

# PLS Advanced Diffusion Model



New Advanced Diffusion Model for Dopants in Silicon



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# Advanced Dopant Diffusion Model

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## Introduction

- PLS model was developed in close collaboration with CNRS-Phase, CEA-Leti and Silvaco France
- The idea was to have:
  - A unique model for simulation of dopant diffusion and activation for advanced technologies
  - A physical model
  - One set of model parameters
  - Accurate simulation of TED
  - Easy to use, modular and flexible model

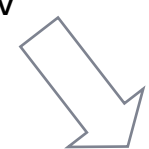


## Why a New Diffusion Model ?

- A high concentration of point defect created by the implantation step induces a fast acceleration of the diffusion (TED)
  - What older model can simulate:
    - Defect/dopant coupling diffusion
    - Frenkel pair annihilation
    - Recombination at the surface or in the bulk
  - What older model cannot simulate:
    - Defect clusters formation like  $\langle 311 \rangle$  defects, dislocation loops...
    - Mixed dopant/defect clusters like BIC, AsnV



Modifies the defect evolution  
and thus dopant diffusion

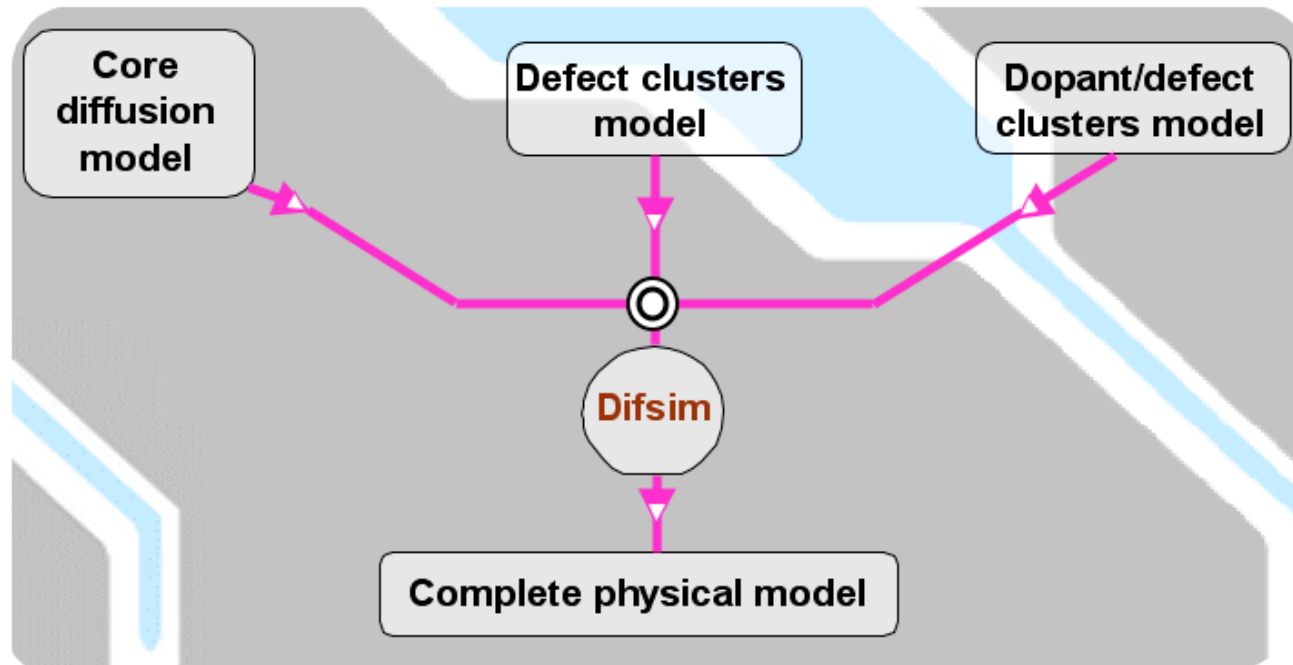


Induces an immobilization and  
inactivation of the dopant



# PLS Model

- One phenomena: one model
- PLS model = Three coupled models



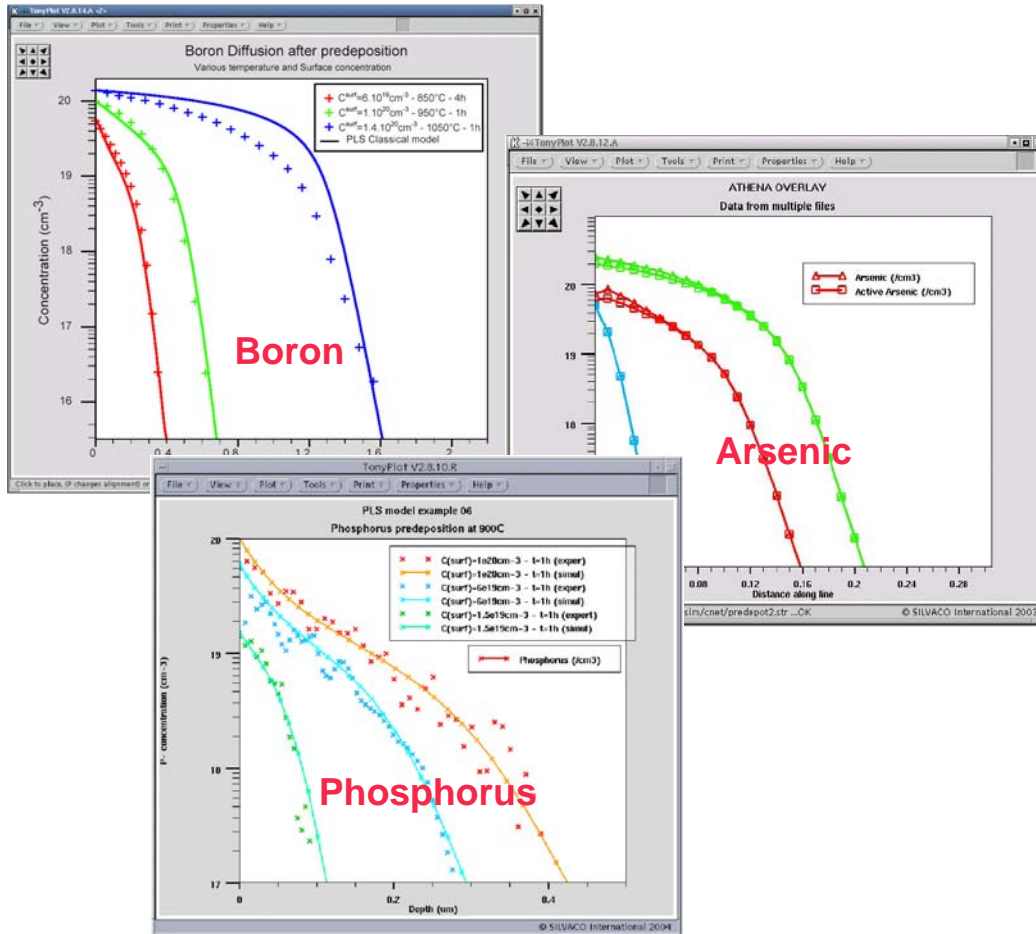


## Core Diffusion Model

- Key Features:
  - Physical Model based on Fick law and various reactions occurring during annealing
  - Dopant migrates with the help of point defects
  - Charge states for point defects and pairs dopant/defects are taken into account
  - Recombination and exodiffusion at the surface
  - Dynamic model for transient phenomena (ICs, BiC, AsnV ..)
  - Dynamic simulation of dopant activation (solid solubility)



# Core Diffusion Model Results



- **PLS model** simulation of a pre-deposition which represents a meaningful test for advanced diffusion models
- **PLS model** is able to reproduce the characteristic profiles of each dopants

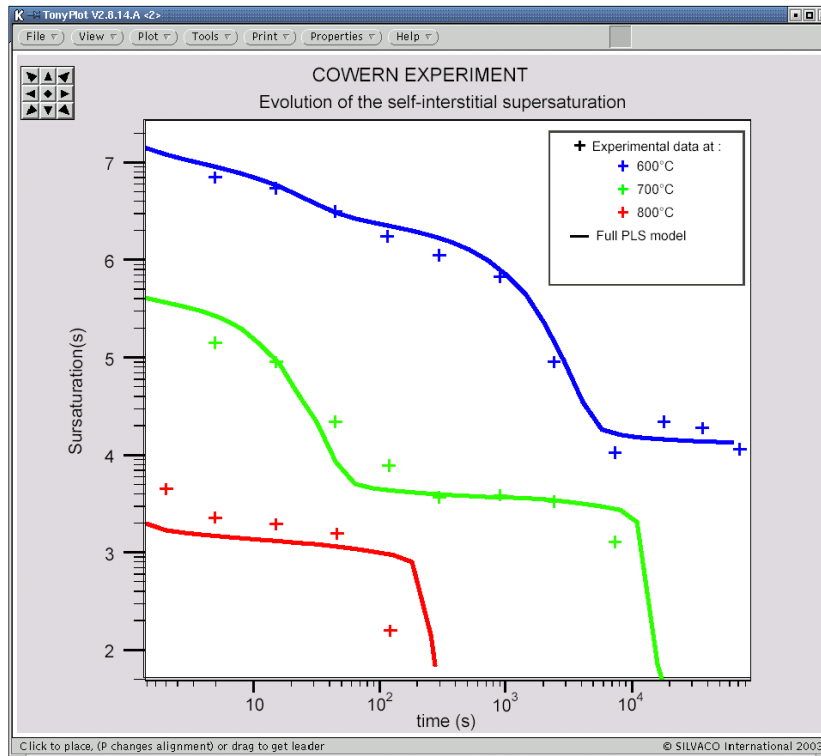


## Interstitial Cluster Model

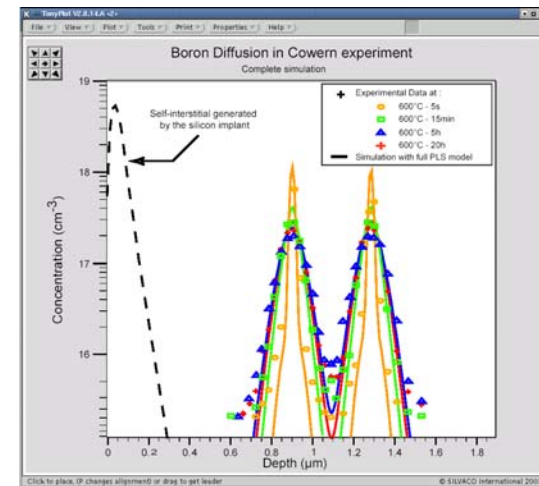
- Key Features:
  - Physical Model based on recent works done in the literature on Ostwald Ripening theory
  - Various type of extended defects are taken into account:
    - Small clusters
    - $\langle 311 \rangle$  defects
    - Perfect and faulted dislocation loops
  - Ability to predict accurately the diffusion acceleration



# Interstitial Clusters Model Results



- **PLS model** simulation of Cowern experiment allows to predict accurately the evolution of silicon self-interstitial. This evolution controls the acceleration of the dopant diffusion (TED).



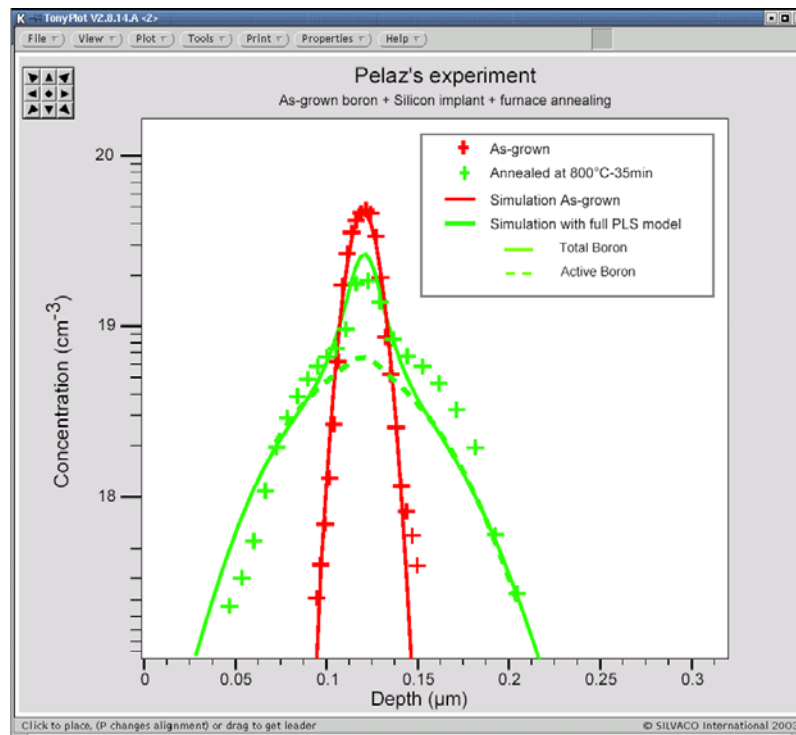


## Mixed Dopant/Defect Clusters Model

- Key Features:
  - Physical Model based on recent ab-initio calculations
  - For Boron, various type of BICs are possible:
    - B2I and BI2 are precursors
    - B3I and B4I2 are estimated to be more stable
  - Arsenic Vacancy clusters  $As_nV$
  - Ability to easily add some new reactions in order to improve simulations



# Mixed Dopant/Defect Clusters Model

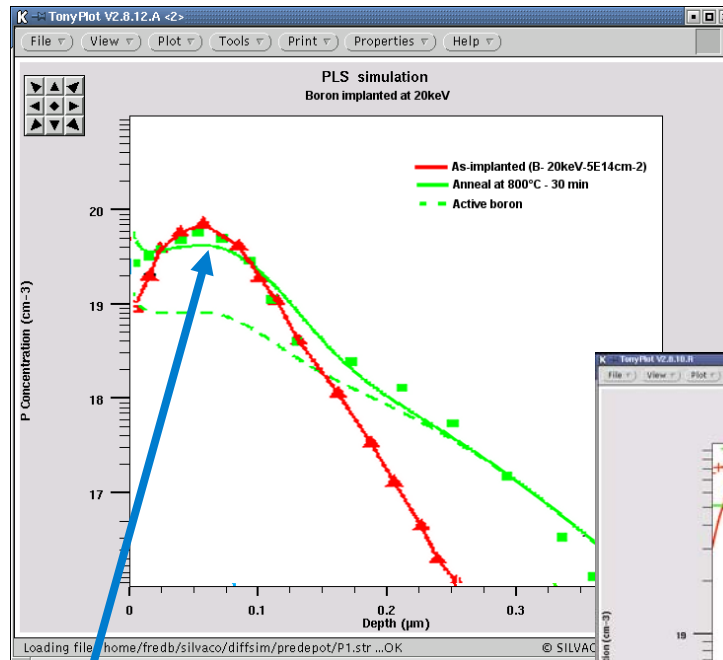


- PLS model simulation of Pelaz experiment allows to predict accurately the immobilization and the inactivation of boron. This is mainly due to the formation of mixed dopant/defect clusters (BIC)

experimental setup: 800°C/30 min

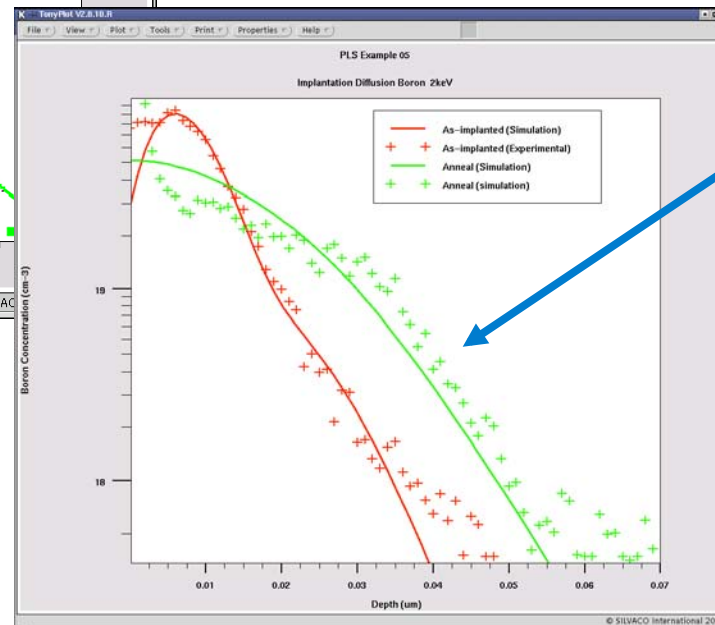


# Full PLS Model Simulations on Implantation/ Diffusion



Prediction of the inactivation of dopant at the concentration pic

- PLS model simulation of boron diffusion after implantation at medium (20keV) and low (2keV) energy implantation

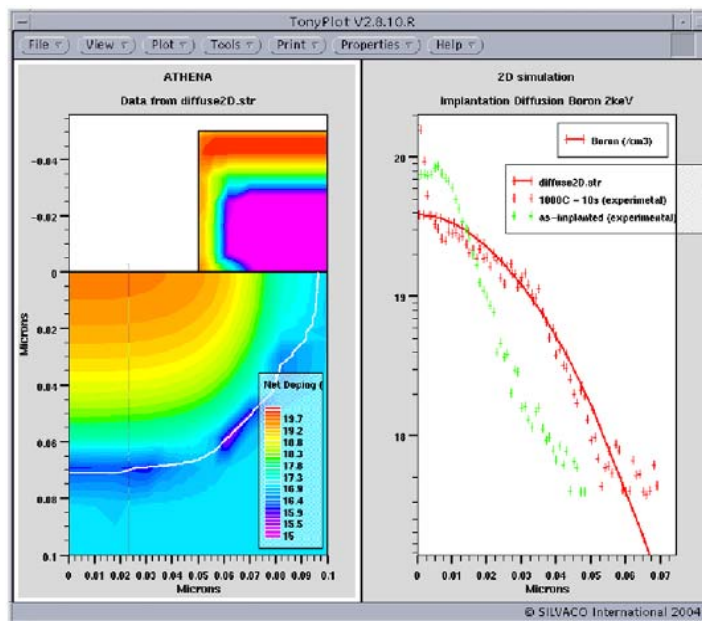


Simulation of rapid thermal anneal



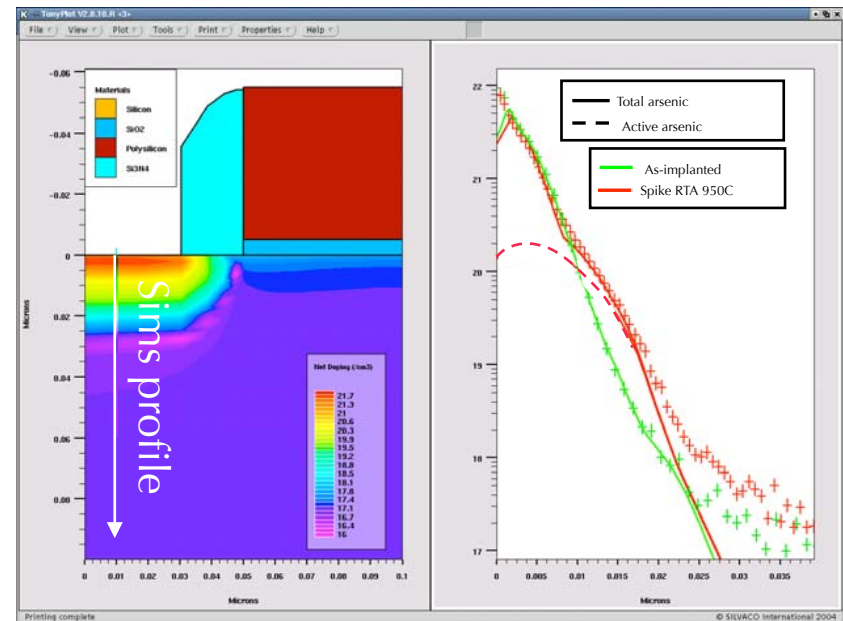
# PLS Model in 2D

## Arsenic



Boron implanted at 2 keV –  $10^{14}\text{cm}^{-2}$  and annealed at 950°C – 10s

## Boron

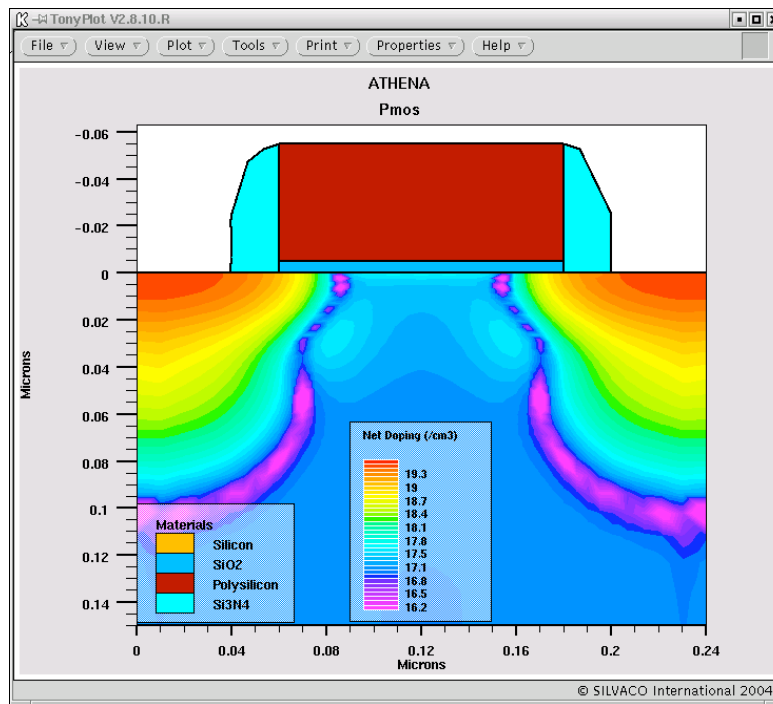


Arsenic implanted at 2 keV –  $10^{14}\text{cm}^{-2}$  and spike-annealed at 950°C with a ramp up estimated at 100°C/s.

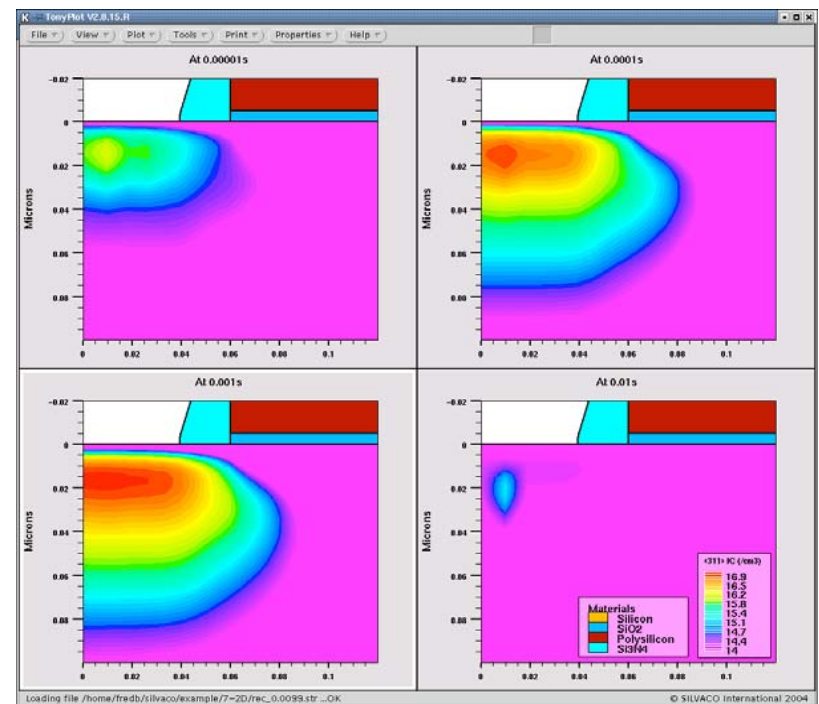


# PLS Model in 2D

## Boron + Arsenic halo



## <311> defects





## Conclusion and Future Development

- Conclusion:
  - Fully integrated in SILVACO tools
  - Full physical model with ability to perform advanced simulations
  - Possibility to easily add more equations to take into account more phenomena
- Ongoing development:
  - Fully coupled with BCA implantation simulation with interstitial and vacancy profiles as initial conditions
  - Taking into account other impurities such as Carbon or Fluorine
  - Simulation of defect engineering: formation of Vacancy Clusters