

CH3 - CMOS



## N-channel MOSFET: Physical View

↳ MOSFET: metal-oxide-semiconductor  
field effect transistors

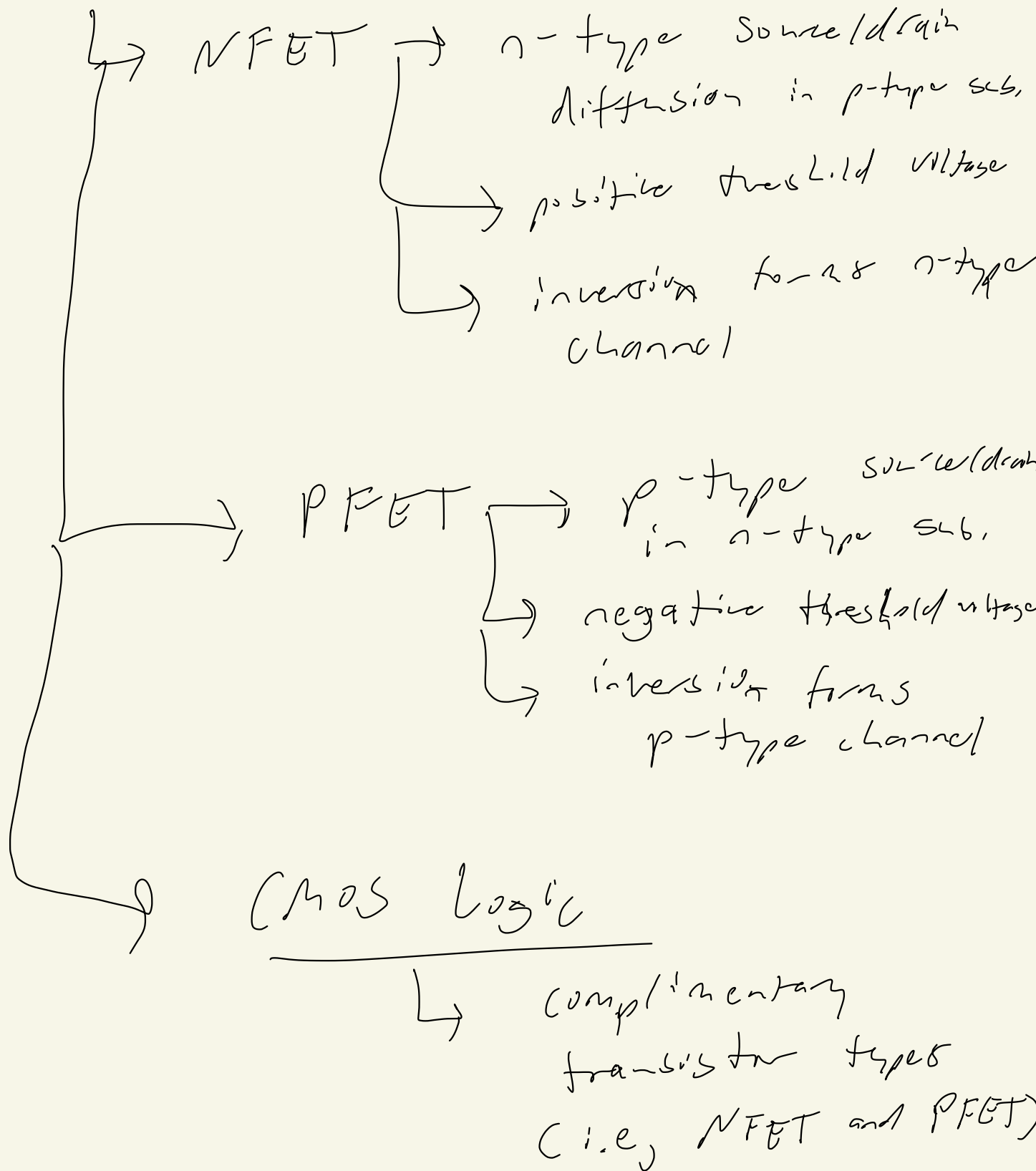
- ↳ four-terminal voltage-controlled switches
- ↳ current flows between the diffusion terminals if the voltage is large enough
- ↳ if not, the MOSFET is off and the diffusion terminals are not connected

↳ source  
↳ gate  
↳ drain

## N-channel MOSFET: Elec View

- ↳ four terminals connect to conductors that generate elec fields in the channel region
- ↳ depend on the relative voltages of each terminal

# FETs: NFET vs PFET



# CMOS Recipe

- Rule 1: only use NFETs in pulldown circuits
- Rule 2: only use PFETs in pullup circuits

## Complementary pullups / pulldowns

pullup	pulldown	F (inputs)
on	off	driven "1"
off	on	driven "0"
on	on	driven "X"
off	off	no connection

\* memory is the load's capacitor's charge

# General CMOS Gate Recipe

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- Step 1: Figure out the pullup network that does what you want.
- Step 2: walk the hierarchy replacing nFets with pFets, series subnets with parallel subnets and parallel subnets with series subnets.
- Combine pFet pullup network from step 1 with nFet pulldown network from step 2 to form a fully complementary CMOS gate.

## CMOS gates are naturally inverting

↳ All inputs 0

↳ nFETs off, pFET on

↳ output must be 1

→ All inputs 1

↳ nFET on, pFET off

↳ output must be 0

## Delays

↳ Propagation Delay ( $t_{PD}$ )

↳ an upper bound on the delay from valid inputs to valid outputs

→ Contamination Delay ( $t_{CD}$ )

↳ a lower bound on the delay from any invalid input to any invalid output

## Asynchronous Combinational Circuit Timing

↳  $t_{CO}$  → min cumulative contamination delay over all paths from inputs to outputs

↳  $t_{PD}$  → max cumulative propagation delay over all paths from inputs to outputs

## Glitch-Induced Combinational Device

↳ output guaranteed to be valid when any combination of inputs sufficient to determine the output value has been valid for at least  $t_{PD}$

↳ ✗ tolerates transitions and invalid levels on irrelevant inputs.