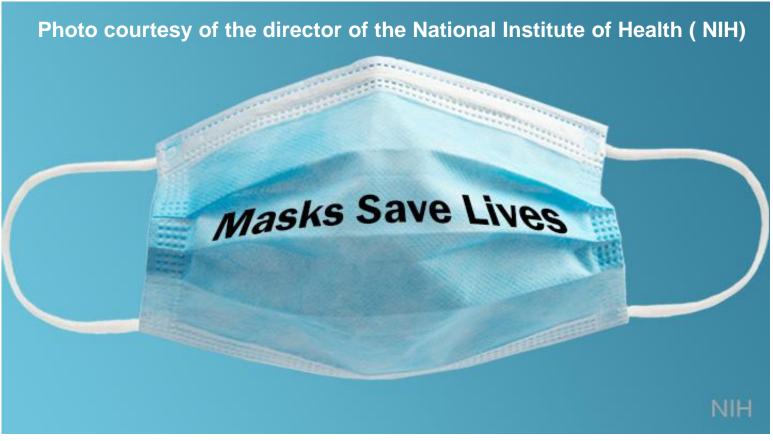
## EE 330 Lecture 40

## **Digital Circuits**

- The Reference Inverter
- Propagation Delay basic characterization
- Device Sizing (Inverter and multiple-input gates)

## **Exam Schedule**

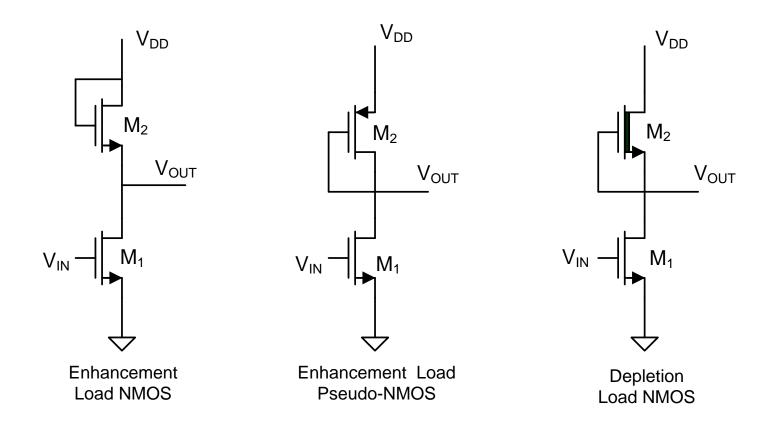
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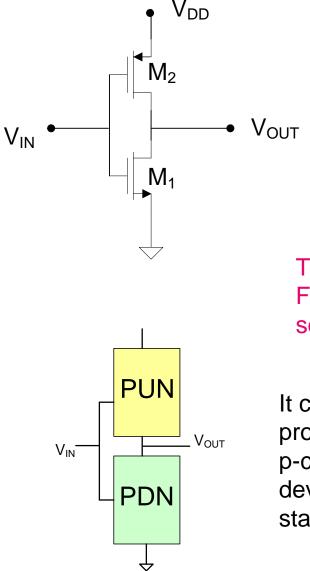
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# **Other MOS Logic Families**



## Static Power Dissipation in Static CMOS Family



When  $V_{OUT}$  is Low,  $I_{D1}=0$ 

When  $V_{OUT}$  is High,  $I_{D2}=0$ 

Thus, P<sub>STATIC</sub>=0

This is a key property of the static CMOS Logic Family and is the major reason Static CMOS Logic is so dominant

It can be shown that this zero static power dissipation property can be preserved if the PUN is comprised of p-channel devices, the PDN is comprised of n-channel devices and they are never both driven into the conducting states at the same time

Compound Gate in CMOS Process

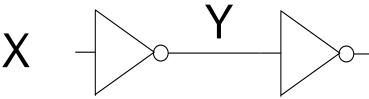
## Propagation Delay in Static CMOS Family

Defn: The Propagation Delay of a gate is defined to be the sum of  $t_{HL}$  and  $t_{LH}$ , that is,  $t_{PROP}=t_{HL}+t_{LH}$ 

$$\mathsf{t}_{\mathsf{PROP}} = \mathsf{t}_{\mathsf{HL}} + \mathsf{t}_{\mathsf{LH}} \cong \mathsf{C}_{\mathsf{L}} (\mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{PU}} + \mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{PD}})$$

Propagation delay represents a fundamental limit on the speed a gate can be clocked

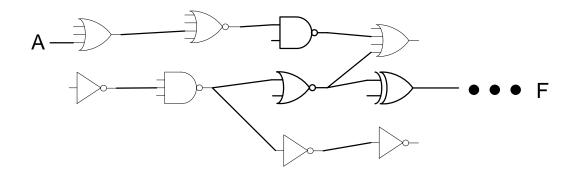
For basic two-inverter cascade in static CMOS logic



In typical process with minimum-sized  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ :

 $t_{PROP} = t_{HL} + t_{LH} \cong 20 p \sec \theta$ 

## Propagation Delay in Static CMOS Family



Propagation through k levels of logic

$$t_{\text{HL}} \cong t_{\text{HLk}} + t_{\text{LH}(k-1)} + t_{\text{HL}(k-2)} + \cdots + t_{\text{XY1}}$$
$$t_{\text{LH}} \cong t_{\text{LHk}} + t_{\text{HL}(k-1)} + t_{\text{LH}(k-2)} + \cdots + t_{\text{YX1}}$$

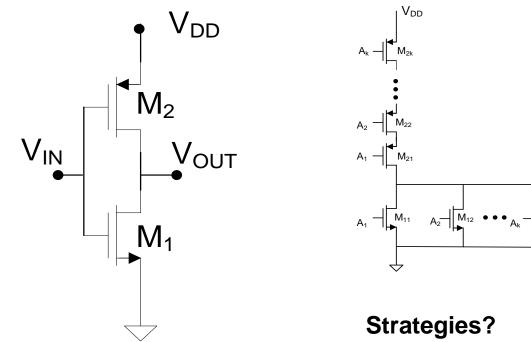
where x=H and Y=L if k odd and X=L and Y=h if k even

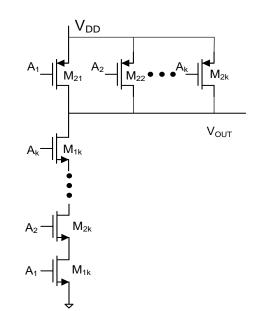
$$t_{PROP} = \sum_{i=1}^{k} t_{PROPk}$$

#### Will return to propagation delay after we discuss device sizing

# Question: Why is $|V_{Tp}| \approx V_{Tn} \approx V_{DD}/5$ in many processes ?

## **Device Sizing**





**Strategies?** 

**Degrees of Freedom?** 

Vout

M<sub>1k</sub>

Will consider the inverter first

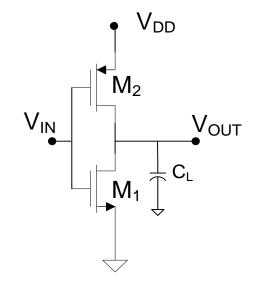
## Review from last lecture Device Sizing

• Since not ratio logic,  $V_H$  and  $V_L$  are independent of device sizes for this inverter

• With  $L_1 = L_2 = L_{min}$ , there are 2 degrees of freedom ( $W_1$  and  $W_2$ )

#### **Sizing Strategies**

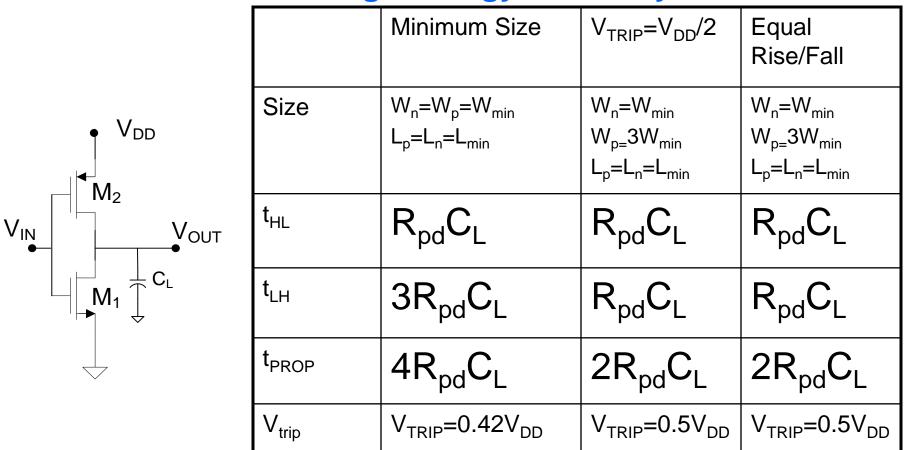
- Minimum Size
- Fixed V<sub>TRIP</sub>
- Equal rise-fall times (equal worst-case rise and fall times)
- Minimum power dissipation
- Minimum time required to drive a given load
- Minimum input capacitance



## Review from last lecture Device Sizing

Assume  $V_{Tn}$ =0.2 $V_{DD}$ ,  $V_{Tp}$ =-0.2 $V_{DD}$ ,  $\mu_n/\mu_p$ =3,  $L_1$ = $L_2$ = $L_{min}$ 

### **Sizing Strategy Summary**



 For a fixed load C<sub>L</sub>, the minimum-sized structure has a higher t<sub>PROP</sub> but if the load is another inverter, C<sub>L</sub> will also change so the speed improvements become less apparent
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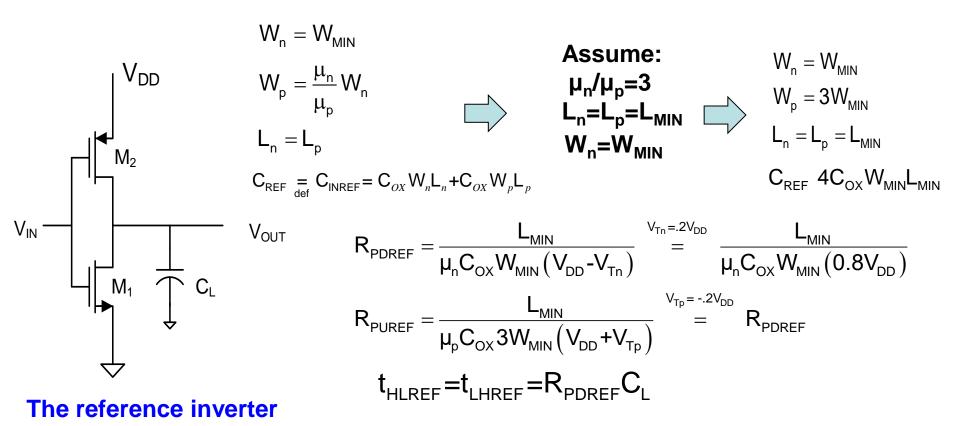
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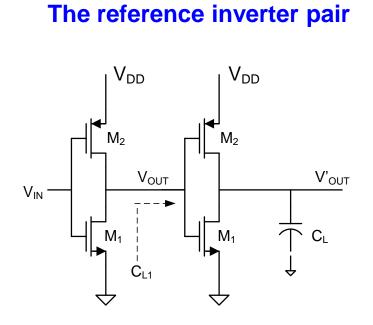
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## **Reference Inverter**



- Have sized the reference inverter with  $L_n = L_p = L_{MIN}$ ,  $W_n = W_{MIN}$ ,  $W_p/W_n = \mu_n/\mu_p$
- In standard processes, provides  $V_{TRIP} \approx V_{DD}/2$  and  $t_{HL} \approx t_{LH}$
- Any other sizing strategy could have been used for the reference inverter but this is most convenient

## **Reference Inverter**



$$\mu_n/\mu_p=3$$

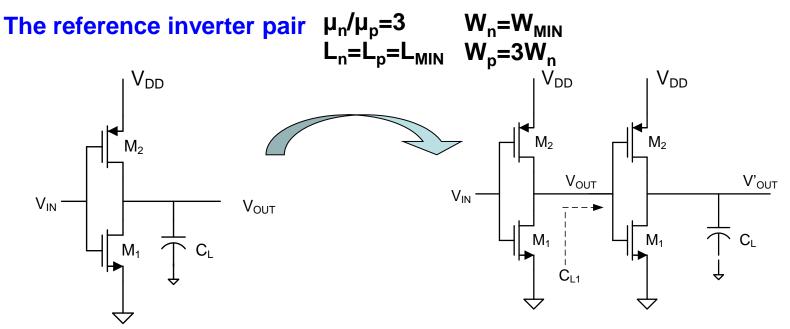
$$L_n=L_p=L_{MIN}$$

$$W_n=W_{MIN}$$

$$W_p=3W_n$$

$$C_{L1} = C_{REF} = 4C_{OX}W_{MIN}L_{MIN}$$
$$t_{REF} = t_{PROPREF} = t_{HLREF} + t_{LHREF} = 2R_{PDREF}C_{REF}$$

## **Reference Inverter**



Summary: parameters defined from reference inverter:

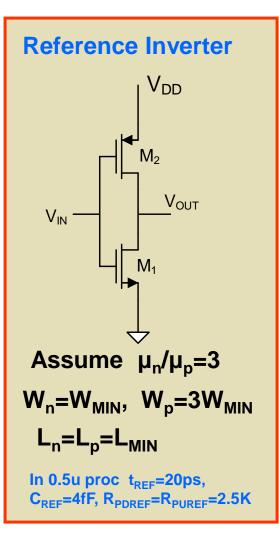
$$C_{\text{REF}} = 4C_{\text{OX}}W_{\text{MIN}}L_{\text{MIN}}$$

$$R_{\text{PDREF}} = \frac{L_{\text{MIN}}}{\mu_{n}C_{\text{OX}}W_{\text{MIN}}(V_{\text{DD}}-V_{\text{Tn}})}$$

$$C_{\text{REF}} = 4C_{\text{OX}}W_{\text{MIN}}L_{\text{MIN}}$$

$$t_{\text{PROP}} = t_{\text{REF}} = 2R_{\text{PDREF}}C_{\text{REF}}$$

## The Reference Inverter



R<sub>PDREF</sub>=R<sub>PUREF</sub>

$$\mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{PDREF}} = \frac{\mathsf{L}_{\mathsf{MIN}}}{\mathsf{\mu}_{\mathsf{n}} \mathsf{C}_{\mathsf{OX}} \mathsf{W}_{\mathsf{MIN}} \left(\mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{DD}} - \mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{Tn}}\right)} \stackrel{V_{\mathcal{I}_{n}} = .2V_{DD}}{=} \frac{\mathsf{L}_{\mathsf{MIN}}}{\mathsf{\mu}_{\mathsf{n}} \mathsf{C}_{\mathsf{OX}} \mathsf{W}_{\mathsf{MIN}} \left(0.8\mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{DD}}\right)}$$

 $\mathbf{C}_{\mathsf{REF}} = \mathbf{C}_{\mathsf{IN}} = \mathbf{4}\mathbf{C}_{\mathsf{OX}}\mathbf{W}_{\mathsf{MIN}}\mathbf{L}_{\mathsf{MIN}}$ 

$$\mathbf{t}_{\mathsf{HLREF}} = \mathbf{t}_{\mathsf{LHREF}} = \mathbf{R}_{\mathsf{PDREF}} \mathbf{C}_{\mathsf{REF}}$$

 $t_{PROP} = t_{REF}$ 

$$\mathbf{t}_{\mathsf{REF}} = \mathbf{t}_{\mathsf{HLREF}} + \mathbf{t}_{\mathsf{LHREF}} = 2\mathbf{R}_{\mathsf{PDREF}}\mathbf{C}_{\mathsf{REF}}$$

(Note: This  $C_{OX}$  is somewhat larger than that in the 0.5u ON process)

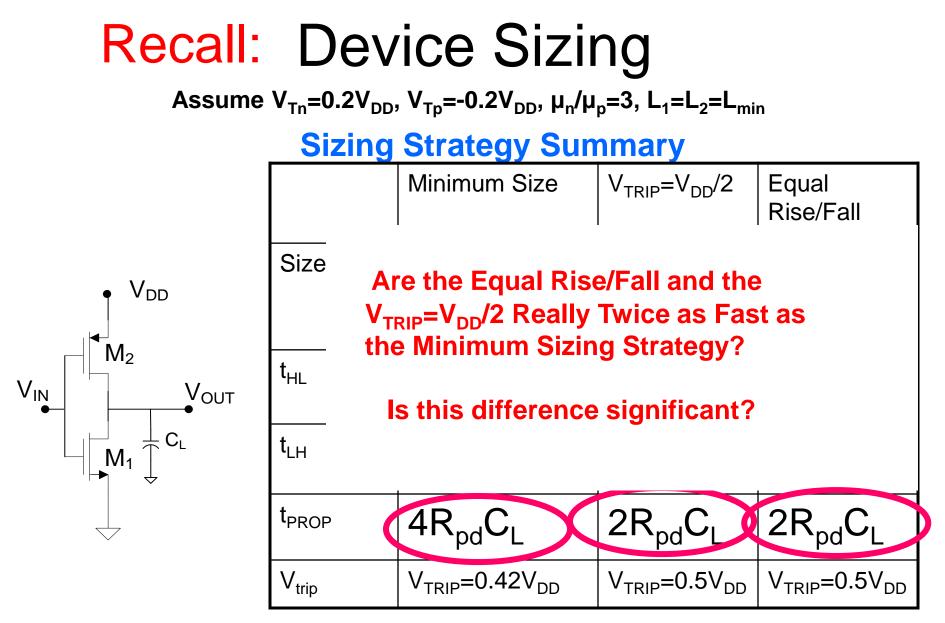
(Note: The reference inverter would have device dimensions of  $M_2$  set so that  $t_{HL}=t_{LH}$  if mobility ratio is different than 3. This would change the value of  $C_{PEE}$ .

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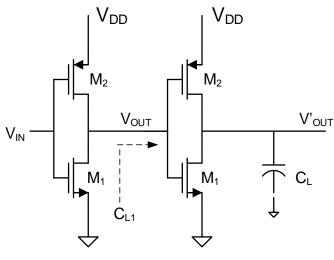
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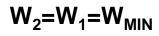
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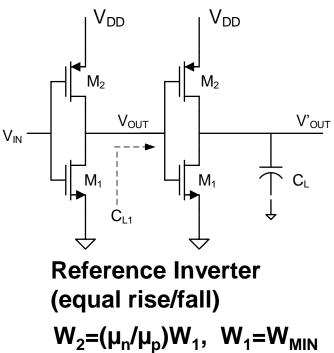
What loading condition should be considered when addressing this question?

- Fixed load  $C_L$ ?
- Driving identical device?
- Does it make any difference?



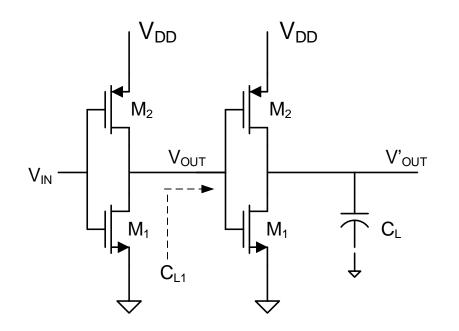
**Minimum Sized** 





 $t_{PROP} = t_{REF}$ 

#### The minimum-sized inverter pair



Assume  $\mu_n/\mu_p=3$  $L_n = L_p = L_{MIN}, W_n = W_p = W_{MIN}$ 

**Recall:**  $C_{REF} = 4C_{OX}W_{MIN}L_{MIN}$  $\mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{PDREF}} = \frac{\mathsf{L}_{\mathsf{MIN}}}{\mu_{\mathsf{n}}\mathsf{C}_{\mathsf{OX}}\mathsf{W}_{\mathsf{MIN}}(\mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{DD}} - \mathsf{V}_{\mathsf{Tm}})}$ 

t<sub>PROP\_REF</sub>=2R<sub>PDREF</sub>C<sub>REF</sub>

For minimum-sized inverter pair:

 $C_{I_1}=2C_{OX}W_{MIN}L_{MIN}=0.5C_{REF}$ 

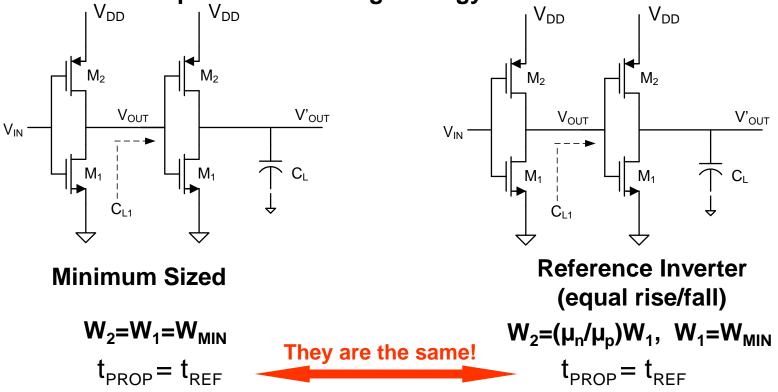
 $R_{PD} = R_{PDRFF}$   $R_{PU} = 3R_{PD} = 3R_{PDRF}$ 

 $t_{PROP} = t_{HL} + t_{LH} = C_{L1}(R_{PDREF} + 3R_{PDRF}) = .5C_{REF} * 4R_{PDREF} = 2R_{PDREF}C_{REF}$ 

 $t_{PROP} = t_{RFF}$ 

## **Propagation Delay**

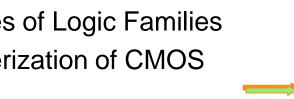
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Even though the  $t_{LH}$  rise time has been reduced with the equal rise/fall sizing strategy, this was done at the expense of an increase in the total load capacitance that resulted in no net change in propagation delay!

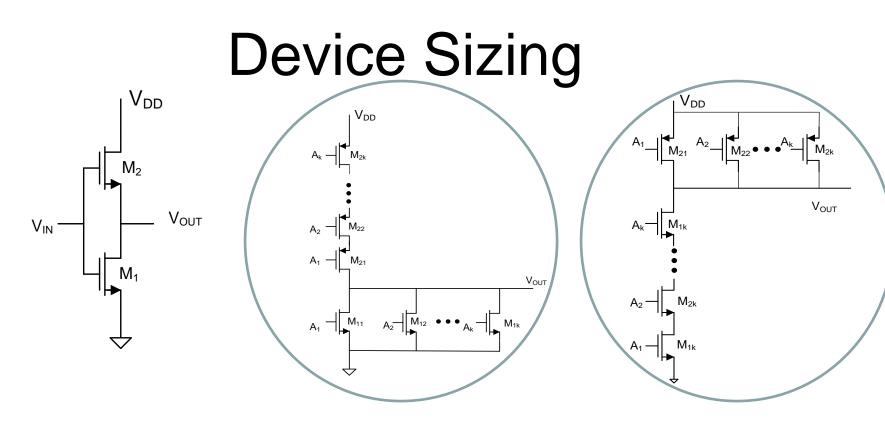
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Will consider now the multiple-input gates

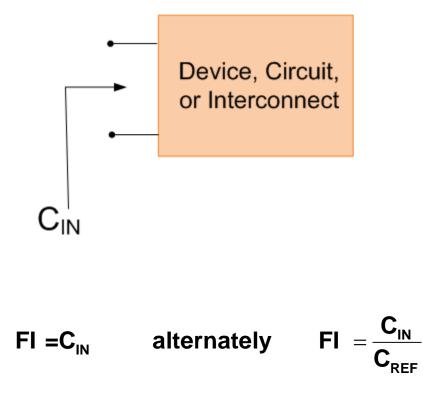
Will consider both minimum sizing and equal worst-case rise/fall

Will assume C<sub>L</sub> (not shown)=C<sub>REF</sub>

Will initially size so gate drive capability is same as that of ref inverter Note: worst-case has been added since fall time in NOR gates or rise time in NAND gates depends upon how many transistors are conducting

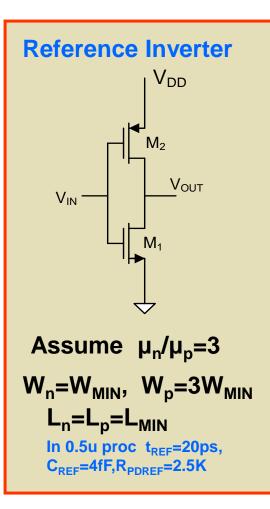
## Fan In

- The Fan In (FI) to an input of a gate device, circuit or interconnect that is capacitive is the input capacitance
- Often this is normalized to some capacitance (typically C<sub>REF</sub> of ref inverter).



## Sizing of Multiple-Input Gates

Analysis strategy : Express delays in terms of those of reference inverter



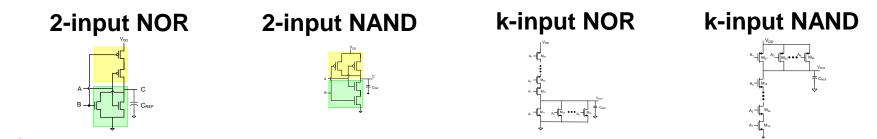
$$C_{IN} = C_{REF} = 4C_{OX}W_{MIN}L_{MIN}$$

$$FI_{REF} = C_{REF} \quad alternately \quad FI_{REF} = \frac{C_{IN}}{C_{REF}} = 1$$

$$R_{PDREF} = R_{PUREF} = \frac{L_{MIN}}{\mu_n C_{OX}W_{MIN}(0.8V_{DD})}$$

$$t_{HLREF} = t_{LHREF} = R_{PDREF}C_{REF}$$

$$t_{REF} = t_{HLREF} + t_{LHREF} = 2R_{PDREF}C_{REF}$$



Equal Worst Case Rise/Fall (slowest and equal to that of ref inverter when driving C<sub>REF</sub>)

W<sub>n</sub>=? W<sub>p</sub>=?

**Multiple Input Gates:** 

Fastest response  $(t_{HL} \text{ or } t_{LH}) = ?$ 

Worst case (slowest) response (t<sub>PROP</sub>, usually of most interest)?

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Input capacitance (FI) = ?
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Minimum Sized (assume driving a load of C<sub>REF</sub>)

W<sub>n</sub>=W<sub>min</sub> W<sub>p</sub>=W<sub>min</sub>

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Equal Worst Case Rise/Fall (slowest and equal to that of ref inverter when driving CREF)

#### Multiple Input Gates: 2-input NOR

(n-channel devices sized same, p-channel devices sized the same) Assume  $L_n=L_p=Lmin$  and driving a load of  $C_{REF}$ 

W<sub>n</sub>=?

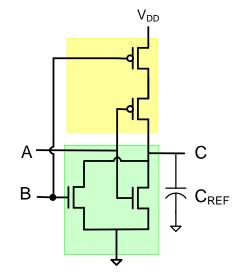
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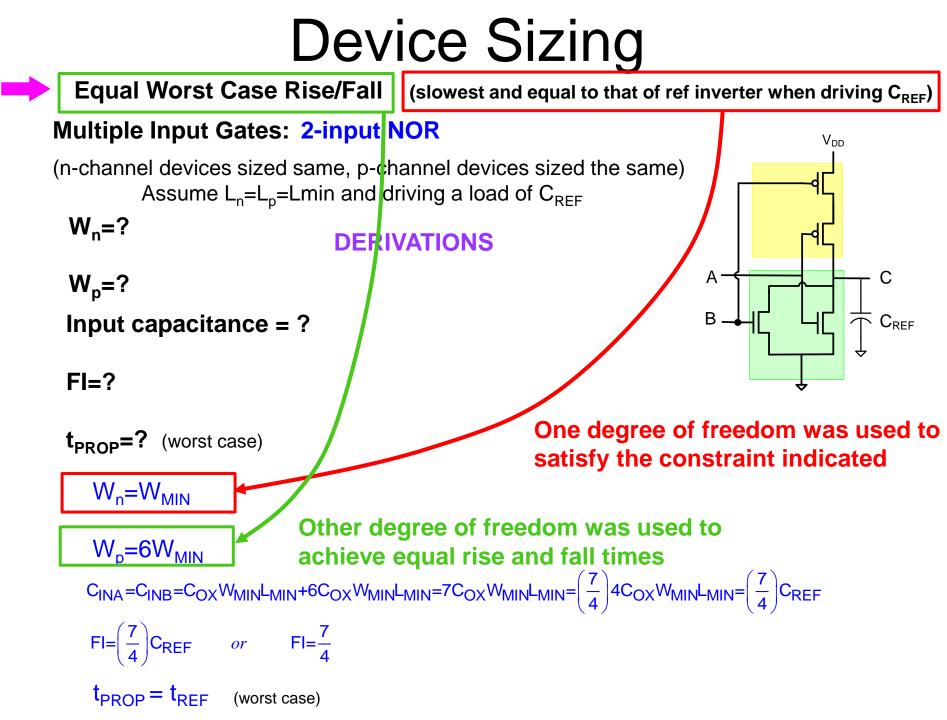
W<sub>p</sub>=? Input capacitance = ?

FI=?

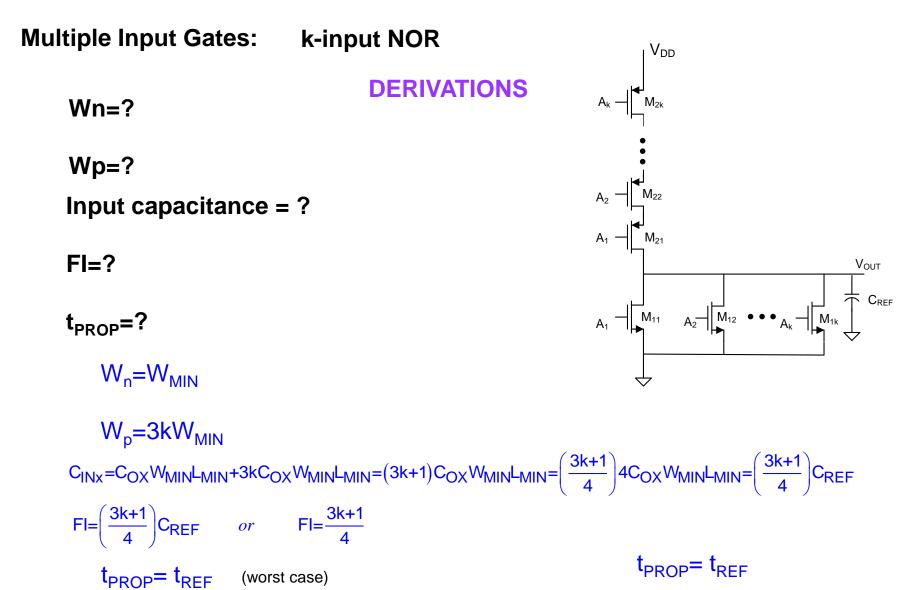
t<sub>PROP</sub>=? (worst case) W<sub>n</sub>=W<sub>MIN</sub>

 $W_{p}=6W_{MIN}$   $C_{INA}=C_{INB}=C_{OX}W_{MIN}L_{MIN}+6C_{OX}W_{MIN}L_{MIN}=7C_{OX}W_{MIN}L_{MIN}=\left(\frac{7}{4}\right)4C_{OX}W_{MIN}L_{MIN}=\left(\frac{7}{4}\right)C_{REF}$   $FI=\left(\frac{7}{4}\right)C_{REF} \quad or \quad FI=\frac{7}{4}$   $t_{PROP}=t_{REF} \quad (worst case)$ 





Equal Worst Case Rise/Fall (slowest and equal to that of ref inverter when driving CREF)



Equal Worst Case Rise/Fall (slowest and equal to that of ref inverter when driving CREF)

DERIVATIONS

Multiple Input Gates: 2-input NAND

Wn=?

Wp=?

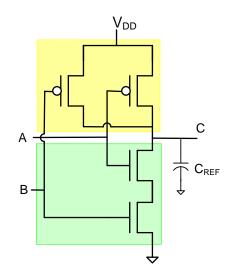
Input capacitance = ?

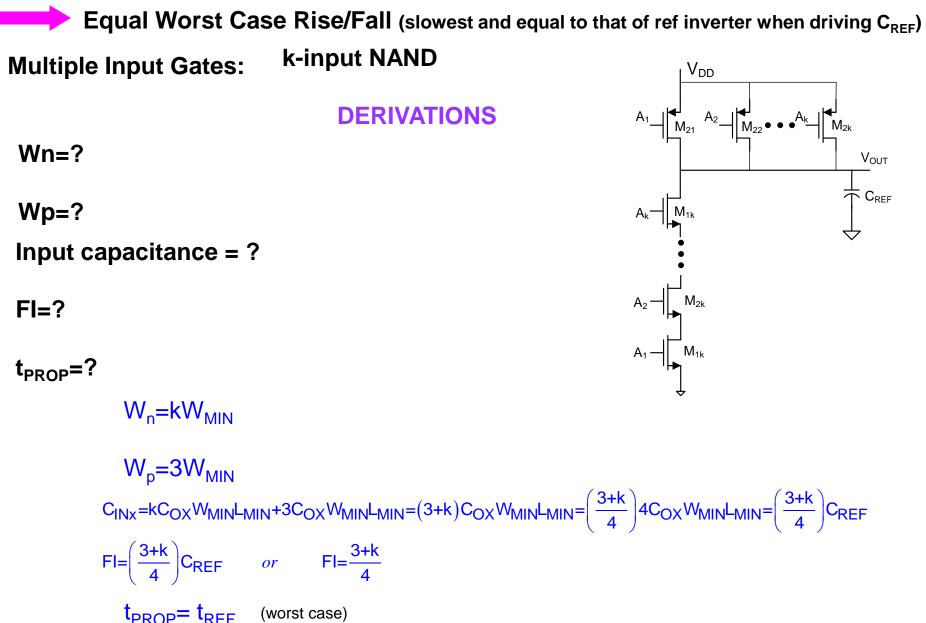
 $W_n = 2W_{MIN}$ 

FI=?

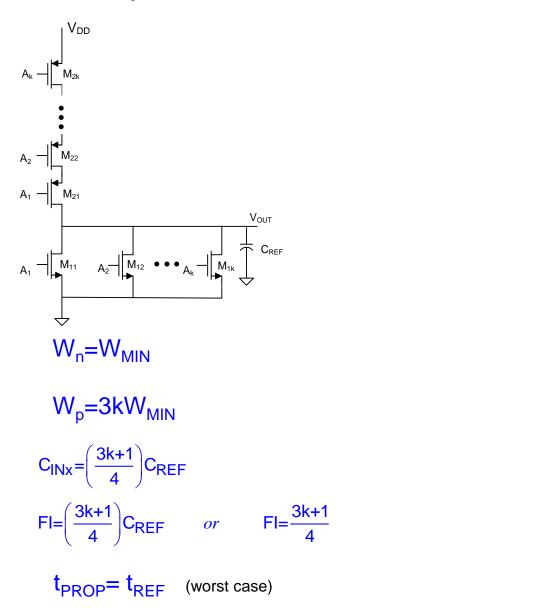
t<sub>PROP</sub>=?

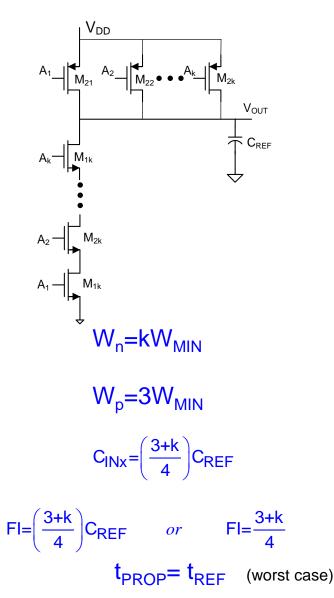
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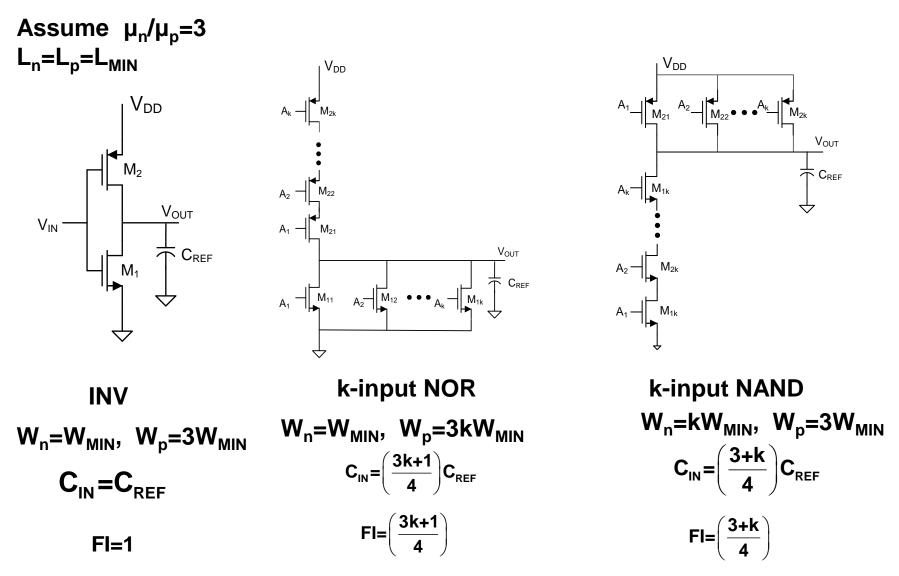
## Device Sizing Comparison of NAND and NOR Gates for Equal worst-case rise/fall

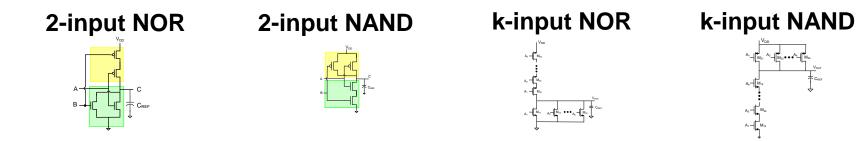




#### Equal Worse-Case Rise/Fall Device Sizing Strategy

-- (same as V<sub>TRIP</sub>=V<sub>DD</sub>/2 for worst case delay in typical process considered in example)





Equal Worst Case Rise/Fall (and equal to that of ref inverter when driving  $C_{REF}$ )

Wn=? Wp=?

**Multiple Input Gates:** 

Fastest response  $(t_{HL} \text{ or } t_{LH}) = ?$ 

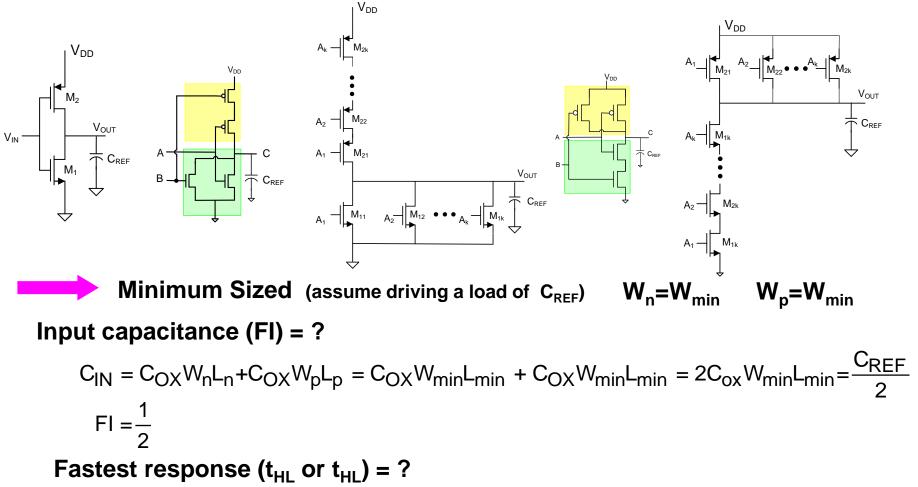
Worst case response (t<sub>PROP</sub>, usually of most interest)?

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Input capacitance (FI) = ?
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Minimum Sized (assume driving a load of C<sub>REF</sub>)

Wn=Wmin Wp=Wmin

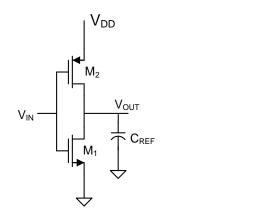
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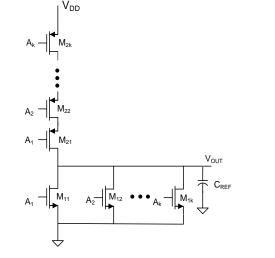


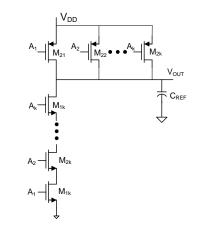
Slowest response  $(t_{HL} \text{ or } t_{HL}) = ?$ 

Worst case response (t<sub>PROP</sub>, usually of most interest)?

## Device Sizing – minimum size driving CREF



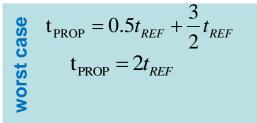




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#### k-input NAND



 $t_{\text{PROP}} = 0.5t_{\text{REF}} + \frac{3k}{2}t_{\text{REF}}$  $t_{\text{PROP}} = \left(\frac{3k+1}{2}\right)t_{\text{REF}}$ 

$$t_{\text{PROP}} = \frac{3}{2}t_{\text{REF}} + \frac{k}{2}t_{\text{R}}$$
$$t_{\text{PROP}} = \frac{3+k}{2}t_{\text{REF}}$$

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 $\mathsf{FI} = \frac{\mathsf{C}_{_{\mathsf{REF}}}}{2}$ 

 $\boldsymbol{\mathsf{R}}_{\mathsf{PD}} = \boldsymbol{\mathsf{R}}_{\mathsf{PDREF}}$ 

 $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{PU}} = \mathbf{3R}_{\mathbf{PDREF}}$ 

$$\frac{1+3k^{2}}{2k}t_{REF} \leq t_{PROP} \leq \frac{3k+1}{2}t_{REF}$$

$$FI = \frac{C_{REF}}{2}$$

$$\frac{R_{PDREF}}{k} \leq R_{PD} \leq R_{PDREF}$$

$$R_{PII} = 3kR_{PDREF}$$

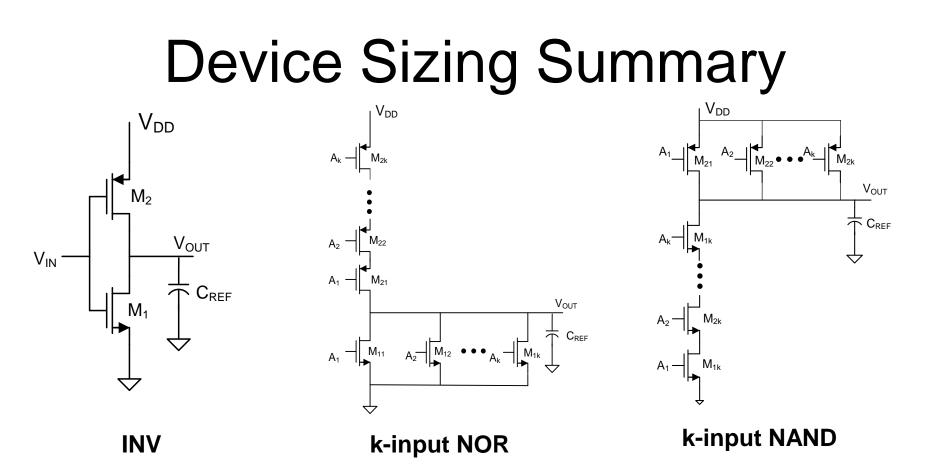
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$$FI = \frac{C_{REF}}{2}$$

$$\frac{3R_{PDREF}}{k} \leq R_{PU} \leq 3R_{PDREF}$$

$$R_{PD} = kR_{PDREF}$$

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 $C_{IN}$  for  $N_{AND}$  gates is considerably smaller than for NOR gates for equal worst-case rise and fall times

 $C_{IN}$  for minimulm-sized structures is independent of number of inputs and much smaller than  $C_{IN}$  for the equal rise/fall time case

 $R_{PU}$  gets very large for minimum-sized NOR gate



# **Stay Safe and Stay Healthy !**

# End of Lecture 40