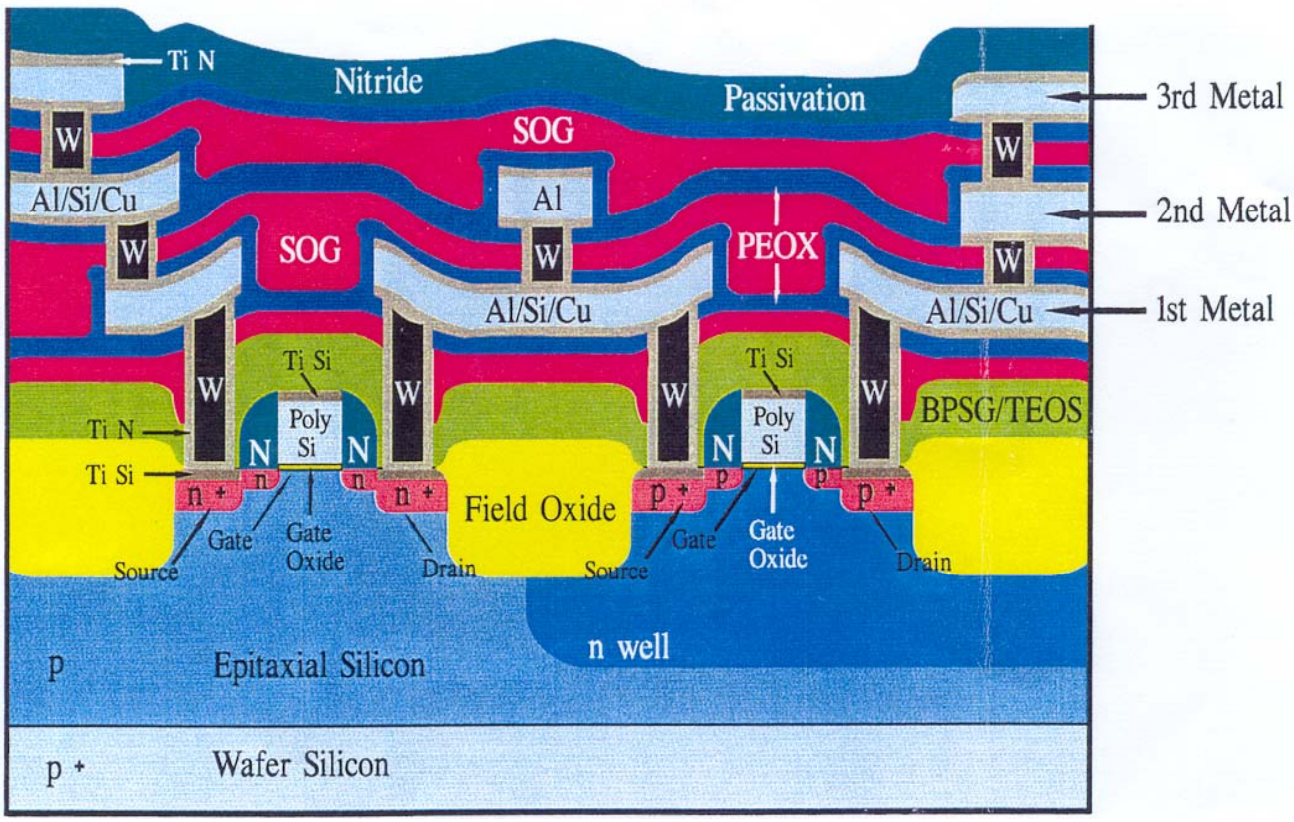
3.1 Special CVD Processes

3.1.3 Applications of Poly-Si, SiO_2, Si_xN_y …

- Overview on application and integration aspects
- CVD SiO_2: Requirements (PMD, IMD), SACVD+LPCVD (TEOS, ozone), equipment, application examples
- (PE)CVD Si_xN_y: Applications, chemical reactions, PECVD process example

3.1.3.1 Application of polysilicon and dielectrics

Three Metal Layer CMOS Device



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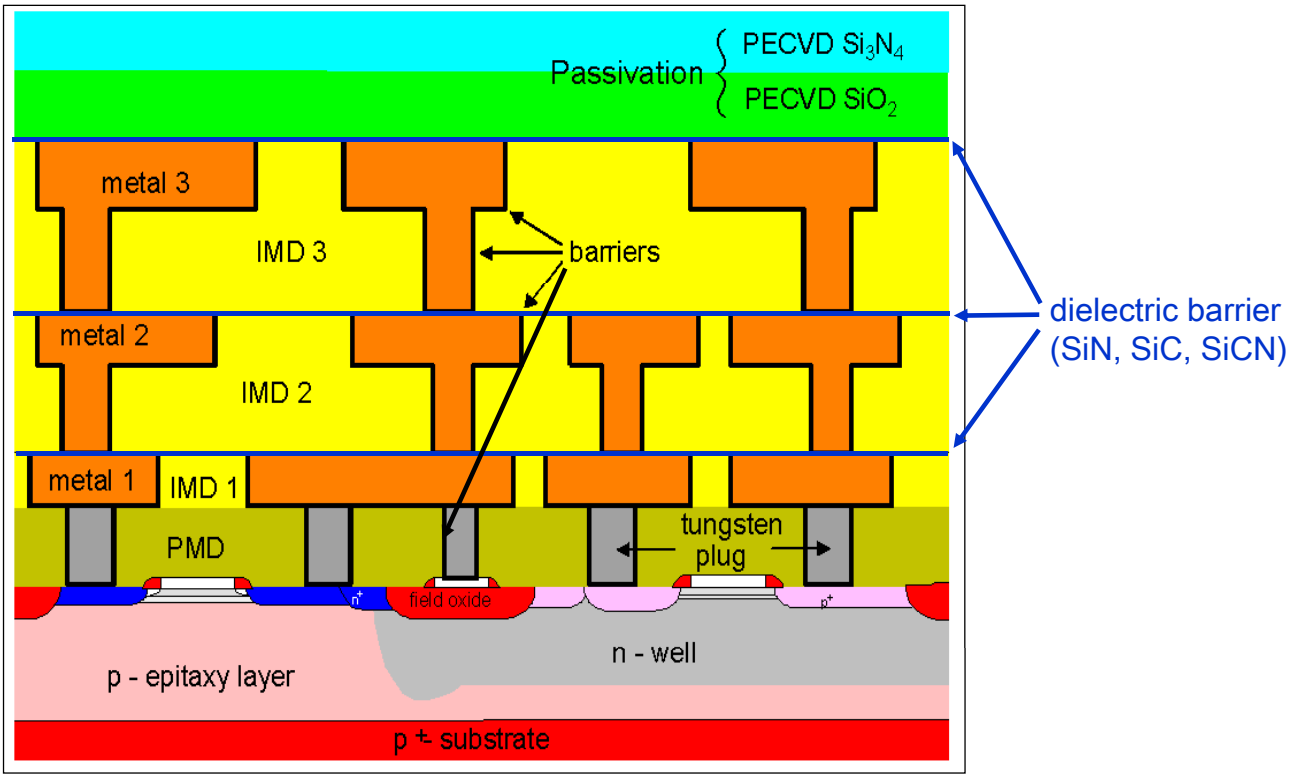
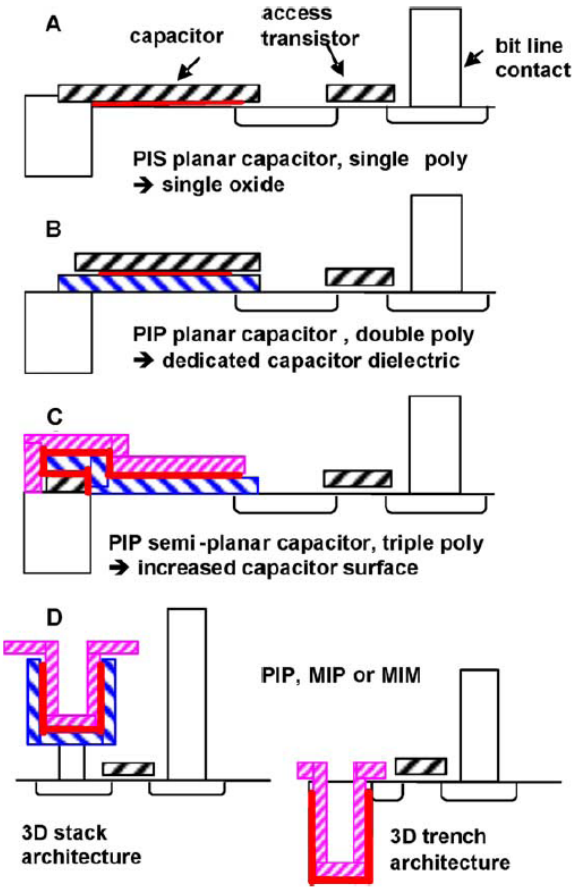
Thin CVD Films in Copper Damascene



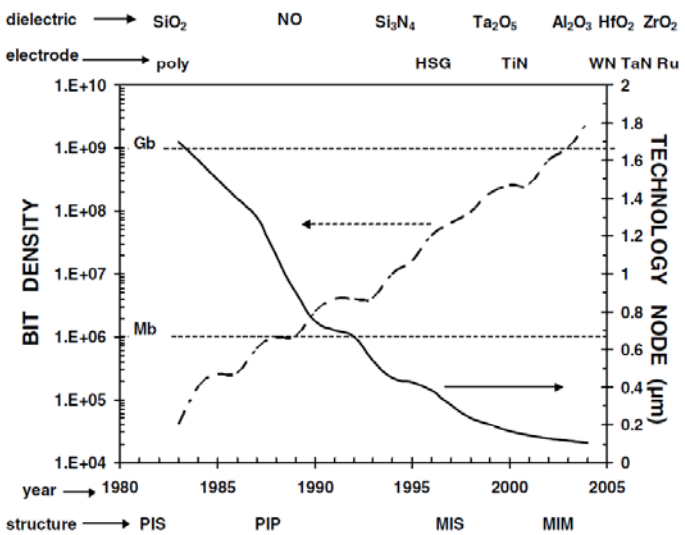
SiO2: Pre-Metal Dielectric (PMD), Inter-Metal Dielectric (IMD), Spacer oxide
SiN: Diffusion barrier against Cu diffusion and drift, Etch stop, Spacer, Stressor
Poly-Si: gate electrode

Application of polysilicon and dielectrics

DRAM architecture evolution from 1980 to 2005



Trend of DRAM production node, bit density, dielectrics and electrode materials

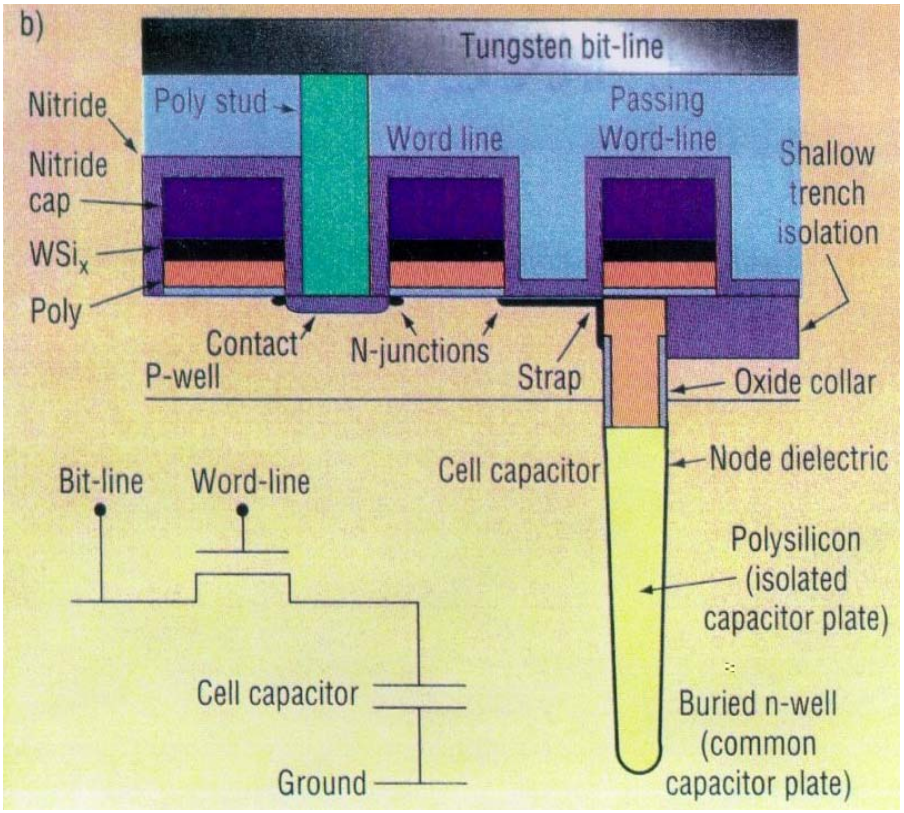


HSG: Hemi-spherical grained polysilicon

Source: Eric Gerritsen et al., *Evolution of materials technology for stacked-capacitors in 65 nm embedded-DRAM*, Solid-State Electronics 49 (2005) 1767–1775

Application of polysilicon and dielectrics

Buried Strap Trench Capacitor Cell for 64 MB



Source: B. El-Kareh, G.B. Bronner, S.E. Schuster, "Solid State Technology", May 1997
-The Evolution of D-RAM Cell Technology-

3.1.3.2 CVD of silicon dioxide

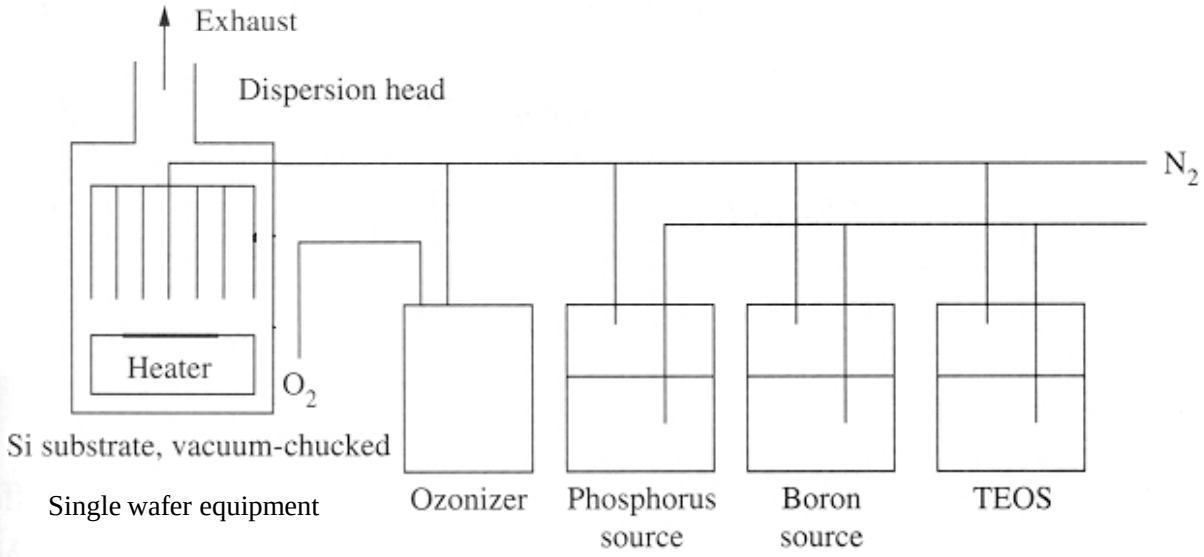
Different Requirements for Poly (Pre-) metal (PMD) and Intermetal Dielectrics (IMD)

- Poly (Pre-) Metal Dielectrics PMD
  - deposition can be done at higher temperatures
  - flow and re-flow at temperatures exceeding 800 C
  - Trend to lower temperatures
- Intermetal Dielectrics IMD
  - maximum temperature is about 400 … 450°C
  - the Al, Cu and low-k dielectrics on the surface require the lower temperature

CVD of silicon dioxide

SA- and LPCVD using TEOS and ozone

CVD process using TEOS and ozone enables formation of oxide films with high conformality and low viscosity at low deposition temperatures



Basic hardware set-up of doped TEOS reactors

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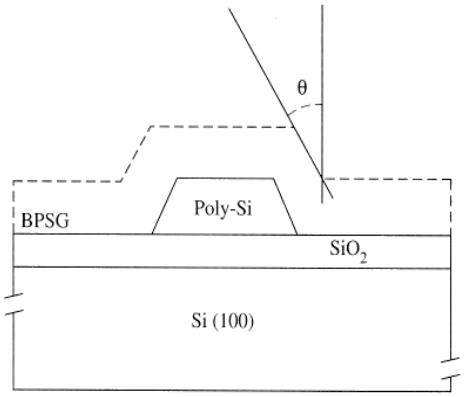
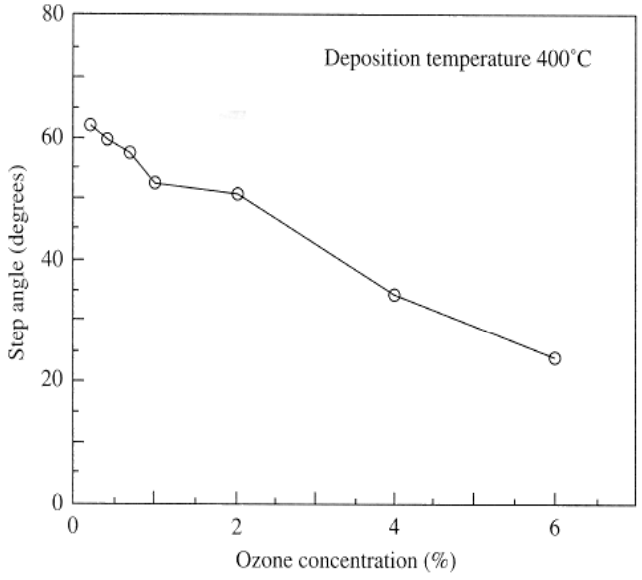
CVD of silicon dioxide

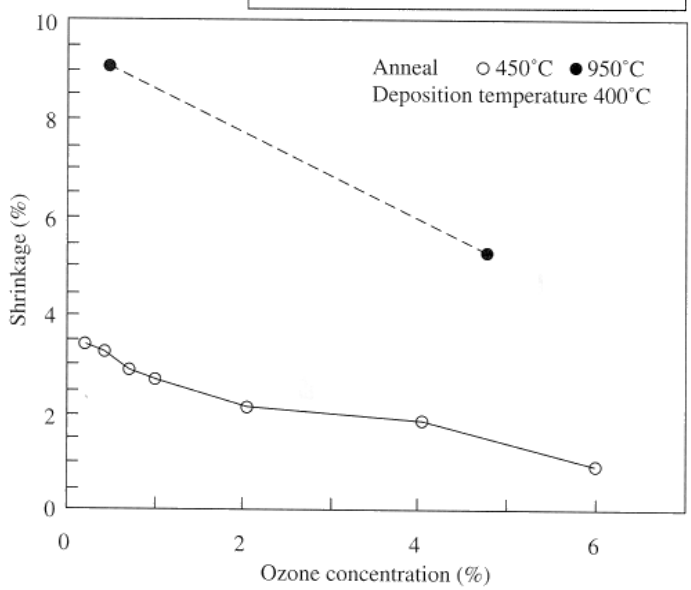
Deposition using TEOS and ozone

Film property control via ozone concentration:

- Step angle can be controlled via the O_3 concentration
- Dependence of the shrinkage during anneal on O_3 concentration







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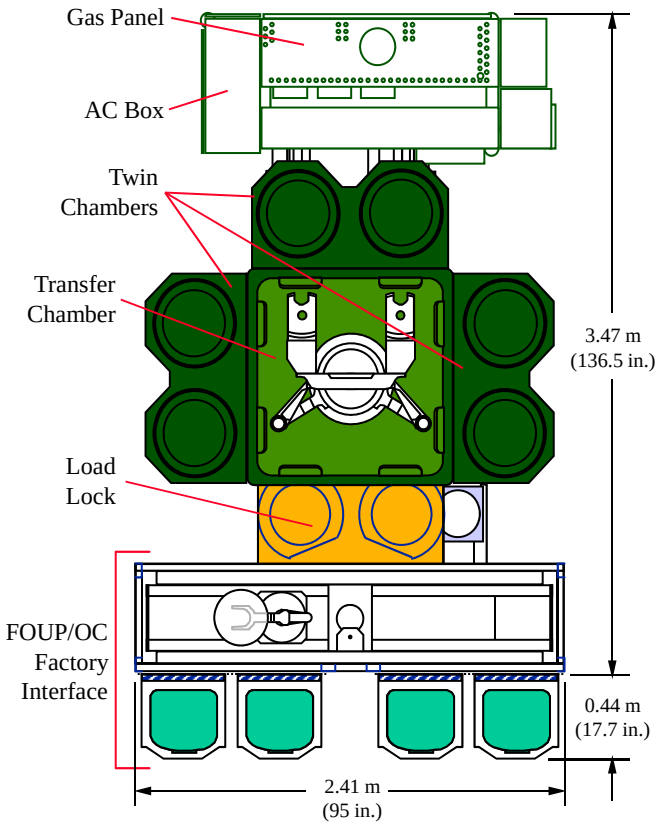
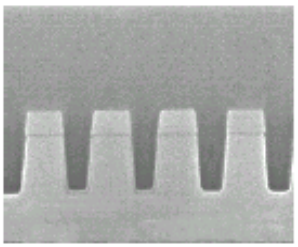
Maximum productivity PECVD and SACVD solutions

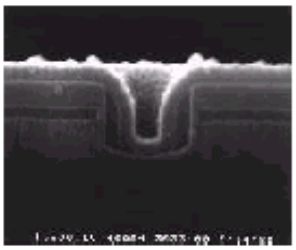


- PECVD Process: 200mm & 300mm
  - PE TEOS USG, PSG
  - PE Silane, DARC, Oxide, Nitride, Oxynitride
  - CVD Photoresist
- SACVD Process: 300mm only
  - Giga-Fill USG, BPSG, PSG
- Mainframe
  - Up to three twin process chambers
  - Factory interface options
    - 200mm Cassette SMIF
    - 300mm 2 or 4 pod FOUP
  - Integrated loadlock and cooldown
  - Twin blade VHP robot
  - G-PLIS precision liquid injection system
- Key peripheral modules
  - Remote plasma clean source standard

0.25 µm IC fabrication steps SA-CVD

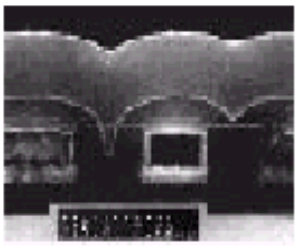


STI Dielectric
(SACVD USG)



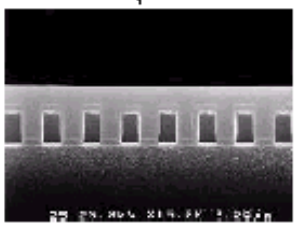
Sidewall Spacer Dielectric
(SACVD USG)

Intermetal Dielectric
(SACVD USG/PECVD TEOS)

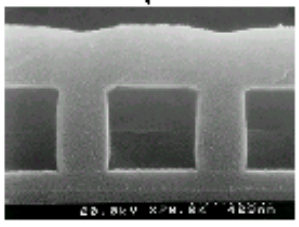


Planarized Passivation
(SACVD USG/PECVDSiN)

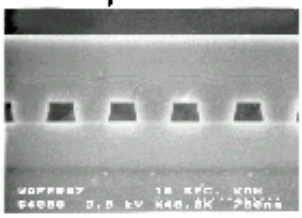
Interlevel Dielectrics



(SACVD BPSG+RTP+CMP)



(SACVD USG)



(SACVD PSG+CMP)

3.1.3.3 CVD of silicon nitride: Applications

Applications:
- as final passivation and mechanical protective layers for IC encapsulated in plastic packages
  - diffusion barrier against moisture and Na (sodium)
  - deposited by PECVD to have a low compressive stress preventing delamination and cracking under environmental stress
  - conformal coverage of underlying metal
  - low pinhole density
- as a mask for the selective oxidation of silicon (LPCVD)
- as sidewall spacers in MOSFETs
  - to form the LDD structure
  - to serve as sidewall passivation during the salicide process
- as CMP-stop layer in shallow trench isolation (STI)
- as etch-stop layer in damascene structures
- as stressor film(s) over n- and p-MOS transistors

Source: S. Wolf, R. N. Tauber, "Silicon Processing for the VLSI Era", Vol. 1, Lattice Press, Sunset Beach, CA., 2000 (extended).

CVD of silicon nitride: Reactions

SACVD :
- $3\ SiH_4 + 4\ NH_3 \longrightarrow Si_3N_4 + 12\ H_2$

  T ≈ 800 - 1050 °C p ≈ 10 - 40 Torr furnace

- $3\ SiCl_4 + 4\ NH_3 \longrightarrow Si_3N_4 + 12\ HCl$

  T ≈ 750 - 900 °C p ≈ 1 - 5 Torr furnace

LPCVD :
- $3\ SiCl_2H_2 + 4\ NH_3 \longrightarrow Si_3N_4 + 6\ HCl + 6\ H_2$

  T ≈ 700 - 800 °C p ≈ 0.3 - 1 Torr furnace

- $3\ Si_2H_6 + 8\ NH_3 \longrightarrow 2\ Si_3N_4 + 21\ H_2$

  T ≈ 550 - 600 °C p ≈ 0.1 - 0.4 Torr furnace

PECVD :
- $x\ SiH_4 + y\ NH_3 \longrightarrow Si_xN_yH_z + (4x + 3y - z)/2\ H_2$

  T ≈ 200 - 400 °C p ≈ 0.4 - 2 Torr single wafer

- $x\ SiH_4 + y/2\ N_2 \longrightarrow Si_xN_yH_z + (4x - z)/2\ H_2$

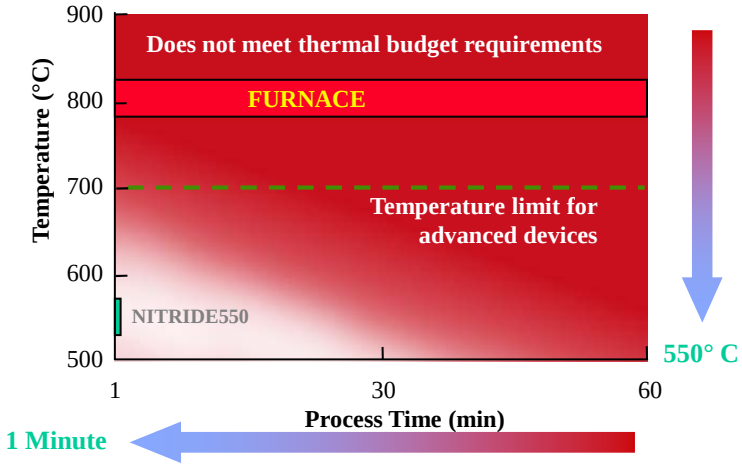
  T ≈ 200 - 400 °C p ≈ 0.4 - 2 Torr single wafer

NITRIDE550™ Process benefits

Benefits

- Low thermal budget
- Low particles
- 550 °C process for 1 minute
- Single wafer control
- No backside deposition
- High productivity
  - over 80 wph for 2 Twin, 1000Å hardmask thickness

Thermal Budget Reduction with NITRIDE550



NITRIDE550 is enabling technology for < 0.25µm devices

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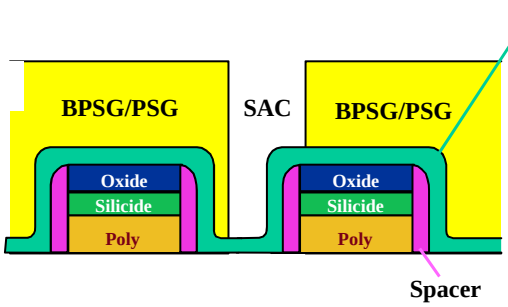
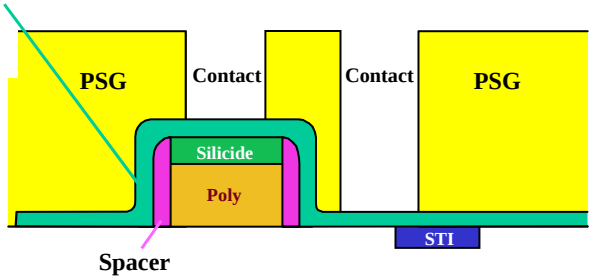
CVD of silicon nitride: NITRIDE550™ Applications

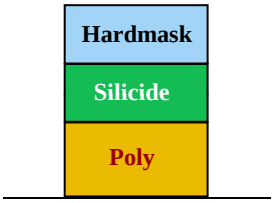
Self Aligned Contact (SAC) Etch Stop Layer



Borderless Contact Etch Stop Layer



Hardmask for Etch or Oxidation



PMD Etch Stop Layer, Hardmask and Spacer for DRAM and Logic Devices

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Properties of furnace and PECVD Nitride

	LPCVD	PECVD
	Furnace Nitride	NITRIDE550
Deposition Temperature (°C)	> 700	550
Deposition Rate (Å/min)	20	< 1300
Refractive Index	2.00	1.97
Stress (dynes/cm ^{2})	tensile Non-Tunable	1E9 Comp. Tunable
Uniformity (% / 1-sigma)	< 2.0%	< 2.0%
Wet Etch Rate (Å/min)(6:1 BOE)	**< 40**	**< 40**
Shrinkage (% / 950°C)	< 1	<1
Film Composition (%) (RBS) Si	44	46
N	56	54
Total Hydrogen (%) (NRA)	3	10 - 13
Cracking Resistance (3K film @ 950°C N_2 Anneal)	Pass	Pass
Etch Selectivity* (Ox. to Nit.) (flat / corner)	**> 100/30**	**100/20**
Etch Rate in Poly-silicon Etch	**1083Å/min**	**1170Å/min**
Backside Deposition	Yes	No

Considerations in replacing LPCVD nitride with PECVD nitride

Nitride must maintain integrity through many process steps

- DT Poly CMP
- Poly Recess Etch
- Oxide Collar Dry Etch
- Oxide Collar Wet Etch
- S.T.I. Oxide CMP

The 550°C PECVD nitride has similar poly recess etch rate and similar oxide wet and dry etch rates compared to LPCVD

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