Physical Electronics

Course Description
A course on semiconductor device physics focused on the basics of semiconductor physics and device technology. Course will cover (i) basics of semiconductor physics, (ii) basic devices such as pn junctions, metal-semiconductor junctions, and MOS capacitors, and (iii) devices such as MOSFETs and BJTs. Students will also briefly be introduced to MOSFET fabrication technology basics.

Office Hours: TH 4 pm -5 pm in Powell Hall 632

Course Schedule

- Week 1 – Semiconductor Basics
  Readings: Neamen: 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6
  Homework Exercises: 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.7, 3.10
- Week 2 – Semiconductor Basics
  Readings: Neamen: 4.1, 4.2, 4.3
  Homework Exercises: 4.3, 4.5, 4.16, 4.17, 4.21, 4.22
- Week 3 – Semiconductor Basics
  Readings: Neamen: 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, 5.1, 5.2
  Homework Exercises: 4.26, 4.27, 4.29, 4.43, 4.47, 5.1, 5.3, 5.6, 5.22, 5.25
- Week 4 – PN Junctions
  Readings: Neamen: 6.1, 6.4, 6.5, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3
  Homework Exercises: 6.1, 6.3, 6.7, 6.8, 7.1, 7.10, 7.16, 7.18
- Week 5 – PN Junctions/MS Junctions
  Readings: Neamen: 7.4, 8.1, 8.2, 9.1, 9.2
  Homework Exercises: 7.22, 8.1, 8.8, 9.2, 9.4, 9.15
- Week 5 – MOS Capacitors
  Readings: Neamen: 11.1, 11.2
  Homework Exercises: 11.1, 11.5, 11.7, 11.9, 11.15
- Week 6 – MOSFETs
  Readings: Neamen: 11.3, 11.4, 11.5
  Homework Exercises: 11.29, 11.32, 11.46, 11.49
- Week 7 – MOSFETs
  Readings: Neamen: 12.1, 12.2
  Homework Exercises: 12.3, 12.4, 12.5, 12.13, 12.14, 12.15
- Week 8 – MOSFETs
  Readings: Neamen: 12.3, 12.4, 12.5
  Homework Exercises: 12.17, 12.19, 12.20, 12.27, 12.31, 12.38, 12.39
- Week 9 – BJTs
  Readings: Neamen: 10.1, 10.2, 10.3
  Homework Exercises: 10.1, 10.3, 10.9, 10.12, 10.20, 10.22
- Week 10 – BJTs
  Readings: Neamen: 10.4, 10.5, 10.6, 10.7
  Homework Exercises: 10.34, 10.37, 10.48, 10.52, 10.56
- Week 11 – JFETs
• Week 12 – Optical Devices
  *Readings: Neamen: 14.1, 14.2, 14.3, 14.4, 14.5*
  *Homework Exercises: 14.1, 14.3, 14.9, 14.14, 14.21, 14.23*
• Week 13 – Power Devices
  *Readings: Neamen: 15.1, 15.2, 15.3, 15.4*
  *Homework Exercises: 15.1, 15.9, 15.10, 15.11, 15.16, 15.17*
• Week 14 – Review

**Prerequisite Knowledge**

Students should have taken EE202 and PHYS152.

**Evaluation Criteria**

Course grades will be based upon the following:

- Homework - 10%
- 2 Midterms – 25%
- Final Exam – 40%

**Textbook**

Text: *Semiconductor Physics and Devices - Basic Principles* by Donald Neamen

**Statement for Students with Disabilities**

Any student requesting academic accommodations based on a disability is required to register with Disability Services and Programs (DSP) each semester. A letter of verification for approved accommodations can be obtained from DSP. Please be sure the letter is delivered to me (or to TA) as early in the semester as possible. DSP is located in STU 301 and is open 8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The phone number for DSP is (213) 740-0776.

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