

## Comparative Analysis Of CMOS Technology and QCA

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**Abstract** : Moore's law states that, the number of transistors per square inch on integrated circuit shall double every year and this is due to the scaling of Complementary Metal Oxide Semiconductor transistors which has driven tremendous growth of the semiconductor industry for last four decades. Currently, industries are working with 5nm technology but further scaling of transistors leads to not only physical and technology challenges but also material and economical challenges. Quantum Cellular Automata (QCA) being an advanced technology may provide a way for increased computational capabilities beyond CMOS limits. Hence we are comparing CMOS circuits and QCA structures with the help of Cadence Virtuoso tool and QCA Pro software. In this paper, we are comparing both the technologies on the basis of their certain parameters.

**Keywords** – CMOS, QCA, Cadence VIRTUOSO TOOL, QCA Designer, QCA PRO TOOL

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### I. INTRODUCTION

Quantum Cellular Automata (QCA) carries out a research study as an alternative to CMOS VLSI. Simple logical circuits

and designs such as AND gate, Inverter, Adder along with 1 Bit Memory Cell have been studied and little work has been performed on creating the above circuits and determining their parameters like power dissipation, delay, and polarization and obtaining the waveforms. For CMOS VLSI the CADENCE VIRTUOSO TOOL is used to create schematics, symbol, the layout of the AND gate, NOT gate, Adder and 1 Bit Memory Cell. Using Cadence VIRTUOSO Tool we can also obtain waveforms for Transient analysis, DC analysis, AC analysis etc. For Quantum Cellular Automata the QCA Designer is used for designing the gates and for obtaining the output waveforms and the QCA PRO TOOL is used for determining the polarization and power dissipation.

#### A. QCA Cell

It is a nanostructure with four quantum dots. Dots are placed where the charge can sit. Maximum two electrons can fit into the cell by repelling each other to obtain a stable configuration which represents Logic 0 (polarization -1) or Logic 1 (polarization +1). In QCA Cell electrons can tunnel through quantum dots. It is assumed that the cell will have six dots at the time of implementation but only four corners are shown in QCA cell. There are different shapes of quantum dot and varies depending on the process.

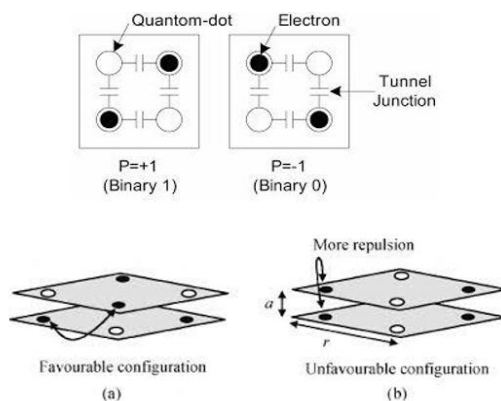


Fig. 1. QCA Cell Representation

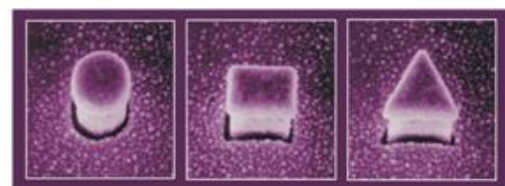


Fig. 2. Different Shapes of QCA Dots.

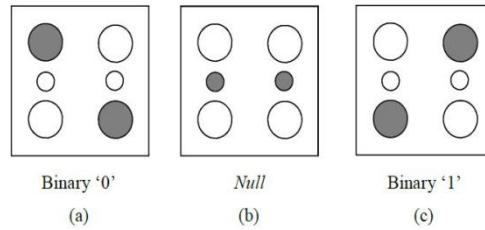


Fig.3.QCACellwith6Dots.

**B. QCA Wire**

It is an arrangement of quantum dot cells in series. In QCA wire, neighboring cells tend to align in the same state. The next cell follows the same logic level of the previous cell. In this way, the data transmission takes place via QCA wire. Using cells which are oriented at 45 degrees and 90 degrees we can construct a QCA wire. A wire is divided into different clock zones so that signal does not deteriorate as signal tends to degrade with a long chain of cells in the same clocking zone.

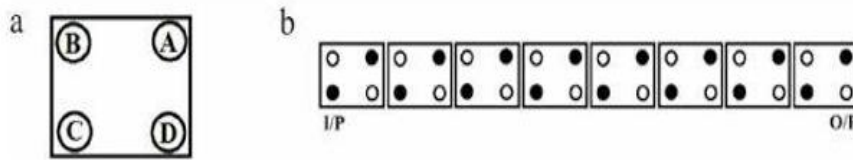


Fig.4.QCA Wire.

**C. Cell Clocking**

A clocked QCA circuit has six-dot cells and it represents null, binary 0 and binary 1 depending on the position of electrons. The cell is in an active state when electrons are in four corners while a cell is in null state or in polarization state when cells are in middle dots. In every clock scheme, QCA cell follows all four clock phases: switch, hold, release, relax. In Switch phase, tunneling barrier rises slowly so that electrons get into corner dots. In Hold phase, tunneling barrier remains high and therefore polarity of the cell also remains same. In Release phase, tunneling barrier is reduced slowly that pulls the electrons back into the middle dots. In Relax phase all electrons remain in middle dots and there is no polarity in cells.

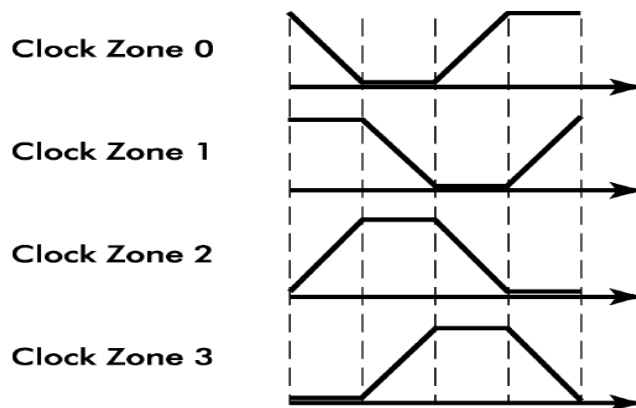


Fig.5.The four phases of the QCA clock.

**II. IMPLEMENTATION OF CIRCUITS**

**A. Inverter**

In an inverter, input is given at one end and inverted output is obtained at the other end. The schematic of the inverter based on CMOS is simulated using Cadence Virtuoso Tool and the parameters are evaluated using a calculator function. In order to find the area of the circuit, we have to create a layout. Area of the circuit can be variable based on placing and routing skills of the individual. The standard design of an inverter in QCA is as shown in Fig. 6.

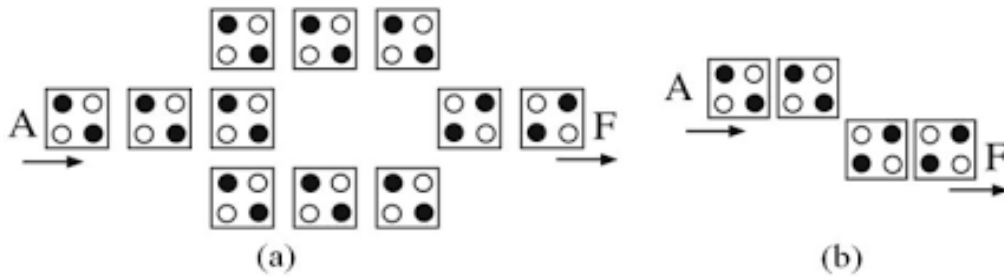


Fig.6.QCAInverterLayout.

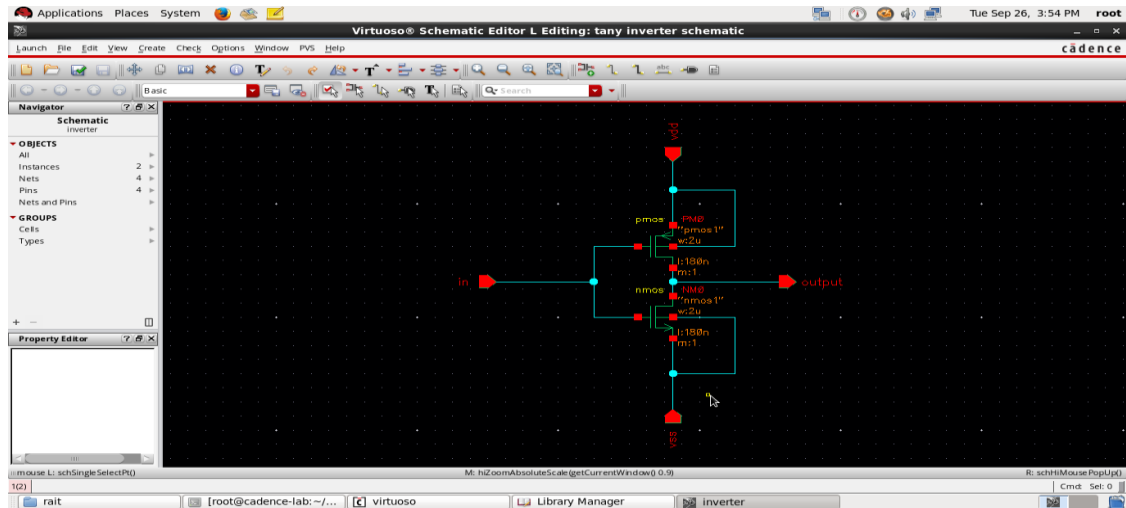


Fig.7.CMOSInverterSchematics.

**B.ANDGate**

It is a basic gate which implements logical conjunction. In QCA, a majority gate is a basic gate and using majority gates we can design an AND gate. In a majority gate, we get the output as a majority of input logic. So for designing an AND gate, we set a fixed polarization of -1 for one of the three inputs.

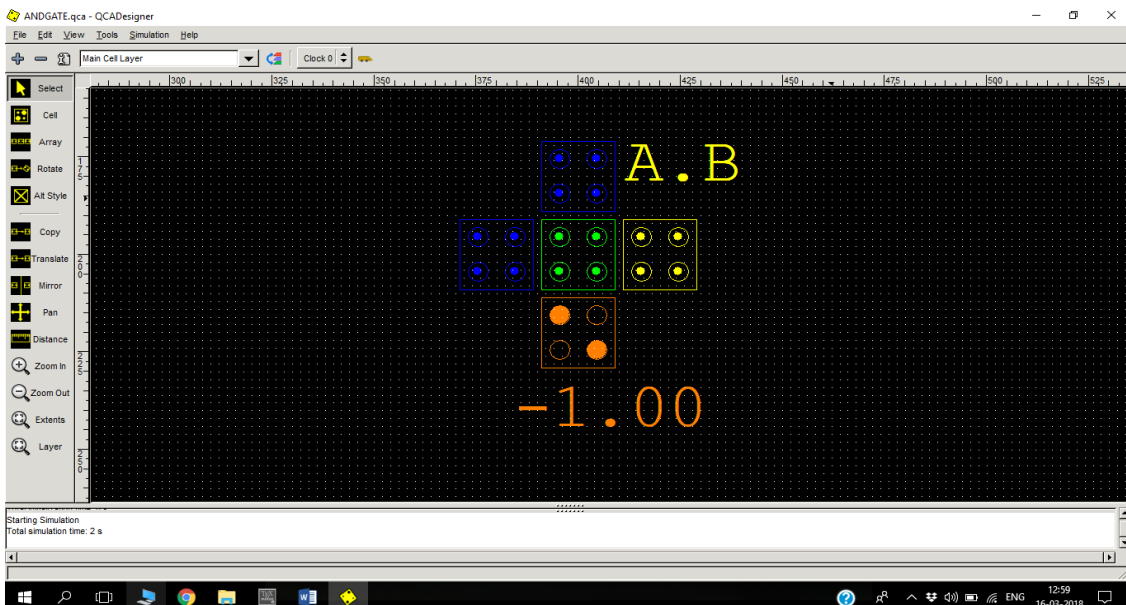


Fig.8.QCAANDGateLayout.

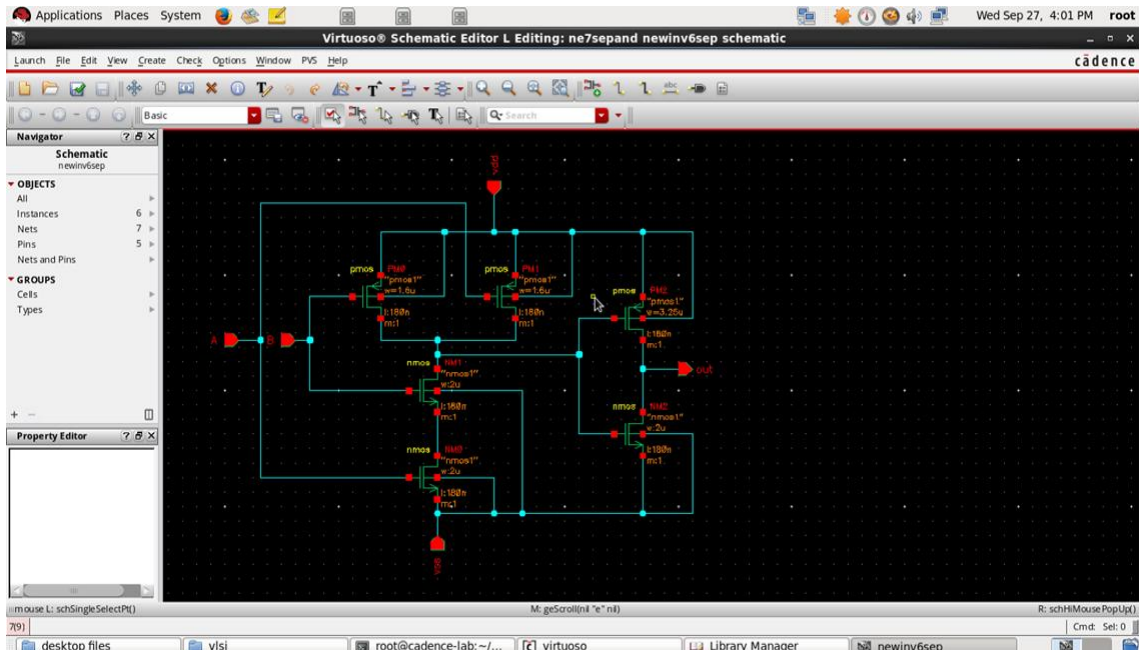


Fig.9.CMOSANDGateSchematics.

C.Adder

It is a binary circuit which is used to add three bits and gives sum and carry as outputs. We can also build full adder circuit using two half adders. In cadence virtuoso tool we build adder using 28 transistors. After creating symbol we used a test circuit to simulate the adder schematics. In QCA with the help of locking mechanism, we created adder using 362 cells.

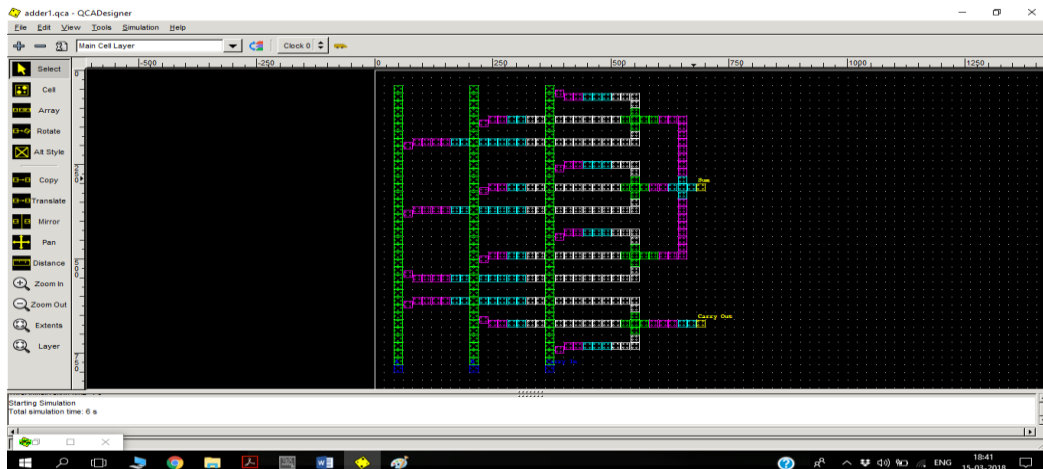


Fig.10.QCAAdderLayout.

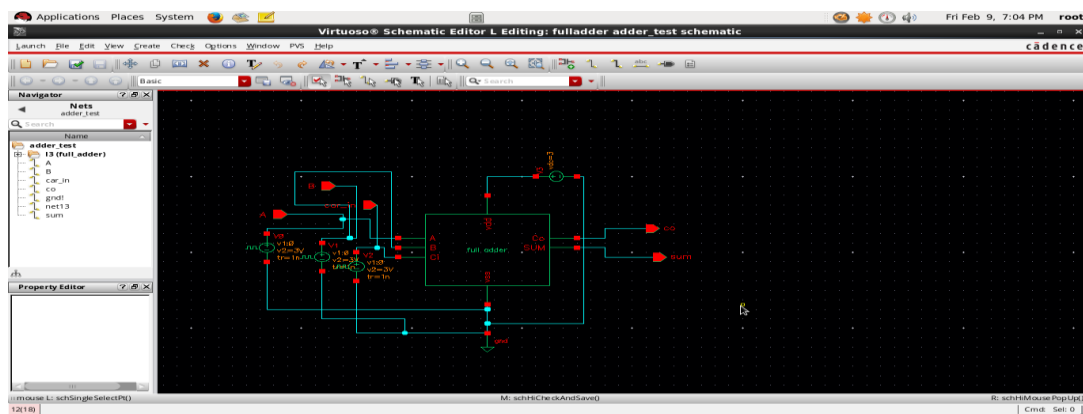


Fig.11.CMOSAdderSchematics.

D. 1BitMemoryCell

For CMOS technology we are using 6T SRAM Cell. The structure of 6 transistor SRAM cells stores 1 bit of information. The cell is formed by two inverters which are connected in back to back configuration. SRAM Cell basically works with the help of Word Line (WL), Bitlines (BL and  $\overline{BL}$ ) and Access transistors. During a write operation, the Bitlines work as input and when we want to read from the cell the bitlines work as output. To turn off the Access transistors make the Word Line Active Low. To write into the cell the information is placed on the bitline and inverse information placed on  $\overline{BL}$ . The Access transistors are returned on by making Word Line active high and the information is written into the cell. Then the Access transistors are returned off to store the information. During read operation information is accessed using bitlines by turning on access transistors. We have to create two different schematics for read and write operations. In order to perform read operation we need precharge circuit to charge the precharge capacitors. We also have to assume pre defined condition indicating which bit is stored that is Bit 0 or Bit 1. In QCA, we can use a loop based memory cell to store 1 bit of data. Hence in QCA we need only one circuit to store 1 bit.

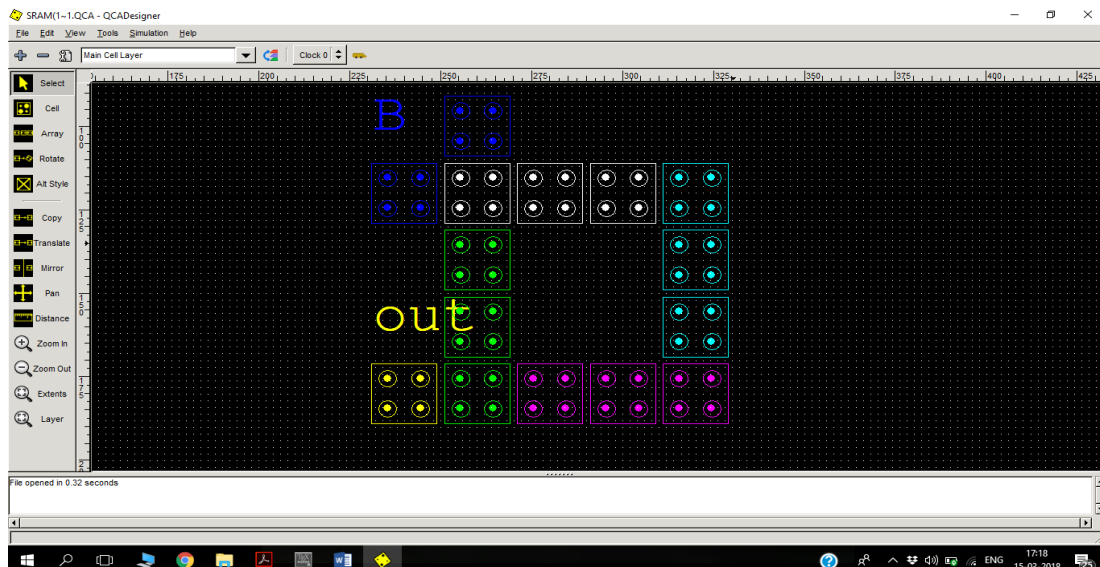


Fig.12.QCAMemoryCell.

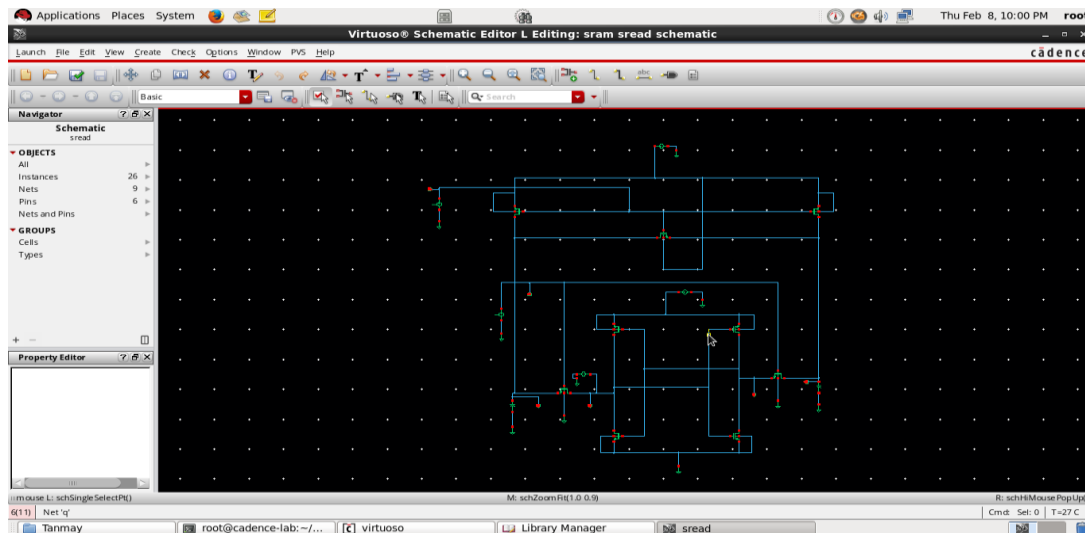


Fig.13.CMOS6TSRAMREADCircuit.

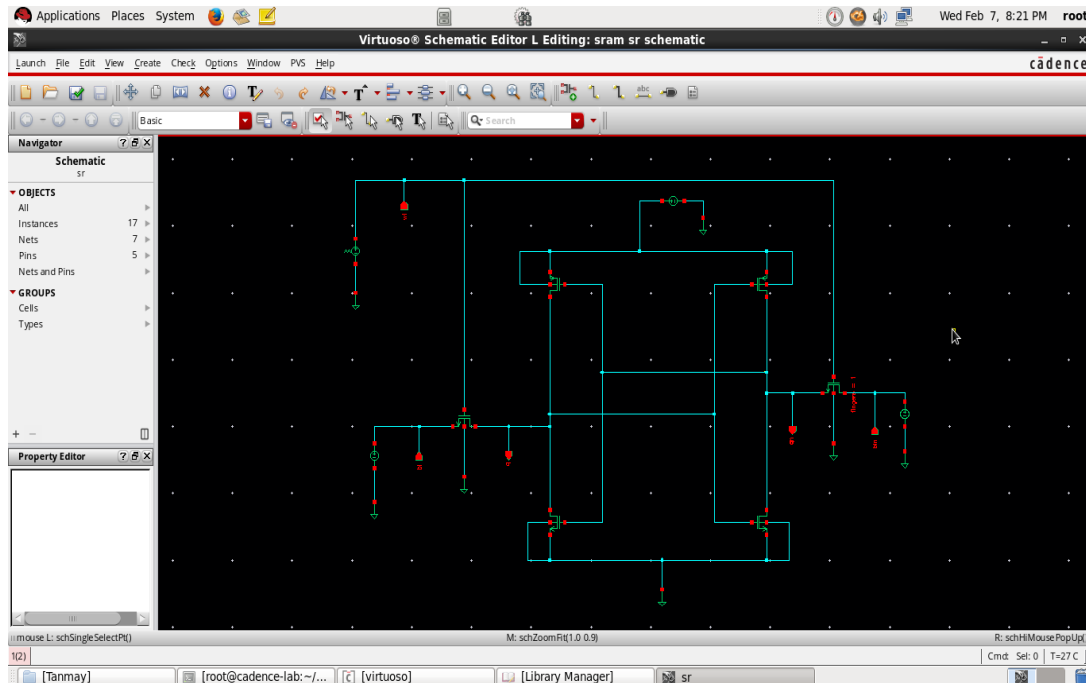


Fig.14.CMOS6TSRAMWRITECircuit.

### III. SIMULATION RESULT

The design and simulation of Inverter, AND gate, Adder and 1 Bit Memory Cell in CMOS, as well as QCA technology, are presented in this paper. In comparison with other studies, the presented circuits in QCA act as a pipeline that decreases delays and increases operating speed. The QCA Designer is used to construct the layout and following layout also can be simulated using QCA Designer software tool. The QCA PRO Tool provides Power Dissipation and Polarization in the form of GUI. Cadence VIRTUOSO Tool is used for simulating the CMOS based schematics and using its Calculator function we can find Power Dissipation and Delay. The results showed that the proposed QCA based Circuits perform a task with reduced area and complexity in terms of a number of cells when compared to CMOS based Circuits.

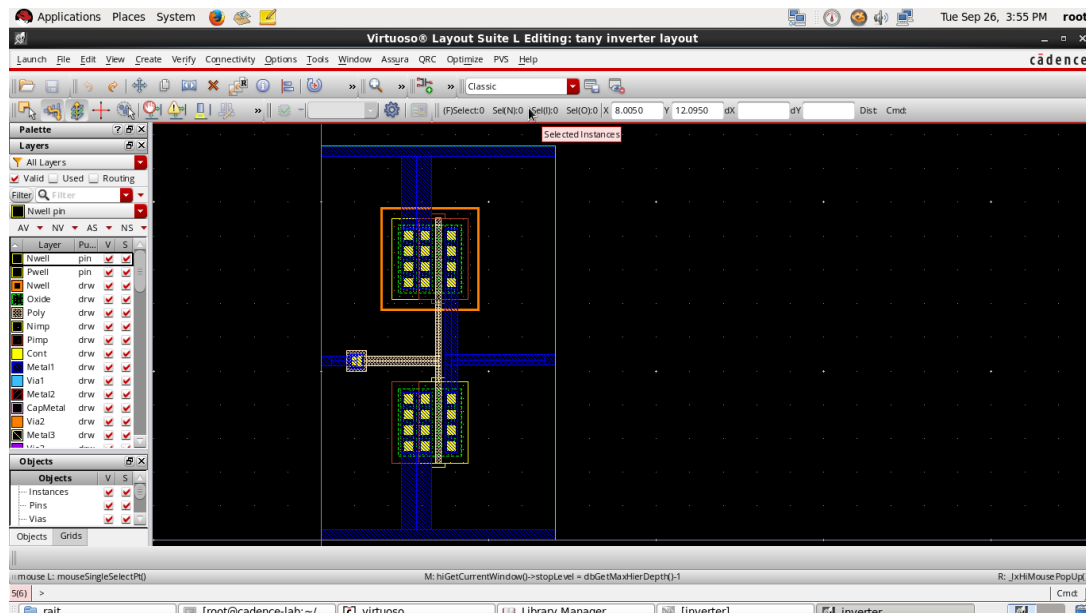


Fig.15.CMOSInverterLayout.

Inverter Layout is used to evaluate the area of the circuit. Area of the other circuits is also calculated using their respective layouts.

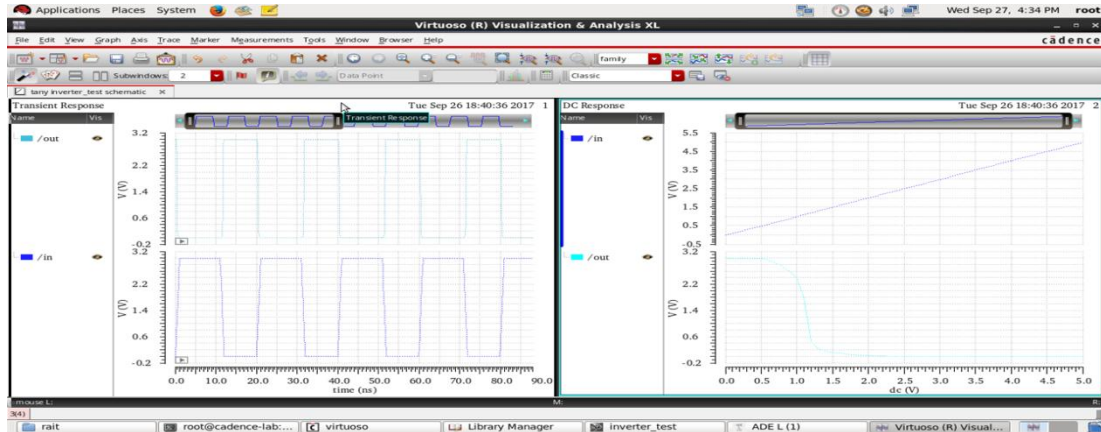


Fig.16.CMOSInverterTransientandDCResponse.

Using the waveform of transient response we can evaluate the Delay and Power Dissipation.

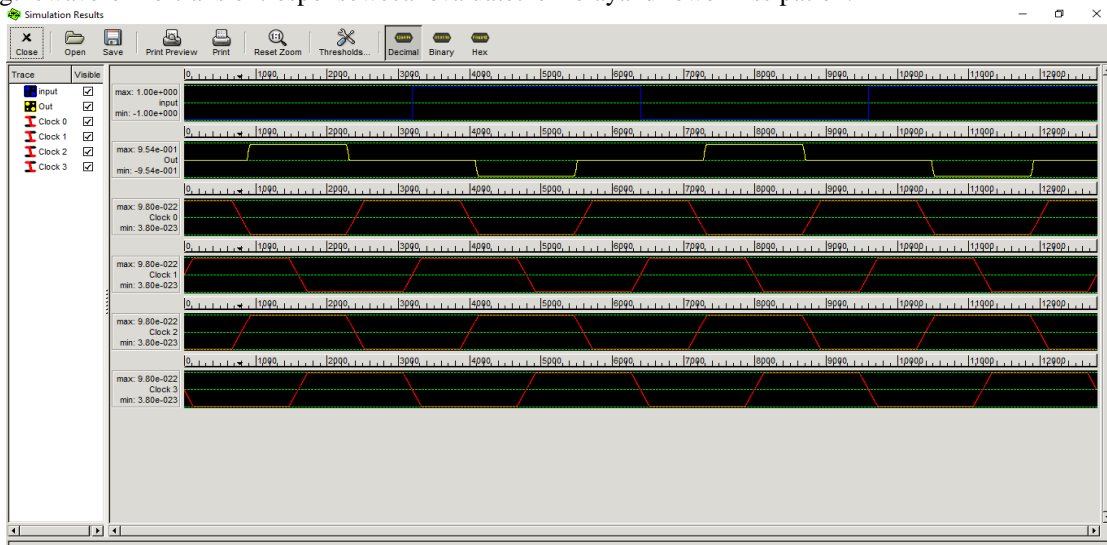


Fig.17.SimulationofInverterinQCA.

The QCAPRO Tool represents the Power Dissipation and Polarization in the form of Graphical User Interface (GUI).

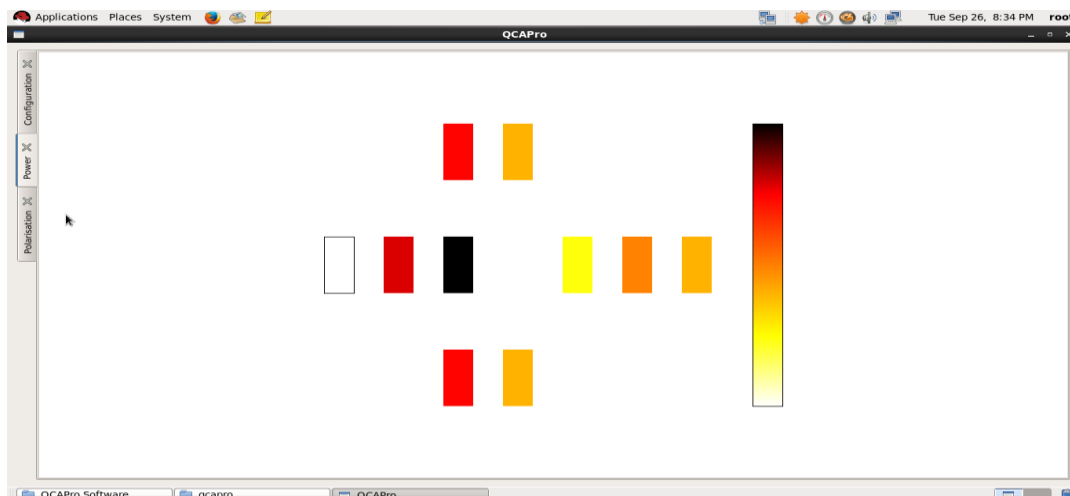


Fig.18.InverterPowerDissipationinQCA.

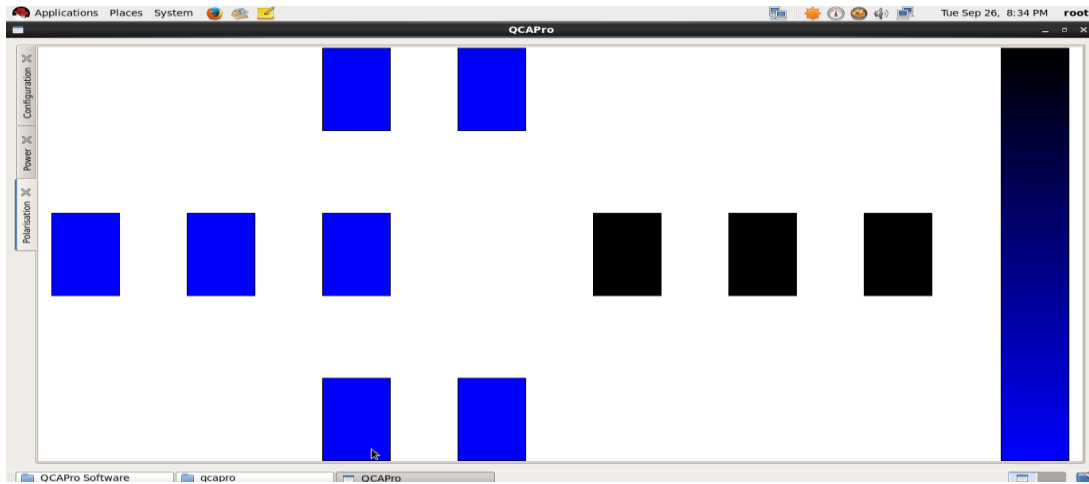


Fig.19.InverterPolarizationinQCA.

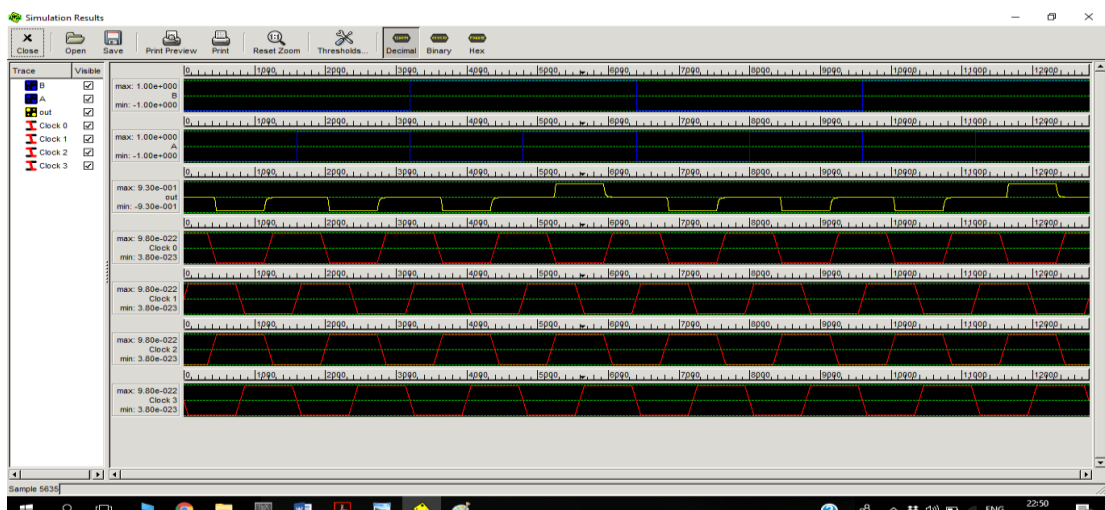


Fig.20.Simulationof1BitMemoryCellinQCA.

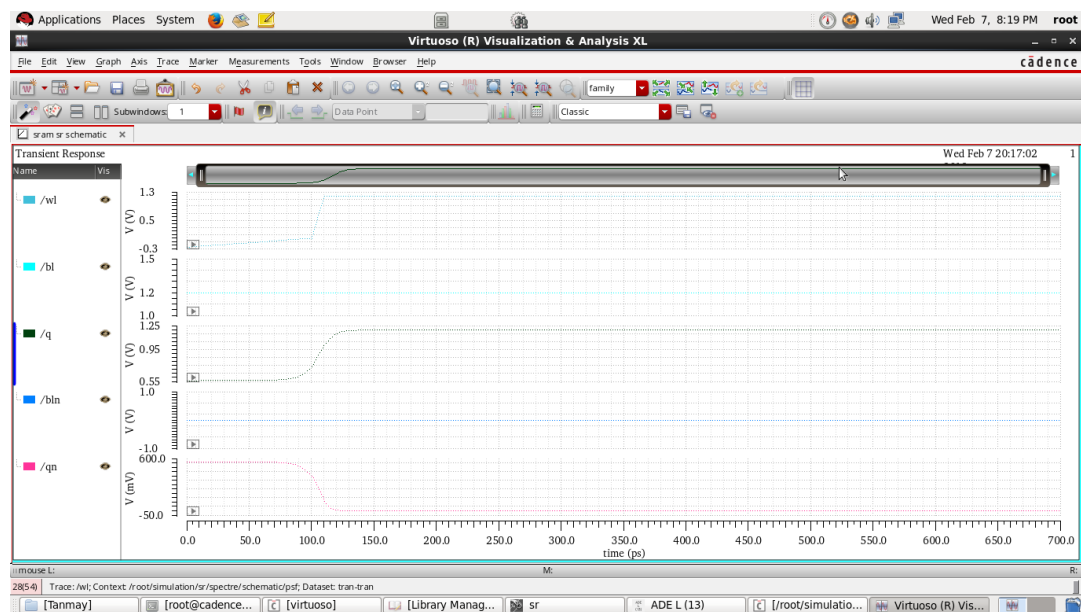


Fig.21.CMOSSRAMWRITESimulation.



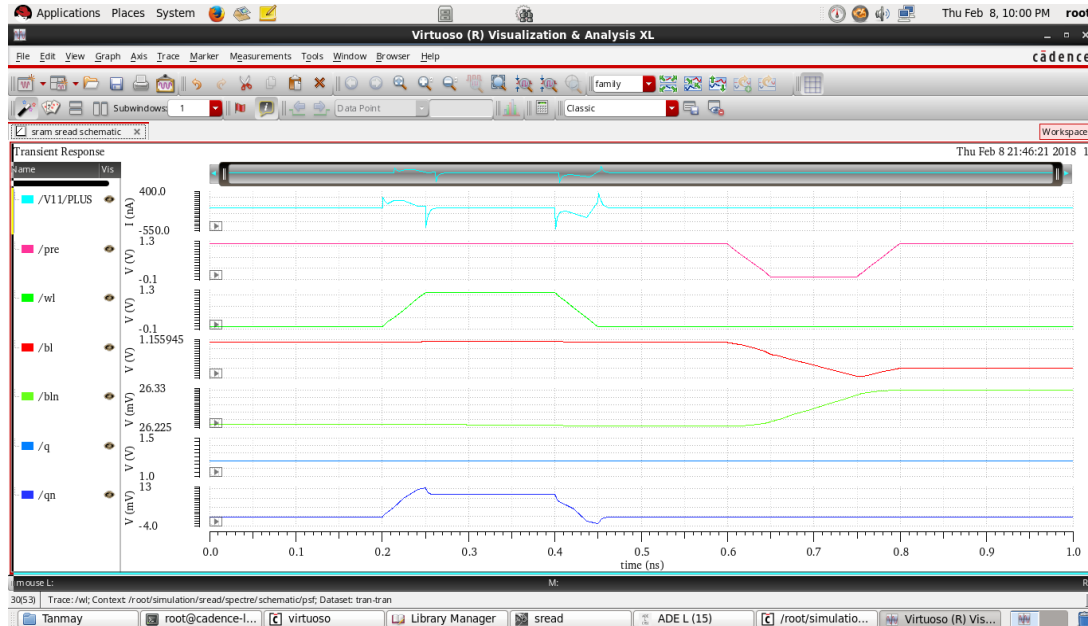


Fig.22.CMOSSRAMREADSimulation.

Sr No.	Component Circuit	CMOS				QCA			
		Area	Complexity	Delay	P.D.	Area	Complexity	Delay	P.D.
1	Inverter	68.11 $\mu\text{m}^2$	2 T	507.0E-12	1.31 $\mu\text{W}$	6.804 $\mu\text{m}^2$	10 Cells	-	GUI
2	AND	175.906 $\mu\text{m}^2$	6 T	131.1E-3	1.639 $\mu\text{W}$	2.916 $\mu\text{m}^2$	5 Cells	-	GUI
3	ADDER	1615.52 $\mu\text{m}^2$	28 T	-73.6E-3	2.763 $\mu\text{W}$	406.296 $\mu\text{m}^2$	362 Cells	-	GUI
4	1 Bit Memory Cell READ	223.35 $\mu\text{m}^2$	8 T	-25.62E-12	1.156 $\mu\text{W}$	8.10 $\mu\text{m}^2$	15 Cells	-	GUI
5	1 Bit Memory Cell WRITE	201.04 $\mu\text{m}^2$	6 T	2.562E-3	1.2 $\mu\text{W}$				

ComparisonTable.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

The results showed that the different QCA based circuits perform a task with reduced area and complexity in terms of a number of cells when compared to CMOS based circuits. TABLE shows the comparison between QCA and Cadence with different parameters like delay, power dissipation, polarization. Thus our proposed paper have overcome the problems in CMOS technology on the nanoscale. It is expected that this work will give insight to many future QCA architectures.

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