A combinatorial approach to the ferroelectric properties in Hf_xZr_{1-x}O₂ deposited by atomic layer deposition

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Figure 1: A gradient in composition obtained for TDMA-Hf precursor as the precursor temperature and pulse time are reduced below the ALD saturation window. The ALD process temperature is set at 250°C. As the precursor temperature is reduced to 60°C and the pulse time was reduced to 0.1s, a thinness gradient of ~1.6nm was obtained. The arrow indicates the direction of precursor flow into the ALD chamber

(a) (b) (C) Total wafer thickness Wafer Composition(ZrO₂%) 1.000 > 8.87 - 10.00 0.875 - 1.000 60 8.55 8.87 0.750 - 0.875 0.625 - 0.750 5.50 - 6.62 4.37 - 5.50 3.25 - 4.37 7,98 Polarization (µC/cm²) 0.500 - 0.625 30 8 29 0.375 - 0.500 0.250 - 0.375 84 3.25 0.125 - 0.250 0 0.000 - 0.125 8.37 9.86 -30 9.54 8.37 Zro cO Hf_{0.38}Zr_{0.62}O₂ 9.21 -60 Hf_{0.65}Zr_{0.35}O 8.64 1 2 -1 0 3 -3 -2 Plot- Optic Electric field (MV/cm)

Figure 2: (a, b) shows the total wafer thickness when saturated TDMA-Hf and unsaturated TDMA-Zr precursors are used for the ALD deposition along with the different wafer compositions estimated using sample depositions from spectroscopic ellipsometry. (c) shows a few PE hysteresis loops obtained for three different compositions obtained across different Hf and Zr composition gradient wafers