A High Speed Combinational-logic Shifter using Threshold Logic Technology

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ABSTRACT

In this work the concentration of attention is to create a High Speed Combinational-logic Shifter depending upon the principle of threshold logic gates (TLG). After fixing the threshold logic gates required for our work, we have implemented different gates/circuits made up of different elements like tunnel junctions and capacitances. The gates or circuits designed or implemented are the modified version of a multi-input threshold logic gate. For constructing the logic circuits, we have a glance over a generic threshold gate with which a logic gate like 3-input AND, 4-input OR and other more complex linear logic circuitswhich are having many inputs but one output can be constructed. By means of a 3-input AND, 4-input OR and 4:1 Multiplexer, we have been able to construct a complex circuit called 4-bit Combinational-logic Shifter. For the verification purpose, the threshold logic gate based Combinational-logic Shifter is converted into capacitor- and tunnel junctionbased device which has been verified by the simulator SIMON and found that the input-output relationship results are matching with the theoretical analysis. As the linearly separable TLGs are easy to implement, so the gates we have made up are tested whether they are linearly separable or not. How many elements needed to construct a particular gate or circuit are measured. Switching or processing delay for executing a function in a gate/ circuit is measured also. Power consumption for each element is taken into consideration. The curves in connection with Delay vs. Error Probability and Delay vs. capacitance are shown. Processing delays between CMOS based circuits and TLG are compared and realized that TLG based circuit are having higher speed than CMOS basedcircuit.

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I. Introduction

Using sequential circuit we are able to implement a right shift or left-shift register. In this work, we have constructed a Combinational-logic Shifter which performs left-shift or right-shift operation under the control of the selection lines. A shifter may consist of n-stages for a system having n-parallel lines under the control of $log_2(n)$ control lines. For space limitation, we have made up of a shifter of 4-stages. We have followed the principle of threshold logic whenever a logic circuit is built. The principle is: when theweighted sum of the inputs of a logic gate is greater than or equal to the threshold value θ of the gate/circuit concerned then the output logic is *high* otherwise *low*. A logical circuit called inverter is also provided for the purpose of inverting the value of a desired signal. In sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 some logic gates are constructed after analyzing their properties. In section 5, a LTG based 4:1 Multiplexer is discussed and the desired diagram for a Combinational-logic Shifter is elaborately discussed in section 6.

II. 3-input AND gate

Threshold logic equation of a 3-input AND gate of three variables X1, X2 and X3 will be like

 $F(X_1X_2X_3) = sgn(w_1X_1 + w_2X_2 + w_3X_3 - \theta) \dots (1)$

For finding the threshold logic equation of 3-input AND ($F = X_1X_2X_3$), the logic variables (X_1 , X_2 and X_3) for positive logic will be set as 1 each. The equation (1) will be as

 $F = sgn(w_1 + w_2 + w_3 - \theta) \dots (2)$

To obtain the values of w_1 , w_2 , w_3 and θ , we first draw the truth table Table-1 of a 3-input AND gate and compare the weighted sum of weights w_1 , w_2 , and w_3 of three variables X_1 and X_2 and X_3 respectively with the

threshold value θ [1,2,3,7,9].

				Table-1	
X_1	X2	X3	$F=X_1X_2X_3$	θ	Eqn. No.
0	0	0	0	0< 0	(1)
0	0	1	0	$w_3 < \theta$	(2)
0	1	0	0	$w_2 < \theta$	(3)
0	1	1	0	$w_2 + w_3 < \theta$	(4)
1	0	0	0	$w_1 < \theta$	(5)
1	0	1	0	$w_1 + w_3 < \theta$	(6)
1	1	0	0	$w_1 + w_2 < \theta$	(7)
1	1	1	1	$w_1 + w_2 + w_3 \ge \theta$	(8)

For positive logic, we assume weights of X_1 , X_2 and X_3 are positive 1 each i.e. $w_1=1$, $w_2=1$ and $w_3=1$. For the case of threshold " θ ", if we take the value $\theta = 3$, then all the eight inequalities in right-most column in Table-1 are satisfied. So we get a solution set for $\{w_1, w_2, w_3: \theta\} = \{1, 1, 1:3\}$. So the Threshold logic equation for 3-input AND gate is given in equation (1) can be written as equation (3). The corresponding threshold logic gate is drawn in Fig. 1.

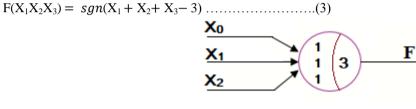


Fig. 1TLG of $F = X_1 X_2 X_3$

III. 4-input OR Gate

Now we will consider about 4-input OR gate. Let the threshold logic equation of a 4-input OR gate of four variables X_1, X_2, X_3 and X_4 be

 $Y(X_1X_2X_3X_4) = sgn(w_1X_1 + w_2X_2 + w_3X_3 + w_4X_4 - \theta) \dots (4)$

For finding the threshold logic equation of 4-input OR gate, logic variables $(X_1, X_2, X_3 \text{ and } X_4)$ for positive logic will be set as 1 each. The equation (4) will be as

 $Y = sgn(w_1 + w_2 + w_3 + w_4 - \theta) \dots (5)$

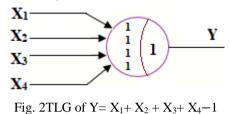
To obtain the values of w_1 , w_2 , w_3 , w_4 and θ , we first draw the truth table Table-2 of a 4-input OR gate and compare the weighted sum of weights w_1 , w_2 , and w_3 of four variables X_1 and X_2 , X_3 and X_4 respectively with the threshold value θ [1,2,3,8,9].

Table-2						
X1	X2	X ₃	X_4	$F=X_1X_2X_3$	θ	inequality No.
0	0	0	0	0	0< 0	(1)
0	0	0	1	1	$w_4 \ge \theta$	(2)
0	0	1	0	1	$w_3 \ge \theta$	(3)
0	0	1	1	1	$w_3 + w_4 \ge \theta$	(4)
0	1	0	0	1	$w_2 \ge \theta$	(5)
0	1	0	1	1	$w_2 + w_4 \ge \theta$	(6)
0	1	1	0	1	$w_2 + w_3 \ge \theta$	(7)
0	1	1	1	1	$w_2 + w_3 + w_4 \ge \theta$	(8)
1	0	0	0	1	$w_1 \ge \theta$	(9)
1	0	0	1	1	$w_1 + w_4 \ge \theta$	(10)
1	0	1	0	1	$w_1 + w_3 \ge \theta$	(11)
1	0	1	1	1	$w_1 + w_3 + w_4 \ge \theta$	(12)
1	1	0	0	1	$w_1 + w_2 \ge \theta$	(13)

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ĺ	1	1	1	0	1	$w_1 + w_2 + w_3 \ge \theta$	(15)
ĺ	1	1	1	1	1	$w_1 + w_2 + w_3 + w_4 \ge \theta$	(16)

From the inequality (1), we have θ is a positive number and from inequalities (2), (3), (5) and (9) we conclude that w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4 are all positive as $\theta > 0$. If we assume that $w_1=1, w_2=1, w_3=1, w_4=1$ and $\theta = 1$, then all the sixteen inequalities in right-most column in Table-2 are satisfied. So we get a solution set for $\{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4: \theta\} = \{1, 1, 1, 1:1\}$. So the Threshold logic equation for 4-input OR gate is given in equation (4) can be written as equation (6). The corresponding threshold logic gate is drawn in Fig. 2.

$$Y(X_1X_2X_3X_4) = sgn(X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + X_4 - 1) \dots (6)$$



IV. Inverter

An inverter shown in Fig.3(a)[1-4, 8-10] is made up of 9 elements: 4 Tunnel junctions, 5 true capacitors; one bias or supply voltage V_s,one input terminal and one output terminal. This set of inverter is considered to constructed with two single electron transistors (SETs) connected in series. Upper two Tunnel junctions (J₁,J₂) and two true capacitors(C_g, C_b) comprise SET1. Similarly, The lower two Tunnel junctions (J₃, J₄) and two true capacitors (C_g, C_b) comprise SET2. Two inputsterminals connected to the same values V_{in} are straight coupled to the islands (small circles) of the SET1 and SET2 [1, 2, 8-10] through two capacitors C_g and C_g respectively. The island sizes of each SET are of sizeclose to 10 nm diameter of gold and their corresponding capacitor values will be less than 10aF. The output terminal V₀ directly connect the common channel in between SET₁ and SET₂. The output terminal is also grounded through a load capacitor C_L to suppress charging effects. When an inverter is used we choose the parameter values as: $V_{g1}=0$, $V_{g2}=0.1 \times \frac{q_e}{c}$, $C_L = 9C$, $C_j = \frac{1}{10}C$, $5C_j = \frac{1}{2}C$, $C_g = \frac{1}{2}C$, $C_b = \frac{17}{4}CR_j50K\Omega$. For the case of simulation, the value of C = 1aF is taken.

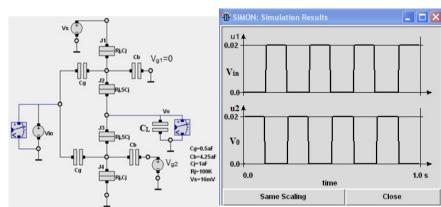


Fig. 3(a) Simulation set of an Inverter Fig.3 (b) input and output result after simulation of inverter

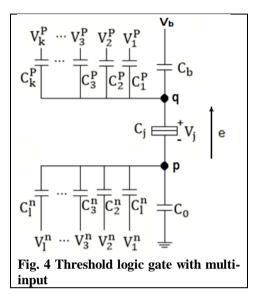
We keep the voltages $V_{g1} = 0$ and $V_{g2}=16$ mV. The operation of the invertercan be described as: - the output V_0 value will be 1 (logic high) if we set the input voltage V_{in} low and that will be 0 (logic low) if we set the input voltage V_{in} high. SET₁(upper part) will be in conduction modeand the SET₂ is in Coulomb blockade [2-4, 11] when the input signal V_{in} is set to low. This causes the output voltage V_0 to connect to V_b and therefore the output voltage becomes high. If the input voltage becomes high (logic 1), then the induced charges on each of the islands (for two SETs) are shifted by a fraction of an electron charge. As a result, SET₁goes in Coulomb blockade mode and the SET₂ in conducting condition. Then it is said that the output V_0 changes the condition from high to low (logic 0).

In this work, we use the logic inputs "0" =0 Volts and logic "1"= $0.1 \times \frac{q_e}{c}$. For the case of simulation, we assume that C=1aF and Logic "1"= $0.1 \times \frac{1.602 \times 10^{-19}}{1 \times 10^{-18}} = 0.1 \times 1.602 \times 10 - 2 = 16.02 \times 10 - 3 = 16.02 \approx 16 \text{ mV}.$

V. General Purpose Multiple input threshold logic gate

A multiple threshold logic gate [1-10] depicted in Fig.4comprises a tunnel junction having internal capacitance C_i and resistance R_i , two multi-input-signals (i) V_k^P s and (ii) V_l^n s connected at two points 'q' and 'p' respectively. Each input voltage V_k^P (upper side) is connected to the point "q" through the capacitance C_k^{P} ; and each input voltage V_l^n (lower side), is joined at the point "p" through the capacitance C_l^n . The bias voltage V_b , for the helping of the tunneling, is connected to the point "q" through the capacitor C_b . Tunnel Junction capacitor C_i is connected in between "p" and "q". Point "p" isgroundedthrough C₀.C_j and C₀ play the mail role in the circuit. For a LTG, the operation of it can be expressed by means of function а called *signun function*. The *signun function* f(x) expressed by equations (7a) and (7b).

 $g(x) = sgn\{h(x)\} = \begin{cases} 0, & if \ h(x) < 0 \\ 1, & if \ h(x) \ge 0 \end{cases}$ $h(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{n} (w_k \times x_k) - \theta \qquad (7b)$

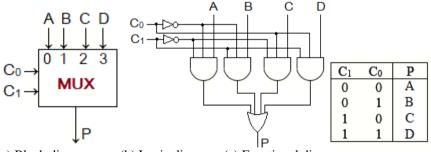


where x_k represents n-Boolean inputs, and w_k are their corresponding integer weights.

The LTG compares the threshold value θ with the weighted sum of the inputs $\sum_{k=1}^{n} (w_k \times x_k)$. When $\sum_{k=1}^{n} (w_k \times x_k)$ is greater than or equal to the threshold value θ of the circuit then output of the LTG indicates high (logical "1"), otherwise low (logical "0").

VI. 4:1 Multiplexer

A 4:1 Multiplexer has four inputs, one output and two control lines. Block diagram of this Multiplexer is given in Fig. 5(a) where A, B, C and D are four inputs; C_0 and C_1 are two control lines and P is the one output line. Fig. 5(b) is the logic diagram and 5(c) is the functional diagram of 4-to-11ine Multiplexer.



(a) Block diagram (b) Logic diagram (c) Functional diagram

Fig.5: 4-to-1line Multiplexer

6.1 Threshold logic gate based 4:1 Multiplexer

In the previous sections we have enlightened about the 3-input AND gate, 4-inpur OR gate and inverter. Following the logic diagram of Fig.5 (b), a threshold logic gate based 4-to-1 line Multiplexer is depicted in Fig.6.

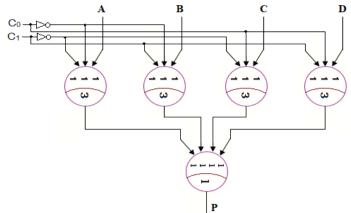


Fig.6 A Threshold logic gate based 4:1 Multiplexer

6.2 Combinational-logic shifter

With the help of four Threshold logic gate based 4:1 Multiplexers, we will be able to construct a 4-bit combinational-logic shifter and it is shown in Fig.7. In this circuit there are two control lines C_0 and C_1 which are connected to all four Multiplexers. These control lines help select the type of operations F_1 , F_2 , F_3 or F_4 of the shifter. The operations performed under the control of control lines C_0 and C_1 will be as:

When $C_1 C_0 = 0.0$, there will be no shift execution and only signal pass from F to the P lines directly.

When $C_1 C_0 = 0$ 1, the control lines cause a right shift operation.

When $C_1 C_0 = 1$ 0, the control lines cause a left shift operation.

When $C_1 C_0 = 1$ 1, each multiplexer in the shifter choose the line connected to 0 and as a result the P outputs will be equal to 0 each. The operations are listed in Table-3.

Table-3				
C1	C_0	operation	remark	
0	0	P←F	No shift, only transfer F to P	
0	1	P← shift-R	Right shift F into P	
1	0	P← shift-L	Left shift F into P	
1	1	P← 0	only transfer 0's into P	

The circuit shown in Fig. 7 shows four stages of the combinational-logic shifter but can be increased for n-stages for a system with n-number of parallel lines. The input*Right input* serves as serial inputs for the stage-4 situated at the leftmost position and the*Left input* serves as serial inputs for the stage-1 situated at the rightmost position during the right-shift and left-shift respectively.

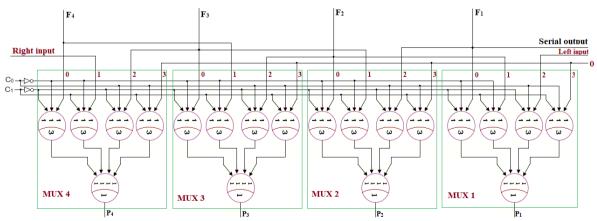


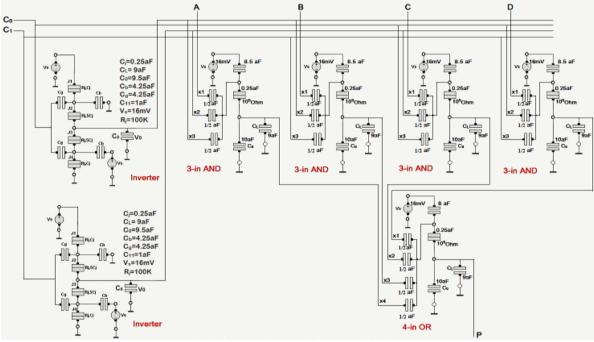
Fig. 7 A 4-bit combinational-logic shifter using TLGs

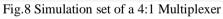
6.3 Simulation set and result of 4-bit combinational-logic shifter

For simulation set we need some components like registers and capacitors with their values. We are to find out them.We have analyzed the threshold logic expressions. After analyzing them, the corresponding parameters being required are measured and found out to implement the components like 4:1 Multiplexer and

combinational-logic shifter. The list of parameters relevant to the Multiplexer and combinational-logic shifterare given in Table-4.

Table-4						
Sl. No.	Expressions used	Name of Expression	Parameters required for setting			
1	$F(X_1X_2X_3) = sgn(X_1 + X_2 + X_3 - 3)$	3-input AND gate	logic input "0"=0V, logic "1" = 16mV,C=1aF, $C_1^p = C_2^p = C_3^p = \frac{1}{2}C$ =0.5aF, $C_b = 8.5aF$, $C_j = 0.25aF$, $C_L = 9aF$, $C_0 10aF$, $R_j = 10^5\Omega$, $V_b = V_b = V_s = 16mV$			
2	$Y(X_1X_2X_3X_4) = sgn (X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + X_4 - 1)$	4-input OR gate	"0"=0V, logic "1" = 16mV,C=1aF, $C_1^p = C_2^p = C_3^p = C_4^p = \frac{1}{2}C$ =0.5aF, $C_b = 8aF$, $C_j = 0.25aF$, $C_L = 9aF$, $C_0 = 10aF$, $R_j = 10^5\Omega$, $V_b = 15.81mV$ $V_b = V_s = 16mV$			
3	$Y \leftarrow \overline{Y}$	Inverter	For the inverter, the parameter values chosen are: $V_{g_1}=0$, $V_{g_2}=0.1 \times \frac{q_e}{c}$, $C_L = 9C$, $C_j = \frac{1}{10}C$, $5C_j = \frac{1}{2}C$, $C_g = \frac{1}{2}C$, $C_b = \frac{17}{4}C$, $R_j = 50K\Omega$. For the case of simulation, the value of C =1aF is taken.			





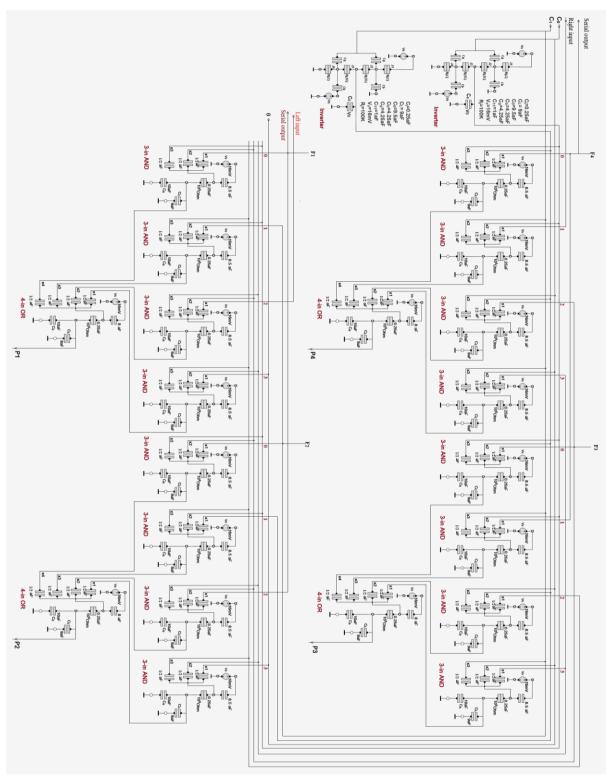
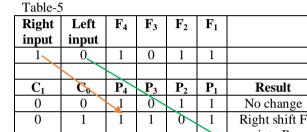


Fig. 9 Simulation set of a 4-bit combinational-logic shifter

When we want to varify the result of the 4-bit combinational-logic shifter discussed above for the Fig.9, we assume that $F_4F_3F_2F_1 = 1011$. Right input =1 and Left input = 0. Now, we put the control line input $C_1C_0 = 00$, the output at the output terminals $P_4P_3P_2P_1$ will be the same as $F_4F_3F_2F_1$, so $P_4P_3P_2P_1=1011.$

Next, when C_1C_0 is changed to 01, one right shift happens and the result becomes $P_4P_3P_2P_1=1101$, next when C_1C_0 is changed to 10, one left shift of $F_4F_3F_2F_1$ happens and the result becomes $P_4P_3P_2P_1=0110$, and al last when C_1C_0 is changed to 11, all the four Multiplexers select the lines giving the value 0, so the result becomes $P_4P_3P_2P_1=0000$. The simulated results are depicted in Fig,10.The results are also given in Table-5 as well.



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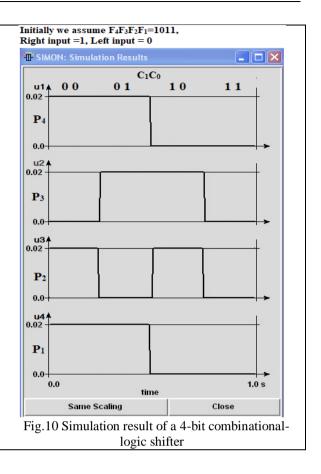
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Discussion apropos of Delay, Switching energy and Fastness VII.

Result

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Left shift F into P

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When we are analyzing the circuit of a device, it must have some components that are indispensable. Similarly, for the case of a shifter, 3-input AND gate, 4-input OR gate, 4:1 Multiplexer and inverter are essential. A 4-bit combinational-logic shifter is constructed by using the above sited components. Efficiency of a device depends upon the factors like execution time, required components, costs of materials, fan-outs, speed, power consumption etc. First we consider the processing delays of all the components used. Whenever anybody wants to calculate the processing/switching delays, he must involve the critical voltage V_c and the tunnel junction capacitance C_i of the linear TLG. This delays as respects tologic gate/circuit can be measured by the approaches [1-3, 8, 9]shown as below:

Delay = $-(e |\ln (P_{error})|R_t) / (|V_i| - V_c)^{\dots}(8)$

Here, V_i represents the junction voltage and V_c becomes the critical voltage and R_t is the internal junction resistance.

Execution of the circuit will happens only when a tunneling event occurs. The tunneling event occurswhenever the tunnel junction voltage V_i is higher than or equal to the internal critical voltage V_c , i.e., when $|V_i| \ge V_c$. Whenever this conditional expression is gratified by a 2-input NOR gate, junction voltage of the 2-input NOR gate becomes $V_i = 11.8 \text{mV}$, the internal critical voltage V_c of the tunnel junction is found to be 11.58 mV. The parameter values of tunnel resistance $R_t = 10^5 \Omega$ and the probability of error $P_{error} = 10^{-12}$ are given. Putting these values into equation (8) we measure the gate delay = $0.062 |\ln(P_{error})|$ |ns = 2.21ns. In this same way we have found out the delays of different gates/ circuits and they are listed in Table-6.

At the time of tunneling, an electron goes through the junction barrier, the total energy in the circuit is changed. The energy levels, in the circuit concerned, before and after the tunneling event are calculated using the equation (9).

$$\Delta E = E_{before \ tunnel} - E_{after \ tunnel} = -e(V_c - |V_j|)$$
(9)

This is the switching/tunneling energy $-e(V_c - |V_i|)$ that is consumed as soon as a tunnel event occurs in the tunneling circuit. Here we have listed the energy consumptions for different TLG circuits in Table-6.

Gate/Device	elements	Delay	SwitchingEnergy	
inverter	9 elements	$0.022 \ln(\boldsymbol{P_{error}}) $ ns	10.40 meV	
2-input NOR	6 elements	0.060 ln(P _{error}) ns	10.70 meV	
2-input OR	6 elements	0.062 ln(P _{error}) ns	10.80 meV	
2-input NAND	6 elements	$0.062 \ln(\boldsymbol{P_{error}}) $ ns	10.80 meV	
2-input AND	6 elements	$0.062 \ln(\boldsymbol{P_{error}}) $ ns	10.80 meV	
3-input AND	7 elements	0.072 ln(P _{error}) ns	11.58 meV	
3-input NAND	7 elements	$0.072 \ln(\boldsymbol{P_{error}}) $ ns	11.58 meV	
2-input XOR	13 elements	0.080 ln(P _{error}) ns	21.20 meV	
3-input OR	7 elements	0.073 ln(P _{error}) ns	11.58 meV	
3-input NOR	7 elements	0.072 ln(P _{error}) ns	11.57 meV	
4-input OR	8 elements	0.078 ln(P _{error}) ns	14.22 meV	
4:1 MUX	54 elements	0.172 ln(P _{error}) ns	103.4 meV	
4-bit shifter	162 elements	0.172 ln(P _{error}) ns	288.9 meV	

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We have drawn curves in reference the switching delay vs. switching error probability in Fig. 8(a) and the switching delay vs. the unit capacitance C in Fig. 8(b).

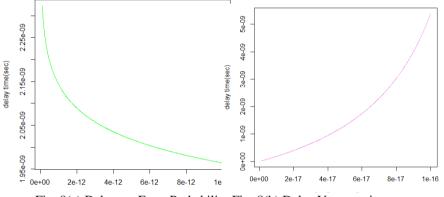


Fig. 8(a) Delay vs. Error Probability Fig. 8(b) Delay Vs. capacitance

The total number of elements required to make a gate or circuit is measured / counted. We have kept track of the data collected from this work with regard to element numbers, delays, and switching energy and they are given in Table-6.

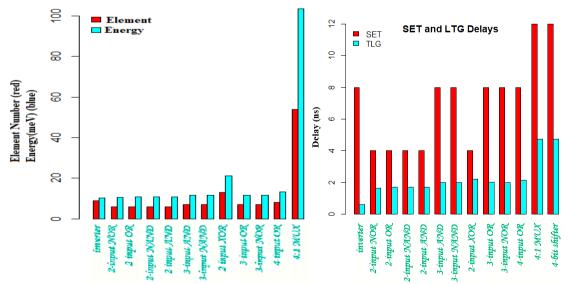


Fig. 9 comparison of Elements and switching energyFig. 10 Bar diagram of delays of SET/TLG Vs. gates

The execution delays of distinct threshold logic circuits must be different. For instance, in case of a 3-input OR gate, the processing delay is $0.073|\ln(P_{error})|$ ns, for 2-input XOR gate it becomes $0.080|\ln(P_{error})|$ ns, and in the 4-bit combinational-logic shiftercircuit— delay is $0.172|\ln(P_{error})|$ ns.

Given the value of $P_{error} = 10^{-12}$, so the time after which the first output of the 4-bit combinational-logic shiftercircuit will fan out is $0.172 |\ln(P_{error})|$ ns =4.75 ns. Hence, we must maintain the control signal time.e., after every 4.75 ns or more we are to apply the control signals (C₁C₀). In this condition, the speed or frequency of the 4-bit combinational-logic shiftercircuit will be 1/4.75 ns = 210.52 MHz.

When anybody is interested in finding out the circuit delays relating to CMOS, SET-based and LTG-based. The processing delaysin case of a CMOS logic gate like AND, NAND, NOR, XOR is 12ns [1-4, 8, 9]. The tunneling time through a single electron transistor (SET) [9, 10] is approximately 4ns [4-6, 12, and 13].

Gate/Device	SET-based delay ns	LTG-based delay	Speed-up
inverter	8	0.60 ns	13.33 times
2-input NOR	4	1.65 ns	2.42 times
2-input OR	4	1.71 ns	2.33 times
2-input NAND	4	1.71 ns	2.33 times
2-input AND	4	1.71 ns	2.33 times
3-input AND	8	1.98 ns	4.04 times
3-input NAND	8	1.98 ns	4.04 times
2-input XOR	4	2.21 ns	1.81 times
3-input OR	8	2.01 ns	3.98 times
3-input NOR	8	1.99 ns	4.02 times
4-input OR	8	2.15ns	3.72 times
4:1 MUX	12	4.75 ns	2.52 times
4-bit shifter	12	4.75 ns	2.52 times

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7.1 Switching delays of SET and LTG

Given that the error probability is 10^{-12} , the delays for different gates/circuits we have measured are shown in Table-7. From the Table-7, it is seen that the LTG based circuit is at least 2 times faster than the SET based circuit. And with respect to CMOS the LTG based circuit is at least 8 times faster. The delays for SET and LTG gate based circuits are represented by a bar diagram in Fig. 10.

VIII. Conclusion

Using Flip-flops, registers and memory of a computer system are made up of. Registers can be the type of right-shift or left-shift. They are all sequential circuits. By using the combinational circuit, a right-shifter or a left shifter can be implemented as we have done in this work—a 4-bit combinational-logic shifter. For implementing the shifter, multi-input-, single output- single node linear threshold logic gates are used. We have analyzed the circuit with respect to how many elements being required, processing delays, power consumption, and speed up for different circuits. Regarding combinational-logic shifter, we have simulated the circuit and the simulated result we obtained coincides with the theoretical aspects. The simulation is performed by the simulator—SIMON. Comparing to the switching delays of CMOS based circuits and SET based circuit, the TLG-based circuit is at least 8-times and 2-times faster than them respectively. The drawback of this emerging technology is that the temperature during the execution must be maintained at 0K. In the work, control line signals must be changed after 4.75ns or more otherwise proper result will not be gained.

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