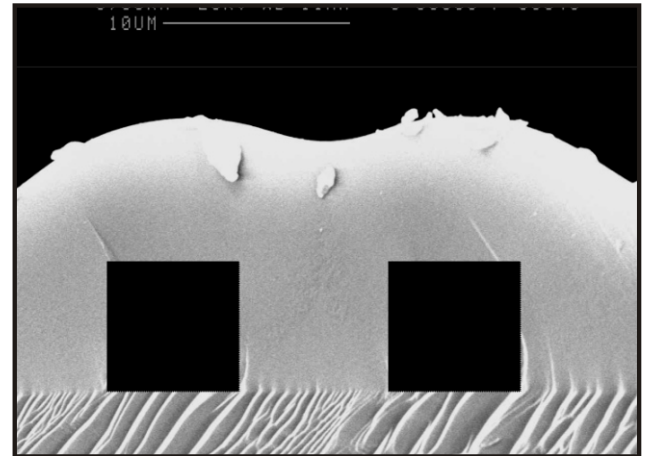
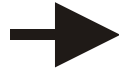
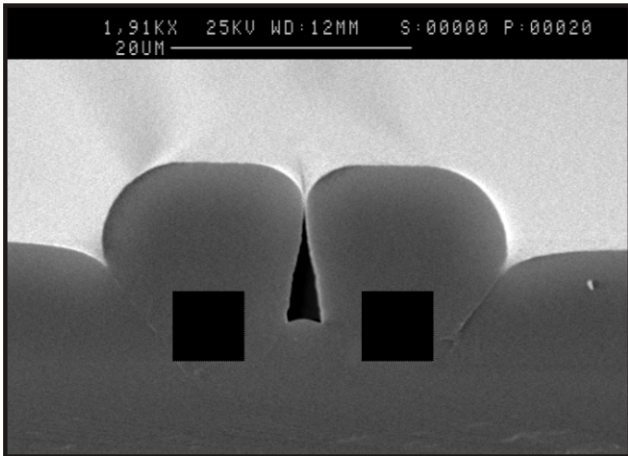


Plasmalab Data

BPSG PECVD for Planarisation



SiO₂ PECVD with B and P doping for "planarisation"
 Annealing at 950° C. Approximate position of 6 micron high waveguide cores are indicated by black squares.

10 micron SiO₂ were deposited in a single step followed by a single anneal step. Further improvements can be achieved by multiple deposition/ anneal steps.

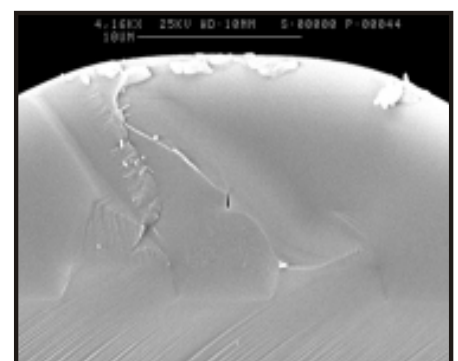
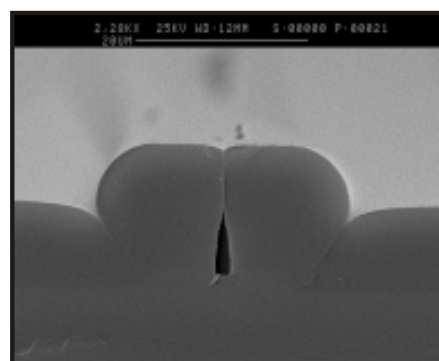
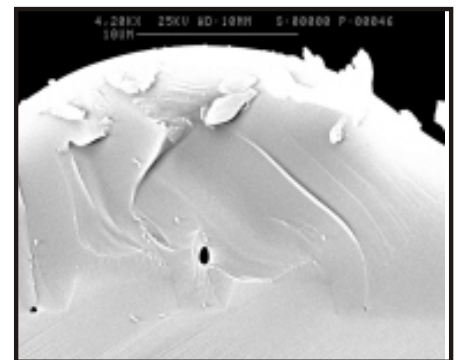
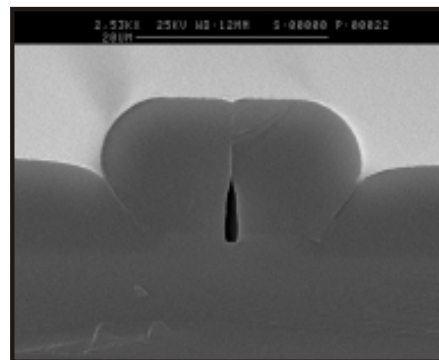
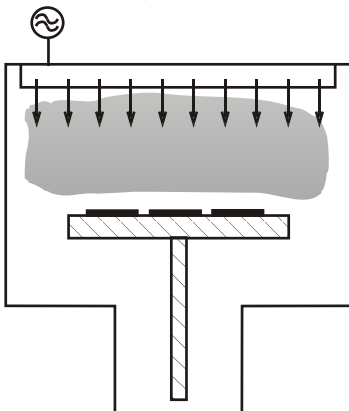


Gap between cores:

- 6 micron (top SEMs)
- 2 micron (center SEMs)
- 4 micron (lower SEMs)

SEMs left hand side: before anneal
 SEMs right hand side: after (single step) anneal

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Process Chemistry :
 diluted SiH₄, B₂H₆, PH₃
 Deposition Rate : 200 nm/min
 Uniformity: < +/- 3 %