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# Defect Reduction and Yield Enhancement, Part 1

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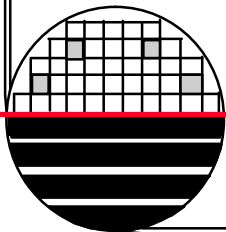
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***OUTLINE***

**Particulates**

Particle Definition  
Killer Defects  
Cost of a Killer Defect  
Yield Models  
Sources of Microcontamination  
Particle Counters and Scanners  
Particle Transport Mechanisms  
Defect Test Structures

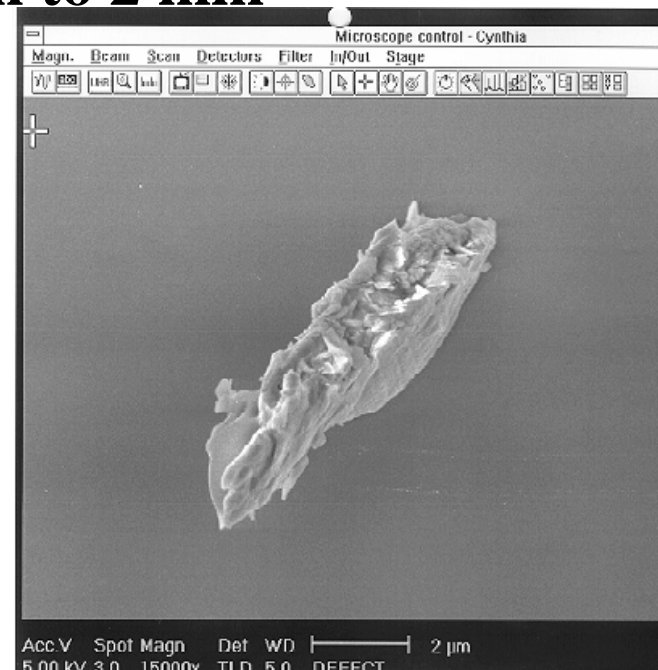
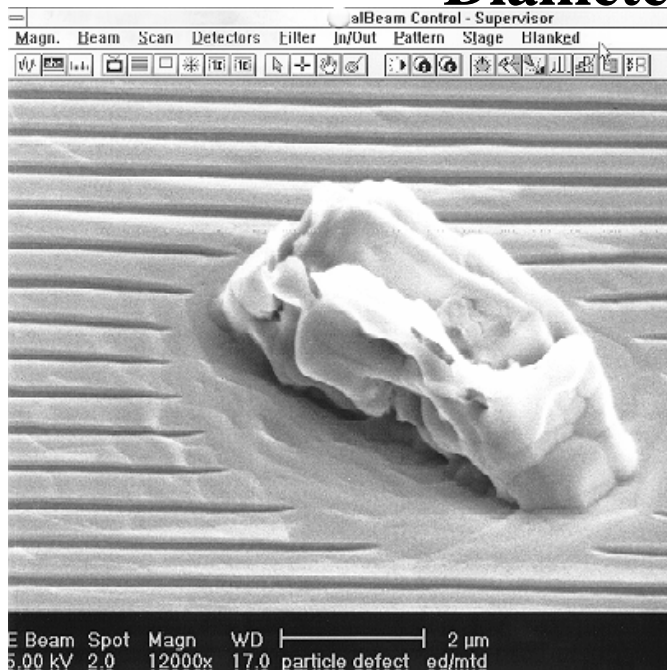
**Material Defects**

Wafer Defects  
Gettering  
Oxygen Precipitation

***PARTICLE DEFINITION***

**Stable (Non-Volatile) Conglomeration of Molecules**

**Diameter ~2 nm to 2  $\mu$ m**



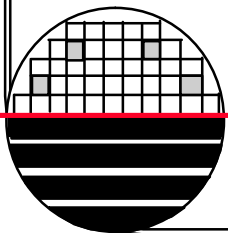
## ***KILLER DEFECTS***

**ANY PARTICULATE THAT CAUSES A DISRUPTION IN THE INTENDED MICROCIRCUIT PATTERN.**

Size is about the minimum feature size and needs to be in a critical spot on the wafer at a critical time in the manufacturing process

**ANY CRYSTAL DEFECT THAT CAUSES A DISRUPTION IN THE INTENDED MICROCIRCUIT PATTERN.**

Defect needs to be near the surface (Top 5 to 30 micrometers)  
Defect needs to be in a critical device area



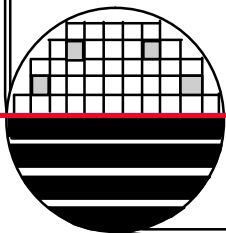
***KILLER DEFECTS (CONTINUED)***

**ANY CHEMICAL CONTAMINATE THAT CAUSES A DISRUPTION IN THE INTENDED ELECTRONIC DEVICE OPERATION.**

Metals such as gold, copper, platinum etc causes decrease in lifetime of minority carriers causing devices such as memory and CCD's to fail (less than 10 parts per trillion)

Metals such as sodium and potassium causes shifts in threshold voltage of MOS FET's (less than one part per billion)

Metals such as boron, phosphorous, arsenic, aluminum, indium, antimony are semiconductor dopants (less than one part per million)



## ***COST OF KILLER DEFECT***

### **THE COST OF ONE KILLER DEFECT PER WAFER**

assume 5000 6 inch wafer starts per week  
assume 1 cm x 1cm size chip  
assume \$10 selling price

$$\text{AREA} = \text{PI R}^2 \\ (3.14)(7.5 \text{ cm})^2 = 176 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\text{NUMBER OF DIE/WAFER} = \text{AREA/DIE AREA} \\ = 176 \text{ die}$$

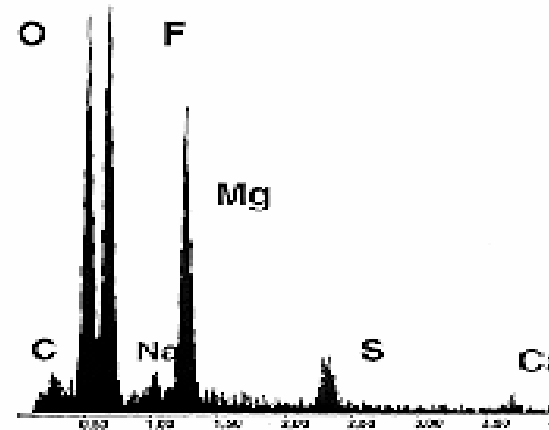
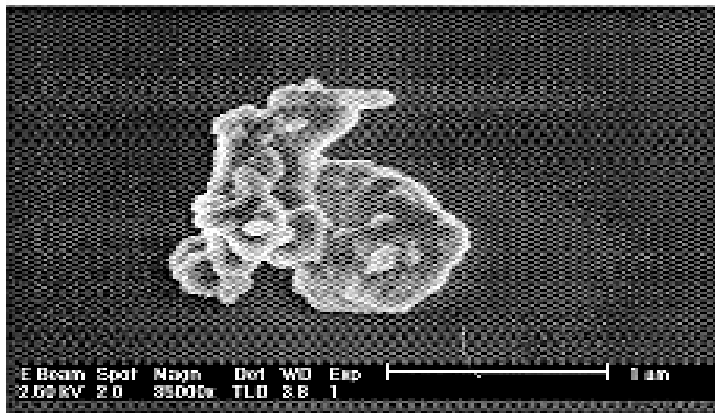
$$\text{NUMBER OF DIE PER YEAR} = \\ = (5000 \text{ wfr/wk})(52 \text{ wk/yr})(176 \text{ die/wfr}) \\ = 45,760,000 \text{ die/year}$$

$$\text{DOLLARS/YEAR} = \$457,600,000/\text{year}$$

$$\text{COST OF ONE ADDITIONAL KILLER DEFECT / WFR} \\ = \$457,600,000/176 = \mathbf{\$2,600,000} / \text{year}$$

## IDENTIFY SOURCE OF CONTAMINATION

### Root Cause Analysis by Blank Wafer DRT - "O" Ring Contamination



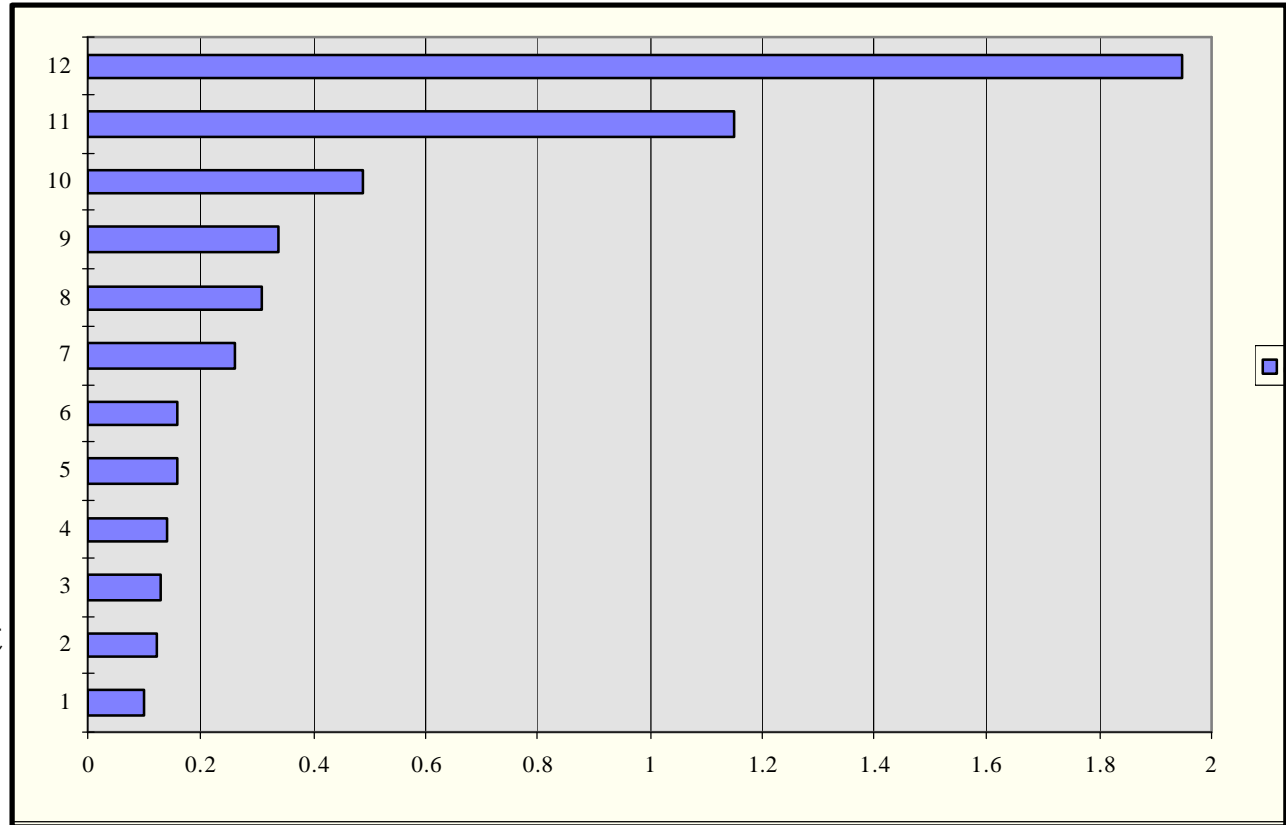
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***COST OPPORTUNITY***

**SEMATECH COST RESOURCE MODEL SENSITIVITY**

- Probe Yield**
- Fab Yield**
- Throughput**
- Downtime %**
- Tool Capital**
- Consumables**
- Materials**
- Maintenance**
- space**
- Salaries**
- Clean Room Layout**
- Operators**



**% Cost Chang per 1 % Change in Variable**



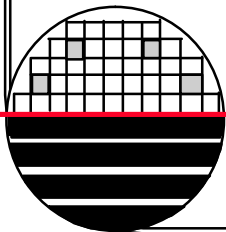
## ***YIELD MODELS***

$$\text{YIELD} = e^{-AD}$$

**WHERE**      **A** is the **CHIP AREA** ( $\text{cm}^2$ )  
                  **D** is the **DENSITY OF DEFECTS** ( $\#/ \text{cm}^2$ )

**EXAMPLE: CHIP AREA** is  $1 \text{ cm}^2$  and **DEFECT DENSITY** is  $1/ \text{cm}^2$

then **YIELD** =  $e^{-1} = 37\%$



**MICROCONTAMINATION - CLEANROOM**

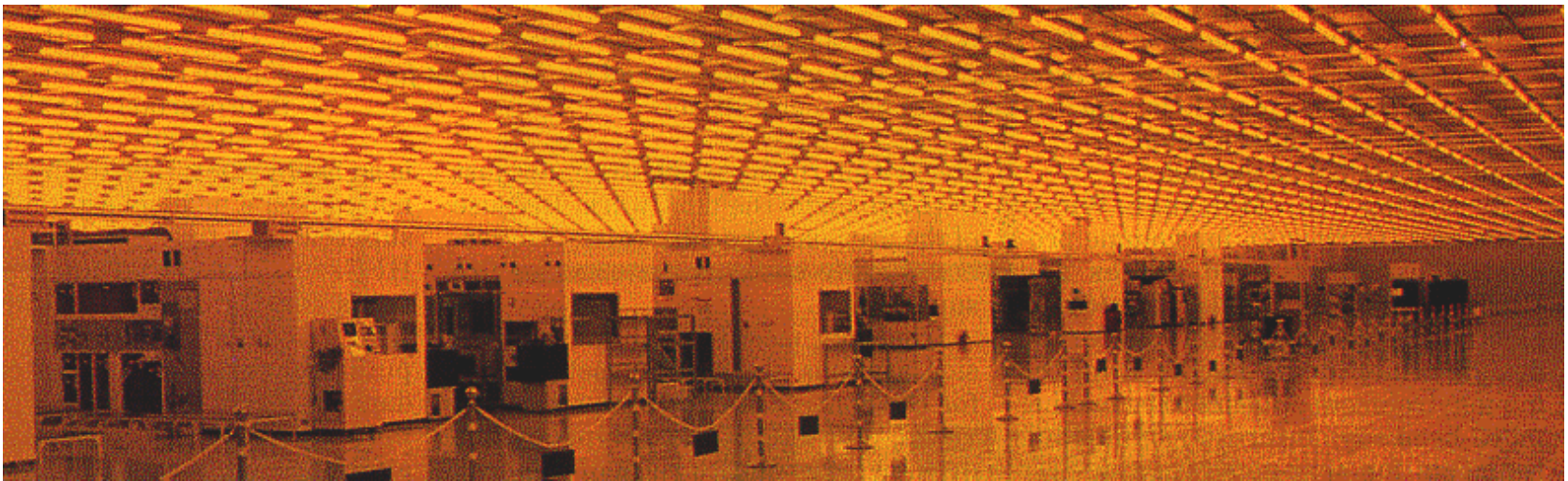
**MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICLES  
PER CUBIC FOOT OF AIR**

	<b>0.1 um</b>	<b>0.2um</b>	<b>0.3um</b>	<b>0.5um</b>
<b>CLASS 1</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>CLASS 10</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>CLASS 100</b>		<b>750</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>CLASS 1000</b>				<b>1000</b>

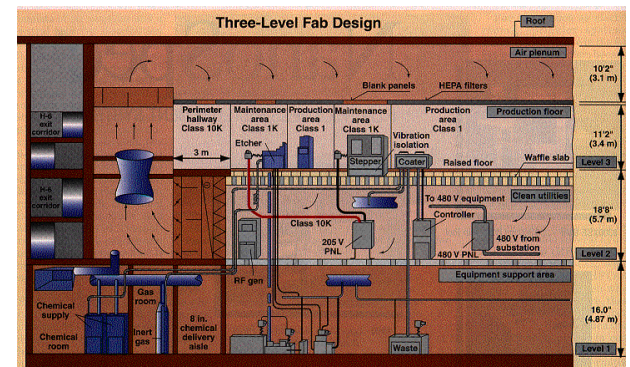
**Federal Standard 209D, U.S. GSA 1989**

# CLEANROOM DESIGN

**BALLROOM DESIGN  
TUNNEL AND CHASE DESIGN  
MINI-ENVIRONMENT**

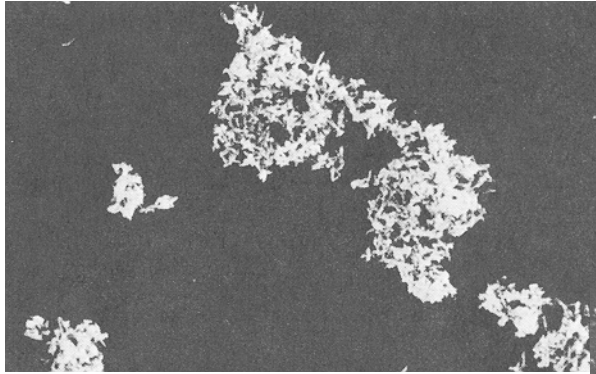


## Ballroom Design

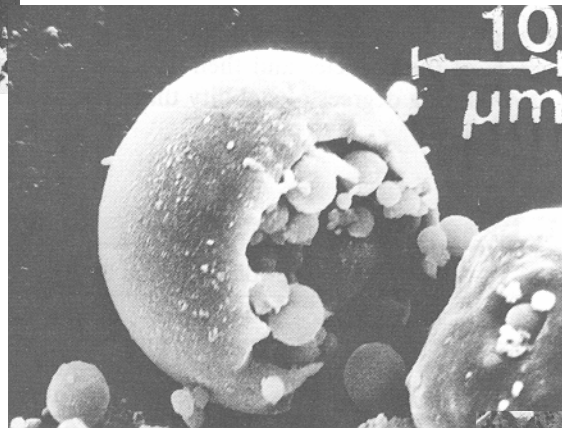


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## ***PARTICLES AND THEIR SOURCE***



Iron oxide from  
welding process



Fly ash from coal  
burning power  
generation

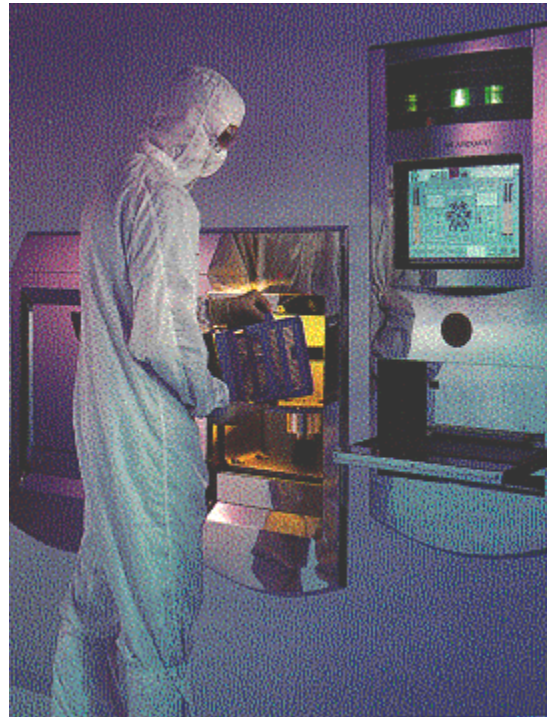
Asbestos



Ref: William Hinds,  
“Aerosol Technology”

# MINI ENVIRONMENT

## SMIF Cassette Loading Tools



Open Cassette Loading



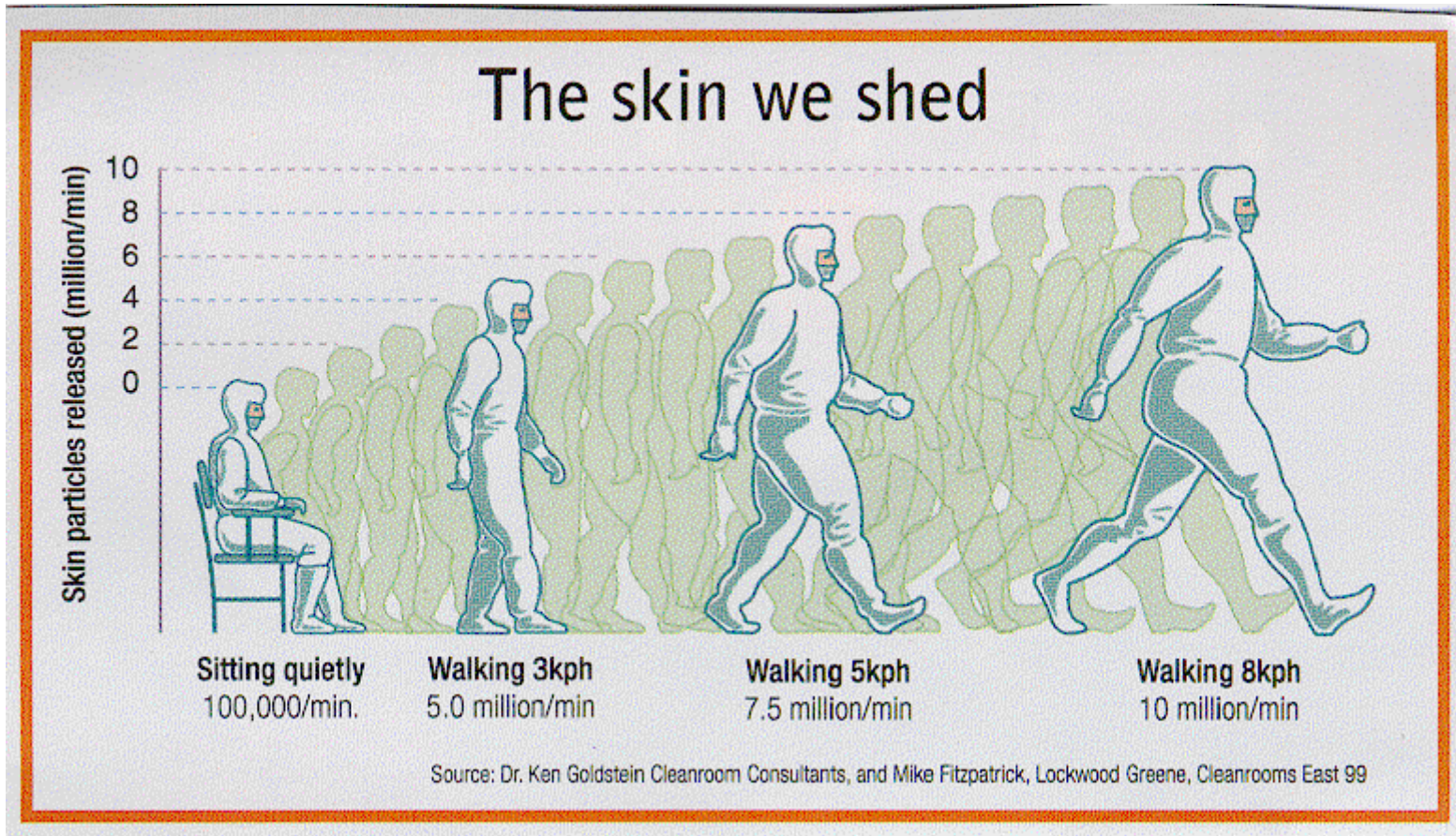
SMIF Cassette

## *MICROCONTAMINATION - PEOPLE*

**People can generate up to 2,000,000 particles per minute. By using white suits and other clean room protocols this number can be reduced to less than 10,000 particles per minute.**



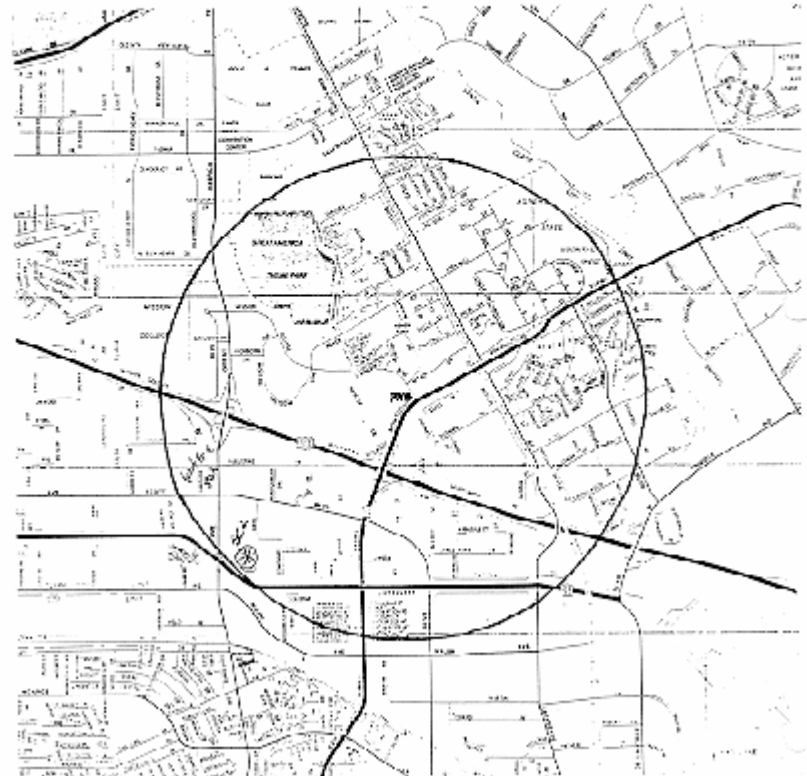
# PEOPLE AND MOVEMENT



## *RELATIVE SIZE*

Finding a 1  $\mu\text{m}$  particle on an 8" wafer is equivalent to finding a penny in the area shown below.

Finding a 1  $\mu\text{m}$  particle on an 8" wafer is equivalent to finding a penny in the city of Rochester, NY





**PARTICLE COUNTS IN FAB OVER A WORKDAY**

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Laser Particle Counter (LPC) 3A and 3B and Condensation Nucleation Counter (CNC) 4A all at the same location in the fab.

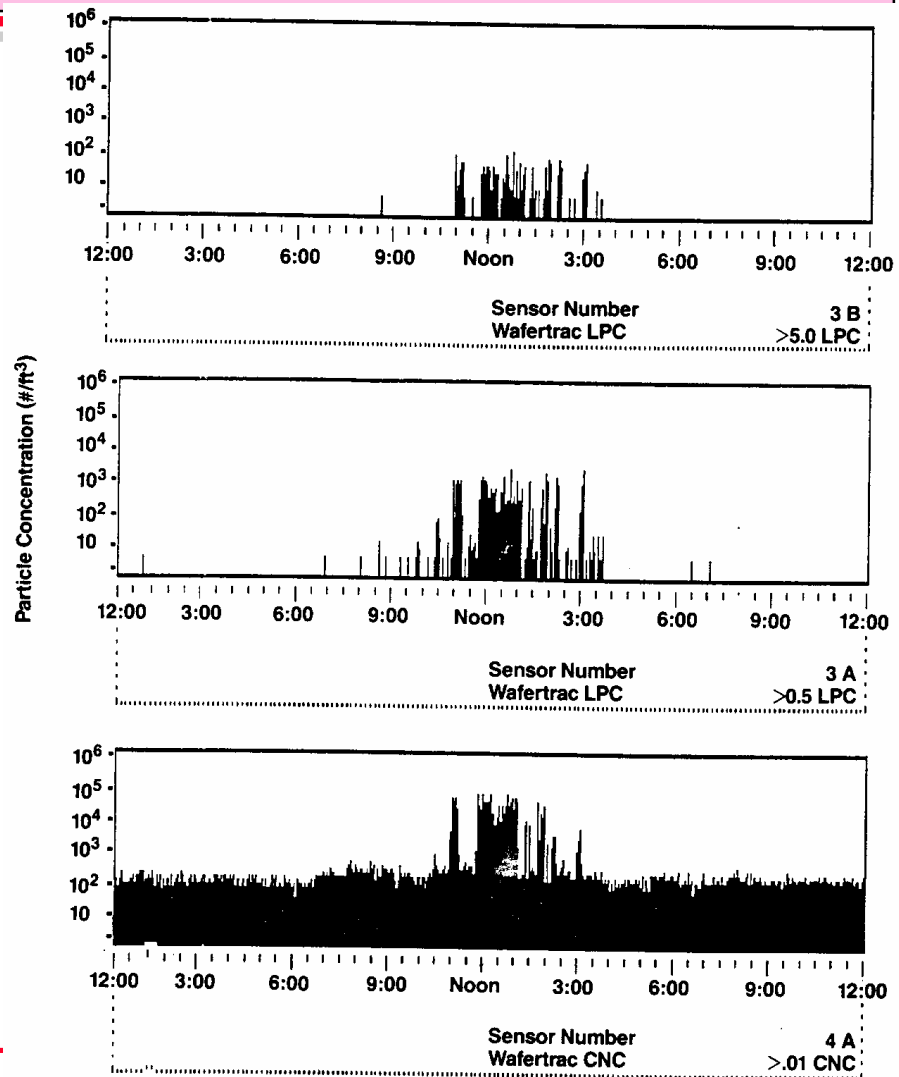
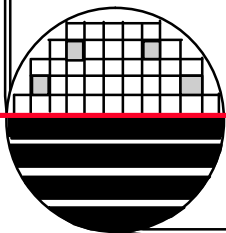


Figure 8-4. Particle size and concentration profiles for



# POSITIVE PRESSURE IN A CLEANROOM

## 24 HOUR TRACE OF PARTICLE COUNT AND CLEANROOM PRESSURE

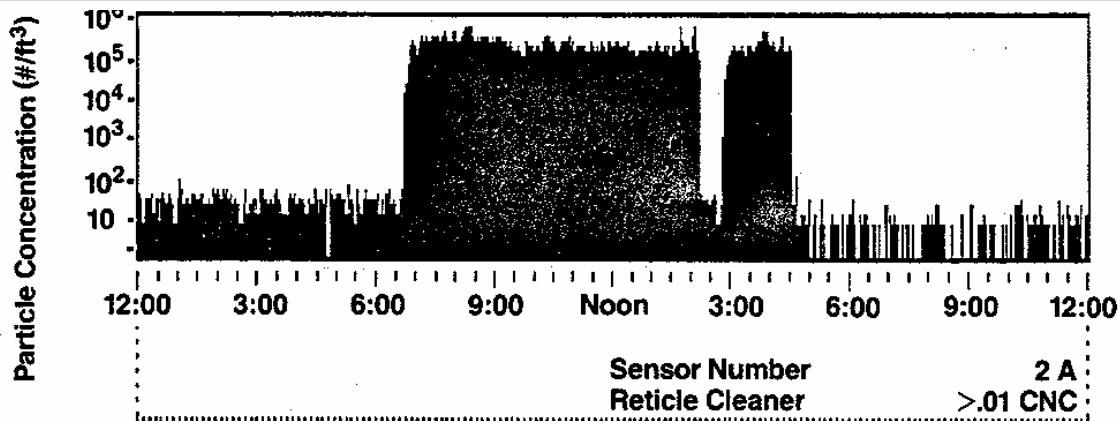
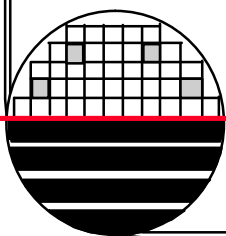
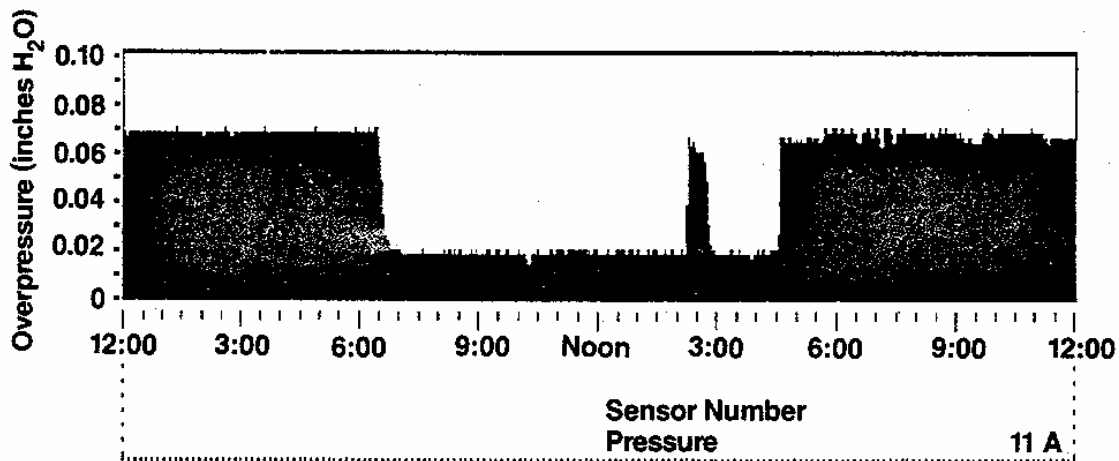
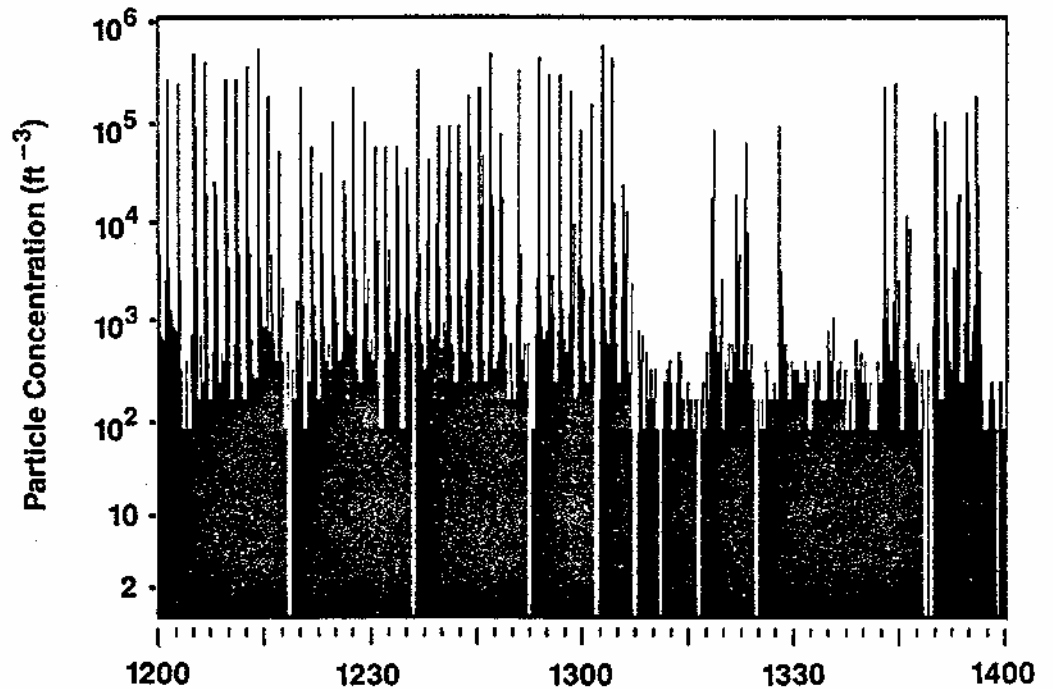
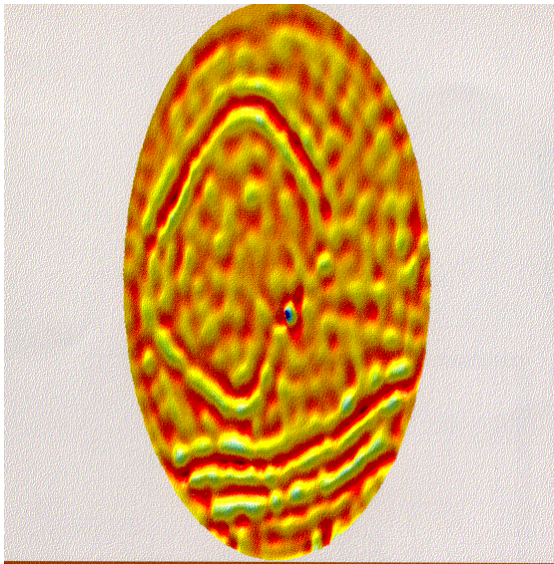


Figure 8-7a. A 24-h particle concentration profile measured near the reticle cleaner.



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# PARTICLES NEAR PHOTORESIST SPINNER

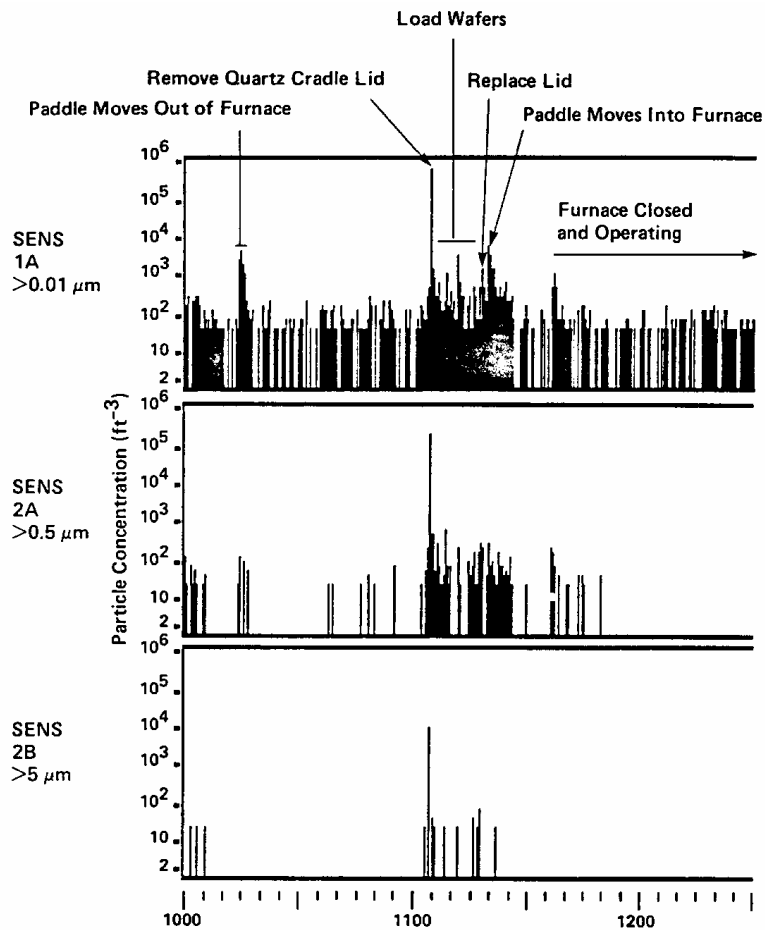
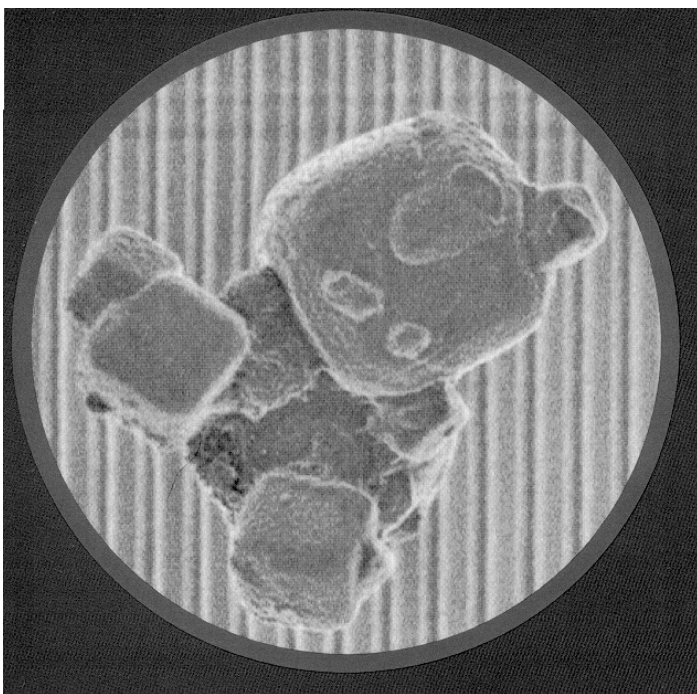


Source: Donovan et al., 1988

Figure 9-7. Periodic bursts of particles larger than 10 nm in the vicinity of a photoresist spinner.

# PARTICLE COUNTS NEAR LPCVD SYSTEM

## PARTICLES NEAR LPCVD LOAD STATION



Source: Donovan et al., 1988

Figure 9-8. Particle concentration from the loading area of a low pressure chemical vapor deposition furnace.

**MICRO CONTAMINATION - EQUIPMENT & PROCESS**

**MICRO CONTAMINATION IN IC MANUFACTURING**

**RCA CLEAN AND WET ETCH**

**SCALE (0-10) IMPORTANCE**

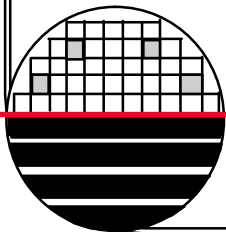
particles in liquids	2
particles on surface of baths (langmire film deposition)	4
process design	8

**PLASMA ETCH**

particles formed by the process	10
particles from the gas source	2

**DIFFUSION**

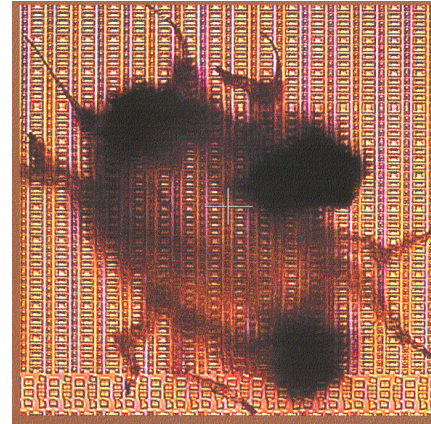
particles generated in diffusion furnace due to mechanical movement	4
particles from the gas source	2



**MICRO CONTAMINATION - EQUIPMENT & PROCESS**

**PHOTOLITHOGRAPHY**

- drips
- airborne dust
- solids in the resist
- particles from dried developer
- particles from spinners



2  
2  
4  
6  
4

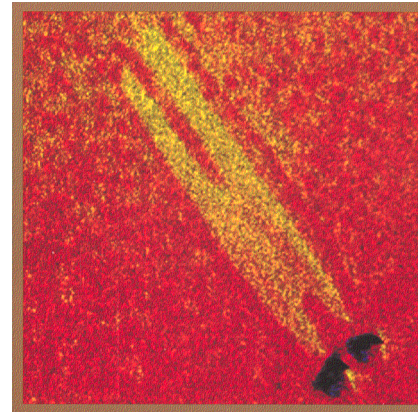
**METALIZATION**

- flakes from previous depositions

10

**HANDELING**

- marks and scratches
- edge marks from boats and positioning fixtures
- particles from storage boxes



4  
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4

**MICRO CONTAMINATION - EQUIPMENT & PROCESS**

**FACILITIES PROBLEMS**

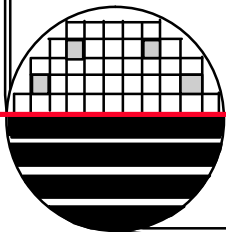
loss of positive pressure	5
dirty equipment	8
dirty areas	8
people	8
HEPA filter failure	2
air flow problems	8
procedures	10

**LPCVD**

flakes from previous depositions	10
particles formed by the process	10
particles from the gas source	2

**ION IMPLANT**

basically clean	0
mechanical movement	2



**REVIEW**

**TODAY REDUCTION IN PARTICULATE CONTAMINATION IS CENTERED AROUND IMPROVEMENTS IN EQUIPMENT AND PROCESSES.**

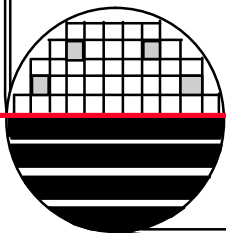
**THE CLEANROOM CAN SHOW PARTICLE BURSTS MANY ORDERS OF MAGNITUDE ABOVE THE NOMINAL BACKGROUND PARTICULATE LEVEL.**

**MINI-ENVIRONMENTS OFFER FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS IN CLEANROOM ENVIRONMENTS.**

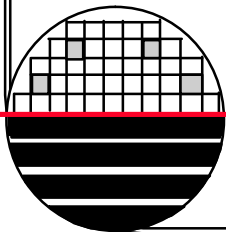
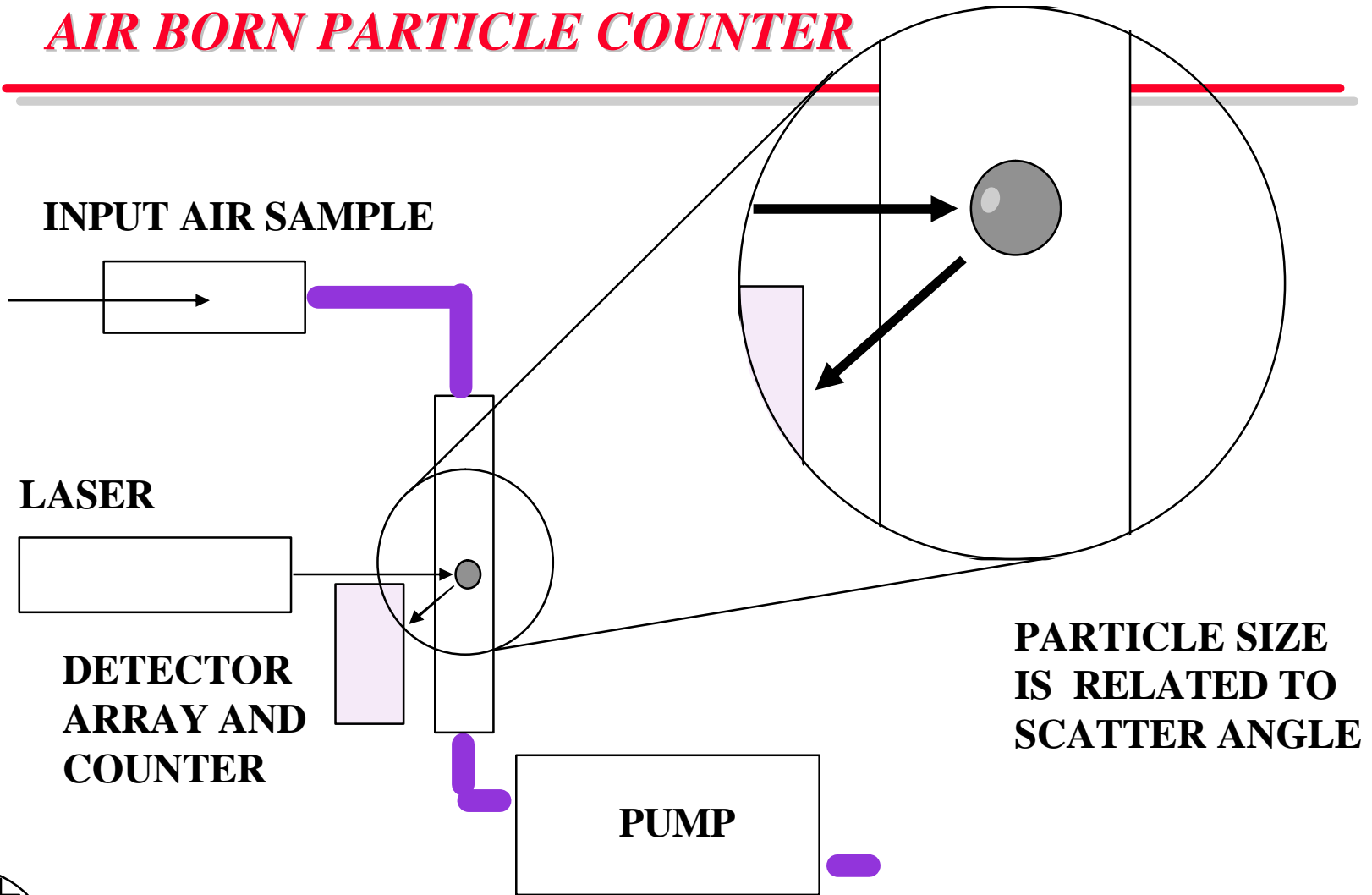


## *PARTICLE COUNTERS*

- **Scattered Light Counters Give Size and Count and Are Accurate down to 0.3  $\mu\text{m}$**
- **Particle Size is related to scatter angle**
- **Condensation Nucleus Counter can be used for particles smaller than 0.3  $\mu\text{m}$** 
  - **particles are drawn through a saturated vapor (often alcohol) making the particles large enough to be counted**
  - **particle size is not easy to determine once nucleation is used**



# AIR BORN PARTICLE COUNTER



## *METONE PARTICLE COUNTER*

(LPC) Laser Particle Counter counts air born particles  $<0.3$ ,  $0.5$ ,  $1.0$ ,  $2$ ,  $5$ ,  $>10$   $\mu\text{m}$  sizes. System also measures temperature, humidity and air flow.

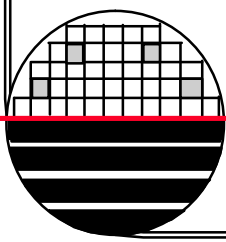


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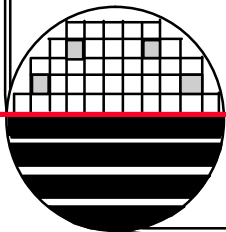
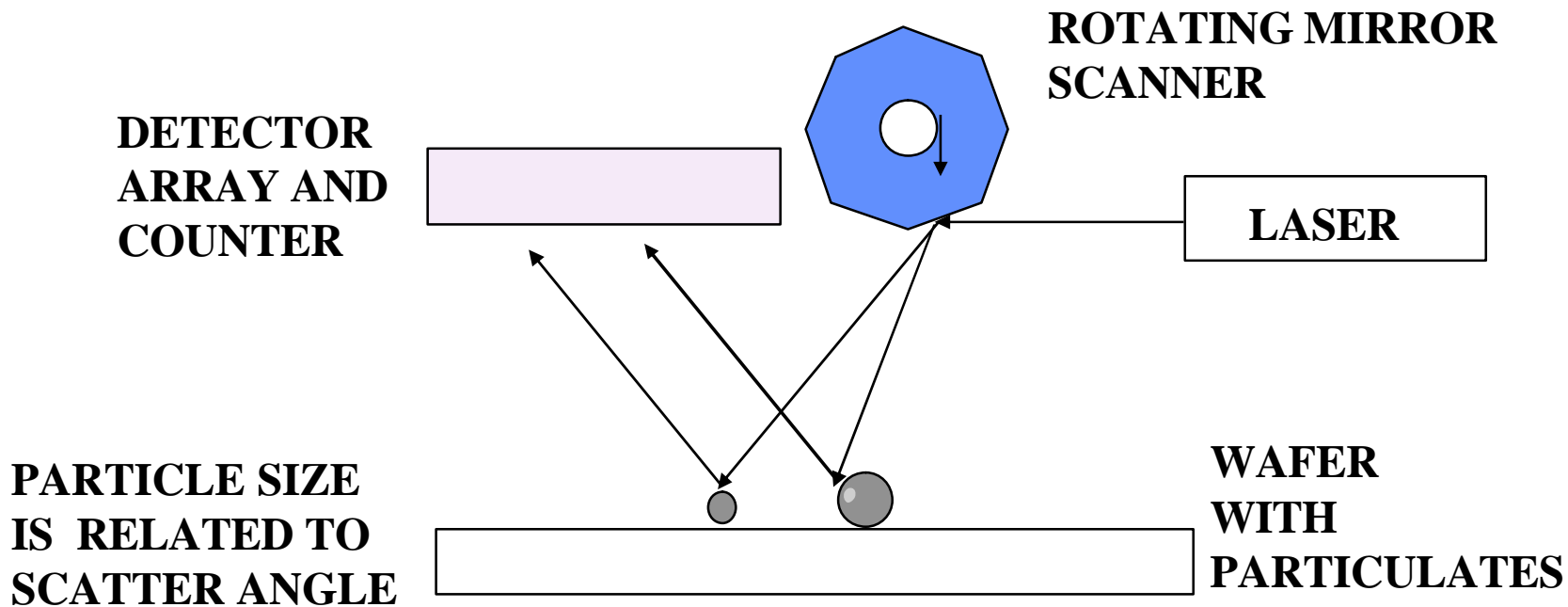


## EXAMPLE PARTICLE COUNT DATA

Date	Time	Temp	Hmd	10 $\mu$ m	5 $\mu$ m	2 $\mu$ m	1 $\mu$ m	0.5 $\mu$ m	0.3 $\mu$ m
1-17-96	1.18	66.4	37.4	1	1	41	84	278	348
1-23-96	1.42	65.8	46.6	3	6	40	69	325	467
1-25-96	1.18	66.6	47.3	0	0	101	205	1111	1592
1-26-96	9.28	66.4	47.3	6	10	71	129	460	572
1-29-96	12.28	66.1	50.5	2	3	32	47	137	156
1-30-96	1.53	67.2	47.3	2	3	20	47	209	280
2-1-96	1.03	68.9	45.5	3	4	30	66	240	289
2-5-96	12.28	67.6	47	11	11	47	86	267	343
2-6-96	12.26	67.4	46.7	0	1	30	52	190	259
2-7-96	1.05	66.8	53.4	1	1	26	44	177	248
2-8-96	12.23	66.4	52.1	5	7	119	227	870	1199
2-9-96	12.23	66.3	51.1	3	6	64	111	467	653
2-12-96	11.14	65.2	49.1	3	3	55	106	506	700
2-13-96	10.33	64.1	52	2	7	45	122	717	1181



# *SURFACE PARTICLE SCANNER*

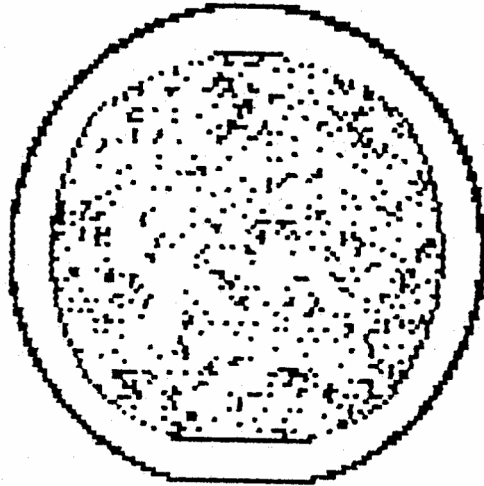


## TENCORE SURF SCAN

Gives total surface particle count and count in 4 bins  $<0.5$ ,  $0.5$  to  $2.0$ ,  $2.0$ - $10$ ,  $>10$ . Bin boundary can be selected. Edge exclusion eliminated count from near the edge of the wafer.

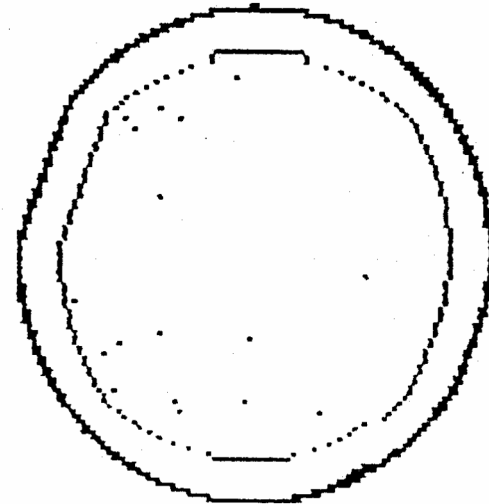


**EXAMPLE SURFACE PARTICLE COUNT DATA**



**Before Cleaning (75 mm)**

<b>Size Range (<math>\mu\text{m}</math>)</b>	<b>Count</b>
<b>0.2 - 0.5</b>	<b>104</b>
<b>0.5 - 2.0</b>	<b>562</b>
<b>2.0 - 10</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>&gt;10</b>	<b>2</b>



**After Cleaning (75 mm)**

<b>Size Range (<math>\mu\text{m}</math>)</b>	<b>Count</b>
<b>0.2 - 0.5</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>0.5 - 2.0</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>2.0 - 10</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>&gt;10</b>	<b>0</b>



## ***PARTICLE TRANSPORT MECHANISMS***

### **RAINDROP MODEL (NOT ACCURATE)**

$$F = C V$$

**F = DEPOSITION FLUX (# / sec / unit area)**

**C = PARTICLE CONCENTRATION (# / ft<sup>3</sup>)**

**V = AIR VELOCITY (ft / sec)**

**EXAMPLE:** Class 100 clean room with air velocity of 100 ft/min

$$F = (100)(100) / 60 ((2.54)(12))^2 = 0.02 \text{ particles/cm}^2 / \text{sec}$$

**this is close but overestimates the number of particles because some do not adhere to the surface. the relationship can be useful if v is replaced by an effective velocity  $V_{eff}$  called the aerosol particle deposition velocity**

## ***PARTICLE DEPOSITION MODELS***

**$V_{eff}$  = Aerosol Particle Deposition Velocity (number of particles / time)**

$$\mathbf{F = C V_{eff}}$$

**or**

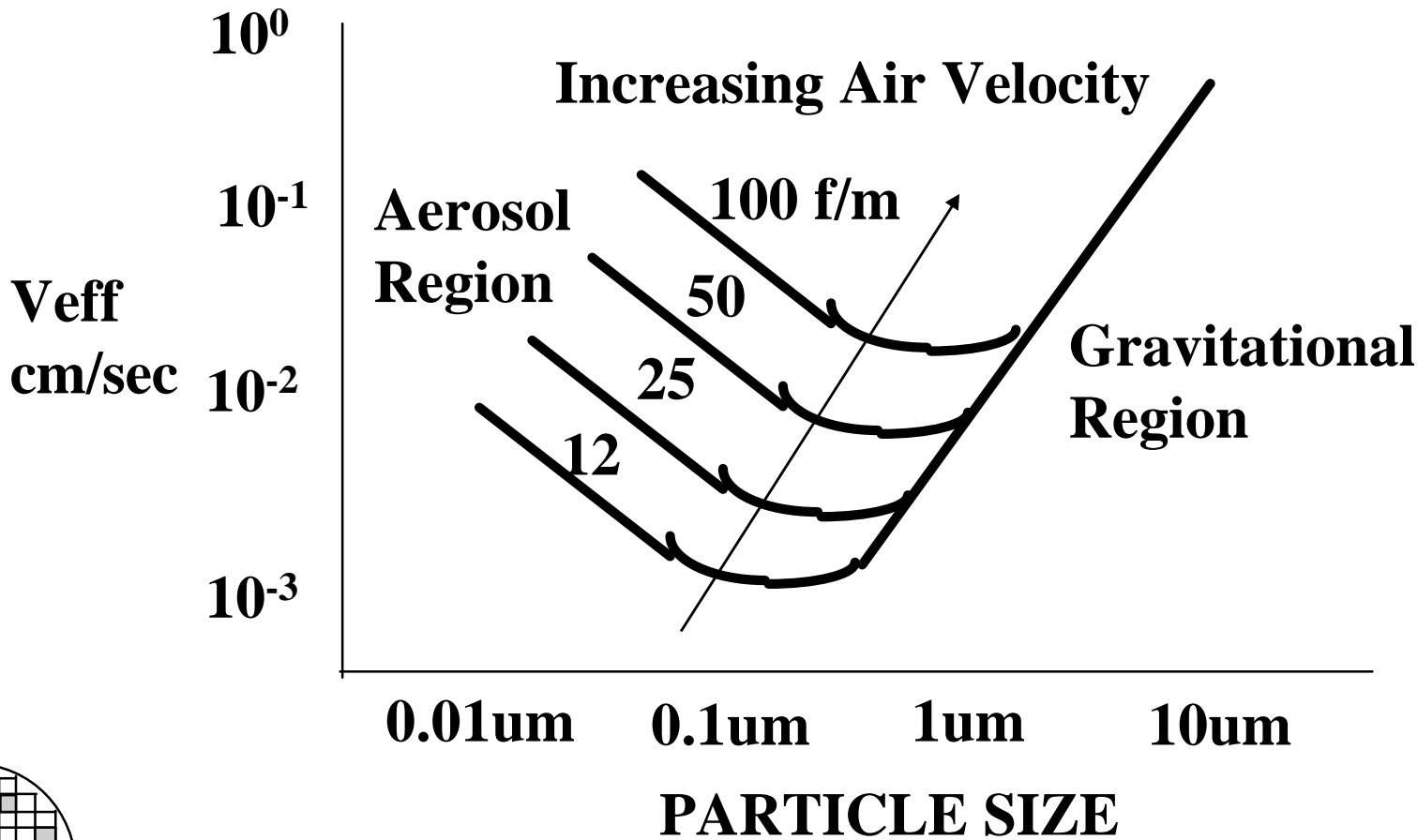
$$\mathbf{V_{eff} = F / C}$$

**Where we find F from monitor wafers using a surface particle counter  
and C is measured using an Airborne Particle Counter**

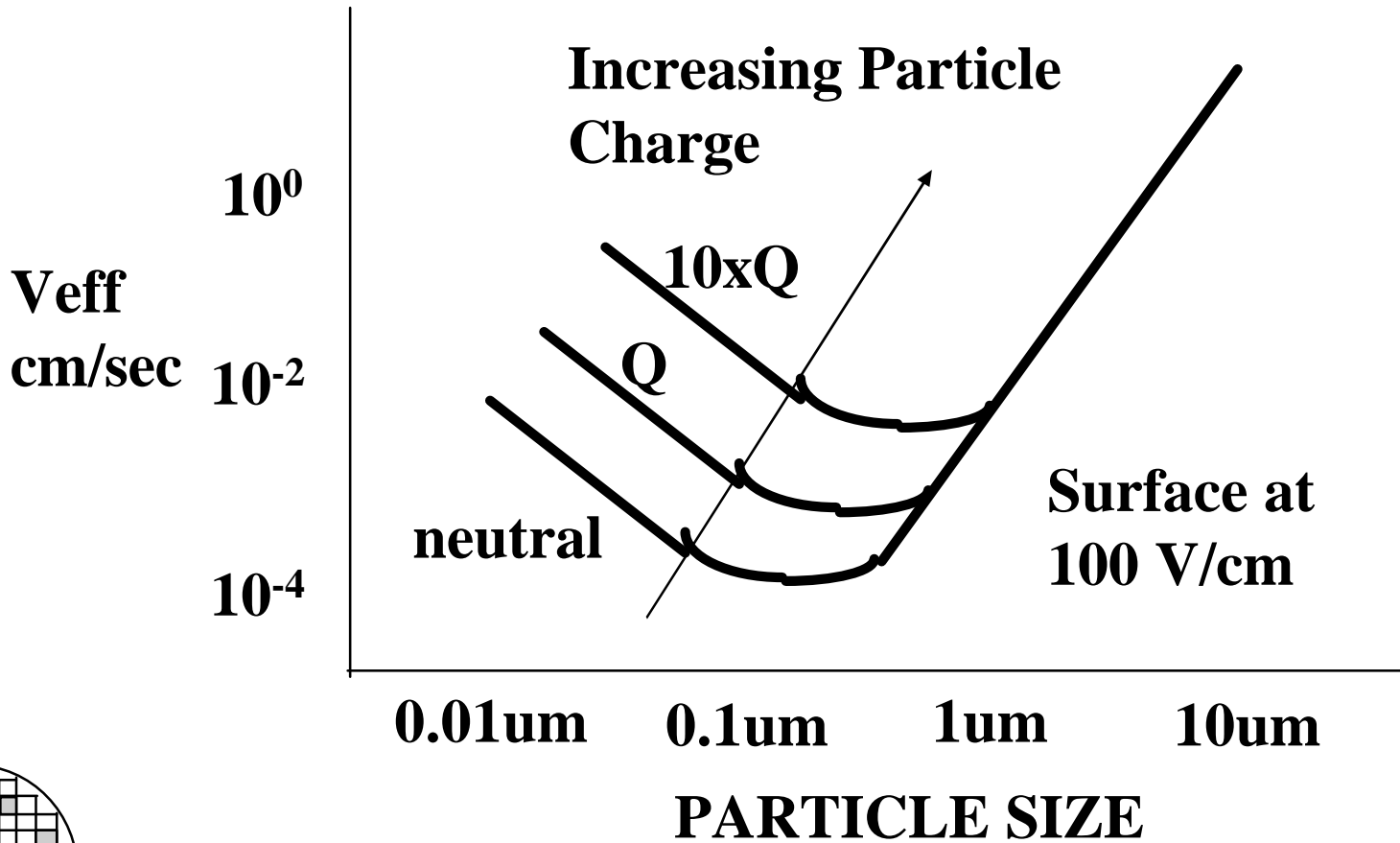
Example: After 8 hours in a class 100 clean room a 4 inch monitor wafer shows an increase in surface particle count from 50 to 550 particles.

$$\begin{aligned} V_{eff} &= (550-50) / (8 \times 60 \times 60) \left( \left( \frac{\pi}{4} \left( \frac{2}{12} \right)^2 \right) \right) \text{ particles} / \text{ft}^2 \text{sec} / 100 \text{ particles} / \text{ft}^3 \\ &= 0.12 \text{ ft} / \text{min} \quad \text{or} \quad 0.61 \text{ cm} / \text{sec} \end{aligned}$$

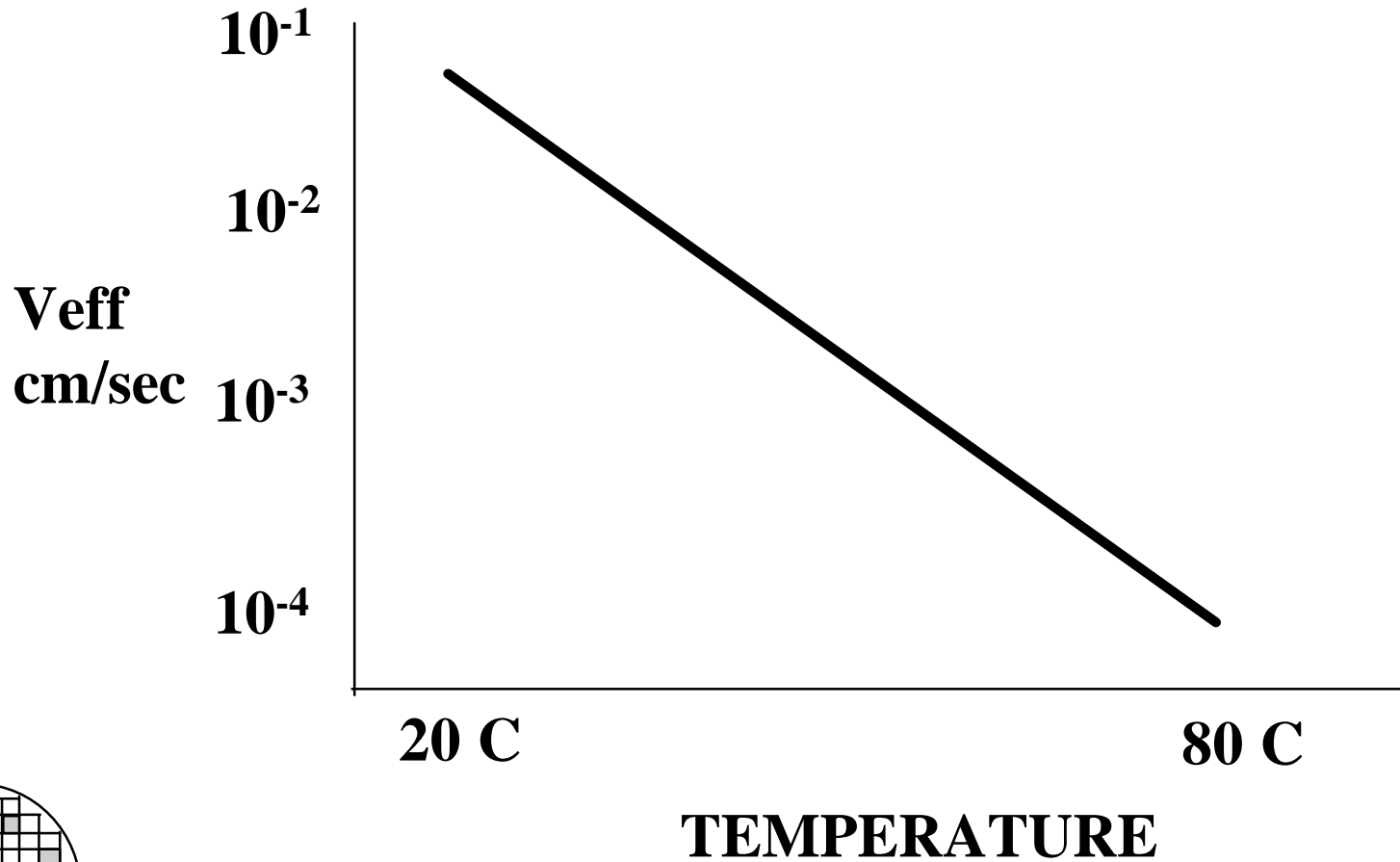
*V<sub>eff</sub> VERSUS SIZE AND PRESSURE*



***ELECTRIC FIELD EFFECTS***

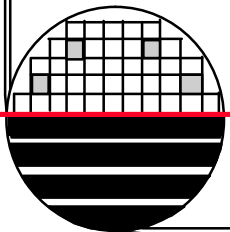
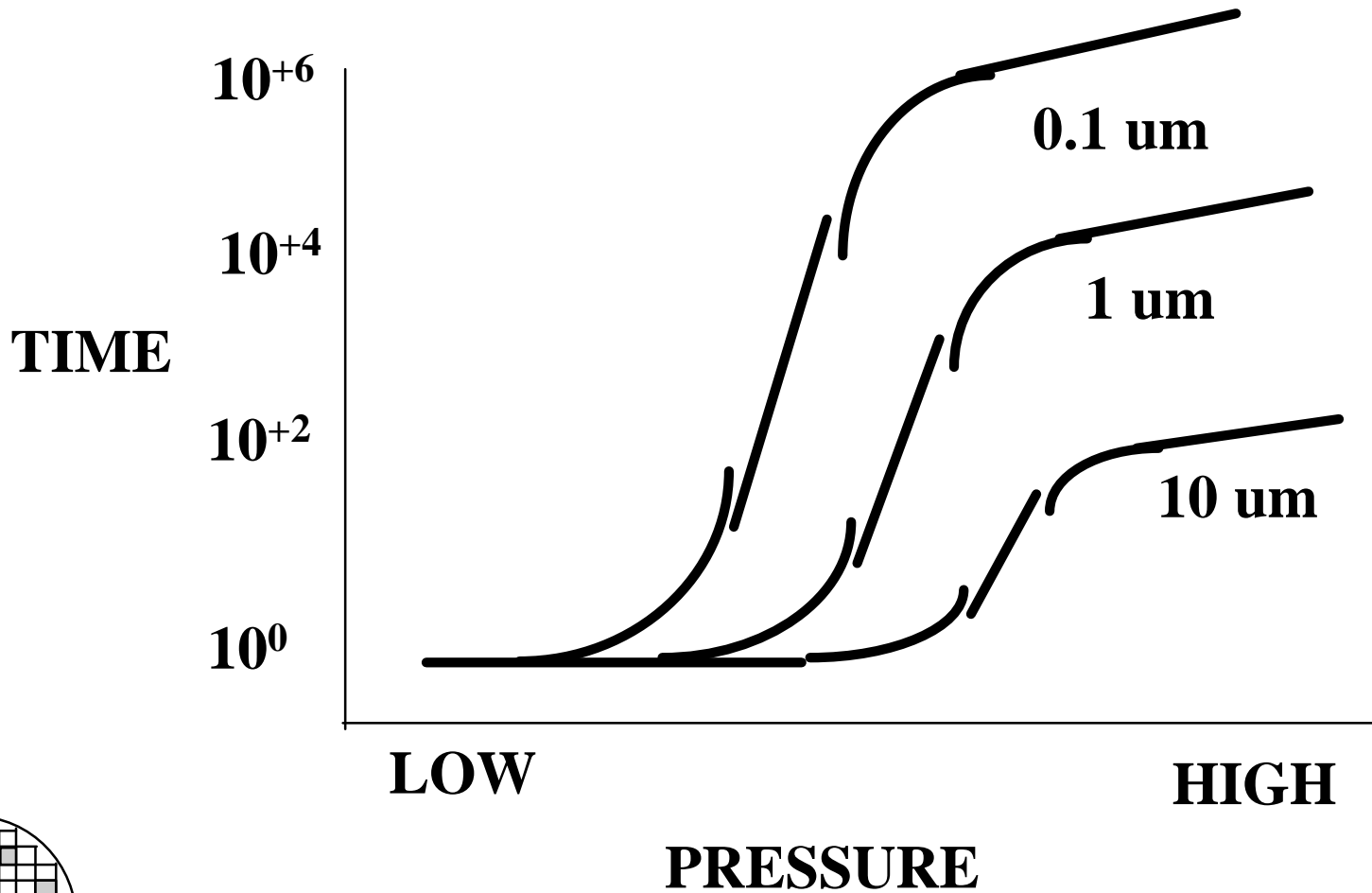


# TEMPERATURE EFFECTS



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# TIME TO SETTLE VERSUS PRESSURE



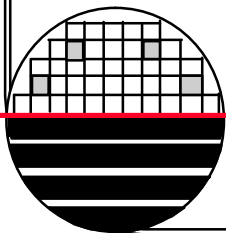
**REVIEW**

**ELECTRICAL EFFECTS CAN INCREASE THE DEPOSITION VELOCITY BY 2-3 ORDERS OF MAGNITUDE, EVEN FOR LOW FIELDS OF 100 V/M**

**HEATING THE WAFER CAN HELP PROTECT IT FROM PARTICULATES, 50 C CAN HELP BY ONE ORDER OF MAGNITUDE**

**WAFERS SHOULD BE FACE DOWN IN VACUUM SYSTEMS. WHERE GRAVITY IS THE IMPORTANT PARAMETER. (CAUTION: IN PLASMA SYSTEMS ELECTRIC FIELD IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN GRAVITY)**

**AEROSOL PARTICLE DEPOSITION RATE IS A FUNCTION OF PARTICLE SIZE**



## *STATIC CHARGE*

Static Charge causes a surface to be positive or negatively charged. This surface will attract oppositely charged particles and neutral particles from the air.

Sources of Static Charge:

Triboelectric or Friction Charging

Charging through Induction

Ion implant, SEMs or plasma processes

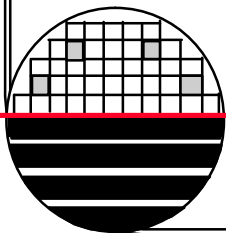
Triboelectric Series: (Positive) Air, Human Hair, Glass, Mica, Human Hair, Nylon, Wood, Lead, Aluminum, Paper, Cotton, Steel, Wood, Hard Rubber, Nickel and Copper, Brass and Silver, Gold and Platinum, Acetate, Rayon, Polyester, Polyurethane, Polyethylene, Polypropylene, PVC, Silicon, Teflon (Negative)



### *AIR IONIZATION*

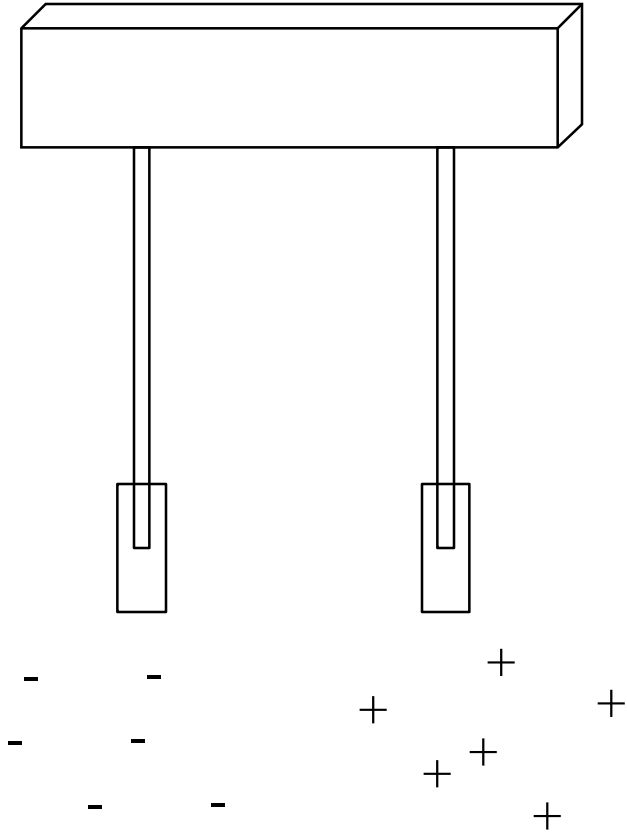
All air ionization systems work by flooding the atmosphere with positive and negative ions. When ionized air comes in contact with a charged surface, the charged surface attracts ions of the opposite polarity. As a result, the static electricity that has built up on products, equipment and surfaces is neutralized.

Ions are created by high electric fields (a combination of high voltages and sharp emitter tips) The voltage can be AC (60 Hz), DC, or Pulsed. In the case of AC the air near the tips must be moving fast enough to not recombine with oppositely charged ions generated 1/60 sec later from the same tip. In DC systems a continuous high voltage is applied generating equal numbers of + and - ions. Pulsed systems apply pulsed DC high voltages. Each pulse can be negative or positive and can have separately adjusted duty cycle. Pulsed systems allow more flexibility.



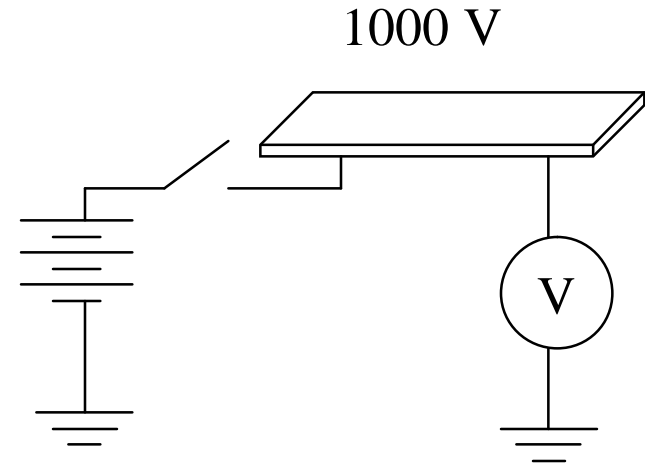
## AIR IONIZATION SYSTEMS

Pulsed DC systems use positive and negative emitter points that are turned on and off alternately to create clouds of positive and negative ions. Cycle timing and polarity can be adjusted to provide the required balance and level of static control needed in a specific environment



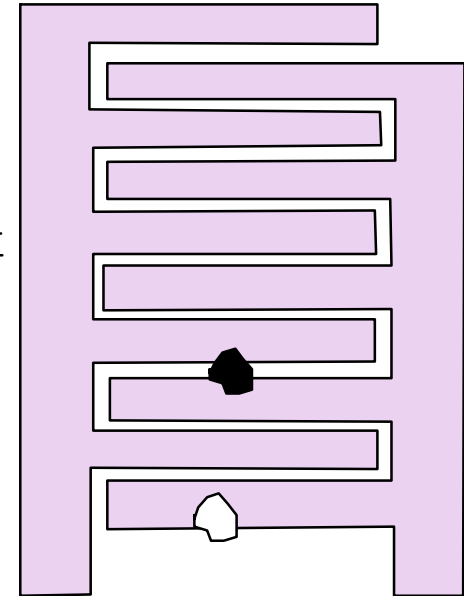
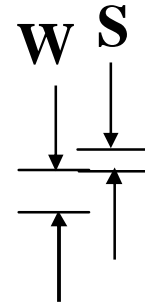
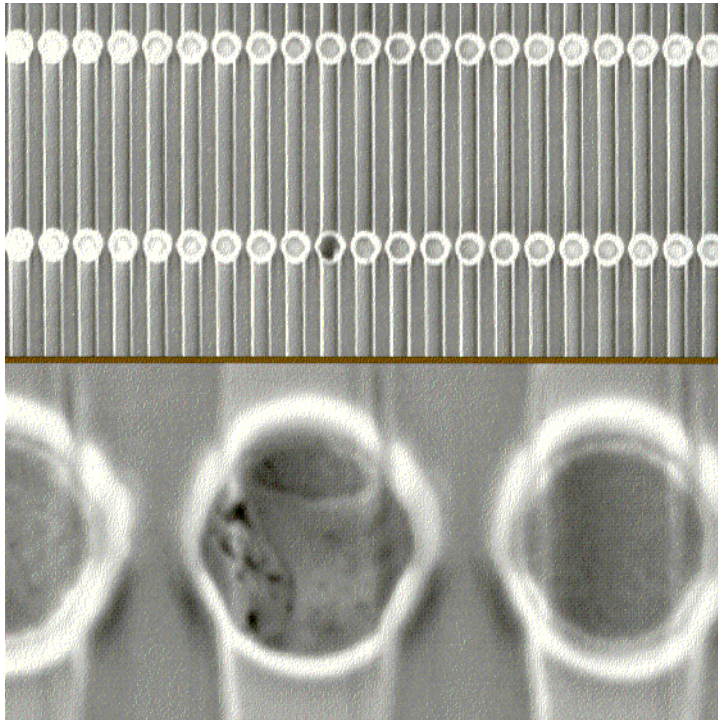
## CHARGED PLATE MONITOR

A charged plate monitor is an instrument that has an isolated conductive plate (~ 4 inches square) that can be charged to 1000 volts and the time it takes to discharge to 10% (100 volts) is determined. In normal air at 60% humidity the decay may take 12 hours. An ionization system can reduce the decay time to less than one minute.



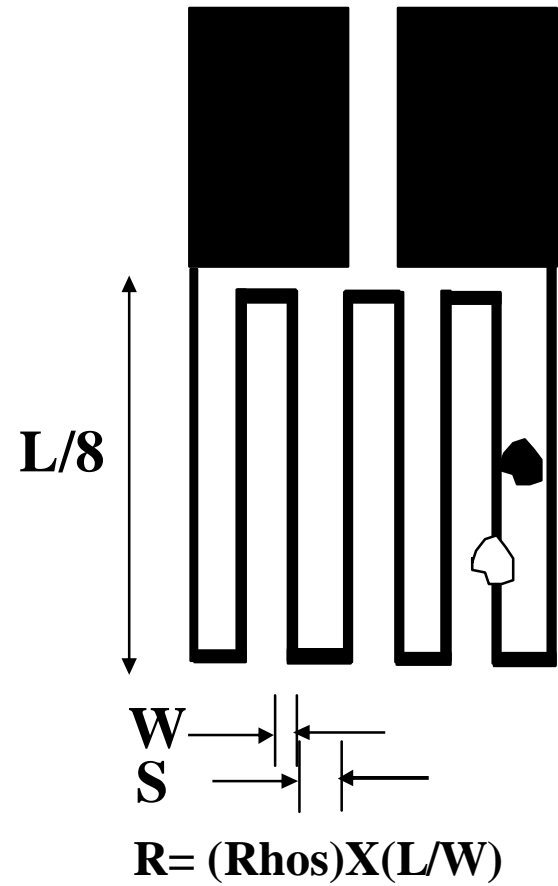
**DEFECT TEST STRUCTURES**

Via chain is sensitive to contact cut problems.

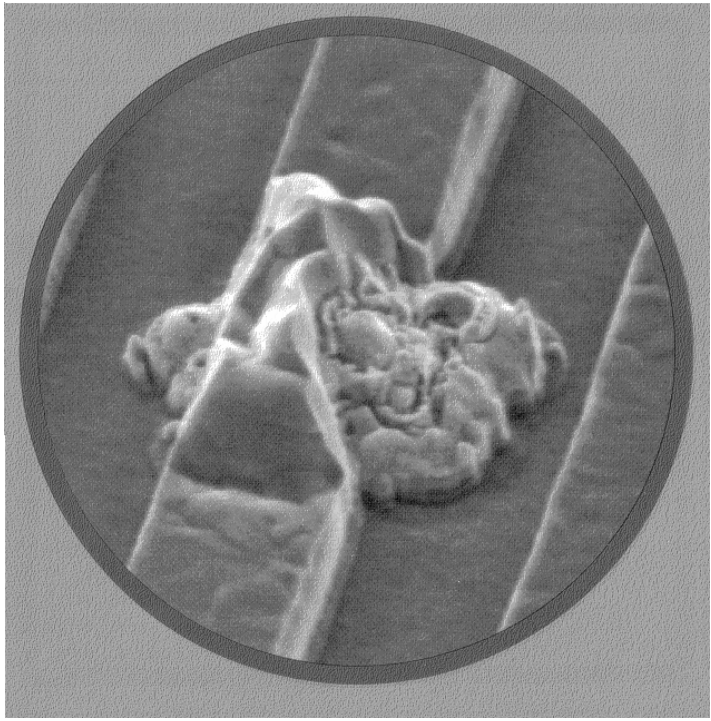


**Comb Structure is sensitive to Shorts and less sensitive to opens if  $W > S$**

**DEFECT TEST STRUCTURES**



Serpentine Structure is sensitive to opens and less sensitive to shorts if  $S > W$

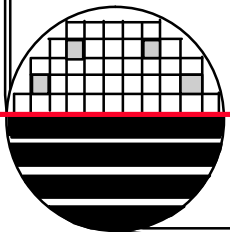
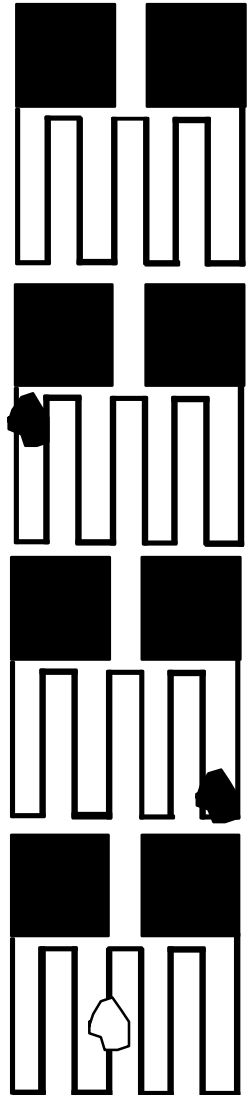


No Defects  
 $R = R1$

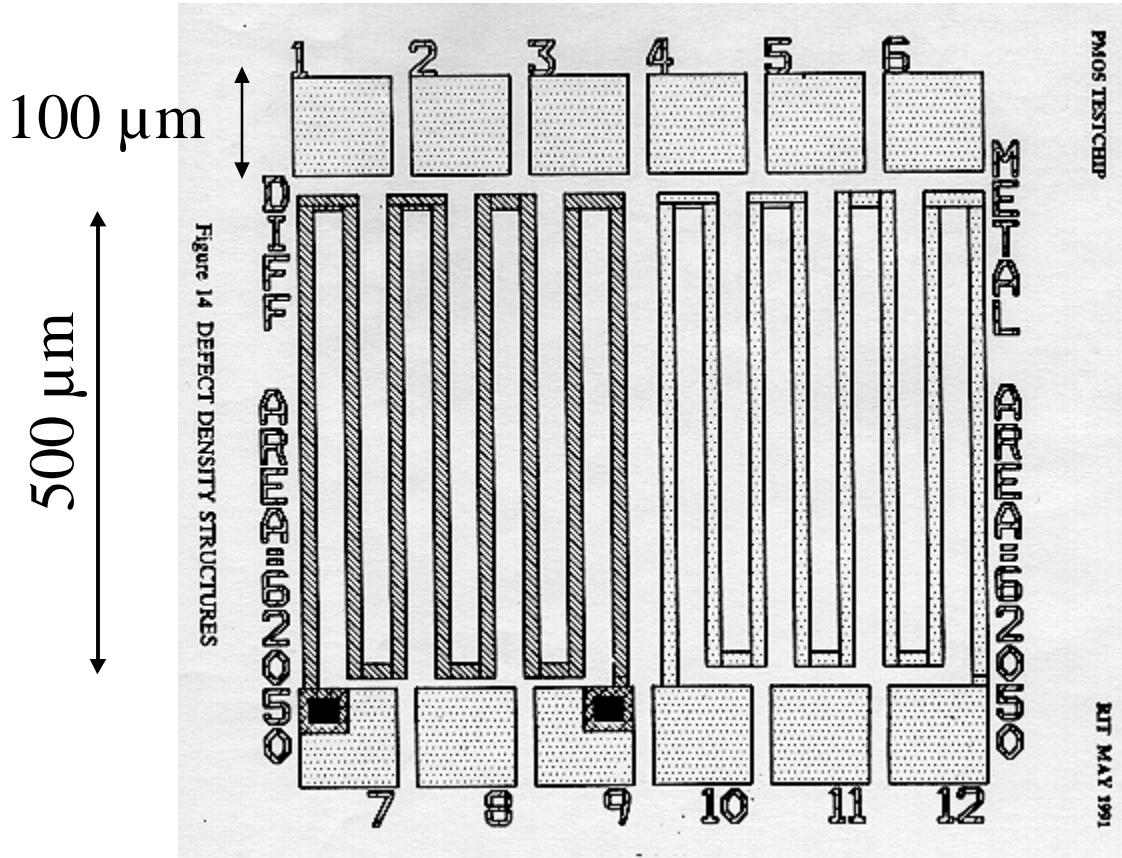
Short  
 $R \ll R1$

Short  
 $R \leq R1$

Open  
 $R \gg R1$



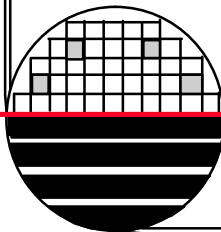
**METAL AND DIFFUSION SERPENTINE**



Line width = 15 μm  
 Line Space = 30 μm  
 L/W = 269  
 Area Covered by metal = 62050 μm<sup>2</sup>

$$R = R_{hos} L/W$$

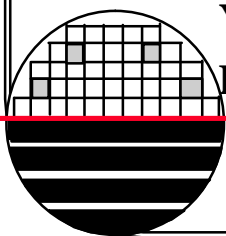
Defect density ( in #/cm<sup>2</sup> ) = (# defective x 1612) / (# tested)



## DEFECT TEST DATA FROM 1994 AT RIT

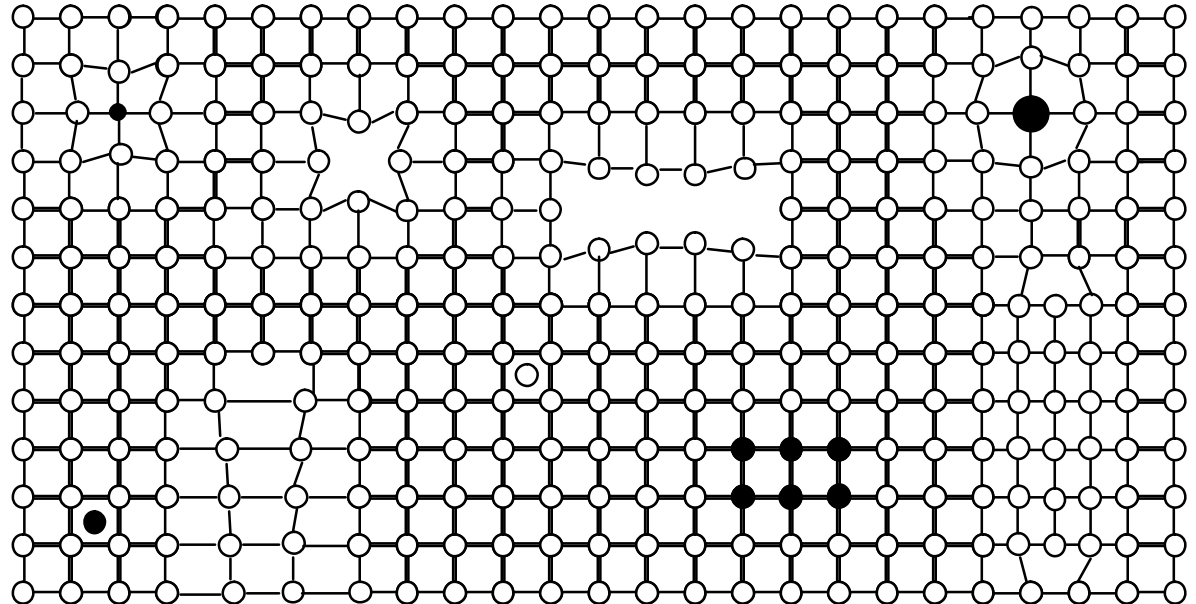
SERPENTINE	METAL			POLY		
LINE WIDTH ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	3	6	9	2	4	6
SPACE ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	9	18	27	4	12	18
AREA ( $\mu\text{m}^2$ )	27117	23820	24147	31088	27920	23820
DEFECTS FOUND	34	2	1	ALL	32	2
DEVICES MEASURED	53	53	53	53	53	53
YIELD	36%	96%	98%	0%	40%	96%
DEFECTS/cm <sup>2</sup>	2366	158	78	INFINITE	2162	158
COMB	METAL			POLY		
LINE WIDTH ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	9	18	27	6	12	18
SPACE ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	3	6	9	2	4	6
AREA ( $\mu\text{m}^2$ )	25389	24396	22788	26160	25056	26448
DEFECTS FOUND	1	0	1	3	3	3
DEVICES MEASURED	53	53	53	53	53	53
YIELD	98%	100%	98%	94%	94%	94%
DEFECTS/cm <sup>2</sup>	70	0	83	216	207	219

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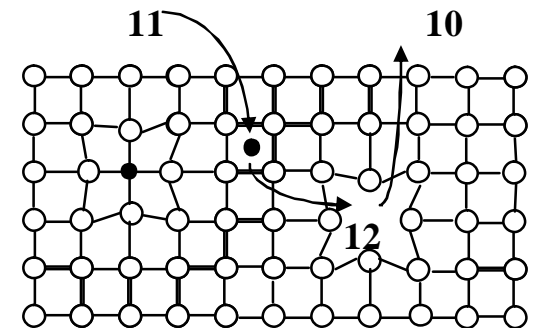


# CRYSTAL DEFECTS

1. interstitial impurity
2. edge dislocation
3. self-interstitial
4. precipitate of substitutional atoms
5. small dislocation loop formed by agglomeration of self-interstitials
6. substitutional impurity, widening lattice
7. vacancy
8. dislocation loop formed by agglomeration of vacancies
9. substitutional impurity, compressing lattice



10. Schottky defect
11. interstitial arriving from surface
12. Frenkel defect





***INFLUENCE OF CRYSTAL DEFECTS ON DEVICES***

**Leakage Currents in PN Junctions**

**Precipitates, Dislocations**

**Collector-Emitter Leakage in BJTs**

**Precipitates, Dislocations**

**Minority Carrier Lifetime**

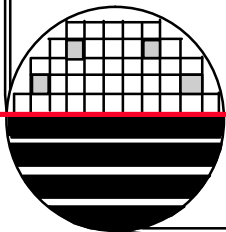
**Point Defects, Point-Defect Clusters**

**Gate Oxide Quality, Oxide leakage, Oxide Breakdown Voltage**

**metallic contamination, defect density on surface, oxygen  
precipitates at the surface**

**Threshold Voltage Control**

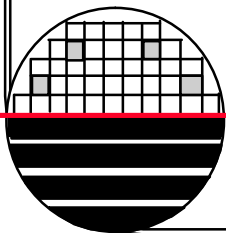
**surface state density**



***BASIC GETTERING PRINCIPALS***

- 1. Suppress Nucleation of More Crystal Defects by Controlling Thermal Stresses and resultant dislocations.**
- 2. Remove Existing Crystal Defects by High Temperature Annealing or Creation of Oxygen Denuded Zones at the wafer surface, removing Oxygen precipitates near the surface.**
- 3. Remove Point Defects by Gettering (capturing contaminants at locations away from device locations)**

**Yield Improvements Can Be Made**



***REDUCTION OF MOBILE METAL CONTAMINATES***

**Cu, Ni, Au, Fe are highly mobile and diffuse long distances at moderate temperatures, find defects and are captured**

**Cu can diffuse 600 um in 1 min at 900 C**

**Fe can diffuse 100 um in 1 min at 1000 C**

**Low Temperature Processes introduce fewer impurities from the furnace.**

**HCl Cleaning of Furnace Tubes**

**Double Wall Furnace Tubes**

**Eliminate Metal Tweezers**

**Replace Stainless Steel with Silicon, Carbon and Aluminum Parts**

## ***EXTRINSIC GETTERING***

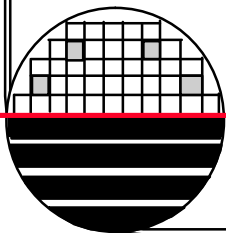
**HEAVY PHOSPHOROUS DIFFUSION OF THE BACKSIDE OF THE WAFER WILL CAUSE DEFECTS THAT CAN CAPTURE METAL CONTAMINATES**

**MECHANICAL DAMAGE TO BACKSIDE OF THE WAFER, ABRAISON, SANDBLASTING**

**LASER DAMAGE**

**ION IMPLANT DAMAGE**

**DEPOSITION OF POLYSILICON ON BACK OF WAFER**



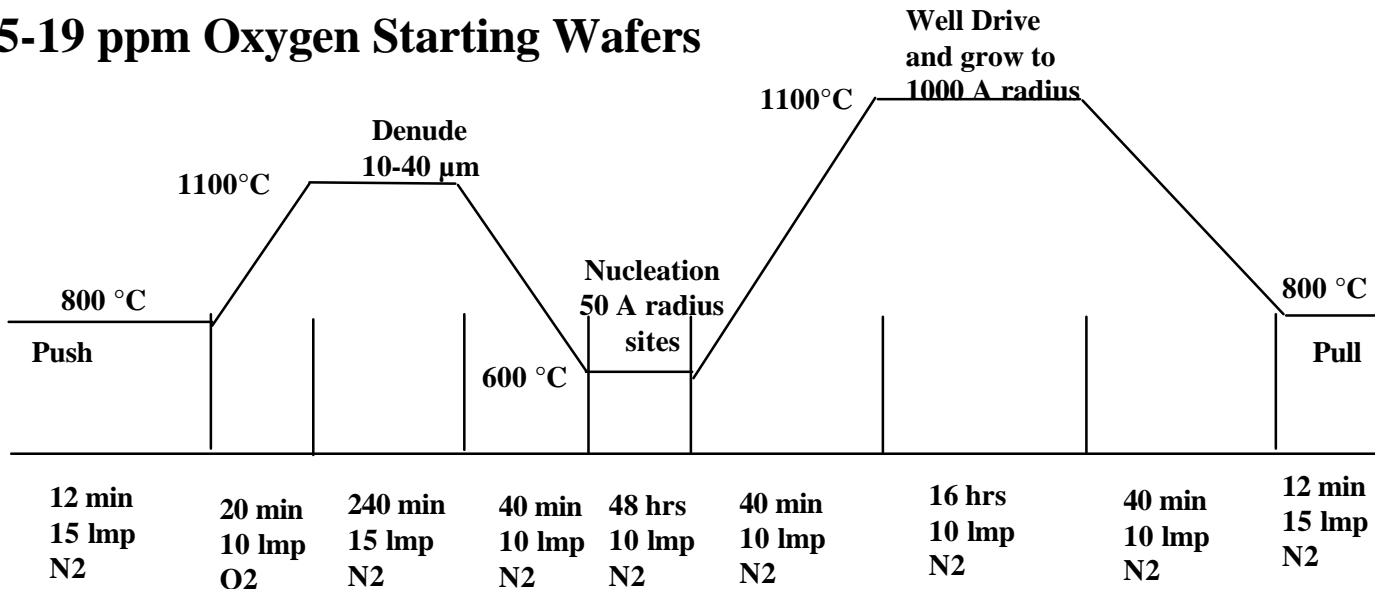
## ***INTRINSIC GETTERING***

**STARTING WAFERS WITH 15-19 PPMA OXYGEN CONCENTRATION**

- 1. DENUDED ZONE FORMATION - HIGH TEMPERATURE STEP TO REDUCE OXYGEN CONCENTRATION NEAR WAFER SURFACE**
- 2. NUCLEATION OF  $\text{SiO}_2$  CLUSTERS - LOWER TEMPERATURE STEP**
- 3. PRECIPITATE GROWTH AND GETTERING - HIGH TEMPERATURE STEP FOR GROWING  $\text{SiO}_2$  CLUSTERS AND FORMING DISLOCATION LOOPS, GETTERING SITES**

**INTRINSIC GETTERING**

**15-19 ppm Oxygen Starting Wafers**



15-20 ppm Oxygen Starting Wafers

**T1 = 1100 C, t1 = 240 min., give 10-40 um Denuded Zones**

**T2 = 600 C, 4 to 64 hours, nucleate 50 A radius sites**

**T3 = 1100 C, 4 to 16 hours, Grow 1000 A radius sites**

## ***FURNACE CONTAMINATION***

### **Contamination from high temperature furnace operation**

**Furnace tube used for p-type or n-type diffusion will dope bare wafers simply by transfer of dopant molecules from the furnace wall to the wafers.**

**In the case of Boron,  $B_2O_3$ , Boric Oxide, from spin on glass and glass transferred from solid sources**

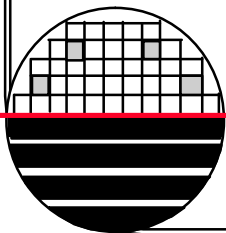
**In the case of Phosphorus,  $P_2O_5$ , melts at 360 C and is a gas at high temperatures. This glass is a vapor at 900 C and can move from surface to surface and dope a bare silicon substrate.**

***REMEDIES FURNACE CONTAMINATION***

**Ceramic Liners**

**Chlorine**

**Procedures to Prevent Contamination**





## CONTAMINATION IN VACUUM SYSTEMS

When solids are heated they will go to the liquid state (Hg is already liquid at room T) at the melting point. Solids will also go to the gas state at the correct combination of temperature and pressure. This is the vapor pressure and is often given as a function of temperature. As pressure is decreased the temperature at which solids will vaporize lowers and if this temperature is below the melting point then the material will sublime (go to gas state without going through the liquid state) In our LPCVD systems and sputtering systems temperatures around 400 C and pressures below  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  Torr are common. At these temperatures and pressures many metals sublime and can be a source of contamination for the next users of the system. For example Zinc is a component of brass, cadmium is used to plate steel screws, sulfur and selenium are used in stainless steel ver-#303. These materials all sublime at 400 C and  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  Torr and will contaminate the equipment as a result.

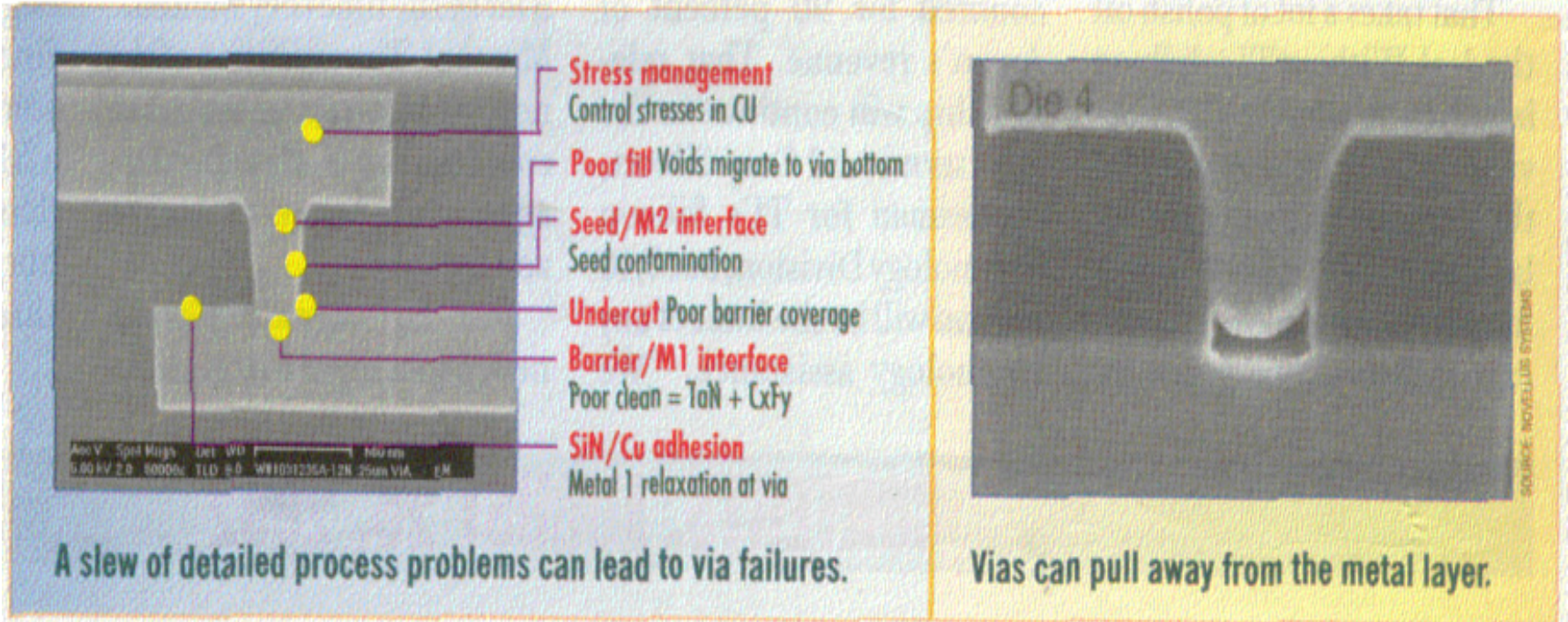
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**MELTING POINT & VAPORIZATION PRESSURE  
DATA FOR VARIOUS MATERIALS**

Material	Melt Point	Temp@		
		Vapor Pressure 10 <sup>-8</sup>	10 <sup>-6</sup>	10 <sup>-4</sup>
Al	660	677	812	1010
Arsenic	814	107	152	210
Barium	725	545	627	735
Beryllium	1278	710	878	1000
Bismuth	271	330	410	520
Boron	2100	1278	1548	1797
Boron Nitride	2300	-	-	1300
Cadmium	321	64	120	180
CdS	1750			550
CdTe	1098			450
Chromium	1890	837	977	1177
Gallium	30	619	742	907
GaAs	1238			

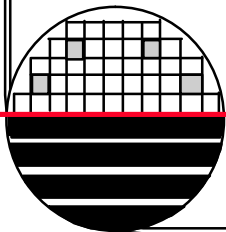
Material	Melt Point	Temp@		
		Vapor Pressure 10 <sup>-8</sup>	10 <sup>-6</sup>	10 <sup>-4</sup>
Ge	660	677	812	1010
Gold	1062	807	947	1132
Hafnium Oxide	2812	-	-	2500
Iron Oxide	1425			
Nickel	1453	927	987	1262
Platinum	1769	1292	1492	1747
Selenium	217	89	125	170
Silver	961	574	617	684
Tantalum	2996	1960	2240	2590
Titanium	1668	1067	1235	1453
Tungsten	3410	2117	2407	2757
Zinc Oxide	1975			
Zirconium	1852	1477	1702	1987

## Via Failure



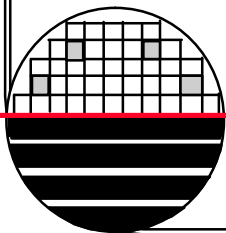
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***HOMEWORK - YIELD***

1. Calculate the defect density for the following examples:
  - (a) 256K DRAM with die size 0.4 cm by 0.4 cm and Yield of 75%
  - (b) 1M DRAM with die size of 1.4 cm by 0,4 cm and Yield of 55%,
  - (c) 4 M DRAM with die size of 1.4 cm by 1.4 cm and Yield of 20%.
2. What defect density will be needed to give a 85% Yield on 16M devices with area four times the 4 M DRAM in problem 1.



***HW - READING QUESTIONS - DEFECTS***

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Generate a set of two questions and answers that illustrate the main points of each article. (total of 10 questions with answers)

