

Heterogeneous integration of ultrahigh-к perovskite membranes for two-dimensional electronics

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Abstract

For the sub-10 nm technology nodes in Si field-effect transistors (FETs), a sub-nanometer capacitance equivalent thickness (CET), and a flawless interface with the channel are essential for gate dielectrics to maintain the gate controllability. Similarly, the development of reliable high- κ dielectrics (CET < 1 nm) adaptable to 2D FETs for future nodes is eagerly awaited. The typically used high-k dielectrics in silicon technology (i.e., SiO₂, Al₂O₃, and HfO₂) have been integrated with 2D transition metal dichalcogenide (TMD) materials. Nevertheless, their amorphous nature and imperfect dielectric/TMD interfaces make the elimination of charge scatters/traps difficult, not to mention the direct damage to 2D channels caused by dielectric deposition processes.

Here we explore transferrable ultrahigh-k single-crystalline perovskite strontium-titanium-oxide membranes as a gate dielectric for 2D field-effect transistors. Perovskite gating exhibits a desirable sub-1 nm CET with a low leakage current (less than 10⁻² A/cm² at 2.5 MV/cm). We find that the van der Waals gap between strontium-titanium-oxide dielectrics and 2D semiconductors mitigates the unfavorable fringing-induced barrier-lowering effect resulting from the use of very high-κ dielectrics. Typical short-channel transistors made of scalable molybdenum-disulfide films by chemical vapor deposition and strontium-titanium-oxide dielectrics exhibit steep subthreshold swings down to about 70 mV/dec and on/off current ratios up to 10⁷, which matches the low-power specifications suggested by the latest International Roadmap for Devices and Systems (IRDS)

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About the Speaker

Dr. Jing-Kai Huang currently serves as a lecturer at the University of New South Wales (UNSW), Australia. He studied for a PhD in Material Science & Engineering from UNSW. Before receiving his PhD degree, he performed R&D works in the semiconductor at KAUST (Saudi Arabia), TSMC, and National Nano Device Laboratories (Taiwan). He has plenty of experience in nanofabrication of ultra-scaled electronic devices and strong research expertise in the scalable manufacture of 2D material thin films. Now, he focuses on the heterogeneous integration of 2D semiconductors, complex oxides (high- κ), and metal-organic frameworks (low- κ) toward the fabrication of future technology nodes.

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