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Combinatorial deposition of microcrystalline Si films using multi-hollow discharge plasma CVD TAKEAKI MATSUNAGA, YUKI KAWASHIMA, KAZUNORI KOGA, WILLIAM MAKOTO NAKAMURA, KENTA NAKAHARA, HIDEFUMI MATSUZAKI, DAISUKE YAMASHITA, GIICHIRO UCHIDA, KUNIHIRO KAMATAKI, NAHO ITAGAKI, MASAHARU SHIRATANI — Recently, we have developed a multi-hollow discharge plasma CVD method by which fluxes of H and SiH₃ radicals and their flux ratio on a substrate can be varied with a distance z from the discharge region. In this study, we deposited Si films with different structures in a combinatorial way and evaluated z dependence of the film crystallinity by laser Raman spectroscopy. Films were deposited using the multi-hollow discharges of H₂+SiH₄ (0.33%) for a gas pressure P . Spatial profile of the deposition rate and the crystallinity significantly depend on z . For $P=2$ Torr, no films are deposited just near the discharges due to Si etching by H, μ c-Si films are deposited for $z=3-32$ mm. For $P=6$ Torr, μ c-Si films are deposited in a narrow region for $z=0-7$ mm. These results indicate that the spatial profile of the flux ratio of H to SiH₃ strongly depends on the gas pressure and a process window of microcrystalline Si films becomes quite narrow at a higher gas pressure.

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