

WO₃ and W Thermal Atomic Layer Etching Using “Conversion-Fluorination” and “Oxidation-Conversion-Fluorination” Etching Mechanisms

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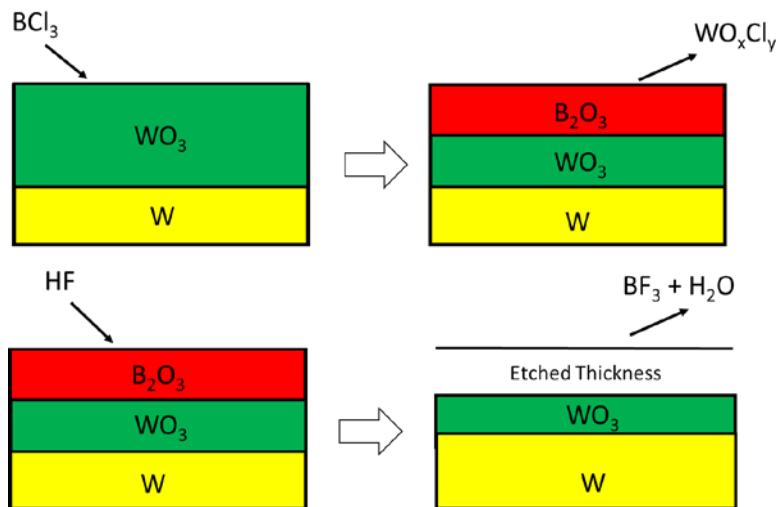


Figure S1. “Conversion-fluorination” etching mechanism where the WO₃ surface is first converted to a B₂O₃ layer and then the B₂O₃ layer is etched by forming volatile BF₃ and H₂O.

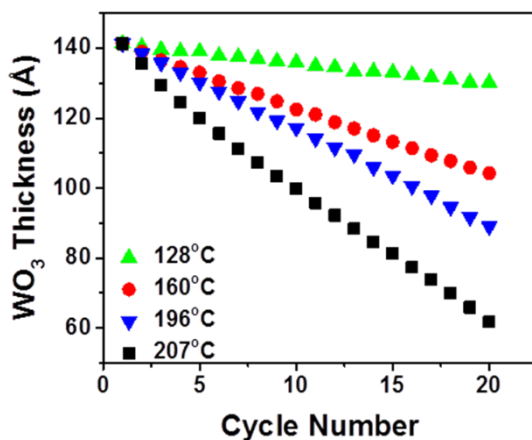


Figure S2. WO₃ thickness versus cycle number during WO₃ ALE using BCl₃ and HF as the reactants for different temperatures. The WO₃ ALE etch rates increase with temperature from 0.55 Å/cycle at 128°C to 4.19 Å/cycle at 207°C.