

Simulation of 2D Silicon MESFET using GNU/Archimedes

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Summary. GNU/Archimedes is the GNU Free Software for the design and simulation of Semiconductor devices. Here we show, briefly, how it is possible to simulate a 2D Silicon MESFET just typing a very simple script describing the MESFET. All the relevant scattering phenomena are taken into account in order to obtain a realistic simulation of the Electron-Dynamics. You can find the GNU/Archimedes package at the following web site:
www.gnu.org/software/archimedes

1.1 Introduction

Using GNU/Archimedes is very simple. Indeed, in order to describe a semiconductor device, one only needs to type a brief script in which the description of the device is reported in a simple scripting language. We report, in the following, a brief script usefull for the simulation of a 2D Silicon MESFET.

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# Silicon MESFET test-1
# created on 22 sep.2004, J.M.Sellier
# modified on 21 oct.2004, J.M.Sellier
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```
MATERIAL SILICON
TRANSPORT ELECTRONS
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```
FINALTIME 6.0e-12
Timestep 0.0015e-12
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XLENGTH 0.6e-6
YLENGTH 0.2e-6
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XSPATIALSTEP 120
YSPATIALSTEP 40
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# Definition of the doping concentration
# =====
DONORDENSITY 0.      0.      0.6e-6  0.2e-6  1.e23
DONORDENSITY 0.      0.15e-6 0.1e-6  0.2e-6  3.e23
DONORDENSITY 0.5e-6 0.15e-6 0.6e-6  0.2e-6  3.e23
ACCEPTORDENSITY 0.      0.      0.6e-6  0.2e-6  1.e20

# Definition of the various contacts
# =====
CONTACT DOWN 0.0  0.6e-6 INSULATOR 0.0
CONTACT LEFT 0.0  0.2e-6 INSULATOR 0.0
CONTACT RIGHT 0.0 0.2e-6 INSULATOR 0.0
CONTACT UP 0.1e-6 0.2e-6 INSULATOR 0.0
CONTACT UP 0.4e-6 0.5e-6 INSULATOR 0.0
CONTACT UP 0.0  0.1e-6 OHMIC 0.0 3.e23
CONTACT UP 0.2e-6 0.4e-6 SCHOTTKY -1.3
CONTACT UP 0.5e-6 0.6e-6 OHMIC 1.0 3.e23

NOQUANTUMEFFECTS
MAXIMINI
# SAVEEACHSTEP

LATTICETEMPERATURE 300.

STATISTICALWEIGHT 1000
MEDIA 500

OUTPUTFORMAT GNUPLOT

# end of MESFET test-1

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1.2 GNU/Archimedes Simulation Results

We report, in the following, some pictures which show the results obtainable with GNU/Archimedes.

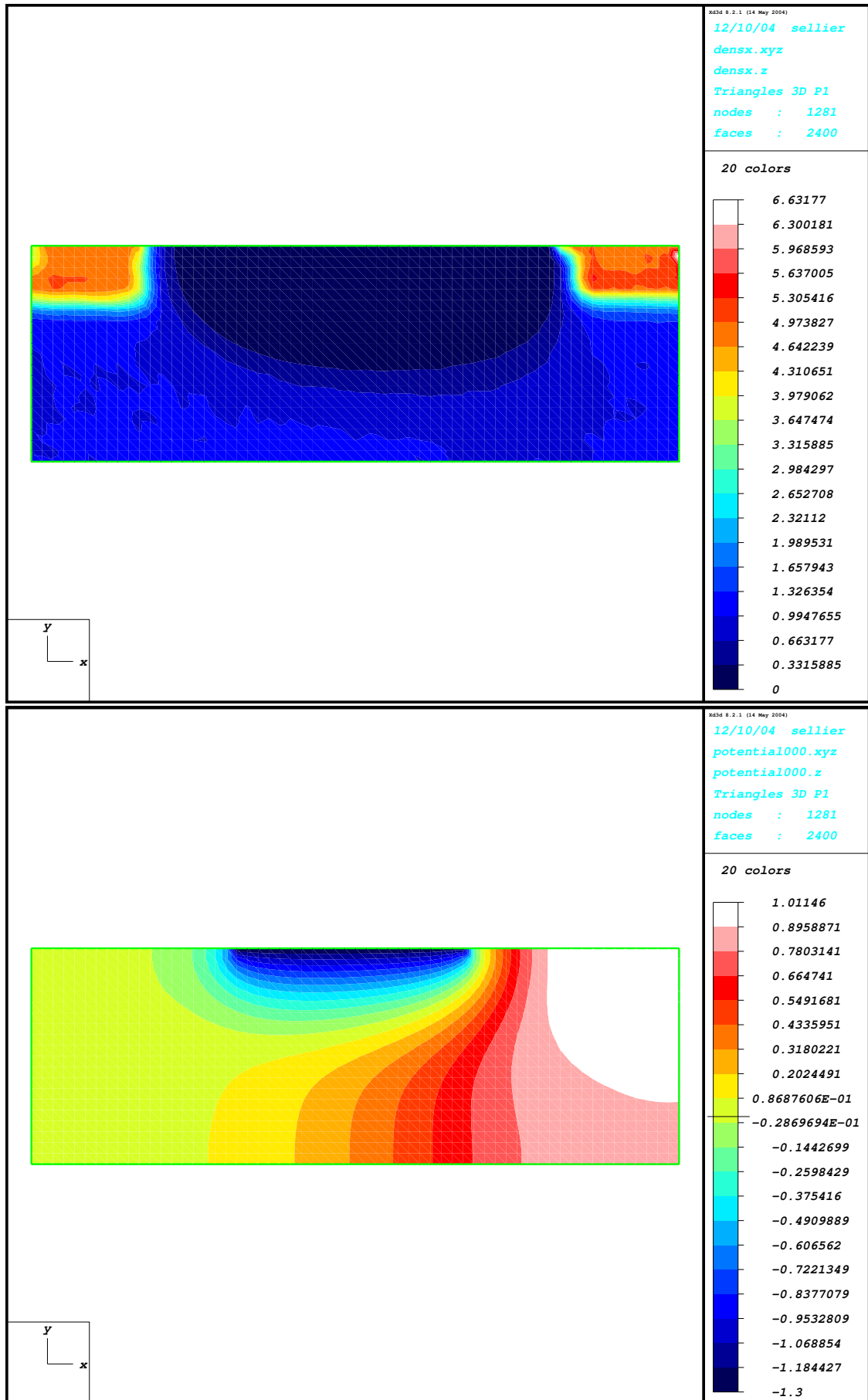


Fig. 1.1. Plot of the MESFET density and potential obtained by GNU/Archimedes.

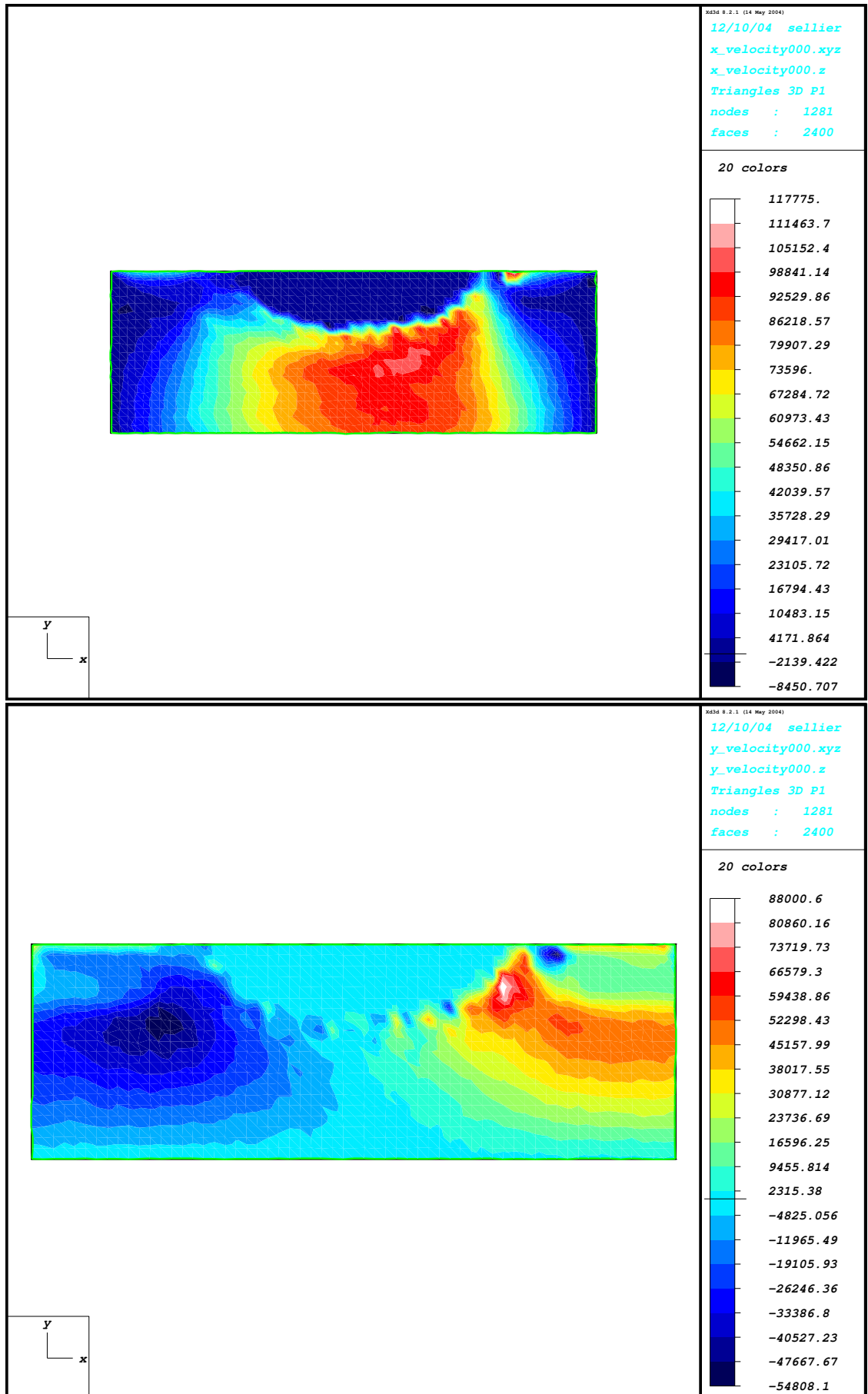


Fig. 1.2. Plot of the MESFET x and y-component of velocity obtained by GNU/Archimedes.

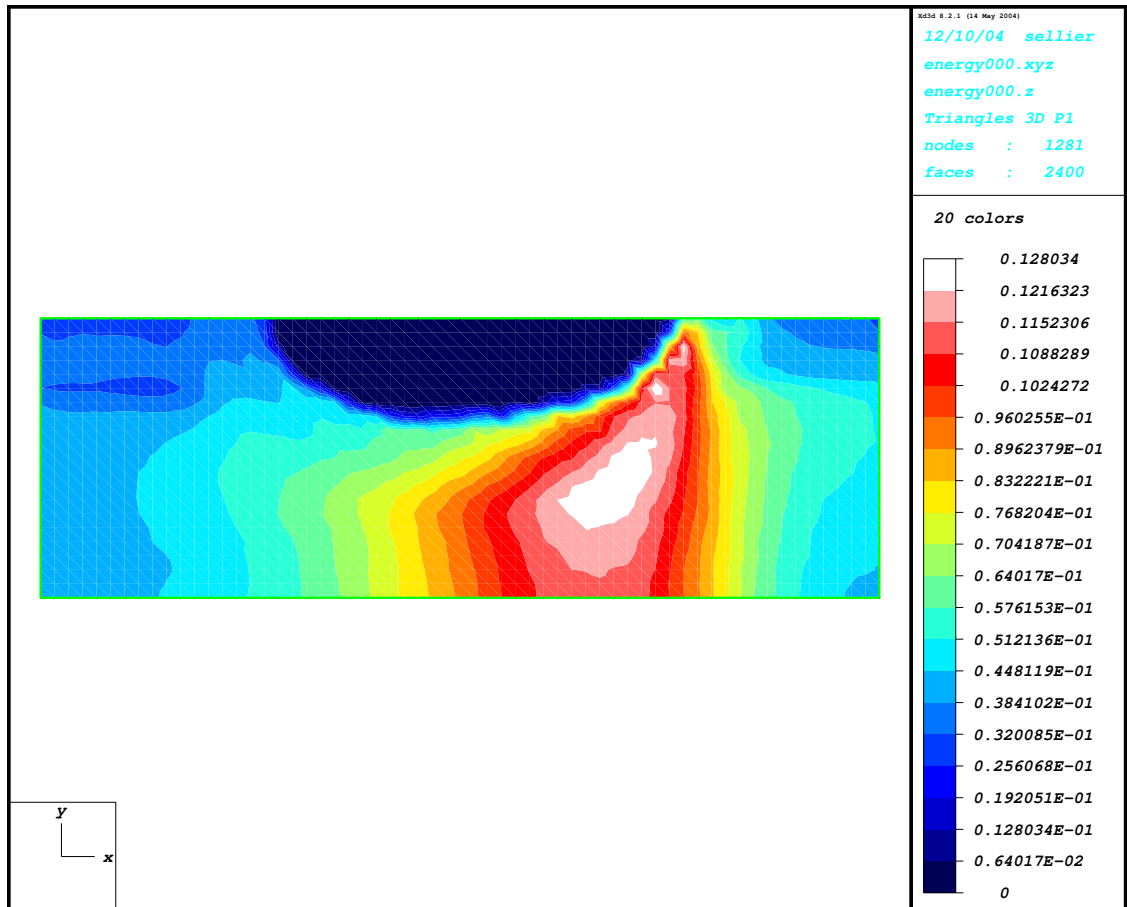


Fig. 1.3. Plot of the MESFET electron energy obtained by GNU/Archimedes.