

Lecture 17

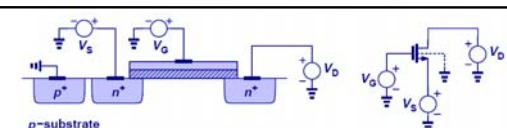
OUTLINE

- NMOSFET in ON state (cont'd)
 - Body effect
 - Channel-length modulation
 - Velocity saturation
- NMOSFET in OFF state
- MOSFET models
- PMOSFET

- Reading: Finish Chap. 6

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Body Effect Example



p-substrate

$$V_{TH} = V_{TH0} + \gamma \left(\sqrt{2\phi_B + V_{SB}} - \sqrt{2\phi_B} \right)$$

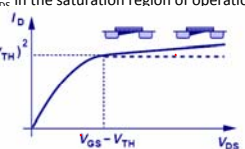
where $\gamma = \frac{\sqrt{2qN_A \epsilon_{Si}}}{C_{ox}}$

Example:
 Typical values
 $\gamma \sim 0.5$
 $\phi_B = 0.48V$ for $N_A = 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ (substrate doping)
 A substrate bias of $V_{SB} = 1V$ produce a V_{TH} shift of 0.2V

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Channel-Length Modulation

- The pinch-off point moves toward the source as V_{DS} increases.
- The length of the inversion-layer channel becomes shorter with increasing V_{DS} .
- I_D increases (slightly) with increasing V_{DS} in the saturation region of operation.



$$I_{D,sat} \propto \frac{1}{L - \Delta L} \cong \frac{1}{L} \left(1 + \frac{\Delta L}{L} \right)$$

$$\Delta L \propto (V_{DS} - V_{DS,sat})$$

$$I_{D,sat} = \frac{1}{2} \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS} - V_{TH})^2 [1 + \lambda (V_{DS} - V_{D,sat})]$$

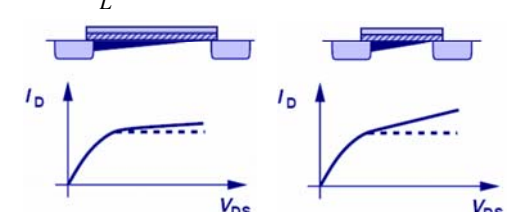
λ : channel length modulation coefficient

* Note: in Razavi: $I_{D,sat} = \frac{1}{2} \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS} - V_{TH})^2 [1 + \lambda V_{DS}]$

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λ and L

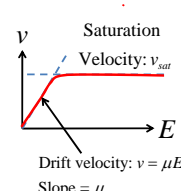
- The effect of channel-length modulation is less for a long-channel MOSFET than for a short-channel MOSFET.

$$\lambda \propto \frac{1}{L} \Rightarrow \text{short channel MOSFET has larger } \lambda$$


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Velocity Saturation

- In state-of-the-art MOSFETs, the channel is very short ($< 0.1 \mu\text{m}$); hence the lateral electric field is very high and carrier drift velocities can reach their saturation levels.
 - The electric field magnitude at which the carrier velocity saturates is E_{sat} .



Drift velocity: $v = \mu E$
 Slope = μ

Saturation Velocity: v_{sat}

$$v_{sat} = \begin{cases} 8 \times 10^6 \text{ cm/s for electrons in Si} \\ 6 \times 10^6 \text{ cm/s for holes in Si} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \text{NMOS: } \mu_n \approx 250 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s} \Rightarrow E_{sat} \approx 30,000 \text{ V/cm} \\ \text{PMOS: } \mu_p \approx 80 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s} \Rightarrow E_{sat} \approx 80,000 \text{ V/cm} \end{cases}$$

For $L = 0.1 \mu\text{m}$

$$\begin{cases} V_{D,sat} = 0.3 \text{ V for NMOS} \\ V_{D,sat} = 0.8 \text{ V for PMOS} \end{cases}$$

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Impact of Velocity Saturation

- Recall that $I_D = W Q_{inv}(y) v(y)$
- If $V_{DS} > E_{sat} \times L$, the carrier velocity will saturate and hence the drain current will saturate:

$$I_{D,sat} = W Q_{inv} v_{sat} = W C_{ox} (V_{GS} - V_{TH}) v_{sat}$$
 - $I_{D,sat}$ is proportional to $V_{GS} - V_{TH}$ rather than $(V_{GS} - V_{TH})^2$
 - $I_{D,sat}$ is not dependent on L
 - $I_{D,sat}$ is dependent on W

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Short-Channel MOSFET I_D - V_{DS}

- $I_{D,sat}$ is proportional to $V_{GS}-V_{TH}$ rather than $(V_{GS}-V_{TH})^2$
- $V_{D,sat}$ is smaller than $V_{GS}-V_{TH}$
- Channel-length modulation is apparent (?)

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Drain Induced Barrier Lowering (DIBL)

- In a **short-channel MOSFET**, the source & drain regions each "support" a significant fraction of the total channel depletion charge $Q_{dep} \times W \times L$
 $\rightarrow V_{TH}$ is lower than for a long-channel MOSFET

- As the drain voltage increases, the reverse bias on the body-drain PN junction increases, and hence the drain depletion region widens.
 $\rightarrow V_{TH}$ decreases with increasing drain bias.
 (The barrier to carrier diffusion from the source into the channel is reduced.)
 $\rightarrow I_D$ increases with increasing drain bias.

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NMOSFET in OFF State

- We had previously assumed that there is no channel current when $V_{GS} < V_{TH}$. This is incorrect!
- As V_{GS} is reduced below V_{TH} (towards 0 V), the potential barrier to carrier diffusion from the source into the channel is increased.
 I_D becomes limited by carrier diffusion into the channel, rather than by carrier drift through the channel.
 (This is similar to the case of a PN junction diode!)
 $\rightarrow I_D$ varies exponentially with the potential barrier height at the source, which varies directly with the channel potential.

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Sub-Threshold Leakage Current

- Recall that, in the depletion (sub-threshold) region of operation, the channel potential is capacitively coupled to the gate potential. A change in gate voltage (ΔV_{GS}) results in a change in channel voltage (ΔV_{CS}):

$$\Delta V_{CS} = \Delta V_{GS} \times \left(\frac{C_{ox}}{C_{ox} + C_{dep}} \right) \equiv \Delta V_{GS} / m \quad ; \quad m = 1 + \frac{C_{dep}}{C_{ox}} > 1$$

- Therefore, the sub-threshold current ($I_{D,subth}$) decreases exponentially with linearly decreasing V_{GS}/m

$$S \equiv \left(\frac{d(\log_{10} I_{DS})}{dV_{GS}} \right)^{-1}$$

$$S = m V_T \ln(10) > 60 \text{ mV/dec}$$

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Short-Channel MOSFET I_D - V_{GS}

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V_{TH} Design Trade-Off

- Low V_{TH} is desirable for high ON-state current:
 $I_{D,sat} \propto (V_{DD} - V_{TH})^\eta \quad 1 < \eta < 2$
- But high V_{TH} is needed for low OFF-state current:

$\rightarrow V_{TH}$ cannot be reduced aggressively.

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MOSFET Large-Signal Models ($V_{GS} > V_{TH}$)

- Depending on the value of V_{DS} , the MOSFET can be represented with different large-signal models.

Triode Region

$V_{DS} < V_{D,sat}$

$R_{OH} = \frac{1}{\mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS} - V_{TH})}$

Saturation Region

$V_{DS} > V_{D,sat}$

$I_{D,sat} = \frac{1}{2} \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS} - V_{TH})^2 [1 + \lambda (V_{DS} - V_{D,sat})]$
or
 $I_{D,sat} = v_{sat} W C_{ox} (V_{GS} - V_{TH}) [1 + \lambda (V_{DS} - V_{D,sat})]$

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MOSFET Transconductance, g_m

- Transconductance (g_m) is a measure of how much the drain current changes when the gate voltage changes.

$$g_m \equiv \frac{\partial I_D}{\partial V_{GS}}$$

- For amplifier applications, the MOSFET is usually operating in the saturation region.
 - For a long-channel MOSFET:

$$g_m = \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS} - V_{TH}) \{1 + \lambda (V_{DS} - V_{D,sat})\} = \frac{2I_D}{V_{GS} - V_{TH}}$$
 - For a short-channel MOSFET:

$$g_m = v_{sat} W C_{ox} \{1 + \lambda (V_{DS} - V_{D,sat})\} = \frac{I_D}{V_{GS} - V_{TH}}$$

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MOSFET Small-Signal Model (Saturation Region of Operation)

- The effect of channel-length modulation or DIBL (which cause I_D to increase linearly with V_{DS}) is modeled by the transistor output resistance, r_o .

$$r_o \equiv \frac{\partial V_{DS}}{\partial I_D} \approx \frac{1}{\lambda I_D}$$

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Derivation of Small-Signal Model (Long-Channel MOSFET, Saturation Region)

$$I_D = \frac{1}{2} \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS} - V_{TH})^2 [1 + \lambda (V_{DS} - V_{D,sat})]$$

$$i_d = \frac{\partial I_D}{\partial V_{GS}} v_{gs} + \frac{\partial I_D}{\partial V_{BS}} v_{bs} + \frac{\partial I_D}{\partial V_{DS}} v_{ds} \equiv g_m v_{gs} + g_{mb} v_{bs} + \frac{1}{r_o} v_{ds}$$

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PMOS Transistor

- A p-channel MOSFET behaves similarly to an n-channel MOSFET, except the polarities for I_D and V_{GS} are reversed.

Schematic cross-section

n -substrate

Circuit symbol

- The small-signal model for a PMOSFET is the same as that for an NMOSFET.
 - The values of g_m and r_o will be different for a PMOSFET vs. an NMOSFET, since mobility & saturation velocity are different for holes vs. electrons.

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PMOS I - V Equations

$$I_{D,tri} = \frac{1}{2} \mu_p C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} [2(V_{SG} - V_{TH})V_{DS} - V_{DS}^2] \quad DS \leftrightarrow SD \quad GS \leftrightarrow SG$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \mu_p C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} [2(|V_{GS}| - |V_{TH}|)|V_{DS}| - V_{DS}^2]$$

Long Channel:

$$I_{D,sat} = \frac{1}{2} \mu_p C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_{SG} - V_{TH})^2 [1 + \lambda (V_{SD} - V_{SD,sat})]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \mu_p C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (|V_{GS}| - |V_{TH}|)^2 [1 + \lambda (|V_{DS}| - |V_{D,sat}|)]$$

Short Channel:

$$I_{D,sat} = v_{sat} W C_{ox} (V_{SG} - V_{TH}) [1 + \lambda (V_{SD} - V_{SD,sat})]$$

$$= v_{sat} W C_{ox} (|V_{SG}| - |V_{TH}|) [1 + \lambda (|V_{DS}| - |V_{D,sat}|)]$$

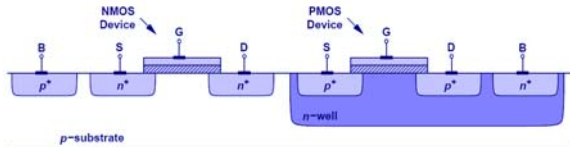
Note: $V_{GS} < 0, V_{DS} < 0, V_{D,sat} < 0, V_{TH} < 0$ in PMOS

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CMOS Technology

- It possible to form deep n-type regions (“well”) within a p-type substrate to allow PMOSFETs and NMOSFETs to be co-fabricated on a single substrate.
- This is referred to as CMOS (“Complementary MOS”) technology.

Schematic cross-section of CMOS devices



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Comparison of BJT and MOSFET

- The BJT can achieve much higher g_m than a MOSFET, for a given bias current, due to its exponential I - V characteristic.

(Long-Channel)		(Short-Channel)
Bipolar Transistor	MOSFET	MOSFET
Exponential Characteristic	Quadratic Characteristic	Linear
Active: $V_{CB} > 0$	Saturation: $V_{DS} > V_{GS} - V_{TH}$	$V_{GS} > V_{Dsat}$; $V_{Dsat} = E_{sat}L$
Saturation: $V_{CB} < 0$	Triode: $V_{DS} < V_{GS} - V_{TH}$	$V_{GS} < V_{Dsat}$
Finite Base Current	Zero Gate Current	
Early Effect	Channel-Length Modulation	
Diffusion Current	Drift Current	
-	Voltage-Dependent Resistor	

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