



where  $\lambda = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_s t_{ox} d_s}{\epsilon_{ox}}}$ .

The lowest order approximations for the potential solution  $\psi$  in the regions S and D are given by  $\psi = \Psi_S$ , and  $\psi = \Psi_D$ , respectively.

The threshold voltage  $V_{th}$  is obtained from the condition that the minimum of the surface potential in B is equal to twice of the hole Fermi potential  $\psi_B$ . The expression for  $V_{th}$  is

$$V_{th} = V_{FB} + 2\psi_B + \frac{qN_A t_{ox} d_s}{\epsilon_{ox}} - 2\sqrt{(\Psi_S - 2\psi_B)(\Psi_D - 2\psi_B)} \exp\left(-\frac{L_c}{2\lambda}\right)$$

### III. COMPARISON WITH NUMERICAL SIMULATION

The present model is derived under the assumptions mentioned above. Now we examine how well it agrees with two-dimensional numerical results from a simulator. We calculated  $V_{th}$ - $L_c$  characteristics for cases with  $t_{ox}$ ,  $d_s = 1, 3, 5, 7, 10$ nm and  $N_A = 10^{16}, 10^{17}, 10^{18}$  cm<sup>-3</sup> (that is, 5x5x3=75 cases). We don't stick to the assumptions used in the derivation, expecting agreement in wider range of parameters. Threshold voltage is defined as a gate voltage for which the drain current is equal to  $10^{-11}W/L_c$  [A], where  $W$  is the channel width. An example of  $V_{th}$ - $L_c$  characteristics is shown in Fig.2. We tried to fit these curves with an expression  $V_{th} = V_{th0} - K_1 \exp(-L_c / K_2)$  with fitting parameters  $V_{th0}$ ,  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ . The short channel effect is determined by parameters  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ . To extract these parameters properly, an expression

$$\log \frac{dV_{th}}{dL_c} = \log \frac{K_1}{K_2} - \frac{L_c}{K_2}$$

is used.  $\log(dV_{th}/dL_c)$  vs.  $L_c$  relation is linear and therefore the regression analysis to obtain  $K_2$

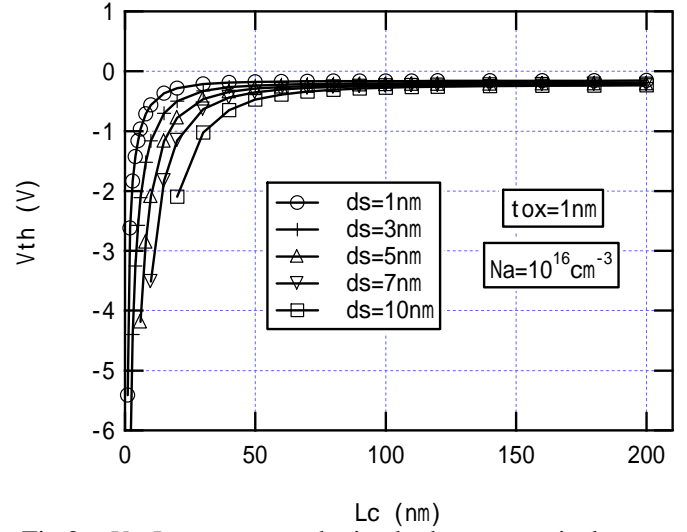


Fig.2  $V_{th}$ - $L_c$  curves obtained by numerical simulation.

is efficiently carried out.

Examples of fitting using regression analysis are shown in Fig.3. Set of parameters  $V_{th0}$ ,  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  were obtained for all the devices. The parameter  $K_2$  corresponds to twice of characteristic length  $\lambda$  [1], [2].

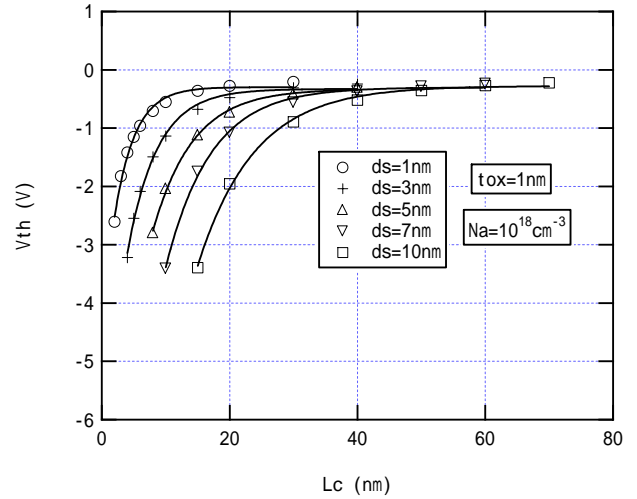


Fig.3 Regression analysis to obtain parameters  $V_{th0}$ ,  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ .

For  $d_s=1\text{nm}$ ,  $K_2$  agrees very well with  $2\lambda$  as a function of  $t_{ox}$  as shown in Fig.4. This is reasonable considering that  $d_s$  is assumed to be very small, of the order of  $\mu^2$ , in the derivation of the model. However, the values of  $K_2$  for  $t_{ox}$  and  $d_s$  larger than 3 nm does not agree well with  $2\lambda$ . In Fig.4, the extracted values of  $K_2$  are compared with  $2\lambda$  multiplied by a fitting parameter  $2/3$ .

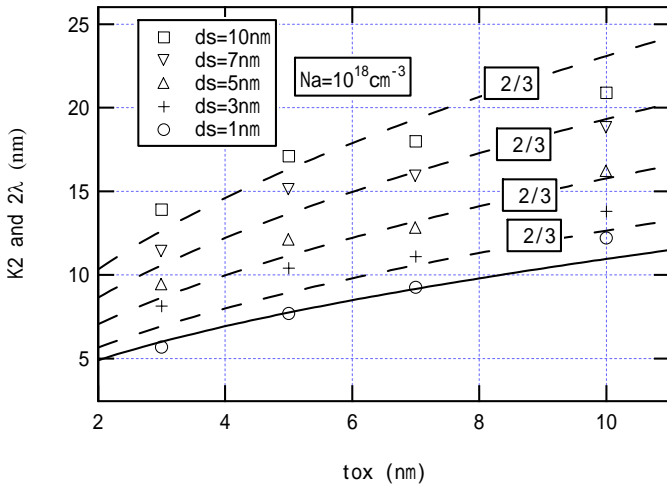


Fig.4 Comparison of  $K_2$  with  $2\lambda$  and  $2\lambda * 2/3$  ( $\lambda$ : characteristic length).

Thus, the threshold voltage for devices with  $t_{ox}$  and  $d_s$  larger than 3 nm is expressed by

$$V_{th} = V_{th0} - K_1 \exp(-3L_c / 4\lambda).$$

Extracted values of  $V_{th0}$  are shown in Fig.5. They align well with the lines expressing the relation obtained above

$$V_{th0} = const. + qN_A t_{ox} d_s / \epsilon_{ox}.$$

Threshold voltages numerically obtained and the model  $V_{th} = V_{th0} - K_1 \exp(-3L_c / 4\lambda)$  are compared in Fig.6. Agreement between them is satisfactory.

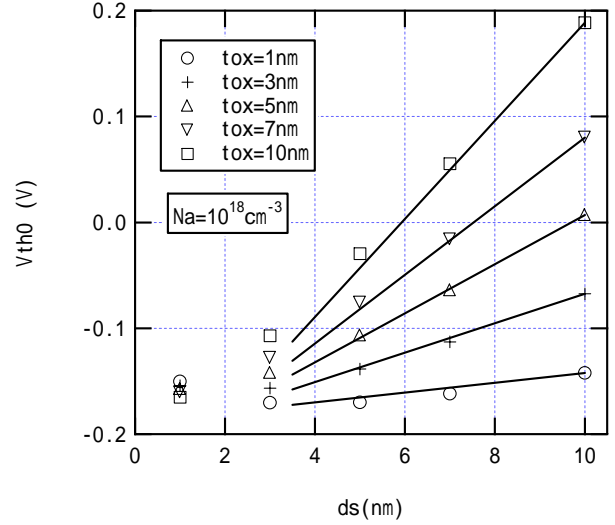


Fig.5  $V_{th0}$  showing dependence on  $qN_A t_{ox} d_s / \epsilon_{ox}$ .

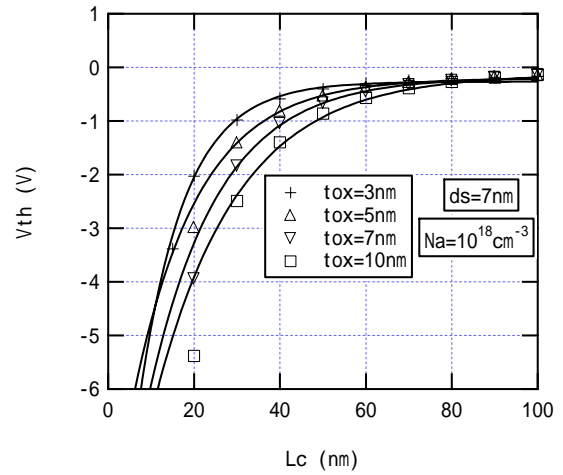


Fig.6 Comparison between the compact model and numerical results.

#### IV. CONCLUSIONS

The asymptotic analysis with the boundary function method is applied to the MOS device modeling. Potential distributions in SOI MOSFETs with very thin Si top layers are obtained analytically by the asymptotic method, and the

compact model of threshold voltage is derived. The model is verified through the comparison with numerical results.

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