A Novel NF$_3$-HDP-CVD Process for STI-Filling in Sub-90nm DRAM and Beyond

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A complete filling of the shallow trench isolations (STI) in sub-90nm DRAM is realized with the novel NF$_3$-HDP-CVD process. The gap-fill capability of the NF$_3$-HDP-CVD increased dramatically as NF$_3$ gas is added to the conventional SiH$_4$/O$_2$ chemistry of HDP-CVD process. The effect of the NF$_3$-HDP-CVD processed STI is investigated by analyzing the transistor characteristics and yield in 512M DRAM.