

Appendix

A. Determination of copper concentration in methanol using ICP-OES

(i) Table I: Magnitude of electrical current measured during seasoning period (Fig. 4.4 (a)).

| Time (minutes) | Current (mA) |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 0 | 1.9 |
| 15 | 1.8 |
| 30 | 1.6 |
| 45 | 1.6 |
| 60 | 1.5 |
| 75 | 1.8 |
| 90 | 2.0 |
| Average | 1.7 |

(ii) Comparison between the copper concentration in methanol measured by ICP-OES with calculated copper concentration in methanol (Fig. 4.4 (b)).

Average leakage current, $I : 0.0017\text{A}$

Electrolysis period, $t : 90 \text{ min.}$

Initial methanol volume, $V_i = 1.0 \text{ liter}$, final methanol volume, $V_f = 0.5 \text{ liter}$

According to

a. First Faraday's Law of electrolysis

The mass of any substance liberated from an electrolyte by the passage of current is proportional to the product of the current and the time for which it flows.

By assuming the volume of methanol decreasing linearly (V_i : 1.0 L at $t = 0$ s, V_f : 0.5 L at $t = 5400$ s.), the estimated volume of methanol at time t , V_t

$$\begin{aligned} V_t &= V_i - \left(\frac{V_i - V_f}{5400} \right) t \\ &= 1 - \left(\frac{1 - 0.5}{5400} \right) t \\ &= \frac{10,800 - t}{10,800} \end{aligned}$$

∴ The estimated copper concentration in methanol at time t is

$$\begin{aligned} [Cu^{2+}] &= \frac{W}{V_t} \\ &= \frac{Itm}{2eN_A V_t} \\ &= \left(\frac{t}{V_t} \right) \frac{mI}{2eN_A} \\ &= \left(\frac{t}{10,800 - t} \right) \left(\frac{10,800 \times 63.5 \times 0.0017}{2 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 6.023 \times 10^{23}} \right) \\ &= 6.05 \left(\frac{t}{10,800 - t} \right) \text{ mg/liter or ppma} \end{aligned}$$

Table II: Comparison between measured and calculated copper concentration in methanol (Fig. 4.4 (b))

| Time (min) | Estimate copper concentration | Measured copper concentration | |
|------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| | C1 (± 0.1 ppma) | E1 (± 0.1 ppma) | E2 ($0.1 \pm$ ppma) |
| 0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 |
| 15 | 0.6 | 1.6 | 0.9 |
| 30 | 1.2 | 2.5 | 1.8 |
| 45 | 2.0 | 3.2 | 2.4 |
| 60 | 3.0 | 4.1 | 3.4 |
| 75 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 4.1 |
| 90 | 6.1 | 5.5 | 4.7 |

Legends

E 1: Copper concentration in methanol measures using ICP-OES.

E 2: Copper concentration level in the methanol after subtracting the residual copper in the methanol at $t = 0$.

C 1: Calculated copper concentration.

(iii) Relationship between copper concentration in methanol and magnitude of current during copper decoration process (Fig. 4.5)

Table III: Results of copper concentration of methanol vs. magnitude of current

| Time (min.) | Copper concentration of methanol (± 0.1 ppm) | |
|-------------|---|-----------|
| | I: 3 mA | I : 20 mA |
| 0 | 0.3 | 0.9 |
| 15 | 2.2 | 3.1 |
| 30 | 2.9 | 4.4 |
| 45 | 3.1 | 5.4 |
| 60 | 3.8 | 7.5 |

B: Studying distribution of copper dots size on copper decorated wafers (Fig. 4.8)

Table IV: Size of coper dots measured on wafer A (n=63)

| | Area ($\pm 1 \text{ } \mu\text{m}^2$) | | Area ($\pm 1 \text{ } \mu\text{m}^2$) | | Area ($\pm 1 \text{ } \mu\text{m}^2$) | | Area ($\pm 1 \text{ } \mu\text{m}^2$) |
|----|---|----|---|----|---|----|---|
| 1 | 3,952 | 21 | 4,431 | 41 | 5,310 | 61 | 5,104 |
| 2 | 4,182 | 22 | 8,091 | 42 | 3,203 | 62 | 7,585 |
| 3 | 5,976 | 23 | 2,624 | 43 | 4,426 | 63 | 5,459 |
| 4 | 5,042 | 24 | 4,158 | 44 | 4,539 | 64 | |
| 5 | 2,838 | 25 | 3,739 | 45 | 2,221 | 65 | |
| 6 | 3,933 | 26 | 4,702 | 46 | 2,605 | 66 | |
| 7 | 4,220 | 27 | 13,950 | 47 | 2,916 | 67 | |
| 8 | 3,809 | 28 | 6,344 | 48 | 2,118 | 68 | |
| 9 | 4,169 | 29 | 4,266 | 49 | 2,297 | 69 | |
| 10 | 4,418 | 30 | 3,579 | 50 | 4,123 | 70 | |
| 11 | 2,037 | 31 | 4,564 | 51 | 3,809 | 71 | |
| 12 | 3,398 | 32 | 4,894 | 52 | 4,680 | 72 | |
| 13 | 4,288 | 33 | 4,358 | 53 | 2,784 | 73 | |
| 14 | 3,490 | 34 | 4,821 | 54 | 3,484 | 74 | |
| 15 | 3,216 | 35 | 4,734 | 55 | 3,138 | 75 | |
| 16 | 4,085 | 36 | 2,797 | 56 | 3,584 | 76 | |
| 17 | 3,963 | 37 | 5,881 | 57 | 4,764 | 77 | |
| 18 | 4,296 | 38 | 3,419 | 58 | 3,706 | 78 | |
| 19 | 5,299 | 39 | 3,579 | 59 | 3,649 | 79 | |
| 20 | 3,457 | 40 | 3,571 | 60 | 3,836 | 80 | |

Table V: Size of copper dots measured on wafer B (n=218)

| | Area ($\pm 1 \mu\text{m}^2$) | | Area ($\pm 1 \mu\text{m}^2$) | | Area ($\pm 1 \mu\text{m}^2$) | | Area ($\pm 1 \mu\text{m}^2$) | | Area ($\pm 1 \mu\text{m}^2$) |
|----|-----------------------------------|----|-----------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | 76063 | 51 | 7094 | 101 | 43505 | 151 | 45433 | 201 | 51438 |
| 2 | 87592 | 52 | 68451 | 102 | 54039 | 152 | 71694 | 202 | 60255 |
| 3 | 64182 | 53 | 29465 | 103 | 71052 | 153 | 64825 | 203 | 63439 |
| 4 | 35521 | 54 | 58920 | 104 | 57052 | 154 | 63279 | 204 | 45593 |
| 5 | 68260 | 55 | 60979 | 105 | 66070 | 155 | 56701 | 205 | 36223 |
| 6 | 78774 | 56 | 83334 | 106 | 41462 | 156 | 55325 | 206 | 63419 |
| 7 | 70339 | 57 | 85744 | 107 | 68179 | 157 | 64213 | 207 | 118824 |
| 8 | 61672 | 58 | 28682 | 108 | 57594 | 158 | 54150 | 208 | 25719 |
| 9 | 84448 | 59 | 80100 | 109 | 49731 | 159 | 20527 | 209 | 54290 |
| 10 | 38333 | 60 | 91097 | 110 | 59372 | 160 | 20678 | 210 | 57227 |
| 11 | 48074 | 61 | 74988 | 111 | 54059 | 161 | 16932 | 211 | 13738 |
| 12 | 6949 | 62 | 70640 | 112 | 59734 | 162 | 59493 | 212 | 11498 |
| 13 | 49108 | 63 | 55906 | 113 | 62626 | 163 | 57725 | 213 | 31835 |
| 14 | 42610 | 64 | 83514 | 114 | 57323 | 164 | 55716 | 214 | 52231 |
| 15 | 13578 | 65 | 80100 | 115 | 60878 | 165 | 38935 | 215 | 43303 |
| 16 | 53738 | 66 | 68189 | 116 | 65448 | 166 | 65167 | 216 | 62816 |
| 17 | 67426 | 67 | 26302 | 117 | 61270 | 167 | 45493 | 217 | 20788 |
| 18 | 62465 | 68 | 76585 | 118 | 79447 | 168 | 105608 | 218 | 35721 |
| 19 | 44027 | 69 | 74366 | 119 | 105016 | 169 | 164036 | | |
| 20 | 56209 | 70 | 46377 | 120 | 72156 | 170 | 200150 | | |
| 21 | 74906 | 71 | 84217 | 121 | 45413 | 171 | 67195 | | |
| 22 | 57072 | 72 | 20417 | 122 | 81596 | 172 | 60055 | | |
| 23 | 78252 | 73 | 94300 | 123 | 75531 | 173 | 53397 | | |
| 24 | 73271 | 74 | 49852 | 124 | 85463 | 174 | 42731 | | |
| 25 | 20055 | 75 | 86377 | 125 | 81094 | 175 | 15004 | | |
| 26 | 105116 | 76 | 54813 | 126 | 75229 | 176 | 52362 | | |
| 27 | 58066 | 77 | 70620 | 127 | 59513 | 177 | 67657 | | |
| 28 | 14932 | 78 | 82862 | 128 | 83705 | 178 | 69445 | | |
| 29 | 71001 | 79 | 67808 | 129 | 71664 | 179 | 81325 | | |
| 30 | 77790 | 80 | 67496 | 130 | 56018 | 180 | 35852 | | |
| 31 | 62435 | 81 | 70720 | 131 | 50905 | 181 | 56084 | | |
| 32 | 59754 | 82 | 66924 | 132 | 76886 | 182 | 84458 | | |
| 33 | 52101 | 83 | 97262 | 133 | 54140 | 183 | 75440 | | |
| 34 | 19101 | 84 | 69997 | 134 | 50324 | 184 | 63951 | | |
| 35 | 57233 | 85 | 99583 | 135 | 73703 | 185 | 48033 | | |
| 36 | 56048 | 86 | 63720 | 136 | 56259 | 186 | 65257 | | |
| 37 | 62638 | 87 | 38350 | 137 | 51097 | 187 | 58397 | | |
| 38 | 66000 | 88 | 77288 | 138 | 75480 | 188 | 62344 | | |
| 39 | 65910 | 89 | 34848 | 139 | 50223 | 189 | 65066 | | |
| 40 | 30319 | 90 | 102053 | 140 | 35511 | 190 | 58679 | | |
| 41 | 56650 | 91 | 82259 | 141 | 70057 | 191 | 58176 | | |

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|----|--------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-----|-------|--|--|
| 42 | 102646 | 92 | 69806 | 142 | 54923 | 192 | 63077 | | |
| 43 | 51037 | 93 | 66773 | 143 | 74627 | 193 | 61641 | | |
| 44 | 89731 | 94 | 66422 | 144 | 39116 | 194 | 56760 | | |
| 45 | 9430 | 95 | 74556 | 145 | 82149 | 195 | 58468 | | |
| 46 | 97052 | 96 | 80472 | 146 | 60477 | 196 | 56660 | | |
| 47 | 27175 | 97 | 64865 | 147 | 18197 | 197 | 63780 | | |
| 48 | 50635 | 98 | 61129 | 148 | 71524 | 198 | 27275 | | |
| 49 | 72719 | 99 | 73241 | 149 | 70077 | 199 | 24283 | | |
| 50 | 72056 | 100 | 36706 | 150 | 26121 | 200 | 56098 | | |

C: Studying the impact of size of D-defect on the size of copper dots (Fig. 4.10)

Table VI: Relationship between size of copper dots and size of D-defects

Relationship between size of copper dots vs. size of D-defects

| | Area of Cu dot ($\pm 1 \text{ } \mu\text{m}^2$) | Area of D-defect ($\pm 1 \text{ } \text{nm}^2$) |
|----|---|---|
| 1 | 87340 | 15086 |
| 2 | 85292 | 23449 |
| 3 | 77529 | 31484 |
| 4 | 71222 | 48066 |
| 5 | 70479 | 18916 |
| 6 | 70760 | 32741 |
| 7 | 69104 | 15967 |
| 8 | 67818 | 11995 |
| 9 | 65437 | 11868 |
| 10 | 64363 | 42660 |
| 11 | 57433 | 13822 |
| 12 | 50966 | 11876 |
| 13 | 49841 | 15671 |
| 14 | 21410 | 6082 |
| 15 | 16259 | 16870 |

D: Determination of stressed field by V_{ox}/V_{app} ratio measurement (Fig. 4.19)
Table VI: Relationship of V_{ox}/V_{app} as a function of probe exposed length

| V_{app} (V) | V_{ox} (V) | | | | | |
|---------------|--------------|------|-----------|------|-----------|------|
| | l: 1.0 mm | | l: 1.5 mm | | l: 2.0 mm | |
| | Ave | Std | Ave | Std | Ave | Std |
| 3 | 2.4 | 0.01 | 2.5 | 0.02 | 2.5 | 0.01 |
| 6 | 5.1 | 0.04 | 5.2 | 0.04 | 5.3 | 0.02 |
| 9 | 7.8 | 0.01 | 7.9 | 0.06 | 8.1 | 0.02 |
| 12 | 10.4 | 0.03 | 10.6 | 0.12 | 10.9 | 0.01 |
| 15 | 12.9 | 0.08 | 13.3 | 0.21 | 13.6 | 0.04 |
| 18 | 15.5 | 0.12 | 15.9 | 0.31 | 16.3 | 0.12 |
| 21 | 18.0 | 0.28 | 18.4 | 0.15 | 18.9 | 0.19 |
| 24 | 20.3 | 0.25 | 20.6 | 0.48 | 21.3 | 0.18 |

E: Effects of copper concentration on the conductivity of methanol (Fig. 4.21)**Table VII: Comparison between measured and calculated conductivity of methanol**

| Copper concentration in methanol | | Conductivity of methanol | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ppm = mg/liter | micro-mol/liter | Calculated (micro Siemen) | Measured (micro Siemen) |
| 0.0 | | | 0.5 |
| 0.3 | 4.9 | 0.9 | 2.2 |
| 0.5 | 7.2 | 1.0 | 3.7 |
| 2.2 | 35.3 | 3.1 | 3.4 |
| 2.9 | 45.2 | 3.9 | 4.4 |
| 3.1 | 48.5 | 4.1 | 4.2 |
| 3.1 | 49.4 | 4.2 | 5.4 |
| 3.2 | 50.4 | 4.3 | 4.1 |
| 3.8 | 60.0 | 5.0 | 6.6 |
| 3.8 | 60.1 | 5.0 | 4.4 |
| 4.1 | 65.0 | 5.3 | 4.6 |
| 4.4 | 68.8 | 5.6 | 6.4 |
| 5.4 | 85.6 | 6.9 | 8.5 |
| 6.4 | 100.9 | 8.0 | 4.9 |
| 7.5 | 118.1 | 9.3 | 11.9 |