

Applications of Lambert's W function to electron device modeling

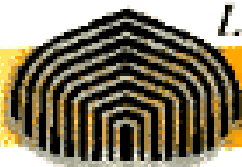
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Introduction:

- Many problems in physics are described by **implicit lineal-exponential equations**.
- **Closed-form explicit analytic solutions** of these transcendental equations, which frequently arise in electronic circuits and device modeling, may be obtained by the use of the **Lambert W function**.
- This talk presents a **brief review** of its mathematical properties and numerical evaluation, and examines some of its applications.
- Its **usefulness** is illustrated in electron device modeling applications, such as non-ideal junctions with parasitic series resistance and shunt conductance, solar cell characteristics, and channel surface potential in bulk and double-gate undoped MOSFETs.

Motivation:

Advantages of an analytic solution

- Describes **general behavior**, as opposed to a numerical result that is based on specific initial conditions
- Contributes to **unification of different phenomena**
- Is **exact** – although numerical solutions can be as exact as needed
- Can contribute to **intuitive understanding**
- Has **no convergence problems**
- Eases **understanding behavior** as parameters change
- Can be **differentiated and integrated**

Motivation for W :

- Simple explicit analytic solutions based on W eliminate the need for numerical iterative solutions.
- Often serve as initial guesses for more complicated iterative, time-dependent, or multi-dimensional calculations.
- Make it easier to study perturbations and make the described phenomenon more physically understandable and manageable.
- Permit quick evaluation of large number of repetitive cases, especially since many symbolic computation packages (like *Macsyma*®, *Mathematica*®, *Maple*®, etc.) already contain optimized routines for the Lambert W function.
- May be readily manipulated since it is possible to explicitly differentiate and integrate W .

Origin of the Lambert W function:

It dates back to J. Lambert's work around 1758. Later it was considered by L. Euler in 1779 when he studied Lambert's transcendental equation.

It was denoted " W " after the 1959 work of E. M. Wright. Since then it has been used in some applications, but the number has considerably increased over the last few years.

What is W ?:

- The Lambert W function is implicitly elementary, that is, it is **implicitly defined by an equation containing only elementary functions.**
- W is **formally defined** for any (complex) z as the (multi-valued, complex) **function which is the solution to the simplest transcendental equations that there is, the lineal-exponential equation:**

$$W(z)e^{W(z)} = z$$

What is W ? :

For real arguments x , $W(x)$ is real if $x \geq -e^{-1}$

Definition : $x = W(x)e^{W(x)}$

which is to say that if

$$x = ye^y$$

then

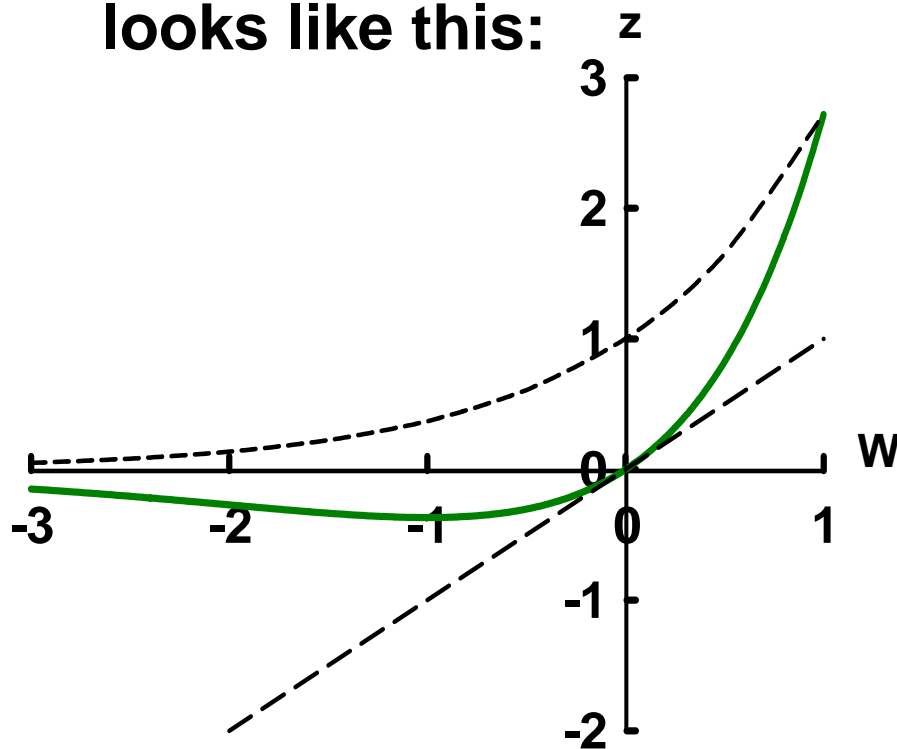
$$W(x) = y$$

What is W ?:

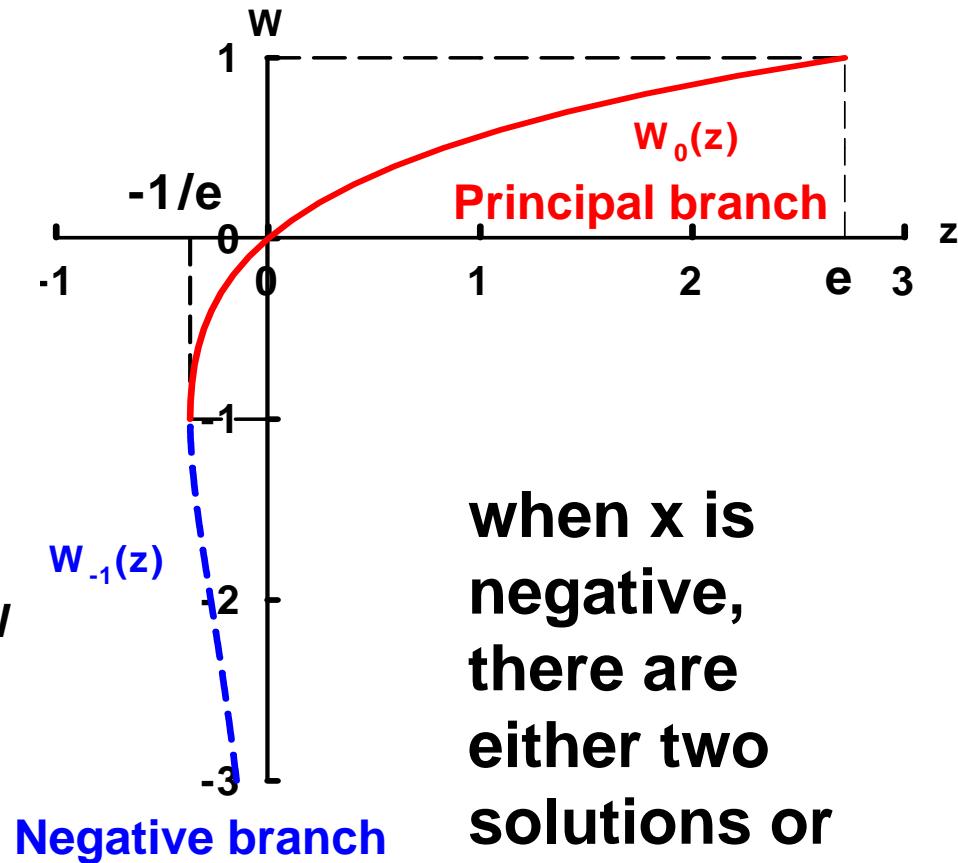
The lineal-exponential equation

$$z = W(z) e^{W(z)}$$

looks like this:



By interchanging z and W axes we get



when x is negative, there are either two solutions or none.

Representations of W :

Series about $z=0$

$$W_0(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-n)^{n-1}}{n!} z^n = z - z^2 + \frac{3}{2} z^3 - \frac{8}{3} z^4 + \\ + \frac{125}{24} z^5 - \frac{54}{5} z^6 + \frac{16807}{720} z^7 - \dots$$

Asymptote for large z :

$$W_k(z) \approx \ln(z) + 2\pi i k - \ln(\ln(z) + 2\pi i k)$$

Computation of W :

Well-tested, arbitrary-precision numerical software is available for computation of both real branches of the Lambert W function in the public domain mathematical library Netlib as Algorithm 743 of the TOMS database (www.netlib.org/toms/743). This single and double precision FORTRAN software computes both real branches of W to whatever precision is available on the platform used.

“Algorithm 743: WAPR: a FORTRAN routine for calculating real values of the W -function,” by Barry, D. A., Barry, S. J., Culligan-Hensley, P. J., *ACM Trans. Math. Softw.*, vol. 21, pp. 172–181, 1995.

Computation of W :

Efficient **numerical approximations** are contained in the mathematical computer packages: ***Maple***[®], ***Macsyma***[®] and ***Mathematica***[®].

W is known as the **ProdutLog** function within ***Mathematica***[®]. The various approximations incorporate iterative schemes to compute W with predefined precision, and use piece-wise approximations to generate initial guesses.

“Global approximations to the principal real-valued branch of the Lambert W -function,” by J.P. Body, *Appl. Math. Lett.* 11 (6), pp. 27–31, 1998.

Some examples of solutions using W :

Example 1:

Equation: $x = ye^y$

Apply W to both sides $W(x) = W(ye^y)$

Use definition of W $W(ye^y) = y$

Solution: $y = W(x)$

Example 2 (first procedure):

Equation: $x = y \ln(y)$

Move y to the left

$$x/y = \ln(y)$$

Exponentiate

$$e^{x/y} = y$$

Multiply by x/y

$$e^{x/y} x/y = x$$

Apply W

$$W(e^{x/y} x/y) = W(x)$$

Use definition

$$W(e^{x/y} x/y) = x/y$$

Solution: $y = \frac{x}{W(x)}$

Example 2 (second procedure):

Equation: $x = y \ln(y)$

Rewrite y $x = \ln(y)e^{\ln(y)}$

Apply W $W(x) = W(\ln(y)e^{\ln(y)})$

Use definition $W(\ln(y)e^{\ln(y)}) = \ln(y)$

Solution: $y = e^{W(x)}$

Example 3 (first procedure):

Equation: $x = \ln(y) / y$

Move y to the left $xy = \ln(y)$

Exponentiate $e^{xy} = y$

Divide by $-xy$ $-xye^{-xy} = -x$

Apply W $W(-xye^{-xy}) = W(-x)$

Use definition $W(-xye^{-xy}) = -xy$

Solution: $y = -\frac{1}{x} W(-x)$

Example 3 (second procedure):

Equation: $x = \ln(y) / y$

Rewrite y and multiply by -1

$$-x = -\ln(y)e^{-\ln(y)}$$

Apply W

$$W(-x) = W(-\ln(y)e^{-\ln(y)})$$

Use definition

$$W(-\ln(y)e^{-\ln(y)}) = -\ln(y)$$

Solution: $y = e^{-W(-x)}$

Example 4:

Equation: $x = \ln(y) + y$

Exponentiate

$$e^x = ye^y$$

Apply W

$$W(e^x) = W(ye^y)$$

Use definition of W

$$W(ye^y) = y$$

Solution: $y = W(e^x)$

The Wright Function ω :

Defined as the solution to the equation:

$$x = \ln(y) + y$$

Solution: $y = \omega(x)$

**Equivalence
between Wright
function and W**

$$\omega(x) = W(e^x)$$

"The Wright ω Function." by Corless, R. M. and Jeffrey, D. J. in *Artificial Intelligence, Automated Reasoning, and Symbolic Computation* (Ed. J. Calmet, B. Benhamou, O. Caprotti, L. Henocque and V. Sorge). Berlin: Springer-Verlag, pp. 76-89, 2002.

Example 5 (first procedure):

Equation: $x = y + e^y$

Exponentiate

$$e^x = e^y e^{e^y}$$

Apply W to both sides

$$W(e^x) = W(e^y e^{e^y})$$

Use definition of W

$$W(e^y e^{e^y}) = e^y$$

Solution: $y = \ln(W(e^x))$

Example 5 (second procedure):

Equation: $x = y + e^y$

Rewrite $x - y = e^{y-x} e^x$

Rearrange $(x - y)e^{(x-y)} = e^x$

Apply W $W\left((x - y)e^{(x-y)}\right) = W\left(e^x\right)$

Use definition $W\left((x - y)e^{(x-y)}\right) = (x - y)$

Solution: $y = x - W\left(e^x\right)$

Identity:

Equating Example 5's two solutions

$$\ln\left(W\left(e^x\right)\right) = x - W\left(e^x\right)$$

This may be written in terms of the Wright Function:

$$\ln(\omega(x)) = x - \omega(x)$$

In general:

$$\ln(W(x)) = \ln(x) - W(x)$$

Example 6:

Equation:

$$x = e^y / y$$

Rearrange

$$-ye^{-y} = -1/x$$

Apply W

$$W(-ye^{-y}) = W(-1/x)$$

Use definition of W

$$W(-ye^{-y}) = -y$$

Solution: $y = -W(-1/x)$

The glog Function:

is the solution to the equation:

$$x = \frac{e^y}{y}$$

$$y = \text{glog}(x)$$

Equivalence
between
glog and *W*:

$$\text{glog}(x) = -W(-1/x)$$

$$W(x) = -\text{glog}(-1/x)$$

"A Generalized Logarithm for Exponential-Linear Equations." Kalman, D.,
College Math. J. 32, pp. 2-14, 2001.

Example 7:

Equation:

$$x = y^2 e^y$$

Take square root

$$\pm \sqrt{x} = ye^{y/2}$$

Divide by 2

$$\frac{y}{2} e^{y/2} = \pm \frac{\sqrt{x}}{2}$$

Apply W

$$W\left(\frac{y}{2} e^{y/2}\right) = W\left(\pm \frac{\sqrt{x}}{2}\right)$$

Use definition of W

$$W\left(\frac{y}{2} e^{y/2}\right) = \frac{y}{2}$$

2 Solutions:

$$y = 2W\left(\pm \frac{\sqrt{x}}{2}\right)$$

Example 8:

Equation: $x = e^y / y^2$

Take square root $\pm \sqrt{x} = e^{y/2} / y$

Rearrange & divide by 2 $-\frac{y}{2} e^{-y/2} = \pm \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$

Apply W $W\left(-\frac{y}{2} e^{-y/2}\right) = W\left(\pm \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}\right)$

Use definition of W $W\left(-\frac{y}{2} e^{-y/2}\right) = -\frac{y}{2}$

2 Solutions: $y = -2W\left(\pm \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}\right)$

Example 9:

Equation:

$$x = y e^{y^2}$$

Square both sides

$$x^2 = y^2 e^{2y^2}$$

Multiply by 2

$$2x^2 = 2y^2 e^{2y^2}$$

Apply W

$$W(2x^2) = W(2y^2 e^{2y^2})$$

Use definition of W

$$W(2y^2 e^{2y^2}) = 2y^2$$

2 Solutions:

$$y = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} W(2x^2)}$$

Example 10:

Equation:

$$y = x^{x^y}$$

Rewrite

$$y = x^y$$

Rearrange

$$ye^{-y \ln(x)} = 1$$

Multiply by $-\ln(x)$

$$-y \ln(x) e^{-y \ln(x)} = -\ln(x)$$

Apply W

$$W\left(-y \ln(x) e^{-y \ln(x)}\right) = W(-\ln(x))$$

Use definition

$$W\left(-y \ln(x) e^{-y \ln(x)}\right) = -y \ln(x)$$

$$\text{Solution: } y = -\frac{1}{\ln(x)} W(-\ln(x))$$

Derivatives of W :

$$\frac{\partial W(z)}{\partial z} = \frac{W(z)}{z[W(z) + 1]}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 W(z)}{\partial z^2} = -\frac{W(z)^2 [W(z) + 2]}{z^2 [W(z) + 1]^3}$$

Indefinite integration of W :

$$\int W(x) dz = \frac{x[W(x)^2 + W(x) - 1]}{W(x)} + C$$

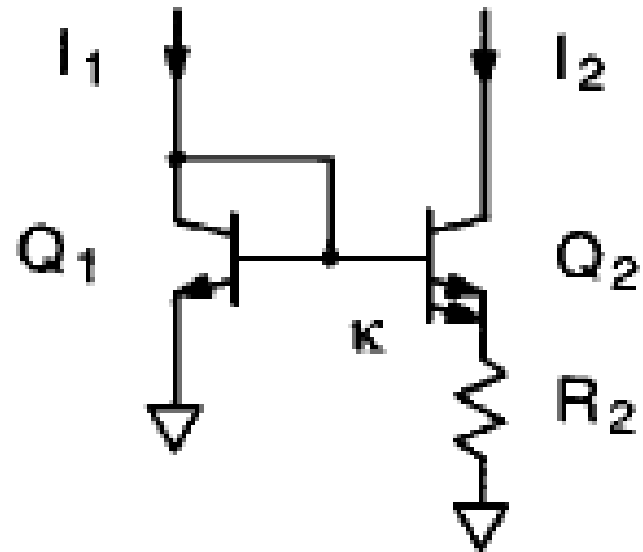
$$\int xW(x) dz = \frac{x^2[2W(x) - 1][2W(x)^2 + 1]}{8W(x)^2} + C$$

APPLICATIONS

Widlar current source:

Equation:

$$I_2 R_2 = v_t \ln\left(\frac{k I_1}{I_2}\right)$$



Solution:

$$I_2 = \frac{v_t}{R_2} W\left(\frac{k I_1 R_2}{v_t}\right)$$

From: “Bipolar Transistor Circuit Analysis Using the Lambert W-Function” by Banwell, T.C., *IEEE Trans. Circuits System - I: Fundamental Theory and Applications*, Vol. 47, No. 11, pp. 1621-1633, 2000.

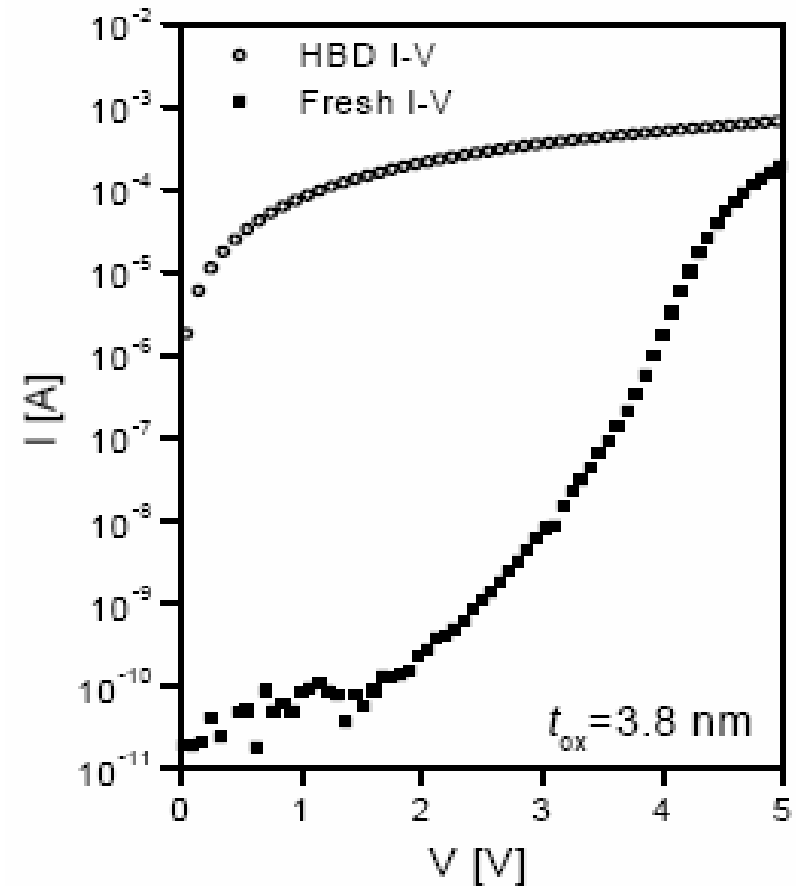
Hard Breakdown in Ultrathin Gate Oxides:

The ever decreasing reliability margins of gate insulators as a consequence of the ongoing miniaturization requires modeling of the post-breakdown current in MOS. A compact representation of the **post-breakdown current** suitable for circuit simulation environments is given by:

Simulation equation:

$$I = I_0 \{ \exp[\alpha(V - IR_{BD})] - 1 \}$$

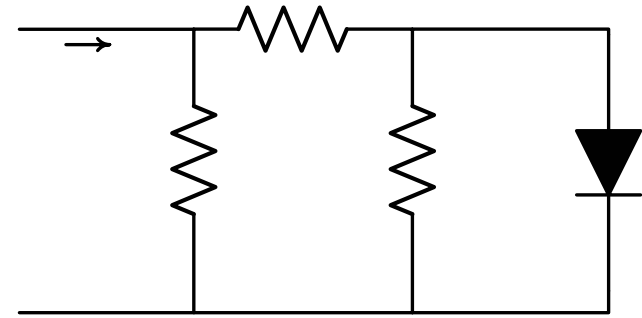
Solution:
$$I = \frac{1}{\alpha R_{BD}} W \{ \alpha I_0 R_{BD} \exp[\alpha(V + I_0 R_{BD})] \} - I_0$$



Measured pre- and post- hard breakdown *I-V* characteristics.

Non ideal junction :

Equation:



$$I = I_0 \left(\exp \left(\frac{V (1 + R_S G_{P2}) - I R_S}{n V_{th}} \right) - 1 \right) + (V - I R_S) G_{P1} + V G_{P2} (1 + R_S G_{P1})$$

Solutions:

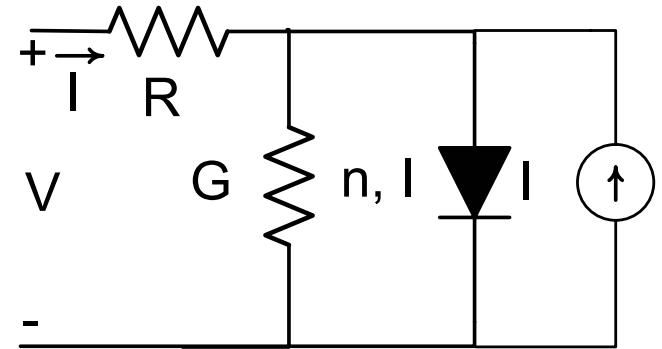
$$I = \frac{n V_T}{R_S} W \left\{ \frac{I_0 R_S}{n V_T (1 + R_S G_{P1})} \exp \left[\frac{(V + I_0 R_S)}{n V_T (1 + R_S G_{P1})} \right] \right\} + \left(\frac{V G_{P1} - I_0}{1 + R_S G_{P1}} \right) + V G_{P2}$$

$$V = -n V_T d_2 W \left\{ \frac{I_0 R_{12}}{n V_T d_2} \exp \left[\frac{\left(I + \frac{I_0}{d_2} \right) R_{12}}{n V_T} \right] \right\} + I d_2 [R_S + R_{12}] + I_0 R_{12}$$

where

$$d_1 \equiv 1/(1 + R_S G_{P1}) \quad d_2 \equiv 1/(1 + R_S G_{P2}) \quad R_{12} \equiv 1/(G_{P1} + G_{P2} + G_{P1} G_{P2} R_S)$$

Solar cell explicit model:



Original implicit equation:

$$I = I_0 \left[\exp\left(\frac{V - I R_S}{n V_{th}}\right) - 1 \right] + (V - I R_S) G_P - I_{ph}$$

Explicit solutions:

$$I = \frac{n V_{th}}{R_S} W \left\{ \frac{I_0 R_S}{n V_{th} (1 + R_S G_P)} \exp\left[\frac{V + R_S (I_0 + I_{ph})}{n V_{th} (1 + R_S G_P)}\right] \right\} + \frac{V G_P - (I_0 + I_{ph})}{1 + R_S G_P}$$

$$V = -n V_{th} W \left[\frac{I_0}{n V_{th} G_P} \exp\left(\frac{I + I_0 + I_{ph}}{n V_{th} G_P}\right) \right] + I \left(R_S + \frac{1}{G_P} \right) + \frac{I_0 + I_{ph}}{G_P}$$

Solar cell, parameter extraction: (example of integration usefulness)

Calculate Co-content by
integrating explicit

W-based $I(V)$ equation:

$$CC(I, V) \equiv \int_0^V (I - I_{sc}) dV$$

Result:

$$CC(I, V) = C_{V1} V + C_{I1} (I - I_{sc}) + C_{I1V1} V (I - I_{sc}) + C_{V2} V^2 + C_{I2} (I - I_{sc})^2$$

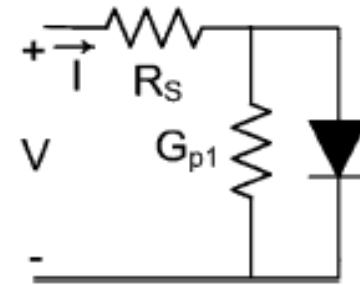
bidimensional **fitting** of above equation to experimental data produces the coefficients from which **solar cell's parameters** can be calculated:

$$R_s = \frac{\sqrt{1 + 16 C_{V2} C_{I2}} - 1}{4 C_{V2}}$$

$$G_p = 2 C_{V2} \quad I_{ph} = - \frac{\left(1 + \sqrt{1 + 16 C_{V2} C_{I2}}\right) (C_{V1} + I_{sc})}{2} - 2 C_{I1} C_{V2}$$

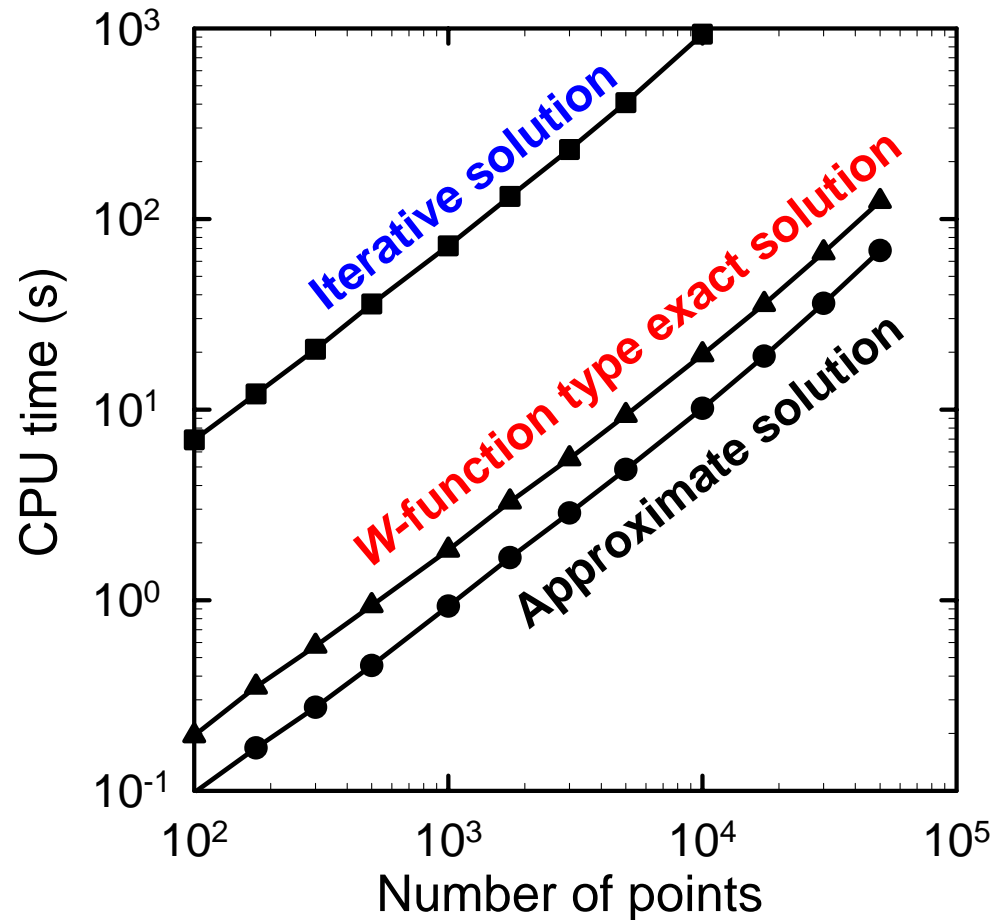
$$n = \frac{C_{V1} \left(\sqrt{1 + 16 C_{V2} C_{I2}} - 1 \right) + 4 C_{I1} C_{V2}}{4 V_{th} C_{V2}} \quad I_o = \frac{I - (V - I R_s) G_p + I_{ph}}{\exp\left(\frac{V - I R_s}{n V_{th}}\right) - 1}$$

Computation efficiency:



Comparison
of non-ideal
junction
solutions'
computation
times:

calculated to 10 significant digits



Undoped-body MOSFET Modeling:

- In **conventional doped-body** bulk MOSFETs, the surface potential **does not have a closed-form exact analytic solution**, and must be obtained by numerical iteration or from approximate solutions.
- Since most modern Ultra Thin Body MOSFETs will have intrinsic bodies, it is important to model the undoped-body device.
- For the case of **undoped body** MOSFETs, there exists a **W function-based explicit analytic solution** of the surface potential in terms of the terminal voltages.

Undoped-body bulk MOSFET:

The relationship between **gate voltage and channel surface potential** for an n-type channel device with **undoped body** ($n_0 = p_0 = n_i$) is:

$$V_{GF} = \psi_S + \frac{\sqrt{2kT n_i \epsilon_s}}{C_o} \sqrt{e^{-\beta V} (e^{\beta \psi_S} - 1)}$$

where $V_{GF} \equiv V_{GS} - V_{FB}$ V_{GS} is the gate voltage

ψ_S is the surface potential V_{FB} is the flat-band voltage

V is the channel voltage

Undoped-body MOSFET:

Exact analytic **solution** for an ***n*-type** channel device with **V=0** is:

$$\psi_s = V_{GF} + \frac{V_o}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{2}{\beta} W \left[\frac{1}{4} \beta V_o \sqrt{2} e^{\frac{\beta V_{GF} + V_o}{2\sqrt{2}}} \right]$$

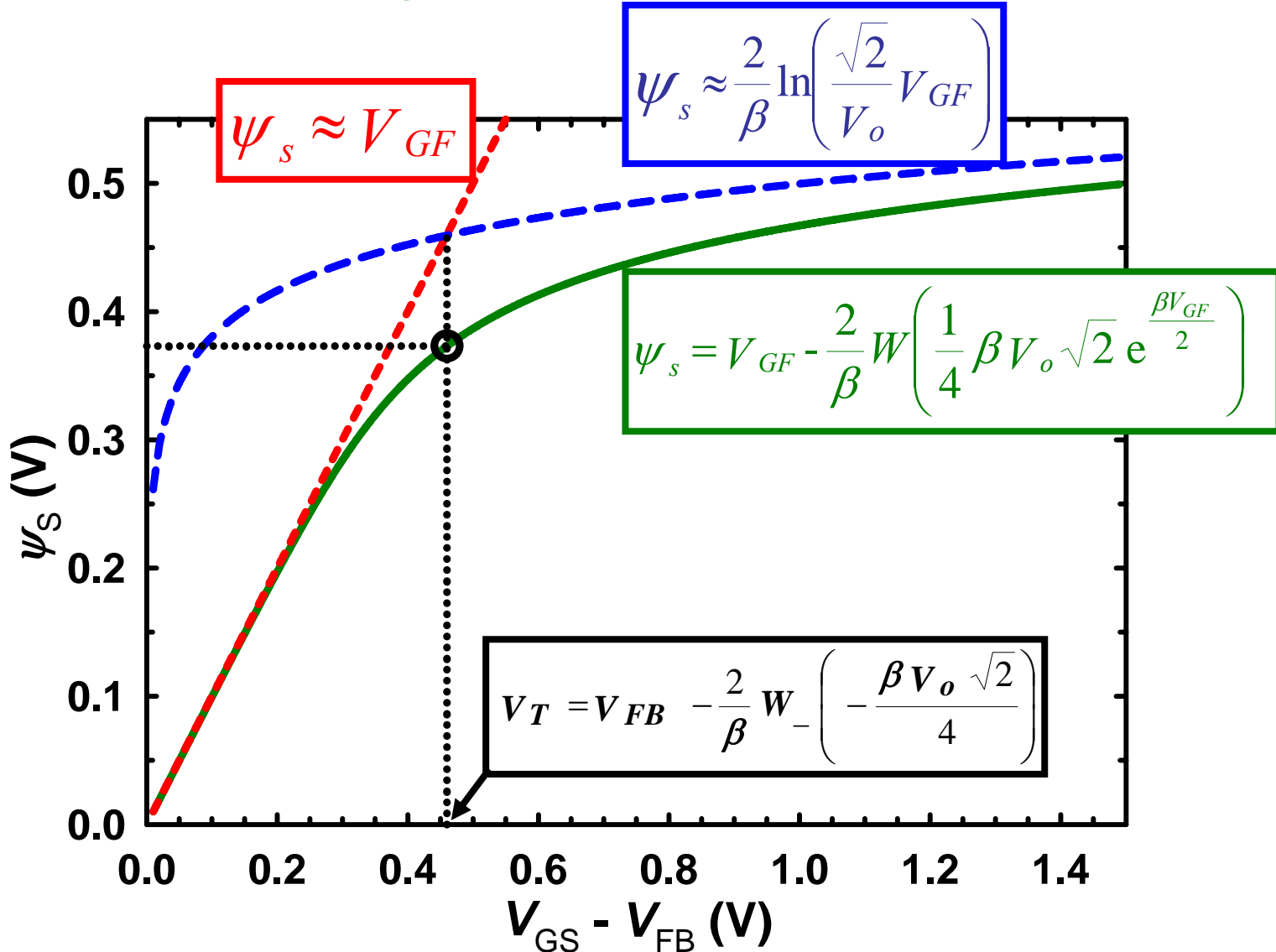
where $V_o = \frac{2\sqrt{kT\epsilon_s n_i}}{C_o}$ and $\beta = \frac{q}{kT}$

For values of surface potential $\psi_s \gg 1/\beta$ we may write an excellent **approximation** for the ***n*-type** channel device:

$$\psi_s = V_{GF} - \frac{2}{\beta} W \left[\frac{1}{4} \beta V_o \sqrt{2} e^{\frac{\beta V_{GF}}{2}} \right]$$

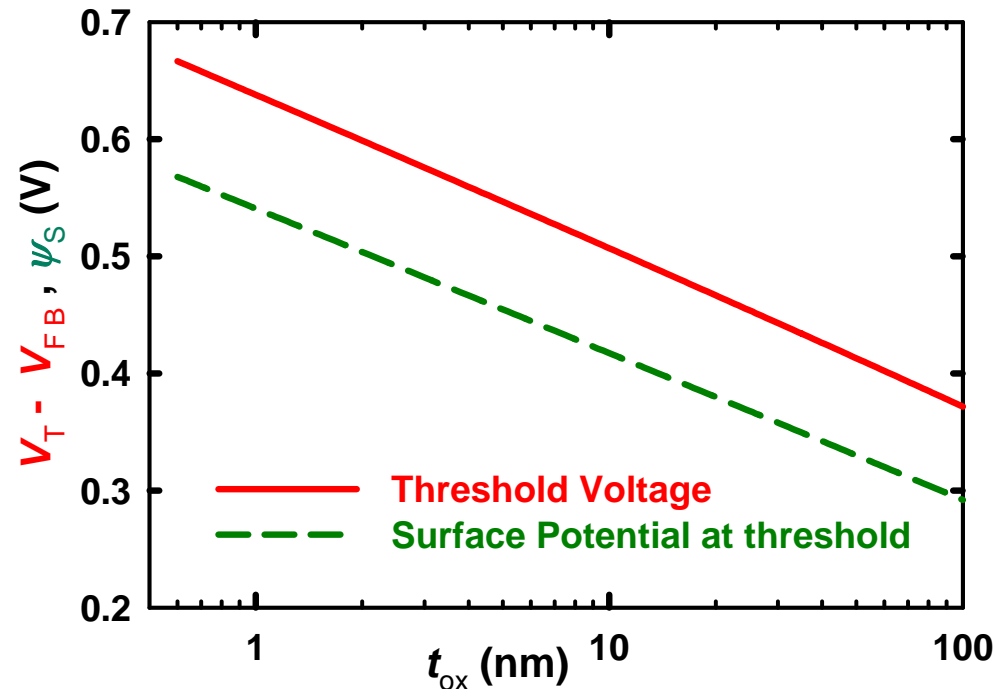
There are analogous counterparts for the ***p*-type** channel.

Undoped-body MOSFET:



Undoped-body MOSFET - threshold:

V_T decreases as t_{ox} increases
(Opposite trend to that of
conventional doped devices)



Led us to predict for the first time that, contrary to conventionally doped devices, the **threshold voltage of undoped MOSFETs should decrease as the oxide thickness increases**. The same type of behavior was later confirmed for undoped Double-Gate MOSFETs.

Derivatives:

Surface potential and **oxide voltage** (a), oblique dotted lines correspond to V_{GF} and $V_{GF}/2$.

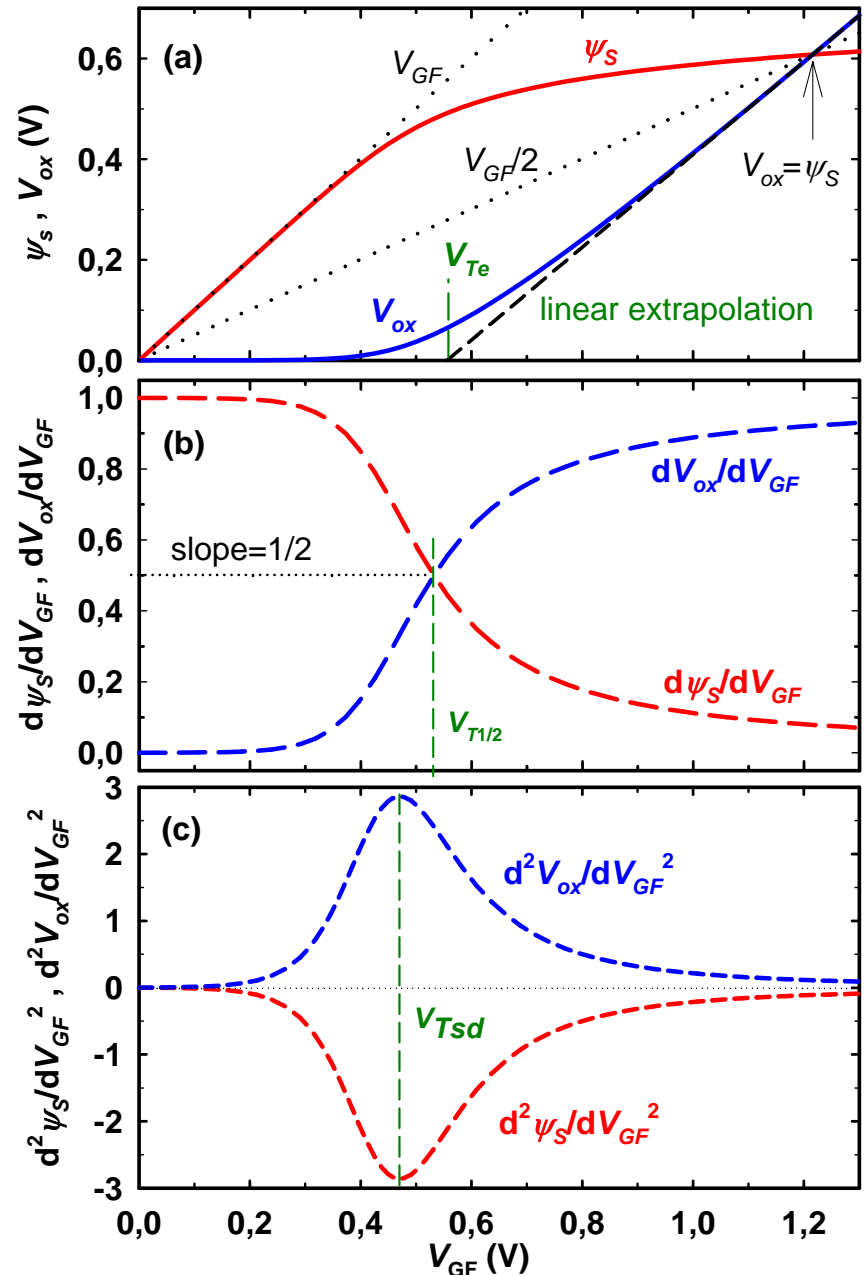
Their first (b) and second (c) derivatives with respect to gate voltage.

Vertical dashed lines indicate **threshold voltage definitions:**

a: V_{Te} by linear extrapolation from $V_{ox} = \psi_s$

b: $V_{T1/2}$ at $dV_{ox}/dV_{GF} = d\psi_s/dV_{GF} = 1/2$

c: V_{Tsd} at the maximum of d^2V_{ox}/dV_{GF}^2



Derivatives - threshold definitions:

* V_{Te} by linear extrapolation from $V_{ox} = \Psi_S$

$$V_{Te} = V_{GFe} - \frac{2}{\beta} \left[1 + W \left(\frac{\beta t_{ox}}{\epsilon_{ox}} \sqrt{\frac{kT n_i \epsilon_{Si}}{2}} e^{\beta V_{GFe}} \right) \right]$$

* $V_{T1/2}$ at $dV_{ox}/dV_{GF} = d\Psi_S/dV_{GF} = 1/2$

$$V_{T1/2} = \frac{kT}{q} \left[2 + \ln(2) + \ln \left(\frac{kT \epsilon_{ox}^2}{n_i \epsilon_{Si} q^2 t_{ox}^2} \right) \right]$$

* V_{Tsd} at the maximum of d^2V_{ox}/dV_{GF}^2

$$V_{Tsd} = \frac{kT}{q} \left[1 - \ln(2) + \ln \left(\frac{kT \epsilon_{ox}^2}{n_i \epsilon_{Si} q^2 t_{ox}^2} \right) \right]$$

Undoped-body bulk MOSFET:

The relationship between gate voltage and channel surface potential for **all band bending** in an undoped body ($n_0 = p_0 = n_i$) is:

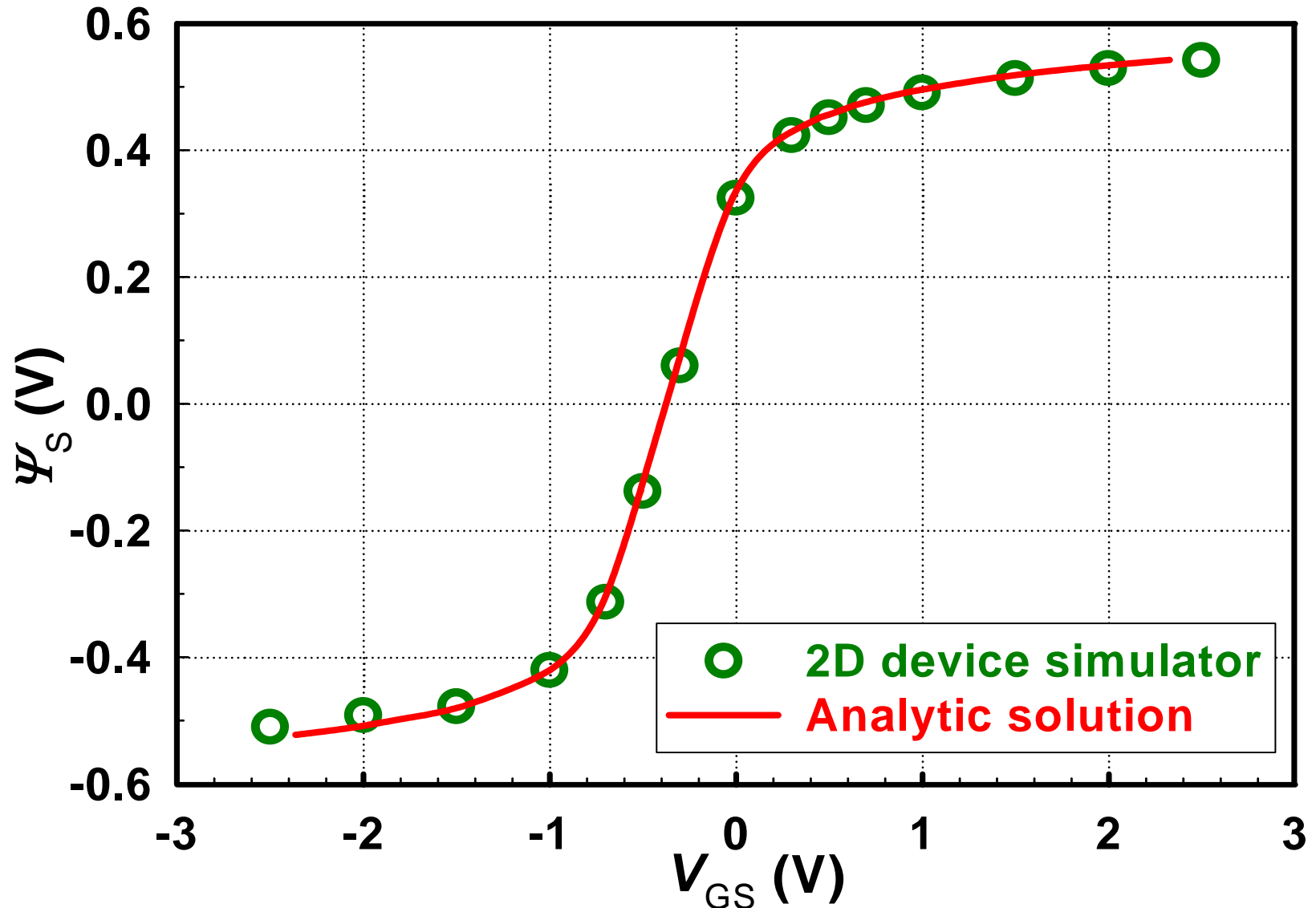
$$V_{GF} = \psi_s + V_0 \sqrt{2} \sinh\left(\frac{\beta \psi_s}{2}\right)$$

where $V_{GF} \equiv V_{GS} - V_{FB}$ and $V_0 = \frac{2 \sqrt{kT \epsilon_s n_i}}{C_o}$

An excellent approximate **solution**, **continuously valid** for **all band bending**, is given by:

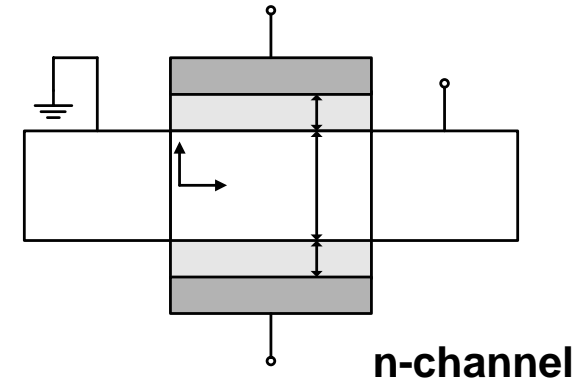
$$\psi_s = V_{GF} - \frac{2}{\beta} W\left(\frac{1}{4} \beta V_0 \sqrt{2} e^{\frac{\beta V_{GF}}{2}}\right) + \frac{2}{\beta} W\left(\frac{1}{4} \beta V_0 \sqrt{2} e^{-\frac{\beta V_{GF}}{2}}\right)$$

Undoped-body bulk MOSFET:



Symmetric DG MOSFET

Both gates have same: work function, oxide thickness and applied bias



Basic equations:

$$V_{GF} = \psi_S + \frac{\sqrt{2kT n_i \epsilon_s}}{C_o} \sqrt{e^{-\beta V} \left(e^{\beta \psi_S} - e^{\beta \psi_o} \right)}$$

$$\psi_S = \psi_o - \frac{2}{\beta} \ln \left\{ \cos \left[\sqrt{\frac{q^2 n_i}{2kT \epsilon_s}} e^{\frac{\beta(\psi_o - V)}{2}} \frac{t_{Si}}{2} \right] \right\}$$

where ψ_o is the center-of-film potential extremum where the electric field = 0

From: "An analytical solution to a double-gate MOSFET with undoped body" by Y. Taur, in *IEEE Electron Device Lett.*, 21, 245–247, 2000.

Surface Potential in symmetric DG MOSFETs

Combining previous equations:

$$V_{GF} = \psi_s + \frac{\sqrt{2kT n_i \epsilon_s}}{C_o} e^{\frac{\beta(\psi_s - V)}{2}} \sin(\zeta)$$

The **solution** is given by:

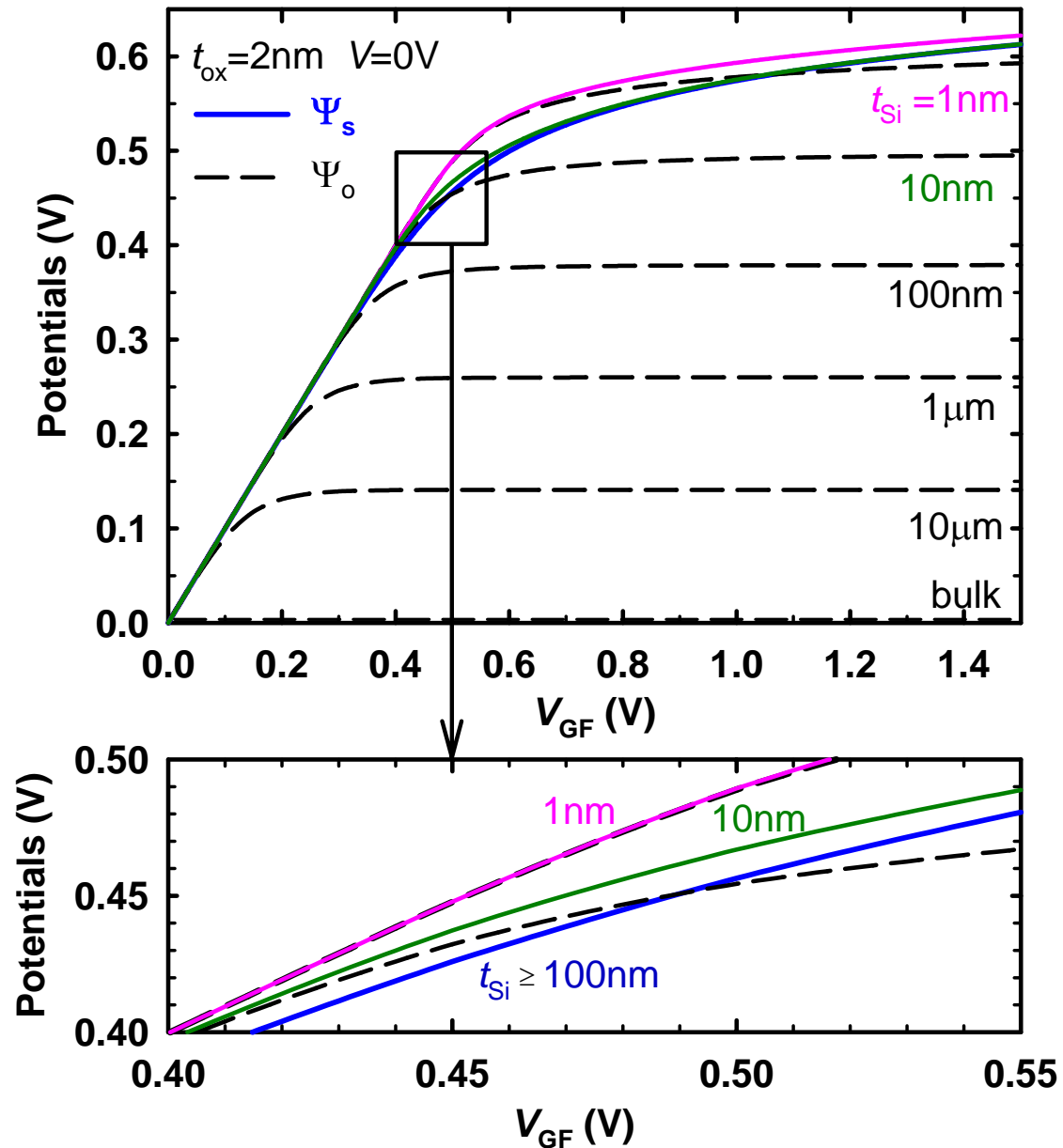
$$\psi_s = V_{GF} - \frac{2}{\beta} W \left[\frac{\beta t_{ox}}{\epsilon_{ox}} \sqrt{\frac{kT n_i \epsilon_s}{2}} e^{\frac{\beta(V_{GF} - V)}{2}} \sin(\zeta) \right]$$

where $\zeta = \sqrt{\frac{q^2 n_i}{2kT \epsilon_s}} e^{\frac{\beta(\psi_s - V)}{2}} \frac{t_{Si}}{2}$

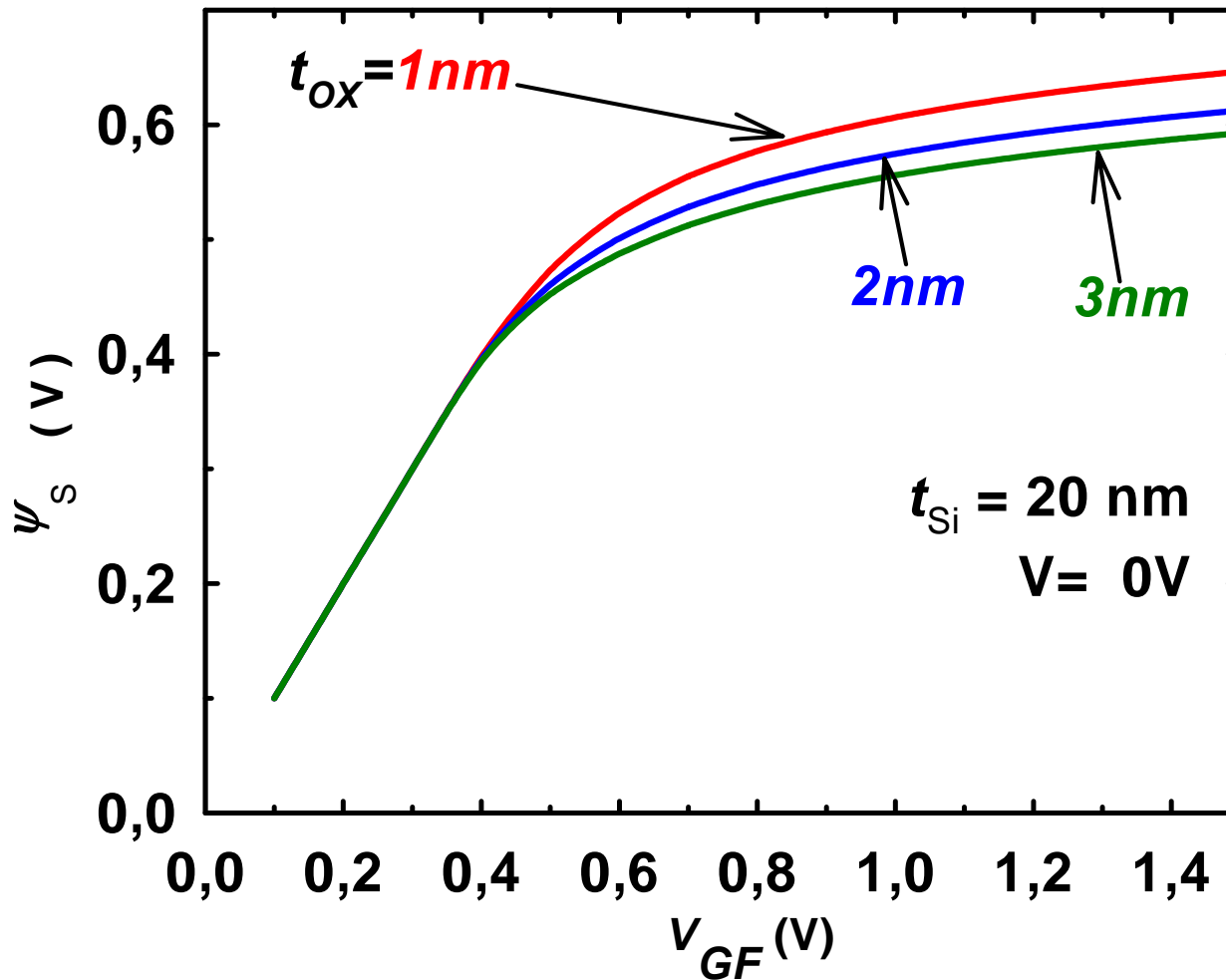
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Surface & center-of-film potentials:

Gate voltage dependence of the potential extremum, Ψ_0 , at the center of the film (dashed lines) and **surface potential**, Ψ_s , (solid lines) for several values of **film body thickness**.



Surface potential:

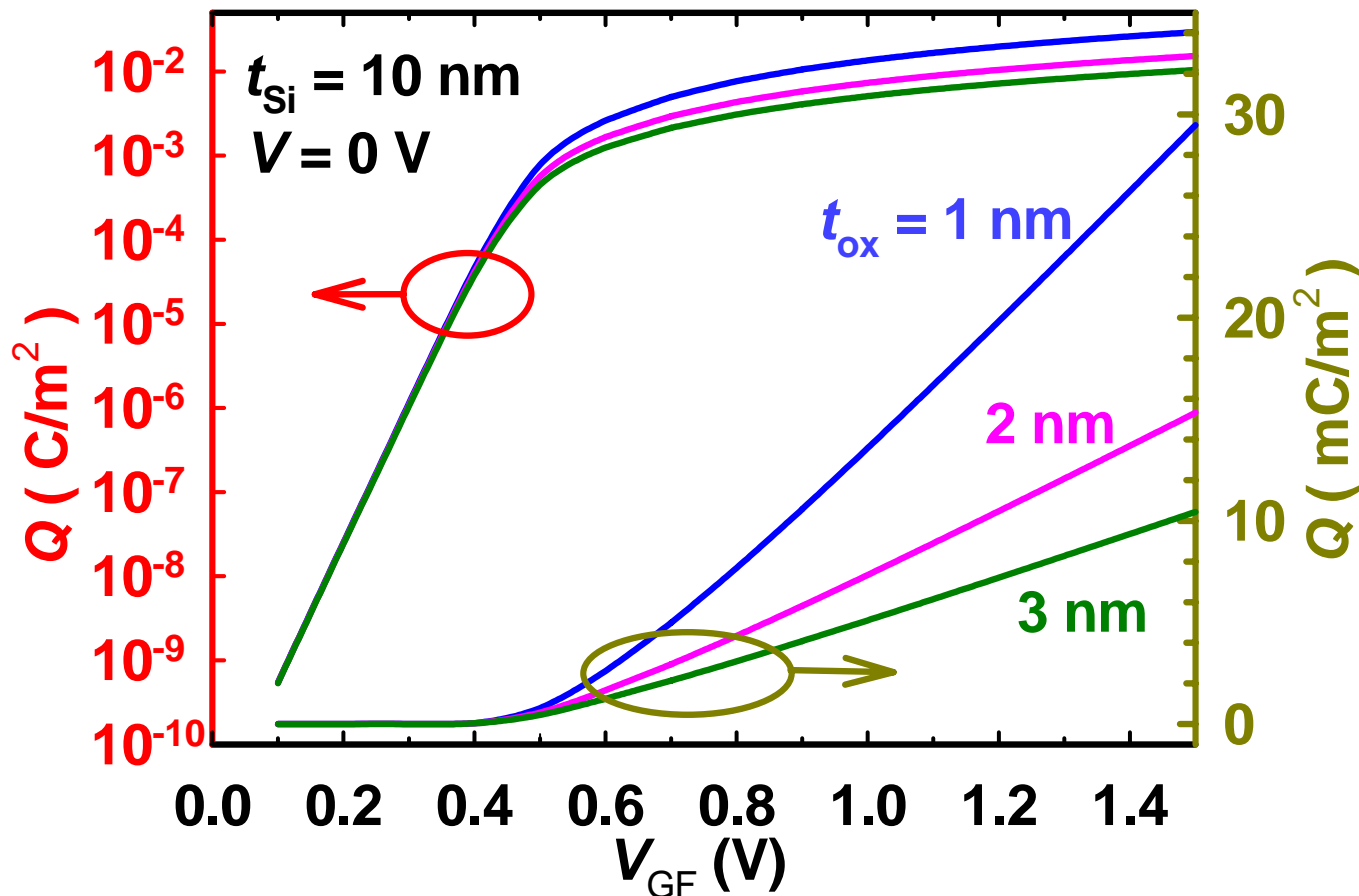


Surface potential as a function of gate voltage for three values of **oxide thickness**.

Oxide thickness dependence of DG MOSFET

charge :

$$Q = 2 C_{ox} \frac{2}{\beta} W \left[\frac{\beta t_{ox}}{\epsilon_{ox}} \sqrt{\frac{kT n_i \epsilon_{si}}{2}} e^{\beta(V_{GF} - V)} \sin(\zeta) \right]$$

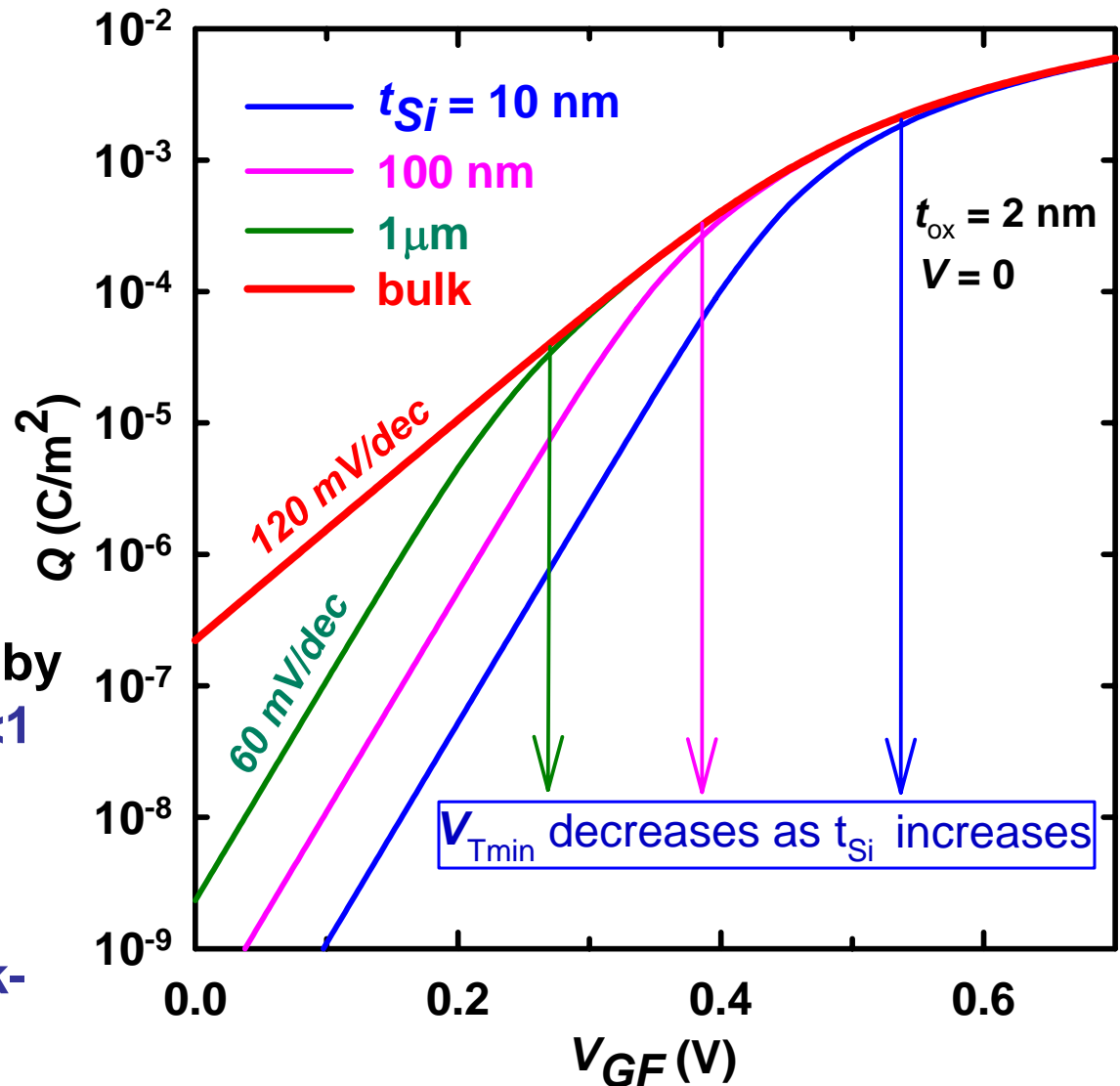


t_{ox} only affects
suprathreshold
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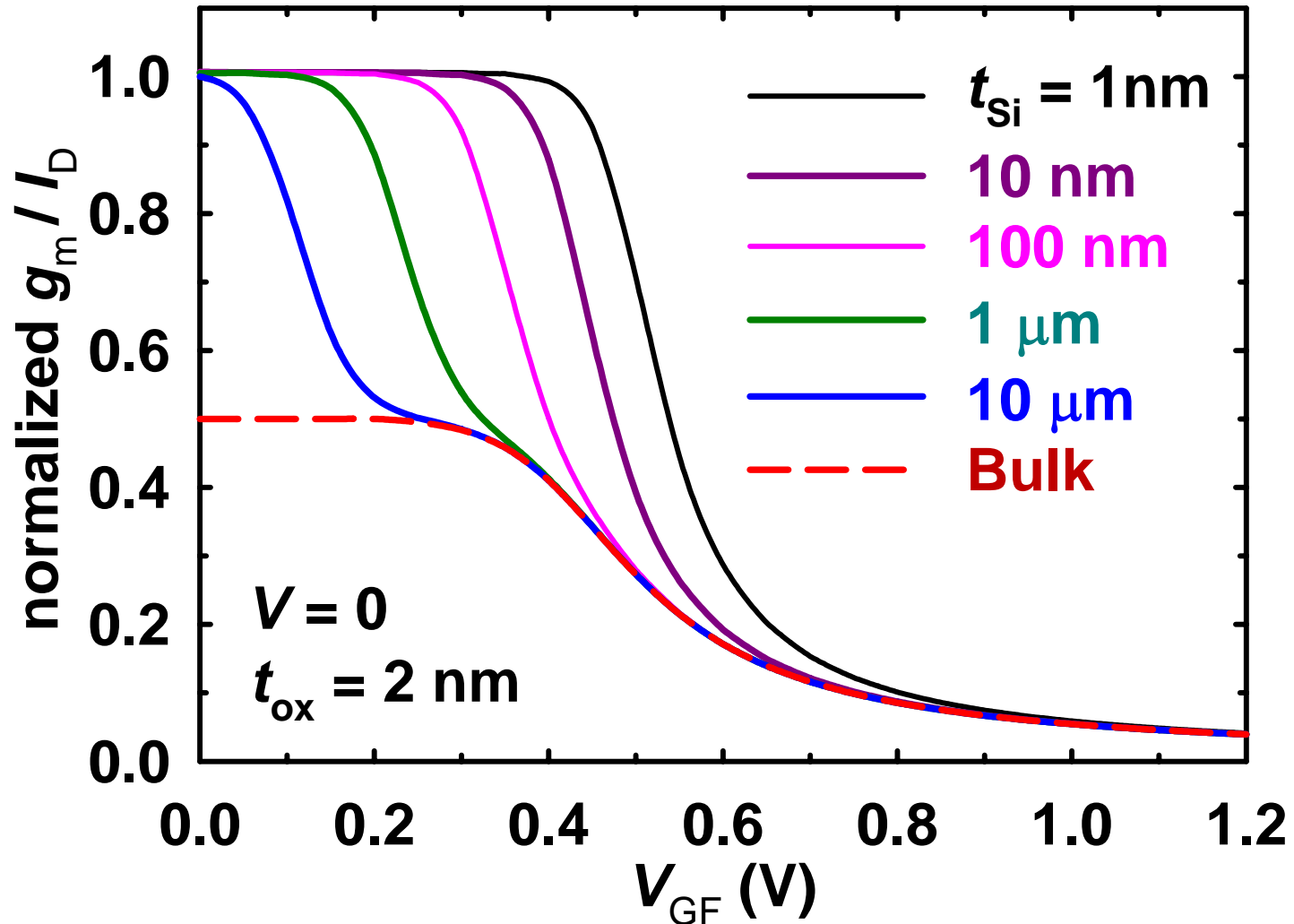
Si film thickness dependence of DG MOSFET charge :

For large t_{Si} , there are two sub-threshold regions (60 and 120 mV/dec). V_{Tmin} is the transition between these two regions.

V_{Tmin} occurs where Q ceases to be governed by volume charge ($\sin(\zeta) < 1$ DG-like behavior) and starts to be mainly governed by surface charge ($\sin(\zeta) \rightarrow 1$ bulk-like behavior).



Transconductance-to-current ratio for various thicknesses



The transconductance to current ratio is equivalent to the inverse of the subthreshold slope factor.

Analytic Surface potential based drain current model:

$$I_D = \mu \frac{W}{L} \left\{ \begin{aligned} & 2C_o \left[V_{GF} (\psi_{SL} - \psi_{S0}) - \frac{1}{2} (\psi_{SL}^2 - \psi_{S0}^2) \right] \text{ (first term)} \\ & + 4 \frac{kT}{q} C_o (\psi_{SL} - \psi_{S0}) \text{ (second term)} \\ & \text{(third term)} + t_{Si} kT n_i \left[e^{\beta(\psi_{oL} - V_{DS})} - e^{\beta\psi_{o0}} \right] \end{aligned} \right\}$$

From: "Rigorous analytic solution for the drain current of undoped symmetric dual-gate MOSFETs" by A. Ortiz-Conde, F.J. García Sánchez, J. Muci, in *Solid-State Electronics*, 49, 640-647, 2005.

A threshold model:

The intersection of the two current components (I_{Dw} and I_{Ds}) may be understood as the transition threshold from weak to strong conduction.

Below threshold: $\psi_{SL} \approx \psi_{S0} \approx \psi_{oL} \approx \psi_{o0} \approx V_{GF}$ $I_{Dw} = \mu \frac{W}{L} t_{Si} q n_i e^{\beta V_{GF}} V_{DS}$

Above threshold: $I_{Ds} = \mu \frac{W}{L} Q_{bulk} V_{DS}$ $Q_{bulk} = \frac{4 C_o}{\beta} W \left(\frac{q\sqrt{2}}{2 C_o} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_s n_i}{kT}} e^{\frac{\beta V_{GF}}{2}} \right)$

where Q_{bulk} is the solution for bulk devices.

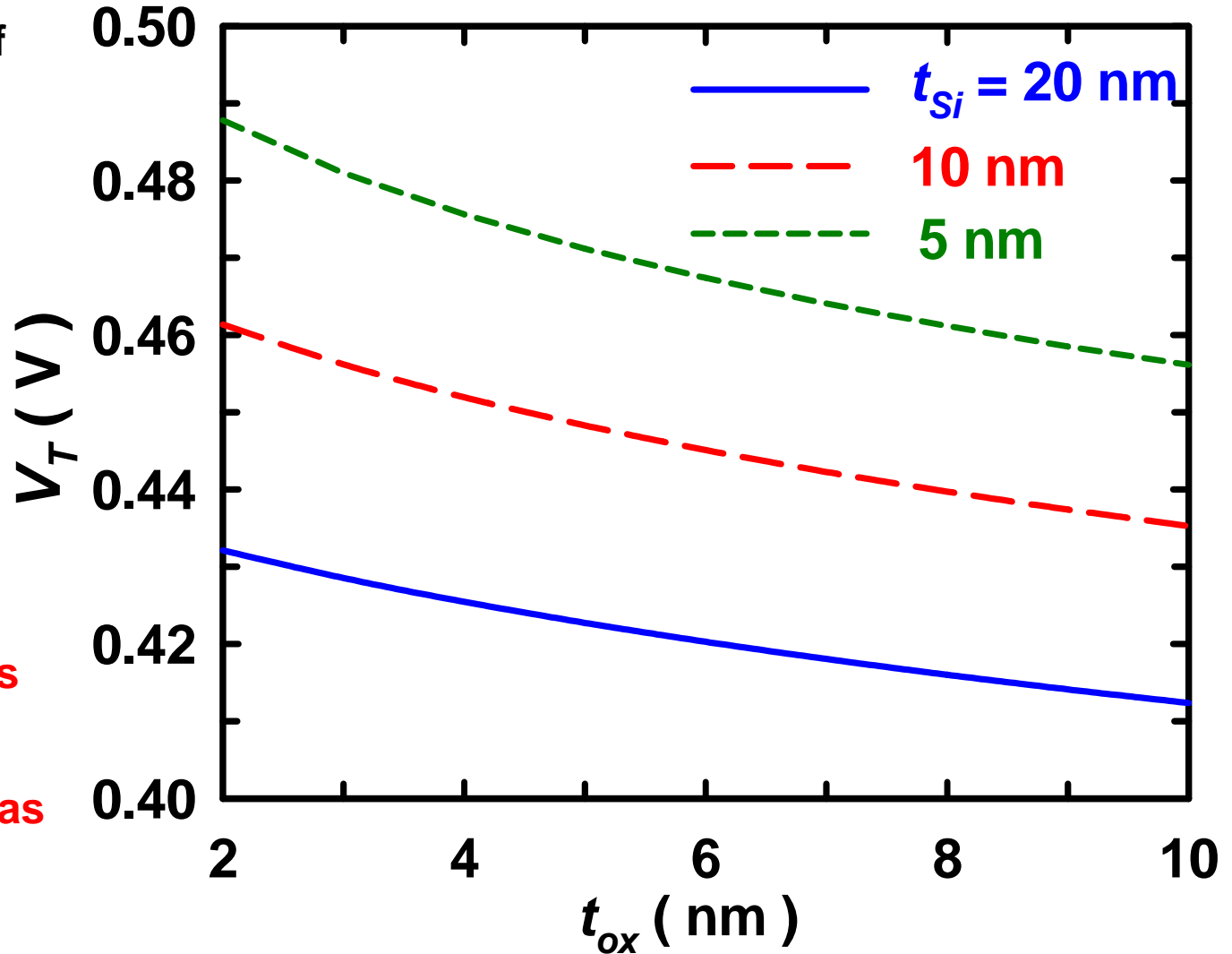
Equating I_{Dw} and I_{Ds} gives:

$$V_T = \frac{kT}{q} \left[\ln \left(\frac{8 kT \epsilon_s}{q^2 n_i t_{Si}^2} \right) - W \left(\frac{4 \epsilon_s}{C_o t_{Si}} \right) \right]$$

From: "Exact analytical solution of channel surface potential as an explicit function of gate voltage in undoped-body MOSFETs using the Lambert W function and a threshold voltage definition therefrom" by A. Ortiz-Conde, F.J. García Sánchez, M. Guzmán, in *Solid-State Electronics*, 47, 2067-2074, 2003.

Threshold:

Intersection of the two current components.

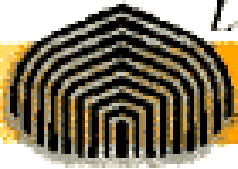


V_{Tx} increases as t_{si} decreases.

V_{Tx} decreases as t_{ox} increases.

Summary:

- The use of W provides simple explicit analytic solutions that **eliminate the need for numerical iterative solutions** in modeling problems which are described by implicit lineal-exponential equations.
- Explicit solutions based on W may be **readily evaluated** and manipulated.
- Analytic expressions may be used as **initial guesses** for more complicated iterative, time-dependent, or multi-dimensional calculations.
- The use of W makes it easier to study perturbations and dependencies, and turn the described phenomenon more **physically understandable and manageable**.
- **Quick evaluation** of large number of repetitive cases is made easier for circuit simulation.
- It is possible to **explicitly differentiate and integrate W** .
- **Symbolic computation packages** (like *Macsyma*®, *Mathematica*®, *Maple*®, etc.) already contain **optimized routines for W** .



END of presentation

Thank you for your attention

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