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In advanced complementary metal oxide semiconductor (CMOS) technology, metal gate electrode and high-k gate dielectric has been introduced from 45nm node to overcome gate leakage issue with conventional silicon dioxide (SiO₂) film and enable further scaling. One of the challenges associated with metal gate / high-k gate dielectric technology has been a control of threshold voltage of field effect transistor (FET), especially p-type FET (pFET). In gate-first integration where metal gate / high-k dielectric sees high thermal budget (activation anneal), effective work function of pFET was typically not high enough to provide sufficiently low threshold voltage (V_t). To achieve practical pFET V_t, two solutions have been proposed against this problem, one is gate-last or replacement metal gate (RMG) technology where gate stack is formed after high thermal anneal by replacing dummy poly silicon gate and SiO₂ gate dielectric with metal gate and high-k gate dielectric. The metal gate and high-k dielectric stack doesn't see high thermal budget, therefore effective work function can be kept high. Other solution is to implement silicon germanium (SiGe) in the channel of pFET. SiGe is typically deposited on Si substrate by epitaxy. Thanks to its higher valence band energy, pFET V_t is reduced without modifying gate stack itself.

In this thesis, SiGe channel device has been fabricated and its device characterization was studied. We investigated the impact from thermal budget on various device characteristics such as threshold voltage, carrier mobility, electrical oxide thickness (T_{inv}), and off-stage leakage current and found out that lower temperature process is key to achieve low V_t and high hole mobility by preserving high germanium content in the channel and also by keeping high bi-axial compressive strain in the channel. From this point of view, source / drain formed with in-situ boron doped epitaxial SiGe has been integrated with SiGe channel to eliminate the source / drain electrode by ion implantation and high temperature activation anneal. Furthermore, layout dependence on device performance of SiGe channel device has been investigated. In scaled channel width, we confirmed that carrier mobility is significantly enhanced thanks to the relaxation of compressive strain in transvers direction. TCAD analysis has been done and it could qualitatively explain the silicon data, although there is some mismatch in the magnitude of hole mobility improvement. We also investigated the interaction between SiGe channel and embedded SiGe stressor. It was found that even with same germanium concentration in the channel and source / drain, embedded SiGe stressor can provide similar hole mobility boost for SiGe channel to the one for Si channel. In case of SiGe channel devices, channel stress is released during cavity recess etching. Therefore, the net stress gain by embedded SiGe is less than the one for Si channel. However, piezo electric constant for SiGe under bi-axially compressive strain was found to be higher than unstrained Si and we found higher piezo electric constant compensates lower applied stress by embedded SiGe stressor and realizes similar hole mobility boost for SiGe channel. In the last section of SiGe channel, scalability of raised source drain and embedded source drain is discussed. Despite of the degraded drive current with raised source drain device compared to embedded source drain device, raised source drain devices showed superior short channel control over embedded source drain devices enabled shorter minimum gate length by 4nm, and thus smaller intrinsic delay was achieved with raised source drain devices.

In second part of this thesis, on the other hand, effective work function control technique using gate stack engineering is discussed. Even with gate-last or RMG integration scheme, a recent report highlighted effective work function lowering in scaled equivalent oxide thickness (EOT) region (EOT < 10 Å). Therefore, it is still highly important to push the effective work function further towards valence band edge to achieve lower pFET V_t at scaled EOT region. Here we identified the high temperature annealing post metal/high-k stack is the key to realize low pFET V_t. We revealed two

kinds of phenomena are happening concurrently during this annealing. One is intermixed layer formation at the interface of TiN gate electrode and HfO₂ dielectric. It was found that this layer contains negative fixed charge and reduces pFET V_t. The other is diffusion of oxygen from TiN gate electrode (which is originally oxidized during air exposure) toward HfO₂/Si substrate. Some part of the diffused oxygen passivates and electrically neutralizes the pre-existing oxygen vacancies in the HfO₂ dielectric. As oxygen vacancies are positively charged and increases pFET V_t, once they are neutralized, pFET V_t is reduced. The combination of these two phenomena enabled band edge effective work function at scaled EOT devices and also enabled wider coverage of transistor V_t option which is highly important in system-on-chip (SoC) application.

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