

Low voltage operating ZnO thin-film transistors with Ni doped BaSrTiO₃ high-K gate insulator for transparent and mobile electronics

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Transparent ZnO based thin film transistors (TFTs) have received intensive interest due to their potential of replacing hydrogenated amorphous or polycrystalline silicon (a-Si:H or poly-Si) TFTs. Zinc oxide (ZnO) is a transparent compound semiconductor with a wide band gap (3.37 eV) which can be grown as a polycrystalline film at low or even room temperature. ZnO is, therefore, considered to be an ideal material for serving as the channel layer in transparent and flexible TFTs. As an important element, gate insulators for ZnO based TFTs have received increasing attention because ZnO-TFTs switching voltage can be reduced by using high-K gate dielectrics which can lead to high capacitance value. In this presentation, we report on the role of Ni doping in markedly reducing leakage currents in Ba_{0.6}Sr_{0.4}TiO₃ (BST) high-K gate insulator. Undoped and 1% Ni-doped BST thin films, deposited by rf magnetron sputtering at room temperature on Pt/Ti/SiO₂/Si substrates, showed relative dielectric constants of ~20-25. 1% Ni-doped BST films exhibited leakage current densities below 1x10⁻⁷ A/cm² compared to the much higher value of 5x10⁻⁴ A/cm² characteristic of undoped BST films. ZnO based TFTs using 1% Ni-doped BST gate dielectrics exhibits low voltage operation less than 10 V with excellent saturation due to high dielectric constant of Ni-doped BST films. This work demonstrates that room temperature fabricated ZnO-based TFTs using 1% Ni-doped BST gate insulator will open up a promising route for the development of low voltage operating transparent and mobile electronics.

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Dielectric Properties of Liquid Crystal Polymer(LCP) and CaTiO₃-LaAlO₃(CT-LA) Ceramic Composite

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We manufactured Liquid Crystal Polymer(LCP) and CaTiO₃-LaAlO₃(CT-LA) ceramic composites and investigated dielectric properties to replace LTCC substrate and apply to embedded capacitors. The dielectric properties of these composites are varied with volume fraction of CT-LA. Dielectric constant is in the range of 3~10. In addition, we could get Low TCC and High Q factor that could not achieve in another ceramic-polymer composites. The Q-value is 100~300 at 1GHz, and TCC is below ±300ppm/°C. We think that this material can be used high-Q substrate material like LTCC and embedded temperature compensation capacitor in Printed circuit boards.

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