Engineering of Semiconductor

:Semiconductor Physics and Devices

Chapter 2. Silicon Technology

Objectives

Overview of Silicon Technology

- Wafer preparation
- Lithography
- Oxidation
- Etching
- Doping
- Deposition
- Packaging

Common Dopants Used in Semiconductor Manufacturing

Acceptor Dopant Group IIIA (P-Type)		Semiconductor Group IVA		Donor Dopant Group VA (N-Type)	
Element	**Atomic Number**	**Element**	**Atomic Number**	**Element**	**Atomic Number**
Boron (B)	**5**	Carbon	6	Nitrogen	7
Aluminum	13	Silicon (Si)	14	**Phosphorus (P)**	**15**
Gallium	31	Germanium	32	**Arsenic (As)**	**33**
Indium	49	Tin	50	**Antimony**	**51**

CMOS Structure with Doped Regions

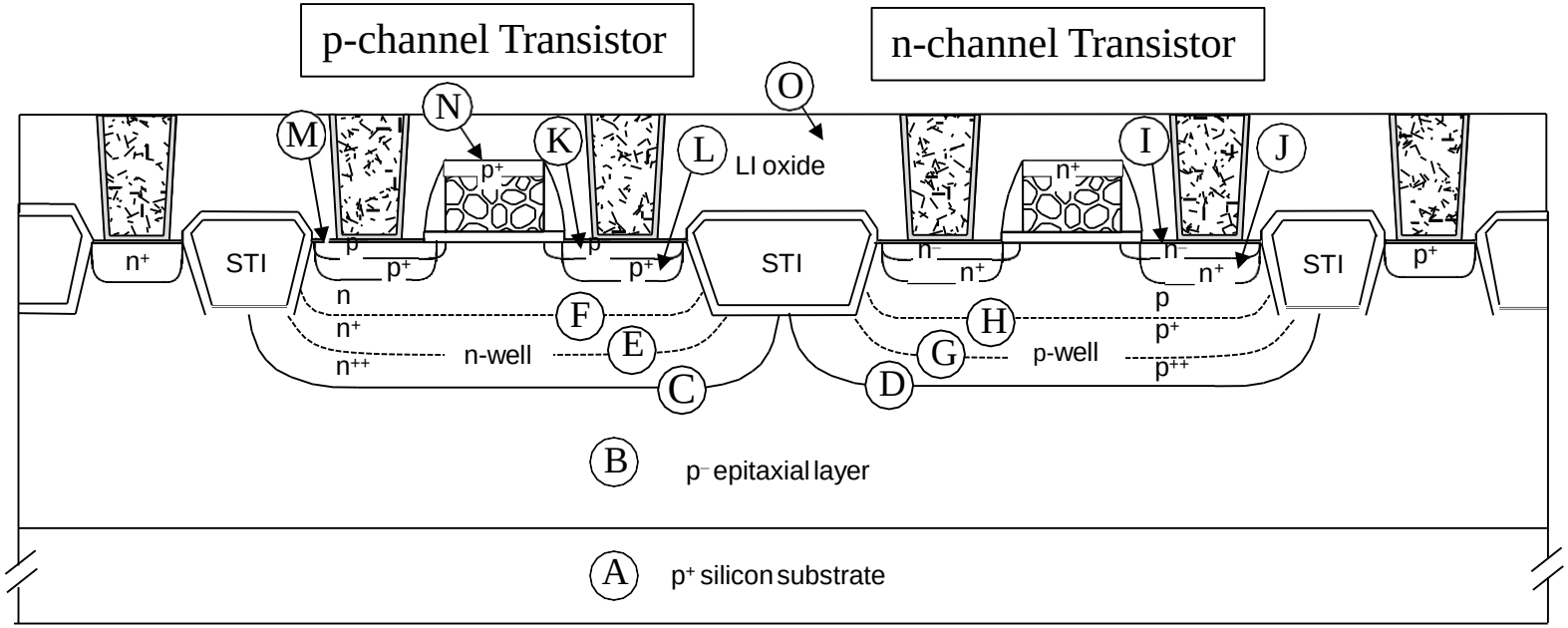

Figure 17.1

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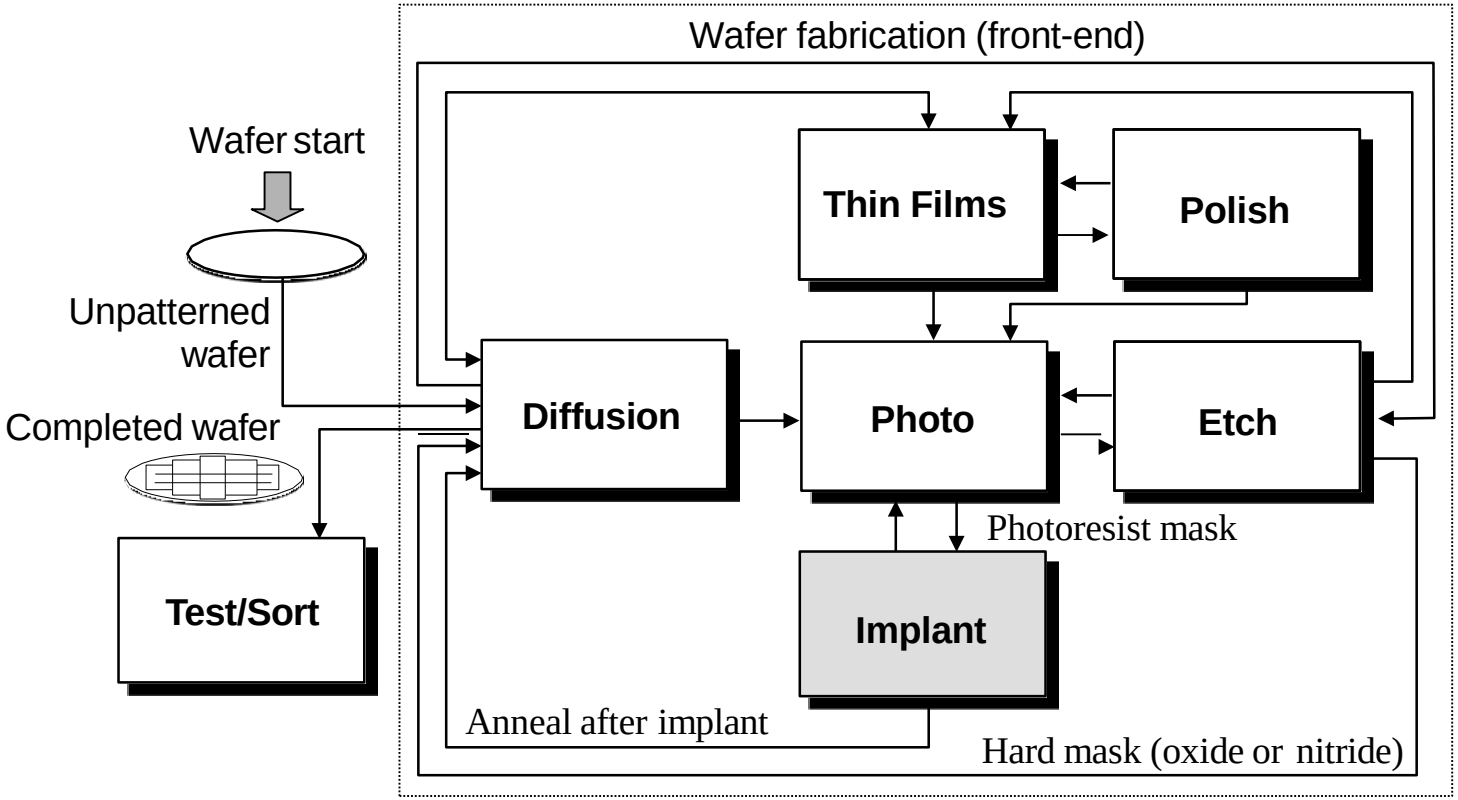
Common Dopant Processes in CMOS Fabrication

Process Step	Dopant	Method
A. p+ Silicon Substrate	B	Diffusion
B. p^- Epitaxial Layer	B	Diffusion
C. Retrograde n-Well	P	Ion Implant
D. Retrograde p-well	B	Ion Implant
E. p-Channel Punchthrough	P	Ion Implant
F. p-Channel Threshold Voltage (V_T) Adjust	P	Ion Implant
G. p-Channel Punchthrough	B	Ion Implant
H. p-Channel V_T Adjust	B	Ion Implant
I. n-Channel Lightly Doped Drain (LDD)	As	Ion Implant
J. n-Channel Source/Drain (S/D)	As	Ion Implant
K. p-Channel LDD	BF_2	Ion Implant
L. p-Channel S/D	BF_2	Ion Implant
M. Silicon	Si	Ion Implant
N. Doped Polysilicon	P or B	Ion Implant or Diffusion
O. Doped SiO_2	P or B	Ion Implant or Diffusion

Ion Implant in Process Flow



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Doped Region in a Silicon Wafer

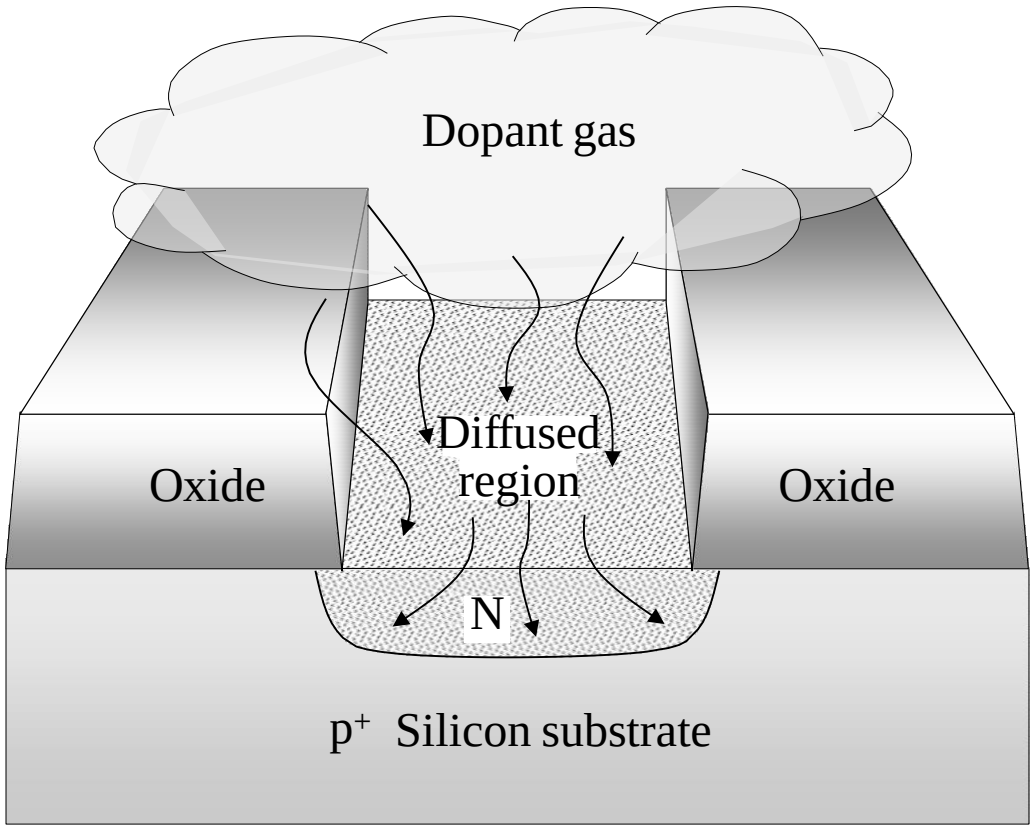

Figure 17.3

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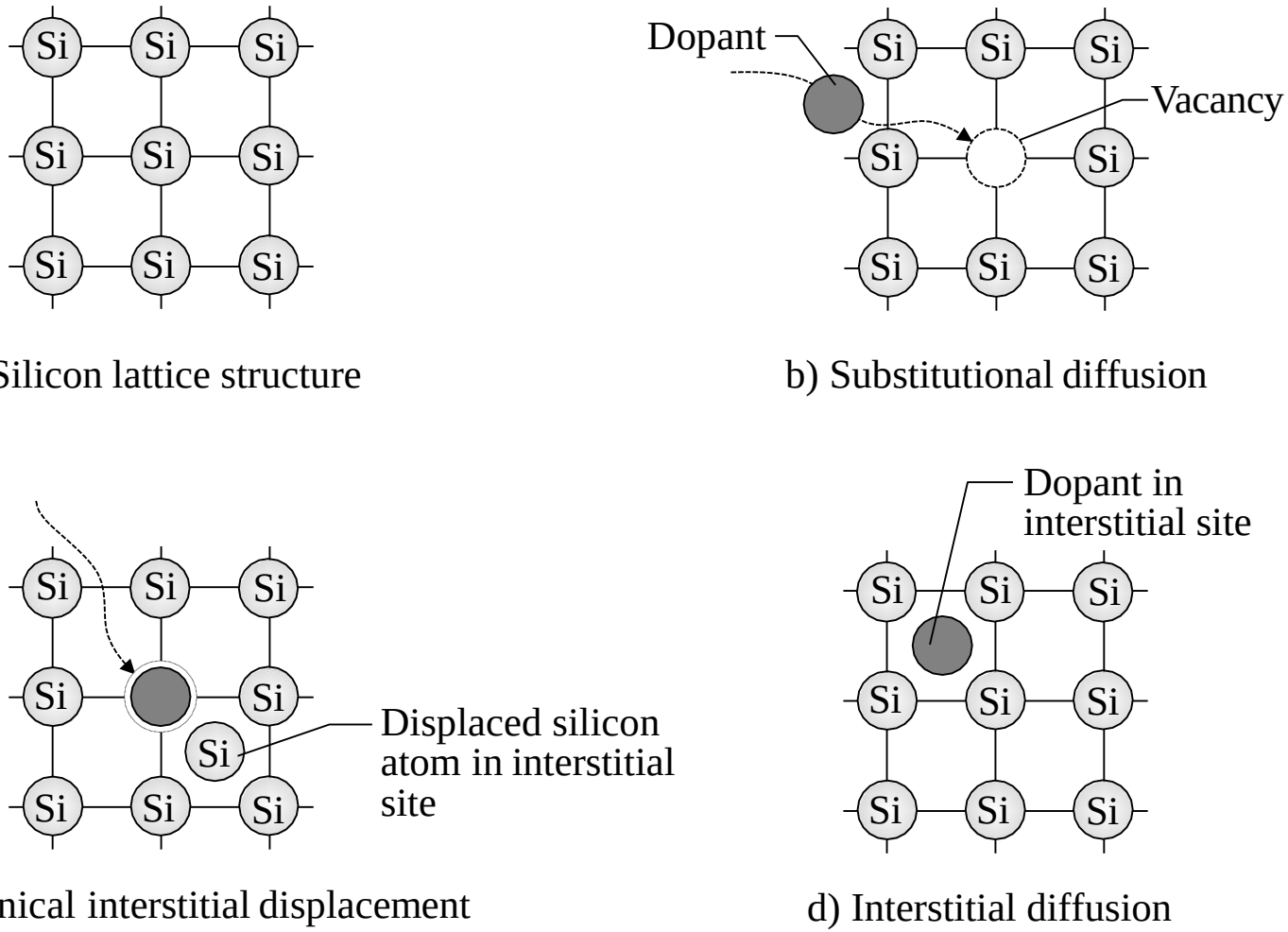
Diffusion

- Diffusion Principles
  - Three Steps
    - Predeposition
    - Drive-in
    - Activation
  - Dopant Movement
  - Solid Solubility
  - Lateral Diffusion
- Diffusion Process
  - Wafer Cleaning
  - Dopant Sources

Dopant Diffusion in Silicon



a) Silicon lattice structure

b) Substitutional diffusion

c) Mechanical interstitial displacement

d) Interstitial diffusion

Figure 17.4

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Solid Solubility Limits in Silicon at 1100°C

Dopant	Solubility Limit (atoms/cm^3)
Arsenic (As)	1.7×10^{21}
Phosphorus (P)	1.1×10^{21}
Boron (B)	2.2×10^{20}
Antimony (Sb)	5.0×10^{19}
Aluminum (Al)	1.8×10^{19}

Table 17.3

Diffusion Process

Eight Steps for Successful Diffusion:

1. Run qualification test to ensure the tool meets production quality criteria.
2. Verify wafer properties with a lot control system.
3. Download the process recipe with the desired diffusion parameters.
4. Set up the furnace, including a temperature profile.
5. Clean the wafers and dip in HF to remove native oxide.
6. Perform predeposition: load wafers into the deposition furnace and diffuse the dopant.
7. Perform drive-in: increase furnace temperature to drive-in and activate the dopant bonds, then unload the wafers.
8. Measure, evaluate and record junction depth and sheet resistivity.

Typical Dopant Sources for Diffusion

Dopant	Formula of Source	Chemical Name
Arsenic (As)	AsH_3	Arsine (gas)
Phosphorus (P)	PH_3	Phosphine (gas)
Phosphorus (P)	$POCl_3$	Phosphorus oxychloride (liquid)
Boron (B)	B_2H_6	Diborane (gas)
Boron (B)	BF_3	Boron tri-fluoride (gas)
Boron (B)	BBr_3	Boron tri-bromide (liquid)
Antimony (Sb)	$SbCl_5$	Antimony pentachloride (solid)

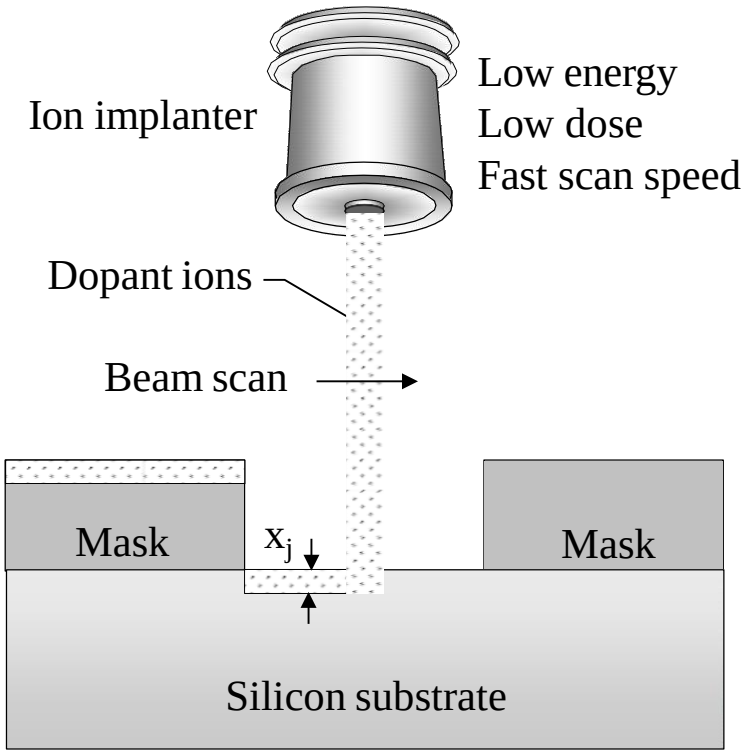
SEMATECH "Diffusion Processes," *Furnace Processes and Related Topics*, (Austin, TX: SEMATECH, 1994), P. 7.

Table 17.4

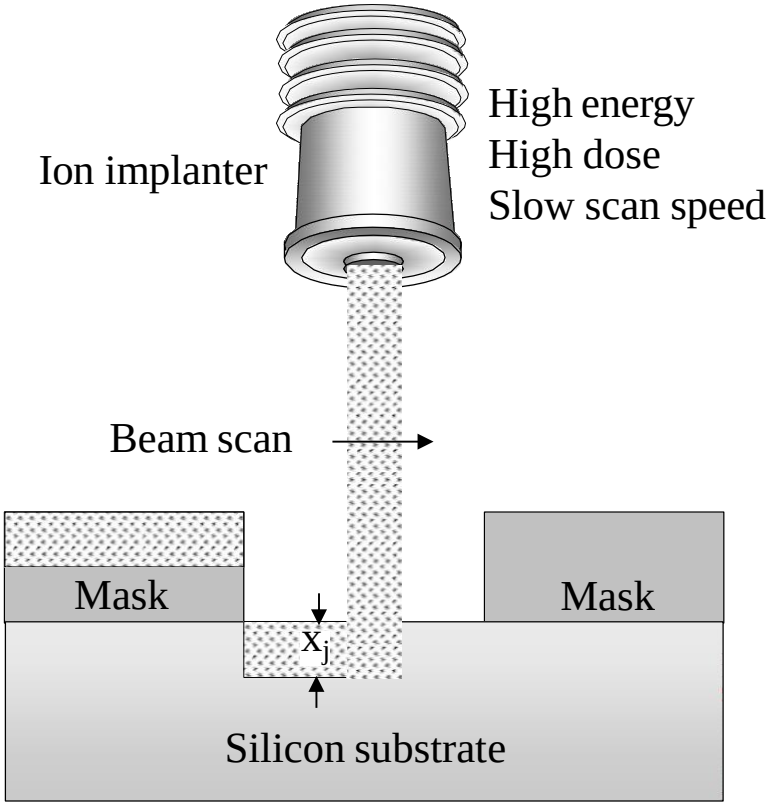
Ion Implantation

- Overview
  - Controlling Dopant Concentration
  - Advantages of Ion Implant
  - Disadvantages of Ion Implant
- Ion Implant Parameters
  - Dose
  - Range

Controlling Dopant Concentration and Depth

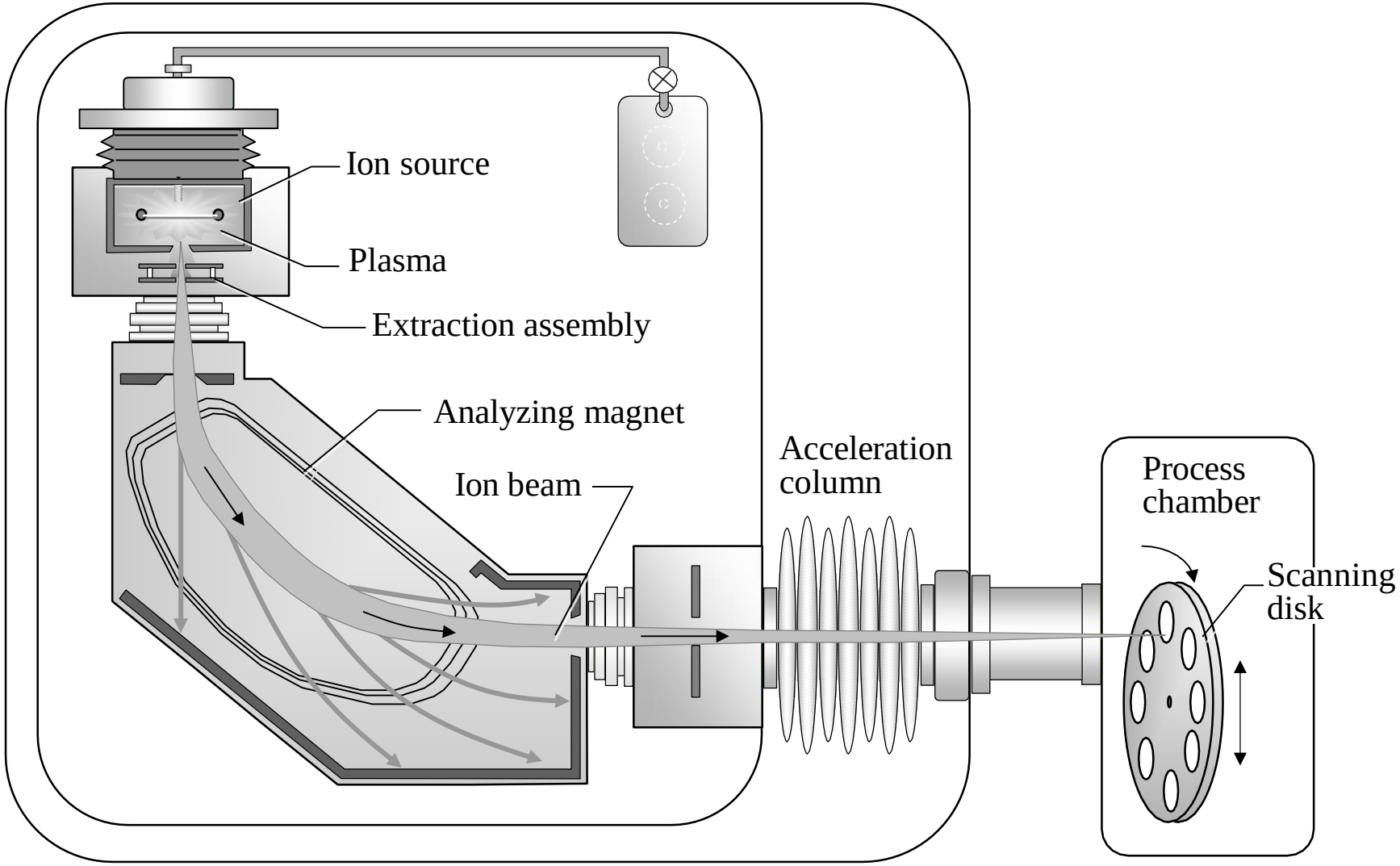


a) Low dopant concentration (n^-, p^-) and shallow junction (x_j)



b) High dopant concentration (n^+, p^+) and deep junction (x_j)

General Schematic of an Ion Implanter



Advantages of Ion Implantation

1. Precise Control of Dopant Concentration
2. Good Dopant Uniformity
3. Good Control of Dopant Penetration Depth
4. Produces a Pure Beam of Ions
5. Low Temperature Processing
6. Ability to Implant Dopants Through Films
7. No Solid Solubility Limit

Table 17.5

Classes of Implanters

Class of Implanter System	Description and Applications
Medium Current	• Highly pure beam currents <10 mA. • Beam energy is usually < 180 keV. • Most often the ion beam is stationary and the wafer is scanned. • Specialized applications of punchthrough stops.
High Current	• Generate beam currents > 10 mA and up to 25 mA for high dose implants. • Beam energy is usually <120 keV. • Most often the wafer is stationary and the ion beam does the scanning. • Ultralow-energy beams (<4keV down to 200 eV) for implanting ultrashallow source/drain junctions.
High Energy	• Beam energy exceeds 200 keV up to several MeV. • Place dopants beneath a trench or thick oxide layer. • Able to form retrograde wells and buried layers.
Oxygen Ion Implanters	• Class of high current systems used to implant oxygen in silicon-on-insulator (SOI) applications.

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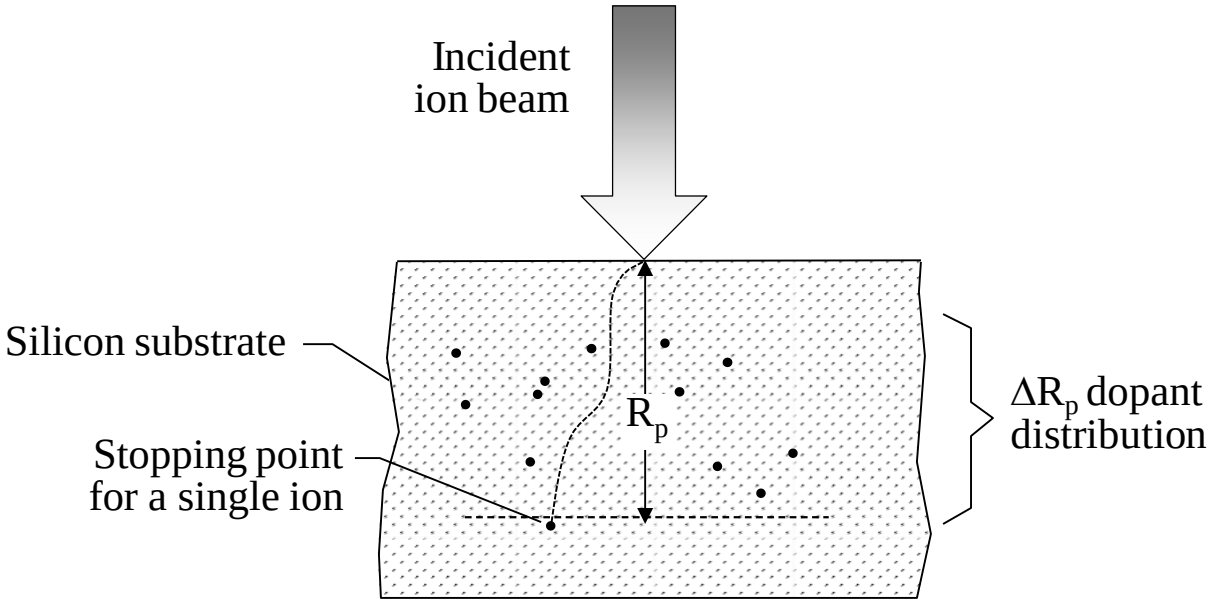
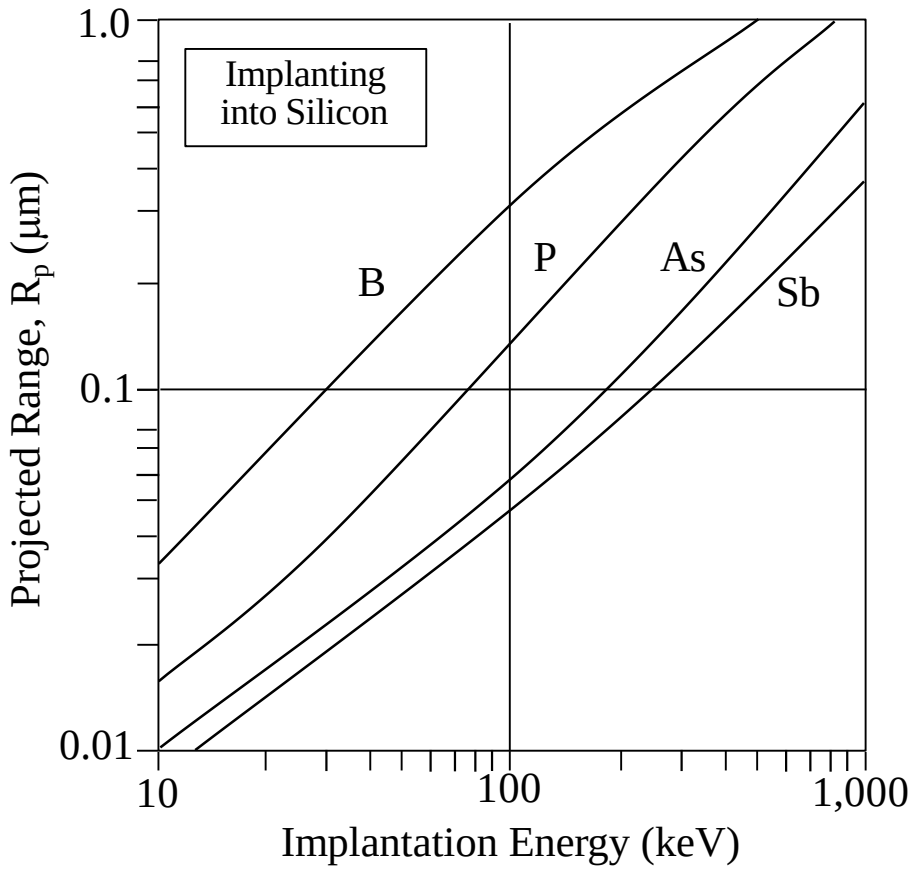
Range and Projected Range of Dopant Ion



Projected Range Chart



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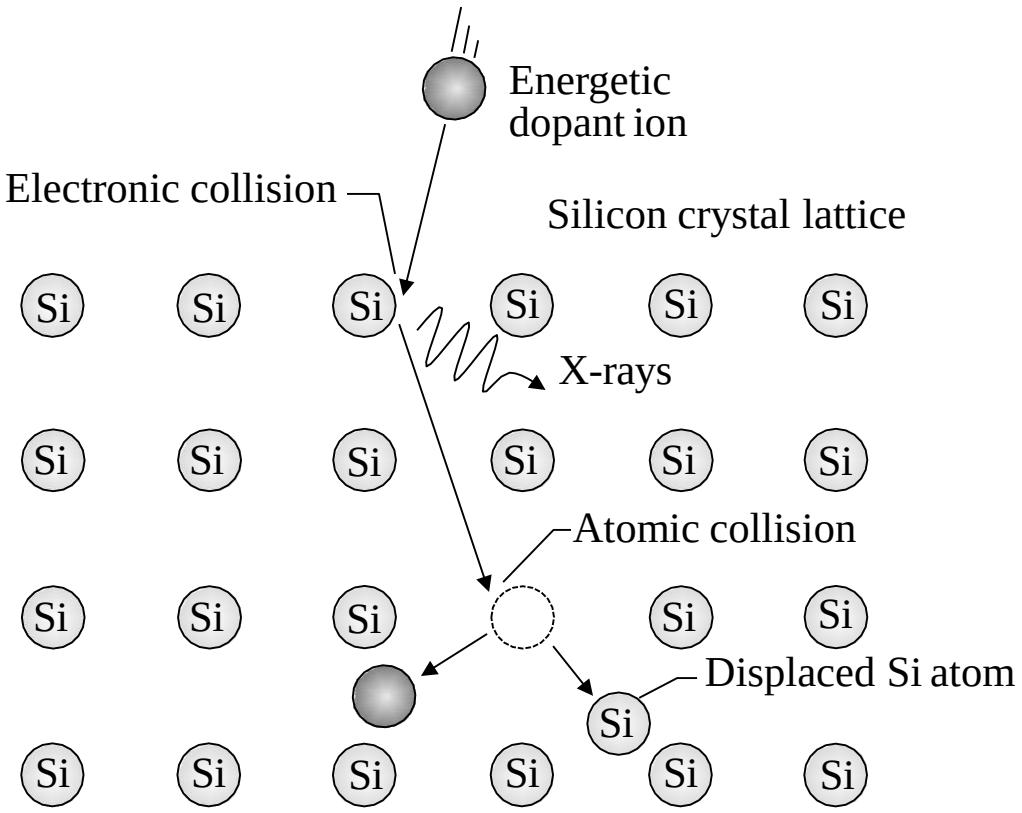
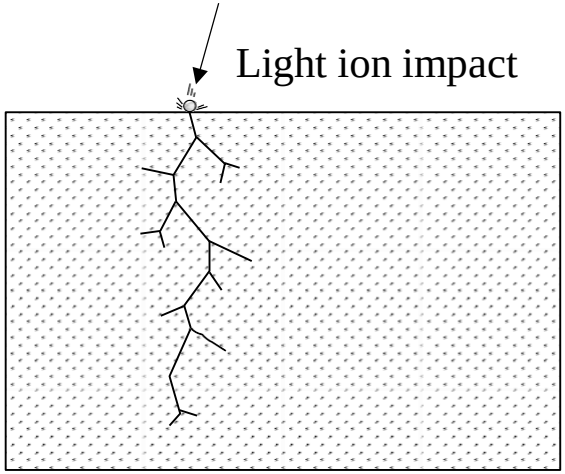
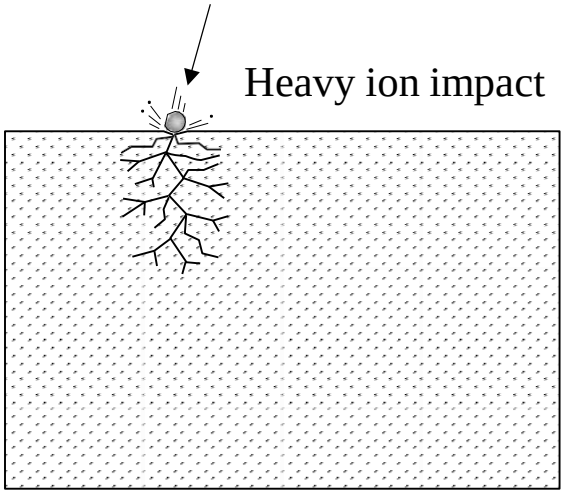
Energy Loss of an Implanted Dopant Atom



Crystal Damage Due to Light and Heavy Ions

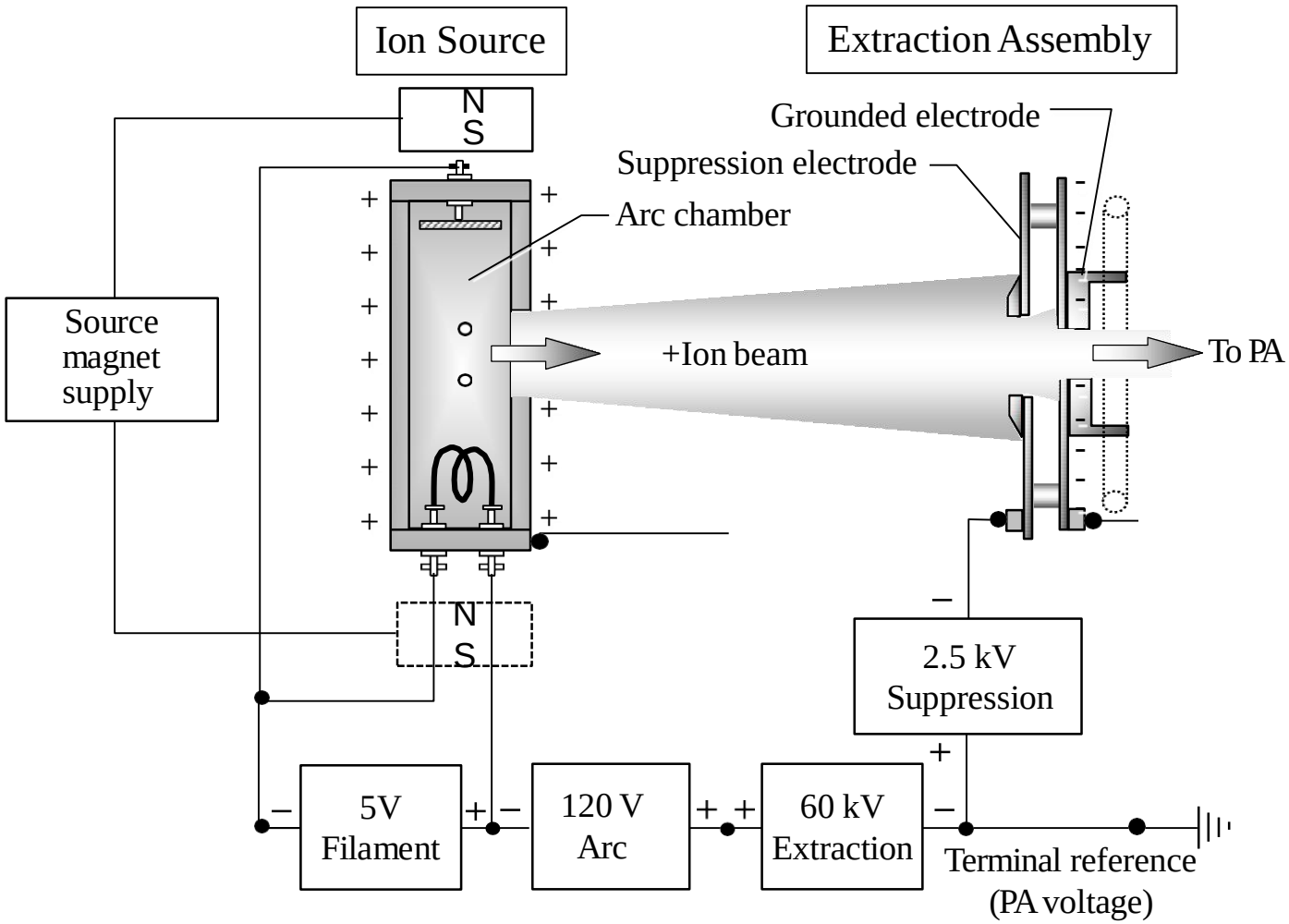




Ion Implanters

- Ion Source
- Extraction and Ion Analyzer
- Acceleration Column
- Scanning System
- Process Chamber
- Annealing
- Channeling
- Particles

Interaction of ion Source and Extraction Assemblies



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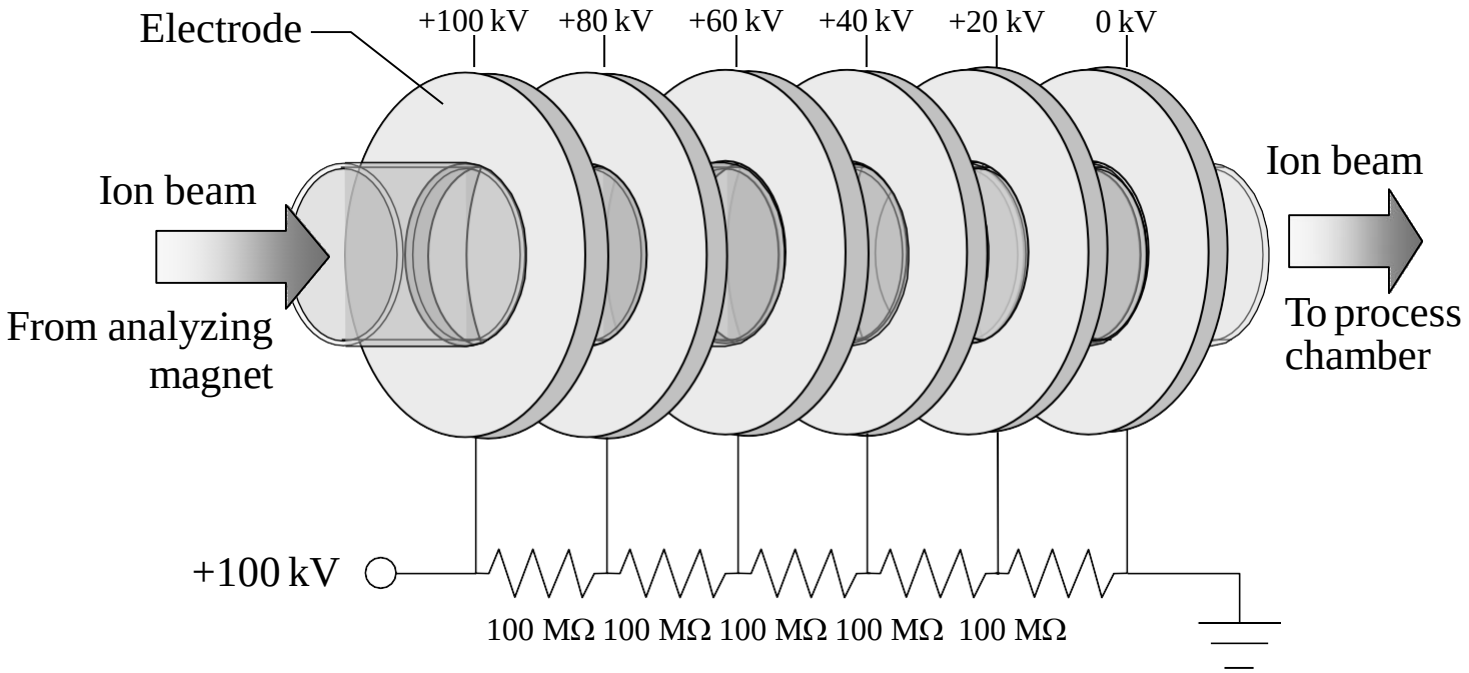
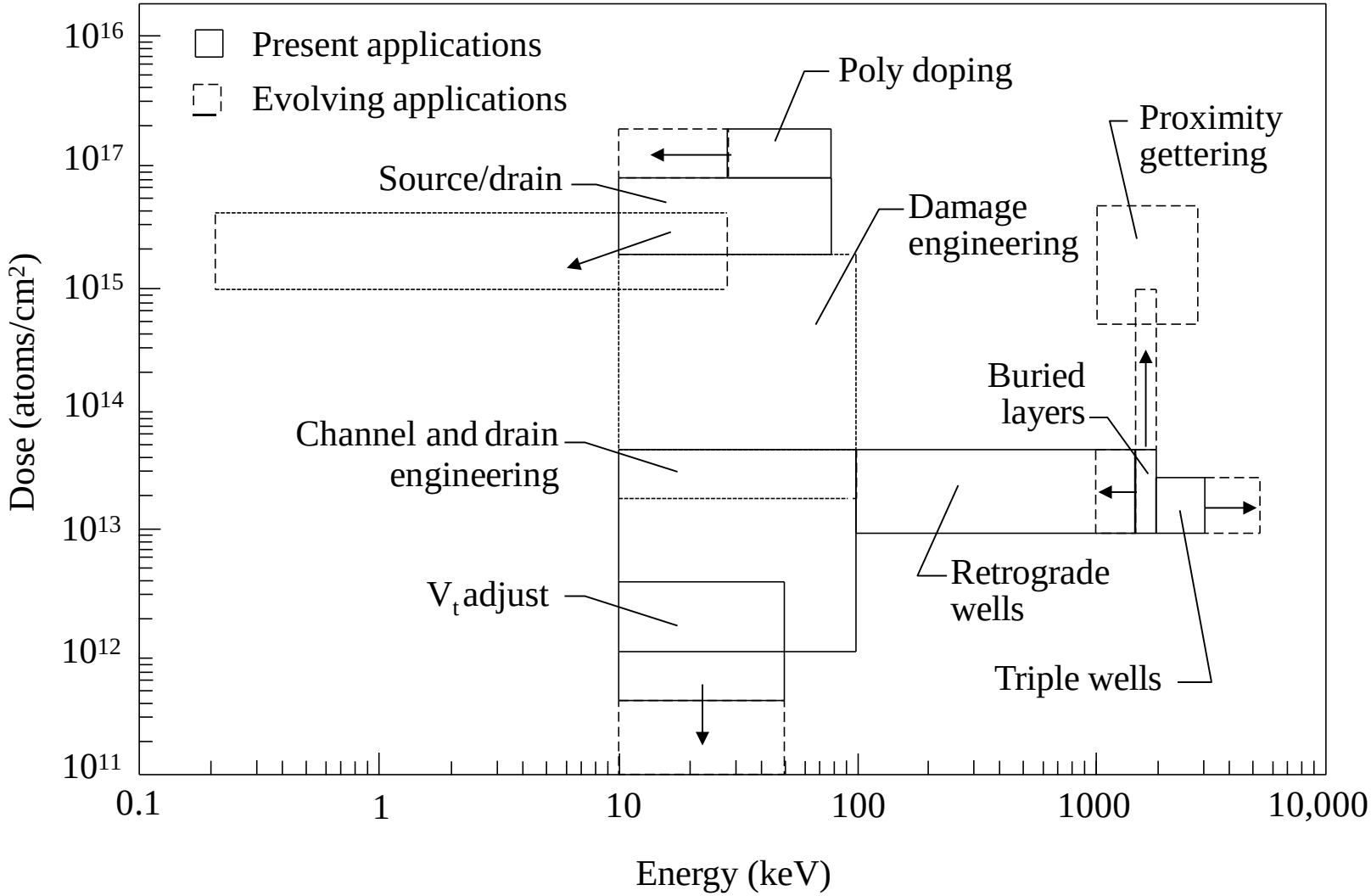
Acceleration Column



Dose Versus Energy Map



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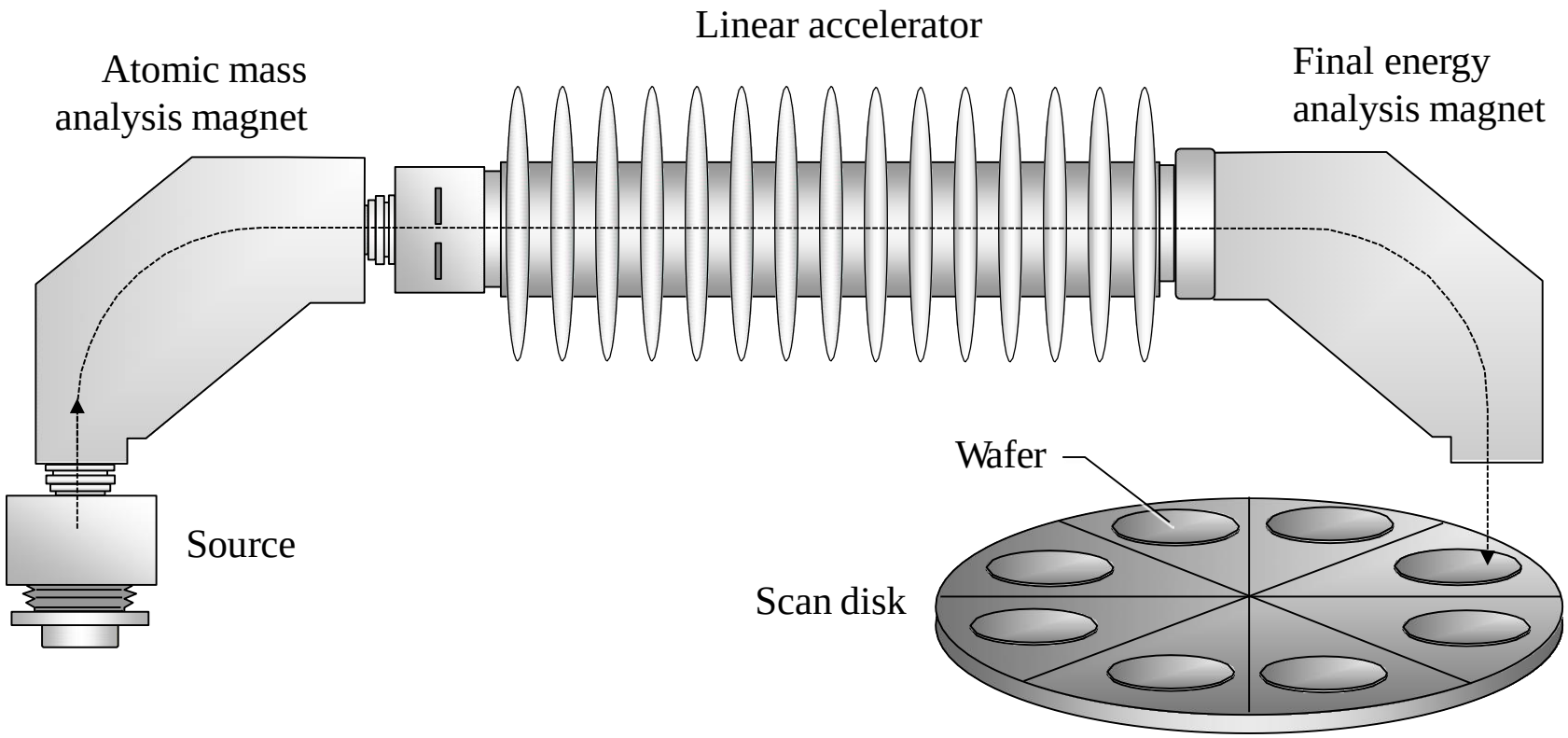
Linear Accelerator for High-Energy Implanters



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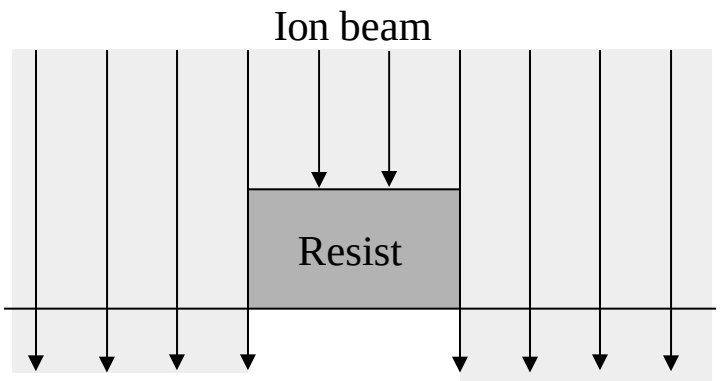

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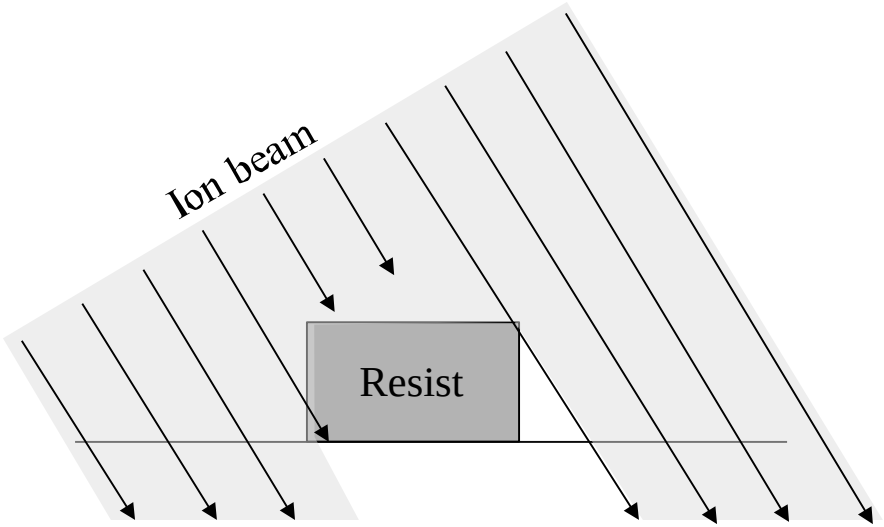
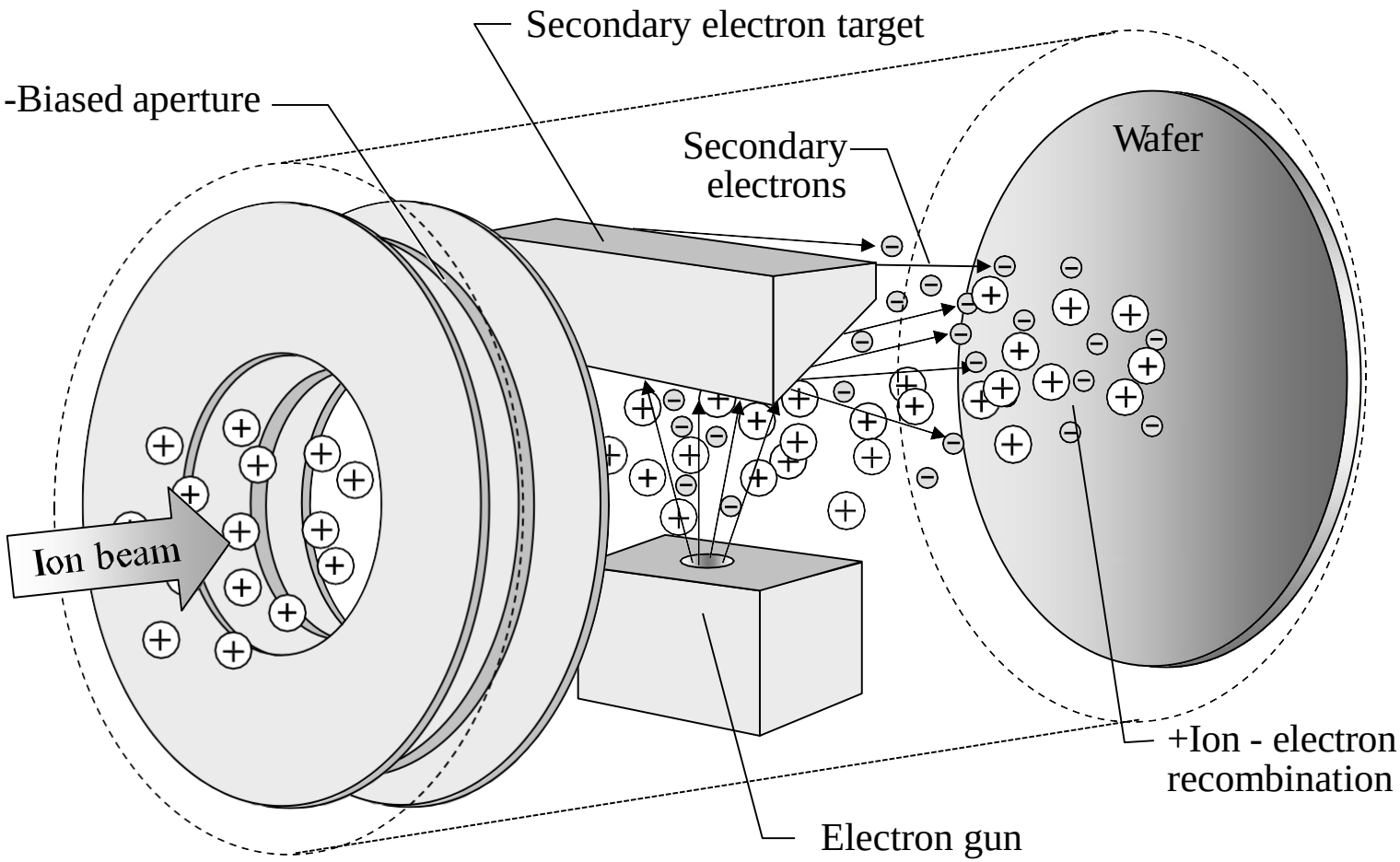


b) Electrostatic scanning with normal tilt

Electron Shower for Wafer Charging Control



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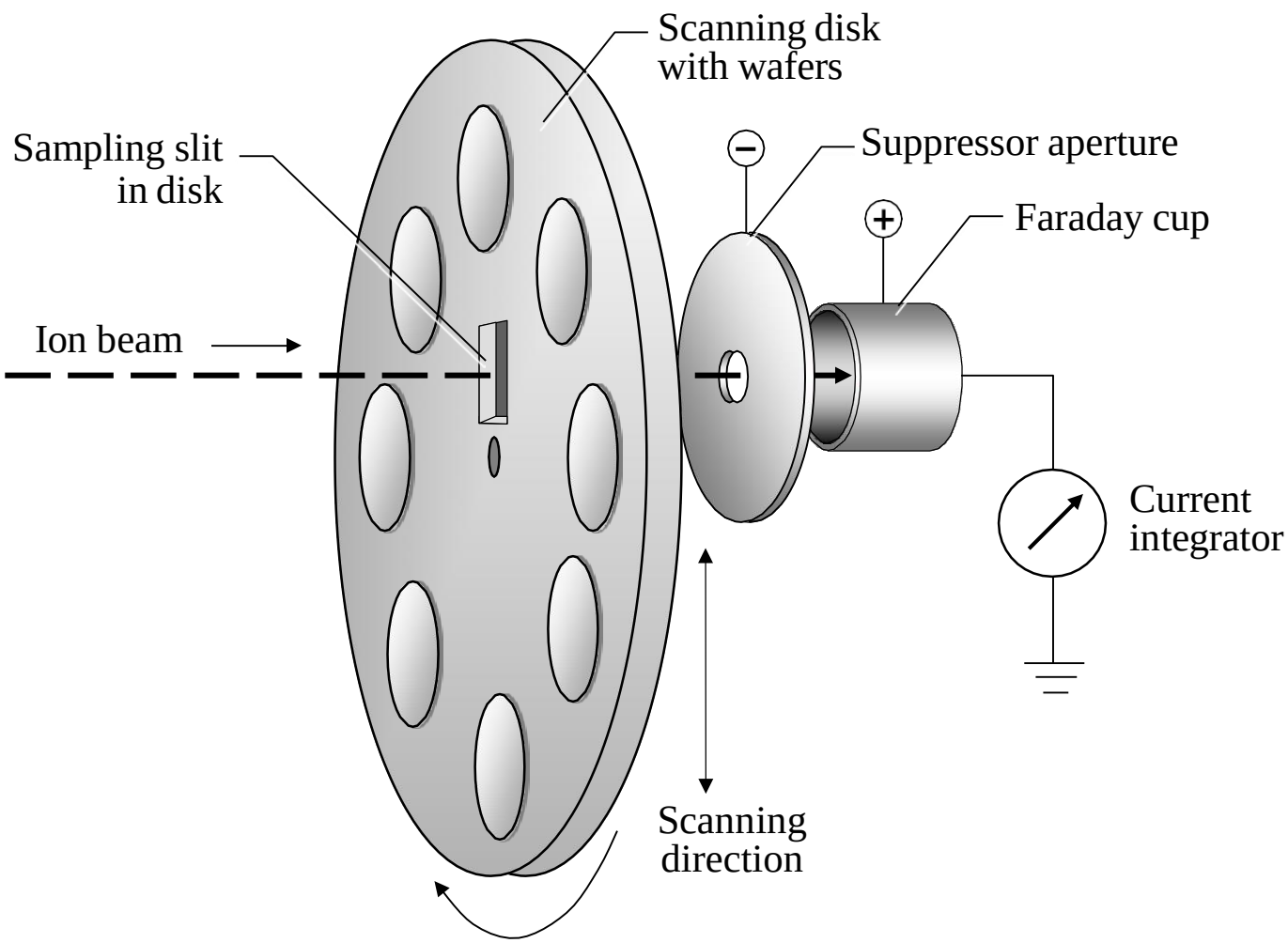
Faraday Cup Beam Current Measurement



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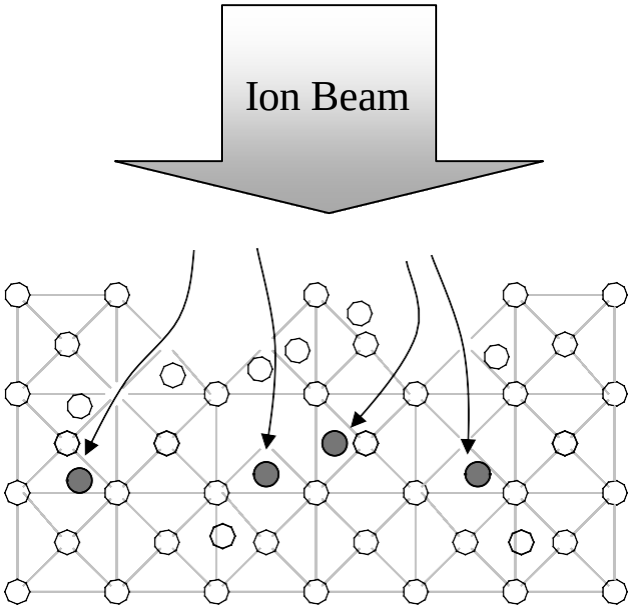
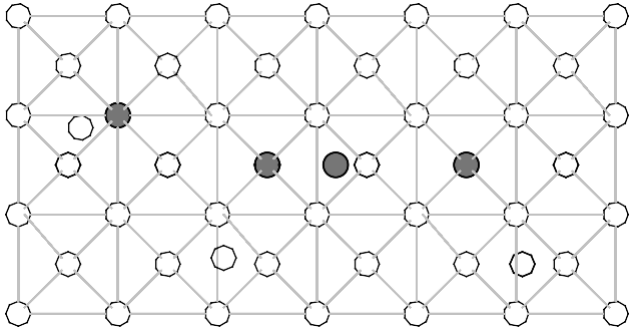
Annealing of Silicon Crystal



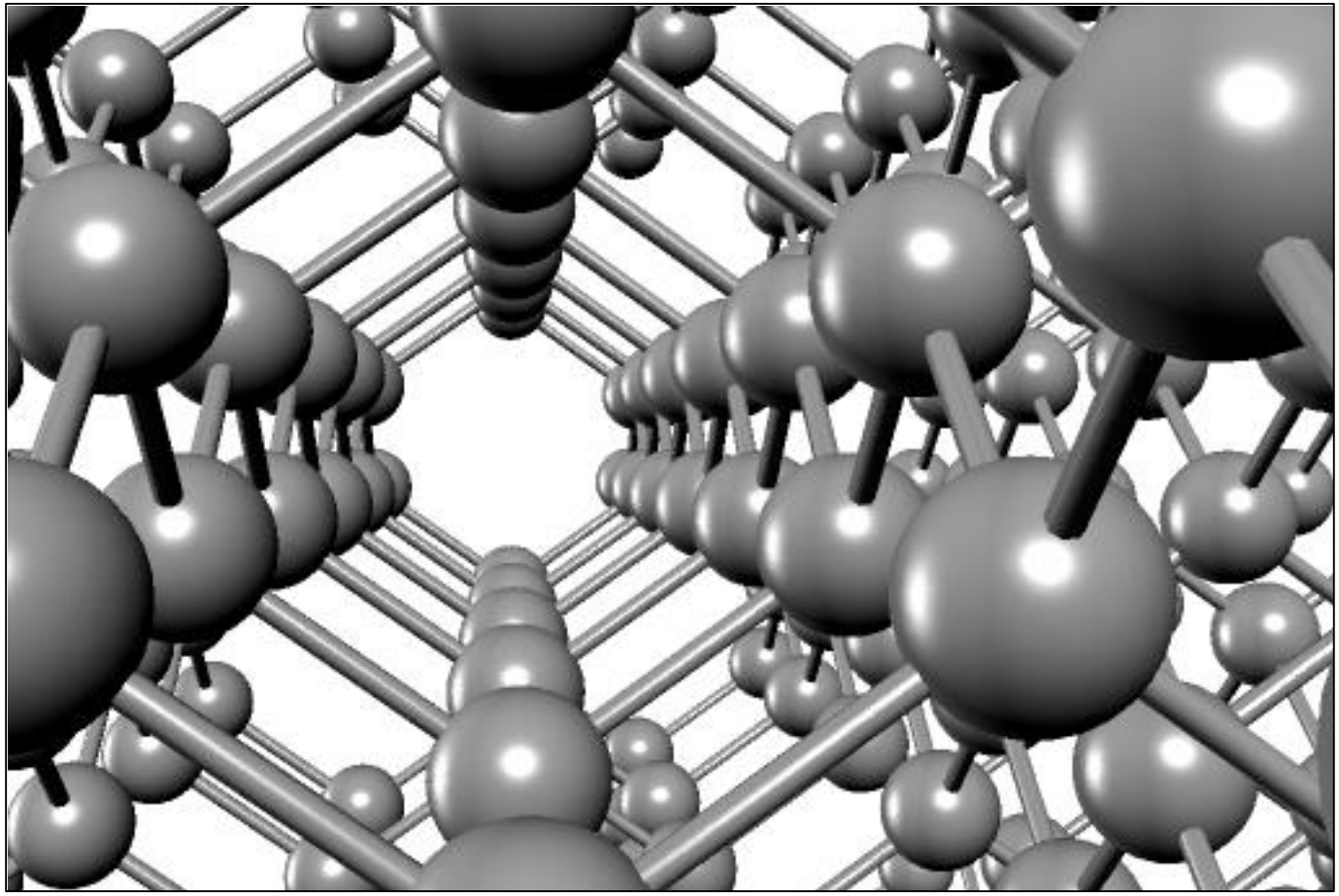
a) Damaged Si lattice during implant

Repaired Si lattice structure and activated dopant-silicon bonds



b) Si lattice after annealing

Silicon Lattice Viewed Along <110> Axis



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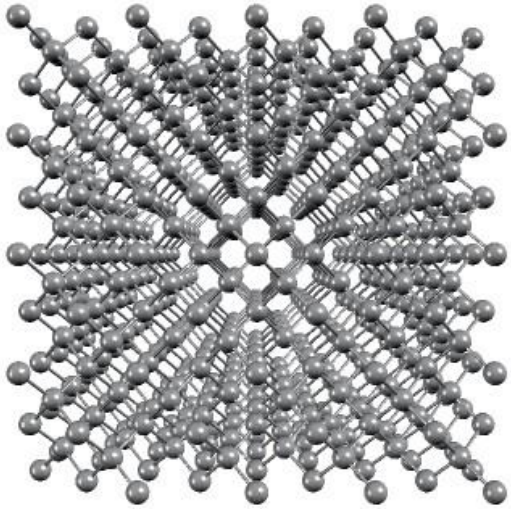
Ion Entrance Angle and Channeling



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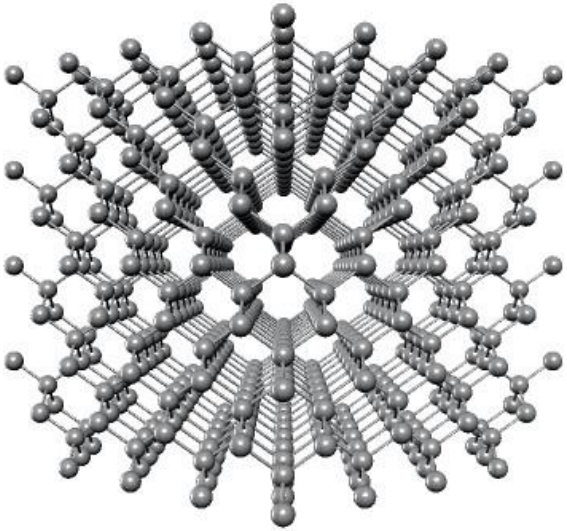

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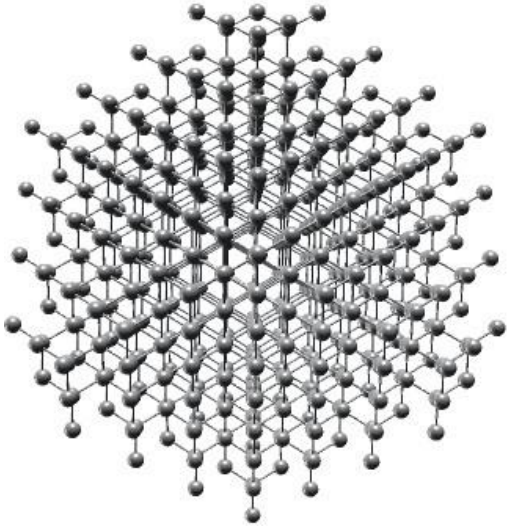

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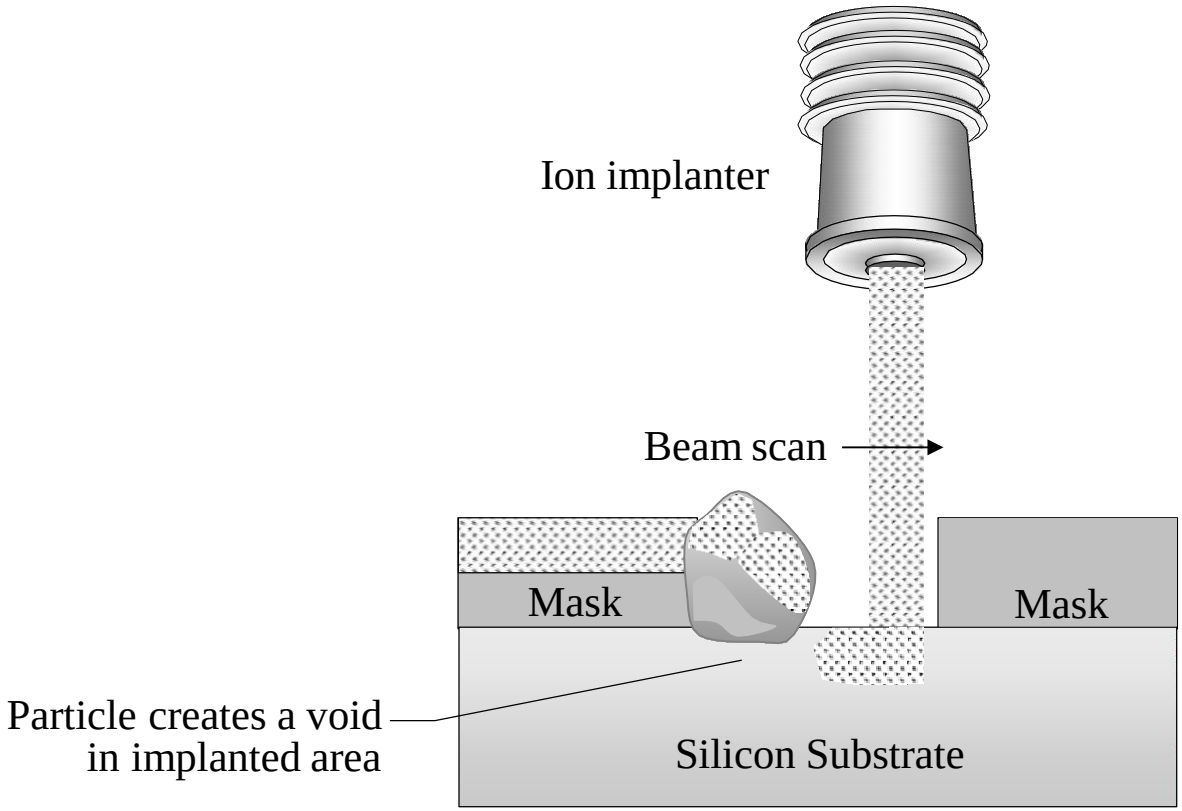
Implantation Damage from Particulate Contamination

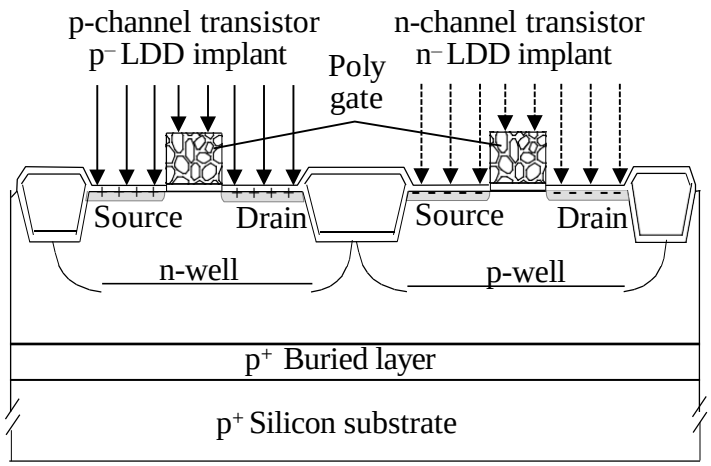


Ion Implant Trends in Process Integration

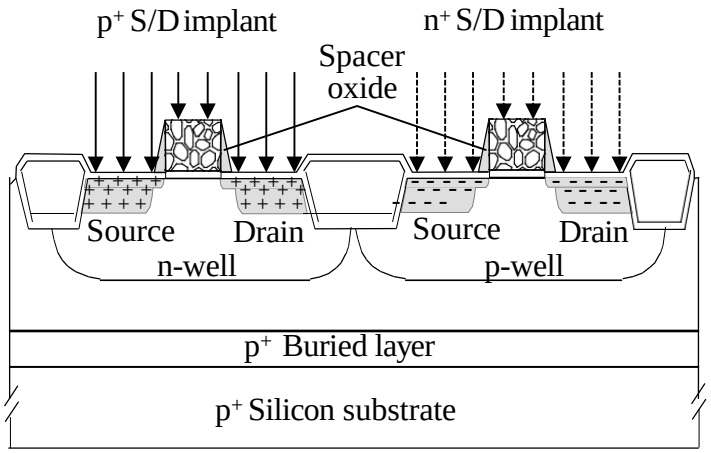
Examples of Different Implant Processes

- Deep buried layers
- Retrograde wells
- Punchthrough stoppers
- Threshold voltage adjustment
- Lightly doped drain (LDD)
- Source/drain implants
- Polysilicon gate
- Trench capacitor
- Ultra-shallow junctions
- Silicon on Insulator (SOI)

Source-Drain Formations

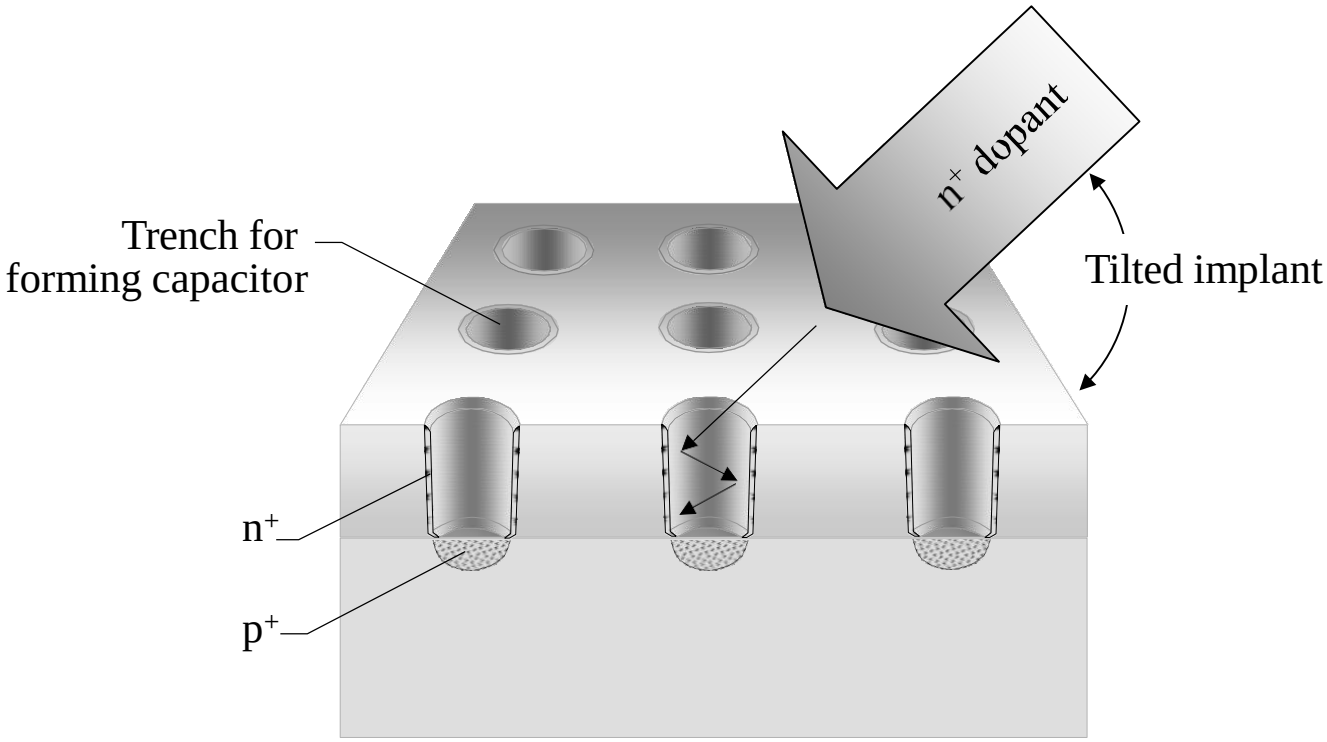


a) p^- and n^- lightly-doped drain implants (performed in two separate operations)



b) p^+ and n^+ Source/drain implants (performed in two separate operations)

Dopant Implant on Vertical Sidewalls of Trench Capacitor



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