

## Micro and Nanofabrication Clean Room

# Techniques and equipment

### WET ETCHING AND CLEANING

#### TECHNIQUES

- Metal and dielectric wet (isotropic) etching
- Surface cleaning
- Photoresist stripping: oxygen plasma and wet stripping

#### EQUIPMENT



##### Metal and dielectric wet etching

- 9 baths and 6 DI water overflow rinse tanks for CMOS compatible wafers up to 150 mm.
- 7 baths and 2 DI water overflow rinse tanks for wafers with contaminant metals up to 150 mm.
- 2 Rinse and Dryer (R&D) devoted to CMOS compatible wafers of 100 mm and 1 R&D for 150 mm wafers.
- 1 R&D for wafers with contaminant metals of 100 mm and 1 R&D for 150mm.
- 2 ovens for drying and photoresist bakes for CMOS compatible wafers and 1 oven for drying and photoresist bakes for contaminant metal wafers.



##### Surface cleaning

- 5 baths and 2 DI water overflow rinse tanks for CMOS compatible wafers up to 150 mm.
- 2 baths and 1 DI water overflow rinse tanks for wafers with contaminant metals up to 150 mm.
- 2 R&D (one for CMOS compatible wafers and another for wafers with contaminant metals) for 100 mm wafers and 1 R&D for CMOS compatible wafers for 150mm



- A Sirius Semitool equipment for cleanings based on O<sub>3</sub> and hot water spray for CMOS compatible wafers up to 150mm



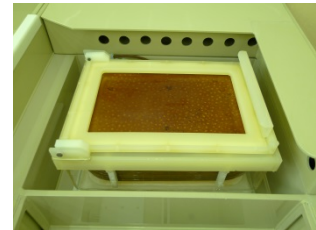
### Wet and oxygen plasma photoresist stripping

- 1 double ultrasonic bath for solvents and 1 DI water overflow rinse tank for CMOS compatible wafers.
- 2 baths for wet photoresist stripping for wafers with contaminant metals and 1 DI water overflow rinse tank for wafers with contaminant metals up to 150 mm.
- PVA Tepla 300SA plasma asher for photoresist stripping with oxygen plasma for CMOS compatible wafers.
- Tepla GIGABatch 360M plasma asher for photoresist stripping with oxygen plasma for wafers with contaminant metals up to 150mm.

## PROCESSES

### Etching and stripping of dielectrics

- Etching and stripping of SiO<sub>2</sub> in HF mixtures of different concentrations.
- Isotropic etching of silicon and polysilicon based on mixtures of HNO<sub>3</sub> y HF.
- Etching of Si<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> in H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>
- Thin film etching of TiO<sub>2</sub> and HfO<sub>2</sub> in HF mixtures.
- Thin film etching of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> based on mixtures of HNO<sub>3</sub> and H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>.



### Etching of metals

- Al etching based on mixtures of HNO<sub>3</sub> y H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>
- Au etching based on mixtures of I<sub>2</sub>
- Ni etching in HNO<sub>3</sub>
- Ti etching based on mixtures of propilenglycol and HF



### Surface cleanings

Cleaning of organics, particles and remaining traces of metallic (ionic) contaminants in:

- Piranha mixture, oxide stripping and RCA cleaning.
- Cleanings with solvents (acetone and isopropanol).
- O<sub>3</sub> and hot water spray based cleaning



### **Wet and oxygen plasma photoresist stripping**

- Photoresist stripping in acetone.
- Photoresist stripping in acid.
- Photoresist stripping in stripper (basic mixture).
- Photoresist stripping in oxygen plasma.



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