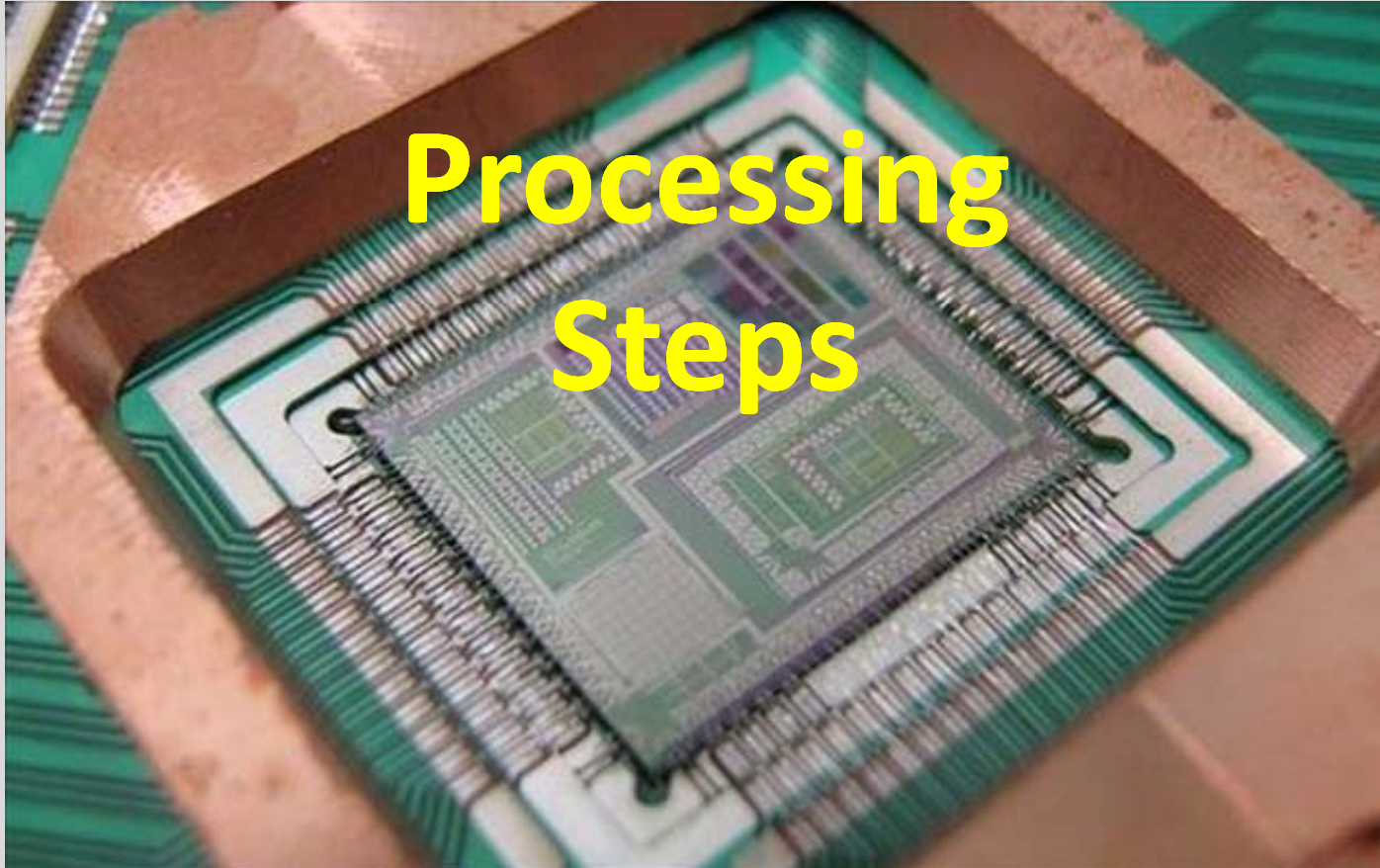


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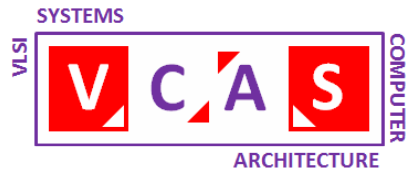


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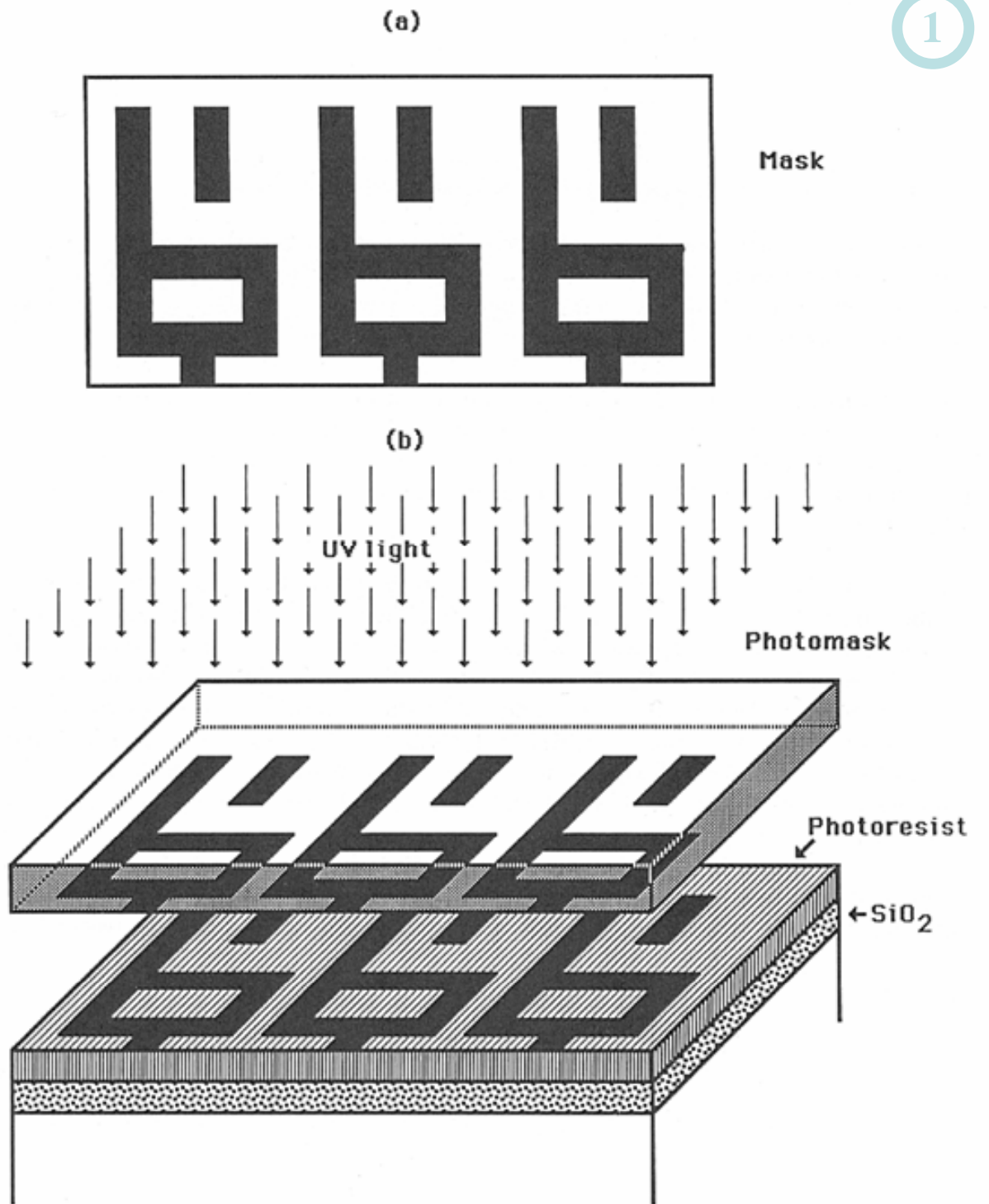


VLSI Systems
and Computer Architecture Lab

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5. Diffusion
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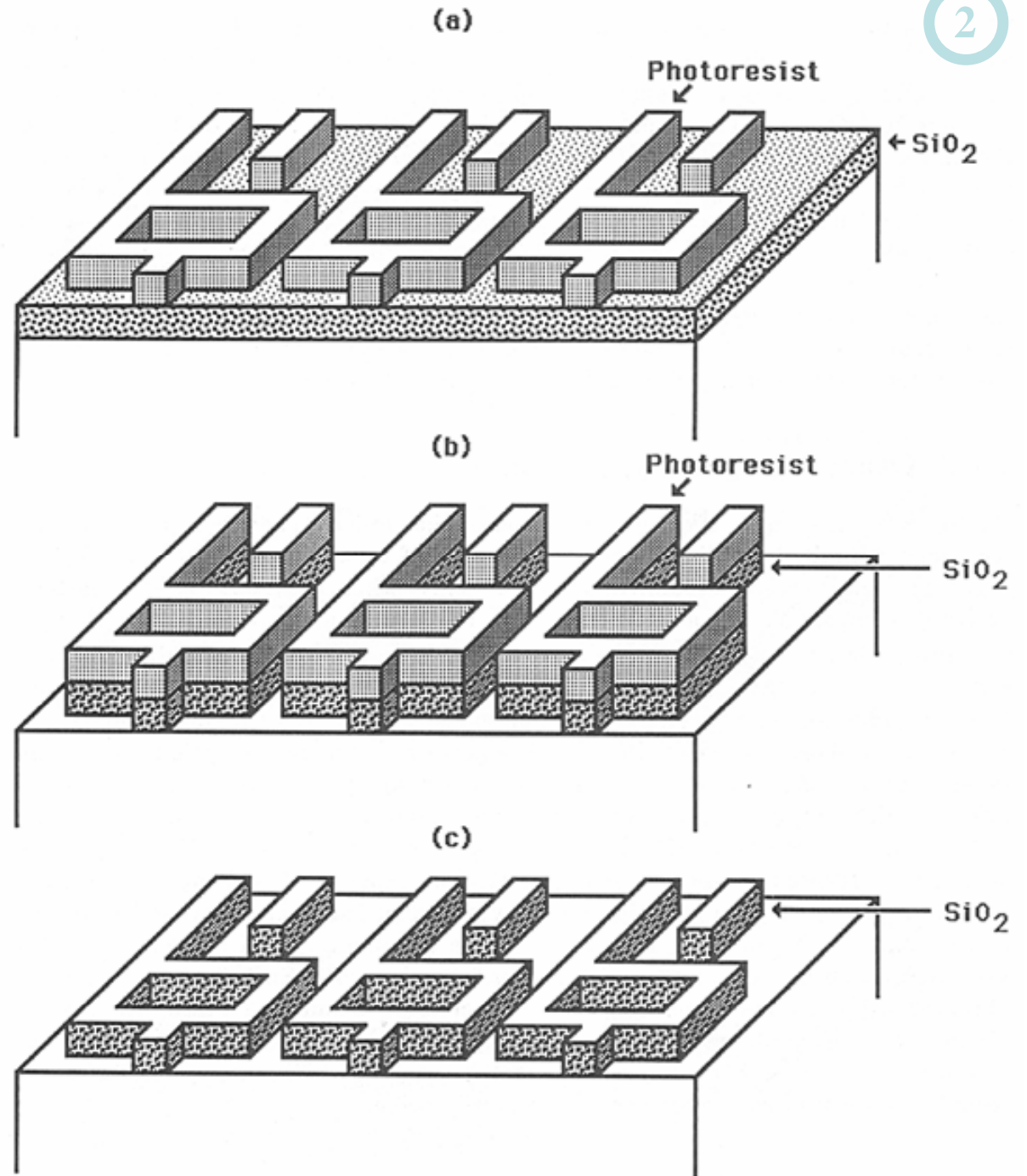
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Basic Concept



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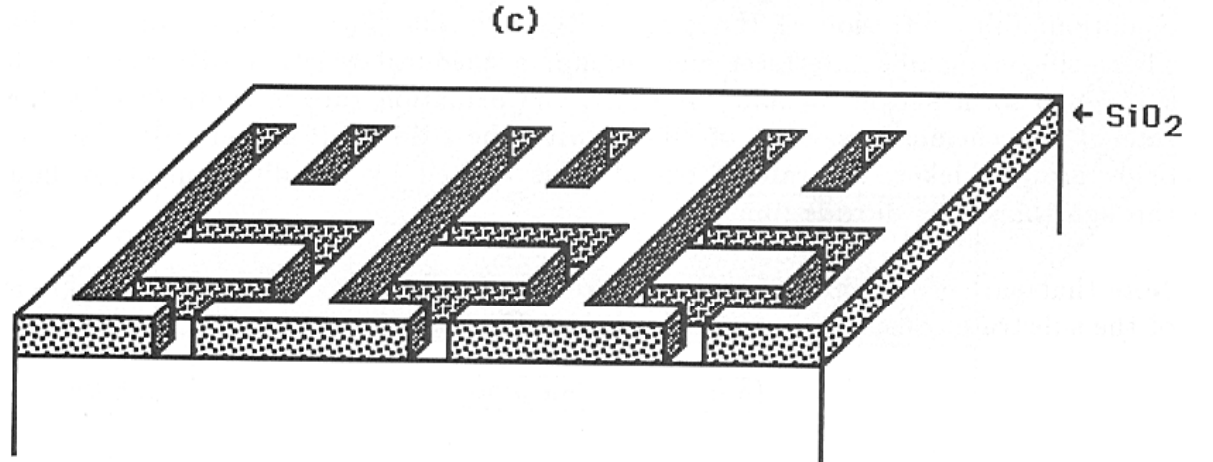
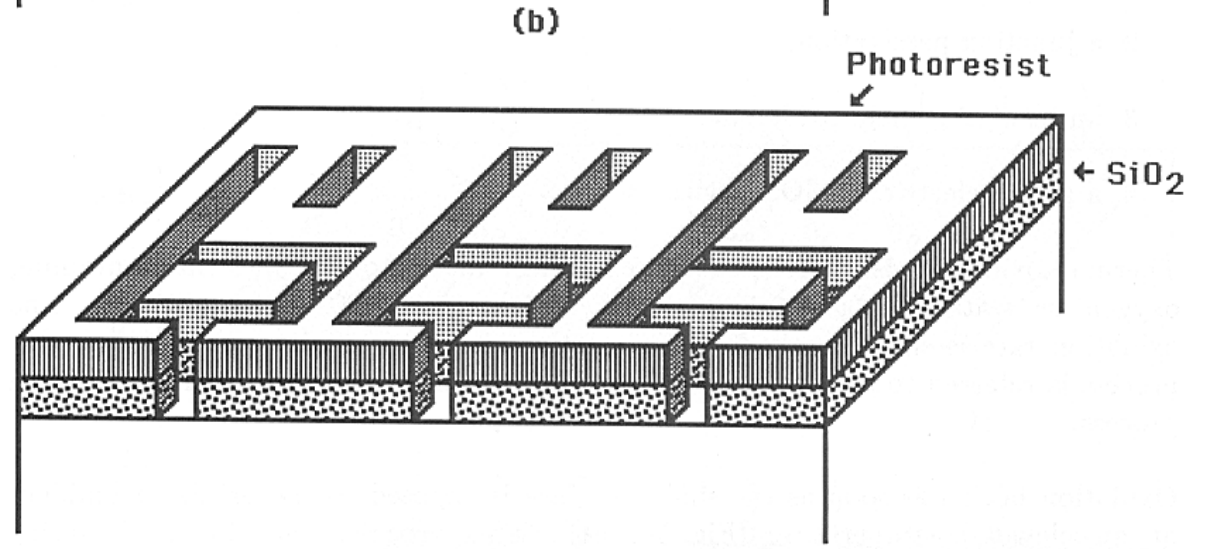
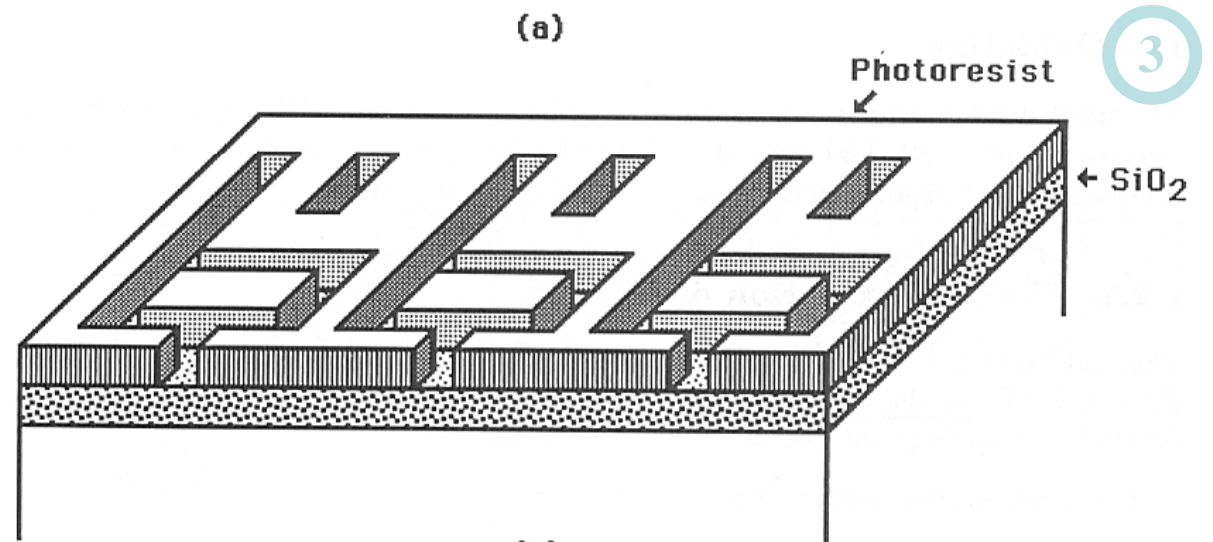
Photolithography using positive photoresist



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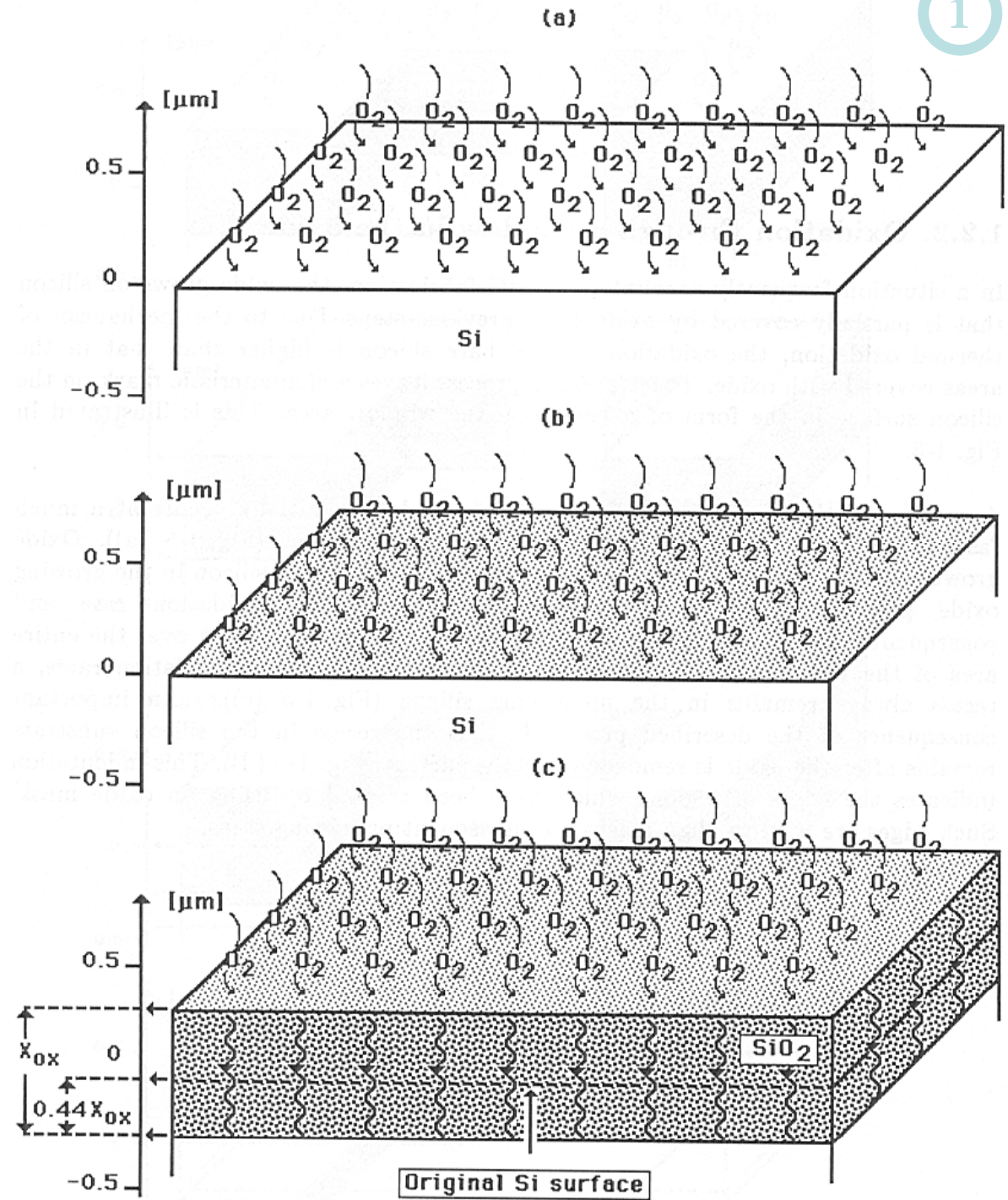
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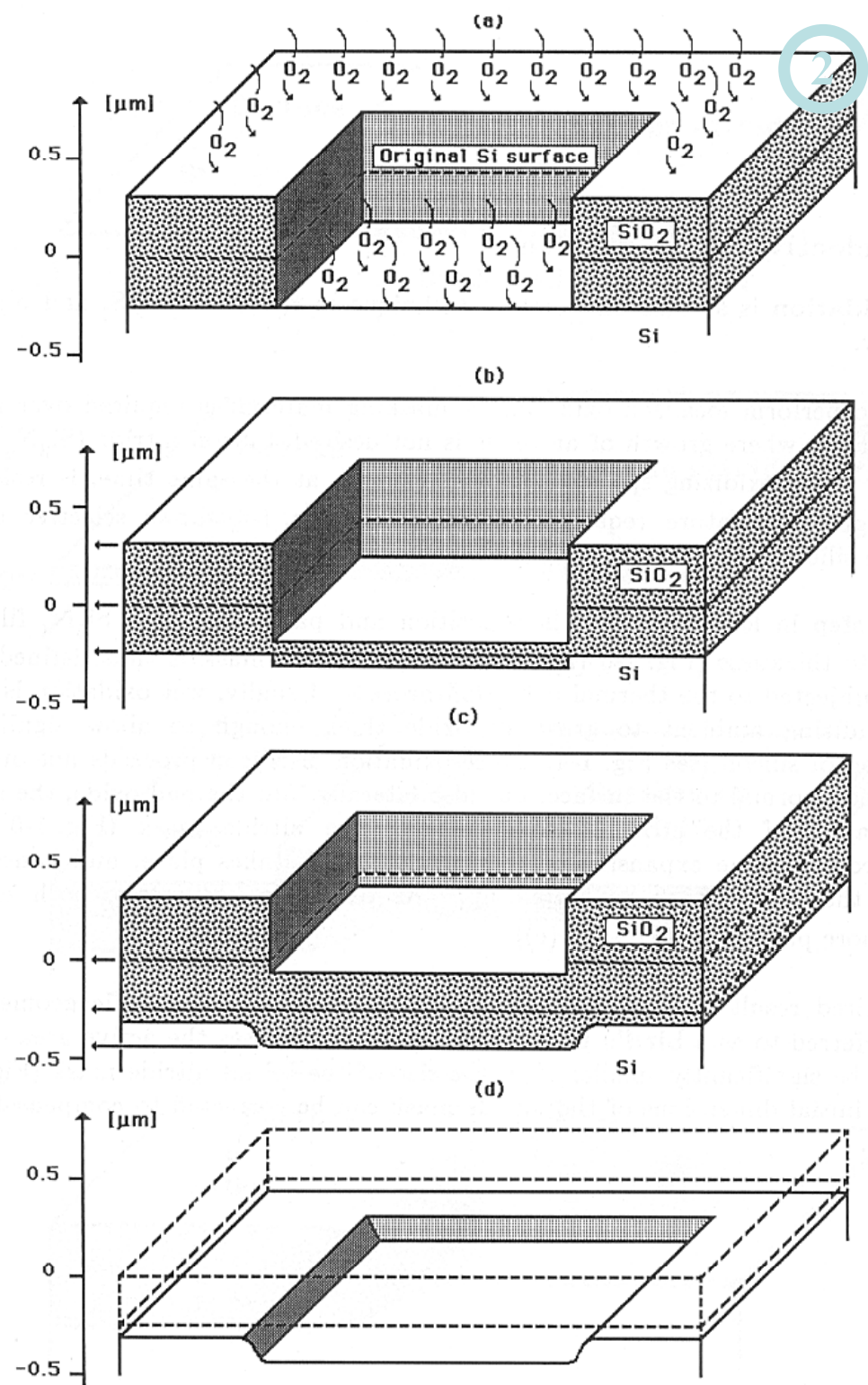
OXIDATION

Oxidation of the silicon surface



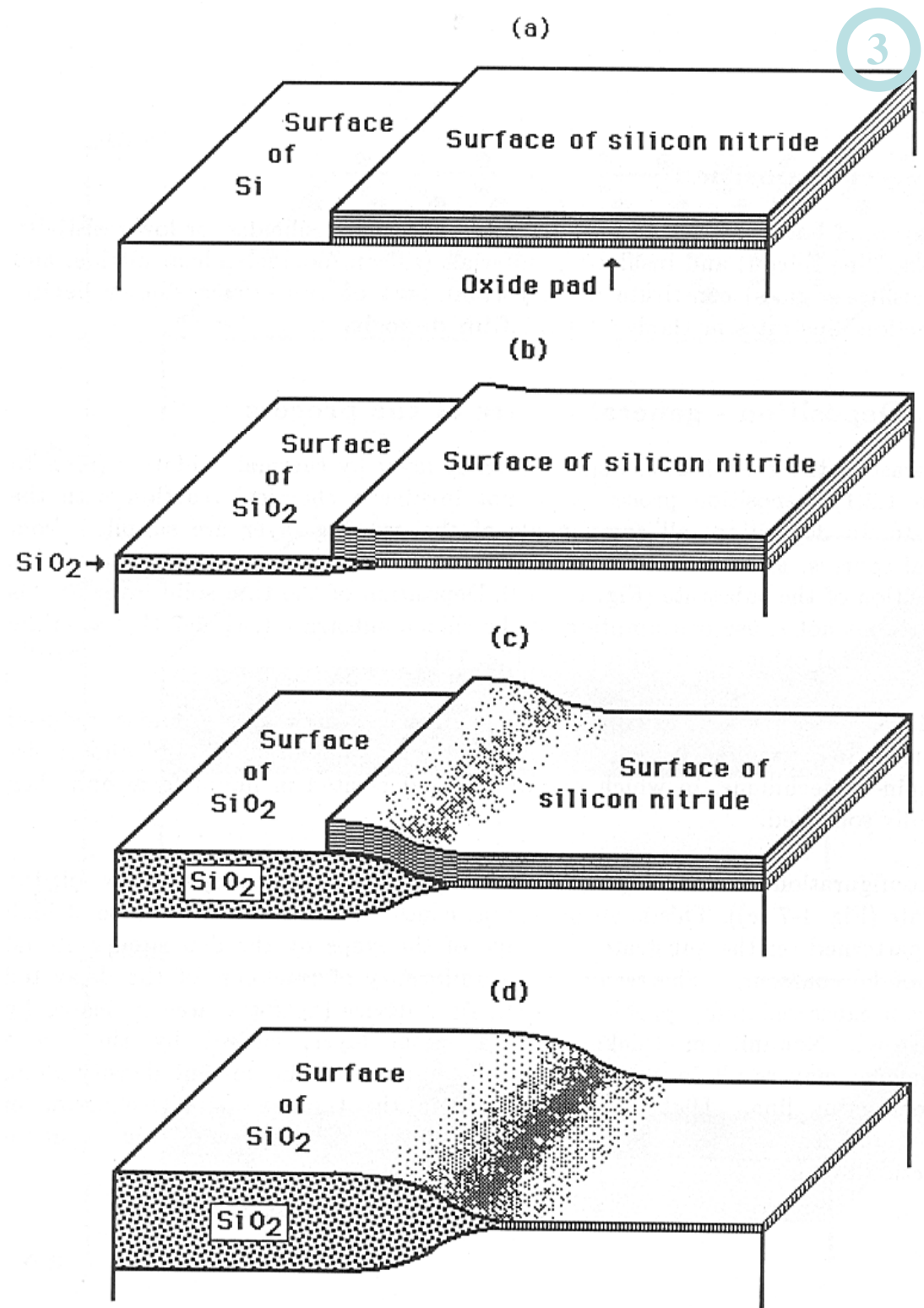
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Oxidation through a window in the oxide



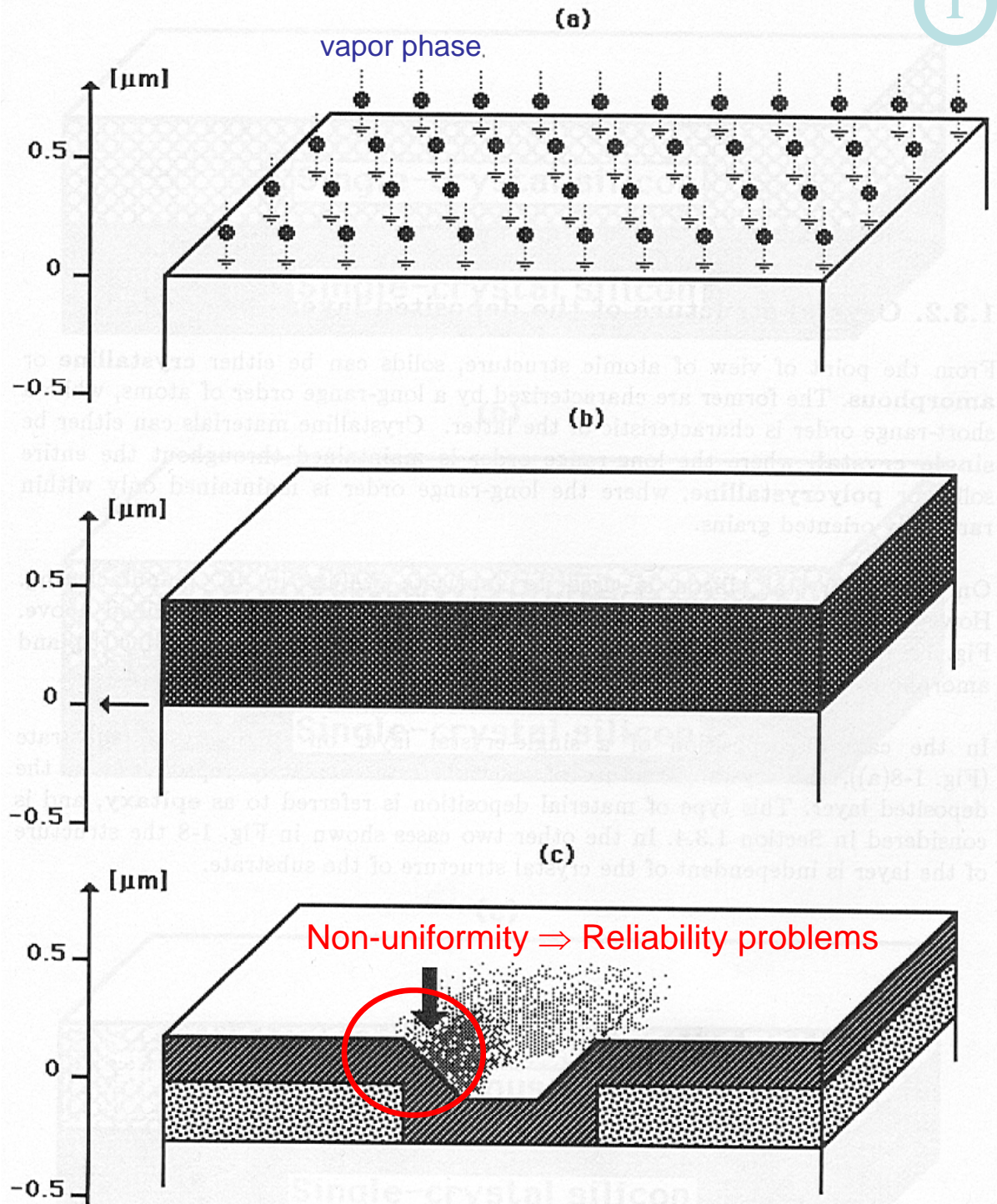
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Selective SiO_2 growth using local oxidation



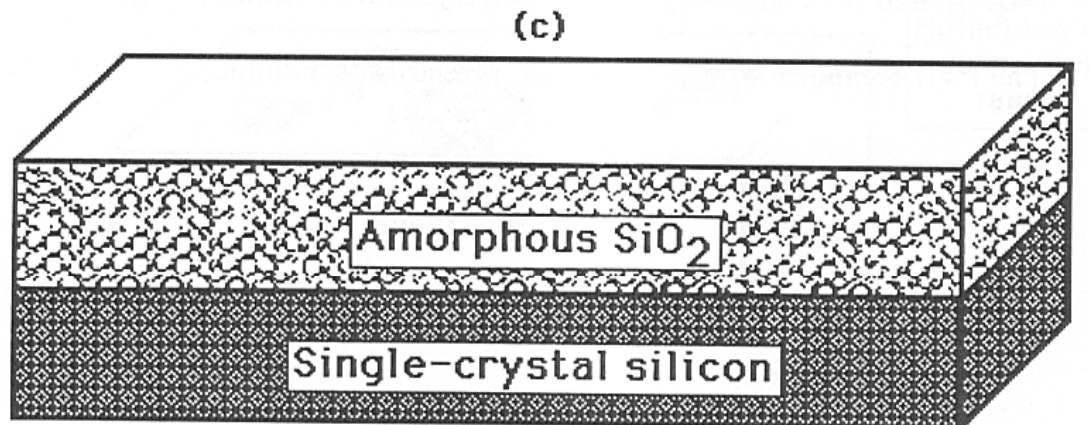
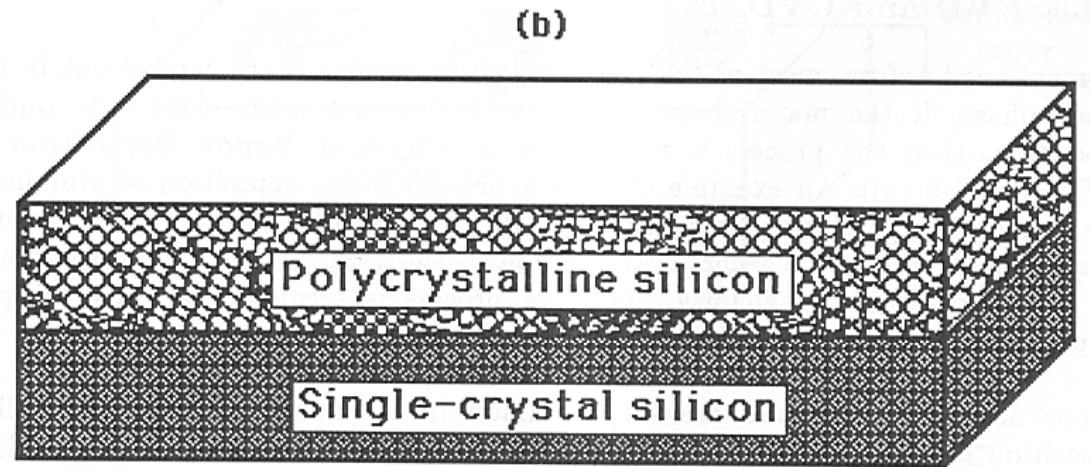
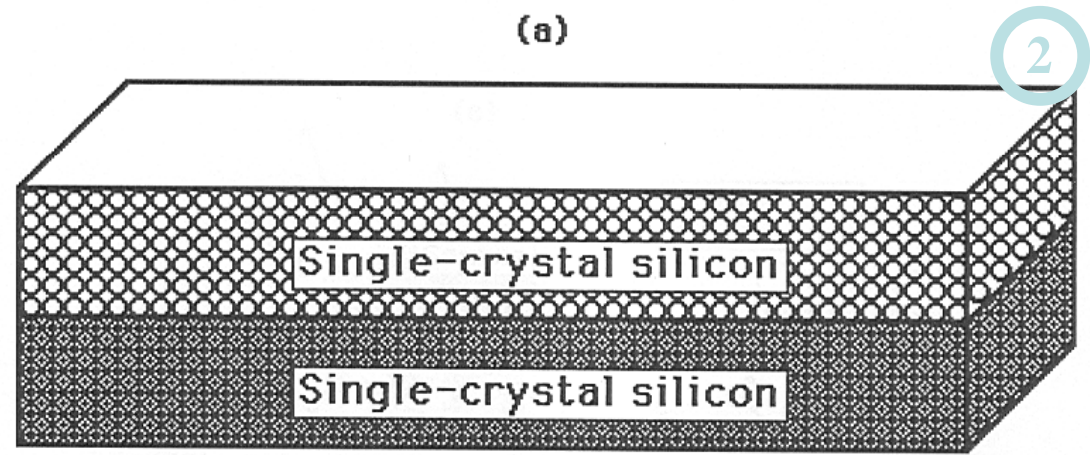
LAYER DEPOSITION

Deposition of a thin solid layer



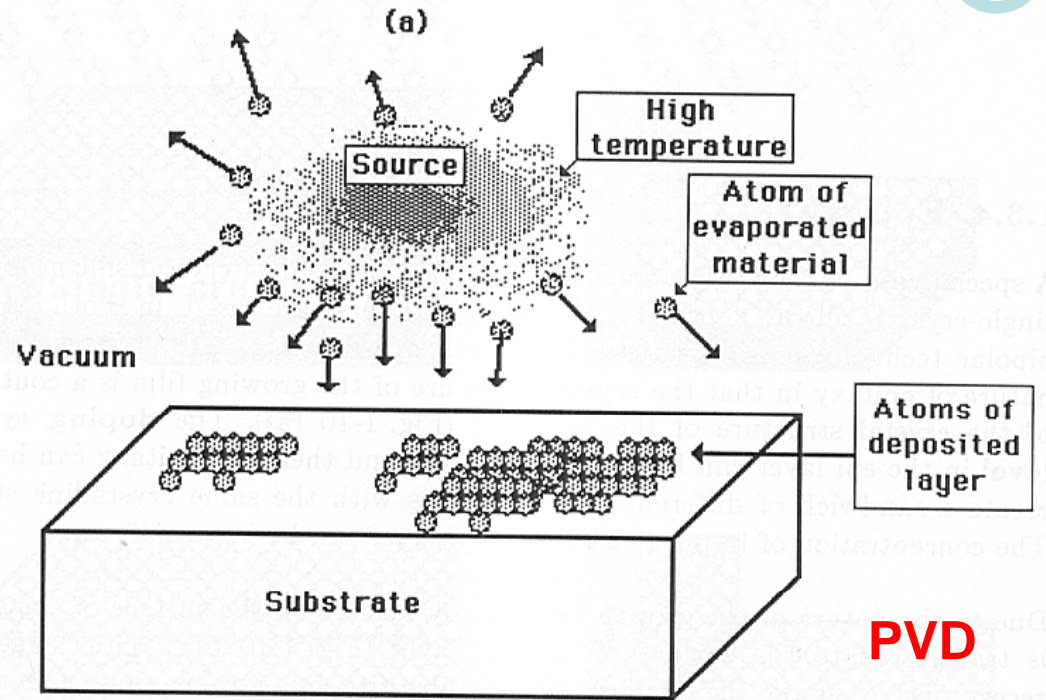
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Thin layer of material in three different crystallographic forms deposited on single-crystal silicon

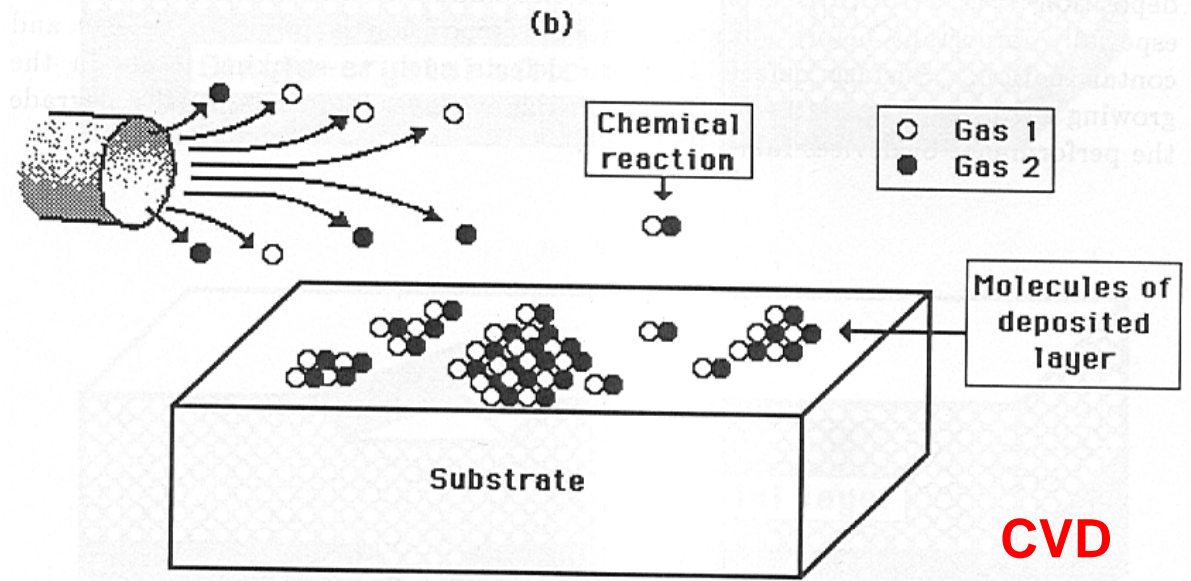


LAYER DEPOSITION

Physical Vapor Deposition (PVD)
and
Chemical Vapor Deposition (CVD)



PVD

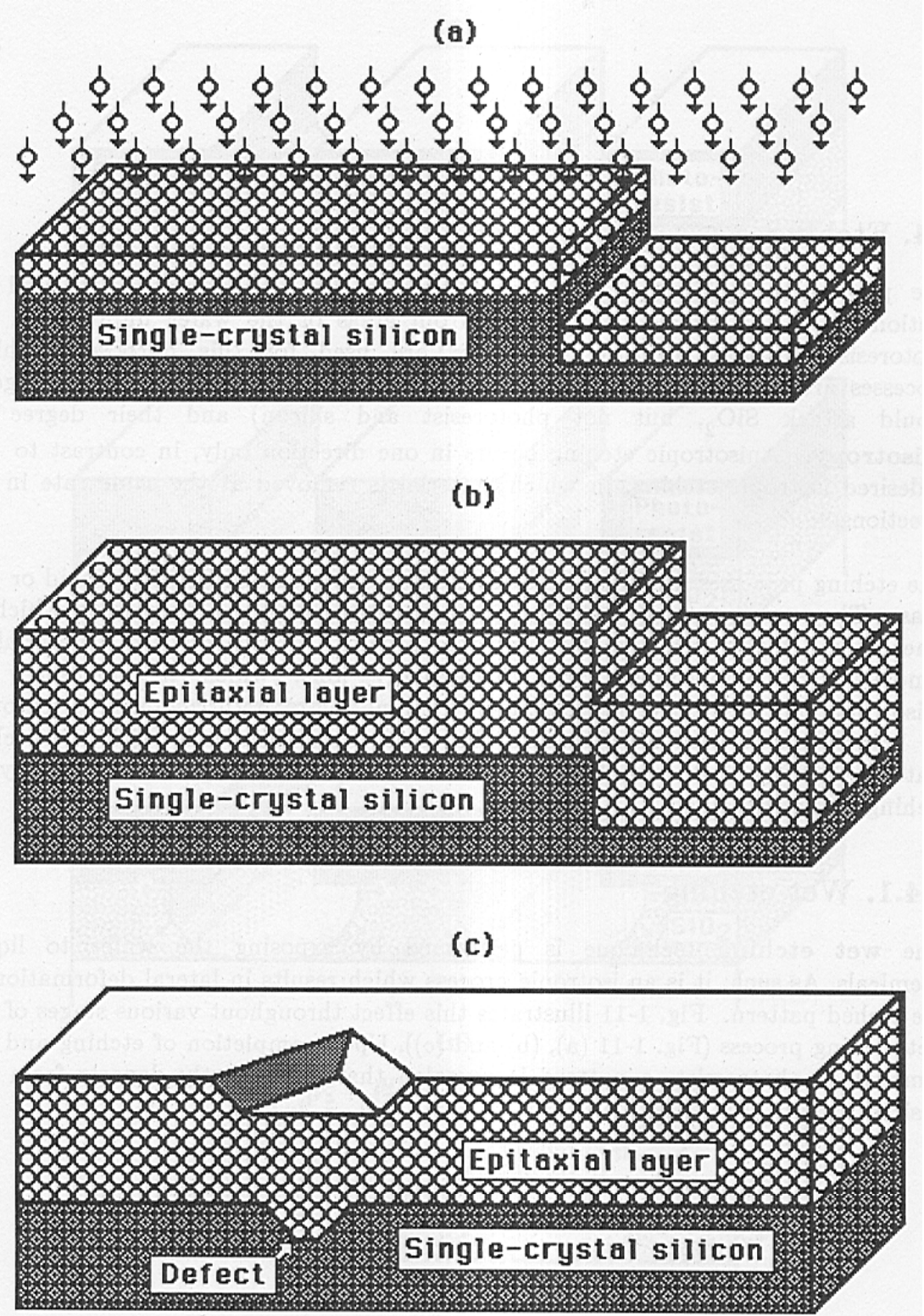


CVD



LAYER DEPOSITION

Epitaxy is a special case of CVD where a single-crystal silicon layer is deposited on a single-crystal silicon substrate

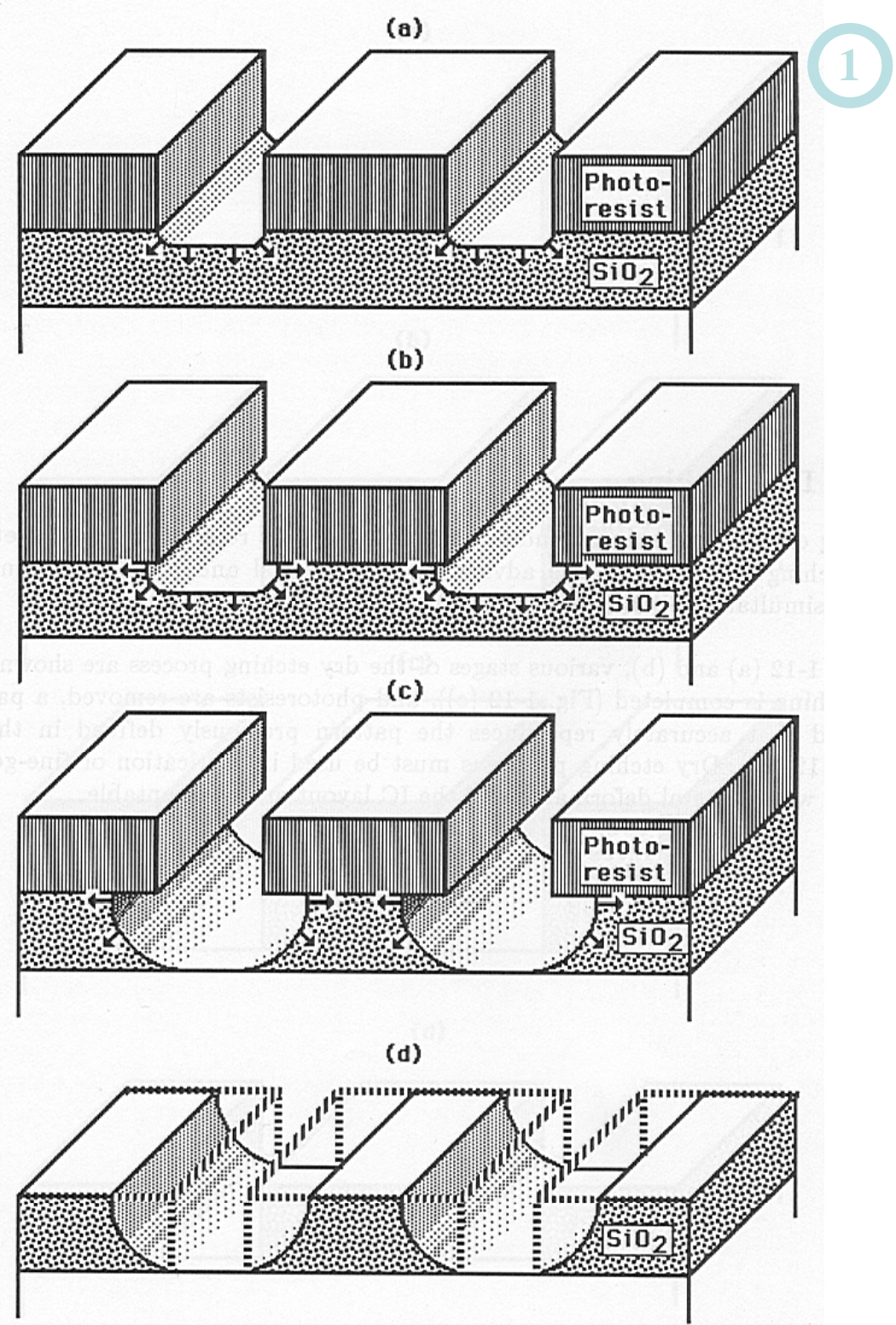


ETCHING

Etching is the removal of material from areas unprotected by photoresist.

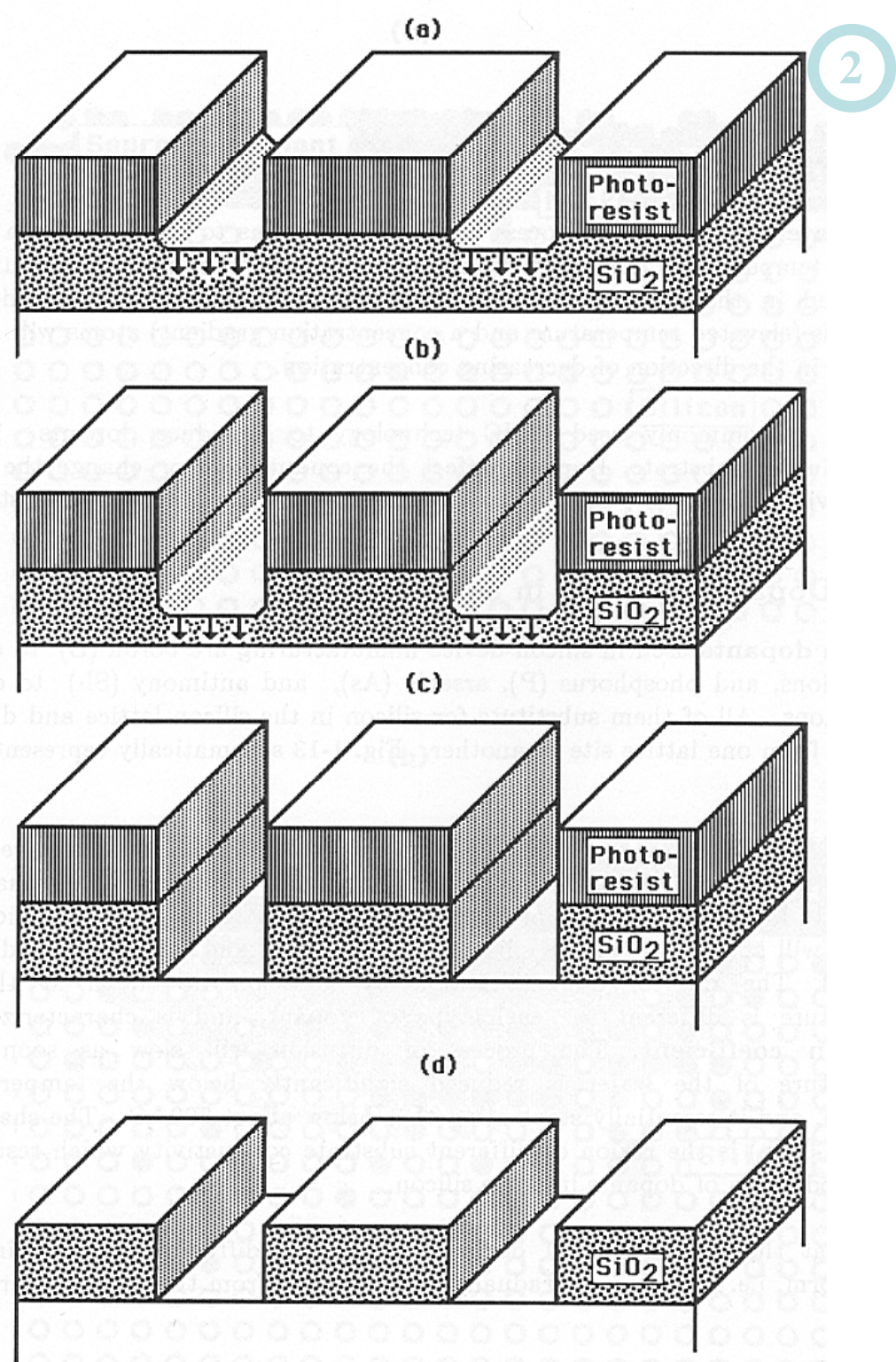
Wet Etching

An isotropic process using liquid chemicals.



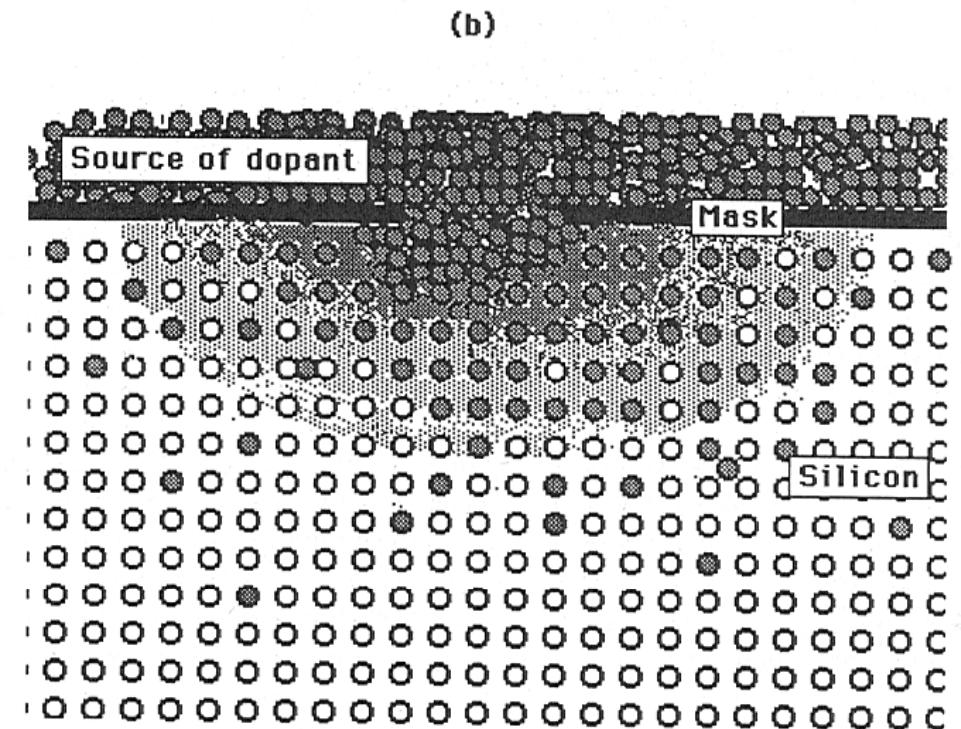
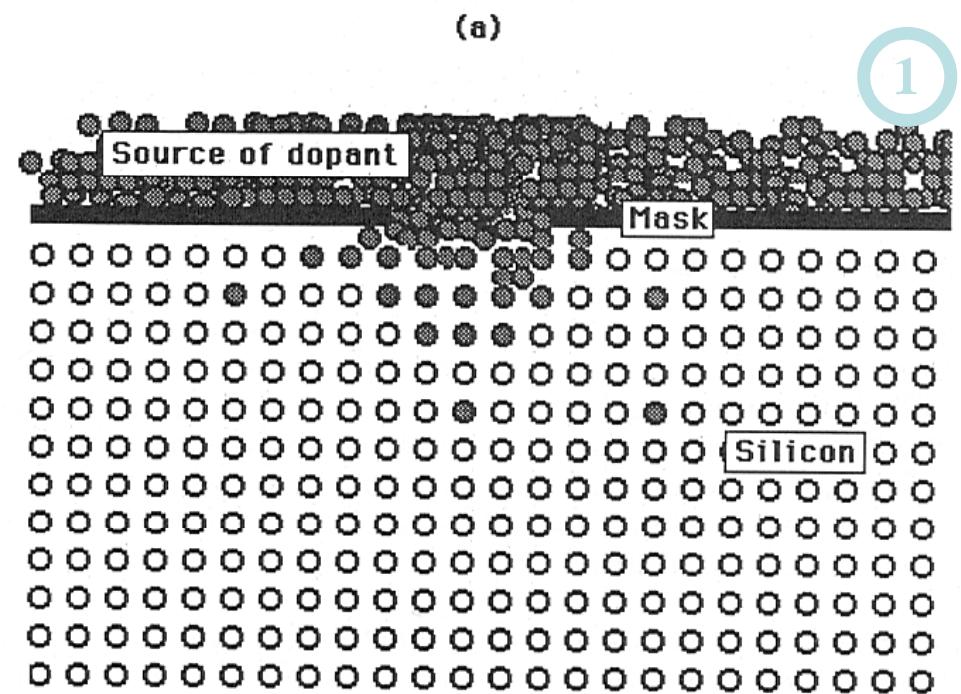
ETCHING

Dry Etching
Using gas under reduced pressure.
Anisotropic



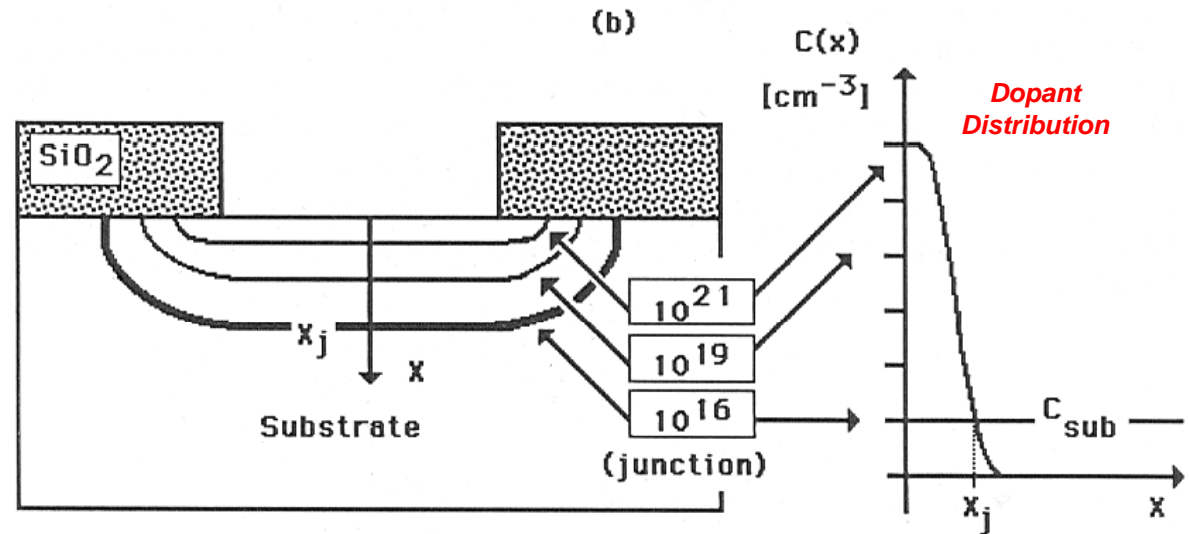
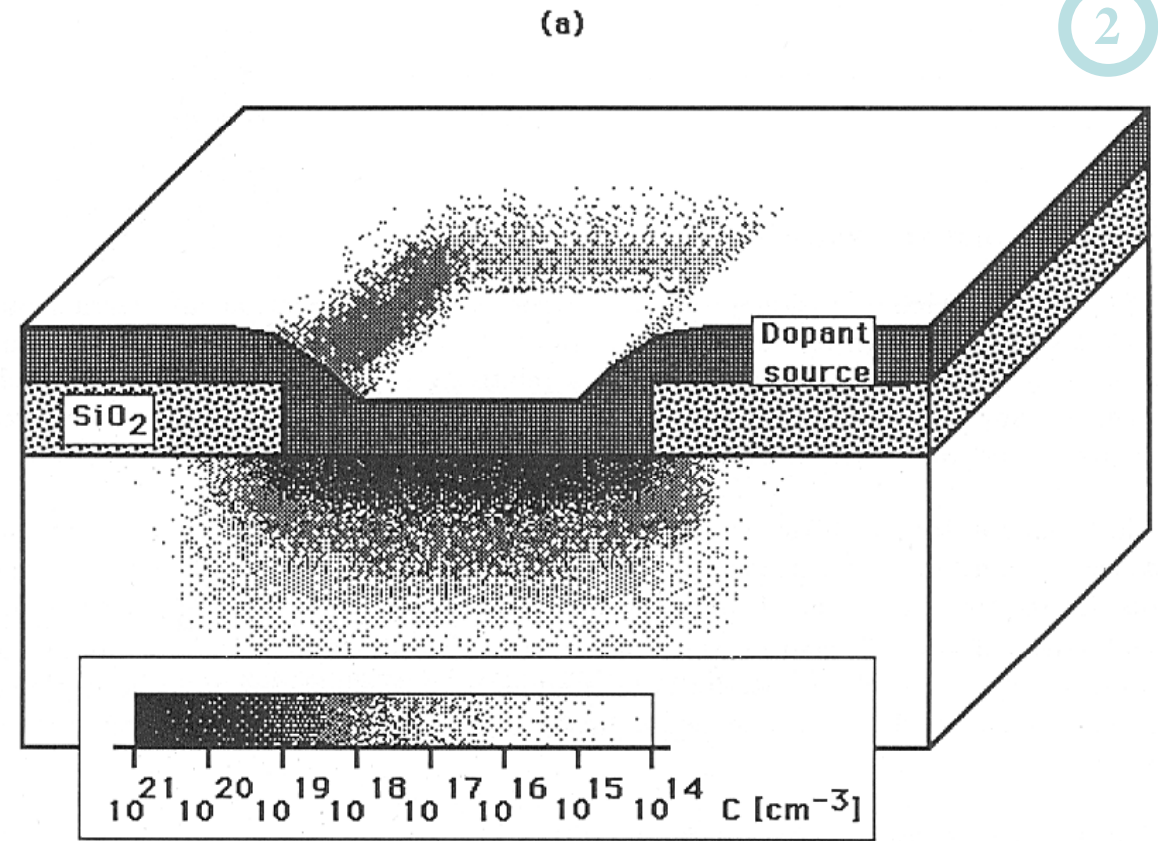
DIFFUSION

The processing step to introduce dopants into the semiconductor substrate.



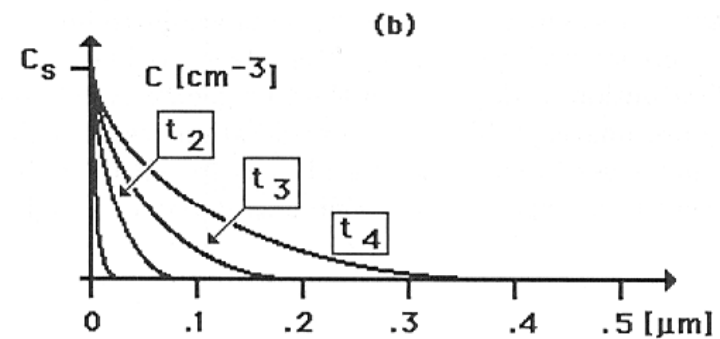
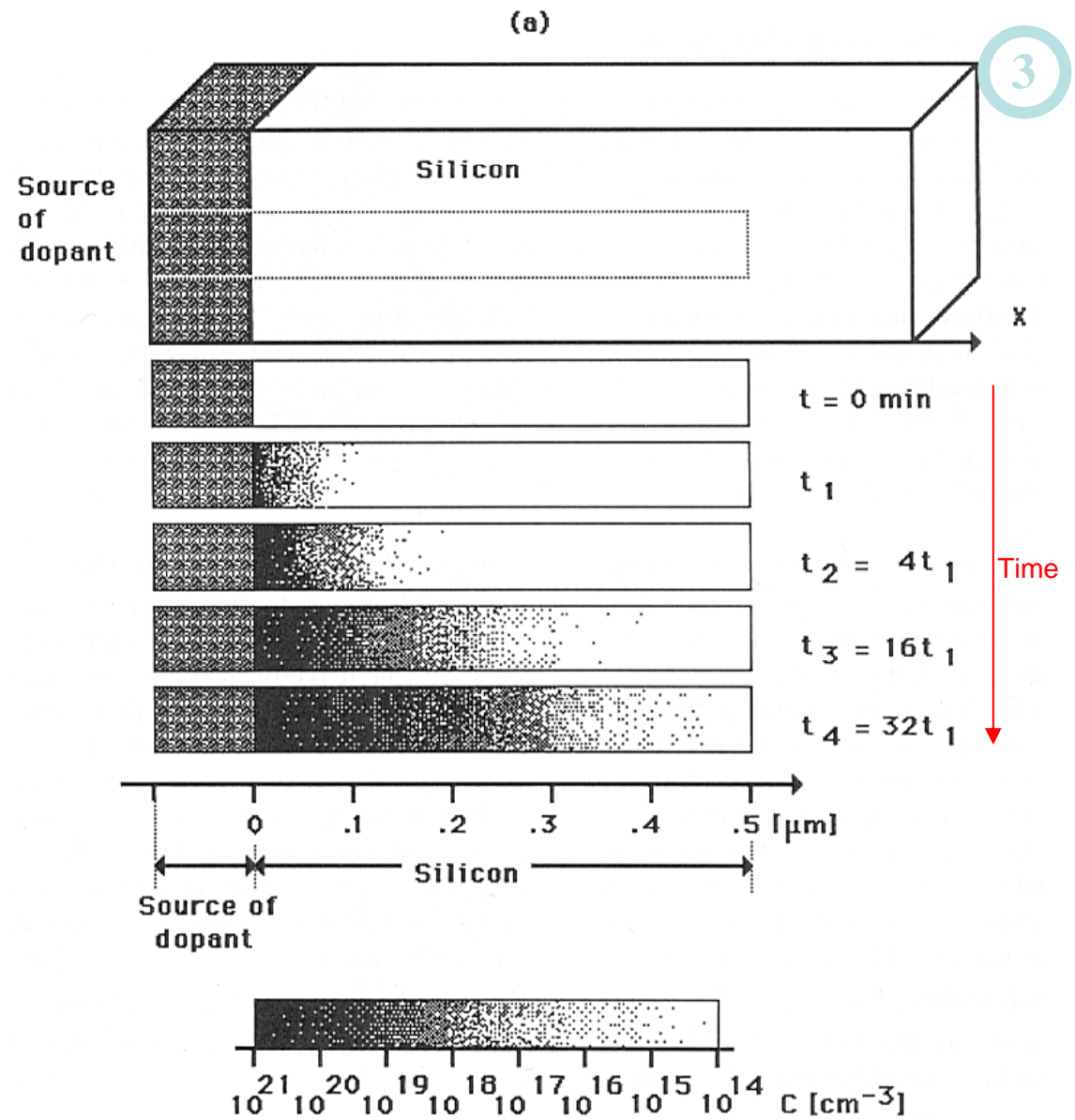
DIFFUSION

Diffusion of dopants through a window in the SiO₂ layer.



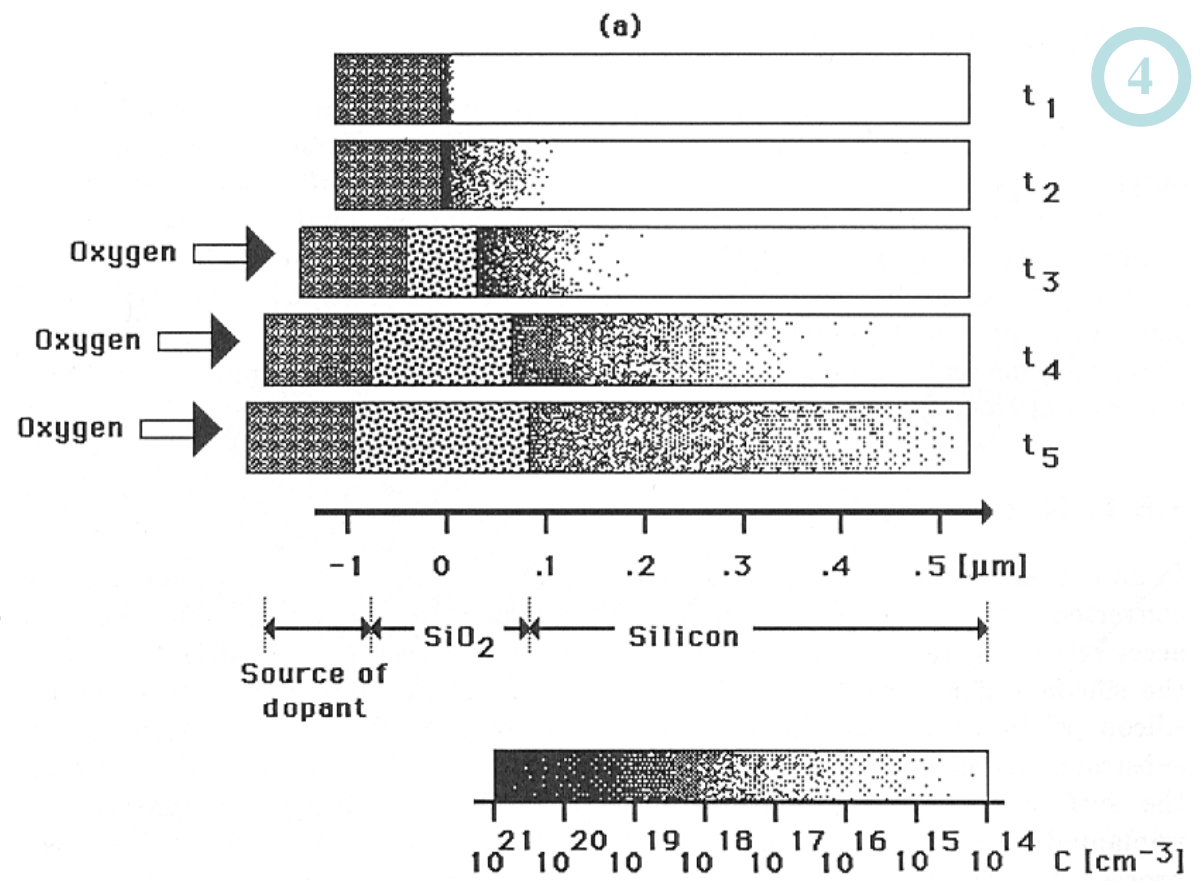
DIFFUSION

Diffusion with constant source concentration.

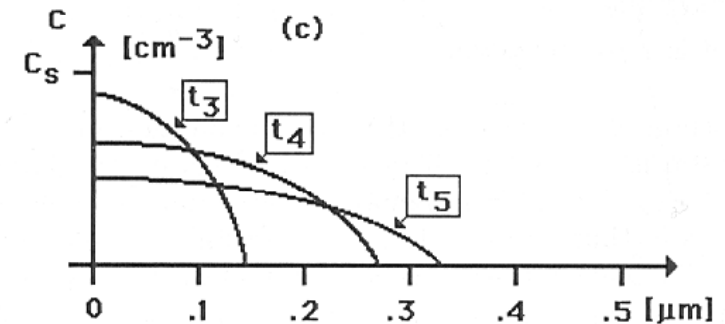
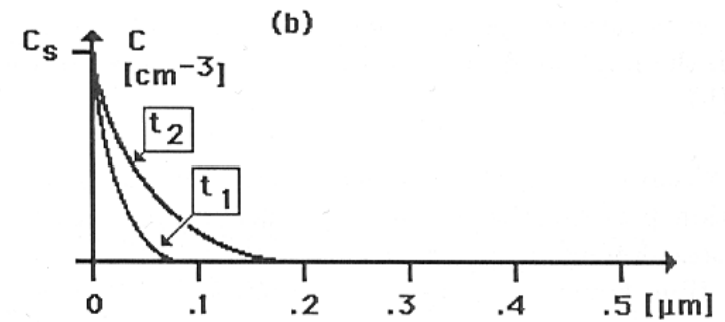


DIFFUSION

Two step diffusion.



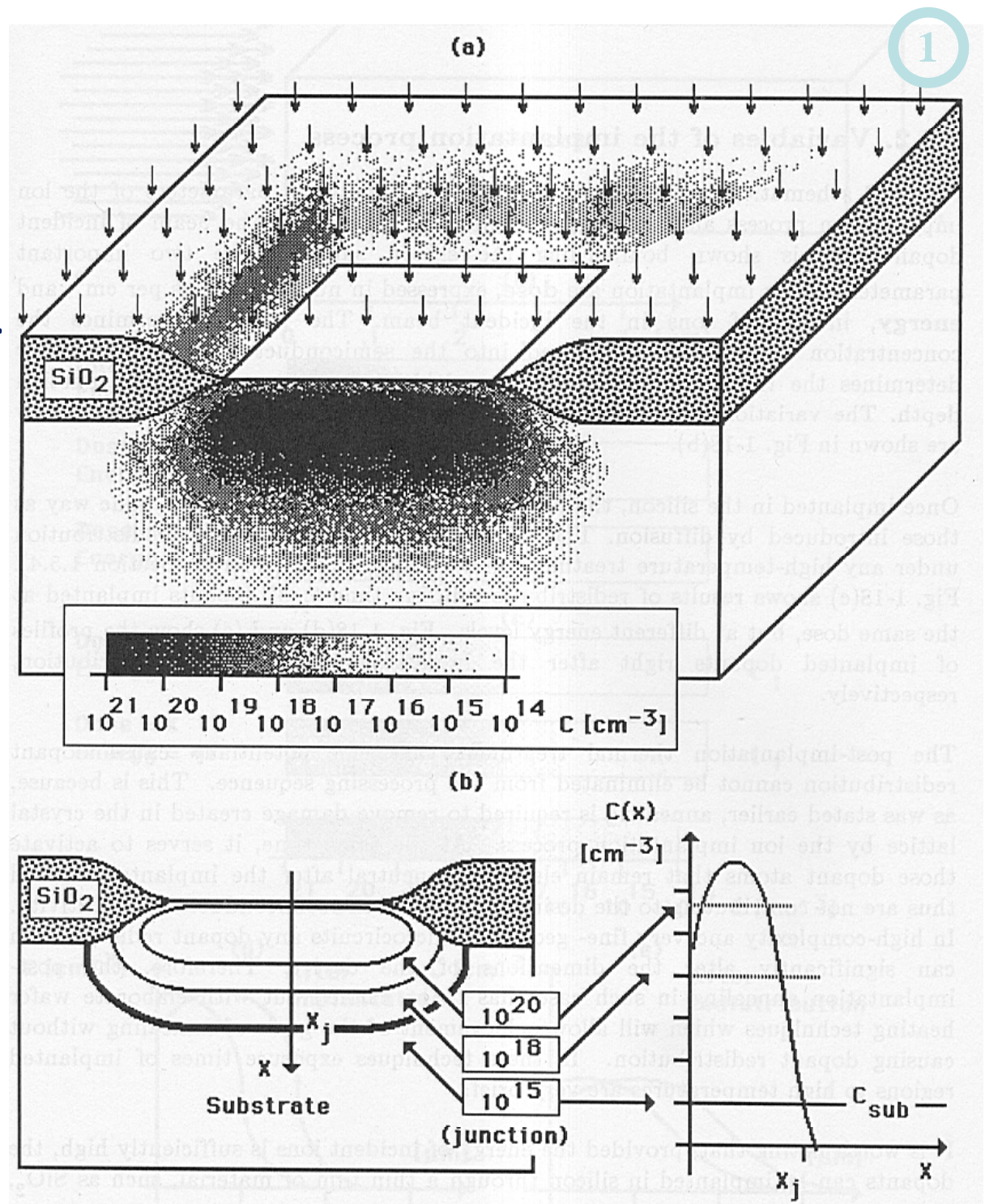
- a) Predeposition: constant source concentration diffusion.
- b) Drive-in: further diffusion without dopant source.



IMPLANTATION

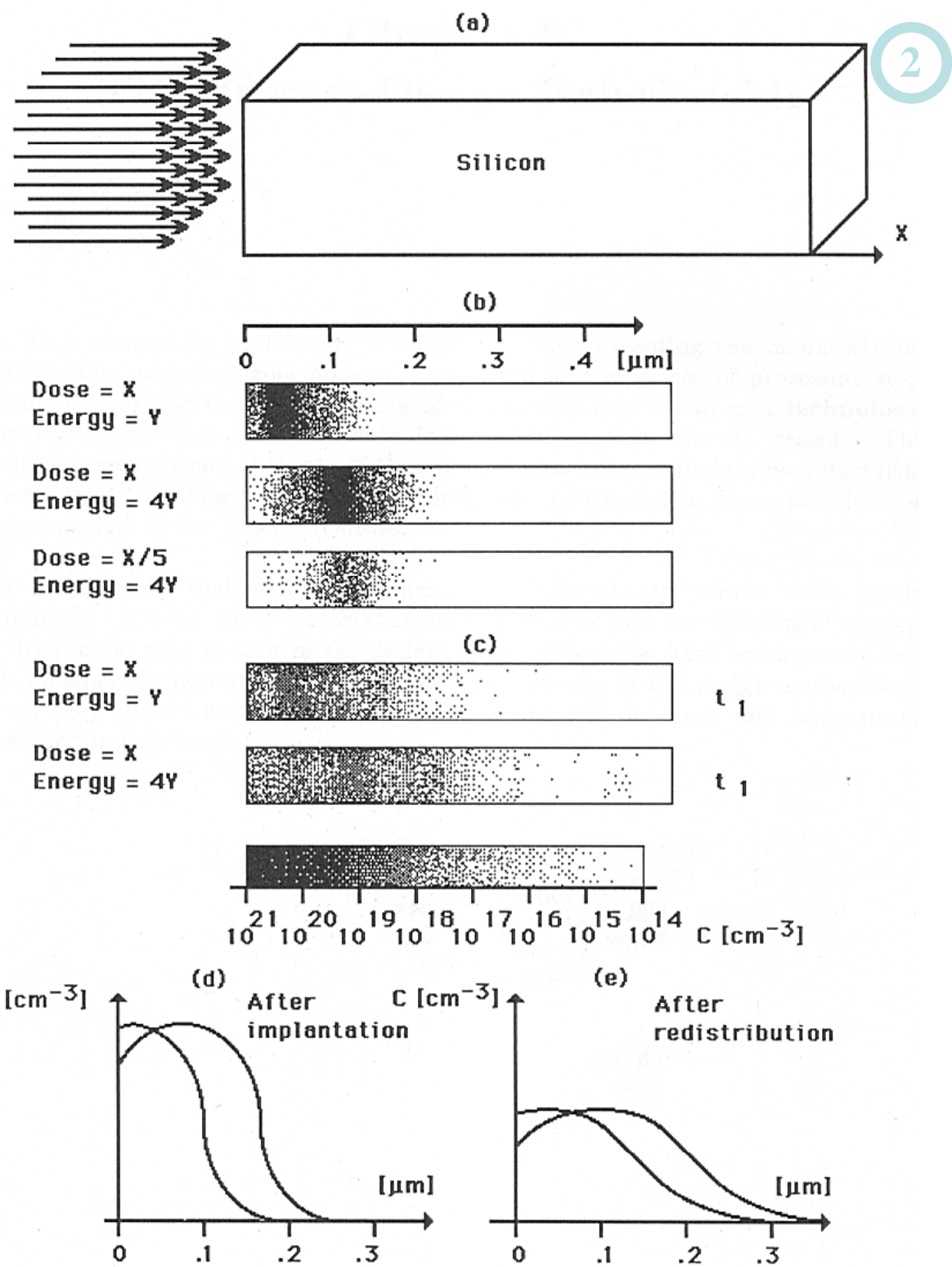
Ion implantation of dopants through a window in the SiO_2 layer.

To remove the damage created in the crystal lattice by the ion implantation, the wafer has to be annealed at a proper temperature and time period.



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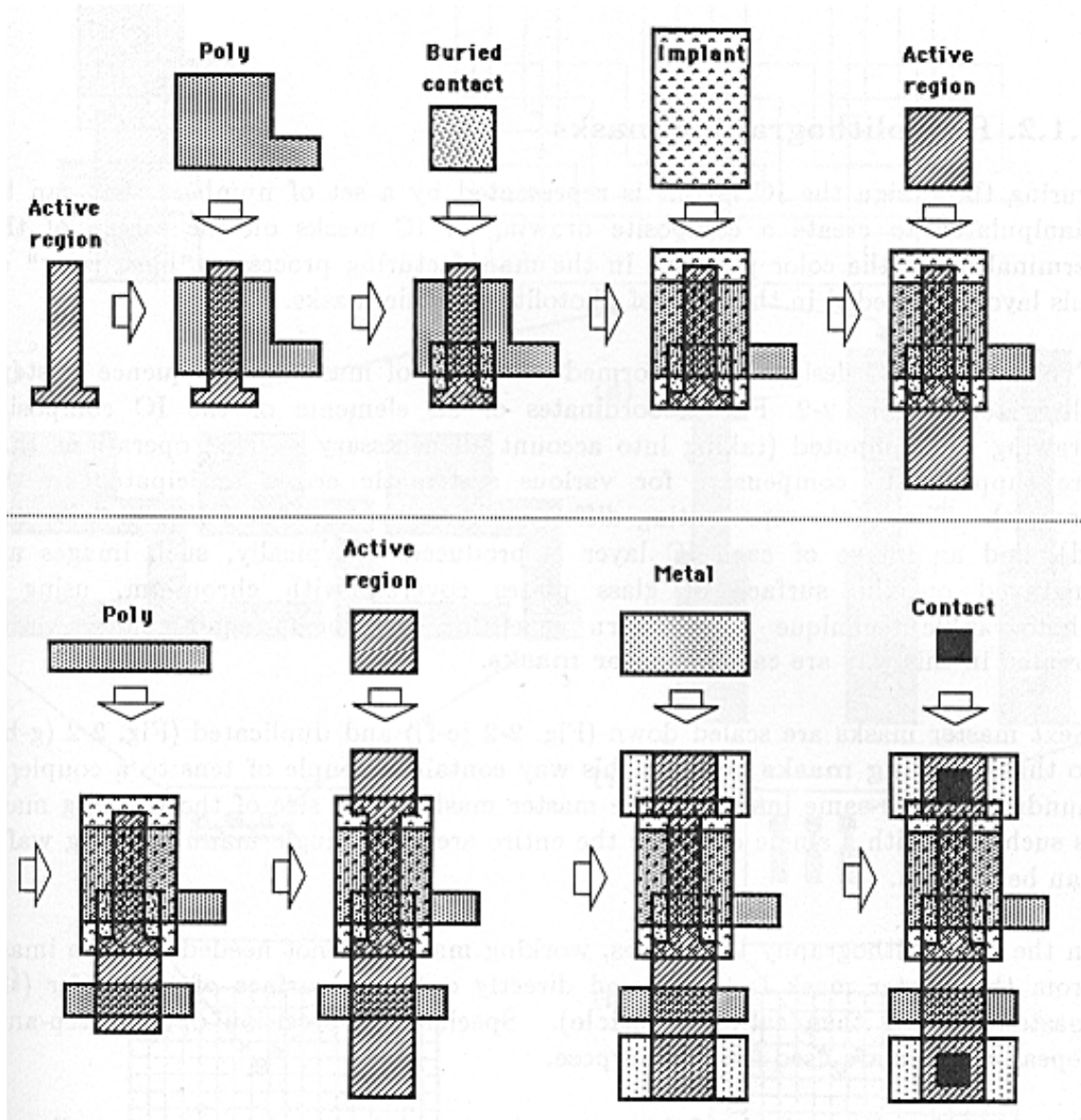
Effects of process variables in ion implantation.



LAYOUT TO FAB

IC Design.

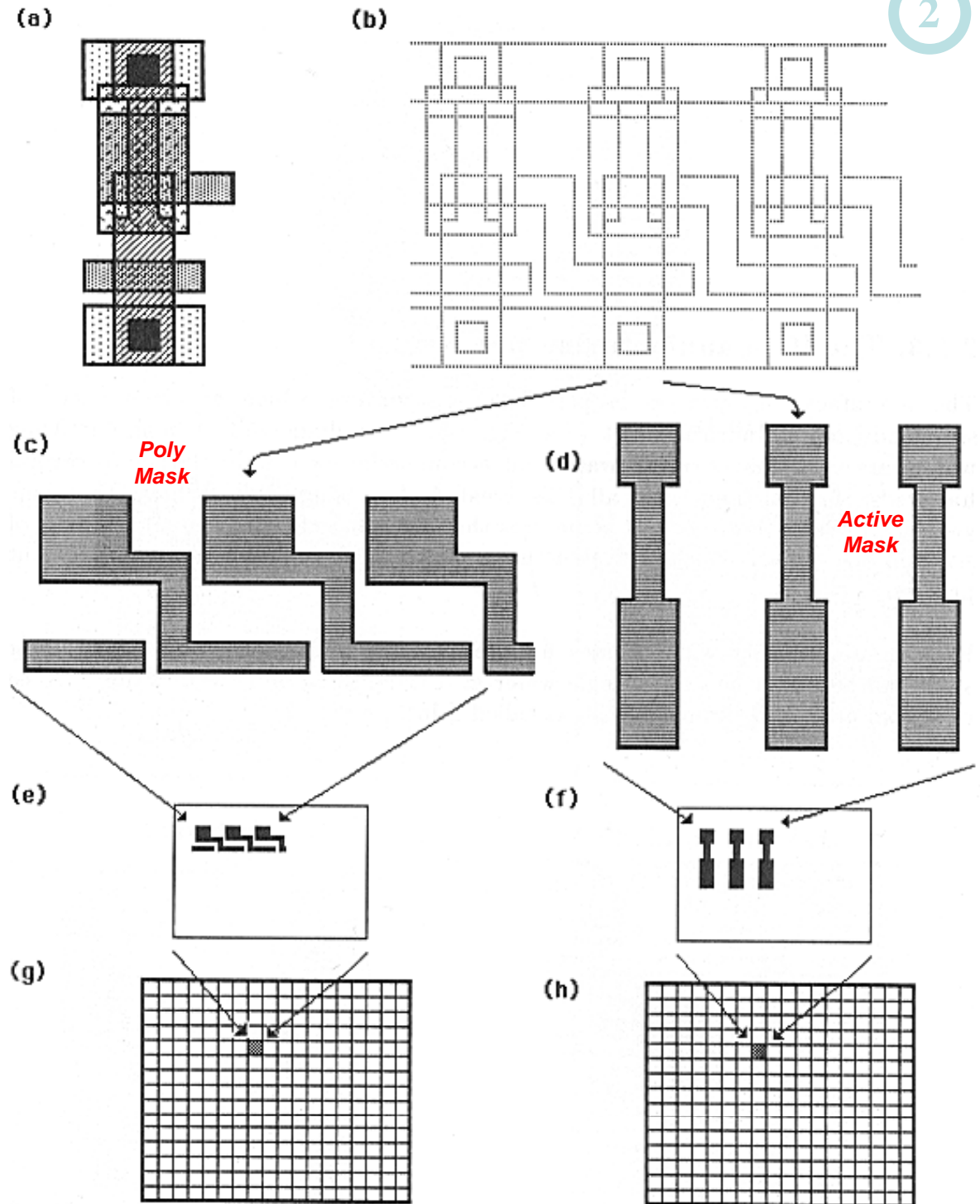
Layout of an nMOS inverter.



LAYOUT TO FAB

Photolithographic Masks.

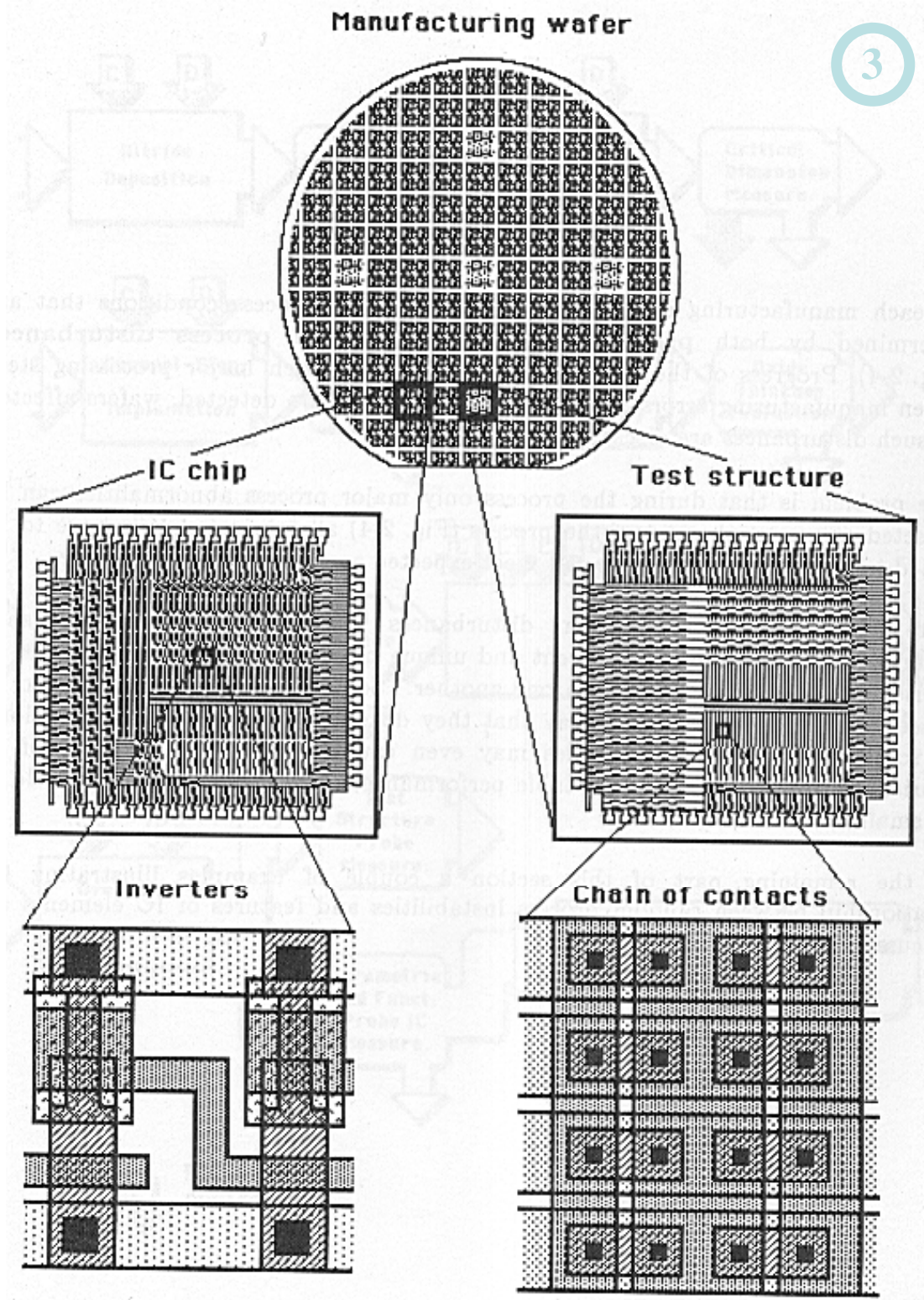
Design mask transformation.



LAYOUT TO FAB

IC Manufacturing Process.

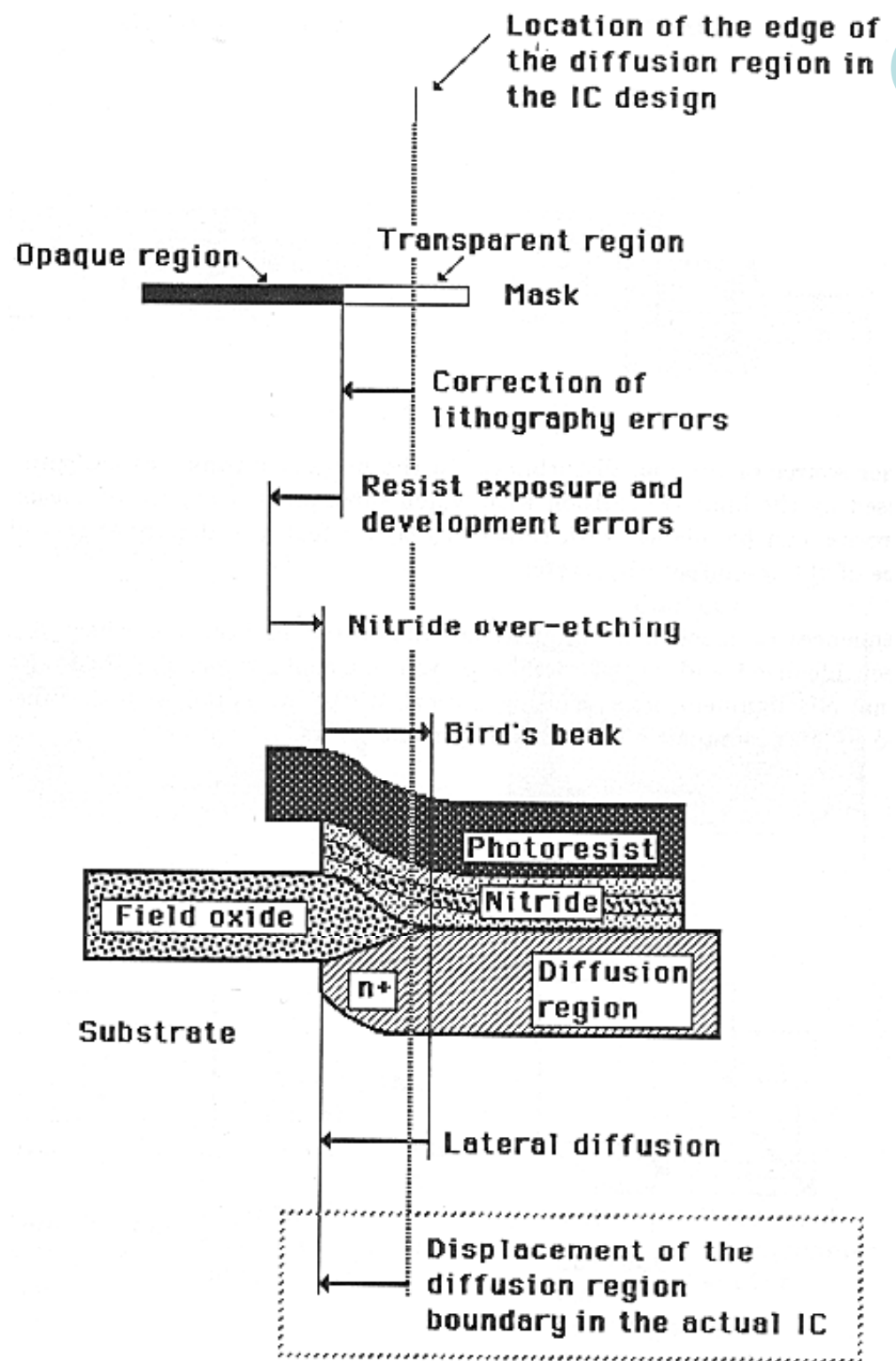
Manufacturing wafer.



PROCESS INSTABILITIES

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Errors in the location of the diffusion region boundary.



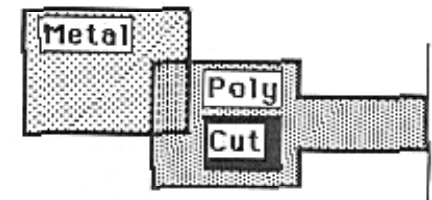
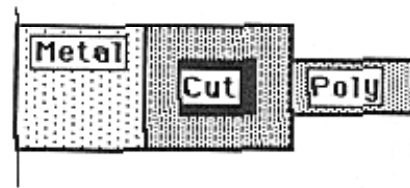
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Mask misalignment.

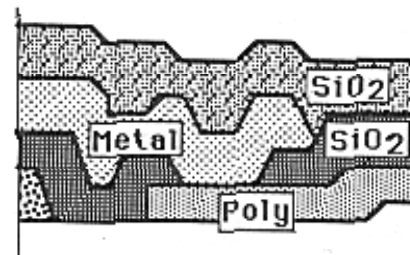
DESIGN

ACTUAL IC

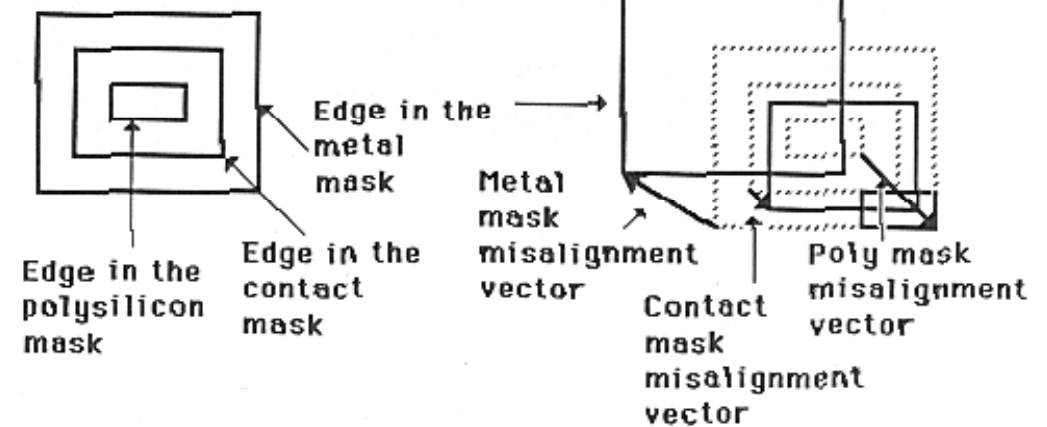
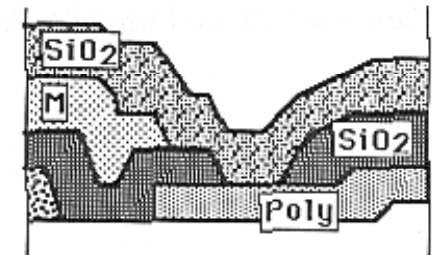
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Ideal metal-poly contact

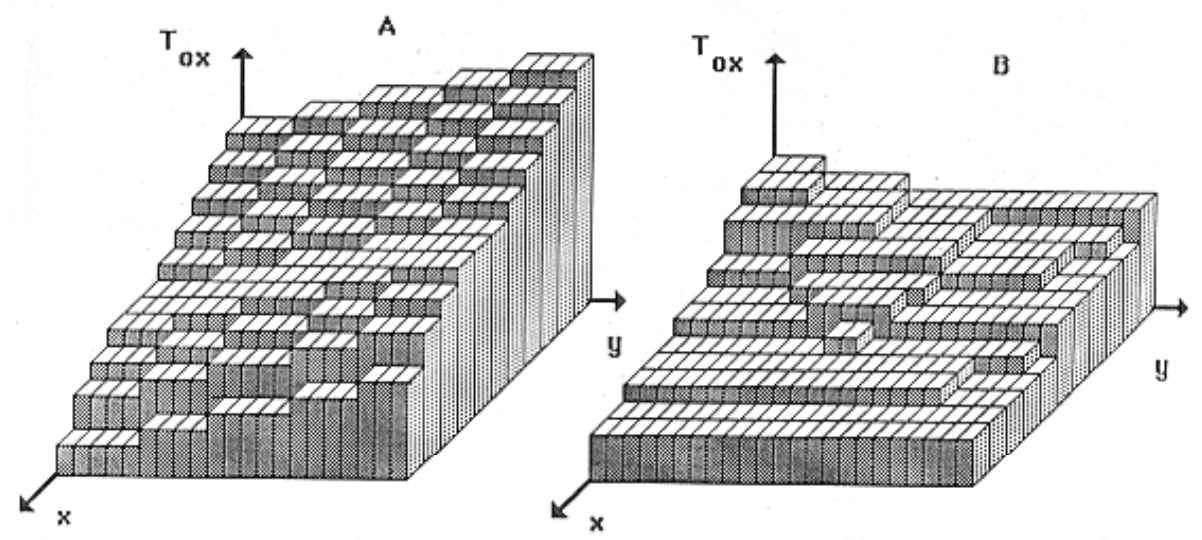
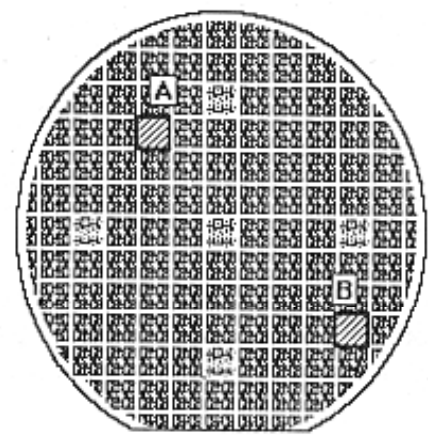


Faulty metal-poly contact



PROCESS INSTABILITIES

Variations of the oxide thickness among and within IC chips at different locations of the wafer.



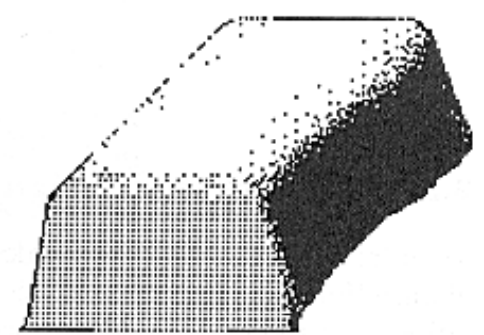
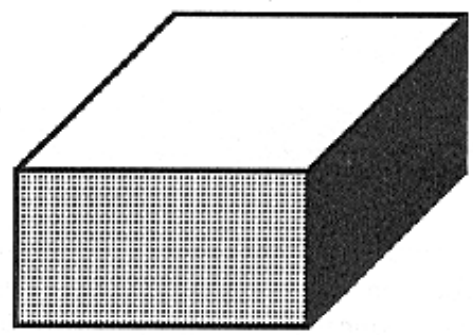
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Process-Design Relationship.

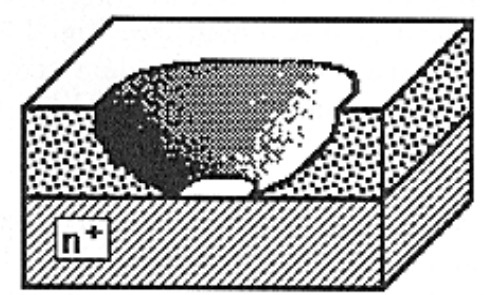
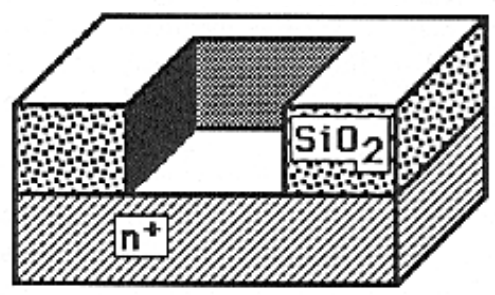
Discrepancies between concepts used in the design and the actual elements of the IC: a) metal line, b) contact cut and c) diffusion region.

DESIGN

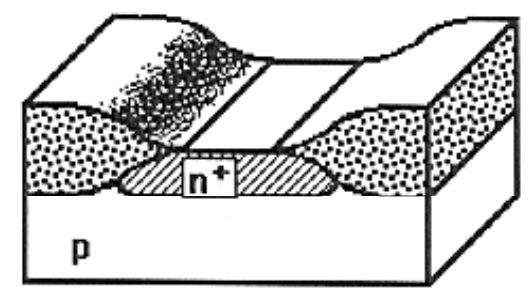
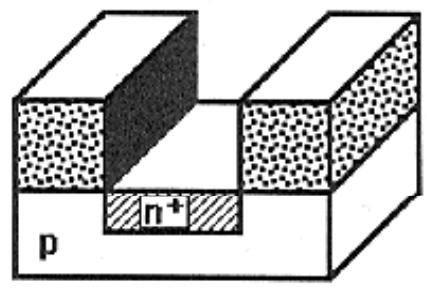
ACTUAL IC



(b)



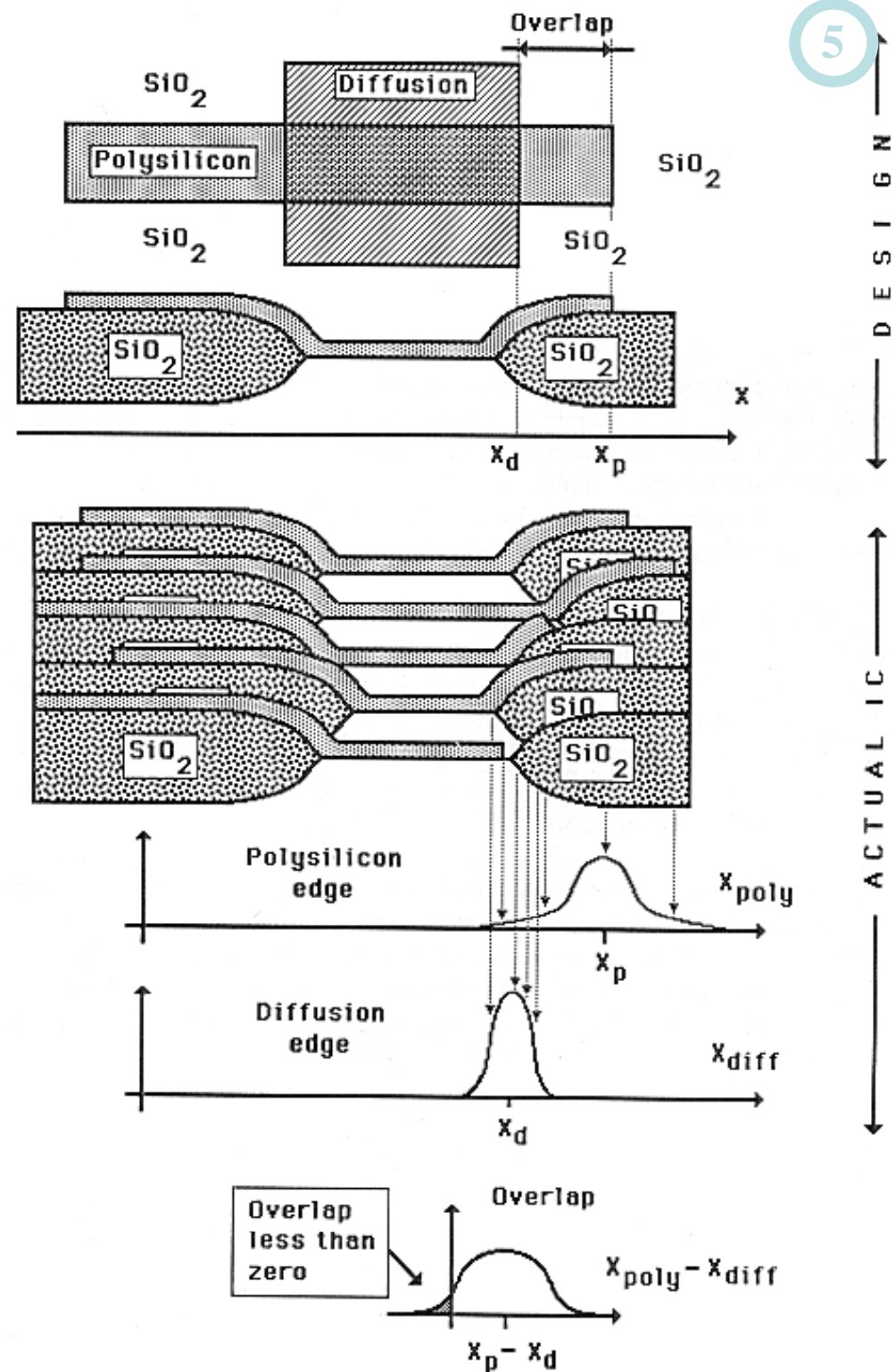
(c)



PROCESS INSTABILITIES

Geometrical Design Rules.

The minimal spacing between edges of two regions is determined by the fluctuations in the location of their boundaries in the actual IC.



PROCESS INSTABILITIES

A set of geometrical design rules for the nMOS technology, where λ represents a unit spacing.

