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Superconducting qubits consisting of epitaxially-grown NbN/AlN/NbN Josephson junctions YASUNOBU NAKAMURA, RIKEN/NEC, HIROTAKA TERAI, NICT, KUNIHIRO INOMATA, RIKEN, TSUYOSHI YAMAMOTO, RIKEN/NEC, WEI QIU, ZHEN WANG, NICT — We demonstrate superconducting qubits using epitaxially-grown Josephson junctions. A fully epitaxial NbN/AlN/NbN trilayer on MgO (100) substrate is processed by photolithography and dry-etching into transmon qubits with a large Josephson energy. The tunnel barrier made of cubic-phase AlN, rather than the ordinary hexagonal phase, is the key to avoid piezoelectric coupling to the phonon bath. The energy-relaxation time and the spin-echo decay time of $\sim 500~\rm ns$ are observed in the qubits that are coupled to a monolithically-made coplanar waveguide resonator.

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