

Highly Stable Hysteresis-Free Molybdenum Disulfide Field-Effect Transistors

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Molybdenum disulfide (MoS₂) has been intensively studied as a great candidate for next-generation nano electronic devices due to its promising n-type semiconducting properties with a finite bandgap.^{1,2} One of the main issues of MoS₂ FETs is poor electrical and environmental stability. The instability of MoS₂ FETs mainly result from the charge trapping on the MoS₂ surface which is induced by the organic residues, adsorbed H₂O and O₂ molecules.^{3,4} Due to the instability caused by extrinsic and environmental effect, revealing intrinsic properties of the MoS₂ are still limited.

In this study, we demonstrated highly stable hysteresis-free MoS₂ FETs by annealing process and sequential polymer passivation. The fabricated MoS₂ FETs showed negligible hysteresis even after 100 days stored in ambient air remaining good electron mobility of ~20 cm²/Vs, good on/off ratio larger than 10⁶, and good subthreshold swing of ~200 mV/dec. This dramatic improvement on the stability was attributed to the removal of existing charge trapping states by annealing process and prevention of adsorption of H₂O and O₂ molecules to the MoS₂ surface by polymer passivation.

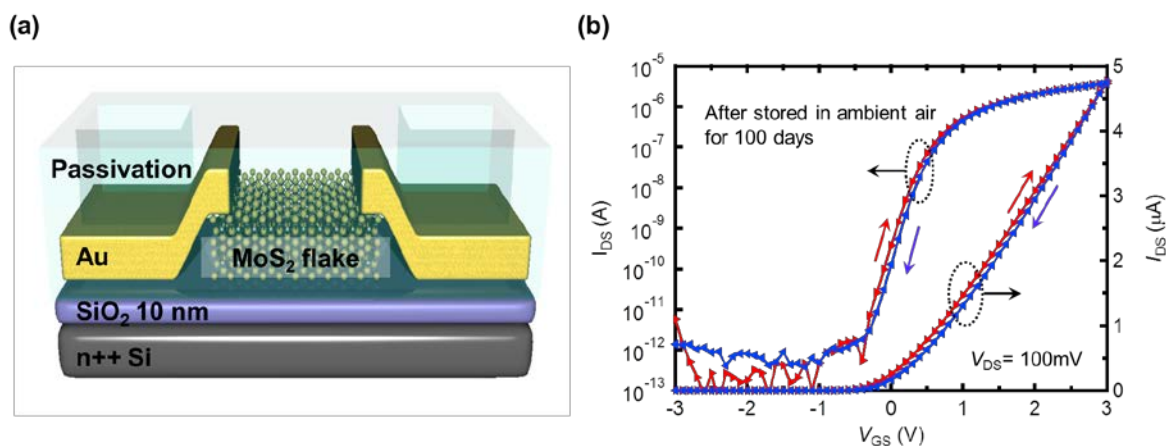


Fig. 1. (a) A schematic diagram for MoS₂ FETs with passivation layer. (b) Transfer characteristics for multilayer MoS₂ FETs with passivation layer in the linear regime where $V_{DS}=100$ mV.

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