# **Physics as a Journey**

and

# **Integration of Ferroelectric Oxides on Semiconductors**

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#### **Moscow Institute for Steel and Alloys**

Website <u>http://www.misis.ru</u> National University of Science and Technology "MISIS" was established in 1918 as part of the Mining Academy. In 1930, it became independent and was known as Stalin



Moscow Institute of Steel. In 1962 it united with the Institute of Nonferrous Metals and Gold and assumed its current name. The Technological University status was awarded in 1993.



M. P. Shaskolskaya



#### My college professors



#### P.N. Lebedev Physical Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences



#### My first physics job



The history of LPI begins from the collection of scientific devices and instruments in the Kunstkamera founded by the decision of Tsar Peter the Great in 1714. Based on the use of collected instruments the first studies at the Physics Cabinet of the Kunstkamera are dated by 1724 when the Saint Petersburg Academy of Sciences has been established. The Cabinet of Physics was well recognized by the activity of prominent scientists of that time as D. Bernoulli, L. Euler, M.V. Lomonosov. LPI moved to Moscow in1934.





#### **Graduate School**





My advisor: Otto Sankey



John Page







Mike O'Keefe



 $\left(-\frac{\hbar^2 \nabla^2}{2m} + V(r)\right) \psi_i(r) = \varepsilon_i \psi_i(r)$ 

# Electronic Structure Theory





 $\Psi(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{r}) = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \chi_k(\mathbf{r}; \mathbf{R}) \phi_k(\mathbf{R}),$  $H_{\mathbf{e}} \ \chi(\mathbf{r}) = E_{\mathbf{e}} \ \chi(\mathbf{r})$ 

 $[T_{\rm n} + E_{\rm e}(\mathbf{R})]\,\phi(\mathbf{R}) = E\phi(\mathbf{R})$ 







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# Materials Fundamentals of Gate Dielectrics

Edited by Alexander A. Demkov and Alexandra Navrotsky



Springer





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7,365,410 Semiconductor structure having a metallic buffer layer and method for forming
7,235,847 Semiconductor device having a gate with a thin conductive layer
7,141,857 Semiconductor structures and methods of fabricating semiconductor structures ...
7,091,568 Electronic device including dielectric layer, and a process for forming the electronic device
6,791,125 Semiconductor device structures which utilize metal sulfides
6,693,033 Method of removing an amorphous oxide from a monocrystalline surface
6,479,173 Semiconductor structure having a crystalline alkaline earth metal silicon nitride/oxide ...





# **UT Physics Department at a glance**



Atomic, Molecular, and Optical Physics Biophysics/Biological Physics Condensed Matter Physics Center for Particles and Fields Center for Nonlinear Dynamics Center for Relativity Institute for Fusion Studies Center for Complex Quantum Systems Weinberg Theory Group Center for High Energy Density Science

60 faculty members 270 undergraduate majors 227 graduate students F UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN



Materials Physics Lab

#### Theory, algorithms and computation

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XPS/UPS system



#### **Materials Growth**



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Ba/Sr Ti Ge

ALD system

**Materials characterization** 





STM system

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#### **Electrical and Magnetic measurements**





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# **Outline of the rest of the talk**

- Acknowledgments
- Functional transition metal oxides
- Challenges of oxide/semicon. integration
- STO on Si
- Ferroelectric insulator on Si
- Ferroelectric insulator on Ge
- Conclusions





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Quartz SiO<sub>2</sub>



Cassiterite SnO<sub>2</sub>



Uraninite UO<sub>2</sub>

# Oxides



Hematite Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>



Perovskite CaTiO<sub>3</sub>



Ilmenite FeTiO<sub>3</sub>



Spinel MgAl<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>



# **Transition metals**

A transition metal is one which forms one or more stable ions which have *incompletely filled d orbitals*.







Erwin Schrödinger

 $[Ar] = 1s^2 2s^2 2p^6 3s^2 3p^6$  $[Ti] = [Ar]3d^24s^2$  $[V] = [Ar]3d^34s^2$ 



# Perovskite oxides ABO<sub>3</sub>



CaTiO<sub>3</sub>, BaTiO<sub>3</sub>, SrHfO<sub>3</sub>,...

**Octahedral symmetry** (O<sub>h</sub>):





Count Lev Alekseevich Perovski 1792-1856

High spin Low spin Fe<sup>3+</sup> (d<sup>5</sup>)



# Ferroelectricity



# **Integrating ferroelectric on Si (001)**

#### Negative capacitance for steep sub threshold slope -S. Salahuddin and S. Datta

NANO LETTERS 2008 Vol. 8, No. 2 405-410

#### Use of Negative Capacitance to Provide Voltage Amplification for Low Power Nanoscale Devices

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#### Concept:

The hysteretic parts of a ferroelectric's QV curves represent negative capacitance. If carefully balanced with positive capacitance in series, the two can cancel, giving very high effective capacitance, so that a small change in gate bias could control a large change in channel charge in an FET.



> 1 unless C<sub>ins</sub> is negative

S lower than 60 mV/dec could be obtained







#### ARTICLE

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# A strong electro-optically active lead-free ferroelectric integrated on silicon

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# **Critical issues of oxide/semiconductor epitaxy\*:**



Ge concentration (%)

# **Thermal mismatch**



\*A. A. Demkov and A. B. Posadas "Integration of Functional Oxides with Semiconductors" Springer, New York (2014).











# **Epitaxial oxide on semiconductors**



R. McKee, F. Walker, M. Chisholm, *PRL* 81 3014 (1998) R. McKee, F. Walker, M. Chisholm, *Science 293*, 468 (2001)

Rodney McKee and Fred Walker achieved high quality monolithic Integration of perovskites on Si and Ge

#### SrTiO<sub>3</sub> on Si Model Experiment







**BaTiO<sub>3</sub> on Ge** 



<u>Question</u>: how do you bond materials with not just different lattice constants but different types of bonding (*i.e.* ionic *vs.* covalent)?

If the energy of the interface is too high, you will get 3D growth



With Si-SiO<sub>2</sub> we have got lucky, they are both covalent sp<sup>3</sup> networks!



# **Geometry problem can be fixed:**





• Mixed bonding serves as a bridge



# **Zintl intermetallics: SrAl<sub>2</sub>**



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Sr

#### **Zintl Alchemy:**

Charge transfer makes electro-negative metal behave as if it were in the next column of the Periodic Table: Al  $\rightarrow$  Si



Edward Zintl (1898-1941)

#### tI10 SrAl<sub>4</sub> structure



fcc Al metal



SrAl<sub>2</sub> structure









Demkov et al. Appl. Phys. Lett. 100, 071602 (2012).





### **Electropositive metal template:** <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> **ML Sr results in 2D growth**

#### **Sr on Si(001):**



# SrTiO<sub>3</sub>/Si interface structure





Edward Zintl 1898-1941

Both structures have 2x1 symmetry. Structure (a) has a full ML of Sr at the interface (1ML), structure (b) has a half ML of Sr at the interface (1/2 ML)

X. Zhang, A.A. Demkov, H. Li, X. Hu, Y. Wei, and J. Kulik, Phys. Rev. B 68, 125323 (2003).



# **Growth and in-situ characterization**







# **SrTiO<sub>3</sub> deposition on Si**



- Sr-assisted SiO<sub>2</sub> desorption
- ½ monolayer Sr on Si
   (Zintl template layer)



Edward Zintl 1898-1941

- Initial amorphous SrTiO<sub>3</sub> seed layer at 200°C (4 unit cells) Crystallize at 550°C
- Main SrTiO<sub>3</sub> deposition 4x10<sup>-7</sup> torr O<sub>2</sub> at 550°C Co-evaporation of Sr and Ti at 1 monolayer per minute 20 unit cells (fully relaxed)







<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> ML of Sr on Si(001)

M. Choi, et al., Appl. Phys. Lett. 102, 031604 (2013).





# **Surface quality by ARPES**



# **Strain stabilized out-of-plane ferroelectricity**



V. Vaithyanathan, J. Lettieri, W. Tian, A. Sharan, A. Vasudevarao, and Y. L. Li, A. Kochhar, H. Ma, and J. Levy, P. Zschack, J. C. Woicik, L. Q. Chen, V. Gopalan, and D. G. Schlom, J. Appl. Phys. 100, 024108 (2006).



# Ferroelectric BaTiO<sub>3</sub> on Si (001)



# 16 nm BaTiO<sub>3</sub> strain analysis







16 nm BTO

#### **1.6 nm BTO**









# Summary: BaTiO<sub>3</sub> on Si (001)

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Integration of a ferroelectric layer into the CMOS gate stack enables the use of a new phenomenon "negative capacitance" in a traditional field effect transistor to reduce the power consumption. TEM allows optimizing the growth process to achieve a true ferroelectric state indicated by hysteretic loops.

#### ARTICLES

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nature nanotechnology

# Switching of ferroelectric polarization in epitaxial $BaTiO_3$ films on silicon without a conducting bottom electrode

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# Ferroelectric on Ge: BTO/STO/Ge (001)

- $\frac{1}{2}$  ML Sr on Ge (550°C)
- Shuttered growth of 5 unit cells of STO at 200°C => Anneal to 700°C for crystallization
- Shuttered deposition of BTO at 700°C





**<u>RHEED</u>**: 2-nm thick epitaxially grown STO film on Ge taken along the <110> direction of STO

**<u>RHEED</u>**: 16-nm thick epitaxially grown BTO film on STO





# Aberration-corrected STEM: BTO/Ge(001) interface

K. D. Fredrickson, et al., Appl. Phys. Lett. 104, 242908 (2014).





BTO/Ge(001) heterostructure grown by MBE. Left: a) HAADF image showing abrupt BTO/Ge interface; b) Enlargement showing 2x and 1x periodicities of Ge(001) surface; c) Structural model. Right: *Sample imaged at 120keV*: a) HAADF image; b) BF image.



# **Summary**

- High quality BTO with in-plane polarization may be grown directly on Si (001).
- High quality BTO with in-plane polarization may be grown directly on Ge (001).
- Using a thin STO buffer layer stabilizes out-of-plane polarized BTO on Ge.

