

FRAUNHOFER INSTITUTE FOR PHOTONIC MICROSYSTEMS IPMS



MEMS TECHNOLOGIES DRESDEN





SERVICES AT A GLANCE

Fraunhofer IPMS develops micro-electro-mechanical (MEMS) and micro-opto-electro-mechanical (MOEMS) systems, products and technologies. Using our 200 mm state-of-the-art clean room facility, our services range from feasibility studies to process technology development all the way to complete fabrication processes including prototyping and pre-series manufacturing for the rapidly growing fields of sensors and actuators. We are offering our deep technological expertise in the fields of bulk MEMS and surface MEMS as well as the monolithic integration of MEMS-on-CMOS.



MEMS Service Portfolio



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MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGIES

SURFACE MICROMACHINING

Fraunhofer IPMS generates surface micromachined microstructures applying sequences of deposition and etching processes of multiple structural layers. Moveable devices such as spatial light modulator or CMUTs are manufactured.

- PE-CVD for sacrificial layers
- Five-zone CMP for high plantarity
- Gas phase etch release (HF + XeF₂)
- ALD for barrier layer
- Anti-stiction layer



Bulk micromachining allows us to create moveable and electrically isolated three-dimensional structures into silicon substrate (the bulk). Using excellent mechanical and electrical (by doping) properties of monocrystalline silicon.

- DRIE up to AR > 30
- TMAH etch for backside opening
- PVD for high reflectivity coatings
- Grinder for thinning
- Trench filling for isolation



1 bare silicon wafer 2 sacrificial layer 3 patterning 4 moveable part 5 top mask

6 patterning & etching 7 GPE release



1 bare silicon wafer 2 hard mask 3 hard mask patterning 4 DRIE etching 5 mask removal

ACTIVE SILICON

Fraunhofer IPMS Dresden manufactures wafer-level devices that utilize the chemical and physical properties of functional layers, for example in the ionsensitive field-effect transistor for the measurement of pH values.

- Thermal oxidation for gateoxide (SiO₂)
- Annealing (RTP/RTA)
- TMAH Etch for backside opening
- Deposition of active layers (e.g. Ta₂O₅)

MEMS-ON-CMOS TECHNOLOGY

Fraunhofer IPMS is offering the complete manufacturing chain to apply surface and bulk micromachining on customized CMOS substrates for applications such as spatial light modulators, capacitive micro-machined ultrasonic or actuator arrays. Using foundry-fabricated CMOS backplanes, we are able to shorten development times for these highly integrated devices focusing on MEMS-CMOS interface, MEMS integration and fabrication.

200 MM MEMS CLEAN ROOM

