



## Analytical Estimation of Breakdown Voltage and Power Dissipation of Double Implanted MOSFET on 6H Silicon Carbide Wafer with Linearly Graded Profile

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**Abstract:** Silicon Carbide (SiC) has revolutionized the semiconductor power devices. It is a wide band gap semiconductor with an energy gap wider than 2eV and possesses extremely high power high voltage switching characteristics, high thermal, chemical and mechanical stability. This paper describes the device structure of vertical DIMOSFET with linearly graded profile in the drift region with a low doping of  $10^{14}$  per cc near the source to higher values near the drain. The effect of a linearly graded drift region in a 6H-SiC vertical DIMOSFET on the power dissipation of the device has been discussed. The profile used has a low peak doping level at the top near the source and increases linearly towards the drain. The mathematical calculations of depletion region width as well effective doping concentration was done separately. The drift region defines the blocking voltage capabilities. In this paper the breakdown voltage upto 6.75 to 10 kV is reported with linearly graded profile.

### 1.0 Introduction:

There are large numbers of material and electronic properties which make SiC a promising material for high power devices, such as wide bandgap ( $\sim 3\text{eV}$ ), high breakdown field of  $3\text{MV/cm}$  and good thermal conductivity ( $3\text{W per cm K}$ ). Some of the prominent devices are the inversion and accumulation mode DIMOSFET's [1-2] and accumulation mode UMOS [3-4] have already being successfully developed and tested. For vertically oriented majority carrier devices, the specific- on-resistance,  $R_{\text{on-sp}}$  has been shown to have a theoretical minimum value, under punch through conditions, given by

$$R_{\text{on-sp}} = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^3 \frac{V_B^2}{\mu_n \epsilon_s E_c^3} = \frac{3.375 V_B^3}{\mu_n \epsilon_s E_c^3} \quad (1)$$

where  $R_{\text{on-sp}}$  is the resistance-area product expressed in  $\Omega\text{-cm}^2$ ,  $\mu_n$  is the electron mobility perpendicular to the surface,  $\epsilon_s$  is the permittivity of the semiconductor,  $E_c$  is the critical field for avalanche breakdown normal to the surface and  $V_B$  is the breakdown or blocking voltage of the drift region. The critical field  $E_c$  in SiC is almost an order of magnitude higher than in Silicon. Hence, even if the electron mobility in SiC is lower than in silicon, the high value of  $E_c$  gives a substantially a lower value of specific on resistance, typically 400 times less. These parameters and their variations have been extensively analyzed by Cooper et al [5].

The most notable among the DIMOSFET's are those that have been made on 6H-SiC wafer and are the accumulation channel DIMOSFET developed at the University of North Carolina in 1997[6]. This increased the effective channel mobility and reduced the magnitude of  $R_{on-sp}$  to  $18 \text{ m}\Omega\text{-cm}^2$ . The other parameters that affects the inversion channel mobility is the density of interface states ( $D_{it}$ ) on p-type SiC since all n-channel devices are made on top of it. It was found that the density of interface states rises exponentially towards the conduction band edge in upper half of the band gap reaching levels of  $10^{13} \text{ eV}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-2}$ . However, post oxidation annealing in nitric oxide (NO) can significantly reduce ( $D_{it}$ ) yielding higher inversion layer mobilities [8-11]. Further reduction in  $R_{on-sp}$  has been made with the development of ACCUFET which has drastically increased the channel mobility from very low values [12] to  $120 \text{ cm}^2$  per volt-sec [13]. This brought down the value of  $R_{on-sp}$  to  $18\text{m}\Omega\text{-cm}^2$ . Further improvements in channel mobility in 6H-SiC MOSFETs has also made using a buried channel with mobilities going upto  $180 \text{ cm}^2$  per volt-sec [14].

The ultimate aim in reducing the magnitude of  $R_{on-sp}$  of vertical DIMOSFET is to reduce its power dissipation,  $P_D$  or its power loss which is given by  $P_D \sim J_{on}^2 R_{on-sp} A$ , where  $J_{on}$  is the on state current density and  $A$  is the device cross-sectional area. The reduction of power dissipation suggested in this paper has been made on the basis of using a linearly graded doping profile in the epitaxial layer of the DIMOSFET with a lightly doped region at the top to a gradually increasing doping level near the drain and at the bottom of the device. Such a profile has a linearly graded profile in the accumulation region (A), JFET region (B) and drift region (C) of the vertical DIMOSFET shown in Fig.1. The device should give a wide depletion region owing to low doping level in region B and a low parasitic series resistance in region C because of a higher doing level. This structure should significantly reduce the magnitude of  $R_{on-sp}$  because of an increase in magnitude of the effective doping level and a corresponding decrease in the depletion region width at a given value of  $V_{DS}$ . Such devices are likely to have a lower power dissipation, smaller device thickness and a lower blocking voltage than device with uniformly doped epitaxial layers.

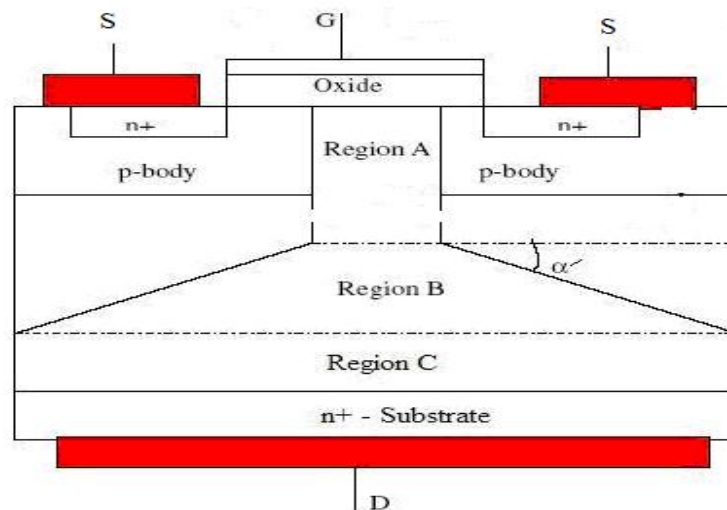


Fig.1

## 2.0 Theoretical Analysis:

The basic structure of the DIMOSFET as shown in Fig.1. It is redrawn labeled with the device dimensions using suitable symbols and is shown in Fig.2.

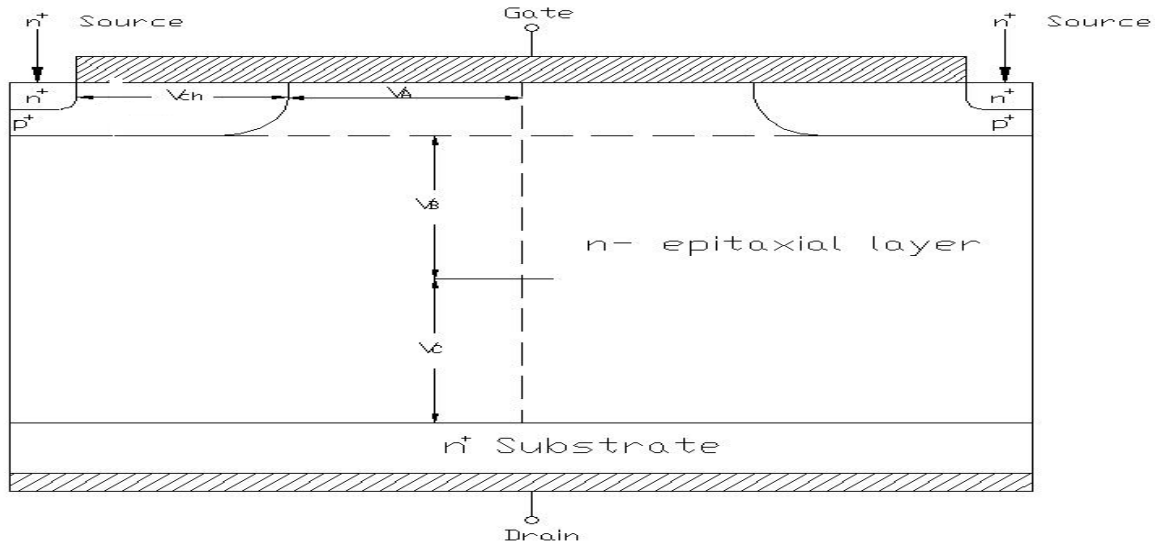


Fig.2

The power dissipation,  $P_D$  for a 50% duty cycle of these two devices for various current levels can then be calculated using the basic equations:

$$P_D = \frac{1}{2} (J_{on}^2 AR_{on-sp} + V_B A), \quad (2)$$

where,  $J_{on}$  is the on state current density,  $J_L$  is the reverse leakage current density of the p-body/n-drift region junction located in region B (Fig.1),  $V_B$  is the breakdown voltage of the DIMOSFET and  $A$  is the device area. Since  $J_L$  is negligible in SiC diode [15], eq(2) can be simplified

$$P_D = \frac{1}{2} (J_{on}^2 AR_{on-sp}). \quad (3)$$

Writing  $J_f$  as the forward current density considered to be the same as  $J_{on}$ , eq (3) gives,

$$P_D = \frac{1}{2} (J_f^2 AR_{on-sp}). \quad (3)$$

The channel current  $I_{ch}$  which equals the drain current  $I_{DS}$  in on-state can be expressed by [16]:

$$I_{DS} = \frac{W\mu_n}{2L[1 + (\mu_n / 2v_{sat}L)V_{ch}]} V_{ch} [2C_{ox}(V_{GS} - V_T) - (C_{ox} + C_{do})V_{ch}], \quad (4)$$

where  $W$  is the device width,  $L$  is the channel length,  $\mu_n$  is the effective zero field doping dependent carrier mobility corresponding to doping level  $N_B$  of the drift region obtained from [15],  $V_{ch}$  is the voltage across the channel region,  $v_{sat}$  is the saturated drift velocity of the carrier taken to be  $2 \times 10^7$  cm per sec,  $C_{ox}$  is the oxide capacitance per unit area,  $V_{GS}$  is the gate to source voltage,  $C_{do}$  is the body depletion capacitance considered to be much less than  $C_{ox}$  and can be neglected.

The values of  $V_{ch}$  can be evaluated by using equation (4). For this equation, the value of  $C_{do}$  is much less than  $C_{ox}$  and can be neglected and the value of  $V_{GS}=40V$  and  $V_T=1V$ , the equation (4) now becomes

$$I_{DS} = \frac{W\mu_n C_{ox} V_{ch} [78 - V_{ch}]}{2L[1 + (\mu_n / 2v_{sat}L)V_{ch}]} \quad (5)$$

where  $\mu_n$  is the mobility at the effective doping level,  $N_{eff}$ .

After solving eq. (5), we get

$$I_{DS} = \frac{W\mu_n C_{ox} V_{ch} [78 - V_{ch}]}{2v_{sat} L + \mu_n V_{ch}} \quad (6)$$

Eq.(6) can be written as

$$W\mu_n v_{sat} C_{ox} V_{ch}^2 + (\mu_n I_{DS} - 78W\mu_n v_{sat} C_{ox}) V_{ch} + 2v_{sat} L I_{DS} = 0 \quad (7)$$

Eq.(7) is again a quadratic equation, the value of  $V_{ch}$  could be evaluated as:

$$V_{ch} = \frac{-(\mu_n I_{DS} - 78W\mu_n v_{sat} C_{ox}) \pm \sqrt{(\mu_n I_{DS} - 78W\mu_n v_{sat} C_{ox})^2 - 8LW I_{DS} \mu_n v_{sat}^2 C_{ox}}}{2W\mu_n v_{sat} C_{ox}} \quad (8)$$

The voltage drops across regions A, B and C have derived [16] and found to be of the form:

$$V_A = \frac{I_{DS} (W_j + W_d)}{W(L_{diff} eN_{eff})\mu_n - I_{DS} / E_c} \quad (9)$$

$$V_B = \frac{I_{DS}}{WeN_{eff}\mu_n \cot \alpha} \log \left[ \frac{WeN_{eff}(\mu_n(L_{diff} + L_p) - I_{DS} / E_c)}{WeN_{eff}\mu_n L_{diff} - I_{DS} / E_c} \right] \quad (10)$$

$$V_C = \frac{I_{DS} (W_t - W_j - W_d - L_p \tan \alpha)}{WeN_{eff}\mu_n (L_s + 2L_p) - I_{DS} / E_c} \quad (11)$$

where the symbols are the same as those shown in Fig.2 and  $L_{diff}$  is the separation of p-bodies with  $N_{eff}$  being doping level of drift region. Here  $W_t=h$ , the device height which has been set by using the maximum depletion region width i.e the punch through width at a pre designed breakdown voltage of 10kV.  $W_j$  is the p-body thickness and  $W_d$  is the depletion region width under on-state condition, the drain to source voltage  $V_{DS}$  is obtained by adding  $V_{ch}$ ,  $V_A$ ,  $V_B$  and  $V_C$ . The drift region voltage drop  $V_{drift}=V_A+V_B+V_C$  and  $V_{DS}=V_{drift}+V_{ch}$ . The device height,  $h$  has been set by setting the punch through depletion region width equal to that at the avalanche breakdown voltage. The quantity 'E<sub>c</sub>' in equations (9) to (11) is the critical field for avalanche breakdown.

For the case of DIMOSFET with a linearly graded drift region as shown in Fig.3 with a gradient  $\alpha$ , the p-body/n-epitaxial layer junction, depletion region width has been evaluated using the equation of a one-sided linearly graded junction as the depletion region in the lightly doped p-body can be regarded as negligible. Fig.4 shows the cross section of 6H-SiC DIMOSFET with linearly graded profile and gradient  $\alpha$ .

#### **Determination of $N_{eff}$ [17]:**

Consider the cross section of the epitaxial layer of Figure 3 as shown in Figure 4. The resistance  $dR$  of a thin element of thickness  $dx$  at a distance  $x$  from the top of this device can be expressed as

$$dR = \frac{1}{\mu_n eN(x) A} dx \quad (12)$$

where  $A$  is the cross-sectional area in the direction perpendicular to the figure. The total resistance  $R$  of this layer can be evaluated by writing  $N(x) = N_0 + \alpha x$  and integrating within limits of  $x$  from 0 to  $h$ , where  $h$  is the height of the device. This gives

$$R = \int_0^h \frac{1}{\mu_n eA (N_0 + \alpha x)} dx \quad (13)$$

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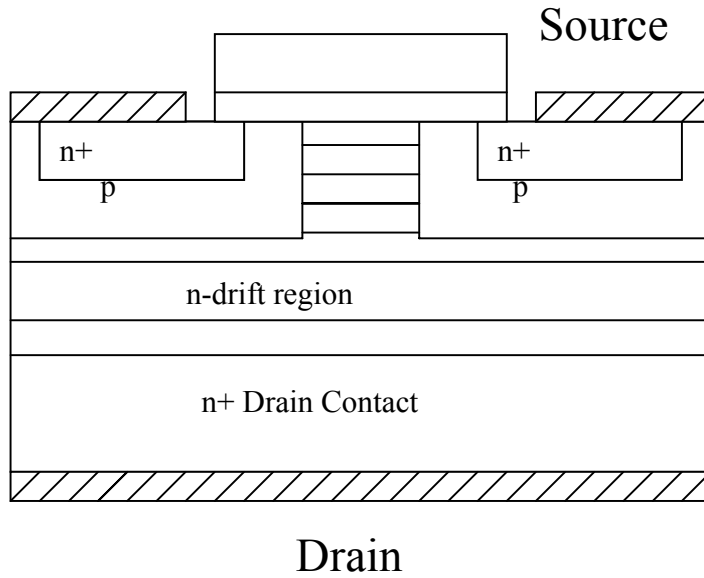


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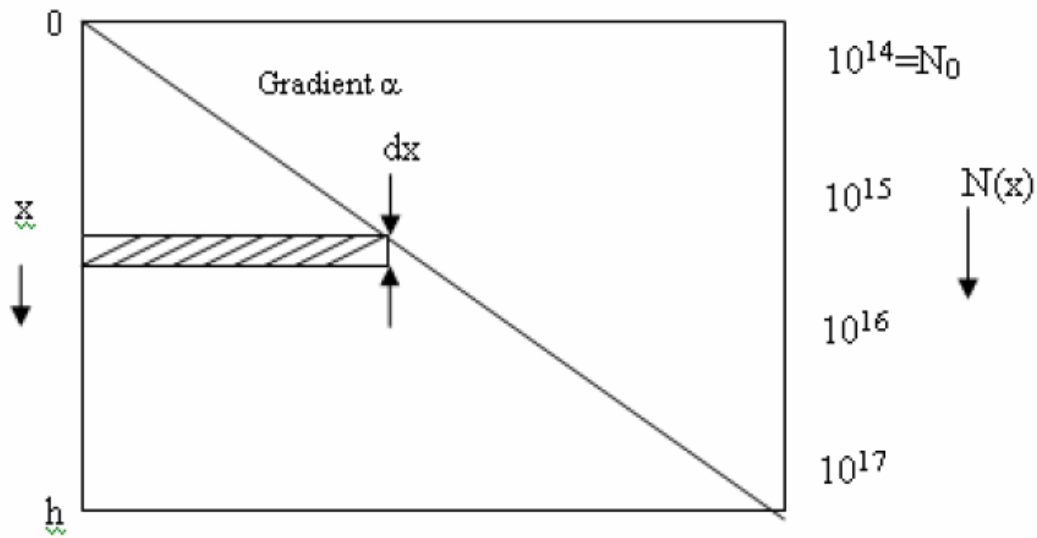


Fig.4

On solving eq.(12), the value of R can be determined as:

$$R = \frac{1}{\mu e A \alpha} \ln \left[ 1 + \frac{\alpha h}{N_0} \right] \tag{14}$$

If the effective concentration of this layer is  $N_{eff}$ , then R may also be written as

$$R = \frac{1}{\mu e N_{eff}} \frac{h}{A} \tag{15}$$

Comparing equations (14) and (15),  $N_{eff}$  may be written as

$$N_{\text{eff}} = \frac{h\alpha}{\ln\left(1 + \frac{\alpha h}{N_0}\right)} \quad (16)$$

where  $N_0$  is the value of the n-drift region doping level at the p-base /n-drift region junction assumed to be  $10^{14}$  or  $10^{15}$  per cc in this paper.

Lastly, the specific on-resistance of the DIMOSFET can be expressed using Fig.2 as [16]:

$$R_{\text{on-sp}} = RA = \rho l = \frac{(W_t - W_j - W_d - L_p \tan \alpha')}{\mu_{\text{neff}} eN(x)} \quad (17)$$

where  $\alpha'$  is the angle of the slope of the drift region narrowing and  $\mu_{\text{neff}}$  has been obtained from [15] corresponding to the effective concentration of  $N_{\text{eff}}$  of the linearly graded drift region. Thus  $N_{\text{eff}}$  and  $\mu_{\text{neff}}$  give the overall average value of doping level and carrier mobility in the drift region respectively. A fixed value of device current  $I_{\text{DS}}=I_{\text{ch}}$  was used and  $W_d$  was obtained by iteration from eq. (8). Finally  $R_{\text{on-sp}}$  was calculated using eq.(9).

The magnitude of power dissipation  $P_D$  was calculated by knowing  $R_{\text{on-sp}}$ ,  $J_{\text{on}}$  and the device cross sectional area  $A$ . Values of  $P_D$  for different doping levels for uniformly doped drift regions and concentration gradients for different graded profiles were calculated for different current levels. The value of  $V_B$  and  $V_C$  were then calculated using eqs.(10) and (11). The magnitude of  $V_{\text{ch}}$  was obtained knowing a preset value of  $I_{\text{DS}}$  from eq.(4). The drain to source voltage  $V_{\text{DS}}$  is given by:  $V_{\text{DS}}=V_{\text{drift}}+V_{\text{ch}}=V_{\text{ch}}+(V_A+V_B+V_C)$ , where  $V_{\text{drift}}$  is the voltage drop across the drift region. Finally, the forward voltage drop can be calculated using the equation  $V_f=J_{\text{on}}R_{\text{on-sp}}$ .

#### **The Critical Field, $E_c$ and the Breakdown Voltage ( $V_{\text{BPT}}$ and $V_{\text{BAV}}$ )**

The depletion region width at breakdown was estimated by first estimating the depletion region width for punch through breakdown voltage,  $V_{\text{BPT}}$  and was obtained using the equation

$$W' = \left[ \frac{12\epsilon_s (V_{\text{BPT}} + V_g)}{eN_B} \right]^{\frac{1}{3}} \approx \left[ \frac{12\epsilon_s V_{\text{BPT}}}{eN_B} \right]^{\frac{1}{3}} \quad (18)$$

as  $V_g \ll V_{\text{BPT}}$ , where  $V_g$  is the gradient voltage for the linearly graded drift region.

The depletion region width  $W'$  for a linearly graded drift region corresponding to punch through breakdown voltage,  $V_{\text{BPT}}$  was obtained from eq.(18). The corresponding critical field  $E_c$  for avalanche breakdown was obtained using the equation [18]:

$$E_c = \left( \frac{e\alpha W'^2}{8\epsilon_s} \right), \quad (19)$$

where  $W'$  represents the depletion region width at breakdown.

The avalanche breakdown voltage  $V_{\text{BAV}}$  was then calculated using the equation

$$V_{\text{BAV}} = \frac{2}{3} E_c W' \quad (20)$$

where the depletion widths at the two breakdown voltages have again been set equal to each other for actual device design i.e.  $W=W'$ .

### **3.0 Calculations & Related Graphs:**

The device dimensions of 6H DIMOSFET have been set so that the height  $h \approx W_t$  equals the depletion region width,  $W_d$  under a reverse bias of 6.75kV applied on the p-body/n-epitaxial layer junction. The dimensions of other variables as shown in Fig.2 have been taken to be:  $W_j=1\mu\text{m}$ ,  $L_p=25\mu\text{m}$ ,  $\alpha'=64^\circ$ , where  $\alpha'$  is the angle of slope of drift region narrowing and a smaller value of  $\alpha'$  corresponds to be wider spread of the current from the accumulation region A has been used here. The quantity  $W_j$  has been taken to be  $1\mu\text{m}$  as implant depth in 6H-SiC is of this order [19]. The device cross-sectional area is taken with width x length as  $300 \times 80 \mu\text{m}^2 = 24000 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}^2$ . The device have been split into two by a vertical line bisecting the device of Fig.1, giving a single unit of calculations with a cross sectional area  $A=12000 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}^2$ .

Calculations of the 6H-SiC DIMOSFET with a linearly graded drift region has been made by using a doping profile with a doping level of  $10^{14}$  per cc near the source to  $10^{16}$ ,  $10^{17}$  and  $10^{18}$  per cc near the drain and other with a  $10^{15}$  to  $10^{19}$  per cc gradient of the device height  $W_t=h$ . The device height 'h' had been set at  $65\mu\text{m}$  instead of  $73 \mu\text{m}$  for the uniformly doped profiles as graded profiles yield smaller depletion region width at a given voltage than uniformly doped profiles as graded profiles yield smaller depletion width at a given voltage than uniformly doped regions. The corresponding reverse voltage which is the punch through voltage,  $V_{\text{BPT}}$  obtained from eq.(19) is 6.75kV. The gradient  $\alpha$  is obtained by taking the difference in carrier concentration from source to drain and dividing it by  $W_t=h=65\mu\text{m}$ .

The specific  $R_{\text{on-sp}}$  is obtained by calculating  $N_{\text{eff}}$  from eq.(16), finding the effective value of mobility,  $\mu_{\text{neff}}$  from the  $\mu$  versus field plot [15] and using eq.(17) with  $\alpha'=64^\circ$ .

The values of power dissipation,  $P_D$  was then calculated using current densities,  $J_F$  ranging in magnitude from 1 to 1000 amperes per  $\text{cm}^2$ . This was repeated for other values of concentration gradient ' $\alpha$ '. The results are shown in Tables I to IV. The plot of power dissipation vs  $J_F$ , the forward current density is shown in Fig.5. The variation of the specific on resistance of the device for the various values of  $V_{\text{DS}}$  is shown in Fig.6.

**Table I**

For  $10^{16}$ - $10^{14}$ ,  $h=.0065$ ,  $N_{\text{eff}}=2.15 \times 10^{15}/\text{cc}$ ,  $\mu_n=530 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V-sec}$ ,  $\alpha=1.58 \times 10^{18}$ ,  
 $A=12000 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}^2$

$J_f$	$I$	$V_{\text{ch}}$	$V_A$	$V_B$	$V_C$	$V_{\text{DS}}=V_A$ + $V_B$ + $V_C$ + $V_{\text{ch}}$	$W_d$	$R_{\text{on-sp}}$	$V_f$	$P_D$
1	12e-5	.0028	.0015	.0191	.0059	.0293	1.07e-4	.0119	.0119	7.13e-7
10	12e-4	.028	.024	.191	.0561	.299	2.33e-4	.0099	.099	6.72e-5
100	12e-3	.283	.4383	1.91	.487	3.116	5.1e-4	.00883	.883	.0058
1000	12e-2	3.16	8.80	19.20	3.23	34.32	.0011	.00847	8.46	.3761

**Table II**

For  $10^{17}$ - $10^{14}$ ,  $h=.0065$ ,  $N_{\text{eff}}=1.45 \times 10^{16}/\text{cc}$ ,  $\mu_n=500 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V-sec}$ ,  $\alpha=1.54 \times 10^{19}$ ,

$$A=12000 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}^2$$

$J_f$	$I$	$V_{ch}$	$V_A$	$V_B$	$V_C$	$V_{DS}=V_A$ $+V_B$ $+V_C+$ $V_{ch}$	$W_d$	$R_{on-sp}$	$V_f$	$P_D$
1	12e-5	.003	1.52e-4	.0030	9.6e-4	.0071	3.1e-5	.0019	.0019	1.16e-7
10	12e-4	.029	.0019	.030	.0095	.071	6.66e-5	.0016	.0163	1.15e-5
100	12e-3	.3	.0281	.301	.0921	.721	1.4e-4	.0014	.1428	.0011
1000	12e-2	3.37	.480	3.01	.847	7.70	3.18e-4	.0011	1.1429	.1015

**Table III**

For  $10^{18} - 10^{14}$ ,  $h=.0065$ ,  $N_{eff}=1.09 \times 10^{17}/\text{cc}$ ,  $\mu=300 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V-sec}$ ,  $\alpha=1.54 \times 10^{20}$ ,  
 $A=12000 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}^2$

$J_f$	$I$	$V_{ch}$	$V_A$	$V_B$	$V_C$	$V_{DS}=V_A$ $+V_B$ $+V_C+$ $V_{ch}$	$W_d$	$R_{on-sp}$	$V_f$	$P_D$
1	12e-5	.0050	2.91e-5	6.67e-4	.00022	.0059	1.35e-5	.00042	.00042	2.61e-8
10	12e-4	.050	3.31e-4	6.67e-3	.0022	.059	2.92e-5	.00040	.0040	2.59e-6
100	12e-3	.50	.0042	.0667	.021	.592	6.28e-5	.00037	.03658	2.55e-4
1000	12e-2	5.82	.0617	.667	.205	6.754	1.41e-4	.00034	.3387	.025

**Table IV**

For  $10^{19} - 10^{15}$ ,  $h=.0065$ ,  $N_{eff}=1.09 \times 10^{18}/\text{cc}$ ,  $\mu=140 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V-sec}$ ,  $\alpha=1.54 \times 10^{21}$ ,  
 $A=12000 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}^2$

$J_f$	$I$	$V_{ch}$	$V_A$	$V_B$	$V_C$	$V_{DS}=V_A$ $+V_B$ $+V_C+$ $V_{ch}$	$W_d$	$R_{on-sp}$	$V_f$	$P_D$
1	12e-5	.011	5.91e-6	1.42e-3	4.66e-5	.0112	7.77e-6	9.32e-5	9.32e-5	5.59e-9
10	12e-4	.11	6.51e-5	1.43e-3	4.64e-4	.112	1.67e-5	8.68e-5	8.68e-4	5.57e-7
100	12e-3	1.08	7.45e-4	1.429e-2	4.61e-3	1.103	3.58e-5	7.65e-5	7.65e-3	5.53e-5
1000	12e-2	14.28	.0101	.143	.0453	14.48	8.46e-5	6.79e-5	6.79e-2	.0054



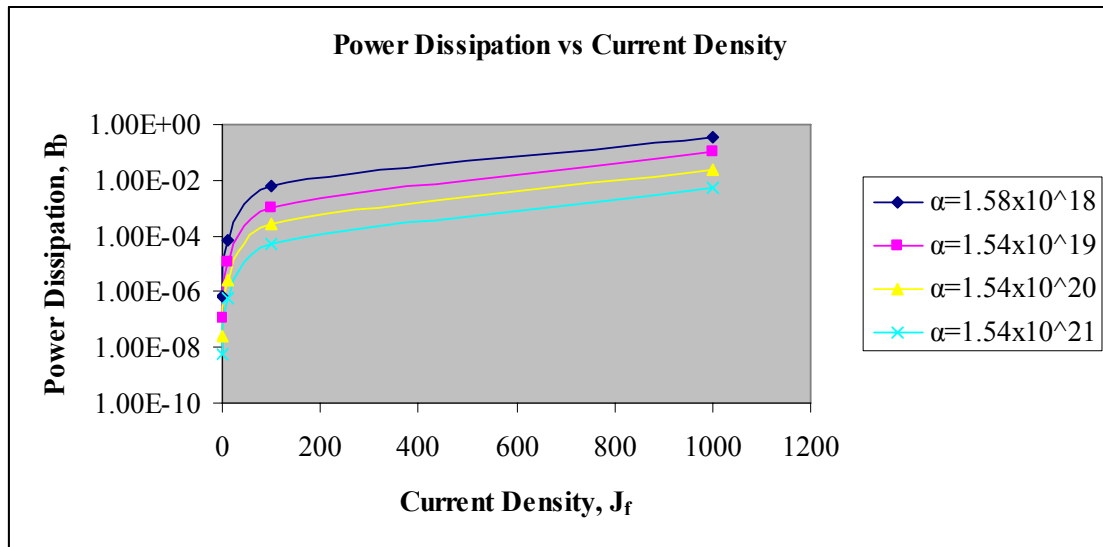


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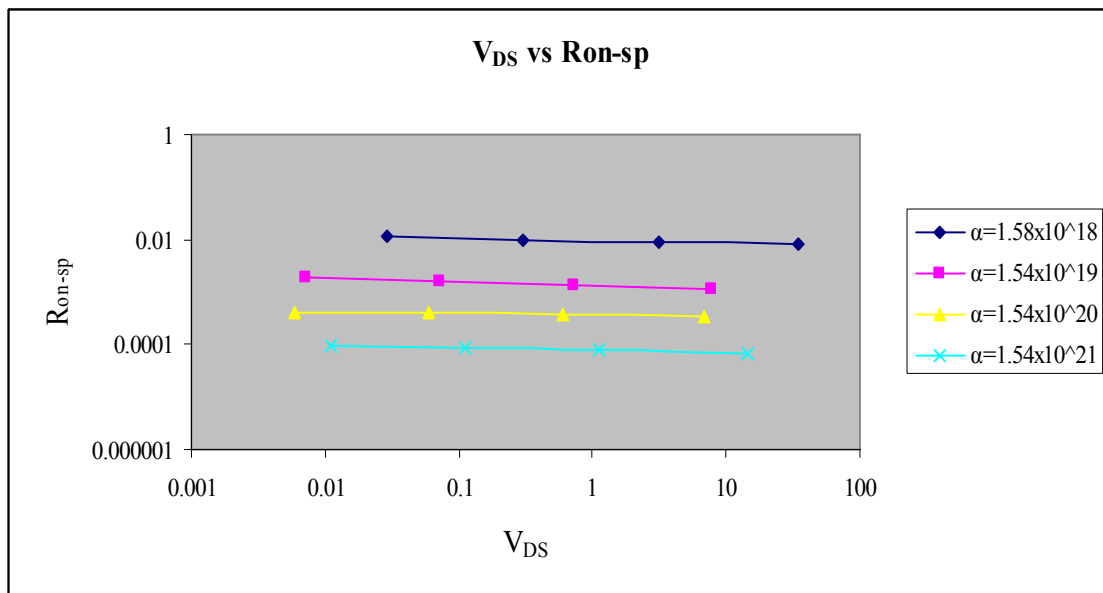


Fig.6

**Calculation of Breakdown Voltages ( $V_{BPT}$  and  $V_{BAV}$ ):**

The breakdown voltage considered here are the punch-through breakdown voltage,  $V_{BPT}$  and the avalanche breakdown voltage,  $V_{BAV}$ . For a given voltage, device design requires that the two voltages be made equal to each other. In this work, the lower breakdown voltage has been considered for use as the device breakdown voltage.

In case of linearly graded profile, the punch through breakdown voltage  $V_{BPT}$  was set at 6.75kV for a depletion region width  $W$  of 65  $\mu m$  considered equal to device height  $W_t=h$  with a gradient of  $1.58 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-4}$ . The value of critical field,  $E_c$  was calculated using equation (19) and avalanche breakdown voltage  $V_{BAV}$  from equation (20). The depletion region width  $W'$  for the values of  $\alpha$  were calculated by using equation (18). The results are shown in Table V.

**Table V**

6H-SiC DIMOSFET linearly graded drift region  $V_{BPT}=6.75\text{kV}$ ,  $\alpha=1.58*10^{18}\text{cm}^{-4}$ ,  $W_f=h=65\mu\text{m}$

Grad ' $\alpha$ ' $\text{cm}^{-4}$	$W$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	$E_c = \left( \frac{e\alpha W'^2}{8\epsilon_s} \right)$ (V/cm)	$V_{BAV}=(2/3)(E_c W')$ (volts)	$V_{BPT}$ (volts)
$1.32 \times 10^{18}$	75	$1.73 \times 10^6$	8.75 kV	10 kV
$1.58 \times 10^{18}$	65	$1.55 \times 10^6$	6.74 kV	6.75kV
$1.54 \times 10^{19}$	26	$2.42 \times 10^6$	4.20 kV	4kV
$1.54 \times 10^{20}$	8.56	$2.63 \times 10^6$	1.49 kV	1.5kV
$1.54 \times 10^{21}$	3.42	$4.20 \times 10^6$	956.37V	1kV

### Conclusions & Discussion:

An analysis of calculated data of uniformly doped drift regions of the 6H-DIMOSFET presented in Tables I to IV shows that increasing current levels for a given drift region doping level cause an increase in the magnitudes of  $V_{ch}$ ,  $V_A$ ,  $V_B$ ,  $V_C$  and consequently  $V_{DS}$ . An increase in  $V_{DS}$  causes an increase in magnitude of the depletion region width,  $W_d$ , the forward drop,  $V_f$  and the power dissipation,  $P_D$ . However, the magnitude of  $R_{on-sp}$  decreases with an increase in the value of  $W_d$  and can be verified from eq.(17). This is shown in Fig.5 which shows the non-linear increase in power dissipation,  $P_D$  with forward current density,  $J_f$ . The variation of  $R_{on-sp}$  with  $V_{DS}$  is shown in Fig.6. As the doping level of the drift region increases, the drop over the channel,  $V_{ch}$  but all other values including  $V_{DS}$ ,  $V_f$ ,  $W_d$ ,  $R_{on-sp}$  and  $P_D$  are found to be decreased. The decrease in power dissipation,  $P_D$  at higher doping levels of the drift region is primarily to a decrease in the magnitude of  $R_{on-sp}$ . At a current density,  $J_f$  of  $1000 \text{ A/cm}^2$ , the power dissipation,  $P_D$  is estimated to fall by about 0.3761 to .0054 as the drift region doping levels changes from  $10^{15}$  per cc to  $10^{18}$  per cc. However, high doping levels limit the value of breakdown voltage,  $V_B$  and so an optimum value of drift region doping level will have to be selected which can give a low value of  $P_D$  and a high value of  $V_B$ .

Estimation of breakdown voltages, i.e punch through ( $V_{BPT}$ ) and avalanche ( $V_{BAV}$ ) breakdown voltage, can be made on the basis of the calculated data presented in Table V for linearly graded drift region devices. Table V gives the calculated values of  $V_{BAV}$  and  $V_{BPT}$  for various values of  $\alpha$ , the concentration gradients of the drift region of the 6H-SiC DIMOSFET. From a tally of breakdown voltages shown in Table V, it can be found that a linearly graded drift region with the value of  $\alpha$  of  $1.58 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-4}$  with a device height of  $65 \mu\text{m}$  would give the  $V_{BAV}$  of 6.74kV and  $V_{BPT}$  of 6.75kV. As shown in Table V, it can also be found that a linearly graded drift region with the value of  $\alpha$  of  $1.32 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-4}$  with a device height of  $75 \mu\text{m}$  would give the  $V_{BAV}$  of 8.75kV and  $V_{BPT}$  of 10 kV.

In conclusion, it may be stated that 6H-SiC DIMOSFET's having linearly graded drift regions have significantly low values of power dissipation,  $P_D$  at any current level than uniformly doped drift region devices. Thus, it is useful to obtain 6H-SiC DIMOSFET's with linearly graded drift regions as these devices could be fabricated with lesser device height and give low power dissipation but a slightly more breakdown voltage than uniformly doped drift region.

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