

Fundamentals of Nanotransistors

Unit 3: The Ballistic Nanotransistor

Lecture 3.6: Revisiting the VS Model

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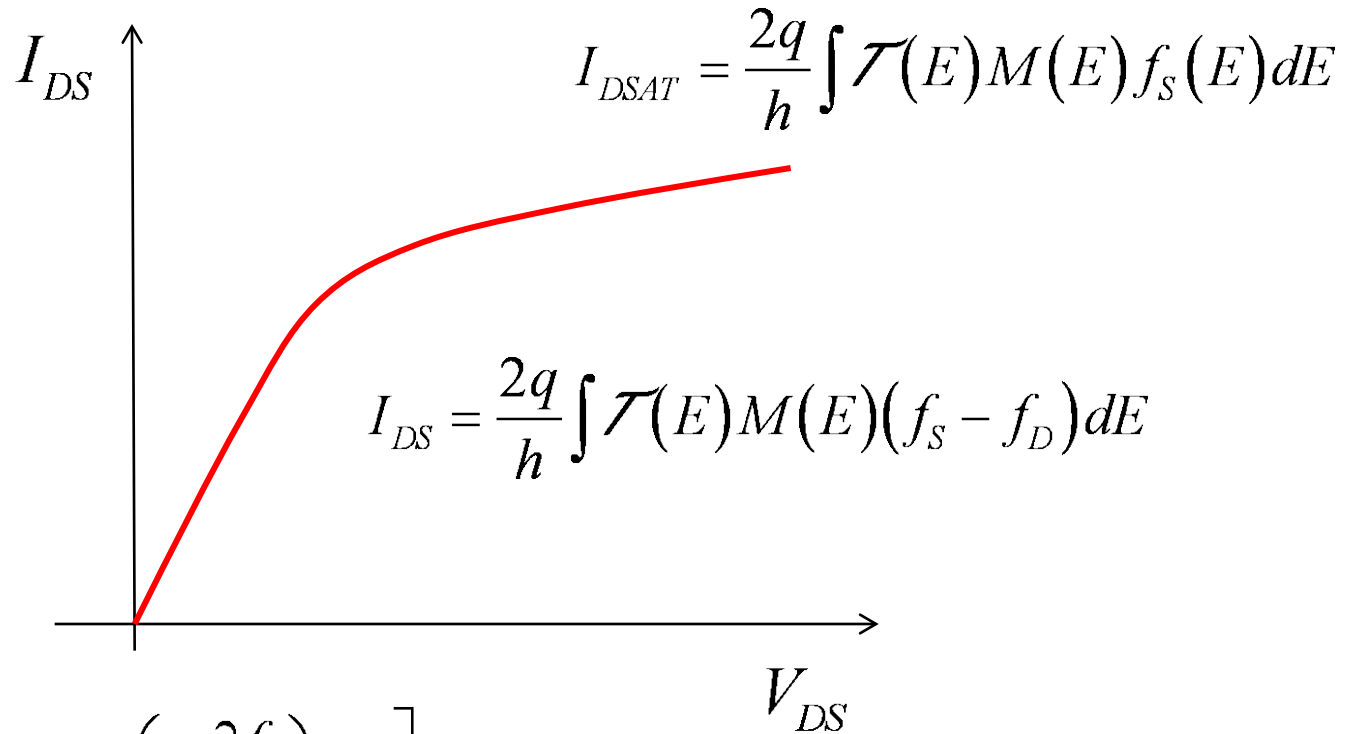
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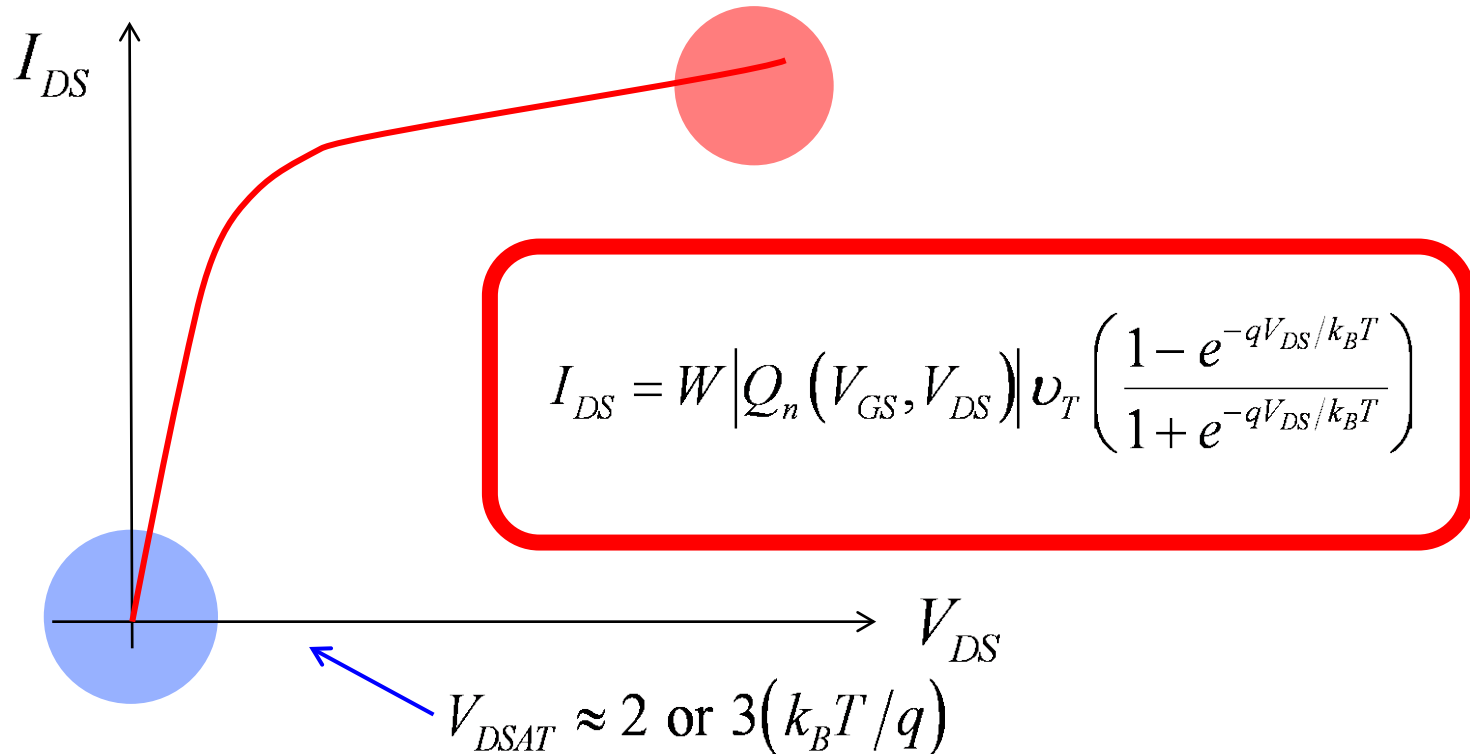
Ballistic model



$$I_{DLIN} = \left[\frac{2q^2}{h} \int \mathcal{T}(E)M(E) \left(-\frac{\partial f_0}{\partial E} \right) dE \right] V_{DS}$$

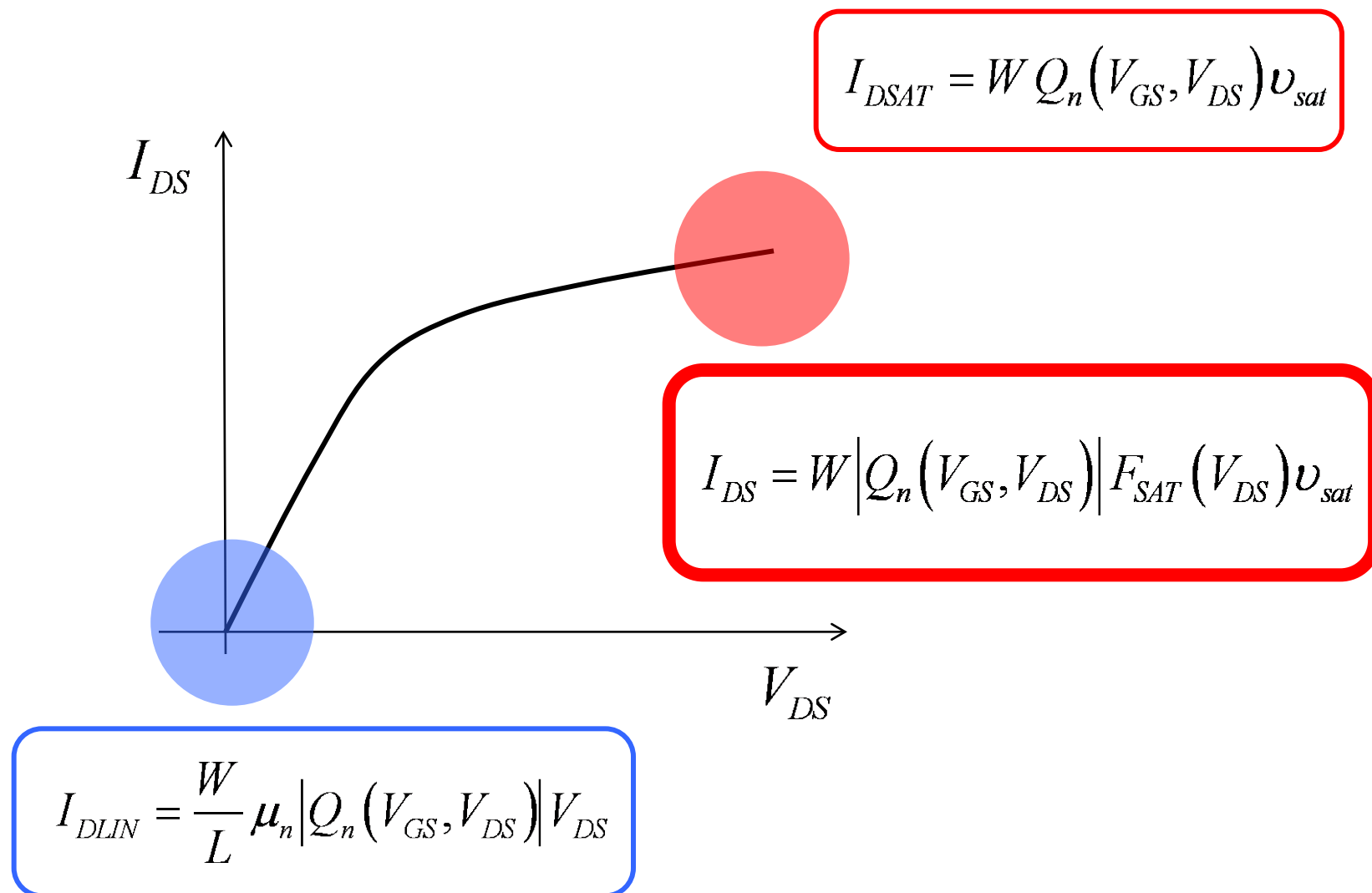
Ballistic model (nondegenerate)

$$I_{DSAT} = W |Q_n(V_{GS}, V_{DS})| v_T$$



$$I_{DLIN} = W |Q_n(V_{GS}, V_{DS})| \left(\frac{v_T}{2k_B T / q} \right) V_{DS}$$

“Traditional” VS model for the MOSFET



Lecture 2.8

$$1) \quad I_{DS} = W |Q_n(V_{GS}, V_{DS})| \langle v(V_{DS}) \rangle$$

$$2) \quad Q_n(V_{GS}, V_{DS}) = -C_{inv} m (k_B T / q) \ln \left(1 + e^{q(V_{GS} - V_T + \alpha(k_B T_L / q) F_f) / m k_B T} \right)$$

$$V_T = V_{T0} - \delta V_{DS}$$

$$3) \quad \langle v(V_{DS}) \rangle = F_{SAT}(V_{DS}) v_{sat}$$

$$4) \quad F_{SAT}(V_{DS}) = \frac{V_{DS} / V_{DSAT}}{\left[1 + (V_{DS} / V_{DSAT})^\beta \right]^{1/\beta}}$$

$$5) \quad V_{DSAT} = \frac{v_{sat} L}{\mu_n}$$

Only 10 device-specific parameters in this model:

$$C_{inv}, L,$$

$$V_T, \delta, m, v_{sat}, \mu_n, R_{SD} = R_S + R_D,$$

$$\alpha, \beta$$

Connecting the two: linear region

ballistic theory

$$I_{DLIN} = W \left(\frac{v_T}{2k_B T/q} \right) |Q_n(V_{GS}, V_{DS})| V_{DS}$$

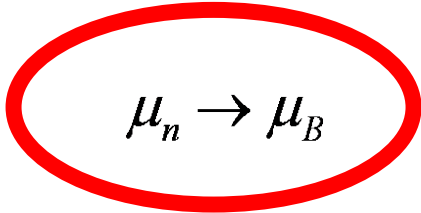
$$I_{DLIN} = \frac{W}{L} \left(\frac{v_T L}{2k_B T/q} \right) |Q_n(V_{GS}, V_{DS})| V_{DS}$$

$$\mu_B \equiv \frac{v_T L}{2k_B T/q} \quad \text{“ballistic mobility”}$$

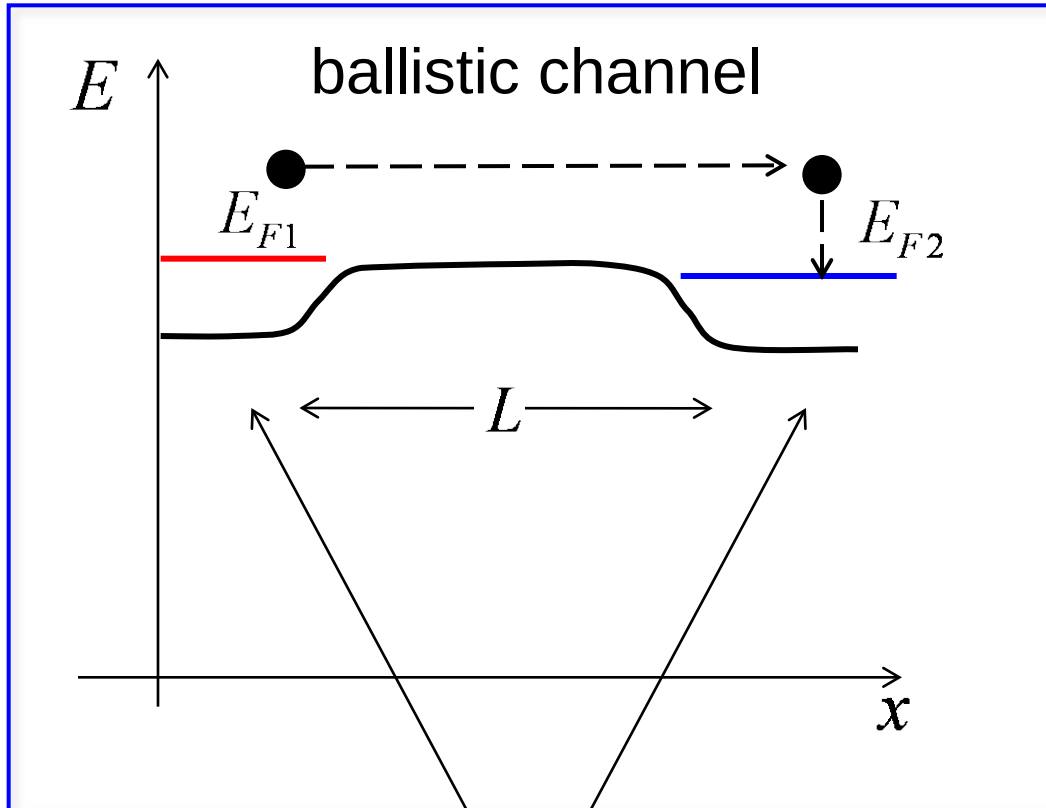
$$I_{DLIN} = \frac{W}{L} \mu_B |Q_n(V_{GS}, V_{DS})| V_{DS}$$

diffusive theory

$$I_{DLIN} = \frac{W}{L} \mu_n |Q_n(V_{GS}, V_{DS})| V_{DS}$$


$$\mu_n \rightarrow \mu_B$$

Meaning of “ballistic mobility”



strong scattering in the S/D regions

$$\mu_B = \frac{v_T L}{2 k_B T / q}$$

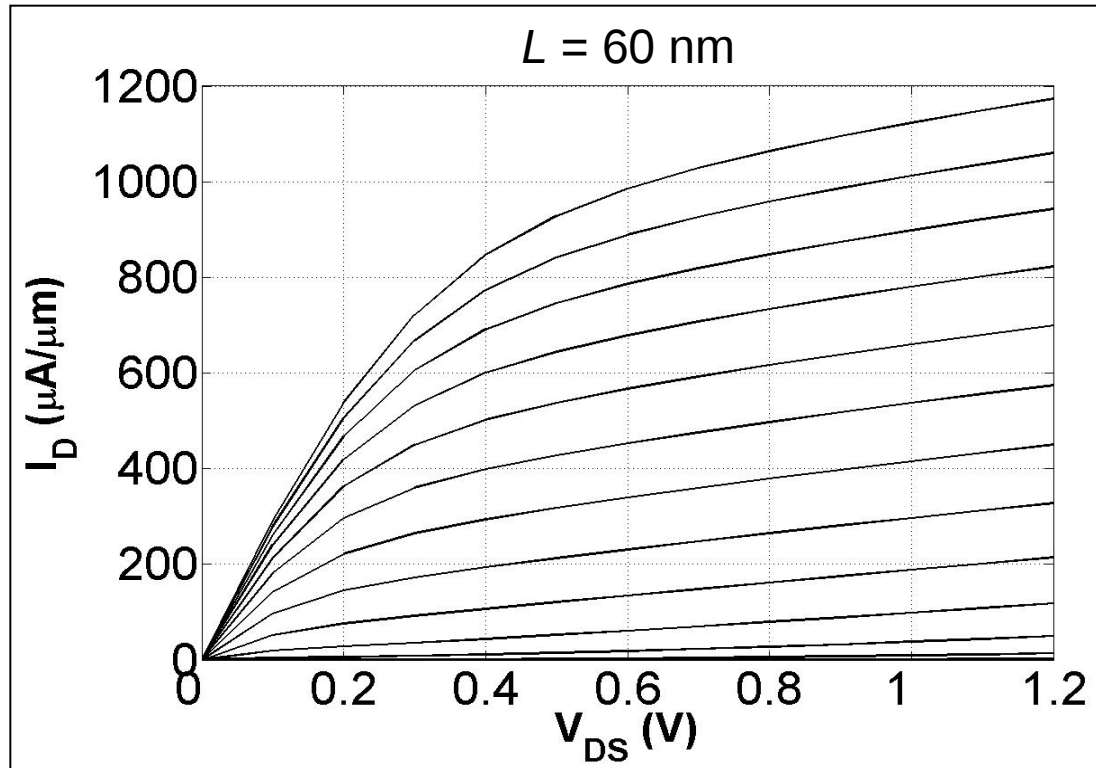
$$\mu_n = \frac{v_T \lambda_0}{2 k_B T / q}$$

$$\lambda_0 \rightarrow L$$

$$\mu_B \propto L$$

$$I_{DLIN} \propto \mu_B \frac{W}{L}$$

Ballistic mobility example



$$\mu_n \approx 250 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V-s}$$

$$\mu_B = \frac{v_T L}{2 k_B T / q}$$

$$\mu_B \approx 1385 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V-s}$$

$$\mu_B \gg \mu_n$$

(Thanks to Shuji Ikeda of ATDF for supplying these devices in Dec. 2007)

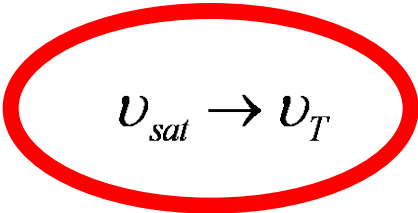
Connecting the two: saturation region

ballistic theory

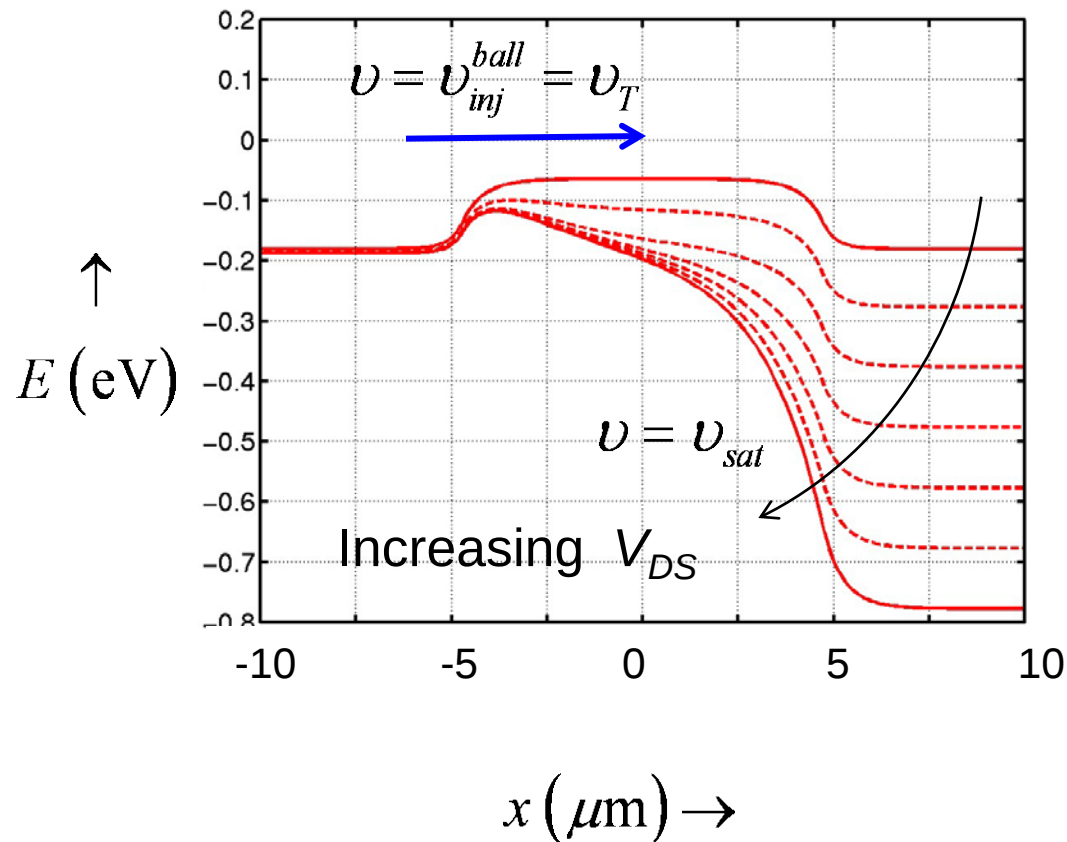
$$I_{DSAT} = W |Q_n(V_{GS}, V_{DS})| v_T$$

traditional theory

$$I_{DSAT} = W |Q_n(V_{GS}, V_{DS})| v_{sat}$$


$$v_{sat} \rightarrow v_T$$

Injection vs. saturation velocity



$$v_{sat} \rightarrow v_T$$

Lecture 1.7

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A Simple Semiempirical Short-Channel MOSFET Current–Voltage Model Continuous Across All Regions of Operation and Employing Only Physical Parameters

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$$\frac{1}{\mu_n} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\mu_{app}} \quad \text{“apparent mobility”}$$

$$v_{sat} \rightarrow v_{inj} \quad \text{“injection velocity”}$$

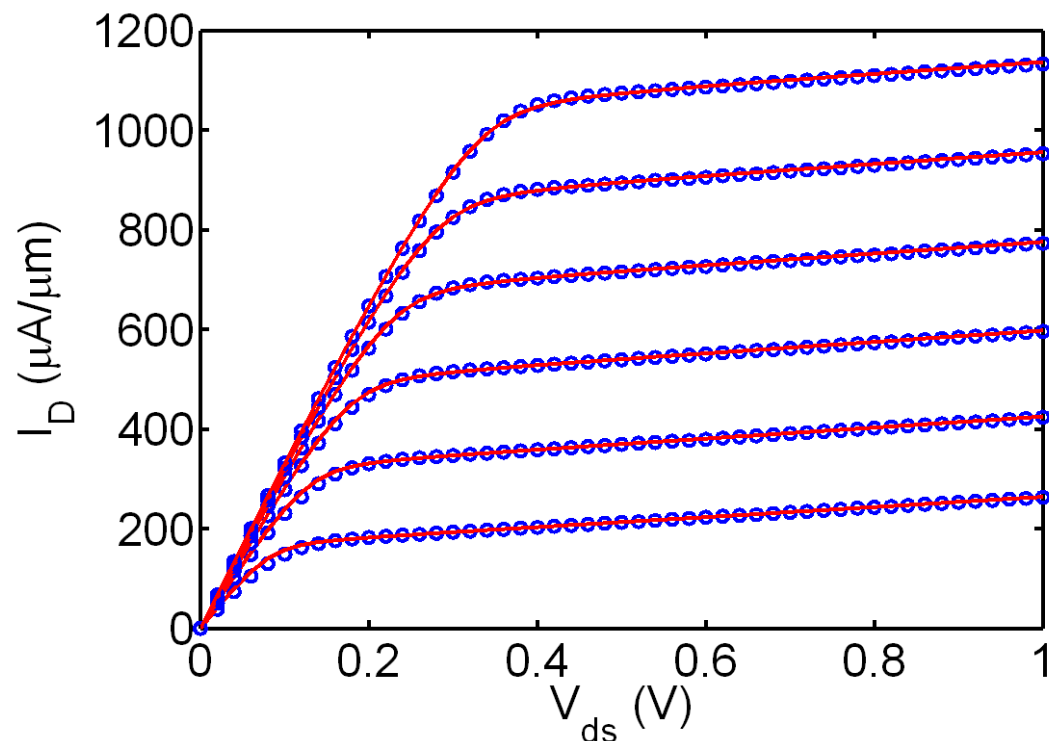
Question

Can we fit the empirical VS model to the ballistic theory model?

$$I_{DS} = W \left| \mathcal{Q}_n(V_{GS}, V_{DS}) \right| v_T \left(\frac{1 - e^{-qV_{DS}/k_B T}}{1 + e^{-qV_{DS}/k_B T}} \right)$$

If so, then what do the fitted parameters in the VS model mean?

Ballistic example



(Parameters from a 30 nm ETSOI device used (series resistance included).

Lines: ballistic theory

Symbols: VS fit to ballistic theory

$$\mu_{app} = 654 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V-s}$$

$$v_{inj} = 1.24 \times 10^7 \text{ cm/s}$$

Fig. 15.1 *Fundamentals of Nanotransistors*, World Scientific Lecture Notes, 2015.

Ballistic example: *discussion*

Are the fitted VS parameters the expected values?

VS fit parameters:

$$v_{inj} = 1.24 \times 10^7 \text{ cm/s}$$

$$\mu_{app} = 654 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V-s}$$

$$v_T = \sqrt{\frac{2k_B T}{\pi m^*}} \quad m^* = 0.19m_0$$

$$v_T = 1.20 \times 10^7 \text{ cm/s} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\mu_B = \frac{v_T L}{2k_B T / q} \quad L = 30 \text{ nm}$$

$$\mu_B = 692 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V-s} \quad \checkmark$$

Measured characteristics vs. ballistic theory

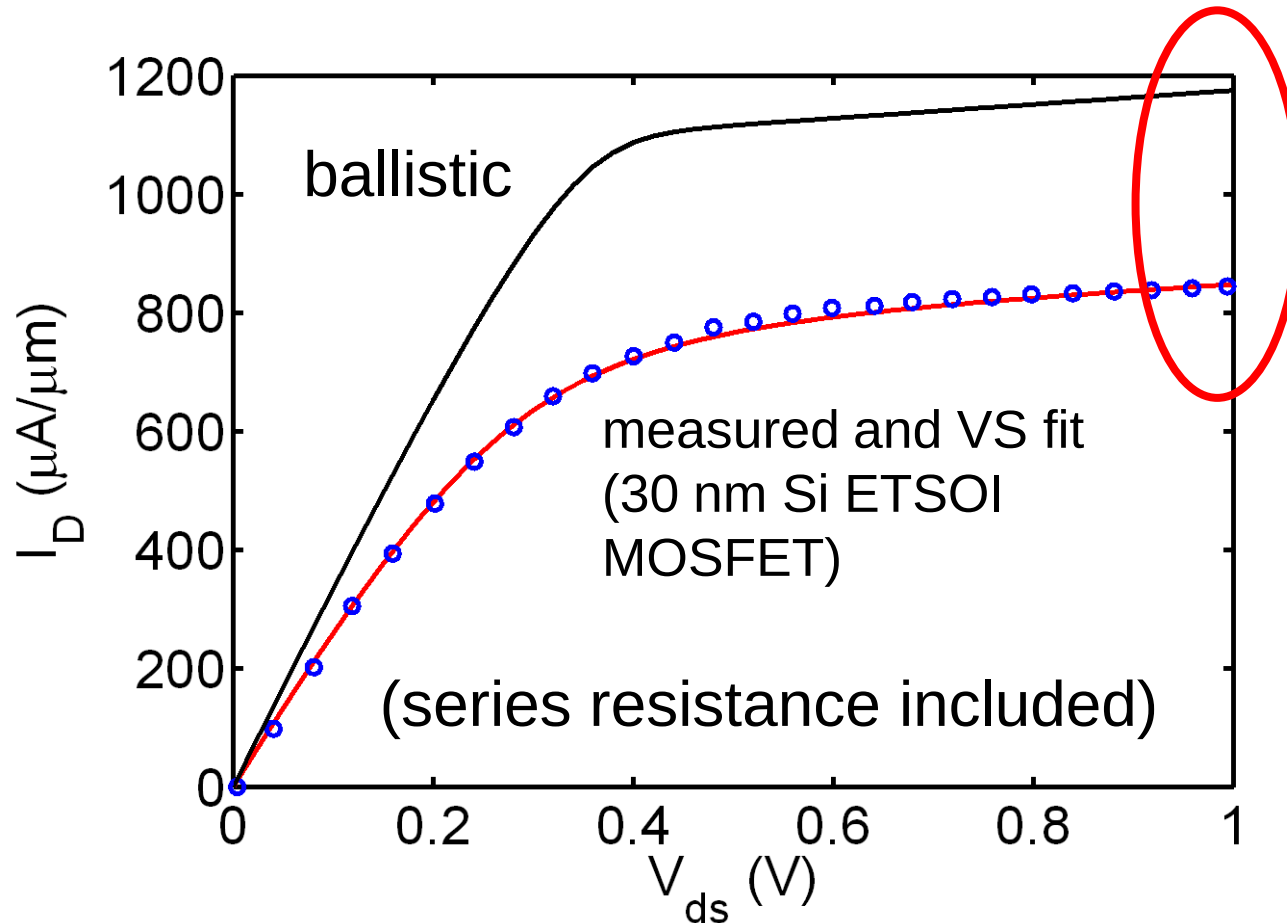


Fig. 15.2 *Fundamentals of Nanotransistors*, World Scientific Lecture Notes, 2015.

Measured vs. ballistic: III-V HEMT

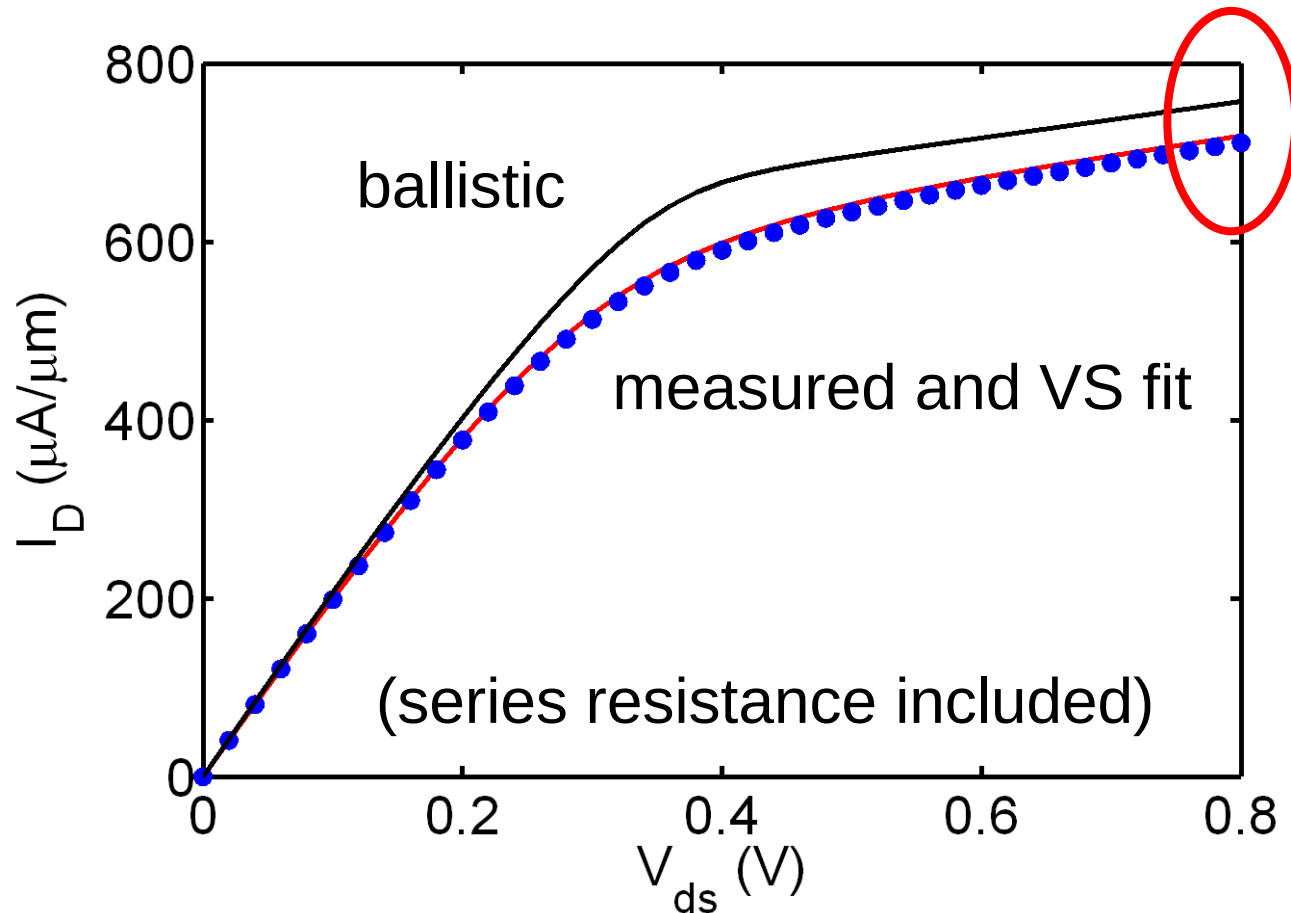


Fig. 15.3 *Fundamentals of Nanotransistors*, World Scientific Lecture Notes, 2015.

Summary

- 1) The apparent mobility and injection velocity in the semi-empirical VS model have a clear, physical interpretation in the ballistic limit.
- 2) Si MOSFETs operate at a significant fraction, but well below, the ballistic limit. (We will discuss why in Unit 4.)
- 3) III-V FETs operate quite close to the ballistic limit. (We will discuss why in Unit 4.)

Unit 4

In Unit 4, we will learn how to describe transistors that operate below the ballistic limit by including carrier **backscattering** in the model.