

# A Study of Threshold Voltage Prediction by Fuzzy and Neural Network in Submicron MOSFETs

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## ABSTRACT

ABSTRACT In recent years, a MOSFET dimension in ultra large-scale integrated circuits (ULSI 's) have been kept shrinking in order to achieve higher device/circuit density and to reduce the product costs. It is well known that the threshold voltage  $V_{th}$  of a small device will be distinguish from that of a long or wide device, which was due to the short-channel effect (SCE), narrow-width effect (NWE), reverse short-channel effect (RSCE), and reverse narrow-width effect (RNWE). This thesis proposes a new methodology to predict the anomalous threshold voltage behaviors of submicrometer MOSFETs by using the fuzzy theory and neural network. The linearly extrapolated method " LE method " has been used to extract the threshold voltage from the MOSFET  $I_{ds}$ - $V_{gs}$  characteristics, therefore, the threshold voltage of a MOSFET will be obtained. Similarly, the same procedure can be used to extract the corresponding threshold voltage of MOSFET devices with different geometry dimension. Futhermore, first, the channel width  $W$  is setted to be constant, and then the relation of threshold voltages versus channel lengths can be obtained. Next step, the channel length  $L$  is setted to be constant, meanwhile, the relation of threshold voltages versus channel widths will be obtained. All the experiment data of threshold voltages can be treated as the training data, afterward an iterative learning keeps processing until the error percentages converged. Then, we can build up a fuzzy system with new rules. Base on these rules, any arbitrary input of channel length and channel width will be resulted in a prediction value of threshold voltage. Therefore, it can be concluded that this architecture is used to develop the complex threshold voltage behaviors cause by the devices geometry effect in our work. A good agreement has been obtained as comparing the prediction results and the experiment data. Finally, in the same token, we can extend this procedure to analyze and predict the other complex physical parameters in WAT module of an IC company.

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