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1. Introduction

Why ion beams?

Ion beams in industry:

- widely used in microelectronic technology – doping of semiconductors (ion implantation into silicon)

Ion beams in R&D:

- *Ion implantation for advanced CMOS technologies - < 0.15 μm technologies*
(low energy ion implantation for shallow junction doping, individual and cluster ion doping, doping profile tailoring, defect annealing etc. in Si)
- *Ion beam synthesis and processing of advanced materials:*
 - ▶ Fundamentals & defect kinetics – development of simulation tools
 - ▶ Materials with novel electrical, optical and magnetic properties
 - ▶ Ion beam induced slicing & Focused Ion Beam applications
 - ▶ Surface modification – hardness, texture, corrosion
 - ▶ Metastable phases – plastic flow and patterning of surfaces
 - ▶ **Synthesis of nanostructures and thin layers**

Reasons for current effort in ion beam processing of advanced materials:

Highly developed level of ion implantation technique:

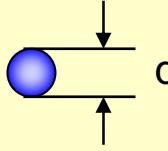
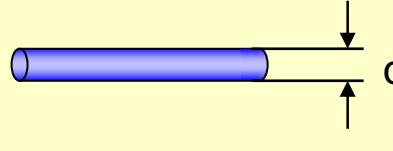
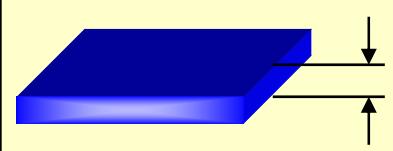
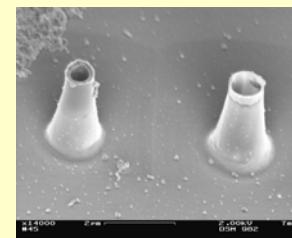
- Concentration of implanted ions (impurities) is precisely controlled (electrical current measurement in the fluence range 10^{10} - 10^{17} ions/cm²)
- Penetration depth of ions in the range 1 nm – 100 µm can be precisely adjusted by choosing the ion energy in the range of 10^{-1} – 10^5 keV
- Isotope clean impurity implantation (ion mass separation)
- Wide variability between ion species and substrates to be implanted

Physical understanding of ion-solid interactions:

- Existing physical models describe ion range and straggling of implanted ions, recoil cascades and sputtering of target atoms, defects & phase separation
- Existing simulation tools:
 - TRIM; CrystalTRIM*; TRIDYN* → depth profiles
 - 3DKLMC* → phase separation
 - classical MD → defects, annealing
 - ab initio calc. → atomistic structure

*) developed at FZJ

What are nanostructures?

0D-structures: Nanodots (Q-Dots)	1D-structures: Nanowires (Q-Wires)	2D-structures: Nanolayers (Superlattices)	3D-structures: Tools on nm-scale
 SET, NC-Memory Circuits	 QW-Laser	 III-V-Superlattices	

Typical Properties:

$d <$ mean-free-path of electrons

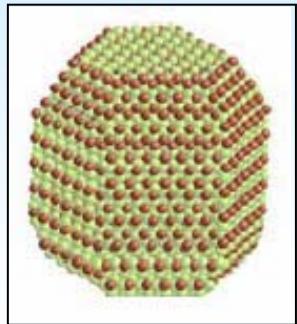
→ Metals: < 50 nm (Ag)...10 nm (Li)

$d <$ Bohr's exiton radius

→ Semiconductors: <20 nm (Ge), <10 nm (Si)

Confinement:

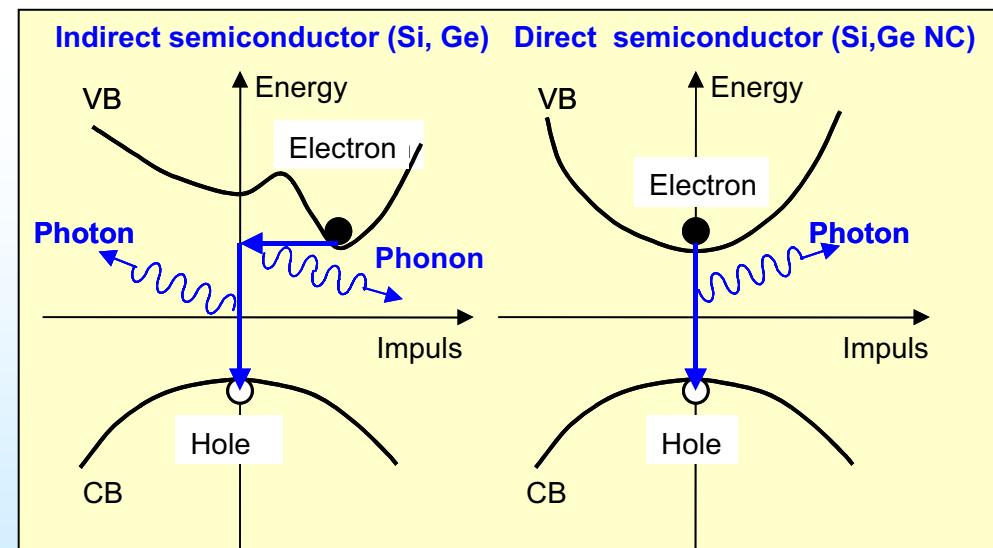
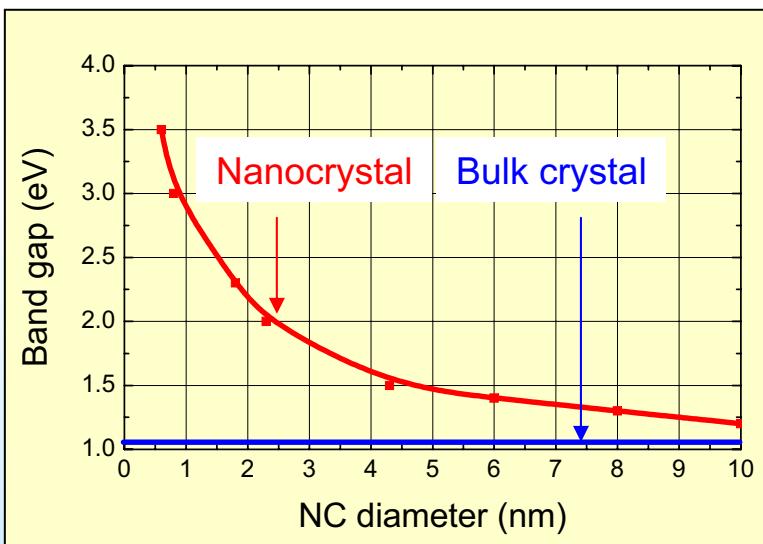
Electrons are spatially localized within a potential well.

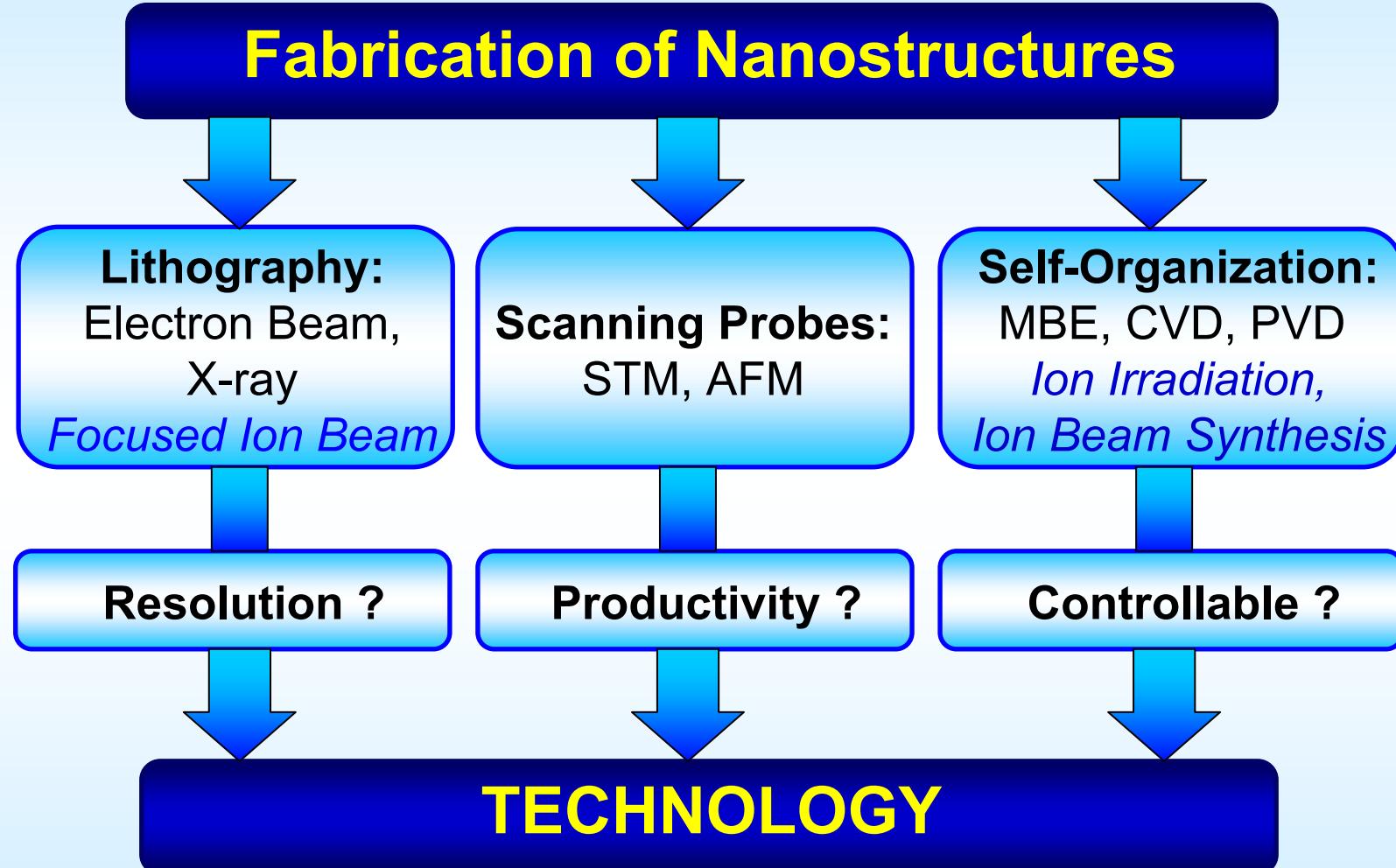


Quantum dot:

(Nanodot, Nanocrystal, Nanocluster, NC)

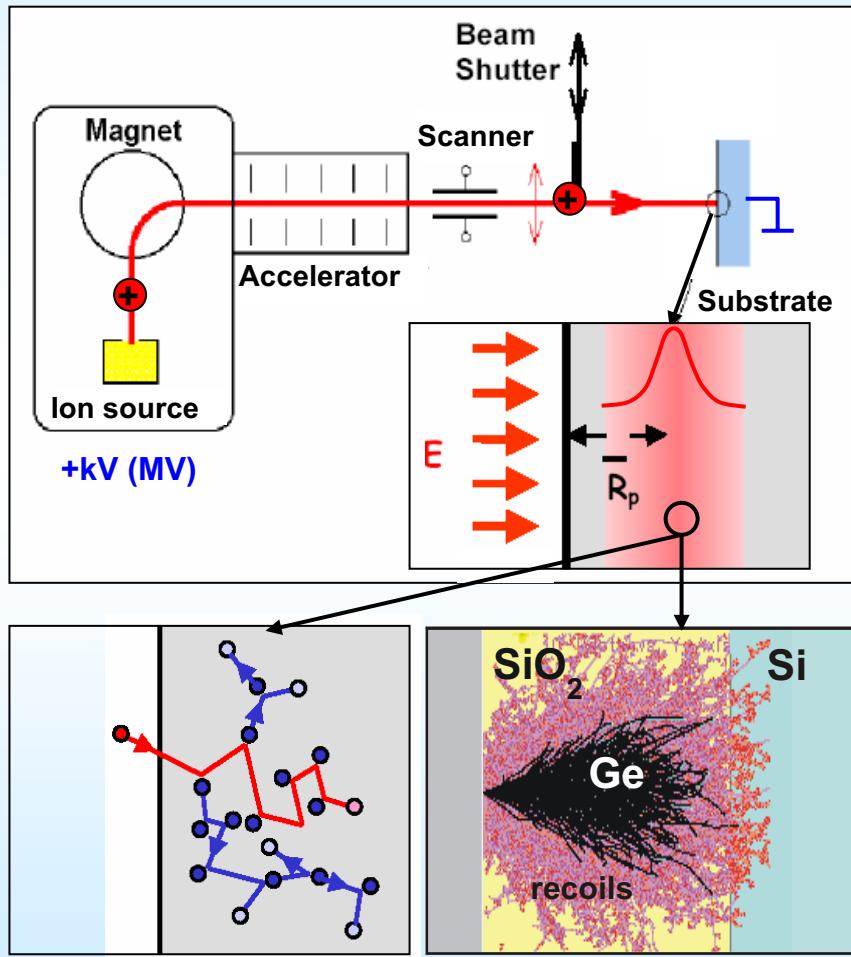
- Number of atoms: 10...10.000
- Surface/volume-ratio ↑
- Band gap $E_g = f(d_{NC}) \rightarrow d_{NC} \downarrow = E_g \uparrow$
- Indirect semiconductor silicon: at $d_{NC} < 10$ nm
→ direct semiconductor





Heinig, Schmidt, Müller, 104th Annual Meeting of The American Ceramic Society, St. Louis, April 2002, invited talk

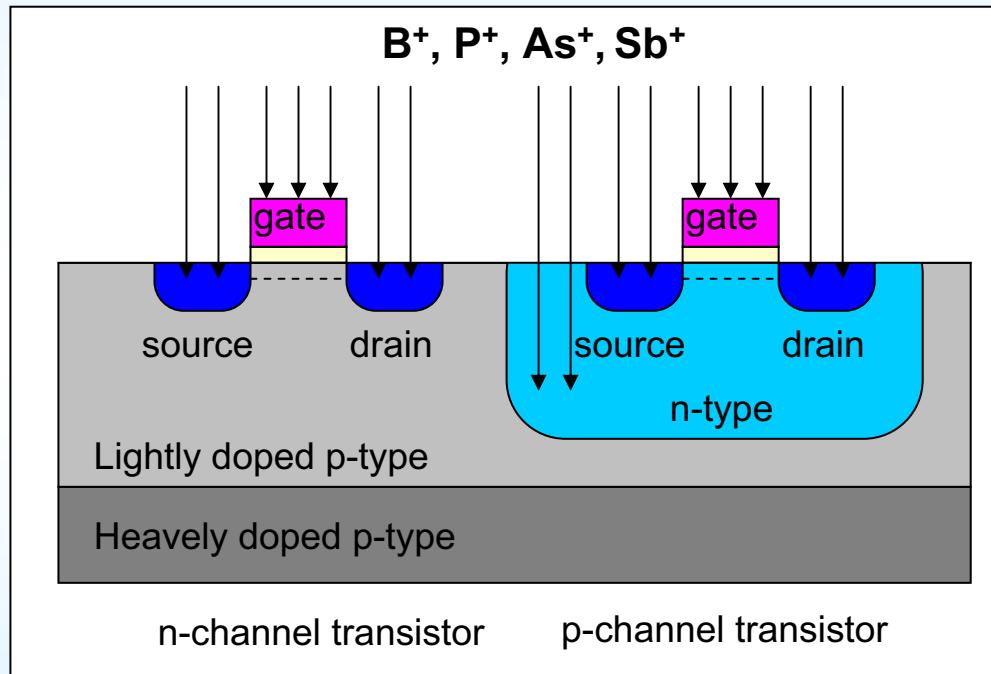
2. Ion Beam Processing



Ion beams create disorder →
radiation damage due to collisions
of penetrating ions with atoms of the
solid state target
(recoil atoms, collisional cascades)

Recovery of order →
thermal treatment of the irradiated
sample for annealing of radiation
damage and defined atomic
arrangement of introduced ions in
the host matrix (e.g. on crystal
lattice places)
→ self-organization

IIM: Ion implantation in microelectronics



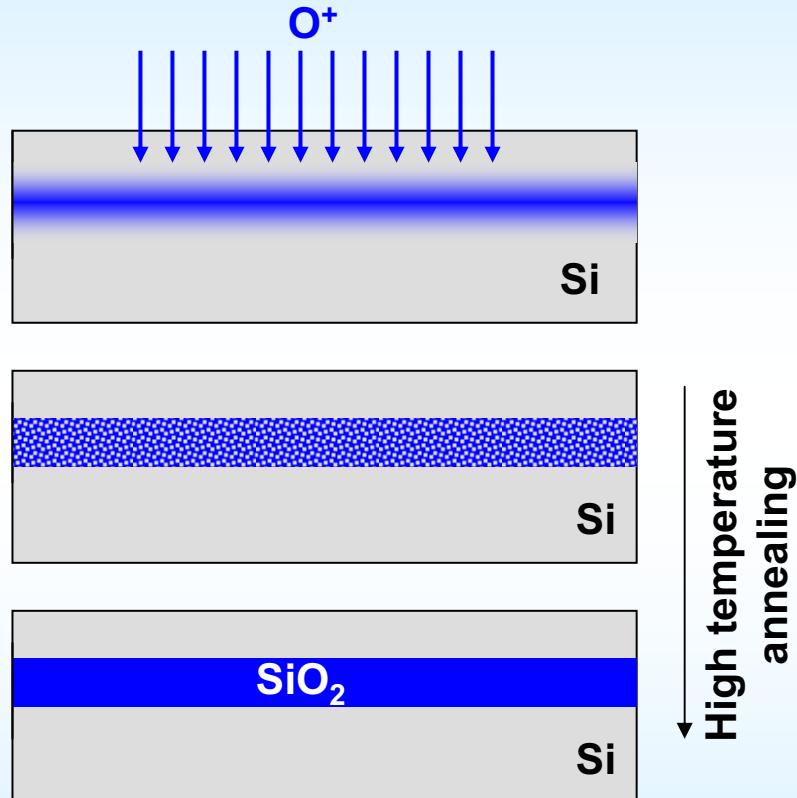
CMOS devices:

- Source/drain doping
- Channel threshold voltage adjust
- p/n-well doping
- poly-Si gate (n^+) doping
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Concentration of implanted ions usually below the solubility limit of impurities in Si

IBS: Ion Beam Synthesis of new phases



SOI-Technology (SIMOX):

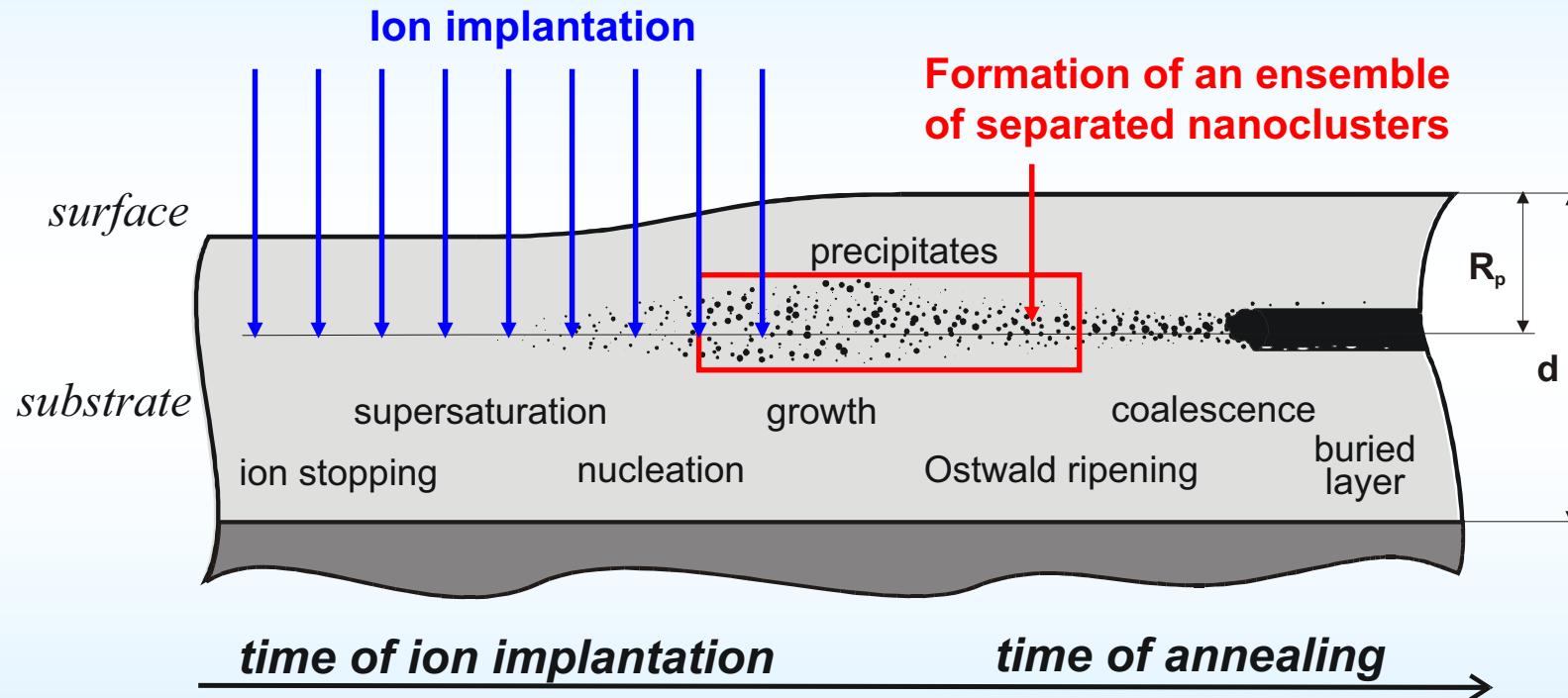
**IBS of buried SiO_2 -layers
by high-dose O^+ implantation**

(established in device fabrication !)

- **Introduced oxygen above the solubility limit of oxygen in Si**
- **Phase separation: SiO_2 precipitation, Ostwald ripening, coalescence**

IBS: Ion Beam Synthesis of new phases

Phase Separation in Supersaturated Solid Solutions

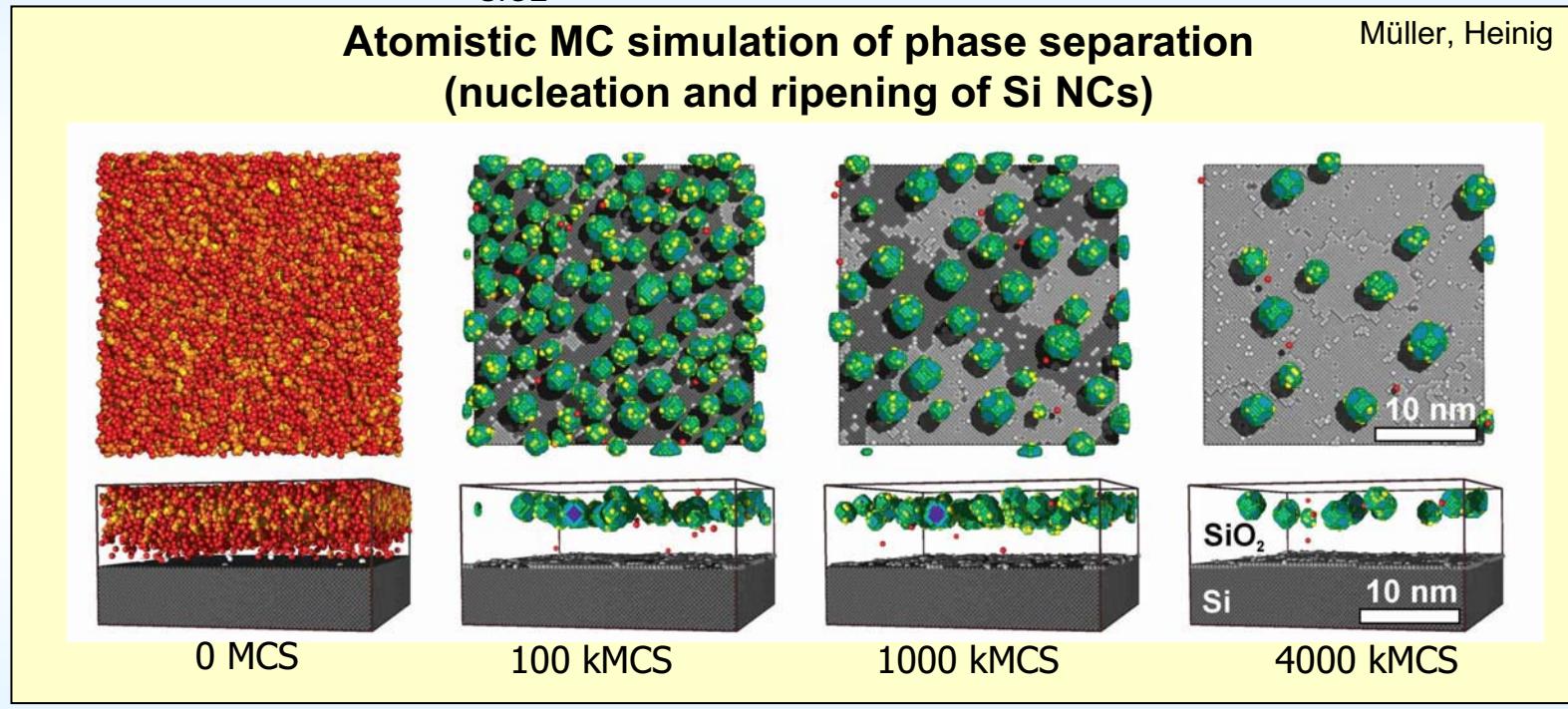


Ions: **Si⁺, Ge⁺, Sb⁺ for IBS of semiconductor NCs → microelectronics**
Ag⁺, Au⁺, Co ... for IBS of metallic NCs → photonics

S.Reiss, K.H.Heinig, Nucl. Instr. & Methods B102 (1995) 256

IBS of Si-NCs - computer simulation

Conditions: $d_{\text{SiO}_2} = 8 \text{ nm}$, Si^+ , $E = 1 \text{ keV}$, $D = 2 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

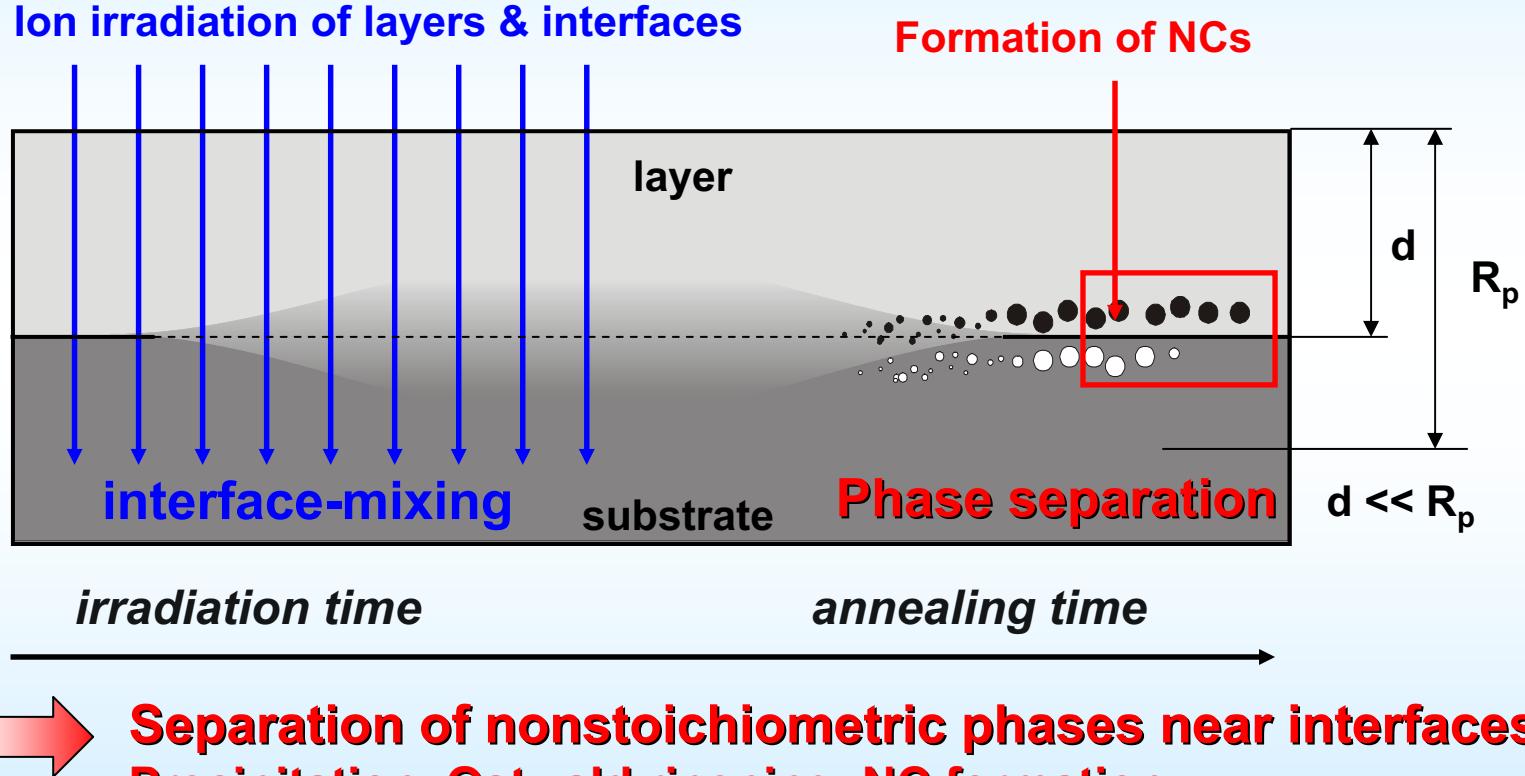


→ NC dimensions ↑, NC density ↓ with increasing annealing temperature and time

T. Müller, K.H. Heinig, W. Möller, Appl. Phys. Lett. **81** (2002) 3049

IIR: Ion Irradiation through Interfaces -

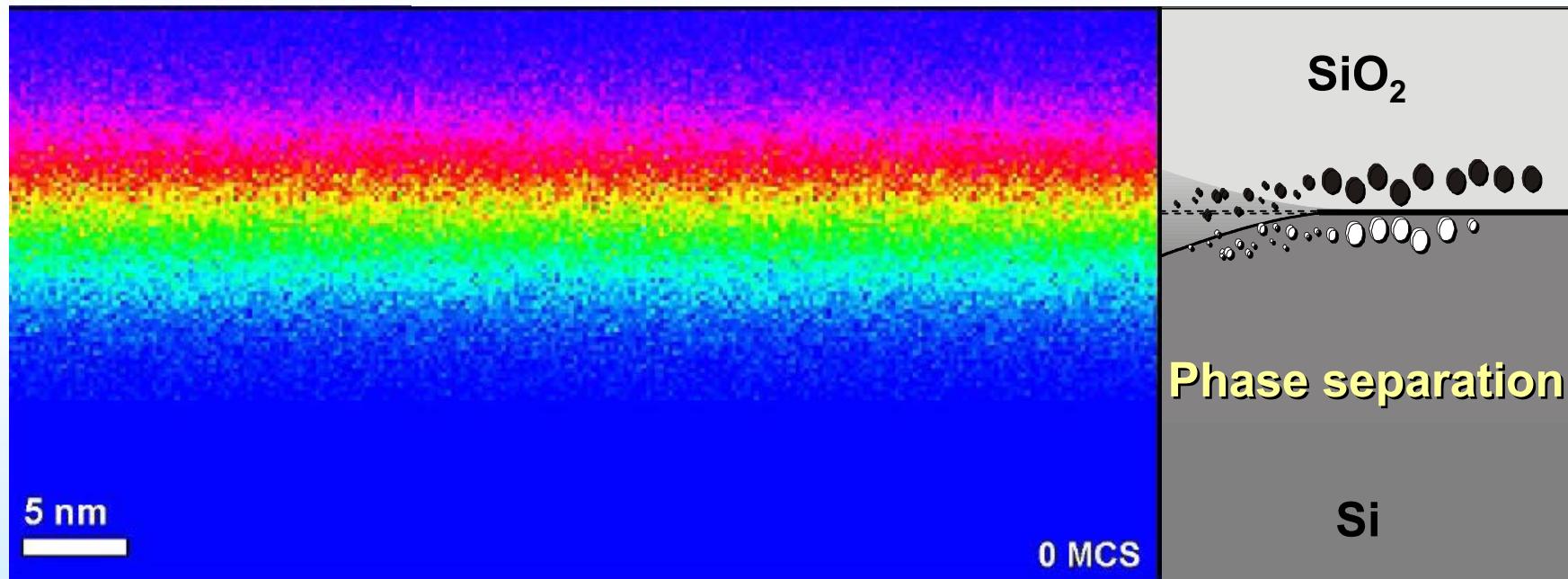
A non-conventional ion assisted synthesis of NCs



B. Schmidt, K.H. Heinig, Patent DE 199 33 632 C2, 1999
B. Schmidt, K.H. Heinig, Patent EP 1 070 768 A1, 2000

IIR: Ion Irradiation through Interfaces – computer simulation

**Separation of non-stoichiometric phases at SiO_2/Si interfaces:
Precipitation, Ostwald-ripening, NC formation**

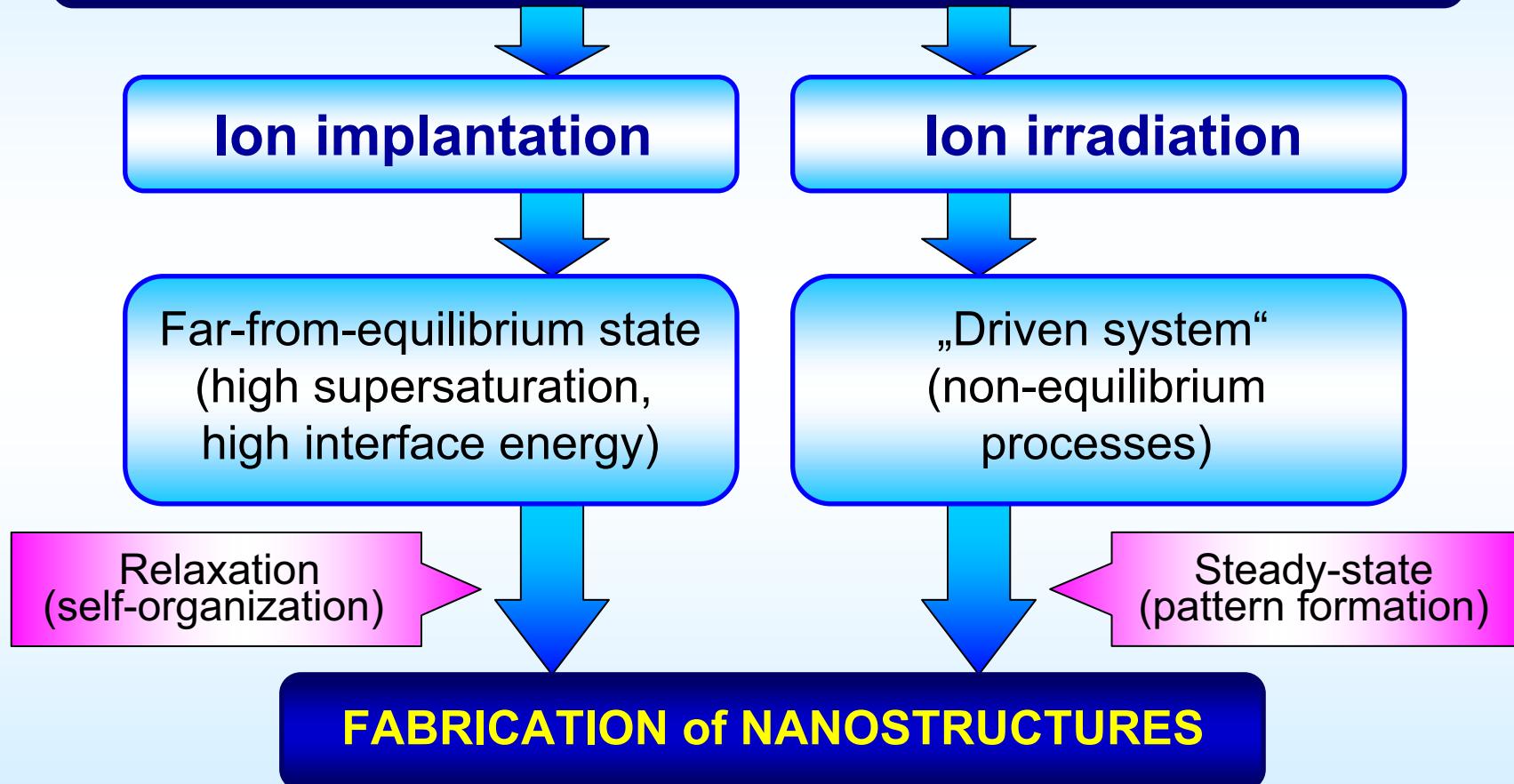


(Kinetic Monte-Carlo simulation)

T. Müller, K.H. Heinig, FZR

Annealing

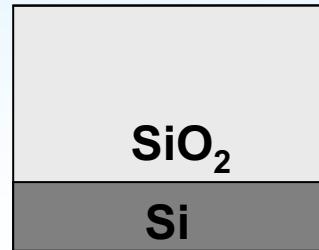
Ion Beams for Nanostructure Processing



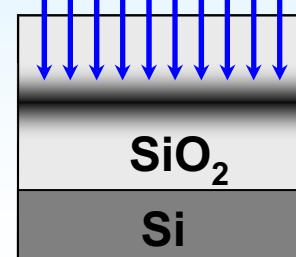
K.H.Heinig, T.Müller, B.Schmidt, M.Strobel, W.Möller, Appl. Phys. A 77, 17-25 (2003)

3. IBS of Nanostructures - Fundamentals

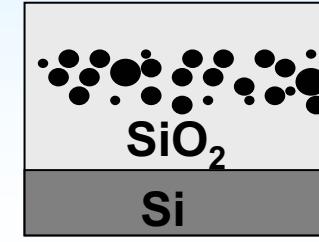
SiO_2 on Si



Implantation

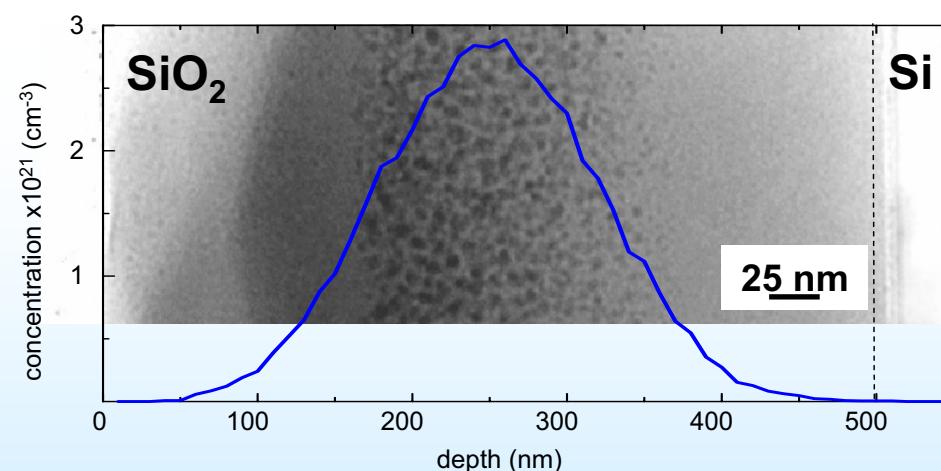


Annealing

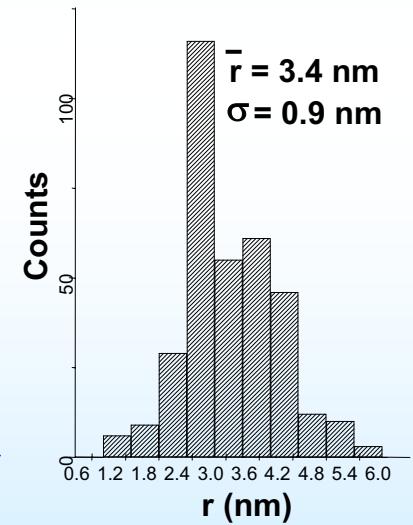


Ge⁺ implantation:
 $E = 350 \text{ keV}$
 $D = 5 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

Annealing:
 $1100^\circ\text{C}, 1 \text{ h}$



Layer of Ge NCs centered at R_p



LSW-distribution

A.E. White et al., Appl.Phys.Lett. **50** (1987) 95; M.Strobel, S.Reiss, K.H.Heinig, Nucl. Instr. Meth. **B120** (1996) 216

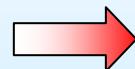


- Ion Beam Synthesis (IBS) of nanoclusters (NC) requires thermal treatment for damage annealing and phase separation of the supersaturated solid solution.
- Solute concentration at curved interfaces is given by a Gibbs-Thomson relation:

$$C_{GT} = C_s \cdot \exp(R_c/R_0) \approx C_s \cdot (1 + R_c/R_0)$$

C_s – saturation solubility
 R_c – capillarity lenght
 R_0 – NC radius

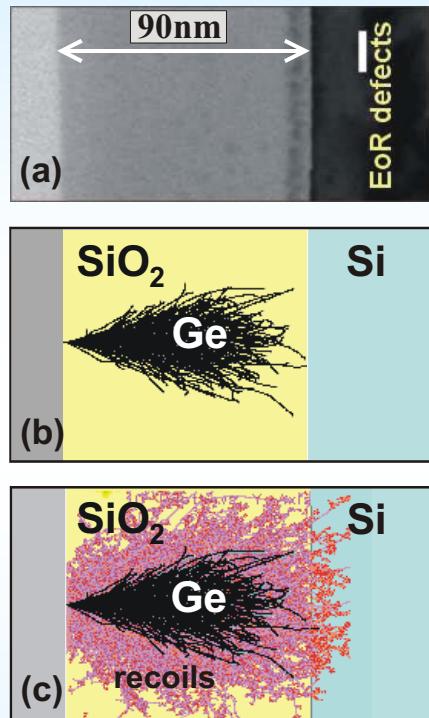
- Broad NC size distributions of the Lifshitz-Slyozov-Wagner (LSW) type are typical for Ostwald Ripening (OR).



Large NC's grow at the expense of smaller ones !

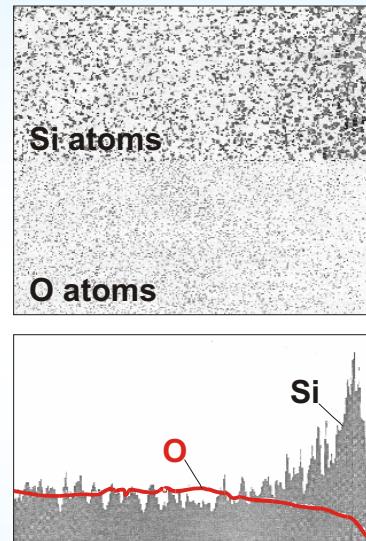
Lifshitz, Slyozov, J.Phys. Chem. Solids **19** (1961) 35
Wagner, Z. Elektrochem. **65** (1961) 581

4. IIR induced self-organization

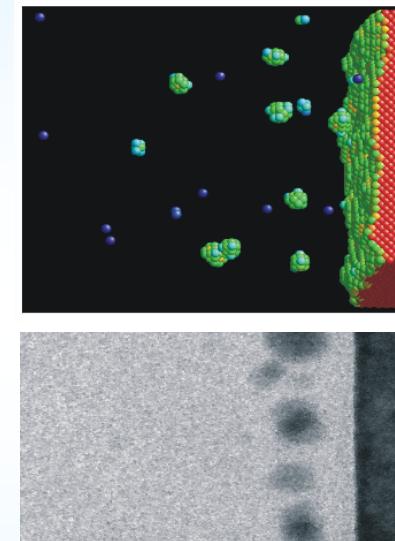


Despite the absence of Ge^+ ions at the SiO_2/Si -interface, O and Si recoils cause ion beam mixing there of a few dpa's

Kin. MC simulation of SiO_2 dissociation & Si and O diffusion



Kin. MC simulation of ion beam mixing and diffusion

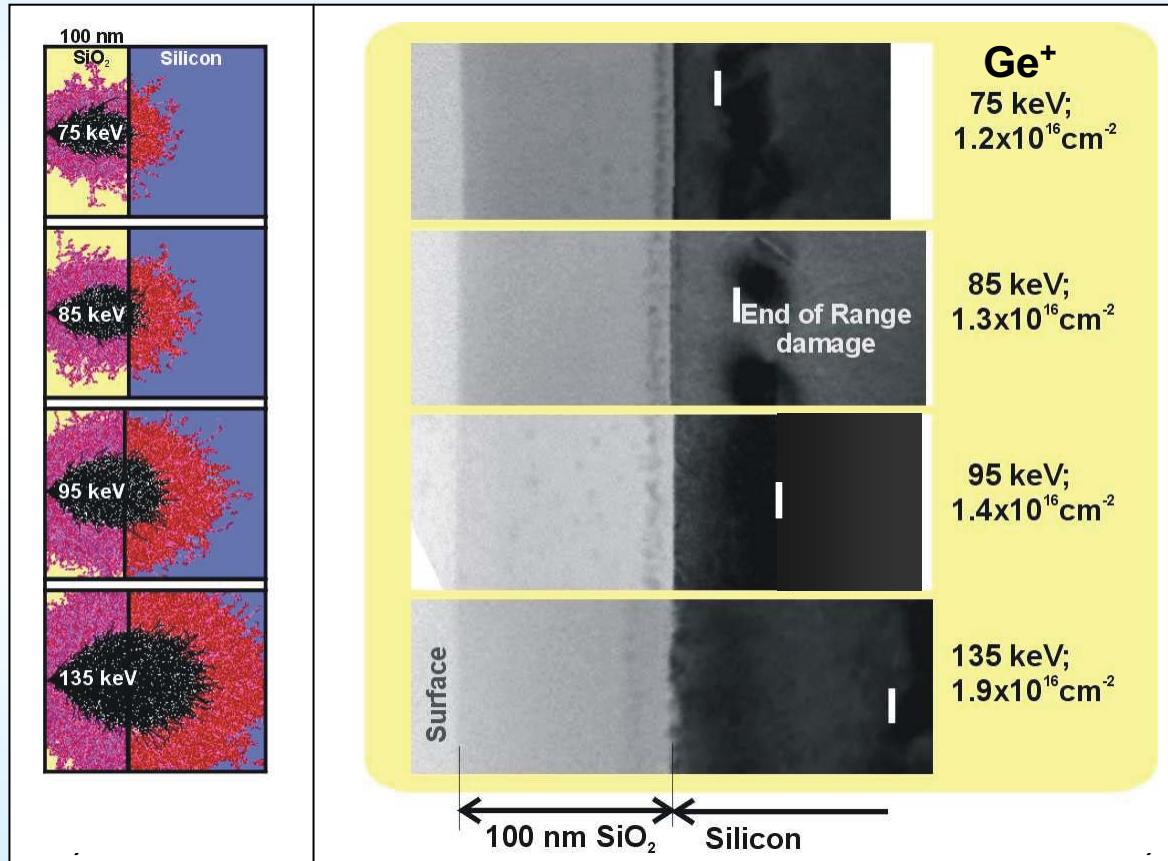


Unbonded O and Si migrate and recombine to SiO_2 , but the interface can act as a sink for O and therefore $C_{\text{Si}} > C_{\text{O}}$ at the interface

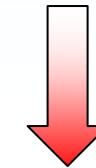
O and Si recoils cause ion-induced detachment of Si atoms into the SiO_2 , higher steady state Si-concentration in SiO_2 can lead to nucleation of tiny Si-NC's

S.Reiss, K.H.Heinig, Nucl. Instr.&Meth. **B84** (1994) 229, ibid. **B112** (1996) 223
V.Borodin, K.H.Heinig, S.Reiss, Phys. Rev. **B56** (1997) 5332

IIR: Ion Irradiation through Interfaces

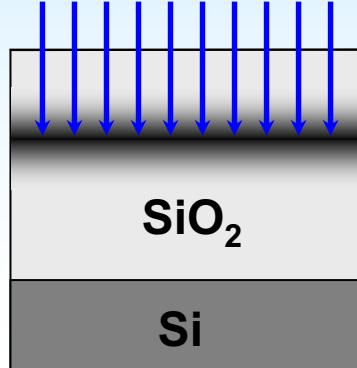
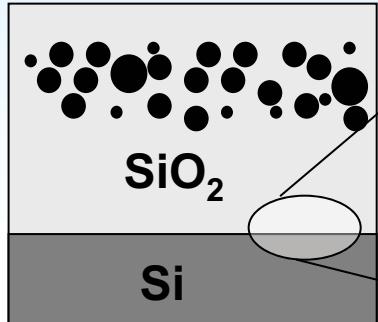
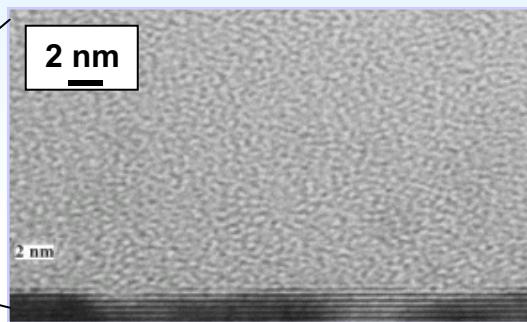
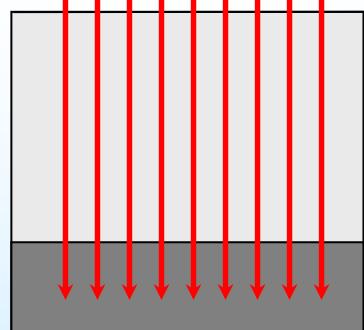
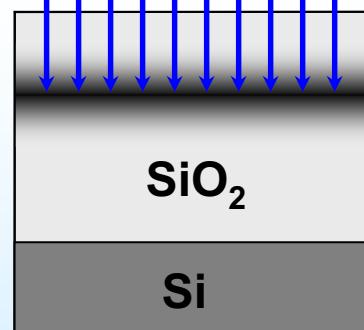
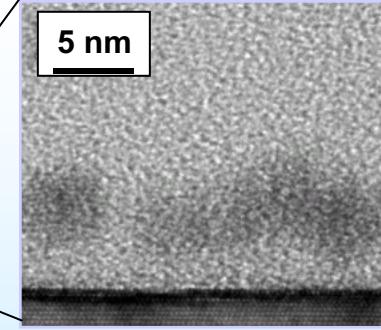
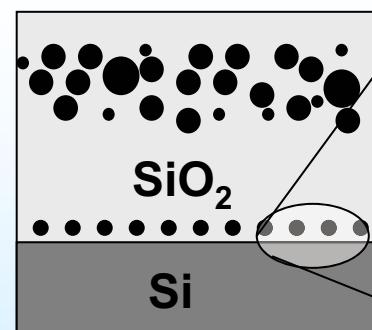


Tuning of NC-interface distance by changing of ion energy !



Prediction:
Positioning of
„ δ -layers“ of
NCs without ion
implantation into
the layer is possible.

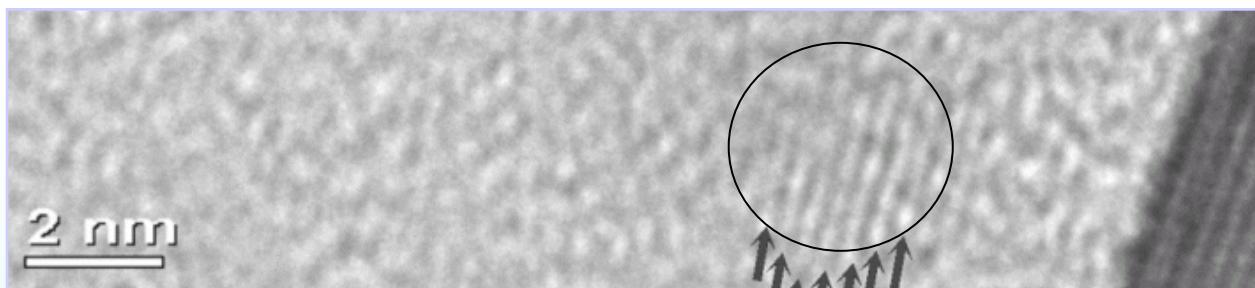
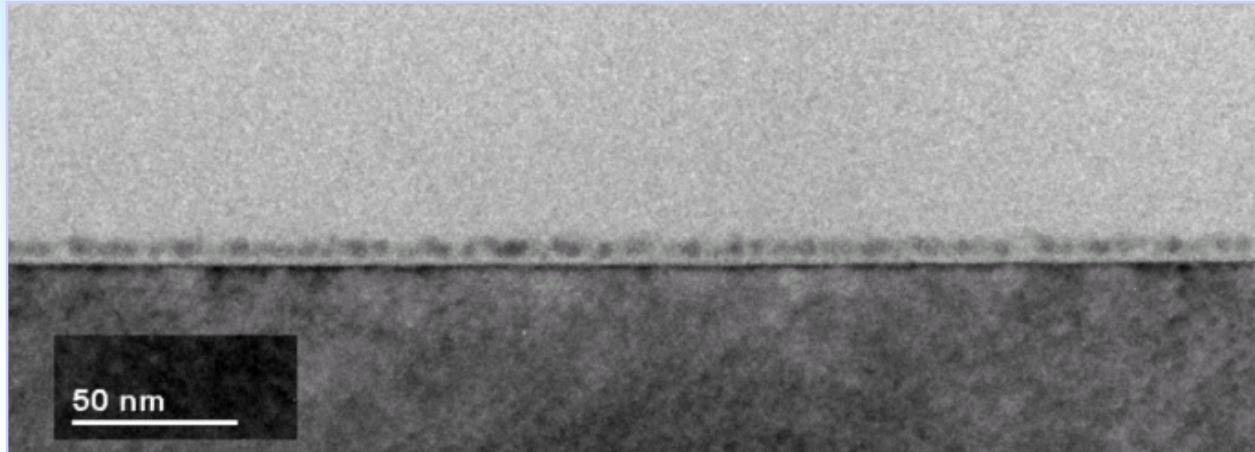
K.H. Heinig, B. Schmidt, M. Strobel, H. Bernas, MRS2000 Fall Meeting, Boston, 2000, inv. talk

Ge implantation**annealing****1st Experimental proof****Si irradiation****Ge implantation****annealing**

Si irradiation:
 $E = 450 \text{ keV}, D = 5 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

Ge implantation:
 $E = 350 \text{ keV}, D = 5 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

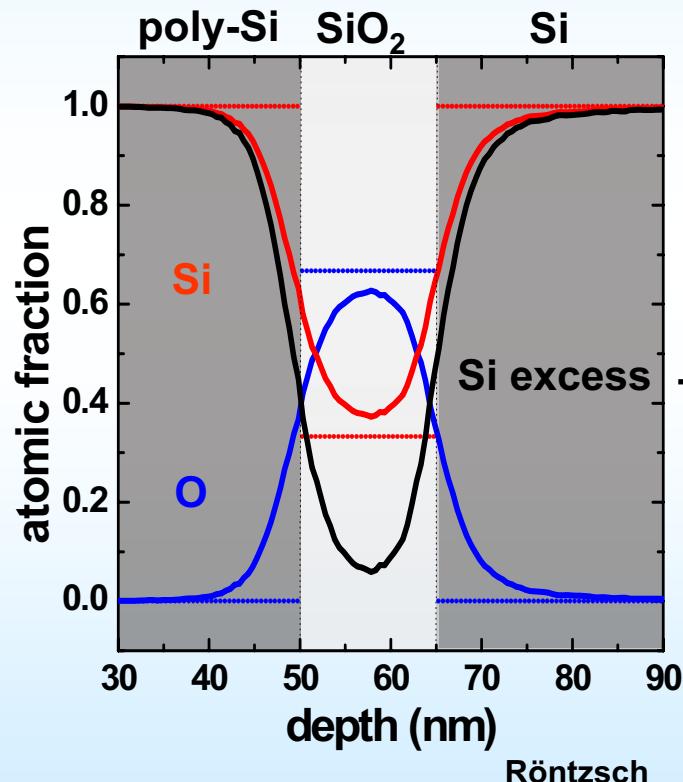
Annealing:
 $T_A = 1100 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}, t = 1\text{ h}$



- Si precipitates next to the interface must exist to which Ge atoms attach
→ formation of NCs during annealing
- Ge decoration improves mass contrast in TEM
- a denuded zone (~3nm) exists in-between NC layer and substrate

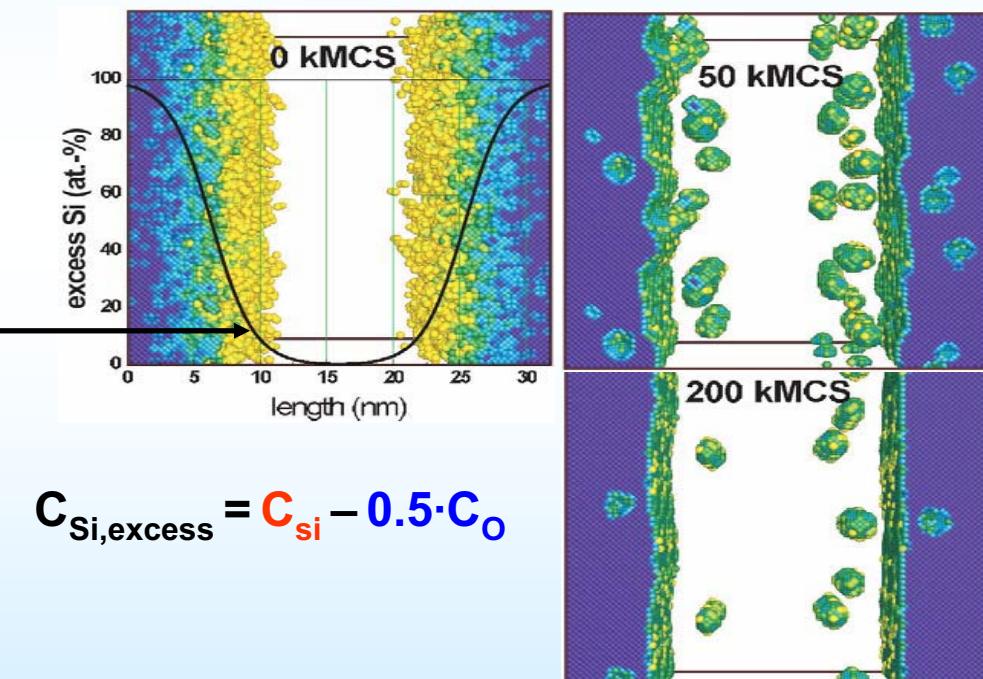
PREDICTIONS for Si NCs in buried SiO_2 layers after ion irradiation

TRIDYN (here: $D=1 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-2}$)
 → mixing profiles



Röntzsch

Kinetic Monte-Carlo
 → phase separation



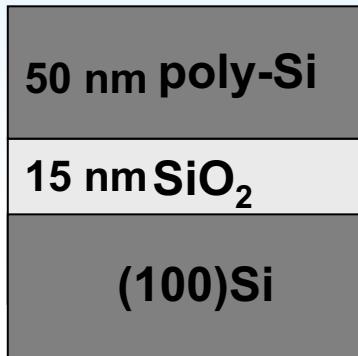
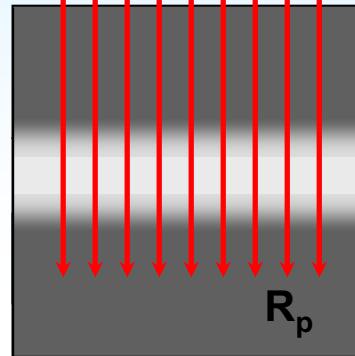
$$C_{\text{Si,excess}} = C_{\text{Si}} - 0.5 \cdot C_{\text{O}}$$

Heinig

L. Röntzsch, et al., phys. Stat. Sol (a) 2002 (2005) R170

Structural Investigations (ToFSIMS)

MOS stack

 Si^+ irradiation

annealing

Prediction !

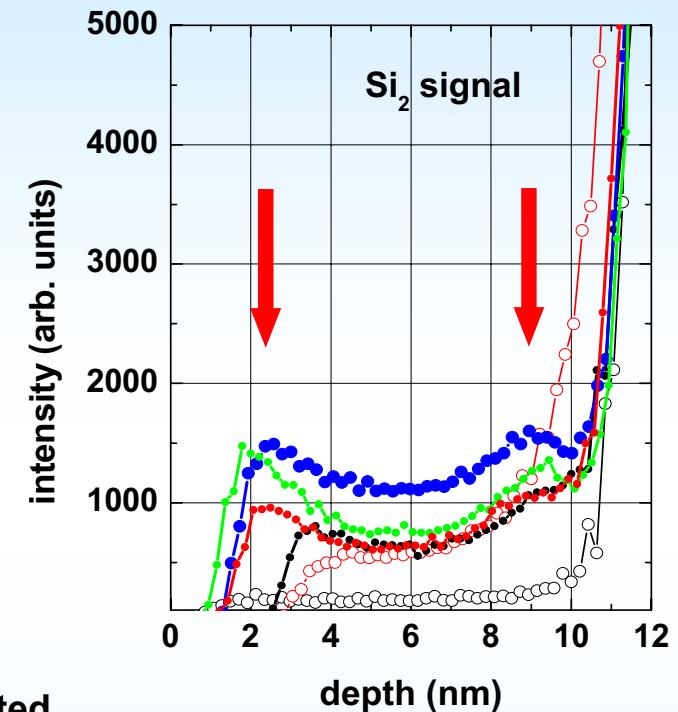
$E = 50 \text{ keV}$,
 $D = 1 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

$R_p = 70 \text{ nm}$
(Si deposition
at $\text{SiO}_2/\text{c-Si}$
interface < 1 at%)
EoR defects
70 nm below the
interface

isothermal annealing
@ $T = 1000 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

- reference
- as-implanted
- 30 s
- 60 s
- 120 s
- 240 s

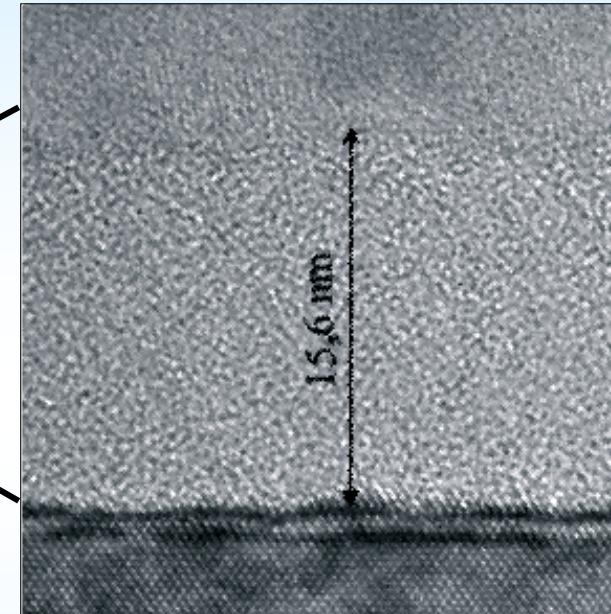
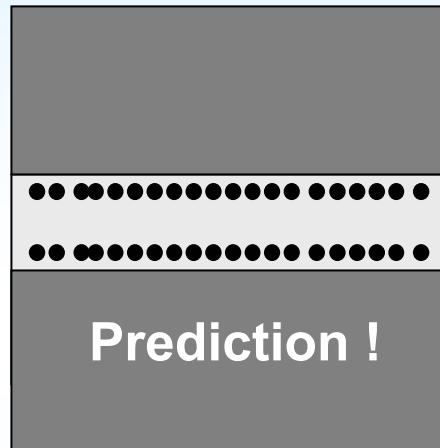
ToF-SIMS measurements performed by M. Perego, S. Ferrari
and M. Franciulli, INFM/MDM, Milano, Italy



ToF-SIMS

1. Si_n conglomerates (seeds)
occur in regions expected to
contain NCs.
2. Oxide stoichiometry at the
interface is largely restored.

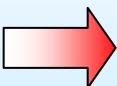
Si NCs near irradiated interfaces – „just“ predictions or real?



Si NCs are not observed
in **HR-XTEM** images!

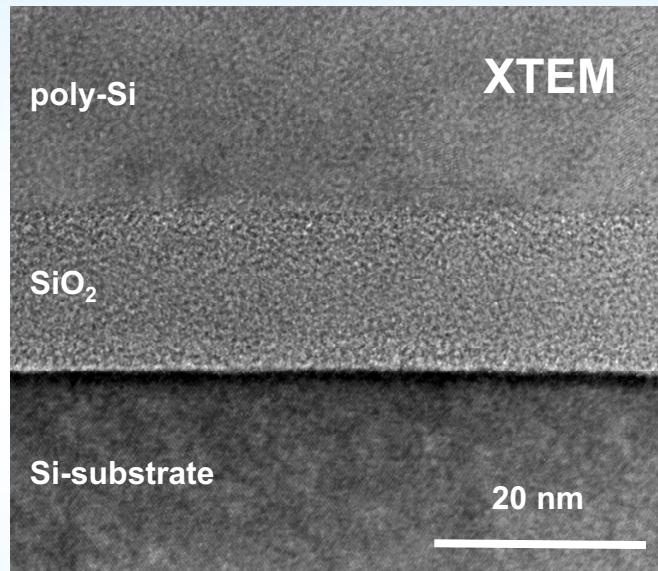
potential reasons:

- below visibility limit
- amorphous
- low contrast



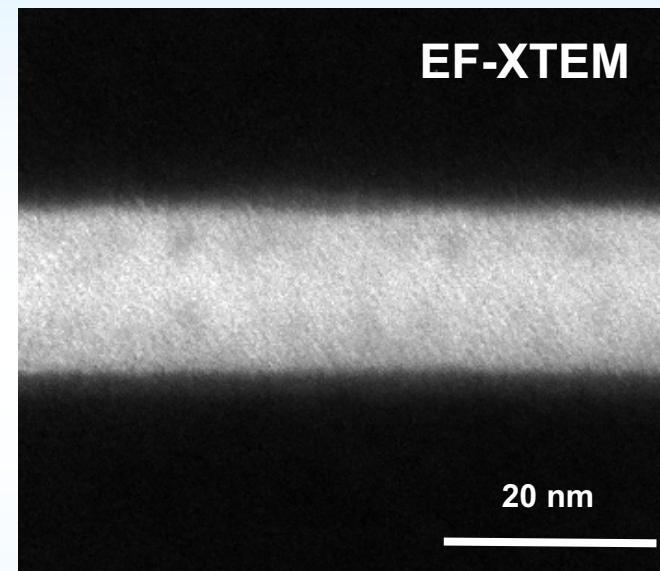
Further structural investigation
by **EF-XTEM** using Gatan Imaging
Filter GIF 200 for Electron Energy
Loss Spectroscopy (EELS)

Energy Filtered Transmission Electron Microscopy



no clusters visible

50 nm poly-Si/14,5 nm SiO_2
 Si^+ , $E = 50 \text{ keV}$
 $D = 7.0 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
 $T_A = 1100^\circ\text{C}, 160 \text{ s}$



(EFTEM by M. Klimenkov, Research Center Jülich)

clusters faintly visible

NC diameter below 3 nm !



IIR: Ion Irradiation through curved interfaces - Inverse Ostwald ripening of NCs

- NCs have curved interfaces – how do they respond to ion irradiation?
- Narrow size distributions are required for many applications !
 - It is desirable to control
 - the size
 - the size distributionof ion beam synthesized nanocluster ensembles.
 - Examples:
 - size dependent optical absorption and luminescence
 - size dependent Coulomb blockade effect
- A new method for re-ensembling of NC size distributions using irradiation induced **Inverse Ostwald Ripening (IOR)** was predicted, which should allow even the formation of monodispersive NC size distribution !

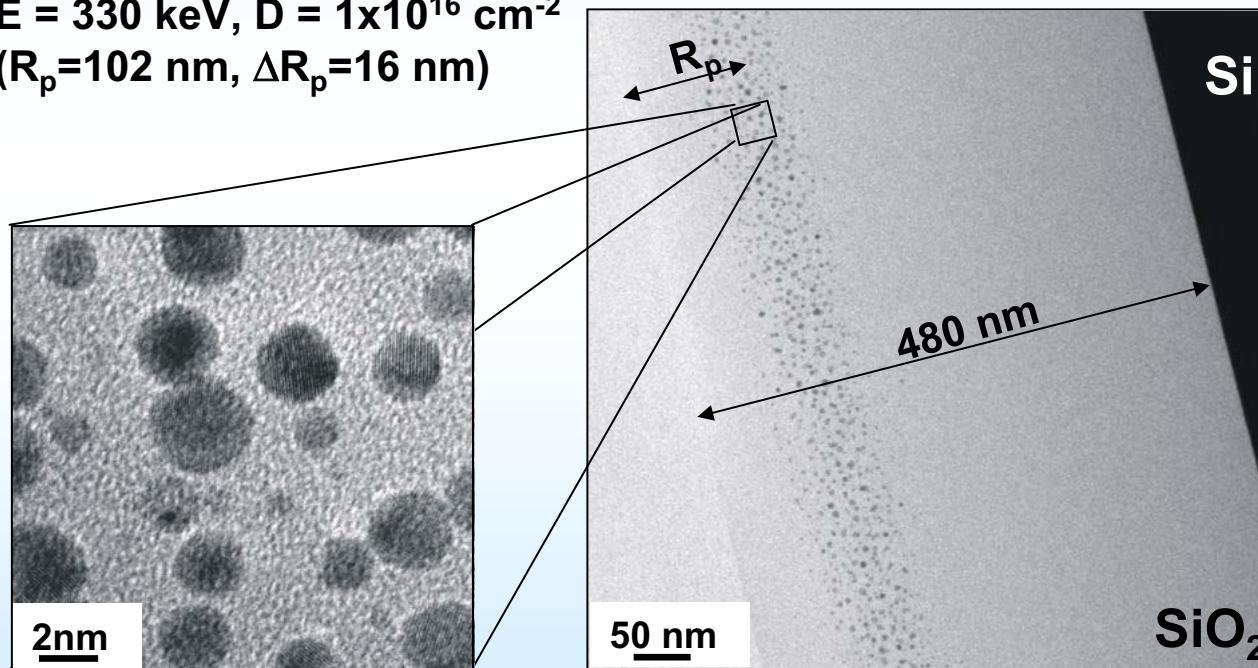
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K.H. Heinig, T.Müller, B.Schmidt, M.Strobel, W.Möller, Appl. Phys. **A 77** (2003) 17

IIR: Ion Irradiation through curved interfaces - Inverse Ostwald ripening of NCs

Ion beam processing far-from-equilibrium for controlled tailoring
of ion beam synthesized Au NC ensembles in SiO_2 :

Au^+ implantation:
 $E = 330 \text{ keV}$, $D = 1 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
($R_p = 102 \text{ nm}$, $\Delta R_p = 16 \text{ nm}$)

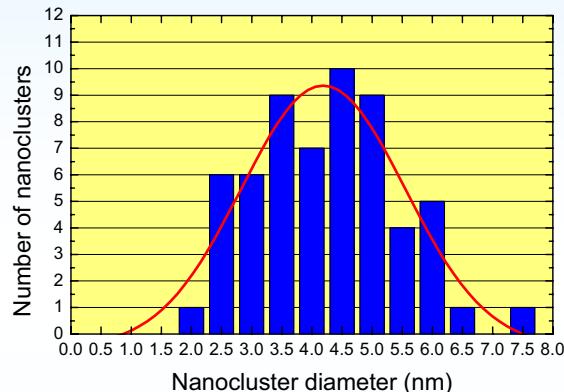
Annealing: $T = 1000^\circ\text{C}$ for 1 h, O_2



B.Schmidt, K.H.Heinig, A.Mücklich, Mat. Res. Soc. Proc. 647 (2001) O11.20.1

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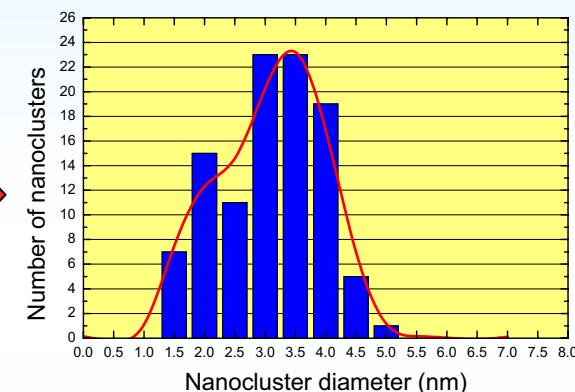
Initial Au-NC distribution



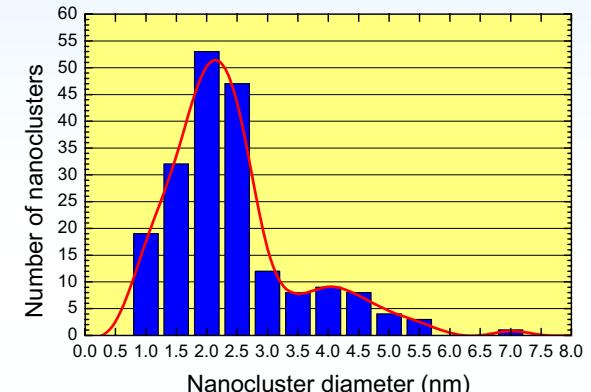
$$d_{NC} = (4.2 \pm 2.7) \text{ nm}$$

at $(R_p \pm 15 \text{ nm})$

Re-ensembling of NC size distribution



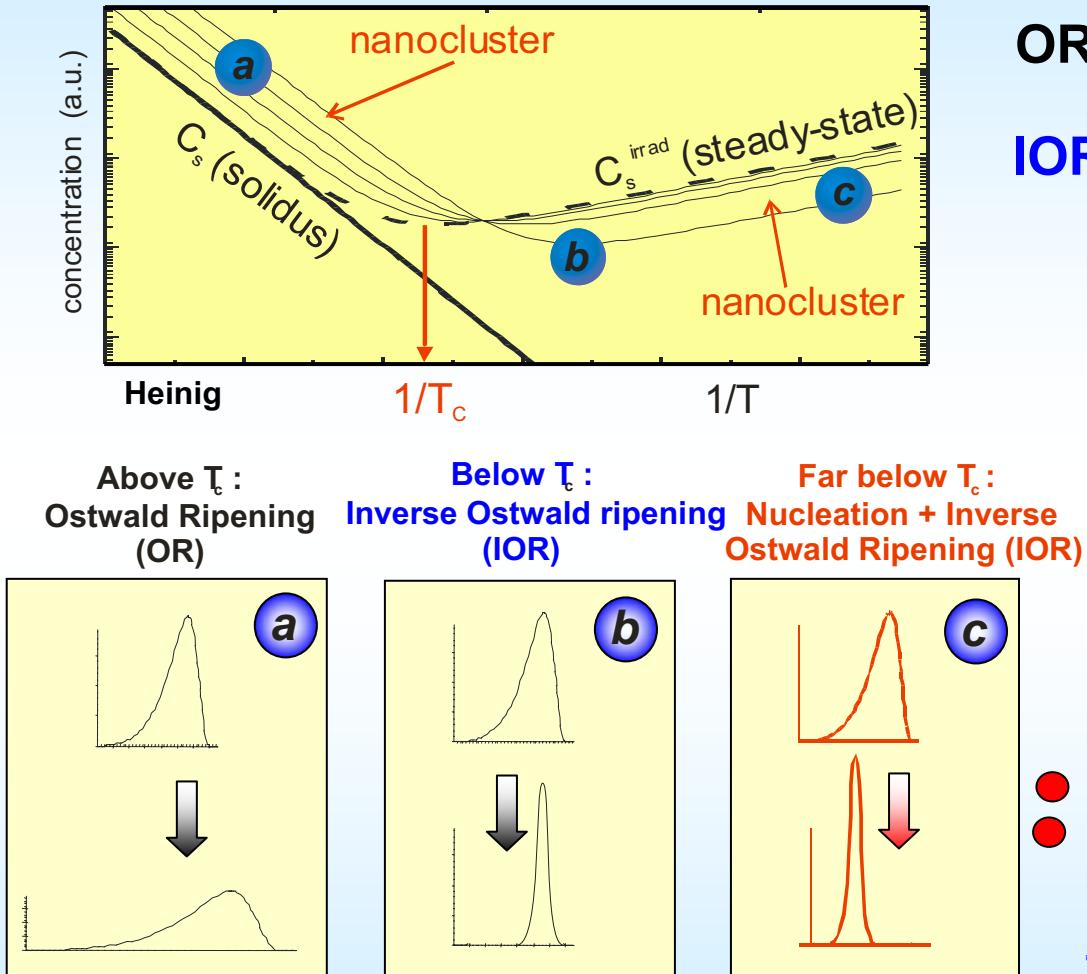
Au⁺ irradiation:
 $E = 4.5 \text{ MeV}, D = 5 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
 $T_i = 190 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$



Au⁺ irradiation:
 $E = 4.5 \text{ MeV}, D = 1 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
 $T_i = 210 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

- Ion beam processing far-from-equilibrium allows controlled tailoring of ion beam synthesized NC ensembles in SiO₂.
- Small NC's grow at the expense of larger ones, and, consequently, the NC size distribution becomes narrower.

K.H. Heinig, B. Schmidt, M. Strobel, H. Bernas, Mat. Res. Soc. Proc. **650** (2001) R9.6.1
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OR

$$C_{\text{GT}} = C_s (1 + R_c / R_0)$$

IOR

$$C_{\text{GT IIR}} = \tilde{C}_s (1 + \tilde{R}_c / R_0)$$

$$\tilde{C}_s = C_s \cdot (1 + \Delta)$$

$$\tilde{R}_c = (R_c - 5 \cdot \lambda \cdot \Delta / 4) / (1 + \Delta)$$

$$\Delta = q \cdot \lambda^2 / D \cdot C_s$$

q proportional to displacements per atom (dpa)
 λ mean distance of displaced atoms
 D thermal diffusion coefficient

C_s thermal solubility (solidus)



- Only parameters \tilde{C}_s , \tilde{R}_c modified!
- R_c can becomes negative for intense irradiation or low temperatures !

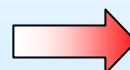
K.H. Heinig, B. Schmidt, M. Strobel, H. Bernas, Mat. Res. Soc. Proc. **650** (2001) R9.6.1
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5. Applications

**Synthesis of Si NC- δ -layers in SiO₂
a few nm above the SiO₂-Si interface:**

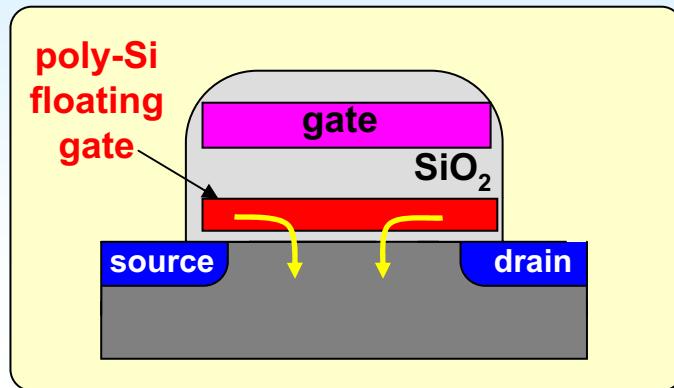
A) Si ion implantation – phase separation (IBS)
Low energy ion implantation, E < 10 keV

B) Self-organization by Si ion irradiation (IIR)
Medium energy ion irradiation, E > 10 keV



for non-volatile Nano-Crystal Memory devices (nv-NCM)

Conventional Floating Gate NVM

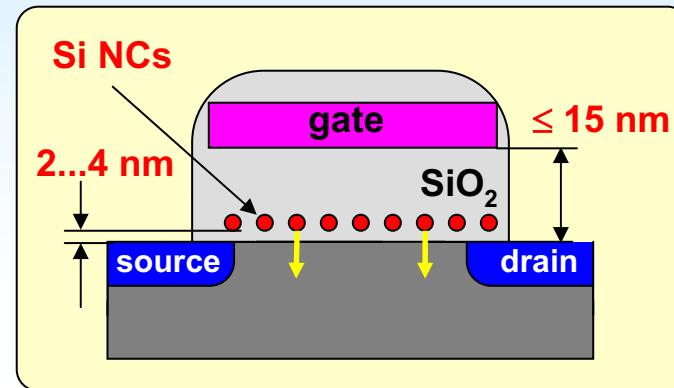


Charge storage in continuous layer

Disadvantages

- No Scalability (<65 nm)
- Low Endurance (<10⁶ W/E cycles)
- High P/E voltages (>12 V)
- Slow operation (>10 ms)

Nanocrystal Memory



Discrete charge storage nodes

Advantages/Demands

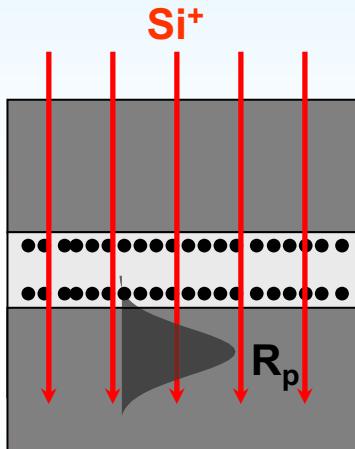
- Scalable to <65 nm
- Good Endurance ($\geq 10^6$ W/E cycles)
- Low P/E voltages (<7 V)
- Fast operation (<1 ms)

Electron Tunneling vs. Data Retention: Strongly determined by the location NCs

Can we fabricate and control δ -layers of Si NC by Ion Beam Processing?

Applications in NC nv-memories

Layer stack:



Selected process parameters:

■ Si⁺ irradiation:

$E = 50 \text{ keV}$
 $D = (3-10) \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

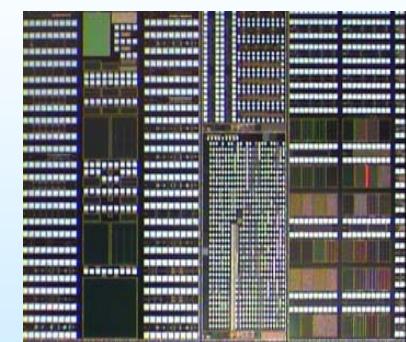
■ Annealing:

RTA,
 $T = 950-1100 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
 $T = 5-180 \text{ s}$

Annealing after
2nd poly-Si deposition
and poly-gate doping
by P⁺ implantation

■ nMOSFET processing

in standard 0.6 μm
CMOS line at ZMD
(<http://zmd.de>)

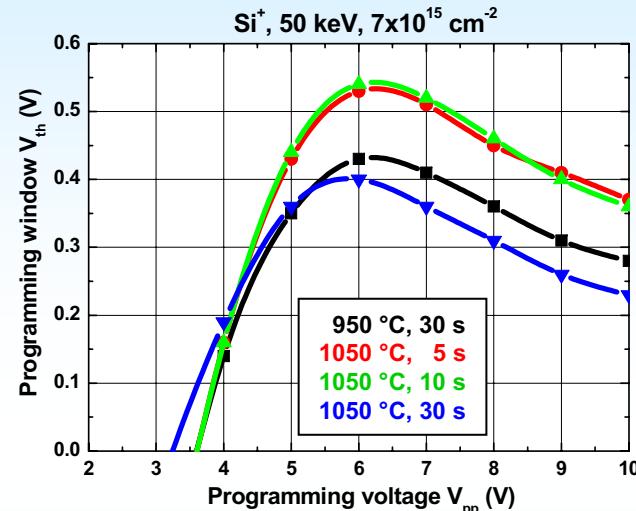


Single cell characterization:

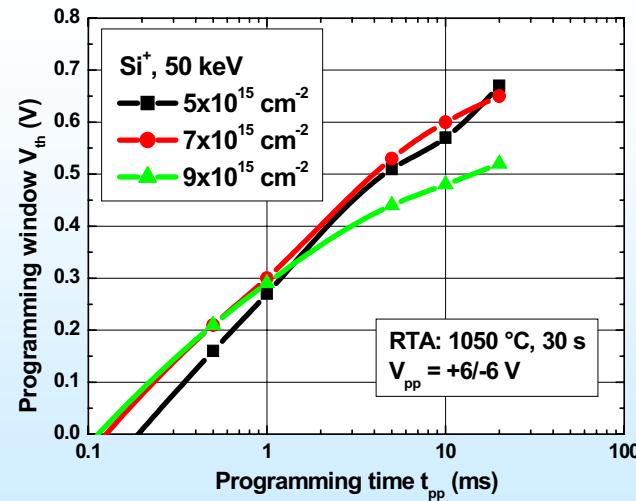
- gate width/length
 $W/L = 20/20$ and $20/0.6 \mu\text{m}$
- programming voltage
 $V_{pp} = +6/-6...+9/-9 \text{ V}$
- Programming time $t_{pp} = 10 \mu\text{s}...20 \text{ ms}$
- Endurance test: 10^7 write/erase cycles
- Retention test: at $T = 20, 55, 70,$ and $85 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

nMOSFET characteristics (low thermal budget) :

Programming window



f(t_{pp})

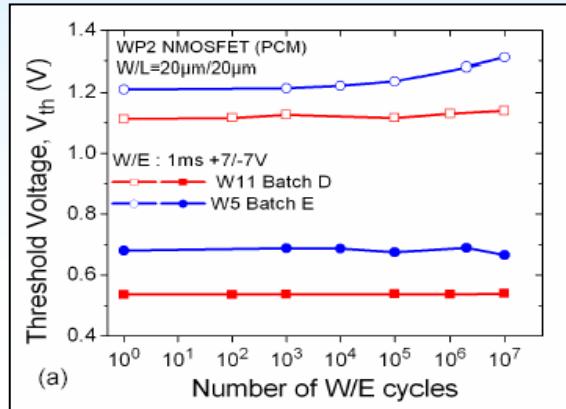


- program & erase by quantum mechanical direct electron tunneling
- low voltages are sufficient
- fast program + low current consumption during write/erase
- higher programming voltages lead to trap assisted tunneling through the dielectric (leakage)

B.Schmidt, et al. Nucl. Instr. Meth., B242 (2006), 146

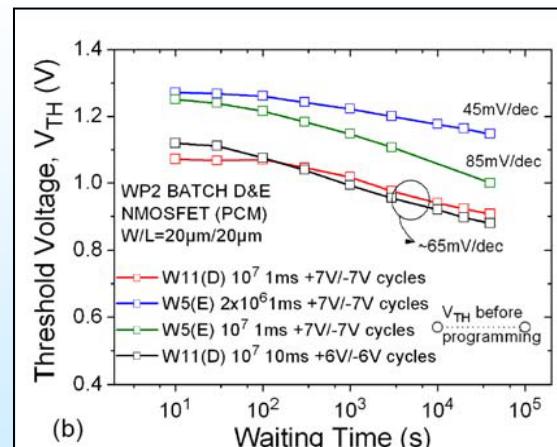
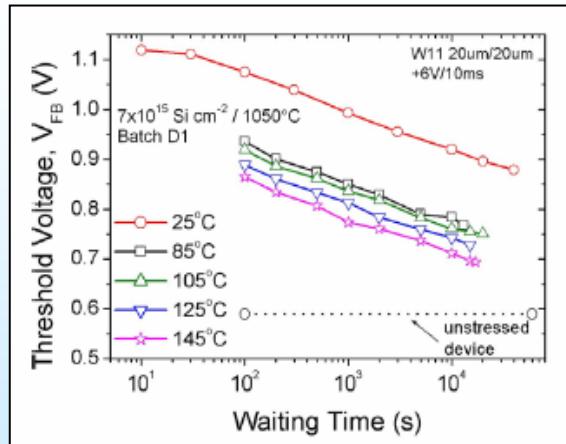
nMOSFET characteristics (low thermal budget) :

Endurance



- superior endurance (very limited degradation up to 10^7 cycles)
- limited data retention only (pre-cycling of 10^7)
- improved RT retention for reduced pre-cycling

data retention (after pre-cycling)



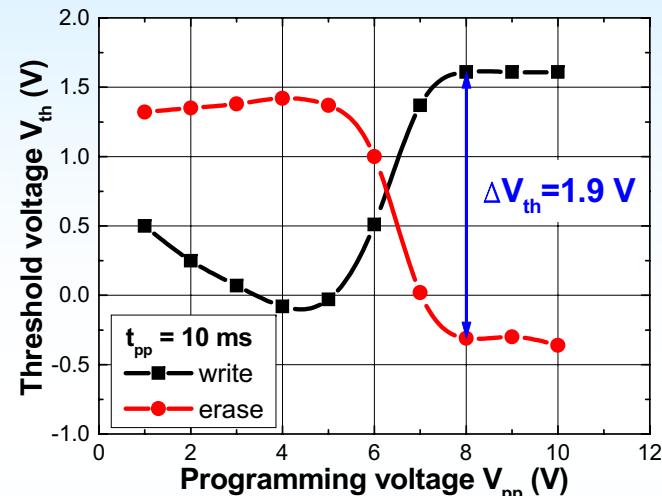
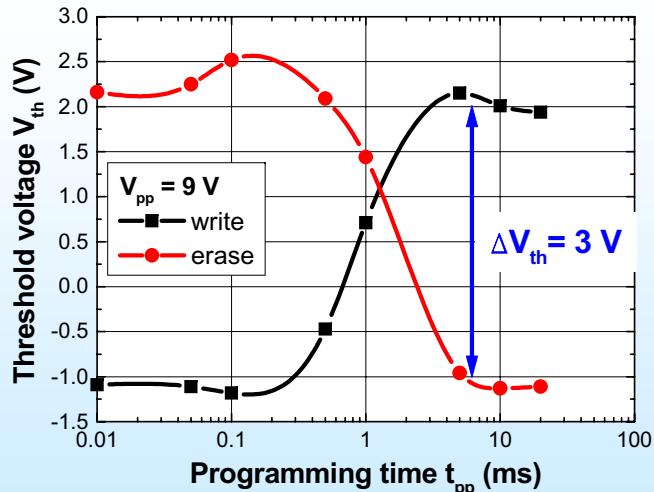
P. Dimitrakis,
P. Normand,
IMEL,
DEMOKRITO
S, Athens,
Greece

nMOSFET characteristics (higher thermal budget) :

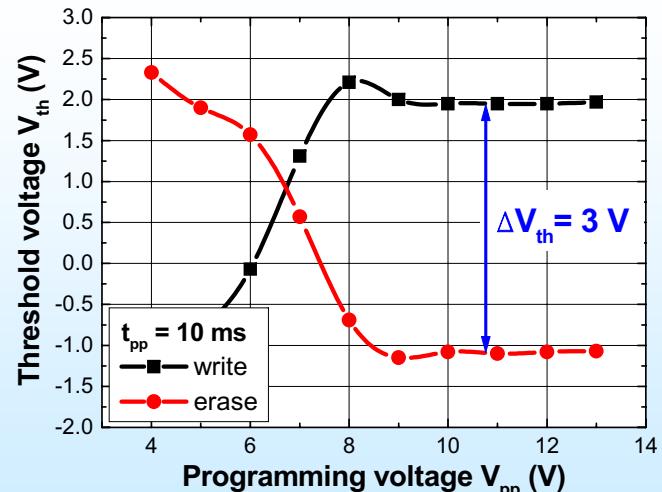
→phase separation (NC formation)
could proceed further

- large and stable memory window ($\Delta V_{th} \sim 3V$)
- retention remain low

50 nm poly-Si/14.5 nm SiO₂
 Si⁺, E = 50 keV, D = 7.0x10¹⁵ cm⁻²
 T_A = 1100°C, 160 s



Initialization:
 V_{pp} = 6 V/-6 V
 t_{pp} = 10 ms



Initialization:
 V_{pp} = 9 V/-9 V
 t_{pp} = 10 ms

Ion Beam Synthesis – Direct Implantation vs. Ion Beam Mixing

conventional: ion implantation

Unprotected gate oxide →
*serious impact of the ambient
during processing*

**Low Energy, High dose
implantation →**
strong sputtering & swelling of SiO_2

NC location due to implantation →
difficulty to place NCs close to channel

**Ions and recoils come to rest in the
interface region →**
degradation of the channel



here: ion beam mixing

**Gate oxide protected during
processing by poly-Si →**
***no contamination by impurities
and/or humidity****

Irradiation with low fluences →
no sputtering & no swelling of SiO_2

NCs due to ion beam mixing →
***Self-alignment of NC layer close to
the channel (ion energy is **not** critical)***

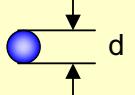
Ions come to rest deep within Si →
***defects do not deteriorate the
channel***

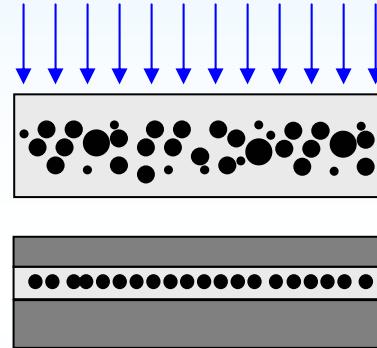
* B. Schmidt et al., NIM B 191, (2002) 482

→ ion beam mixing delivers the more stable process of Si NC synthesis

6. Outlook

Broad (x,y-scanned) ion beam:

0D-Structures:
Nanodots
(Quantum-dots)

SET,
NC-memory

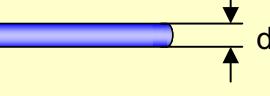


Homogeneous target
& ion implantation (IBS)

Interfaces between
different thin layers
& ion irradiation (IIR)

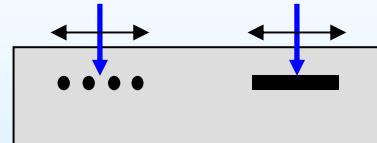
Emerging technologies:

**IBS &
IIR induced
self-assembly
of nanostructures**

1D-Structures:
Nano-wires
(Quantum-wires)

Nanowire-laser



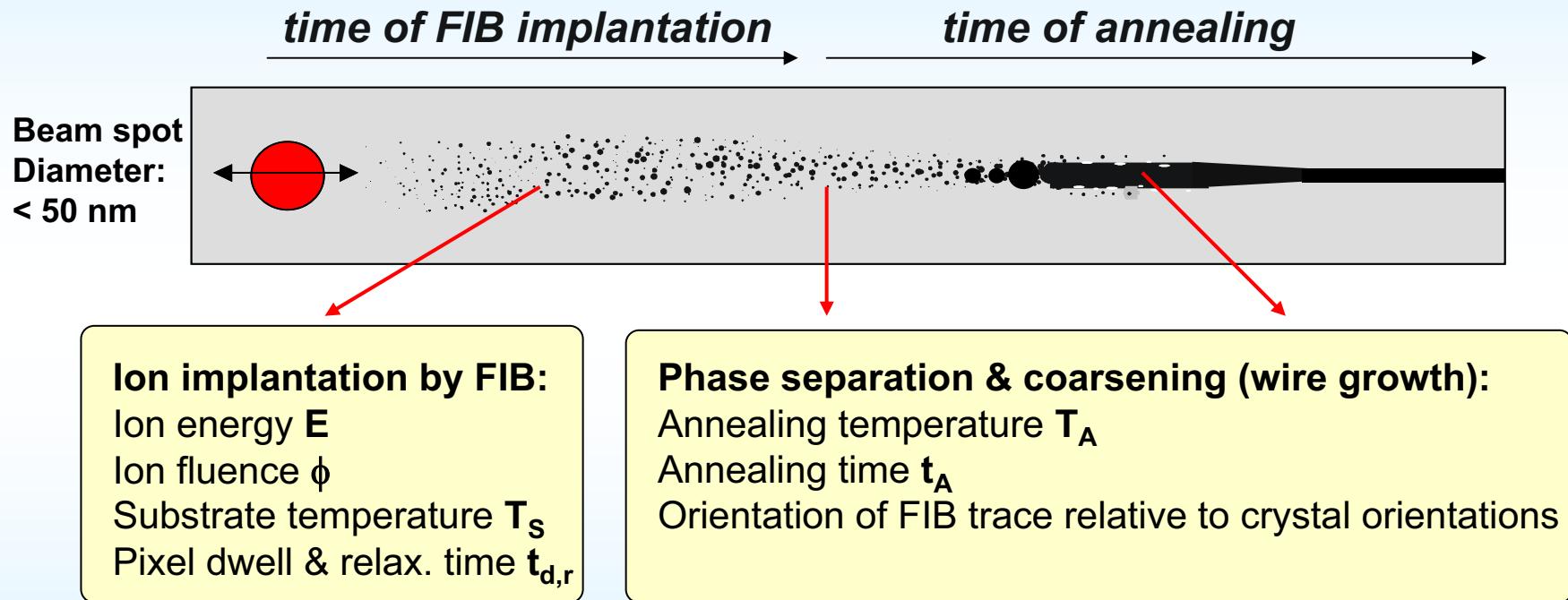
Focused ion beam (FIB):



Local ion irradiation:
point-like, writing

**FIB-IBS &
FIB induced
self-assembly
of nanostructures**

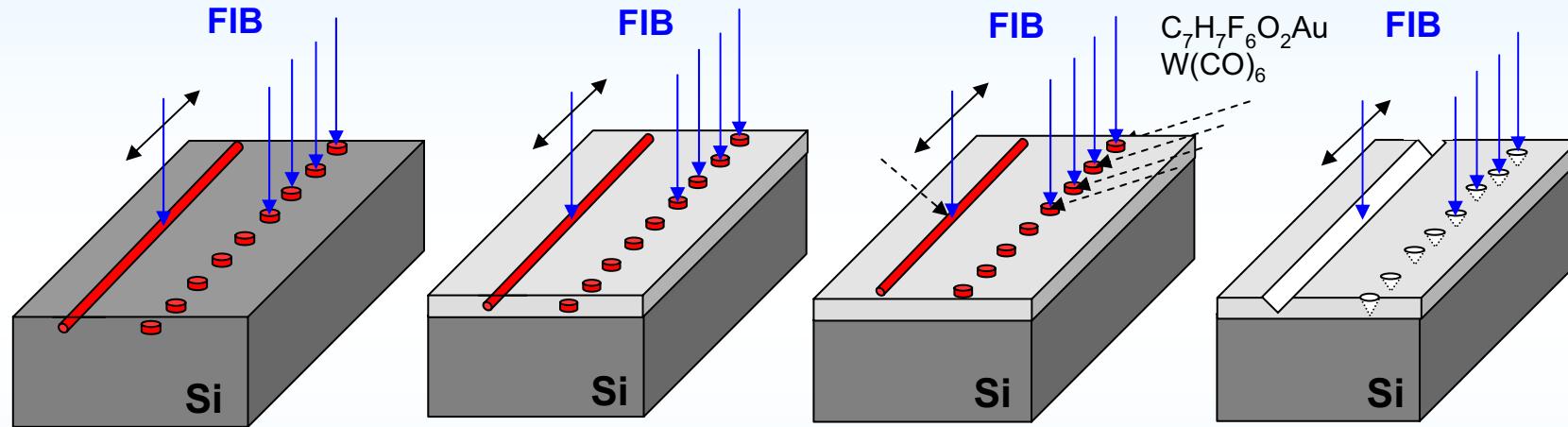
Focused ion beam synthesis of nanostructures



Prediction:

Narrowing during phase separation and coarsening by a factor $\sim 5 !!!$

Promising fabrication of nanostructures by FIB



FIB-IBS:
Phase separation of
 CoSi_2 from Si

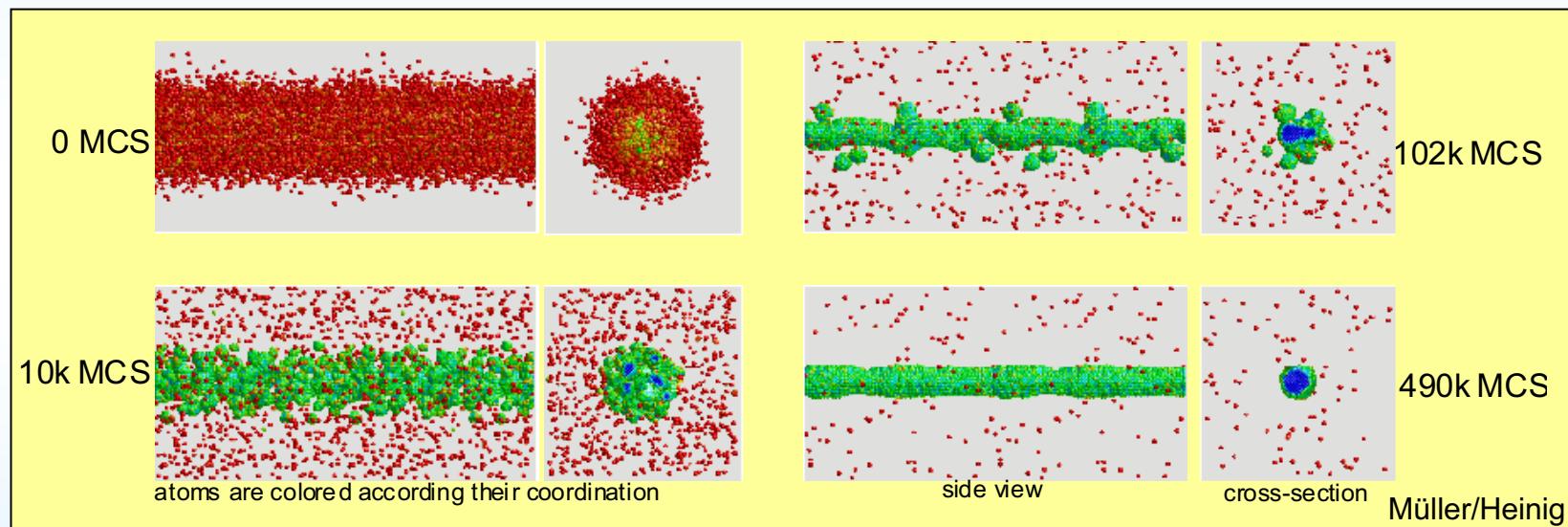
FIB-IBS:
Phase separation of
Ge, Au, ... from SiO_2

FIB-assisted MOCVD:
Deposition of Au, W, ...
onto SiO_2

**FIB-assisted templating
(sputtering):**
Wetting & nucleation
seeds

Kinetic 3D Lattice Monte-Carlo Simulation of phase separation of Ge from SiO₂

Cylindrical Gaussian profile as initial distribution of implanted impurities with a peak concentration of 31% and diameter of 16 nm (95% of the atoms lay within this range)



A continuous Ge nanowire forms under thermal treatment (diameter 5nm) !

T.Müller, K.H.Heinig, B. Schmidt, Mat. Sci. Eng. C19 (2002) 209

Long lasting thermal treatment (atomistic simulation): Decay of a semi-infinite wire under surface diffusion



(FZR, MC simulation, T. Müller, K.H. Heinig, L. Röntzscher)

Wire diameter: 6.2 nm



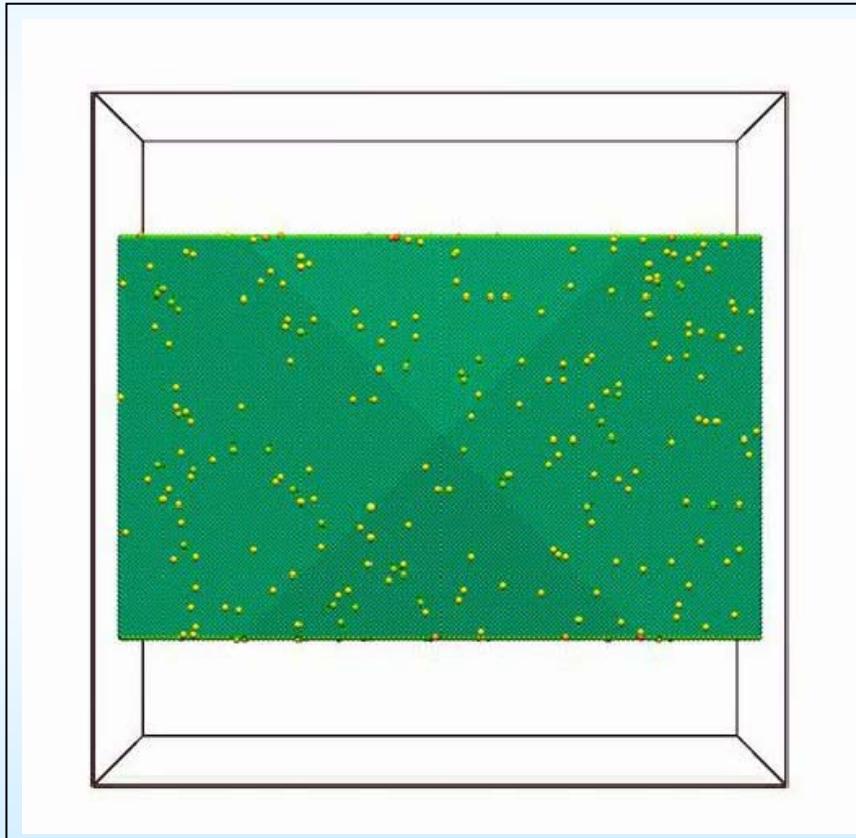
Mean droplet diameter: 11.9 nm

Droplet diameter prediction from
lin. stability analysis: 11.7 nm
(Rayleigh-Instabilität)

$$d_{cluster} = \sqrt[3]{6\lambda_m R_0} = 1.89 d_{wire}$$

T.Müller, K.H.Heinig, B. Schmidt, Mat.Sci.Eng. C19 (2002) 209

Kinetic Monte-Carlo Simulation of phase separation in quasi-2D structures

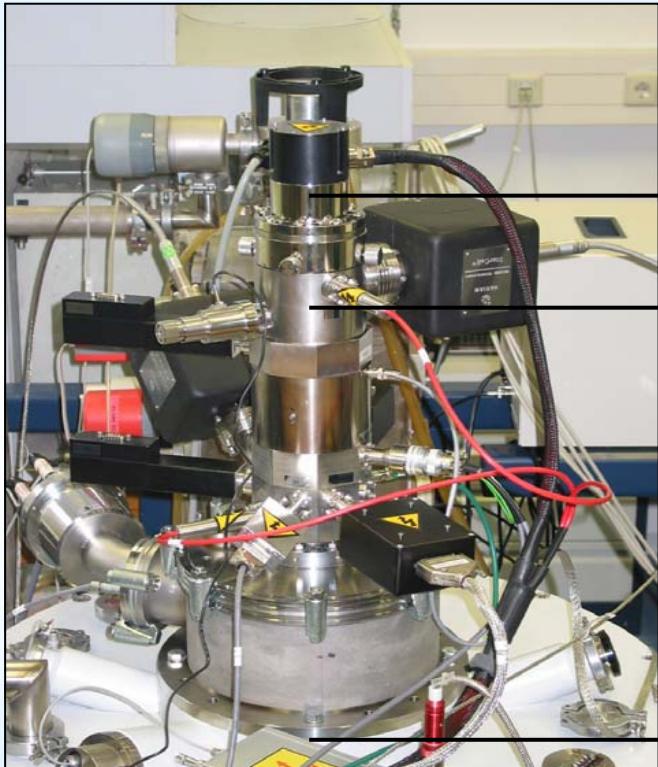


(FZR, MC simulation, T. Müller, K.H. Heinig)

Phase separation through:

- spinodal decomposition,
- wire formation at prolonged boundaries
- droplet formation

Experiments of FIB-IBS

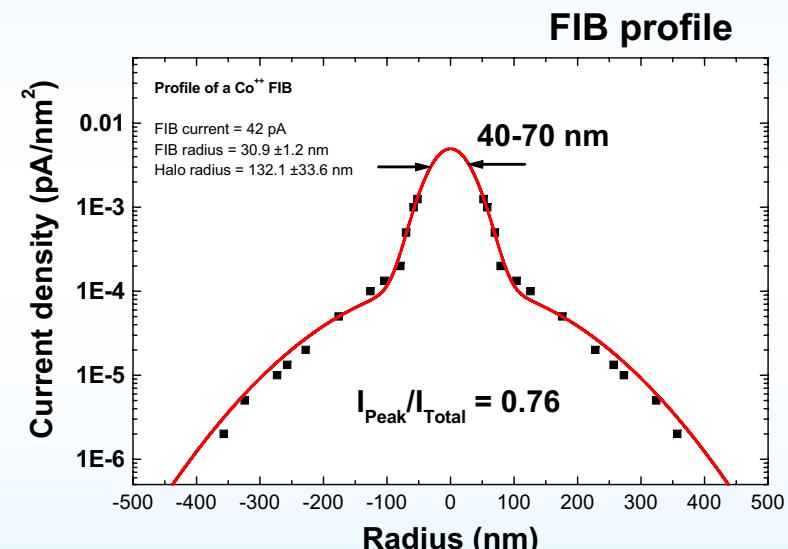


IMSA - Canion 31 Mplus FZR - Orsay Physics

LMAIS
 $\text{Co}_{36}\text{Nd}_{64}$,
 $T_M = 566 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
 Ion optics,
 mass separator,
 scan system

x,y-stage with
 sample holder

Co^{++} ions
 $E = 60 \text{ keV}$
 $\Phi = 2 \times 10^{16} \dots 1 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-2}$



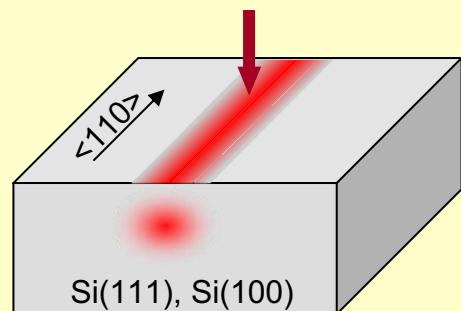
$T_s = 420 \dots 430 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
 Samples:
 $(100)\text{Si}$ and $(111)\text{Si}$

C. Akhmadaliev, L. Bischoff, B. Schmidt
 Mat. Sci. Engn. C26 (2006), 818

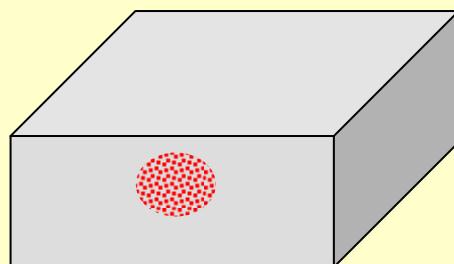
L. Bischoff, B. Schmidt, C. Akhmadaliev, A. Mücklich
 Microelectronics Engineering 83 (2006), 800

Experiments – CoSi₂- Nanowires

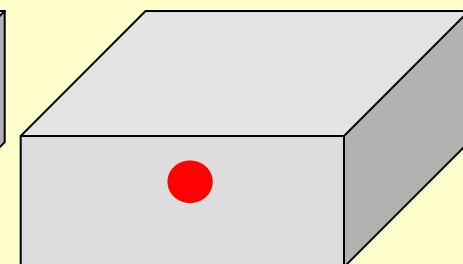
FIB Implantation
(local supersaturation)



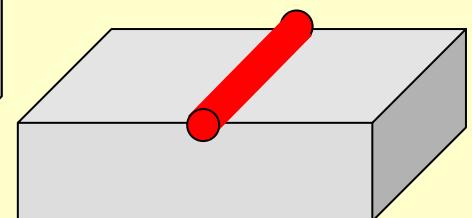
Annealing
Silicide formation
Wire ripening



Wire ripening



Opening for REM

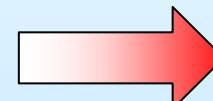


Co⁺⁺ FIB:
 $E = 60 \text{ keV}$
 $D = 2 \dots 10 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
 $T_i = 420^\circ\text{C} \dots 430^\circ\text{C} !$

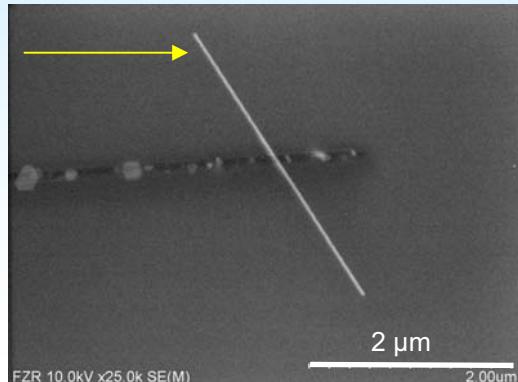
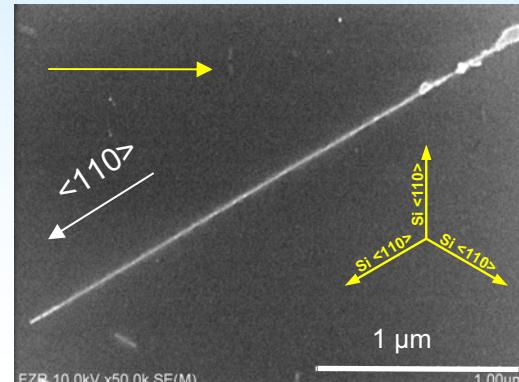
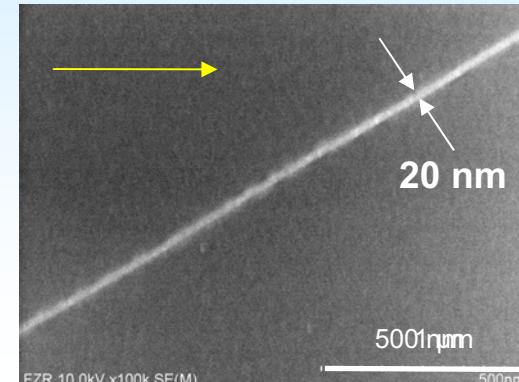
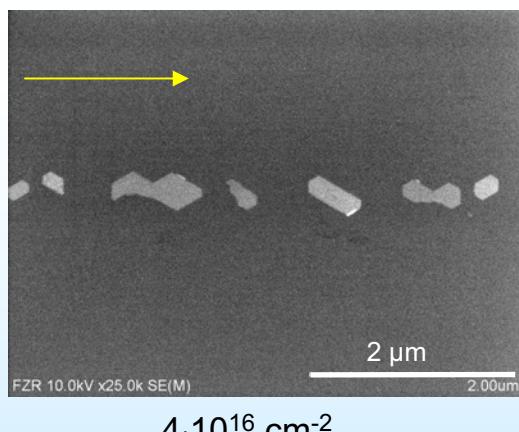
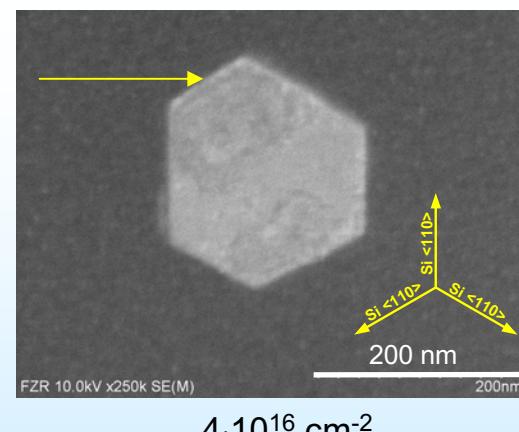
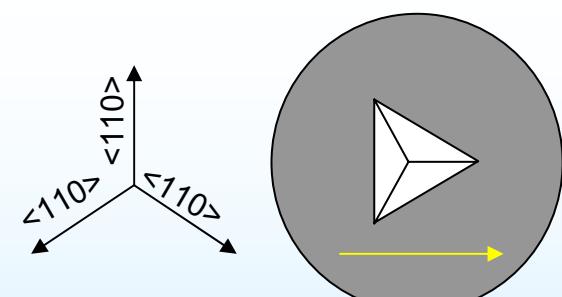
Annealing in N₂:
 $\text{TA} = 600^\circ\text{C}, 60 \text{ min} + \text{TA} = 1000^\circ\text{C}, 30 \text{ min}$

Reactive Ion Etching (RIE):
 $\text{CF}_4, 30 - 45 \text{ s}$
(20 – 30 nm Si removal)

SEM Inspection:
Imaging in SE-mode and EDX-Analysis



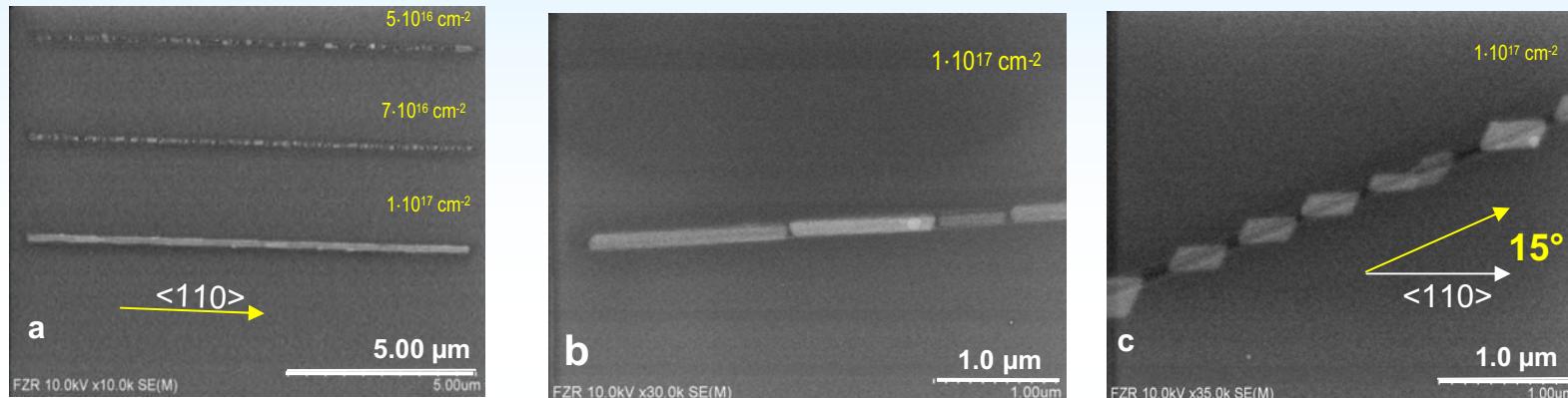
Results: CoSi₂- nanowire growth & decay

 $2.5 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-2}$  $2.5 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-2}$  $2.5 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-2}$  $4 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-2}$  $4 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ 

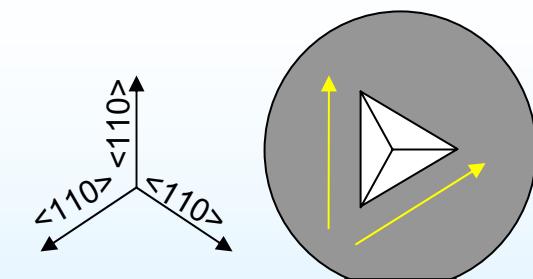
Si (111) Scan direction
(unsuitable !)

→ spontaneous nanowire growth ?

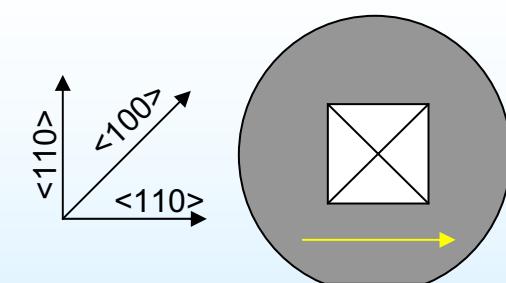
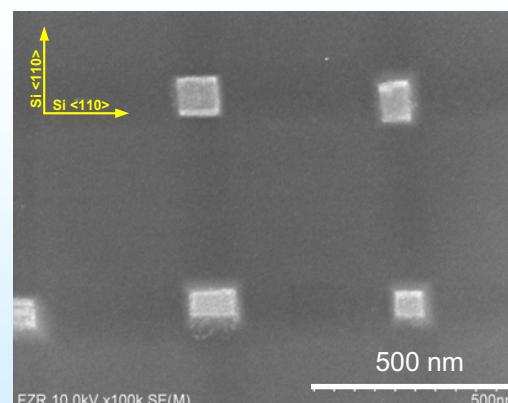
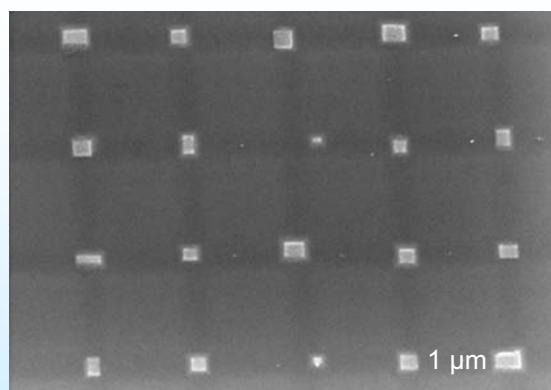
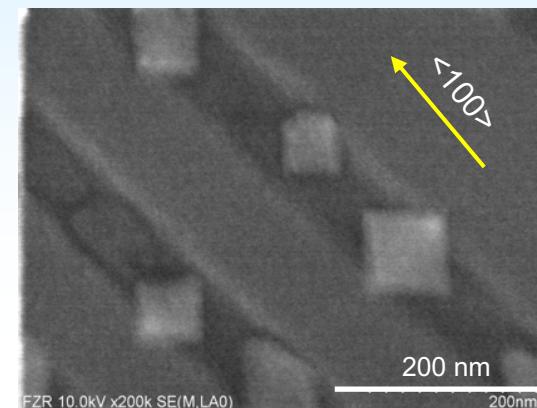
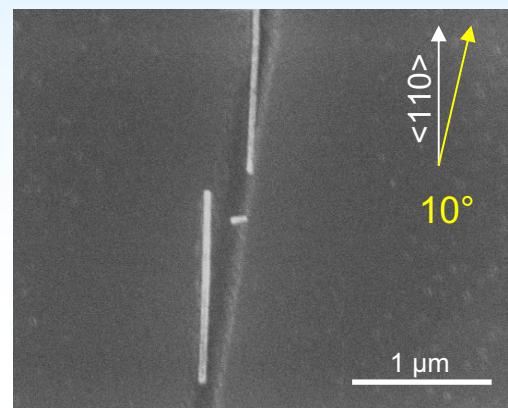
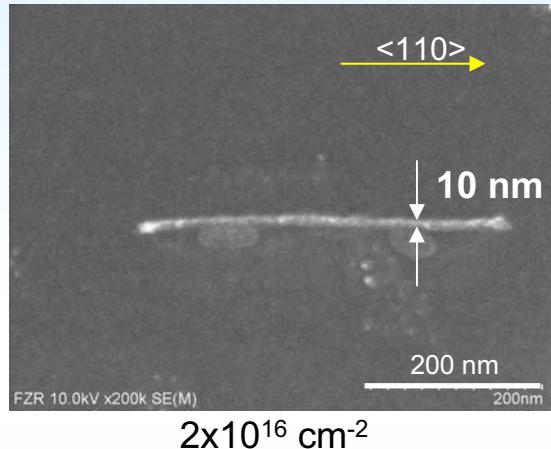
Results: CoSi₂- nanowire growth & decay



- (a) wire growth in dependence on the implanted cobalt dose (FIB trace along <110> direction !)
- (b) small misalignment of about 1° leads to the decay of the nanowire
- (c) at a misalignment of about 15° the nanowire transforms into a chain of crystalline nanoparticles. (sample temperature during implantation 450°C)

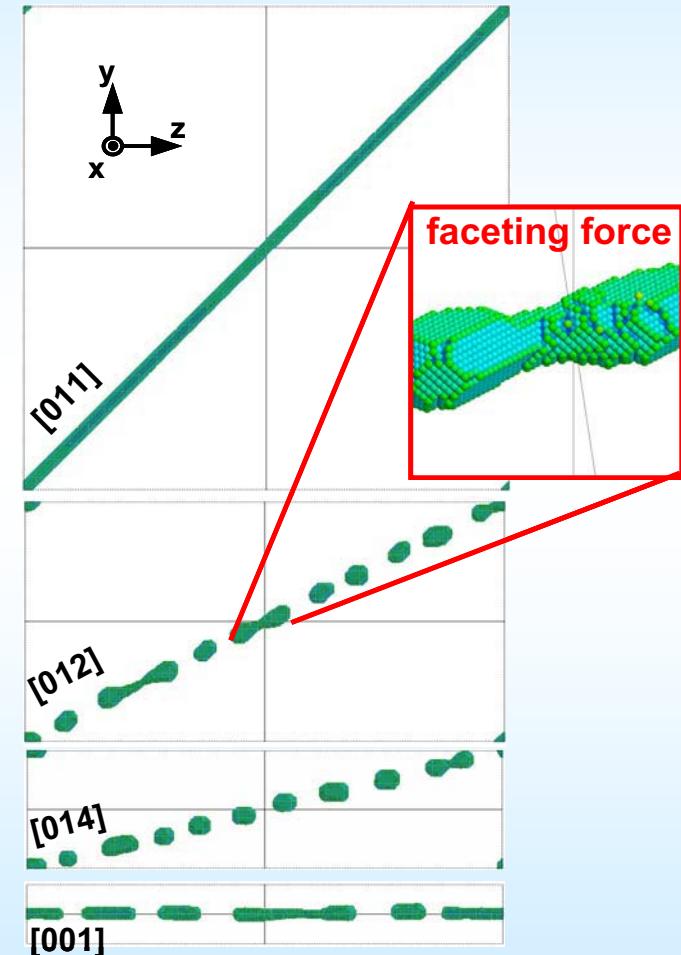
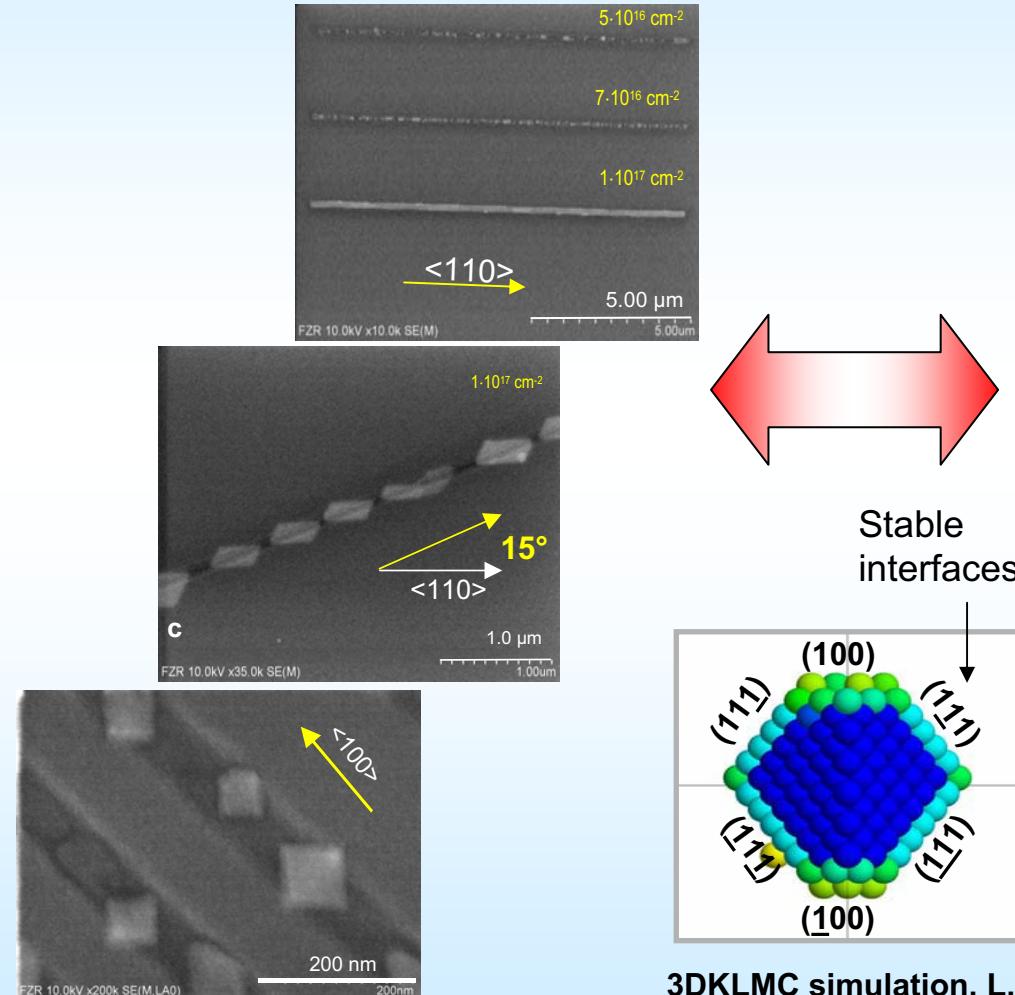


Results: CoSi₂- nanowire growth & decay



Si (100) Scan direction

Comparison with computer simulations

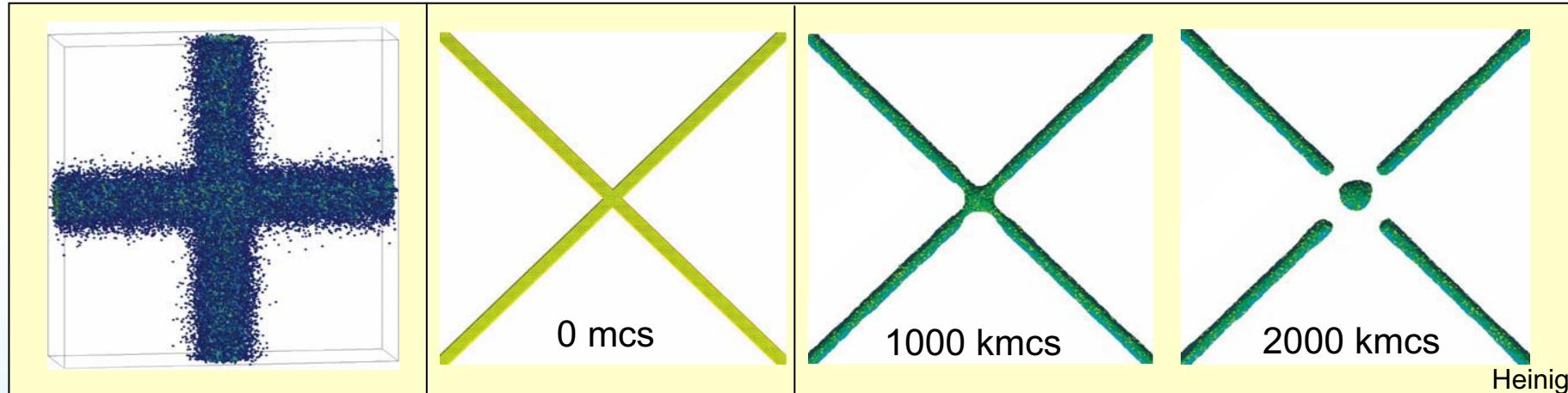
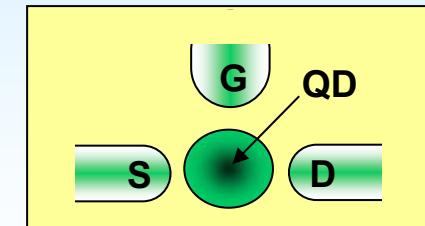


3DKLMC simulation, L. Röntzsch, K.H. Heinig, SPP1165, Hei 2137/2-1

Vision: nanowires as well as NC chains & single quantum dots for optics and electronics

1st example: Single Electron Transistor (SET)

Prediction of SET fabrication using FIB-IBS (atomistic simulation):



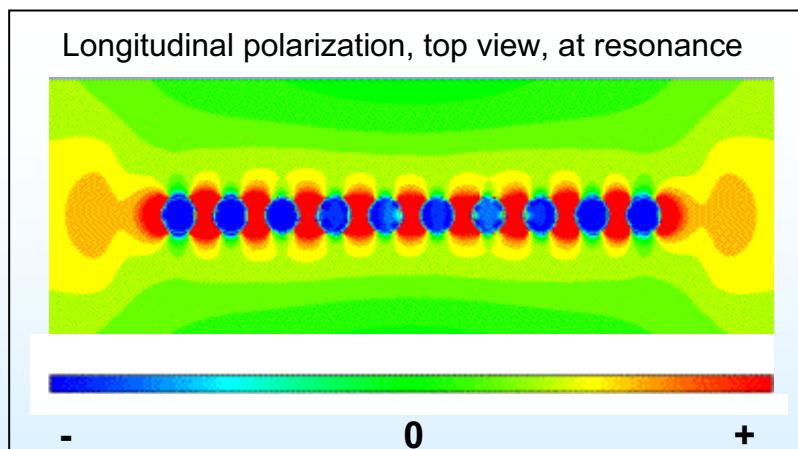
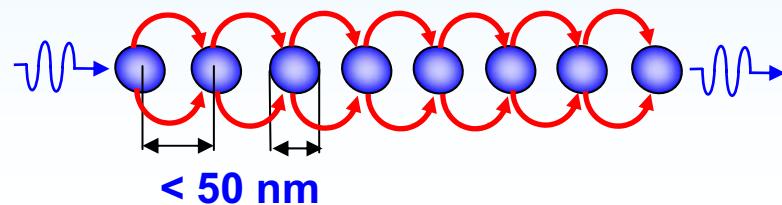
1st step:
Implantation of
crossing traces
with FIB ($d < 50$ nm)

2nd step:
Phase separation by
annealing → narrowing
of the FIB implanted
structure

Third step:
Further annealing & interface energy minimization
→ droplet separates from wires !

2nd example: Plasmonics - highly integrated optical devices

Plasmon waveguides for electromagnetic energy below the diffraction limit using ordered arrays of metal nanoparticles:



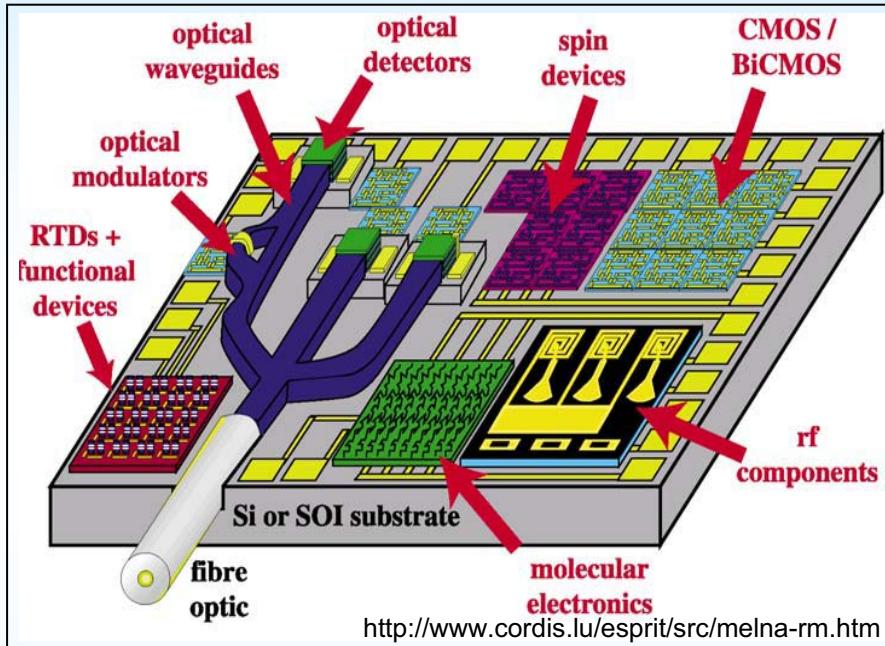
Atwater, Brongersma et al.,
California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA

How to synthesize?

Possibly by FIB–IBS through:

- Line-shape implantation:
Au into SiO_2 , Co into c-Si
- Point-like implantation:
Au into SiO_2 Co into c-Si
- Subsequent annealing to form:
Au-nanowires and chains of Au-NC's
 CoSi_2 -nanowires and chains of CoSi_2 -NC's

Finally a look to the „Nanoelectronics Roadmap“:



„System-on-a-chip“ for the future

- In the last decades ion implantation has been established itself as an basic technology in microelectronics.
- This lecture showed you that ion beam assisted processing has the potential as a basic technology for nanoelectronics & nano optics !

IBS of Nanocrystals

Project support

SMWK-Project (1998-2002)

DFG-Project (2000-2003)

BMBF-Project
“Konsul”+“Isotop” (2001-2003)

EU-Project “Neon” (2001-2004)

Collaboration



IBS by FIB

Project support

DFG-Project I (2004-2006)

DFG-Project II (2004-2006)
(Theory)

Collaboration



FIB patterning

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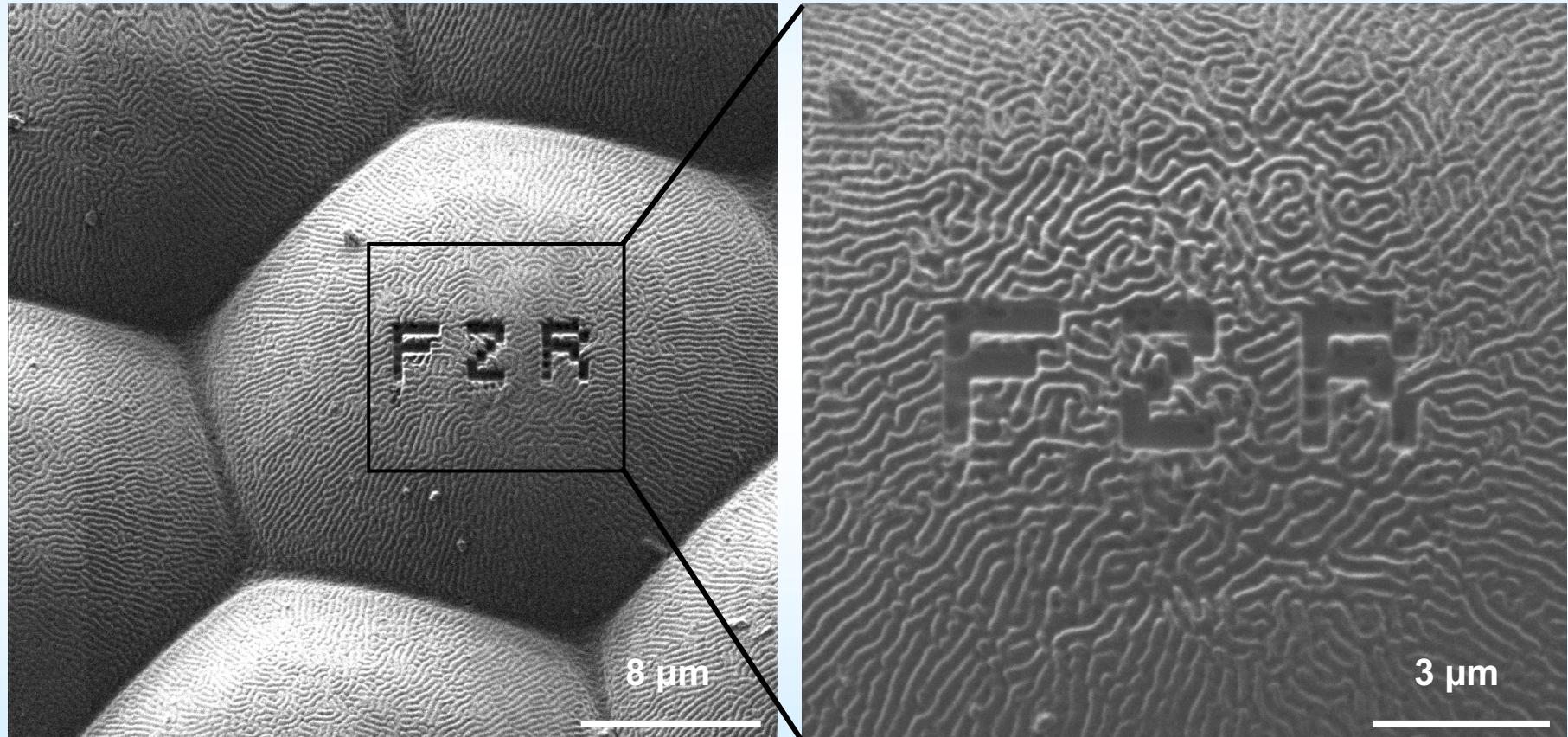
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FIB – ART: FZR-Logo in the eye of a fly



IMSA-Orsay Physics FIB (FZR, L. Bischoff, C. Akhmadaliev, 2003)