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Simplification of DC Characterization and Analysis of Semiconductor Devices

**HP IMA (HP 16276A) Practical
Measurement for the HP 4142B**

Application Note 383-1



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1. INTRODUCTION

The HP 16276A Interactive Measurement and Analysis (IMA) software turns the HP 4142B Modular DC Source/Monitor into an automatic semiconductor DC parameter analyzer by providing an interactive, softpanel user interface. Without having to program with BASIC, you can quickly make measurements in several different applications. Besides the softpanel operation, you can easily perform automated measurements and analysis using the Analysis Instruction Set (AIS), which is a high level subprogram library.

Using real examples, this application note shows you how to use the high speed and superior accuracy of an HP 4142B to perform high quality measurements and data analysis. A bipolar transistor, a MOSFET, and a photocoupler are evaluated.

2. FEATURES & SPECIFICATIONS

2.1 Features

■ Use HP IMA for fast measurements and easy operation.

The display of the HP IMA is made up of four pages, from setting up the measurement to displaying the measurement results. All you have to do is fill in the blanks with the necessary information (like channel names, source mode, output parameters), using a mouse or the softkeys. The measurements are made automatically. You can store the measurement setup and measurement data to a disk and easily print or plot the information later.

■ Powerful graphical analysis functions help you analyze test results quickly and easily.

With IMA, data evaluation is simple. In the graphics and analysis softpanel, you can read data or draw lines and evaluation procedures are easily recalled and edited.

The user functions of HP IMA save you time. Four user functions, which can be treated the same as measurement data, can calculate parameters during the measurement. Two user display functions calculate required parameters with marker, cursor, and line data. The graphics and analysis page also provides several powerful functions, like scaling and buffer operations.

■ AIS automates the evaluation procedure.

The Analysis Instruction Set (AIS) is a subprogram library to automate measurements. Using AIS, you can call the HP IMA softpanel which is used to monitor, change a parameter, or add an analysis. The resulting data can be incorporated as a parameter to customize your program. Therefore, the time required to create a program is drastically reduced with AIS.

■ Easy system expansion.

HP IMA consists of subprograms written in HP BASIC, which is an extremely efficient software language for developing test programs and for utilizing test equipment in your system. It's easy to develop lab-automation or system-like process evaluations that control functions like switching matrices, probes, and capacitance meters. You can analyze the measurement data obtained from the test system on the HP IMA GRAPHICS & ANALYSIS page, making efficient use of analysis time.

2.2 Main Specifications

■ Voltage/Current sweep parameters.

VAR1:	main sweep, single or double sweep, selectable linear or logarithmic
VAR2:	subordinate linear staircase sweep
VAR1':	staircase sweep synchronized with the VAR1 sweep
CONSTANT:	every source unit can be set as a constant voltage or current source
TIME DOMAIN SWEEP:	selectable time domain when VAR1 is not set
PULSE:	every source unit can be set as a pulse source
MEASUREMENT MODES:	single, append, repeat, or manual
INTEGRATION TIME:	short, medium, or long
DISPLAY MODES:	graphics or list

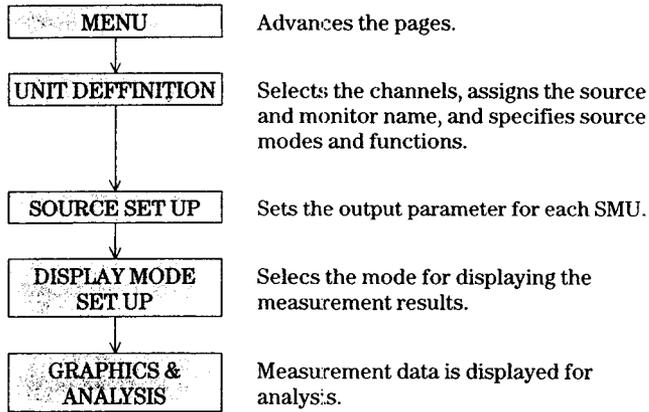
■ Analysis Capabilities

USER FUNCTIONS:	up to four user functions can be defined
USER DISPLAY FUNCTIONS:	up to two user functions can be defined as numeric expressions with the marker, cursor, or line analysis data
MARKER FUNCTION:	interpolation, marker → min/max, or direct marker
CURSOR FUNCTION:	cursor → marker
LINE FUNCTION:	regression line, tangent line
SCALING FUNCTION:	auto scale, move, zoom, init scale, change scale, or reset display
BUFFER FUNCTION:	four buffers are available: store, recall, recall off, or exchange
DISPLAY FUNCTION:	part display, full display

3. BASIC OPERATION

3.1 Construction

HP IMA consists of five softpanel pages that you can use to perform measurement and analysis with easy fill-in-the-blank operation. The softpanel pages consist of the following functions:



Throughout this application note, ████████ represents a softkey function, represents a key on the keyboard, represents a select menu key (select menu is displayed on the right side of the CRT).

When using fill-in-the-blank operation, move the field-pointer to the position you need to fill, and use the keyboard or the select menu to fill in the parameter. The field-pointer can be moved by either the keyboard arrow keys or a mouse. Select menu and softkeys can also be operated by either the keyboard or a mouse. For quickest results, we recommend using a mouse.

3.2 Measurement Example

The basic measurement procedure of HP IMA is best described by making an actual measurement. In the following example, we measure and graphically display the characteristics of a bipolar transistor connected for common emitter operation. Base-emitter voltage is swept and the base and collector currents are measured.

1) CONNECTIONS

Turn off the HP 4142B and connect the HP 16088A test fixture as shown in Figure 6(a). Set up the HP 16088A personality board as shown in Figure 6(c) and insert a transistor into the DUT socket.

2) MENU

On the MENU page, select a page number displayed on the CRT to advance through the pages. There are three ways to select the page:

1. Type the number of the desired page from the keyboard.
2. Position the field pointer to the desired page number field using the arrow keys (or mouse), and press return (or click).
3. Select the appropriate softkey from the lower display of the CRT.

In any page, if you press PREV (or NEXT) key, the display page changes to the previous (or next) page. Press NEXT key in the MENU page to change the page to the UNIT DEFFINITION page.

3) UNIT DEFINITION

On this page, we select the channels to use in the measurement (SMUs, voltage source, and voltage monitors), assign source and monitor names, specify source modes and functions, and define USER FUNCTION.

The initial set-up on this page is for general use and not used in this measurement. Enter the following sequence to change the setup to the one shown in Figure 5. Use the field pointer to define or specify each parameter.

Move the field pointer to the V NAME field of GNDU.

VE✓VC✓IC✓ V VARI
VB✓IB✓ V VARI

If you define a parameter in the USER FUNCTION area (shown in the lower part of the CRT), you can treat it like measurement data in your program. The parameter can even be plotted in the graph. Enter the following sequence to define a parameter in the USER FUNCTION area.

Move the field pointer to the USER FUNCTION area.

HFE✓✓IC/IB✓

Press NEXT to display SOURCE SET UP page.

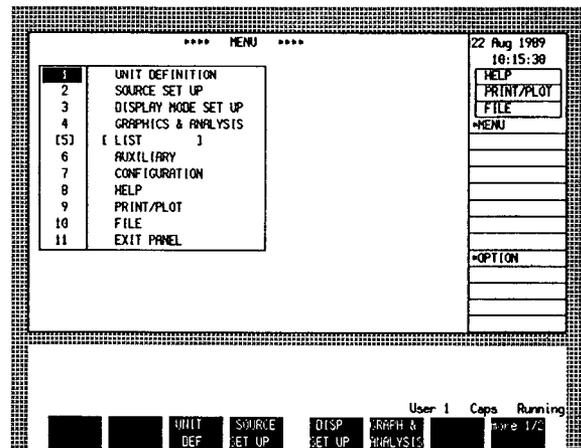


Figure 1

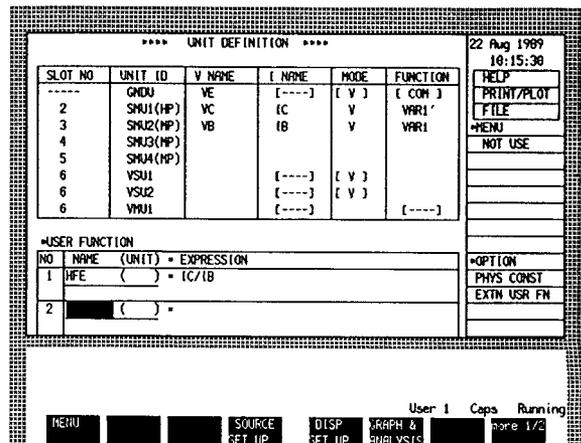


Figure 2

4) SOURCE SET UP

On this page, we set the output parameters (output voltage, current, compliance, etc.) for each SMU selected in the UNIT DEFINITION page. Note that the source names (VE, VB, and VC) already appear in the appropriate fields.

Specify Sweep mode by selecting SINGLE () or DOUBLE (). Specify linear sweep or logarithmic sweep by selecting LINEAR or LOG in LIN/LOG. In this example, use single and linear sweep.

Next, use the keyboard to set the start value (100 mV), stop value (900 mV), number of steps (81), voltage/current compliance (5 mA), and power compliance of sweep bias. To set up the page shown in Figure 6, enter the following sequence:

Move the field pointer to the SWEEP MODE field area of VAR1.

SINGLE LINEAR 1 0 0 M 9 0 0 M
 8 1 5 M 1 0 3 0 0 M
 0 1 0 0 M

After finishing the setup, press **NEXT** to advance to next page.

5) DISPLAY MODE SET UP

On this page, select the mode for displaying the measurement results. GRAPHICS and LIST mode are available for display mode. For this measurement, select GRAPHICS mode.

Assign which parameter is to be plotted along each axis by specifying the display mode (linear or logarithmic), and set the maximum and the minimum value of scaling. In this example, base voltage (VB) is plotted along the X-axis, collector current (IC) is plotted along the Y1 axis, and base current (IB) is plotted along the Y2-axis.

Move the field pointer to the GRAPHICS and enter the following sequence.

VB LINEAR 0 1 5 0 M
 IC LOG 1 F 1 0
 LOG 1 F 1 0

After finishing this setup, press **NEXT** to advance to the next page.

6) MEASUREMENT, DISPLAY, AND ANALYSIS

All measurement conditions are set and the system is ready to make measurements. Close the test fixture lid (shield the DUT from RFI and EMI sources) and press **single** keys. The measurement is made and plotted on the CRT, as shown in Figure 5. If you have a color display, the line plotted with the same color as Y1-axis is the collector current, and the line plotted with the same color as Y2-axis is the base current.

Detailed analysis can be made by selecting an extended function (SCALING, ANALYSIS, BUFFER, DISPLAY). For example, the measurement results are plotted in the best proportions by selecting **SCALING** and **auto scale**. The marker appears by selecting **ANALYSIS** and **marker**. Move the marker with the keyboard arrow keys or the mouse. Read the value of the IC that corresponds to VB. More information about detailed analysis appears in the next section.

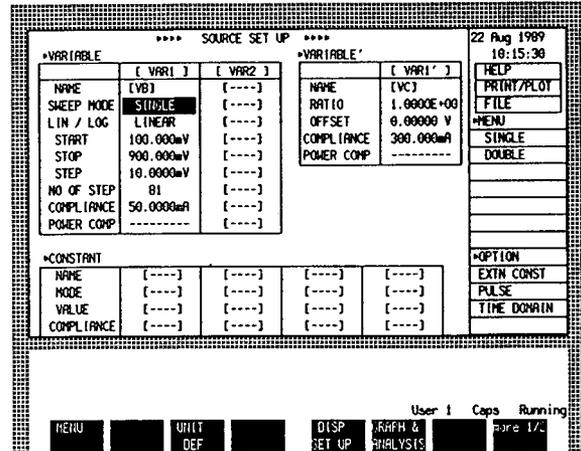


Figure 3

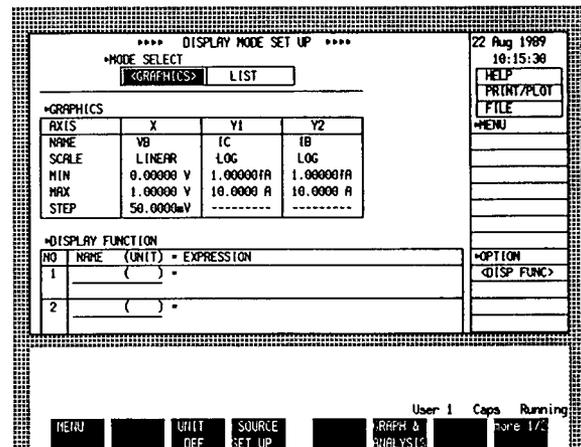


Figure 4

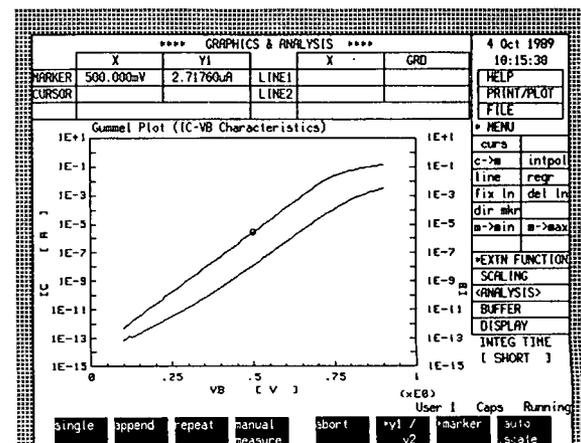


Figure 5

General Connection

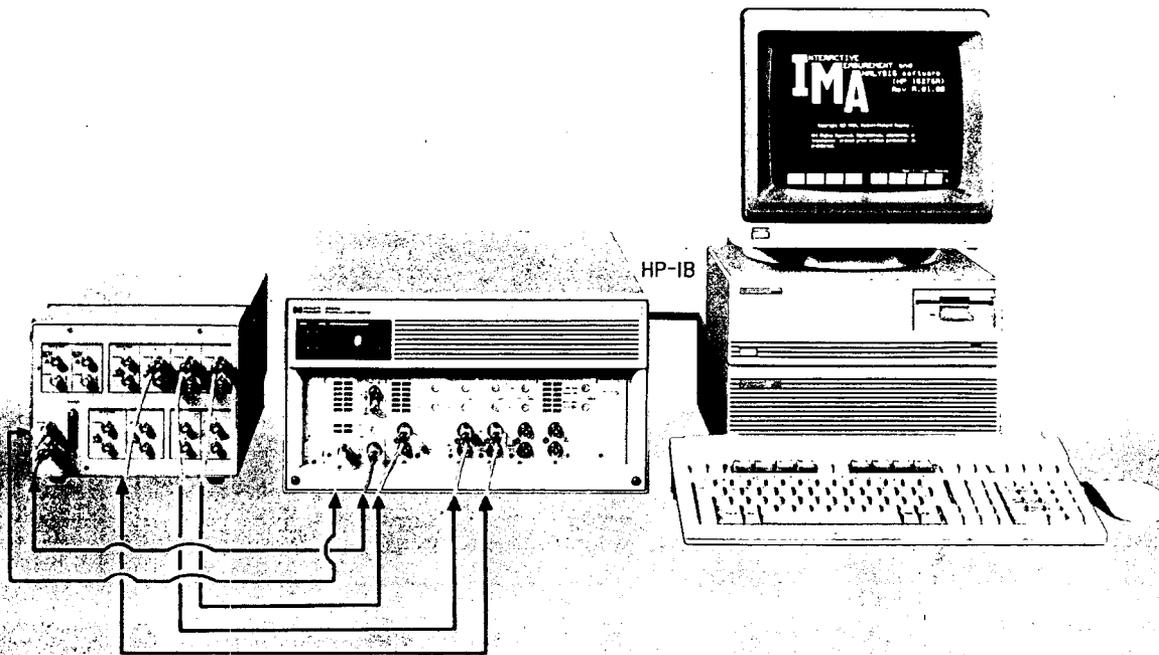


Figure 6 (a)

Connection Diagram

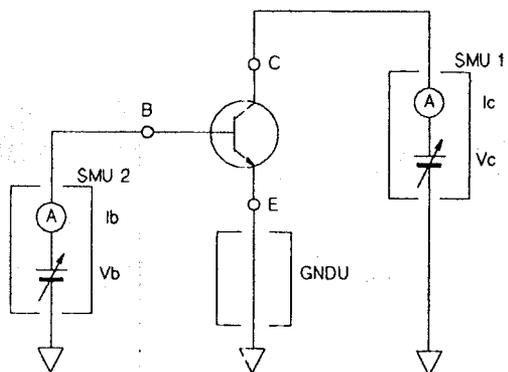


Figure 6 (b)

HP 16088A Test fixture Connection

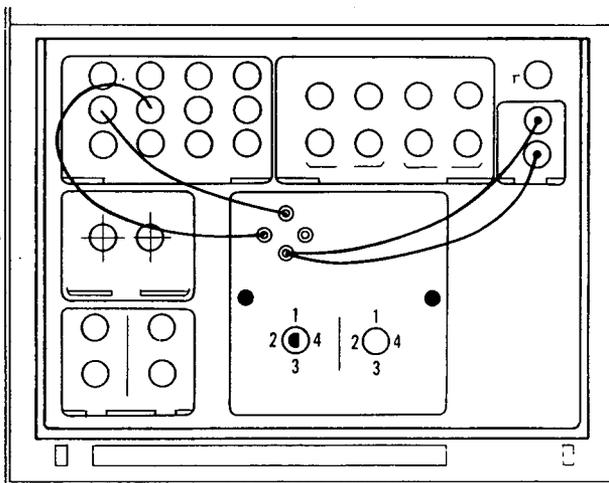


Figure 6 (c)

4. APPLICATIONS

4.1 Evaluating Bipolar Devices

Application Example 1 Static Collector Characteristics

In this example, the collector characteristics of a bipolar transistor are measured and graphically displayed. Results are analyzed to obtain early voltage (VA) and collector output resistance (rc).

Connect the DUT as shown in Figure 7 and set up the UNIT DEFINITION, SOURCE SET UP, and DISPLAY MODE SET UP pages as shown at the right. On the DISPLAY MODE SET UP page, define VA and rc by entering the following sequence.

Move the field pointer to the DISPLAY FUNCTION field.

V A ↵ V ↵ X L 1 ↵ R C ↵ ↵ I ↵ G
1 ↵

XL1: cross point of line 1 and X-axis
G1: gradient of line 1

Measurement results are shown in Figure 8. Draw a regression line from point A.

ANALYSIS marker → (Move the marker to point A)
regr 0 ↵

You can read VA and rc directly from the above plot area. The measurement setup and results of this example are used in Example 7, so store the information to a disk by entering the following sequence:

FILE SAVE D _ E X _ 1 ↵

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**** UNIT DEFINITION ****
22 Aug 1989
18:15:30
HELP
PRINT/PLOT
FILE
MENU
NOT USE

SLOT NO  UNIT ID  V NAME  I NAME  MODE  FUNCTION
-----  -
2         SMU1(NP)  VC      IC      V      VAR1
3         SMU2(NP)  VB      IB      I      VAR2
4         SMU3(NP)
5         SMU4(NP)
6         YS11     YS1     [----] [ V ]  CONST
6         YS12     YS2     [----] [ V ]  CONST
6         YMU1     VM1     [----] [ V ]  [----]

+USER FUNCTION
NO  NAME  (UNIT) = EXPRESSION
1  XPE  ( ) = IC/IB
2  ( ) =

+OPTION
PHYS CONST
EXTN USR FN

User 1 Caps Running
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**** SOURCE SET UP ****
22 Aug 1989
18:15:30
HELP
PRINT/PLOT
FILE
MENU
NOT USE

+VARIABLE
NAME  (VC)  (IB)
SWEEP MODE  SINGLE (SINGLE)
LIN / LOG  LINEAR (LINEAR)
START  0.0000 V  10.0000uA
STOP  1.0000 V  50.0000uA
STEP  25.0000mV  10.0000uA
NO OF STEP  41  5
COMPLIANCE  100.000uA  2.00000 V
POWER COMP ***** [----]

+CONSTANT
NAME  (VS1)  (VS2)  [----] [----]
MODE  [ V ]  [ V ]  [----] [----]
VALUE  0.00000 V  0.00000 V  [----] [----]
COMPLIANCE  100.000uA  100.000uA  [----] [----]

+OPTION
EXTN CONST
PULSE
TIME DOMAIN

User 1 Caps Running
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**** DISPLAY MODE SET UP ****
22 Aug 1989
18:15:30
HELP
PRINT/PLOT
FILE
MENU

+MODE SELECT
<GRAPHICS> LIST

+GRAPHICS
AXIS  X  Y1  Y2
NAME  VC  IC
SCALE  LINEAR  LINEAR
MIN  0.00000 V  0.00000 A
MAX  1.00000 V  12.0000uA
STEP  100.000mV  1.00000uA

+DISPLAY FUNCTION
NO  NAME  (UNIT) = EXPRESSION
1  VA  ( V ) = XL1
2  RC  ( ) = 1/G1

+OPTION
<DISP FUNC>

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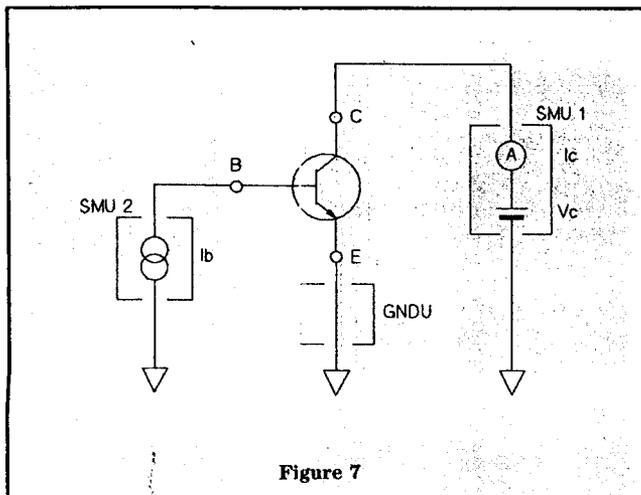


Figure 7

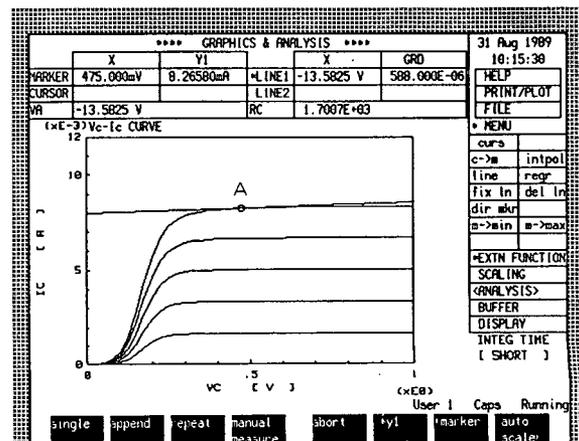


Figure 8

Application Example 3 Ic-Vb, Ib-Vb Characteristics

One of the most important steps in evaluating semiconductor parameters is measuring collector current and base current as a function of base emitter voltage. These measurements can be graphically analyzed to obtain the saturation current, collector current constant, h_{FE} -Ic characteristics, along with the base resistance and recombination current characteristics.

Connect the DUT as shown in Figure 10. On the UNIT DEFINITION page, define h_{FE} as a USER FUNCTION by entering the following sequence.

H F E I C I B

On the DISPLAY MODE SET UP page, define r_b as a DISPLAY FUNCTION by entering the following sequence.

R B (X M - X C) Y 2 M
I 1 A Y L 1

XM: marker x coordinate XC: cursor x coordinate
Y2M: marker Y2 coordinate
XL1: line 1 selected y axis intersection

The measurement results are shown in Figure 11. The upper characteristics curve represents collector current, which is usually expressed as

$$I_c = I_1 \exp(q(V_B - I_B r_b) / kT) + I_2$$

I1: collector current constant I2: saturation current
 r_b : equivalent base resistance

Connect points A and B with a straight line, which is represented by the above equation. In this case, I_2 can be ignored. The Y1-axis intercept data can be read directly as I_1 ($I_1 = 12.3\mu A$).

To obtain r_b , move the cursor to point D where the collector current is the same as that at point C.

Calculate r_b by dividing the voltage difference between D and C by the base current at point C (i.e. the base current at point E).
Read r_b in the RB field shown above the plot area.
The following is the operation related above.

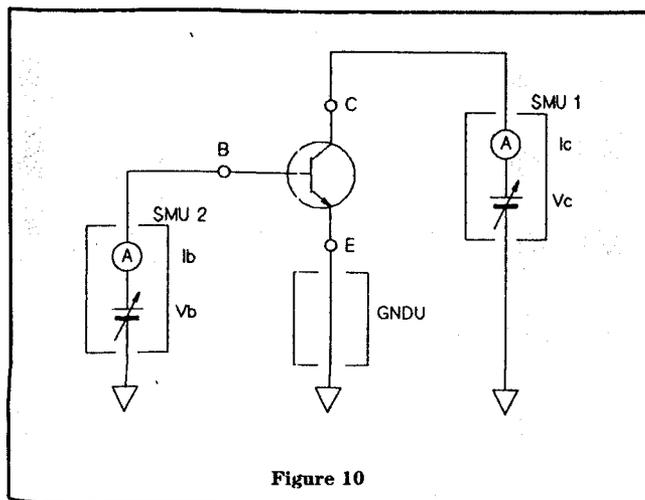


Figure 10

**** UNIT DEFINITION **** 22 Aug 1989 10:15:30

SLOT NO	UNIT ID	V NAME	I NAME	MODE	FUNCTION
2	SMU1 (HP)	VC	IC	[V]	[COM]
3	SMU2 (HP)	VB	IB	Y	VARI
4	SMU3 (HP)				
5	SMU4 (HP)				
6	YSU1	[----]	[V]		
6	YSU2	[----]	[V]		
6	YMU1	[----]	[----]		

USER FUNCTION

NO	NAME	(UNIT)	EXPRESSION
1	hFE	()	IC/IB
2		()	

HELP PRINT/PLOT FILE MENU NOT USE

OPTION PHYS CONST EXTN USR FN

User 1 Caps Running

MENU SOURCE SET UP DISP SET UP SAFIN ANALYSIS Page 1/2

**** SOURCE SET UP **** 22 Aug 1989 10:15:30

NAME	(VARI)	(VAR2)	NAME	(VARI)
SLEEP MODE	SINGLE	[----]	RATIO	1.0000E+00
LIN / LOG	LINEAR	[----]	OFFSET	0.00000 V
START	100.000mV	[----]	COMPLIANCE	300.000mV
STOP	900.000mV	[----]	POWER COMP	[----]
STEP	10.000mV	[----]		
NO OF STEP	81	[----]		
COMPLIANCE	50.000mV	[----]		
POWER COMP	[----]	[----]		

NAME	(----)	(----)	(----)	(----)
MODE	[----]	[----]	[----]	[----]
VALUE	[----]	[----]	[----]	[----]
COMPLIANCE	[----]	[----]	[----]	[----]

HELP PRINT/PLOT FILE MENU NOT USE

OPTION EXTN CONST PULSE TIME DOMAIN

User 1 Caps Running

MENU UNIT DEF DISP SET UP SAFIN ANALYSIS Page 1/2

**** DISPLAY MODE SET UP **** 31 Aug 1989 10:15:30

MODE SELECT GRAPHICS LIST

AXIS	X	Y1	Y2
NAME	VB	IC	IB
SCALE	LINEAR	LOG	LOG
MIN	0.00000 V	1.00000A	1.00000A
MAX	1.00000 V	10.0000 A	10.0000 A
STEP	50.0000mV	[----]	[----]

DISPLAY FUNCTION

NO	NAME	(UNIT)	EXPRESSION
1	rb	()	(Y1-XC)/Y2M
2	I1	(A)	Y1

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MENU UNIT DEF SOURCE SET UP SAFIN ANALYSIS Page 1/2

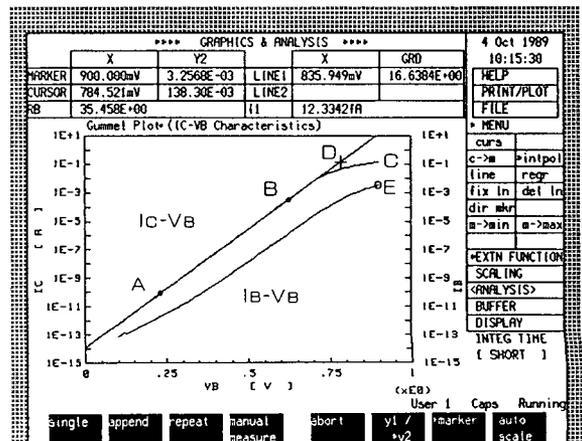


Figure 11

ANALYSIS marker → (Move the marker to point A)
 c->m marker → (Move the marker to point B)
 line fix ln → (Move the marker to point C)
 curs c->m ← (Move the cursor to point D by arrow keys)
 marker y1/y2 → (Move the marker to point E)

We use the measurement setup and results of this example again in Example 6. Store the information by entering the following sequence.

FILE SAVE D _ E X _ 3 ✓

Application Example 4 Emitter Resistance

The series resistance in the emitter (r_e) of a bipolar transistor can be determined by simulating the base current and measuring the voltage between the collector and emitter. The results are the inverse of the characteristics curve gradient. The connection for this setup is shown in Figure 12.

The collector voltage (V_c) is shown on the X-axis, and the base current (I_b) is shown on the Y-axis. In the DISPLAY MODE SET UP page, define r_e to display on the GRAPHICS & ANALYSIS page.

RE ✓ ✓ I / G I ✓

Figure 13 shows the measurement results. Select two points on the linear region of the graph, and connect them with a straight line by entering the following sequence.

ANALYSIS marker → or (Move the marker to point A)
 c->m → or (Move the marker to point B) line

Read r_e directly from the r_e field above the plot area. The value for r_e in this example is 0.77Ω .

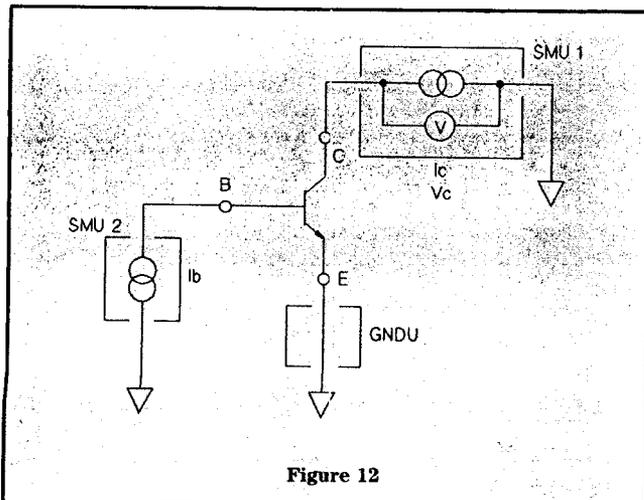


Figure 12

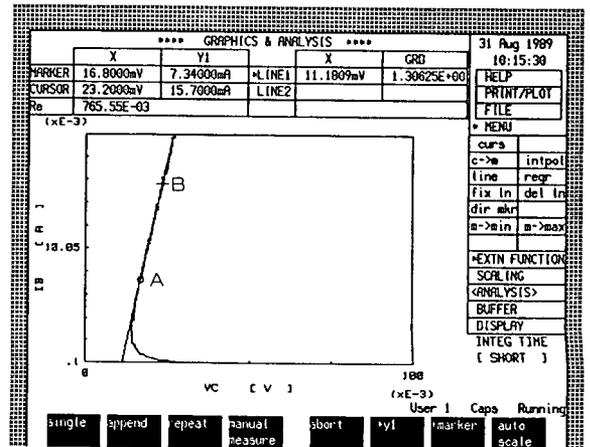
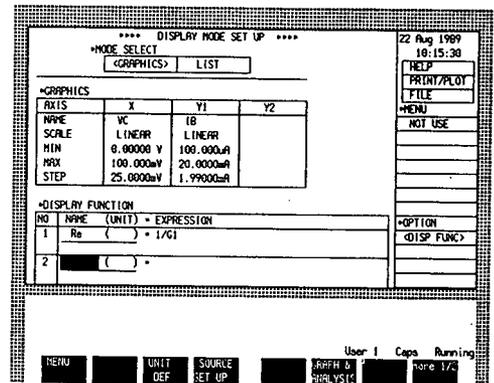
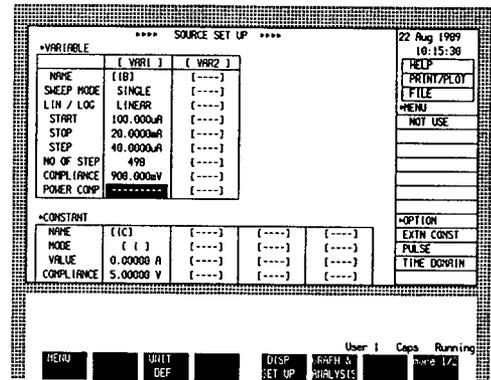
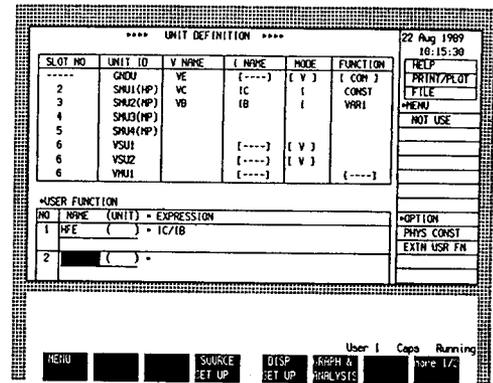


Figure 13

Application Example 5 Collector Resistance

Measuring series resistance of the collector (R_c) in a bipolar transistor is similar to measuring emitter resistance (shown in Example 4). In this example, current is applied to the base and collector, and the collector voltage (V_c) is measured.

To characterize I_B - V_c , two collector current values (I_{c1} and I_{c2}) are measured. The relationship between the I_{c1} - I_{b1} and I_{c2} - I_{b2} points on the characteristic curve are equal ($I_{c1}/I_{b1} = I_{c2}/I_{b2}$). Measuring the V_c voltage difference (ΔV) between these points provides the values required for obtaining collector resistance, which is calculated as $R_c = \Delta V / (I_{c2} - I_{c1})$.

Connect the DUT as shown in Figure 14.

In the DISPLAY MODE SET UP page, define R_c by entering the following sequence.

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R C ( X M - X C ) / ( ( 8 - 4 ) * 0 . 0 0 1 )
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Figure 15 shows the measurement results.

In this example, $I_{c1} = 4 \text{ mA}$ and $I_{c2} = 8 \text{ mA}$. Move the marker to point A and the cursor to point B, so that I_b is the same as point A. You can read R_c directly from the R_c field above the plot area. In this example $R_c = 2.01 \Omega$.

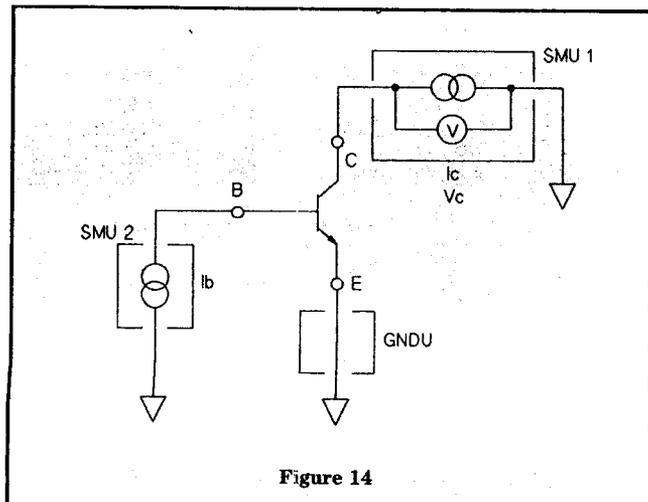


Figure 14

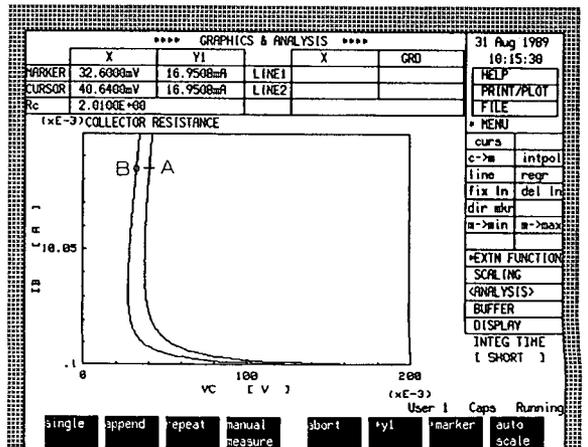
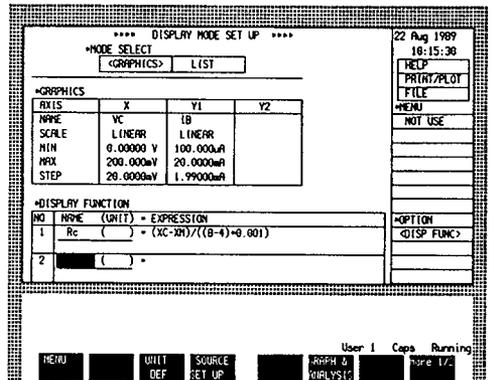
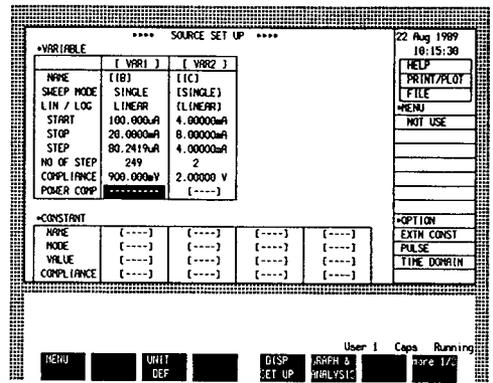
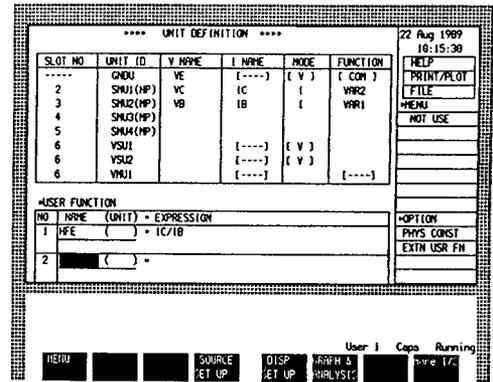


Figure 15

Application Example 6 hFE-Ic

By making a few simple changes in the DISPLAY MODE SET UP page in Example 3, you can quickly get the hFE-Ic characteristics of the transistor.

Enter the following sequence to recall the measurement setup of Example 3:

FILE GET D E X 3

Set the DISPLAY MODE SET UP page shown below to plot Ic along to the X-axis, and to plot hFE along to the Y-axis. Both Ic and hFE are plotted logarithmically. The measurement results are shown in Figure 16. You can quickly examine the variation of hFE over the broad range of Ic with the graph. If the marker is used, you can read hFE at various values of Ic directly from the display. The hFE decay constant can be read directly from the display using line function to draw a line tangent to the linear portion of the hFE-Ic curve, as shown in Figure 16. The gradient of that line is equal to the decay constant. This is useful for detailed evaluation of a device in which the recombination current can't be neglected (for example, a very low noise transistor).

This application can be extended to obtain temperature dependence of the hFE, which can be acquired by measuring hFE-Ic during temperature change.

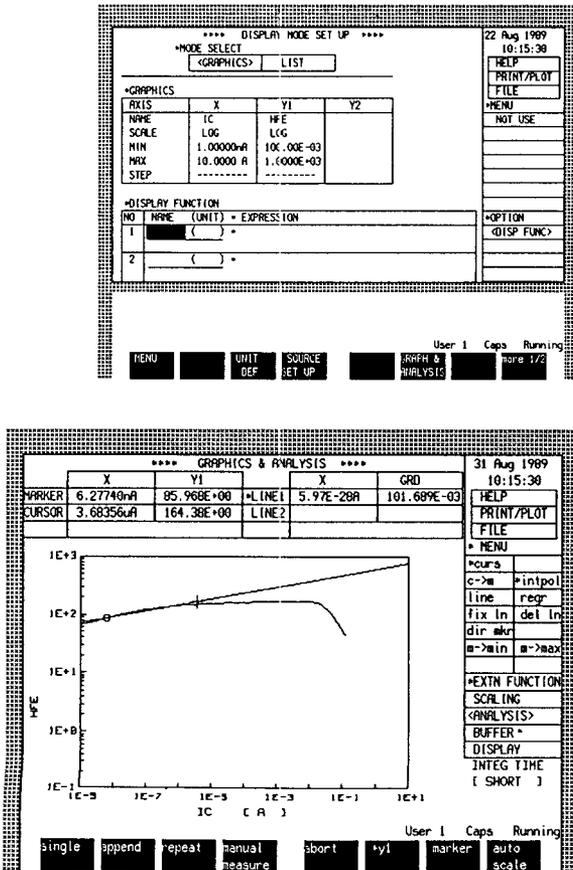


Figure 16

Application Example 7 List Display

The measurement results can be displayed in a list format. To do this, select LIST in MODE SELECT on the DISPLAY MODE SET UP page.

In this example, the measurement results of Example 1 are displayed in list format. Enter the following sequence to recall the measurement setup and the data of Example 1.

On DISPLAY MODE SET UP PAGE

FILE GET D E X 1

You can easily input the parameter by clicking the select menu located at the right side of the display.

In this example, Vc, Vb, Ic, and hFE are displayed. Enter the sequence below.

Select LIST with the field pointer

Vc Vb Ic hFE NEXT single

The example of list display is shown in Figure 17.

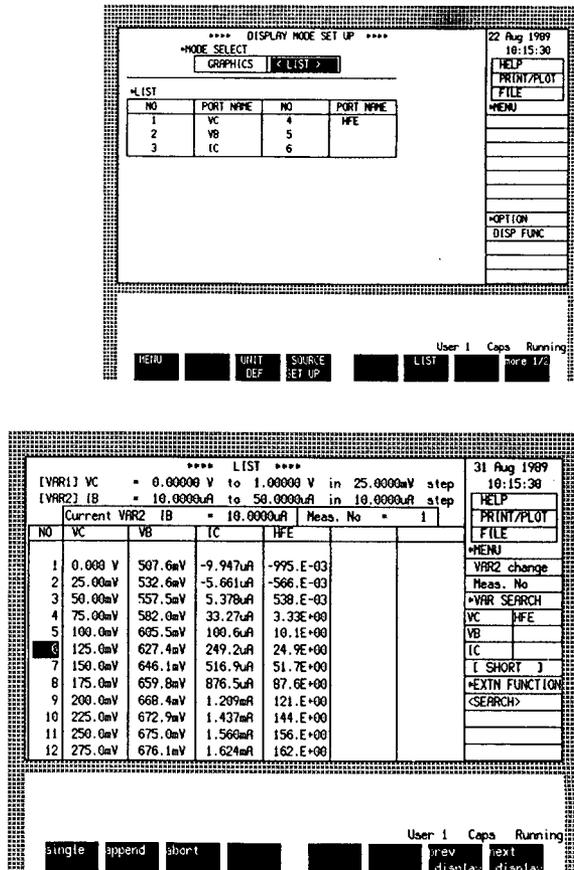


Figure 17

4.2 Evaluating MOS Devices

Application Example 8 Measuring Threshold Voltage (V_{th}) of MOSFETs

The threshold voltage of an enhancement type MOSFET is defined as the gate voltage that is required to get a predetermined drain current. In this example, V_{th} is the gate voltage required for $10\mu A$ of drain current.

Connect the DUT as shown in Figure 18. VAR1 source sweeps the gate voltage (V_G), and VAR2 source sweeps the source substrate voltage (V_{SB}). Gate voltage is linearly plotted along the X-axis and drain current (I_D) is plotted along the Y-axis. Measurement results are shown in Figure 19.

The left-most curve shows the drain current variation when substrate voltage is constant at 0V. To obtain V_{th} , move the marker along the left-most curve until $I_D = 10\mu A$ and read the gate voltage (X-axis) displayed above the plot area.

Because of the body effect in the device, threshold voltage changes as substrate voltage changes. Thus, if $V_{th}|_{V_{SB}=0}$ is known, V_{th} at any value of V_{SB} can be calculated as:

$$V_{th} = V_{T0} - \gamma [(V_{SB} + 2\phi_f)^{1/2} - (2\phi_f)^{1/2}]$$

V_{T0} : threshold voltage ($V_{SB} = 0$)

γ : body effect coefficient, ϕ_f : the Fermi potential.

You can also get the body effect coefficient from this equation.

We use this measurement result in section 4, so enter the following sequence to store the information as "B_MOS1" to the disk.

FILE SAVE B _ M O S I ✓ EXIT

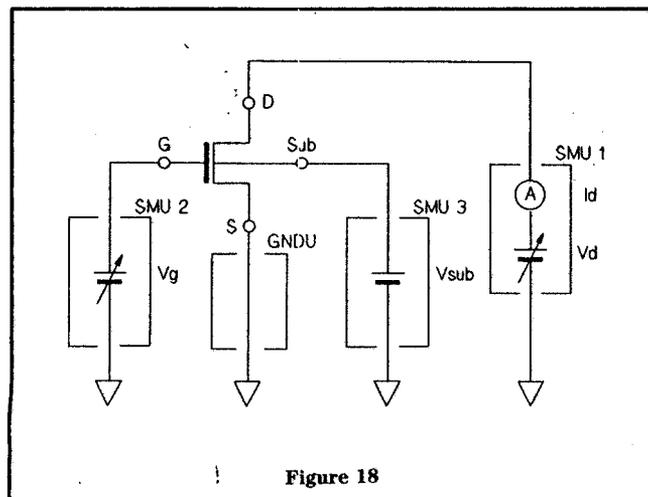


Figure 18

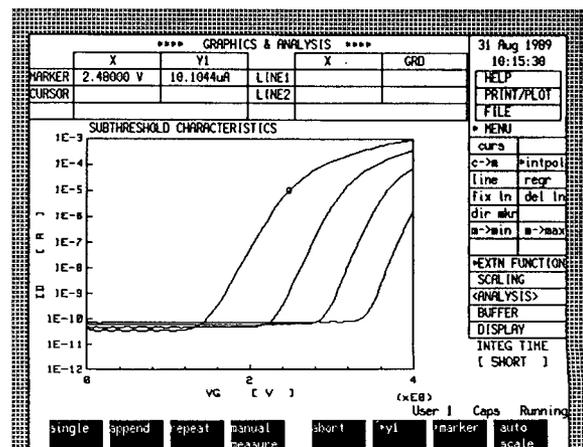
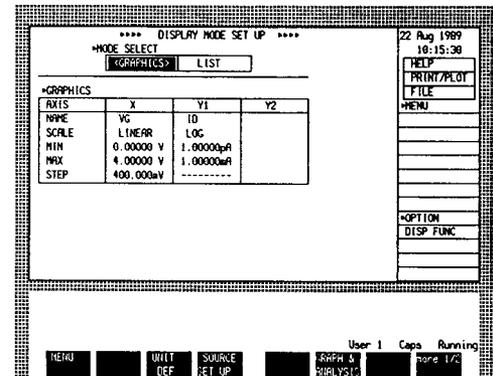
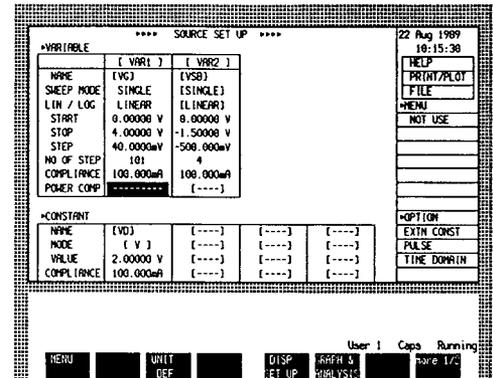
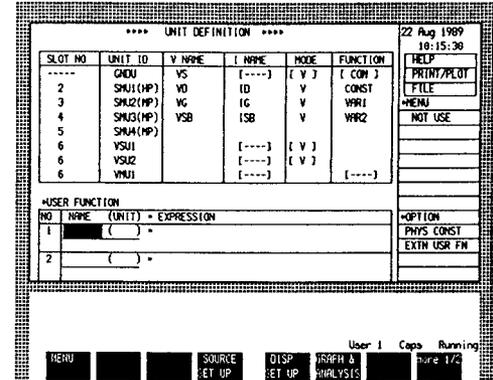


Figure 19

Application Example 9 Measuring Threshold Voltage (Vth) of MOSFETs 2

A frequently used method of measuring threshold voltage of a MOSFET is to bias the device so that the gate and drain are always the same potential. The characteristics are measured in the saturation region.

Drain current in the saturation region is calculated as:

$$I_D = \beta(V_G - V_{th})^2$$

β : gain factor ($= -\frac{1}{2}(\mu\epsilon_{ox}W/L)tox$)

By taking the square root of both sides of the I_D equation, we find that the relationship between $\sqrt{I_D}$ and V_G is linear. A slope of $\sqrt{I_D}$ crossing the x-axis is the threshold voltage. Thus,

$$\sqrt{I_D} = \sqrt{\beta}(V_G - V_{th})$$

The connection is shown in Figure 20. On the UNIT DEFINITION page, to insure that the gate and drain voltages are equal throughout the measurement, set VARI1' as the gate bias and set VARI1 as the drain bias. Specify VARI1' as the ratio of I in the VARIABLE' AREA, which is displayed in the SOURCE SET UP page. On the UNIT DEFINITION page, define the user function as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{SQR_ID} &= \text{SQRT}(I_D) \\ \text{PEAK} &= \text{DELTA}(\text{SQRT}(\text{ABS}(I_D)))/\text{DELTA}(V_G) \end{aligned}$$

The later expresses the differential coefficient of $\sqrt{I_D}$ vs. V_G . Define the display function in the DISPLAY MODE SET UP page as follows:

$$\text{BETA} = \text{COI}^2$$

Measurement results are shown in Figure 21. To obtain V_{th} and β , draw a regression line around point A. The X intercept is V_{th} . The β is shown directly above the plot area. We use this display data again in Example 12 (as in Example 8), so store this information to the disk as "B_VTH".

We also use this measurement setup in Section 4, so store it on the disk as "P_VTH".

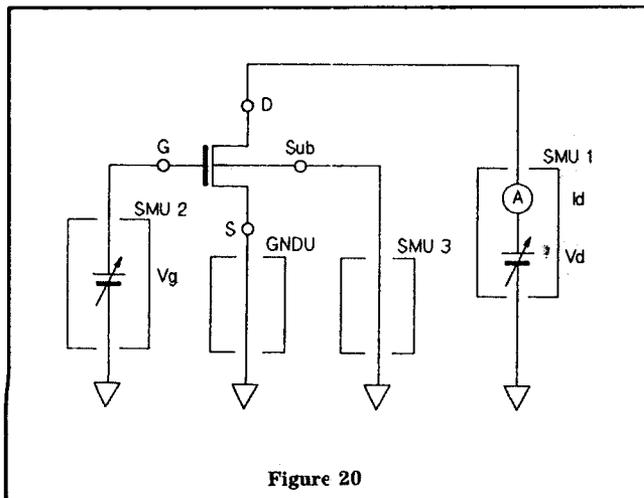


Figure 20

**** UNIT DEFINITION **** 22 Aug 1989 10:15:30

SLOT NO	UNIT ID	V NAME	I NAME	MODE	FUNCTION
2	GNDU	VS	(----)	(V)	(CON)
2	SMU1 (HP)	VD	ID	V	VARI1'
3	SMU2 (HP)	VG	IG	V	VARI1
4	SMU3 (HP)	VSD	ISB	V	CONST
5	SMU4 (HP)				
6	VSU1	(----)	(----)	(V)	
6	VSU2	(----)	(----)	(V)	
6	VNU1	(----)	(----)	(----)	(----)

*USER FUNCTION

NO	NAME	(UNIT)	EXPRESSION	*OPTION
1	SQR_ID	()	= SQRT(ABS(ID))	PHYS CONST
2	PEAK	()	= DELTA(SQRT(ABS(ID)))/DELTA(VG)	EXTRN USR FN

User 1 Caps Running
MENU SOURCE DISP GRAPH & UNIT DEF SET UP ANALYSIS MORE 1/2

**** SOURCE SET UP **** 22 Aug 1989 10:15:30

VARIABLE	(VARI)	(VARI2)	NAME	(VARI)	HELP
SWEEP MODE	SINGLE	(----)	RATIO	1.0000E+00	PRINT/PLOT
LIN / LOG	LINEAR	(----)	OFFSET	0.0000E+00	FILE
START	0.0000E+00	(----)	COMPLANCE	20.0000E-03	MENU
STOP	7.0000E+00	(----)	POWER COMP	-----	NOT USE
STEP	70.0000E-03	(----)			
NO OF STEP	101	(----)			
COMPLANCE	1.00000E-03	(----)			
POWER COMP	-----	(----)			

*CONSTANT

NAME	(VSD)	(----)	(----)	(----)	*OPTION
MODE	(V)	(----)	(----)	(----)	EXTRN CONST
VALUE	0.0000E+00	(----)	(----)	(----)	PULSE
COMPLANCE	100.000E-03	(----)	(----)	(----)	TIME DOMAIN

User 1 Caps Running
MENU UNIT DISP GRAPH & UNIT DEF SET UP ANALYSIS MORE 1/2

**** DISPLAY MODE SET UP **** 25 Oct 1989 10:15:30

*MODE SELECT GRAPHICS LIST

AXIS	X	Y1	Y2
NAME	VG	SQR_ID	PEAK
SCALE	LINEAR	LINEAR	LINEAR
MIN	0.0000E+00	-10.000E-03	-2.000E-03
MAX	7.0000E+00	100.000E-03	30.000E-03
STEP	400.000E-03	10.000E-03	2.000E-03

*DISPLAY FUNCTION

NO	NAME	(UNIT)	EXPRESSION	*OPTION
1	BETA	()	= COI^2	DISP FUNC
2	Vth	(V)	= X1	

User 1 Caps Running
MENU UNIT DISP GRAPH & UNIT DEF SET UP ANALYSIS MORE 1/2

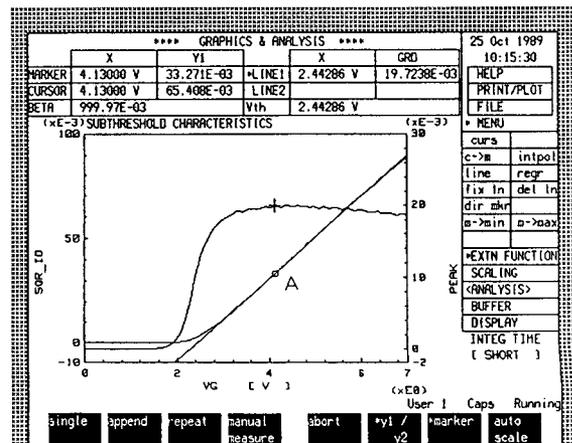


Figure 21

Application Example 10 Measuring Transconductance (gm) of MOSFETs

The transconductance of a MOSFET is defined as the ability of the device to vary drain current (output) in response to gate voltage (input) variations, with drain-source voltage constant. In equation form:

$$g_m = \frac{\Delta I_D}{\Delta V_G} \bigg|_{V_D}$$

In this example, we measure I_D at five different values of drain voltage and use the user function to calculate and plot g_m .

g_m is measured sweeping drain voltage ranging from 0.5V to 2.5V by 0.5V steps. It is plotted along the Y-axis and the drain voltage is plotted along the X-axis.

Define the user function as:

$$GM = \text{DELTA} (ID)/\text{DELTA} (VG)$$

The connection is shown in Figure 20. Measurement results are shown in Figure 22. The marker can be used to obtain a direct read-out of g_m at any bias point. The threshold voltage, V_{th} , can be obtained by drawing the line shown in Figure 22 and reading the X intercept value.

As in Example 8 and 9, store this information on the disk as "B_MOS3".

```

**** UNIT DEFINITION ****
22 Aug 1989
10:15:30


| SLOT NO | UNIT ID   | V NAME | I NAME | MODE   | FUNCTION |
|---------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|----------|
| 2       | GN01      | VS     | [----] | [ V ]  | [ CON ]  |
| 3       | SN01 (HP) | VD     | ID     | V      | VAR2     |
| 4       | SN02 (HP) | VG     | IG     | V      | VAR1     |
| 5       | SN03 (HP) | VSB    | ISB    | V      | CONST    |
| 6       | YS01      | [----] | [----] | [ V ]  |          |
| 6       | YS02      | [----] | [----] | [ V ]  |          |
| 6       | VW01      | [----] | [----] | [----] |          |


| NO | NAME | (UNIT) | EXPRESSION          | OPTION      |
|----|------|--------|---------------------|-------------|
| 1  | GN   | ( S )  | DELTA(ID)/DELTA(VG) | PHYS CONST  |
| 2  |      | ( )    | *                   | EXTN USR FN |

User 1 Caps Running
  
```

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**** SOURCE SET UP ****
22 Aug 1989
10:15:30


| NAME       | (V)       | (V)       |
|------------|-----------|-----------|
| SWEEP MODE | DOUBLE    | (SINGLE)  |
| LIN / LOG  | LINEAR    | (LINEAR)  |
| START      | 0.0000 V  | 500.000mV |
| STOP       | 10.0000 V | 2.50000 V |
| STEP       | 200.000mV | 500.000mV |
| NO OF STEP | 5         |           |
| COMPLIANCE | 100.000mV | 100.000mV |
| POWER COMP | -----     | [----]    |


| NAME       | (VSB)     | [----] | [----] | [----] |
|------------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|
| MODE       | [ V ]     | [----] | [----] | [----] |
| VALUE      | 0.00000 V | [----] | [----] | [----] |
| COMPLIANCE | 100.000mV | [----] | [----] | [----] |

User 1 Caps Running
  
```

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**** DISPLAY MODE SET UP ****
22 Aug 1989
10:15:30
*MODE SELECT
[GRAPHICS] LIST
  

*GRAPHICS


| AXIS  | X         | Y1         | Y2 |
|-------|-----------|------------|----|
| NAME  | VG        | GN         |    |
| SCALE | LINEAR    | LINEAR     |    |
| MIN   | 0.00000 V | -100.000uS |    |
| MAX   | 10.0000 V | 3.40000mS  |    |
| STEP  | 1.00000 V | 200.000uS  |    |

User 1 Caps Running
  
```

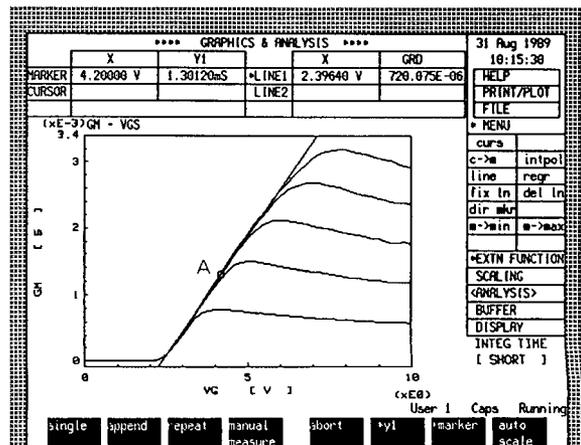


Figure 22

4.3 Evaluating a Photocoupler

In advanced electrical devices, photocouplers are being used more and more as isolators for I/O interfaces or in power supplies.

In this example, input current vs. output current and CTR (Current Transfer Ratio: $= I_o/I_f \times 100\%$) characteristics, which correspond to the gain of the photocoupler, are evaluated.

Input current (I_f) is plotted along the X-axis, output current (I_o) is plotted along the Y1-axis. CTR is plotted along the Y2-axis. The connection is shown in Figure 25 and the measurement results are shown in Figure 26.

You can quickly evaluate changes in CTR and read the input current of CTR by using the marker function.

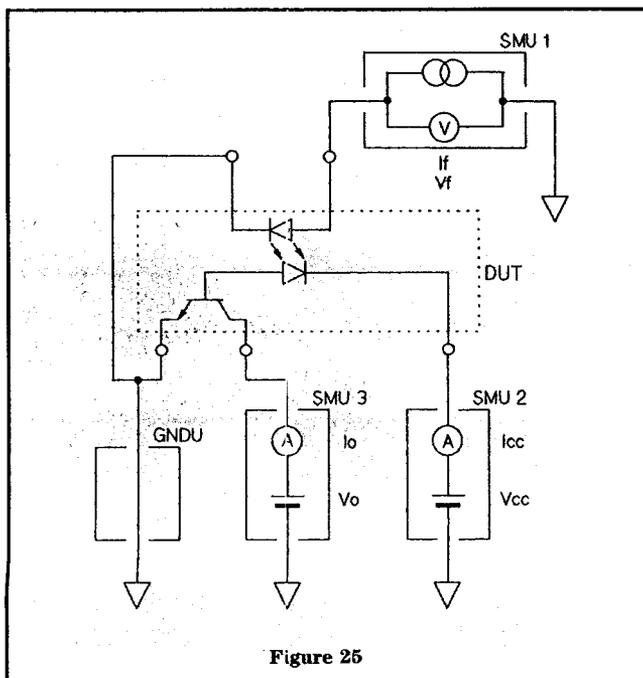


Figure 25

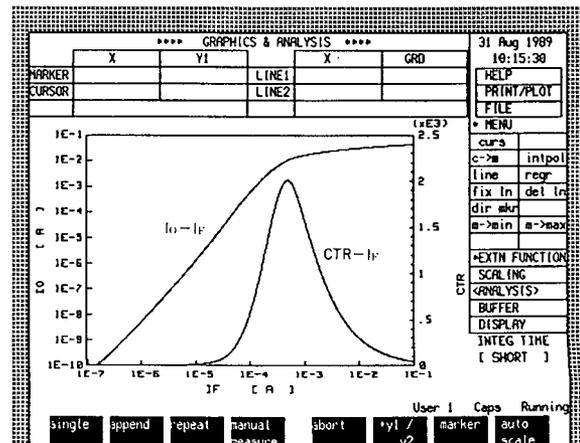
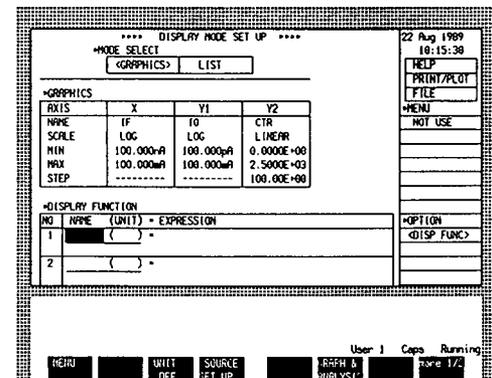
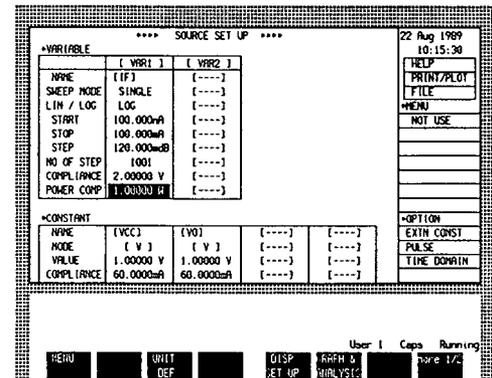
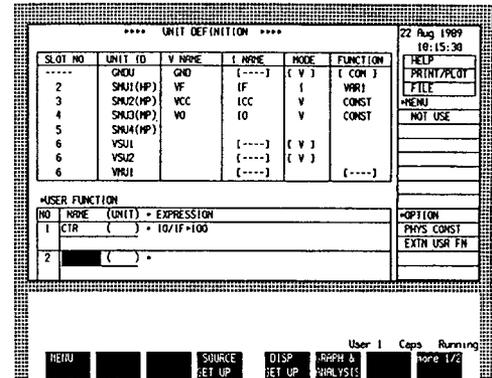


Figure 26

5. Analysis Instruction Set (AIS)

You can easily create a fully automated measurement and analysis system by combining custom code with AIS subroutines. On this page, we examine the sample program shown in Figure 27, which picks up V_{th} automatically from the $\sqrt{I_D}$ - V_g characteristics of a MOSFET.

Create the program in edit mode, link*1 subprograms, and press **RUN**. The measurements and analysis are automatically made.

The sample is explained briefly here.

- 1) Recalls the program stored as "P_VTH" and makes measurements and analysis four times.
- 2) Connects a device, makes a measurement, and changes the scale to the optimum scale.
- 3) Writes the display title, selects the measurement curve to analyze, and checks the gate voltage for a 10 mA drain current.
- 4) Finds the point where the gradient of the I_D is maximum, draws a regression line from that point, and picks up V_{th} from the cross point of gradient line and x-axis.
- 5) Stores the measurement results and analysis data to the disks and dumps the analysis display to a printer or plotter.
- 6) Displays the four measurement results in four screen divisions and halts the procedure.

*1 There are two ways to link subprograms:

1. Without a hard disk.

After creating the program, press **LINK AIS**.

2. With a hard disk. (This is the quickest way).

After creating the program, run the following commands:

LOADSUB ALL FROM "IMA_SYSTEM"

LOADSUB ALL FROM "AIS"

(Make an "IMA_SYSTEM" file in advance. Refer to the operation manual.)

```

10  OPTION BASE 1
20  K=4
30  DIM Vch(4),D_ana(16)
40  Set_printer(701,2)
50  Init_ais
60  Get_f("P_VTH",700,1")
70  |
80  FOR Dac=1 TO K
90  INPUT "MEASUREMENT START, CONNECT DUT THEN PRESS RETURN",Ok$
100 Measure
110 Auto_scale
120 Disp_graph(0,"Vch MEASUREMENT"&VAL$(Dac))
130 Select_curve(1)
140 Search_data(2,SQRT(1.0E-5),Vg,V)
150 |
160 Loop_p=0
170 Gradl=0
180 Reg_coef=0
190 Step_v=.05
200 LOOP
210 Draw_regress(1,Vg+Step_v*Loop_p,3)
220 Vch(Dac)=D_ana(5)
230 Get_ad(D_ana(4))
240 EXIT IF D_ana(7)<Gradl
250 Gradl=D_ana(7)
260 Reg_coef=D_ana(13)
270 Loop_p=Loop_p+1
280 END LOOP
290 |
300 Save_f("P_VTH"&VAL$(Dac))
310 Store_buf(1,5-Dac)
320 |
330 NEXT Dac
340 |
350 FOR J=1 TO K
360 OUTPUT 701;"Vch"&VAL$(J);" ";PRDWD(Vch(J),-3);"(V)"
370 NEXT J
380 |
390 Disp_graph(1)
400 |
410 END

```

Figure 27



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