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## HIGH-k LaCeO FOR PASSIVATION OF Si SUBSTRATE

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**ABSTRACT**- High dielectric constant rare earth lanthanum cerium oxide (LaCeO) films have been studied as the passivation layers for silicon substrate. Effects of post-deposition annealing time (15, 30, and 45 min) was carried out at 700°C towards structural and morphological characteristics of the films. As the annealing time was increased from 15 to 45 min, a shift in the diffraction angles, peak intensity, and peak width obtained from high resolution X-ray diffraction happened and resulted in changes in term of crystallite size and lattice strain present in the films. Corresponding influence on the film roughness has been also explored. A functional metal-oxide-semiconductor (MOS) based capacitor using the LaCeO film was fabricated in order to study current-voltage characteristics of the sample.

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