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ML-ALD seeks its niche in education,  
science and application

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## The main principles of ML from S.I. Kol'tsov doc.n. thesis: “Synthesis of solids by Molecular Layering (ML) method, 383 p., Leningrad, 1971.

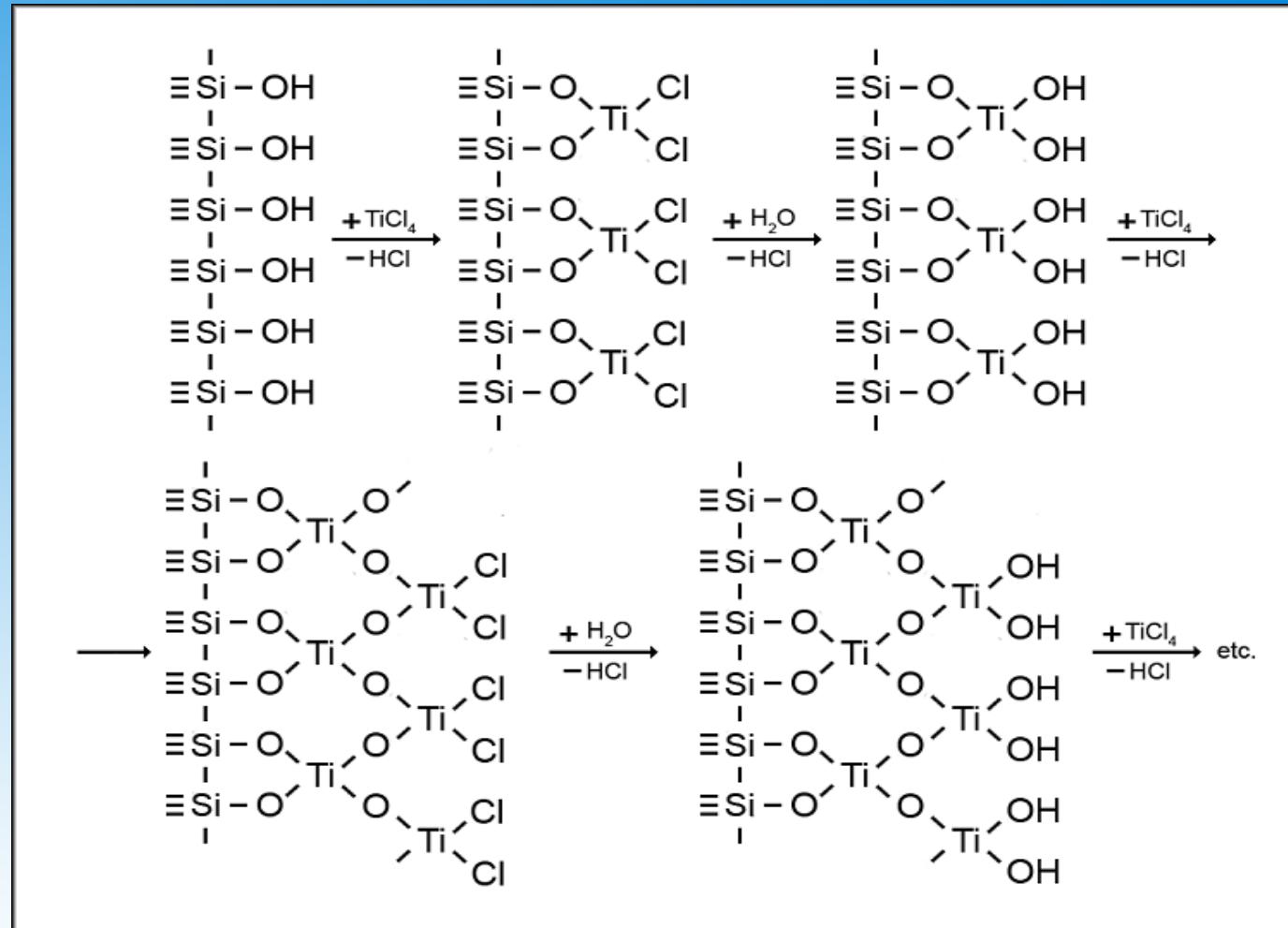
1. Reproductive synthesis – chemical build up of solid states – prescribed and adjusted compound composition and controlled chemical structure should be build upon irreversible during synthesis reactions of functional groups on the surface of solid state with molecules of low-molecular matter. At that time they have not react one to another that exclude parallel uncontrolled reactions in gas or liquid phase out of solid state surface.
2. Chemical build up of solid states should be carried out by multiple alternation of two or several reactions on the surface of substrate, nucleus which must be held in given sequence so that in result of each of them only one monolayer of a new functional groups will attach to surface and there chemical composition should be determined by nature of low-molecular matter been used. After reaction with functional groups of substrate they produced chemical bonds with under layer and thus joined to solid substrate as a new monolayer of structural units. These structural units as a part of low-molecular matter must contain atoms or groups of atoms which should be able to react and chemically bond in the next irreversible reaction with other low-molecular matter a new corresponding functional groups which must be able react in the next stage of synthesis. Each next reaction should be occur only after completion of previous reaction. On each stage of such process a new structural units will produce a new solid state in step-by-step manner. After all substrate may be moved off by chemical or mechanical way.

3. Convenience of solid state surface for chemical build up from “construction units” determined as in epitaxy by some structural conformity but in main part by presence of necessary amount of functional groups of desired chemical structure. Concentration and reciprocal position of these groups on the surface of initial substrate and on the surface of a grown new layer determined the role of a surface as a matrix on each stage of Molecular Layering. This process permits crosslinking of new attached atoms to produce 3D lattice of synthesized solid state.

Consequences from above:

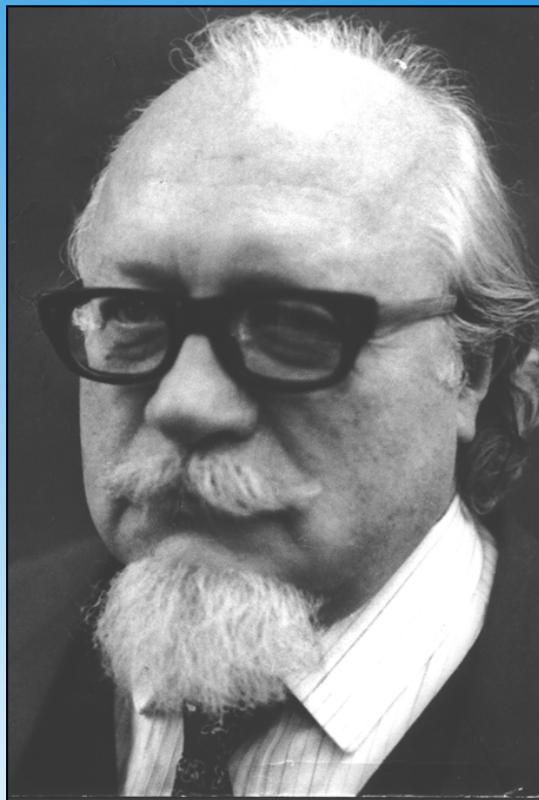
1. Fulfil the necessary amount of cycles of Molecular Layering reactions it is possible to synthesize a layer, film of solid state of necessary thickness with accuracy of one monolayer.
2. In a way of employing the different low-molecular compounds in a different stages of Molecular Layering it is possible to cover surface by one or few monolayers of one composition in adjusted sequence with monolayers of structural units of other chemical composition. That provides deposition of different chemically bonded atoms in a prescribed structure.

## 2D Scheme of Molecular Layering of TiO<sub>2</sub> on SiO<sub>2</sub> surface by S.I.Kołtsov



Silicon atoms are normally 4 bonded, dotted vertical lines show border of substrate surface

## World first Soviet inventors of Molecular Layering (ML) – ALD method



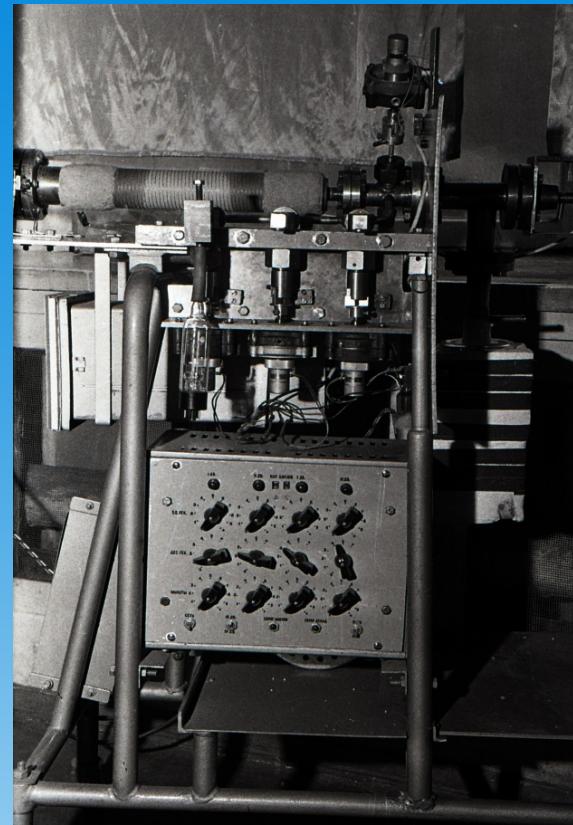
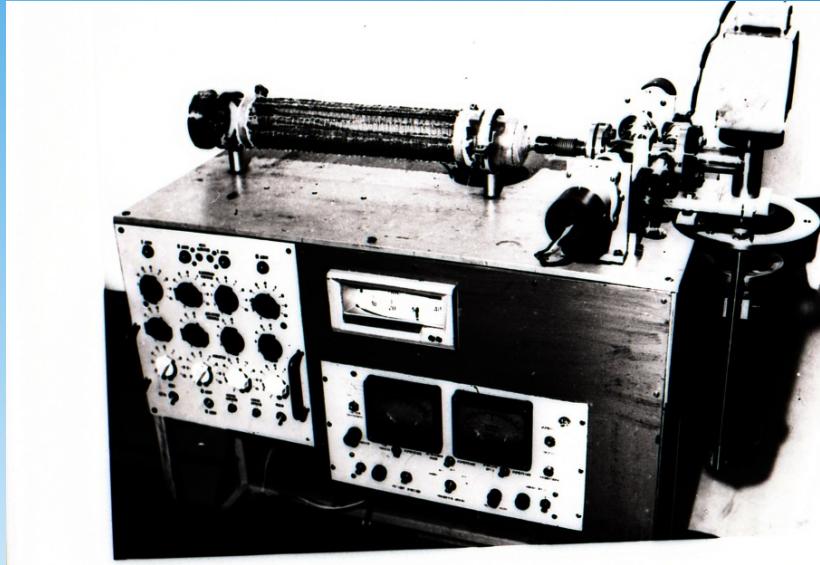
**Kol'tsov S.I.**

30.08.1931 - 26.05.2003

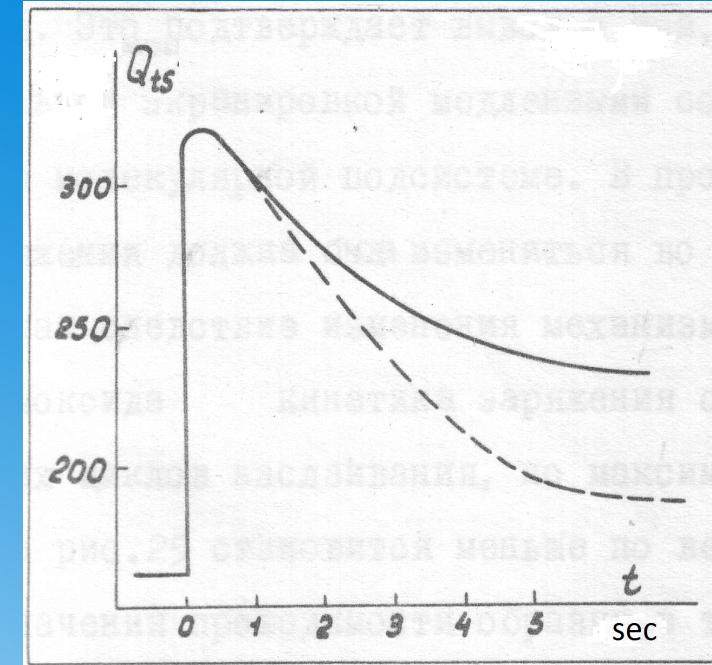
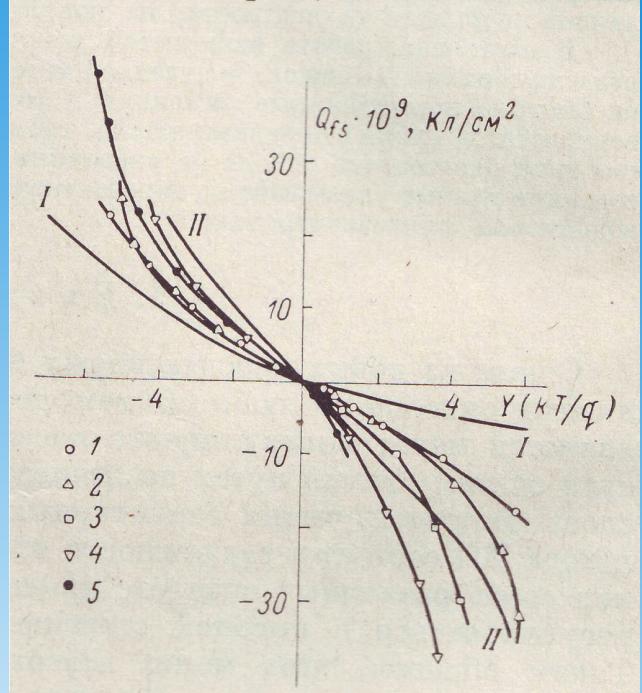


**Aleskovskii V.B.**

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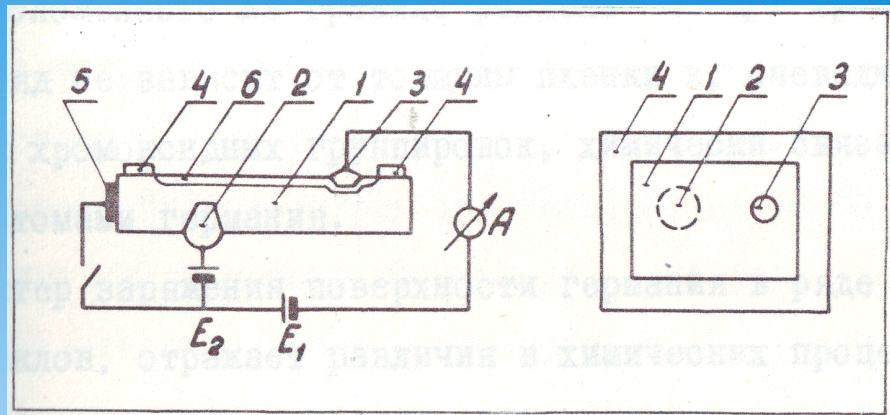


The first “computerized” vacuum flow-type devices for ML-ALD with analog programmable modules made on 1975-76 in Leningrad (now Sankt-Petersburg)

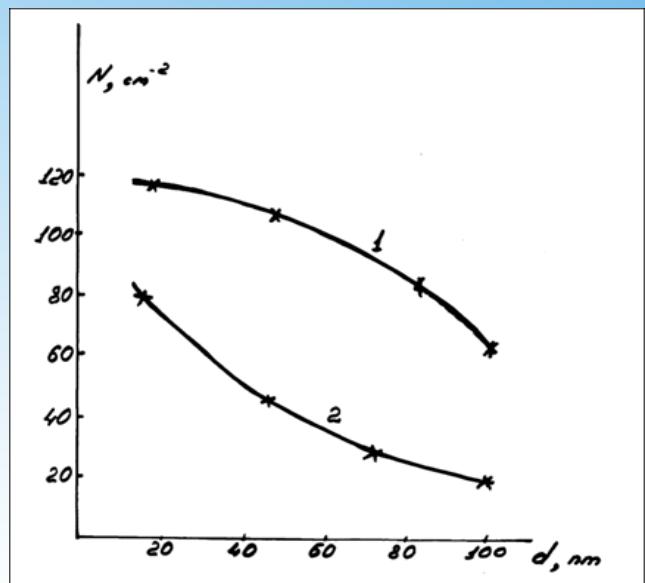


Density of charge traped on fss as a function of surface potential Y:  
 1.20 ML of Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>  
 2.15 ML of TiO<sub>2</sub>  
 3.4 ML of V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>  
 4.Native surface of Ge  
 5.Annealed at 500K Ge surface

Kinetics of surface charge changing during the layer growth on Ge surface with different composition of precursors



Patented gas sensing structure which differed the sign (+ or -) of a surface charge, generated by adsorbed molecules (donor or acceptor ones)

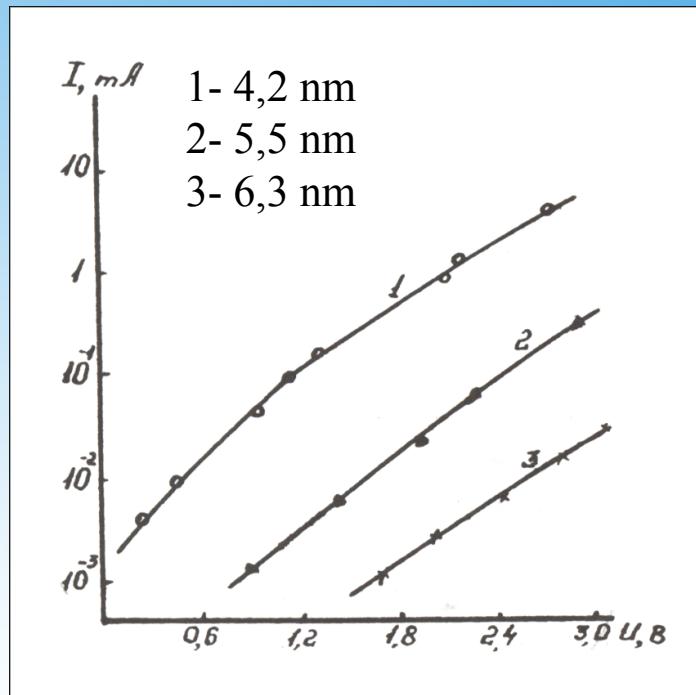


Decrease of porous density in thermal oxide on Si substrate after deposition of 1 (one) nm of  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  by ML-ALD

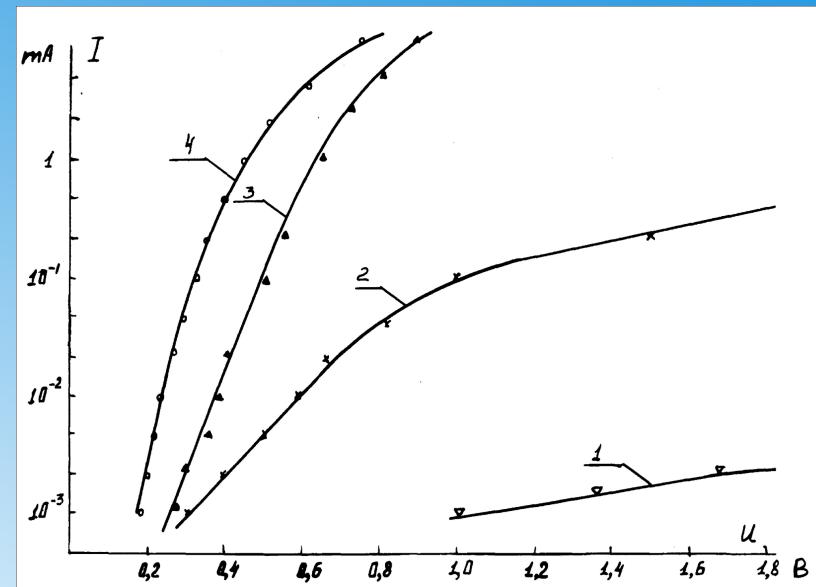
Influence of tunnel-thin layers of chromium oxide introduced into metal-semiconductor contacts interface by ML-ALD on I-V of Shottky diodes

$$[I = I_s [\exp(qV/nkT) - 1]]$$

1. As grown



2. Annealed at 770 K during:  
1.- 3min., 2.- 8min., 3.- 15min.,  
4.- 25min.

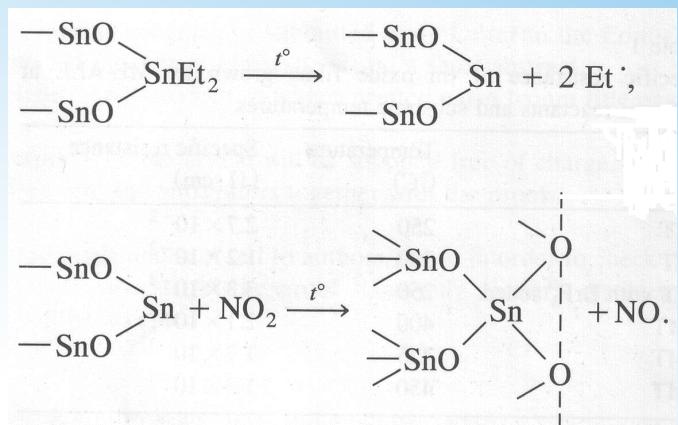
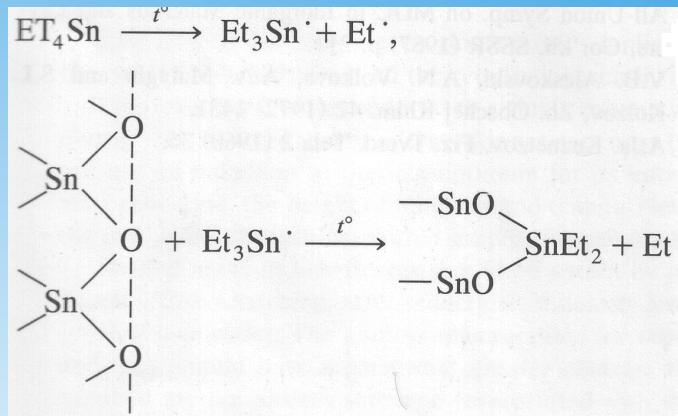


Comparison of the barrier's heights in MIS structures contains ML-ALD grown interlayers of different composition of oxides on Si with Me-Si contacts of the same metals (literature data)

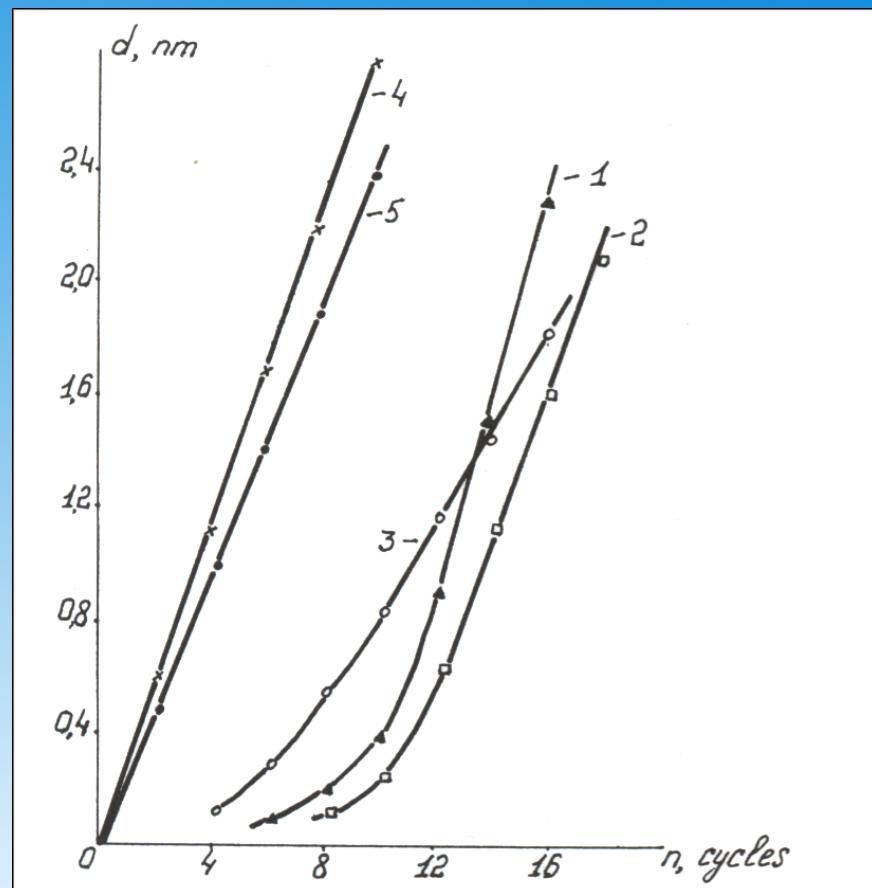
oxide interlayer composition	interlayer thickness (nm)	barrier height (eV)	barrier Si-Me (eV)
$\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$	3.0	0.64	0.57 - 0.61
	1.0	0.59	
$\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$	4.0	0.57	0.60
	1.5	0.48	
$\text{TiO}_2$	5.0	0.47	0.45 - 0.51
	2.5	0.48	
$\text{ZrO}_2$ $\text{HfO}_2$	2.0	0.45	0.50
	2.0	ohmic	ohmic
$\text{WO}_3$ $\text{Nb}_2\text{O}_5$	2.0	0.55	0.56 - 0.60
	2.0	0.60	0.58 - 0.62

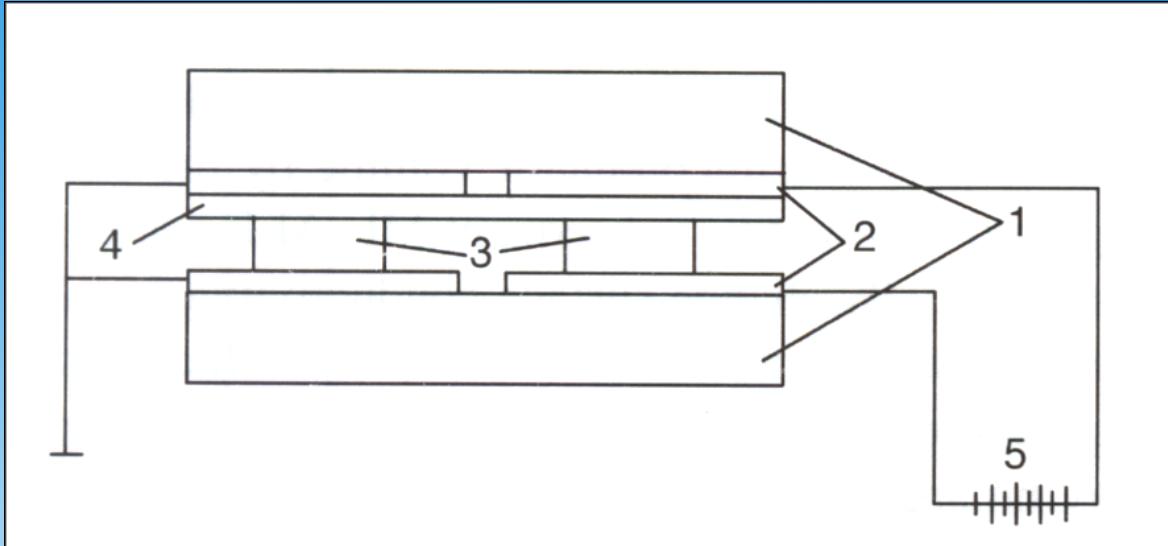
1. Influence of substrate “chemistry” on the synthesis of tin oxide (model).
2. “Delay” of the tin oxide growth on Si substrate with different sublayers:  
**1**- pure Si; **2**- one nm of SiO<sub>2</sub>; **3**- one nm of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>; **4**- two nm of TiO<sub>2</sub>; **5**- two nm of VO<sub>x</sub>

**1.**

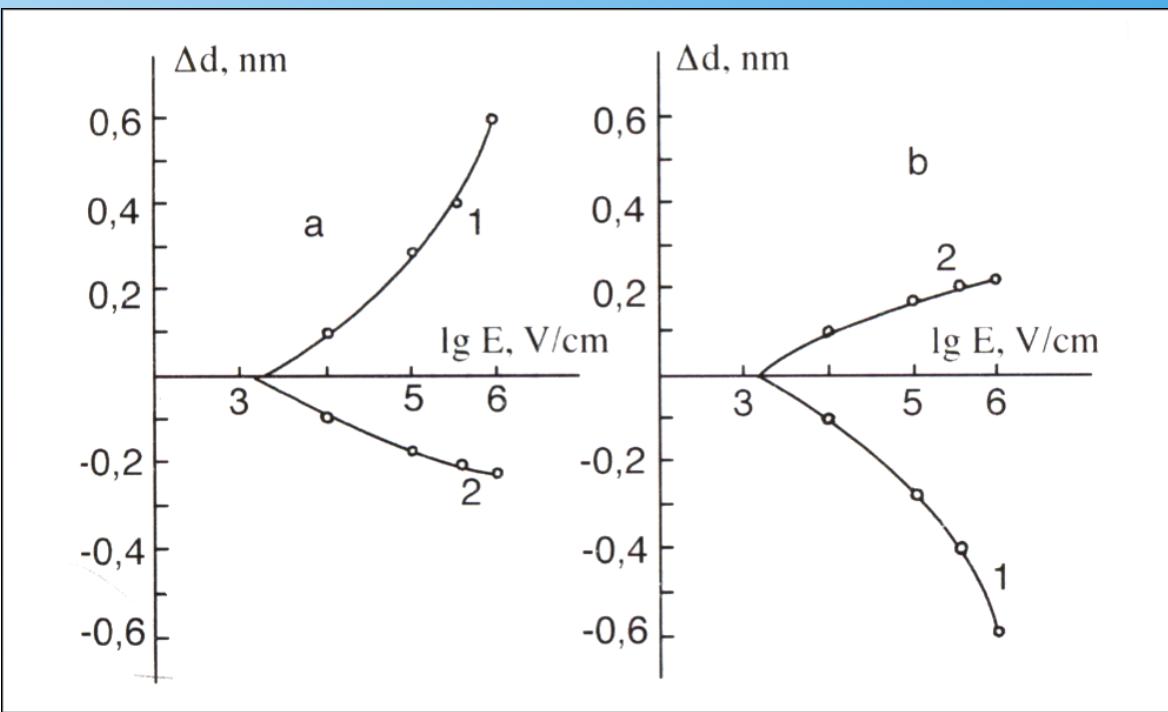


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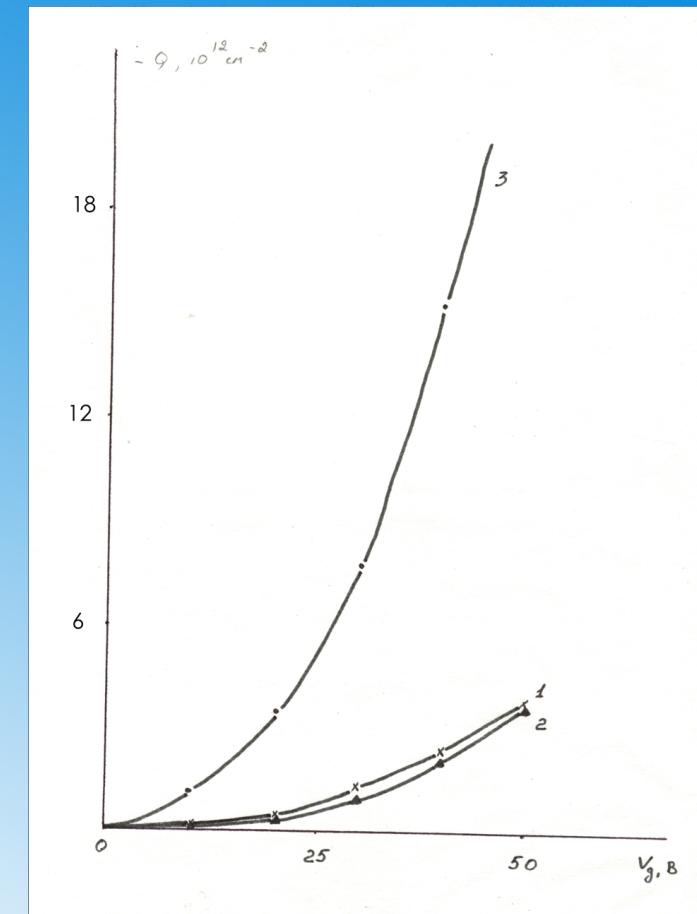
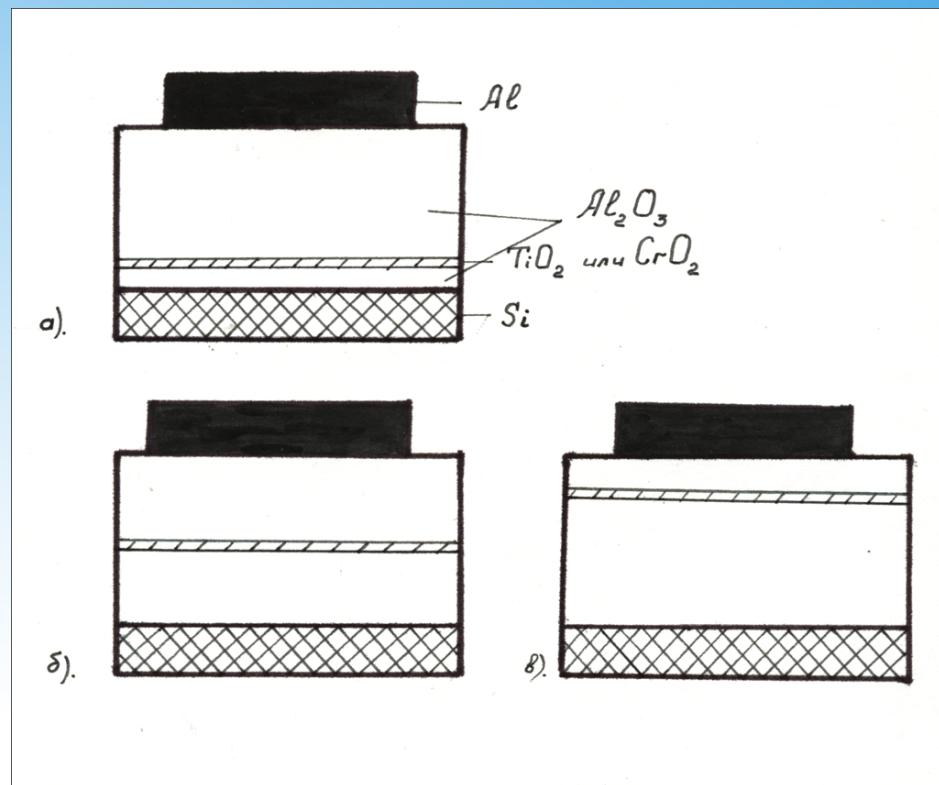
Scheme of the cell for the growth of  $\text{TiO}_2$  by ML-ALD In electric field.  
 (1)Quartz plate,  
 (2)Metal electrodes,  
 (3) Si substrate,  
 (4) Mica plate



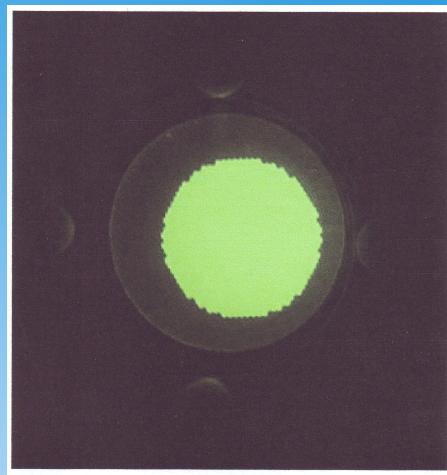
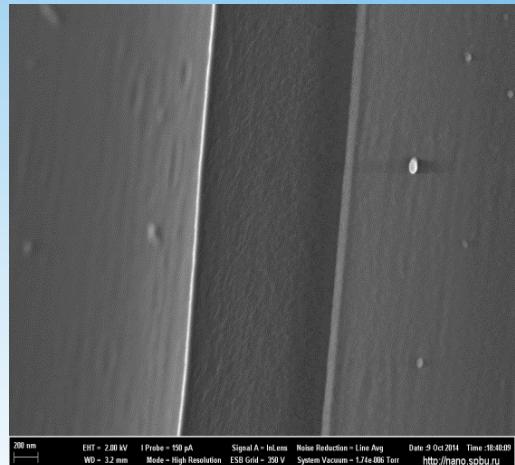
The electrical field effect on the growth of titanium oxide layers by ML-ALD at 300K on silicon.  
**a**-field directed from the substrate  
**b**-field directed to the substrate  
 1-field during water inlet  
 2-field during  $\text{TiCl}_4$  inlet

Heterooxide of 1,0 nm TiO<sub>2</sub> or CrO<sub>x</sub> interlayer introduced into 100nm Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> matrix in different space position to the Si substrate.

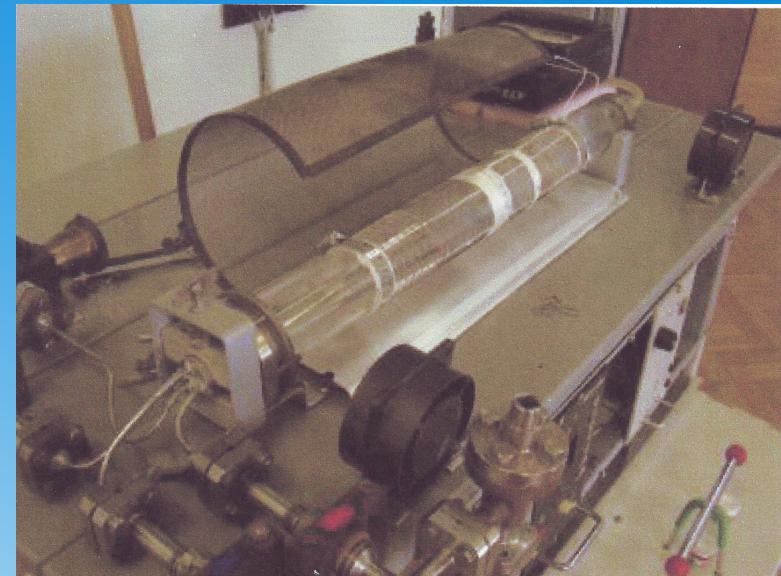
Charge trapping in these structures.  
1-heterooxide close to Si (5 nm)  
2-heterooxide in the middle  
3-heterooxide close to Al (5 nm)



## ML-ALD of oxides in Micro Chanel Plates (MCP) in SPb in the end of 90-s



Increase of time stability  
by 10 to 25 %

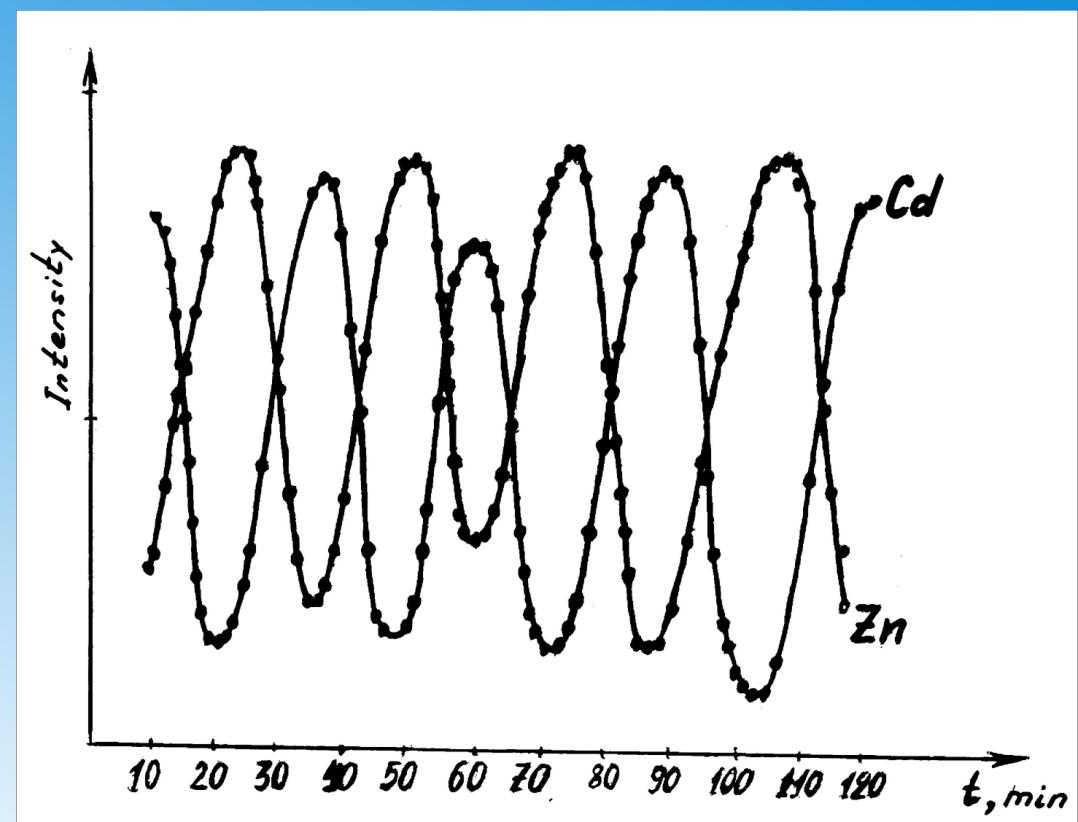
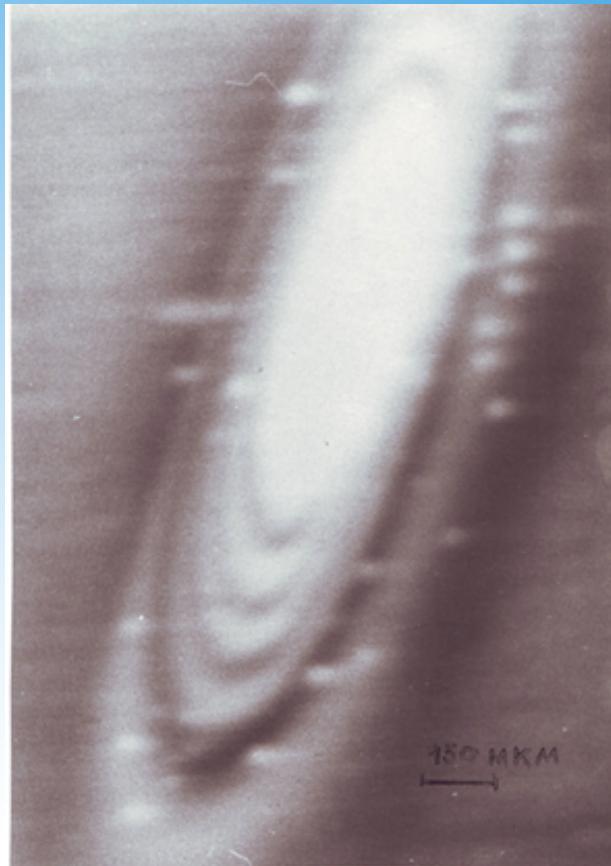


Device for MCP processing by ML-ALD

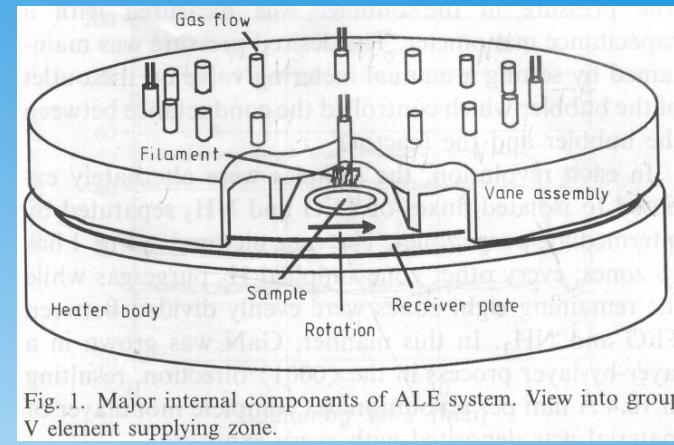
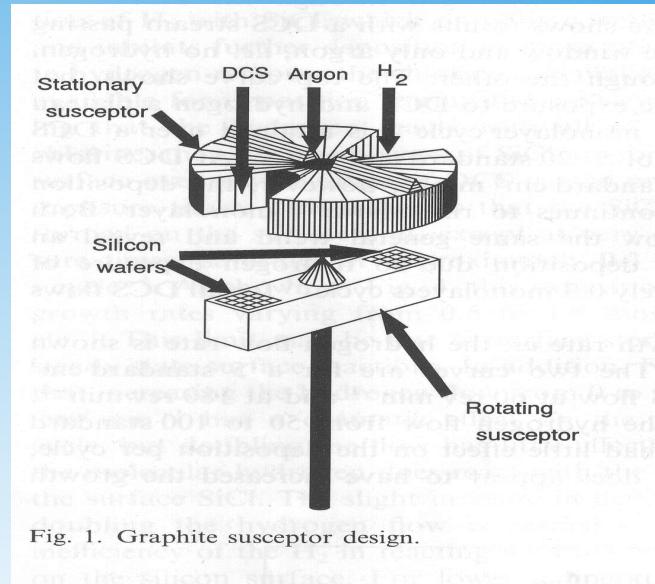
Oxides - Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and others

Multilayers of ZnSe-CdSe grown by ML-ALD and Auger spectra during ion etching.

Spacing of layers – 10 nm. (SPbSU, middle 80s)



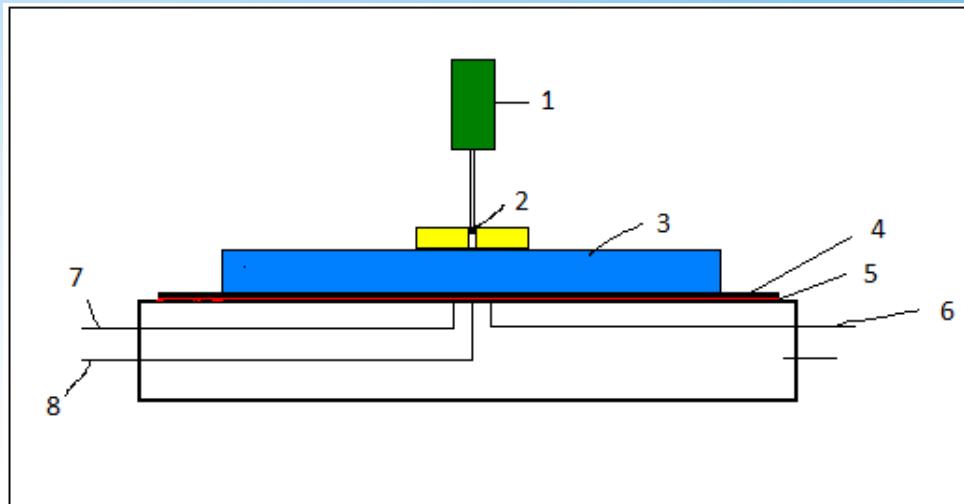
Spatial ALE of GaAs in NCSU in the end of 80-s by S.M.Bedair and colleagues  
(1-st International Symposium on ALE, Helsinki, 1990).



# Spatial ML-ALD in SPb in the middle of 90-s

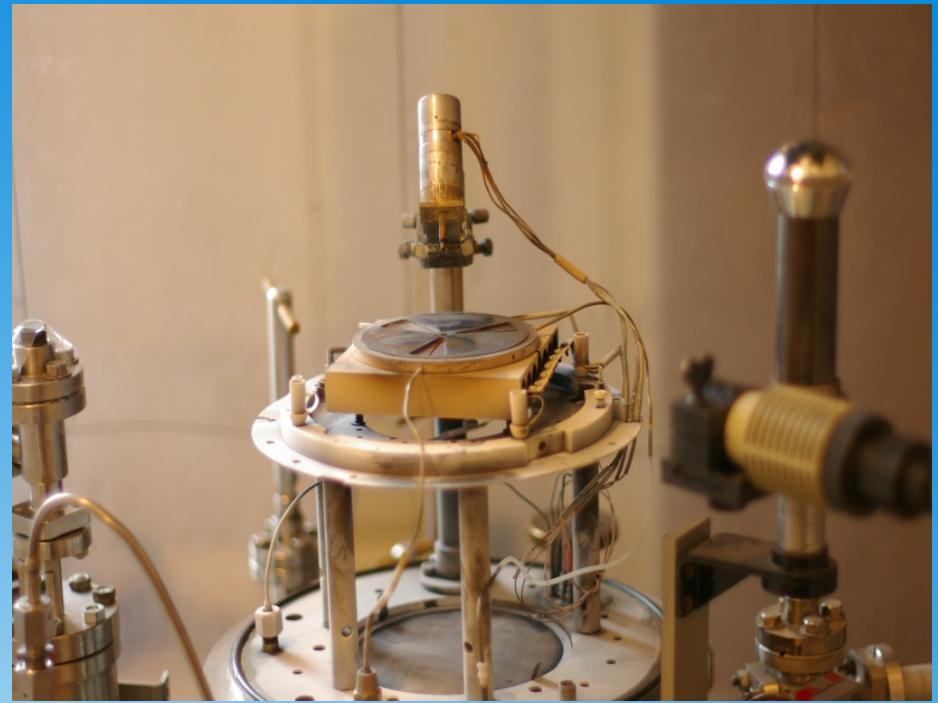


Russian Patent # 2331717  
from 02.10.2006

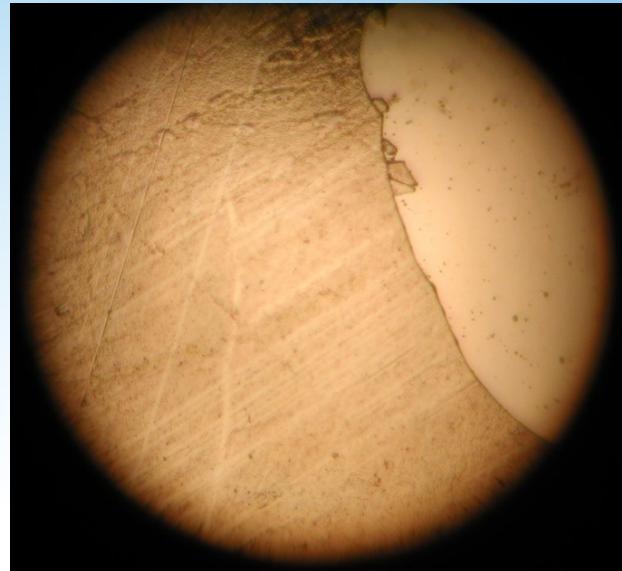


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| 1-motor<br>2-muff<br>3-suspender<br>4-Si plate<br>5-clearance<br>8-channel for argon (He) | 6-channel for MATE<br>7-channel for Cd(Me) <sub>2</sub> -stationary plate |
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## Spatial ML-ALD for CdTe and oxides growth

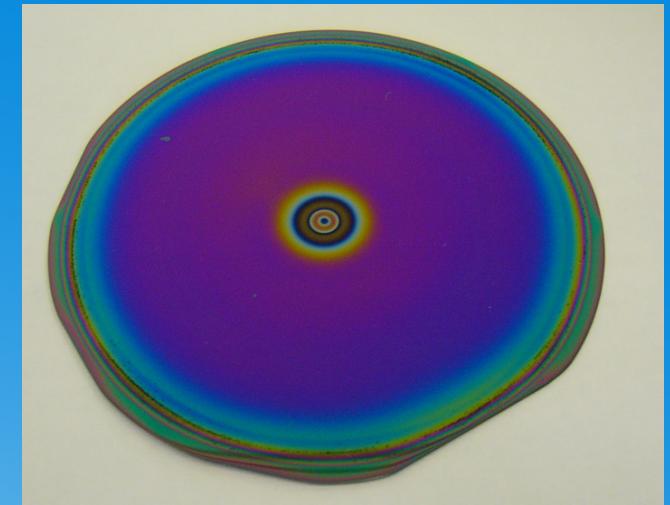
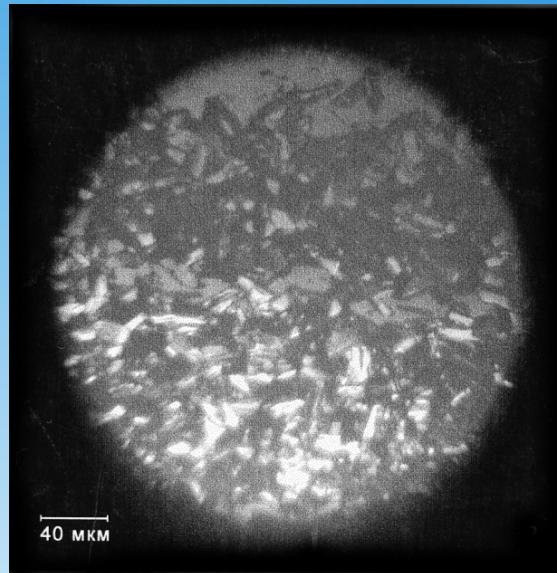


High growth rate and good uniformity of layers by patented gas-pillow technique with clearance less than 10 nm between stationary plate and substrate, controlled by gas pressure in space. (made in SPbSU in middle of 90-ths)

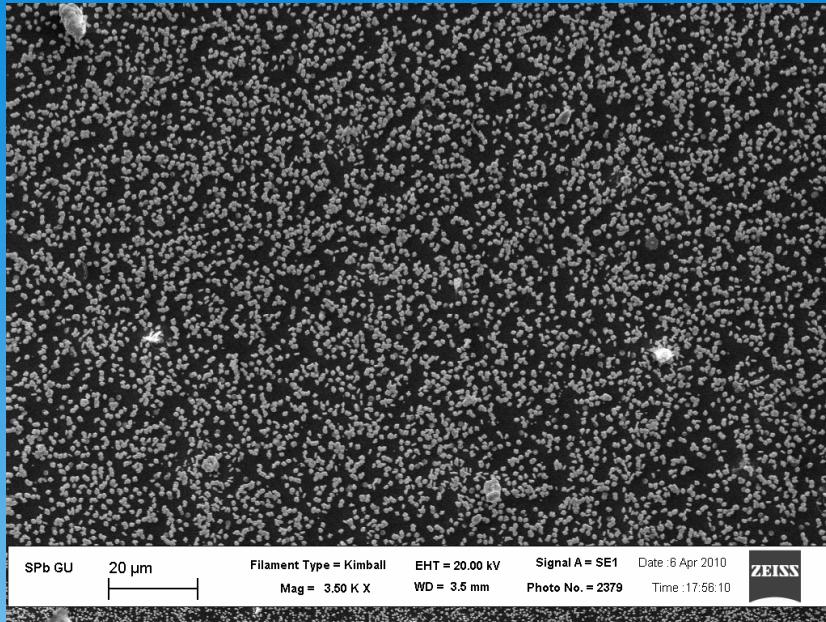
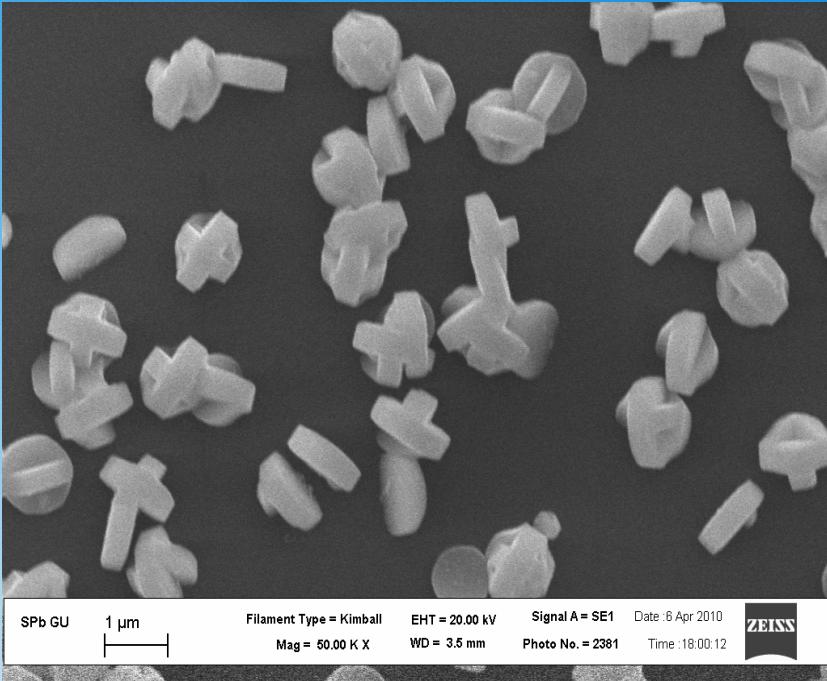


CdTe film on Si  
by spatial ML-ALD

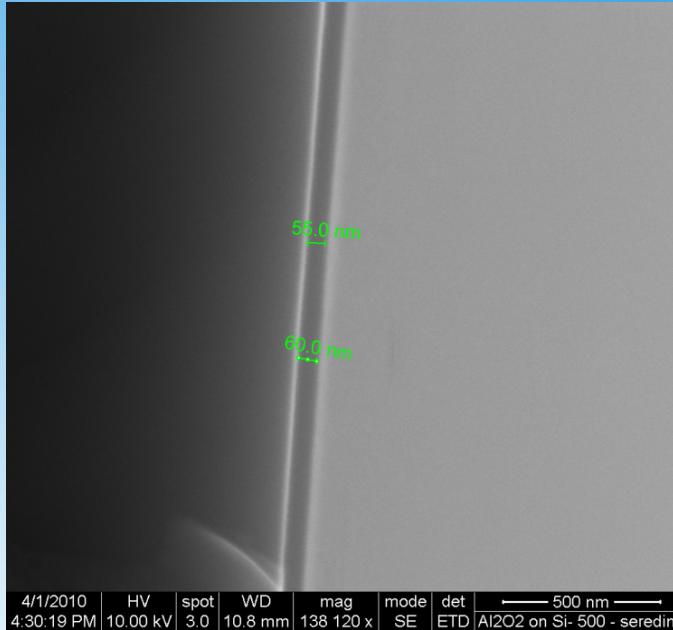
Te crystals grown  
by spatial ML-ALD



Ta<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> film grown  
by spatial ML-ALD



Growth of 0-D and 2-D structures  
as the example of ML-ALD  
synthesis of Ta<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> on the Si  
substrate by spatial process



## CdTe films grown from DMC and MATe by spatial ML-ALD

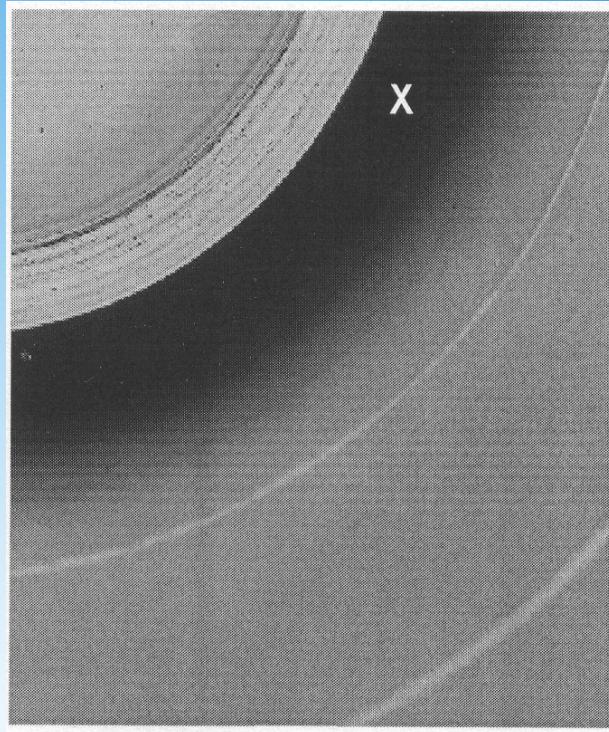


Fig.1 - conventional ML-ALD

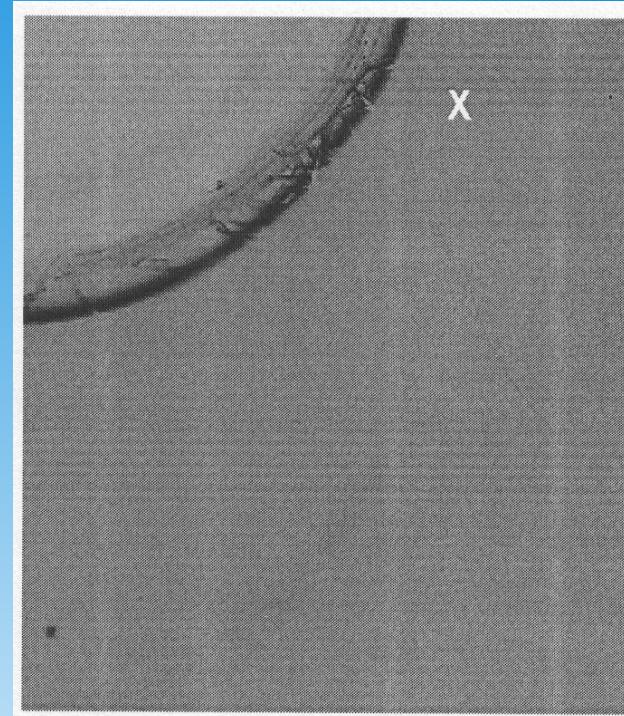
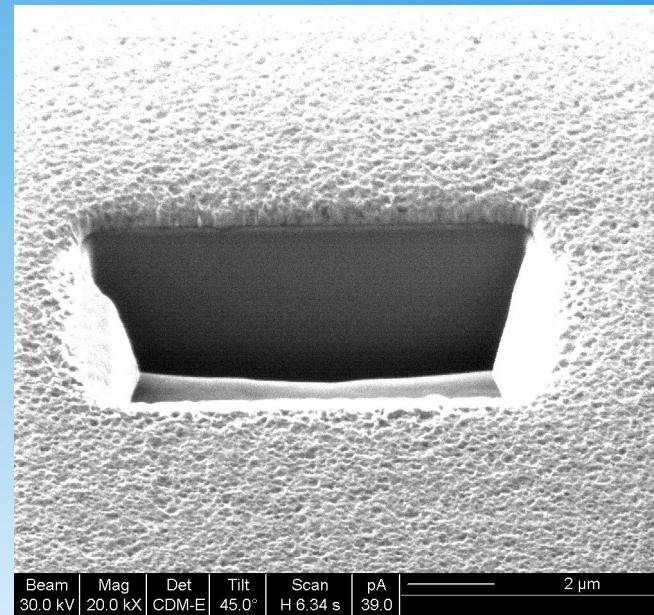
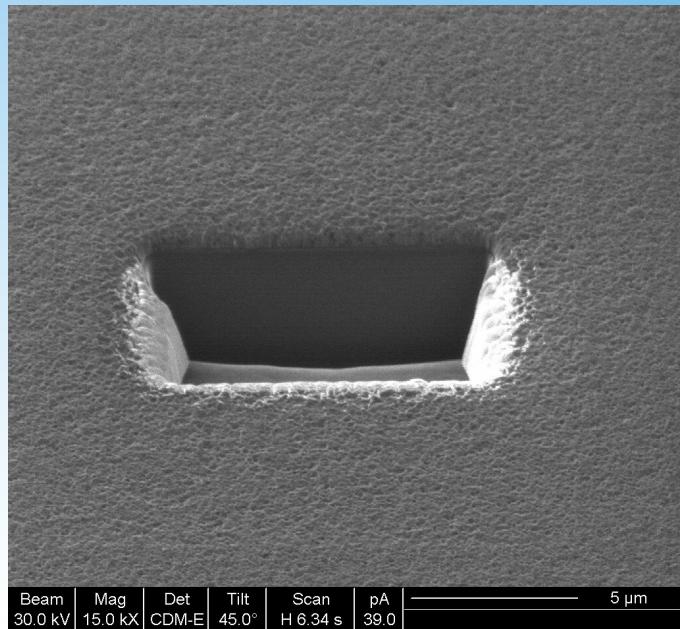
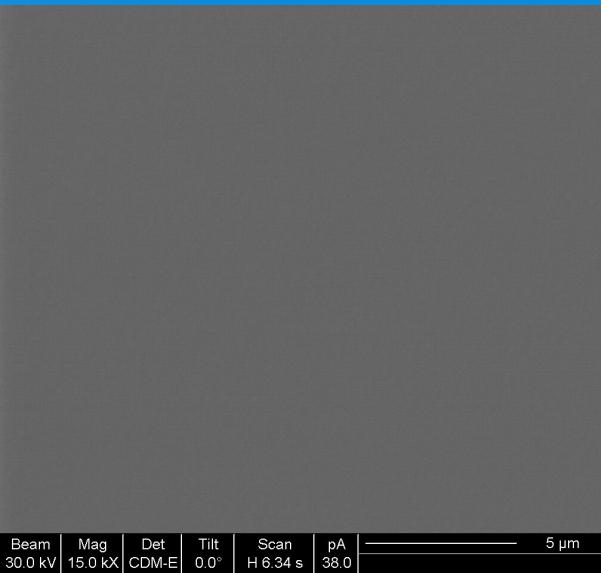
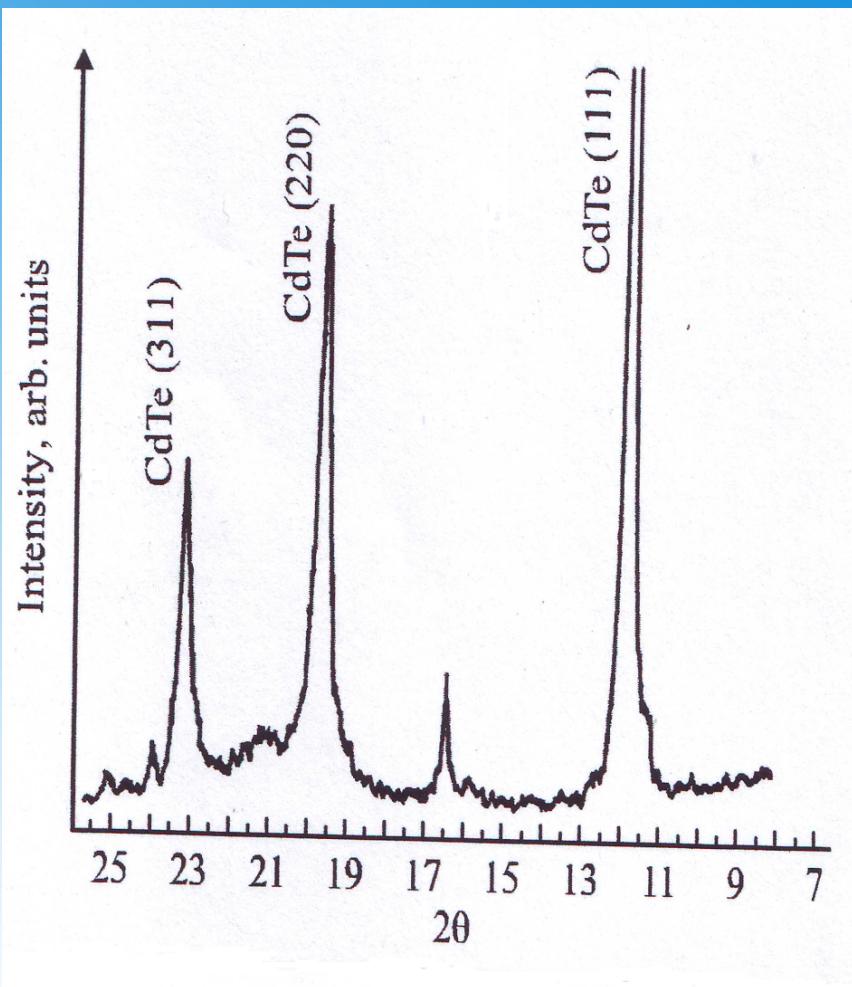


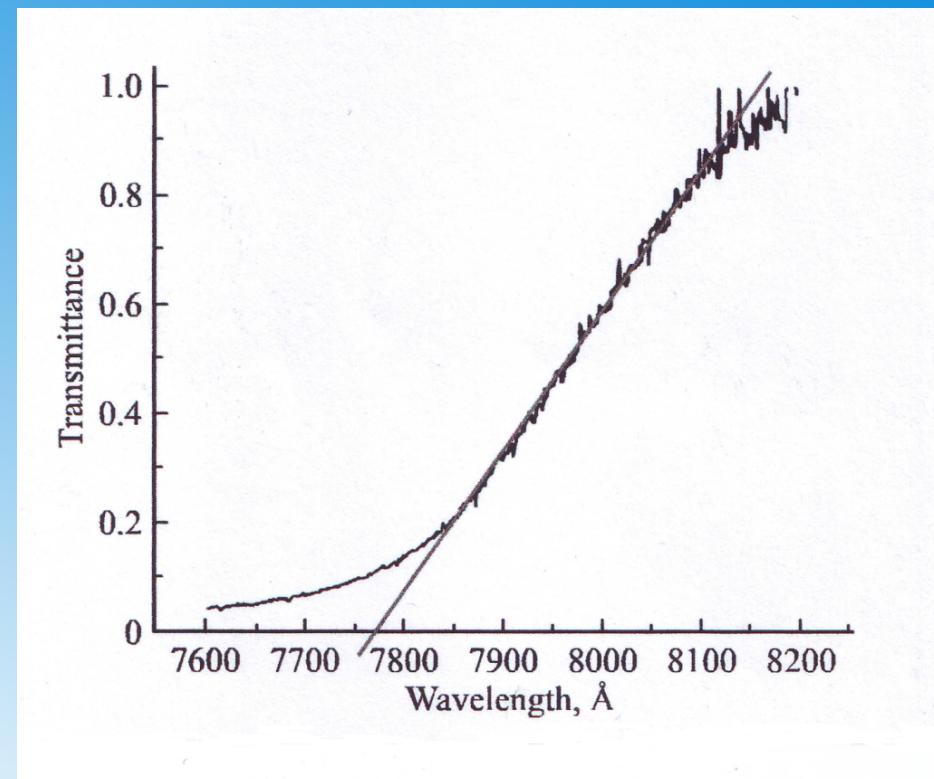
Fig.2 - patented three steps ML-ALD

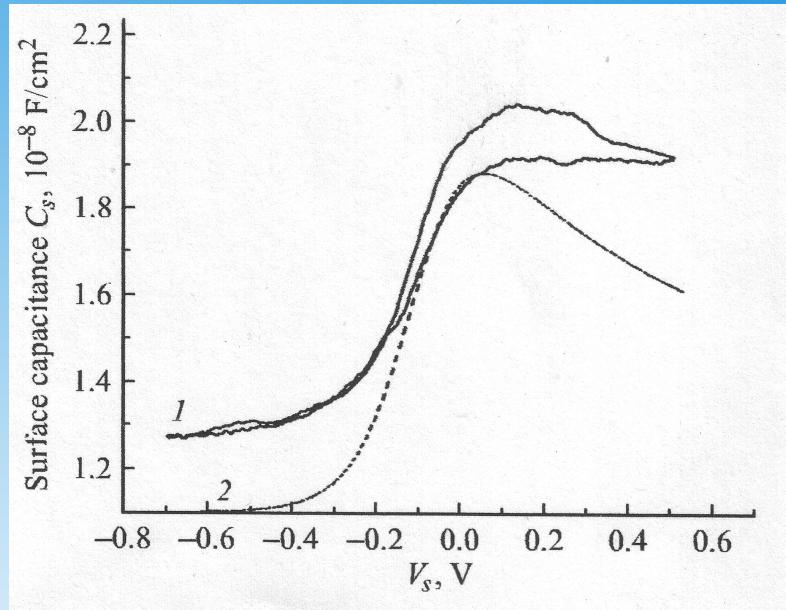
FIB etched CdTe film grown in  
spatial ML-ALD reactor in the end  
of 90-s





XRD and IR of CdTe films (3 microns)  
grown in high-rate spatial ML-ALD process  
 $EG = 1.57 \text{ eV}$

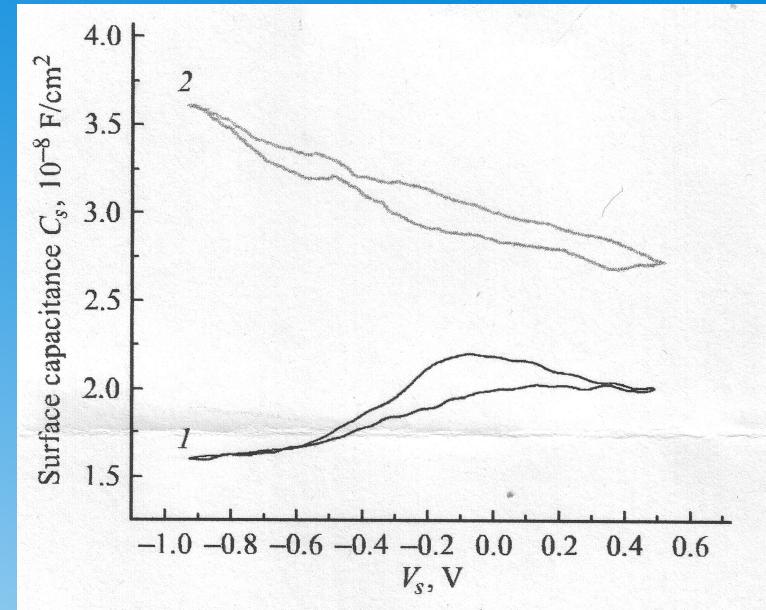




C-V of CdTe on Si substrate

$$1/C = 1/CC_{\text{CdTe}} + 1/C_{\text{Si}}$$

$$P = 6.3 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$



C-V of CdTe layer in 1 M  $\text{CdCl}_2$  in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

1. Dark capacitance

2. Under illumination of AM1

ML-ALD devices made in SPb in nowaday and got started in SPbSU education and investigation process



Liquid and  
Solid precursors,  
5 sources,  
8 inch x 8 inch  
substrates



ML-ALD device made  
in the beginning of 90-s  
for education process  
in SPbSU

ML-ALD device made in the beginning of 00-s in SPb for scientific institute.





ML-ALD device for the large  
substrate with load-lock camera  
In the 00-s in SPbSU



Spatial ML-ALD device  
for investigation in II-VI  
and III-V compounds.  
Mid of 90-s SPbSU.