
MOSFETs Used as a Switch

ECE 320 Electronics I

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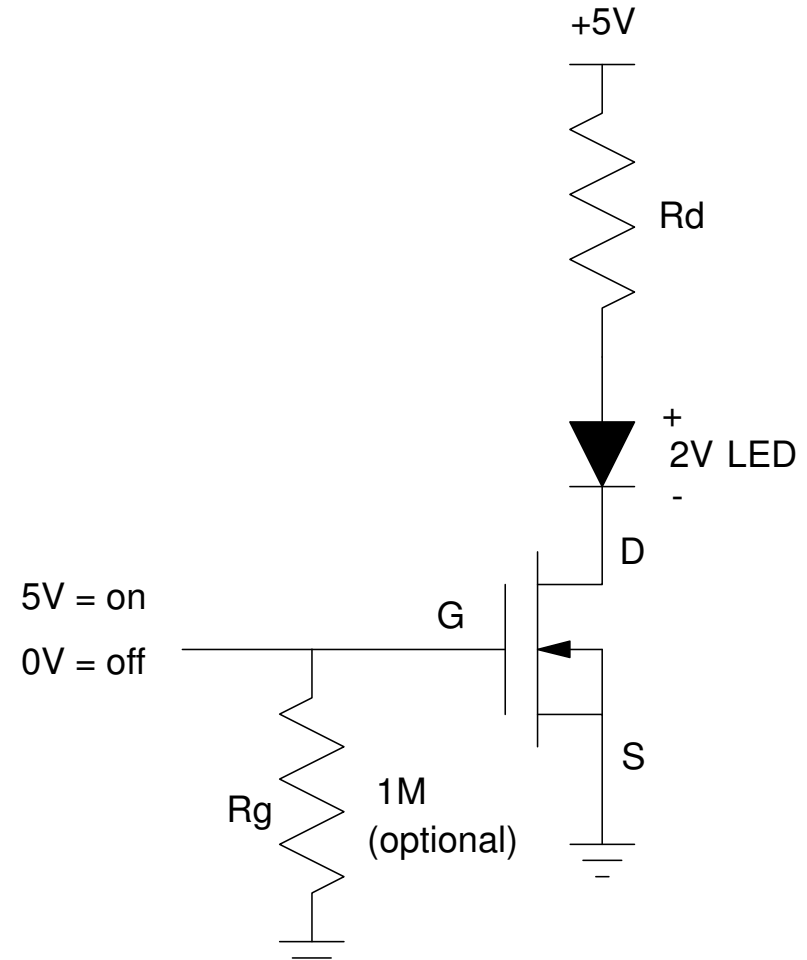
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Problem: Use a MOSFET to turn on and off an LED.

- $V_f = 2.0V @ 20mA$
- $R = \left(\frac{5V - 2V}{20mA} \right) = 150\Omega$

Solution: A MOSFET switch is very much like a BJT switch:

- $V_{gs} = 0V$, the MOSFET is off
- $V_{gs} = 5V$, MOSFET is on (ohmic)



Select a MOSFET (Digikey)

- Search MOSFET
- 40,953 results (2022)

The screenshot shows the Digi-Key Electronics website interface. At the top, the Digi-Key logo is on the left, and a search bar contains the text "mosfet". To the right of the search bar is a red search button and a US flag. Below the search bar are navigation links for "Products", "Manufacturers", and "Resources".

The breadcrumb trail reads: "Product Index > Discrete Semiconductor Products > Transistors - FETs, MOSFETs - Single". The main heading is "Transistors - FETs, MOSFETs - Single" with "Results: 40,953" below it.









A "Search Within Results" box is present. Below it is a filter panel with four columns:

- FET Type:** - (selected), N-Channel, P-Channel
- Technology:** - (selected), GaNFET (Cascode Gallium Nitride FET), GaNFET (Gallium Nitride), MOSFET (Metal Oxide), SiC (Silicon Carbide Junction Transistor), SiCFET (Cascode SiCJFET), SiCFET (Silicon Carbide)
- Drain to Source Voltage (Vdss):** 5 V, 5.5 V, 6 V, 8 V, 9 V, 10 V, 12 V, 14 V, 15 V. Includes "Min", "Max", and "V" dropdown.
- Current - Continuous Drain (Id) @ 25°C:** 150µA (Ta), 5mA (Ta), 10mA (Ta), 13mA (Tj), 14mA, 20mA, 21mA (Ta), 25mA, 30mA (Ta), 30mA (Tc), 30mA (Tj)

To narrow the search, select

- MOSFET, N Channel
- Through Hole
- In Stock
- $100\text{mA} < \text{IDS} < 200\text{mA}$

This limits the number to something more manageable:

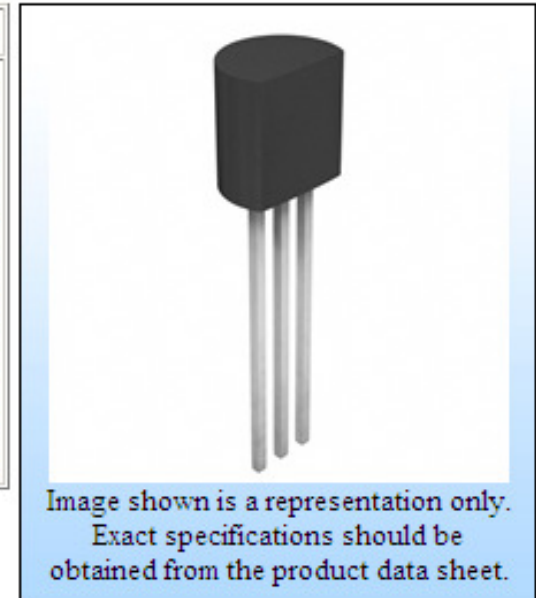
Image	Digi-Key Part Number	Manufacturer Part Number	Description	Series	Manufacturer	FET Type	FET Feature	Rds On (Max) @ Id, Vgs	Drain to Source Voltage (Vds)	Current - Continuous Drain (Id) @ 25° C	Vgs (th) (Max) @ Id	Gate Charge (Qg) @ Vgs	Input Capacitance (Ciss) @ Vds	Power - Max	Mounting Type	Package / Case	Packaging	Quantity Available	Minimum Quantity	Unit Price	
	2N7000_D26ZTR-ND	2N7000_D26Z	MOSFET N-CH 60V 200MA TO-92	-	Fairchild Semiconductor	MOSFET N-Channel, Metal Oxide	Logic Level Gate	5 Ohm @ 500mA, 10V	60V	200mA	3V @ 1mA	-	50pF @ 25V	400mW	Through Hole	TO-92-3 (Standard Body), TO-226	Tape & Reel (TR)	38,000 Note Alternate Packaging	2,000	0.06400	
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	2N7000FS-ND	2N7000	MOSFET N-CH 60V 200MA TO-92	-	Fairchild Semiconductor	MOSFET N-Channel, Metal Oxide	Logic Level Gate	5 Ohm @ 500mA, 10V	60V	200mA	3V @ 1mA	-	50pF @ 25V	400mW	Through Hole	TO-92-3 (Standard Body), TO-226	Bulk	176,258	1	0.42000	
	ZVN0124A-ND	ZVN0124A	MOSFET N-CHAN 240V TO92-3	-	Diodes/Zetex	MOSFET N-Channel, Metal Oxide	Logic Level Gate	16 Ohm @ 250mA, 10V	240V	160mA	3V @ 1mA	-	85pF @ 25V	700mW	Through Hole	TO-92-3 (Standard Body), TO-226	Bulk	4,000	1	0.72000	

Select one

- in stock, costs \$0.42 each, has an on resistance of 5 Ohms

		All prices are in US dollars.		
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Manufacturer	Fairchild Semiconductor	10	0.30200	3.02
Manufacturer Part Number	2N7000	100	0.17810	17.81
Description	MOSFET N-CH 60V 200MA TO-92	250	0.12600	31.50
Lead Free Status / RoHS Status	Lead free / RoHS Compliant	500	0.10080	50.40
		750	0.08568	64.26
		1,000	0.07728	77.28
		2,000	0.06720	134.40
		4,800	0.06048	290.30

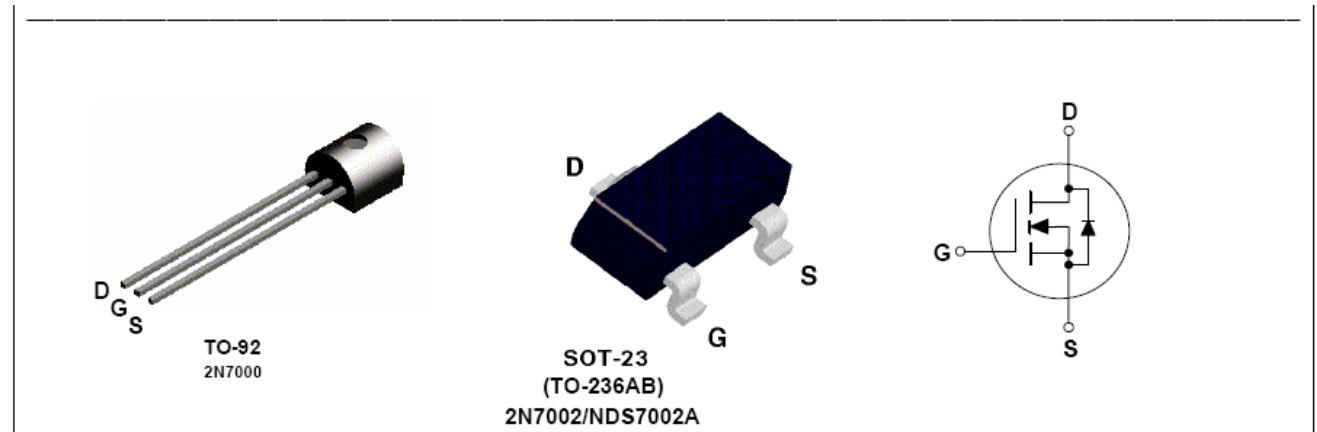
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Click on the data sheet and you get the technical specs for this MOSFET:

Datasheets

- $\max(V_{ds}) = 60V$
- $\max(I_{ds}) = 115mA$
- $= 800mA$ (pulsed)
- $V_{tn} = ?$
- $k_n = ?$



Absolute Maximum Ratings T_A = 25°C unless otherwise noted

Symbol	Parameter	2N7000	2N7002	NDS7002A	Units
V _{DSS}	Drain-Source Voltage	60			V
V _{DGR}	Drain-Gate Voltage (R _{GS} ≤ 1 MΩ)	60			V
V _{GSS}	Gate-Source Voltage - Continuous	±20			V
	- Non Repetitive (tp < 50μs)	±40			
I _D	Maximum Drain Current - Continuous	200	115	280	mA
	- Pulsed	500	800	1500	
P _D	Maximum Power Dissipation	400	200	300	mW
	Derated above 25°C	3.2	1.6	2.4	
T _J , T _{STG}	Operating and Storage Temperature Range	-55 to 150		-65 to 150	°C
T _L	Maximum Lead Temperature for Soldering Purposes, 1/16" from Case for 10 Seconds	300			°C
THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS					
R _{θJA}	Thermal Resistance, Junction-to-Ambient	312.5	625	417	°C/W

Page 2: Data Sheets

$R_{DS(ON)}$	Static Drain-Source On-Resistance	$V_{GS} = 10\text{ V}, I_D = 500\text{ mA}$	2N7000		1.2	5	Ω
		$T_J = 125^\circ\text{C}$			1.9	9	
		$V_{GS} = 4.5\text{ V}, I_D = 75\text{ mA}$			1.8	5.3	
		$V_{GS} = 10\text{ V}, I_D = 500\text{ mA}$	2N7002		1.2	7.5	
		$T_J = 100^\circ\text{C}$			1.7	13.5	
		$V_{GS} = 5.0\text{ V}, I_D = 50\text{ mA}$			1.7	7.5	
$T_J = 100^\circ\text{C}$		2.4	13.5				

- $V_{GS} = 5.0\text{V}, I_D = 50\text{mA}, R_{DS} = 1.7\text{ Ohms (nominal)}$

$$I_{DS} = k_n \left(V_{GS} - V_{TN} - \frac{V_{DS}}{2} \right) V_{DS}$$

$$50\text{mA} = k_n \left(5\text{V} - 2 - \frac{(50\text{mA})(1.7\Omega)}{2} \right) (50\text{mA})(1.7\Omega)$$

- **$k_n = 0.1989\text{ A/V}^2$**

Final Design: (take 1)

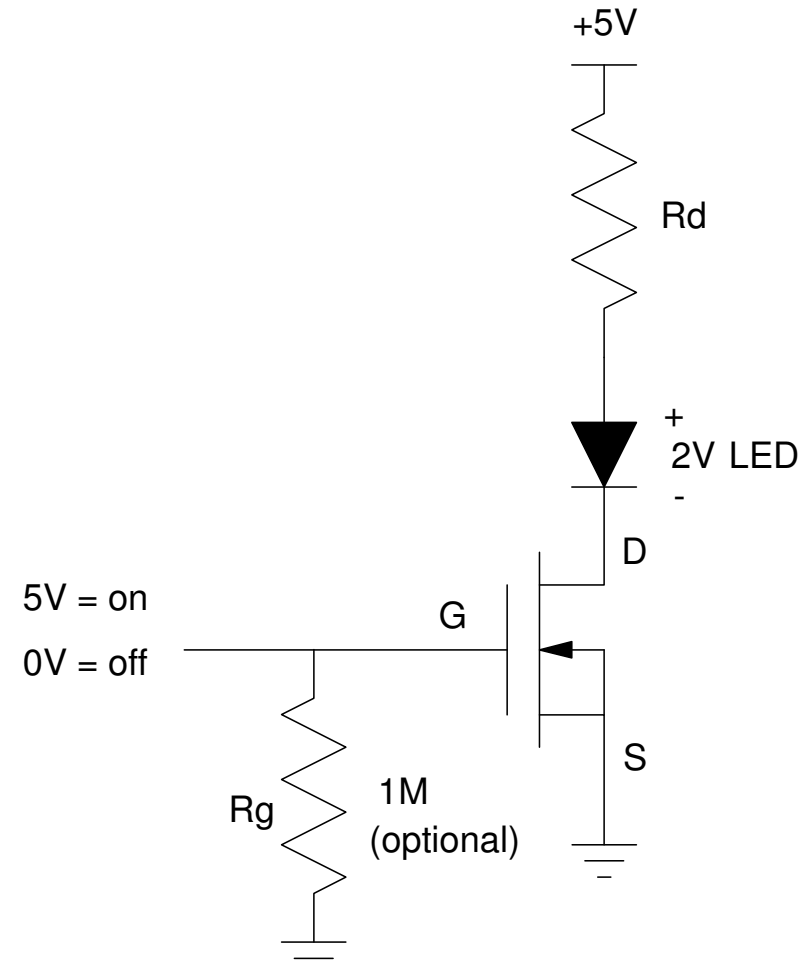
Assume $R_{ds} = 1.7 \text{ Ohms}$. Then

$$R_{net} = \frac{5V - 2V}{20mA} = 150\Omega$$

$$R_{net} = R_{DS} + R_d$$

$$R_d = 148.3\Omega$$

(plus or minus 5%: resistors have 5% tolerance)



Final Design (take 2):

Determine { V_{ds} , I_{ds} , R_{ds} }

- Need 2 equations for 2 unknowns
- Assume Ohmic region

$$I_{ds} = k_n \left(V_{gs} - V_{th} - \frac{V_{ds}}{2} \right) V_{ds}$$

$$I_{ds} = 0.1989 \left(5 - 2 - \frac{V_{ds}}{2} \right) V_{ds}$$

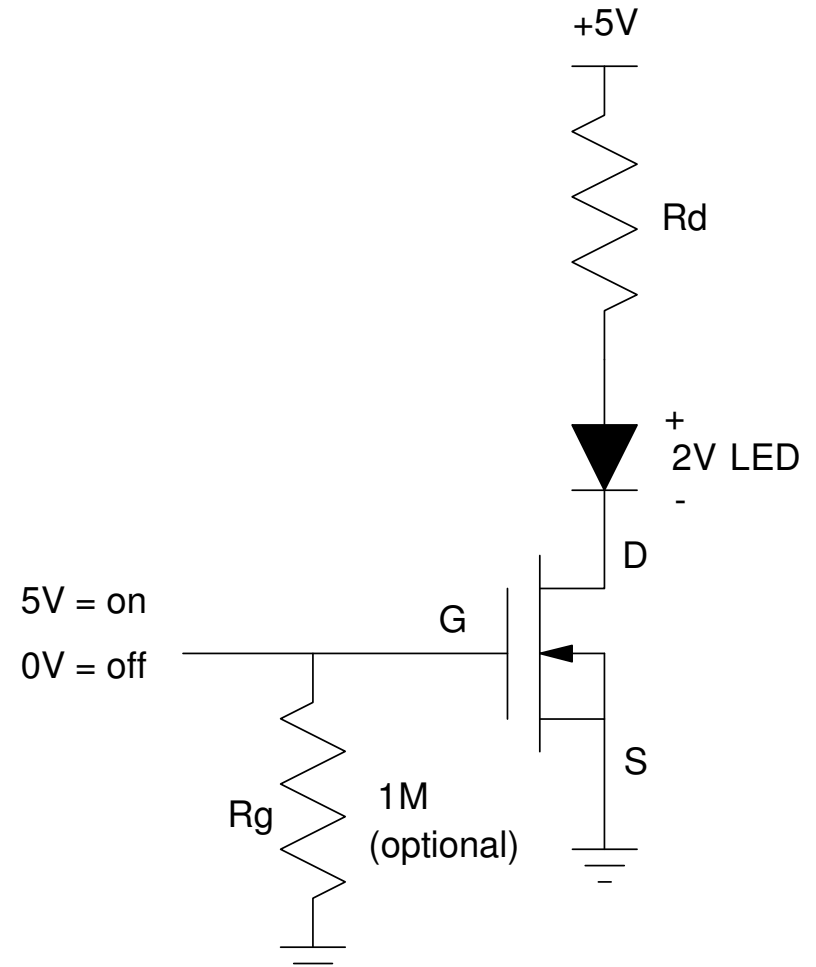
The circuit gives the second equation

$$V_{ds} = 3 - 148.3 I_{ds}$$

$$V_{ds} = \{ 0.0337\text{V}, 6.0341\text{V} \}$$

The one close to zero is the correct one:

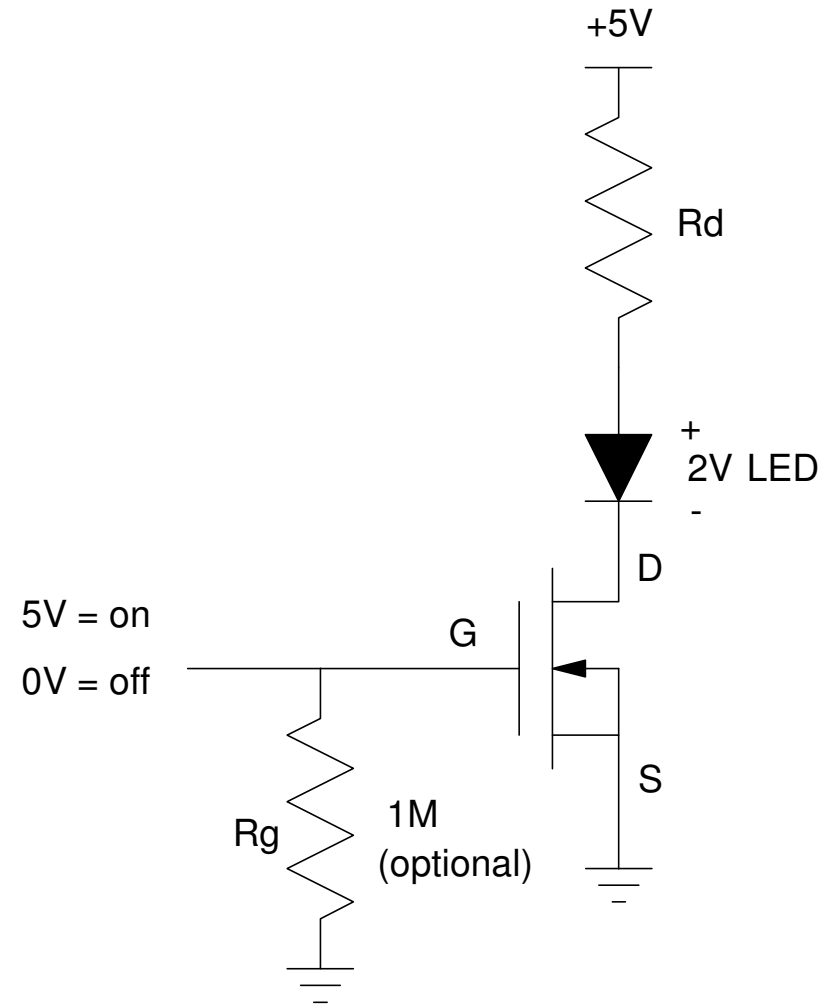
- $V_{ds} = 33.7\text{mV}$
- $I_{ds} = 20.002\text{mA}$
- $R_{ds} = V_{ds} / I_{ds} = 1.6854\text{ Ohms}$



Note: Works for any load providing...

- 1.7 Ohms is small relative to the resistance of what you're driving
- The net current flow is less than 115mA continuous, 800mA pulsed (from the data sheets),

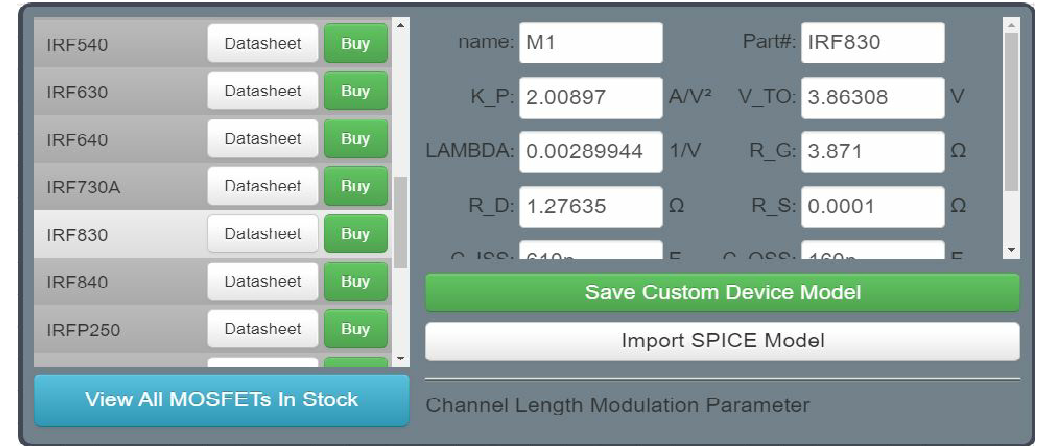
The power supply you're using is less than 60V. The maximum $V_{DS} = 60V$ for this MOSFET.



Checking in CircuitLab

2N7000FS isn't an option in CircuitLab

- Pick a MOSFET with k_n close to 0.1989
 - IRF830: $K_P = 2.00897 \text{ A/V}^2$
- Modify parameters to match
 - $K_P = k_n = 0.1989 \text{ A/V}^2$
 - $V_TO = V_{th} = 2\text{V}$



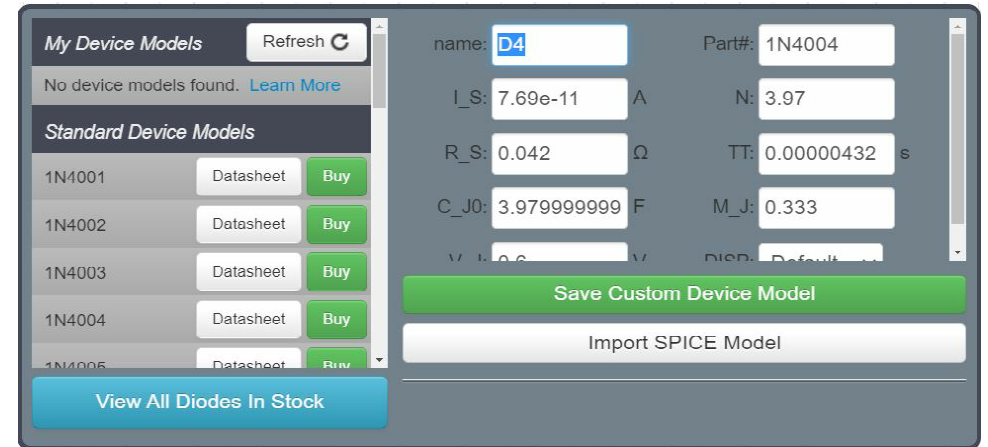
Red LED isn't available.

- Modify 1N4004: $V_d = 2.0\text{V} @ 20\text{mA}$

$$V_d = nV_T \cdot \ln\left(\frac{I_d}{I_{dss}} + 1\right)$$

$$2.00\text{V} = n \cdot 0.026\text{V} \cdot \ln\left(\frac{20\text{mA}}{7.69e-11\text{A}} + 1\right)$$

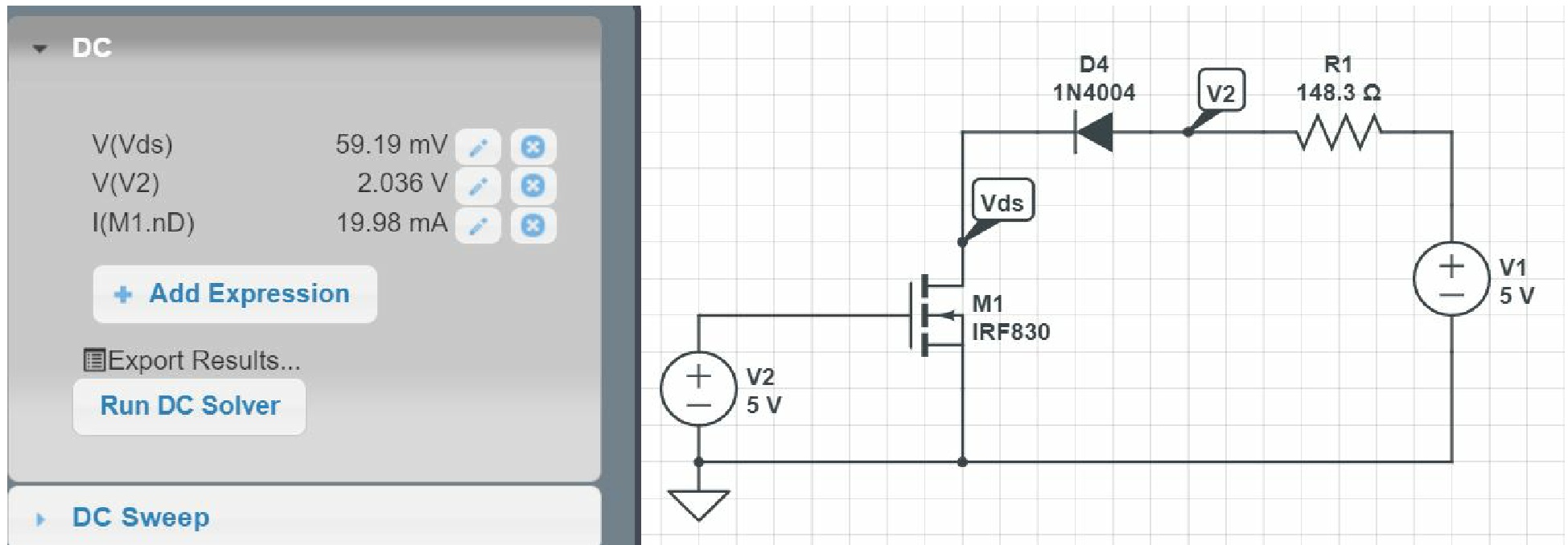
$$n = 3.97$$



Checking in CircuitLab

Calculated:

- $V_{ds} = 33.7\text{mV}$
- $I_{ds} = 20.00\text{mA}$



T(on), T(off)

It also takes some time for the MOSFET to turn on & off.

$$C_{GS} = 20pF$$

$$C_{DS} = 11pF$$

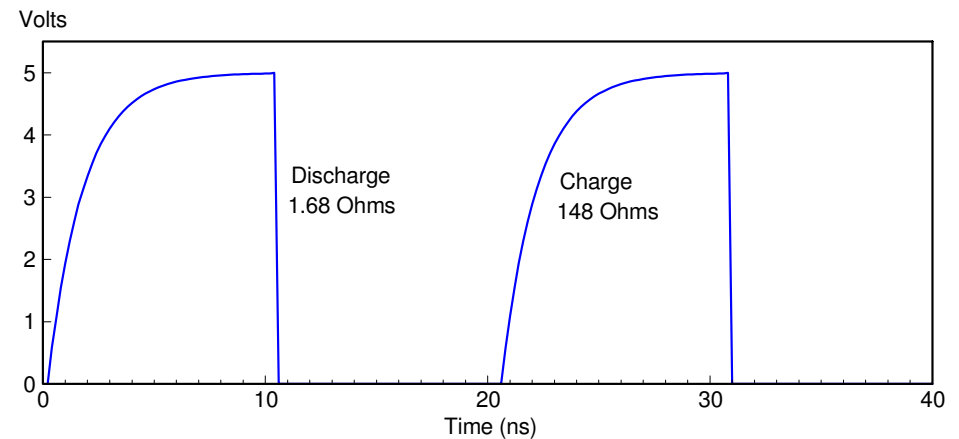
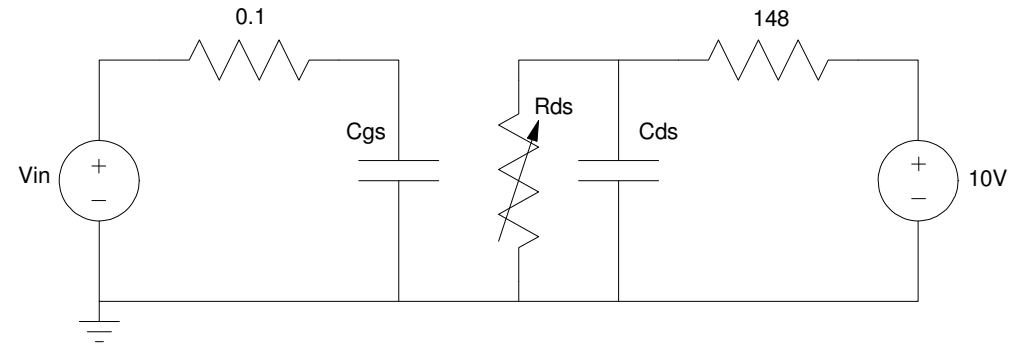
Charge through 148 Ohms

$$V_{DS} = 5V \cdot \left(1 - \exp\left(\frac{-t}{RC}\right)\right)$$

Discharge through 1.68 Ohms (R_{ds})

$$V_{DS} = 5 \cdot \exp\left(\frac{-t}{RC}\right)$$

MOSFETs are *fast* relative to BJT transistors.

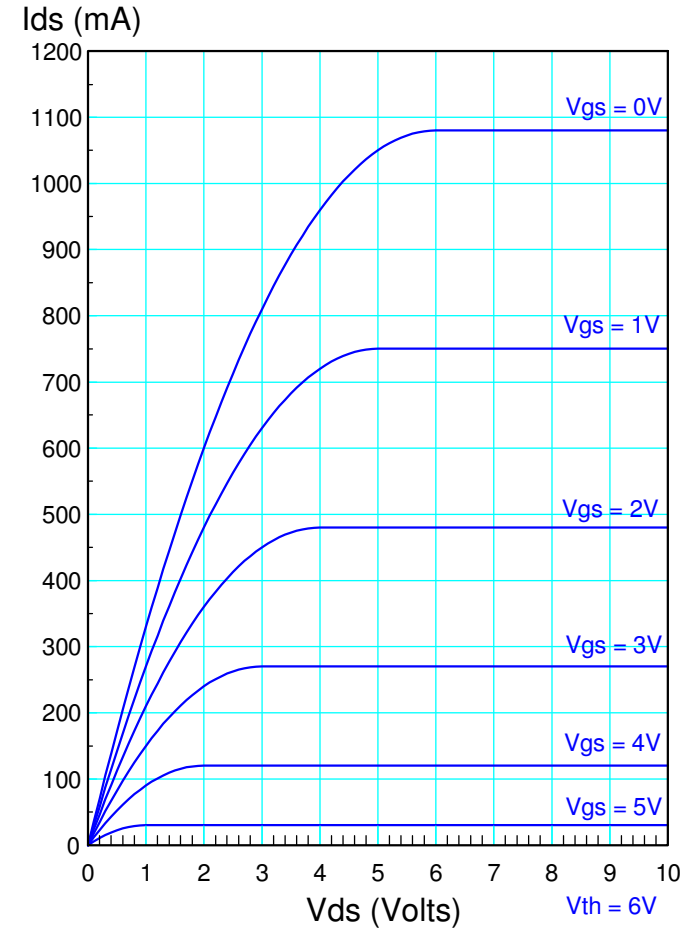
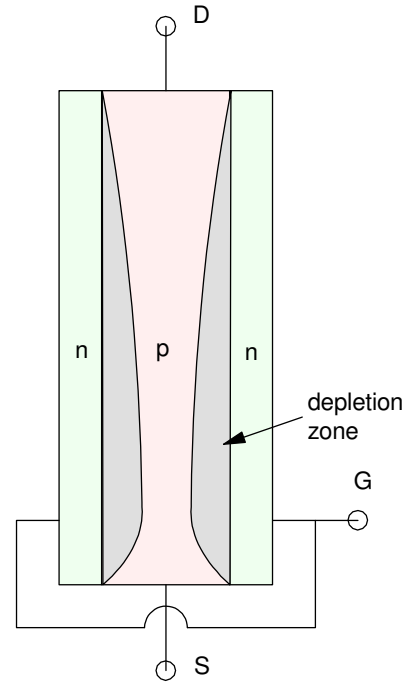


JFET: Junction Field Effect Transistor

- MOSFET: Normally Open Switch
- JFET: Normally Closed Switch

Same equations as a MOSFET

- "on" when $V_{gs} < V_{th}$

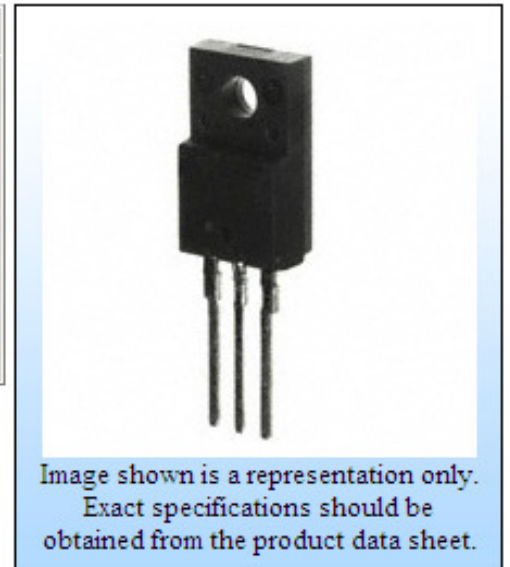


Bigger is Better

- MOSFETs are inexpensive, fast, tolerate high voltages and high currents
- $\max(I_{ds}) = 8A$ and $500V$
- $R_{ds(on)} = 0.65$ Ohms
- V_{GS} needs $10V$ to be on. The off voltage (V_{TN}) is between $3V$ and $5V$.

		All prices are in US dollars.		
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Quantity Available	142	1	1.51000	1.51
Manufacturer	SANYO Semiconductor (U.S.A.) Corporation	25	1.20400	30.10
Manufacturer Part Number	2SK4096LS	100	1.05350	105.35
Description	MOSFET N-CH 500V 8A TO-220FI	250	0.92452	231.13
Lead Free Status / RoHS Status	Lead free / RoHS Compliant	500	0.81700	408.50
		1,000	0.64500	645.00
		2,500	0.60200	1,505.00

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Electrical Characteristics at $T_a=25^\circ\text{C}$

Parameter	Symbol	Conditions	Ratings			Unit
			min	typ	max	
Drain-to-Source Breakdown Voltage	$V_{(BR)DSS}$	$I_D=10\text{mA}, V_{GS}=0\text{V}$	500			V
Zero-Gate Voltage Drain Current	I_{DSS}	$V_{DS}=400\text{V}, V_{GS}=0\text{V}$			100	μA
Gate-to-Source Leakage Current	I_{GSS}	$V_{GS}=\pm 30\text{V}, V_{DS}=0\text{V}$			± 100	nA
Cutoff Voltage	$V_{GS(off)}$	$V_{DS}=10\text{V}, I_D=1\text{mA}$	3		5	V
Forward Transfer Admittance	$ y_{fs} $	$V_{DS}=10\text{V}, I_D=4\text{A}$	2.2	4.5		S
Static Drain-to-Source On-State Resistance	$R_{DS(on)}$	$I_D=4\text{A}, V_{GS}=10\text{V}$		0.65	0.85	Ω
Input Capacitance	C_{iss}	$V_{DS}=30\text{V}, f=1\text{MHz}$		600		pF
Output Capacitance	C_{oss}	$V_{DS}=30\text{V}, f=1\text{MHz}$		130		pF
Reverse Transfer Capacitance	C_{rss}	$V_{DS}=30\text{V}, f=1\text{MHz}$		28		pF
Turn-ON Delay Time	$t_d(on)$	See specified Test Circuit.		18.5		ns
Rise Time	t_r	See specified Test Circuit.		46		ns
Turn-OFF Delay Time	$t_d(off)$	See specified Test Circuit.		75		ns
Fall Time	t_f	See specified Test Circuit.		33		ns
Total Gate Charge	Q_g	$V_{DS}=200\text{V}, V_{GS}=10\text{V}, I_D=8\text{A}$		24		nC
Gate-to-Source Charge	Q_{gs}	$V_{DS}=200\text{V}, V_{GS}=10\text{V}, I_D=8\text{A}$		4.5		nC
Gate-to-Drain "Miller" Charge	Q_{gd}	$V_{DS}=200\text{V}, V_{GS}=10\text{V}, I_D=8\text{A}$		14		nC
Diode Forward Voltage	V_{SD}	$I_S=8\text{A}, V_{GS}=0\text{V}$		0.9	1.2	V

Summary

MOSFET switches are actually really easy to use

- Off: $V_{gs} < V_{th}$
- On: $V_{gn} > V_{th}$

The "on" resistance is usually very small

- Can often ignore

The "on" current can be very large

- 1000A for some MOSFETs

Most switches used in industry are MOSFETs

- We avoid them in lab due to static electricity

