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# **The Mextram Bipolar Transistor Model**

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**Mextram definition document**

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**Abstract:** This document presents the definition of the CMC world standard model Mextram, for vertical bipolar transistors.

The goal of this document is to present the full definition of the model, including the parameter set, the equivalent circuit and all the equations for currents, charges and noise sources.

Apart from the definition also an introduction into the physical background is given. We have given also a very basic parameter extraction procedure. Both the background and the parameter extraction are documented separately in dedicated documents.

The transition from Mextram 503 to Mextram 504 is described, to enable the translation of a 503 parameter-set to a 504 parameter-set. At last we have given some numerical examples that can act as a test of implementation.

## Preface

**October 2004** The Mextram bipolar transistor model has been put in the public domain in Januari 1994. At that time level 503, version 1 of Mextram was used within Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V. In June 1995 version 503.2 was released which contained some improvements.

Mextram level 504 contains a complete review of the Mextram model. The preliminary version has been completed in June 2000. This report documents version 504.5.

October 2004, J.P.

**March 2005** In the fall of 2004, Mextram was elected as a world standard transistor model by the *Compact Model Council (CMC)*, a consortium of representatives from over 20 major semiconductor manufacturers.

This report documents version 504.6.

March 2005, RvdT.

**Spring 2008** In 2007, the notion of flexible topology was introduced by the community of compact model developers and model implementation specialists. In the spring 2008 release of Mextram, this was used to extend the topology of Mextram and add the distribution of the collector resistance in a backwards compatible manner.

This report documents version 504.7.

Spring 2008, RvdT.

**Q4 2008, Q1 2009** This document presents version 504.8, which adds a model for Zener tunneling currents in the Emitter base junction.

**Q4 2009 – Q1 2010** This document presents version 504.9, which extends collector-substrate modelling capabilities.

**Q4 2010 – Q1 2011** This document presents version 504.10, which extends parasitic main current modelling capabilities.

Delft University, 2011, RvdT.

## History of model and documentation

June 2000 : Release of Mextram level 504 (preliminary version)  
Complete review of the model compared to Mextram level 503

April 2001 : Release of Mextram 504, version 0 (504.0)  
Small fixes:  
– Parameters  $R_{th}$  and  $C_{th}$  added to MULT-scaling

- Expression for  $\alpha$  in Eq. (4.221) fixed
- Changes w.r.t. June 2000 version:
- Addition of overlap capacitances  $C_{BEO}$  and  $C_{BCO}$
  - Change in temperature scaling of diffusion voltages
  - Change in neutral base recombination current (4.178)
  - Addition of numerical examples with self-heating
- September 2001 : Release of Mextram 504, version 1 (504.1)  
 Lower bound on  $R_{th}$  is now  $0^\circ\text{C}/\text{W}$   
 Small changes in  $F_{ex}$  (4.166) and  $Q_{B_1B_2}$  (4.173) to enhance robustness
- March 2002 : Release of Mextram 504, version 2 (504.2)  
 Numerical stability improvement of  $x_i/W_{epi}$  at small  $\mathcal{V}_{C_1C_2}$ , p. 49  
 Numerical stability improvement of  $p_0^*$ , Eq. (4.203)
- December 2002 : Minor changes in documentation, not in model
- October 2003 : Release of Mextram 504, version 3 (504.3)  
 MULT has been moved in list of parameters  
 Lower clipping value of  $T_{ref}$  changed to  $-273^\circ\text{C}$   
 Added  $I_C$ ,  $I_B$  and  $\beta_{dc}$  to operating point information
- April 2004 : Release of Mextram 504, version 4 (504.4)  
 Noise of collector epilayer has been removed
- October 2004 : Release of Mextram 504, version 5 (504.5)  
 Addition of temperature dependence of thermal resistance  
 Addition of noise due to avalanche current
- March 2005 : Release of Mextram 504, version 6 (504.6)  
 Added parameter  $dA_{I_s}$  for fine tuning of temp. dep. of  $I_{sT}$ ; eqn. (4.37)  
 “ $G_{EM} = 0$ ” added to equation (4.68)  
 Upper clipping value 1.0 of  $K_{avl}$  introduced
- March 2008 : Release of Mextram 504, version 7 (504.7)  
 Added resistances of buried layer  $R_{Cblx}$  and  $R_{Cbli}$ , and their temperature scaling parameter  $A_{Cbl}$ .  
 Lower clipping value of resistances  $R_E$ ,  $R_{BC}$ ,  $R_{BV}$ ,  $R_{CC}$ ,  $R_{CV}$ ,  $SCR_{CV}$  increased to  $1\text{m}\Omega$   
 Bug fix high temperature limit  $B_{nT}$ .
- June 2009 : Release of Mextram 504, version 8 (504.8),  
 Zener tunneling current in emitter-base junction:  
 – Sections: 2.1.4, 3, 4.8.5, 4.16  
 – Parameters:  $I_{zEB}$ ,  $N_{zEB}$   
 – Material constants, implemented as parameters:  $V_{gzEB}$ ,  $A_{VgzEB}$ ,  $T_{VgzEB}$   
 – Equations: (4.51b) to (4.51e), (4.117a), (4.185), (4.193)

– OP-info:  $g_{\pi,x}$ ,  $I_{ztEB}$

Q2, 2010 : Release of Mextram 504, version 9 (504.9):

Small Fix w.r.t. 504.8:

– added lower clip value to parameter  $T_{VgEB}$  (§4.3)

Added to operating point information:

– external terminal voltages  $V_{BE}$ ,  $V_{BC}$ ,  $V_{CE}$ ,  $V_{SE}$ ,  $V_{BS}$ ,  $V_{SC}$

– external terminal currents  $I_E$ ,  $I_S$

Collector-substrate model:

– Parameters:  $I_{CSs}$ ,  $A_{sub}$

– physics based temperature scaling ideal collector-substrate current

– See: § 2.3.5, § 2.6.1, § 4.6, Eqns. (4.44), (4.64)

Q1, 2011 : Release of Mextram 504, version 10 (504.10):

Parasitic BCS transistor model:

– See: § 2.7.3, 2.3.5

– Parameter: EXSUB,

– See: Eqns. (2.36), (2.40), (4.62a), (4.62b), (4.65), (4.67)

– See: Eqns. (4.160), (4.162), (4.163a), (4.163b)

Revised documentation of  $G_{min}$ :

–  $G_{min}$  is an industrial standard convergence aid and is as such *not* a part of the physics-based Mextram model definition:

– Revised Sec. 4.5:  $G_{min}$  is *not* a model constant.

– See: revised doc. of Eqns. (4.60) and (4.61)

– See Sec. 4.15.1: Eqns. (4.194) and (4.195)

Q1, 2012 : Release of Mextram 504.10.1,

– Bugfix: OP-info  $f_T$ : Eqn. (4.227)

– Bugfix: Equilibrium state parasitic BCS transistor:

• Eqn's. (4.65), (4.66), (4.67)

• Eqn's. (4.160), (4.161), (4.162)

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# 1 Introduction

Mextram is an advanced compact model for the description of bipolar transistors. It contains many features that the widely-used Gummel-Poon model lacks. Mextram can be used for advanced processes like double-poly or even SiGe transistors, for high-voltage power devices, and even for uncommon situations like lateral NPN-transistors in LDMOS technology.

Mextram level 503 has been put in the public domain [1] by Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V. in 1994. Since the model update of 1995 it had been unchanged. A successor, Mextram level 504, was developed in the late nineties of the 20th century for several reasons, the main ones being the need for even better description of transistor characteristics and the need for an easier parameter extraction. In the fall of 2004, Mextram was elected as a world standard transistor model by the *Compact Model Council (CMC)*, a consortium of representatives from over 20 major semiconductor manufacturers.

The goal of this document is to give the model definition of Mextram 504. Since especially section 4 is also meant as an implementation guide, the structure of our presentation will be more along the lines of implemented code than structured in a didactical way. But we have also added an introduction of the physics behind the model and an introduction to the parameter extraction. These latter two are more extensively documented in separate reports [2, 3]. An introduction into the usage of Mextram 504 can be found in Ref. [4].

The improved description of transistor characteristics of Mextram 504 compared to Mextram 503 were achieved by changing some of the formulations of the model. For instance Mextram 504 contains the Early voltages as separate parameters, whereas in Mextram 503 they were calculated from other parameters. This is needed for the description of SiGe processes and improves the parameter extraction (and hence the description) in the case of normal transistors. An even more important improvement is the description of the epilayer. Although the physical description has not changed, the order in which some of the equations are used to get compact model formulations has been modified. The result is a much smoother behaviour of the model characteristics, i.e. the model formulations are now such that the first and higher-order derivatives are better. This is important for the output-characteristics and cut-off frequency, but also for (low-frequency) third order harmonic distortion. For the same reason of smoothness some other formulations, like that of the depletion capacitances, have been changed.

In Mextram almost all of the parameters have a physical meaning. This has been used in Mextram 503 to relate different parts of the model to each other by using the same parameters. Although this is the most physical way to go, it makes it difficult to do parameter extraction, since some parameters have an influence on more than one physical effect. Therefore we tried in Mextram 504 to remove as much of this interdependence as possible, without losing the physical basis of the model. To do this we added some extra parameters. At the same time we removed some parameters of Mextram 503 that were introduced long ago but which had a limited influence on the characteristics, and were therefore difficult to extract.

The complete Mextram model has been thoroughly revised. Many of the formulations

have been changed although not all changes were large. Also the documentation of the model is being extended. In this document an overview is given of the various features of the level 504 version of the Mextram model.

In Sec. 2 an introduction is given of the physical basis of the model. The transistor parameters are discussed in the relevant sections. More information about the usage of Mextram can be found in Ref. [4] More information about the physical background is given in Ref. [2].

Most of the parameters can be extracted from capacitance, DC and S-parameter measurements and are process and transistor layout (geometry) dependent. Initial/predictive parameter sets can be computed from process and layout data. Parameter extraction is shortly discussed in Sec. 3. More information can be found in Ref. [3]. The translation of Mextram 503 parameters to Mextram 504 parameters is discussed in Sec. 5.

The precise model description is given in Sec. 4. The model equations are all explicit functions of internal branch voltages and therefore no internal quantities have to be solved iteratively. As a help for the implementation, numerical examples are given in Sec. 6.

## 1.1 Survey of modelled effects

Mextram contains descriptions for the following effects:

- Bias-dependent Early effect
- Low-level non-ideal base currents
- High-injection effects
- Ohmic resistance of the epilayer
- Velocity saturation effects on the resistance of the epilayer
- Hard and quasi-saturation (including Kirk effect)
- Weak avalanche in the collector-base junction (optionally including snap-back behaviour)
- Zener-tunneling current in the emitter-base junction
- Charge storage effects
- Split base-collector and base-emitter depletion capacitance
- Substrate effects and parasitic PNP
- Explicit modelling of inactive regions
- Current crowding and conductivity modulation of the base resistance
- First order approximation of distributed high frequency effects in the intrinsic base (high-frequency current crowding and excess phase-shift)
- Recombination in the base (meant for SiGe transistors)
- Early effect in the case of a graded bandgap (meant for SiGe transistors)

- Temperature scaling
- Self-heating
- Thermal noise, shot noise and  $1/f$ -noise

Mextram does not contain extensive geometrical or process scaling rules (only a multiplication factor to put transistors in parallel). The model is well scalable, however, especially since it contains descriptions for the various intrinsic and extrinsic regions of the transistor.

Some parts of the model are optional and can be switched on or off by setting flags. These are the extended modelling of reverse behaviour, the distributed high-frequency effects, and the increase of the avalanche current when the current density in the epilayer exceeds the doping level.

Besides the NPN transistor also a PNP model description is available. Both three-terminal devices (discrete transistors) and four-terminal devices (IC-processes which also have a substrate) can be described.

## 2 Physical description of the model

In this section we introduce the physical origins of the Mextram model. Extensive documentation is given in Ref. [2]. Some experience with the Gummel-Poon model [5] will help, since we are not able to give all the basic derivations. Even then, for some parts of the model we can only give an idea of where the equations come from, without giving a detailed overview.

Mextram, as any other bipolar compact model, describes the various currents and charges that form the equivalent circuit, given in Fig. 1 on page 35. In tables 1 and 2 we have given a list of the currents and charges of this equivalent circuit. For every current and charge in this equivalent circuit we will give a description. We will first describe the active transistor. This is the intrinsic part of the transistor, which is also modelled by the Gummel-Poon model. Next we will discuss the extrinsic regions.

To improve the clarity of the different formulas we used different typographic fonts. For parameters we use a sans-serif font, e.g.  $V_{dE}$  and  $R_{Cv}$ . A list of all parameters is given in section 4.3. For the node-voltages as given by the circuit simulator we use a calligraphic  $\mathcal{V}$ , e.g.  $\mathcal{V}_{B_2E_1}$  and  $\mathcal{V}_{B_2C_2}$ . All other quantities are in normal (italic) font, like  $I_{C_1C_2}$  and  $V_{B_2C_2}^*$ .

### 2.1 Active transistor

#### 2.1.1 Main current

In the Mextram model the generalisation of the Moll-Ross relation [6, 7], better known as the integral charge control relation (ICCR) [8], is used to take into account the influence of the depletion charges  $Q_{tE}$  and  $Q_{tC}$  and the diffusion charges  $Q_{BE}$  and  $Q_{BC}$  on the main current. The basic relation is\*

$$I_N = I_s \left( e^{\mathcal{V}_{B_2E_1}/V_T} - e^{\mathcal{V}_{B_2C_2}/V_T} \right) \frac{1}{q_B}. \quad (2.1)$$

The thermal voltage is as always  $V_T = kT/q$ . (In table 3 we have given a list of various physical transistor quantities.) The normalized base charge is something like

$$q_B = \frac{Q_{B0} + Q_{tE} + Q_{tC} + Q_{BE} + Q_{BC}}{Q_{B0}}, \quad (2.2)$$

where  $Q_{B0}$  is the base charge at zero bias. This normalized base charge can be given as a product of the Early effect (describing the variation of the base width given by the depletion charges) and a term which includes high injection effects. The Early effect term is

$$q_1 = \frac{Q_{B0} + Q_{tE} + Q_{tC}}{Q_{B0}} = 1 + \frac{V_{tE}(\mathcal{V}_{B_2E_1})}{V_{er}} + \frac{V_{tC}(\mathcal{V}_{B_2C_1}, I_{C_1C_2})}{V_{ef}}. \quad (2.3)$$

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\*Note that  $V_{B_2C_2}^*$  is a calculated quantity and not the node voltage  $\mathcal{V}_{B_2C_2}$ . For its interpretation the difference is not very important, but for the smoothness of the model it is. See Sec. 2.2.

Table 1: The currents of the equivalent circuit given in Fig. 1 on page 35.

Currents	
$I_N$	Main current
$I_{C_1C_2}$	Epilayer current
$I_{B_1B_2}$	Pinched-base current
$I_{B_1}^S$	Ideal side-wall base current
$I_{B_1}$	Ideal forward base current
$I_{B_2}$	Non-ideal forward base current
$I_{B_3}$	Non-ideal reverse base current
$I_{avl}$	Avalanche current
$I_{ex}$	Extrinsic reverse base current
$XI_{ex}$	Extrinsic reverse base current
$I_{sub}$	Substrate current
$XI_{sub}$	Substrate current
$I_{sf}$	Substrate failure current

The voltages  $V_{t_E}$  and  $V_{t_C}$  describe the curvature of the depletion charges as function of junction biases, but not their magnitude:  $Q_{t_E} = (1 - XC_{j_E}) \cdot C_{j_E} \cdot V_{t_E}$  and  $Q_{t_C} = XC_{j_C} \cdot C_{j_C} \cdot V_{t_C}$  (see section 2.1.5 and 2.1.6). The total normalized base charge is

$$q_B = q_1 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2}n_0 + \frac{1}{2}n_B \right), \quad (2.4)$$

where  $n_0$  and  $n_B$  are the electron densities in the base at the emitter edge and at the collector edge. Both are normalized to the (average) base doping. These densities directly depend on the internal junction voltages  $V_{B_2E_1}$  and  $V_{B_2C_2}^*$ , and can be found by considering the  $pn$  product at both junctions. They also include high injection effects in the base for which we have a single knee current  $I_k$ .

The following parameters are involved:

- $I_s$                     The transistor main saturation current
- $I_k$                     The knee current for high injection effects in the base
- $V_{ef}$  and  $V_{er}$       The forward and reverse Early voltages

The parameters for the charges will be discussed later.

### 2.1.2 Ideal forward base current

The ideal forward base current is defined in the usual way. The total base current has a bottom and a sidewall contribution. The separation is given by the factor  $XI_{B_1}$ . This factor can be determined by analysing the maximum current gain of transistors with different geometries.

$$I_{B_1} = (1 - XI_{B_1}) \frac{I_s}{\beta_f} \left( e^{V_{B_2E_1}/V_T} - 1 \right), \quad (2.5)$$

$$I_{B_1}^S = XI_{B_1} \frac{I_s}{\beta_f} \left( e^{V_{B_1E_1}/V_T} - 1 \right). \quad (2.6)$$

Table 2: *The charges of the equivalent circuit given in Fig. 1 on page 35.*

Charges	
$Q_{BEO}$	Base-emitter overlap charge
$Q_{BCO}$	Base-collector overlap charge
$Q_E$	Emitter charge or emitter neutral charge
$Q_{tE}$	Base-emitter depletion charge
$Q_{tE}^S$	Sidewall base-emitter depletion charge
$Q_{BE}$	Base-emitter diffusion charge
$Q_{BC}$	Base-collector diffusion charge
$Q_{tC}$	Base-collector depletion charge
$Q_{epi}$	Epilayer diffusion charge
$Q_{B_1B_2}$	AC current crowding charge
$Q_{tex}$	Extrinsic base-collector depletion charge
$XQ_{tex}$	Extrinsic base-collector depletion charge
$Q_{ex}$	Extrinsic base-collector diffusion charge
$XQ_{ex}$	Extrinsic base-collector diffusion charge
$Q_{tS}$	Collector-substrate depletion charge

Table 3: *A list of some of the physical quantities used to describe the transistor.*

$q$	Unit charge
$V_T$	Thermal voltage $kT/q$
$L_{em}$	Emitter length
$H_{em}$	Emitter width
$A_{em}$	Emitter surface $H_{em} L_{em}$
$Q_{B0}$	Base (hole) charge at zero bias
$n_i$	Intrinsic electron and hole density.
$n_0$	Normalized electron density in the base at the emitter edge
$n_B$	Normalized electron density in the base at the collector edge
$n_{Bex}$	Normalized electron density in the extrinsic base at the collector edge
$p_0$	Normalized hole density in the collector epilayer at the base edge
$p_W$	Normalized hole density in the collector epilayer at the buried layer edge
$W_{epi}$	Width the collector epilayer
$N_{epi}$	Doping level of the collector epilayer
$\varepsilon$	Dielectric constant
$v_{sat}$	Saturated drift velocity
$\mu$	Mobility



The parameters are:

- $\beta_f$  Ideal forward current gain
- $XI_{B_1}$  Fraction of ideal base current that belongs to the sidewall

### 2.1.3 Non-ideal forward base current

The non-ideal forward base current originates from the recombination in the depleted base-emitter region and from many surface effects. A general formulation with a non-ideality factor is used:

$$I_{B_2} = I_{Bf} \left( e^{V_{B_2E_1}/m_{Lf}V_T} - 1 \right). \quad (2.7)$$

When recombination is the main contribution we have  $m_{Lf} = 2$ .

- $I_{Bf}$  Saturation current of the non-ideal forward base current
- $m_{Lf}$  Non-ideality factor of the non-ideal base current

### 2.1.4 Zener tunneling current in the emitter base junction

Mextram 504.8 adopted a model of Zener tunneling current in the emitter-base junction.

The Mextram 504.8 formulation is based on analytical formulations as documented in the semiconductor device physics literature [9], [10], [11]. which describe a Zener tunneling current as it flows in the emitter-base junction when the junction is forced in *reverse* bias ( $V_{EB} > 0$ ).

In Mextram, in the *forward* bias regime it is assumed that the Zener tunneling current can always be neglected. This is implemented by formally setting the value of the Zener tunneling current identically equal to zero in forward bias and gives the computational advantage that Zener current does not need to be evaluated in forward bias.

It follows that all derivatives of the Zener current with respect to bias are identically equal to zero for  $0 < V_{be}$  and hence in the limit  $V_{be} \downarrow 0$ . Smoothness of the tunneling current at zero bias then implies that *all* derivatives of the Zener current with respect to bias should vanish in the limit  $V_{be} \uparrow 0$  at zero bias. This concerns the actual formulation of the Zener current in reverse bias and has been addressed as follows.

The Zener tunneling current depends on a factor commonly denoted by “ $D$ ” [9], which takes degrees of occupation of conduction and valence bands into account. In the Mextram formulation of tunneling current, we adopt an advanced formulation [11] of  $D$  which furthermore takes effects of direction of electron momentum into account. It turns out that continuity at zero bias of current with respect to bias, up to and including the first derivative, is then automatically established. Subsequently, by dedicated adjustment of the description of the electric field, as applied in the  $D$  factor, continuity of *all* derivatives of current with respect to voltage has been established.

The temperature scaling of the model is fully physics based, which brings the advantage that the parameters of the temperature scaling model are material (bandgap) parameters.

Values for these, for given semiconductor material, can be found in the literature. Since the Zener effect is not very sensitive to temperature in the first place, we expect that literature values for these parameters will in general suffice so that no dedicated parameter extraction will be needed in this respect.

The two remaining parameters,  $I_{zEB}$  and  $N_{zEB}$  of the Zener current model have been chosen with care so as to minimize their interdependence.

Regarding noise, we follow the JUNCAP2 [12] model and assume that the Zener tunneling current exhibits full shot noise.

### 2.1.5 Base-emitter depletion charge

The depletion charges are modelled in the classical way, using a grading coefficient. Since this classical formulation contains a singularity (it becomes infinite when the forward bias equals the built-in voltage) we have modified it: beyond the built-in voltage the capacitance becomes constant. This maximum value is the zero-bias capacitance times a pre-defined factor (3.0 for the base-emitter depletion charge, 2.0 for the other depletion charges).

The base-emitter depletion capacitance is partitioned in a bottom and a sidewall component by the parameter  $XC_{jE}$

$$C_{tE} = \frac{dQ_{tE}}{dV_{B_2E_1}} = (1 - XC_{jE}) \frac{C_{jE}}{(1 - V_{B_2E_1}/V_{dE})^{pE}}, \quad (2.8)$$

$$C_{tE}^S = \frac{dQ_{tE}^S}{dV_{B_1E_1}} = XC_{jE} \frac{C_{jE}}{(1 - V_{B_1E_1}/V_{dE})^{pE}}. \quad (2.9)$$

The model parameters are:

- $C_{jE}$  Zero bias emitter base depletion capacitance
- $V_{dE}$  Emitter base built-in voltage
- $pE$  Emitter base grading coefficient
- $XC_{jE}$  The fraction of the BE depletion capacitance *not* under the emitter (sidewall fraction)

### 2.1.6 Base-collector depletion charge

The base-collector depletion capacitance  $C_{tC}$  underneath the emitter takes into account the finite thickness of the epilayer and current modulation:

$$C_{tC} = \frac{dQ_{tC}}{dV_{junc}} = XC_{jC} C_{jC} \left( (1 - X_p) \frac{f(I_{C_1C_2})}{(1 - V_{junc}/V_{dC})^{pC}} + X_p \right), \quad (2.10)$$

$$f(I_{C_1C_2}) = \left( 1 - \frac{I_{C_1C_2}}{I_{C_1C_2} + I_{hc}} \right)^{mc}. \quad (2.11)$$

The capacitance depends on the junction voltage  $V_{junc}$  that is calculated using the external base-collector bias minus the voltage drop over the epilayer, as if there were no injection. The current modulation (Kirk effect) has its own ‘grading’ coefficient  $m_C$  and uses the parameter  $l_{hc}$  from the epilayer model.

$C_{jc}$	Zero bias collector-base depletion capacitance
$V_{dc}$	Collector-base built-in voltage
$\rho_C$	Collector-base grading coefficient
$XC_{jc}$	The fraction of the BC depletion capacitance under the emitter.
$X_p$	Ratio of depletion layer thickness at zero bias and epilayer thickness
$m_C$	Collector current modulation coefficient [ $m_C \simeq 0.5 (1 - X_p)$ ].

### 2.1.7 Emitter diffusion charge

The emitter diffusion charge  $Q_E$  is given by:

$$Q_E = \tau_E I_s \left( e^{V_{B_2E_1}/m_\tau V_T} - 1 \right) \left( \frac{I_s}{I_k} \right)^{1/m_\tau - 1}. \quad (2.12)$$

The actual transit time corresponding to this charge is a function of the current. When  $m_\tau > 1$  it has a minimum which for a transistor without quasi-saturation occurs at  $I_c \simeq I_k$ . The formulation above is such that the minimum is approximately given by  $\tau_E$ , independent of  $m_\tau$ . Note that this charge  $Q_E$  is not a part of the collector current description, in contrast to the (normalized) depletion and base diffusion charges.

$\tau_E$	Minimum delay time of emitter diffusion charge
$m_\tau$	Non-ideality factor of the emitter diffusion charge

### 2.1.8 Base diffusion charges

The diffusion charges are given in terms of the normalized electron densities  $n_0$  and  $n_B$  discussed earlier. The base transit time determines the zero bias base charge  $Q_{B0} = \tau_B I_k$ . Also the Early effect is included via  $q_1$ :

$$Q_{BE} = \frac{1}{2} q_1 Q_{B0} n_0, \quad (2.13)$$

$$Q_{BC} = \frac{1}{2} q_1 Q_{B0} n_B. \quad (2.14)$$

Note that  $n_0$  and  $n_B$  are almost proportional to  $I_C/I_k$ . The diffusion charges are therefore almost independent of the knee current, and so is the transit time.

$\tau_B$	The base transit time
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### 2.1.9 Base-charge partitioning

Distributed high-frequency effects [13] are modelled, in first order approximation, both in lateral direction (high-frequency current-crowding) and in vertical direction (excess

phase-shift). The distributed effects are an optional feature of the Mextram model and can be switched on and off by flag EXPHI

Excess phase shift can only be modelled accurately when all the charges and resistances, especially in the extrinsic transistor and in the interconnect, are modelled properly. Even then the intrinsic transistor can have a (small) influence. This is modelled in Mextram using base-charge partitioning. For simplicity it is only implemented for the forward base charge ( $Q_{BE}$ ) and with a single partitioning factor, based on high-level injection. The previously calculated diffusion charges are changed according to:

$$Q_{BC} \rightarrow \frac{1}{3} Q_{BE} + Q_{BC}, \quad (2.15)$$

$$Q_{BE} \rightarrow \frac{2}{3} Q_{BE}. \quad (2.16)$$

In lateral direction (current crowding) a charge is added parallel to the intrinsic base resistance

$$Q_{B_1B_2} = \frac{1}{5} \mathcal{V}_{B_1B_2} (C_{tE} + C_{BE} + C_E). \quad (2.17)$$

## 2.2 Modelling of the epilayer current and charges

In this subsection the modelling of the epilayer resistance and charge will be discussed. This resistance is modelled as a current source  $I_{C_1C_2}$ , but it is also sometimes loosely denoted as  $R_{Cv}$ , the variable part of the collector resistance. The resistance depends on the supplied collector voltage and the collector current, imposed primarily by the base-emitter voltage. The effective resistance of the epilayer is strongly voltage- and current-dependent for the following reasons:

- In the forward mode of operation the internal base-collector junction voltage  $\mathcal{V}_{B_2C_2}$  may become forward-biased at high collector-currents (quasi-saturation). A region in the collector near the base will then be injected by carriers from the base. This injection region with thickness  $x_i$  has a low resistance.
- In the reverse mode of operation, both the external and internal base-collector junctions are forward biased. The whole epitaxial layer is then flooded with carriers and, consequently, has a low resistance.
- The current flow in the highly resistive region is Ohmic if the carrier density  $n$  is low ( $n \ll N_{\text{epi}}$ ) and space-charge limited if the carrier density exceeds the doping level  $N_{\text{epi}}$ . In the latter case the carriers move with the saturated drift velocity  $v_{\text{sat}}$  (hot-carrier current-flow).
- Current spreading in the epilayer reduces the resistance and is of special importance if the carrier density exceeds  $N_{\text{epi}}$ .

A compact model formulation of quasi-saturation is given by Kull et al. [14]. The model of Kull is only valid if the collector current is below the critical current for hot carriers:

$$I_{\text{hc}} = qN_{\text{epi}}v_{\text{sat}}A_{\text{em}}. \quad (2.18)$$

The Kull formulation has served as a basis for the epilayer model in Mextram. In the next section the model of Kull will be summarized and extended with hot carrier current flow (see also [15, 16, 17]).

### 2.2.1 Collector epilayer resistance model

The model of Kull is based on charge neutrality ( $p + N_{\text{epi}} \simeq n$ ) and gives the current  $I_{C_1C_2}$  through the epilayer as a function of the internal and external base-collector biases. These biases are given by the solution vector of the circuit simulator. The final equations of the Kull formulation are [14]

$$I_{C_1C_2} = \frac{E_c + \mathcal{V}_{C_1C_2}}{R_{Cv}}, \quad (2.19a)$$

$$E_c = V_T \left[ 2p_0 - 2p_W - \ln \left( \frac{p_0 + 1}{p_W + 1} \right) \right], \quad (2.19b)$$

$$p_0 = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 + 4 \exp[(\mathcal{V}_{B_2C_2} - V_{dc})/V_T]} - \frac{1}{2}, \quad (2.19c)$$

$$p_W = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 + 4 \exp[(\mathcal{V}_{B_2C_1} - V_{dc})/V_T]} - \frac{1}{2}. \quad (2.19d)$$

The voltage source  $E_c$  takes into account the decrease in resistance due to carriers injected from the base into the collector epilayer. If both junctions are reverse biased ( $\mathcal{V}_{B_2C_2} < V_{dc}$  and  $\mathcal{V}_{B_2C_1} < V_{dc}$ ) then  $E_c$  is zero and we have a simple constant resistance  $R_{Cv}$ . Therefore this model does not take into account the hot-carrier behaviour (carriers moving with the saturated drift-velocity) in the lightly-doped collector epilayer.

The model is valid if the transistor operates in reverse mode, which means negative collector current  $I_{C_1C_2}$ . Normally this happens when the base-emitter junction is reverse biased and the base-collector junction is forward biased. The entire epilayer then gets filled with carriers and therefore a space-charge region will not exist.

In forward mode we have to change the formulation to include velocity saturation effects. The effective resistance for higher currents then becomes the space-charge resistance  $SCR_{Cv}$ . Furthermore, the Kull model as described above, is not smooth enough (higher derivatives contain spikes) [16]. Mextram uses the following scheme in forward mode.

- Calculate  $I_{C_1C_2}$  from the Kull model, Eq. (2.19), using the junction biases  $\mathcal{V}_{B_2C_2}$  and  $\mathcal{V}_{B_2C_1}$  given by the circuit simulator.
- Calculate the thickness  $x_i/W_{\text{epi}}$  of the injection region from the current, now including both Ohmic voltage drop and space-charge limited voltage drop

$$I_{C_1C_2} = \frac{V_{dc} - \mathcal{V}_{B_2C_1}}{SCR_{Cv} (1 - x_i/W_{\text{epi}})^2} \times \frac{V_{dc} - \mathcal{V}_{B_2C_1} + SCR_{Cv} I_{hc} (1 - x_i/W_{\text{epi}})}{V_{dc} - \mathcal{V}_{B_2C_1} + R_{Cv} I_{hc}}. \quad (2.20)$$

The resulting thickness  $x_i$  will be different from that of the Kull model alone. In the implemented formulation we made sure that the equation does not lead to negative  $x_i/W_{\text{epi}}$ , by using a smoothing function with parameter  $a_{x_i}$ .

- The Kull model is perfectly valid in the injection region. For this region we have the following equation

$$\frac{x_i}{W_{\text{epi}}} I_{C_1 C_2} R_{Cv} = E_c \simeq 2 V_T (p_0^* - p_W) \frac{p_0^* + p_W + 1}{p_0^* + p_W + 2}. \quad (2.21)$$

The approximation is such that both for very small and for very large  $p_0^*$  and  $p_W$  it gives the correct results, while in the intermediate regime it is off by maximally 5%. From  $x_i/W_{\text{epi}}$ ,  $I_{C_1 C_2}$ , and  $p_W$  we can therefore calculate  $p_0^*$ , the hole density at the internal base-collector junction. The \* is used to denote the difference between  $p_0^*$  calculated here and  $p_0$  from the Kull model, calculated in Eq. (2.19).

- From  $p_0^*$  we can calculate the physical value of the internal base-collector bias  $V_{B_2 C_2}^*$ .
- This physical internal bias is smooth and contains all effects we want to include. It can therefore be used for the main current  $I_N$  in Eq. (2.1), for the diffusion charge  $Q_{BC}$  and for the epilayer charge  $Q_{\text{epi}}$ .

Summarizing, the epilayer resistance model takes into account:

- Ohmic current flow at low current densities.
- Space-charge limited current flow at high current densities.
- The decrease in resistance due to carriers injected from the base if only the internal base-collector junction is forward biased (quasi-saturation) and if both the internal and external base-collector junctions are forward biased (reverse mode of operation).

We have used a different formulation for reverse mode ( $I_{C_1 C_2} < 0$ ) and forward mode ( $I_{C_1 C_2} > 0$ ). This does not give discontinuities in the first and second derivative. The third derivative however is discontinuous. This is no real problem since normally the transistor is not biased in this region.

The model parameters are:

$V_{dc}$	Built-in voltage of the base-collector junction (also used in the depletion capacitance $Q_{tC}$ )
$I_{hc}$	Critical current for hot carrier behaviour
$R_{Cv}$	Ohmic resistance of the total epilayer
$SCR_{Cv}$	Space-charge resistance of the epilayer
$a_{x_i}$	Smoothing parameter for the onset of quasi-saturation

The model parameters can be given in physical quantities. Note that this is not part of the model itself, but rather of the scaling one should perform around the model. It is important to take current spreading into account [15]. Therefore we present the scaling

formula here for the parameters of the epilayer model. Other parameters need to be scaled too of course. (See table 3 for the meaning of some of the quantities.)

$$V_{dc} = V_T \ln (N_{\text{epi}}^2/n_i^2), \quad (2.22)$$

$$I_{hc} = qN_{\text{epi}}A_{\text{em}}v_{\text{sat}} (1 + S_{fL})^2, \quad (2.23)$$

$$R_{Cv} = \frac{W_{\text{epi}}}{qN_{\text{epi}}\mu A_{\text{em}}} \frac{1}{(1 + S_{fL})^2}, \quad (2.24)$$

$$\text{SCR}_{Cv} = \frac{W_{\text{epi}}^2}{2\varepsilon v_{\text{sat}} A_{\text{em}}} \frac{1}{(1 + S_{fH})^2}. \quad (2.25)$$

The emitter area and the low and high-current spreading factors can be given as function of the emitter length  $L_{\text{em}}$  and width  $H_{\text{em}}$ :

$$A_{\text{em}} = H_{\text{em}}L_{\text{em}}, \quad (2.26)$$

$$S_{fL} = \tan(\alpha_l) W_{\text{epi}} \left( \frac{1}{H_{\text{em}}} + \frac{1}{L_{\text{em}}} \right), \quad (2.27)$$

$$S_{fH} = \frac{2}{3} \tan(\alpha_h) W_{\text{epi}} \left( \frac{1}{H_{\text{em}}} + \frac{1}{L_{\text{em}}} \right). \quad (2.28)$$

Here  $\alpha_l$  is the spreading angle at low current levels ( $I_{C_1C_2} < I_{hc}$ ) and  $\alpha_h$  is the spreading angle at high current levels ( $I_{C_1C_2} > I_{hc}$ ). Note that  $S_{fH}$  is in principle equal to the current spreading factor  $S_{fH}$  used in the high-current avalanche model.

### 2.2.2 Diffusion charge of the epilayer

The diffusion charge of the epilayer can be derived easily by applying the ICCR [7] to the injection region only:

$$I_{C_1C_2} = I_s \left( e^{V_{B_2C_2}^*/V_T} - e^{V_{B_2C_1}/V_T} \right) \frac{Q_{B0}}{Q_{\text{epi}}}. \quad (2.29)$$

Using the expressions from the epilayer current model this can be rewritten to

$$Q_{\text{epi}} = \tau_{\text{epi}} \frac{2V_T}{R_{Cv}} \frac{x_i}{W_{\text{epi}}} (p_0^* + p_W + 2). \quad (2.30)$$

The transit time can also be given in terms of other quantities.

$$\tau_{\text{epi}} = \frac{W_{\text{epi}}^2}{4D_n} = I_s Q_{B0} \left( \frac{R_{Cv}}{2V_T} \right)^2 e^{V_{dc}/V_T}. \quad (2.31)$$

This can be used as an initial guess in the parameter extraction (and was implicitly used in Mextram 503).

$\tau_{\text{epi}}$  Transit time of the epilayer

### 2.2.3 Avalanche multiplication model

Due to the high-electric field in the space-charge region avalanche currents will be generated. This generation of avalanche currents strongly depends on the maximum electric field. For low currents the maximum of the electric field will be at the base-collector junction. In the model of Ref. [18] the avalanche current is only a function of the electric field at the internal base-collector junction. Therefore the validity of this model is restricted to low current densities ( $I_{C_1C_2} < I_{hc}$ ). Our avalanche model [19] is based on Ref. [18], but does take this current dependence into account.

As an optional feature (using the flag EXAVL) the model is extended to current levels exceeding  $I_{hc}$ , taking into account that the maximum of the electric field might reside at the buried layer. Snap-back behaviour is then modelled as well, which gives a better physical description. For these high current densities current spreading in the collector region changes the electric-field distribution and decreases the maximum electric-field. Because the generation of avalanche current is very sensitive to the maximum electric-field it is difficult to make an accurate and still simple model for high collector current densities, so we have chosen an empirical solution [19]. Because this operating area (high voltages, high current levels) is not of very practical interest (due to power dissipation) and, more importantly, the convergency behaviour of the model degrades considerably (the output resistance can become negative), we have made it an optional feature. Without using the extended model the output resistance can be very small but it is always positive.

The generation of avalanche current is based on Chynoweth's empirical law for the ionization coefficient [20]. The probability  $P_n$  of the generation of an electron-hole pair per unit of length is

$$P_n = A_n \exp\left(\frac{-B_n}{|E|}\right). \quad (2.32)$$

Because only weak-avalanche multiplication is considered, the generated avalanche current is proportional with the main current  $I_{C_1C_2}$  through the epilayer

$$I_{avl} = I_{C_1C_2} \int_{x=0}^{x=x_d} A_n \exp\left(\frac{-B_n}{|E(x)|}\right) dx, \quad (2.33)$$

where  $x_d$  is the boundary of the space-charge region. To calculate the avalanche current we have to evaluate the integral of Eq. (2.33) in the space-charge region. This integral is strongly determined by the maximum electric field. We make a suitable approximation around this maximum electric field

$$E(x) \simeq E_M \left(1 - \frac{x}{\lambda}\right) \simeq \frac{E_M}{1 + x/\lambda}, \quad (2.34)$$

where  $\lambda$  is the point where the extrapolation of the electric-field is zero. The generated avalanche current becomes:

$$\frac{I_{avl}}{I_{C_1C_2}} = \frac{A_n}{B_n} E_m \lambda \left\{ \exp\left[\frac{-B_n}{E_M}\right] - \exp\left[\frac{-B_n}{E_M} \left(1 + \frac{x_d}{\lambda}\right)\right] \right\}. \quad (2.35)$$



The maximum electric field  $E_M$ , the depletion layer thickness  $x_d$ , and the intersection point  $\lambda$  are calculated using the simple model for the capacitance of an abrupt junction. In the high current model also quasi-saturation and the Kirk effect are included.

The parameters are

- $W_{avl}$  The effective thickness of the epilayer for avalanche
- $V_{avl}$  A voltage describing the derivative of the electric field at low currents
- $S_{fH}$  High current spreading factor [see Eq. (2.28); used only when EXAVL=1]

## 2.3 Extrinsic regions

### 2.3.1 Reverse base current

The reverse base current, similar to  $I_{B_1}$ , is affected by high injection and partitioned over the two external base-collector branches (with parameter  $X_{\text{ext}}$ ). It uses the electron density  $n_{B_{\text{ex}}}$  in the external region of the base

$$I_{\text{ex}} = \frac{1}{2\beta_{\text{ri}}} I_{\text{k}} n_{B_{\text{ex}}}(\mathcal{V}_{B_1C_4}) . \quad (2.36)$$

The current  $XI_{\text{ex}}$  is calculated in a similar way using the density  $Xn_{B_{\text{ex}}}(\mathcal{V}_{BC_3})$ . As the convergency may be affected by this partitioning, it is an optional feature (with flag EXMOD).

- $\beta_{\text{ri}}$  Ideal reverse current gain
- $X_{\text{ext}}$  Partitioning factor of the extrinsic regions

### 2.3.2 Non-ideal reverse base current

The non-ideal reverse base current originates from the recombination in the depleted base-collector region:

$$I_{B_3} = I_{\text{Br}} \frac{e^{\mathcal{V}_{B_1C_4}/V_T} - 1}{e^{\mathcal{V}_{B_1C_4}/2V_T} + e^{\mathcal{V}_{Lr}/2V_T}} . \quad (2.37)$$

The formulation of this non-ideal base current differs from the Gummel-Poon model. It is meant to describe a transition from ideality factor 1 ( $\mathcal{V}_{B_1C_4} < \mathcal{V}_{Lr}$ ) to ideality factor 2 ( $\mathcal{V}_{B_1C_4} > \mathcal{V}_{Lr}$ ).

- $I_{\text{Br}}$  Saturation current of the non-ideal reverse base current.
- $\mathcal{V}_{Lr}$  Cross-over voltage of the non-ideal reverse base current.

### 2.3.3 Extrinsic base-collector depletion capacitance

The base-collector depletion capacitance of the extrinsic region is divided over the external-base node (charge:  $XQ_{\text{tex}}$ ), and the internal-base node  $B_1$  (charge:  $Q_{\text{tex}}$ ). The partitioning is important for the output conductance  $Y_{12}$  at high frequencies. The model formulation is obtained by omitting the current modulation term in the formulation of  $Q_{tC}$  in Eq. (2.10)

$$C_{\text{tex}} = \frac{dQ_{\text{tex}}}{d\mathcal{V}_{B_1C_4}} = (1 - X_{\text{ext}})(1 - XC_{\text{jC}})C_{\text{jC}} \left( \frac{1 - X_{\text{p}}}{(1 - \mathcal{V}_{B_1C_4}/\mathcal{V}_{\text{dc}})^{\text{pc}}} + X_{\text{p}} \right) , \quad (2.38)$$

$$XC_{\text{tex}} = \frac{dXQ_{\text{tex}}}{d\mathcal{V}_{BC_3}} = X_{\text{ext}} (1 - XC_{\text{jC}}) C_{\text{jC}} \left( \frac{1 - X_{\text{p}}}{(1 - \mathcal{V}_{BC_3}/\mathcal{V}_{\text{dc}})^{\text{pc}}} + X_{\text{p}} \right) . \quad (2.39)$$

Parameter used:

- $X_{\text{ext}}$  Partitioning factor for the extrinsic region

### 2.3.4 Diffusion charge of the extrinsic region

These charges are formulated in the same way as  $Q_{BC}$  and  $Q_{\text{epi}}$ , and depend on the biases  $\mathcal{V}_{B_1C_4}$  and  $\mathcal{V}_{BC_3}$ . The corresponding transit time should be the sum of  $\tau_B$  and  $\tau_{\text{epi}}$  multiplied by the ratio of the corresponding surfaces.

$\tau_R$  Reverse transit time of the extrinsic regions

### 2.3.5 Parasitic Base-Collector-Substrate (BCS) transistor

The description of the main current of the parasitic Base-Collector-Substrate (BCS) transistor includes high injection of the forward main current:

$$I_{\text{sub}} = \frac{2 I_{SsT} (e^{\mathcal{V}_{B_1C_4}/V_T} - e^{\mathcal{V}_{SC_4}/V_T})}{1 + \sqrt{1 + 4 \frac{I_{sT}}{I_{ksT}} e^{\mathcal{V}_{B_1C_4}/V_T}}} \quad (\text{EXSUB} = 1) . \quad (2.40)$$

Note that in this expression  $4 I_{sT}/I_{ksT}$  is used instead of  $4 I_{SsT}/I_{ksT}$  which simplifies parameter extraction [3].

When EXMOD = 1 the substrate current is partitioned over the constant base resistance, just as  $I_{\text{ex}}$ .

Up until and including Mextram 504.8, the reverse behaviour of the parasitic BCS was not modelled. Only a simple diode current  $I_{Sf}$  used to be present that was meant to act as a signal to designers. Therefore in backwards compatibility mode, when  $I_{CSs}$  has its default value  $-1.0$ , the collector-substrate junction current model reduces to this mode. From level 504.9 onwards, for physical values of  $I_{CSs}$ ,  $I_{CSs} \geq 0$ , the substrate-collector junction is modeled by an ideal diode current  $I_{Sf}$ ; this model has a physics-based temperature scaling with a mobility temperature scaling parameter  $A_{\text{sub}}$ .

Up until and including Mextram 504.9, Mextram did not contain a full description of the reverse main current of the BCS since it was believed not to be relevant to circuit designers. Mextram 504.10 introduced a reverse (SB) component of the main current of the parasitic transistor; this is the current component on  $\mathcal{V}_{SC_4}$  in Eqn. (4.62a). The counterpart in  $X I_{\text{sub}}$  depends on  $\mathcal{V}_{SC_3}$ . Early- and reverse high current effects are not taken into account in the parasitic BCS transistor. For reasons of backwards compatibility, the  $\mathcal{V}_{SC_4}$ - and  $\mathcal{V}_{SC_3}$ - dependent components of the substrate currents are present only when EXSUB = 1 (default: EXSUB = 0).

EXSUB	Flag for extended modelling of substrate currents
$I_{Ss}$	Substrate saturation current.
$I_{ks}$	Knee in the substrate current, projected on $I_s$
$I_{CSs}$	Collector-substrate ideal saturation current
$A_{\text{sub}}$	Temperature coefficient of $I_{CSs}$

### 2.3.6 Collector-substrate depletion capacitance.

The collector-substrate capacitance  $C_{tS}$  is modelled in the usual way

$$C_{tS} = \frac{dQ_{tS}}{dV_{SC1}} = \frac{C_{jS}}{(1 - V_{SC1}/V_{dS})^{pS}}. \quad (2.41)$$

The parameters used are

- $C_{jS}$  Zero bias collector-substrate depletion capacitance
- $V_{dS}$  Collector-substrate built-in voltage
- $pS$  Collector-substrate grading coefficient.

### 2.3.7 Constant overlap capacitances

The model has two constant overlap capacitances.

- $C_{BEO}$  Base-emitter overlap capacitance
- $C_{BCO}$  Base-collector overlap capacitance

## 2.4 Resistances

### 2.4.1 Constant series resistances

The model contains constant, though temperature dependent, series resistors at the base, emitter and collector terminals. The resistances of the buried layer underneath the transistor are represented by two constant, temperature dependent resistances  $R_{Cblx}$  and  $R_{Cbli}$ ; see also ref. [21]. Note that the substrate resistance is not incorporated in the model itself but should be added in a macro model or sub-circuit since it depends on the layout.

- $R_E$  Constant emitter resistance
- $R_{Bc}$  Constant base resistance
- $R_{Cc}$  Collector Contact resistance
- $R_{Cblx}$  Resistance Collector Buried Layer: extrinsic part
- $R_{Cbli}$  Resistance Collector Buried Layer: intrinsic part

The buried layer resistances were introduced in Mextram 504.7, in a backwards compatible way. This implies that the default values of these resistances is zero. Because values of  $0\ \Omega$  thus are allowed for resistances  $R_{Cblx}$  and  $R_{Cbli}$ , the lower clipping value of the resistances is zero and very small values of the resistances  $R_{Cblx}$  and  $R_{Cbli}$  are formally allowed. Resistance values very close to zero are known to form a potential threat to convergence however. In order to exclude the possibility that the resistances of the buried layer take such small values during the convergence process due to temperature effects, the lower clipping value for the temperature coefficient  $A_{Cbl}$  of the resistances  $R_{Cblx}$  and  $R_{Cbli}$  has been set to zero.

In case one of both of the  $R_{Cblx}$  and  $R_{Cbli}$  resistances vanish, the corresponding node ( $C_3$  and or  $C_4$ ) effectively disappears from the equivalent circuit. Hence the circuit topology

depends on parameter values. Special attention has to be paid to this in implementation of the model.

### 2.4.2 Variable base resistance

The base resistance is divided in a constant part  $R_{Bc}$  (see previous section) and a variable part, loosely denoted by  $R_{Bv}$  but formally given by  $I_{B_1B_2}$ . The parameter  $R_{Bv}$  is the resistance of the variable part at zero base-emitter and base-collector bias. The variable (bias-dependent) part is modulated by the base width variation (Early effect) and at high current densities it decreases due to the diffusion charges  $Q_{BE}$  and  $Q_{BC}$ , just as the main current:

$$R_b = R_{Bv}/q_B. \quad (2.42)$$

The resistance model also takes into account DC current crowding. The resistances decreases at high base currents when  $\mathcal{V}_{B_1B_2}$  is positive and it increases when  $\mathcal{V}_{B_1B_2}$  is negative (reversal of the base current):

$$I_{B_1B_2} = \frac{2 V_T}{3 R_b} (e^{\mathcal{V}_{B_1B_2}/V_T} - 1) + \frac{\mathcal{V}_{B_1B_2}}{3 R_b}. \quad (2.43)$$

The AC current crowding is an optional feature of the model ( $EXPHI = 1$ ) and has been described earlier.

$R_{Bv}$  zero bias value of the variable base resistance

## 2.5 Modelling of SiGe and possibly other HBT's

The most important difference between SiGe and pure-Si transistors is the difference between the total base hole charge (used for charges and for  $R_{Bv}$ ) and the Gummel number (used in the main current). Its precise behaviour is important when the gradient of the bandgap is non-zero. In that case we have a different normalized base 'charge'  $q_B^I$  for the current:

$$q_B^I = \frac{\exp\left(\left[\frac{V_{tE}}{V_{er}} + 1\right] \frac{dE_g}{V_T}\right) - \exp\left(\frac{-V_{tC}}{V_{ef}} \frac{dE_g}{V_T}\right)}{\exp\left(\frac{dE_g}{V_T}\right) - 1}. \quad (2.44)$$

Normally one would write  $dE_g/kT$  in these formulas. However, the value of  $dE_g$  is given in electron-Volt. This means we need to correct with  $q$ , the unity charge. It is then correct (at least in value) to divide  $dE_g$  by  $V_T$ .

In some cases SiGe transistors show neutral-base recombination. This means that the base current is dependent on the base-collector voltage. We have added a formulation that

describes this effect and also the increase of the base current in quasi-saturation, due to Auger recombination. The ideal base current then is:

$$I_{B_1} = \frac{I_s}{\beta_f} (1 - X_{I_{B_1}}) \left[ (1 - X_{\text{rec}}) (e^{V_{B_2 E_1}/V_T} - 1) + X_{\text{rec}} \left( e^{V_{B_2 E_1}/V_T} + e^{V_{B_2 C_2}^*/V_T} - 2 \right) \left( 1 + \frac{V_{tC}}{V_{\text{ef}}} \right) \right]. \quad (2.45)$$

Note that the parameter  $X_{\text{rec}}$  can be larger than 1.

$dE_g$  Gradient of the bandgap in the intrinsic base times its width  
 $X_{\text{rec}}$  Pre-factor of the recombination part of the ideal base current

## 2.6 Miscellaneous

### 2.6.1 Temperature scaling rules

The Mextram model contains extensive temperature scaling rules (see section 4.7). The parameters in the temperature scaling rules are:

$V_{gB}, V_{gC}, V_{gS}, V_{gJ}, dV_{g\beta f}, dV_{g\beta r}, dV_{g\tau E}$	Bandgap voltages or differences
$A_E, A_B, A_{\text{epi}}, A_{\text{ex}}, A_C, A_{\text{Cbl}}, A_S, A_{\text{sub}}$	Mobility exponents
$A_{Q_{B0}}$	Exponent of zero bias base charge
$A_{\text{th}}$	Exponent of thermal resistance

The temperature rules are applied to the avalanche constant  $B_n$  and to the following parameters:

Saturation and knee currents	$I_s, I_{Ss}, I_{CSs}, I_k, I_{ks}$
Gain modelling	$\beta_f, \beta_i, V_{\text{er}}, V_{\text{ef}}, I_{Bf}, I_{Br}$
Resistances	$R_E, R_{Bc}, R_{Bv}, R_{Cc}, R_{Cblx}, R_{Cbli}, R_{Cv}$
Capacitances	$C_{jE}, C_{jC}, C_{jS}, V_{dE}, V_{dC}, V_{dS}, X_p$
Transit times	$\tau_E, \tau_B, \tau_{\text{epi}}, \tau_R$
Thermal resistance	$R_{\text{th}}$

### 2.6.2 Self-heating

Self-heating is part of the model (see section 4.14). It is defined in the usual way by adding a self-heating network containing a current source describing the dissipated power and both a thermal resistance and a thermal capacitance. The total dissipated power is a sum of the dissipated power of each branch of the equivalent circuit.

Note that the effect of the parameter DTA and dynamic selfheating are independent. This is discussed in Ref. [4]. The local ambient temperature is increased as:

$$T_{\text{local ambient}} = T_{\text{global ambient}} + \text{DTA}.$$

Dynamic self-heating gives an extra and independent contribution:

$$T_{\text{device}} = T_{\text{local ambient}} + (\Delta T)_{\text{dynamic heating}},$$

where  $(\Delta T)_{\text{dynamic heating}}$  is given by  $\mathcal{V}_{dT}$ , the voltage at the temperature node of the self-heating network shown in Fig. 2.

The temperature dependence of the thermal resistance is taken into account. At large dissipation, the relation between dissipation and temperature increase becomes non-linear. This can be implemented in a sub-circuit [22].

$R_{\text{th}}$  Thermal resistance  
 $C_{\text{th}}$  Thermal capacitance

### 2.6.3 Noise model

Noise is included in various branches of the model:

Thermal noise : resistances  $R_E, R_{BC}, R_{CC}, R_{Cblx}, R_{Cbli}$ ,  
and variable resistance  $R_{Bv}$  [23]  
Shot noise :  $I_N, I_{B_1}, I_{B_1}^S, I_{B_2}, I_{B_3}, I_{ex}, XI_{ex}, I_{sub}$ , and  $XI_{sub}$   
 $1/f$  noise [24] :  $I_{B_1}, I_{B_1}^S, I_{B_2}, I_{B_3}, I_{ex}$  and  $XI_{ex}$

Avalanche multiplication (due to impact-ionization) also adds noise [25]. This effect can be switched on or off by using the parameter  $K_{avl}$ . Physically, it should be on:  $K_{avl} = 1$ . For increased flexibility  $K_{avl}$  is allowed to have other values between 0 and 1; values greater than 1 are excluded because those could lead to a noise-correlation coefficient, for collector and base current noise, greater than 1.

$A_f$  Exponent of the current dependence of the  $1/f$  noise  
 $K_f$  Pre-factor of the  $1/f$  noise  
 $K_{fN}$  Pre-factor of the  $1/f$  noise in the non-ideal base current  
 $K_{avl}$  Pre-factor (switch) for the noise due to avalanche

### 2.6.4 Number of transistor parameters

The parameters used in the Mextram model can be divided in:

Forward current modelling	: 28
Reverse current modelling (including BCS)	: 8
Extra parameters used only in charge modelling	: 14
Temperature scaling model	: 19
Self-heating	: 2
Noise model	: 4
HBT options	: 2
General parameters (level, flags, reference temperature)	: 7
Total	: 79

Of the total parameters mentioned above 4 parameters ( $XC_{jE}, XC_{jC}, XI_{B_1}$ , and  $X_{ext}$ ) are specially dedicated to geometrical scaling (other parameters scale too of course). A scaling

model itself, however, is not part of Mextram.

## 2.7 Comments about the Mextram model

### 2.7.1 Convergency and computation time

Mextram is a more complex model than Gummel-Poon. Therefore, the computing time is larger, especially when self-heating is included. For the same reason the convergency will be less, although we cannot give any quantitative comparison. The computation time of Mextram 504 is comparable to that of Mextram 503. However, tests show that Mextram 504 has better convergency than Mextram 503. This is probably mainly due to improved smoothness of the model.

### 2.7.2 Not modelled within the model

Mextram does not contain a substrate resistance. We know that this substrate resistance can have an influence on transistor characteristics. This is mainly seen in the real part of  $Y_{22}$ . For optimum flexibility we did not make it a part of the model itself, because in the technology it is also not part of the transistor itself. It depends very much on the layout. The layout in a final design might be different from the layout used in parameter extraction. Also complicated substrate resistance/capacitance networks are sometimes needed. Therefore we chose to let the substrate resistance not be part of the model.

### 2.7.3 Possible improvements

The forward current of the parasitic Base-Collector-Substrate (BCS) transistor is modelled.

Up until and including Mextram 504.9, Mextram did not contain a full description of the reverse current of the BCS since it was believed not to be relevant to circuit designers. Mextram 504.10 introduced a reverse (SB) component of the main current of the parasitic transistor. Early- and reverse high current effects are not taken into account in the parasitic BCS transistor.

The output conductance  $dI_C/dV_{CE}$  at the point where hard saturation starts seems to be too abrupt for high current levels, compared to measurements. At present it is not possible to improve this, without losing some of the other features of the model.

The clarity of the extrinsic current model describing  $XI_{ex}$  and  $XI_{sub}$  could be improved by adding an extra node and an extra contact base resistance. Since the quality of the description does not improve, the parameter extraction would be more difficult, and the model topology would become dependent on a parameter (EXMOD) we choose not to do this.



### 3 Introduction to parameter extraction

The accuracy of circuit simulation depends not only on the performance of the transistor model itself, but also on the model parameters used. The use of a very sophisticated model with poorly determined parameters will result in an inaccurate simulation of the electronic circuit. The determination of the model-parameter extraction methodology is an important task in the development of a compact model. A strong correlation between model parameters hampers unambiguous determination of individual parameters. Most parameters are extracted directly from measured data. Therefore we need depletion capacitance (CV), terminal currents versus voltages (DC) and high-frequency measurements ( $S$ -parameters). Important is that these measurements are done over a large range of collector, base and emitter biasing conditions. This greatly improves the accuracy of the parameters. The number of data points in an interval is of minor importance.

To extract Mextram model parameters the model is implemented in the characterization and analysis program ICCAP of Agilent. Previous work on parameter extraction methodology has shown that accurate extraction of all Mextram parameters is feasible without evaluation of the full model equations in a circuit simulator [26]. This method greatly enhances the efficiency and user-friendliness of parameter extraction.

The general extraction strategy [26] is to put the parameters in small groups (typical 1–3) and extract these parameters simultaneously out of measured data sensitive to these parameters. The composition of each individual group depends on the technology. However, it is possible to give general guide lines. A more thorough documentation on parameter extraction for Mextram 504, including temperature and geometric scaling, is given in Ref. [3].

A typical grouping of Mextram parameters is given in the following table:

Base-emitter capacitance	:	$C_{jE}, V_{dE}, pE$
Base-collector capacitance	:	$C_{jC}, pC, X_p$
Collector-substrate capacitance	:	$C_{jS}, V_{dS}, pS$
Zener tunneling current parameters: reverse biased EB junction, $V_{CB} = 0$	:	$I_{zEB}, N_{zEB}$
Avalanche at small collector currents, high $V_{CB}$	:	$W_{avl}, V_{avl}$
Reverse Early effect	:	$V_{er}$
Forward Early effect	:	$V_{ef}$
Forward Gummel plot small $V_{BE}$	:	$I_s$
Substrate current small $V_{BC}$	:	$I_{Ss}, I_{CSs}$
Forward current gain up to medium current levels	:	$\beta_f, I_{Bf}, m_{Lf}$
Reverse current gain up to medium current levels	:	$\beta_{ri}, I_{Br}, V_{Lr}, I_{ks}$
Giacoletto method	:	$R_E$
From forward Gummel plot at large $V_{BE}$ ,		

Y-parameters, or scaling	: $R_{Bc}, R_{Bv}$
Substrate current in hard saturation	: $R_{Cc}$
Geometry scaling	: $XC_{jE}, XC_{jC}, XI_{B1}$
Temperature scaling	: Temperature parameters.
Decrease of $V_{BE}$ for constant $I_B$ at high $V_{CE}$	: $R_{th}$
Collector current up to high $V_{CE}$	: $I_k$
From the fall-of of $h_{fe}$ and $f_T$ at high currents	: $R_{Cv}, V_{dc}$
From the $f_T$ vs. $I_C$	: $SCR_{Cv}, I_{hc}, \tau_E, \tau_B,$ $\tau_{epi}, (m_\tau, m_C, a_{xi})$
Reverse Gummel plot at large $V_{BC}$	: $X_{ext}$
Output conductance as function of frequency	: $C_{th}$

The first step in the determination of parameters is to generate an initial parameter set. An accurate calculation of the epilayer related parameters [see Eqs. (2.22)–(2.28)] prevents a lot of trouble and improves the convergency of the parameter extraction.

It is not possible to extract all the Mextram model parameters from one measured transistor. For example the scaling parameters  $XC_{jE}$ ,  $XC_{jC}$  and  $XI_{B1}$  are determined from geometrical scaling rules. The same is true for the overlap capacitances  $C_{BE0}$  and  $C_{BC0}$ .

It helps if the parameters are extracted in the sequence given in the table given above.

The extraction of the emitter and base resistances will give only satisfactory results when the current gain in this region is accurately modelled. It is nearly impossible to get accurate results for the variable part of the base resistance from DC measurements. Therefore either  $R_{Bv}$  is calculated from scaling information, or the resistances are extracted from  $S$ -parameters [27].

At high collector currents and voltages the measurements often become distorted by rise of the device temperature due to self heating. This complicates the extraction of  $R_{Cv}$ ,  $SCR_{Cv}$ ,  $I_{hc}$ ,  $I_k$  and the transit time parameters. Self-heating should therefore be included. When doing this, the temperature scaling parameters should be known or estimated. First  $I_k$  is extracted from the collector current at high  $V_{CE}$  in the output characteristic ( $I_C$  versus  $V_{CE}$  at constant  $I_B$ ). At sufficient high  $V_{CE}$  the transistor comes out of quasi-saturation and therefore the epilayer resistance is of minor importance at these bias points. Next at small values of  $V_{CE}$  the DC current gain is optimised by extracting  $R_{Cv}$  and  $V_{dc}$ . We can use the measured output characteristics or  $I_C$  and  $I_B$  from the Gummel plot of the  $S$ -parameter measurement setup. The latter has the advantage that the high current parameters and transit times parameters are extracted from the same device. In the final step  $SCR_{Cv}$ ,  $I_{hc}$  and the transit times parameters are extracted from  $f_T$ . The hot-carrier current  $I_{hc}$  should be the collector current beyond the top of the  $f_T$ . The spacing between the different maxima of the  $f_T$  curves for currents around  $I_{hc}$  is determined by  $R_{Cv}$  and  $SCR_{Cv}$ . These three extraction steps have to be repeated once or twice to get a stable parameter set.

To extract  $S_{fH}$  one needs to measure the avalanche effect at high currents (at least  $I_{hc}$ ) and voltages and fit the model to the measurements. It is very important to take self-heating into account.

The reverse transit time can only be accurately determined from reverse high-frequency measurements. These are not normally done, since they need dedicated structures. As an alternative one can use the forward high-frequency measurements in or close to hard saturation ( $V_{CE} = 0.2\text{ V}$ ), or one can calculate it according to Eq. (5.41).

The two SiGe parameters can be determined as follows. The bandgap difference  $dE_g$  in the base between collector-edge and emitter-edge can be estimated from the process. The Early-effect on the base-current in the forward Early measurement can be used to determine  $X_{rec}$ .

**Zener tunneling current model** The model for Zener tunneling current in the emitter base junction shares a model for the electric field with the emitter base depletion capacitance model. Therefore the Zener tunneling current has dedicated parameters  $I_{zEB}$  and  $N_{zEB}$ , but shares the parameters  $V_{dE}$ ,  $p_E$  with the depletion capacitance model. Depletion capacitance parameters should therefore be extracted before extraction of the dedicated Zener tunneling current parameters  $I_{zEB}$  and  $N_{zEB}$ .

## 4 Formal model formulation

In this section the formal definition of the model is given. We have given the description that includes a substrate node and self-heating. It is also possible to use Mextram without the substrate node, self-heating or both.

We will start with the structural elements of Mextram, the notation, the parameters and the equivalent circuit. Then a few model constants are defined and the temperature rules are given. The major part of this section consists of the description of the currents and of the charges. Then some extra modelling features are discussed, such as the extended modelling of the reverse current gain, the distributed high-frequency effects and hetero-junction features. The noise model, MULT-scaling and self-heating are next. At last some implementation issues, the embedding of PNP transistors and operating point information are discussed.

### 4.1 Structural elements of Mextram

Mextram has the following somewhat independent parts.

**Parameters** The set of parameters consists of the following classes: the model-definition parameters like LEVEL and the three flags; the electrical parameters; the temperature scaling parameters; the noise parameters; and the self-heating parameters.

The model-definition parameters determine exactly which model is used. For some parts of the model we provide some extended features. These can be included or excluded using the three flags. The main part of the model is the description of currents and charges. For this description we need a set of electrical parameters. These parameters vary with temperature. In the parameter set itself only the values of the electrical parameters at the reference temperature are given. The temperature scaling parameters are used to calculate the actual values of the electrical parameters from their value at the reference temperature. This temperature scaling can in general be performed in preprocessing. The noise parameters are extra parameters use to calculate the various noise-sources.

Geometric scaling is not part of the model. The parameter MULT gives the possibility of putting several transistors in parallel. In this sense it is a very simple geometric scaling parameter. The model parameters can be scaling dependent (some are even especially made for this purpose, like the X-parameters). The scaling itself has to be done outside the model.

**Self-heating** Self-heating increases the local temperature of the transistor w.r.t. the ambient temperature. This is due to power dissipation of the transistor itself. When taking self-heating into account (this is an optional feature) the actual temperature depends on the actual bias conditions. This means that temperature scaling must be performed at every bias-point, and not only in preprocessing.

**Clipping** After temperature-scaling it is possible that some parameters are outside a physically realistic range, or in a range that might create difficulties in the numerical evaluation of the model, for example a division by zero. In order to prevent this, some parameters are limited to a pre-specified range directly after scaling. This procedure is called clipping.

**Equivalent circuit** The equivalent circuit describes how the various circuit elements of the model (currents, charges and noise-sources) are connected to each other. From the equivalent circuit and all the electrical equations it is also possible to derive a small-signal equivalent circuit.

**Current and charge equations** The current and charge equations are the main part of the model. They are needed to calculate the various currents and charges defined in the equivalent circuit. The currents are those through common resistances, diode-like currents or more complicated voltage controlled current sources. The charges are the various depletion charges and diffusion charges in the model. The charges are only needed in AC and transient simulation, but not in DC simulations. Therefore some parameters have no influence on the DC model. However a part of the charge formulation is needed in the DC model, e.g. the curvature of the depletion charges determines the bias-dependent Early effect.

**Noise equations** The noise equations describe the current noise sources that are parallel to some of the equivalent circuit elements. Only shot-noise, thermal noise and  $1/f$ -noise is modelled.

**Operating point information** When the transistor is biased in a certain way, it is sometimes convenient to gain some insight in the internal state of the model. This is possible via the operating point information. This information contains all the internal biases, currents and charges, all the elements of the complete small-signal circuit, the elements of a very simplified small-signal circuit, and some characteristic values like  $f_T$ .

**Embedding for PNP transistors** All the equations that will be given are for NPN transistors. For PNP transistors the same equations can be used after some embedding. This only consists of changing signs of biases before currents and charges are calculated and changing signs of currents and charges afterwards.

## 4.2 Notation

We used different fonts for different kind of quantities to clarify the structure of the equations:

$V_{dE}, R_{Cv}$	Parameters
$V_{dET}, R_{CvT}$	Parameters after temperature scaling
$\mathcal{V}_{B_2E_1}, \mathcal{V}_{B_2C_2}$	Node voltages as given by the circuit simulator
$I_{C_1C_2}, V_{B_2C_2}^*$	Calculated quantities

When a previously calculated quantity needs to be changed this is denoted as

$$(\text{new value}) \rightarrow (\text{expression using previous values}) \quad (4.1)$$

## 4.3 Parameters

The following table gives all the parameters of Mextram. This includes the extra parameters needed when a substrate is present and the extra parameters needed when using a version with self-heating. The table contains the parameter name as used in the implementation as well as the symbol used in the formulas. Furthermore the unit of the parameter and a short description are given. The parameters are sorted in a logical way. First we have some general parameters like the level and the flags. Next the current parameters of the basic model, the parameters of the avalanche model, the resistances and epilayer parameters, the parameters of the depletion capacitances and the transit times are given. Then we have the parameters for the SiGe model features, followed by those of the temperature model (mobility exponents and bandgap voltages) and the noise parameters. The parameters specific for the four-terminal device are next. At last we have the self-heating parameters.

The parameters denoted with a '\*' are not used in the DC model.

#	symbol	name	units	description
1	LEVEL	LEVEL	—	Model level, must be set to 504
2	$T_{ref}$	TREF	°C	Reference temperature. Default is 25°C
3	DTA	DTA	°C	Difference between the local ambient and global ambient temperatures: $T_{local\ ambient} = T_{global\ ambient} + DTA$
4	EXMOD	EXMOD	—	Flag for extended modelling of the reverse current gain
5	EXPHI	EXPHI	—	*Flag for the distributed high-frequency effects in transient
6	EXAVL	EXAVL	—	Flag for extended modelling of avalanche currents
7	EXSUB	EXSUB	—	Flag for extended modelling of substrate currents

#	symbol	name	units	description
8	$I_s$	IS	A	Collector-emitter saturation current
9	$I_k$	IK	A	Collector-emitter high injection knee current
10	$V_{er}$	VER	V	Reverse Early voltage
11	$V_{ef}$	VEF	V	Forward Early voltage
12	$\beta_f$	BF	—	Ideal forward current gain
13	$I_{Bf}$	IBF	A	Saturation current of the non-ideal forward base current
14	$m_{Lf}$	MLF	—	Non-ideality factor of the non-ideal forward base current
15	$XI_{B1}$	XIBI	—	Part of ideal base current that belongs to the sidewall
16	$I_{zEB}$	IZEB	A	Pre-factor of emitter-base Zener tunneling current
17	$N_{zEB}$	NZEB	—	Coefficient of emitter-base Zener tunneling current
18	$\beta_{ri}$	BRI	—	Ideal reverse current gain
19	$I_{Br}$	IBR	A	Saturation current of the non-ideal reverse base current
20	$V_{Lr}$	VLR	V	Cross-over voltage of the non-ideal reverse base current
21	$X_{ext}$	XEXT	—	Part of $I_{ex}$ , $Q_{tex}$ , $Q_{ex}$ and $I_{sub}$ that depends on $\mathcal{V}_{BC3}$ instead of $\mathcal{V}_{B1C4}$
22	$W_{avl}$	WAVL	m	Epilayer thickness used in weak-avalanche model
23	$V_{avl}$	VAVL	V	Voltage determining curvature of avalanche current
24	$S_{fh}$	SFH	—	Current spreading factor of avalanche model (when $EXAVL = 1$ )
25	$R_E$	RE	$\Omega$	Emitter resistance
26	$R_{Bc}$	RBC	$\Omega$	Constant part of the base resistance
27	$R_{Bv}$	RBV	$\Omega$	Zero-bias value of the variable part of the base resistance
28	$R_{Cc}$	RCC	$\Omega$	Collector Contact resistance
29	$R_{Cblx}$	RCBLX	$\Omega$	Resistance of the Collector Buried Layer: eXtrinsic part
30	$R_{Cbli}$	RCBLI	$\Omega$	Resistance of the Collector Buried Layer: Intrinsic part
31	$R_{Cv}$	RCV	$\Omega$	Resistance of the un-modulated epilayer
32	$SCR_{Cv}$	SCRCV	$\Omega$	Space charge resistance of the epilayer
33	$I_{hc}$	IHC	A	Critical current for velocity saturation in the epilayer
34	$a_{xi}$	AXI	—	Smoothness parameter for the onset of quasi-saturation
35	$C_{JE}$	CJE	F	*Zero-bias emitter-base depletion capacitance
36	$V_{dE}$	VDE	V	Emitter-base diffusion voltage
37	$p_E$	PE	—	Emitter-base grading coefficient
38	$XC_{JE}$	XCJE	—	*Fraction of the emitter-base depletion capacitance that belongs to the sidewall
39	$C_{BEO}$	CBEO	—	*Emitter-base overlap capacitance
40	$C_{JC}$	CJC	F	*Zero-bias collector-base depletion capacitance
41	$V_{dC}$	VDC	V	Collector-base diffusion voltage
42	$p_C$	PC	—	Collector-base grading coefficient
43	$X_p$	XP	—	Constant part of $C_{JC}$
44	$m_C$	MC	—	Coefficient for the current modulation of the collector-base depletion capacitance
45	$XC_{JC}$	XCJC	—	*Fraction of the collector-base depletion capacitance under the emitter
46	$C_{BCO}$	CBCO	—	*Collector-base overlap capacitance

#	symbol	name	units	description
47	$m_r$	MTAU	—	*Non-ideality factor of the emitter stored charge
48	$\tau_E$	TAUE	s	*Minimum transit time of stored emitter charge
49	$\tau_B$	TAUB	s	*Transit time of stored base charge
50	$\tau_{epi}$	TEPI	s	*Transit time of stored epilayer charge
51	$\tau_R$	TAUR	s	*Transit time of reverse extrinsic stored base charge
52	$dE_g$	DEG	eV	Bandgap difference over the base
53	$X_{rec}$	XREC	—	Pre-factor of the recombination part of $I_{B1}$
54	$A_{QB0}$	AQBO	—	Temperature coefficient of the zero-bias base charge
55	$A_E$	AE	—	Temperature coefficient of the resistivity of the emitter
56	$A_B$	AB	—	Temperature coefficient of the resistivity of the base
57	$A_{epi}$	AEPI	—	Temperature coefficient of the resistivity of the epilayer
58	$A_{ex}$	AEX	—	Temperature coefficient of the resistivity of the extrinsic base
59	$A_C$	AC	—	Temperature coefficient of the resistivity of the collector contact
60	$A_{Cbl}$	ACBL	—	Temperature coefficient of the resistivity of the collector buried layer
61	$dA_{Is}$	DAIS	—	Parameter for fine tuning of temperature dependence of collector-emitter saturation current
62	$dV_{g\beta f}$	DVGBF	V	Band-gap voltage difference of forward current gain
63	$dV_{g\beta r}$	DVGBR	V	Band-gap voltage difference of reverse current gain
64	$V_{gB}$	VGB	V	Band-gap voltage of the base
65	$V_{gC}$	VGC	V	Band-gap voltage of the collector
66	$V_{gj}$	VGJ	V	Band-gap voltage recombination emitter-base junction
67	$V_{gzEB}$	VGZEB	V	Band-gap at reference temperature relevant to the Zener effect in the emitter-base junction
68	$A_{VgEB}$	AVGEB	V/K	Temperature scaling coefficient of emitter-base Zener tunneling current
69	$T_{VgEB}$	TVGEB	K	Temperature scaling coefficient of emitter-base Zener tunneling current
70	$dV_{g\tau_E}$	DVGTE	V	*Band-gap voltage difference of emitter stored charge



#	symbol	name	units	description
71	$A_f$	AF	—	*Exponent of the Flicker-noise
72	$K_f$	KF	—	*Flicker-noise coefficient of the ideal base current
73	$K_{fN}$	KFN	—	*Flicker-noise coefficient of the non-ideal base current
74	$K_{avl}$	KAVL	—	*Switch for white noise contribution due to avalanche
75	$I_{Ss}$	ISS	A	Base-substrate saturation current
76	$I_{CSs}$	ICSS	A	Collector-substrate ideal saturation current
77	$I_{ks}$	IKS	A	Base-substrate high injection knee current
78	$C_{js}$	CJS	F	*Zero-bias collector-substrate depletion capacitance
79	$V_{ds}$	VDS	V	*Collector-substrate diffusion voltage
80	$p_s$	PS	—	*Collector-substrate grading coefficient
81	$V_{gs}$	VGS	V	Band-gap voltage of the substrate
82	$A_s$	AS	—	For a closed buried layer: $A_s = A_c$ , and for an open buried layer: $A_s = A_{epi}$
83	$A_{sub}$	ASUB	—	Temperature coefficient for mobility of minorities in the substrate
84	$R_{th}$	RTH	$^{\circ}C/W$	Thermal resistance
85	$C_{th}$	CTH	$J/^{\circ}C$	*Thermal capacitance
86	$A_{th}$	ATH	—	Temperature coefficient of the thermal resistance
87	MULT	MULT	—	Multiplication factor

The following table gives the default values and the clipping values of the parameters. These values should not be circuit simulator dependent. The default values come from a realistic transistor and are therefore a good indication of typical values.

#	symbol	name	default	clip low	clip high
1	LEVEL	LEVEL	504	–	–
2	$T_{ref}$	TREF	25.0	–273	–
3	DTA	DTA	0.0	–	–
4	EXMOD	EXMOD	1.0	0.0	1.0
5	EXPHI	EXPHI	1.0	0.0	1.0
6	EXAVL	EXAVL	0.0	0.0	1.0
7	EXSUB	EXSUB	0.0	0.0	1.0
8	$I_s$	IS	$22.0 \cdot 10^{-18}$	0.0	–
9	$I_k$	IK	0.1	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-12}$	–
10	$V_{er}$	VER	2.5	0.01	–
11	$V_{ef}$	VEF	44.0	0.01	–
12	$\beta_f$	BF	215.0	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-4}$	–
13	$I_{Bf}$	IBF	$2.7 \cdot 10^{-15}$	0.0	–
14	$m_{Lf}$	MLF	2.0	0.1	–
15	$XI_{B_1}$	XIBI	0.0	0.0	1.0
16	$I_{zEB}$	IZEB	0.0	0.0	–
17	$N_{zEB}$	NZEB	22.0	0.0	–
18	$\beta_i$	BRI	7.0	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-10}$	–
19	$I_{Br}$	IBR	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-15}$	0.0	–
20	$V_{Lr}$	VLR	0.2	–	–
21	$X_{ext}$	XEXT	0.63	0.0	1.0
22	$W_{avl}$	WAVL	$1.1 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-9}$	–
23	$V_{avl}$	VAVL	3.0	0.01	–
24	$S_{fH}$	SFH	0.3	0.0	–
25	$R_E$	RE	5.0	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-3}$	–
26	$R_{Bc}$	RBC	23.0	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-3}$	–
27	$R_{Bv}$	RBV	18.0	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-3}$	–
28	$R_{Cc}$	RCC	12.0	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-3}$	–
29	$R_{Cblx}$	RCBLX	0.0	0.0	–
30	$R_{Cbli}$	RCBLI	0.0	0.0	–
31	$R_{Cv}$	RCV	150.0	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-3}$	–
32	$SCR_{Cv}$	SCRCV	1250.0	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-3}$	–
33	$I_{hc}$	IHC	$4.0 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-12}$	–
34	$a_{x_i}$	AXI	0.3	0.02	–
35	$C_{jE}$	CJE	$73.0 \cdot 10^{-15}$	0.0	–
36	$V_{dE}$	VDE	0.95	0.05	–
37	$p_E$	PE	0.4	0.01	0.99
38	$XC_{jE}$	XCJE	0.4	0.0	1.0
39	$C_{BEO}$	CBEO	0.0	0.0	–

#	symbol	name	default	clip low	clip high
40	$C_{jc}$	CJC	$78.0 \cdot 10^{-15}$	0.0	–
41	$V_{dc}$	VDC	0.68	0.05	–
42	$p_C$	PC	0.5	0.01	0.99
43	$X_p$	XP	0.35	0.0	0.99
44	$m_C$	MC	0.5	0.0	1.0
45	$XC_{jc}$	XCJC	$32.0 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.0	1.0
46	$C_{BCO}$	CBCO	0.0	0.0	–
47	$m_r$	MTAU	1.0	0.1	–
48	$\tau_E$	TAUE	$2.0 \cdot 10^{-12}$	0.0	–
49	$\tau_B$	TAUB	$4.2 \cdot 10^{-12}$	0.0	–
50	$\tau_{epi}$	TEPI	$41.0 \cdot 10^{-12}$	0.0	–
51	$\tau_R$	TAUR	$520.0 \cdot 10^{-12}$	0.0	–
52	$dE_g$	DEG	0.0	–	–
53	$X_{rec}$	XREC	0.0	0.0	–
54	$A_{QB0}$	AQBO	0.3	–	–
55	$A_E$	AE	0.0	–	–
56	$A_B$	AB	1.0	–	–
57	$A_{epi}$	AEPI	2.5	–	–
58	$A_{ex}$	AEX	0.62	–	–
59	$A_C$	AC	2.0	–	–
60	$A_{Cbl}$	ACBL	2.0	0.0	–
61	$dA_{I_s}$	DAIS	0.0	–	–
62	$dV_{g\beta f}$	DVGBF	$50.0 \cdot 10^{-3}$	–	–
63	$dV_{g\beta r}$	DVGBR	$45.0 \cdot 10^{-3}$	–	–
64	$V_{gB}$	VGB	1.17	0.1	–
65	$V_{gC}$	VGC	1.18	0.1	–
66	$V_{gJ}$	VGJ	1.15	0.1	–
67	$V_{gZEB}$	VGZEB	1.15	0.1	–
68	$A_{V_{gEB}}$	AVGEB	$4.73 \cdot 10^{-4}$	–	–
69	$T_{V_{gEB}}$	TVGEB	636.0	0.0	–
70	$dV_{g\tau_E}$	DVGTE	0.05	–	–

#	symbol	name	default	clip low	clip high
71	$A_f$	AF	2.0	0.01	–
72	$K_f$	KF	$20.0 \cdot 10^{-12}$	0.0	–
73	$K_{fN}$	KFN	$20.0 \cdot 10^{-12}$	0.0	–
74	$K_{avl}$	KAVL	$0.0^\dagger$	$0.0^\dagger$	1.0
75	$I_{Ss}$	ISS	$48.0 \cdot 10^{-18}$	0.0	–
76	$I_{CSs}$	ICSS	$-1.0^\ddagger$	–	–
77	$I_{ks}$	IKS	$250.0 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$1.0 \cdot 10^{-12}$	–
78	$C_{js}$	CJS	$315.0 \cdot 10^{-15}$	0.0	–
79	$V_{ds}$	VDS	0.62	0.05	–
80	$p_S$	PS	0.34	0.01	0.99
81	$V_{gs}$	VGS	1.20	0.1	–
82	$A_S$	AS	1.58	–	–
83	$A_{sub}$	ASUB	2.0	–	–
84	$R_{th}$	RTH	300.0	0.0	–
85	$C_{th}$	CTH	$3.0 \cdot 10^{-9}$	$0.0^\S$	–
86	$A_{th}$	ATH	0.0	–	–
87	MULT	MULT	1.0	0.0	–

<sup>†</sup>The physical and therefore recommended value is  $K_{avl} = 1$ .

<sup>‡</sup>For  $I_{CSs} < 0$  (default), the substrate-collector current  $I_{Sf}$  reduces to backwards compatibility mode.

<sup>§</sup>Please note that a value of  $C_{th} = 0$  often leads to incorrect results, see Sec. 4.14.

### 4.4 Equivalent circuit

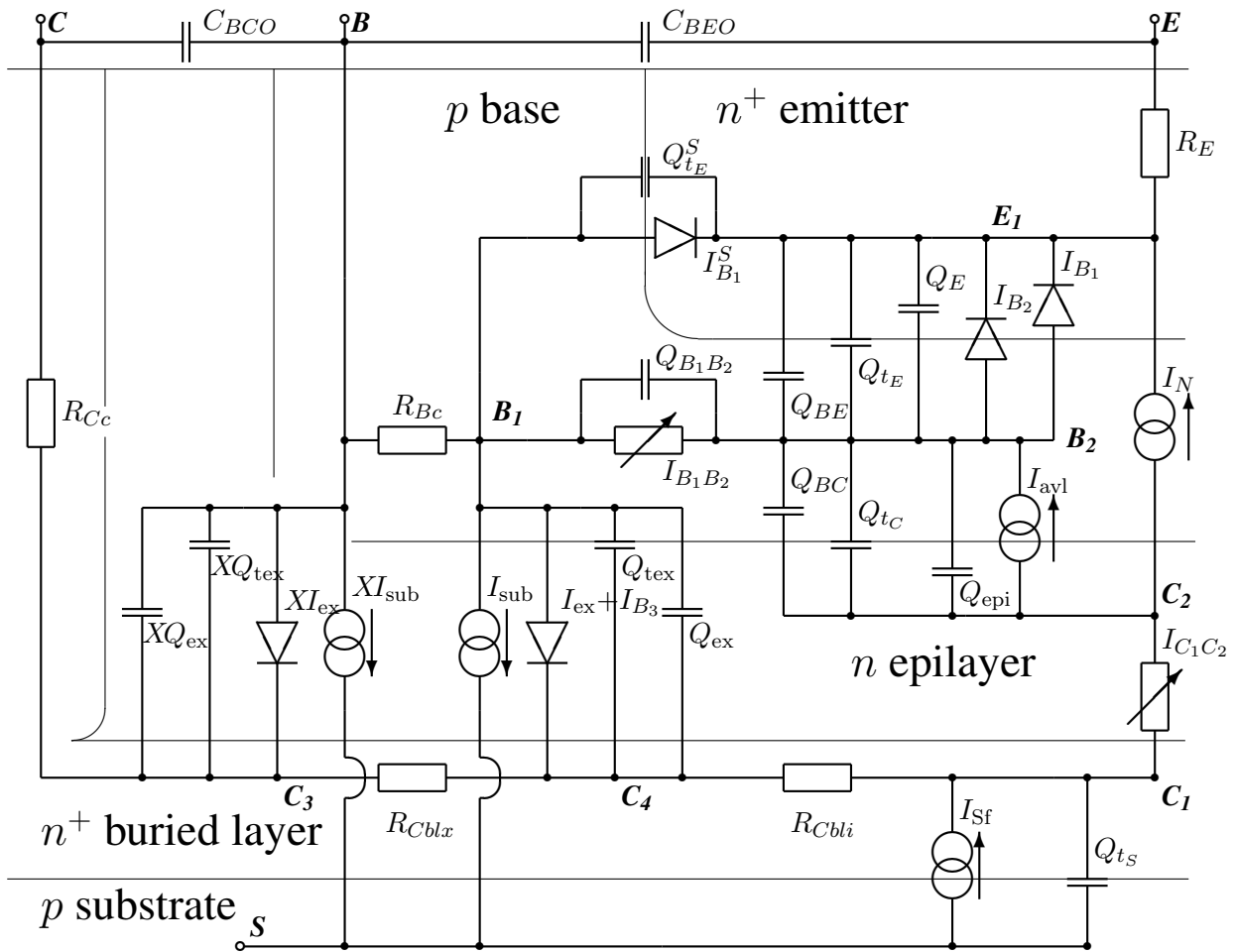


Figure 1: The full Mextram equivalent circuit for the vertical NPN transistor. Schematically the different regions of the physical transistor are shown. The current  $I_{B_1B_2}$  describes the variable base resistance and is therefore sometimes called  $R_{Bv}$ . The current  $I_{C_1C_2}$  describes the variable collector resistance (or epilayer resistance) and is therefore sometimes called  $R_{Cv}$ . The extra circuit for self-heating is discussed in Sec. 4.14.

## 4.5 Model constants

$$k = 1.3806226 \cdot 10^{-23} \text{ JK}^{-1} \quad (4.2)$$

$$q = 1.6021918 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ C} \quad (4.3)$$

$$\left(\frac{k}{q}\right) = 0.86171 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ V/K} \quad (4.4)$$

$$V_{d,low} = 0.05 \text{ V} \quad (4.5)$$

$$a_{jE} = 3.0 \quad (4.6)$$

$$a_{jC} = 2.0 \quad (4.7)$$

$$a_{jS} = 2.0 \quad (4.8)$$

Constants  $A_n$  and  $B_n$  for impact ionization depend on the transistor type:

For NPN:

$$A_n = 7.03 \cdot 10^7 \text{ m}^{-1} \quad (4.9)$$

$$B_n = 1.23 \cdot 10^8 \text{ V m}^{-1} \quad (4.10)$$

For PNP:

$$A_n = 1.58 \cdot 10^8 \text{ m}^{-1} \quad (4.11)$$

$$B_n = 2.04 \cdot 10^8 \text{ V m}^{-1} \quad (4.12)$$

The default reference temperature  $T_{ref}$  for parameter determination is 25 °C.

## 4.6 MULT-scaling

The parameter MULT may be used to put several transistors in parallel. This means that all currents, charges, and noise-current sources should be multiplied by MULT. It is however much easier to implement this by scaling some of the parameters up front. MULT is allowed to be non-integer for increased flexibility. To scale the geometry of a transistor the use of a process-block is preferable over using this feature.

The following parameters are multiplied by MULT

$$I_s, I_k, I_{Bf}, I_{Br}, I_{hc}, I_{Ss}, I_{CSs}, I_{ks}, I_{zEB} \\ C_{jE}, C_{jC}, C_{jS}, C_{BEO}, C_{BCO}, C_{th} \quad (4.13)$$

The following parameters are divided by MULT

$$R_E, R_{Bc}, R_{Bv}, R_{Cc}, R_{Cblx}, R_{Cbli}, R_{Cv}, SCR_{Cv}, R_{th} \quad (4.14)$$

The flicker-noise coefficients are scaled as

$$K_f \rightarrow K_f \cdot \text{MULT}^{1-A_f} \quad (4.15)$$

$$K_{fN} \rightarrow K_{fN} \cdot \text{MULT}^{1-[2(m_{Lf}-1)+A_f(2-m_{Lf})]} \quad (4.16)$$

## 4.7 Temperature scaling

The actual simulation temperature is denoted by TEMP (in °C). The temperature at which the parameters are determined is  $T_{\text{ref}}$  (also in °C).

**Conversion to Kelvin** Note the addition of the voltage  $\mathcal{V}_{\text{dT}}$  of the thermal node (see Sec. 4.14).

$$T_K = \text{TEMP} + \text{DTA} + 273.15 + \mathcal{V}_{\text{dT}} \quad (4.17a)$$

$$T_{\text{amb}} = \text{TEMP} + \text{DTA} + 273.15 \quad (4.17b)$$

$$T_{RK} = T_{\text{ref}} + 273.15 \quad (4.18)$$

$$t_N = \frac{T_K}{T_{RK}} \quad (4.19)$$

### Thermal voltage

$$V_T = \left(\frac{k}{q}\right) T_K \quad (4.20)$$

$$V_{TR} = \left(\frac{k}{q}\right) T_{RK} \quad (4.21)$$

$$\frac{1}{V_{\Delta T}} = \frac{1}{V_T} - \frac{1}{V_{TR}} \quad (4.22)$$

**Depletion capacitances** The junction diffusion voltages  $V_{dE}$ ,  $V_{dC}$ , and  $V_{dS}$  with respect to temperature are

$$U_{dET} = -3V_T \ln t_N + V_{dE} t_N + (1 - t_N) V_{gB} \quad (4.23a)$$

$$V_{dET} = U_{dET} + V_T \ln\{1 + \exp[(V_{d,\text{low}} - U_{dET})/V_T]\} \quad (4.23b)$$

$$U_{dCT} = -3V_T \ln t_N + V_{dC} t_N + (1 - t_N) V_{gC} \quad (4.24a)$$

$$V_{d_{cT}} = U_{d_{cT}} + V_T \ln\{1 + \exp[(V_{d,low} - U_{d_{cT}})/V_T]\} \quad (4.24b)$$

$$U_{d_{sT}} = -3 V_T \ln t_N + V_{d_s} t_N + (1 - t_N) V_{g_s} \quad (4.25a)$$

$$V_{d_{sT}} = U_{d_{sT}} + V_T \ln\{1 + \exp[(V_{d,low} - U_{d_{sT}})/V_T]\} \quad (4.25b)$$

The zero-bias capacitances scale with temperature as

$$C_{j_{eT}} = C_{j_e} \left( \frac{V_{d_e}}{V_{d_{eT}}} \right)^{p_e} \quad (4.26)$$

$$C_{j_{sT}} = C_{j_s} \left( \frac{V_{d_s}}{V_{d_{sT}}} \right)^{p_s} \quad (4.27)$$

The collector depletion capacitance is divided in a variable and a constant part. The constant part is temperature independent.

$$C_{j_{cT}} = C_{j_c} \left[ (1 - X_p) \left( \frac{V_{d_c}}{V_{d_{cT}}} \right)^{p_c} + X_p \right] \quad (4.28)$$

$$X_{pT} = X_p \left[ (1 - X_p) \left( \frac{V_{d_c}}{V_{d_{cT}}} \right)^{p_c} + X_p \right]^{-1} \quad (4.29)$$

**Resistances** The various parameters  $A$  describe the mobility of the corresponding regions:  $\mu \propto t_N^{-A}$ . The temperature dependence of the zero-bias base charge goes as  $Q_{B0T}/Q_{B0} = t_N^{A_{QB0}}$ .

$$R_{eT} = R_e t_N^{A_e} \quad (4.30)$$

$$R_{b_{vT}} = R_{b_v} t_N^{A_b - A_{QB0}} \quad (4.31)$$

$$R_{b_{cT}} = R_{b_c} t_N^{A_{b_{cT}}} \quad (4.32)$$

$$R_{c_{vT}} = R_{c_v} t_N^{A_{c_{vT}}} \quad (4.33)$$

$$R_{c_{cT}} = R_{c_c} t_N^{A_{c_{cT}}} \quad (4.34a)$$

$$R_{c_{b_{lxT}}} = R_{c_{b_{lx}}} t_N^{A_{c_{b_{lx}}}} \quad (4.34b)$$

$$R_{c_{b_{liT}}} = R_{c_{b_{li}}} t_N^{A_{c_{b_{li}}}} \quad (4.34c)$$



**Conductances** With the parasitic collector resistances, conductances are associated. These are to be used in the noise model and for the calculation of dissipated power. For those contexts, for the cases in which one or more of the resistances is zero, the appropriate value for the corresponding conductance is zero. In cases of vanishing resistance values, the topology of the equivalent circuit is effectively changed. This is to be taken into account in implementations of the model.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{if } R_{Cc} > 0 \text{ then } G_{CcT} &= 1/R_{CcT} \text{ ,} \\ \text{else } G_{CcT} &= 0 \text{ .} \end{aligned} \quad (4.34d)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{if } R_{Cblx} > 0 \text{ then } G_{CblxT} &= 1/R_{CblxT} \text{ ,} \\ \text{else } G_{CblxT} &= 0 \text{ .} \end{aligned} \quad (4.34e)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{if } R_{Cbli} > 0 \text{ then } G_{CbliT} &= 1/R_{CbliT} \text{ ,} \\ \text{else } G_{CbliT} &= 0 \text{ .} \end{aligned} \quad (4.34f)$$

### Current gains

$$\beta_{fT} = \beta_f t_N^{A_E - A_B - A_{QB0}} \exp[-dV_{g\beta f}/V_{\Delta T}] \quad (4.35)$$

$$\beta_{rT} = \beta_r \exp[-dV_{g\beta r}/V_{\Delta T}] \quad (4.36)$$

### Currents and voltages

$$I_{sT} = I_s t_N^{4 - A_B - A_{QB0} + dA_{Is}} \exp[-V_{gB}/V_{\Delta T}] \quad (4.37)$$

$$I_{kT} = I_k t_N^{1 - A_B} \quad (4.38)$$

$$I_{BfT} = I_{Bf} t_N^{(6 - 2m_{Lf})} \exp[-V_{g_j}/m_{Lf} V_{\Delta T}] \quad (4.39)$$

$$I_{BrT} = I_{Br} t_N^2 \exp[-V_{gC}/2V_{\Delta T}] \quad (4.40)$$

$$V_{efT} = V_{ef} t_N^{A_{QB0}} \left[ (1 - X_p) \left( \frac{V_{dc}}{V_{dcT}} \right)^{pc} + X_p \right]^{-1} \quad (4.41)$$

$$V_{erT} = V_{er} t_N^{A_{QB0}} \left( \frac{V_{dE}}{V_{dET}} \right)^{-PE} \quad (4.42)$$

The temperature dependence of  $I_{Ss}$  and  $I_{ks}$  is given by  $A_S$  and  $V_{gs}$ .  $A_S$  equals  $A_C$  for a closed buried layer (BN) and  $A_S$  equals  $A_{epi}$  for an open buried layer.

$$I_{SsT} = I_{Ss} t_N^{4-A_S} \exp[-V_{gs}/V_{\Delta T}] \quad (4.43)$$

$$I_{CSsT} = I_{CSs} t_N^{3.5-0.5A_{sub}} \exp[-V_{gs}/V_{\Delta T}] \quad (4.44)$$

$$I_{ksT} = I_{ks} t_N^{1-A_S} \frac{I_{sT}}{I_s} \frac{I_{Ss}}{I_{SsT}} \quad (4.45)$$

When either  $I_s = 0$  or  $I_{SsT} = 0$  we take  $I_{ksT} = I_{ks} t_N^{1-A_S}$ .

### Transit times

$$\tau_{ET} = \tau_E t_N^{(A_B-2)} \exp[-dV_{g\tau_E}/V_{\Delta T}] \quad (4.46)$$

$$\tau_{BT} = \tau_B t_N^{A_{QB0}+A_B-1} \quad (4.47)$$

$$\tau_{epiT} = \tau_{epi} t_N^{A_{epi}-1} \quad (4.48)$$

$$\tau_{RT} = \tau_R \frac{\tau_{BT} + \tau_{epiT}}{\tau_B + \tau_{epi}} \quad (4.49)$$

**Avalanche constant** Note that this temperature rule is independent of  $T_{ref}$  since we take  $B_n$  as a material constant. For  $T_K < 525.0K$  we have

$$B_{nT} = B_n [1 + 7.2 \cdot 10^{-4} (T_K - 300) - 1.6 \cdot 10^{-6} (T_K - 300)^2] \quad (4.50a)$$

whereas for  $T_K \geq 525.0K$

$$B_{nT} = B_n * 1.081 \quad (4.50b)$$

Table 4: *Example values of the material constants for temperature dependence of the bandgap of various semiconducting materials (see relation 4.51c).*

material	$V_{gz0K}$ (eV)	$A_{VgEB}$ ( $10^{-4}$ eV/K)	$T_{VgEB}$ (K)
GaAs	1.519	5.405	204
Si	1.170	4.730	636
Ge	0.7437	4.774	235

### Heterojunction features

$$dE_{gT} = dE_g t_N^{A_{QB0}} \quad (4.51a)$$

**EB Zener tunneling current model** Temperature scaling of the Zener tunneling current model for the emitter-base junction is partially based on the following well-known temperature dependence of the bandgap:

$$V_{gz0K} = \max_{\log \exp} \left( V_{gzEB} + \frac{A_{VgEB} * T_{RK}^2}{T_{RK} + T_{VgEB}}, 0.05; 0.1 \right) \quad (4.51b)$$

$$V_{gzEBT} = \max_{\log \exp} \left( V_{gz0K} - \frac{A_{VgEB} * T_K^2}{T_K + T_{VgEB}}, 0.05; 0.1 \right) \quad (4.51c)$$

The function  $\max_{\log \exp}(x, x_0; a)$ , which is defined in expression (4.199) on page 61, is used to set a lower bound of 0.05V to the bandgaps  $V_{gz0K}$  and  $V_{gzEBT}$ .

Expression (4.51c) models a material property and the parameters of this expression,  $V_{gz0K}$ ,  $A_{VgEB}$  and  $T_{VgEB}$ , are material constants. Values of these are tabulated in table 4. The default values in Mextram correspond to the silicon values tabulated in table 4.

Note that  $A_{VgEB}$  and  $T_{VgEB}$  are also model parameters of the Mextram model, but  $V_{gz0K}$  is not. In Mextram,  $V_{gz0K}$  is an internal model variable, the value of which is calculated according to expression (4.51b). The parameter  $V_{gzEB}$  of this expression is also a Mextram model parameter.

In practice, bandgap will depend on material composition (alloys, SiGe) and doping concentration. Therefore, in practice the actual values of the quantities tabulated in table 4 may deviate from the tabulated values. Therefore, and in anticipation of application of Mextram to transistors in different materials, the parameters  $V_{gzEB}$ ,  $A_{VgEB}$  and  $T_{VgEB}$  are accessible in Mextram as model parameters. Because the Zener effect is relatively insensitive to temperature however, we expect that the default values of these parameters will suffice in practice and no parameter extraction for these parameters will be needed.

The following T-scaling rules for the Zener current model do not introduce any new parameter:

$$N_{zEBT} = N_{zEB} \left( \frac{V_{gzEBT}}{V_{gzEB}} \right)^{3/2} \left( \frac{V_{dET}}{V_{dE}} \right)^{p_E-1} \quad (4.51d)$$

$$I_{zEBT} = I_{zEB} \left( \frac{V_{gzEBT}}{V_{gzEB}} \right)^{-1/2} \left( \frac{V_{dET}}{V_{dE}} \right)^{2-pE} \exp(N_{zEB} - N_{zEBT}) \quad (4.51e)$$

### Self-heating

$$R_{th,Tamb} = R_{th} \cdot \left( \frac{T_{amb}}{T_{RK}} \right)^{A_{th}} \quad (4.51f)$$

## 4.8 Description of currents

### 4.8.1 Main current

Ideal forward and reverse current:

$$I_f = I_{sT} e^{V_{B_2E_1}/V_T} \quad (4.52)$$

$$I_r = I_{sT} e^{V_{B_2C_2}^*/V_T} \quad (4.53)$$

The value of  $V_{B_2C_2}^*$  is not always the same as the node voltage  $V_{B_2C_2}$ . The expression for  $e^{V_{B_2C_2}^*/V_T}$  is given in Eqs. (4.109) and (4.111).

The Moll-Ross or integral charge-control relation is used to take high injection in the base into account. To avoid dividing by zero at punch-through in Eq. (4.57) the depletion charge term  $q_0$  is modified. (Note that for SiGe transistors  $q_0^I$  might differ from  $q_0^Q$ , defined in Eq. (4.89). See Sec. 4.12).

$$q_0^I = 1 + \frac{V_{tE}}{V_{erT}} + \frac{V_{tC}}{V_{efT}} \quad (4.54)$$

$$q_1^I = \frac{q_0^I + \sqrt{(q_0^I)^2 + 0.01}}{2} \quad (4.55)$$

$$q_B^I = q_1^I \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} n_0 + \frac{1}{2} n_B \right) \quad (4.56)$$

$$I_N = \frac{I_f - I_r}{q_B^I} \quad (4.57)$$

The expressions for  $V_{tE}$ ,  $V_{tC}$ ,  $n_0$ , and  $n_B$  are given by Eqs. (4.117b), (4.133), (4.148), and (4.151), respectively.

### 4.8.2 Forward base currents

The total ideal base current is separated into a bulk and a sidewall component. The bulk component depends on the voltage  $\mathcal{V}_{B_2E_1}$  and the sidewall component on the voltage  $\mathcal{V}_{B_1E_1}$ . The separation is given by the parameter  $\chi I_{B_1}$ . (Note that  $I_{B_1}$  becomes more complicated when  $X_{rec} \neq 0$ . See Sec. 4.12).

Bulk component:

$$I_{B_1} = (1 - \chi I_{B_1}) \frac{I_{sT}}{\beta_{fT}} (e^{\mathcal{V}_{B_2E_1}/V_T} - 1) \quad (4.58)$$

Sidewall component:

$$I_{B_1}^S = \chi I_{B_1} \frac{I_{sT}}{\beta_{fT}} (e^{\mathcal{V}_{B_1E_1}/V_T} - 1) \quad (4.59)$$

The non-ideal base current is given by:

$$I_{B_2} = I_{BfT} (e^{\mathcal{V}_{B_2E_1}/m_{lf}V_T} - 1) \quad (4.60)$$

See section 4.15.1 for a discussion about  $G_{min}$ -based convergence aid for Eqn. (4.60).

### 4.8.3 Reverse base currents

In Mextram the non-ideal reverse base current is

$$I_{B_3} = I_{BrT} \frac{e^{\mathcal{V}_{B_1C_4}/V_T} - 1}{e^{\mathcal{V}_{B_1C_4}/2V_T} + e^{\mathcal{V}_{lr}/2V_T}} \quad (4.61)$$

See section 4.15.1 for a discussion about  $G_{min}$ -based convergence aid for Eqn. (4.61).

When  $EXSUB = 1$ , the  $\mathcal{V}_{SC_4}$ -dependent component of the main current of the parasitic BCS transistor is included, by default ( $EXSUB = 0$ ) it is not:

$$I_{sub} = \frac{2 I_{SsT} (e^{\mathcal{V}_{B_1C_4}/V_T} - 1)}{1 + \sqrt{1 + 4 \frac{I_{sT}}{I_{ksT}} e^{\mathcal{V}_{B_1C_4}/V_T}}} \quad (EXSUB = 0) . \quad (4.62a)$$

$$I_{sub} = \frac{2 I_{SsT} (e^{\mathcal{V}_{B_1C_4}/V_T} - e^{\mathcal{V}_{SC_4}/V_T})}{1 + \sqrt{1 + 4 \frac{I_{sT}}{I_{ksT}} e^{\mathcal{V}_{B_1C_4}/V_T}}} \quad (EXSUB = 1) . \quad (4.62b)$$

which includes high injection for the  $\mathcal{V}_{B_1C_4}$ -driven component of  $I_{sub}$ . Note that in this expression  $4 I_{sT}/I_{ksT}$  is used instead of  $4 I_{SsT}/I_{ksT}$  which simplifies parameter extraction [3].

In backwards compatibility mode ( $I_{CSs} < 0$ ), the current with substrate bias in forward is only included as a signal to the designer. In this mode, no physical meaning should be attached to  $I_{Sf}$ :

$$I_{Sf} = I_{SsT} \left( e^{\mathcal{V}_{SC1}/V_T} - 1 \right) \quad (4.63)$$

For physical values of  $I_{CSs}$  ( $I_{CSs} \geq 0$ ), the substrate-collector current is described by an ideal diode model that has a physics based temperature scaling rule:

$$I_{Sf} = I_{CSsT} \left( e^{\mathcal{V}_{SC1}/V_T} - 1 \right) \quad (4.64)$$

The extrinsic base current (electrons injected from collector to extrinsic base, similar to  $I_{B1}$ ) is given by

$$g_1 = \frac{4 I_{sT}}{I_{kT}} e^{\mathcal{V}_{B1C4}/V_T} \quad (4.65)$$

$$n_{Bex} = \frac{4 I_{sT}}{I_{kT}} \frac{e^{\mathcal{V}_{B1C4}/V_T} - 1}{1 + \sqrt{1 + g_1}} \quad (4.66)$$

$$I_{ex} = \frac{I_{kT}}{2 \beta_{iT}} n_{Bex} \quad (4.67)$$

#### 4.8.4 Weak-avalanche current

In reverse mode ( $I_{C1C2} \leq 0$ ) or hard saturation ( $\mathcal{V}_{B2C1} \geq \mathcal{V}_{dcT}$ ) both the avalanche current  $I_{avl} = 0$  and the generation factor  $G_{EM}$  are zero

$$I_{avl} = 0, \quad G_{EM} = 0 \quad (4.68)$$

In forward mode we have the following gradient of the electric field for zero bias

$$dE dx_0 = \frac{2 \mathcal{V}_{avl}}{W_{avl}^2} \quad (4.69)$$

The depletion layer thickness becomes

$$x_D = \sqrt{\frac{2}{dE dx_0}} \sqrt{\frac{\mathcal{V}_{dcT} - \mathcal{V}_{B2C1}}{1 - I_{cap}/I_{hc}}} \quad (4.70)$$

The current  $I_{cap}$  will be given in Eq. (4.130).

The generation of avalanche current increases at high current levels. This is only taken into account when flag EXAVL = 1.

When EXAVL = 0, then the effective thickness of the epilayer is

$$W_{\text{eff}} = W_{\text{avl}} \quad (4.71)$$

When EXAVL = 1, then

$$W_{\text{eff}} = W_{\text{avl}} \left( 1 - \frac{x_i}{2W_{\text{epi}}} \right)^2 \quad (4.72)$$

For either value of EXAVL the thickness over which the electric field is important is

$$W_D = \frac{x_D W_{\text{eff}}}{\sqrt{x_D^2 + W_{\text{eff}}^2}} \quad (4.73)$$

The average electric field and the field at the base-collector junction are

$$E_{\text{av}} = \frac{V_{\text{dcT}} - \mathcal{V}_{\text{B}_2\text{C}_1}}{W_D} \quad (4.74)$$

$$E_0 = E_{\text{av}} + \frac{1}{2} W_D \frac{dE dx_0}{I_{\text{hc}}} \left( 1 - \frac{I_{\text{cap}}}{I_{\text{hc}}} \right) \quad (4.75)$$

When EXAVL = 0, then the maximum of the electric field is

$$E_M = E_0 \quad (4.76)$$

When EXAVL = 1, then

$$SH_W = 1 + 2 S_{\text{fH}} \left( 1 + 2 \frac{x_i}{W_{\text{epi}}} \right) \quad (4.77)$$

$$E_{\text{fi}} = \frac{1 + S_{\text{fH}}}{1 + 2 S_{\text{fH}}} \quad (4.78)$$

$$E_W = E_{\text{av}} - \frac{1}{2} W_D \frac{dE dx_0}{I_{\text{hc}}} \left( E_{\text{fi}} - \frac{I_{\text{C}_1\text{C}_2}}{I_{\text{hc}} SH_W} \right) \quad (4.79)$$

$$E_M = \frac{1}{2} \left( E_W + E_0 + \sqrt{(E_W - E_0)^2 + 0.1 E_{\text{av}}^2 I_{\text{cap}}/I_{\text{hc}}} \right) \quad (4.80)$$

The injection thickness  $x_i/W_{\text{epi}}$  is given in Eq. (4.106).

For either value of EXAVL the intersection point  $\lambda_D$  and the generation factor  $G_{\text{EM}}$  are

$$\lambda_D = \frac{E_M W_D}{2(E_M - E_{\text{av}})} \quad (4.81)$$

$$G_{EM} = \frac{A_n}{B_{nT}} E_M \lambda_D \left\{ \exp \left[ -\frac{B_{nT}}{E_M} \right] - \exp \left[ -\frac{B_{nT}}{E_M} \left( 1 + \frac{W_{eff}}{\lambda_D} \right) \right] \right\} \quad (4.82)$$

When  $E_M \simeq E_{av}$  the expression for  $\lambda_D$  will diverge. Hence for  $(1 - E_{av}/E_M) < 10^{-7}$  we need to take the appropriate analytical limit and get:

$$G_{EM} = A_n W_{eff} \exp \left[ -\frac{B_{nT}}{E_M} \right] \quad (4.83)$$

The generation factor may not exceed 1 and may not exceed

$$G_{max} = \frac{V_T}{I_{C_1 C_2} (R_{BcT} + R_{B_2})} + \frac{q_B^I}{\beta_{rT}} + \frac{R_{ET}}{R_{BcT} + R_{B_2}} \quad (4.84)$$

The variable base resistance  $R_{B_2}$  is given by Eq. (4.92). The base charge terms  $q_B^I$  is given by Eq. (4.56). The current  $I_{C_1 C_2}$  is given by Eq. (4.98). The avalanche current then is

$$I_{avl} = I_{C_1 C_2} \frac{G_{EM} G_{max}}{G_{EM} G_{max} + G_{EM} + G_{max}} \quad (4.85)$$

#### 4.8.5 Emitter-base Zener tunneling current

In Mextram 504.10.1, the contribution to the current across the emitter-base junction due to Zener tunneling effects is assumed to be always negligible in forward mode; hence  $I_{ztEB} = 0$  whenever  $0 \leq V_{B_2 E_1}$ . In reverse mode,  $V_{B_2 E_1} < 0$ , it is modeled by the expressions below. Note that the transition at  $V_{B_2 E_1} = 0$  is non-trivial, yet the model for Zener tunneling current is  $C^\infty$ : all derivatives of the Zener tunneling current  $I_{ztEB}$  are continuous everywhere, including  $V_{B_2 E_1} = 0$ .

$$x_z = \frac{V_{B_2 E_1}}{V_{dET}} \quad (4.86a)$$

$$\tilde{E}_{0EB} = \frac{1}{6(-x_z)^{2+p_E}} (p_E (1 - p_E^2 - 3x_z(p_E - 1)) - 6x_z^2(p_E - 1 + x_z)) \quad (4.86b)$$

$$D_{zEB} = -V_{B_2 E_1} - \frac{V_{gzEBT}}{2^{2-p_E} N_{zEBT}} \tilde{E}_{0EB} \left( 1 - \exp \left( \frac{2^{2-p_E} N_{zEBT} V_{B_2 E_1}}{V_{gzEBT} \tilde{E}_{0EB}} \right) \right) \quad (4.87)$$

The Zener tunneling current  $I_{ztEB}$  is defined to be positive if it runs from node  $E_1$  to node  $B_2$ .

$$I_{ztEB} = \frac{I_{zEBT}}{2^{1-p_E} V_{dET}} D_{zEB} E_{0EB} \exp \left( N_{zEBT} \left( 1 - \frac{2^{1-p_E}}{E_{0EB}} \right) \right) \quad (4.88)$$

where  $E_{0EB}$  is as defined by expression (4.117a) on page 50.



#### 4.8.6 Resistances

The parasitic resistances for the emitter ( $R_{ET}$ ), the base ( $R_{BcT}$ ) and the collector ( $R_{CcT}$ ,  $R_{CblxT}$  and  $R_{CbliT}$ ) depend only on temperature.

#### 4.8.7 Variable base resistance

The variable part of the base resistance is modulated by the base charges and takes into account current crowding.

$$q_0^Q = 1 + \frac{V_{tE}}{V_{erT}} + \frac{V_{tC}}{V_{efT}} \quad (4.89)$$

$$q_1^Q = \frac{q_0^Q + \sqrt{(q_0^Q)^2 + 0.01}}{2} \quad (4.90)$$

$$q_B^Q = q_1^Q \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} n_0 + \frac{1}{2} n_B\right) \quad (4.91)$$

$$R_{B_2} = \frac{3 R_{BvT}}{q_B^Q} \quad (4.92)$$

$$I_{B_1B_2} = \frac{2V_T}{R_{B_2}} \left(e^{\mathcal{V}_{B_1B_2}/V_T} - 1\right) + \frac{\mathcal{V}_{B_1B_2}}{R_{B_2}} \quad (4.93)$$

Note the correspondance and differences between  $R_{B_2}$  and  $I_N$  from Eq. (4.57).

#### 4.8.8 Variable collector resistance: the epilayer model

This model of the epilayer resistance takes into account:

- The decrease in resistance due to carriers injected from the base if only the internal base-collector is forward biased (quasi-saturation) and if both the internal and external base-collector junctions are forward biased (hard saturation and reverse mode of operation).
- Ohmic current flow at low current densities.
- Space charge limited current flow at high current densities (Kirk effect; only in forward mode).

The current through the epilayer is given by

$$K_0 = \sqrt{1 + 4 e^{(\mathcal{V}_{B_2C_2} - \mathcal{V}_{dCT})/V_T}} \quad (4.94)$$

$$K_W = \sqrt{1 + 4 e^{(\mathcal{V}_{B_2C_1} - \mathcal{V}_{dCT})/V_T}} \quad (4.95)$$

$$p_W = \frac{2 e^{(\mathcal{V}_{B_2C_1} - \mathcal{V}_{d_{cT}})/V_T}}{1 + K_W} \quad (4.96)$$

For numerical reasons: when  $p_W < e^{-40}$  we take  $p_W \rightarrow 0$ .

$$E_c = V_T \left[ K_0 - K_W - \ln \left( \frac{K_0 + 1}{K_W + 1} \right) \right] \quad (4.97)$$

$$I_{C_1C_2} = \frac{E_c + \mathcal{V}_{C_1C_2}}{R_{CvT}} \quad (4.98)$$

In reverse mode the node voltage difference  $\mathcal{V}_{B_2C_2}$  is the quantity that we use in further calculations. In forward mode the relation between the voltage difference  $\mathcal{V}_{B_2C_2}$  and the current  $I_{C_1C_2}$  is not smooth enough. We will instead calculate  $V_{B_2C_2}^*$  that is to be used in subsequent calculations. It has smoother properties than  $\mathcal{V}_{B_2C_2}$  itself. In forward mode the node voltage  $\mathcal{V}_{C_2}$  is *only* used for Eqs. (4.94) and (4.98).

For the rest of the quantities in the epilayer model a distinction must be made between forward and reverse mode.

**Forward mode** ( $I_{C_1C_2} > 0$ ) The voltage and current at which quasi-saturation or Kirk effect start are given by

$$V_{qs}^{th} = \mathcal{V}_{d_{cT}} + 2 V_T \ln \left( \frac{I_{C_1C_2} R_{CvT}}{2 V_T} + 1 \right) - \mathcal{V}_{B_2C_1} \quad (4.99)$$

$$V_{qs} = \frac{1}{2} \left( V_{qs}^{th} + \sqrt{(V_{qs}^{th})^2 + 4 (0.1 \mathcal{V}_{d_{cT}})^2} \right) \quad (4.100)$$

$$I_{qs} = \frac{V_{qs}}{SCR_{Cv}} \frac{V_{qs} + I_{hc} SCR_{Cv}}{V_{qs} + I_{hc} R_{CvT}} \quad (4.101)$$

From this we calculate

$$\alpha = \frac{1 + a_{x_i} \ln\{1 + \exp[(I_{C_1C_2}/I_{qs} - 1)/a_{x_i}]\}}{1 + a_{x_i} \ln\{1 + \exp[-1/a_{x_i}]\}} \quad (4.102)$$

We need to solve

$$\alpha I_{qs} = \frac{V_{qs}}{SCR_{Cv} y_i^2} \frac{V_{qs} + SCR_{Cv} I_{hc} y_i}{V_{qs} + R_{CvT} I_{hc}} \quad (4.103)$$

which leads to

$$v = \frac{V_{qs}}{I_{hc} SCR_{Cv}} \quad (4.104)$$

$$y_i = \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 + 4\alpha v(1+v)}}{2\alpha(1+v)} \quad (4.105)$$

The injection thickness is given by

$$\frac{x_i}{W_{\text{epi}}} = 1 - \frac{y_i}{1 + p_W y_i} \quad (4.106)$$

The hole density  $p_0^*$  at the base-collector junction is given by

$$g = \frac{I_{C_1 C_2} R_{CvT}}{2V_T} \frac{x_i}{W_{\text{epi}}} \quad (4.107)$$

$$p_0^* = \frac{g-1}{2} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{g-1}{2}\right)^2 + 2g + p_W(p_W + g + 1)} \quad (4.108)$$

For numerical reasons: when  $p_0^* < e^{-40}$  we take  $p_0^* \rightarrow 0$ .

$$e^{V_{B_2 C_2}^*/V_T} = p_0^*(p_0^* + 1) e^{V_{dCT}/V_T} \quad (4.109)$$

**Reverse mode** ( $I_{C_1 C_2} \leq 0$ ) The hole density at the base-collector junction is given by

$$p_0^* = \frac{2e^{(V_{B_2 C_2} - V_{dCT})/V_T}}{1 + K_0} \quad (4.110)$$

$$e^{V_{B_2 C_2}^*/V_T} = e^{V_{B_2 C_2}/V_T} \quad (4.111)$$

The injection thickness is

$$\frac{x_i}{W_{\text{epi}}} = \frac{E_c}{E_c + \mathcal{V}_{B_2 C_2} - \mathcal{V}_{B_2 C_1}} \quad (4.112)$$

Numerical problems might arise for  $I_{C_1 C_2} \simeq 0$ . When  $|\mathcal{V}_{C_1 C_2}| < 10^{-5} V_T$  or  $|E_c| < e^{-40} V_T (K_0 + K_W)$  we approximate

$$p_{\text{av}} = \frac{p_0^* + p_W}{2} \quad (4.113)$$

$$\frac{x_i}{W_{\text{epi}}} = \frac{p_{\text{av}}}{p_{\text{av}} + 1} \quad (4.114)$$

## 4.9 Description of charges

### 4.9.1 Emitter depletion charges

The total base-emitter depletion capacitance is separated into a bulk and as sidewall component. The bulk component is located between nodes  $E_1$  and  $B_2$  and the sidewall component between nodes  $E_1$  and  $B_1$  (see Fig. 1)

The bulk component is

$$V_{FE} = V_{dET} \left( 1 - a_{jE}^{-1/pE} \right) \quad (4.115)$$

$$V_{jE} = \mathcal{V}_{B_2E_1} - 0.1V_{dET} \ln\{1 + \exp[(\mathcal{V}_{B_2E_1} - V_{FE})/0.1V_{dET}]\} \quad (4.116)$$

$$E_{0EB} = (1 - V_{jE}/V_{dET})^{1-pE} \quad (4.117a)$$

$$V_{tE} = \frac{V_{dET}}{1 - pE} [1 - E_{0EB}] + a_{jE}(\mathcal{V}_{B_2E_1} - V_{jE}) \quad (4.117b)$$

$$Q_{tE} = (1 - \chi C_{jE}) C_{jET} V_{tE} \quad (4.118)$$

The sidewall component is

$$V_{jE}^S = \mathcal{V}_{B_1E_1} - 0.1V_{dET} \ln\{1 + \exp[(\mathcal{V}_{B_1E_1} - V_{FE})/0.1V_{dET}]\} \quad (4.119)$$

$$Q_{tE}^S = \chi C_{jE} C_{jET} \left( \frac{V_{dET}}{1 - pE} [1 - (1 - V_{jE}^S/V_{dET})^{1-pE}] + a_{jE}(\mathcal{V}_{B_1E_1} - V_{jE}^S) \right) \quad (4.120)$$

### 4.9.2 Intrinsic collector depletion charge

In forward mode ( $I_{C_1C_2} > 0$ )

$$B_1 = \frac{1}{2} \text{SCR}_{Cv} (I_{C_1C_2} - I_{hc}) \quad (4.121)$$

$$B_2 = \text{SCR}_{Cv} R_{CvT} I_{hc} I_{C_1C_2} \quad (4.122)$$

$$V_{x_i=0} = B_1 + \sqrt{B_1^2 + B_2} \quad (4.123)$$

In reverse mode ( $I_{C_1C_2} \leq 0$ )

$$V_{x_i=0} = \mathcal{V}_{C_1C_2} \quad (4.124)$$

The junction voltage for the capacitance is given by

$$V_{\text{junc}} = \mathcal{V}_{B_2C_1} + V_{x_i=0} \quad (4.125)$$

The capacitance can now be calculated using

$$V_{ch} = \begin{cases} 0.1 V_{d_cT} & \text{for } I_{C_1C_2} \leq 0 \\ V_{d_cT} \left( 0.1 + 2 \frac{I_{C_1C_2}}{I_{C_1C_2} + I_{qs}} \right) & \text{for } I_{C_1C_2} > 0 \end{cases} \quad (4.126)$$

$$b_{jC} = \frac{a_{jC} - X_{pT}}{1 - X_{pT}} \quad (4.127)$$

$$V_{FC} = V_{d_cT} \left( 1 - b_{jC}^{-1/p_c} \right) \quad (4.128)$$

$$V_{jC} = V_{\text{junc}} - V_{ch} \ln \{ 1 + \exp[(V_{\text{junc}} - V_{FC})/V_{ch}] \} \quad (4.129)$$

The current dependence is given by

$$I_{\text{cap}} = \begin{cases} \frac{l_{hc} I_{C_1C_2}}{l_{hc} + I_{C_1C_2}} & \text{for } I_{C_1C_2} > 0 \\ I_{C_1C_2} & \text{for } I_{C_1C_2} \leq 0 \end{cases} \quad (4.130)$$

$$f_I = \left( 1 - \frac{I_{\text{cap}}}{l_{hc}} \right)^{m_c} \quad (4.131)$$

The charge is now given by

$$V_{C_V} = \frac{V_{d_cT}}{1 - p_c} \left[ 1 - f_I (1 - V_{jC}/V_{d_cT})^{1-p_c} \right] + f_I b_{jC} (V_{\text{junc}} - V_{jC}) \quad (4.132)$$

$$V_{t_C} = (1 - X_{pT}) V_{C_V} + X_{pT} \mathcal{V}_{B_2C_1} \quad (4.133)$$

$$Q_{t_C} = X_{C_{jC}} C_{jCT} V_{t_C} \quad (4.134)$$

### 4.9.3 Extrinsic collector depletion charges

The extrinsic collector depletion charge is partitioned between nodes  $C_1$  and  $B_1$  and nodes  $C_1$  and  $B$  respectively, independent of the flag EXMOD.

$$V_{jC_{ex}} = \mathcal{V}_{B_1C_4} - 0.1V_{dCT} \ln\{1 + \exp[(\mathcal{V}_{B_1C_4} - V_{FC})/0.1V_{dCT}]\} \quad (4.135)$$

$$V_{\text{texv}} = \frac{V_{dCT}}{1 - p_C} \left[1 - (1 - V_{jC_{ex}}/V_{dCT})^{1-p_C}\right] + b_{jC}(\mathcal{V}_{B_1C_4} - V_{jC_{ex}}) \quad (4.136)$$

$$Q_{\text{tex}} = C_{jCT} \left[(1 - X_{pT}) V_{\text{texv}} + X_{pT}\mathcal{V}_{B_1C_4}\right] (1 - XC_{jC}) (1 - X_{\text{ext}}) \quad (4.137)$$

$$XV_{jC_{ex}} = \mathcal{V}_{BC_3} - 0.1V_{dCT} \ln\{1 + \exp[(\mathcal{V}_{BC_3} - V_{FC})/0.1V_{dCT}]\} \quad (4.138)$$

$$XV_{\text{texv}} = \frac{V_{dCT}}{1 - p_C} \left[1 - (1 - XV_{jC_{ex}}/V_{dCT})^{1-p_C}\right] + b_{jC}(\mathcal{V}_{BC_3} - XV_{jC_{ex}}) \quad (4.139)$$

$$XQ_{\text{tex}} = C_{jCT} \left[(1 - X_{pT}) XV_{\text{texv}} + X_{pT}\mathcal{V}_{BC_3}\right] (1 - XC_{jC}) X_{\text{ext}} \quad (4.140)$$

### 4.9.4 Substrate depletion charge

$$V_{FS} = V_{dST} \left(1 - a_{jS}^{-1/p_S}\right) \quad (4.141)$$

$$V_{jS} = \mathcal{V}_{SC_1} - 0.1V_{dST} \ln\{1 + \exp[(\mathcal{V}_{SC_1} - V_{FS})/0.1V_{dST}]\} \quad (4.142)$$

$$Q_{tS} = C_{jST} \left( \frac{V_{dST}}{1 - p_S} \left[1 - (1 - V_{jS}/V_{dST})^{1-p_S}\right] + a_{jS}(\mathcal{V}_{SC_1} - V_{jS}) \right) \quad (4.143)$$

### 4.9.5 Stored emitter charge

$$Q_{E0} = \tau_{ET} I_{kT} \left( \frac{I_{sT}}{I_{kT}} \right)^{1/m_\tau} \quad (4.144)$$

$$Q_E = Q_{E0} \left( e^{\mathcal{V}_{B_2E_1}/m_\tau V_T} - 1 \right) \quad (4.145)$$

#### 4.9.6 Stored base charges

$$Q_{B0} = \tau_{BT} I_{kT} \quad (4.146)$$

Base-emitter part

$$f_1 = \frac{4 I_{sT}}{I_{kT}} e^{V_{B_2E_1}/V_T} \quad (4.147)$$

$$n_0 = \frac{f_1}{1 + \sqrt{1 + f_1}} \quad (4.148)$$

$$Q_{BE} = \frac{1}{2} Q_{B0} n_0 q_1^Q \quad (4.149)$$

Base-collector part

$$f_2 = \frac{4 I_{sT}}{I_{kT}} e^{V_{B_2C_2}^*/V_T} \quad (4.150)$$

$$n_B = \frac{f_2}{1 + \sqrt{1 + f_2}} \quad (4.151)$$

$$Q_{BC} = \frac{1}{2} Q_{B0} n_B q_1^Q \quad (4.152)$$

The expression for  $e^{V_{B_2C_2}^*/V_T}$  is given in Eqs. (4.109) and (4.111).

#### 4.9.7 Stored epilayer charge

$$Q_{\text{epi}0} = \frac{4 \tau_{\text{epiT}} V_T}{R_{CvT}} \quad (4.153)$$

$$Q_{\text{epi}} = \frac{1}{2} Q_{\text{epi}0} \frac{x_i}{W_{\text{epi}}} (p_0^* + p_W + 2) \quad (4.154)$$

#### 4.9.8 Stored extrinsic charges

$$g_2 = 4 e^{(V_{B_1C_4} - V_{d_{cT}})/V_T} \quad (4.155)$$

$$p_{W\text{ex}} = \frac{g_2}{1 + \sqrt{1 + g_2}} \quad (4.156)$$

$$Q_{\text{ex}} = \frac{\tau_{RT}}{\tau_{BT} + \tau_{\text{epiT}}} \left( \frac{1}{2} Q_{B0} n_{B\text{ex}} + \frac{1}{2} Q_{\text{epi}0} p_{W\text{ex}} \right) \quad (4.157)$$

The electron density  $n_{B\text{ex}}$  is given in Eq. (4.66).

#### **4.9.9 Overlap charges**

The overlap capacitances  $C_{\text{BEO}}$  and  $C_{\text{BCO}}$  are constant.



## 4.10 Extended modelling of the reverse current gain EXMOD=1

### 4.10.1 Currents

The reverse currents  $I_{\text{ex}}$  and  $I_{\text{sub}}$  are redefined

$$I_{\text{ex}} \rightarrow (1 - X_{\text{ext}}) I_{\text{ex}} \quad (4.158)$$

$$I_{\text{sub}} \rightarrow (1 - X_{\text{ext}}) I_{\text{sub}} \quad (4.159)$$

The part  $X_{\text{ext}}$  of the reverse currents in the extrinsic transistor are connected to the external base node

$$Xg_1 = \frac{4 I_{\text{sT}}}{I_{\text{kT}}} e^{\mathcal{V}_{\text{BC}_3}/V_T} \quad (4.160)$$

$$Xn_{\text{Bex}} = \frac{4 I_{\text{sT}}}{I_{\text{kT}}} \frac{e^{\mathcal{V}_{\text{BC}_3}/V_T} - 1}{1 + \sqrt{1 + Xg_1}} \quad (4.161)$$

$$XIM_{\text{ex}} = X_{\text{ext}} \frac{I_{\text{kT}}}{2 \beta_{\text{rT}}} Xn_{\text{Bex}} \quad (4.162)$$

When EXSUB = 1, the  $\mathcal{V}_{\text{SC}_3}$ - dependent component of the main current of the parasitic BCS transistor is included, by default (EXSUB = 0) it is not:

$$XIM_{\text{sub}} = X_{\text{ext}} \frac{2 I_{\text{sT}} (e^{\mathcal{V}_{\text{BC}_3}/V_T} - 1)}{1 + \sqrt{1 + 4 \frac{I_{\text{sT}}}{I_{\text{ksT}}} e^{\mathcal{V}_{\text{BC}_3}/V_T}} \quad (\text{EXSUB} = 0) . \quad (4.163a)$$

$$XIM_{\text{sub}} = X_{\text{ext}} \frac{2 I_{\text{sT}} (e^{\mathcal{V}_{\text{BC}_3}/V_T} - e^{\mathcal{V}_{\text{SC}_3}/V_T})}{1 + \sqrt{1 + 4 \frac{I_{\text{sT}}}{I_{\text{ksT}}} e^{\mathcal{V}_{\text{BC}_3}/V_T}} \quad (\text{EXSUB} = 1) . \quad (4.163b)$$

To improve the convergency behaviour the diode-like currents in the branch  $B-C_1$  are limited by a resistance of value  $R_{\text{CcT}}$ :

$$V_{\text{ex}} = V_T \left\{ 2 - \ln \left[ \frac{X_{\text{ext}} (I_{\text{sT}}/\beta_{\text{rT}} + I_{\text{sT}}) R_{\text{CcT}}}{V_T} \right] \right\} \quad (4.164)$$

$$VB_{\text{ex}} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ (\mathcal{V}_{\text{BC}_3} - V_{\text{ex}}) + \sqrt{(\mathcal{V}_{\text{BC}_3} - V_{\text{ex}})^2 + 0.0121} \right] \quad (4.165)$$

$$F_{\text{ex}} = \frac{VB_{\text{ex}}}{X_{\text{ext}} (I_{\text{sT}}/\beta_{\text{rT}} + I_{\text{sT}}) R_{\text{CcT}} + (XIM_{\text{ex}} + XIM_{\text{sub}}) R_{\text{CcT}} + VB_{\text{ex}}} \quad (4.166)$$

$$XI_{\text{ex}} = F_{\text{ex}} XIM_{\text{ex}} \quad (4.167)$$

$$XI_{\text{sub}} = F_{\text{ex}} XIM_{\text{sub}} \quad (4.168)$$

### 4.10.2 Charges

The charge  $Q_{\text{ex}}$  is redefined:

$$Q_{\text{ex}} \rightarrow (1 - X_{\text{ext}}) Q_{\text{ex}} \quad (4.169)$$

The charge in the branch  $B-C_3$  is also limited by using  $F_{\text{ex}}$

$$Xg_2 = 4 e^{(\mathcal{V}_{BC_3} - \mathcal{V}_{dCT})/V_T} \quad (4.170)$$

$$Xp_{W_{\text{ex}}} = \frac{Xg_2}{1 + \sqrt{1 + Xg_2}} \quad (4.171)$$

$$XQ_{\text{ex}} = F_{\text{ex}} X_{\text{ext}} \frac{\tau_{RT}}{\tau_{BT} + \tau_{\text{epiT}}} \left( \frac{1}{2} Q_{B0} Xn_{B_{\text{ex}}} + \frac{1}{2} Q_{\text{epi}0} Xp_{W_{\text{ex}}} \right) \quad (4.172)$$

## 4.11 Distributed high-frequency effects in the intrinsic base EXPHI=1

Distributed high-frequency effects are modelled, in first order approximation, both in lateral direction (current crowding) and in vertical direction (excess phase-shift). The distributed effects are an optional part of the Mextram model and can be switched on and off by a flag (on: EXPHI = 1 and off: EXPHI = 0).

The high-frequency current crowding is modelled by

$$Q_{B_1B_2} = \frac{1}{5} \mathcal{V}_{B_1B_2} \left( \frac{dQ_{tE}}{d\mathcal{V}_{B_2E_1}} + \frac{1}{2} Q_{B0} q_1^Q \frac{dn_0}{d\mathcal{V}_{B_2E_1}} + \frac{dQ_E}{d\mathcal{V}_{B_2E_1}} \right) \quad (4.173)$$

For simplicity reasons only the forward depletion and diffusion charges are taken into account. (Note that the second term is the derivative of  $Q_{BE} = \frac{1}{2} Q_{B0} q_1^Q n_0$ , but with the derivative of  $q_1^Q$  neglected).

In vertical direction (excess phase-shift) base-charge partitioning is used. For simplicity reasons it is only implemented for the forward base charge ( $Q_{BE}$ ) and for high level injection. Now  $Q_{BE}$  from Eq. (4.149) and  $Q_{BC}$  from Eq. (4.152) are redefined according to

$$Q_{BC} \rightarrow \frac{1}{3} Q_{BE} + Q_{BC} \quad (4.175)$$

$$Q_{BE} \rightarrow \frac{2}{3} Q_{BE} \quad (4.176)$$

## 4.12 Heterojunction features

The most important difference between SiGe and pure Si transistors is the functional difference between hole charges and Gummel number. When the Ge concentration has a non-zero slope ( $dE_g \neq 0$ ) we redefine the  $q_0^I$  describing the Early effect for the currents (the  $q_0^Q$  remains unchanged):

$$q_0^I \rightarrow \frac{\exp\left(\left[\frac{V_{tE}}{V_{erT}} + 1\right] \frac{dE_{gT}}{V_T}\right) - \exp\left(\frac{-V_{tC}}{V_{efT}} \frac{dE_{gT}}{V_T}\right)}{\exp\left(\frac{dE_{gT}}{V_T}\right) - 1} \quad (4.177)$$

Another feature that might be needed for SiGe transistors is recombination in the base. This changes the forward ideal base current (when  $X_{rec} \neq 0$ )

$$I_{B1} \rightarrow \frac{I_{sT}}{\beta_{fT}} (1 - X_{lB1}) \left[ (1 - X_{rec}) (e^{\mathcal{V}_{B2E1}/V_T} - 1) + X_{rec} \left( e^{\mathcal{V}_{B2E1}/V_T} + e^{\mathcal{V}_{B2C2}^*/V_T} - 2 \right) \left( 1 + \frac{V_{tC}}{V_{efT}} \right) \right] \quad (4.178)$$

The last term also describes Auger recombination in high injection.

## 4.13 Noise model

For noise analysis noise current sources are added to the small-signal equivalent circuit. In these equations  $f$  represents the operation frequency of the transistor and  $\Delta f$  is the bandwidth. When  $\Delta f$  is taken as 1 Hz, a noise density is obtained.

Thermal noise:

$$\overline{iN_{R_E}^2} = \frac{4kT_K}{R_{ET}} \Delta f \quad (4.179)$$

$$\overline{iN_{R_{Bc}}^2} = \frac{4kT_K}{R_{BcT}} \Delta f \quad (4.180)$$

$$\overline{iN_{R_{Cc}}^2} = 4kT_K G_{CcT} \Delta f \quad (4.181a)$$

$$\overline{iN_{R_{Cblx}}^2} = 4kT_K G_{CblxT} \Delta f \quad (4.181b)$$

$$\overline{iN_{R_{Cbli}}^2} = 4kT_K G_{CbliT} \Delta f \quad (4.181c)$$

For the variable part of the base resistance a different formula is used, taking into account the effect of current crowding on noise behaviour [23]

$$\overline{iN_{R_{Bv}}^2} = \frac{4kT_K}{R_{B2}} \frac{4e^{V_{B1B2}/V_T} + 5}{3} \Delta f \quad (4.182)$$

Correlation between base and collector current noise sources due to avalanche [25] ¶

$$\overline{iN_B iN_C^*} = -K_{avl} \cdot 2qI_{avl} \cdot (2 + 2G_{EM}) \Delta f \quad (4.183)$$

Collector current shot noise, including avalanche contribution

$$\overline{iN_C^2} = 2q \frac{I_f + I_r}{q_B} \Delta f + K_{avl} \cdot 2qI_{avl} \cdot (3 + 2G_{EM}) \Delta f \quad (4.184)$$

Forward base current shot noise,  $1/f$ -noise, and avalanche contribution

$$\overline{iN_B^2} = \left\{ 2q (|I_{B1}| + |I_{B2}| + |I_{ztEB}|) + \frac{K_f}{f} (1 - \chi_{I_{B1}}) \left( \frac{|I_{B1}|}{1 - \chi_{I_{B1}}} \right)^{A_f} + \frac{K_{fN}}{f} |I_{B2}|^{2(m_{Lf}-1)+A_f(2-m_{Lf})} \right\} \Delta f + K_{avl} \cdot 2qI_{avl} \cdot (1 + 2G_{EM}) \Delta f \quad (4.185)$$

¶In the formulation as given the noise due to the avalanche current uses a correlation between two noise sources. In some simulators it is not possible or not easy to have correlated noise sources. An equivalent implementation of the noise due to the avalanche current is then as follows. The noise source  $\overline{iN_B iN_C^*}$  is not being used. Instead, a noise source between node  $B_2$  and node  $C_2$  is added, having  $\overline{iN_{avl}^2} = K_{avl} \cdot 4qI_{avl} \cdot (1 + G_{EM})\Delta f$ . The part due to avalanche in the collector current noise source is changed to  $\overline{iN_C^2} = \dots + K_{avl} \cdot 2qI_{avl}\Delta f$ . The part due to avalanche in the base current noise source is changed to  $\overline{iN_B^2} = \dots - K_{avl} \cdot 2qI_{avl}\Delta f$  (note the ‘-’-sign). The disadvantage of this implementation is that  $\overline{iN_B^2}$  can actually become negative! One should check that the simulator is able to handle this.

Emitter-base sidewall current shot noise and  $1/f$ -noise

$$\overline{iN_{B,S}^2} = \left\{ 2q |I_{B_1}^S| + \frac{K_f}{f} \chi_{I_{B_1}} \left( \frac{|I_{B_1}^S|}{\chi_{I_{B_1}}} \right)^{A_f} \right\} \Delta f \quad (4.186)$$

Reverse base current shot noise and  $1/f$ -noise

$$\overline{iN_{B_3}^2} = \left\{ 2q |I_{B_3}| + \frac{K_f}{f} |I_{B_3}|^{A_f} \right\} \Delta f \quad (4.187)$$

Extrinsic current shot noise and  $1/f$ -noise.

When EXMOD = 0 we have

$$\overline{iN_{I_{\text{ex}}}^2} = \left\{ 2q |I_{\text{ex}}| + \frac{K_f}{f} |I_{\text{ex}}|^{A_f} \right\} \Delta f \quad (4.188)$$

When EXMOD = 1 we have

$$\overline{iN_{I_{\text{ex}}}^2} = \left\{ 2q |I_{\text{ex}}| + \frac{K_f}{f} (1 - \chi_{\text{ext}}) \left( \frac{|I_{\text{ex}}|}{1 - \chi_{\text{ext}}} \right)^{A_f} \right\} \Delta f \quad (4.189)$$

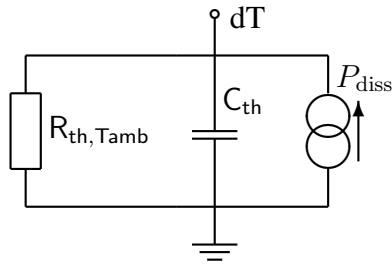
$$\overline{iN_{\chi I_{\text{ex}}}^2} = \left\{ 2q |\chi I_{\text{ex}}| + \frac{K_f}{f} \chi_{\text{ext}} \left( \frac{|\chi I_{\text{ex}}|}{\chi_{\text{ext}}} \right)^{A_f} \right\} \Delta f \quad (4.190)$$

Substrate current shot noise (between nodes  $B_1$  and  $S$ , resp.  $B$  and  $S$ )

$$\overline{iN_{I_{\text{sub}}}^2} = 2q |I_{\text{sub}}| \Delta f \quad (4.191)$$

$$\overline{iN_{\chi I_{\text{sub}}}^2} = 2q |\chi I_{\text{sub}}| \Delta f \quad (4.192)$$

## 4.14 Self-heating



Material	$A_{th}$
Si	1.3
Ge	1.25
GaAs	1.25
AlAs	1.37
InAs	1.1
InP	1.4
GaP	1.4
SiO <sub>2</sub>	0.7

Figure 2: On the left, the self-heating network. Note that for increased flexibility the node  $dT$  should be available to the user. On the right are parameter values that can be used for  $A_{th}$ .

For self-heating an extra network is introduced, see Fig. 2. It contains the self-heating resistance  $R_{th,Tamb}$  and capacitance  $C_{th}$ , both connected between ground and the temperature node  $dT$ . The value of the voltage  $\mathcal{V}_{dT}$  at the temperature node gives the increase in local temperature. The dissipation is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{diss} = & I_N (\mathcal{V}_{B_2E_1} - V_{B_2C_2}^*) + I_{C_1C_2} (V_{B_2C_2}^* - \mathcal{V}_{B_2C_1}) - I_{avl} V_{B_2C_2}^* \\
 & + \mathcal{V}_{EE_1}^2 / R_{ET} + \mathcal{V}_{BB_1}^2 / R_{BcT} \\
 & + \mathcal{V}_{CC_3}^2 G_{CcT} + \mathcal{V}_{C_3C_4}^2 G_{CblxT} + \mathcal{V}_{C_4C_1}^2 G_{CblifT} \\
 & + I_{B_1B_2} \mathcal{V}_{B_1B_2} + (I_{B_1} + I_{B_2} - I_{ztEB}) \mathcal{V}_{B_2E_1} + I_{B_1}^S \mathcal{V}_{B_1E_1} \\
 & + (I_{ex} + I_{B_3}) \mathcal{V}_{B_1C_4} + XI_{ex} \mathcal{V}_{BC_3} \\
 & + I_{sub} \mathcal{V}_{B_1S} + XI_{sub} \mathcal{V}_{BS} - I_{Sf} \mathcal{V}_{C_1S}
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.193}$$

Note that the effect of the parameter DTA and dynamic selfheating as discussed here are independent [4, 28], see Sec. 2.6.2. To use a more complicated self-heating network, one can increase  $R_{th}$  to very large values, make  $C_{th}$  zero, and add the wanted self-heating network externally to the node  $dT$ . Examples of how to use thermal networks are given in Ref. [28].

For the value of  $A_{th}$  we recommend using values from literature that describe the temperature scaling of the thermal conductivity. For the most important materials, the values are given in Figure 2, which is largely based on Ref. [29], see also [30].

Please note that taking  $C_{th} = 0$  in the self-heating model is *incorrect* for AC simulations (and hence also for transient simulations). The reason is that  $C_{th} = 0$  means that self-heating is infinitely fast. In reality, however, self-heating is much slower than the relevant time scales in most applications. Therefore, for simulations always a non-zero thermal capacitance should be used, even when the thermal capacitance has not been extracted. Since in practice the thermal time delay is of the order of  $1 \mu s$ , a reasonable estimate for the thermal capacitance can be given by  $C_{th} = 1 \mu s / R_{th}$ .

## 4.15 Implementation issues

### 4.15.1 Convergence aid: minimal conductance $G_{\min}$

Experience has learned that convergence of the model in circuit simulation is helped by addition of a conductance  $G_{\min}$  to the forward- (4.60) and reverse non-ideal base currents (4.61). In practise, during simulation, the value of  $G_{\min}$  is often controlled by the circuit simulator.

When we include this convergence aid, Eqn (4.60) is implemented as

$$I_{B_2} = I_{\text{BfT}} \left( e^{\mathcal{V}_{B_2E_1}/m_{\text{Lr}}V_T} - 1 \right) + G_{\min} \mathcal{V}_{B_2E_1} \quad (4.194)$$

while Eqn. (4.61) is implemented as:

$$I_{B_3} = I_{\text{BrT}} \frac{e^{\mathcal{V}_{B_1C_4}/V_T} - 1}{e^{\mathcal{V}_{B_1C_4}/2V_T} + e^{\mathcal{V}_{\text{Lr}}/2V_T}} + G_{\min} \mathcal{V}_{B_1C_4} \quad (4.195)$$

We emphasize that the terms  $G_{\min}$  are added in circuit simulators only to improve convergence: the physically correct behaviour of the model is established only in the limit  $G_{\min} \rightarrow 0$ .

If  $G_{\min}$  is not zero, its influence can be seen on some characteristics. In the context of implementation testing and comparison, it is therefore important to give  $G_{\min}$  a well-defined, prescribed value. Traditionally, Mextram has been tested with the above implementation – i.e. Eqns. (4.194) and (4.195) – of Equations (4.60) and (4.61), with a value  $G_{\min} = 1.0 \cdot 10^{-13}$  A/V. In practical testing, specification of the value of  $G_{\min}$  should be part of the test specification.

$G_{\min}$  is not included in the operating point information.

### 4.15.2 Transition functions

In several places in the code a transition function is used, like the `hyp`-functions and the `log-exp`-functions. These functions are the smoothed versions of the functions `min` and `max`. These functions must be programmed in a numerical stable way. This can be done in several ways. Here we only give the basic formulations.

For the depletion charges we use the function

$$\min_{\text{logexp}}(x, x_0; a) = x - a \ln\{1 + \exp[(x - x_0)/a]\} \quad (4.196)$$

In the implementation this is coded as

$$\min_{\text{logexp}}(x, x_0; a) = \begin{cases} x - a \ln\{1 + \exp[(x - x_0)/a]\} & \text{for } x < x_0 \\ x_0 - a \ln\{1 + \exp[(x_0 - x)/a]\} & \text{for } x \geq x_0 \end{cases} \quad (4.197)$$

In the epilayer model we calculate  $\alpha$  using

$$\max_{\text{logexp}}(x, x_0; a) = x_0 + a \ln\{1 + \exp[(x - x_0)/a]\} \quad (4.198)$$

In the implementation this is coded as

$$\max_{\log \exp}(x, x_0; a) = \begin{cases} x_0 + a \ln\{1 + \exp[(x - x_0)/a]\} & \text{for } x < x_0 \\ x + a \ln\{1 + \exp[(x_0 - x)/a]\} & \text{for } x \geq x_0 \end{cases} \quad (4.199)$$

The same is used for the temperature scaling of the diffusion voltages. Real hyperbolic functions are used for the calculation of  $q_1^{Q,I}$ ,  $V_{qs}$ , and  $V_{Bex}$ :

$$\max_{\text{hyp}}(x, x_0; \epsilon) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sqrt{(x - x_0)^2 + 4\epsilon^2} + x + x_0 \right] \quad (4.200)$$

In the implementation this can be coded as

$$\max_{\text{hyp}}(x, x_0; \epsilon) = \begin{cases} x_0 + \frac{2\epsilon^2}{\sqrt{(x - x_0)^2 + 4\epsilon^2} + x_0 - x} & \text{for } x < x_0 \\ x + \frac{2\epsilon^2}{\sqrt{(x - x_0)^2 + 4\epsilon^2} + x - x_0} & \text{for } x \geq x_0 \end{cases} \quad (4.201)$$

One can also make a difference between the cases  $|x| < 2\epsilon$  and  $|x| > 2\epsilon$  to improve the stability.

#### 4.15.3 Some derivatives

For some of the equations the derivatives can be simplified by using some math. For instance, for  $n_0$  we have

$$n_0 = \frac{f_1}{1 + \sqrt{1 + f_1}} = \sqrt{1 + f_1} - 1 \quad (4.202a)$$

For the implementation of  $n_0$  we need the first expression, especially when  $f_1$  is small. But for the derivative we can take the second expression. The same holds for

$$n_B = \frac{f_2}{1 + \sqrt{1 + f_2}} = \sqrt{1 + f_2} - 1 \quad (4.202b)$$

$$p_{Wex} = \frac{g_2}{1 + \sqrt{1 + g_2}} = \sqrt{1 + g_2} - 1 \quad (4.202c)$$

$$Xp_{Wex} = \frac{Xg_2}{1 + \sqrt{1 + Xg_2}} = \sqrt{1 + Xg_2} - 1 \quad (4.202d)$$

For the epilayer model we have similar equations, where again the second expression can be used for calculating derivatives:

$$p_W = \frac{2e^{(V_{B_2C_1} - V_{dCT})/V_T}}{1 + K_W} = \frac{1}{2} (K_W - 1) \quad (4.202e)$$

$$p_0^* = \frac{2e^{(V_{B_2C_2} - V_{dCT})/V_T}}{1 + K_0} = \frac{1}{2} (K_0 - 1) \quad (4.202f)$$

The latter is needed only in reverse mode.



#### 4.15.4 Numerical stability of $p_0^*$

For any root of a quadratic equation there are two ways of writing the solution. These differ in their numerical stability. Therefore, for  $p_0^*$ , we implement:

$$p_0^* = \begin{cases} \frac{g-1}{2} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{g-1}{2}\right)^2 + 2g + p_W(p_W + g + 1)}, & \text{for } g > 1 \\ \frac{2g + p_W(p_W + g + 1)}{\frac{1-g}{2} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{1-g}{2}\right)^2 + 2g + p_W(p_W + g + 1)}}, & \text{for } g < 1 \end{cases} \quad (4.203)$$

## 4.16 Embedding of PNP transistors

Although NPN transistors are the most used bipolar transistors it is also necessary to be able to describe PNP-transistors. The equations given above are only for NPN transistors. It is however easy to map a PNP-device with its bias conditions onto an NPN model. To do this we need three steps:

- The model uses the following internal voltages:

$$\mathcal{V}_{B_2C_1}, \mathcal{V}_{B_2C_2}, \mathcal{V}_{B_2E_1}, \mathcal{V}_{B_1E_1}, \mathcal{V}_{B_1B_2}, \mathcal{V}_{B_1C_1}, \mathcal{V}_{BC_1}, \mathcal{V}_{SC_1}$$

For a PNP the sign of these voltages must be changed ( $V \rightarrow -V$ ). The value of  $\mathcal{V}_{dT}$  does *not* change sign.

- Calculate the currents, charges and noise densities with the equations for the NPN transistor. Note that the parameters are still like those for an NPN. For instance all currents like  $I_s$  must be taken positive.

- Change the sign of all resulting currents ( $I \rightarrow -I$ )

$$I_N, I_{B_1B_2}, I_{C_1C_2}, I_{avl}, I_{B_1}, I_{B_1}^S, I_{B_2}, I_{ztEB}, I_{B_3}, I_{ex}, XI_{ex}, I_{sub}, XI_{sub}, I_{sf}$$

and charges ( $Q \rightarrow -Q$ )

$$Q_E, Q_{tE}, Q_{tC}, Q_{BE}, Q_{BC}, Q_{epi}, Q_{B_1B_2}, Q_{ex}, XQ_{ex}, Q_{tex}, XQ_{tex}, Q_{tS}, Q_{BEO}, Q_{BCO}$$

The noise current densities do not change sign. The power dissipation term  $P_{diss}$  and the thermal charge  $C_{th} \cdot V_{dT}$  do not change sign. The following derivatives *do* need an extra sign:

$$\frac{\partial P_{diss}}{\partial \mathcal{V}_{B_2E_1}}, \quad \text{etc.}$$

All other derivatives  $\partial I / \partial V$  and  $\partial Q / \partial V$  do not need an extra sign.

Furthermore, note that the constants  $A_n$  and  $B_n$  for the avalanche model are different for NPN's and for PNP's.

## 4.17 Distribution of the collector resistance

The buried layer resistances were introduced in Mextram 504.7, in a backwards compatible way. This implies that the default values of these resistances is zero. Because values of  $0 \Omega$  thus are allowed for resistances  $R_{Cblx}$  and  $R_{Cbli}$ , the lower clipping value of the resistances is zero and very small values of the resistances  $R_{Cblx}$  and  $R_{Cbli}$  are formally allowed. Resistance values very close to zero are known to form a potential threat to convergence however. In order to exclude the possibility that the resistances of the buried layer take such small values during the convergence process due to temperature effects, the lower clipping value for the temperature coefficient  $A_{Cbl}$  of the resistances  $R_{Cblx}$  and  $R_{Cbli}$  has been set to zero.

In case one of both of the  $R_{C_{blx}}$  and  $R_{C_{bli}}$  resistances vanish, the corresponding node ( $C_3$  and or  $C_4$ ) effectively disappears from the equivalent circuit. Hence the circuit topology depends on parameter values. Special attention has to be paid to this in implementation of the model.

## 4.18 Operating point information

The operating point information is a list of quantities that describe the internal state of the transistor. When a circuit simulator is able to provide these, it might help the designer understand the behaviour of the transistor and the circuit. All of these values have the sign that belongs to NPN-transistors (so normally  $I_C$  and  $\mathcal{V}_{B_2E_1}$  will be positive, even for a PNP transistor).

The full list of operating point information consists of four parts. First the external collector current, base current and current gain are given. Next we have all the branch biases, the currents and the charges. Then we have, as usual, the elements that can be used if a full small-signal equivalent circuit is needed. These are all the derivatives of the charges and currents. At last, and possibly the most informative, we have given approximations to the small-signal model which together form a hybrid- $\pi$  model with similar behaviour as the full Mextram model. In addition the cut-off frequency is included.

Note that  $G_{\min}$  is not included in the expressions of the operating point information (see section 4.15).

The external currents and current gain:

- $I_E$  External DC emitter current
- $I_C$  External DC collector current
- $I_B$  External DC base current
- $I_S$  External DC substrate current
- $\beta_{\text{dc}}$  External DC current gain  $I_C/I_B$

External voltage differences:

- $V_{BE}$  External base-emitter voltage
- $V_{BC}$  External base-collector voltage
- $V_{CE}$  External collector-emitter voltage
- $V_{SE}$  External substrate-emitter voltage
- $V_{BS}$  External base-substrate voltage
- $V_{SC}$  External substrate-collector voltage

Since we have 5 internal nodes we need 5 voltage differences to describe the bias at each internal node, given the external biases. We take those that are the most informative for the internal state of the transistor:

- $\mathcal{V}_{B_2E_1}$  Internal base-emitter bias
- $\mathcal{V}_{B_2C_2}$  Internal base-collector bias
- $\mathcal{V}_{B_2C_1}$  Internal base-collector bias including epilayer
- $\mathcal{V}_{B_1C_1}$  External base-collector bias without parasitic resistances
- $\mathcal{V}_{C_4C_1}$  Bias over intrinsic buried layer
- $\mathcal{V}_{C_3C_4}$  Bias over extrinsic buried layer
- $\mathcal{V}_{E_1E}$  Bias over emitter resistance

The actual currents are:

- $I_N$  Main current

$I_{C_1C_2}$	Epilayer current
$I_{B_1B_2}$	Pinched-base current
$I_{B_1}$	Ideal forward base current
$I_{B_1}^S$	Ideal side-wall base current
$I_{ZtEB}$	Zener tunneling current in emitter-base junction
$I_{B_2}$	Non-ideal forward base current
$I_{B_3}$	Non-ideal reverse base current
$I_{avl}$	Avalanche current
$I_{ex}$	Extrinsic reverse base current
$XI_{ex}$	Extrinsic reverse base current
$I_{sub}$	Substrate current
$XI_{sub}$	Substrate current
$I_{Sf}$	Substrate-Collector current
$I_{R_E}$	Current through emitter resistance
$I_{R_{Bc}}$	Current through constant base resistance
$I_{R_{Cblx}}$	Current through extrinsic buried layer resistance
$I_{R_{Cbli}}$	Current through intrinsic buried layer resistance
$I_{R_{Cc}}$	Current through collector contact resistance

The actual charges are:

$Q_E$	Emitter charge or emitter neutral charge
$Q_{t_E}$	Base-emitter depletion charge
$Q_{t_E}^S$	Sidewall base-emitter depletion charge
$Q_{BE}$	Base-emitter diffusion charge
$Q_{BC}$	Base-collector diffusion charge
$Q_{t_C}$	Base-collector depletion charge
$Q_{epi}$	Epilayer diffusion charge
$Q_{B_1B_2}$	AC current crowding charge
$Q_{tex}$	Extrinsic base-collector depletion charge
$XQ_{tex}$	Extrinsic base-collector depletion charge
$Q_{ex}$	Extrinsic base-collector diffusion charge
$XQ_{ex}$	Extrinsic base-collector diffusion charge
$Q_{t_S}$	Collector-substrate depletion charge

The small-signal equivalent circuit contains the following conductances. In the terminology we use the notation  $A_x$ ,  $A_y$ , and  $A_z$  to denote derivatives of the quantity  $A$  to some voltage difference. We use  $x$  for base-emitter biases,  $y$  is for derivatives w.r.t.  $\mathcal{V}_{B_2C_2}$  and  $z$  is used for all other base-collector biases. The subindex  $\pi$  is used for base-emitter base currents,  $\mu$  is used for base-collector base currents,  $Rbv$  for derivatives of  $I_{B_1B_2}$  and  $Rcv$  for derivatives of  $I_{C_1C_2}$ .

Quantity	Equation	Description
$g_x$	$\partial I_N / \partial \mathcal{V}_{B_2 E_1}$	Forward transconductance
$g_y$	$\partial I_N / \partial \mathcal{V}_{B_2 C_2}$	Reverse transconductance
$g_z$	$\partial I_N / \partial \mathcal{V}_{B_2 C_1}$	Reverse transconductance
$g_\pi^S$	$\partial I_{B_1}^S / \partial \mathcal{V}_{B_1 E_1}$	Conductance sidewall b-e junction
$g_{\pi,x}$	$\partial (I_{B_1} + I_{B_2} - I_{ztEB}) / \partial \mathcal{V}_{B_2 E_1}$	Conductance floor b-e junction
$g_{\pi,y}$	$\partial I_{B_1} / \partial \mathcal{V}_{B_2 C_2}$	Early effect on recombination base current
$g_{\pi,z}$	$\partial I_{B_1} / \partial \mathcal{V}_{B_2 C_1}$	Early effect on recombination base current
$g_{\mu,x}$	$-\partial I_{av1} / \partial \mathcal{V}_{B_2 E_1}$	Early effect on avalanche current limiting

$g_{\mu,y}$	$-\partial I_{\text{avl}}/\partial \mathcal{V}_{B_2C_2}$	Conductance of avalanche current
$g_{\mu,z}$	$-\partial I_{\text{avl}}/\partial \mathcal{V}_{B_2C_1}$	Conductance of avalanche current
$g_{\mu\text{ex}}$	$\partial(I_{\text{ex}} + I_{B_3})/\partial \mathcal{V}_{B_1C_4}$	Conductance extrinsic b-c junction
$Xg_{\mu\text{ex}}$	$\partial XI_{\text{ex}}/\partial \mathcal{V}_{BC_3}$	Conductance extrinsic b-c junction
$g_{Rcv,y}$	$\partial I_{C_1C_2}/\partial \mathcal{V}_{B_2C_2}$	Conductance of epilayer current
$g_{Rcv,z}$	$\partial I_{C_1C_2}/\partial \mathcal{V}_{B_2C_1}$	Conductance of epilayer current
$r_{bv}$	$1/(\partial I_{B_1B_2}/\partial \mathcal{V}_{B_1B_2})$	Base resistance
$g_{Rbv,x}$	$\partial I_{B_1B_2}/\partial \mathcal{V}_{B_2E_1}$	Early effect on base resistance
$g_{Rbv,y}$	$\partial I_{B_1B_2}/\partial \mathcal{V}_{B_2C_2}$	Early effect on base resistance
$g_{Rbv,z}$	$\partial I_{B_1B_2}/\partial \mathcal{V}_{B_2C_1}$	Early effect on base resistance
$R_E$	$R_{\text{ET}}$	Emitter resistance
$R_{Bc}$	$R_{\text{BcT}}$	Constant base resistance
$R_{Cc}$	$R_{\text{CcT}}$	Collector contact resistance
$R_{Cblx}$	$R_{\text{CblxT}}$	Extrinsic buried layer resistance
$R_{Cbli}$	$R_{\text{CbliT}}$	Intrinsic buried layer resistance
$g_S$	$\partial I_{\text{sub}}/\partial \mathcal{V}_{B_1C_1}$	Conductance parasitic PNP transistor
$Xg_S$	$\partial XI_{\text{sub}}/\partial \mathcal{V}_{BC_1}$	Conductance parasitic PNP transistor
$g_{Sf}$	$\partial I_{Sf}/\partial \mathcal{V}_{SC_1}$	Conductance Substrate-Collector current

The small-signal equivalent circuit contains the following capacitances

Quantity	Equation	Description
$C_{BE}^S$	$\partial Q_{tE}^S/\partial \mathcal{V}_{B_1E_1}$	Capacitance sidewall b-e junction
$C_{BE,x}$	$\partial(Q_{tE} + Q_{BE} + Q_E)/\partial \mathcal{V}_{B_2E_1}$	Capacitance floor b-e junction
$C_{BE,y}$	$\partial Q_{BE}/\partial \mathcal{V}_{B_2C_2}$	Early effect on b-e diffusion charge
$C_{BE,z}$	$\partial Q_{BE}/\partial \mathcal{V}_{B_2C_1}$	Early effect on b-e diffusion charge
$C_{BC,x}$	$\partial Q_{BC}/\partial \mathcal{V}_{B_2E_1}$	Early effect on b-c diffusion charge
$C_{BC,y}$	$\partial(Q_{tC} + Q_{BC} + Q_{\text{epi}})/\partial \mathcal{V}_{B_2C_2}$	Capacitance floor b-c junction
$C_{BC,z}$	$\partial(Q_{tC} + Q_{BC} + Q_{\text{epi}})/\partial \mathcal{V}_{B_2C_1}$	Capacitance floor b-c junction
$C_{BC\text{ex}}$	$\partial(Q_{\text{tex}} + Q_{\text{ex}})/\partial \mathcal{V}_{B_1C_4}$	Capacitance extrinsic b-c junction
$XC_{BC\text{ex}}$	$\partial(XQ_{\text{tex}} + XQ_{\text{ex}})/\partial \mathcal{V}_{BC_3}$	Capacitance extrinsic b-c junction
$C_{B_1B_2}$	$\partial Q_{B_1B_2}/\partial \mathcal{V}_{B_1B_2}$	Capacitance AC current crowding
$C_{B_1B_2,x}$	$\partial Q_{B_1B_2}/\partial \mathcal{V}_{B_2E_1}$	Cross-capacitance AC current crowding
$C_{B_1B_2,y}$	$\partial Q_{B_1B_2}/\partial \mathcal{V}_{B_2C_2}$	Cross-capacitance AC current crowding
$C_{B_1B_2,z}$	$\partial Q_{B_1B_2}/\partial \mathcal{V}_{B_2C_1}$	Cross-capacitance AC current crowding
$C_{tS}$	$\partial Q_{tS}/\partial \mathcal{V}_{SC_1}$	Capacitance s-c junction

The full small-signal circuit is in practice not very useful, since it is difficult to do hand-calculations with it. We therefore include the elements of an approximate small-signal model, shown in Fig. 3. This model contains the following elements:

$g_m$	Transconductance
$\beta$	Current amplification
$g_{out}$	Output conductance
$g_\mu$	Feedback transconductance
$R_E$	Emitter resistance (already given above)
$r_B$	Base resistance
$r_C$	Collector resistance



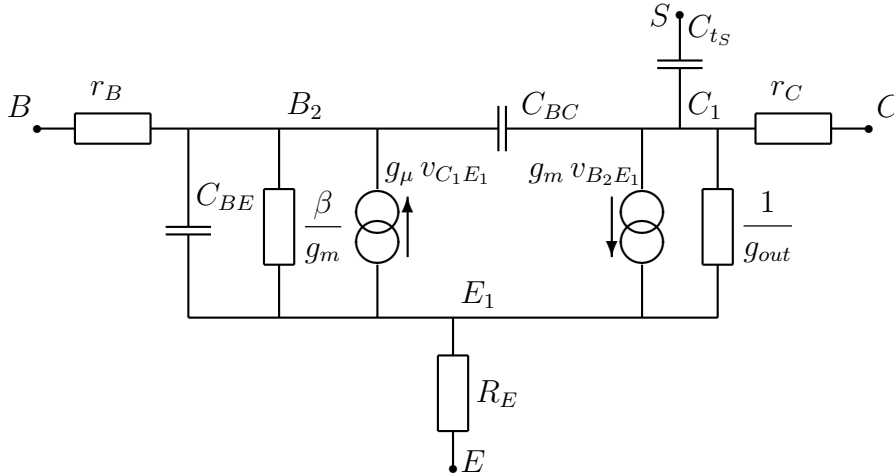


Figure 3: *Small-signal equivalent circuit describing the approximate behaviour of the Mextram model. The actual forward Early voltage can be found as  $V_{eaf} = I_C/g_{out} - \mathcal{V}_{CE}$ , which can be different from the parameter value  $V_{ef}$ , especially when  $dE_g \neq 0$ .*

- $C_{BE}$  Base-emitter capacitance
- $C_{BC}$  Base-collector capacitance
- $C_{t_S}$  Collector-substrate capacitance (already given above)

We make a few assumptions by making this approximation. It is meant to work in forward mode. For use in reverse mode or for the equivalent hybrid- $\pi$  version of the circuit we refer to Ref. [2]. To keep the model simple, the base-emitter and base-collector capacitances are a sum of various contributions that are in the full model between different nodes. The elements that have not been defined before can be calculated from the small signal parameters of the full model. As help variables we use

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{g_x - g_{\mu,x}}{g_{Rcv,y} + g_{\mu,y} - g_y} \quad (4.204)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dz} = \frac{g_z - g_{Rcv,z} - g_{\mu,z}}{g_{Rcv,y} + g_{\mu,y} - g_y} \quad (4.205)$$

$$g_\pi = g_\pi^S + g_{\pi,x} + g_{\mu,x} + g_{\pi,z} + g_{\mu,z} + (g_{\pi,y} + g_{\mu,y}) \left[ \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{dy}{dz} \right] \quad (4.206)$$

The quantities in the small-signal circuit then are:

$$g_m = \frac{g_{Rcv,y}(g_x - g_{\mu,x} + g_z - g_{\mu,z}) - (g_{Rcv,z})(g_y - g_{\mu,y})}{g_{Rcv,y} + g_{\mu,y} - g_y} \quad (4.207)$$

$$\beta = g_m / g_\pi \quad (4.208)$$

$$g_{out} = \frac{(g_y - g_{\mu,y})g_{Rcv,z} - (g_z - g_{\mu,z})g_{Rcv,y}}{g_{Rcv,y} + g_{\mu,y} - g_y} \quad (4.209)$$

$$g_\mu = g_{\pi,z} + g_{\mu,z} + (g_{\pi,y} + g_{\mu,y}) \frac{dy}{dz} + g_{\mu ex} + Xg_{\mu ex} \quad (4.210)$$

$$r_B = R_{BcT} + r_{bv} \quad (4.211)$$

$$r_C = R_{CcT} + R_{CbIxT} + R_{CbIiT} \quad (4.212)$$

$$C_{BE} = C_{BE,x} + C_{BE}^S + C_{BC,x} + (C_{BE,y} + C_{BC,y}) \frac{dy}{dx} + C_{BEO} \quad (4.213)$$

$$C_{BC} = (C_{BE,y} + C_{BC,y}) \frac{dy}{dz} + C_{BC,z} + C_{BCex} + XC_{BCex} + C_{BCO} \quad (4.214)$$

Note that we added the overlap capacitances to the internal capacitances for simplicity.

Apart from the small signal approximated hybrid- $\pi$  model, we would also like to have a rather good estimate of  $f_T$ , the cut-off frequency. We neglect the substrate current, but we now do take into account that the capacitances have different positions in the equivalent circuit. The derivation [2] is based on  $1/(2\pi f_T) = dQ/dI_C$  for constant  $V_{CE}$ . The

formulas used to calculate  $f_T$  are:

$$\gamma_x = (g_{\pi,x} + g_{\mu,x} - g_{Rbv,x}) r_{bv} \quad (4.215)$$

$$\gamma_y = (g_{\pi,y} + g_{\mu,y} - g_{Rbv,y}) r_{bv} \quad (4.216)$$

$$\gamma_z = (g_{\pi,z} + g_{\mu,z} - g_{Rbv,z}) r_{bv} \quad (4.217)$$

$$g_{Bf,x} = g_{\pi,x} + g_{\pi}^S (1 + \gamma_x) \quad (4.218)$$

$$g_{Bf,y} = g_{\pi,y} + g_{\pi}^S \gamma_y \quad (4.219)$$

$$g_{Bf,z} = g_{\pi,z} + g_{\pi}^S \gamma_z \quad (4.220)$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1 + [g_{Rcv,y} \frac{dy}{dx}] r_C + [g_x + g_{Bf,x} + (g_y + g_{Bf,y}) \frac{dy}{dx}] R_{ET}}{1 - [g_{Rcv,z} + g_{Rcv,y} \frac{dy}{dz}] r_C - [g_z + g_{Bf,z} + (g_y + g_{Bf,y}) \frac{dy}{dz}] R_{ET}} \quad (4.221)$$

$$r_x = \left[ g_{Rcv,y} \frac{dy}{dx} + \alpha \left( g_{Rcv,z} + g_{Rcv,y} \frac{dy}{dz} \right) \right]^{-1} \quad (4.222)$$

$$r_z = \alpha r_x \quad (4.223)$$

$$r_y = \frac{1 - g_{Rcv,z} r_z}{g_{Rcv,y}} \quad (4.224)$$

$$r_{b1b2} = \gamma_x r_x + \gamma_y r_y + \gamma_z r_z \quad (4.225)$$

$$r_{ex} = r_z + r_{b1b2} - R_{CbltT} \quad (4.226)$$

$$Xr_{ex} = r_z + r_{b1b2} + R_{BcT} [(g_{Bf,x} + g_{\mu,x}) r_x + (g_{Bf,y} + g_{\mu,y}) r_y + (g_{Bf,z} + g_{\mu,z}) r_z] - R_{CbltT} - R_{CblxT} \quad (4.227)$$

$$\tau_T = C_{BE}^S (r_x + r_{b1b2}) + (C_{BE,x} + C_{BC,x}) r_x + (C_{BE,y} + C_{BC,y}) r_y + (C_{BE,z} + C_{BC,z}) r_z + C_{BCex} r_{ex} + XC_{BCex} Xr_{ex} + (C_{BEO} + C_{BCO}) (Xr_{ex} - R_{CcT}) \quad (4.228)$$

Apart from the cut-off frequency we also have some other quantities to describe the internal state of the model:

$f_T$	$1/(2\pi \tau_T)$	Good approximation for cut-off frequency
$I_{qs}$		Current at onset of quasi-saturation
$x_i/W_{epi}$		Thickness of injection layer
$V_{B_2C_2}^*$		Physical value of internal base-collector bias

Related to self-heating we have the following extra quantities

$P_{diss}$	Dissipation
$T_K$	Actual temperature

## 5 Going from 503 to 504

In general it is possible to do Mextram 504 simulations using Mextram 503 parameters as input, without losing much accuracy, even though Mextram 503 is not fully backward compatible with Mextram 504. Most of the Mextram 503 model equations have been modified to some extent. So even when the model parameters are not changed, like for the three depletion capacitances, the simulation results may differ slightly as a function of bias. To do Mextram 504 simulations with Mextram 503 parameters as input, we have developed a procedure to convert Mextram 503 parameters to Mextram 504 parameters. In this section we describe this conversion. These conversion rules have been checked over bias and temperature for transistors in several processes. A Pstar input deck is available upon request that contains all the conversion rules explained in this section.

### 5.1 Overview

The Mextram 503 model contains 62 parameters while Mextram 504 contains 75 parameters in total. In Mextram 504 new parameters are introduced for the Early effect, avalanche multiplication, the non-ideal base current, transit times, temperature scaling rules and self-heating. There are 22 new parameters and 9 parameters have been removed. The parameter  $\tau_{NE}$  is renamed to  $\tau_E$  for consistency reasons. In Table 5 below we have given an overview of the parameters that are new in Mextram 504 and those that have been removed compared to Mextram 503.

The value of some parameters can directly be given, as has been done in the table. For those parameters that do not have a fixed value we give the conversion rules below. Some of the parameters that are present in both Mextram 503 and Mextram 504 have to be changed slightly for use in Mextram 504. These are  $I_{Bf}$  for the non-ideal forward base current and the temperature parameters  $V_{gB}$  and  $V_{gs}$ .

Table 5: Overview of the new parameters in Mextram 504 and the parameters removed compared to Mextram 503. For some of the parameters we have already given the value that should be used when converting from Mextram 503 to Mextram 504.

Part of the model	New	Removed
Early Voltages	$V_{er}$ $V_{ef}$	$Q_{B0}$
Built-in field of the base		$\eta$
Non-ideal base current	$m_{Lf}$	$V_{Lf}$
Avalanche model	$W_{avl}$ $V_{avl}$	AVL $E_{fi}$
Epilayer model	$a_{xi} = 0.3$	
Overlap capacitances	$C_{BEO} = 0$ $C_{BCO} = 0$	
Transit times	$\tau_B$ $\tau_{epi}$ $\tau_R$	

Part of the model	New	Removed
Self-heating	$R_{th} = 0$ $C_{th} = 0$ $A_{th} = 0$	
SiGe modelling	$dE_g = 0$ $X_{rec} = 0$	
Noise modelling	$K_{avl} = 0$	
Temperature model:		
Emitter resistance	$A_E = 0$	
Base width	$A_{QB0}$	$N_A$
Forward current gain	$dV_{g\beta f}$	$V_I$
Reverse current gain	$dV_{g\beta r} = 0$	$V_{gE}$
Emitter transit time	$dV_{g\tau_E}$	
Non-ideal base currents		$E_R$
Total	22	9

For the conversion rules a few quantities have to be given beforehand. These are the breakdown voltage  $BV_{ceo}$  for the avalanche model and the calibration temperature  $T_{cal}$  for the temperature rules. Since some of the temperature rules have been changed it is not possible to get exactly the same results for Mextram 503 and Mextram 504 for all temperatures. The calibration temperature  $T_{cal}$  is used below as the temperature where the Mextram 503 and the Mextram 504 temperature rules give the same result. A good value for  $T_{cal}$  is  $100^\circ\text{C}$ , which is in general not too close to the temperature at which parameter extraction has been done but which gives a reasonable temperature range.

## 5.2 Temperature scaling

The Mextram 503 temperature scaling rules have been evaluated and many of them have been slightly adapted. This results in minor changes of the related parameters. We will calibrate the new model at a certain temperature  $T_{cal}$ . For the equations we need the following definitions, that closely follow the definitions in Sec. 4

$$T_{RK} = T_{ref} + 273.15 \tag{5.1}$$

$$T_K = T_{cal} + 273.15 \tag{5.2}$$

$$t_N = \frac{T_K}{T_{RK}} \tag{5.3}$$

$$V_T = \left(\frac{k}{q}\right) T_K \tag{5.4}$$

$$V_{TR} = \left(\frac{k}{q}\right) T_{RK} \tag{5.5}$$

$$\frac{1}{V_{\Delta T}} = \frac{1}{V_T} - \frac{1}{V_{TR}} \tag{5.6}$$

The temperature dependence of the neutral base charge  $Q_{B0}$  in Mextram 503 is quite complicated due to the base width modulation and therefore many parameters are involved (e.g.  $V_{gB}$ ,  $V_{gC}$ ,  $N_A$ , and  $V_1$ ). We removed  $Q_{B0}$  from the parameter list. However, the temperature dependent ratio  $Q_{B0T}/Q_{B0}$  is still needed in the model. We simplify it by using a power law  $Q_{B0T}/Q_{B0} = t_N^{A_{Q_{B0}}}$  with parameter  $A_{Q_{B0}}$ . To determine this parameter we must repeat a part of the Mextram 503 temperature model:

$$V_{d_{ET}} = -3 V_T \ln t_N + V_{d_E} t_N + (1 - t_N) V_{gB} \quad (5.7)$$

$$V_{d_{CT}} = -3 V_T \ln t_N + V_{d_C} t_N + (1 - t_N) V_{gC} \quad (5.8)$$

$$C_{j_{ET}} = C_{j_E} \left( \frac{V_{d_E}}{V_{d_{ET}}} \right)^{p_E} \quad (5.9)$$

$$C_{j_{CT}} = C_{j_C} \left[ (1 - X_p) \left( \frac{V_{d_C}}{V_{d_{CT}}} \right)^{p_C} + X_p \right] \quad (5.10)$$

$$X_{pT} = X_p \frac{C_{j_C}}{C_{j_{CT}}} \quad (5.11)$$

$$Q_E = \frac{1 - X C_{j_E}}{1 - p_E} C_{j_E} V_{d_E} \quad (5.12)$$

$$Q_C = \left( \frac{1 - X_p}{1 - p_C} + X_p \right) X C_{j_C} C_{j_C} V_{d_C} \quad (5.13)$$

$$g_i = 2 \cdot \left[ 1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{N_A \exp(V_1/V_{TR})}{6.04 \cdot 10^{14} T_{RK}^{1.5}}} \right]^{-1} \quad (5.14)$$

$$Q_{imp} = (Q_{B0} + Q_E + Q_C) / g_i \quad (5.15)$$

$$Q_{ET} = \frac{1 - X C_{j_E}}{1 - p_E} C_{j_{ET}} V_{d_{ET}} \quad (5.16)$$

$$Q_{CT} = \left( \frac{1 - X_{pT}}{1 - p_C} + X_{pT} \right) X C_{j_C} C_{j_{CT}} V_{d_{CT}} \quad (5.17)$$

$$g_{iT} = 2 \cdot \left[ 1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{N_A \exp(V_1/V_T)}{6.04 \cdot 10^{14} T_K^{1.5}}} \right]^{-1} \quad (5.18)$$

$$Q_{B0T} = g_{iT} Q_{imp} - Q_{ET} - Q_{CT} \quad (5.19)$$

Finally the base charge temperature coefficient becomes

$$A_{Q_{B0}} = \frac{\ln(Q_{B0T}/Q_{B0})}{\ln t_N} \quad (5.20)$$

Next the parameters  $V_{gB}$  of the collector saturation current  $I_s$  and  $V_{gS}$  of the substrate saturation current  $I_{Ss}$  are adapted. This is done by demanding that the temperature rules for Mextram 503 and Mextram 504 lead to the same saturation currents at temperature  $T_{cal}$ . This leads to

$$V_{gB}^{(504)} = V_{gB}^{(503)} + V_{\Delta T} (0.2 + 0.5 A_B - A_{Q_{B0}}) \ln t_N \quad (5.21)$$

$$V_{gS}^{(504)} = V_{gS}^{(503)} + V_{\Delta T} (0.5 - 2 A_S) \ln t_N \quad (5.22)$$

In the same way we demand that the forward current gain of both models is the same at the calibration temperature. This leads to

$$dV_{g\beta f} = V_{gB}^{(503)} - V_{gE} + V_{\Delta T} (0.5 A_B - A_{Q_{B0}} - 0.03) \ln t_N \quad (5.23)$$

Parameter  $V_{gE}$  is removed from the list. The last bandgap voltage difference we need to define is that of the emitter transit time. Again we demand that the emitter transit time is the same for both models at the calibration temperature, but we simplify the case where  $m_\tau \neq 1$

$$dV_{g\tau E} = V_{g_j} - V_{gB}^{(503)} / m_\tau \quad (5.24)$$

### 5.3 Early effect

In Mextram 503 the parameters  $Q_{B0}$  and  $XC_{jC}$  are used to define the forward and reverse Early voltage. In Mextram 504 we directly have the Early voltages  $V_{ef}$  and  $V_{er}$  as parameters. The advantage is that the correlation of the Early effect with parameter  $XC_{jE}$  is removed and that  $XC_{jC}$  can be used solely to distribute the base-collector junction capacitance. In Mextram 504 the parameters  $1 - XC_{jE}$  and  $XC_{jC}$  are defined as the fraction of the base-emitter and base-collector depletion capacitance underneath the emitter and have to be obtained from geometrical scaling rules. Parameter  $Q_{B0}$  is removed from the list. The conversion rules for the new parameters are:

$$V_{er} = \frac{Q_{B0}}{(1 - XC_{jE}) C_{jE}} \quad (5.25)$$

$$V_{ef} = \frac{Q_{B0}}{XC_{jC} C_{jC}} \quad (5.26)$$

These parameters are the Early voltages at zero base-emitter and base-collector bias. The real forward Early voltage increases with  $\mathcal{V}_{BE}$  and  $\mathcal{V}_{BC}$  and its maximum is usually about 2 times higher than the parameter value.

### 5.4 Avalanche multiplication

In Mextram 504 the avalanche multiplication model is basically the same as that of Mextram 503. The modelling of the base-collector depletion layer width  $W_D$  with collector voltage is simplified. In Mextram 503 the bias dependency of  $W_D$  with collector voltage and current is given by the base-collector depletion charge model. Therefore avalanche multiplication is apart from the avalanche parameter AVL also dependent on parameters  $X_p$  and  $p_C$  of the base-collector capacitance model.  $X_p$  and  $p_C$  define the increase of the avalanche current (slope) with collector voltage and they are average values of the total base-collector junction capacitance. Avalanche currents are generated only in the base-collector region underneath the emitter and  $X_p$  and  $p_C$  may be different there due to a selective implanted collector, additional implants in the extrinsic base regions or the side-wall base-collector junction capacitance. In Mextram 504 we take the effective thickness

$W_{\text{avl}}$  and punch through voltage  $V_{\text{avl}}$  (defined by the dope and thickness) of the epilayer underneath the emitter as parameters. A relatively simple model of a one-sided step junction is used to calculate  $W_D$  as a function of collector voltage and current. In this way we decouple the avalanche model parameters from the base-collector capacitance model parameters. To calculate the new parameters  $W_{\text{avl}}$  and  $V_{\text{avl}}$  from the Mextram 503 parameter set we have to calibrate the avalanche current at a certain collector voltage. A suitable voltage is the collector-emitter breakdown voltage  $BV_{\text{ceo}}$ . This is the voltage where the base current becomes zero with increasing collector voltage. Because this voltage is slightly bias and temperature dependent it has to be given as an input. At this given collector voltage the maximum electric field, and therefore the calculated avalanche current, will be made the same for both models. In Mextram 503 the gradient of the electric field  $\partial E/\partial x$  under the condition  $I_c \ll I_{\text{hc}}$  and the depletion layer thickness  $W_D$  as a function of collector voltage are:

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial x} = 2V_{\text{dc}} \left( \frac{B_n}{\text{AVL}} \right)^2 \quad (5.27)$$

$$f_c = \frac{1 - X_p}{(1 + BV_{\text{ceo}}/V_{\text{dc}})^{\text{PC}}} + X_p \quad (5.28)$$

$$W_D = \frac{\text{AVL}}{B_n f_c} \quad (5.29)$$

In Mextram 504 the depletion layer thickness  $x_D$  using the same bias condition is:

$$x_D = \sqrt{\frac{2(V_{\text{dc}} + BV_{\text{ceo}})}{\partial E/\partial x}} \quad (5.30)$$

The depletion layer thickness has to be the same in both models and therefore  $W_D$  also equals  $x_D W_{\text{avl}}/\sqrt{x_D^2 + W_{\text{avl}}^2}$ . This leads to

$$W_{\text{avl}} = \frac{x_D W_D}{\sqrt{x_D^2 - W_D^2}} \quad (5.31)$$

$$V_{\text{avl}} = \frac{\partial E}{\partial x} \frac{W_{\text{avl}}^2}{2} \quad (5.32)$$

In the improbable case that the equation for  $W_{\text{avl}}$  leads to numerical problems ( $x_D < W_D$ ) either the parameter set is unphysical or the process is not optimized. In both cases one needs to give a physical value for  $W_{\text{avl}}$  by hand.

## 5.5 Non-ideal forward base current

The non-ideal base current  $I_{B_2}$  has, in Mextram 503, a cross-over voltage  $V_{\text{Lf}}$  where the slope  $1/m = V_T \partial \ln I_{B_2}/\partial V_{\text{BE}}$  decreases from 1 to 1/2. In most cases  $V_{\text{Lf}}$  is small and in the bias range of interest the slope of  $I_{B_2}$  is constant (1/2). With this model it is difficult to



describe a steady increasing gain over several decades. To be more flexible in this sense we introduce in Mextram 504 a constant non-ideality factor  $m_{Lf}$ . To keep the number of parameters the same we remove  $V_{Lf}$ . In the conversion we define two base-emitter voltages where the non-ideal base current of both models are the same

$$V_1 = 0.45 \quad (5.33)$$

$$V_2 = 0.75 \quad (5.34)$$

$$I_1 = I_{Bf}^{(503)} \frac{\exp(V_1/V_{TR}) - 1}{\exp(V_1/2 V_{TR}) + \exp(V_{Lf}/2 V_{TR})} \quad (5.35)$$

$$I_2 = I_{Bf}^{(503)} \frac{\exp(V_2/V_{TR}) - 1}{\exp(V_2/2 V_{TR}) + \exp(V_{Lf}/2 V_{TR})} \quad (5.36)$$

$$m_{Lf} = \frac{V_2 - V_1}{V_{TR} \ln(I_2/I_1)} \quad (5.37)$$

$$I_{Bf}^{(504)} = \frac{I_2}{\exp(V_2/m_{Lf} V_{TR}) - 1} \quad (5.38)$$

When  $V_{Lf} \lesssim 0.3$  we have  $m_{Lf} = 2$  and  $I_{Bf}^{(504)} = I_{Bf}^{(503)}$ .

## 5.6 Transit times

In Mextram 503 we have only the emitter transit time  $\tau_{NE}$  (renamed to  $\tau_E$  in Mextram 504) as parameter. All other transit times, like for the base and collector, are calculated from DC parameters. In Mextram 504 we introduce transit times for the base, collector and reverse mode. They can easily be calculated from the Mextram 503 parameter set.

$$\tau_B = \frac{Q_{B0}}{I_k} \quad (5.39)$$

$$\tau_{epi} = \frac{I_s Q_{B0} R_{Cv}^2 \exp(V_{dc}/V_{TR})}{4 V_{TR}^2} \quad (5.40)$$

$$\tau_R = (\tau_B + \tau_{epi}) \frac{1 - XC_{jc}}{XC_{jc}} \quad (5.41)$$

Because the cut-off frequency  $f_T$  is sensitive to many parameters in some cases it might be necessary to correct a transit time (e.g.  $\tau_E$  or  $\tau_B$ ). This can be done by tuning the top of the  $f_T$ .

## 6 Numerical examples

In this section we provide some numerical examples, based on Pstar 4.2. These results can be used to check the correctness of a model implementation. More numerical examples can be generated using the solver on the web [1]. Here we used the values of the default parameter set given in Sec. 4.3, but with  $dE_g = 0.01$  and  $X_{rec} = 0.1$ , to include also the SiGe expressions. Some flags were changed as indicated in the tables. Self-heating is not included, unless specifically stated. Substrate currents below 1 fA were disregarded.

### 6.1 Forward Gummel plot

In this example the base voltage is swept from 0.4 to 1.2 V, with emitter and substrate voltages at 0 V and the collector voltage at 1 V.

Device temperature  $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$

$V_{BE}$ (V)	$I_C$ (A)	$I_B$ (A)	$I_{sub}$ (A)
0.40	$1.0474 \cdot 10^{-10}$	$7.0562 \cdot 10^{-12}$	—
0.50	$4.8522 \cdot 10^{-09}$	$7.4371 \cdot 10^{-11}$	—
0.60	$2.2402 \cdot 10^{-07}$	$1.7371 \cdot 10^{-09}$	—
0.70	$1.0254 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$7.1660 \cdot 10^{-08}$	—
0.80	$4.2490 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$3.1412 \cdot 10^{-06}$	—
0.90	$5.5812 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$5.2923 \cdot 10^{-05}$	—
1.00	$1.5882 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$2.7185 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$-7.3559 \cdot 10^{-14}$
1.10	$2.7384 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$7.8543 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$-6.8642 \cdot 10^{-10}$
1.20	$3.8631 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$1.6447 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$-5.5645 \cdot 10^{-06}$

Device temperature  $T = 100^\circ\text{C}$

$V_{BE}$ (V)	$I_C$ (A)	$I_B$ (A)	$I_{sub}$ (A)
0.40	$8.0045 \cdot 10^{-08}$	$5.9427 \cdot 10^{-10}$	—
0.50	$1.6985 \cdot 10^{-06}$	$9.9748 \cdot 10^{-09}$	—
0.60	$3.5649 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$2.0657 \cdot 10^{-07}$	—
0.70	$6.6588 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$4.1113 \cdot 10^{-06}$	—
0.80	$5.2130 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$4.3737 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$-4.0795 \cdot 10^{-14}$
0.90	$1.3673 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$2.2102 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$-1.2225 \cdot 10^{-10}$
1.00	$2.3552 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$6.7151 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$-7.9106 \cdot 10^{-07}$
1.10	$3.2388 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$2.1960 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$-6.6654 \cdot 10^{-04}$
1.20	$3.5243 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$8.2877 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$-3.8786 \cdot 10^{-03}$

Device temperature  $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , with self-heating

$V_{BE}$ (V)	$I_C$ (A)	$I_B$ (A)	$I_{sub}$ (A)	$T_K$ ( $^\circ\text{C}$ )
0.80	$4.2781 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$3.1619 \cdot 10^{-06}$	—	25.129
0.90	$5.7715 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$5.5125 \cdot 10^{-05}$	—	26.746
1.00	$1.6471 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$2.9026 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$-2.4797 \cdot 10^{-13}$	30.028
1.10	$2.8246 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$8.4606 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$-5.4441 \cdot 10^{-09}$	33.753
1.20	$3.9449 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$1.8510 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$-7.5766 \cdot 10^{-05}$	37.501

## 6.2 Reverse Gummel plot

In this example again the base voltage is swept from 0.4 to 1.2 V, but now with collector and substrate voltages at 0 V and the emitter voltage at 1 V.

Device temperature  $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , EXMOD = 1

$V_{BC}$ (V)	$I_E$ (A)	$I_B$ (A)	$I_{sub}$ (A)
0.40	$1.6687 \cdot 10^{-10}$	$2.9777 \cdot 10^{-10}$	$-2.7723 \cdot 10^{-10}$
0.50	$7.7698 \cdot 10^{-09}$	$1.4499 \cdot 10^{-08}$	$-1.3590 \cdot 10^{-08}$
0.60	$3.6108 \cdot 10^{-07}$	$7.0890 \cdot 10^{-07}$	$-6.6504 \cdot 10^{-07}$
0.70	$1.5810 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$3.2360 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$-3.0260 \cdot 10^{-05}$
0.80	$3.9318 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$5.9320 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$-5.2275 \cdot 10^{-04}$
0.90	$2.2197 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$2.5994 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$-1.9150 \cdot 10^{-03}$
1.00	$4.8747 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$5.8002 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$-3.5480 \cdot 10^{-03}$
1.10	$7.6813 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$9.6108 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$-5.2096 \cdot 10^{-03}$
1.20	$1.0540 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$1.3724 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$-6.9400 \cdot 10^{-03}$

Device temperature  $T = 100^\circ\text{C}$ , EXMOD = 1

$V_{BC}$ (V)	$I_E$ (A)	$I_B$ (A)	$I_{sub}$ (A)
0.40	$1.2362 \cdot 10^{-07}$	$2.5885 \cdot 10^{-07}$	$-2.4907 \cdot 10^{-07}$
0.50	$2.5916 \cdot 10^{-06}$	$5.7085 \cdot 10^{-06}$	$-5.4918 \cdot 10^{-06}$
0.60	$4.7158 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$9.9629 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$-9.5155 \cdot 10^{-05}$
0.70	$4.7495 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$6.7806 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$-6.1741 \cdot 10^{-04}$
0.80	$1.8123 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$2.0214 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$-1.6608 \cdot 10^{-03}$
0.90	$3.7155 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$3.9952 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$-2.9251 \cdot 10^{-03}$
1.00	$5.7889 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$6.3542 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$-4.2443 \cdot 10^{-03}$
1.10	$7.9240 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$8.9302 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$-5.6007 \cdot 10^{-03}$
1.20	$1.0097 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$1.1632 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$-6.9964 \cdot 10^{-03}$

Device temperature  $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , EXMOD = 0

$V_{BC}$ (V)	$I_E$ (A)	$I_B$ (A)	$I_{sub}$ (A)
0.40	$1.6687 \cdot 10^{-10}$	$2.9777 \cdot 10^{-10}$	$-2.7723 \cdot 10^{-10}$
0.50	$7.7698 \cdot 10^{-09}$	$1.4499 \cdot 10^{-08}$	$-1.3590 \cdot 10^{-08}$
0.60	$3.6094 \cdot 10^{-07}$	$7.0873 \cdot 10^{-07}$	$-6.6488 \cdot 10^{-07}$
0.70	$1.5544 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$3.1916 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$-2.9848 \cdot 10^{-05}$
0.80	$3.2428 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$5.1459 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$-4.5927 \cdot 10^{-04}$
0.90	$1.5972 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$1.8906 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$-1.5217 \cdot 10^{-03}$
1.00	$3.5189 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$3.7361 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$-2.7309 \cdot 10^{-03}$
1.10	$5.6544 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$5.7762 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$-3.9166 \cdot 10^{-03}$
1.20	$7.8552 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$7.9157 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$-5.0659 \cdot 10^{-03}$

### 6.3 Output characteristics

In these two examples the base current is kept constant at 10  $\mu$ A. The collector current is swept from 0 to 20 mA (note the two different step sizes of the collector current). Emitter and substrate are grounded. In the second example extended avalanche is switched on which makes the collector-emitter voltage decrease again when  $I_C > 8$  mA. This decrease is not observed in the first example.

Device temperature  $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , EXAVL = 0

$I_C$ (A)	$V_{CE}$ (V)	$V_{BE}$ (V)	$I_{sub}$ (A)
$0.0 \cdot 10^{+00}$	$4.8992 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$6.7332 \cdot 10^{-01}$	$-9.3489 \cdot 10^{-06}$
$5.0 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$1.5574 \cdot 10^{-01}$	$8.0558 \cdot 10^{-01}$	$-5.7683 \cdot 10^{-06}$
$1.0 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$2.1013 \cdot 10^{-01}$	$8.2659 \cdot 10^{-01}$	$-2.0019 \cdot 10^{-06}$
$1.5 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$9.8664 \cdot 10^{+00}$	$8.3759 \cdot 10^{-01}$	—
$2.0 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$1.1711 \cdot 10^{+01}$	$8.4755 \cdot 10^{-01}$	—
$4.0 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$1.3321 \cdot 10^{+01}$	$8.7643 \cdot 10^{-01}$	—
$6.0 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$1.3922 \cdot 10^{+01}$	$8.9793 \cdot 10^{-01}$	—
$8.0 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$1.4297 \cdot 10^{+01}$	$9.1636 \cdot 10^{-01}$	—
$1.0 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$1.4575 \cdot 10^{+01}$	$9.3309 \cdot 10^{-01}$	—
$1.2 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$1.4802 \cdot 10^{+01}$	$9.4877 \cdot 10^{-01}$	—
$1.4 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$1.5003 \cdot 10^{+01}$	$9.6378 \cdot 10^{-01}$	—
$1.6 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$1.5208 \cdot 10^{+01}$	$9.7854 \cdot 10^{-01}$	—
$1.8 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$1.5414 \cdot 10^{+01}$	$9.9306 \cdot 10^{-01}$	—
$2.0 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$1.5612 \cdot 10^{+01}$	$1.0073 \cdot 10^{+00}$	—

Device temperature  $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , EXAVL = 1

$I_C$ (A)	$V_{CE}$ (V)	$V_{BE}$ (V)	$I_{sub}$ (A)
$0.0 \cdot 10^{+00}$	$4.8992 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$6.7332 \cdot 10^{-01}$	$-9.3489 \cdot 10^{-06}$
$5.0 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$1.5574 \cdot 10^{-01}$	$8.0558 \cdot 10^{-01}$	$-5.7683 \cdot 10^{-06}$
$1.0 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$2.1013 \cdot 10^{-01}$	$8.2659 \cdot 10^{-01}$	$-2.0019 \cdot 10^{-06}$
$1.5 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$9.7462 \cdot 10^{+00}$	$8.3761 \cdot 10^{-01}$	—
$2.0 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$1.1520 \cdot 10^{+01}$	$8.4758 \cdot 10^{-01}$	—
$4.0 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$1.2909 \cdot 10^{+01}$	$8.7650 \cdot 10^{-01}$	—
$6.0 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$1.3240 \cdot 10^{+01}$	$8.9805 \cdot 10^{-01}$	—
$8.0 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$1.3256 \cdot 10^{+01}$	$9.1653 \cdot 10^{-01}$	—
$1.0 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$1.3073 \cdot 10^{+01}$	$9.3337 \cdot 10^{-01}$	—
$1.2 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$1.2748 \cdot 10^{+01}$	$9.4923 \cdot 10^{-01}$	—
$1.4 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$1.2354 \cdot 10^{+01}$	$9.6479 \cdot 10^{-01}$	—
$1.6 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$1.1927 \cdot 10^{+01}$	$9.8009 \cdot 10^{-01}$	—
$1.8 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$1.1497 \cdot 10^{+01}$	$9.9506 \cdot 10^{-01}$	—
$2.0 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$1.1103 \cdot 10^{+01}$	$1.0098 \cdot 10^{+00}$	—

Device temperature  $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , EXAVL = 0, with self-heating

$I_C$ (A)	$V_{CE}$ (V)	$V_{BE}$ (V)	$I_{sub}$ (A)	$T_K$ ( $^\circ\text{C}$ )
$0.0 \cdot 10^{+00}$	$4.8992 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$6.7331 \cdot 10^{-01}$	$-9.3489 \cdot 10^{-06}$	25.002
$5.0 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$1.5576 \cdot 10^{-01}$	$8.0554 \cdot 10^{-01}$	$-5.7687 \cdot 10^{-06}$	25.026
$1.0 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$2.1016 \cdot 10^{-01}$	$8.2650 \cdot 10^{-01}$	$-2.0036 \cdot 10^{-06}$	25.066
$1.5 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$9.6837 \cdot 10^{+00}$	$8.3146 \cdot 10^{-01}$	—	29.360
$2.0 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$1.1676 \cdot 10^{+01}$	$8.3782 \cdot 10^{-01}$	—	32.008
$4.0 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$1.3370 \cdot 10^{+01}$	$8.5510 \cdot 10^{-01}$	—	41.046
$6.0 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$1.4032 \cdot 10^{+01}$	$8.6521 \cdot 10^{-01}$	—	50.261
$8.0 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$1.4471 \cdot 10^{+01}$	$8.7219 \cdot 10^{-01}$	—	59.733
$1.0 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$1.4816 \cdot 10^{+01}$	$8.7738 \cdot 10^{-01}$	—	69.452
$1.2 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$1.5116 \cdot 10^{+01}$	$8.8139 \cdot 10^{-01}$	—	79.419
$1.4 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$1.5396 \cdot 10^{+01}$	$8.8458 \cdot 10^{-01}$	—	89.667
$1.6 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$1.5698 \cdot 10^{+01}$	$8.8735 \cdot 10^{-01}$	—	100.35
$1.8 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$1.6014 \cdot 10^{+01}$	$8.8966 \cdot 10^{-01}$	—	111.48
$2.0 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$1.6339 \cdot 10^{+01}$	$8.9147 \cdot 10^{-01}$	—	123.04

## 6.4 Small-signal characteristics

In the next example the cut-off frequency  $f_T$  is calculated. The emitter and substrate are at 0 V and the collector is at 1 V. The DC base voltage is swept and the amplitude of the AC base voltage is 1 mV. We give the absolute values of the small-signal base and collector currents, as well as  $f_T = f \cdot i_C/i_B$  with  $f = 1$  GHz.

Device temperature  $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$

$V_{BE}$ (V)	$ i_C $ (A)	$ i_B $ (A)	$f_T$ (Hz)
0.70	$5.9997 \cdot 10^{-07}$	$1.3075 \cdot 10^{-06}$	$4.5887 \cdot 10^{+08}$
0.72	$9.6236 \cdot 10^{-07}$	$1.3790 \cdot 10^{-06}$	$6.9789 \cdot 10^{+08}$
0.74	$1.8469 \cdot 10^{-06}$	$1.4944 \cdot 10^{-06}$	$1.2359 \cdot 10^{+09}$
0.76	$3.7588 \cdot 10^{-06}$	$1.6993 \cdot 10^{-06}$	$2.2120 \cdot 10^{+09}$
0.78	$7.6130 \cdot 10^{-06}$	$2.0818 \cdot 10^{-06}$	$3.6568 \cdot 10^{+09}$
0.80	$1.4783 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$2.7966 \cdot 10^{-06}$	$5.2861 \cdot 10^{+09}$
0.82	$2.6511 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$4.0416 \cdot 10^{-06}$	$6.5596 \cdot 10^{+09}$
0.84	$4.2265 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$6.0608 \cdot 10^{-06}$	$6.9735 \cdot 10^{+09}$
0.86	$5.7134 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$9.8903 \cdot 10^{-06}$	$5.7768 \cdot 10^{+09}$
0.88	$5.9762 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$1.6082 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$3.7161 \cdot 10^{+09}$
0.90	$5.6033 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$2.0063 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$2.7928 \cdot 10^{+09}$
0.92	$5.3789 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$2.2275 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$2.4148 \cdot 10^{+09}$
0.94	$5.1755 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$2.3876 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$2.1677 \cdot 10^{+09}$
0.96	$4.9648 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$2.5173 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$1.9722 \cdot 10^{+09}$
0.98	$4.7568 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$2.6275 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$1.8104 \cdot 10^{+09}$
1.00	$4.5599 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$2.7232 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$1.6745 \cdot 10^{+09}$

Device temperature  $T = 100^\circ\text{C}$

$V_{BE}$ (V)	$ i_C $ (A)	$ i_B $ (A)	$f_T$ (Hz)
0.70	$1.7942 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$3.1922 \cdot 10^{-06}$	$5.6205 \cdot 10^{+09}$
0.72	$2.7792 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$4.5464 \cdot 10^{-06}$	$6.1129 \cdot 10^{+09}$
0.74	$3.8727 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$7.2524 \cdot 10^{-06}$	$5.3399 \cdot 10^{+09}$
0.76	$4.3039 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$1.2464 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$3.4532 \cdot 10^{+09}$
0.78	$3.9912 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$1.6559 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$2.4103 \cdot 10^{+09}$
0.80	$3.7841 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$1.8771 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$2.0159 \cdot 10^{+09}$
0.82	$3.6295 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$2.0316 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$1.7865 \cdot 10^{+09}$
0.84	$3.4742 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$2.1556 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$1.6117 \cdot 10^{+09}$
0.86	$3.3203 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$2.2614 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$1.4683 \cdot 10^{+09}$
0.88	$3.1741 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$2.3545 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$1.3481 \cdot 10^{+09}$
0.90	$3.0392 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$2.4380 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$1.2466 \cdot 10^{+09}$
0.92	$2.9166 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$2.5134 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$1.1604 \cdot 10^{+09}$
0.94	$2.8062 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$2.5826 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$1.0866 \cdot 10^{+09}$
0.96	$2.7097 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$2.6497 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$1.0226 \cdot 10^{+09}$
0.98	$2.6416 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$2.7340 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$9.6623 \cdot 10^{+08}$
1.00	$2.6804 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$2.9323 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$9.1407 \cdot 10^{+08}$

## 6.5 $Y$ -parameters

In the last example we show the two-port  $Y$ -parameters as a function of frequency  $f$ . The transistor is biased around the top of the  $f_T$ :  $V_B = 0.85$  V,  $V_C = 2.0$  V and both emitter and substrate are grounded. In the first data set (two tables) the distributed high frequency effects are switched on. In the second set they are switched off.

Device temperature  $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\text{EXPHI} = 1$

$f$ (Hz)	$\text{Re } Y_{11}$ (S)	$\text{Im } Y_{11}$ (S)	$\text{Re } Y_{21}$ (S)	$\text{Im } Y_{21}$ (S)
$1.0 \cdot 10^{+06}$	$4.4048 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$6.5967 \cdot 10^{-06}$	$5.2977 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$-1.5626 \cdot 10^{-05}$
$2.0 \cdot 10^{+06}$	$4.4048 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$1.3193 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$5.2977 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$-3.1251 \cdot 10^{-05}$
$5.0 \cdot 10^{+06}$	$4.4051 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$3.2984 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$5.2977 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$-7.8128 \cdot 10^{-05}$
$1.0 \cdot 10^{+07}$	$4.4062 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$6.5967 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$5.2976 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$-1.5626 \cdot 10^{-04}$
$2.0 \cdot 10^{+07}$	$4.4107 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$1.3193 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$5.2975 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$-3.1251 \cdot 10^{-04}$
$5.0 \cdot 10^{+07}$	$4.4421 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$3.2979 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$5.2967 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$-7.8117 \cdot 10^{-04}$
$1.0 \cdot 10^{+08}$	$4.5542 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$6.5932 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$5.2939 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$-1.5617 \cdot 10^{-03}$
$2.0 \cdot 10^{+08}$	$5.0016 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$1.3165 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$5.2827 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$-3.1180 \cdot 10^{-03}$
$5.0 \cdot 10^{+08}$	$8.0909 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$3.2542 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$5.2053 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$-7.7020 \cdot 10^{-03}$
$1.0 \cdot 10^{+09}$	$1.8549 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$6.2581 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$4.9432 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$-1.4776 \cdot 10^{-02}$
$2.0 \cdot 10^{+09}$	$5.3061 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$1.0865 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$4.0788 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$-2.5405 \cdot 10^{-02}$
$5.0 \cdot 10^{+09}$	$1.5819 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$1.4624 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$1.4542 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$-3.2040 \cdot 10^{-02}$

Device temperature  $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , EXPHI = 1

$f$ (Hz)	Re $Y_{12}$ (S)	Im $Y_{12}$ (S)	Re $Y_{22}$ (S)	Im $Y_{22}$ (S)
$1.0 \cdot 10^{+06}$	$-7.5618 \cdot 10^{-08}$	$-3.7249 \cdot 10^{-07}$	$1.4843 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$1.7837 \cdot 10^{-06}$
$2.0 \cdot 10^{+06}$	$-7.5710 \cdot 10^{-08}$	$-7.4497 \cdot 10^{-07}$	$1.4844 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$3.5675 \cdot 10^{-06}$
$5.0 \cdot 10^{+06}$	$-7.6354 \cdot 10^{-08}$	$-1.8624 \cdot 10^{-06}$	$1.4846 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$8.9186 \cdot 10^{-06}$
$1.0 \cdot 10^{+07}$	$-7.8655 \cdot 10^{-08}$	$-3.7248 \cdot 10^{-06}$	$1.4853 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$1.7837 \cdot 10^{-05}$
$2.0 \cdot 10^{+07}$	$-8.7860 \cdot 10^{-08}$	$-7.4497 \cdot 10^{-06}$	$1.4880 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$3.5674 \cdot 10^{-05}$
$5.0 \cdot 10^{+07}$	$-1.5228 \cdot 10^{-07}$	$-1.8623 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$1.5072 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$8.9184 \cdot 10^{-05}$
$1.0 \cdot 10^{+08}$	$-3.8227 \cdot 10^{-07}$	$-3.7242 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$1.5757 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$1.7836 \cdot 10^{-04}$
$2.0 \cdot 10^{+08}$	$-1.3006 \cdot 10^{-06}$	$-7.4448 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$1.8493 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$3.5662 \cdot 10^{-04}$
$5.0 \cdot 10^{+08}$	$-7.6569 \cdot 10^{-06}$	$-1.8549 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$3.7464 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$8.8993 \cdot 10^{-04}$
$1.0 \cdot 10^{+09}$	$-2.9387 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$-3.6667 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$1.0278 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$1.7689 \cdot 10^{-03}$
$2.0 \cdot 10^{+09}$	$-1.0395 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$-7.0484 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$3.3293 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$3.4647 \cdot 10^{-03}$
$5.0 \cdot 10^{+09}$	$-3.9478 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$-1.5393 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$1.3617 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$8.0768 \cdot 10^{-03}$

Device temperature  $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , EXPHI = 0

$f$ (Hz)	Re $Y_{11}$ (S)	Im $Y_{11}$ (S)	Re $Y_{21}$ (S)	Im $Y_{21}$ (S)
$1.0 \cdot 10^{+06}$	$4.4048 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$6.5941 \cdot 10^{-06}$	$5.2977 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$-1.4779 \cdot 10^{-05}$
$2.0 \cdot 10^{+06}$	$4.4048 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$1.3188 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$5.2977 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$-2.9559 \cdot 10^{-05}$
$5.0 \cdot 10^{+06}$	$4.4051 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$3.2971 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$5.2977 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$-7.3897 \cdot 10^{-05}$
$1.0 \cdot 10^{+07}$	$4.4063 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$6.5941 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$5.2976 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$-1.4779 \cdot 10^{-04}$
$2.0 \cdot 10^{+07}$	$4.4108 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$1.3188 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$5.2975 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$-2.9558 \cdot 10^{-04}$
$5.0 \cdot 10^{+07}$	$4.4426 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$3.2966 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$5.2968 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$-7.3887 \cdot 10^{-04}$
$1.0 \cdot 10^{+08}$	$4.5561 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$6.5905 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$5.2942 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$-1.4771 \cdot 10^{-03}$
$2.0 \cdot 10^{+08}$	$5.0090 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$1.3159 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$5.2837 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$-2.9492 \cdot 10^{-03}$
$5.0 \cdot 10^{+08}$	$8.1369 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$3.2526 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$5.2112 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$-7.2866 \cdot 10^{-03}$
$1.0 \cdot 10^{+09}$	$1.8731 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$6.2525 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$4.9656 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$-1.3988 \cdot 10^{-02}$
$2.0 \cdot 10^{+09}$	$5.3743 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$1.0835 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$4.1541 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$-2.4106 \cdot 10^{-02}$
$5.0 \cdot 10^{+09}$	$1.6073 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$1.4339 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$1.6744 \cdot 10^{-02}$	$-3.0715 \cdot 10^{-02}$

Device temperature  $T = 25^\circ\text{C}$ , EXPHI = 0

$f$ (Hz)	Re $Y_{12}$ (S)	Im $Y_{12}$ (S)	Re $Y_{22}$ (S)	Im $Y_{22}$ (S)
$1.0 \cdot 10^{+06}$	$-7.5618 \cdot 10^{-08}$	$-3.7248 \cdot 10^{-07}$	$1.4843 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$1.7832 \cdot 10^{-06}$
$2.0 \cdot 10^{+06}$	$-7.5710 \cdot 10^{-08}$	$-7.4497 \cdot 10^{-07}$	$1.4844 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$3.5665 \cdot 10^{-06}$
$5.0 \cdot 10^{+06}$	$-7.6354 \cdot 10^{-08}$	$-1.8624 \cdot 10^{-06}$	$1.4846 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$8.9162 \cdot 10^{-06}$
$1.0 \cdot 10^{+07}$	$-7.8656 \cdot 10^{-08}$	$-3.7248 \cdot 10^{-06}$	$1.4852 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$1.7832 \cdot 10^{-05}$
$2.0 \cdot 10^{+07}$	$-8.7861 \cdot 10^{-08}$	$-7.4496 \cdot 10^{-06}$	$1.4879 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$3.5665 \cdot 10^{-05}$
$5.0 \cdot 10^{+07}$	$-1.5229 \cdot 10^{-07}$	$-1.8623 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$1.5064 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$8.9160 \cdot 10^{-05}$
$1.0 \cdot 10^{+08}$	$-3.8229 \cdot 10^{-07}$	$-3.7242 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$1.5724 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$1.7831 \cdot 10^{-04}$
$2.0 \cdot 10^{+08}$	$-1.3006 \cdot 10^{-06}$	$-7.4447 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$1.8360 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$3.5653 \cdot 10^{-04}$
$5.0 \cdot 10^{+08}$	$-7.6569 \cdot 10^{-06}$	$-1.8548 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$3.6649 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$8.8981 \cdot 10^{-04}$
$1.0 \cdot 10^{+09}$	$-2.9382 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$-3.6662 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$9.9701 \cdot 10^{-05}$	$1.7693 \cdot 10^{-03}$
$2.0 \cdot 10^{+09}$	$-1.0383 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$-7.0445 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$3.2297 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$3.4701 \cdot 10^{-03}$
$5.0 \cdot 10^{+09}$	$-3.9076 \cdot 10^{-04}$	$-1.5358 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$1.3402 \cdot 10^{-03}$	$8.1198 \cdot 10^{-03}$

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