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[54] PROCESS FOR DEPOSITING A THIN-FILM LAYER OF MAGNETIC MATERIAL ONTO AN INSULATIVE DIELECTRIC LAYER OF A SEMICONDUCTOR SUBSTRATE

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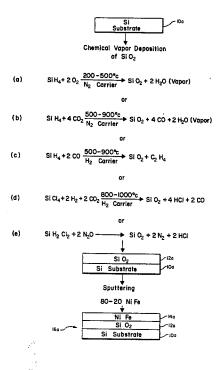
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[57] ABSTRACT

The present invention is directed to a process for depositing a thin-film layer of magnetic material onto an insulative dielectric layer of a semiconductor substrate such that the layer of magnetic material completely and permanently adheres to the insulative dielectric layer. A product within the scope of the present invention is prepared by taking a semiconductor substrate, such as a silicon wafer, and through a chemical-vapor deposition process depositing a layer of an insulative dielectric (such as the silicon dioxide or silicon nitride) on the layer, and subsequently depositing a layer of a magnetic material (such as a nickel-iron alloy or a manganese-bismuth alloy) through a sputtering process onto the insulative dielectric layer.

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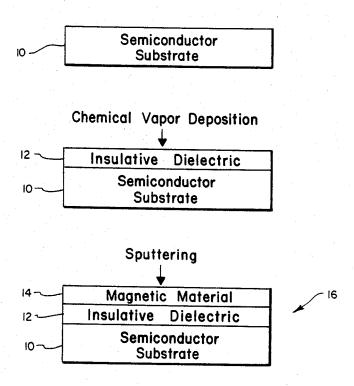
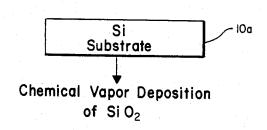


Fig. I



(a)
$$Si H_4 + 2 O_2 \xrightarrow{200-500^{\circ}c} Si O_2 + 2 H_2 O \text{ (Vapor)}$$

or

(b) Si H₄+4 CO₂
$$\frac{500-900^{\circ}\text{c}}{N_2 \text{ Carrier}}$$
 Si O₂ + 4 CO +2 H₂O (Vapor)

(c) Si H₄ +2 CO
$$\frac{500-900^{\circ}\text{C}}{\text{H}_2 \text{ Carrier}}$$
 Si O₂ + C₂ H₄

(d) Si Cl₄+2 H₂+2 CO₂
$$\frac{800-1000^{\circ}c}{H_2 \text{ Carrier}}$$
 Si O₂ +4 HCl + 2 CO

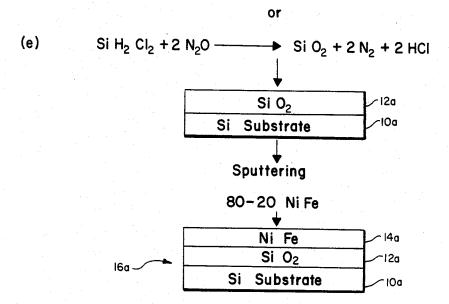
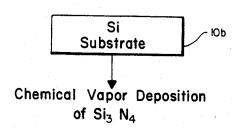


Fig. 2



(f)
$$3 \text{ Si H}_4 + 4 \text{ NH}_3 \frac{900-1100\text{°c}}{\text{H}_2 \text{ Carrier}} \Rightarrow \text{Si}_3 \text{ N}_4 + 12 \text{ H}_2 + 6 \text{ N}_2$$

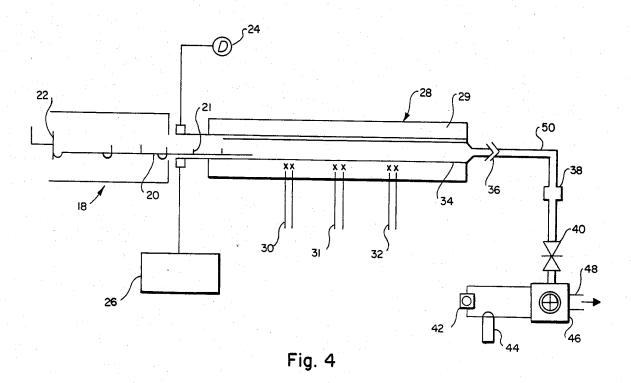
(g)
$$3 \text{ Si H}_4 + 4 \text{ NH}_3 \frac{600 - 700 \text{ c}}{N_2 \text{ Carrier}} \text{ Si}_3 \text{ N}_4 + 12 \text{ H}_2 + 6 \text{ N}_2$$

or 3 Si H₂ Cl₂ + 10 NH₃ ----→ Si₃ N₄ + 6 NH₄ CI + 6 H₂ (h) Si₃ N₄ Si Substrate Sputtering 80-20 Ni Fe

Si₃ N₄ Si Substrate

Fig. 3

Ni Fe



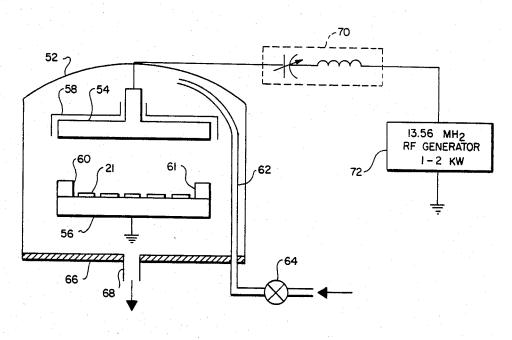


Fig. 5



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