

Fig. 1. (a) Raw in-situ SE data for Ru growth on blanket Si-H and O_2 -plasma cleaned (O_2^*) SiO_2 substrates suggesting that a selectivity window of about 70 cycles is present for the RuO_4/H_2 -process. (b) One TMA pulse of 10s at 0.005 mbar on the plasma cleaned SiO_2 substrate completely removes the nucleation delay of the Ru ALD process ($SiO_2 + O_2^* + TMA$), while performing an oxygen plasma after the TMA pulse reestablishes the nucleation delay ($SiO_2 + O_2^* + TMA + O_2^*$).

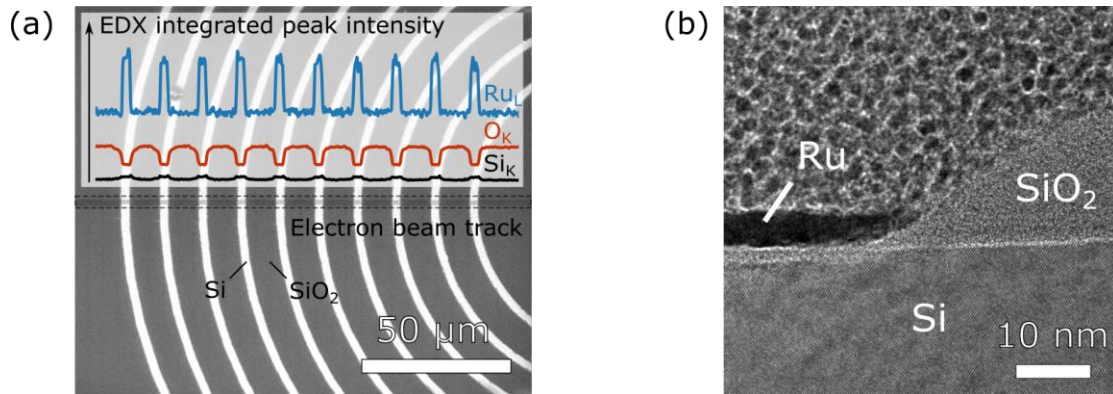


Fig. 2. (a) Planar view SEM analysis of patterned Si-H lines (3 μm width) on SiO_2 which were exposed to 20 cycles of the RuO_4/H_2 -process. The SEM micrograph was acquired after an EDX line scan perpendicular to the Si lines and is overlaid with the corresponding EDX data for Ru, O and Si. (b) Cross section HRTEM performed at the edge a patterned Si-H line. It is clear that the Ru grows selectively on the Si-H. detailed inspection of the SiO_2 region using HRTEM confirmed that no Ru was deposited on SiO_2

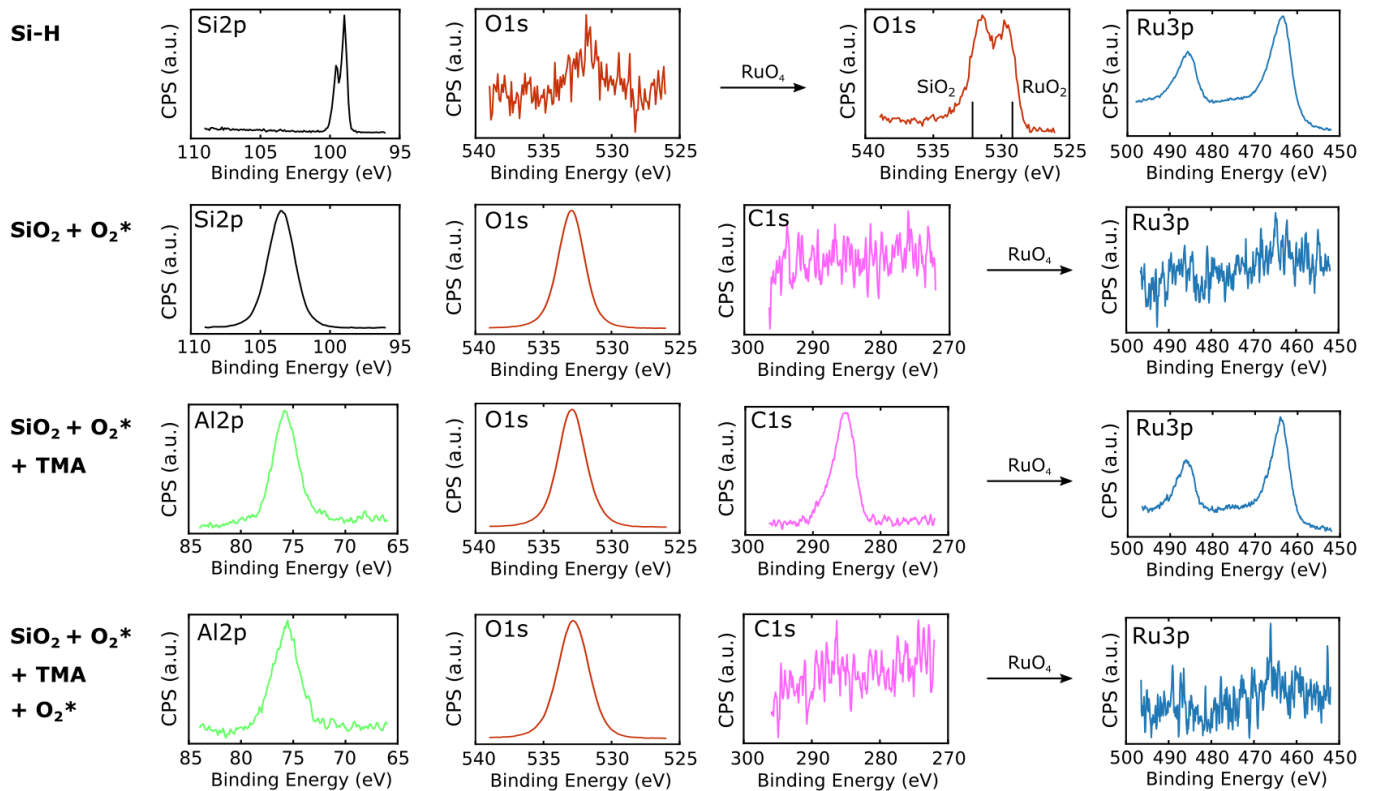


Fig. 3. In vacuo XPS data, acquired before (left) and after (right) a single 10s $ToRu_4$ pulse at 1.8 mbar, on different starting surfaces (indicated in bold on the left). On Si-H it is clear that Ru is deposited, and we can see a O1s contribution from both SiO_2 and RuO_2 (indicated by vertical bars). On O_2^* -treated SiO_2 , no Ru is deposited as the starting surface is already oxidized. If we pulse TMA (10s @ 0.005mbar), Al- CH_3 -groups are introduced on the surface which allows for RuO_4 to react with the surface and leads to Ru deposition. This is confirmed by performing a O_2 -plasma after the TMA pulse, which removes the CH_3 -groups (no C1s signal), and avoids the deposition of Ru.