

# CURRENT MIRROR DESIGN EXAMPLE

- ACM PARAMETERS:  $I_{SQ} = 100 \text{ nA}$   
 $V_{th} = 400 \text{ mV}$   
 $n = 1.25$   
 $\left| \frac{\partial I_d}{\partial V_{DS}} \right| = 0.05 \frac{\mu\text{m}}{\text{V}}$

- DESIGN GOALS:
  - INPUT CURRENT =  $100 \mu\text{A}$
  - GAIN OF 2
  - $V_{OUT\text{MIN}} = 250 \text{ mV}$  @  $27^\circ\text{C}$
  - $\frac{\Delta I_{out}}{I_{out}} \leq 0.5\%$  WITH  $\Delta V_{out} = 1\text{V}$
  - DESIGN FOR MINIMUM AREA.

• SOLUTION:  $V_{DS\text{SAT}} = V_T (3 + \sqrt{1 + i_f}) \leq 250 \text{ mV}$

$i_f \leq 42.7$

MAX INVERSION LEVEL

$I_D = I_{SQ} \frac{W}{L} \quad (i_f = 100 \mu\text{A})$

$\frac{W}{L} = \frac{100 \mu\text{A}}{I_{SQ} i_f}$

- DUE TO MATCHING CONSIDERATIONS,  
MAKE  $W, L \geq 1 \mu\text{m}$
- MINIMUM AREA OBTAINED WHEN  $\frac{W}{L}$  CLOSER TO 1  
 $\frac{W}{L} = 1 \Rightarrow i_f = \frac{100 \mu\text{A}}{I_{SQ}} = 1000$  TOO HIGH!

② ∴ SET  $i_f$  AS HIGH AS POSSIBLE (FOR THIS EXAMPLE ONLY),

- LEAVING 5% MARGIN:  $i_f \approx 40$

$$\frac{W}{L} \Big|_{i_f=40} = 25$$

$$\frac{\Delta I_{OUT}}{I_{OUT}} \leq 0.5\%$$

$$\frac{\Delta V_{OUT}}{\Delta I_{OUT}} = r_o = \frac{L}{\left| \frac{\partial X_D}{\partial V_{DS}} \right| I_{OUT}} \Rightarrow \frac{\Delta I_{OUT}}{I_{OUT}} = \frac{\Delta V_{OUT} \left( \frac{\partial X_D}{\partial V_{DS}} \right)}{L}$$

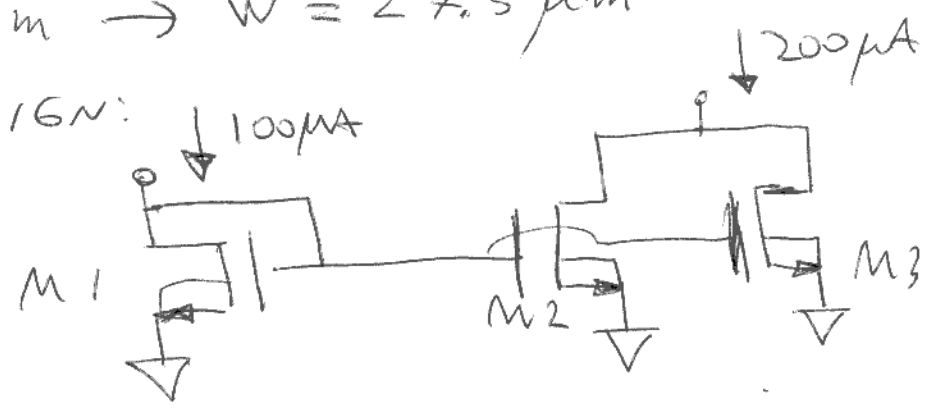
$$L_{min} = \frac{1V \times 0.05 \frac{\mu m}{V}}{0.05}$$

$$L_{min} = 1.0 \mu m$$

• USE 10% MARGIN IN  $L$  TO ALSO ACCOUNT FOR LATERAL DIFFUSION.

$$L = 1.1 \mu m \rightarrow W = 27.5 \mu m$$

• FINAL DESIGN:



$$M1 = M2 = M3$$

$$\frac{W}{L} = \frac{27.5 \mu m}{1.1 \mu m}$$

NOTE: TRANSISTORS MAY BE SUB-DIVIDED IN SMALLER UNIT TRANSISTORS FOR BETTER MATCHING PROPERTIES