Surface Energy in Subthreshold



Subthreshold Channel Current



Current flow is by diffusion:

$$I = -WqD\frac{\partial N}{\partial x} = -WqD\frac{N_{\rm D} - N_{\rm S}}{L} = WqD\frac{N_{\rm S} - N_{\rm D}}{L}$$
$$= \frac{W}{L}qDN_0 \left(e^{-(V_{\rm S} - \psi_{\rm S})/U_{\rm T}} - e^{-(V_{\rm D} - \psi_{\rm S})/U_{\rm T}}\right)$$

$$\psi_{\rm s} \approx \psi_0 + \kappa V_{\rm G}$$
$$I = \frac{W}{L} I_0 e^{\kappa V_{\rm G}/U_{\rm T}} \left(e^{-V_{\rm S}/U_{\rm T}} - e^{-V_{\rm D}/U_{\rm T}} \right)$$

Capacitive-Divider View of κ



Conservation of charge:



$$(C_{\rm ox} + C_{\rm dep}) \Delta \psi_{\rm s} = C_{\rm ox} \Delta V_{\rm G}$$

$$\frac{\partial \Psi_{\rm s}}{\partial V_{\rm G}} \approx \frac{\Delta \Psi_{\rm s}}{\Delta V_{\rm G}} = \frac{C_{\rm ox}}{C_{\rm ox} + C_{\rm dep}} = \kappa$$

Subthreshold Channel Current

• *n*MOS:

$$I = \frac{W}{L} I_0 e^{\kappa V_G / U_T} \left(e^{-V_S / U_T} - e^{-V_D / U_T} \right)$$

$$= \frac{W}{L} I_0 e^{(\kappa V_G - V_S) / U_T} \left(1 - e^{-V_{DS} / U_T} \right)$$

$$\approx \frac{W}{L} I_0 e^{(\kappa V_G - V_S) / U_T} \quad \text{(for } V_{DS} \ge 4 U_T)$$
• *p*MOS:

$$I = \frac{W}{L} I_0 e^{-\kappa V_G / U_T} \left(e^{V_S / U_T} - e^{V_D / U_T} \right)$$

$$= \frac{W}{L} I_0 e^{(V_S - \kappa V_G) / U_T} \left(1 - e^{V_{DS} / U_T} \right)$$

$$\approx \frac{W}{L} I_0 e^{(V_S - \kappa V_G) / U_T} \quad \text{(for } V_{DS} \le -4 U_T)$$

** Note here that $V_{\rm G} < 0$, $V_{\rm S} < 0$, and $V_{\rm D} < 0$.





Subthreshold Channel Current

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• *p*MOS:

$$I = \frac{W}{L} I_0 e^{\kappa (V_W - V_G) / U_T} \left(e^{-(V_W - V_S) / U_T} - e^{-(V_W - V_D) / U_T} \right)$$

$$= \frac{W}{L} I_0 e^{(V_S - (1 - \kappa) V_W - \kappa V_G) / U_T} \left(1 - e^{V_{DS} / U_T} \right)$$

$$\approx \frac{W}{L} I_0 e^{(V_S - (1 - \kappa) V_W - \kappa V_G) / U_T} \quad \text{(for } V_{DS} \le -4 U_T)$$

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 $V_{\rm G}$

+

 $V_{\rm D}$

+

 $V_{\rm S}$

Subthreshold Channel Current in Saturation



Subthreshold Drain Characteristics



Subthreshold Drain Characteristics



Above-Threshold Channel Current





** Note here that $V_{\rm G} < 0$, $V_{\rm S} < 0$, $V_{\rm D} < 0$, and $V_{\rm T0} < 0$.

Above-Threshold Channel Current

► nMOS:

$$I = \frac{W}{L} \frac{\mu C_{\text{ox}}}{2\kappa} \left[\left(\kappa (V_{\text{G}} - V_{\text{T0}}) - V_{\text{S}} \right)^2 - \left(\kappa (V_{\text{G}} - V_{\text{T0}}) - V_{\text{D}} \right)^2 \right] \int_{(+)}^{(+)} V_{\text{T0}} V_{$$

$$I = \frac{W}{L} \frac{\mu C_{\text{ox}}}{2\kappa} \left(\kappa \left(V_{\text{G}} - V_{\text{T0}} \right) - V_{\text{S}} \right)^2, \text{ for } V_{\text{D}} \ge \kappa \left(V_{\text{G}} - V_{\text{T0}} \right)$$



 $V_{\rm G}$

+

-

 $V_{
m D}$

 $V_{\rm S}$

+

 $V_{
m W}$

+

 $\blacktriangleright pMOS:$

$$I = \frac{W}{L} \frac{\mu C_{\text{ox}}}{2\kappa} \Big[\Big(\kappa \big((V_{\text{W}} - V_{\text{G}}) - |V_{\text{T0}}| \big) - (V_{\text{W}} - V_{\text{S}}) \Big)^{2} \\ - \big(\kappa \big((V_{\text{W}} - V_{\text{G}}) - |V_{\text{T0}}| \big) - (V_{\text{W}} - V_{\text{D}}) \big)^{2} \Big] \\ I = \frac{W}{L} \frac{\mu C_{\text{ox}}}{2\kappa} \big(\kappa \big((V_{\text{W}} - V_{\text{G}}) - |V_{\text{T0}}| \big) - (V_{\text{W}} - V_{\text{S}}) \big)^{2}, \\ \text{for } V_{\text{D}} \le V_{\text{W}} - \kappa \big((V_{\text{W}} - V_{\text{G}}) - |V_{\text{T0}}| \big) \Big) \Big] \Big]$$

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Above-Threshold Channel Current in Saturation



Above-Threshold Drain Characteristics



Surface Energy in Subthreshold



Surface Energy in Saturation Above Threshold



 $V_{\rm DS}$

 $V_{\rm D}$

Surface Energy in Ohmic Region Above Threshold



Enz-Krummenacher-Vittoz Model



- Model is continuous from subthreshold to above threshold and is valid in both the ohmic and saturation regions.
- log²(1 + $e^{x/2}$) function smoothly interpolates between e^x and x^2 .
- Not based on first principles. (i.e., an elegant mathematical hack!)

EKV Model Channel Current

*n*MOS:

$$I = \frac{W}{L} \frac{\mu C_{\text{ox}}}{\kappa} 2U_{\text{T}}^{2} \Big[\log^{2} \Big(1 + e^{(\kappa (V_{\text{G}} - V_{\text{T0}}) - V_{\text{S}})/2U_{\text{T}}} \Big) - \log^{2} \Big(1 + e^{(\kappa (V_{\text{G}} - V_{\text{T0}}) - V_{\text{D}})/2U_{\text{T}}} \Big) \Big]$$



 $\blacktriangleright pMOS:$

$$I = \frac{W}{L} \frac{\mu C_{\text{ox}}}{\kappa} 2U_{\text{T}}^{2} \Big[\log^{2} \Big(1 + e^{(V_{\text{S}} - \kappa(V_{\text{G}} - V_{\text{T0}}))/2U_{\text{T}}} \Big) - \log^{2} \Big(1 + e^{(V_{\text{D}} - \kappa(V_{\text{G}} - V_{\text{T0}}))/2U_{\text{T}}} \Big) \Big]$$



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EKV Model Channel Current

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$$I = \frac{W}{L} \frac{\mu C_{\text{ox}}}{\kappa} 2U_{\text{T}}^{2} \Big[\log^{2} \Big(1 + e^{\left(\kappa ((V_{\text{W}} - V_{\text{G}}) - |V_{\text{T0}}|) - (V_{\text{W}} - V_{\text{S}})\right)/2U_{\text{T}}} \Big) - \log^{2} \Big(1 + e^{\left(\kappa ((V_{\text{W}} - V_{\text{G}}) - |V_{\text{T0}}|) - (V_{\text{W}} - V_{\text{D}})\right)/2U_{\text{T}}} \Big) \Big]$$

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EKV Model: Channel Current in Saturation



EKV Model: Drain Characteristics



Channel Length Modulation (a.k.a. The Early Effect)



