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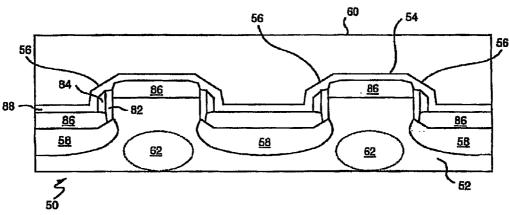
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(57) Abstract: Memory cells having split charge storage nodes and methods for fabricating memory cells having split charge storage nodes are disclosed. A disclosed method includes forming a first trench (64) and an adjacent second trench (64) in a semiconductor substrate (52), the first trench and the second trench each defining a first sidewall and a second sidewall respectively and forming a first source/drain region (58) in the substrate and a second source/drain-region (58) in the substrate, where the first source/drain region and the second source/drain region are formed substantially under the first trench and the second trench in the semiconductor substrate respectively. Moreover, a method includes forming a bit line punch through barrier (62) in the substrate between the first source/drain region and the second source drain region and forming a first storage element (84) on the first sidewall of the first trench and a second storage element on the second sidewall of the second element. A word line (60) is formed in contact with the first storage element and the second storage element.



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