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**Characterization of High-k Dielectric Materials**

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**Poster Session 4b : Physical and Electrical Properties**

Tuesday, May 30, 2006

16:30 - 18:30

- L 4b 01      STRUCTURAL AND ELECTRONIC PROPERTIES OF ZIRCONIA PHASES :  
R. Terki, G. Bertrand, H. Aourag and C. Coddet. Laboratoire d'Études et de Recherches sur les Matériaux, les Procédés et les Surfaces, Université de Technologie de Belfort-Montbéliard, Site de Sévenans, 90010 Belfort, France
- L 4b 02      Spectroscopic ellipsometry characterization of ZrO<sub>2</sub> thin films by nitrogen assisted reactive magnetron sputtering  
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- L 4b 03      Microstructure of High-k HfAlxO<sub>2-x</sub> Thin Films and Control of Leakage Current by High Concentration Ozone Oxidation  
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- L 4b 04      ELECTRICAL PROPERTIES OF Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-HfTiO GATE DIELECTRIC STACKS WITH LESS THAN 0.8 NM EQUIVALENT OXIDE THICKNESS  
V. Mikhelashvili and G. Eisenstein, Department of Electrical Engineering, Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa 3200, Israel
- L 4b 05      Suppressed Interlayer and Dielectric Properties of Carbon-Doped High-k ZrO<sub>2</sub> Thin Films  
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- L 4b 06      Conduction mechanisms and trapping in sputtered HfO<sub>2</sub> films  
L Wang, D Liu, J Robertson, Engineering Dept, Cambridge University, Cambridge CB2 1PZ, UK
- L 4b 07      EPR characterization of defects in monoclinic powders of ZrO<sub>2</sub> and HfO<sub>2</sub>  
R.C. Barklie and S. Wright School of Physics, Trinity College, Dublin 2, Ireland.
- L 4b 08      Low-Temperature Conductance Measurements of Surface States in HfO<sub>2</sub>-Si Structures with Different Gate Materials  
Yu.Gomenyuk<sup>1</sup>, A.Nazarov<sup>1</sup>, Ya.Vovk<sup>1</sup>, Yi Lu<sup>2</sup>, Octavian Buiu<sup>2</sup>, Steve Hall<sup>2</sup>, J.K. Efavi<sup>3</sup> and M.C. Lemme<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup> Institute of Semiconductor Physics, NASU, 41, pr. Nauky, 03028 Kiev, Ukraine <sup>2</sup> Department of Electrical Engineering and Electronics, Brownlow Hill, University of Liverpool, Liverpool, L69 3GJ, UK <sup>3</sup> Advanced Microelectronic Center Aachen (AMICA), AMO GmbH, Huyskensweg 25, 52074 Aachen
- L 4b 09      Interfacial Reactions between High-k Praseodymium Aluminate and TiN  
G. Lippert, J. Dabrowski, I. Costina, G. Lupina, V. Melnik, L. Oberbeck\*, U. Schroeder\*, Ch. Wenger, P. Zaumseil, and H.-J. Muessig IHP, Im Technologiepark 25, 15236 Frankfurt (Oder), Germany, \*Infineon Technologies AG, 01099 Dresden, Germany
- L 4b 10      Electrical and interfacial characteristics of nanolaminate (Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/ZrO<sub>2</sub>/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) gate stack on fully-depleted SiGe-on-insulator  
Zengfeng Di (a), Miao Zhang, Weili Liu, Qinwo Shen, Suhua Luo (a), Zhitang Song, Chenglu Lin The Research Center of Semiconductor Functional Film Engineering Technology & State Key Laboratory of Functional Materials for Informatics, Shanghai Institute of Microsystem and Information Technology (SIMIT), Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), Shanghai 200050, People's Republic of China Anping Huang, and Paul K. Chu (b) Department of Physics and Material Science, City University of Hong Kong, Tat Chee Avenue, Kowloon, Hong Kong, China (a) Also affiliated with Department of Physics & Materials Science, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China (b) Corresponding author
- L 4b 11      The effect of quenching media on the surface heat transfer coefficient of electronic materials  
Seunghwan Ma, and Youngman Kim, Hanyang University, Korea
- L 4b 12      Point defects in dielectrics based on Pr oxides  
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**Resume :** The high integrated circuit density and performance demanded by the microelectronics industry requires thin gate dielectric layers. The use of SiO<sub>2</sub> thin films as the gate oxide dielectric is quickly reaching a limitation due to the rapid increase in the tunneling current causing unsustainably large energy consumption and poor device reliability. A promising alternative is to use a gate insulator with a higher relative dielectric constant k (high-k) than silicon dioxide (3.9). Recently, many metal oxides, such as TiO<sub>2</sub>, Ta<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, ZrO<sub>2</sub> and HfO<sub>2</sub> have been proposed as candidates for high-k materials. Unfortunately, a transition metal oxide with a higher permittivity tends to have a narrow bandgap, which leads to a large leakage current. In addition, most high-k materials are thermodynamically unstable at elevated temperatures when they are in contact with Si. Therefore, it is necessary to align the energy bandgap and improve the thermal stability of these high-k materials for the application in ultra large-scale integrated (ULSI) circuits. Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, which has good thermal stability and a large bandgap, is a suitable dopant in high-k materials such as HfO<sub>2</sub> and ZrO<sub>2</sub>. In this work, HfAlxO<sub>2-x</sub> samples were prepared by oxidation of Hf films evaporated on silicon substrate followed by Al ion implantation in high concentration (3%) ozone at low temperature. The 5 nm thick Hf films were fabricated by electron beam evaporation at high base vacuum (2×10<sup>-8</sup> torr) without intentional heating. After metal deposition, the samples were implanted with Al ions and then transferred to a conventional oxidation furnace filled with a high concentration of ozone produced by microwave. Oxidation was performed at 150 °C for 5 min under 1 atm oxygen pressure and then the samples were treated by rapid thermal annealing (RTA) at 1000°C for 30 s. The microstructure and interfacial layer between HfAlxO<sub>2-x</sub> and the silicon substrate can be effectively controlled and the leakage current density is also substantially reduced. Our results show direct evidence that high concentration ozone oxidation is an effective method to improve the properties of HfAlxO<sub>2-x</sub> thin films.  
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**Resume :** Zirconia (ZrO<sub>2</sub>) is a promising high-k material in dynamic random access memories (DRAM) and gate oxide in field effect