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CMOS Process Monitoring Using Silicon Isotopes


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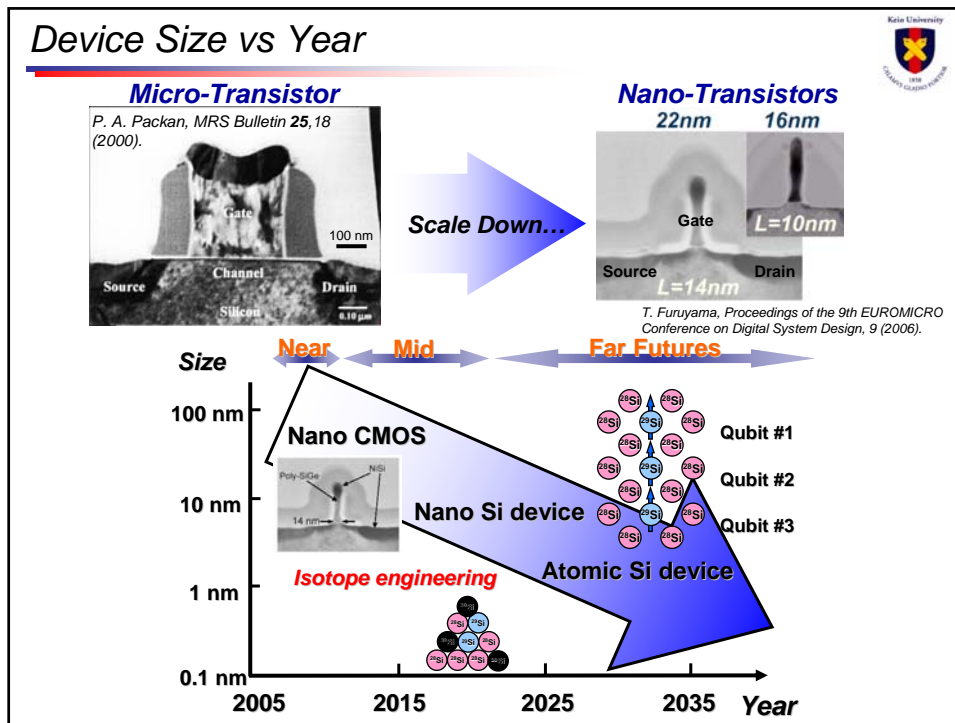
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Isotopes

List of stable isotopes

^{28}Si	92.2%	^{69}Ga	60.1% → 3/2
^{29}Si	4.7% → 1/2	^{71}Ga	39.9% → 3/2
^{30}Si	3.1% (Nuclear spin)	^{75}As	100% → 3/2
^{70}Ge	20.5%		(Nuclear spin)
^{72}Ge	27.4%		
^{73}Ge	7.8% → 9/2		
^{74}Ge	36.5% (Nuclear spin)		
^{76}Ge	7.8%		

Mass and nuclear spin control through manipulation of stable isotopes



Contents

Size : **22nm** **16nm**

Cross-section micrograph of a metal oxide semiconductor (MOS) transistor.
 Labels: Gate, Source, Drain, L=10nm, L=14nm

Higher impurity concentration in extremely localized regions of S/D for low device resistance

- **Low-temperature** process to minimize the diffusion length.
- **Effect of interfaces** becomes crucial.

- Si self-diffusivity below 850 °C**
 This work: Si self-diffusivity determination down to ~ 700 °C
- Dopant and Si atom interactions (nano-scale, near the surface)**
 - Si mixing and amorphization induced by implantation**
 This work: Si displacement including the critical value for amorphization
 - Dopant diffusion in Si during post-implantation annealing**
 This work: Simultaneous observation of self- and dopant diffusion in Si

Silicon Self-Diffusion in Crystalline Si

Self-interstitial mechanism

Vacancy mechanism

$C_{I,V}^{eq}$: Equilibrium concentrations of I and V
 C_0 : Si atom concentration
 $D_{I,V}$: Diffusivity of I and V
 $\xi_I \approx 0.73$ [1]
 $\xi_V = 0.5$ [2] } : Correlation factor
 $H_{I,V}^{SD}$: Activation enthalpy
 D_{I_0,V_0} : pre-factor

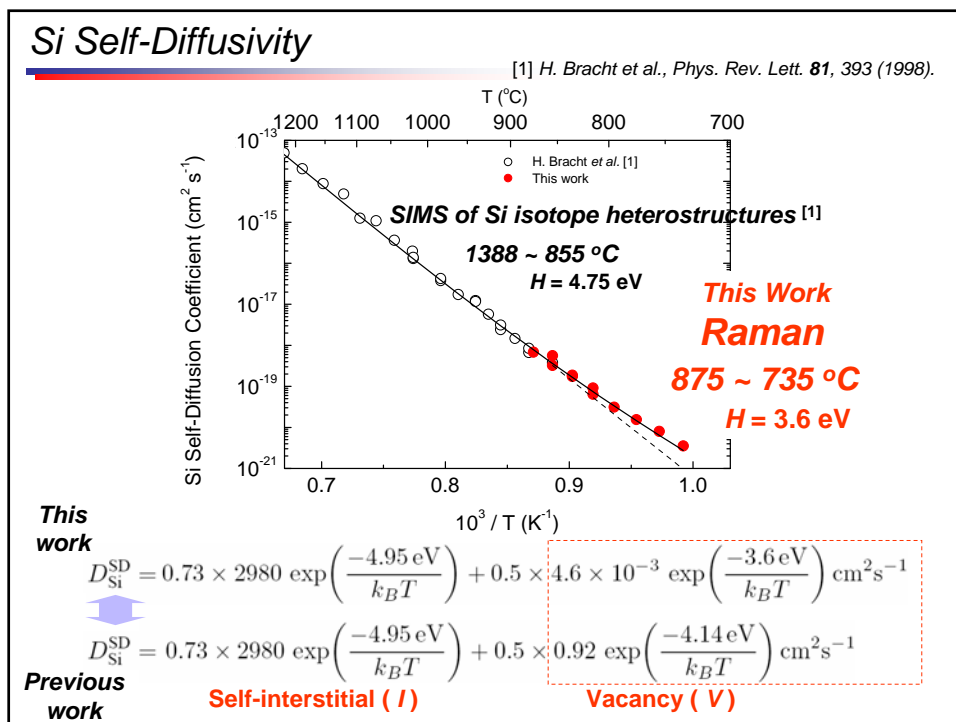
Si self-diffusivity:

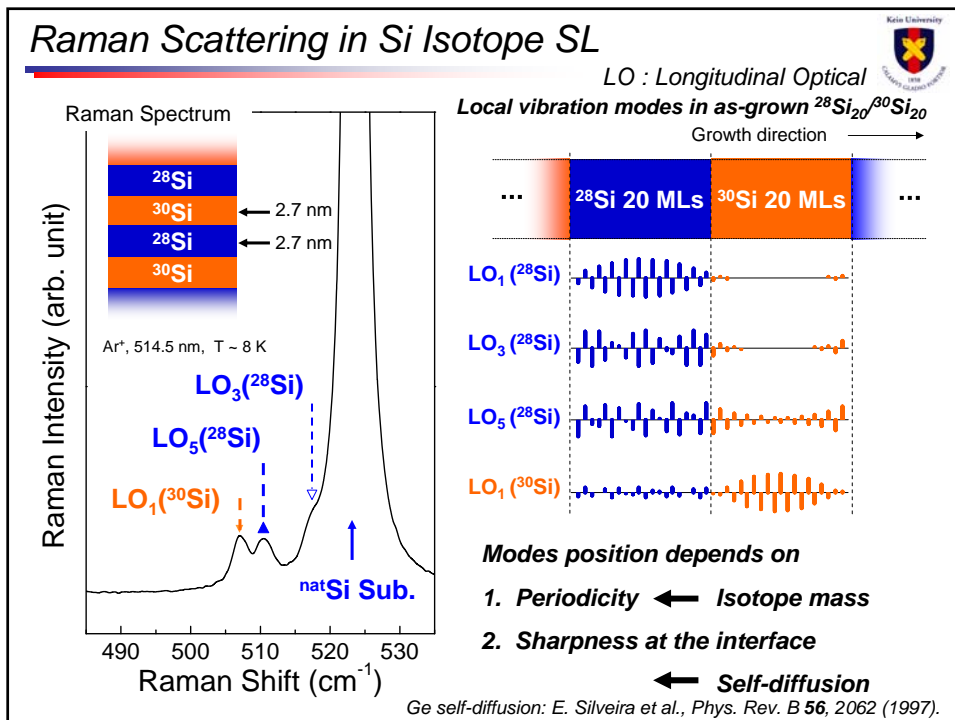
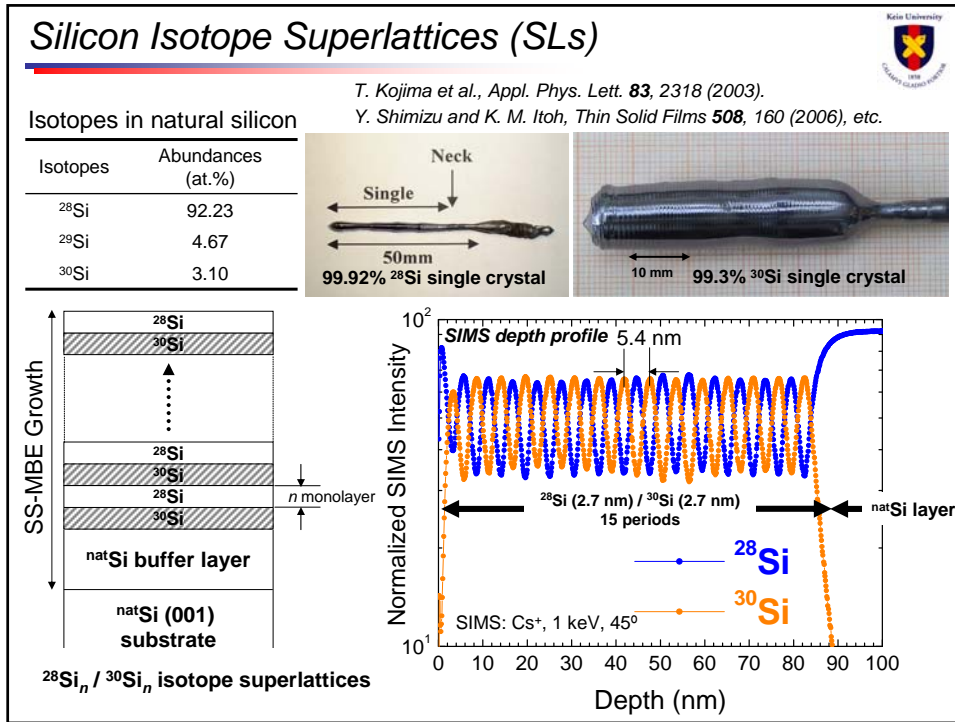
$$D_{Si}^{SD} = \xi_I \frac{C_I^{eq}}{C_0} D_I + \xi_V \frac{C_V^{eq}}{C_0} D_V$$

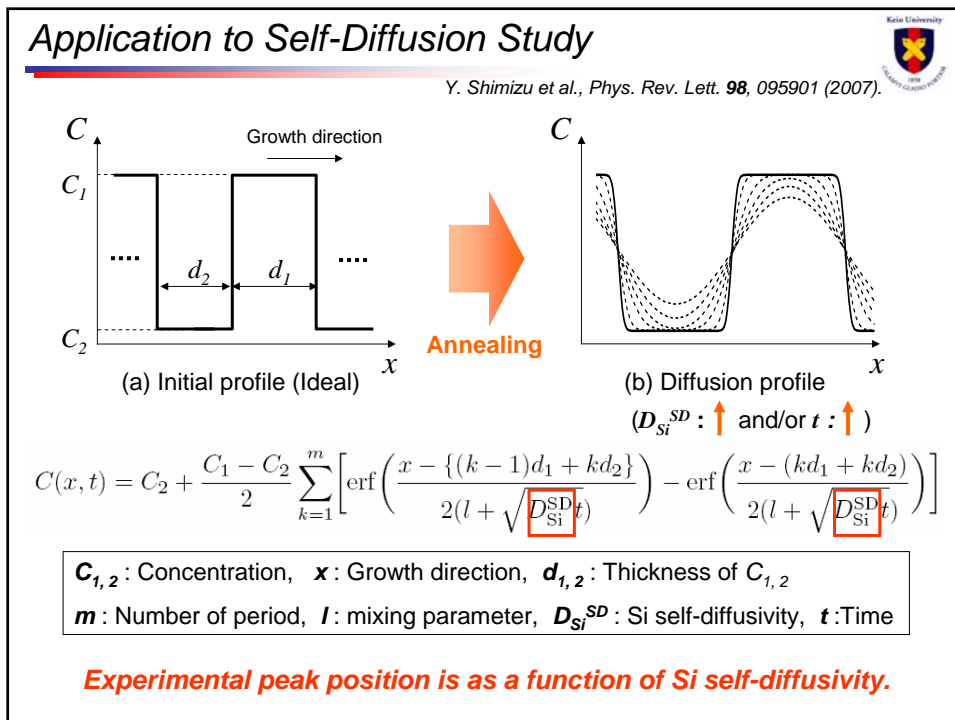
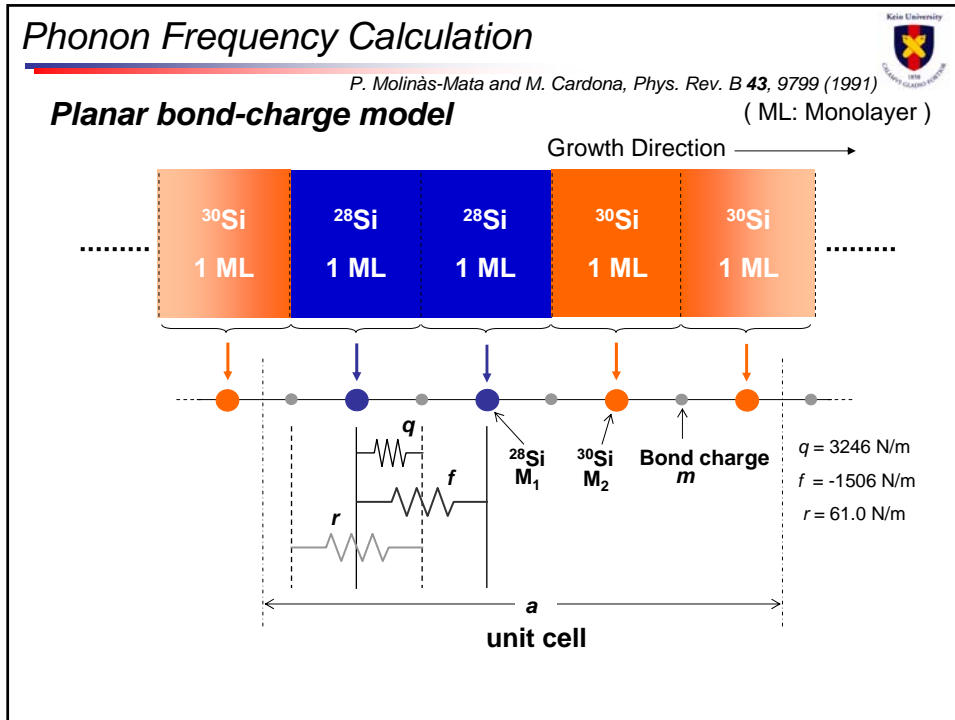
$$= \xi_I D_{I_0} \exp\left(-\frac{H_I^{SD}}{k_B T}\right) + \xi_V D_{V_0} \exp\left(-\frac{H_V^{SD}}{k_B T}\right)$$

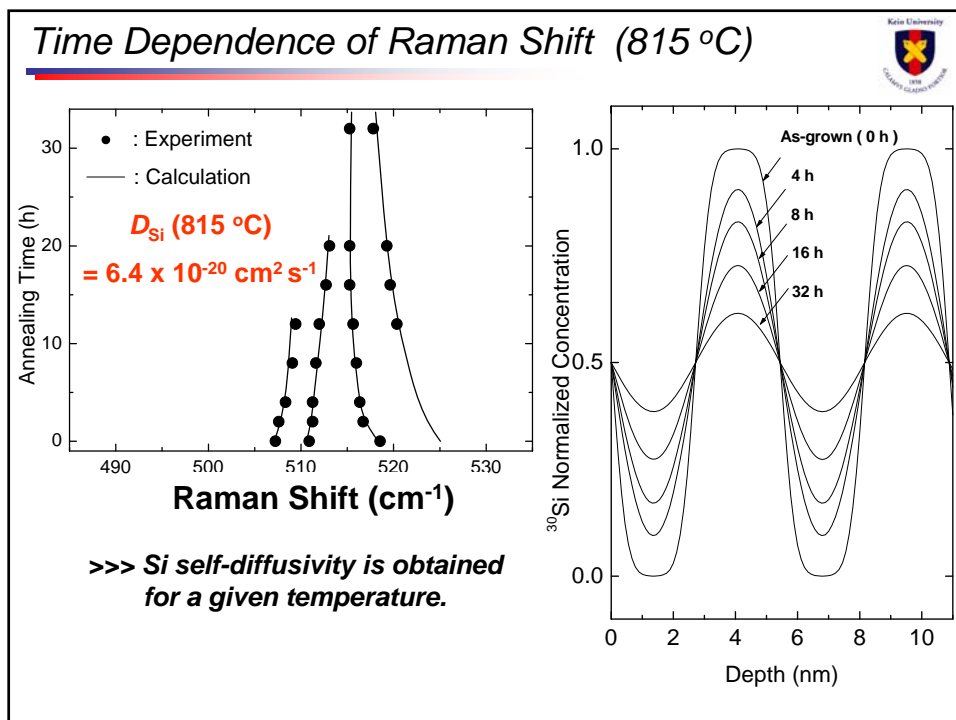
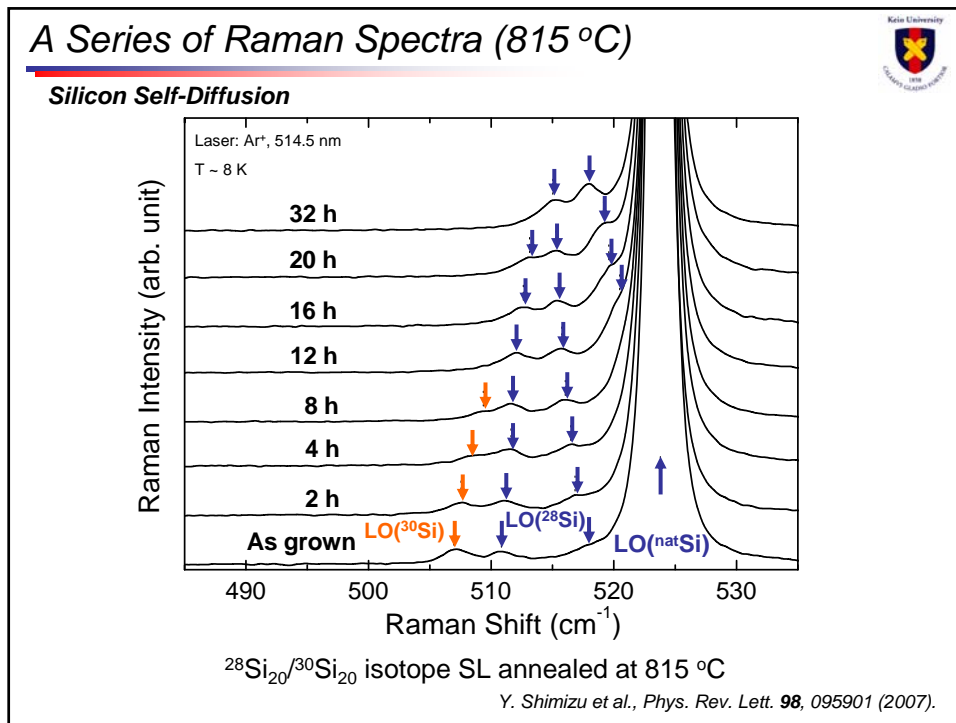
Self-interstitial (I)
Vacancy (V)

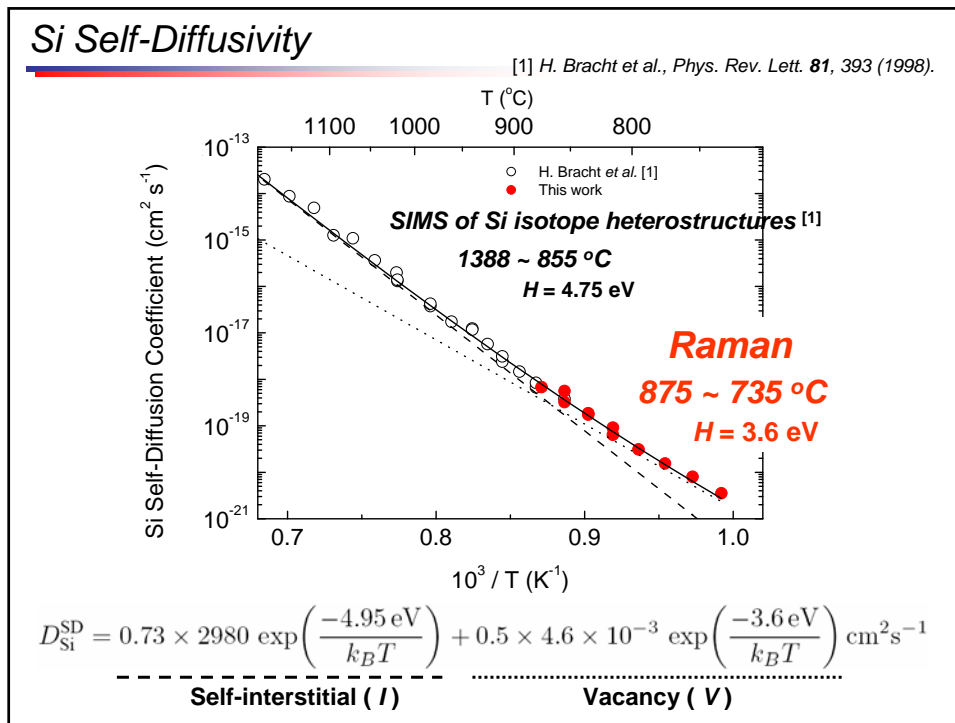
[1] K. Compaan and Y. Haven, Trans. Faraday Soc. **55**, 1498 (1958).
 [2] K. Compaan and Y. Haven, Trans. Faraday Soc. **52**, 786 (1956).











Self-Interstitials and Vacancies Contribution

Previous work : 855 ~ 1400 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ [H. Bracht et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **81**, 393 (1998).]

$$D_{\text{Si}}^{\text{SD}} = 0.73 \times 2980 \exp\left(\frac{-4.95 \text{ eV}}{k_B T}\right) + 0.5 \times 0.92 \exp\left(\frac{-4.14 \text{ eV}}{k_B T}\right) \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

This work : 735 ~ 875 $^{\circ}\text{C}$

$$D_{\text{Si}}^{\text{SD}} = 0.73 \times 2980 \exp\left(\frac{-4.95 \text{ eV}}{k_B T}\right) + 0.5 \times 4.6 \times 10^{-3} \exp\left(\frac{-3.6 \text{ eV}}{k_B T}\right) \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

Vacancy Activation Enthalpy (This work) : 3.6^{+0.3}_{-0.1} eV

Other previous work

$$H_V^{\text{SD}} = H_V^f + H_V^m = 3.17 + 0.4 = \underline{3.57 \text{ eV}}$$

Ab initio calculation

M. I. J. Probert and M. C. Payne, Phys. Rev. B **67**, 075204 (2003).


Electron Paramagnetic Resonance Study

G. D. Watkins, Mater. Res. Soc. Symp. Proc. **469**, 139 (1997).

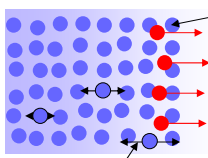
Ab initio calculation

F. El-Mellouhi et al., Phys. Rev. B **70**, 205202 (2004).

Dopant and Si Atom Interactions



TOPIC 1 : Quantitative determination of Si displacement (d)



Si displacement (d)

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Large d \rightarrow Amorphous

Small d \rightarrow Single-crystalline

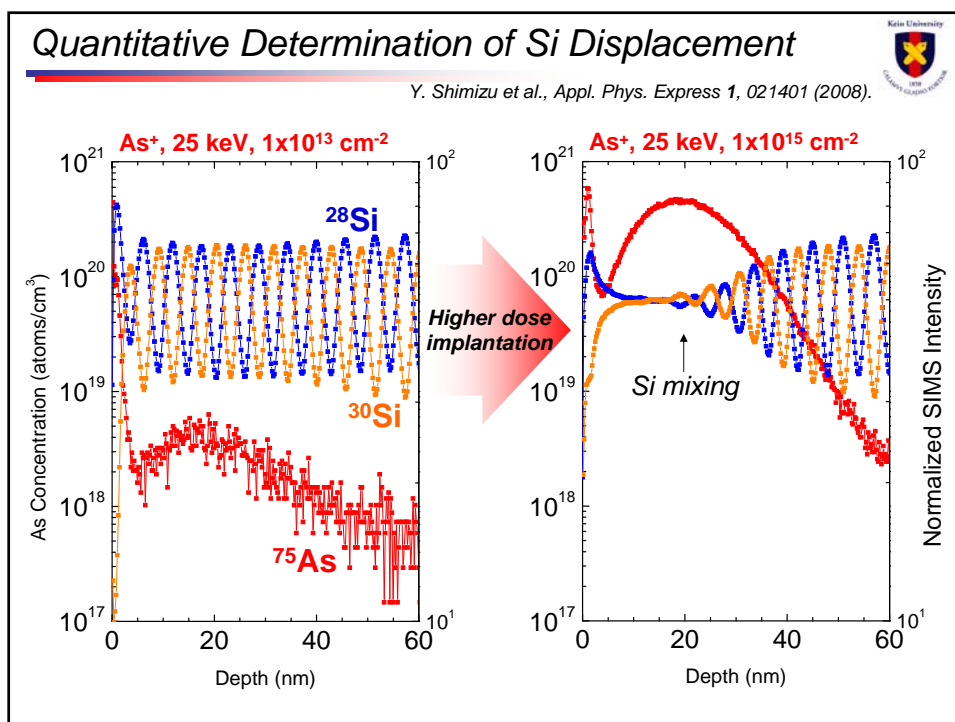
$< d_c(Si) \sim 0.5 \text{ nm}$

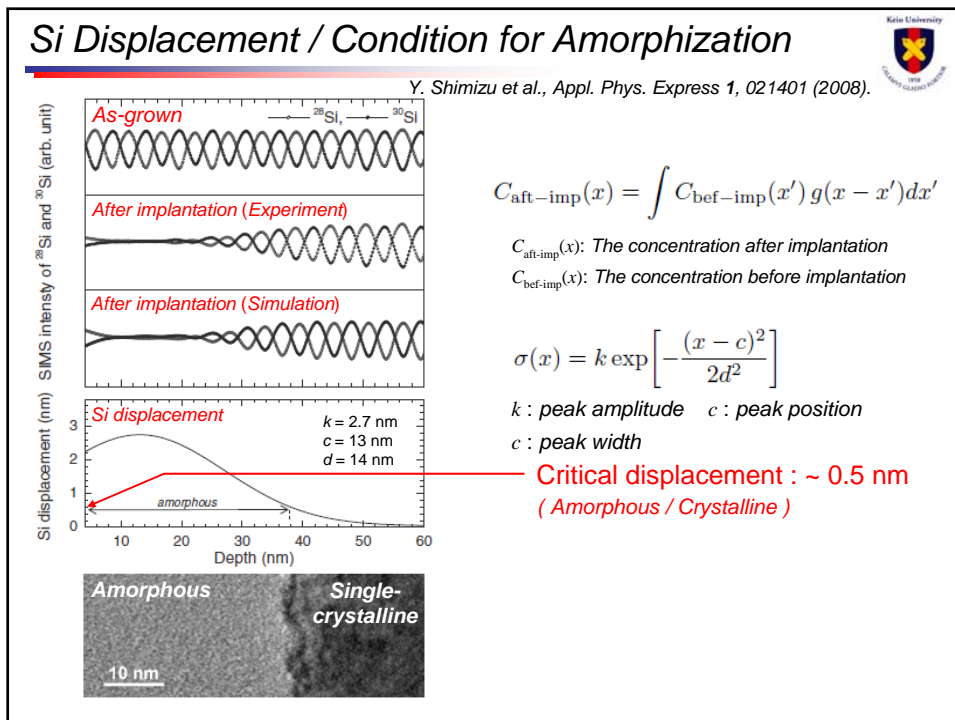
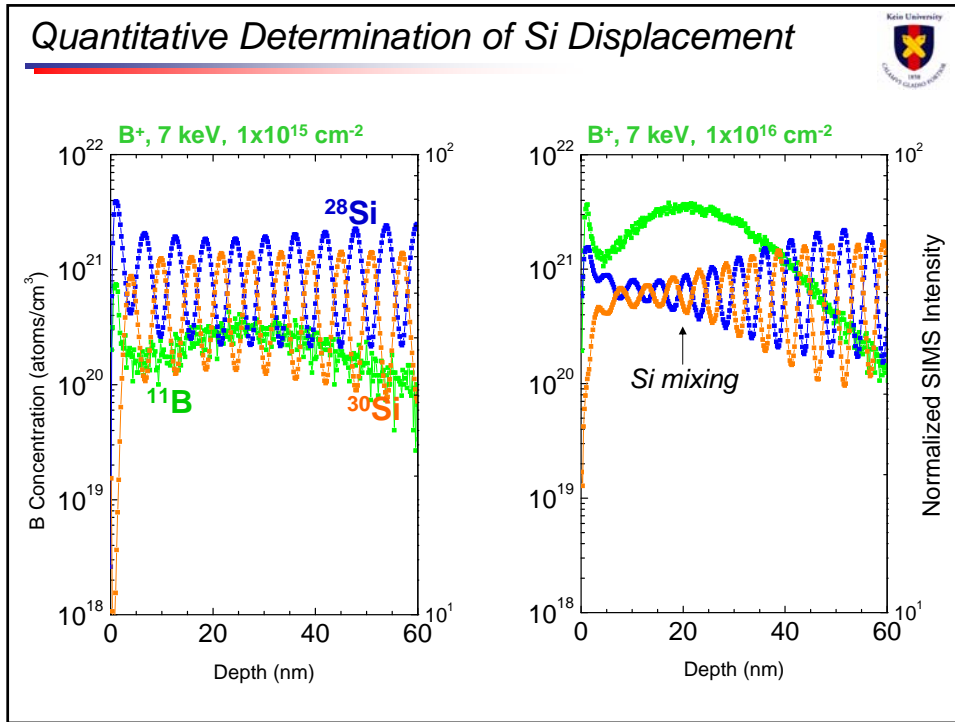
TOPIC 2 : TED of Si during post ion-implantation annealing

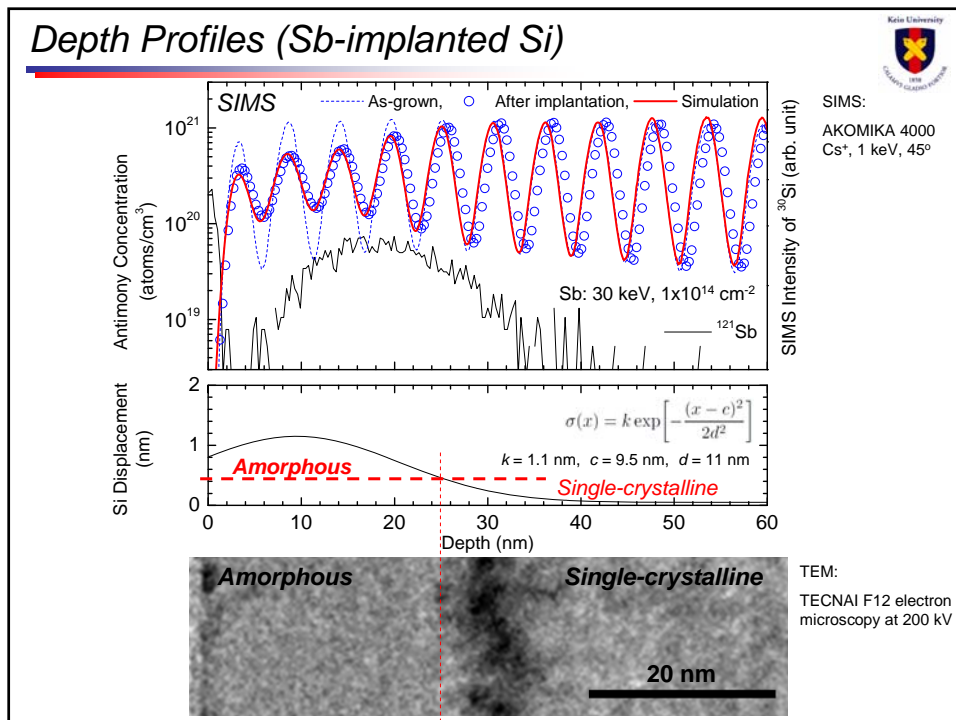
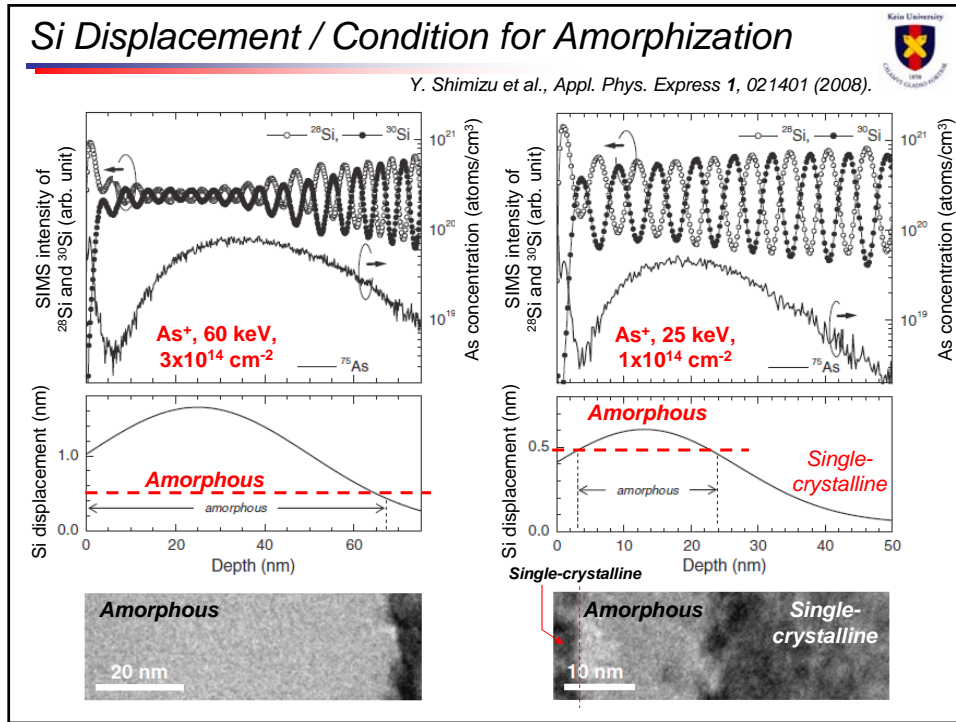
Contribution of self-interstitials

Si implantation \rightarrow Contribution of I^0

B implantation \rightarrow Contribution of I^{2+} (Fermi-level effect)







Transient Enhanced Diffusion (TED)

TED of Boron

FIG. 1. Secondary-ion-mass spectrometry (lines) and spreading resistance (solid circles) measurements of an implanted B profile ($1.5 \times 10^{14}/\text{cm}^2$, 30 keV ^{10}B) before and after transient enhanced diffusion at 800 °C for 35 min.

⇒ **{311} self-interstitial clusters produced by ion implantation damage are the source of the self-interstitials.**

P. A. Stolk et al., *J. Appl. Phys.* **81**, 6031 (1997).

{311} defects

Si-doped Si (40 keV, $5 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-2}$, 815 °C, 15 sec.)

FIG. 2. Cross-section high-resolution electron micrograph showing {311} habit plane, and typical image contrast of {311} defects.

$C \rightleftharpoons I \rightarrow I \text{ diffusion}$

C : the concentration of I trapped in the clusters

Contribution of Self-Interstitials

Transient enhanced diffusion of Si during post ion-implantation annealing

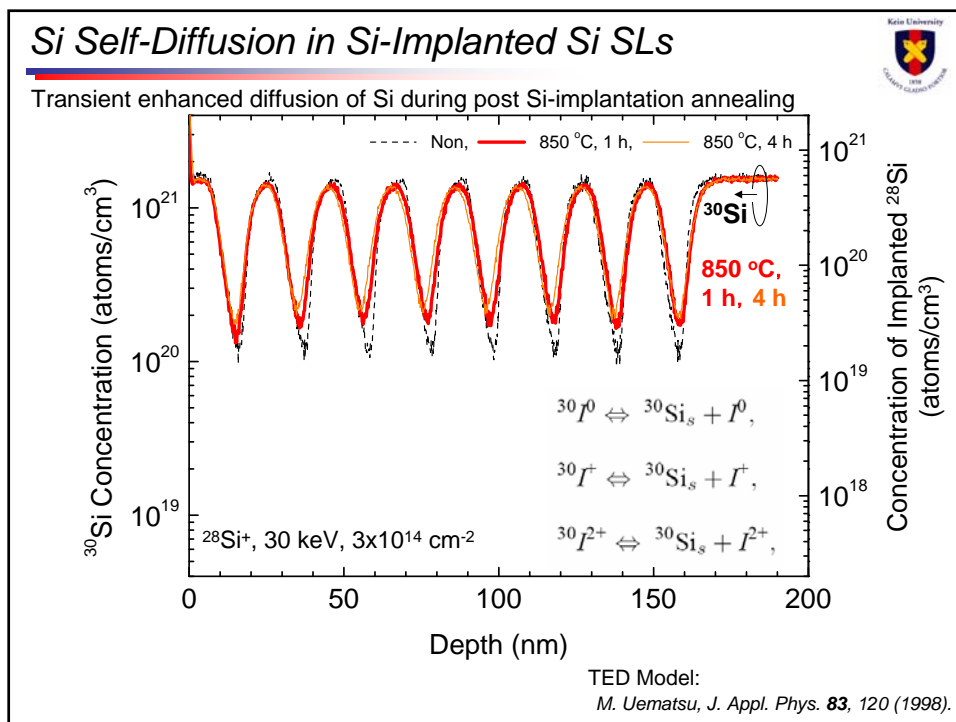
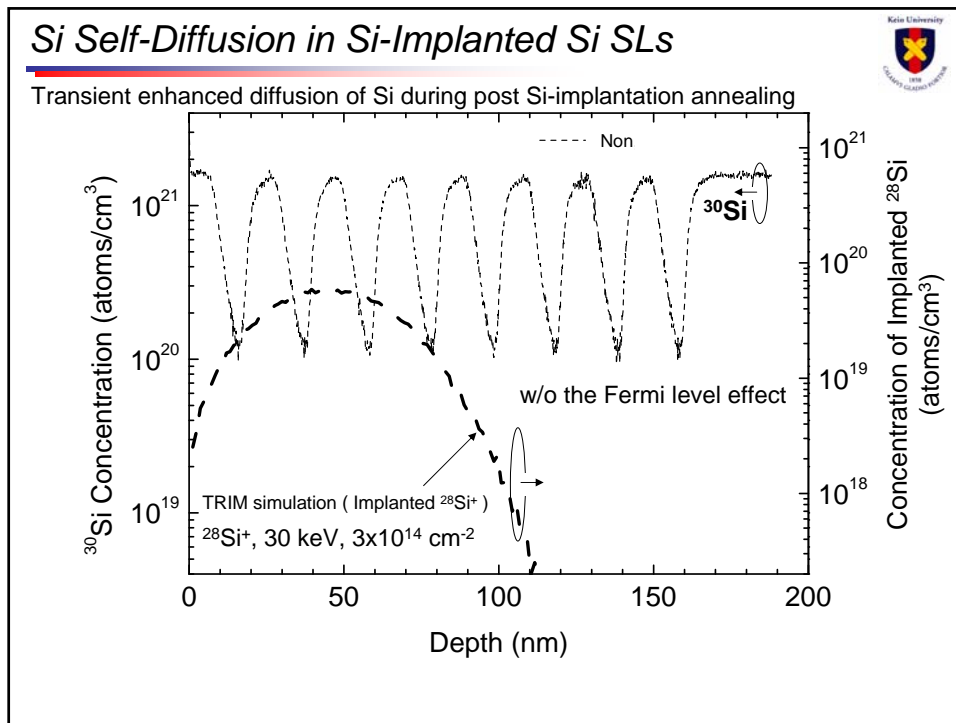
Isotopes in natural silicon	
Isotopes	Abundances (at.%)
^{28}Si	92.23
^{29}Si	4.67
^{30}Si	3.10

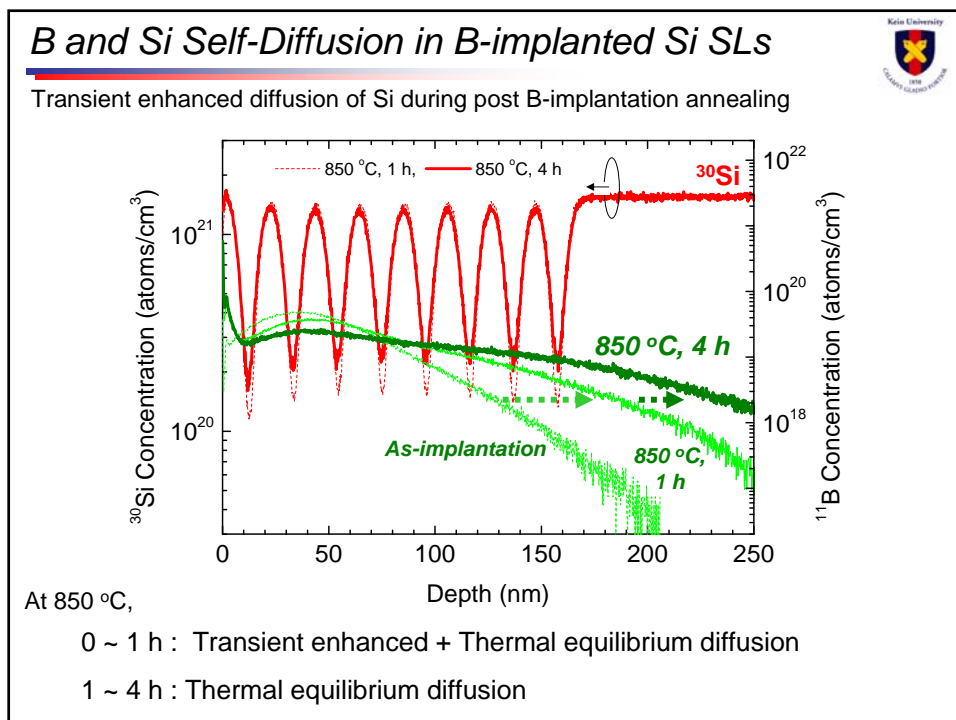
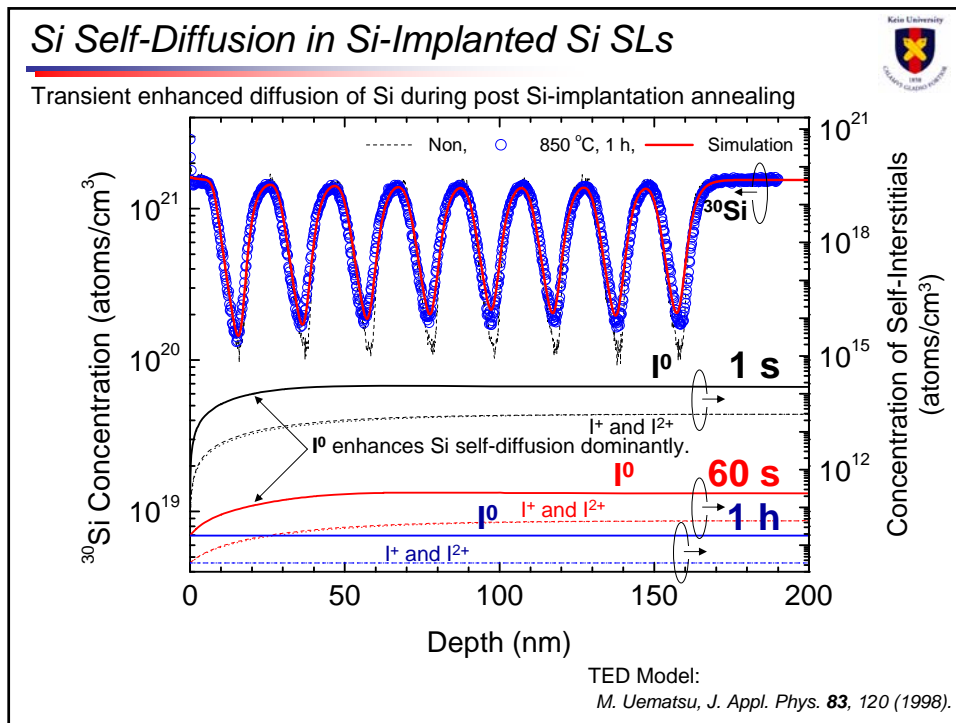
Ion implantation

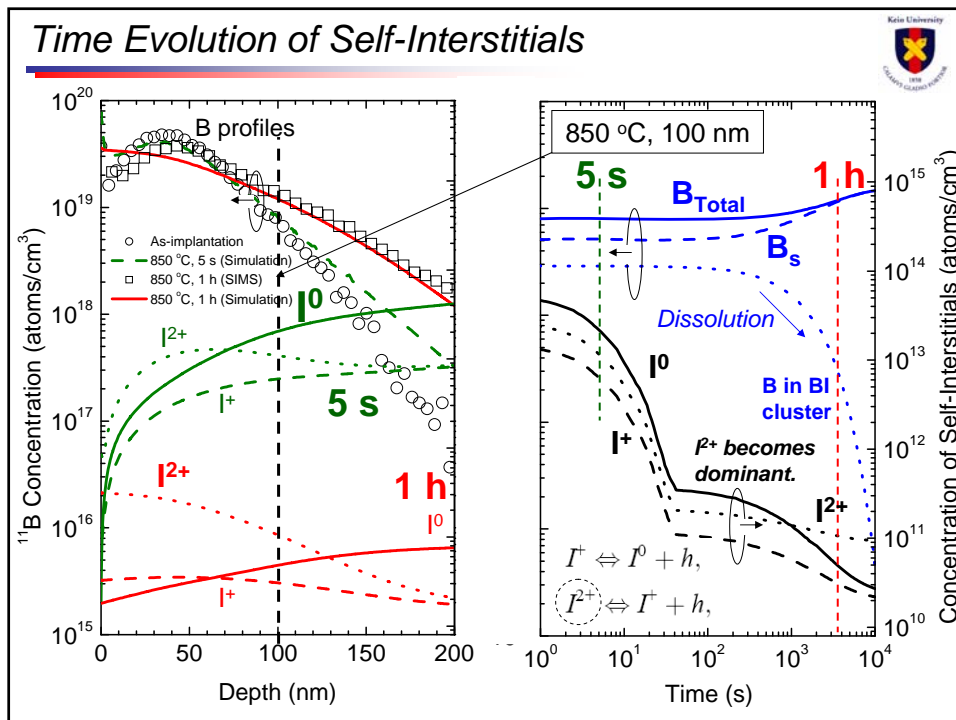
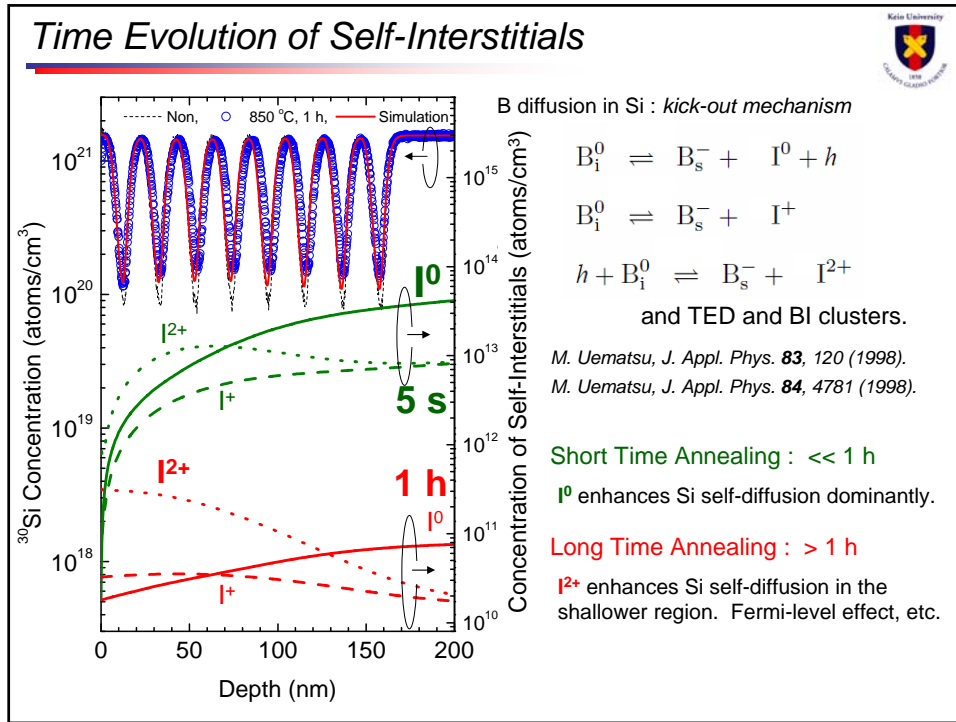
$^{28}\text{Si}^+$, 30 keV, $3 \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-2}$: w/o Fermi level effect

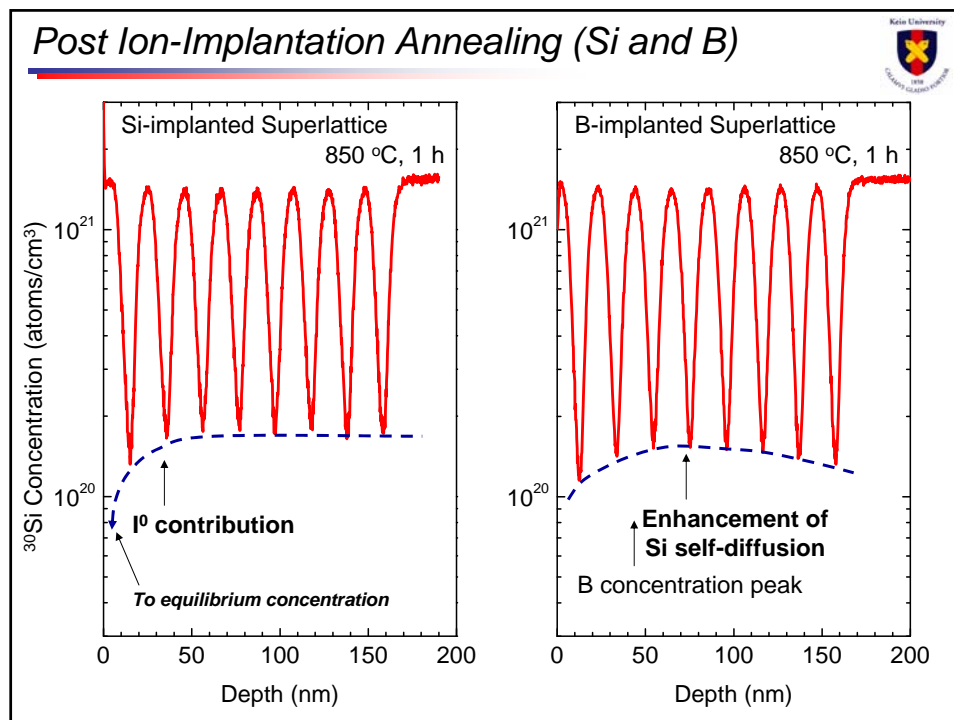
$^{11}\text{B}^+$, 12 keV, $3 \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-2}$: w/ Fermi level effect

>> Simultaneous observation of self- and B diffusion in Si using Si isotope superlattices









Summary

- Diffusion studies using **Si isotopes** to identify what types of kinetics and reactions are relevant to nano-CMOS processing
- **Non-equilibrium (transient)** behaviors of defect interactions
 1. Si self-diffusion in Si at **low temperatures** ($T < 850 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$)
 2. Dopant and (host) Si atom interactions
 - (i) **Si displacement** induced by ion implantation
 - (ii) **Simultaneous observation** of self- and dopant diffusion in Si

"Nano is completely different from Micro."