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EUV DEVELOPMENTS AT IMEC

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EUV HISTORY AT IMEC

OVER 10 YEARS OF EUV

EXPOSURE TOOLS AT IMEC



2006 - 2011	2011 - 2015	2014 - present
ASML Alpha-Demo tool 40nm → 27nm LS 0.25 NA	ASML NXE:3100 27nm, 22nm, 18nm LS 0.25 NA	ASML NXE:3300 22, 16, 13nm LS 0.33 NA

NXE:3300
+ TEL Lithius ProZ EUV



NXT:1970i
+ TEL Pro-Zi



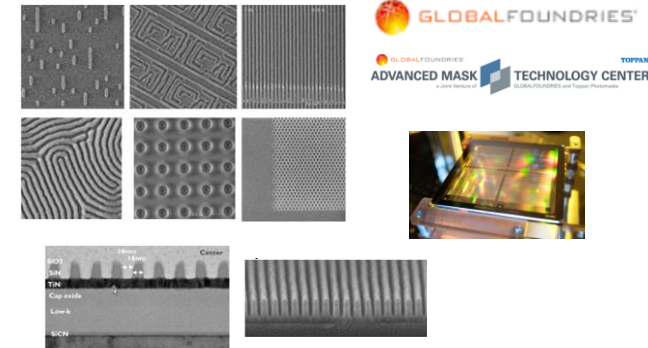
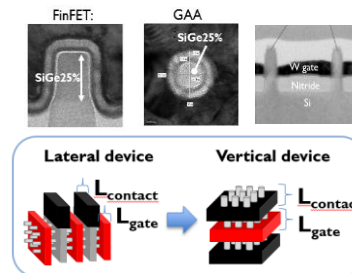
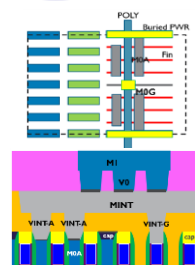
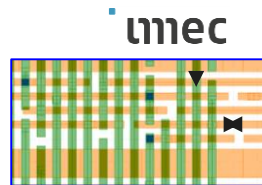
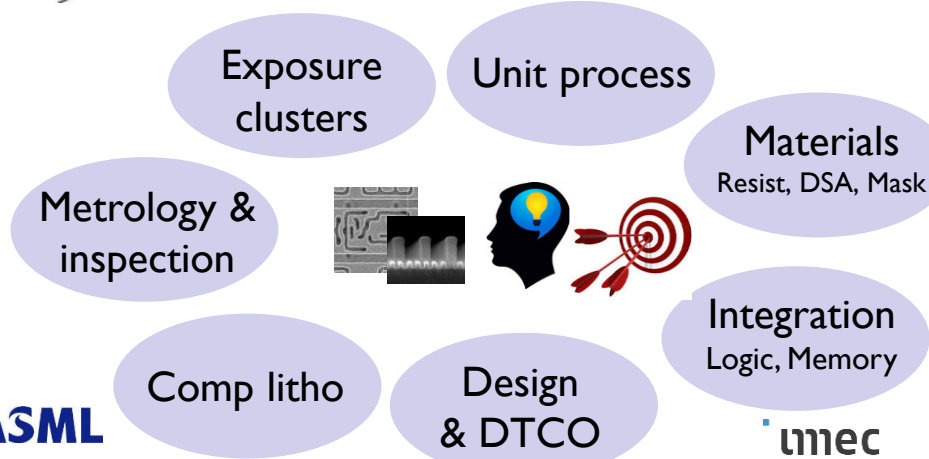
NXT:1950i
+ Screen DUO



IMEC ADVANCED PATTERNING ECOSYSTEM...

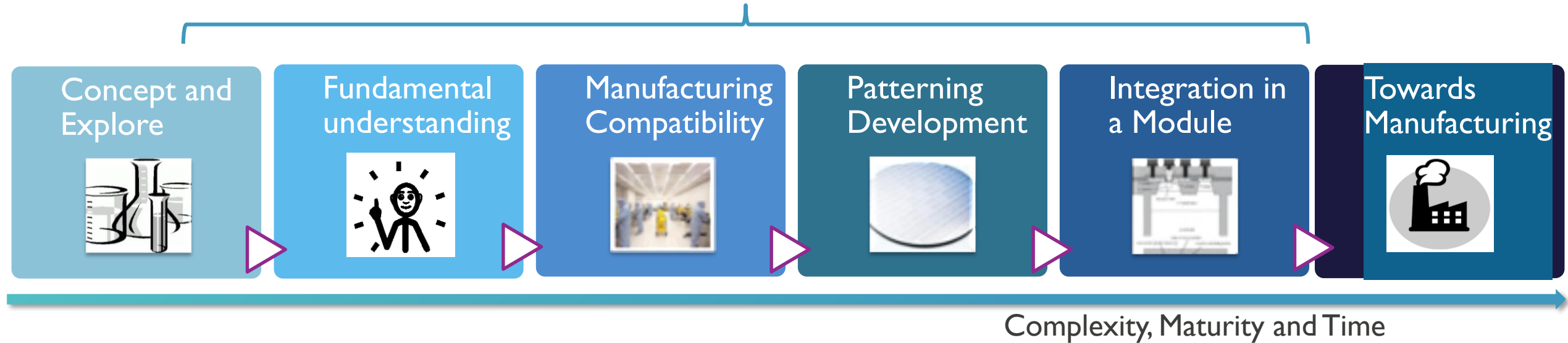
COLLABORATION HUB FOR THE INDUSTRY

Advanced patterning ecosystem around all sectors essential to advanced patterning



EUV ACTIVITIES AT IMEC: LAB-TO-FAB

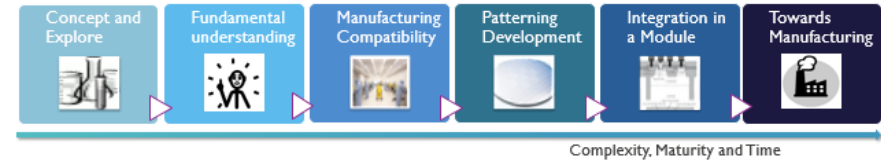
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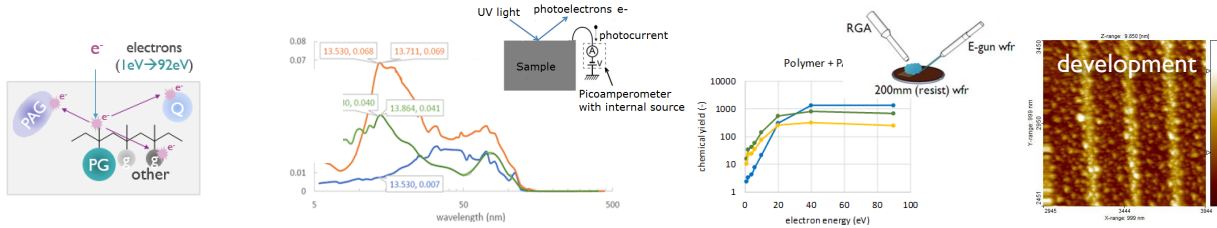
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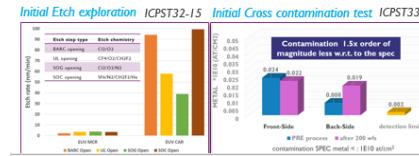
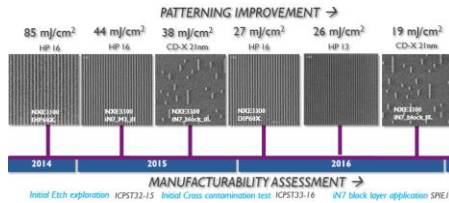


EUV materials and patterning

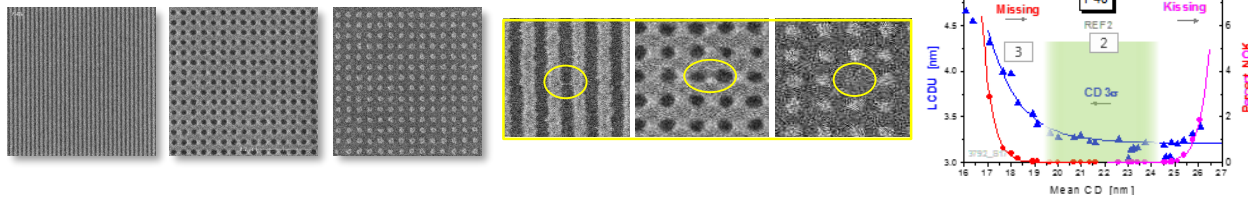
Fundamental understanding



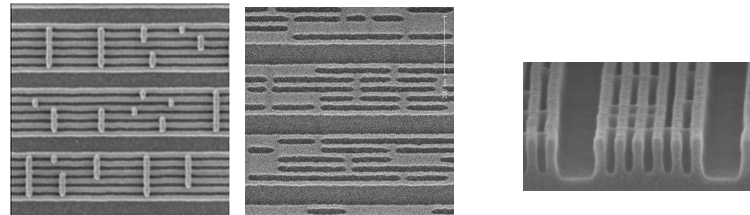
Manufacturing Compatibility



Patterning Development

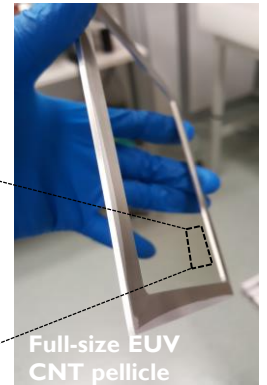
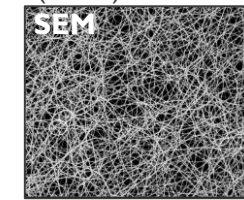


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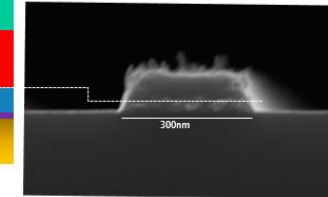


CNT Pellicle

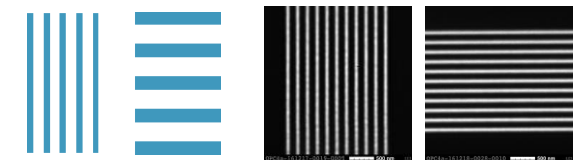
Carbon Nanotube (CNT) Pellicle



Alternate mask absorber

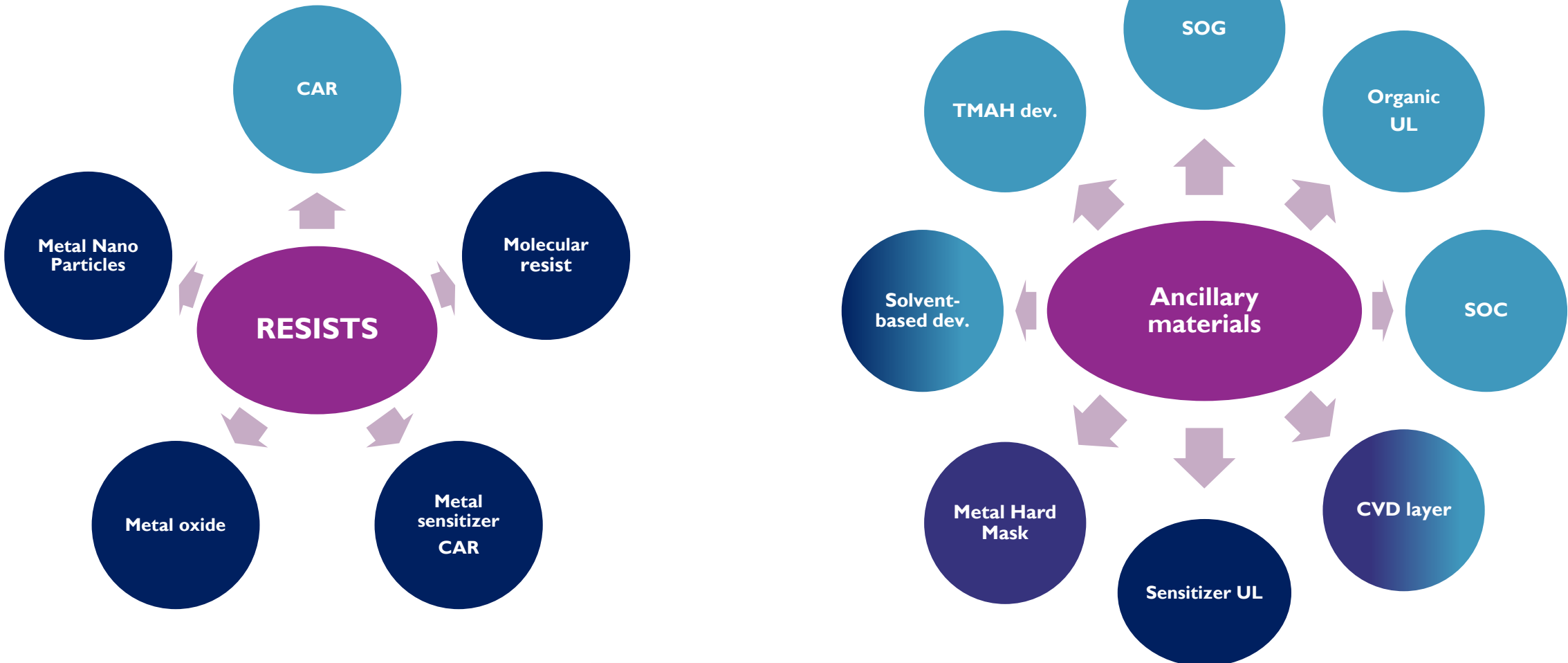


High-NA 3D-mask effects



EUV MATERIALS

EUV MATERIAL LANDSCAPE TODAY

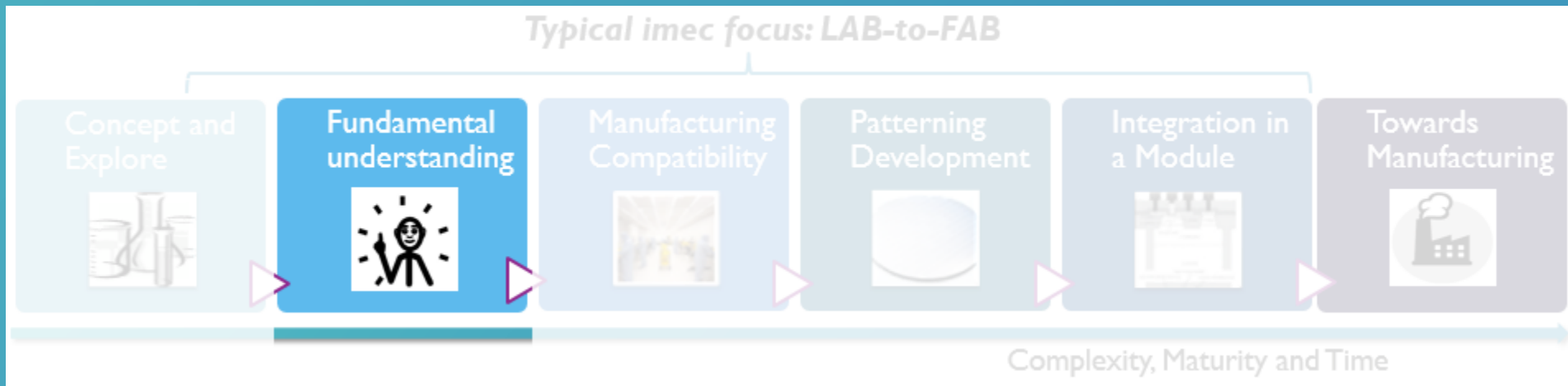


CAR = Chemically Amplified Resist
 MCR = Metal containing Resist
 PTD = Positive Tone Developer
 NTD = Negative Tone Developer
 SOC = Spin On Carbon
 SOG = Spin On Glass
 UL = underlayer



Traditional materials
Not traditional materials

FUNDAMENTAL UNDERSTANDING



FUNDAMENTAL UNDERSTANDING: MEASUREMENT TECHNIQUES

EUV absorptance

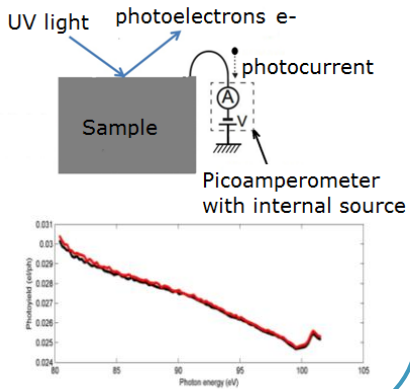
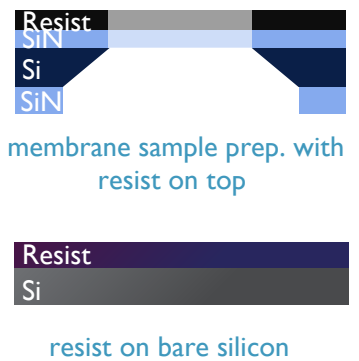
Total Electron Yield
Photon emission

Secondary Electrons,
Quantum Efficiency

Chemical reactions

Solubility switch

Absorption & Electron Yield Measurements at Elettra Synchrotron

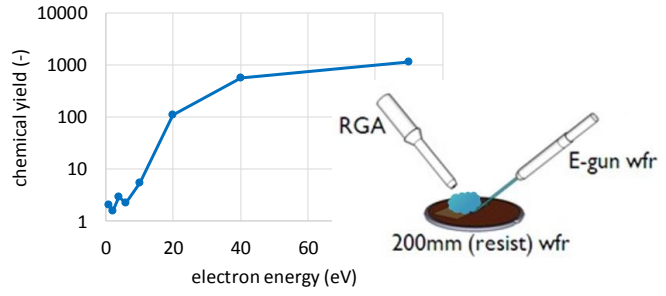
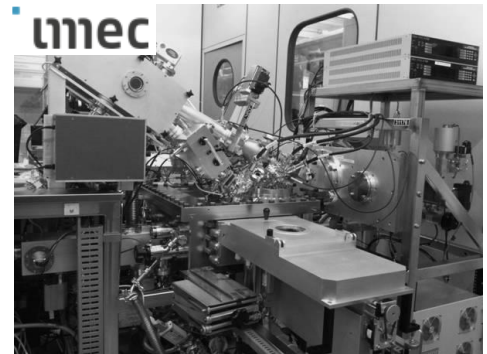


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High-Speed Atomic Force Microscope



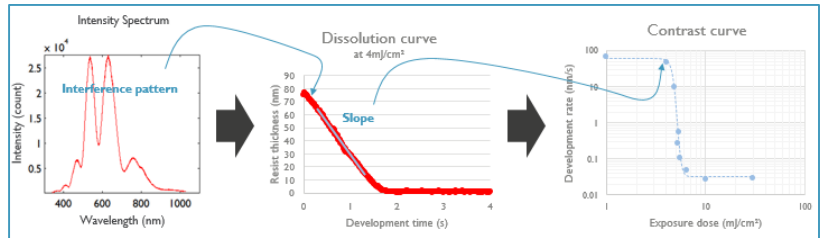
Chemical reactions with low-energy electron gun



I. Pollentier et al. upcoming EUVL symposium 2017

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Dissolution Rate Monitor



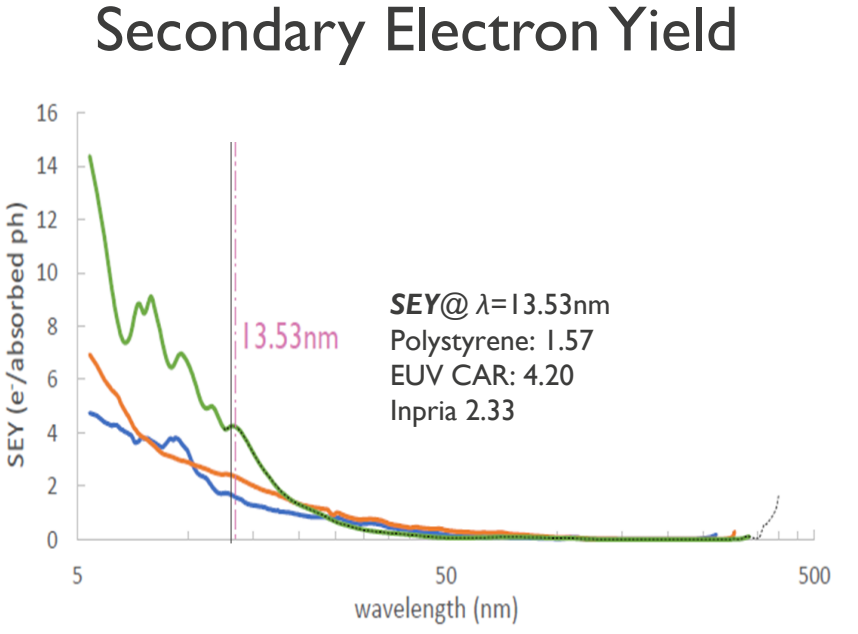
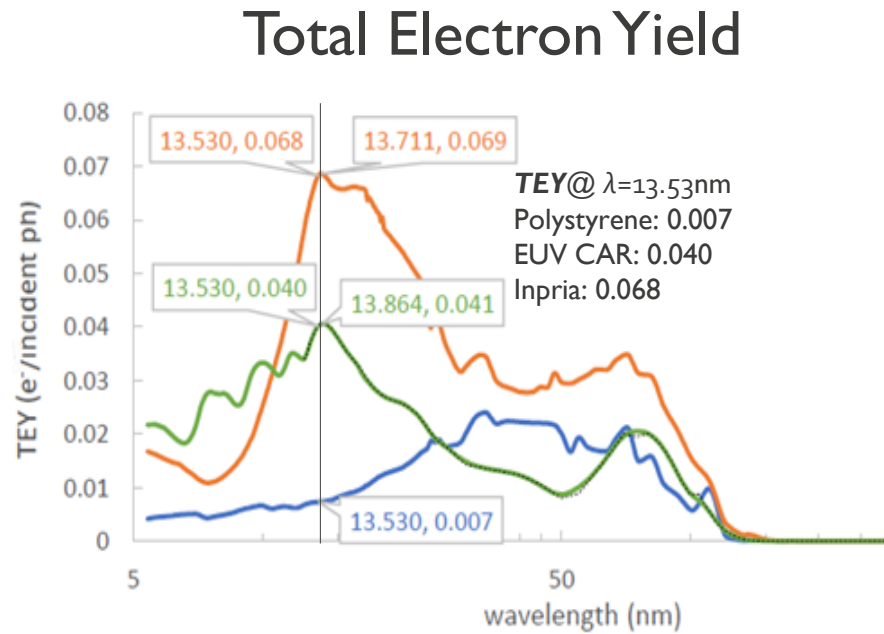
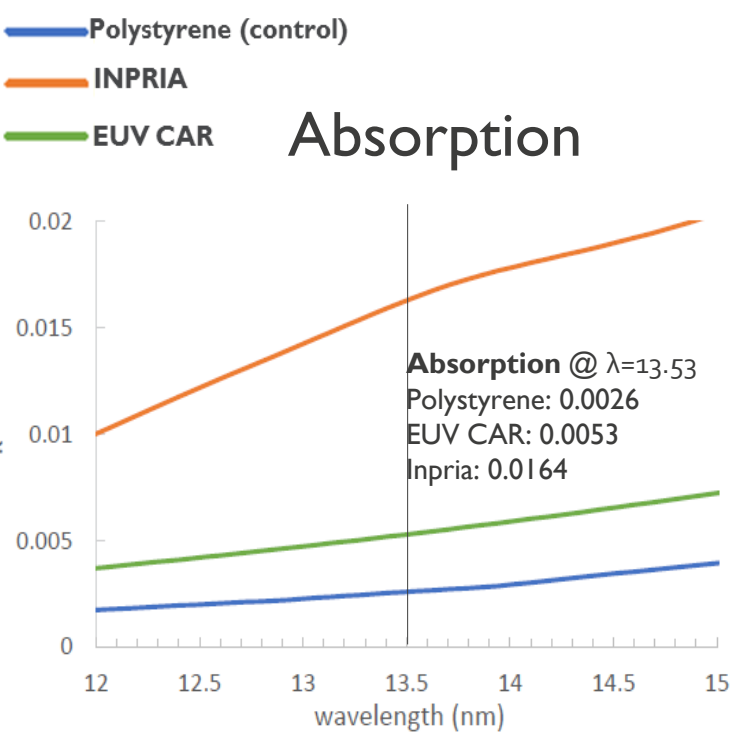
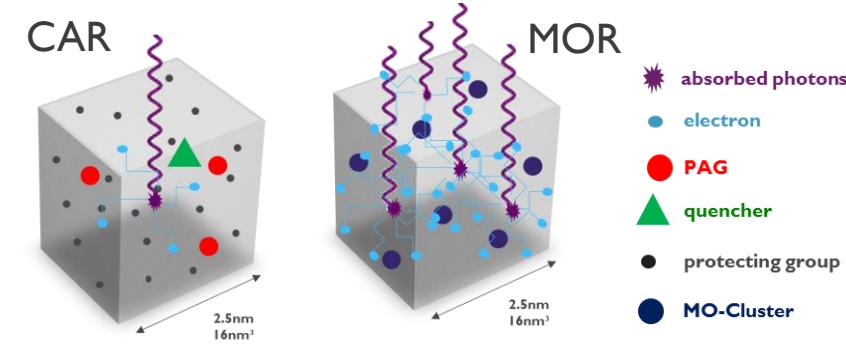
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LIGHT-RESIST INTERACTION

More photons are absorbed and more total electrons are generated within Inpria resist than with CAR

However, CAR electron efficiency looks higher

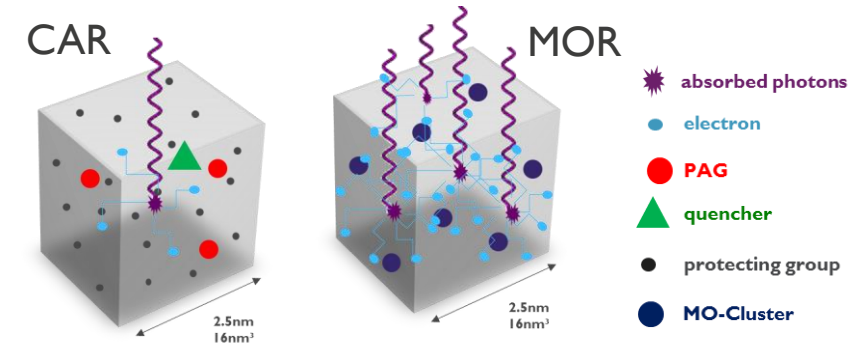


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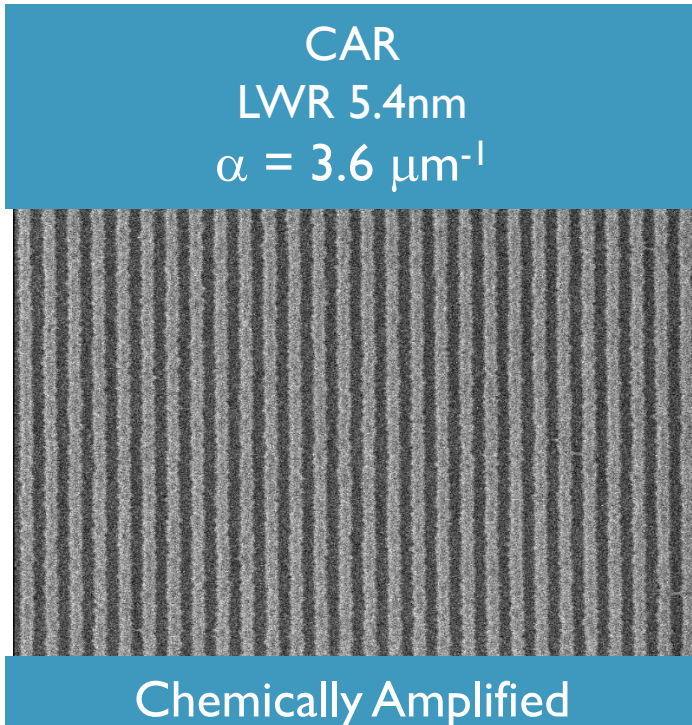
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comparable Dose-to-Size ($\sim 21 \text{ mJ/cm}^2$), 32nm pitch



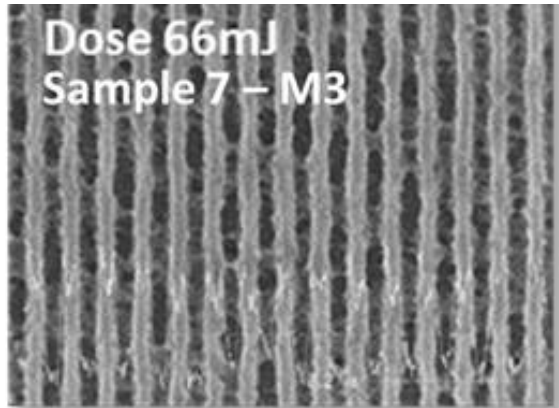
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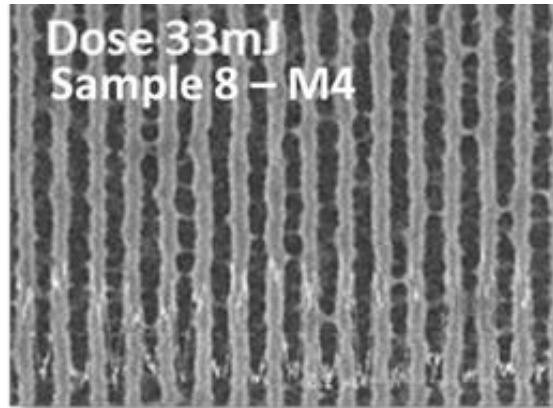
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other metal containing resists have shown very poor patterning performance

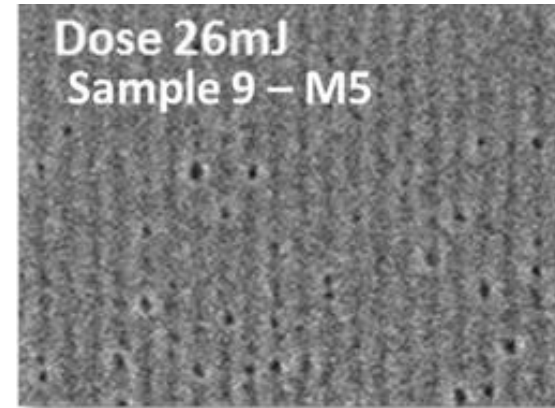
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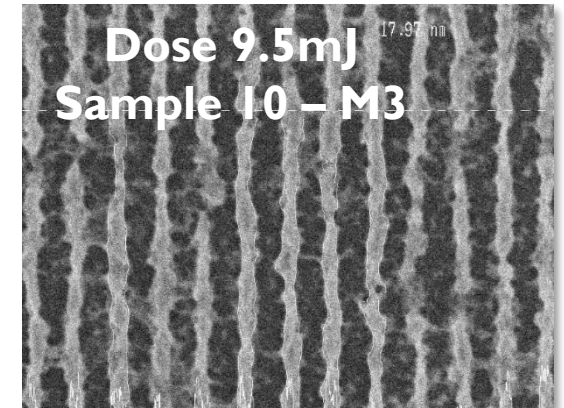
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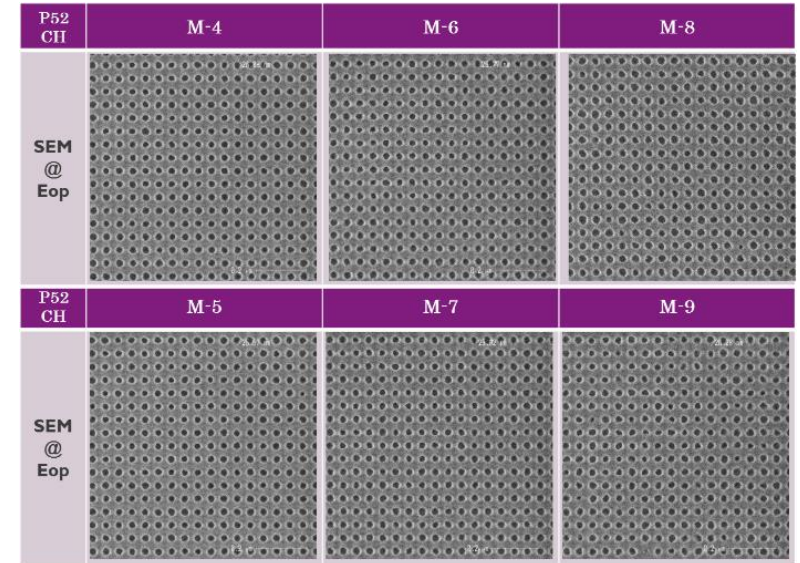
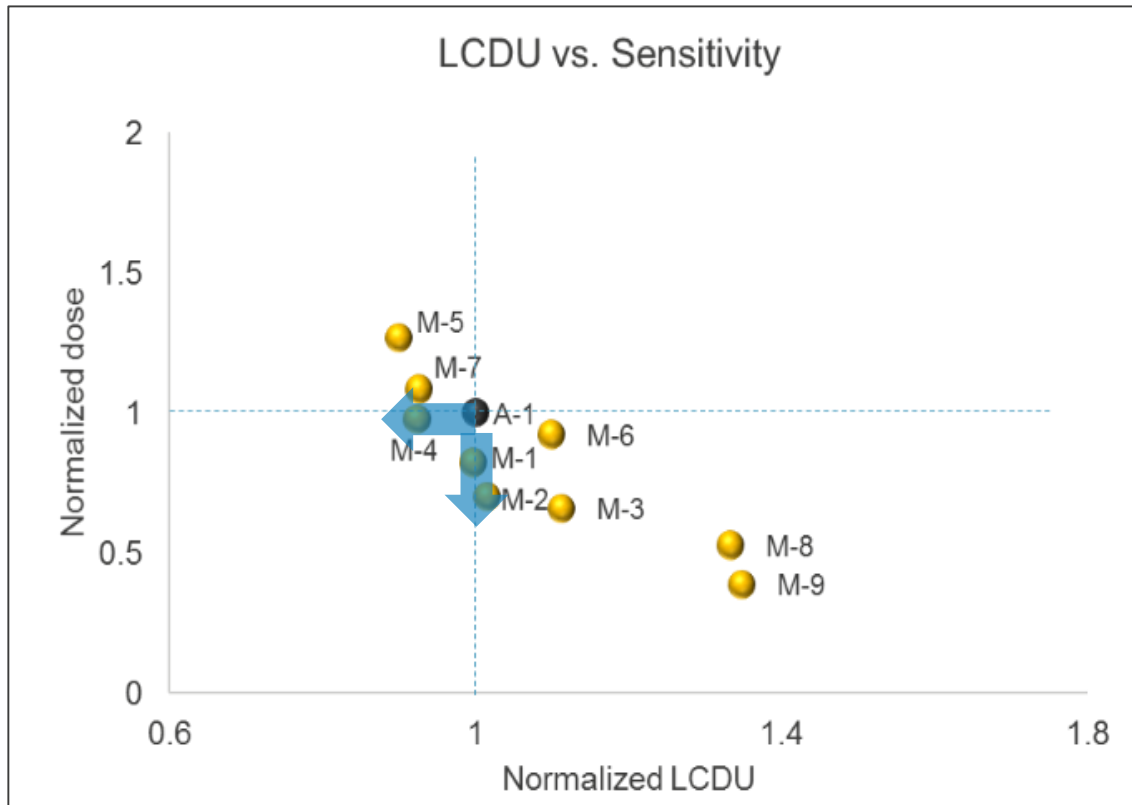
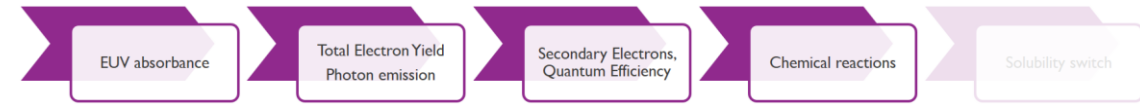


54nm pitch



FUNDAMENTAL UNDERSTANDING METAL SENSITIZER IN CAR

Metals can provide a knob to tune sensitivity or LCDU, but appropriate chemistry design is required



Resist Code	PAG	Quencher	ALU	Metal	Sensitivity Improve
A-1 ref CAR	x1	x1	x1	x0	0
M-1	x1	x1	x1	x1	28%
M-2	x1	x1	x1	x2	30%
M-3	x1	x1	x1	x3	34%
M-4	x1	PDQ3	x1	x2	22%
M-5	x1	PDQ4.5	x1	x2	10%
M-6	x1	x2	x1	x2	20%
M-7	x1	x3	x1	x2	28%
M-8	x1	x1	x1.3	x2	23%
M-9	x1	x1	x1.3 Less Hydrophobic	x2	19%

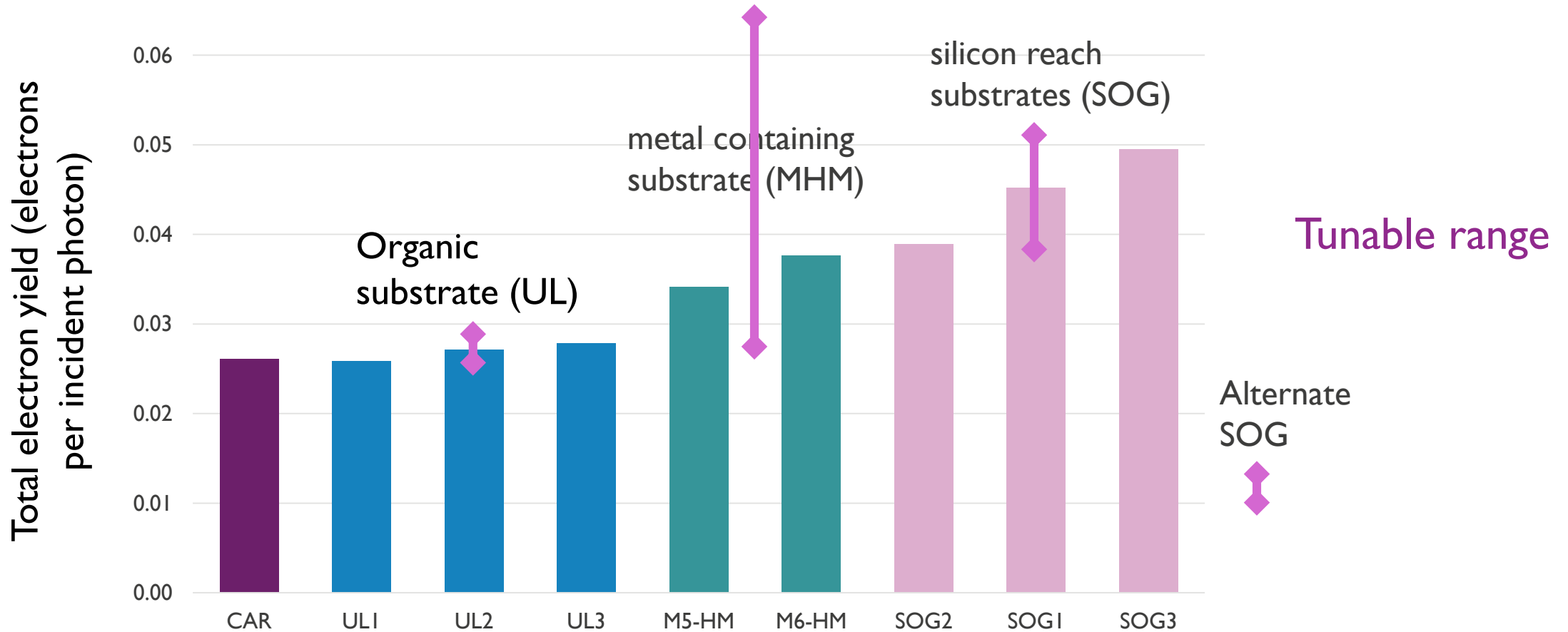
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EFFECTS OF THE SUBSTRATE



Electron yield measurements show dependence of resist substrate

Electron yield of substrates can often be tuned



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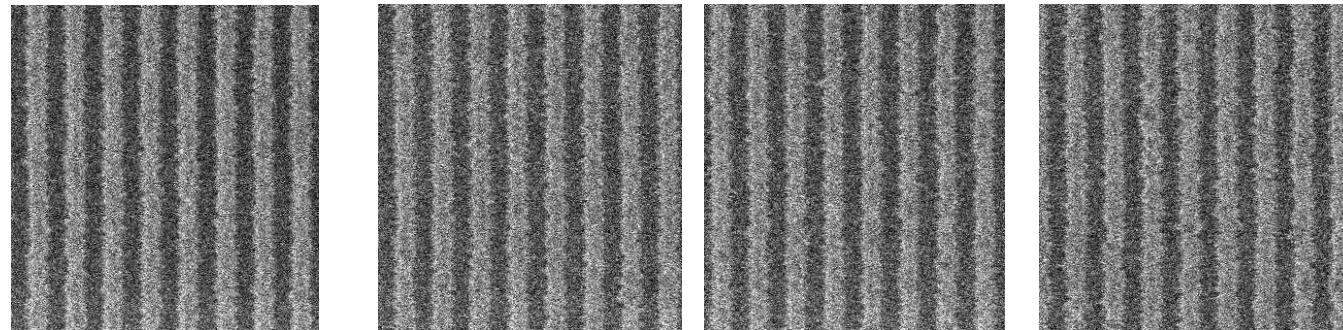
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Dose to size correlates with electron yield when in presence of Metals
 Substrate offers a potential improvement knob.

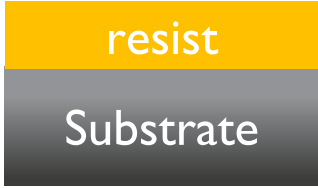
...but trade-offs typically exist (case I on TEY, Dose and LWR)

	Organic UL		Metal 1 HM	Metal 2 HM proc.-A	Metal 2 HM proc.-B	Impact on DtS & LWR
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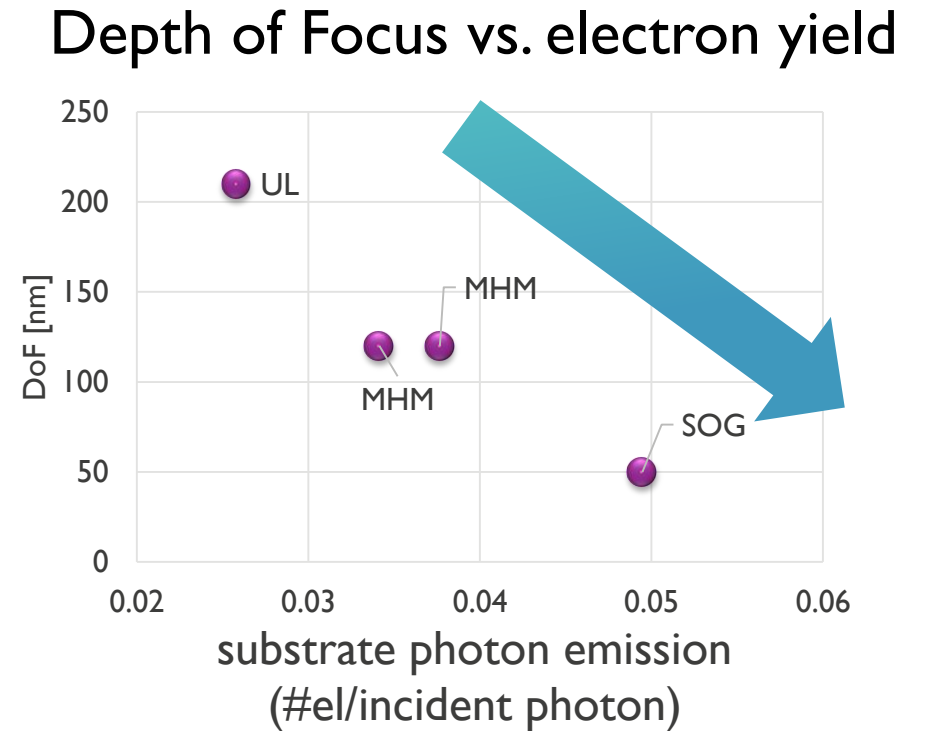
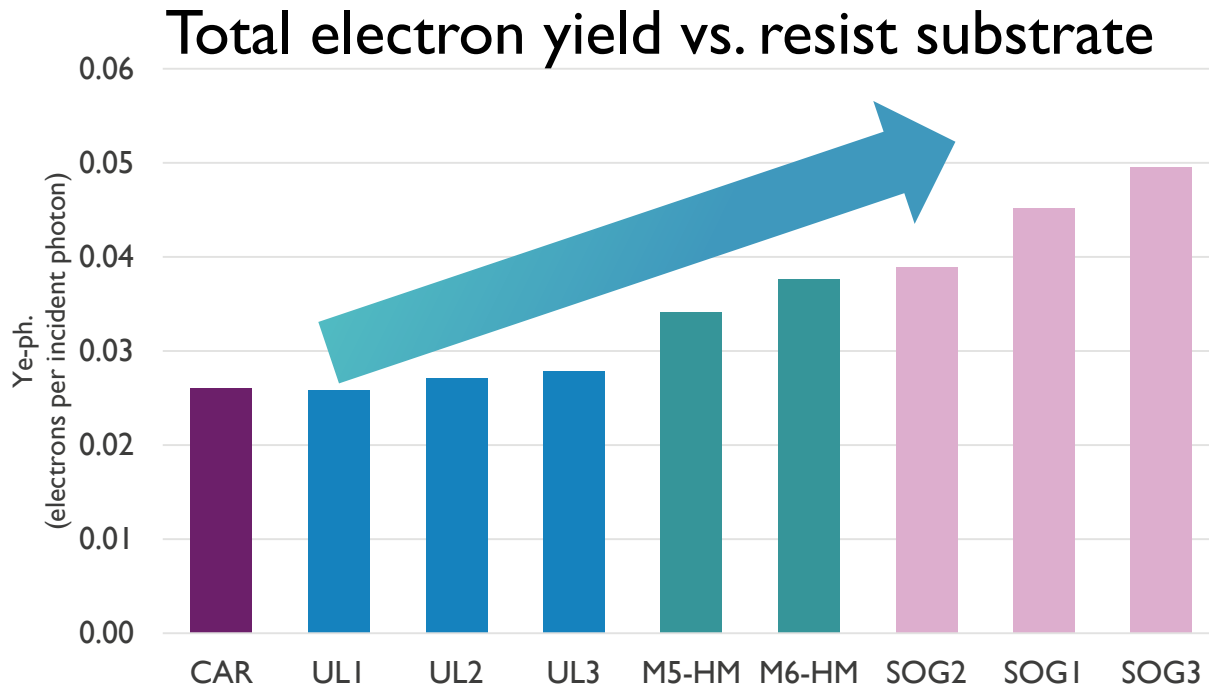
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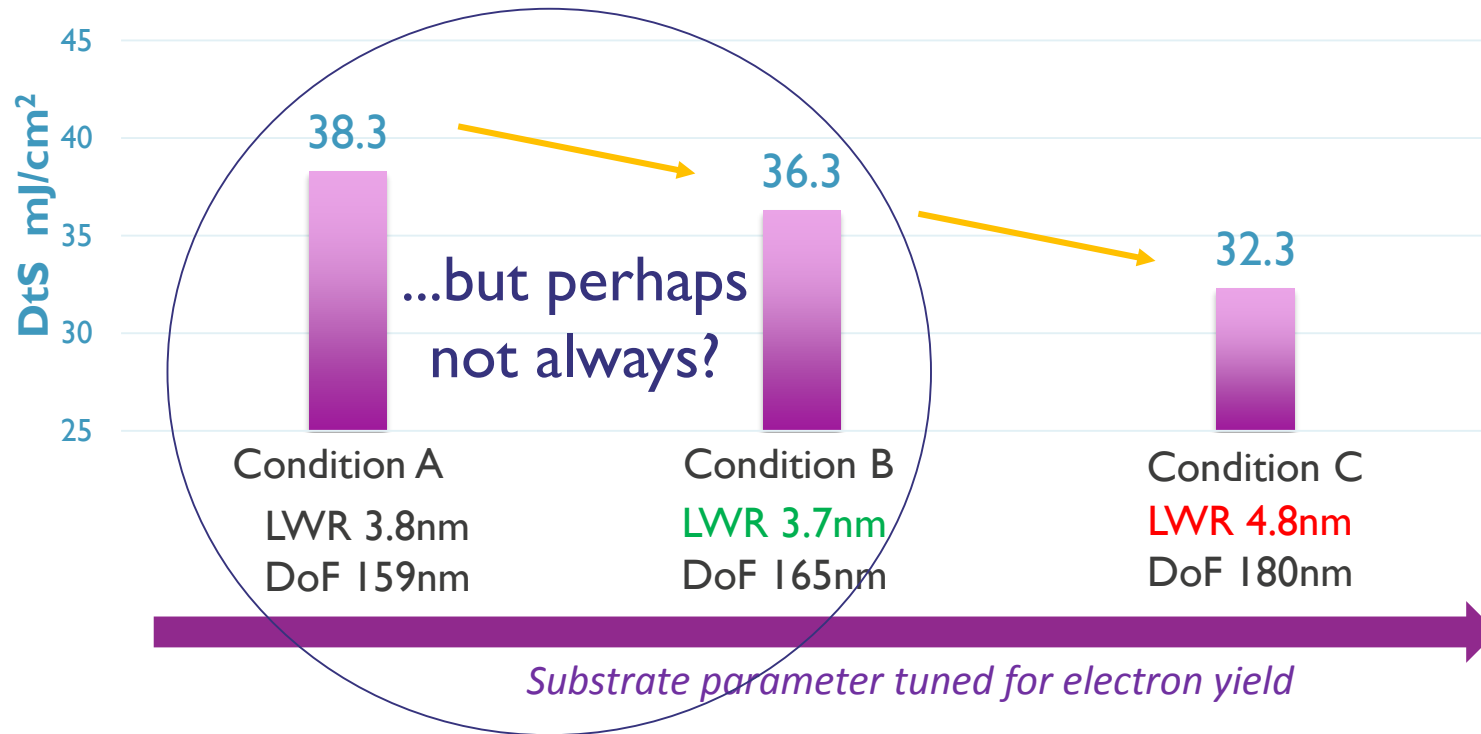
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EFFECTS OF THE SUBSTRATE



Dose to size can correlate with electron yield
Substrate offers a potential improvement knob.

...but trade-offs typically exist (case III on TEY, Dose, LWR and DoF)



DoF @ 8%EL
CD tg 16nm +/- 5%
Pitch 32nm

FUNDAMENTAL UNDERSTANDING

EUV absorbance

Total Electron Yield
Photon emission

Secondary Electrons,
Quantum Efficiency

Chemical reactions

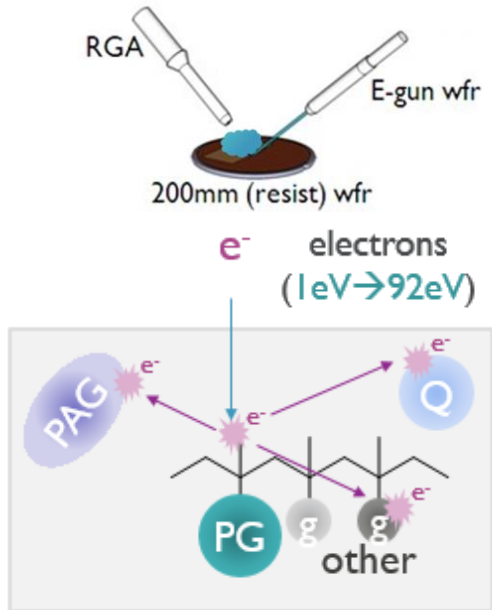
Solubility switch

ELECTRON – RESIST INTERACTION WITH LOW ENERGY E-GUN

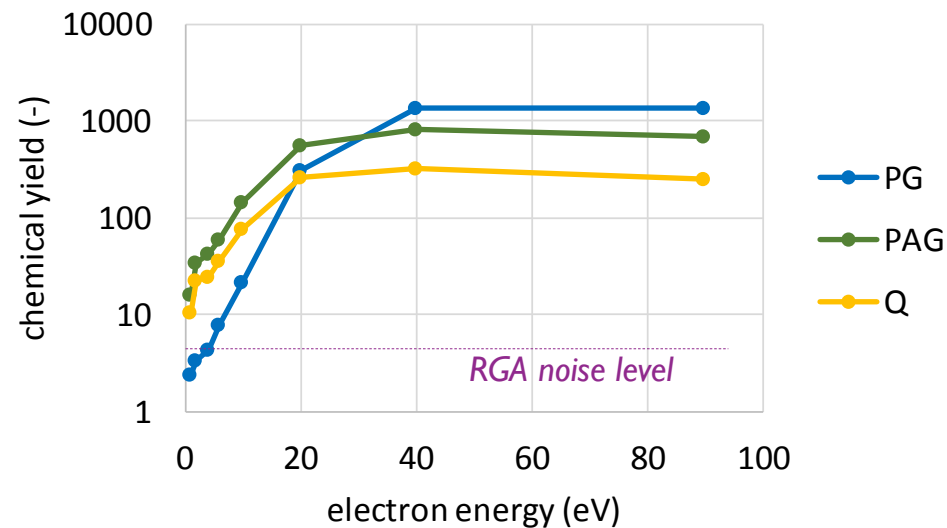
Chemistry happens at very low electron energies ($\sim 1\text{eV}$)

Even without a PAG, electrons can deprotect the polymer

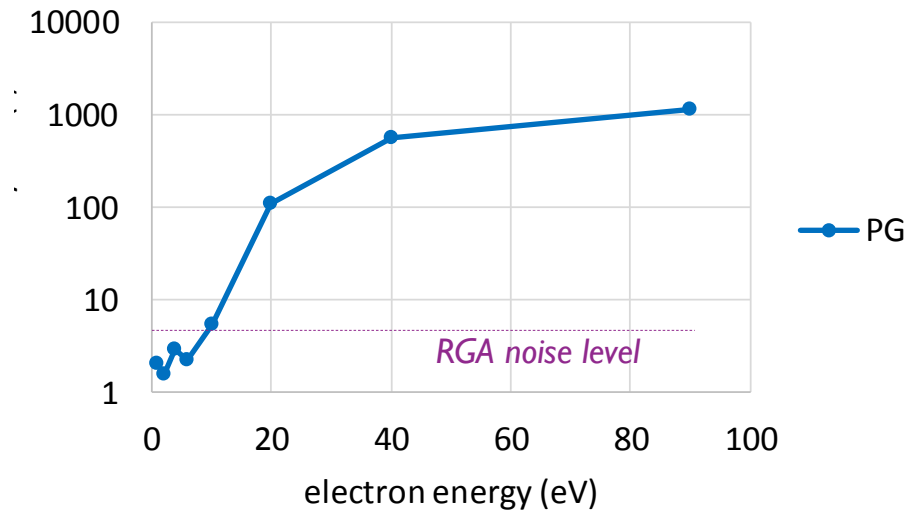
Potential means to screen polymers and understand their role in nanobridges



Chemical Yield vs. electron energy (polymer + PAG + Quencher)



Chemical Yield vs. electron energy (polymer only)



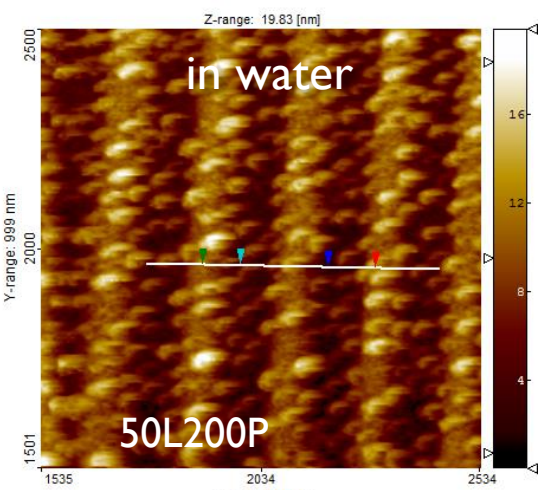
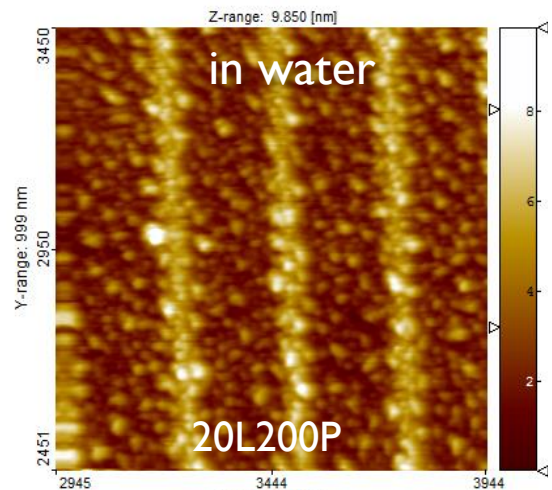
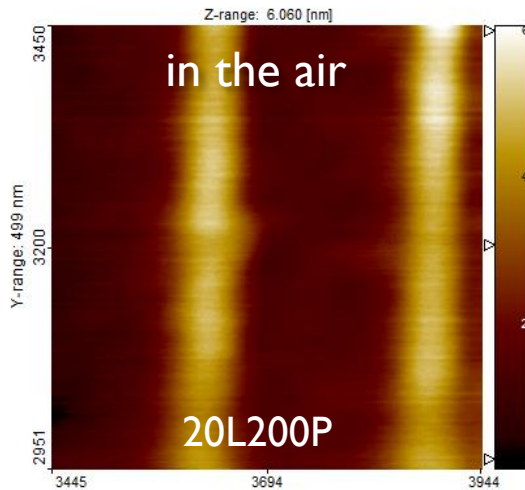
Chemical yield determined from outgassing by RGA during exposure with electrons of selected energy

FUNDAMENTAL UNDERSTANDING

HIGH SPEED ATOMIC FORCE MICROSCOPE TO PROBE EUV RESIST DEVELOPMENT



- Initial wetting causes partial dissolution and swelling
- Non-homogeneity propagates throughout development
- Further understanding may reveal chemical stochastics

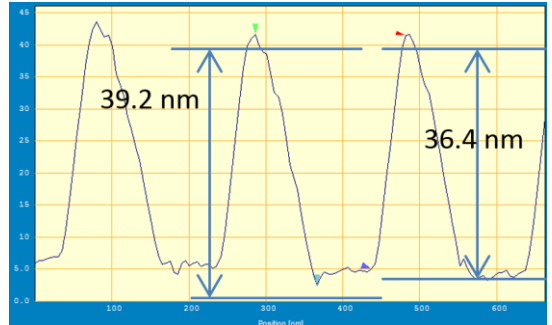
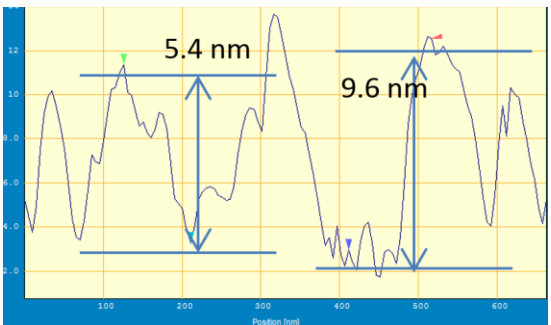
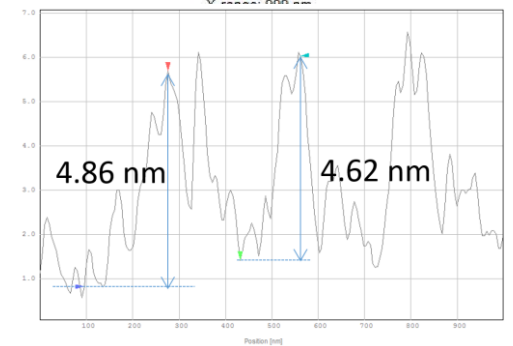
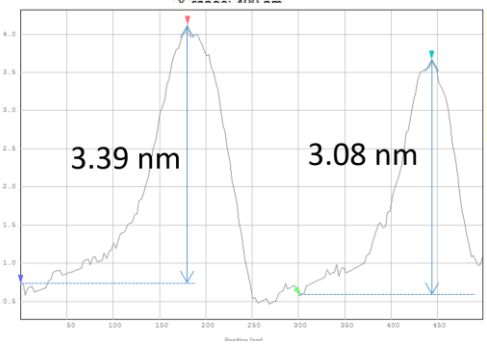


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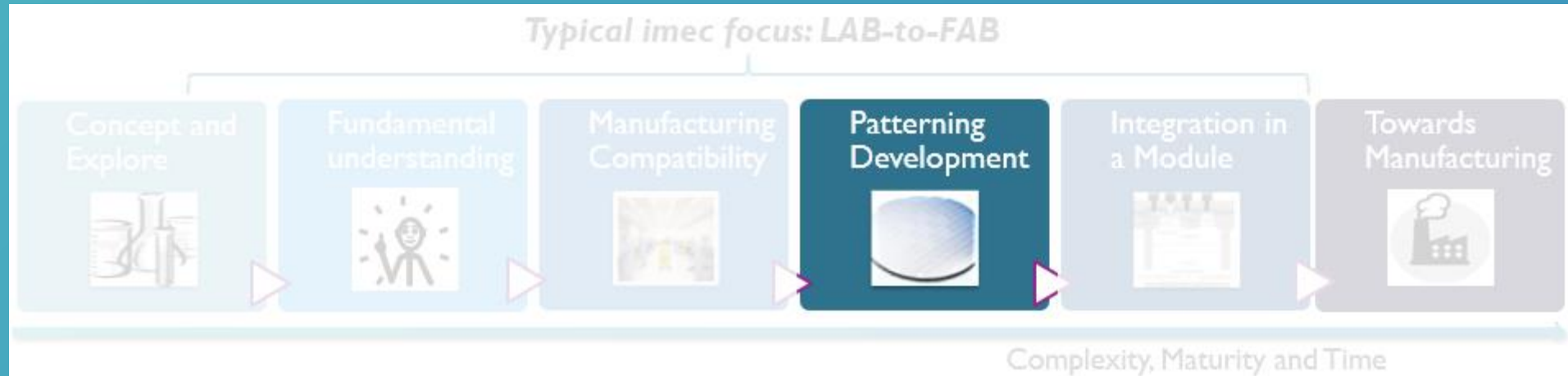
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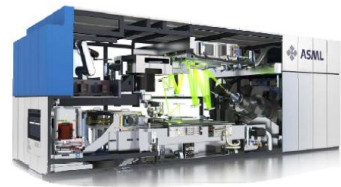


PATTERNING



EUV RESIST PERFORMANCE

LOW DOSE IS ACHIEVED, BUT LIMITED BY STOCHASTICS

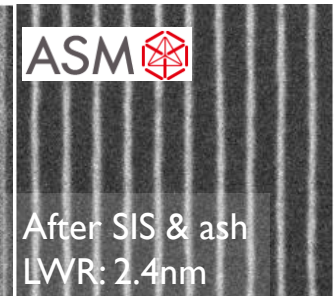
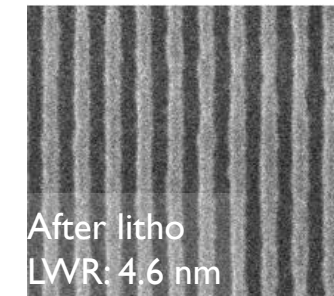
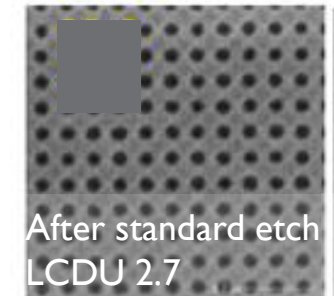
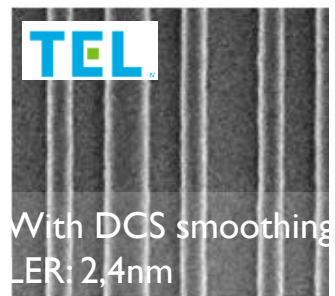
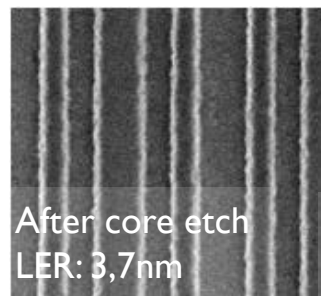


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	CAR	NCAR	CAR	NCAR	CAR	NCAR	CAR	NCAR
SEM top-down image @ BE/BF								
Dose mJ/cm ²	30.5	31.4	21	20.9	39	37.3	31	30
LWR/LCDU nm	4.7	4.6	5.4	5.2	4.5	4.2	3.5	3.9

Challenge #2: LWR

SMOOTHING

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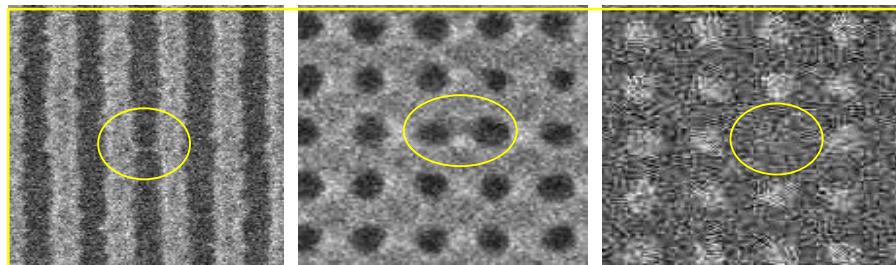
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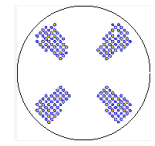
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**Challenge #1:
Stochastic Failures**



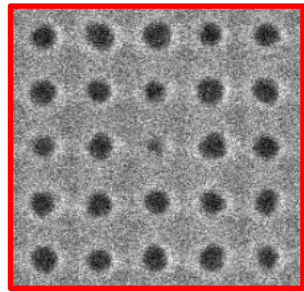
STOCHASTIC FAILURES

DETERMINE CD WINDOW FOR A GIVEN PITCH

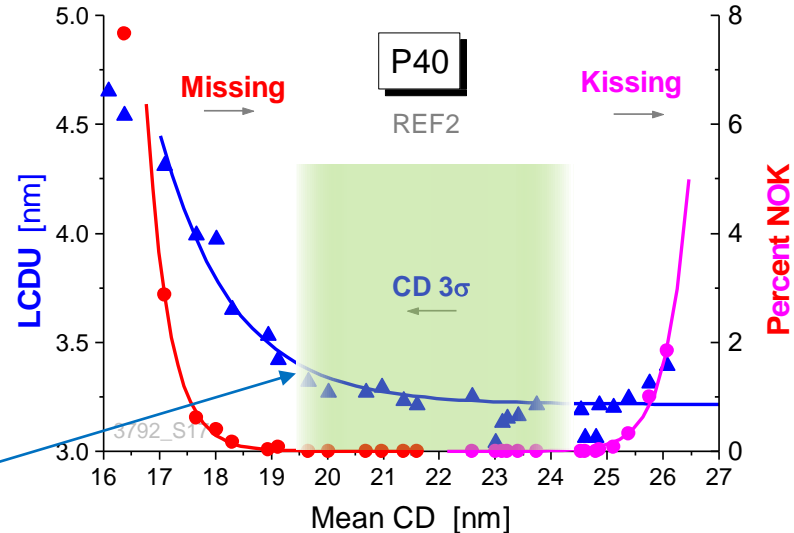


Contact Hole example

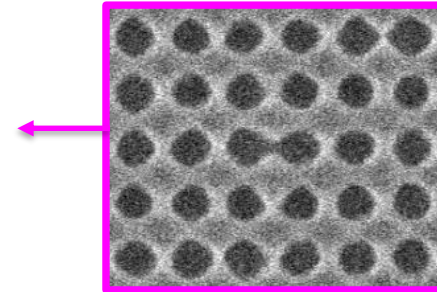
Lower CDs:
missing contacts



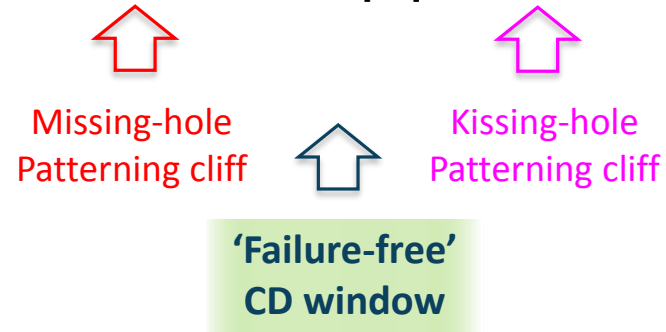
Pitch: 40×40 nm



Larger CDs:
'kissing' (i.e. merging) contacts

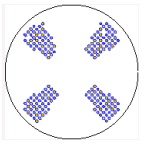


LCDU is not a good predictor of stochastic failures. Failures must be quantified independently.

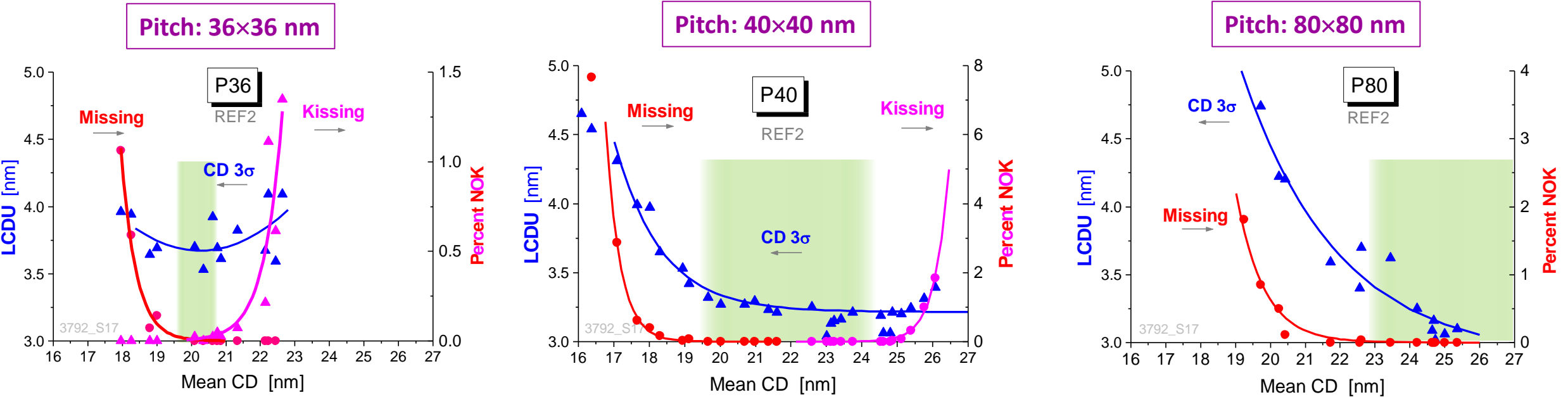


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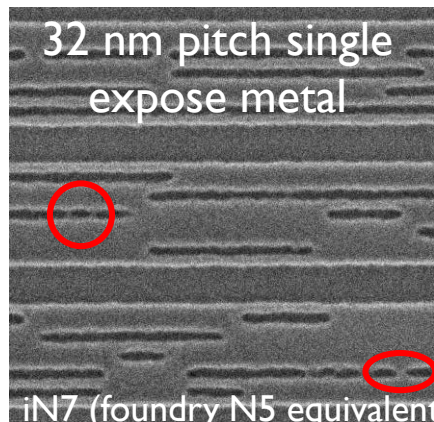
FAILURE FREE CD WINDOW VARIES THROUGH PITCH



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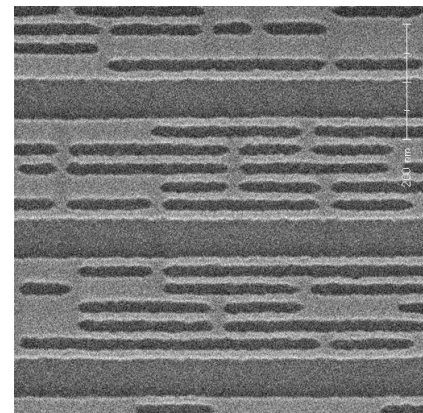


Stochastic failures currently limit minimum feature size with EUV single patterning

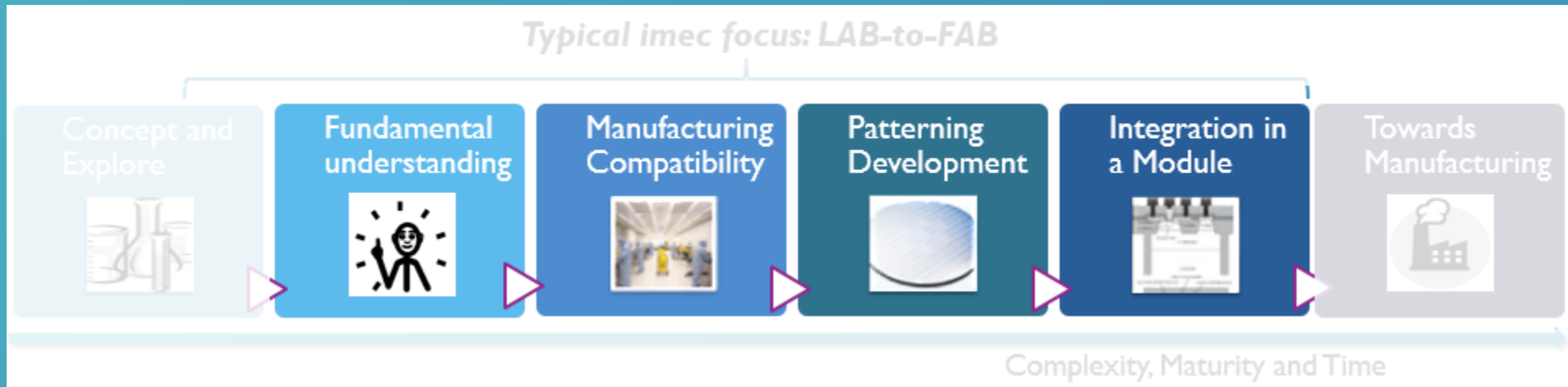


Process Co-Optimization required

- Resist material and process
- Metrology / Inspection
- Imaging optimization (Mask, source, OPC,)
- Post processing
- Alternate integration processes



FROM THE LAB TO THE FAB INPRIA CASE



LAB2FAB: METAL OXIDE RESIST (INPRIA CASE)

PATTERNING IMPROVEMENT →

85 mJ/cm²
HP 16

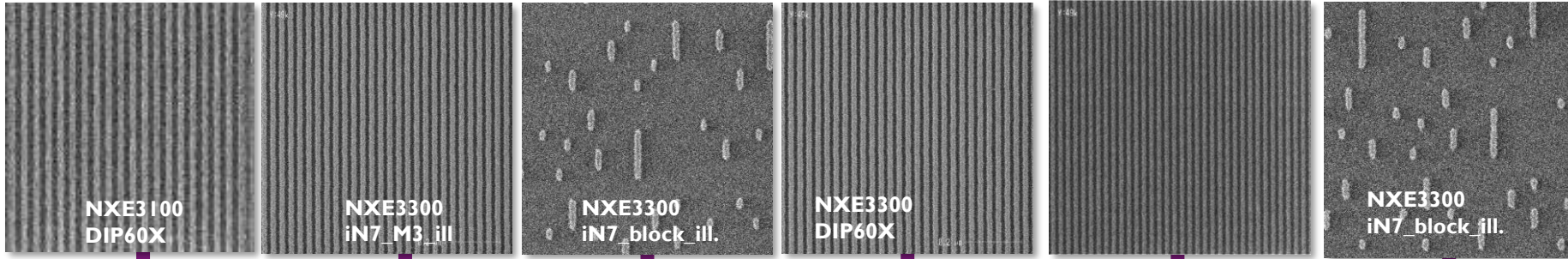
44 mJ/cm²
HP 16

38 mJ/cm²
CD-X 21nm

27 mJ/cm²
HP 16

26 mJ/cm²
HP 13

19 mJ/cm²
CD-X 21nm



2014

2015

2016

2017

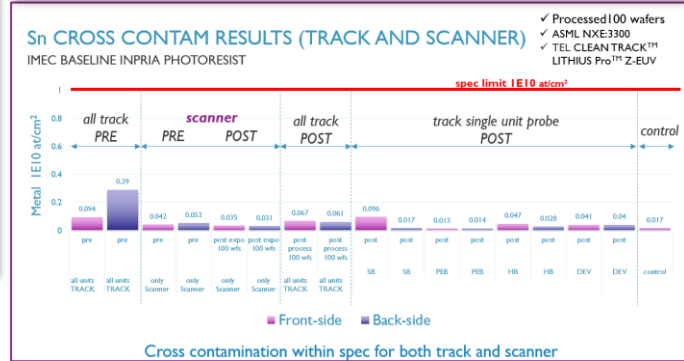
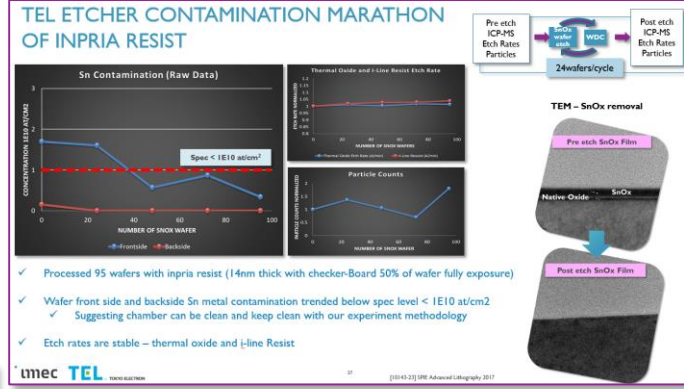
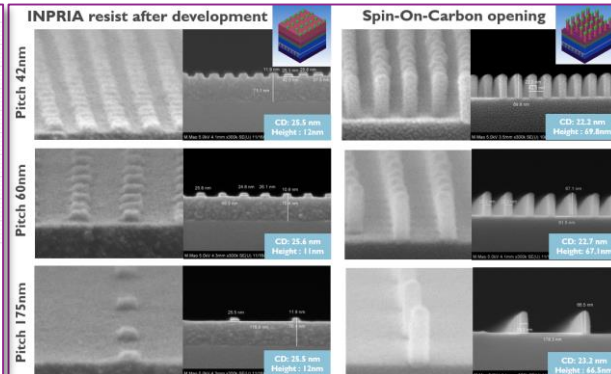
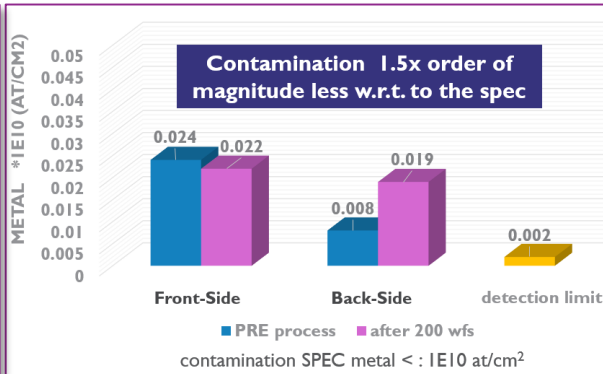
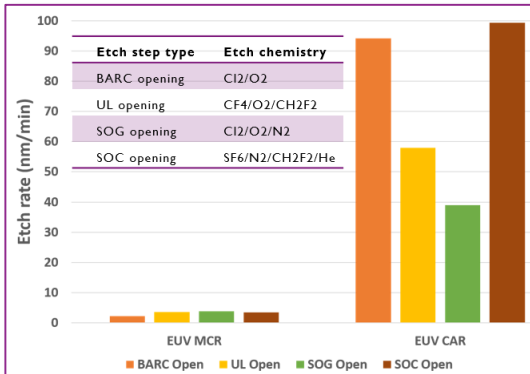
MANUFACTURABILITY ASSESSMENT →

Initial Etch exploration ICPST32-15

Initial Cross contamination test ICPST33-16

iN7 block layer application SPIE16

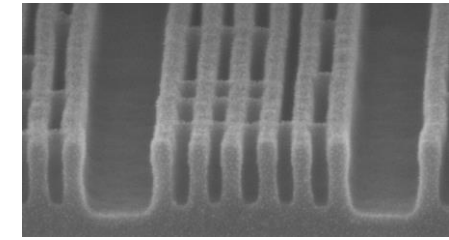
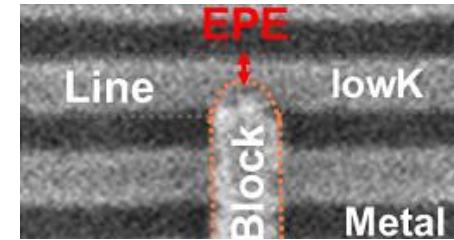
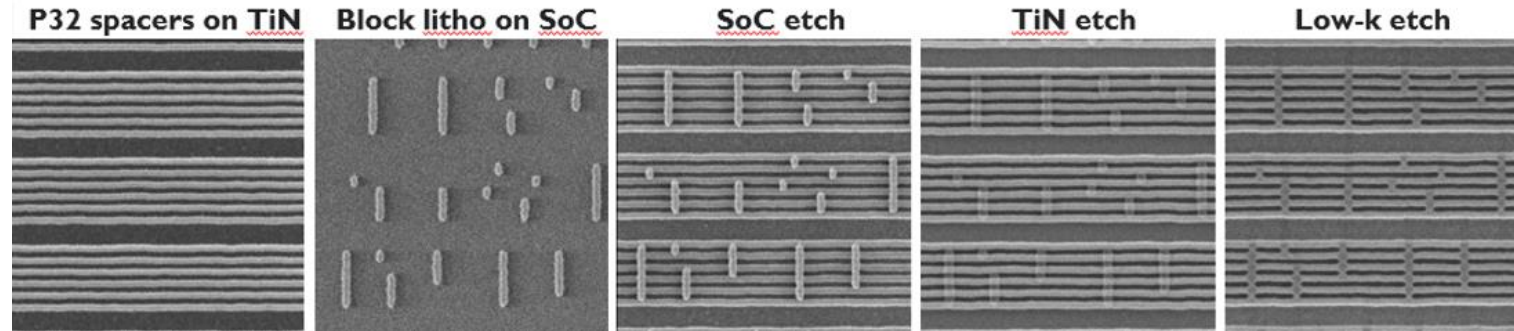
Cross contamination consolidation Defectivity SPIE17



32P METAL (FOUNDRY N5) OPTION: SAQP + INPRIA EUV BLOCK

- Industry first assessment of SAQP + EUV single expose block with metal containing (Inpria) resist
- Integration into BEOL electrical test vehicle
- Assessing edge placement error (EPE) and viability for manufacturing

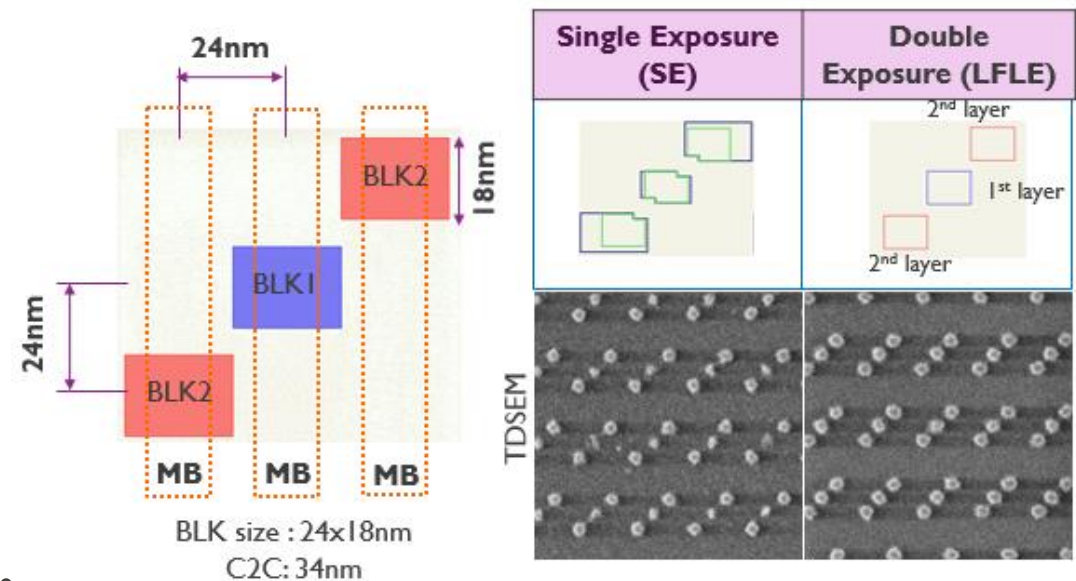
Joost Bekaert, SPIE 2017
Mark Mason, SPIE 2017



EXTENSION TO IN5 (FOUNDRY N3)

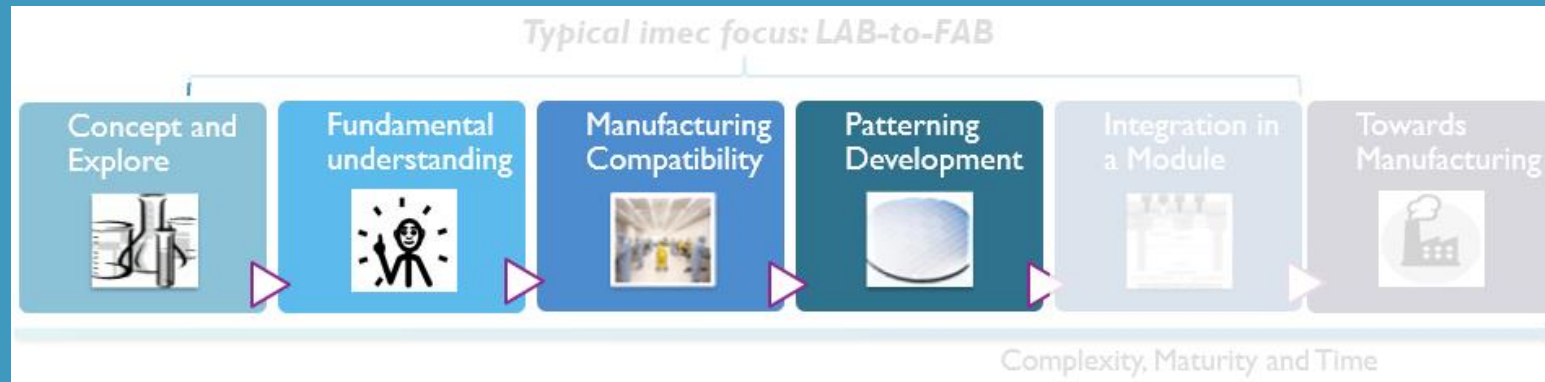
- Development of options for ~20-24 nm pitch metal blocks using Inpria NCAR:
 - i.e.: Litho-develop-litho-etch process (LDLE)

Waikin Li, to be published, 2017 EUVL Symposium



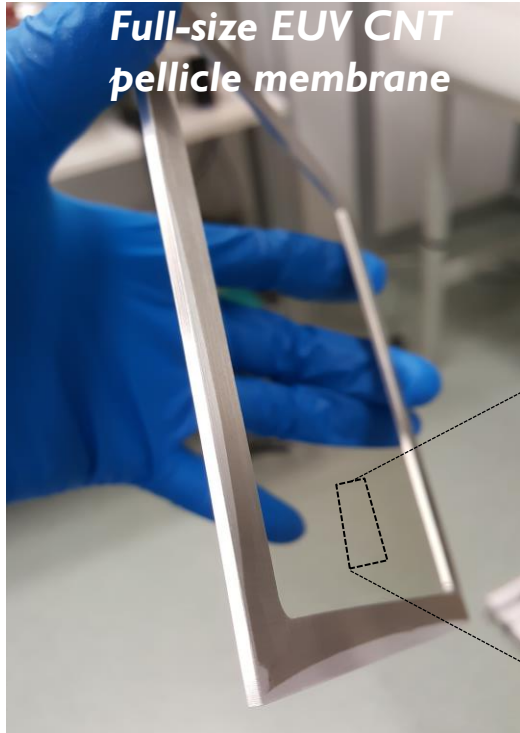
EUV MASKS

PELLICLE ALTERNATE ABSORBERS HIGH-NA 3D MASK EFFECTS



CARBON NANOTUBE PELLICLE

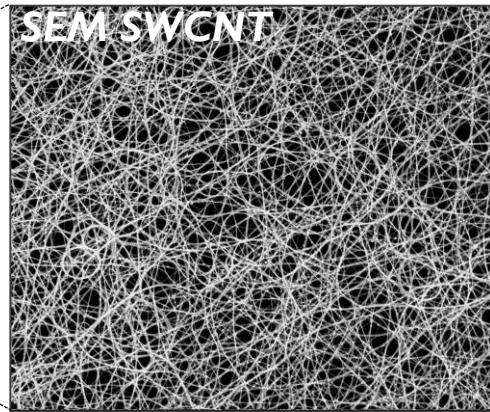
Coated CNT mesh for Gen2 250+W HVM Pellicle



Full-size EUV CNT pellicle membrane

Carbon nanotube (CNT); uncoated

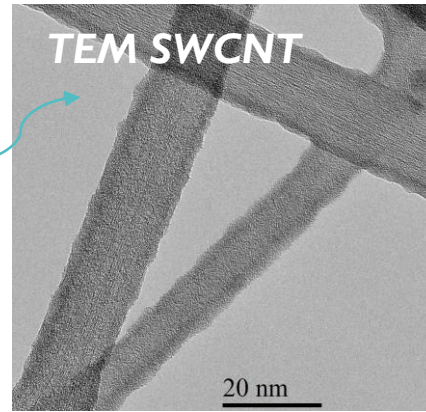
- Base layer for pellicle
- > 97% EUV Trans (tgt >90%)
- Full-size with high yield
- Mechanically robust
- DUV transmits, not reflects



SEM SWCNT

CNT fibers can be varied

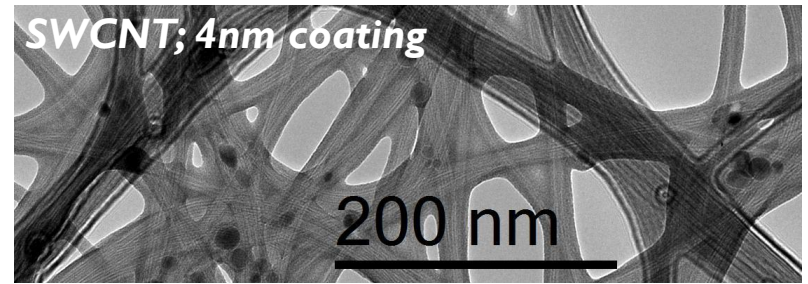
- Single or multi-walled
- Diameter, bundling



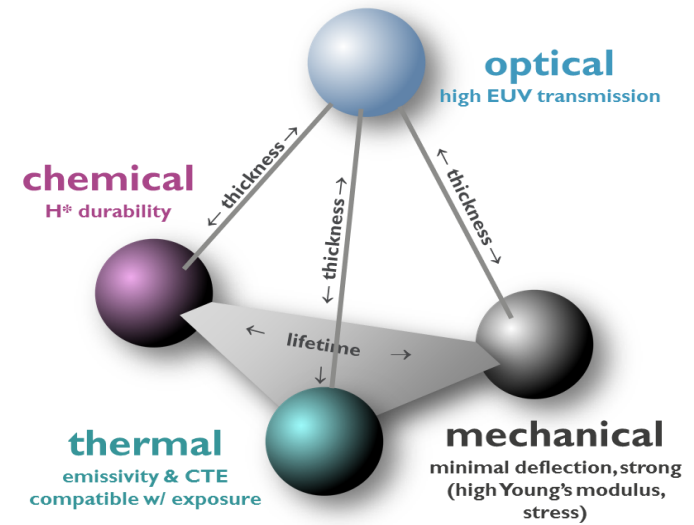
TEM SWCNT

COATING required for use in scanner

- Multiple films in development
- Scattering with coating must be limited



SWCNT; 4nm coating

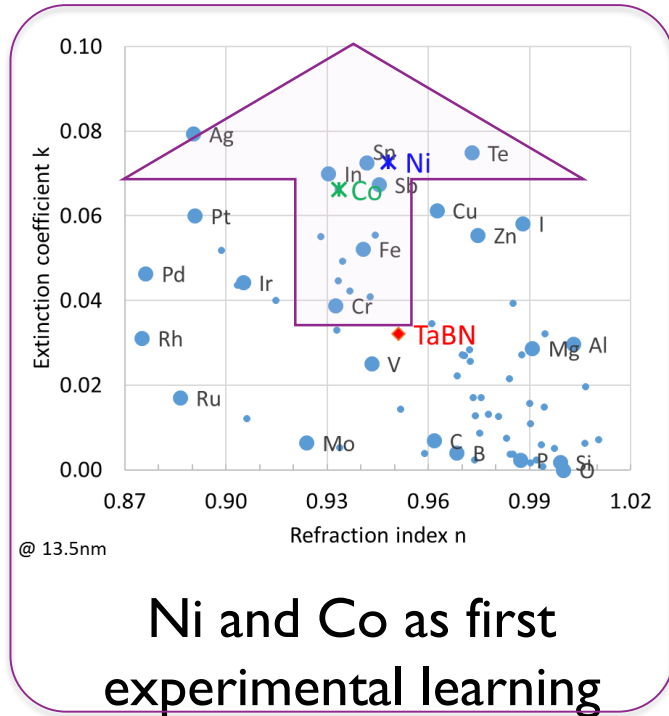


uncoated meets optical requirements

coating for 250W/H* being assessed

ALTERNATE MASK ABSORBER (NICKEL, COBALT) PATTERNING BY PHYSICAL ETCHING

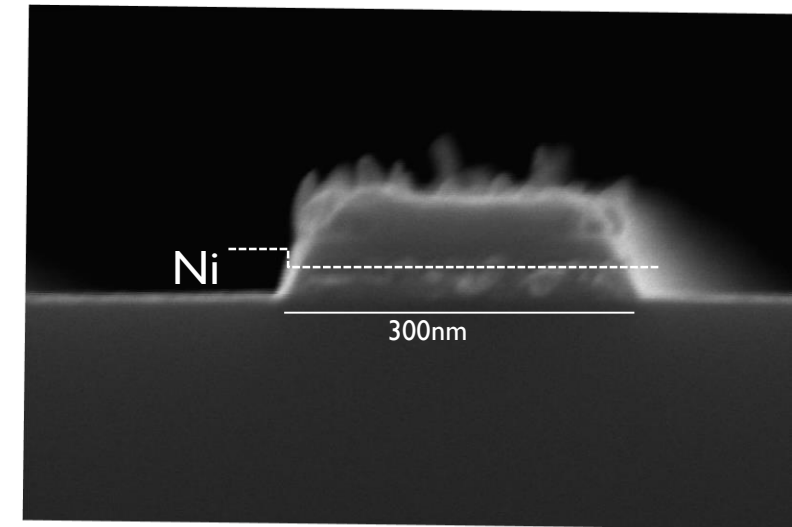
Higher absorption material desired to reduce 3D mask effects



Ni and Co etching is demonstrated.

- Tests on wafer substrate
- Patterning in resist (ArF)
- Transfer into hard mask to avoid resist contamination by metal
- Ion Beam Etch (IBE)
 - Good CD control
 - No micro-trenching
 - No footing

Improvement of etch selectivity and patterning smaller pitches ongoing



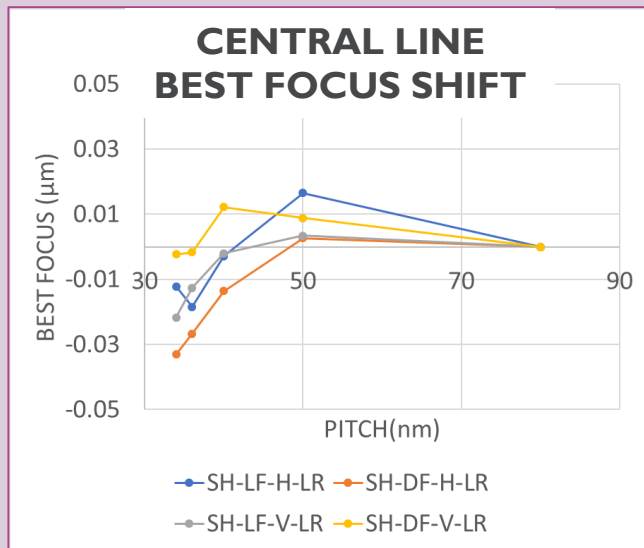
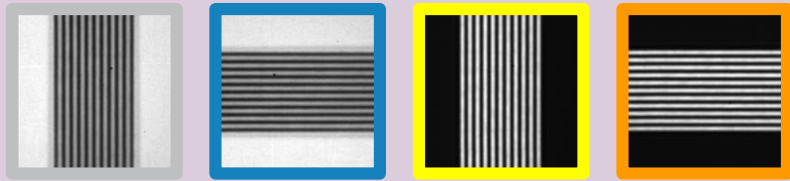
Philipsen et al., to be pub. JM3(2017)

EUV HIGH NA ANAMORPHIC IMAGING

QUANTIFY EXPERIMENTALLY M3D EFFECTS AT HIGH NA
USING ANAMORPHIC IMAGING AND COMPARING TO SIMULATION

SHARP

0.33 NA isomorphous / 6° CRA - 4x4
where possible comparison to /3300 resist data



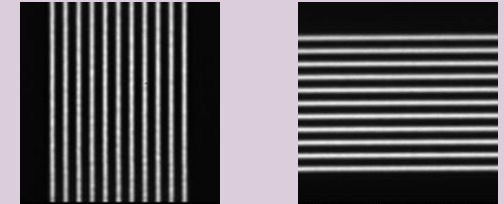
SHARP demonstrates sensitivity to 3D mask effects, although not yet in quantitative agreement with simulations or 3300 data. Improvements in focus measurement in progress.

SHARP

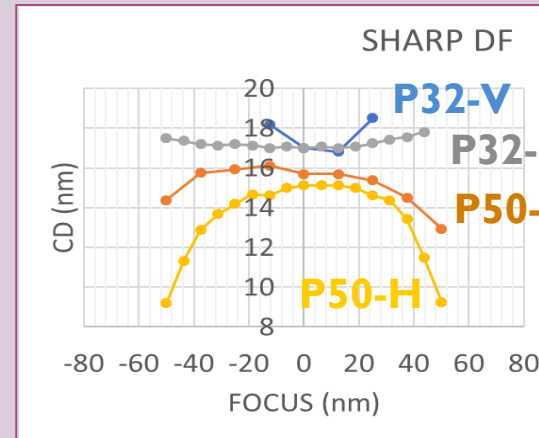
0.55 NA anamorphous / 6° CRA - 4x8
unique experimental aerial imaging at NA0.55



MASK (4X8)
VERT. P200 / HORIZ. P400



SHARP (IXI)
VERT. P50 / HORIZ. P50

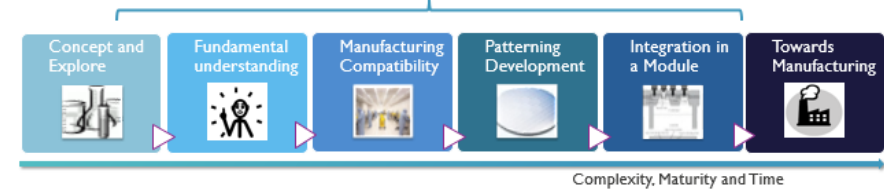


Enabling a study of resolution, mask effects and anamorphous imaging

SUMMARY

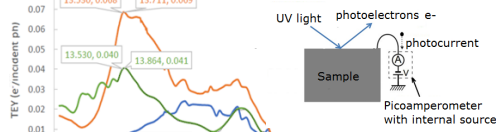
EUV DEVELOPMENTS AT IMEC

Typical imec focus: LAB-to-FAB

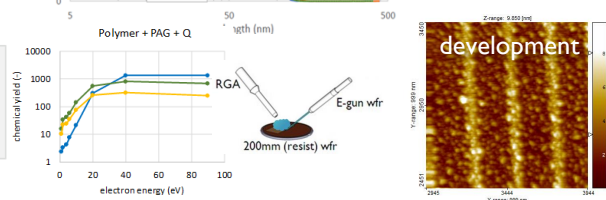
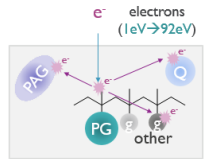
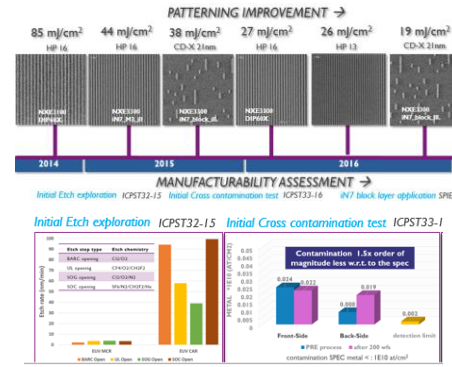


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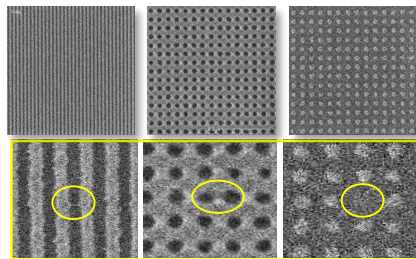
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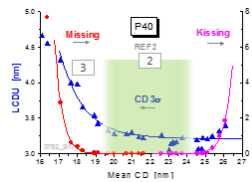
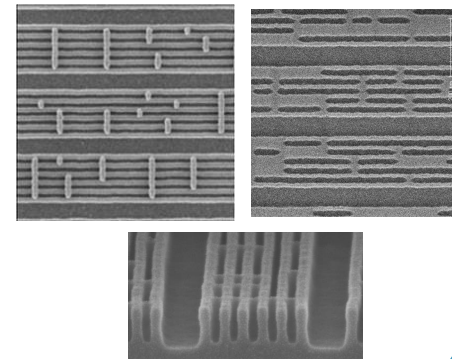
Manufacturing Compatibility



Patterning Development

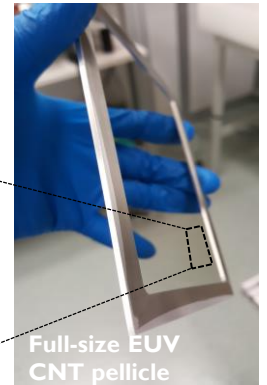
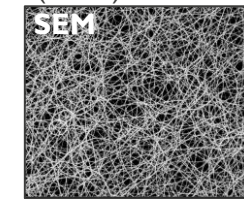


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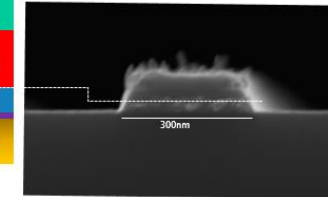


CNT Pellicle

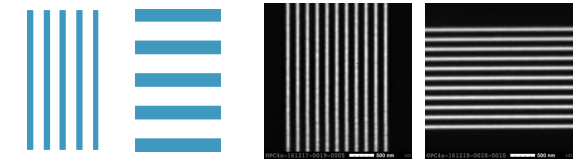
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Alternate mask absorber



High-NA 3D-mask effects



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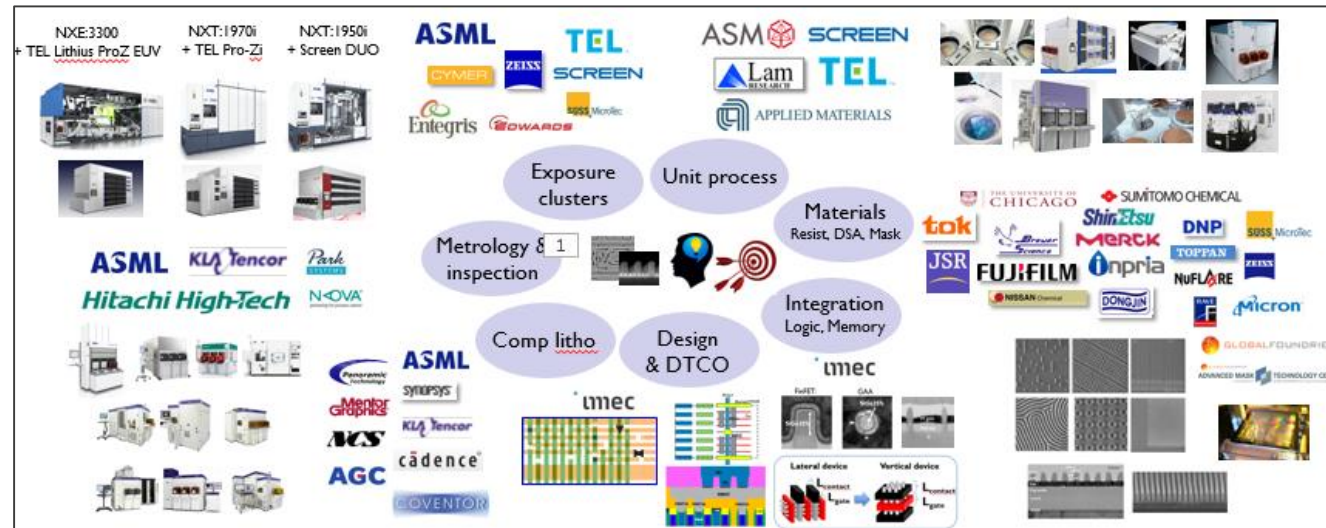
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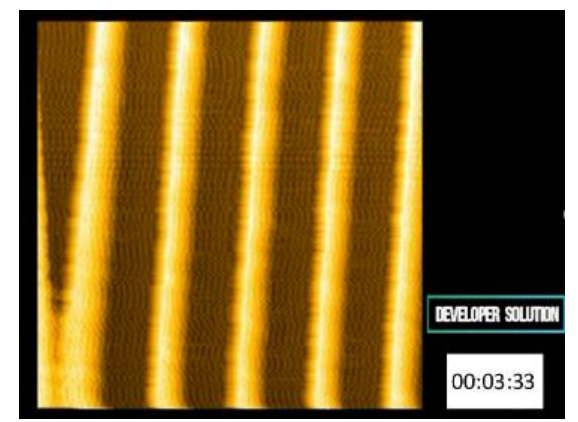
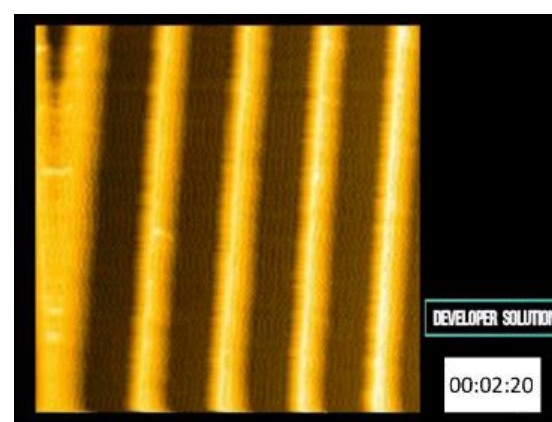
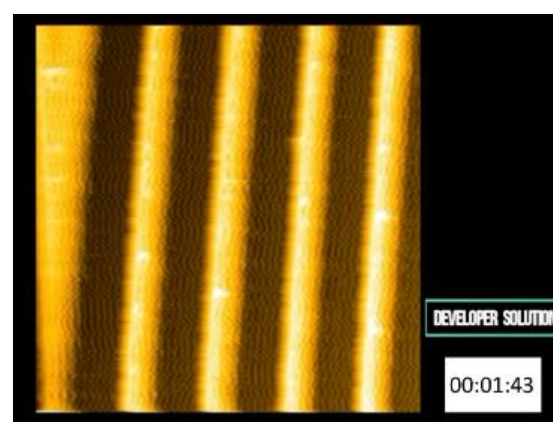
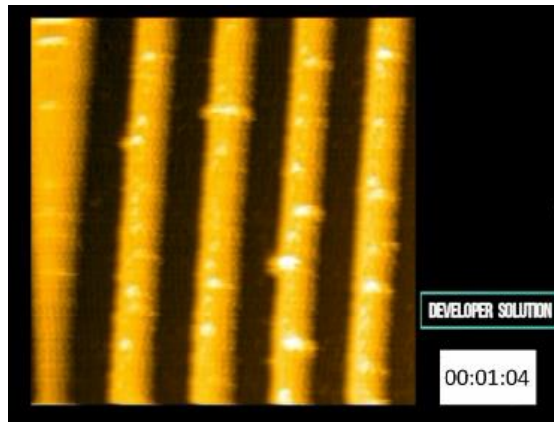
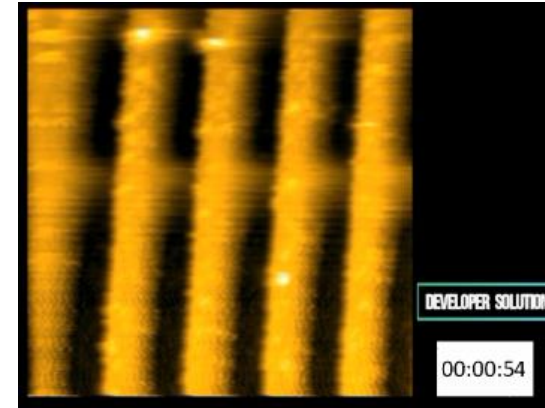
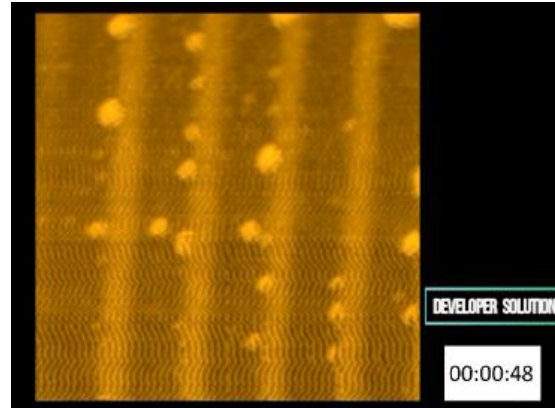
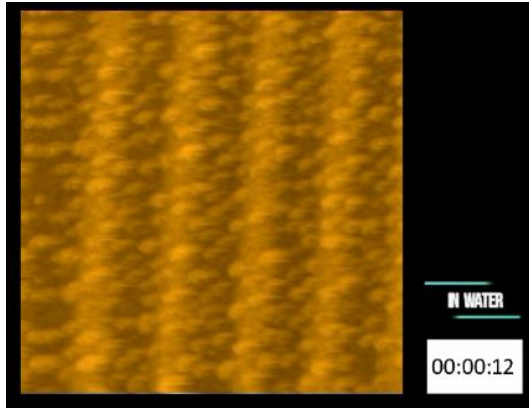




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HIGH SPEED ATOMIC FORCE MICROSCOPE TO PROBE EUV RESIST DEVELOPMENT



EUV INSERTION

IMEC NODE PROCESS ASSUMPTIONS: EUV RAMP

Layer	Shape	N7 (40p metal)	N7+ (36-40p metal)	N5 (28-32p metal)	N3 (21-24p metal)
HVM Ramp		2017/18	2018/19	2020/21	~2023
Fin	L/S (H)				
Fin_Keep	Fin Keep (H)				
Fin_Cut	Fin Cut (V)				
Gate	L/S (V)				
Gate Vt	2D rectangle				
Gate_Cut	Slotted trench (H)				
M0A	Slotted trench (V)				
Mint	L/S (H)				
Mint_TRIM/BLK	Trench / Pillars (2D)				
Vint-A	Contact holes				
Vint-G	Contact holes				
MI	L/S (V)				
MI TRIM/BLK	Trench / Pillars (2D)				
V0	Contact holes				
Mx	L/S				
MI TRIM/BLK	Trench / Pillars (2D)				
Vx	Contact holes				
Total EUV masks (0.33NA)					

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EUV