INTRODUCTION

This document supplements the PSpice model EF86.inc, and provides some background operation to the operation of the model along with details of functionality modelled or not modelled as the case may be.

Whilst every care has been taken to duplicate the functionality of the modelled device as described here, it should be stressed that modelling is not a substitution for breadboarding or other prototyping methods.

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MODELLED FUNCTIONS

Inter-electrode capacitance and screen current.

FUNCTIONS NOT MODELLED

A heater model is not implemented at this stage, neither has any model been provided for grid current.

MODEL PERFORMANCE

![Graph of EF86 Spice model - Transfer Characteristics](image)

Figure 1: Anode current
Figure 1 above shows anode current against swept anode voltage for a range of grid voltages between -5.0V and -0.5V in steps of 0.5V. Screen voltage in this instance is 140V.

MODEL DESCRIPTION

The following describes the various components of the model and their interaction:

Eat  is the arctangent calculation which causes the fall off in emission at lower anode voltages.

Egs  is the emission contribution from the grid and screen, g₁ and g₂.

Egs2 is Egs after raising to the power of 3/2 and factored by a constant so that it may be turned directly into a current value.

Ecath is the cathode current value. This is the current between anode and cathode, although some of this may be diverted by the screen grid. Basically consists of Egs2 multiplied by Eat.

Ga is the actual cathode current. Synonymous with Ecath.

Escrn is the screen current value.

Gs is the actual screen current. Synonymous with Escrn.

ALTERING THE MODEL FOR OTHER SIMULATORS

It may be necessary to use the model with other simulators, such as Berkeley SPICE 3f4, in which case some of the PSpice specific items will need to be altered.

The PSpice LIMIT{a,b,c} statement can, in instances where b is zero, be replaced by the SPICE 3f4 statement URAMP(a). Where LIMIT{a,b,c} is used, with b=0 and c=variable, the SPICE 3f4 statement U(a/c)*c can be used.

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MODEL LISTING

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* Device model: EF86
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* (1) Heater
* (2) Grid current
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* Pins   A  Anode
*        S  Screen
*        G  Grid
*        K  Cathode
*-----------------------------------------------------------------------

.SUBCKT EF86 A S G K

* Calculate reduction in mu when Vg < -3V
* Emu  mu  0 VALUE={LIMIT{V(G,K),-3,999}+LIMIT{V(G,K)+3,-999,0}*0.714}
* Calculate contribution to cathode current
* Rat  at  0 VALUE={0.636*ATAN(V(A,K)/15)}
Egs  gs  0 VALUE={LIMIT{V(S,K)/27.5+V(mu)*1.32+1,0,1E6}}
Egs2 gs2 0 VALUE={PWRS(V(gs),1.5)}
Ecath cc 0 VALUE={V(gs2)*V(at)}
* Calculate anode current
Ga   A   K VALUE={5.83E-4*V(cc)}
* Calculate screen current
Escren sc 0 VALUE={V(gs2)*(1.1-V(at))}
Gs   S   K VALUE={0.5E-3*V(sc)}
* Capacitances
Cg1  G   K  3.8p
Cak  A   K  5.3p
Cg1a G   A  0.05p
.ENDS