

ENEE 417 Experiments Weeks 1 & 2
Weeks starting 08/30/06 and 09/06/06

- a. Obtain access to the 417 PCs
- b. File the form for and obtain a breadboard for course circuit constructions.

There should be four working computers with DAQ and GPIB in Room 1334.

The main tasks for the first weeks are to learn device curve tracing, LabVIEW, automated data acquisition via the DAQ board, the GPIB bus, PSpice model determination, and VLSI layout via MAGIC with Spice extractions.

1. Learn to use the Tektronix 577-177-D1 curve tracer – as there is only one of these, parties of two will have to take turns. Set it up and run, using the Tektronix first time settings, on various devices, including npn (2N3904) and pnp (2N3906) BJT transistors and 4007 CMOS transistors. Record and calculate key parameters such as forward and reverse betas and currents at several I_B , Early voltage, K_P , V_{TO} , etc. for later comparisons.
2. On any of the 417 Lab computers, first check the data acquisition card by going through the last five steps listed in the DAQ Quick Start Guide (copies are on the web and in the Lab).
3. Configure the DAQ input and output terminals using conventional DAQ in the NI Measurement and Automation configuration program.
4. Run Mr. E. L. Tan's curve tracing program in LabVIEW on a 2N3904 transistor; save the curves and compare with data obtained via the Tektronix curve tracer. Follow the directions in Mr. Tan's guide. Note that if more than one run occurs the program does not reset the base current so edit the LabVIEW program by placing an if statement in the for loop to reset to zero when the for statement starts over [for this change the statement in your own copy from $vs=bi+it*bs$; to $vs=(it!=0)?bi+it*bs:bi$;
5. Run a curve for one value of I_B on the GPIB controlled oscilloscope and save the data; again compare with the data from the LabVIEW and Tektronix curve tracers.
6. Perform similar experiments with MOS N and P channel transistors.

Be sure to have chosen an approved base paper by the end of the second period.

Some Other Information

To learn LabVIEW

- a) run the LabVIEW tutorials
- b) go through Getting Started with LabVIEW
- c) start Exercises.pdf beginning with Exercise 1-1.

This will need you to start also from LabVIEW7.1

Then Open VI, Examples, apps, freqresp.lib, Frequency Response vi

. After time on LabVIEW switch to the data acquisition

Use the National Instruments (Measurement & Automations icon), and then expand (dbl click) Devices and Interfaces. Expand (single click) the PCI-MIO-16E-4 icon. Go to Test Panel on the upper menu bar. Then select Analog Output and channel 1. Put a multimeter on pins 21 (DAC1OUT; see p. 4-2 of PCI E Series User Manual for pin numbers) and 55 (AOGND). Change DC Voltage, Update Channel (lower left of Test Panel) and read the multimeter (which will indicate the voltage that is an output of the DAQ card).

Next close the PCI-MIO-16E4 interface and turn on the two GPIB connected Tektronix scope and set the address so it is different from any other value on the GPIB (on the scope use utility, options, GBIP setup and address). Under Devices and Interfaces choose GPIB0, instruments which shows information about the scopes.

After getting used to the DAQ then switch to the Laboratory Projects, starting on p. 251, of the book. "Analog Electronics with LabVIEW" (for P1.1 choose two resistors and connect the circuit of p. 252 to the DAQ board; be sure the resistors are large enough that the rated current will not be exceeded).