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(57) Abstract :  
 Gallium nitride (GaN) has been considered as a superior materialfor applications in high-power and high-frequency transistorsoperating at elevated temperatures, owing to their large anddirect band gap, as well as favorable transport properties. There has been considerable interest in the experimentalstudies of metal-semiconductor (MS), metal-insulator-semiconductor(MIS) type Schottky diodes in the past decades. The popularity of such studies, rooted in their importanceto the insulator layer between metal and semiconductor. The existence of such interfacial insulator layer converts the MSdiodes to MIS type diodes and can have strong influence on thedevice characteristics as well as the interface state density (NSS),Schottky barrier height (SBH) and ideality factor (n). We have investigated the current-voltage (I-V) characteristics of (Au/SiO2/n-GaN) metal-insulator-semiconductor (MIS) Schottky diodes and compared with (Au/n-GaN) metal-semiconductor (MS) Schottky diode. The effect of SiO2on the surface preparation of n-GaN (MIS) Schottky diode is analyzed.It is observed that the Schottky barrier height increases from 0.79eV to 0.86 eV, the ideality factor decreases from 1.45 to 1.3, by inserting the SiO2 insulating layer. The interface state density as determined by Terman's method is found to be 3.79×1012and 3.41×1010 cm-2 eV-1 for the MS and MIS Schottky diodes, which again decreased by the insulating layer.

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