

# Cryogenic Measurement of CMOS Devices for Quantum Technologies

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**Abstract**—In this article we present the experimental characterization of active components of a standard 65 nm CMOS technology for a temperature range from 313 to 5 K, analyzing the variation of the main parameters over temperature and voltage, recovering their main parameters (threshold voltage  $V_{th}$ , transconductance  $G_m$  and channel conductance  $G_{DS}$ ). The measurement has been carried out wire-bonding the bare dies with the devices to a dedicated printed circuit board (PCB) that has been placed inside a dilution refrigerator. The  $I_D$ - $V_{DS}$  curves for both NMOS and PMOS transistors shows an increase of  $I_D$  in the cryogenic regime that is more relevant for high values of  $V_{GS}$  because for lower values it is partially compensated by the variation of  $V_{th}$ . Also, a kink is observed in these curves for high  $V_{DS}$  values, caused by the bulk current generated by impact ionization at the drain combined with the increased resistivity of the frozen-out substrate. The transconductance  $G_m$  reaches non-zero values for higher  $V_{GS}$  as  $T$  decreases and then peaks to higher values in the cryogenic regime. In turn,  $G_{DS}$  increases for increasing  $T$ , following the behavior observed for  $I_D$ . Both results are in accordance with other thermal characterizations carried out on CMOS transistors in different technologies.

**Index Terms**—CMOS models, cryo-CMOS, cryogenic measurement, quantum technologies.

## I. INTRODUCTION

QUANTUM technologies are a new field of research and technological development that exploits the principles of quantum mechanics, namely entanglement and superposition [1]. Among its many potential applications are quantum sensors, capable of performing low-temperature magnetization measurements with high sensitivity and wide frequency spans [2]; or quantum computers, which are expected to solve

problems intractable by classical digital computers, but also to dramatically increase the efficiency and reduce computation time in many other problems [3].

Something that is often required in the applications of quantum technologies is operating at very low temperatures, typically in a cryogenic regime of the order of mK. This is particularly true for certain quantum systems that are highly sensitive to their environment and require minimized noise to preserve their quantum states. In the case of quantum sensing, there are several applications that need to operate at very low temperatures, but the most important and widely recognized one is the superconducting quantum interference device (SQUID). SQUIDs have revolutionized the field of magnetometry due to their extraordinary sensitivity in detecting extremely weak magnetic fields.

In the field of quantum computing, qubits are realized through diverse materials and methodologies. Many of these qubits require extremely low temperatures to preserve their delicate quantum coherence. Among those are superconducting qubits, which currently are the most prevalent in use [4], semiconductor qubits, which have a promising potential for their integration with classical integrated circuits (ICs) [5] and qubits based on magnetic molecules, are one of the most promising candidates to encode spin qubits, due to the vast possibilities for design offered by chemical nanoscience [6]. Operating within the range of tens or hundreds of mK, these qubits effectively mitigate decoherence and enhance the stability of their quantum states.

It is worth noting that while there are quantum systems, like trapped ions or nitrogen vacancies, that can operate at room temperature due to their weaker coupling to the environment, many quantum technologies currently rely on low-temperature environments to ensure the preservation and manipulation of their quantum properties [7].

Quantum computing, with its potential to tackle highly complex problems far beyond classical computers, holds great promise. However, to fully unleash the potential of quantum computing, quantum error correction (QEC) becomes indispensable [8]. Even at ultralow temperatures of 10 mK, qubits still present error rates of about 0.1% per computational step [9]. The current difficulty lies in scaling quantum technology to the level required for fault-tolerant operation. Current projections suggest that the implementation of a system containing approximately a million error-corrected qubits will be imperative to achieve a functional error-protected quantum computer [10].

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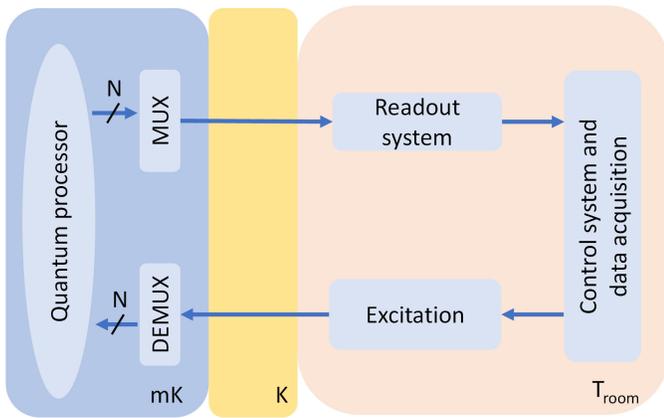


Fig. 1. Block diagram of the quantum-classical interface.

In order to attain such scale, a significant enhancement is required in the control and measurement systems for quantum processors. Quantum-classical interfaces used to implement these systems using racks of room-temperature electronics connected to the quantum processor through coaxial cables with a scheme as the one shown in Fig. 1. However, to reach the million-qubit goal, a radical transformation in the method used to control these systems is needed. To that end, a different approach is currently used for the readout and control of quantum processors.

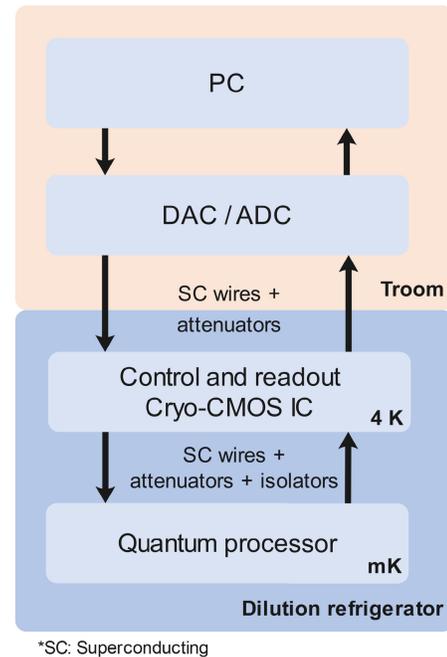
Among the many techniques that exist to interact with qubits, one of the most widely used techniques nowadays is to use tuneable couplers between qubits [11]. This system is used, for example, in Google's quantum processor, Sycamore, based on superconducting qubits called Transmons [12]. Furthermore, the qubits are coupled to a detuned resonator in such a way that measurement in the dispersive regime is possible [13].

However, these systems require one  $XY$  transmission line, three  $Z$  control lines (one for the qubit and two for adjacent couplers) per qubit, and one read line for every  $\sim 6$  qubits [13]. Considering that current quantum processors have tens of qubits and that it is expected to increase their number to thousands or millions of them and implement error correction systems, the number of channels and equipment needed to achieve this would be unattainable.

That is why work is being done on different proposals such as [12], [14], [15] to design CMOS ICs at cryogenic temperatures, since they present advantages such as the reduction of waveform distortion, since all the interconnections between the quantum controller and processor can be superconducting and higher stability due to strict temperature control [13], [16], [17].

This entails developing application-specific ICs (ASICs) for control and readout, strategically placed within the cryogenic environment and connected to the quantum processor through superconducting links as shown in Fig. 2 [9], [12].

Placing the CMOS ASICs as close to the quantum processor as possible is of the utmost importance. By doing so, the need for lengthy interconnects can be minimized, improving overall system performance and efficiency. ASICs designed specifically for cryogenic operation, offer the feasibility to be



\*SC: Superconducting

Fig. 2. Block view of the approach to interface a quantum processor with a conventional binary computer.

integrated within the cryogenic system and connected directly to the quantum processor.

Moreover, the distinctive characteristics of these devices in cryogenic temperatures provide inherent advantages for quantum computing applications. Deep cryogenic temperatures enable the possibility of digital circuits based on Josephson junctions, and CMOS ASICs can be tailored to operate efficiently in such an environment, effectively overcoming challenges encountered by other technologies concerning heat dissipation and efficiency.

Therefore, CMOS circuits operating under cryogenic temperatures play a critical role in shaping the future of quantum computing. Their capacity to tackle power dissipation and scalability issues with quantum processors makes them indispensable. With the ability to facilitate large-scale fault-tolerant quantum computers, these cryogenic CMOS circuits pave the way for quantum computing to revolutionize diverse fields, addressing challenges beyond the capabilities of classical computing.

Another parameter that has to be considered is the finite heat dissipation capabilities of refrigerators, which force the electronics to have a very low power consumption. For instance, [18] used a mechanically driven Gifford McMahon cryo-cooler connected to a Leybold COOLPACK helium compressor unit to achieve a cooling capacity of 175 at 80 K, well above the target operation temperature of quantum computers. Because the heat dissipation capabilities of state-of-the-art dilution refrigerators are limited, and it decreases when operated in deep cryogenic regimes, the readout and control electronic systems need to have very low electrical power consumption, below  $\sim 1$  mW/qubit at 4 K [19] so that the refrigerators can keep the required cryogenic temperature.

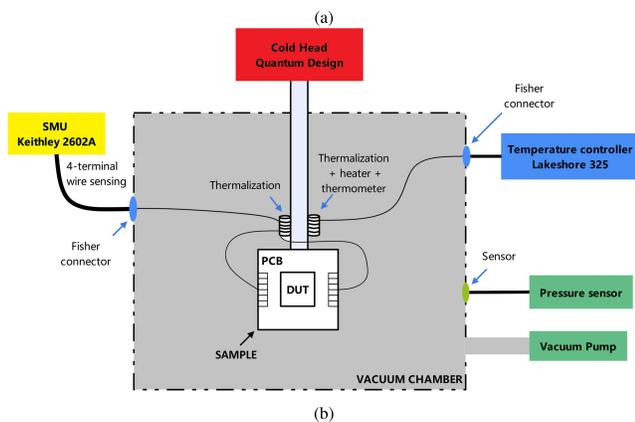


Fig. 3. Description of the measurement setup with the Quantum design Cryofree refrigerator. (a) Picture of the setup. (b) Schematic.

To design and fabricate the cryogenic CMOS circuits with the required high-performance capabilities in terms of low noise and low power consumption, the first stage is to develop accurate simulation models for the deep cryogenic temperature regimes that expand the current models, typically covering ranges from  $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  (233.15 K) to  $+120\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  (393.15 K).

There are already proposals such as [20], which adapts the EKV model for long- and short-channel transistors at 4.2 K, or [21], which uses the 1-D Poisson equation and the drift-diffusion transport mechanism to model the depletion region and the conduction channel down to 4.2 K. On the other hand, [22] highlights some of the challenges faced for the modeling of MOSFET devices for operation at cryogenic temperatures with special focus on the threshold voltage  $V_{th}$  and the subthreshold swing, and [23] modifies the BSIM-CMG model of short-channel FinFETs to describe sub-threshold swing, threshold voltage, and effective mobility down to 10 K.

As can be seen, there are many alternatives to face the issue of modeling devices at cryogenic temperature but a great deal of research still remains to develop a general model suitable to simulate any kind of electron device. Therefore, it is necessary to characterize each technology and search for its corresponding valid model. In this context, we present the experimental

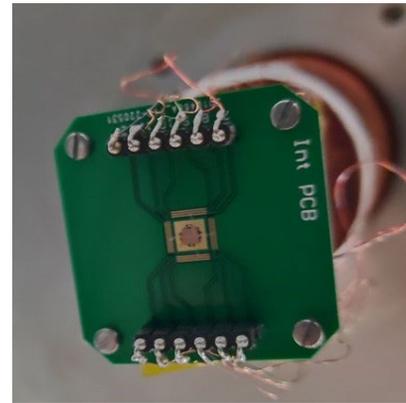


Fig. 4. Detail of the IC in the measurement setup, where it is wire-bonded to the PCB and then fit into the cryostat.

characterization of active devices in a standard 65 nm CMOS process, covering the temperature range from 313 to 5 K.

This article is organized as follows. Section II describes the IC characterized. In Section III, measurements at cryogenic temperatures are presented. Finally, the main conclusions drawn from this work are summarized in Section IV.

## II. EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

### A. Measurement Setup

The experimental data have been obtained in two complementary setups. First, the transistors have been characterized in the temperature range from  $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  (233 K) to  $+40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  (313 K) using an Aralab Fitoterm 22E. Subsequently, they have been measured in a temperature range from room temperature down to 5 K using a Quantum Design Cryofree refrigerator. Fig. 3(a) shows a caption of the measurement setup and Fig. 3(b) a diagram of the setup.

The characterization process of these transistors requires a careful design of the measurement setup. To that end, the measurement process has been automated using a Keithley 2602A source/measure unit (SMU) programed via the open software Python and using the NI measurement and automation explorer (NI MAX). This is a two channel SMU that can perform four terminal measurements on each channel. Since parasite contributions need to be minimized, this four terminal method has been employed using twisted pairs wires with ground shielding to reduce any external noise. The wiring inside the refrigerator is thermalized by thermal contact with the Cold Finger made of Free Oxygen Cooper to improve thermal conductivity.

A custom printed circuit board (PCB) has also been designed and fabricated, considering also at this stage the bonding process. Since the pads of the IC have a size of only  $57 \times 71\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  with a separation of  $90\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  between them, and therefore a slight deviation in the bonding process will produce a short circuit between them. Moreover, to maximize thermalization between the PCB and the device under test (DUT), GE-varnish with excellent thermal and electrical properties has been used to attach the dice to the PCB. While to thermalize the PCB with the Cold Finger, we finished the

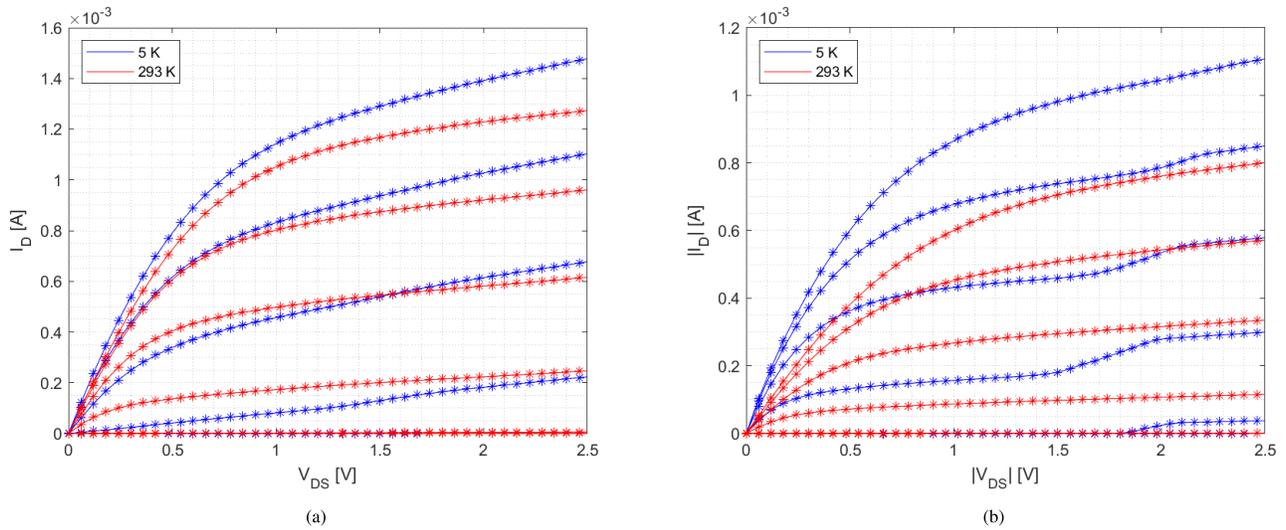


Fig. 5. Measured  $I_D$ - $V_{DS}$  curves for  $V_{GS}$  ranging from 0 to 2.5 V in 0.5 V steps for (a) NMOS transistor and (b) PMOS transistor, both with  $W/L = 1 \mu\text{m}/100 \text{ nm}$ , for a temperature of 5 K (blue) and 293 K (red).

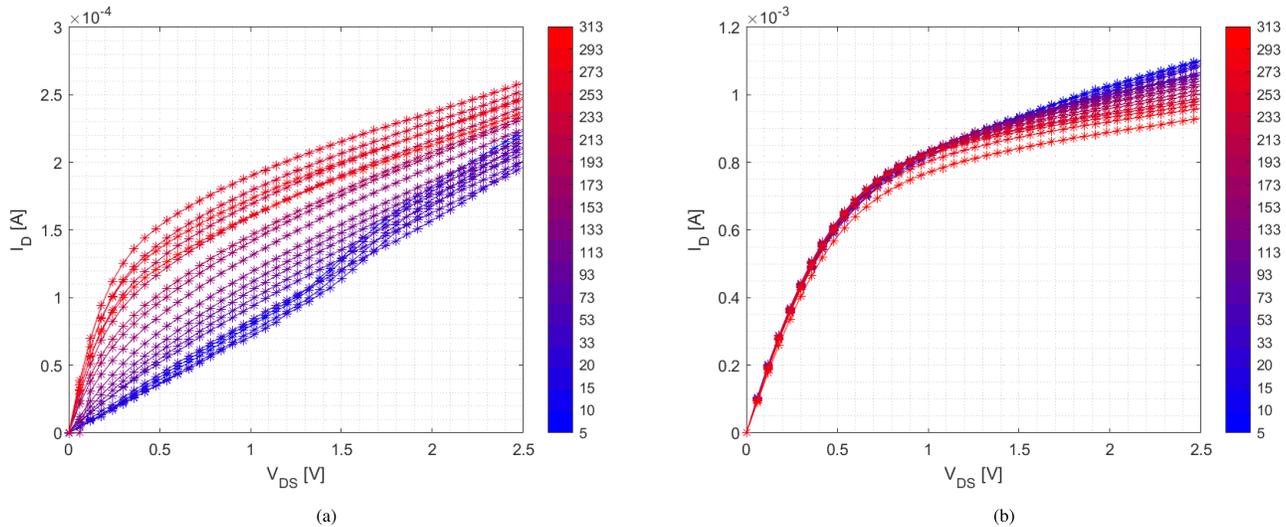


Fig. 6. Measured  $I_D$ - $V_{DS}$  curves for the NMOS transistor in the whole temperature range from 5 to 313 K. (a) Curve for  $V_{GS} = 1 \text{ V}$ . (b) Curve for  $V_{GS} = 2 \text{ V}$ .

PCB with electro-less nickel/immersion gold (ENIG) leaving the bottom layer without soldermask.

Another key aspect that has to be taken into account is the material with which the bonding is done. Nowadays, although other materials like copper, platinum, silver, and some palladium alloys are used in certain specific applications, the two most commonly used materials for bonding are aluminum and gold. While gold has a smaller resistivity than aluminum, also in the cryogenic regime, aluminum provides a low enough resistivity (about  $26.5 \text{ n}\Omega \text{ m}^{-1}$ ) while presenting good fatigue resistance, which makes aluminum wires with small diameter the preferred choice when ultrasonic wedge bonding is employed, as it is our case. Taking the above into account, in both cases the ICs have been wire-bonded directly to a PCB with ultrasonic wedge bonding using a Kulicke and Soffa 4500 Series manual wire bonder with a  $25 \mu\text{m}$  diameter aluminum wire. The temperature control is done through the Cold Head From Quantum Design that cools down

the system, while the Lakeshore 335 Cryogenic Temperature Controlled reads the thermometer and controls the heater that are both located next to the PCB. This heater delivers a total of 75 W.

### B. Integrated Circuit

A batch of ICs has been designed and manufactured in a 65 nm CMOS process with shallow trench isolation, twin and deep N-wells, and dual gate oxide (core and IO). The IC used in this work includes isolated NMOS and PMOS transistors ( $1 \mu\text{m}/100 \text{ nm}$ ), connected so that all of them share their gate-source and bulk terminals, while the drains can be accessed separately. The technology has a nominal supply of 1.2 V, although higher values have been tested to expand the measurement range. Fig. 4 shows the IC after being wire-bonded to the PCB and attached to the cavity of the refrigerator.

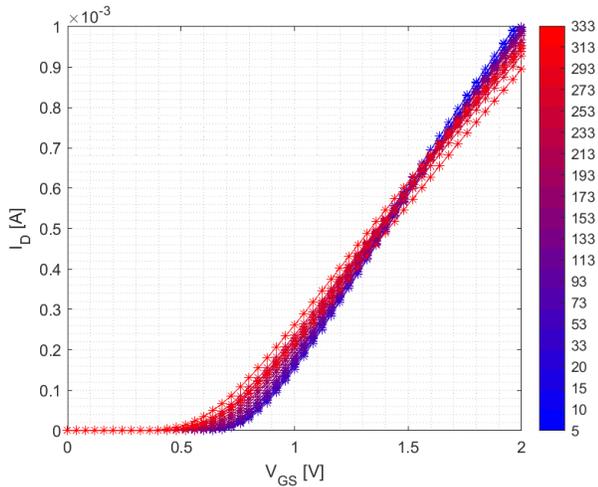


Fig. 7. Measured  $I_D$ - $V_{GS}$  curves in the NMOS transistor in the temperature range from 5 to 313 K.

### III. MEASUREMENTS

Both the NMOS and PMOS transistors have been measured from 5 K to room temperature with 20 K steps. Whereas the  $I_D$ - $V_{DS}$  characteristic curves of the transistors are presented for both MOS devices, the detailed analysis of their behavior will be presented focusing mainly on the NMOS transistors.

#### A. Transistor Characteristic Curves

Fig. 5 shows the  $I_D$ - $V_{DS}$  curves obtained for the NMOS and PMOS transistors at 5 K and room temperature for  $V_{GS}$  ranging from 0 to 2.5 V. As it can be seen,  $I_D$  increases as the temperature decreases, which is the expected behavior due to the increase of the mobility of the carriers [24], although this only happens for high values of  $V_{GS}$ . Moreover, a kink is observed at high  $V_{DS}$  values, especially for the PMOS transistor, due to the bulk current generated by impact ionization at the drain combined with the increased resistivity of the frozen-out substrate [25].

To further analyze this effect, Fig. 6 shows the  $I_D$ - $V_{DS}$  curves for the NMOS transistor in the whole temperature range for  $V_{GS} = 1$  and 2 V, showing that the increase of current for cryogenic temperature takes place in the latter case. The reason for this, as will be shown later, is that the increase in mobility is partially compensated by the variation of the  $V_{th}$  [26].

#### B. Recovered Values for $V_{th}$

The  $I_D$ - $V_{GS}$  curves have allowed us to conclude that  $V_{th}$  must decrease with  $T$  to compensate for the increase in carrier mobility. To check this, the  $I_D - V_{GS}$  curves have been measured in the whole temperature range, as shown in Fig. 7. It can be observed that  $I_D$  at cryogenic temperatures is lower for low  $V_{GS}$  and larger for large  $V_{GS}$  than for room temperature. Fig. 7 also shows that this effect follows a continuous trend in the whole temperature range. The dependence of  $V_{th}$  with temperature in the whole range has been obtained, as shown in Fig. 8. It can be seen that, as expected, the trend is that the threshold voltage increases as temperature decreases. Also, this

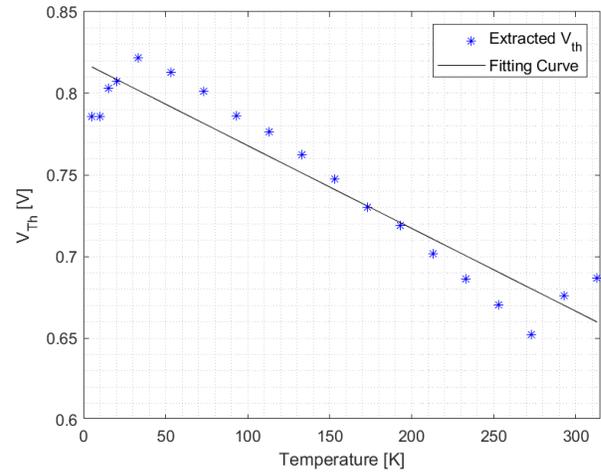


Fig. 8. Dependence of the threshold voltage  $V_{th}$  with temperature in the range from 5 to 313 K.

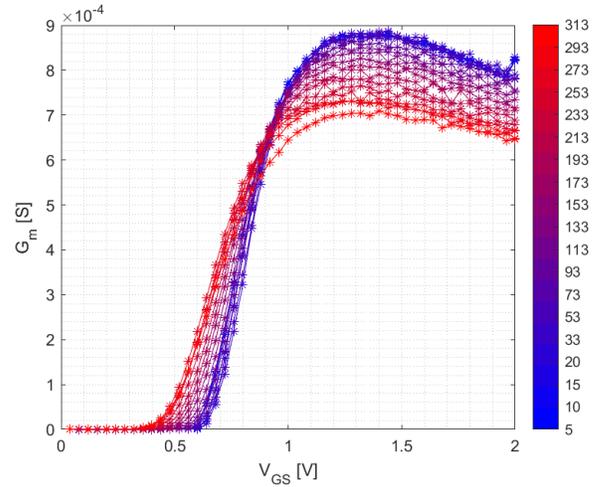


Fig. 9. Measured  $G_m$ - $V_{GS}$  curve for the NMOS transistor for temperatures ranging from 5 to 313 K.

dependence changes in the deep cryogenic regime, for which  $V_{th}$  decreases as  $T$  decreases.

#### C. Recovered Values for $G_m$

One key parameter in the modeling of CMOS transistors is its transconductance  $G_m$  and channel conductance  $G_{DS}$ . In this work, its value has been extracted from the obtained  $I_D - V_{GS}$  curves and the threshold voltage computed in Section III-B using

$$G_m = \frac{2I_D}{V_{GS} - V_{th}}. \quad (1)$$

Fig. 9 shows the dependence of  $G_m$  with respect to  $V_{GS}$  in the whole temperature range down to 5 K. It can be seen how the value of the transconductance  $G_m$  reaches non-zero values for higher  $V_{GS}$  as the temperature decreases, and then peaks to a higher value in the cryogenic regime than at room temperature, which is in accordance to other thermal characterization of CMOS processes [24].

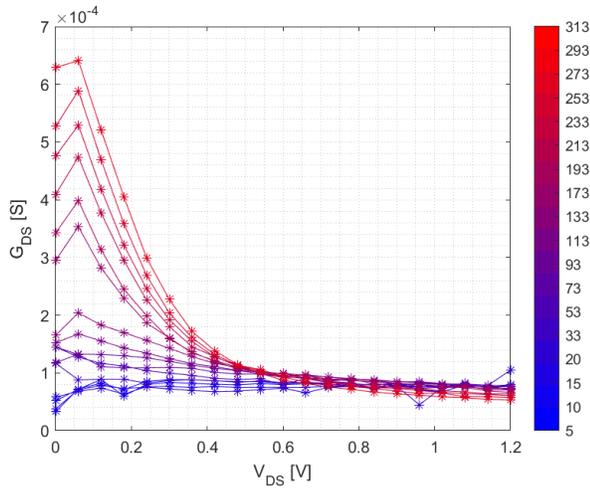


Fig. 10. Measured  $G_{DS}$ - $V_{DS}$  curves for the NMOS transistor for temperatures ranging from 5 to 313 K.

#### D. Recovered Values for $G_{DS}$

Another fundamental parameter in the modeling of CMOS transistors is the channel conductance  $G_{DS}$ . Using that

$$G_{DS} = \frac{\partial I_D}{\partial V_{DS}} \quad (2)$$

its value has also been obtained from the experimental curves by computing the incremental changes in  $I_D$  with respect to the incremental changes in  $V_{DS}$ .

The results obtained are shown in Fig. 10, which represents  $G_{DS}$  against  $V_{DS}$  in the whole temperature range down to 5 K, for a  $V_{GS}$  value of 1 V. It can be seen that  $G_{DS}$  increases for increasing temperature, which is in accordance with the behavior obtained for  $I_D$  and also follows the trend shown in other cryogenic characterizations of CMOS devices such as those reported in [23].

#### IV. CONCLUSION

This article presents the experimental characterization of CMOS transistors in a 65 nm node in a temperature range from 313 K (40 °C) down to the cryogenic regime at 5 K. The experimental data have been obtained in two complementary setups, using an Aralab Fitoterm 22E chamber to cover the range from -40 °C (233 K) to +40 °C (313 K). In turn, to reach the cryogenic regime down to 5 K a dilution refrigerator model Quantum Design Cryofree has been used.

The measurement setup has been completed with a dedicated PCB, to which the bare dies, which have PADs of  $57 \times 71 \mu\text{m}$  and are separated  $90 \mu\text{m}$ , have been bonded with ultrasonic wedge bonding using aluminum wire of  $25 \mu\text{m}$  diameter and a Kulicke and Soffa 4500 Series manual wire bonder. Another specific PCB has been designed and fabricated to minimize parasitic contributions coming from the encapsulation of the IC. Finally, the process has been automated using a Keithley 2602A SMU programmed with the open software Python and using the NI MAX.

The measurement of the  $I_D$ - $V_{DS}$  for the NMOS and PMOS transistors at room temperature and at 5 K allows to observe

the expected behavior of the transistors in the cryogenic regime, which is an increased  $I_D$  due to the increase of the mobility of the carriers, a phenomenon that is more relevant for high values of  $V_{GS}$  because for lower values this is partially compensated by the variation of the  $V_{th}$ , as it has also been confirmed from the measurements. Also, a kink is observed in these curves for high  $V_{DS}$  values, especially for the PMOS transistor, which happens because of the bulk current generated by impact ionization at the drain combined with the increased resistivity of the frozen-out substrate.

Another two key parameters in the modeling of CMOS transistors are their transconductance  $G_m$  and channel conductance  $G_{DS}$ , both of which have been extracted from the  $I_D - V_{GS}$  curves and the obtained threshold voltage. It has been seen that  $G_m$  reaches non-zero values for high  $V_{GS}$  as  $T$  decreases, then peaking to higher values in the cryogenic regime; in turn, it has been shown that  $G_{DS}$  increases for increasing  $T$ , following the behavior observed for  $I_D$ . Both results are in accordance to other thermal characterizations carried out on CMOS transistors in different technologies.

This work presents an experimental characterization of the behavior of transistors for a standard 65 nm CMOS technology down to 5 K, allowing to observe the evolution of their main performance parameters from temperatures ranging to room temperature to the cryogenic regime, as well as some of the effects that are expected to take place at cryogenic temperature, which is the first step to develop an accurate simulation model valid in the cryogenic temperature regime.

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