B.Tech.

(SEM. VIII) THEORY EXAMINATION 2013-14

INTEGRATED CIRCUIT TECHNOLOGY

Time: 3 Hours Total Marks: 100

Note :– (1) Attempt all questions.

All questions carry equal marks.

Attempt any **four** parts of the following: $(4 \times 5 = 20)$

- (a) What are the factors that have led to the evolution and enhancement of VLSI Integrated Circuits?
- (b) Describe the various factors which must be taken into account in order to grow single crystals which are relatively free from defects in brief.
- (c) What is epitaxial layer? What are the various parameters to assess the quality of epitaxial layer for Si? Describe the measurement method for any one of them.
- (d) Discuss the operations performed during wafer preparation. What are the precautions that must be taken.
- (e) Give classification of Integrated Circuits. Explain bipolar and MOS I.C. Technology.
- (f) What is autodoping? What are the effects of autodoping on impurity profile of epi-layer?

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- 2. Attempt any **two** parts of the following : $(2\times10=20)$
 - (a) (i) Why is oxidation done? Explain the kinetics of oxide growth.
 - (ii) All modern Si MOSFETS are fabricated on (100) oriented Si substrate. Explain why?
 - (b) (i) Describe the photoresist process. Explain the negative photoresists and advantage of it over positive photoresist.
 - (ii) What is wet chemical etching? Name the common etchant used in integrated circuit fabrication with their composition for Si, SiO₂ and Si₃N₄ etching (one for each case).
 - (c) Describe briefly the advantages and disadvantages of Atmospheric Pressure Chemical Vapour Deposition (APCVD). Also describe the system.
- 3. Attempt any **two** parts of the following : $(2\times10=20)$
 - (a) (i) State and explain Fick's first law of diffusion. Derive Fick's second law from the first.
 - (ii) How will you fabricate a p-n junction by the diffusion process. Discuss the properties of the junction formed.
 - (b) (i) Why Boron and Phosphorus are preferred for p and n diffusions of respectively for silicon compared to other dopants.
 - (ii) What are the various types of diffusion systems? Describe with suitable sketch a gaseous technique for Boron diffusion.
 - (c) What is Ion-implantation? Why ion-implantation is preferred over diffusion for impurity doping? Explain briefly ion-implantation technique.

- 4. Attempt any **two** parts of the following : $(2\times10=20)$
 - (a) Define thin films. Describe a physical vapour deposition technique for film deposition what should be the required characteristics of the deposited film and how can it be achieved? Explain.
 - (b) What are the applications of metallization? What are the various choices for it? Why silicides are used? Discuss the advantages associated with silicide technology. List the metals used in silicidation.
 - (c) Write a short note on packaging of VLSI devices.
- 5. Attempt any **two** parts of the following : $(2\times10=20)$
 - (a) Explain different methods to obtain isolation between components in monolithic integrated circuits. How will you eliminate the parasitic capacitance in monolithic integrated circuits due to p-n junction isolation?
 - (b) With the help of IC process flow diagram describe briefly, the basic considerations for IC processing steps for an n-channel, polysilicon MOS circuit.
 - (c) Explain the term 'self aligned gate'. What is the requirement of self aligned gate? How is it achieved?

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