

**New Prospects of Aberration corrected Scanning Transmission
Electron Microscopy**

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要旨

Aberration-corrected scanning transmission electron microscopy (STEM) enables the structural and chemical characterization of defect structures with sub-Ångström spatial resolution and single atom sensitivity. The reduced depth of field after aberration correction further provides depth sensitivity to obtain three-dimensional information of the sample [1].

Two prominent examples about the application of such techniques will be reported: the localization of single Hf atoms within a multilayered semiconductor device structure[2-4]; and the identification of interstitial point defect configurations in silicon [5]. For both applications, defect structures will be discussed in the framework of their influence on macroscopic properties.

During the final part of the presentation, *in situ* STEM techniques will be discussed that offer novel capabilities to characterize the evolution of atomic-scale defect structures under applied stress, such as heat, electrical fields and currents. First preliminary results will be reported, ranging from the dewetting of ultra-thin films on crystalline substrates, dielectric breakdown of CMOS devices, and pressure-less consolidation of ceramic powders.

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