

Q1 Band diagrams of a MOS capacitor for three different values of the gate voltage  $V_G$  are shown in figure 1.  $V_t$  is its threshold voltage. All the variables shown in figure 1 have their usual meanings. [40 pts]

[Q1.1] Based on the information provided in figure 1, find out whether  $V_G$  larger or smaller than  $V_t$  for each of the three cases. Briefly explain your answer. [15 pts]

[Q1.2] Find out the values of electron density and hole density at  $x=0$  and  $x=60$  nm for each of the three cases. Assume that  $N_C=N_V=10^{25} \text{ /m}^3$ ,  $kT=25 \text{ meV}$ ,  $E_G=1.1 \text{ eV}$  (all variables have their usual meaning). [25 pts]

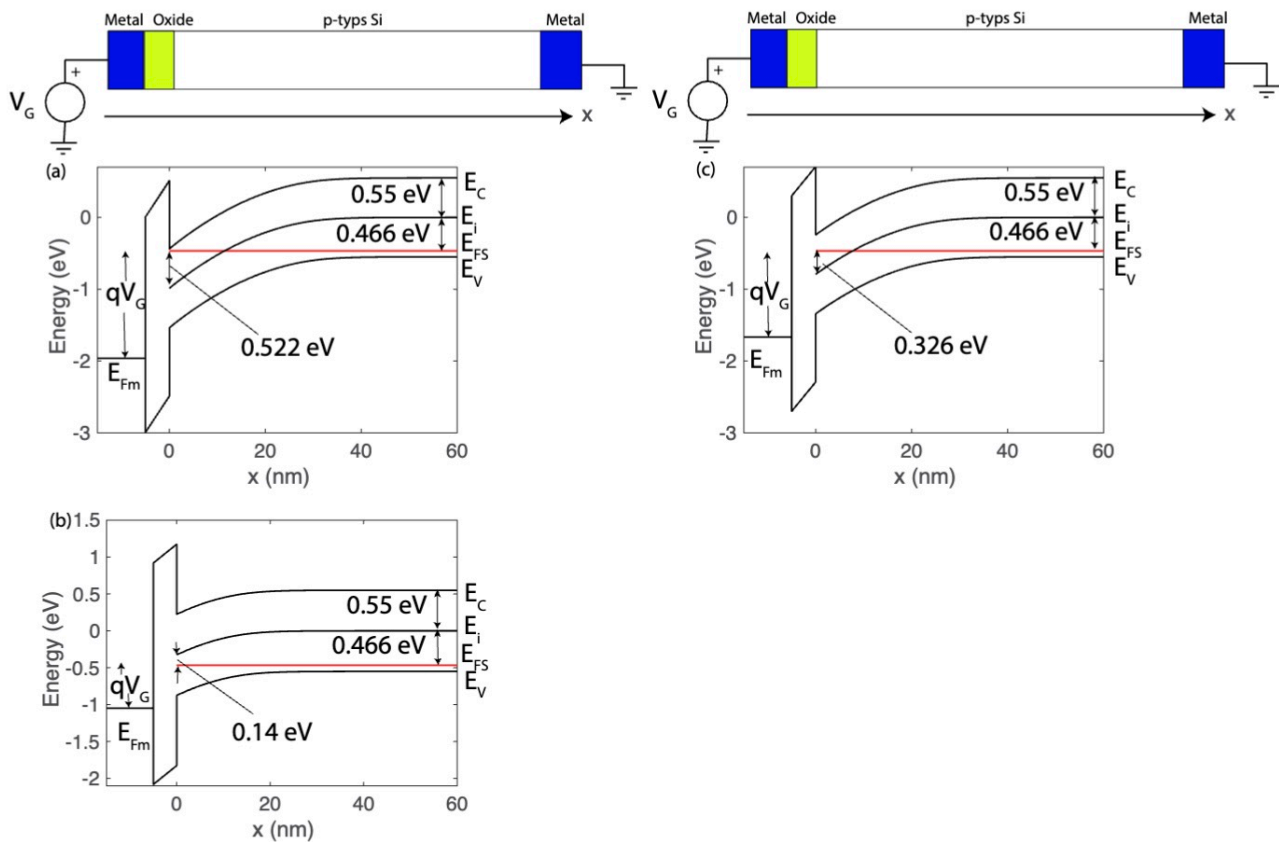


Figure 1: Band diagrams of a MOS capacitor at different gate voltages.

- Q1.1) The difference in voltage Band and Fermi level
- a) is .466 eV. Given that intrinsic  $E_i$  and Fermi  $E_F$  have .522 eV Diff  $\Rightarrow$  > voltage Diff  $\Rightarrow V_G > V_t$
- b) Since  $E_{Fs} - E_i = .14 \text{ eV} < .466 \Rightarrow V_G < V_t$
- c) .326 eV ( $E_{Fs} - E_i$ ) is  $< .466 \Rightarrow V_G < V_t$

Q 1.2) a)  $N_c = N_v = 10^{25}$   
 $kT = 25 \text{ meV}$   
 $E_g = 1.1 \text{ eV}$

$$n = N_c e^{-(E_c + E_{fs})/kT}$$

$$p = n_v e^{-(E_v + E_{fs})/kT}$$

a)  $x = 0$  for Graph A

$$E_c = .55 - E_{fs} = .028 \text{ eV}$$

$$\Rightarrow n = (10^{25}) (e^{-(.028/.025)}) = \boxed{3.26 \text{ E } 24 \text{ m}^{-3}}$$

$$p = (10^{25}) (e^{-1.072/.025}) = \boxed{2.38 \text{ E } 6 \text{ m}^{-3}}$$

$x = 60$

$$n = (10^{25}) (e^{-(.55 + .466)/.025}) = \boxed{2.24 \text{ E } 7 \text{ m}^{-3}}$$

$$p = (10^{25}) (e^{-(.55 - .466)/.025}) = \boxed{3.47 \text{ E } 23 \text{ m}^{-3}}$$

b)  $x = 0$

$$n = (10^{25}) (e^{-(.55 - .14)/.025}) = \boxed{1.03 \text{ E } 13 \text{ m}^{-3}}$$

$$p = (10^{25}) (e^{(.55 - .14)/.025}) = \boxed{7.54 \text{ E } 17 \text{ m}^{-3}}$$

c)  $x = 60$ , Density is the same since  
 The transistor is switched off and no  
 current is in the inversion region

d)  $x = 0$

$$n = N_c (e^{-(.55 - .326)/.025}) = \boxed{1.23 \text{ E } 21 \text{ m}^{-3}}$$

$$p = N_v (e^{-(.55 + .326)/.025}) = \boxed{6.05 \text{ E } 9 \text{ m}^{-3}}$$

Since  $V_g < V_T$ , no inversion created  $\Rightarrow$   $x = 60 \text{ nm}$  is  
 still same density.

Q2 In class, we have derived an expression for the threshold voltage  $V_t$  in an n-type MOSFET. How does  $V_t$  change if the following parameters are increased. [30 pts]

Q2.1 Acceptor doping density,  $N_a$ .

Q2.2 Oxide thickness,  $t_{ox}$ .

Q2.1 Dielectric constant of oxide,  $\epsilon_{ox}$ .

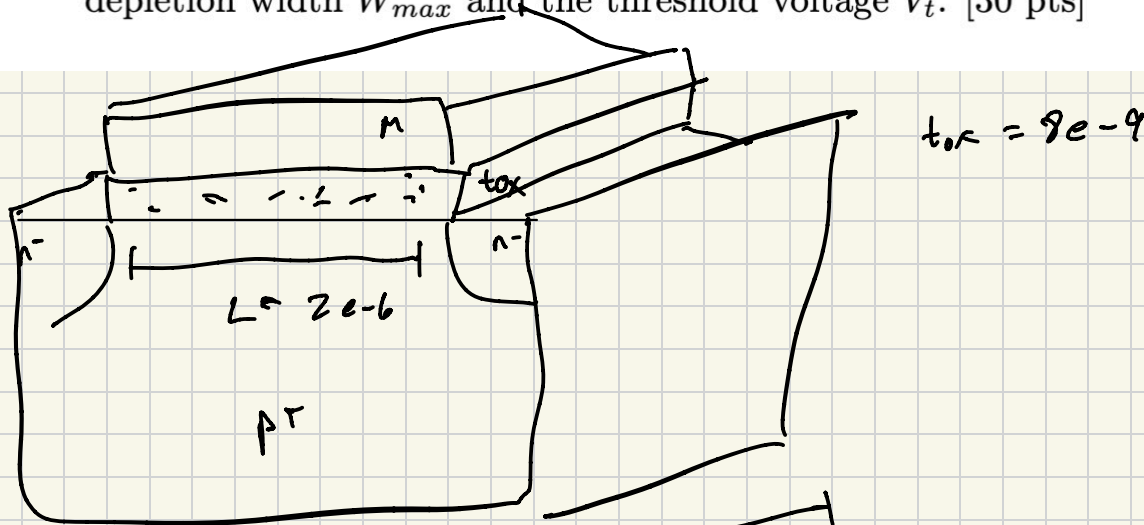
Q2.1) Given that  $V_t = 2\phi_p + \frac{\sqrt{4\epsilon_0\epsilon_{si}q^2N_a\phi_s}}{C_{ox}}$   
 $V_t \propto N_a \Rightarrow$  increasing  $N_a$   
will increase  $V_t$

Q2.2)  $C_{ox} = \frac{\epsilon_0\epsilon_{ox}}{t_{ox}} \Rightarrow$  as  $t_{ox} \uparrow$ ,  $C_{ox} \downarrow$   
as  $C_{ox} \downarrow$ ,  $V_t \uparrow$

Q2.3) By Q2.2, as  $\epsilon_{ox} \uparrow$ ,  $C_{ox} \uparrow \Rightarrow V_t \downarrow$

Q3 Consider an n-type MOSFET with  $N_A = 7 \times 10^{18} \text{ m}^{-3}$ . The gate length of the MOSFET  $L = 2 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$ , width  $W = 12 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$  and the oxide thickness  $t_{ox} = 8 \text{ nm}$ . Take  $N_C = N_V = 10^{25} \text{ m}^{-3}$ ,  $E_G = 1.12 \text{ eV}$ ,  $n_i = 1.5 \times 10^{16} \text{ m}^{-3}$ ,  $kT = 0.026 \text{ eV}$ , vacuum permittivity  $\epsilon_0 = 8.854 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m}$ , dielectric constant of oxide  $\epsilon_{ox} = 4$ , dielectric constant of silicon  $\epsilon_{Si} = 12$ , electron mobility  $\mu_n = 230 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2/\text{Vs}$ , hole mobility  $\mu_p = 83 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2/\text{Vs}$ .

Calculate  $\phi_B = |E_F - E_i|/q$ , the oxide capacitance  $C_{ox}$ , the maximum depletion width  $W_{max}$  and the threshold voltage  $V_t$ . [30 pts]



$$C_{ox} = \frac{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_{ox}}{t_{ox}} = \frac{(8.854 \times 10^{-12})(4)}{(8 \times 10^{-9})} = \boxed{4.43 \times 10^{-3} \text{ F/m}^2}$$

$$\phi_B = \frac{E_i - E_F}{q} = \frac{.55 - .367}{q} = \boxed{\frac{.182 \text{ eV}}{q}}$$

W max depletion width is defined as

$$\frac{\sqrt{2 \epsilon_0 \epsilon_{Si} (2 \phi_B)}}{\sqrt{q N_A}} = \frac{2 \sqrt{(8.854 \times 10^{-12})(1.182)(12)}}{\sqrt{q^2 (7 \times 10^{18})}} = \boxed{8.54 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}}$$

$$V_t = 2 \phi_B + \frac{\sqrt{4 \epsilon_0 \epsilon_{Si} N_A \phi_B}}{C_{ox}} = (.182)(2) + \frac{2 \sqrt{(8.854 \times 10^{-12})(12)(7 \times 10^{18})(.182)(2)}}{(4.43 \times 10^{-3})}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{.886 \text{ eV}}$$