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**High-Performance Topological Insulator Bi<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>3</sub> Nanowire Field Effect Transistors**<sup>1</sup> HAO ZHU, GMU, CURT RICHTER, NIST, ERHAI ZHAO, HUI YUAN, HAITAO LI, DIMITRIS IOANNOU, QILIANG LI, GMU, GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY TEAM, NIST TEAM — Single crystal topological insulator Bi<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>3</sub> nanowires were synthesized by Vapor-Liquid-Solid (VLS) mechanism. Bi<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>3</sub> NW field-effect transistors were fabricated by using self-alignment method with HfO<sub>2</sub> as the gate dielectric. Bi<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>3</sub> NWFETs were measured in vacuum at different temperatures. Excellent MOSFET characteristics were achieved: smooth and well-saturated output characteristics, large On/Off ratio ( $10^7$ ), zero Off-state current and good subthreshold slope in transfer characteristics. We have observed linear behavior of the saturation current extracted from the  $I_{ds}$ - $V_{ds}$  curves as a function of the overthreshold voltage ( $V_g - V_{th}$ ), which indicated the main role of the metallic surface conduction at Bi<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>3</sub> nanowire channel. Both effective mobility and field-effect mobility have been extracted. Very good effective mobility ( $> 5000 \text{ cm}^2\text{V}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$  at 77 K) was obtained under a low gate voltage. From off-state current we calculated the band gap of bulk about 0.33 eV, which is in a good agreement with reported value of 0.35 eV.

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