

# Wearable and Flexible Electronics

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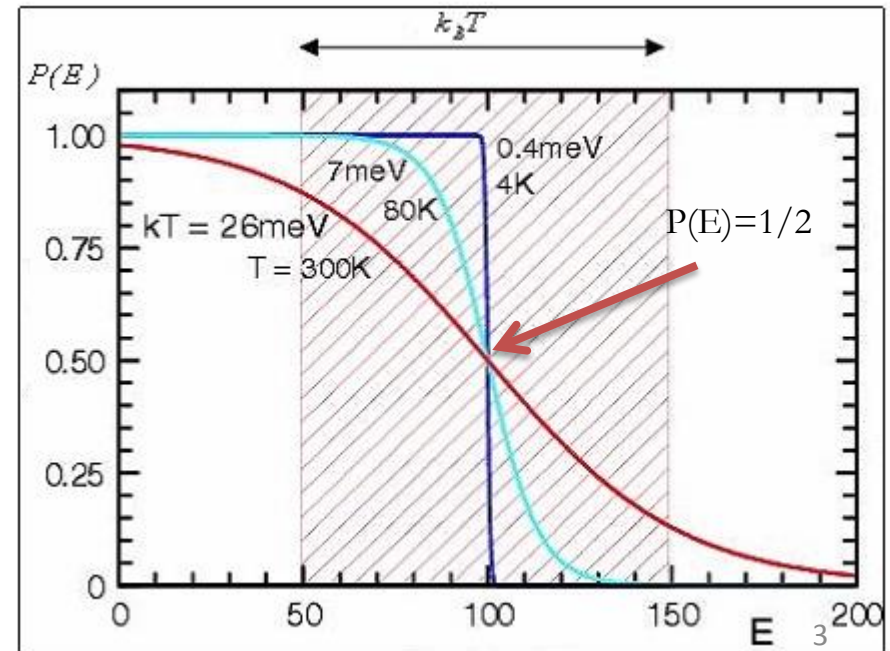
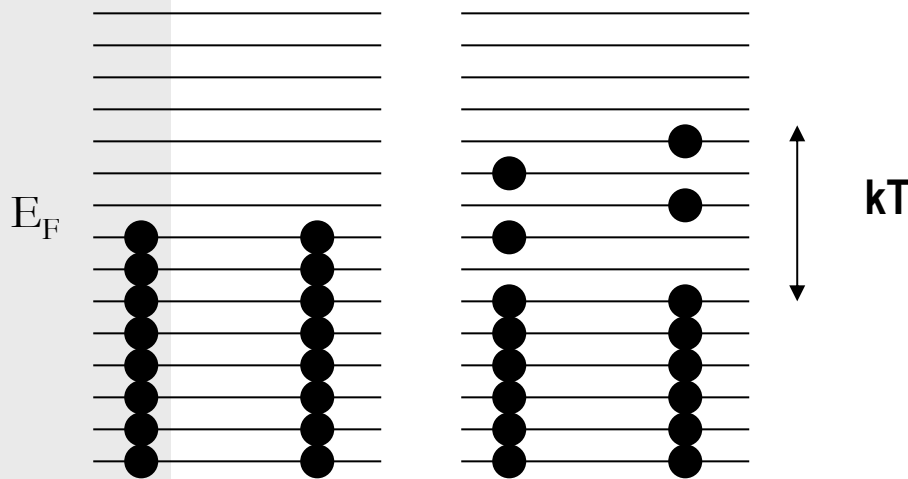
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- **Band Diagram and Fermi Energy concept**
- **Doping in Inorganic Semiconductors**
- **MOS and MOSFET**

# Fermi Level

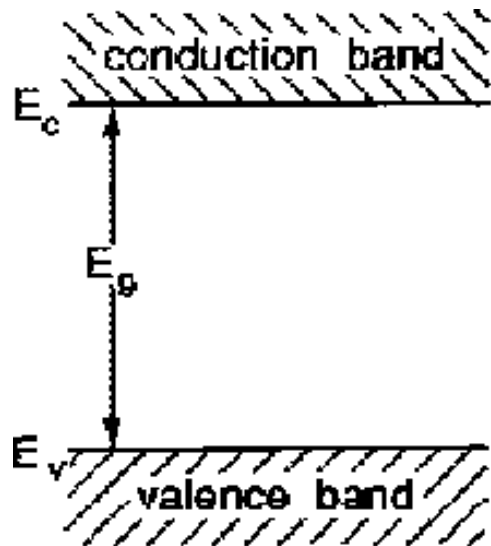
- At a certain  $T$  it is possible to thermally excite electrons (allowing them to jump on higher levels)
- $T > 0$  very different with respect to  $T = 0$  in a small interval of energies around  $k_B T$
- Only those electrons who has an energy that differs from the Fermi Energy of around  $k_B T$  are interested in those transitions



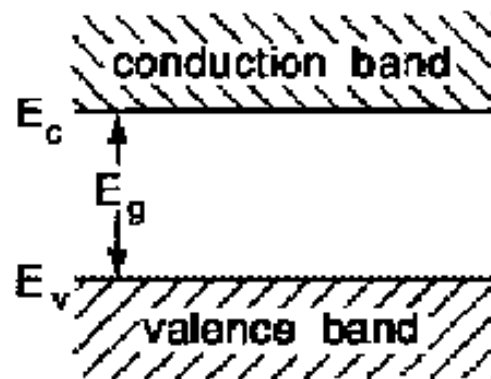
# Fermi level

The position of the Fermi Level determines the conduction properties of the material

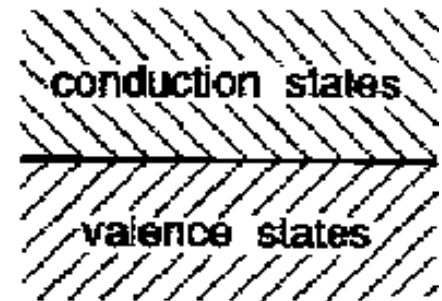
- Valence band
- Conduction band



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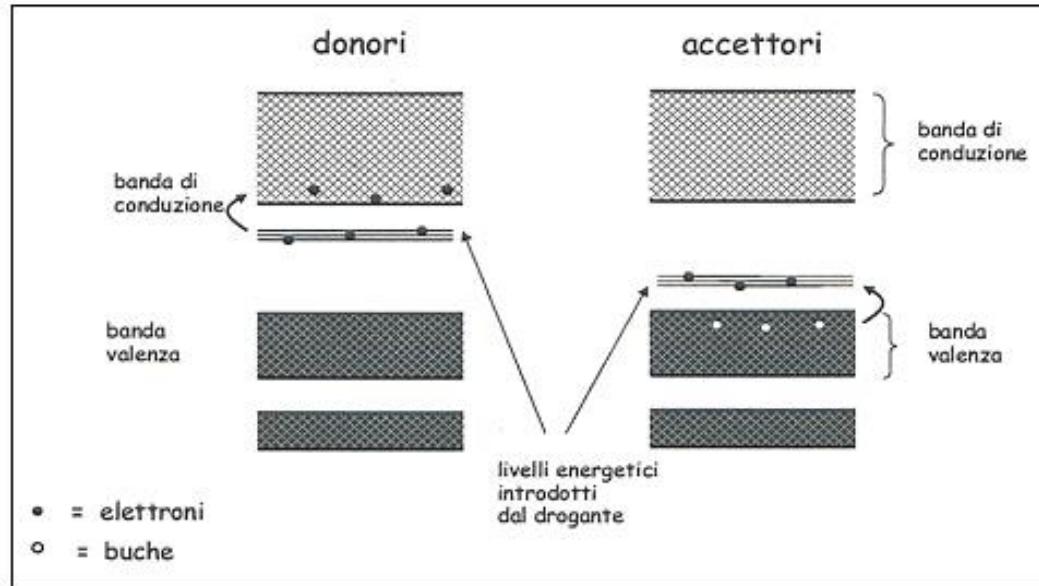
semiconductor



metal

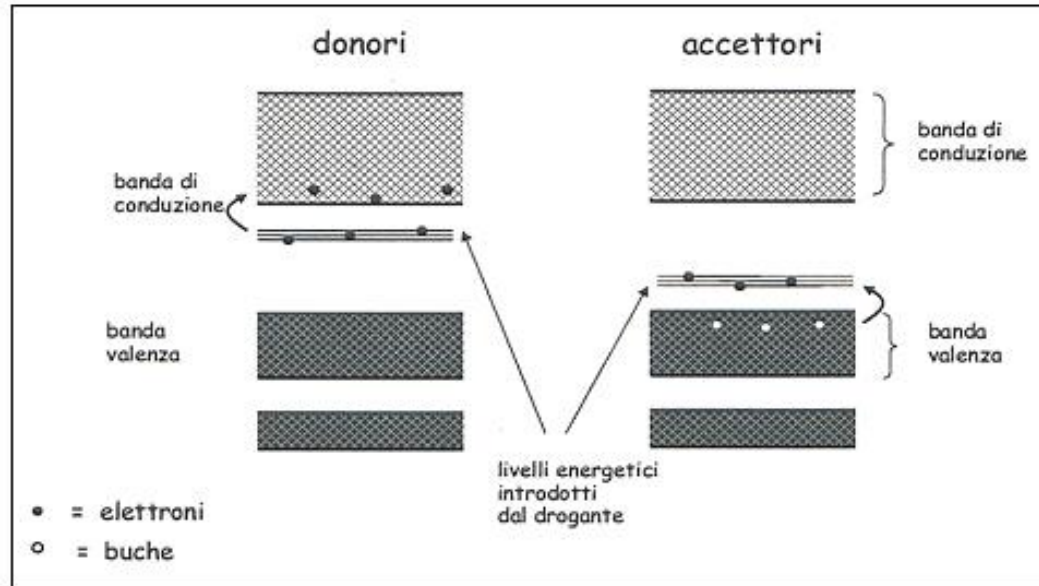
# The concept of doping

# Doping in inorganic semiconductors



- Donors, occupied states, energetically very close to the conduction band
- even at very low  $T$  the thermal energy can allow some electrons to jump in the conduction band where they will be free to move (a lot of empty states)
- When this happens a donor becomes positively charged
- At room  $T$  (300 K) all the donor states have released their electrons, all of them are ionized

# Doping in inorganic semiconductors



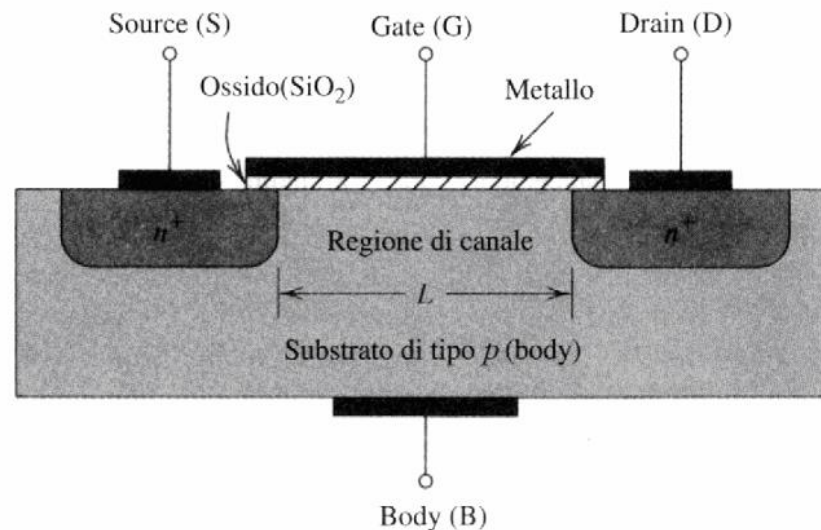
- Acceptors are empty states energetically very close to the valence band
- Even at very low  $T$  the thermal energy can allow some electrons to jump from the valence band to these empty states
- An empty state is created into the valence band (hole)
- When this happens an acceptor becomes negatively charged
- At room  $T$  (300 K) all the acceptor states are ionized

# **Metal Oxide Field Effect Transistor (MOSFET)**



# The MOSFET

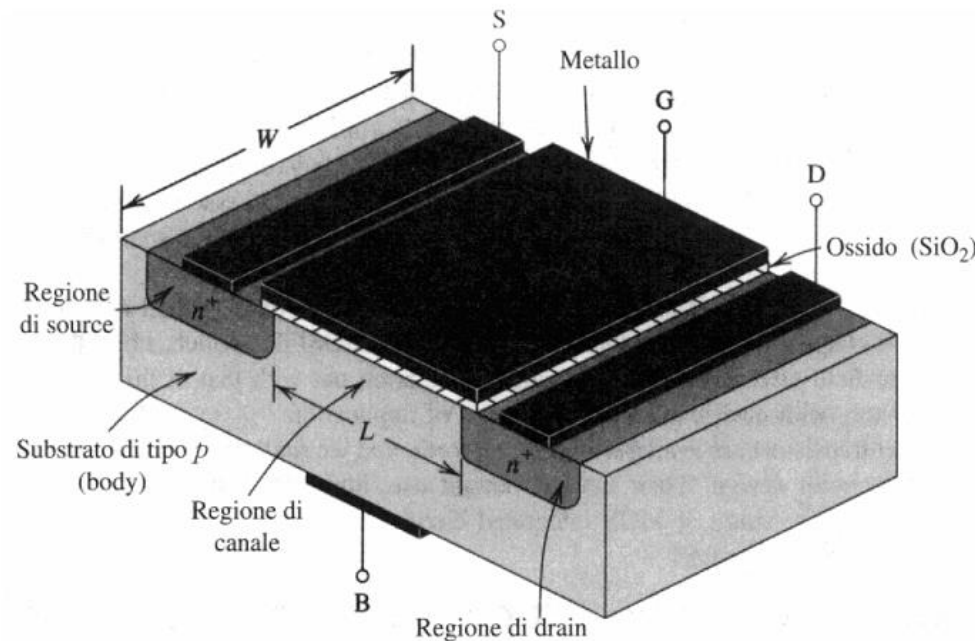
- The core of an nMOSFET is a p doped silicon substrate
- Two n+ diffusions, SOURCE e DRAIN
- The body contact can be ignored in this discussion
- Gate electrode define the channel length on the device, is insulated from the channel by a thin insulator layer.
- Source electrode is generally conneted to ground (common source configuration)



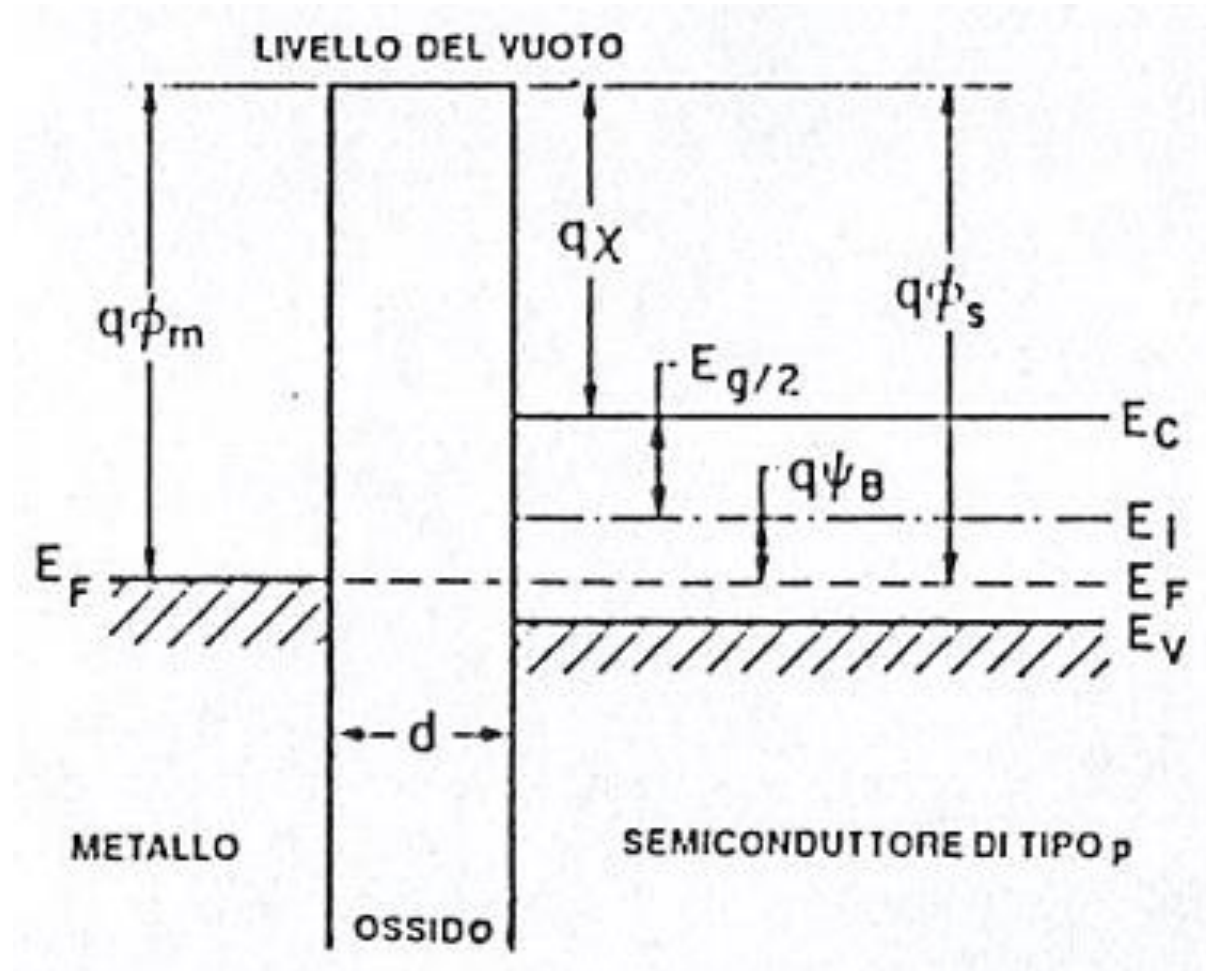
# The MOSFET

Most meaningful parameters:

- Channel length  $L$
- Channel width  $W$
- Oxide/insulator thickness  $d$ ,
- Junction depth  $r_j$
- Substrate doping level  $N_A$



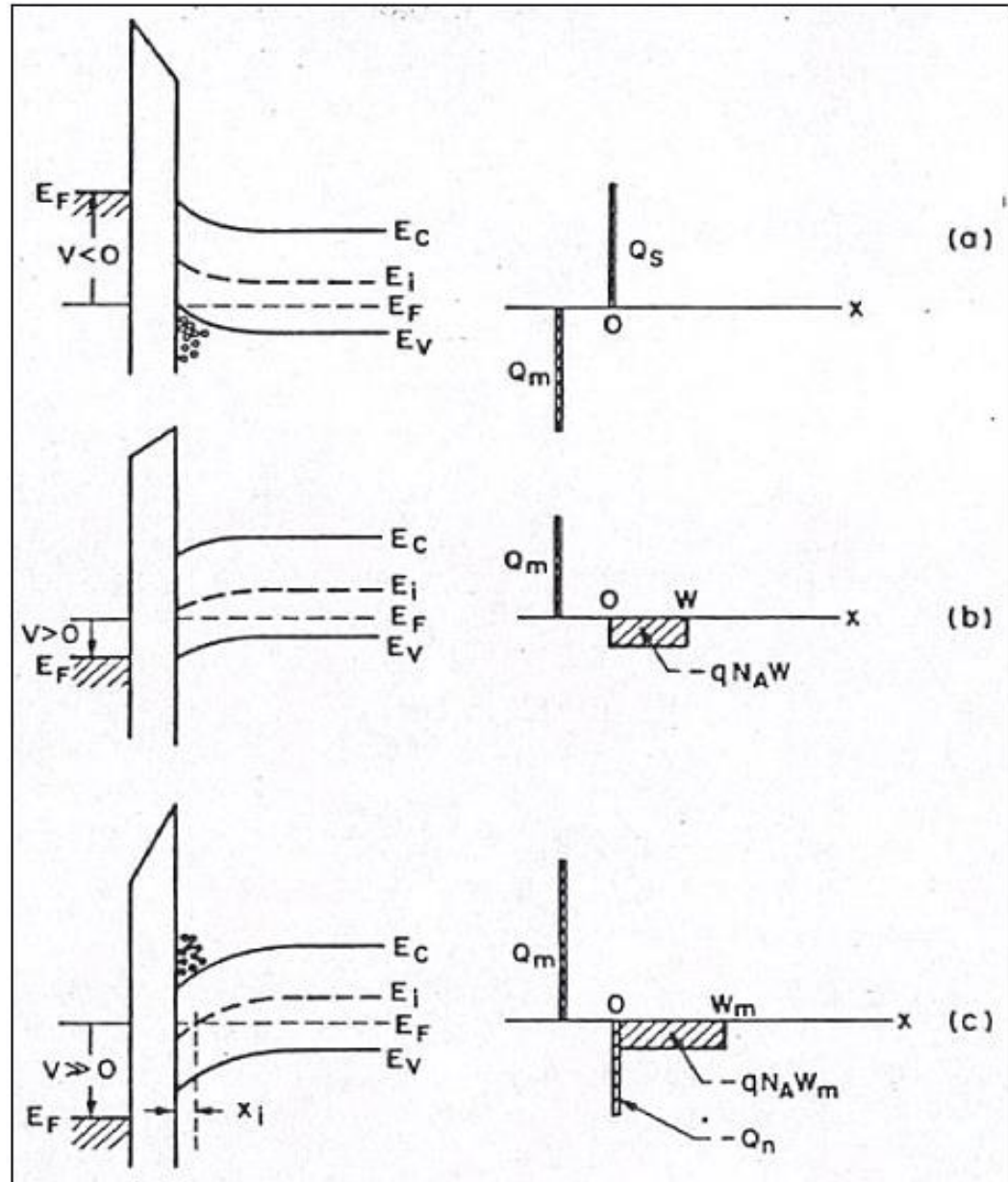
## Flat Band Approximation



# Metal Oxide Semiconductor (MOS)

$$p = n_i e^{-\frac{E_i - E_F}{kT}}$$

$$n = n_i e^{\frac{E_F - E_i}{kT}}$$



# MOS Threshold Voltage

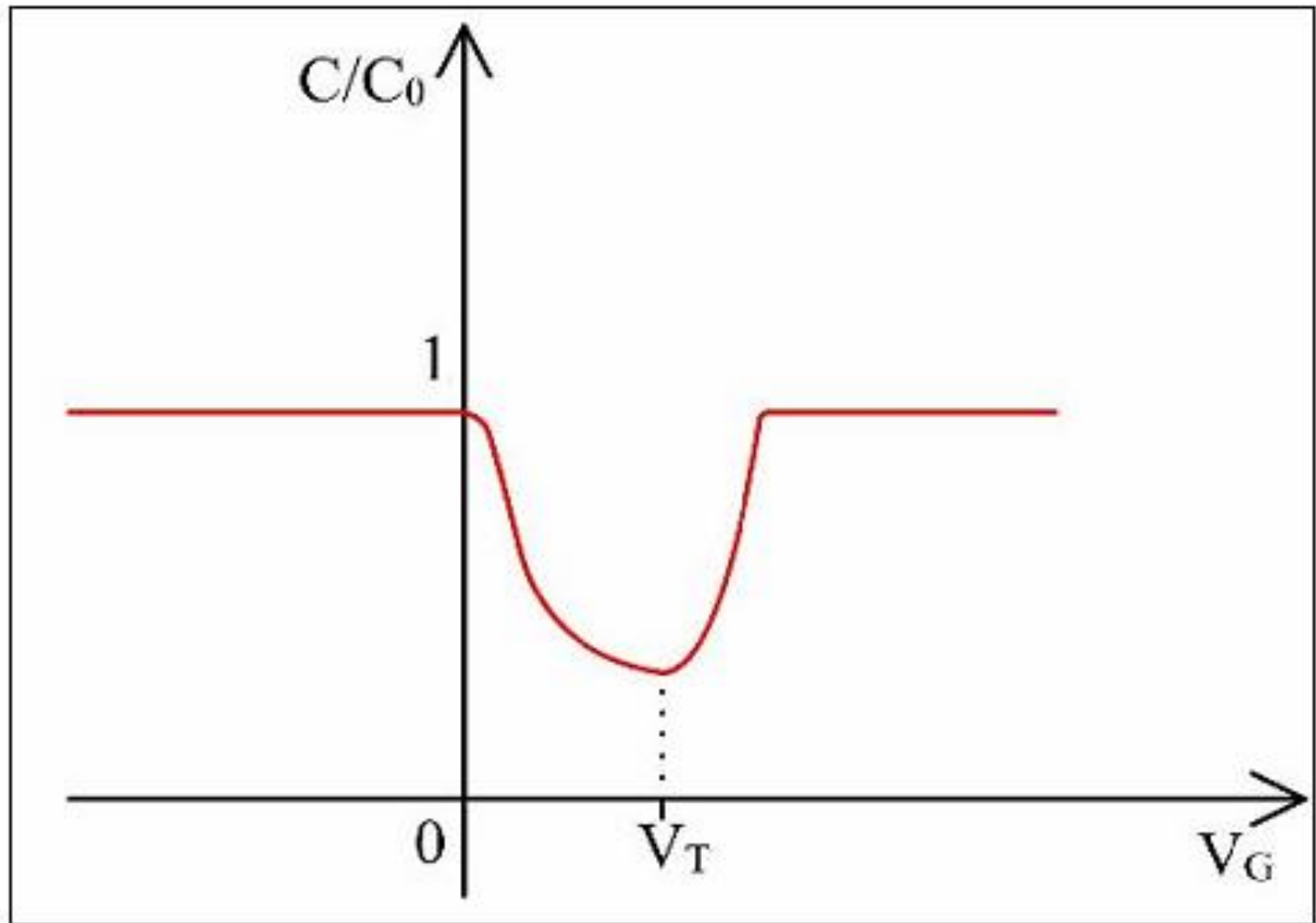
**Threshold Voltage ( $V_T$ )** is the required voltage that create a surface potential at least equal to the inversion potential

$$\psi_s = \psi_{s,inv}$$

Considering that the charge density is  $qN_A W_m$

$$\begin{aligned} V_T &= \frac{qN_A W_m}{C_o} + \psi_{inv} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2\varepsilon_S qN_A (2\psi_B)}}{C_o} + 2\psi_B \end{aligned}$$

# MOS Capacitance



# MOS Capacitance

## **$V < 0$ : ACCUMULATION**

High concentration of holes (mobile charges) at the oxide interface. The MOS behaves as a capacitor:  $C_{tot} = C_{ox}$ .

## **$V > 0$ : DEPLETION**

$C_{ox}$  e  $C_j$  in series,  $C_{tot}$  decreases

## **$V \gg 0$ : INVERSION**

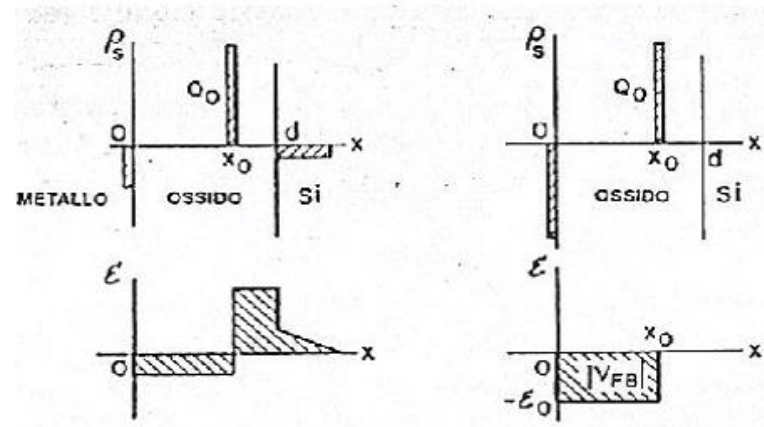
High concentration of electrons (mobile charges) at the interface  
 $C_{tot} = C_{ox}$ .

# Non idealities MOS

Charge in the oxide  $\rightarrow$  induces charge into the semiconductor

$$V_{FB} = \Phi_{MS} - \frac{Q_{ox}}{C_{ox}}$$

If the charge is not at the interface



$$V_T = \frac{\sqrt{2\epsilon_S q N_A (2\psi_B)}}{C_o} + 2\psi_B + \left[ \phi_{MS} - \frac{Q_{ox}}{C_{ox}} \frac{x}{d_{ox}} \right]$$



# PMOS when $V_{FB} \neq 0$

$$V_T = -\frac{\sqrt{2\varepsilon_S q N_D (2\psi_B)}}{C_o} - 2\psi_B + V_{FB}$$

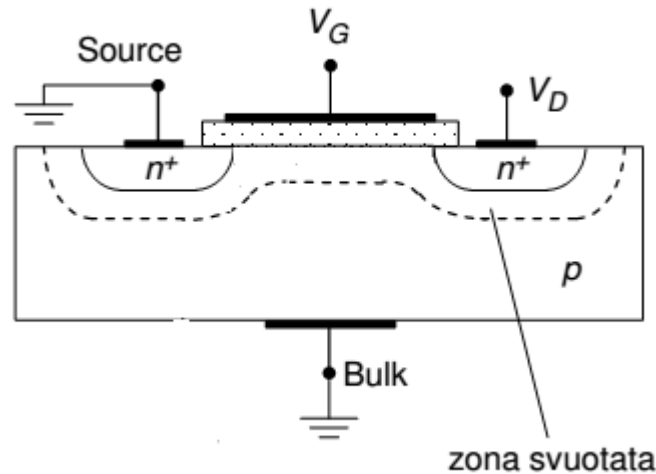
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# MOSFET

When no gate voltage is applied

Open circuit

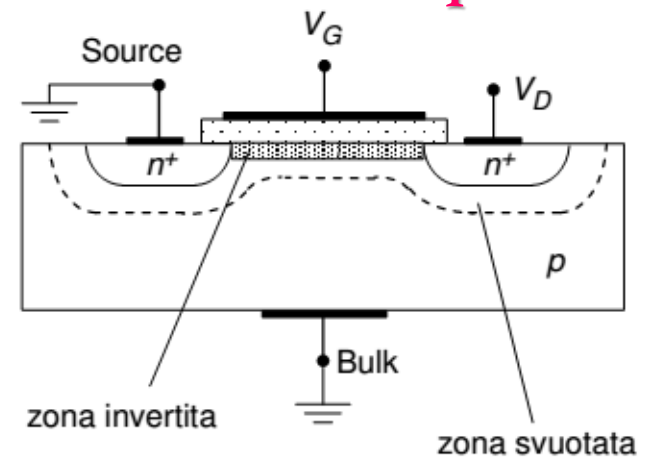
Why?



When a positive voltage is applied a depletion region is created in the substrate, when  $V_G$  increases the depletion region increases as well.

when  $V_G > V_t$  inversion takes place

The channel is formed



a)  $V_D = 0$

# MOSFET

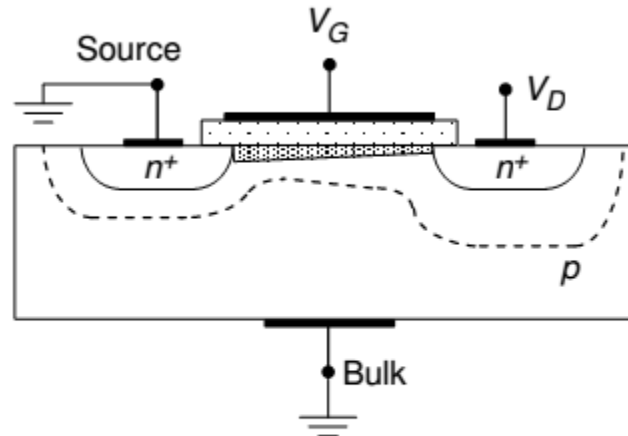
## Concept of pinch off

When a  $V_{DS}$  is applied the channel becomes asymmetric, due to the fact that the vertical field is no longer constant along the channel

In fact,  $V_{GD} = V_{GS} - V_{DS}$ , if  $V_{DS}$  increases,  $V_{GD}$  decreases

The electron concentration close to the drain decreases

when  $V_{GD} = V_T$  so we are at the border between inversion and depletion, electron concentration is 0 the channel is pinched-off

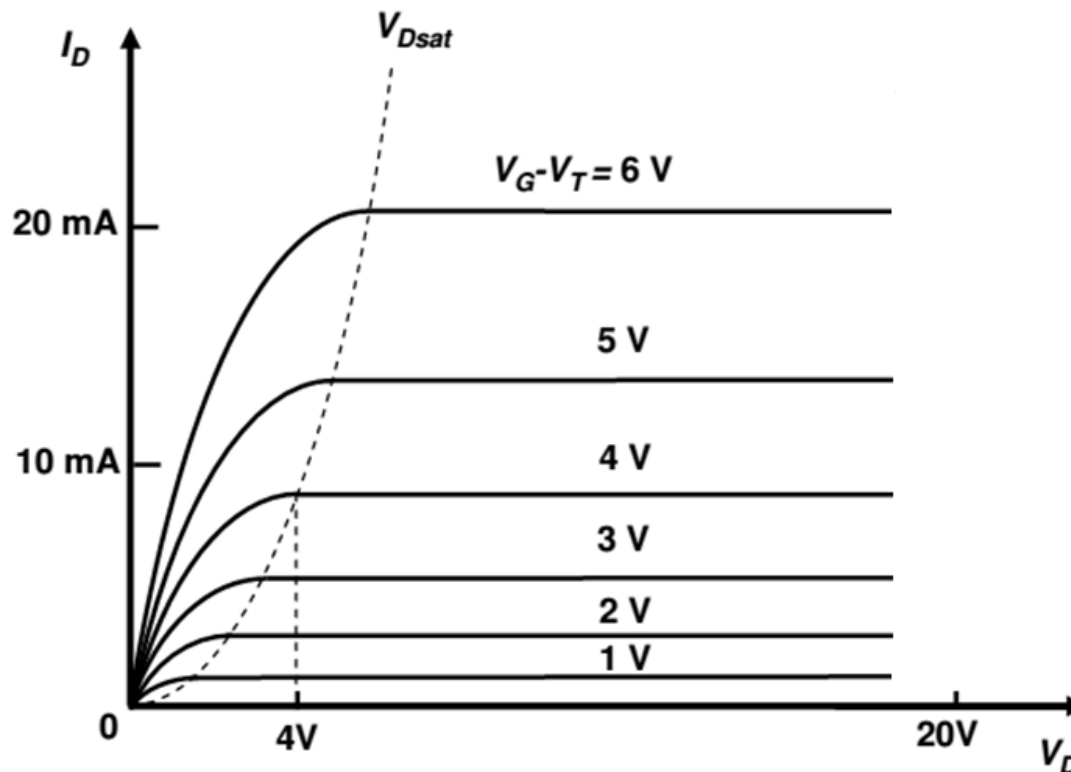


b)  $0 < V_D < V_G - V_T$

# MOSFET

## Three working regions

1.  $V_{GS} < V_{Th}$  the device is switched off
2.  $V_{GS} > V_{Th}$  e  $V_{DS} < V_{GS} - V_{Th}$  linear region, triode
3.  $V_{GS} > V_{Th}$  e  $V_{DS} > V_{GS} - V_{Th}$  saturation region



# MOSFET: linear region

$$I_D \cong \frac{Z\mu_n}{L} C_{ox} \left[ V_G - V_T - \frac{V_D}{2} \right] V_D$$

$$g_D = \left. \frac{\partial I_D}{\partial V_D} \right|_{V_G = \text{const}} = \frac{Z\mu_n}{L} C_{ox} [V_G - V_T]$$

conductance

$$g_m = \left. \frac{\partial I_D}{\partial V_G} \right|_{V_D = \text{const}} = \frac{Z\mu_n}{L} C_{ox} V_D$$

transconductance

# MOSFET: saturation region

$$I_{Dsat} = \frac{Z\mu_n}{2L} C_{ox} (V_G - V_T)^2$$

$$g_{msat} = \frac{Z\mu_n}{L} C_{ox} (V_G - V_T) = g_{dlin}$$

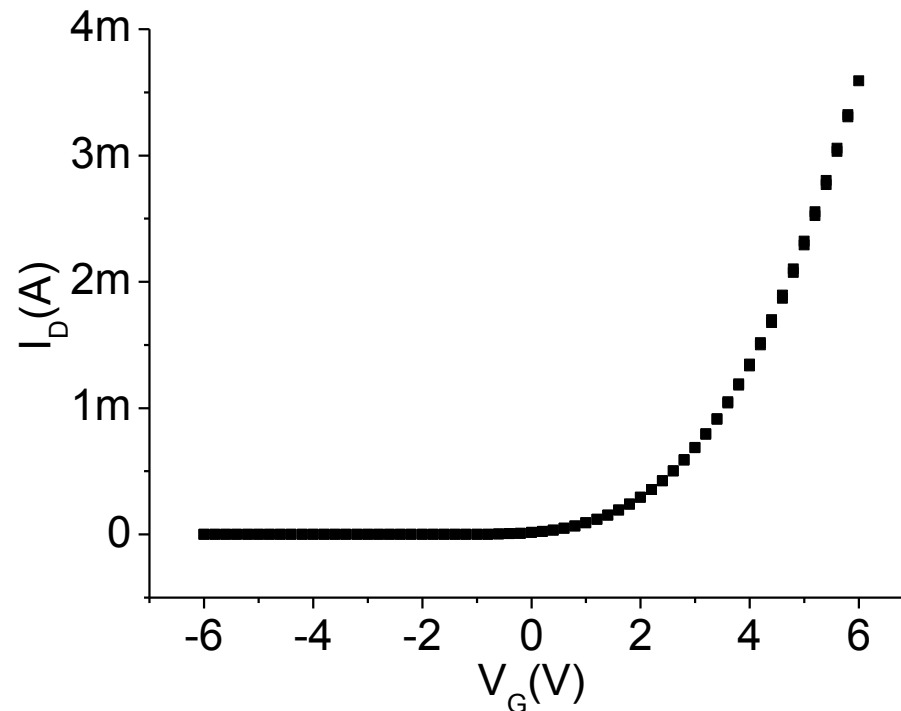
$$g_D = \left. \frac{\partial I_D}{\partial V_D} \right|_{V_G = \text{const}} = 0$$

Pinch off

$$V_D = V_{Dsat} = V_G - V_T$$

transconductance

conductance



# MOSFET

La conduttanza è data dalla pendenza della caratteristica di uscita in regione lineare

Dipende dalla  $V_g$

La transconduttanza in regione lineare è costante per una data  $V_d$

È la pendenza della transcaratteristica

La transconduttanza in regione di saturazione dipende da  $V_g$ , ma non da  $V_d$ !

È la pendenza della retta tangente alla transcaratteristica per un determinato valore di  $V_g$

# MOSFET

**Enhancement Mode**, when the channel is not formed  $V_{GS} = 0 \text{ V}$

**Depletion Mode** When the channel is already formed at  $V_{GS} = 0 \text{ V}$



# MOSFET

## Depletion MOSFET (n channel)

We have current flowing into the channel when  $V_g=0$

Negative threshold voltages

## Enhancement MOSFET (n channel)

No current flowing into the channel when  $V_g=0$

Positive threshold voltages

# MOSFET

## Depletion MOSFET (p channel)

We have current flowing into the channel when  $V_g=0$

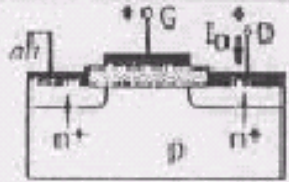
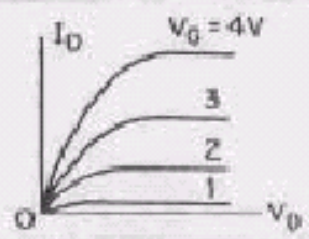
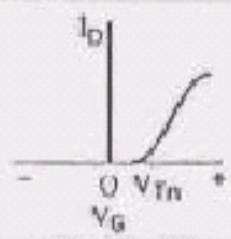

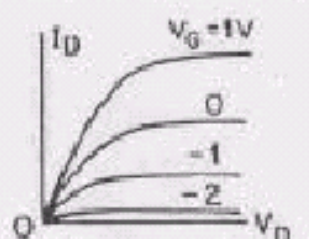
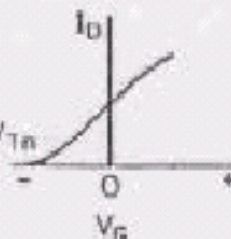

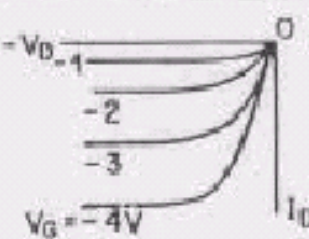
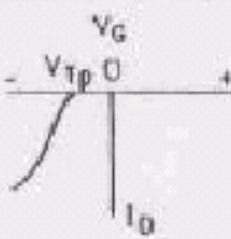

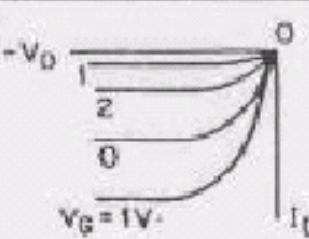
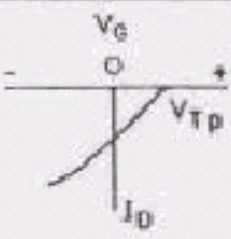
Positive threshold voltages

## Enhancement MOSFET (p channel)

No current flowing into the channel when  $V_g=0$

Negative threshold voltages

# MOSFET

TIPO	SEZIONE TRASVERSALE	CARATTERISTICHE D'USCITA	TRANS-CARATTERISTICHE
CANALE n AD ARRICCHIMENTO (NORMALMENTE CHIUSO)			
CANALE n A SVUOTAMENTO (NORMALMENTE APERTO)	 CANALE n		
CANALE p AD ARRICCHIMENTO (NORMALMENTE CHIUSO)			
CANALE p A SVUOTAMENTO (NORMALMENTE APERTO)	 CANALE p		

# MOSFET

How can we estimate mobility and threshold voltage from the electrical characteristics?

$$I_D = \frac{Z\mu_n}{L} C_{ox} [V_G - V_T] V_D$$

Regime lineare

$$I_D = \frac{Z\mu_n}{2L} C_{ox} (V_G - V_T)^2$$

Regime di saturazione

# MOSFET

Estimate the mobility and threshold voltage of this devices

Missing data?

Saturation regime

$W/L = 100$

$C_{ox} = 150 \text{ nF/cm}^2$

