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# *Introduction*

## Introduction

- An FET needs VT to start working:

$$V_T = \dots N_A^{1/2}$$

- From then on it is a capacitor:

$$Q = C_{ox} (V_G - V_T)$$

- In the linear region the current is proportional to the field and the charge density:

$$I_{ds} = V_{ds} Q \mu$$

Result:

$$I_{ds} = a V_{ds} C_{ox} (V_G - V_T) \mu$$

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$$I_{ds} = a \ C_{ox} (V_G - V_T) \ \mu \ V_{ds}$$

$a$  device dimensions

$C_{ox} (V_G - V_T)$  charge density

$\mu$  response of a carrier  
to the field

$V_{ds}$  field

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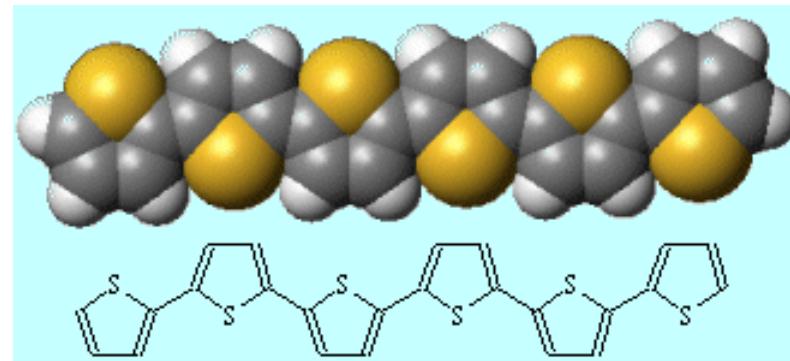
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# Introduction

## Special Effects

- Mobility depends on longitudinal field ( $V_{ds}$ )
- Mobility *appears* to depend on transversal field ( $V_g$ )
- Mobility *appears* to depend on the frequency ( $\nu$ )
- Threshold voltage not constant ( $V_g$ ,  $t$ ,  $T$ )



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# Transfer curves

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## Mobility appears to depend on $V_g$

$$\text{LIN: } I_{ds} = (W/L) C_{ox} \mu (V_g - V_t)^{1+\gamma} V_{ds}$$

$$\text{SAT: } I_{ds} = (1/2)(W/L) C_{ox} \mu (V_g - V_t)^{2+\gamma}$$

This implies that the **amount of free charge** in the channel grows faster-than-linear with the gate voltage, i.e. no longer a simple “parallel metal plates” device

Alternatively: define an as-measured (parametric) mobility that depends on  $V_g$ , example (LIN)

$$I_{ds} = (W/L) C_{ox} \mu(V_g) (V_g - V_t) V_{ds}$$

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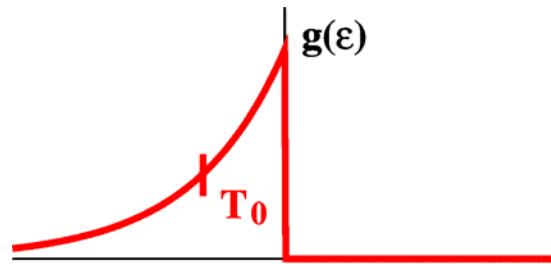
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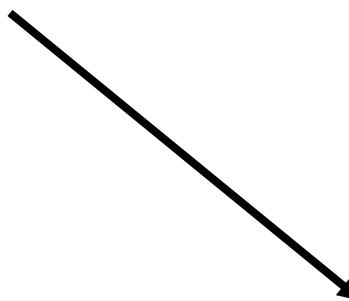
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# Vissenberg



$$g(\varepsilon) = (N_T/kT_0) \exp(\varepsilon/kT_0)$$



$$\gamma = 2(T_0/T - 1)$$

Vissenberg et al, PRB 57, 12964 (1998)

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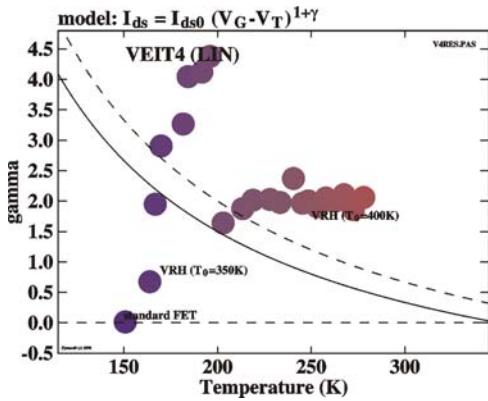
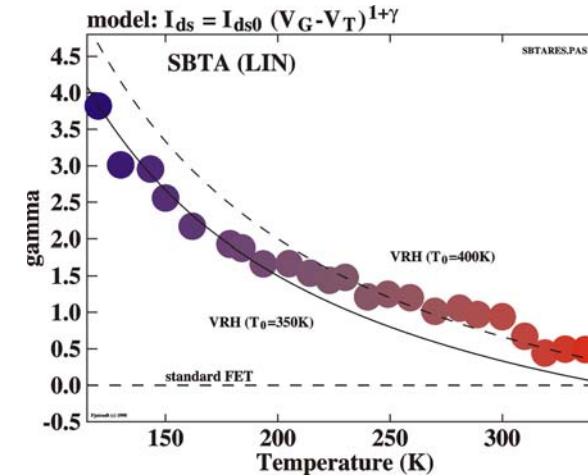
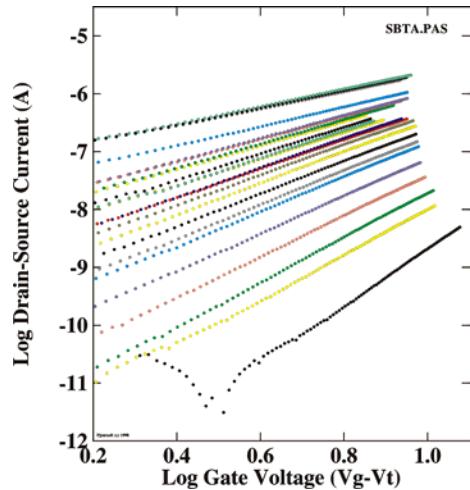
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# Mobility appears to depend on $V_g$

$\gamma$  depends on  $T$



Failure of the VRH/MTR theory, which cannot adequately describe the behavior of  $\gamma$  as a function of temperature.

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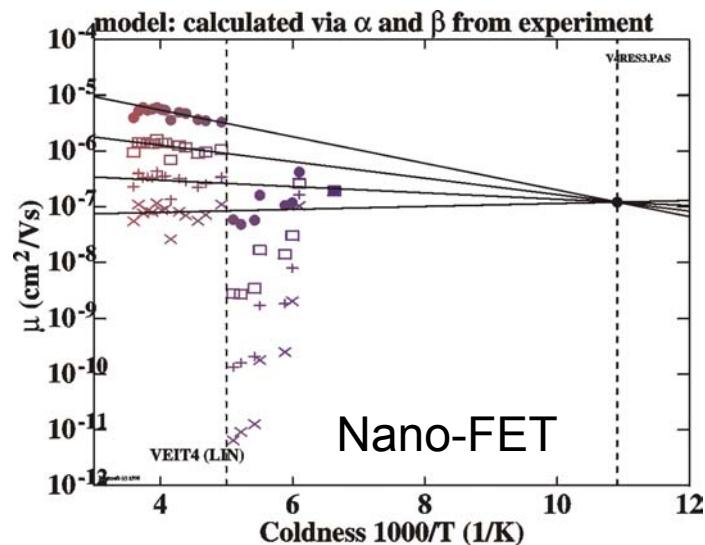
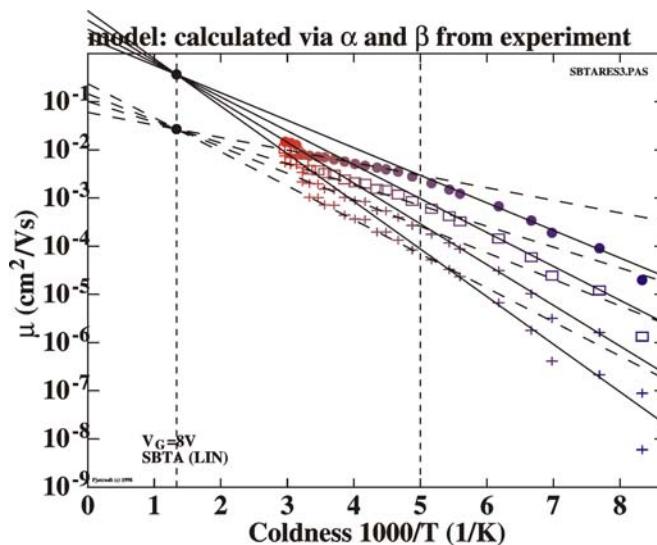
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# The Meyer-Neldel rule (MNR)

MNR: In Arrhenius plot all mobilities lie on line going through the same point ( $T_{MR}$ ,  $\mu_{MN}$ )



MNR holds, with a phase transition at 200 K

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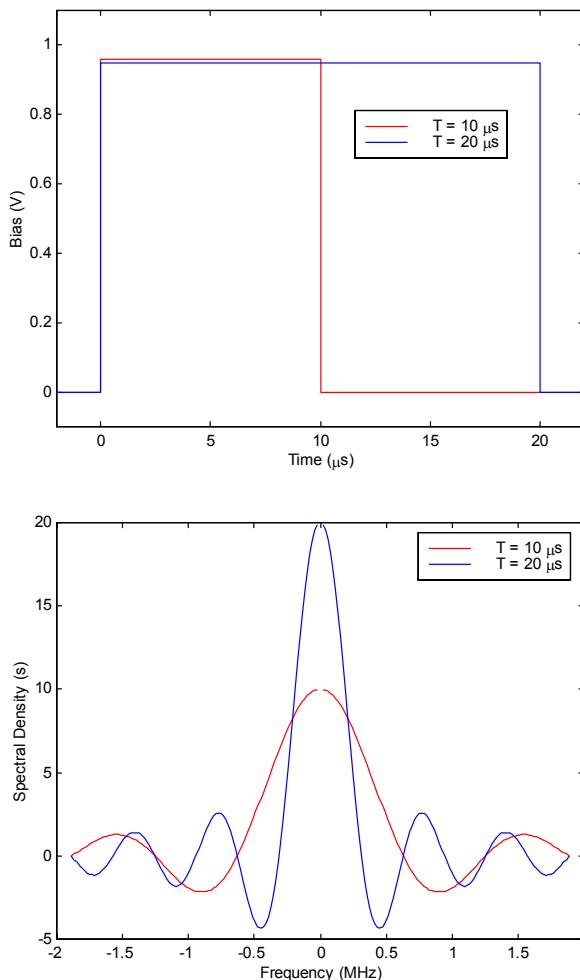
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# Pulsed measurements



Fourier transform of pulse:

Shorter pulse: higher frequencies

Examples:

Pulse 20  $\mu$ s = 0.25 MHz

Pulse 10  $\mu$ s = 0.5 MHz

When doing pulsed measurement, you are doing **FTCS** (Fourier-transform current-spectroscopy)

Important if  $\mu$  depends on  $v$ .

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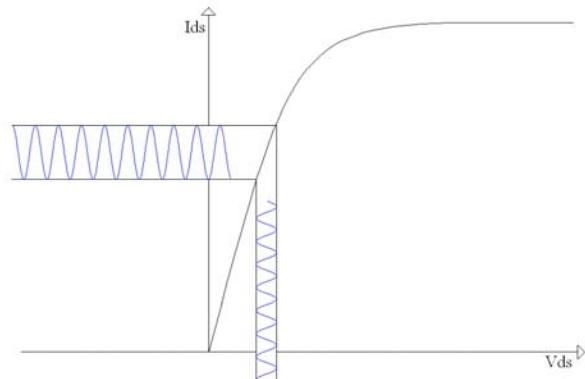
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Amplitude of  
response  
proportional to  $\mu$



Using lock-in  
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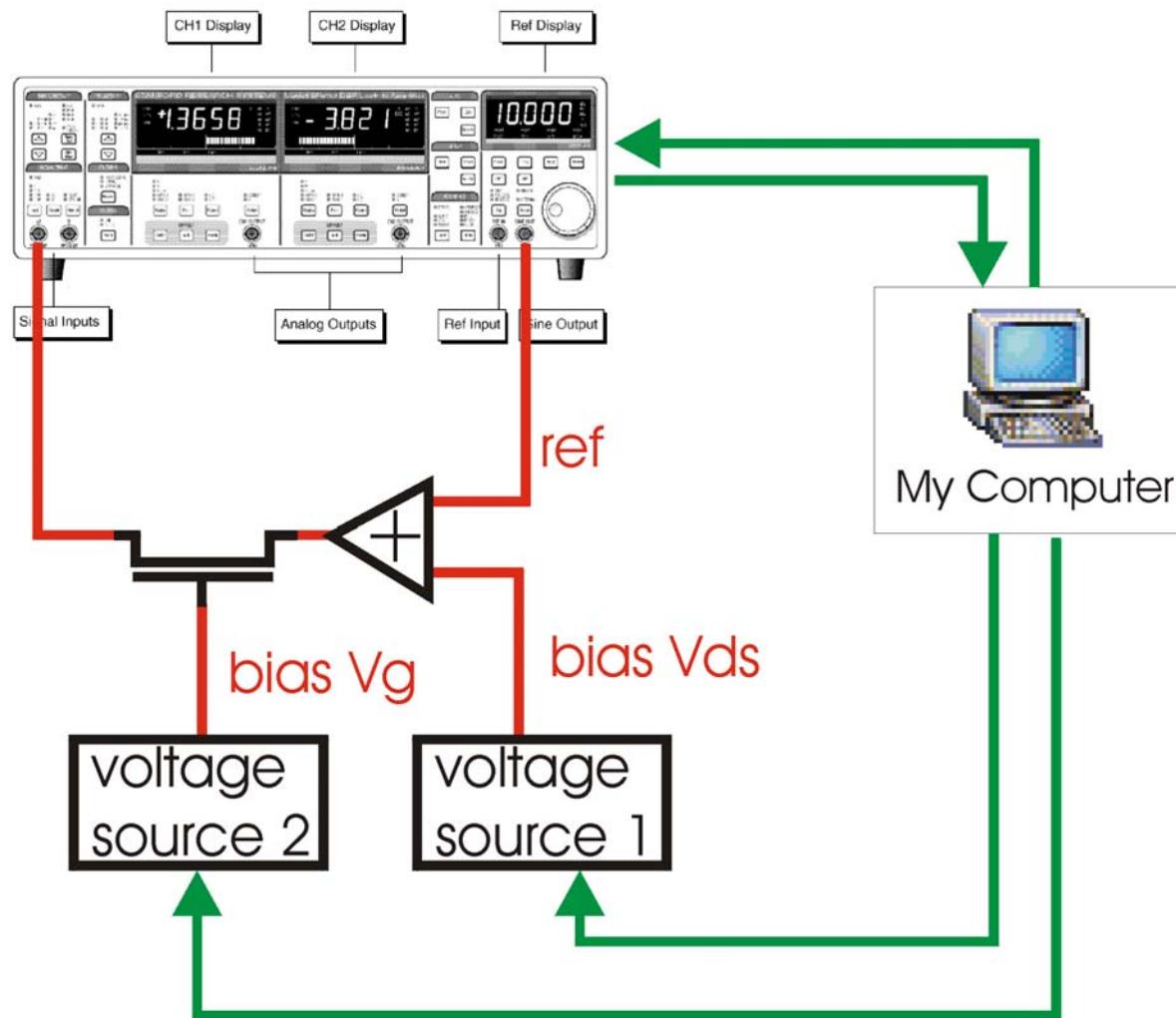
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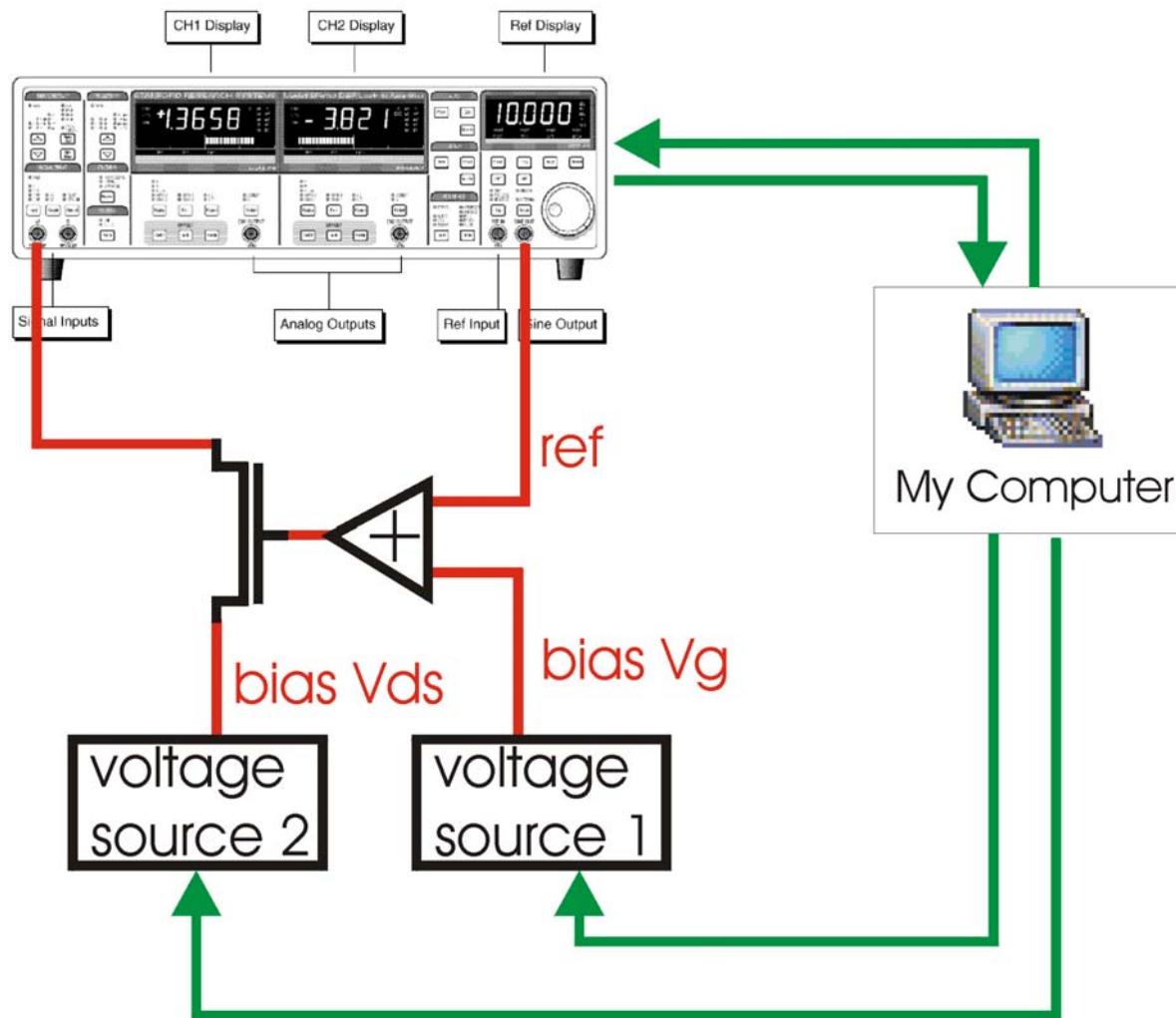
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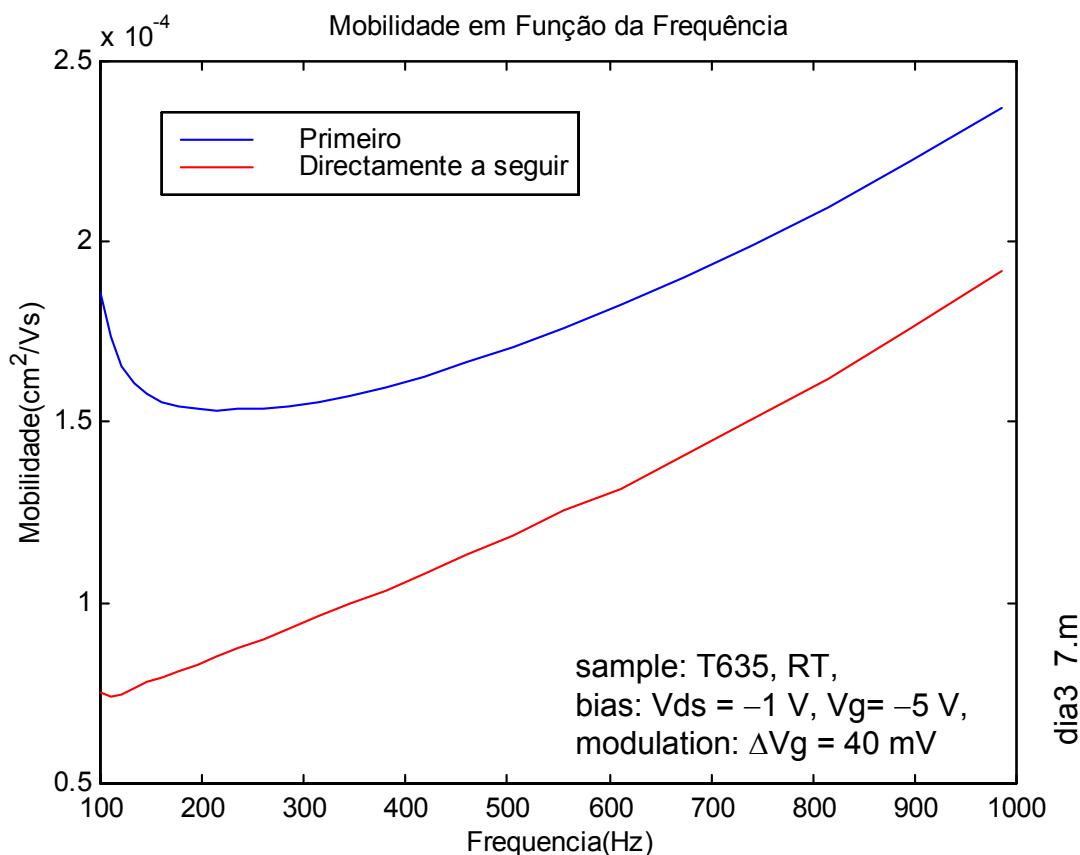
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# Current Spectroscopy



The as-measured mobility depends on the frequency!

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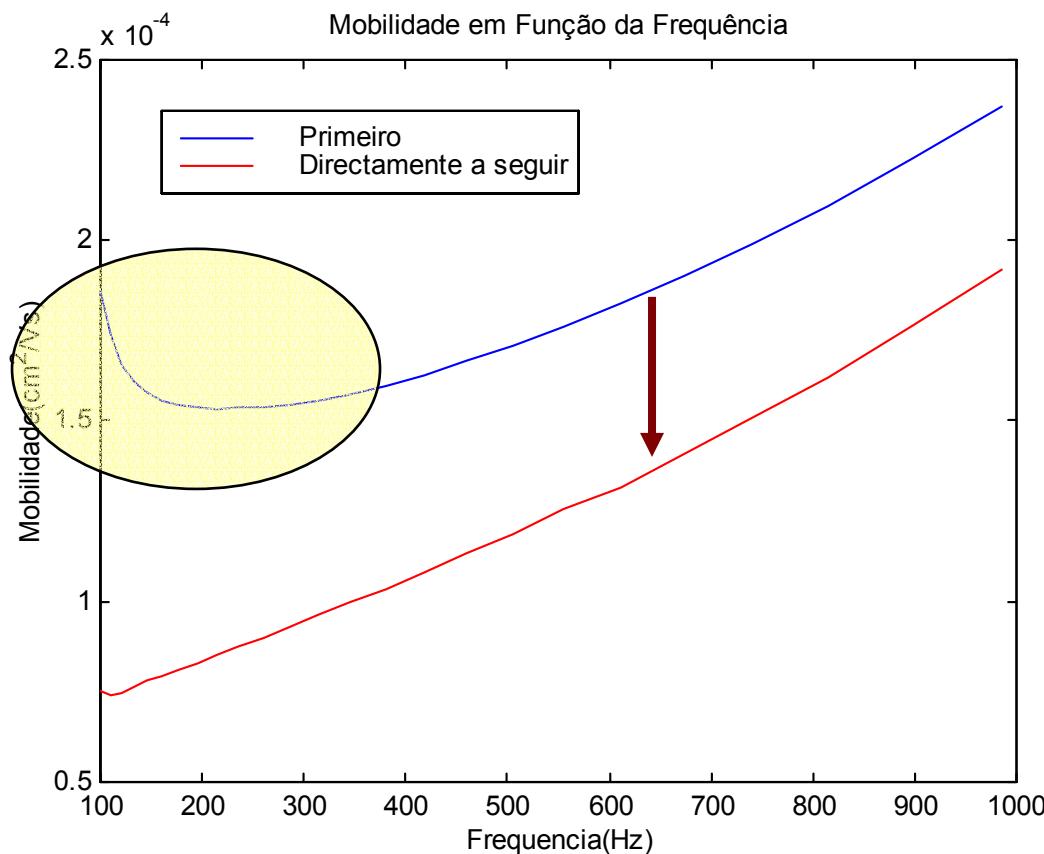
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# Spectroscopy results



## Stressing effects ( $V_T$ changes)

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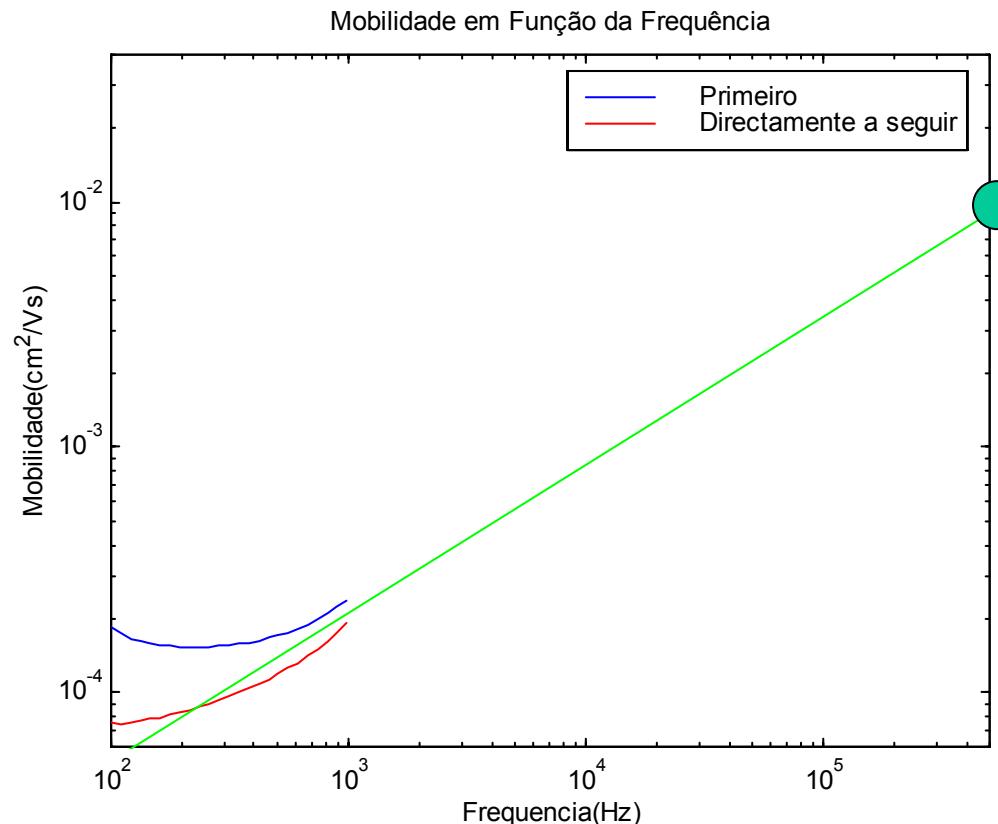
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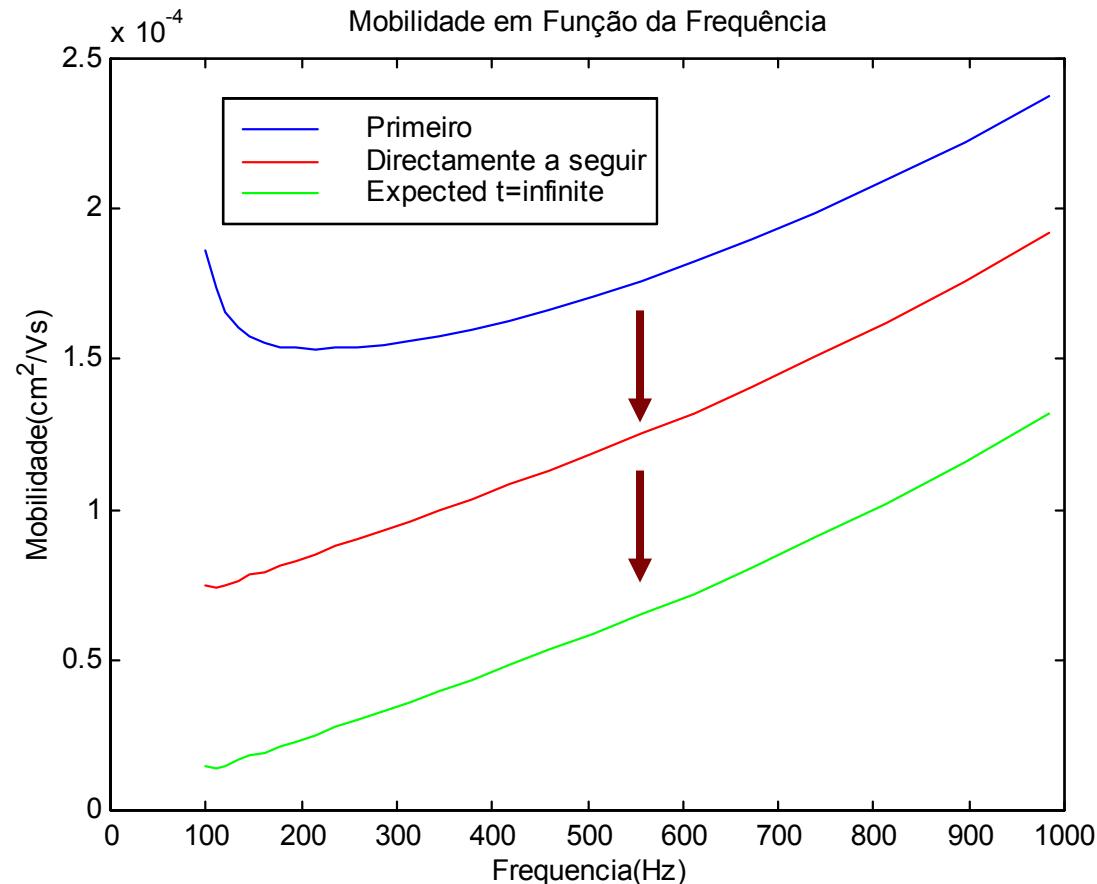
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$$\Delta t = 10 \mu\text{s}$$
$$\mu = 10^{-2} \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$$

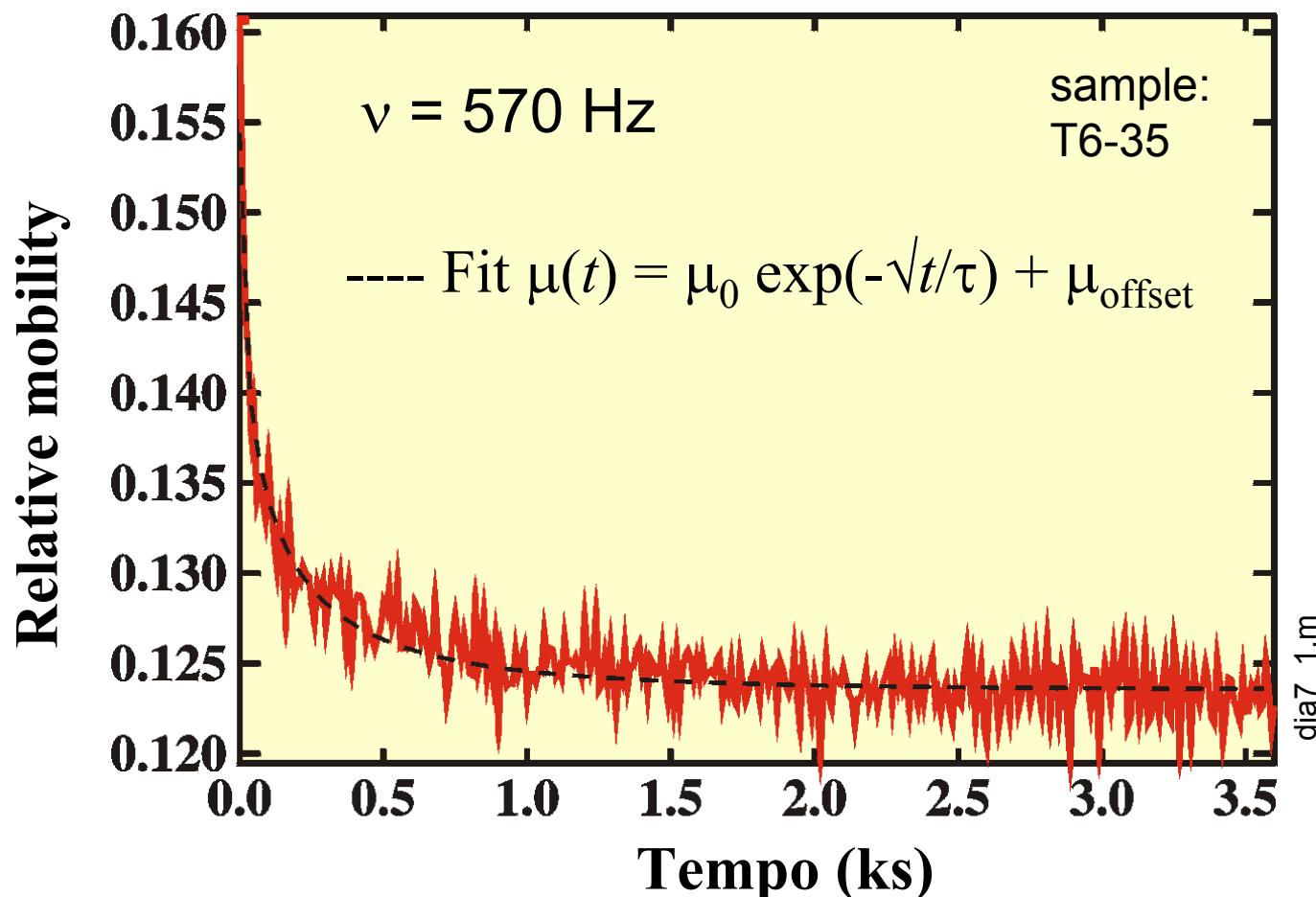
Extrapolation to pulsed measurements  
Pulsed experiments give 500x mobility

## Spectroscopy results



Expected for  $t = \infty$ : DC mobility = 0 because  $V_T = V_G$ . AC mobility is not 0 (?)

## Transient of mobility vs. time.



Note that in this experiment  $V_g$  is always on

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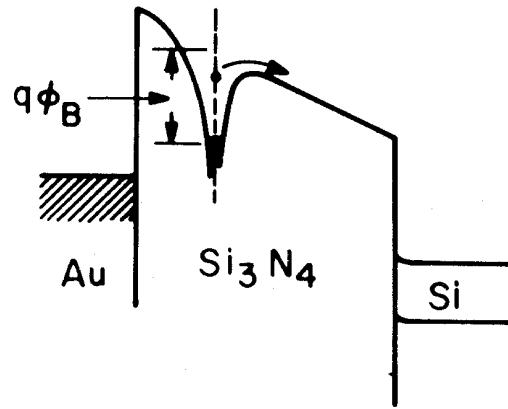
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# Poole-Frenkel Conduction model

For low-conductivity materials, the conducting model might be “field-assisted hopping”.



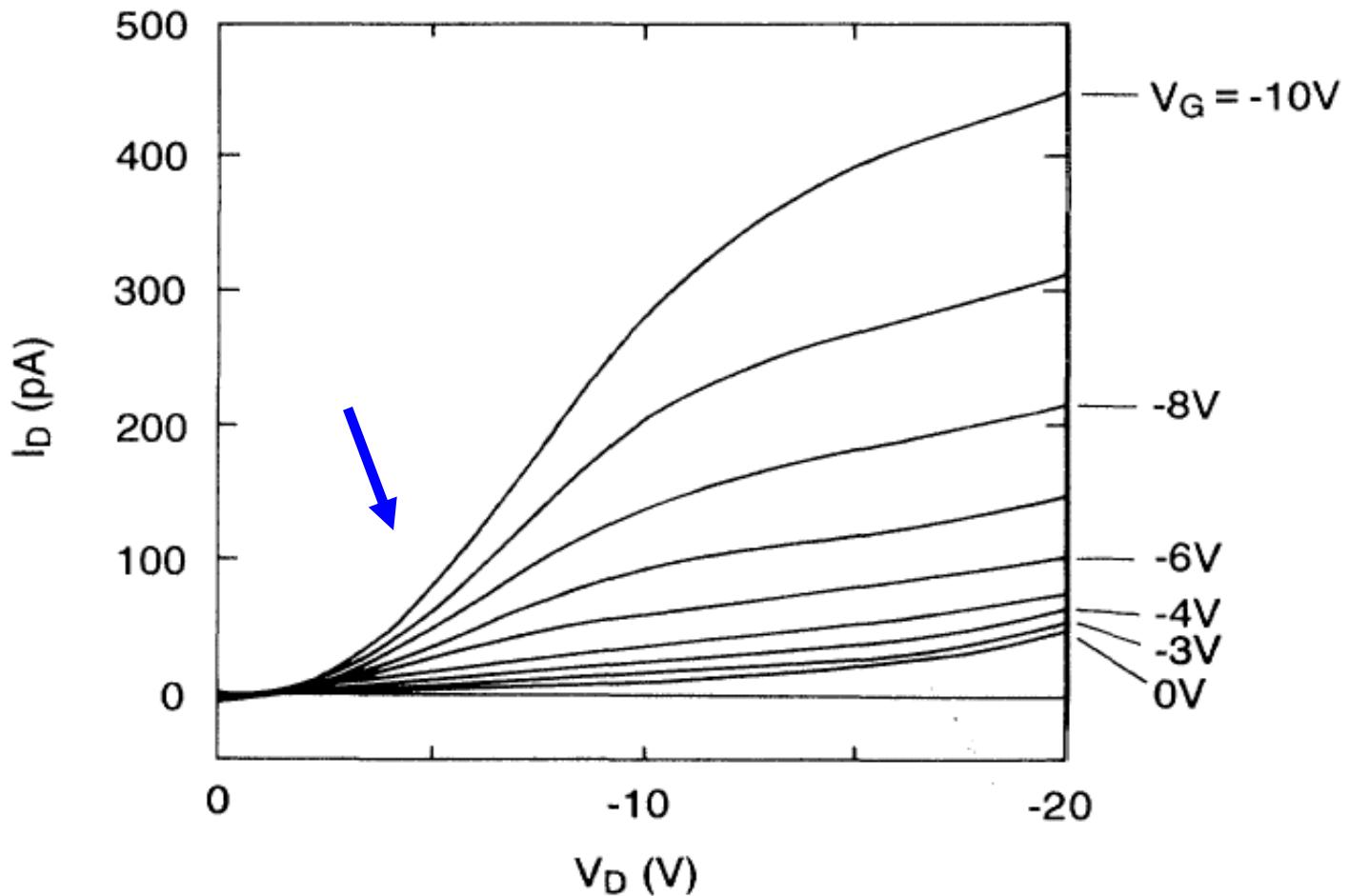
Frenkel–Poole  
emission

$$J \sim \mathcal{E} \exp\left[\frac{-q(\phi_B - \sqrt{q\mathcal{E}/\pi\epsilon_i})}{kT}\right] \sim V \exp(+2a\sqrt{V/T} - q\phi_B/kT)$$

The as-measured mobility then depends on  
the longitudinal field ( $V_{ds}$ )

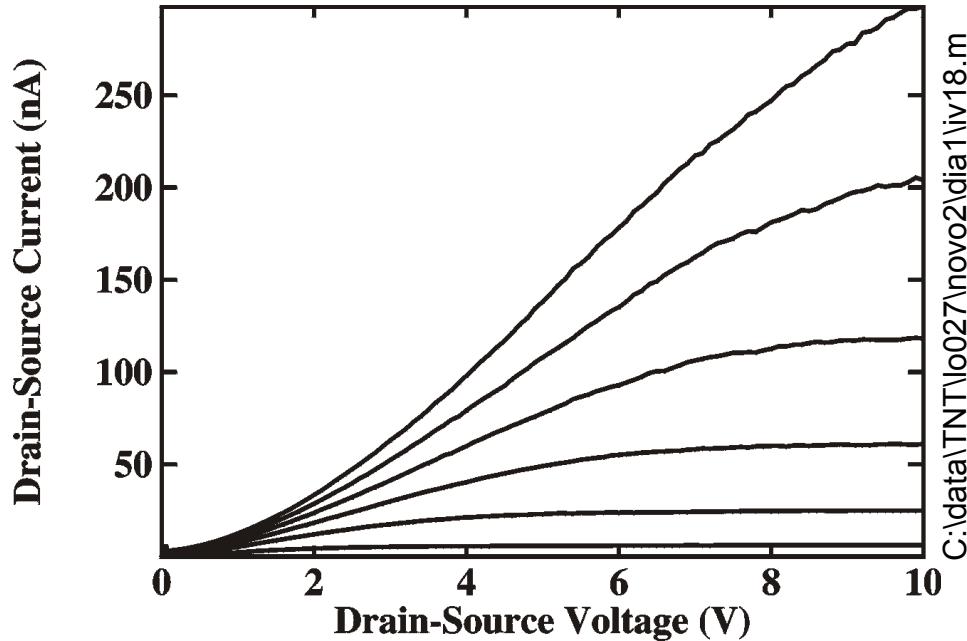
Images and equations: Sze, “Physics of Semiconductor Devices”, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., p403.

## Poole-Frenkel conduction in literature



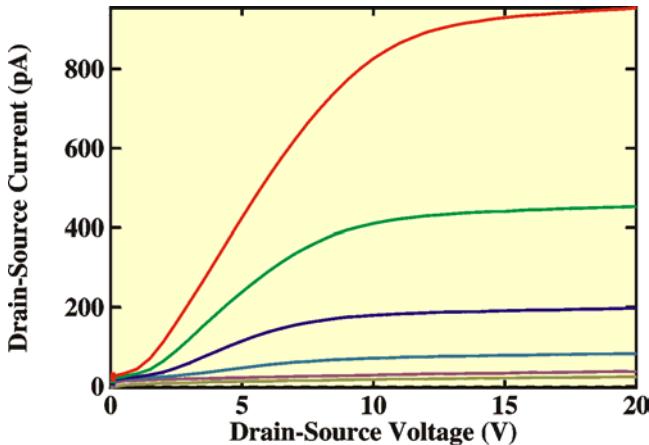
Waragai, "Charge transport in thin films of semiconducting oligothiophenes", PRB **52**, 1786 (1995).

# Experimental observation of Poole-Frenkel conduction



Sample: LO27 (Tobias), RT, LV

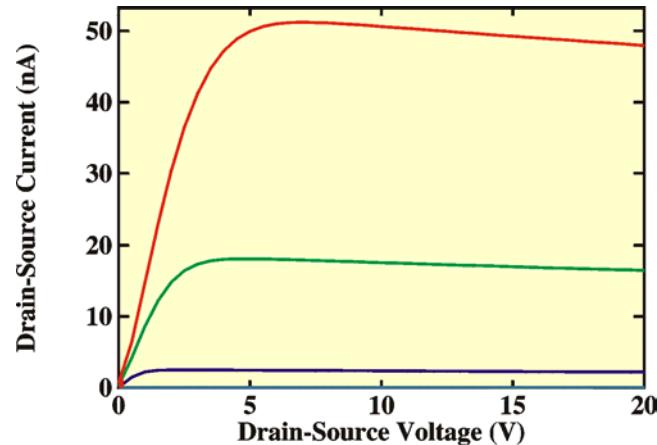
# Poole-Frenkel: Effect of temperature



$T = 210 \text{ K}$

Frenkel-Poole  
emission

$$J \sim \mathcal{E} \exp\left[\frac{-q(\phi_B - \sqrt{q\mathcal{E}/\pi\epsilon_i})}{kT}\right]$$



$T = 340 \text{ K}$

$$\sim V \exp(+2a\sqrt{V}/T - q\phi_B/kT)$$



Sample: LO23 (Tobias)

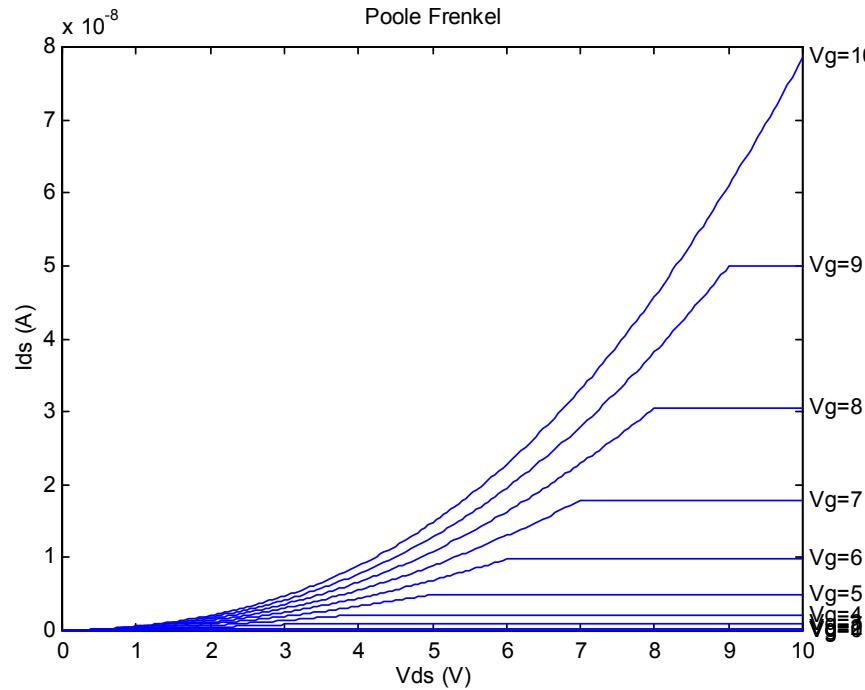
# Simulation of Poole-Frenkel conduction

## 1: Simple model: field (and $\mu$ ) constant in space

$$E = V_{ds}/L$$

$$\mu = \mu_0 \exp(\gamma E^{1/2})$$

$$I_{ds} = a C_{ox} (V_G - V_T) \mu V_{ds}$$



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## Simulation of Poole-Frenkel conduction

### 2: Full simulation. System of differential equations

Differential equations:

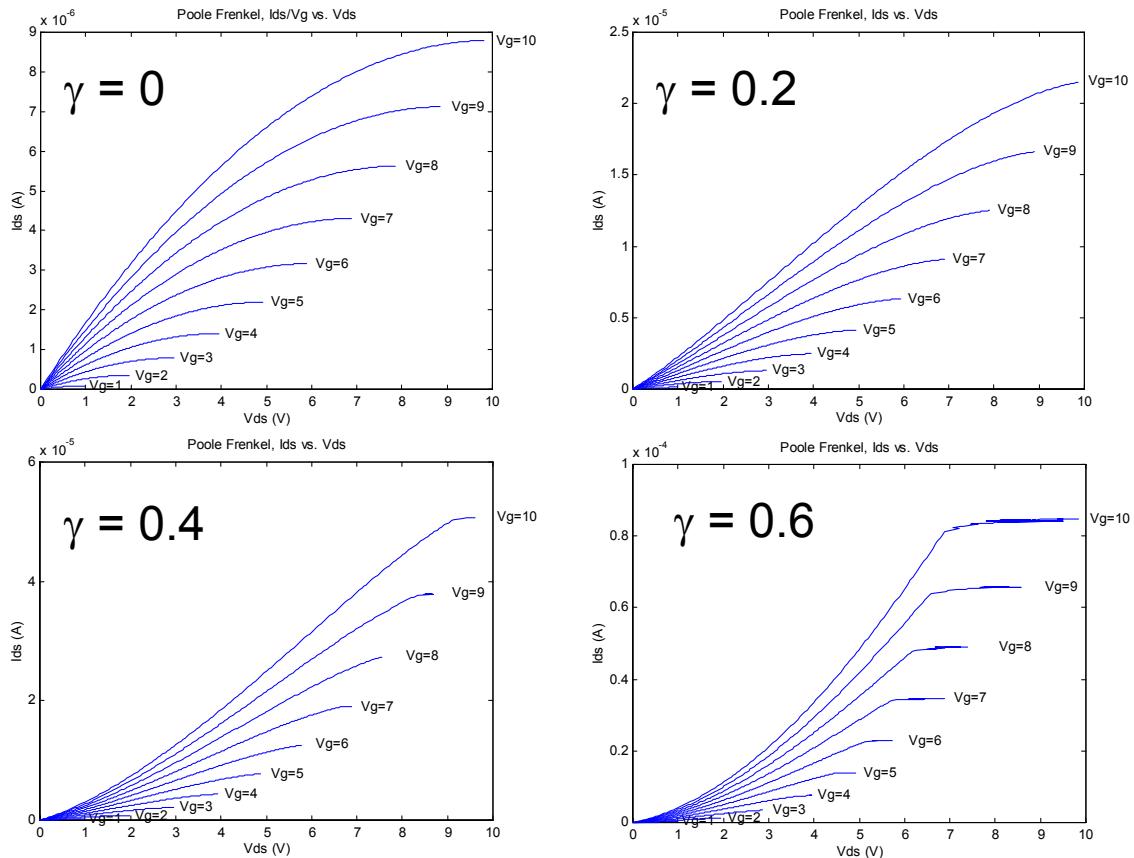
1.  $E(x) = dV(x)/dx$
2.  $\mu(x) = \mu_0 \exp[\gamma E(x)^{1/2}]$
3.  $Q(x) = C_{ox} [Vg - Vt - V(x)]$
4.  $I(x) = W Q(x) \mu(x) E(x)$

Boundary conditions:

- $I$  constant in space,  $I(x) = I_{ds}$
- $V(0) = 0$
- $V(L) = V_{ds}$  (or  $I = I_{ds}$ )

# Simulation of Poole-Frenkel conduction

## 2: Full simulation. System of differential equations



Note:  $\gamma \sim 1/T$

## Alternative: Schottky Barrier Contacts

emission  
 Schottky

$$J = A * L_s \exp \left[ \frac{kT}{-q(\phi_B - \sqrt{q\epsilon/\pi\epsilon_0})} \right] \sim L_s \exp (+a \sqrt{V/T} - q\phi_B/kT)$$

Frenkel-Poole  
 emission

$$J \sim \mathcal{E} \exp \left[ \frac{-q(\phi_B - \sqrt{q\mathcal{E}/\pi\epsilon_0})}{kT} \right] \sim V \exp (+2a\sqrt{V/T} - q\phi_B/kT)$$

- Very similar to Poole-Frenkel emission
- Can be modeled by diodes in series with the FET



- But: maximum current through device would be reverse-bias saturation current of a Schottky diode.

# Schottky Barrier Contacts

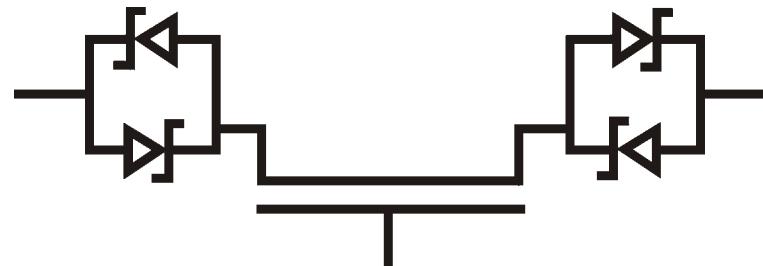
missions  
 methods

$$J = V * L_s \exp\left[\frac{-qL}{d(\phi_B - \sqrt{4\pi\epsilon_0 E})}\right] \sim L_s \exp(+a \Delta V/L - d\phi_B/kT)$$

Frenkel-Poole  
 emission

$$J \sim \mathcal{E} \exp\left[\frac{-q(\phi_B - \sqrt{q\mathcal{E}/\pi\epsilon_0})}{kT}\right] \sim V \exp(+2a\sqrt{V/T} - q\phi_B/kT)$$

- Very similar to Poole-Frenkel emission
- Can be electrically simulated by 4 diodes in series with the FET



- But: connection to a physical model is lost.

# Poole-Frenkel Conduction model

## Conclusions:

- Region at contact is highly resistive or entire sample is controlled by hopping conduction (MTR: multi-trap and release?).
- correlation seen with other effects? (non-linear transfer curves)

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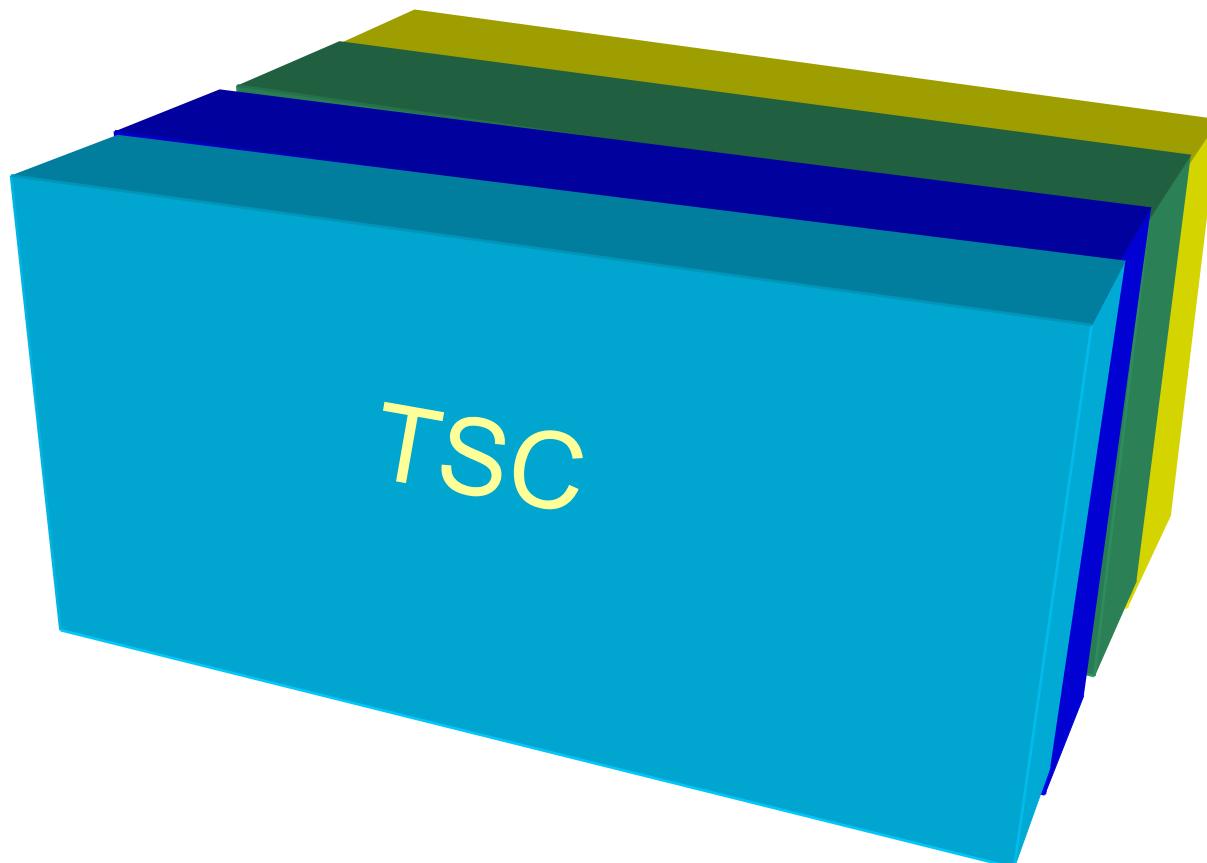
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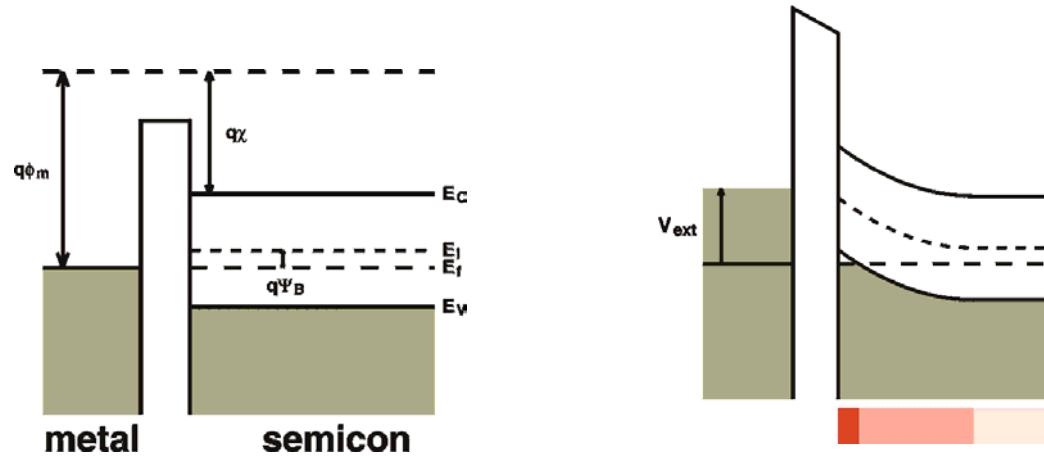
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# Temperature Scanned Current



$$V_T = (4q\epsilon_s \psi_B N_A^-)^{1/2} / C_{ox} + 2\psi_B$$

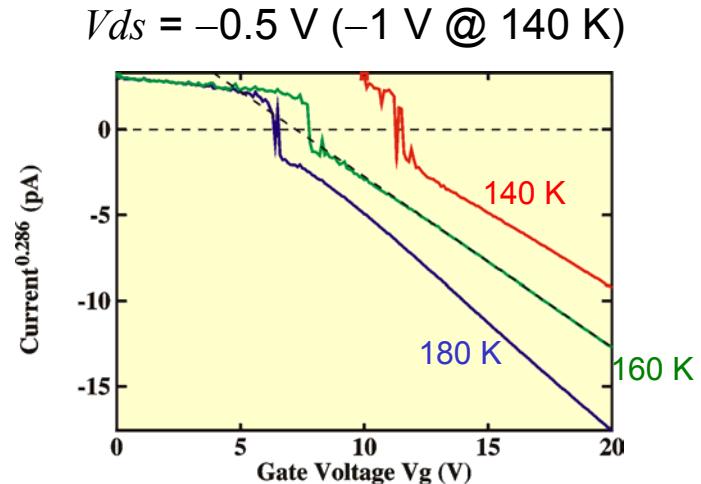
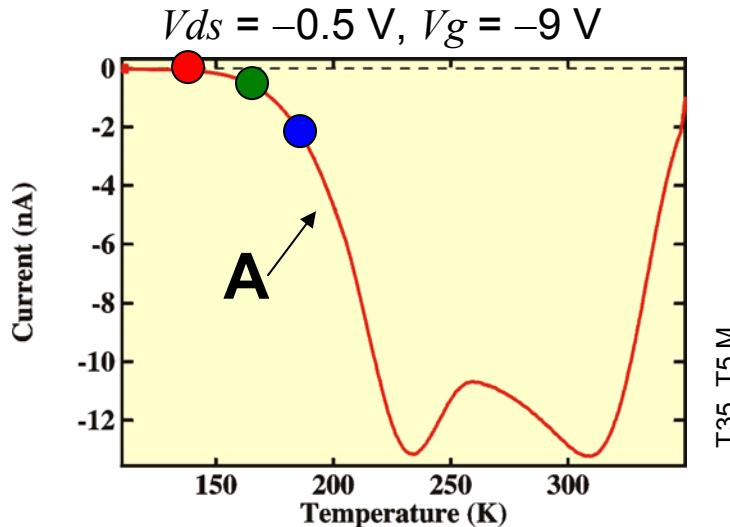
Dependence on temperature

	Classic ½-con	Organic ½-con
$N_A^-$	No	Yes
$\psi_B$	Yes	Yes

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<http://www.ualg.pt/fct/adeec/optoel/fet/>

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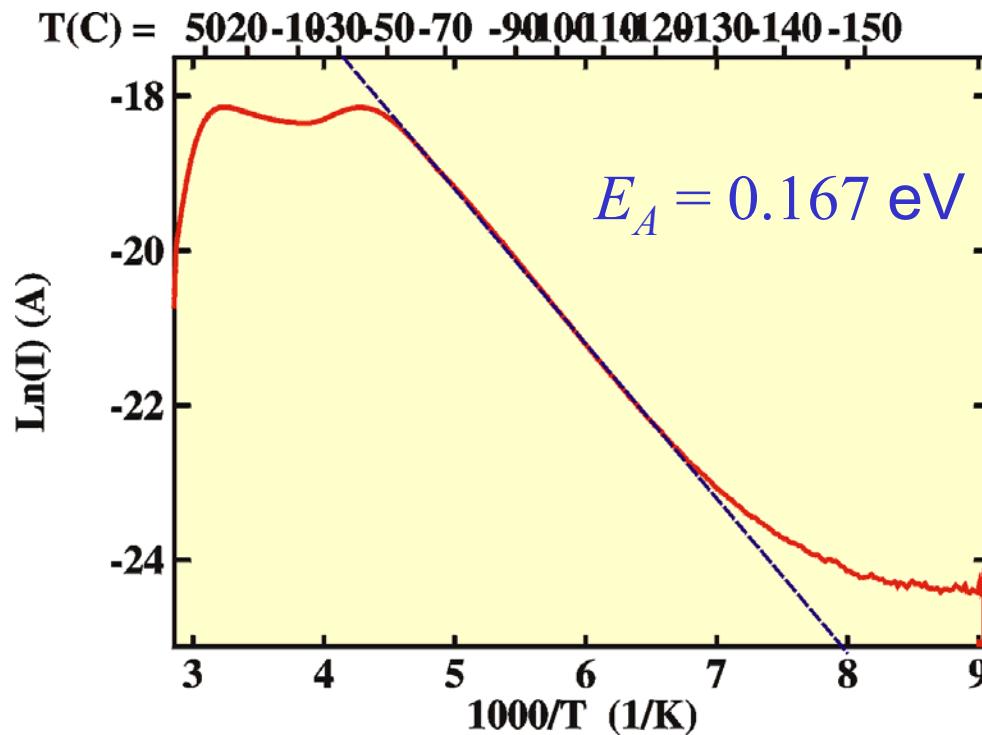


A:

- $V_T$  decreases reversibly because  $\psi_B$  changes (linear)
- Poole-Frenkel:  $\mu = \exp(-E_A/kT)$

PF “wins”, current is exponentially growing

# Temperature Scanned Current

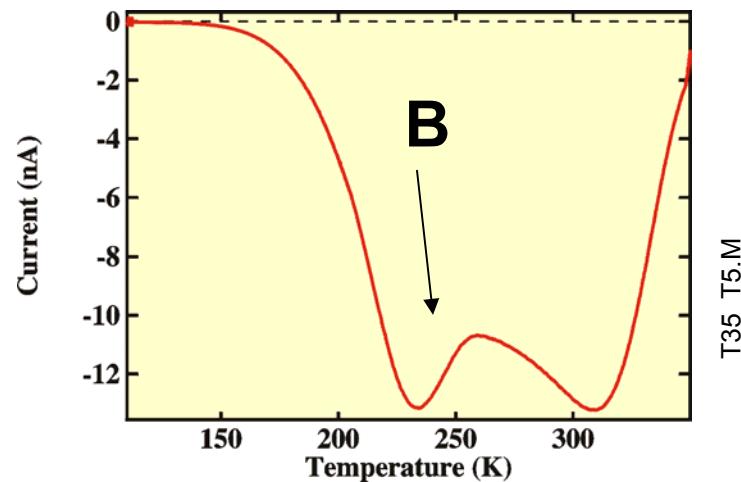


PF:  $E_A = q \phi_B - 2 a k \sqrt{V_{ds}}$

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$$J \sim \mathcal{E} \exp \left[ \frac{-q(\phi_B - \sqrt{q\mathcal{E}/\pi\epsilon_i})}{kT} \right] \sim V \exp(+2a\sqrt{V}/T - q\phi_B/kT)$$

# Temperature Scanned Current



$V_{ds} = -0.5 \text{ V}$ ,  $V_g = -9 \text{ V}$

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**B:**

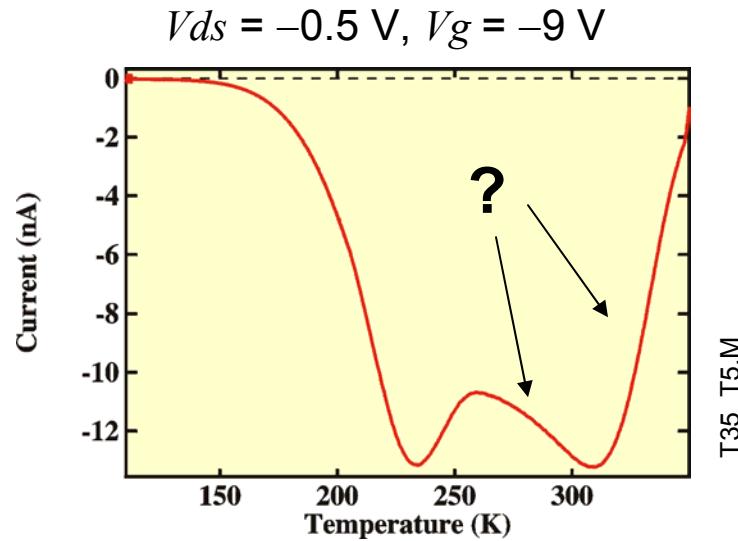
$$V_T = (4q\epsilon_s\psi_B N_A^-)^{1/2} / C_{ox} + 2\psi_B$$

- $V_T$  increases irreversibly because  $N_A^-$  appear/ionize.  
Stressing!

- $\tau = \tau_0 \exp(-E_A/kT)$ ,  $N_A^-(t) = N_A^-(\infty)[1 - \text{Exp}(t/\tau)]$

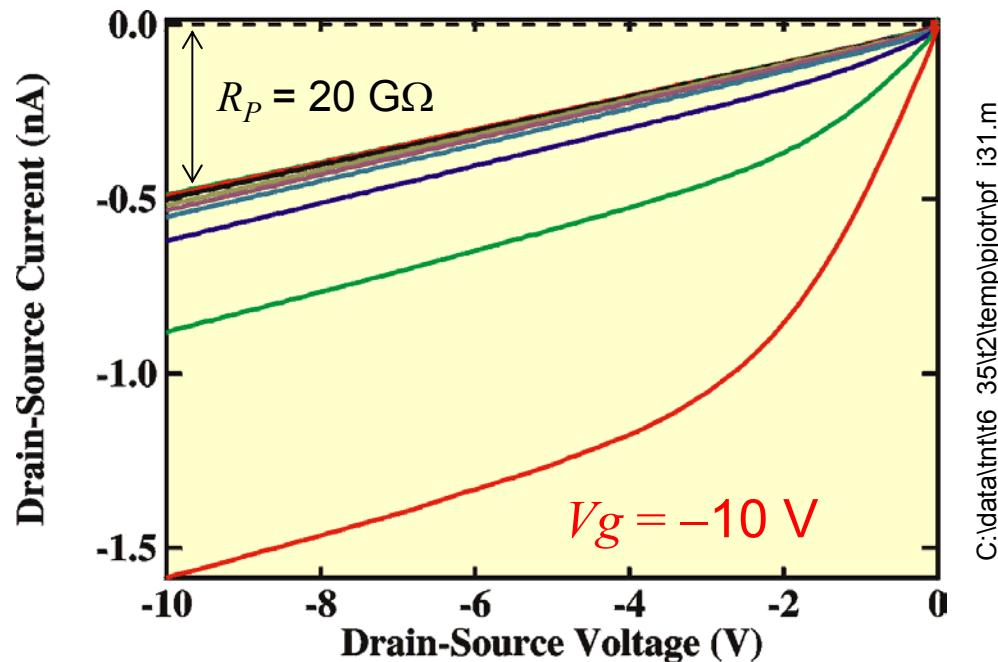
Stressing wins because of slow scanning.

# Temperature Scanned Current



# Temperature, Poole-Frenkel

Sample 35  $T = 180$  K



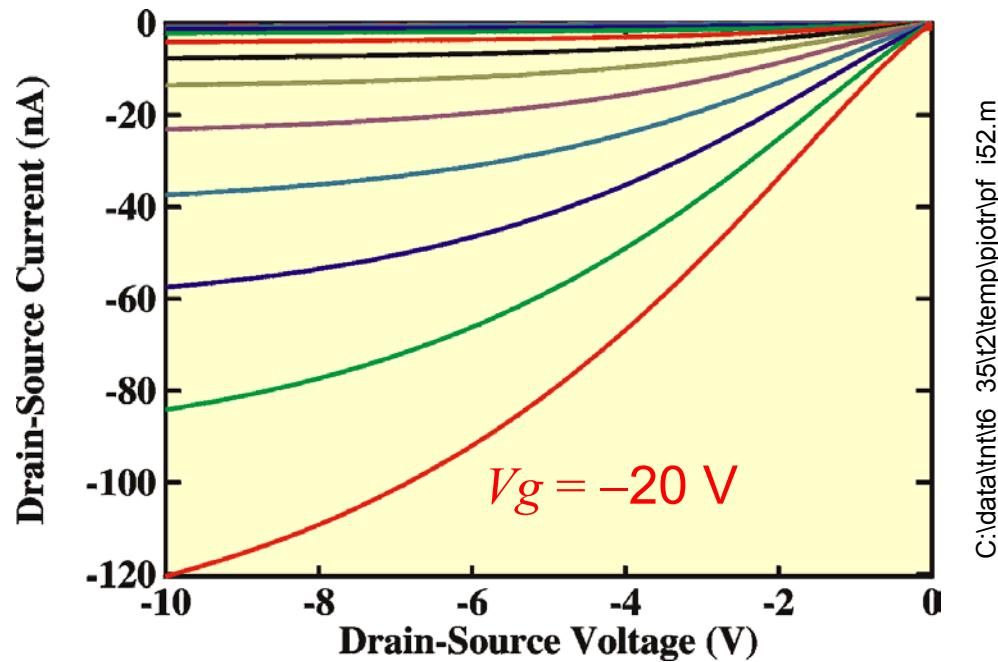
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$$J \sim \mathcal{E} \exp\left[\frac{-q(\phi_B - \sqrt{q\mathcal{E}/\pi\epsilon_i})}{kT}\right] \sim V \exp(+2a\sqrt{V/T} - q\phi_B/kT)$$

# Temperature, Poole-Frenkel

Sample 35  $T = 160$  K



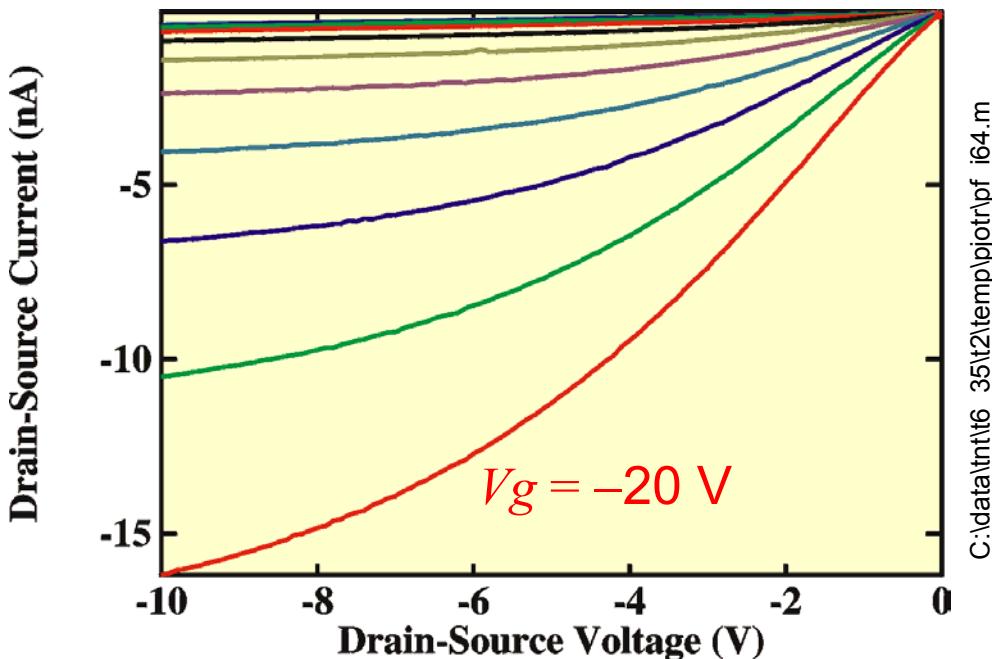
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Frenkel-Poole  
emission

$$J \sim \mathcal{E} \exp\left[\frac{-q(\phi_B - \sqrt{q\mathcal{E}/\pi\epsilon_i})}{kT}\right] \sim V \exp(+2a\sqrt{V/T} - q\phi_B/kT)$$

# Temperature, Poole-Frenkel

Sample 35  $T = 140$  K



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Frenkel-Poole  
emission

$$J \sim \mathcal{E} \exp\left[\frac{-q(\phi_B - \sqrt{q\mathcal{E}/\pi\epsilon_i})}{kT}\right] \sim V \exp(+2a\sqrt{V/T} - q\phi_B/kT)$$

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Magical temperature (phase transition?) at 200 K

Behavior up to 250 K well understood

VRH doesn't work

MNR applies

Poole-Frenkel can explain a lot

Is it the same as MTR (multi-trap-and-release)?

Gilles Horowitz ....

Mobility spectra. Careful with pulsed measurements,  $\mu$  depends on  $v$

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