

General Remark on Transistor Sizing

The (main) purpose of a MOST is to make gain, hence, large g_m and small g_{ds} .

$$I_{DS} \approx K \frac{W}{L} V_{dsat}^2, \text{ hence, } V_{dsat} \approx \sqrt{\frac{I_{DS}}{W}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{K}} \sqrt{L}$$

- choose “reasonable” current density I_{DS}/W
- adjust V_{dsat} with $L \rightarrow V_{dsat}$ and V_{ds} sets g_{ds}
- adjust g_m with I_{DS}/W
- Current density I_{DS}/W design procedure

(with V_{dsat} fixed, also $\omega_T = \mu V_{dsat}/L^2$ is fixed, and $I_{DS}/g_m = V_{dsat}/2$ fixed)

$$\text{BTW: } \frac{2}{V_{dsat}} = \frac{g_m}{I_{DS}}$$

Similar for subthreshold, but $I_{DS} = I_{D0} \frac{W}{L} e^{V_{GS}/(nV_t)} (1 - e^{-V_{DS}/V_t})$, hence, choose $V_{DS} > 4V_t \approx 100mV$ and $g_m \approx I_{DS}/(nV_t)$ (choose $V_{DS} > 100mV$ to set g_{ds} , and adjust g_m with I_{DS})