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### Déposition séléctive – le rêve reviens

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## Historical



### Precursor design and selective aluminum CVD

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Area-selective AI CVD technology has an excellent potential for filling via and contact holes of multilevel interconnection in Si ULSI. In this article, we discuss the selective AI CVD using metalorganic sources of trimethylaluminum [(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>AI, TMA] and dimethylaluminum hydride [(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>AIH, DMAH]. In order to deposit AI from TMA, the TMA molecule should be selectively excited into a reactive species of (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>AI in the well controlled H<sub>2</sub>/rf plasma. When using DMAH and H<sub>2</sub>, AI can be deposited by low-pressure CVD; the features are (1) single crystal AI on Si surface, (2) filling capability into 0.3  $\mu$ m $\phi$ /1  $\mu$ m-deep contact holes, (3) low



Figure 5. SEM photographs of selectively deposited Al into via holes using DMAH. In this case, plasma was not used. (a) Al in a 0.3  $\mu$ m $\phi$  diameter *i* a hole, (b) (100)Al on (111)Si, and (c)(111)Al on (100)Si. In (b) and (c), Al was intentionally overgrown after filling the via holes. The diameter and lepth of the via holes are 0.8 and 1  $\mu$ m, respectively. The insert of (b) is a 0.1  $\mu$ m pyramid of Al.





What's new in ALD

#### Top notch at Empa







Modelling e-beam induced Additive Manufacturing



Novel precursors for Ag and Ru 3D deposition (photonics)





Hall sensors





AFM in SEM

GIS in SEM



Synthesis via charged particle beams, ALD, PVD



Low-T ALD development ZnO / Al2O3 TiO2 / Y2O3 /SiO2 / Cu / MgF2



ALD Nucleation control on MW-CNTs



Oxide ALD multilayers on flexible polymers



PVD of model materials



**Combinatorial PVD** & ALD

## Atomic Layer Deposition of TiO<sub>2</sub>





 $Ti(OCH(CH_3)_2)_4 + 2H_2O \rightarrow TiO_2 + 4CH(CH_3)_2OH$ 

## Early stage nucleation on SLG/FLG

![](_page_5_Picture_1.jpeg)

STEM at 80 kV

#### **Pristine sample**

![](_page_5_Figure_4.jpeg)

#### 20 cycles of ALD TiO<sub>2</sub>

![](_page_5_Figure_6.jpeg)

#### Areas of few 100 nm<sup>2</sup> of SLG

FLG and a:C residues

Fully covered by amorphous TiO2

-Anatase crystals ≈2 nm size

-Nucleating @ the fewlayer graphene and contamination regions

-Clean SLG pristine region largely free of nucleation.

Y. Zhang, C. Guerra-Nunez et al. (2017): Atomic Layer Deposition of Titanium Oxide on Single Layer Graphene: an Atomic Scale Study towards Understanding Nucleation and Growth, Chemistry of Materials, DOI: 10.1021/acs.chemmater.6b05143

## Early stage nucleation on graphene

![](_page_6_Picture_1.jpeg)

![](_page_6_Figure_2.jpeg)

@ 20 cycles: titanium oxide is present mostly in reduced form at early stage ALD for 60°C and 220°C

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#### A typical ALD process with two precursors

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growth process is driven by surface reactions

no gas phase interactions

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#### What happens if we change a bit?

![](_page_8_Figure_2.jpeg)

Pump, Pump, Pump

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no gas phase interactions

### High Vacuum Chemical Vapor Deposition (HV-CVD) Empa

![](_page_9_Figure_1.jpeg)

- No precursor interaction during precursor transport to the substrate
- Predictable (and controllable) precursor impinging rates

Kuzminykh, et al., Surface and Coatings Technology, 2013, http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.surfcoat.2013.06.059

## Deposition of electro-optic thin films

![](_page_10_Picture_1.jpeg)

Team involved: Michael Reinke, Muriel Blum, Yury Kuzminykh, Patrik Hoffmann

- BaTiO<sub>3</sub> is a promising material for active electro-optic switches for integrated photonic circuits
- HV-CVD was used to deposit epitaxial barium titanate on buffered silicon at 400°C –
  - compatible with todays CMOS technology
- The electro-optic coefficient is currently optimized, highest values so far ~150pm/V
  - Comparable to values of films grown by MBE at 600°C

![](_page_10_Figure_8.jpeg)

# Film growth starts after an incubation period

![](_page_11_Picture_1.jpeg)

![](_page_11_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_12_Picture_0.jpeg)

#### How to achieve selectivity?

![](_page_12_Figure_2.jpeg)

Pump, Pump, Pump

surface deactivation by pre-patterned self assembled monolayer

## PTFS Patterning changes the surface chemistry

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![](_page_13_Figure_2.jpeg)

PFTS (Perfluorodecyltrichlorosilane)

Water contact angle on treated surface

109 ± 2°

After PFTS treatment the surface is rendered hydrophobic e.g. the sticking coefficient for the precursors is decreased

![](_page_13_Picture_6.jpeg)

# Incubation Time Difference is Measured by Reflectometry

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Incubation time on treated and untreated surfaces are measured simultaneously

### Incubation Time Difference is Measured by Reflectometry

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![](_page_15_Figure_2.jpeg)

# The Incubation Time depends on the Precursor Dosage

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for the given TTIP dosage, the incubation time strongly depends on the H<sub>2</sub>O dosage

![](_page_16_Picture_3.jpeg)

## Selectivity depends on Incubation Time and Growth Rate

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The best selectivity is reached at high H<sub>2</sub>O and low TTIP dosages

![](_page_17_Picture_3.jpeg)

#### Empa Materials Science and Technology

# TiO<sub>2</sub> Growth is Surpressed on the Treated Surface Regions

![](_page_18_Picture_2.jpeg)

2µm lines • 2µm spacing

Si (substrate)

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![](_page_18_Picture_6.jpeg)

TiO<sub>2</sub> nucleation sites as consequence of

- Overexposure during deposition
- Non perfect SAM layer

## Smaller Features are obtained by E-Beam Lithography

![](_page_19_Picture_1.jpeg)

![](_page_19_Picture_2.jpeg)

chessboard • 800nm

chessboard • 400nm

200nm patterning demonstrated, Grain size of the deposit determines the sidewall sharpness

## Surface Kinetics Analysis of CVD and ALD

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- Analysis of surface kinetics is very challenging in conventional CVD and ALD techniques
- HV-CVD allows precise control of precursor flux to the substrate; subsequent analysis reveals reaction probabilities
- Surface Kinetic parameters (activation energies) relevant for CVD and ALD can be extracted using a mathematical model to describe the deposition process

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### Conclusions

![](_page_21_Picture_1.jpeg)

Selective growth is back !

SAM's are rediscovered

0 nucleation sites remains a challenge

No particle, no adatom, no defect allowed !!