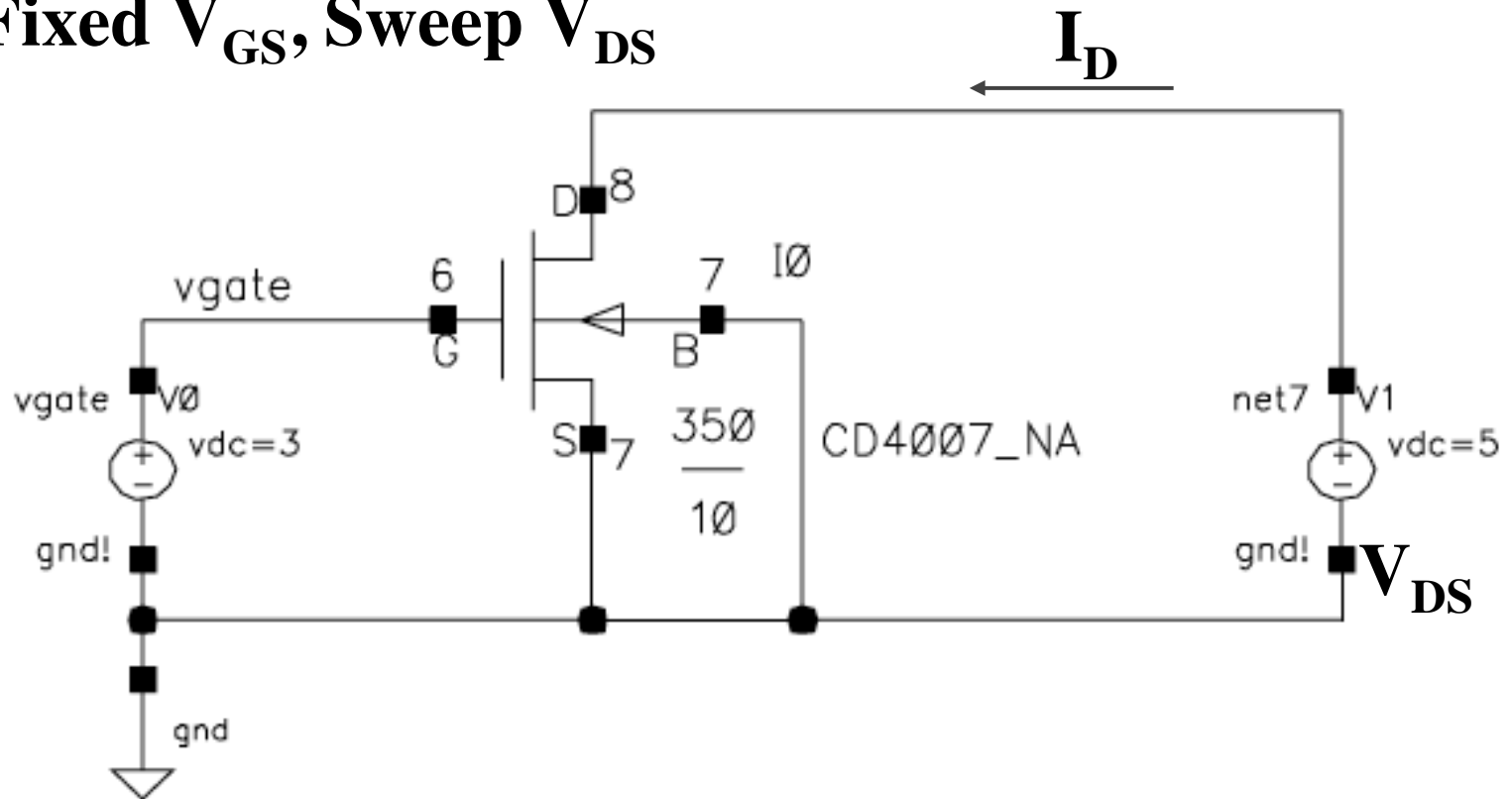


Studio 3 Review

- **MOSFET as current source**
- **Small V_{DS} :**
Resistor (value controlled by V_{GS})
- **Large V_{DS} :**
Current source (value controlled by V_{GS})

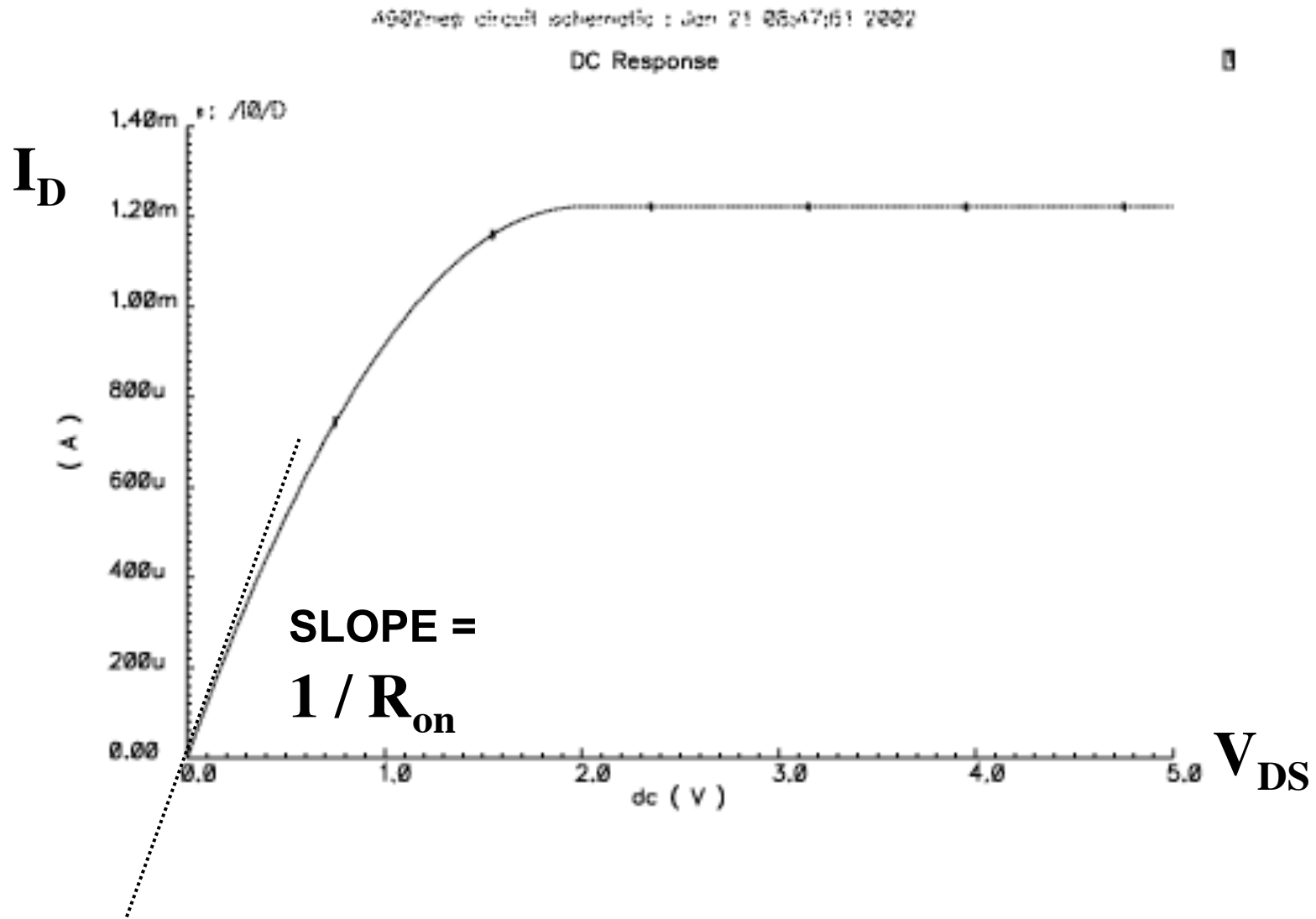
Simulation Review: Circuit

- Fixed V_{GS} , Sweep V_{DS}



Simulation Review: Result

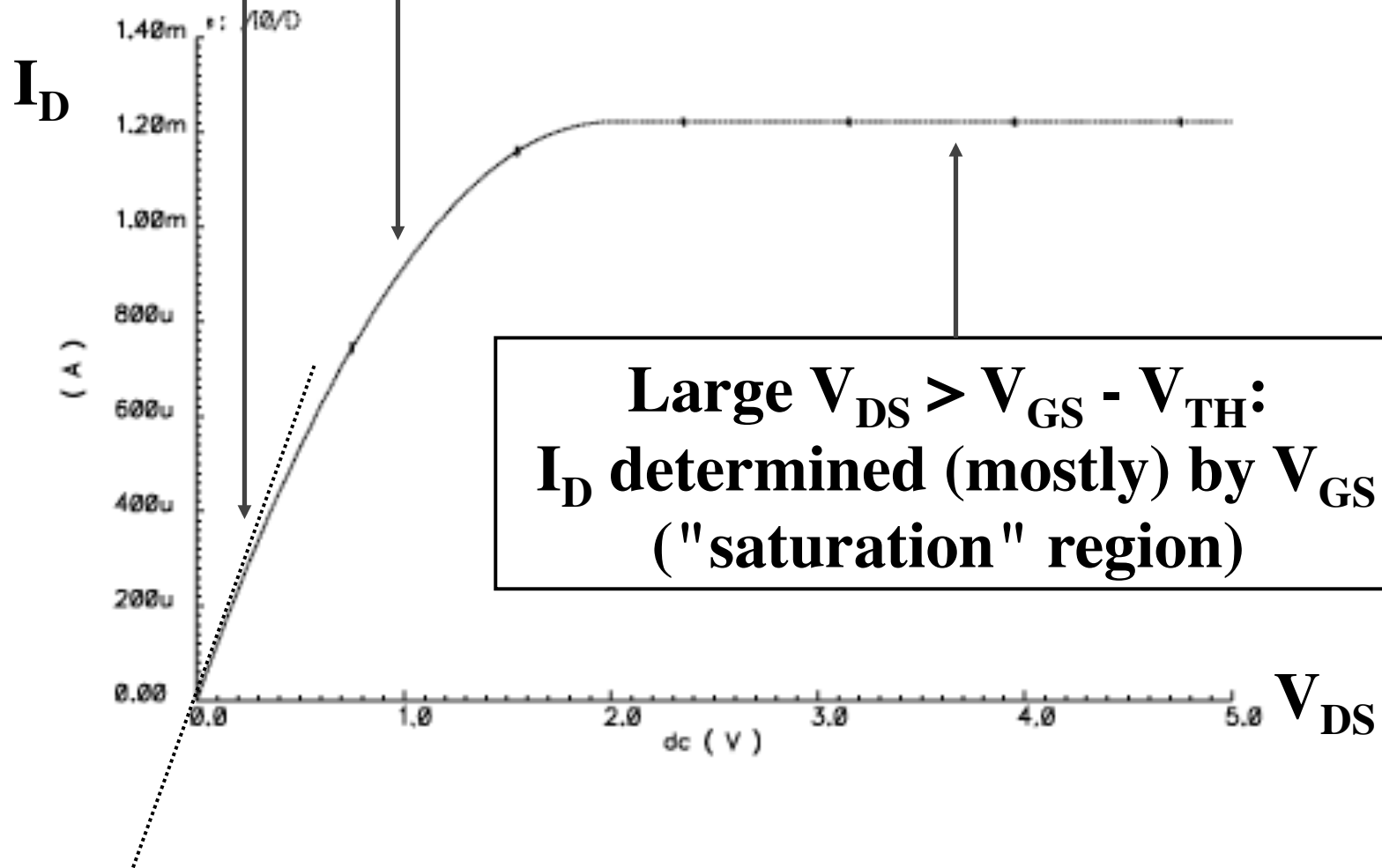
Follows linear R_{on} model only for “small” V_{DS}



Simulation Review: Result

Small V_{DS}
linear R_{on}

Medium $V_{DS} < V_{GS} - V_{TH}$:
nonlinear ("triode" region)

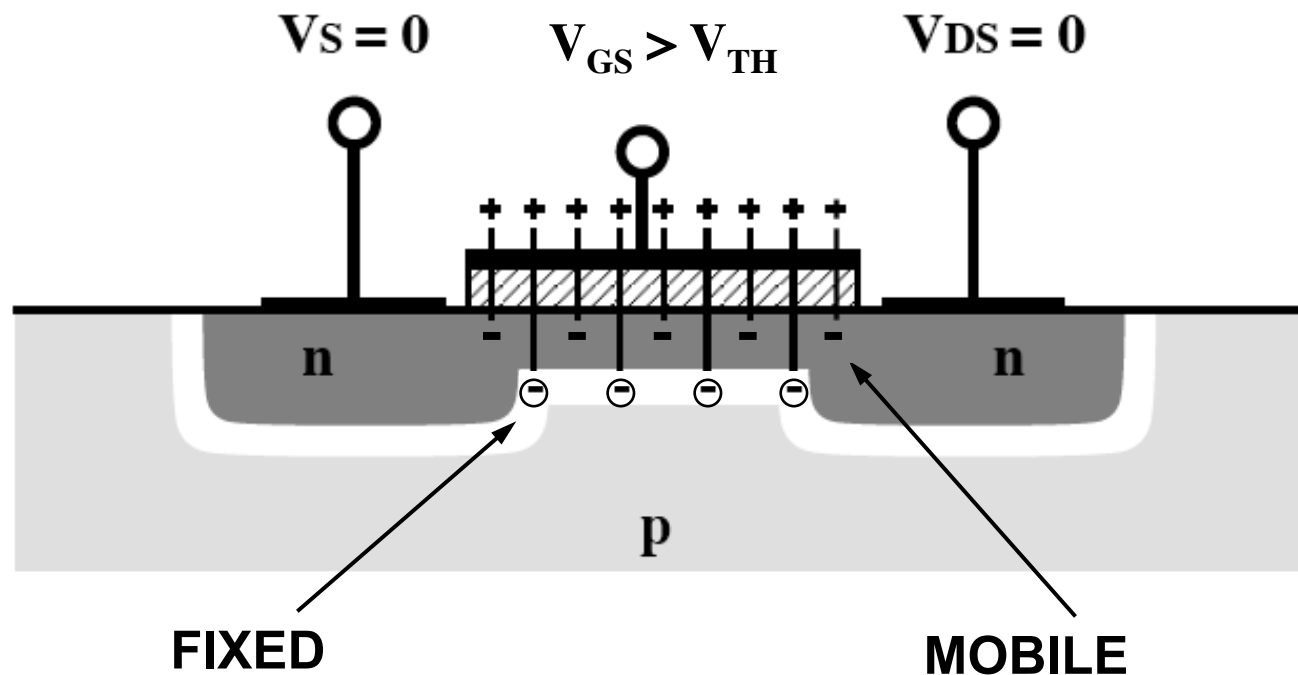


MOSFET Behavior

- **MOSFET channel behaves differently as the channel drain-source voltage V_{DS} increases:**
- **Small V_{DS} :**
linear V_{DS} - I_D relationship (model as R_{on})
- **Medium $V_{DS} < V_{GS} - V_{TH}$:**
nonlinear (“triode”) relationship
- **Large $V_{DS} > V_{GS} - V_{TH}$:**
approximately constant current
determined (mostly) by V_{GS}

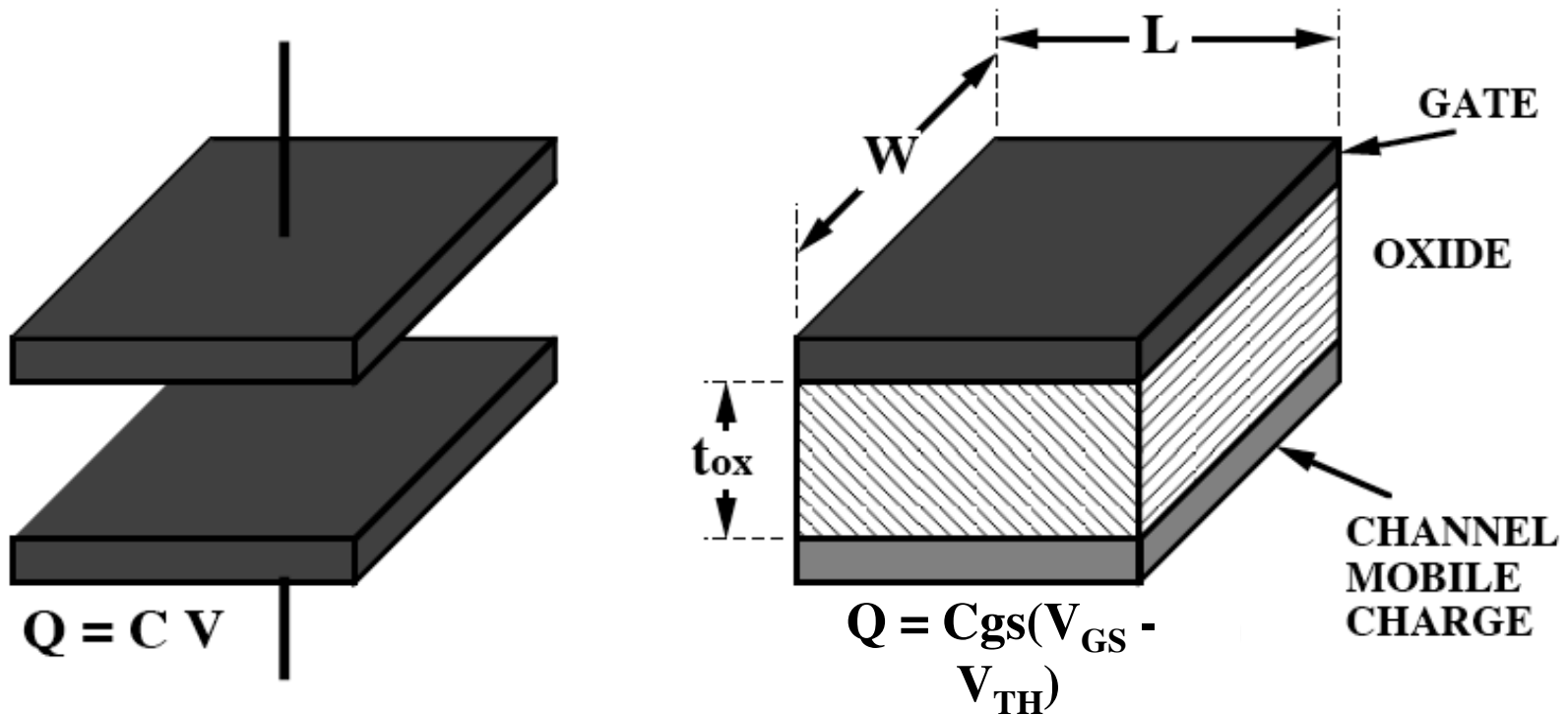
What Changed?

- Reexamine R_{on} derivation:
 - Apply V_{GS} : inversion layer of mobile charge



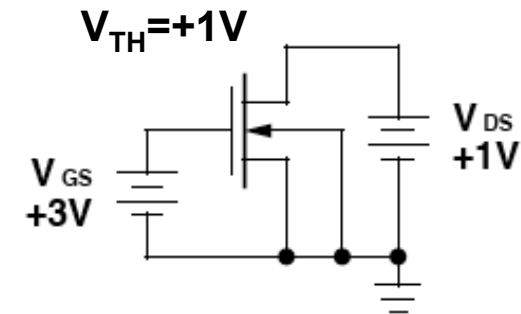
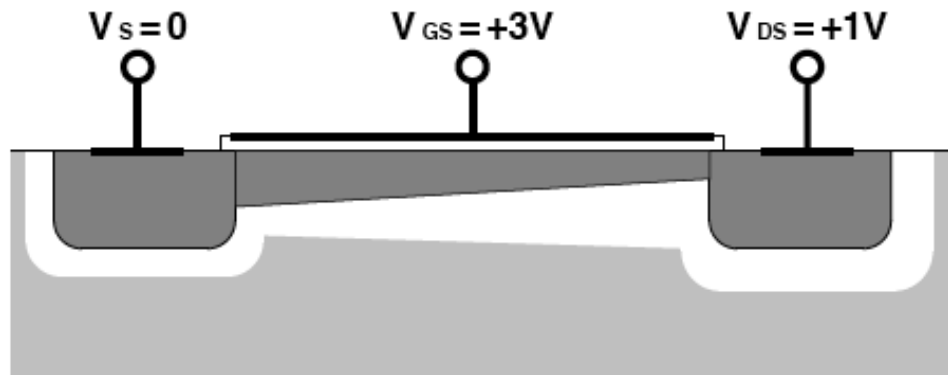
Reexamine R_{on} Derivation

- Calculate mobile channel charge
- *Assumed same voltage along channel*



What Changed: Voltage in V_{DS} Channel

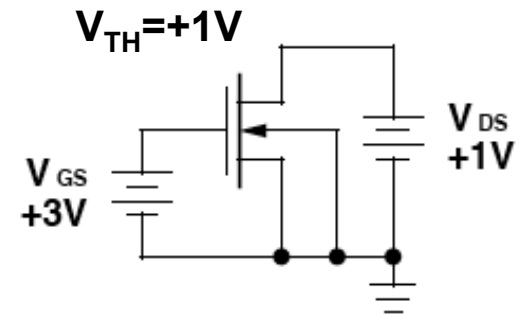
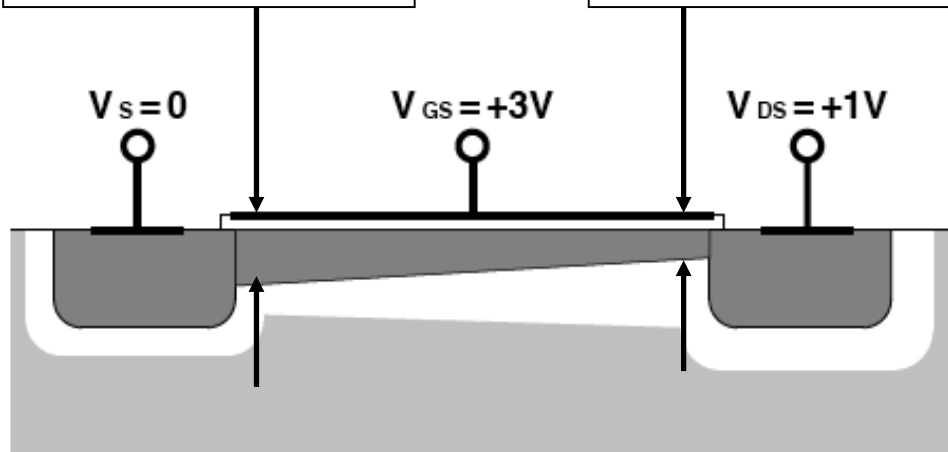
- **Problem: apply V_{DS} (to make current flow)**



Example: Apply 1V V_{DS}

- Voltage drop from gate to channel:

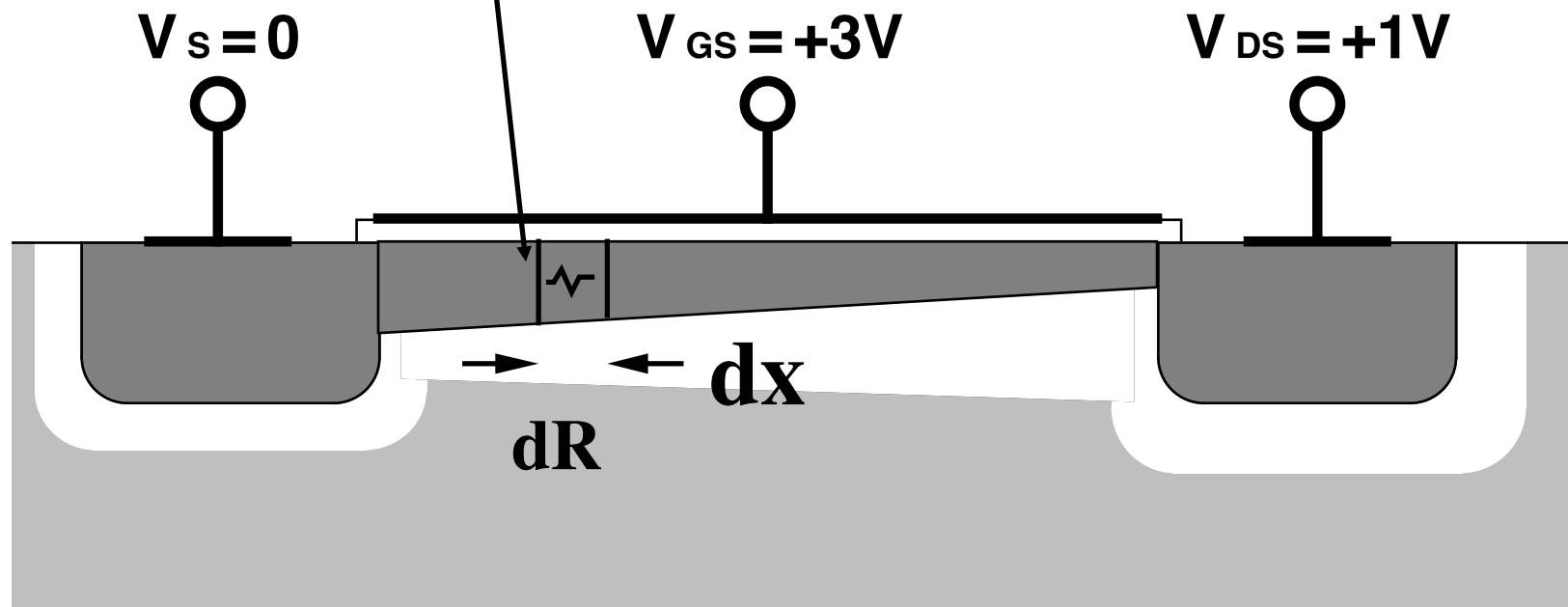
3V at S end 2V at D end



- Less mobile charge at D end
- Can't assume same charge density across channel

Approach:

- Divide channel along length x into segments dx
- Within segment, voltage change negligible
- Current I_D same all along channel (Kirchhoff)
- "KVL" from source to drain
- Define $V_{ch}(x)$ voltage in channel vs. position



Resistance of dx segment

- **Original equation:**

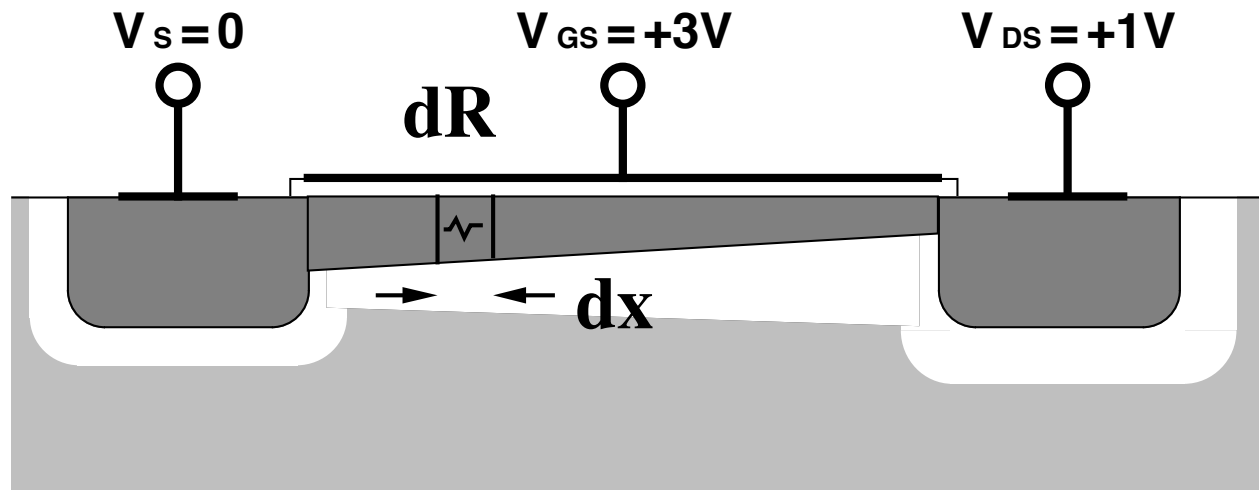
$$R_{on} = \frac{1}{\mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS} - V_{TH})}$$

- **“Length” = dx;
use $V_{ch}(x)$:**

$$dR(x) = \frac{1}{\mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{dx} (V_{GS} - V_{ch}(x) - V_{TH})}$$

$$dR(x) = \frac{dx}{\mu_n C_{ox} W (V_{GS} - V_{ch}(x) - V_{TH})}$$

- **Massage**



Voltage drop dV across dx segment

- **Ohm's Law:**

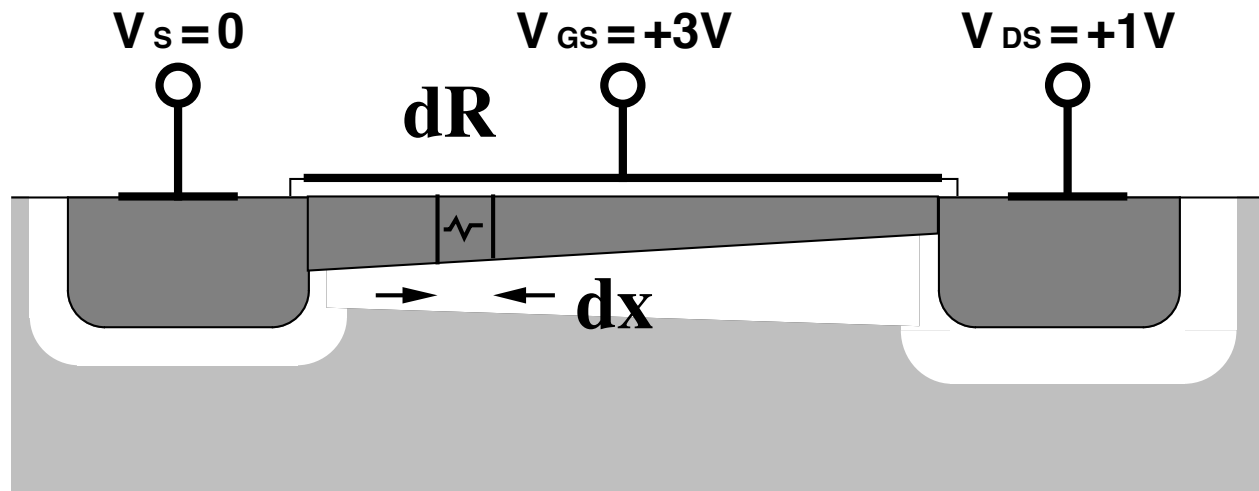
$$dV = I_D dR$$

- **Substitute for dR :**

$$dV = \frac{I_D dx}{\mu_n C_{ox} W (V_{GS} - V_{ch}(x) - V_{TH})}$$

- **Massage:**

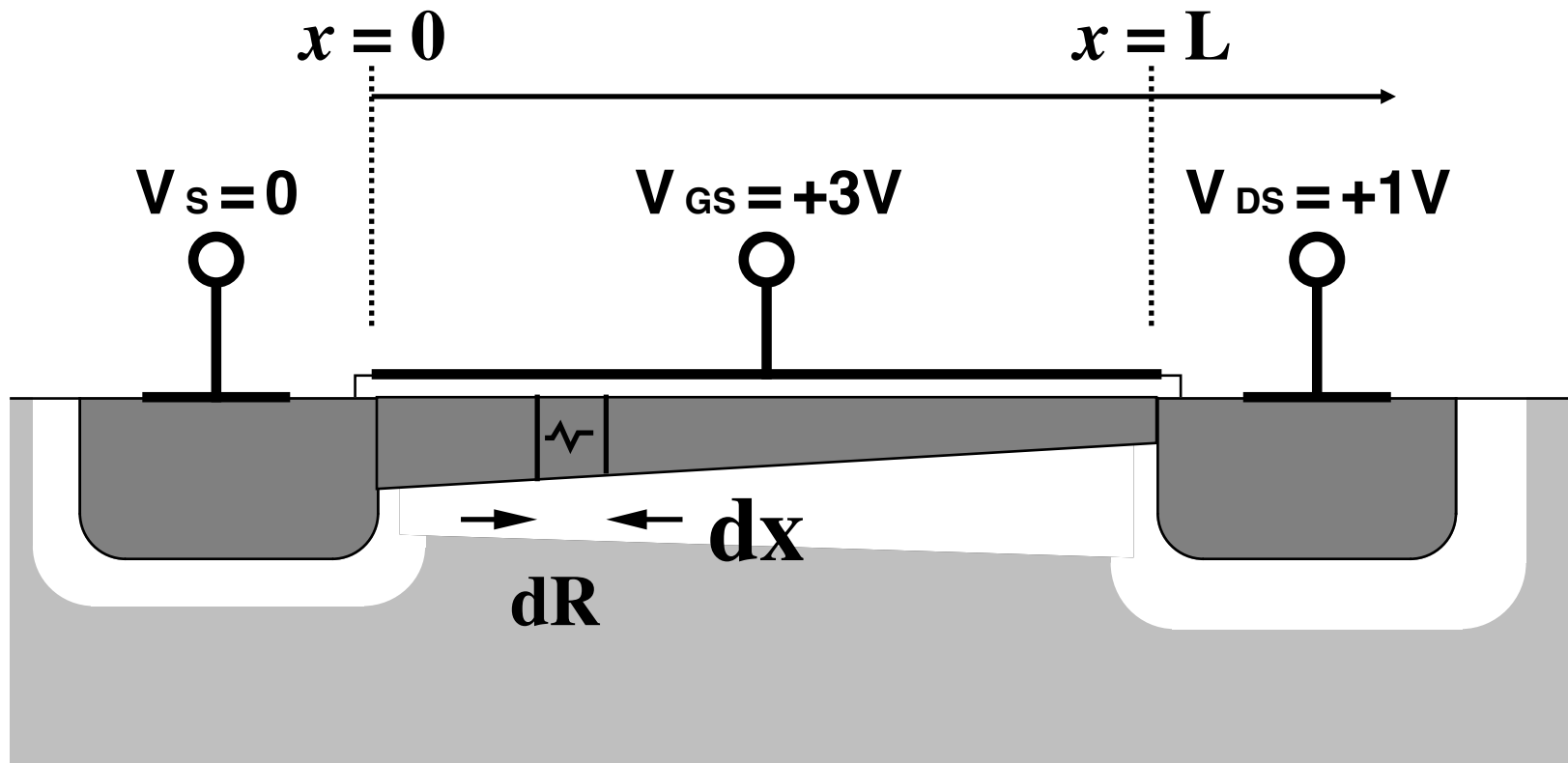
$$\mu_n C_{ox} W (V_{GS} - V_{ch}(x) - V_{TH}) dV = I_D dx$$



Integrate both sides

- **Limits on V: 0 to V_{DS}** **Limits on X: 0 to L**

$$\int_0^{V_{DS}} \mu_n C_{ox} W (V_{GS} - V_{ch}(x) - V_{TH}) dV = \int_0^L I_D dx$$



Integrate, evaluate both sides

- **Integral result**

$$\mu_n C_{ox} W \left[(V_{GS} - V_{TH})V - \frac{V^2}{2} \right] \Big|_0^{V_{DS}} = I_D x \Big|_0^L$$

- **Evaluate**

$$\mu_n C_{ox} W \left[(V_{GS} - V_{TH})V_{DS} - \frac{V_{DS}^2}{2} \right] = I_D L$$

- **TRIODE REGION EQUATION**

$$I_D = \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} \left[(V_{GS} - V_{TH})V_{DS} - \frac{V_{DS}^2}{2} \right]$$

Triode region equation: Limit for $V_{DS} \ll V_{GS} - V_{TH}$

- V_{DS} small $\Rightarrow V_{DS}^2$ very small

$$I_D = \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} \left[(V_{GS} - V_{TH}) V_{DS} - \cancel{\frac{V_{DS}^2}{2}} \right]$$

- Approaches resistive model

$$I_D \approx \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS} - V_{TH}) V_{DS}$$

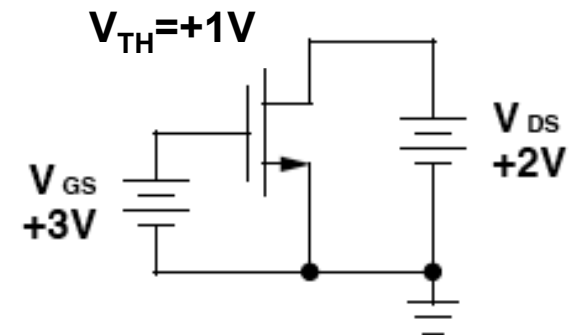
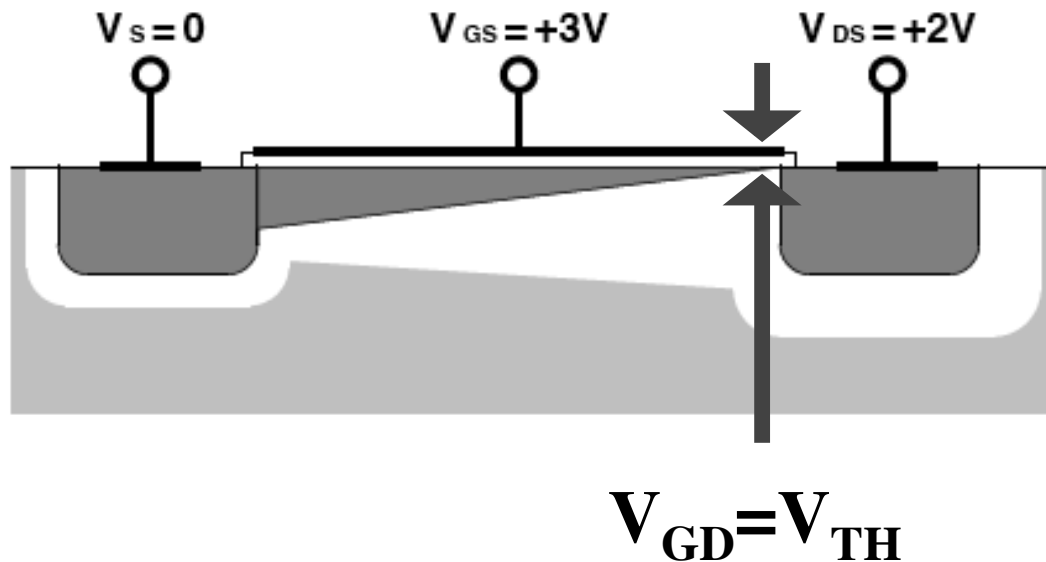
“Small” V_{DS} : How small is “small”?

$$I_D = \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} \left[\underbrace{(V_{GS} - V_{TH}) V_{DS}}_{\substack{LINEAR \\ IN V_{DS}}} - \underbrace{\frac{V_{DS}^2}{2}}_{\substack{QUADRATIC \\ IN V_{DS}}} \right]$$

- **Compare magnitude of linear, quadratic terms**

Pinchoff

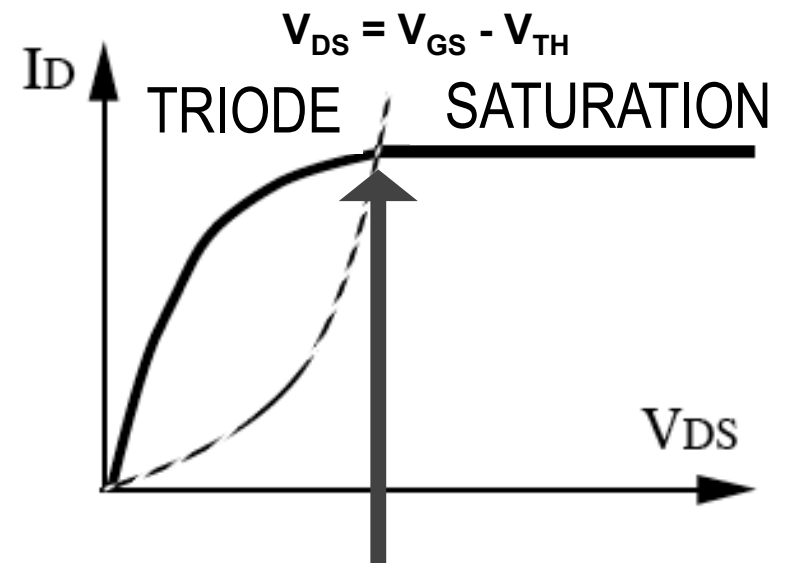
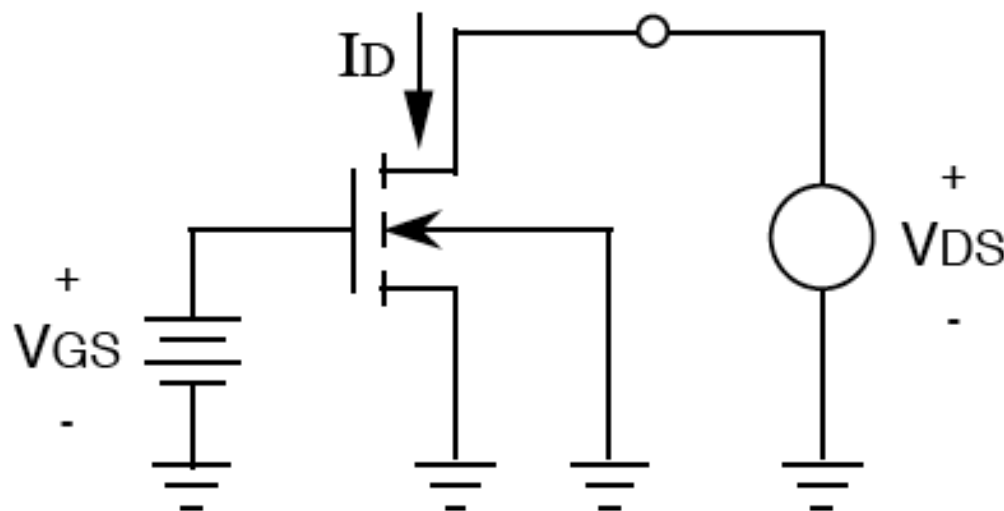
- **Condition: $V_{GD}=V_{TH}$**
 - Gate-to-channel difference must exceed V_{TH} for mobile charge in channel
- **What is current at pinchoff?**



Current at Pinchoff

- $V_{GD}=V_{TH} \Rightarrow V_{GS} - V_{DS}=V_{TH} \Rightarrow V_{DS}=V_{GS} - V_{TH}$
- **Substitute condition into triode equation**

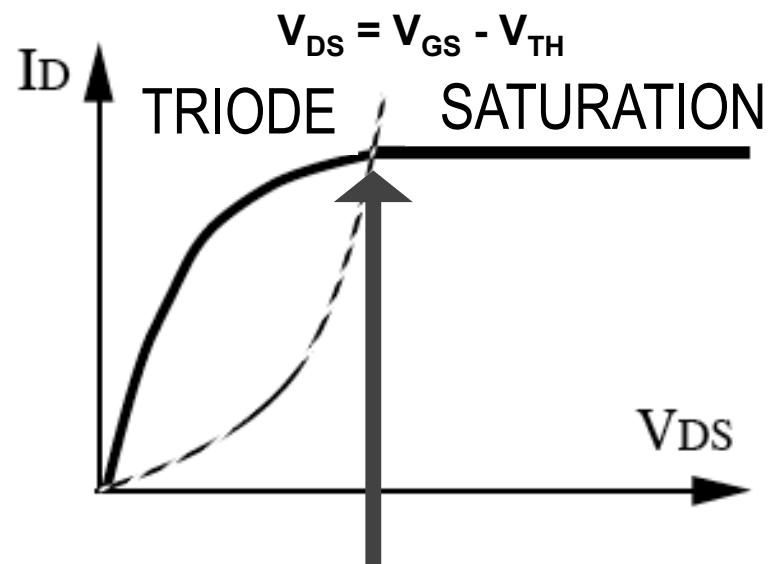
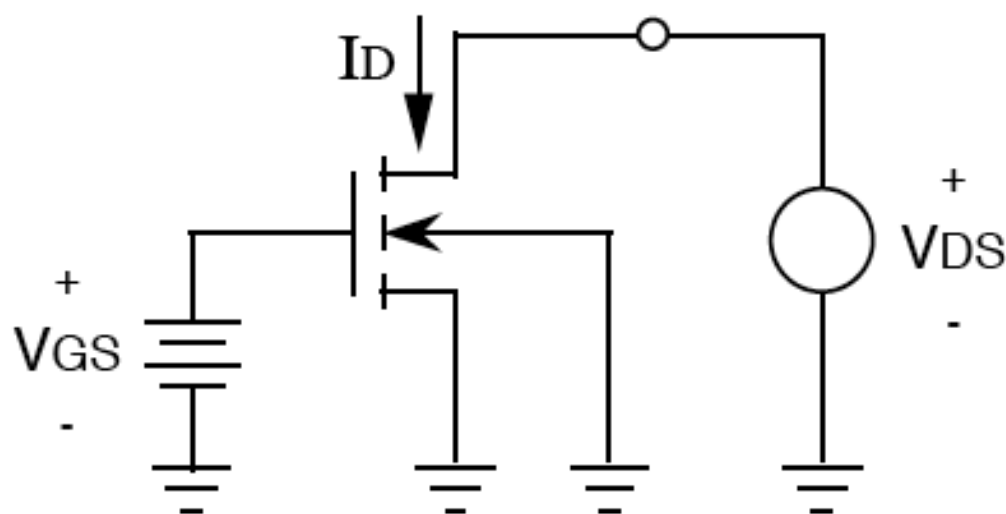
$$I_D = \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} \left[(V_{GS} - V_{TH}) \overbrace{(V_{GS} - V_{TH})}^{V_{DS}} - \frac{\overbrace{(V_{GS} - V_{TH})^2}^{V_{DS}^2}}{2} \right]$$



Current at Pinchoff

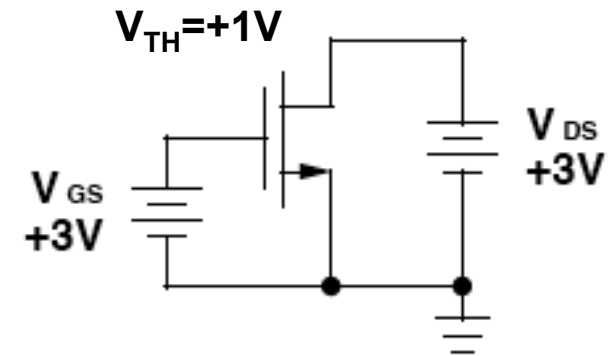
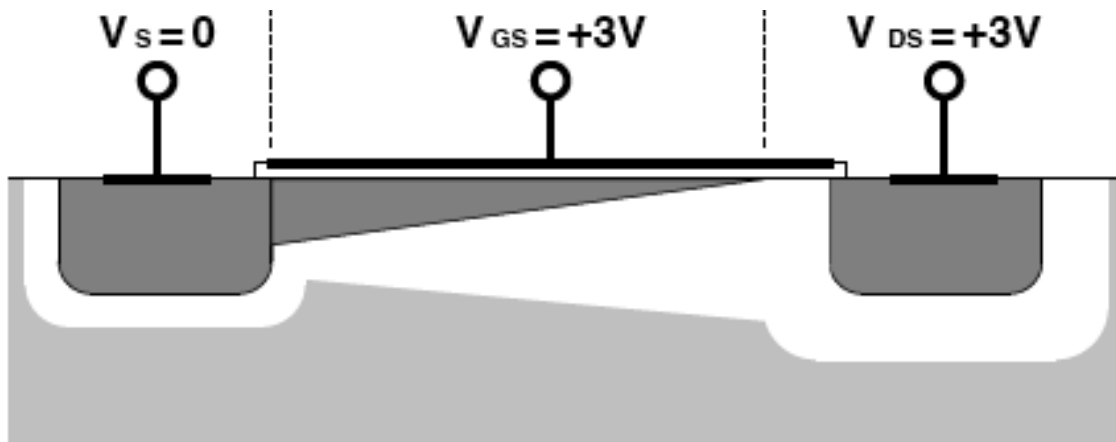
- **Current depends only on V_{GS} (ideally)**
- **SATURATION REGION EQUATION**

$$I_D = \frac{\mu_n C_{ox}}{2} \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS} - V_{TH})^2$$



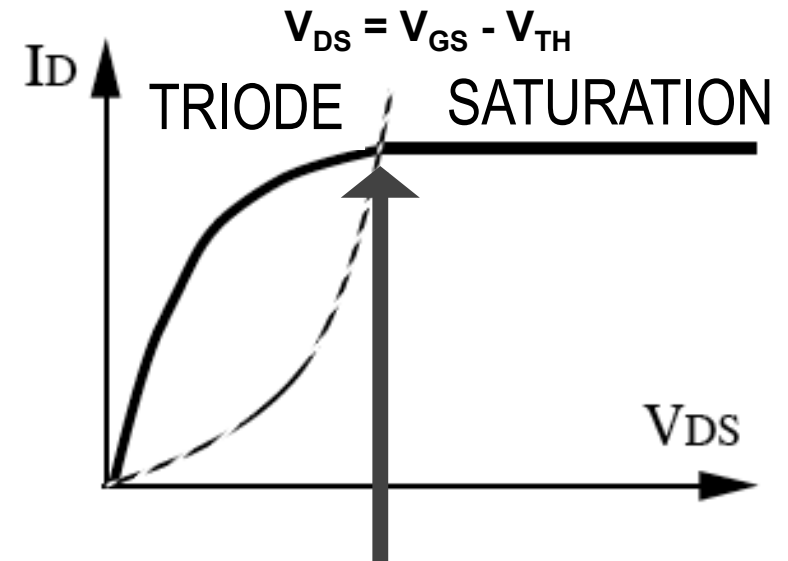
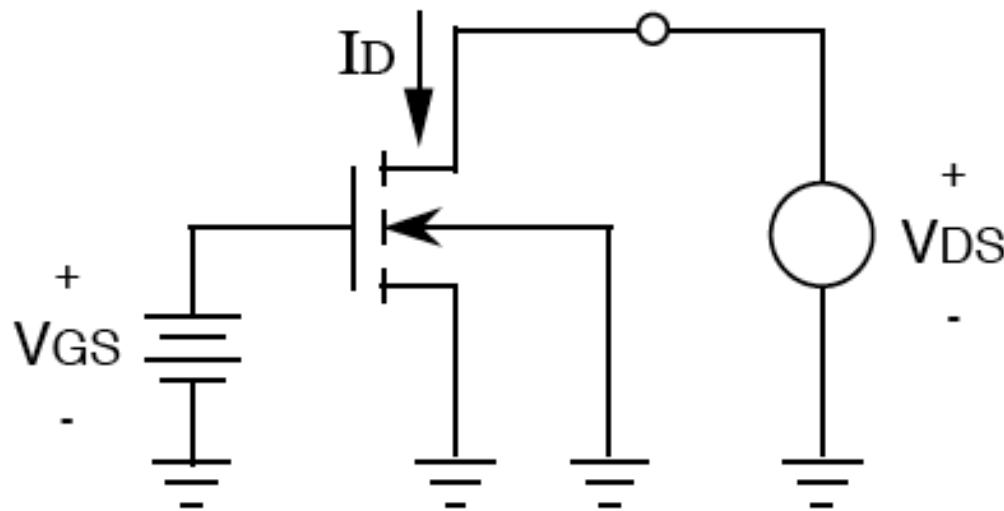
Beyond Pinchoff (Simplest Model)

- Higher $V_{DS} \Rightarrow$ No additional mobile charge in channel $\Rightarrow$ No increase in current



Behavior

- **Current source, controlled by V_{GS}**
- **"Saturation region" (will be used as amplifier)**



Summary: NMOS

GATE	DRAIN		APPROXIMATE BEHAVIOR
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	$V_{DS} < V_{GS} - V_{TH}$	TRIODE	DRAIN-SOURCE CHANNEL "LOOKS" RESISTIVE FOR "SMALL" V_{DS} $I_D = \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} \left[(V_{GS} - V_{TH}) V_{DS} - \frac{V_{DS}^2}{2} \right]$
$V_{GS} < V_{TH}$		CUTOFF	$I_D = 0$

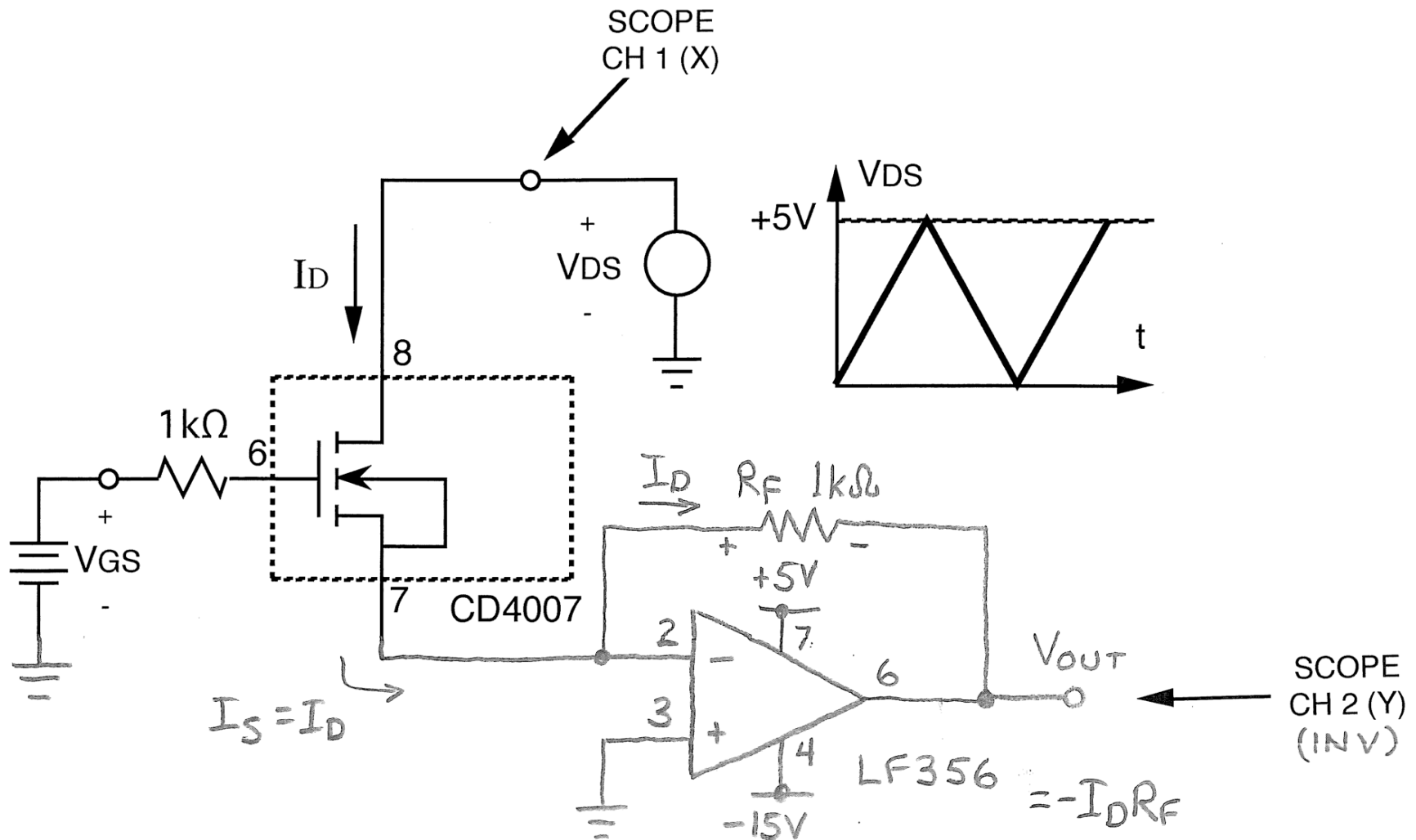
- **Analysis strategy: Assume / guess operating region, check for consistency**

Summary: PMOS

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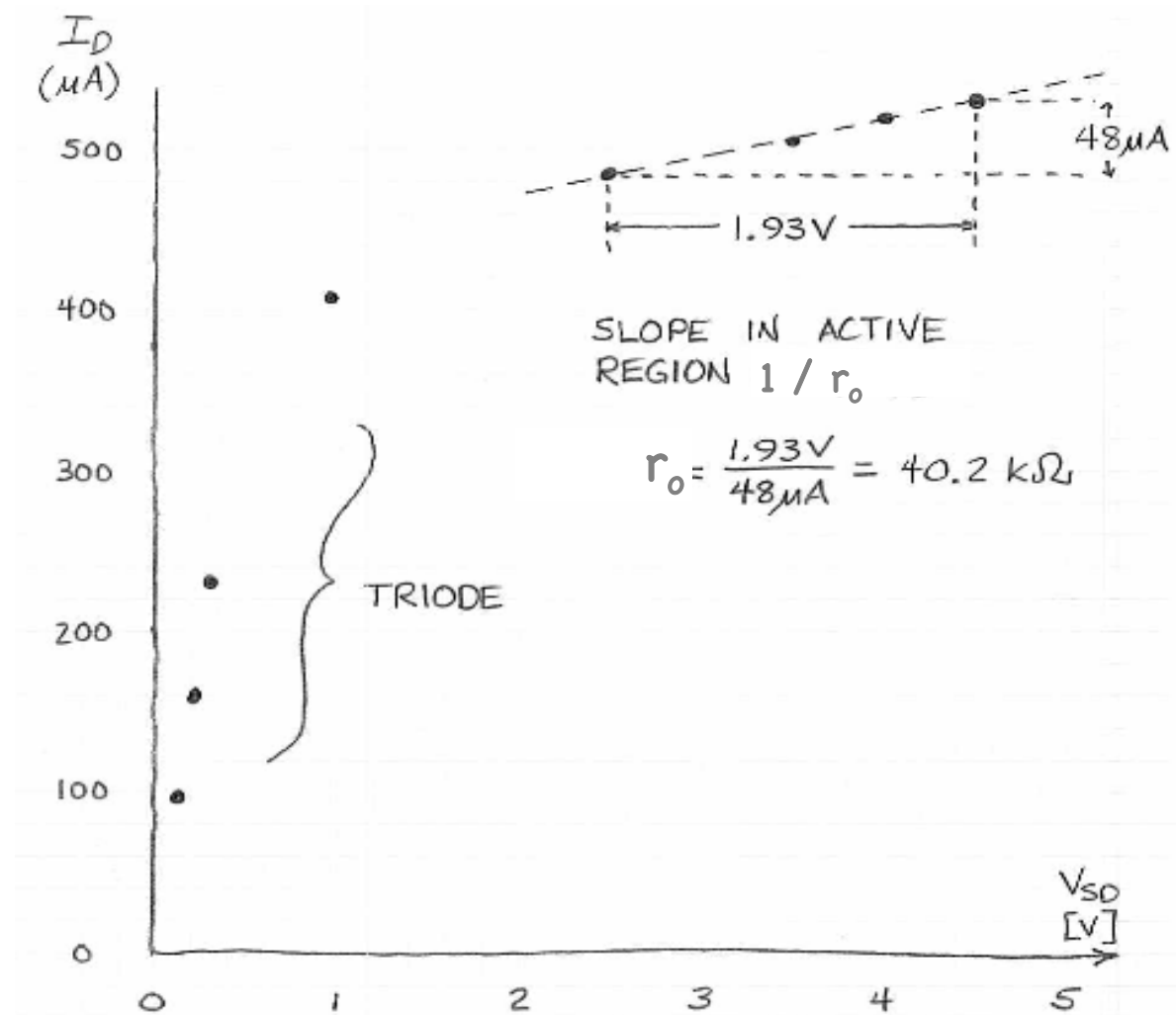
- **Positive current flows out of drain**
- **V_{GS} , V_{DS} negative**

Lab Exercise: Schematic



- Display $I_D - V_{DS}$ plot on scope

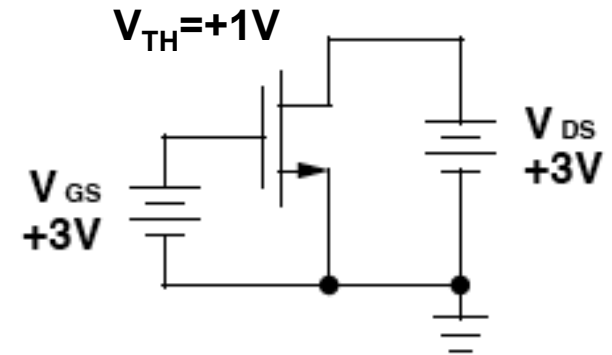
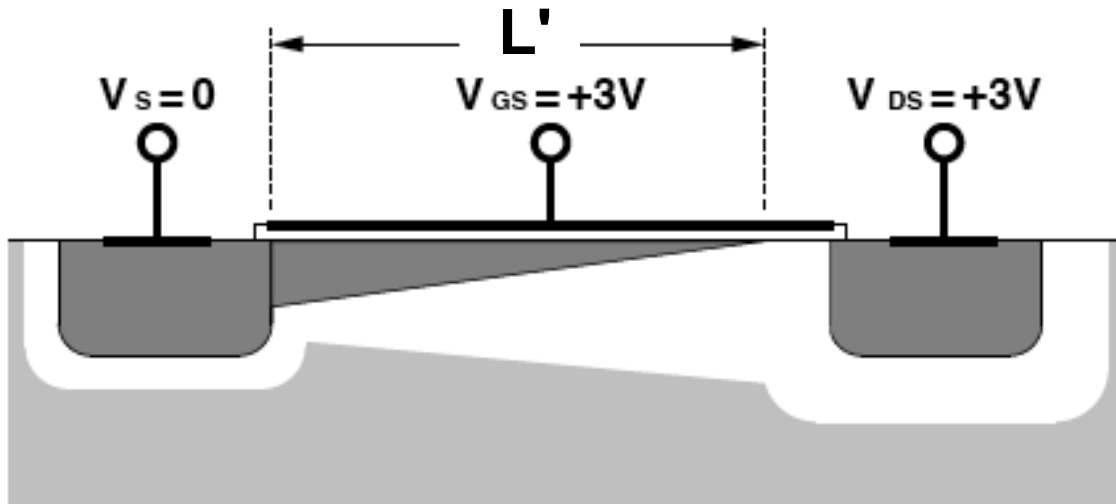
Lab Exercise: V-I plot



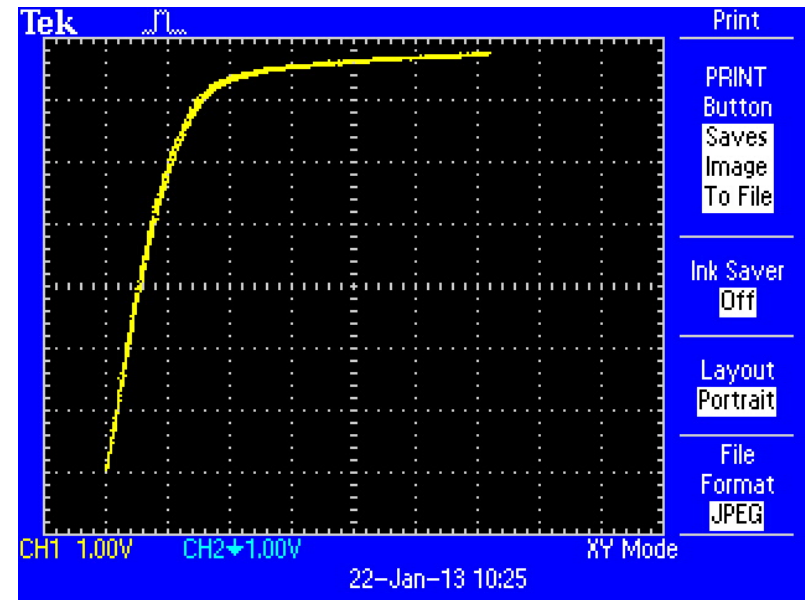
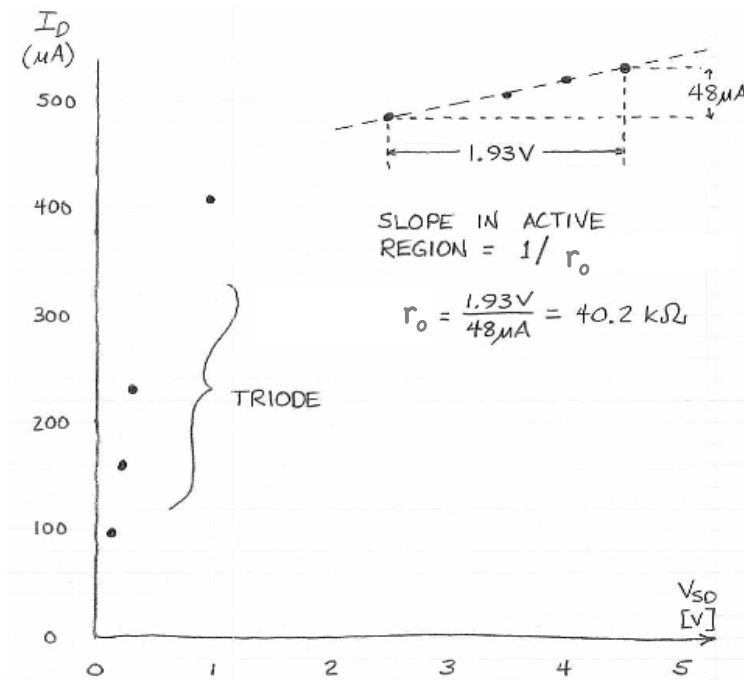
- Note V_{DS} dependence in active region
 - Not accounted for in simple model

Beyond Pinchoff (Reality)

- Higher $V_{DS} \Rightarrow$ Pinchoff point moves toward S
 $\Rightarrow$ Effective channel length $L' < L$
 $\Rightarrow$ "Channel Length Modulation"
 $\Rightarrow I_D$ influenced by V_{DS}



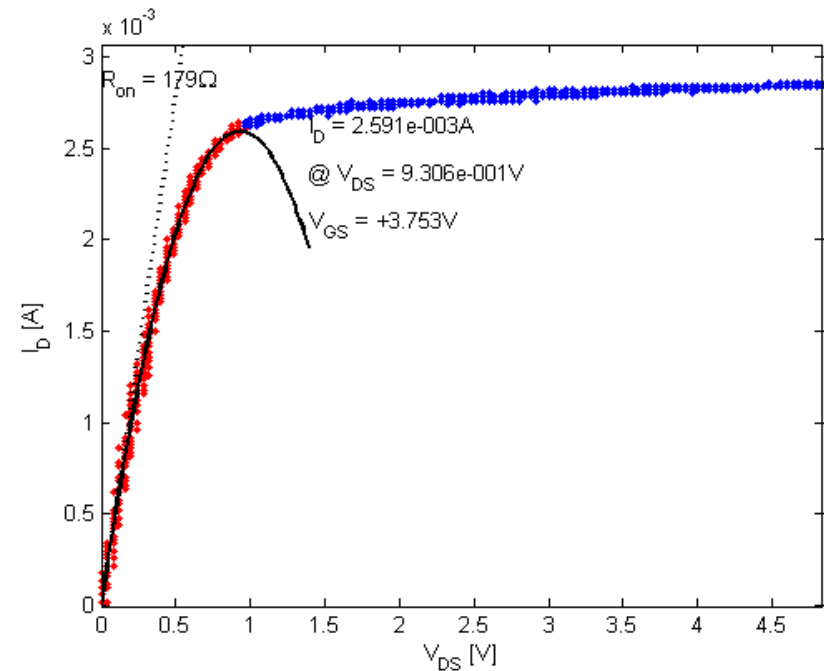
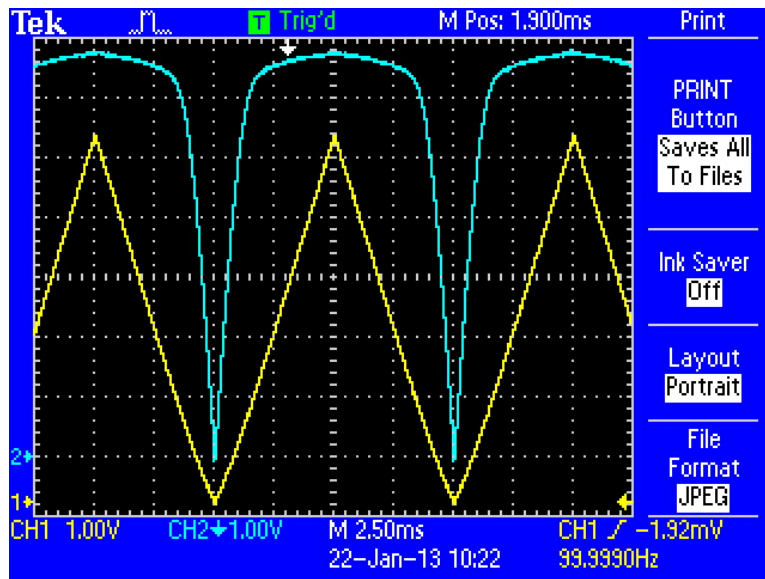
Lab Exercise: Scope V-I plot



- Try different values of V_{GS}
 - Note what changes, what doesn't in output characteristic

Note: If you try to save the scope image to a USB stick and you get a message "Control is inactive in XY mode" use the Utility > Options > Printer Setup menu and be sure the PRINT Button function is set to "Saves Image To File"

Data analysis “extra”: MATLAB



- Use “Saves All To Files” option in YT mode to save V_{DS} , I_D data to .csv file
- MATLAB code online to fit parameters