Process and Equipment Modeling and Simulation

Process simulation

Front End of Line Process Models

Ion Implantation, Diffusion

Epitaxy, Oxidation,



Device simulation

Equipment simulation

Equipment Modeling, Transport Simulation

PVD (Monte Carlo, MD (*))

Feature scale, Topography (line of sight))

Lithography

CMP

CVD (*)

ECD

Etching (*)

ALD





Modeling & Simulation SCOPE & SCALES

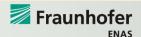
Modeling Overall Goal

- Support technology development and optimization
- Reduce development times and costs

Challenges: Nano scale device modeling

Tools for the development of novel nanostructure devices . quantum transport .spintronics .contacts

- Coupling of optical and electrical systems
- Models for optical interconnects
- Methods, models and algorithms that contribute to prediction of CMOS limits
- Gate stack models
- Models for device impact of statistical fluctuations
- Stress models
- Tools for the design of integrated electrical/optical systems
- Air gap and novel 3D integration



High-frequency device and circuit modeling up to 100 GHz applications

- Efficient extraction and simulation of full-chip interconnect delay and power consumption
- Accurate and yet efficient 3D interconnect models, especially transmission lines and S-parameters
- Extension of physical models to III/V mterials
- High-frequency circuit models including non-quasi static effects, substrate noise, and parasitic coupling
- Parameter extraction assistet by numerical electrical simulation instead of RF measurements
- Scaleable active and passive component models for compact circuit simulation
- Co-design between interconnects and packaging

Modeling of chemical, thermomechanical, and electrical properties of new materials

- Operating behavior for new materials applied in devices and interconnects
- Gate stacks, Predictive modeling of dielectric constant
- Surface states
- Thermomechanical properties
- Optical properties
- Reliability
- Breakdown
- Leakage currents
- Tunneling
 - Linkage with first principle computation and classical MD and thermodynamic computation
 - ULK models



Nano scale process modeling

Process modeling tools for the development of novel nanostructure devices

CNT

nanowires (doped, decorated) quantum dots, molecular electronics

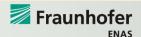
Process models for optoelectronic devices

- Computer-efficient inclusion of influences of statistics
- Efficient extraction of circuit-level variations from process and device simulation



Front-end process modeling for nanometer structures

- Diffusion/activation/damage/stress models
- (Si, SiGe:C, Ge, SOI, epilayers, ultra-thin body devices)
- Epi-layer modeling (stress, morphology)
- Low dopant level characterisation
- Modeling hierarchy from atomistic to continuum for dopants and defects in bulk and at interfaces
- Front-end processing inpact on reliability

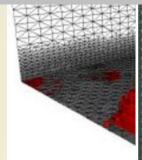


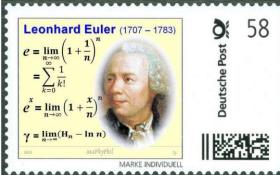
Integrated modeling of equipment, materials, feature scale processes and influence on devices

- Fundamental physical data: rate constants, cross sectons
- Simplified but physical models for complex chemistry and plasma reaction
- Linked equipment/feature scale models
- CMP, etch, electrochemical polishing ECP, pattern dependent effects
- MOCVD, PECVD, ALD, EP, ELD modeling

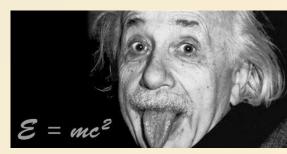
... to find the right parameters

- 1. Parameter of Numerical Method, (e.g. discretisation in space and time)
- 2. Parameter of the Physial Model
- 3. Parameter of the Equipment (Dim...)
- 4. Parameter of the Process (T, flow..)





mathematician



physicist

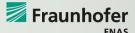
engineer



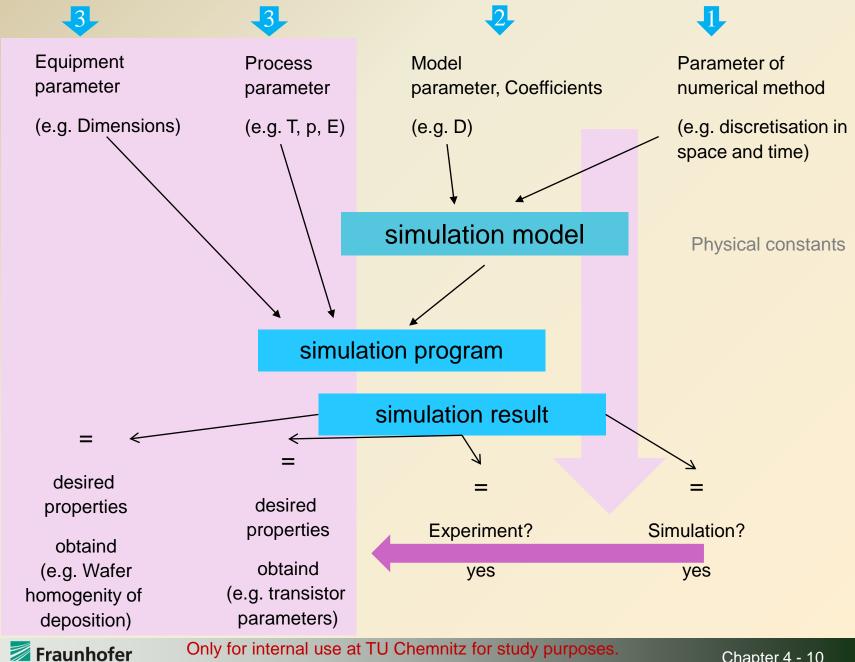
economist







Overall goal of simulation: optimization of parameters

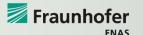


Simulation of Thin Film Deposition

Outline

- General Remarks: Properties and Applications of Thin Films
- Small Structures, an Example, The ITRS and one Physical Limit: The Size Effect
- Simulation Models depending on Pressure and Dimensions
- CVD Modeling and Simulation
- ECD
- ALD
- PVD Modeling and Simulation
- Summery





Properties and Applications of Thin Films

- A thin film is a layer of material ranging from fractions of a nanometer (monolayer) to several micrometers in thickness (1 μm!)
- special physical properties like interference, useful for sensitive layers in sensors
- expensive materials can be used economically hard coatings anticorrosion layers



optical coatings

Source: WiKi

microelectronics

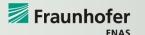
CDs/DVDs, hard disks electronic semiconductor devices / IC (processors, memory..)

optical devices (LEDs)

energy generation (thin film solar cells) and storage (thin-film batteries)

multiferroic materials / superlattices that allow the study of quantum confinement by creating two-dimensional electron states.

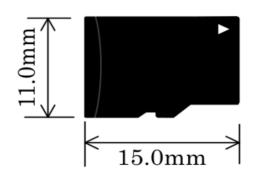


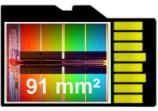


Density of µElectronic Structures, Example



SanDisk 200 GByte Micro-SD 0.7 mm thick 16 stacked flash dies 1 controller die





91 mm² die size (estimated)

Total die area (incl. bus system...)

= 16 * 91 mm²

 $= 1456 \text{ mm}^2$



Space for 200 000 000 000 * 8 memory cells per memory cell an area of

 $A_{cell} = 1456 \text{ mm}^2 / 1.6e12 \text{ (Terabit)}$

 $A_{cell} = 910 \text{ nm}^2$



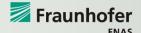
Ahair / Acell > 4000000

Human hair diameter $d = 70 \mu m$

Cross section area

Ahair =
$$\pi/4 \, d^2 = 3848 \, \mu m^2$$

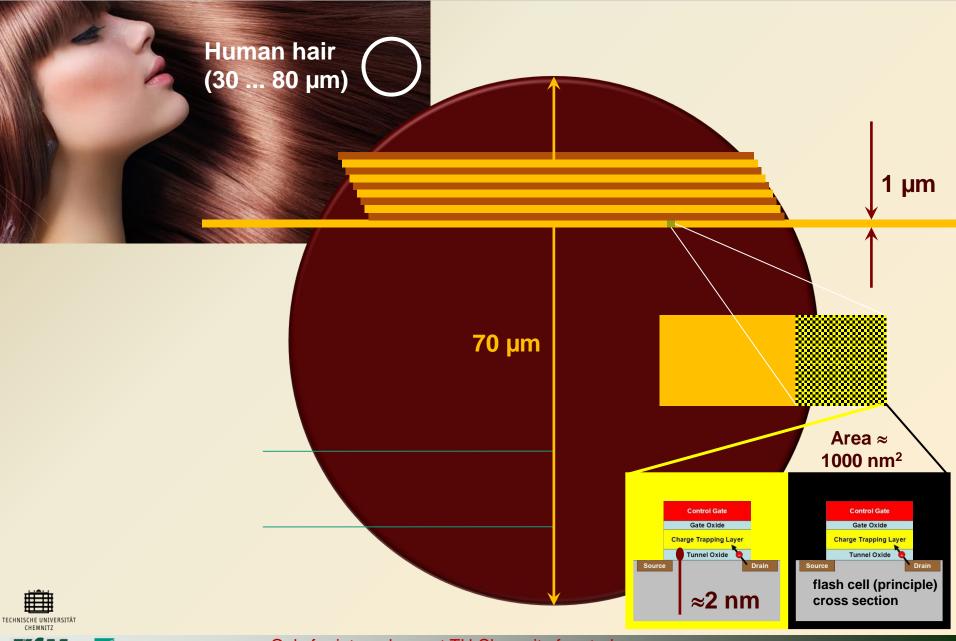




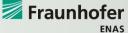
May 2016 Samsung



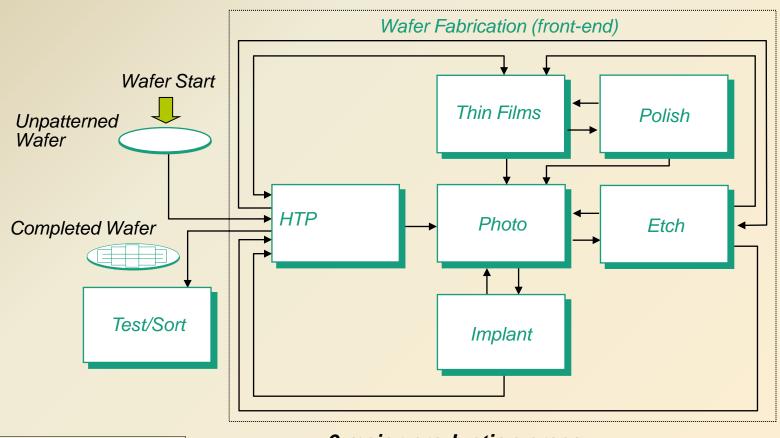
Density of µElectronic Structures, Example







Model of Typical Wafer Flow in a Sub-Micron CMOS IC Fab



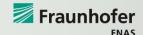
HTP:

High Temperature
Processes: Diffusion,
Oxidation, Anneal, Epi

6 major production areas

6 ... 8 weeks involve up to 400 process steps

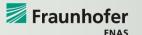




Technologies for Silicon Based Micro and Nano Systems

- Cleaning
- Etching
- Packaging
- Waferbonding
- Thin Film Deposition
- Lithography
- Doping
- Cleaning
- Measuring Technique

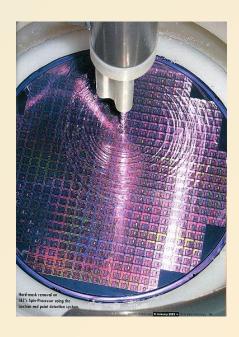




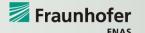
Technologies for Thin Film Deposition in µElectronic

CVD Chemical Vapour Deposition / Epitaxy
ALD Atomic Layer Deposition
PVD Physical Vapour Deposition(Sputtering/Evaporation)
ECD Electro Chemical Deposition

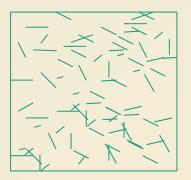
MBE Molecular beam epitaxy spin on



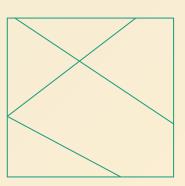




- The Knudsen number (Kn) is a dimensionless number defined as the ratio of the molecular mean free path length to a representative physical length scale. This length scale could be, for example, the radius of a layer deposition reactor.
- The Knudsen number helps determine whether statistical mechanics or the continuum mechanics formulation of fluid dynamics should be used to model a situation.
- If the Knudsen number is near or **greater than one**, the mean free path of a molecule is comparable to a length scale of the problem, and the **continuum assumption** of fluid mechanics is no longer a good approximation. In such cases, **statistical methods** should be used.



Kn < 1
transport is
determined
by particle - particle
interaction



Kn > 1
transport is
determined
by particle - wall
interaction





$$Kn = \frac{\lambda}{L}$$

- λ = mean free path [L¹],
- L = representative physical length scale [L¹].

For a Boltzmann gas, the mean free path may be readily calculated, so that

$$Kn = \frac{k_B T}{\sqrt{2}\pi d^2 pL}$$

- k_B is the Boltzmann constant (1.3806504(24) × 10⁻²³ J/K in SI units), [M¹ L² T⁻² θ^{-1}],
- T is the thermodynamic temperature, [θ¹],
- d is the particle hard-shell diameter, [L¹],
- p is the total pressure, [M¹ L⁻¹ T⁻²].

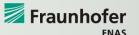
For particle dynamics in the atmosphere, and assuming standard temperature and pressure, i.e. 25 °C and 1 atm, we have $\lambda \approx 8 \times 10^{-8}$ m (80 nm).



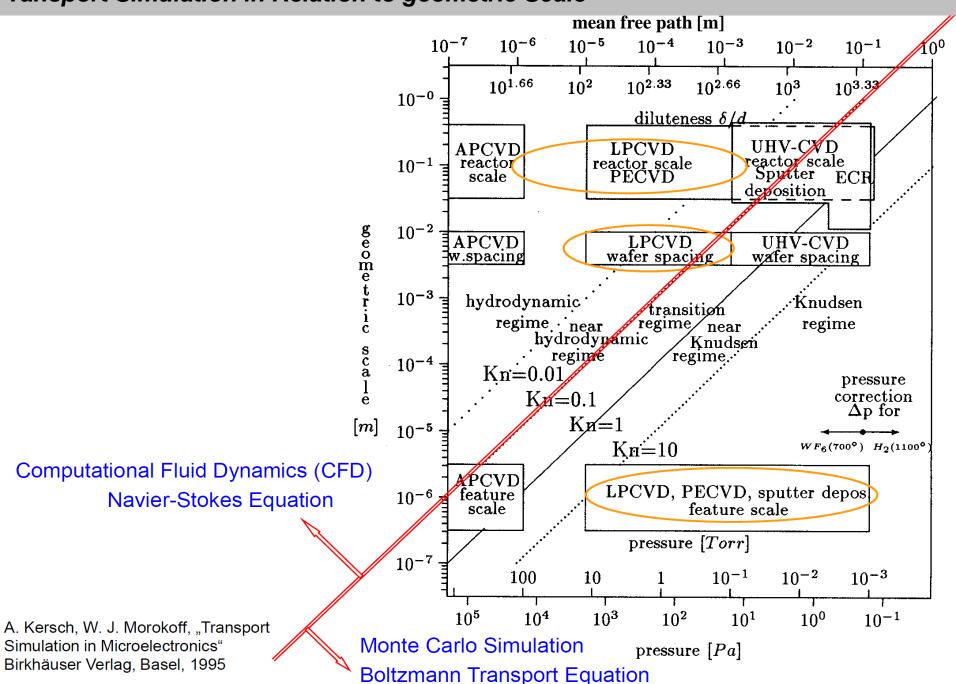
Mean Free Path vs. Pressure

Vacuum range	Pressure / hPa	Atoms / cm ³ Molecules / cm ³	Aver. Dist. Between atoms / molecules	Mean free path
(reference: Silicon, typical doping concentration in Silicon)	-	$5 \cdot 10^{22}$ $10^{15} \dots 10^{20}$	L = 0.235 nm (bond length), L= $\frac{1}{4}\sqrt{3}$ a a = 0.543 nm (lattice constant)	-
Ambient pressure	1013	$2.7 \cdot 10^{19}$	≈3.3 nm	68 nm
Low vacuum	300 1	$10^{19} \dots 10^{16}$	≈ 5 nm 50 nm	0.1 100 μm
Medium vacuum	1 10-3	$10^{16} \dots 10^{13}$	$\approx 50 \text{ nm} \dots 0.5 \text{ mm}$	0.1 100 mm
High vacuum	10 ⁻³ 10 ⁻⁷	$10^{13} \dots 10^9$	$\approx 0.5 \text{ mm} \dots 10 \mu\text{m}$	10 cm 1 km
Ultra high vacuum	10 ⁻⁷ 10 ⁻¹²	$10^9 \dots 10^4$	$\approx 10 \ \mu \text{m} \ 0.500 \ \text{mm}$	1 km 10 ⁵ km
Extremely high vacuum	< 10-12	< 104	$\approx < 0.500 \text{ mm}$	$> 10^5 \text{km}$





Tansport Simulation in Relation to geometric Scale



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Transistors Won't Shrink Beyond 2021, Says Final ITRS Report

Tiffany Trader

The final International Technology Roadmap for Semiconductors (ITRS) is now out.

ITRS: The highly-detailed multi-part report, collaboratively published by a group of international semiconductor experts, offers guidance on the technological challenges and opportunities for the semiconductor industry through 2030.

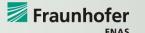
One of the major takeaways is the insistence that Moore's law will continue for some time even though traditional transistor scaling (through smaller feature sizes) is expected to hit an economic wall in 2021.

Moore's law is the observation that the number of transistors in a dense integrated circuit doubles approximately every two years. (1965)

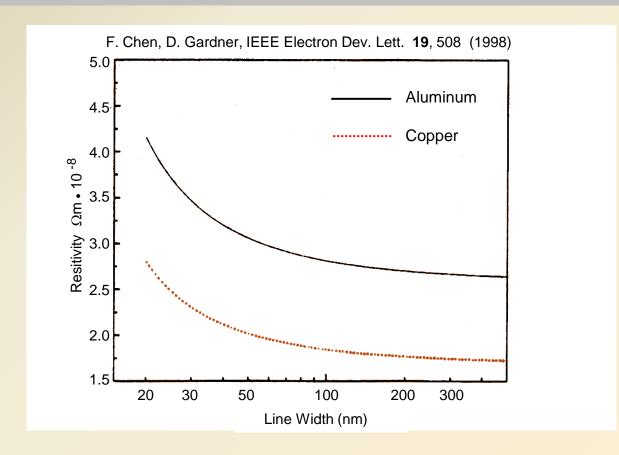
Gordon Moore: co-founder of Intel and Fairchild Semiconductor





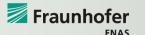


One Physical Limit: The Size Effect



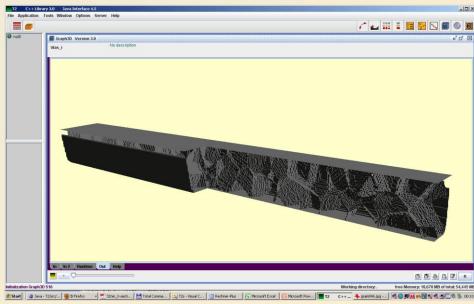
Tech node	Interconnect pitch	Interconnect width (incl. barrier)
10 nm	34	17
7 nm	22	11



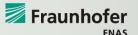


Interconnect Models

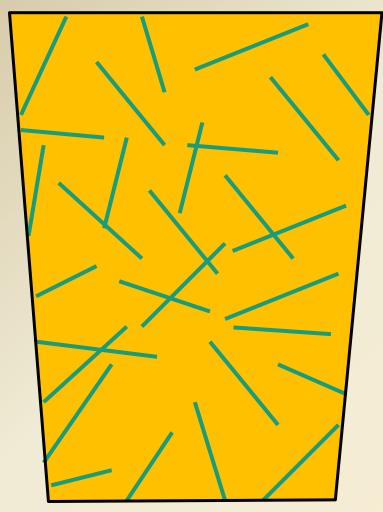


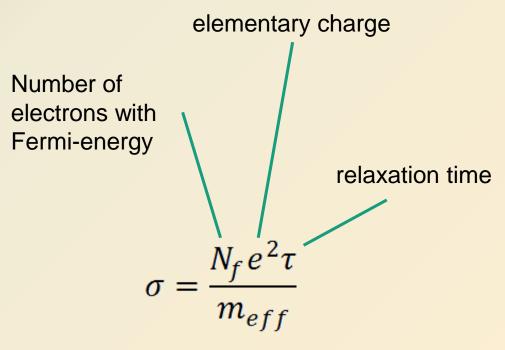






The Size Effect: Conductivity Dependence on Mean Free Path



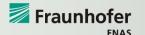


effective mass of electrons

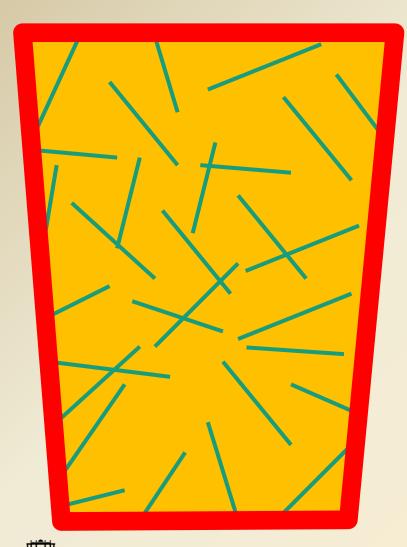
relaxation time ..mean free path of electrons (Copper 39 nm)

resistivity = $1.6 \mu Ohm cm$

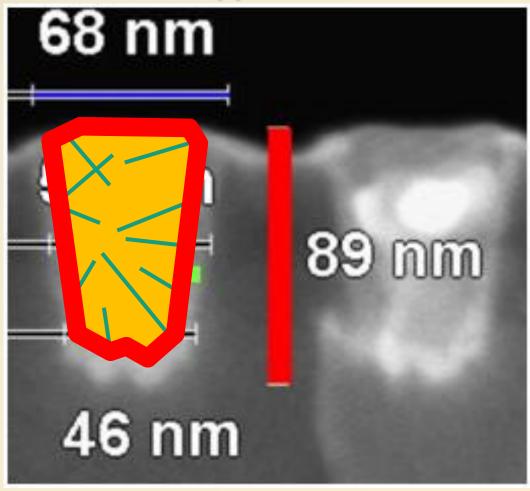




The Size Effect

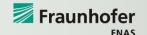


copper interconnects

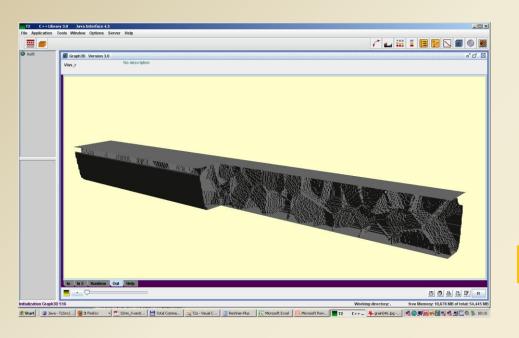


To inhibit the detrimental **diffusion of copper into silicon devices**, an effective barrier is strongly demanded.





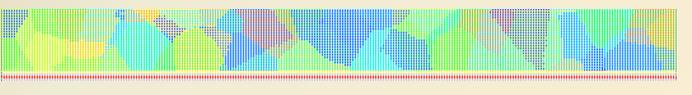
The Size Effect: Structure Generation with Simulator T2 for Size Effect Simulation



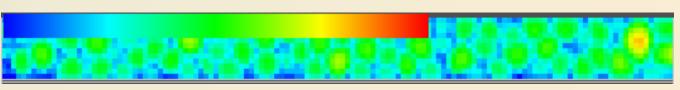
Grain structure, randomly generated

Lattice resolution = 1nm

 $\sigma(x,y,z)$ Poisson eq. τ (x,y,z)



Grain Structure



Local relaxation time

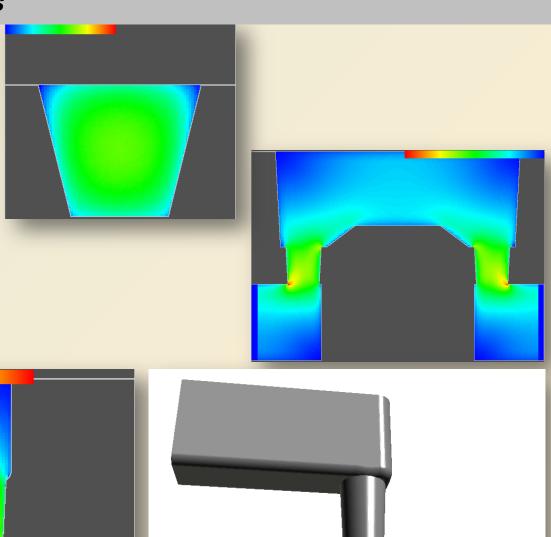
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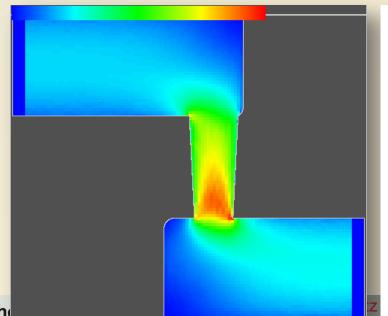
Current density

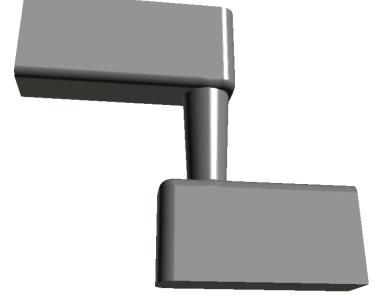
The Size Effect: Simulation Results

Technology optimization improves conductivity (grain structure and surface quality, e-reflection).

Simulation can help to understand the transport in complex structures.









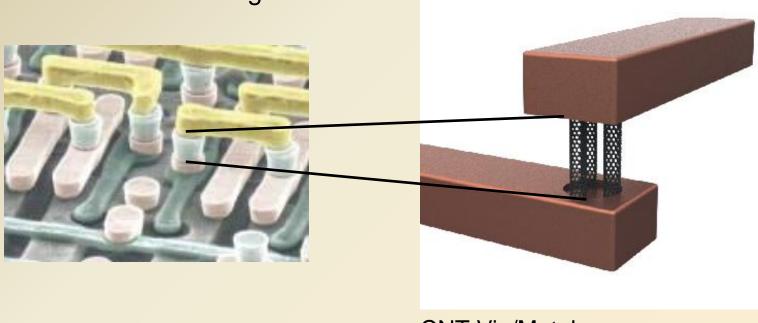


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Solution: Replacement of metal interconnects with Carbon Nanotubes?

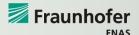
- ✓ No electromigration issues
- ✓ High current carrying capacity





CNT-Via/Metal-Hybridstructure





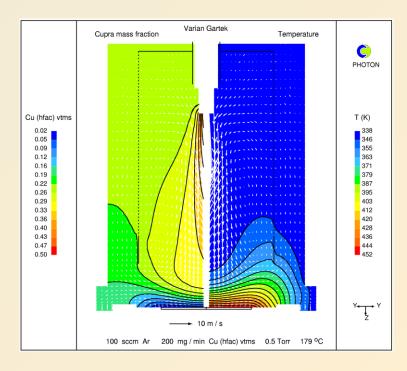
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ALD Atomic Layer Deposition PVD Physical Vapour Deposition ECD Electro Chemical Deposition MBE Molecular beam epitaxy spin on

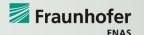
...Modeling and Simulation

Transport Simulation

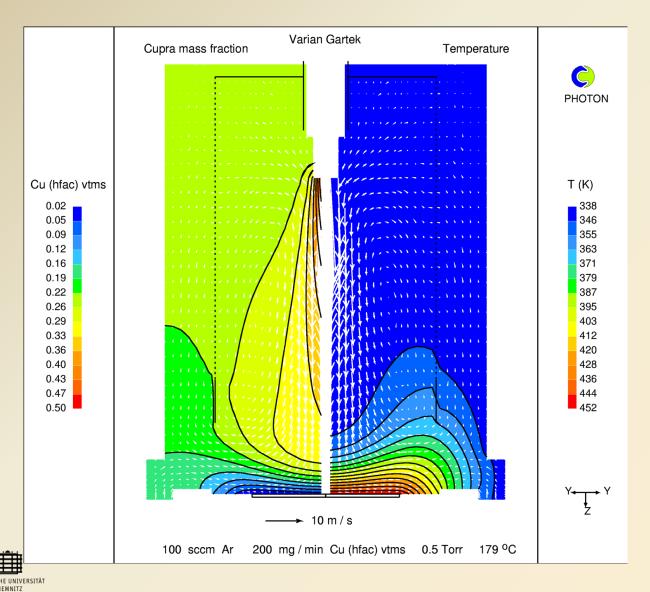
1. Particles to wafer







Thin Film Deposition, Equipment Simulation, Cu CVD



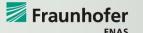
Improvement of

- deposition rates
- uniformity
- fill behavior
 of vias and
 trenches

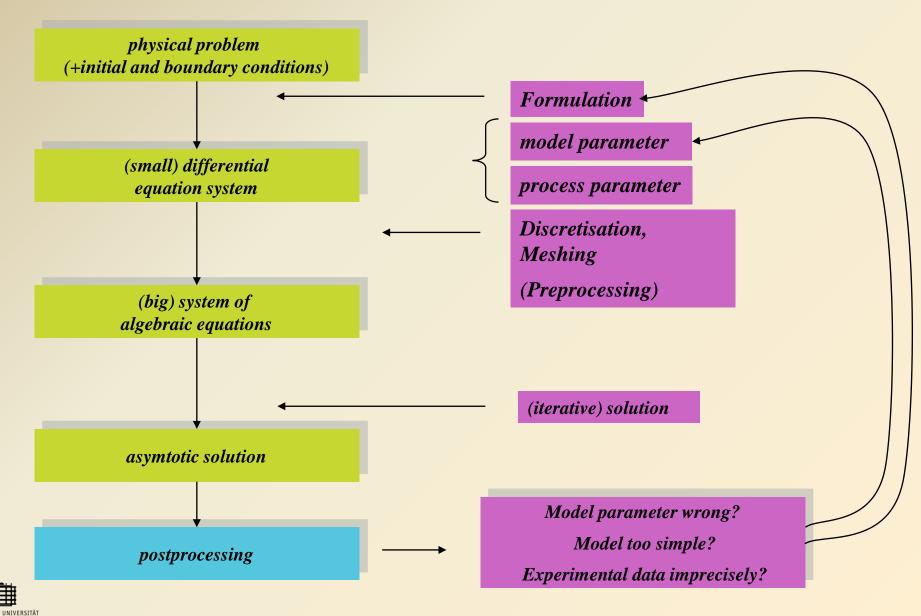
by **optimization** of

- process conditions
- reactor configuration

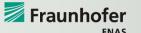




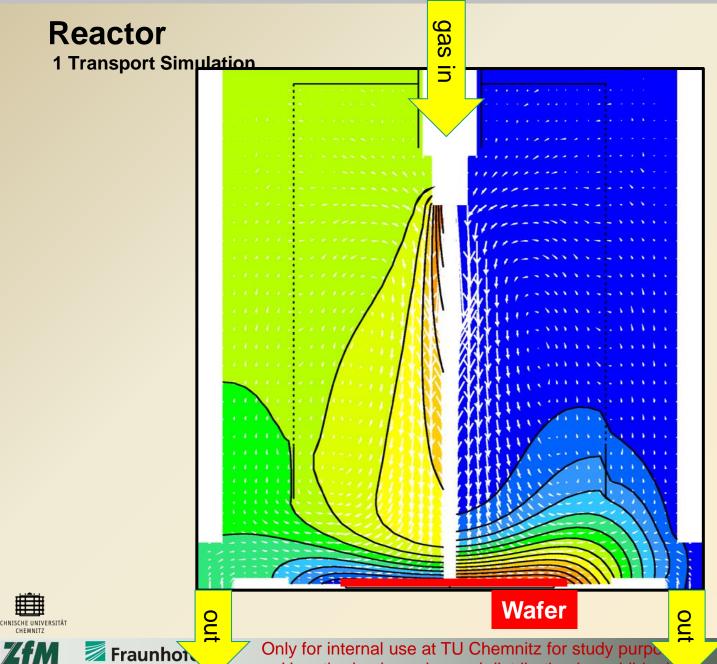
Mathematical methods







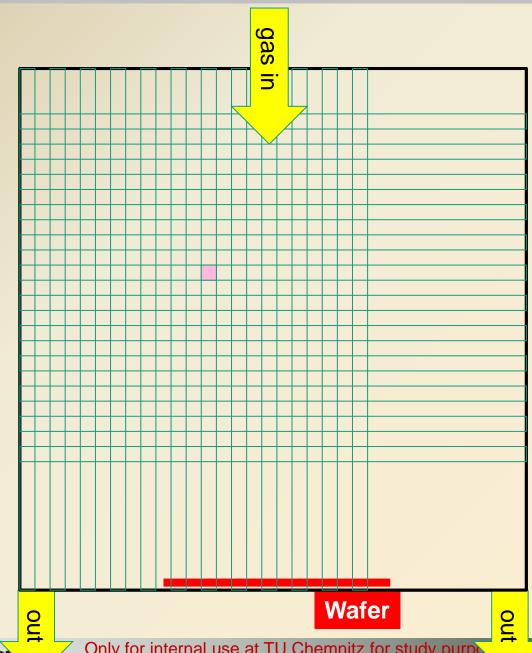
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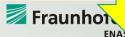




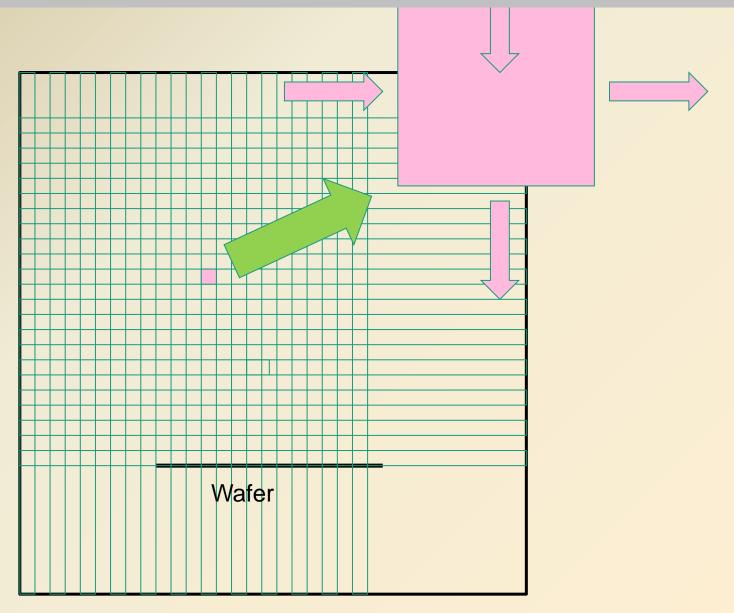
Thin Film Deposition, Equipment Simulation, Mesh Generation







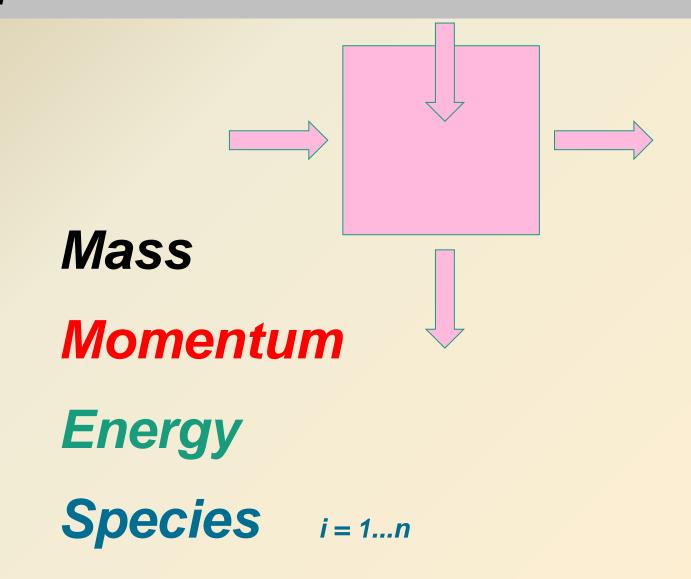
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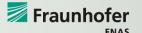




Thin Film Deposition

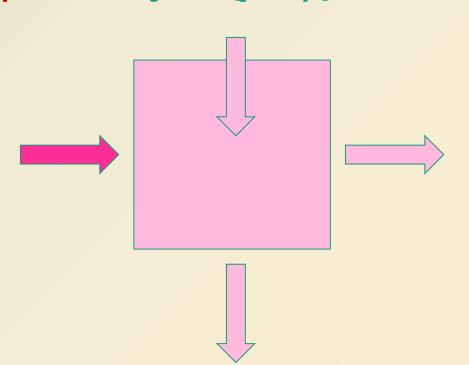




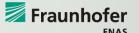


General Transport Equation

transient
$$\xi d/dt (\rho \phi) = -\xi \nabla (\rho \underline{\upsilon} \phi) + \nabla (\Gamma \nabla \phi) + S$$

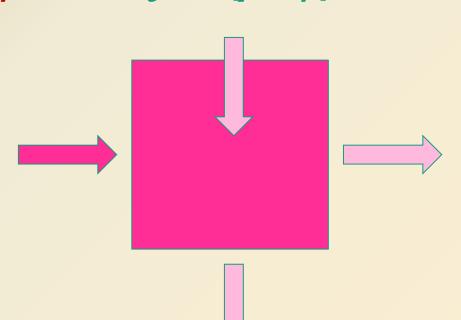




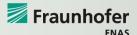


General Transport Equation

transient convection diffusion source
$$\xi d/dt (\rho \phi) = -\xi \nabla (\rho \underline{\nu} \phi) + \nabla (\Gamma \nabla \phi) + S$$







transient convection diffusion source
$$\xi d/dt (\rho \phi) = -\xi \nabla (\rho \underline{\upsilon} \phi) + \nabla (\Gamma \nabla \phi) + S$$

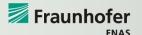
Continuity

Momentum

Energy

Species i = 1...n





General Transport Equation for Continuity

transient convection diffusion source
$$\xi d/dt (\rho \phi) = -\xi \nabla (\rho \underline{\nu} \phi) + \nabla (\Gamma \nabla \phi) + S$$
=1 =1 =1 =0 =0

$$d/dt(\rho) = - \nabla (\rho \underline{v})$$

Continuity



General Transport Equation for Momentum

transient convection diffusion source
$$\xi d/dt (\rho \phi) = -\xi \nabla (\rho \underline{\nu} \phi) + \nabla (\Gamma \nabla \phi) + S$$

$$= 1 \qquad = \mu \qquad = \underline{\nu}$$

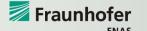
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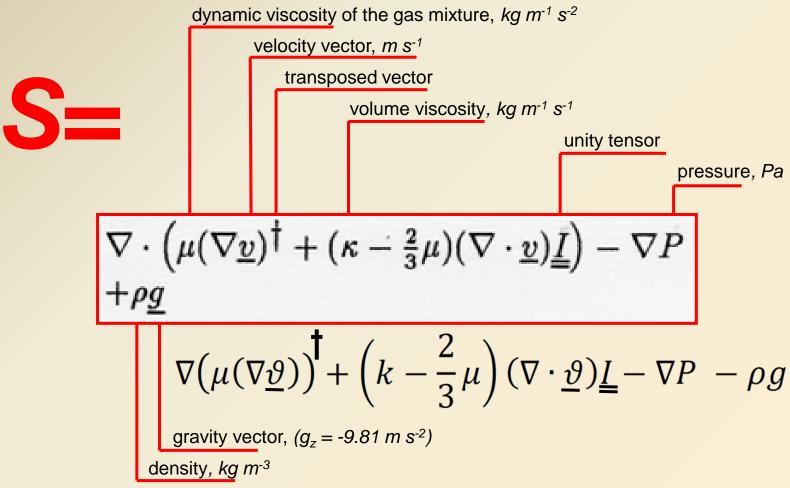
Momentum



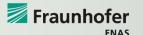
$$\nabla \cdot \left(\mu(\nabla \underline{v})^{\dagger} + (\kappa - \frac{2}{3}\mu)(\nabla \cdot \underline{v})\underline{\underline{I}} \right) - \nabla P$$











General Transport Equation for Energy

$$\xi \stackrel{transient}{d \rho d t} = -\xi \stackrel{convection}{\nabla (\rho \underline{\nu} \phi)} + \stackrel{diffusion}{\nabla (\Gamma \nabla \phi)} + S$$

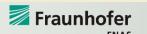
$$= c \qquad = \lambda \qquad = T$$

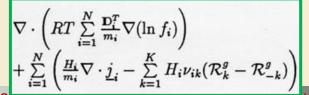
Energy

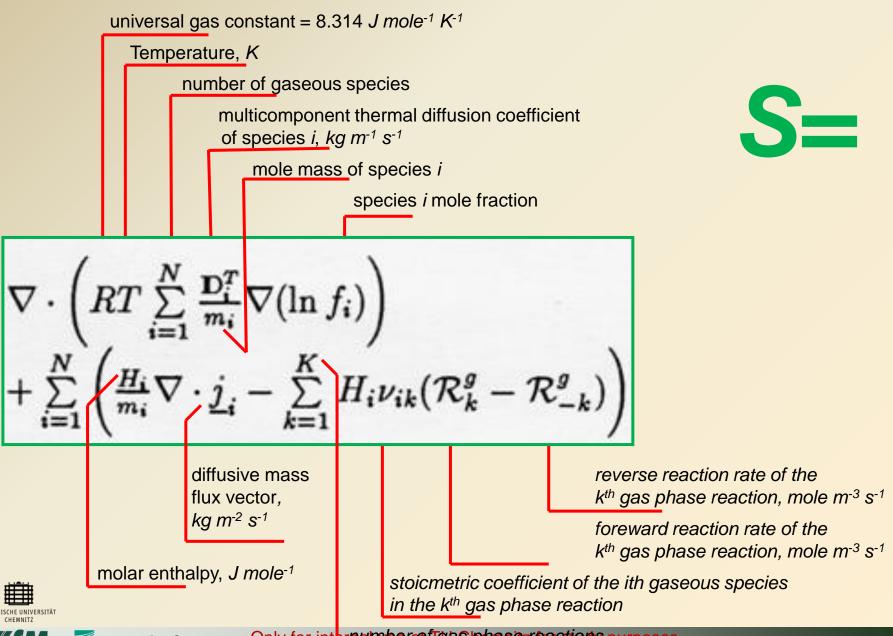
$$c d/dt (\rho T) = -c \nabla (\rho \underline{\upsilon} T) + \nabla (\lambda \nabla T) + S$$













General Transport Equation for Species

transient convection diffusion source
$$\xi d/dt (\rho \phi) = -\xi \nabla (\rho \underline{\upsilon} \phi) + \nabla (\Gamma \nabla \phi) + S$$

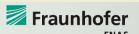
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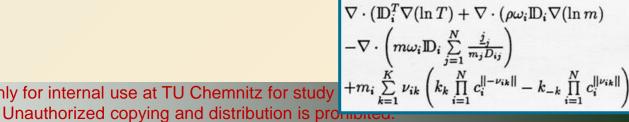
Species i = 1...n

$$d/dt (\rho \omega_i) = -\nabla (\rho \underline{\upsilon} \omega_i) + \nabla (\rho D_i \nabla \omega_i) + S$$

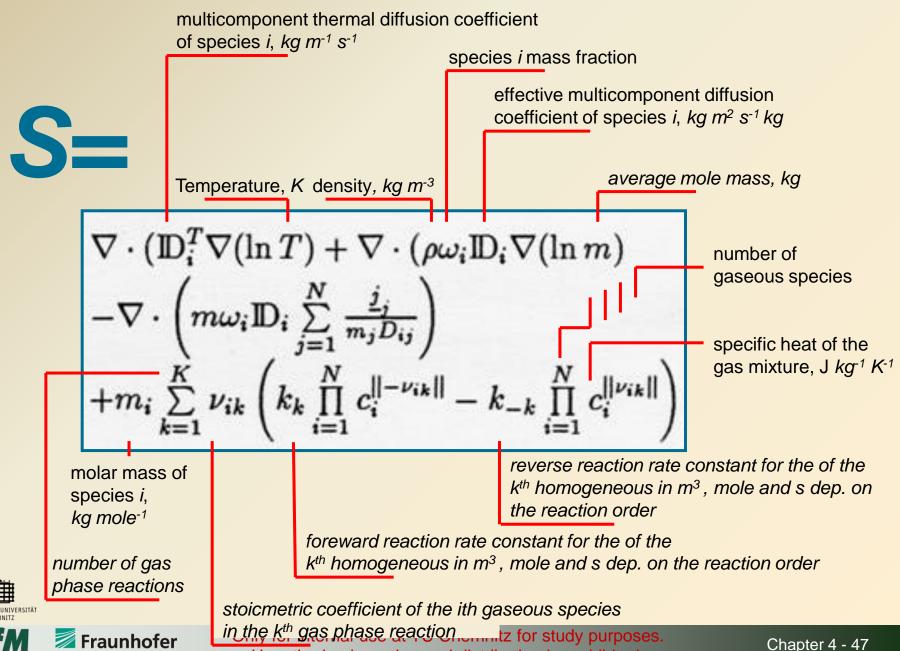








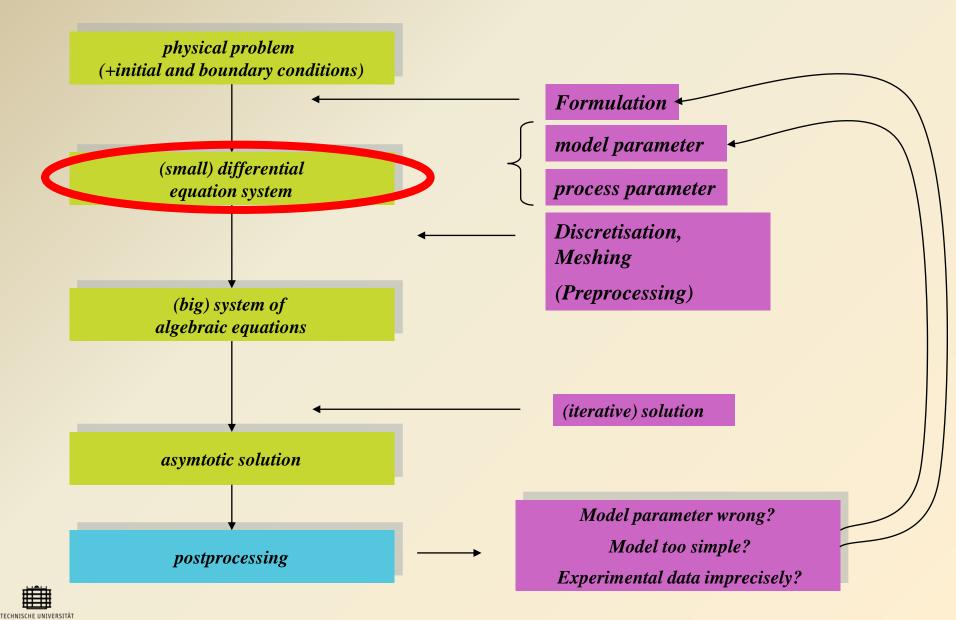
Species







Mathematical methods







transient convection diffusion source
$$\xi d/dt (\rho \phi) = -\xi \nabla (\rho \underline{\nu} \phi) + \nabla (\Gamma \nabla \phi) + S$$

$$d/dt (\rho) = - \nabla (\rho \underline{v})^{Continuity}$$

$$d/dt (\rho \underline{v}) = - \xi \nabla (\rho \underline{v}\underline{v}) + \nabla (\mu \nabla \underline{v}) + S$$

$$c d/dt (\rho T) = - c \nabla (\rho \underline{v}T) + \nabla (\lambda \nabla T) + S$$

$$d/dt (\rho \omega_i) = - \nabla (\rho \underline{v}\omega_i) + \nabla (\rho D_i \nabla \omega_i) + S$$

Momentum



Energy S=

Species



$$\nabla \cdot \left(\mu(\nabla \underline{v})^{\dagger} + (\kappa - \frac{2}{3}\mu)(\nabla \cdot \underline{v})\underline{\underline{I}}\right) - \nabla P$$

$$+\rho \underline{g}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \left(RT \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{\mathbf{D}_{i}^{T}}{m_{i}} \nabla(\ln f_{i})\right)$$

$$+ \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left(\underline{H}_{i} \nabla \cdot \underline{i} - \sum_{i=1}^{K} H_{i} \underline{v}\right)$$

 $\nabla \cdot \left(RT \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{\mathbf{D}_{i}^{T}}{m_{i}} \nabla (\ln f_{i}) \right) + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left(\frac{H_{i}}{m_{i}} \nabla \cdot \underline{j}_{i} - \sum_{k=1}^{K} H_{i} \nu_{ik} (\mathcal{R}_{k}^{g} - \mathcal{R}_{-k}^{g}) \right)$

 $\nabla \cdot \left(\mathbb{D}_{i}^{T} \nabla (\ln T) + \nabla \cdot \left(\rho \omega_{i} \mathbb{D}_{i} \nabla (\ln m) \right) \right.$ $\left. - \nabla \cdot \left(m \omega_{i} \mathbb{D}_{i} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \frac{\underline{j}_{j}}{m_{j} D_{ij}} \right) \right.$ $\left. + m_{i} \sum_{k=1}^{K} \nu_{ik} \left(k_{k} \prod_{i=1}^{N} c_{i}^{\parallel - \nu_{ik} \parallel} - k_{-k} \prod_{i=1}^{N} c_{i}^{\parallel \nu_{ik} \parallel} \right) \right.$

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Example: Iterative Solution of 2D Diffusion equation based on FDM

$$\frac{\xi d/dt (\rho \phi) = -\xi \nabla (\rho \underline{\upsilon} \phi) + \nabla (\Gamma \nabla \phi) + S}{d/dt (C) = \nabla (D \nabla C)}$$

2 Dim: $D \nabla C = D (dC/dx + dC/dx)$

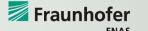
$$j = -\frac{D(C_{i,j+1}^n - C_{i,j}^n)}{\Delta y}$$

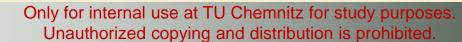
$$j = -\frac{D(C_{i,j}^n - C_{i-1,j}^n)}{\Delta x} \longrightarrow j = -\frac{D(C_{i+1,j}^n - C_{i,j}^n)}{\Delta x}$$

$$j = -\frac{D(C_{i,j}^n - C_{i,j-1}^n)}{\Delta y}$$

$$div(j) = \frac{\oint j ds}{A} = \frac{(j-j)\Delta y + (j-j)\Delta x}{\Delta x \Delta y}$$







i = 0, j = k - 1

 Δy

i = 0, j = 0

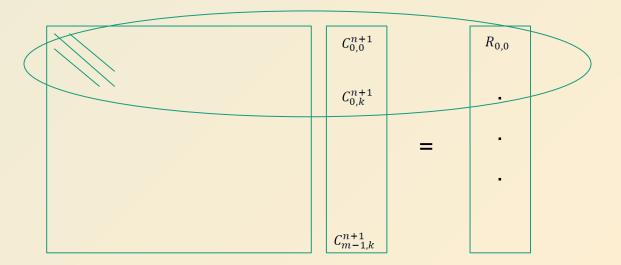
i = m-1

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = -div(j) = D \left(\frac{\left(C_{i+1,j}^{n+1} - 2C_{i,j}^{n+1} + C_{i-1,j}^{n+1} \right)}{\Delta x^2} + \frac{\left(C_{i,j+1}^{n+1} - 2C_{i,j}^{n+1} + C_{i,j-1}^{n+1} \right)}{\Delta y^2} \right)$$

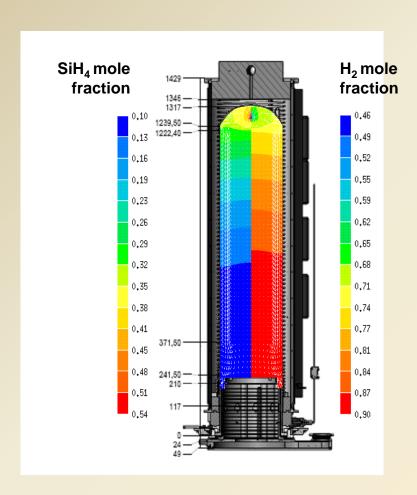
5-points equation

$$C_{i,j}^{n+1} = C_{i,j}^{n} + \Delta t D \left(\frac{\left(C_{i+1,j}^{n+1} - 2C_{i,j}^{n+1} + C_{i-1,j}^{n+1} \right)}{\Delta x^{2}} + \frac{\left(C_{i,j+1}^{n+1} - 2C_{i,j}^{n+1} + C_{i,j-1}^{n+1} \right)}{\Delta y^{2}} \right)$$

1d: tri diagonal mx



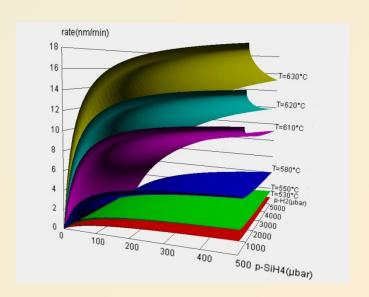
Modeling and Simulation of CVD of Silicon in a Vertical Furnace



Flow pattern and distributions of SiH₄ and H₂ mole fractions inside the reactor for silicon deposition at 30 °C, 200 µbar, 200 sccm SiH₄, 0 sccm H₂.

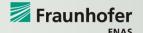
Improvement of

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- reactor configuration

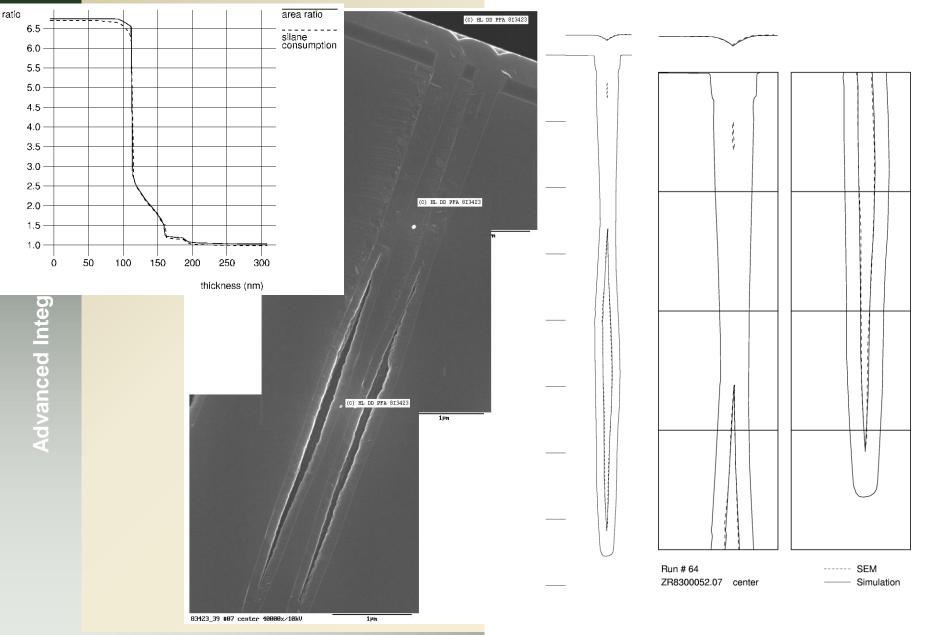


Dependence of deposition rates on the local partial pressures of SiH₄ and H₂ for different deposition temperatures





Reactor Scale: Deep trenches (Multi-step trench filling with As doped poly)



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