

Figure 1. (a) Schematics of the memristive Ru/HfO_x/Pt devices deposited by e-beam evaporation (Pt), ALD at 250 °C (HfO_x), and DC sputtering (Ru). Especially, for the HfO_x deposition, we used the carbonated H₂O₂ as an oxygen precursor for achieving the carbon-composited films. (b) Current density–voltage (J–V) characteristics of the demonstrated devices without any annealing process. After the high-voltage-based formation of HfO_x film, the devices exhibit memristive behavior, *i.e.*, ReRAM operation. Unlike the carbon-less HfO₂ operation, the high leakage current was observed in the films. (c) J–V characteristics of the demonstrated devices with RTA at 450 °C for 1 m under N₂. After annealing, the forming-voltage-free could be demonstrated, which is different from the forming behavior in ReRAM devices with respect to the magnitude of switching voltage and current level.

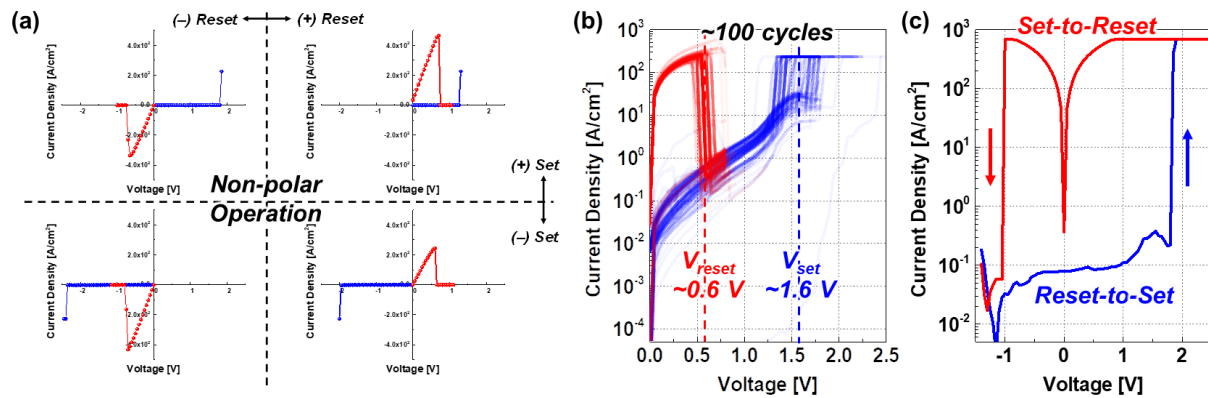


Figure 2. (a) Non-polarization switching behavior of the demonstrated devices, investigated by applying same/opposite polarities of operating voltage. (b) Cycle-to-cycle variation of the unipolar operation in the devices without applying forming voltage. The set and reset voltage (V_{set} and V_{reset}) is ~ 1.6 and ~ 0.6 V during the cycles. (c) Bipolar operation of the devices, highlighting the great merits of non-polarization switching behavior.