## Electron Transport Property Measurement of Metal Oxide Nanowire Based Nanodevices Using Nanomanipulators *In-Situ* FESEM

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A revolution has begun in science, engineering and technology, based on the ability to organize, characterize, and manipulate matter systematically at the nanoscale. Nanotechnology is the creation and utilization of functional materials, devices, and systems with novel properties and functions that are achieved through the control of matter, atom by atom, molecule by molecule or at the macromolecular level. Opportunities have opened as new tools enable fundamental discoveries and technological advances. In this paper, we present electron transport property measurement of metal oxide nanowire based nanodevices using nanomanipulators *in-situ* scanning electron microscope.

ZnO nanowires were fabricated through thermal vapor transportation method as shown in Fig.1. The nanowire grow along [10-10] direction with diameters ranging from 10-100 nm. As synthesized nanowires were assembled on SiO<sub>2</sub> coated Si substrate. The large electrodes were patterned using photolithography. The nanoelectrodes were patterned using e-beam nanolithography integrated with Carl Zeiss 1530VP Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscope (FESEM). The Kleindiek nanomanipulators were integrated with FESEM for *in-situ* electron transport measurement as shown in Fig.2 (a).

Fig.2(b) shows two nanoprobes directly contacting on a nanowire for the resistance measurement. Nanoelectrodes were patterned to connect nanowires. In this way, it is easier for the nanomanipulators to be positioned on nanowires for the measurement. Fig.2 (c) and (d) present two nanoprobes touching down on nanoelectrodes for I-V curve measurement of a nanowire. The linear I-V curve is shown in Fig. 3(a). A nanodiode was patterned as shown in Fig.2(e). The I-V measurement, as shown in Fig.3(b), shows that the nanodiode performs rectifying characteristic as applied forward bias. A field effect transistor was also shown in Fig.2(f). The detail performance will be discussed in the presentation.

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Figure 1 (a) ZnO nanowirs and (b) HREM image of [10-10] growth nanowire.



Figure 2 (a) configuration of four nanomanipulators, (b) nanoprobes on a nanowire directly for the resistance measurement, (c) and (d) nanoprobes positioned on nanoelectrodes for I-V curve measurement, (e) nanodiode measurement, and (f) transistor measurement.



Figure 3 (a) I-V curve of ZnO nanowire and (b) nanodiode showing rectifying characteristic as applied forward bias.