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TO: Mail Stop 8 Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	REPORT ON THE FILING OR DETERMINATION OF AN ACTION REGARDING A PATENT OR TRADEMARK

In Compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 290 and/or 15 U.S.C. § 1116 you are hereby advised that a court action has been filed in the U.S. District Court Western District of Texas, Waco Division on the following

☐ Trademarks or ☑ Patents. (☐ the patent action involves 35 U.S.C. § 292.):

DOCKET NO.	DATE FILED	U.S. DISTRICT COURT
6:22-cv-00105	1/27/2022	Western District of Texas, Waco Division

PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT
GREENTHREAD, LLC	INTEL CORPORATION, DELL INC., AND DELL TECHNOLOGIES INC.,

	PATENT OR TRADEMARK NO.	DATE OF PATENT OR TRADEMARK	HOLDER OF PATENT OR TRADEMARK
1	8,421,195	4/16/2013	GREENTHREAD, LLC
2	9,190,502	11/17/2015	GREENTHREAD, LLC
3	10,510,842	12/17/2019	GREENTHREAD, LLC
4	10,734,481	8/4/2020	GREENTHREAD, LLC
5	11,121,222	9/14/2021	GREENTHREAD, LLC

In the above—entitled case, the following patent(s)/ trademark(s) have been included:

DATE INCLUDED	INCLUDED BY ☑ Amendment ☐ Answer ☐ Cross Bill ☐ Other Pleading	
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1 11,316,014	4/26/2022	GREENTHREAD, LLC
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14/515,584	10/16/2014	G.R. Mohan Rao	GRTD.01.01.DV3

CONFIRMATION NO. 6755

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Date Mailed: 11/26/2021

NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

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- The Power of Attorney to you in this application has been revoked by the assignee who has intervened as provided by 37 CFR 3.71. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record(37 CFR 1.33).

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PATENT - POWER OF ATTORNEY OR REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY WITH A NEW POWER OF ATTORNEY AND CHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

Patent Number	9,190,502
Issue Date	11-17-2015
First Named Inventor	G.R. Mohan RAO
Title	SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES WITH GRADED DOPANT REGIONS
Attorney Docket No.	GRTD60-32613

I hereby revoke all previous powers of attorney given in the above-identified patent.

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I am the:

☐ Applicant.

OR

☒ Patent owner.

Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(c) (Form PTO/AIA/96) submitted herewith or filed on _____.

SIGNATURE of Applicant or Patent Owner

Signature	Phillip John	Date	11-17-2021
Name	Phillip John	Telephone	214-728-8244
Title and Company	MANAGER, Greenthread, LLC		

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1	Assignee showing of ownership per 37 CFR 3.73	GRT32613373STMT.pdf	120464 156a9c5e4675d5f3d8487727fb9a57b7571e0741	no	3

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New International Application Filed with the USPTO as a Receiving Office
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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(c)

Applicant/Patent Owner: Greenthread, LLC

Application No./Patent No.: 9,190,502 Filed/Issue Date: 11-17-2015

Titled: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES WITH GRADED DOPANT REGIONS

Greenthread, LLC, a Limited Liability Company

(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that, for the patent application/patent identified above, it is (choose **one** of options 1, 2, 3 or 4 below):

1. [x] The assignee of the entire right, title, and interest.

2. [ ] An assignee of less than the entire right, title, and interest (check applicable box):

   [ ] The extent (by percentage) of its ownership interest is _____%. Additional Statement(s) by the owners holding the balance of the interest must be submitted to account for 100% of the ownership interest.

   [ ] There are unspecified percentages of ownership. The other parties, including inventors, who together own the entire right, title and interest are:

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3. [ ] The assignee of an undivided interest in the entirety (a complete assignment from one of the joint inventors was made). The other parties, including inventors, who together own the entire right, title, and interest are:

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4. [ ] The recipient, via a court proceeding or the like (*e.g.*, bankruptcy, probate), of an undivided interest in the entirety (a complete transfer of ownership interest was made). The certified document(s) showing the transfer is attached.

The interest identified in option 1, 2 or 3 above (not option 4) is evidenced by either (choose **one** of options A or B below):

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B. [ ] A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application/patent identified above, to the current assignee as follows:

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☐ Additional documents in the chain of title are listed on a supplemental sheet(s).

☑ As required by 37 CFR 3.73(c)(1)(i), the documentary evidence of the chain of title from the original owner to the assignee was, or concurrently is being, submitted for recordation pursuant to 37 CFR 3.11.

[NOTE: A separate copy (i.e., a true copy of the original assignment document(s)) must be submitted to Assignment Division in accordance with 37 CFR Part 3, to record the assignment in the records of the USPTO. See MPEP 302.08]

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

/Gregory M. Howison, Reg. #30646/	November 17, 2021
Signature	Date
Gregory M. Howison	30,646
Printed or Typed Name	Title or Registration Number

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The **Privacy Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-579)** requires that you be given certain information in connection with your submission of the attached form related to a patent application or patent. Accordingly, pursuant to the requirements of the Act, please be advised that: (1) the general authority for the collection of this information is 35 U.S.C. 2(b)(2); (2) furnishing of the information solicited is voluntary; and (3) the principal purpose for which the information is used by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is to process and/or examine your submission related to a patent application or patent. If you do not furnish the requested information, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office may not be able to process and/or examine your submission, which may result in termination of proceedings or abandonment of the application or expiration of the patent.

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I am the:

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OR

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SIGNATURE of Applicant or Patent Owner

Signature	[signature]	Date	9/3/2021
Name	Philip John	Telephone	214 728 8244
Title and Company	Manager	Greenthread, LLC	

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(c)

Applicant/Patent Owner: Greenthread, LLC

Application No./Patent No.: 9,190,502 Filed/Issue Date: 11-17-2015

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

/Gregory M. Howison, Reg. #30646/	October 5, 2021
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Gregory M. Howison	30,646
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First Named Inventor/Applicant Name:	G.R. Mohan Rao
Customer Number:	40672
Filer:	Gregory Michael Howison
Filer Authorized By:	
Attorney Docket Number:	GRTD.01.01.DV3
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2:19-cv-147	4/30/2019	Eastern District of Texas, Marshall Division

PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT
Greenthread, LLC	Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd, Samsung Semiconductor, Inc. Samsung Electronics America, Inc. Samsung Austin Semiconductor, LLC

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14/515,584	10/16/2014	G.R. Mohan Rao	GRTD 01.01 DV3	121970

Acknowledgement of Loss of Entitlement to Entity Status Discount

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Patent Number	9,190,502
Issue Date	11-17-2015
First Named Inventor	G.R. Mohan Rao
Title	SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES WITH GRADED DOPANT REGIONS
Attorney Docket No.	GRTD.01.01.DV3

I hereby revoke all previous powers of attorney given in the above-identified patent.

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SIGNATURE of Applicant or Patent Owner

Signature	Philip W. John Jr.	Date	2/20/2020
Name	Philip W. John, Jr.	Telephone	
Title and Company	PRESIDENT of GREENTHREAD, LLC		

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First Named Inventor/Applicant Name:	G.R. Mohan Rao
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TITLE OF INVENTION: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES WITH GRADED DOPANT REGIONS

APPLN. TYPE	ENTITY STATUS	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	SMALL	$480	$0	$0	$480	10/02/2015

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1 Howison & Arnott, LLP
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(A) NAME OF ASSIGNEE: Greenthread, LLC

(B) RESIDENCE: (CITY and STATE OR COUNTRY): Dallas, Texas

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Title of Invention:	LIFETIME MIXED LEVEL NON-VOLATILE MEMORY SYSTEM
First Named Inventor/Applicant Name:	G.R. Mohan Rao
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SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION

Title of Invention: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES WITH GRADED DOPANT REGIONS

This declaration is directed to (check one):

- ☐ the attached application;
- ☐ the application identified by the attorney docket no. and title of invention given above;
- ☒ United States Application or PCT International Application No. 14/515,584, filed October 16, 2014.

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

The above-identified application was made or authorized to be made by me.

I believe that I am the original inventor or an original joint inventor of a claimed invention in the application.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims as originally filed and as amended in the amendment(s) filed on February 1, 2015 and June 15, 2015; and

I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

I hereby acknowledge that any willful false statement made in this declaration is punishable under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 by fine or imprisonment of not more than five (5) years, or both.

Signature: G R Mohan Rao 7/7/2015

Inventor: G.R. Mohan RAO DATE

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
14/515,584	10/16/2014	G.R. Mohan Rao	GRTD-32613	6755

TITLE OF INVENTION: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES WITH GRADED DOPANT REGIONS

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(A) NAME OF ASSIGNEE: Greenthread, LLC

(B) RESIDENCE: (CITY and STATE OR COUNTRY): Dallas, Texas

Please check the appropriate assignee category or categories (will not be printed on the patent): ☐ Individual ☒ Corporation or other private group entity ☐ Government

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Authorized Signature /Gregory M. Howison, Reg. #30646/ Date October 1, 2015

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Section 1(h)(2) of the AIA Technical Corrections Act amended 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(i) to eliminate the requirement that the Office provide a patent term adjustment determination with the notice of allowance. See Revisions to Patent Term Adjustment, 78 Fed. Reg. 19416, 19417 (Apr. 1, 2013). Therefore, the Office is no longer providing an initial patent term adjustment determination with the notice of allowance. The Office will continue to provide a patent term adjustment determination with the Issue Notification Letter that is mailed to applicant approximately three weeks prior to the issue date of the patent, and will include the patent term adjustment on the patent. Any request for reconsideration of the patent term adjustment determination (or reinstatement of patent term adjustment) should follow the process outlined in 37 CFR 1.705.

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9. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a Federal, State, or local law enforcement agency, if the USPTO becomes aware of a violation or potential violation of law or regulation.

Notice of Allowability	Application No. 14/515,584	Applicant(s) RAO, G.R. MOHAN	
	Examiner AJAY K. ARORA	Art Unit 2892	AIA (First Inventor to File) Status No

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to *6/15/2015*.
   ☐ A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on_____.
2. ☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
3. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are *9-20*. As a result of the allowed claim(s), you may be eligible to benefit from the **Patent Prosecution Highway** program at a participating intellectual property office for the corresponding application. For more information, please see http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/pph/index.jsp or send an inquiry to PPHfeedback@uspto.gov .
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

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   a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some *c) ☐ None of the:
   1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
   2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____ .
   3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

   * Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
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DETAILED ACTION

1. The present application is being examined under the pre-AIA first to invent provisions.

Reasons for Allowance

2. Claims 9-20 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 9-14 are allowed because the prior art of record does not teach or suggest, singularly or in combination, at least the limitations of base claim 9 which requires "at least one well region disposed in said single drift layer, said well region having a graded concentration of dopants generating a second static unidirectional electric drift field to aid the movement of minority carriers from said substrate to said surface layer" (see last 3 lines of claim 9).

Claims 15-20 are allowed because the prior art of record does not teach or suggest, singularly or in combination, at least the limitations of base claim 15 which requires "at least one well region disposed in said single drift layer, said well region having a graded concentration of dopants generating a second static unidirectional electric drift field to

aid the movement of minority carriers from said surface layer to said substrate" (see last 3 lines of claim 15).

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Claims 1-8 (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) A semiconductor device comprising:

a surface layer;

a substrate;

an active region including a source and a drain, disposed on one surface of said surface layer;

a single drift layer disposed between the other surface of said surface layer and said substrate, said drift layer having a graded concentration of dopants generating a first static unidirectional electric drift field to aid the movement of minority carriers from said substrate to said surface layer; and

at least one well region disposed in said single drift layer, said well region having a graded concentration of dopants generating a second static unidirectional electric drift field to aid the movement of minority carriers from said substrate to said surface layer.

10. (Previously Presented) The semiconductor device of claim 9 wherein said first and second static unidirectional electric fields are adapted to respective grading of dopants to aid movements of carriers in respective active regions.

11. (Previously Presented) The semiconductor device of claim 9 wherein the semiconductor device is a central processing unit (CPU).

12. (Previously Presented) The semiconductor device of claim 9 wherein the semiconductor device is a DRAM device.

13. (Previously Presented) The semiconductor device of claim 9 wherein the semiconductor device is a flash memory device.

14. (Previously Presented) The semiconductor device of claim 9 wherein the semiconductor device is an image sensor device.

15. (Previously Presented) A semiconductor device comprising:

a surface layer;

a substrate;

an active region including a source and a drain, disposed on one surface of said surface layer;

a single drift layer disposed between the other surface of said surface layer and said substrate, said drift layer having a graded concentration of dopants generating a first static unidirectional electric drift field to aid the movement of minority carriers from said surface layer to said substrate; and

at least one well region disposed in said single drift layer, said well region having a graded concentration of dopants generating a second static unidirectional electric drift field to aid the movement of minority carriers from said surface layer to said substrate.

16. (Previously Presented) The semiconductor device of claim 15 wherein said first and second static unidirectional electric fields are adapted to respective grading of dopants to aid movements of carriers in respective active regions.

17. (Previously Presented) The semiconductor device of claim 15 wherein the semiconductor device is a central processing unit (CPU).

18. (Previously Presented) The semiconductor device of claim 15 wherein the semiconductor device is a DRAM device.

19. (Previously Presented) The semiconductor device of claim 15 wherein the semiconductor device is a flash memory device.

20. (Previously Presented) The semiconductor device of claim 15 wherein the semiconductor device is an image sensor device.

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Office Action dated April 14, 2015.

Claims 9-10 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 8 of U.S. Patent No. 8,421,195. A Terminal Disclaimer is submitted concurrently with this response with respect to U.S. Patent No. 8,421,195.

Claims 15-16 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 8,421,195. A Terminal Disclaimer is submitted concurrently with this response with respect to U.S. Patent No. 8,421,195.

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt in order to place this case in condition for allowance. For the reasons stated above, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of the claims as amended. Please charge any additional fees or deficiencies in fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0780/GRTD-32613 of HOWISON & ARNOTT, L.L.P.

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Enclosed is a corrected Application Data Sheet which identifies Greenthread, LLC, as the Applicant in the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application. An executed 3.73(c) Statement and Power of Attorney were previously submitted and accepted on June 1, 2015.

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Name	Philip W. John Jr.		
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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(c)

Applicant/Patent Owner: GREENTHREAD, LLC

Application No./Patent No.: 14/515,584 Filed/Issue Date: 10/16/2014

Titled: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES WITH GRADED DOPANT REGIONS

GREENTHREAD, LLC, a CORPORATION

(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that, for the patent application/patent identified above, it is (choose one of options 1, 2, 3 or 4 below):

1. [✓] The assignee of the entire right, title, and interest.

2. [ ] An assignee of less than the entire right, title, and interest (check applicable box):

   [ ] The extent (by percentage) of its ownership interest is _____%. Additional Statement(s) by the owners holding the balance of the interest must be submitted to account for 100% of the ownership interest.

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3. [ ] The assignee of an undivided interest in the entirety (a complete assignment from one of the joint inventors was made). The other parties, including inventors, who together own the entire right, title, and interest are:

   Additional Statement(s) by the owner(s) holding the balance of the interest must be submitted to account for the entire right, title, and interest.

4. [ ] The recipient, via a court proceeding or the like (e.g., bankruptcy, probate), of an undivided interest in the entirety (a complete transfer of ownership interest was made). The certified document(s) showing the transfer is attached.

The interest identified in option 1, 2 or 3 above (not option 4) is evidenced by either (choose one of options A or B below):

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☑ As required by 37 CFR 3.73(c)(1)(i), the documentary evidence of the chain of title from the original owner to the assignee was, or concurrently is being, submitted for recordation pursuant to 37 CFR 3.11.

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

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Office Action Summary	Application No. 14/515,584	Applicant(s) RAO, G.R. MOHAN	
	Examiner AJAY K. ARORA	Art Unit 2892	AIA (First Inventor to File) Status No

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 2/2/2015.

☐ A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on _____.

2a)☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☐ This action is non-final.

3)☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.

4)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims*

5)☒ Claim(s) 9-20 is/are pending in the application.

5a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

6)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

7)☒ Claim(s) 9-20 is/are rejected.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

9)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

* If any claims have been determined allowable, you may be eligible to benefit from the **Patent Prosecution Highway** program at a participating intellectual property office for the corresponding application. For more information, please see http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/pph/index.jsp or send an inquiry to PPHfeedback@uspto.gov.

Application Papers

10)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

11)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

Certified copies:

a)☐ All b)☐ Some** c)☐ None of the:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

** See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08a and/or PTO/SB/08b) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

3) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .

4) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. The present application is being examined under the pre-AIA first to invent provisions.

Terminal Disclaimer

2. The terminal disclaimer of 2/2/2015 has been disapproved for reasons outlined below: The terminal disclaimer identifies a party who is not the applicant (only for application filed on or after September 16, 2012; See FP 14.26.10):

For cases filed on/after 9/16/12, 37 CFR 1.321 specifies that the applicant can disclaim, and the terminal disclaimer must specify the extent of the applicant's ownership.

A request under 37 CFR 1.46(c) to change the applicant needs to be filed, which is (1) arequest, signed by a 1.33(b) party, (2) a corrected ADS (37 CFR 1.76(c)) that identifies the "new" applicant in the applicant information, and is underlined since it is new, and (3) a 3.73(c) statement showing chain of title to the new applicant. Along with the § 1.46(c) request we need a POA that gives power to the attorney who is signing the TD, along with another copy of the TD, unless they file a TD that is signed by the applicant.

Double Patenting

3. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory double patenting rejection is appropriate where the claims at issue are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the reference application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement. A terminal disclaimer must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(b).

The USPTO internet Web site contains terminal disclaimer forms which may be used. Please visit http://www.uspto.gov/forms/. The filing date of the application will

determine what form should be used. A web-based eTerminal Disclaimer may be filled out completely online using web-screens. An eTerminal Disclaimer that meets all requirements is auto-processed and approved immediately upon submission. For more information about eTerminal Disclaimers, refer to http://www.uspto.gov/patents/process/file/efs/guidance/eTD-info-I.jsp.

4. Claims 9-10 and 15-16, respectively, are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting over claims 8 and 1, respectively of U.S. Patent No. 8,421,195 since the claims, if allowed, would improperly extend the "right to exclude" already granted in the patent.

The subject matter claimed in the instant application is fully disclosed in the patent and is covered by the patent since the patent and the application are claiming common subject matter, as follows:

Regarding claim 15, claim 1 of US 8,421,195 teaches:

A semiconductor device comprising:

a surface layer (Col. 4, line 14);

a substrate (Col. 4, line 15);

an active region including a source and a drain, disposed on one surface of said surface layer (Col. 4, lines 16-17);

a single drift layer disposed between the other surface of said surface layer and said substrate, said drift layer having a graded concentration of dopants generating a

first static unidirectional electric drift field to aid the movement of minority carriers from said surface layer to said substrate (Col. 4, lines 18-24); and

at least one well region disposed in said single drift layer, said well region having a graded concentration of dopants generating a second static unidirectional electric drift field to aid the movement of minority carriers from said surface layer to said substrate (Col. 4, lines 25-29; last 5 lines of the claim).

Claim 9 is rejected in view of claim 8 of Rao (US 8,421,195) for similar reasons, as outlined below:

For the present application being examined is noted that claims 9 and 15 are substantially the same except that they require opposite direction of the “first static unidirectional electric field” and the “second static unidirectional electric field”. More specifically, claim 9 requires the “first static unidirectional electric field” (see lines 7-9 of claim 9) as well as the “second static unidirectional electric field” (see last 3 lines of claim 9) to aid the movement of minority carriers from “said substrate to said surface layer”, while claim 15 requires the above said movement be aided from “said surface layer to said substrate”.

The above explained differences are also the same for claim 1 and 8 of US 8,421,195; i.e. claim 8 of requires the “first static unidirectional electric field” (see lines 7-9 of claim 9) as well as the “second static unidirectional electric field” (see last 3 lines of claim 9) to aid the movement of minority carriers from “said substrate to said surface layer”, while

claim 1 requires the above said movement be aided from “said surface layer to said substrate”.

As such, claim 9 of present application is rejected in view of claim 8 of Rao (US 8,421,195).

Claims 10 and 16 are substantially similar. Further, claims 10 and 16, respectively, follow from claims 9 and 15, respectively. This is because "adapted to respective grading of dopants to aid movements of carriers in respective active regions" is inherent in view of the first and second unidirectional electric drift fields, noting that how exactly they are adapted or the extent of aid they must deliver is not established.

Furthermore, there is no apparent reason why applicant was prevented from presenting claims corresponding to those of the instant application during prosecution of the application which matured into a patent. See *In re Schneller*, 397 F.2d 350, 158 USPQ 210 (CCPA 1968). See also MPEP § 804.

5. Claims 11-14 and 17-20 rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 8 of U.S. Patent No. 8,421,195 in view of Maruyama (US 2001/0040622), hereinafter Maruyama.

Regarding claims 11-14 and 17-20, Claims 1 or 8 of U.S. Patent No. 8,421,195 teach substantially the claimed structure but do not teach wherein the semiconductor device is a “central process unit” or CPU, or "a DRAM device", a “flash memory device”, or an “image sensor device”. Maruyama teaches that a CPU (para 69), memories such as

DRAM and flash (para 69) and image sensor devices (such as CMOS imager of para 93) are known field effect devices comprising a source and a drain, and are compatible with CMOS devices. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skills in the art at the time of the invention to modify Claims 1 or 8 of U.S. Patent No. 8,421,195 so that the semiconductor device is a “central process unit” or CPU, or "a DRAM device", a “flash memory device”, or an “image sensor device”. The ordinary artisan would have been motivated to modify Claims 1 or 8 of U.S. Patent No. 8,421,195 for at least the purpose of using the semiconductor device with grade dopant concentration for a known circuit/device type that are known to perform critical functions in a circuit such as a “central process unit” or CPU, or "a DRAM device", a “flash memory device”, or an “image sensor device.

Art-based Rejections

6. No art based rejections are provided as base claim 9 and 15 are similar to allowed based claims of U.S. Patent No. 8,421,195.

Conclusion

7. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AJAY K. ARORA whose telephone number is (571)272-8347. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon through Fri, 8:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thao X. Le can be reached on (571) 272-1708. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see http://pair-direct.uspto.gov. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2892

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AMENDMENT B

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this amendment; and

Remarks begin on page 5 of this amendment.

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-8 (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) A semiconductor device comprising:

a surface layer;

a substrate;

an active region including a source and a drain, disposed on one surface of said surface layer;

a single drift layer disposed between the other surface of said surface layer and said substrate, said drift layer having a graded concentration of dopants generating a first static unidirectional electric drift field to aid the movement of minority carriers from said substrate to said surface layer; and

at least one well region disposed in said single drift layer, said well region having a graded concentration of dopants generating a second static unidirectional electric drift field to aid the movement of minority carriers from said substrate to said surface layer.

10. (Previously Presented) The semiconductor device of claim 9 wherein said first and second static unidirectional electric fields are adapted to respective grading of dopants to aid movements of carriers in respective active regions.

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11. (Previously Presented) The semiconductor device of claim 9 wherein the semiconductor device is a central processing unit (CPU).

12. (Previously Presented) The semiconductor device of claim 9 wherein the semiconductor device is a DRAM device.

13. (Previously Presented) The semiconductor device of claim 9 wherein the semiconductor device is a flash memory device.

14. (Previously Presented) The semiconductor device of claim 9 wherein the semiconductor device is an image sensor device.

15. (Previously Presented) A semiconductor device comprising:

a surface layer;

a substrate;

an active region including a source and a drain, disposed on one surface of said surface layer;

a single drift layer disposed between the other surface of said surface layer and said substrate, said drift layer having a graded concentration of dopants generating a first static unidirectional electric drift field to aid the movement of minority carriers from said surface layer to said substrate; and

at least one well region disposed in said single drift layer, said well region having a graded concentration of dopants generating a second static unidirectional electric drift field to aid the movement of minority carriers from said surface layer to said substrate.

16. (Previously Presented) The semiconductor device of claim 15 wherein said first and second static unidirectional electric fields are adapted to respective grading of dopants to aid movements of carriers in respective active regions.

17. (Previously Presented) The semiconductor device of claim 15 wherein the semiconductor device is a central processing unit (CPU).

18. (Previously Presented) The semiconductor device of claim 15 wherein the semiconductor device is a DRAM device.

19. (Previously Presented) The semiconductor device of claim 15 wherein the semiconductor device is a flash memory device.

20. (Previously Presented) The semiconductor device of claim 15 wherein the semiconductor device is an image sensor device.

REMARKS

Double Patenting – Terminal Disclaimer

Claims 9-10 and 15-16, respectively, stand rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting over claims 8 and 1, respectively of USP No. 8,421,195. Claims 11-14 and 17-20 stand rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 8 of USP No. 8,421,195 in view of Maruyama (USPub No. 2001/0040622). In response to these rejections, Applicant is filing with this Amendment a Terminal Disclaimer.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is now in condition for allowance. However, should Examiner be of the opinion that further amendment or response is required, Applicant encourages Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Eugene M. Cummings, P.C., Deposit Account No. **50-4199**, with reference to attorney docket number (0299-0001.05).

Respectfully submitted,

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In re Application of: G.R. Mohan Rao

Application No.: 14/515,584

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES WITH GRADED DOPANT REGIONS

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2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.

4)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims*

5)☒ Claim(s) *9-20* is/are pending in the application.

5a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

6)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

7)☒ Claim(s) *9-20* is/are rejected.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

9)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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10)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

11)☒ The drawing(s) filed on *10/16/2014* is/are: a)☒ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

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Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

Certified copies:

a)☐ All b)☐ Some** c)☐ None of the:

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The present application is being examined under the pre-AIA first to invent provisions.

Double Patenting

2. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory double patenting rejection is appropriate where the claims at issue are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the reference application or patent either is shown to

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3. Claims 9-10 and 15-16, respectively, are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting over claims 8 and 1, respectively of U.S. Patent No. 8,421,195 since the claims, if allowed, would improperly extend the “right to exclude” already granted in the patent.

The subject matter claimed in the instant application is fully disclosed in the patent and is covered by the patent since the patent and the application are claiming common subject matter, as follows:

Regarding claim 15, claim 1 of US 8,421,195 teaches:

A semiconductor device comprising:

a surface layer (Col. 4, line 14);

a substrate (Col. 4, line 15);

an active region including a source and a drain, disposed on one surface of said surface layer (Col. 4, lines 16-17);

a single drift layer disposed between the other surface of said surface layer and said substrate, said drift layer having a graded concentration of dopants generating a first static unidirectional electric drift field to aid the movement of minority carriers from said surface layer to said substrate (Col. 4, lines 18-24); and

at least one well region disposed in said single drift layer, said well region having a graded concentration of dopants generating a second static unidirectional electric drift field to aid the movement of minority carriers from said surface layer to said substrate (Col. 4, lines 25-29; last 5 lines of the claim).

Claim 9 is rejected in view of claim 8 of Rao (US 8,421,195) for similar reasons, as outlined below:

For the present application being examined is noted that claims 9 and 15 are substantially the same except that they require opposite direction of the “first static unidirectional electric field” and the “second static unidirectional electric field”. More specifically, claim 9 requires the “first static unidirectional electric field” (see lines 7-9 of claim 9) as well as the “second static unidirectional electric field” (see last 3 lines of claim 9) to aid the movement of minority carriers from “said substrate to said surface layer”, while claim 15 requires the above said movement be aided from “said surface layer to said substrate”.

The above explained differences are also the same for claim 1 and 8 of US 8,421,195; i.e. claim 8 of requires the “first static unidirectional electric field” (see lines 7-9 of claim 9) as well as the “second static unidirectional electric field” (see last 3 lines of claim 9) to aid the movement of minority carriers from “said substrate to said surface layer”, while claim 1 requires the above said movement be aided from “said surface layer to said substrate”.

As such, claim 9 of present application is rejected in view of claim 8 of Rao (US 8,421,195).

Claims 10 and 16 are substantially similar. Further, claims 10 and 16, respectively, follow from claims 9 and 15, respectively. This is because "adapted to respective grading of dopants to aid movements of carriers in respective active regions" is inherent in view of the first and second unidirectional electric drift fields, noting that how exactly they are adapted or the extent of aid they must deliver is not established.

Furthermore, there is no apparent reason why applicant was prevented from presenting claims corresponding to those of the instant application during prosecution of the application which matured into a patent. See *In re Schneller*, 397 F.2d 350, 158 USPQ 210 (CCPA 1968). See also MPEP § 804.

4. Claims 11-14 and 17-20 rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 8 of U.S. Patent No. 8,421,195 in view of Maruyama (US 2001/0040622), hereinafter Maruyama.

Regarding claims 11-14 and 17-20, Claims 1 or 8 of U.S. Patent No. 8,421,195 teach substantially the claimed structure but do not teach wherein the semiconductor device is a “central process unit” or CPU, or "a DRAM device", a “flash memory device”, or an “image sensor device”. Maruyama teaches that a CPU (para 69), memories such as DRAM and flash (para 69) and image sensor devices (such as CMOS imager of para 93) are known field effect devices comprising a source and a drain, and are compatible with CMOS devices. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skills in the art at the time of the invention to modify Claims 1 or 8 of U.S. Patent No. 8,421,195 so that the semiconductor device is a “central process unit” or CPU, or "a DRAM device", a “flash memory device”, or an “image sensor device”. The ordinary artisan would have been motivated to modify Claims 1 or 8 of U.S. Patent No. 8,421,195 for at least the purpose of using the semiconductor device with grade dopant concentration for a known circuit/device type that are known to perform critical functions in a circuit such as a “central process unit” or CPU, or "a DRAM device", a “flash memory device”, or an “image sensor device.

Art-based Rejections

No art based rejections are provided as base claim 9 and 15 are similar to allowed based claims of U.S. Patent No. 8,421,195.

Conclusion

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[0001] This application is a Divisional of U.S. application Ser. No. 10/934,915, filed on September 3, 2004, which application is incorporated herein by reference.

FIELD OF INVENTION

[0002] This present invention relates to all semiconductor devices and systems. Particularly it applies to diffused diodes, avalanche diodes, Schottky devices, power MOS transistors, JFET's, RF bipolar transistors, IGBTs (Insulated Gate Bipolar Transistors), varactors, digital VLSI, mixed signal circuits and sensor devices including camera ICs employing CCD (Charge Coupled Device) as well as CMOS technologies.

BACKGROUND OF INVENTION

[0003] Bipolar Junction transistors (BJT) are minority carrier devices as the principle device conduction mechanism. However, majority carriers also a small yet finite role in modulating the conductivity in BJTs. Consequently, both carriers (electrons and holes) play a role in the switching performance of BJTs. The maximum frequency of operation in BJTs is limited by the base transit time as well as the quick recombination of the majority carriers when the device is switched off (prior to beginning the next cycle). The dominant carrier mechanism in BJTs is carrier diffusion. Carrier drift current component is fairly small, especially in uniformly doped base BJTs. Efforts have been made in graded base transistors to create an `aiding drift field', to enhance the diffusing minority carrier's speed from emitter to collector. However, most semiconductor devices, including various power MOSFETs (traditional, DMOS, lateral, vertical

and a host of other configurations), IGBT's (Insulated Gated Base Transistors), still use a uniformly doped drift epitaxial region in the base. FIG. 1 shows the relative doping concentration versus distance in a BJT. FIG. 2 shows the `uniformly doped epi region' in a IGBT. In contrast to BJTs, MOS devices are majority carrier devices for conduction. The conduction is channel dominated. The channel can be a surface in one plane in planar devices. The surface can also be on the sidewalls in a vertical device. Other device architectures to combine planar and vertical conductions are also possible. The maximum frequency of operation is dictated primarily by source-drain separation distance. Most MOS devices use a uniformly doped substrate (or a well region). When a MOSFET is optimally integrated with a BJT in a monolithic fashion, an IGBT results. The IGBT inherits the advantages of both MOSFET and BJT. It also brings new challenges because the required characteristics (electron transit and hole recombination as fast as possible in the case of an n-channel IGBT) require different dopant gradients either in the same layer at different positions, or at the interfaces of similar or dissimilar layers.

[0004] 'Retrograde' wells have been attempted, with little success, to help improve soft error immunity in SRAM's and visual quality in imaging circuits. FIG. 3(a) shows a typical CMOS VLSI device employing a twin well substrate, on which active devices are subsequently fabricated. FIGS. 3(b), 3(c), and 3(d) illustrate device cross sections, as practiced today. `Retrograde' and `halo' wells have also been attempted to improve refresh time in DRAM's (dynamic random access memories), as well as, reducing dark current (background noise) and enhance RGB (Red, Green, Blue) color resolution in digital camera Ics. Most of these techniques

either divert the minority carriers away form the active regions of critical charge storage nodes at the surface, or, increase minority carrier density locally as the particular application requires.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[0005] For a more complete understanding of the present invention, and the advantages thereof, reference is now made to the following descriptions taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which:

[0006] FIGURE 1 illustrates the relative doping profiles of emitter, base, and collector, for the two most popular bipolar junction transistors: namely, A - uniform base, and B - graded base;

[0007] FIGURE 2 illustrates the cross section of a commercial IGBT with a uniform epitaxial drift region (base);

[0008] FIGURES 3(a), 3(b), 3(c), 3(d) illustrate cross sections commonly used CMOS silicon substrate with two wells (one n-well in which p-channel transistors are subsequently fabricated, and, one p-well in which n-channel transistors are subsequently fabricated) - typical IC, EEPROM using tunnel insulator, DRAM and NAND flash;

[0009] FIGURE 4 illustrates the cross section of a IGBT, using one embodiment of the invention described here, where the dopant is optimally graded in the eptaxial drift region; and

[0010] FIGURES 5(a), 5(b), 5(c) illustrate the cross sections of a MOS silicon substrate with two wells, and, an underlying layer using embodiments of the invention to improve performance in each application - VLSI logic, DRAM/image IC, nonvolatile memory IC.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0011] The relative doping concentrations of emitter and collector regions varies from 10^{18} to $10^{20}/cm^3$, where as the base region is 10^{14} to $10^{16}/cm^3$ depending on the desired characteristics of the BJT. In graded base p-n-p transistors, the donor dopant concentration may be 10 to 100X at the emitter-base junction, relative to the base-collector junction (1 X). The gradient can be linear, quasi linear, exponential or complimentary error function. The relative slope of the donor concentration throughout the base, creates a suitable aiding drift electric field, to help the holes (p-n-p transistor) transverse from emitter to collector. Since the aiding drift field helps hole conduction, the current gain at a given frequency is enhanced, relative to a uniformly-doped-(base) BJT. The improvement in cut-off frequency (or, frequency at unity gain, f_T) can be as large as 2x-5x.Similar performance improvements are also applicable to n-p-n transistors.

[0012] As illustrated in FIG. 4, in one embodiment according to the invention, a donor gradient is established from the emitter-drift epitaxial base region junction of the punch-through IGBT, to the drift epitaxial base region - n^t buffer layer boundary (electrons in this case are accelerated in their transit from emitter to collector). The `average' base resistance is optimized, so that conductivity modulation and lifetime (for minority carriers) in base region are not compromised. By sweeping the carriers towards the n` buffer region two advantages are obtained - the frequency of operation (combination of t_{on} and t_{off} as is known in the IGBT commercial nomenclature) can be enhanced. More importantly, during t_{off}, holes can be recombined much quicker at the n^t buffer layer, compared to a uniformly doped n^-epitaxial drift region by

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establishing a different dopant gradient near the n+ buffer layer. It should be noted that the drift region can also be a non-epitaxial silicon substrate. Epitaxy enhances lifetime, but, epitaxy is not mandatory. Different layers of dopan regions can be transferred through wafer to wafer bonding (or other similar transfer mechanisms) for eventual device fabrication. The "reverse recovery time" for an IGBT is significantly improved due to the optimized graded dopant in the so called "drift region" as well as at the interfaces of the drift region. Graded dopants can also be implemented in the n+ buffer layer as well as other regions adjacent to the respective layers. Two important performance enhancements are the result of dopant gradients. For example, in an n-channel IGBT, electrons can be swept from source to drain rapidly, while at the same time holes can be recombined closer to the n+ buffer layer. This can improve t(on) and t(off) in the same device.

The following paragraph, beginning on page 5, line 6, and ending on page 11, line 28, is amended as indicated in the marked up version below:

[0013] As illustrated in FIGS. 5(a), 5(b), 5(c), donor gradient is also of benefit to very large scale integrated circuits (VLSI) - VLSI logic, DRAM, nonvolatile memory like NAND flash. Spurious minority carriers can be generated by clock switching in digital VLSI logic and memory IC'S. These unwanted carriers can discharge dynamically-held 'actively held high' nodes. Statically held nodes (with V_{cc}) can not be affected, in most cases. Degradation of refresh time in DRAM's is one of the results, because the capacitor holds charge dynamically. Similarly, degradation of CMOS digital images, in digital imaging IC's is another result of the havoc caused by minority carriers. Pixel and color resolution can be significantly enhanced in imaging IC's with the embodiments described here. Creating 'Sub Terrain' recombination centers

underneath the wells (gold doping, platinum doping) as is done in some high-voltage diodes is not practical for VLSI circuits. Hence, a novel technique has been described here by creating a drift field to sweep these unwanted minority carriers into the substrate as quickly as possible, from the active circuitry at the surface. In a preferred embodiment, the subterrain n-layer has a graded donor concentration to sweep the minority carriers deep into the substrate. One or more of such layers can also be implemented through wafer to wafer bonding or similar "transfer" mechanisms. This n-layer can be a deeply-implanted layer. It can also be an epitaxial layer. The n-well and p-well also can be graded or retrograded in dopants, as desired, to sweep those carriers away from the surface as well. The graded dopant can also be implemented in surface channel MOS devices to accelerate majority carriers towards the drain. In nonvolatile memory devices, to decrease programming time, carriers should be accelerated towards the surface when programming of memory cells is executed. The graded dopant can also be used to fabricate superior Junction field-effect transistors where the "channel pinchoff" is controlled by a graded channel instead of a uniformly doped channel (as practiced in prior art).

[0014] One of ordinary skill and familiarity in the art will recognize that the concepts taught herein can be customized and tailored to a particular application in many advantageous ways. For instance, minority carriers can be channeled to the surface, to aid programming in nonvolatile memory devices (NOR, NAND, multivalued-cell). Moreover, single well, as well triple-well CMOS fabrication techniques can also be optimized to incorporate these embodiments, individually and collectively. Any modifications of such embodiments (described here) fall within the spirit and scope of the invention. Hence, they fall within the scope of the claims described below

[0015] Although the invention has been described with reference to specific embodiments, these descriptions are not meant to be construed in a limiting sense. Various modifications of the disclosed embodiments, as well as alternative embodiments of the invention will become apparent to persons skilled in the art upon reference to the description of the invention. It should be appreciated by those skilled in the art that the conception and the specific embodiment disclosed may be readily utilized as a basis for modifying or designing other structures for carrying out the same purposes of the present invention. It should also be realized by those skilled in the art that such equivalent constructions do not depart from the spirit and scope of the invention as set forth in the appended claims.

[0016] It is therefore, contemplated that the claims will cover any such modifications or embodiments that fall within the true scope of the invention.

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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A semiconductor device with graded dopant concentration in the active region, to aid carrier movement from emitter to collector.

2. A semiconductor device with graded dopant concentration in the active region, to aid carrier movement from source to drain.

3. A semiconductor device with graded dopant concentration in the well regions, to aid carrier movement away from the active surface regions, towards the substrate.

4. A semiconductor device with graded dopant concentration in the substrate region to aid carrier movement away from the active surface regions, deeper towards the substrate.

5. A semiconductor device with at least one each of dopant concentration of both donor and acceptor, to optimize the operating performance of the device.

6. A semiconductor device with at least one graded dopant concentration fabricated with ion implantation, to provide an aiding or retarding electric field locally in a monolithic integrated circuit.

7. A semiconductor device with at least one graded dopant concentration in an epitaxial layer.

8. A semiconductor device where one layer of dopant from one wafer, is transferred to another wafer having either same polarity or different polarity dopant through wafer bonding or similar processes.

ABSTRACT

[0017] Most semiconductor devices manufactured today, have uniform dopant concentration, either in the lateral or vertical device active (and isolation) regions. By grading the dopant concentration, the performance in various semiconductor devices can be significantly improved. Performance improvements can be obtained in application specific areas like increase in frequency of operation for digital logic, various power MOSFET and IGBT ICS, improvement in refresh time for DRAM's, decrease in programming time for nonvolatile memory, better visual quality including pixel resolution and color sensitivity for imaging ICs, better sensitivity for varactors in tunable filters, higher drive capabilities for JFET's, and a host of other applications.

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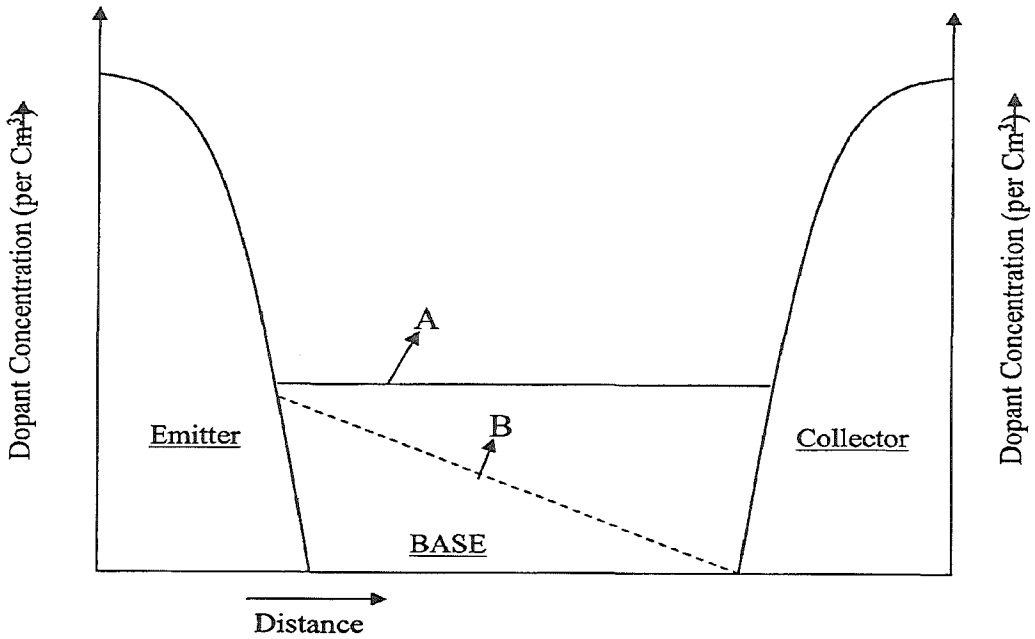

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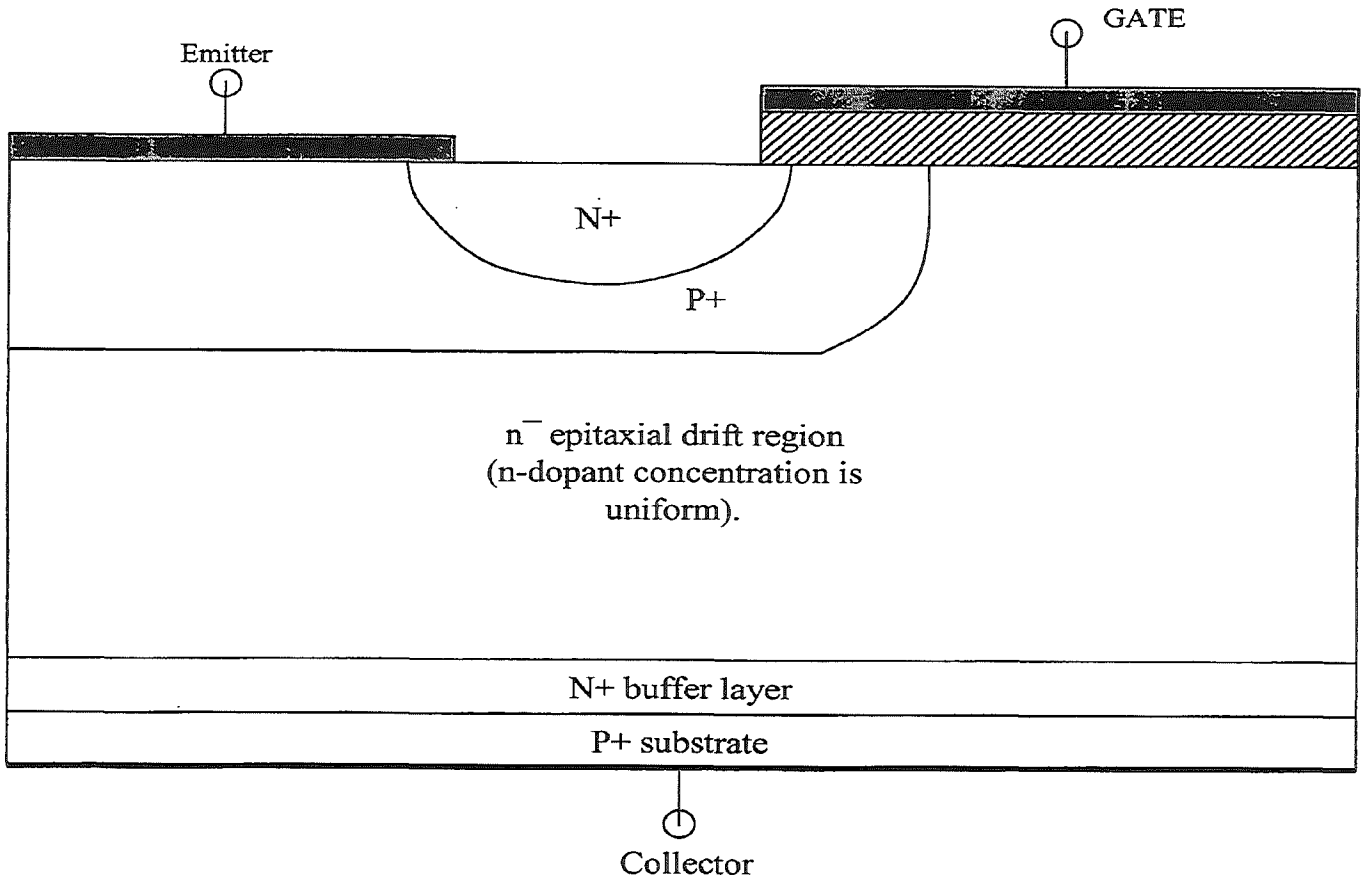

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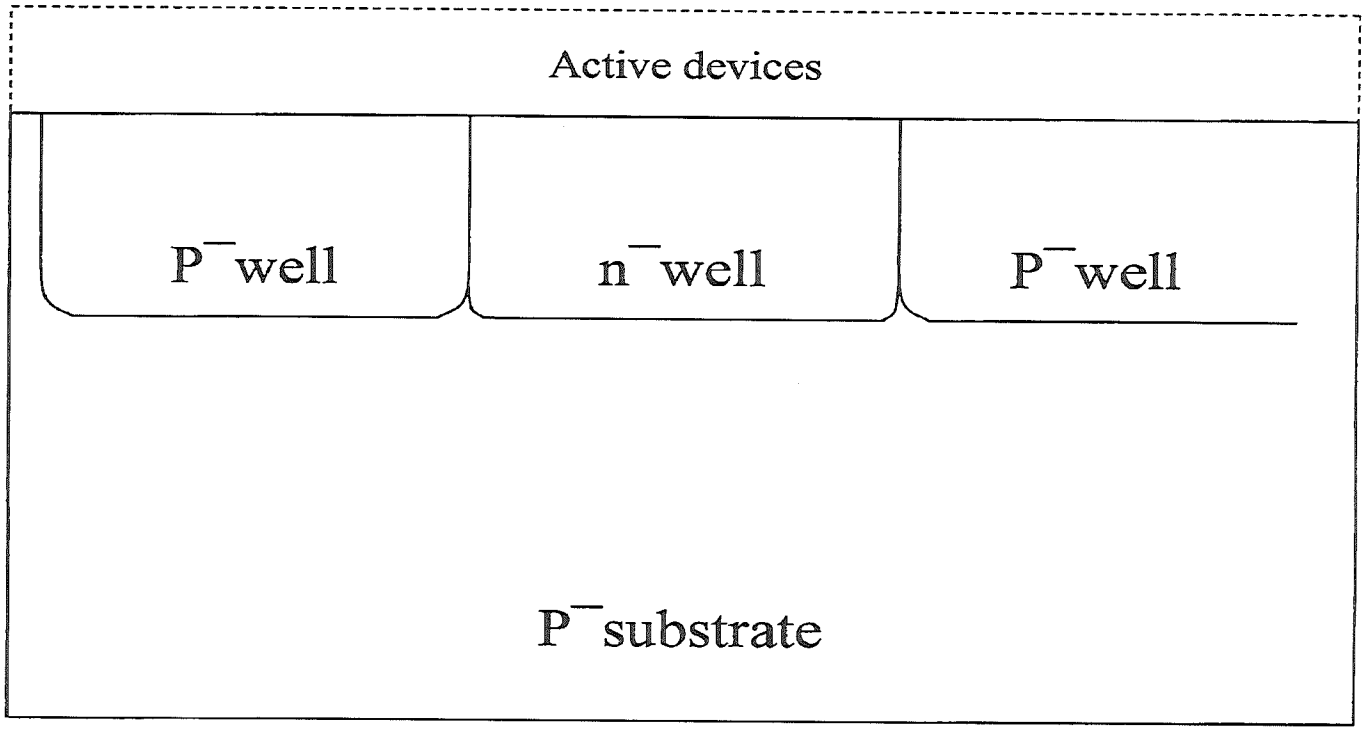

FIGURE 3(a) Prior art (Twin well CMOS) for a CMOS integrated circuit

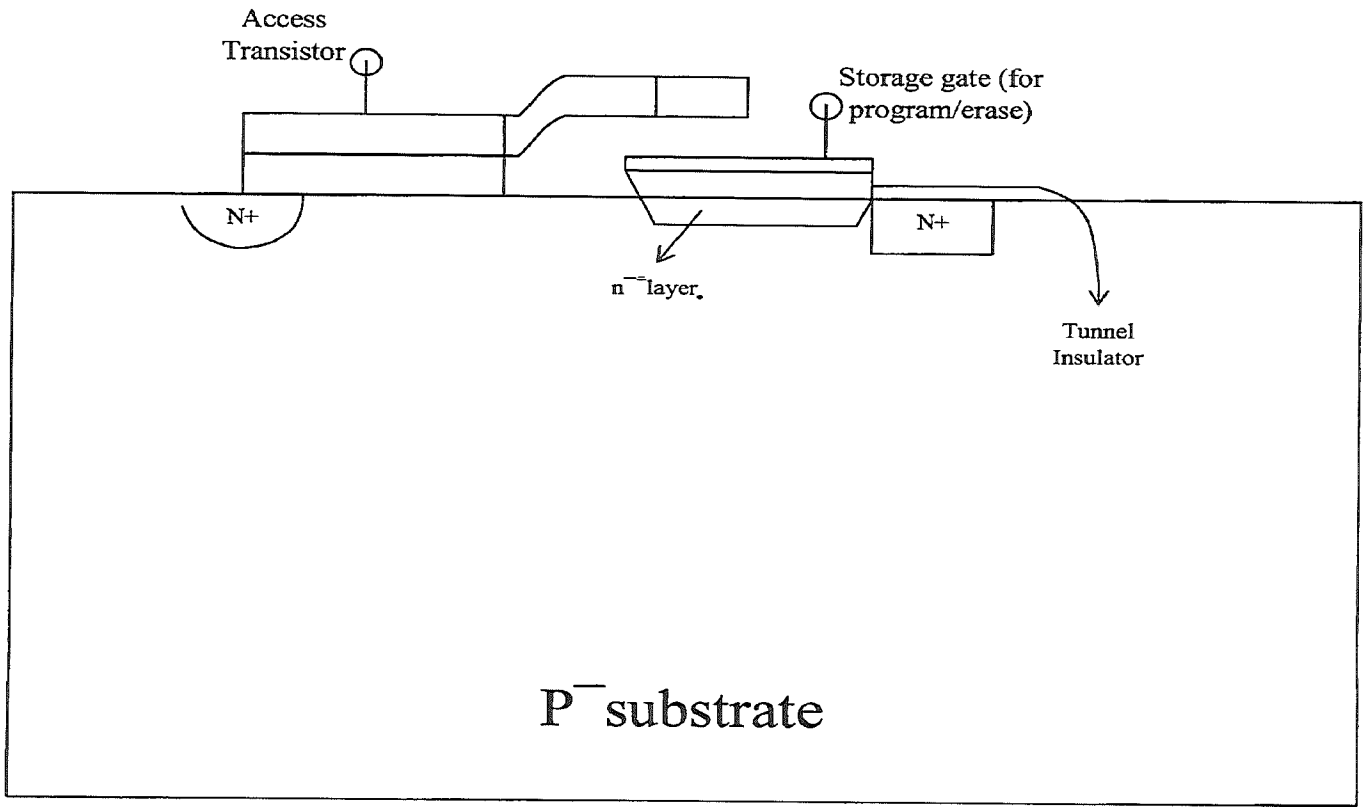

FIGURE 3(b) Prior art for a two-device EEPROM memory cell

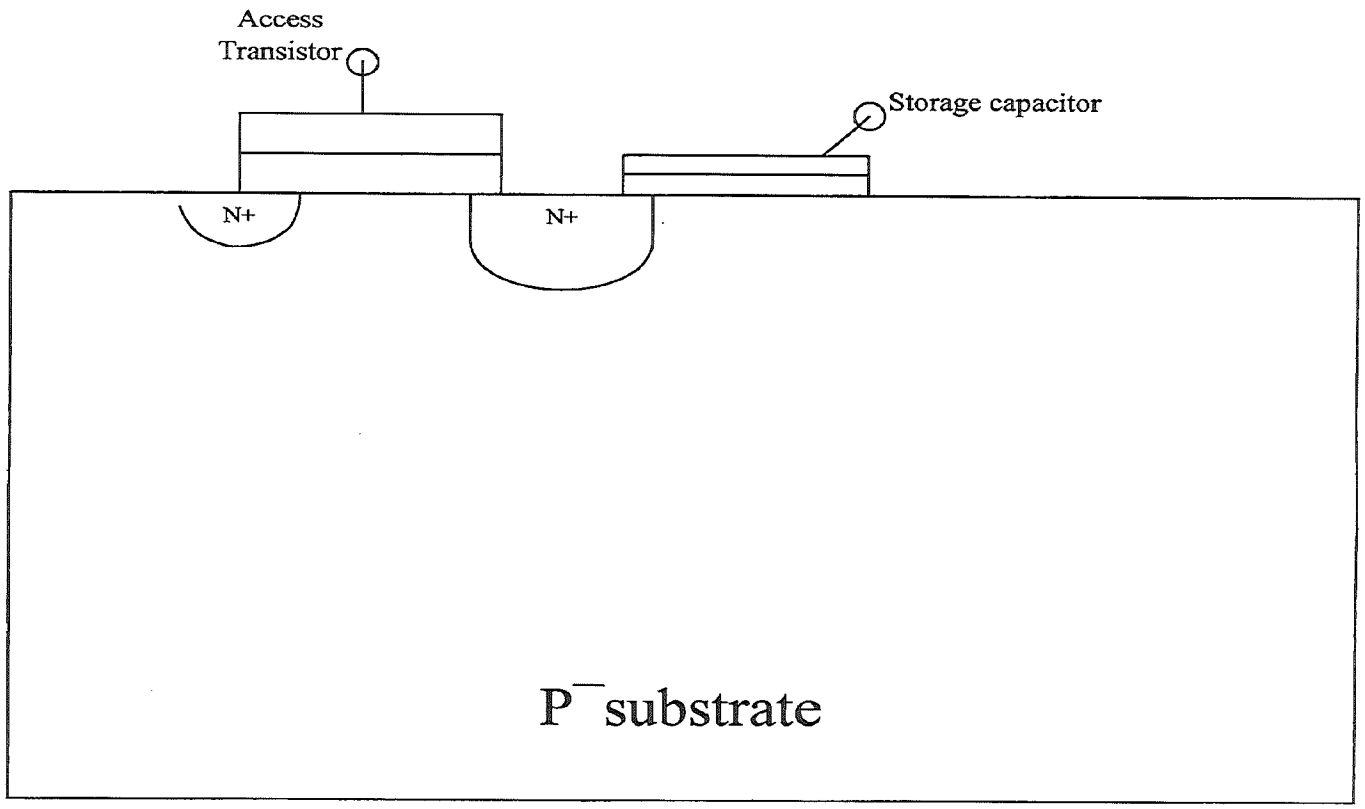

FIGURE 3(c) Prior art for a 1T-1C DRAM memory cell

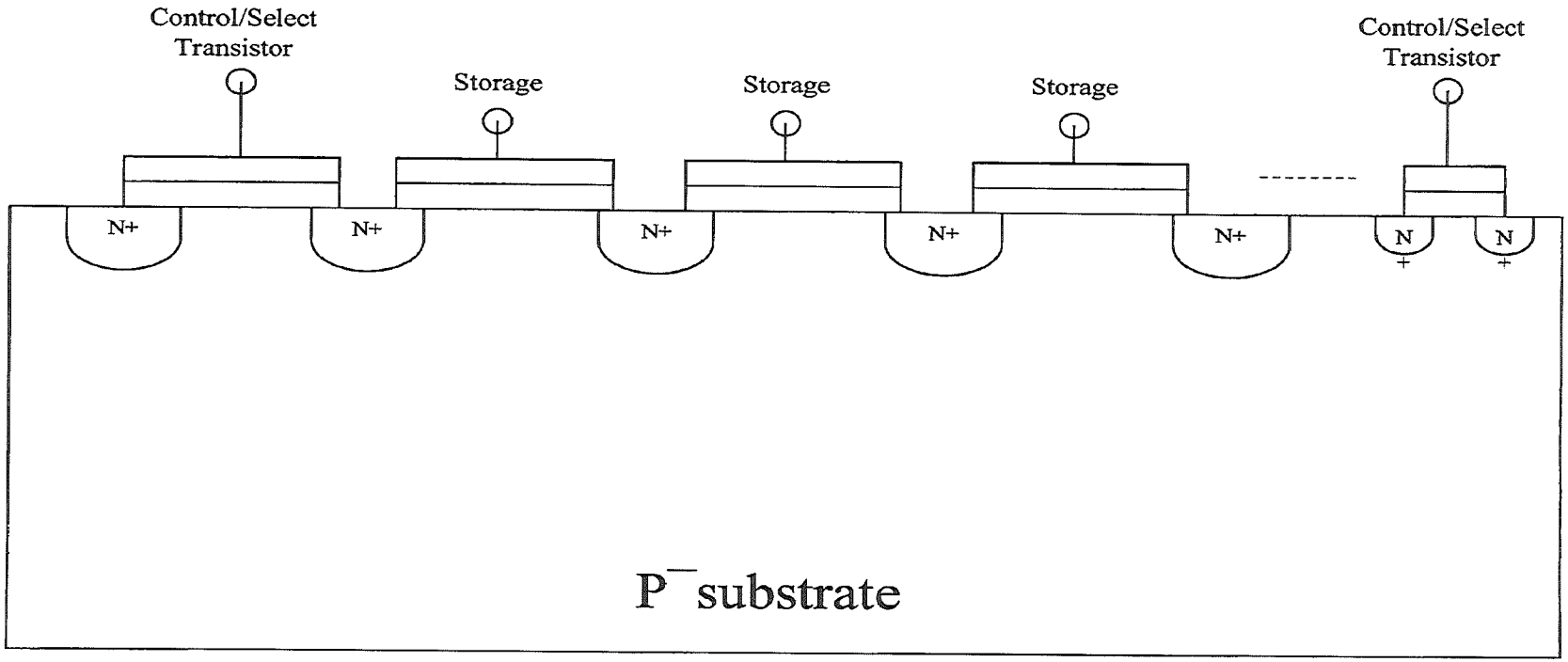

FIGURE 3(d) Prior art for a NAND flash memory cell

Note: Control/ Sect transistors have a single insulator - traditional MOS transistor.
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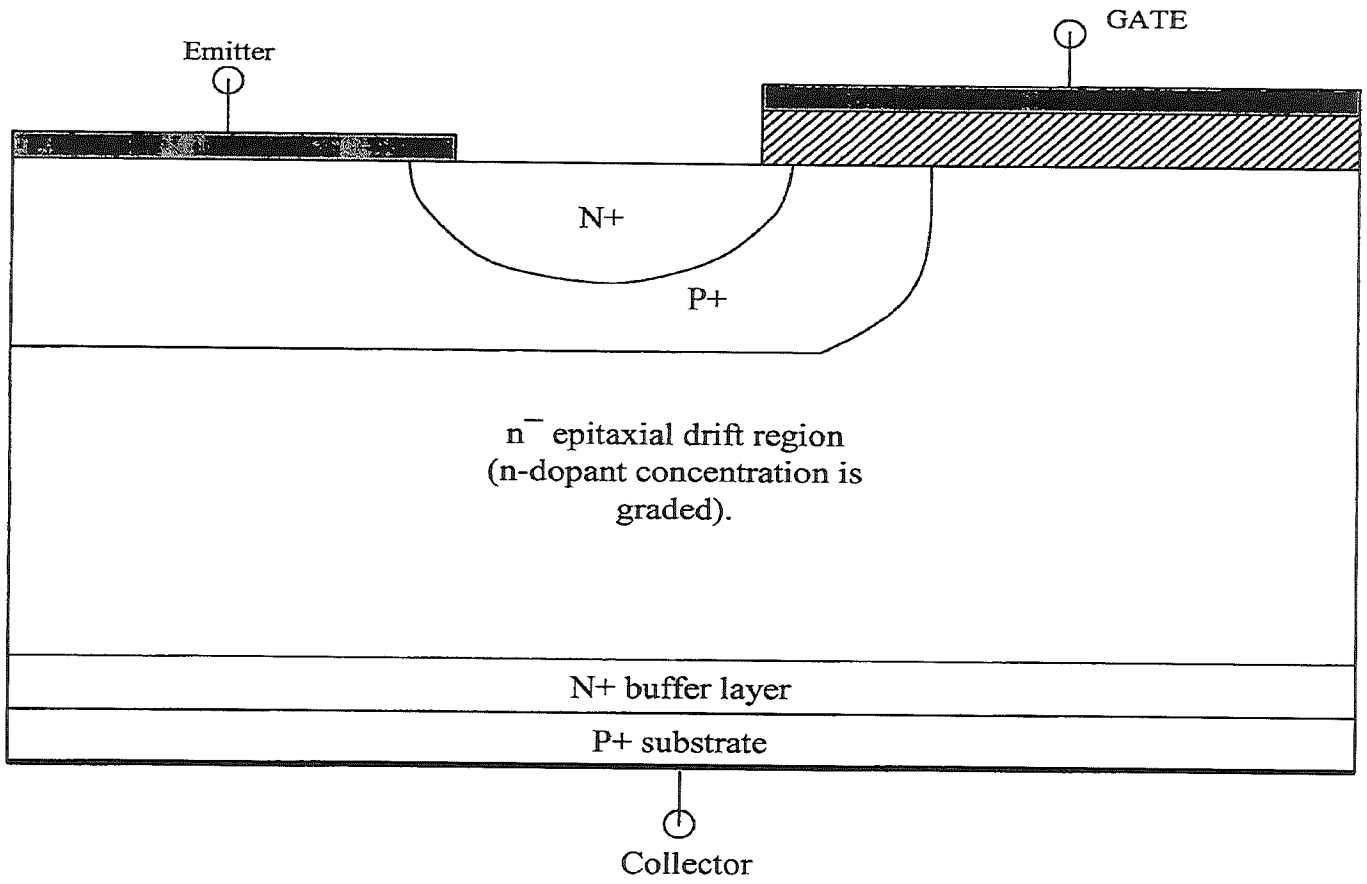

FIGURE 4 A dopant - concentration grinded drift region in a IGBT

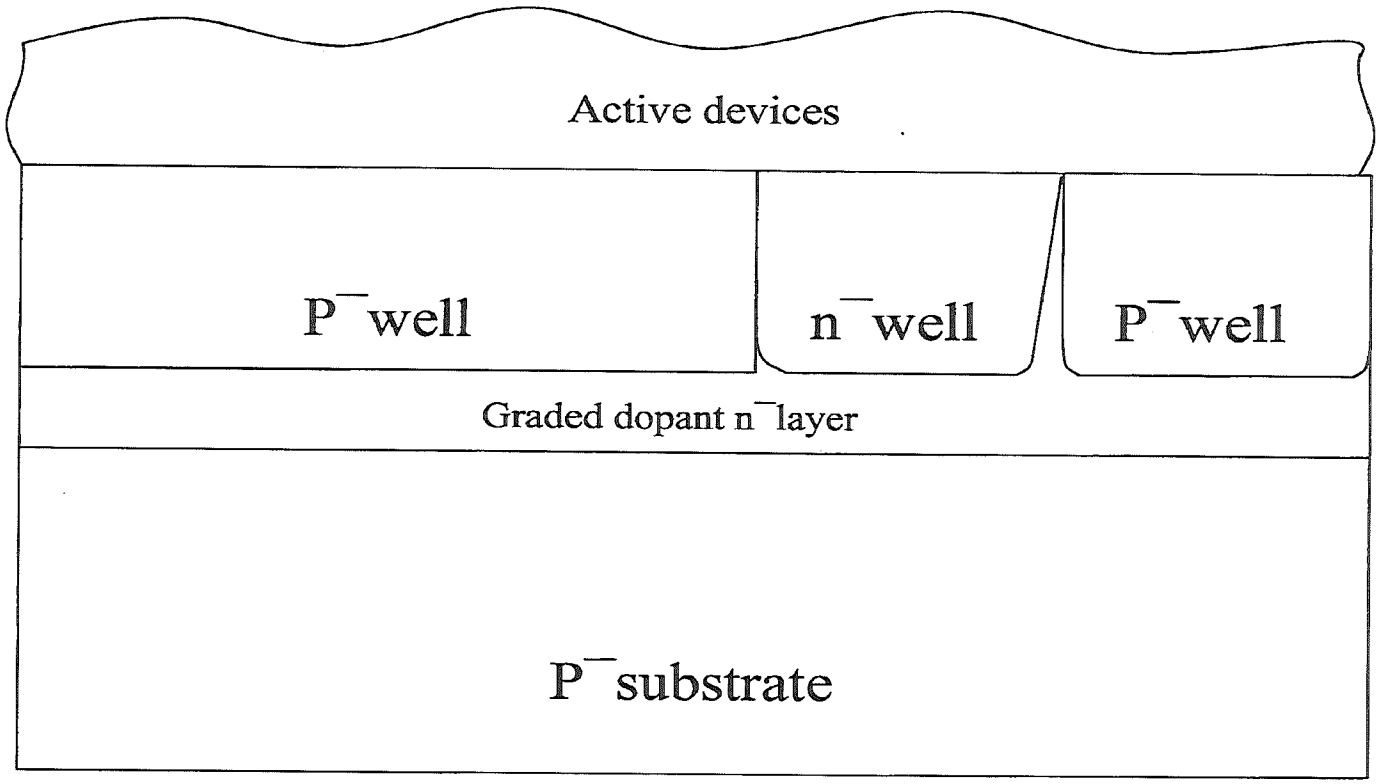

FIGURE 5(a) A CMOS Substrate for digital, mixed, signal, and senors IC's

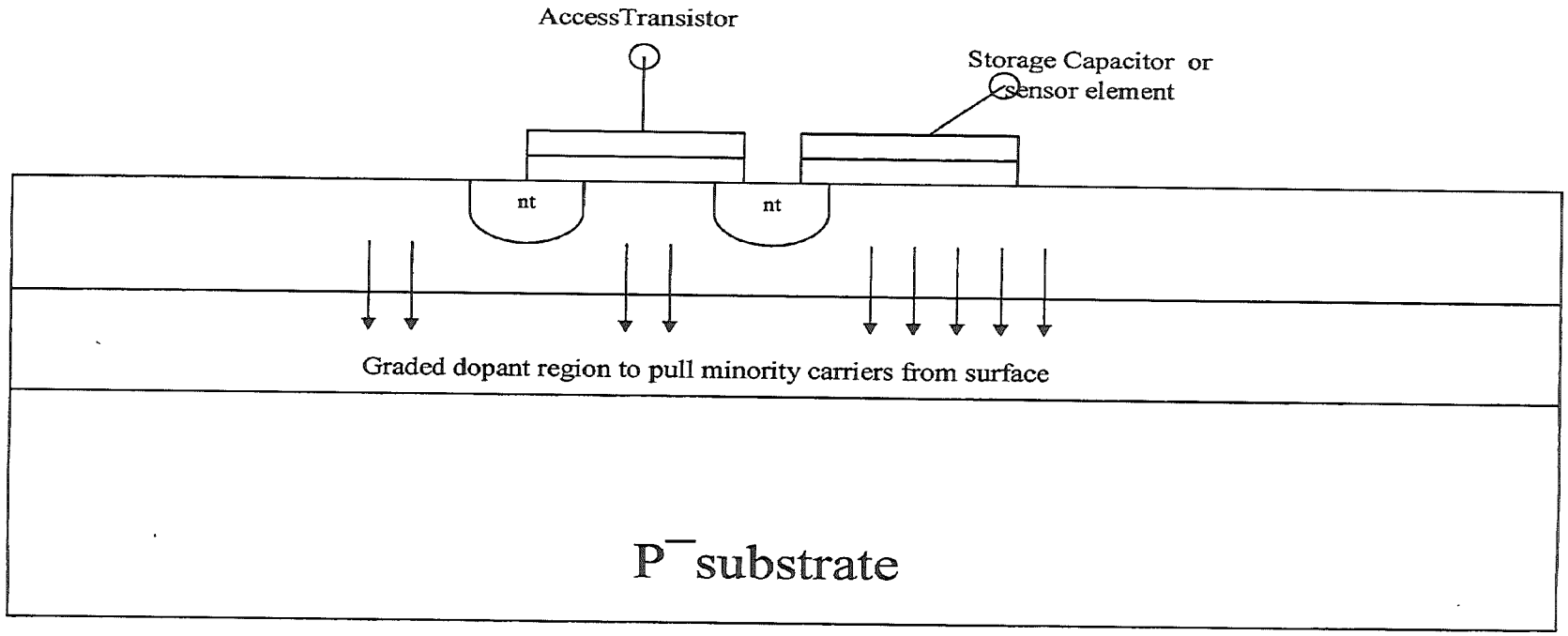

FIGURE 5(b) CMOS Substrate for a DRAM or image sensor, with one embodiment of the invention

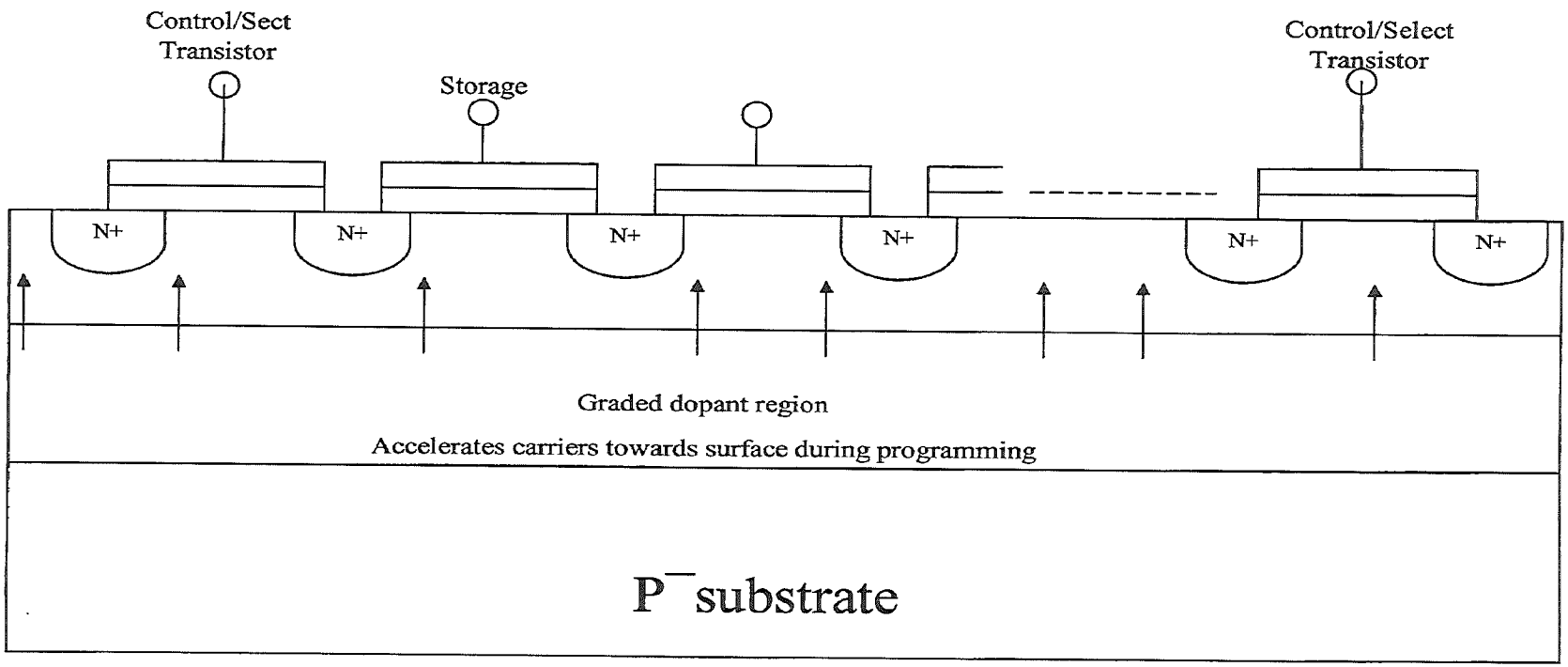

FIGURE 5(c) CMOS Substrate for a NAND flash device to improve programming times

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this amendment;

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this amendment; and

Remarks begin on page 6 of this amendment.

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] This continuation application claims priority to and the benefit of U.S. Application Serial No. 13/854,319, filed on April 1, 2013, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 11/622,496, filed January 12, 2007, now U.S. Patent No. 8,421,195, which is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/934,915, filed on September 3, 2004, now abandoned, all of which are incorporated by reference.

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Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-8 (Cancelled)

9. (New) A semiconductor device comprising:

a surface layer;

a substrate;

an active region including a source and a drain, disposed on one surface of said surface layer;

a single drift layer disposed between the other surface of said surface layer and said substrate, said drift layer having a graded concentration of dopants generating a first static unidirectional electric drift field to aid the movement of minority carriers from said substrate to said surface layer; and

at least one well region disposed in said single drift layer, said well region having a graded concentration of dopants generating a second static unidirectional electric drift field to aid the movement of minority carriers from said substrate to said surface layer.

10. (New) The semiconductor device of claim 9 wherein said first and second static unidirectional electric fields are adapted to respective grading of dopants to aid movements of carriers in respective active regions.

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11. (New) The semiconductor device of claim 9 wherein the semiconductor device is a central processing unit (CPU).

12. (New) The semiconductor device of claim 9 wherein the semiconductor device is a DRAM device.

13. (New) The semiconductor device of claim 9 wherein the semiconductor device is a flash memory device.

14. (New) The semiconductor device of claim 9 wherein the semiconductor device is an image sensor device.

15. (New) A semiconductor device comprising:

a surface layer;

a substrate;

an active region including a source and a drain, disposed on one surface of said surface layer;

a single drift layer disposed between the other surface of said surface layer and said substrate, said drift layer having a graded concentration of dopants generating a first static unidirectional electric drift field to aid the movement of minority carriers from said surface layer to said substrate; and

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at least one well region disposed in said single drift layer, said well region having a graded concentration of dopants generating a second static unidirectional electric drift field to aid the movement of minority carriers from said surface layer to said substrate.

16. (New) The semiconductor device of claim 15 wherein said first and second static unidirectional electric fields are adapted to respective grading of dopants to aid movements of carriers in respective active regions.

17. (New) The semiconductor device of claim 15 wherein the semiconductor device is a central processing unit (CPU).

18. (New) The semiconductor device of claim 15 wherein the semiconductor device is a DRAM device.

19. (New) The semiconductor device of claim 15 wherein the semiconductor device is a flash memory device.

20. (New) The semiconductor device of claim 15 wherein the semiconductor device is an image sensor device.

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REMARKS

In the specification, paragraph [0001], has been amended to correctly reference related applications. Applicant has cancelled claims 1-8 and added new claims 9-20.

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