

MOS Device: Basics

- MOSFET & Modeling -

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1. List of symbols

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Symbol	Description	Unit
а	Lattice constant	m
С	Speed of light in vacuum	m/s
С	Capacitance	F
Е	Energy	eV
E _C	Bottom of conduction band	eV
E _F	Fermi energy level	eV
Eg	Energy bandgap	eV
E _V	Top of valence band	eV
F(E)	Fermi-Dirack distribution function	
1	Current	А
J	Current density	A/m2
k	Boltzmann constant	J/K
kT	Thermal energy	eV
L	Length (channel length)	m
mo	Electron rest mass	kg
m*	Effective mass	kg
n	Density of free electron	m-3
ni	Intrinsic density	m-3
N	Doping concentration	m-3
NA	Accepter impurity density	m-3
NC	Effective density states in conduction band	m-3

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Symbol	Description	Unit
ND	Donor impurity concentration	m-3
NV	Effective density of states in valence band	m-3
р	Density of free hole	m-3
q	Magnitude of electronic charge	С
R	Resistance	Ω
t	time	s
Т	Absolute temperature	К
V	Carrier velocity	m/s
vth	Thermal velocity	m/s
V	Voltage	V
Vbi	Built-in voltage	V
VFB	Flat band voltage	V
Vth	Threshold voltage	V
εο	Permittivity in vacuum	F/m
εs or εsi	Semiconductor permittivity	F/m
εlorεox	Insulator permittivity	F/m
<i>μ</i> n	Electron mobility	m2/V.s
μр	Hole mobility	m2/V.s
ρ	Resistivity	Ω-m
φ m	Metal work function	V
Ω	Ohm	Ω

2. Physical constant

Quantity	Symbol	Value
Elementary charge	q	1.60X10 ⁻¹⁹ C
Electron rest mass	mo	0.911X10 ⁻³⁰ kg
Electron volt	eV	1.60X10 ⁻¹⁹ J
Permittivity in vacuum	εο	8.85X10 ⁻¹² F/m
Speed of light	С	3.00X10 ⁸ m/s
Thermal voltage @300K	kT/q	0.0259 V

3. Properties of Ge, Si, GaAs and SiO2

	Ge	Si	GaAs	SiO ₂
Atomic or molecular weight	72.60	28.09	144.63	60.08
Atoms or molecules/cm ³	4.42 × 10 ²²	5.00 × 10 ²²	2.21 × 10 ²²	2.3 × 10 ²²
Crystal structure	Diamond, 8 atoms/unit cell	Diamond, 8 atoms/unit cell	Zinc-blende, 8 atoms/unit cell	Random network of SiO ₄ , tetrahedra, 50% covalent, 50% ionic bonding
Lattice constant (A)	5.66	5.43	5.65	
Density, ρ (g/cm³)	5.32	2.33	5.32	2.27
Energy gap (ev)	0.67	1.11	1.40	~8
Effective density of states conduction band N _c (cm ⁻³) valence band Nv (cm ⁻³)	1.04 × 10 ¹⁹ 6.0 × 10 ¹⁸	2.8 × 10 ¹⁹ 1.04 × 10 ¹⁹	4.7 × 10 ¹⁷ 7.0 × 10 ¹⁸	
Intrinsic carrier concentration n _i (cm- ³)	2.4 × 10 ¹³	1.45 × 10 ¹⁰	~9 × 10 ⁶	

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Lattice (intrinsic) mobilities (cm²/v sec) electrons holes	3900 1900	1350 480	8600 250	Insulator; ρ > 10 ¹⁶ Ω-cm at 300°K
Dielectric constant	16.3	11.7	12	3.9
Breakdown field (v/μ)	~8	~30	~35	~600
Melting point (°C)	937	1415	1238	~1700
Vapor pressure (Torr)	10 ⁻⁷ at 880°C 10 ⁻⁹ at 750°C	10 ⁻⁵ at 1250°C 10 ⁻⁷ at 1050°C	1 at 1050°C 100 at 1220°C	10 ⁻³ at 1450°C 10 ⁻¹ at 1700°C
Specific heat, C _p (Joule/g°C)	0.31	0.7	0.35	1.0
Thermal conductivity, K _{th} (watt/cm°C)	0.6	1.5	0.81	0.014
Thermal diffusivity $\kappa = \frac{K_{th}}{{}_{p}C_{p}} \left(\frac{cm^{2}}{sec}\right)$	0.36	0.9	0.44	0.006
Linear coefficient of thermal expansion $\frac{\Delta L}{L\Delta T} \left(\frac{1}{^{\circ}C}\right)$	5.8 × 10 ⁻⁶	2.5 × 10 ⁻⁶	5.9 × 10 ⁻⁶	0.5 × 10 ⁻⁶

4. Key Physical Parameters of Silicon

Molecular Number (/cm3)	5.00X10 ²²
Crystal Structure	Diamond
Lattice Constant a (nm)	0.543
Material Density (g/cm3)	2.33
Energy Gap (eV)	1.11
Density of State: Conduction Band Nc(cm-3) Valence Band Nv(cm-3)	2.8X10 ¹⁹ 1.04X10 ¹⁹
Intrinsic Carrier Density ni (cm-3)	1.45X10 ¹⁰
Intrinsic Carrier Mobility: Elec. (cm2/V.sec) Hole (cm2/V.sec)	1350 480
Permittivity ε (si)	11.7
Thermal Conductance kth(W/cm.°C)	1.5
Thermal Expansion Constant (/°C)	2.5X10 ⁻⁶
Melting Temperature (℃)	1415

5. Equations of Semiconductor Physics

Charge neutrality	$\rho = q(P - n + N_D - N_A) = 0$		
Equilibrium condition	$Pn = n_i^2$		
Fermi-Dirac distribution function	$f(E) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{(E - E_F)/kT}}$		
Carrier concentrations in non-degenerate semiconductors: In the extrinsic case, $ N_D - N_A \ge n_i$:	$\begin{split} n &= N_c e^{-(E_c - E_p)/kT} = n_i e^{(E_F - E_i)/kT} \\ P &= N_v e^{-(E_P - E_v)/kT} = n_i e^{(E_i - E_F)/kT} \\ n_n &\equiv N_D - N_A \qquad P_p \equiv N_A - N_D \\ P_n &\equiv \frac{n_i^2}{N_D - N_A} \qquad n_p \equiv \frac{n_i^2}{N_A - N_D} \end{split}$		

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6. Equations of PN-Diode

Built-in voltage	$\phi_B \cong 2 \frac{kT}{q} \ln \frac{C_B}{n_i}$
Depletion region width	$W = \sqrt{\frac{2K_S\epsilon_0[\phi_B \pm V_J]}{qC_B}} \text{ where } ^{+: \text{ reverse}}_{-: \text{ forward}} $ bias
Maximum electric field	$\varepsilon_{\text{max}} = 2 \frac{\phi_{\text{B}} \pm V_{\text{J}} }{W}$
Capacitance per unit area	$C = \frac{K_S \epsilon_0}{W}$
Reverse current	$I_{R} = I_{gen} + I_{diff}$ $I_{gen} = \frac{1}{2} q \frac{n_{i}}{\tau} WA_{J}, I_{diff} = qD \frac{n_{i}^{2}}{C_{B}L} A_{J}$
Forward current	$\begin{split} I_F &= I_{rec} + I_{diff} \\ I_{rec} &= -\frac{1}{2} q \frac{n_i}{\tau} We^{q V_F /2kT} A_J, \ I_{diff} = -qD \frac{n_i^2}{C_B L} e^{q V_F /kT} A_J \end{split}$
Avalanche breakdown voltage	$BV = \frac{K_{S^{\epsilon_0}}E^2_{crit}}{2qC_B}$

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7. Equations of MOS-Diode

Metal and semiconductor workfunction difference ($\phi_{\rm MS}$)	$\phi_{MS} = \chi_M - \left[\chi_{Si} + E_g(Si) - \frac{kT}{q} \ln \left(\frac{N_C}{N_A} \right) \right]$
Flat-band Voltage (V _{FB})	$V_{FB} = \phi_{MS} - \frac{Q_{SS}}{C_{O}}$
Physical Threshold Voltage (Vth)	$V_{th} = V_{FB} + 2\phi_F \frac{Q_B}{C_O}, \phi_F = \frac{kT}{a} \ln \left(\frac{N_A}{n_c} \right), Q_B = \sqrt{2\varepsilon_S q N_A (2\phi_F)}$
MOS Capacitance at Accumulation Condition	$C_{Acc} = C_{O}$
MOS Capacitance at Flat-Band Condition	$C_{-}=C_{-}=\frac{1}{L_{-}}$ $L_{-}=\frac{kT\varepsilon_{S}}{L_{-}}$
MOS Capacitance at Inversion Condition	$\frac{C_{FB} - C_O}{1 + \frac{\varepsilon_S/L_D}{\varepsilon_{OX}/T_{OX}}}, L_D = \sqrt{\frac{kT\varepsilon_S}{q^2N_A}}$
	$C_{Inv} = C_O \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\varepsilon_S/W_m}{\varepsilon_{OX}/T_{OX}}}, W_m = \sqrt{\frac{4kT\varepsilon_S \ln(N_A/n_i)}{q^2 N_A}}$

8. Equations of MOSFET (simple)

	Linear region	Saturation region
Current-voltage characteristics	$I_{ds} = \frac{W}{L} \mu_n C_o \left(V_g - V_{th} - \frac{V_d}{2} \right) V_d$	$I_{ds} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{W}{L} \mu_n C_o (V_g - V_{th})^2$
Saturation voltage	$V_{Dsat} = V_g - V_{th}$	
Drain conductance	$g_d = \frac{1}{2} \frac{W}{L} \mu_n C_o \left(V_g - V_{th} - V_d \right)$	$g_d = 0$
Mutual conductance	$g_m = \frac{W}{L} \mu_n C_o V_d$	$g_m = \frac{W}{L} \mu_n C_o (V_g - V_{th})$
Max. frequency	$f_O = \frac{g_m}{C_G} = \frac{\mu_n V_d}{L^2}$	$f_O = \frac{g_m}{C_G} = \frac{\mu_n (V_g - V_{th})}{L^2}$

9. Equations of MOSFET (First-order)

	n-channel	n-channel
	$V_D > 0$, $V_G > V_T$, I_D flows from source to drain.	$V_D > 0$, $V_G > V_T$, I_D flows from drain to source.
Current-voltage characteristics	$I_D = \frac{Z}{L} \mu_n C_o \left\{ \left[V_G - V_{FB} - 2\phi_{Fp} - \frac{V_D}{2} \right] V_D \right.$	$I_D = \frac{Z}{L} \mu_n C_o \left\{ \left[V_G - V_{FB} - 2\phi_{Fn} - \frac{V_D}{2} \right] V_D \right.$
	$-\frac{2}{3} \frac{\sqrt{2K_s} \epsilon_o q N_A}{C_0} \left[\left(V_D + 2 \phi_{Fp} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} - \left(2 \phi_{Fp} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \right] \right]$	$-\frac{2}{3} \frac{\sqrt{2K_{s}} \varepsilon_{o} q N_{D}}{C_{o}} \left[\left V_{D} + 2 \phi_{Fn} \right ^{\frac{3}{2}} - \left 2 \phi_{Fn} \right ^{\frac{3}{2}} \right]$
Saturation voltage	$V_{Dsat} = V_G - V_{FB} - 2\phi_{Fp}$	V _{Dsat} = V _G - V _{FB} - 2φ _{Fn}
	$+ \frac{K_{s} \in {}_{o}qN_{A}}{C_{o}^{2}} \left[1 - \sqrt{1 + \frac{2C_{o}^{2} (V_{G} - V_{FB})}{K_{s} \in {}_{o}qN_{A}}} \right]$	$+ \frac{K_{s} \in {}_{o}qN_{D}}{C_{o}^{2}} \left[1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{2C_{o}^{2} (V_{G} - V_{FB})}{K_{s} \in {}_{o}qN_{D}}} \right]$
Turn-on voltage	$V_T = V_{FB} + 2\phi_{Fp} + \frac{\sqrt{2K_s \in {}_{o}qN_A(2\phi_{Fp})}}{C_o}$	$V_T = V_{FB} + 2\phi_{Fn} + \frac{\sqrt{2K_s \in {}_{o}qN_D 2\phi_{Fn} }}{C_o}$
Conductance (linear area)	$g = \frac{Z}{L} \mu_n C_o(V_G - V_T)$	$g = \frac{Z}{L} \mu_D C_o (V_G - V_T)$
Mutual conductance	$gm = \frac{Z}{L} \mu_n C_o V_D$ When $V_D \le V_{Dsat}$	$gm = \frac{Z}{L} \mu_p C_o V_D$ When $ V_D \le V_{Dsat} $
Max. frequency	$f_o = \frac{g_m}{C_G} \le \frac{\mu_n V_D}{L^2}$ When $V_D \le V_{Dsat}$	$f_o = \frac{g_m}{C_G} \le \frac{\mu_p V_D }{L^2}$ When $ V_D \le V_{Dsat} $
Series resistance effect	Linear area $g(obs) = \frac{g}{1 + (R_s + R_d)g}$	
	Saturated area $g_{msat}(obs) = \frac{g_{msat}}{1 + R_s g_{msat}}$	(After Textbook of Grov

10. High-K Materials

Material	ĸ	E _g [eV]	ΔE _c [eV]	Stable on Si	Crystal structure
SiO ₂	3.9	9	3.1	Yes	Amorphous
Si₃N₄	7.8	5.3	2.4	Yes	Amorphous
Y ₂ O ₃	15	6	2.3	Yes	Cubic
La ₂ O ₃	30	6	2.3	Yes	Hexagonal, cubic
Pr ₂ O ₃	31			Yes	
Dy ₂ O ₃	14	4.8		Yes	
Ta ₂ O ₅	26	4.4	0.3	No	Orthorhombic
TiO ₂	80	3.05	0.05	No	Tetragonal
HfO ₂	25	~6	1.5	Yes	Monoclinic, tetragonal, cubic
ZrO ₂	25	5.8	1.4	Yes	Monoclinic, tetragonal, cubic
HfSi _x O _y	~10	~6	1.5	Yes	Amorphous
ZrSi _x O _y	~10	~6.5	1.5	Yes	Amorphous
Al ₂ O ₃	9	8.8	2.8	Yes	Amorphous

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