

Figure 1: Schematic of a physical approach to ASD. A non-selective ALD process is combined with sputter etching by ions. These ions are much more effective at etching material on substrates containing heavy atoms, resulting in a net deposition only on surfaces without heavy atoms.

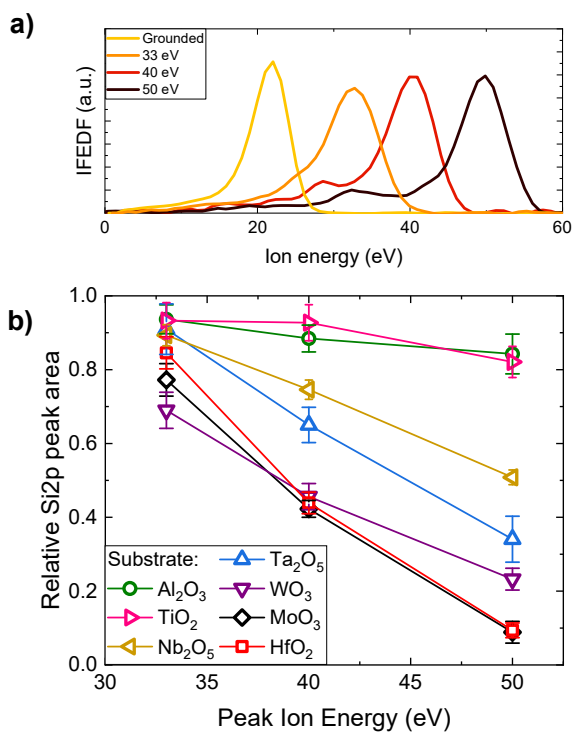


Figure 2: a) Ion flux energy distribution functions (IFEDFs) of the Ar plasmas, as measured by a retarded field energy analyzer. b) Relative Si_{2p} peak area as measured by x-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) of SiO₂ after a $5.6 \cdot 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ Ar ion dose, for various peak ion energies. The SiO₂ was deposited by three ALD cycles on different substrates. This relative Si_{2p} peak area after etching is normalized to the Si_{2p} peak area before etching.

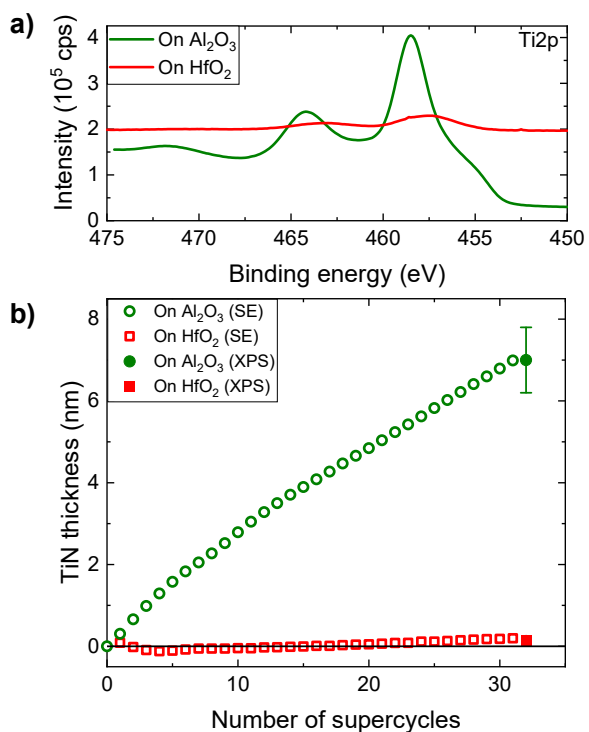


Figure 3: a) Ti_{2p} (XPS) spectra after 32 supercycles consisting of 6 TiN ALD cycles followed by a $5.0 \cdot 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ Ar ion dose at 50 V DC bias on HfO₂ and Al₂O₃. b) TiN thickness on HfO₂ and Al₂O₃ as measured by in-situ spectroscopic ellipsometry (SE, open symbols) after each deposition-etch supercycle. The TiN thickness has also been determined by XPS after 32 supercycles (closed symbols).