

Process flow title:	Minimal MOS Capacitor Process	Revision:	Rev 0.5
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Process Overview

A process flow for fabricating MOS capacitors with a polysilicon gate and Ti/Al electrode.

Key Specifications

- Gate oxide: 35 nm thermal SiO₂
- Gate electrode: 400 nm n+ polysilicon
- Backside contact: 400 nm aluminum

Critical Safety

- **HF handling:** Apron+gloves, face shield, no lone working, no glass beakers!
- **Furnace:** Thermal gloves for >800 °C operations
- **Metal anneal:** confirm Al spiking risk mitigated by Ti barrier, avoid ≥ 450 °C for Al

1 Starting Material

Substrate	Specification	Thickness	Box Name	Qty
Silicon	p-type <100>, 6", 1-10 $\Omega\cdot\text{cm}$	500 $\mu\text{m} \pm 20 \mu\text{m}$	SP632	5

2 Critical Layers

Layer	Material	Thickness
Gate oxide	Thermal SiO ₂	35 nm
Gate electrode	n+ Poly-Si	400 nm
Back barrier/adhesion	Ti	100 nm
Back contact	Al	400 nm

3 Core Process Flow

Table 1: MOS Capacitor Process Flow

Step	Process	Equipment	Parameters	Comment
1 Dry-Ox				
1.1	Inspection	4-point probe + Thickness tool	Measure resistivity and thickness on one wafer	Verify starting material specifications.
1.2	Pre-oxidation clean	RCA bench	Standard RCA clean	Can be skipped for fresh, out-of-the-box wafers.
1.3	Gate SiO ₂ growth	Furnace: Oxidation (8") E1	Recipe: DRY1000 Oxidation time: 40 min Anneal time: 20 min	Target thickness: 35 nm.
1.4	Inspection	Ellipsometer		Verify oxide thickness.
2 Poly-Si				
2.1	Pre-deposition clean	RCA bench	Standard RCA clean	Required if wafers were stored after Step 1.
2.2	Poly-Si deposition	Furnace: LPCVD Poly-Si (6") E2	Recipe: POLYBOR Deposition time: 2 h Target thickness: 400 nm.	ATT: Requires extensive equipment prep.
2.3	Inspection	Filmtek / Ellipsometer		Verify poly-Si thickness.
3 Anneal Poly-Si				
3.1	Pre-anneal clean	RCA bench	Standard RCA clean	Required if wafers were stored after Step 2.
3.2	Poly-Si anneal	Furnace: Oxidation (8") E1	Recipe ANN1000: 20 min at 1000 °C	Activates dopants and improves film quality.
4 Backside Poly-Si etch				
4.1	DRIE tool preparation	DRIE – Pegasus 3	Recipe: TDESC, 5 min	Chamber conditioning step.
4.2	Backside poly-Si etch	DRIE – Pegasus 3	Recipe: SF6_02_250W_0.7_0.3	Removes blanket poly-Si from backside.
4.3	DRIE tool clean	DRIE – Pegasus 3	Recipe: 20 min stabilization + 10 min clean	Post-process chamber cleaning.
5 Backside oxide etch				
5.1	Backside oxide etch	Wet bench 04: BHF 2	40 s (etch rate 75 nm/min to 80 nm/min)	Removes backside oxide (35 nm) prior to metal deposition.
6 Etch gate Poly-Si				

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Table 1: MOS Capacitor Process Flow (Continued)

Step	Process	Equipment	Parameters	Comment
6.1	Lithography: Coat	Spin Coater: Gamma UV	Sequence 1611: 1.5 μm HMDS resist. Spin: 30 s @ 4600 rpm. Softbake: 90 s @ 90 °C.	
6.2	Lithography: Expose	Aligner: MLA2	Mask: gate_poly. Laser: 375 nm. Dose: 325 mJ/cm ² . Defocus: 2. Mode: Quality.	Invert polarity.
6.3	Lithography: Develop	Developer: TMAH UV-lithography	Sequence 3001: PEB 60 s @ 100 °C, SP 60 s.	
6.4	Inspection	Optical microscope	Check gate pattern and alignment marks	
6.5	DRIE tool preparation	DRIE – Pegasus 3	Recipe: TDESC for 5 min	Chamber conditioning step.
6.6	Poly-Si etch	DRIE – Pegasus 3	Recipe: SF6_02_250W_0.7_0.3	Etches the 400 nm poly-Si layer.
6.7	DRIE tool clean	DRIE – Pegasus 3	Recipe: 20 min stabilization + 10 min clean	Post-process chamber cleaning.
6.8	Inspection	DekTak	Check step height	Verify poly-Si is etched through.
6.9	Resist strip	Wet bench 06	Strip time: 10 min	
6.10	Final gate inspection	DekTak	Measure heights and widths	Verify critical dimensions (CD).
7	Backside electrode			
7.1	Lithography: Coat	Spin Coater: Gamma UV	Sequence 2411: 1.5 μm nLOF 2020 resist. Spin: 6000 rpm. Softbake: 120 s @ 110 °C.	
7.2	Lithography: Expose	Aligner: MLA2	Mask: gate_electrode. Laser: 375 nm. Dose: 450 mJ/cm ² . Defocus: 0. Mode: Quality.	TEST exposure.
7.3	Lithography: Develop	Developer: TMAH UV-lithography	Sequence 3001: PEB 60 s @ 110 °C, SP 60 s	
7.4	Inspection	Optical microscope	Check backside pattern and alignment marks	
7.5	Metal deposition (Ti)	Temescal	Ti: 100 nm	Serves as adhesion/barrier layer.

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Table 1: MOS Capacitor Process Flow (Continued)

Step	Process	Equipment	Parameters	Comment
7.6	Metal deposition (Al)	Temescal	Al: 400 nm	Main backside contact metal.
7.7	Lift-off	Wet bench 07		
7.8	Inspection: Post-lift-off	Optical micro-scope		Check pattern and alignment marks.
7.9	Contact anneal	C4 Al-anneal	Standard recipe 20 min	Stabilizes the Ti/Al Si contact. Avoid $\geq 450^\circ\text{C}$ (Al spiking).

4 Critical Checks

Step	QC Verification
1.3	Oxide thickness: $35\text{ nm} \pm 1\text{ nm}$ (ellipsometer, monitor wafer)
2.2	Poly-Si thickness: $400\text{ nm} \pm 20\text{ nm}$ (ellipsometer/Filmtek)
3.2	Poly n+ sheet resistance: $\leq 30\ \Omega/\square$ (4-point probe)
6.6	Gate CD: $\pm 0.5\ \mu\text{m}$ (optical inspection / DekTak)
5.1	Backside oxide fully removed (contact-angle test drop, ellipsometer, or monitor wafer)
7.5	Backside Ti sheet resistance $\approx 0.3\ \Omega/\square$ (100 nm Ti)
7.6	Backside Al sheet resistance $\approx 0.07\ \Omega/\square$ (400 nm Al)
7.9	Contact anneal; contact resistance to Si governed by Ti/Si interface quality (target $< 1\ \Omega \cdot \text{contact}$)

5 Process Flow Diagram

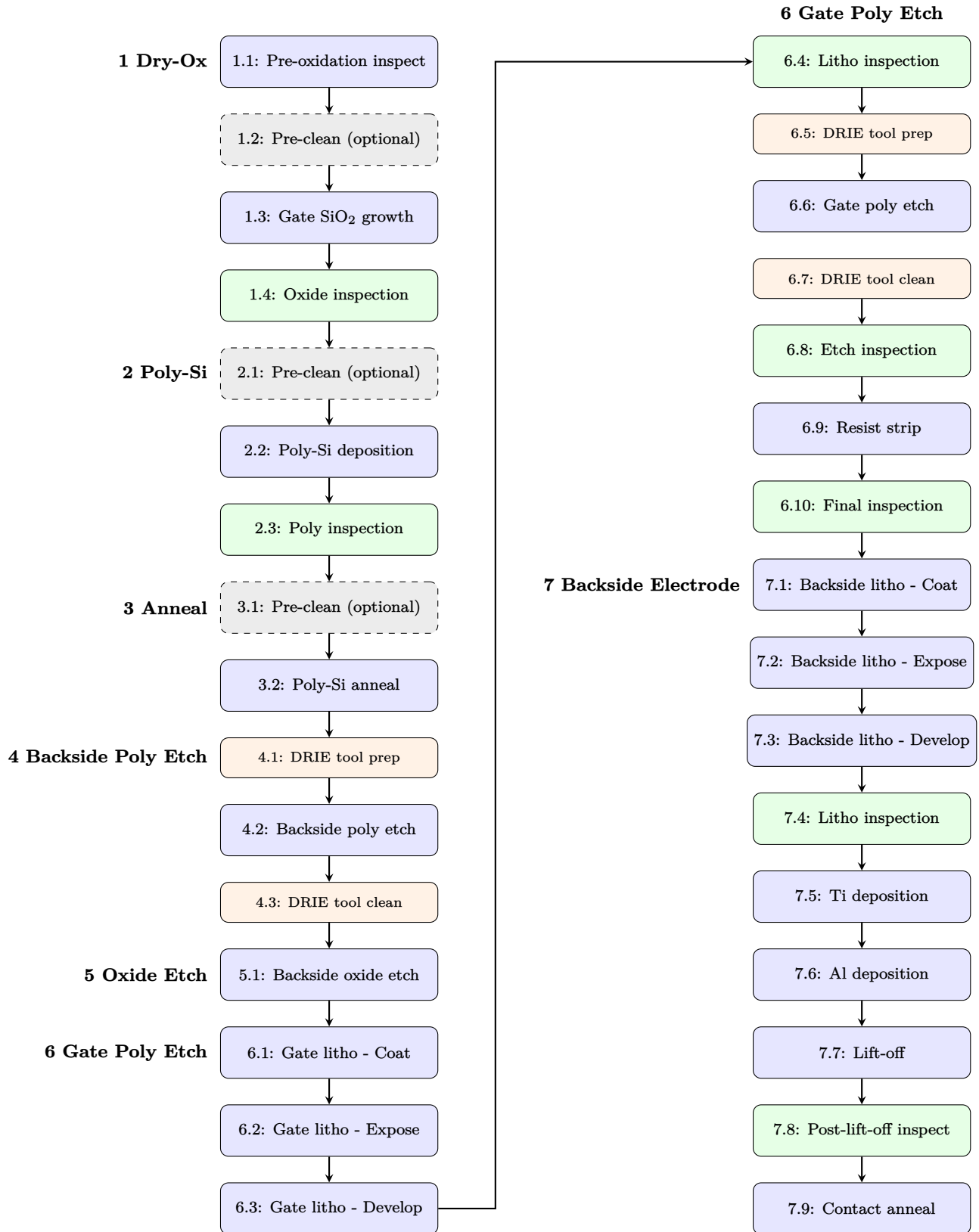


Figure 1: Process flow diagram for MOS capacitor fabrication.

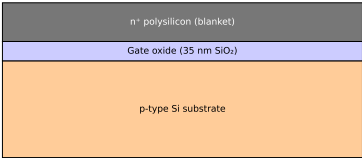
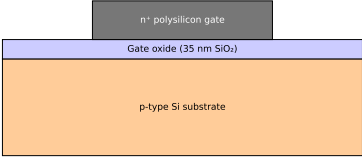
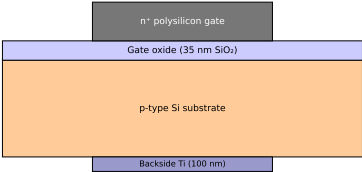
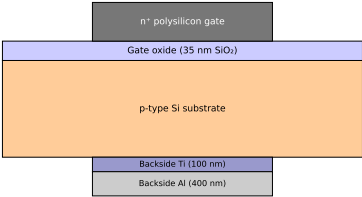
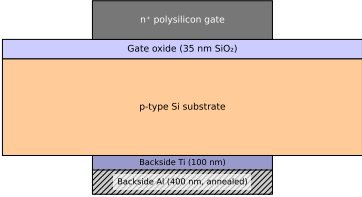
6 Required Figures

Table 2: Cross-sectional illustrations of key process steps in the MOS capacitor fabrication flow.

ID	Step	Description
1	1.1	 <p>Starting Si wafer</p>
1	1.3	 <p>Gate oxide growth</p>
2	2.2	 <p>Poly-Si deposition (blanket)</p>
3	3.2	 <p>Poly-Si anneal (doped)</p>
4	4.2	 <p>Backside Poly-Si etched</p>

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Table 2: Cross-sectional illustrations of key process steps in the MOS capacitor fabrication flow. (Continued)

5	5.1	<div><p>Backside oxide etched</p></div>
6	6.6	<div><p>Gate Poly-Si patterned</p></div>
7	7.5	<div><p>Backside Ti deposition</p></div>
8	7.6	<div><p>Backside Al deposition</p></div>
9	7.9	<div><p>Backside contact annealed</p></div>