

silicon film and the amorphous silicon film are anisotropically etched to form a second sacrifice layer 51*b* and the first memory 38*a*.

[0120] As shown in FIG. 14, a silicon-oxide film and a silicon film are alternately deposited on a top surface of the first memory 38*a*, a top surface of the second sacrifice layer 51*b* and a top surface of the third frame bottom layer 33*b*, to form the first-fourth word line conduction layers 36*a*-36*d* and to form the interlayer insulator 35 on both surfaces of each of the first-fourth word line conduction layers 36*a*-36*d*.

[0121] As shown in FIG. 15, the second memory hole 37*b* is formed at a portion being aligned with the first memory hole 37*a* to pass through the first-fourth word line conduction layers 36*a*-36*d* and the interlayer insulator 35 formed on both surfaces of each of the first-fourth word line conduction layers 36*a*-36*d*. Further, the memory hole 37 is constituted with both the first memory hole 37*a* and the second memory hole 37*b*.

[0122] As shown in FIG. 16, a silicon-oxide film, a silicon-nitride film, a silicon-oxide film, a germanium-silicon film and an amorphous silicon film are deposited on the sidewall of the second memory hole 37*b* in order. Subsequently by etching, the block insulation layer 39*a*, the charge storage layer 39*b*, the tunnel insulation layer 39*c*, a third sacrifice layer 51*c* and the second memory 38*b*. The memory 38 is constituted with both the first memory 38*a* and the second memory 38*b*.

[0123] As shown in FIG. 17, each of the first protective layer 31*a*, the first sacrifice layer 51*a*, the third frame bottom layer 33*b*, the first-fourth word line conduction layers 36*a*-36*d* and the interlayer insulator 35 are delineated to be formed into a shape of stairs.

[0124] As shown in FIG. 18, a silicon-oxide film is deposited to a top surface of the memory 38 to form an interlayer insulator 52.

[0125] As shown in FIG. 19, a first groove 53*a* is formed onto the isolation insulator 34 to pass through the interlayer insulator 52. The first groove 53*a* is formed as a rectangle frame surrounding the memory cell region 12 from top view. A silicon film is deposited on the first groove 53*a* to form the first frame layer 31.

[0126] A second groove 53*b* is formed to pass through the interlayer insulator 52 to a top surface of the first sacrifice layer 51*a*. The second groove 53*b* is formed at nearer side as the memory cell region 12 than the first groove 53*a*, the shape of the second groove 53*b* from top view is formed as a rectangle surrounding the memory cell region 12. A germanium-silicon film is deposited on the second groove 53*b* to form a fourth sacrifice layer 51*d*.

[0127] A third groove 53*c* is formed to pass through the interlayer insulator 52 to the upper surface of the first sacrifice layer 51*a*. The third groove 53*c* is formed at nearer side as the memory cell region 12 than the second groove 53*b*, the shape of the third groove 53*c* from top view is formed as a rectangle surrounding the memory cell region 12. A silicon film is deposited on the third groove 53*c* to form the second frame layer 32.

[0128] A fourth groove 53*d* is formed to pass through the interlayer insulator 52 to the upper surface of the first sacrifice layer 51*a*. The fourth groove 53*d* is formed at nearer side as the memory cell region 12 than the third groove 53*c*, the shape of the fourth groove 53*d* from top view is formed as a rect-

angle surrounding the memory cell region 12. A germanium-silicon film is deposited on the fourth groove 53*d* to form a fifth sacrifice layer 51*e*.

[0129] A fifth groove 53*e* is formed to pass through the interlayer insulator 52 to an upper surface of the third frame bottom layer 33*b*. The fifth groove 53*e* is formed at nearer side as the memory cell region 12 than the fourth groove 53*d*, the shape of the fifth groove 53*e* from top view is formed as a rectangle surrounding the memory cell region 12. A silicon film is deposited on the fourth groove 53*d* to form the third frame 33.

[0130] Furthermore, each of first-fourth holes 53*f*-53*i* is formed to pass through the interlayer insulator 52 to an end of each of first-fourth word line conduction layers 36*a*-36*d* in the row-direction. A silicon film is deposited on the first-fourth holes 53*f*-53*i* to form the plug conductive layer 36*i*.

[0131] As shown in FIG. 20, a sixth sacrifice layer 51*f* is formed on the memory 38 and an upper surface of the first frame layer 31. Subsequently, a silicon-oxide film is deposited on the sixth sacrifice layer 51*f* to form the drain-side first insulation layer 41.

[0132] As shown in FIG. 21, a first drain-side hole 44*a* is formed at a portion being aligned with the memory hole 37 to pass through the drain-side first insulation layer 41 and the sixth sacrifice layer 51*f*.

[0133] As shown in FIG. 22 a germanium-silicon film and a silicon film are deposited on a sidewall of the first drain-side hole 44*a* and the germanium-silicon film and the silicon are anisotropically etched to form a seventh sacrifice layer 51*g* and the drain-side first columnar semiconductor layer 45*a*.

[0134] As shown in FIG. 23, the drain-side first insulation layer 41 is deposited, subsequently a silicon film and a silicon-oxide film deposited on the drain-side first insulation layer 41 to form the drain-side conductive layer 42 and the drain-side second insulation layer 43.

[0135] As shown in FIG. 24, a second drain-side hole 44*b* is formed at a portion being aligned with the drain-side first hole 44*a* to pass through the second drain-side insulation layer 43 and the drain-side conductive layer 42. The drain-side hole 44 is constituted with both the drain-side first hole 44*a* and the drain-side second hole 44*b*.

[0136] As shown in FIG. 25, a silicon-oxide film and a silicon film are deposited on a sidewall of the second drain-side hole 44*b* in order to form the drain gate insulation layer 46 and the second drain-side columnar semiconductor layer 45*b* by subsequent etching. The drain-side columnar semiconductor layer 45 is constituted with the drain-side first columnar semiconductor layer 45*a* and the second drain-side columnar semiconductor layer 45*b*.

[0137] As shown in FIG. 26, a SiO₂ film on the second drain-side insulation layer 43 to further form the second drain-side insulation layer 43 to be thickened.

[0138] As shown in FIG. 27, a bit line wiring groove 44*c* is formed at a portion being aligned with the drain-side hole 44 to pass through the second drain-side insulation layer 43. Further, a third drain-side hole 44*d* is formed to pass through the drain-side second insulation layer 43, the drain-side conductive layer 42 and the first drain-side insulation layer 41 to a depth of the sixth sacrifice layer 51*f*. A poly-crystalline silicon film is deposited on the bit line wiring groove 44*c* to form the bit line layer 47.

[0139] After processing steps shown in FIG. 27, for example, the first-seventh sacrifice layers 51*a*-51*g* is removed in the drain-side third hole 44*d* by a vapor atmosphere of

ClF₃, the structure of the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device **100** is formed as shown in FIG. 4. Here, the second space Ag2 is formed by removing the first sacrifice layer. The fourth space Ag4 is formed by removing the second sacrifice layer **51b** and the third sacrifice layer **51c**. The first space Ag1 is formed by removing the fourth sacrifice layer **51d**. The third space Ag3 is formed by removing the fifth sacrifice layer **51e**. The fifth space Ag5 is formed by removing the sixth sacrifice layer **51f** and the seventh sacrifice layer **51g**.

[0140] (Effect of the Nonvolatile Semiconductor Memory Device According to the First Embodiment)

[0141] Next, effects of the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the first embodiment are explained. As mentioned above discussion, the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the first embodiment has a capability of highly integrated structure. Further, the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device **100** having each layer of the memory cells MTrmn and the source-side selection transistors SSTTrmn and each layer of the drain-side selection transistor SDTrmn can be fabricated by prescribed lithography processing steps without relations to a number of the layers on the word lines WL (word line conduction layer).

[0142] Further, the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device **100** is constituted to be written in data and read out data in a state where the first-fourth word line conduction layers **36a-36d** are relatively moved to arbitrarily two-dimensional direction (the row direction and the column direction) corresponding to the memory **38**. The nonvolatile semiconductor memory device **100** can execute writing in data and read out data at a plurality of portions on the charge storage layer **39b**. Each of the portions is configured in the range of the row direction and the column direction. In other words, the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device **100** divides a part of the charge storage layer **39b** on the circumference by the relative movement mentioned above to enlarge the memory density.

[0143] Further, as a relative movement distance of the charge storage layer **39b** corresponding to the memory **38** is a maximum value of 10 nm, linearity control of the actuator is not necessary over a longer distance. Accordingly, the first actuator Ac1 and the second actuator Ac2 may be simple structures. As the structure can decrease a chip area occupied by the actuators and can lower a cost of the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device.

[0144] As mentioned above, the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the first embodiment of the present invention has an effect of higher integration and lower cost on the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device.

Second Embodiment

[0145] (A Specific Configuration of a Nonvolatile Semiconductor Memory Device According to a Second Embodiment)

[0146] Next, as reference to FIG. 28, a specific configuration of a nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to a second embodiment is explained. FIG. 28 is a partially enlarged cross-sectional schematic view showing the nonvolatile memory semiconductor device according to the second embodiment. It is to be noted that the same or similar reference numerals in the second embodiment are applied to the same or similar parts and elements throughout the drawings as the first embodiment, and the description of the same or similar parts and elements will be omitted or simplified.

[0147] The nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the second embodiment has difference with a configuration of a memory layer **30b** as compared to the memory layer **30** in the first embodiment.

[0148] The memory layer **30b** is different from the memory layer **30** in the first embodiment. A sidewall of first-fourth word line conduction layers **361a-361d** faced to the fourth space Ag4 are formed as recesses corresponding to a side wall of an interlayer insulator **351**. Further, surfaces of a block insulation layer **391a**, a charge storage layer **391b** and a tunnel insulation layer **391c** faced to the fourth space Ag4 (not illustrated) are formed as a concavo-convex shape accompanying with the first-fourth word line conduction layer **361a-361d**.

[0149] (Effect of the Nonvolatile Semiconductor Memory Device According to the Second Embodiment)

[0150] Next, effects of the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the second embodiment are explained. As mentioned above discussion, the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the second embodiment has the same effects as the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the first embodiment.

[0151] Further, the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the second embodiment, the surfaces of the block insulation layer **391a**, the charge storage layer **391b** and the tunnel insulation layer **391c** are formed as the concavo-convex shape. Thus, as compared to the first embodiment, a contact area between the first-fourth word line conduction layers **361a-361d** and the memory **38** is decreased. Accordingly, continuing closely contact by excess electrostatic force between the first-fourth word line conduction layers **361a-361d** and the memories **38** is suppressed to realize more stable relative-movement than the first embodiment.

Third Embodiment

[0152] (A Specific Configuration of a Nonvolatile Semiconductor Memory Device According to a Third Embodiment)

[0153] Next, as reference to FIG. 29, a specific configuration of a nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to a third embodiment is explained. FIG. 29 is a part of plain schematic view showing a memory layer of the nonvolatile memory semiconductor device according to the third embodiment. It is to be noted that the same or similar reference numerals in the third embodiment are applied to the same or similar parts and elements throughout the drawings in the first embodiment, and the description of the same or similar parts and elements will be omitted or simplified.

[0154] The nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the third embodiment has difference with a configuration of a memory layer **30c** as compared to the memory layer **30** in the first embodiment.

[0155] The memory layer **30c** is different from the memory layer **30** in the first embodiment and has a memory hole **371**. The memory hole **371**, as same as the first embodiment, is configured in the first-fourth word line conduction layers **36a-36d** as shown in FIG. 30. The memory hole **371** is formed like a slit which has the row-direction as lateral direction and the column direction as longitudinal direction from top view. Both ends of the row direction in the memory hole **371** are formed like a line. On the other hand, the column direction of the memory hole **371** is formed like a circular arc. As a result, an eighth space Ag8 is configured between a sidewall of the memory hole **371** and a sidewall of the memory **38**. A perim-

eter length ratio R1 per unit area of the charge storage layer 39b faced to the memory hole 371 equals to $(18+\pi)F/20F^2$ and nearly equals to $1.06/F$, where, for example, a length in the row direction of the both end of the memory hole 371 is "F", a length in the column direction of the both end of the memory hole 371 is "10F", the nearest length of the neighbor memory holes 371 is "F" and the diameter of the circular arc in the both end of the memory hole 371 is "F". Further, the ratio R equals to $0.79/F$ in the first embodiment as mentioned above, thus, the ratio R1 of the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the third embodiment is a higher value as compared to the ratio of the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the first embodiment.

[0156] (Effect of the Nonvolatile Semiconductor Memory Device According to the Third Embodiment)

[0157] Next, effects of the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the third embodiment are explained. As mentioned above discussion, the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the third embodiment has the same effects as the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the first embodiment.

[0158] Further, the perimeter length ratio R1 per unit area of the charge storage layer 39b faced to the memory hole 371 can be larger than the ratio in the first embodiment by the memory hole 371 of third embodiment. As the perimeter length of the charge storage layer for necessary to stably memorize one bit is constant, the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device in the third embodiment can lead to higher packing memory density than that in the first embodiment by enlarging the perimeter length.

Fourth Embodiment

[0159] (A Specific Configuration of a Nonvolatile Semiconductor Memory Device According to a Fourth Embodiment)

[0160] Next, as reference to FIG. 30, a specific configuration of a nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to a fourth embodiment is explained. FIG. 30 is a part of a cross-sectional schematic view showing the nonvolatile memory semiconductor device according to the fourth embodiment. It is to be noted that the same or similar reference numerals in the fourth embodiment are applied to the same or similar parts and elements throughout the drawings in the first embodiment, and the description of the same or similar parts and elements will be omitted or simplified.

[0161] The nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the fourth embodiment has difference with a configuration of a memory layer 30d as compared to the memory layer 30 in the first embodiment.

[0162] In the memory layer 30d, the tunnel insulation layer 39c, the charge storage layer 39b and the block insulation layer 39a are formed in order on a sidewall of the memory hole 37 in the first embodiment.

[0163] (Effect of the Nonvolatile Semiconductor Memory Device According to the Fourth Embodiment)

[0164] Next, effects of the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the fourth embodiment are explained. As mentioned above discussion, the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the fourth embodiment has the same effects as the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the first embodiment. Further, in the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device the fourth embodiment, the block insulation layer 39a is exposed

to the fourth space Ag4. The tunnel insulation layer 39c has the thickness thereof being thinner than the thickness of the block insulation layer 39a and contacts with the memory 38. Accordingly, the tunnel insulation layer 39c is not damaged accompanying with driving the third frame layer 33 whereas the tunnel insulation layer 39c contacts with the memory 38. Hence, the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the fourth embodiment can raise reliability as compared to that according the first embodiment.

Fifth Embodiment

[0165] (A Specific Configuration of a Nonvolatile Semiconductor Memory Device According to a Fifth Embodiment)

[0166] Next, as reference to FIG. 31, a specific configuration of a nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to a fifth embodiment is explained. FIG. 31 is a part of a cross-sectional schematic view showing the nonvolatile memory semiconductor device according to the fifth embodiment. It is to be noted that the same or similar reference numerals in the third embodiment are applied to the same or similar parts and elements throughout the drawings in the first embodiment, and the description of the same or similar parts and elements will be omitted or simplified.

[0167] The nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the fifth embodiment has difference with a configuration of a source-side transistor layer 20a and a memory layer 30e as compared to the memory layer 30 in the first embodiment.

[0168] The source-side transistor layer 20a is different from that of the first embodiment. The source-side transistor layer 20a has not the source-side conductive layer 22, on the other hand, has a structure which source-side columnar semiconductor layer 25 is deposited in the source-side hole 24 formed on the source-side fourth insulation layer 28. In other word, the source-side selection transistors GS is not constituted with the source-side transistor layer 20a.

[0169] The memory layer 30e includes first-fourth p-type semiconductor layers 61a-61d instead of the first-fourth word line conduction layers 36a-36d. First-fourth n-type semiconductor layers 62a-62d is configured on a sidewall of the first-fourth p-type semiconductor layers 61a-61d at the memory hole 37 (fourth space Ag4) side. Further, a resistance-change layer 63 is formed to cover the first-fourth n-type semiconductor layers 62a-62d and the interlayer insulator 34 formed on a sidewall of the memory hole 37. The first-fourth p-type semiconductor layers 61a-61d and the first-fourth n-type semiconductor layers 62a-62d are formed of a poly-crystalline silicon film doped with impurities by plasma doping technique. The resistance-change layer 63 is constituted with titanium-oxide (TiO₂) or nickel-oxide (NiO).

[0170] Further, the resistance-change layer 63 may be constituted with silicon-nitride or silicon-dioxide. Moreover, the memory 38 is formed as an n-type semiconductor, the first-fourth p-type semiconductor layers 61a-61d is formed faced to the memory hole 37 (fourth space Ag4) and the first-fourth n-type semiconductor layers 62a-62d may be omitted. Furthermore, the memory 38 is formed as the p-type semiconductor, the first-fourth p-type semiconductor layers 62a-62d is formed as a plane and faced to the memory hole 37 (fourth space Ag4) and the first-fourth n-type semiconductor layers 61a-61d may be omitted.

[0171] FIG. 32 is a circuit diagram showing a memory string of the nonvolatile memory semiconductor device according to the fifth embodiment. As shown in FIG. 32, in the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the fifth embodiment, diodes D11-D14 are constituted with first-fourth p-type semiconductor layers 61a-61d and first-fourth n-type semiconductor layers 62a-62d. Further, the resistance-change layer 63 contacting with the first-fourth n-type semiconductor layers 62a-62d acts as the resistance-change elements Fu1-Fu4 serially contacting with diodes D11-D14. The nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the fifth embodiment is constituted with memory cells MS1mn-MS4mn being connected with the resistance-change elements Fu1-Fu4 and the diodes D11-D14. One end of the memory cell MS4mn is connected to one end of the drain-side selection transistor SDTrmn. The nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the fifth embodiment performs reading out, writing in and erasing data by controlling the resistance of the resistance-change layer 63 constituting resistance-change elements Fu1-Fu4 of the prescribed memory cells MS1mn-MS4mn.

[0172] (Effect of the Nonvolatile Semiconductor Memory Device According to the Fifth Embodiment)

[0173] Next, effects of the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the fifth embodiment are explained. As mentioned above discussion, the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the fifth embodiment has the same effects as the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the first embodiment by using the resistance-change elements Fu1-Fu4 as the memory element.

Sixth Fifth Embodiment

[0174] (A Specific Configuration of a Nonvolatile Semiconductor Memory Device According to a Sixth Embodiment)

[0175] Next, as reference to FIGS. 33-35, a specific configuration of the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the sixth embodiment is explained. FIG. 33 is a part of plain schematic view showing the nonvolatile memory semiconductor device according to the sixth embodiment. FIG. 34 is a part of a cross-sectional schematic view showing the nonvolatile memory semiconductor device according to the sixth embodiment. FIG. 35 is a part of a cross-sectional schematic view showing the nonvolatile memory semiconductor device. It is to be noted that the same or similar reference numerals in the sixth embodiment are applied to the same or similar parts and elements throughout the drawings in the first embodiment, and the description of the same or similar parts and elements will be omitted or simplified.

[0176] As shown in FIGS. 33-35, the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the sixth embodiment has difference to a configuration of a memory layer 30f as compared to the memory layer 30 in the first embodiment. Further, the nonvolatile memory semiconductor device according to the sixth embodiment includes an electrostatic layer 70 at upper portion (drain-side transistor layer 40) of the memory layer 30f.

[0177] As compared to the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the first embodiment, the first space Ag1, the second space Ag2, the third space Ag3, the fifth space Ag5, the first-third frame layers 31-33 and the third frame bottom layer 33b are not formed in the memory layer 30f; instead, the interlayer insulator is formed in the memory

layer 30f. Thus, in the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the sixth embodiment, the memory layer 30f does not include the first actuator Ac1 and the second actuator Ac2 which are included in the first-fifth embodiments as mentioned above. The memory layer 30f is fixed to the source-side transistor layer 20 and the drain-side transistor layer 40. Further, the memory layer 30f includes a memory 381 with flexibility. The memory 381 according to the sixth embodiment has a smaller diameter than that of the first embodiment. Moreover, the memory 381 is constituted with a single-crystalline silicon film epitaxially grown or a germanium-silicon film. The memory 381 has flexibility by the structure mentioned above. The memory 381 may be constituted with another semiconductor with flexibility, for example, a carbon nano-tube with semiconductor properties or the like.

[0178] The electrostatic layer 70 includes a lower wiring layer 72 (as shown in FIG. 35) and an upper wiring layer 73 (as shown in FIG. 34) above the memory layer 30f via an interlayer insulator 71. Moreover, the electrostatic layer 70 is formed to contact the drain-side first insulation layer 41 above the most upper portion of the interlayer insulator 71. The lower wiring layer 72 is formed as a stripe configured by a prescribed pitch in the row-direction and extended in the column direction as shown in FIG. 33. The upper wiring layer 73 is positioned upper layer than the lower wiring layer 72 as clearly shown in FIG. 33 and FIG. 35 and is formed as a stripe configured by a prescribed pitch in the column direction and extended in the row-direction. An electrostatic hole 74 is formed at a portion to align with the memory hole 37 in the electrostatic layer 70. The electrostatic hole 74 is a smaller diameter than a diameter of the memory hole 37. A sidewall insulation layer 75 made of poly-crystalline silicon is formed on a sidewall of the electrostatic hole 74. Further, an electrostatic columnar semiconductor layer 76 is formed at an upper portion of the memory 381. The electrostatic columnar semiconductor layer 76 is configured to form a ninth space Ag9 between the electrostatic columnar semiconductor layer 76 and the sidewall insulation layer 75. The electrostatic columnar semiconductor layer 76 has a diameter which nearly equal to a diameter of the memory 381. The drain-side columnar semiconductor layer 45 is connected to the upper surface of the electrostatic columnar semiconductor layer 76. The electrostatic columnar semiconductor layer 76 is constituted with a silicon single-crystalline film epitaxially grown or germanium-silicon (SiGe) film. The electrostatic layer 70 has a function deforming the memory 381 to a prescribed direction corresponding to the electrostatic columnar semiconductor layer 76 and the memory 381 by using electrostatic force.

[0179] (A Mechanism of the Nonvolatile Semiconductor Memory Device According to the Sixth Embodiment)

[0180] Next, as reference to FIG. 36, a mechanism of the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the sixth embodiment is explained. As shown in FIG. 36, in the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the sixth embodiment, electric field is generated on the sidewall insulation layer 75 by applying voltage to the lower wiring layer 72 and the upper wiring layer 73. Electrostatic force is generated between a sidewall of the electrostatic columnar semiconductor layer 76 and a sidewall of the opposite sidewall insulation layer 75 by the voltage. Namely, a memory 381 (electrostatic columnar semiconductor layer 76) is bended to prescribed row direction and column direction which is shown as an arrow M2 in FIG. 36 by electrostatic

force accompanying with applied voltage between the lower wiring layer 72 and the upper wiring layer 73. A distance between the column direction electrostatic columnar semiconductor layer 76 and the sidewall insulation layer 75, and another distance between the memory 381 and the tunnel insulation layer 39c relatively becomes the shortest distance L_{min} , as compared to other positions in the row direction and the column direction.

[0181] Successively applying voltage to the electrostatic layer 70, voltage is applied to the word line being connected to memory cells for reading out and writing in. Here, the word line is set to the fourth word line conduction layer 36d. As the distance between the memory 381 and the tunnel insulation layer 39c is the shortest distance L_{min} , the memory 381 is further bended to the prescribed row direction and column direction constituting the shortest distance L_{min} . Successively, voltage is applied to a third word line conduction layer 36c, a second word line conduction layer 36b and a first word line conduction layer 36a as same as a fourth word line conduction layer 36d. The memory 381 (electrostatic columnar semiconductor layer 76) is bended to the prescribed row direction and column direction. By behavior mentioned above, the whole memory 381 is moved to the prescribed row direction and column direction. As shown in FIG. 36, the charges in the charge storage layer 39b are controlled to perform writing in data, erasing data and reading out data in a state which the memory 381 is bended.

[0182] (Effect of the Nonvolatile Semiconductor Memory Device According to the Sixth Embodiment)

[0183] Next, effects of the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the sixth embodiment are explained. As mentioned above discussion, the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the sixth embodiment has the same effects as the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the first embodiment. Further, the first actuator Ac1 and the second actuator Ac2 like as the first-fifth embodiments are not necessary in the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the sixth embodiment. As the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the sixth embodiment can be omitted the first-third frame layers 31-33 to be able to further highly integrate as compared to the first embodiment-fifth the embodiments.

[0184] Moreover, in the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to sixth the embodiment, each of the memories 381 can be bended by driving specific lower wiring layer 72 and upper wiring layer 73. As a result, a problem of contact faulty between the memory 381 and the charge storage layer 39b can be suppressed. The faulty may be generated in a state, for example, which the memory 381 fully cannot approach to the charge storage layer 39b or the memory 381 is pressed to the charge storage layer 39b by excess forth. Further, the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device without the actuator and the frame layer according to the sixth embodiment can realize lower cost as compared to the first-fifth embodiments.

[0185] Further, in the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the sixth embodiment, the memory 381 and the electrostatic columnar semiconductor layer 76 is constituted with a silicon single-crystalline film epitaxially grown or a germanium-silicon (SiGe) film. By the constitution, the memory 381 and the electrostatic columnar semiconductor layer 76 is formed to have comparatively uniform mechanical characteristics as compared to a constitution by a

poly-crystalline body such as poly-crystalline silicon. Accordingly, the electrostatic layer 70 is driven as a lower voltage and the memories in the columnar semiconductor layer 381 and the electrostatic columnar semiconductor layer 76 are bended by high reliability.

Seventh Embodiment

[0186] (A Specific Configuration of a Nonvolatile Semiconductor Memory Device According to a Seventh Embodiment)

[0187] Next, as reference to FIG. 37, a specific configuration of a nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to a seventh embodiment is explained. FIG. 37 is a part of a cross-sectional schematic view showing the nonvolatile memory semiconductor device according to the seventh embodiment. It is to be noted that the same or similar reference numerals in the seventh embodiment are applied to the same or similar parts and elements throughout the drawings in the first embodiment, and the description of the same or similar parts and elements will be omitted or simplified.

[0188] As shown in FIG. 37, the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the seventh embodiment has difference with a configuration of a memory layer 30g as compared to the memory layer 30 in the first embodiment. Further, the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the seventh embodiment includes a lower driving layer 80a and an upper driving layer 80b in addition to the constitution of the sixth embodiment. The lower driving layer 80a is formed between the source-side transistor layer 20 and a memory layer 30g. The upper driving layer 80b is formed between the electrostatic layer 70 and the drain-side transistor layer 40.

[0189] The memory layer 30g in which a tunnel insulation layer 39c, a charge storage layer 39b and a block insulation layer 39a are stacked in order is formed on a sidewall of the memory 381, on the other hand, the memory layer is formed on the memory hole 37 in the sixth embodiment.

[0190] The lower driving layer 80a has a lower first insulation layer 81a, a lower first electrode layer 82a, a piezo element film 83a, a lower second electrode layer 84a and an lower second insulation layer 85a which are stacked on the source-side second insulation layer 23 in order. The lower second insulation layer 85a is formed to contact with the lowest interlayer insulator 35 in the memory layer 30f. The lower first electrode layer 82a and lower second electrode layer 84a are constituted with, for example, an Al film or a TiN film. The piezo element film 83a is constituted with, for example, (Pb, Zr)TiO₃ or AlN.

[0191] A lower driving hole 86a is formed at a portion aligned with the source-side hole 24 in the lower driving layer 80a to pass through the lower second insulation layer 85a, the lower second electrode layer 84a, the piezo element film 83a, the lower first electrode layer 82a and the lower first insulation layer 81a. A lower columnar semiconductor layer 87a is formed in the lower driving hole 86a. The lower columnar semiconductor layer 87a has the same diameter as that of the memory 381. An under surface of the lower columnar semiconductor layer 87a is formed to contact with an upper surface of the source-side columnar semiconductor layer 25. An upper surface of the lower columnar semiconductor layer 87a is formed to contact with an under surface of the memory 381. Further, a tenth space Ag10 is formed between a sidewall of the lower driving hole 86a and a sidewall of the lower columnar semiconductor layer 87a.

[0192] The upper driving layer **80b** includes an upper first insulation layer **81b**, an upper first electrode layer **82b**, a piezo element film **83b**, an upper second electrode layer **84b**, and an upper second insulation layer **85b** which are stacked on the electrostatic layer **70** in order. The upper second insulation layer **85b** is formed to contact to a lower portion of the drain-side first insulation layer **41**. The upper first electrode layer **82b** and the upper second electrode layer **84b** are constituted with, for example, an Al film or a TiN film. The piezo element film **83b**, for example, is constituted with (Pb, Zr)TiO₃ or AlN.

[0193] Further, an upper driving hole **86b** is formed at a portion aligned with the electrostatic hole **74** in the upper driving layer **80b** to pass through the upper second insulation layer **85b**, the upper second electrode layer **84b**, the piezo element film **83b**, the upper first electrode layer **82b**, and the upper first insulation layer **81b**. The upper columnar semiconductor layer **87b** is formed in the upper driving hole **86b**. The upper columnar semiconductor layer **87b** has the same diameter as that of the electrostatic columnar semiconductor layer **76**. An under surface of the upper columnar semiconductor layer **87b** is formed to contact with an upper surface of the electrostatic columnar semiconductor layer **76**. An upper surface of the upper columnar semiconductor layer **87b** is formed to contact with an under surface of the drain columnar semiconductor layer **45**. Further, an eleventh space Ag**11** is formed between a sidewall of the upper driving hole **86b** and a sidewall of the upper columnar semiconductor layer **87**.

[0194] (A Mechanism of the Nonvolatile Semiconductor Memory Device According to the Seventh Embodiment)

[0195] Next, as reference to FIG. **38** and FIG. **39**, a mechanism of the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the seventh embodiment is explained. As shown in FIG. **38**, piezo element film **83a** is expanded by applying a prescribed voltage to the lower first electrode **82a** and the lower second electrode **84a**. On the other hand, the piezo element film **83b** is shrunk by applying a prescribed voltage to the upper first electrode **82b** and the upper second electrode **84b** as shown in FIG. **38**. In this way, the word line conduction layers from the first word line conduction layer **36a** to the fourth word line conduction layer **36d** relatively move to upper side corresponding to the charge storage layer **39b** and the memory.

[0196] As shown in FIG. **39**, the piezo element film **83a** is shrunk by applying a prescribed voltage to the upper first electrode **82a** and the upper second electrode **84a**; on the other hand, piezo element film **83b** is expanded by applying a prescribed voltage to the upper first electrode **82b** and the upper second electrode **84b**. In this way, the word line conduction layers from the first word line conduction layer **36a** to the fourth word line conduction layer **36d** relatively moved to lower side corresponding to the charge storage layer **39b** and the memory **381**.

[0197] As shown in FIG. **38** or FIG. **39** mentioned above, the word line conduction layers from the first word line conduction layer **36a** to the fourth word line conduction layer **36d** are moved to lower side and upper side corresponding to the memory **381**, successively the memory **381** is bended as the same as the sixth embodiment. Namely, the word line conduction layers from the first word line conduction layer **36a** to the fourth word line conduction layer **36d** relatively move to the row-direction, the column direction, and the stacking direction corresponding to the charge storage layer **39b**. Further, when the first-fourth word line conduction layers **36a-**

36d are applied voltage, data are performed to be read out and to be written in the portion of the charge storage layer **39b** approach to the first-fourth word line conduction layers **36a-36d**. Writing in data and reading out data are performed in a plurality of positions of the charge storage layer **39b** around the memory hole **37** (fourth space Ag**4**) by changing the movement direction of the first-fourth word line conduction layers **36a-36d** and the bending direction of the memory **381**. The positions can be set at the row direction, the column direction and the stacking direction.

[0198] (Effect of the Nonvolatile Semiconductor Memory Device According to the Seventh Embodiment)

[0199] Next, effects of the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the seventh embodiment are explained. As mentioned above discussion, the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the seventh embodiment has the same effects as the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the first embodiment. In the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the seventh embodiment, the first-fourth word line conduction layers **36a-36d** have capability of relative movement to upper and lower direction in addition to the row direction and the column direction corresponding to charge storage layer **39b**. In this way, in the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to the seventh embodiment, writing in data and reading out data can be performed in the plurality of the positions of the charge storage layer **39b**. The positions can be set at the row-direction, the column direction and the stacking direction. The nonvolatile semiconductor according to the seventh embodiment memory device has a higher memory density by relative movement to upper and lower direction of the first-fourth word line conduction layers **36a-36d** as compared to the sixth embodiment.

Other Embodiments

[0200] Other embodiments of the present invention will be apparent to those skilled in the art from consideration of the specification and practice of the invention disclosed herein. It is intended that the specification and example embodiments be considered as exemplary only, with a true scope and spirit of the invention being indicated by the claims that follow. The invention can be carried out by being variously modified within a range not deviated from the gist of the invention.

[0201] For example, in the first-seventh embodiments, word lines WL (first-fourth word line conduction layer **36a-36d**) are explained as a plane structure, however, the word lines WL are not limited as the plane structure. The word lines WL, for example, may be a stripe structure.

[0202] Further, in the first-seventh the embodiments, the memory layers is constituted with a stacked layer of the tunnel insulation layer (Oxide), the charge storage layer (Nitride) and the block insulation layer (Oxide) in order from the memory side, which is an ONO structure, however, an NO structure omitted the tunnel insulation layer (Oxide) may be applicable.

[0203] Further, in the sixth and seventh the embodiments, the memory layer **30e** of the fifth embodiment can be applicable in stead of the memory layers **30f**; **30g**.

[0204] Further, in the sixth and seventh the embodiment, an space and an actuator is configured to relatively move the first-fourth word line conduction layers **36a-36d** to the row-direction and the column direction, so that the first-fourth word line conduction layers **36a-36d** can be moved to the row direction and the column direction

What is claimed is:

1. A nonvolatile semiconductor memory device, comprising a plurality of memory strings, each of the memory strings being constituted with a plurality of electrically erasable memory cells being serially connected each other, the memory strings comprising:
 - a columnar semiconductor layer perpendicularly extending for a substrate;
 - a plurality of conductive layers being formed in parallel with the substrate and including a first space between sidewalls of the columnar semiconductor layers; and
 - a characteristic change layer being formed on the sidewall of the columnar semiconductor layer faced to the first space or a sidewall of the conductive layer faced to the first space, the characteristic change layer changing characteristics accompanying with applied voltage;
 wherein each of the conductive layers has a function as a relative movement to a prescribed direction for the columnar semiconductor layer.
2. The nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to claim 1, wherein a surface of the characteristic change layer faced to the first space is formed as concavity and convexity.
3. The nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to claim 1, wherein the first space is configured in each of the conductive layers and includes a hole formed as a slit shape from top view.
4. The nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to claim 1, wherein the characteristic change layer is constituted with a resistance change layer or a charge storage layer, resistance of the resistance change layer being changed accompanying with the applied voltage, the charge storage layer storing electric charges.
5. The nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to claim 1, wherein the columnar semiconductor layer has flexibility and includes an electrostatic layer, the electrostatic layer deforming the columnar semiconductor layer to the prescribed direction by applying electrostatic force to the columnar semiconductor layer via the first space.
6. The nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to claim 4, wherein the characteristic change layer is the charge storage layer formed on a sidewall of the conductive layer, and each of the memory cells includes the charge storage layer formed on the sidewall of the conductive layer and is serially connected in order.
7. The nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to claim 6, further comprising:
 - a source-side selection transistor and a drain-side selection transistor connected to the lower end and the upper end of the memory cells, respectively.
8. The nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to claim 7, wherein the conductive layer acts as a control gate electrode, the sidewall of the conductive layer contacting with the memory cell, and the conductive layer act as a word line, one end portion of each of the conductive layers is formed into a shape of stairs.
9. The nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to claim 8, further comprising:
 - a word line driving circuit connecting to the word line and controlling voltage applied to the word line;
 - a source-side selection gate line driving circuit connecting to the source-side selection gate line and controlling voltage applied to the source-side selection gate line;
 - a drain-side selection gate line driving circuit connecting to the drain-side selection gate line and controlling voltage applied to the drain-side selection gate line;
 - a plurality of bit lines being connected to the memory strings; and
 - a sense amplifier connecting to the bit line and amplifying voltage read out from the memory cells.
10. The nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to claim 1, further comprising:
 - a first actuator relatively moving the plurality of the conductive layer to row direction for the columnar semiconductor layer; and
 - a second actuator relatively moving the plurality of the conductive layer to column direction for the columnar semiconductor layer.
11. The nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to claim 10, wherein the first actuator and the second actuator are electrostatic capacity-type elements, piezo-type elements or thermal expansion-type elements.
12. The nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to claim 10, further comprising:
 - a memory cell region including the plurality of the memory cells;
 - a first frame layer being conductive and being formed as rectangular to surround the memory cell region;
 - a second frame layer being conductive and being formed as rectangular to surround the first frame layer;
 - a third frame layer being conductive and being formed as rectangular to surround the second frame layer;
 - a first connection layer being formed towards the column direction and electrically connecting with the first frame layer and the second frame layer;
 - a second connection layer being formed towards the row direction and electrically connecting with the second frame layer and the third frame layer;
 - a second space being formed between the first frame layer and the second frame layer via a first insulation film and a second insulation film; and
 - a third space being formed between the second frame layer and the third frame layer via a third insulation film and a fourth insulation film;
 wherein the first actuator is constituted with the first frame layer, the first insulation film, the second space, the second insulation film and the second frame layer, and the second actuator is constituted with the second frame layer, the third insulation film, the third space, the fourth insulation film and the third frame layer.
13. The nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to claim 12, wherein the first actuator and the second actuator are comb-like electrostatic capacity-type elements.
14. The nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to claim 10, wherein the relative distance is below 10 nm.
15. The nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to claim 3,

wherein a longitudinal direction and a lateral direction of the slit hole are the column direction and the row direction, respectively.

16. The nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to claim 4,

wherein the characteristic change layer is constituted with the resistance change layer, the resistance change layer being formed at a conductive layer side via a diode formed on the sidewall of the conductive layer and electrically being connected to the conductive layer.

17. The nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to claim 5,

Wherein the electrostatic layer is formed on the plurality of the conductive layer via a fifth insulation film, the columnar semiconductor layer is extended corresponding to the electrostatic layer to be formed as an electrostatic columnar semiconductor layer, the first space is extended to be configured between the electrostatic layer and the electrostatic columnar semiconductor layer, the electrostatic layer is formed to have a sidewall insulation layer on the sidewall thereof, the electrostatic layer includes a lower wiring layer and an upper wiring layer, the upper wiring layer being formed on the lower wiring layer and being sandwiched by a sixth insulation film, the lower wiring layer being formed as a stripe shape with a prescribed pitch to the row direction and extending to the column direction, the upper wiring layer being formed as a stripe shape with a prescribed pitch to the column direction and extending to the row direction.

18. The nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to claim 5, further comprising;

a lower driving layer being formed between the conductive layer and the source-side selection transistor, the lower driving layer relatively moving the plurality of the conductive layer to the row direction corresponding to the columnar semiconductor layer by expanding and shrinking; and

an upper driving layer being formed between the drain-side selection transistor and the electrostatic layer, the upper driving layer relatively moving the plurality of the conductive layer to the row direction corresponding to the columnar semiconductor layer by expanding and shrinking.

19. The nonvolatile semiconductor memory device according to claim 18, wherein

the lower driving layer includes a lower portion first insulation layer, a lower portion first electrode layer, a piezo element film, a lower portion second electrode layer and a lower portion second insulation layer in order;

the upper driving layer an upper portion first insulation layer an upper portion first electrode layer, the piezo element film, an upper portion second electrode layer and an upper portion second insulation layer in order;

the columnar semiconductor layer is extended corresponding to the lower portion driving layer to be formed as a lower portion columnar semiconductor layer, the electrostatic columnar semiconductor layer is extended corresponding to the upper portion driving layer to be formed as an upper portion columnar semiconductor layer; and

the first space is extended to be configured between the lower portion driving layer and the upper portion driving

layer, and between the lower portion columnar semiconductor layer and the upper portion columnar semiconductor layer.

20. A method for fabricating a nonvolatile semiconductor memory device, the nonvolatile semiconductor memory device comprising a plurality of memory strings, each of the memory strings being constituted with a plurality of electrically erasable memory cells being serially connected each other, comprising:

forming a source-side transistor layer on a semiconductor substrate;

depositing a silicon-nitride film, a silicon-oxide film, a germanium-silicon film, a silicon-oxide film and a silicon film to form an isolation insulator, a first protective layer, a first sacrifice layer, a second protective layer and a third frame bottom layer on the source-side transistor layer;

forming a first hole at a portion aligned with the source-side columnar semiconductor layer to pass through the third frame bottom layer, the second protective layer, the first sacrifice layer, the first protective layer and the isolation insulator;

forming a second sacrifice layer and a first columnar semiconductor layer on a sidewall of the first hole;

alternately forming a plurality of conductive layers and a plurality of first interlayer insulators on the first columnar semiconductor layer, the second sacrifice layer and the third frame bottom layer;

forming a second hole at a portion aligned with the first hole to pass through the plurality of the conductive layers and the plurality of the first interlayer insulators, constituting a memory hole with the first hole and the second hole;

forming the block insulation layer, the charge storage layer, the tunnel insulation layer, the third sacrifice layer and the second columnar semiconductor layer on a sidewall of the second hole in order, constituting a columnar semiconductor layer with the first columnar semiconductor layer and the second columnar semiconductor layer;

etching the first protective layer, the first sacrifice layer, the third frame bottom layer, the plurality of the conductive layers and the plurality of the first interlayer insulators to form into a shape of stairs;

forming a second interlayer insulator onto an upper surface of the columnar semiconductor layer;

forming a first groove onto an upper surface of the isolation insulator to pass through the interlayer insulator;

forming a second groove, a third groove and a fourth groove onto the first sacrifice layer to pass through the interlayer insulator to form a fourth sacrifice layer, a second frame layer and a fifth sacrifice layer in the second groove, the third groove, the fourth groove, respectively;

forming a fifth groove onto the third frame bottom layer to pass through the interlayer insulator to form a third frame in the fifth groove;

forming first-fourth holes by passing through the interlayer insulator onto an upper surface of an end in the row direction the plurality of the conductive layer and forming plug conductive layers in the first-fourth holes;

forming a sixth sacrifice layer on the first frame layer, a first drain-side insulation layer on the sixth sacrifice layer and first drain-side hole at a portion aligned with the memory hole.

forming a seventh sacrifice layer 51g and a first drain-side columnar semiconductor layer on a sidewall of the first drain-side hole;

forming a first drain-side insulation layer, a drain-side conductive layer and a second drain-side insulation layer on the drain-side first insulation layer;

forming a second drain-side hole at a portion aligned with the first drain-side hole to form a drain-side hole constituted with the first drain-side hole and the second drain-side hole;

forming a drain gate insulation layer and a second drain-side columnar semiconductor layer on a sidewall of the drain-side second hole to form a drain-side columnar semiconductor layer constituted with the first drain-side columnar semiconductor layer and the second drain-side columnar semiconductor layer;

forming a bit line layer at a portion aligned with the drain-side hole;

forming a third drain-side hole to a depth of the sixth sacrifice layer; and

removing the first-seventh sacrifice layers in the third drain-side hole by vapor atmosphere of ClF_3 so as to form a space.

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