



Total Dose and Single Event Effects in Strained Si Technologies

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Strained Si Hole Mobility Higher than Ge









- Single Event Transient in Strained Si Diode
- Total Ionizing Dose Effects on Strained HfO₂based nMOSFETs
- Future Planes



1GPa Stress Video: Flexure Jig

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Single Event Transient (SET) Measurement Set Up



SET setup / Robert A. Reed²



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Single Event Transient (SET) Measurement System





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Electron Single Event Transient Pulse



Total Charge Collection in Diode



Single Event Transient on pn Diode Pulsed Laser (Single Photon Absorption)

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Single Event Transient due to Time Domain



Strain Alters Mobility / Charge Collection

Electron mobility (μ)



Complete Set of Piezoresistance Coefficients¹³

Measurement includes:

- ✓ In-plane longitudinal pi-coefficient
- ✓ In-plane transverse pi-coefficient
- ✓ In-plane biaxial pi-coefficient
- ✓ Out-of-plane uniaxial pi-coefficient (using biaxial setup)



schematic for applying biaxial stress

schematic for applying uniaxial stress



n-MOSFET Piezoresistance Coefficients

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			$\pi_{_{l}}$	$\pi_{_t}$	$\pi_{\scriptscriptstyle B}$
(001) wafer	<100> channel	n-MOSFET	-47 (7.7)	-22 (4)	-50 (2.3)
		Smith bulk Si	-102	53	-49
	<110> channel	n-MOSFET	-32 (7.4)	-15 (6.4)	-47 (3.2)
		Smith bulk Si	-31	-18	-49
(110) wafer	<100> channel	n-MOSFET	-24 (1)	25 (1)	10 (2.4)
		Smith bulk Si	-102	53	-49
	<110> channel	n-MOSFET	-17 (1.8)	11 (2.4)	-7 (3.9)
		Smith bulk Si	-31	53	-49



Strain Effect on Electron Mobility





Extract Piezoresistance Coefficient (Simple RC delay Circuit Model)



Compare with other Piezoresistance Coefficients

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Extracted piezoresistance coefficient (bulk)

$$\frac{\Delta \rho_d}{\rho_d} = \pi_d \sigma = 0.13$$

$$\pi_d = 50 \times 10^{-5} / MPa$$

$$\pi_{12}(=\pi_t) \text{ coefficient} \text{ From < 100 > channel}$$

$$\pi_{10}(=\pi_t) \text{ coefficient} \text{ from < 100 > channel}$$

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Note: Tensile stress is taken to be positive stress and compression stress is taken to be negative stress. This vaule is compared with nMOSFET's transverse π_t (= π_{12}) coefficient and Smith's bulk π_{12} coefficient.

UF Group, JAP, in press June 2008

Total Charge Collection in Diode



Qualitative Model: Less Charge Collection

Uniaxial Tensile Stressed Silicon



Strain Alters Bandgap: e, h Generation



UF Group , EDL, 2004

Simulation of SET on Si Diode in Floods/DESIS









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Stress Alters Trap Energy Level



Stress Alters Trap Energy Level E_{c,ox} Trap Energy Level **Changes with** $\Phi_T(\sigma)$ **Stress** $= E_{C,OX} - E_{TRAP}(\sigma)$ EF ETRAP Ec Substrate Injection (b) Ev 6 ∆J₆(ס)(J₆(0) (%) 5 P-Si TaN SiO₂ 4 Gate Injection 3 (V_G<0) 2 Gate Injectio -150 -100 -50 50 100 150 0 Tension Compression UF Group, APL 2008

Uniaxial Mechanical Stress (MPa)

Set up in Aracor Machine





Sample





HfO₂ based nMOSFET



Note: 65nm technology in Sematech

Id_Vgs (Tensile 200MPa)



Threshold voltage is decreased by increasing radiation dose.

This trend is seen in other stress cases such as compressive -, No-, and Tensile-St

Threshold Voltage: Tensile Stress



Threshold Shift: Compressive Stress



Conclusions / 2008 Plans



- Significantly less electron charge collection in tensile strained (~50% less charge collected at ~1GPa stress)
- Strain also alters trap energy level in gate insulator
- Future work
 - NRL June, 2008 trip planned
 - Higher stress range
 - Hole P+ / n-well collections
 - Close SET modeling / experimental data gap
 - Develop model for trap energy change with strain

