

- 1.9 The work function of Pt(111) is 5.93 eV. A Ru film has a work function of 4.71 eV. If Ru islands are deposited on a Pt(111) surface, in which direction does electron transfer occur?
- 1.10 Redraw Fig. 1.13 for a  $p$ -type semiconductor [65, 67].
- 1.11 Given that the partition function,  $q$ , is defined by a summation over all states according to

$$q = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \exp(-E_i/k_B T) \quad (1.8.3)$$

where  $E_i$  is the energy of the  $i$ th state. Use Eq. (1.4.4) to show that the mean vibrational energy of a solid at equilibrium is given by Eq. (1.4.6). Hint: The mean energy is given by

$$\langle E \rangle = k_B T^2 \frac{\partial (\ln q)}{\partial T} \quad (1.8.4)$$

- 1.12 The Debye temperature,

$$\theta_D = \hbar \omega_D / k_B, \quad (1.8.5)$$

is more commonly tabulated and determined than is the Debye frequency because of its relationship to the thermodynamic properties of solids.

- (a) Calculate the Debye frequencies of the elemental solids listed in Table 1.3 in Hz, meV and  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .
- (b) Calculate the mean phonon occupation number at the Debye frequency and room temperature for each of these materials at 100, 300 and 1000 K.
- 1.13 The Debye model (see Table 1.3) can be used to calculate the mean square displacement of an oscillator in a solid. In the high-temperature limit this is given by

$$\langle u^2 \rangle = \frac{3N_A \hbar^2 T}{M k_B \theta_D^2} \quad (1.8.6)$$

**Table 1.3** Debye temperatures,  $\theta_D$ , for selected elements; see Exercises 1.12, 1.13 and 1.14

$\theta_D$ (K)	Ag	Au	diamond	graphite	Pt	Si	W
	225	165	2230	760	240	645	400

- (a) Compare the root-mean-square displacements of Pt at 300 K to that at its melting point (2045 K). What is the fractional displacement of the metal atoms relative to the interatomic distance at the melting temperature?
- (b) Compare this to the root-mean-square displacement of the C atoms at the surface of diamond at the same two temperatures.
- 1.14 The surface Debye temperature of Pt(100) is 110 K. Take the definition of melting to be the point at which the fractional displacement relative to the lattice constant is equal to  $\sim 8.3\%$  (Lindemann criterion [83, 84]). What is the surface melting temperature of Pt(100)? What is the implication of a surface that melts at a lower temperature than the bulk?
- 1.15 The bulk terminated Si(100)-(1  $\times$  1) surface has two dangling bonds per surface atom and is, therefore, unstable toward reconstruction. Approximate the dangling bonds as effectively being half-filled  $sp^3$  orbitals. The driving force of reconstruction is the removal of dangling bonds.
- (a) The stable room temperature surface reconstructs into a (2  $\times$  1) unit cell in which the surface atoms move closer to each other in one direction but the distance is not changed in the

perpendicular direction. Discuss how the loss of one to the formation of a (2  $\times$  1) unit cell. Hint: The nearest dimers.

- (b) This leaves one dangling bond per surface atom. Describe dangling bonds that leads to (i) symmetric dimers and (c) Predict the effect of hydrogen adsorption on the symmetric Hint: Consider first the types of bonds that  $sp^3$  orbitals dangling bonds represent two degenerate electronic states. Describe the features a, b, c, and d in Fig. 1.21.
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(b) This leaves one dangling bond per surface atom. Describe the nature of the interaction of these dangling bonds that leads to (i) symmetric dimers and (ii) tilted dimers.

(c) Predict the effect of hydrogen adsorption on the symmetry of these two types of dimers [51, 52]. Hint: Consider first the types of bonds that  $sp^3$  orbitals can make. Second, two equivalent dangling bonds represent two degenerate electronic states.

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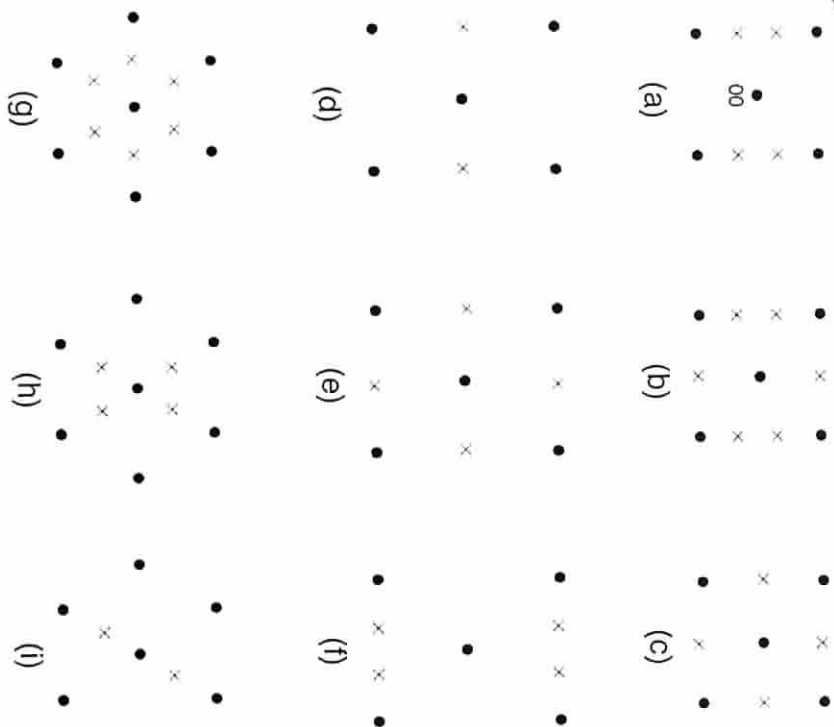


Figure 2.32 Low-energy electron diffraction (LEED) patterns (a)–(i): see Exercise 2.13.

- 2.12 Fractional *coverage* can be defined as the number of adsorbates divided by the number of surface atoms:

$$\theta = \frac{N_{\text{ads}}}{N_0} \quad (2.12.3)$$

For each of the structures in Exercise 2.11, calculate the coverage. Note any correlations between coverage and the LEED patterns.

Given LEED patterns (a)–(i) in Figure 2.32 obtained from adsorbate-covered face-centred cubic (fcc) substrates, determine the surface structures. Substrate reflexes are marked  $\bullet$  while the additional adsorbate induced reflexes are marked  $\times$ . Assume no reconstruction of the surface.

Determine all of the X-ray levels that all possible for the  $n = 3$  shell.

Explain why Auger electron spectroscopy is surface sensitive. Are Auger peaks recorded at 90, 350 and 1500 eV equally surface sensitive?

The Auger data for the intensity of the Pt transition at 267 eV and the C transition at 272 eV found in Table 2.3 was taken for adsorption of  $\text{CH}_4$  on Pt(111) at

Table 2.3 Integrated Auger peak areas measured for Pt and C after dosing

$e/10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2}$	$I_{\text{Pt}}$	$I_{\text{C}}$
0	11350.8	10248.4
0.1758	10248.4	11693.5
1.593	11693.5	11360.1
2.477	11360.1	10967.6
3.454	10967.6	11610.2
4.290	11610.2	9626.0
5.071	9626.0	11313.7
6.188	11313.7	11575.4
9.957	11575.4	10964.3
14.20	10964.3	10864.1
17.35	10864.1	11850.8
21.49	11850.8	12912.7
25.65	12912.7	11529.1
30.51	11529.1	10791.4
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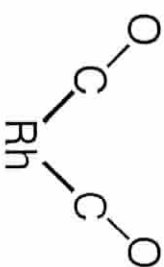


Figure 2.33 CO adsorbed as a gem-dicarbonyl on rhodium atoms present substrate (substrate not shown).

- 2.17  $T_s = 800 \text{ K}$ ,  $T_{\text{gas}} = 298 \text{ K}$ . At this temperature  $\text{CH}_4$  dissociates leaving on C(a) on the surface. Use the data to make a plot of  $\theta_{\text{Pt}}$  vs exposure,  $e$ , in other words make a plot of the uncovered and covered as a function of  $e$ . The AES sensitivity factors are  $S_{\text{Pt}} = 0.030$  and  $S_{\text{C}} = 0.030$ . Consider the spectrum of adsorbed CO in Figure 2.26. CO is adsorbed as dicarbonyl on the Rh atoms present on the  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  substrate as shown in Figure 2.33.

(a) If the CO molecules in the gem-dicarbonyl were independent one CO stretch peak would be observed. Explain why there is the spectrum.

(b) Explain why substitution of  $^{18}\text{O}$  for  $^{16}\text{O}$  changes the position of the peak.

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3.5 CO bound to Pt(111) submerged in 0.1 M HClO<sub>4</sub> exhibits an FTIR peak associated with a linear bond on-top species at 2070 cm<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>246</sup> 0.6 ML of Ru is deposited on the Pt(111) electrode to form islands of Ru. When CO is adsorbed on the resulting surface the peak at 2070 cm<sup>-1</sup> shifts by -10 cm<sup>-1</sup> and decreases in intensity while a new peak appears at 1999 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The new peak is shifted by +6 cm<sup>-1</sup> compared with the peak associated with CO bound in an on top site on a clean Ru electrode. Interpret the data as to where and how the CO is bound.

3.6 The amount of energy,  $\delta E$ , transferred in the collision of a molecule with a chain of atoms in the limit of a fast, impulsive collision (that is, a collision that is fast compared with the time that it takes the struck atom to recoil and transfer energy to the chain) is given by the *Baule formula*.

$$\delta E = \frac{4\mu}{(1+\mu)^2} (E_i + q_{\text{ads}}). \quad (3.19.3)$$

where  $\mu = M/m$ ,  $M$  is the mass of the molecule,  $m$  is the mass of one chain atom,  $E_i$  is the initial kinetic energy of the molecule before it is accelerated by  $q_{\text{ads}}$  (the depth of the attractive well, effectively the heat of adsorption). Estimate the energy transfer for H<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> incident upon copper or platinum chains. Take the incident energy to be

(a) the mean kinetic energy at 300 K;

(b)  $E_K = 1.0$  eV.

Take the well depths to be 20 meV, 50 meV and 200 meV for H<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub> and O<sub>2</sub>, respectively.

3.7 When an molecule strikes a surface it loses on average an amount of energy  $\langle \Delta E \rangle$  given by<sup>158</sup>

$$\langle \Delta E \rangle = -\gamma z_{\text{dsp}} E, \quad (3.19.4)$$

where  $\gamma$  is a constant characteristic of the potential energy surface (PES),  $z_{\text{dsp}}$  is a constant that depends on the collision partners and  $E$  is the kinetic energy upon collision. For H/Cu(111),  $z_{\text{dsp}} = 0.0024$ ,  $\gamma = 4.0$  and the binding energy chemisorbed H is 2.5 eV.

(a) For an H atom with an initial  $E_K = 0.1$  eV 10 Å away from the surface, calculate the energy transfer on the first bounce.

(b) Assuming the same amount of energy transfer on each subsequent collision, how many collisions are required for the H atom to reach the bottom of the well?

(c) Given that  $z_{\text{dsp}}$  changes from one molecule to the next, analogous to the Baule formula we write

$$z_{\text{dsp}} = k \frac{4\mu}{(1+\mu)^2}, \quad (3.19.5)$$

where  $\mu$  is calculated assuming one surface atom participates in the collision, calculate  $z_{\text{dsp}}$  for CO assuming the same proportionality factor as for H. Then make a rough estimate of the number of collisions CO with an initial kinetic energy of 0.1 eV requires to reach the bottom of a 1.2 eV chemisorption well assuming

3.8 Classically, a chemical reaction cannot occur if the collision sufficient energy to overcome the activation barrier. This amount of energy are the basis of the Arrhenius formulation of reaction rate, the thermal energy is distributed over the translational velocity distribution is governed by the *Maxwell distribution*

$$f(v) = 4\pi \left( \frac{M}{2\pi RT} \right)^{3/2} v^2 \exp \left( \frac{-Mv^2}{2RT} \right),$$

where  $M$  is the molar mass and  $v$  the speed. Assuming requirement for sticking, i.e., that energy is the only determining sticking coefficient of an atomic gas held at

(a) 300 K and

(b) 1000 K

for adsorption activation barriers of  $E_{\text{ads}} = 0, 0.1, 0.5$  and

3.9 A real molecule has quantized rotational and vibration energy. *Boltzmann distribution* law describes the occupation of the among rotational levels is given by

$$N_{vj} = N_r \frac{hc}{k_B T} (2J+1) \exp \left( \frac{-E_{\text{rot}}}{k_B T} \right),$$

where  $N_{vj}$  is the number of molecules in the rotational state  $j$  and  $N_r$  is the total number of molecules in the vibrational level  $v$  above the ground vibrational level. The mean energy is distributed according to

$$E_{\text{rot}} = hc B_r J(J+1),$$

where  $B_r$  is the rotational constant of the appropriate vibrational population is distributed according to

$$N_v = N \exp \left( \frac{-hc G_0(v)}{k_B T} \right),$$

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$$\langle E \rangle = \langle E_{\text{trans}} \rangle + \langle E_{\text{rot}} \rangle + \langle E_{\text{vib}} \rangle,$$

where for a diatomic molecule

$$\langle E_{\text{trans}} \rangle = 2k_B T$$

$$\langle E_{\text{rot}} \rangle = k_B T$$

$$\langle E_{\text{vib}} \rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{h\nu_n}{\exp(h\nu_n/k_B T) - 1}$$

Note that this neglects the contribution of zero-point energy.

## 5.12 Exercises

- 5.1 Derive the Young Equation, Equation (5.3.1)
- 5.2 Consider a hemispherical liquid island of radius  $r$  with surface energies  $\gamma_{ls} > \gamma_{lg}$  in equilibrium with its vapour. Calculate the island surface energy as a function of  $r$  and demonstrate that small islands are unstable with respect to large islands. Assume the substrate to be rigid and that the island energy is composed only of island-substrate and island-vapour terms.
- 5.3 Consider the dynamics of deposition of X, Y and Z multilayer films. For each case, determine whether deposition occurs on the downstroke (insertion of substrate into the LB trough), upstroke (retraction) or in both directions. Discuss the reasons for these dependencies.

5.4 The sticking coefficient is defined as

$$s = \frac{r_{\text{ads}}}{Z_w} \quad (5.12.1)$$

and represents the probability of a successful adsorption event. The collision frequency in solution is given by

$$Z_w = c_{\text{sol}} \left( \frac{k_B T}{2\pi m} \right)^{1/2} \quad (5.12.2)$$

where  $c_{\text{sol}}$  is the concentration in molecules per cubic metre. The initial sticking coefficient of  $\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_7\text{SH}$  on a gold film is  $9 \times 10^{-8}$ .<sup>40</sup> Assuming a constant sticking coefficient, which is valid only at low coverage, estimate the time required to achieve a coverage of 0.01 ML for adsorption from a  $5 \times 10^{-3}$  mol l<sup>-1</sup> solution. Take the surface density of atoms to be  $1 \times 10^{19}$  m<sup>-2</sup>.

- 5.5 Your lab partner has prepared two Si crystals but has not labelled them. One is H-terminated, the other is terminated with an oxide layer. Propose and explain an experiment you could perform in your kitchen that would distinguish the two.
- 5.6 Explain the observed trend that C<sub>4</sub> straight-chain amphiphile generally do not form LB films or SAMs that exhibit a structure that is as well ordered as that of C<sub>12</sub> straight-chain amphiphiles.
- 5.7 Describe what would occur during vertical deposition of a LB film if the barriers of the trough were stationary and a large surface area substrate were used.
- 5.8 After a 4 h exposure to pure, deoxygenated H<sub>2</sub>O, a H-terminated Si(111) surface is found to have an oxygen atom coverage of 0.6 ML measured with respect to the number of Si atoms in the Si(111)-(1×) layer. Estimate the sticking coefficient (i) assuming that all of the oxygen is the result of dissociative H<sub>2</sub>O adsorption and (ii) assuming that all of the oxygen results from the adsorption of OH<sup>-</sup>.
- 5.9 Calculate the energy released when H<sup>+</sup>(aq) reacts with a dangling bond to form an Si-H bond on an otherwise hydrogen-terminated surface. You will need the following: the ionization potential of H atoms  $IP(\text{H}) = 13.61$  eV = 1313 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>, the enthalpy of solvation of protons  $\Delta_{\text{sol}}H(\text{H}^+) = -11.92$  eV = -1150 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>.

and the Si-H bond strength  $D(\text{Si}-\text{H}) = 3.05$  eV = 294 kJ enthalpy of solvation of the Si dangling bond on an otherwise the same as the enthalpy of solvation of the Si-H unit that i current is measured in the absence of an applied potential illumination. Assuming that this dark current is due to an e initiated by the absorption of F<sup>-</sup>(aq) and that one electro substrate for every one Si atom that is removed by etching, i unilluminated Si in HF(aq).

- 5.11 Derive the Nernst equation for the  $\text{Fe}^{2+}/\text{Fe}^{3+}$  redox couple
- 5.12 The dipole moments of O(a) and OH(a) on Pt(111) are respectively,<sup>54</sup> Calculate the shift in the adsorption energy  $\epsilon$  of the electric field in the double layer with the dipoles where 1 V relative to the point of zero charge.
- 5.13 Calculate the radius of curvature and discuss capillary condensation pore that has surfaces with (i)  $\psi = 90^\circ$  and (ii)  $\psi = 180^\circ$ .
- 5.14 Consider a material with cylindrical pores exposed to air at 85%. Into pores of what size will water condense?
- 5.15 Calculate the effective force due to the capillary force and the for a porous silicon film with a porosity  $\epsilon = 0.90$  when di water or ethanol. The mean pore diameter is  $r_p = 10$  nm.  $\gamma_{\text{water}} = 71.99$  mN m<sup>-1</sup>,  $\gamma_{\text{Si}} = 1000$  mN m<sup>-1</sup>,  $E_{\text{Si}} = 9.88 \times 10$
- 5.16 Show that the relative absorption  $I_j^{(1)}$  is independent of the surface.
- 5.17 Derive Equation (5.7.19).

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involves reactions that consume the surface.

For a surface (with regard to crystallography and surface site) in the etch process can range of final structures ranging from sharp tips to smooth surfaces to porous

of the surface that is etched can be controlled by the use of a mask.

of the surface resist, the exposed portion of the resist is removed during etch, whereas in a negative resist the unexposed region is removed.

## Challenges

functionalization of nanoparticles and the inhibition of nanoparticle aggregation of these are essentially growth problems and both have a direct impact on the incorporation of nanoparticles into nanoparticle/polymer composites. Nanoparticle composites can have desirable materials properties. Common examples of composites are tires but the greatest hurdle to the routine production of composites is the lack of cost-effective methods for controlling the size of nanoparticles within the polymer matrix.<sup>192</sup>

of nanoparticles and nanoparticles aggregates including colloidal crystals and networks formed during water bonding as a method of nanostructure

of a theory to describe equilibrium structures in heteroepitaxy.

of models to explain the mechanism of catalytic growth and determination of limits of catalytic growth to produce nanowires and nanotubes from materials with controlled sizes and placement.

unified kinetic models can be proposed to explain growth and the dissolution of nanoparticles in aqueous solutions, how far can a similar unification of underlying

be achieved to relate growth and etching more generally?

the first chemical step in the etching of Si in acidic fluoride solution occur? replace H(a) in a concerted manner or does it abstract H(a) with the resulting H bond capped by F (with injection of an electron into the conduction band) in the next step? Does abstraction play a role in any of the subsequent steps? Is the process involved in the activation of H-terminated Si surface in its reactions with molecule such as alkene, alkynes, alcohols, etc.?

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## 7.13 Exercises

7.1 Dunstan<sup>6</sup> has shown that there is a linear dependence of the  $\ln_{\text{Ga}}\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{As}$  lattice constant on the lattice constants of its constituents according to

$$a_{\ln_{\text{Ga}}\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{As}} = x a_{\ln\text{As}} + (1-x) a_{\text{GaAs}} \quad (7.16.1)$$

Substitute this dependence into Equation (7.1.3) and derive Equation (7.1.4).

7.2 Consider a system that for a given set of conditions exhibits step-flow growth. Discuss the effects that the adsorption of heteroatoms can have on homoeptaxial growth. Consider two low heteroatom coverage cases: (1) the heteroatoms decorate the steps and (2) the heteroatoms occupied isolated terrace sites.

7.3 Si is the most important semiconductor for electronic applications. GaAs and its III-V sister compounds are better suited than Si as building blocks for optical devices such as light emitting diodes (LEDs) and lasers. The integration of optical components with electronics is a highly desirable manufacturing goal for improved communications, computing and display devices. Discuss fundamental physical reasons why it is difficult to integrate GaAs circuitry with Si.

7.4 Discuss how Auger electron spectroscopy or XPS can be used to distinguish Frank-van der Merwe from Volmer-Weber growth. Hint: Look at Figure 7.3 and consider how the substrate signal varies.

7.5 (a) Consider the epitaxial growth by MBE of  $\text{In}_{0.67}\text{Al}_{0.33}\text{P}$  layer on an  $\text{InGaAs}$  substrate. What must the relative fluxes of In, Al and P be in order to maintain this composition? What influence does the substrate temperature have on epitaxy and the required fluxes?

(b) Consider the CVD growth of P-doped (at a concentration of  $10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ )  $\text{Si}_{1-x}\text{Ge}_x$  with  $x=0.05$  from the respective hydrides. Discuss the influence of surface temperature on epitaxy and the fluxes required to maintain this composition.

7.6 The dimensionless formation energy  $E(V)$  of a single-faceted quantum dot as a function of its dimensionless volume is given by<sup>4</sup>

$$E(V) = \alpha V + \frac{2\beta V^{2/3}}{e^{1/2}} - 2V^{1/3} \ln(e^{1/2} V^{1/3}) \quad (7.16.1)$$

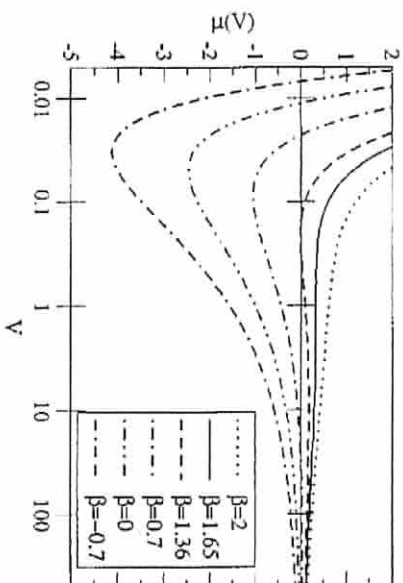


Figure 7.18 Graph of  $\mu$  vs  $V$ . Reproduced from T. P. Munt et al., *Appl. Phys. Lett.*, 85, 1874, Copyright (2004), with permission from the American Institute of Physics.

Assuming that  $\alpha = 0$ , predict the most probable island volume for  $\beta = 1.4$ , 0.5 and  $-0.5$ .

7.7 The incident flux can be used to tune the chemical potential of a system of islands on a surface. Predict what occurs to the island size distribution when  $\beta = -0.7$  and the flux is turned off for a system with a chemical potential of (a)  $+1$ , (b)  $-3$ , (c)  $-4$ , given the functional form of  $\mu$  vs  $V$  shown in Figure 7.18.

7.8 Design a scheme involving lithography, deposition and etching that will create the structure in Figure 7.19. Hint: The etch rate of  $\text{SiO}_2$  is so high compared with that of c-Si that a sacrificial layer of  $\text{SiO}_2$  can be removed by  $\text{HF(aq)}$  without attacking the c-Si.

7.9 Determine the orientation of the pore walls formed on  $\text{Si}(100)$  given that they are straight and that their orientation with the respect to the  $\{100\}$  planes is as shown in Figure 7.20.

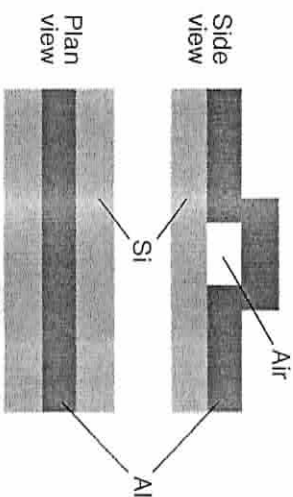


Figure 7.19 Structure to be formed in Example 7.8.

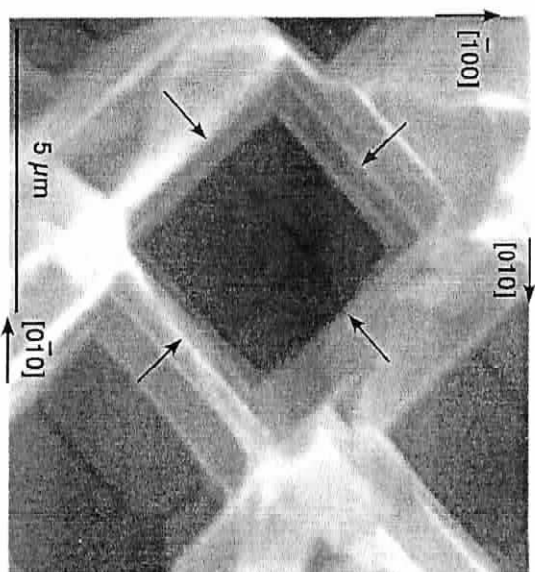


Figure 7.20  $\text{Si}(100)$  pore orientation. Reproduced from M. E. Dudgeon, *Electrochem. Soc.*, 155, H1164, Copyright (2008), with permission from the Electrochemical Society.

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