

What is claimed is:

1. A method of forming a semiconductor device, the method comprising:
performing an anisotropic etch process on a semiconductor material on
5 a semiconductor substrate to expose a surface in the semiconductor material,
the surface disposed between an existing structure of the semiconductor
device and a bulk semiconductor portion of the semiconductor substrate on
which the semiconductor material is formed;
performing an isotropic etch process on an exposed sidewall to recess
10 the semiconductor material that is disposed between the existing structure and
the bulk semiconductor portion of the semiconductor substrate by a distance to
form a cavity; and
forming a layer of deposited material via a selective epitaxial growth
(SEG) process on a surface of the cavity, the substrate not subjected to a pre-
15 clean process between formation of the cavity and SEG.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the isotropic etch occurs in a first process
chamber and the method further comprises moving the substrate from the first
process chamber to a second process chamber for the SEG process.
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3. The method of claim 2, further comprising determining the distance that the
semiconductor material has been recessed after isotropic etch and prior to the
SEG process.
- 25 4. The method of claim 3, further comprising adjusting the SEG process based on
the distance that the semiconductor material has been recessed.
5. The method of claim 4, further comprising epitaxial growing a portion of the
semiconductor material prior to forming the layer of deposited material.
- 30 6. The method of claim 3, wherein the distance that the semiconductor material
has been recessed comprises refractometry.

7. The method of claim 3, wherein the isotropic etch process comprises an etch process selective to the semiconductor material.
8. The method of claim 3, wherein forming the layer of deposited material
5 comprises filling the cavity with the deposited material.
9. The method of claim 3, further comprising, prior to forming the layer of deposited material, depositing a carbon-containing material on the surface of the cavity, wherein the carbon-containing material includes a silicon-carbon-phosphorus (SiCP) material.
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10. The method of claim 3, wherein performing the isotropic etch process on the exposed sidewall to form the cavity in the semiconductor material comprises removing semiconductor material until a portion of the semiconductor material
15 that comprises a phosphorus-doped bulk semiconductor material is exposed.
11. The method of claim 3, wherein the deposited material comprises an n-type dopant comprising arsenic (As), and the selective epitaxial growth (SEG) process includes exposing the surface of the cavity to at least one of AsCl₃,
20 TBA, or AsH₃ and at least one of dichlorosilane (DCS), HCl, SiH₄, Si₂H₆, or Si₄H₁₀.
12. The method of claim 3, wherein the deposited material comprises a p-type dopant comprising boron (B), and the selective epitaxial growth (SEG) process
25 includes exposing the surface of the cavity to one or more of borane, diborane or plasmas thereof.
13. The method of claim 3, further comprising forming a layer of additional deposited material via a selective epitaxial growth (SEG) process on a portion
30 of the semiconductor material on which the anisotropic etch process is not performed, wherein the additional deposited material includes silicon (Si) and phosphorus (P).

14. The method of claim 1, wherein the isotropic etch process and the SEG process are performed in the same platform under vacuum processing.
15. A processing tool for forming a semiconductor device, the processing tool
5 comprising:
a central transfer station having a plurality of processing chambers disposed around the central transfer station;
a robot within the central transfer station configured to move a substrate between the plurality of processing chambers;
10 a first processing chamber connected to the central transfer station, the first processing chamber configured to perform an isotropic etch process;
a metrology station within the processing tool accessible to the robot, the metrology station configured to determine a distance of recess of semiconductor material on a substrate from the isotropic etch process;
15 a second processing chamber connected to the central transfer station, the second processing chamber configured to perform a selective epitaxial growth (SEG) process; and
a controller connected to one or more of the central transfer station, the robot, the first processing chamber, the metrology station or the second
20 processing chamber, the controller having one or more configurations selected from a first configuration to move a substrate on the robot between the plurality of processing chambers and metrology station; a second configuration to perform an isotropic etch process on a substrate in the first processing chamber; a third configuration to perform an analysis to determine the recess of
25 the semiconductor material in the metrology station; or a fourth configuration to perform a selective epitaxial growth process in the second processing chamber, the selective epitaxial growth process adjusted for the recess of the semiconductor material.