

1. Short questions:

- (a) For high quality Si layer with low doping at room temperature, write down the following physical quantities: (1) energy bandgap, (2) electron mobility and hole mobility, (3) intrinsic carrier concentration, (4) relative permittivity. (10%)
- (b) Write down the formula for resistivity. Estimate the resistivity of n type polysilicon doped to 10^{20}cm^{-3} , assuming an electron mobility of $100\text{cm}^2\text{V}^{-1}\text{S}^{-1}$. (3%, 2%)
- (c) Estimate the dielectric relaxation time of an n type silicon sample doped to 10^{16}cm^{-3} . Only an order-of-magnitude estimate is required. (5%)
- (d) For a trap-free semiconductor, write down the five Shockley semiconductor equations. You need to describe the symbols that are used in your equations. (10%)

2. For an npn bipolar junction transistor the emitter doping concentration is N_{dE} , the base doping concentration is N_{aB} , and the collector doping concentration is N_{dC} .

- (a) Fill the proper symbol (\ll , $<$, $=$, $>$, \gg) into the following parentheses (5%)
 N_{dE} () N_{aB} () N_{dC} .
- (b) Explain the reason for making the choice in part (a). (10%)
- (c) If the base is non-uniformly doped there is a doping gradient in the base, which direction do you prefer? Collector-side concentration higher than the emitter -side concentration or vice versa? Why? (5%)

3. Plot the cross section of a real n-channel J-FET with p^+ -substrate and n-epi layer. (5%) Draw the low-frequency small-signal equivalent circuit of this J-FET, take the source and drain terminal resistance into consideration. (5%) Draw the high-frequency small-signal equivalent circuit of this J-FET. (5%)

4. For a p-channel MOSFET, with p+ poly-silicon gate,

- (a) If the source, drain and substrate are all connected to ground and gate is connected a ramp voltage source, plot qualitatively the typical low-frequency C-V curve in reference to zero gate bias. (5%)
- (b) For three transistors with identical layout geometric and fabrication process except for different channel doping levels, N_{d1} , N_{d2} , N_{d3} with $N_{d1}=10N_{d2}=100N_{d3}$, for device A, B, C respectively, plot qualitatively three corresponding high-frequency C-V curves of the three device on the same plot, please label them properly. (5%)
- (c) On the same plot, compare the C-V curves of transistors with and without poly-depletion effect? Will this effect be more or less significant with device scaling? Why? (5%)
- (d) Proposed a method to measure the overlap capacitance between source/drain and gate of this device. (5%)

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- (a) For a MOS-C with with n+ poly-Si gate plus p-type substrate, plot the energy band diagram when the gate-to-substrate voltage equals the threshold voltage. Write down the threshold voltage equation and label each term you used in the plot. (10%)
- (b) Explain why the drain current saturates after channel pinch-off in a MOS transistor. (5%)