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Sputter Coater



How It Works:

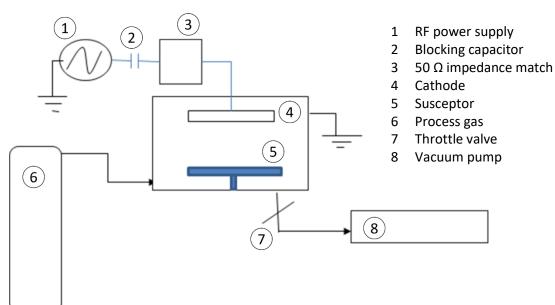
High energy ions are accelerated into a solid target causing atoms to break free from the target surface and be deposited on the sample. This is a momentum transfer operation, analogous to billiard ball impacts.

Tool Operation:

<u>DC Diode Sputtering</u>: Under vacuum, argon gas is flowed into the chamber where it is ignited into a plasma. The target is grounded and is referred to as the cathode. A high density of positively charged argon ions from the plasma is attracted to the cathode. A magnetic field confines the plasma to the target and traps electrons causing more ionizing collisions to form a plasma around the target.

Material / Applications:

DC Diode Sputtering is good for depositing metal films including metal alloys that cannot be evaporated.



Denton Vacuum Desktop IV Specifications

Film Growth: Fine grain 100 Å film in 3

minutes

Chamber: 6" OD steel Chamber with

view port

Gas Capabilities: Argon at 5 psig

Vacuum Pumps: Mechanical and Turbo
Targets: Au, Pt, Al, Cr, Ni, Si, SiO₂
Options: Film Thickness Monitor,

Rotation, Tilt Manual or

Timed Operation