

# MOSFET Parameters

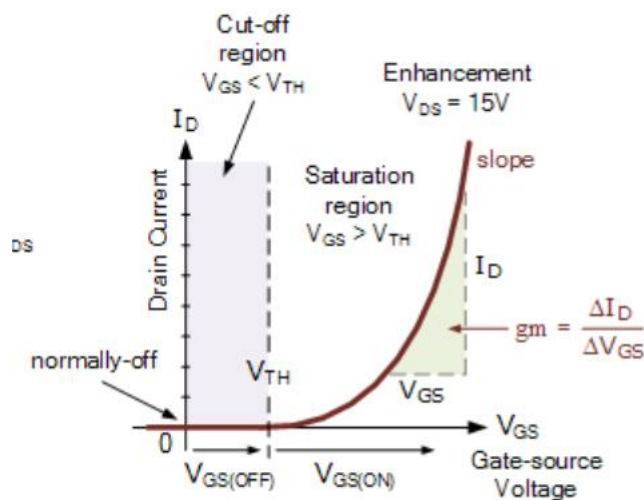
Mosfet short for Metal-Oxide-Semiconductor Field-Effect Transistors is one of the fundamental components in modern electronics, which gain popularity over BTJ transistors in the 80s due to the increase in market demand for digital circuits over analog, Mosfet transistors used in many applications such as such as microprocessors, memory devices, and power management systems. Understanding the parameters that define MOSFET behavior is essential for circuit designers to effectively use them in various applications.

## Parameters overview

### 1. Threshold Voltage $V_{th}$

Typically, this parameter is important in the case of E-MOSFETS

The threshold voltage is the minimum gate-to-source voltage  $V_{gs}$  required to create a conductive channel between the drain and source terminals. Below this voltage, the MOSFET remains in the "off" state, also it determines the switching behavior of the MOSFET. For logic-level MOSFETs, and it range from millivolts to several volts



### 2. Drain-Source On-Resistance $R_{ds(on)}$

It is the resistance between the drain and source terminals when the MOSFET is in the "on" state

Which is a key parameter in determining the efficiency of a MOSFET in power applications

A lower  $R_{ds(on)}$  implies less power loss when the MOSFET is conducting, making it more efficient for switching applications like power supplies and motor drivers.

### 3. Transconductance $g_m$

It represents the relationship between the change in the drain current  $I_d$  and the change in the gate-source voltage  $V_{gs}$  when the MOSFET is operating in the saturation region and its unit is Siemen

It indicates how effectively the MOSFET can control the drain current with respect to changes in the gate-source voltage.

4. Zero Potential Current  $I_{dss}$

The direct current into the drain terminal when the gate-source voltage is zero.

5.  $K_n$  constant

Which compute from the formula  $K_n = \frac{W}{L} \mu_n C_{ox}$

Where:

W and L is the dimension of the MOSFET

$\mu$  is charge-carrier effective mobility

$C_{ox}$  is Oxide Capacitance

And is a constant drive from the manufacture prosses of the Transistors

## MOSFET operation regions

The MOSFET usually operate in three main region which are cutoff, saturation and triode (also known as linear or ohmic)

### 1. Cutoff region

the E-MOSFET operate in the cutoff region when the  $v_{gs} < v_t$  the mosfet is turned off no current pass through it,

It used in switching applications where the MOSFET is required to be completely off, such as in digital circuits for logic gates.

Note for D-MOSSFET the condition is  $V_{gs} < 0$

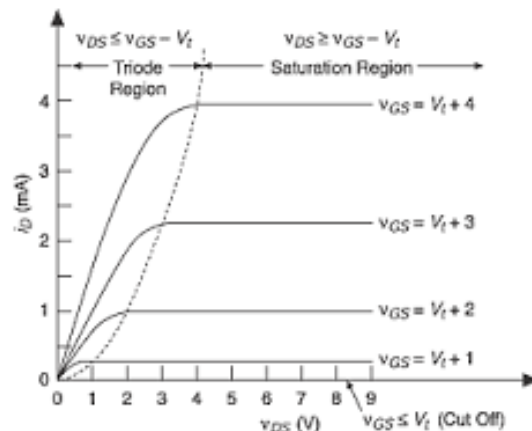
### 2. Ohmic(triode) region

It is the region in which the transistor act as a variable resistance

The transistor in this region used in analog circuits, such as in small-signal amplifiers, where the MOSFET needs to operate as a controlled resistor.

### 3. Saturation (Active) Region

It the region where the mosfet is on which act as a switch where  $V_{ds} > V_{gs} - V_{th}$  and  $V_{ds}$  is positive value, The transistor in this region used as closed switch where the MOSFET behaves like a closed switch, allowing current to flow freely between the drain and source.



## Guidelines for Selecting the Right MOSFET

Selecting the right MOSFET depends on various factors, including the application, operating conditions, and desired performance. Below are guidelines for choosing the appropriate MOSFET for different applications.

### **digital circuits and switching applications**

E-MOSFET typically used in digital circuits and switching applications due to their high input impedance and low power consumption which is ideally for digital circuits

### **Analog Applications (Amplifiers)**

When designing analog circuits, the low noise property of transistor is preferred also high

Transconductance  $g_m$  for better signal control is an important key parameter

Also is important to mention that D-Mosfet is preferred over E-Mosfet when it comes to analog since They can be used in linear applications and provide continuous control over the drain current.