

# Morphological modification of surface of crystal materials by means of ion- beam induced expansion

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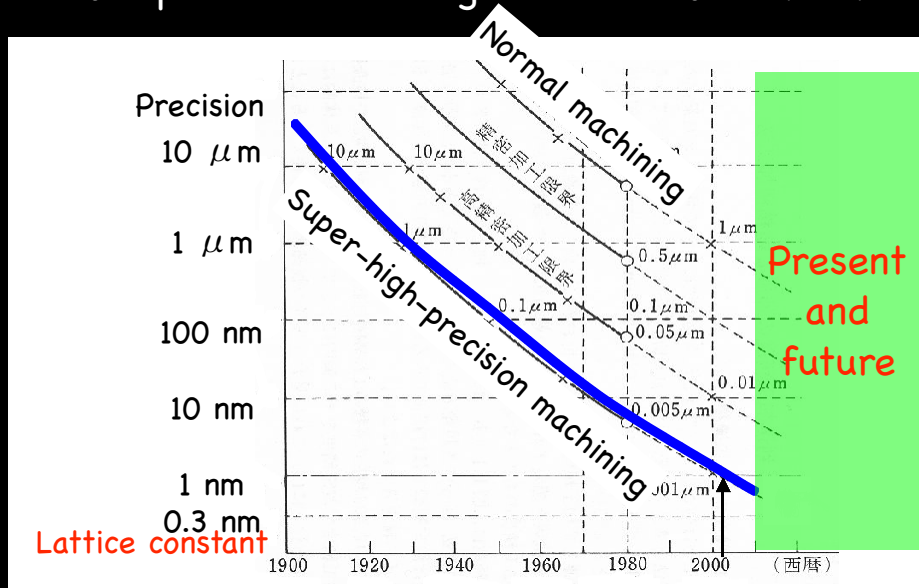
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# Introduction

## Precision of machining

Evolution of precision in machining process  
- Most precise machining reaches atomic level.

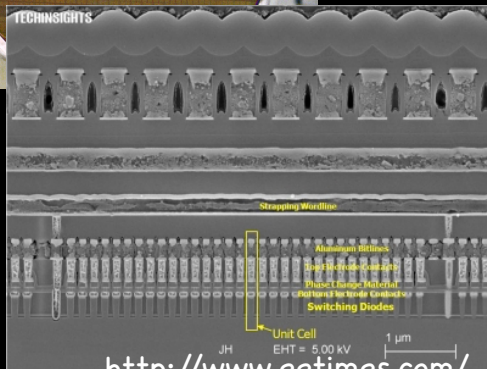
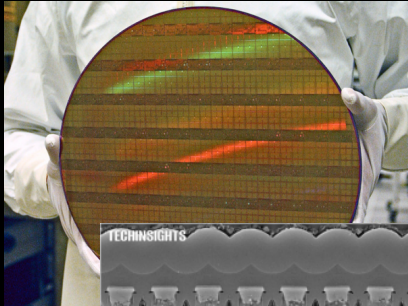


from Presentation by N. Taniguchi at ICPE

Miniaturization has stimulated a densification of fabricated structures.

# Highly-integrated structures on material

Great success in micro-nano scale electronics



Cross-section of RAM  
512-Mbit, Samsung

Conventional tech.

Electronic properties

Fabrication process :

Deposition

Lithography

...

dedicated to **2-dim** structures

At present,

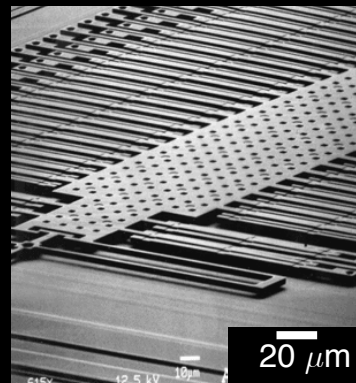
Importance of **3-dim.**  
structures is increasing.

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## 3D micro-nano structures

- **MEMS**  
Micro Electro Mechanical System
- Micro-machining tool
- Mold
- Optical device
- Biochip

### 3-Axis Accelerometer



Analog Devices Co.

<http://www.rise.waseda.ac.jp/proj/sci/S98S08/j-S98S08.html>

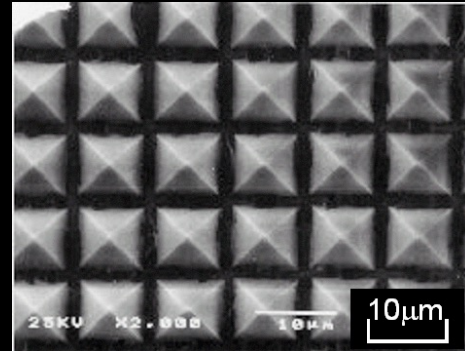
Motion/deformation according  
to acting force

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## Diamond array tool



Morita Gr. (Toyama Univ.)

Small machining tools with high wear resistance

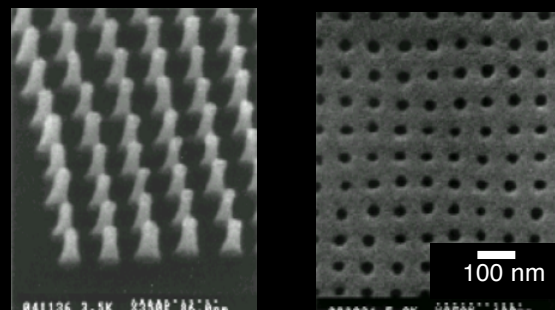
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## Pattern transfer

$\text{SiO}_2/\text{Si}$  → PMMA



10nm diam. & 60nm pitch

S.Y. Chou et al.

J. Vac. Sci. Technol., B15(1997)2897

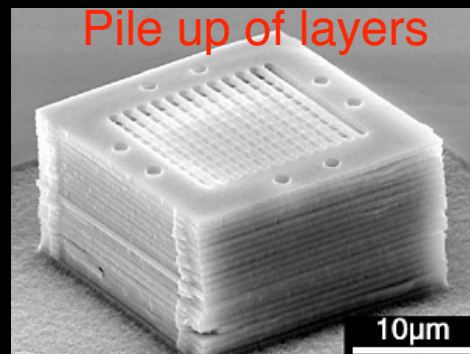
Mass production of structures with high aspect ratio

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## Photonic crystal



National Inst. for Material Science

<http://www.nims.go.jp/jpn/news/nimsnow/Vol4/2004-03/05.html>

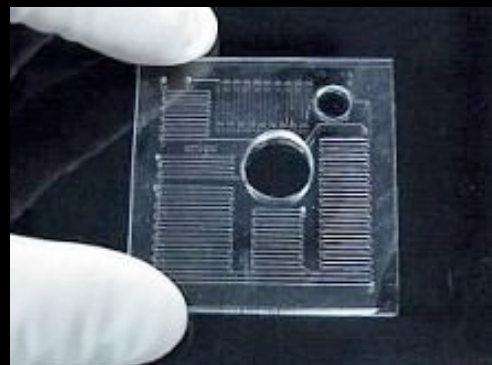
Selective transmission of photon wavelength, direction, confinement, etc.

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# 3D micro-nano structures

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## Micro inspection chip



Hitachi, Ltd.

Medical inspection in shorter time with small amount of sample

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# Object of this talk

Structures in micro-nano meter scale

2D-structures / Single (electronic) function

→ **3D**-structures / **Mechanical** functions

Feasibility of IB-induced expansion effect :

- **Morphological** change
- **Mechanical** properties

In addition,

- Beam-material interactions
- Behaviors of defects

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**Beam-material  
interactions applied to  
fabrication processes**

# IB technologies in micro-nano fab.

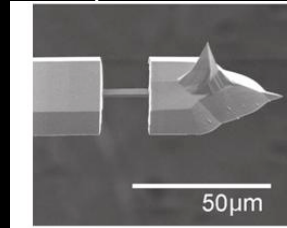
## IB-based fabrication processes

IB milling  
IB deposition  
IB lithography  
Reactive ion etching

### Basic processes

- Sputtering
- IB-induced damages ...

AFM probe fabricated by FIB



<https://www.mecheng.osu.edu/pmcl/multi-axis-atomic-force-microscopy>

Demonstration by FIB deposition/milling

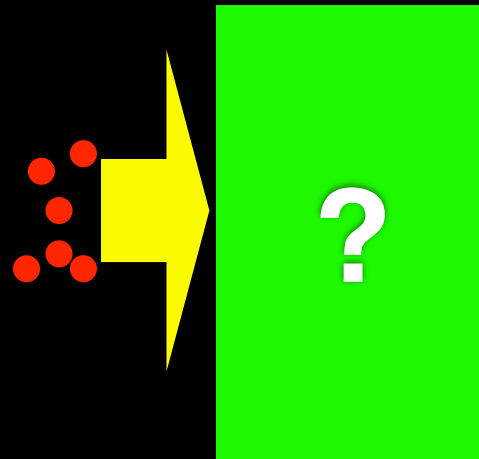


<http://fibics.com/Micromachining.html>

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## Interaction between IB & materials

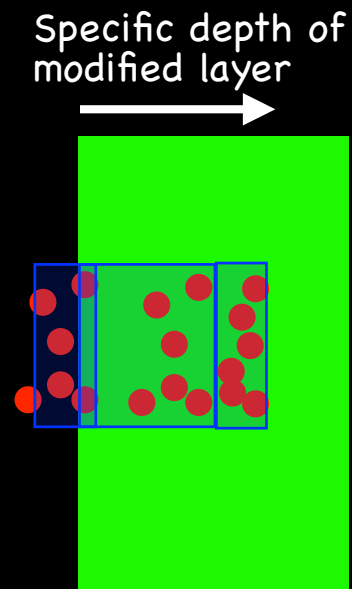
What would happen?



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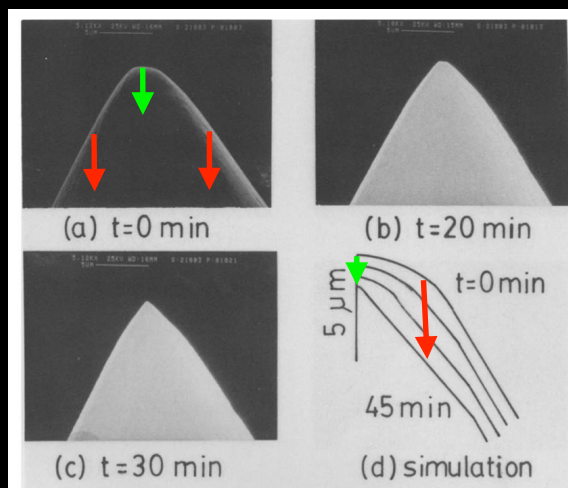
# Interaction between IB & materials

- At surface :  
sputtering effect  
Removal of atoms
- Along trajectory :  
Production of defects  
Modification of lattice/chemical structures
- At final position  
Implantation of impurities



## New possibilities of sputtering : 1 Sharpening or diamond knife

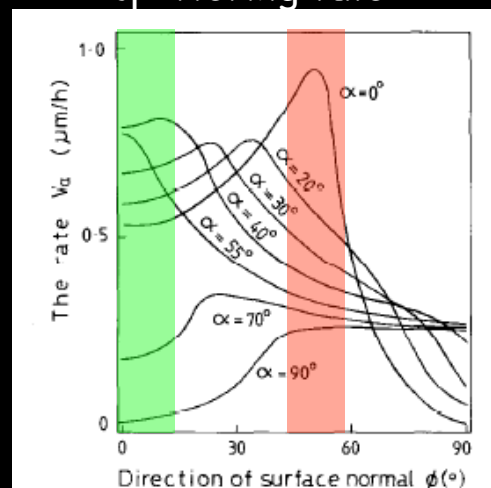
Profile of diamond stylus irradiated by Ar (1 keV)



I. Miyamoto et al.  
Nucl. Instr. Meth. Phys. Res., B39(1989)696

Based on

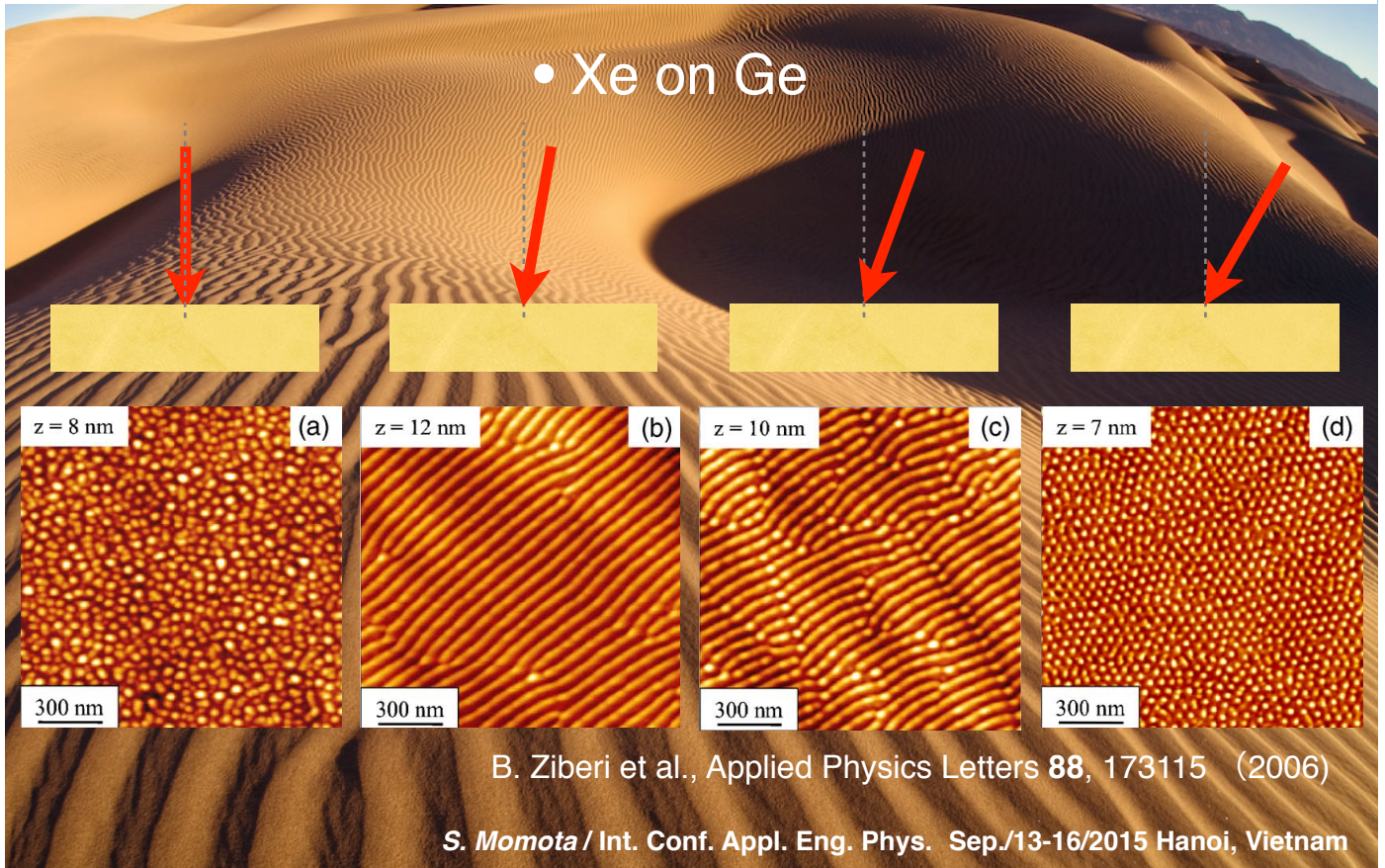
Angle-dependent sputtering rate





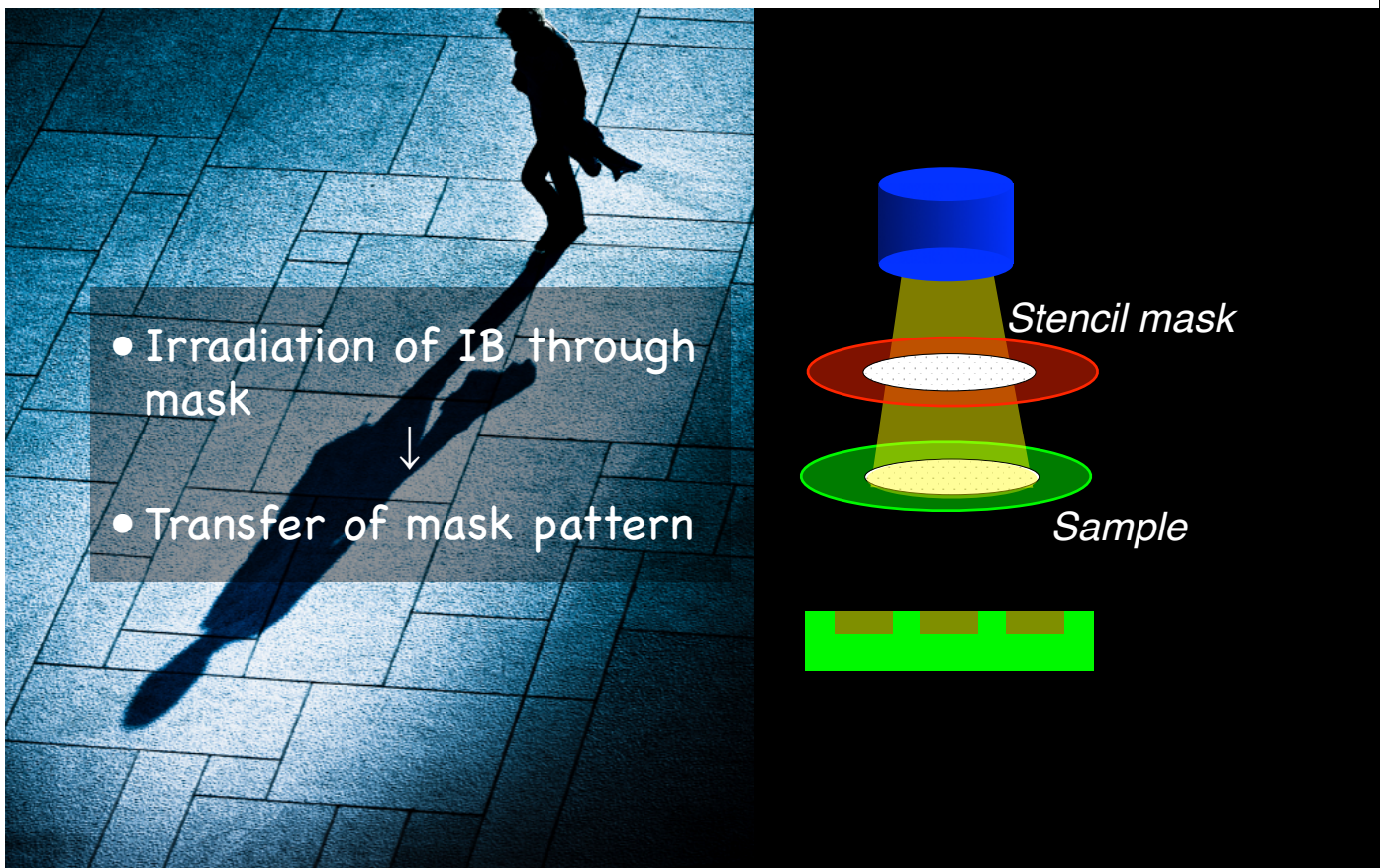
# New possibilities of sputtering : 2

## Wind patterns on surface



# Lithography method

## Projection of mask pattern



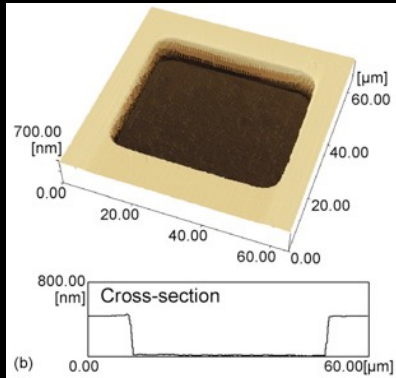
# Fabrication by means of IB-lithography

## 2D-structures on Si-crystal

IB-induced defects → Change in solubility against chemicals

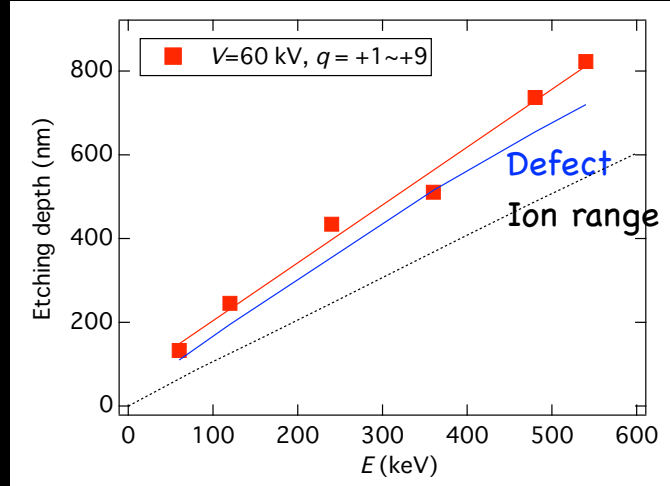
1. Exposure : IB irradiation
2. Development : Etching in BHF solution

Ar<sup>4+</sup> on Si  
240 keV, 1.3x10<sup>15</sup> ions/cm<sup>2</sup>



T<sub>etch.</sub> = 120 min.

Developed depth vs. beam energy



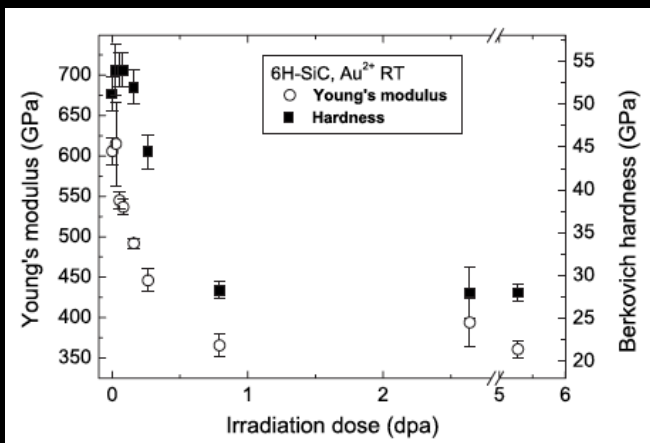
N. Kawasegi et al. Appl. Surf. Sci. 253 (2007) 3284.

Developed depth is determined by defect distribution.

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## Modification of mech. properties

Mechanical properties of 6H-SiC irradiated by Au<sup>2+</sup> (4MeV)

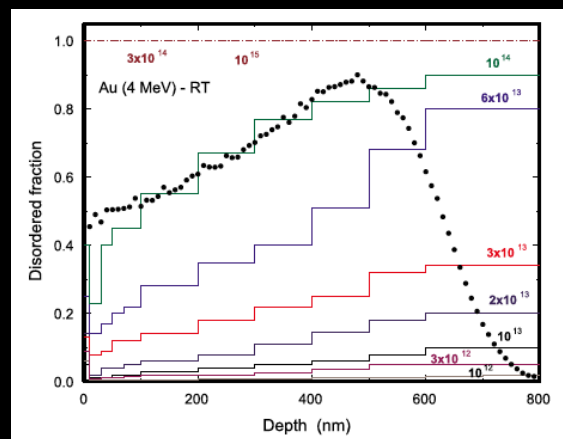


X. Kerbiriou et al.

J. Appl. Phys., 105 (2009) 073513.

Meas. at 200 nm (fixed)  
R<sub>p</sub> = 610 nm

Depth profile of disordered fraction



Modification of mech. properties should be depth-dependent.

However, few measurements.

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# Advantages and limitations

Advantages	Limitations
High reactivity	Removal process
Controllability of depth	Time consuming
Small lateral straggling	Multi-step (lithography)

Features expected for processes to fabricate 3D structures

- Lower fluence
- Keep good mechanical properties
- Simple process



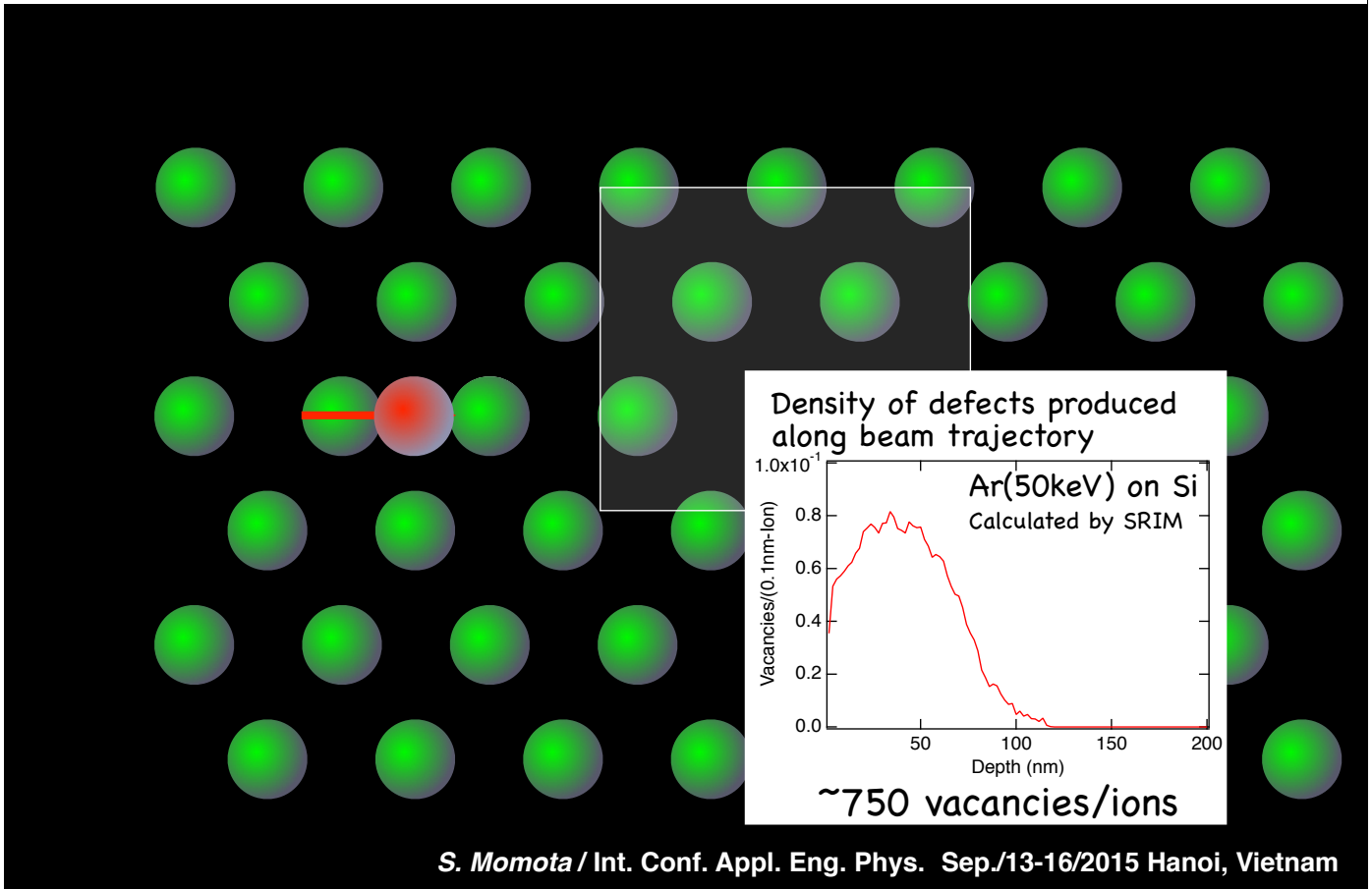
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## Ridge on cultivated field



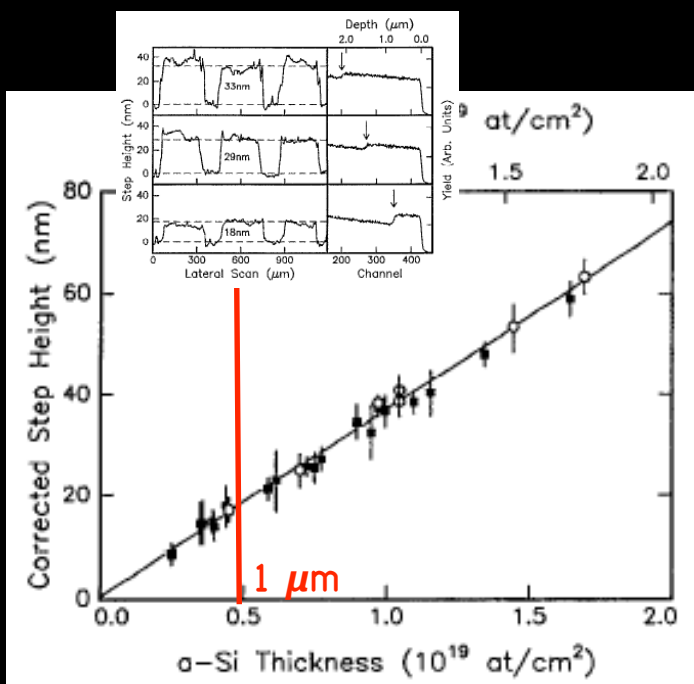
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# Expansion induced by defects



# Step structure produced by Si-beam

Si (0.5~8 MeV) on (1 0 0) Si



$n \sim 5 \times 10^{15} / \text{cm}^2$

Exp. rate = 1.8%

Observed expansion rate is larger than that induced by implanted Si, but, not so large.

Relaxation of defects  
Immigration to surface  
Recombination

J.S. Custer et al., Appl. Phys. Lett. 64 (1994) 437.

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# Simulation of amorphization process

## Molecular dynamics simulations.

Method	Relaxation	$E_{\text{dose}}$ (eV)	$V_{\text{dose}}$ (eV)	$V/V_0$	$E_{\text{potential}}$ (eV)
EDIP					
100-eV irr.	z	6.5	10	1.036	-4.26
100-eV irr.	3D	6.5	2	1.035	-4.25
1-keV irr.	3D	6.5	3	1.022	-4.29
Variable $E$ irr. <sup>a</sup>	3D	6.5	2	1.029	-4.26
Quench				1.035	-4.40
Variable $E$ irr. <sup>a</sup>	900 K			1.036	-4.46
T-III					
100-eV irr.	3D	8	12	1.095	-4.13
100-eV irr.	z	8	13	1.093	-4.13
1-keV irr.	3D	8	7	1.047	-4.20
1-keV irr.	z	8	13	1.045	-4.20
Variable $E$ irr. <sup>a</sup>	3D	8	8	1.089	-4.13
Variable $E$ irr. <sup>b</sup>	3D	11	11	1.08	-4.14
Quench				1.019	-4.40
SW					
1-keV irr.	3D	17	17	0.947	-4.09
Quench				0.944	-4.11
Expt.		12 <sup>c</sup>		1.018 <sup>d</sup>	

Calculated with 3 potentials  
EDIP, T-III, SW

Calculated results show  
remarkable dependence on  
potentials and parameters.

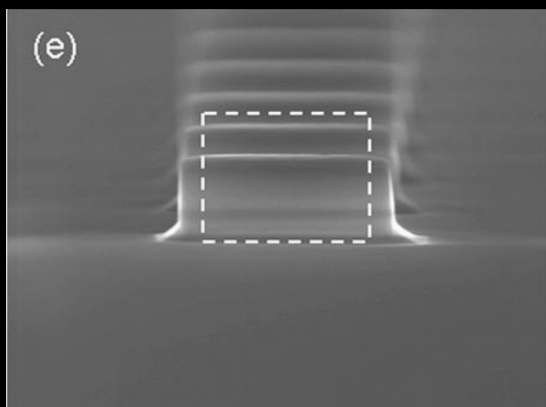
Even sign changes.

J. Nord et al., Phys. Rev. B65 (2002) 165329.

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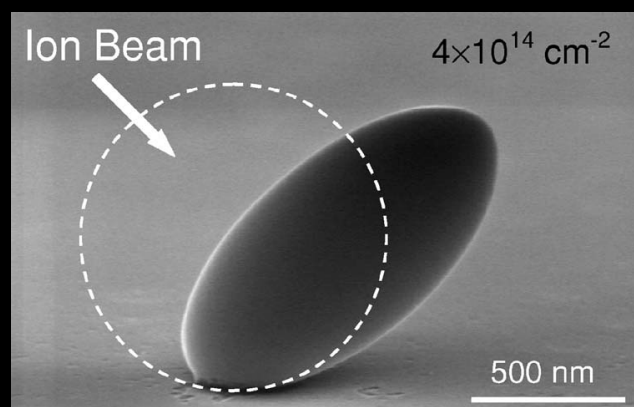
## Plastic deformation

$\alpha$ -Si pillars irradiated with  
30MeV Cu,  $8.2 \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-2}$



T. van Dillen et al.  
Appl. Phys. Lett., 84 (2004) 3591.

Colloidal silica particle irradiated  
with 4 MeV Xe<sup>4+</sup>,  $4 \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-2}$  at  
85 K.



T. van Dillen et al.  
Phys. Rev. B 74 (2006) 132103.

Anisotropic deformation has been observed.

Viscoelastic and free volume model

H. Trinkaus and A. I. Ryazanov, Phys. Rev. Lett. 74,  
5072 1995.

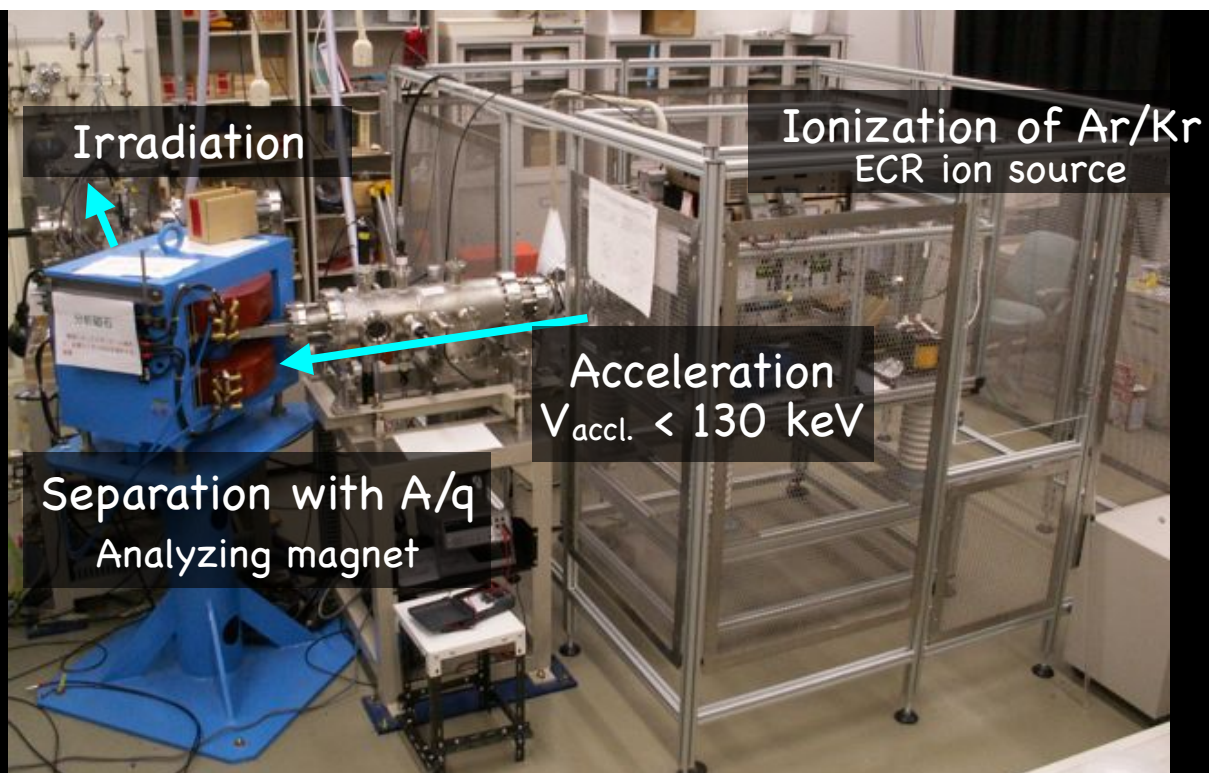
Explained by IB-induced Newtonian  
viscous flow

described in the above reference

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# Modifications of crystal materials by means of IB-induced expansion

## Ion-beam facility @KUT



S. Momota et al., Rev.Sci.Instr. 75(2004) pp. 1497.

# Highly-charged ions

High efficiency for beam acceleration

Kinetic energy :  $E = qeV$

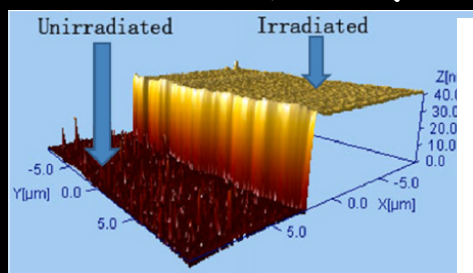
Ex. Ar on Si,  $V=100$  kV

$q$	$E$ (keV)	Range (nm)
1+	100	~100
10+	1000	~1000

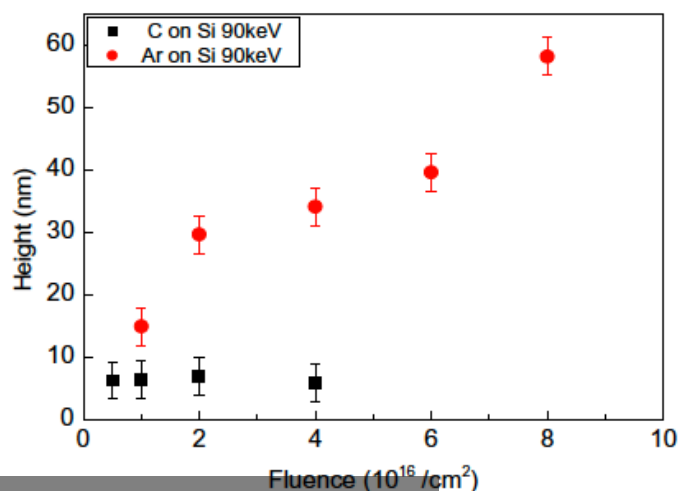
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## Vertical deformation Swelling height vs. fluence

C, Ar (90 keV) on (1 0 0) Si



J. Zhang et al.  
Nucl. Instr. Meth. Phys. Res., B282  
(2012) 17.



Obs. swelling height  
increase with fluence of Ar-beam.  
shows **strong Z dependence**.

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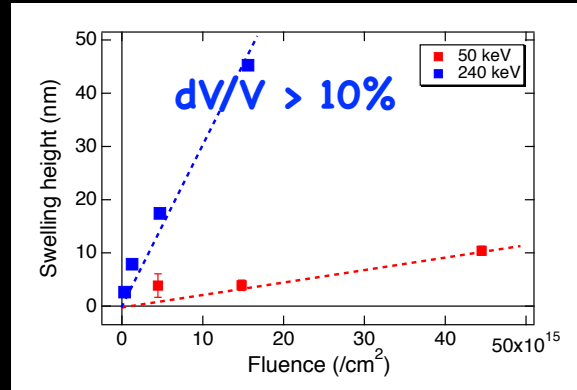
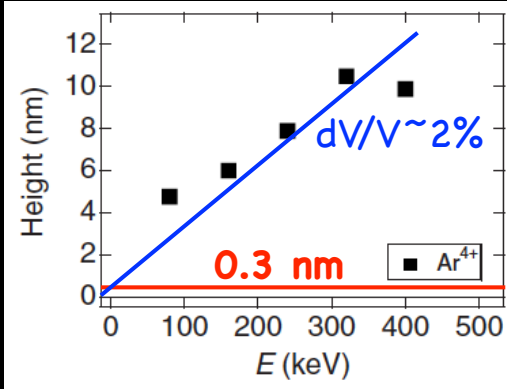
# Vertical deformation

Swelling height vs. energy

Ar on (1 0 0) Si

$n \sim 1.3 \times 10^{15} / \text{cm}^2$

$E = 50, 240 \text{ keV}$



S. Momota et al.

Rev. Sci. Instrum. 79 (2008) 02C302.

1. Obs. swelling height increase with  $R_p$  (E).
2. Minor contribution of implanted Ar.

Contribution of IB-induced defects

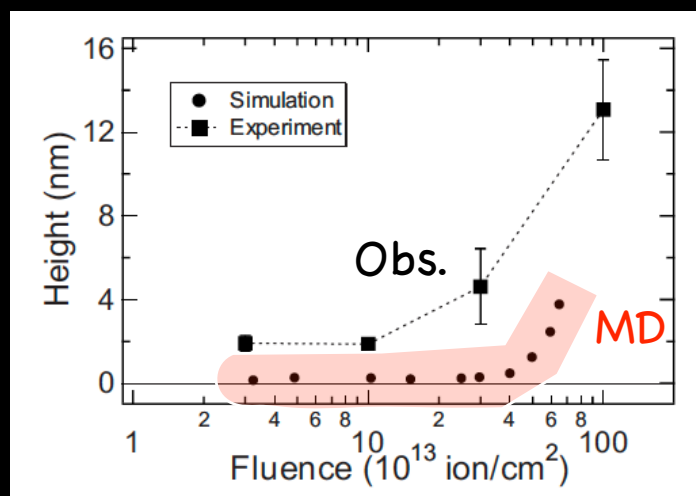
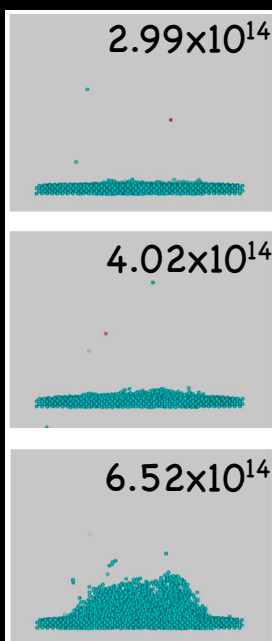
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# Vertical deformation

Molecular dynamics (MD) simulation

Evolution of Si-lattice system simulated by MD

S. Satake et al. J. Appl. Phys. 106 (2009) 044910.



Fluence dependence is roughly OK.  
But, underestimate in absolute values.

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# Lateral deformation

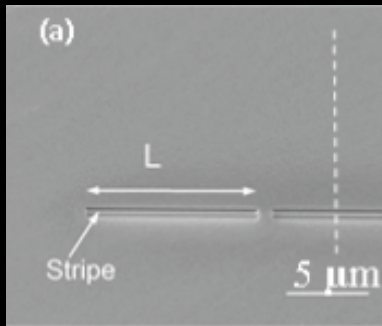
## Deformation observed by SEM

Kr (240 keV) on c-Si with stripe structures

$n \sim 8 \times 10^{13} / \text{cm}^2$

X. Guo et al., e-J. Surf. Sci. Nanotech. 13 (2015) 35.

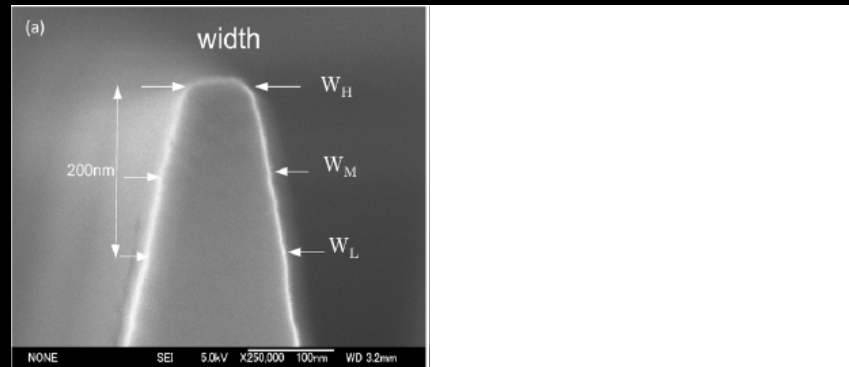
Top view of line and space structure



Cross sections of the center pile in stripe structure

before irr.

after irr.



Remarkable expansion along lateral direction

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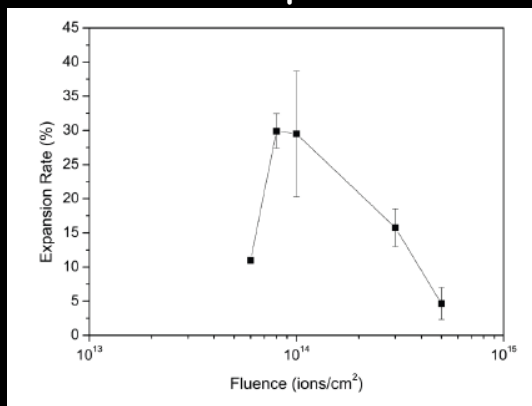
# Lateral deformation

## Fluence and size dependences

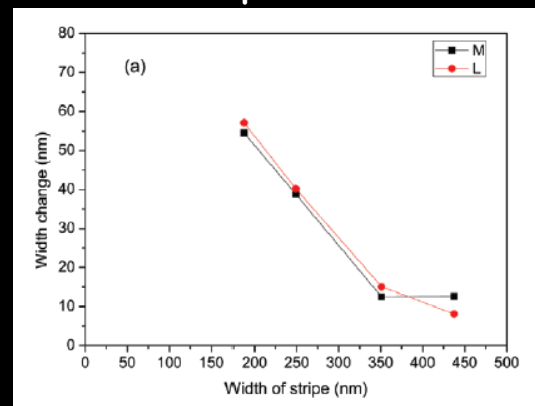
Kr (240 keV) on c-Si with stripe structures

$n \sim 8 \times 10^{13} / \text{cm}^2$

Fluence dependence



Size dependence



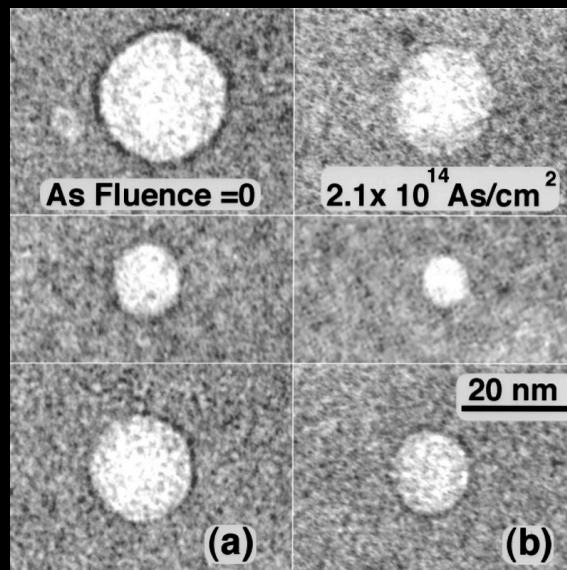
1. Max. lateral expansion is observed at  $n \sim 10^{14} / \text{cm}^2$ .
2. Lateral expansion is suppressed for large size structure.

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# Lateral deformation

Shrinkage of nano-cavities : 1

As (300 keV) on  $\alpha$ -Si with nano-cavities  
M.-O. Ruault et al. Appl. Phys. Lett. 81 (2002) 2617.



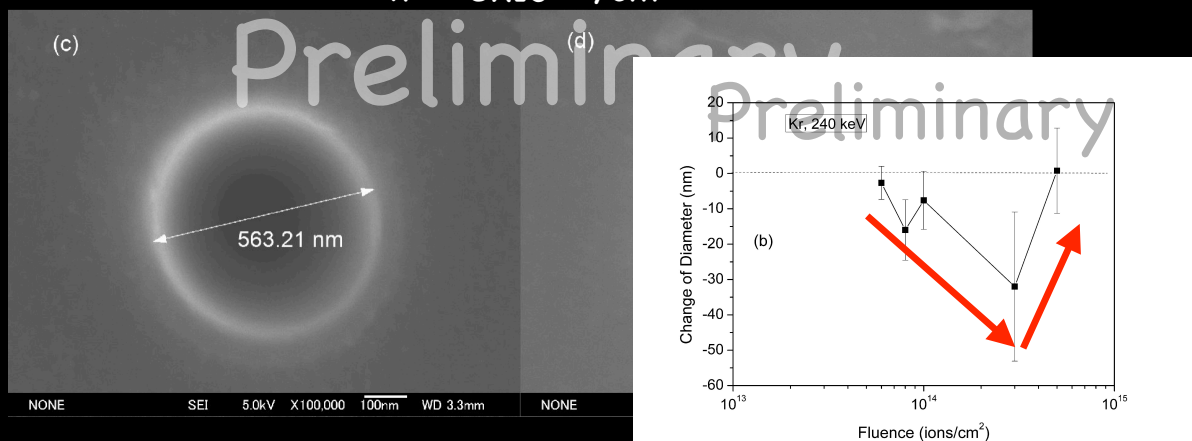
Remarkable shrinkage of nano-cavities (10~20nm)

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# Lateral deformation

Shrinkage of nano-cavities : 2

Kr (240 keV) on c-Si with nanocavities  
 $n \sim 8 \times 10^{13} / \text{cm}^2$



1. Max. shrinkage is observed at  $n \sim 3 \times 10^{14} / \text{cm}^2$ .
2. Shrinkage is suppressed at higher fluence.

What does the suppression effect at higher fluence region mean?  
→ Microscopic/macroscopic observation of IB-induced defects

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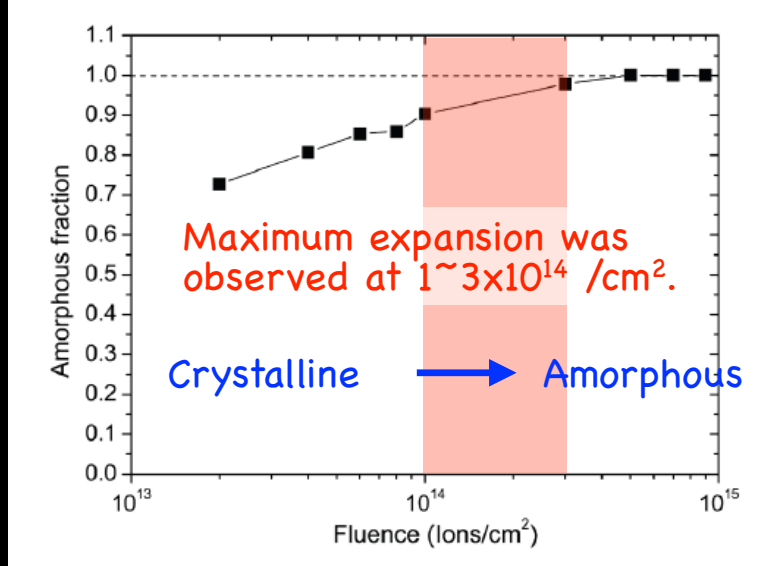
# IB-induced defects in c-Si

## Analysis of RAMAN spectrum

Accumulation of defects → amorphous

Amorphous fraction obtained from RAMAN spectrum

X. Guo et al. e-J. Surf. Sci. Nanotech. 13 (2015) 35.



What happens at the transitional phase ?

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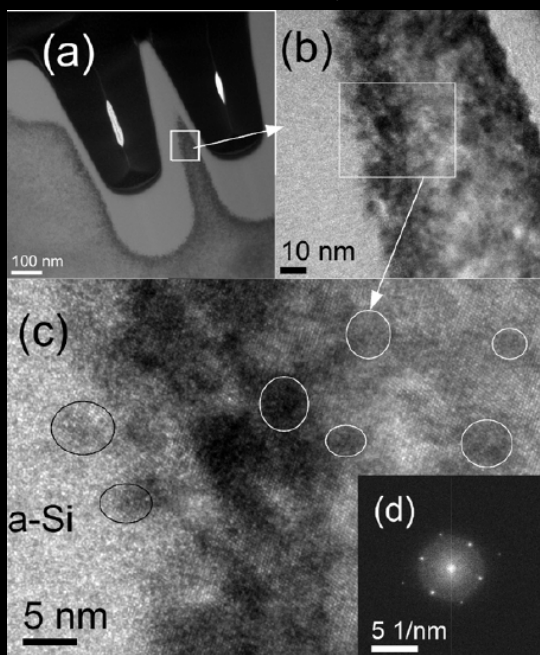
# IB-induced defects in c-Si

## TEM observation

Cross-sectional TEM images of stripe structures

X. Guo et al., e-J. Surf. Sci. Nanotech. 13 (2015) 35.

$n \sim 1 \times 10^{14} / \text{cm}^2$



Inhomogeneous defect distribution around a boundary between c-Si and a-Si region  
→ Amorphous/crystal pockets

At low fluence, defects are trapped at surfaces of a/c pockets.  
→ Expansion effect enhances.

At higher fluence, trapping effect is suppressed.  
→ Expansion effect decreases.

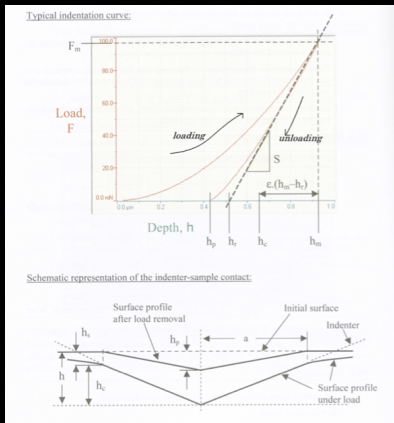
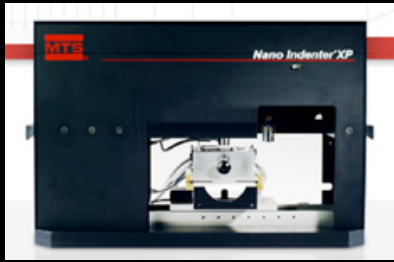
$$\rho_a \sim \rho_c$$

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# Measurement of mech. properties

## Indentation method

Nano Indenter XP/DCM (Agilent Technology)



## Depth profile of mechanical properties

because irradiation effect is depth dependent. However,

Conventional method :

Measurement at fixed depth

Advanced method :

Continuous measurements by means of dynamic technique

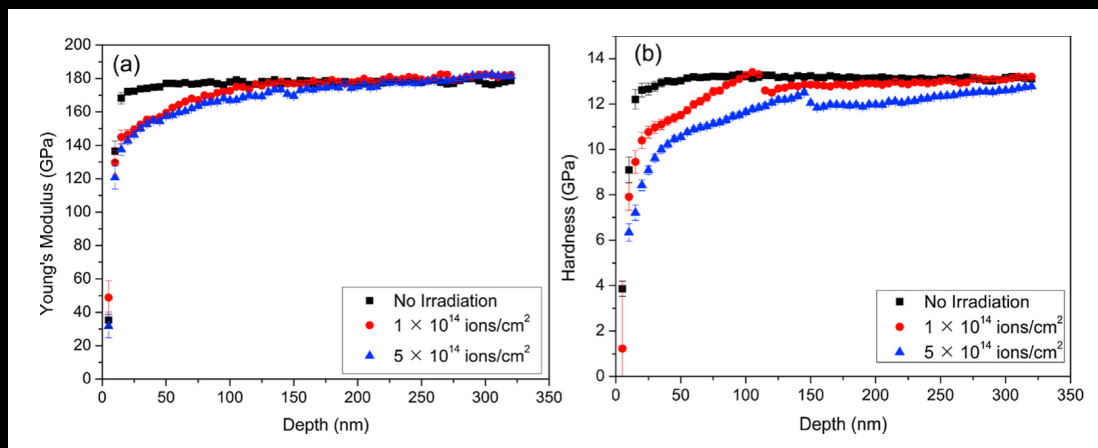
W.C. Oliver et al., J. Mat. Res. 7 (1992) 1564.

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# Depth profile of mech. properties

## Depth-dependent mechanical properties obtained from indentation method

X. Guo et al., Appl. Surf. Sci., 349 (2015) 123.



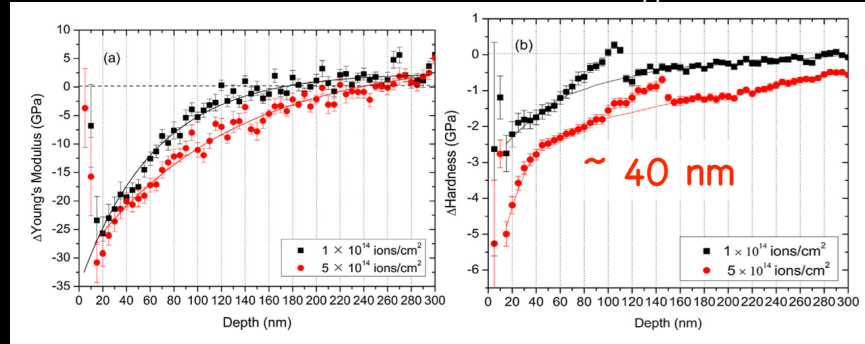
For virgin samples, consistent with conventional values  
Young's modulus = 176 GPa / Hardness = 13.0 GPa

IB-induced deterioration in mechanical properties is relatively small at  $n \sim 10^{14}$  ion/cm<sup>2</sup>.

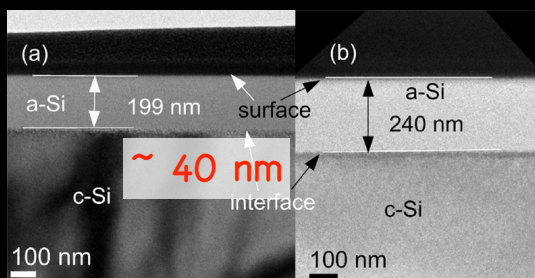
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# Comparison with TEM, RBS-c results

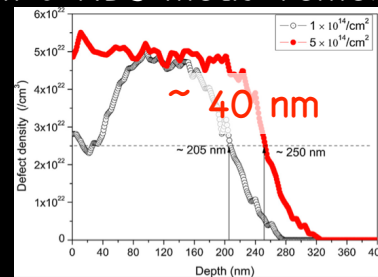
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Cross-sectional TEM images



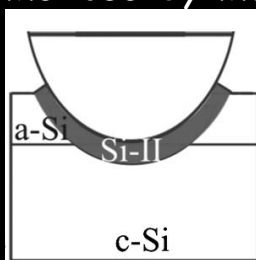
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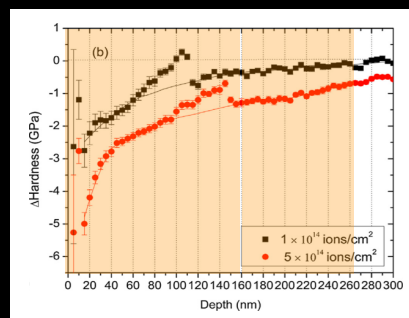
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# Indentation-induced phase transition

Phase transition in a-Si induced by indentation



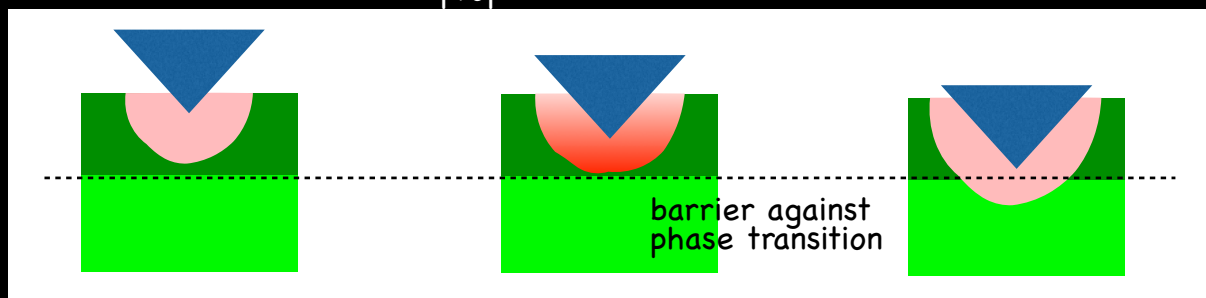
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Evolution of phase transition according to indentation

Accumulation of internal stress to increase mech. prop.

Overcoming barrier and penetrate into c-region



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# Conclusions

## IB-induced expansion effect

Feasibility of IB-induced expansion effect as fabrication method for 3D-micro-nano scale structures

1. Control of swelling & lateral deformation on crystal materials was achieved by irradiating IB with relatively low fluence.
2. Small deterioration in mechanical properties without post-treatment was confirmed.

Behaviors of defects induce by IB irradiation

1. Inhomogeneous defect distribution would play an important role in IB-induced expansion effect on crystal.
2. Evolutional behavior of indentation-induced phase transition is found in depth-dependent indentation measurements.

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