

Instructions: Do your own work. Open book (including class handouts), calculator allowed, no notes. Each part is worth [x] points. Explicitly state definitions and assumptions that you use. Where possible, calculate parameters rather than read them from a graph. Do all work on this paper. Show all calculations, making numerical substitutions and giving numerical results where possible. Write answers in space given. Unless stated otherwise,  $T = 300\text{K}$  and  $V_t = 25.852\text{ mV}$ . Note: When instructed to calculate, you should proceed from the appropriate formula and compute the desired value and not read it from a graph.

1 A boron doped ( $N_a = 3\text{E}14/\text{cm}^3$ ) is to be used to fabricate an MOS capacitor. The only contacts are to the gate and the bulk or substrate ( $V_B = 0$ ). The oxide thickness is  $350\text{E}-7\text{ cm}$ . The gate material is n+ polysilicon. a Calculate the gate workfunction.

$$n^+ \text{ poly-si} : \phi_m = \chi_{\text{Si}} = 4.05$$

a [4]  $\phi_m = \underline{4.05\text{ V}}$ . b Next, calculate the p substrate workfunction.

$$\delta\Phi_s = \chi_{\text{Si}} + E_g - (E_f - E_v)$$

$$= 4.05 + 1.125 - 0.298 = 4.877$$

$$E_f - E_v = \frac{kT}{q} \ln\left(\frac{N_v}{N_a}\right)$$

$$= 0.025852 \times \ln\left(\frac{3.08 \times 10^{19}}{3 \times 10^{14}}\right)$$

$$= 0.298\text{ V}$$

b [4]  $\phi_s = \underline{4.877\text{ V}}$ . c Next, calculate the Debye length for carrier concentration transition at the oxide-silicon interface.

$$L_D = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon V_t}{q N_a}} = \sqrt{\frac{11.7 \times 8.85 \times 10^{-14} \times 0.025852}{1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 3 \times 10^{14}}} = 2.36 \times 10^{-5}\text{ cm}$$

c [5]  $L_D = \underline{23.6\text{ }\mu\text{m}}$ . d Next, calculate the oxide capacitance per  $\text{cm}^2$ .

$$C'_{\text{ox}} = \frac{\epsilon_{\text{ox}}}{d} = \frac{3.9 \times 8.85 \times 10^{-14}}{350 \times 10^{-7}} = 9.86\text{ nF/cm}^2$$

d [4]  $C'_{\text{ox}} = \underline{9.86\text{ nF/cm}^2}$ . e Next, calculate the flat-band capacitance per  $\text{cm}^2$ .

$$C'_{\text{diff}}(\text{FB}) = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{C'_{\text{ox}}} + \frac{L_D}{\epsilon_{\text{Si}}}} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{9.86 \times 10^{-9}} + \frac{2.36 \times 10^{-5}}{11.7 \times 8.85 \times 10^{-14}}} = 8.05 \times 10^{-9}$$

e [4]  $C'_{\text{FB}} = \underline{8.05\text{ nF/cm}^2}$ .

f Next, calculate the flat-band voltage.

$$V_{FB}^0 = \Phi_M - \Phi_S = 4.05 - 4.877$$

f [5]  $V_{FB} = \underline{-0.827 \text{ V}}$ . g Next, calculate the Fermi potential of the substrate material.

$$\phi_p = \frac{kT}{q} \ln \frac{n_i}{N_A} = 0.025852 \ln \left( \frac{1 \times 10^{10}}{3 \times 10^{14}} \right) = -0.267$$

g [4]  $\phi_p = \underline{-0.267 \text{ V}}$ . h Next, calculate the maximum depletion width at the silicon to silicon-dioxide interface at the onset of strong inversion.

$$x_{d,max} = \sqrt{\frac{2\epsilon_{Si} |2\phi_p|}{q N_A}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 11.7 \times 8.85 \times 10^{-14} \times 0.267 \times 2}{1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 3 \times 10^{14}}} = 1.52 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}$$

h [5]  $x_{d,max} = \underline{1.52 \mu\text{m}}$ . i Next, calculate the depletion charge (per  $\text{cm}^2$ ) at the condition in g.

$$Q'_{d,max} = -q N_A x_d = -1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 3 \times 10^{14} \times 1.52 \times 10^{-4} = -7.3 \times 10^{-9} \text{ coul/cm}^2$$

i [4]  $Q'_{d,max} = \underline{-7.3 \times 10^{-9} \text{ coul/cm}^2}$ . j Next, calculate the E-field in the silicon at the silicon-dioxide interface.

$$E_{max} = -\frac{Q'_d}{\epsilon_{Si}} = \frac{7.3 \times 10^{-9}}{11.7 \times 8.85 \times 10^{-14}} = 7.07 \text{ kV/cm}$$

j [4]  $E_{max} = \underline{7.07 \text{ kV/cm}}$ . k Next, calculate the threshold voltage for channel formation in this system.

$$V_T = V_{FB} - 2\phi_p - \frac{Q'_{d,max}}{C_{ox}} = -0.827 + 2 \times 0.267 + \frac{7.3 \times 10^{-9}}{9.86 \times 10^{-9}} = 0.45$$

k [5]  $V_T = \underline{0.45 \text{ V}}$ .

2 The same system is to be used again, but contacts are made to the channel, such that  $V_S = V_D = V_C = 2 \text{ V}$  ( $V_B = 0$ ).  
 a Calculate the maximum depletion width at the silicon to silicon-dioxide interface at the onset of strong inversion.

$$x_{d,max} = \sqrt{\frac{2\epsilon(2|\phi_p| - (V_B - V_C))}{qN_A}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 11.7 \times 8.85 \times 10^{-14} \times (2 \times 0.267 + 2)}{1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 3 \times 10^{14}}} = 3.3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}$$

a [5]  $x_{d,max} = \underline{3.3 \text{ } \mu\text{m}}$ . b Next, calculate the depletion charge (per  $\text{cm}^2$ ) at the condition in a.

$$Q'_{d,max} = -qN_A x_{d,max} = -1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 3 \times 10^{14} \times 3.3 \times 10^{-4} = -1.58 \times 10^{-8} \text{ coul/cm}^2$$

b [4]  $Q'_{d,max} = \underline{-1.58 \times 10^{-8} \text{ coul/cm}^2}$ . c Next, calculate the E-field in the silicon at the silicon-dioxide interface.

$$E_{max} = -\frac{Q'_d}{\epsilon_{Si}} = \frac{1.58 \times 10^{-8}}{11.7 \times 8.85 \times 10^{-14}} = 15.3 \text{ kV/cm}$$

c [4]  $E_{max} = \underline{15.3 \text{ kV/cm}}$ . d Next, calculate the threshold voltage for channel formation in this system.

$$V_T = V_{FB} - 2\phi_p - \frac{Q'_{d,max}}{C_{ox}} + V_C = -0.827 + 2 \times 0.267 + \frac{1.58 \times 10^{-8}}{9.86 \times 10^{-9}} + 2 = 3.31 \text{ V}$$

d [5]  $V_T = \underline{3.31 \text{ V}}$ .

3 [Use the model for the MOSFET in the class notes or 8.2.3 of the text.] The same structure given in 1 and 2 is to be used as an n-channel MOSFET. In this case,  $V_D > V_S = V_B = 0$

a Calculate the channel charge per  $\text{cm}^2$  for  $V_{GS} = V_T + 1.5 \text{ V}$  and  $v_{DS}$  small.

$$Q'_n = -C_{ox}(V_{GS} - V_T) = -9.86 \times 10^{-9} \times 1.5 = -1.48 \times 10^{-8} \text{ coul/cm}^2$$

a [5]  $Q'_n = \underline{-1.48 \times 10^{-8} \text{ coul/cm}^2}$ . b Next, calculate the mobility of electrons in the bulk of the p-type silicon.

$$\mu_n = \frac{1360 - 92}{1 + \left(\frac{N}{1.3 \times 10^{17}}\right)^{0.91}} + 92 = \frac{1360 - 92}{1 + \left(\frac{3 \times 10^{14}}{1.3 \times 10^{17}}\right)^{0.91}} + 92$$

b [5]  $\mu_n = \underline{1354 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}}$ . = 1354

c Next, make a reasoned estimate of the mobility of electrons in the silicon directly under the silicon-dioxide for  $V_{GS} = V_T + 1.5$  V and  $V_{DS} = V_{GS}$ .

Assume  $\mu_{n, ch} = \frac{1}{2} \mu_n (N_A = 3 \times 10^{14})$

From Fig 3.3  $\mu_n (N_A = 3 \times 10^{14}) = 1360$

$\mu_{n, ch} = 680 \frac{cm^2}{V \cdot s}$

c [3]  $\mu_{n, ch} = \frac{680 \frac{cm^2}{V \cdot s}}{2}$ . d Next, for a channel length, L, of 1E-4 cm and width, W, of 20E-4 cm, calculate the drain current for  $v_{GS} = V_T + 1.5$  V and  $v_{DS} = V_T$ .

$V_{GS} > V_T$   $V_{DSat} = V_{GS} - V_T = 1.5$

$V_{DS} = V_T = 0.45 < V_{DSat} = 1.5$  linear or ohmic

$$I_D = \frac{W}{L} \mu_n C_{ox}' \left[ (V_{GS} - V_T) - \frac{V_{DS}}{2} \right] \cdot V_{DS} = \frac{20 \times 10^{-4}}{1 \times 10^{-4}} \times 680 \times 9.86 \times 10^{-9} \left[ 1.5 - 0.225 \right] \cdot 0.45$$
  

$$= 7.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ A}$$

d [5]  $i_D = \underline{77 \mu A}$ . e Next, for the same conditions, except that  $v_{DS} = v_{GS}$ , calculate the drain current.

$V_{DS} = V_{GS} \Rightarrow \text{Sat.}$

$$I_D = \frac{W}{2L} \mu_n C_{ox}' (V_{GS} - V_T)^2 = \frac{20 \times 10^{-4}}{2 \times 1 \times 10^{-4}} \times 680 \times 9.86 \times 10^{-9} \times 1.5^2$$
  

$$= 1.51 \times 10^{-4} \text{ A} = 0.15 \text{ mA}$$

e [5]  $i_D = \underline{0.15 \text{ mA}}$

4 For the same structure given in 1 and 2 (used as an n-channel MOSFET). a Calculate the threshold voltage shift for a source to substrate potential of  $V_{SB} = 1.5$  V.

$$\Delta V_T = \frac{\sqrt{2 \epsilon \epsilon_0 N_A}}{C_{ox}' } \left( \sqrt{2|\phi_b| + V_{SB}} - \sqrt{2|\phi_b|} \right) = 0.7$$
  

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 11.7 \times 8.85 \times 10^{-14} \times 3 \times 10^{14}}}{9.86 \times 10^{-9}} \left( \sqrt{2 \times 0.267 + 1.5} - \sqrt{2 \times 0.267} \right)$$

a [5]  $\Delta V_T = \underline{0.7 \text{ V}}$ . b Calculate threshold voltage shift for an extra charge sheet at the silicon to silicon-dioxide interface of  $(-q) \cdot 1E11/cm^2$  when  $V_{SB} = 0$ .

$$\Delta V_T = \frac{-q N_f}{C_{ox}' } = \frac{+1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 1 \times 10^{11}}{9.86 \times 10^{-9}} = 1.6$$

b [5]  $\Delta V_T = \underline{1.6 \text{ V}}$