



Metal Detector

A metal detector consists of an oscillator (a transmitter) with an LC resonant circuit. Metal objects that are within the magnetic field of inductance affects the resonance frequency so that the oscillator frequency changes.

A microprocessor with a frequency measurement orogram indicates the frequency changes.

• Ahead of the lab, we now need to study resonant circuits and amplifiers – oscillators.



The calculations of the circuit is really quite complicated - but we venture to us on a "guess":

$$C_{ERS} = \frac{C \cdot C}{C + C} = \frac{C}{2} \quad f_0 \approx \frac{1}{2\pi \sqrt{L \cdot \frac{C}{2}}}$$







CMOS-inverter



• Do you remember the CMOS-inverter from Digital Design??

(MOS-Old school)



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Put the file cmos_model.txt in your work folder. It containes "scalable" models. Write the directive: .include cmos_model.txt

Model Name MP	0K	Model Name: MN	OK
Length(L); 5u	Cancel	Lengh(L) Su	Cano
Width(W): 480u		Width(w): 1242	-
Drain Area(AD):		Drain Area(AD)	-
Source Area(AS):		Source Area(AS):	- 2
Drain Perimeter(PD)	- 6	Drain Permeter(PD)	
Source Perimeter(PS)	-2	Source Perimeter(PS)	- 3
No. Paralel Devices(M):	-1	No. Parallel Devices(M):	
MR 1-8		MN 1-5u w=124u	

• NMOS Model Name: MN Length (L): 5u Width (W): 124u • PMOS Model Name: MP Length (L): 5u Width (W): 480u

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With these choices the two transistors will get equal strength!

(CMOS-inverter)



Simulate with dc- sweep : .dc V2 0 5 0.01

X



Transistors with equal strength will have the transition at 2,5V.



• A ring oscillator consisting of an odd number inverters connected in feedback.



Ring-oscillator



Copy the inverter 5 times! (Vi have a chip with 6 inverters)



5 inverters in "ring"

+ Buffer

Ring-oscillator



Simulate with: .tran .2u



Propagation delay
of one inverter:
$$t_{PD} = \frac{35}{5+5} = 3,5$$
 ns

The ring oscillator can be used to indirectly measure the gate delay of the logic circuits!

Amplifier



If feedback the output to the input $U_{out} = U_{in}$ on a inverter then the voltage will the voltage end up between "1" and "0". The slope is steep, so an input voltage variation is greatly enhanced. A positive input signal shift gives rise to an enhanced negative output voltage change, so we have 180° phase shift.

Amplifier



*U*_{in}: 0,5 V (top value) sinusoidal voltage (at the 2,5V level)

*U*_{out}: 2,5 V (top value) sinusoidal voltage with opposite sign **180°** phase shift.

Amplification 0,5:2,5 **1:5**

R1 = 1k R2 = 5k(You guessed correctly, the amplification is given by R2/R1)

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If the total phase shift in the blocks F and G is 0° for some frequency, and at the same time there is a net gain (>1) for that frequency – then the amplifier will oscillate with that frequency!



Harry Nyquist

This is known as the Nyquist criterion for stability!



Oscillator



Oscillator at lab. One inverter has feedback from the resonance filter. One extra inverter acts as a buffer to make the signal digital.



At lab we use a cheap counter chip. Oscillator frequency is divided with up to 12 stages – to an audible signal. (You've heard about this chip in the Digital Design Course).