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Heterostructures of transition-metal oxides - Experiment, mainly spectroscopy -

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New opportunities with oxide thin films



Outline

- Electronic structure of transition-metal oxides
- Fabrication and characterization
- Interfacial electronic structure
- Effects of finite thickness
- Effects of epitaxial strain

Electronic structure of transition-metal oxides



Metal-insulator transition through collapse of Mott gap – Bandwidth control



Metal-insulator transition through carrier doping into Mott insulator – Filling control



Bandwidth- versus filling-controlled metal-insulator transition



M. Imada, A. Fujimori and Y. Tokura, Rev. Mod. Phys. 1998

Electronic structure change across bandwidthcontrolled metal-insulator transition



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Bandwidth- versus filling-controlled in Mott-Hubbard systems



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Bandwidth- versus filling-controlled in Mott-Hubbard systems



Filling-controlled Mott-Hubbard system La_{1-x}Sr_xTiO₃



Perovskite-type transition-metal oxdies



Zaanen-Sawatzky-Allen diagram



J. Zaanen, G.A. Sawatzky and J.W. Allen, PRL '85

Metal-insulator transition through collapse of charge-transfer gap – Bandwidth control



Metal-insulator transition through carrier doping into charge-transfer insulator



Perovskite-type transition-metal oxdies



Perovskite-type Mn oxdies



Double exchange model for magnetoresistance in Mn oxdies



Colossal magnetoresistance of Mn oxdies



Y. Tokura et al., J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. '94

Perovskite-type transition-metal oxdies



M. Imada, A. Fujimori and Y. Tokura, Rev. Mod. Phys. '98

Spin-charge-orbital ordering in perovskite-type Mn oxdies

Pr_{1-x}Ca_xMnO₃

Jahn-Teller distortion of MnO₆ octahedron



Even bigger magnetoresistance in narrow-band Mn oxdies



Fabrication and characterization



MBE using pulsed laser deposition (PLD)

PLD system



Monitoring RHEED oscillations



T. Ohnishi et al., APL '01.

Characterization of epitaxially grown thin film on SrTiO₃(001) substrate



K. Yoshimatsu et al.

Characterization of epitaxially grown superlattice on SrTiO₃(001) substrate

[(LaMnO₃)_{11.8} / (SrMnO₃)_{4.4}]₆ superlattice

TEM image

X-ray reflection



Soft x-ray scattering from [(LaMnO₃)_m/(SrMnO₃)_m[,]]_n superlattice



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S.J. May et al. PRB '08

S. Smadici et al.,. PRL '07

In-situ ARPES measurement system of PLD-grown oxide thin films

AFM image



LEED



Combined photoemission-laser MBE system Oshima-Kumigashira group



Photon Factory BL-1c, BL2c, BL-28

K. Horiba et al., Rev. Sci. Instrum. 74, 3406 (2003).









Polarized soft x-ray absorption spectroscopy (XAS)



XMCD of buried interfaces


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Interfacial electronic structure

Metallic states between two insulators -States near the Fermi level-



Metallic behavior of interfaces between Mott insulator and band insulator

Perovskite-type oxides ABO₃





SrTiO₃: *d*⁰ (Ti⁴⁺) band insulator

Metallic interfaces !

LaTiO₃: *d*¹ (Ti³⁺) Mott insulator



LaTiO₃ layers embedded in SrTiO₃: Penetration of Ti 3*d* electrons into SrTiO₃

LaTiO₃: d^1 (Ti³⁺) Mott insulator SrTiO₃: d^0 (Ti⁴⁺) band insulator

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Atomically resolved EELS



Metallic transport of SrTiO₃/LaTiO₃ superlattices



Photoemission spectra of SrTiO₃/LaTiO₃ interfaces



Photoemission spectra of SrTiO₃/LaTiO₃ interfaces

Ti 2p-3d resonant photoemission



Metallicity at SrTiO₃/LaTiO₃ interfaces resulting from electronic reconstruction



Layer DMFT calculation including long-range Coulomb interaction

S. Okamoto and A. J. Millis, Nature '04, PRB '04

Interfacial electronic structure

Metallic states between two insulators -Charge transfer in electronic reconstruction-



High mobility of *n*-type carriers at interfaces between two band insulators



Critical thickness of ~4 uc for conductivity transition at LaAIO₃/SrTiO₃ interface



S. Thiel et al., Science '06

M. Huijben et al., Nature Mater.'06

Polar (111) surface of K₃C₆₀ and its electronic reconstruction



Position

Photoemission spectroscopy of buried interfaces



Evidence for Ti³⁺ states at the *n*-type LaAIO₃/SrTiO₃ interface



LaAIO₃ overlayer thickness dependence of Ti³⁺ concentration at LaAIO₃/SrTiO₃ interface

LaAlO₃(x uc)/SrTiO₃



p-type LaAlO₃/SrTiO₃ interface



A. Ohtomo and H.Y. Hwang, Nature '04; N. Nakagawa et al, Nat. Mater. '06 H.Y. Hwang, Science '07

LaAIO₃ overlayer thickness dependence of Ti³⁺ concentration at LaAIO₃/SrTiO₃ interface

LaAlO₃(x uc)/SrTiO₃



Interfacial electronic structure

Metallic states between two insulators -Potential change in electronic reconstruction-



Polar catastrophe model of LaAlO₃/SrTiO₃



Probing the potential slope in the LaAlO₃ layer of LaAlO₃/SrTiO₃



M. Takizawa et al.

Probing the potential slope in the LaAlO₃ layer of LaAlO₃/SrTiO₃



Probing the potential slope in GaN (0001) layers

GaN/AIN(0001)

GaN/SiC(0001)



A. Rizzi et al., JVSTB '99

Calculated potential in polar GaN/SiC(0001)



A. Rizzi et al., JVSTB '99

Short summary

- Metallic states between two insulators -

Electronic reconstruction at insulator-insulator interfaces:

- Charge transfer occurs as expected to avoid the polar catastroph, but the charge transfer starts well below the critical thickness of transport.
- Potential slope as expected to avoid the polar catastrophe model is much reduced.
- The above observations can be explained by the gradual reconstruction which starts well below the critical thickness.

Preparation dependence of carrier distributions at the *n*-type LaAIO₃/SrTiO₃ interface

Cross-sectional AFM



M. Sing et al., PRL '09

M. Basletic et al., Nat. Phys. '08

Novel physical properties of LaAIO₃/SrTiO₃ interfaces



Superconductivity

Ferromagnetism



N. Reyren et al. Science '07

A. Brinkman et al. Nat. Mater. '07 cf: MR by M B. Shalom et al., PRB '09

Gate-voltage control of superconductivity at LaAIO₃/SrTiO₃ interface

Resistivity for various gate voltages



Gate-voltage-controlled LaAIO₃/SrTiO₃ interface: Filling control or mobility control?

Resistivity for various gate voltages

Gate-voltage dependence of carrier density and mobility



C. Bell et al., PRL '09

Interfacial electronic structure

Ferromagnetism between non-magnetic materials



Ferromagnetism in [(LaMnO₃)_m/(SrMnO₃)_m,]_n superlattices

Magnetization, resistivity



Polarized neutron reflectivity



S.J. May et al.,. PRB '08

Soft x-ray scattering from [(LaMnO₃)₈/(SrMnO₃)₄]₇/SrTiO₃(001)

STEM image

Temperature dependence



H. Wadati

Ferromagnetism in AF insulator-paramagnetic metal interfaces

CaMnO₃: AF insulator CaRuO₃ : PM metal

Magnetization and Tc



S. Takahashi et al., APL '01

Mn 2p and Ru 3p XMCD for $CaMn_{1-x}Ru_xO_3$ thin films

XMCD spectra

Magnetic moments on Mn and Ru



Mechanism for ferromagnetism in $CaMn_{1-x}Ru_xO_3 - CaMnO_3/CaRuO_3$, too ?



cf.) Double peroskite Sr₂FeMoO₆ D.D. Sarma et al., PRL '00, Z. Fang et al., PRB '01

Interfacial electronic structure

Interface between different ground states



Interface between superconductor YBa₂Cu₃O₇ and ferromagnet (La,Ca)MnO₃



J. Chakhalian et al., Nat. Phys. '06


Interface between superconductor YBa₂Cu₃O₇ and ferromagnet (La,Ca)MnO₃



J. Chakhalian et al., Nat. Phys. '06



Interfacial electronic structure

Chemical potential



To deduce chemical potential from *I-V* characteristics of junction

I-V characteristics of SrRuO₃/SrTiO₃



Schottky barrier height = $\Phi_A - \Phi_B = \mu_B - \mu_A$ (or built-in potential in *p-n* junction)

T. Fujii et al., APL '05

To deduce chemical potential shift from *I-V* characteristics of junction

Chemical potential shift from the built-in potential of La_{1-x}Sr_xMO₃/SrTiO₃ *p-n* (Schottky) junction



A. Sawa et al., APL '07

To deduce chemical potential shift from *I-V* characteristics of junction

Chemical potential shift 0.0 from the built-in potential _a_{1-v}Sr_vTiO_{3+v/2} ·↓ -0.2 Ti 3d $(\delta = x + y)$ E_{F} 0.0 łŧ 3.2 eV La_{2-x}Sr_xCuO₄ Chemical potential shift $\Delta\mu$ (eV) $\phi_{\rm B}$ -0.2 *V* bi $(\delta = x)$ O 2p0.6 Fermi level shift (eV) (b) LSMO Nb:STO La_{2-x}Sr_xNiO_{4+v/2} 0.3 -0.2 $(\delta = x+y)$ LSFeO, **LSCoO** -0.4 0 LSMnO_ 0.0 La_{1-v}Sr_vFeO₃ -0.3 -0.2 $(\delta = x - 0.67)$ 0.0 Ba_{1-x}K_xBiO₃ t÷∓ -0.6 -0.2 0.2 0.40.6 0.8 $(\delta = x)$ 0 Sr content (x)-0.4 0.0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0 Hole concentration δ A. Sawa et al., APL '07 A. Fujimori et al.,

Chemical potential shift from core-level XPS

A. Fujimori et al., J. Electron Spectrosc. '02

Magnetic field-induced chemical potential shift in La_{2/3}Sr_{1/3}MnO₃/organic conductor junction



To deduce chemical potential shift from core-level photoemission



Carrier doping utilizing chemical potential differences



Manganite Cuprate

Superconducting

S. Yunoki et al., PRB, 2007

Effects of finite thickness

Metal-insulator transitions



Finite thickness

Metal-to-insulator transition in SrVO₃ with decreasing film thickness of



Metal-to-insulator transition in SrRuO₃ with decreasing film thickness of

• Small $W \rightarrow$ large U/W?



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Effects of epitaxial strain

Superconductivity



Band structure of La_{2-x}Sr_xCuO₄ (x=0.15) under compressive strain studied by ARPES



M. Abrecht et al., PRL '91

Fermi surface of La_{2-x}Sr_xCuO₄ (x=0.15) under compressive strain studied by ARPES



 $\xi_k = -2t[\cos(k_x a) + \cos(k_y a)]$ $+ 4t'\cos(k_x a)\cos(k_y a) - \mu$

cf: Tensile strain: La_{2-x}Sr_xCuO₄/SrTiO₃(001) D. Coleta et al., PRB '06

Empirical correlation between $T_{c,max}$ and next-nearest-neighbor hopping t'



E. Pavarini et al., PRL '01





D. Feng et al., PRL '01

Effects of epitaxial strain

Metal-insulator transitions



Electronic phase diagram of R_{1-x}A_xMnO₃



Electronic phase diagram of La_{1-x}Sr_xMnO₃ under epitaxial strain



HX-PES spectra of La_{1-x}Sr_xMnO₃ (x=0.4) under epitaxial strain



Electronic phase diagram of La_{1-x}Sr_xMnO₃ under epitaxial strain



HX-PES spectra of La_{1-x}Sr_xMnO₃ (x=0.5) under epitaxial strain



Summary

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 - Metallic states between two insulators
 - States near the Fermi level
 - Charge transfer in electronic reconstruction
 - Potential change in electronic reconstruction
 - Ferromagnetism between non-magnetic materials
 - Interface between different ground states
 - Chemical potential
- Effects of finite thickness
 - Metal-insulator transitions
- Effects of epitaxial strain
 - Metal-insulator transitions
 - Madelung potential shifts
 - Changes in chemical potential shift

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