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APPENDIX A – PROCESS VARIATIONS FOR GRAY-SCALE EBL

Variations of the process steps for gray-scale lithography for EBL exposure of PMMA and pattern transfer into silicon.

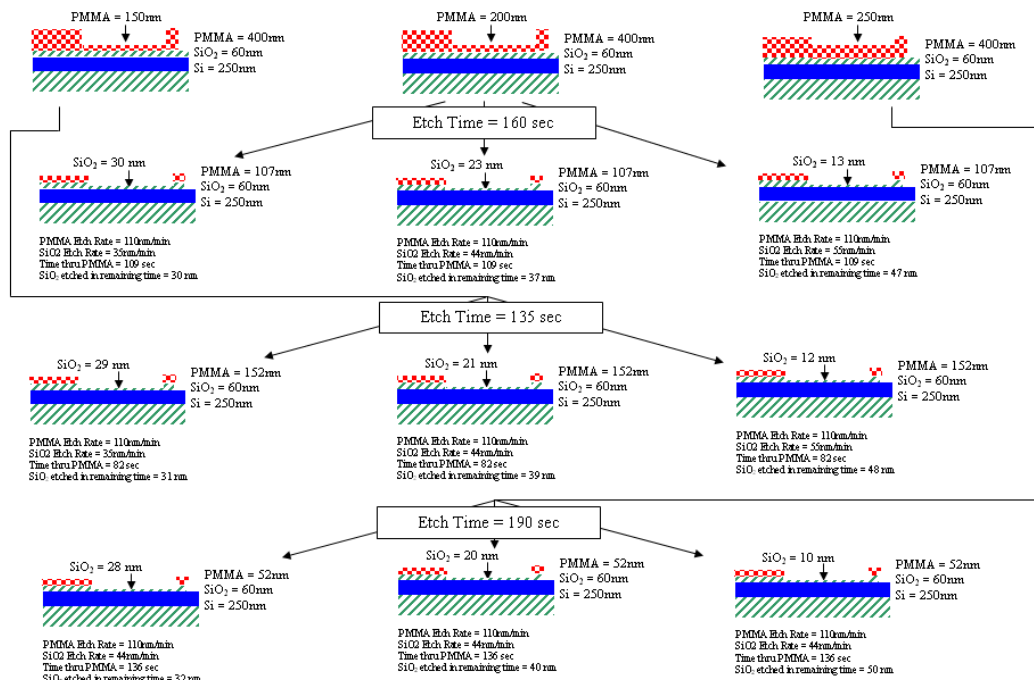
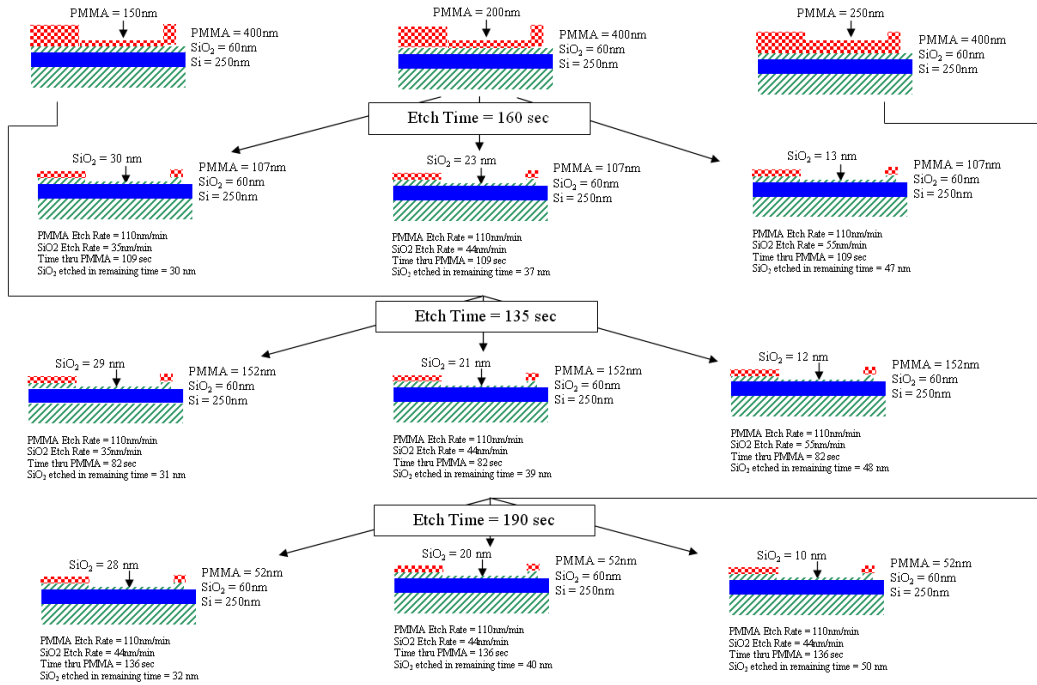


Fig. 135 – Variations of etch rate and time for PMMA in the with the oxide RIE etch recipe.



- At this point, can strip PMMA and use profiler to measure oxide step height in test area

Fig. 136 – Process flow for variations of etch rate and time of silicon, silicon dioxide and PMMA for grayscale lithography.

APPENDIX B – PROCESS RECIPES

The recipes used for the process development at the Washington Technology Center are provided below.

1. Silicon sidewall smoothing process [57]
 - a. SC1 Dip
 - i. Wet bath mixture of 5 H₂O: 1 H₂O₂: 1 NH₄OH
 - ii. Time: 10min
 - iii. Temperature: 80°C
 - b. DI Water Rinse
 - c. HF Dip
 - i. Wet bath mixture of 1 HF: 50 H₂O
 - ii. Time: 15sec
 - iii. Temperature: 25°C
 - d. DI Water Rinse
 - e. SC2 Dip
 - i. Wet bath mixture of 6 H₂O: 1 H₂O₂: 1 HCl
 - ii. Time: 15min
 - iii. Temperature: 80°C
 - f. DI Water Rinse
 - g. Repeat five times

2. Spin coating AZ1512 to a 1.2 μ m thickness
 - a. Dispense photoresist at room temperature
 - b. Spin with the following speeds:
 - i. Velocity 1 – 500rpm
 - ii. Ramp 1 – 250rpm
 - iii. Time 1 – 10sec
 - iv. Velocity 2 – 3000rpm
 - v. Ramp 2 – 1500rpm
 - vi. Time 2 – 20sec
 - vii. Ramp down to stop
 - c. Prebake at 90° for 30min for a soft bake before exposure

3. Developing Recipe for AZ15121
 - a. AZ351 Dip
 - i. Wet bath mixture of 4 H₂O: 1 AZ351
 - ii. Time: 60sec for a 1.2 μ m photoresist thickness
 - iii. Temperature: 80°C
 - b. Rinse with DI water
 - c. Spin dry to remove excess water
 - d. Postbake at 110°C for 30min

4. Photoresist removal

- a. If dry processing steps have been performed: reactive ion etch with O₂
 - i. Pressure: 100mT
 - ii. Power: 150W
 - iii. O₂ flow: 100sccm
 - iv. Time: 60sec
- b. EKC830 Dip
 - i. Temperature: 75°C
 - ii. Time: 10min
- c. AZ300T Dip
 - i. Temperature: 90°C
 - ii. Time: 5min
- d. DI water rinse
- e. Spin dry

5. Spin Coat Recipe for PMMA

- a. Dispense resist directly onto wafer
- b. Spin with recipe:
 - i. Velocity 1: 500rpm
 - ii. Ramp 1: 500rpm

- iii. Time 1: 10sec
 - iv. Velocity 2: 5000rpm
 - v. Ramp 2: 500rpm
 - vi. Time 2: 45sec
 - vii. Ramp down to stop
- c. Prebake at 180°C for 90sec

6. PMMA Developing Recipe

- a. Develop PMMA with MIBK
 - i. Wet solution mixture of 1 MIBK: 3 IPA
 - ii. Temperature: 25°C
 - iii. Time 70sec
- b. Rinse with IPA
- c. Dry with N₂
- d. Postbake in convection oven
 - i. Temperature: 90°C
 - ii. Time: 30min

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