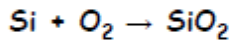


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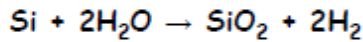
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OXIDATION

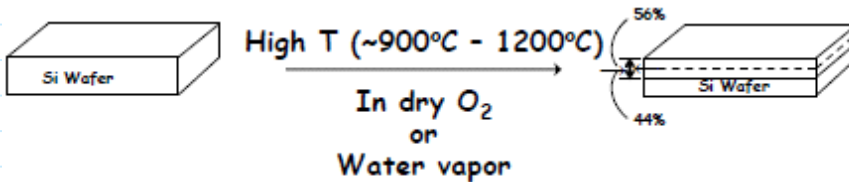
For dry oxygen:



For water vapor:

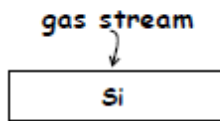


Schematically:

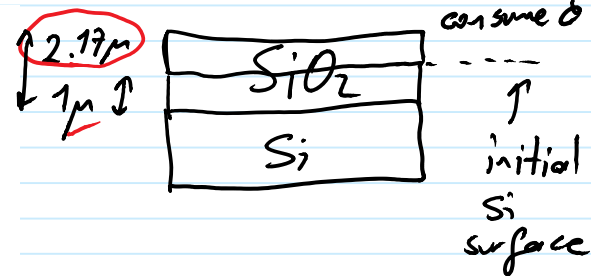


Molecular density
 $\text{SiO}_2 \rightarrow 2.3 \times 10^{22}$ molecules/cm³
 $\text{Si} \rightarrow 5 \times 10^{22}$ atoms/cm³
 $\therefore V_{\text{SiO}_2} = 2.16 \times V_{\text{Si}}$

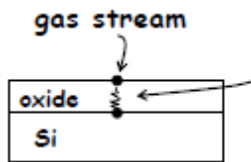
(1) Initially: (no oxide @ surface)



↳ Growth rate determined by reaction rate @ the surface

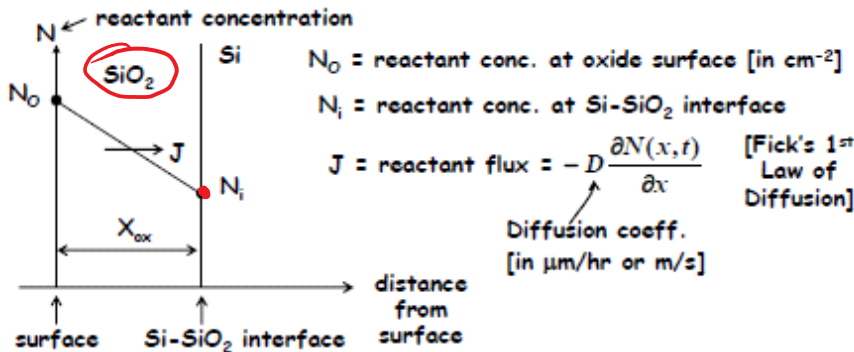


(2) As oxide builds up:



Reactant must diffuse to Si surface where the oxidation reaction takes place

↳ Growth rate governed more by rate of diffusion to the silicon-oxide interface



In the SiO₂:

$$J = D \frac{(N_0 - N_i)}{X_{ox}} = \text{constant} \quad (1)$$

[in # particles/(cm²·s)]

Assumption that the reactant does not accumulate in the oxide.

conc. Si-SiO₂ interface

At the Si-SiO₂ interface:

Oxidation rate $\propto N_i \therefore J \propto N_i \Rightarrow \boxed{J = k_s N_i}$ (2)

Reaction rate constant @ Si-SiO₂ interface

Combining (1) and (2):

$$\left[N_i = \frac{J}{k_s} \right] \Rightarrow J = D \left(\frac{N_o - J/k_s}{X_{ox}} \right)$$

$$J X_{ox} = D N_o - \frac{D J}{k_s} \rightarrow J \left(X_{ox} + \frac{D}{k_s} \right) = D N_o$$

$$\therefore \boxed{J = \frac{D N_o}{X_{ox} + \frac{D}{k_s}} = \text{Flux of reactants}}$$

At steady state
 $J_1 = J_2$

thickness of the grown oxide

$$X_{ox}^2 + A X_{ox} = B(t + \tau)$$

initial condition

$$t=0 \rightarrow X_{ox} = X_i$$

Result:

additional time required (to go from $X_i \rightarrow X_{ox}$)

time required to grow X_i [X_i = initial oxide thickness]

$$X_{ox}(t) = \frac{A}{2} \left\{ \left[1 + \frac{4B}{A^2} (t + \tau) \right]^{1/2} - 1 \right\}$$

where $A = \frac{2D}{k_s}$ $\tau = \frac{X_i^2}{B} + \frac{X_i}{(B/A)}$

$$B = \frac{2D N_o}{M} \quad D = D_o \exp\left(-\frac{E_A}{kT}\right)$$

[i.e., D governed by an Arrhenius relationship \rightarrow temperature dependent]

A & B depends on the growth conditions. e.g. temperature

** oxide quality is much better*

For shorter times:

$$\left[(t + \tau) \ll \frac{A^2}{4B} \right] \Rightarrow X_{ox}(t) = \left(\frac{B}{A} \right) (t + \tau) \Rightarrow \text{oxide growth limited by reaction at the Si-SiO}_2 \text{ interface}$$

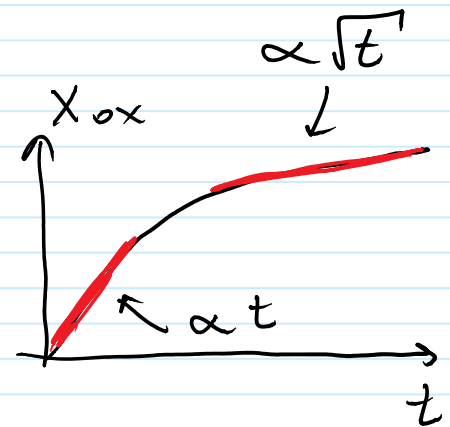
Taylor expansion (first term after 1's cancel)

linear growth rate constant

For long oxidation times: oxide growth diffusion-limited

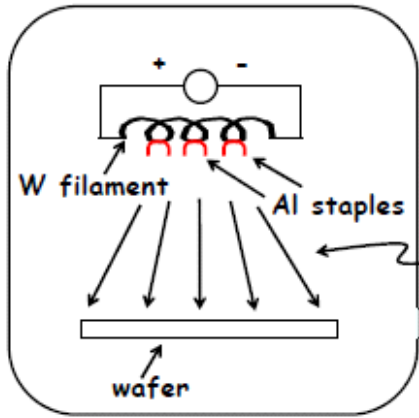
$$\left[(t + \tau) \gg \frac{A^2}{4B} \right] \Rightarrow X_{ox}(t) = \sqrt{B(t + \tau)} \approx \sqrt{Bt}$$

$t \gg \tau$ Parabolic rate constant



EVAPORATION AND SPUTTER DEPOSITION

Filament Evaporation System:



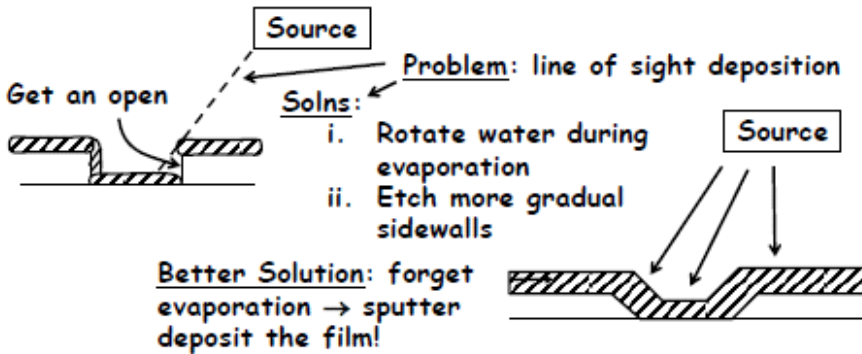
1. Pump down to vacuum
→ reduces film contamination and allows better thickness control
2. Heat W filament → melt Al, wet filament
3. Raise temperature → evaporate Al

$$\text{mean free path} = \lambda = \frac{kT}{\sqrt{2\pi} Pd^2}$$

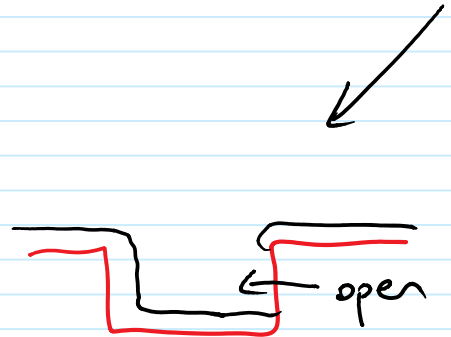
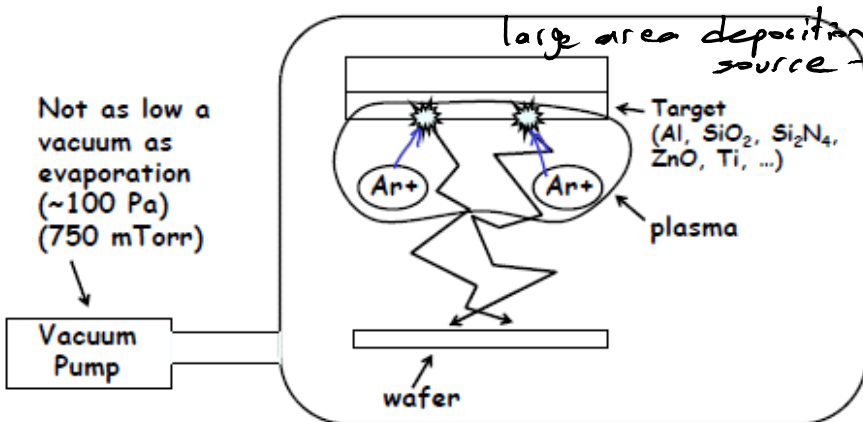
k = Boltzmann Constant
T = temperature
P = pressure
d = diameter of gas molecule

- λ can be ~60m for a 4Å particle at 10^{-4} Pa (-0.75 μTorr)
↳ thus, at 0.75 μTorr, get straight line path from Al staple filament to wafer

Problem: Shadowing & Step Coverage



- Use an energetic plasma to dislodge atoms from a material target, allowing the atoms to settle on the wafer surface



improves step coverage

↳ ↓ less directional

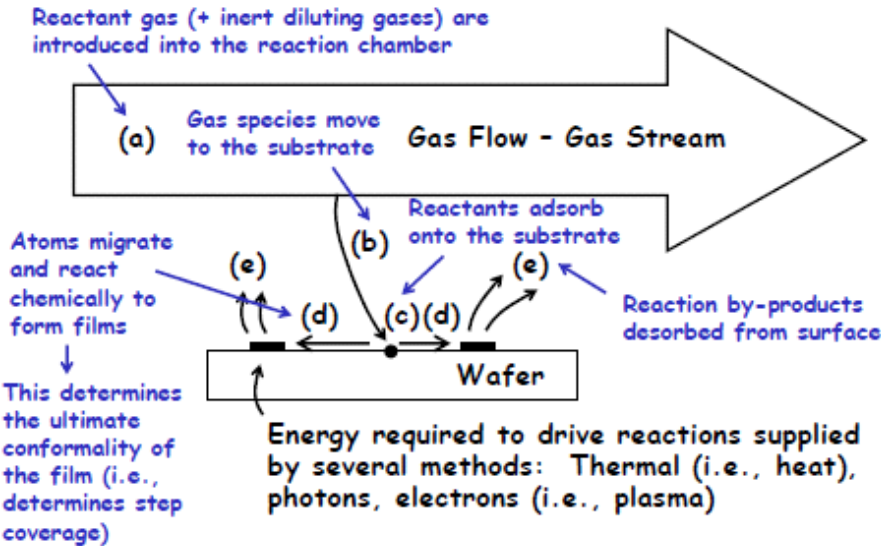
CVD

- Even better conformity than sputtering
- Form thin films on the surface of the substrate by thermal decomposition and/or reaction of gaseous compounds
 - ↳ Desired material is deposited directly from the gas phase onto the surface of the substrate
 - ↳ Can be performed at pressures for which λ (i.e., the mean free path) for gas molecules is small
 - ↳ This, combined with relatively high temperature leads to

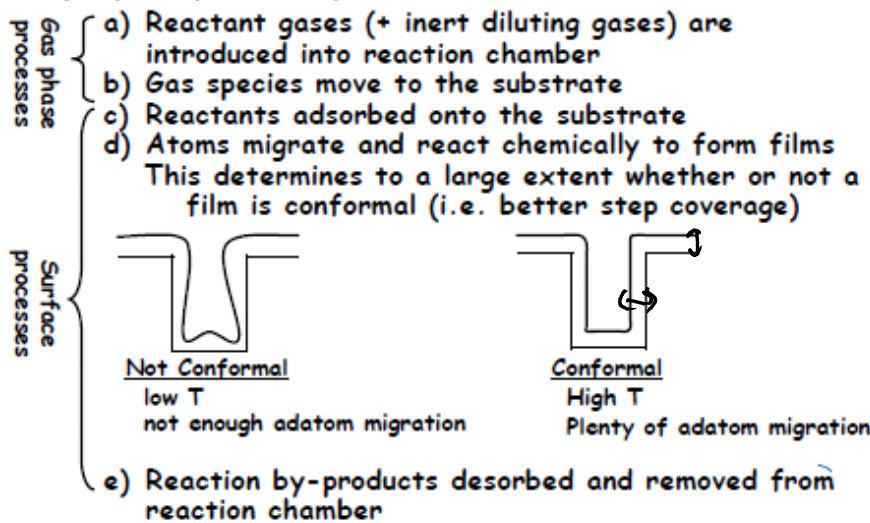
Excellent Conformal Step Coverage!

→ higher surface diffusion

↳ Types of films: polysilicon, SiO₂, silicon nitride, SiGe, Tungsten (W), Molybdenum (M), Tantalum (Ta), Titanium (Ti), ...

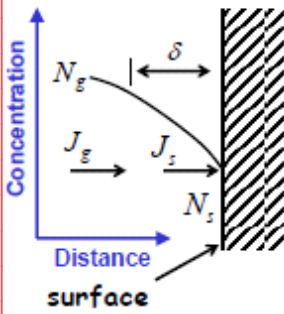


Step-by-Step CVD Sequence:



$$k_1/k_2 = \frac{R_1}{R_2}$$

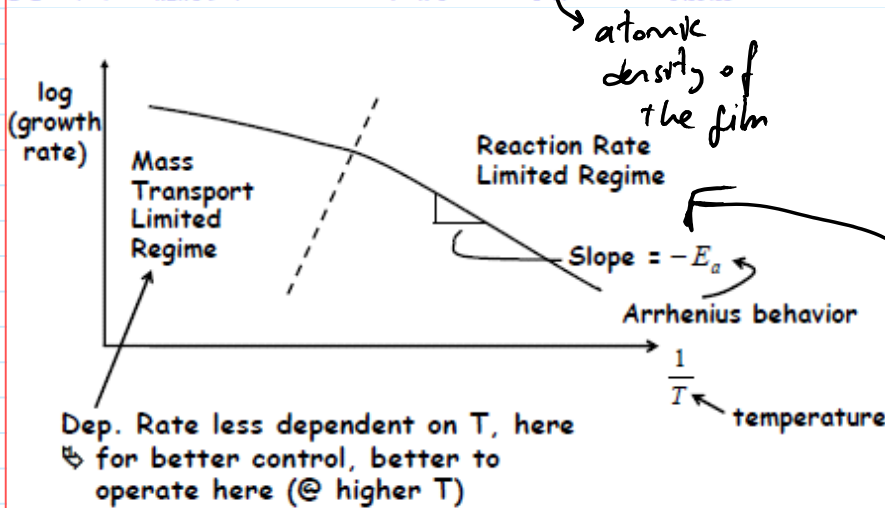
Simplified Schematic:



- N_g = conc. of reactant molecules in the gas stream
- N_s = conc. of reactant molecules at the surface
- J_s = flux of gas molecules at the surface
- J_g = flux of molecules diffusing in from the gas stream

$$\text{growth rate} = \frac{\text{flux}}{\# \text{ molecules incorporated/unit volume}} = \frac{J}{N}$$

$$= \frac{J}{N} = \frac{k_s h_g N_g}{k_s + h_g} = (k_s // h_g) \frac{N_g}{N} = \text{growth rate}$$



$$J_g = h_g (N_g - N_s)$$

$$J_s = k_s N_s$$

$$J_s = J_g = J$$

$$h_g (N_g - N_s) = k_s N_s$$

$$h_g N_g = N_s (k_s + h_g)$$

$$\rightarrow J = \frac{k_s h_g N_g}{k_s + h_g}$$

$$\text{growth rate} = \frac{J}{N} = (k_s // h_g) \frac{N_g}{N}$$

$$k_s // h_g$$

$$T \uparrow \rightarrow h_g$$

$$T \downarrow \rightarrow k_s$$

$$R \propto k_s$$

$$k_s = k_0 \exp \frac{-E_a}{kT}$$

$$\rightarrow R \propto e^{-E_a/kT}$$

$$R \propto h_g$$

$$h_g \propto D \text{ (gas diff. const.)}$$

$$D = \frac{D_0 T^{3/2}}{P}$$

$$\rightarrow R \propto T^{3/2}$$

LITHOGRAPHY

Four Main Components (that affect resolution)

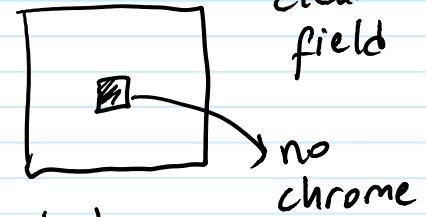
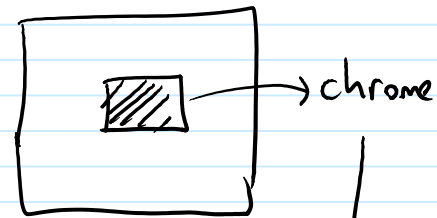
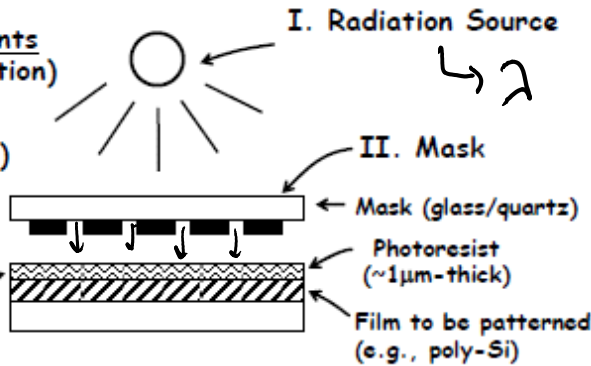
Designated pattern (clear or dark field)

emulsion chrome

Generated from layout

III. Photoresist

IV. Exposure System → contact, step and repeat
 → optics → this is where the real art is!



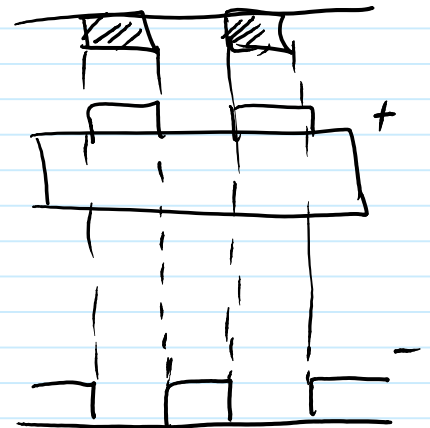
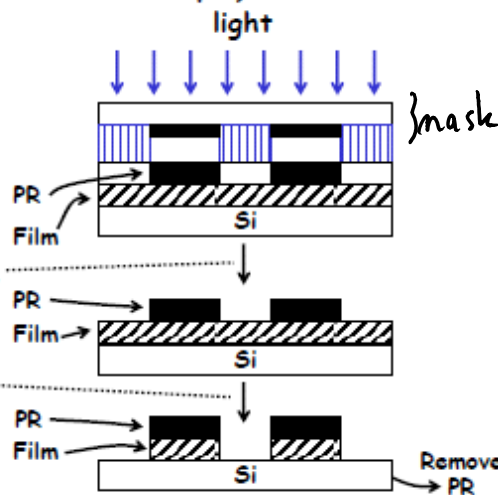
dark field

The basic Process - (Positive Resist Example)

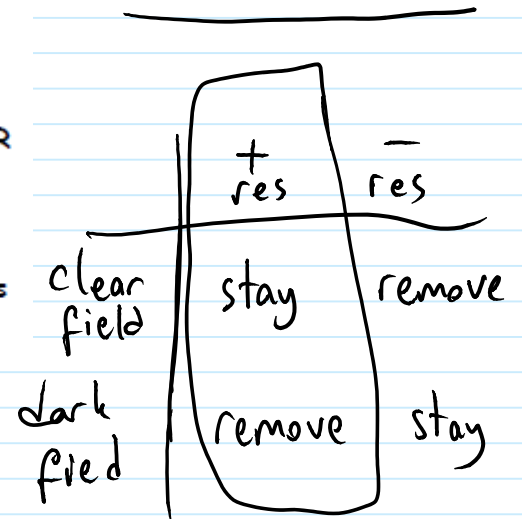
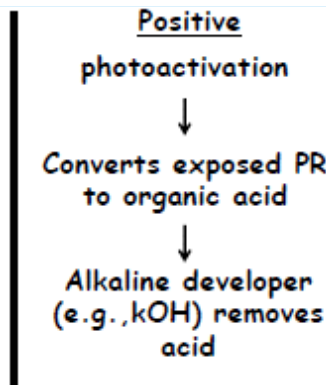
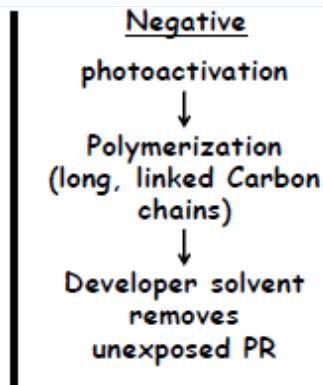
Exposed PR → converts to another form after reaction with light (e.g., (+)-resist: polymer → organic acid)

Dip or spray wafer with developer → if (+) resist, developer is often a base

Etch → PR protects film; open areas of film get etched



Mechanism:

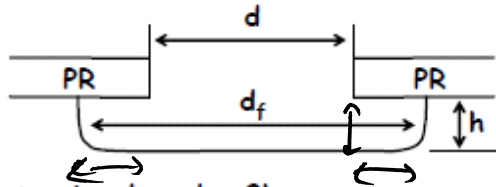


ETCHING

- Removal of material over designated areas of the wafer
- Two important metrics:
 1. Anisotropy
 2. Selectivity

1. Anisotropy -

a) Isotropic Etching (most wet etches)



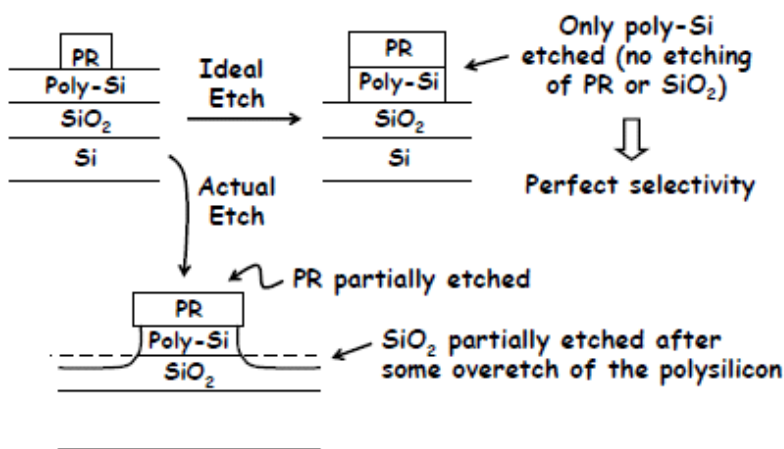
If 100% isotropic: $d_f = d + 2h$

Define: $B = d_f - d$

If $B = 2h \Rightarrow$ isotropic

$B = 0 \rightarrow d_f = d \rightarrow$ anisotropic

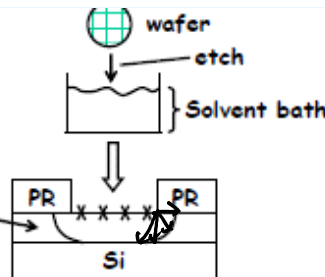
2. Selectivity -



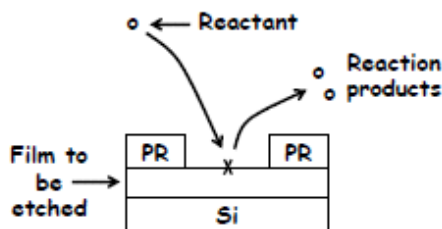
$$\frac{\text{Si etch rate}}{\text{SiO}_2 \text{ etch}} \neq \infty$$

• Wet etching: dip wafer into liquid solution to etch the desired film

↳ Generally isotropic, thus, inadequate for defining features < 3µm-wide



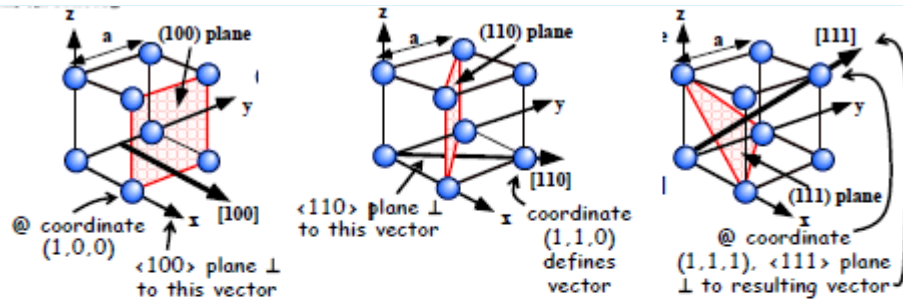
• General Mechanism -



1. Diffusion of the reactant to the film surface
2. Reaction: adsorption, reaction, desorption
3. Diffusion of reaction products from the surface

Silicon Wet Etching

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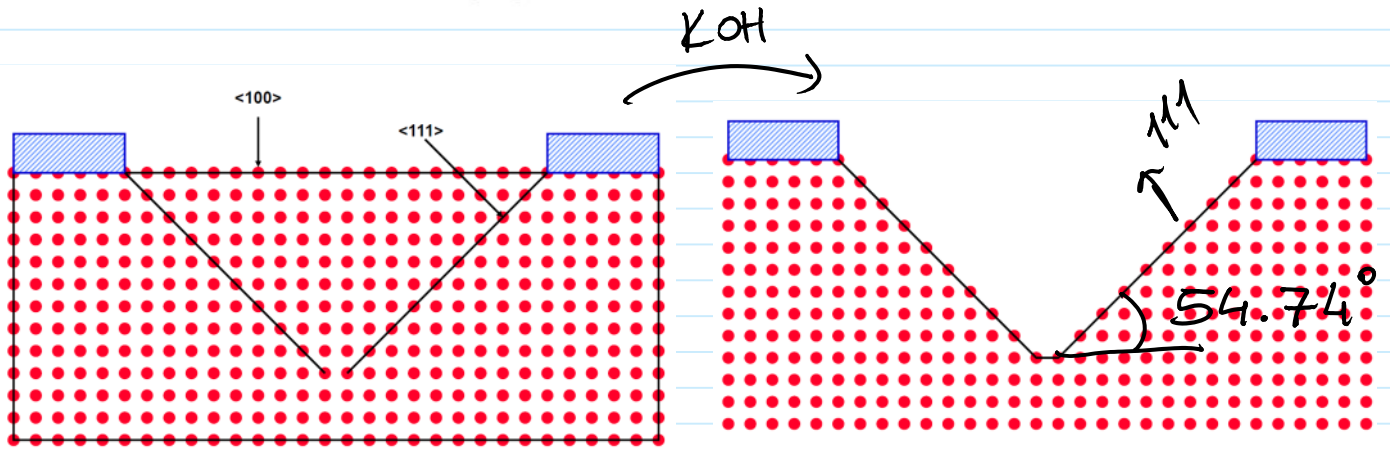
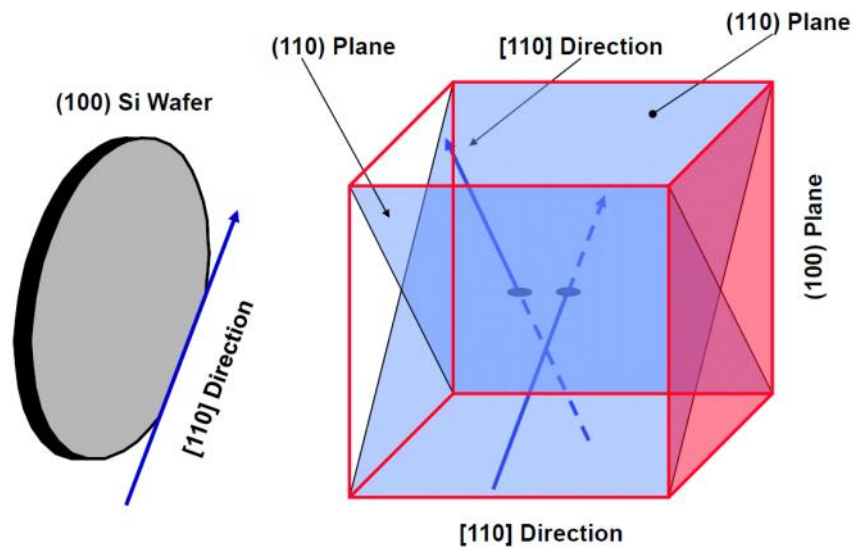
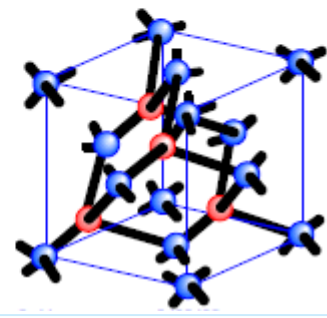


• Silicon has the basic diamond structure

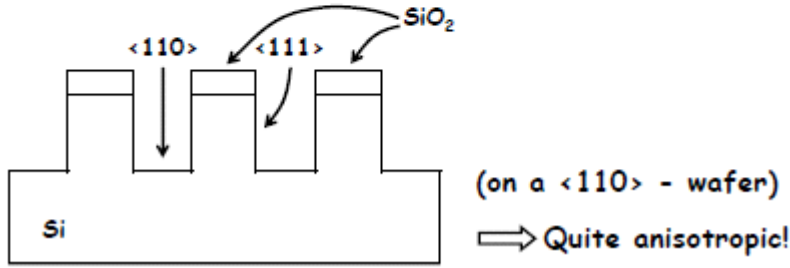
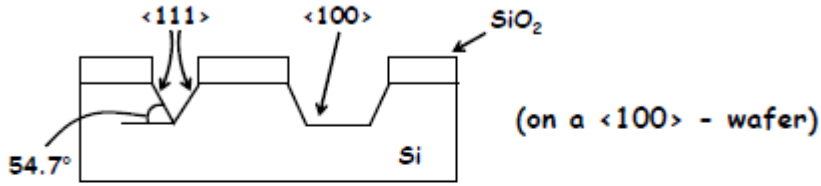
↳ Two merged FCC cells offset by $(a/4)$ in x , y , and z axes

↳ From right:

- # available bonds/cm² $\langle 111 \rangle$
 - # available bonds/cm² $\langle 110 \rangle$
 - # available bonds/cm² $\langle 100 \rangle$
- ↑ Increasing

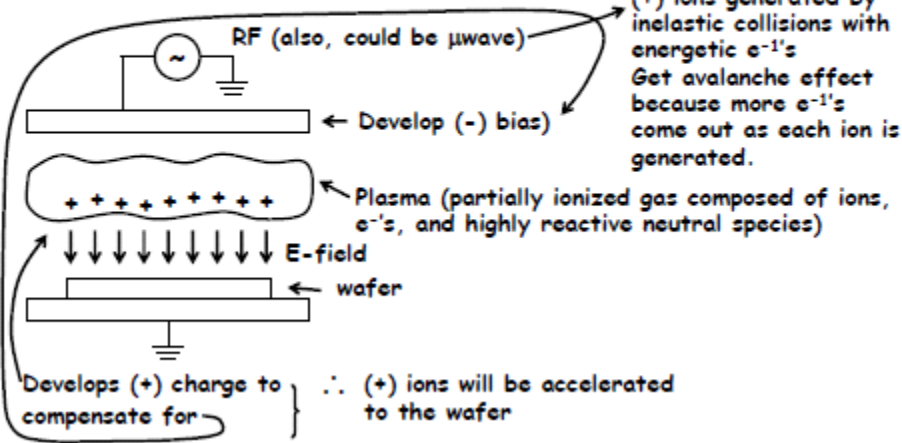


Can get the following:



DRY ETCHING

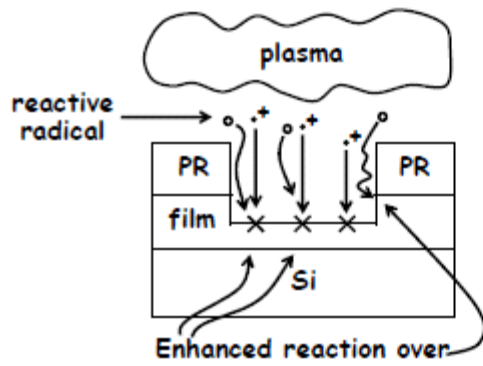
- Physical sputtering
 - Plasma etching
 - Reactive ion etching
- } All based upon plasma processes.



Plasma generates:

- 1) Ions
↳ Sputtering → dir.
- 2) Activated neutrals
↳ Enhanced chemical reaction
↳ isotr





- Relatively high energy impinging ions (>50 eV) produce lattice damage at surface
- Reaction at these damaged sites is enhanced compared to reactions at undamaged areas

Result: E.R. at surface >> E.R. on sidewalls

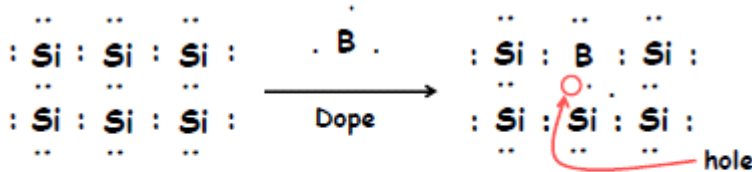
DOPING

• Conductivity Equation:

$$\sigma = q\mu_n n + q\mu_p p$$

Labels for the equation above:
 - σ : conductivity
 - q : charge magnitude on an electron
 - μ_n : electron mobility
 - n : electron density
 - μ_p : hole mobility
 - p : hole density

• If fewer e⁻'s, then the dopant is an acceptor: B



↳ Lack of an e⁻ = hole = h⁺

↳ When e⁻'s move into h⁺'s, the h⁺'s effectively move in the opposite direction → a h⁺ is a mobile (+) charge carrier

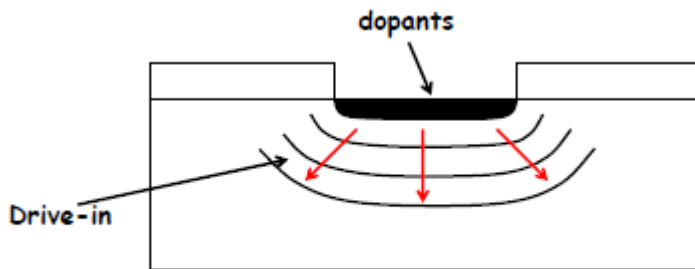
1. Introduce dopants (introduce a fixed dose Q of dopants)

- (i) Ion implantation
- (ii) Predeposition

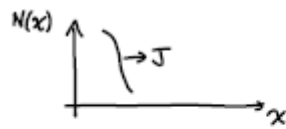
2. Drive in dopants to the desired depth

↳ High temperature > 900°C in N₂ or N₂/O₂

• Result:



Modeling



⇒ Dopants from points of high conc. move to points of low conc. w/ flux J
 ⇒ Question: What's N(x,t)?
 ↑
 fcn of time

Fick's Law of Diffusion - (1st law)

$$J(x,t) = -D \frac{\partial N(x,t)}{\partial x} \quad (1)$$

Labels for the equation above:
 - $J(x,t)$: flux [# / cm² · s]
 - D : Diffusion Coefficient

Continuity Equation for Particle Flux -

General form:

$$\frac{\partial N(x,t)}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot \vec{J}$$

Labels for the equation above:
 - $\frac{\partial N(x,t)}{\partial t}$: rate of increase of conc. w/ time
 - $-\nabla \cdot \vec{J}$: negative of the divergence of particle flux

again, Fick's Law of Diffusion

$$J(x,t) = -D \frac{\partial N(x,t)}{\partial x}$$

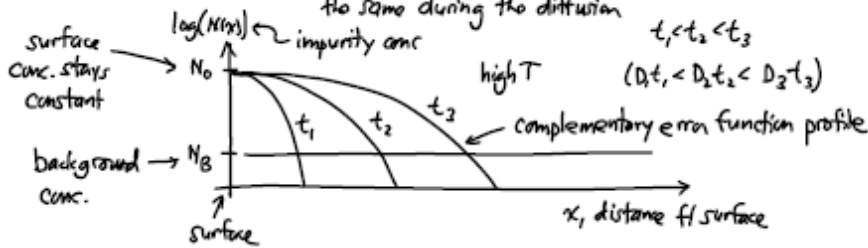
⇒ we're interested for now in the one-dimensional form:

$$\frac{\partial N(x,t)}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial J}{\partial x} \quad (2)$$

[$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(1)$ and substitute (2) in (1)] ⇒ $\frac{\partial N(x,t)}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 N(x,t)}{\partial x^2}$ [Fick's 2nd Law of Diffusion in 1-D]

Solutions: → dependent upon boundary conditions
 ↳ use variable separation or Laplace Xform techniques

Case 1: Predeposition → constant source diffusion: surface concentration stays the same during the diffusion



surface concentration ↓

$$N(x,t) = N_0 \operatorname{erfc}\left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{Dt}}\right)$$

↑ solid solubility of the dopant

↓ predeposition dose:

$$Q(t) = \frac{N_0 2\sqrt{Dt}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \text{ cm}^2$$

⇒ if plotted on a linear scale, would look like this:



⇒ Boundary Condition:

(i) $N(0,t) = N_0$
 (ii) $N(\infty,t) = 0$

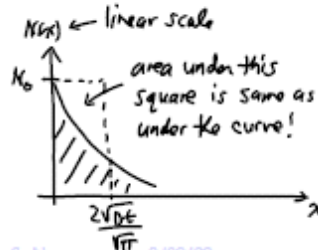
$$N(x,t) = N_0 \left[1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{\frac{x}{2\sqrt{Dt}}} e^{-y^2} dy \right]$$

$$N(x,t) = N_0 \operatorname{erfc}\left(\frac{x}{2\sqrt{Dt}}\right)$$
 ⇒ again complementary error function (read tables or graph)

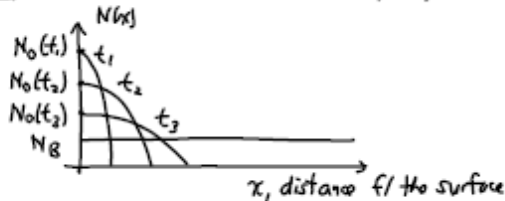
Dose, $Q \hat{=}$ total # of impurity atoms per unit area in the Si
 = area under the curve

$$Q = \int_0^{\infty} N(x,t) dx \Rightarrow Q(t) = \frac{N_0 2\sqrt{Dt}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \text{ cm}^2$$

$2\sqrt{Dt} \hat{=}$ characteristic diffusion length



Case 2: Drive-in → limited source diffusion, i.e., constant dose Q

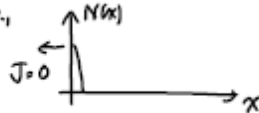


⇒ Boundary Condition:

(i) $N(\infty,t) = 0$
 (ii) $\frac{\partial N(x,t)}{\partial x} \Big|_{x=0} = 0$

Why? Constant Dose: $\int_0^{\infty} N(x,t) dx = Q \leftarrow \text{const.}$

This is equivalent to saying that there's no flux going out of the Si, i.e., and that's what this says!

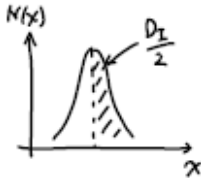
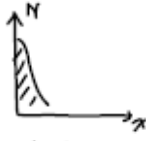


(iii) Usually make delta fn. approx.: $N(x, 0) = Q \delta(x)$
 ⇒ we can do this, because for sufficiently long diffusion times, no matter what the original shape of the dopant distribution, the diffused distribution will be the same

Get Gaussian Distribution:

$$N(x, t) = \frac{Q}{\sqrt{\pi Dt}} \exp\left[-\frac{x^2}{4Dt}\right]$$

corresponds to a half Gaussian in this equation



When the starting conc. profile is completely contained in the Si, then $Q = \frac{D_I}{2} = \text{half the implant dose}$

$$N(x, t) = \frac{Q}{\sqrt{\pi(Dt)_{\text{drive-in}}}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4(Dt)_{\text{drive-in}}}}$$

• Two step diffusion procedure:

- ↳ Step 1: predeposition (i.e., constant source diffusion)
- ↳ Step 2: drive-in diffusion (i.e., limited source diffusion)

• For processes where there is both a predeposition and a drive-in diffusion, the final profile type (i.e., complementary error function or Gaussian) is determined by which has the much greater Dt product:

$(Dt)_{\text{predep}} \gg (Dt)_{\text{drive-in}} \Rightarrow$ impurity profile is complementary error function

$(Dt)_{\text{drive-in}} \gg (Dt)_{\text{predep}} \Rightarrow$ impurity profile is Gaussian (which is usually the case)

• For actual processes, the junction/diffusion formation is only one of many high temperature steps, each of which contributes to the final junction profile

• Typical overall process:

1. Selective doping
 - ↳ Implant \rightarrow effective $(Dt)_1 = (\Delta R_p)^2/2$ (Gaussian)
 - ↳ Drive-in/activation $\rightarrow D_2 t_2$
2. Other high temperature steps
 - ↳ (eg., oxidation, reflow, deposition) $\rightarrow D_3 t_3, D_4 t_4, \dots$
 - ↳ Each has their own Dt product
3. Then, to find the final profile, use

$$(Dt)_{\text{tot}} = \sum_i D_i t_i$$

in the Gaussian distribution expression.

Thermal budget

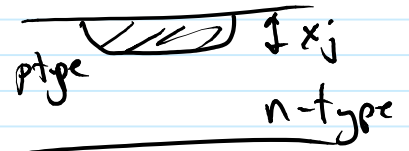
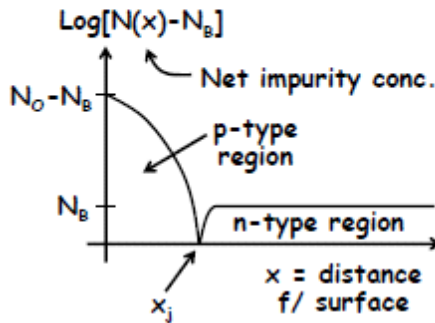
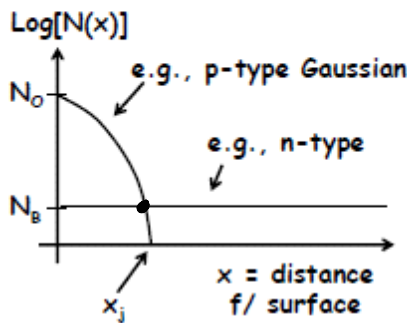
$$(Dt)_{\text{effective}} = \sum_{\text{step } i} (Dt)_i$$

$$D = D_0 \exp\left(-\frac{E_A}{kT}\right) \text{ (as usual, an Arrhenius relationship)}$$

Table 4.1 Typical Diffusion Coefficient Values for a Number of Impurities.

Element	D_0 (cm ² /sec)	E_A (eV)
B	10.5	3.69
Al	8.00	3.47
Ga	3.60	3.51
In	16.5	3.90
P	10.5	3.69
As	0.32	3.56
Sb	5.60	3.95

x_j = point at which diffused impurity profile intersects the background concentration, N_B



• Assuming a Gaussian dopant profile: (the most common case)

$$N(x_j, t) = N_o \exp\left[-\left(\frac{x_j}{2\sqrt{Dt}}\right)^2\right] = N_B \rightarrow x_j = 2\sqrt{Dt \ln\left(\frac{N_o}{N_B}\right)}$$

• For a complementary error function profile:

$$N(x_j, t) = N_o \operatorname{erfc}\left(\frac{x_j}{2\sqrt{Dt}}\right) = N_B \rightarrow x_j = 2\sqrt{Dt} \operatorname{erfc}^{-1}\left(\frac{N_B}{N_o}\right)$$

• For diffused layers:

Majority carrier mobility

Sheet resistance Effective resistivity Net impurity concentration

$$R_s = \frac{\rho}{x_j} = \left[\int_0^{x_j} \sigma(x) dx\right]^{-1} = \left[\int_0^{x_j} q\mu N(x) dx\right]^{-1}$$

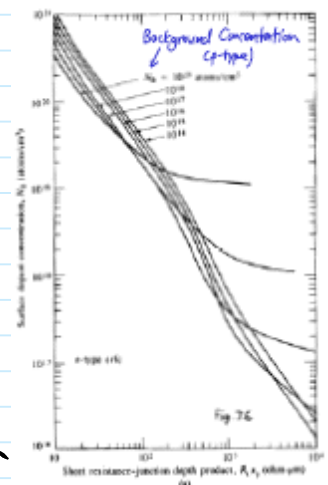
[extrinsic material]

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↳ Illuminates the dependence of R_s on x_j , N_o (the surface concentration), and N_B (the substrate background conc.)

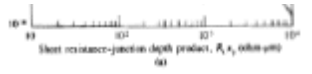
- p-type erfc
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- p-type half-gaussian
- n-type half-gaussian

y axis: →
Surface dopant concentration



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n-type half-gaussian

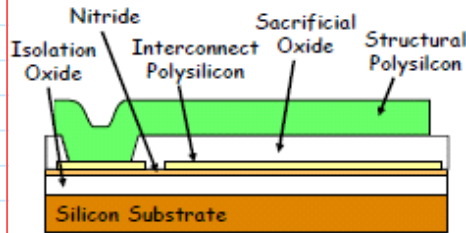
concentration



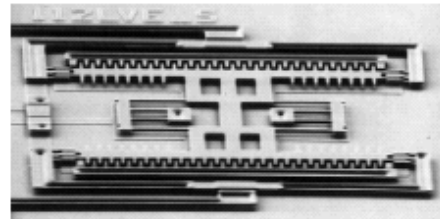
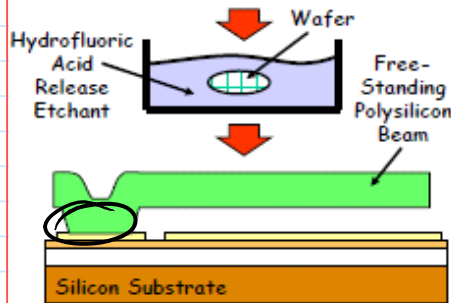
↑ x axis: $R_s \cdot X_j$

Surface Micromachining

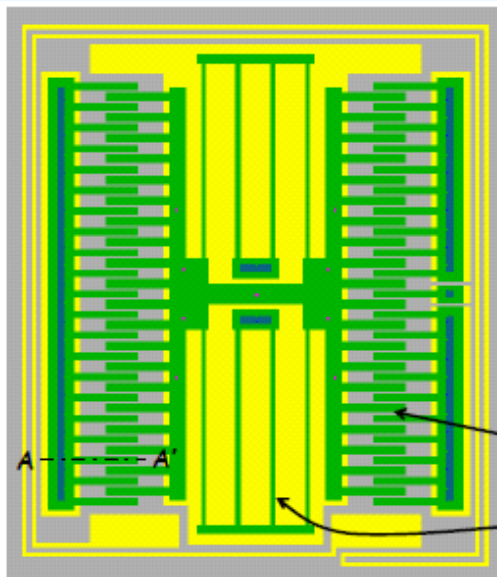
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- Uses IC fabrication instrumentation exclusively
- **Variations:** sacrificial layer thickness, fine- vs. large-grained polysilicon, *in situ* vs. POCL₃-doping

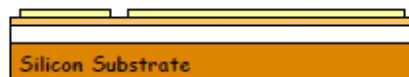
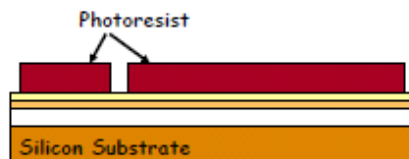
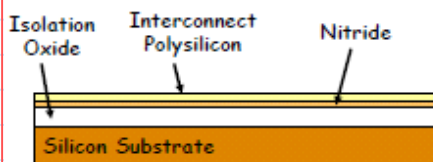


300 kHz Folded-Beam Micromechanical Resonator

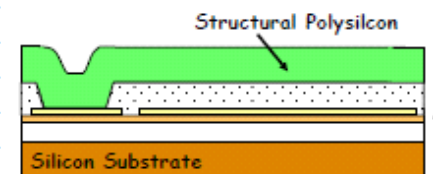
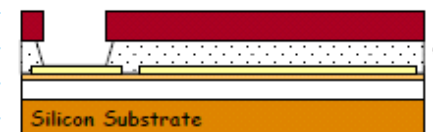
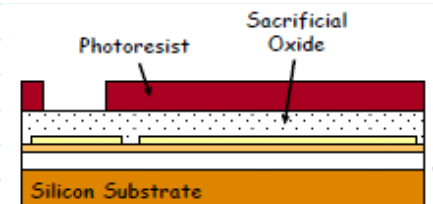


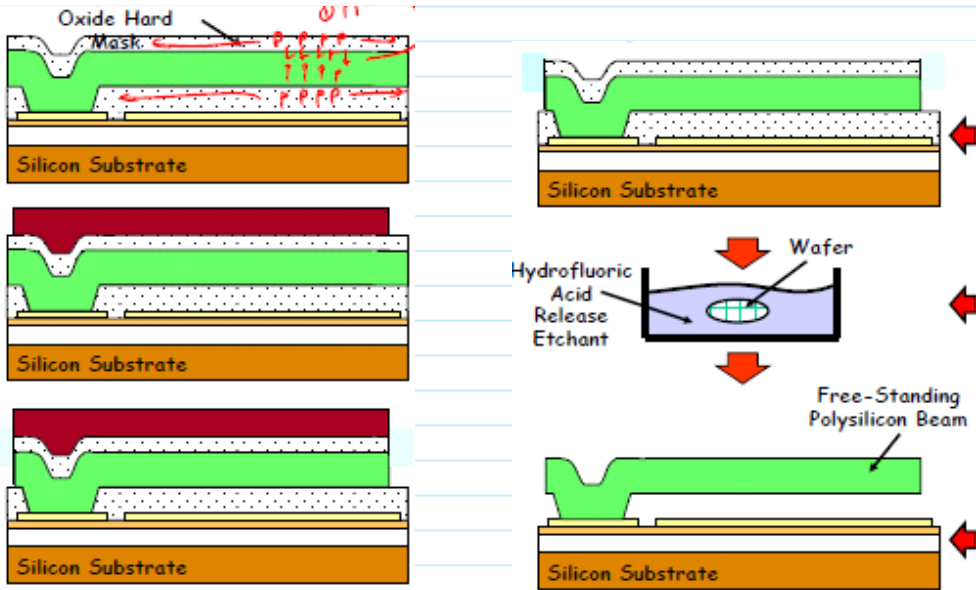
- **At Left:** Layout for a folded-beam capacitive comb-driven micromechanical resonator
- **Masking Layers:**
 - 1st Polysilicon: POLY1(cf)
 - Anchor Opening: ANCHOR(df) ←
 - 2nd Polysilicon: POLY2(cf)
- Capacitive comb-drive for linear actuation
- Folded-beam support structure for stress relief

Cross-sections through A-A'



- Deposit isolation LTO (or PSG):
 - ↳ Target = 2µm
 - ↳ 1 hr. 40 min. LPCVD @450°C
- Densify the LTO (or PSG)
 - ↳ Anneal @950°C for 30 min.
- Deposit nitride:
 - ↳ Target = 100nm
 - ↳ 22 min. LPCVD @800°C
- Deposit interconnect polySi:
 - ↳ Target = 300nm
 - ↳ In-situ Phosphorous-doped
 - ↳ 1 hr. 30 min. LPCVD @650°C
- Lithography to define poly1 interconnects using the POLY1(cf) mask
- RIE polysilicon interconnects:
 - ↳ CCl₄/He/O₂ @300W, 280mTorr
- Remove photoresist in PRS2000





• **Stiction:** sticking of released devices to the substrate or to other on-chip structures

↳ Difficult to tell if a structure is stuck to substrate by just looking through a microscope

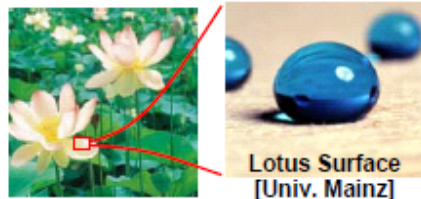
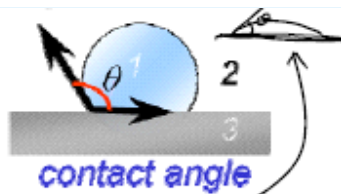
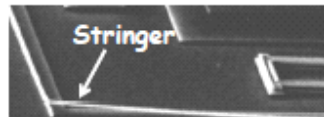
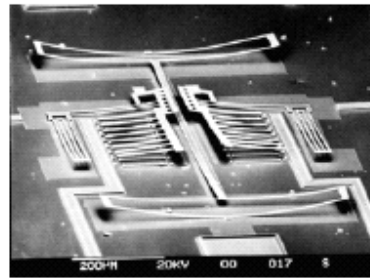
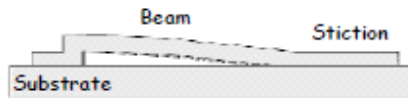
• **Residual Stress in Thin Films**

↳ Causes bending or warping of microstructures

↳ Limits the sizes (and sometimes geometries) of structures

• **Topography**

↳ Stringers can limit the number of structural levels



• **Hydrophilic:**

↳ A surface that invites wetting by water

↳ Get stiction

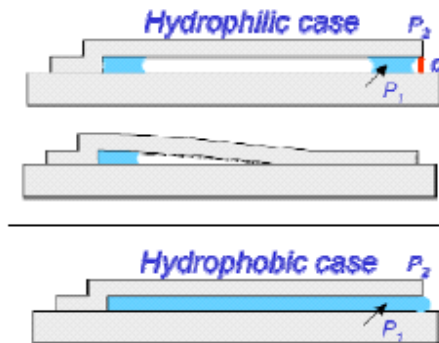
↳ Occurs when the contact angle $\theta_{\text{water}} < 90^\circ$

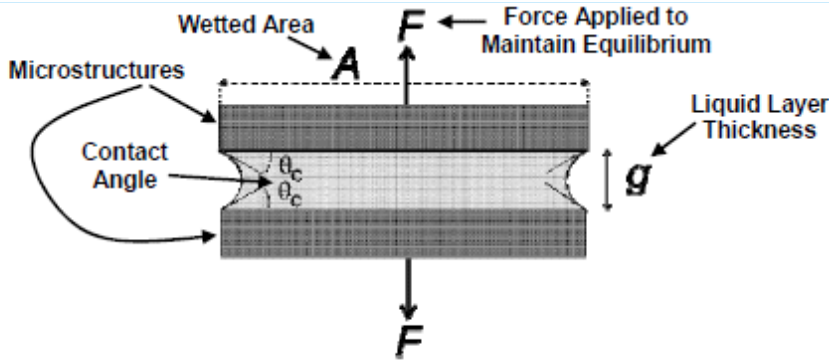
• **Hydrophobic:**

↳ A surface that repels wetting by water

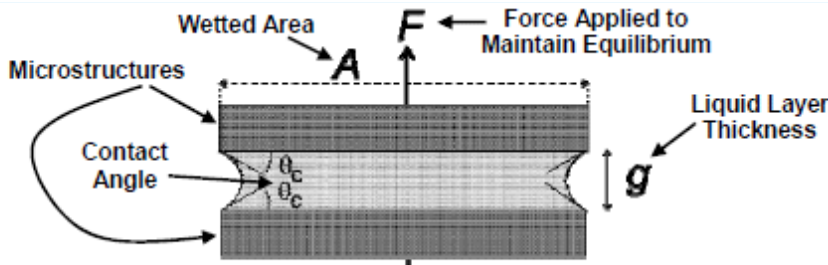
↳ Avoids stiction

↳ Occurs when the contact angle $\theta_{\text{water}} > 90^\circ$





- Thin liquid layer between two solid plates \Rightarrow adhesive
- If the contact angle between liquid and solid $\theta_c < 90^\circ$:
 - \Rightarrow Pressure inside the liquid is lower than outside
 - \Rightarrow Net attractive force between the plates
- The pressure difference (i.e., force) is given by the Laplace equation



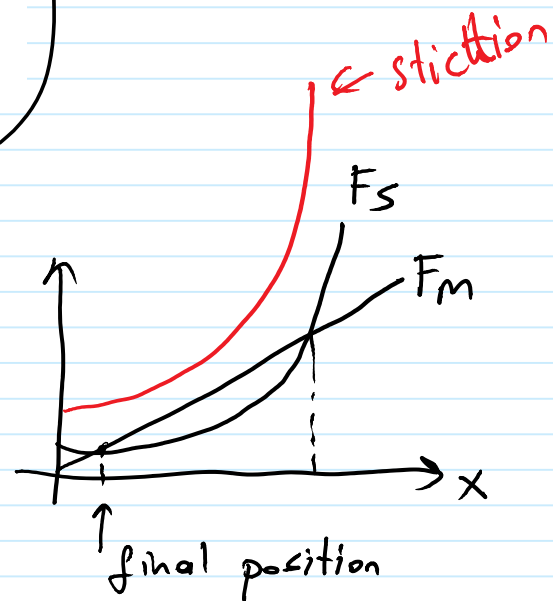
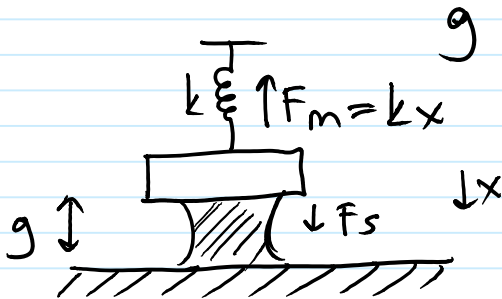
Laplace Equation: Surface Tension @ the Liq.-Air Interface
 $\Delta p_{la} = \frac{\gamma_{la}}{r}$ ← Radius of Curvature of the Meniscus (-) if concave
 Pressure Difference @ the Liquid-Air Interface

$$[r = -\frac{(g/2)}{\cos\theta_c}] \Rightarrow F = -\Delta p_{la} A = \frac{2A\gamma_{la}\cos\theta_c}{g}$$

Force needed to keep the plates apart \Rightarrow (+) force means a (-) Laplace pressure

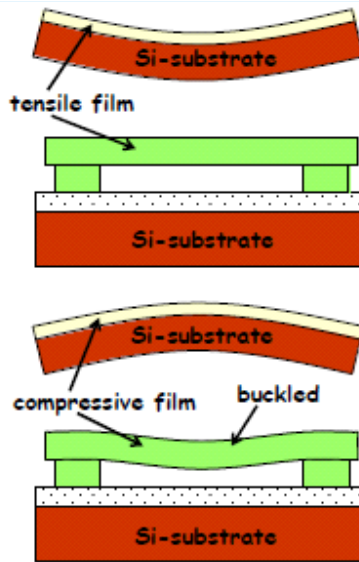
$$\frac{2A\gamma_{la}\cos\theta_c}{g-x} = F_x$$

$$\rightarrow F = \frac{2A\gamma_{la}\cos\theta_c}{g}$$

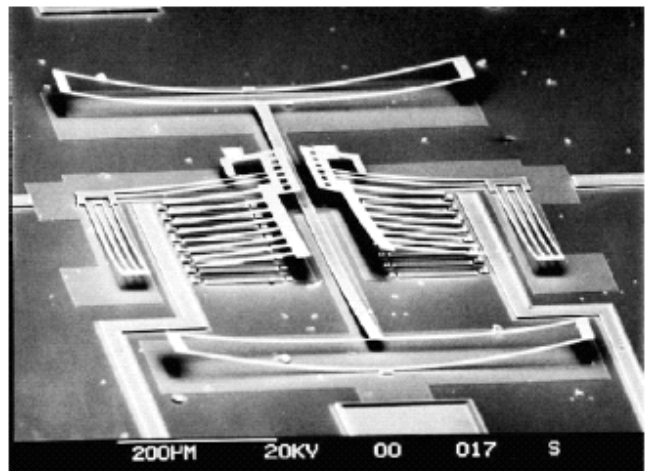


STRESS

- Under tensile stress, a film wants to shrink w/r to its substrate
 - ↳ Caused, e.g., by differences in film vs. substrate thermal expansion coefficients
 - ↳ If suspended above a substrate and anchored to it at two points, the film will be "stretched" by the substrate
- Under compressive stress, a film wants to expand w/r to its substrate
 - ↳ If suspended above a substrate and anchored to it at two points, the film will buckle over the substrate

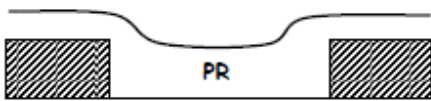


- Variation of residual stress in the direction of film growth
- Can warp released structures in z-direction

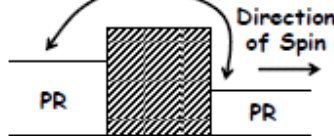


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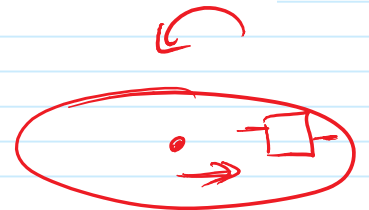
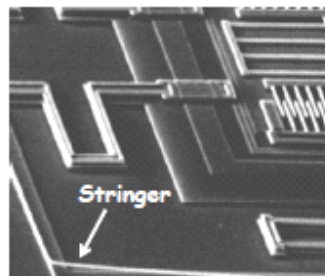
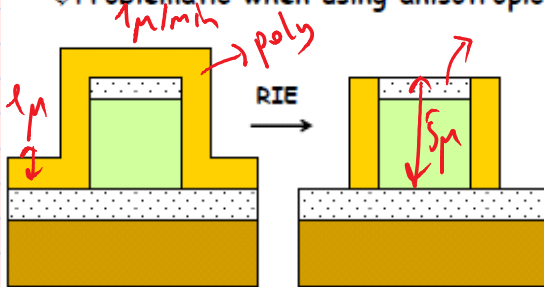
- Degradation of lithographic resolution
 - ↳ PR step coverage, streaking



Thickness differences pose problems for reduction steppers



- Stringers
 - ↳ Problematic when using anisotropic etching, e.g., RIE



CMP
↳ to make flat surface