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## The Enhancement of the Flash Memory Boosting Efficiency by Adding Deep N- Phosphorous Implantation

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The disturbance of the inhibitcells on the program operation should be minimized for decreasing the range of each state on NAND flash device. Rising the boosting potential on the program operation, the difference between threshold voltage of program and erase cells can be maximized. Decreasing the channel doping makes the boosting potential rise. It can, however, result in a short channel effect because of the shrinking design rule.

The way of reducing depletion capacitance is the compensation of Si substrate doping concentration through the N-phosphorous high energy implantation on the p-type substrate. The doping compensation widens the depletion area, and it makes the depletion capacitance decrease. Since the boosting efficiency improvement on simulation can be converted to channel implantation dose down, the channel dose down by  $0.9 \times 10^{13}$  is as worthy as adding  $90 \text{ keV } 7.0 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-2}$  N- phosphorous implantation on the body.

The  $V_{\text{pass}}$  window margin has been reduced by 30% as the device shrank. The narrow  $V_{\text{pass}}$  window led to performance degradations such as the endurance failure occurred by the program disturbance of the erase cells during program-erase operation cycles. The local self boosting is used to improve the program disturbance. The channel doping concentration needs to be decreased for increasing boosting potential but the short channel effect gets worse at low channel doping concentration. In this paper, we discussed how to optimize substrate doping concentration of the NAND flash device to improve boosting efficiency by adding N- phosphorus high energy implantation on the p-type substrate.