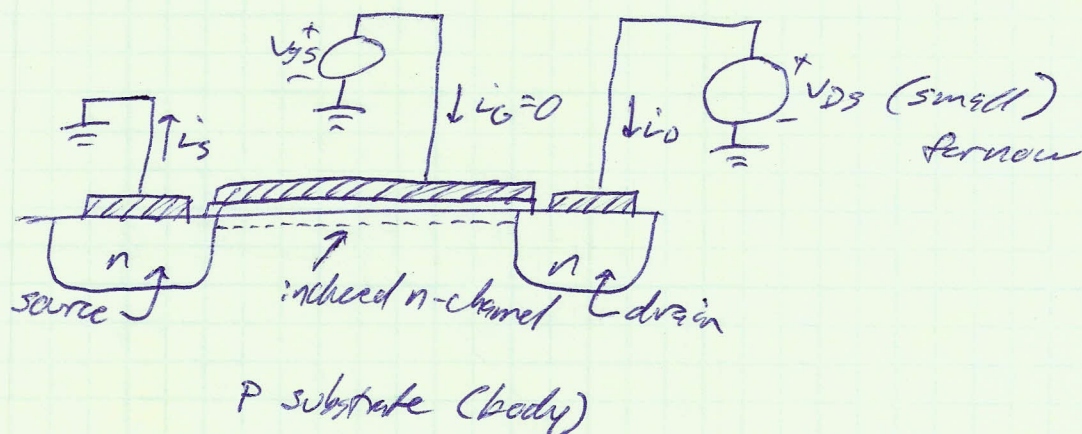


Field Effect Transistors (FETs)

MOSFET = Metal Oxide Semiconductor Field Effect Transistor



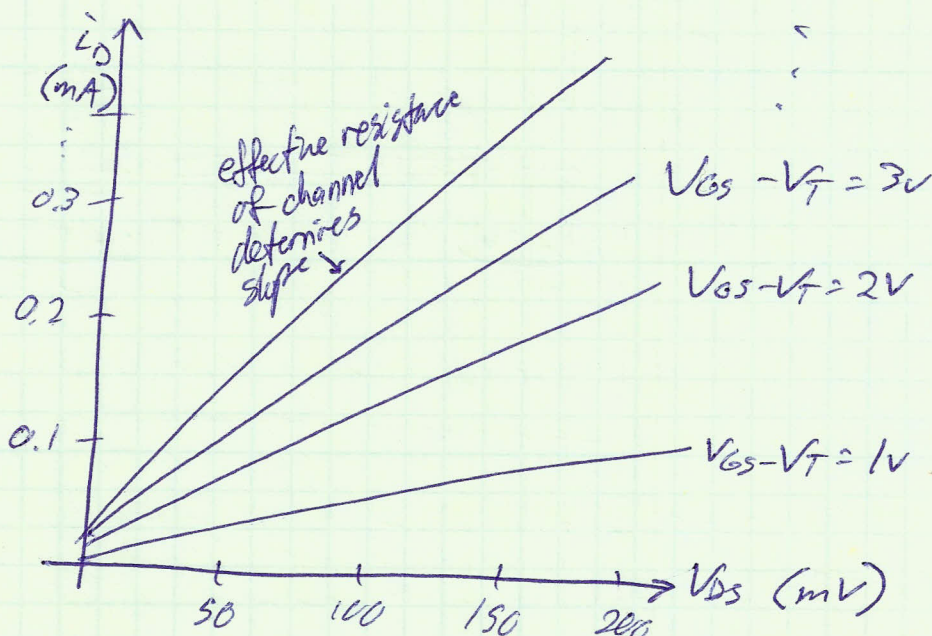
- Two n regions deposited within p type substrate
- Gate applied between them, separated by thin oxide layer
(one of the reasons Si is important - forms high quality oxide)
- When voltage is applied to Gate, thin region under gate is depleted
- With higher voltage, thin inversion layer forms - behaves as n-type
 - forms conductive channel between source and drain
 - thickness depends on V_{gs} - proportional to $V_{gs} - V_T$

Threshold voltage $\uparrow$
- This is called enhancement type NMOS
 - there is also depletion type
 - there is also PMOS

For $V_{GS} > V_T$ (so that channel is formed)

apply positive voltage to V_{DS}

acts as resistor - value depends on geometry of channel



Conductivity increases as $V_{GS} - V_T$ increases

- Now apply larger Drain voltage

$$V_{GD} = V_{GS} - V_{DS} (< V_{GS})$$

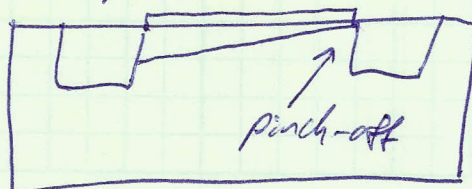
- Channel near drain is smaller than near source

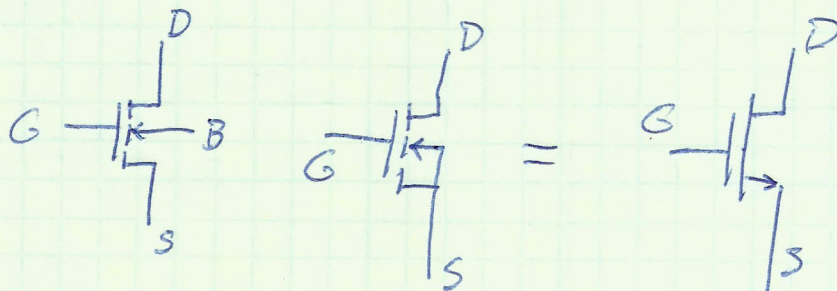
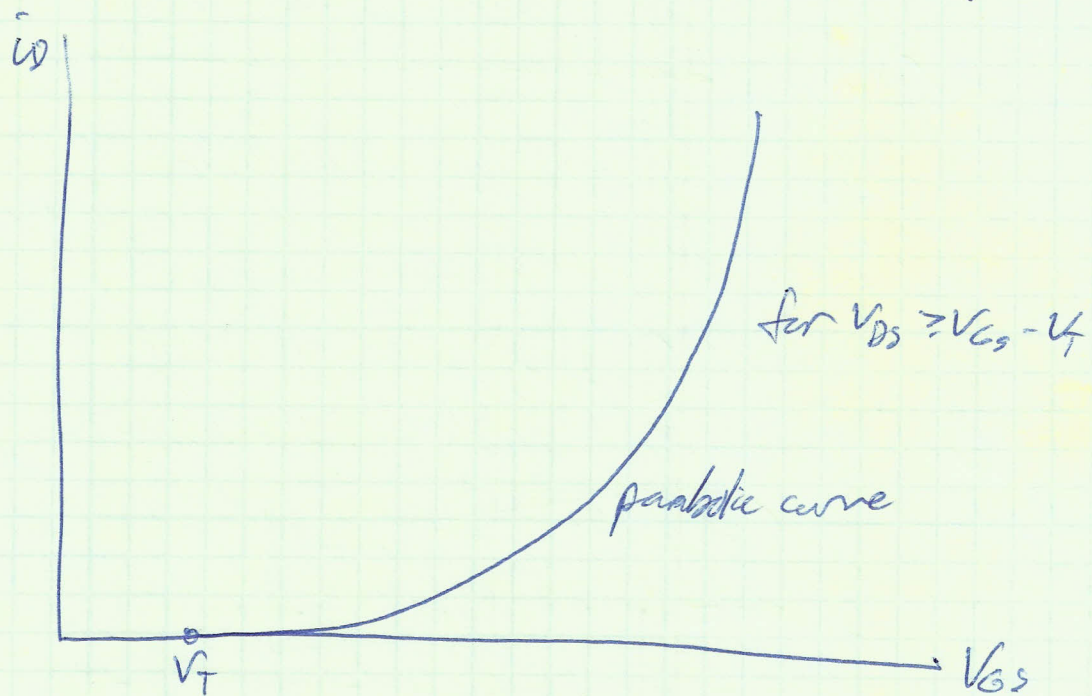
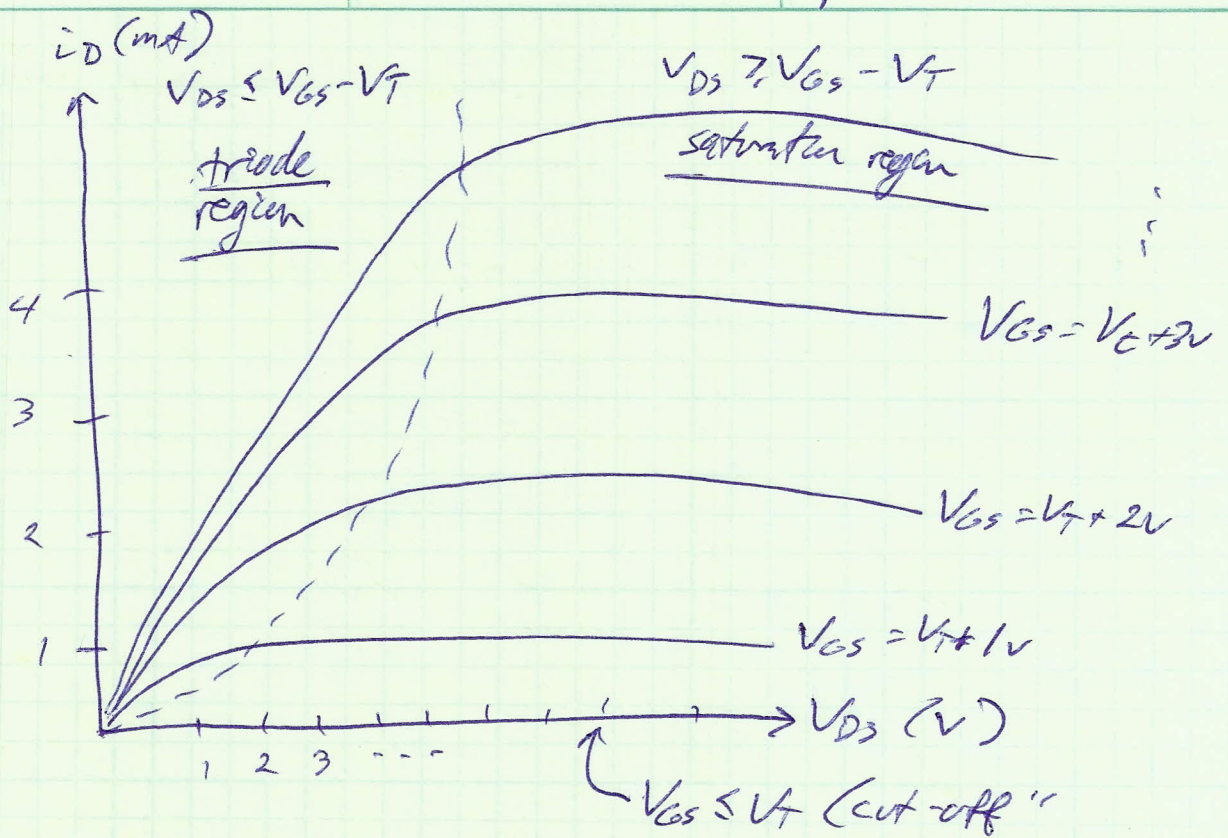
- When $V_{GD} = V_T$ (or $V_{DS} = V_{GS} - V_T$)

The channel width approaches zero ("pinch-off")

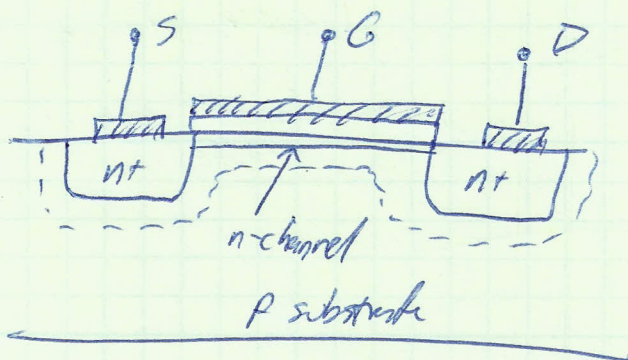
- Current is constant after that point
- I_D only depends on V_{GS}

- There is a small effect "channel width modulation" similar to Early effect in BJTs





Body tied
to source



inversion layer (channel) starts to form at $V_{GS} = V_T$

charge in channel $|Q| = \underbrace{C_{ox}}_{\text{capacitance per area}} \underbrace{WL}_{\text{area}} (V_{GS} - V_T)$

capacitance is typically $\sim 1 \text{ fF}/\mu\text{m}^2$

Q per unit length

$$= \frac{|Q|}{L} = C_{ox} W (V_{GS} - V_T)$$

electric field $|E| = \frac{V_{DS}}{L}$

electron drift velocity $= \mu_n |E| = \mu_n \frac{V_{DS}}{L}$

current $i_D = \text{charge per unit length} \times \text{drift velocity}$

$$i_D = \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS} - V_T) \cdot V_{DS}$$

conductance of channel $g_{DS} = \frac{i_D}{V_{DS}} = \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS} - V_T)$

we call $\mu_n C_{ox}$ the process transconductance parameter $k_n' = \mu_n C_{ox}$

resistance of channel $r_{DS} = \frac{1}{g_{DS}} = \frac{1}{k_n' \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS} - V_T)}$

some books use

$$k_n = \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L}$$

Now apply larger V_{DS} :

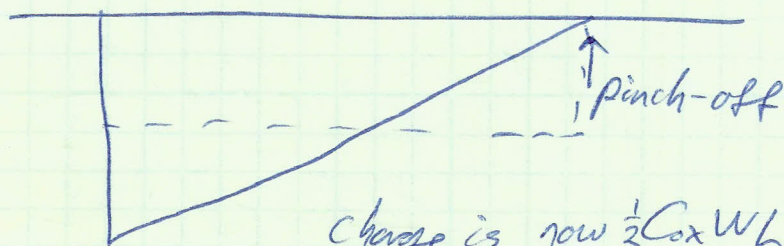


total charge in channel is now $C_{ox} W L (V_{GS} - V_T - \frac{1}{2} V_{DS})$

current $i_D = k' \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS} - V_T - \frac{1}{2} V_{DS}) V_{DS}$

$$i_D = k' \frac{W}{L} \left((V_{GS} - V_T) V_{DS} - \frac{1}{2} V_{DS}^2 \right)$$

when $V_{DS} > V_{GS} - V_T$:



charge is now $\frac{1}{2} C_{ox} W L V_{GS}$

$$i_D = \frac{1}{2} k_n \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS} - V_T)^2$$