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Flexible Electronics for Biosensors

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Objectives

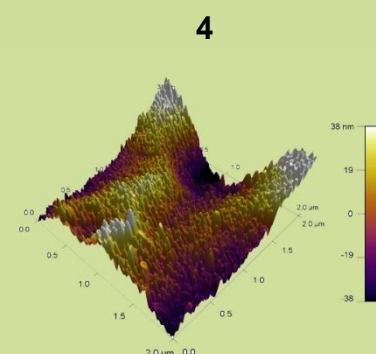
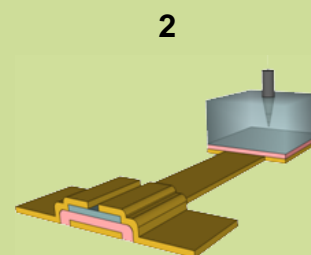
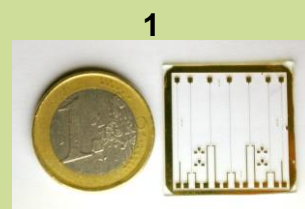
- Thin film devices as transducer for Biosensing: ISFETs (1, 2) and EIS capacitors based on amorphous oxides.
- Optimization and Integration of Parylene as substrate, dielectric and encapsulant for flexible electronics.
- Development of in-situ electrochemical facilities in XRD to study the Li intercalation in electrochromic materials.
- Development of AFM methodologies to study nanostructured materials.

Methodology

- All layers of ISFETs can be produced by multicomponent amorphous oxides (e.g. Ga-In-Zn oxide, GIZO as the semiconductor, Ta₂O₅ as the sensitive layer) and are fabricated by Sputtering (3).
- Use of Parylene, deposited by CVD at room temperature, will allow the use of flexible substrates (PET, paper...). As a dielectric, low leakage currents and good electrical properties can be achieved.
- Different substrates to study nanostructures, such as nanoparticles on TetraPAK (4)

Expected Results

- Top Gate TFTs with Parylene dielectric, processed at temperature <150 °C with good electrical performance ($\mu_{FE} > 10$ and $1 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ for n- and p-type TFTs, respectively) and stable operation under electrical and optical stress.
- Fully flexible TFT arrays, using Parylene as substrate, dielectric and passivation layer
- In-situ electrochemical cell for XRD
- C-AFM, KPFM, EFM on Cu₂O, VO₂ and ZnO nanowires/nanorods by AFM



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