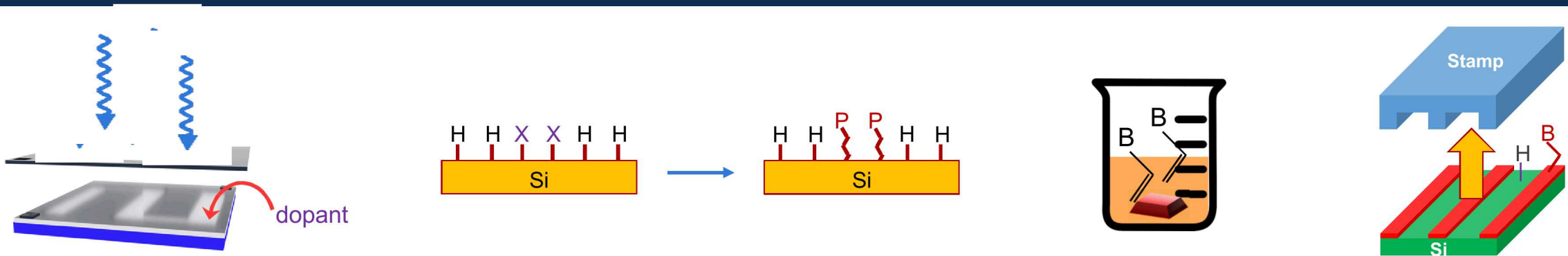


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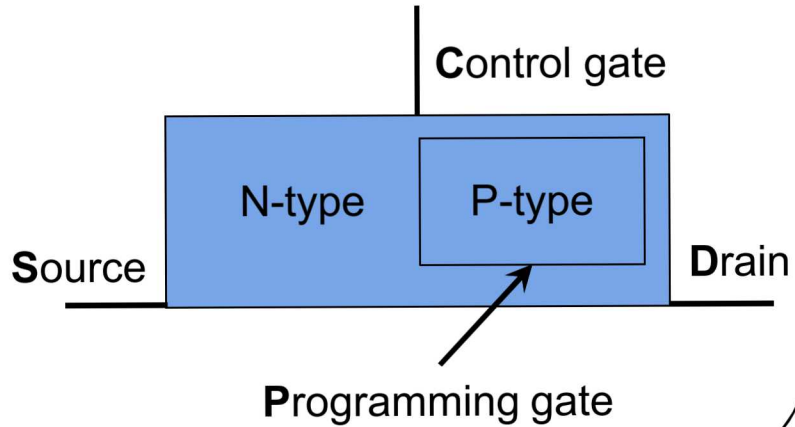


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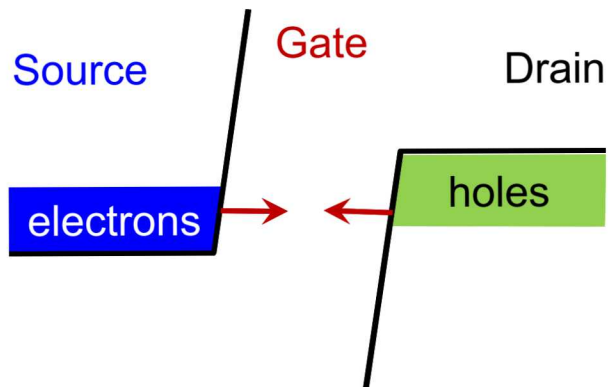
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# Digital electronics at the atomic limit (DEAL)

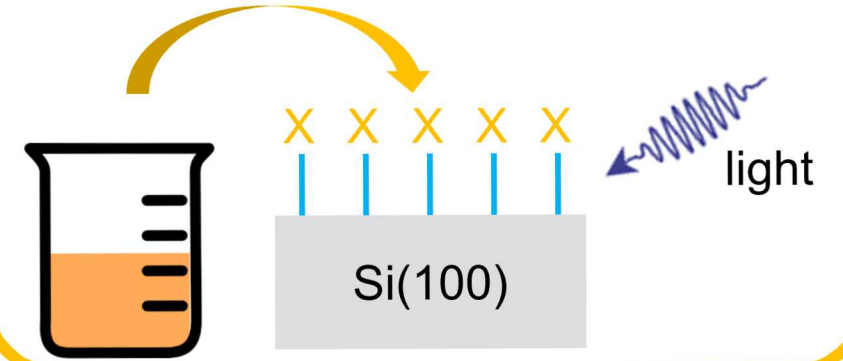
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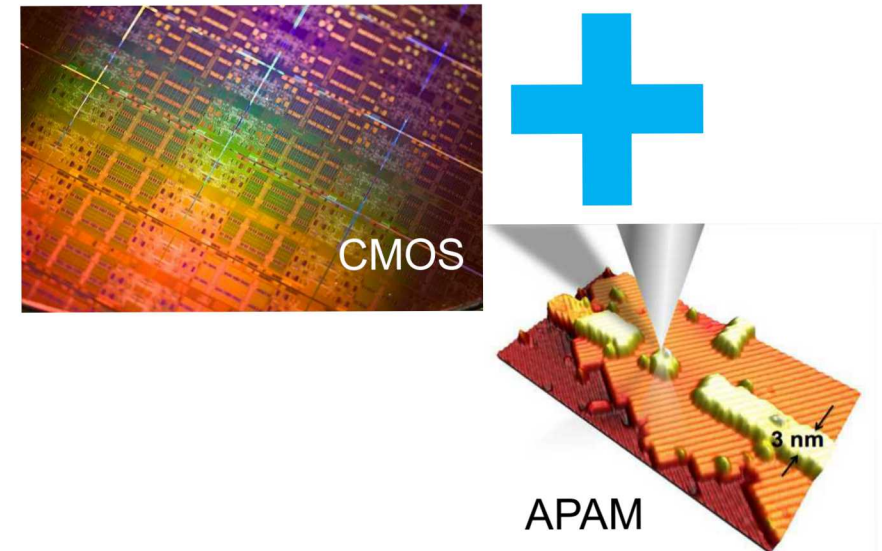
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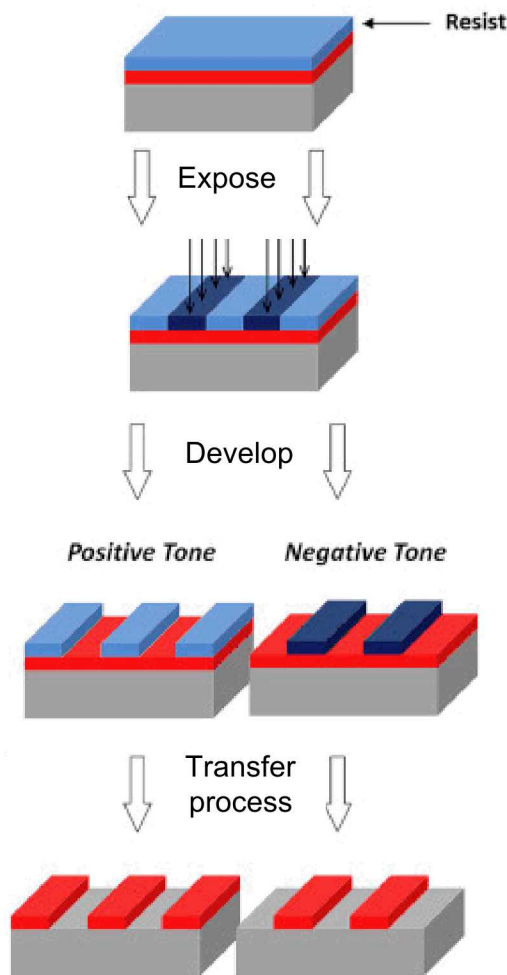
## Thrust 4: Application Platform



## Thrust 3: CMOS Integration

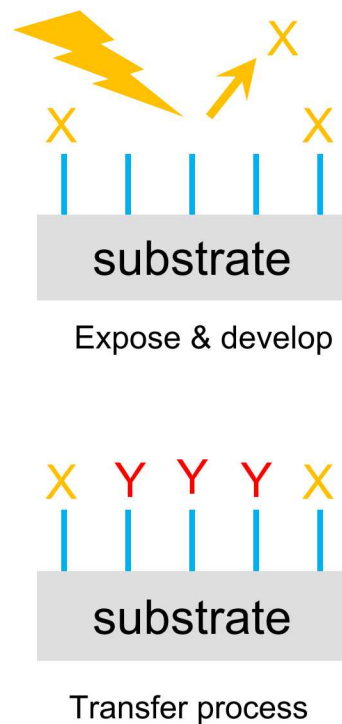


# What if you could do atomic-scale processing?

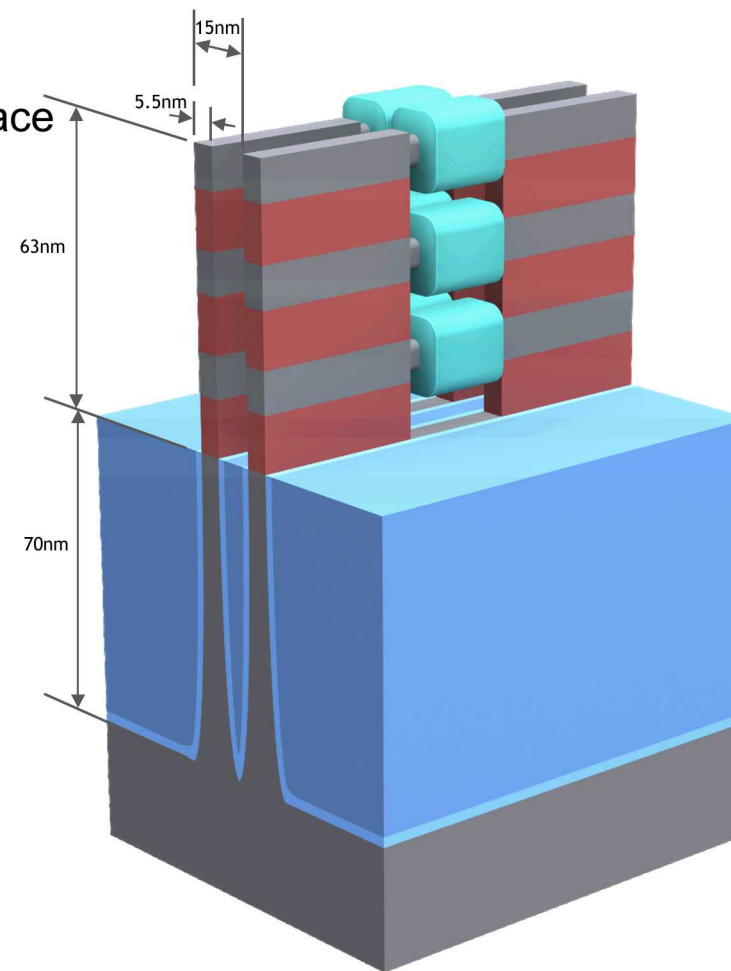


Traditional etch process

Unexplored, new phase space



Area selective chemistry



Produces material that defies expectation

*R. Arghavani estimates*

Parameters	$I_{ON}$ (mA/ $\mu$ m) @ $V_{GS}=V_{DS}=0.7V$
Si FinFET ( $H_{FIN}=37nm$ )	0.630
1 NW GAA	0.286
2 NW GAA	0.525
3 NW GAA	0.576
Si FinFET ( $H_{FIN}=54nm$ )	0.690

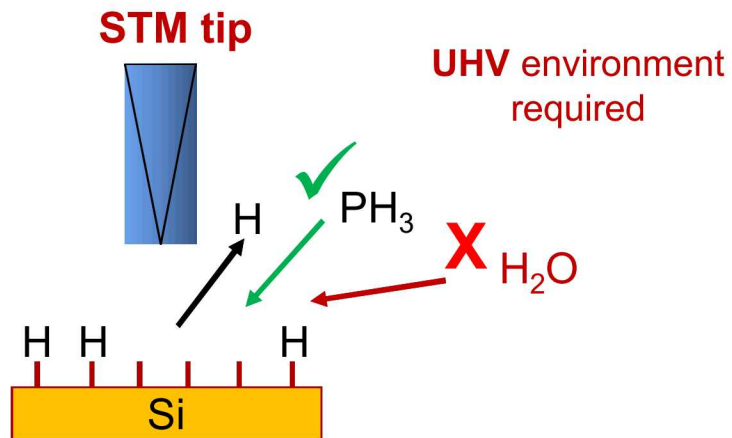
Compare to APAM:  
over 2 mA/ $\mu$ m  
(cryogenic)

# Problem: No current scalable path to manufacturability!

## Current APAM : STM/UHV *Learning Platform*

## Limitations

Scanning probe for  
patterning – serial  
and **slow**



High temperature processing for H resist

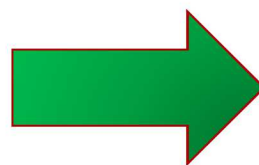
- **H resist** requires **UHV** and high temp
- STM-based **patterning** is **slow & requires UHV**
- Only one proven resist type (H) and dopant ( $\text{PH}_3$ ) chemistry exists – **limits flexibility**



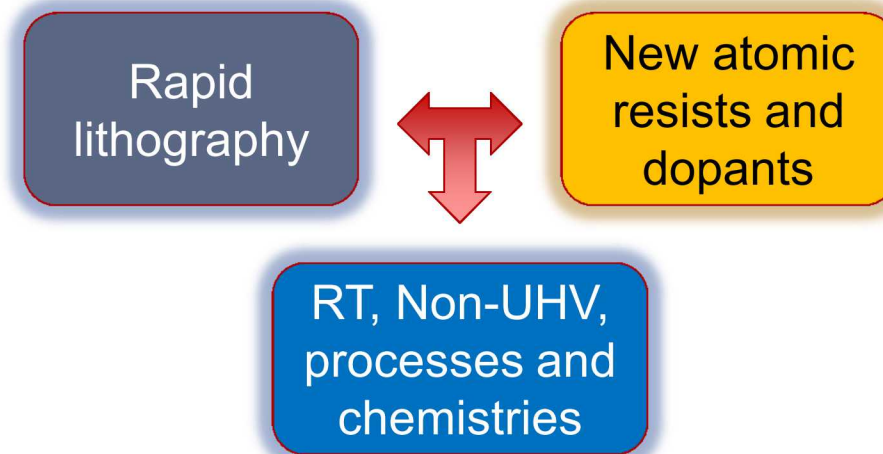
Scalable and patternable surface chemistries to enable new device manufacturing pathways and performance

## Current APAM : STM/UHV *Learning Platform*

- Slow STM patterning
- Restricted to UHV
- Only one atomic resist (H)
- Only two dopants ( $\text{PH}_3$  and tentatively  $\text{B}_2\text{H}_6$ )



## APAM “*Application Platform*”

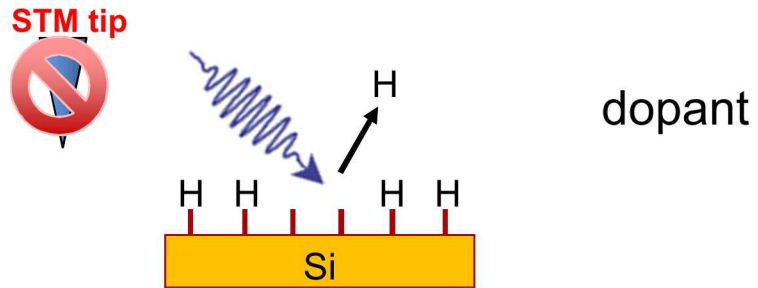


New principles & toolkits for rapid, scalable processing towards manufacturability!

# Thrust 4: APAM Application Platform

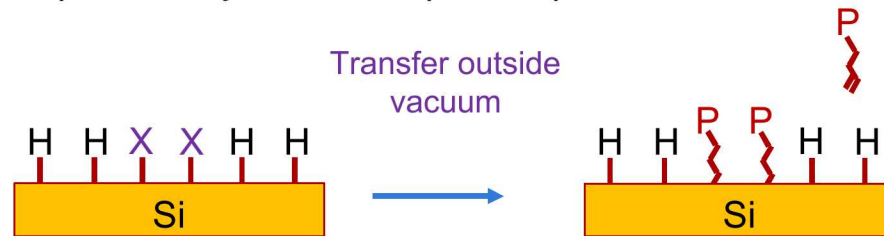
## 1. Photolithography

Explore optical induced pathways for patterning & doping atomic resists



## 2. Alternative Resists and Dopants

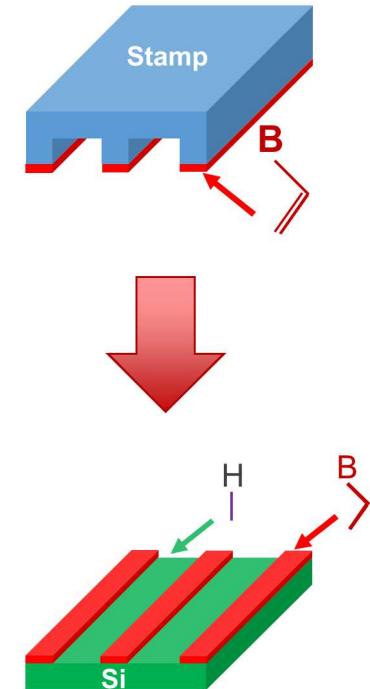
Explore alternative halogen resists for new dopant chemistries and complementary resists for pattern preservation outside UHV



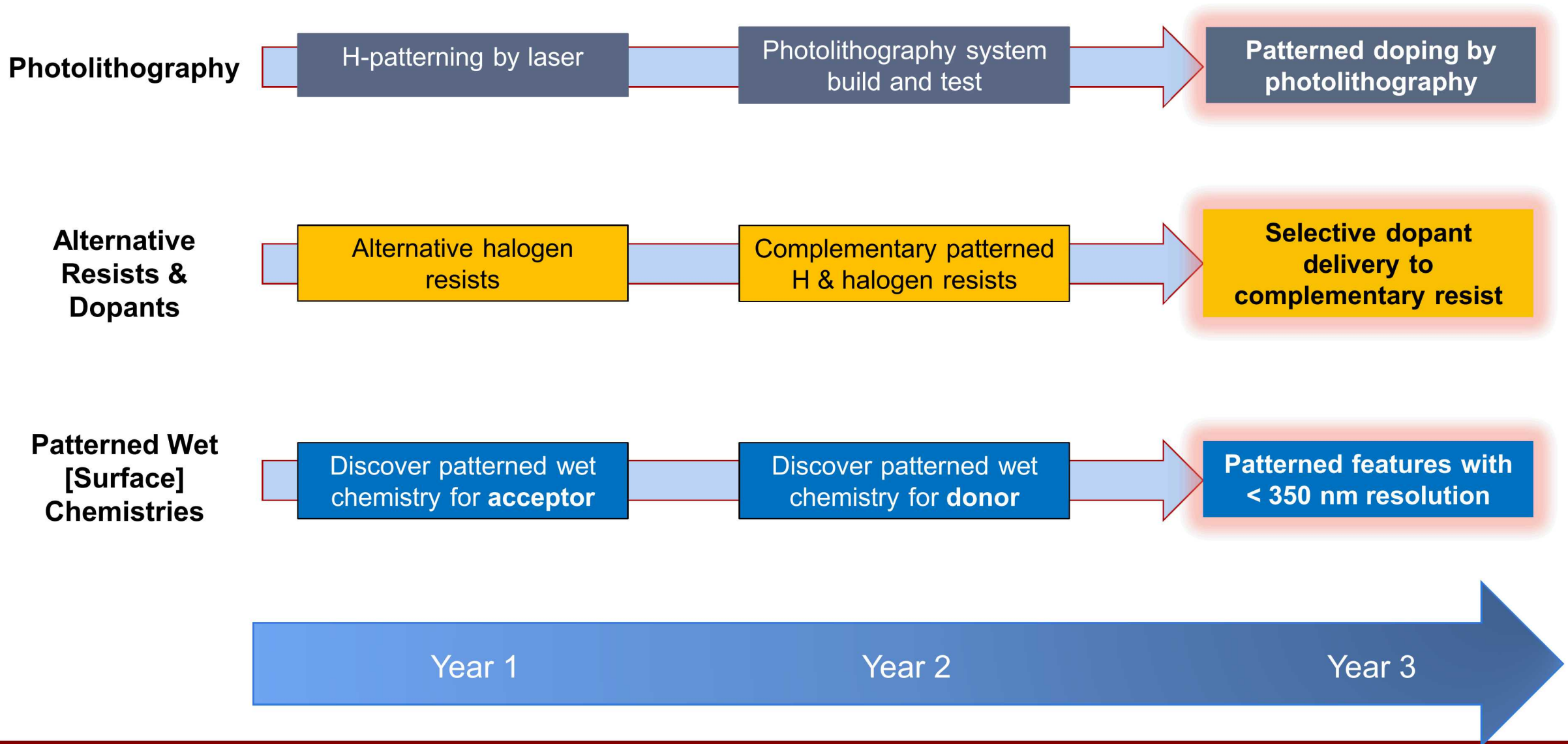
X = Alternative Resist (Cl, Br, or I)

## 3. Patterned wet chemistries

Discover robust and scalable wet surface chemistries for resists and selective area molecular doping

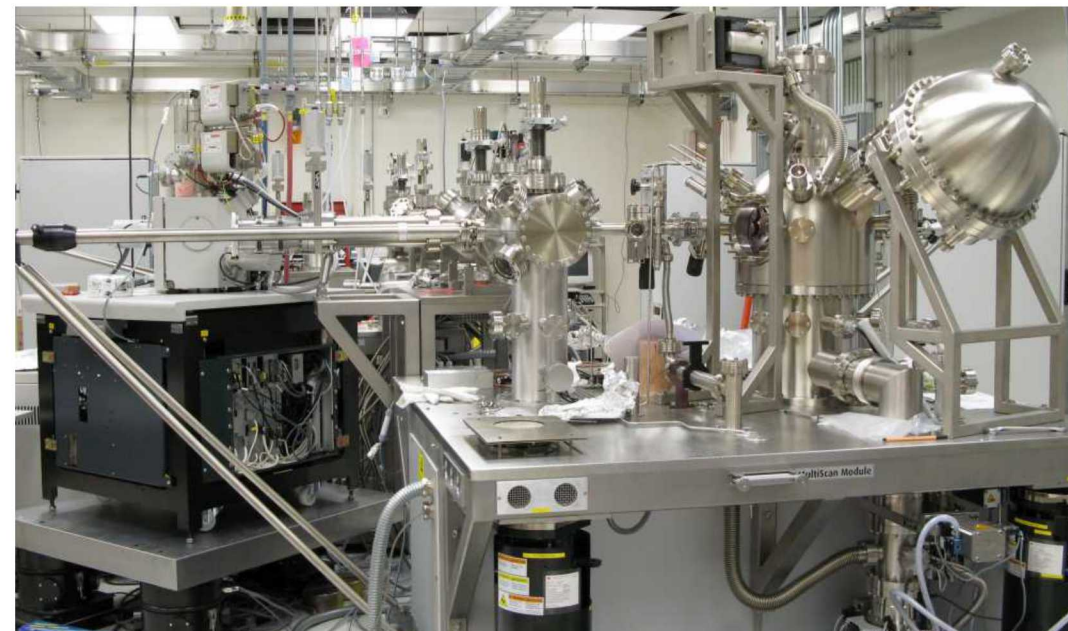
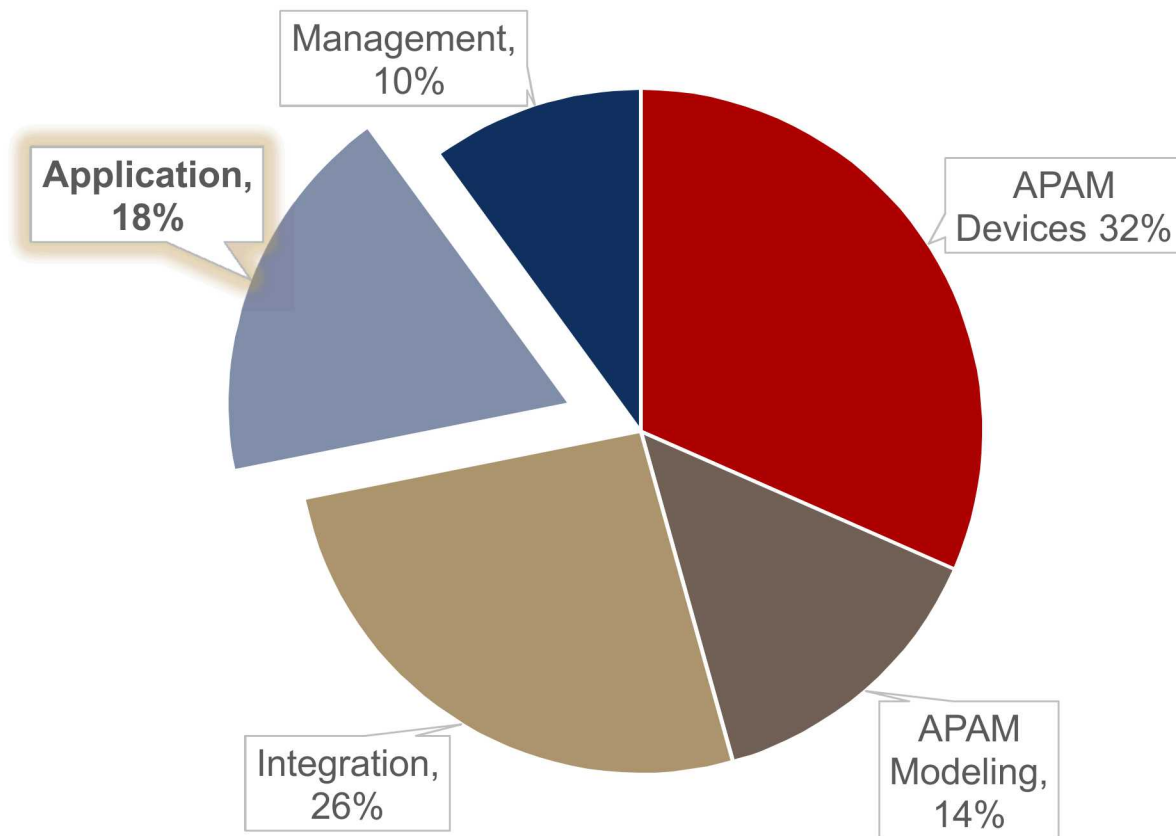


# APAM Applications Platform Overview



# Resources

Leverage MESA Advanced Nanotechnology  
Tool:  
STM, XPS, Scanning AES, SEM, etc.





# Organizational chart

## Thrusts

### Program Leadership

PI: Shashank Misra  
PM: Robert Koudelka  
Deputy PM: Rick Muller

### #4 Application platform

Lead: George Wang

Photolithography: Aaron Katzenmeyer  
Alternative resists: Bob Butera  
Wet chemistry: George Wang

### Support Team

Financial: Laurel Taylor  
Logistics: Lori Mann  
Web: Doreen Chaleunphonh  
Administrative: Felicia Pena

## Cross-cutting capabilities

**Measurement:** Lisa Tracy, Tzu-Ming Lu, David Scrymgeour, Ping Lu, Albert Grine

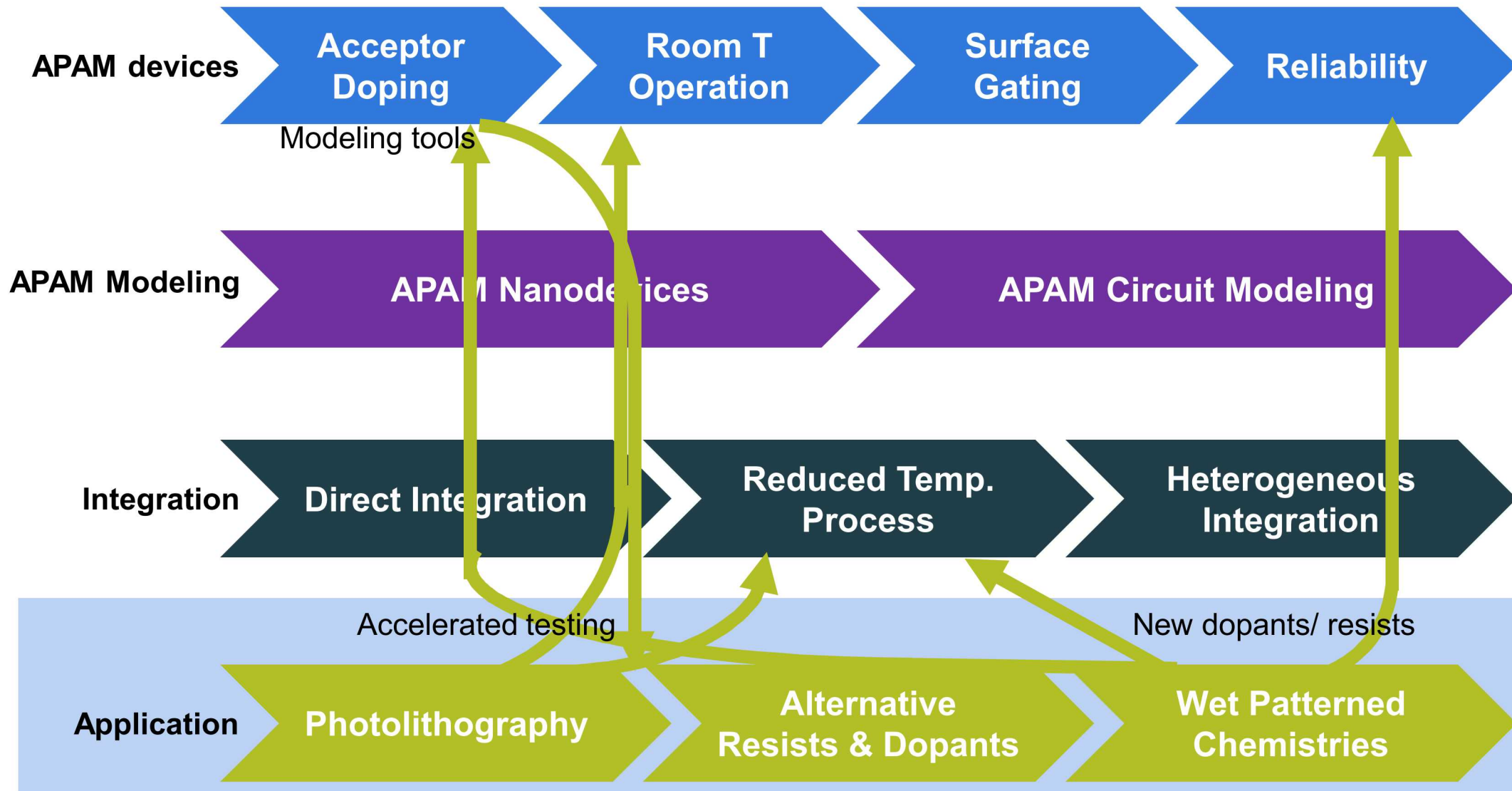
**Microfabrication:** Dan Ward, DeAnna Campbell, Mark Gunter, Steve Carr, Sean Smith

**Modeling:** Denis Mamaluy, Suzey Gao, Leon Maurer, Andrew Baczewski, Peter Schultz, Quinn Campbell

**Surface science:** Shashank Misra, Ezra Bussmann, George Wang, Aaron Katzenmeyer, Evan Anderson, Fabian Pena, Esther Frederick, Bob Butera, Dave Wheeler

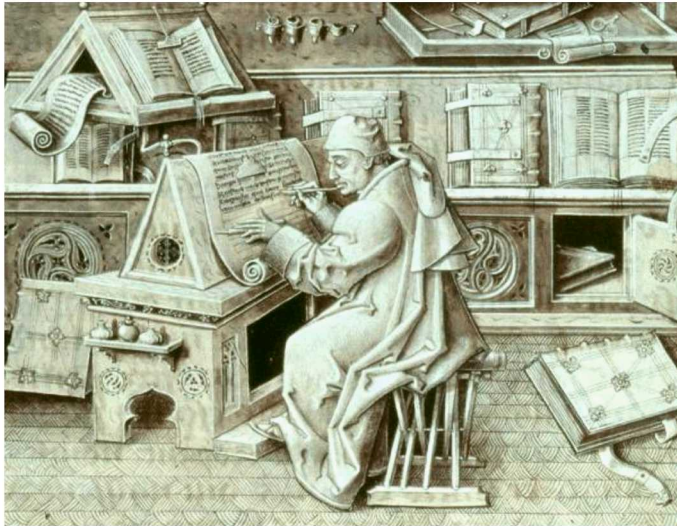
*Key task leaders in italics*

# Cross-cutting benefits

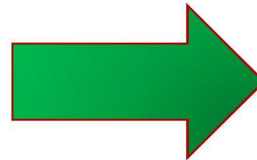


**Scalable and patternable surface chemistries to enable new device manufacturing pathways and performance**

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*Learning Platform***



Wikipedia, Scriptorium 2018



**APAM “*Application Platform*”**



Recreated Gutenberg press

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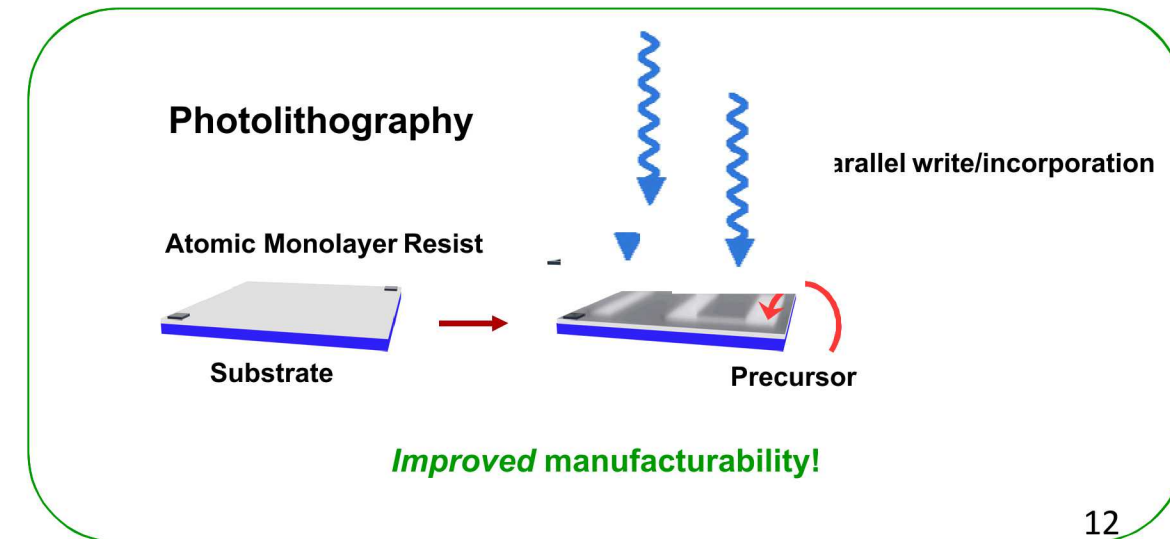
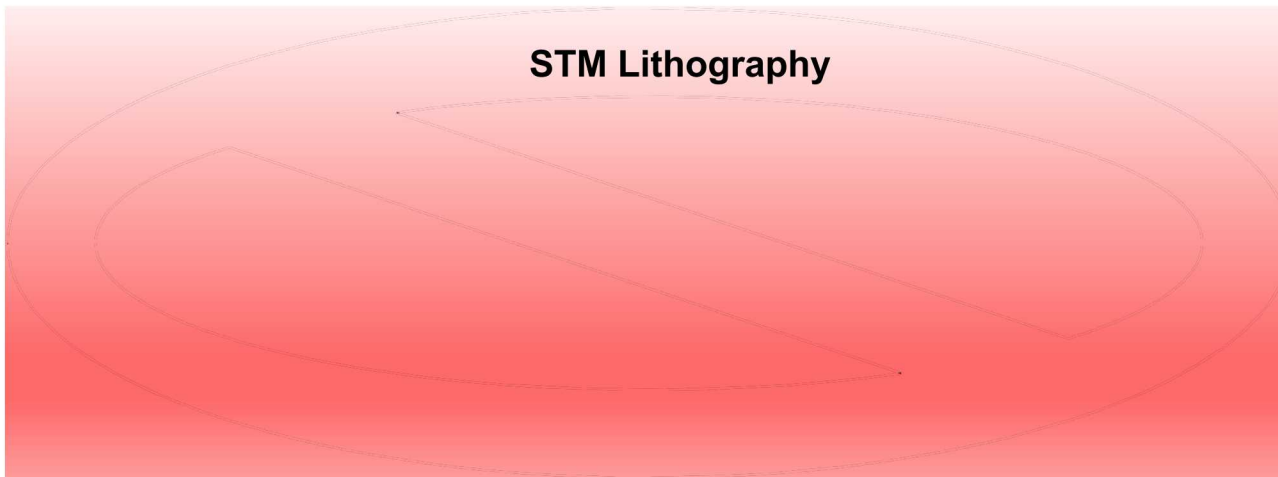


# APAM Application Platform – Photolithography

## GOAL

Develop photolithographic APAM device workflows that:

- Are manufacturable - rapid, parallel, scalable  
(*STM lithography: not manufacturable*)
- Exploit unique advantages of atomic resists  
(*Polymer resist: overexposure, instability...*)

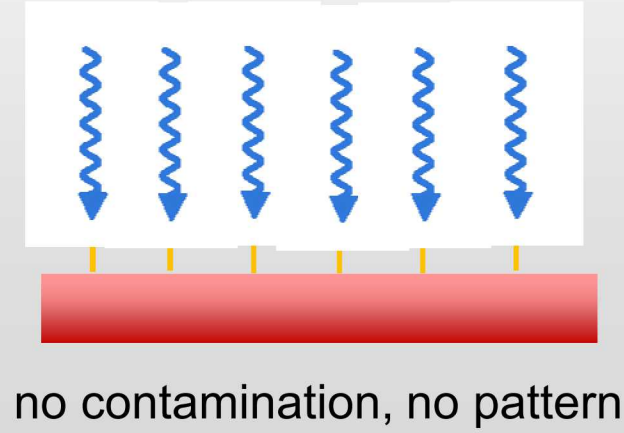
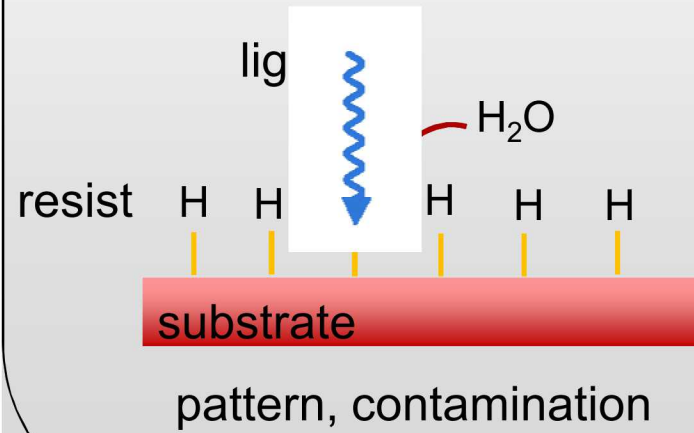




# H Photolithography - SOTA

## State of the art

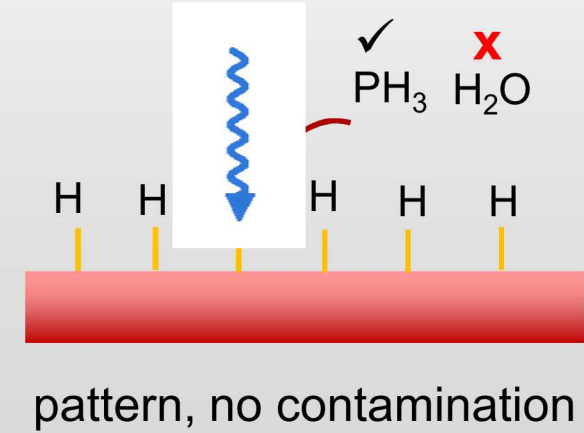
- Submicron features in H resist patterned in air using light
- H desorption using light in UHV (no patterning shown)



## Needed

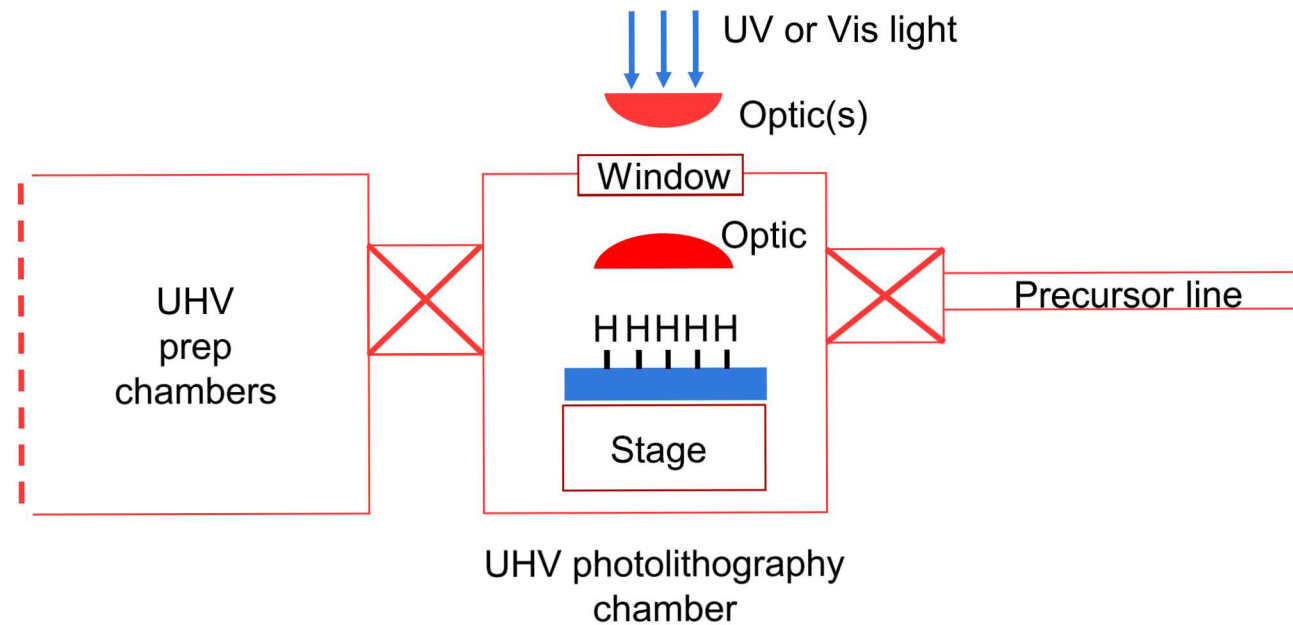
Pathway to:

- Pattern small features ( $\leq$  micron)
- Add dopants



# Photolithography - Strategy

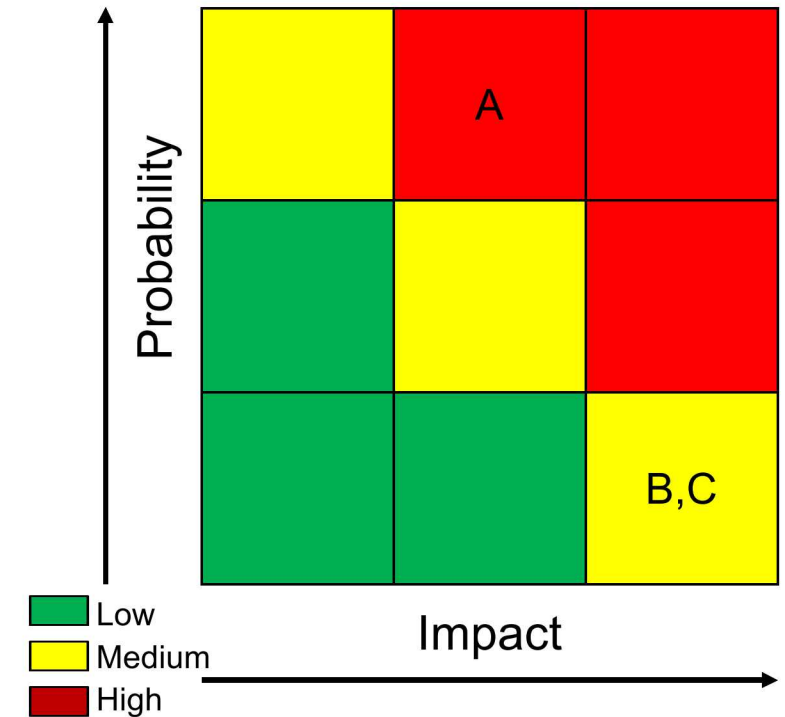
Develop photolithography process for proven APAM system: H resist/ $\text{PH}_3$  precursor



Engineer optics compatible with UHV processing, guided by theory/modeling

# Photolithography - Risks

- A. Physical mechanism of H photodesorption not understood  
Conflicting literature – wavelength, available optics?
- B. Incomplete/insufficient desorption of H (limited doping)  
Quality of device as good as STM process?
- C. Silicon surface damaged by process  
Catastrophic to fabrication process



# Outlook and Impact

- Ability to manufacture P-doped Si devices  
Improves progress in all thrusts & tasks
- Theoretical & experimental framework for accelerated pathfinding of new:  
processes (dope-as-you-go), resists, dopants, environments (not UHV)
- Understanding potential of atomic resists for solving industrial problems



# APAM Application Platform – Alternative Resist and Dopant Chemistries

GOAL: Alternative and complementary resist and dopant chemistries for APAM devices

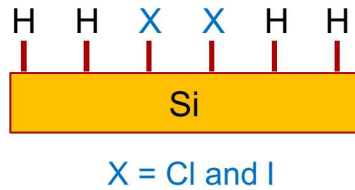
- Current APAM process:
  - **Confined to UHV environments**
  - **Exclusively hydrogen-resist based chemistries (H resist +  $\text{PH}_3$  doping)**
- FAIR DEAL:
  - Develop complementary resist chemistries for pattern preservation and reaction outside UHV
  - Develop alternative atomic resists to expand possible dopant attachment chemistries



# Alternative and Complementary Resists: Current state of the art (SOA)

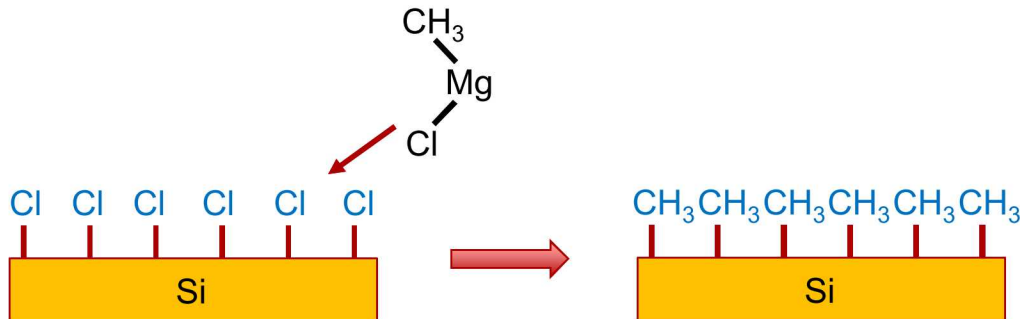
**Current SOA:** Existing halogen chemistries for silicon surfaces

## 1. Halogen pattern fill on H-Si(100)



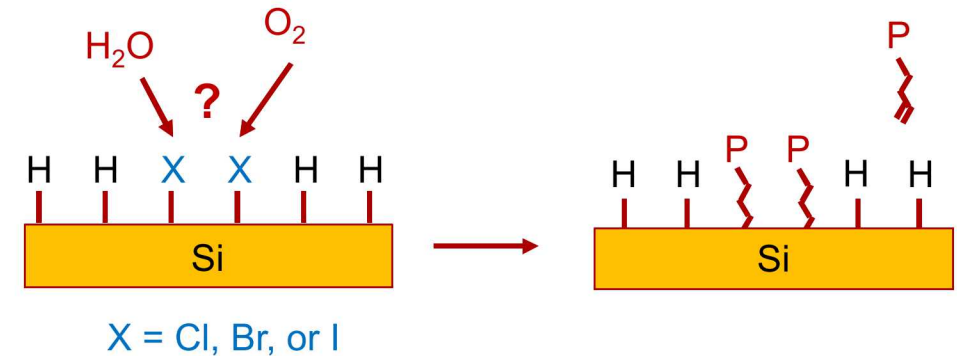
D.-S. Lin, *J. Chem. Phys.* **130**, 164706 (2009)

## 2. Alkylation of halogen-terminated Si(111)



N Alderman et al. *Appl. Phys. Lett.* **2013**, 103, 081603.

**Needed:** Test complementary pattern stability in ambient environment and selective area deposition of dopants

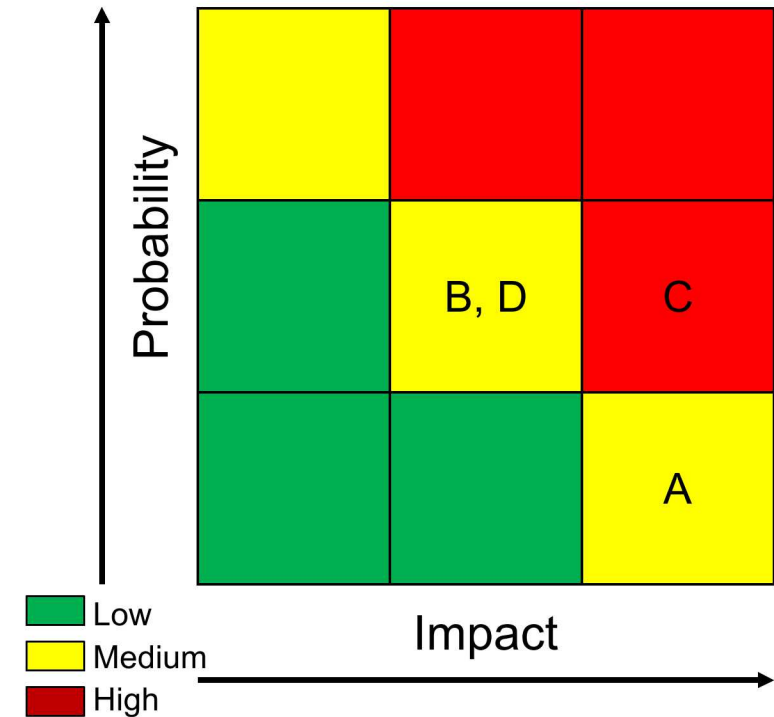


# Risks

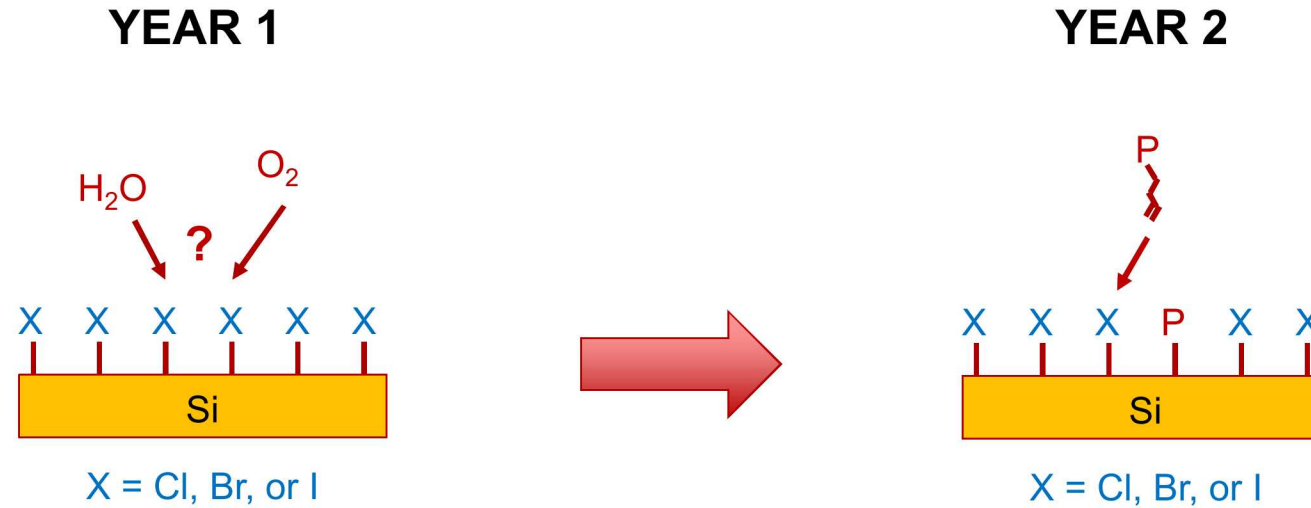
**Goal:** Alternative and complementary resist and dopant chemistries

## Challenges/Risks:

- A. Resists not robust
- B. Incompatible process conditions with backend
- C. No selective dopant chemistry pathway
- D. Process detrimental to device performance



# 1. Develop alternative atomic resists to expand possible dopant attachment chemistries

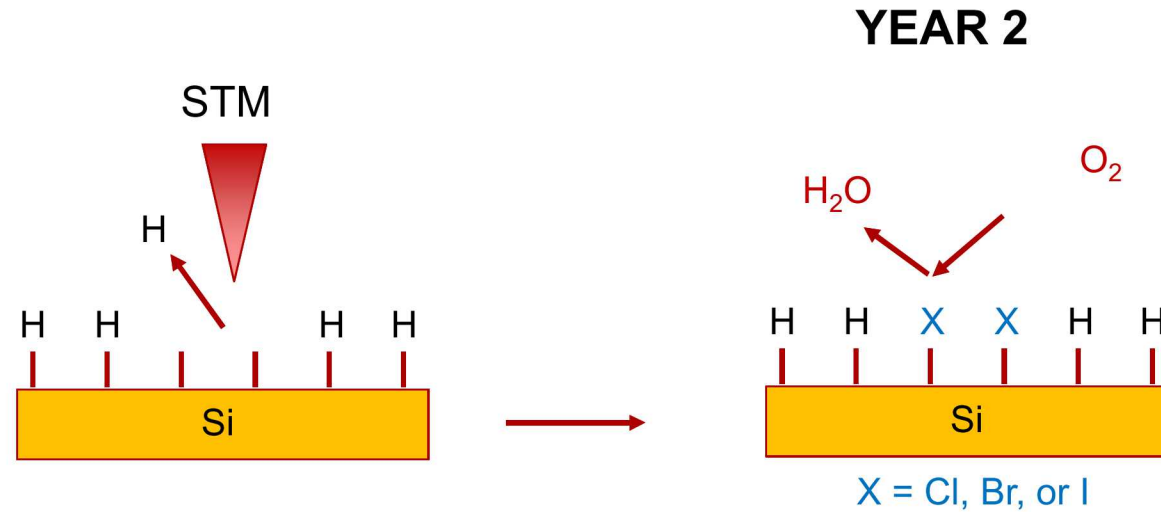


## Strategy: Alternative Resists

- Discover alternative, halogen-based atomic resists (in UHV)
- Test stability to inert and ambient environments
- Discover dopant attachment chemistries to alternative halogen resists



## 2. Create complementary resists for pattern preservation outside of UHV

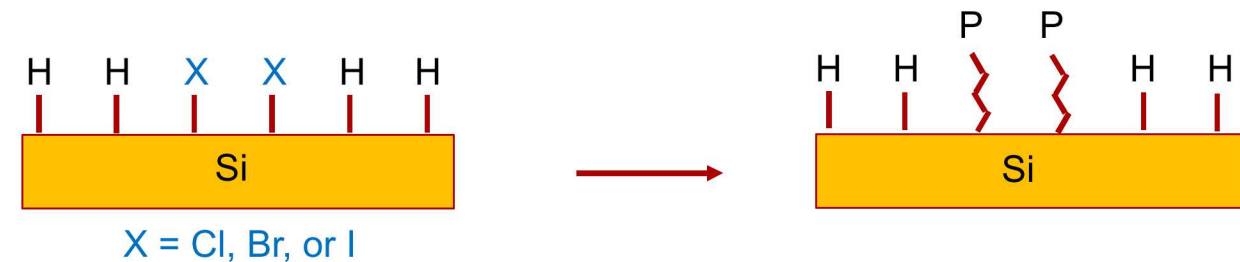


### Strategy: Pattern Preservation via Complementary Resists

- Pattern and passivate dangling bonds with alternative halogen resist to create “complementary resist”
- Test stability to inert and ambient environments

### 3. Selective dopant attachment to patterned complementary resist

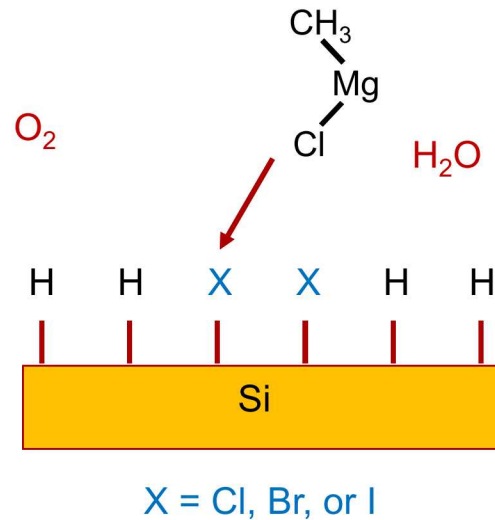
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#### Strategy: Pattern Preservation via Complementary Resists

- **Requirement:** Maintain difference in chemical reactivity of patterned resist (X) compared to surrounding resist (H) for subsequent dopant attachment chemistry
- Vacuum (gas-phase) or wet solution (mitigation path) chemistries
- Investigate **selective dopant attachment chemistry** to patterned areas (vacuum or wet solution)

# Impact



Alternative resists opens door to expanded range of dopant attachment chemistries

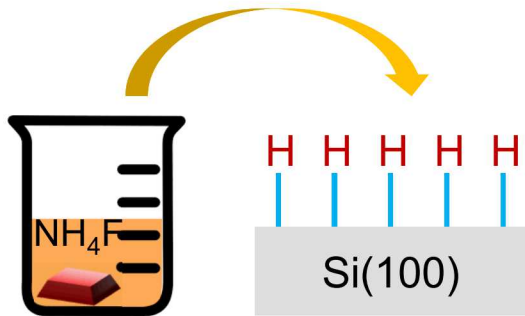
- Modeling to evaluate new attachment chemistries
- New path to acceptor dopants
- Enables complementary resists for pattern preservation for processing outside UHV
- Relevant for gas-phase and wet chemistries

# APAM Application Platform – Patternable Wet Surface Chemistries

GOAL: Scalable, patterned wet chemical pathways for APAM devices

**Current SOA:** Existing Si(100) wet chemistry elements for APAM

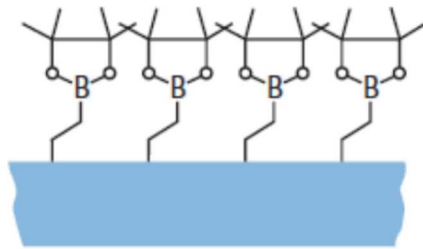
H resist on Si(100) by wet chemistry



Hines, J Phys. Chem C, 2012

H resist

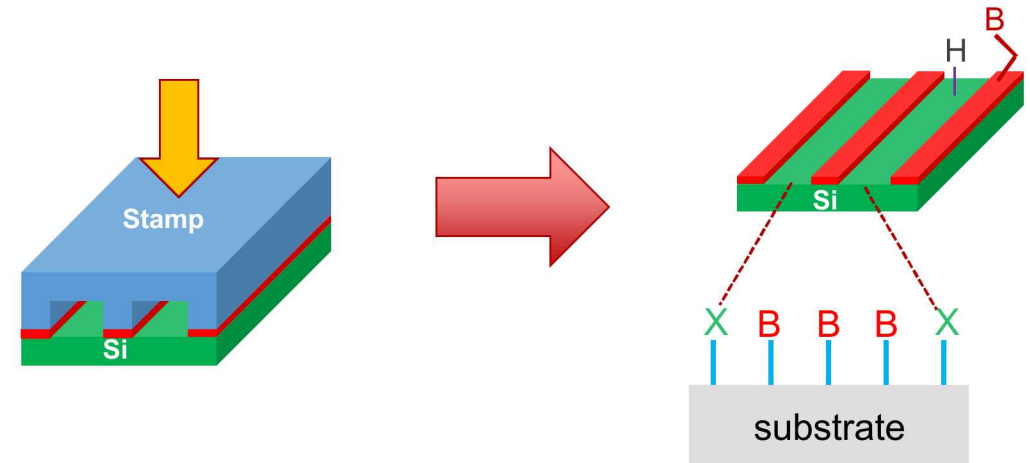
Molecular doping of Si(100)



Javey, Nat. Mat, 2007

doping

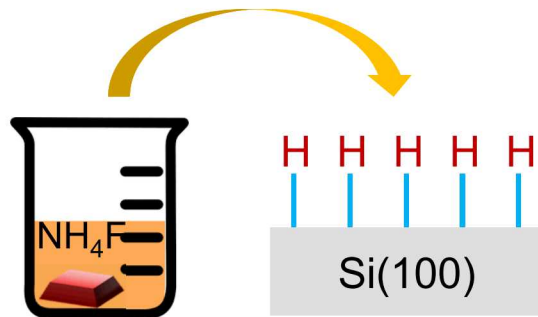
**Needed:** Integrate new elements to enable **patterned**, selective area surface doping



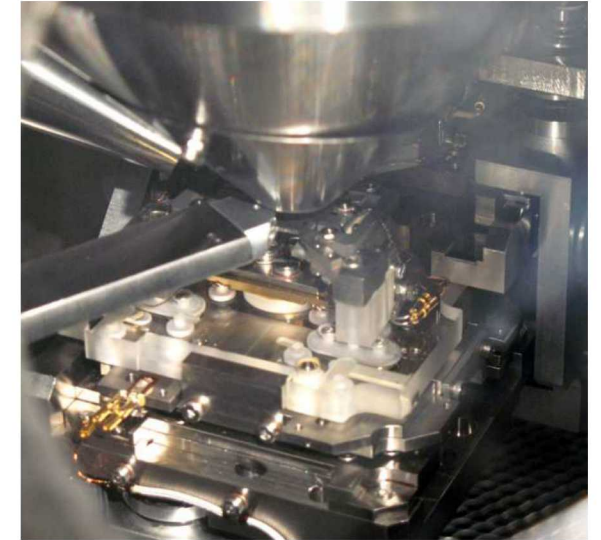
- Advantages: highly inexpensive, scalable, accessible
- Also draws on large body of potential wet surface chemistries!
- Tradeoff: worse lateral resolution



# 1. Develop robust, scalable wet chemical process for H resist on Si(100)



Characterize surface  
(morphology, coverage,  
impurities, defects) with  
surface analysis techniques:  
STM, XPS, FTIR, EDS, AES

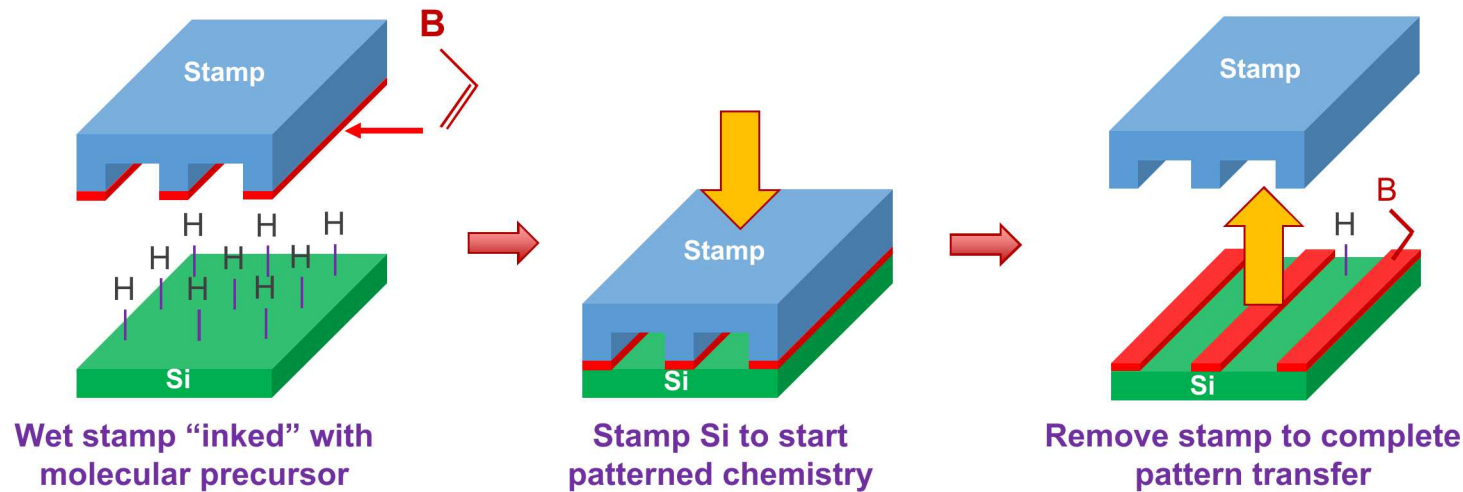


“Same-spot” multi-characterization: MESA ANT

IMPACT: Enable a rapid and inexpensive method for near *room-temperature* resist preparation

NEXT: How to incorporate dopant?

## 2. Discover wet, *soft-lithographic* processes for selective area molecular doping

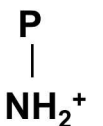
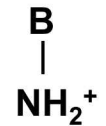


Initial candidate surface attachment chemistries

*hydrosilylation*



*diazonium*



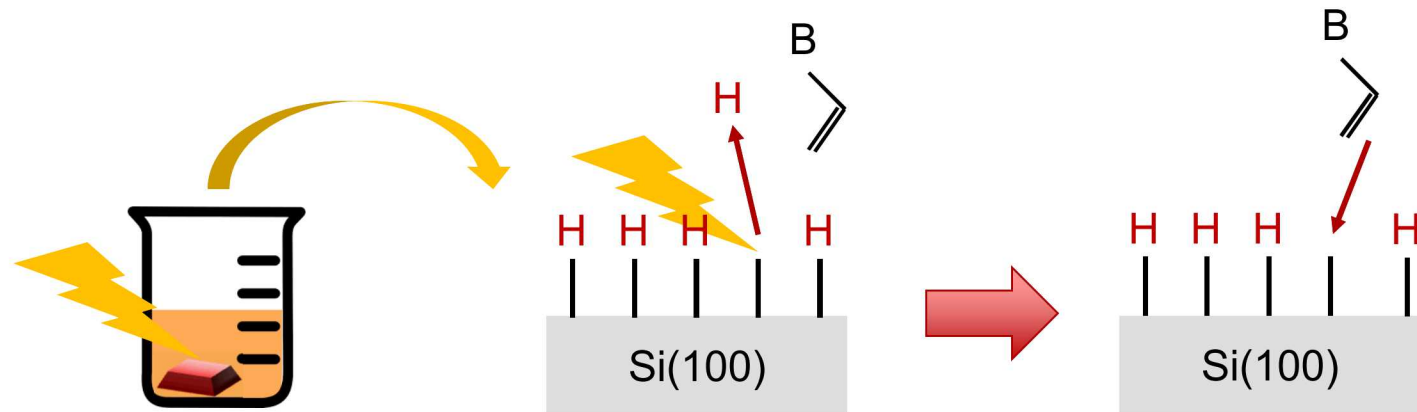
STRATEGY: Discover scalable, cheap, large area, soft-lithographic routes for dopant patterning

IMPACT: Enable a new, scalable, inexpensive process for patterned surface doping

- Potential **path down to < 10 nm resolutions!**
- Mitigation path for UHV **acceptor** doping and complementary doping/devices

## 2a. Mitigation: Discover wet *photolithographic* processes for selective area molecular doping

What is soft-lithography approach doesn't work?



Photochemical “dope-as-you-go” (wet chemical version)

IMPACT: Enable a new, scalable, inexpensive process for patterned surface doping

- Possible compatibility with current photolithographic fab processes

# Risks

**Goal:** Wet chemical processes for H resist preparation and selective area attachment chemistry of dopants

## Challenges/Risks:

### Wet H resist:

A. Poor quality surface

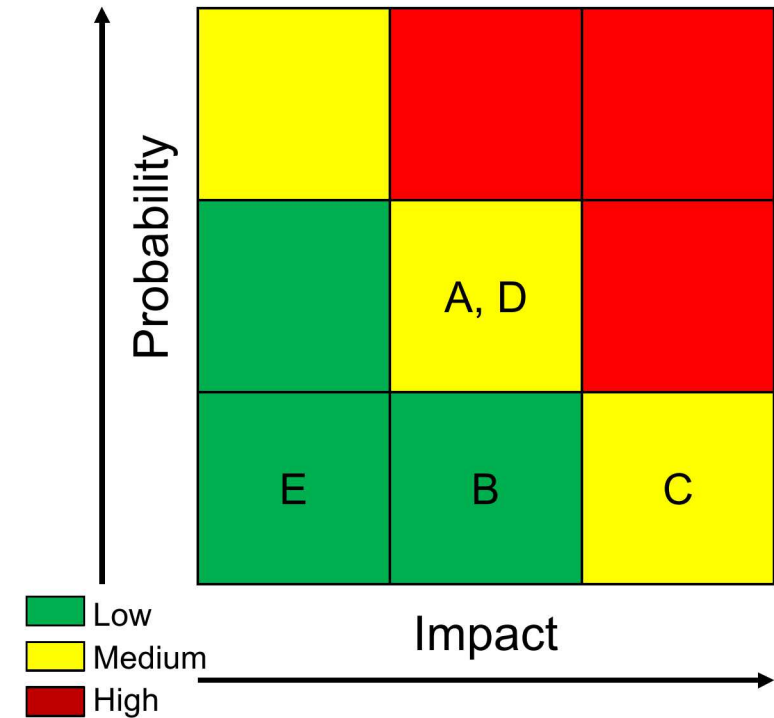
### Selective area dopant wet chemistry

B. Compatibility of polymer stamp

C. Low reaction efficiency: low yield of dopants to surface.

D. Light scattering effects

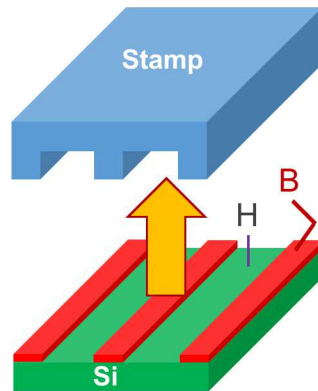
E. Incorporation of undesired functional groups present in precursors (e.g. O)





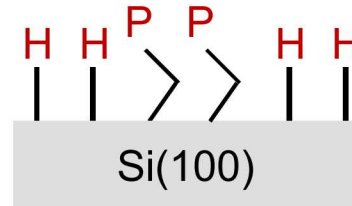
# Outlook and Impact

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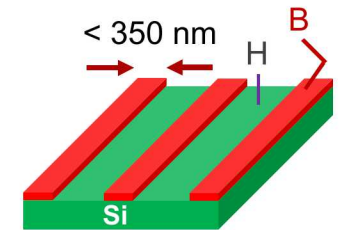
Proof-of-concept patterned **acceptor (B)** wet chemistry by soft-lithography  
(mitigation: wet photolithography route)

## Year 2



Extend to patterned **donor (P)** wet chemistry

## Year 3



Push patterned resolution down to **submicron scale** ( $< 350$  nm) and beyond at chip scale

**Opens up APAM to much wider community and knowledge/process base!**