

**Fig. 4-1** The AFM images of AlN films deposited at 250°C, 200°C, and 150°C are shown in Fig. (a), Fig. (b), and Fig. (c), respectively. The scanning size is fixed to be  $5 \times 5 \,\mu\text{m}^2$ . The rms roughness values are 0.43, 0.31, 0.17 nm, respectively.



**Fig. 4-2** The leakage current of the Au/AlN/Si MIS structure as a function of the electric field and gate voltage. The inset is the capacitance measured from the same structure under various frequencies.



**Fig. 4-3** The AFM images of AlN films deposited at  $Ar/N_2$  ratio: 2/5, 2/7, 2/9 are shown in Fig. (a), Fig. (b), and Fig. (c), respectively. The scanning size is fixed to be  $5 \times 5 \ \mu m^2$ . The rms roughness values are 0.20, 0.21, 0.18 nm, respectively.



**Fig. 4-4** The x-ray photoemission spectrum (XPS) signal form the AlN sample (different sputtering condition ).



**Fig. 4-5** The J-E plots of the Au/AlN/Si MIS structure from different  $Ar/N_2$  flow rate in AlN sputtering process.



**Fig. 4-6** (a) The leakage current from three MIS structures are plotted as a function of electric field in  $\log(J)$  vs.  $\log(E)$  plots and (b) in  $\ln(J/E)$  vs.  $(E)^{1/2}$  plot.



**Fig. 4-7** The AFM images of AlN films deposited at 250°C, 200°C, and 150°C are shown in Fig. (a), Fig. (b), and Fig. (c), respectively. The corresponding AFM images of pentacene films grown on the 250°C, 200°C, and 150°C AlN dielectrics are shown in Fig. (d), Fig. (e), and Fig. (f). The scanning size is fixed to be  $5 \times 5 \,\mu\text{m}^2$ .



**Fig. 4-8** The transfer characteristic of the OTFTs with 150°C, 200°C, and 250°C AlN gate dielectric. The drain bias is -3 V.



**Fig. 4-9** The plot of square root of drain current versus the gate voltage when the drain bias is -7 V.



**Fig. 4-10** The output characteristic of the OTFTs with 150°C AlN gate dielectric.



**Fig. 4-11** The output characteristic of the OTFTs with 200°C AlN gate dielectric.



**Fig. 4-12** The output characteristic of the OTFTs with 250°C AlN gate dielectric.



**Fig. 4-13** The field effect mobility of OTFTs with 150°C, 200°C, and 250°C AlN gate dielectric. The drain bias is -3 V. The field effect mobility is extracted from the linear region transconductance.



Fig. 4-14 The cross-sectional SEM image of AlN dielectric.



**Fig. 4-15** The leakage current of MIS structure as a function of electric field and gate voltage. The inset is the capacitance measured from the same structure under various frequencies.



Fig. 4-16 (a) The transfer characteristics of AlN-OTFTs. The gate voltage was scanned from +1 V to -5 V. (b) The square root of drain current vs. the gate voltage.



Fig. 4-18 The AFM image of higher  $Ar/N_2$  ratio sputtered AlN film. The scanning sized is  $5 \times 5 \ \mu m^2$ .



Fig. 4-19 The AFM images of pentacene films grown at higher  $Ar/N_2$  ratio AlN dielectrics. The scanning sized is  $5 \times 5 \ \mu m^2$ .



**Fig. 4-20** The leakage current of MIS structure as a function of electric field and gate voltage. The inset is the capacitance measured from the same structure under various frequencies.



Fig. 4-21 The cross-sectional SEM image of AlN dielectric with higher  $Ar/N_2$ 

ratio.



Fig. 4-22 The transfer characteristics of AlN-OTFTs. The gate voltage was scanned from +1 V to -5 V.



**Fig. 4-23** The square root of drain current vs. the gate voltage. The gate voltage



Fig. 4-24 The output characteristics of OTFTs with higher Ar/N<sub>2</sub> ratio AlN films.



Fig. 4-25 The AFM image of room temperature sputtered AlN film. The scanning sized is  $5 \times 5 \ \mu m^2$ .





Fig. 4-26 The AFM images of pentacene films grown on the room temperature AlN dielectrics. The scanning sized is  $5 \times 5 \ \mu m^2$ .



**Fig. 4-27** The leakage current of MIS structure as a function of electric field and gate voltage. The inset is the capacitance measured from the same structure under various frequencies.



Fig. 4-28 The cross-sectional SEM image of room temperature AlN dielectric.



Fig. 4-30 The square root of drain current vs. the gate voltage. The gate voltage was scanned from +1 V to -5 V.



**Fig. 4-31** The output characteristics of OTFTs with room temperature AlN films.

