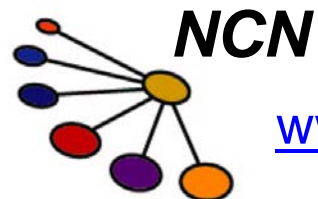


# EE-612: Lecture 12: 2D Electrostatics

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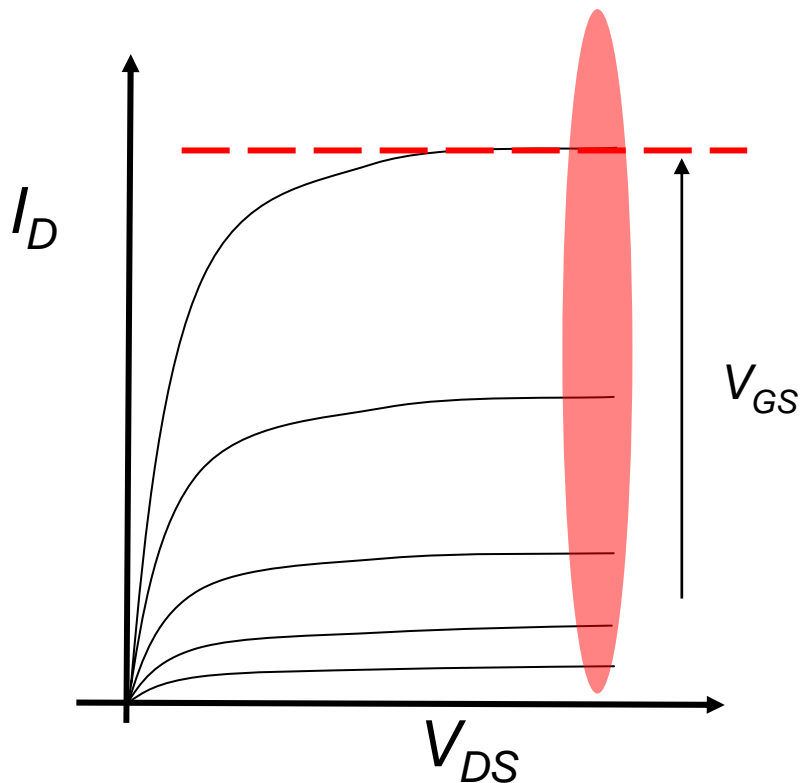
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# $I_D$ vs. $V_{DS}$ (long channel)



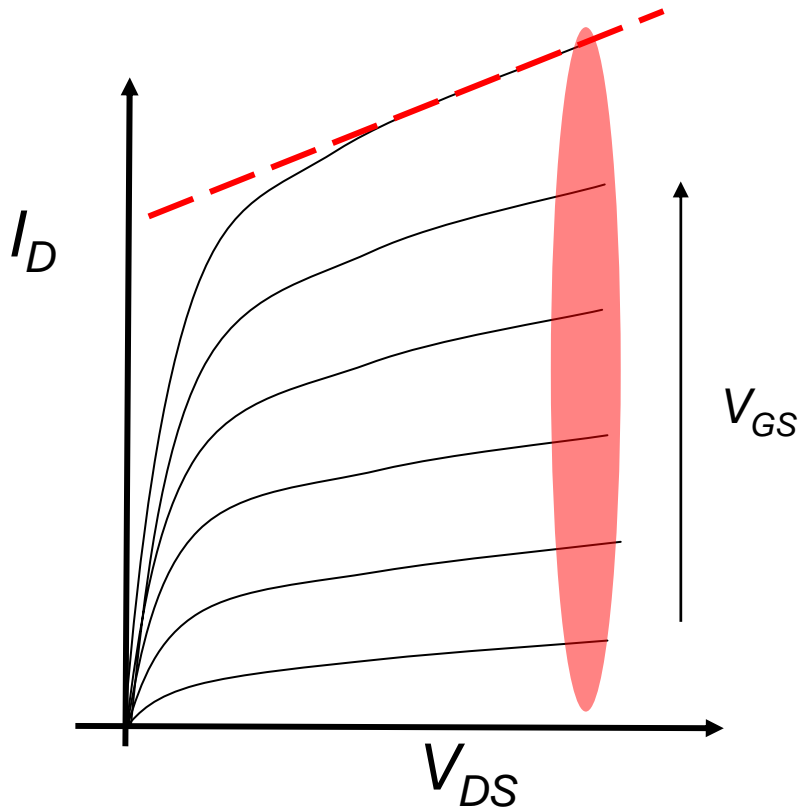
1) square law

$$I_D = \frac{W}{2L} \mu_{eff} C_{ox} \frac{(V_{GS} - V_T)^2}{m}$$

2) low output conductance

$$g_d = \left. \frac{\partial I_D}{\partial V_{DS}} \right|_{V_{GS}}$$

# $I_D$ vs. $V_{DS}$ (short channel)



1) linear with  $V_{GS}$

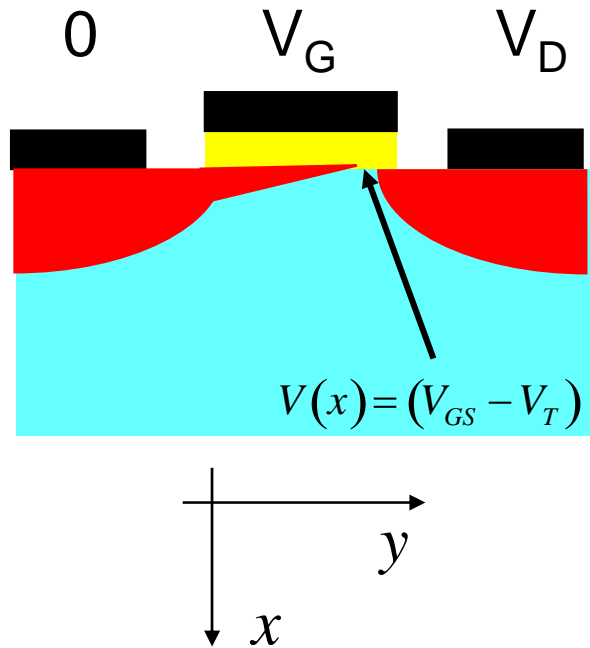
$$I_D = W \nu_{sat} C_{ox} (V_{GS} - V_T)$$

2) high output conductance

$$g_d = \left. \frac{\partial I_D}{\partial V_{DS}} \right|_{V_{GS}}$$

see Taur and Ning, pp. 154-158

# channel length modulation



$$I_D = \mu_{eff} C_{ox} \frac{W}{2L'} (V_{GS} - V_T)^2$$

$$V_{GS} > V_T$$

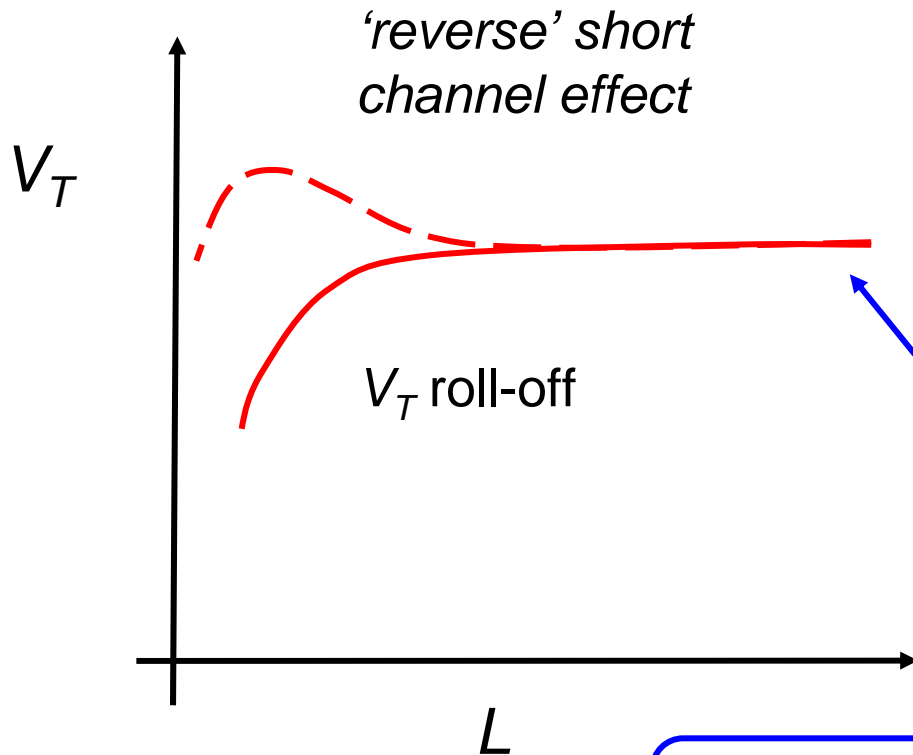
$$V_{DS} > V_{GS} - V_T$$

$$L' = L - \Delta L < L$$

## ***pinch-off region:***

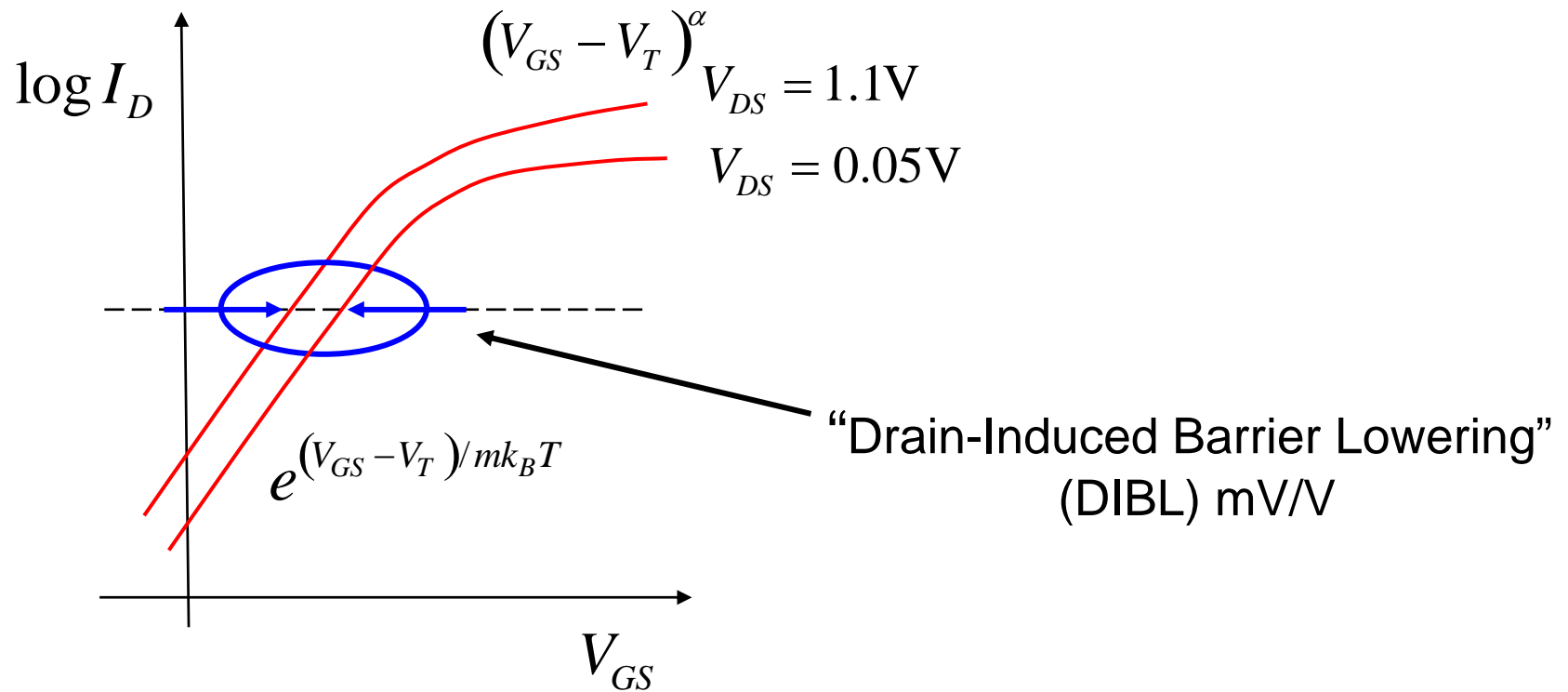
- 1) high lateral electric field  $E_y \gg E_x$
- 2) small carrier density
- 3) under control of drain, not gate (GCA does not apply)

# $V_T$ roll-off

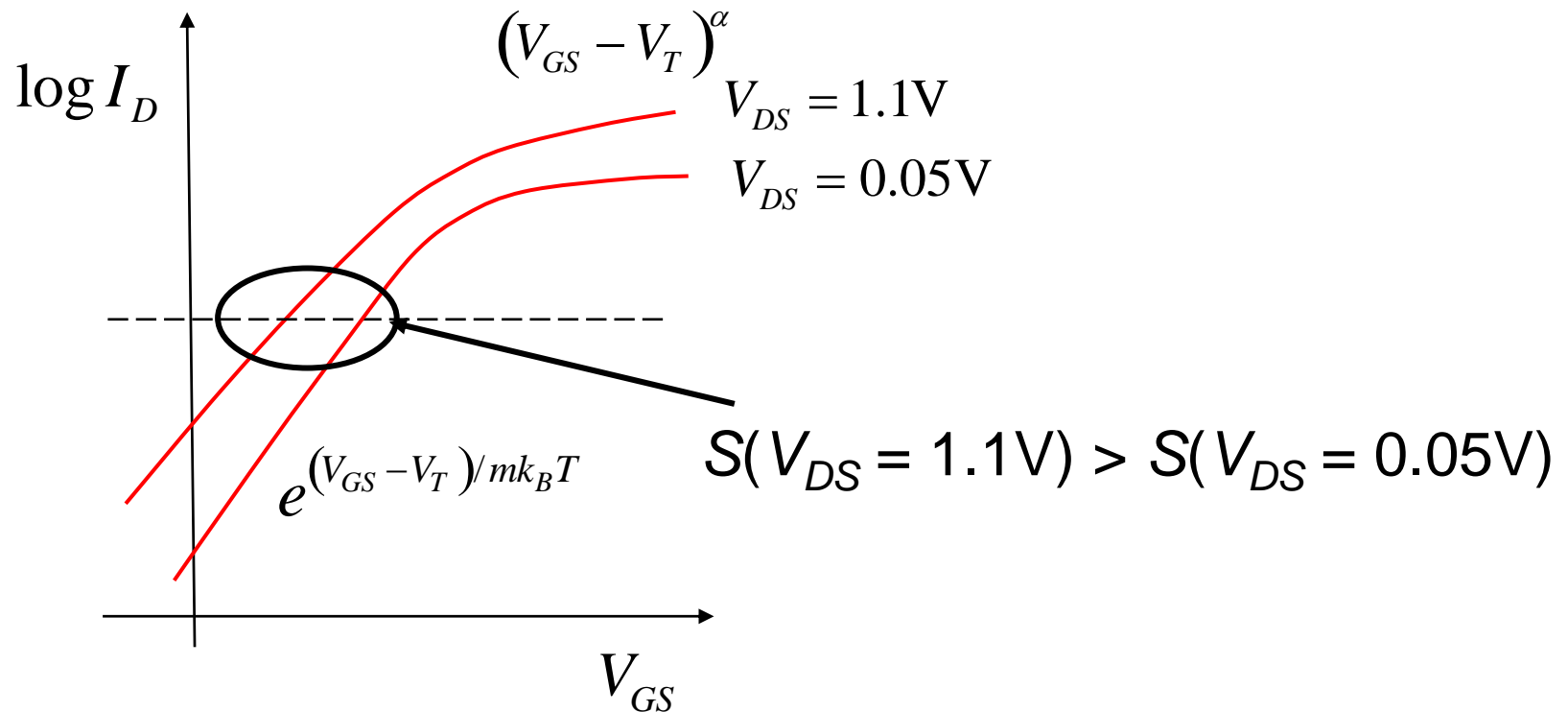


$$V_T = V_{FB} + 2\psi_B + \sqrt{2q\epsilon_{Si}N_A(2\psi_B)/C_{ox}}$$

# DIBL

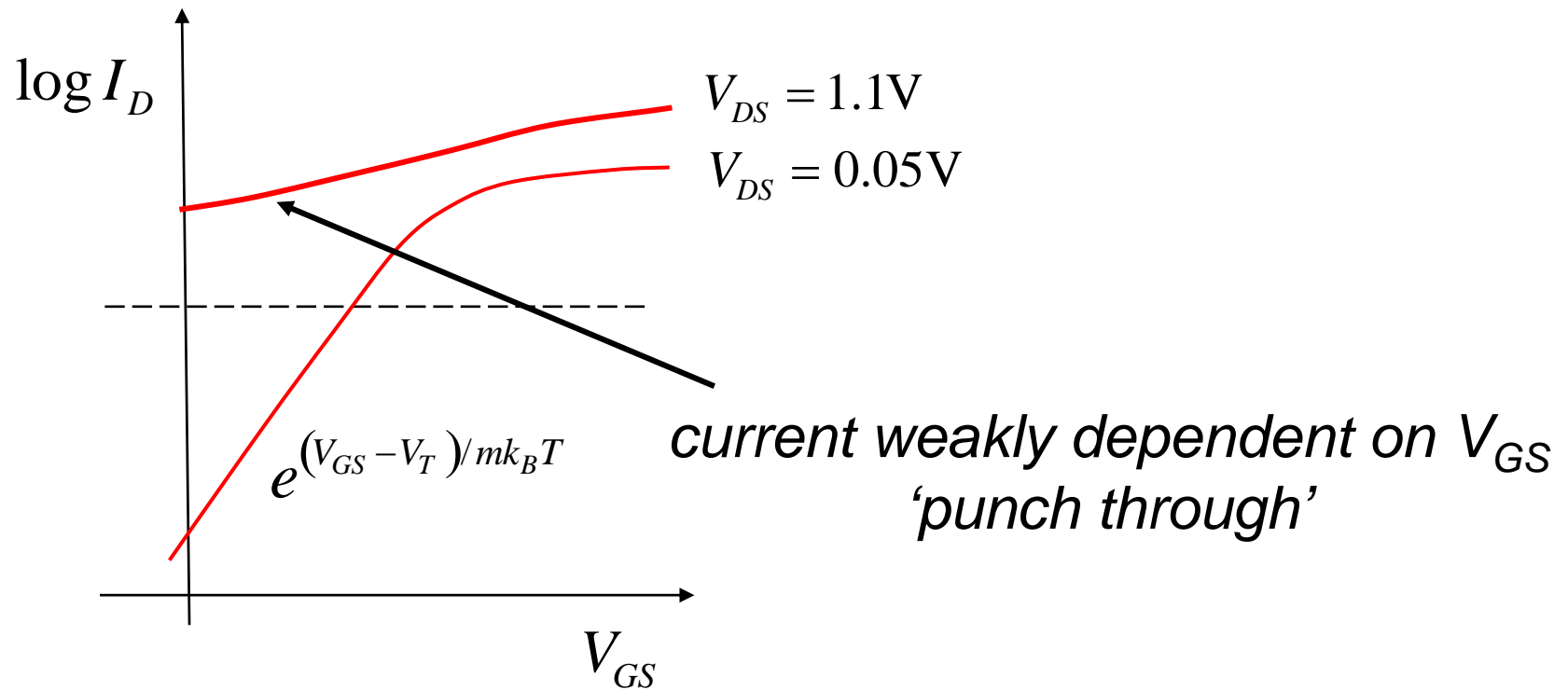


# stronger short channel effects

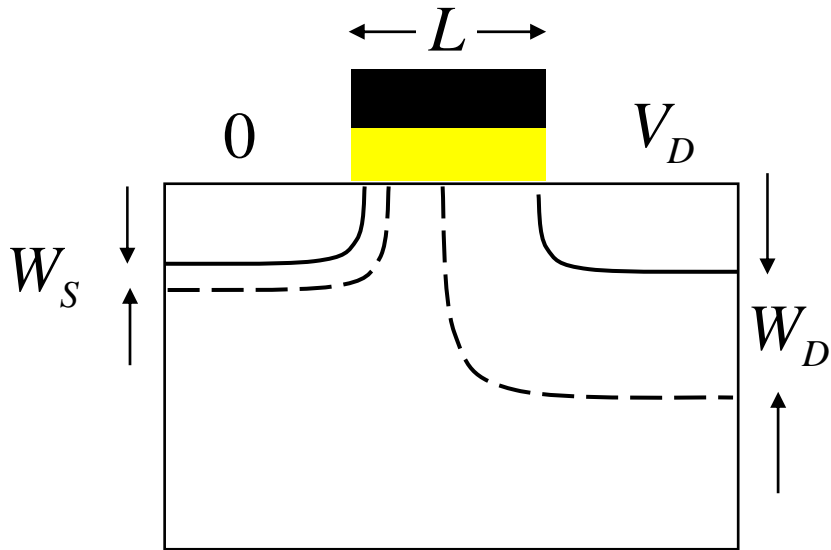




# severe short channel effects

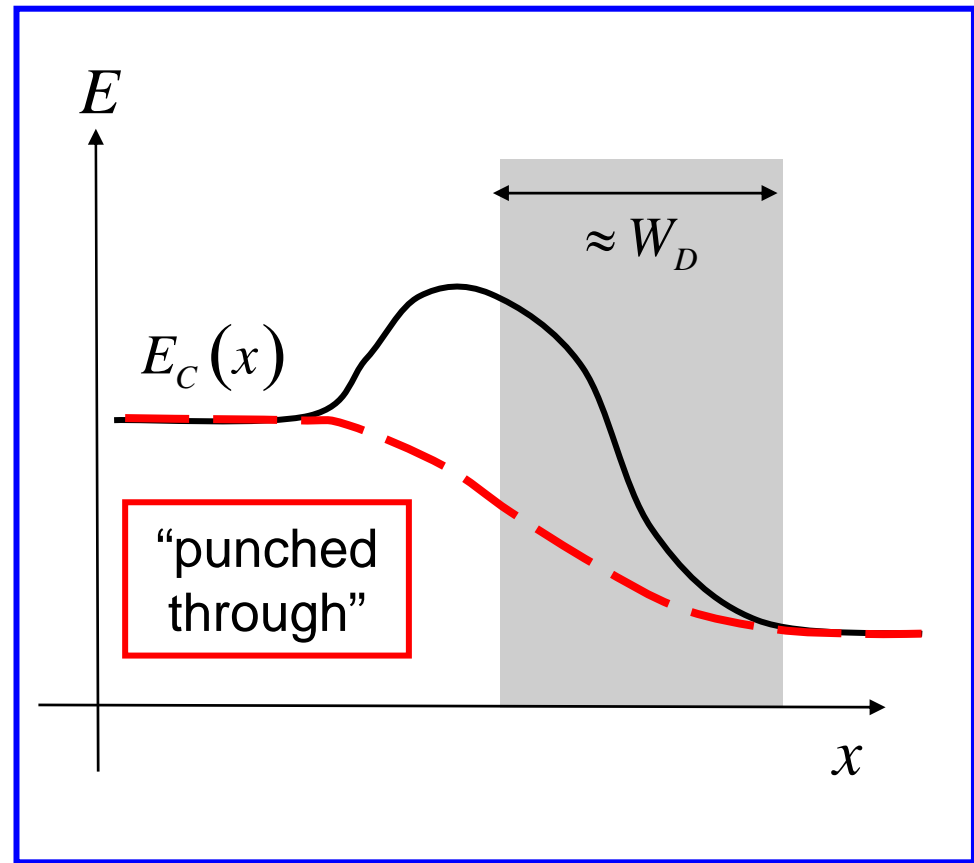


# punchthrough



$N_A$  (min): punch through

$$W_S + W_D < L$$



# short channel effects

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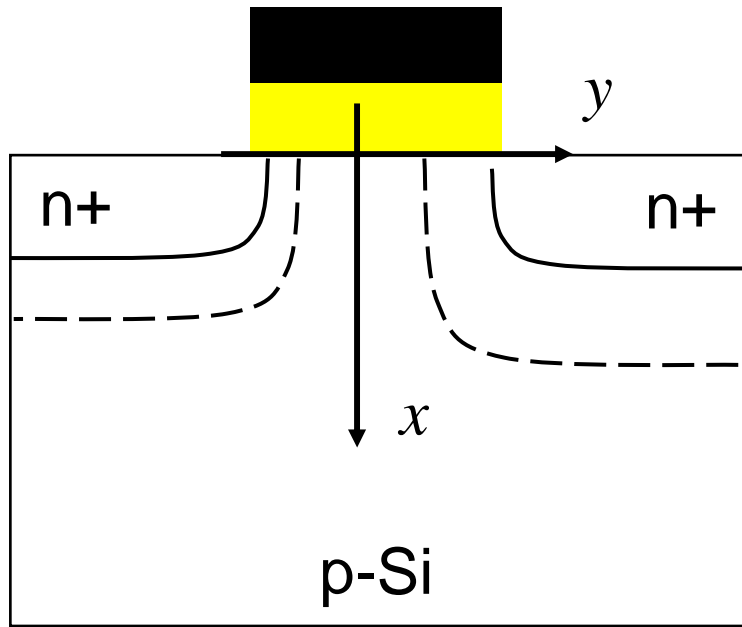
- 1)  $I_D$  linear not quadratic with gate voltage
- 2) high output conductance
- 3) threshold voltage roll-off
- 4) increased DIBL
- 5) increased  $S$
- 6) punchthrough

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# 2D Poisson equation



1) MOS Capacitor:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon_{Si}} = \frac{qN_A}{\epsilon_{Si}} \quad (\text{below } V_T)$$

2) MOSFET:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} = \frac{qN_A}{\epsilon_{Si}} \quad (\text{below } V_T)$$

# 2D Poisson equation (ii)

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1) Long channel MOSFET below threshold:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} \gg \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2}$$

gradual channel approximation (GCA):

$$Q_I(y) = -C_G [V_G - V_T - mV(y)]$$

# 2D Poisson equation (iii)

1) Short channel MOSFET below threshold:

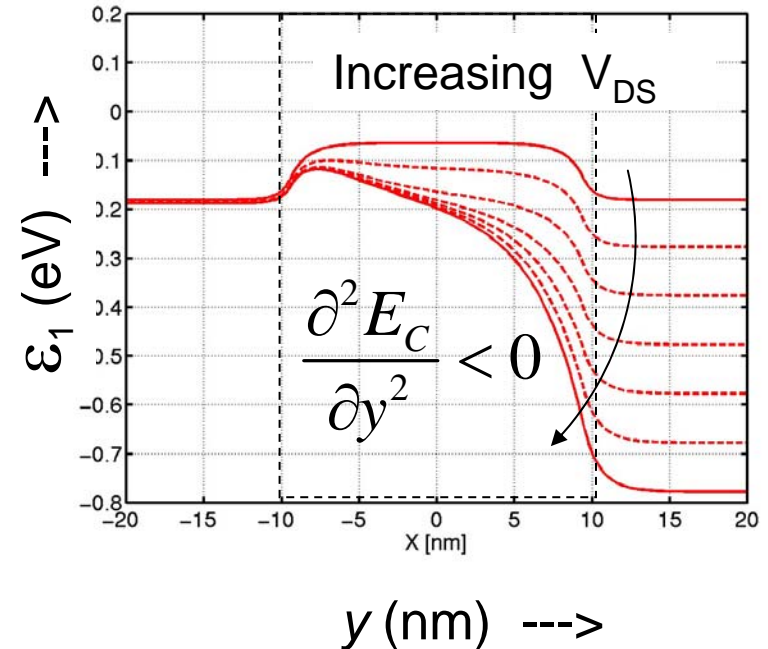
$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} = \frac{qN_A}{\epsilon_{Si}} - \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} = \frac{qN_A|_{eff}}{\epsilon_{Si}}$$

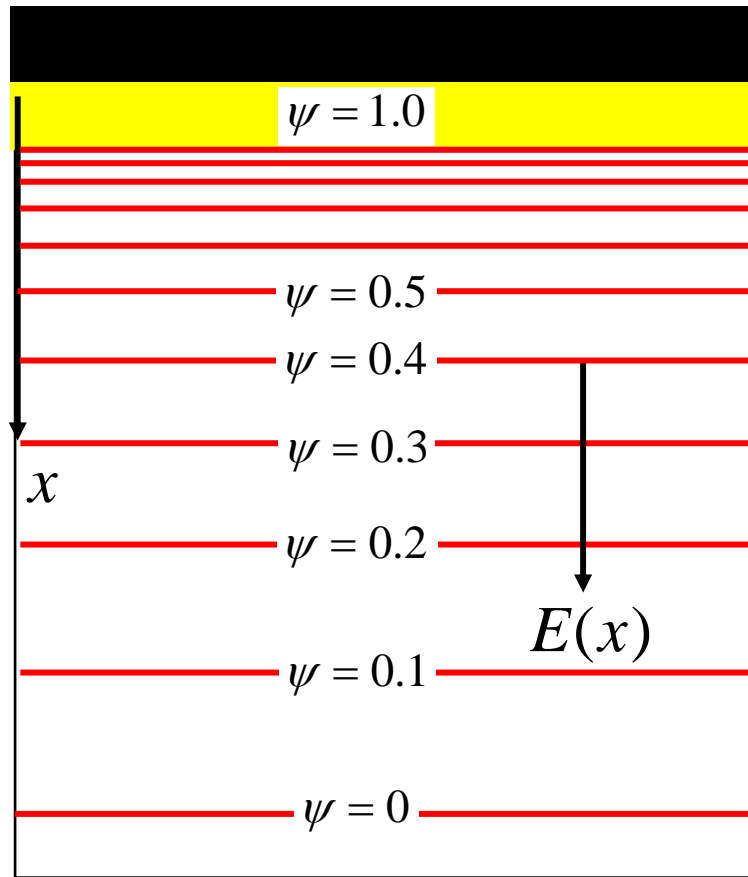
$$N_A|_{eff} < N_A$$

$$V_T < V_T \text{ (long channel)}$$

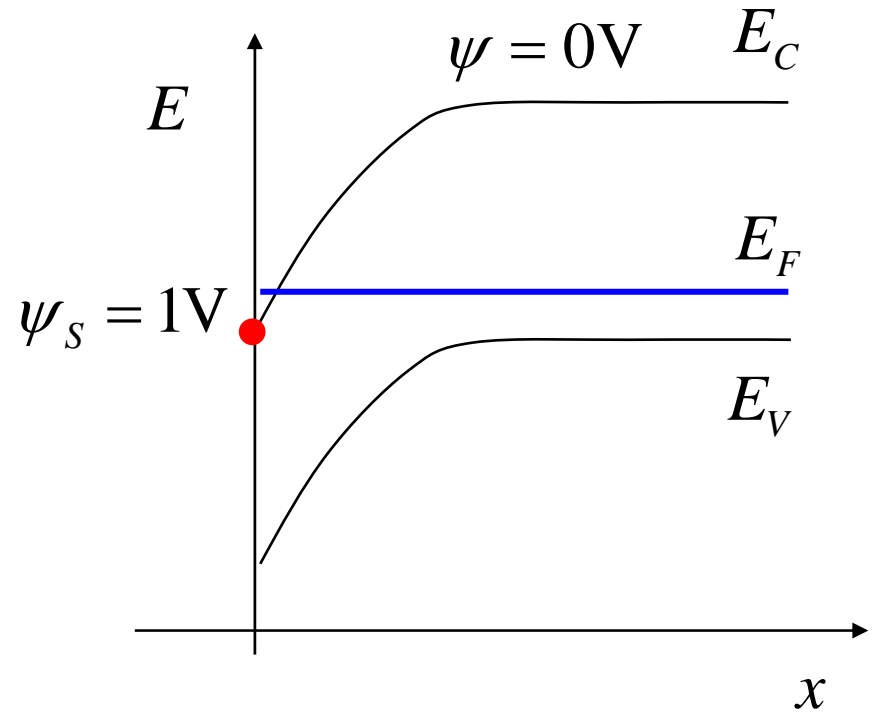
**explains  $V_T$  roll-off**



# 2D potential contours



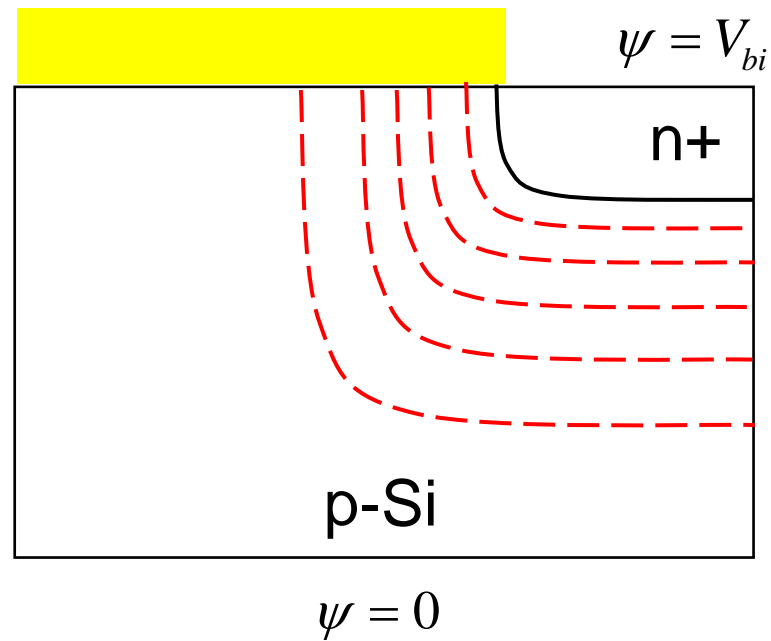
p-Si



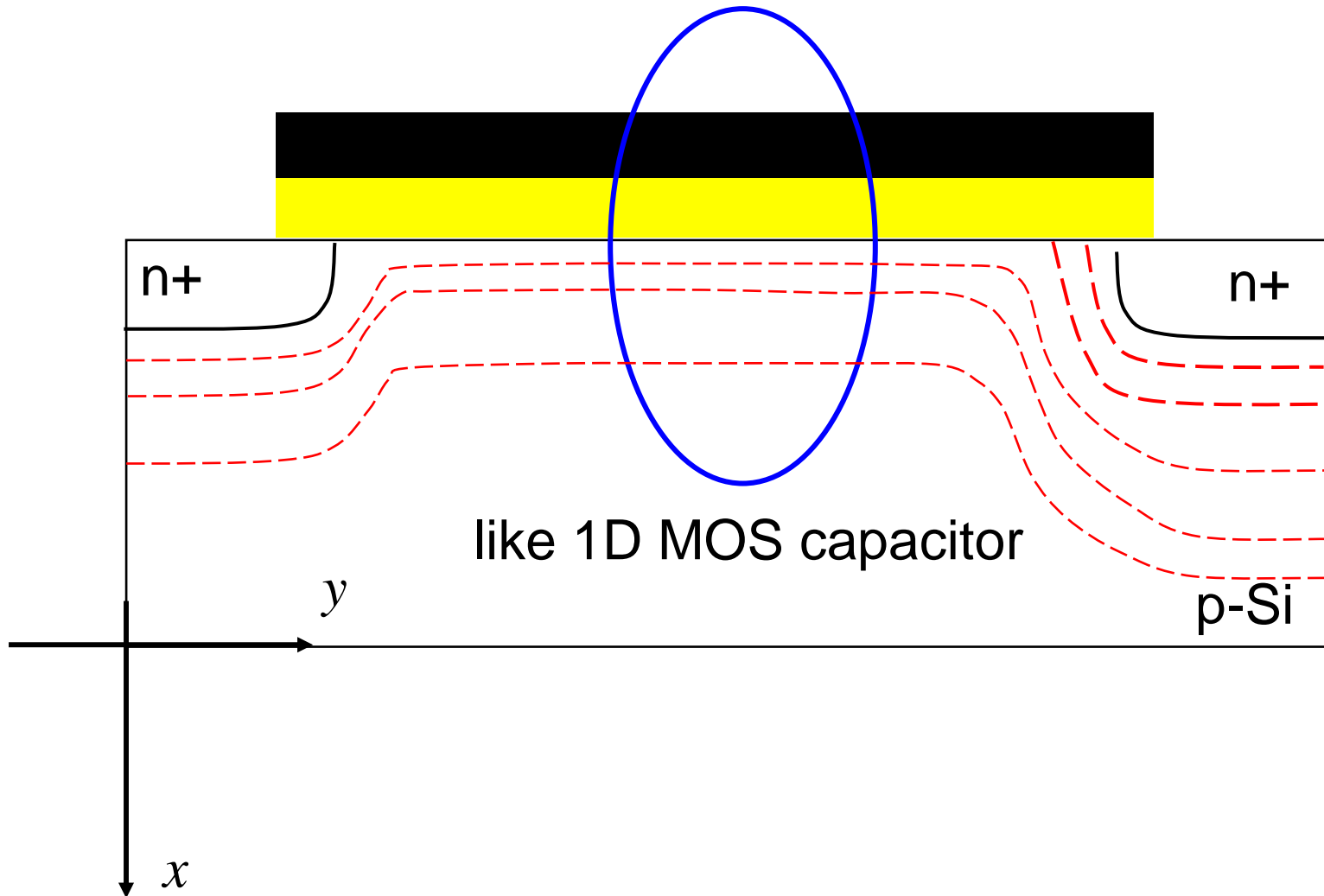


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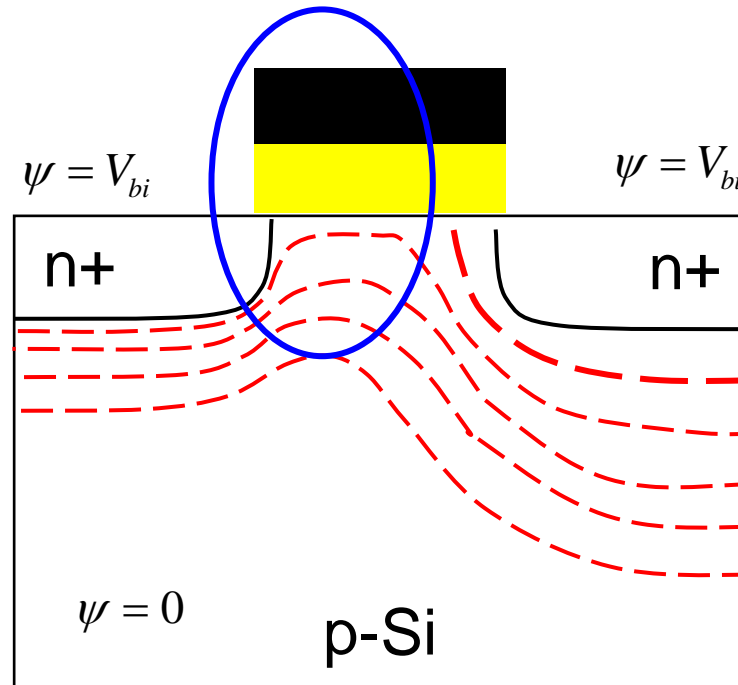
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# 2D potential contours (long channel)

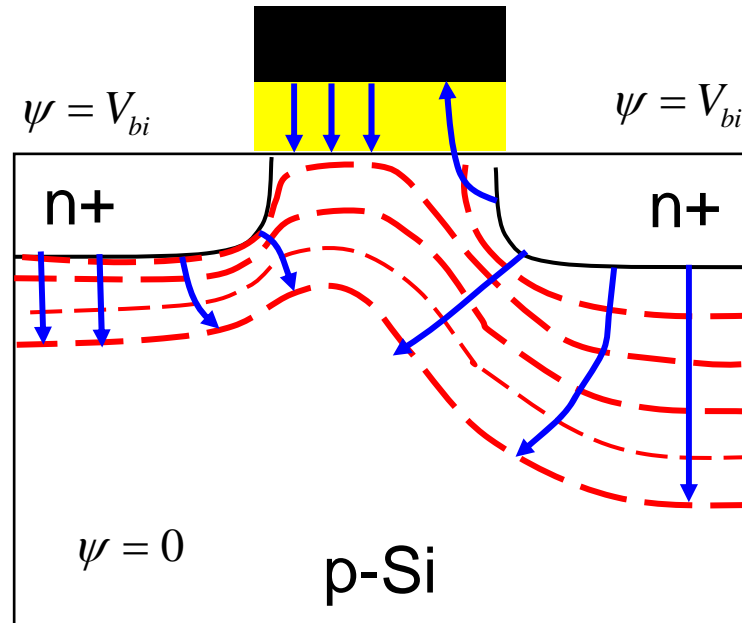


# 2D potential contours (short channel)



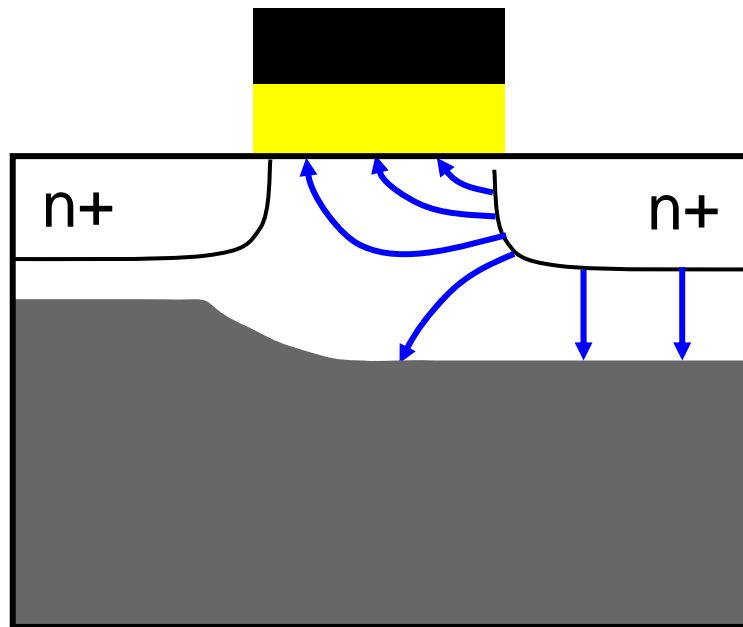
(See Fig. 3.18 of Taur and Ning)

# field lines



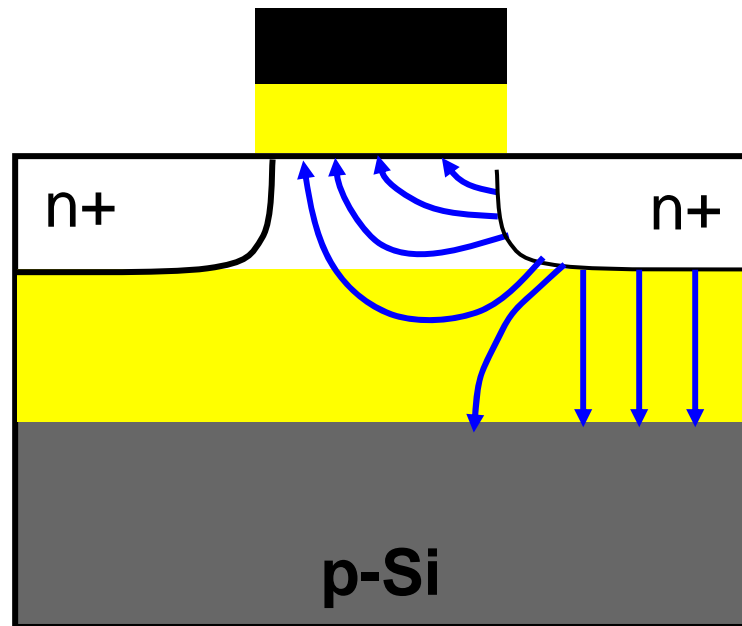
# field lines (bulk)

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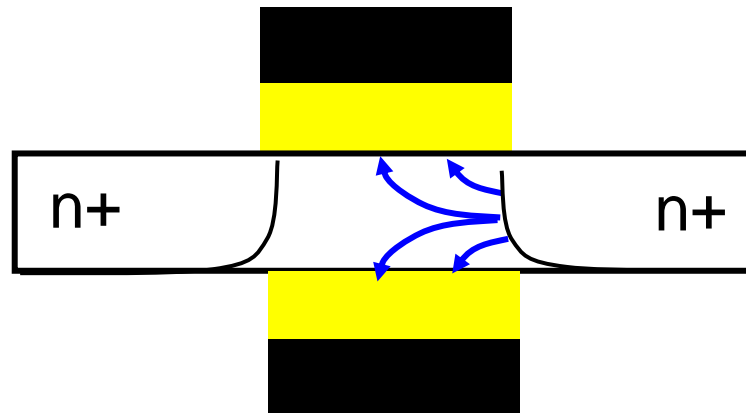
# field lines (SOI)

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***'gate all around'***

***FINFET***

***tri-gate***

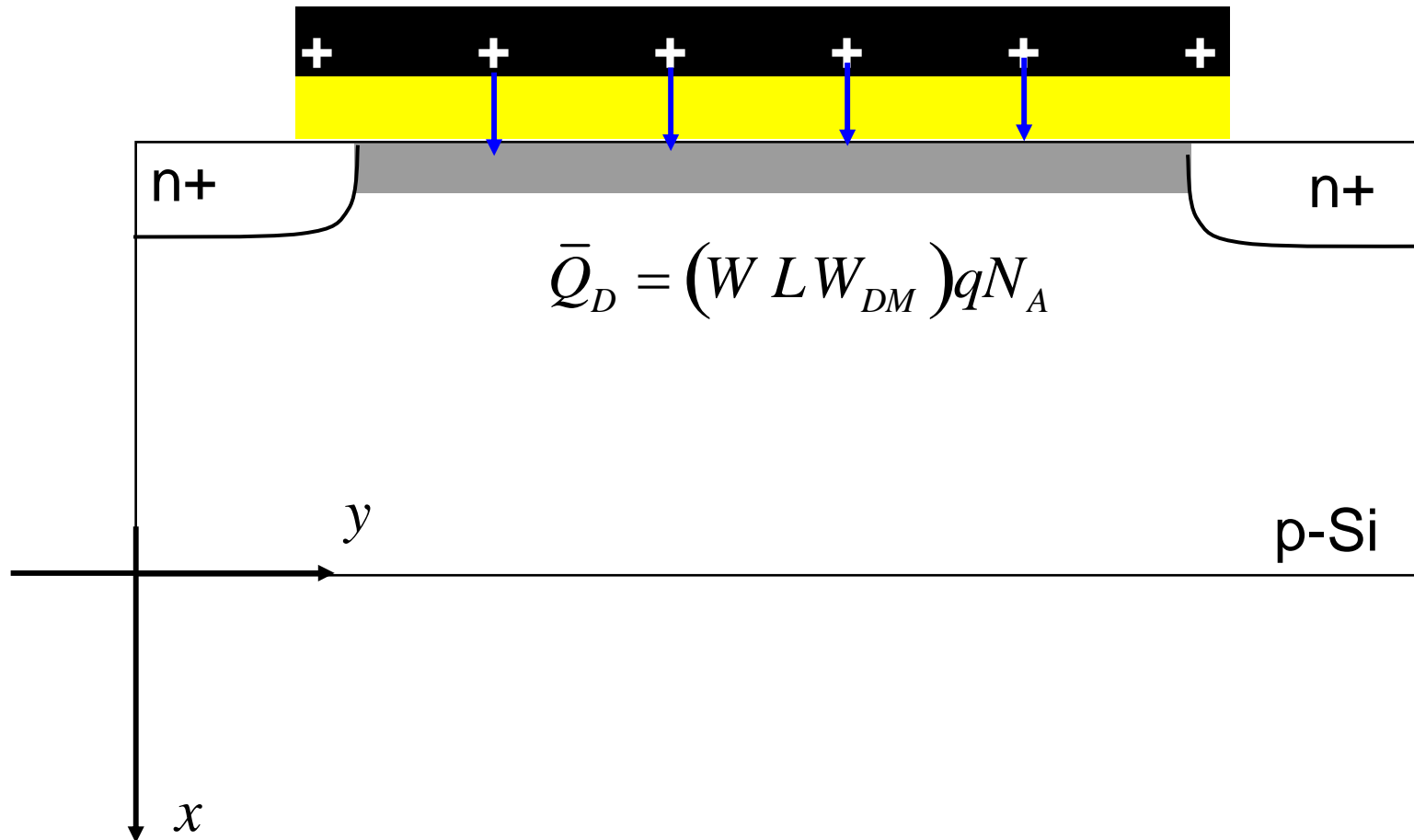
# outline

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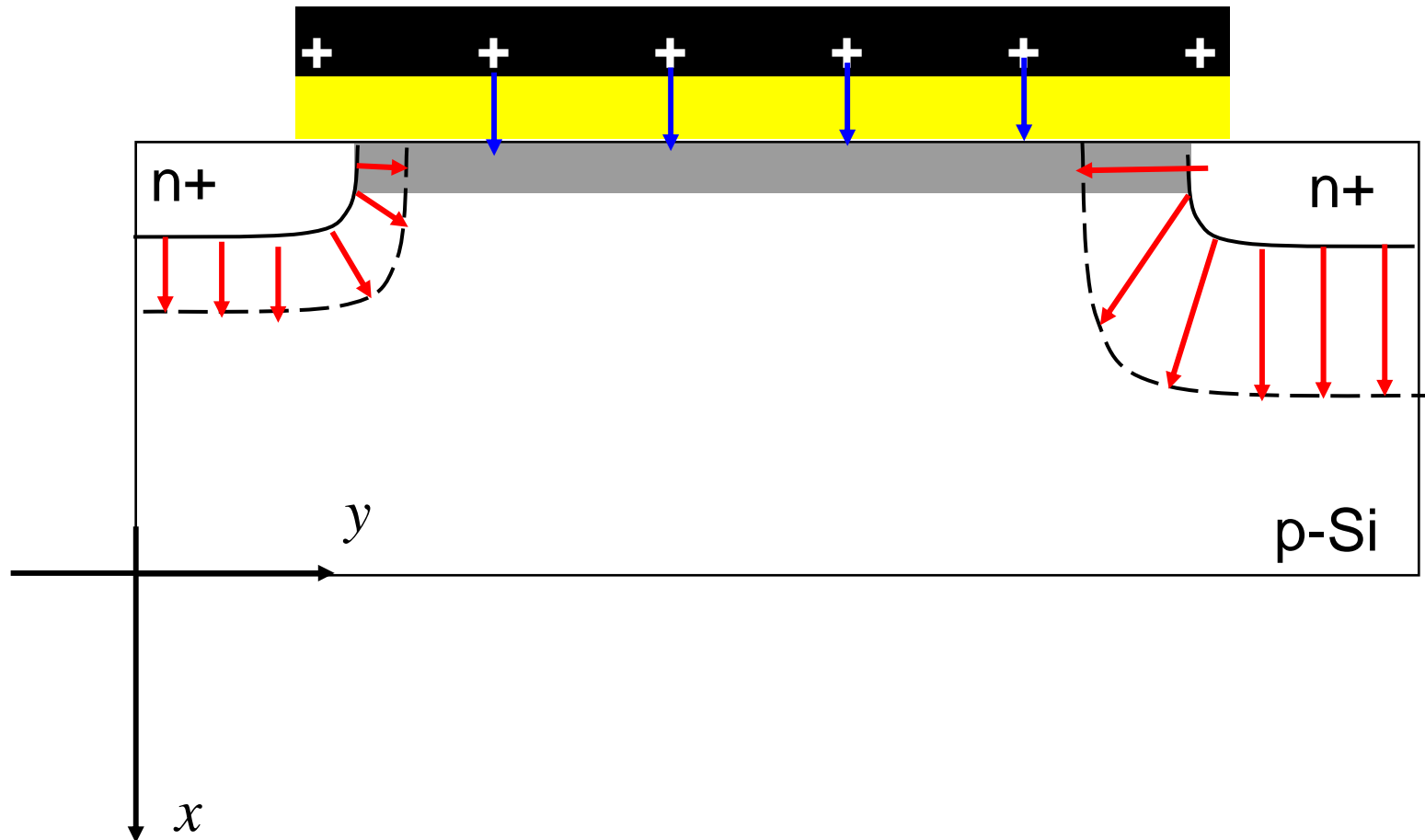
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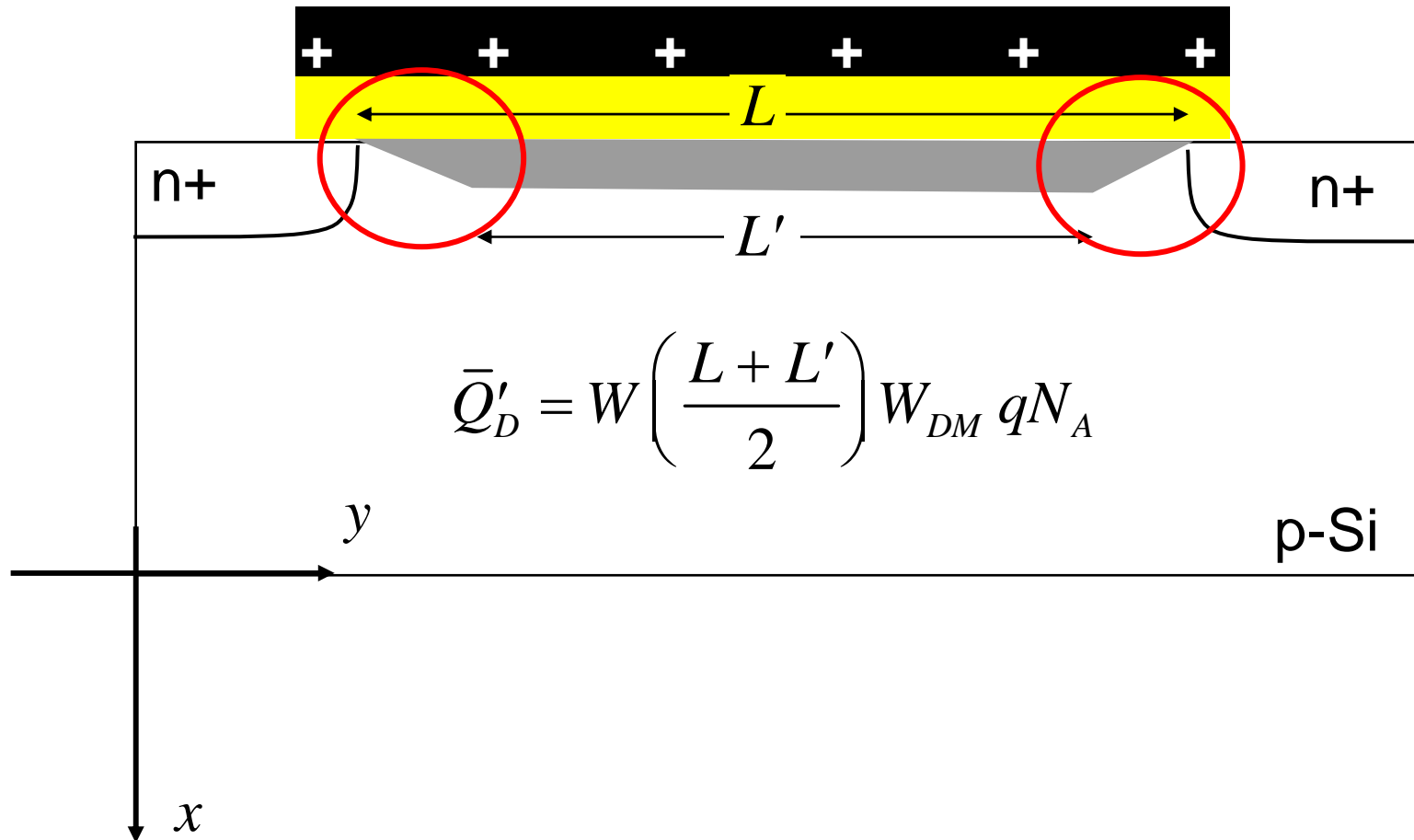
# charge sharing model



# charge sharing model (ii)



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# charge sharing model (iii)

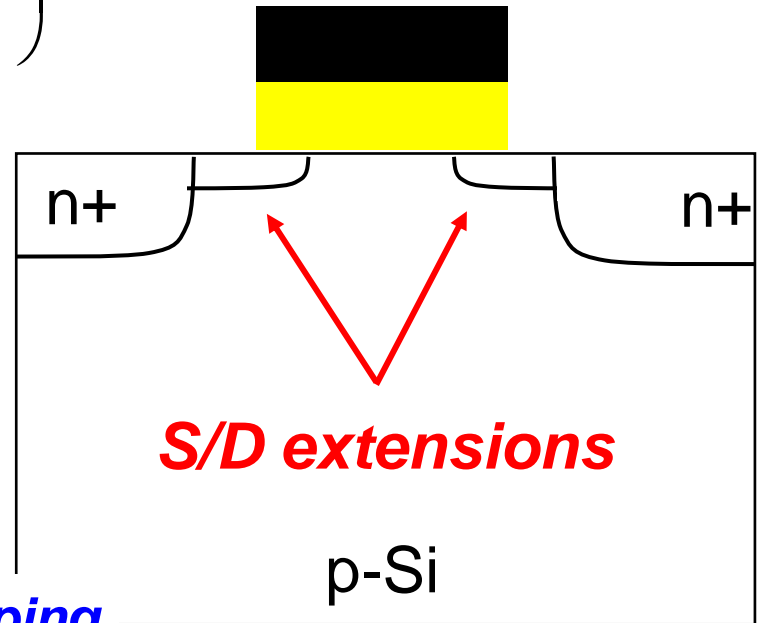
$$V_T = V_{FB} + 2\psi_B - \gamma \frac{Q_D}{C_{OX}} < V_T \text{ (long channel)}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{L + L'}{2L} = 1 - \frac{x_j}{L} \left( \sqrt{1 + \frac{2W_{DM}}{x_j}} - 1 \right)$$

(prob. 3.6, Taur and Ning)

for  $\gamma \sim 1$ , need:  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_j \ll L \\ W_{DM} \ll x_j \end{array} \right.$

**increase channel doping**

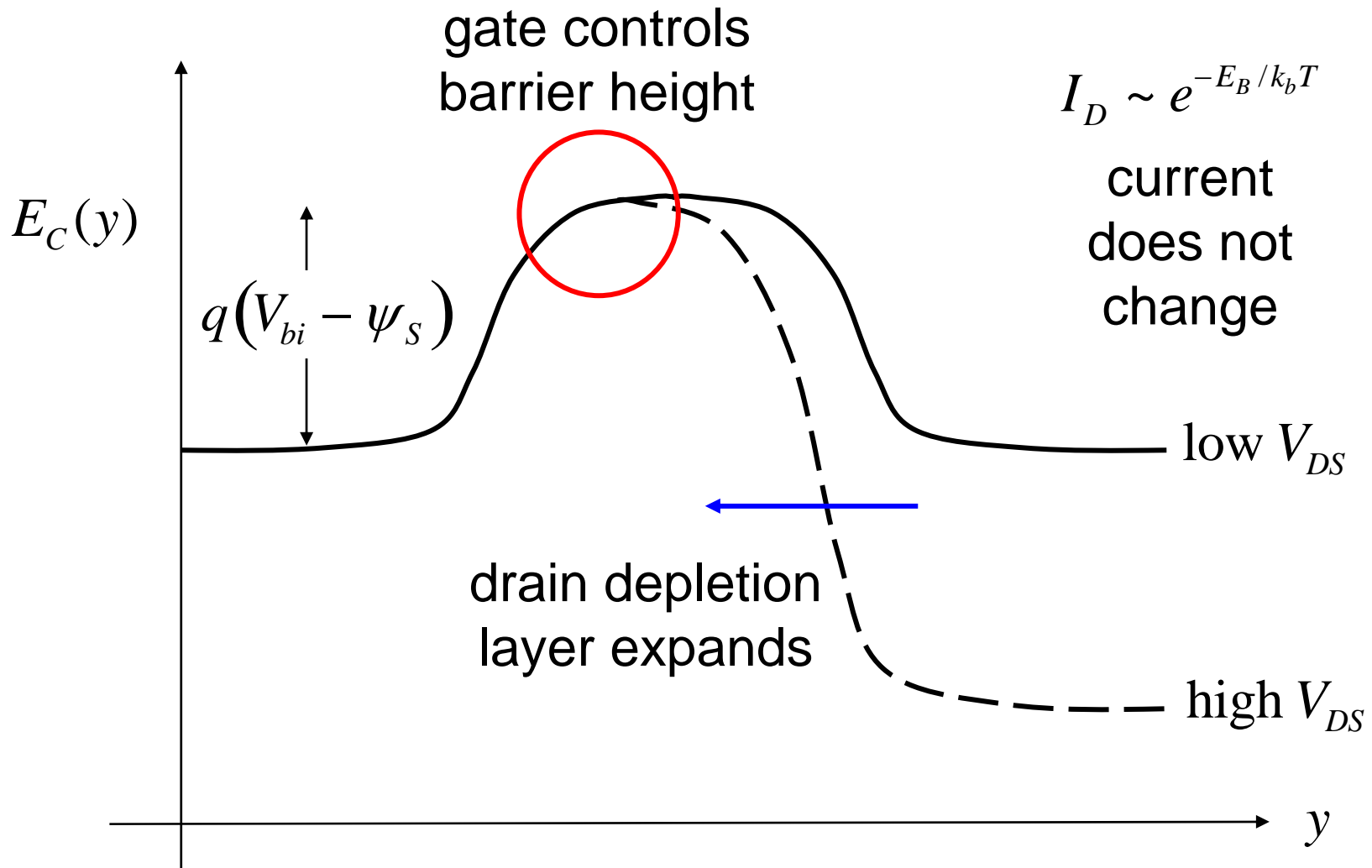


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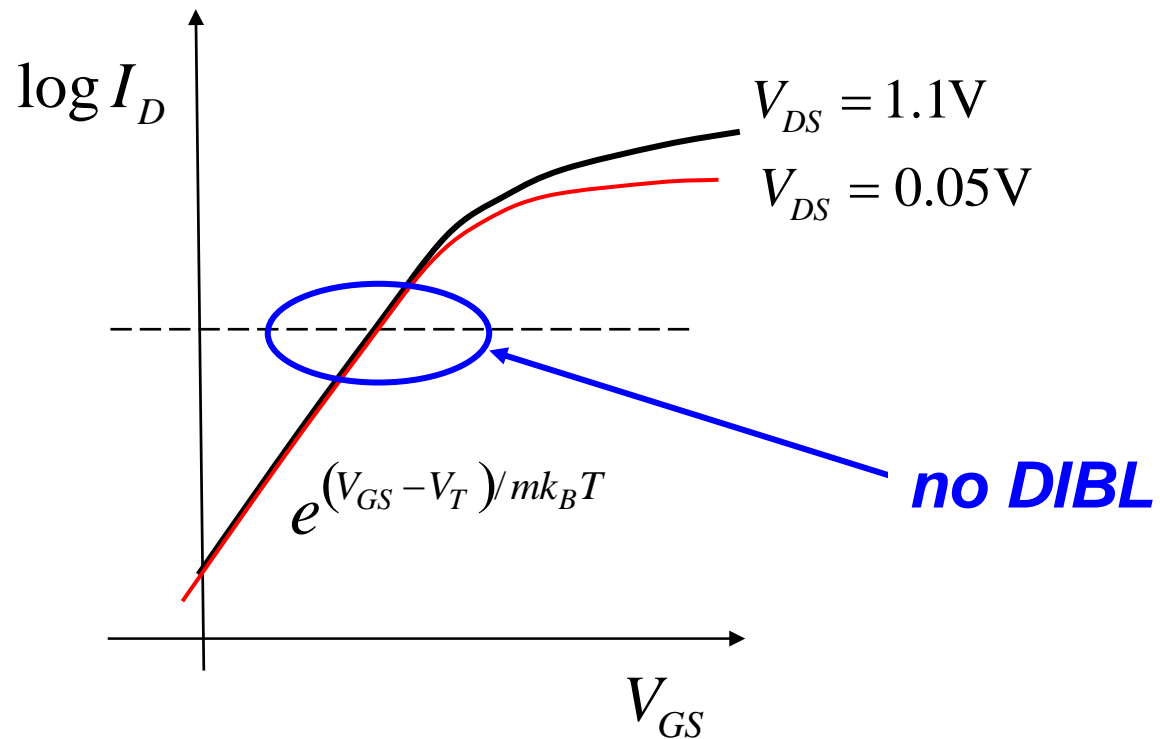
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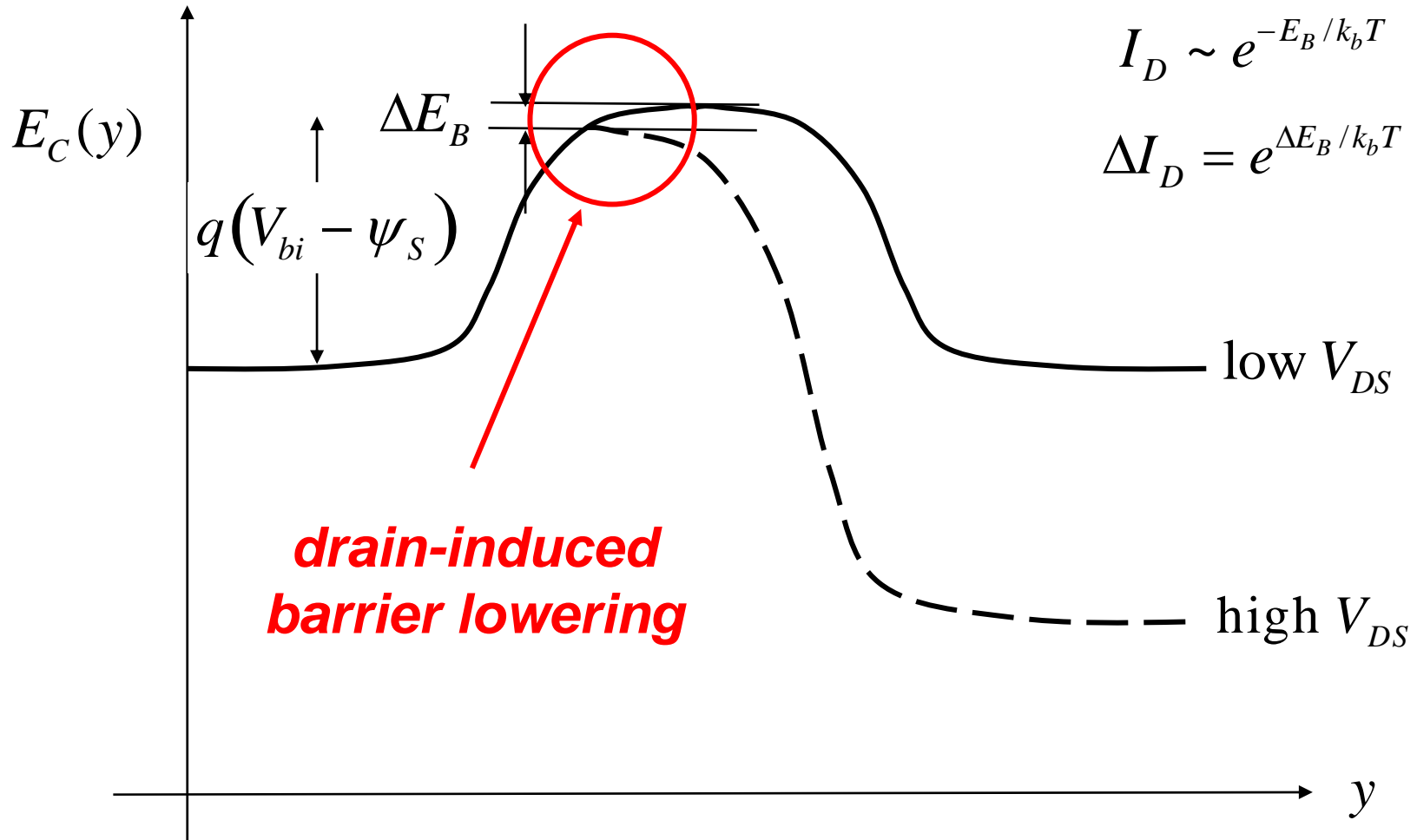
# barrier lowering



# barrier lowering (ii)

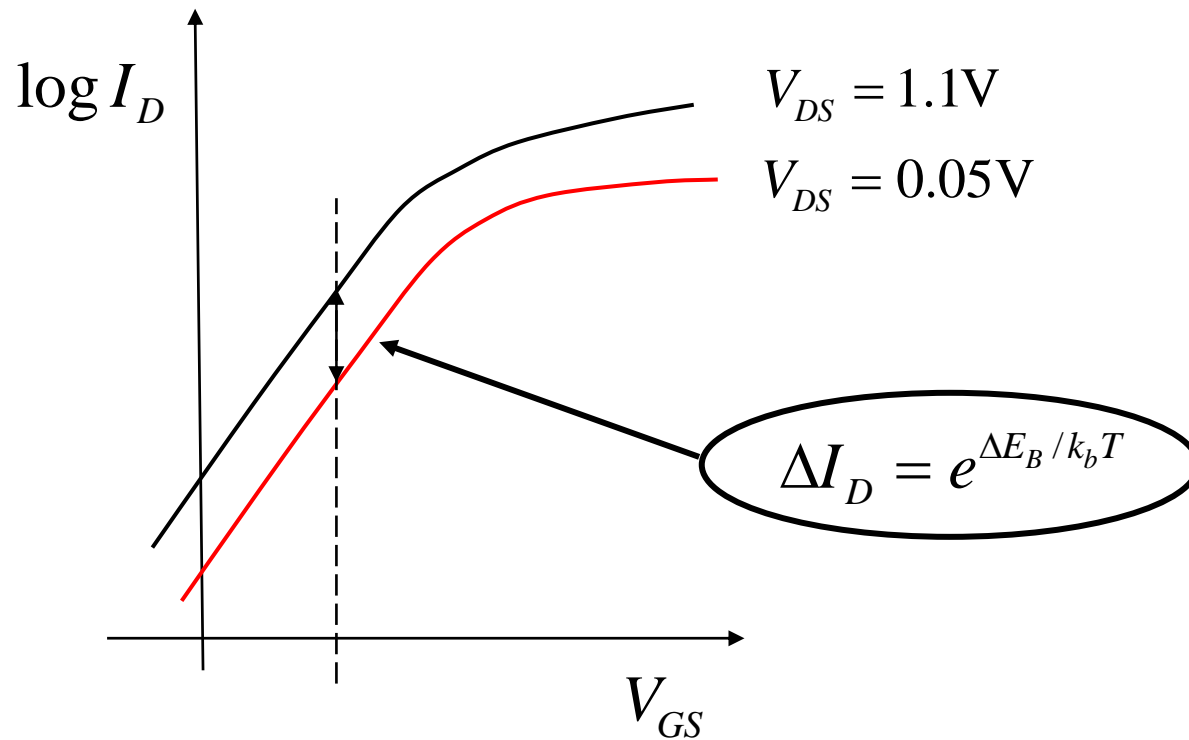


# barrier lowering (iii)

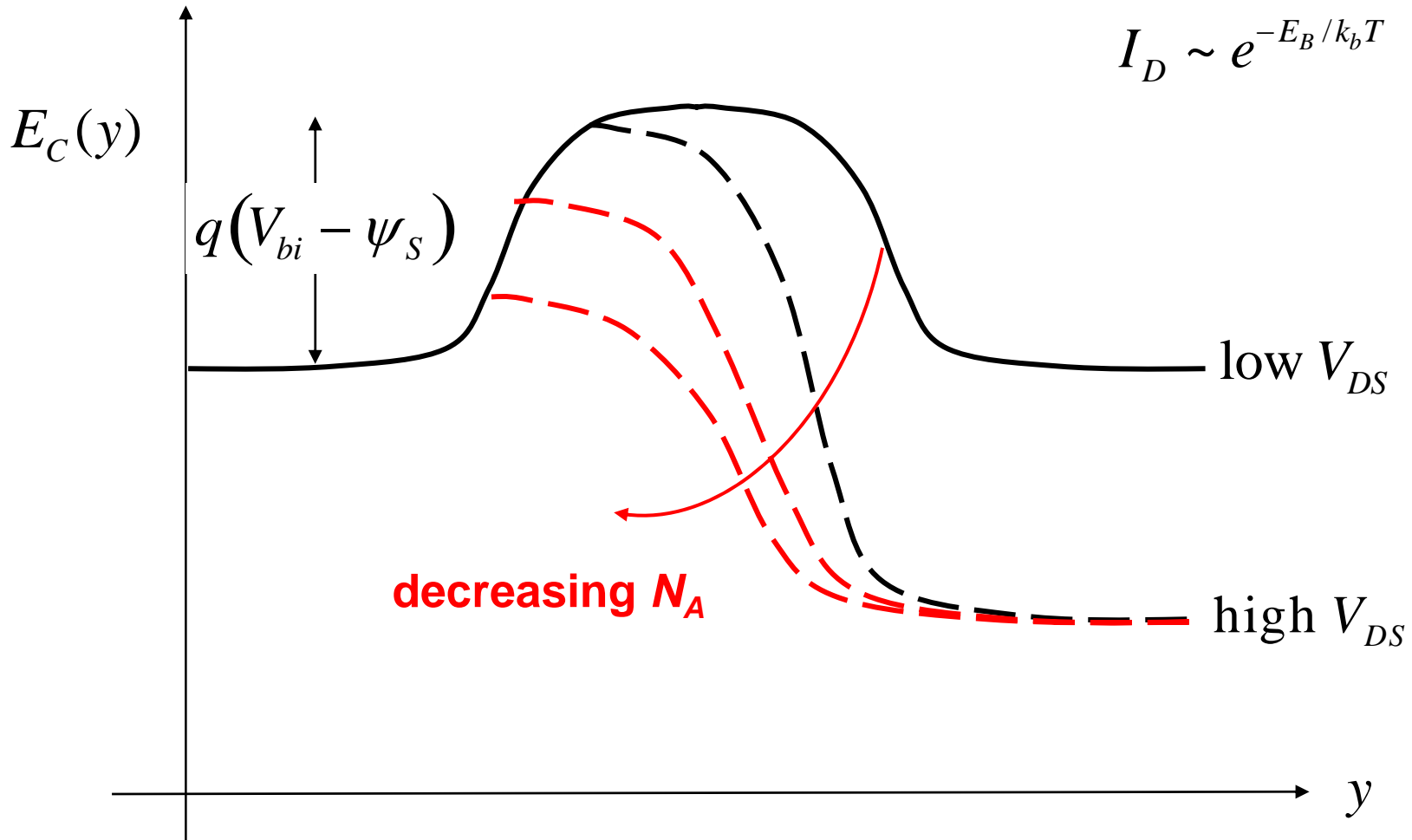




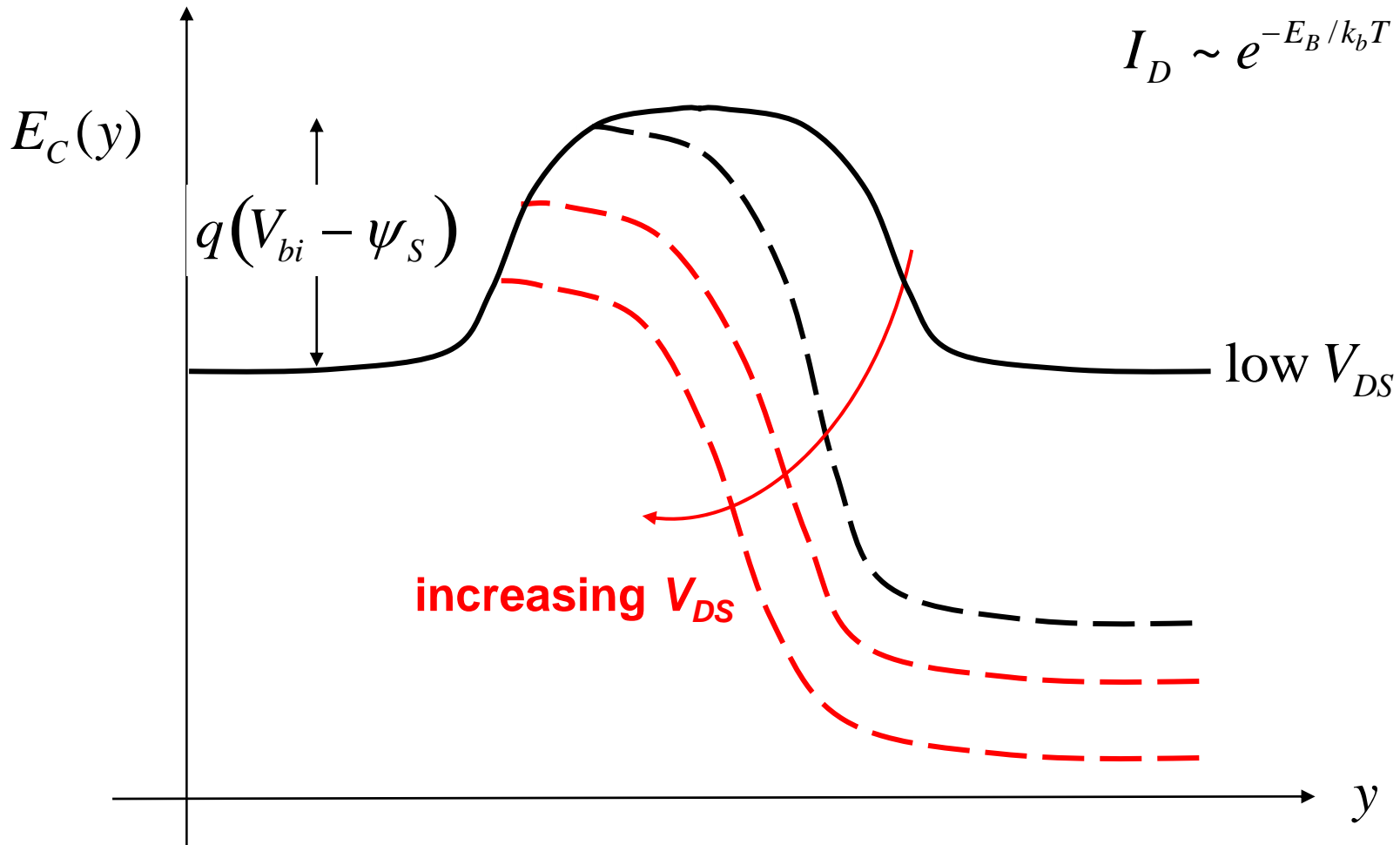
# barrier lowering (iv)



# punchthrough



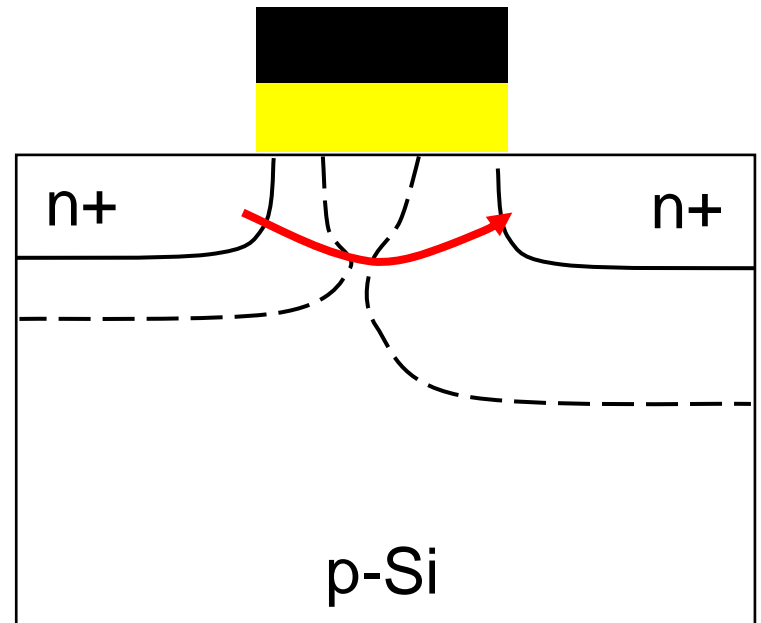
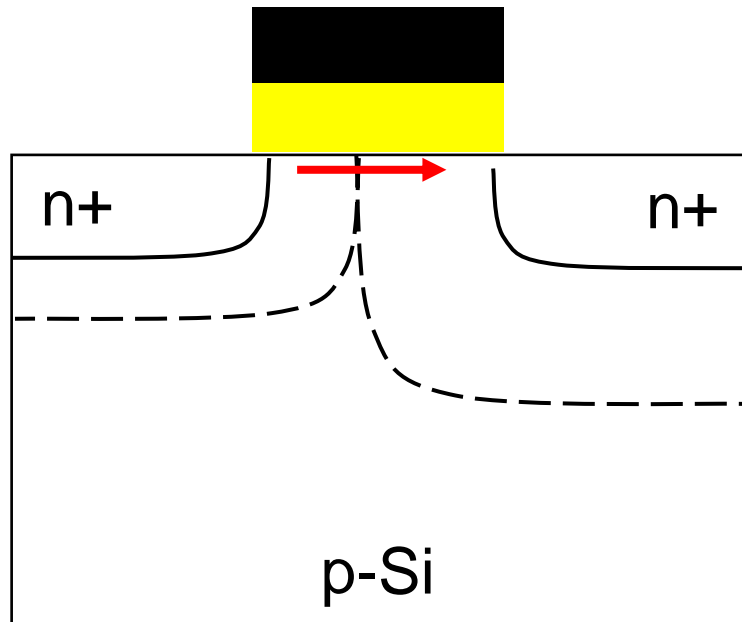
# punchthrough (ii)



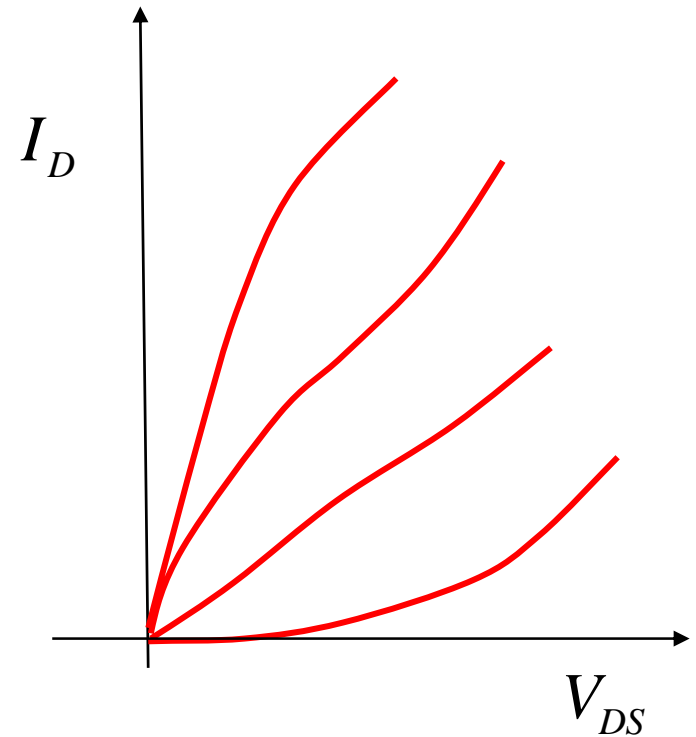
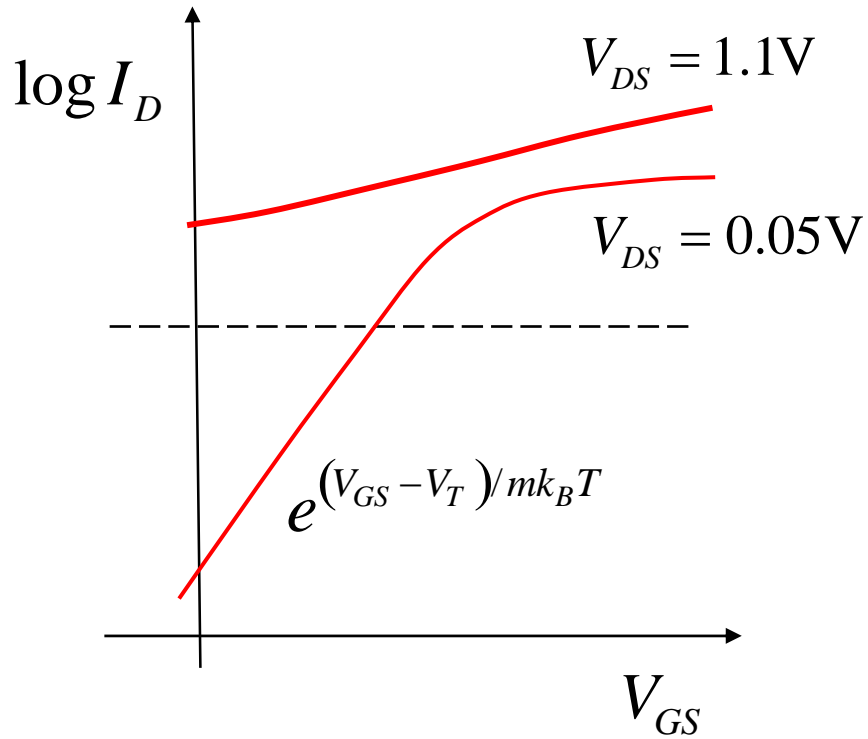
# punchthrough (iii)

surface punchthrough

bulk punchthrough



# punchthrough (iv)

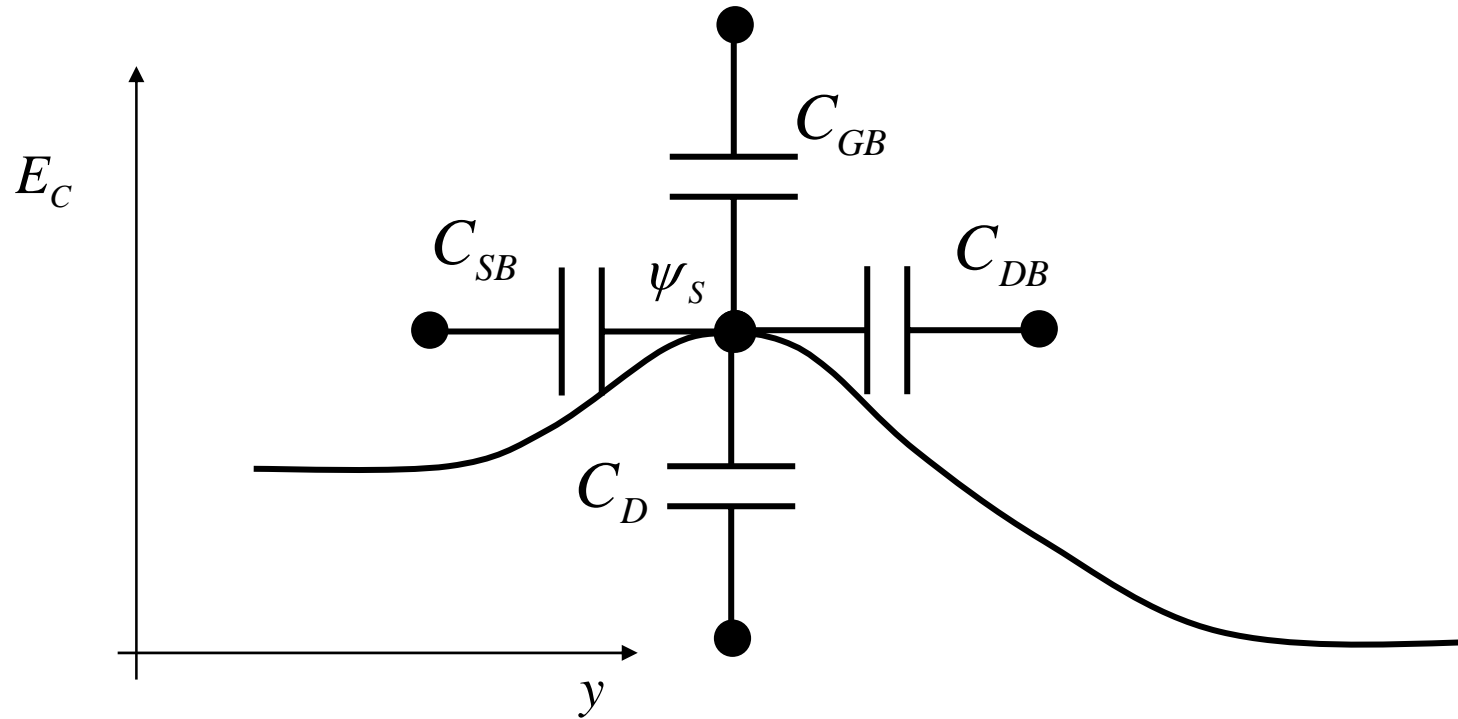


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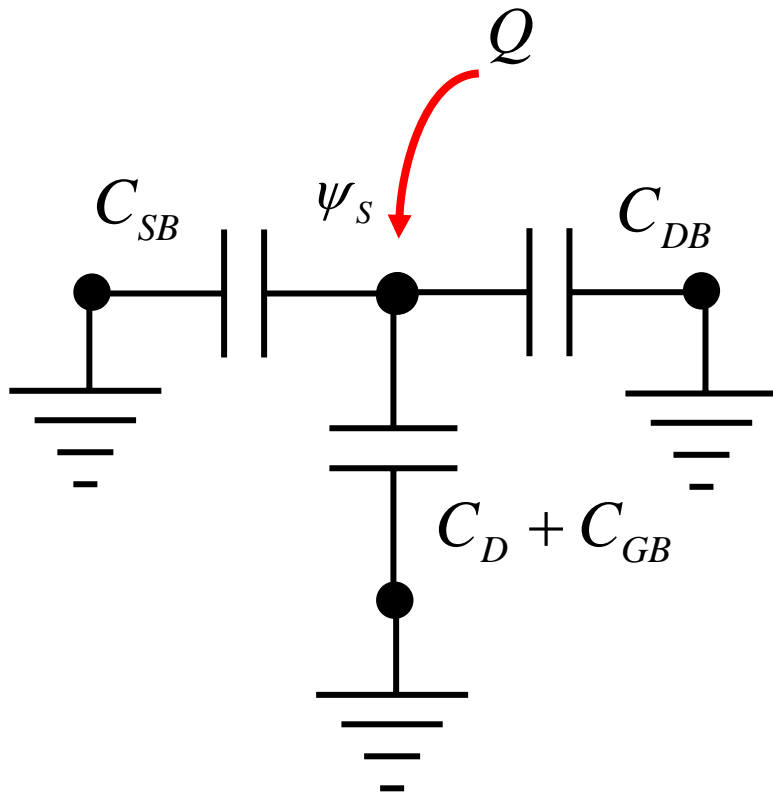
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# 2D capacitor model



# 2D capacitor model ( $V = 0$ )



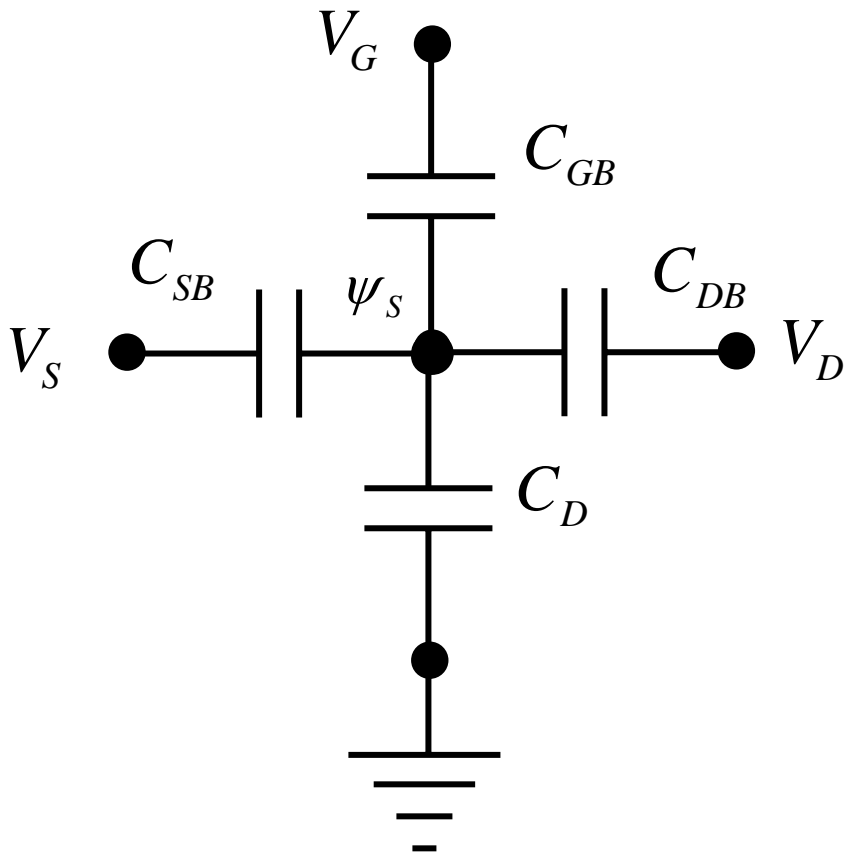
$$\psi_s = \frac{Q}{C_\Sigma}$$

$$C_\Sigma = C_{GB} + C_{SB} + C_{DB} + C_D$$

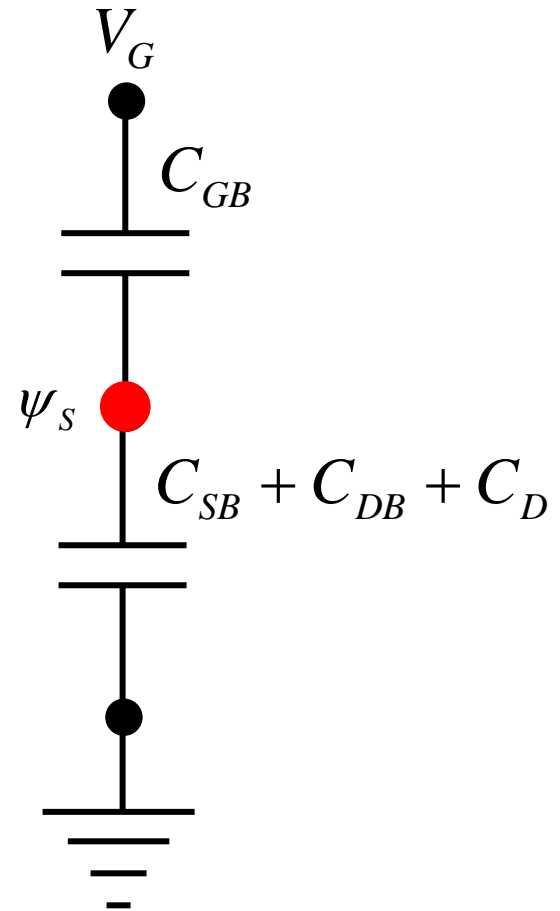


# 2D capacitor model ( $Q = 0$ )

$$V_S = V_D = 0$$



$$\psi_S = \frac{C_{GB}}{C_\Sigma} V_G$$



# 2D capacitor model (general solution)

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$$\psi_S = \frac{C_{GB}}{C_\Sigma} V_G + \frac{C_{SB}}{C_\Sigma} V_S + \frac{C_{DB}}{C_\Sigma} V_D + \frac{Q}{C_\Sigma}$$

$$C_\Sigma = C_{GB} + C_{SB} + C_{DB} + C_D$$

$$C_{GB} = C_{ox} WL \quad C_D = \text{depletion layer capacitance}$$

*recall:*

$$V_G = \psi_S - \frac{Q}{C_{ox}}$$

## 2D capacitor model ( $V_S = Q = 0$ )

$$\psi_S = \frac{C_{GB}}{C_\Sigma} V_G + \frac{C_{DB}}{C_\Sigma} V_D$$

$$\frac{\partial \psi_S}{\partial V_G} = \frac{C_{GB}}{C_\Sigma} \qquad \frac{\partial \psi_S}{\partial V_D} = \frac{C_{DB}}{C_\Sigma}$$

$$\frac{\partial \psi_S}{\partial V_G} \gg \frac{\partial \psi_S}{\partial V_D} \Rightarrow C_{GB} \gg C_{DB}$$

**need  $t_{ox} \ll L$**

# 2D capacitor model

$$\psi_S = \frac{C_{GB}}{C_{\Sigma}} V_G + \frac{C_{DB}}{C_{\Sigma}} V_D \quad (V_S = Q = 0 \quad C_{\Sigma} = C_{DB} + C_D)$$

$$I_D \propto e^{q\psi_S/k_B T} = e^{qV_{GS}/mk_B T}$$

$$m = C_{\Sigma}/C_{GB}$$

$$\begin{aligned} m &= (C_{GB} + C_{DB} + C_D)/C_{GB} \\ &= \left[ 1 + (C_{DB} + C_D)/C_{GB} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$S = 2.3m(k_B T/q)$$

$$DIBL = C_{DB}/C_{GB}$$

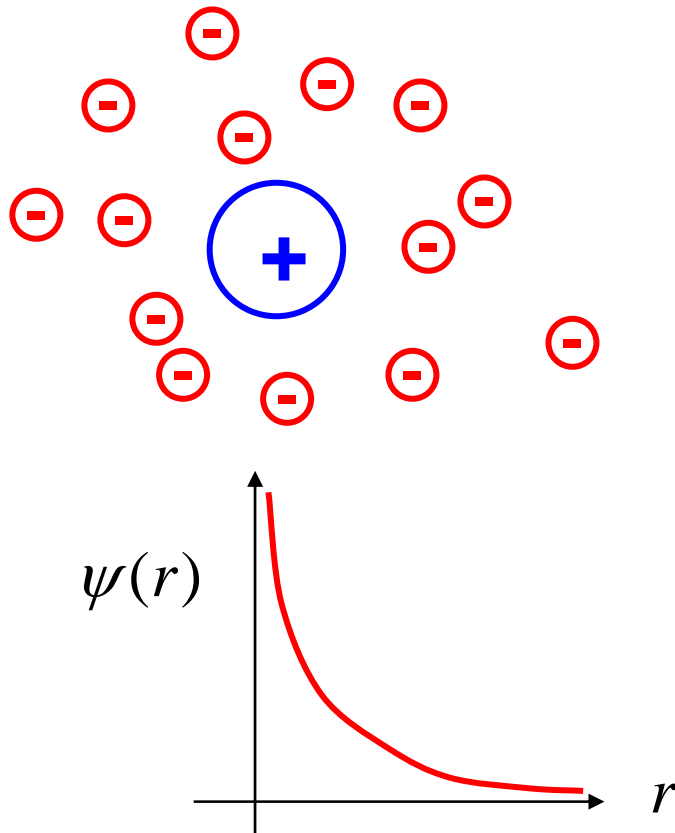
**2D electrostatics:  $C_{DB}$  not negligible  $S$  increases.**

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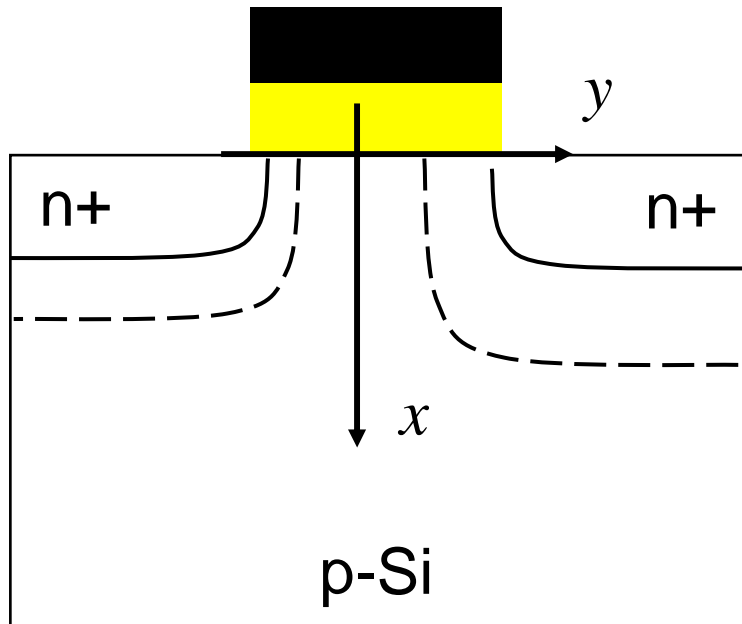
# screening by free carriers



$$\psi(r) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_{Si}r} e^{-r/L_D}$$

$$L_D = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_{Si}k_B T}{q^2 N_D}}$$

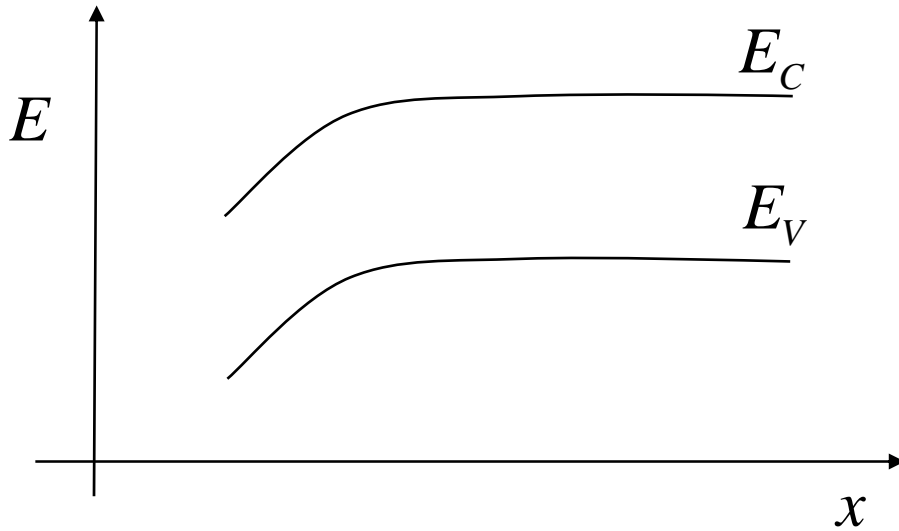
# geometric screening



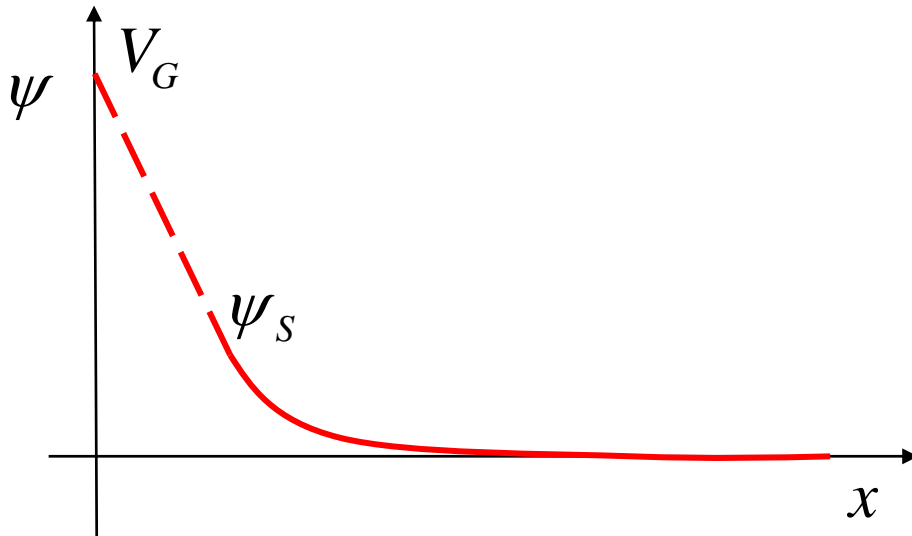
$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} = \frac{qN_A}{\epsilon_{Si}} \quad (\text{below } V_T)$$

'convert' this to a 1D equation

# recall 1D



$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} = \frac{qN_A}{\epsilon_{Si}}$$



$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} \approx \frac{(V_G - \psi_S)}{\Lambda^2}$$

$$\Lambda = ?$$



# geometric screening length

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in 1D:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} = \frac{qN_A}{\epsilon_{Si}} \quad (1)$$

we will write this as:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} \approx \frac{(V_G - \psi_S)}{\Lambda^2} = \frac{qN_A}{\epsilon_{Si}} \quad (2)$$

the solution to the 1D Poisson equation gives:

$$V_G = \psi_S - Q_S / C_{ox} = \psi_S + qN_A W_{DM} / C_{ox} \quad (3)$$

use (3) in (2) to find  $\Lambda$

## geometric screening length (ii)

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$$\Lambda = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_{Si}}{\epsilon_{OX}} W_{DM} t_{OX}}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{(V_G - \psi_S)}{\Lambda^2} = \frac{qN_A}{\epsilon_{Si}}$$

when  $\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} \ll \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2}$

we get the correct 1D result

**How do we interpret  $\Lambda$ ?**

## geometric screening length (iii)

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$$\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial y^2} + \frac{(V_G - \psi_S)}{\Lambda^2} = \frac{qN_A}{\epsilon_{Si}} \quad \phi = \psi_S - V_G + \frac{qN_A}{\epsilon_{Si}} \Lambda^2$$

$$\frac{d^2 \phi}{dy^2} - \frac{\phi}{\Lambda^2} = 0$$

source

$$\phi = \phi(0)$$

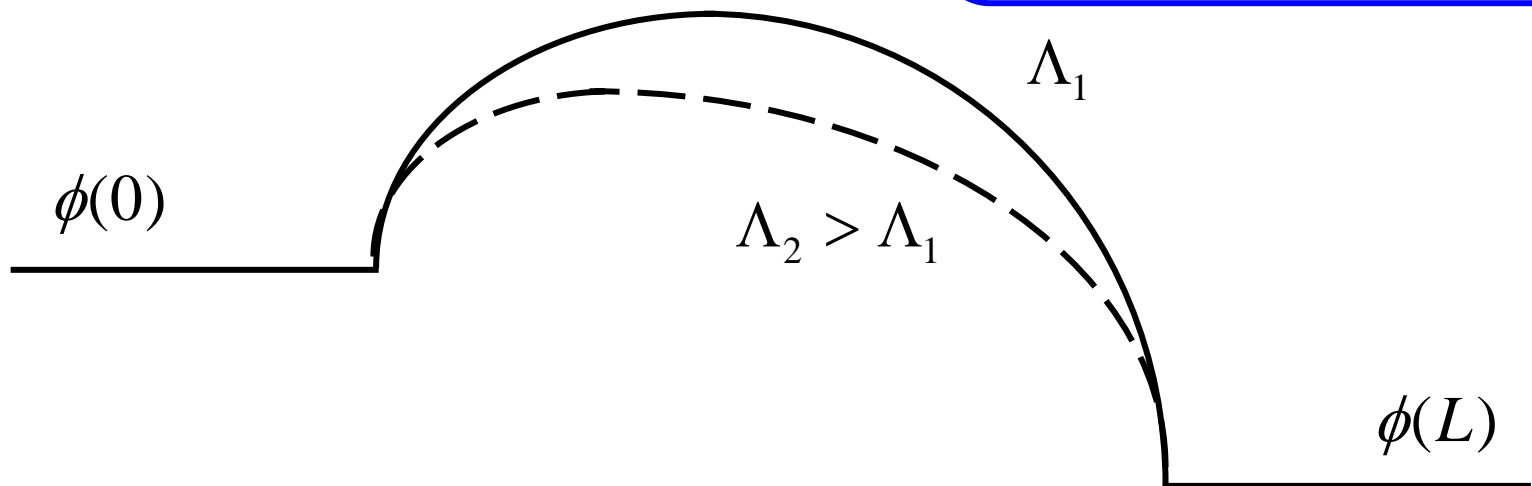
drain

$$\phi = \phi(L)$$

# geometric screening length (iv)

$L \gg \Lambda$  (long channel)

$L \approx (1.5 - 2)\Lambda$  (typical)



$$\phi(y) = A \cosh(y / \Lambda) + B \sinh(y / \Lambda)$$

# analytical solutions

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$$\Delta V_T \approx 8(m-1)\sqrt{V_{bi}(V_{bi} + V_{DS})}e^{-L/\lambda}$$

$$S \approx \frac{2.3mk_B T}{q} \left( 1 + \frac{11t_{ox}}{W_{DM}} e^{-L/\lambda} \right)$$

$$\left( x_j \geq W_{DM} \right)$$

$$\lambda = 2mW_{DM}/\pi$$

See Taur and Ning, Appendix 6

# geometric screening length vs. device geometry

$$\Lambda_{BULK} \approx \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_{Si}}{\epsilon_{OX}} W_{DM} t_{OX}}$$

$$\Lambda_{SOI} \approx \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_{Si}}{\epsilon_{OX}} t_{Si} t_{OX}} < \Lambda_{BULK}$$

$$\Lambda_{DG SOI} \approx \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_{Si}}{2\epsilon_{OX}} t_{Si} t_{OX}} < \Lambda_{SOI}$$

$$\Lambda_{CYL} < \Lambda_{DG SOI}$$

see:

D.J. Frank, Y. Taur, and H.S.P. Wong,  
‘Generalized scale length for 2D Effects in  
MOSFETs,’ *IEEE EDL*, **19**, p. 385, 1998.

***The objective in  
MOSFET design is  
to make  $L > \Lambda$***

$L \approx (1.5 - 2)\Lambda$  (typical)

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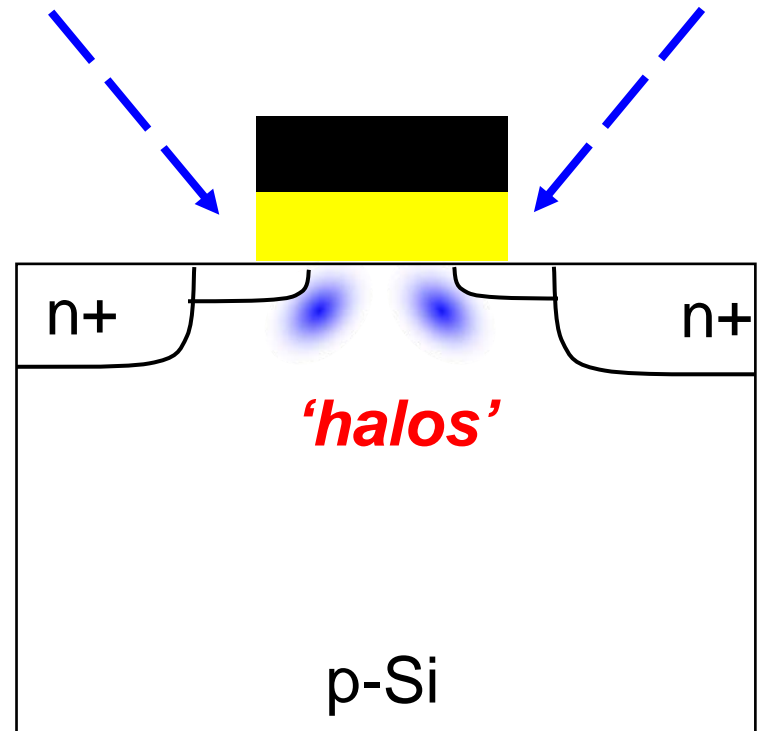
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# controlling 2D electrostatics

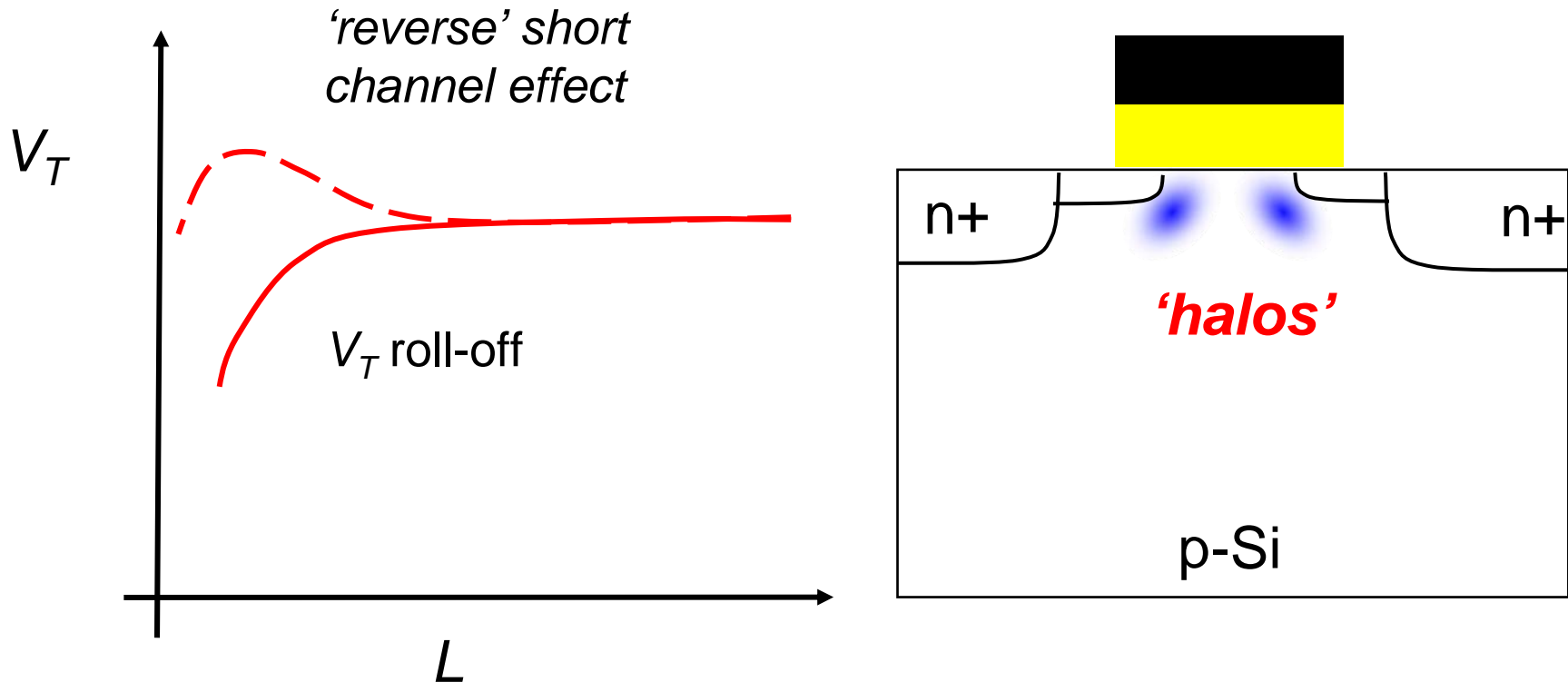
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- 1)  $t_{\text{ox}} \ll L$
- 2) shallow  $x_j$
- 3) thin  $W_{\text{DM}}$
- 4) non-uniform doping



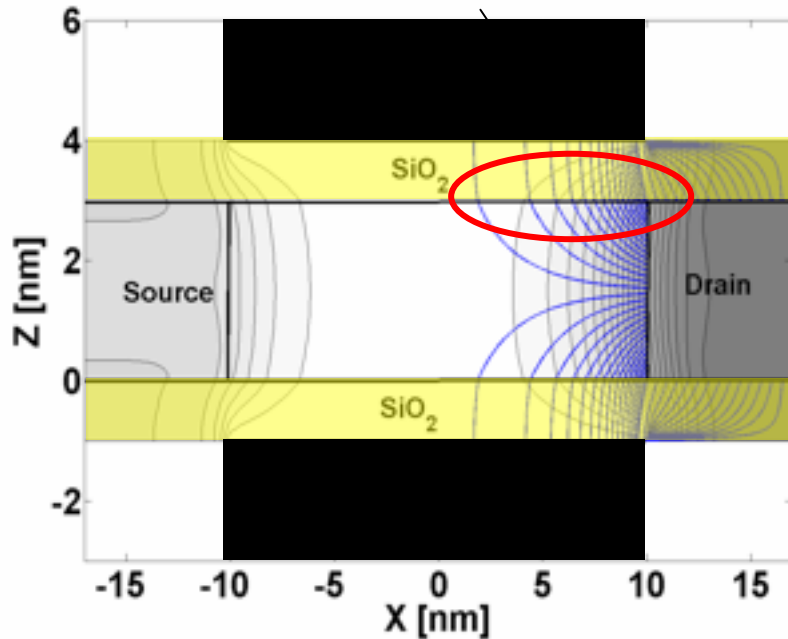


# reverse short channel effect



# double gate transistors

$$\Lambda \ll L$$



nanoMOS simulations by Himadri Pal and Raseong Kim (Purdue)

geometric screening length

$$\Lambda$$

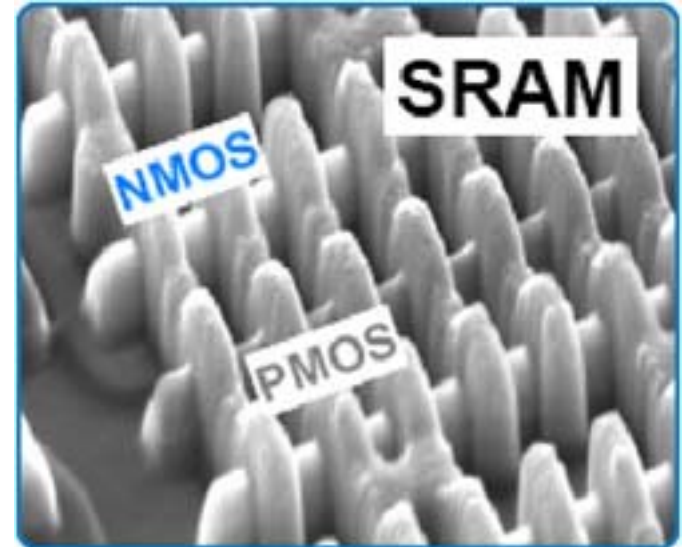
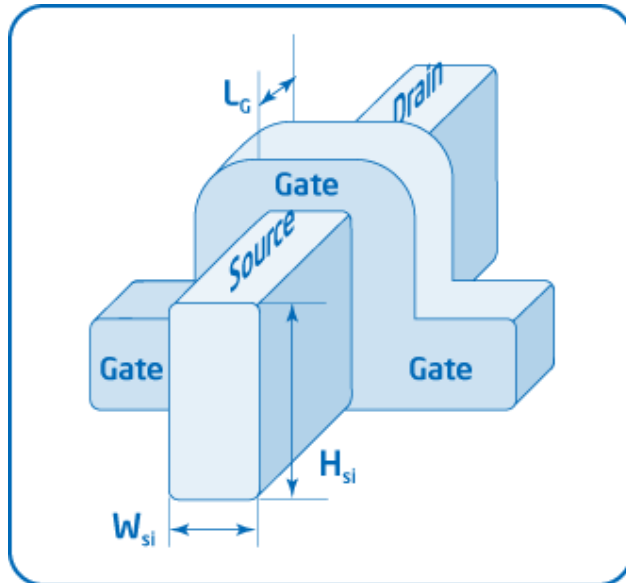
channel length scaling

$$L \gg \Lambda$$

$$\Lambda_{DG\ SOI} < \Lambda_{BULK}$$

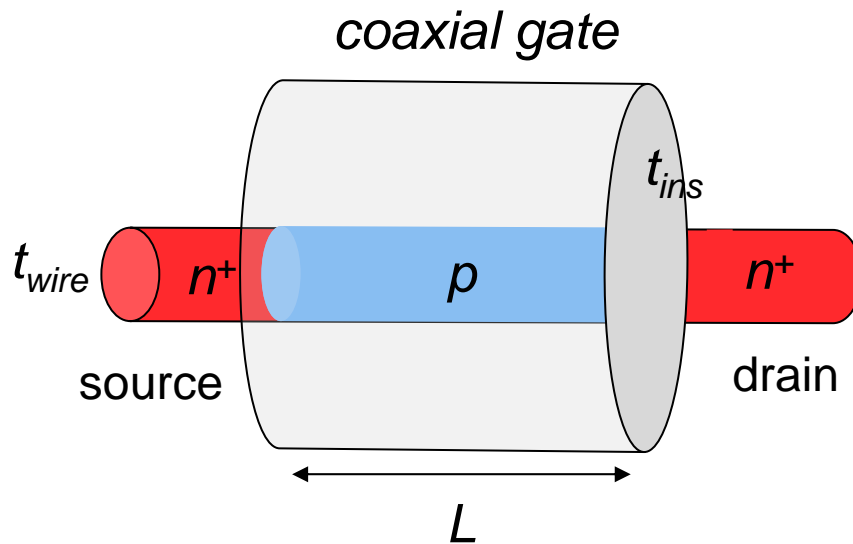
# nonplanar MOSFETS

## Intel Tri-Gate



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# nanowire transistors



geometric screening length

$$\Lambda$$

channel length scaling

$$L \gg \Lambda$$

$$\Lambda_{CYL} < \Lambda_{DG\ SOI} < \Lambda_{BULK}$$

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# outline

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- 1) Consequences of 2D electrostatics
- 2) 2D Poisson equation
- 3) Charge sharing model
- 4) Barrier lowering
- 5) 2D capacitor model
- 6) Geometric screening length
- 7) Discussion
- 8) **Summary**

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- 1) 2D electrostatics is a critical issue in device scaling
- 2) Understanding 2D electrostatics is essential for transistor designers