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Nomenclature

Abbreviations:

Si Silicon

SiO₂ Silicon Dioxide

MOSFET Metal Oxide Field-Effect Transistors

M-S Metal-Semiconductor

FET Field-Effect Transistors

SOI Silicon-On-Insulator

1D One-Dimensional2D Two Dimensional

NW Nanowire
NT Nanotube

CNT Carbon Nanotube
CNR Carbon Nanoribbon
SWNT Single-Wall Nanotube

MWNT Multiwall Nanotube

NR Nanoribbon
NRO Nanorod

BP Black Phosphorus

TMD Transition Metal Dichalcogenide

GAA Gate-All-Around

Au Gold

ZnO Zinc Oxide

TiO2 Titanium Dioxide

GaN Gallium Nitride

vdW Van-der Waals

CVD Chemical Vapor Deposition

X Chalcogen

Mo Molybdenum

W Tungsten

S Sulfur
Se Selenide
Ti Titanium

WS₂ Tungsten Disulfide

MoS2Molybdenum DisulfideMoSe2Molybdenum DiselenideWSe2Tungsten Diselenide

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MoTe2 Molybdenum Ditelluride

PL Photoluminescence

UV-Vis UV-Visible

XRD X-Ray Diffraction

FESEM Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscopy

AFM Atomic Force Microscopy

HRTEM High Resolution Transmission Electron Microscopy

EDX Energy-Dispersive X-ray
SBH Schottky Barrier Height

I-V Current-Voltage

LPE Liquid-Phase Exfoliation

Cl Chlorine

DFT Density Functional Theory

DOS Density of States

OT Octahedral

CBM Conduction Band Minimum

VBM Valence Band Maximum

SOC Spin-Orbit Coupling

C Carbon

TTF Tetrathiafulvalene

TCNQ Tetracyanoquinodimethane

HOMO Highest Occupied Molecular Orbital

LUMO Lowest Unoccupied Molecular Orbital

NMP N-Methyl-2-Pyrrolidone

DMF N-Dimethylformamide

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ACE Acetone
DI Deionized
EtOH Ethanol

IPA Isopropyl Alcohol

PVD Physical Vapor Deposition

MBE Molecular Beam Epitaxy

VDWE Van-der Waals Epitaxy

PLD Pulsed Laser Deposition

EBE Electron Beam Evaporation

O₂ Oxygen

TB-WS₂ Twisted Bilayer-Tungsten Disulfide

Ar Argon

PMMA Poly (Methyl Methacrylate)

K2S2O8Potassium PersulfateNaOHSodium Hydroxide

Na₂SO₄ Sodium Sulfate

PDMS Polydimethylsiloxane

PET Poly(Ethylene Terephthalate)

ALD Atomic Layer Deposition

Al₂O₃ Aluminum Dioxide HfO₂ Hafnium Dioxide

OH Hydroxyl V Vanadium

(RhCpCp*)₂ Pentamethylrhodocene Dimer

P₂O₅ Phosphorous Pentoxide

Na Sodium

LiF Lithium fluoride

TEA Triethylamine

PPh3 Triphenylphosphine

AuCl₃ Gold Chloride

BV Benzyl Viologen

Li⁺ lithium-Ion

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Cu Copper

h-BN Hexagonal Boron Nitride

ITO Indium Tin Oxide

MeOH Methanol

(NH₄)2CO₃ Ammonium Carbonate
CHP Cyclohexylpyrrolidone
PEG Polyethylene Glycol

HMT Hexamethylenetetramine

SC Sodium Cholate

CTAB Cetyltrimethylammonium Bromide
SDBS Sodium Dodecyl Benzene Sulfonate

FWHM Full Width Half Maximum

SAED Selected Area Electron Diffraction

MIGS Metal-Induced Gap States

FLP Fermi Level Pinning

Ge Germanium

MIS Metal-Insulator-Semiconductor

Kl Potassium Iodide

Fe Iron

DCE 1,2-Dichloroethane

GUI Graphical User Interface
QE QUANTUM-ESPRESSO

RT Room Temperature

VB Valence Band

CB Conduction Band

TLM Transmission Line Model
EOT Equivalent Oxide Thickness

FL Few-Layer

HF Hydrofluoric Acid

N₂ Nitrogen
Al Aluminium

Symbols:

 Λ Intermediate point

 A_{1g} out-of-plane

 E_{2g}^1 in-plane

Nanosheet Thickness

 λ_A A Exciton A^o Exciton

A⁻ Trion

c Lattice Constant

d Interplanar Spacing

E_g Bandgap

E_F Fermi level

E_{CNL} Charge Neutrality

R_{SB} Schottky Barrier Resistance

 R_{IL} Interlayer Resistance R_{Ch} Channel Resistance

 $\begin{array}{cc} R_T & & Total \ Resistance \\ R_{SD} & & Series \ Resistance \end{array}$

R_{Sh} Sheet Resistance

 ρ_C Contact Resistivity

L_T Transfer Length

Φ Work Function

Φ_S Semiconductor Work Function

 Φ_{M} Metal Work Function

 χ_s Electron Affinity

 Φ_{B} Schottky Barrier

I₀ Saturation Current

k Boltzmann Constant

T Temperature

e Charge of an Electron

A Contact Area

 $\begin{array}{ccc} \textit{A}^* & & \text{Richardson Constant} \\ V_{gs} & & \text{Gate-Source Voltages} \\ I_{ds} & & \text{Drain Source Current} \\ V_{ds} & & \text{Drain Source Voltage} \\ I_{max} & & \text{Maximum Current} \\ I_{min} & & \text{Minimum Current} \end{array}$

I_{on} On Current

L Channel Length
W Channel Width

 $\begin{array}{ll} \mu_{FE} & Field \ Effect \ Mobility \\ \mu_0 & Intrinsic \ Mobility \\ g_m & Transconductance \\ V_{th} & Threshold \ Voltage \end{array}$

 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{SBH} & \quad \text{Schottky Barrier Height} \\ I_{\text{ON}}/I_{\text{OFF}} & \quad \text{Current ON OFF Ratio} \end{array}$

 E_{F_M} Metal Fermi Level

E_{Fs} Semiconductor Fermi Level

E_{VAC} Vacuum Level

R_C Contact Resistance

n_s Carrier Concentration

Cox Oxide Capacitance

C_{it} Interface-Trap Capacitance

SS Subthreshold Slope

D_{it} Interface Trap Density

 θ Mobility Attenuation Coefficient