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Vertically coupled Al and Si SETs for characterization of MOS structures at low temperature LUYAN SUN, B.E. KANE, Laboratory for Physical Sciences, University of Maryland — Due to impurities and interface states, a silicon metal-oxide-semiconductor field-effect transistor (MOSFET) channel is usually imperfect. A single electron transistor (SET) close to the channel provides a useful probe of these imperfections at low temperatures, the regime where Si devices may be used for quantum information processing. We incorporate an Al-AlO_x-Al SET as the gate of a narrow MOSFET to induce a self-aligned and vertically coupled Si SET at the Si/SiO₂ interface [1]. We use this SET sandwich architecture to probe and identify sources of defect charge motion in MOS structures via a cross-correlation measurement between the two SETs. In particular, we will present preliminary data from these devices to study a single charge defect at the Si/SiO₂ interface. [1] L. Sun, K. R. Brown, and B. E. Kane, Appl. Phys. Lett. **91**, 142117 (2007).

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