Lecture 10: MOSFET

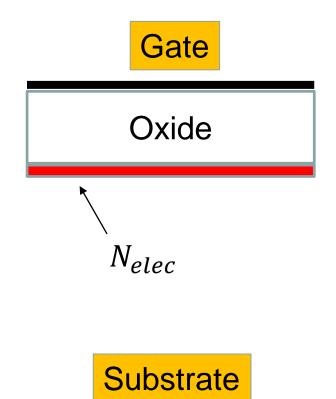
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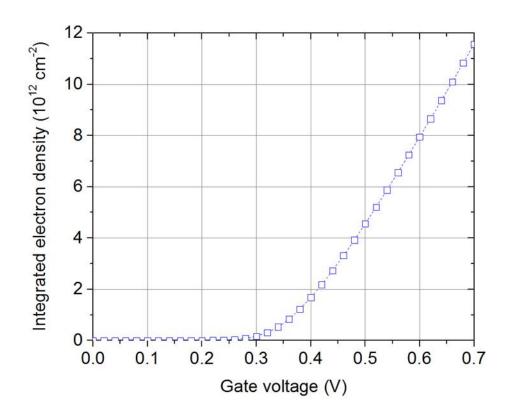
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MOS

- Metal-Oxide-Semiconductor
 - $-V_G$ controls the total number of mobile electrons.

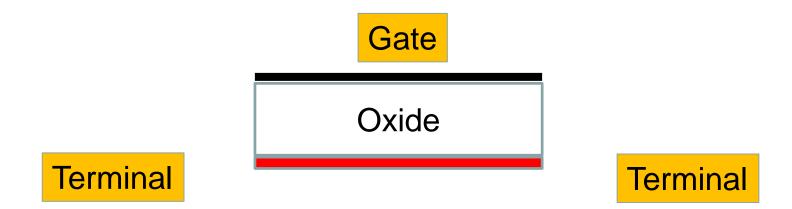
$$N_{elec} = C_{ox}(V_G - V_{TH})$$





MOSFET

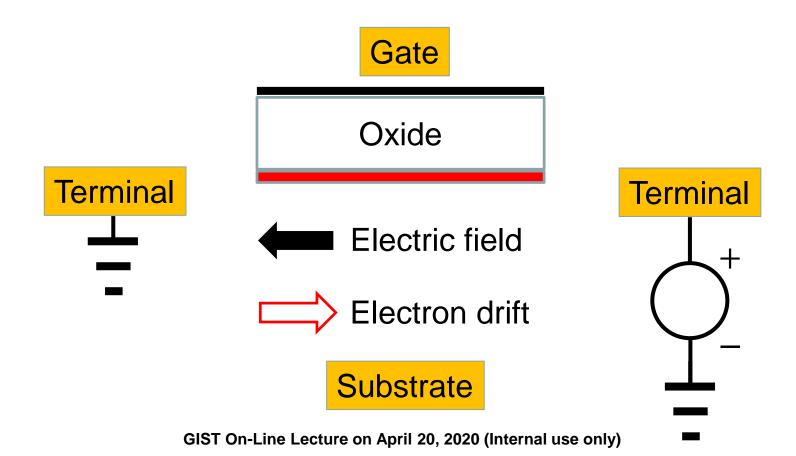
- MOS + FET (Field-Effect Transistor)
 - Another electric field for the current conduction
 - We need two additional terminals.



Substrate

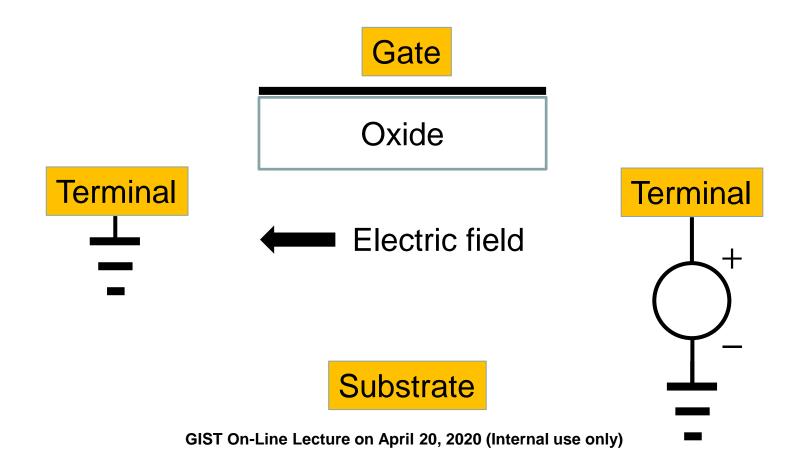
Electron transport

- Assume that one terminal is positively biased.
 - Electron moves from the grounded terminal to the positively biased terminal.



Of course,

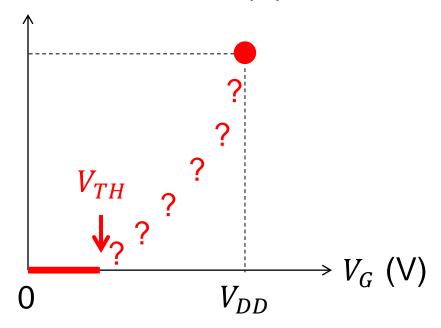
- When the gate voltage is lower than the threshold voltage,
 - There is no electric current.



I (of which one?) versus V_G

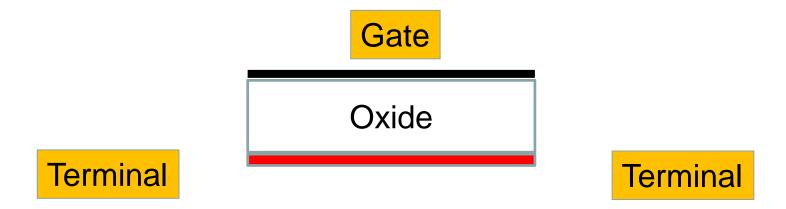
- Draw an IV curve.
 - Based upon the previous discussion, we can draw it partially.

I of the positively biased terminal (A)



Electric isolation

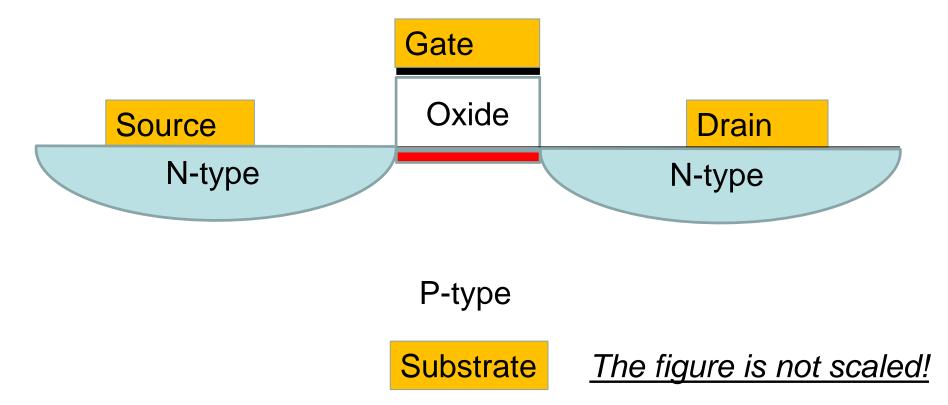
- How can we isolate terminals?
 - The gate terminal is perfectly isolated. No problem.
 - Substrate? Remember that it is P-type.



Substrate

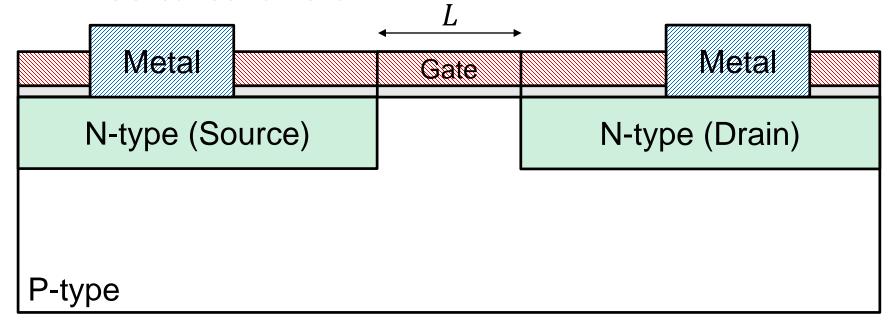
Structure

- PN junctions for the electric isolation
 - Source/Drain terminals on N-type regions
 - Substrate terminal connected to P-type substrate



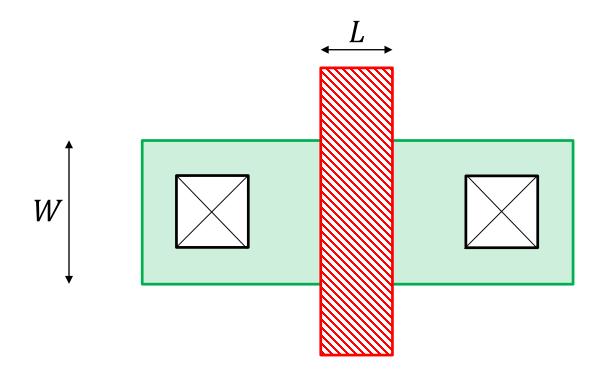
Fabrication (Much simplified)

- Patterning by the photolithography
 - Oxide layer and gate material
 - Gate patterning
 - Source/Drain implantation
 - Metal contact formation



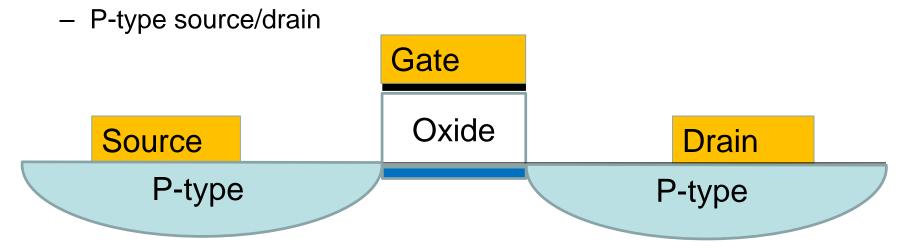
Layout

- Layout designers draw the MOSFET with two boxes.
 - One for the diffusion region and the other for the gate material
 - Their intersection (length L and width W) is important.



PMOSFET

- A dual device to the NMOSFET
 - N-type substrate
 - Inversion holes for negative V_G values



N-type (N-well)

Substrate

The figure is not scaled!