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Design and Proof of High Quality HfAlO_x Film Formation for MOSCAPs and nMOSFETs through Layer-by-Layer Deposition and Annealing Process

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We propose a new method for high-k film growth and demonstrate its usefulness in terms of improvements of electrical characteristics of MOSCAPs and nMOSFETs. *Layer-by-Layer Deposition & Annealing* (LL-D&A) is a key concept to reduce impurities incorporated in the film and improve electrical properties for HfAlO_x (Hf:75at.%). The residual carbon was 50% reduced in HfAlO_x films grown through D&A(O₂). The excellent properties of D&A(O₂) HfAlO_x such as a small δV_{FB} less than 0.06V for MOSCAP, a low subthreshold swing of 77mV/dec, a peak mobility of 210cm²/Vs and 10-year lifetime at $V_g=-1.9V$ for poly-Si gate nMOSFET were obtained.