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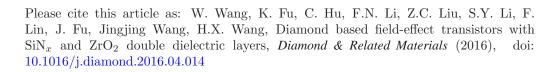
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**Abstract:** A diamond-based field-effect transistor (FET) with SiN<sub>x</sub> and ZrO<sub>2</sub> double dielectric layer has been demonstrated. The SiNx and ZrO2 gate dielectric are deposited by plasma-enhanced chemical vapor deposition (PECVD) and radio frequency (RF) sputter methods, respectively. SiN<sub>x</sub> layer is found to have the ability to preserve the conduction channel at the surface of hydrogen-terminated diamond film. The leakage current density (J)  $SiN_x/ZrO_2$ metal-insulator-semiconductor FET (MISFET) keeps lower than 3.88×10<sup>-5</sup> A·cm<sup>-2</sup> when the gate bias was changed from 2V to -8V. The double dielectric layer FET operates in a p-type depletion mode, whose maximum drain-source current, threshold voltage, maximum transconductance, effective mobility and sheet hole density are determined to be -28.5 mA·mm<sup>-1</sup>, 2.2V, 4.53 mS·mm<sup>-1</sup>, 38.9 cm<sup>2</sup>·V<sup>-1</sup>·s<sup>-1</sup>, and  $2.14 \times$ 10<sup>13</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>, respectively.

Key words: field-effect transistor; double dielectric layer;  $SiN_x/ZrO_2$ ; conduction channel

#### 1. Introduction

Recently, diamond is considered to be an ideal material for the next generation of power devices and high frequency field effect transistor (FET) due to its wide band

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