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1. INTRODUCTION

This report is addressed to all SPICE2 users involved in the design of MOS (Metal Oxide Semiconductor) IC's (Integrated circuits). The material contained herein serves as an addition to the SPICE2.G User's Guide [1].

The device and model parameters documented refer to the SPICE2.G release versions from the University of California, Berkeley and obsolete the information contained in the "SPICE2 MOS Modeling Handbook" [2] which is valid for the SPICE2.D release versions.

The impact of MOS IC's in both analog and digital applications as well as the decreasing dimensions of the single transistors enabled by advances in processing have made it necessary to refine the models and to provide more information about each device as it appears on the circuit layout. Associated with each MOSFET is a drain and source-junction sidewall capacitance (which has a different voltage dependence than the bottom of the diffusion) and a parasitic series resistance. These are unique to a certain geometry. At the model level there are effects which become important as the channel length and width go below $10\mu m$. A thorough description of all parameters appearing on the element (device) card and model card is contained in Sec. 2.

In SPICE2.G there are three different MOS models available to the user. The Level 1 model is the simple Shichman-Hodges model implemented according to [3]. This first order model has been found necessary for checking out the correctness of hand calculations when understanding or developing new circuits. The Level 2 model is an analytical one-dimensional model which incorporates most of the second-order effects of small-size devices. The Level 3 model is a semi-empirical model described by a set of parameters which are defined by curve-fitting rather than physical background. It is necessary for the circuit designer to know what are the equations governing the behaviour of the MOSFET's and what is the influence of the various model parameters even if hand calculations are almost impossible at this complexity. This insight of the MOS2 and MOS3 model equations is found in Sec. 3 and 4.

The accuracy of the model depends heavily on the values of the input parameters. These input parameters should be related to the particular process used at each manufacturing site. The large number of parameters which describe the model require the existence of a parameter extraction system. Sec. 5 provides some detail on how to use some simple preprocessor programs for the evaluation of the SPICE2 input parameters from the measurements taken on test devices.

Sec. 6 gives an example of a sample SPICE2 MOS IC input deck stressing the correlation among different model parameters and the importance of modelling various second-order effects for a good agreement with measured performance.

2. DESCRIPTION OF MOSFET PARAMETERS

2.1. Device Parameters

According to the new format of the MOSFET device line [1] there are up to 8 parameters describing each geometry. With the exception of W and L (which are defaulted to 1m), all other parameters default to zero if not specified.

W and L are the channel width and length in meters as measured on the layout;

AD and AS are the drain and source area, respectively; they scale the parameters JS and CJ of the model line. If not specified they are assumed zero. When absolute values for the junction reverse current (IS) or the junction capacitances (CBD, CBS) are input on the model line the areas can be omitted. AD and AS are measured as if on a layout and thus model the bottom of the junction.

PD and PS are the perimeters of the drain and source respectively; they multiply the junction sidewall capacitance CJSW specified in F/m on the model line.

NRD and NRS are the number of squares of the parasitic series resistance of the drain and source diffusions as estimated from the layout. NRD and NRS multiply the sheet resistance RSH given on the model card. An alternate way to specify series resistances for the drain and source is to enter the total values RD and RS on the model card; these values will then be added to all devices which invoke that particular model. When RD and RS appear in the definition of a model then those devices referencing this model need no NRD or NRS.

As is seen from the above there is a close correlation between the parameters which appear on the device card and the parameters input on the model card. Since a hierarchical order of the model parameters is given in the following paragraph, only a single example is mentioned. The presence of NSUB on the model line automatically calls for the calculation of CJ. A way to strip the model of any bottom junction capacitance is to delete AD and/or AS from the device card.

2.2. Model Parameters

This section rather than reproducing the information contained in the User's Guide groups the 37 parameters describing the MOSFET model in a logical manner.

LEVEL indicates the program which model is desired;
LEVEL=1 invokes the Shichman-Hodges model (default);
LEVEL=2 invokes the "MOS2" model to be described in the following section;
LEVEL=3 invokes the semi-empirical model described in Sec. 4.

A first classification is to divide the input data into "Electrical" (derived) and "Processing" (primary) parameters. According to this view point, VTO and GAMMA are

electrical and NSUB and TOX are processing parameters. For all models both kinds of parameters can be entered with the general convention that the electrical data will always override the value computed from processing data if also specified. Thus if VTO, NSUB and TOX are input the threshold voltage will assume the value entered as VTO, while, e.g., GAMMA will be computed from NSUB and TOX.

The following 5 data are the Electrical (derived) parameters:

VTO is the Extrapolated Zero-Bias Threshold Voltage of a long and wide channel device. This voltage is derived at the onset of strong inversion and marks the point where the device starts conducting if the weak inversion current is neglected (see the description of the parameter NFS).

If VTO is not an input parameter and NSUB and TOX are specified, SPICE2 will evaluate the threshold from the equation

$$V_{TO} = V_{FB} + 2\varphi_F + \frac{2\sqrt{q\,\varepsilon_{SI}NSUB\,\varphi_F}}{C_{OX}} \tag{2.1}$$

where

$$V_{FB} = \varphi_{MS} - \frac{qNSS}{C_{OX}} \tag{2.2}$$

is the flatband voltage [4], [5] and φ_{MS} is the metal (poly-silicon) semiconductor work function difference. VTO will be printed out in the summary of the model parameters at the beginning of the SPICE2 output. The value VTH which is printed in the operating point information represents the threshold for given terminal voltages and for the particular device including size dependence, (see Sec. 3.1.).

KP is the Intrinsec Transconductance Parameter. If it is not specified and UO (surface mobility) and TOX are entered, it is computed by the program according to the equation

$$KP = UO \times C_{OX} \tag{2.3}$$

GAMMA is the Bulk Threshold Parameter and represents the proportionality factor relating the change in threshold voltage to backgate bias. It is encountered in the expression of VTO, the drain-source current I_{DS}, and saturation voltage. When it is not input and if the necessary processing parameters are given, it is derived from

$$GAMMA = \frac{\sqrt{2q\,\varepsilon_{SI}NSUB}}{C_{OX}} \tag{2.4}$$

if the necessary processing parameters are given.

PHI is the Surface Potential at strong inversion $2\varphi_F$. When not input it is computed from

$$PHI = 2\frac{kT}{q}\ln\frac{NSUB}{ni} \tag{2.5}$$

LAMBDA is the Channel-Length Modulation Parameter and is equivalent to the inverse of the Early voltage for the bipolar transistor and is a measure of the output conductance in saturation. By specifying this parameter the MOSFET will have a finite but constant output conductance in saturation.

If LAMBDA is not input the LEVEL=1 model will assume a zero output conductance while the LEVEL=2 model will compute a finite and voltage-dependent output conductance defined by

$$LAMBDA = \frac{\Delta L}{L \times V_{DS}} \tag{2.6}$$

where L is the channel length input on the device line less the lateral diffusions of the drain and source, LD, and ΔL is a function of V_{DS} and V_{DSAT} as is shown later.

The above set of electrical parameters is adequate for the LEVEL=1 model.

In the following the parameters which characterize the gate and channel of the MOSFET are summarized. These parameters are further classified as oxide characteristics, charge concentrations and mobility parameters.

The characteristics of the thin oxide are listed below.

TOX is the Oxide Thickness and comes into the calculation of the conduction factor, backgate bias effect and gate-channel voltage-dependent capacitances.

If not specified, in the LEVEL=1 model TOX will be assumed infinite, i.e., VTO, KP, or GAMMA will be defaulted rather than computed if these last quantities are not entered directly. The gate capacitances, C_{GS}, C_{GD} and C_{GB} are assumed to be the overlap capacitances, i.e., they are constant with voltage. In the LEVEL=2 and =3 model, TOX defaults to 1000A implying that the gate capacitances are always voltage-dependent.

CGSO is the Gate-Source Overlap Capacitance per meter channel width and represents the capacitance due to the lateral diffusion of the source in a silicon gate MOSFET; the input value is multiplied by the channel width. This is the constant part of the total C_{GS} capacitance which has also a contribution due to the thin oxide capacitance (the voltage-dependent charges associated with the gate and channel).

CGDO is the Gate-Drain Overlap Capacitance per meter channel width. The same considerations as above apply.

CGBO is the Gate-Bulk Overlap Capacitance per meter channel length and is, as opposed to the above capacitances, a field oxide capacitance.It is the result of the

requirement that the gate has to extend beyond the channel by a certain amount according to the specific design rules. The total C_{GP} overlap capacitance results by multiplying the above value by the channel length.

There are five parameters which describe or relate to charge concentrations.

NSUB is the Substrate Doping and is used in the derivation of most of the electrical parameters. The effect of implants can be added by specifying different VTO's and maintaining the same NSUB in the different models for the calculations, say of the junction capacitances. NSUB can be specified for a LEVEL=1 model as well and it assumes the same role.

NSS is the Effective Surface Charge Density and is used for the evaluation of VTO. In most cases it is more accurate to specify VTO as obtained from a parameter extraction system rather than NSS.

NFS is the Effective Fast Surface State Density and serves both as a flag for the evaluation of subthreshold currents and as a quantity controlling the amount of subthreshold current flowing in the device. If not specified, the MOSFET conducts only in strong inversion. This parameter is meaningless for a LEVEL=1 model.

NEFF is the Total Channel Charge (Fixed and Mobile) Coefficient. It is used as a multiplicative factor of NSUB in order to get the proper value of the output conductance in saturation. Physically it accounts for the fact that in the channel there is both mobile and fixed charge and the total amount has to be considered for computing the output conductance. NEFF has meaning only when the velocity saturation model is used (VMAX is specified) in the LEVEL=2 model.

TPG is the Type of Gate indicates whether the simulated device has a metal or polysilicon gate (and which polarity type relative to the substrate). The NGATE parameter of the older SPICE2 (D and E) versions has been deleted since the poly gate is usually heavily doped and the Fermi level is located very close to one of the band edges.

A last group of parameters characterizing the gate and channel refer to the properties of carriers in the conductive channel. The first four describe the surface mobility and its variation with the electric field.

UO is the Surface Mobility at low gate voltages. It is the only mobility parameter which has meaning for a LEVEL=1 or =3 model.

UCRIT is the Critical Field for Mobility Degradation and is the limit at which the surface mobility UO starts decreasing according to the empirical relation given below.

UEXP is the Critical Field Exponent for the empirical formula which characterizes the degradation of the surface mobility.

UTRA is the Transverse Field Coefficient for the empirical mobility degradation formula.

The above four parameters enter in the following equation of the surface mobility degradation [6]

$$\mu_S = UO \times \left[\frac{UCRIT \times \varepsilon_{SI}}{C_{OX}(V_{GS} - V_{TH} - UTRA \times V_{DS})} \right]^{UEXP} \tag{2.7}$$

The above parameters are determined best by curve fitting as is shown in Sec. 5. In most cases UTRA can be chosen between 0.0 and 0.5.

VMAX is the Maximum Drift Velocity of Carriers and affects the drain-source saturation voltage of the MOSFET. It has been proven that for devices with channel lengths shorter than 10μ the drain current saturates before the channel pinches off because the electrons (holes) reach the scattering limited velocity in the channel. The model proposed by Baum and Beneking [7] and first used in the SHOMOS model [8] is applied in order to get V_{DSAT} from the following equation

$$VMAX = \frac{I_{DSAT}}{W \times Q_{CHAN}} \tag{2.8}$$

where I_{DSAT} and Q_{CHAN} are functions of V_{DSAT}. More details about this are given in the following section.

VMAX also acts as a flag in the LEVEL=2 model. When specified the scattering limited velocity of carriers determines V_{DSAT}; otherwise the pinch-off approach gives V_{DSAT}. This parameter is meaningless for the LEVEL=1 model. When specified in LEVEL=2, the channel shortening effect uses the NEFF parameter as introduced above (see also Sec. 3).

A last category of parameters characterize the drain and source junctions of the MOSFET. There is some overlap among some of these parameters, e.g., the reverse current of the junction can be input either as IS (in A) or as JS (in A/m^2). Whereas the first is an absolute value, the second is multiplied by AD and AS to give the reverse current of the drain and source junctions respectively. This methodology has been chosen since AD and AS default to zero. The same procedure applies also to the zero-bias junction capacitances CBD and CBS on one hand, and CJ on the other as is seen in the following description.

RD and RS are the Drain and Source Ohmic Resistances and are values which apply to all devices invoking the model in which they are specified. (This was the only way for the SPICE2.D and .E versions to include series resistances).

RSH is the Sheet Resistance of the Drain and Source Diffusions and is multiplied by the number of squares NRD and NRS which are entered on each device card to give the total drain and source ohmic resistance respectively, for each device.

When both the total value (RD or RS) and the RSH are input the total value over-rides.

CBD and CBS are Zero-Bias B-D and B-S junction capacitances and are total values for all devices which reference the model where they are specified.

CJ is the Zero-Bias B-D and B-S junction capacitance per m^2 of junction area and is multiplied by the areas AD and AS entered on the device card to give total values for the B-D and B-S junction capacitances, respectively, specific to each single device. CJ is computed automatically by the program if NSUB is specified and a step junction is assumed.

When both the total value (CBD or CBS) and CJ (or NSUB) are input, the total value overrides.

MJ is the Grading Coefficient of the B-D and B-S junctions and applies to both CBD and CBS, or CJ.

The above capacitances are well suited for modeling the bottom of the junctions. It has been found experimentally that an important part of the junction capacitance is contributed by the sidewall of the diffusion which extrapolates to a different zero-bias value and grading coefficient than those pertaining to the bottom of the diffusion. The following two parameters account for this capacitance.

CJSW is the Zero-Bias Junction Sidewall Capacitance per meter of Drain and Source Perimeter. It is multiplied by PD and PS entered on the device line to give the drain and source junction sidewall capacitances, respectively.

MJSW is the Grading Coefficient of the Junction Sidewall .

All the above capacitances and grading coefficients are determined best from curve fitting of measurements taken on specially designed test chips as is outlined in Sec. 5.

The total junction capacitance can be expressed as follows:

For reverse bias, $V_{BS} < FC \times PB$ (see below for explanation of FC and PB)

$$CBS_{TOT} = CJ \frac{AS}{\left[1 - \frac{V_{BS}}{PB}\right]^{MJ}} + CJSW \frac{PS}{\left[1 - \frac{V_{BS}}{PB}\right]^{MJSW}} \qquad (2.9)$$

For forward bias, $V_{BS} > FC \times PB$

$$CBS_{TOT} = CJ \frac{AS}{(1 - FC)^{(1+MJ)}} \left[1 - FC(1+MJ) + \frac{V_{BS}}{PB} \times MJ\right] + \qquad (2.10)$$

$$CJSW \frac{PS}{(1 - FC)^{(1+MJSW)}} \left[1 - FC(1+MJSW) + \frac{V_{BS}}{PB} \times MJSW \right]$$

The above equations insure a smooth transition from the reverse bias region to the forward bias region and prevent the capacitance from increasing to infinity.

IS is the Reverse Current of the Drain or Source Junctions and is a total value, the same for all the drain and source junctions of the devices which reference the model containing IS.

JS is the Reverse Current Density of the Drain or Source Junction per m^2 of junction area. The total value IS results from a multiplication by AD and AS and is specific to each junction of each transistor.

If neither of the above currents are specified, the program will default IS to 1.0E-14 A. If both IS and JS are specified, IS overrides JS.

PB is the Bulk Junction Potential is used in the junction capacitance formulation.

FC is the Forward Bias Nonideal Junction Capacitance Coefficient and is used as shown above in matching the transition point and voltage characteristic of the junction capacitance when bias changes from reverse to forward. The default value of 0.5 proves satisfactory most of the time.

XJ is the Metallurgical Junction Depth.

LD is the Lateral Diffusion Coefficient in meters. The effective channel length is

$$L = L_M - 2 \times LD \tag{2.11}$$

where L_M is the length on the circuit mask input on the device line. In all subsequent equations L represents the effective channel length.

LD is used for the computation of L only, whereas XJ is both a flag and parameter used in the evaluation of the short-channel effect.

The only parameters not mentioned so far are

KF is the Flicker Noise Coefficient

AF is the Flicker Noise Exponent.These two parameters are used in the small-signal AC noise analysis to determine the equivalent noise current generator connected between drain and source, the value of which is

$$I_N = \sqrt{\frac{8kTg_m}{3} + \frac{KF \times I_{DS}^{AF}}{f \ C_{OX} \ W \ L}} \tag{2.12}$$

In the future an improved noise model for the MOSFET is needed.

Listed below are four model parameters which are specific to the LEVEL=3 model only. For this model, the parameters LAMBDA, UCRIT, UEXP, UTRA, and NEFF are meaningless.

ETA is the Static Feedback Effect Parameter. It is the proportionality factor which multiplies the value of V_{DS} in the V_{TH} equation implemented in MOS3 to model the static drain to gate feedback effect.

DELTA is the Channel Width Factor. This is an empirical factor which adjusts the depleted bulk charge underneath the gate to be in agreement with the observed threshold voltage increase in narrow-channel devices.

THETA is the Empirical Mobility Modulation Parameter and is used to compute mobility degradation as a function of V_{GS}.

KAPPA is the Field Correlation Factor. It is used to adjust the electric field across the surface depletion region of the device in saturation.

3. IMPLEMENTATION OF SMALL-SIZE DEVICE SECOND-ORDER EFFEECTS IN THE MOS2 MODEL

This section presents the main features of the LEVEL=2 (MOS2) model and the equations which describe the various first- and second-order effects.

The following effects are modeled in MOS2:
- Backgate bias and small-size (short- and narrow-channel) effect on threshold voltage considering also the static feedback from drain to gate;
- Saturation due to the scattering limited drift velocity of carriers and finite voltage-dependent output conductance;
- Surface field dependent mobility;
- Weak inversion conduction;
- Charge controlled model of regenerative effects;
- Variation of all quantities with temperature.

In the rest of this section the pertinent equations are listed with emphasis on the influence of the different input parameters.

3.1. Threshold Voltage

From the zero-bias threshold voltage VTO given in Sec. 2, which applies for a MOSFET with large dimensions (W, $L > 20\mu m$) and with the source and bulk connected together SPICE2.G readjusts this value to V_{TH} at each operating point and for each transistor according to its size.

Physically the following effects take place:
- An increase of the bulk-to-source voltage increases the depletion charge which causes V_{TH} to go up.
- In a short-channel device part of the depletion charge in the bulk terminates the electric field of the drain and source junctions. The electric field from gate to bulk depletes less charge and thus V_{TH} is lowered. This can be viewed by the trapezoid approach introduced by Yau [9] and which is used by SPICE2 (see Fig. 3.1.).
- The edge effects in a narrow channel cause the depletion charge to extend beyond the width of the channel. The gate-to-bulk field has to be increased to balance this charge; thus, V_{TH} increases (see Fig. 3.2.).
- The amount of charge underneath the gate depleted by the drain junction field rather than the gate-to-bulk field increases with V_{DS} thus lowering V_{TH}. This effect is approximated geometrically in MOS2 as shown in Fig. 3.3. and is referred to as the static drain-to-gate feedback on threshold.

An equation for V_{TH} which sums up the above features, can be expressed as

GATE

SOURCE

DRAIN

A ←——— L ———→ D XJ

W_0

B

C

X/

XJ+W0

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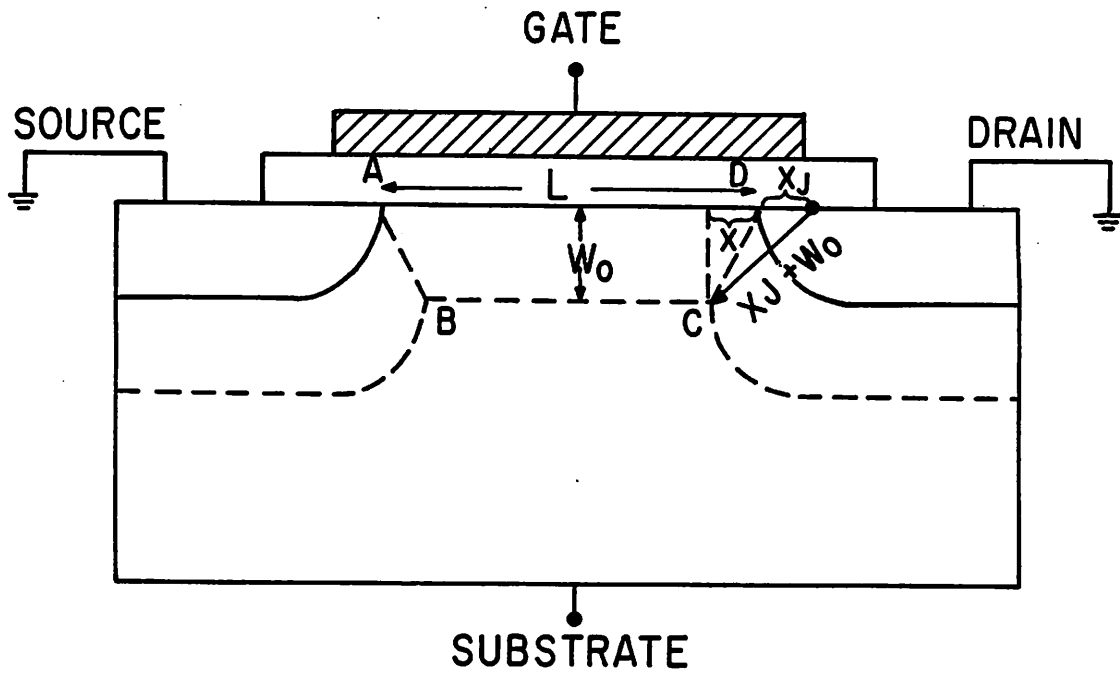
$$(X+XJ)^2 = (XJ+W_0)^2 - W_0^2$$

$$X = XJ(\sqrt{1 + \frac{2W_0}{XJ}} - 1)$$

$$Q_B \propto W_0 \times L$$

$$Q_B' = W_0[L - XJ(\sqrt{1 + \frac{2W_0}{XJ}})]$$

$$\frac{Q_B'}{Q_B} = [1 - \frac{XJ}{L}(\sqrt{1 + \frac{2W_0}{XJ}} - 1)]$$

FIG. 3.1.

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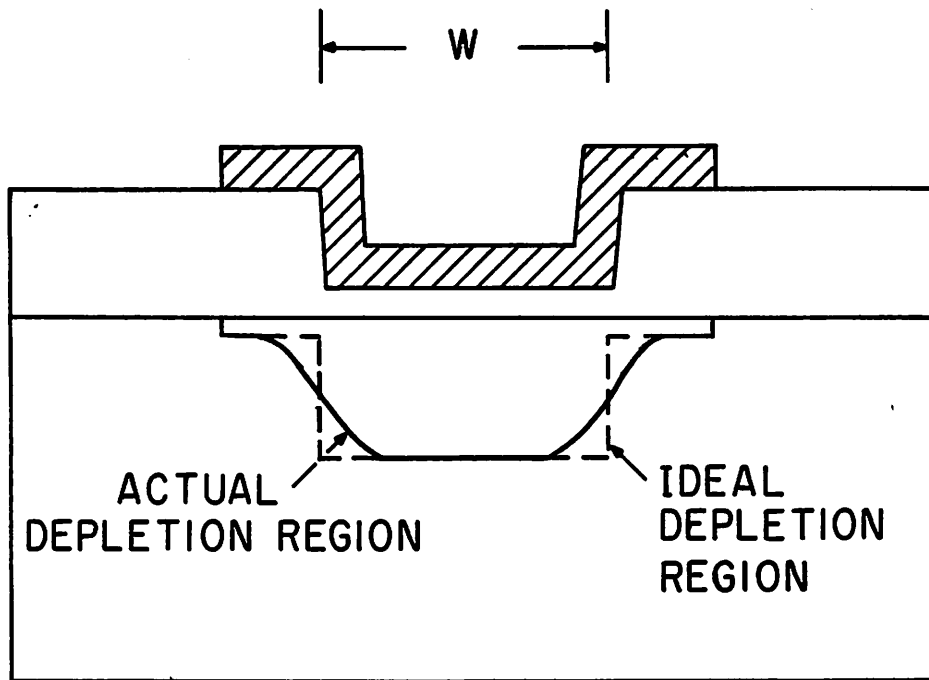
FIG. 3.2.

$$V_{TH} = V_{BIN} + \gamma_S \sqrt{2\varphi_F - V_{BS}}$$ (3.1)

where

$$V_{BIN} = V_{BI} + DELTA\frac{\pi\varepsilon_{SI}}{4C_{OX}W}(2\varphi_F - V_{BS})$$ (3.2)

is the corrected built-in voltage for narrow channel, and

$$V_{BI} = V_{FB} + 2\varphi_F$$ (3.3)

γ_S is the corrected GAMMA for short-channel with static drain-to-gate feedback (see Fig. 3.3.)

$$\gamma_S = GAMMA(1 - \alpha_S - \alpha_D)$$ (3.4)

where α_D and α_S are the correction factors for the depletion charge at the drain and source, respectively,

$$\alpha_S = \frac{1}{2}\frac{XJ}{L}\left[\sqrt{1+2\frac{W_S}{XJ}} - 1\right]$$ (3.5)

$$\alpha_D = \frac{1}{2}\frac{XJ}{L}\left[\sqrt{1+2\frac{W_D}{XJ}} - 1\right]$$ (3.6)

The depletion widths W_S and W_D are

$$W_S = X_D\sqrt{2\varphi_F - V_{BS}}$$ (3.7)

$$W_D = X_D\sqrt{2\varphi_F - V_{BS} + V_{DS}}$$ (3.8)

where

$$X_D = \sqrt{\frac{2\varepsilon_{SI}}{q\,NSUB}}$$ (3.9)

The implementation of the geometry in Fig. 3.3. represents an idealization of the actual depletion layer shape. Preliminary results show that it offers a good approximation at a minimum computational effort.

It should be noticed that the absence of XJ from the input file bypasses the correction for short channel effect.

GATE

SOURCE

DRAIN

V_{DS}

$XJ+W_S$

$XJ+W_D$

SUBSTRATE
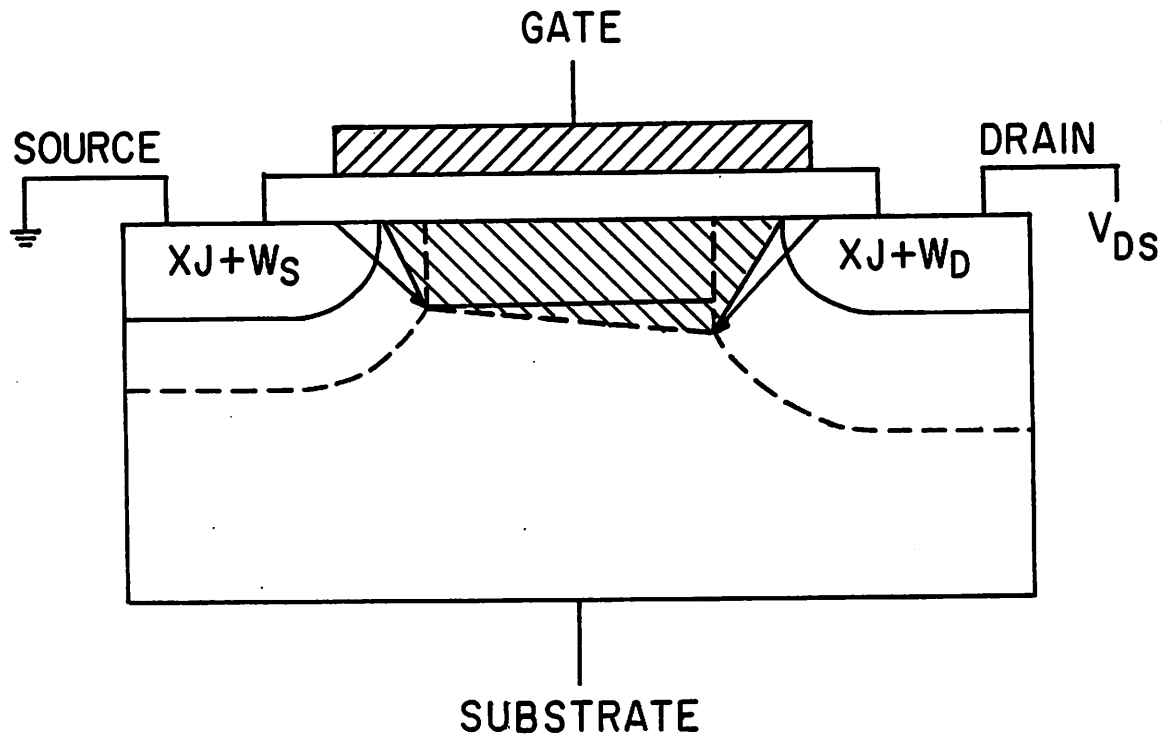
DASHED ZONE - BULK CHARGE DEPLETED BY GATE
FIELD

FIG. 3.3

3.2. Drain-Source Current

In order to correct for small dimensions, the implemented drain-source current equation is slightly modified relative to previous formulations [4], [5] which include the effect of the bulk charge.

The current in strong inversion ($V_{GS} > V_{TH}$) is given by

$$I_{DS} = \beta\left\{\left[V_{GS} - V_{BIN} - \frac{\eta V_{DS}}{2}\right]V_{DS} - \frac{2}{3}\gamma_S\left[(2\varphi_F + V_{DS} - V_{BS})^{3/2} - (2\varphi_F - V_{BS})^{3/2}\right]\right\} \quad (3.10)$$

where

$$\eta = 1 + DELTA\frac{\pi\varepsilon_{SI}}{4C_{OX}W}.$$

$$\beta = \frac{W}{L}\mu_S C_{OX}$$

It can be seen that the narrow channel effect is included through V_{BIN} given in Eq. (3.2) and η. The short channel uses the corrected GAMMA, γ_S. μ_S represents the degraded surface mobility. For large W and L the above equations revert to the well known forms [4], [5].

3.3. Operation in the Saturation Region

3.3.1. Saturation due to Pinch-off; Channel Length Modulation

As mentioned earlier, if VMAX is not input the program computes the saturation voltage V_{DSAT} assuming the channel pinches off at the drain limit. With the corrections for small-size effects, V_{DSAT} is

$$V_{DSAT} = \frac{(V_{GS} - V_{BIN})}{\eta} + \frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{\gamma_S}{\eta}\right]^2\left\{1 - \left[1 + 4\left[\frac{\eta}{\gamma_S}\right]^2\left[\frac{V_{GS} - V_{BIN}}{\eta} + 2\varphi_F - V_{BS}\right]\right]^{1/2}\right\} \quad (3.11)$$

The finite output conductance observed in saturation is due to the spread of the pinch-off region into the channel thus reducing the effective channel length, $L_{eff} = L - \Delta L$, and increasing the geometrical ratio of the conduction factor.

$$\frac{W}{L - \Delta L} = \frac{W}{L(1 - LAMBDA \times V_{DS})} \quad (3.12)$$

$$LAMBDA = \frac{\Delta L}{L \times V_{DS}}$$

If LAMBDA is not an input parameter, its value is computed according to Eq. (3.12) where

$$\Delta L = X_D \left[\frac{V_{DS} - V_{DSAT}}{4} + \sqrt{1 + \left[\frac{V_{DS} - V_{DSAT}}{4} \right]^2} \right]^{1/2} \qquad (3.13)$$

This formulation does not include the effect of the field between gate and drain and gate and pinch-off point respectively [10], but insures the continuity of the current and its first derivative at the transition from the triode- into the saturation region (important in an iterative solution algorithm of nonlinear simultaneous equations). Another drawback of the above formulation of the channel modulation is that it overestimates the output conductance in saturation.

One problem with short channel devices is that at high V_{DS} punch-through occurs. This effect is not modeled in SPICE2. In order to prevent the channel length from going negative, Eq. (3.12) is used only when the effective channel length L_{eff} is larger than the zero-bias depletion layer width W_B, ($W_B = X_D \sqrt{PB}$). When L_{eff} gets smaller than W_B, Eq. (3.12) is replaced by

$$L_{eff} = \frac{W_B}{1 + \frac{\Delta L - L_{max}}{W_B}} \qquad (3.14)$$

where

$$L_{max} = L - W_B \qquad (3.15)$$

Although this equation does not model punch-through it prevents numerical non-convergence problems that have been observed.

3.3.2. Saturation due to Scattering Limited Velocity; Channel Length Modulation

In short-channel MOSFET's the saturation of the current occurs because the charge carriers reach their maximum scattering limited velocity before pinch-off. In other words, a lower current is expected from a short channel device as compared to a long channel device of identical geometric ratios, processing and biasing conditions.

V_{DSAT} is obtained as the solution of Eq. (2.8) after substituting the expressions for I_{DSAT} and Q_{CHAN}. This leads to

$$VMAX = \frac{\mu_S\left[(V_{GS}-V_{BIN}-\frac{\eta V_{DSAT}}{2})V_{DSAT}-\frac{2}{3}\gamma_S\left(\left[V_{DSAT}+2\varphi_F-V_{BS}\right]^{\frac{3}{2}}-\left[2\varphi_F-V_{BS}\right]^{\frac{3}{2}}\right)\right]}{L_{eff}\left(V_{GS}-V_{BIN}-\eta V_{DSAT}-\gamma_S\left[V_{DSAT}+2\varphi_F-V_{BS}\right]^{1/2}\right)} \quad (3.16)$$

A problem arises because Q_{CHAN} is defined at the point where the carriers reach their maximum velocity. This point moves towards the source as V_{DS} increases. The shortening of the channel is implemented in MOS2 as proposed by Baum [7],

$$L_{eff} = L-X_D\sqrt{\left[\frac{X_D\ VMAX}{2\mu_S}\right]^2+(V_{DS}-V_{DSAT})}+\frac{X_D^2\ VMAX}{2\mu_S} \quad (3.17)$$

In this theory on a V_{GS}=constant curve, the saturation voltage varies (decreases) as V_{DS} increases. From a numerical point of view this requires the simultaneous solution of two nonlinear equations, i.e., iterative computation which increases the computer analysis time. There is a proposal [11] which limits the solution to two iterations. However the method adopted in SPICE2.G precludes any nested iterative process based on the following assumptions:

First, define V_{DSAT} according to Eq. (3.16) with L_{eff}=L and use this value for any V_{DS} on a V_{GS}= constant characteristic. This is based on the fact that Eq. (3.17) does not provide an accurate description of the output conductance in saturation and NEFF has to be used as an empirical factor. In the expression of X_D, Eq. (3.9), NSUB is replaced by NEFF*NSUB.

Second, good agreement of the simulated and measured I-V characteristics can be obtained by adjusting NEFF.

A closed-form solution can be obtained as follows. Eq. (3.16) can be simplified to obtain

$$v = \frac{(V_1-\frac{V_2}{2}-\frac{x^2}{2})(x^2-V_2)-\frac{2}{3}\gamma_S(x^3-V_2^{\frac{3}{2}})}{V_1-\gamma_S x-x^2} \quad (3.18)$$

where

$$x = \sqrt{\left[V_{DSAT}+2\varphi_F-V_{BS}\right]}$$

$$V_1 = \frac{V_{GS}-V_{BIN}}{\eta}+2\varphi_F-V_{BS}$$

$$V_2 = 2\varphi_F-V_{BS}$$

$$v = \frac{VMAX \times L_{eff}}{\mu_S}$$

Eq. (3.16) can be written as a quartic equation

$$x^4 + ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0 \tag{3.19}$$

with

$$a = \frac{4}{3}\gamma_S$$

$$b = -2(V_1 + v)$$

$$c = -2\gamma_S v$$

$$d = -V_2^2 - \frac{4}{3}\gamma_S V_2^{\frac{3}{2}} + 2V_1 V_2 + 2v V_1$$

This equation can be solved by Ferrari's method. Among the 2 or 4 real roots, the smallest positive one is the valid solution; the choice is based on the fact that the equation represents the difference

$$I_{DSAT} - VMAX \times W \times Q_{CHAN}(L) \tag{3.20}$$

which decreases as V_{DSAT} increases.

In some cases the equation might not have a real solution. In this case the program computes V_{DSAT} based on the pinch-off approximation and prints out a message.

3.4. Weak Inversion Conduction

A MOSFET is not an ideal switch which starts conduction abruptly; there is current flowing in the device below the threshold voltage which marks only the onset of strong inversion. This current is known as the weak inversion or subthreshold current. The simulation of this behaviour is important for present day MOS circuits which are often designed to operate in the weak inversion region. The model implemented in SPICE2.G uses as a starting point the analysis performed by Swanson and Meindl for CMOS devices [12].

As shown in Fig. 3.4, a new threshold voltage V_{ON} is defined, above V_{TH}, which marks the transition from the weak inversion to the strong inversion characteristic;

$$V_{ON} = V_{TH} + \frac{nkT}{q} \tag{3.21}$$

where

$$n = 1 + \frac{C_{FS}}{C_{OX}} + \frac{C_D}{C_{OX}} \tag{3.22}$$

$$C_{FS} = q \times NFS \tag{3.23}$$

$$C_D = \frac{\partial Q_B}{\partial V_{BS}} = \left[-\gamma_S \frac{d\sqrt{2\varphi_F - V_{BS}}}{dV_{BS}} - \frac{\partial \gamma_S}{\partial V_{BS}}\sqrt{2\varphi_F - V_{BS}} + DELTA\frac{\pi \varepsilon_{SI}}{4C_{OX}W} \right] C_{OX} \tag{3.24}$$

NFS is introduced as a parameter in the evaluation of V_{ON}. Its presence is necessary to invoke the weak inversion feature. NFS is not related to the physical nature of the subthreshold conduction, which is not determined by the fast surface state density. It is a curve-fitting parameter which can be extracted from measurements.

In the above equation it is important to notice that the quantity $\sqrt{2\varphi_F - V_{BS}}$ which is a multiplicative factor of the depletion-charge formulation assumes that V_{BS} is negative. A more exact way to express Eq. (3.24) is to replace the square root by a $F(V_{BS})$. In the new MOS2 model, this function is made to decay asymptotically towards zero when V_{BS} becomes positive rather than clamp it to zero as was the case in the SPICE2.D and .E versions;

$$F(V_{BS}) = \frac{\sqrt{2\varphi_F}}{1 + V_{BS} / 4\varphi_F} \tag{3.25}$$

The weak inversion current equation for $V_{GS} < V_{ON}$ is

$$I_{DS} = \beta \left\{ \left[V_{ON} - V_{BIN} - \frac{\eta V_{DS}}{2} \right] V_{DS} - \frac{2}{3}\gamma_S \left[(2\varphi_F - V_{BS} + V_{DS})^{\frac{3}{2}} - (2\varphi_F - V_{BS})^{\frac{3}{2}} \right] \right\} \times e^{\frac{q}{nkT}(V_{GS} - V_{ON})}$$

$$\tag{3.26}$$

This equation insures the continuity of the current at V_{ON} but not the continuity of the first derivative in contrast to the previous formulation [2]. This alternative has been chosen since the earlier expression suffered from introducing a negative resistance in the $I_{DS} - V_{DS}, V_{GS} =$ constant characteristics.
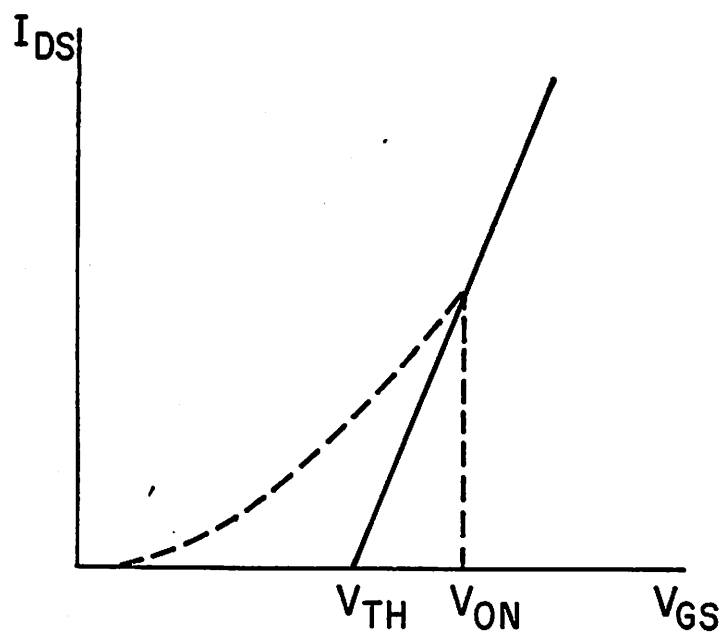
FIG. 3.4.

In order to obtain the usual aspect of the characteristics in the $I_{DS}-V_{DS}$ plane a saturation voltage is defined at $V_{GS}=V_{ON}$ which replaces V_{DS} in Eq. (3.26) when the latter becomes larger than the former. The role of the exponential factor is then to scale this characteristic.

3.5. Temperature Dependence

The MOS2 model readjusts all temperature-dependent variables in the drain-source current equation. These include
- proportionality with T of the Fermi potential φ_F;
- variation with temperature of the energy gap;
- temperature dependence of the built-in voltage PB of the drain and source junctions;
- mobility variation as $T^{-3/2}$;
- temperature variation of the reverse current of the diffused junctions.

3.6. Charge-Oriented Model for MOSFET Capacitances

Meyer's capacitance model [13] which has been used in earlier versions of SPICE2 suffers from a fundamental weakness: it does not conserve charge. An improved formulation of the charge-oriented model proposed by Ward and Dutton [14] is used in SPICE2.G. The new model is based on the actual distribution of charge in the MOS structure and its conservation:

$$Q_{CHAN} = Q_D + Q_S = -(Q_G + Q_B) \tag{3.27}$$

The current flowing at any terminal of a region can be related to the charge contained in that region, i.e.,

$$i_G = \frac{dQ_G}{dt}$$

$$i_B = \frac{dQ_B}{dt} \tag{3.28}$$

$$i_S + i_D = \frac{d(Q_S + Q_D)}{dt}$$

The equivalent terms of the modified nodal admittance matrix are found by using the numerical implicit integration algorithm already built into the circuit simulator for the transient analysis [15].

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_1} i \, dt = Q(t_1) - Q(t_0) \qquad (3.29)$$

The charges at any time point are assumed a function of only the terminal voltages at that same time point. Due to the complexity involved in finding the derivatives, a simple formulation is used for the charges [16] which is adjusted for continuity at the transitions between regions of operation. The exact formulations are the subject of a future write-up. If the trapezoidal integration formula is used, Eq. (3.29) can be rewritten as follows

$$\frac{h}{2}(i_{y1}^1 + i_{y0}) = (Q_{y1}^0 - Q_{y0}) + \sum_x \frac{\partial Q_y}{\partial V_x}\bigg|_{V_{x1}^0} (V_{x1}^1 - V_{x1}^0) \qquad (3.30)$$

where x stands for GB, DB and SB, and y for G, B, D and S. The subscripts indicate the time point and superscripts the iteration. Thus quantities at time point "0" are known (previous time point), quantities at time point "1" iteration "0" are also known from the solution of the last iteration at the present time point. Time "1", iteration "1" is the current iteration which, by substituting the above equation into the modified nodal system, has V_{x1}^1 as a solution.

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$$C_{yx} = \frac{\partial Q_y}{\partial V_x} \qquad (3.31)$$

one notes that between each pair of nodes there are two capacitances, which in general are different.

Fig. 3.5. plots the voltage dependence of the various terminal capacitances associated with the Q_G and Q_B charges. Only six capacitances out of a total of twelve defined by Eq. (3.31) are independent due to the charge-conservation principle expressed by Eq. (3.27). Q_S and Q_D share equal parts of the channel charge Q_{CHAN} in the linear region. In saturation Q_D gets only $XQC \times Q_{CHAN}$ where XQC is a model input parameter which defaults to zero; Q_S results from Eq. (3.27).

capacitances associated with gate charge

capacitances (f F/cm2)

VGB (volts)

———— CGG .... CGS
— — CGD
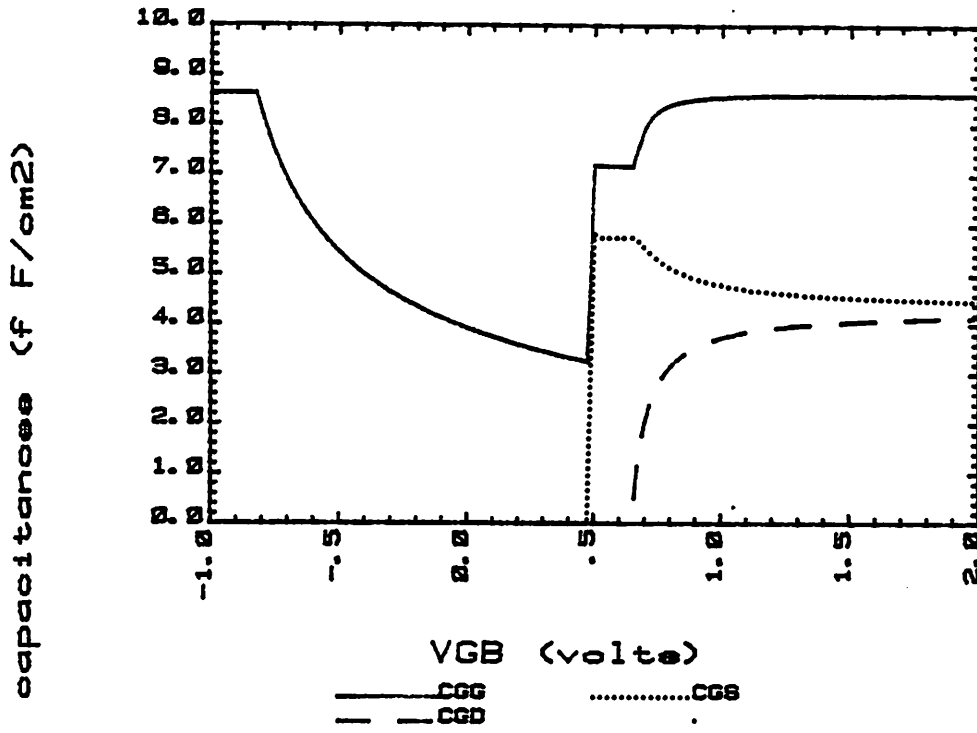
capacitances associated with bulk charge

capacitances (f F/cm2)

VGB (volts)

———— CBG .... CBS
— — CBD
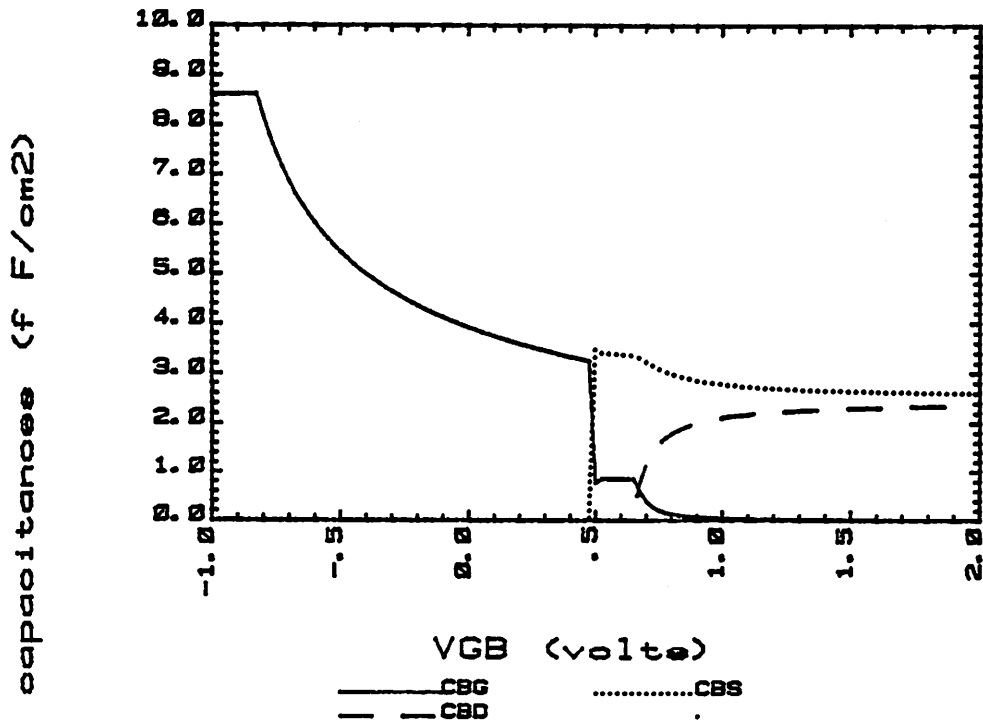
FIG. 3.5.

4. THE MOS3 MODEL: A SEMI-EMPIRICAL MODEL FOR SMALL GEOMETRY MOSFET'S

A small-geometry MOSFET, defined as a transistor with $L \leq 2\mu m$, and $W \leq 2\mu m$ is characterized by the following features :

- threshold-voltage sensitivity to the length and the width of the device due to the two-dimensional nature of potential distribution;
- threshold-voltage sensitivity to the drain voltage due to the drain induced barrier lowering;
- relaxed transition between linear and saturation regions, and lowered saturation voltage and saturation current due to the velocity saturation of hot electrons.

The MOS3 model has been developed to address the above features and the computational efficiency. The companion capacitance model, which conserves charge [14], is also derived and implemented.

Instead of repeating the physical explanations already presented in the previous section, the MOS3 model is described in simple terms with emphasis on the different approaches between the MOS2 and MOS3 models, followed by the parameter extraction methodology of those newly introduced parameters and the performance comparision between MOS2 and MOS3.

All the parasitic resistances, overlap and junction capacitances are described by the same parameters as in MOS2. The model parameters relating to the intrinsic MOS-FET are designed to be compatible with those of MOS2. The rule of "Electrical" and "Processing" parameters also holds for MOS3. The four new parameters which are specific to MOS3 are described in Sec. 2. ETA, DELTA and KAPPA are dimensionless "Electrical" parameters, of typical values close to 1. THETA is an "Electrical" parameter of unit 1/Volt. Its typical value is approximatedly 0.1.

4.1. Threshold Voltage

The relationship between V_{TH}, the threshold voltage, and the substrate bias deviates from the first-order square root dependence as the device dimensions are scaled down. This is mainly because the built-in potential depends logarithmically on the substrate doping which is scaled up proportionally with the dimensions. This feature is modeled by decoupling the effects of channel length, channel width and static feedback from drain to gate. Each of these features is enabled by specifying the parameters XJ, DELTA and ETA, respectively.

The short-channel effect, the decrease of V_{TH} as the channel length is scaled down, is modelled with Dang's [17] modified trapezoidal approach, reckoning with the influence of cylindrical field distribution (see Fig. 4.1).
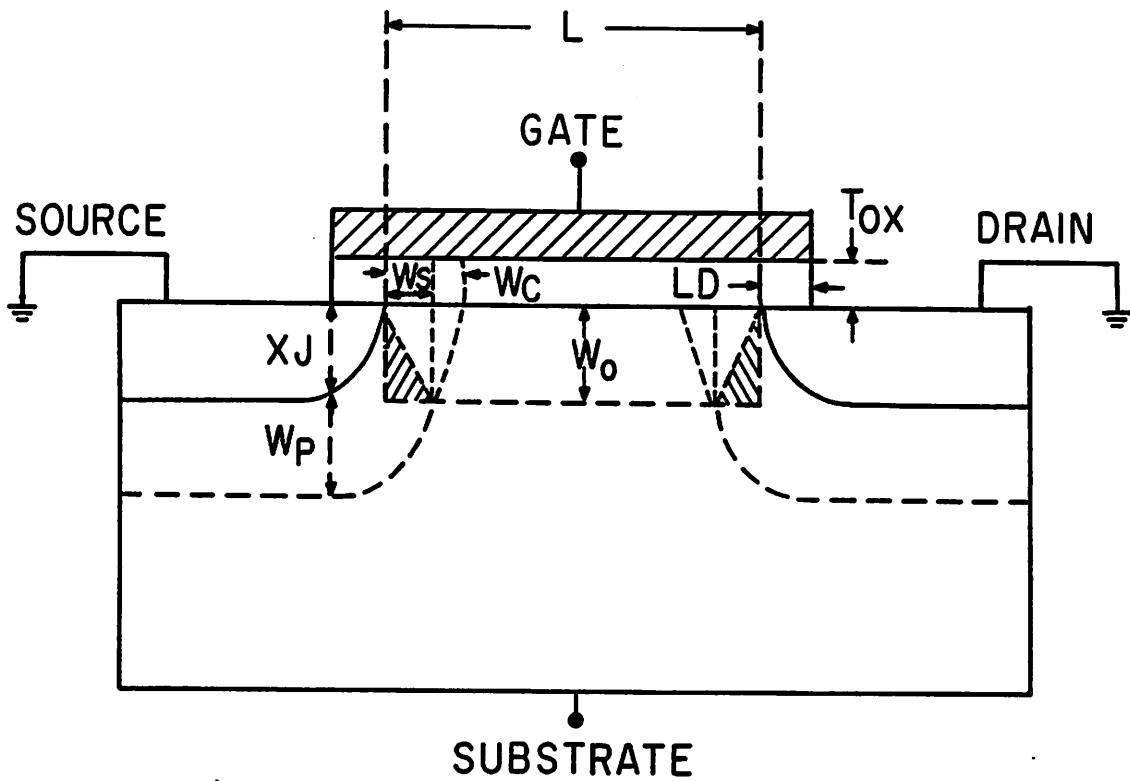
$$\text{PHI} - V_{BS} = \frac{XJ^2}{X_D^2} \left(1 + \frac{W_C}{XJ}\right)^2 \left[\ln\left(1 + \frac{W_C}{XJ}\right) - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2\left(1 + \frac{W_C}{XJ}\right)^2}\right] = \left(\frac{W_P}{X_D}\right)^2$$

$$\frac{W_C}{XJ} = d_0 + d_1 \frac{W_P}{XJ} + d_2 \left(\frac{W_P}{XJ}\right)^2$$

$$\left(\frac{W_0}{W_P + XJ}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{W_S + LD}{W_C + LD}\right)^2 = 1$$

$$W_S = (W_C + W_D)\left[1 - \frac{W_0^2}{(W_P + XJ)^2}\right]^{1/2} - LD$$

FIG. 4.1.

The narrow channel effect, the increase of V_{TH} as the channel width is scaled down, is modelled by taking into account the extra bulk charge at the edge of the channel as described in the previous section. To include other edge effects such as the existence of field implant and non-planarity due to the LOCOS process, the empirical parameter DELTA is introduced.

The static feedback effect can be explained as a consequence of the drain induced barrier lowering [18]. A term, linearly proportional to V_{DS}, is included in the V_{TH} expression. The constant of this term is inversely proportional to the oxide capacitance and the cube of the channel length [19]. The parameter ETA is introduced to allow more flexibility.

An expression for V_{TH} which sums up the above features is formulated as:

$$V_{TH} = V_{FB} + 2\varphi_F - \sigma V_{DS} + \gamma F_S \sqrt{2\varphi_F - V_{BS}} + F_N (2\varphi_F - V_{BS}) \tag{4.1}$$

where

$$\sigma = coefficient \ of \ static \ feedback \tag{4.2}$$

$$= ETA \frac{\Omega}{C_{OX} L^3}$$

$$\Omega = empirical \ constant \tag{4.3}$$

$$= 8.15 \times 10^{-22} \ (F \times m)$$

$$F_S = correction \ factor \ of \ short \ channel \ effect \tag{4.4}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{XJ}{L} \left[\frac{LD + W_C}{XJ} \sqrt{1 - \left[\frac{W_P / XJ}{1 + W_P / XJ} \right]^2} - \frac{LD}{XJ} \right]$$

LD is the lateral diffusion length. W_P is the depletion layer width of a plane junction. W_C is the depletion layer width of a cylindrical junction and

$$\frac{W_C}{XJ} = d_0 + d_1 \frac{W_P}{XJ} + d_2 \left[\frac{W_P}{XJ} \right]^2 \tag{4.5}$$

d_0, d_1 and d_2 are empirical constants of values :

$$d_0 = 0.0631353$$

$$d_1 = 0.8013292$$

$$d_2 = -0.01110777$$

and

$$F_N = correction\ factor\ of\ narrow\ channel\ effect \tag{4.6}$$

$$= DELTA \frac{\pi \varepsilon_{SI}}{2 C_{OX} W}$$

$$X_D = coefficient\ of\ depletion\ layer\ width \tag{4.7}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2\, \varepsilon_{SI}}{q\, NSUB}}$$

4.2. Basic Drain Current Equation

The drain current can be expressed as :

$$I_{DS} = \beta \int_0^{V_{DS}} \left[V_{GS} - V_{TH}(y) \right] dV_y \tag{4.8}$$

$$= \beta \int_0^{V_{DS}} \left[V_{GS} - V_{TH} - (1 + F_B) V_y \right] dV_y$$

where

$$\beta = \frac{W}{L} \mu_{EFF}\, C_{OX} \tag{4.9}$$

$$F_B = Taylor\ series\ expansion\ coefficient\ of\ bulk\ charge \tag{4.10}$$

$$= \frac{\gamma F_S}{4 \sqrt{2\varphi_F - V_{BS}}} + F_N$$

After the integration, the following equation is obtained [20] :

$$I_{DS} = \beta \left[V_{GS} - V_{TH} - \frac{1 + F_B}{2} V_{DS} \right] V_{DS} \tag{4.11}$$

With such simplicity, an explicit saturation voltage expression is guaranteed. Based on the assumption that the V_{DS} dependent term in V_{TH} represents the average drain voltage influence on the channel potential, it is treated as a constant throughout the integration.

4.3. Surface Mobility Modulation by Gate Voltage

The simplest empirical equation is used to enhance the computational speed :

$$\mu_S = \frac{UO}{1 + THETA(V_{GS} - V_{TH})} \qquad (4.12)$$

4.4. Velocity Saturation of Hot Electrons

The saturation of hot electron velocity lowers the conduction current in the linear region. Thus relaxes the transition between the linear and the saturation regions. In the linear region this effect is modelled by the conventional hyperbolic equation [21] :

$$\mu_{EFF} = \frac{\mu_S}{1 + \frac{\mu_S}{VMAX \times L} V_{DS}} \qquad (4.13)$$

If the parameter VMAX is not specified by the user, μ_{EFF} is set to μ_S and this effect is not modelled.

4.5. Saturation Voltage

The saturation voltage of a short-channel device is the drain voltage at which the carriers asymptotically reach the maximum velocity at the drain limit (see Fig. 4.2) :

$$I_{DS}^0 = Q_M(drain)\, VMAX \qquad (4.14)$$

After the substitution of the expressions of Q_M and I_{DS}^0, the above equation becomes :

$$\frac{W}{L}\mu_S C_{OX}\left[V_{GS} - V_{TH} - \frac{1+F_B}{2}V_{DSAT}\right] V_{DSAT} = W \times C_{OX}\left[V_{GS} - V_{TH} - (1+F_B)V_{DSAT}\right] VMAX \qquad (4.15)$$

From the above equation V_{DSAT} is solved,

$$V_{DSAT} = \frac{V_{GS} - V_{TH}}{1 + F_B} + \frac{VMAX \times L}{\mu_S} - \sqrt{\left[\frac{V_{GS} - V_{TH}}{1 + F_B}\right]^2 + \left[\frac{VMAX \times L}{\mu_S}\right]^2} \qquad (4.16)$$

V_{DSAT} will depend on V_{DS} if the parameter ETA is not zero. If parameter VMAX is absent from the input, the saturation voltage will be determined by the maximum of the drain current equation, corresponding to the situation of channel pinch-off :

$$V_{DSAT} = \frac{V_{GS} - V_{TH}}{1 + F_B}$$

(4.17)

4.6. Channel Length Modulation

As V_{DS} becomes greater than V_{DSAT}, the point where the carrier velocity begins to saturate moves towards the source. The channel length reduction, ΔL, is formulated based on Baum's theory [7]:

$$\Delta L = \sqrt{\left[\frac{E_P X_\beta^2}{2}\right]^2 + KAPPA \times X_\beta^2 \ (V_{DS} - V_{DSAT})} - \frac{X_\beta^2 E_P}{2}$$

(4.18)

where

$$E_P = lateral \ field \ at \ channel \ pinch-off \ point$$

(4.19)

$$= \frac{I_{DSAT}}{G_{DSAT} \times L}$$

I_{DSAT} and G_{DSAT} are the drain current and the drain conductance at saturation respectively.

It should be noted that the point where the velocity begins to saturate differs from the point where the inversion charge goes to zero, i.e., the channel pinch-off point. V_{DSAT} is the voltage at velocity saturation, while E_P is the lateral field at channel pinch-off. Thus the voltage across the depleted surface, of length ΔL, should be less than $(V_{DS} - V_{DSAT})$. The parameter KAPPA is introduced to account for this effect. As ΔL appraoches L, the same scheme as described in Sec. 3.3.1 is used to prevent a negative effective channel length.

4.7. Weak Inversion Conduction

The equations in the weak inversion region are the same as those used in MOS2, which provide both the continuity of the drain current, the proper bias dependence and sufficient computaticnal efficiency. The same parameter NFS is used to turn on the weak inversion feature. For details see Sec. 3.4.

Hot Electron Velocity saturation
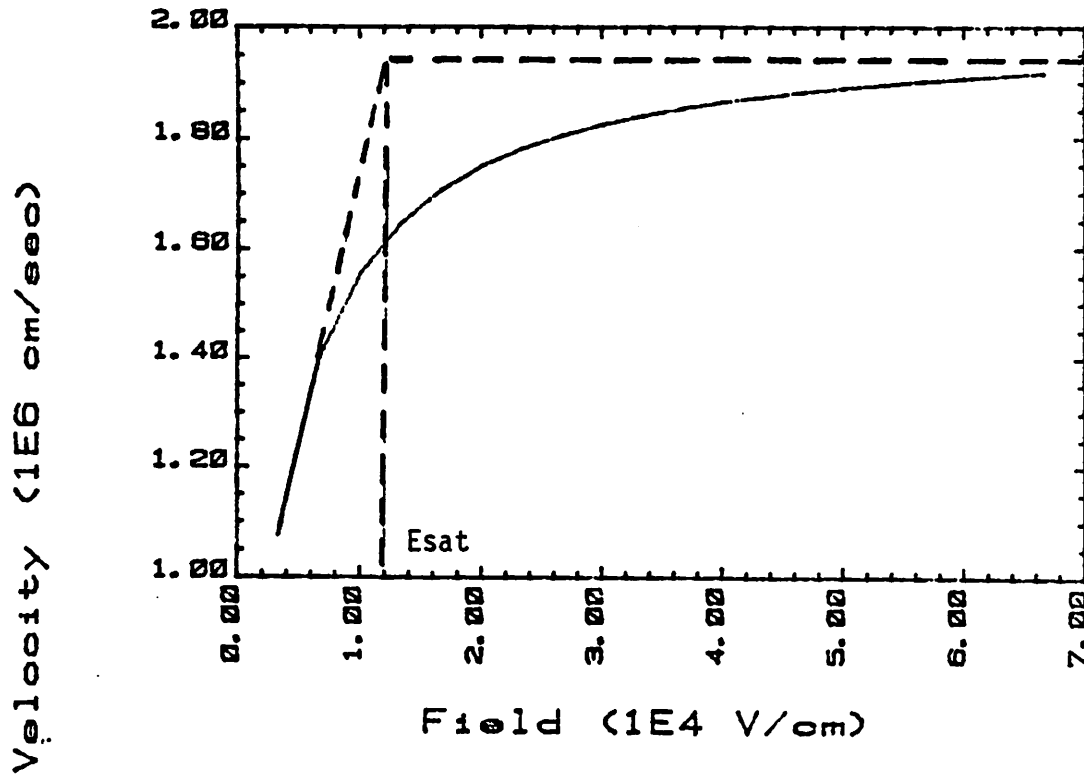
FIG. 4.2.

4.8. Temperature Dependence

All the quantities referred to in the model equations have the same temperature dependence as in MOS2. The four newly introduced parameters are all empirical. No temperature dependence has been developed for them as yet.

4.9. Capacitance Model with Charge Conservation

The total amount of charge residing on the gate, Q_G, can be evaluated as :

$$Q_G = W \int_0^L q_g(y)\, dy \tag{4.20}$$

$$= \frac{\mu_S W^2}{I_{DS}} \int_0^{V_{DS}} q_g(V_y)\, q_c(V_y)\, dV_y$$

where

$$q_g = gate\ charge\ per\ unit\ area \tag{4.21}$$

$$= C_{OX}\left[V_{GS} - (V_{FB} + 2\varphi_F - \sigma V_{DS}) - V_y \right]$$

$$q_c = channel\ charge\ per\ unit\ area \tag{4.22}$$

$$= -C_{OX}\left[V_{GS} - V_{TH} - (1+F_B)\, V_y \right]$$

After carrying out the integration,

$$Q_G = W \times L \times C_{OX}\left[V_{GS} - (V_{FB} + 2\varphi_F - \sigma V_{DS}) - \frac{V_{DS}}{2} + \frac{1+F_B}{12 F_I} V_{DS}^2 \right] \tag{4.23}$$

where

$$F_I = V_{GS} - V_{TH} - \frac{1+F_B}{2} V_{DS} \tag{4.24}$$

Similarly, one can get the total bulk charge Q_B as

$$Q_B = -W \times L \times C_{OX}\left[\gamma\, F_S\, \sqrt{2\varphi_F - V_{BS}} + F_N(2\varphi_F - V_{BS}) + \frac{F_B}{2} V_{DS} - \frac{F_B(1+F_B)}{12 F_I} V_{DS}^2 \right] \tag{4.25}$$

The total channel charge Q_{CHAN} results from the charge conservation principle,

$$Q_{CHAN} = -(Q_G + Q_B) \tag{4.26}$$

It is equally divided into the source and the drain charges in the linear region of

operation. In saturation Q_D gets a share XQC of Q_{CHAN}.

Each of these charges has three associated derivatives which are the capacitive elements in the circuit model. It should be noted that only six of these twelve capacitive components are independent.

4.10. Parameter Extraction for MOS3

The characteristics of small geometry MOSFET's are sensitive to the device dimensions. The systematic parameter extraction requires measurements of several devices with different combinations of length and width, and the manipulation of the collected data. The fundamental parameters VTO, NSUB, UO and/or GAMMA and KP, which are common to both MOS2 and MOS3, should be extracted from a long and wide device, as described in next section. Only the extraction methodology of parameters relating to the second-order effects is described in the following :

4.10.1. THETA, Mobility Modulation Parameter

The effective surface mobility is the slope of the $[(L \times I_{DS})/(W \times C_{ox} V_{DS})]$ versus V_{GS} plot in the linear region, at constant V_{DS} and V_{BS}, as indicated by the current equation, (4.11). Rearrange Eq. (4.12) as :

$$\frac{UO}{\mu_S} = 1 + THETA(V_{GS} - V_{TH})$$

(4.27)

Clearly, parameter THETA is the slope of the (UO/μ_S) versus V_{GS} plot. In order to isolate the gate voltage influence from the hot electron effect, the measurements of I_{DS} versus V_{GS} must be carried out at low V_{DS}, say 0.2 volts.

4.10.2. ETA, Static Feedback Parameter

The coefficient σ, the slope of the V_{TH} versus V_{DS} plot at constant V_{BS} as defined in Eq. (4.2), represents the magnitude of the static feedback effect. The determination of σ involves the measurement of the threshold voltage of small geometry MOSFET's at intermediate V_{DS} level. The V_{TH}'s should be determined from the I_{DS} versus V_{GS} curves at different V_{DS}, at low current levels (see Fig. 4.3).

voltage offset = delta VTH
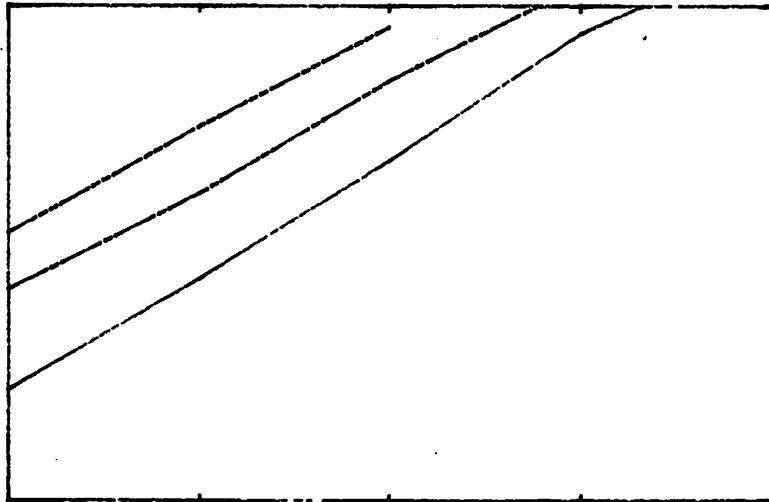
VGS-VFB (volts)

————VDS=1.0   —————VDS=2.0
————VDS=2.1

FIG. 4.3.

Other threshold voltage determination algorithms, based on either the simple saturation current equation which is proportional to the square of $(V_{GS}-V_{TH})$ or the approximately linear current equation which is proportional to $(V_{GS}-V_{TH}-V_{DS}/2)V_{DS}$, does not hold because of the hot electron effect. Parameter ETA is related to σ by

$$ETA = \sigma \frac{C_{OX} L^3}{\Omega}$$

(4.28)

The value of the empirical constant Ω, see Eq. (4.3), has been adjusted such that, for most practical devices, ETA assumes a value close to one.

4.10.3. DELTA, Width Effect on Threshold Voltage

The coefficient of the width effect on V_{TH} at constant V_{BS}, relates inversely to the channel width as indicated by Eq. (4.6). DELTA relates to $F_N(2\varphi_F-V_{BS})W$, the slope of V_{TH} versus $1/W$ plots, as :

$$DELTA = slope \; \frac{2 C_{OX}}{\pi \varepsilon_{SI}} \frac{1}{(2\varphi_F - V_{BS})}$$

(4.29)

Its value varies from process to process.

4.10.4. VMAX, Limited Velocity of Hot Electrons

The effective mobility at intermediate V_{DS} level deviates from the value at low V_{DS}, μ_S. The parameter VMAX can be estimated as follows : measure I_{DS} versus V_{GS} at different fixed V_{DS}'s, extract the effective mobility, μ_{EFF}, from the collected data, and finally plot $(1/\mu_{EFF}-1/\mu_S)$ versus V_{DS}/L. The slope of this plot is the inverse of VMAX as indicated by the rearrangement of Eq. (4.13) :

$$\frac{1}{\mu_{EFF}} - \frac{1}{\mu_S} = \frac{V_{DS}}{VMAX \times L}$$

(4.30)

4.10.5. KAPPA, Correlation Coefficient of the Drain Field in Saturation

The extraction of parameter KAPPA from measurement is not as straight forward as for the other parameters. First, one has to estimate the approximate saturation voltage and saturation current using the VMAX obtained, as above. Then the channel length reduction can be estimated as :

$$\Delta L = L(1-\frac{I_{DS}}{I_{DSAT}})$$

(4.31)

The slope of the ΔL^2 versus V_{DS} plot is approximately $KAPPA \times X_J$.

4.11. Performance Comparison between MOS2 and MOS3

Though MOS2 and MOS3 share most of the model parameters, different values for the same parameter must be used to produce approximately the same characteristics. For example, the parameter VMAX has no effect on the linear region characteristics of MOS2, while it lowers the effective mobility of MOS3. In order to get a match, a lower value for UO in MOS2 is required.

The V_{BS} dependence of the basic drain current equation in MOS3 is an approximation of that in MOS2. With all other parameters being properly adjusted for a specific device, say $L=5\mu m$, $NSUB=4\times10^{15}cm^{-3}$ and $TOX=0.1\mu m$, this approximation only introduces about 2% deviation in the case of V_{GS} well above V_{TH}. The deviation increases to 20% when the gate voltage is only 0.5 volts above V_{TH}. However, in the latter case, the device is already approaching subthreshold conduction and the basic strong inversion theory begins to fail.

The benchmark runs with SPICE2.G indicate that, with compatible input parameters, the MOS3 model is up to 40% faster in the model computation time as compared with MOS2, depending upon the nature of the circuit and its operation.

5. MODEL PARAMETER EXTRACTION

Naturally the accuracy of the results of a MOS IC simulation depends heavily on the values of the model input parameters. The I-V characteristics predicted by the equations of the model must match very closely the measured characteristics. The complexity of the equations in Sec. 3 is such that some computer aids are required to obtain the program value of the device parameters. The best results are obtained if a characterization system is set up [22] which has as core a desk-top or a mini computer which controls the measuring instruments and does the necessary computations for finding the model parameters. The equations implemented in the parameter extraction program must be identical to those used in the circuit simulator. A data acquisition software designed for a certain model provides accurate input parameters only for that particular model. When the model is changed, the parameter extraction software has to be changed as well.

Another tool necessary for parameter extraction is a test chip which should have the following features:
- a short- and a long channel MOSFET;
- a narrow- and a wide channel device;
- diffused resistances;
- poly-silicon resistances;
- a rectangular and a meander form junction capacitor;
- a thin and a field oxide capacitor.

A desired feature of the parameter extraction software is to find the spread of the parameters for a number of wafer runs and to group the parameters according to a certain criterion, e.g., speed or power consumption, into a worst, best and nominal case input file [23].

It is the purpose of this section to illustrate the methodology and the minimum hardware software to extract the main input parameters for the MOS2 model. The reported work has been performed using a Tektronix 4051 desktop calculator, Tektronix 576 curve tracer, a C-V measuring instrument and a multimeter.

5.1. VTO and NSUB Measurement

The measurement is taken on a saturated transistor connected to a curve tracer. Since at this starting point few parameters are known, the saturated characteristic is approximated by a parabola rather than using the exact current equation given in Sec. 3.

$$CJ = \frac{C_{J1}}{A_1}$$

where C_{J1} is the ordinate at the origin of the C-V plot and A_1 is the area (known) of the rectangular capacitor. The measured results indicate that MJ is very close to 0.5.

CJSW and MJSW can be found using a linear regression through the (V_R, C_{J2}) data points of the meander-form diffusion. Eq. (5.4) can be rewritten as

$$\log C_K = \log (P \times CJSW) - MJSW \times \log \left[1 + \frac{V_R}{PB}\right] \tag{5.5}$$

where

$$C_K = C_{J2} - A_2 \frac{CJ}{\left[1 + \frac{V_R}{PB}\right]^{1/2}} \tag{5.6}$$

The data processing is performed by PROGRAM1 (see Appendix 1) which in response to the point pairs (V_R, C_{J2}) and other constants displays the result of the interpolation, i.e., CJSW and MJSW.

If MJ = 0.5 is not adequate, PROGRAM1 can be easily modified to perform the same linear regression as Eq. (5.5) for the large rectangular capacitor only to find MJ.

5.3. Mobility Parameter Extraction

Finding the parameters which describe the mobility variation with the surface field is very important for an accurate simulation of the I-V characteristic. UO, UCRIT and UEXP which appear in the mobility degradation formula of MOS2 (see Eq. (2.7)), must be found.

The experimental setup allows independent variation of V_{DS} and V_{GS} on the curve tracer and to extract data points from the linear- (very low V_{DS}) and triode region up to V_{DSAT}.

A straight line can be interpolated through these data points by rearranging Eq. (2.7)

$$\log \left[\frac{\mu_S}{UO}\right] = UEXP \left[\log \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{SI}}{C_{OX}} UCRIT\right) - \log (V_{GS} - V_{TH} - UTRA \times V_{DS})\right] \tag{5.7}$$

where

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$$\sqrt{\frac{I_{DS}}{KP}} = V_{GS} - V_{TH} \qquad (5.1)$$

The threshold V_{TH} is taken as the intercept on the abscissa of the above linear regression through the coordinate pair $(\sqrt{I_{DS}}, V_{GS})$. Several V_{TH} are calculated; one for each V_{BS}.

$$V_{TH} = VTO + GAMMA(\sqrt{V_{SB} + PHI} - \sqrt{PHI}) \qquad (5.2)$$

where $PHI = 2\varphi_F$. From another straight line interpolated in the plane $(\sqrt{V_{SB} + PHI}, V_{TH})$, the slope gives GAMMA and

$$NSUB = \frac{GAMMA^2}{2q\,\varepsilon_{SI}} \left[\frac{\varepsilon_{OX}}{TOX}\right]^2 \qquad (5.3)$$

All the above extrapolations are performed by PROGRAM1 written in BASIC for the Tek 4051 the listing and operating instructions of which are contained in Appendix 1. The user has mainly to input only the (I_{DS}, V_{GS}) point pairs and the V_{BS} stepping and the program will display VTO, GAMMA and NSUB.

These measurements should be performed on a long and wide channel MOSFET since the above values will then be corrected by the program for small-size effects. For more accuracy the extraction program could perform one more iteration once the first estimate has been found for VTO and NSUB and use the exact current equation as implemented in MOS2.

5.2. Capacitance Measurements

As has been already mentioned in Sec. 2 the junction capacitance is separated into a bottom and a sidewall capacitance

$$C_{JTOT} = A \frac{CJ}{\left[1 + \dfrac{V_R}{PB}\right]^{MJ}} + P \frac{CJSW}{\left[1 + \dfrac{V_R}{PB}\right]^{MJSW}} \qquad (5.4)$$

where A represents the plane area (on layout), P the perimeter and V_R the reverse bias applied to the junction.

CJ can be found first by assuming that the sidewall capacitance of the large rectangular capacitor is negligible. From a C-V plot, one gets

$$\frac{\mu_S}{UO} = \frac{KP_i}{KP_0} \qquad \qquad (5.8)$$

with

KP_i - conduction factor for different V_{GS}

KP_0 - maximum value of conduction factor

UEXP and UCRIT are obtained from the above linear regression as the slope and y intercept respectively by plotting $\log(KP_i/KP_0)$ on the y- and $\log(V_{GS} - V_{TH} - UTRA \times V_{DS})$ on the x axis.

The data processing is performed again by PROGRAM1 by specifying (V_{DS}, V_{GS}, I_{DS}) points where for different V_{GS} curves different maximum V_{DS} values are entered in order to cover each characteristic up to V_{DSAT}. PROGRAM1 computes UO, UCRIT and UEXP for each V_{DS} range and at the end displays an average for each of the three values over the whole interval.

5.4. Approximation of VMAX

A second program written in BASIC for the Tek 4051, PROGRAM2 (see Appendix 2) helps with its two options to evaluate VMAX. The first alternative is to plot V_{DSAT} as a function of the effective channel length L with V_{GS} as a parameter. For each VMAX, one gets a different set of curves. Fig. 5.1. shows such a sample plot.

The second option plots I_{DSAT} as a function of VMAX with V_{GS} as a parameter. A different set of curves results for each L. A sample plot for this option is shown in Fig. 5.2.

Starting from the measured characteristics one defines V_{DSAT} as the voltage starting from which the I-V curve can be approximated by a straight line and the current corresponding to this point is I_{DSAT}. With these values one can get a good guess for VMAX from plots similar to those in Fig. 5.1. and 5.2. It is emphasized that PROGRAM2 uses the same equations as those implemented in SPICE2.G for V_{DSAT} (VMAX).
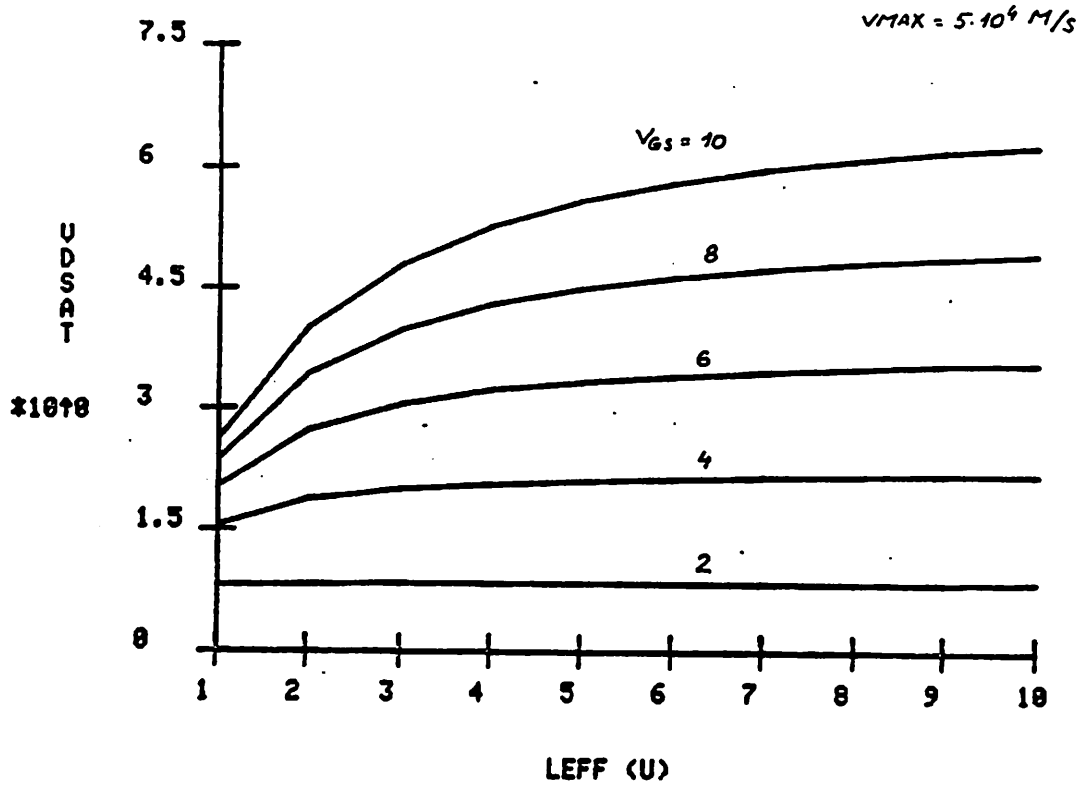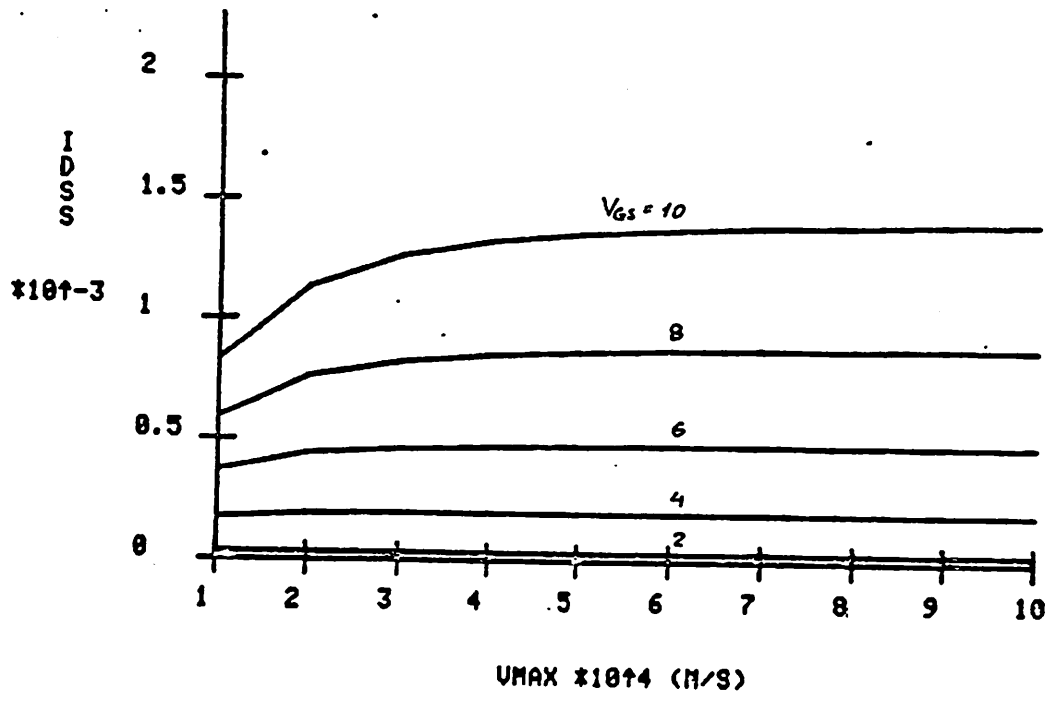
VMAX = $5 \cdot 10^4$ M/s

FIG. 5.1.

FIG. 5.2.

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6. SIMULATION EXAMPLE

It is the purpose of this example to show the ease with which a section of a CMOS LSI circuit is accurately simulated starting from the layout and using the new device card format and model input parameter. The circuit of Fig. 6.1 represents a short path of a MOS/LSI circuit. The output signal CS generated from CLK can be measured at an output pad and compared with the simulated waveform. The input deck for SPICE2.G is given in Appendix 3.

The measured circuit chips were located on the same wafer with the test patterns from which the parameter extraction has been performed. For an accurate simulation all the parasitics of the layout must be included; R_1 represents the series resistance of the input pad protection while R_2 and R_3 represent crossunder diffusions. Each C includes all the capacitive effects associated with that node, e.g., C_1 is contributed by Al-to-Field oxide, Poly to-field, N+ and P+ junctions and thin oxide, where for each the accurate overlap area must be evaluated. Each of the gates has been modeled as a subcircuit. A load capacitance of 100pF has been used; the rest is attributed to the probe and parasitics. Fig. 6.2. shows a sample simulated output of the waveforms.

An interesting result has been obtained by performing the simulation with and without sidewall capacitance and with and without scattering-limited drift-velocity effects (VMAX). The input file given in Appendix 3 is complete in the sense that it includes series resistance, sidewall capacitance and drift velocity saturation. The devices which have no perimeter specified had a negligible sidewall compared to the area.

The results of the different simulations and the measured values are summarized in Table I. It can be noticed that the above two effects contribute a 15 to 20% accuracy improvement and the simulated results of this circuit containing 22 MOSFET's is within 5 to 10% of the results for the actual circuit.
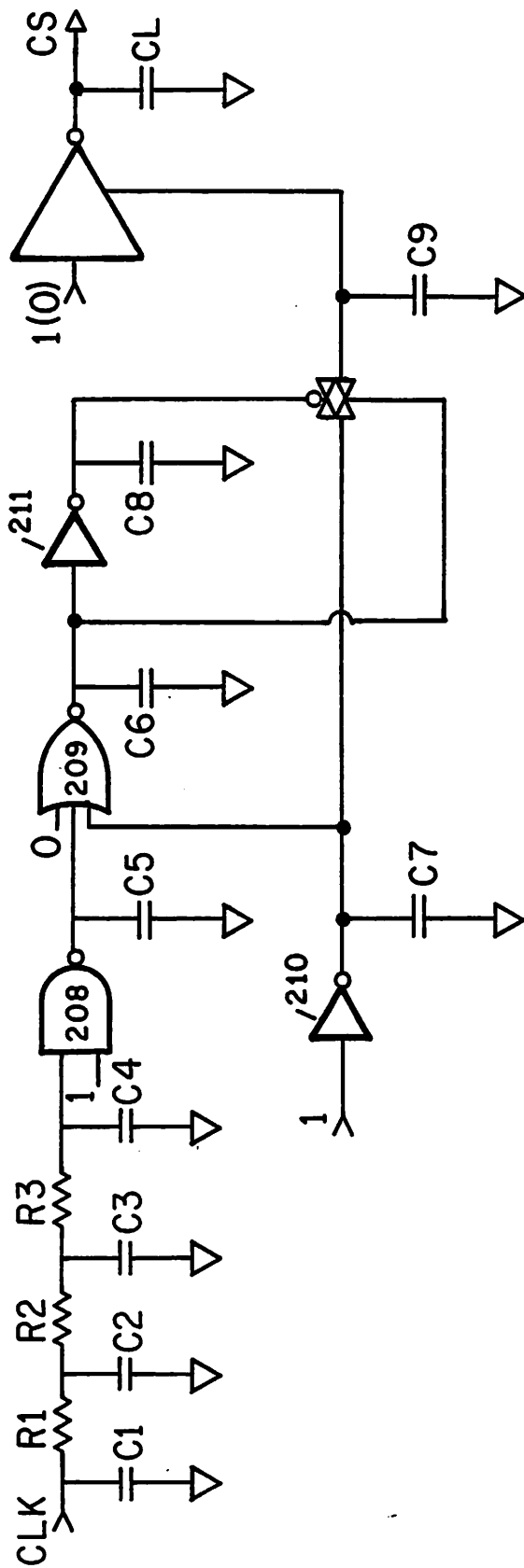
FIG. 6.1.

FIG. 6.2.

w/ Sidewall Cap.
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TU SYNC LSI IC CS CIRCUITRY

TEMP= 27.0C

V(13) ———
V(1) —·—·—
V(2) —··—
V(3) ———
V(4) —····—
V(6) ·······
V(9) ———
V(10) —·—·—

TIME

X10⁻⁷

V_out

V_in
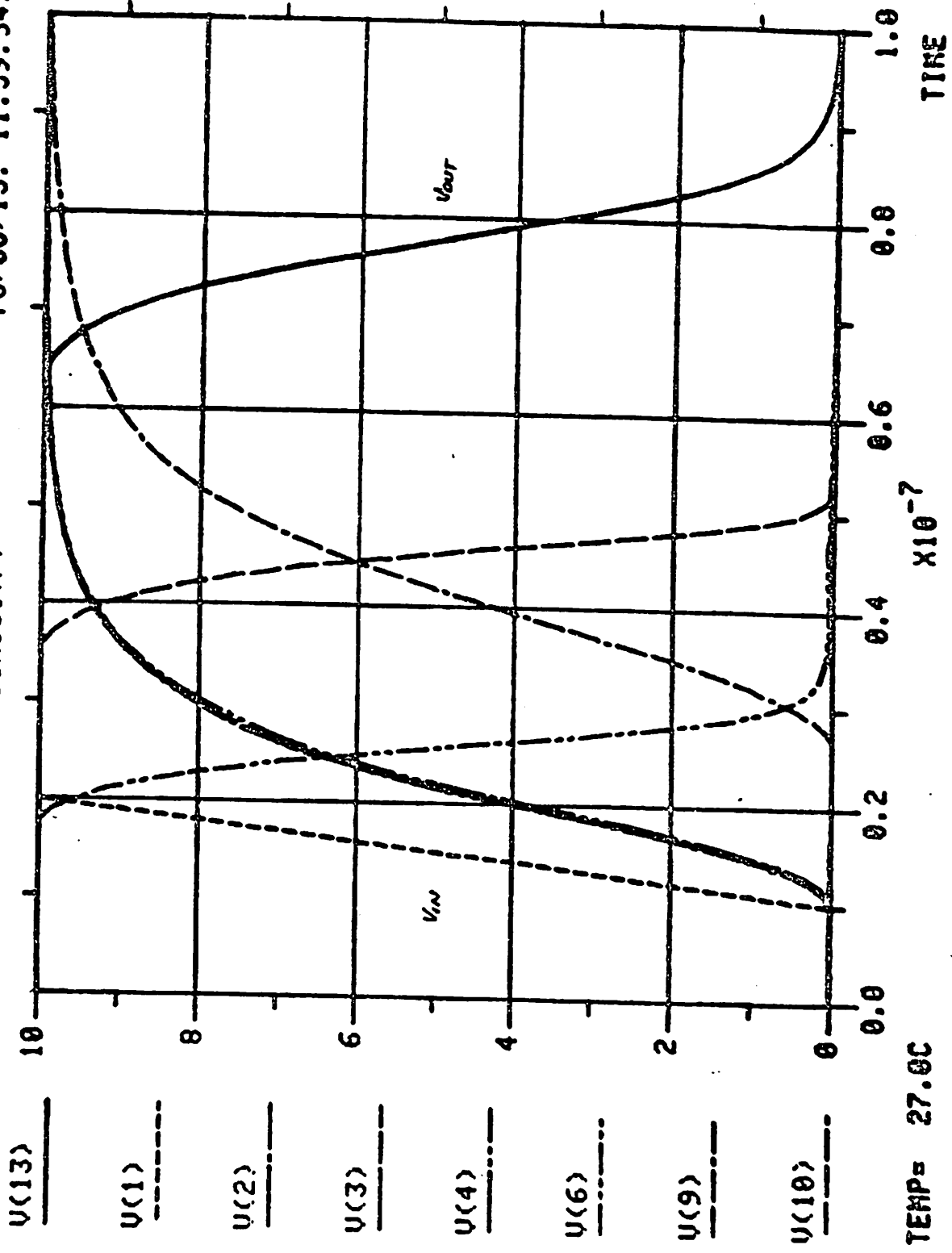
TABLE   I

PARAMETER		MEASURED	SIMULATED			
			W/O Sidewall		W/ Sidewall	
			W/O VMAX	W/ VMAX	W/O VMAX	W/ VMAX
Delay T_D (N_S)	C_L = 20pF	64 - 75	49	51	60	62
	C_L = 120pF	90 - 105	70	79	81	91
Fall Time T_F (N_S)	C_L = 20pF	32 - 36	22	24	24	26
	C_L = 120pF	85 - 120	90	100	94	102

Appendix 1

User Instructions and Listing of PROGRAM1

Load the program from the tape cartridge (Tektronix 4051) by typing:

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FILE n    CR
OLD       CR
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VTO, GAMMA, and NSUB Interpolation

Calculator prompts:

    TYPE OF LIN REGRESSION, DEVICE TYPE,

    NO. OF POINT PAIRS, NO. OF CURVES

Answer

GAMMA	CR
N (or P)	CR
no. of (I_{DS}, V_{GS}) pairs for each V_{TH},	
no. of different VSB values	CR

Prompt:

    PHI, TOX, VSB STEP

Enter appropriate signed values; although NSUB is not yet known specify guess for PHI $(2\varphi_F)$.
Prompt:

    n, VSB = value, VGS = , IDS(UA) =

where n specifies the coordinate pair number, value the V_{SB} value and the user enters:

    VGS value, IDS value in μA   CR

This is repeated as many times as necessary for entering all data as specified at the beginning; VGS must have the appropriate sign.
At conclusion the program will print:

    VTO = value, GAMMA = value, NSUB = value

Capacitance Interpolation

Answer in response to the starting prompt (TYPE OF LIN REGRESSION, etc):

CAPACITANCE
N (or P)   CR
no. of (V_R, C_{J2}) point pairs,   CR
1

Prompt: CR

PB, CJ (PF/U^2), AREA (U^2), PERIMETER

where PB and CJ have the same meaning as in SPICE2 and AREA and PERIMETER refer to the meander form capacitor.
Enter the corresponding values separated by commas and CR after the last one.
At the conclusion the calculator will display:

CJSW = value, MJSW = value

The program assumes CJ known and interpolates for MJ=0.5; it can be easily modified for a two step interpolation, first for CJ and MJ with the area of the rectangular capacitor, and then for CJSW and MJSW.

Mobility Interpolation

Answer in response to the starting prompt (TYPE OF LIN REGRESSION, etc):

MOBILITY
N (or P)   CR
no. of (V_{GS},I_{DS}) point pairs,   CR
no. of different VDS ranges   CR

The range of V_{DS} has the meaning that different V_{DS} values can be specified for each V_{GS} = constant characteristic in order to cover each V_{GS} curve up to the saturation point V_{DSAT}. For the sample data shown in Table A.I enter:

MOBILITY   CR
P   CR
4,4   CR

Prompt:

VTO, NSUB, TOX, UTRA, W, LEFF, VSB

The respective values are entered separated by commas and a CR after the last one.

LEFF is the layout channel length less the under-diffusions.

Prompt:

    n, VDS = , VGS = , IDS(UA) =

where n is the current number of data point set; at each such prompt one line from Table A.I has to be input. After all data for one V_{DS} range have been input the corresponding UO, UCRIT, and UEXP are displayed:

    VDS = value, UO = value, UCRIT = value, UEXP = value

This operation is repeated until all the different V_{DS} ranges are entered. At the end the program will print an average value for the three mobility factors over all the data points. An example is shown in Fig. A1.

TABLE A.I.

VDS	VGS	IDS (uA)
-0.2	-2.5	18
	-3.0	22.5
	-3.5	26
	-4.0	30
-0.4	-2.5	32
	-3.0	40
	-3.5	49
	-4.0	57
-1.0	-3.0	77
	-3.5	102
	-4.0	120
	-4.5	145
-1.5	-3.5	125
-2.0	-4.0	180
	-4.5	220
	-5.0	255

F

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TYPE OF LIN REGRESSION, DEVICE TYPE,
NO. OF POINT PAIRS,NO. OF CURVES
MOBILITY
P
4,4
VTO,NSUB,TOX(U),UTRA,W(U),LEFF(U),VSB
-.654,3.2E15,.125,0.25,50.0,4.5,6
      1              VDS=              VGS=              IDS(UA)=
-0.2,-2.5,18
      2              VDS=              VGS=              IDS(UA)=
-0.2,-3,22.5
      3              VDS=              VGS=              IDS(UA)=
-0.2,-3.5,26
      4              VDS=              VGS=              IDS(UA)=
-.2,-4,30
VDS=-0.2 UO=172.418453175 UCRIT=48948.0172305 UEXP=0.220818653741
      1              VDS=              VGS=              IDS(UA)=
-0.4,-2.5,32
      2              VDS=              VGS=              IDS(UA)=
-0.4,-3,40
      3              VDS=              VGS=              IDS(UA)=
-0.4,-3.5,49
      4              VDS=              VGS=              IDS(UA)=
-0.4,-4,57
VDS=-0.4 UO=169.973932260 UCRIT=44885.6844534 UEXP=0.174617277219
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      1              VDS=              VGS=              IDS(UA)=
-1.5,-3.5,125
      2              VDS=              VGS=              IDS(UA)=
-2,-4,180
      3              VDS=              VGS=              IDS(UA)=
-2,-4.5,220
      4              VDS=              VGS=              IDS(UA)=
-2,-5,255
VDS=-2 UO=160.504378677 UCRIT=67582.4197925 UEXP=0.194504626116
   *** AVERAGE OVER SPECIFIED INTERVAL ***
   *** UO=165.078662407              UCRIT=55827.7645168
UEXP=0.175837081141
```

FIG. A.1.

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90 INIT
100 LET G$="GAMMA"
110 LET U$="MOBILITY"
120 LET C$="CAPACITANCE"
130 PRINT "TYPE OF LIN REGRESSION, DEVICE TYPE,"
140 PRINT "NO. OF POINT PAIRS,NO. OF CURVES."
150 INPUT T$,Q$,M,MI
160 I=1
170 IF Q$="N" THEN 190
180 I=-1
190 DIM K1(M),U6(M),X(M),Y(M),U4(M)
200 DIM U0(MI),U1(MI),U2(MI),U9(MI),B2(MI)
210 N9=1.45E+10
220 HI=0
230 H=0
240 HI=HI+1
250 N=N+1
260 IF T$=C$ THEN 1350
270 IF T$=G$ THEN 920
280 IF T$=U$ THEN 310
290 PRINT "HOW ABOUT ANOTHER READING OF THE USERS'MMANUAL, CUTIE?"
300 STOP
310 IF N>1 THEN 440
320 IF HI>1 THEN 440
330 PRINT "UTO,NSUB,TOX(U),UTRA,W(U),LEFF(U),USB"
340 INPUT U1,N6,T0,U3,W,L,U5
350 T0=T0*1.0E-4
360 W=W*1.0E-4
370 L=L*1.0E-4
380 E2=1.04E-12
390 E0=8.845E-14*3.9
400 F2=T*0.052*LOG(N0/N9)
410 G0=SQR(3.2E-19*E2*N0)/E0*10
420 U0=U1-F2-T*G0*SQR(T*F2)
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PROGRAM 1   (continued)

```
430 A0=T*(F2+U5)
440 PRINT N,"UDS=","UGS=","IDS(UA)="
450 INPUT U4(N),U6(N),Y0
460 A1=A0+T*U4(N)
470 A2=SQR(A0)↑3
480 A3=SQR(A1)↑3
490 B0=2/3*G0*(A3-A2)
500 I0=(U0+F2+U4(N)/2)*U4(N)
510 U2=U1+U3*U4(N)
520 I1=Y0*1.0E-6
530 D0=U6(N)*U4(N)-I0-B0
540 K1(N)=I1/D0
550 IF N=1 THEN 570
560 IF N>1 AND K1(N)<=K0 THEN 580
570 K0=K1(N)
580 IF N<M THEN 250
590 S1=0
600 S2=0
610 S3=0
620 S4=0
630 FOR  J=1  TO M
640 K1(J)=LGT(K1(J)/K0)
650 U6(J)=LGT(T*(U6(J)-U1-U3*U4(N)))
660 S1=S1+U6(J)
670 S2=S2+U6(J)↑2
680 S3=S3+K1(J)
690 S4=S4+U6(J)*K1(J)
700 NEXT  J
710 U0(N)=K0*T0/E0*L/W
720 N0=(S3*S2-S1*S4)/(M*S2-S1↑2)
730 S0=(M*S4-S1*S3)/(M*S2-S1↑2)
740 U2(N1)=-S0
750 U1(N1)=10↑(-N0/S0)*3.9/(T0*11.7)
760 PRINT "UDS=";U4(N);" U0=";U0(N);" UCRIT=";U1(N1);" UEXP=";U2(N1)
770 IF N<(M1 THEN 230
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780 U6=0
790 U7=0
800 U8=0
810 FOR K=1 TO M1
820 U6=U6+U0(K)
830 U7=U7+U1(K)
840 U8=U8+U2(K)
850 NEXT K
860 U6=U6/M1
870 U7=U7/M1
880 U8=U8/M1
890 PRINT "    *** AVERAGE OVER SPECIFIED INTERVAL ***"
900 PRINT "    *** U0=";U6,"UCRIT=";U7,"UEXP=";U8
910 GO TO 1570
920 IF N>1 THEN 1060
930 IF N=1 AND N1>1 THEN 1000
940 PRINT "PHI,TOX(U),USB STEP"
950 INPUT F2,T0,D1
960 T0=T0*1.0E-4
980 U5=0
990 GO TO 1010
1000 U5=U5+D1
1010 S1=0
1020 S2=0
1030 S3=0
1040 S4=0
1050 B2(N1)=SQR(T*(U5+F2))
1060 PRINT N,"USB=";U5,"UGS=","IDS(UA)="
1070 INPUT X0,Y0
1080 Y2=SQR(Y0*1.0E-6)
1090 S1=S1+T*X0
1100 S2=S2+X0^2
1110 S3=S3+Y2
1120 S4=S4+T*X0*Y2
1130 IF N<M THEN 250
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1140 D2=N*S2-S1↑2
1150 N0=(S3*S2-S1*S4)/D2
1160 S0=(N*S4-S1*S3)/D2
1170 U9(N1)=-T*N0/S0
1180 IF N1<M1 THEN 230
1190 S1=0
1200 S2=0
1210 S3=0
1220 S4=0
1230 FOR  J=1  TO  M1
1240 S1=S1+B2(J)
1250 S2=S2+B2(J)↑2
1260 S3=S3+T*U9(J)
1270 S4=S4+T*U9(J)*B2(J)
1280 NEXT  J
1290 D2=N*S2-S1↑2
1300 N0=(S3*S2-S1*S4)/D2
1310 G2=(N*S4-S1*S3)/D2
1320 N5=(3.9*G2/T0)↑2*8.854E-14/3.744E-18
1330 PRINT "UT0=";U9(1), "GAMMA=";G2, "NSUB=";N5
1340 GO TO 1570
1350 IF N>1 THEN 1420
1360 PRINT  "PB,CA0(PF/U↑2),AREA(U↑2),PERIMETER(U)"
1370 INPUT  F3,C0,A0,P0
1380 S1=0
1390 S2=0
1400 S3=0
1410 S4=0
1420 PRINT  N, "UR,CJ(PF)"
1430 INPUT  U1,C1
1440 K=C1-A0*C0/SQR(1+U1/F3)
1450 X0=LGT(1+U1/F3)
1460 Y0=LGT(K)
1470 S1=S1+X0
1480 S2=S2+X0↑2
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PROGRAM 1   (continued)

```
1490 S3=S3+Y0
1500 S4=S4+X0*Y0
1510 IF N<M THEN 240
1520 N0=(S3*S2-S1*S4)/(N*S2-S1↑2)
1530 S0=(N*S4-S1*S3)/(N*S2-S1↑2)
1540 C2=10↑(N0-6)/P0
1550 M0=-S0
1560 PRINT "CP0(F/M)= ";C2,"M= ";M0
1570 END
```

User Instructions and Listing of PROGRAM2

Use the same procedure as in Appendix 1 to load the program from the tape cartridge.
Prompt:

    SELECT TYPE OF PLOT: ENTER   1 FOR VDSAT = F(L)
                                   2 FOR IDSAT = F(VMAX)

Enter:

    1 (or 2)   CR

A first set of parameters is required next:

    TYPE, VTO, NSUB, TOX(U), W(U), LEFF(U), VSB

Enter the required data as follows:

    N (or P)   CR
    values   CR

The values are input separated by commas and a CR at the end of the line.
Additional parameters are required next:

    UO, UCRIT, UEXP, UTRA, VMAX (M/S)

These are input in the same dimensions as used in SPICE2.G.
The limits and step size of the variable (L or VMAX depending on which type of plot has
been selected, 1 or 2 respectively) are requested next:

    LOWER LEFF OR VMAX, UPPER LEFF OR VMAX, STEP,

    LOWER $\left[VGS\right]$, UPPER $\left[VGS\right]$, $\left[STEP\right]$

After entering these last values plots of the type shown in Figs. 5.1. and 5.2. will be
displayed on the screen.

PROGRAM 2

```
90  INIT
100 DIM Y0(3),Y1(24),A4(4),B4(4),P9(24)
110 PRINT "SELECT TYPE OF PLOT: ENTER 1 FOR VDSSAT=F(L)"
120 PRINT "                              2 FOR IDSS=F(VMAX)"
130 INPUT T6
140 PRINT "TYPE,VTO,NSUB,TOX(U),W(U),LEFF(U),VSB"
150 INPUT T$,V8,N0,T0,W,L0,V5
160 T=1
170 IF T$="N" THEN 190
180 T=-1
190 L0=L0*1.0E-4
200 T0=T0*1.0E-4
210 W=W*1.0E-4
220 PRINT "U0,UCRIT,UEXP,UTRA,VMAX(M/S)"
230 INPUT U0,U1,U2,U3,V
240 PRINT "LOWER LEFF OR VMAX,UPPER LEFF OR VMAX,STEP"
250 INPUT W1,W2,W3
260 IF T6=1 THEN 290
270 W1=W1*1.0E-4
280 W2=W2*1.0E-4
285 W3=W3*1.0E-4
290 V=V*100
300 N=INT((W2-W1)/W3)+1
310 DIM X(N),Y(10,N)
320 PRINT "LOWER /VGS/,UPPER /VGS/,/STEP/"
330 INPUT W4,W5,W6
340 N1=1.45E+10
350 E0=3.45E-13
360 E2=1.04E-12
370 V0=0.026
380 Q=1.6E-19
390 F2=T*2*V0*LOG(N0/N1)
400 C0=E0/T0
410 Q0=SQR(2*Q*E2*N0*F2*T)
```

PROGRAM 2   (continued)

```
420 G0=Q0/(C0*SQR(F2*T))
430 F0=U3-F2-T*G0*SQR(T*F2)
440 G1=Q0/C0
450 U7=U8+G0*(SQR(T*(U5+F2))-SQR(T*F2))
460 I1=1
470 FOR I=W4 TO W5 STEP W6
480 U6=T*I
490 U1=T*(U6-F0+U5)
500 U2=T*(U5+F2)
510 A1=4/3*G0
520 B0=-2*U1
530 D0=-U2↑2-4/3*G0*SQR(U2↑3)+2*U1*U2
540 U3=U6-F0-F2+T*G0↑2/2*(1-SQR(1+T*4/G0↑2*(U6-F0)))
550 U=U2*LOG(U1*E2/C0/(T*(U6-U7-U3*U3)))
560 U=U0*EXP(U)
570 IF U<=U0 THEN 590
580 U=U0
590 J1=1
600 FOR J=W1 TO W2 STEP W3
610 IF T6=2 THEN 660
620 L0=J*1.0E-4
630 IF I1>1 THEN 690
640 X(J1)=L0*100000
650 GO TO 690
660 U=J*1000000
670 IF I1>1 THEN 690
680 X(J1)=U*1.0E-6
690 U9=U*L0/U
700 C1=-2*G0*U9
710 B1=B0-2*U9
720 D1=D0+2*U9*U1
730 A=-B1
740 B=A1*C1-4*D1
750 C=-D1*(A1↑2-4*B1)-C1↑2
760 R=-(A↑2)/3+B
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PROGRAM 2   (continued)

```
770 S=2*(A/3)↑3-A*B/3+C
780 R3=R*R*R
790 S2=S*S
800 P=S2/4+R3/27
810 IF P=>0 THEN 900
820 P0=ABS(P)
830 R0=SQR(S2/4+P0)
840 P2=-SQR(P0)
850 F=ATN(2*P2/S)
860 R0=EXP(LOG(R0)/3)
870 Y0(1)=2*R0*COS(F/3)-A/3
880 N=3
890 GO TO 990
900 N=1
910 P2=SQR(P)
920 P3=-S/2+P2
930 P4=-S/2-P2
940 P5=SGN(P3)
950 P6=SGN(P4)
960 P3=P5*EXP(LOG(ABS(P3))/3)
970 P4=P6*EXP(LOG(ABS(P4))/3)
980 Y0(1)=P3+P4-A/3
990 M1=0
1000 K=1
1010 A3=A1↑2/4-B1+Y0(K)
1020 B3=Y0(K)↑2/4-D1
1030 A3=SQR(A3)
1040 B3=SQR(B3)
1050 FOR M=1 TO 4
1060 S1=INT((M-1)/2)
1070 A4(M)=A1/2+-1↑(M-1)*A3
1080 B4(M)=Y0(K)/2+-1↑S1*B3
1090 D4=A4(M)*A4(M)/4-B4(M)
1100 IF D4<0 THEN 1170
1110 M1=M1+1
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1120 Y1(M1)=-A4(M)/2+SQR(D4)
1130 P9(M1)=Y1(M1)↑4+A1*Y1(M1)↑3+B1*Y1(M1)↑2+C1*Y1(M1)+D1
1140 M1=M1+1
1150 Y1(M1)=-A4(M)/2-SQR(D4)
1160 P9(M1)=Y1(M1)↑4+A1*Y1(M1)↑3+B1*Y1(M1)↑2+C1*Y1(M1)+D1
1170 NEXT M
1180 M2=0
1190 FOR K=1 TO M1
1200 IF ABS(P9(K))>1.0E-5 THEN 1270
1210 IF Y1(K)<0 THEN 1270
1220 M2=M2+1
1230 IF M2>1 THEN 1250
1240 Y2=Y1(K)
1250 IF Y2<Y1(K) THEN 1270
1260 Y2=Y1(K)
1270 NEXT K
1280 U4=T*Y2*Y2-U5-F2
1290 IF T6=2 THEN 1320
1300 Y(I1,J1)=T*U4
1310 GO TO 1330
1320 Y(I1,J1)=W/L0*U*C0*(((U6-F0-F2-U4/2)*U4-2/3*G0*(Y2↑3-SQR(U2)↑3))
1330 J1=J1+1
1340 NEXT J
1350 I1=I1+1
1360 NEXT I
1370 I1=I1-1
1380 J1=J1-1
1390 S3=5
1400 S0=LGT(Y(I1,J1))
1410 S1=INT(S0)
1420 IF S0-S1=>LGT(7.5) THEN 1510
1430 IF S0-S1>LGT(5) THEN 1490
1440 IF S0-S1>LGT(2.5) THEN 1470
1450 S2=2.5
1460 GO TO 1530
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1470 S2=5
1480 GO TO 1530
1490 S2=7.5
1500 GO TO 1530
1510 S2=10
1520 S3=10
1530 S0=S2*10↑S1
1540 DIM Y7(J1)
1550 PAGE
1560 GOSUB 1650
1570 FOR I=1 TO I1
1580 FOR J=1 TO J1
1590 Y7(J)=Y(I,J)
1600 NEXT J
1610 MOVE X(1),Y7(1)
1620 DRAW X,Y7
1630 NEXT I
1640 GO TO 2040
1650 REM *** DRAW AND LABEL AXES ***
1660 VIEWPORT 25,120,20,90
1670 A=X(1)
1680 B=X(J1)
1690 C=0
1700 D=S0
1710 T8=S2/4*10↑(S1-1)
1720 T9=0.02*(B-A)
1730 WINDOW A-T9,B,C-T8,D
1740 T=T8
1750 MOVE A,0
1760 FOR I=1 TO J1
1770 DRAW A+(I-1)*(B-A)/(J1-1),0
1780 PRINT "HJJ";X(I)
1790 MOVE A+(I-1)*(B-A)/(J1-1),C-T
1800 DRAW A+(I-1)*(B-A)/(J1-1),C+T
1810 MOVE A+(I-1)*(B-A)/(J1-1),C
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1820 NEXT I
1830 T=T9
1840 MOVE A,0
1850 FOR I=1 TO S3+1
1860 DRAW A,(I-1)*(D-C)/S3
1870 PRINT "HHHHH";S2/S3*(I-1)
1880 MOVE A-T,(I-1)*(D-C)/S3
1890 DRAW A+T,(I-1)*(D-C)/S3
1900 MOVE A,(I-1)*(D-C)/S3
1910 NEXT I
1920 MOVE A,C+2/3*S0
1930 IF T6=2 THEN 1960
1940 PRINT "HHHHHHHHHVHJDHJSHJAHJT"
1950 GO TO 1970
1960 PRINT "HHHHHHHHHHHJHJDHJSHJS"
1970 PRINT "JJ *101";S1
1980 MOVE A+1/3*(B-A),C
1990 IF T6=2 THEN 2020
2000 PRINT "JJJJ      LEFF (U)"
2010 GO TO 2030
2020 PRINT "JJJJJ VMAX *10^4 (M/S)"
2030 RETURN
2040 END
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Example circuit SPICE2.G Input

SECTION OF CMOS LSI CIRCUIT FOR SPICE2.G

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.OPTIONS ABSTOL=1U ACCT VNTOL=100N NODE
*  2 IN NAND DEFINITION
.SUBCKT NAND 1 2 3 4 5
M1  3 1 6 5 N1 W=40U  L=8U AD=800P  AS=280P  NRD=2  NRS=1
M2  6 2 5 5 N1 W=40U  L=8U AD=280P  AS=2080P NRD=1  NRS=6
M3  3 1 4 4 P1 W=20U  L=8U AD=336P  AS=1164P NRD=1  NRS=3
M4  3 2 4 4 P1 W=20U  L=8U AD=336P  AS=1164P NRD=2  NRS=8
.ENDS NAND
*  INVERTERS 210 AND 211
.SUBCKT INV210 1 2 3 4
M5  2 1 4 4 N1 W=24U  L=8U AD=828P  AS=1024P NRD=40 NRS=17
M6  2 1 3 3 P1 W=24U  L=8U AD=1432P AS=4040P NRD=5  NRS=18
.ENDS INV210
.SUBCKT INV211 1 2 3 4
M7  2 1 4 4 N1 W=8U   L=8U AD=200P  AS=5120P NRD=7  NRS=65
M8  2 1 3 3 P1 W=8U   L=8U AD=160P  AS=4040P NRD=3  NRS=8
.ENDS INV211
*  3 IN NOR GATE
.SUBCKT NOR 1 2 3 4 5 6
M10 4 1 6 6 N1 W=20U  L=8U AD=1150P AS=5120P NRD=22 NRS=65
+          PD=125U PS=230U
M11 4 2 6 6 N1 W=20U  L=8U AD=1150P AS=5120P NRD=22 NRS=65
+          PD=125U PS=230U
M12 4 3 6 6 N1 W=20U  L=8U AD=1150P AS=5120P NRD=75 NRS=65
+          PD=125U PS=230U
M13 7 3 5 5 P1 W=60U  L=8U AD=420P  AS=960P  NRD=.5 NRS=1
M14 8 2 7 5 P1 W=60U  L=8U AD=1020P AS=420P  NRD=1  NRS=.5
M15 4 1 8 5 P1 W=60U  L=8U AD=960P  AS=1020P NRD=1  NRS=1
.ENDS NOR
*  OUTPUT BUFFER
.SUBCKT OUTBUF 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
M20 4 8 6 6 N1 W=384U L=8U AD=4148P  AS=8048P NRD=5  NRS=.5
+          PD=445U PS=1510U OFF
M21 4 8 5 5 P1 W=824U L=8U AD=11560P AS=9360P NRD=.5 NRS=.5
+          PD=1190U PS=1650U
M22 8 7 6 6 N1 W=128U L=8U AD=1900P  AS=8048P NRD=2  NRS=5
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+          PD=210U  PS=1510U
M23  7 8 6 6 N2 W=8U   L=40U AD=1800P AS=6048P NRD=10 NRS=15
+          PD=150U  PS=1510U OFF
M24  7 8 5 5 P2 W=8U   L=40U AD=1000P AS=9360P NRD=6  NRS=12
+          PD=150U  PS=1650U
M25  8 7 5 5 P1 W=128U L=8U  AD=1740P AS=9360P NRD=4  NRS=4
+          PD=205U  PS=1650U OFF
M26  1 2 7 5 P1 W=24U  L=8U  AD=1400P AS=300P  NRD=3  NRS=3
+          PD=175U  PS=110U OFF
M27  1 3 7 6 N1 W=24U  L=8U  AD=600P  AS=540P  NRD=14 NRS=24
+          PD=245U  PS=200U OFF
CFF  7 0 84F
.ENDS OUTBUF
*  CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION
CALFI0 1 0 80F
R1    1 2 2.2K
C2    2 0 3.3P
R2    2 3 235
CALFI2 3 0 384F
R3    3 4 1.27K
CALFI3 4 0 116F
XNAND  4 5 6 20 0 NAND
VF1   5 0 10
C6    6 0 200F
XNOR   8 6 7 9 20 0 NOR
XINV1  9 10 20 0 INV211
C10   10 0 67.5F
VH36  7 0
XINV0  11 8 20 0 INV210
VCS0  11 0 10
C8    8 0 65F
XOUT   8 10 9 13 20 0 15 14 OUTBUF
CL    13 0 20P
VIN   1 0 PULSE(0 10 10N 10N 10N 200N 400N)
VDD   20 0 10
.NODESET V(13)=10 V(14)=0 V(15)=10
.TRAN 1N 100N
.PLOT TRAN V(1) V(2) V(3) V(4) V(6) V(9) V(10) V(13) (0,10)
.MODEL P1 PMOS(TOX=0.125U NSUB=3.2E15 VTO=-0.65 XJ=1.5U LD=1.125U
+ JS=7.75E-5 PB=0.88 UO=191 UCRIT=4.14E4 UEXP=0.16 UTRA=0.25
+ CGB=3E-10 CGD=3.26E-10 CGS=3.26E-10 CJSW=1F VMAX=5E4 NEFF=3
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+ RSH=14 LEVEL=2)
.MODEL N1 NMOS(TOX=0.125U NSUB=10E15 VTO=0.924 XJ=1.9U LD=1.5U
+ JS=1.24E-4 PB=0.89 UO=622 UCRIT=3.97E4 UEXP=0.08 UTRA=0.25
+ CGB=3E-10 CGD=4.35E-10 CGS=4.35E-10 CJSW=2F VMAX=5E4 NEFF=3
+ RSH=3 LEVEL=2)
.MODEL P2 PMOS(TOX=0.125U NSUB=3.2E15 VTO=-0.65 XJ=1.5U LD=1.125U
+ JS=7.75E-5 PB=0.86 UO=222 UCRIT=5.83E4 UEXP=0.15 UTRA=0.25
+ CGB=3E-10 CGD=3.26E-10 CGS=3.26E-10 CJSW=1F VMAX=5E4 NEFF=3
+ RSH=14 LEVEL=2)
.MODEL N2 NMOS(TOX=0.125U NSUB=10E15 VTO=0.924 XJ=1.9U LD=1.5U
+ JS=1.24E-4 PB=0.89 UO=814 UCRIT=6.2E4 UEXP=0.13 UTRA=0.25
+ CGB=3E-11 CGD=4.35E-10 CGS=4.35E-10 CJSW=2F VMAX=5E4 NEFF=3
+ RSH=3 LEVEL=2)
.END
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