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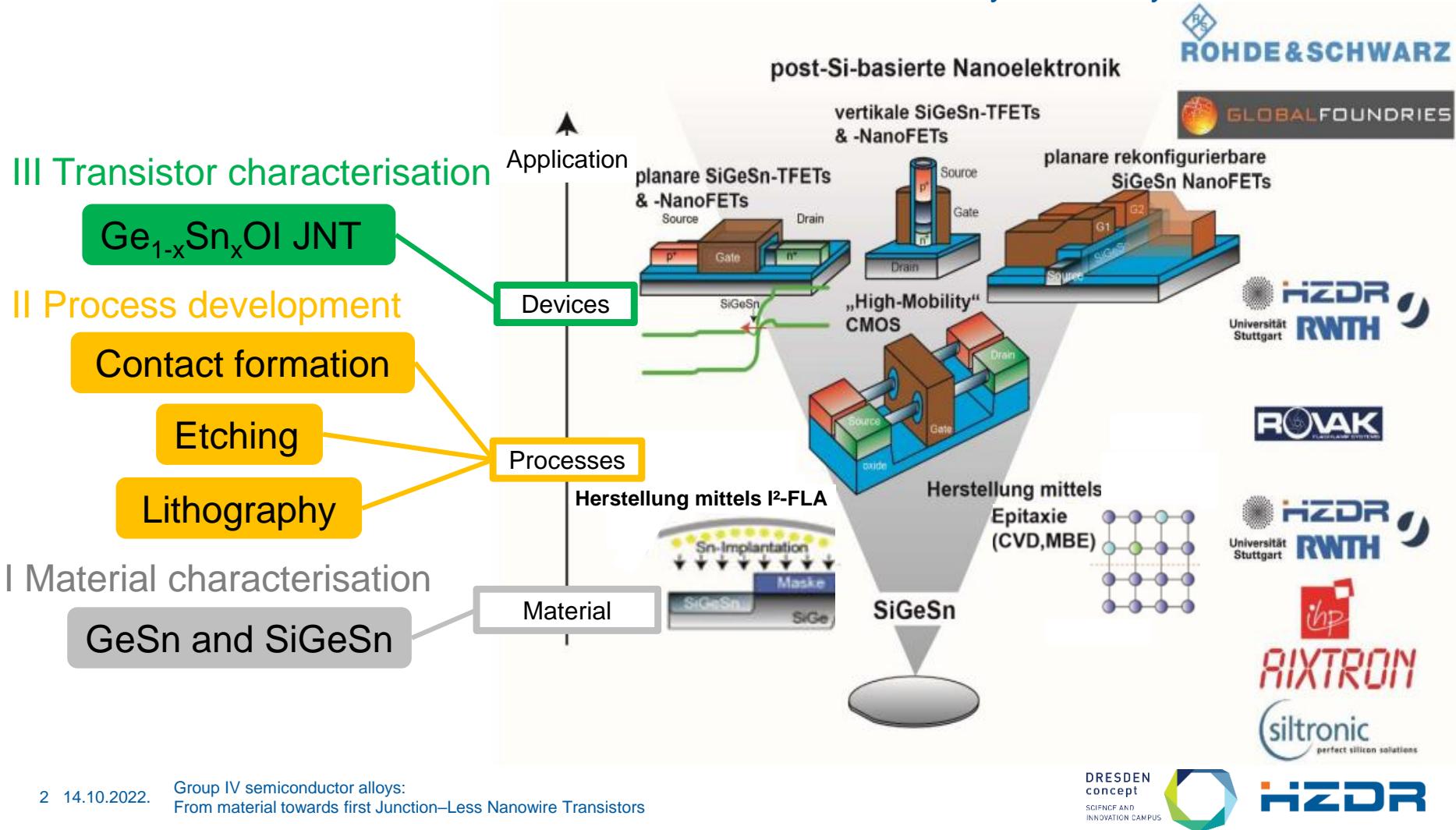
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Introduction

Group IV heterostructures for future nanoelectronic devices

- Fabrication and characterisation of $\text{Si}_{1-x-y}\text{Ge}_x\text{Sn}_y$ alloys -



Outline

- Fabrication and characterisation of $\text{Si}_{1-x-y}\text{Ge}_x\text{Sn}_y$ alloys -

Motivation

Transistor fabrication

- Material analysis -

- Device analysis -

Summary

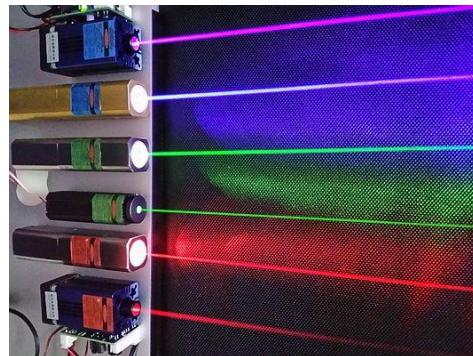
Motivation

$\text{Ge}_{1-x}\text{Sn}_x$

$\text{Si}_{1-x-y}\text{Ge}_y\text{Sn}_x$

Advantages:

- effective band gap engineering
 - high carrier mobilities
- integration in silicon based processes
- optoelectronics and nanoelectronics on same chip

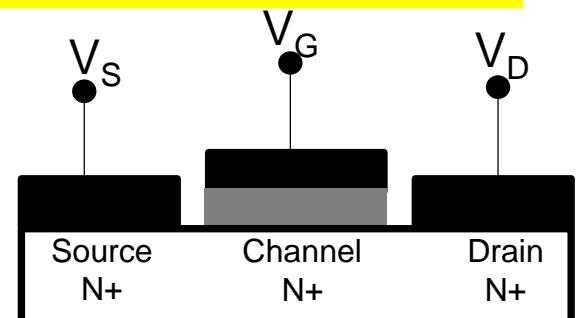


same chip

optoelectronics

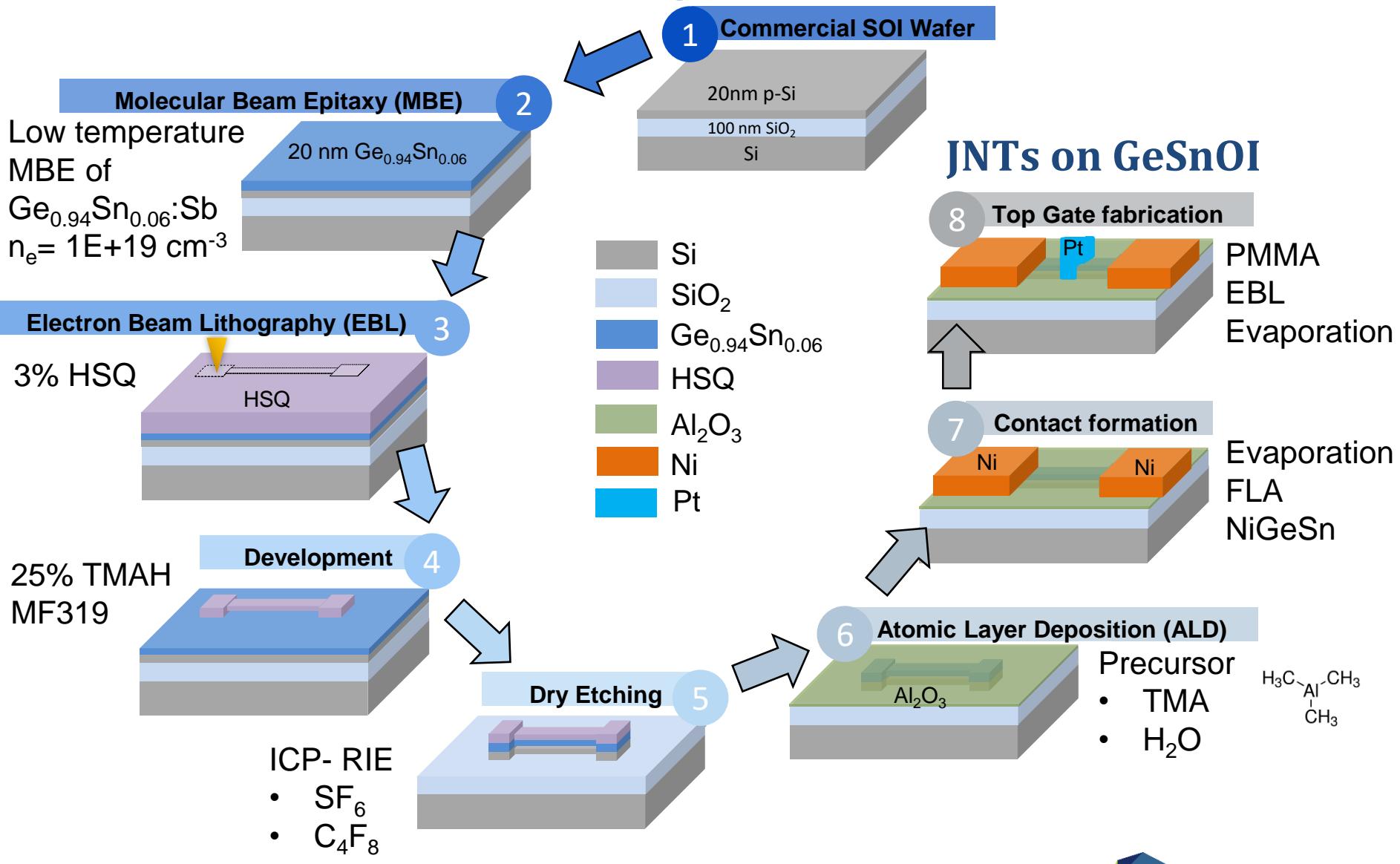
nanoelectronics

III	IV	V
B	C	N
Al	Si	P
Ga	Ge	As
In	Sn	Sb
Ti	Pb	Bi

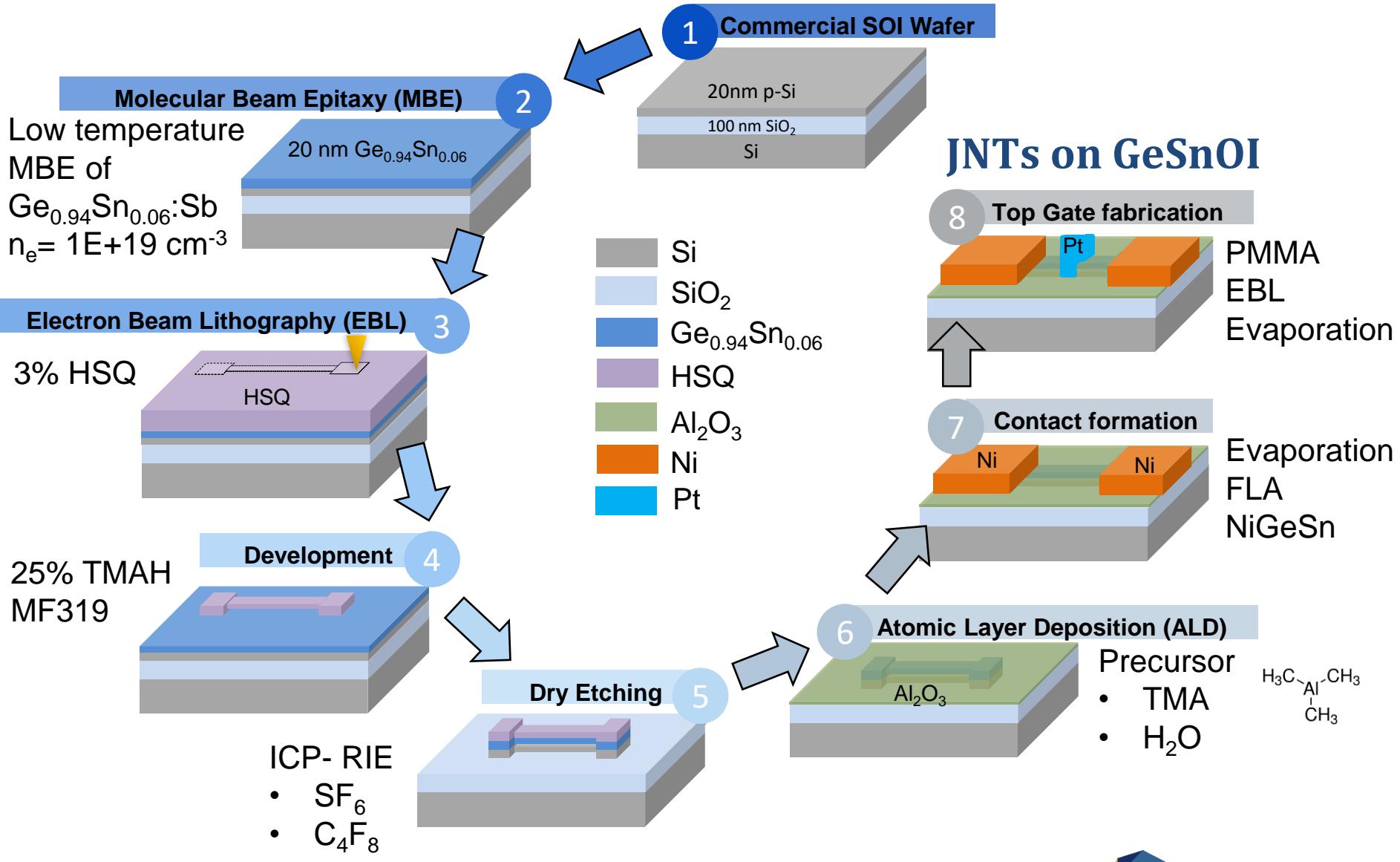


Junction-Less Transistor

Transistor fabrication – general process flow

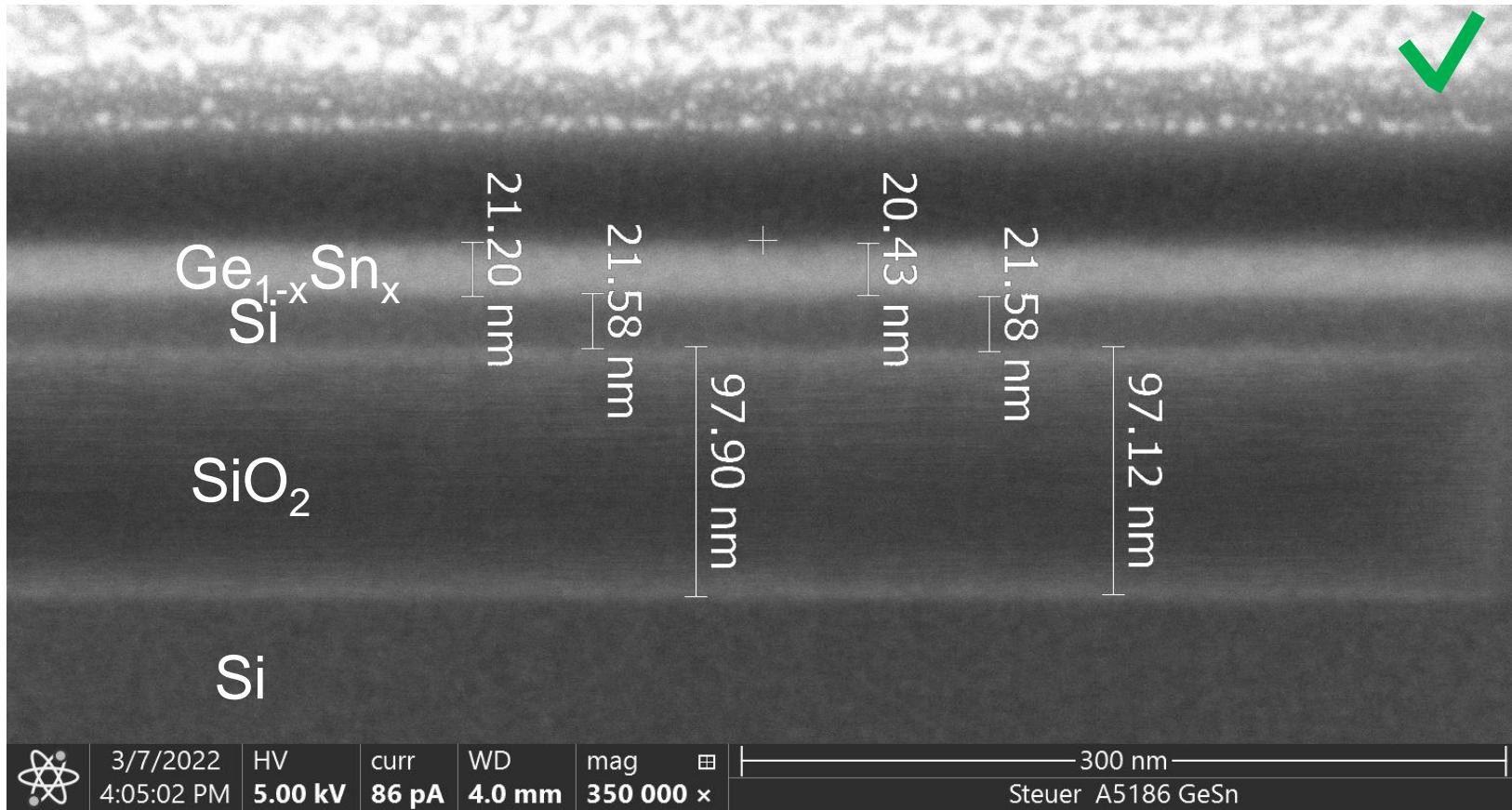
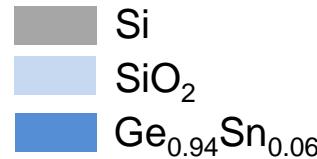


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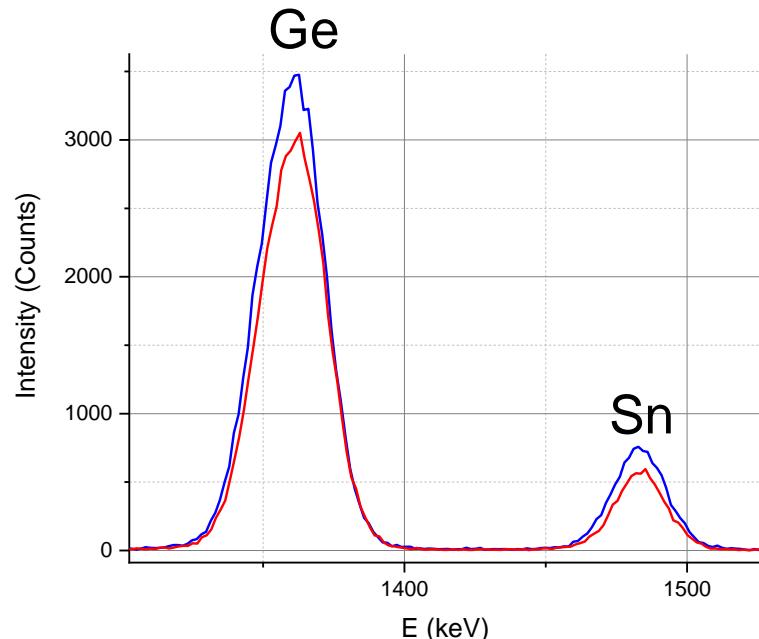
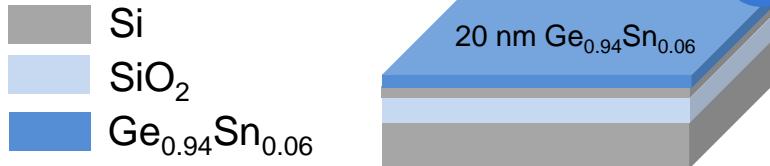
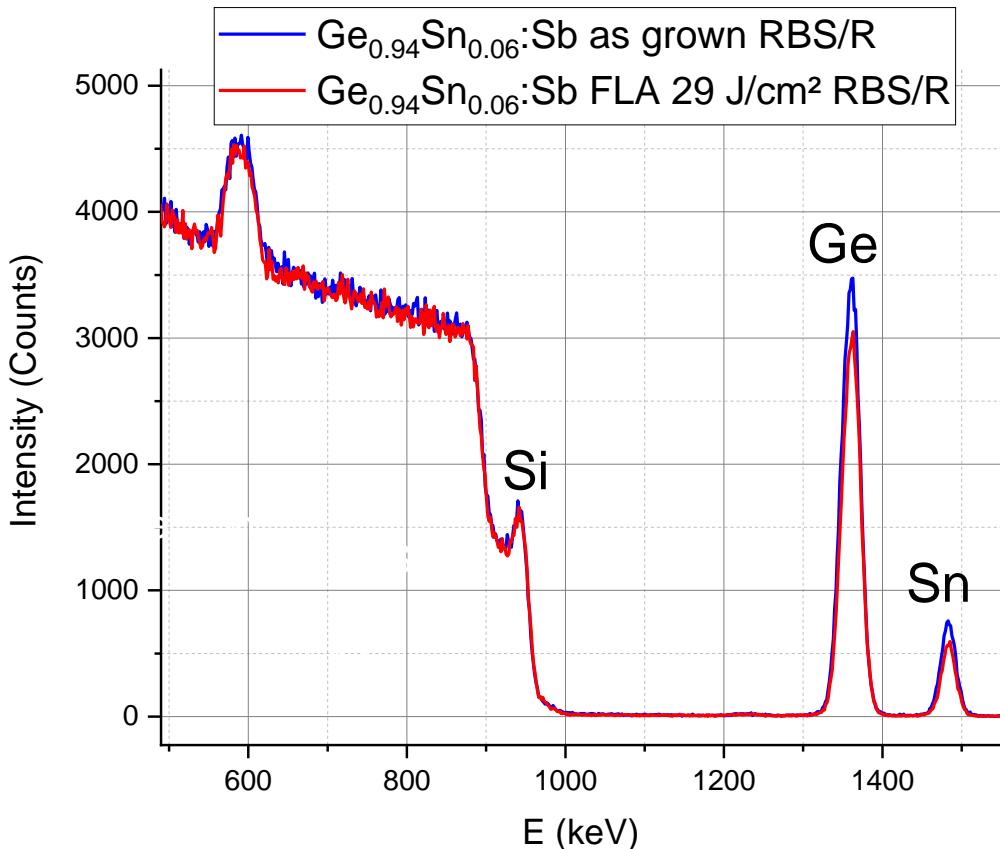
Transistor fabrication

Material analysis



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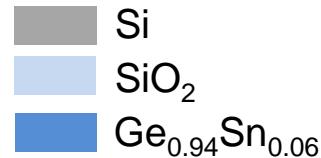
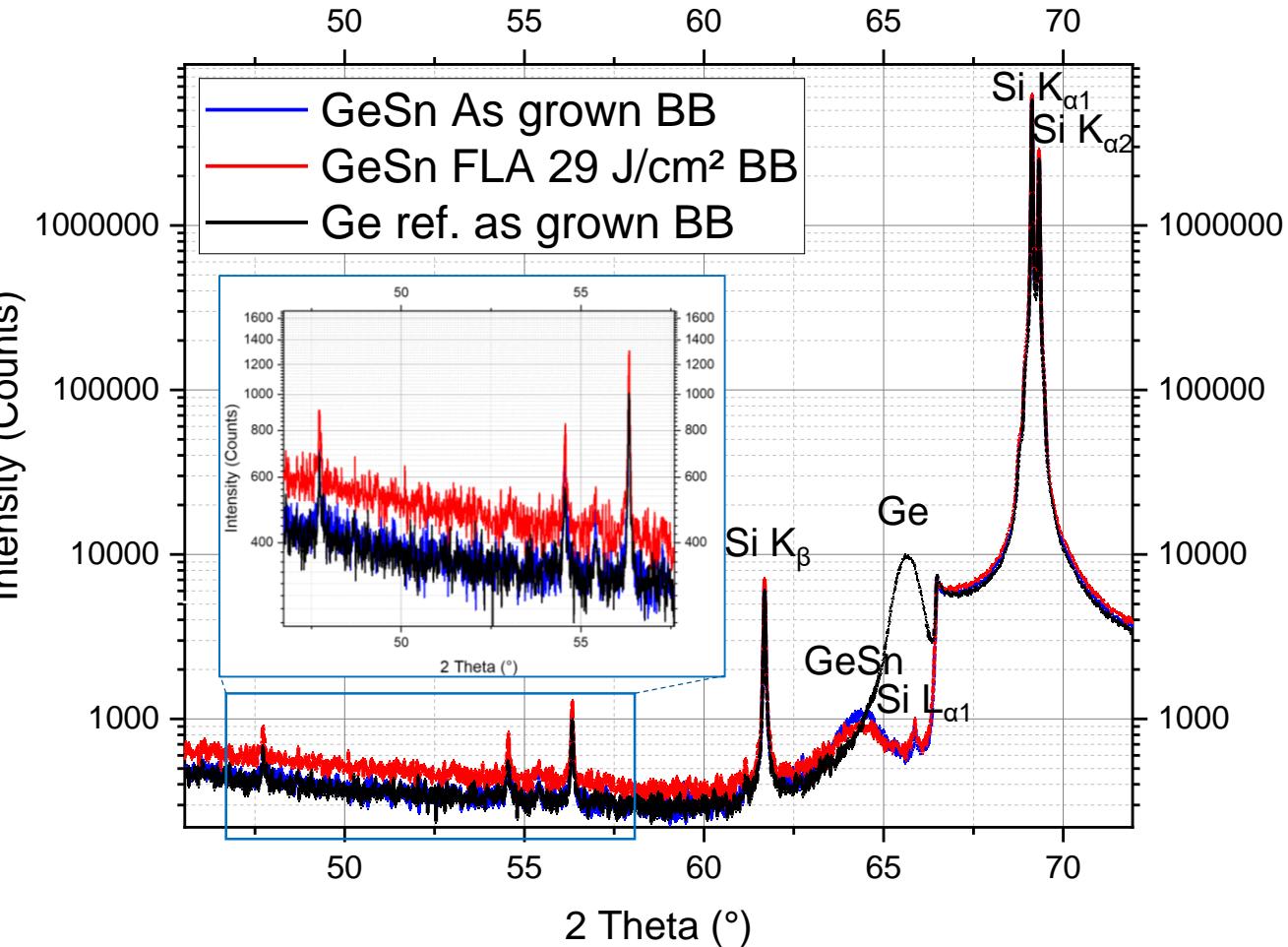


SIMNRA simulation:

Material	Ge (at. %)	Sn (at. %)	Thickness (nm)
$\text{Ge}_{0.94}\text{Sn}_{0.06}$ as grown	94	6	20
$\text{Ge}_{0.94}\text{Sn}_{0.06}$ FLA	94	6	18

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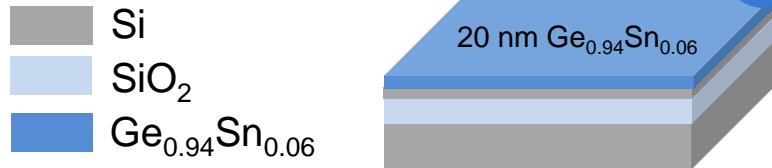
Ge reference



No α-Sn or β-Sn segregations during MBE or due to FLA.

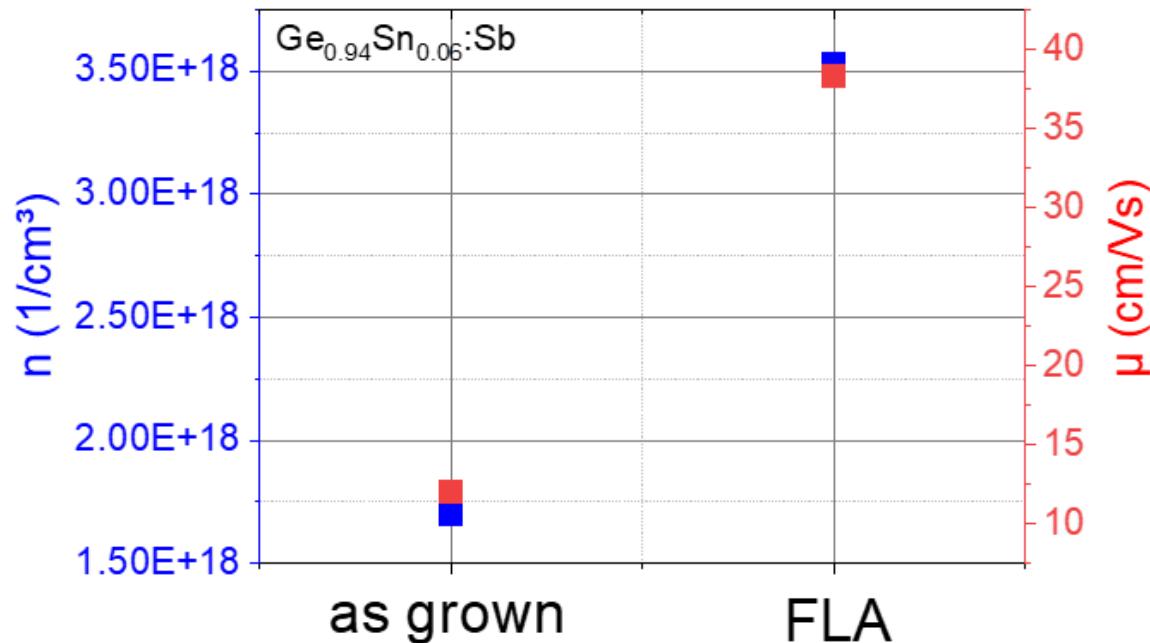
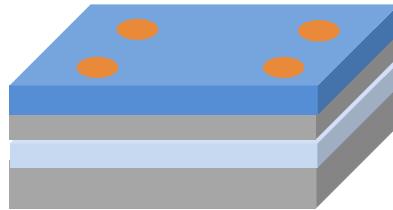
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Ge_{0.94}Sn_{0.06}:Sb $n_{\text{Sb}} = 1\text{E}+19 \text{ cm}^{-3}$

Hall effect measurements
in Van der Pauw configuration



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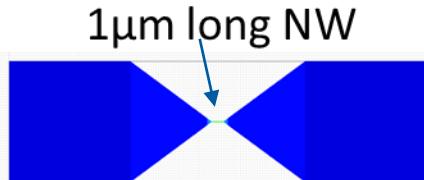
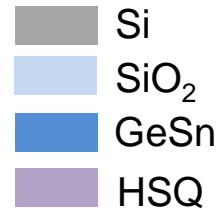
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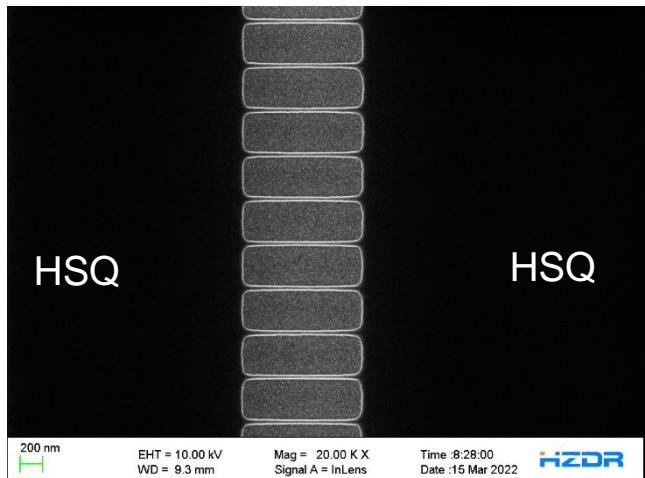
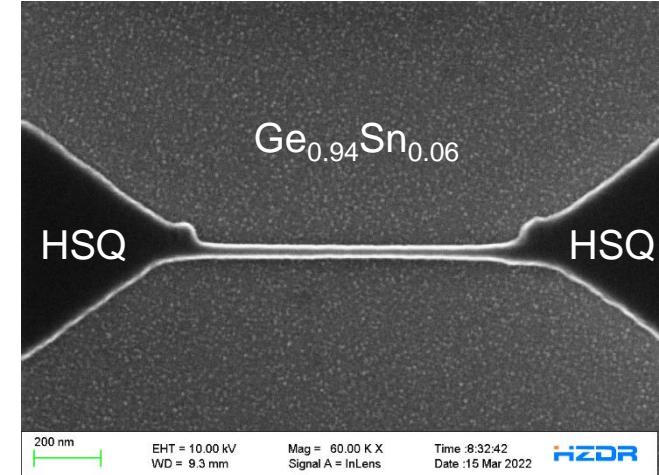
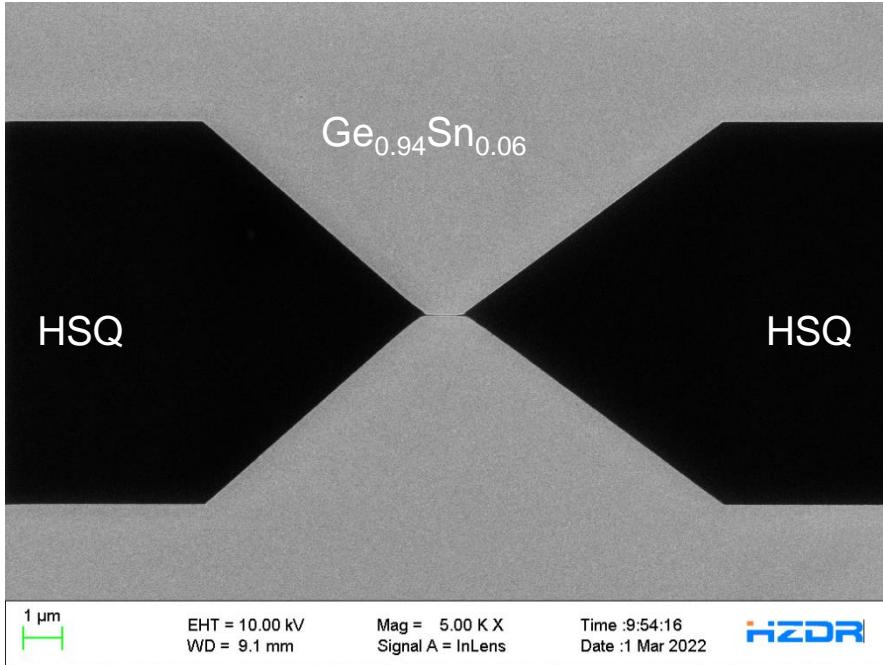
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Patterning of NW



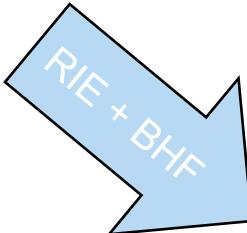
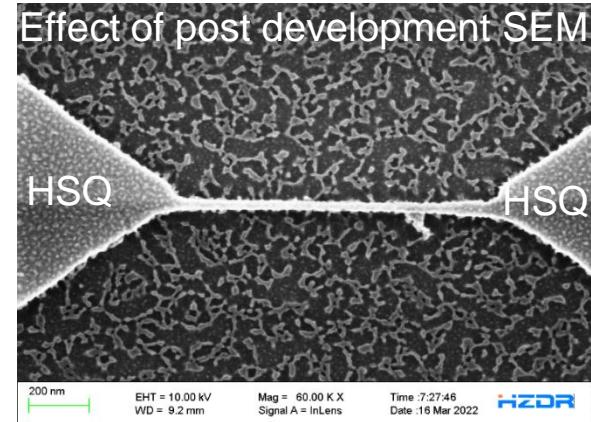
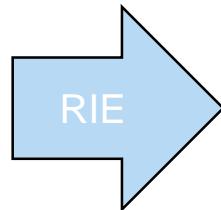
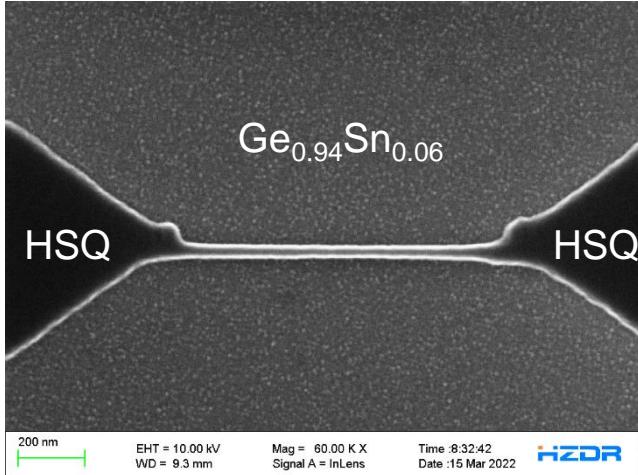
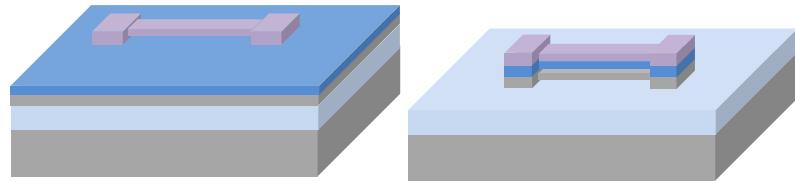
HSQ Nanowire (NW) width:

- 50 nm
- 30 nm
- 20 nm



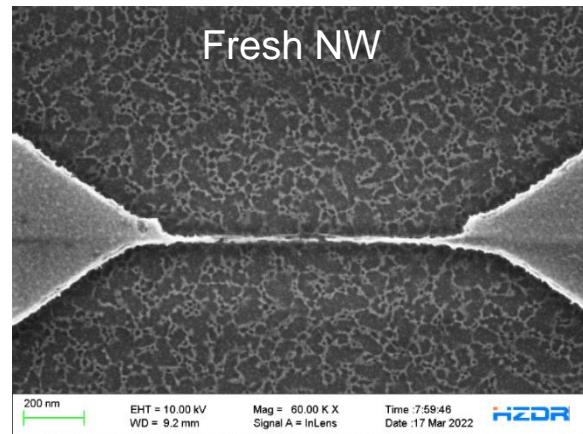
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Dry etching



F-Based RIE:

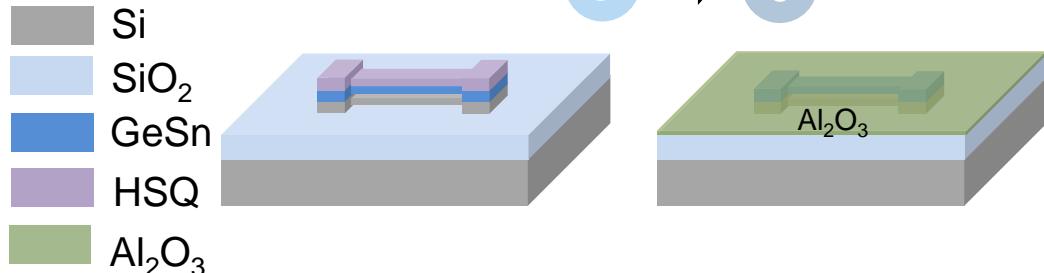
- High roughness
 - Shrinking of NW
- Process needs to be optimized



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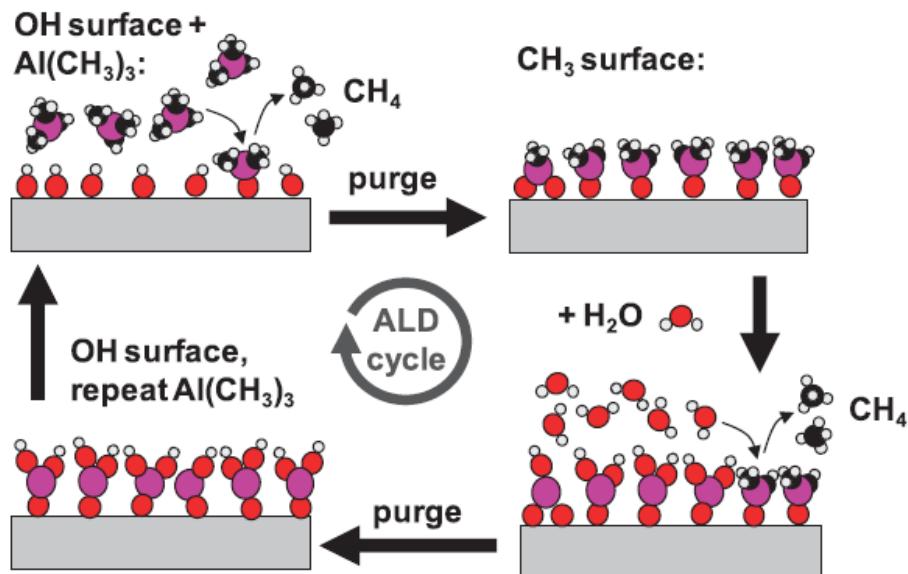
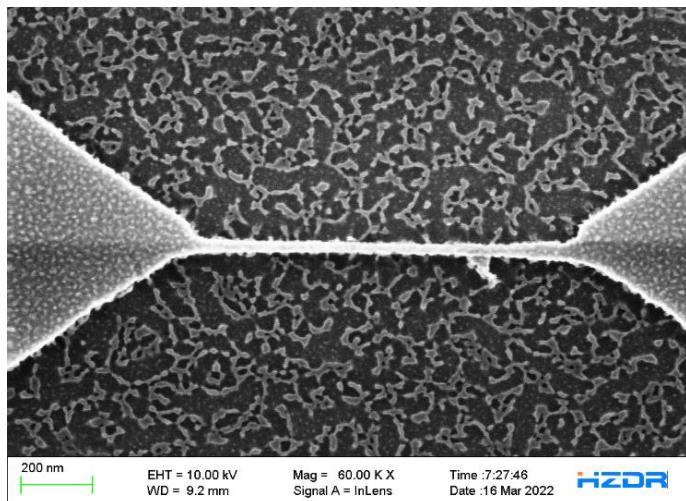
ALD

Dry Etching 5



Thermal ALD at. 150 °C with TMA and H_2O

- 1% BHF
- 7 nm Al_2O_3



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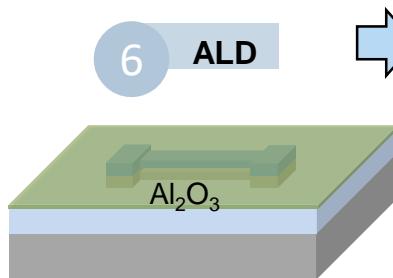
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Contact formation

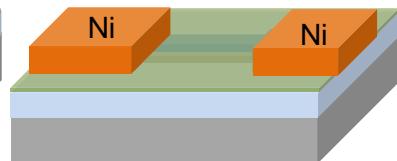
- UV Lithography of MAN1420
- HF dip
- Ni evaporation
- FLA 29 J/cm²

Si
SiO ₂
GeSn
Al ₂ O ₃
Ni

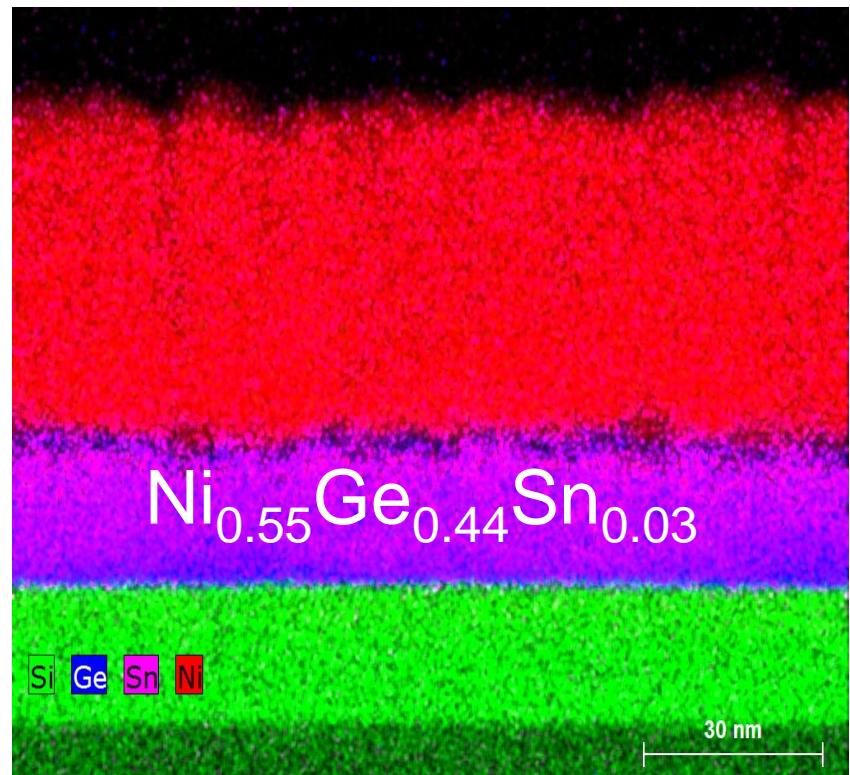
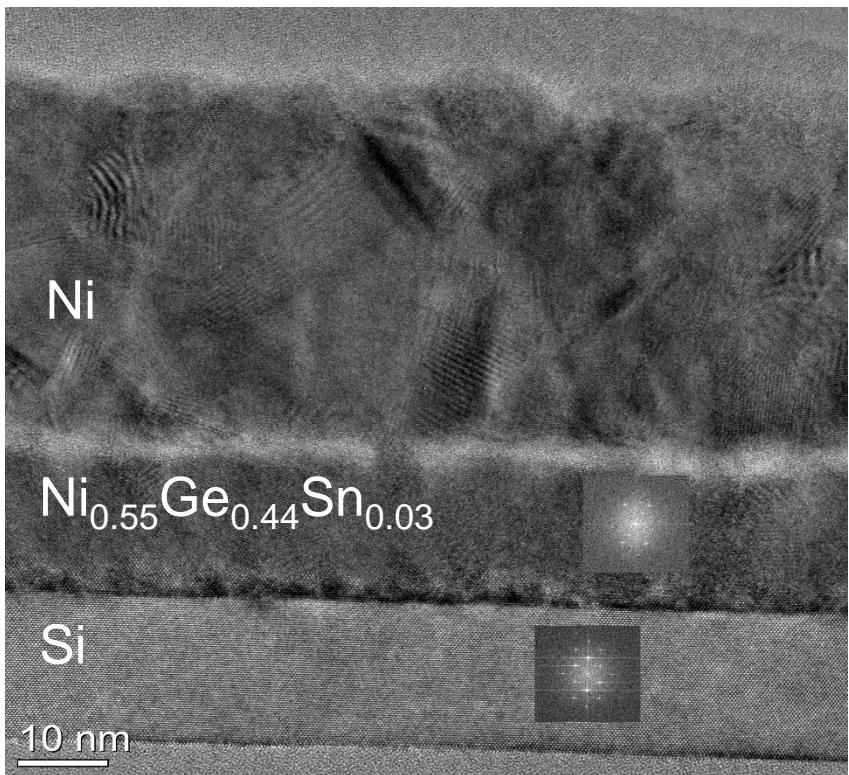
6 ALD



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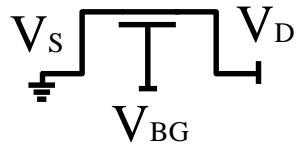


Successful formation of NiGeSn ✓



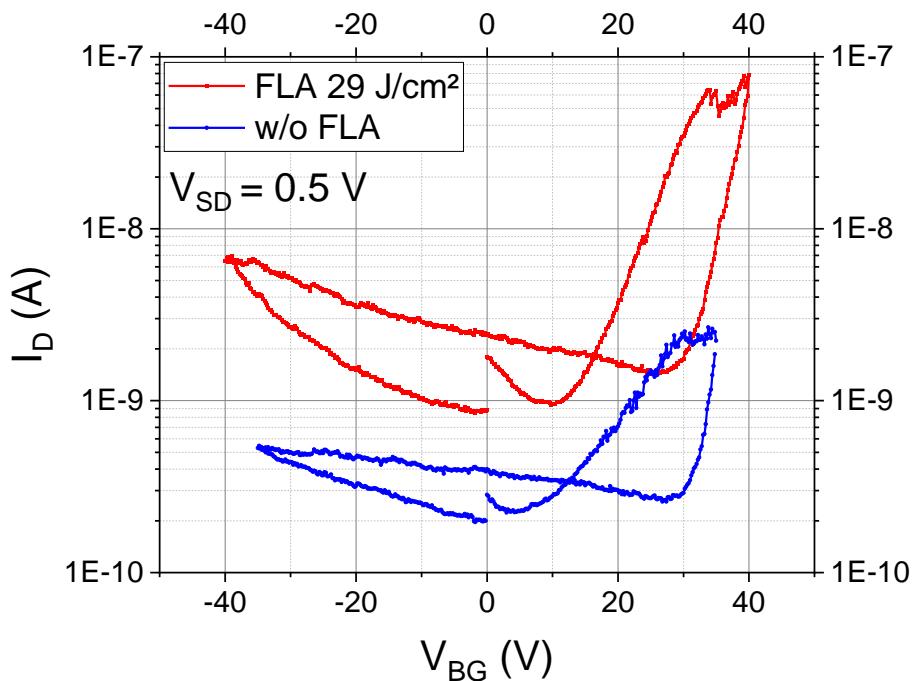
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(-40 to +40) V

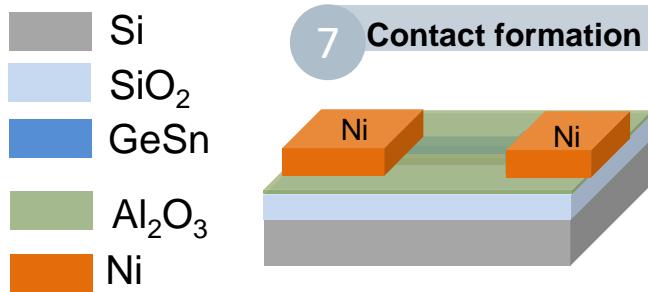
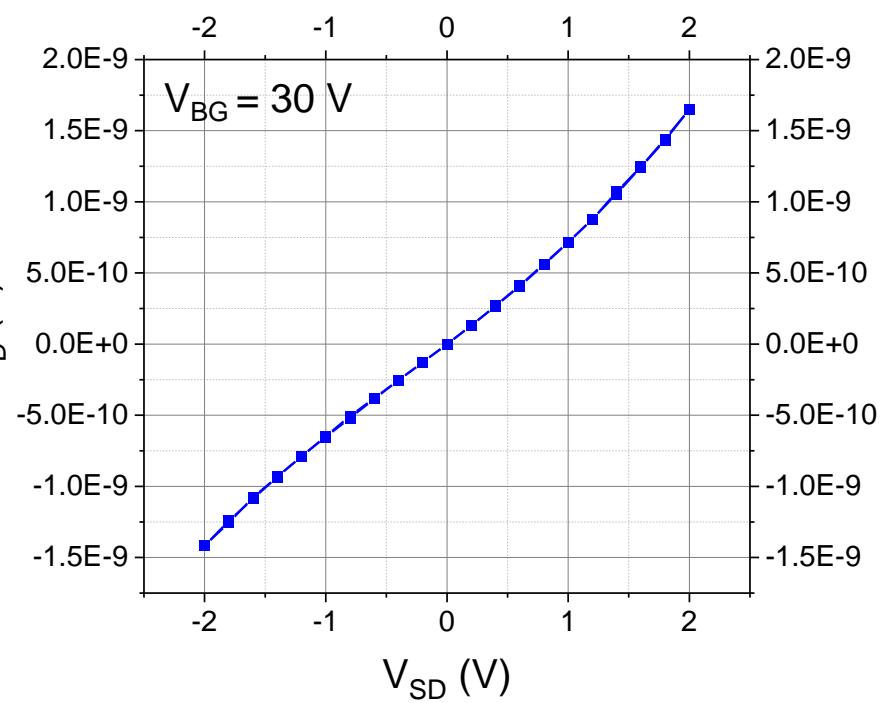
Transfer characteristic



$$I_{ON}/I_{OFF}(\text{FLA}) \sim 3 \times 10^1$$

$$I_{ON}/I_{OFF}(\text{w/o FLA}) \sim 1 \times 10^1$$

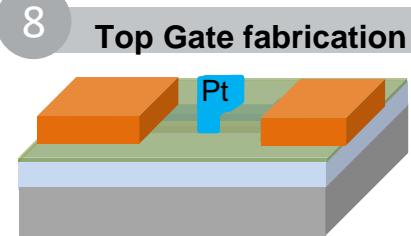
Output characteristic



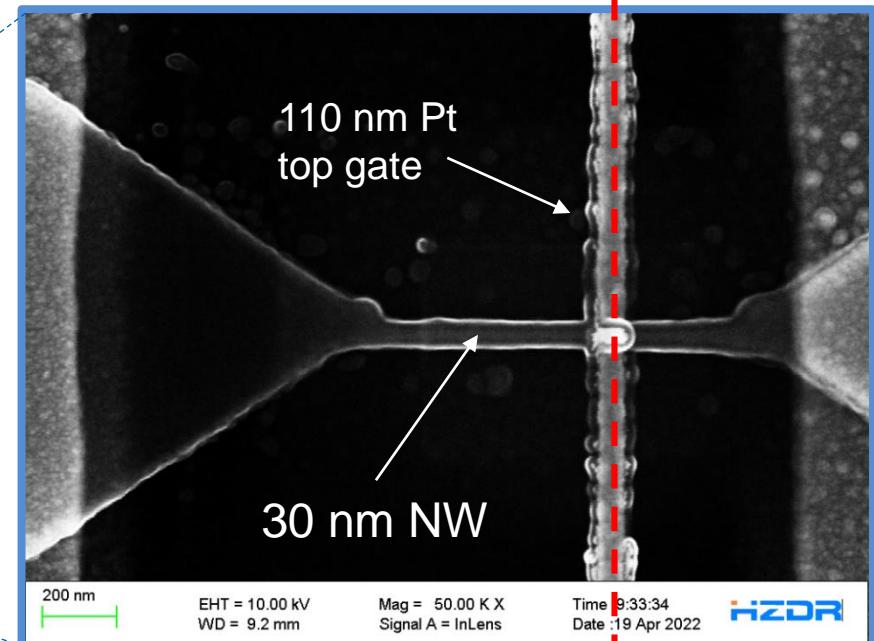
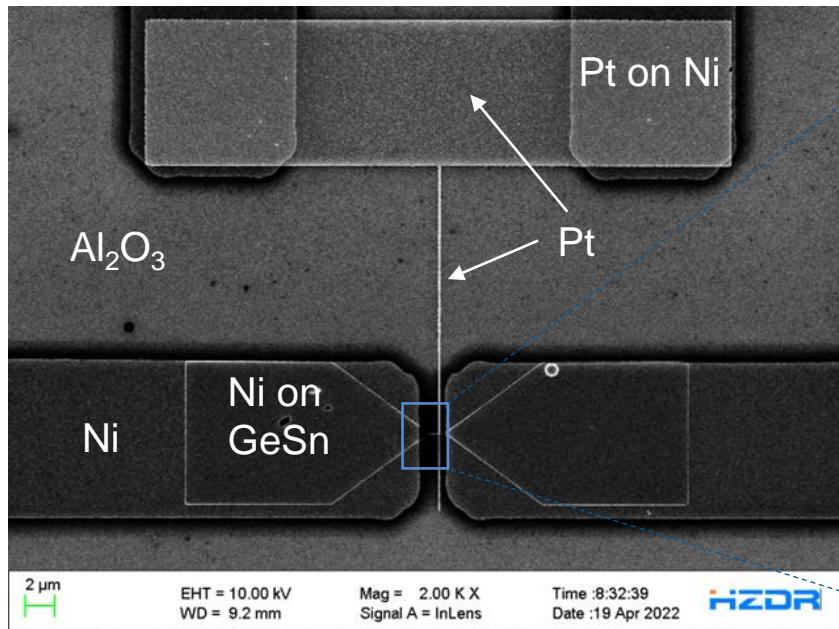
Transistor fabrication

Top gate fabrication

- PMMA spin coating
- EBL
- Development
- Pt evaporation

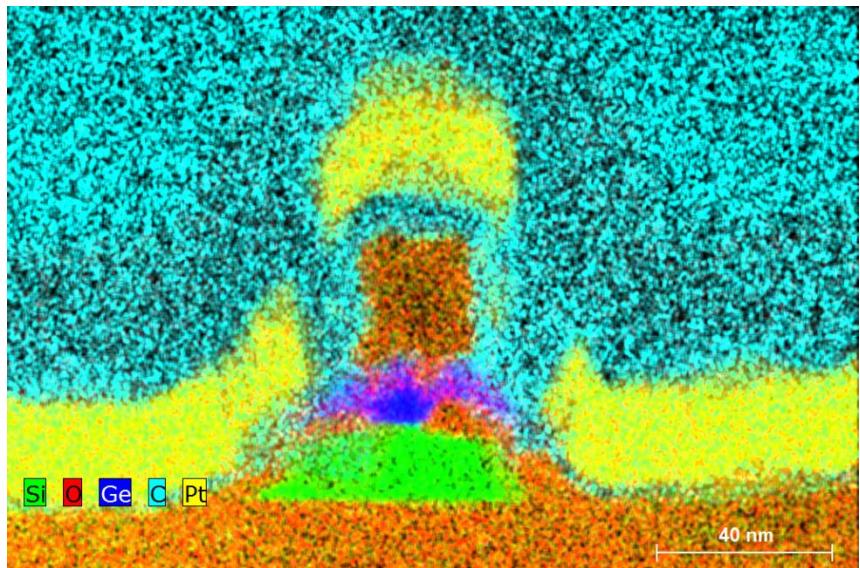
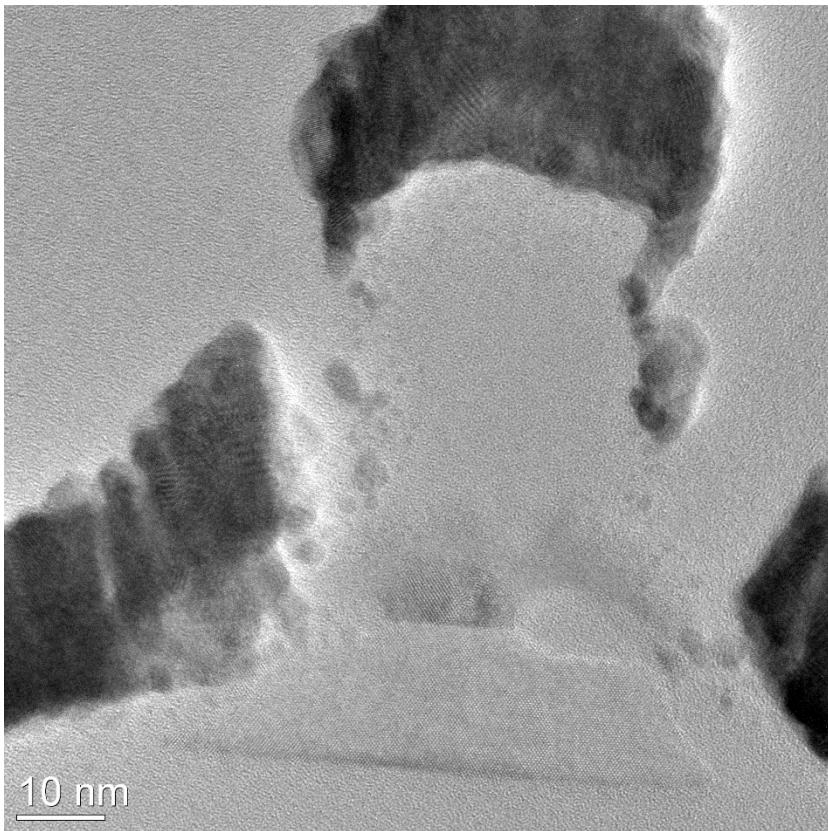
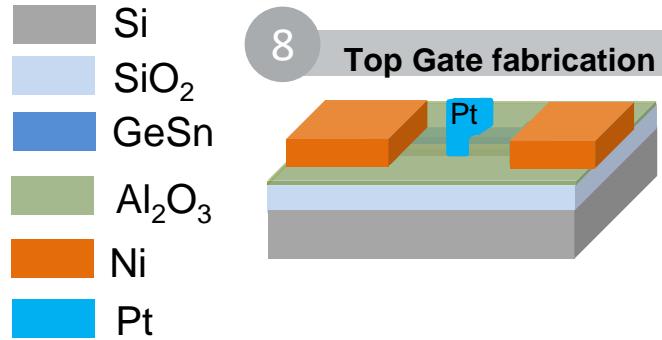


Cross section TEM



Transistor fabrication

Device analysis



Observation:

- RIE needs to be optimized
→ Cl based RIE
- Al_2O_3 dielectric is not visible
- Pt top gate not continuous

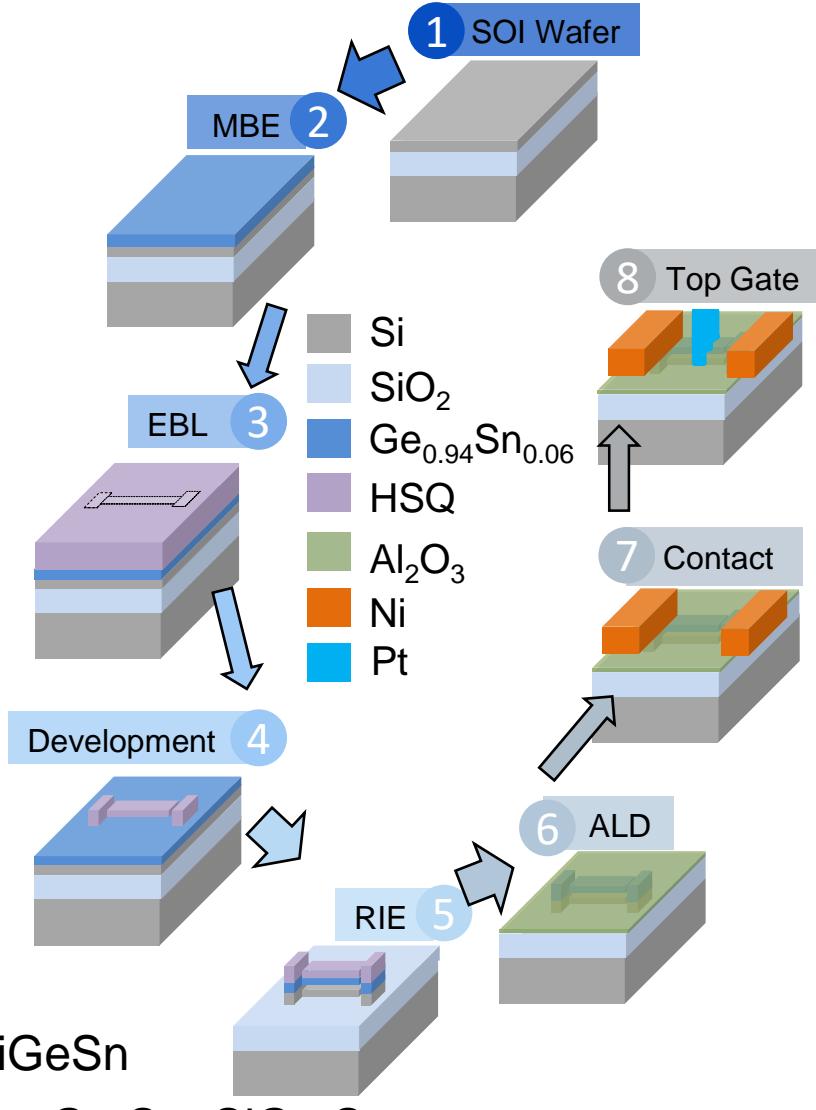
Outline

Group IV semiconductor alloys:
From material towards first Junction-Less Nanowire Transistors

Motivation
Challenges
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- Material analysis -
- Device analysis -
Summary

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- Material analysis:
 - GeSn layer by MBE
 - Layer stack
 - Chemical composition
 - Post growth FLA improves layer quality
- Device analysis:
 - Most process steps are usable
- Other Materials:
 - MBE: GeSn, SiGeSn
 - Ion implantation: Ge:Sn, SiGe:Sn



No	Step name	Status
2	MBE	✓
3 NW patterning	3-1 Spin coating MAN 1420	✓
	3-2 Post bake	✓
	3-3 Oxide etching	✓
	3-4 Si-SiO ₂ deposition Marker	✓
	3-5 Lift off	✓
	3-6 Oxide etching	✓
	3-7 HSQ spin coating	✓
	3-8 Post bake	✓
4	Development	✓
5	ICP RIE	X
6 ALD	6-1 Stripping HSQ	✓
	6-2 Al_2O_3 deposition	⚠
7 Contact formation	7-1 Spin coating	✓
	7-2 Post bake	✓
	7-3 Oxide etching	⚠
	7-4 Ni deposition	✓
	7-5 Lift off MAN 1420	✓
	7-6 FLA contact formation	✓
	7-7 Pre bake	✓
8 Top contact	7-2 Spin coating PMMA	✓
	7-3 Post bake	✓
	7-4 EBL	✓
	7-5 PMMA Development	✓
	7-6 Pt deposition	⚠
	7-7 Lift off	✓

* Cleaning steps are not included