### Diamond Fabrication

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### Overview

- Fabrication Methods in S-102
- Current Low Temperature Fabrication Scheme
- Notice and Problems in Each Step

### Fabrication Methods

Patterning	EBL / Optical Lithography (with Spin Coating / Baker) FIB
Layering & Etching	Sputter / Electron Beam Evaporation / ALD ICP / Plasma Clean
Observing	Optical Microscopy / Step Profiler / Film Thickness Gauge / AFM / SEM
Others	Chemical Process / Annealing

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# NV Density Estimation

• Ideal case:

>1NV per 100um\*100um area @ depth 5~8um

• Problem:

few shallow NVs -> ICP etch several microns

(deep NV leads to inefficient SIL fabrication)

## Piranha Clean

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# Piranha Clean

- Purpose: remove organic residual, especially oil
- Notice:



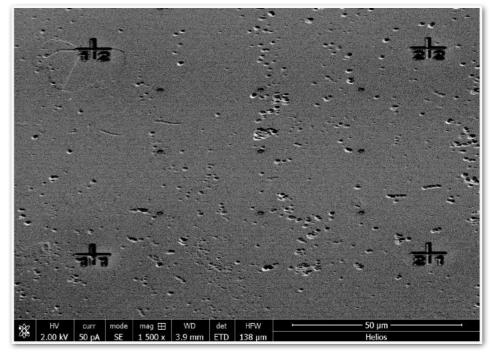
- Use microscope dark field mode to see whether it is clean after piranha
- Operation side up all the time (111 strip sample will roll during piranha clean)
- Nitrogen blow from inside, do NOT blow sample away
- Problem: time consuming -> multiple sample clean
- Link: <u>http://sealzhang.tk/experimental%20physics/2016/11/23/Piranha-Clean</u>

### ICP Etch

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# ICP Etch

- Purpose:
  - Remove several microns of surface (for 1. strain is strange near surface 2. few NVs near surface)
  - Remove Ga+ ion after FIB
  - Improve surface properties (eg. get a distinguished surface peak / a smooth surface)
- Notice:
  - Careful piranha clean before a deep etch
  - Outcome is quite recipe related
- Problem:
  - Gullies after ICP



• Link: <u>http://sealzhang.tk/experimental%20physics/2016/11/23/ICP</u>

### ICP Etch



- Machine: Oxford Instruments Plasmalab System 100
- Link: <u>http://www.oxfordplasma.de/systems/100II.htm</u>

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### Electron Beam Evaporation

- Purpose:
  - Avoid charge accumulation on the surface during FIB (20nm Al)
  - Serve as the master mask of waveguide (Ti60nm+Cr60nm+Au60nm)
- Notice:
  - Make sure the samples are well clipped
- Link: <u>http://sealzhang.tk/experimental%20physics/2016/11/23/</u> Electron-beam-Evaporation-Deposition

### Electron Beam Evaporation



- Machine: PLASSYS MEB 550S4
- Link: <u>https://plassys.com/evaporation-hv-uhv/</u>

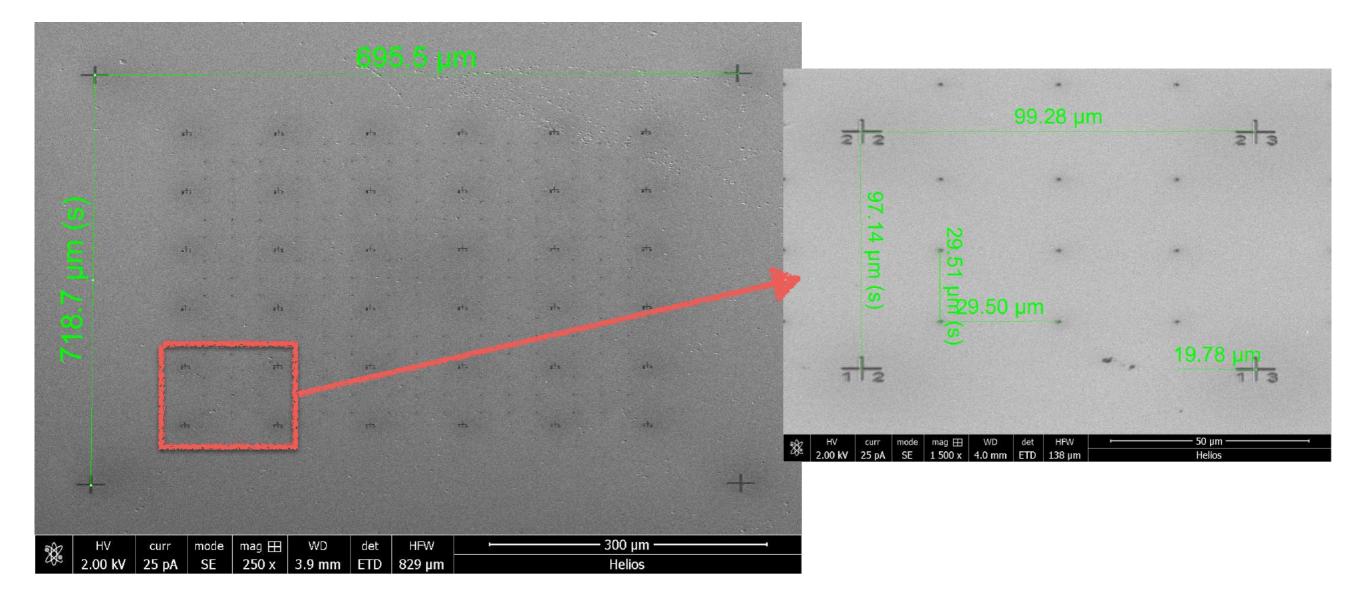
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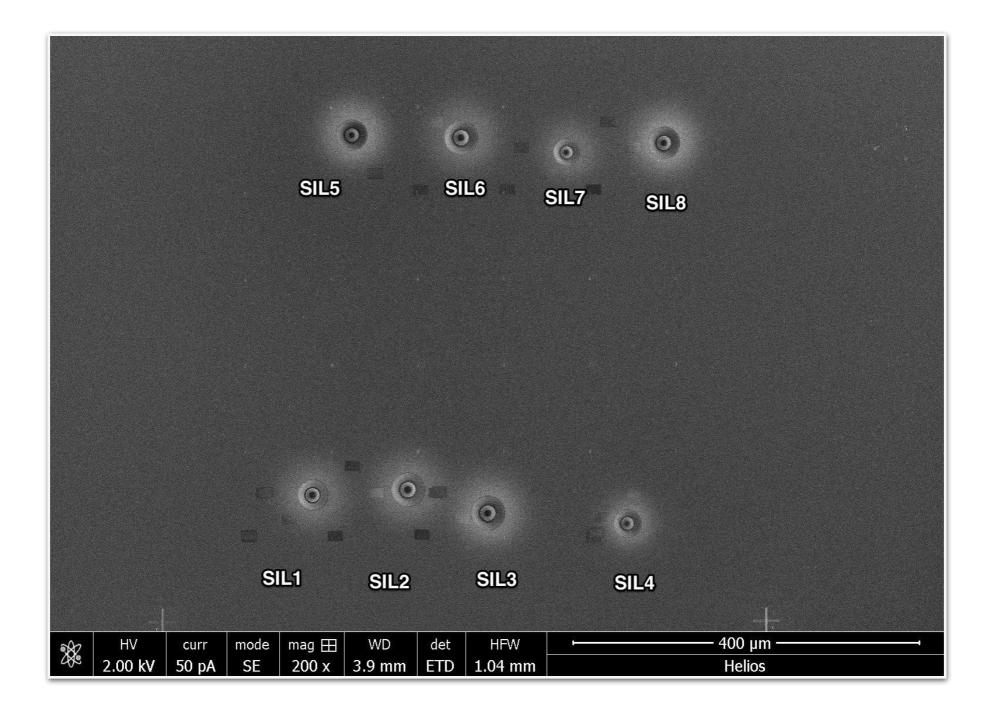
# Focused Ion Beam

- Purpose:
  - Generation of makers (for location of NVs) and chip names (for distinguish among different samples and different sides of a sample)
  - Generation of solid immersion lens (SIL)
- Notice:
  - Fix sample to stage by silver colloid before FIB
  - Remove silver colloid and AI after FIB
- Problem:
  - Processing time is long to fabricate a big SIL -> find shallow NVs / increase yield rate
- Link: <u>http://sealzhang.tk/experimental%20physics/2017/03/24/FIB-chipname-marker / http://sealzhang.tk/experimental%20physics/2016/11/23/FIB-SIL</u>

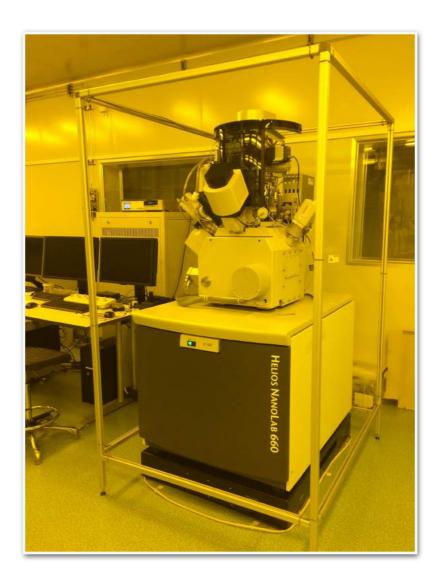
#### Focused Ion Beam: Markers



### Focused Ion Beam: SILs



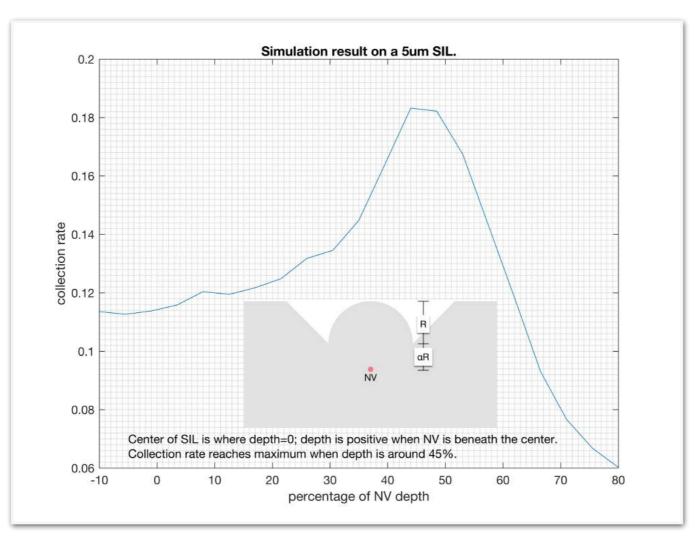
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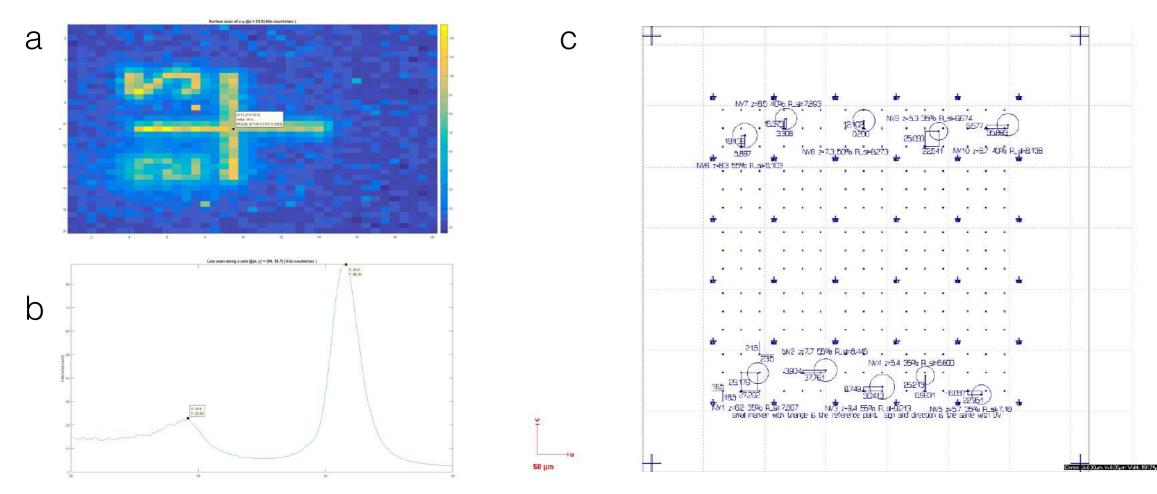
- Machine: Helios Nanolab 660
- Datasheet link: <u>https://www.fei.com/documents/helios-nanolab-660-datasheet/</u>

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- Purpose:
  - Find relative xy position and depth of NVs (markers as reference)
  - Design the size of SIL based on depth of NV
- Problem:
  - Enhancement of collection efficiency is largely dependent on relative depth of NV w.r.t. SIL center
  - Inaccuracy in location (especially in z direction) leads to low collection efficiency
- Link: <u>https://github.com/zhangchuheng123/NV\_program</u>



- Simulation -> unimodal with depth, optimal around 45%
- Empirical -> optimal around 30%



a. marker in confocal system

- b. surface peak and NV peak
- c. design graph of SIL

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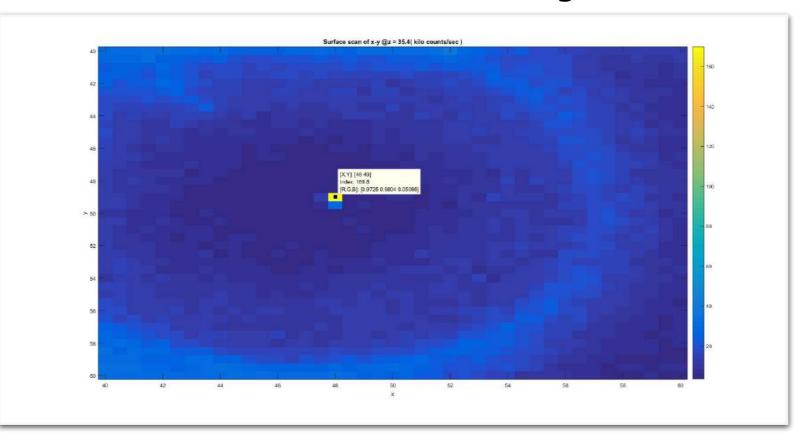
### Three-acid Clean

- Purpose:
  - Remove carbon residual induced by FIB etch
- Notice:
  - more or less similar to piranha clean
- Link: <u>http://sealzhang.tk/experimental%20physics/</u> 2016/11/23/three-acid-clean

# SIL Efficiency Test

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## SIL Efficiency Test



- Purpose:
  - Test NV count after SIL fabrication generally 5~10 times enhancement after SIL
  - Accumulate data: NV count vs. NV depth

# Depth Related Formulas

• 
$$R_{SIL} = \eta d_{measure} / (1 + \alpha)$$

before SIL

- $R_{SIL} = d_{measure} / (1 + \eta \alpha)$  after SIL
- Relation between real and measured depth

$$d_{real} = \sqrt{\frac{n_o n_d - NA^2}{n_o^2 - NA^2}} d_{measure} = \eta d_{measure}$$

oil 1.518 diamond 2.408 NA 1.49

• empirically,  $\eta \approx 1.7$ 

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### EBL and Relevant: Process

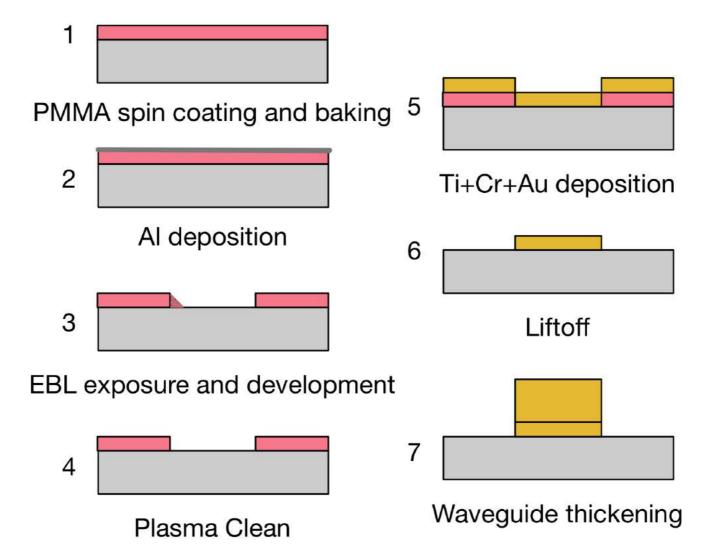


Figure. waveguide fabrication process

### EBL and Relevant: Result

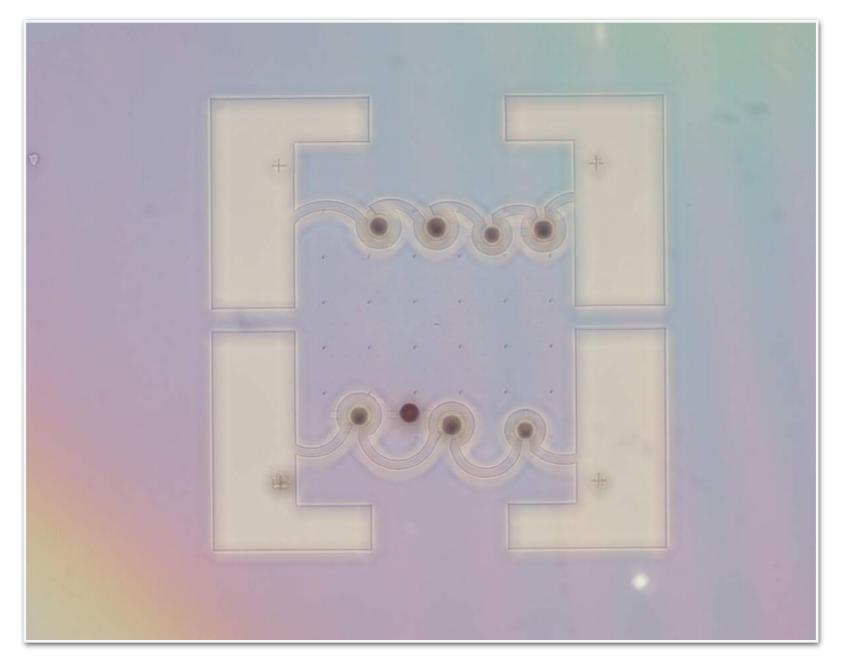
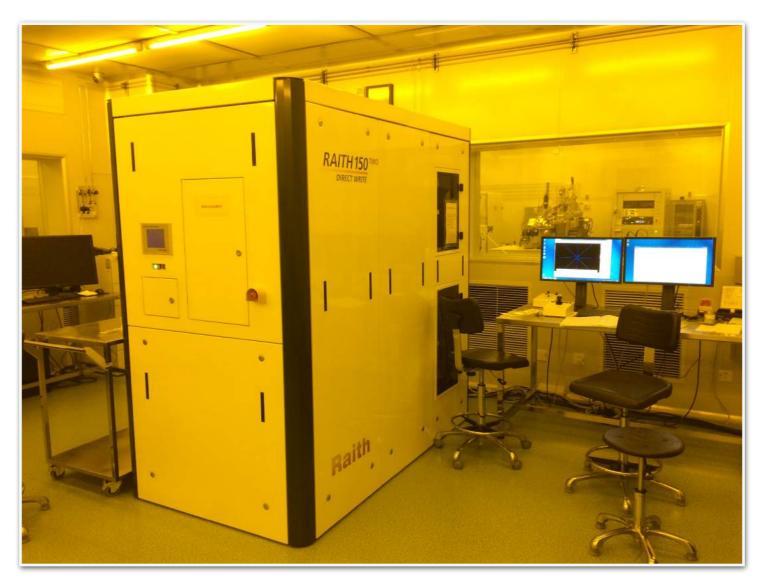


Figure. microscopy image of waveguide after liftoff

### EBL and Relevant

- Purpose:
  - Waveguide fabrication
- Notice:
  - Check EBL design file before start processing
  - Metal layer on SIL is hard to remove do liftoff carefully
- Problem:
  - NV disappearance after NV thickening
- Link: <u>http://sealzhang.tk/experimental%20physics/2016/11/23/PMMA-Spin-coating</u> <u>http://sealzhang.tk/experimental%20physics/2016/11/23/EBL</u> <u>http://sealzhang.tk/experimental%20physics/2017/03/24/liftoff</u>

### EBL and Relevant: EBL



- Machine: Raith 150 Two <a href="https://www.raith.com/products/raith150-two.html">https://www.raith.com/products/raith150-two.html</a>
- Line width: ~10nm
- Stitching / Overlay accuracy: ~ 35nm

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# AR Coating: ALD

- Purpose:
  - Avoid NV fluorescence reflection on the surface
- Problem:
  - Thickness of dielectric layer vs. NV count > optimal found theoretically and experimentally (by Huili)

# AR Coating: ALD



- Machine: Oxford Instruments FlexAL
- Link: <u>http://www.oxford-instruments.cn/products/etching-deposition-and-growth/tools/ald-systems/flexal</u>

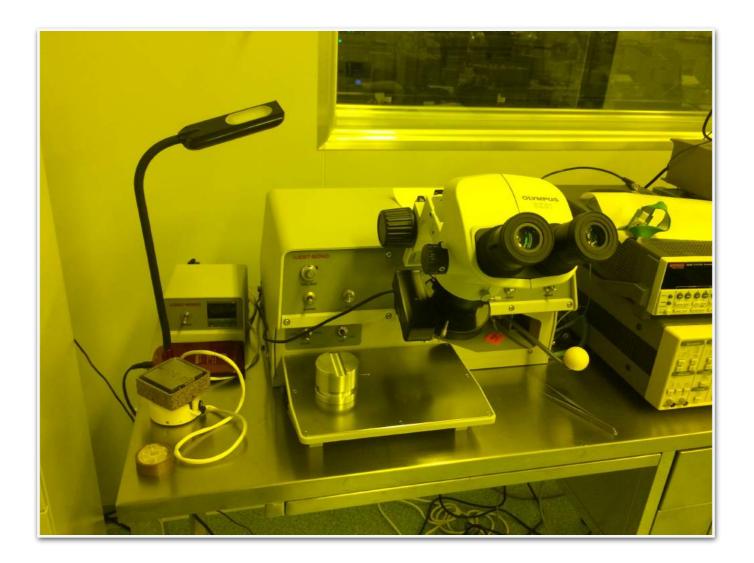
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# Wire Bonding

- Purpose:
  - Connect waveguide with microwave electrodes
- Notice:
  - Bonding voltage is dependent on wire material and substrate material - better follow empirical solution

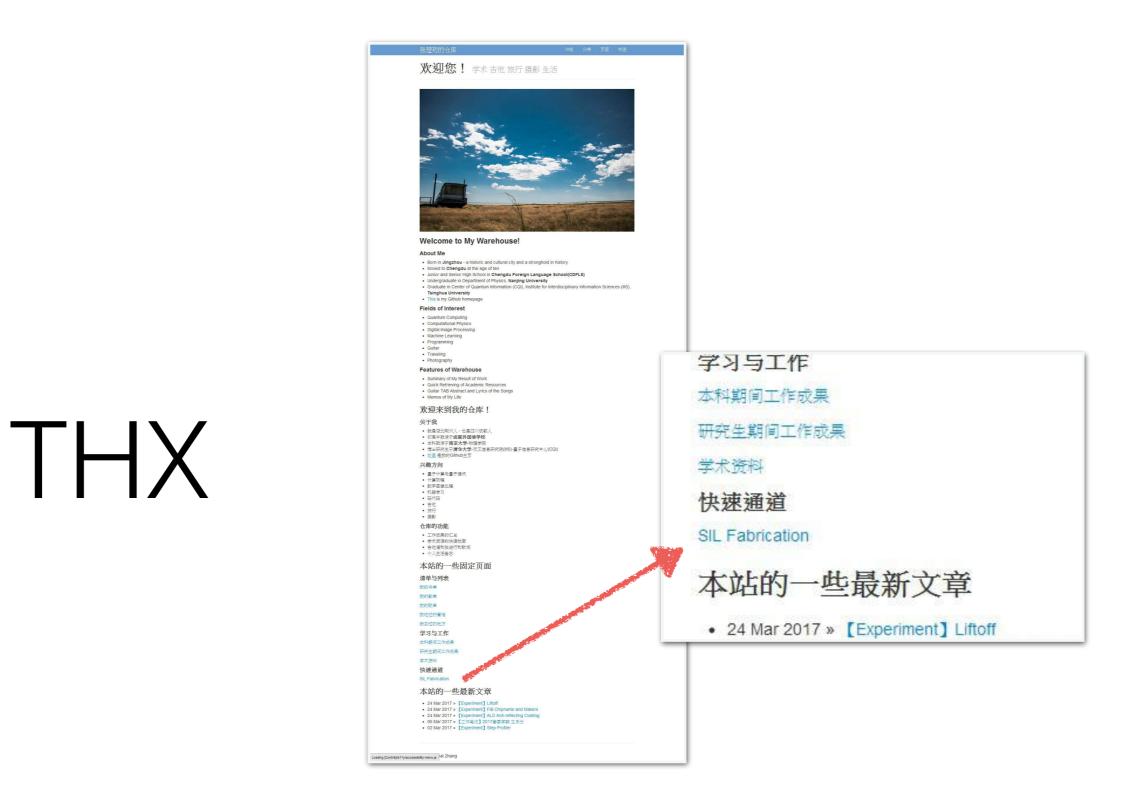
### Wire Bonder



- Machine: West-bond
- Link: <u>http://www.westbond.com/machines\_manual\_wire\_bonders.htm</u>

# Main Problem

- Unsatisfactory yield rate:
  - NV missing
    - Mechanism of missing after galvanization
  - Strange NV spectrum
    - Check NV spectrum before SIL fabrication
    - Etch several microns near surface / annealing
  - Unstable NV count promotion
    - More precise NV location
    - 111 face sample
    - AR coating



... up to date fabrication scheme @ http://sealzhang.tk