

Lecture 8: Lithography II

• Announcements:

- ↪ Next week, Monday is Presidents Day
- ↪ People in the Monday lab section have no lab section next week; rather, they will do next week's lab on Monday the week after
- ↪ This puts them a week behind for the rest of the semester, but really only a few days behind

• Lecture Topics:

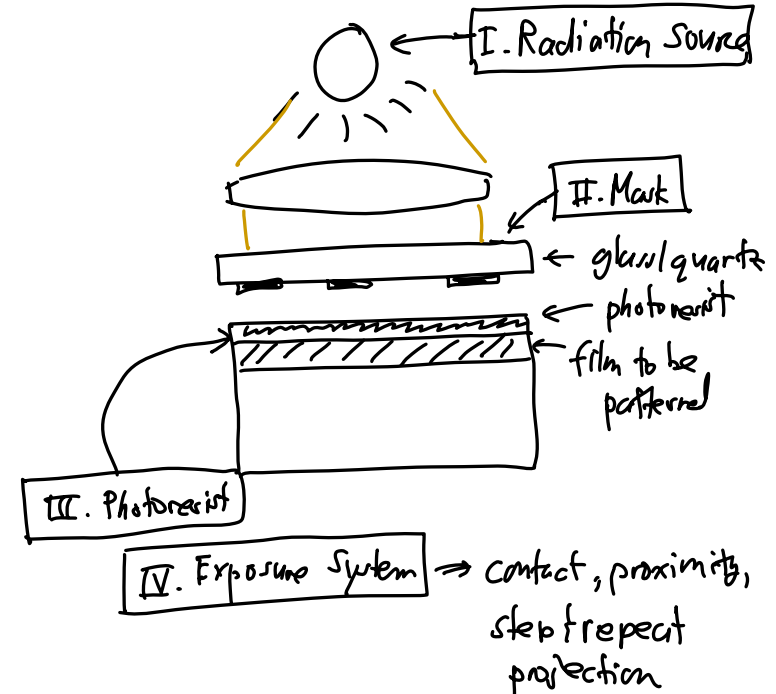
- ↪ Four main components of lithography
 - Radiation source
 - Mask
 - Photoresist
 - Exposure system
- ↪ Resolution
- ↪ Linewidth control
- ↪ Alignment accuracy

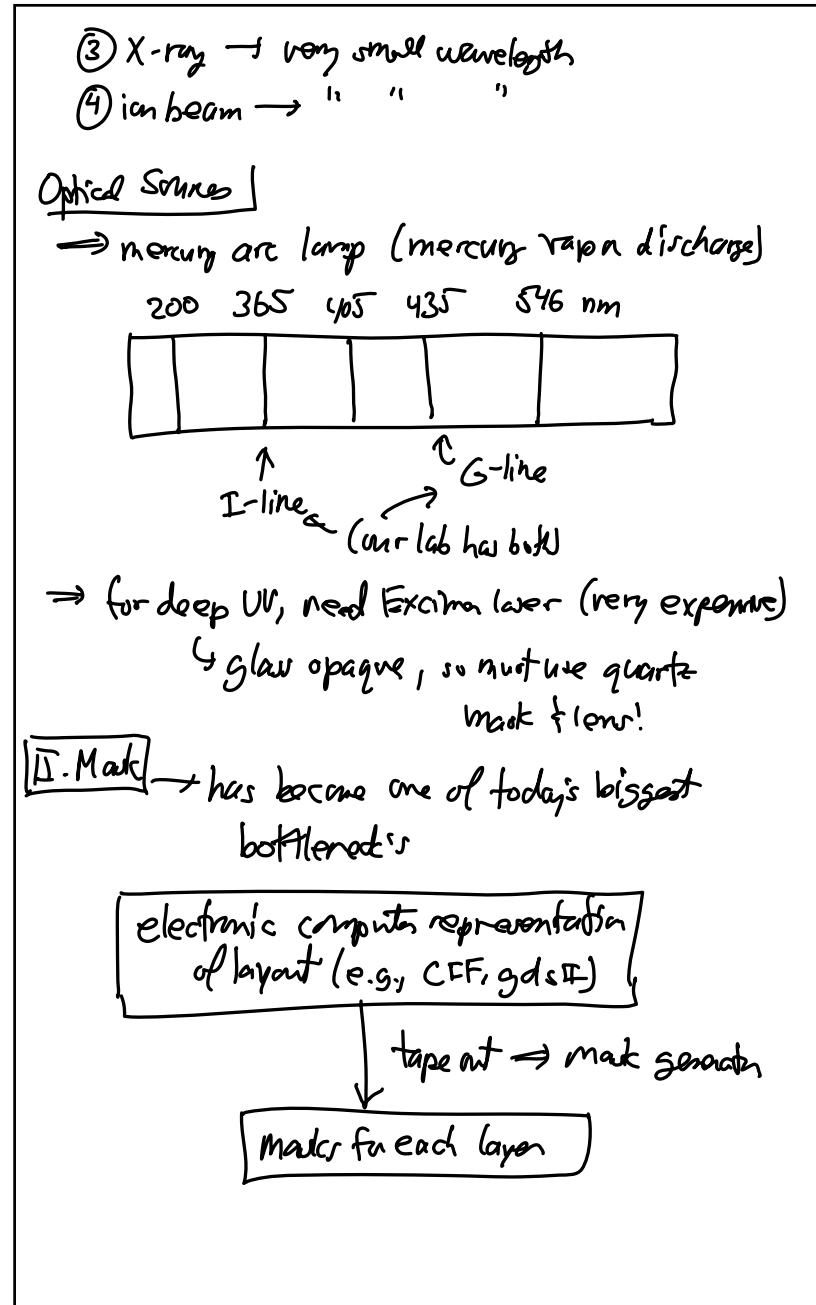
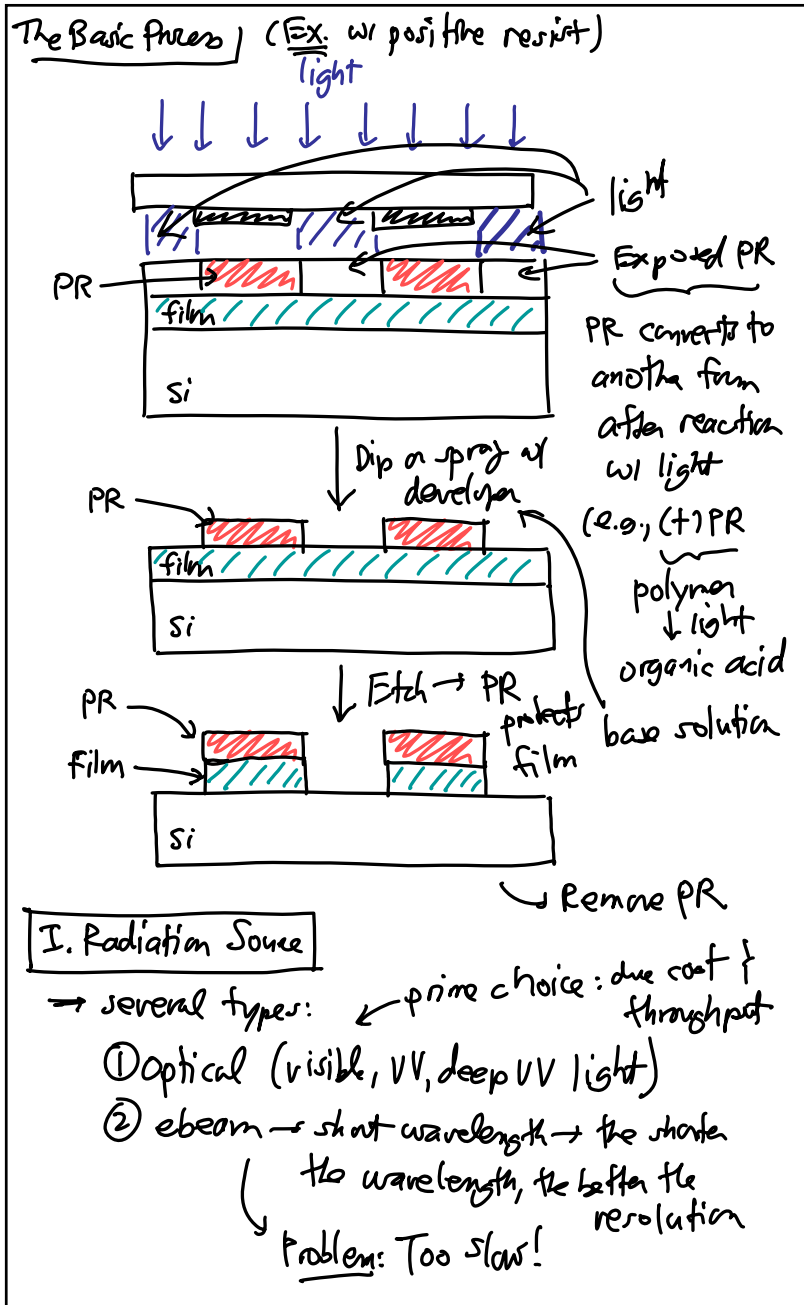
• Last Time:

Lithography

→ method for massive patterning of features on a wafer → pattern billion of devices in just a few steps

Four Main Components: (that affect resolution)





Mask Material-

- Fused silica (glass) → inexpensive, but large thermal expansion coefficient (relatively)
- Quartz → expensive, but smaller TC_f

III. Photoresist (optical)

Two types: ① negative
② positive

Negative

Exposed Area: remains

Positive

Exposed Area: removed

Mechanism:

Negative

photoactivation
↓
polymerization
(long, linked carbon chains)

develop: solvent removes unreacted PR

Positive

photoactivation
↓
converts exposed PR to organic acid

interlinked polymer

develop: alkaline (e.g., KOH) removes acid

Disadvantages:

polymerized PR swells in solvent → bridging problem:

Problem: resolution degraded

doesn't adhere well to SiO_2

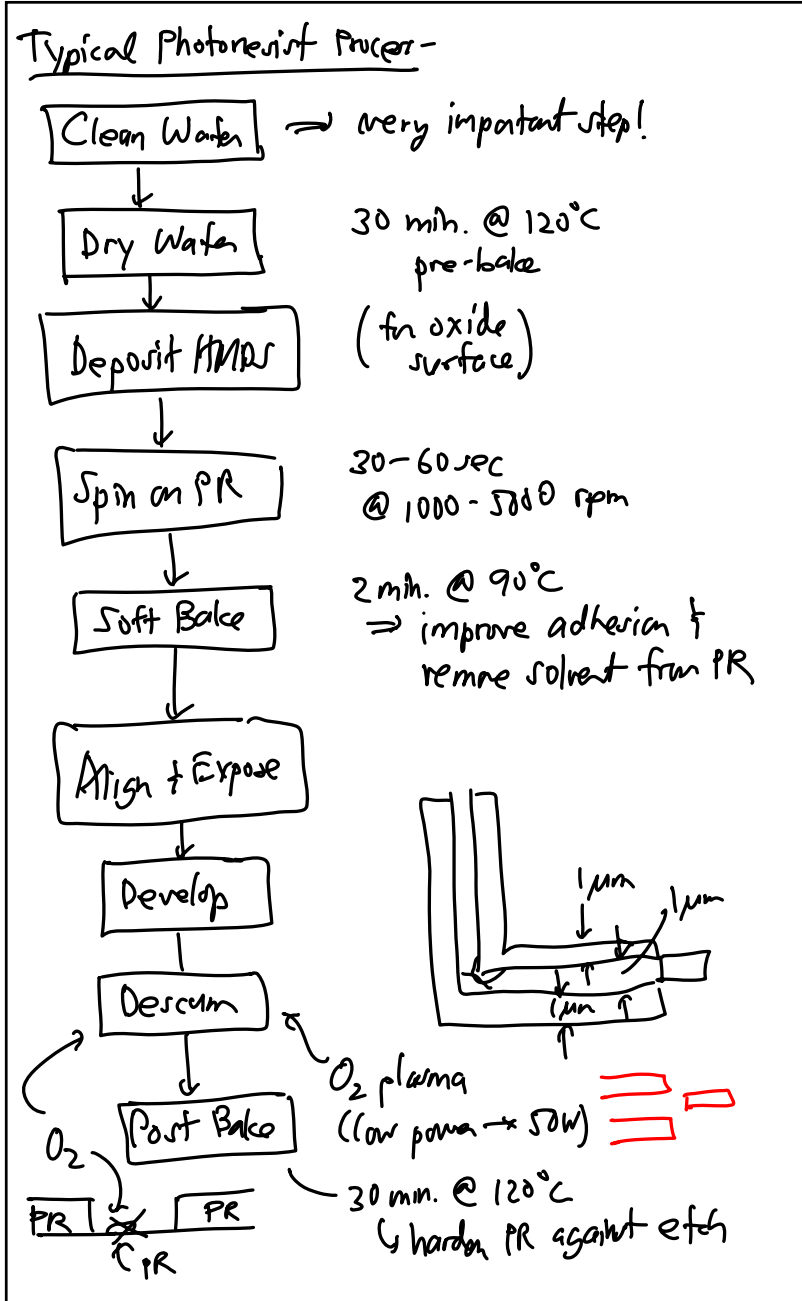
⇒ need primer: HMDS

hexamethyl disilazane

PR

poor adhesion

adhesion layer



• Go through Module 1, pp. 12-13