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Abstract

High quality HfO₂ and Al₂O₃ substrates are fabricated in order to study their impact on top-gate MoS₂ transistors. Compared with top-gate MoS₂ FETs on a SiO₂ substrate, the field effect mobility decreased for devices on HfO₂ substrates but substantially increased for devices on Al₂O₃ substrates, possibly due to substrate surface roughness. A forming gas anneal is found to enhance device performance due to a reduction in charge trap density of the high-k substrates. The major improvements in device performance are ascribed to the forming gas anneal. Top-gate devices built upon Al₂O₃ substrates exhibit a near-ideal subthreshold swing (SS) of ~69 mV/dec and a ~10× increase in field effect mobility, indicating a positive influence on top-gate device performance even without any backside bias.

Keywords: MoS₂; top-gated transistor; HfO₂; Al₂O₃; high-k; substrate;

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