
EEE3571 Electronic Engineering I

Lecture 6: Field Effect Transistors



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References

Our main reference text books in this course are

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However, feel free to use pretty much any additional text which you might find relevant to our course.

Learning Objectives

At the end of the lecture 6 on [Field Effect Transistors](#), you ought to:

- 1) Become familiar with the construction and operating characteristics of Junction Field Effect (JFET), Metal-Oxide Semiconductor FET (MOSFET). Metal-Semiconductor FET (MESFET) transistors will not be covered.
- 2) Be able to sketch the transfer characteristics from the drain characteristics of a JFET and MOSFET transistor.
- 3) Understand the key parameters provided on the specification sheet for each type of FET.
- 4) Be aware of the differences between the dc analysis of the various types of FETs.

6.1 Introduction

- ❑ The Field Effect Transistor (FET) is a three-terminal device used for a wide range of applications, similar to those for BJTs.
- ❑ The primary difference between FETs and BJTs is the fact that: the BJT is a current-controlled device as depicted in Fig. 6.1a, whereas the JFET is a voltage-controlled device as shown in Fig. 6.1b.

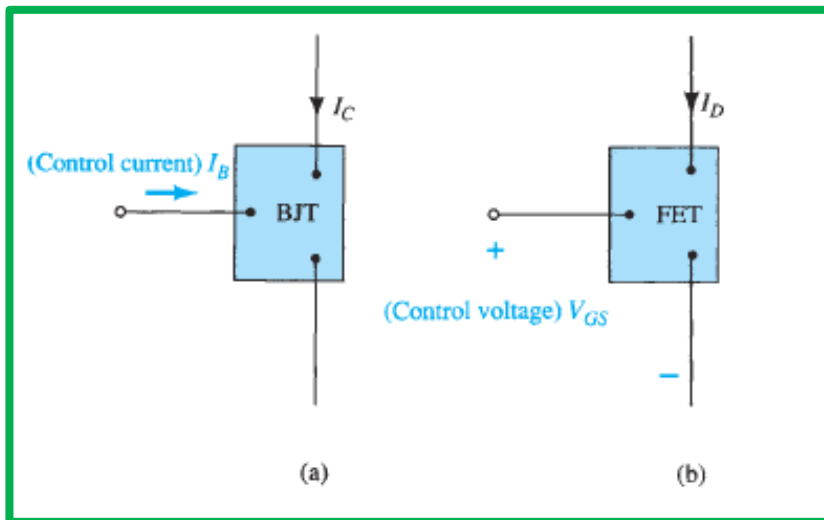


Figure 6.1: (a) Current-controlled; (b) voltage-controlled amplifiers.

- ❑ Just as there are *npn* and *pnp* BJTs, there *n-channel* and *p-channel* FETs.
- ❑ It is worth noting that while BJTs are bipolar, FETs are unipolar, as they depend wholly on either electron (*n*-channel) or hole (*p*-channel) condition.
- ❑ For FETs the electric field is established by charges present, which controls the conduction path of the output circuit.

6.1 Introduction Cont'd

- ❑ One of the most important characteristics of the FET is its high input impedance.
- ❑ This is a critical characteristic in the design of linear ac amplifiers.
- ❑ Quite on the contrary, typical ac voltage gain for BJT amplifiers are a great deal more than for FETs.
- ❑ However, FETs are more temperature stable than BJTs, and FETs are usually smaller than BJTs, making them particularly useful in integrated-circuit (IC) chips
- ❑ Three types to be discussed are: the junction field-effect transistor (JFET), the metal-oxide-semiconductor field effect transistor (MOSFET), and the metal-semiconductor field effect transistor (MESFET).

6.2 Construction and Characteristics of FETs

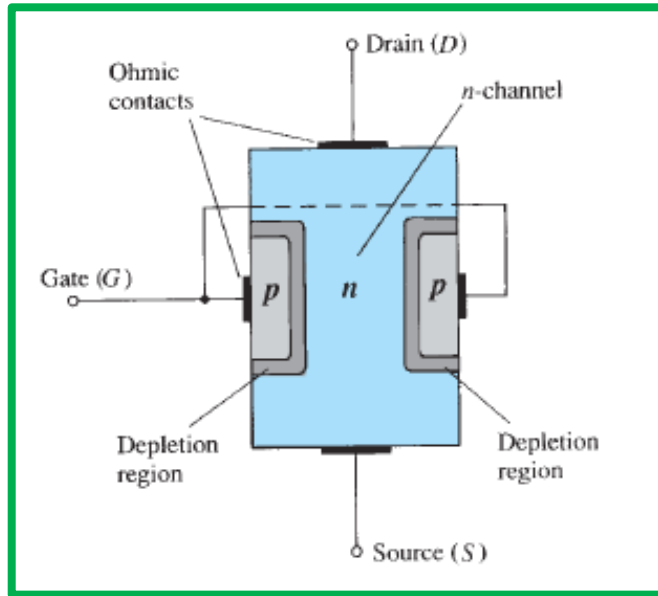


Figure 6.2: Junction field-effect transistor (JFET).

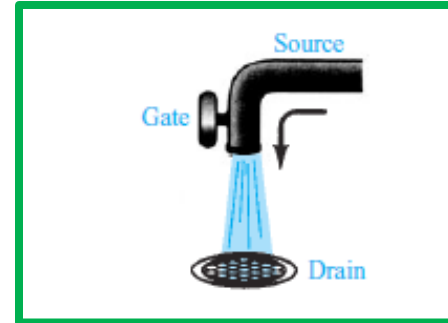
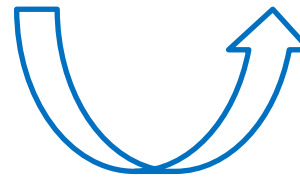


Figure 6.3: Water analogy for the JFET control mechanism.



- ❑ For the JFET the *n-channel* device will be prominently discussed.
- ❑ In the absence of applied potentials the JFET has two *p-n junctions* under no bias

6.2 Construction and Characteristics of FETs

$V_{GS} = 0 \text{ V}$, V_{DS} Some Positive Value

- In Fig. 6.4, a positive voltage V is applied across the channel and the gate is connected directly to the source to establish the condition $V_{GS} = 0 \text{ V}$.

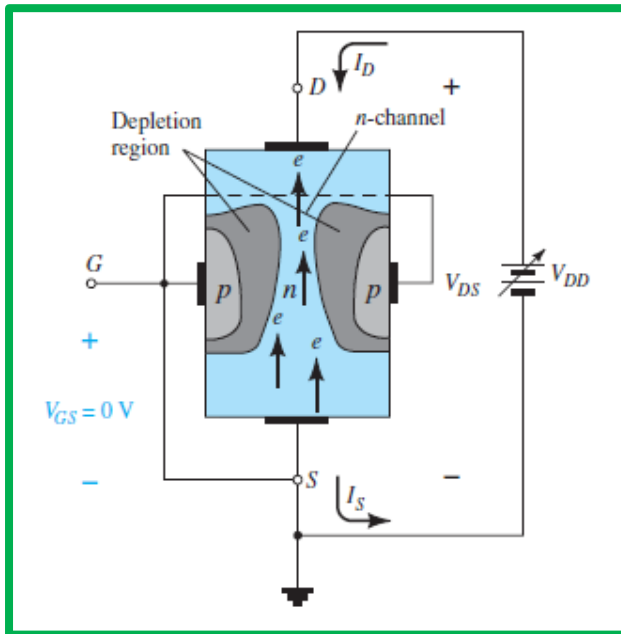


Figure 6.4: JFET at $V_{GS} = 0 \text{ V}$ and $V_{DS} > 0 \text{ V}$.

- Notice that as the voltage $V_{DD} (= V_{DS})$ is applied, the electrons are drawn to the drain terminal, establishing the conventional current I_D .
- The path of charge flow shows that $I_D = I_S$.

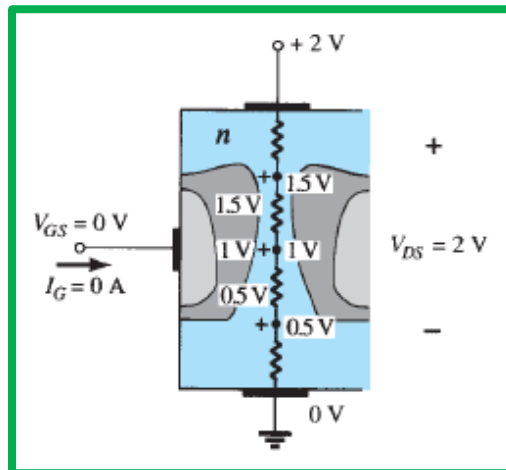
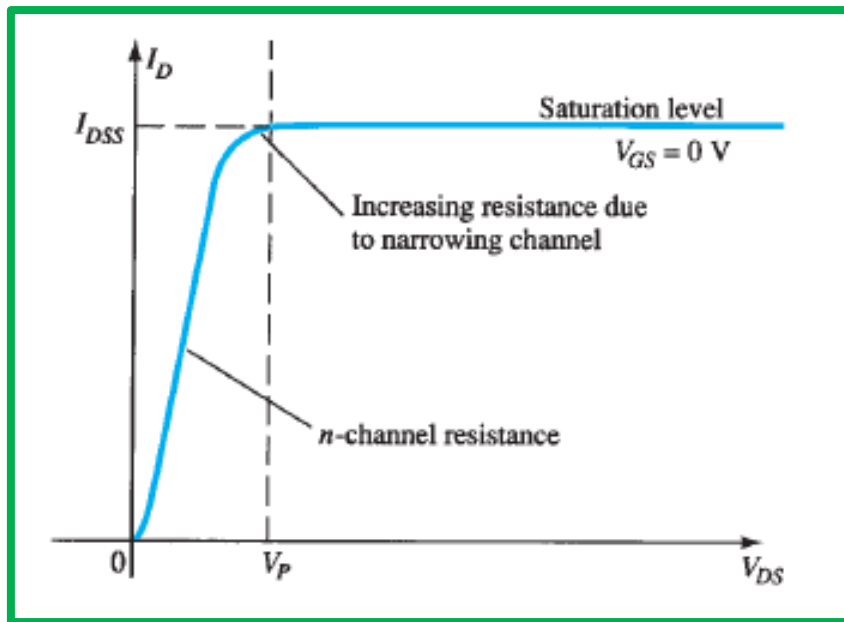


Figure 6.5: Varying reverse-bias potentials across the p - n junction of an n -channel JFET.

6.2 Construction and Characteristics of FETs Cont'd

- ❑ The depletion region is wider near the top of both p -type materials.
- ❑ Assuming a uniform resistance in the n -channel, we can break it down into divisions depicted in Fig. 6.5. Thus, I_D establishes voltage drops indicated.



- ❑ Notice that the upper region of the p -type material will be reverse-biased by about 1.5 V, with the lower region only reversed-biased by 0.5 V.
- ❑ Recall that the greater the applied reverse bias, the wider is the depletion region.
- ❑ An important characteristic of the JFET is that $I_G = 0$ A.

Figure 6.6: I_D versus V_{DS} for $V_{GS} = 0$ V.

6.2 Construction and Characteristics of FETs Cont'd

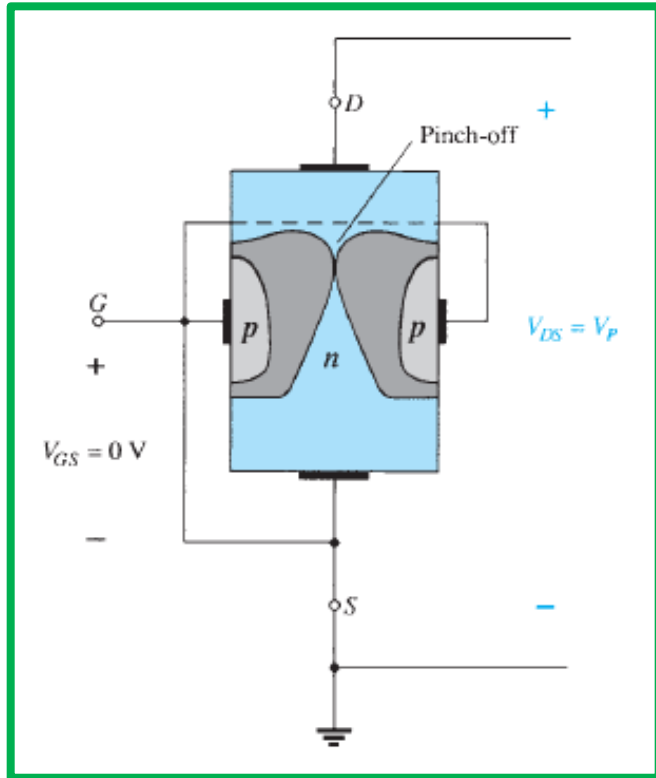


Figure 6.7: Pinch-off ($V_{GS} = 0 \text{ V}$, $V_{DS} = V_p$).

- Beyond the pinch-off voltage, I_D maintains a saturation level as I_{DSS} in Fig. 6.6.
- In essence, once $V_{DS} > V_p$ the JFET has the characteristics of a current source.
- Thus, I_{DSS} is the maximum drain current for a JFET and is defined by conditions $V_{GS} = 0 \text{ V}$ and $V_{DS} > |V_p|$.

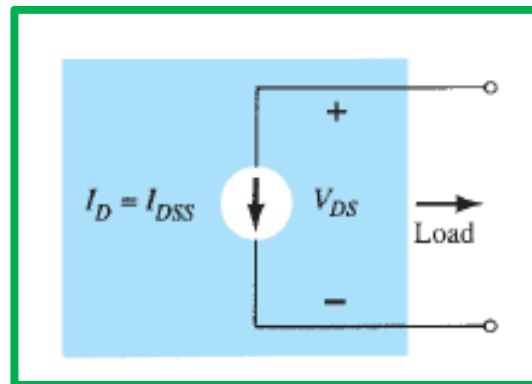


Figure 6.8: current source equivalent for $V_{GS} = 0 \text{ V}$, $V_{DS} > V_p$.

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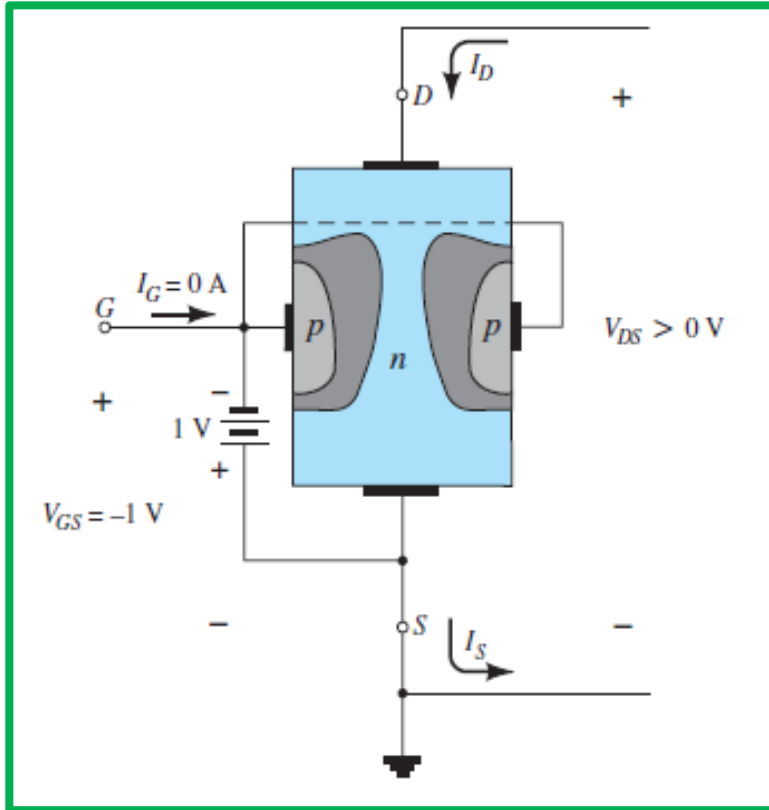


Figure 6.9: Application of a negative voltage to the gate of a JFET.

$$V_{GS} < 0\text{ V}$$

- Here, various curves of I_D versus V_{DS} for various levels of V_{GS} can be developed for the JFET.
- The level of V_{GS} that results in $I_D = 0\text{ mA}$ is defined by $V_{GS} = V_p$, with V_p being a negative for n -channel devices and a positive voltage for p -channel JFETs.
- On most specification sheets the pinch-off voltage is specified as $V_{GS(off)}$ rather than V_p .

6.2 Construction and Characteristics of FETs Cont'd

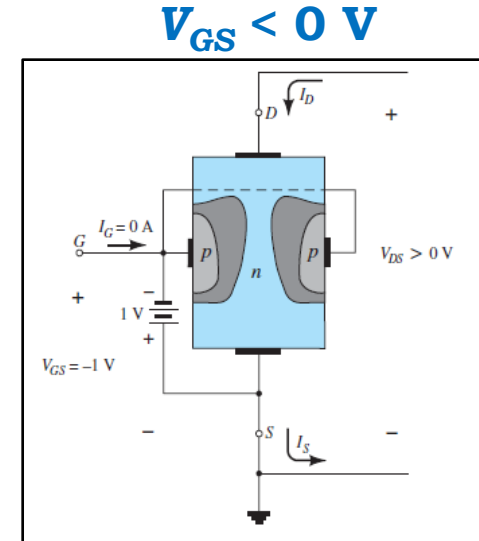
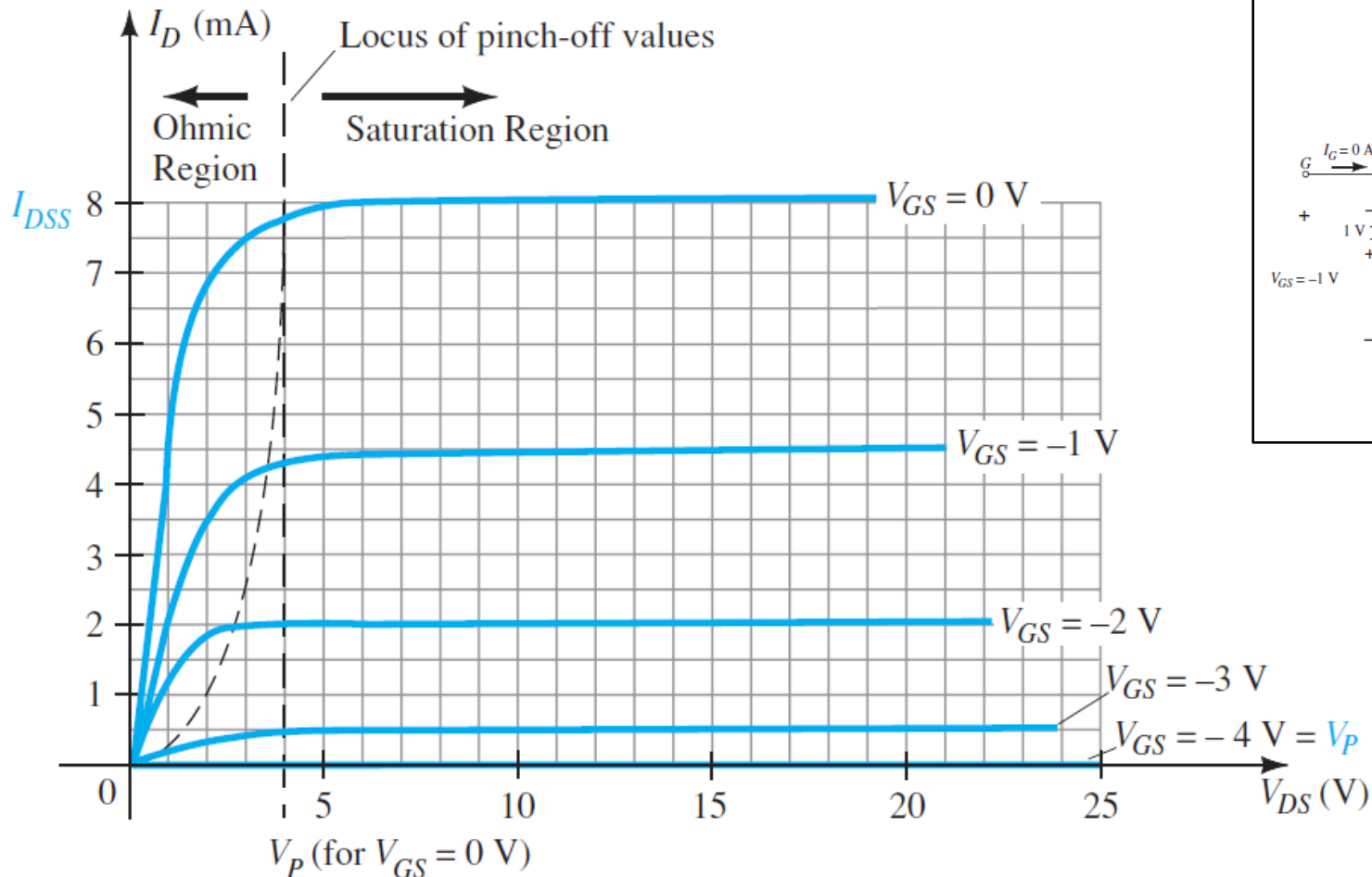


FIG. 6.11

n-Channel JFET characteristics with $I_{DSS} = 8$ mA and $V_P = -4$ V.

6.2 Construction and Characteristics of FETs Cont'd

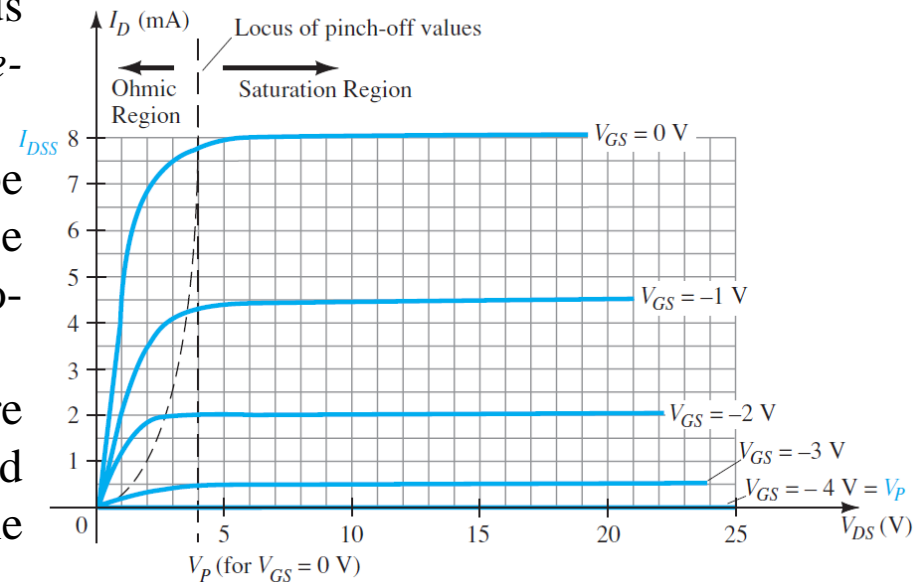
❑ The region to the left of the pinch-off locus is referred to as the *ohmic or voltage-controlled resistance* region.

❑ In this region the JFET can actually be employed as a variable resistor; whose resistance is controlled by the applied gate-to-source voltage.

❑ Note the slope of each curve and therefore the resistance of the device between drain and source for $V_{DS} < V_P$ are a function of the applied voltage V_{GS} .

❑ As V_{GS} becomes more and more negative, the slope of each curve becomes more and more horizontal, corresponding to an increasing resistance level.

❑ The following equation provides a good first approximation to the resistance level in terms of the applied voltage V_{GS} :



$$r_d = \frac{r_o}{(1 - V_{GS}/V_P)^2}$$

Construction of P-Channel JFET

- ❑ The p -channel JFET is constructed in exactly the same manner as the n -channel device of but with a reversal of the p - and n -type materials
- ❑ The defined current directions are reversed, as are the actual polarities for the voltages V_{GS} and V_{DS} .
- ❑ For the p -channel device, the channel will be constricted by increasing positive voltages from gate to source and the double-subscript notation for V_{DS} will result in negative voltages for V_{DS} on the characteristics.

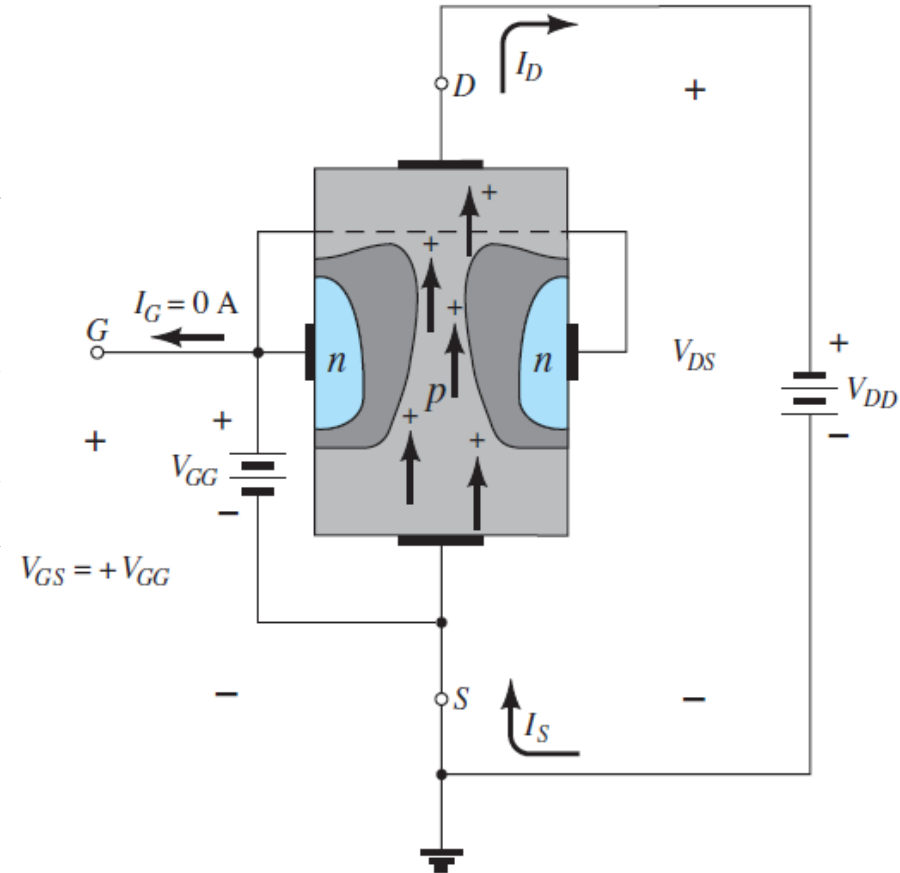


FIG. 6.12
p-Channel JFET.

Construction of P-Channel JFET

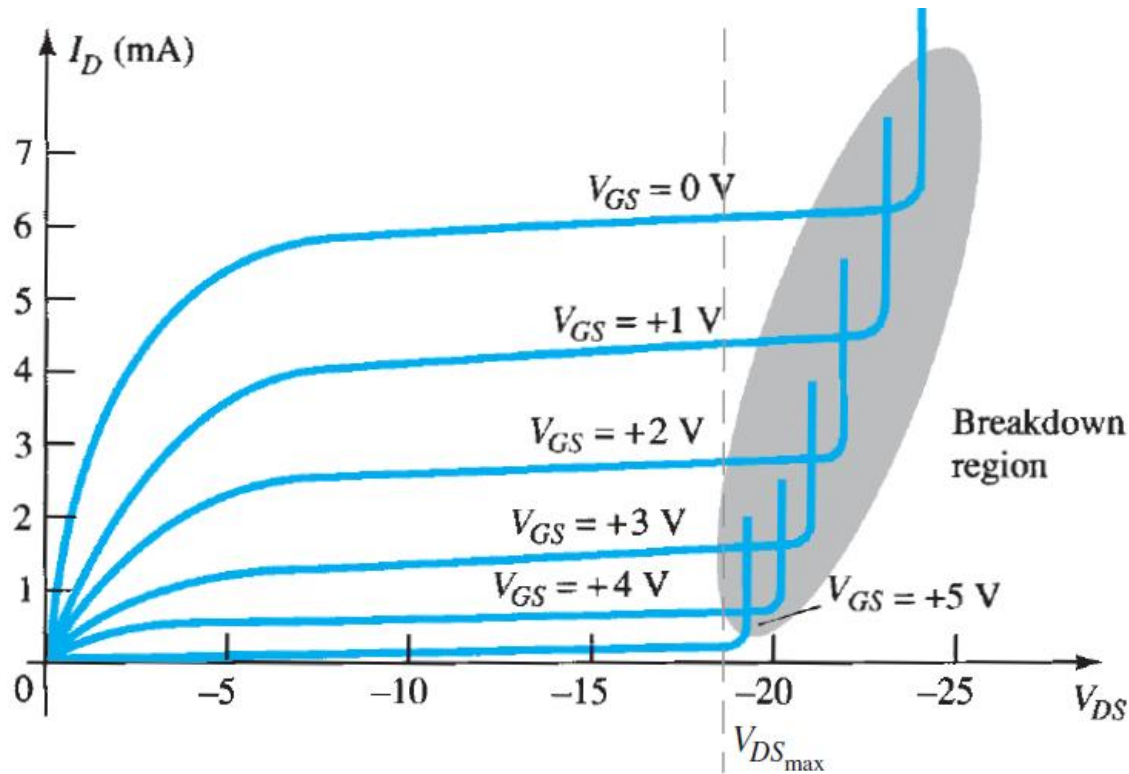


FIG. 6.13

p-Channel JFET characteristics with $I_{DSS} = 6 \text{ mA}$ and $V_P = +6 \text{ V}$.

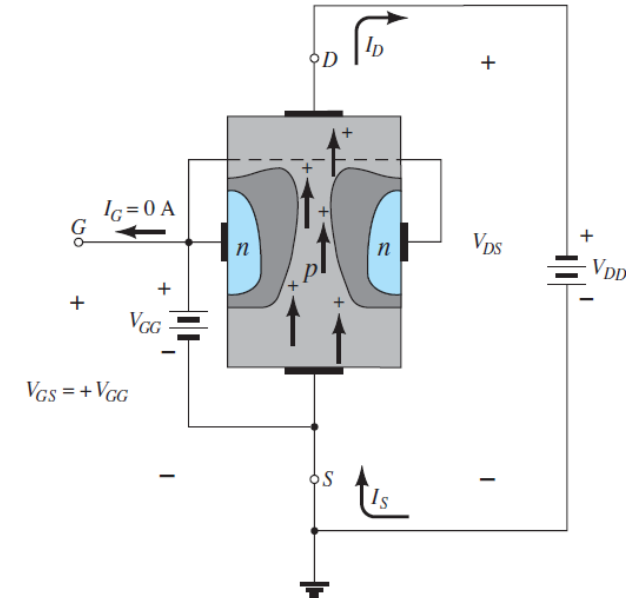


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- ❑ At high levels of V_{DS} the curves suddenly rise to levels that seem unbounded.
- ❑ This vertical rise is an indication that breakdown has occurred and the current through the channel is now limited solely by the external circuit.
- ❑ This also occurs for the *n*-channel device if sufficient voltage is applied.
- ❑ This region can be avoided if the level of V_{DSmax} is noted on the specification sheet and the design is such that $V_{DS} < V_{DSmax}$ for all values of V_{GS} .

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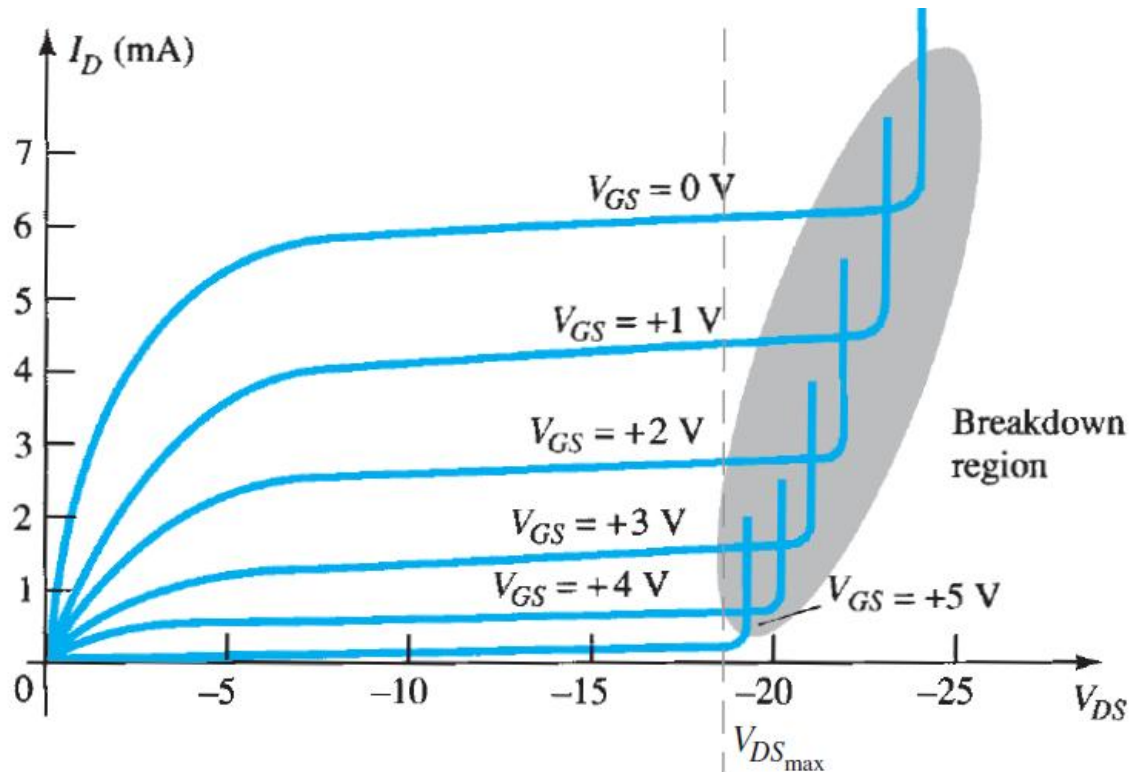


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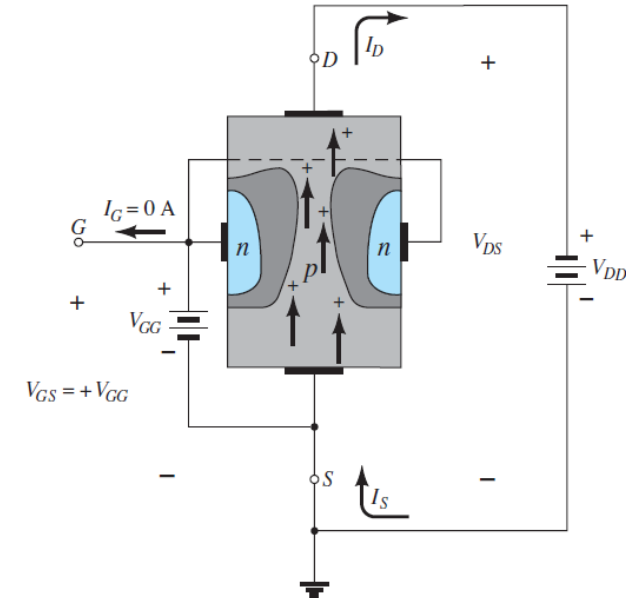


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JFET Symbols

- ❑ The arrow is pointing in for the n -channel device of Fig. 6.14a to represent the direction in which I_G would flow if the p - n junction were forward-biased.
- ❑ For the p -channel device the only difference in the symbol is the direction of the arrow in the symbol.

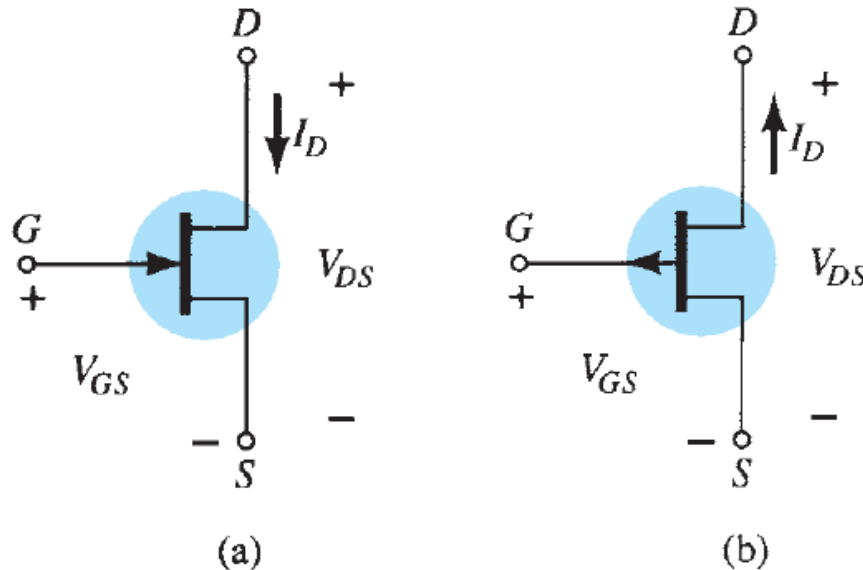


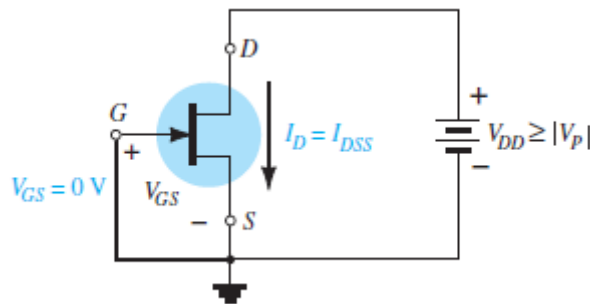
FIG. 6.14

JFET symbols: (a) n -channel; (b) p -channel.

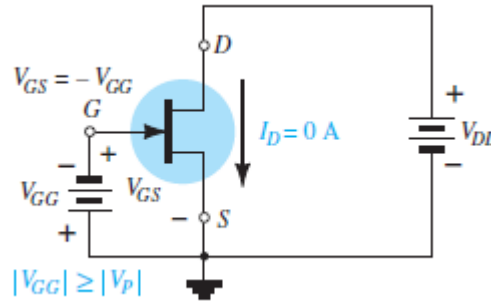
Summary of JFET Characteristics

n-Channel JFET:

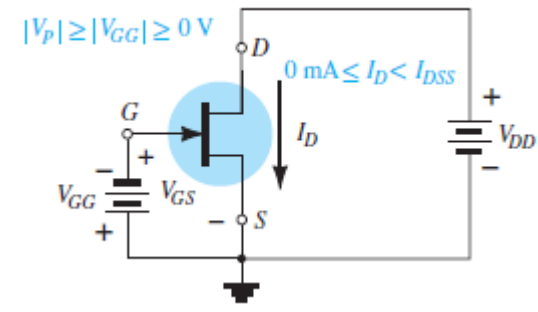
- a) The maximum current is defined as I_{DSS} and occurs when $V_{GS} = 0$ V and $V_{DS} \geq V_P$.
 - b) For gate-to-source voltages $V_{GS} < V_P$ (or more negative than the pinch-off level), the drain current $I_D = 0$ A.
 - c) For all levels of $V_P < V_{GS} < 0$ V, I_D will range between I_{DSS} and 0 A.
- A similar list can be developed for p-channel JFETs.



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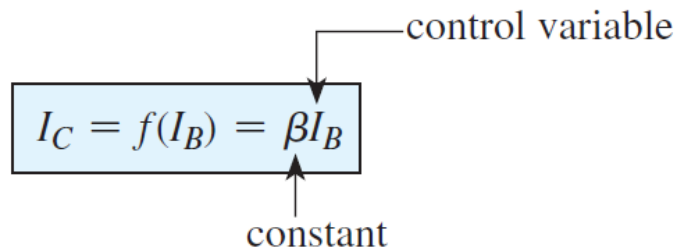
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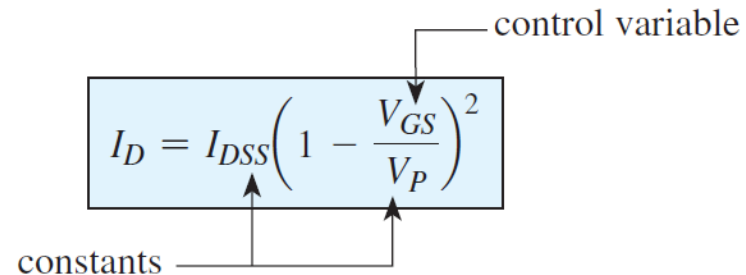
JFET Transfer Characteristics

- ❑ For the BJT transistor the output current I_C and the input controlling current I_B are related by beta, which was considered constant for the analysis to be performed.
- ❑ The relationship between I_D and V_{GS} is defined by Shockley's equation.



A diagram showing the relationship between collector current I_C and base current I_B for a BJT. A light blue rectangular box contains the equation $I_C = f(I_B) = \beta I_B$. An arrow labeled "control variable" points down to I_B from above the box. An arrow labeled "constant" points up to β from below the box.

$$I_C = f(I_B) = \beta I_B$$



A diagram showing Shockley's equation for a JFET. A light blue rectangular box contains the equation $I_D = I_{DSS} \left(1 - \frac{V_{GS}}{V_P} \right)^2$. An arrow labeled "control variable" points down to V_{GS} from above the box. Two arrows labeled "constants" point up to I_{DSS} and V_P from below the box.

$$I_D = I_{DSS} \left(1 - \frac{V_{GS}}{V_P} \right)^2$$

- ❑ For the dc analysis to be performed a graphical rather than a mathematical approach will in general be more direct and easier to apply.
- ❑ The graphical approach, however, will require a plot of Shockley's equation to represent the device and a plot of the network equation relating the same variables.
 - The solution is defined by the point of intersection of the two curves.
- ❑ It is important to keep in mind when applying the graphical approach that the device characteristics will be unaffected by the network in which the device is employed.

JFET Transfer Characteristics

- Since the transfer curve must be plotted so frequently, a shorthand method for plotting the curve quickly, efficiently and with acceptable degree of accuracy is used:

$$I_D = I_{DSS} \left(1 - \frac{V_{GS}}{V_P} \right)^2$$

Diagram illustrating the Shockley's Equation for JFET transfer characteristics. The equation is shown in a box. Arrows indicate the variables: I_{DSS} and V_P are labeled as "constants", and V_{GS} is labeled as the "control variable".

TABLE 6.1

V_{GS} versus I_D Using Shockley's Equation

V_{GS}	I_D
0	I_{DSS}
$0.3V_P$	$I_{DSS}/2$
$0.5V_P$	$I_{DSS}/4$
V_P	0 mA

JFET Transfer Characteristics

EXAMPLE 6.1 Sketch the transfer curve defined by $I_{DSS} = 12 \text{ mA}$ and $V_P = -6 \text{ V}$.

Solution: Two plot points are defined by

$$I_{DSS} = 12 \text{ mA} \quad \text{and} \quad V_{GS} = 0 \text{ V}$$

and $I_D = 0 \text{ mA} \quad \text{and} \quad V_{GS} = V_P$

At $V_{GS} = V_P/2 = -6 \text{ V}/2 = -3 \text{ V}$ the drain current is determined by $I_D = I_{DSS}/4 = 12 \text{ mA}/4 = 3 \text{ mA}$. At $I_D = I_{DSS}/2 = 12 \text{ mA}/2 = 6 \text{ mA}$ the gate-to-source voltage is determined by $V_{GS} \cong 0.3V_P = 0.3(-6 \text{ V}) = -1.8 \text{ V}$. All four plot points are well defined on Fig. 6.18 with the complete transfer curve.

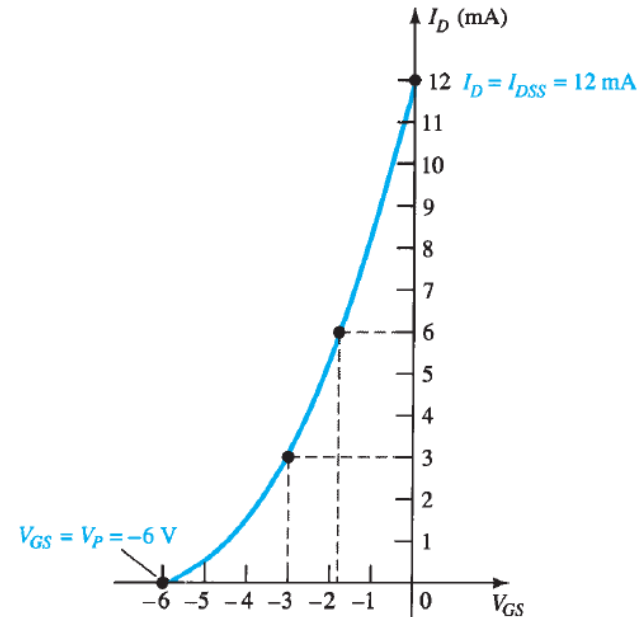


FIG. 6.18

Transfer curve for Example 6.1.

JFET Specification Sheet

ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Symbol	Parameter	Value	Units
V_{DS}	Drain-Source Voltage	25	V
V_{DG}	Drain-Gate Voltage	25	V
V_{GS}	Gate-Source Voltage	-25	V
I_{GF}	Forward Gate Current	10	mA
T_j, T_{stg}	Operating and Storage Junction Temperature Range	-55 to +150	°C

THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS


Symbol	Characteristic	Max		Units
		2N5457	*MMBF5457	
P_D	Total Device Dissipation Derate above 25°C	625	350	mW
		5.0	2.8	mW/°C
$R_{\theta JC}$	Thermal Resistance, Junction to Case	125		°C/W
$R_{\theta JA}$	Thermal Resistance, Junction to Ambient	357	556	°C/W

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ unless otherwise noted

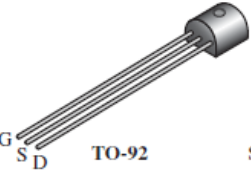
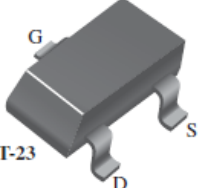
Symbol	Parameter	Test Conditions	Min	Typ	Max	Units
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OFF CHARACTERISTICS

$V_{(BR)GSS}$	Gate-Source Breakdown Voltage	$I_G = 10 \mu\text{A}, V_{DS} = 0$	-25			V
I_{GSS}	Gate Reverse Current	$V_{GS} = -15 \text{ V}, V_{DS} = 0$			-1.0	nA
		$V_{GS} = -15 \text{ V}, V_{DS} = 0, T_A = 100^\circ\text{C}$			-200	nA
$V_{GS(off)}$	Gate-Source Cutoff Voltage	$V_{DS} = 15 \text{ V}, I_D = 10 \text{ nA}$	5457	-0.5	-6.0	V
V_{GS}	Gate-Source Voltage	$V_{DS} = 15 \text{ V}, I_D = 100 \mu\text{A}$	5457	-2.5		V



2N5457 **MMBF5457**

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NOTE: Source & Drain are interchangeable

N-Channel General Purpose Amplifier
This device is a low-level audio amplifier and switching transistor, and can be used for analog switching applications.

JFET Specification Sheet

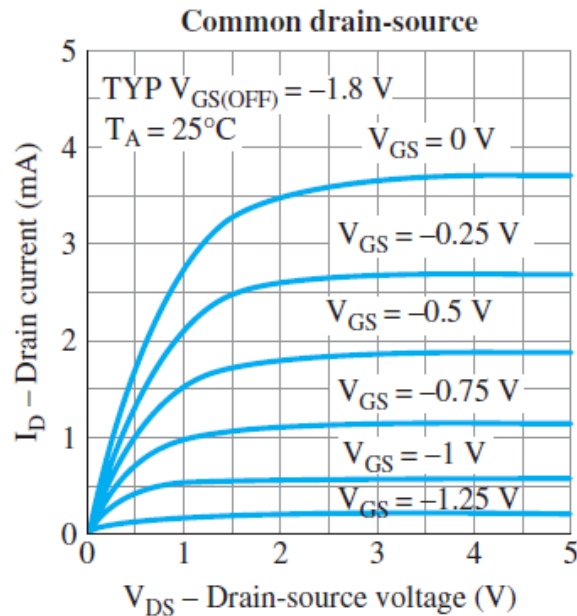
ON CHARACTERISTICS

I_{DSS}	Zero-Gate Voltage Drain Current	$V_{DS} = 15 \text{ V}, V_{GS} = 0$	5457	1.0	3.0	5.0	mA
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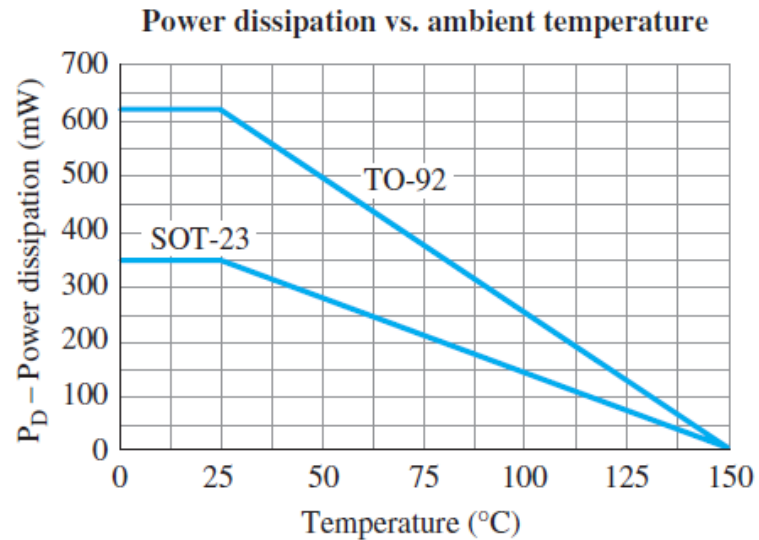
SMALL SIGNAL CHARACTERISTICS

g_{fs}	Forward Transfer Conductance	$V_{DS} = 15 \text{ V}, V_{GS} = 0, f = 1.0 \text{ kHz}$	5457	1000		5000	μmhos
g_{os}	Output Conductance	$V_{DS} = 15 \text{ V}, V_{GS} = 0, f = 1.0 \text{ MHz}$			10	50	μmhos
C_{iss}	Input Capacitance	$V_{DS} = 15 \text{ V}, V_{GS} = 0, f = 1.0 \text{ MHz}$			4.5	7.0	pF
C_{rss}	Reverse Transfer Capacitance	$V_{DS} = 15 \text{ V}, V_{GS} = 0, f = 1.0 \text{ MHz}$			1.5	3.0	pF
NF	Noise Figure	$V_{DS} = 15 \text{ V}, V_{GS} = 0, f = 1.0 \text{ kHz},$ $R_G = 1.0 \text{ megohm}, BW = 1.0 \text{ Hz}$				3.0	dB

(a)



(b)



(c)

JFET Operating Region

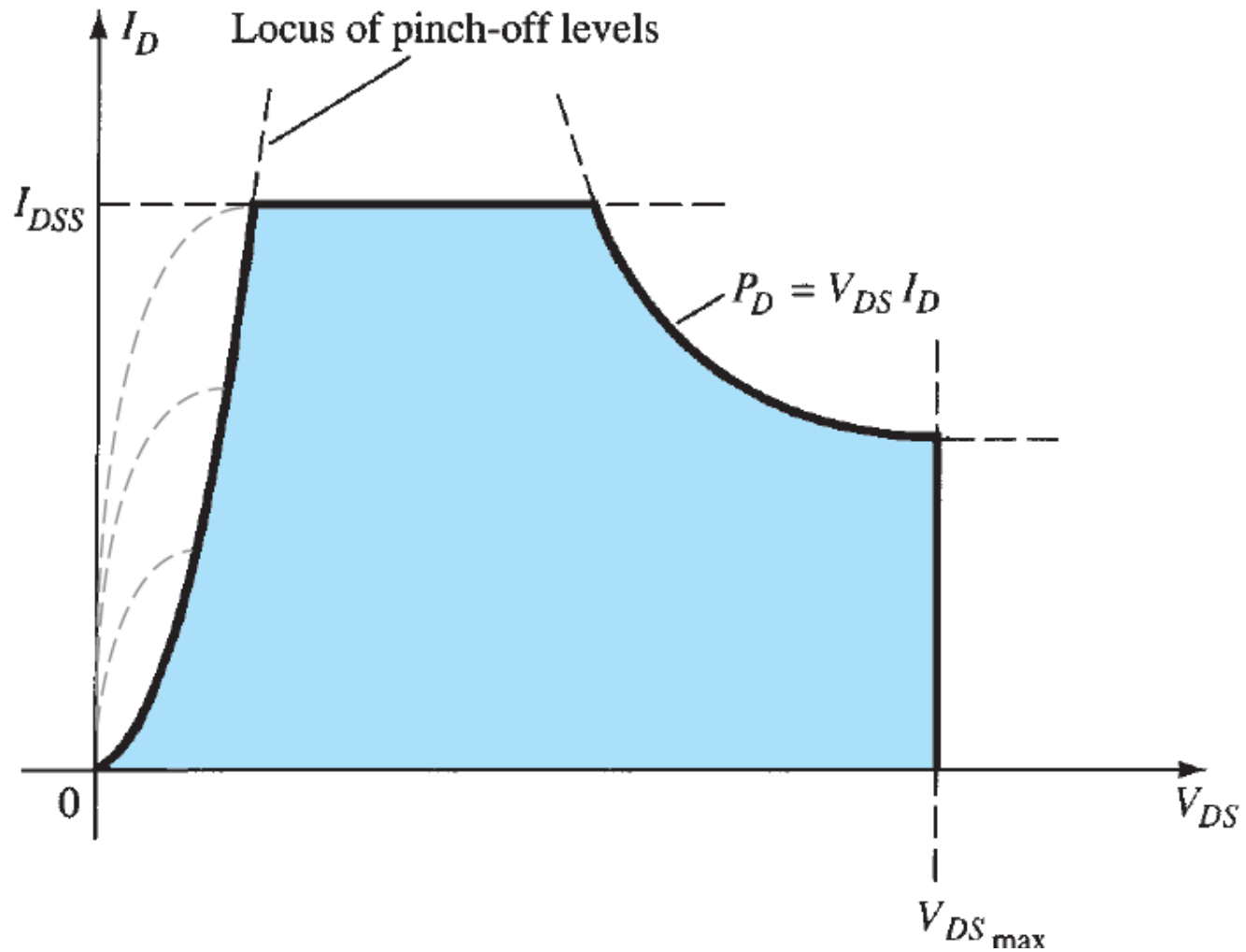


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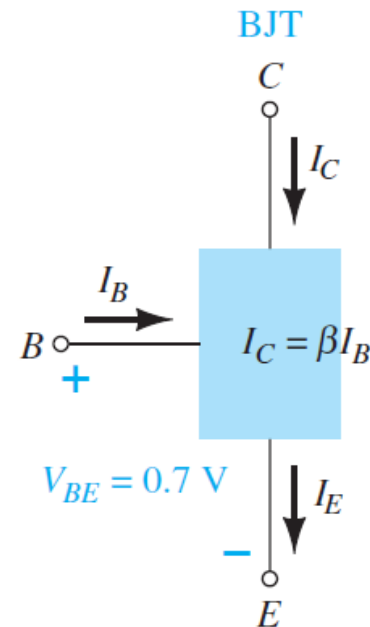
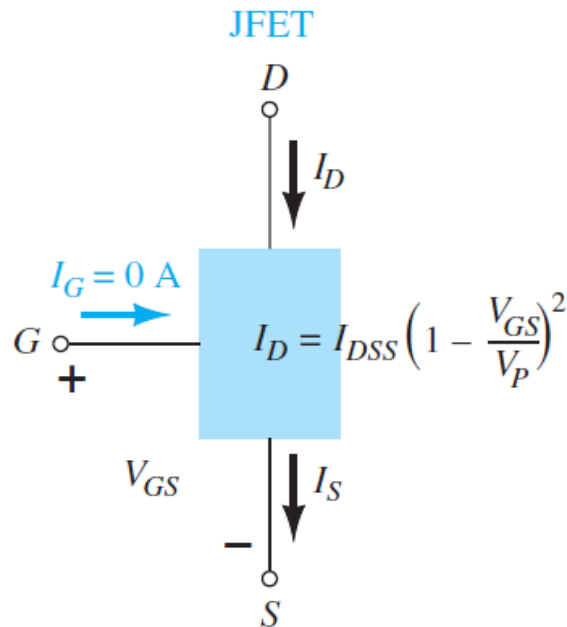
Normal operating region for linear amplifier design.

JFET Specification Sheet

- ☐ The electrical characteristics include the level of V_P in the “off” characteristics, I_{DSS} in the “on” characteristics.
- ☐ $V_P = V_{GS(off)}$ has a range from -0.5 V to -6.0 V and
- ☐ I_{DSS} from 1 mA to 5 mA.
- ☐ The fact that both will vary from device to device with the same nameplate identification must be considered in the design process.

Comparison of JFET with BJT

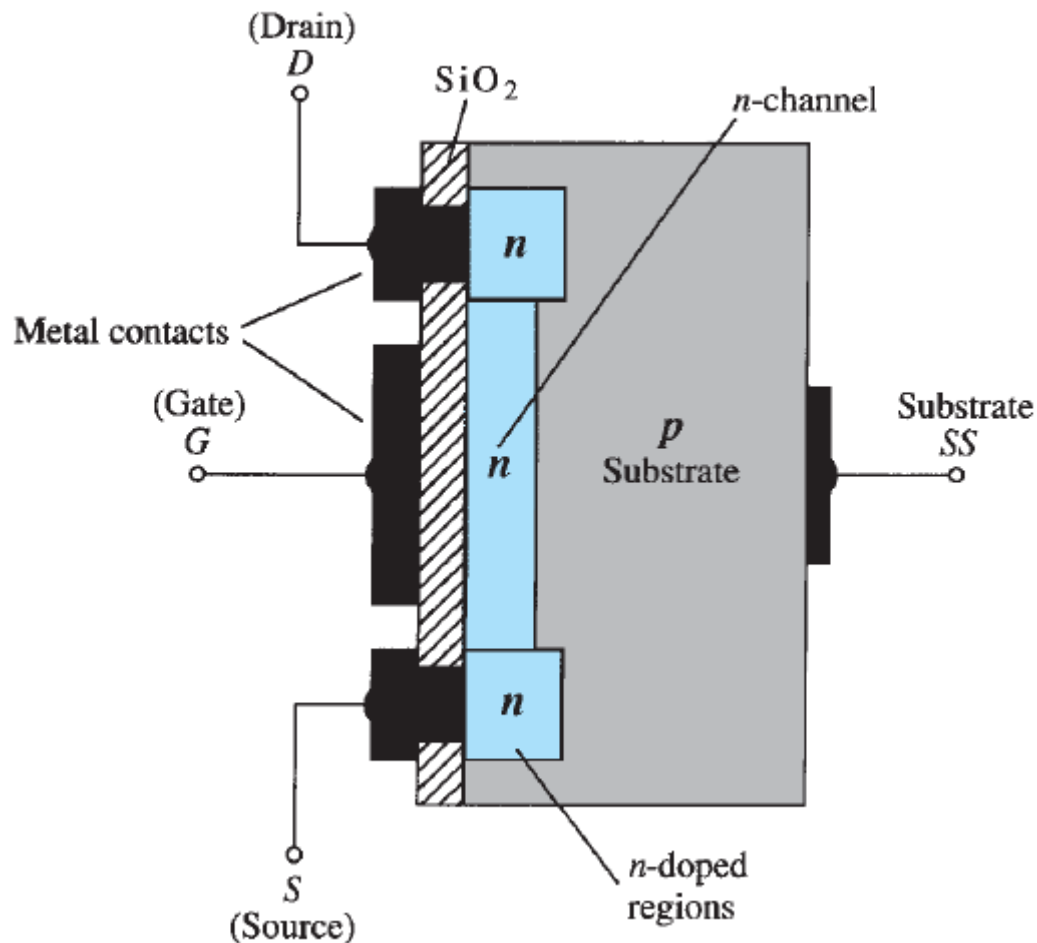
<i>JFET</i>		<i>BJT</i>
$I_D = I_{DSS} \left(1 - \frac{V_{GS}}{V_P} \right)^2$	\Leftrightarrow	$I_C = \beta I_B$
$I_D = I_S$	\Leftrightarrow	$I_C \cong I_E$
$I_G \cong 0 \text{ A}$	\Leftrightarrow	$V_{BE} \cong 0.7 \text{ V}$



Introduction to MOSFETS

- ❑ There are three types of FETs: JFETs, MOSFETs, and MESFETs.
- ❑ MOSFETs are further broken down into depletion type and enhancement type.
- ❑ The terms depletion and enhancement define their basic mode of operation.
- ❑ The name MOSFET stands for metal–oxide–semiconductor field-effect transistor (name will make more sense when studying structure).
- ❑ In this section we examine the depletion-type MOSFET, which has characteristics similar to those of a JFET between cutoff and saturation at I_{DSS} ,

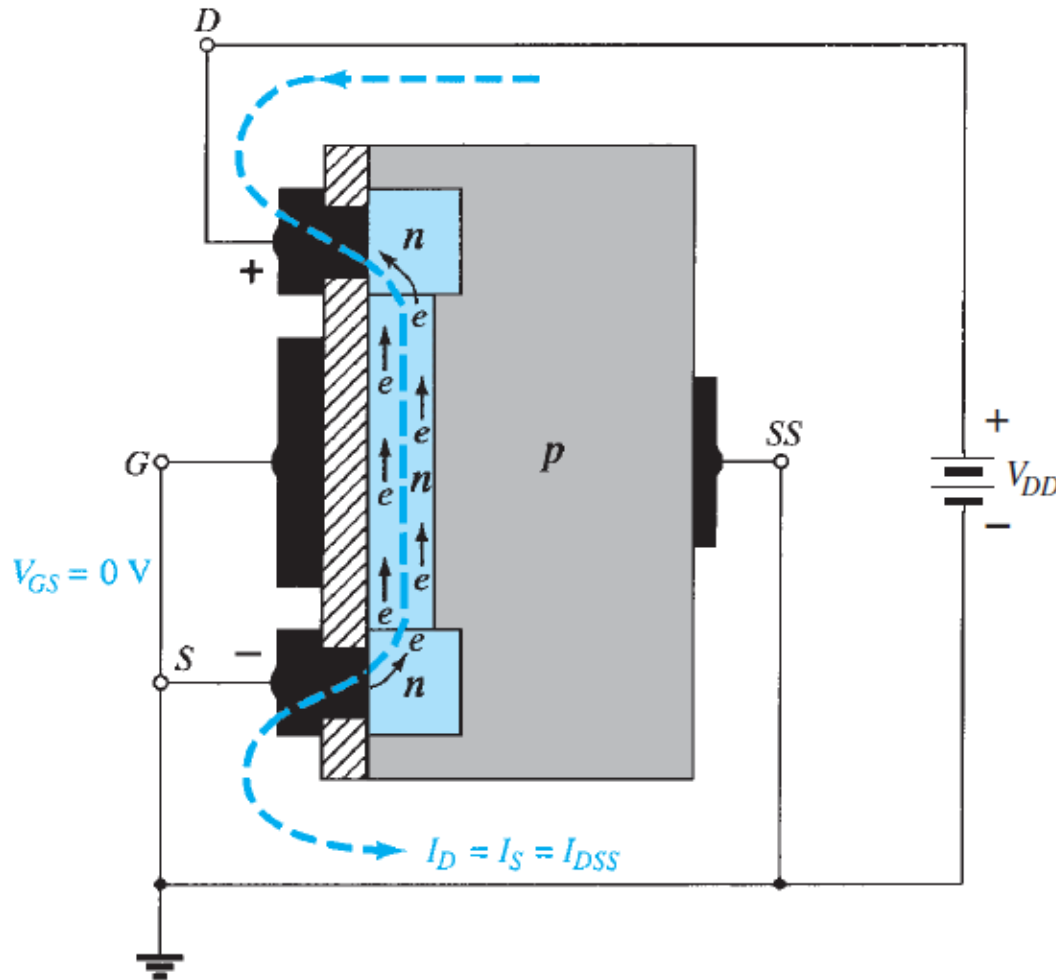
Structure of n-Channel Depletion-type MOSFETs



- ❑ A slab of p -type material is formed from a silicon base.
- ❑ In some cases the substrate is internally connected to the source terminal.
- ❑ The source and drain terminals are connected through metallic contacts to n-doped regions linked by an n-channel.
- ❑ The gate is also connected to a metal contact surface but remains insulated from the n-channel by a very thin silicon dioxide (SiO₂) layer.
- ❑ This accounts for the very desirable high input impedance of the device.
- ❑ The input resistance of a MOSFET is usually more than that of a typical JFET

Basic Operation and Characteristics

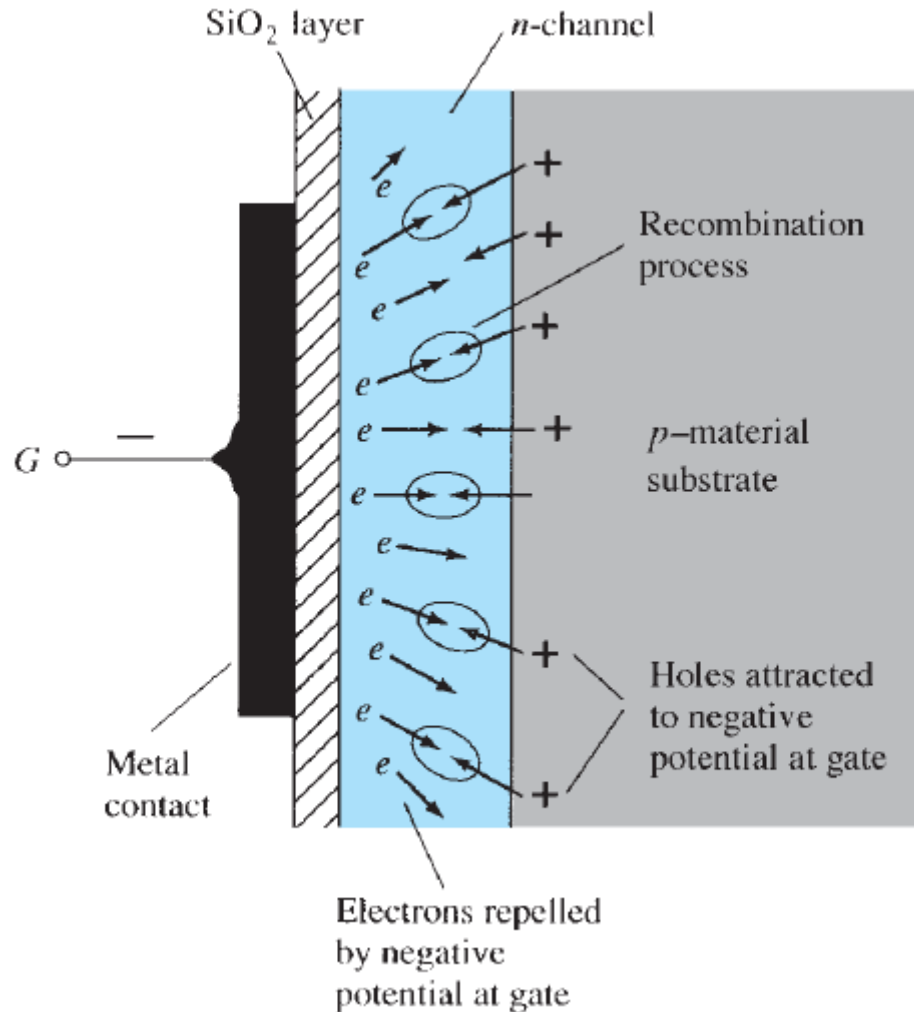
n-Channel Depletion-type MOSFETS



- ☐ Gate-to-source voltage is set to 0 V
- ☐ V_{DD} is applied across the drain-to-source terminals.
- ☐ This results in an attraction of the free electrons of the n-channel for the positive voltage at the drain.
- ☐ Resulting in a current similar to that flowing in the channel of the JFET.
- ☐ In fact, the resulting current with $V_{GS} = 0\text{ V}$ continues to be labelled I_{DSS} .
- ☐ What will happen for $V_{GS} < 0$ and $V_{GS} > 0$?

Basic Operation and Characteristics

n-Channel Depletion-type MOSFETS



$$V_{GS} < 0$$

□ The negative potential at the gate will tend to pressure electrons toward the p -type substrate (like charges repel) and attract holes from the p -type substrate

→ a level of recombination between electrons and holes will occur that will reduce the number of free electrons in the n -channel available for conduction.

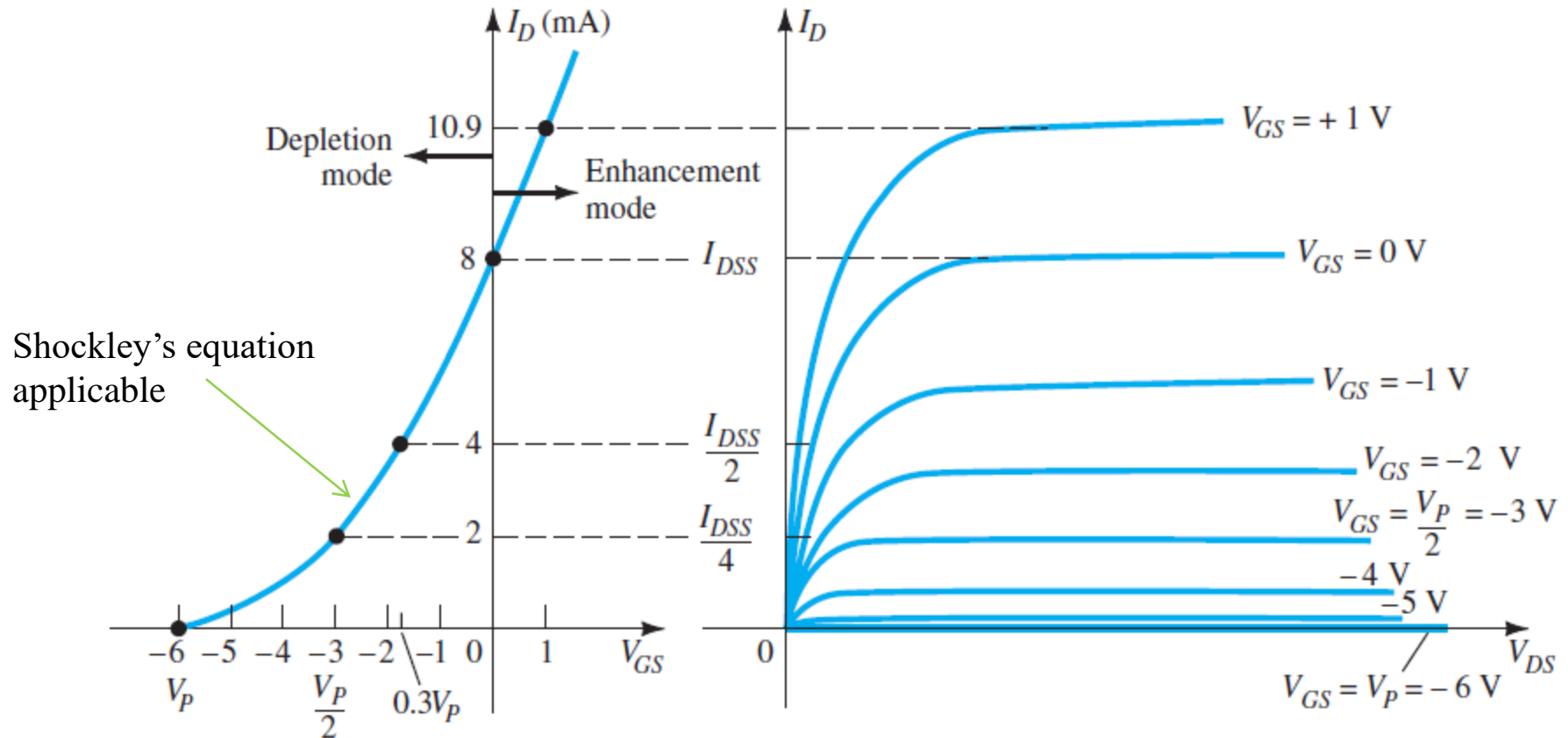
$$V_{GS} > 0$$

□ The positive gate will draw additional electrons (free carriers) from the p -type substrate due to the reverse leakage current and establish new carriers through the collisions resulting between accelerating particles.

Basic Operation and Characteristics

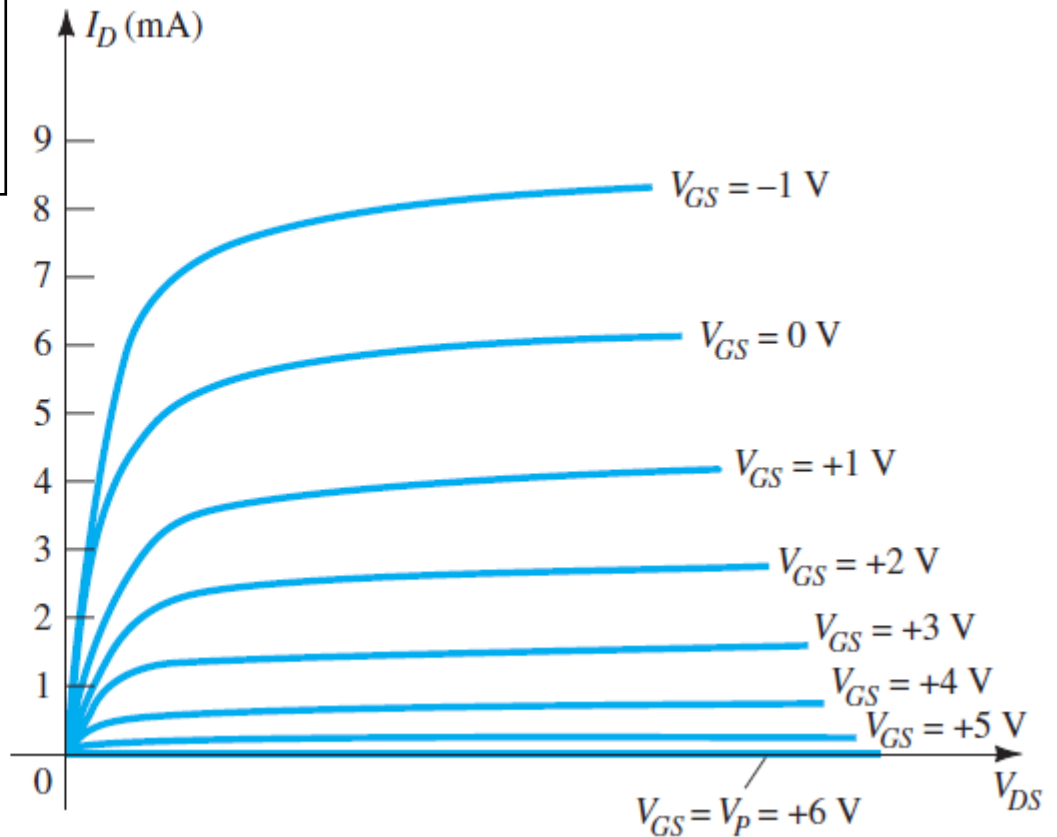
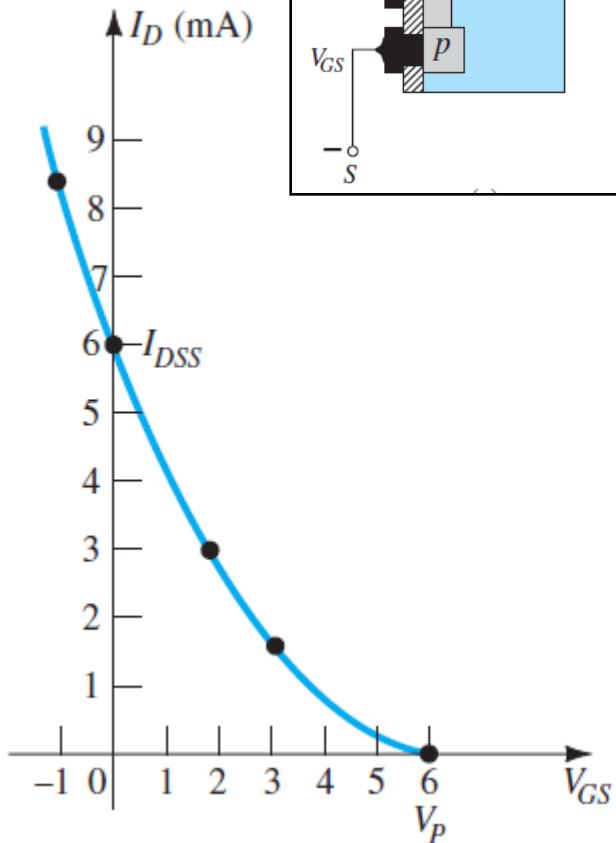
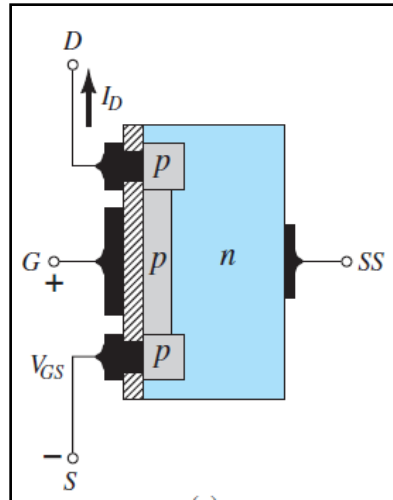
n-Channel Depletion-type MOSFETS

Drain and transfer characteristics for an n-channel depletion-type MOSFET.

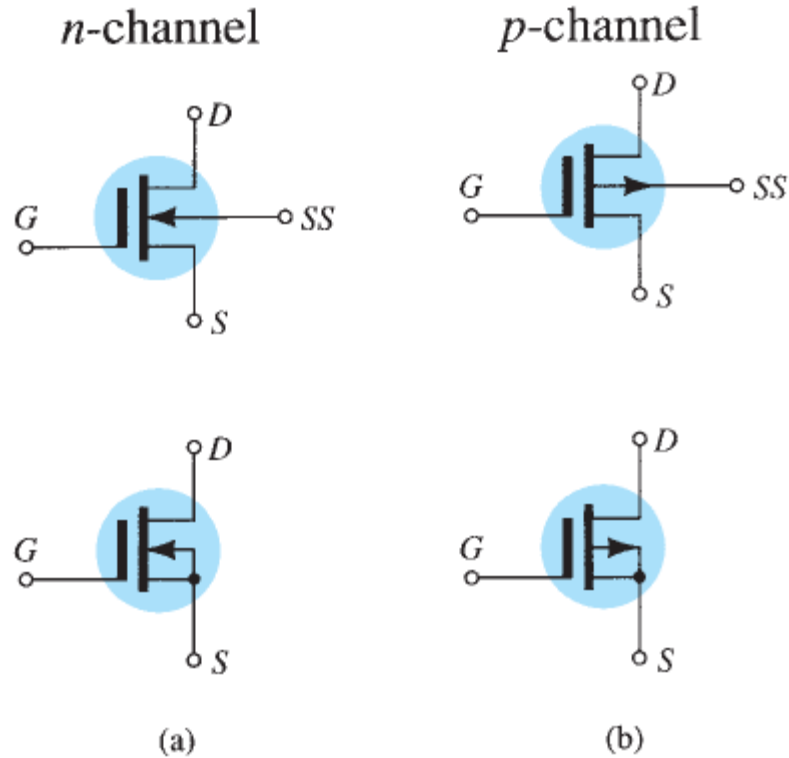


- ❑ Application of a positive gate-to-source voltage has “enhanced” the level of free carriers in the channel compared to that encountered with $V_{GS} = 0$
- ❑ For this reason the region of positive gate voltages on the drain or transfer characteristics is often referred to as the *enhancement* region, with the region between cutoff and the saturation level of I_{DSS} referred to as the *depletion* region.

p -Channel Depletion-Type MOSFET



Depletion-Type MOSFET Symbols

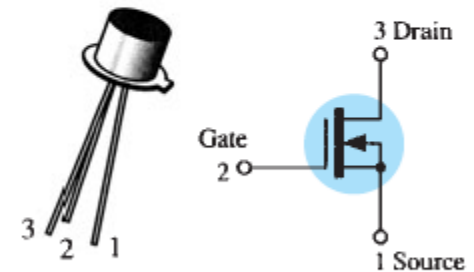


MOSFET Specification Sheet

MAXIMUM RATINGS

Rating	Symbol	Value	Unit
Drain-Source Voltage 2N3797	V_{DS}	20	Vdc
Gate-Source Voltage	V_{GS}	± 10	Vdc
Drain Current	I_D	20	mAdc
Total Device Dissipation @ $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ Derate above 25°C	P_D	200 1.14	mW mW/ $^\circ\text{C}$
Junction Temperature Range	T_J	+175	$^\circ\text{C}$
Storage Channel Temperature Range	T_{stg}	-65 to +200	$^\circ\text{C}$

2N3797 MOSFET LOW-POWER AUDIO



N-CHANNEL – DEPLETION

MOSFET Specification Sheet

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS ($T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ unless otherwise noted)

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Typ	Max	Unit
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OFF CHARACTERISTICS

Drain Source Breakdown Voltage ($V_{GS} = -7.0\text{ V}$, $I_D = 5.0\text{ }\mu\text{A}$)	2N3797	$V_{(BR)DSX}$	20	25	–	Vdc
Gate Reverse Current (1) ($V_{GS} = -10\text{ V}$, $V_{DS} = 0$) ($V_{GS} = -10\text{ V}$, $V_{DS} = 0$, $T_A = 150^\circ\text{C}$)		I_{GSS}	–	–	1.0 200	pAdc
Gate Source Cutoff Voltage ($I_D = 2.0\text{ }\mu\text{A}$, $V_{DS} = 10\text{ V}$)	2N3797	$V_{GS(off)}$	–	–5.0	–7.0	Vdc
Drain-Gate Reverse Current (1) ($V_{DG} = 10\text{ V}$, $I_S = 0$)		I_{DGO}	–	–	1.0	pAdc

ON CHARACTERISTICS

Zero-Gate-Voltage Drain Current ($V_{DS} = 10\text{ V}$, $V_{GS} = 0$)	2N3797	I_{DSS}	2.0	2.9	6.0	mAdc
On-State Drain Current ($V_{DS} = 10\text{ V}$, $V_{GS} = +3.5\text{ V}$)	2N3797	$I_{D(on)}$	9.0	14	18	mAdc

MOSFET Specification Sheet

SMALL-SIGNAL CHARACTERISTICS

Forward Transfer Admittance ($V_{DS} = 10 \text{ V}$, $V_{GS} = 0$, $f = 1.0 \text{ kHz}$)	2N3797	$ Y_{fs} $	1500	2300	3000	μmhos
($V_{DS} = 10 \text{ V}$, $V_{GS} = 0$, $f = 1.0 \text{ MHz}$)	2N3797		1500	—	—	
Output Admittance ($I_{DS} = 10 \text{ V}$, $V_{GS} = 0$, $f = 1.0 \text{ kHz}$)	2N3797	$ Y_{os} $	—	27	60	μmhos
Input Capacitance ($V_{DS} = 10 \text{ V}$, $V_{GS} = 0$, $f = 1.0 \text{ MHz}$)	2N3797	C_{iss}	—	6.0	8.0	pF
Reverse Transfer Capacitance ($V_{DS} = 10 \text{ V}$, $V_{GS} = 0$, $f = 1.0 \text{ MHz}$)		C_{rss}	—	0.5	0.8	pF

FUNCTIONAL CHARACTERISTICS

Noise Figure ($V_{DS} = 10 \text{ V}$, $V_{GS} = 0$, $f = 1.0 \text{ kHz}$, $R_s = 3 \text{ megohms}$)	NF	—	3.8	—	dB
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(1) This value of current includes both the FET leakage current as well as the leakage current associated with the test socket and fixture when measured under best attainable conditions.

Enhancement -Type MOSFET

- ❑ There are some similarities in construction and mode of operation between depletion type and enhancement-type MOSFETs.
- ❑ But, the characteristics of the enhancement-type MOSFET are quite different from anything obtained thus far.
- ❑ The transfer curve is not defined by Shockley's equation, and the drain current is now cut off until the gate-to source voltage reaches a specific magnitude.

Structure of n-Channel Enhancement -Type MOSFET

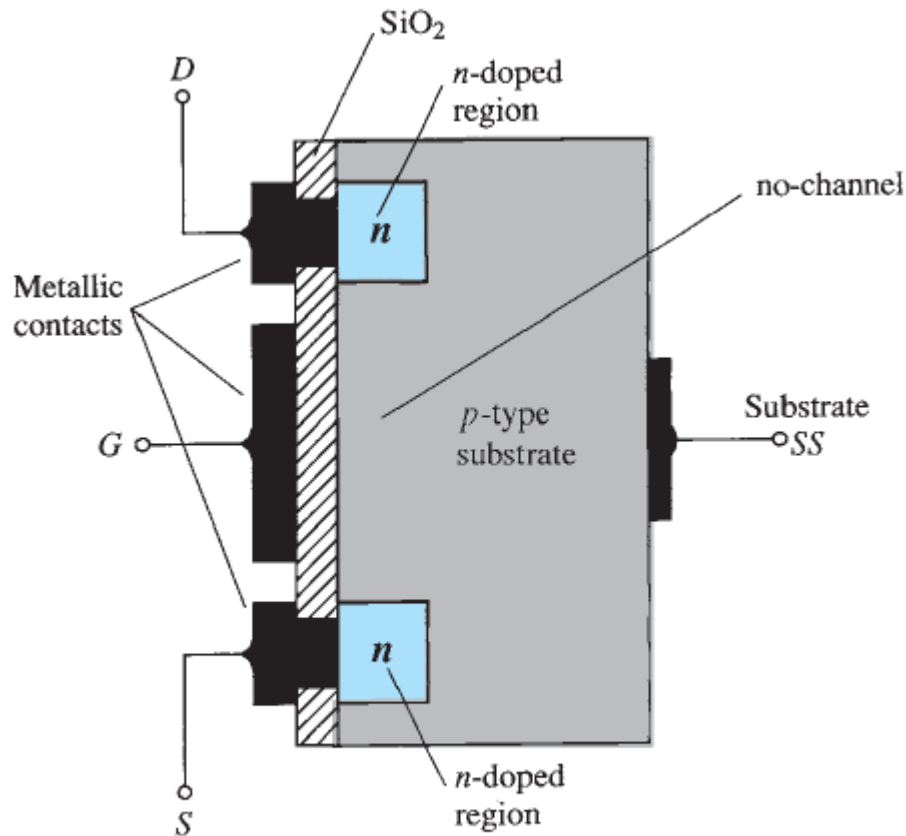
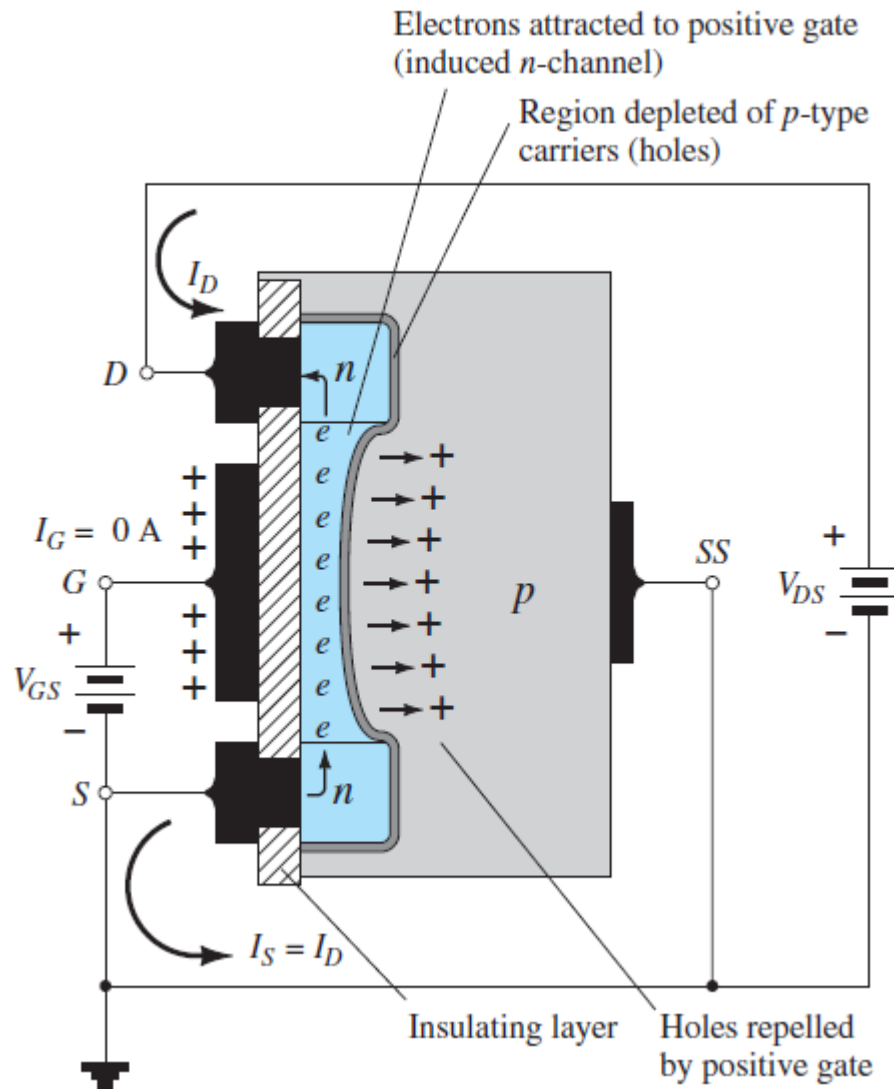


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n-Channel enhancement-type MOSFET.

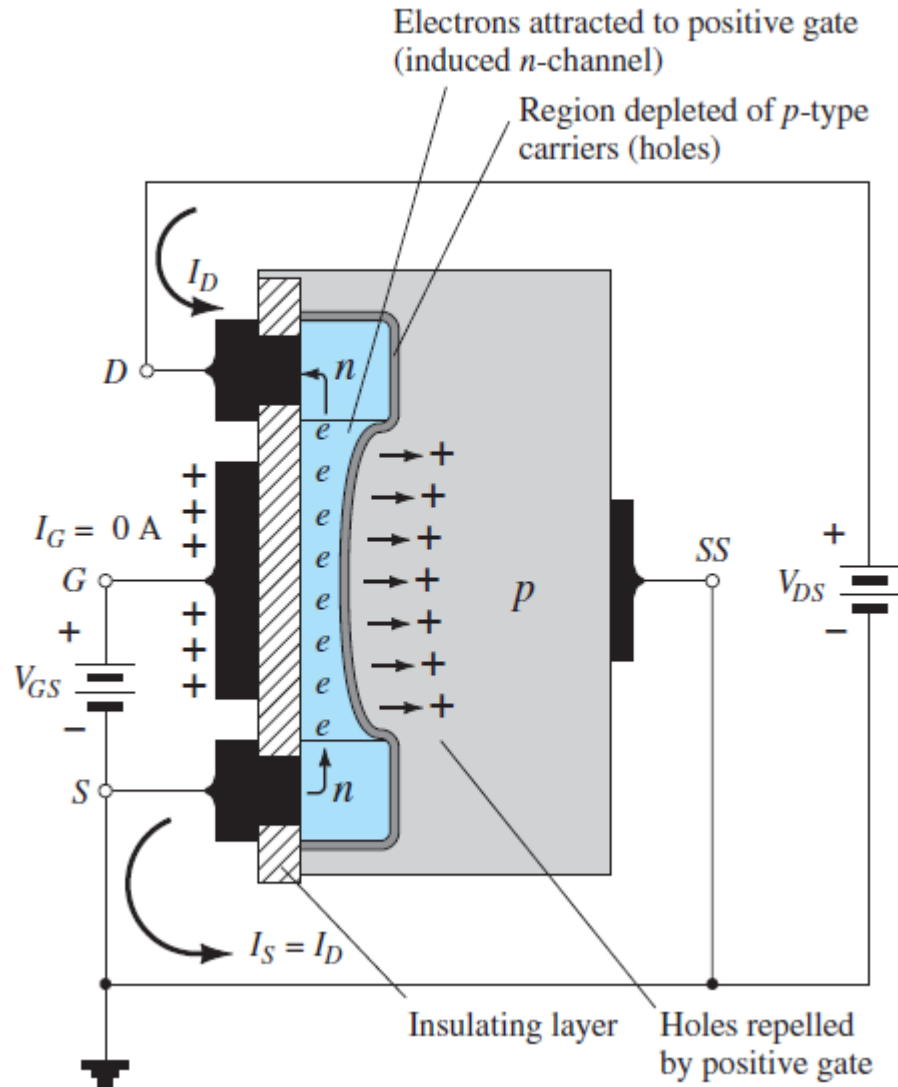
- ❑ A slab of p -type material is formed from a silicon base and is again referred to as the substrate.
- ❑ As with the depletion-type MOSFET, the substrate is sometimes internally connected to the source terminal.
- ❑ The source and drain terminals are again connected through metallic contacts to n-doped regions.
- ❑ But note the absence of a channel between the two n -doped regions.
- ❑ The SiO₂ layer is still present to isolate the gate metallic platform from the region between the drain and source.
- ❑ If $V_{GS} = 0V$ and $V_{DS} > 0V$ the absence of an n-channel will result in a current of effectively 0A (quite different from the depletion-type MOSFET and JFET)

Structure of n-Channel Enhancement -Type MOSFET



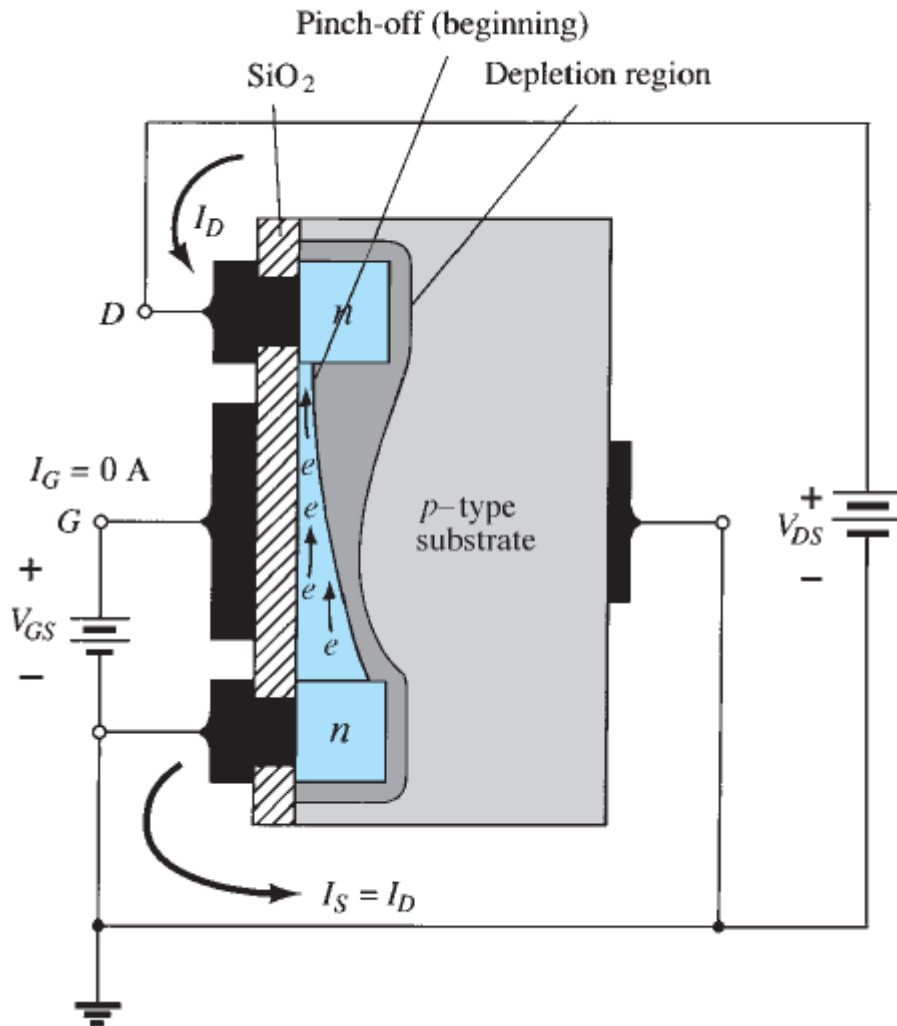
- ❑ with $V_{GS} > 0$ and $V_{DS} > 0$ establishing the drain and the gate at a positive potential with respect to the source.
- ❑ Positive potential at the gate will pressure the holes in the p -substrate along the edge of the SiO₂ to enter deeper into the p -substrate.
- ❑ Resulting in a depletion region near the SiO₂ insulating layer void of holes.
- ❑ However, the electrons in the p -substrate will be attracted to the positive gate and accumulate in the at the surface of the SiO₂ layer.
- ❑ The SiO₂ layer and its insulating qualities will prevent the negative carriers from being absorbed at the gate terminal.
- ❑ Once V_{GS} is large enough the induced n-type region can support a measurable current.

Structure of n-Channel Enhancement -Type MOSFET



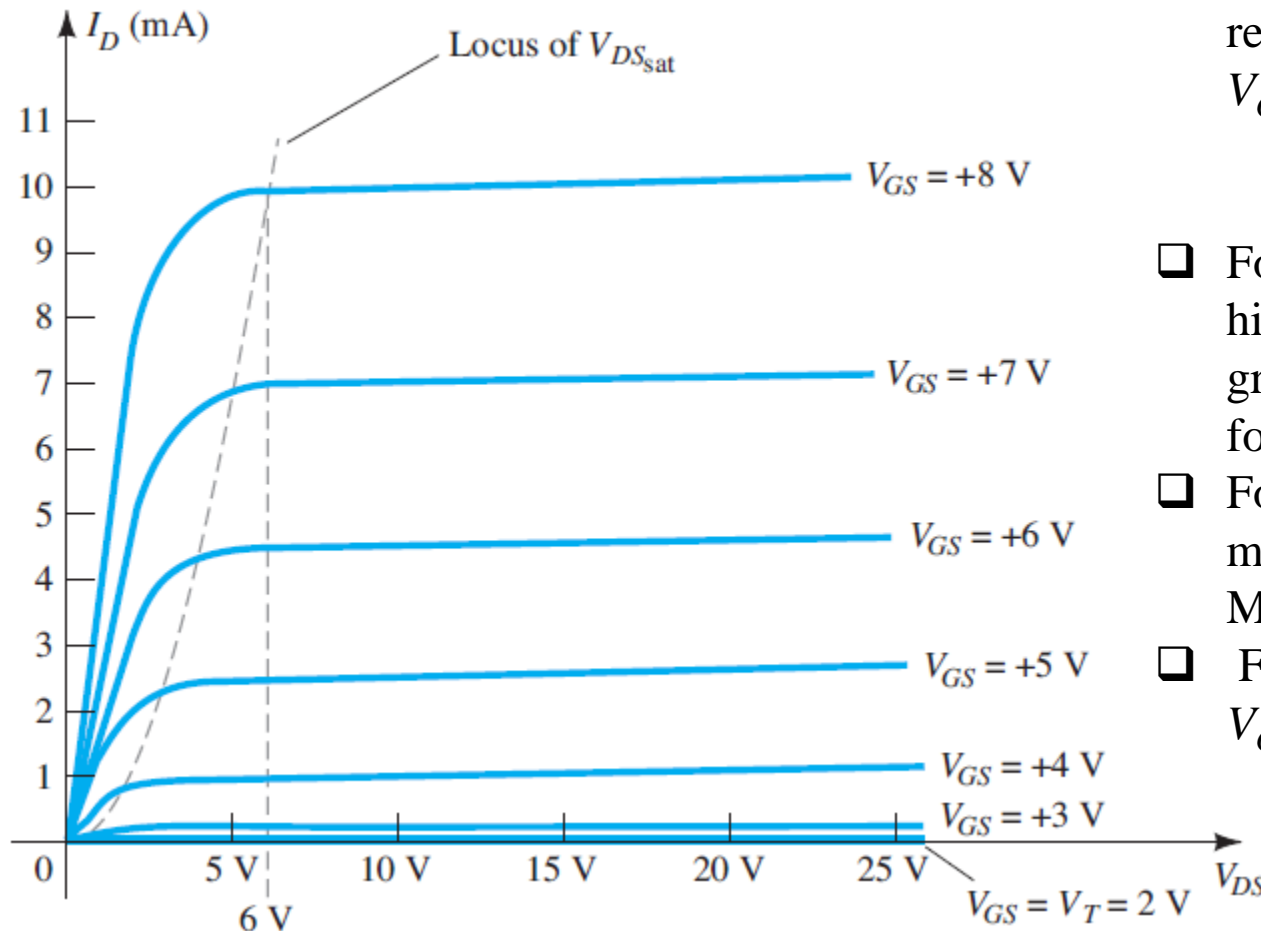
- ❑ The level of V_{GS} that results in the significant increase in drain current is called the threshold voltage, V_T .
- ❑ On specification sheets it is referred to as $V_{GS(Th)}$.
- ❑ Since the channel is nonexistent with $V_{GS} = 0$ V and “enhanced” by the application of a positive gate-to-source voltage,
 - this type of MOSFET is called enhancement-type MOSFET.
- ❑ Both depletion-and enhancement type MOSFETs have enhancement-type regions, but the label was applied to the latter since it is its only mode of operation.

Structure of n-Channel Enhancement -Type MOSFET



- ❑ If we hold V_{GS} constant and increase the level of V_{DS} , the drain current will eventually reach a saturation level.
- ❑ “This reduction in gate-to-drain voltage will in turn reduce the attractive forces for free carriers (electrons) in this region of the induced Channel” [really ?]
- ❑ Causing a reduction in the effective channel width.
- ❑ Eventually, the channel will be reduced to the point of pinch-off and resulting in saturation.
- ❑ The levelling off of I_D is due to a pinching-off process depicted by the narrower channel at the drain end of the induced channel.

Drain characteristics of an *n*-channel enhancement-type MOSFET



- The saturation level for V_{DS} is related to the level of applied V_{GS} by:

$$V_{DS_{sat}} = V_{GS} - V_T$$

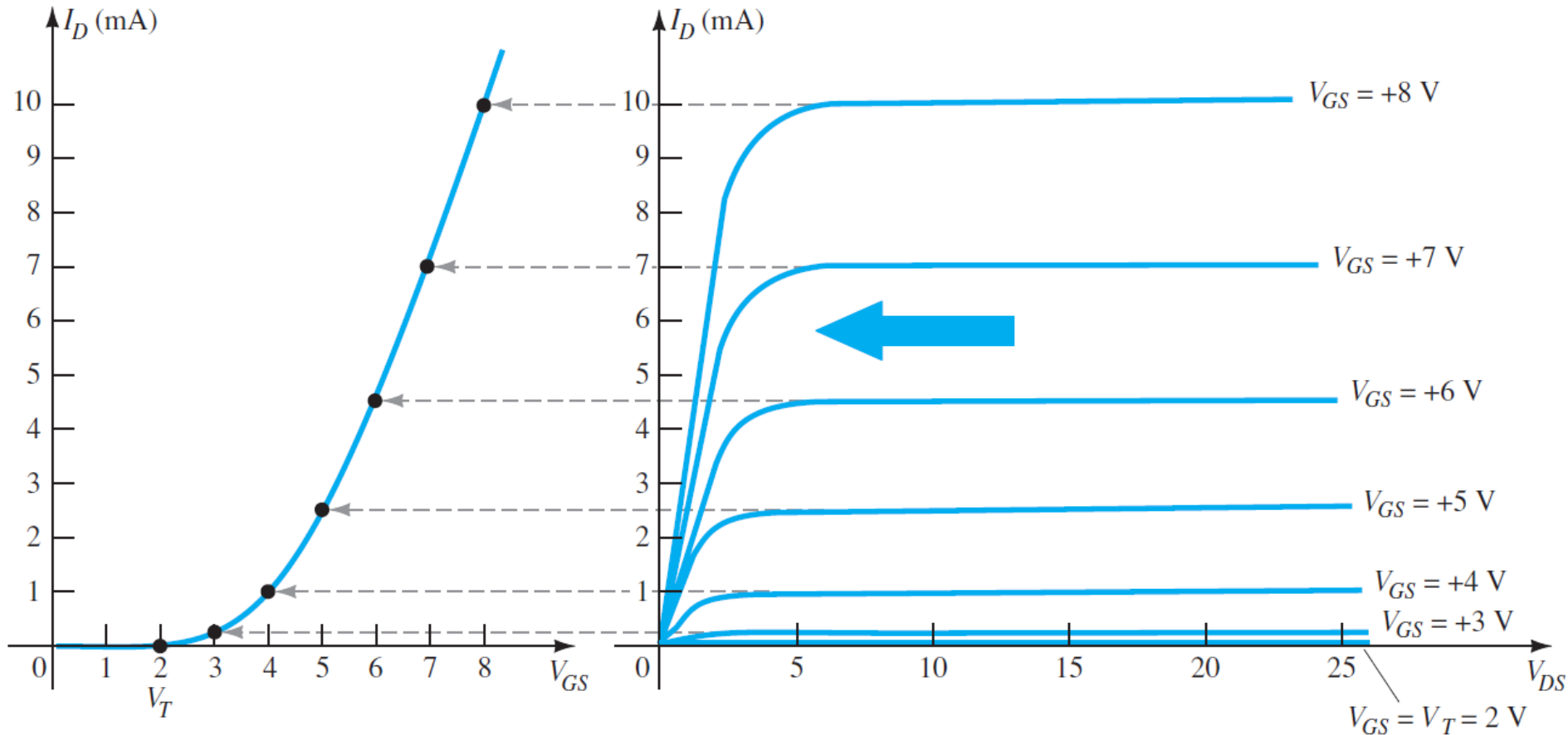
- For a fixed value of V_T , the higher the level of V_{GS} , the greater is the saturation level for V_{DS} .
- For values of $V_{GS} < V_T$, $I_D = 0$ mA for enhancement type MOSFET.
- For $V_{GS} > V_T$, I_D is related to V_{GS} by:

$$I_D = k(V_{GS} - V_T)^2$$

Where:

$$k = \frac{I_{D(on)}}{(V_{GS(on)} - V_T)^2}$$

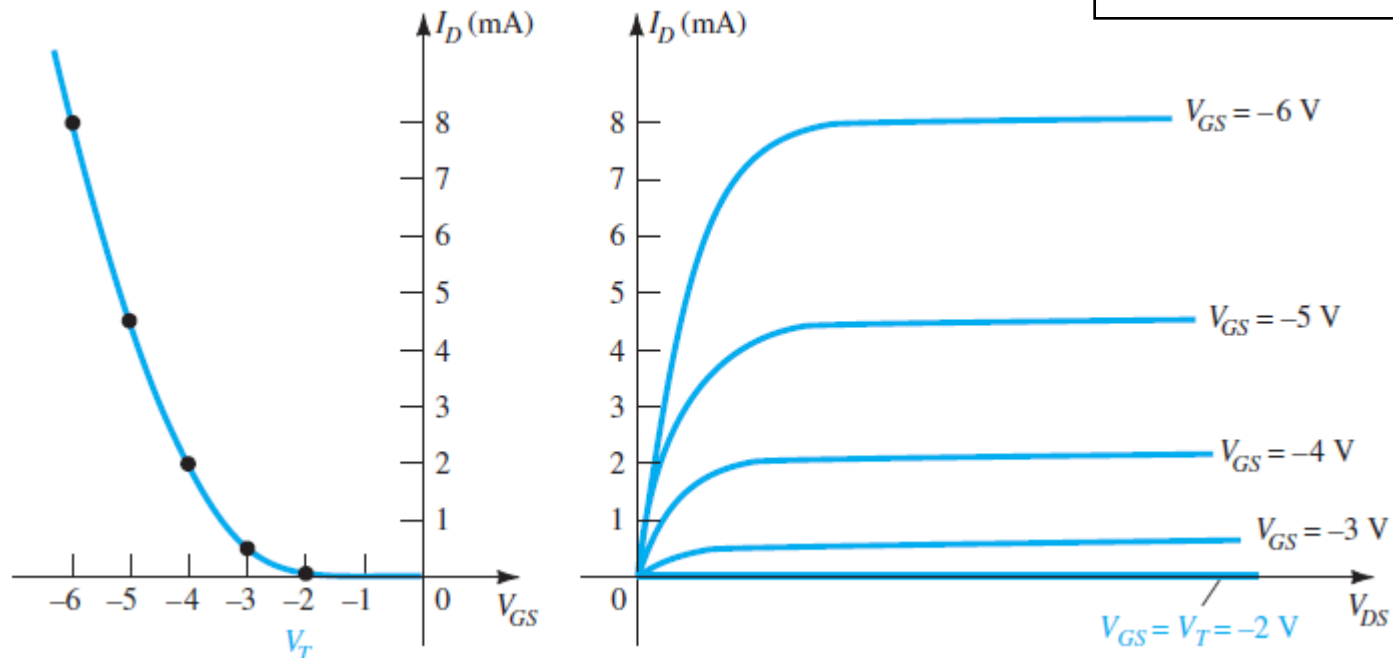
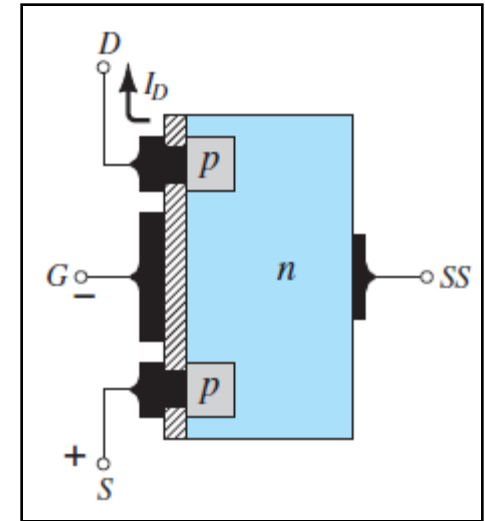
Sketching the transfer characteristics for an n-channel enhancement-type MOSFET from the drain characteristics



- ❑ For the dc analysis of enhancement-type MOSFETs, the transfer characteristics will again be the characteristics to be employed in the graphical solution.

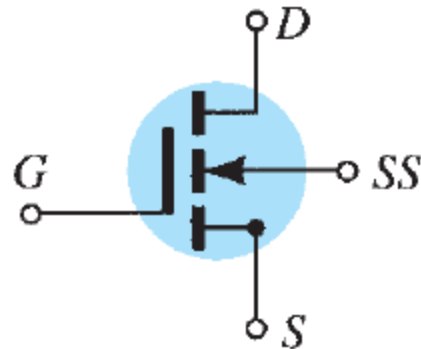
p -Channel Enhancement-Type MOSFETs

- ❑ The construction of a *p*-channel enhancement-type MOSFET is exactly the reverse of the n-Channel variant.
- ❑ The terminals remain as identified, but all the voltage polarities and the current directions are reversed

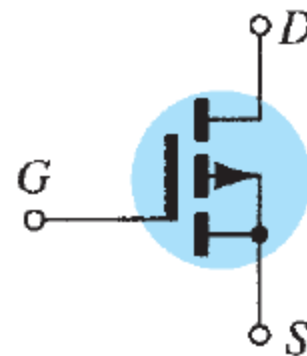
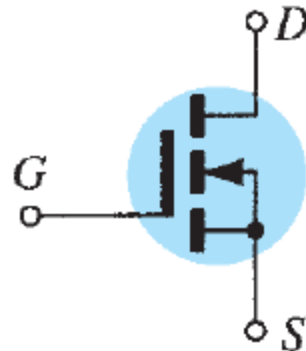
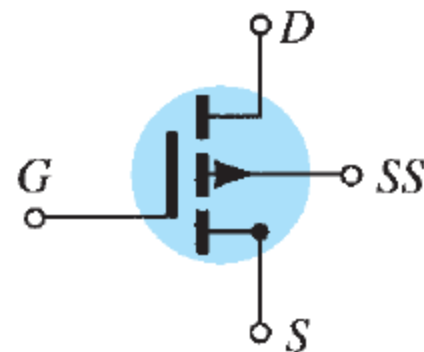


Symbols for n and p -channel enhancement-type MOSFETs

n -channel



p -channel



2N4351 Motorola n-channel enhancement-type MOSFET

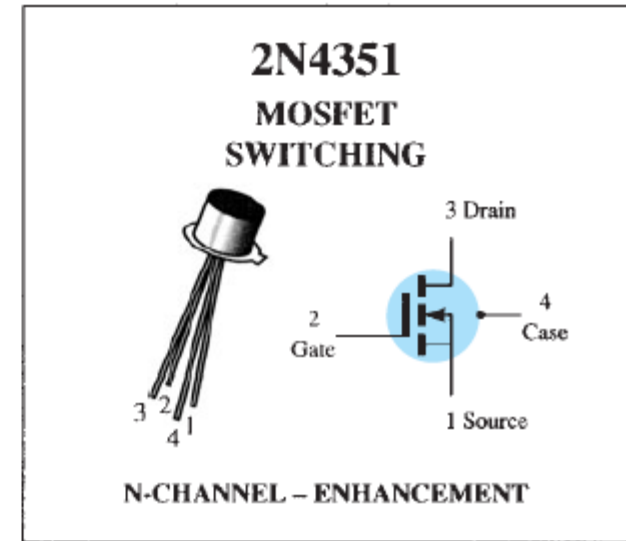
MAXIMUM RATINGS

Rating	Symbol	Value	Unit
Drain–Source Voltage	V_{DS}	25	Vdc
Drain–Gate Voltage	V_{DG}	30	Vdc
Gate–Source Voltage*	V_{GS}	30	Vdc
Drain Current	I_D	30	mAdc
Total Device Dissipation @ $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ Derate above 25°C	P_D	300 1.7	mW mW/ $^\circ\text{C}$
Junction Temperature Range	T_J	175	$^\circ\text{C}$
Storage Temperature Range	T_{stg}	–65 to +175	$^\circ\text{C}$

* Transient potentials of ± 75 Volt will not cause gate-oxide failure.

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS ($T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ unless otherwise noted.)

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Max	Unit
OFF CHARACTERISTICS				
Drain–Source Breakdown Voltage ($I_D = 10\ \mu\text{A}$, $V_{GS} = 0$)	$V_{(BR)DSX}$	25	–	Vdc
Zero–Gate–Voltage Drain Current ($V_{DS} = 10\ \text{V}$, $V_{GS} = 0$) $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ $T_A = 150^\circ\text{C}$	I_{DSS}	–	10	nAdc
		–	10	μAdc
Gate Reverse Current ($V_{GS} = \pm 15\ \text{Vdc}$, $V_{DS} = 0$)	I_{GSS}	–	± 10	pAdc



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ON CHARACTERISTICS

Gate Threshold Voltage ($V_{DS} = 10 \text{ V}$, $I_D = 10 \mu\text{A}$)	$V_{GS(Th)}$	1.0	5	Vdc
Drain-Source On-Voltage ($I_D = 2.0 \text{ mA}$, $V_{GS} = 10 \text{ V}$)	$V_{DS(on)}$	—	1.0	V
On-State Drain Current ($V_{GS} = 10 \text{ V}$, $V_{DS} = 10 \text{ V}$)	$I_{D(on)}$	3.0	—	mAdc

SMALL-SIGNAL CHARACTERISTICS

Forward Transfer Admittance ($V_{DS} = 10 \text{ V}$, $I_D = 2.0 \text{ mA}$, $f = 1.0 \text{ kHz}$)	$ y_{fs} $	1000	—	μmho
Input Capacitance ($V_{DS} = 10 \text{ V}$, $V_{GS} = 0$, $f = 140 \text{ kHz}$)	C_{iss}	—	5.0	pF
Reverse Transfer Capacitance ($V_{DS} = 0$, $V_{GS} = 0$, $f = 140 \text{ kHz}$)	C_{rss}	—	1.3	pF
Drain-Substrate Capacitance ($V_{D(SUB)} = 10 \text{ V}$, $f = 140 \text{ kHz}$)	$C_{d(sub)}$	—	5.0	pF
Drain-Source Resistance ($V_{GS} = 10 \text{ V}$, $I_D = 0$, $f = 1.0 \text{ kHz}$)	$r_{ds(on)}$	—	300	ohms

SWITCHING CHARACTERISTICS

Turn-On Delay (Fig. 5)	$I_D = 2.0 \text{ mAdc}$, $V_{DS} = 10 \text{ Vdc}$, ($V_{GS} = 10 \text{ Vdc}$) (See Figure 9; Times Circuit Determined)	t_{d1}	—	45	ns
Rise Time (Fig. 6)		t_r	—	65	ns
Turn-Off Delay (Fig. 7)		t_{d2}	—	60	ns
Fall Time (Fig. 8)		t_f	—	100	ns

MOSFET HANDLING

- ❑ The thin SiO_2 layer between the gate and the channel of MOSFETs has the positive effect of providing a high-input-impedance characteristic for the device, but because of its extremely thin layer, it introduces a concern for its handling that was not present for the BJT or JFET transistors.

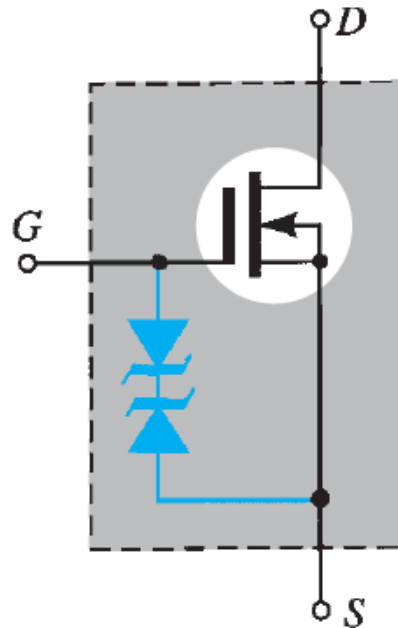
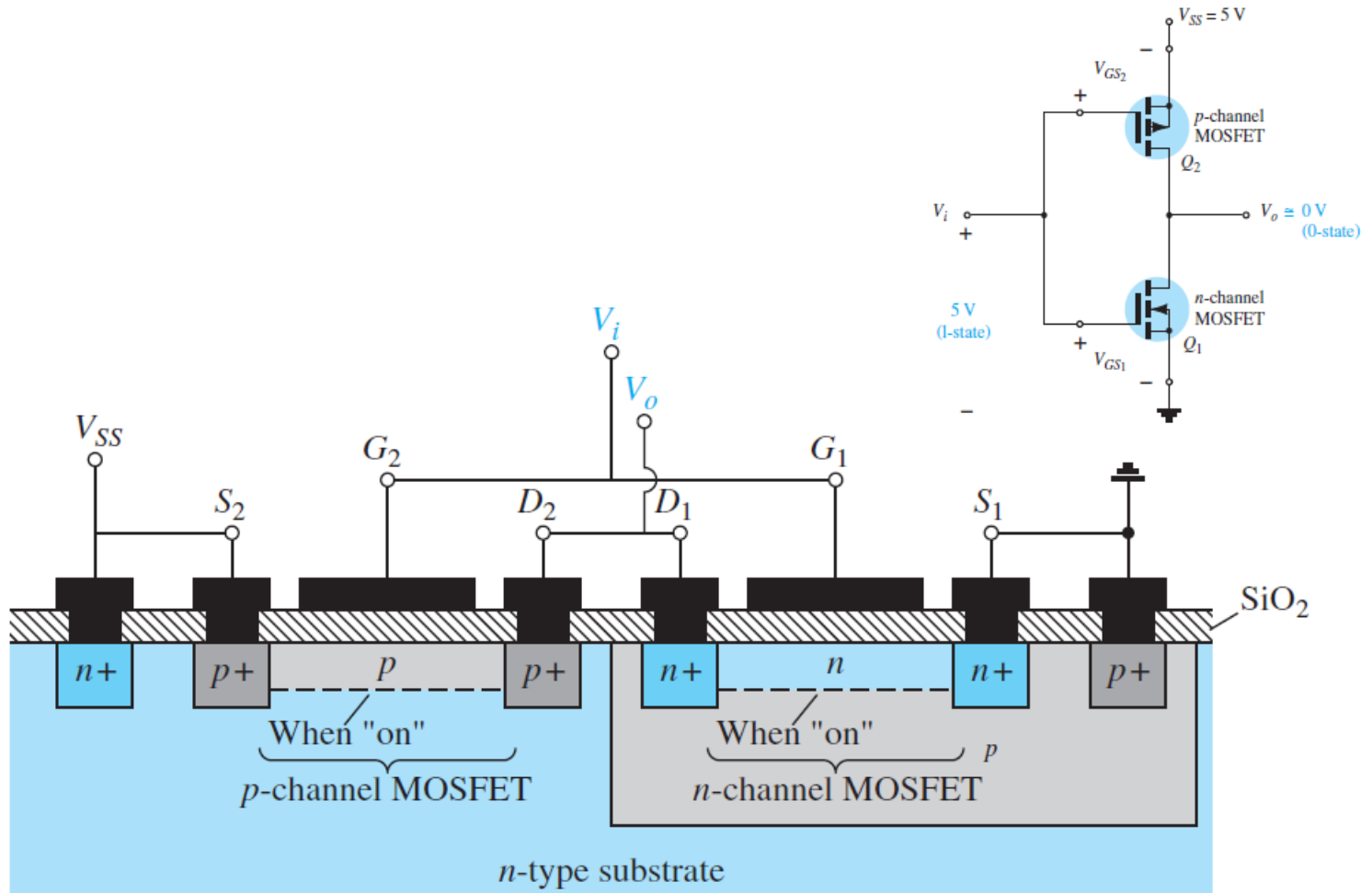


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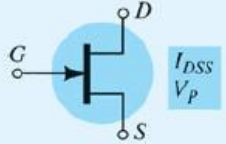
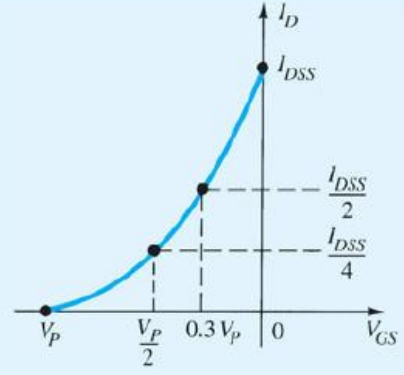

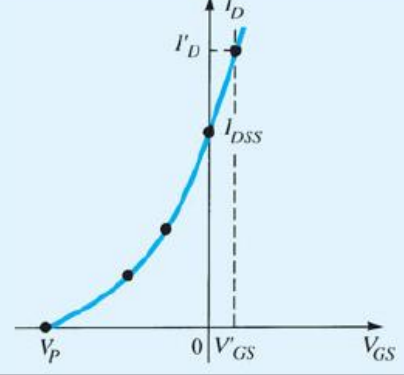
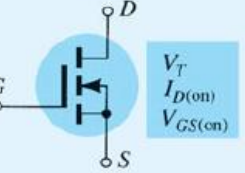
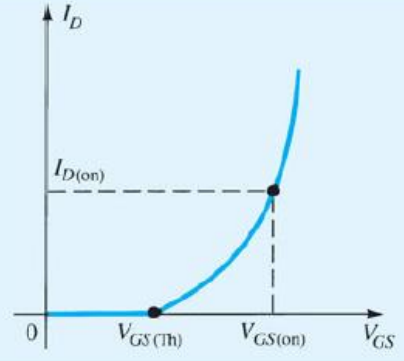
Zener-protected MOSFET.

complementary MOSFET (CMOS)

- A very effective logic circuit can be established by constructing a p -channel and an n -channel MOSFET on the same substrate. E.g CMOS NOT gate (inverter)



JFET and MOSFETs

Type	Symbol and Basic Relationships	Transfer Curve	Input Resistance and Capacitance
JFET (n-channel)	$I_G = 0 \text{ A}, I_D = I_S$  $I_D = I_{DSS} \left(1 - \frac{V_{GS}}{V_P}\right)^2$		$R_i > 100 \text{ M}\Omega$ $C_i: (1 - 10) \text{ pF}$
MOSFET depletion type (n-channel)	$I_G = 0 \text{ A}, I_D = I_S$  $I_D = I_{DSS} \left(1 - \frac{V_{GS}}{V_P}\right)^2$		$R_i > 10^{10} \Omega$ $C_i: (1 - 10) \text{ pF}$
MOSFET enhancement type (n-channel)	$I_G = 0 \text{ A}, I_D = I_S$  $I_D = k (V_{GS} - V_{GS(Th)})^2$ $k = \frac{I_{D(on)}}{(V_{GS(on)} - V_{GS(Th)})^2}$		$R_i > 10^{10} \Omega$ $C_i: (1 - 10) \text{ pF}$

End of Lecture 6

Thank you for your attention!