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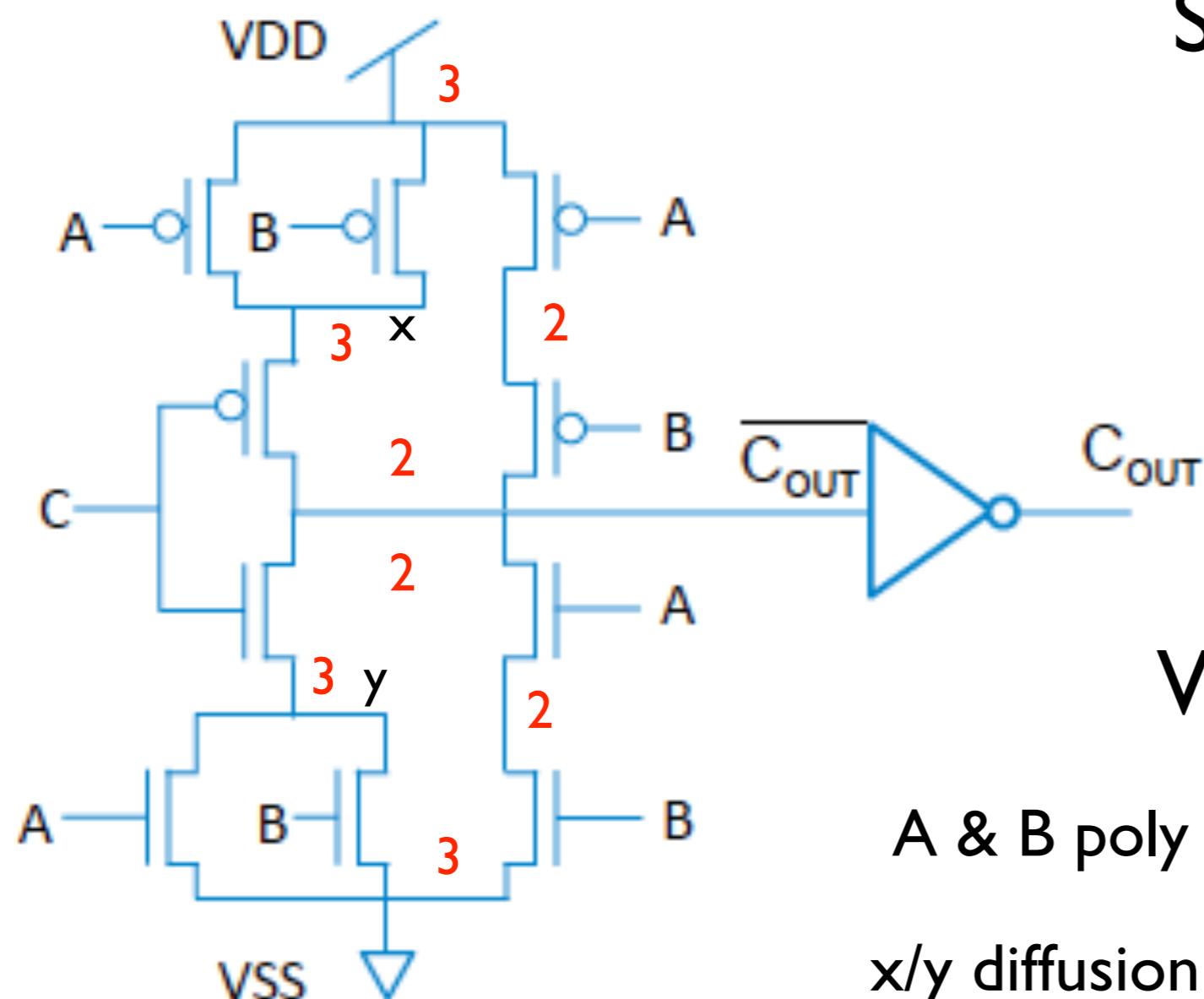
Postlab lab 3 & prelab lab 4

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Lab 3

- Do your design on paper first.
- Euler analysis is good - but there may be multiple solutions
- Stick diagrams help.
 - If you must revise your solution do that on paper first!

Euler path



Same topology in n-net and p-net.

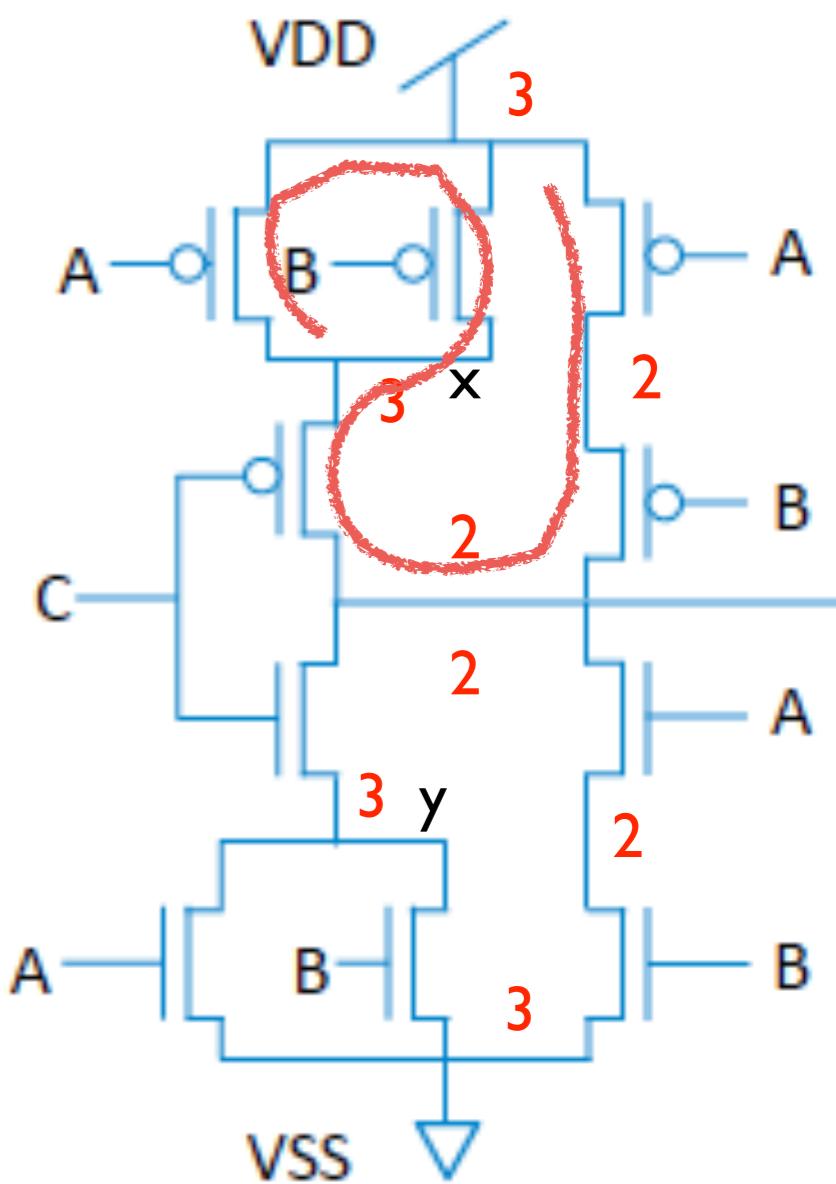
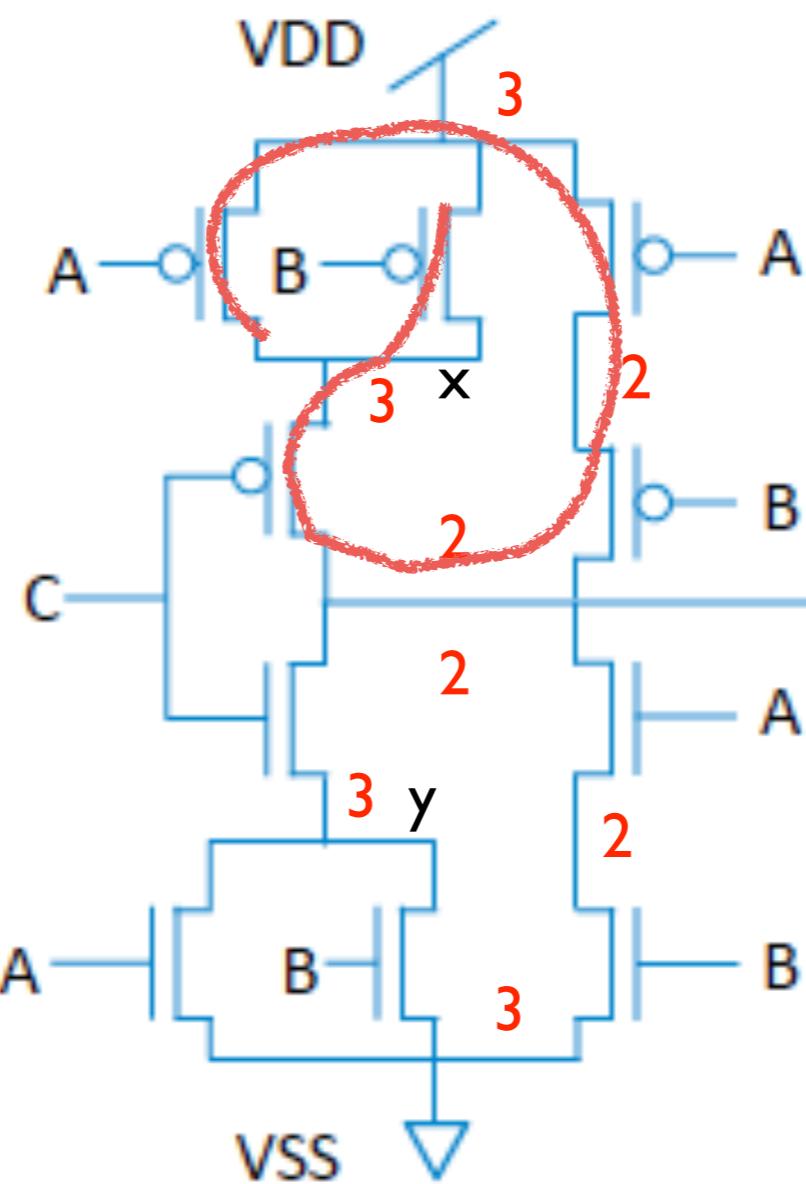
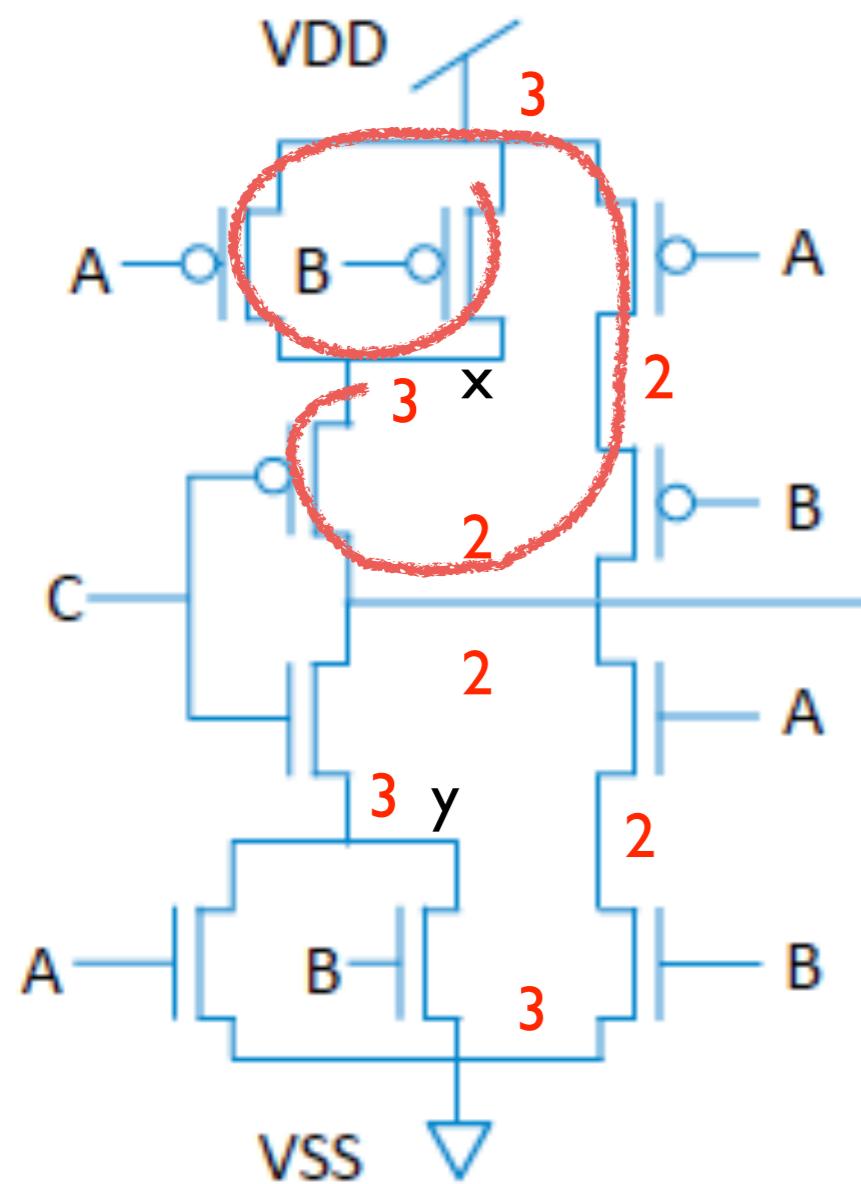
Odd order nodes:
Start/end in x/y and VDD/VSS

Which one to choose?

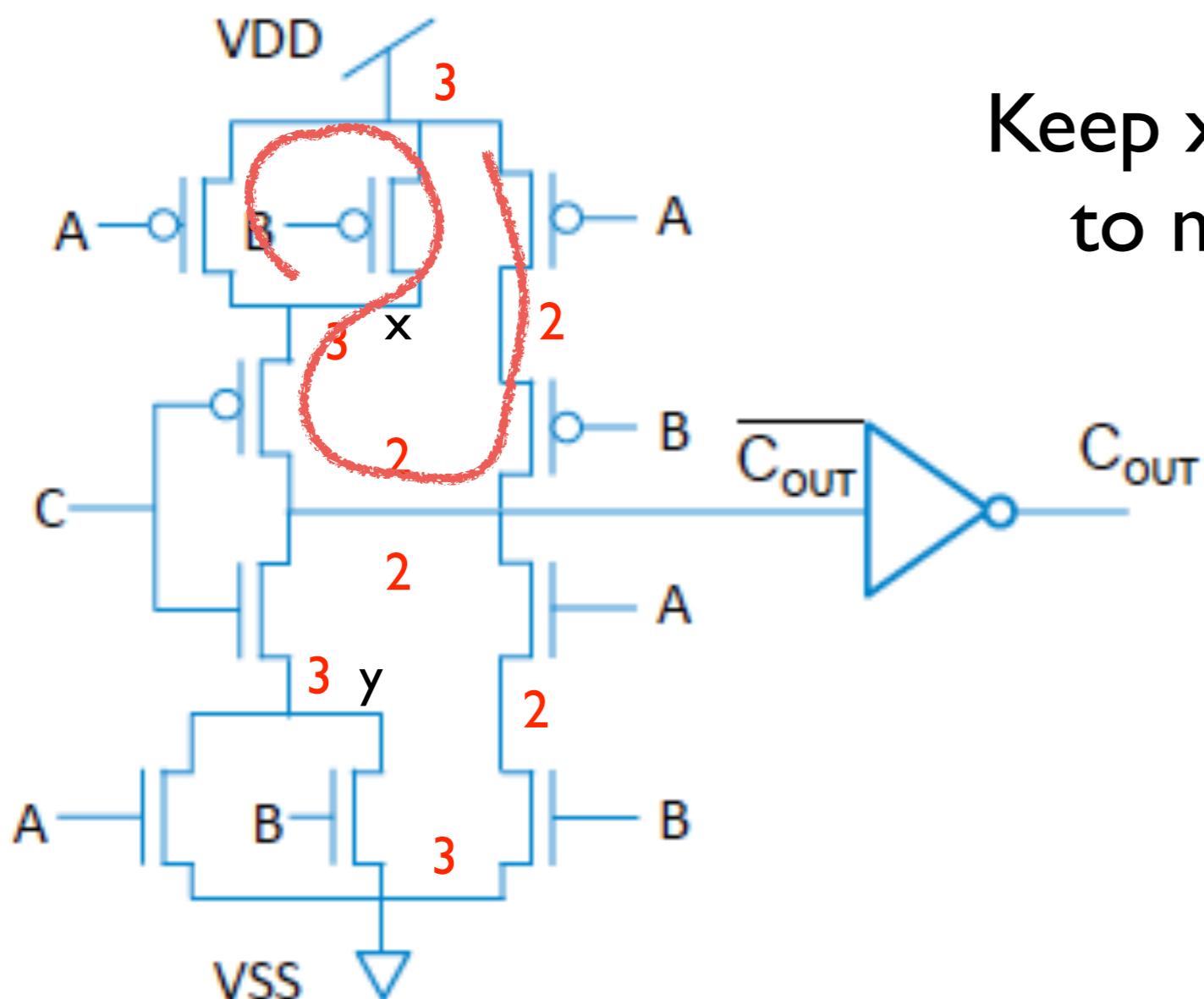
A & B poly lines must be connected

x/y diffusion areas must be connected with metal-1 wire since their node order is > 2

Three Euler paths



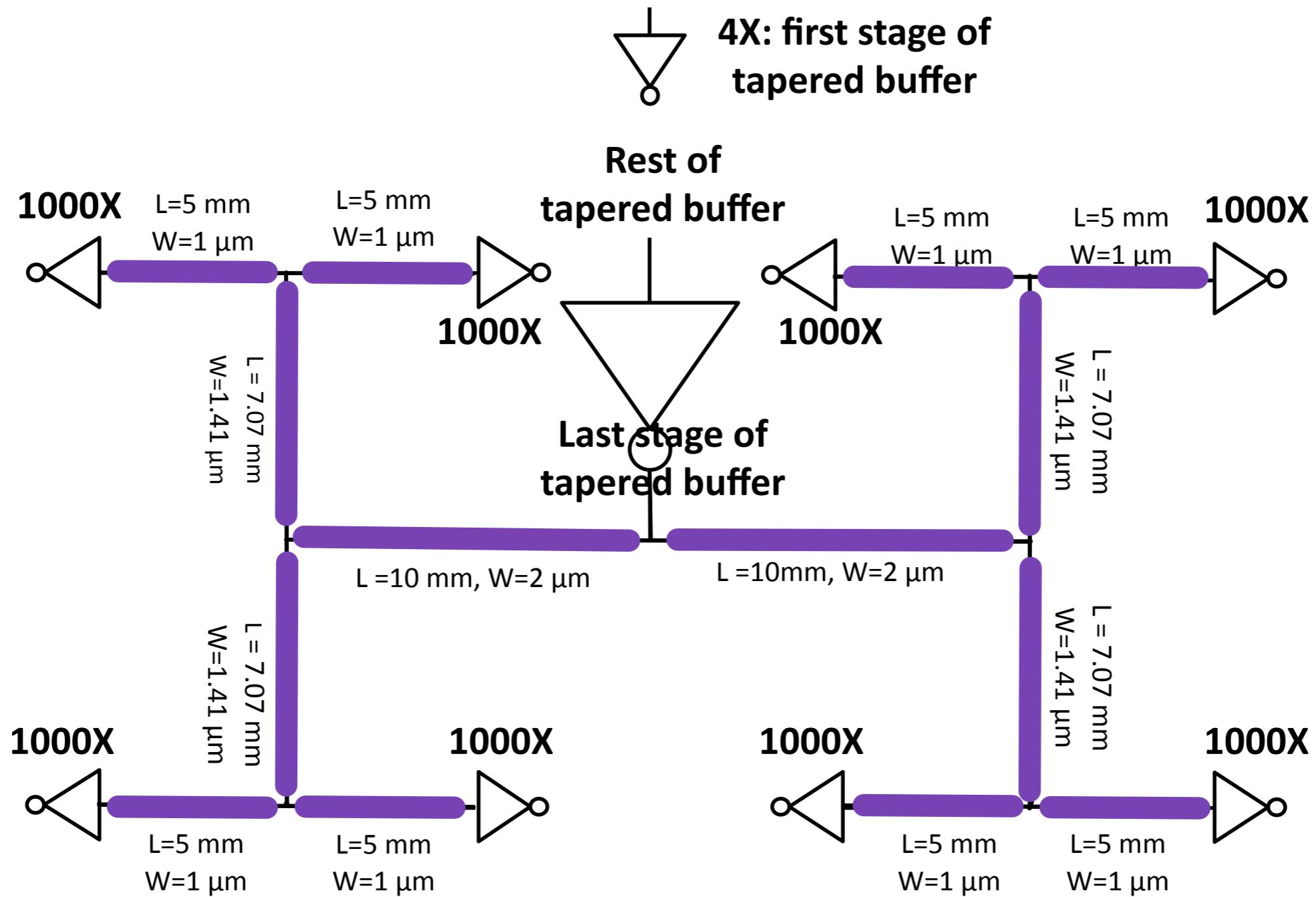
Best Euler path



Best solution(s):
Keep x/y diffusion areas close
to minimize wire lengths

Thus best solution(s):
A B C B A
A B C A B

Prelab 4



Prelab 4, calculations

part I

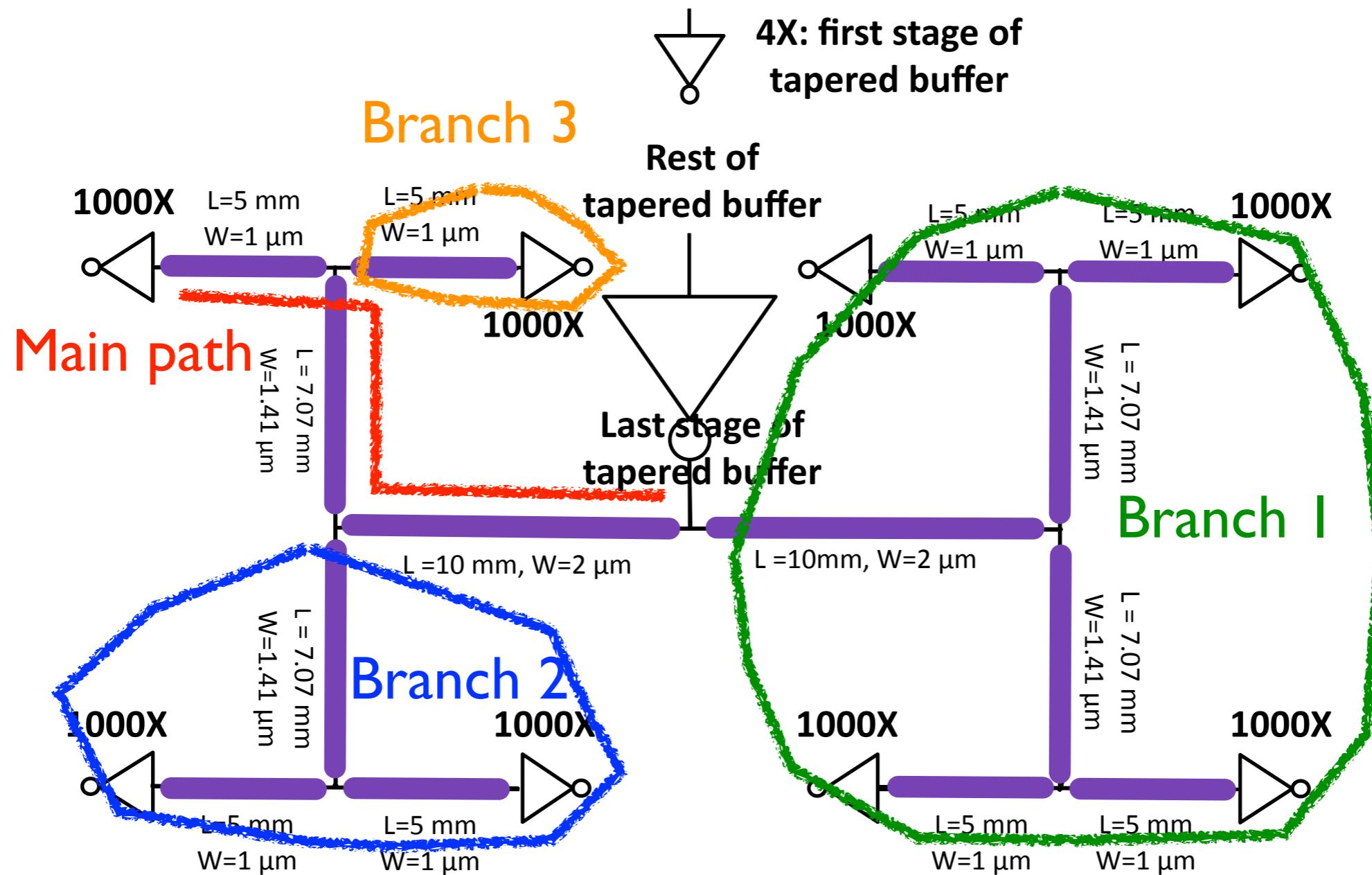
- Each wire segment = one pi link
- First, $R_{SH}=0$, that is whole tree is one big capacitance
- Design a tapered buffer to drive this huge capacitance

Prelab 4, calculations

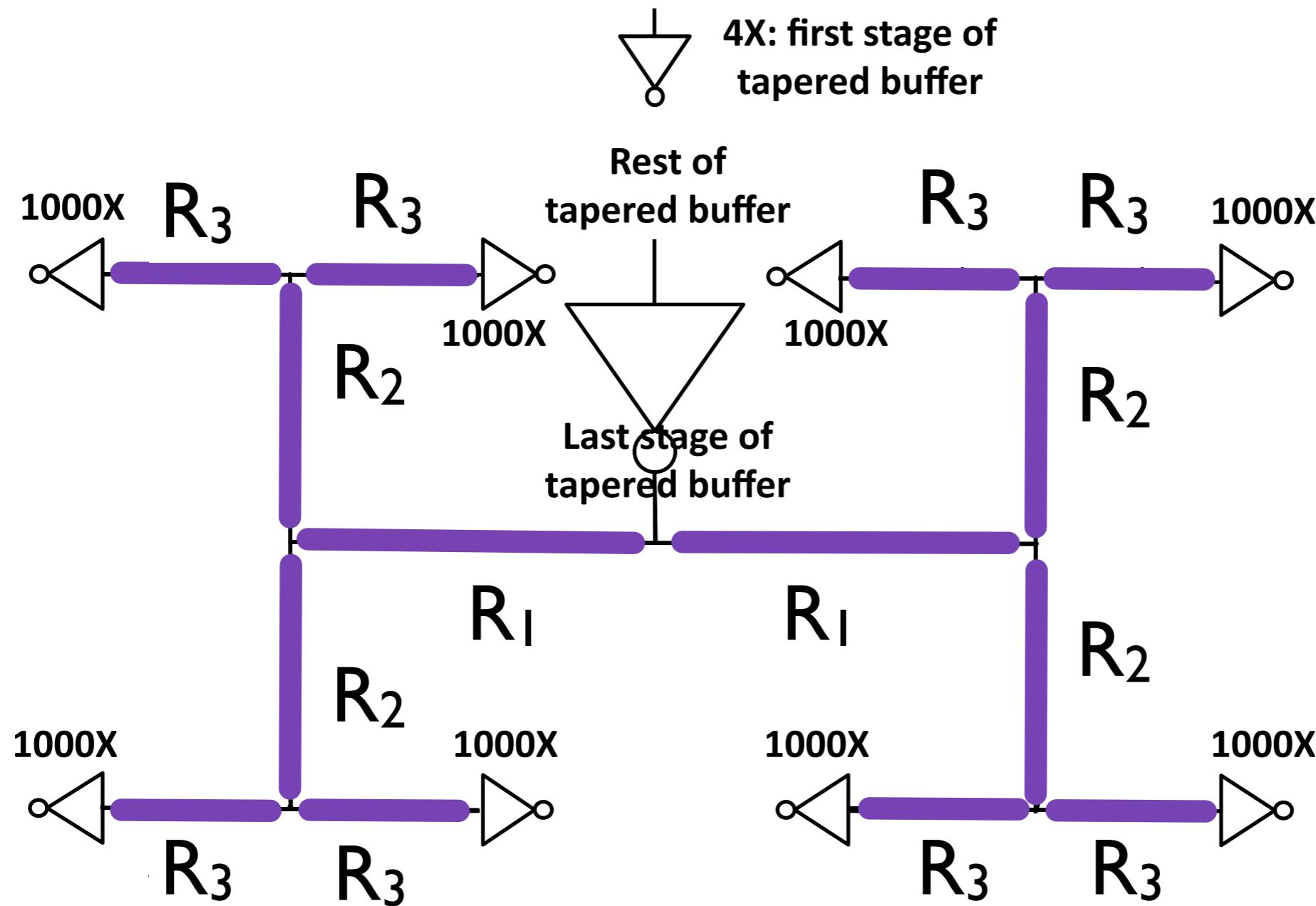
part 2

- Assume $R_{SH} \neq 0$
- Calculate delay to leaves using Elmore model
- Collapsed tree helps!

H-tree branching

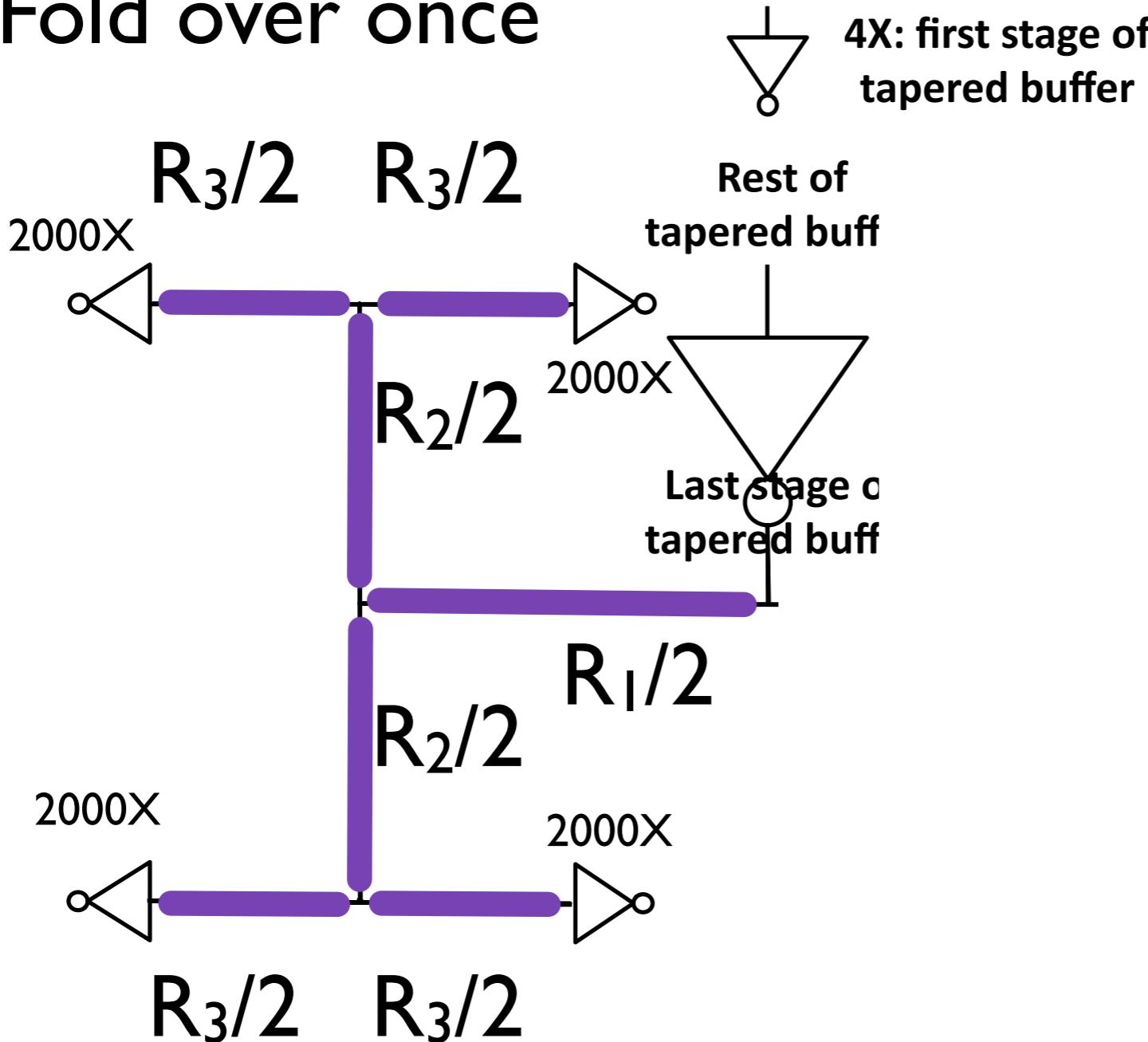


H-tree collapsing



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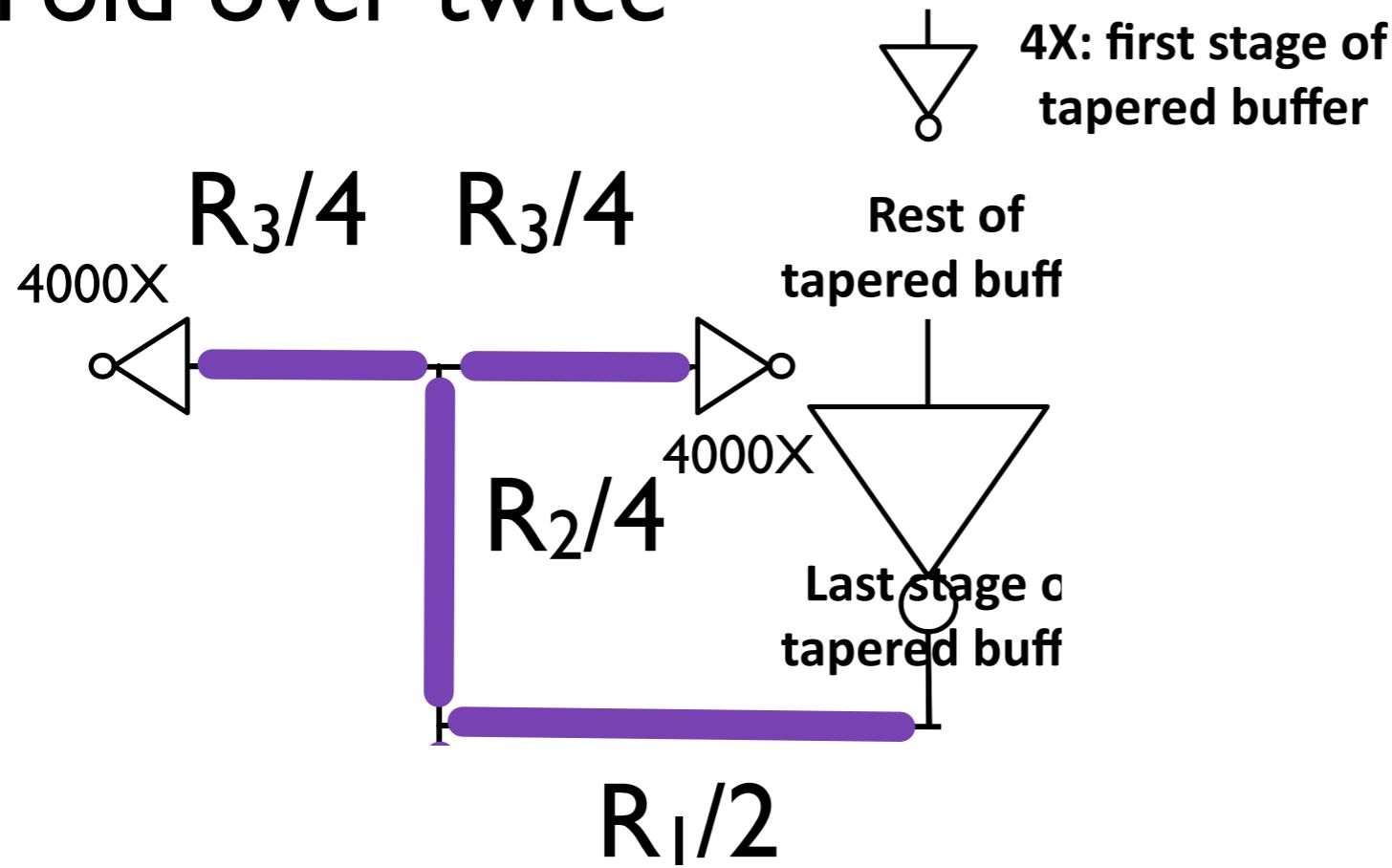
Fold over once



And wire
capacitances
are added

H-tree collapsing

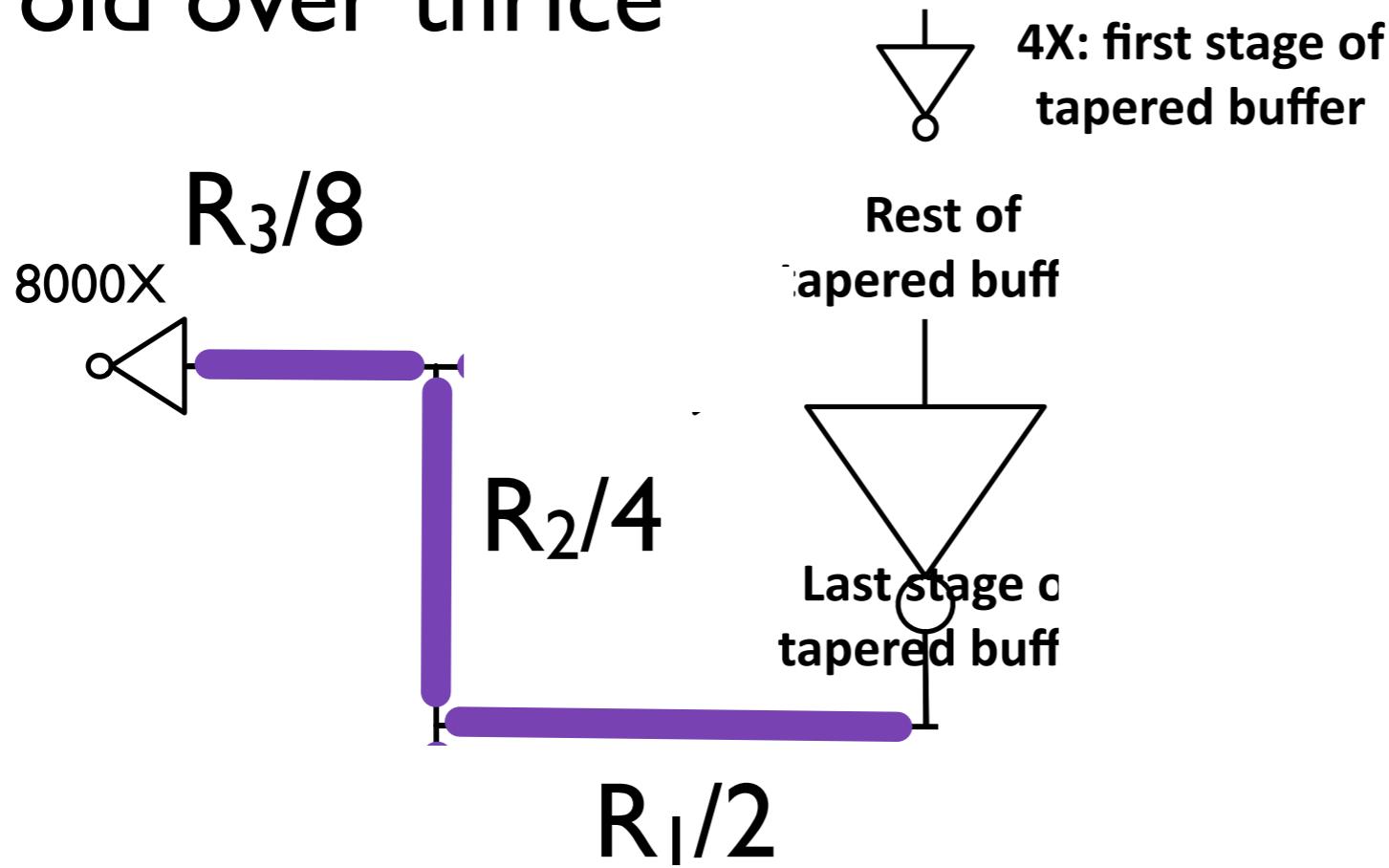
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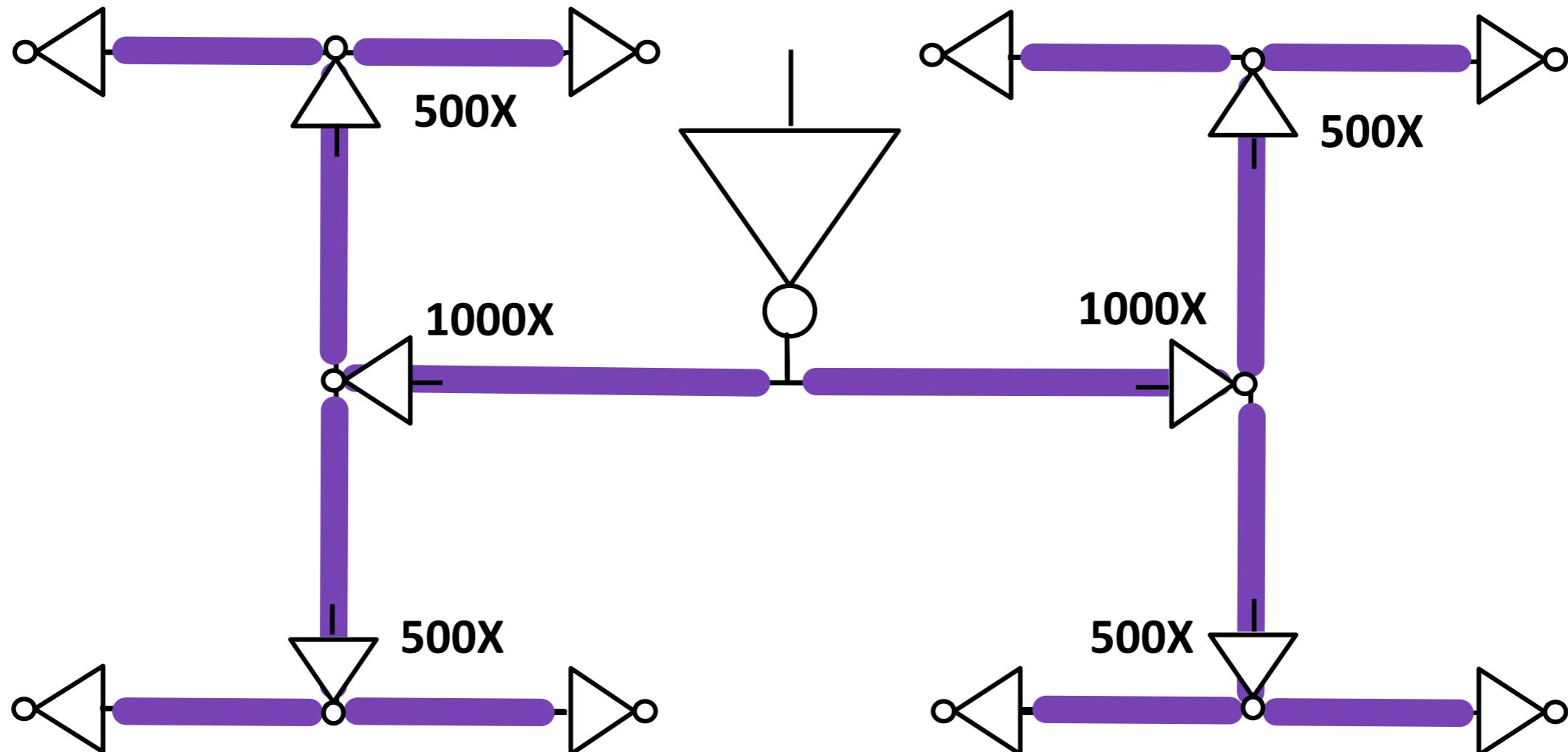
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Prelab 4, calculations

part 3



Prelab 4

- Write the input file properly!
- Otherwise you have to spend valuable lab time doing that!