

Unification of MOS Compact Models with the Unified Regional Modeling Approach

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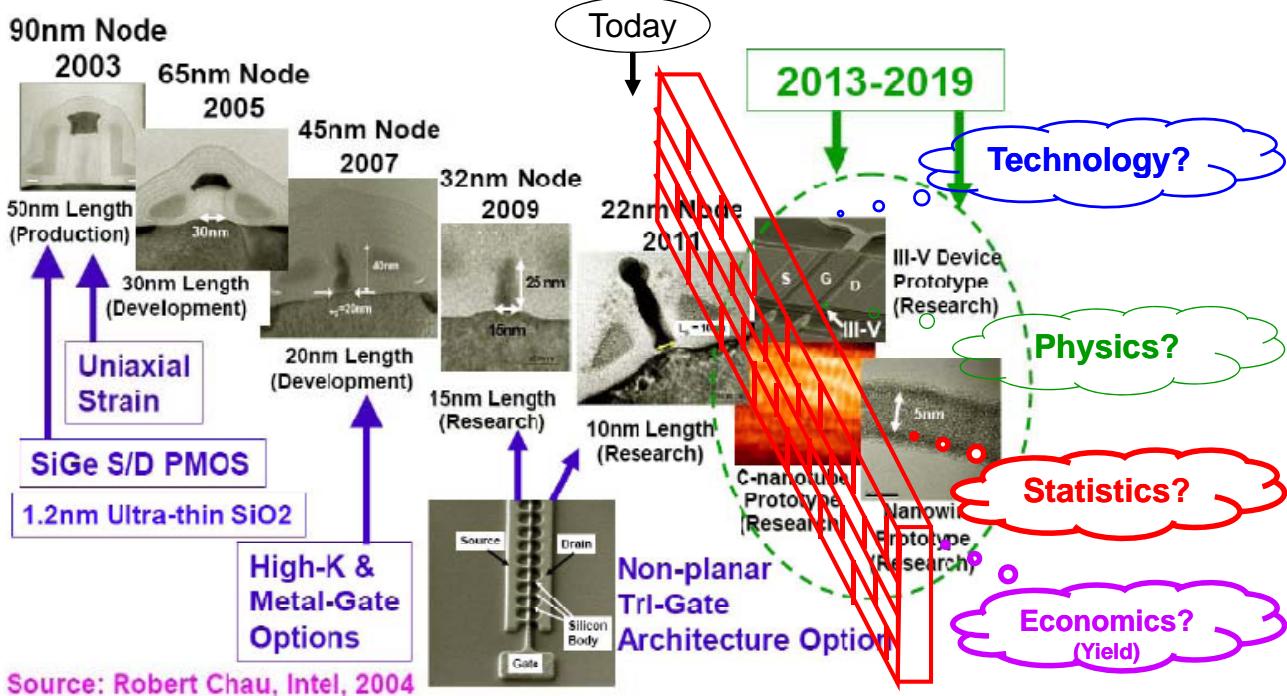
Outline

- Motivation for MOS Model Unification
- Unified Regional Modeling (URM) Approach
 - Surface potential of generic MOSFET for bulk/SOI/DG/GAA
 - Body doping and thickness scaling
 - Model symmetry and asymmetric MOS modeling
- Model Extension to SB/DSS Modeling
 - Shottky-barrier (SB) MOS with ambipolar transport
 - Dopant-segregated Shottky (DSS) MOS with subcircuit approach
- Xsim Model Summary

CMOS Technology Generations and Scaling Limits

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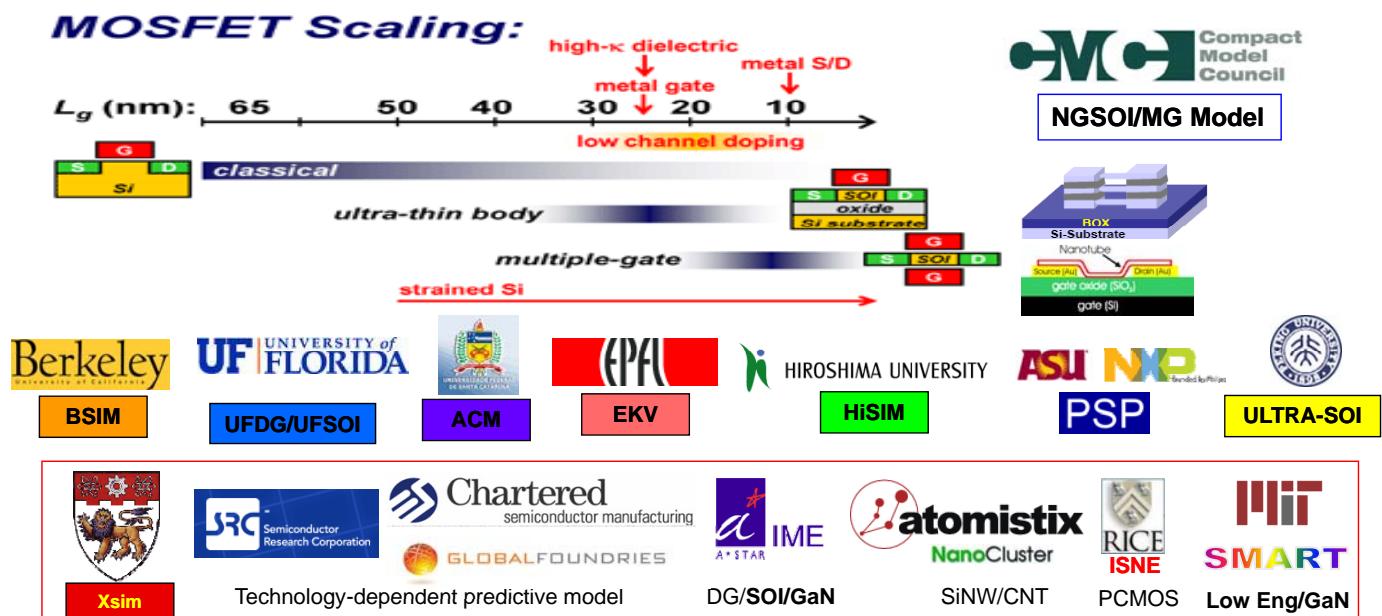
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Past ... Present ... Future

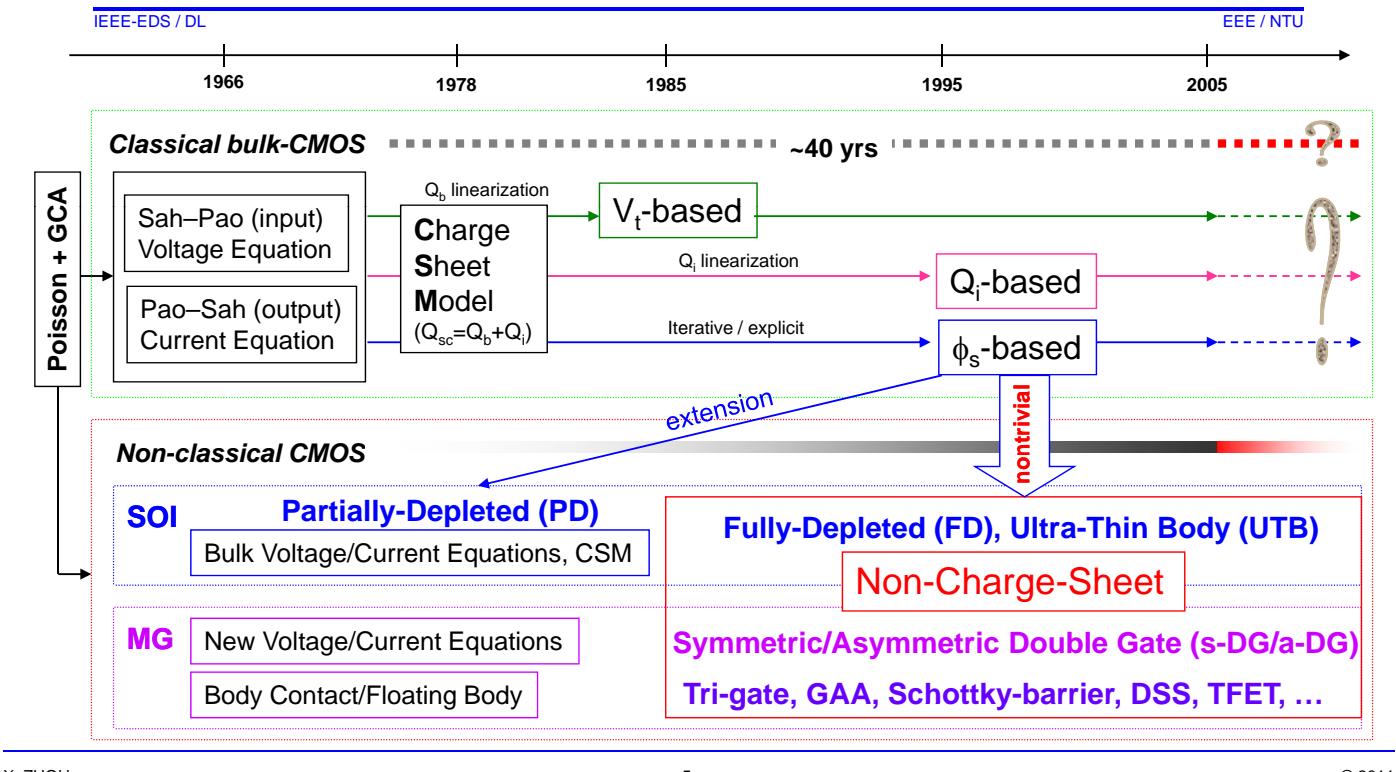


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MOSFET Compact Models: History and Future

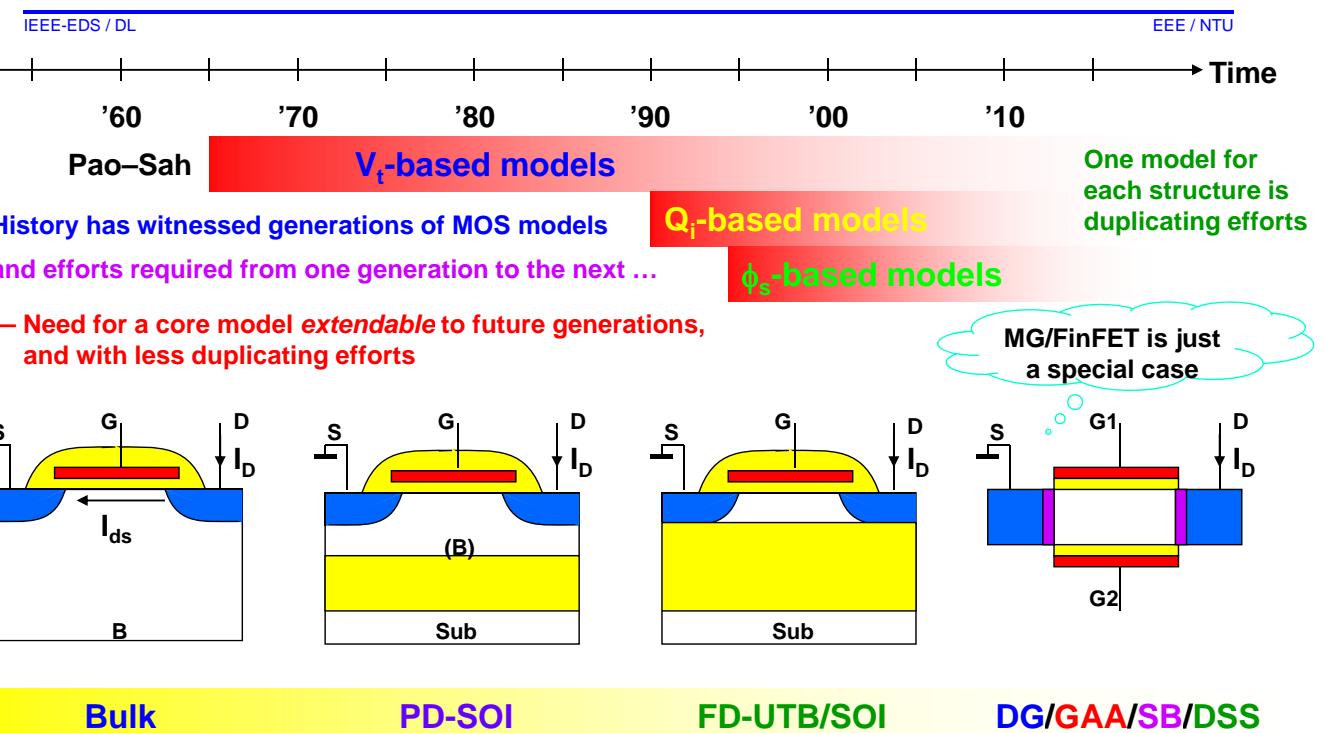


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Need for an Extendable Core Model for Future Generation



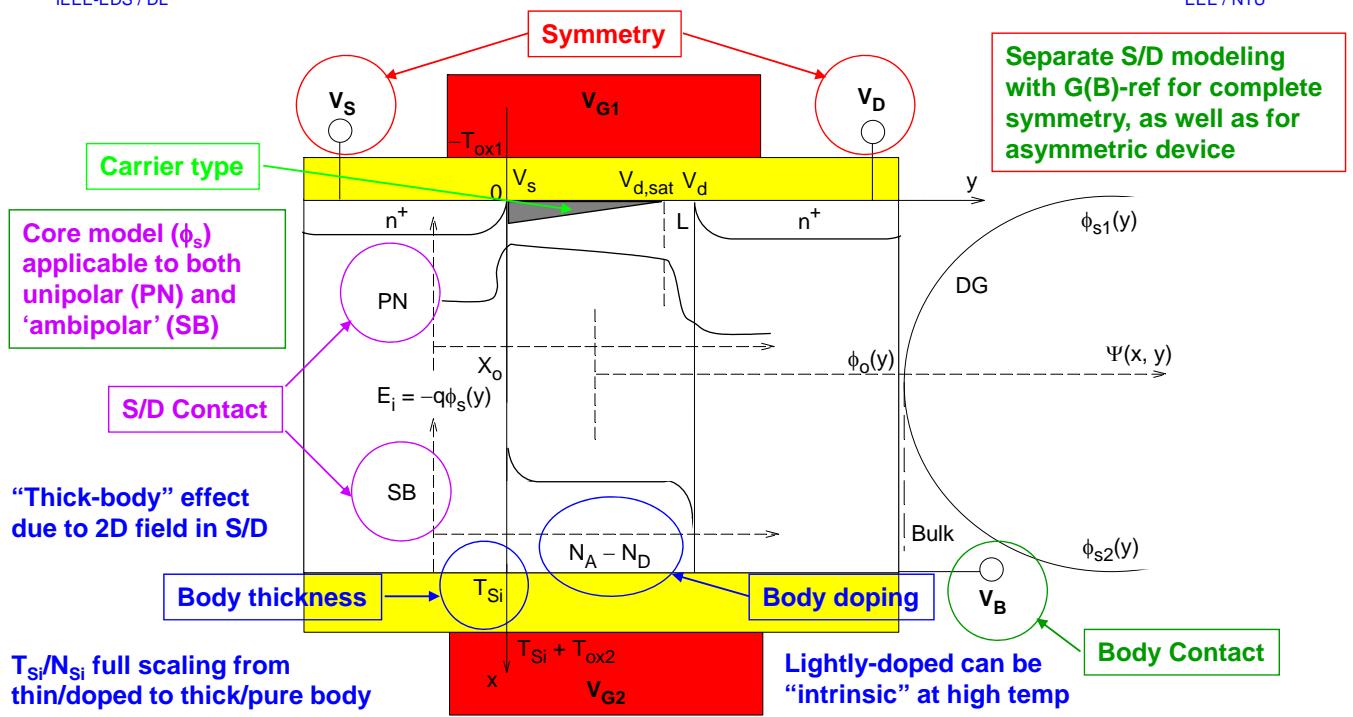
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New Challenges in SOI/MG/GAA MOSFET Modeling

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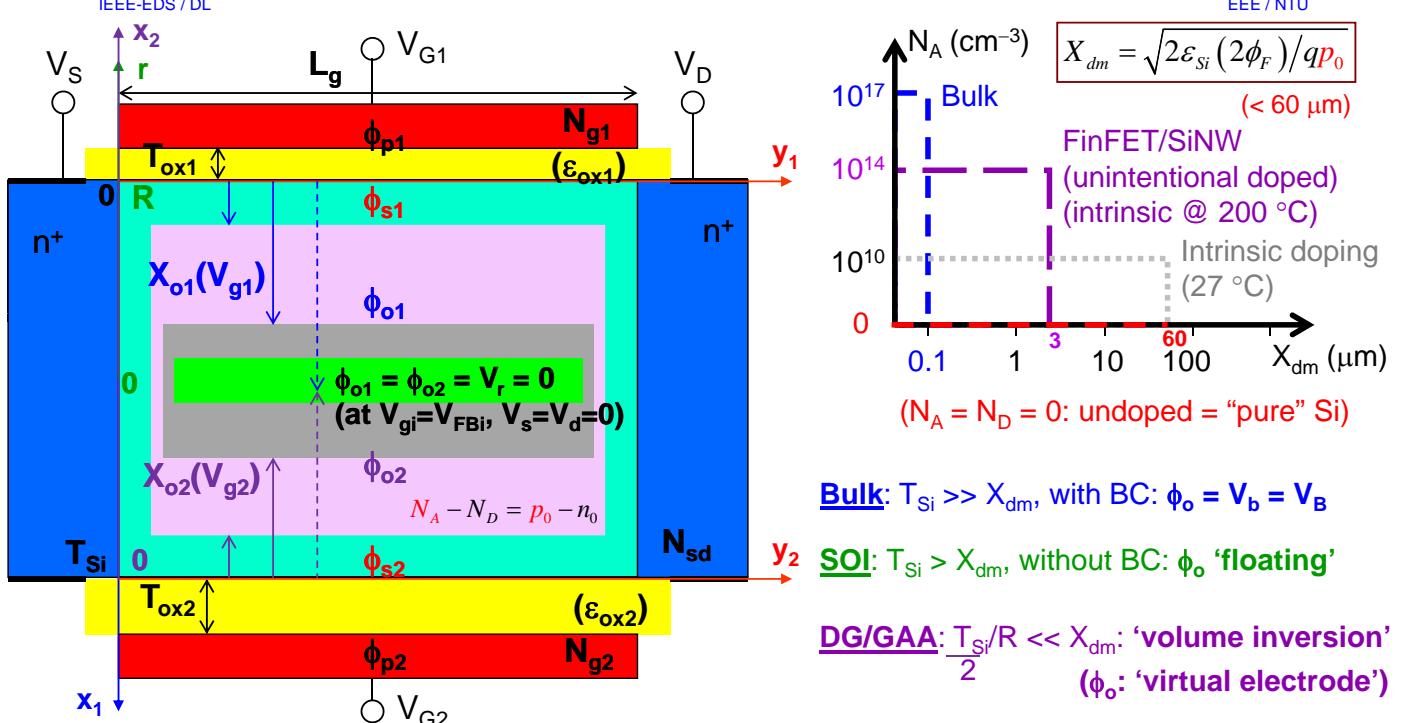
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Generic Double-Gate MOSFET with Any Body Doping

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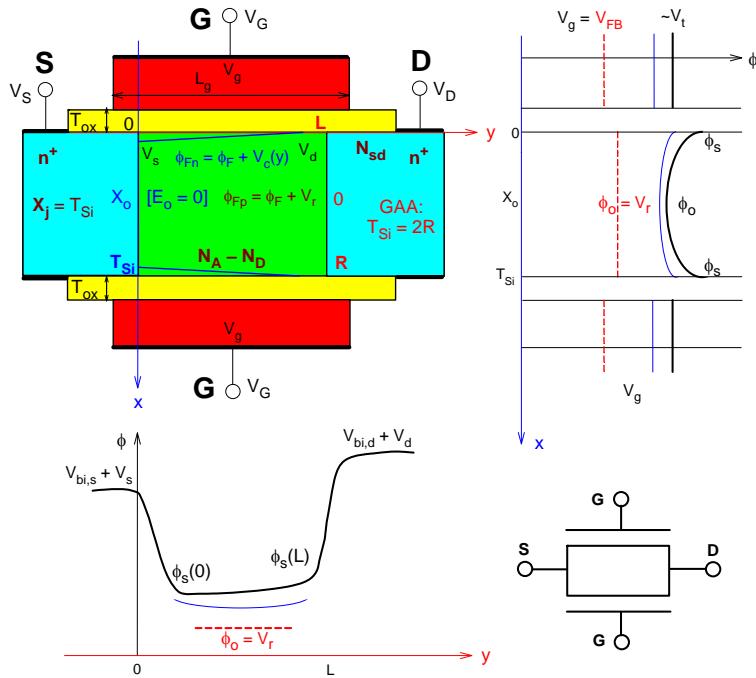
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DG FinFETs / GAA SiNWs

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- In undoped ‘long’/thick-body DG/GAA, potential reference (V_r) is at one point: ϕ_o at $V_{gr} = V_{FB}$ and $V_{ds} = 0$
 - “Volume inversion” for $V_{FB} < V_{gr} < V_t$: ϕ_o follows V_g
 - “Strong inversion” for $V_{gr} > V_t$
- In ‘short’/thick-body DG/GAA, source/drain (S/D) region 2D fields extend to the channel, causing V_{FB} to be T_{Si} dependent
- ‘Thin-body’ DG/GAA have ‘long’-channel behaviors

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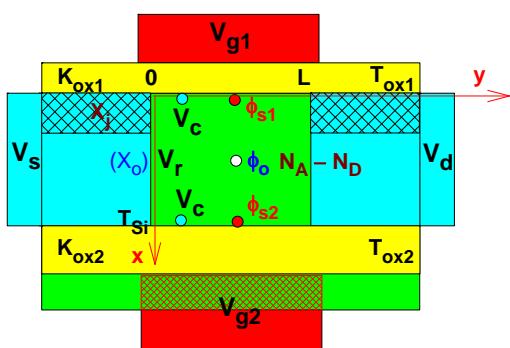
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The Generic SOI/DG/GAA MOSFET

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Zero-field potential: ϕ_o [$\phi_o(X_o) = 0$]

Imref-split: $V_{cr} = \phi_{Fn} - \phi_{Fp} = V_c - V_r$

$V_r = V_b$ (BC: body-contacted)

$V_r = V_{min} = \min(V_s, V_d)$ (“FB”: w/o BC)

➤ Bulk: special case of s-DG

➤ SOI: special case of ia-DG

Common/symmetric-DG [GAA]

- $V_{g1} = V_{g2} = V_g$: two gates with one bias
- $C_{ox1} = C_{ox2}$: s-DG ($X_o = T_{Si}/2$; [R])
- Full-depletion: $V_{FD} = V_g(X_o = T_{Si}/2)$
- $C_{ox1} \neq C_{ox2}$: ca-DG ($X_o < T_{Si}$)

Independent/asymmetric-DG

- $V_{g1} \neq V_{g2}$: ia-DG, biased independently
- Zero-field location may be outside body
- Consider two “independent” gates; linked through **full-depletion** condition:

$$X_{d1} + X_{d2} = T_{Si}$$

Unification of MOS

- SOI \leftarrow ia-DG \leftrightarrow ca-DG \leftrightarrow s-DG \rightarrow bulk

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The Poisson–Boltzmann Equation and Solution

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GCA: $\frac{d^2\phi}{dy^2} \ll \frac{d^2\phi}{dx^2}$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^2\phi}{dx^2} &= -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon_{Si}} = -\frac{q(p-n+N_D-N_A)}{\epsilon_{Si}} = \frac{q}{\epsilon_{Si}}(n-p+N_A-N_D) \\ n &= n_i e^{(\phi-\phi_{Fn})/v_{th}} \\ p &= n_i e^{-(\phi-\phi_{Fp})/v_{th}} \\ n_0 &\equiv n|_{\phi=V_b} = n_i e^{-(\phi_F+V_b)/v_{th}} \quad p_0 \equiv p|_{\phi=V_b} = n_i e^{\phi_F/v_{th}} = n_i \exp\left[\sinh^{-1}\left(\frac{N_A-N_D}{2n_i}\right)\right]\end{aligned}$$

Charge neutrality:

$$\begin{aligned}p_0 - n_0 &= N_A - N_D \\ &= n_i (e^{\phi_F/v_{th}} - e^{-\phi_{Fn}/v_{th}})\end{aligned}$$

$$\phi_{Fp} = \phi_F + V_b$$

$$\frac{d^2\phi}{dx^2} = -\frac{dE_x}{dx} = -\frac{dE_x}{d\phi} \frac{d\phi}{dx} = E_x \frac{dE_x}{d\phi} \quad E_x = -\frac{d\phi}{dx}$$

$$\phi_{Fn} = \phi_F + V_c$$

$$v_{th} = kT/q$$

$$\frac{E_s^2}{2} = \int_0^{E_s} E_x dE_x = \int_0^{\phi_s} \frac{d^2\phi}{dx^2} d\phi = \frac{qp_0}{\epsilon_{Si}} \int_0^{\phi_s} G(\phi, V_{cb}) d\phi$$

B.C.'s: ($X_o \gg X_{dm}$)

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(0, y) &= \phi_s(y), E_x(0, y) = E_s(y) \\ \phi(X_o, y) &= V_b = 0, E_x(X_o, y) = 0\end{aligned}$$

$$E_s^2 = \frac{2qp_0}{\epsilon_{Si}} \left\{ e^{-(2\phi_F+V_{cb})/v_{th}} \left[v_{th} \left(e^{\phi_s/v_{th}} - 1 \right) - \phi_s \right] + v_{th} \left(e^{-\phi_s/v_{th}} - 1 \right) + \phi_s \right\} \equiv \frac{2qp_0}{\epsilon_{Si}} F_s^2(\phi_s, V_{cb})$$

$$Y = \sqrt{\frac{2q\epsilon_{Si}p_0}{C_{ox}}}$$

$$F_s(\varphi_s, V_{cb}) = \frac{E_s}{\sqrt{2qp_0/\epsilon_{Si}}} = \text{sgn}(\varphi_s) \sqrt{v_{th} \left[e^{-(2\phi_F+V_{cb})} \left(e^{\phi_s} - 1 - \varphi_s \right) + \left(e^{-\phi_s} - 1 + \varphi_s \right) \right]}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_s &= \phi_s/v_{th} \\ \varphi_F &= \phi_F/v_{th} \\ v_{cb} &= V_{cb}/v_{th}\end{aligned}$$

The Complete (“Sah–Pao”) Voltage Equation

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Gauss law:

$$\epsilon_{Si} E_s - \epsilon_{ox} E_{ox} = Q_{ox}$$

$$\epsilon_{ox} E_{ox} = Q_g$$

$$-\epsilon_{Si} E_s = Q_{sc}$$

$$C_{ox} = \epsilon_{ox}/T_{ox}$$

Potential balance:

$$V_{gb} = \phi_{MS} + V_{ox} + \phi_s$$

$$V_{FB} = \phi_{MS} - Q_{ox}/C_{ox}$$

$$Y = \sqrt{2q\epsilon_{Si}p_0/C_{ox}}$$

$$E_{ox} = V_{ox}/T_{ox}$$

Poisson
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$$E_s = \frac{\epsilon_{ox} E_{ox} + Q_{ox}}{\epsilon_{Si}} = \frac{\epsilon_{ox} (V_{ox}/T_{ox}) + Q_{ox}}{\epsilon_{Si}} = \frac{C_{ox} (V_{gb} - \phi_{MS} - \phi_s) + Q_{ox}}{\epsilon_{Si}} = \frac{C_{ox} (V_{gb} - V_{FB} - \phi_s)}{\epsilon_{Si}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}V_{gb} - V_{FB} - \phi_s &= \text{sgn}(\phi_s) Y \sqrt{f_\phi} \quad (\text{pink}) \quad (\text{red}) \quad (\text{green}) \quad (\text{blue}) \\ &= \text{sgn}(\phi_s) Y \sqrt{v_{th} \exp\left(-\frac{2\phi_F+V_{cb}}{v_{th}}\right) \left[\exp\left(\frac{\phi_s}{v_{th}}\right) - 1 \right] + v_{th} \left[\exp\left(-\frac{\phi_s}{v_{th}}\right) - 1 \right] + \phi_s - \phi_s \exp\left(-\frac{2\phi_F+V_{cb}}{v_{th}}\right)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\overbrace{(Q_g + Q_{ox})/C_{ox}} - \overbrace{Q_{sc}/C_{ox}} = -\overbrace{Q_i/C_{ox}} = -\overbrace{(Q_s + Q_d)/C_{ox}} + \overbrace{-Q_b/C_{ox}} = -\overbrace{(Q_{acc} + Q_{sub} + Q_{str})/C_{ox}}$$

$$Q_g = -(Q_b + Q_i + Q_{ox})$$

Ward–Dutton partition

Charge-sheet model (CSM)

Unified Regional Model (URM)

one-piece
smoothing

The Surface-Potential Solutions – Piecewise Regional

$$V_{gb} - V_{FB} - \phi_s = \text{sgn}(\phi_s) Y \sqrt{f_\phi} = \begin{cases} -Y \sqrt{v_{th} e^{-\phi_s/v_{th}}} & (V_{gb} \ll V_{FB}), \text{Accumulation} \\ +Y \sqrt{\phi_s} & (V_{FB} < V_{gb} < V_t), \text{Depletion} \\ +Y \sqrt{v_{th} e^{-(2\phi_F + V_{cb})/v_{th}} e^{\phi_s/v_{th}}} & (V_{gb} \gg V_t), \text{Strong inversion} \end{cases}$$

□ Piecewise regional solutions

$$\phi_s = \begin{cases} \phi_{cc} = V_{gb} - V_{FB} + 2v_{th} \mathcal{L}\{W_{cc}\} & (V_{gb} \ll V_{FB}), \text{Only holes, } p \\ \phi_{dd} = \left(-\frac{Y}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{Y^2}{4} + V_{gb} - V_{FB}} \right)^2 & (V_{FB} < V_{gb} < V_t), \text{Only acceptors, } N_A \\ \phi_{ss} = V_{gb} - V_{FB} - 2v_{th} \mathcal{L}\{W_{ss}\} & (V_{gb} \gg V_t), \text{Only electrons, } n \end{cases}$$

$$W_{cc} = \frac{Y}{2\sqrt{v_{th}}} \exp\left(-\frac{V_{gb} - V_{FB}}{2v_{th}}\right)$$

$$W_{ss} = \frac{Y}{2\sqrt{v_{th}}} \exp\left(\frac{V_{gb} - V_{FB} - 2\phi_F - V_{cb}}{2v_{th}}\right)$$

$\mathcal{L}\{W\}$ is the **Lambert W function**, which is the solution of the equation: $\exp(X) + aX + B = 0$

where $X_{cc} = \frac{-\phi_{cc}}{2v_{th}}$, $B_{cc} = \frac{V_{gb} - V_{FB}}{Y\sqrt{v_{th}}}$, $X_{ss} = \frac{\phi_{ss} - 2\phi_F - V_{cb}}{2v_{th}}$, $B_{ss} = -\frac{V_{gb} - V_{FB} - 2\phi_F - V_{cb}}{Y\sqrt{v_{th}}}$, and $W = \frac{1}{a} \exp\left(-\frac{B}{a}\right)$, $a = \frac{2\sqrt{v_{th}}}{Y}$

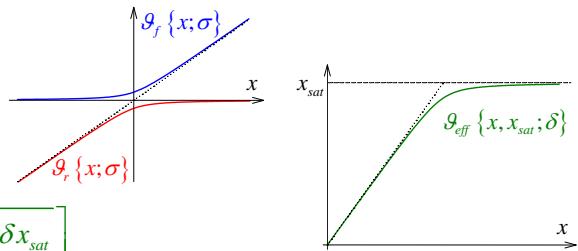
The Surface-Potential Solutions – Unified Regional

□ Smoothing and transition functions

$$\vartheta_f(x; \sigma) \equiv 0.5 \left(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 4\sigma} \right)$$

$$\vartheta_r(x; \sigma) \equiv 0.5 \left(x - \sqrt{x^2 + 4\sigma} \right)$$

$$\vartheta_{eff}(x, x_{sat}; \delta) \equiv x_{sat} - 0.5 \left[x_{sat} - x - \delta + \sqrt{(x_{sat} - x - \delta)^2 + 4\delta x_{sat}} \right]$$



□ Unified regional solutions

$$\phi_s = \begin{cases} \phi_{acc} = \phi_{cc} \Big|_{V_{gb} - V_{FB} = V_{gbr}} = V_{gbr} + 2v_{th} \mathcal{L}\{W_{cc}\} \\ \phi_{sub} = \phi_{dd} \Big|_{V_{gb} - V_{FB} = V_{gbf}} = \left(-\frac{Y}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{Y^2}{4} + V_{gbf}} \right)^2 \\ \phi_{str} = \phi_{ss} \Big|_{V_{gb} - V_{FB} = V_{gbf}} = V_{gbf} - 2v_{th} \mathcal{L}\{W_{ss}\} \end{cases}$$

$$V_{gbr} = \vartheta_f(V_{gb} - V_{FB}; \sigma_a)$$

$$V_{gbr} + V_{gba} \equiv V_{gb} - V_{FB}$$

$$V_{gbf} = \vartheta_f(V_{gb} - V_{FB}; \sigma_f)$$

$$V_{gba} = \vartheta_f(V_{gb} - V_{FB}; \sigma_a)$$

- Turn σ_f to satisfy charge neutrality $\phi_s(V_{FB}) = 0$;
- Tune σ_a for smoothness at $V_{gb} = V_{FB}$.

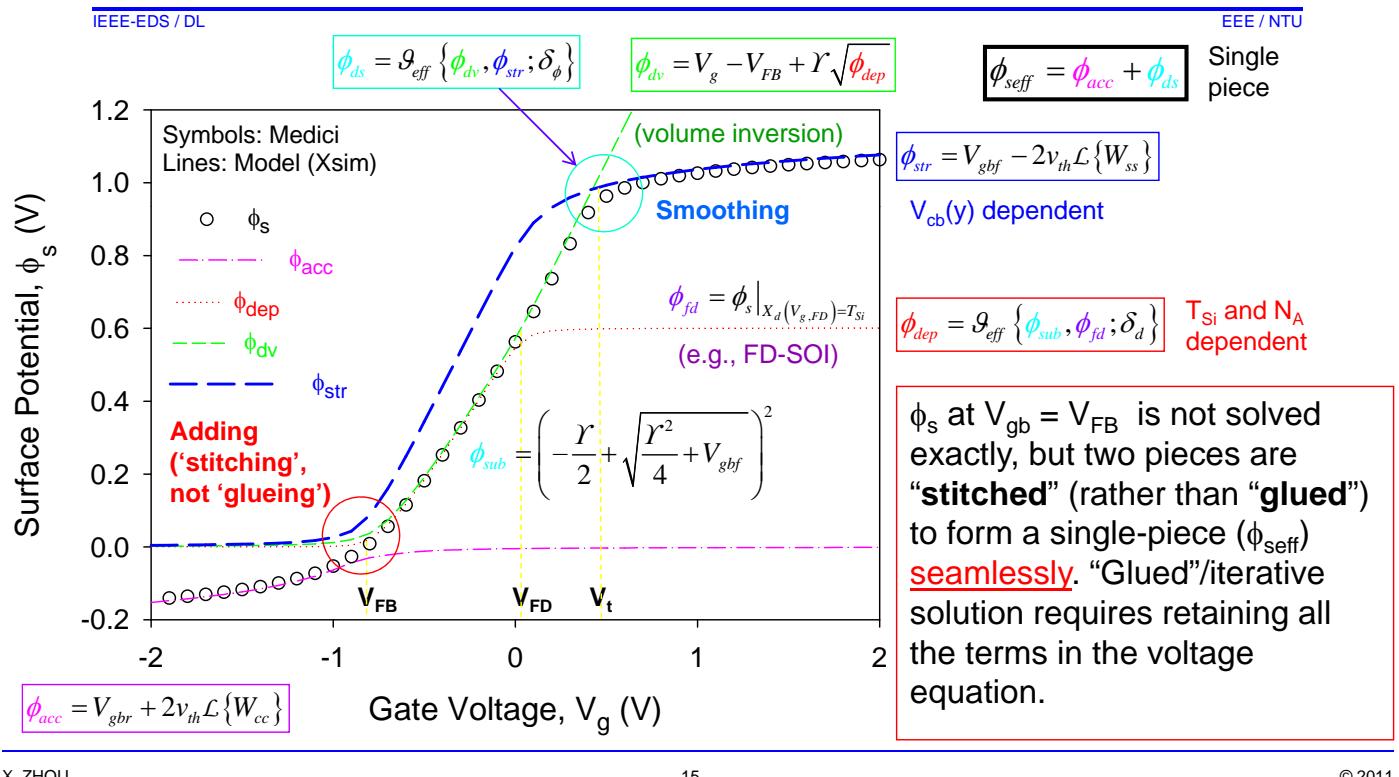
□ Single-piece unified solutions

$$\phi_{ds} = \vartheta_{eff}(\phi_{sub}, \phi_{str}; \delta_\phi)$$

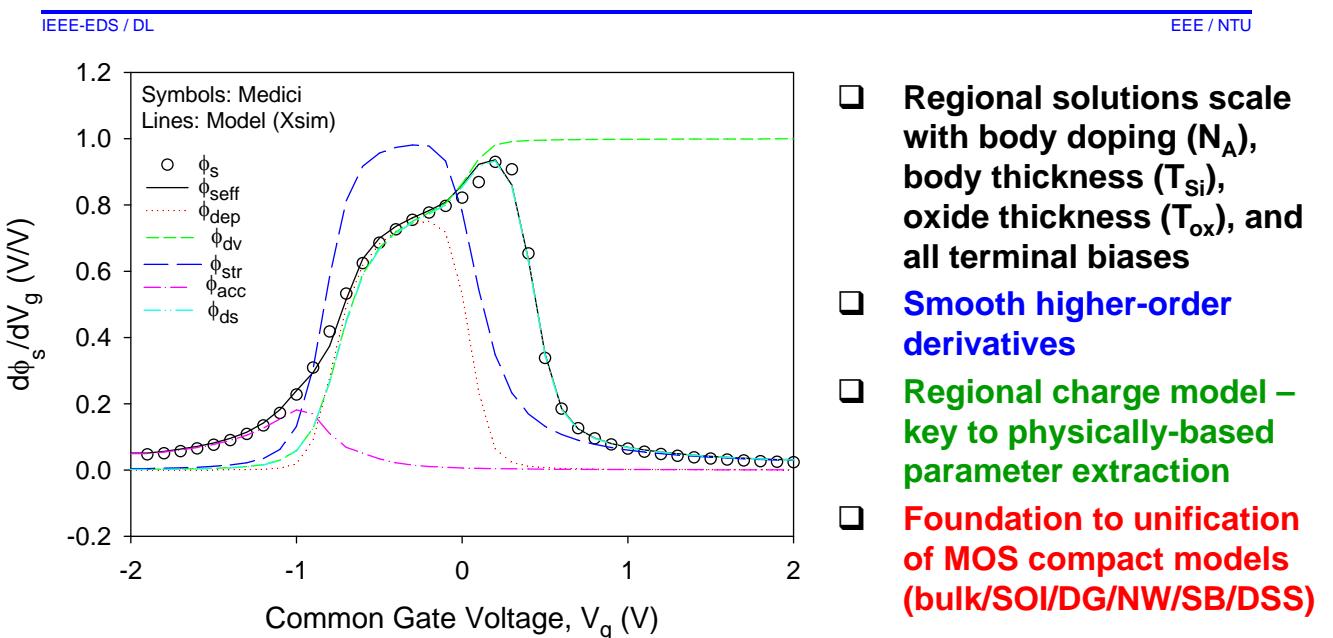
$$\phi_{sa} = \phi_{acc} + \phi_{sub}$$

$$\phi_{seff} = \phi_{acc} + \phi_{ds}$$

The Surface Potential: Unified Regional Modeling (URM)



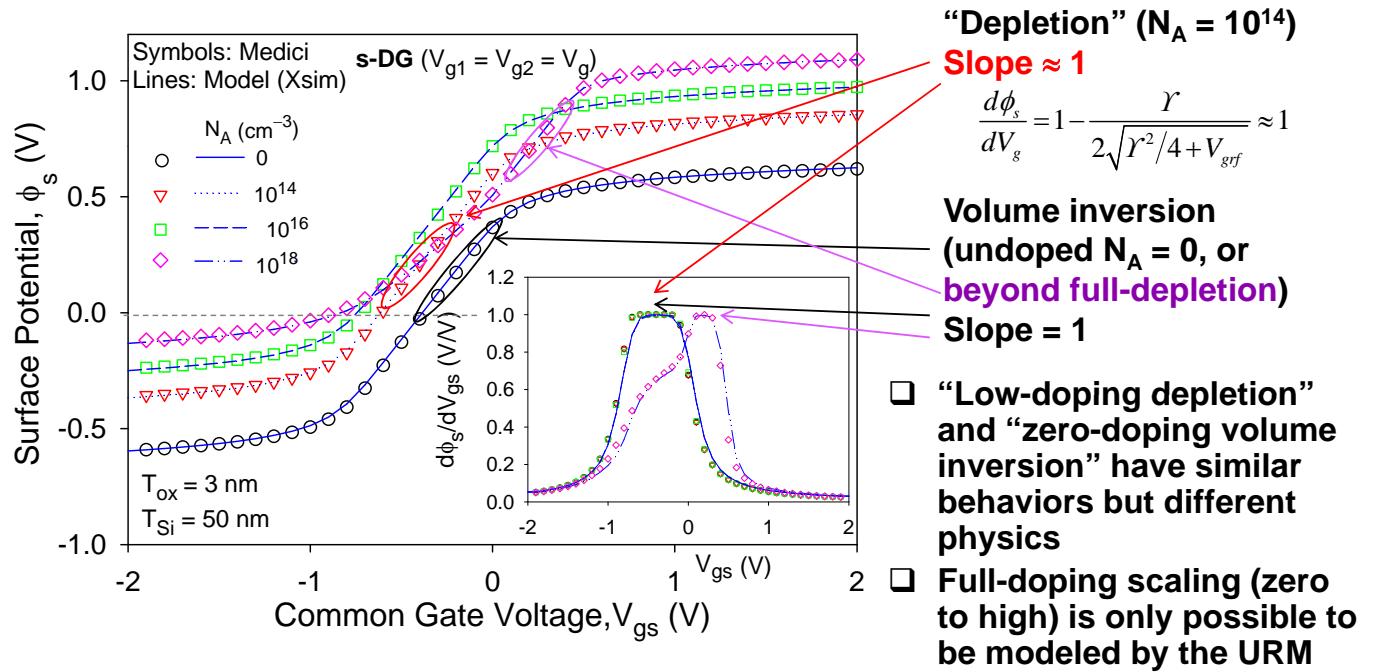
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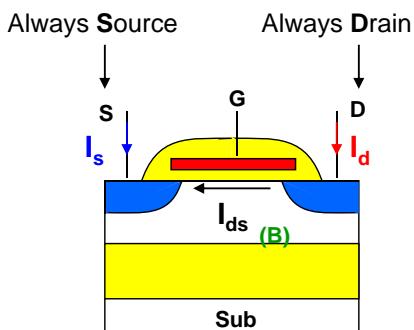
Doping-Dependent ϕ_s : “Depletion” vs. Volume Inversion



Paradigm Shift: B/G-reference and Source/Drain by Label

- S/D by convention (nMOS)**
 - $V_d > V_s$: $I_{ds} > 0$ ('D' \rightarrow 'S')
 - $V_d < V_s$: $I_{ds} > 0$ ('D' \leftrightarrow 'S')
 - By convention, nMOS I_{ds} always flows from 'D' to 'S'
 - Terminal swapping for $-V_{ds}$: involving $|V_{ds}|$ in model

S/D by label (layout)



- $V_d > V_s$: $I_{ds} > 0$ (D \rightarrow S)
- $V_d < V_s$: $I_{ds} < 0$ (S \rightarrow D)

Effective drain–source voltage ($V_{ds,eff}$)

FB: $V_{ds,eff} = V_{d,eff} - V_{s,eff}$ BC: $V_{ds,eff} = V_{db,eff} - V_{sb,eff}$

$$I_{ds} = \overline{\beta} \left(\overline{q}_i + \overline{A}_b v_{th} \right) V_{ds,eff} = I_d - I_s$$

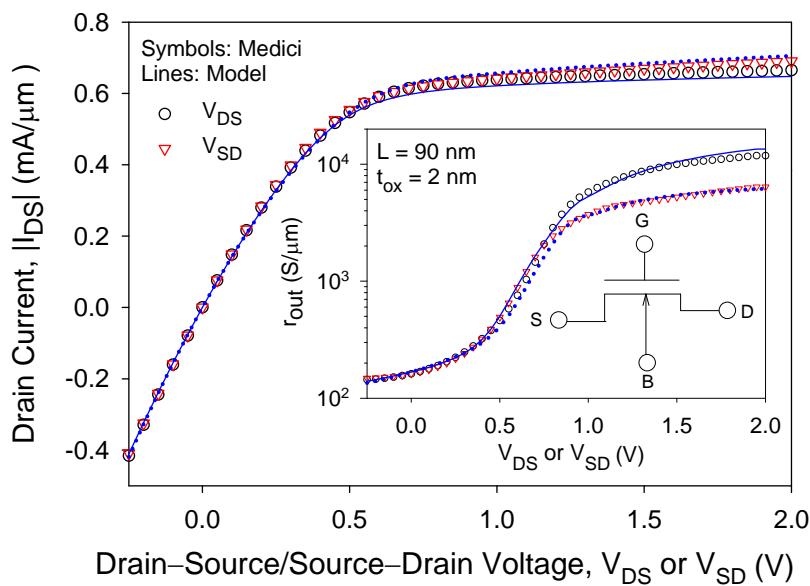
$$= \overline{\beta} \left(\overline{q}_i + \overline{A}_b v_{th} \right) V_{db,eff} - \overline{\beta} \left(\overline{q}_i + \overline{A}_b v_{th} \right) V_{sb,eff}$$

- **Key:** Bulk/Ground-reference — auto switch to B/G-ref when body-contact is biased or floating
- Intrinsic I_{ds} is an exact odd function of V_{ds}
- Physical modeling of asymmetric MOS (nontrivial with “terminal swapping” for negative V_{ds})

Modeling Asymmetric Source/Drain MOSFET

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$X_{j,s} = 80 \text{ nm}$, $N_{D,s} = 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$; $X_{j,d} = 30 \text{ nm}$, $N_{D,d} = 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

G. H. See, et al., T-ED, 55(2), p. 624, Feb. 2008.

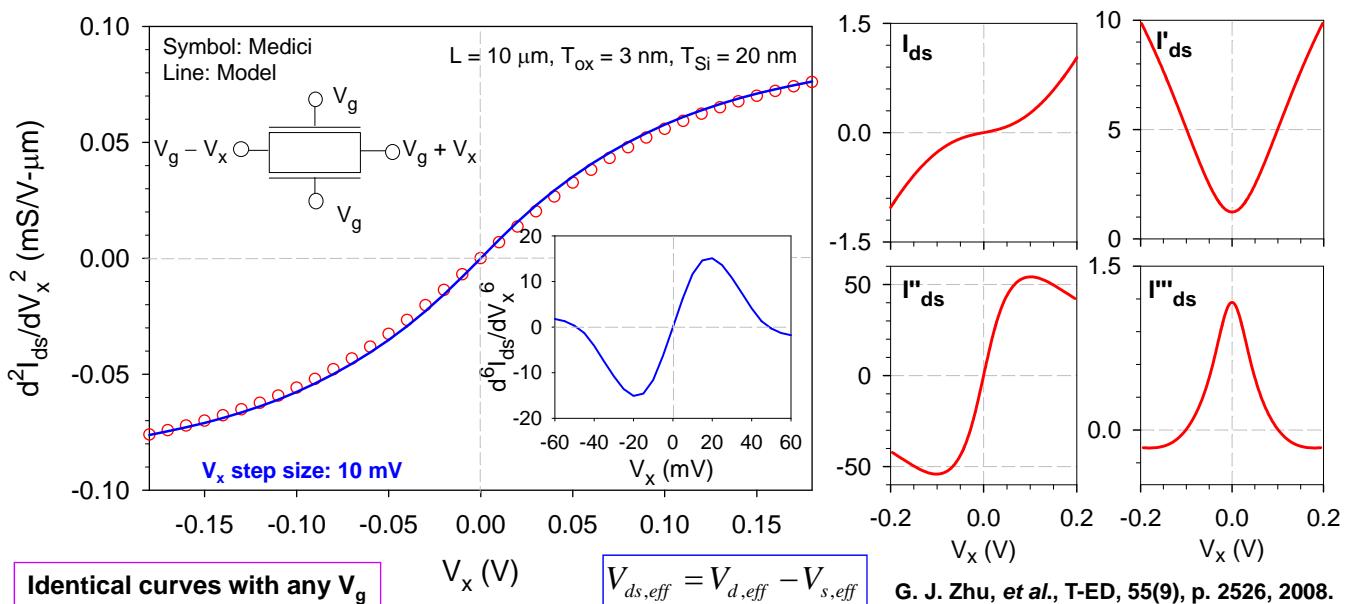
- “Source” and “Drain” by **label** (rather than by MOS convention); i.e., V_{DS} and V_{SD} are different
- Structural asymmetry (e.g., X_j , N_D) can be captured by refitting physical parameters (e.g., $V_{\text{sat},s}$ and $V_{\text{sat},d}$)
- Models based on S/D terminal swapping for negative V_{ds} at circuit level can never model asymmetric device easily (need to have two sets of symmetric model parameters)

Gummel Symmetry Test on Undoped s-DG Without BC

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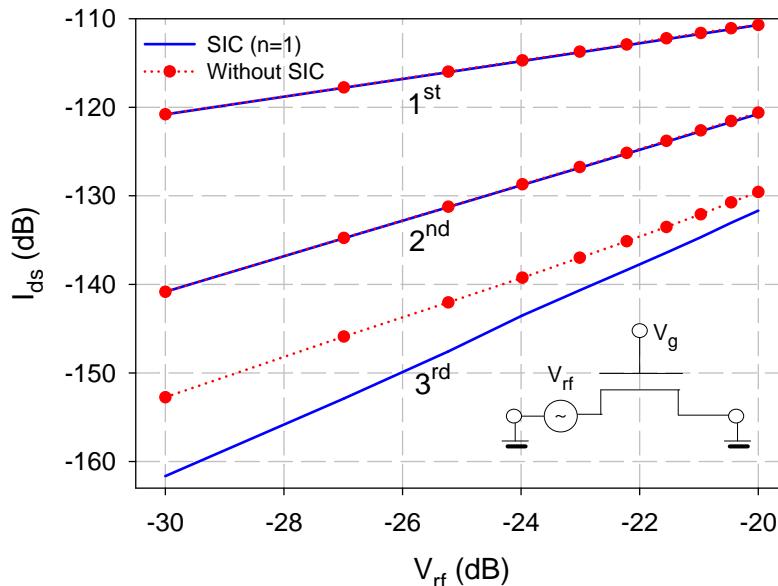
“Floating body” (without body contact): **Key – “ground-referenced” model**



Harmonic-Balance Simulation

SIC: Symmetric Imref Correction

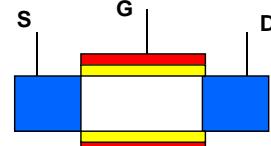
$$\phi_o = nv_{th} \left[\ln 2 - \ln \left(e^{-V_s/nv_{th}} + e^{-V_d/nv_{th}} \right) \right]$$



Undoped-Body DG FinFET vs. GAA SiNW

FinFET (DG)

$$\frac{d^2\phi}{dx^2} = \frac{qn_i}{\epsilon_{Si}} e^{(\phi-V_c)/v_{th}}$$



First integration

$$V_{gf} - \phi_s = Y_i \sqrt{v_{th} \left(e^{(\phi_s - V_c)/v_{th}} - e^{(\phi_o - V_c)/v_{th}} \right)}$$

Ignore the ϕ_o term

$$\phi_s [V_c(y)] = V_{gf} - 2v_{th} \mathcal{L} \left\{ \frac{Y_i}{2\sqrt{v_{th}}} e^{(V_{gf} - V_c)/2v_{th}} \right\}$$

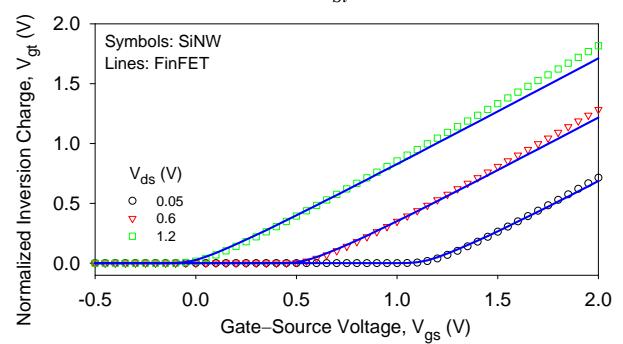
Second integration

$$C_{ox} = \epsilon_o K_{ox} / T_{ox}$$

$$V_{gt,c}(V_c) = Y_i \sqrt{v_{th}} e^{\frac{\phi_s(V_c) - V_c}{v_{th}}} \sin \left(\frac{Y_i C_{ox}}{\epsilon_{Si}} \frac{T_{Si}}{4v_{th}} \sqrt{v_{th}} e^{\frac{\phi_o(V_c) - V_c}{v_{th}}} \right)$$

SiNW (GAA)

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r \frac{d\phi}{dr} \right) = \frac{qn_i}{\epsilon_{Si}} e^{(\phi - V_c)/v_{th}}$$

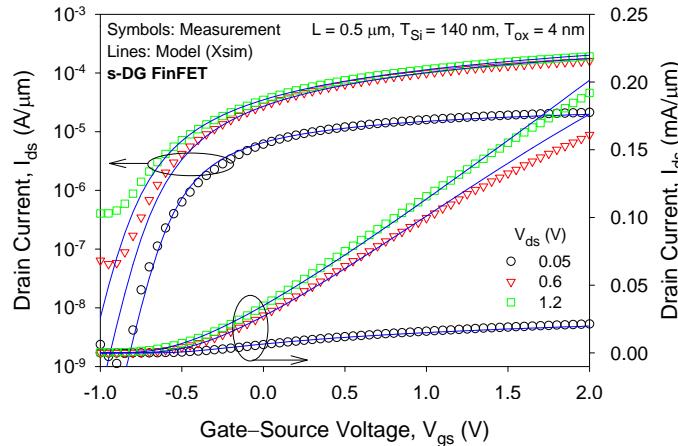


$$C_{ox} = \epsilon_o K_{ox} / R \ln(1 + T_{ox}/R)$$

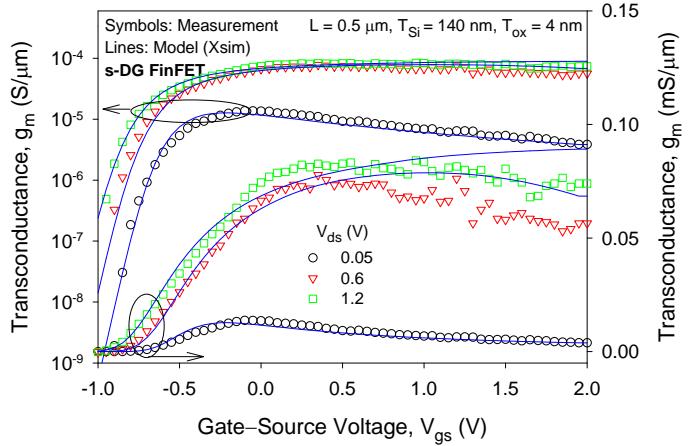
$$V_{gt,c}(V_c) = \frac{R q n_i}{2 C_{ox}} e^{(\phi_s + \phi_o - 2V_c)/2v_{th}}$$

s-DG/FinFET: Short-Channel Transfer Characteristics

Transfer I_{ds} - V_{gs}



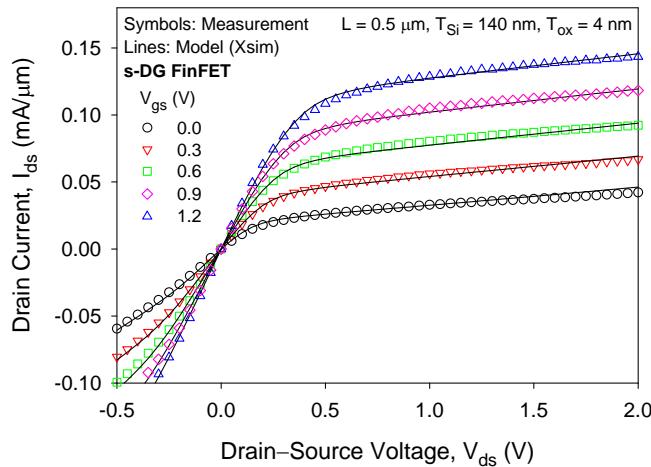
Transfer g_m - V_{gs}



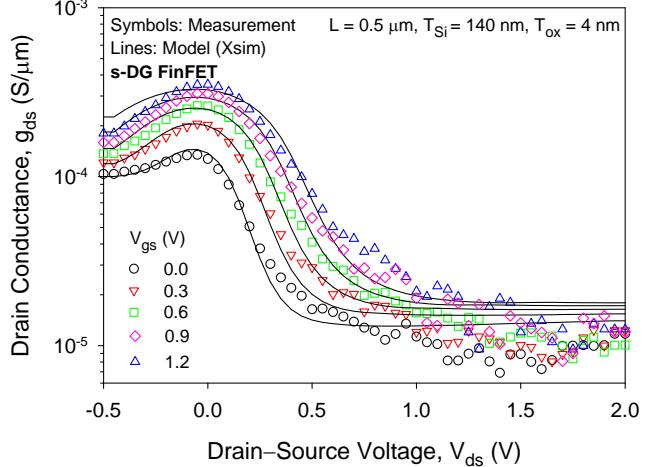
Symmetric-DG FinFET model comparison with **Measurement**.

s-DG/FinFET: Short-Channel Output Characteristics

Output I_{ds} - V_{ds}

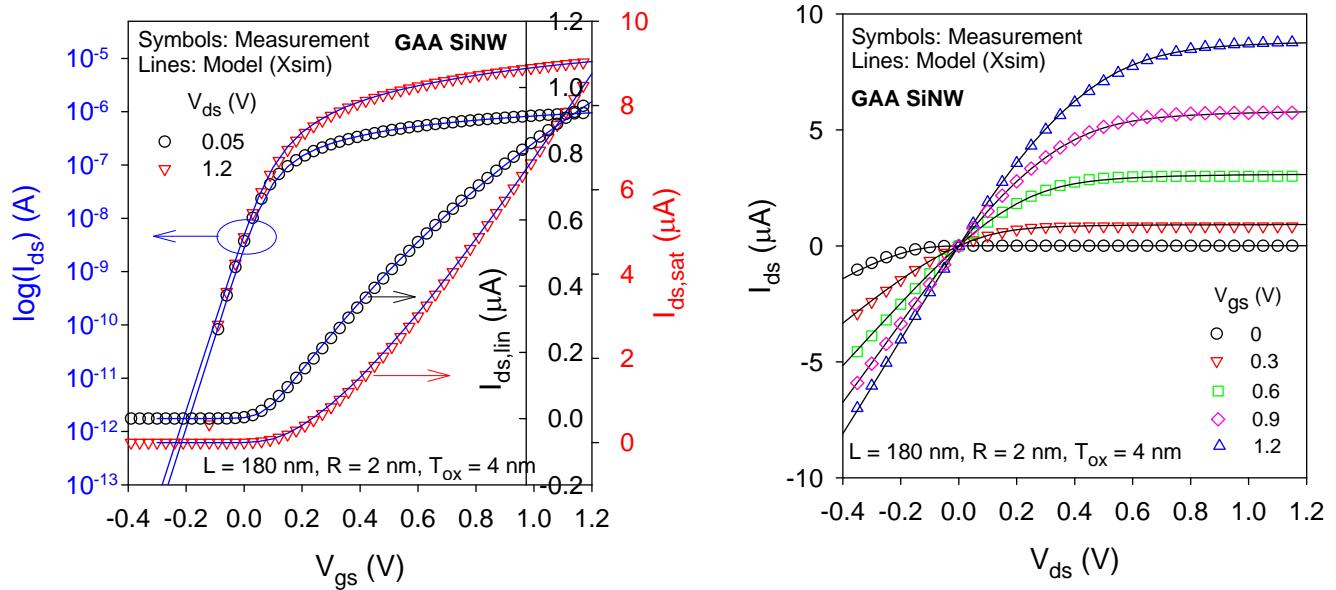


Output g_{ds} - V_{ds}

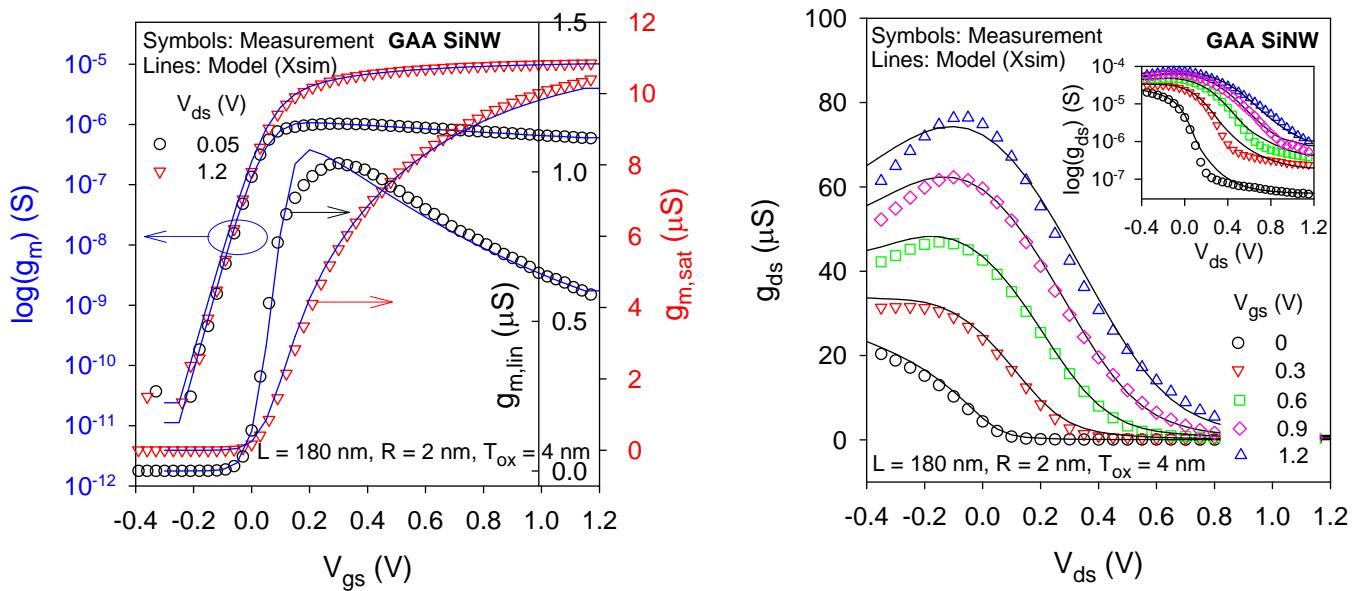


Symmetric-DG FinFET model comparison with **Measurement**.

GAA: Model Comparison with Measurement



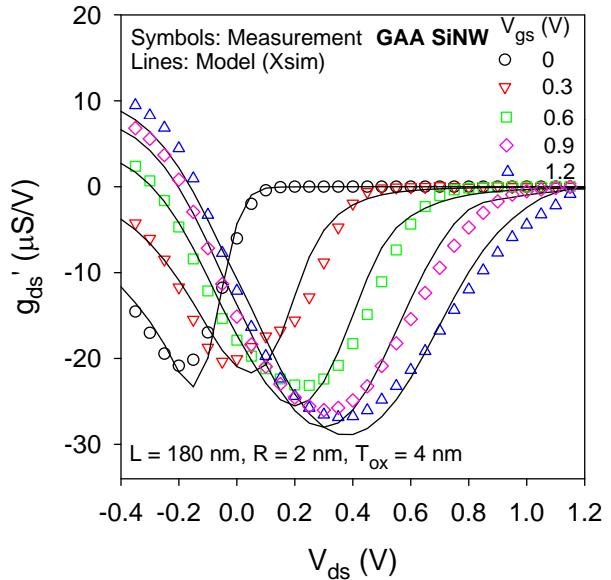
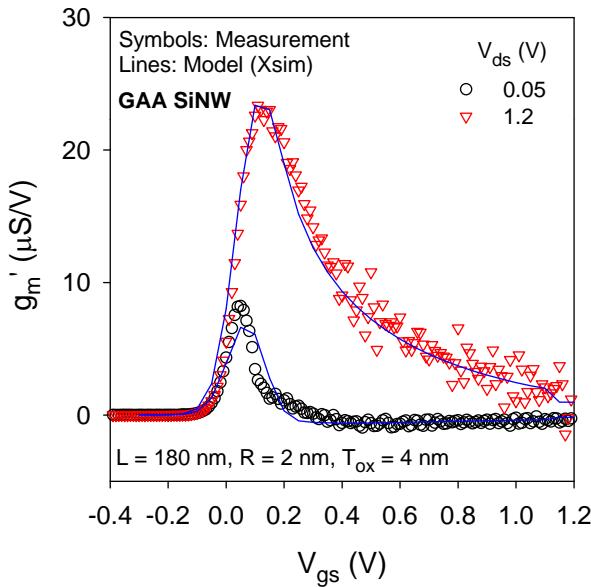
GAA: Model Comparison with Measurement (1st Derivative)



GAA: Model Comparison with Measurement (2nd Derivative)

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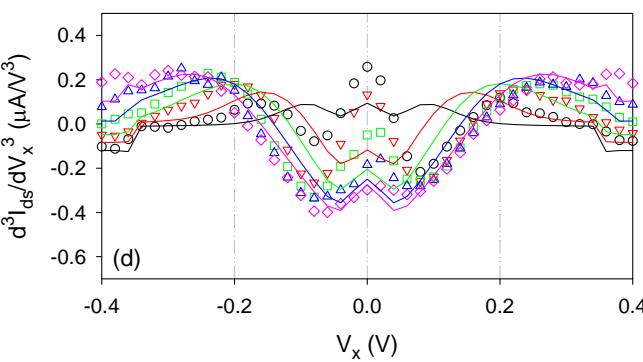
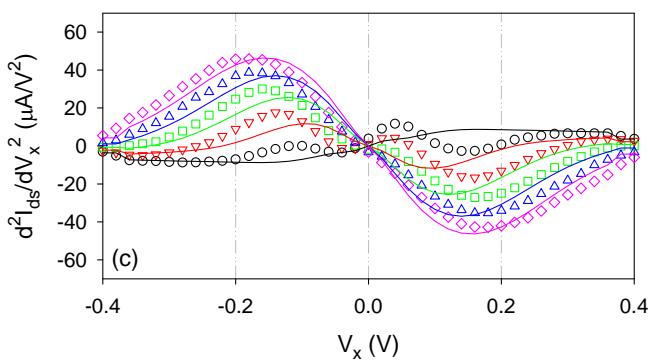
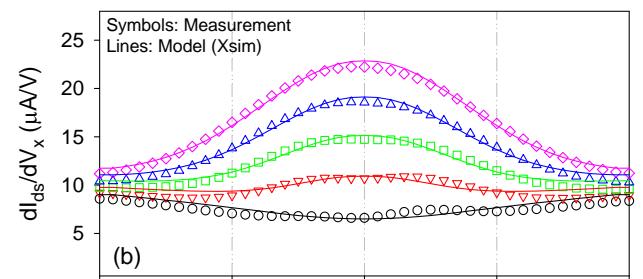
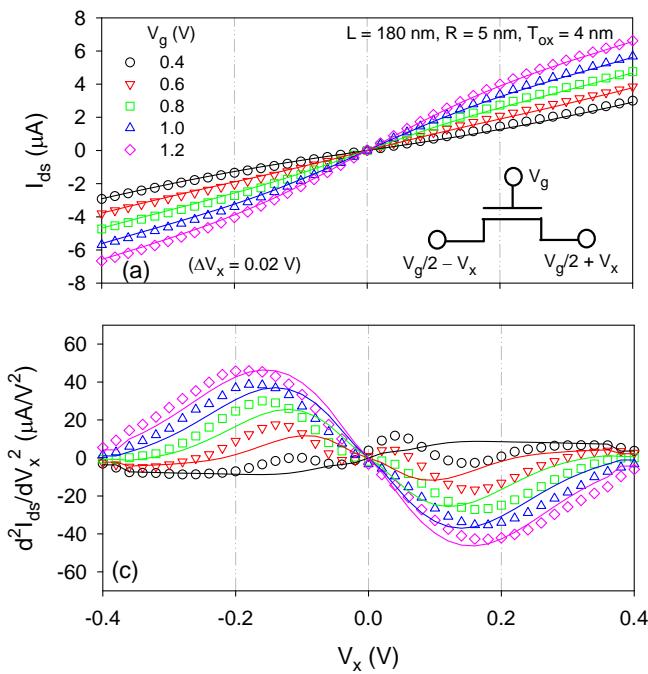
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GAA: Measured Gummel Symmetry Test

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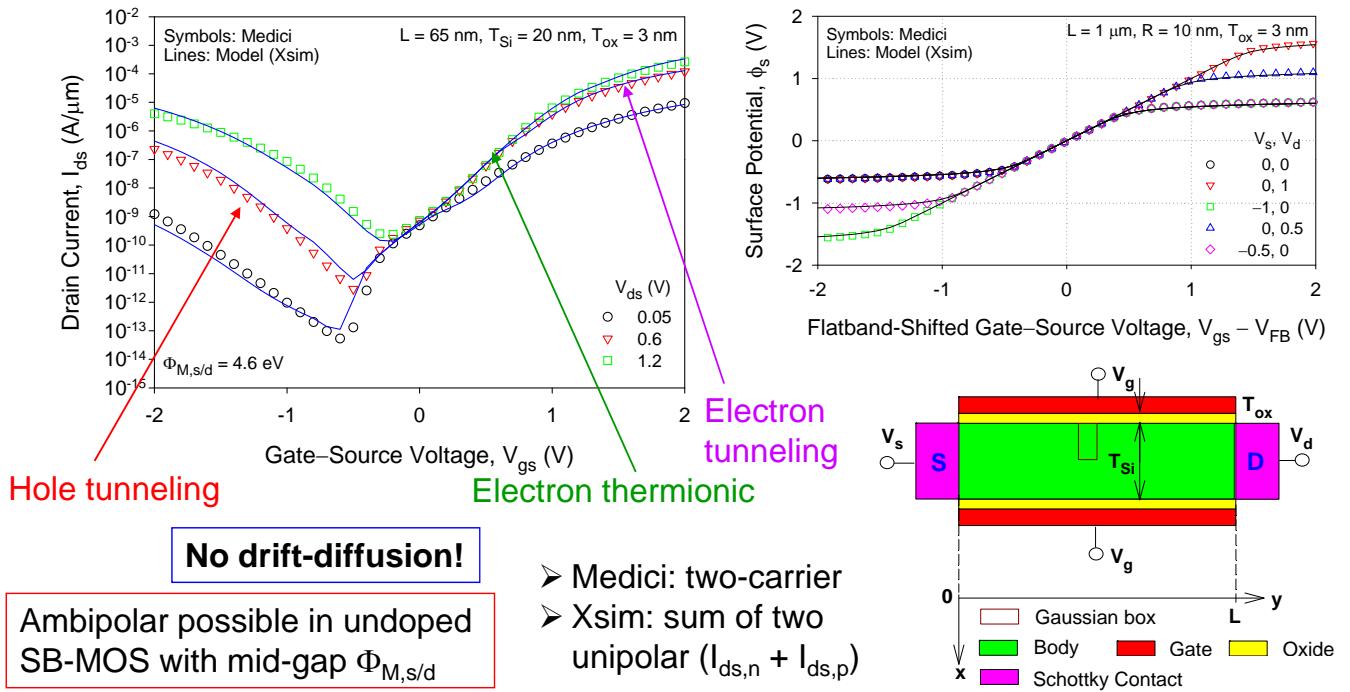
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Schottky-Barrier MOSFET: Ambipolar Current

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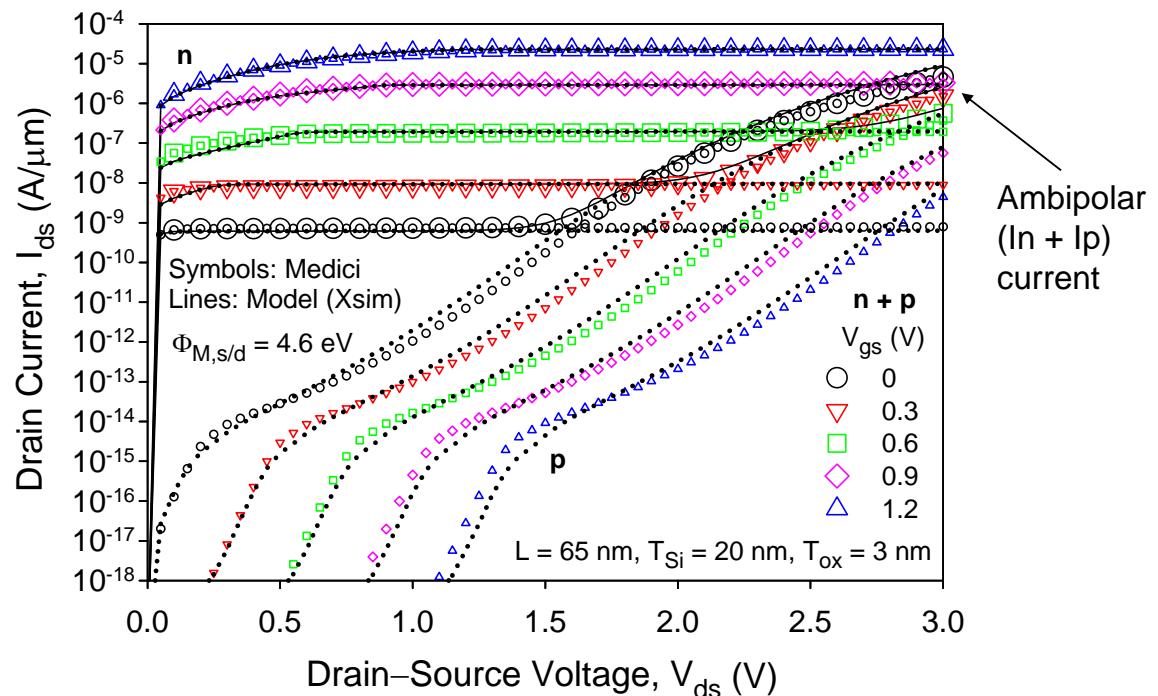
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SB-MOS: Total Current = (Electron + Hole) Currents

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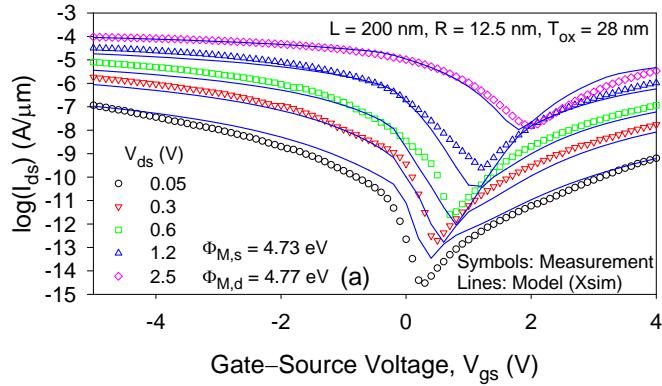
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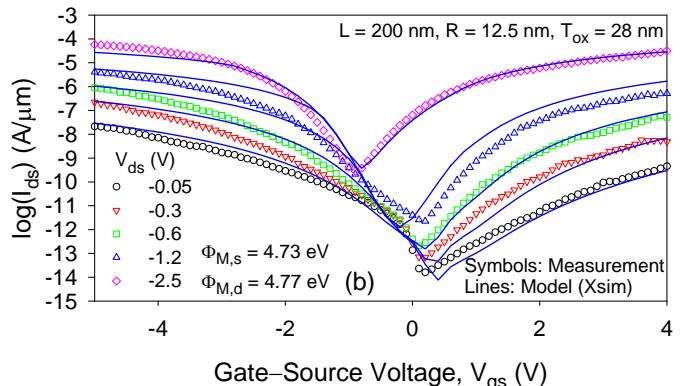
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SB-MOS: Model Applied to Measured SB-MOS

nMOS operation (+V_{ds})



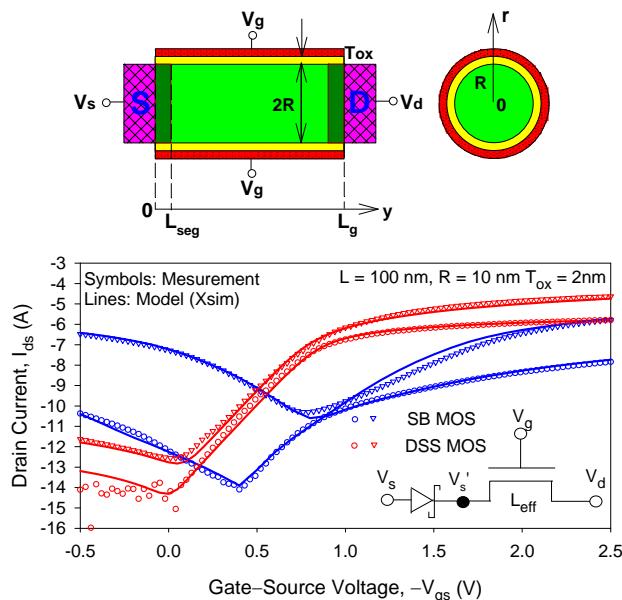
pMOS operation (-V_{ds})



SB-MOS model comparison with **Measurement**.
(Same model and same device with different bias)

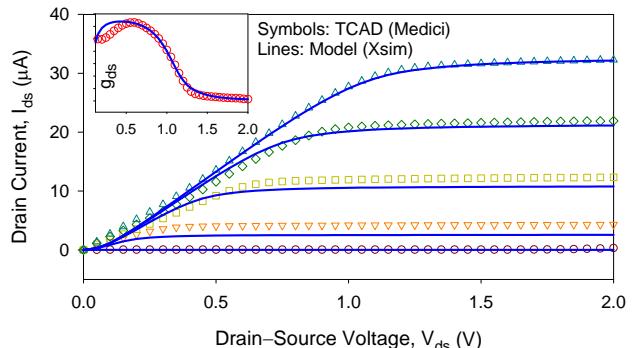
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DSS-SiNW: Subcircuit Model



Dopant-Segregated Schottky (DSS) SiNW:

- Thermionic/tunneling (TT) + drift-diffusion (DD)
- The unique **convex** curvature in I_{ds} – V_{ds} can only be modeled by a subcircuit model:
SBD (TT) + MOS (DD)



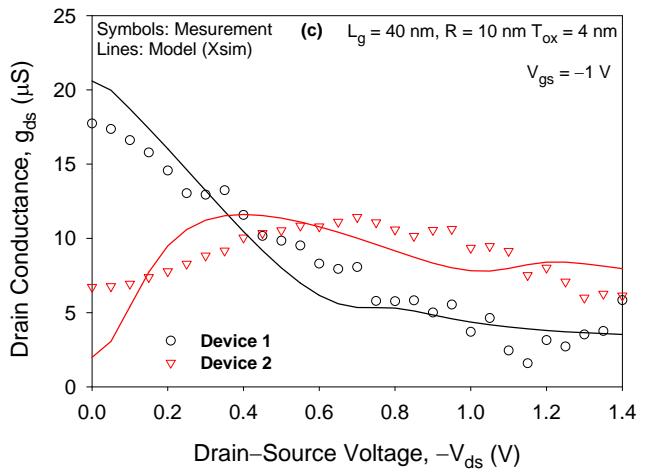
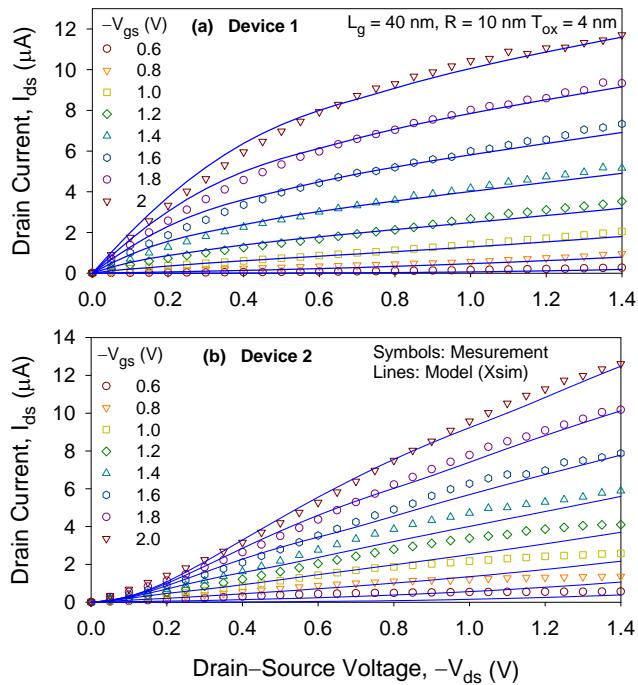
DSS-SiNW MOS subcircuit model comparison with **Measurement**.

G. J. Zhu, et al., SSDM, p. 402, Oct. 2009; T-ED, 57(4), p. 772, Apr. 2010.

DSS-SiNW: Subcircuit Model for Two Measured Devices

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DSS-SiNW MOS subcircuit model
comparison with two **measured** devices:
Device 1: normal concave curvature
Device 2: unique **convex** curvature

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Xsim: Basic Bulk-MOS Model Parameters

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□ Physical parameters [6]

- Oxide thickness (T_{ox}), S/D junction depth (X_j)
- Doping: channel (N_{ch}), gate (N_{gate}), S/D (N_{sd}), overlap (N_{ov})

Total: 33 basic parameters

(less for DG/GAA)

□ AC/Poly/QM parameters [8]

- Bulk charge sharing (BCS): channel (λ_c), gate (λ_p), overlap (λ_{ov})
- Potential barrier lowering (PBL): accumulation (α_{acc}), depletion/inversion (α_{ds})
- Extrinsic: lateral spread (σ), inversion/bulk charge factor (v_i, v_b)

□ DC parameters [19]

- Mobility: vertical-field mobility (μ, μ_2, μ_3, v)
- Effective field: vertical (ζ_n, ζ_b), lateral (δ_L)
- PBL: accumulation (α_{acc}), depletion/inversion (α_{ds}), long-channel DIBL (α_{dibl})
- BCL/lateral-doping: BCL (λ), halo-peak (κ), halo-spread (β), halo-centroid (I_μ)
- Series resistance: bias-dependent (υ), bias-independent (ρ)
- Velocity saturation (v_{sat}), velocity overshoot (ξ), effective D/S voltage (δ_s)

□ Smoothing parameters — internal model requirement