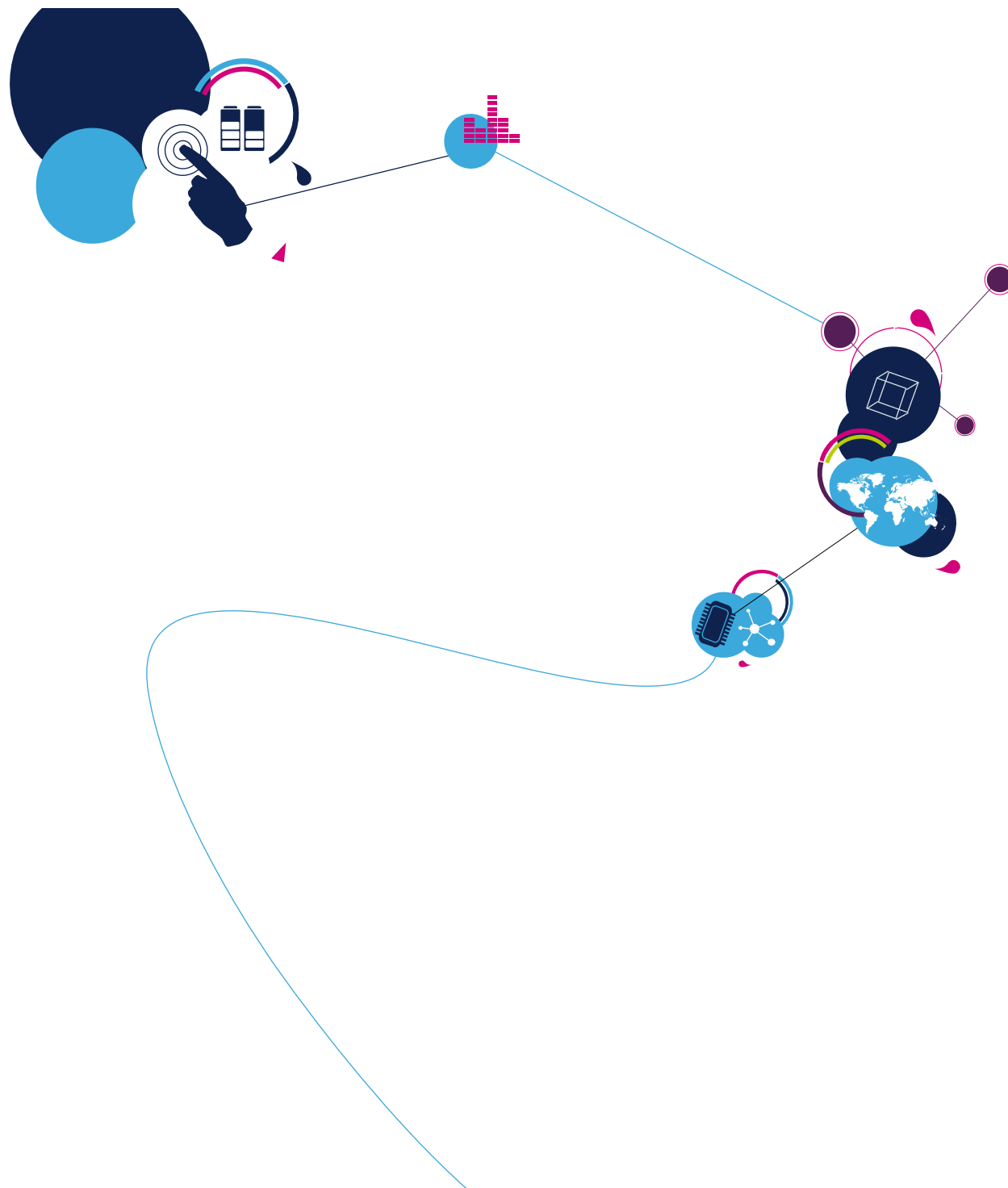


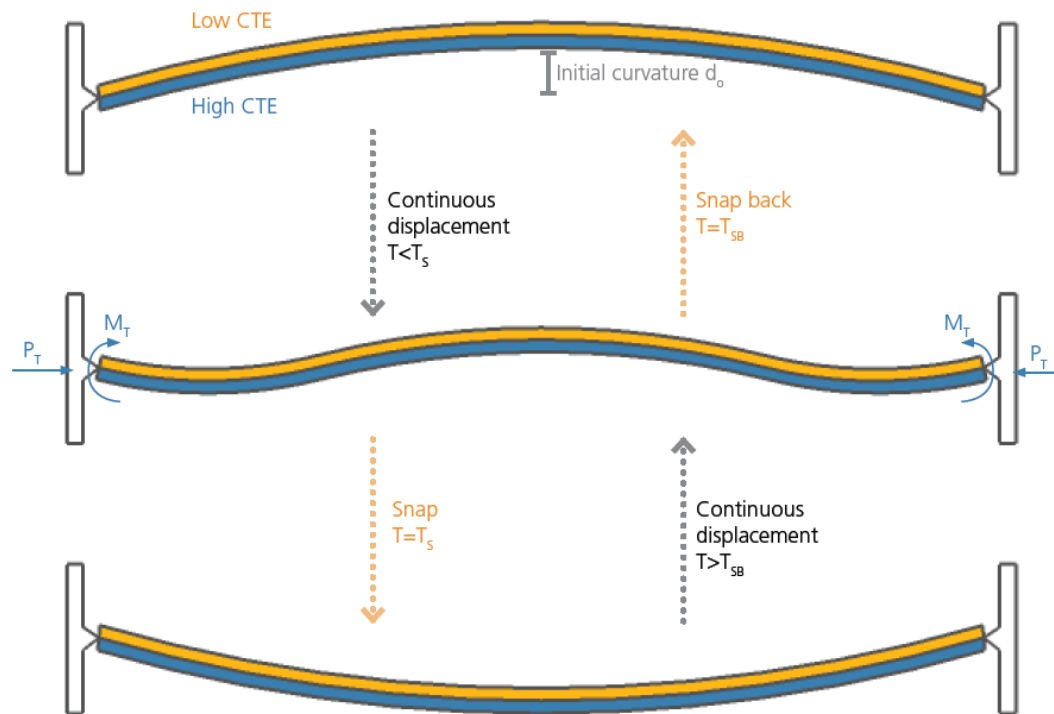
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PTA clean room Process proposition

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Brief recall on bimetals working | 2



The most important parameters are:

- The expansion coefficient of both materials
- The ratio of the beam thickness and of the initial deflexion t/d
- The curvature of the beam d/L

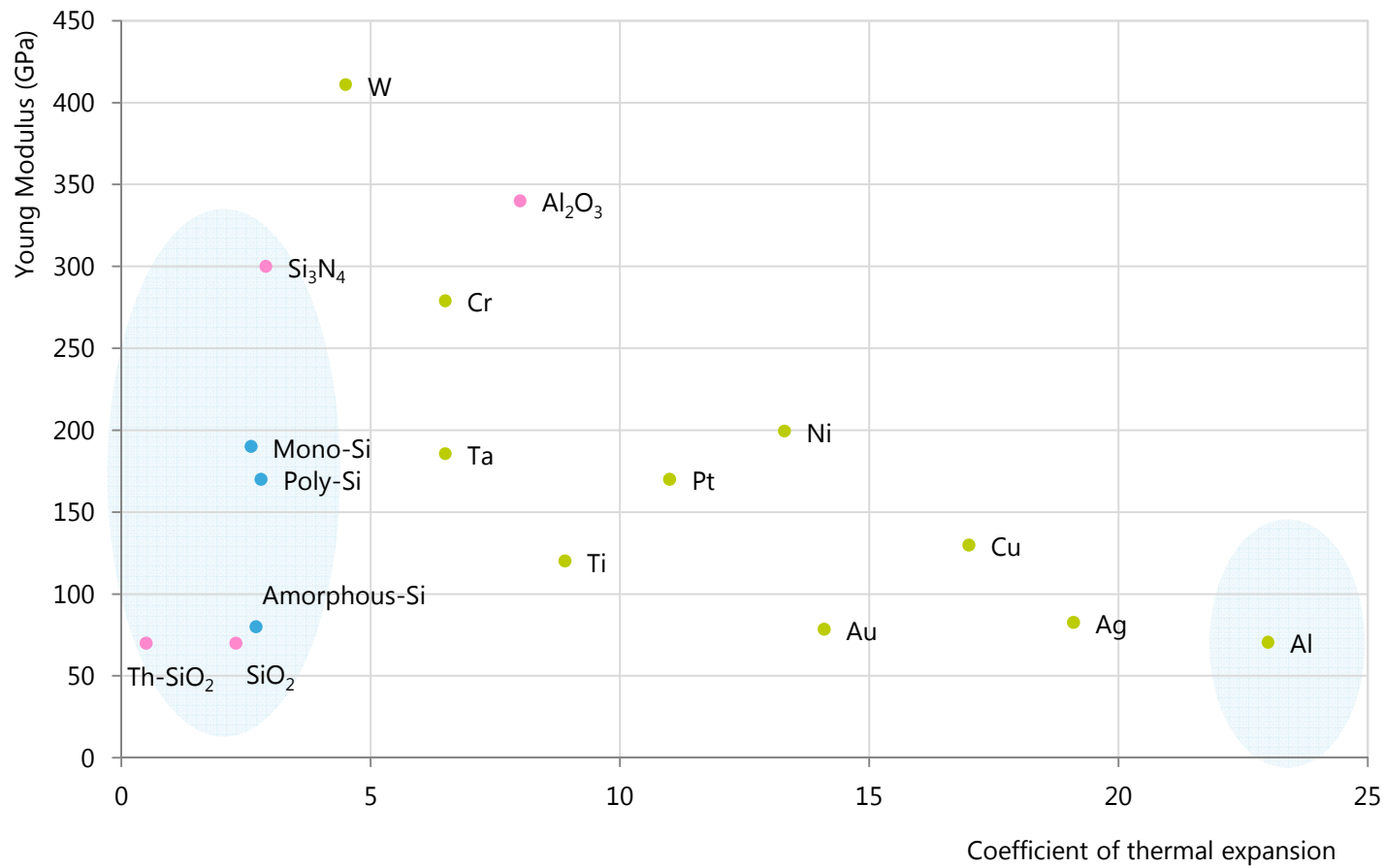
Bimetals with

- *very small hysteresis* **3-4°C**
- *Temperatures around* **100°C**

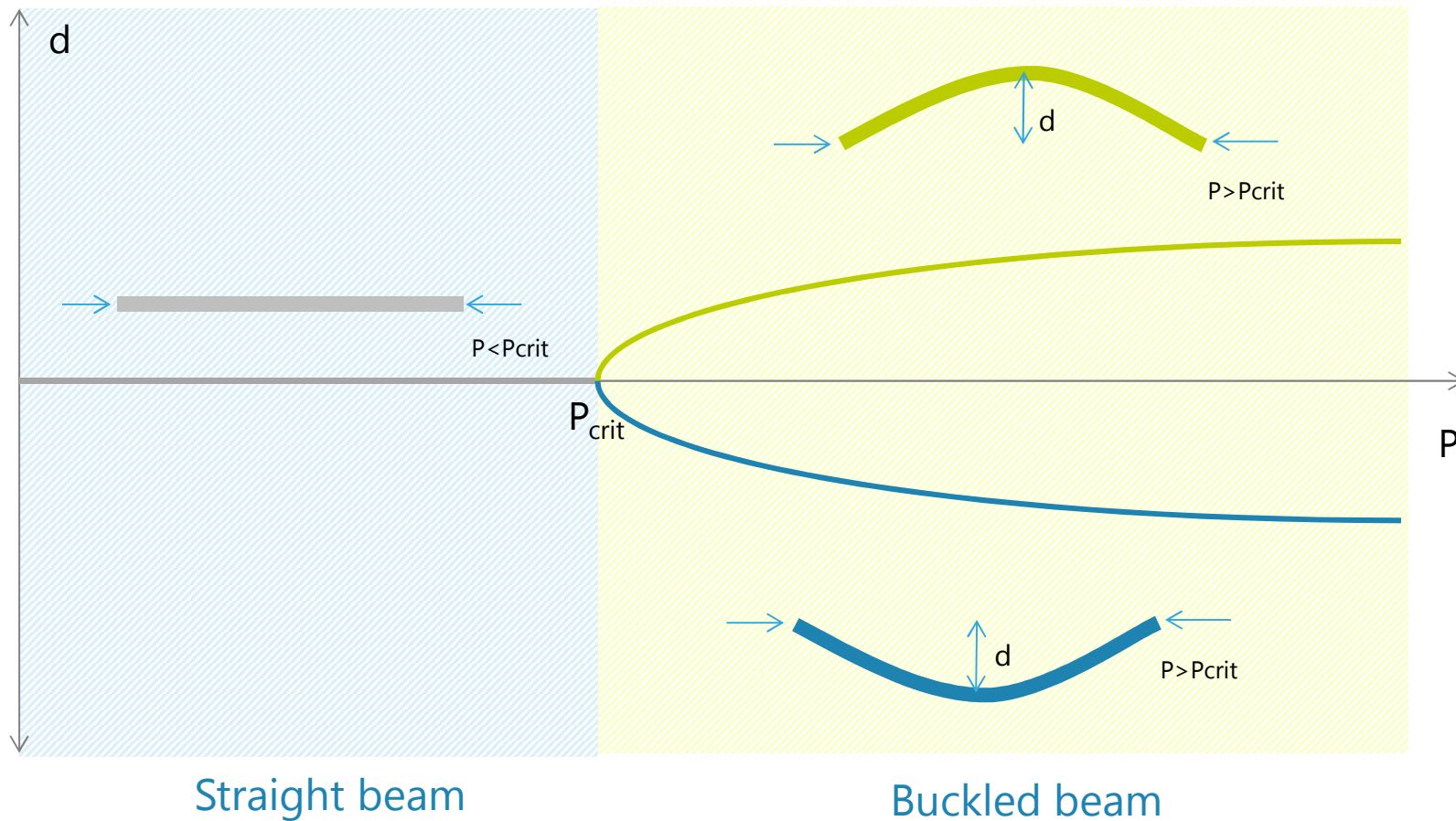
What do we want?

- *It must enable to curve a beam and to* **control the curvature**
- *The materials used must expand* **very fast or very slow**

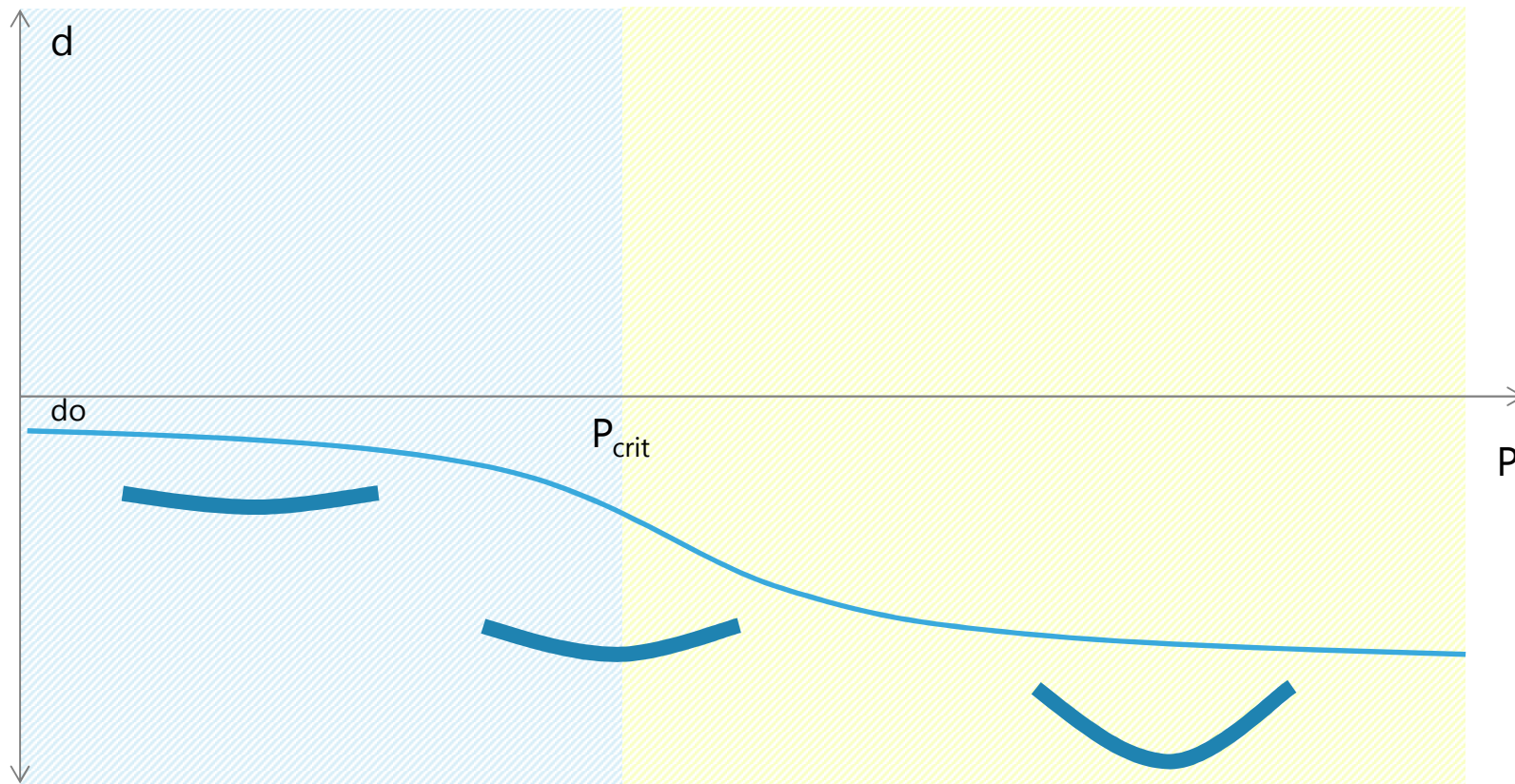
What kind of process
do we need?



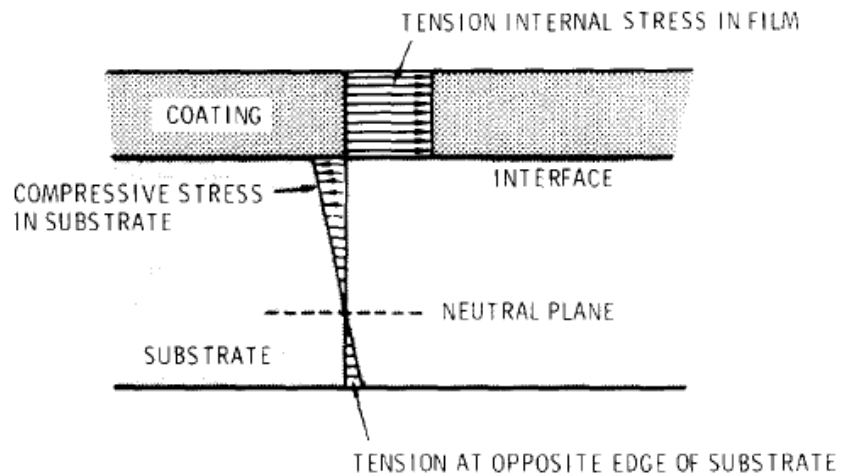
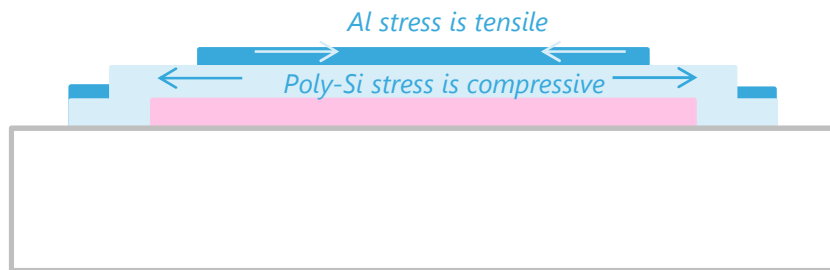
Coefficient of thermal expansion vs. Young modulus for different materials



Euler's beam buckling. When the compressive stress exceeds a critical value, a straight beam stops being compressed but tends to buckle either top or down.



Imperfect beams buckling. *An imperfection like an initial curvature or an asymmetry in the beam or stress distribution modifies the behaviour of the beam*



- The tensile Al film serves as an imperfection for the buckling of the beam
- The current analytical model must be modified to take into account the buckled shape as well as the value of the residual stress in both layer to properly design the beam and choosing the process conditions



1. LPCVD PSG layer 400°C -> 100Å/min
2. Densification 950°C O₂ ambient
30 min - 1h

Or

1. LPCVD LTO SiO₂ 400°C

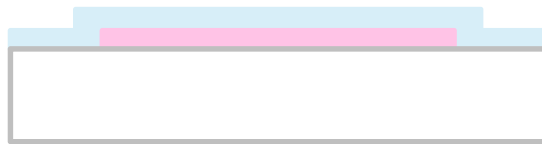
Advantages of the first method:

- Higher etch rate in HF and selectivity
- Possibility of doping Si-Poly thanks to PSG
- Reduced intrinsic stress in PSG

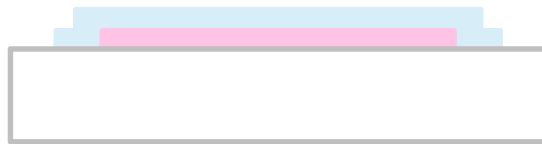


Sacrificial oxide patterning using plasma
Cf₄ O₂ or wet etching using HF

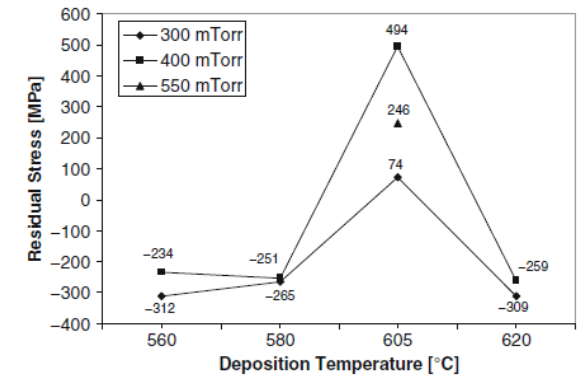
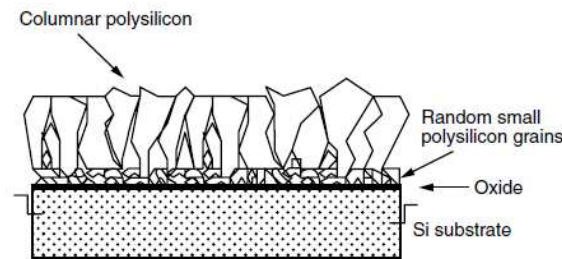
Influence on the length of the beam and
shape of the walls. Which impact on the
bimetal working?



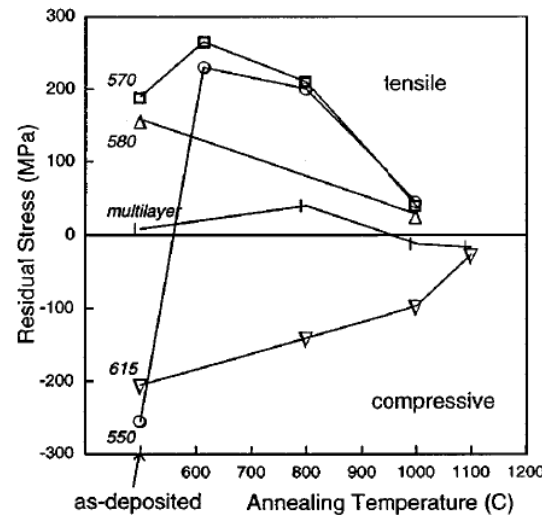
1. LPCVD poly-silicon deposition 615°C
2. Poly-Silicon doping
3. Stress reduction annealing



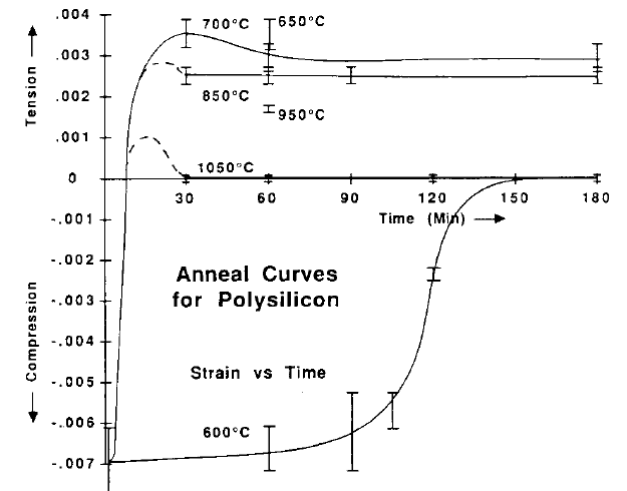
4. Poly-Si patterning using SF6 RIE



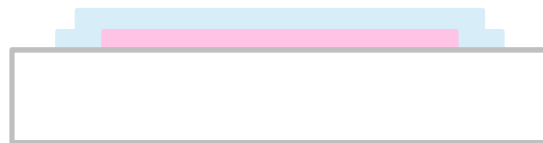
Ghodssi 2010- Impact of the deposition temperature on the stress



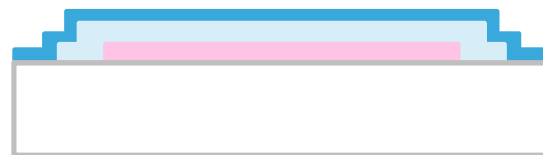
Yang 2000- Residual stress in function of the anneal temperature after a 30min anneal in N2



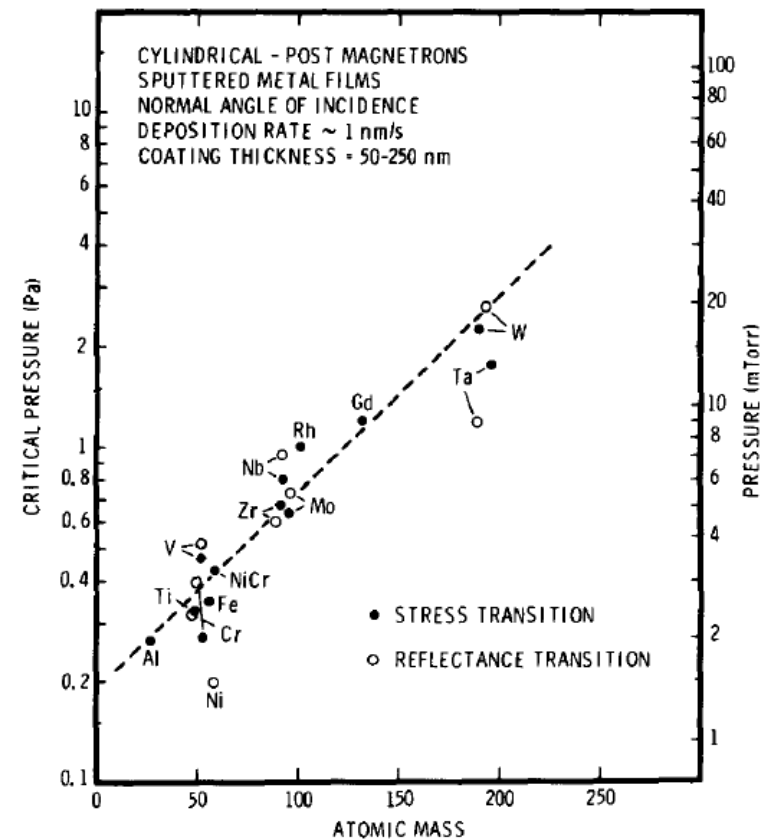
Guckel 1988- Residual stress in function the anneal temperature and temperature for poly-Si deposited at 580°C



4. Poly-Si patterning using SF6 RIE



5. Al layer sputtering



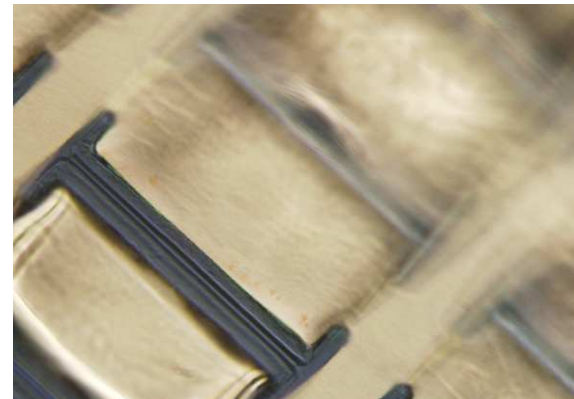
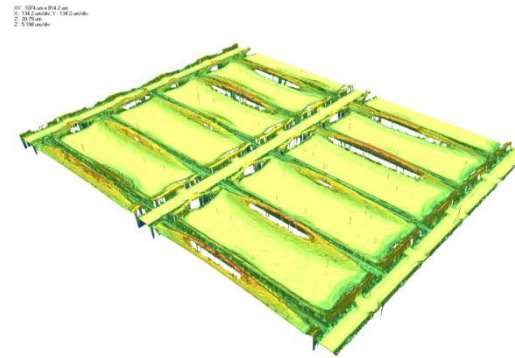
Thornton 1989- Transition tensile stress/compressive stress in metal layers for



6. Al layer patterning using
HCl/HNO₃
-> High selectivity compared to Si,
SiO₂ and Al₂O₃



7. Sacrificial layer etching using HF
8. Supercritical drying to avoid stiction
and membrane failure





1. LPCVD PSG layer deposition and reflow or SIO2 if impossibility of depositing PSG



2. Sacrificial oxide patterning



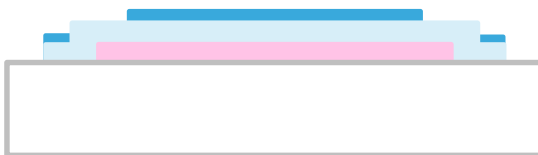
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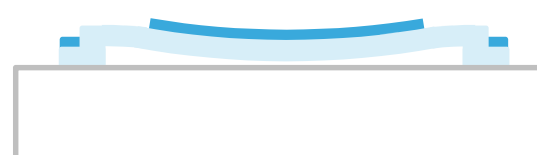
4. Poly-Si patterning using RIE



5. Al layer sputtering or evaporation



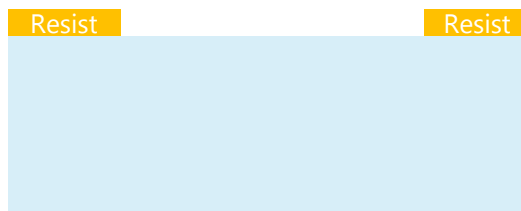
6. Al layer patterning using wet etchant



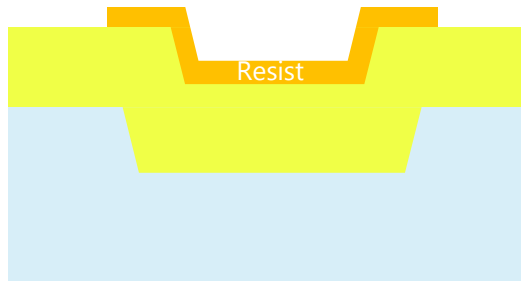
7. Sacrificial layer etching using HF vapor

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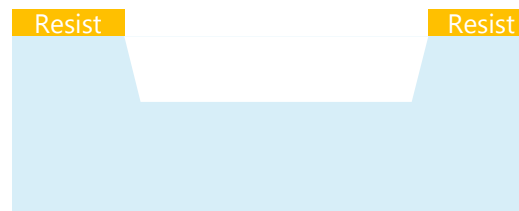
Trenches definition with sacrificial material filling



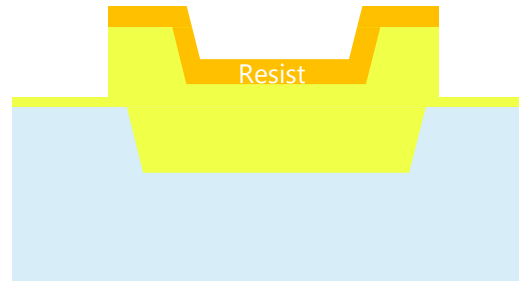
1. Trenches definitions using Microlenses mask



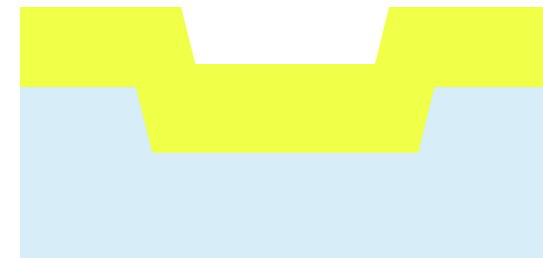
4. opposite sign resist lithography equivalent to the use of a counter mask



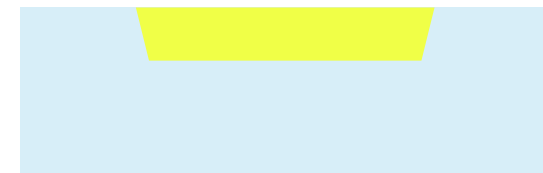
2. Trenches opening in the substrate using dry etching



5. Wet etching of SiO_2 excess around the trench



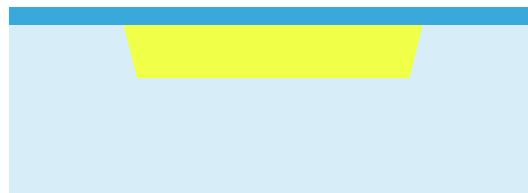
3. Trenches filling with SiO_2 TEOS as a sacrificial layer



6. CMP of the oxide with partial etching of the substrate

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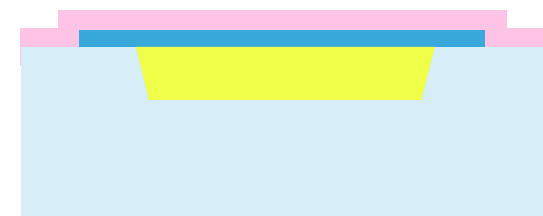
Bimetals fabrication



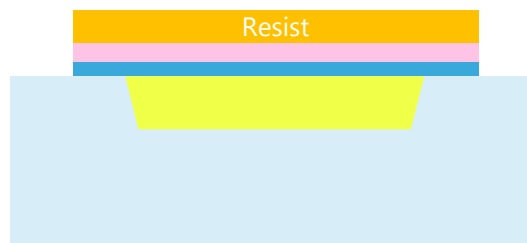
6. Si layer deposition -> needs for controlling the compressive stress



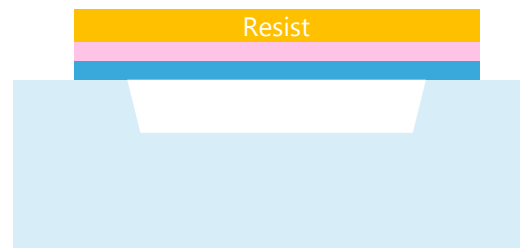
7. RIE etching of Si layer



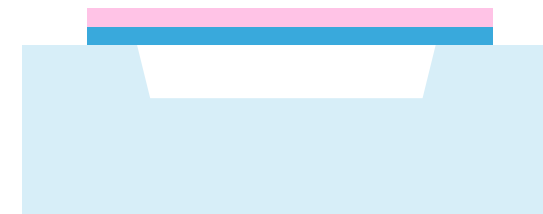
8. Al layer PVD deposition



9. Al layer etching



10. SiO₂ layer etching using HF



10. Mask layer removal