

Development of a High-Density-Plasma System for Dry Etch Applications

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ABSTRACT

本論文係結合靜電式探針 (Langmuir probe) 的檢測技術應用, 研究探討在感應耦合式高密度電漿系統中, 經由腔體壓力、ICP 功率、RF 功率以及氣體流量等參數的改變, 量測其解離出來的電漿特性, 並將所研究之結果實際應用於製程驗證上, 在此研究上我們將應用於SiO₂的深度蝕刻, 端看電漿的特性變化調整如何使之得到最佳蝕刻效果。於電漿研究部分, 從分析結果顯示不論上述何種參數之改變, 其解離出的電漿密度皆在10¹¹ cm⁻³ 以上的等級。尤其當ICP功率由400 W逐漸增加到1200 W時, 電漿密度亦可從1.3 × 10¹¹ cm⁻³上升至3.8 × 10¹¹ cm⁻³; 反觀其它參數之改變, 整體電漿密度的變化量為1.9 × 10¹¹到3.2 × 10¹¹ cm⁻³ 之間, 這顯示ICP功率對於電漿密度之影響能力最強。此外由於電漿之功率密度計算為離子通量 (ion Flux) 與離子能量 (ion Energy) 的乘積值, 其同時兼具離子數量與能量之特性, 因此對於以物理性為主的蝕刻製程 (ion-driven etch), 尤其是在蝕刻率方面, 電漿之功率具有決定性的影響, 相關實驗同時也由矽石光波導之蝕刻得到驗證。

Keywords : 乾蝕刻 ; 電漿密度 ; Langmuir 探針

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