

**ELEG 340 - Fall 08**  
**Solid-State Electronics**  
**Quiz 5**

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NAME Solution

Time Limit: 30 minutes

Closed Books and Notes. You may use your own calculator, but may not loan or borrow one (ask proctor if you have questions). Put each expression in a final form as best you can.

**Guidelines:**

I. Full credit requires the dimensions/ units for all numerical quantities.

II. Show your work and calculations for full credit; accuracy to 2 significant figures is sufficient.

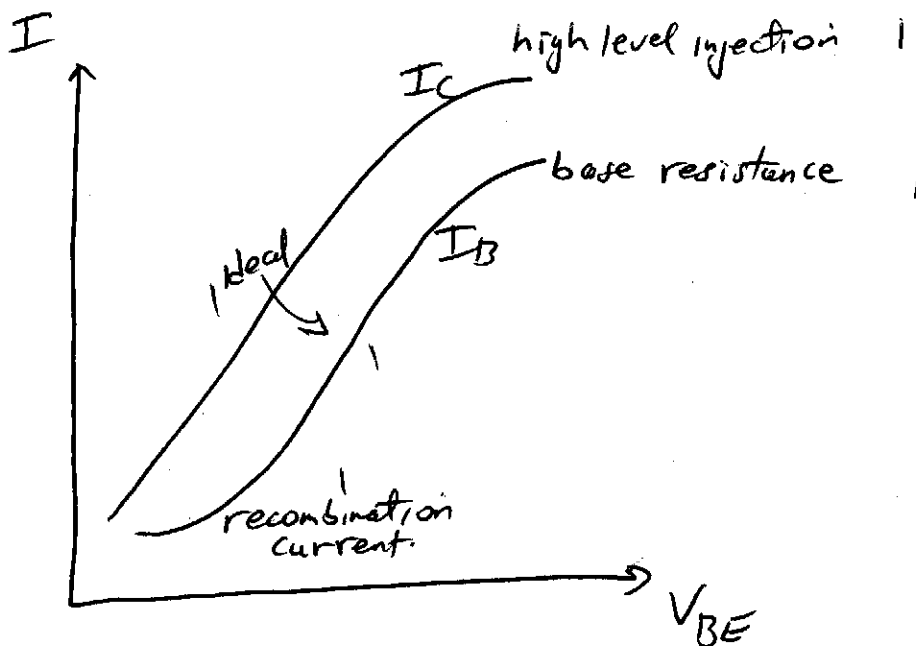
III. Assume that the semiconductor material is silicon at room temperature (300 K), unless otherwise stated.

IV. Data: at room temperature (300K): thermal energy  $k_B T = 0.026$  eV; thermal voltage  $k_B T/q = 0.026$  volts; silicon intrinsic concentration  $n_i = 1$  (or  $1.5$ )  $\times 10^{10}$   $\text{cm}^{-3}$ ; recombination lifetimes:  $\tau_n, \tau_p = 1$   $\mu\text{sec}$ ; dielectric constant  $\kappa_{\text{Si}} = 11.8$ ; permittivity of free space  $\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-14}$  F/cm; electron charge  $|q| = |e| = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$  Coul;  $\mu_n = 1200 \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{V}\cdot\text{s}}$ ;  $\mu_p = 400 \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{V}\cdot\text{s}}$

V. Equations: see list at end of quiz

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1. For a bipolar transistor (pnp or npn – your choice), draw the Gummel plot characteristics of the collector and base currents versus the emitter-base forward bias,  $V_{EB}$  (or  $V_{BE}$ ), exhibiting real (non-ideal) behavior. Label the ideal current regions, and the regions at high and low bias where the currents depart from ideal behavior. Recall that at low bias, the collector current remains ideal because of transistor action.



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2. Calculate the pinch-off voltage,  $V_P$ , of the following n-channel junction field effect transistor (JFET). The transistor parameters are:  $p^+$  gate doping  $N_A = 1 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ; n-channel doping  $N_D = 1 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ; channel half width  $a = 1 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$ ; depth  $Z = 3 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$ , and channel length  $L_{ch} = 5 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$ .

$$V_P = \frac{q a^2 N_D}{2 \kappa_{Si} \epsilon_0}$$

$$= \frac{1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C} (10^{-4} \text{ cm})^2 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}}{2 \times 11.8 \times 8.85 \times 10^{-14} \text{ F/cm}}$$

$$= \frac{1.6}{2 \times 1.18 \times 0.885} \times \frac{10^{-19-8+16}}{10^{1-13}} \quad \text{C} - \frac{\text{cm}^2 \text{ cm cm}^{-3}}{\text{F}}$$

$$\approx \frac{1.6}{2} \times 10^{-11+12}$$

$$= \frac{16}{2} \text{ Volts} = 8 \text{ Volts}$$

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3. For the n-JFET of problem 2 above, calculate the open channel conductance,  $G_0$ .

$$G_0 = \frac{2aZ}{\rho_{ch} L} = \frac{2aZ (N_0 q \mu_n)}{L}$$

$$G_0 = \frac{2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm} \times 3 \mu\text{m} \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C} \times 1200 \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{V}\cdot\text{s}}}{5 \mu\text{m}}$$

$$= \frac{2 \times 3 \times 1.6 \times 12}{5} \times 10^{-4+16-19+3} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ cm}^{-3} \frac{\text{C}}{\text{V}\cdot\text{s}}$$

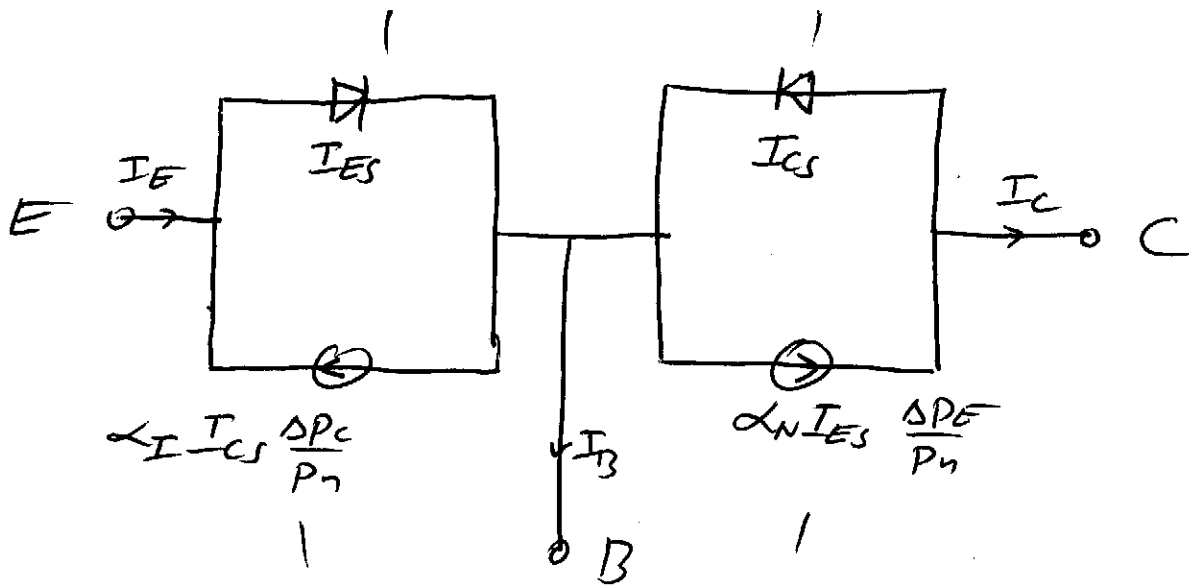
$$= \frac{12}{5} \times 10^{-4} \text{ Siemens.} \quad \frac{\text{A}}{\text{V}} = \frac{1}{\Omega}$$

$$= 2.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ S} = \frac{1}{4 \text{ k}\Omega}$$

$$= 2.4 \text{ mS}$$

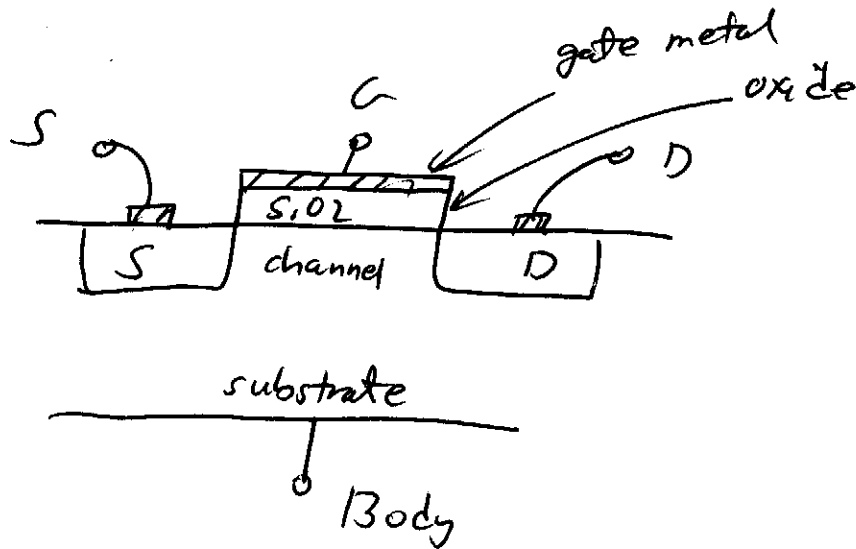
$$= 0.24 \text{ mS}$$

4. Based on the Ebers-Moll equations, draw the schematic of the coupled diode model. Indicate the values and directions of the current sources and the leakage currents of the diodes.



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5. Draw a cross-section view of an MOSFET transistor, and label the gate, source and drain regions, including the gate insulator and substrate (body).



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V. Equations:

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_{op} &= i h d/dx & f_{FD}(E) &= 1/[1 + \exp(E-E_F)/k_B T] & E &= Q V \\
 n &= n_i \exp[(E_F-E_i)/k_B T] & p &= n_i \exp[(E_i-E_F)/k_B T] & n_o p_o &= n_i^2 & n p &= n_i^2 e^{(E_n-E_p)/k_B T} \\
 J_n &= q \mu_n n \mathcal{E} + q D_n dn/dx & J_p &= q \mu_p p \mathcal{E} - q D_p dp/dx & \sigma_{elec} &= q(n \mu_n + p \mu_p) \\
 U_n &= (n_p - n_{po})/\tau_n & U_p &= (p_n - p_{no})/\tau_p & p' &= p - p_o = g_{opt} \tau_p & n' &= n - n_o = g_{opt} \tau_n \\
 C_{dep} &= \kappa_s \epsilon_o A/W & C_{diff} &= q I \tau / k_B T & D/\mu &= k_B T / q & L &= \sqrt{(D \tau)} \\
 \partial p / \partial t &= -1/q \partial J_p / \partial x - p' / \tau_p & \partial n / \partial t &= -1/q \partial J_n / \partial x - n' / \tau_n ; \\
 \partial p / \partial t &= D_p \partial^2 p / \partial x^2 - p' / \tau_p & \partial n / \partial t &= D_n \partial^2 n / \partial x^2 - n' / \tau_n \\
 \phi_{bi} &= k_B T / q \ln(N_A N_D / n_i^2) & W_{dep} &= [2 \kappa_s \epsilon_o / q (1/N_A + 1/N_D) (\phi_{bi} - V_F)]^{1/2} \\
 p_n(x_{no}) &= p_{no}(x_{no}) e^{qV/k_B T} ; & n_p(-x_{po}) &= n_{po}(-x_{po}) e^{qV/k_B T}
 \end{aligned}$$

Diode current

$$I = qA(D_p p_n / L_p + D_n n_p / L_n) [e^{qV/k_B T} - 1] = I_o [e^{qV/k_B T} - 1]; \quad I_o = I_{th} = qA(D_p p_n / L_p + D_n n_p / L_n)$$

Solar Cell and Photo detector diodes:

$$I_{tot} = I_o [e^{qV/k_B T} - 1] - I_{opt}; \quad I_{opt} = qA g_{opt} (L_n + L_p + W)$$

BJTs:

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_E &= I_C + I_B & I_C &= \alpha I_E + I_{CBO} & I_C &= \beta I_B + I_{CEO} \\
 I_E &\approx qAD_p/L_p \Delta p_E \operatorname{ctnh} W_b/L_p & I_C &\approx qAD_p/L_p \Delta p_E \operatorname{csch} W_b/L_p \\
 I_B &\approx qAD_p/L_p \Delta p_E \operatorname{tanh} W_b/2L_p \dots & \alpha &= \gamma B_T = (\beta/1+\beta) & \beta &= \tau_p/\tau_{tr} = (\alpha/1-\alpha) \\
 I_E &= I_{Ep} + I_{En} & I_{Ep} &= \gamma I_E & I_{Cp} &= B_T I_{Ep} \dots & I_C &= I_{Cp} + I_{CBO} \\
 \gamma &= I_{Ep} / (I_{Ep} + I_{En}) & B_T &= \operatorname{sech} W_b/L_p \approx (1 - W_b^2/2L_p^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Ebers-Moll:

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_E &= I_{EN} + I_{EI} = I_{ES} (e^{qV_{en}/k_B T} - 1) - \alpha_I I_{CS} (e^{qV_{cn}/k_B T} - 1) \\
 I_C &= I_{CN} + I_{CI} = \alpha_N I_{ES} (e^{qV_{en}/k_B T} - 1) - I_{CS} (e^{qV_{cn}/k_B T} - 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$I_C = \alpha_N I_{ES} \frac{\Delta p_E}{p_n} - I_{CS} \frac{\Delta p_C}{p_n} = \frac{I_{CS}}{p_n} (\alpha_I \Delta p_E - \Delta p_C) \quad I_E = I_{ES} \frac{\Delta p_E}{p_n} - \alpha_I I_{CS} \frac{\Delta p_C}{p_n} = \frac{I_{ES}}{p_n} (\Delta p_E - \alpha_N \Delta p_C)$$

Text cover page equations:

## SEMICONDUCTOR PHYSICS

Electron Momentum:  $p = m^*v = \hbar k = \frac{h}{\lambda}$       Planck:  $E = h\nu = \hbar\omega$

Kinetic:  $E \doteq \frac{1}{2} m^* v^2 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{p^2}{m^*} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m^*} k^2$  (3-4)      Effective mass:  $m^* = \frac{\hbar^2}{d^2E/dk^2}$  (3-3)

Total electron energy = P.E. + K.E. =  $E_c + E(\mathbf{k})$

Fermi-Dirac  $e^-$  distribution:  $f(E) = \frac{1}{e^{(E-E_f)/kT} + 1} \cong e^{-(E-E_f)/kT}$  for  $E \gg E_f$  (3-10)

Equilibrium:  $n_0 = \int_{E_c}^{\infty} f(E)N(E)dE = N_d f(E_c) = N_c e^{-(E_c-E_f)/kT}$  (3-15)

$N_c = 2 \left( \frac{2\pi m_n^* kT}{h^2} \right)^{3/2}$        $N_v = 2 \left( \frac{2\pi m_p^* kT}{h^2} \right)^{3/2}$  (3-16), (3-20)

$p_0 = N_v [1 - f(E_v)] = N_v e^{-(E_f-E_v)/kT}$  (3-19)

$n_i = N_c e^{-(E_c-E_f)/kT}$ ,       $p_i = N_v e^{-(E_f-E_v)/kT}$  (3-21)

$n_i = \sqrt{N_c N_v} e^{-E_g/2kT} = 2 \left( \frac{2\pi kT}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} (m_n^* m_p^*)^{3/4} e^{-E_g/2kT}$  (3-23), (3-26)

Equilibrium:  $n_0 = n_c e^{(E_c-E_f)/kT}$        $p_0 = n_c e^{(E_f-E_v)/kT}$  (3-25)       $n_0 p_0 = n_i^2$  (3-24)

Steady state:  $n = N_c e^{-(E_c-F_n)/kT} = n_c e^{(F_n-E_f)/kT}$        $np = n_i^2 e^{(F_n-F_p)/kT}$  (4-15) (5-38)  
 $p = N_v e^{-(F_p-E_v)/kT} = n_c e^{(E_f-F_p)/kT}$

$\mathcal{E}(x) = -\frac{dV(x)}{dx} = \frac{1}{q} \frac{dE_i}{dx}$  (4-26)

Poisson:  $\frac{d^2\mathcal{E}(x)}{dx^2} = -\frac{d^2V(x)}{dx^2} = \frac{\rho(x)}{\epsilon} = \frac{q}{\epsilon} (p - n + N_d^+ - N_a^-)$  (5-14)

$\mu = \frac{q\bar{t}}{m^*}$  (3-40a)      Drift:  $v_d \cong \frac{\mu\mathcal{E}}{1 + \mu\mathcal{E}/v_s} \begin{cases} = \mu\mathcal{E} \text{ (low fields, ohmic)} \\ = v_s \text{ (high fields, saturated vel.)} \end{cases}$  (Fig. 6-9)

Drift current density:  $\frac{I_x}{A} = J_x = q(n\mu_n + p\mu_p)\mathcal{E}_x = \sigma\mathcal{E}_x$  (3-43)

$$J_n(x) = q\mu_n n(x) \mathcal{E}(x) + qD_n \frac{dn(x)}{dx}$$

Conduction Current: drift diffusion (4-23)

$$J_p(x) = q\mu_p p(x) \mathcal{E}(x) - qD_p \frac{dp(x)}{dx}$$

$$J_{\text{total}} = J_{\text{conduction}} + J_{\text{displacement}} = J_n + J_p + C \frac{dV}{dt}$$

$$\text{Continuity: } \frac{\partial p(x, t)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \delta p}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{q} \frac{\partial J_p}{\partial x} - \frac{\delta p}{\tau_p} \quad \frac{\partial \delta n}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{q} \frac{\partial J_n}{\partial x} - \frac{\delta n}{\tau_n} \quad (4-31)$$

$$\text{For steady state diffusion: } \frac{d^2 \delta n}{dx^2} = \frac{\delta n}{D_n \tau_n} = \frac{\delta n}{L_n^2} \quad \frac{d^2 \delta p}{dx^2} = \frac{\delta p}{L_p^2} \quad (4-34)$$

$$\text{Diffusion length: } L = \sqrt{D\tau} \quad \text{Einstein relation: } \frac{D}{\mu} = \frac{kT}{q} \quad (4-29)$$

### p-n JUNCTIONS

$$\text{Equilibrium: } V_0 = \frac{kT}{q} \ln \frac{p_p}{p_n} = \frac{kT}{q} \ln \frac{N_a}{n_i^2/N_d} = \frac{kT}{q} \ln \frac{N_a N_d}{n_i^2} \quad (5-8)$$

$$\frac{p_p}{p_n} = \frac{n_n}{n_p} = e^{qV_d/kT} \quad (5-10) \quad W = \left[ \frac{2\epsilon(V_0 - V)}{q} \left( \frac{N_a + N_d}{N_a N_d} \right) \right]^{1/2} \quad (5-57)$$

$$\text{One-sided abrupt } p^+ \text{-n: } x_{n0} = \frac{WN_a}{N_a + N_d} \approx W \quad (5-23) \quad V_0 = \frac{qN_d W^2}{2\epsilon}$$

$$\Delta p_n = p(x_{n0}) - p_n = p_n (e^{qV/kT} - 1) \quad (5-29)$$

$$\delta p(x_n) = \Delta p_n e^{-x_n/L_p} = p_n (e^{qV/kT} - 1) e^{-x_n/L_p} \quad (5-31b)$$

$$\text{Ideal diode: } I = qA \left( \frac{D_p}{L_p} p_n + \frac{D_n}{L_n} n_p \right) (e^{qV/kT} - 1) = I_0 (e^{qV/kT} - 1) \quad (5-36)$$

$$\text{Non-ideal: } I = I_0' (e^{qV/nkT} - 1) \quad (5-74) \\ (n = 1 \text{ to } 2)$$

$$\text{With light: } I_{\text{op}} = qA g_{\text{op}} (L_p + L_n + W) \quad (8-1)$$



Capacitance:  $C = \left| \frac{dQ}{dV} \right|$  (5-55)

Junction Depletion:  $C_j = \epsilon A \left[ \frac{q}{2\epsilon(V_0 - V)} \frac{N_d N_a}{N_d + N_a} \right]^{1/2} = \frac{\epsilon A}{W}$  (5-62)

Stored charge  
exp. hole dist.:  $Q_p = qA \int_0^{\infty} \delta p(x_n) dx_n = qA \Delta p_n \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x_n/L_p} dx_n = qA L_p \Delta p_n$  (5-39)

$I_p(x_n = 0) = \frac{Q_p}{\tau_p} = qA \frac{L_p}{\tau_p} \Delta p_n = qA \frac{D_p}{L_p} p_n (e^{qV/kT} - 1)$  (5-40)

$G_s = \frac{dI}{dV} = \frac{qA L_p p_n}{\tau_p} \frac{d}{dV} (e^{qV/kT}) = \frac{q}{kT} I$  (5-67c)

Long p<sup>+</sup>-n:  $i(t) = \frac{Q_p(t)}{\tau_p} + \frac{dQ_p(t)}{dt}$  (5-47)

### MOS-n CHANNEL

Oxide:  $C_i = \frac{\epsilon_i}{d}$  Depletion:  $C_d = \frac{\epsilon_s}{W}$  MOS:  $C = \frac{C_i C_d}{C_i + C_d}$  (6-36)

Threshold:  $V_T = \underbrace{\Phi_{ms}}_{\text{Flat band}} - \frac{Q_i}{C_i} - \frac{Q_d}{C_i} + 2\phi_F$  (6-38)

Flat band

Inversion:  $\phi_s(\text{inv.}) = 2\phi_F = 2 \frac{kT}{q} \ln \frac{N_a}{n_i}$  (6-15)  $W = \left[ \frac{2\epsilon_s \phi_s}{qN_a} \right]^{1/2}$  (6-30)

$Q_d = -qN_a W_m = -2(\epsilon_s q N_a \phi_F)^{1/2}$  (6-32) At  $V_{FB}$ :  $C_{FB} = \frac{C_i C_{\text{debye}}}{C_i + C_{\text{debye}}}$

Debye screening length:  $L_D = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_s kT}{q^2 p_0}}$  (6-25)  $C_{\text{debye}} = \frac{\epsilon_s}{L_D}$  (6-40)

Substrate bias:  $\Delta V_T \approx \frac{\sqrt{2\epsilon_s q N_a}}{C_i} (-V_B)^{1/2}$  (n channel) (6-63)

$$I_D = \frac{\bar{\mu}_n Z C_i}{L} \left\{ (V_G - V_{FB} - 2\phi_F - \frac{1}{2}V_D)V_D - \frac{2}{3} \frac{\sqrt{2\epsilon_s q N_a}}{C_i} [(V_D + 2\phi_F)^{3/2} - (2\phi_F)^{3/2}] \right\} \quad (6-50)$$

$$I_D \approx \frac{\bar{\mu}_n Z C_i}{L} [(V_G - V_T)V_D - \frac{1}{2}V_D^2] \quad (6-49)$$

$$\text{Saturation: } I_D(\text{sat.}) = \frac{1}{2}\bar{\mu}_n C_i \frac{Z}{L} (V_G - V_T)^2 = \frac{Z}{2L} \bar{\mu}_n C_i V_D^2(\text{sat.}) \quad (6-53)$$

$$g_m = \frac{\partial I_D}{\partial V_G}; \quad g_m(\text{sat.}) = \frac{\partial I_D(\text{sat.})}{\partial V_G} = \frac{Z}{L} \bar{\mu}_n C_i (V_G - V_T) \quad (6-54)$$

$$\text{For short } L: \quad I_D \approx Z C_i (V_G - V_T) v_s \quad (6-60)$$

$$\text{Subthreshold slope: } S = \frac{dV_G}{d(\log I_D)} = \frac{kT}{q} \ln 10 \left[ 1 + \frac{C_d + C_u}{C_i} \right] \quad (6-66)$$

### BJT-p-n-p

$$I_{Ep} = qA \frac{D_p}{L_p} \left( \Delta p_E \operatorname{ctnh} \frac{W_b}{L_p} - \Delta p_C \operatorname{csch} \frac{W_b}{L_p} \right) \quad (7-18) \quad \begin{aligned} \Delta p_E &= p_n (e^{qV_{EB}/kT} - 1) \\ \Delta p_C &= p_n (e^{qV_{CB}/kT} - 1) \end{aligned} \quad (7-8)$$

$$I_C = qA \frac{D_p}{L_p} \left( \Delta p_E \operatorname{csch} \frac{W_b}{L_p} - \Delta p_C \operatorname{ctnh} \frac{W_b}{L_p} \right)$$

$$I_B = qA \frac{D_p}{L_p} \left[ (\Delta p_E + \Delta p_C) \tanh \frac{W_b}{2L_p} \right] \quad (7-19)$$

$$B = \frac{I_C}{I_{Ep}} = \frac{\operatorname{csch} W_b/L_p}{\operatorname{ctnh} W_b/L_p} = \operatorname{sech} \frac{W_b}{L_p} \approx 1 - \left( \frac{W_b^2}{2L_p^2} \right) \quad (7-26)$$

(Base transport factor)

$$\gamma = \frac{I_{Ep}}{I_{En} + I_{Ep}} = \left[ 1 + \frac{L_p^n n_n \mu_n^p}{L_n^p p_p \mu_p^n} \tanh \frac{W_b}{L_p} \right]^{-1} \approx \left[ 1 + \frac{W_b n_n \mu_n^p}{L_n^p p_p \mu_p^n} \right]^{-1} \quad (7-25)$$

(Emitter injection efficiency)

$$\frac{i_C}{i_E} = B\gamma \equiv \alpha \quad (7-3)$$

$$\frac{i_C}{i_B} = \frac{B\gamma}{1 - B\gamma} = \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha} \equiv \beta \quad (7-6)$$

$$\frac{i_C}{i_B} = \beta = \frac{\tau_p}{\tau_n} \quad (7-7)$$

(Common base gain)

(Common emitter gain)

(For  $\gamma = 1$ )