

Modeling of VB-FET Taking into Account Electro-Mechanical Interaction Between Gate and Channel

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Abstract

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In this study, we evaluated properties of Vibrating-Body Field Effect Transistor (VB-FET), which integrated MOSFET into MEMS oscillator, taking into account electro-mechanical interaction between gate and channel. Our modeling was started to express VB-FET as an equivalent circuit and then derived Lagrange's function and dissipation function of VB-FET from the equivalent circuit. From the modeling we calculated a transconductance and an output resistance of Coupled VB-FET and found that the value of the transconductance peak is increased up to 6 times and the output resistance of VB-FET is reduced by half at the resonance frequency. As described here, VB-FET has unique properties which offer new class of functions in MEMS.

Introduction

Vibrating-Body Field Effect Transistor (VB-FET) was proposed in 2007 by D.Grogg et al. The device is integrated FETs into the side wall of MEMS oscillators such as ring oscillator, disk oscillator and parallel plate oscillator. The proposed modeling was divided the VB-FET with electro static actuators composed of gate-source electrodes or gate-drain electrodes and FET modulated by the displacement between the gate and channel. In this study, we consider gate-channel interaction as an energy exchange media between electric and mechanical system and simulate characteristics of the VB-FET supposed that both of gate and channel are movable.

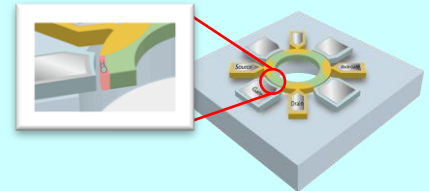


Fig. 1. A schematic view of VB-FET

Methods

■ We calculated Lagrange's function and dissipation function from the equivalent circuit.

● Lagrange's function

$$L = \frac{1}{2} m_y \dot{y}_y^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_x \dot{y}_x^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{C_i}{2} (V_{GS} + e_i - V_T - V_i - e_i)^2 + \frac{C_{GS}}{2} (V_{GS} + e_G - V_T - e_G)^2 + \frac{C_{GD}}{2} (V_{GS} + e_G - V_T - V_{DS} - e_G)^2 - \frac{1}{2} k_{sp} (d_y + y_y)^2 - \frac{1}{2} k_{sc} (d_x + y_x)^2$$

● Dissipation function

$$F = \frac{1}{2} \gamma_y \dot{y}_y^2 + \frac{1}{2} \gamma_x \dot{y}_x^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2R_i} (V_i + e_i - V_{i-1} - e_{i-1})^2$$

■ Using Lagrange's function and dissipation function, we make linear equations in terms of mechanical velocity v and voltage e and calculated motion equations.

● Motion equations of VB-FET

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{e}_i &= \left(\frac{C_i}{(d_x - d_y - d_c)^2} \sum_{j=1}^n (V_j - V_{j-1}) + \frac{W_{GS}(d_x - d_y + W)^2 + d_{GS}(V_j - V_{j-1})}{(d_x - d_y - d_c)^2} \right) v_x - \left(\frac{C_i}{(d_x - d_y - d_c)^2} \sum_{j=1}^n (V_j - V_{j-1}) + \frac{W_{GS}(d_x + \Delta x)(V_{GS} - V_T)}{(d_x - d_y - d_c)^2} \right) v_y + \left(\frac{C_i}{(d_x - d_y - d_c)^2} \sum_{j=1}^n (V_j - V_{j-1}) + \frac{W_{GS}(d_x - d_y - W)}{(d_x - d_y - d_c)^2} \right) v_z \\ \dot{e}_i &= \left(\frac{C_i}{(d_x - d_y - d_c)^2} \sum_{j=1}^n (V_j - V_{j-1}) + \frac{W_{GS}(d_x - d_y + W)^2 + d_{GS}(V_j - V_{j-1})}{(d_x - d_y - d_c)^2} \right) v_x - \left(\frac{C_i}{(d_x - d_y - d_c)^2} \sum_{j=1}^n (V_j - V_{j-1}) + \frac{W_{GS}(d_x + \Delta x)(V_{GS} - V_T)}{(d_x - d_y - d_c)^2} \right) v_y + \left(\frac{C_i}{(d_x - d_y - d_c)^2} \sum_{j=1}^n (V_j - V_{j-1}) + \frac{W_{GS}(d_x - d_y - W)}{(d_x - d_y - d_c)^2} \right) v_z \\ \dot{e}_i &= \left(\frac{C_i}{(d_x - d_y - d_c)^2} \sum_{j=1}^n (V_j - V_{j-1}) + \frac{C_i(V_j - V_{j-1})}{(d_x - d_y - d_c)^2} \right) v_x + C_{i-1} v_{x-1} + (H_{i-1} B_i) v_y + C_{i-1} v_{y-1} + (H_{i-1} C_i - D_i) v_z \\ \dot{e}_i &= \left(\frac{C_i}{(d_x - d_y - d_c)^2} \sum_{j=1}^n (V_j - V_{j-1}) + \frac{d_{GS}(V_{GS} - V_T) W e}{(d_x - d_y - d_c)^2} \right) v_x + \left(\frac{C_i(V_j - V_{j-1})}{(d_x - d_y - d_c)^2} + \frac{d_{GS}(V_{GS} - V_T) W e}{(d_x - d_y - d_c)^2} \right) v_y + C_{i-1} v_{y-1} + (H_{i-1} C_i + \frac{d_{GS} W e}{(d_x - d_y - d_c)^2}) v_z - \left(H_{i-1} C_i + \frac{d_{GS} W e}{(d_x - d_y - d_c)^2} \right) v_z \\ \dot{e}_i &= \left(\frac{C_i}{(d_x - d_y - d_c)^2} \sum_{j=1}^n (V_j - V_{j-1}) + \frac{d_{GS}(V_{GS} - V_T) W e}{(d_x - d_y - d_c)^2} \right) v_x + \left(\frac{C_i(V_j - V_{j-1})}{(d_x - d_y - d_c)^2} + \frac{d_{GS}(V_{GS} - V_T) W e}{(d_x - d_y - d_c)^2} \right) v_y + \left(\frac{C_i}{(d_x - d_y - d_c)^2} \sum_{j=1}^n (V_j - V_{j-1}) + \frac{d_{GS}(V_{GS} - V_T) W e}{(d_x - d_y - d_c)^2} \right) v_z - \sum_{j=1}^n (H_{i-1} C_j - D_{j-1}) v_{z-1} - \left(H_{i-1} C_i + \frac{d_{GS} W e}{(d_x - d_y - d_c)^2} \right) v_z + H_i \left(\frac{d_{GS} + d_{GS} W e}{(d_x - d_y - d_c)^2} \right) v_z \end{aligned}$$

※ $A_i, B_i, C_i, D_i, E_i, F_i, G_i,$ and H_i are the coefficients.

VB-FET model with distributed gate capacitance

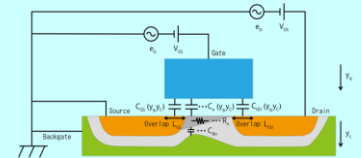


Fig. 2. Schematic diagram of VB-FET

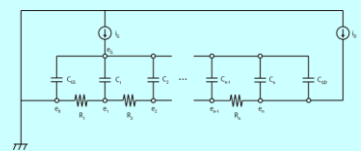


Fig. 3. Equivalent circuit of VB-FET

Results

■ We evaluated properties of VB-FET by motion equations.

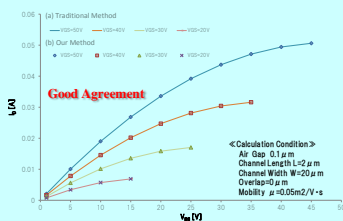


Fig. 4. Comparison of IV-curves between (a) traditional method and (b) our method

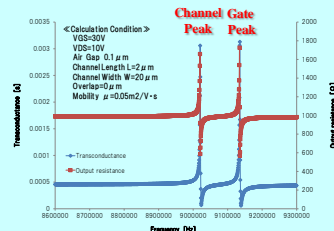


Fig. 5. Calculated a transconductance and an output resistance of Coupled VB-FET

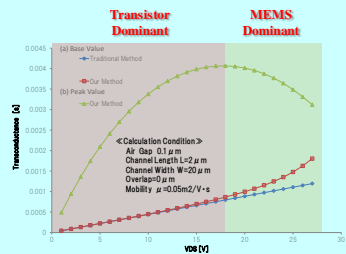


Fig. 6. Comparison of transconductance (a) base and (b) peak value

Summary

- We derive motion equations of VB-FET taking into account electro-mechanical interaction.
- The transconductance of VB-FET shows peaks at the resonance frequency of mechanical vibration.
- There is an optimal condition to maximize the transconductance.