

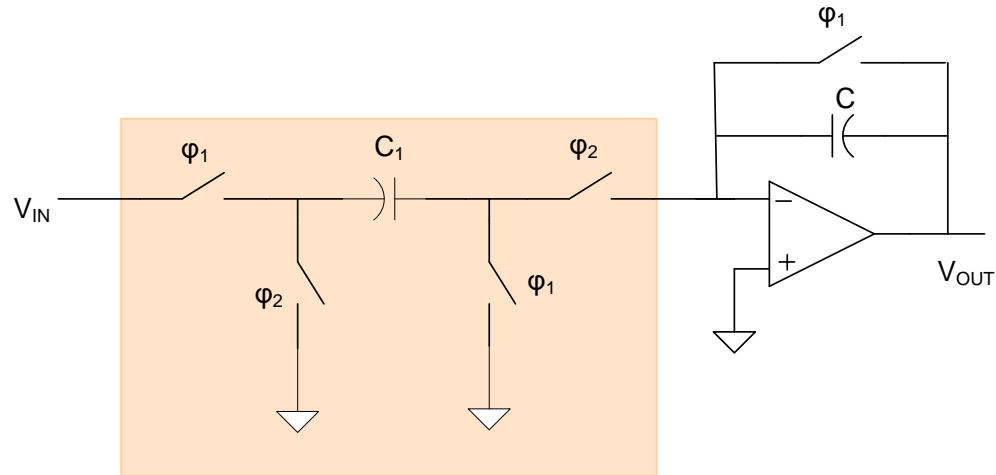
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Lecture 42

References and Bias Generators

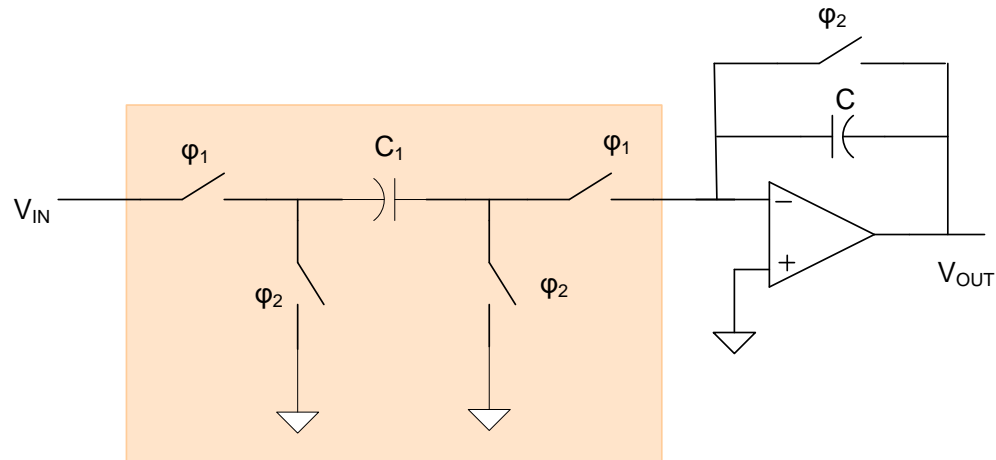
Review from last lecture

Stray Insensitive SC Amplifiers



Noninverting

$$\frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}} = \frac{C_1}{C_2}$$

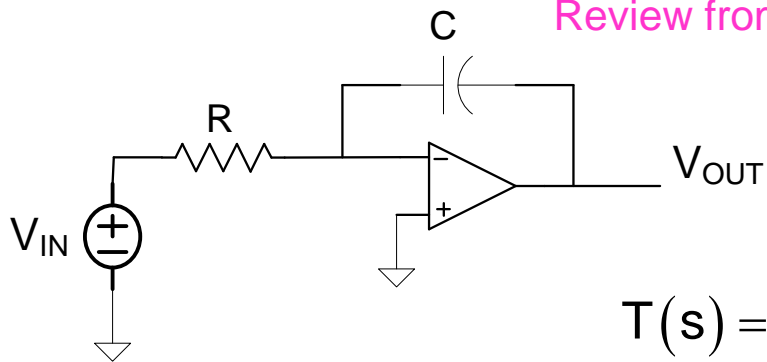


Inverting

$$\frac{V_{OUT}}{V_{IN}} = -\frac{C_1}{C_2}$$

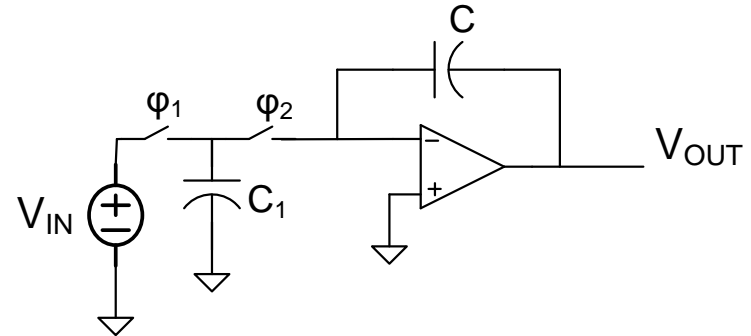
Can show that all diffusion parasitic capacitances do not affect gain
Gain can be accurately controlled !

Review from last lecture



$$T(s) = -\frac{1}{RCs}$$

$$I_0 = \frac{1}{RC}$$



$$R_{EQ} \approx \frac{1}{f_{CLK} C_1}$$

Observe that a switched-capacitor behaves as a resistor!

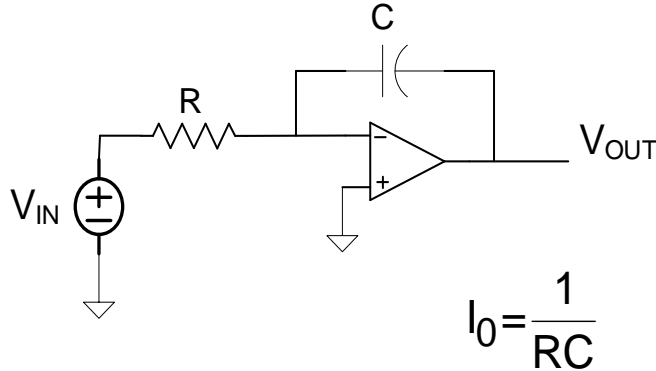
This is an interesting observation that was made by Maxwell over 100 years ago but in and of itself was of almost no consequence

Note that large resistors require small capacitors !

This offers potential for overcoming one of the critical challenges for Implementing integrators on silicon at audio frequencies!

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The Genius !!



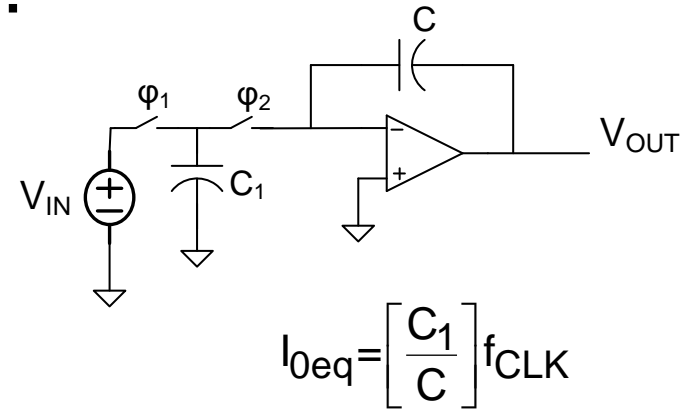
1. Accuracy of R and C difficult to accurately control (often 2 or 3 orders of magnitude too variable)
2. Area of R and C too large in audio frequency range (2 or 3 orders of magnitude too large)
3. Amplifier GB limits performance

Observation of Maxwell (and other “Me Too” up until 1977) on equivalence of resistor and switched capacitor had no impact

Two groups independently observed items 1) and 2) in 1976/1977 timeframe and realized that practical implementations on silicon were possible and that is the genius of the concept

Switched Capacitors and the corresponding charge redistribution circuits now used well beyond the SC filter field

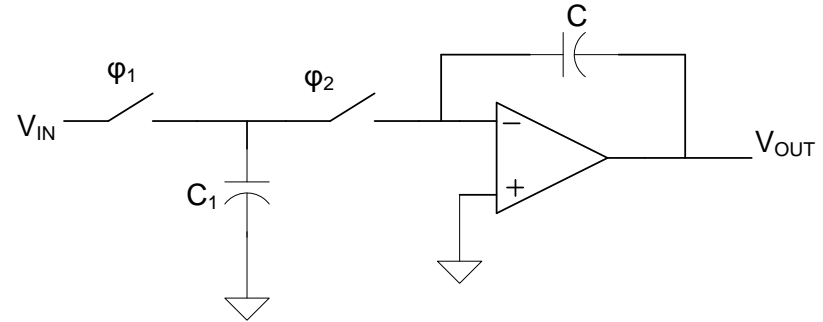
Incredible enthusiasm and effort followed for better part of a decade



1. Accuracy of cap ratio and f_{CLK} very good
2. Area of C_1 and C not too large
3. Amplifier GB limits performance less

Switched-Capacitor Filter Issues

What if T_{CLK} is not much-much smaller than T_{SIG} ?



$$V_{OUT}(nT+T)=V_{OUT}(nT)-(C_1/C)V_{IN}(nT)$$

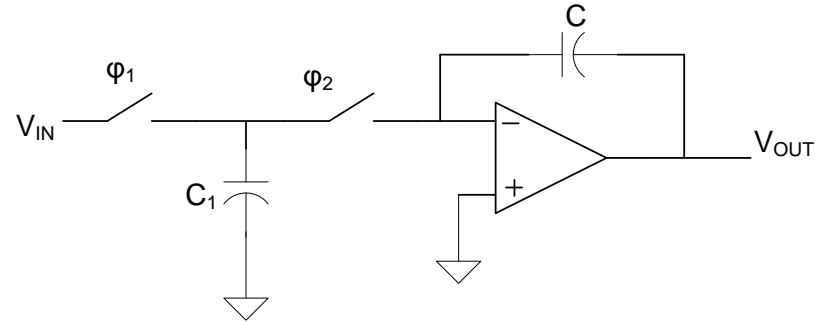
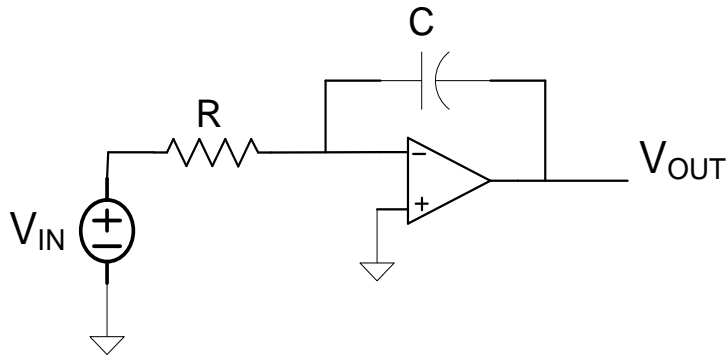
for any T_{CLK} , characterized in time domain by difference equation

or in frequency domain characterized by transfer function obtained by taking z-transform of the difference equation

$$H(z)=-\frac{C_1/C}{z-1}$$

Review from last lecture

What is really required for building a filter that has high-performance features?



Frequency domain:

Transfer function

$$T(s) = \frac{1}{RCs}$$

$$H(z) = -\frac{C_1/C}{z-1}$$

Time domain:

Differential Equation

$$V_{OUT}(t) = V_{OUT}(t_0) + \frac{1}{RC} \int_{t_0}^t V_{IN}(\tau) d\tau$$

Difference Equation

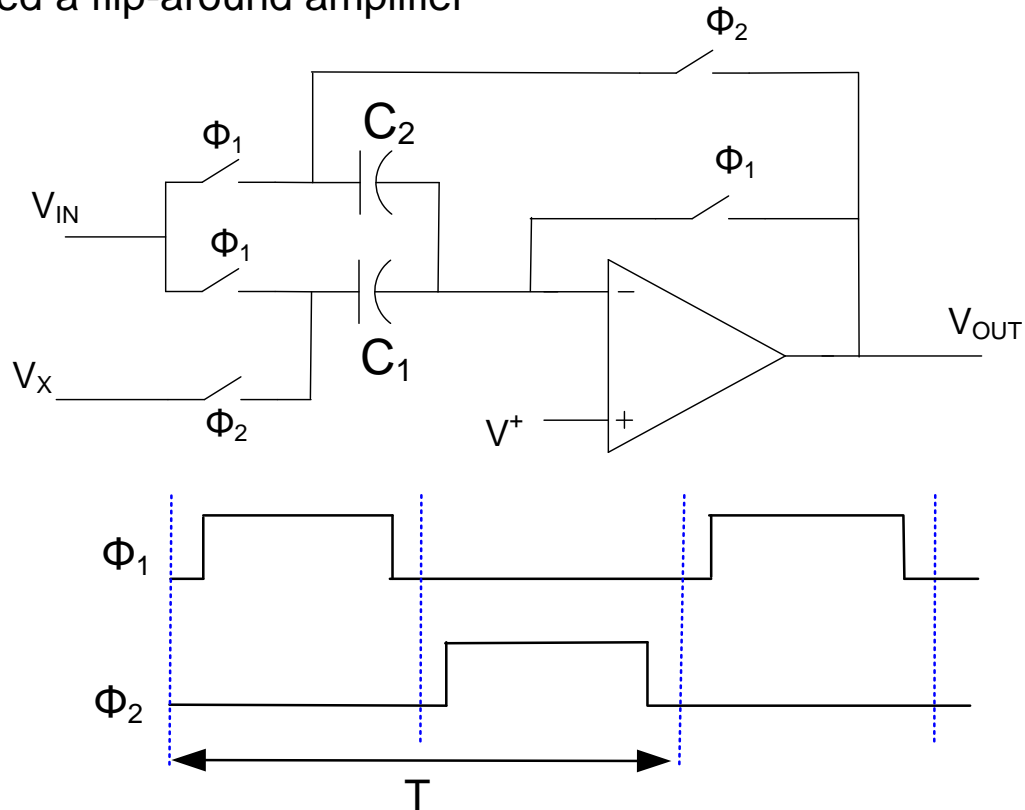
$$V_{OUT}(nT+T) = V_{OUT}(nT) - (C_1/C)V_{IN}(nT)$$

Accurate control of polynomial coefficients in transfer function or accurate control of coefficients in the differential/difference equation

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Consider the following circuit

Termed a flip-around amplifier

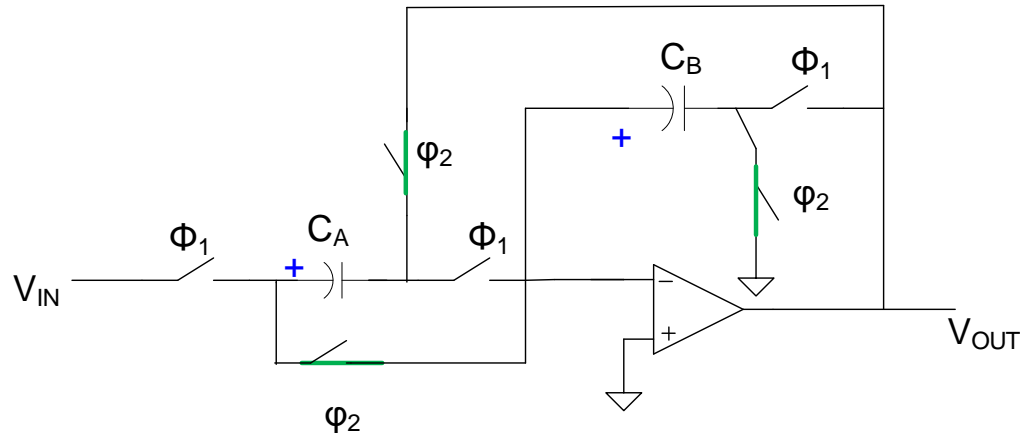


Clock signals are complimentary non-overlapping

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Another Flip Around Amplifier

During phase ϕ_2



From phase ϕ_1

$$Q_{CA1} = C_A V_{IN}$$

$$Q_{CB1} = C_A V_{IN}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} Q_{CA2} &= Q_{CA1} + Q_{CB1} \\ Q_{CB2} &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$V_{OUT} = -\frac{Q_{CA2}}{C_A}$$

$$V_{CB} = 0$$

Verified that C_B was discharged at the start of phase ϕ_1

$$V_{OUT} = -\frac{C_A V_{IN} + C_A V_{IN}}{C_A} = -2V_{IN}$$

This structure has a gain of 2 independent of any capacitor matching!

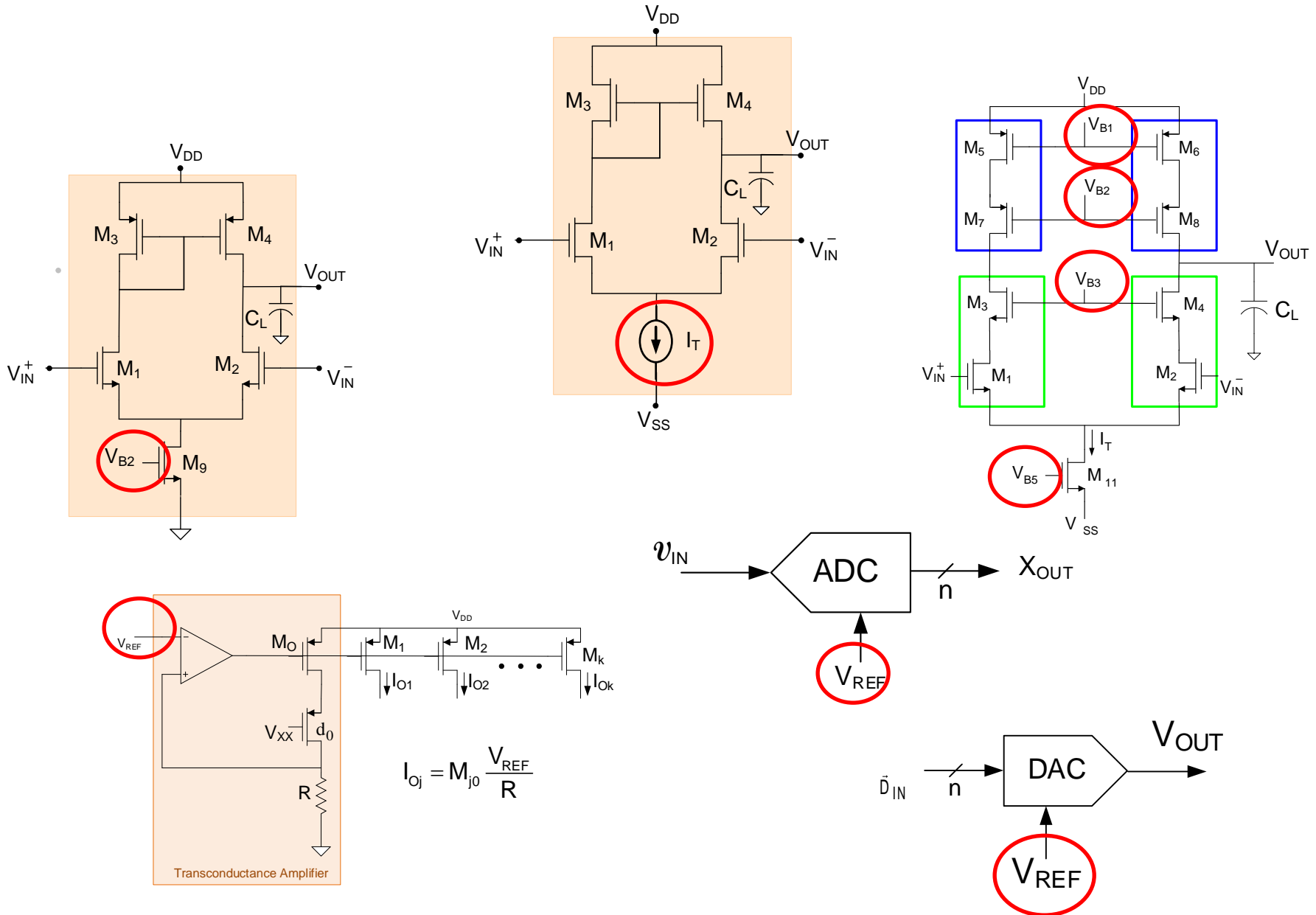
Can modify to get noninverting gain and gains of 3, 4, .., without matching requirements

Bias Voltages/Currents and References

How do we get quantities such as voltage, current, resistance, temperature, ?.... in an electronic circuit

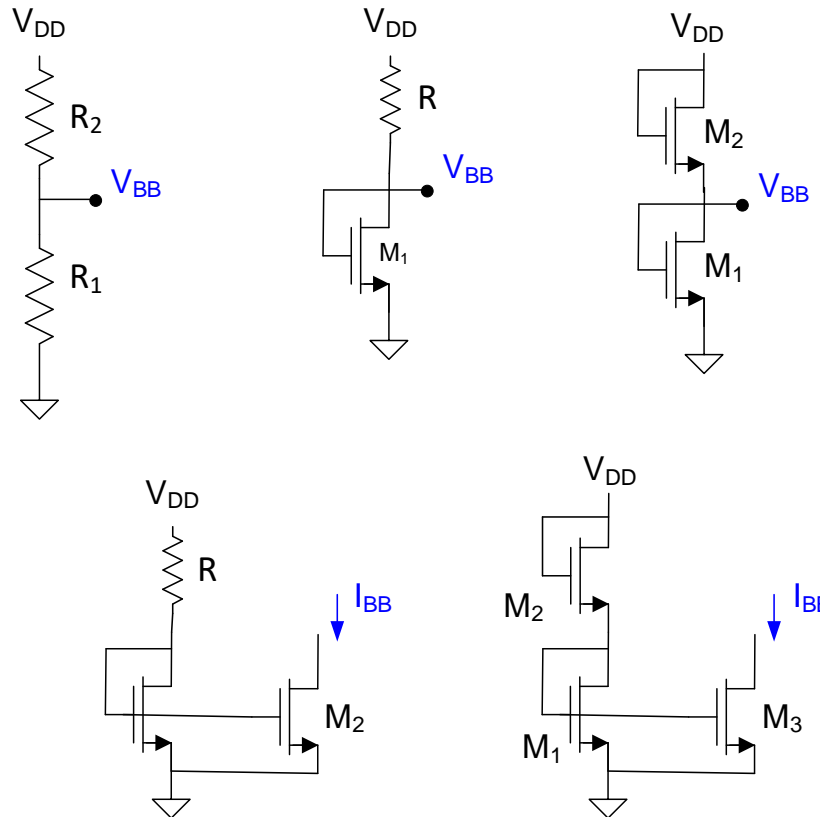
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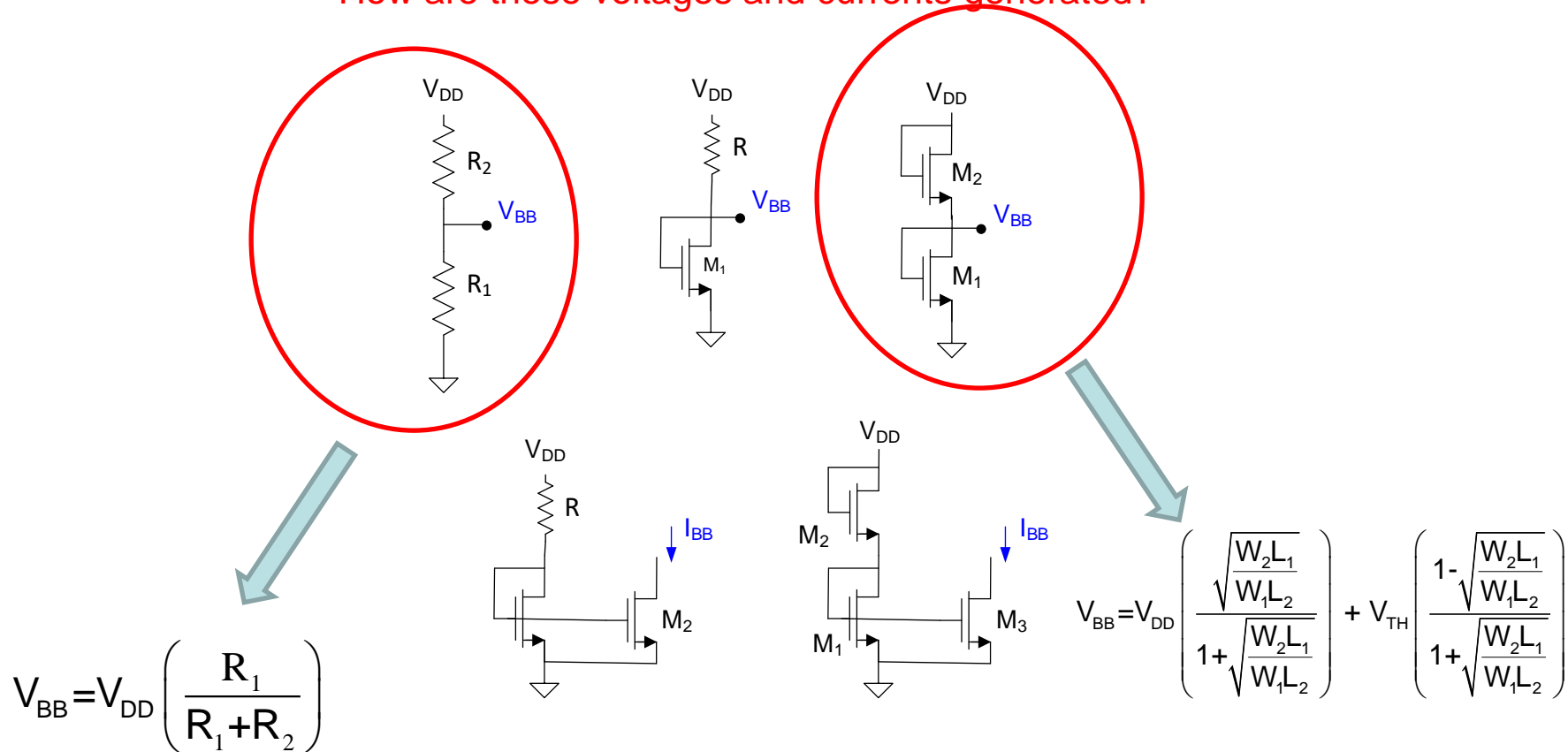
All will work !

Termed Supply-Referenced Sources

But supply sensitivity (supplies usually poorly controlled and noisy), process dependence, and temperature dependence unacceptable in many applications

Bias Voltages/Currents and References

How are these voltages and currents generated?



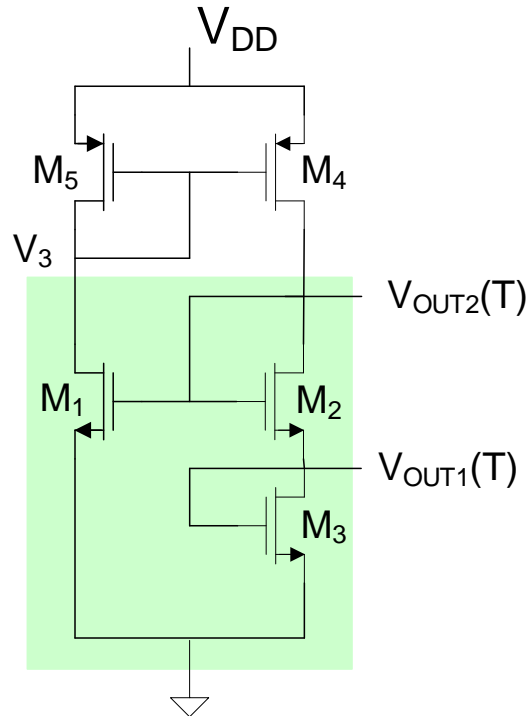
For voltage references, must find circuit that generates output that has units Volts !

For current references, must find circuit that generates output that has units Amps !

Bias Voltages/Currents Generators

How are these voltages and currents generated?

Voltage Outputs:



Inverse-Widlar

$$V_{O1} = V_{Tn} \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{\frac{M_{54} W_2 L_1}{W_1 L_2}}}{1 + \sqrt{\frac{W_2 L_3}{W_3 L_2}} - \sqrt{\frac{M_{54} W_2 L_1}{W_1 L_2}}} \right)$$

$$V_{O2} = V_{Tn} \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{\frac{W_2 L_3}{W_3 L_2}} - 2 \sqrt{\frac{M_{54} W_2 L_1}{W_1 L_2}}}{1 + \sqrt{\frac{W_2 L_3}{W_3 L_2}} - \sqrt{\frac{M_{54} W_2 L_1}{W_1 L_2}}} \right)$$

M_{54} is the $M_5:M_4$ Current Mirror Gain

Supply-independent Bias Generator!

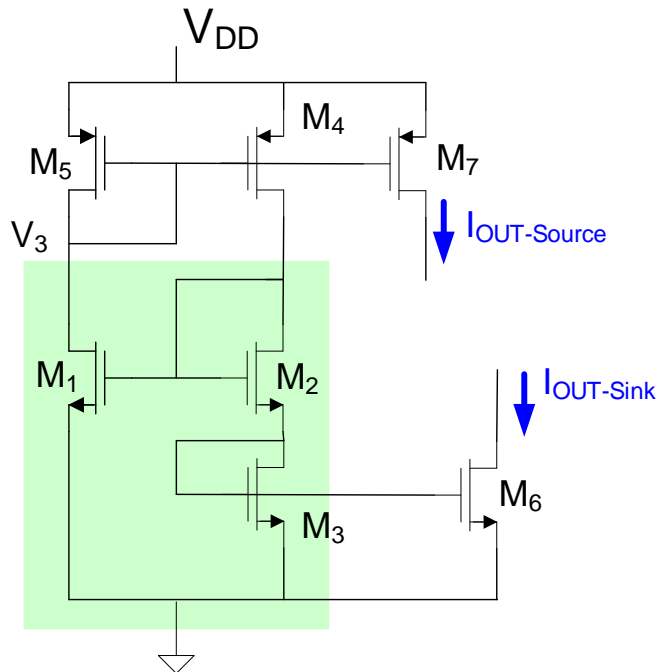
Start-up circuit needed (notice positive feedback loop)

Supply-independent Bias Generators Widely Used

Bias Voltages/Currents Generators

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Current Outputs:



Inverse-Widlar

$$V_{01} = V_{Tn} \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{\frac{M_{54} W_2 L_1}{W_1 L_2}}}{1 + \sqrt{\frac{W_2 L_3}{W_3 L_2}} - \sqrt{\frac{M_{54} W_2 L_1}{W_1 L_2}}} \right)$$

$$I_{OUT-Sink} = \frac{\mu_n C_{OX}}{2} \frac{W_6}{L_6} (V_{01} - V_{Tn})^2$$

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$$I_{OUT-Source} = \frac{\mu_n C_{OX}}{2} \frac{W_3}{L_3} \frac{W_7}{L_7} \frac{L_4}{W_4} (V_{01} - V_{Tn})^2$$

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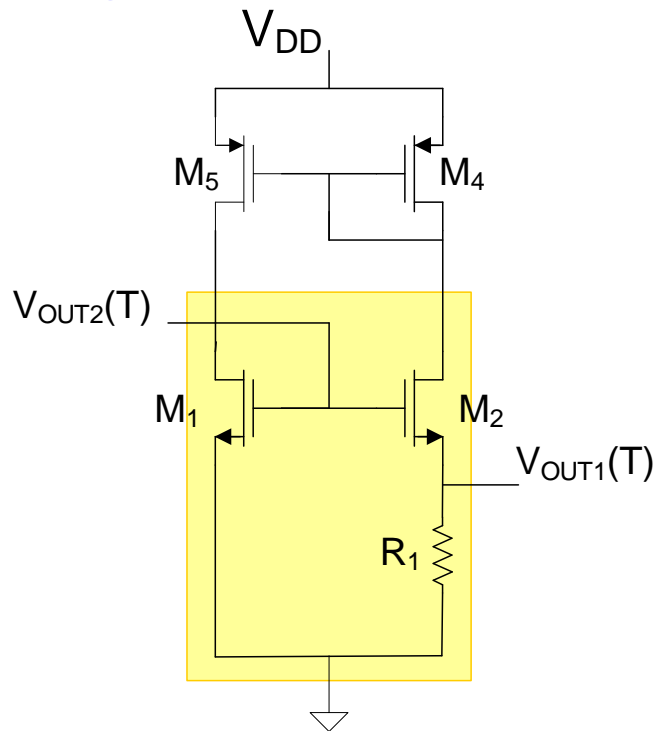
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Bias Voltages/Currents Generators

Voltage Outputs:



Widlar Generator !

$$V_{01} = \left(\frac{\theta_1}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{\theta_1 V_{Tn}}{2} + \left(\frac{\theta_1}{2} \right)^2} \right) \left(1 - \sqrt{\frac{W_1 L_2}{M_{45} W_2 L_1}} \right)$$

$$V_{02} = V_{Tn} + \frac{\theta_1}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{\theta_1 V_{Tn}}{2} + \left(\frac{\theta_1}{2} \right)^2}$$

where

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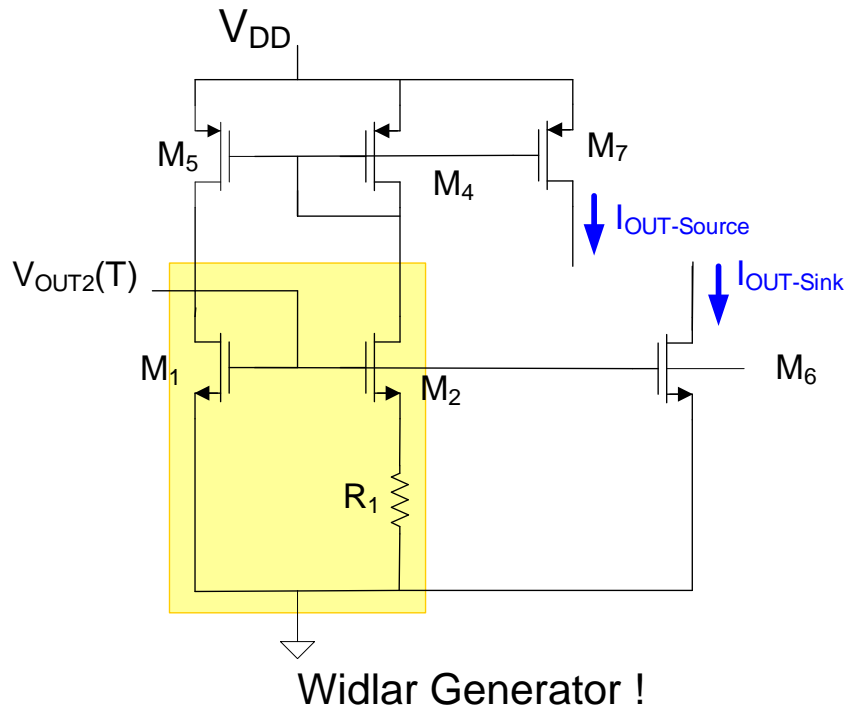
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Bias Voltages/Currents Generators

Current Outputs:



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$$I_{OUT-Sink} = \frac{\mu_n C_{OX}}{2} \frac{W_6}{L_6} (V_{02} - V_{Tn})^2$$

$$I_{OUT-Source} = \frac{\mu_n C_{OX}}{2} \frac{W_1}{L_1} \frac{W_7}{L_7} \frac{L_5}{W_5} (V_{02} - V_{Tn})^2$$

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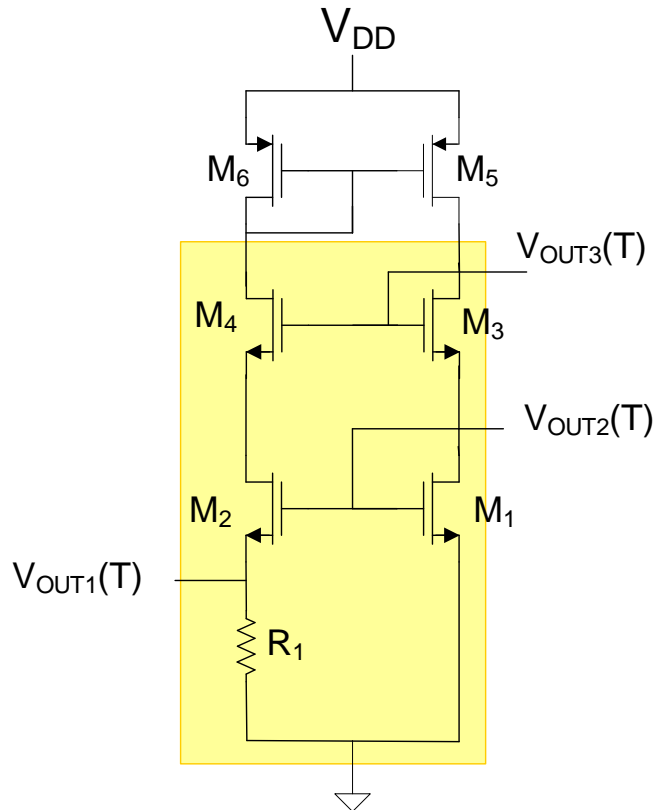
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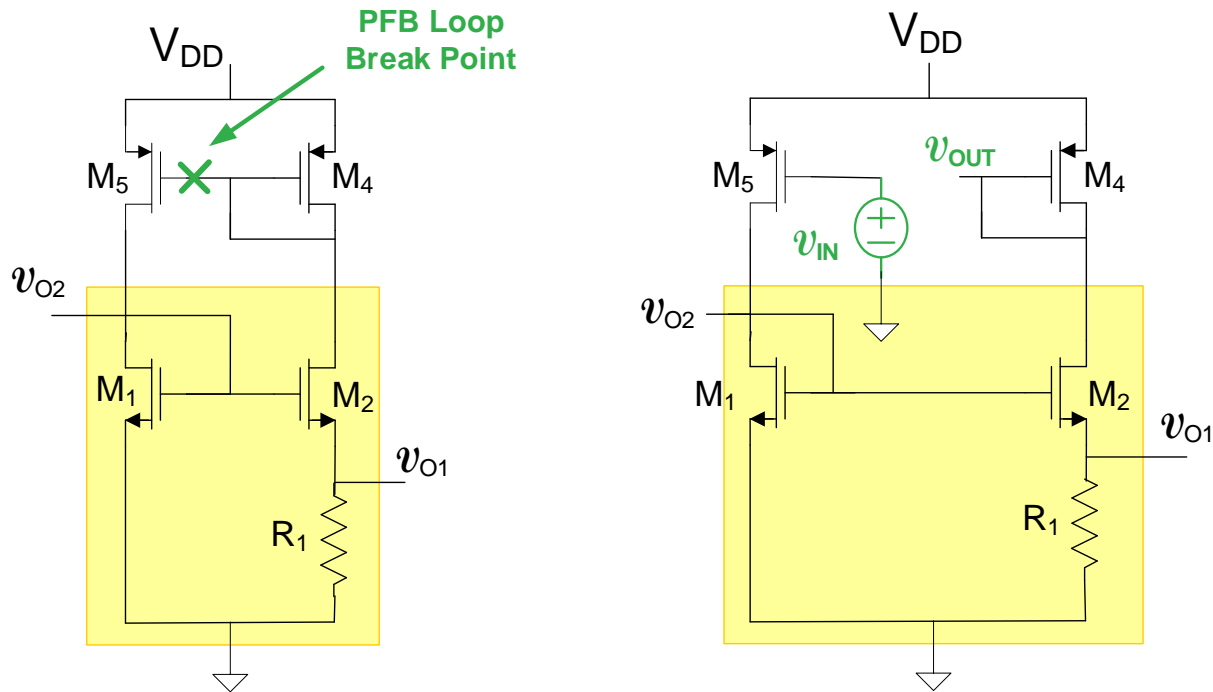
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Bias Voltages/Currents Generators

Need for Start-up Circuit



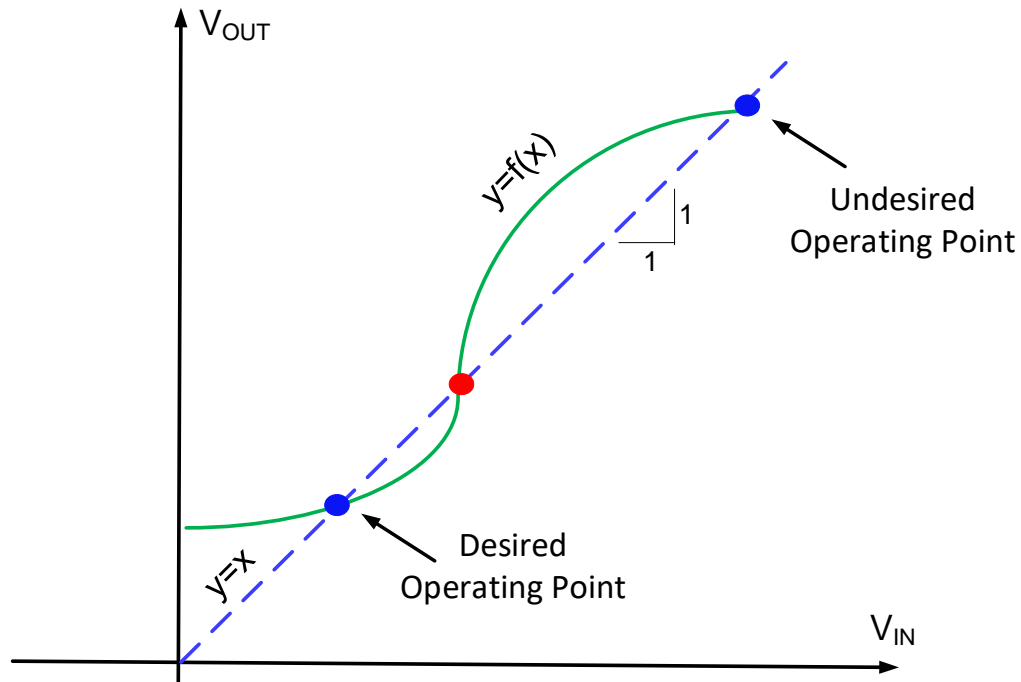
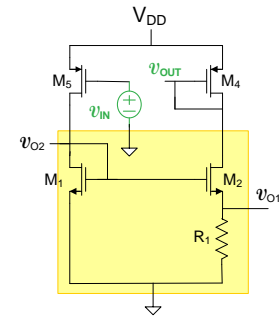
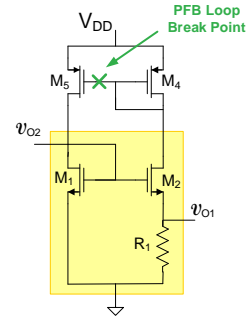
$V_{OUT}=f(V_{IN})$ termed the return map

Termed Homotopy Analysis

Must not perturb operating point when breaking loop !

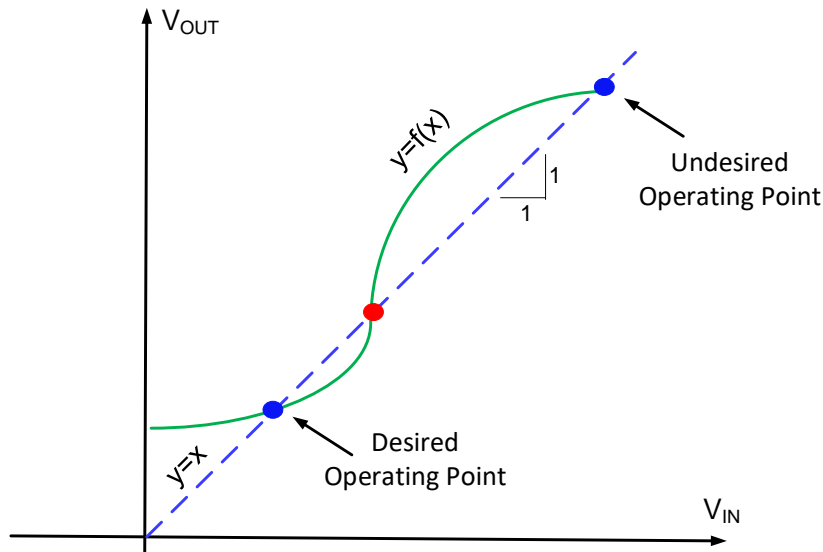
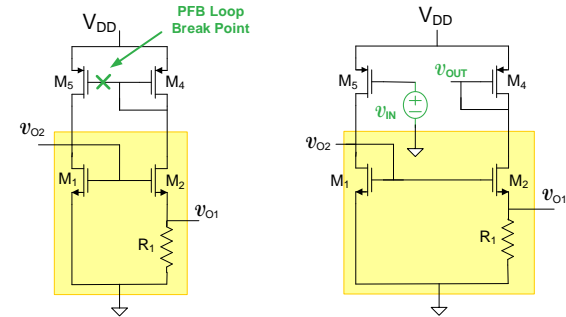
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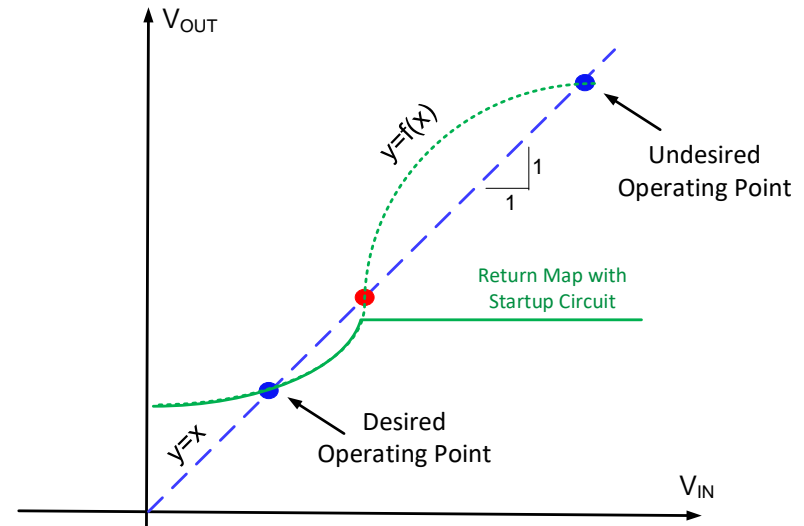


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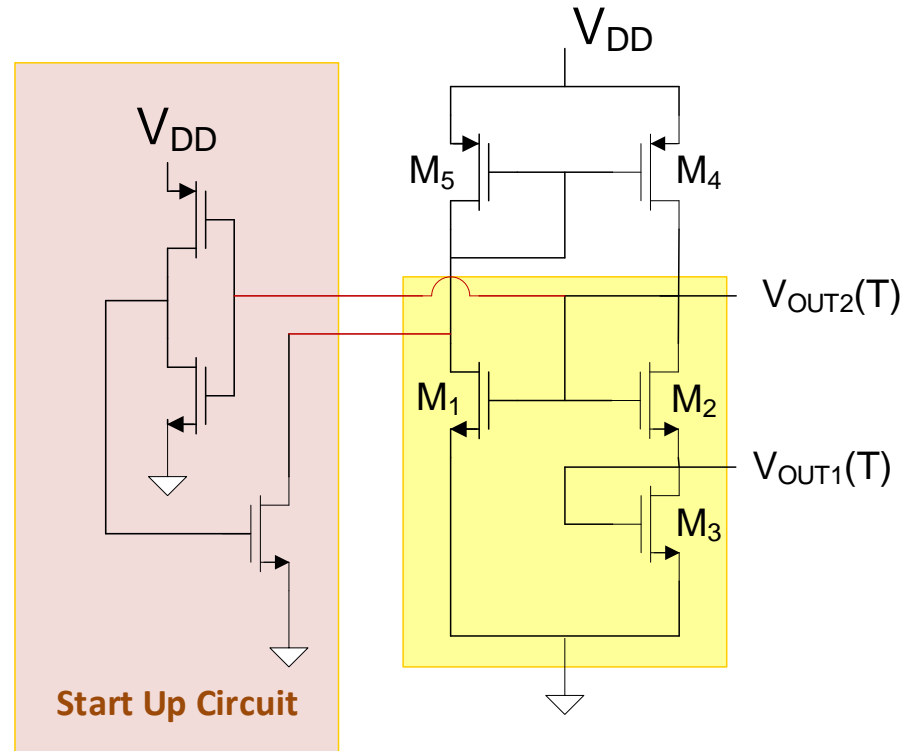
Without start-up circuit



With start-up circuit

Must verify start-up is effective over PVT variations

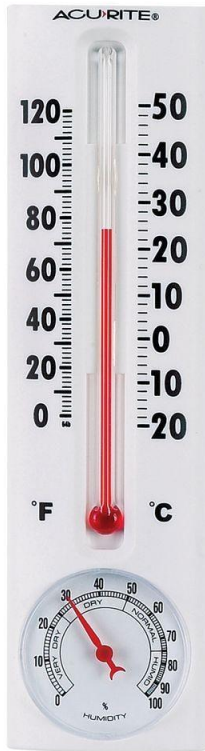
Bias Voltages/Currents Generators



Several different start-up circuits have been used

This start-up circuit shuts off during normal operation !

Bias Voltages/Currents Generators



These references/bias generators are both temperature and process dependent

Bias Voltages/Currents Generators

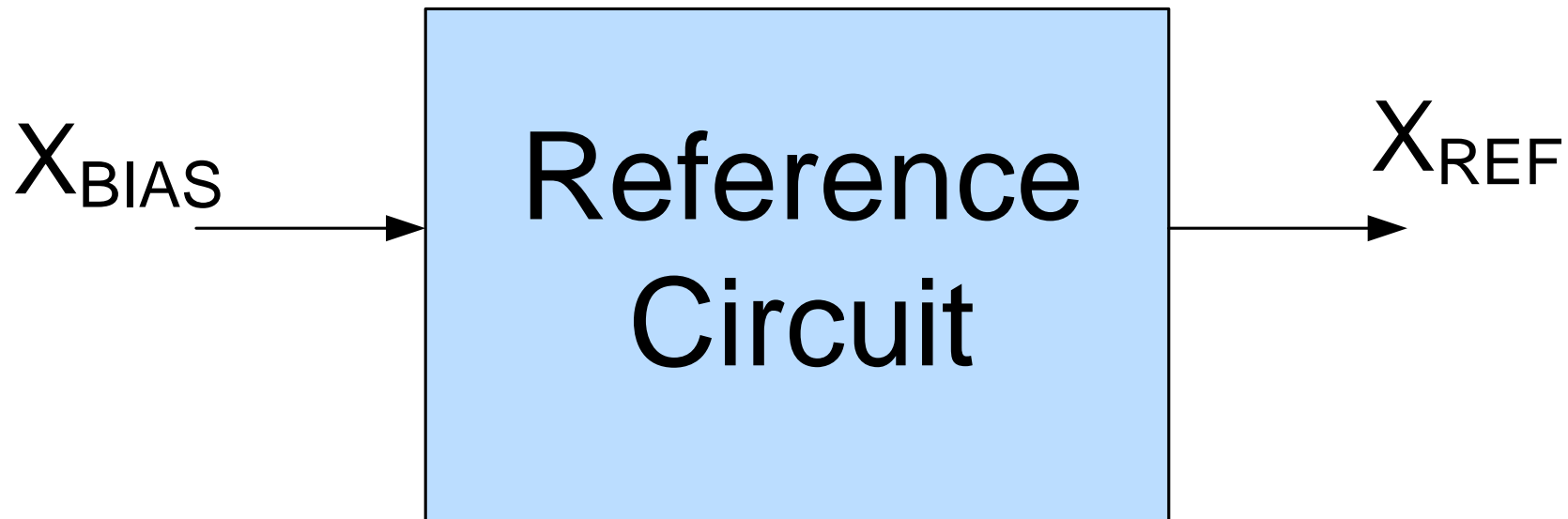
- Often prefer bias generators whose output changes with process parameters
- Though widely used, better biases exist for many linear circuits (e.g. op amps)
- But these bias generators, though simple, are process and temperature dependent
- The term “References” usually refers to generators that are ideally independent of process, supply voltage, and temperature (PVT)

Types of References

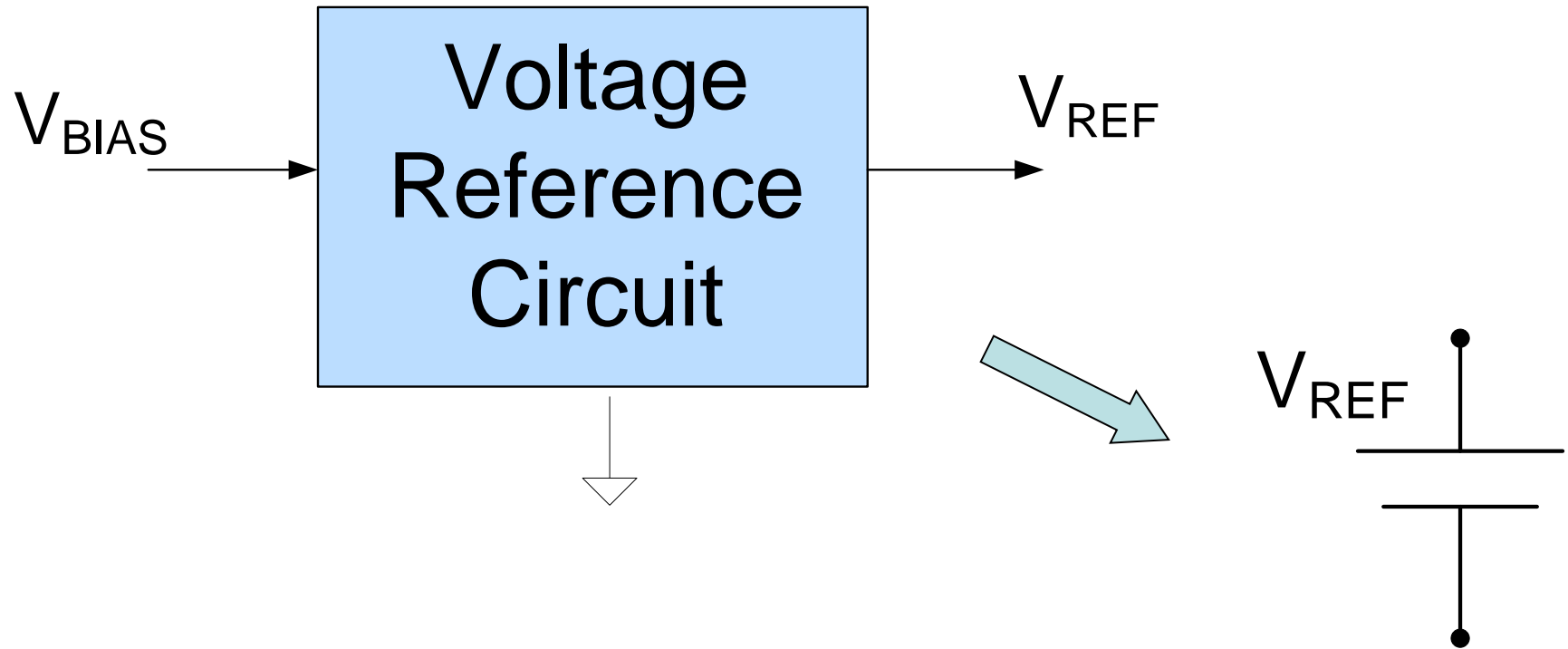
- Voltage References
- Current References
- Time References
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Sensors Closely Related

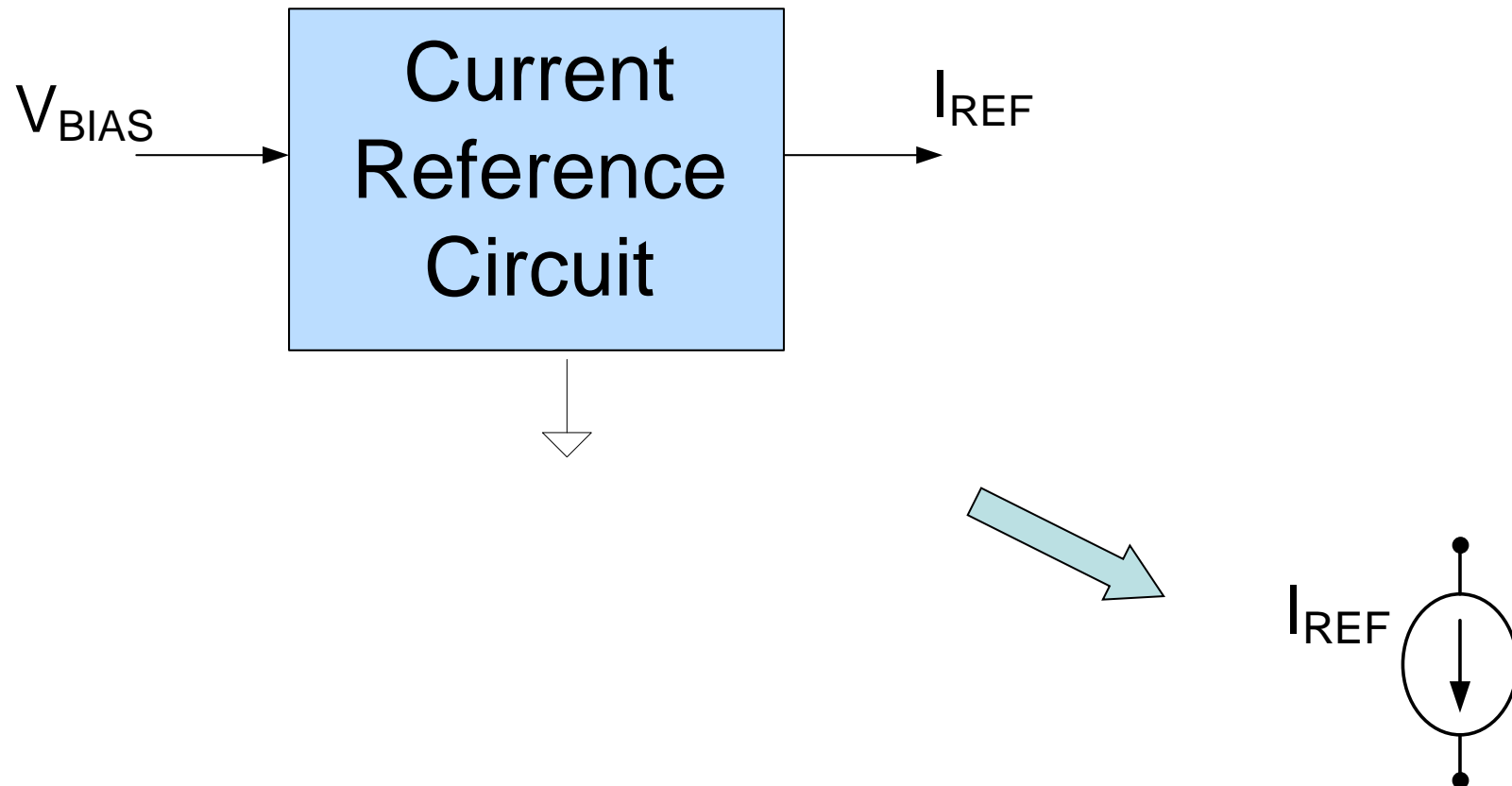
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- Capacitance
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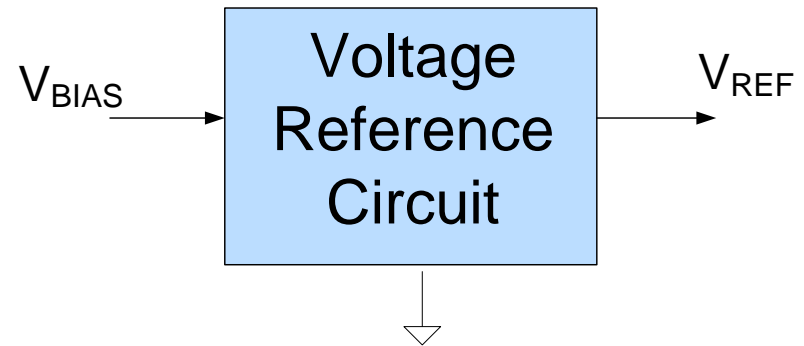
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Current Reference

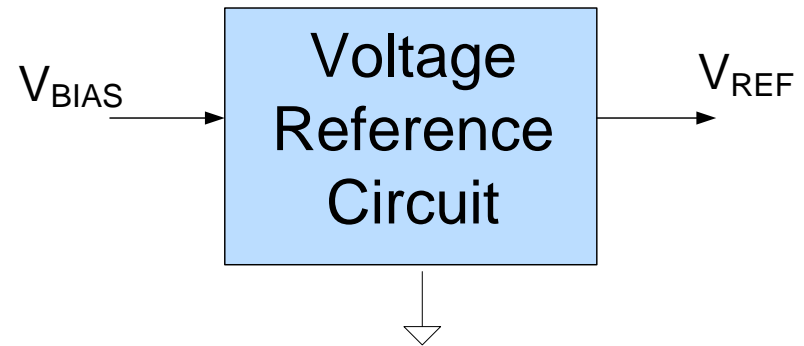


Desired Properties of References



- Accurate
- Temperature Stable
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- Insensitive to V_{BIAS}
- Low Output Impedance (voltage reference)
- Floating
- Small Area
- Low Power Dissipation
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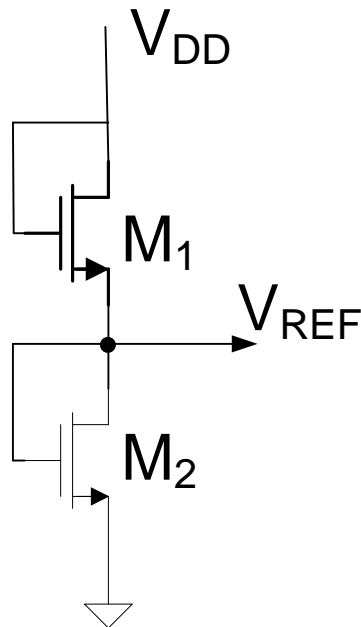
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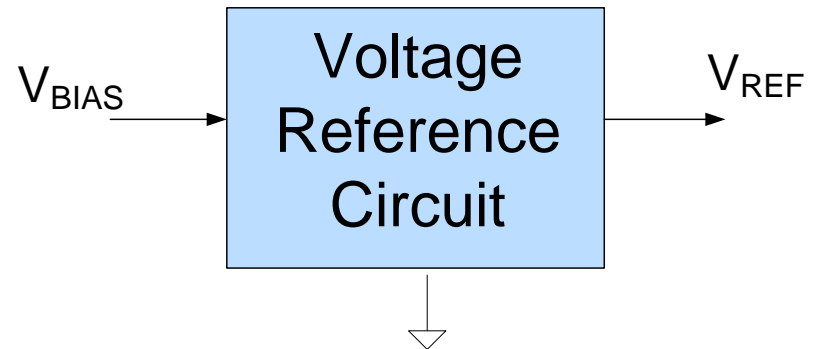
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Similar properties desired in other references

Consider Voltage References



Popular Voltage “Reference”

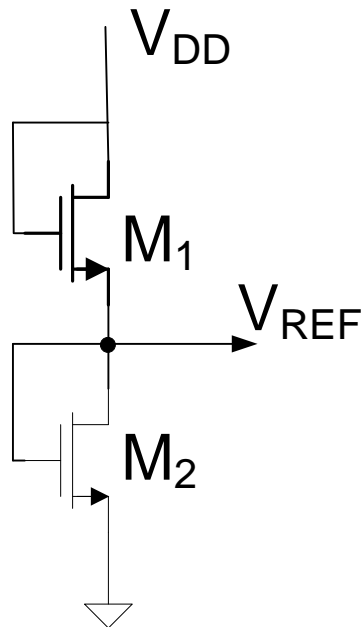


$$\left. \begin{aligned} I_{D1} &= \frac{\mu C_{OX} W_1}{2L_1} (V_{GS1} - V_{T1})^2 \\ I_{D2} &= \frac{\mu C_{OX} W_2}{2L_2} (V_{GS2} - V_{T2})^2 \\ V_{T1} &= V_{TH0} + \gamma \left(\sqrt{\phi + V_{REF}} - \sqrt{\phi} \right) \\ V_{DD} - V_{REF} - V_{T1} &= \sqrt{\frac{W_2 L_1}{W_1 L_2}} (V_{REF} - V_{T2}) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

If matching assumed and γ effects neglected

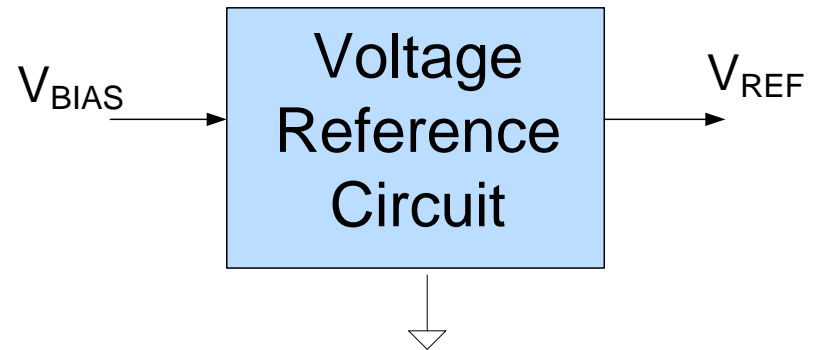
$$V_{REF} = \frac{V_{DD} - V_{TH0} \left(1 - \sqrt{\frac{W_2 L_1}{W_1 L_2}} \right)}{1 + \sqrt{\frac{W_2 L_1}{W_1 L_2}}}$$

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Popular Voltage “Reference”

Uses as a reference limited to biasing and even for this may not be good enough !



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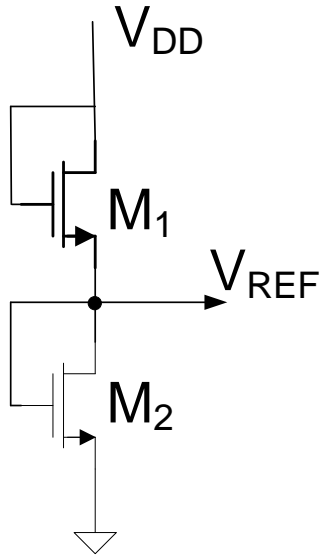
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Dependent upon V_{DD} , V_{TH0} , matching, process variations, γ

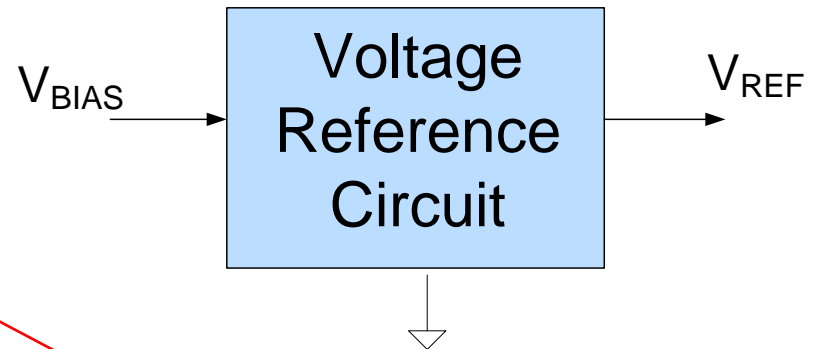
Termed a V_{DD}, V_{TH} reference

Does not satisfy key properties of voltage references

Consider Voltage References



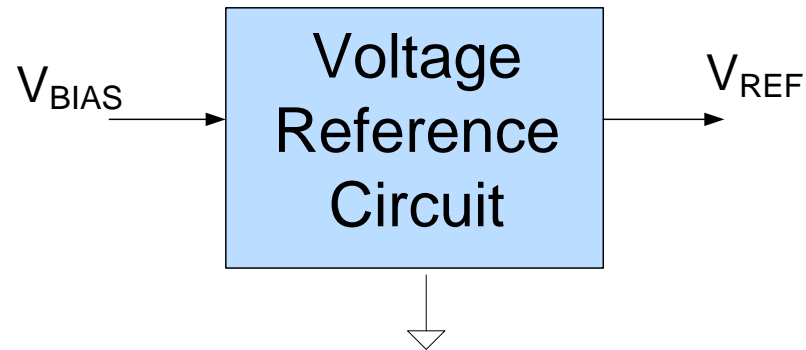
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Observation – Variables with units Volts needed to build any voltage reference

Voltage References



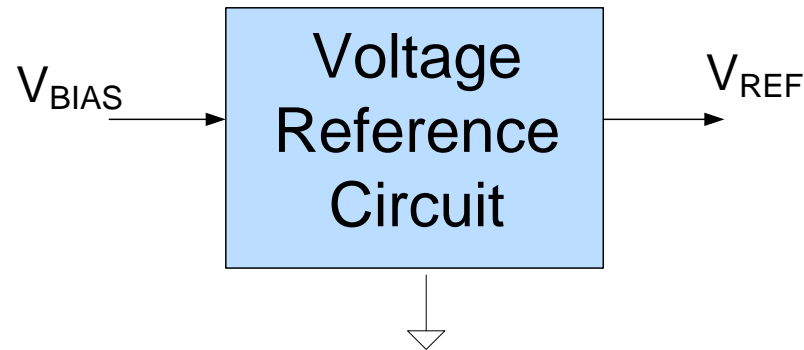
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How can a circuit be designed that “expresses” the desired variables?

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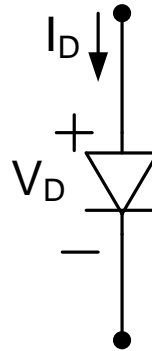
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V_{DD} , V_{T} , V_{D} (diode), V_{Z} , V_{BE} , V_{t} , V_{TH} ???

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Consider the Diode

$$I_D = J_S A e^{\frac{V_D}{V_t}}$$

$$V_t = \frac{kT}{q}$$
$$\frac{k}{q} = \frac{1.38 \times 10^{-23}}{1.602 \times 10^{-19}} \frac{\text{V}}{^\circ\text{K}} = 8.614 \times 10^{-5} \frac{\text{V}}{^\circ\text{K}}$$

$$J_S = \tilde{J}_{SX} \left[T^m e^{\frac{-V_{G0}}{V_t}} \right]$$

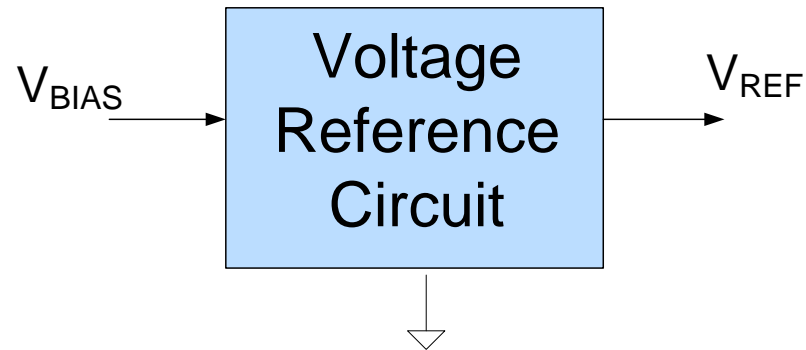
$$V_{G0} = 1.206\text{V}$$

termed the bandgap voltage

pn junction characteristics highly temperature dependent through both the exponent and J_S

V_{G0} is nearly independent of process and temperature

Voltage References



Observation – Variables with units Volts needed to build any voltage reference

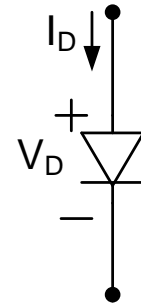
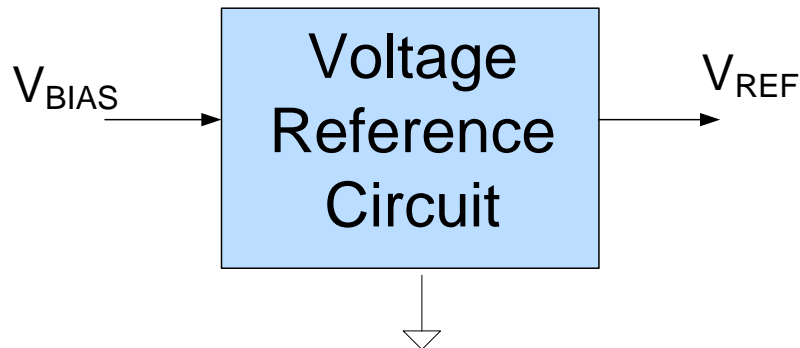
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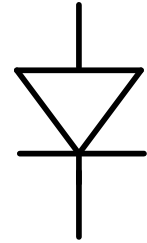
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How can a circuit be designed that “expresses” the desired variables?

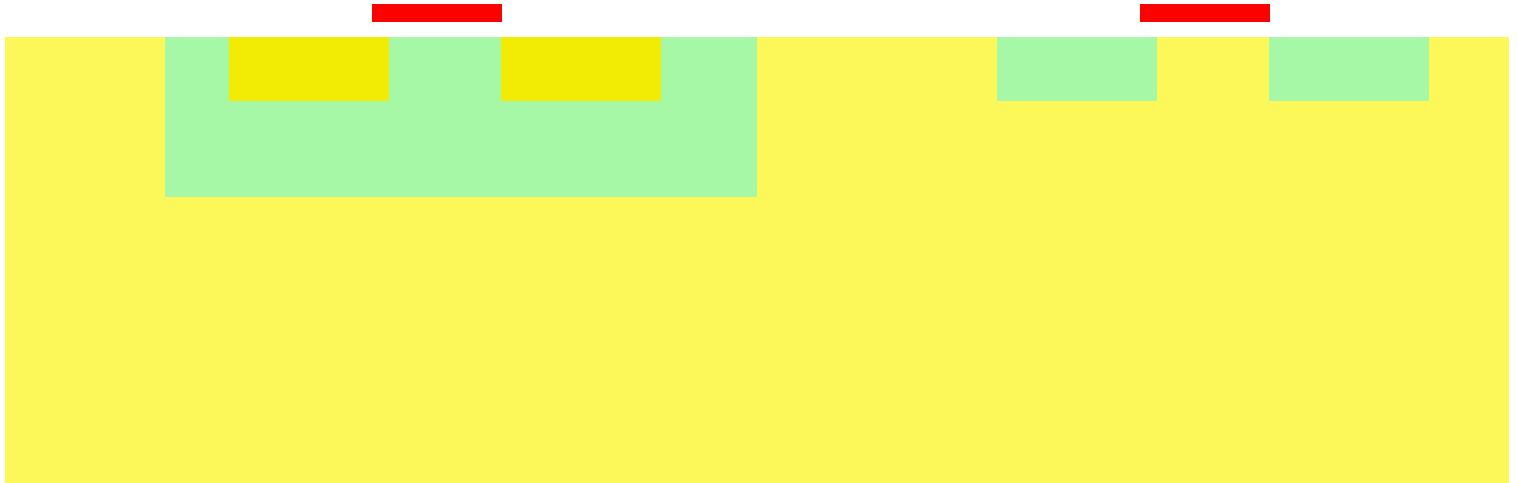
- V_{G0} is deeply embedded in a device model with horrible temperature effects !
- Good diodes are not widely available in most MOS processes !

$$I_C = \tilde{J}_{SX} A T^m e^{\frac{-V_{G0}}{V_t}} e^{\frac{V_{BE}}{V_t}}$$

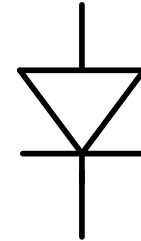
Voltage References



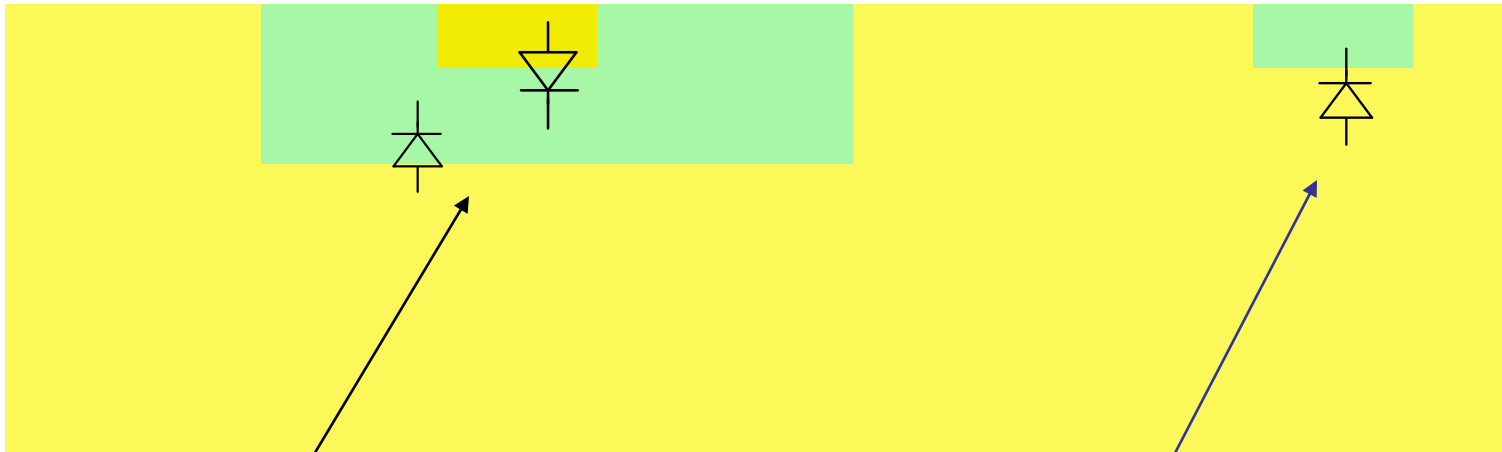
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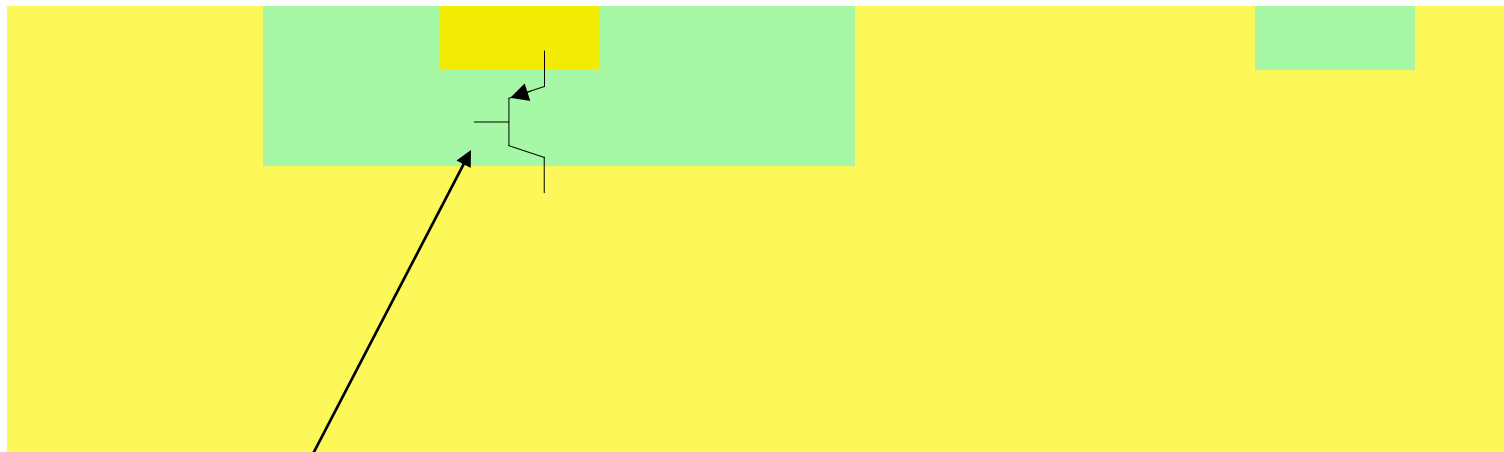


These diodes interact and actually form substrate pnp transistor

Not practical to forward bias junction

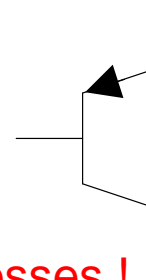
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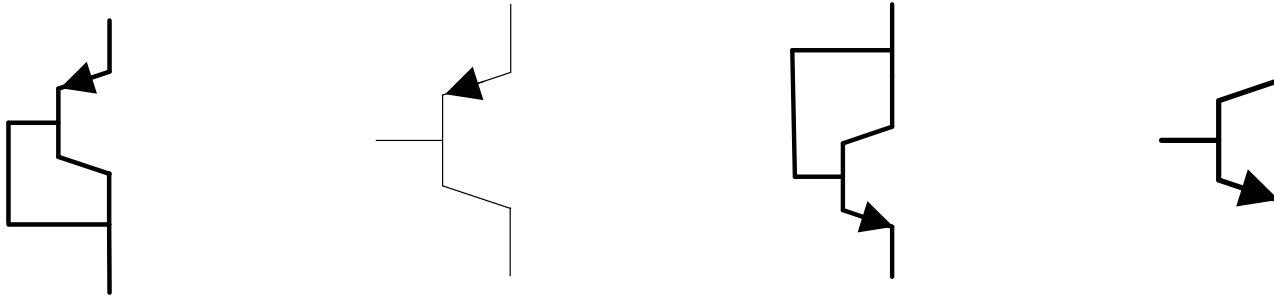


Substrate pnp transistor

Diode-connected
substrate pnp



Voltage References



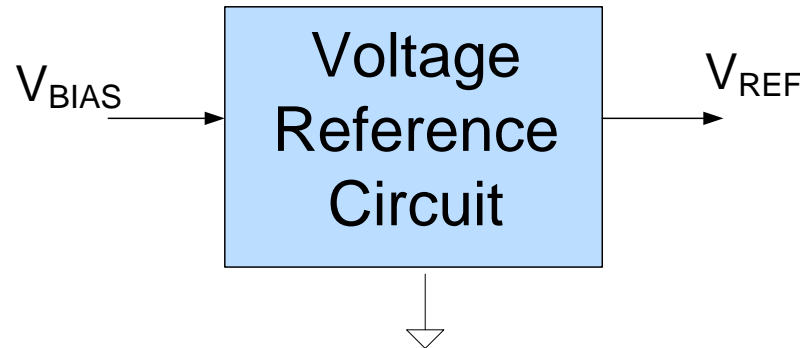
$$I_C = J_S A e^{\frac{V_{BE}}{V_t}}$$

$$J_S = \tilde{J}_{SX} \left[T^m e^{\frac{-V_{G0}}{V_t}} \right]$$

Bandgap Voltage Appears in
BJT Model Equation as well

$$I_C(T) = \left(\tilde{J}_{SX} A \left[T^m e^{\frac{-V_{G0}}{V_t}} \right] \right) e^{\frac{V_{BE}(T)}{V_t}}$$

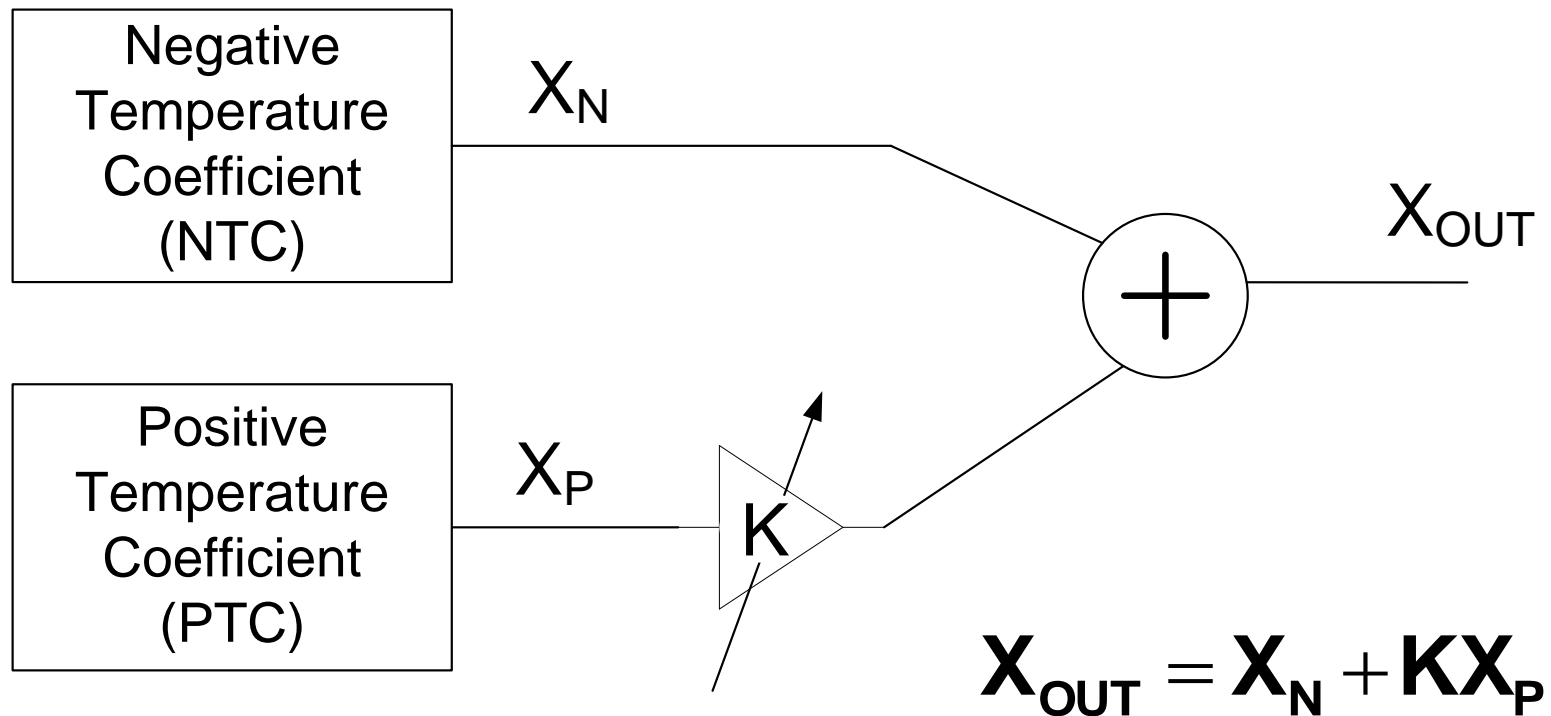
Voltage References



Voltage references that “express” the bandgap voltage are termed “Bandgap References”

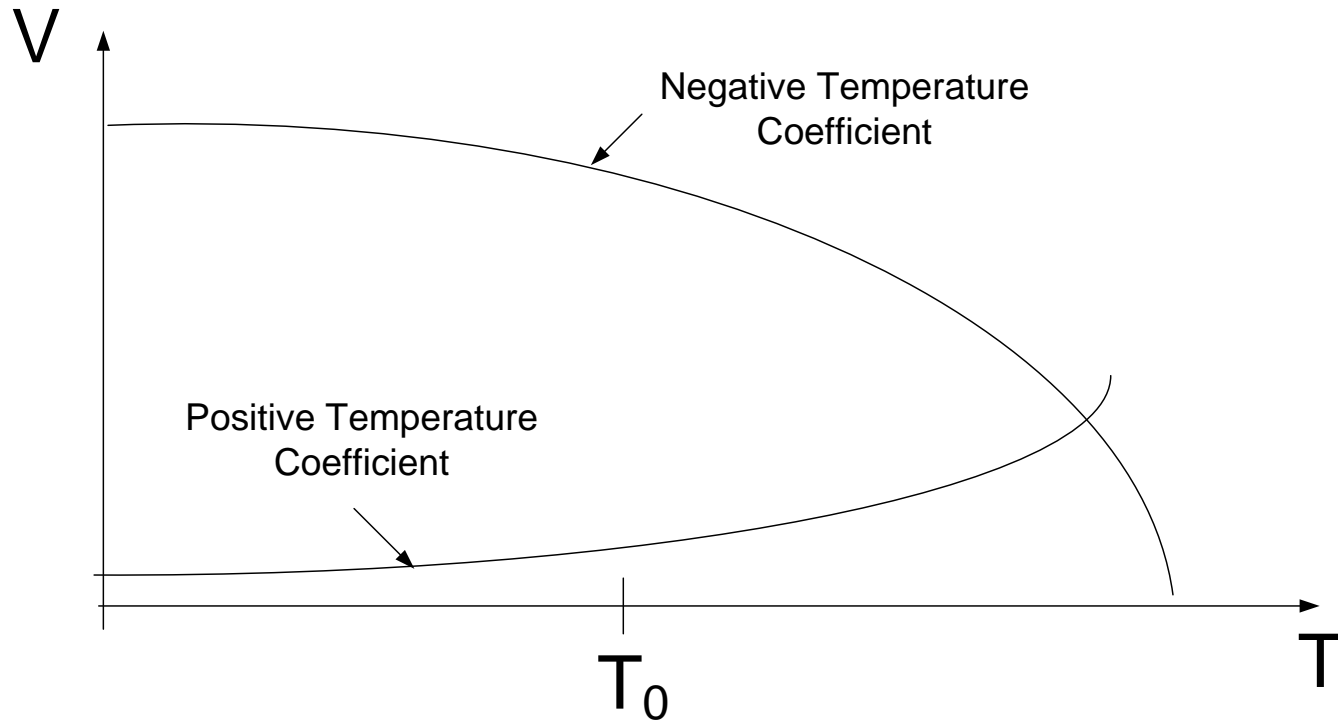
- V_{G0} is deeply embedded in a device model with horrible temperature effects !
- Good BJTs are not widely available in most MOS processes but the substrate pnp is available !

Standard Approach to Building Voltage References

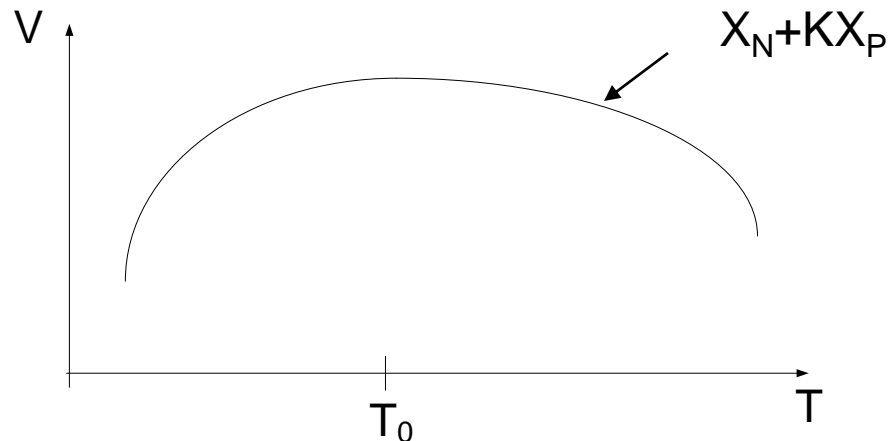
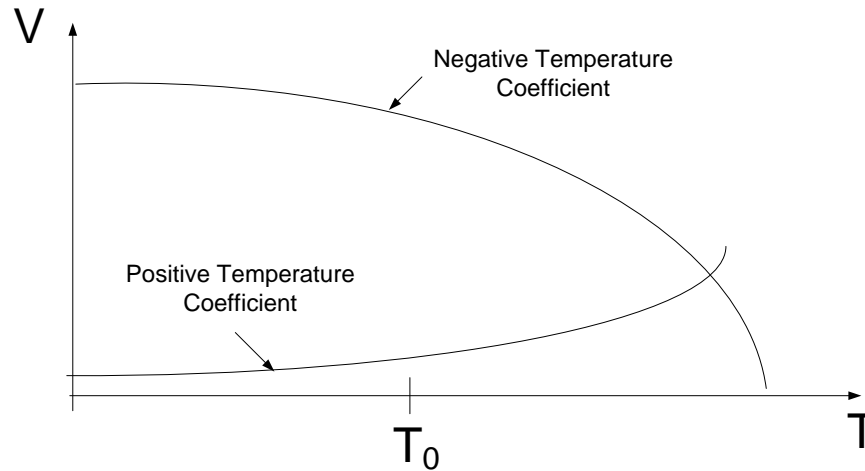


Pick K so that at some temperature T_0 , $\left. \frac{\partial(X_N + KX_P)}{\partial T} \right|_{T=T_0} = 0$

Standard Approach to Building Voltage References



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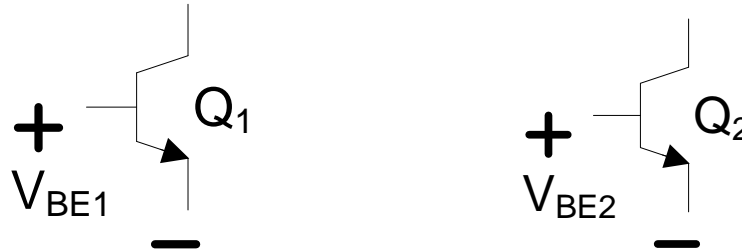


Select K so that

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Bandgap Voltage References

Consider two BJTs (or diodes)



$$I_C(T) = \left(\tilde{I}_{SX} \left[T^m e^{\frac{-V_{G0}}{V_t}} \right] \right) e^{\frac{V_{BE}(T)}{V_t}} \quad \dots \dots \dots \text{Exponential form}$$

$$V_{BE} = V_{G0} + V_t \ln \left(\frac{I_C}{\tilde{J}_{SX} A_E} \right) - m V_t \ln T \quad \dots \dots \dots \text{Logarithmic form}$$

$$V_{BE2} - V_{BE1} = \Delta V_{BE} = \left[\frac{k}{q} \ln \left(\frac{I_{C2} A_{E1}}{I_{C1} A_{E2}} \right) \right] T$$

If the $\frac{I_{C2} A_{E1}}{I_{C1} A_{E2}}$ ratio is constant and >1 , the TC of ΔV_{BE} is positive

ΔV_{BE} is termed a PTAT voltage (Proportional to Absolute Temperature)

This relationship applies irrespective of how temperature dependent I_{C1} and I_{C2} may be provided the ratio is constant !!

Bandgap Voltage References

Consider two BJTs (or diodes)



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$$\frac{\partial (V_{BE2} - V_{BE1})}{\partial T} = \frac{k}{q} \ln \left(\frac{I_{C2} A_{E1}}{I_{C1} A_{E2}} \right)$$

At room temperature if $\ln \left(\frac{I_{C2} A_{E1}}{I_{C1} A_{E2}} \right) = 1$

$$V_{BE2} - V_{BE1} = [8.6 \times 10^{-5} \times 300] = 25.8 \text{ mV}$$

and

$$\left. \frac{\partial (V_{BE2} - V_{BE1})}{\partial T} \right|_{T=T_0=300^\circ \text{K}} = 8.6 \times 10^{-5} = 86 \mu \text{V}/^\circ \text{C}$$

The temperature coefficient of the PTAT voltage is rather small

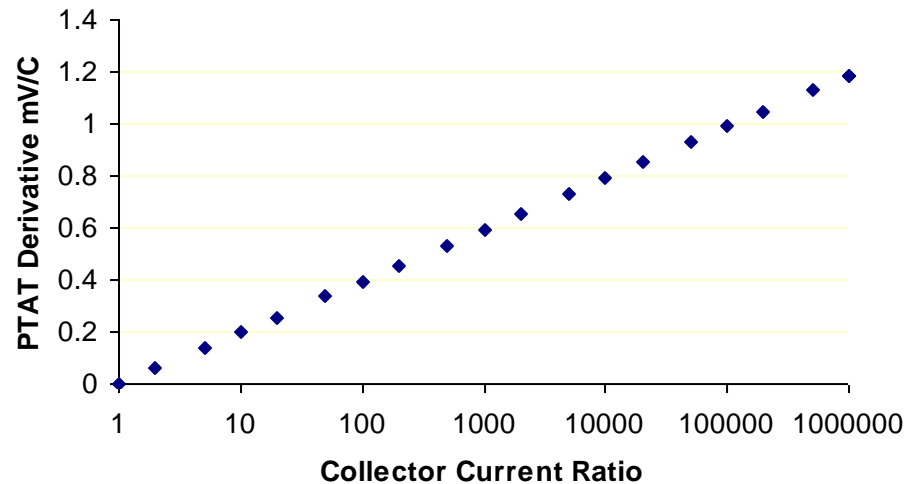
Bandgap Voltage References

Consider two BJTs (or diodes)



$$\frac{\partial(V_{BE2} - V_{BE1})}{\partial T} = \frac{k}{q} \ln\left(\frac{I_{C2}}{I_{C1}}\right)$$

At room temperature if $A_{E1}=A_{E2}$



The temperature coefficient of the PTAT voltage is rather small even if large collector current ratios are used

Bandgap Voltage References

Consider two BJTs (or diodes) Typically, $m=2.3$, $V_{G0}=1.2V$ Assume $V_{BE} \approx 0.65V$



$$I_C(T) = \left(\tilde{J}_{SX} A_E \left[T^m e^{\frac{-V_{G0}}{V_t}} \right] \right) e^{\frac{V_{BE}(T)}{V_t}}$$

$$V_{BE} = V_{G0} + V_t \ln \left(\frac{I_C}{\tilde{J}_{SX} A_E} \right) - m V_t \ln T$$

If I_C is independent of temperature, it follows that

$$\frac{\partial V_{BE}}{\partial T} = \frac{k}{q} \left[-m + \left(\frac{V_{BE} - V_{G0}}{V_t} \right) \right]$$

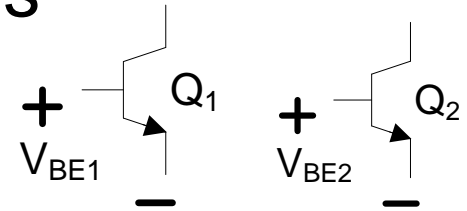
$$\left. \frac{\partial V_{BE}}{\partial T} \right|_{T=T_0=300^\circ K} \cong 8.6 \times 10^{-5} \left[-2.3 + \left(\frac{0.65 - 1.2}{25 \text{mV}} \right) \right] \cong -2.1 \text{mV}/^\circ \text{C}$$

Bandgap Voltage References

Consider two BJTs (or diodes)

Typically, $m=2.3$, $V_{G0}=1.2V$

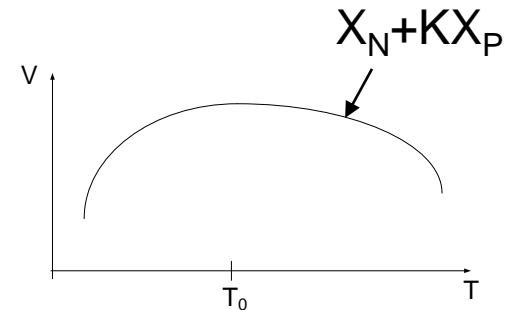
Assume $V_{BE} \approx 0.65V$



Thus if I_C independent of temperature and if $\ln\left(\frac{I_{C2}A_{E1}}{I_{C1}A_{E2}}\right) = 1$

$$\left. \frac{\partial V_{BE}}{\partial T} \right|_{T=T_0=300^{\circ}K} \cong -2.1mV/^{\circ}C$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial (V_{BE2} - V_{BE1})}{\partial T} \right|_{T=T_0=300^{\circ}K} = 86\mu V/^{\circ}C$$



Magnitude of TC of PTAT source is much smaller than that of V_{BE} source

Define:

$$X_N = V_{BE}$$

$$X_P = V_{BE2} - V_{BE1}$$

Create circuit with:

$$X_{OUT} = X_N + KX_P$$

If we want $\left. \frac{\partial (X_N + KX_P)}{\partial T} \right|_{T=T_0} = 0$

K will need to be large

Bandgap Voltage References

Consider two BJTs (or diodes)



$$V_{BE} = V_{G0} + V_t \ln \left(\frac{I_C}{\tilde{J}_{SX} A_E} \right) - m V_t \ln T$$

It was just shown that if I_C is independent of temperature

$$\left. \frac{\partial V_{BE}}{\partial T} \right|_{T=T_0=300^\circ\text{K}} \cong 8.6 \times 10^{-5} \left[-2.3 + \left(\frac{0.65 - 1.2}{25\text{mV}} \right) \right] \cong -2.1\text{mV}/^\circ\text{C}$$

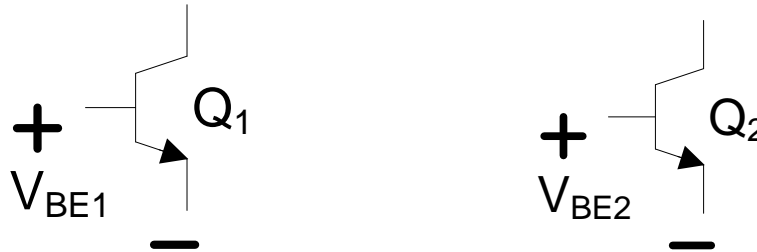
If I_C is reasonably independent of temperature, V_{BE} will still provide a negative TC

Even if I_C is highly dependent on temperature, V_{BE} will still provide a negative TC

Observe V_{G0} appears prominently in V_{BE}

Bandgap Voltage References

Consider two BJTs (or diodes)

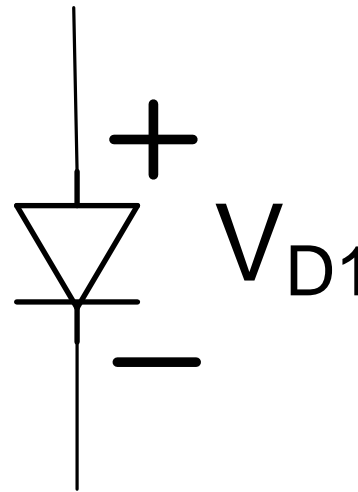
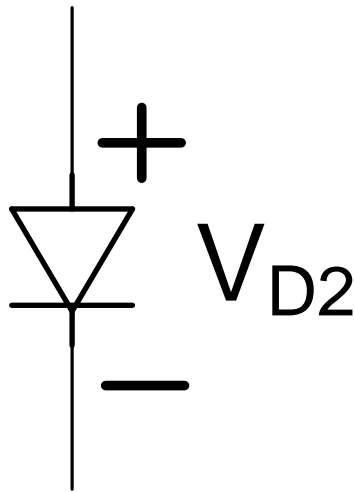


Key observation about diodes and diode-connected BJTs

1. If ratio of currents in two devices is constant, ΔV_{BE} is PTAT independent of the temperature dependence of the currents and temperature sensitivity is small
2. V_{BE} has a negative temperature coefficient for a wide range of temperature dependent or temperature independent currents and temperature sensitivity is much larger than that of ΔV_{BE}

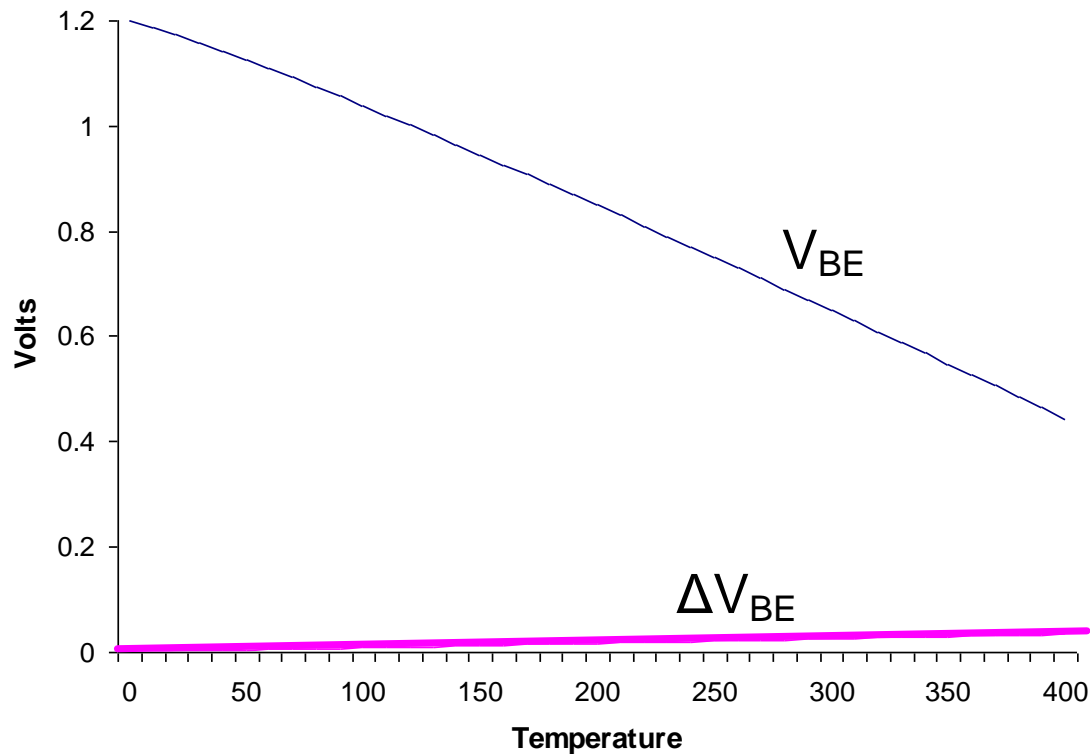
Bandgap Reference Circuits

- Circuits that implement ΔV_{BE} and V_{BE} or ΔV_D and V_D widely used to build bandgap references

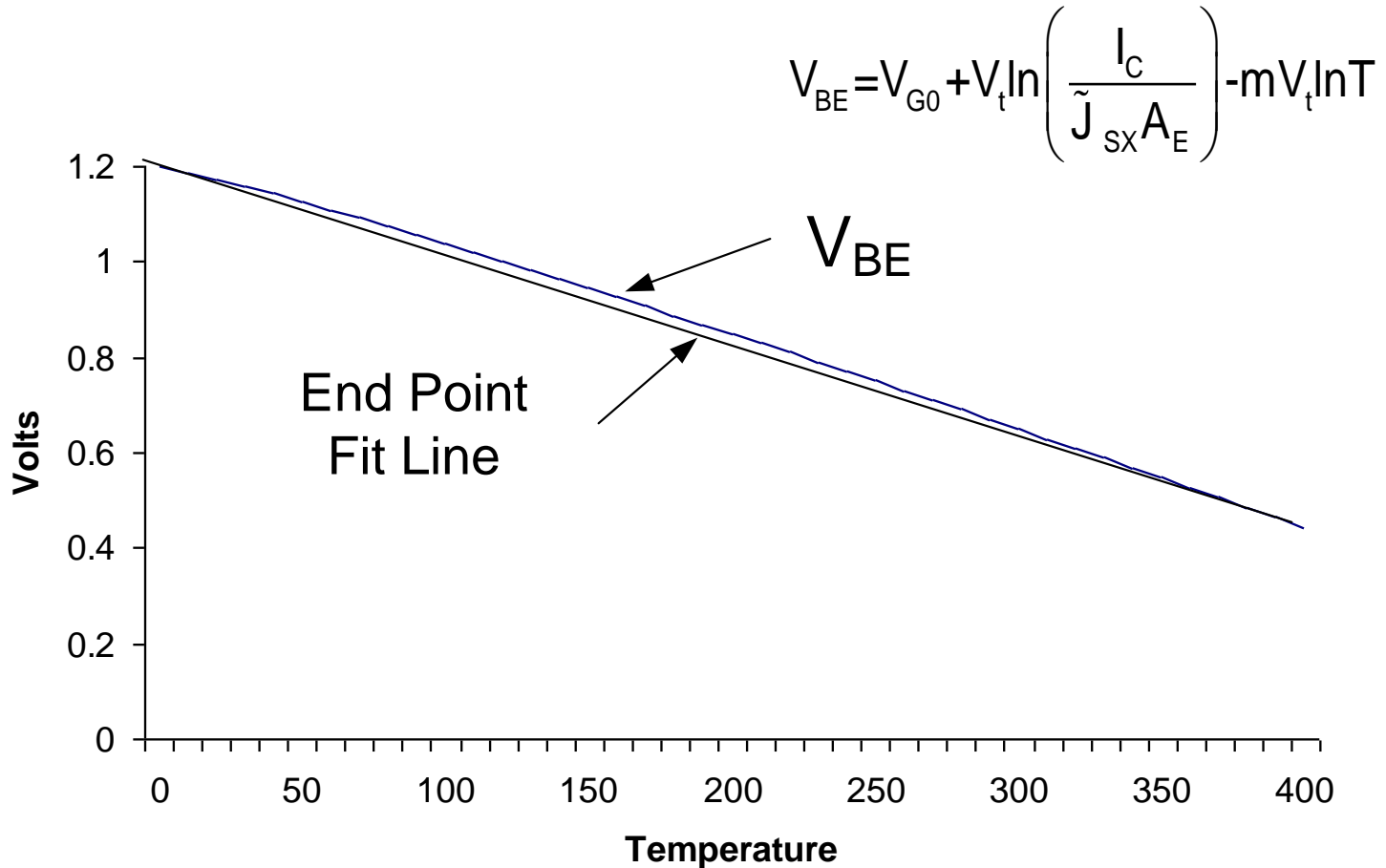


V_{BE} and ΔV_{BE} with constant I_C

$$V_{BE} = V_{G0} + V_t \ln \left(\frac{I_C}{\tilde{J}_{SX} A_E} \right) - m V_t \ln T$$

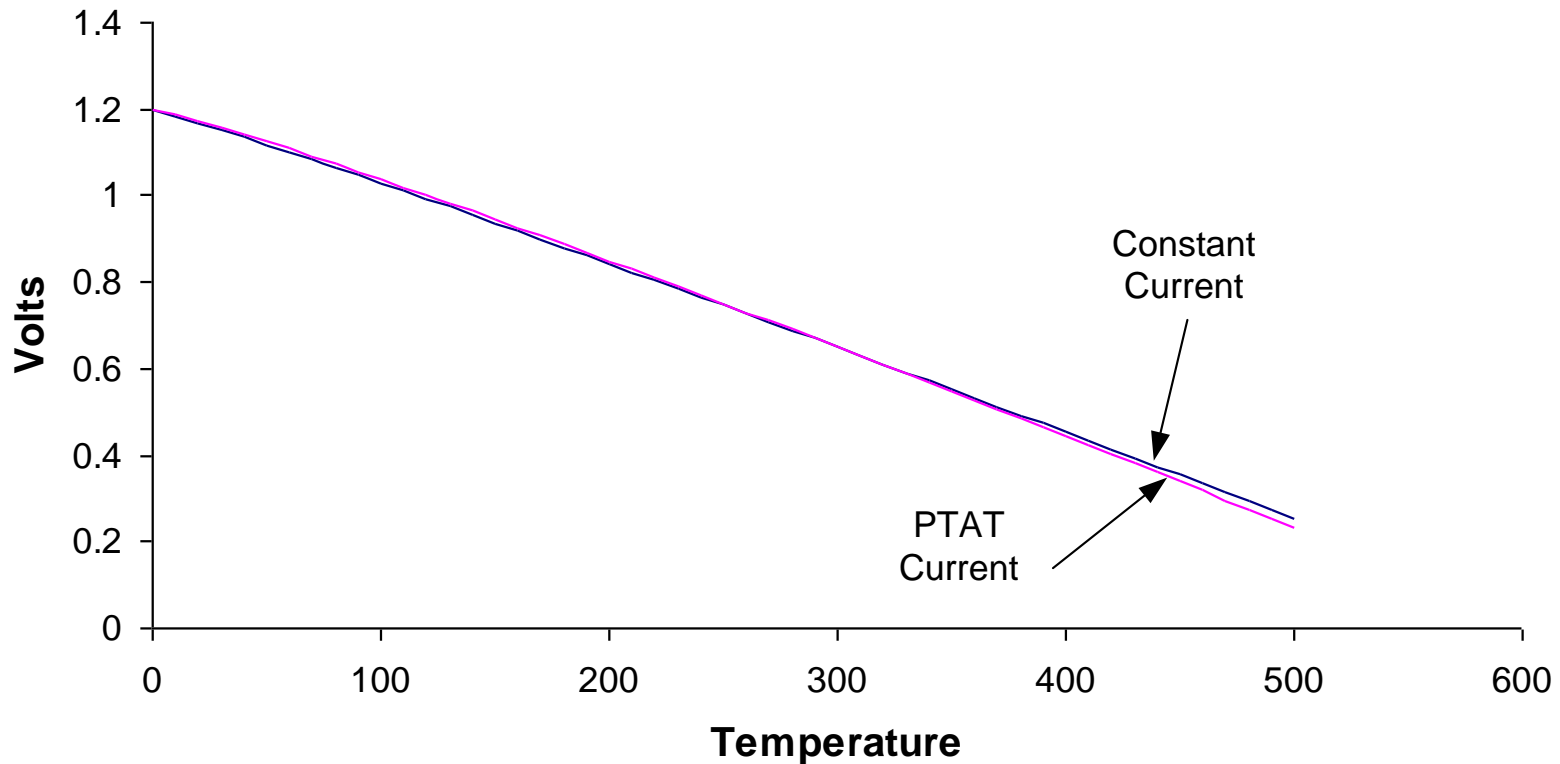


V_{BE} plot for constant I_C



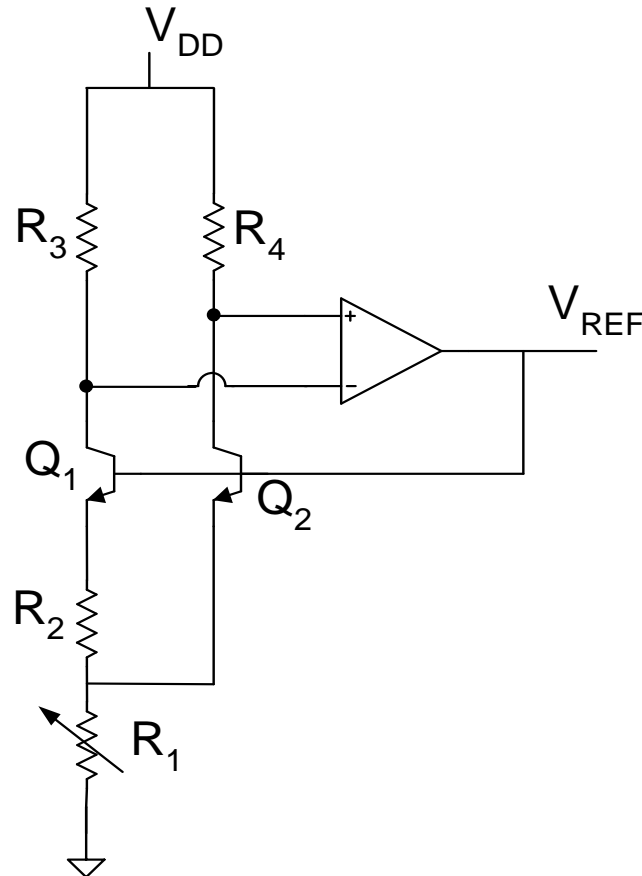
Combined effects of the T and $T \ln T$ terms in V_{BE} is nearly linear dependent on T

Comparison of V_{BE} with constant current and PTAT current



Even if I_C is highly-dependent on current, temperature dependence of V_{BE} is still nearly linearly dependent upon T

Early Bandgap Reference (and still widely used!)

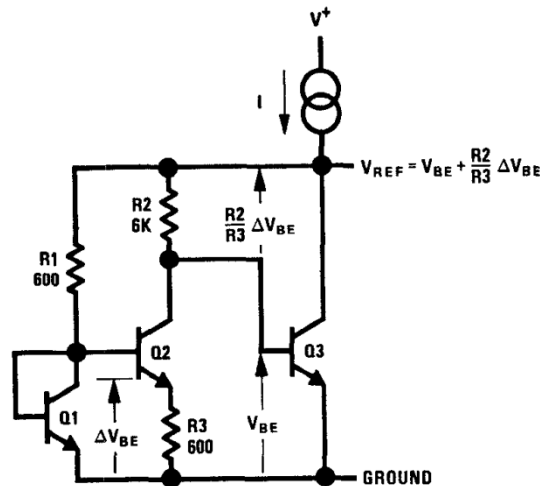


P.Brokaw, "A Simple Three-Terminal IC Bandgap Reference", IEEE Journal of Solid State Circuits, Vol. 9, pp. 388-393, Dec. 1974.

- Brokaw coined term "bandgap reference" when referring to this circuit
- Properties very similar circuits introduced by Widlar and Kujik a small while earlier
- Paper submitted May 1974, Widlar paper submitted March 1970

New Developments in IC Voltage Regulators

ROBERT J. WIDLAR



Widlar retired in Dec. 1970 at the age of 33

Widlar observed ΔV_{BE} is PTAT in 1965

- 1 R. J. Widlar, "Some circuit design techniques for linear integrated circuits," *IEEE Trans. Circuit Theory*, vol. CT-12, pp. 586-590, December 1965.

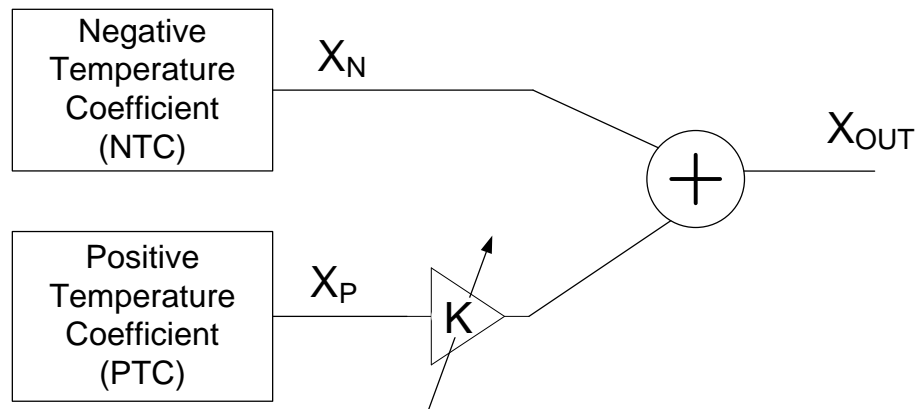
Most Published Analysis of Bandgap Circuits

V_{REF} often expressed as:

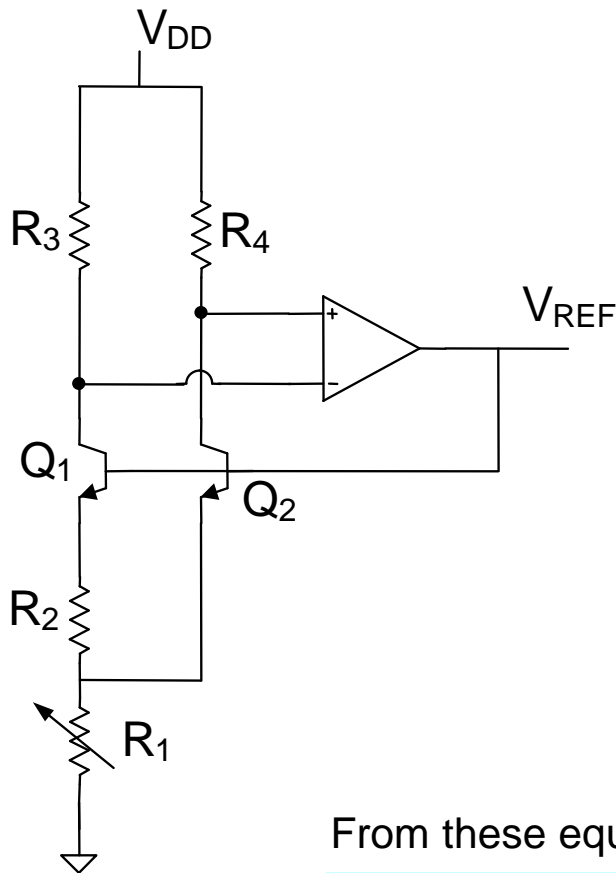
$$V_{REF} = V_{G0} + \frac{T}{T_0} (V_{BE0} - V_{G0}) + K \frac{kT}{q} \ln \left(\frac{J_2}{J_1} \right) + (m-1) \frac{kT}{q} \ln \left(\frac{T_0}{T} \right)$$

where K is the gain of the PTAT signal

(Not a solution and dependent upon both T_0 and V_{BE0})



First Bandgap Reference (and still widely used!)



$$I_{E1} R_2 + V_{BE1} = V_{BE2}$$

$$V_{REF} = V_{BE2} + (I_{E1} + I_{E2}) R_1$$

$$I_{C1} = \frac{V_{DD} - V_{C2}}{R_3}$$

$$I_{C2} = \frac{V_{DD} - V_{C2}}{R_4}$$

$$I_{C1} = \alpha_1 I_{E1}$$

$$I_{C2} = \alpha_2 I_{E2}$$

$$I_{E1} = I_{E2} \left[\frac{\alpha_2 R_4}{\alpha_1 R_3} \right]$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\beta}{1 + \beta}$$

$$I_{C1} = I_{C2} \left[\frac{R_4}{R_3} \right]$$

From these equations can show

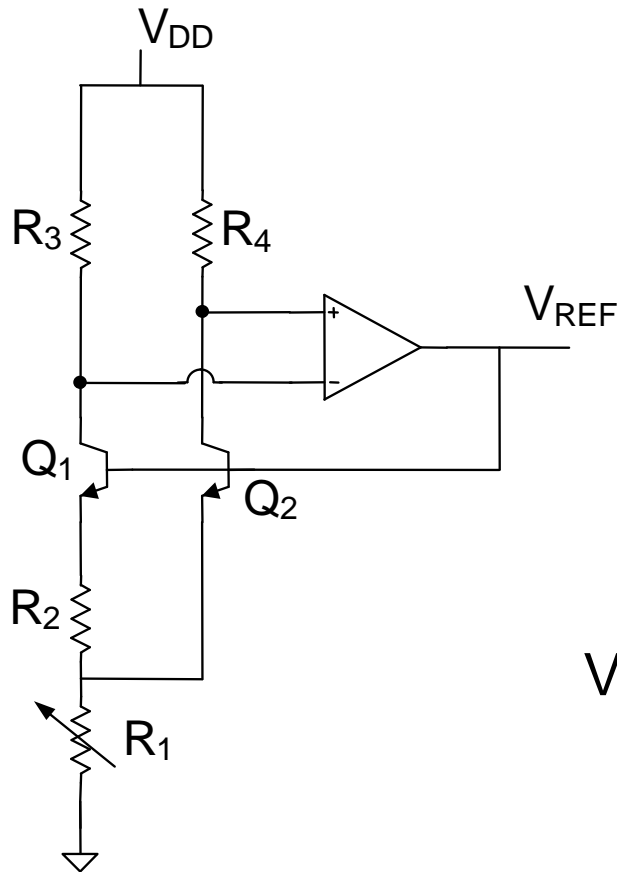
$$V_{REF} = V_{BE2} + (V_{BE2} - V_{BE1}) \left[\frac{R_1}{R_2} \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_1 R_3}{\alpha_2 R_4} \right) \right]$$

Not a solution but can provide zero temp slope by adjusting R_1

First Bandgap Reference (and still widely used!)

Will now obtain solution for V_{REF} (in terms of component values and model parameters)

$$V_{REF} = V_{BE2} + (V_{BE2} - V_{BE1}) \left[\frac{R_1}{R_2} \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_1 R_3}{\alpha_2 R_4} \right) \right]$$



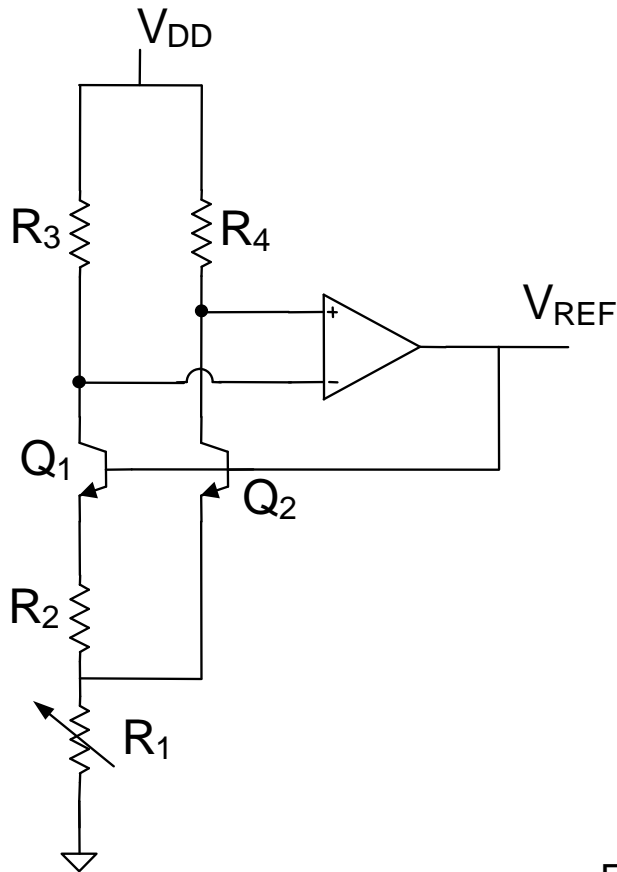
$$\left. \begin{aligned} V_{BE1} &= V_{G0} + V_t \ln \left(\frac{I_{C1}}{\tilde{J}_{SX} A_{E1}} \right) - m V_t \ln T \\ V_{BE2} &= V_{G0} + V_t \ln \left(\frac{I_{C2}}{\tilde{J}_{SX} A_{E2}} \right) - m V_t \ln T \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$I_{C1} = I_{C2} \left[\frac{R_4}{R_3} \right]$$

$$V_{BE2} - V_{BE1} = \Delta V_{BE} = \left[\frac{k}{q} \ln \left(\frac{A_{E1}}{A_{E2}} \left[\frac{R_3}{R_4} \right] \right) \right] T$$

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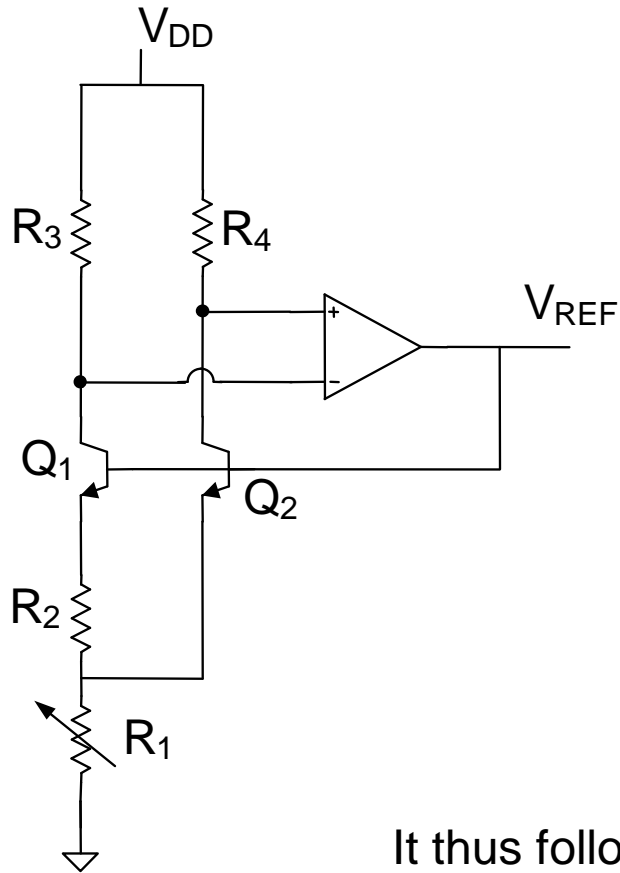
$$I_{C1} = I_{C2} \left[\frac{R_4}{R_3} \right]$$

$$\frac{I_{C1}}{\alpha_1} R_2 + V_{BE1} = V_{BE2}$$

From the expression for V_{BE2} and some routine but tedious manipulations it follows that

$$V_{BE2} = V_{G0} + (1 - m) V_t \ln T + V_t \ln \left(\frac{k}{q} \frac{\alpha_1}{R_2 A_{E2} \tilde{J}_{SX}} \frac{R_3}{R_4} \ln \left(\frac{A_{E1} R_3}{A_{E2} R_4} \right) \right)$$

First Bandgap Reference (and still widely used!)



$$V_{\text{REF}} = V_{\text{BE2}} + (V_{\text{BE2}} - V_{\text{BE1}}) \left[\frac{R_1}{R_2} \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_1 R_3}{\alpha_2 R_4} \right) \right]$$

$$V_{\text{BE2}} - V_{\text{BE1}} = \left[\frac{k}{q} \ln \left(\frac{A_{\text{E1}}}{A_{\text{E2}}} \left[\frac{R_3}{R_4} \right] \right) \right] T$$

$$V_{\text{BE2}} = V_{\text{G0}} + (1-m) V_t \ln T + V_t \ln \left(\frac{k}{q} \frac{\alpha_1}{R_2 A_{\text{E2}} \tilde{J}_{\text{SX}}} \frac{R_3}{R_4} \ln \left(\frac{A_{\text{E1}}}{A_{\text{E2}}} \frac{R_3}{R_4} \right) \right)$$

It thus follows that:

$$V_{\text{REF}} = V_{\text{G0}} + V_t \ln \left\{ \frac{\alpha_1 R_3}{R_2 R_4} T \frac{k}{q} \ln \left(\frac{A_{\text{E1}}}{A_{\text{E2}}} \frac{R_3}{R_4} \right) \right\} - V_t \left(\ln(\tilde{J}_{\text{SX2}}) + m \ln T \right) + \left[\frac{k}{q} \ln \left(\frac{A_{\text{E1}}}{A_{\text{E2}}} \left(\frac{R_3}{R_4} \right) \right) \right] \left[\frac{R_1}{R_2} \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_1 R_3}{\alpha_2 R_4} \right) \right] T$$

First Bandgap Reference (and still widely used!)

$$V_{REF} = V_{BE2} + (V_{BE2} - V_{BE1}) \left[\frac{R_1}{R_2} \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_1 R_3}{\alpha_2 R_4} \right) \right]$$

$$V_{REF} = V_{G0} + V_t \ln \left\{ \frac{\alpha_1 R_3}{R_2 R_4} T \frac{k}{q} \ln \left(\frac{A_{E1} R_3}{A_{E2} R_4} \right) \right\} - V_t \left(\ln(\tilde{I}_{SK2}) + m \ln T \right) + \left[\frac{k}{q} \ln \left(\frac{A_{E1}}{A_{E2}} \left(\frac{R_3}{R_4} \right) \right) \right] \left[\frac{R_1}{R_2} \left(1 + \frac{\alpha_1 R_3}{\alpha_2 R_4} \right) \right] T$$

This can be expressed after some tedious algebraic manipulations as

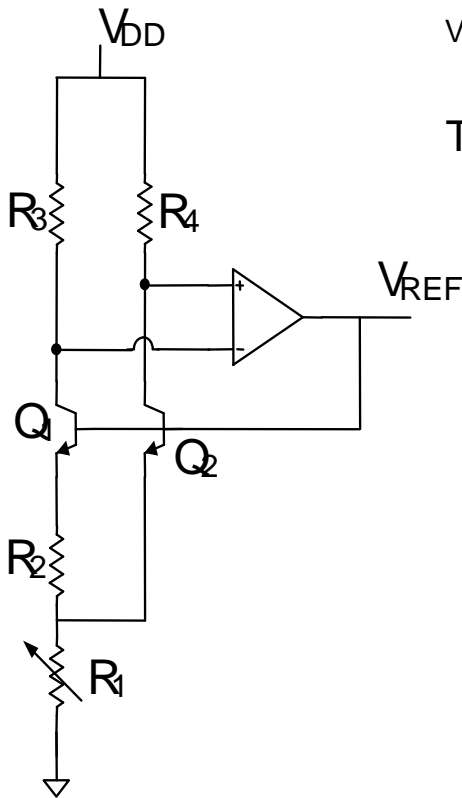
$$V_{REF} = a_1 + b_1 T + c_1 T \ln T$$

where

$$a_1 = V_{G0}$$

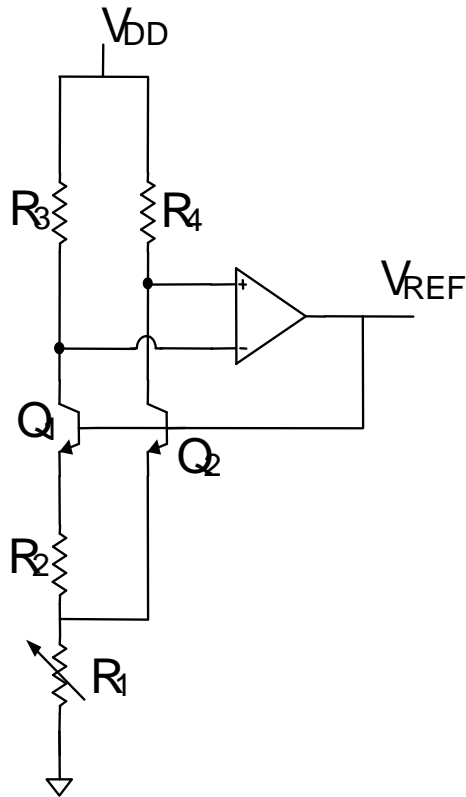
$$b_1 = \frac{k}{q} \left(\frac{R_1}{R_2} \left(1 + \frac{R_3 \alpha_1}{R_4 \alpha_2} \right) \ln \left(\frac{R_3}{R_4} \frac{A_{E1}}{A_{E2}} \right) + \ln \left(\frac{k R_3}{q R_4} \alpha_1 \frac{\ln \left(\frac{R_3}{R_1} \frac{A_{E1}}{A_{E2}} \right)}{\tilde{I}_{SK2} R_2} \right) \right)$$

$$c_1 = \frac{k}{q} (1 - m)$$



First Bandgap Reference (and still widely used!)

$$V_{REF} = a_1 + b_1 T + c_1 T \ln T$$



$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= V_{GO} \\ b_1 &= \frac{k}{q} \left[\frac{R_1}{R_2} \left(1 + \frac{R_3 \alpha_1}{R_4 \alpha_2} \right) \ln \left(\frac{R_3}{R_4} \frac{A_{E1}}{A_{E2}} \right) + \ln \left(\frac{k R_3}{q R_4} \alpha_1 \frac{\ln \left(\frac{R_3}{R_1} \frac{A_{E1}}{A_{E2}} \right)}{\tilde{I}_{SK2} R_2} \right) \right] \\ c_1 &= \frac{k}{q} (1 - m) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{dV_{REF}}{dT} = b_1 + c_1 (1 + \ln T) = 0$$

$$T_{INF} = e^{-\left(1 + \frac{b_1}{c_1}\right)}$$

$$b_1 = -c_1 (1 + \ln T_{INF})$$

$$\text{at } T_{INF} \quad V_{REF} = a_1 - c_1 T_{INF}$$

$$V_{REF} = V_{GO} + \frac{k T_{INF}}{q} (m - 1)$$

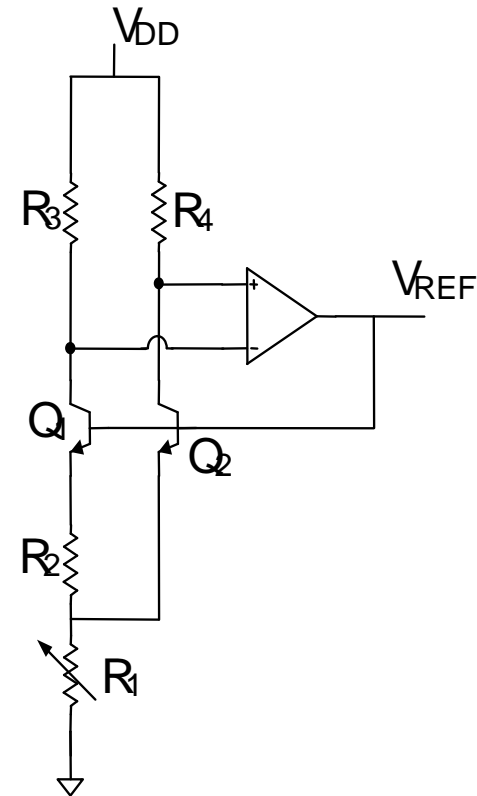
$$\frac{k T_{INF}}{q} (m - 1)$$

is small



Nearly V_{GO} output at T_{INF}

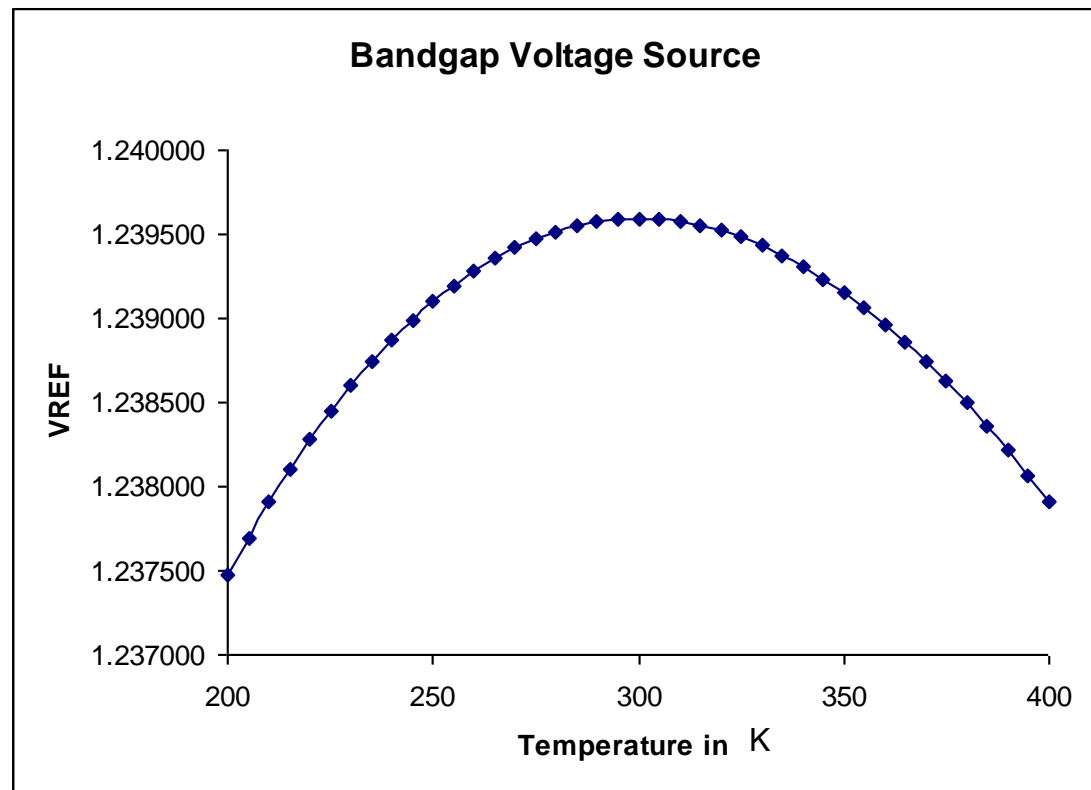
First Bandgap Reference (and still widely used!)



VGO	1.206
TO	300
VBEO2	0.65
m-1	1.3
k/q	8.61E-05

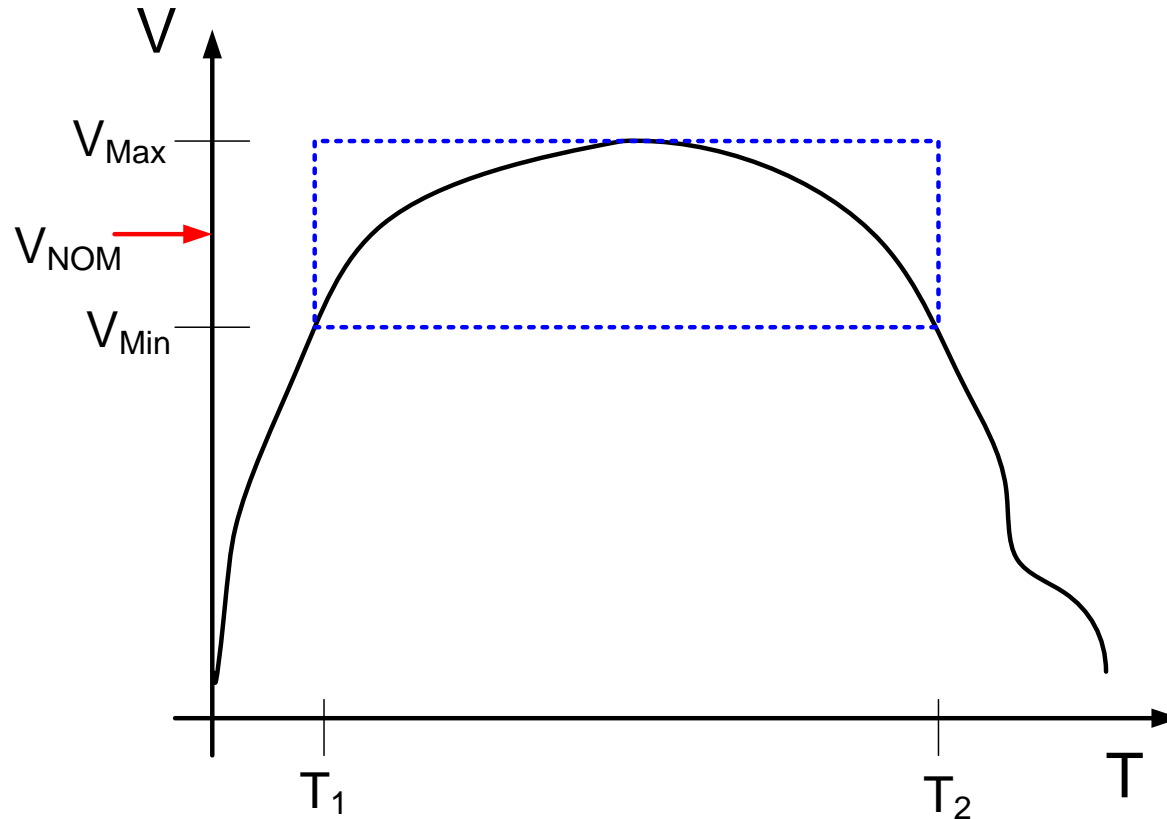
$$V_{REF} = a_1 + b_1T + c_1T\ln T$$

$$V_{REF}(T_{INF}) = V_{G0} + \frac{kT_{INF}}{q}(m-1)$$



Only 2mV change over 200°C temp range !

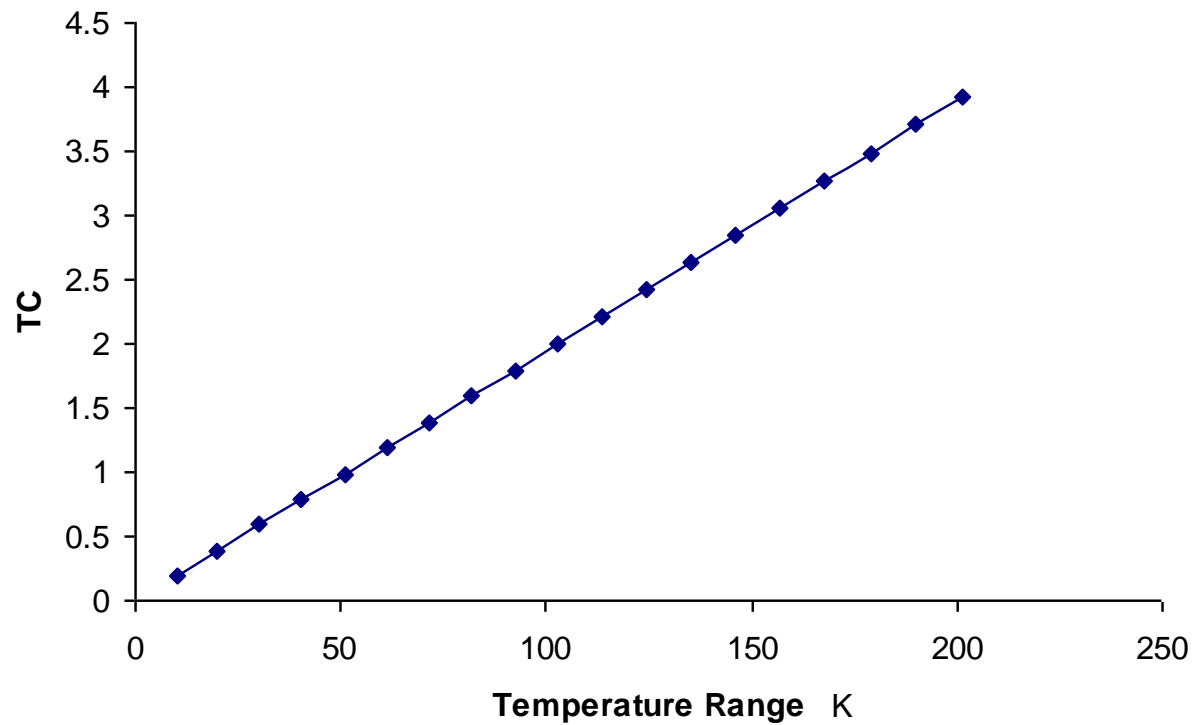
Temperature Coefficient



$$TC = \frac{V_{\text{MAX}} - V_{\text{MIN}}}{T_2 - T_1}$$

$$TC_{\text{ppm}} = \frac{V_{\text{MAX}} - V_{\text{MIN}}}{V_{\text{NOM}} (T_2 - T_1)} 10^6$$

TC of Bandgap Reference (+/- ppm/C)



Banba Bandgap Reference



[7] H. Banba, H. Shiga, A. Umezawa, T. Miyaba, T. Tanzawa, A. Atsumi, and K. Sakkui, IEEE Journal of Solid-State Circuits, Vol. 34, pp. 670-674, May 1999.

Note this was introduced 25 years after the Brokaw reference

Bamba Bandgap Reference

$$I_{R0} = \frac{\Delta V_{BE}}{R_0}$$

$$I_{R1} = \frac{V_{BE1}}{R_1}$$

$$I_{R2} = I_{R1}$$

$$I_2 = I_{R0} + I_{R2}$$

$$I_3 = K I_2$$

K is the ratio of I_3 to I_2

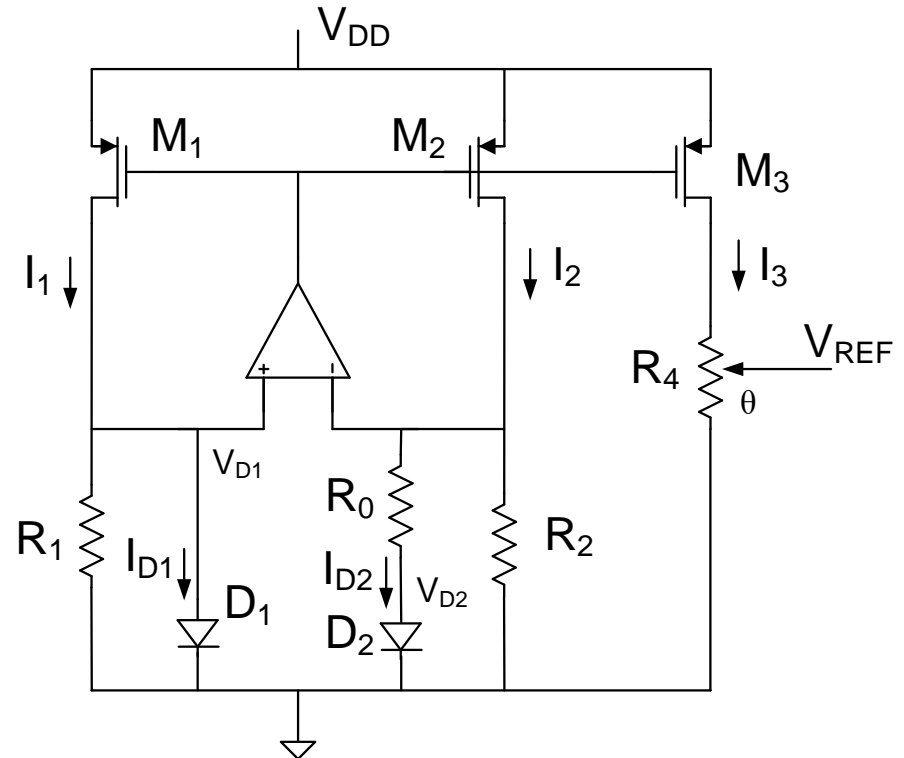
$$V_{REF} = \theta I_3 R_4$$

Substituting, we obtain

$$V_{REF} = \theta K R_4 \left(\frac{V_{BE}}{R_1} + \frac{\Delta V_{BE}}{R_0} \right)$$

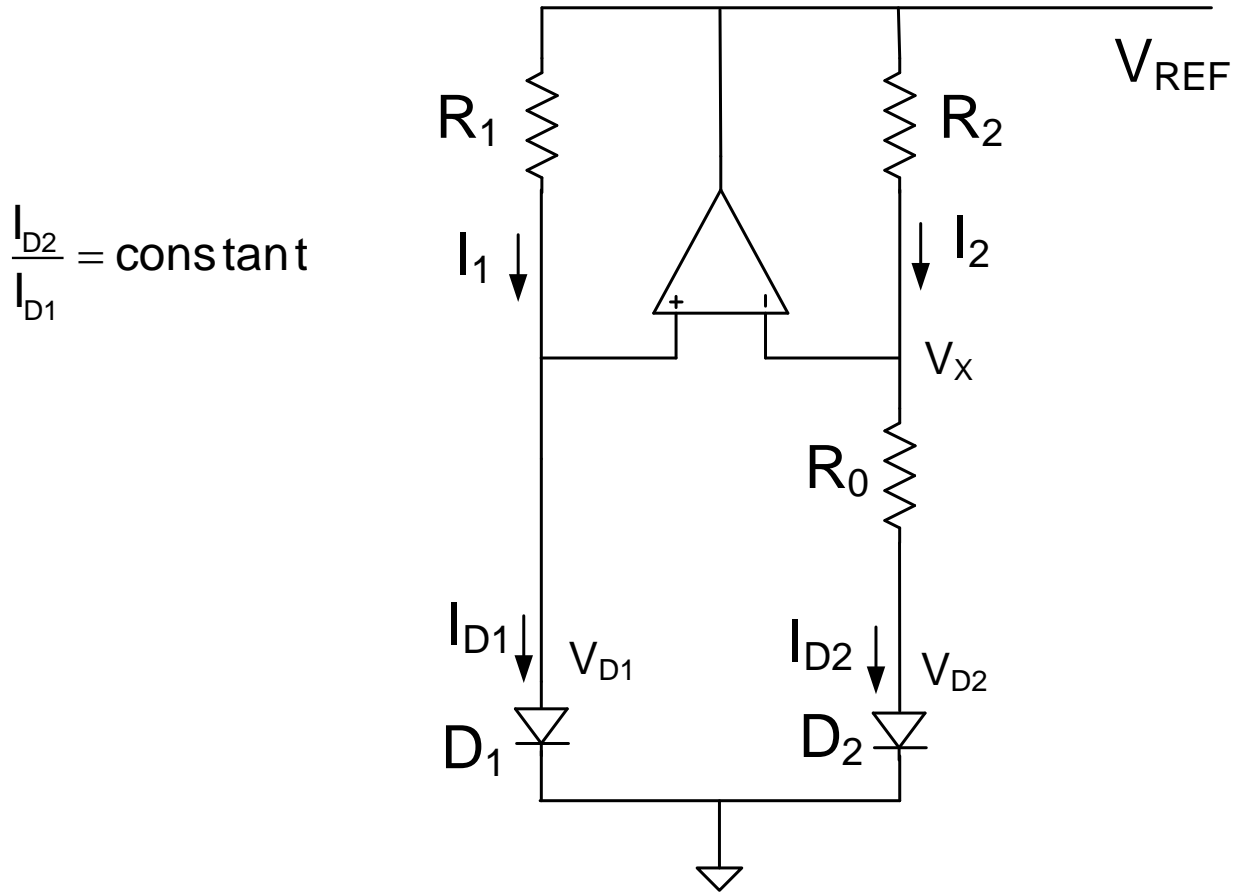
$$V_{REF} = \theta K \frac{R_4}{R_1} \left(V_{BE} + \frac{R_1}{R_0} \Delta V_{BE} \right)$$

With some tedious algebra, it follows that $V_{REF} = a_{11} + b_{11}T + c_{11}T \ln T$



Note this is of the same form as that of the Brokow reference !

Kujik Bandgap Reference



[12] K. Kujik, "A Precision Reference Voltage Source",
IEEE Journal of Solid State Circuits, Vol. 8, pp. 222-226, June
1973.

Kujik Bandgap Reference

$$I_{R0} = \frac{\Delta V_{BE}}{R_0}$$

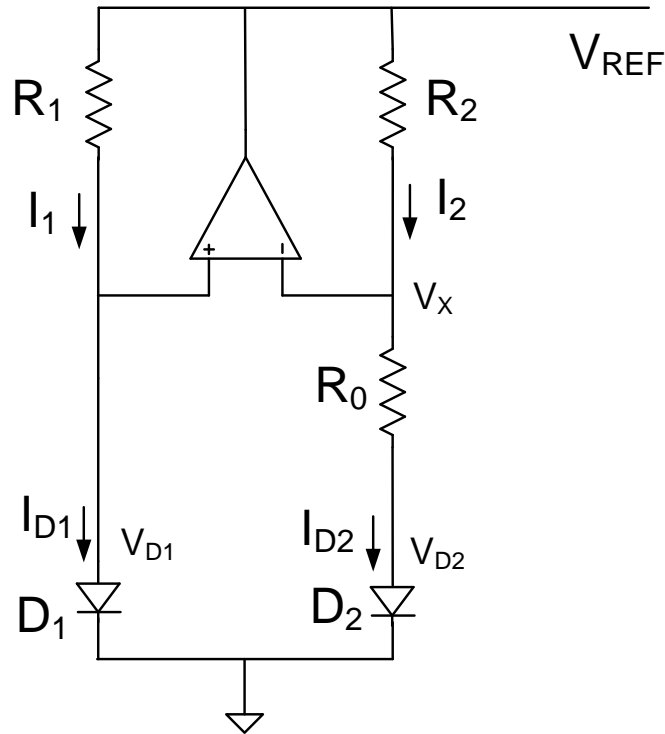
$$I_2 = I_{R0}$$

$$V_{REF} = I_2 R_2 + V_{BE1}$$

solving, we obtain

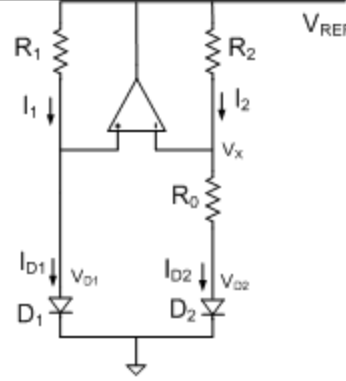
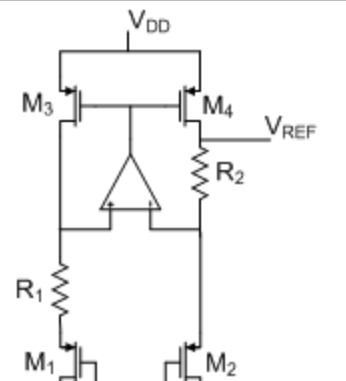
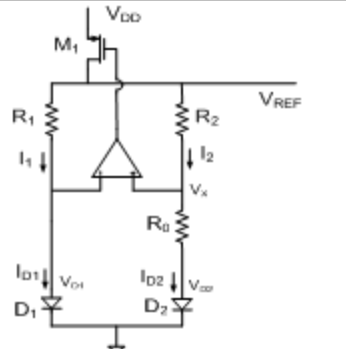
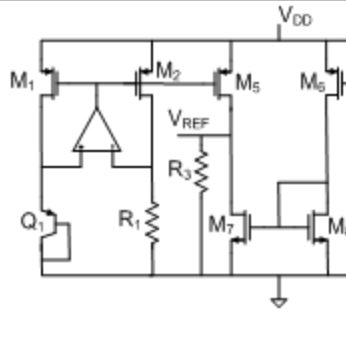
$$V_{REF} = \frac{R_2}{R_0} \Delta V_{BE} + V_{BE1}$$

$$V_{REF} = a_{22} + b_{22}T + c_{22}T \ln T$$





<p>Brokaw</p>	<p>Banba</p>
<p>Mietus</p>	<p>Modified Banba</p>
<p>Modified Mietus</p>	<p>Modified Banba</p>

	
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Almost all of the published bandgap references have an output of the form:

$$V_{\text{REF}} = a + bT + cT \ln T$$

	a	b	c
<u>Brokow</u>	$a_1 = V_{G0}$	$b_1 = \frac{k}{q} \left[\frac{R_1}{R_2} \left(1 + \frac{R_2 a_1}{R_1 a_2} \right) \ln \left(\frac{R_2 A_{s1}}{R_1 A_{s2}} \right) + \ln \left(\frac{k R_2}{q R_1} a_1 \frac{\ln \left(\frac{R_2 A_{s1}}{R_1 A_{s2}} \right)}{I_{sc2} R_2} \right) \right]$	$c_1 = \frac{k}{q} (1-m)$
<u>Banba</u>	$a_2 = \left[\frac{R_4}{R_1} \theta K_3 \right] V_{G0}$	$b_2 = \left[\frac{k}{q} \theta K_3 \right] \left[\frac{R_4}{R_0} \ln \left(\frac{A_{D2}}{A_{D1}} \right) + \frac{R_4}{R_1} \ln \left(\frac{k}{q} \frac{\ln \left(\frac{A_{D2}}{A_{D1}} \right)}{R_0 A_{D1} \tilde{J}_{SX1}} \right) \right]$	$c_2 = \left[\frac{R_4}{R_1} \theta K_3 \right] \frac{k}{q} (1-m)$
<u>Mieteus</u>	$a_3 = K_5 V_{G0}$	$b_3 = \frac{k}{q} \left[K_3 \frac{R_4}{R_0} \ln \left(K_1 \frac{A_{D2}}{A_{D1}} \right) + K_5 \left[\ln \frac{k}{q} + \frac{\ln \left(K_1 \frac{A_{D2}}{A_{D1}} \right)}{J_{SX} A_{D2}} \right] \right]$	$c_3 = \frac{k}{q} K_5 (1-m)$
<u>Kuijk</u>	$a_4 = V_{G0}$	$b_4 = \frac{k}{q} \left[\frac{R_2}{R_0} \ln \left(\frac{R_2}{R_1} \frac{A_{D2}}{A_{D1}} \right) + \ln \left(\frac{R_2}{R_1} \frac{k}{q} \frac{\ln \left(\frac{R_2}{R_1} \frac{A_{D2}}{A_{D1}} \right)}{R_0 A_{D1} \tilde{J}_{SX}} \right) \right]$	$c_4 = \frac{k}{q} (1-m)$
Modified Kuijk	$a_5 = V_{G0}$	$b_5 = \frac{k}{q} \left[\frac{R_2}{R_0} \ln \left(\frac{R_2}{R_1} \frac{A_{D2}}{A_{D1}} \right) + \ln \left(\frac{R_2}{R_1} \frac{k}{q} \frac{\ln \left(\frac{R_2}{R_1} \frac{A_{D2}}{A_{D1}} \right)}{R_0 A_{D1} \tilde{J}_{SX}} \right) \right]$	$c_5 = \frac{k}{q} (1-m)$
Modified Kuijk	$a_6 = K V_{G0}$	$b_6 = \frac{k}{q} K \left[\frac{R_2}{R_0} \ln \left(\frac{R_2}{R_1} \frac{A_{D2}}{A_{D1}} \right) + \ln \left(\frac{R_2}{R_1} \frac{k}{q} \frac{\ln \left(\frac{R_2}{R_1} \frac{A_{D2}}{A_{D1}} \right)}{R_0 A_{D1} \tilde{J}_{SX}} \right) \right]$	$c_6 = \frac{k}{q} K (1-m)$
Doyle	$a_6 = V_{G0}$	$b_6 = \frac{k}{q} \left[\frac{K_2}{R_0} \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3} \ln \left(K_1 \frac{A_{s1}}{A_{s2}} \right) + \frac{R_3 + R_2}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3} \ln \left(\frac{K_1 k}{R_0 q} \ln \left(K_1 \frac{A_{s1}}{A_{s2}} \right) \right) - \ln(J_{sx} A_{s1}) \right]$	$c_6 = \frac{k}{q} \left(\frac{R_2 + R_3}{R_1 + R_2 + R_3} - m \right)$

$$V_{\text{REF}} = a + bT + cT \ln T$$

- Start-up Circuits Required on all Bandgap References discussed here
- Bandgap circuits widely used to build voltage references for over 4 decades
- Basic bandgap circuits still used today
- Trimming often required to set inflection point at desired temperature
- Offset voltage of Op Amp and TCR of resistors degrade performance
- Experimental performance often a factor of 2 to 10 worse than that predicted here but still quite good
- Ongoing research activities focusing on improving performance of bandgap references



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End of Lecture 42