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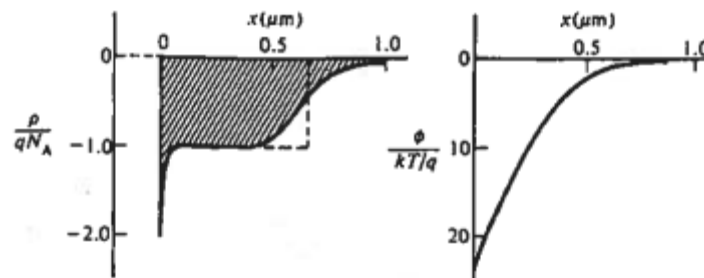
Electrical Engineering Department

ECE 336: Semiconductor Devices

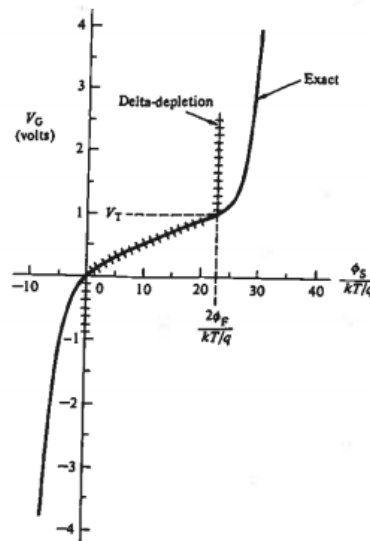
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Chapter 16:

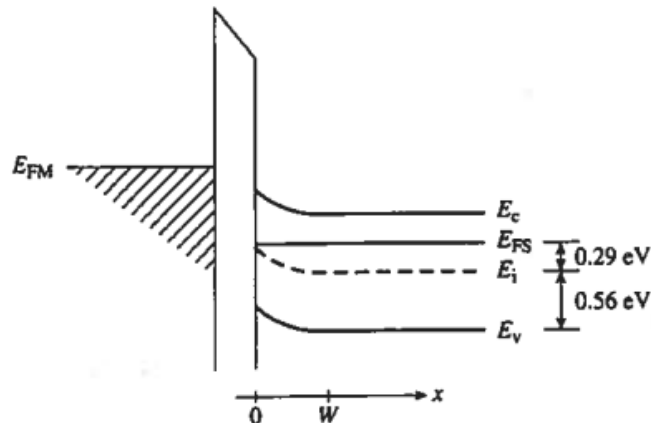
1. For the Figure below answer the following questions:
 - a. Draw the Block Diagram describing the charge situation inside an ideal p -bulk MOS-C biased at the onset of inversion.
 - b. Is your part (a) diagram in agreement with the plot of ρ/qN_A versus x in the below figure? Explain why the ρ/qN_A plot has a spike-like nature near $x = 0$ and shows a value of $\rho/qN_A = -2$ at $x = 0$.
 - c. Noting that $\phi_F/(KT/q) = 12$ and $T = 300$ K was assumed in constructing the below figure, determine W_T . Is the deduced W_T consistent with the approximate charge distribution shown in the figure?



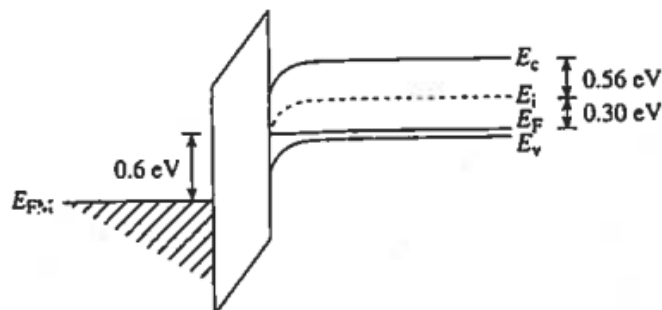
2. An MOS-C is maintained at $T = 300$ K, $x_o = 0.1 \mu\text{m}$ and the Si doping is $N_D = 10^{15} / \text{cm}^3$. Compute:
 - a. ϕ_F in KT/q units and in volts
 - b. W when $\phi_s = 2 \phi_F$
 - c. ϵ_s when $\phi_s = 2 \phi_F$
 - d. $V_G = V_T$ when $\phi_s = 2 \phi_F$ and state how the result is related to the figure below.



3. The energy band diagram for an ideal $x_o = 0.2 \mu\text{m}$ MOS-C operated at $T = 300 \text{ K}$ is sketched in the below figure. Note that the applied gate voltage causes band bending in the semiconductor such that $E_F = E_i$ at the Si-SiO₂ interface. Invoke the delta-depletion approximation as required in answering the questions that follow.



- Sketch the electrostatic potential (ϕ) inside the semiconductor as a function of position.
 - Roughly sketch the electric field (ε) inside the oxide and semiconductor as a function of position.
 - Do equilibrium conditions prevail inside the semiconductor? Explain.
 - Roughly sketch the electron concentration versus position inside the semiconductor.
 - What is the electron concentration at the Si-SiO₂ interface?
 - $N_D = ?$
 - $\phi_s = ?$
 - $V_G = ?$
 - What is the voltage drop ($\Delta\phi_{ox}$) across the oxide?
 - What is the normalized small-signal capacitance, C/C_o , of the MOS-C at the pictured bias point?
4. The below figure is a dimensioned energy band diagram for an ideal MOS-C operated at $T = 300 \text{ K}$ with $V_G \neq 0$. Note that $E_F = E_i$ at the Si-SiO₂ interface.

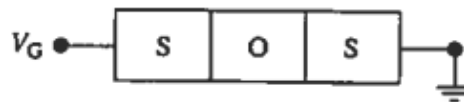


- Do equilibrium conditions prevail inside the semiconductor?
- $\phi_F = ?$
- $\phi_s = ?$
- $V_G = ?$
- $x_o = ?$

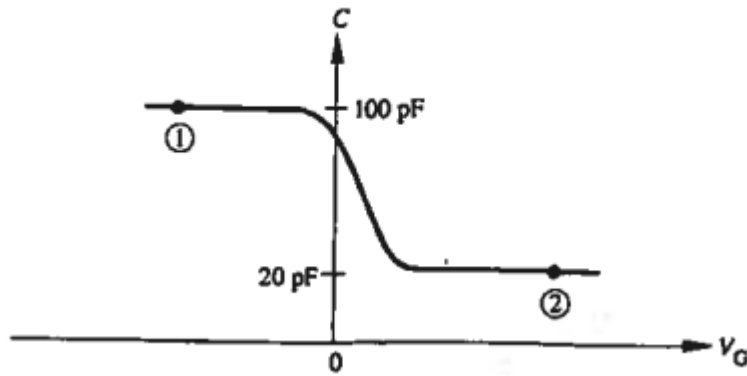
- f. Draw the block charge diagram corresponding to the state pictured in the energy band diagram. For reference purposes, include the maximum equilibrium depletion width, W_T , on your diagram.
- g. Sketch the general shape of the low-frequency C-V characteristic to be expected from the given MOS-C. Place an X on the C-V characteristic at a point that roughly corresponds to the state pictured in the energy band diagram.
- h. For the specific bias point pictured in the energy band diagram, which of the following is the correct expression for the capacitance exhibited by the structure? Explain.

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \text{(i)} \quad C = \frac{C_o}{1 + \frac{K_o W_T}{K_s x_o}}, & \text{(ii)} \quad C = \frac{C_o}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{V_T}{2V_b}}}, \\
 \text{(iii)} \quad C = \frac{C_o}{1 + \frac{K_o W_T}{\sqrt{2} K_s x_o}}, & \text{(iv)} \quad C = \frac{C_o}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{V_T}{V_b}}}
 \end{array}$$

5. With modern-day processing it is possible to produce semiconductor-oxide-semiconductor (SOS) capacitors in which a semiconductor replaces the metallic gate in a standard MOS-C. Answer the following questions assuming an SOS-C composed of two identical n-type nondegenerate silicon electrodes, an ideal structure, and a biasing arrangement as defined by the below figure. Include any comments which may help to forestall a misinterpretation of the requested pictorial answers.
 - a. Draw the energy band diagram for the structure when (i) $V_G=0$, (ii) $V_G > 0$ but small, (iii) $V_G > 0$ and very large, (iv) $V_G < 0$ but small, and (v) $V_G < 0$ and very large.
 - b. Draw the block charge diagrams corresponding to the five biasing conditions considered in part (a)
 - c. Sketch the expected shape of the high frequency C-V characteristic for the SOS-C described in this problem. For reference purposes, also sketch on the same plot the high frequency C- V_G characteristic of an MOS-C assumed to have the same semi-conductor doping and oxide thickness as the SOS-C.



6. The C-V characteristic exhibited by an MOS-C (assumed to be ideal) is displayed in the figure below.

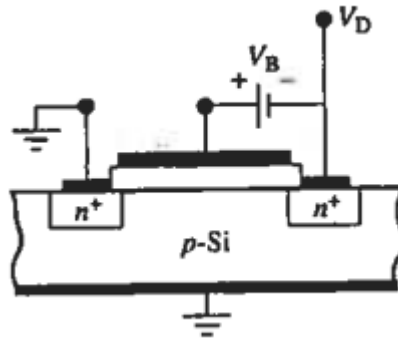


- Is the semiconductor component of the MOS-C doped n-type or p-type? Indicate how you arrived at your answer.
- Draw the MOS-C energy band diagram corresponding to point 2 on the C-V characteristic. (Be sure to include the diagrams for all three components of the MOS-C, show the proper band bending in both the oxide and semi-conductor, and properly position the Fermi level in the metal and semiconductor.)
- Draw the block charge diagram corresponding to point 1 on the C-V characteristic.
- If the area of the MOS-C is $3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}^2$, what is the oxide thickness (x_o)?
- Invoking the delta-depletion approximation, determine W_T and the associated semi-conductor doping concentration for the given MOS-C.

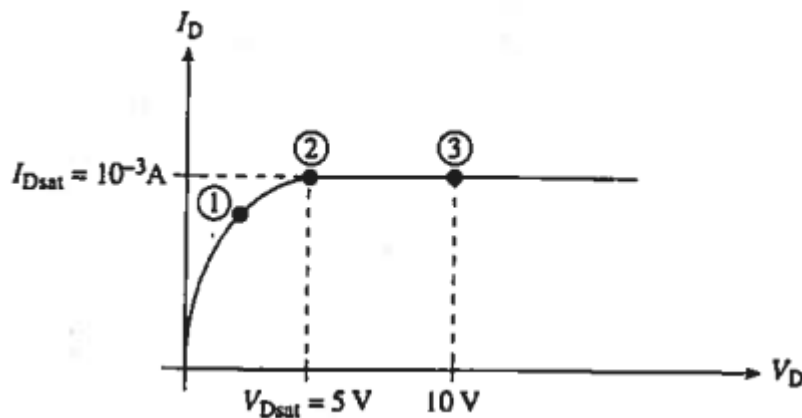
Chapter 17:

- Given an ideal p-channel MOSFET maintained at room temperature:
 - Assuming $V_D = 0$, sketch the MOS energy band diagram for the gate region of the given transistor at threshold.
 - Assuming $V_D = 0$, sketch the MOS block charge diagram for the gate region of the given transistor at threshold.
 - Sketch the inversion layer and depletion region inside the MOSFET at pinch-off. Show and label all parts of the transistor.
- Construct a plot of V_T versus N_A for ideal n-channel MOSFETs operated at room temperature. Superimpose on the same plot the curves corresponding to $x_o = 0.01, 0.02, 0.05,$ and $0.1 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$. Let the semiconductor doping vary over the range $10^{14} / \text{cm}^3 \leq N_A \leq 10^{18} / \text{cm}^3$; limit the plotted V_T to $0 \leq V_T \leq 3 \text{ V}$.

3. Suppose a battery $V_B \geq 0$ is connected between the gate and drain of an ideal n-channel MOSFET as pictured in the figure. Using the square law results,
- Sketch I_D versus V_D ($V_D \geq 0$) if $V_B = V_T / 2$;
 - Sketch I_D versus V_D ($V_D \geq 0$) if $V_B = 2 V_T$.



4. The most widely encountered MOSFET characteristics are a plot of I_D versus V_D with V_G or $V_G - V_T$ held constant at select values. An alternative plot of I_D versus V_G or $V_G - V_T$ with V_D held constant at select values is sometimes useful. Sketch the shape of the I_D versus $V_G - V_T$ characteristics to be expected from an ideal n-channel MOSFET. Specifically show the characteristics corresponding to $V_D = 1, 2, 3,$ and 4 V. Explain how you arrived at your sketch.
5. An $I_D - V_D$ characteristic derived from an ideal MOSFET is pictured in the figure below. Note that $I_{Dsat} = 10^{-3}$ A and $V_{Dsat} = 5$ V for the given characteristic. Answer the questions that follow making use of the square-law theory and the information conveyed in the figure.



- Carefully sketch the inversion layer and depletion region inside the MOSFET corresponding to point (1) on the pictured characteristic. Show and label all parts of the transistor.
- Given a turn-on voltage of $V_T = 1$ V, what is the gate voltage one must apply to the MOSFET gate to obtain the pictured characteristic?
- If $x_o = 0.1$ μm , what is the inversion-layer charge / cm^2 at the drain end of the channel when the MOSFET is biased at point (2) on the characteristic?
- Suppose the gate voltage is readjusted so that $V_G - V_T = 3$ V. For the new condition, determine I_D if $V_D = 4$ V.

- e. Determine g_d if the quiescent operating point of the MOSFET is point (3) on the pictured characteristic.
- f. Determine g_m if the quiescent operating point of the MOSFET is point (3) on the pictured characteristic.
- g. If $V_D = 0$ (i.e., the drain is shorted to the source and back), sketch the general shape of the C_G (gate capacitance) versus V_G characteristic to be expected from the MOSFET.