Metal Oxide Semiconductor Depletion Mode Transistor

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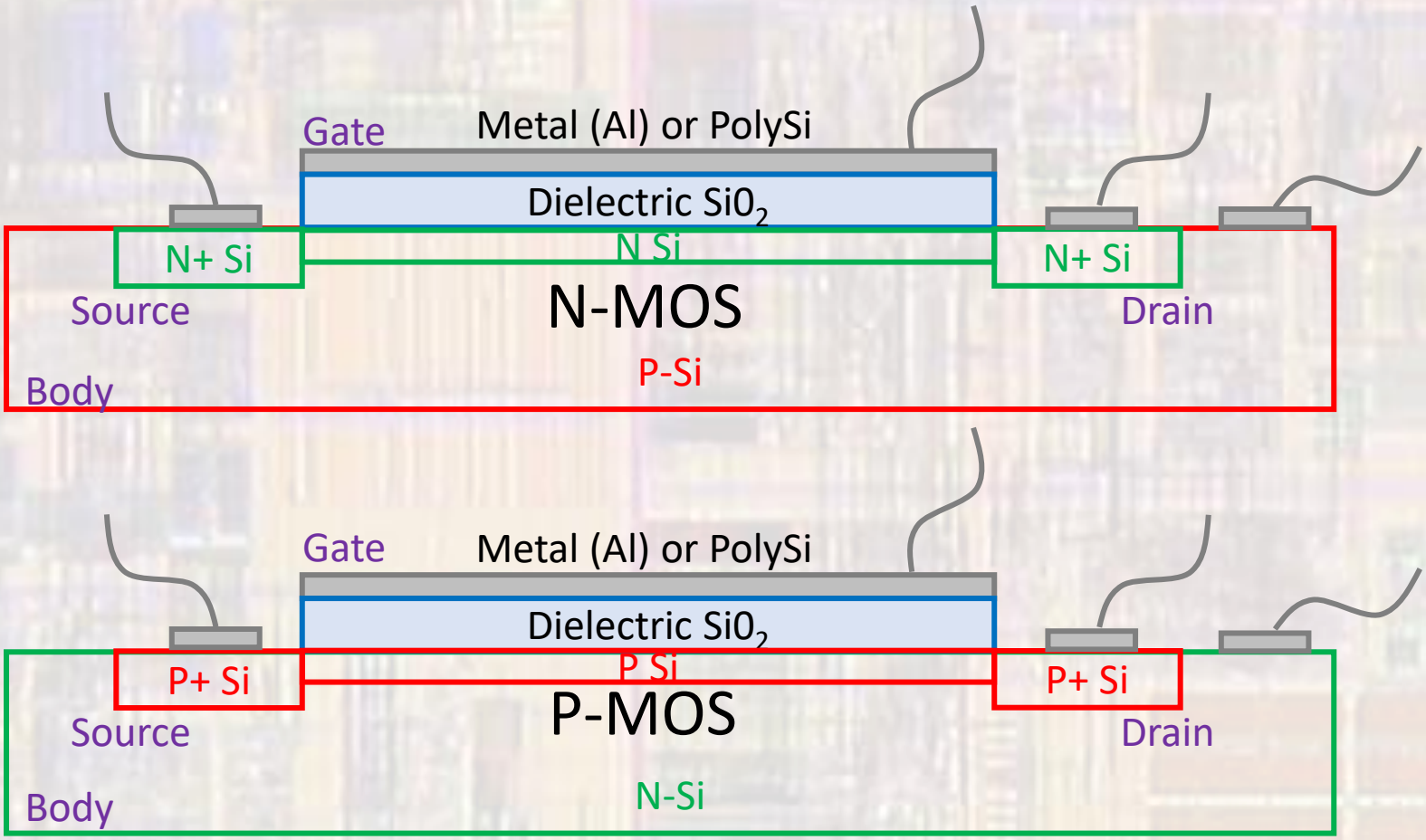
  - Built-in channel



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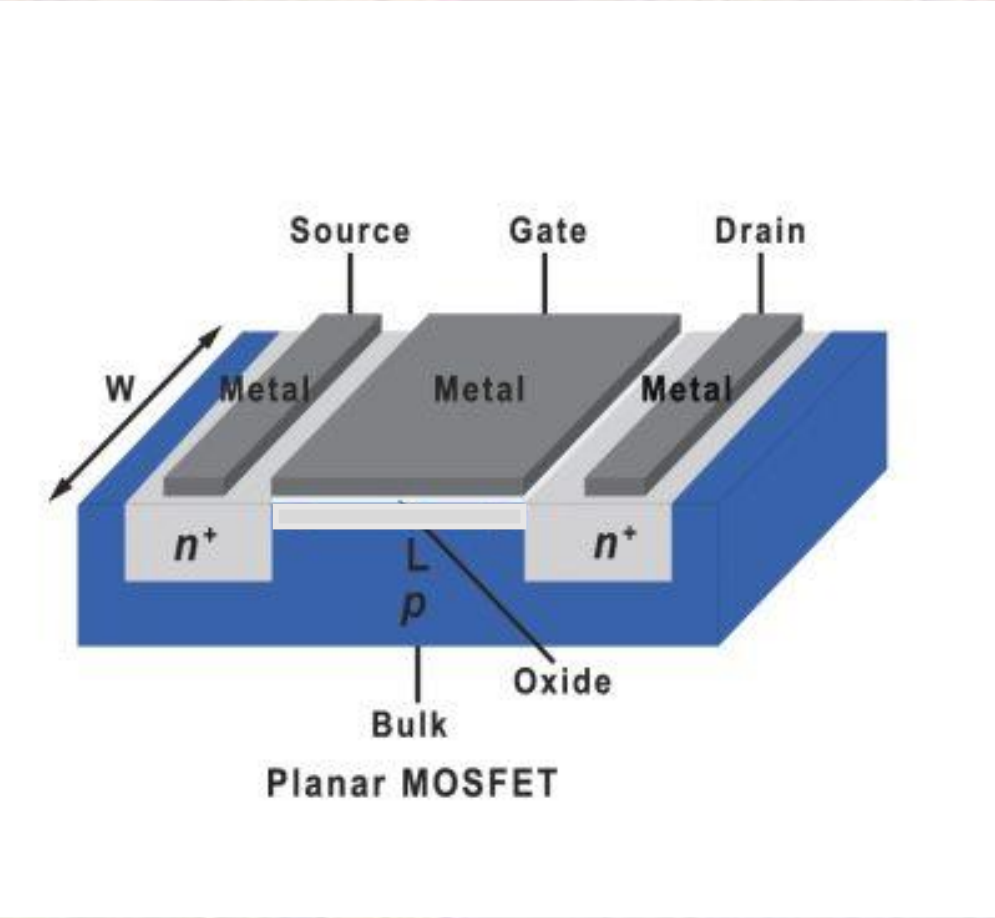

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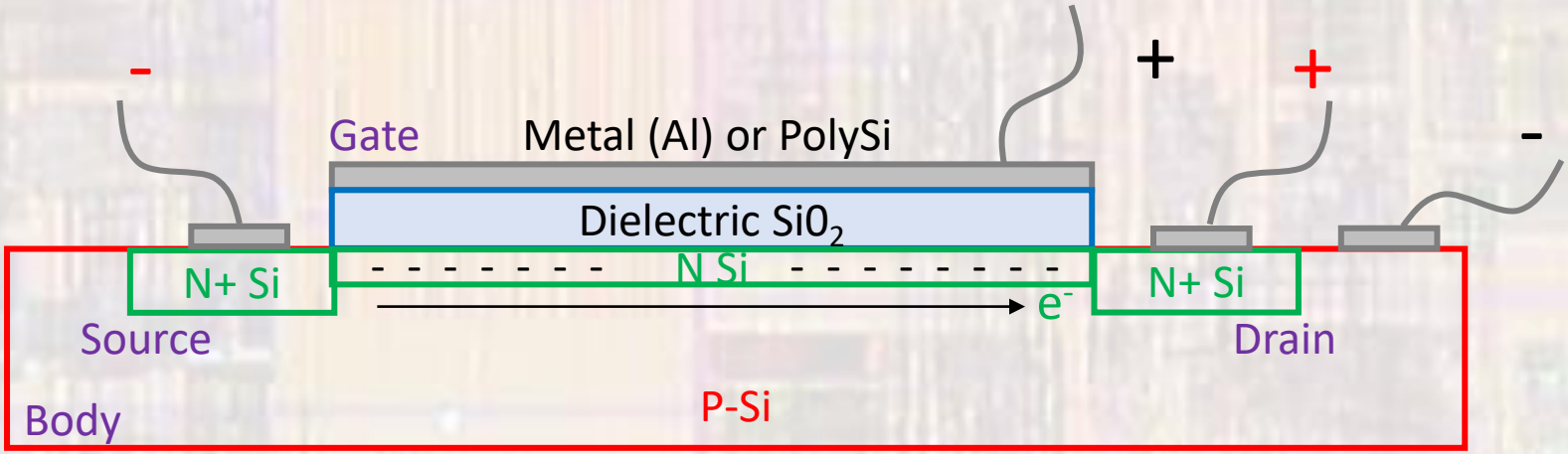

A channel exists from Source to Drain
Electrons can flow through this channel

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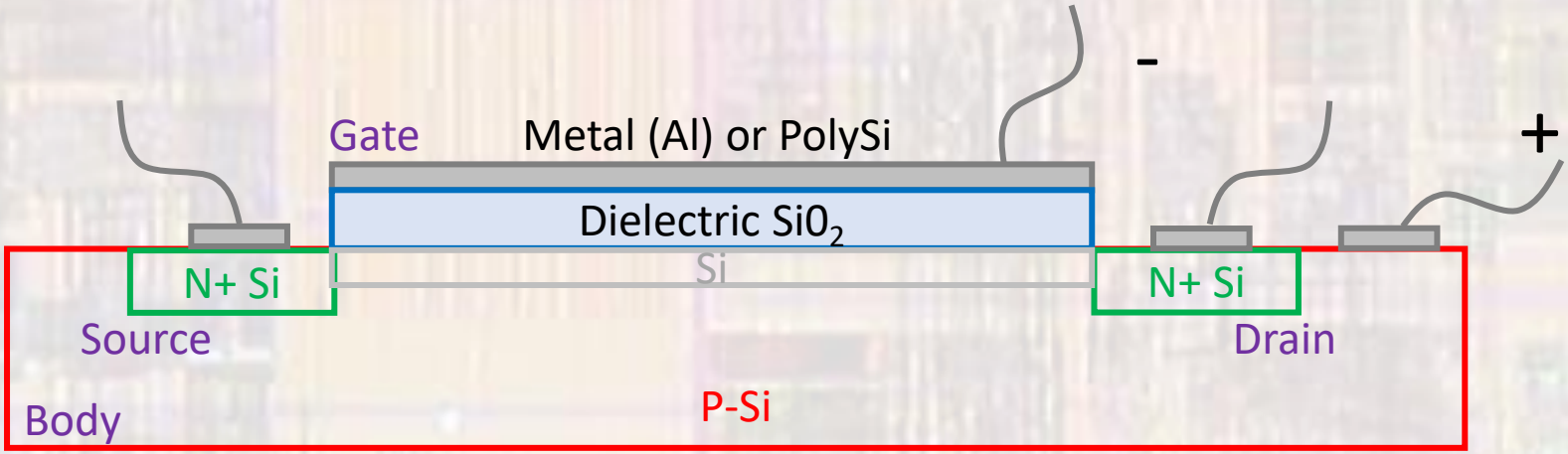
  - Large Negative Bias
    - Mobile electrons pushed away (region is depleted of carriers)
    - Channel disappears
    - No current flow



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- P-MOS Operation
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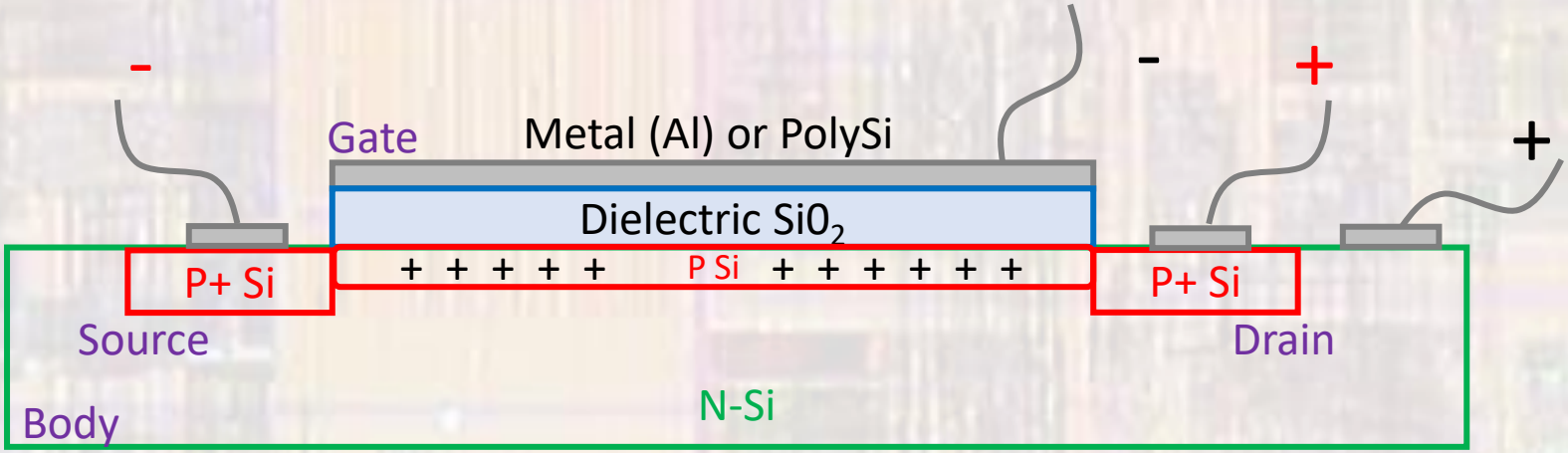
      - Holes move from Source to Drain
      - Current flows from Source to Drain



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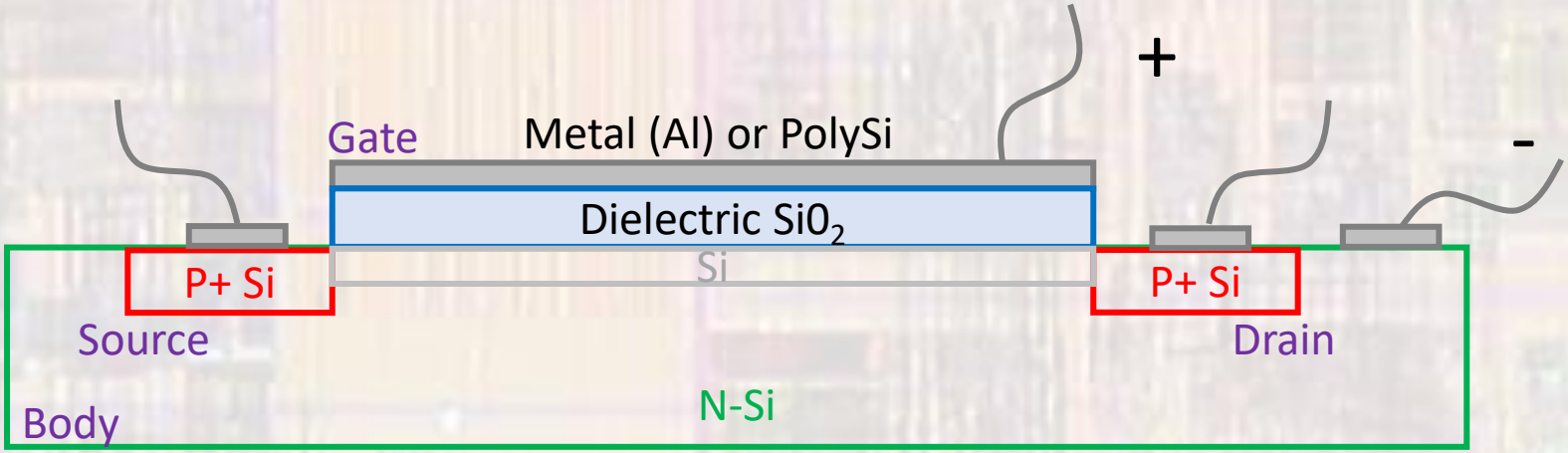

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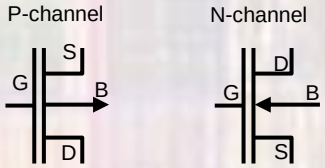
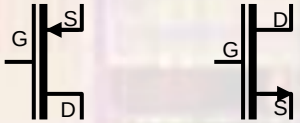
- Depletion Mode
  - No bias is required to form the channel
  - 4-terminal symbol



  - In digital applications the Source is typically tied to
    - Vdd for P-MOS
    - Gnd for N-MOS



  - The simplified logic symbols

MOS Depletion Mode Transistor

- Parameters
  - W – width of the transistor
  - L – length of the transistor (S to D)
  - V_{th} – threshold voltage (inversion layer removed)
  - Kn, Kp – conduction parameter

$$K_n = \frac{W \mu_n C_{ox}}{2L} \qquad K_p = \frac{W \mu_p C_{ox}}{2L}$$

$$K_n = \frac{k_n'}{2}\frac{W}{L} \qquad K_p = \frac{k_p'}{2}\frac{W}{L}$$

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μ_n, μ_n, C_{ox} fixed for a given semiconductor process