

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of transferring a silicon layer from a single crystal silicon donor substrate to a handle substrate, the method comprising:

(a) implanting H_2^+ ions, H^+ ions, or a combination of H_2^+ ions and H^+ ions through a silicon dioxide layer in contact with a front surface of the single crystal silicon donor substrate and through the front surface of the single crystal silicon donor substrate, the single crystal silicon donor substrate comprising two major, parallel surfaces one of which is the front surface and one of which is the back surface, a circumferential edge joining the front surface and the back surface, a central plane between the front surface and the back surface, a central axis perpendicular to the front surface, and a bulk region between the front surface and the back surface;

(b) implanting He^+ ions through the silicon dioxide layer in contact with the front surface of a single crystal silicon donor substrate and through the front surface of the single crystal silicon donor substrate;

(c) annealing the ion implanted single crystal silicon donor substrate at a temperature and for a duration sufficient to form a damage layer in the single crystal silicon donor substrate;

(d) bonding the silicon dioxide layer in contact with the front surface of the single crystal silicon donor substrate to a dielectric layer in contact with the handle substrate to thereby prepare the multilayer substrate;

(e) annealing the multilayer substrate; and

(f) cleaving the annealed multilayer substrate at the damage layer in the single crystal silicon donor substrate to thereby transfer the silicon layer having a thickness between about 500 Angstroms and about 2500 Angstroms from the single crystal silicon donor substrate to the handle substrate.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein step (a) occurs before step (b).

3. The method of claim 1 wherein step (b) occurs before step (a).

4. The method of claim 1 wherein steps (a) and (b) occur simultaneously.
5. The method of claim 1 wherein the single crystal donor substrate has a diameter between 150 mm and 450 mm, or about 300 mm.
6. The method of claim 1 wherein the silicon dioxide layer has a thickness between about 100 angstroms and about 1000 angstroms, or between about 100 angstroms and about 700 angstroms, or between about 100 angstroms and about 500 angstroms, or between about 100 angstroms and about 250 angstroms.
7. The method of claim 1 wherein the silicon dioxide layer has a thickness between about 5 angstroms and about 25 angstroms, or between about 10 angstroms and about 15 angstroms.
8. The method of claim 1 wherein step (a) comprises (i) implanting H_2^+ ions at a dosage between about 4.3×10^{15} ions/cm² and about 1.1×10^{16} ions/cm² at an implant energy between about 10 Kev and about 40 Kev, or between about 20 Kev and about 40 Kev, (ii) implanting H^+ ions at a dosage between about 5×10^{15} ions/cm² and about 2×10^{16} ions/cm² at an implant energy between about 5 Kev and about 20 Kev, or (iii) implanting H_2^+ ions at a dosage between about 4.3×10^{15} ions/cm² and about 1.1×10^{16} ions/cm² at an implant energy between about 10 Kev and about 40 Kev, or between about 20 Kev and about 40 Kev and implanting H^+ ions at a dosage between about 5×10^{15} ions/cm² and about 2×10^{16} ions/cm² at an implant energy between about 5 Kev and about 20 Kev.
9. The method of claim 8 wherein a peak density, (D1), of H_2^+ ions, H^+ ions, or a combination of H_2^+ ions and H^+ ions is between about 100 Angstroms and about 3000 Angstroms, or between about 500 Angstroms and about 2500 Angstroms, as measured from the front surface of the single crystal silicon donor substrate and along the central axis.
10. The method of claim 1 wherein step (b) comprises implanting He^+ ions at a dosage between about 6×10^{15} ions/cm² and about 8×10^{15} ions/cm² at an implant energy between about 5 Kev and about 30 Kev, or between about 10 Kev and about 25 Kev.

11. The method of claim 10 wherein a peak density, (D2), of He^+ ions is between about 100 Angstroms and about 4000 Angstroms, or between about 500 Angstroms and about 3000 Angstroms, as measured from the front surface of the single crystal silicon donor substrate and along the central axis.

12. The method of any of claims 8 through 11 wherein the peak density, (D1), of H_2^+ ions, H^+ ions, or a combination of H_2^+ ions and H^+ ions and the peak density, (D2), of He^+ ions are within about 600 angstroms of each other, or within about 500 angstroms of each other, within about 450 angstroms of each other, within about 400 angstroms of each other, within about 300 angstroms of each other, or within about 200 angstroms of each other.

13. The method of any of claims 8 through 12 wherein step (c) comprises annealing the ion implanted single crystal silicon donor substrate at a temperature between about 250°C and about 300°C for a duration between 10 minutes and 60 minutes.

14. The method of any of claims 8 through 13 wherein step (e) comprises annealing the ion implanted single crystal silicon donor substrate at a temperature between about 300°C and about 400°C for a duration between 10 minutes and 60 minutes.

15. The method of any of claims 8 through 14 wherein the silicon layer having the thickness between about 500 Angstroms and about 2500 Angstroms transferred from the single crystal silicon donor substrate to the handle substrate has a thickness variation less than about 10 angstroms.

16. The method of any of claims 1 through 7 wherein step (a) comprises (i) implanting H_2^+ ions at a dosage between about 4.3×10^{15} ions/cm² and about 1.1×10^{16} ions/cm², or between about 6×10^{15} ions/cm² and about 1.1×10^{16} ions/cm², at an implant energy between about 20 Kev and about 40 Kev, (ii) implanting H^+ ions at a dosage between about 1.1×10^{16} ions/cm² and about 2×10^{16} ions/cm² at an implant energy between about 5 Kev and about 20 Kev, or (iii) implanting H_2^+ ions at a dosage between about 4.3×10^{15} ions/cm² and about 1.1×10^{16} ions/cm², or between about 6×10^{15} ions/cm²

and about 1.1×10^{16} ions/cm², at an implant energy between about 20 Kev and about 40 Kev and implanting H⁺ ions at a dosage between about 1.1×10^{16} ions/cm² and about 2×10^{16} ions/cm² at an implant energy between about 5 Kev and about 20 Kev.

17. The method of claim 16 wherein a peak density, (D1), of H₂⁺ ions, H⁺ ions, or a combination of H₂⁺ ions and H⁺ ions is between about 100 Angstroms and about 3000 Angstroms, or between about 500 Angstroms and about 2500 Angstroms, as measured from the front surface of the single crystal silicon donor substrate and along the central axis.

18. The method of claims 16 or 17 wherein step (b) comprises implanting He⁺ ions at a dosage between about 6×10^{15} ions/cm² and about 8×10^{15} ions/cm² at an implant energy between about 10 Kev and about 30 Kev.

19. The method of claim 18 wherein a peak density, (D2), of He⁺ ions is between about 100 Angstroms and about 4000 Angstroms, or between about 500 Angstroms and about 3000 Angstroms, as measured from the front surface of the single crystal silicon donor substrate and along the central axis.

20. The method of any of claims 16 through 19 wherein the peak density, (D1), of H₂⁺ ions, H⁺ ions, or a combination of H₂⁺ ions and H⁺ ions and the peak density, (D2), of He⁺ ions are within about 600 angstroms of each other, or within about 500 angstroms of each other, within about 450 angstroms of each other, within about 400 angstroms of each other, within about 300 angstroms of each other, or within about 200 angstroms of each other.

21. The method of any of claims 16 through 20 wherein step (c) comprises annealing the ion implanted single crystal silicon donor substrate at a temperature between about 250°C and about 300°C for a duration between 10 minutes and 60 minutes.

22. The method of any of claims 16 through 21 wherein step (e) comprises annealing the ion implanted single crystal silicon donor substrate at a temperature

between about 300°C and about 400°C for a duration between 10 minutes and 60 minutes.

23. The method of any of claims 16 through 22 wherein the silicon layer having the thickness between about 500 Angstroms and about 2500 Angstroms transferred from the single crystal silicon donor substrate to the handle substrate has a thickness variation less than about 10 angstroms.

24. The method of any of claims 1 through 7 wherein step (b) comprises implanting He^+ ions at a dosage between about 6.6×10^{15} ions/cm² and about 7×10^{15} ions/cm² at an implant energy between about 5 Kev and about 20 Kev.

25. The method of claim 24 wherein a peak density, (D2), of He^+ ions is between about 100 Angstroms and about 4000 Angstroms, or between about 500 Angstroms and about 3000 Angstroms, as measured from the front surface of the single crystal silicon donor substrate and along the central axis.

26. The method of claims 24 or 25 wherein step (a) comprises (i) implanting H_2^+ ions at a dosage between about 5.9×10^{15} ions/cm² and about 6.7×10^{15} ions/cm² at an implant energy between about 10 Kev and about 30 Kev, (ii) implanting H^+ ions at a dosage between about 6.1×10^{15} ions/cm² and about 6.8×10^{15} ions/cm² at an implant energy between about 5 Kev and about 20 Kev, or (iii) implanting H_2^+ ions at a dosage between about 5.9×10^{15} ions/cm² and about 6.7×10^{15} ions/cm² at an implant energy between about 10 Kev and about 30 Kev and implanting H^+ ions at a dosage between about 6.1×10^{15} ions/cm² and about 6.8×10^{15} ions/cm² at an implant energy between about 5 Kev and about 20 Kev.

27. The method of any of claims 24 through 26 wherein a peak density, (D1), of H_2^+ ions, H^+ ions, or a combination of H_2^+ ions and H^+ ions is between about 100 Angstroms and about 3000 Angstroms, or between about 500 Angstroms and about 2500 Angstroms, as measured from the front surface of the single crystal silicon donor substrate and along the central axis.

28. The method of any of claims 24 through 27 wherein the peak density, (D1), of H_2^+ ions, H^+ ions, or a combination of H_2^+ ions and H^+ ions and the peak density, (D2), of He^+ ions are within about 600 angstroms of each other, or within about 500 angstroms of each other, within about 450 angstroms of each other, within about 400 angstroms of each other, within about 300 angstroms of each other, or within about 200 angstroms of each other.

29. The method any of claims 24 through 28 wherein step (c) comprises annealing the ion implanted single crystal silicon donor substrate at a temperature between about 250°C and about 300°C for a duration between 10 minutes and 60 minutes.

30. The method any of claims 24 through 29 wherein step (e) comprises annealing the ion implanted single crystal silicon donor substrate at a temperature between about 300°C and about 400°C for a duration between 10 minutes and 60 minutes.

31. The method any of claims 24 through 30 wherein the silicon layer having the thickness between about 500 Angstroms and about 2500 Angstroms transferred from the single crystal silicon donor substrate to the handle substrate has a thickness variation less than about 10 angstroms.