# Phosphorus-diffused LPCVD Polysilicon Passivated Contacts via Low Pressure Oxidation

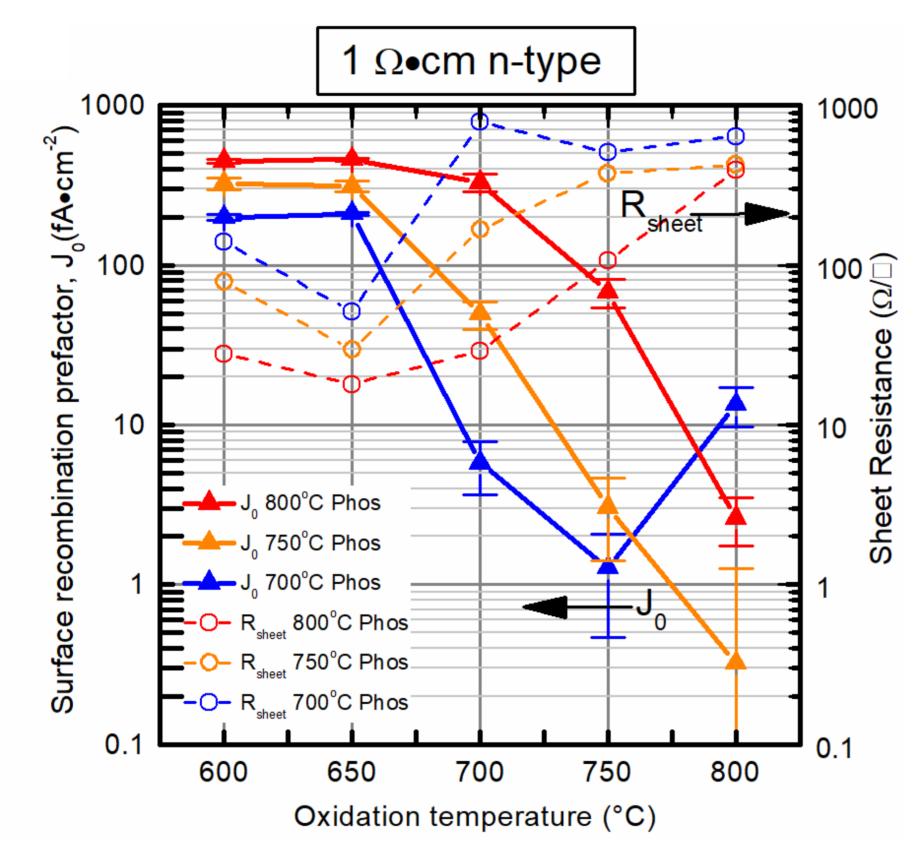
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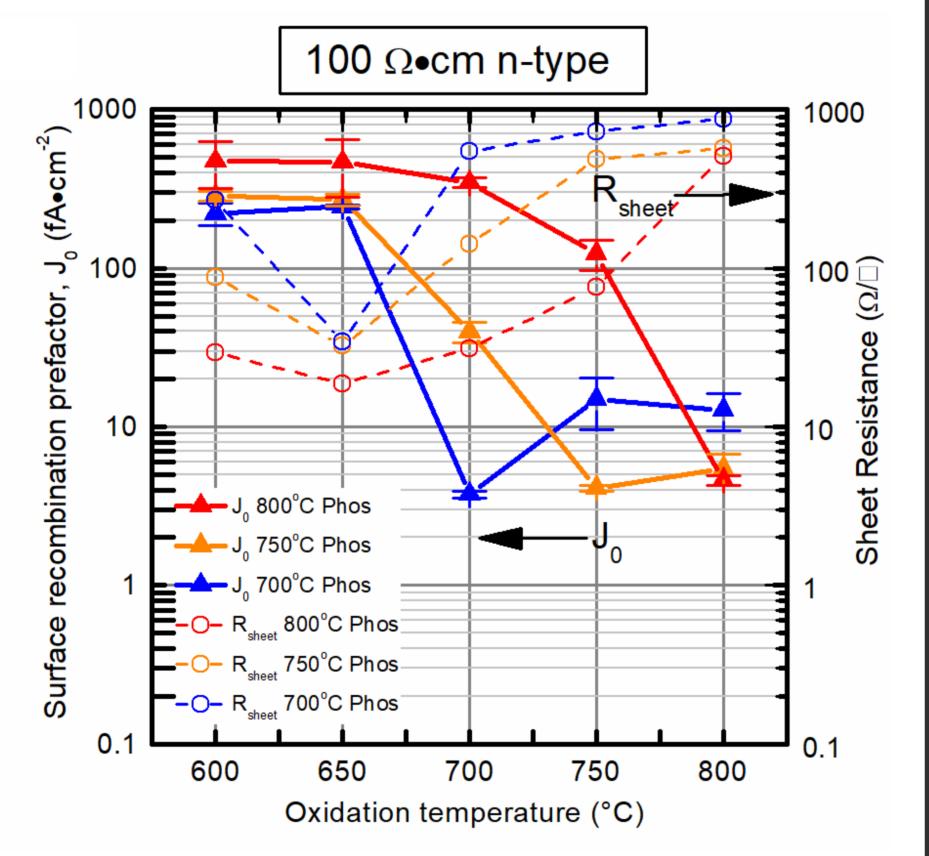
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- > Phosphorus-diffused Poly-Ox passivated contact, via LPCVD with in-situ low pressure oxidation.
- $\succ$  Lowest measured  $J_0 = 0.3$  fA·cm<sup>-2</sup>, with excellent passivation on both 1 and 100  $\Omega$ ·cm wafers.
- $\geq$  Lowest measured  $\rho_c < 1 \text{ m}\Omega \cdot \text{cm}^2$ , below measurement limit of method used.

#### 1. J<sub>0</sub> and R<sub>sheet</sub>

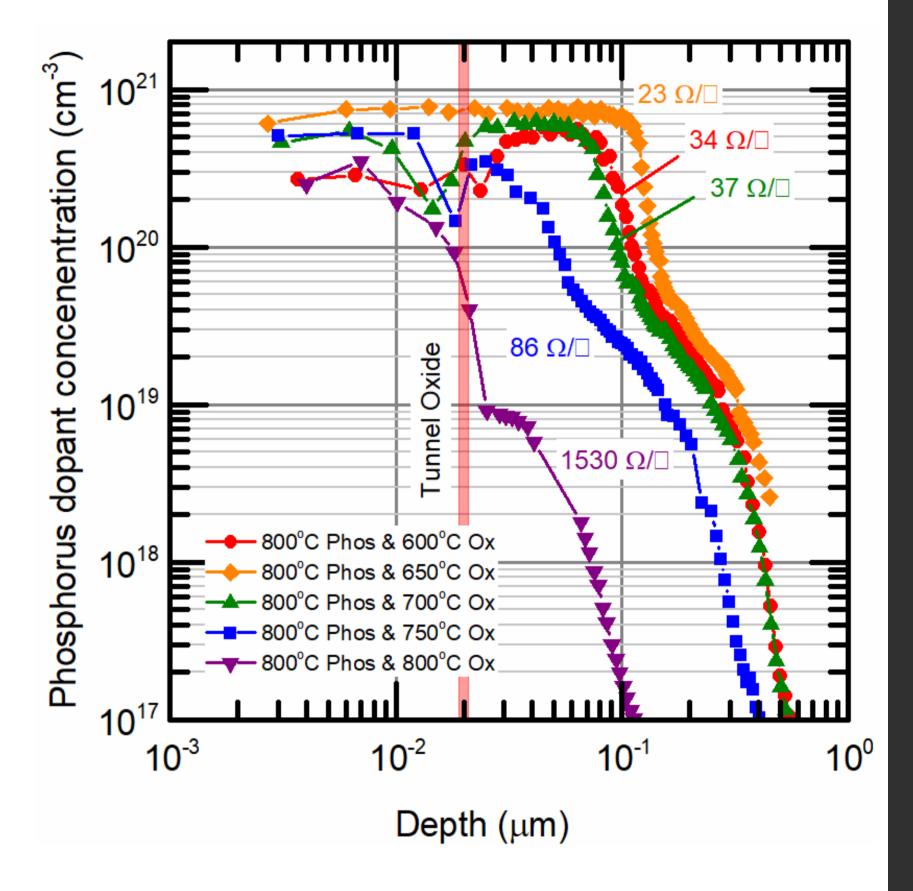
- Lowest  $J_0$  was  $0.3 \pm 0.8$  fA·cm<sup>-2</sup> on 1 Ω·cm wafer, and  $3.7 \pm 0.2$  fA·cm<sup>-2</sup> on 100 Ω·cm wafer.
- ➤ Strong correlation is observed between low J<sub>0</sub> and high R<sub>sheet</sub>.
- Condition for excellent  $J_0$  is broad, and is achieved for a wide range of conditions.
- ► Lifetime samples measured implied- $V_{oc}$  > 735 mV, with bulk lifetimes > 70 ms on 100 Ω·cm wafer.





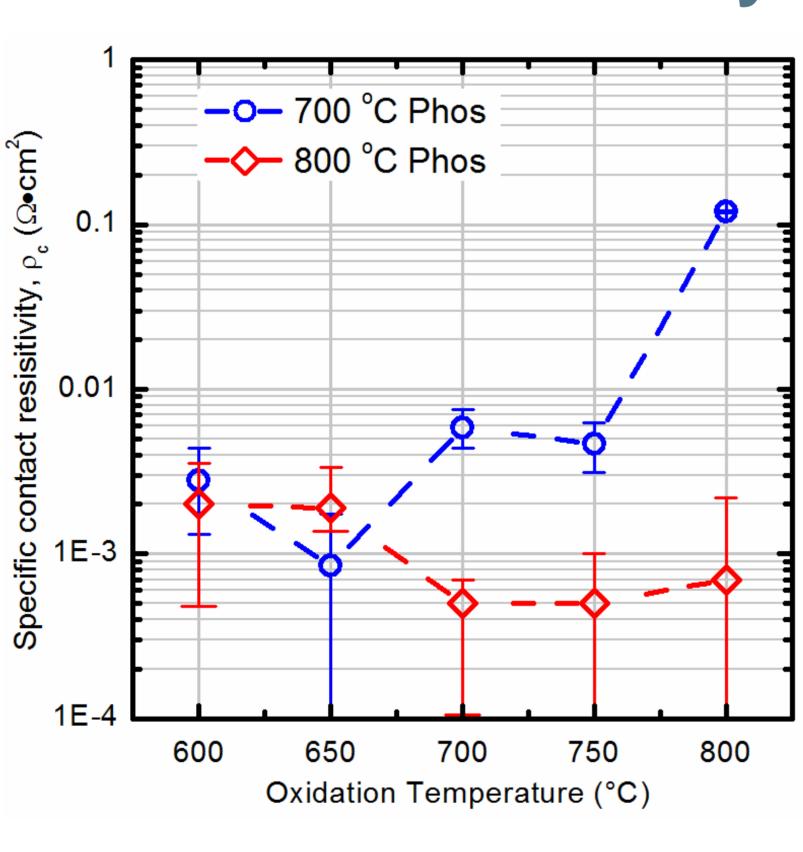
### 2. Doping profiles

- Strong influence of oxide thickness to the doping profile.
- $\blacktriangleright$  Minimizing dopant penetration into Si appears paramount for low  $J_0$ .
- ➤ Modelling indicates high J<sub>0</sub> for low R<sub>sheet</sub> samples are due to additional recombination in the diffused region.



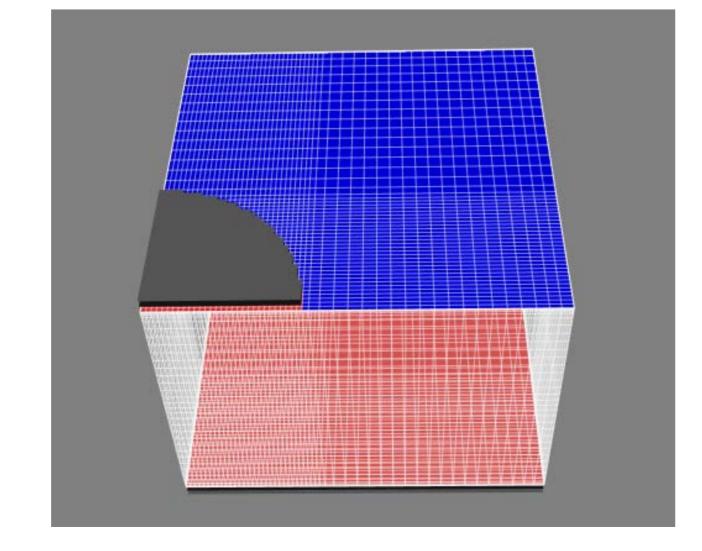
	Measured		Modelled	
Oxide Temp	<b>J</b> <sub>0</sub>	<b>R</b> <sub>sheet</sub> (PCD)	<b>J</b> <sub>0</sub> (U <sub>Auger</sub> and U <sub>surf</sub> only)	<b>R</b> <sub>sheet</sub> (ECV profile in Si bulk)
(°C)	(fA•cm <sup>-2</sup> )	(Ω·□)	(fA•cm <sup>-2</sup> )	(Ω·□)
600	357	29	38	34
650	355	19	15	23
700	345	31	30	37
750	123	75	21	86
800	4.6	509	0.3	1530

## 3. Contact Resistivity



Measured using modified Cox and Strack (C&S) structure and fitted to Quokka 3D ohmic simulations to deduce  $\rho_c$ .

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  ho_c$  of  $< 1 \ m\Omega \cdot cm^2$  is achieved for a wide range of conditions.
- > p<sub>c</sub> is often below measurement limit of the method.



#### 4. Conclusion

- $\succ$  Excellent J<sub>0</sub> and ρ<sub>c</sub> is achieved simultaneously J<sub>0</sub> < 3 fA·cm<sup>2</sup> and ρ<sub>c</sub> < 1 mΩ·cm<sup>2</sup>.
- Oxide thickness is crucial to control phosphorus diffusion.
- ➤ Low J<sub>0</sub> values are achieved with minimal diffusion into the Si bulk.

