Lecture 4: LTSPICE

CSCI 5330
Digital CMOS VLSI Design

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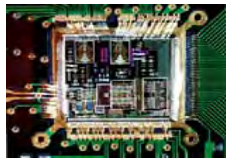
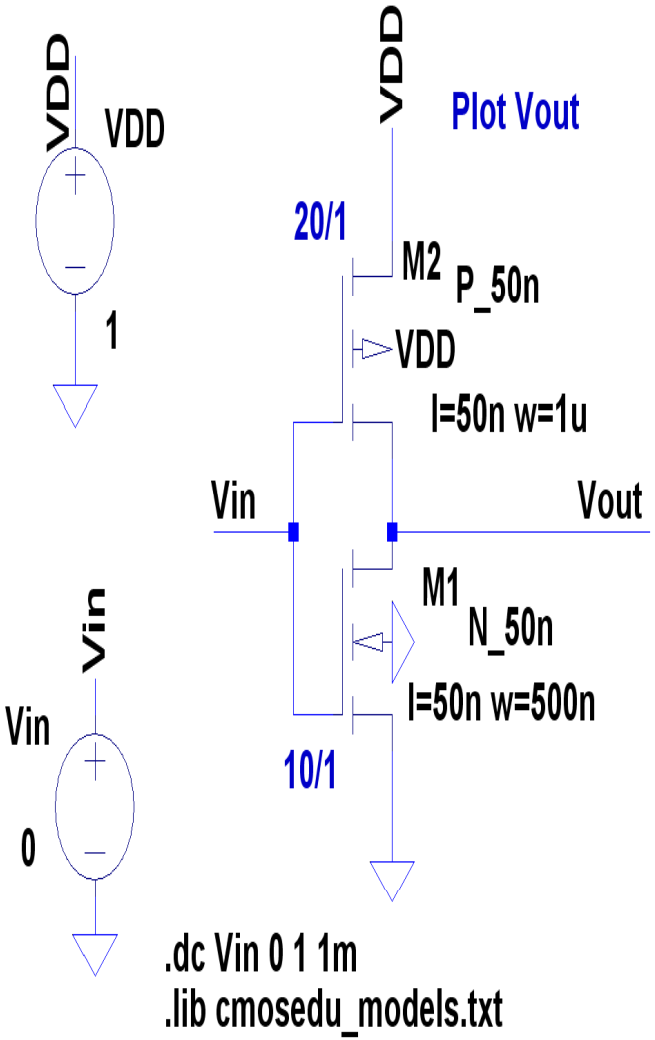
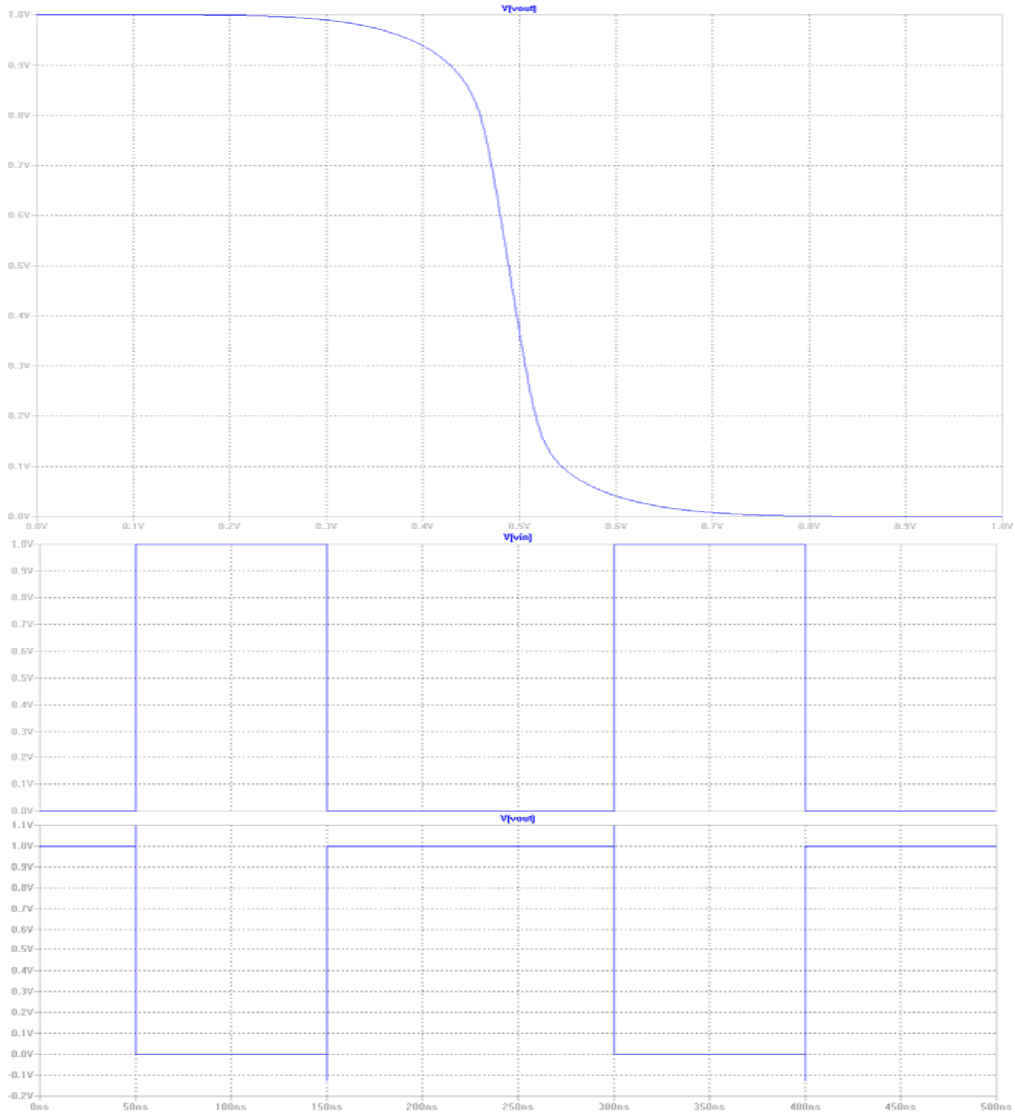
USEFUL LINKS

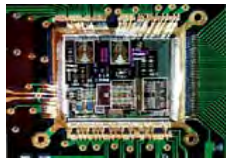
- LTPSICE software available at: http://www.linear.com/designtools/software/switchercad.jsp
- 50nm model file available at: http://www.cmosedu.com/cmos1/book.htm
- More model files available at: http://www.eas.asu.edu/~ptm/



CMOS Inverter

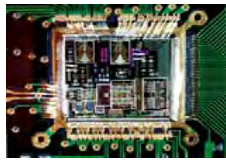






Construct an Inverter using LTSPICE

- Discussion at Nano-CMOS: 50nm technology.
- PMOS: 20/1 (L = 50nm/ W = 1µm)
- NMOS: 10/1 (L = 50nm/ W = 500nm)
- V_{DD}: Supply voltage (V_{dc} = 1V).
- V_{in}: changes depending upon analysis:
- DC analysis: DC voltage (1V).
- Transient analysis: Pulsed voltage (vpulse).
- Wire to connect components.
- Model file (cmosedu_models.txt).



What does a model file look like ?

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*** Short channel models from CMOS Circuit Design, Layout, and Simulation, 2e
* 50nm BSIM4 models Vdd=1V

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+binunit  = 1              paramchk= 1              mobmod   = 0
+capmod   = 2              igcmod  = 1              igbmod   = 1              geomod   = 1
+diomod   = 1              rdsmod  = 0              rbodymod= 1               rgatemod= 1
+permod   = 1              acnqsmod= 0              trnqsmod= 0

+tnom     = 27             toxe     = 1.4e-009      toxp     = 7e-010         toxm     = 1.4e-009
+epsrox   = 3.9            wint     = 5e-009        lint     = 1.2e-008
+ll       = 0              wl       = 0             lln      = 1              wln      = 1
+lw       = 0              ww       = 0             lwn      = 1              wwn      = 1
+lwl      = 0              wwl      = 0             xpart    = 0              toxref   = 1.4e-009

+vth0     = 0.22           k1       = 0.35          k2       = 0.05           k3       = 0
+k3b      = 0              w0       = 2.5e-006      dvt0     = 2.8            dvt1     = 0.52
+dvt2     = -0.032         dvt0w    = 0             dvt1w    = 0              dvt2w    = 0
+dsub     = 2              minv     = 0.05          voffl    = 0              dvtp0    = 1e-007
+dvtp1    = 0.05           lpe0     = 5.75e-008     lpeb     = 2.3e-010       xj       = 2e-008
+ngate    = 5e+020         ndep     = 2.8e+018      nsd      = 1e+020         phin     = 0
+cdsc     = 0.0002         cdscb    = 0             cdscd    = 0              cit      = 0
+voff     = -0.15          nfactor  = 1.2           eta0     = 0.15           etab     = 0
+vfb      = -0.55          u0       = 0.032         ua       = 1.6e-010       ub       = 1.1e-017
+uc       = -3e-011        vsat     = 1.1e+005      a0       = 2              ags      = 1e-020
+a1       = 0              a2       = 1             b0       = -1e-020        b1       = 0
+keta     = 0.04           dwg      = 0             dwb      = 0              pclm     = 0.18
+pdiblc1  = 0.028          pdiblc2  = 0.022         pdiblcb  = -0.005         drout    = 0.45
+pvag     = 1e-020         delta    = 0.01          pscbe1   = 8.14e+008      pscbe2   = 1e-007
+fprout   = 0.2            pdits    = 0.2           pditsd   = 0.23           pditsl   = 2.3e+006
+rsh      = 3              rdsw     = 150           rsw      = 150            rdw      = 150
+rdswmin  = 0              rdwmin   = 0             rswmin   = 0              prwg     = 0
+prwb     = 6.8e-011       wr       = 1             alpha0   = 0.074          alpha1   = 0.005
+beta0    = 30             agidl    = 0.0002        bgidl    = 2.1e+009       cgidl    = 0.0002
+egidl    = 0.8

+aigbacc  = 0.012          bigbacc  = 0.0028        cigbacc  = 0.002
+nigbacc  = 1              aigbinv  = 0.014         bigbinv  = 0.004          cigbinv  = 0.004
+eigbinv  = 1.1            nigbinv  = 3             aigc     = 0.017          bigc     = 0.0028
+cigc     = 0.002          aigsd    = 0.017         bigsd    = 0.0028         cigsd    = 0.002
+nigc     = 1              poxedge  = 1             pigcd    = 1              ntox     = 1

+xrcrg1   = 12             xrcrg2   = 5
+cgso     = 6.238e-010     cgdo     = 6.238e-010    cgbo     = 2.56e-011      cgdl     = 2.495e-10
+cgsl     = 2.495e-10      ckappas  = 0.02          ckappad  = 0.02           acde     = 1
+moin     = 15             noff     = 0.9           voffcv   = 0.02

+kt1      = -0.21          kt11     = 0.0           kt2      = -0.042         ute      = -1.5
+ua1      = 1e-009         ub1      = -3.5e-019     uc1      = 0              prt      = 0
+at       = 53000

+fnoimod  = 1              tnoimod  = 0

+jss      = 0.0001         jsws     = 1e-011        jswgs    = 1e-010         njs      = 1
+ijthsfwd= 0.01            ijthsrev= 0.001          bvs      = 10             xjbvs    = 1
+jsd      = 0.0001         jswd     = 1e-011        jswgd    = 1e-010         njd      = 1
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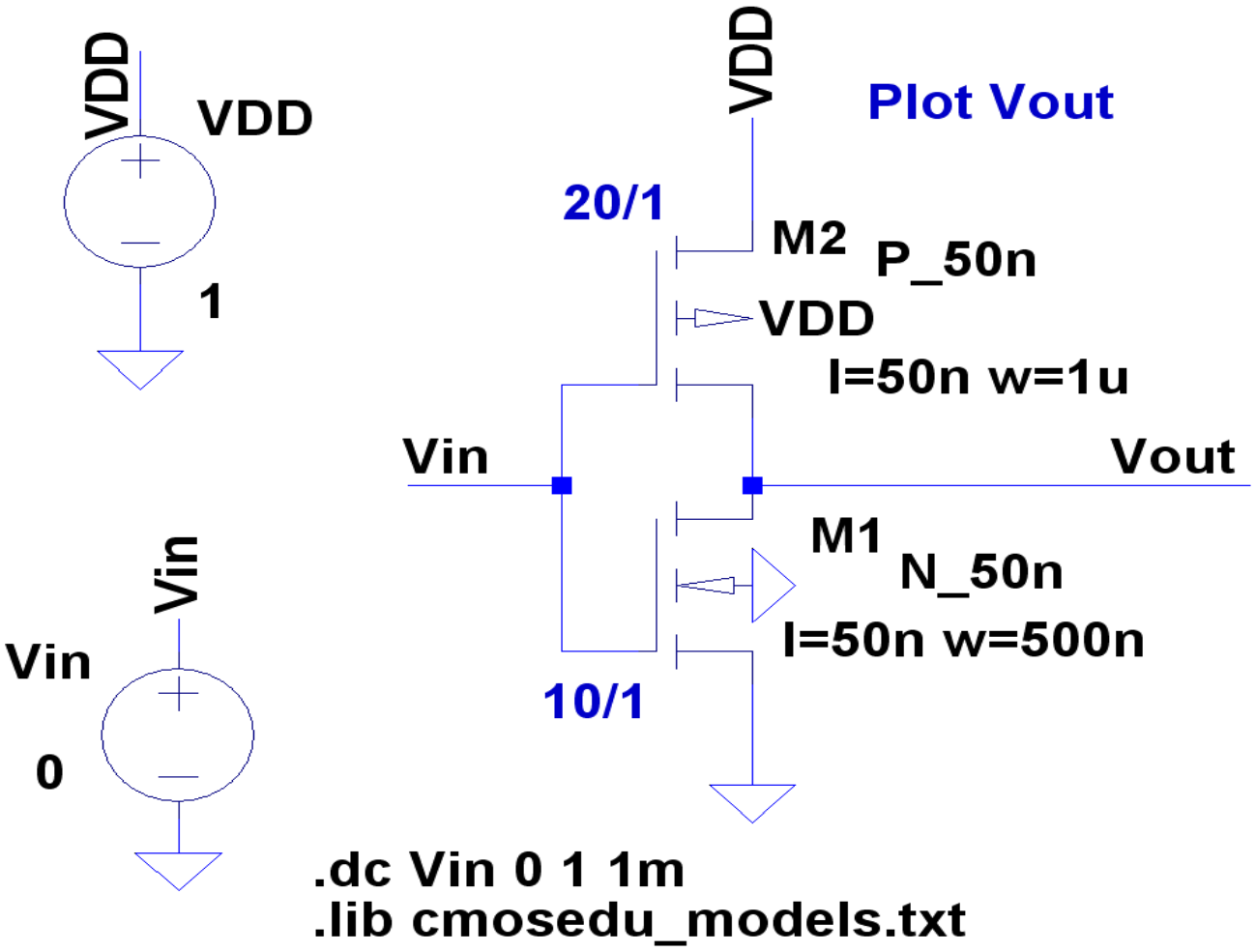
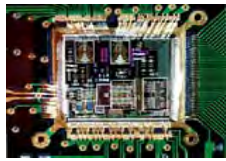
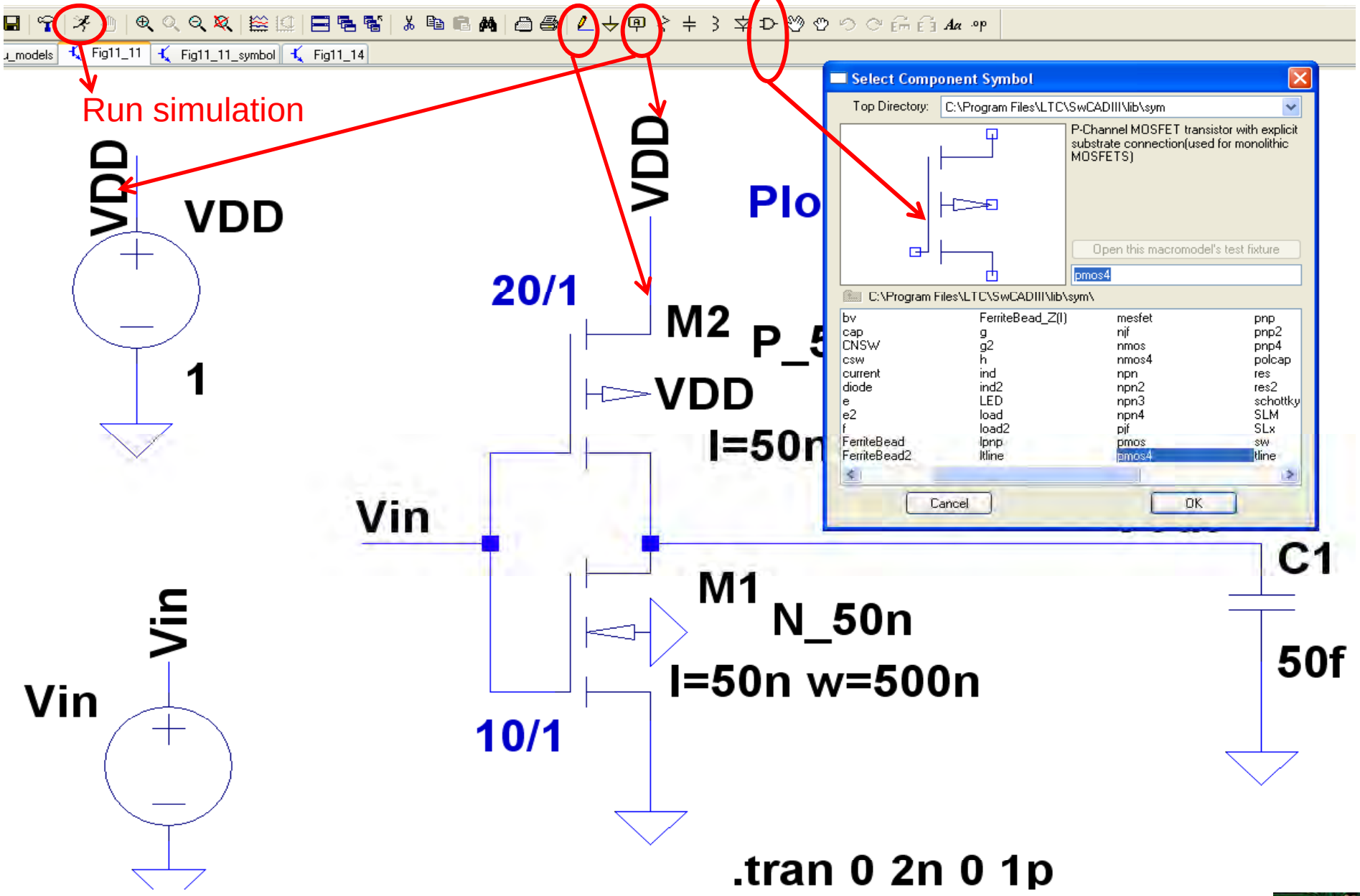
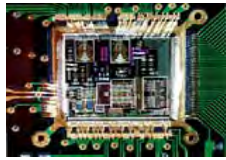
Placing and connecting components



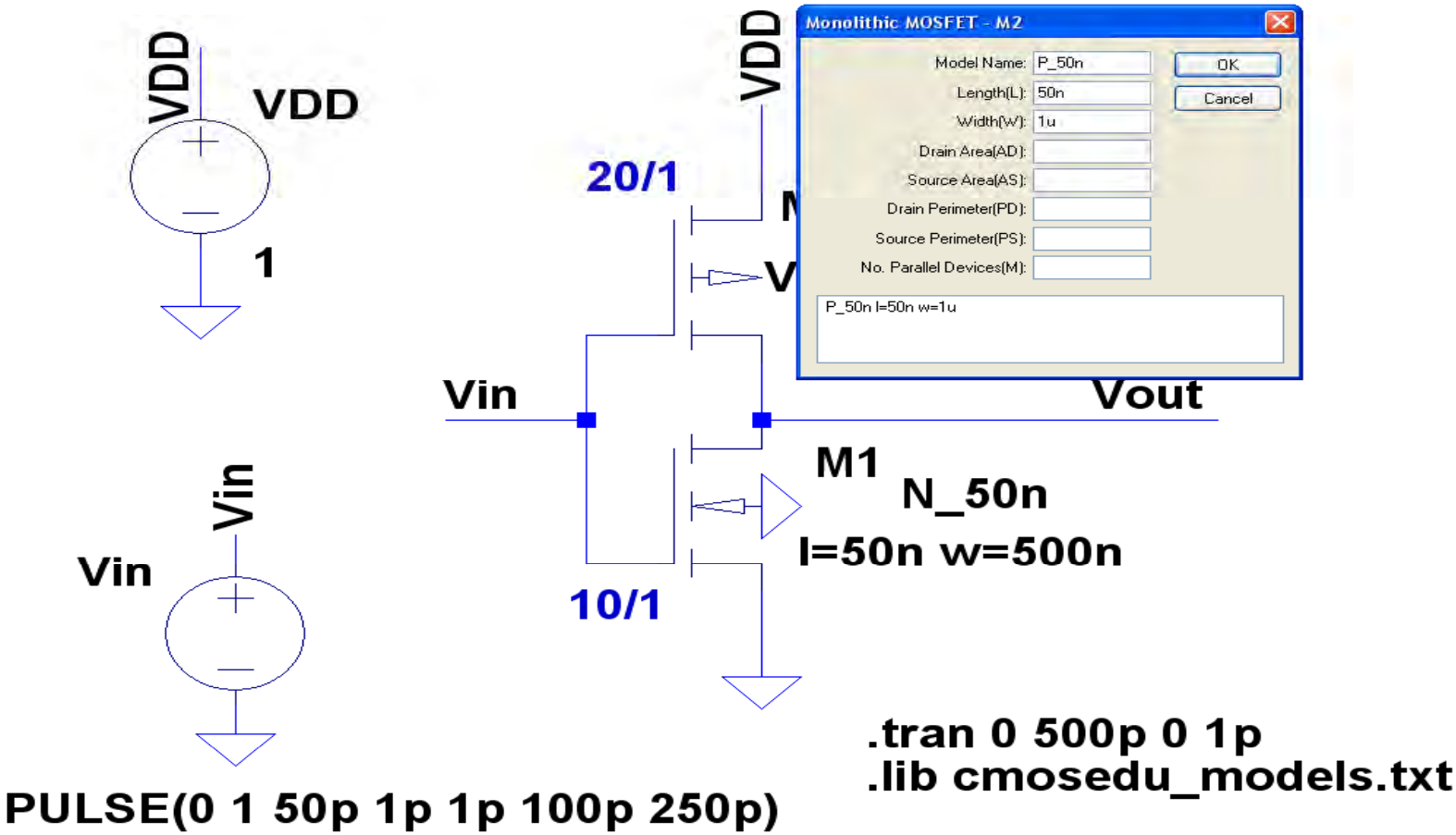


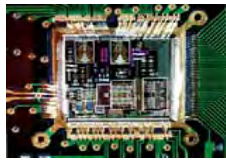
Where to get components from ?



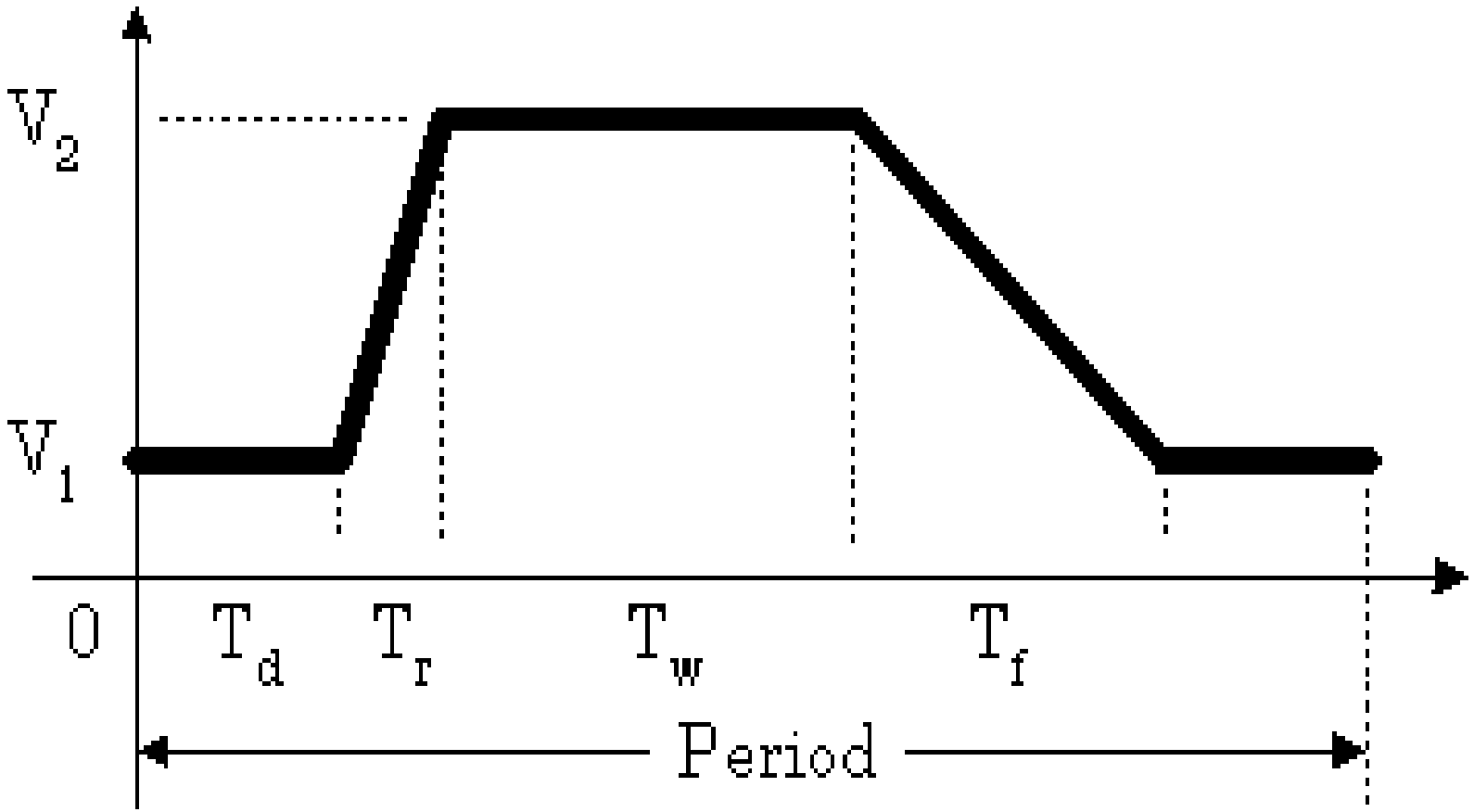


How to assign W/L ?

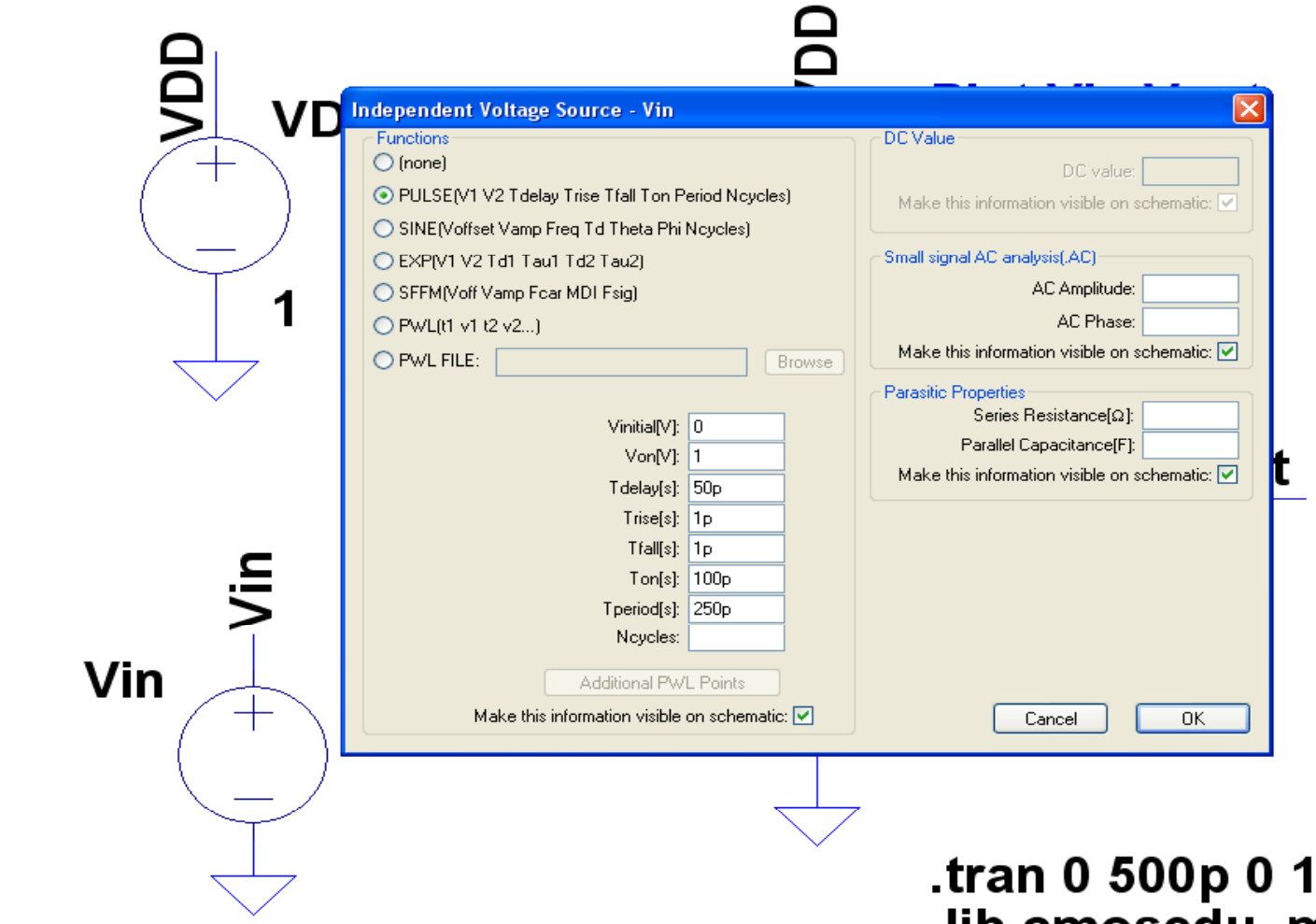




Interpreting a pulsed waveform



How to assign Vin ?



PULSE(0 1 50p 1p 1p 100p 250p)

.tran 0 500p 0 1p
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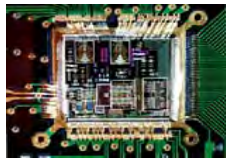
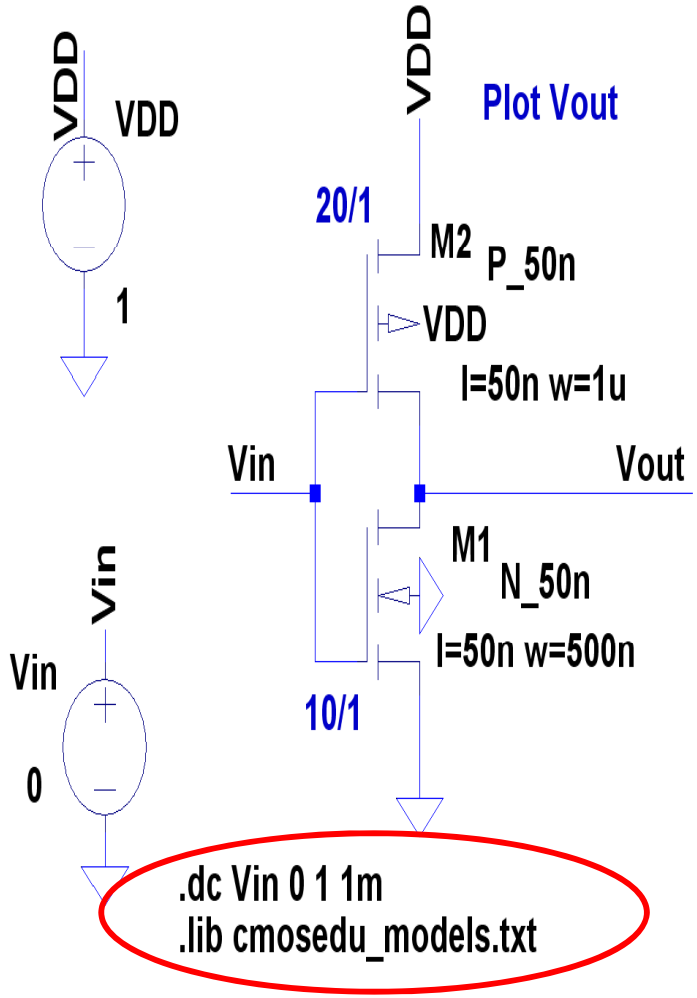


DC Analysis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VDD
Plot Vout
20/1
M2
P_50n
VDD
l=50n w=1u
Vin
Vout
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l=50n w=500n
10/1
Vin
Vin
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.dc Vin 0 1 1m
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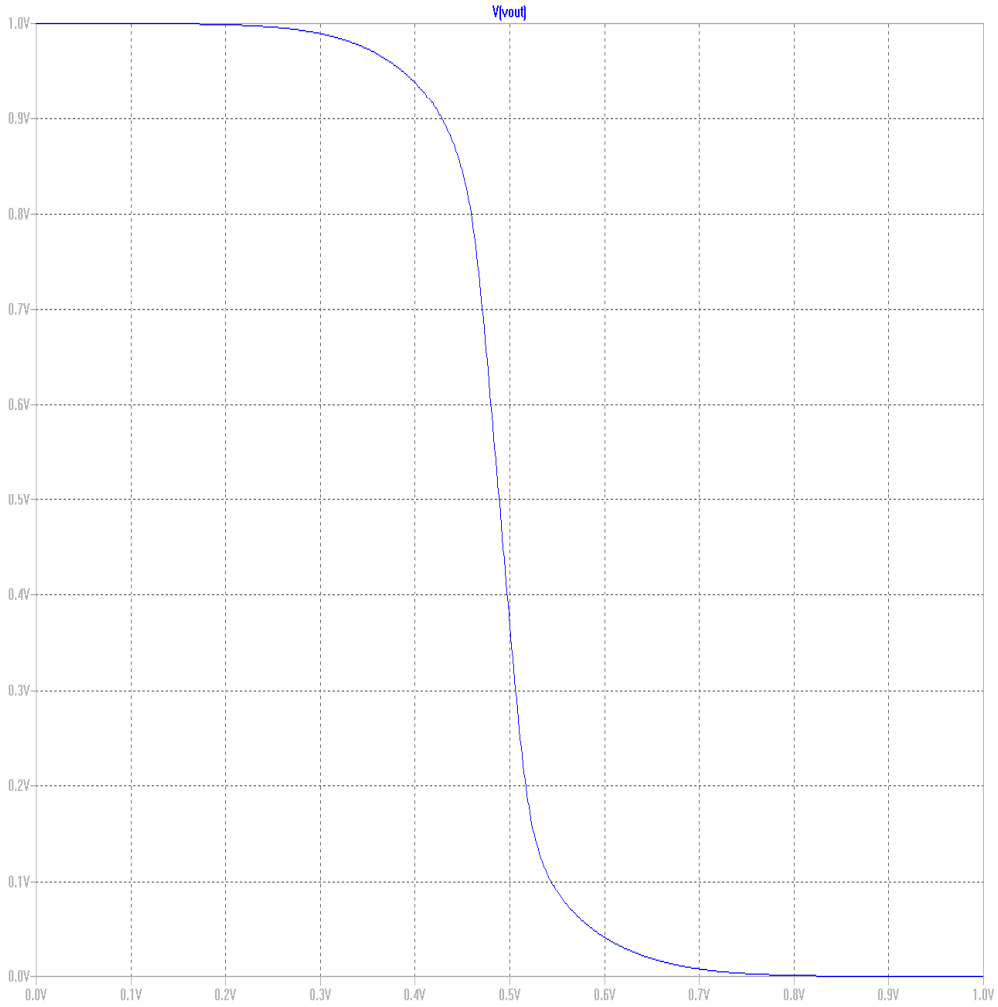
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0.9V
0.8V
0.7V
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0.3V
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0.1V
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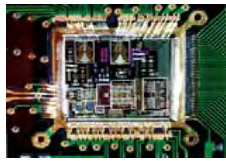
1.0V



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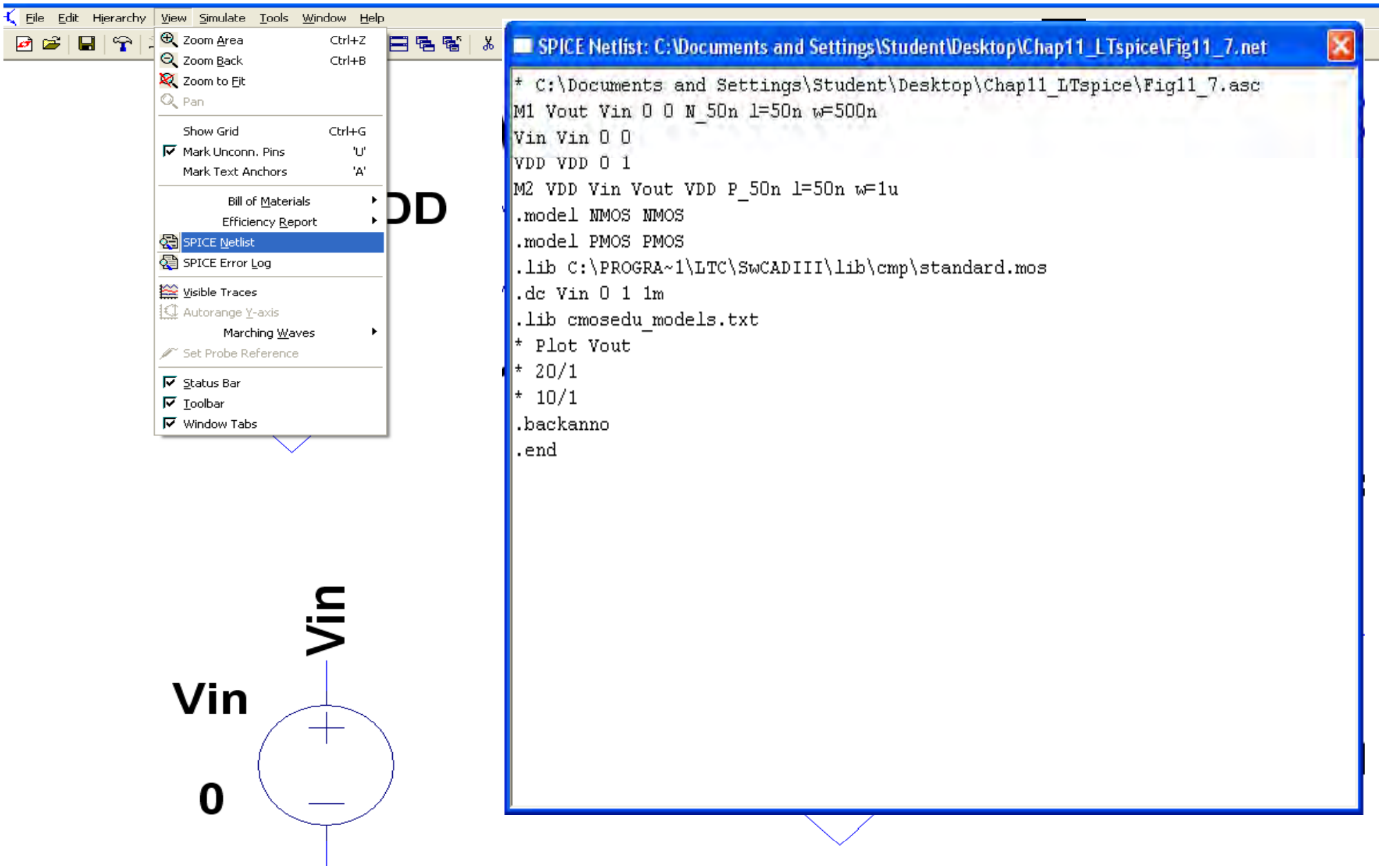
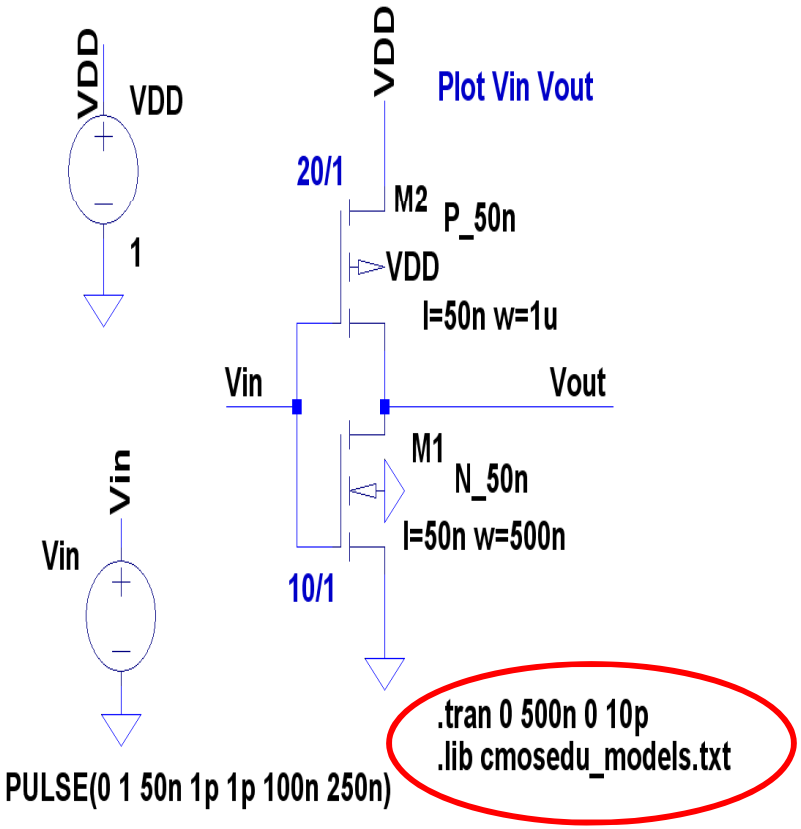
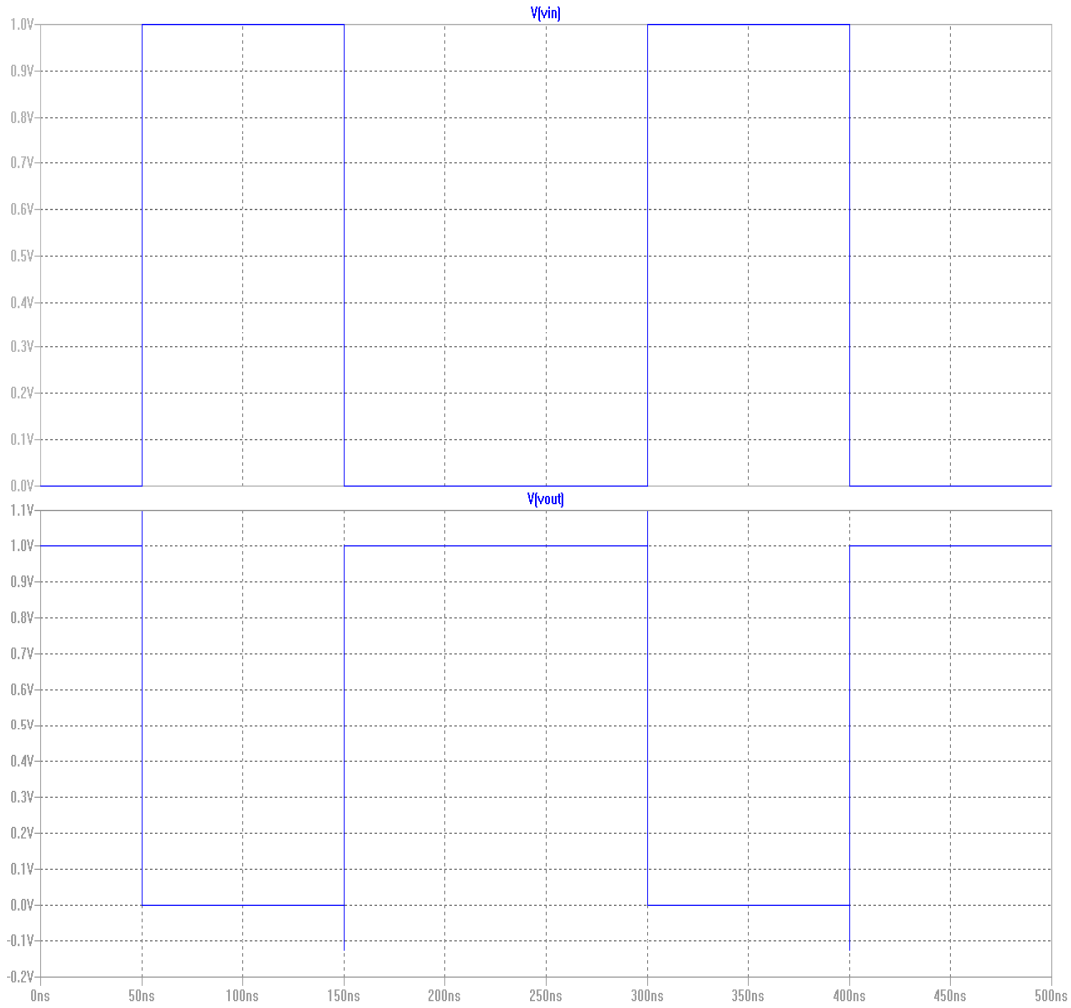
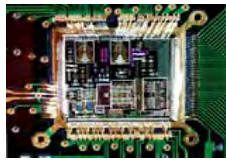


Transient (time) Analysis

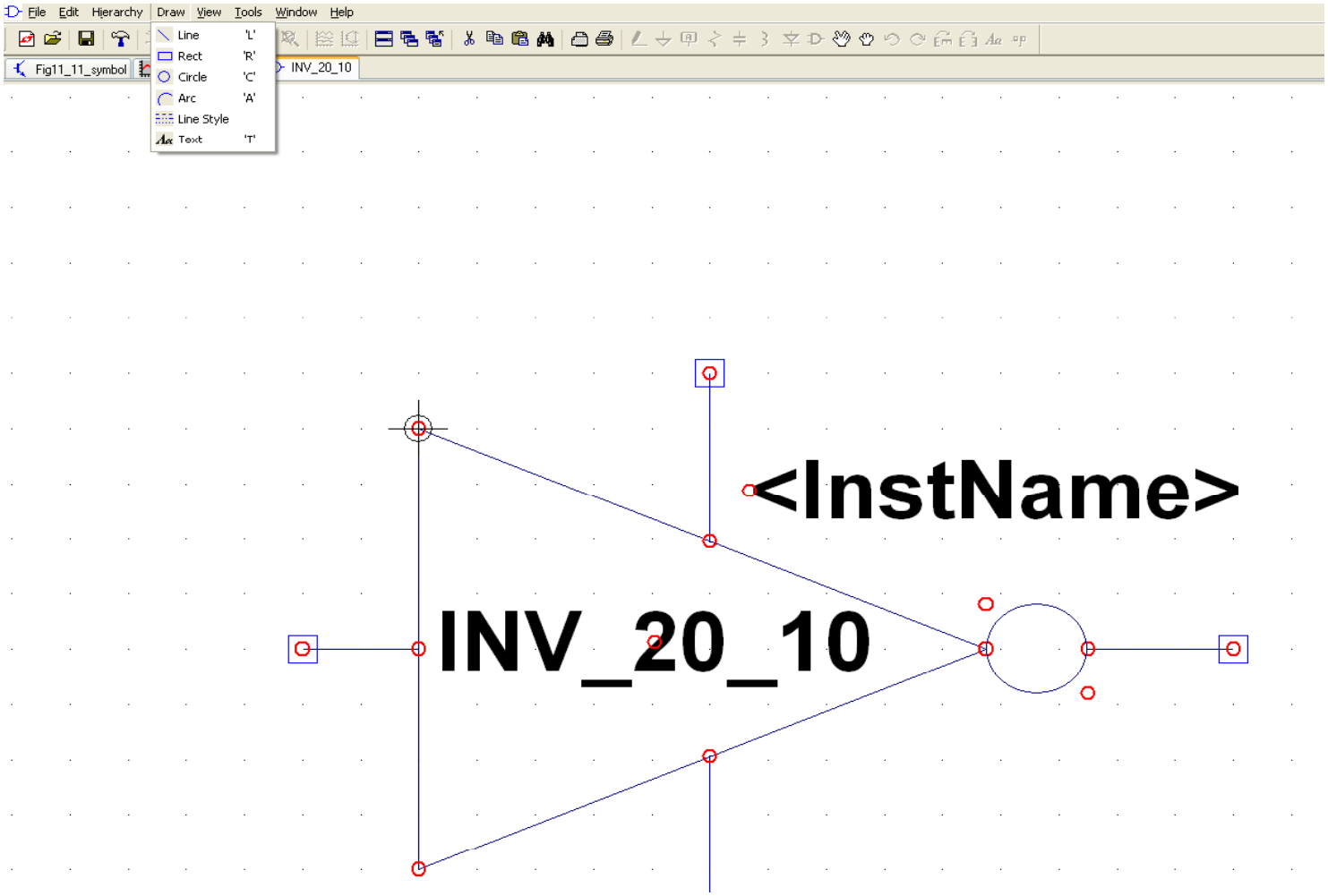




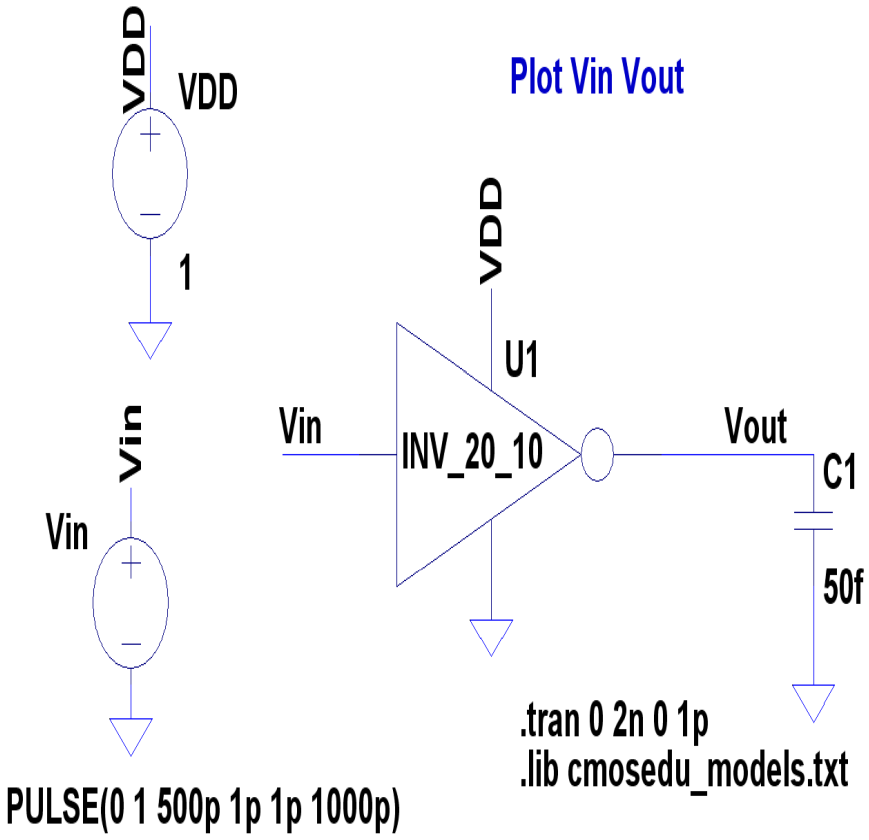


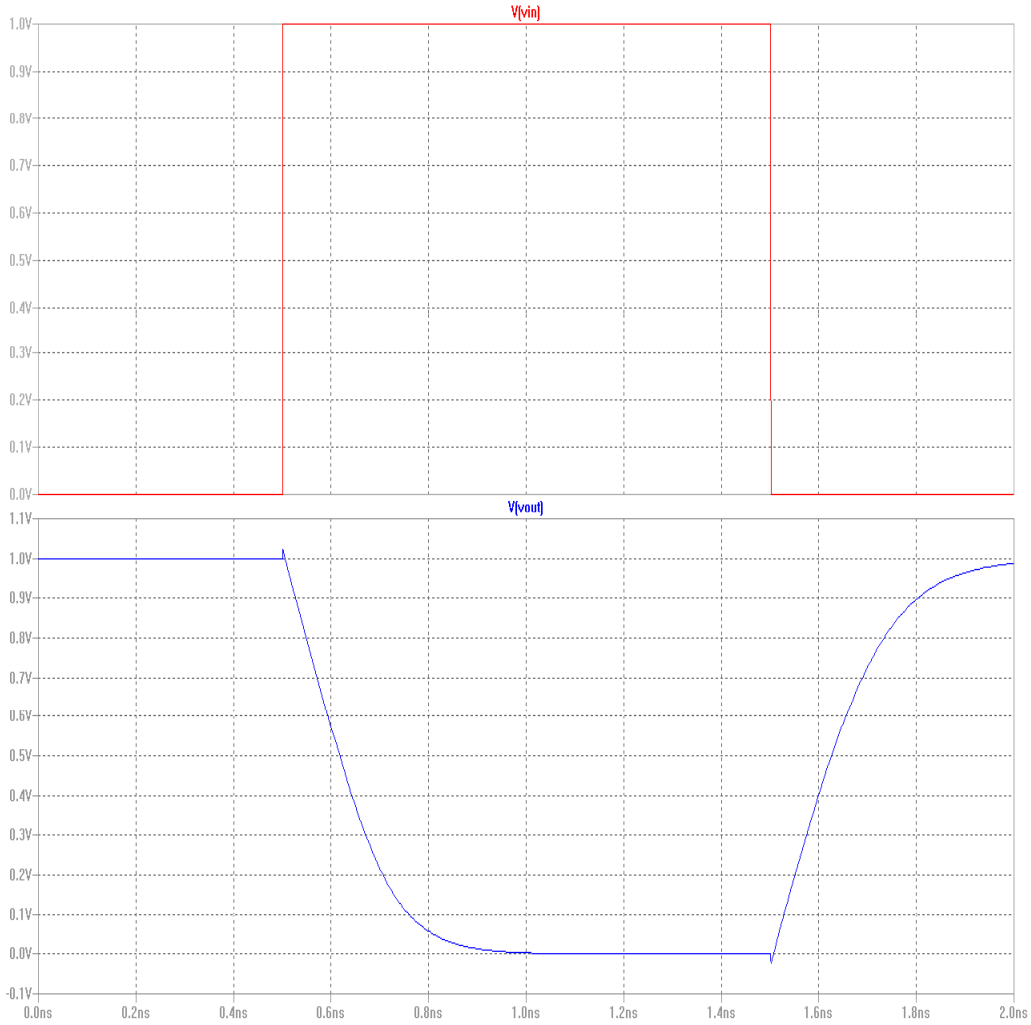
Creating a symbol for Inverter

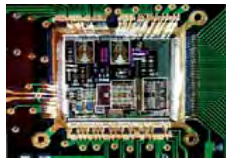
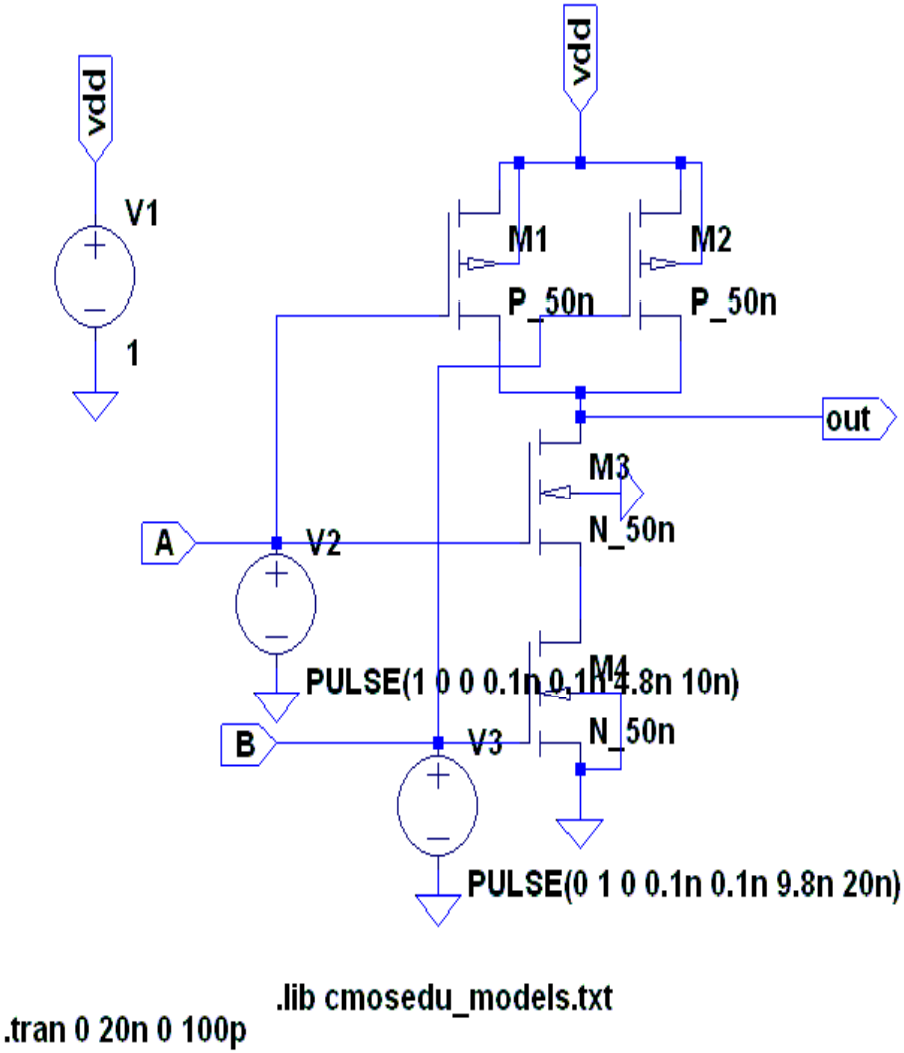
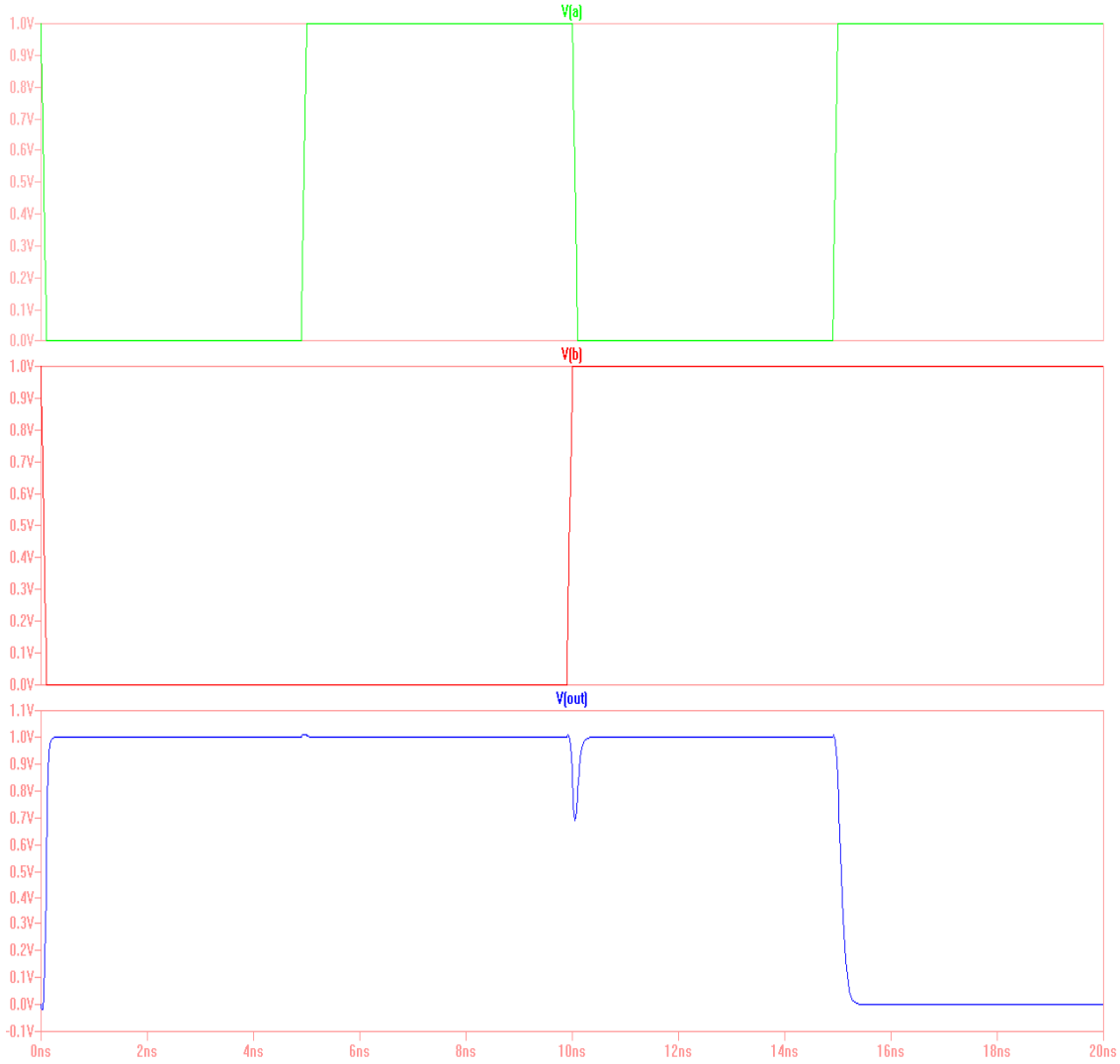
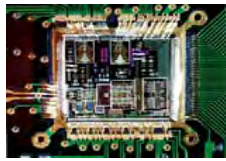
- Schematic files saved as *.asc
- Symbol files saved as *.asy



Simulation using symbol: workspace much cleaner!







One more example: NAND gate