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**Abstract** The electrostatic doping technique has the ability to reduce random dopant fluctuations (RDFs), fabrication complexity and high thermal budget requirement in the fabrication process of nano-scale devices. In this paper, first time propose and simulate a Junction Free Electrostatically Doped Tunnel Field-Effect Transistor (JF-ED-TFET) based biosensor for label-free biosensing applications. The gate dielectric modulation concept used for sensing the existence of biomolecules inside the nano-cavity, created in gate dielectric material towards the tunneling junction to modulate the tunneling mechanism. The sensitivity of JF-ED-TFET biosensor investigate with various types of biomolecules based on dielectric constants ( $k$ ) and charge densities ( $\rho$ ). The sensing response of the JF-ED-TFET biosensor analyze in terms of electric field, energy band and transfer characteristic and the sensitivity in terms of  $I_{ON}$ ,  $I_{ON}/I_{OFF}$  ratio and Subthreshold Swing. The sensitivity of device investigated based on practical challenges as different filling factor and step-profile generated from the steric hinderance. The effect of temperature and nano-cavity dimensions variation on device performance also has been analyzed. In this work, various types of biomolecules as Streptavidin ( $k = 2.1$ ), Ferro-cytochrome c ( $k = 4.7$ ), keratin ( $k = 8$ ) and Gelatin ( $k = 12$ ) has been considered for the performance investigation.

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## 1 Introduction

The precise identity of biomolecules species and analyze their properties are very important for disease assessment and treatment. In recent decades different types of biosensors are using in various fields like medical, agriculture, food processing, environment condition monitoring [1–4] etc. Sensitivity, selectivity and fast detection timing are the basic designing parameters of biosensors. For label-free detection of biomolecules, the FET-based biosensors played a very important role due to its cost-effective manufacturing, low power consumption and scalable properties [5–8]. In 1970, the first ISFET based biosensor was proposed by P. Bergveld [9]. ISFET biosensor can detect the charge biomolecules when it present between the gate dielectric and electrolyte but ISFET biosensors can not recognized the neutral biomolecules. For avoiding ISFET biosensors limitation, dielectric modulated-FET (DM-FET) biosensors are proposed and DM-FET biosensors can detect the charged (e.g., DNA biomolecules) and non-charged (e.g., biotin-strept-avidin) biomolecules effectively [10]. DM-FET biosensor is designed by incorporating the nano-cavity into gate dielectric material of conventional MOSFET. DM-FET based biosensor distress from low ON-current and low sensitivity issue [11]. Thereafter MOSFET-based biosensors attract the attention of researchers by the ability of high ON-current comparatively to conventional FET based biosensor [13]. The thermionic emission-based working principle, MOSFET can scale in nano regime and benefit as low power consumption and high performance. By continually narrowing the dimensions beyond the limit, the MOSFET device generates unavoidable issue as SCE (short channel effect), high OFF-state power consumption, poor control over the channel, quantum ef-

fect, low  $I_{ON}/I_{OFF}$  ratio and many others, these causes degraded performance of MOSFET-based biosensors [13]. TFET has numerous advantages over the MOSFET as work at low voltage, low power consumption, less leakage current and high-speed of operation [14–17]. By ITRS-2005, TFET becomes a futuristic device for low power applications [18]. The low ON current and ambipolar conduction (OFF-state conduction) are the main drawbacks [19] of TFET device. The low ON current considering to impediment of charge carrier movement in the silicon channel. BTBT depends on the material bandgap and effective mass of silicon material [20]. For eliminating these limitations of TFET, use some techniques as hetero material, stack gate with high  $k$  material, vertical TFET, compound material, low bandgap source material, halo doping, packet doping [21, 22]. The random dopant fluctuations (RDFs), complex fabrication process and high thermal budget requirement are critical issues of doped devices [23]. The charge plasma and electrostatic doping are the new concepts who eliminate these limitations from the fabrication process [24]. Using these techniques mass production, cost-effective and reliable TFET device manufacturing become possible easily [25, 26]. In this paper, a junction-free electrically doped tunnel field-effect transistor (JF-ED-TFET) based biosensor is proposed for label-free identification of biomolecules. By using an electrostatic doping technique the device becomes cost-effective and scaled-down without degrade its performance [27]. To achieve the high sensitivity, the nano-cavity creates near to source-channel interface junction of device. For the performance investigation, target biomolecules consider as neutral and charged with different dielectric constants ( $k$ ) and charge densities ( $\rho$ ) (positive and negative). The neutral biomolecules can be identifying based on their own dielectric constant and charged biomolecules can be detected based on their charge density and dielectric constant also. For sensitivity analysis, consider the air ( $k = 1$ ) as reference biomolecules and compare with other biomolecules of different dielectric constant ( $k > 1$ ) and charge density  $\rho$ . The sensitivity of the JF-ED-TFET biosensor is proportional to drain current ( $I_{DS}$ ) and drain current ( $I_{DS}$ ) is directly proportional to changes of the biomolecules dielectric constants ( $k$ ) as well as charge densities ( $\rho$ ).

## 2 2-D Structure and design Parameters of proposed biosensor

The proposed device JF-ED-TFET biosensor schematic view of the 2-D structure shown in Fig. (1) and designing parameters are given in table-1. Apply electrostatic doping concept to convert the device from n-n-n (device region-drain, channel and source) to device  $n^+i-p^+$  (TFET) [27], apply appropriate biases supply at PGs, as at PG-1 positive bias (+1.2 V) and at PG-2 negative bias (-1.2 V). Consider the metal work function of polarity gates and control gate are similar to 4.5 eV. For the drain/source contact use Nickel Silicide (NiSi) with barrier potential of 0.45 eV [27]. Spacer gap at drain-channel junction ( $D_{gap}$ ) consider 8 nm

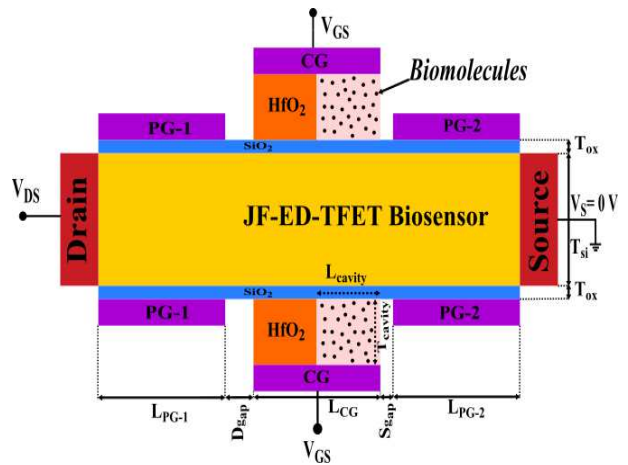


Fig. 1: 2-D cross-sectional view of JF-ED-TFET biosensor.

Table 1: Designing parameters of JF-ED-TFET biosensor used in simulation.

Design Parameters	Symbol	Value
Silicon layer thickness	$T_{si}$	10.00 nm
SiO <sub>2</sub> thickness	$T_{ox}$	0.50 nm
HfO <sub>2</sub> thickness	$T_{HfO_2}$	5.50 nm
Length of CG	$L_{CG}$	50.00 nm
Length of PG-1	$L_{PG-1}$	50.00 nm
Length of PG-2	$L_{PG-2}$	50.00 nm
Cavity length	$L_{Cavity}$	25.00 nm
Cavity thickness	$T_{Cavity}$	5.50 nm
Metal workfunction of all Gates	$\phi_g$	4.5 eV
Source-Gate spacer	$S_{gap}$	2.00 nm
Drain-Gate spacer	$D_{gap}$	8.00 nm
Silicon layer concentration	$n$ -type	$1e15 \text{ cm}^{-3}$

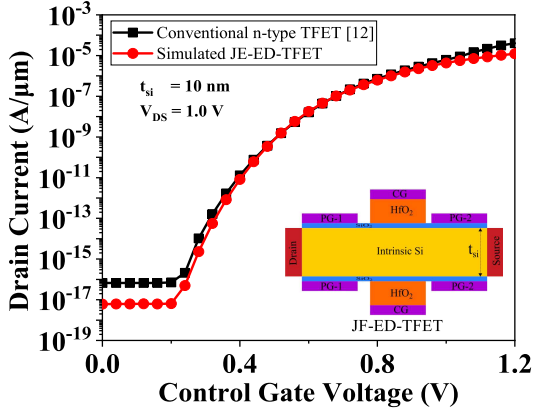


Fig. 2:  $I_D$ - $V_{CG}$  characteristic of propose device JF-ED-TFET calibrated with conventional doping less TFET [12].

Table 2: The sensitivity of proposed biosensor with various dielectric constants and charge densities.

Employed Biomolecules	Dielectric Constant ( $k$ )	Charge Density ( $\rho$ )	Sensitivity ( $V_{DS} = 1.0$ V, and $V_{GS} = 1.2$ V)
Neutral Biomolecules	2.1		$1.24 \times 10^4$
	4.7		$1.41 \times 10^8$
	8		$1.20 \times 10^{10}$
	12		$1.12 \times 10^{11}$
Positive Charged Biomolecules	8	$\rho = 1 \times 10^{11}$ C/cm <sup>2</sup>	$1.32 \times 10^{10}$
		$\rho = 5 \times 10^{11}$ C/cm <sup>2</sup>	$2.14 \times 10^{10}$
		$\rho = 1 \times 10^{12}$ C/cm <sup>2</sup>	$3.64 \times 10^{10}$
Negative Charged Biomolecules	8	$\rho = -1 \times 10^{11}$ C/cm <sup>2</sup>	$1.01 \times 10^{10}$
		$\rho = -5 \times 10^{11}$ C/cm <sup>2</sup>	$5.61 \times 10^9$
		$\rho = -1 \times 10^{12}$ C/cm <sup>2</sup>	$2.44 \times 10^9$

for reducing the ambipolar conduction and source-channel junction ( $S_{gap}$ ) consider 2 nm to increase the drain current. Based on physical dimensions of biomolecules consider the nano-cavity height as 5.5 nm [28, 29]. During simulation various kinds of biomolecules such as Streptavidin ( $k = 2.1$ ), Ferro-cytochrome c ( $k = 4.7$ ), Keratin ( $k = 8$ ) and Gelatin ( $k = 12$ ) with different dielectric constant as well as charge density are use for investigate the sensing performance of JF-ED-TFET biosensor.

### 3 Propose Device Modulation and Calibration

Silvaco ATLAS TCAD device simulator tool, version V5.0.10 R [30] is use for simulation of the JF-ED-TFET biosensor. The JF-ED-TFET biosensor work based on the band to band tunneling (BTBT) so nonlocal BTBT model used to account of tunneling rate. Universal Schottky Tunneling (UST) model use for NiSi drain/source contact. The SRH (Shockley-Read-Hall) model used for concentration-dependent carrier recombination and Auger model are also incorporated. For the account of carrier mobility, Fermi-Dirac statistic and field-dependent mobility models are used. Wentzel-Kramers-Brillouin method has been employed for numerical tunneling. TAT model is also incorporated for process-dependent issues in simulation. For result accuracy at device interface layers and at tunneling region a very dense meshing has been designed.

For device calibration, The transfer characteristic of proposed device calibrated with conventional doping-less TFET [12] and observed it is also replica of [12] shown in Fig. 2.

## 4 Results and Discussion

### 4.1 Impact of Biomolecules Properties on Device Characteristics

The variations of JF-ED-TFET biosensor characteristics due to immobilization of biomolecules in nano-cavity region with different dielectric constants and charge densities have studied in this section. Here consider the biomolecules dielectric constants ( $k$ ) as 1, 2.1, 4.7, 8 and 12, and the charge densities as  $\pm 1 \times 10^{11}$ ,  $\pm 5 \times 10^{11}$ , and  $\pm 1 \times 10^{12}$  C/cm<sup>2</sup> for performance investigation of JF-ED-TFET biosensor.

#### 4.1.1 Effect on Electric Field

The internal electric field variations of JF-ED-TFET biosensor with neutral biomolecules shown Fig. 3(a), observed when increase the dielectric constant of biomolecules, the electric field at tunneling junction increase. The high electric field at tunneling junction, minimize the tunneling width hence drain current of the device increased. For dielectric constant  $k = 12$  the peak electric field can  $3.4 \times 10^6$  V/cm obtained from proposed model. The electric field increase (decrease) with increment of positive (negative) charge density of biomolecules due to more negative (positive) charge carriers induce in channel region hence potential difference between source-channel increase (decrease) hence

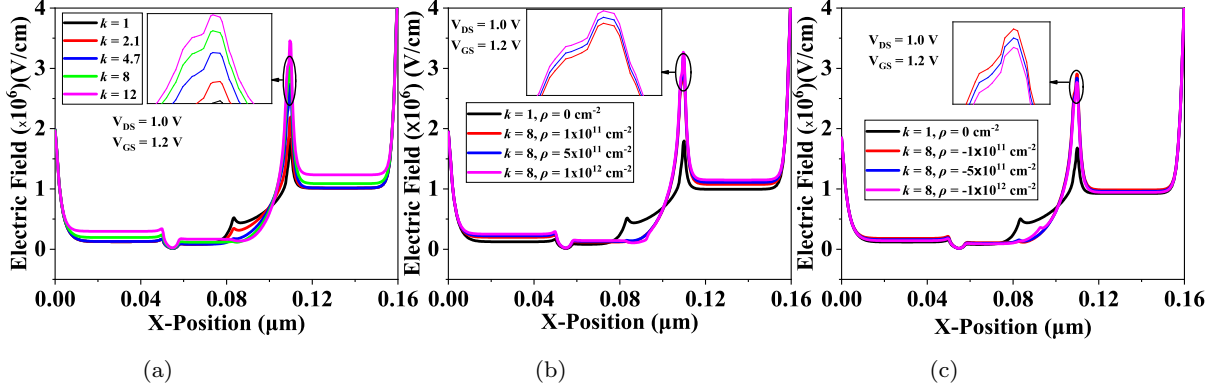


Fig. 3: Electric field variation along x-axis with varying (a) Dielectric constants ( $k$ ) at  $\rho = 0$  (b) Positive charge densities ( $\rho$ ) at  $k = 8$  (c) Negative charge densities ( $\rho$ ) at  $k = 8$ .

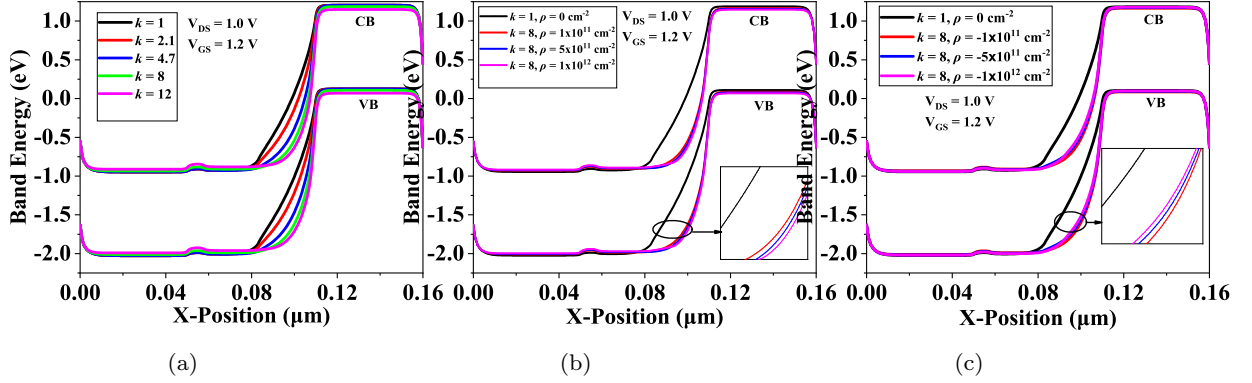


Fig. 4: Variation of Energy band along x-axis with varying (a) Dielectric constants ( $k$ ) at  $\rho = 0$  (b) Positive charge densities ( $\rho$ ) at  $k = 8$  (c) Negative charge densities ( $\rho$ ) at  $k = 8$ .

electric field increase (decrease) at junction. The electric field variation with positive and negative charge density respectively shown in Fig. 3(b)-(c).

#### 4.1.2 Effect on Energy Band

The energy band profile of proposed biosensor with various dielectric constants ( $k$ ) and charge densities ( $\rho$ ) shown in Fig. 4(a)-(c). It can be seen, when the dielectric constant of neutral biomolecules increase, the band-gap decrease at tunneling junction hence tunneling probability of charge carrier increase shown in Fig. 4(a). With dielectric constant  $k = 12$ , the band gap is very low as compare to dielectric constant  $k = 1$ , hence charge tunneling probability is very high at  $k = 12$ . Fig. 4(b) and Fig. 4(c) illustrate the impact on band bending at the tunneling junction, in presence of different charge densities at the Si-SiO<sub>2</sub> interface. It can be seen with positive charge density band-gap decrease and tunneling probability increase, while in

case of negative charge density band-gap increase.

#### 4.1.3 Impact on Drain Current

The  $I_D$ - $V_{GS}$  characteristic of JF-PE-TFET biosensor with various dielectric constants ( $k$ ) of neutral biomolecules ( $\rho = 0$ ) shown in Fig. 5(a). Observed, by increasing the dielectric constant, the drain current of device increase and threshold voltage ( $V_{Th}$ ) decrease because increased effective gate capacitance of device. Fig. 5(b) shows the  $I_D$ - $V_{GS}$  plot with charged biomolecules of fixed dielectric constant  $k = 8$  and observed by increasing the negative charge density the drain current decrease but with positive charge density it increases. This phenomenon understood with the voltage balance equation of MOSFET [31] given as:

$$V_{GS} = \psi_S + \phi_{MS} - \left( \frac{q \cdot N_{bio}}{C_{ox'}} \right) \quad (1)$$

where

$$C_{ox'} = k/t_{ox}$$

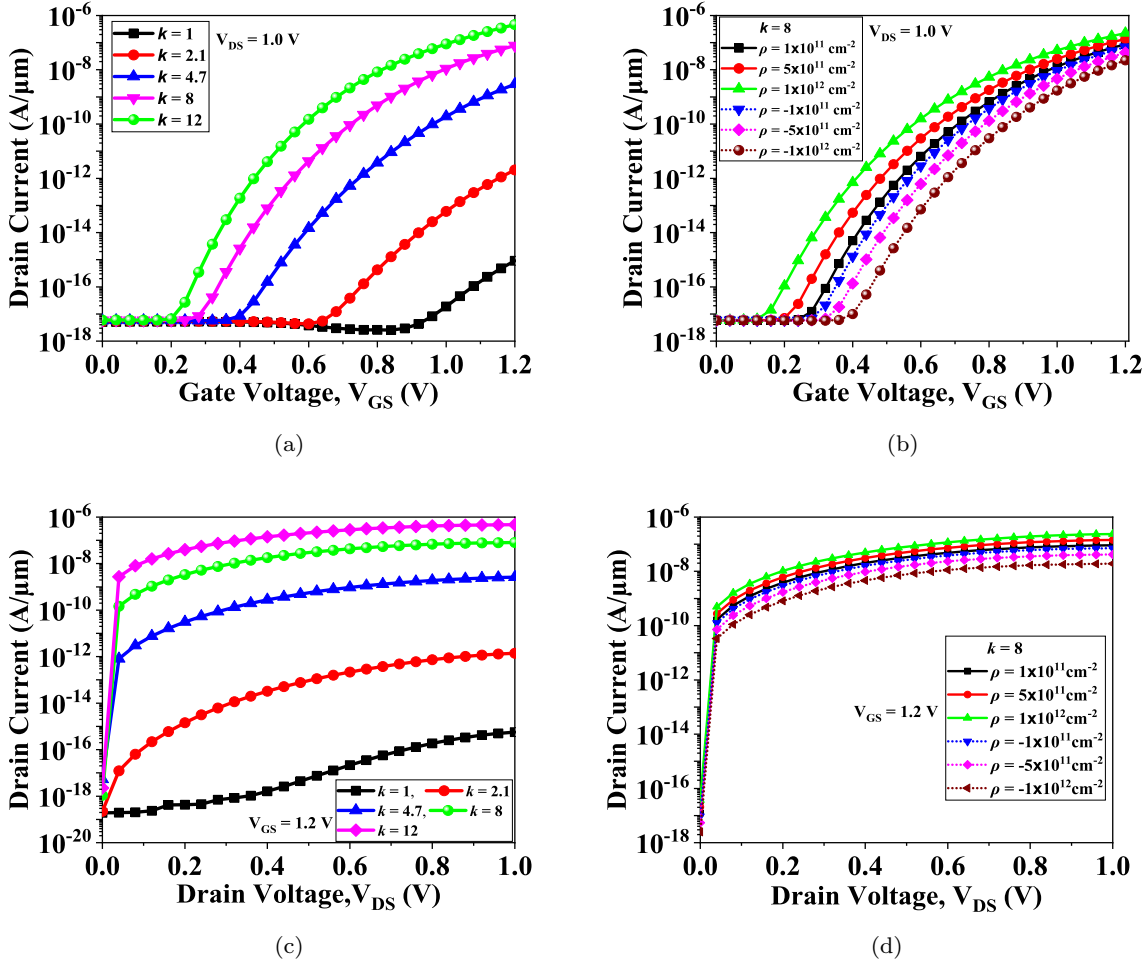


Fig. 5:  $I_{DS}$ - $V_{GS}$  characteristic of proposed biosensor with various (a) Dielectric constants ( $k$ ) at  $\rho = 0$ , (b) Charge densities ( $\rho$ ) at  $k = 8$ ; and  $I_{DS}$ - $V_{DS}$  characteristic of proposed biosensor with various (c) Dielectric constant ( $k$ ) at  $\rho = 0$  and (d) Charge densities ( $\rho$ ) at  $k = 8$ .

in equation (1)  $V_G$ ,  $\psi_S$ ,  $\phi_{MS}$ ,  $N_{bio}$ ,  $q$ ,  $k$  and  $t_{ox}$  are representing gate voltage, surface potential, contact potential, biomolecules charge per unit area, electron charge, dielectric constant and oxide thickness respectively. During device simulation, gate voltage is constant at applied voltage, but surface potential decreasing by increasing of negative charge density from equation (1), the gate voltage of device decrease hence drain current decrease but with positive charge density surface potential increase hence drain current increase. The JF-ED-TFET biosensor out-put characteristic  $I_D$ - $V_{DS}$  plotted at constant  $V_{GS}$  with various dielectric constants ( $k$ ) and charge densities ( $\rho$ ) shows in Fig. 5(c)-(d) and notice that its present similar behavior shown in above Fig. 5(a)-(b).

#### 4.2 Sensitivity Analysis

Sensitivity is a very important parameter of any type of sensor and high sensitivity is desirable. JF-ED-TFET biosensor sensitivity analyze in terms of drain current ( $S_{I_{DS}}$ ), subthreshold swing ( $S_{SS}$ ) and  $I_{ON}/I_{OFF}$  ratio. The drain current sensitivity ( $S_{I_{DS}}$ ) is define as [32]:

$$S_{I_{DS}} = \left( \frac{I_{DS}^{bio} - I_{DS}^{air}}{I_{DS}^{air}} \right) \quad (2)$$

here,  $I_{DS}^{bio}$  and  $I_{DS}^{air}$  are the drain currents when nano-cavity filled with biomolecules ( $k \neq 1$ ) and air ( $k = 1$ ). Fig. 6(a)-(b) shows the JF-ED-TFET biosensor current sensitivity ( $S_{I_{DS}}$ ) along  $V_{GS}$  with different dielectric constants ( $k$ ) and charge densities ( $\rho$ ). It is observed that when increase the dielectric constants ( $k$ ) the sensitivity of device increase and similarly with positive charge densities due to increasing the  $I_{ON}$  current of device.



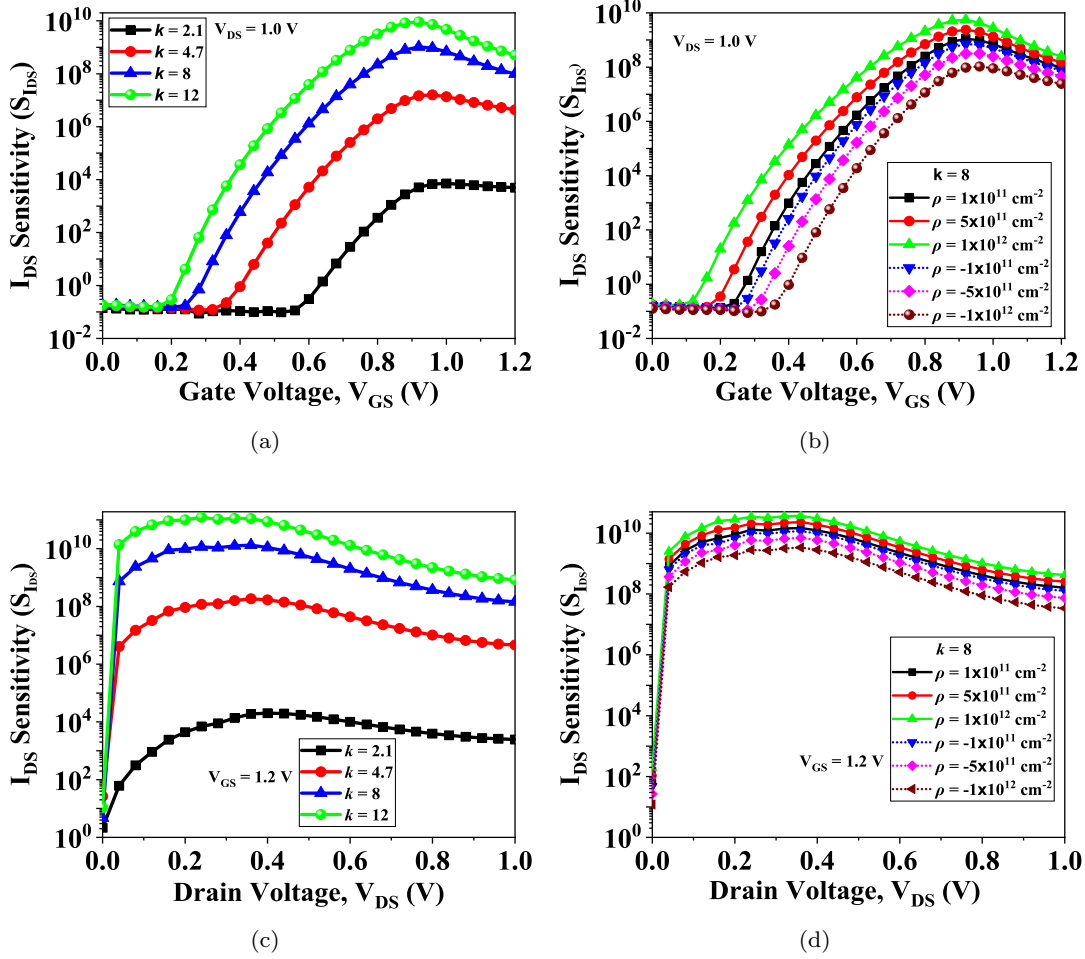


Fig. 6:  $I_{DS}$  sensitivity of JF-ED-TFET biosensor along  $V_{GS}$  with different (a) Dielectric constants ( $k$ ) at  $\rho = 0$ , (b) Charge densities ( $\rho$ ) at  $k = 8$ ; and  $I_{DS}$  sensitivity of JF-ED-TFET biosensor along  $V_{DS}$  with different (c) Dielectric constants ( $k$ ) at  $\rho = 0$ , (d) Charge densities ( $\rho$ ) at  $k = 8$ .

But with negative charge density the  $I_{ON}$  current decrease hence the sensitivity of device decrease. Fig.6(c)-(d) shows the drain current sensitivity ( $S_{I_{DS}}$ ) vs drain voltage ( $V_{DS}$ ) plot with different dielectric constants ( $k$ ) and charge densities ( $\rho$ ), observed the device offer high sensitivity  $S_{I_{DS}}$  at lower drain voltage.

The reflection of charge and neutral biomolecules with different dielectric constant on sensitivity of the JF-ED-TFET biosensor mentioned in table-2. The propose biosensor sensitivity increase with increase the dielectric constant as well as positive charge density due to increment of drain current but in case negative charge density the sensitivity of biosensor decrease due to decrements of drain current.

The sensitivity of JF-ED-TFET biosensor can be analyzed in term of  $I_{ON}/I_{OFF}$  ratio and calculated as:

$$S_{I_{ON}/I_{OFF}} = \left( \frac{(I_{ON}/I_{OFF})^{bio} - (I_{ON}/I_{OFF})^{air}}{(I_{ON}/I_{OFF})^{air}} \right) \quad (3)$$

Fig. 7(a)-(b) depicted the increment  $I_{ON}/I_{OFF}$  sensitivity of JF-ED-TFE biosensor with increasing the dielectric constant and positive charge density of biomolecules because tunneling barrier width between valance band (VB) of source and conduction band (CB) of channel start decreasing hence drain current ( $I_{DS}$ ) of device increase. but  $I_{ON}/I_{OFF}$  sensitivity shows adverse behavior with increment of negative charge density ( $\rho$ ), depicted in Fig.7(c). The TFET, become a futuristic device for low power applications because TFET offer low subthreshold swing ( $<60$  mV/decade) and low OFF-current. The JF-ED-TFET biosensor offer low subthreshold swing (SS) as 27.2 mV/decade hence it efficiently work at low voltage and detect the biomolecules within limited time. The Subthreshold swing (SS) [41] and SS sensitivity of the JF-ED-TFET biosen-

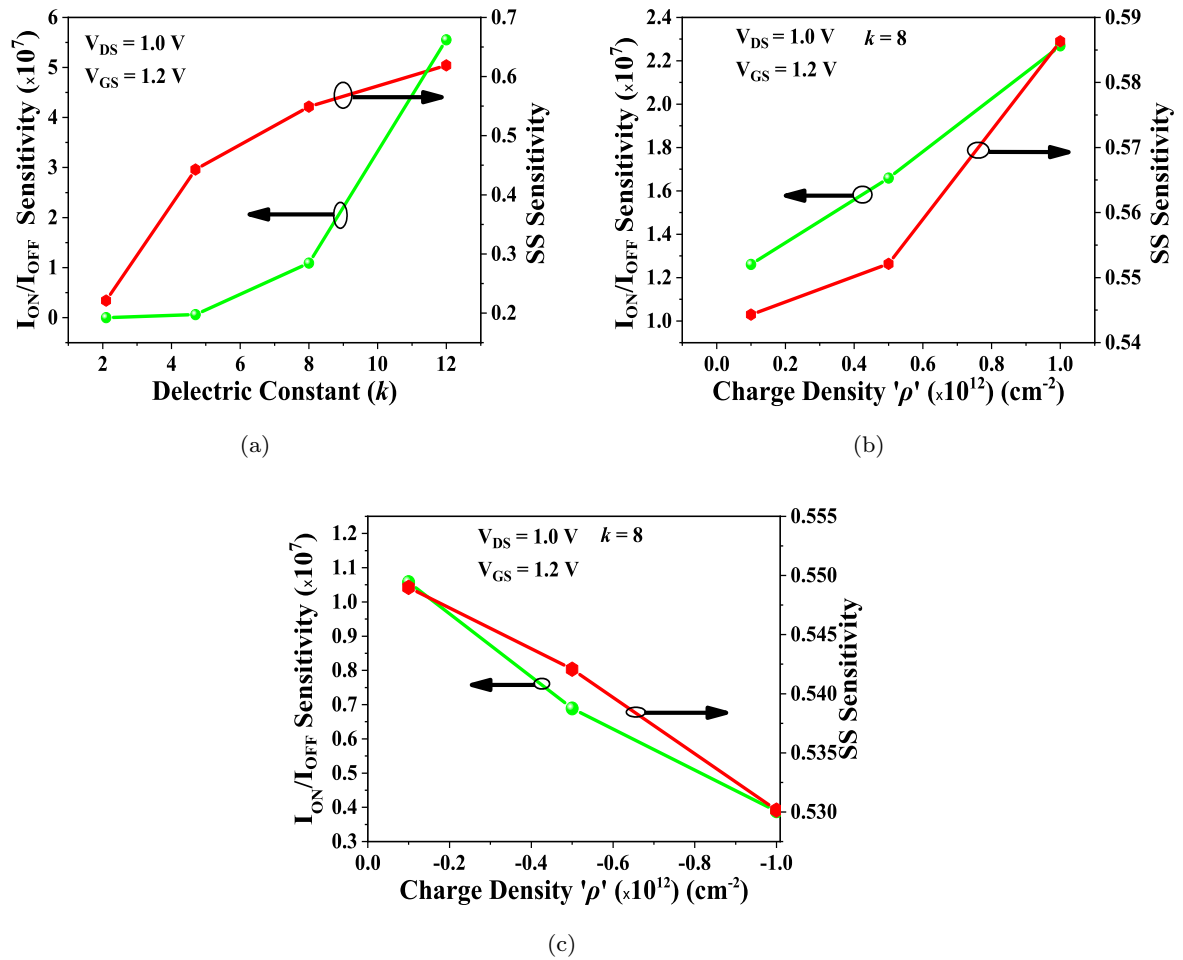


Fig. 7: Variation of  $I_{ON}/I_{OFF}$  and SS sensitivity with different (a) Dielectric constants ( $k$ ) at  $\rho = 0$ , (b) Positive charge densities ( $\rho$ ) at  $k = 8$  and (c) Negative charge densities ( $\rho$ ) at  $k = 8$ .

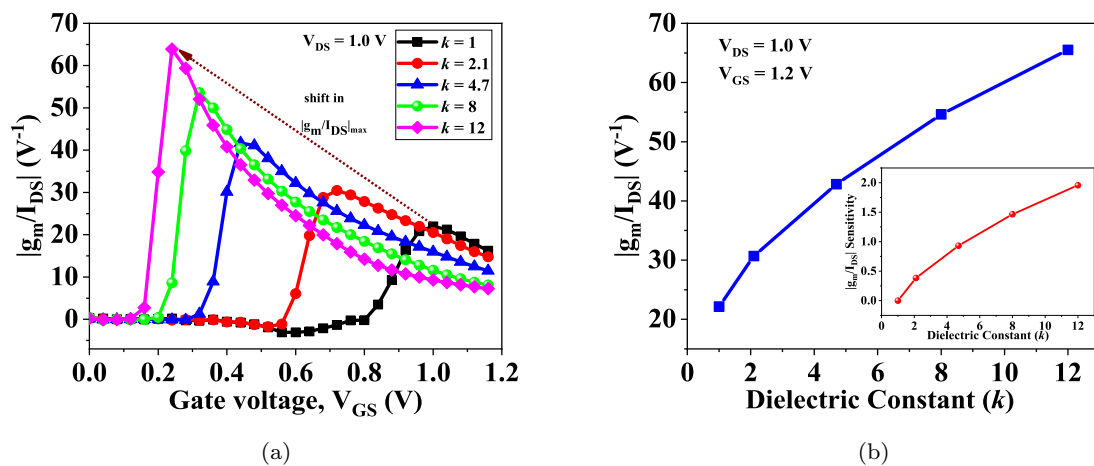


Fig. 8: (a)  $g_m/I_{DS}$  plot along  $V_{GS}$  and (b) variation of  $g_m/I_{DS}$  values and  $g_m/I_{DS}$  sensitivity (inset), for different dielectric constants ( $k$ ) at  $\rho = 0$ .



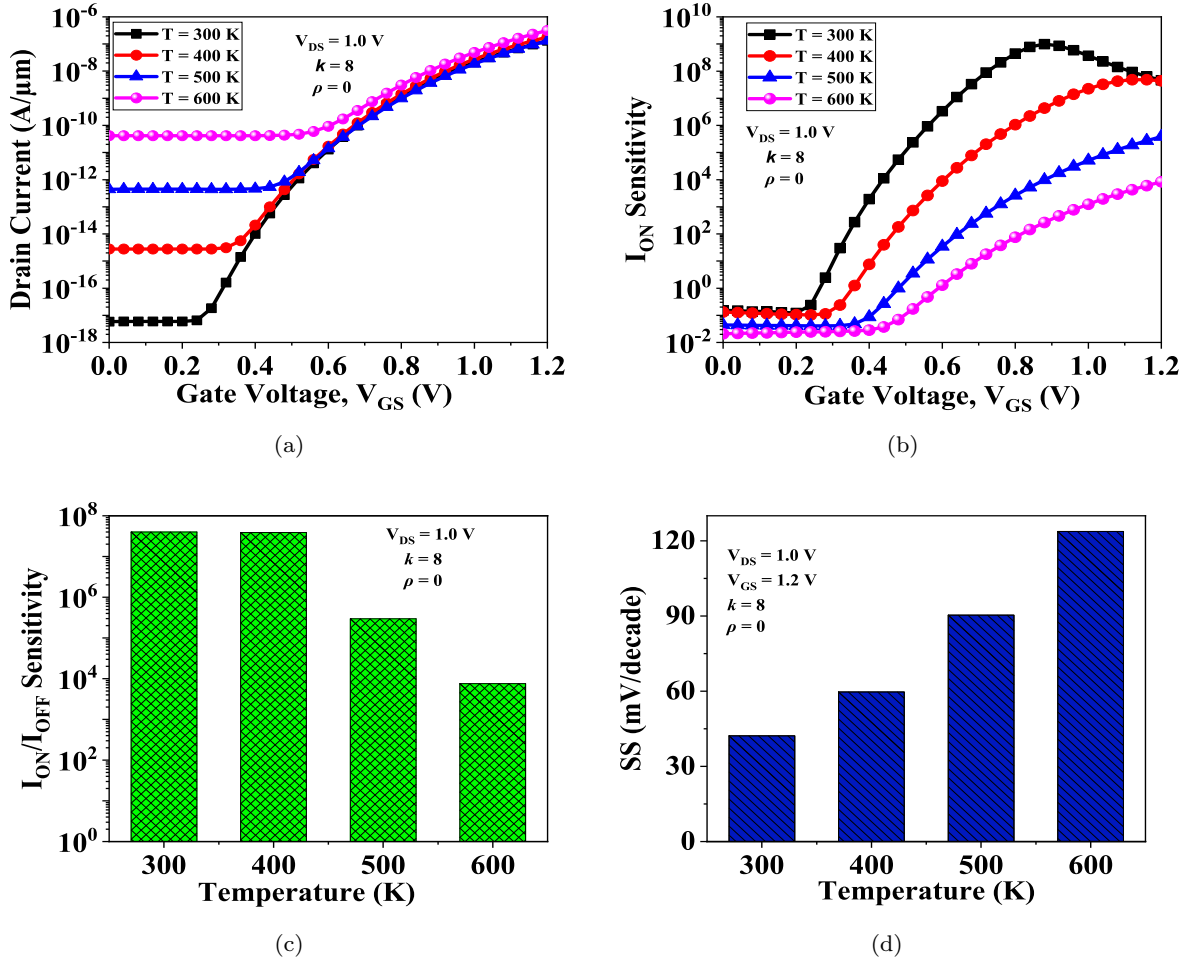


Fig. 9: (a) Transfer characteristic of JF-ED-TFET biosensor and (b)  $I_{ON}$  Sensitivity, at  $k = 8$  for different temperature

sor evaluated [33] as:

$$SS = \left( \frac{\delta V_{GS}}{\delta \log I_{DS}} \right) (mV/decade) \quad (4)$$

and

$$S_{SS} = \left( \frac{SS_{(air)} - SS_{(bio)}}{SS_{(air)}} \right) \quad (5)$$

The SS sensitivity variation of proposed biosensor with different dielectric constants ( $k$ ) and charges density ( $\rho$ ) shown in Fig. 7(a)-(c) respectively. From figure observed, SS sensitivity increase by increasing the dielectric constants ( $k$ ) and positive charge density ( $\rho$ ), whereas SS sensitivity decrease with increasing the negative charge densities.

The Transconductance-to-current ratio ( $g_m/I_{DS}$ ) is a sensing metric [34] for better sensitivity and selectivity of neutral biomolecules. The  $|g_m/I_{DS}|$  of JF-ED-TFET biosensor has been plotted against gate voltage with different dielectric constant shown in Fig 8(a). From figure observed that when the dielectric constant increase the device offers a higher

$|g_m/I_{DS}|$  value at lower drain current. The increment in  $|g_m/I_{DS}|$  value and  $|g_m/I_{DS}|$  sensitivity with increment the dielectric constant of biomolecules shown in Fig. 8(b). The  $g_m/I_{DS}$  values are obtained as [34]:

$$|g_m/I_{DS}| = \frac{\ln(10)}{SS} (V^{-1}) \quad (6)$$

#### 4.2.1 Impact of temperature variation on sensitivity

Fig. 9(a)-(b) depict the change in device transfer characteristic and  $I_{ON}$  sensitivity due to temperature variation. It can be seen that when the temperature increase the OFF-state current increase but ON-current slightly change because ON-current depends on BTBT Tunneling rather than the temperature variation. The  $I_{ON}$  sensitivity of JF-ED-TFET biosensor decrease because the drain current with empty cavity ( $k = 1$ ) increase by increasing the temperature, shown in Fig.9(b). The

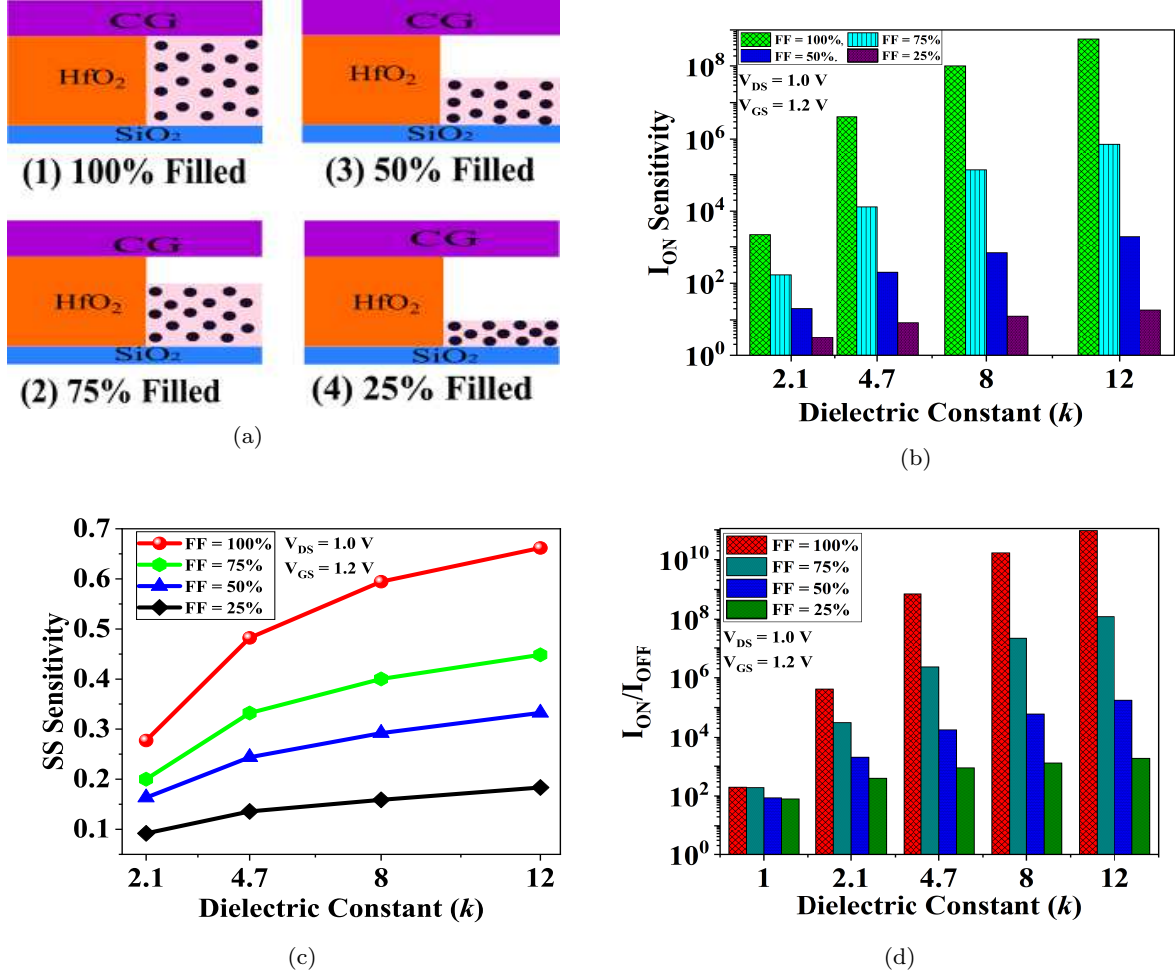


Fig. 10: (a) Four different assumptions for nano-cavity filled by target biomolecules, (b)  $I_{ON}$  sensitivity, (c) SS sensitivity and (d)  $I_{ON}/I_{OFF}$  ratio, along different dielectric constant for different Fill Factor (FF).

Table 3: Comparison of Sensitivity Values with Refreshes

References	Dielectric constant ( $k$ )	Approximate Sensitivity
[31]	$k = 12$	$1.31 \times 10^8$
[37]		$5.45 \times 10^9$
[38]		$4.75 \times 10^5$
[39]		$1.04 \times 10^6$
[40]		$1.7 \times 10^8$
[41]	"	$1.73 \times 10^{10}$
Proposed		$1.12 \times 10^{11}$
[42]	$k = 8$	$2.6 \times 10^5$
Proposed		$1.20 \times 10^{10}$
[10]	$k = 2.1$	$1.00 \times 10^4$
Proposed		$1.24 \times 10^4$

$I_{ON}/I_{OFF}$  sensitivity of JF-ED-TFET biosensor shown in Fig. 9(c). The  $I_{ON}/I_{OFF}$  sensitivity decrease with increasing the temperature because the

OFF-state current increase by increasing the temperature. The subthreshold swing increase with increasing the temperature shown in Fig. 9(d).

The sensitivity values obtained by propose JF-ED-TFET biosensor with different dielectric constants are compare with various previous reported works given in table-3 and observed the JF-ED-TFET biosensor obtained high  $1.12 \times 10^{11}$  sensitivity with neutral biomolecules of dielectric constant  $k = 12$ .

#### 4.3 Considering non-ideal issues

The challenge facing during realistic use of biosensor, it is necessary investigate performance of biosensor with different fill factor (FF). Fill factor (FF) defines as:

$$FF\% = \frac{A_{cavity}^{bio}}{A_{cavity}^{total}} \cdot 100 \quad (7)$$

Here  $A_{cavity}^{bio}$  is area occupied by target biomolecules and  $A_{cavity}^{total}$  is total area of cavity [35]. In this work,

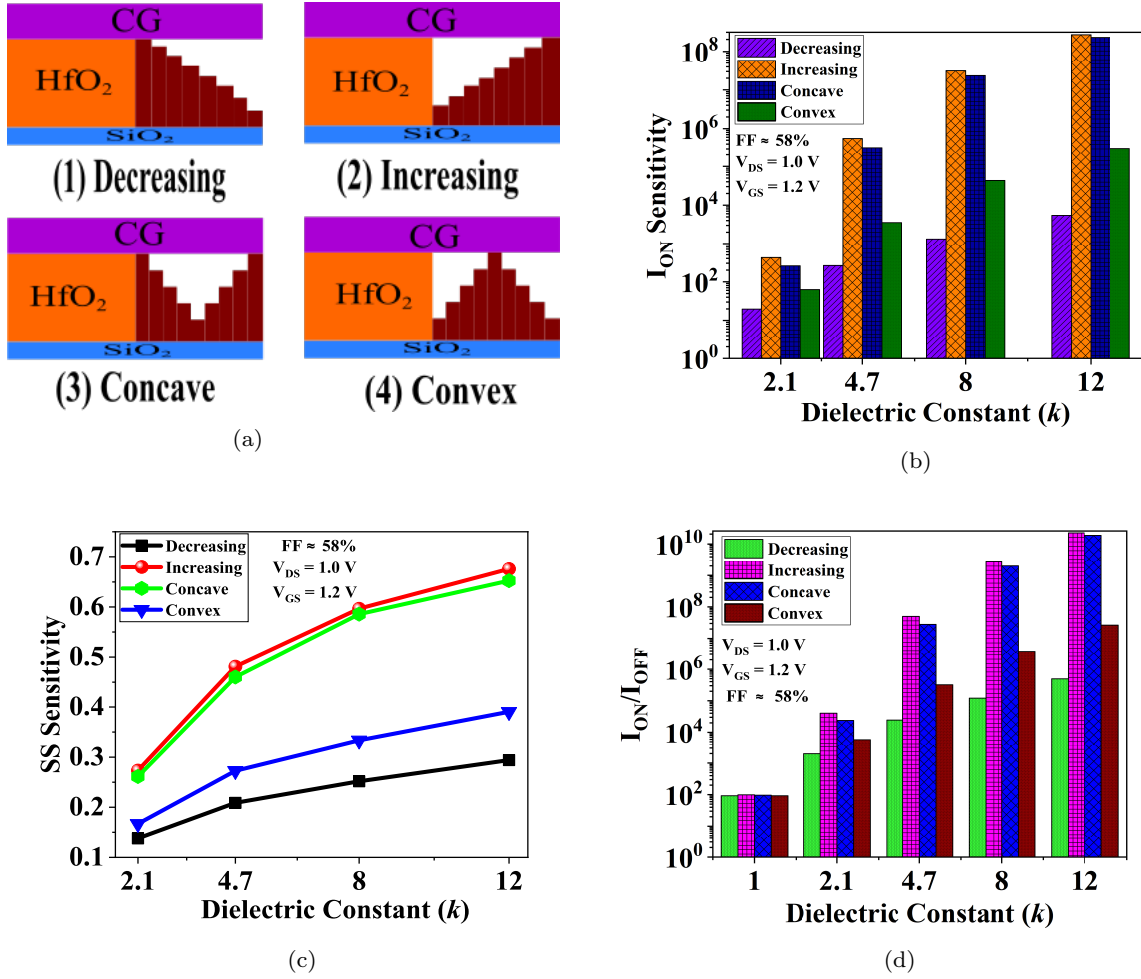


Fig. 11: (a) Partial filled nano-cavity with different step profile, (b)  $I_{ON}$  sensitivity, (c) SS Sensitivity and (d)  $I_{ON}/I_{OFF}$  ratio, along different dielectric constant for different step profile with  $FF \approx 58\%$ .

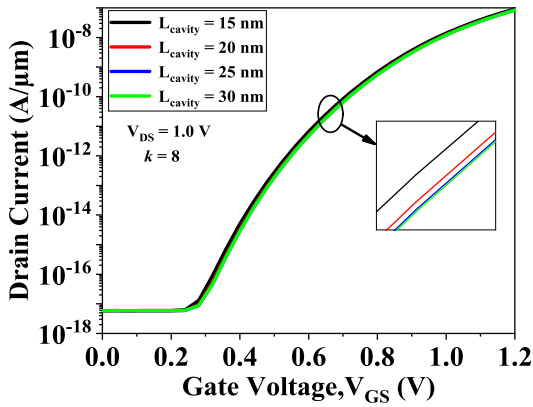
discussed four possible FF as 25%, 50%, 75% and 100% depicted in Fig. 10(a).  $I_{ON}$  sensitivity along with different FF and dielectric constant shows in Fig. 10(b) and observed when fill factor (FF) increase, the JF-ED-TFET biosensor  $I_{ON}$  sensitivity increase. Fig. 10(c)-(d) shows the SS sensitivity and  $I_{ON}/I_{OFF}$  ratio with varying dielectric constant and FF, here observed that the sensitivity of JF-ED-TFET biosensor improved by increasing the FF as well as the dielectric constant of biomolecules.

The JF-ED-TFET biosensor simulated in presence of steric hindrance to understanding the practical challenge. Here considering four varying step profiles as decreasing, increasing, concave and convex with filling factor of  $\approx 58\%$ , this arrangement illustrated in Fig. 11(a). The  $I_{ON}$  sensitivity along with different dielectric constant and step profile depicted in Fig. 11(b) and observe, the high sensitivity draw with Increasing and concave step profile because in these two step profile got highest proximity of target biomolecules at source-channel in-

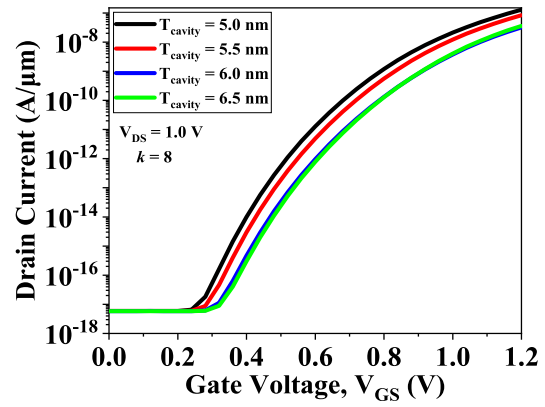
terface, hence tunneling barrier decrease with these step profile [36]. Similarly the SS sensitivity and the  $I_{ON}/I_{OFF}$  ratio are high with increasing and concave step profile as compare to decreasing and convex step profile shown in Fig.11(c)-(d).

#### 4.4 Effect of nano-cavity geometry variations

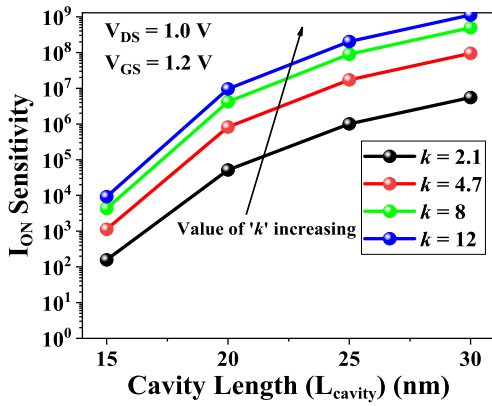
The effect of cavity dimension variations on the performance of biosensor has been investigated by simulation with two measure constraints as cavity length ( $L_{cavity}$ ) and cavity thickness ( $T_{cavity}$ ). The  $I_{DS}-V_{GS}$  characteristic of JF-ED-TFET biosensor with neutral biomolecule ( $k = 8$ ) shown in Fig. 12(a). It can be seen that very less impact of  $L_{cavity}$  variations on the drain current because propose device works based on BTBT tunneling phenomenon. From Fig.12(b) observed, the  $I_{ON}$  sensitivity increase with increasing the cavity length because drain current of device decrease with empty cavity by increment of cavity length. The effect of



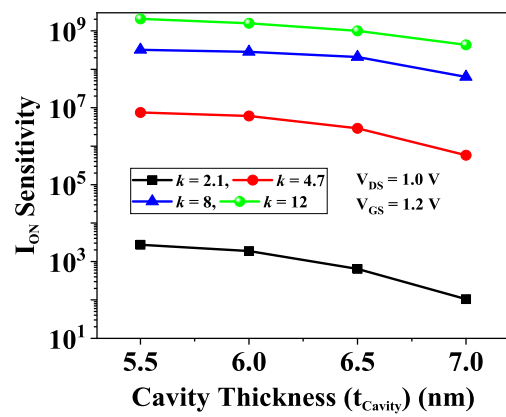
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Fig. 12: (a) Transfer characteristic of JF-ED-TFET biosensor and (b)  $I_{ON}$  Sensitivity, with varying cavity length ( $L_{cavity}$ ) at  $k = 8$ .

Fig. 13: (a) Transfer characteristic of JF-ED-TFET biosensor and (b)  $I_{ON}$  Sensitivity, with varying cavity length ( $T_{cavity}$ ) at  $k = 8$ .

variation in cavity thickness ( $T_{cavity}$ ) on the  $I_{ON}$  sensitivity of JF-ED-TFET biosensor illustrated in Fig.13(b) and observed, by increasing the cavity thickness ( $T_{cavity}$ ) the sensitivity of device decrease because decrease the drain current, shown in Fig. 13(a), due to decreasing the effective gate capacitance of device.

## 5 Conclusion

In this paper, the sensing performance of nanocavity embedded dielectric modulated JF-ED-TFET biosensor investigated for label-free detection of biomolecules. Analyze results shows that the JF-ED-TFET biosensor can be used for intuitive examination for charged or neutral biomolecules with different dielectric constant. The electrostatic doping concept offer to less fabrication complexity, low cost and reliable device against RDFs. The effect of neutral and charged biomolecules on the

electrical parameters of JF-ED-TFET biosensor as electric field, energy band, transfer characteristic, subthreshold swing (SS) and  $I_{ON}/I_{OFF}$  ratio have been studies. The simulated results as peak drain current ( $I_{DS}$ ) is  $8.55 \times 10^{-6}$  A/ $\mu\text{m}$ , Electric field is  $3.70 \times 10^6$  V/cm, steeper subthreshold swing (SS) is 27.2 mV/decade ( $<$  theoretical limit as 60 mV/decade),  $I_{ON}/I_{OFF}$  ratio is  $2.81 \times 10^{11}$  and  $g_m/I_{DS}$  value is 67 ( $>$  theoretical limit 38.4) obtained from this proposed model. The JF-ED-TFET biosensor offer high drain current sensitivity is  $1.12 \times 10^{11}$  and  $I_{ON}/I_{OFF}$  sensitivity is  $5.74 \times 10^7$ , SS sensitivity is 0.65 and  $g_m/I_{DS}$  sensitivity is 1.8 for neutral biomolecules with dielectric constant ' $k$ ' = 12. For validate the realistic approach of JF-ED-TFET biosensor have been consider the irregular arrangement of biomolecules filled (step profile) in cavity and different fill factors in simulation. The device design parameters optimizes for high sensitivity, hence the proposed device JF-PE-TFET becomes an advantageous device in the field of biosensing appli-

cations.

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