Short column around "Transistor"

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Transistor, FET, CMOS



You can refer, such as, https://www.allaboutcircuits.com/textbook/semiconductors/

Timeline

- **1925**: Julius Edgar Lilienfeld's MESFET patent
- 1935: Oskar Heil's MOSFET patent
- 194?: Unpublished Bell Labs MESFET
- 1947: Ge BJT (Bardeen, Brattain, Shockley, Bell Labs)
- 1954: Si BJT (Teal, Bell Labs)
- **1960**: MOSFET (Atalla&Khang, <u>Bell Labs</u>)
- 1961: Integrated circuit (Kilby, TI)
- 1963: CMOS (Sah&Wanlass, Fairchild)
- 1964: Commercial CMOS IC (RCA)
- 1965: DRAM (Fairchild)
- 1968: Poly-Si gate (Faggin&Klein, Fairchild)
- 1968: 1-FET DRAM cell (Dennard, IBM)
- 1971: UV EPROM (Frohman, Intel)
- 1971: Full CPU in chip, Intel 8008 (Faggin, Intel)
- 1974: Digital watch
- 1974: Scaling theory (Gänsslen&Dennard, IBM)
- 1978: Use of ion implanter
- 1978: Flotox EEPROM (Perlegos, Intel)
- 1980: Ion-implanted CMOS IC
- 1980: Plasma etching
- 1984: Scaling theory <0.25 µm (Baccarani, U. Bologna)
- **1986**: 0.1 μm Si MOSFET (Sai-Halasz, IBM)
- 1991: CMOS replaces BJT also at high-end
- 1993: DGFET scalable to 30 nm (theory, Frank et al.)
- 2007: Non-SiO₂ (HfO₂-based) MOSFET (Intel)



Left list is taken from a slide made by M. Fischetti, "history of the MOSFET from a physicist's perspective"

Reference : Nobel Prize List awarded to scientists working at Bell Laboratories (from https://www.bell-labs.com/our-people/recognition/)

Nobel Prize in Physics

total 7

1998

Horst Störmer, Daniel Tsui, and Robert Laughlin Discovery and explanation of a new form of quantum fluid with fractionally charged excitations (the Fractional Quantum Hall Effect.)

1978

Arno A. Penzias and Robert W. Wilson Discovery of the cosmic microwave background radiation that in turn provided clear substantiation of the "big bang" theory of how the universe began.

2009

Willard S. Boyle and George E. Smith Invention of the charge-coupled device (CCD), for electronic memory, which made the Charge Coupled Device (CCD) image sensor possible.

1997

Steven Chu

Development of methods to cool and trap atoms with laser light. (Prize shared with Claude Cohen-Tannoudji and William D. Phillips.)

1977

Philip W. Anderson Fundamental theoretical insights into the electronic structure of magnetic and disordered systems". (Prize shared with Sir Nevill Francis Mott and John Hasbrouck van Vleck.) 1956

John Bardeen, Walter H. Brattain and William Shockley

Research on semiconductors that led to the invention of the transistor in 1947.

1937

Clinton J. Davisson

Discovery of the diffraction of electrons by crystals and demonstrated the wave nature of matter. (Prize shared with George Paget Thomson.)

Nobel Prize in Chemistry

total 1

2014

Eric Betzig

Eric Betzig was awarded 2014 Nobel Prize in Chemistry "For the Development of Super-Resolved Fluorescence Microscopy" which is capable of measuring images of molecules from within living cells.

Transistor prehistory



Bardeen, Shockley, Brattain (Bell Labs)

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... World without semiconductor (transistor) is outside of our imagination now ...



Moore's law



"Moore's law" = number of transistors in an IC has been increasing exponentially with time (usually, the rate is "double" within 2-3 years.)

Plot's with Moore's law

- #1 "Transistors" are almost replaced with CMOS
- #2 The (minimum) size/scale of the first generation transistor is 10 μm
- #3 Gradually, "feature" size and the minimum size do not coincide. But "feature" size is still a good benchmark.



Fig. 7. Number of transistors in successive Intel processors as a function of time (data after [44]).

Fig. 8. Feature size as a function of time (data after [45]).

From Lidia Lukasiak and Andrzej Jakubowski, "History of Semiconductors"



IRDS: a committee to make a roadmap for semiconductor

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System scaling enabled by Moore's scaling is more and more challenged with the scarcity of resources such as power and

- Ground rule scaling slows down and <u>saturates around 2024</u>. EUV (extrame-ultraviolet) technology now started to slow down this saturation trend by having the cost under control thanks to process complexity reduction. Transition to <u>3D integration</u> and use of beyond CMOS devices for complementary System-on-Chip (SoC) functions are projected after 2024.
- Ground-rule scaling need to also enable design-technology-co-optimization (DTCO) constructs that accommodate
 the area reduction as well as tighten the critical design that limits for overall SoC area scaling.
- Main challenge in 3D integration is how to partition the system to come up with better utilization of devices, interconnect and sub-systems such as memory, analog, and I/O. <u>Parasitics improvement</u> will become the major knob for performance improvement for nodes spanning between 2017 and 2024.
- <u>SiGe and Ge channels</u> are gaining importance as the high-mobility channels. IIIV channel faces challenges of variability, band-to-band tunneling, and large investments in fab infrastructure.
- Interconnect technology sees the use of non-Cu options, particularly in addressing the electromigration risks of Cu. On the other hand, metal resistance exponentially increases in both Cu and non-Cu options, which makes a careful selection of BEOL stack for SoC not to face performance loss due to the high resistance of tight-pitch layers.

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Personal attention -- Carbon material for future solution

Carbon is one of candidates for future material, and experts point out that it has huge advantages over current silicon base. However, practical application is expected 15~20 years later ...



Advantage of carbon material for semi-conductor

Low Power operation: Power = $V^2 \sim 1/100$ of current silicon base.

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Possibilities for V_{DD} = 0.1V Logic Using Carbon-Based Tunneling Field Effect Transistors

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Abstract- A systematic evaluation of the possibilities of low-voltage logic using carbon-based tunneling field effect transistors (TFET) is performed using the non-equilibrium green function (NEGF) formalism [1] for device simulation and ring-oscillator and load-driven inverter circuits. We found that the on-current is severely limited by quantum mechanical reflections due to wavefunction mismatch. The lower bound of subthreshold swing (SS) is limited by tunneling through the channel. Although the projected performance is well-below that of a recent prediction [2], we show that digital logic at V_{DD} = 0.1V is possible. Finally, we compare the TFET with its MOSFET counterpart and show that for V_{DD}=0.1V, the TFET out-performs the MOSFET.

Introduction: Carbon nanotube tunneling-based field effect transistors are being explored as possible candidates for next generation CMOS [3, 4], due to the potential for low operating supply voltage. With the recent discovery of the two-dimensional carbon [5], graphene nanoribbon (GNR) field effect transistors (FETs) have also emerged as a promising candidate for future technology. In this work, we performed a systematic study of the carbon-based TFET in order to understand its performance potential and how it compares to its MOSFET counterpart.

Methodology: We consider the following prototypical device, a zig-zag semiconducting nanotube with a bandgap of ~0.27eV, which, from a theoretical standpoint, is equivalent to an armchair graphene nanoribbon of 5nm width with the same bandgap [6]. Fig. 1 shows the device structure used in our simulation, which is the same as that in [2]. The source and drain are doped n-type and p-type respectively and the channel prediction. The on-current at $V_{\rm GS}{=}$ -0.1V computed using the WKB over-estimates the on-current by ~50%. Increasing the bandgap and the junction electric field would enhance WFM and would present a physical limit to the on-current of the TFET.

Off Current: As shown in Fig. 2(a), the off-current of the TFET is made up of two parts: 1) the band-to-band tunneling current across the whole channel (IBTBT), and 2) the net current of thermionic emission over the source to drain barrier and minority carriers collection from drain to source (ITHER). ITHER is determined by the material's bandgap and set the lower bound for the off-current. Although increasing the bandgap would help to suppress ITHER, it might also compromise the on-current as previously discussed. On the other hand, IBTBT can be reduced by simply increasing the channel length. Fig. 7 shows the off-current of the TFET as a function of channel length. At a channel length of ~100nm, one can approach the current limit set by ITHER. As shown in Fig. 8, the resulting benefit is an improved device SS. Note that both the 20 and 100nm channel length devices have a sub 60 mV/dec SS, but both are much larger that the projection of [2]. Our simulations assume ballistic transport, but upscaling of channel length would unavoidably make the device less ballistic. This example does, however, illustrate that channel down scaling might not be advantageous from an off-state consideration.

Circuit-Level Performance: Suppose we have a TFET operating at its performance limits, how would this device compare with its MOSFET counterpart? We address this question by circuit-level analysis, using the tool PETE [8]. As shown in Fig. 9, the TFET displays a reasonable voltage transfer characteristic at $V_{PD} = 0.1 V$. As shown in Fig. 10 and



<u>Summary</u>

Number/Size etc. of
 Transistor(semiconductor) follows
 so-called "Moore's Law"

 It is expected that current Si technology is closing to the both of physical and technical limit. Many solutions are considered and tested.

How about carbon materials ?

<u>Transistor</u>

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1947 (discovery) - 1971 (Intel 8008) ?
1980 (SSD at CERN) ?
33 years
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nano carbon
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1991 (discovery) - 20xx ?
if 33 years, , , = 2024
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CNT: Carbon nano tube Example Design: Application of nano-carbon material to the semiconductor

http://www.tel.co.jp/museum/magazine/material/150227_interview/02.html