

EC447 NANO ELECTRONICS (Dept. Elective - IV)

Course Description & Objectives:

To introduce the students to nanoelectronics, nanodevices and molecular electronics. To identify quantum mechanics behind nano-electronics. To describe the principle and the operation of nano-electronic devices. To explain the principle and application of single electron devices.

Course Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

- Explain the fundamental science and quantum mechanics behind nanoelectronics.
- Explain the concepts of a quantum well, quantum transport and tunneling effects.
- Differentiate between microelectronics and nanoelectronics.
- Calculate the energy levels of periodic structures and nanostructures.
- Summarize the applications of nanotechnology and nanoelectronics.

UNIT I - Introduction to Nano Electronics :

Basics of nanoelectronics – capabilities of nanoelectronics – physical fundamentals of nanoelectronics – basics of information theory – the tools for micro and nano fabrication – basics of lithographic techniques for nanoelectronics.

UNIT II - Fundamentals of Nano Electronics :

Quantum electron devices – from classical to quantum physics: upcoming electronic devices – electrons in mesoscopic structure – short channel MOS transistor – split gate transistor – Electron wave transistor – Electron spin transistor – quantum cellular automate – quantum dot array – Principles of Single Electron Transistor (SET) – SET circuit design – comparison between FET and SET circuit design.

UNIT III - Silicon MOSFETs & Quantum Transport Devices :

Silicon MOSFETS - Novel materials and alternate concepts:- fundamentals of MOSFET Devices- scaling rules – silicon-dioxide based gate dielectrics – metal gates – junctions & contacts – advanced MOSFET concepts. Quantum transport devices based on resonant tunneling:- Electron tunneling – resonant tunneling diodes – resonant tunneling devices; Single electron devices for logic applications:- Single electron devices – applications of single electron devices to logic circuits.

UNIT IV - Carbon Nano Tubes :

Carbon Nanotube: Fullerenes - types of nanotubes – formation of nanotubes – assemblies – purification of carbon nanotubes – electronic properties – synthesis of carbon nanotubes – carbon nanotube interconnects – carbon nanotube FETs – Nanotube for memory applications – prospects of an all carbon nanotube nanoelectronics.

UNIT V - Molecular Electronics :

Electrodes & contacts – functions – molecular electronic devices – first test systems – simulation and circuit design – fabrication; Future applications: MEMS – robots – random access memory – mass storage devices.

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