# Novel Materials for Organic and Thin Film Electronics















# The road beyond CMOS: Nano?

Nano: things smaller than 100 nm

Opportunities for revolutionary new materials, processes, and technologies

But: also many opportunities to improve, extend, and transform present technologies, including computer hardware technologies





# Silicon Logic - Already at the Nanoscale

(That's what got us into trouble!)



- Power4 Chip
- Gate length = 6 nm
- 174 million transistors

SI

J. Warnock et al., *IBM J. R&D*, p. 27, 2002



## **One alternative: Carbon Nanotube FET**



### **Carbon Nanotube Inverter**





# Nanotube <u>*Technology*</u>?

#### How do you get from here to there?

Plenty of room for improvement !

No new architecture !







# Some of the issues

- CNT synthesis and purification; control of diameter and chirality
- CNT placement in integrated circuit hierarchy with nm precision
- Site- and/or area-selective n- and p-type CNT doping on nm scale
- Control over contacts to CNT, injection barrier to n-, p-, i-CNTs
- Elimination of parasitics for high performance
- Elimination of 1/f noise in CNFET devices
- Theoretical modeling of CNT physics, chemistry, and devices
- CNT and device physical characterization
- Optoelectronic properties





**1/f noise in carbon nanotubes** Philip G. Collins, M. S. Fuhrer, and A. Zettl APL 76, 894 (2000)



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# **CNT** Optoelectronics



CNT optoelectronic properties are key in understanding basic transport properties, effects of defects, CNT electronic structure, excited states, etcetera. There is room for much experimental work, as well as more advanced theoretical understanding.

Exciton binding energy is CNTs (0.1-0.5 eV) much larger than in III-V's (10's of meV). CNT exciton bonding energy depends on environment.

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# A Molecular Computer – Slow but it works (once)











Manipulate chemistry of template, organic, and inorganic



Manipulate device geometry and molecular assembly



Study low and high bias characteristics

C. Lin, C. R. Kagan JACS, 125, 336 (2003)



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# Pentacene: the world's best organic semiconductor



Mobilities up to 5 cm<sup>2</sup>/Volt.sec reported (a-Si: 1 cm<sup>2</sup>/Volt.sec) Vacuum deposition







# Key Question: How do Molecules interactwith Contacts? $500 \text{ nm} \times 500 \text{ nm}, V_s = -2.0V$



Pn / SiO<sub>2</sub>



Pn / Si(001)



Pn / Cyclohexene / Si(001)





Pn stands up on non-metallic surfaces, such as oxides, semiconductors or semimetals, but lies down flat on metals.

Fractal growth and scaling is consistent with classical growth models developed for inorganic materials



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1<sup>st</sup> pentacene

pentacene

island

layer

J. Sadowski, G. Thayer, F. Meyer zu Heringdorf, R. Tromp

Si(111

# **Growth on clean Si**



Meyer zu Heringdorf, F.-J.; Reuter, M.C.; Tromp, R.M. Nature 2001, 412, 517-520





Benzene/Si(001) also undergoes transition from sp2 to sp3 hybridization *Reversibly* adsorbs, desorbs

# Pentacene on Si(001): Infrared Spectra



Pentacene (bulk) shows no *sp*<sup>3</sup>
 hybridized C-H stretching vibrations

• Monolayer coverage – peaks at 2091, 2870, 2922 cm<sup>-1</sup> indicate Si-H and *sp*<sup>3</sup> hybridized C-H bonds, also thermally stable

• Multilayer coverage – small Si-H peak, peaks above 3000 cm<sup>-1</sup> are much larger than any below 3000 cm<sup>-1</sup>

 Heating multilayer – broader Si-H peak, peaks almost identical to those of monolayer

Interfacial layer involves transition of some C atoms to sp3 hybridization and some dissocation. Layer appears to be thermally stable and *irreversibly* bound.

K.P. Weidkamp, C.A. Hacker, M.P. Schwartz, X. Cao, R.M. Tromp and R.J. Hamers,

# **Cyclo-addition reaction on Si**



Organic surface termination renders Si surface inert, providing an ideal substrate for subsequent pentacene growth





Chainlike molecules render Si surface inert, but affect diffusion and aggregation during pentacene growth



# Selection of azimuthal angles: Role of molecular species



Cyclooctadiene



Hexene





Dodecene on axis



Dodecene off axis

Crystals at 90 degrees increments





# **Epitaxial growth of pentacene on Si: diffraction analysis**



#### LEED 8/20 dodecene Si(001) on axis



#### LEED 6/11 COD Si(001) on axis

Epitaxial growth, rectangular unit cell

#### PENTACENE /Si(001) EPITAXY



# Pentacene MD on IBM BlueGene



non - classical diffusion

pentacene diffusion on dodecene



### **Soluble pentacene precursors**





# Chalcogenides: a new look at some old materials

	E <sub>g</sub> (eV)	µn (cm₂/V-sec)	μ <sub>p</sub> (cm₂/V-sec)	Semiconductor mobilitie	es @ RT (cm²/V.s)
SnS <sub>2</sub>	2.6	18		InSb CdSe c-Si	77,000 650 1,500 – 100
SnSe	2 1.6	27		a-Si CNT Polymer	$ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 100,000 \\ 10^{-5} - 10^{-2} \\ 0.1 - 5 \end{array} $
ZnSe	2.7	600		Pentacene Chalcogenides (spinc.)	0.1 – 5 1 -20
ZnTe	2.25		100		
CdS	2.42	250			
CdSe	1.73	650			

Organic-derivatized CdSe nanocrystals -- n-type 1.0 cm<sup>2</sup>/V-s [Ridley et. al., Science 286, 746 (1999)] Chemical Bath Technique CdSe -- n-type 15 cm<sup>2</sup>/V-s [Gan et. al., IEEE Trans. Electr. Devices 49, 15 (2002)] Assembled Nanorod / Nanoribbon -- n-, p-type <300 cm<sup>2</sup>/V-s [Duan et. al., Nature 425, 274 (2003)]



## **Solution Processable Chalcogenides**





# Chalcogenides – a new low-T spin-on semiconductor with high mobility



Developed new chemistries to spin on thin chalcogenide films with low processing temperatures < 300 C

RMS Roughness: Film thickness: Composition:

6 Å (A) and 14 Å (B) only 7- 9 unit cells thick!  $SnS_{1.8}$  and  $SnS_{1.4}Se_{0.5}$ 

$$\begin{split} \mu_{sat} &= 12.0 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V-s} \\ \mu_{lin} &= 2.4 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V-s} \\ I_{on}/I_{off} &> 10^6 \\ L &= 14 \text{ } \mu\text{m}; \text{ W} = 250 \text{ } \mu\text{m} \end{split}$$

Highest spin-coated channel mobility by ~ 10X











Nanoscience may give rise to future revolutionary technologies relevant to Information Technology: Nanotube or molecular logic; Novel, dense crosspoint memories; New high performance spin-coatable semiconductors; etcetera.

Also, Si technology itself is a rapidly changing revolutionary technology that provides a 'ready' platform for nanotechnology integration: Materials; Processes; Devices; Lithography; etcetera.

Development of new technologies to replace an existing technology takes decades, not months – but we can utilize nanotechnology on shorter timescales by insertion in existing technologies, and in niche application.



