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In the most recent version of PSice Run PSpice and in Probe add three traces. In the file menu select export and in that to a csv file.

Open MatLab.

In Excel open the csv file and select the full column of data for the x axis (click on the top of the column, and shift-click on the bottom of the column) and copy.

In Matlab, enter x=[paste the copied column];

Repeat on the column for y=[]; and again on the column for the vertical z=[]; In MatLab select a mesh grid sizing

gx=gx\_min:gx\_inc:gx\_max; gy=gxy\_min:gy\_inc:gy\_max;

These can be numbers entered in the Pspice configuration file for the run or any others as desired.

Continue in MatLab with

[x1,y1]=meshgrid(gx,gy); z1=griddata(x,y,z,x1,y1) mesh(x1,y1,z1); hold; surf(x1,y1,z1)

As an example; use the UMCP ECE web VPN PSpice. Make a 3D plot of the IC vs Vcc with IB as a parameter for the npn in the following circuit,



Do a DC sweep on VCC from 0 to 5V in 0.01V steps with a secondary sweep on IB from 0 to 40uA in 10uA steps. In the Probe window add I(IB) and IC(Qnpn) and add a plot with V\_VCC added as a trace. Then at the file menu under export choose Column Separated File (.cvs); the chosen traces will be shown on the left (you can add or delete as desired). Click on the upper ... to give a file name and then save. Open Excel with that file and also open MatLab. Select the x, y, z columns as V\_VCC, I(IB), IC(Qnpn) and copy them into Matlab inside square brackets. In matlab enter

gx=0:0.1:5; gy=10e-6:10e-6:40e-6;

[x1,y1]=meshgrid(gx,gy);

z1=griddata(x,y,z,x1,y1);

mesh(x1,y1,z1);

surf(x1,y1,z1)

This will give a 3D figure like the following showing IC vs VC and IB.:

