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MIT - EXERCISE

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# HT CONDUCTION EXERCISES

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CONSIDERING THE MODEL BASED ON DISCRETE LEVELS, NO C.EFFECT, NO GATING

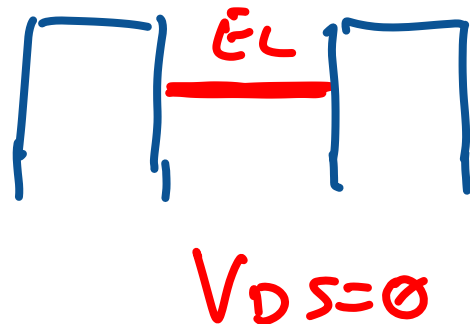
IN CASE OF 1 DISCRETE LEVEL IN THE DOT  
CALCULATE  $N$  (APPROX) and  $I_{DS}$  (approx)

IN CASE a) b) c) WITH  $f_1 = f_2$

a)



b)



c)



$$I_{DS} = \frac{q}{h} \frac{2\gamma_1\gamma_2}{\gamma_1+\gamma_2} [f(\bar{E}_L, \bar{E}_{FS}) - f(\bar{E}_L, \bar{E}_{DS})]$$

FOR 1  
DISCRETE  
LEVEL IN  
THE DOT

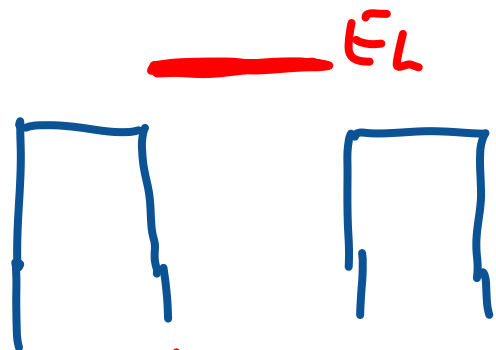
$$N = \frac{2}{\gamma_1+\gamma_2} [\gamma_1 f(\bar{E}_L, \bar{E}_{FS}) + \gamma_2 f(\bar{E}_L, \bar{E}_{DS})]$$

$\frac{2\gamma^2}{2\gamma}$

a)

b)

c)

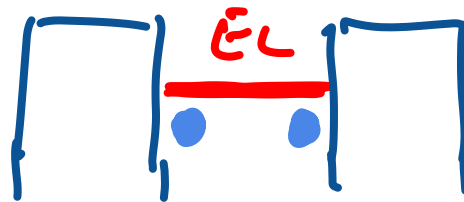


$V_{DS} = 0$

$$N = 0$$

$$I_{DS} = 0$$

$f \rightarrow$  UNOCCUPIED  $= 0$



$V_{DS} = 0$

$f \rightarrow 1$  completely filled

$$N \approx 2$$

$$I_{DS} = 0$$



$V_{DS}$

FILLED  
 $f \rightarrow 1$

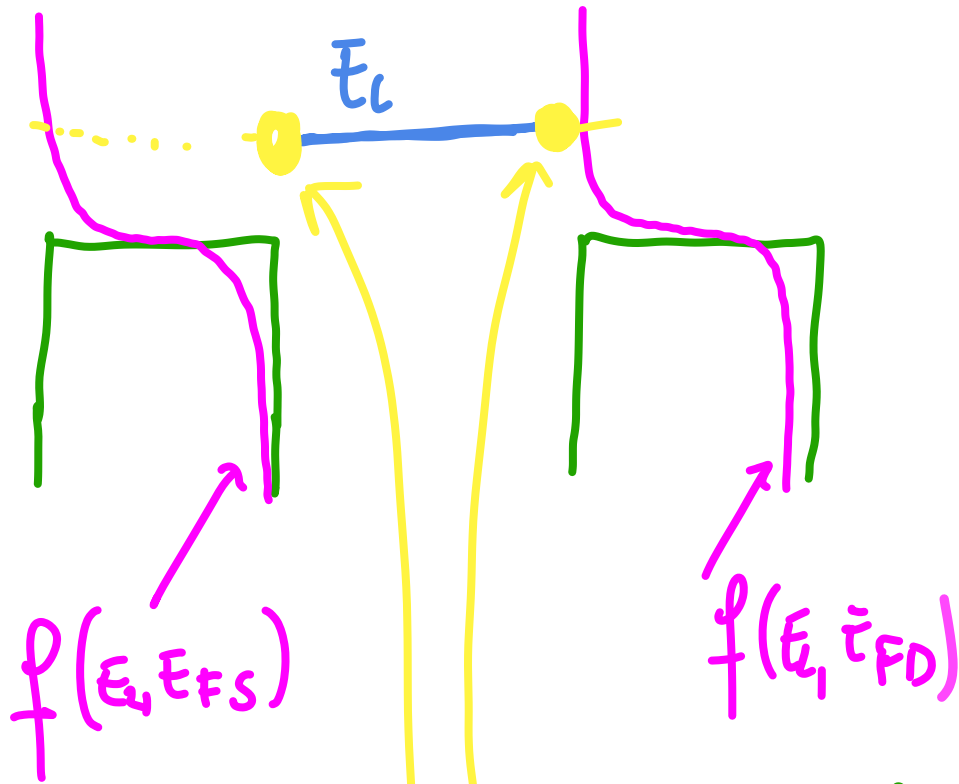
UNOCCUPIED  
 $f \rightarrow 0$

$$N \approx 1$$

$$I_{DS} \approx \frac{q}{h} \gamma$$

# A COUPLE OF COMMENTS ON THE FERMI FUNCTIONS

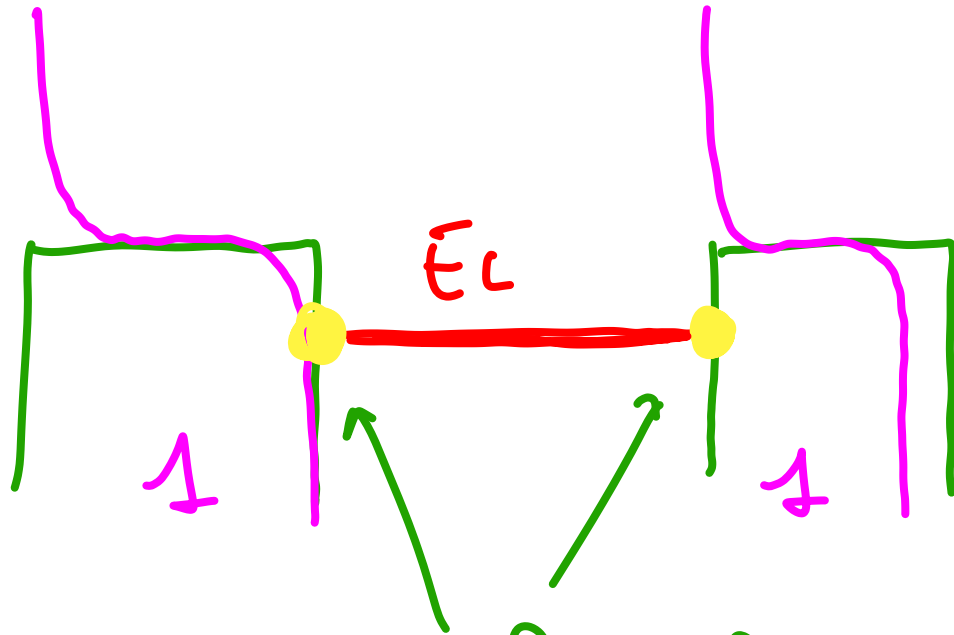
Q)



at  $T \sim 300\text{K}$  the fermi functions are near to a step functions

THE fermi function of source and drain evaluated at the value  $E_L$  of the DCE are approximately 0  $\rightarrow$  probability to find charge = 0

CASE b)

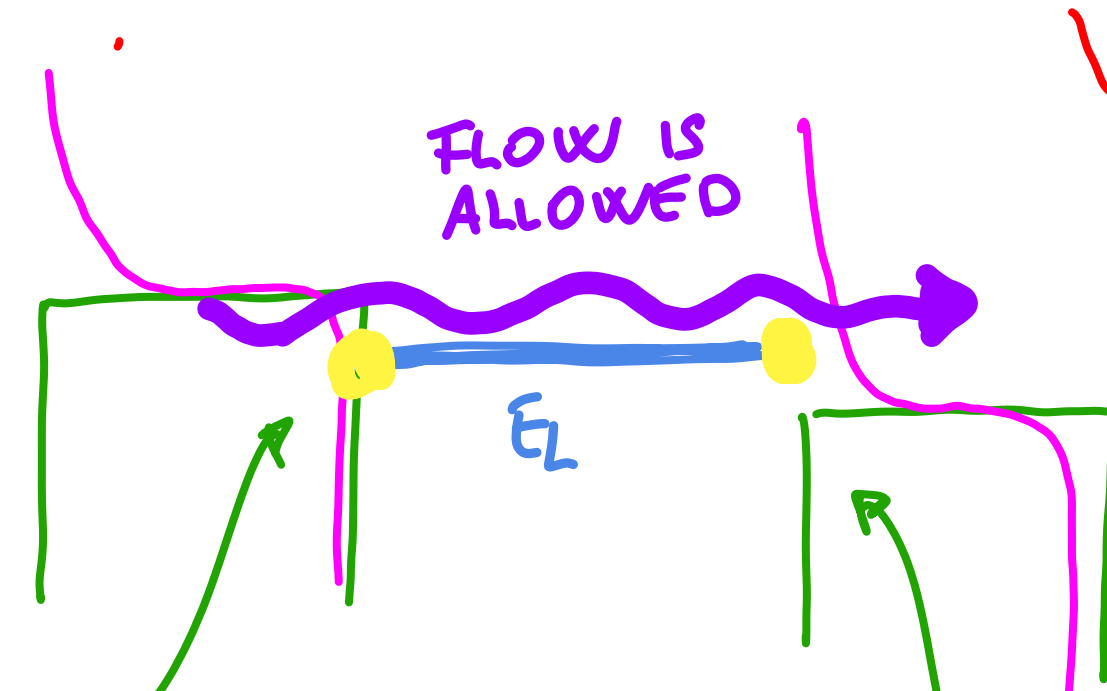


the f. p. of s. and d. evaluated at the level of the dot are approximately 1  
→ probability to find a charge = 1

The no. of electrons is 2, but they do not find a flux, they cannot be hosted in the BRAIN

case c)

- SOURCE IS PROVIDING A CHARGE (FILLED)



DOT IS ALLOWING THE CHARGE TO MOVE

DRAIN IS ACCEPTING AS IT IS NOT

f.f. f<sub>a</sub> source evaluated at  $E_L \rightarrow 1$

f.f. f<sub>a</sub> drain evaluated at  $E_L \rightarrow 0$

FILLED

2

CONSIDERING THE MODEL BASED ON DISCRETE LEVELS, NO C.EFFECT, NO GATING

CALCULATE  $N$  and  $I_{DS}$

IN TWO CASES OF MOLECULE

1.1) A LUMO TYPE MOLECULE WITH

$$E_{L1} = 0.5 \text{ eV}$$

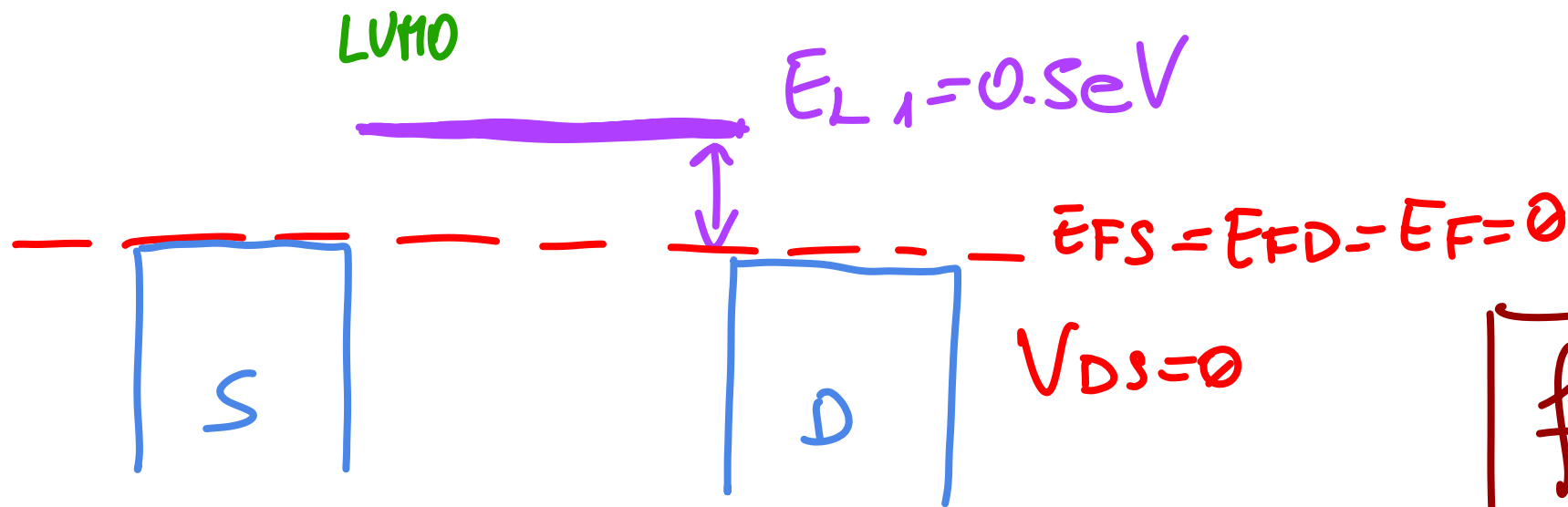
a)  $V_{DS} = 0 \text{ V}$     b)  $V_{DS} = 0.5 \text{ V}$     c)  $V_{DS} = 1 \text{ V}$

1.2) A HOMO TYPE MOLECULE WITH

$$E_{L2} = 0.7 \text{ eV}$$

a)  $V_{DS} = 0 \text{ V}$     b)  $V_{DS} = 0.7 \text{ V}$     c)  $V_{DS} = 1.4 \text{ V}$

$$1.1 \quad \bar{E}_{L1} = 0.5 \text{ eV} \quad a) \quad V_{DS} = 0 \text{ V}$$



$$I_{DS} = \frac{q}{h} \cdot \frac{2\gamma_1\gamma_2}{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2} \left[ f(E_{L1}, E_{FS}) - f(E_{L1}, E_{FD}) \right]$$

$$N = \frac{2}{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2} \left[ \gamma_1 f(E_{L1}, E_{FS}) + \gamma_2 f(E_{L1}, E_{FS}) \right]$$

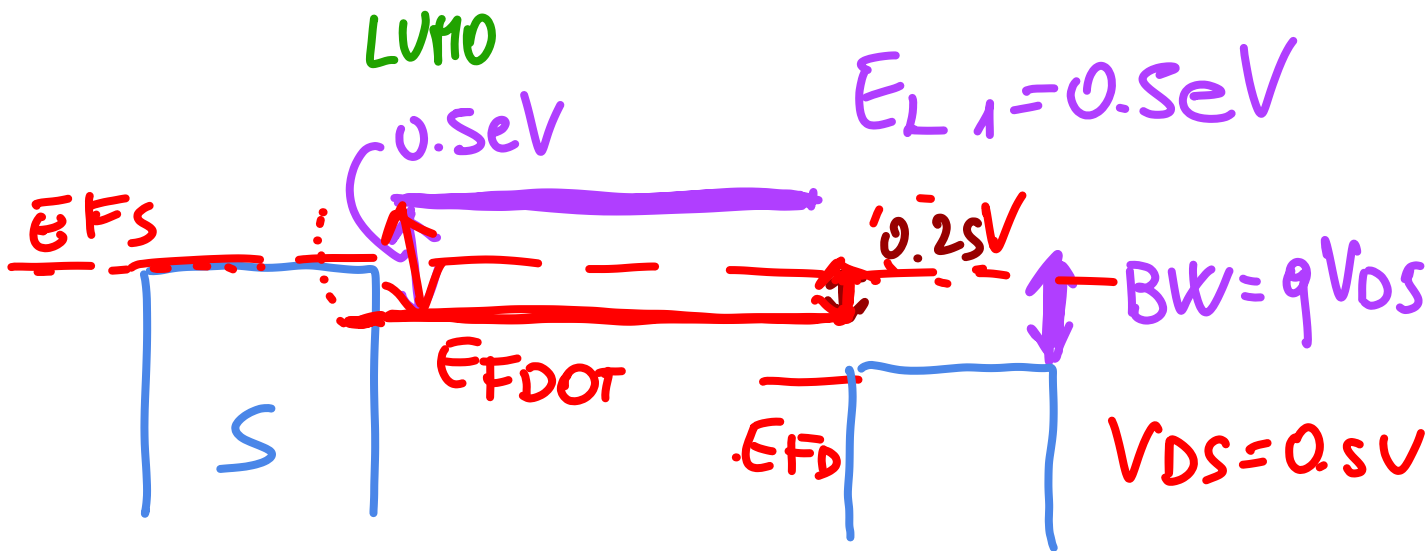
$$f(E_{L1}, E_{FS}) \rightarrow 0$$

$$f(E_{L1}, E_{FD}) \rightarrow 0$$

$$N = 0$$

$$I_{DS} = 0$$

1.1  $\bar{E}_{L1} = 0.5 \text{ eV}$     b)  $\sqrt{V_{DS}} = 0.5 \text{ V}$



$$\bar{E}_{FDQD} = \frac{1}{2} qV_{DS} = 0.25 \text{ V}$$

$$f(\bar{E}_L, \bar{E}_{FS}) \rightarrow 0$$

$$f(\bar{E}_L, \bar{E}_{FD}) \rightarrow 0$$

$$N = 0$$

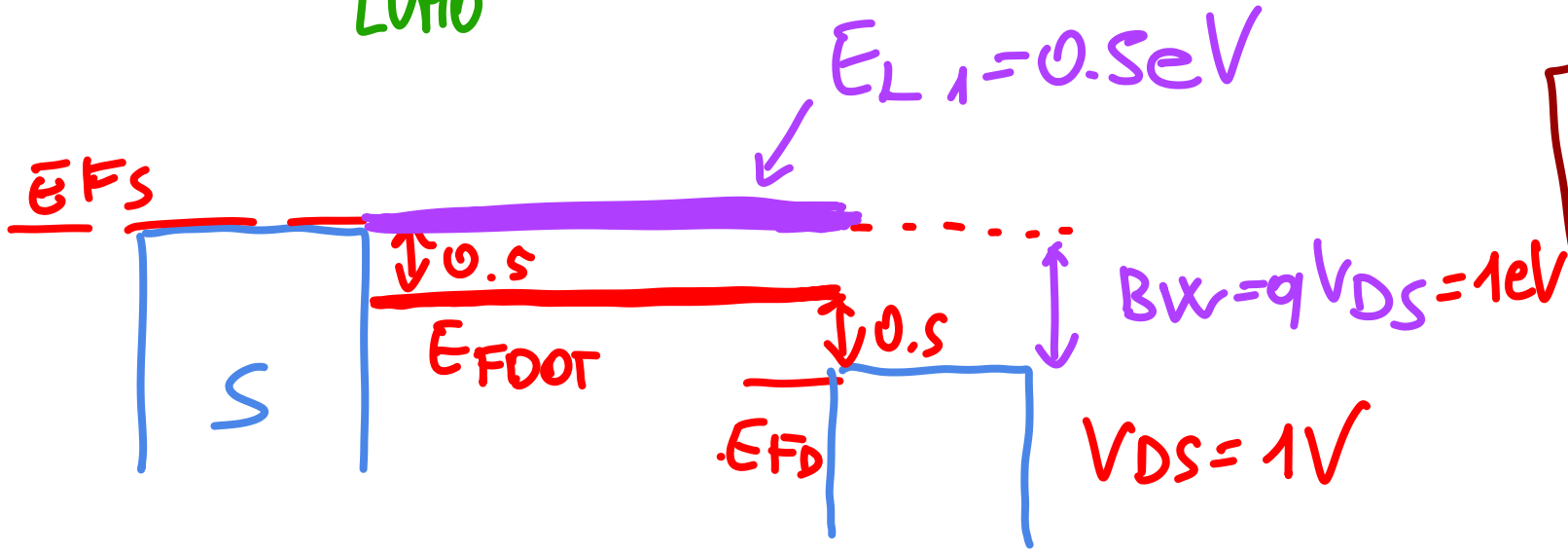
$$I_{DS} \approx 0$$

$$I_{DS} = \frac{q}{h} \cdot \frac{2\gamma_1\gamma_2}{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2} \left[ f(\bar{E}_L, \bar{E}_{FS}) - f(\bar{E}_L, \bar{E}_{FD}) \right]$$

$$N = \frac{2}{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2} \left[ \gamma_1 f(\bar{E}_L, \bar{E}_{FS}) + \gamma_2 f(\bar{E}_L, \bar{E}_{FD}) \right]$$

$$1.1 \quad \bar{E}_{L1} = 0.5 \text{ eV} \quad c) \quad V_{DS} = 1 \text{ V}$$

LVMO



$$\bar{E}_{FD00} = \frac{1}{2} qV_{DS} = 0.5 \text{ V}$$

$$f(\bar{E}_L, \bar{E}_{FS}) \rightarrow 1$$

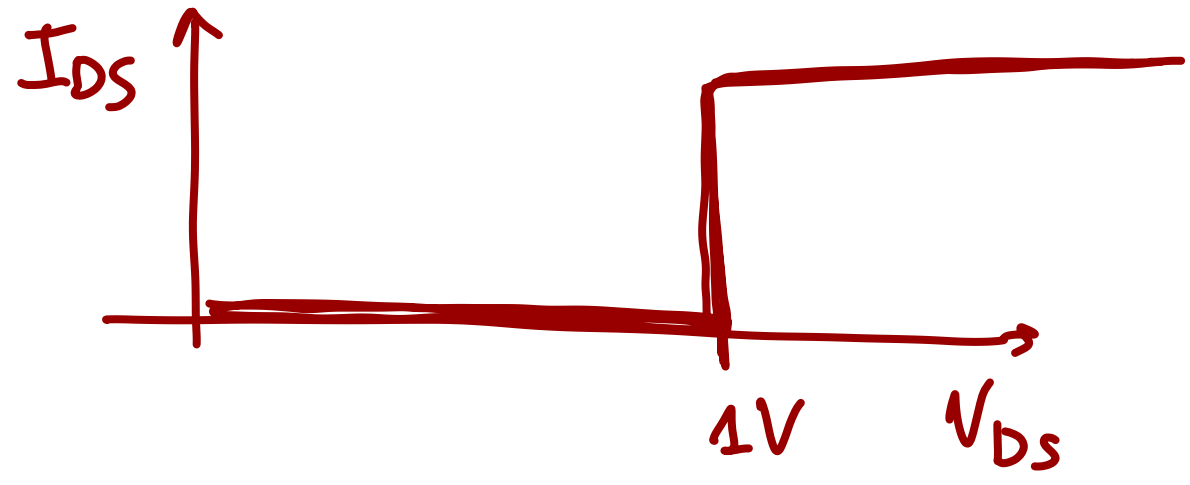
$$f(\bar{E}_L, \bar{E}_{FD}) \rightarrow 0$$

$$N = 1$$

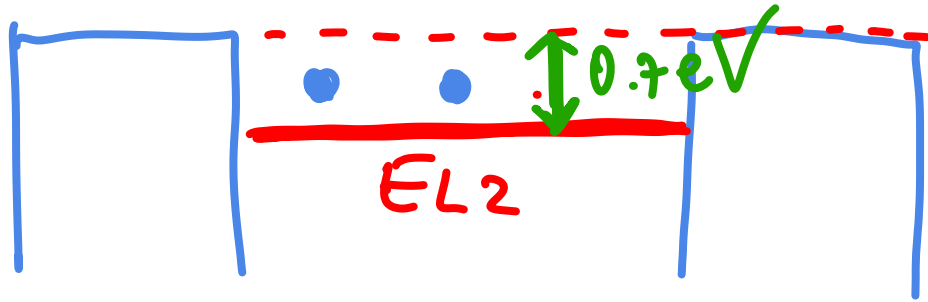
$$I_{DS} \approx \frac{q}{h} \cdot \frac{2\gamma_1\gamma_2}{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2}$$

$$I_{DS} = \frac{q}{h} \cdot \frac{2\gamma_1\gamma_2}{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2} \left[ f(\bar{E}_L, \bar{E}_{FS}) - f(\bar{E}_L, \bar{E}_{FD}) \right]$$

$$N = \frac{2}{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2} \left[ \gamma_1 f(\bar{E}_L, \bar{E}_{FS}) + \gamma_2 f(\bar{E}_L, \bar{E}_{FD}) \right]$$

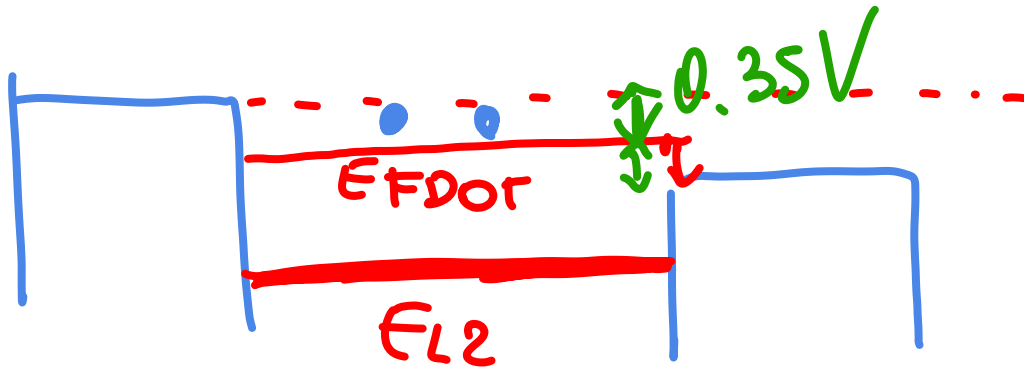


1.2 HOMO  $E_{L2} = 0.7 \text{ eV}$



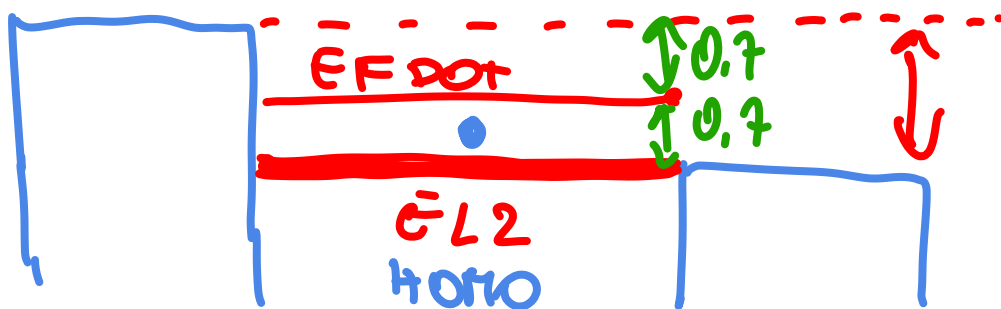
$V_{DS} = 0 \text{ V}$

$f_S \rightarrow 1$   $f_D \rightarrow 1$   
 $N = 2$   
 $I = 0$



$V_{DS} = 0.7 \text{ V}$

$f_S \rightarrow 1$   
 $f_D \rightarrow 1$   
 $N = 2$   
 $I = 0$



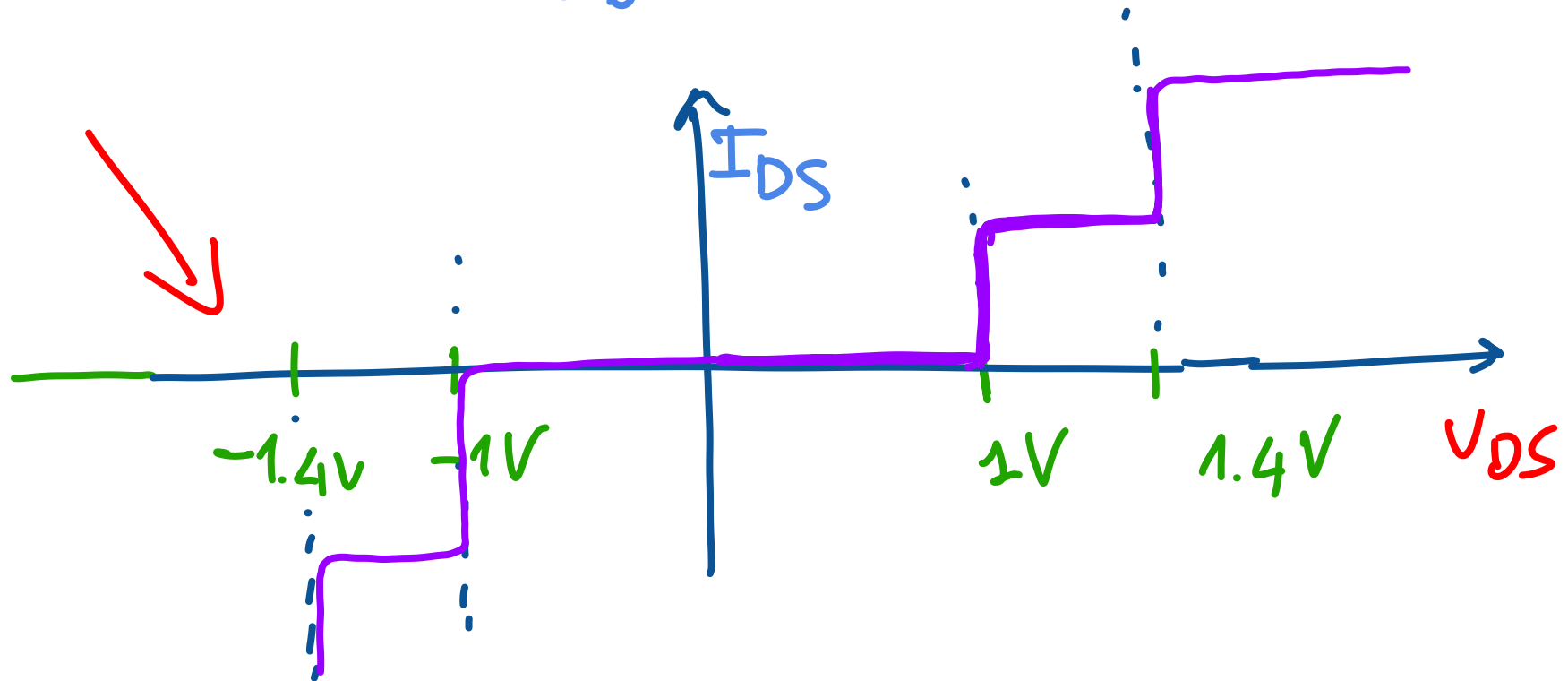
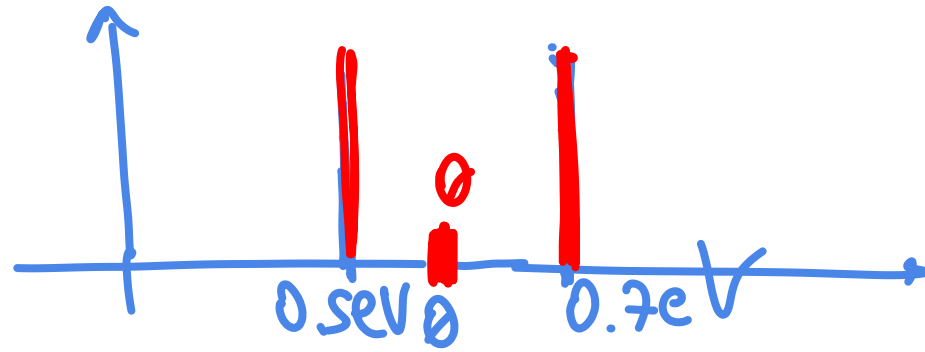
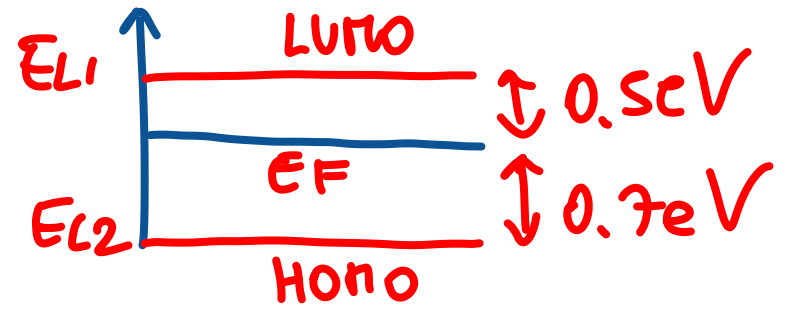
$V_{DS} = 1.4 \text{ V}$

$f_S \rightarrow 1$   $f_D \rightarrow 0$   
 $N = 1$

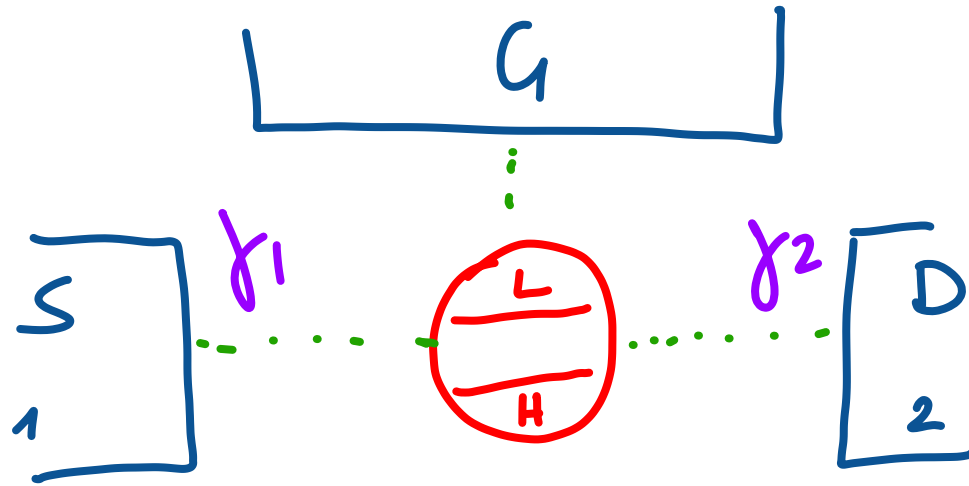
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BENZENE DI THICK

SKETCH  $I_{DS}$



④



DOT

$$E_H = -5.5 \text{ eV}$$

$$E_L = -3.5 \text{ eV}$$

⊙ EQUILIBRIUM

$$\bar{E}_{F \text{ system}} = -5 \text{ eV}$$

STEP (A) DISCRETE LEVEL, NO C.E.

STEP (B) DISCRETE LEVEL, WITH C.E.

STEP (C) BROADENING, NO C.E.

V<sub>STEP</sub>: 1)  $I_{DS}(V_{GS}=0, V_{DS})$

2)  $I_{DS}(V_{GS}=1, V_{DS})$

3)  $I_{DS}(V_{GS}=-1, V_{DS})$

4)  $I_{DS}(V_{GS}, V_{DS}=1)$

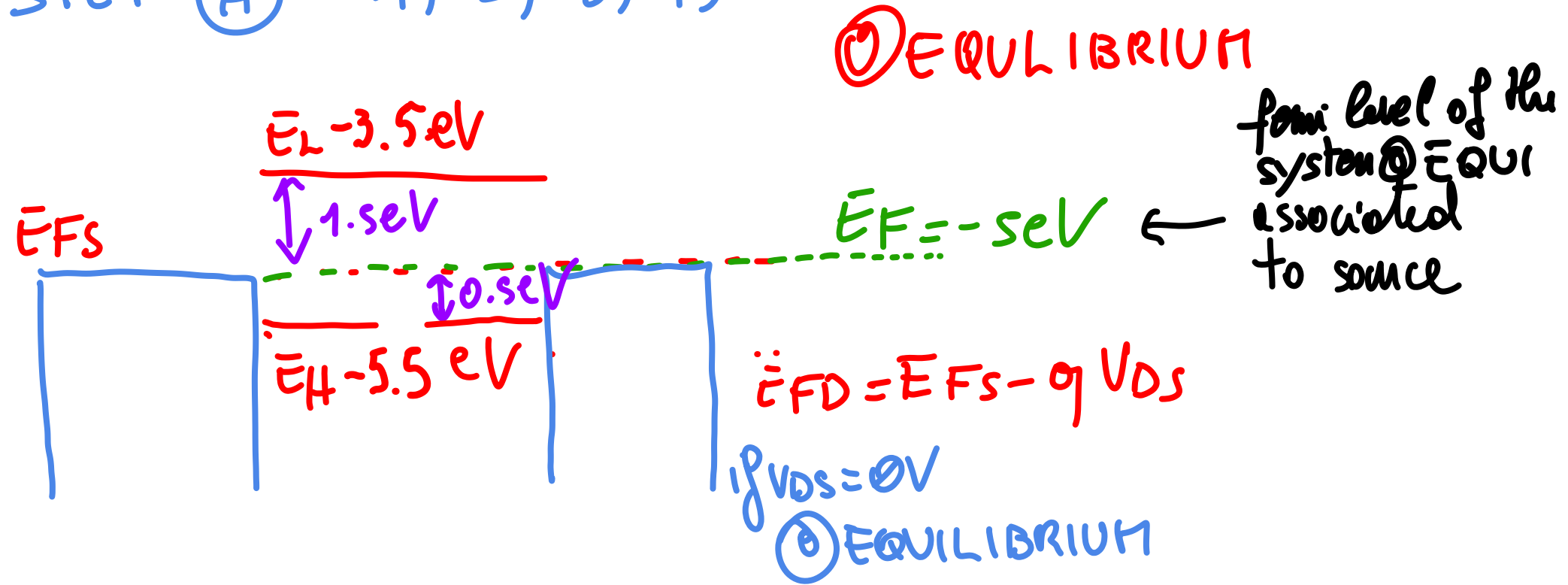
$$\gamma_1 = 0.1 \text{ eV}$$

$$\gamma_2 = 0.1 \text{ eV}$$

$$C_S = C_D = 0.5 \text{ aF}$$

$$C_G = 1 \text{ aF}$$

STEP (A) 1) 2) 3) 4)



USING THE CAPACITIVE MODEL W/OUT C.E.

LET'S CALCULATE  $V_{DOT}$ ,  $V_{DOT}$

$$V_{DOT} = -q \frac{C_g}{C_{FS}} V_{AS} - q \frac{C_D}{C_{FS}} V_{DS}$$

$$\frac{C_G}{C_{ES}} = \frac{1 \cdot 10^{-18}}{(0.5 + 0.5 + 1) \cdot 10^{-18}} = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$$

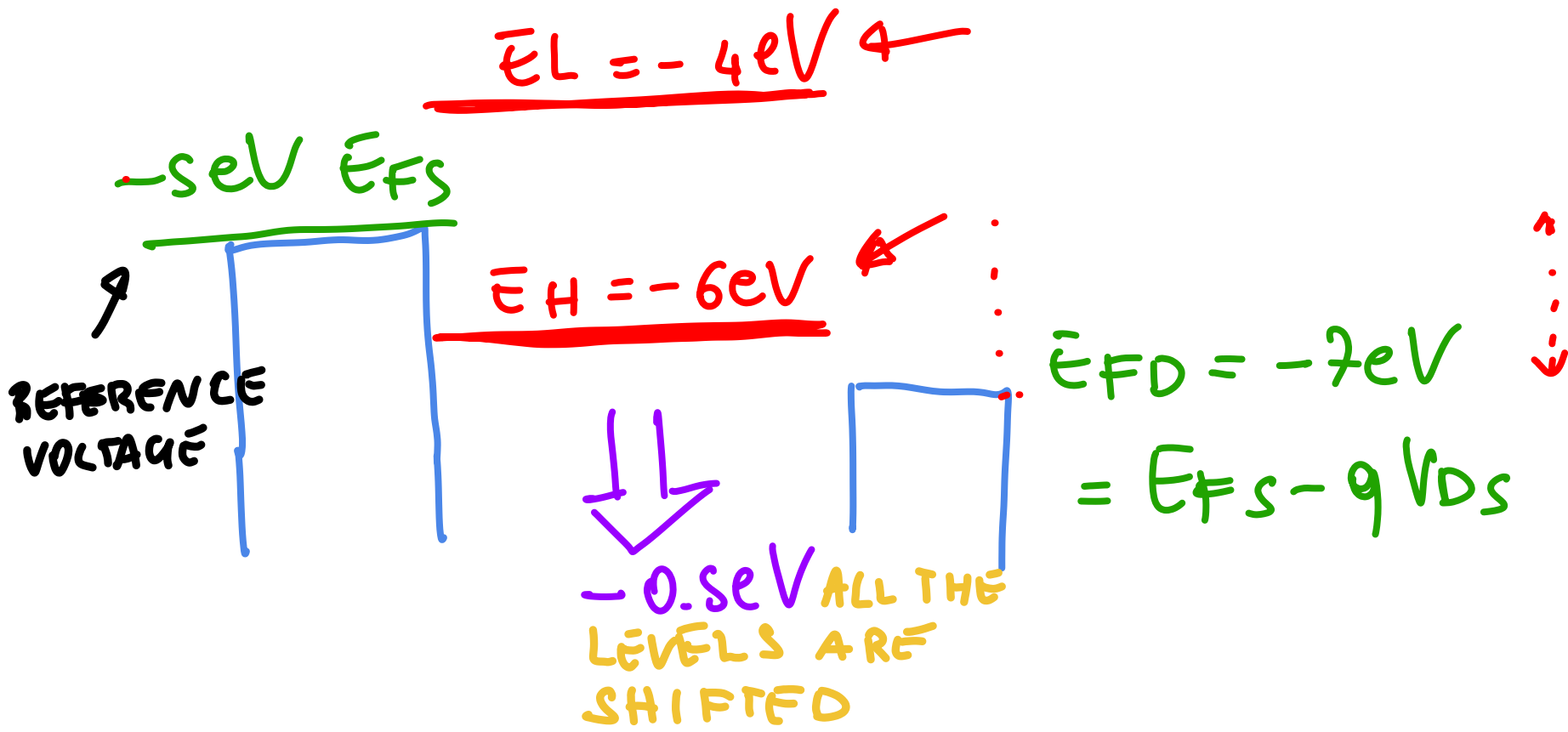
$$\frac{C_D}{C_{ES}} = \frac{0.5 \cdot 10^{-18}}{2 \cdot 10^{-18}} = \frac{1}{4} = 0.25$$

$$U_{DOT} = -q \cdot 0.5 V_{GS} - q \cdot 0.25 V_{DS}$$

case 1)  $V_{GS} = 0V$  for  $V_{DS} = 2V$  (to fix ideas)

$$U_{DOT} = -q \cdot 0.25 \cdot 2 = \underline{\underline{-0.5eV}}$$

SHIFT  
TOWARD  
NEGATIVE  
ENERGIES



$$\underline{I}_{DS} = \frac{2q}{h} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} T(E - V_{\text{dot}}) \left[ f(E, \bar{E}_{FS}) - f(E, \bar{E}_{FS} - qV_{DS}) \right] dE$$

TO SEE THE STARTING POINTS IN ALL CASES 

STEP (2) 1) 2) 3) 4)

EFs IS THE REFERENCE POINT AT EF

1)  $V_{GS} = 0$   $V_{DS} = 0$

2)  $V_{GS} = 1V$   $V_{DS} = 0$

3)  $V_{GS} = 1V$   $V_{DS} = 0$

4)  $V_{GS} = 0$   
 $V_{DS} = 1V$

$\frac{-3.5eV}{E_L}$

$\frac{E_L}{-4.eV}$

$\frac{E_L}{-3eV}$

$\frac{E_L}{-3.75eV}$

$\overline{E_{FS}}$   $\frac{-3.5eV}{E_H}$   $\overline{E_{FD}}$   
 $-seV$   $-seV$

$\overline{E_{FS}}$   $\frac{E_L}{-6eV}$   $\overline{E_{FD}}$   
 $-seV$   $E_H$   $-seV$

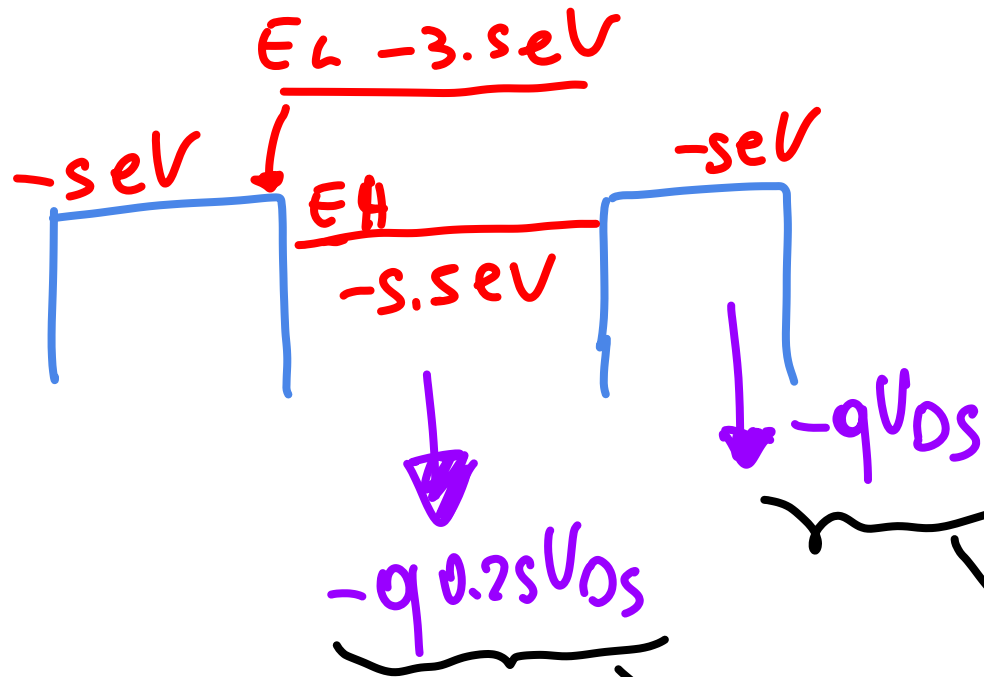
$\overline{E_{FS}}$   $\frac{-seV}{E_H}$   $\overline{E_{FD}}$   
 $-seV$   $-seV$

$\overline{E_{FS}}$   $\frac{-5.7seV}{E_H}$   $\overline{E_{FD}}$   
 $-seV$   $-6eV$

ANALYZE NOW IN CASE THE EVENTS WHEN  $V_{DS}$  (use a, b, c) or  $V_{GS}$  (use d) is changing, and plot the graph with values

STEP A case 1)

$V_{DS} = 0V \rightarrow V_{DS} > 0V$



- BIAS WINDOW GROWS
- $V_{DOT} \downarrow -0.25 V_{DS}$
- 1<sup>st</sup> EVENT WE EXPECT IS HOMO ENTERS IN BIAS WINDOW FOR WHICH  $V_{DS}$ ?

WE CALCULATE WHEN:

$$\underbrace{E_H - 0.25 \cdot X}_{-5.5 - 0.25 X} = \underbrace{E_{FD} - X}_{-5 - X}$$

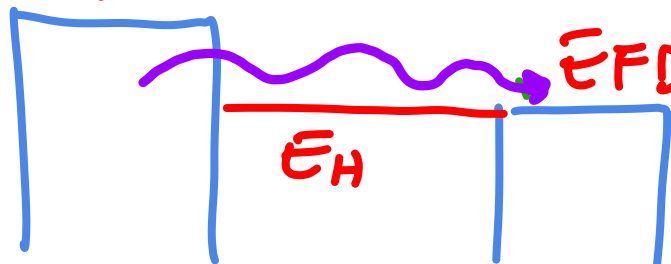
the NEW POSITION OF  $E_H$  DUE TO  $V_{DS} X$

$X \approx 0.68 V$

the NEW POSITION OF  $E_{FD}$  DUE TO  $V_{DS} X$

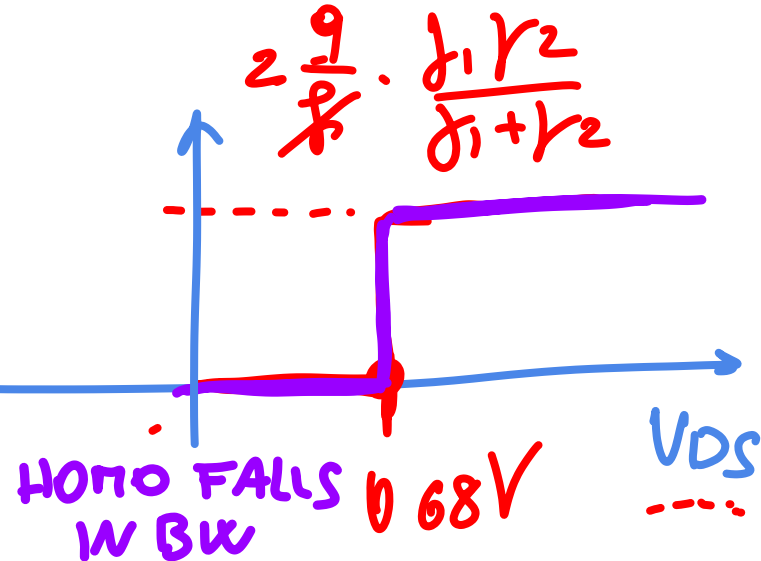
$$\bar{E}_{Fs} = -5eV$$

$$V_{Ds} = 0.68V \quad V_{Gs} = 0$$



$$\bar{E}_{FD} = -5.68$$

HOMO IS ALIGNED FROM THIS EVENT 1 ELECTRON CAN FLOW

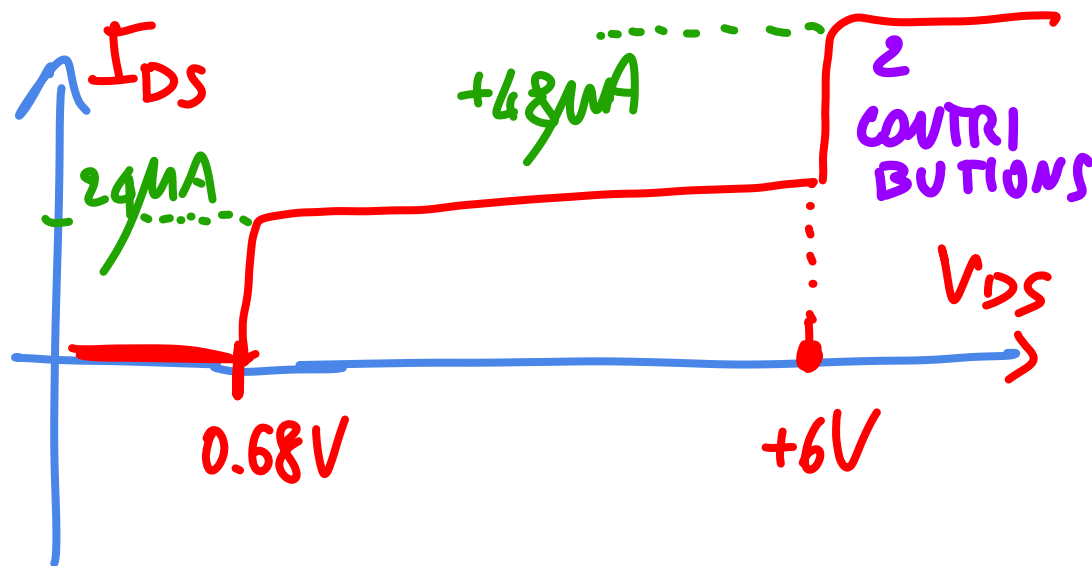
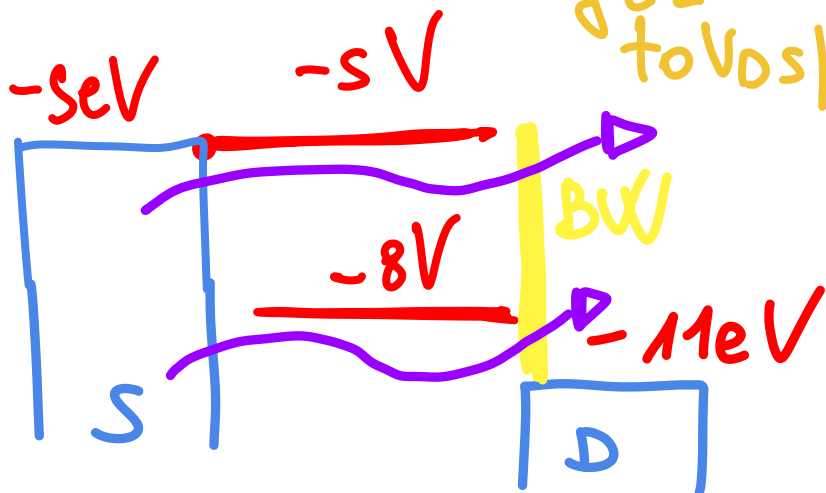


2<sup>o</sup> EVENT

LUHO  $\rightarrow$  BIAS WINDOW

$$\bar{E}_L - q \cdot 0.25 X = \bar{E}_{Fs} \quad -3.5 - \frac{X}{4} = -5 \quad X = 6V$$

+ the max value of  $\bar{E}_L$  due to  $V_{Ds} | X$



COMPLETE FOR  $V_{DS} < 0$   $\bar{E}_{FD} > \bar{E}_{FS}$

3<sup>RD</sup> EVENT

LUMO  $\rightarrow$  BIAS WINDOW  $V_{DS} = -2V$

4<sup>TH</sup> EVENT

HOMO  $\rightarrow$  " "  $V_{DS} = -2V$

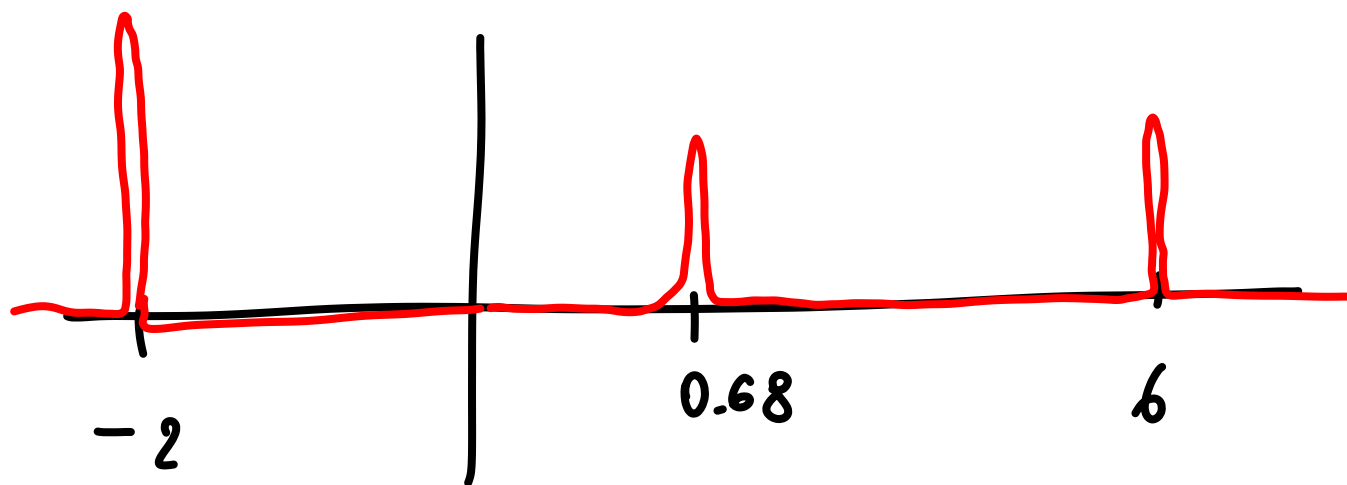
$\rightarrow$  HOMEWORK!

calculate how -2 is derived and plot the current (CURRENT IS NEGATIVE)

DIFFERENTIAL

TRANS. CONDUCTANCE

$$\left| \frac{\partial I_{ds}}{\partial V_d} \right|$$



$\rightarrow$

REPRESENTS THE VARIATION OF CHARGE THAT ENTERS THE CHANNEL

STEP (A) Case 1 → COMPLETE FOR ALL CASES THE CALCULATION AND PLOT  $I_{DS}$

Case 2, 3, 4 → FROM THE STARTING RESULTS CALCULATED ALREADY see (\*)

in POINT 4 attention to  $\frac{\partial I_{DS}}{\partial V_{GS}}$ , the position of the peaks on x-axis are used to measure the energy of the ions

CALCULATE THE EVENTS, THE  $V_{DS}$  OR  $V_{GS}$  CAUSING THE EVENTS AND PLOT  $I_{DS}$

# STEP (B) CHARGING EFFECT WITH DISCRETE LEVELS

DESCRIBES WHEN THE DOT IS

$$\hookrightarrow U_{\text{DOT}} = -q \frac{C_G}{C_{ES}} - q \frac{C_D}{C_{ES}} + \frac{q^2 (N - N_0)}{C_{ES}}$$

NO ELECTRONS AT EQUILIBRIUM

TO HAVE AN IDEA OF THE ORDER OF MAGNITUDE  
HERE LET'S CALCULATE THE IMPACT IF 1 NEW CHARGE IS ADDED

$C_{ES} = 2qF$  FOR 1 MORE ELECTRON IN THE DOTS

THE SHIFT IN ENERGY IS  $\frac{q \cdot 1}{C_{ES}} = \Delta U_{\text{DOT}} = \frac{1.6 \cdot 10^{-19}}{2 \cdot 10^{-18}} =$

$\frac{q^2 \cdot (1)}{C_{ES}} \cdot \frac{1}{q}$  WE WANT IT IN eV = 80 mV

- FOCUS :
- FOR 1 LEVEL  $\bar{E}_{\text{HOMO}}$
  - DISCRETE LEVELS
  - **NO CHARGING EFFECT**

SIMPLIFIED  
ESPRESSION



FOR  
1 LEVEL  
 $\bar{E}_{\text{HOMO}}$

$$T(E) = \frac{\pi \gamma_1 \gamma_2}{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2} \cdot 2 \cdot \delta(\bar{E} - \bar{E}_{\text{HOMO}} - U_{\text{DOT}})$$

DISCRETE  
DENSITY  
OF STATES

↑  
DIRAC  $\delta$ . BECAUSE OF DISCRETE  
LEVEL

$$I_{\text{DS}} = \frac{2q}{h} \int \frac{\pi \gamma_1 \gamma_2}{\gamma_1 + \gamma_2} 2 \delta(\bar{E} - \bar{E}_{\text{HOMO}} - U_{\text{DOT}}) \left[ f(\bar{E}, \bar{E}_{\text{TS}}) - f(\bar{E}, E_{\text{D}}) \right] d\bar{E}$$

DISCRETE LEVEL

$$\bar{E} - \bar{E}_{\text{HOMO}} - U_{\text{DOT}} = 0 \quad \bar{E}^* = \bar{E}_{\text{HOMO}} + U_{\text{DOS}}$$

HERE WE CAN EVALUATE THE  
CONTRIBUTION



$$I_{DS} \text{ Homo} \rightarrow \text{BW} \approx \frac{2q}{h} \frac{2\pi\gamma_1\gamma_2}{\gamma_1+\gamma_2}$$

THE VALUE IS IN THE GRAPH

WHEN HOMO IS IN B.W.  $\rightarrow D = 2q/\text{mA}$

WITH CHARGING EFFECT

CANNOT BE SOLVED IN CLOSED FORM

$$T(E - U_{\text{DOT}})$$

$$U_{\text{DOT}} = -q \frac{C_G}{C_{ES}} V_{GS} - q \frac{C_D}{C_{ES}} V_{DS} + \frac{q^2}{C_{ES}} (N - N_0)$$

$$N = \sum_{i=1}^m \text{ALL LEVELS}$$

$$\int \frac{1}{\gamma_{i,1} + \gamma_{i,2}} 2\delta(\bar{E} - \bar{E}_i - U_{\text{DOT}})$$

DISCRETE LEVELS D.O.S.

$$\left[ \gamma_{i,1} f(E, \bar{E}_{FS}) + \gamma_{i,2} f(\bar{E}, \bar{E}_{FD}) \right] \frac{dE}{dE}$$

S. C. F.

HOW THE  $I/V$  CHARACTERISTIC CAN BE  
MODIFIED BY C.E.? LET'S DO IT STEP BY STEP

→ INJECT AN ELECTRON IN THE DOT

→ THIS SHIFTS THE POSITION OF THE DOT IN  
THE CHANNEL

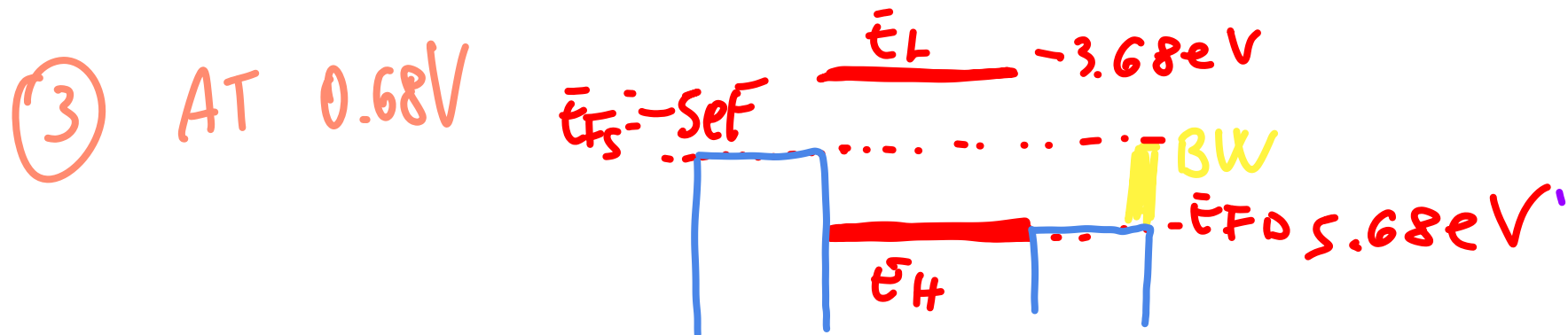
→ THE ENERGY LEVEL COULD ESCAPE FROM THE  
BW!

↳ MUST TO BE SOLVED ITERATIVELY: SCF

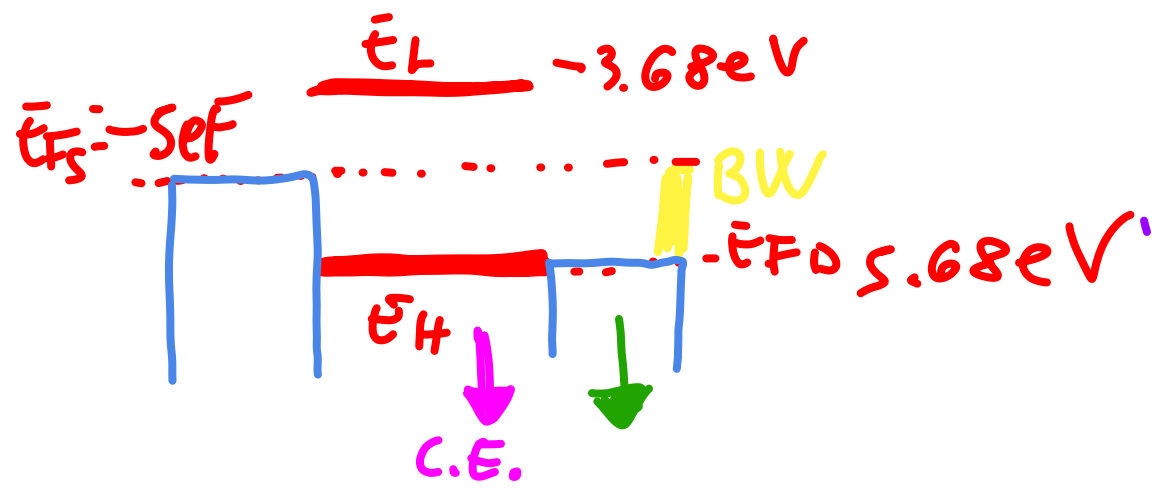
↓ some pen & paper attempts follow

① In the "IDEAL" IV CURVE WE FOUND THRESHOLDS  $-2V$ ,  $0.68V$ ,  $+6V$  THAT ARE NOT AFFECTED BY C.E.  
 i.e : WE START TO OBSERVE THE C.E. IMPACT ONLY WHEN THE CHARGE IS INJECTED

② LET'S TRY TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS NEAR THE 3 THRESHOLDS, JUST "AFTER" THE INJECTION



③ AT 0.68V



THE HOMO LEVEL STARTS TO CONDUCT AS IT ENTERS THE  $N_p = 2$  (CALCULATED BEFORE) B.W.

IF  $V_{DS} > 0.68$  WHAT HAPPENS TO  $N$ ?

$N$  IS  $< N_0$  AND APPROXIMATELY  $1 < N < 2$

BECAUSE  $E_{FS} \sim 1$  and  $E_{FD}$  WAS  $1$

BUT IT GOES FAST  $\rightarrow 0$  WHEN DRAIN VOLTAGE IS REDUCED  $\rightarrow N \rightarrow 1$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{N - N_0 < 0}$$

$\uparrow$                        $\uparrow_2$   
 $[1 \div 2]$

$\Rightarrow$  THE DOT ENERGY IS SHIFTED TO LOWER VALUES

↓

ELECTRONS ARE SMALLER THAN AT THE "EQUILIBRIUM"

SO THE HOMO COULD "ESCAPE" FROM THE BIAS W.

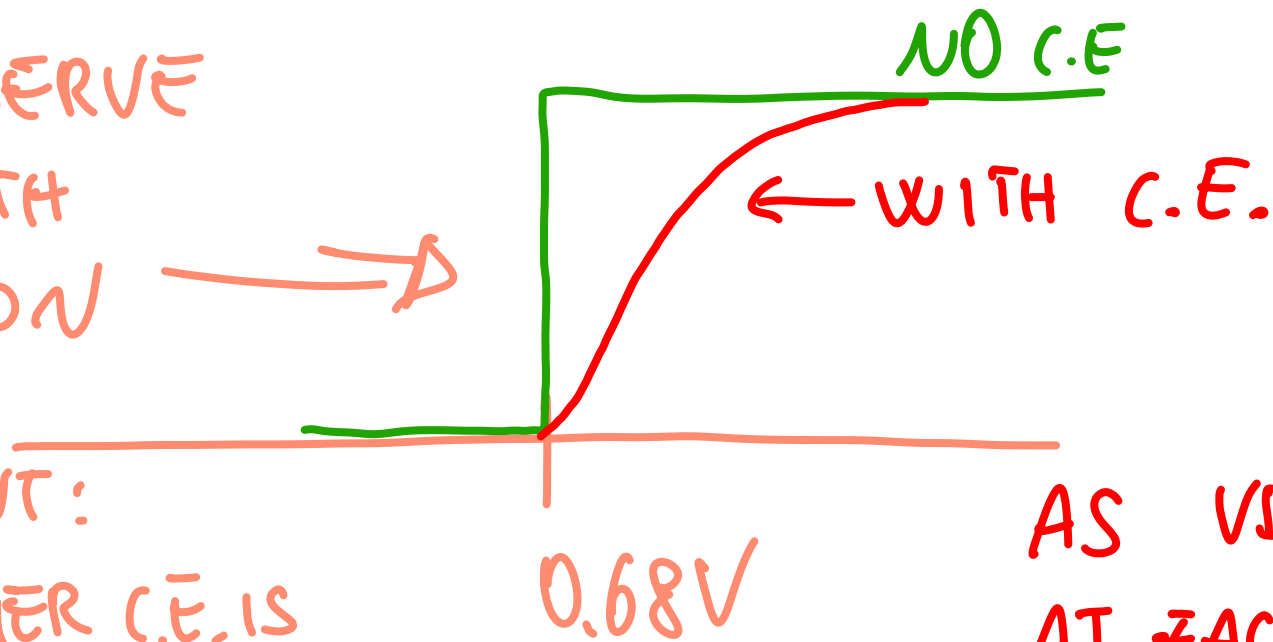
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THE CURRENT DOES NOT INCREASE SHARPLY AS IN THE CASE WITHOUT C. E.

IF  $V_D$  INCREASES MORE  $\Rightarrow$  THE "FIGHT WITH THE DOT" CONTINUES AND SOME CURRENT APPEARS....

WE OBSERVE  
A SMOOTH  
VARIATION  
OF  
CURRENT:

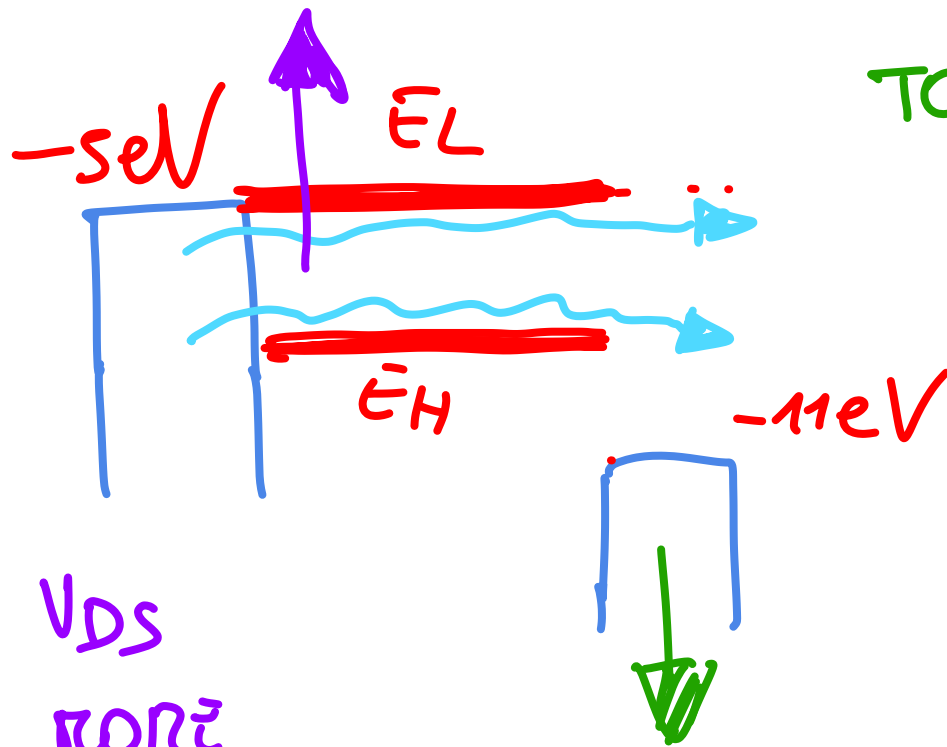


AS  $V_{DS}$  INCREASES  
AT EACH  
STEP OF  
INCREMENT

THE STRONGER C.E. IS  
THE SMOOTHER THE  
CURRENT IS

- NEW  $N_0$
- NEW  $N$
- NEW  $(N - N_0)$  THAT CAUSES DOT  
ESCAPE
- $N - N_0$  REDUCES, C.E. REDUCES

④ AT  $V_{DS} = 6V$  HOMO CONTINUES TO CONTROL BUT, LUMO STARTS TO CONDUCT



A NEW  $e^-$  ENTERS

$$N - N_0 > 0$$

THE EFFECT IS TO MOVE UP TO HIGHER EN. THE DOT

ONLY IF  $V_{DS}$  INCREASES MORE  $E_L$  ENTERS MORE IN BW,  $N - N_0 > 0$  REDUCES  $\Rightarrow$  THE C.E. HAS LOWER IMPACT





⑤ AT  $V_{DS} \sim -2V$

HOMO AND LUMO START TO CONDUCT TOGETHER

IN THE DOT WE ARE

• LOSING ELECTRONS FROM

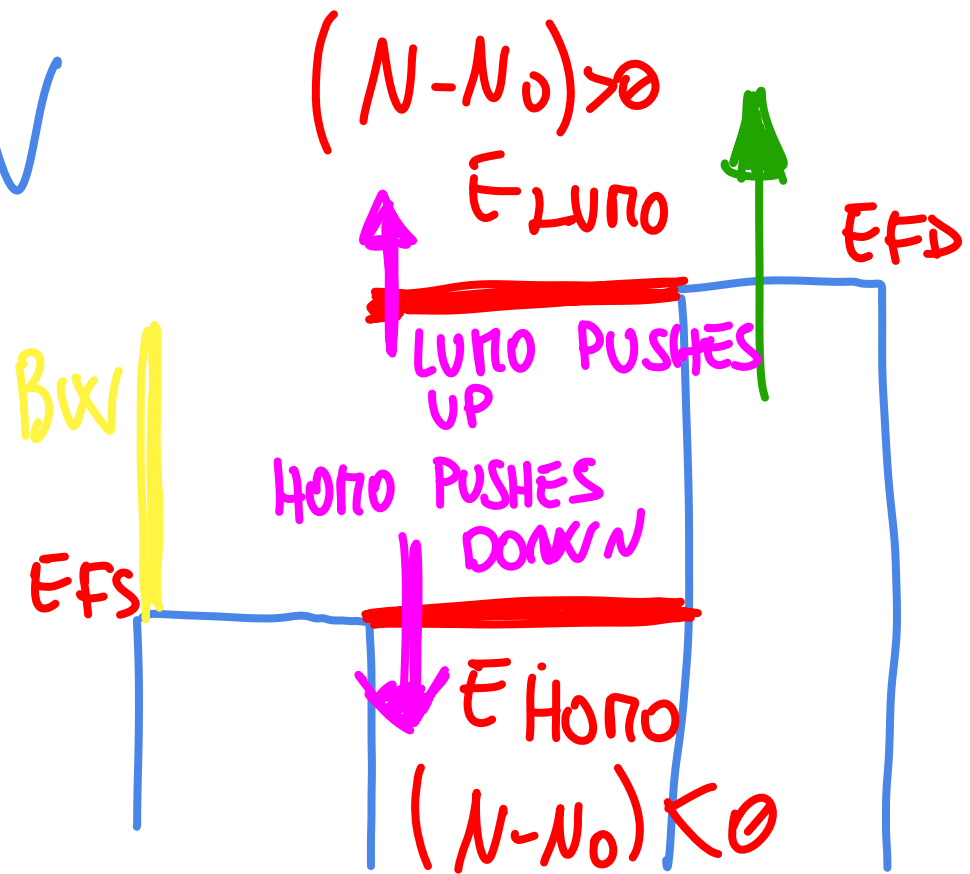
HOMO  $2 \rightarrow [1 \div 2]$  (AS IN  $V_{DS} \sim 0.68$ )

• GAINING ELECTRONS FROM LUMO (AS IN  $V_{DS} \sim 6V$ )

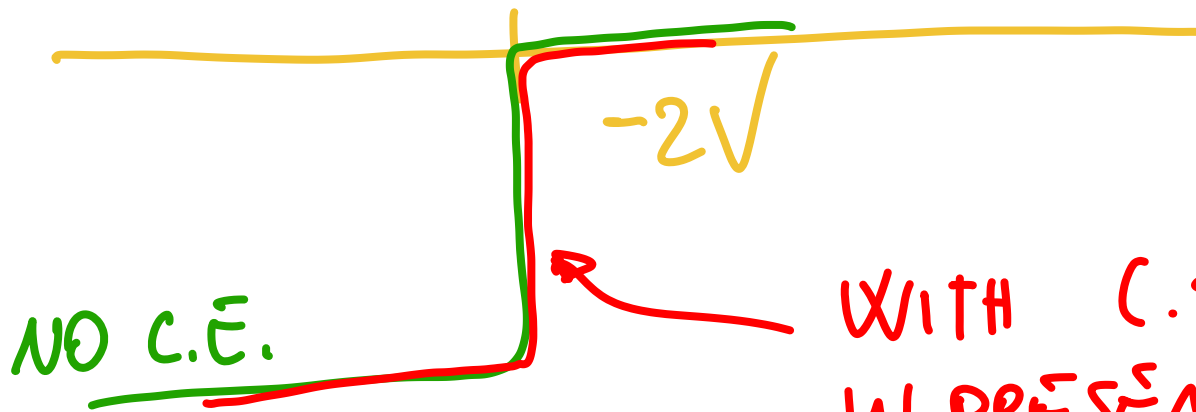
$\leadsto (N - N_0) < 0$

$\leadsto (N - N_0) > 0$

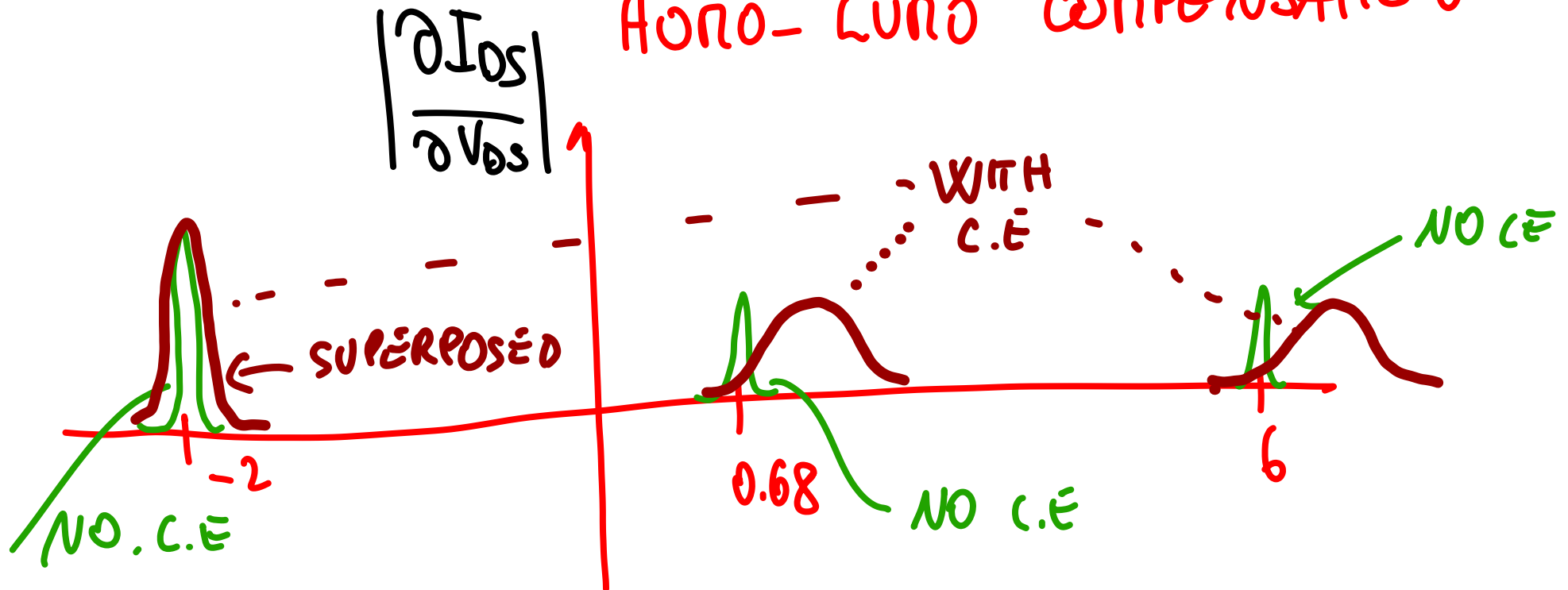
SIMULTANEOUSLY  
SYMMETRICAL



H PUSHES DOWN, L PUSHES UP  $\Rightarrow$  NO C.E. VISIBLE  
H-L; COMPENSATION



WITH C.E. BUT  
IN PRESENCE OF  
HONO-LUND COMPENSATION

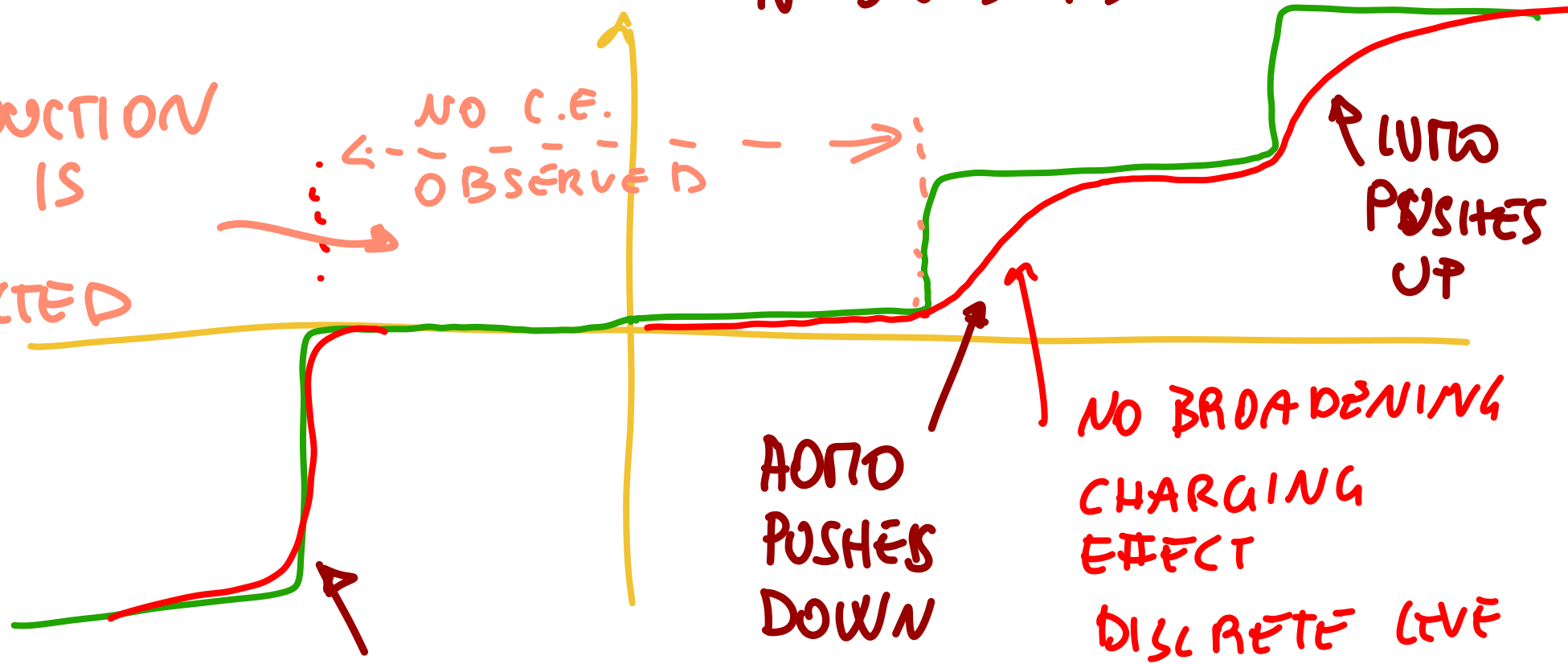


ITERATIVE!

IMPLEMENT  
MATLAB SCRIPT  
TO CALCULATE  
 $N \rightarrow V \rightarrow IPS!$

LEVELS  
DISCRETE  
NO C.E

CONDUCTION  
GAP IS  
NOT  
IMPACTED



HOMO PUSHES DOWN  
AND  
LUMO PUSHES UP

HOMO  
PUSHES  
DOWN

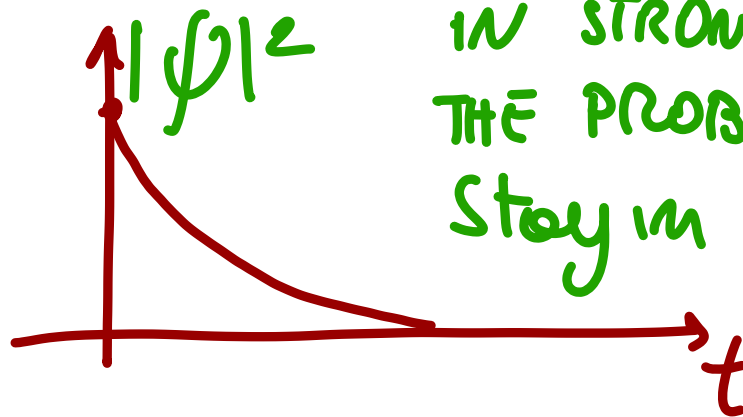
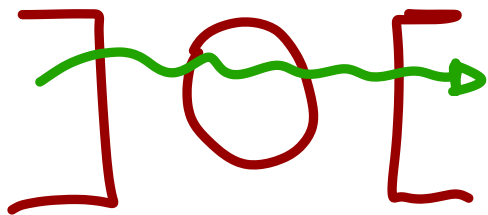
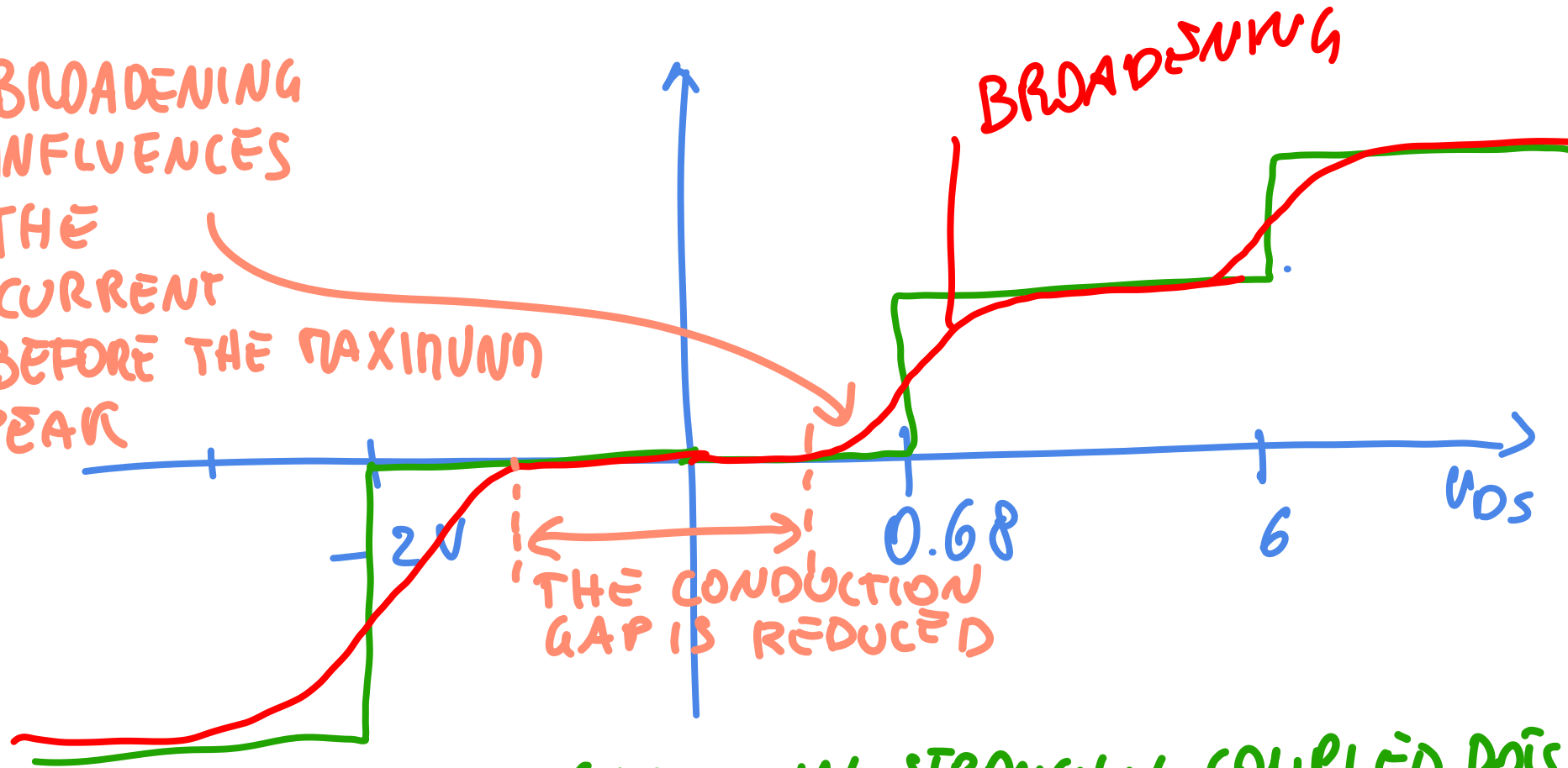
NO BROADENING  
CHARGING  
EFFECT  
DISCRETE LEVEL

LUMO  
PUSHES  
UP

STEP (C)

WITH BROADENING NO C.E

BROADENING INFLUENCES THE CURRENT BEFORE THE MAXIMUM PEAK



IN STRONGLY COUPLED DQDs THE PROBABILITY for  $e$  to stay in DOTS DECAYS RAPIDLY