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A grayscale photograph of a circular mask stage in a cleanroom environment. The stage is a large, flat, circular disc with a grid pattern, mounted on a complex mechanical structure. The background shows various components of the machine and the cleanroom setting.

Ion Beam Technology Roadmap for EUV Mask Deposition and Absorber Etch Processes

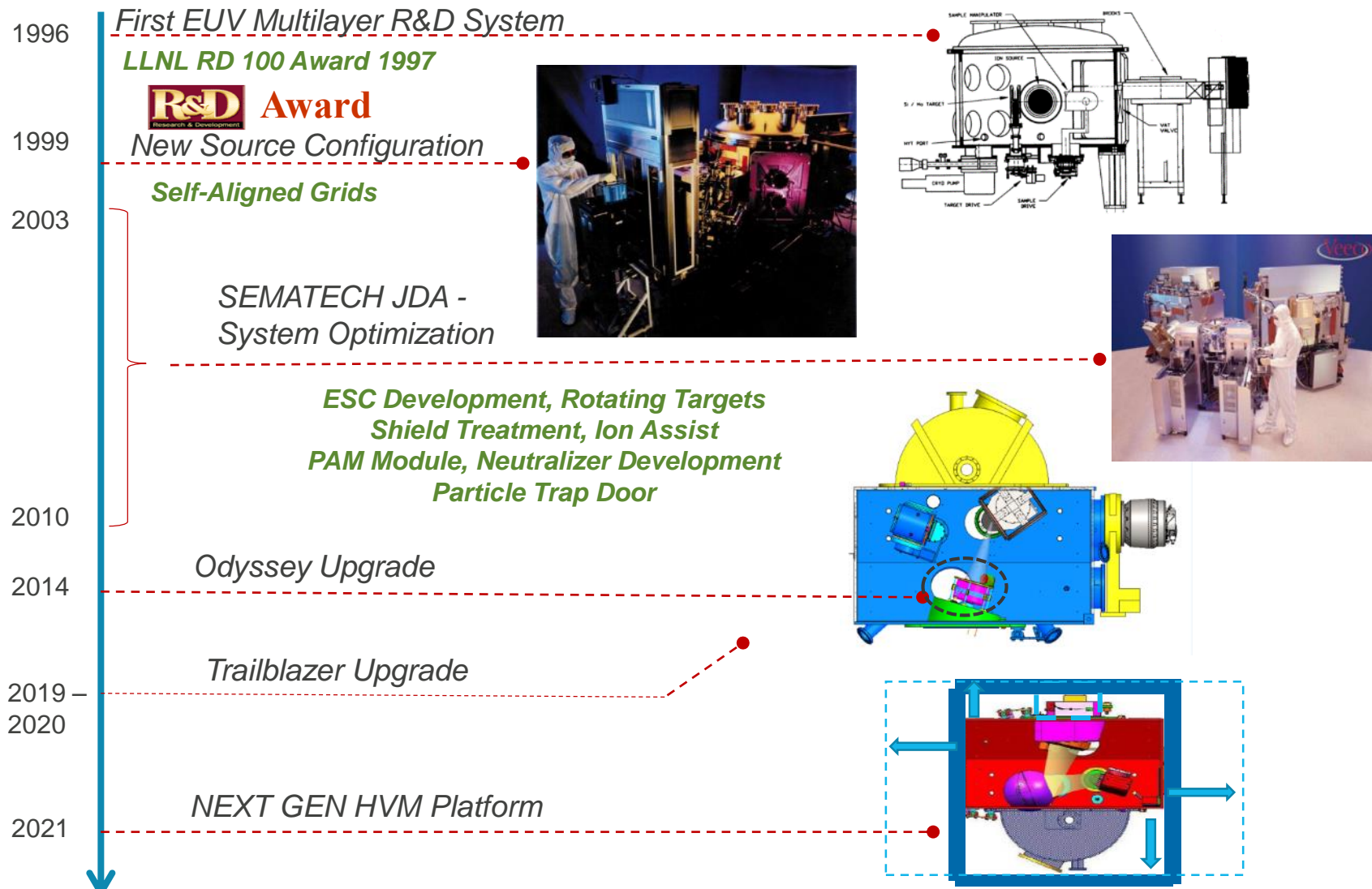
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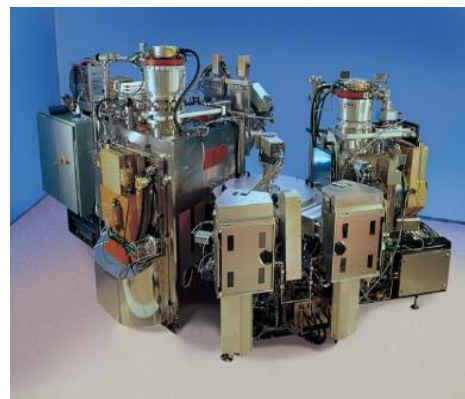
Outline

- Veeco Overview
- Multilayer (ML) Deposition Roadmap
- Veeco Engagement with EUV Mask Ecosystem
- Next Generation ML Deposition Tool
- Ion Beam technology for High K Absorber and att-PSM Layers
- Summary

Veeco's >20 Years History of EUV Mask Blanks Deposition



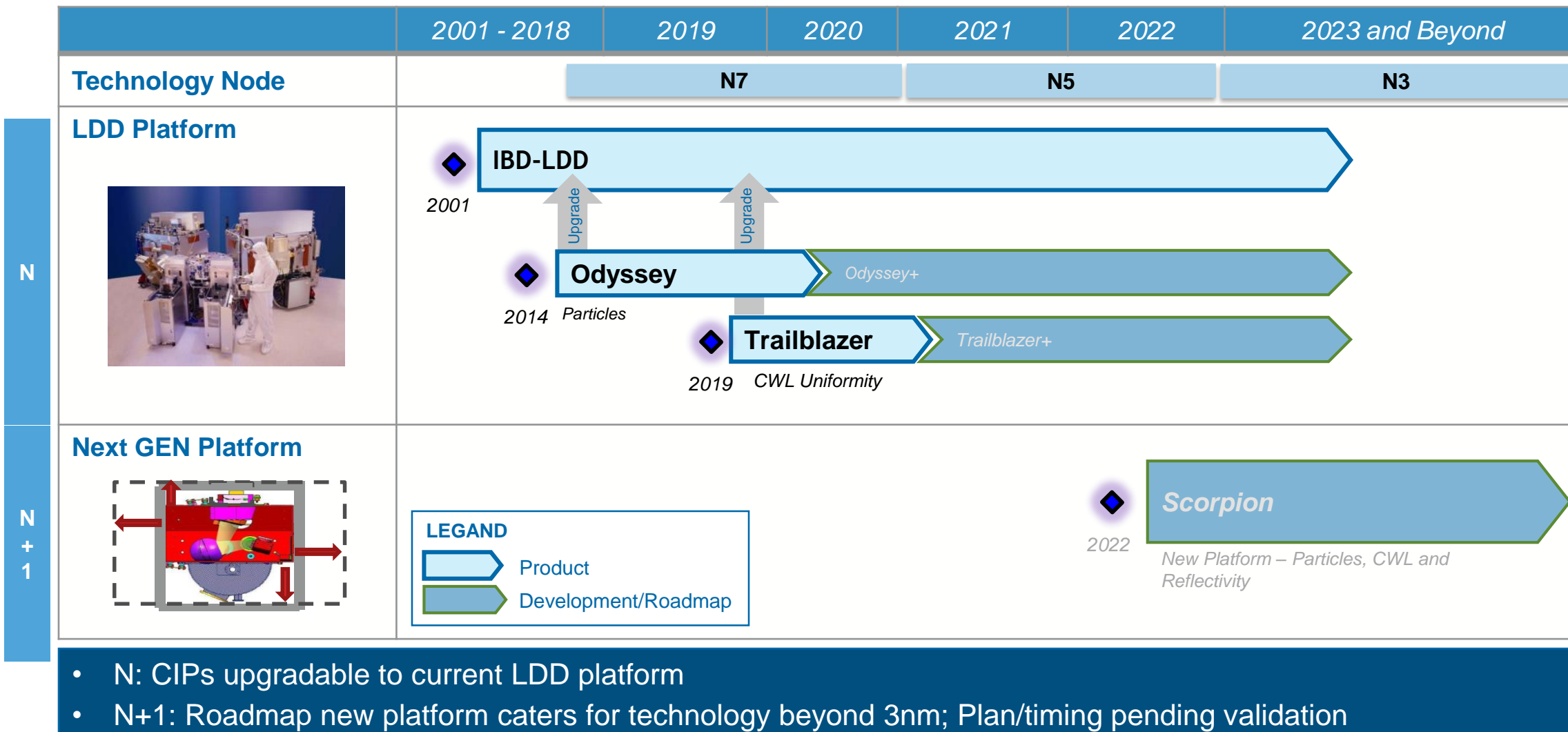
Veeco IBD Product Lineup



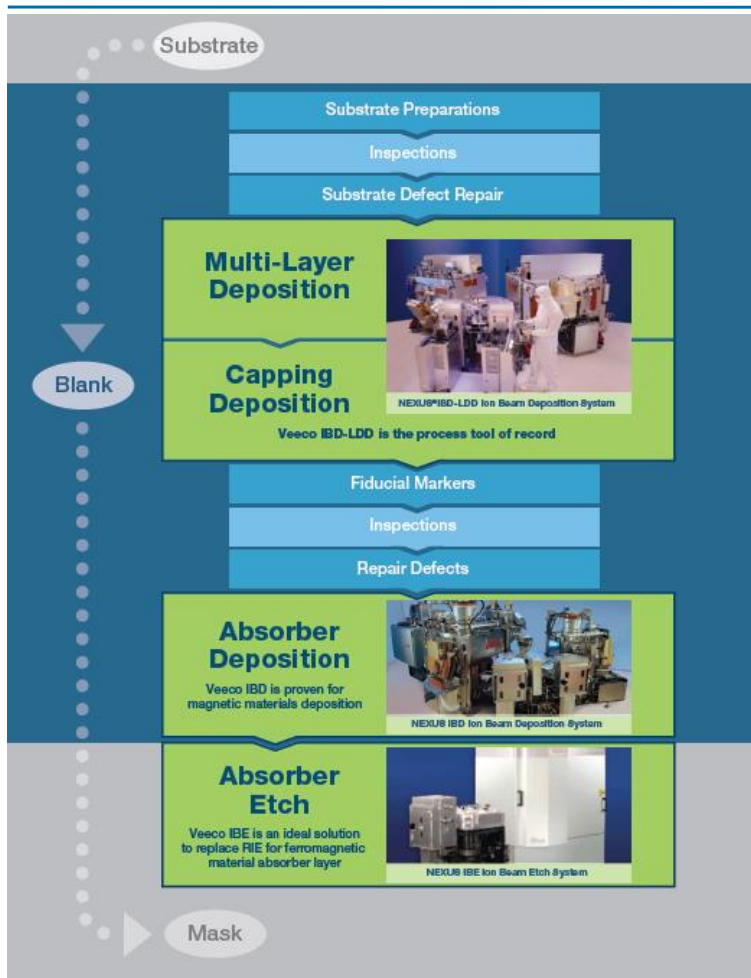
IBD-350	IBD-DS	IBD-LDD
General purpose IBD	Optimized for IB/OB Symmetry	Optimized for Low Defects
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- IBD-LDD is the process tool of record for EUV mask blank's Mo/Si layers deposition process
- IBD-LDD has extremely low defect densities with excellent uniformity and film properties
- Current IBD-LDD platform qualified for 5nm node
- Ongoing improvement efforts and roadmap are required to address 3nm and beyond technology node
 - Particle reduction - yield
 - CWL uniformity and thickness control - reflectivity

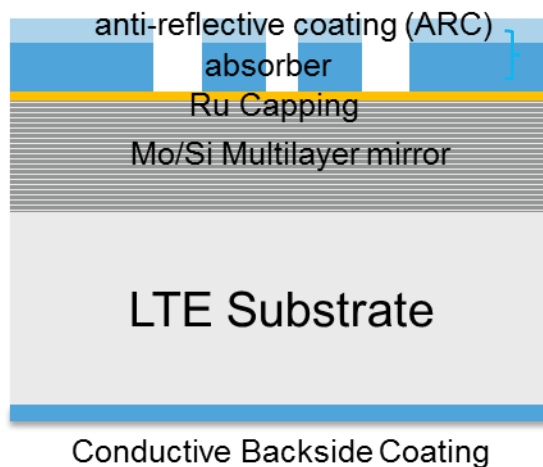
Veeco ML Deposition Product Roadmap



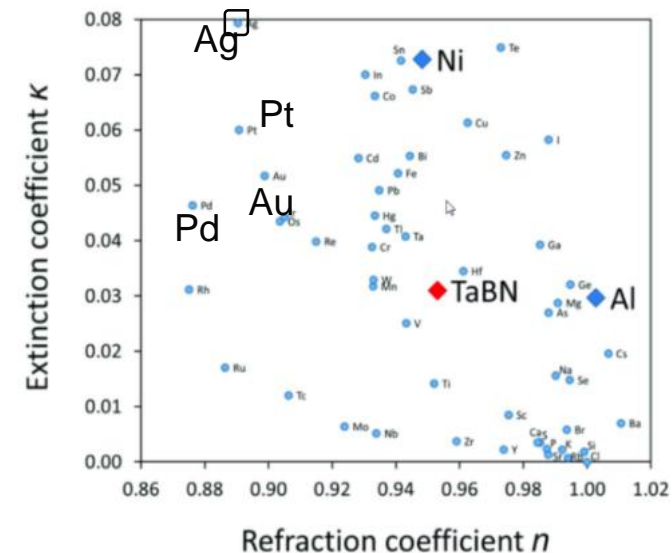
Broader Veeco Involvement in EUV Mask Blank Manufacturing



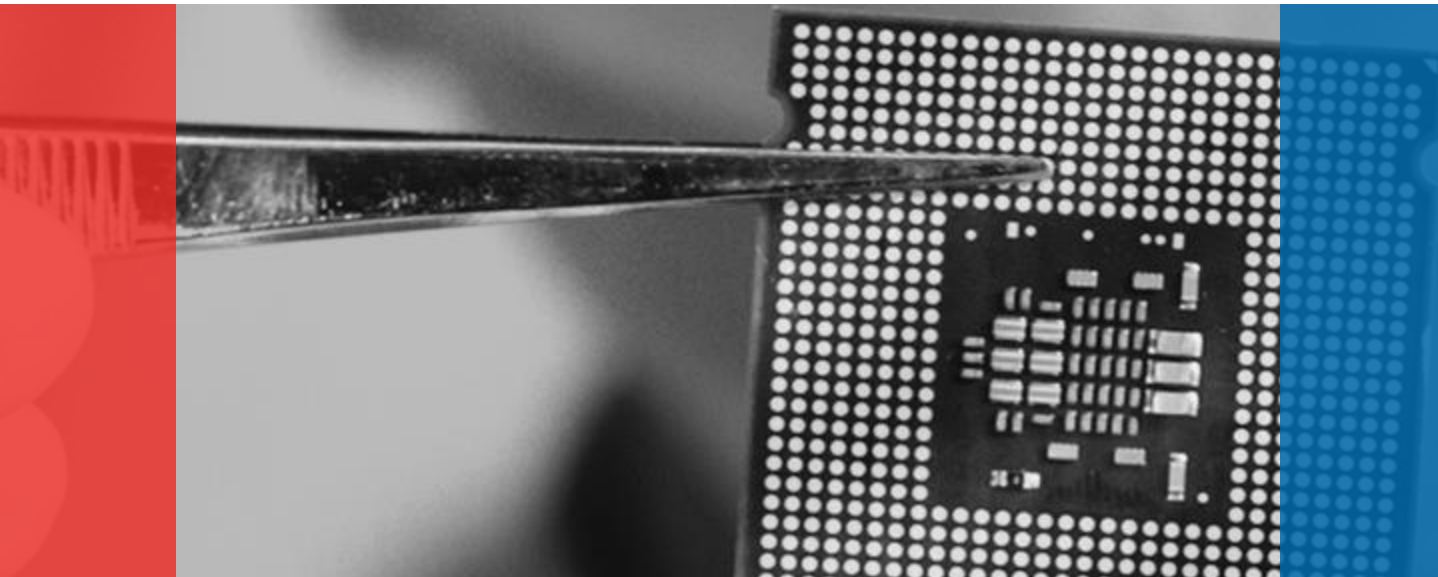
- Multilayer/capping deposition – improvement required for 3nm node and beyond
 - ML layers inter diffusion
 - Potential new materials for ML
- Absorber deposition and etch – high k material is required for future technology node



Thinner Ni/CO/Alloy
 < 30nm
 Particle defect
 Thickness control



Continue to improve mask particle defect and reflectivity
 Participate in activities to reduce mask 3D effects



Next Generation ML Deposition Tool

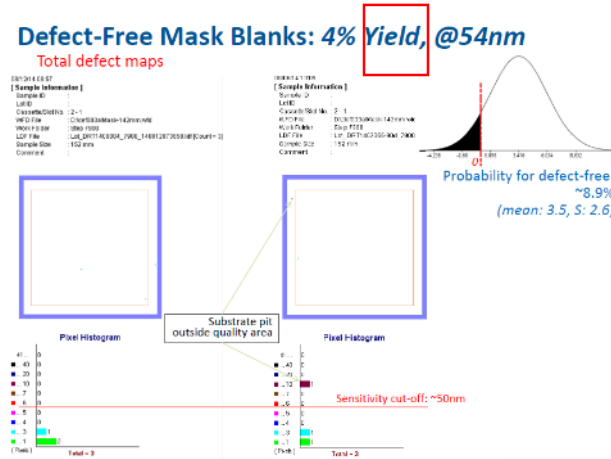
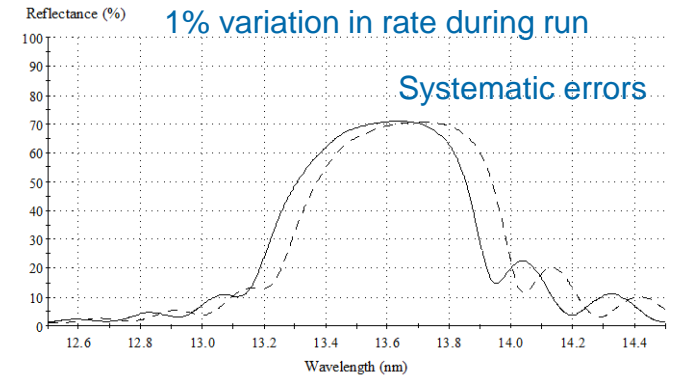
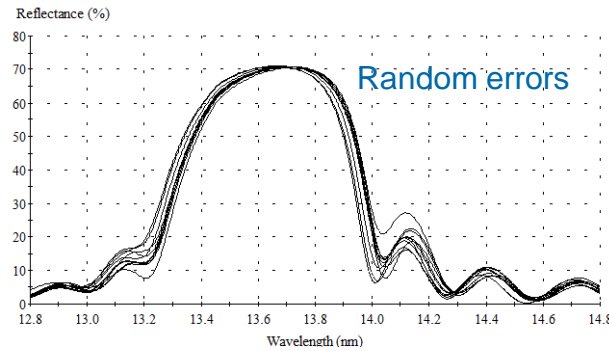
ML Deposition: Major Challenges for <3nm node

■ Thickness / Interface control

- » Improve reflectivity of the ML stack
- » CWL variation <0.02 nm

■ Reduce particles

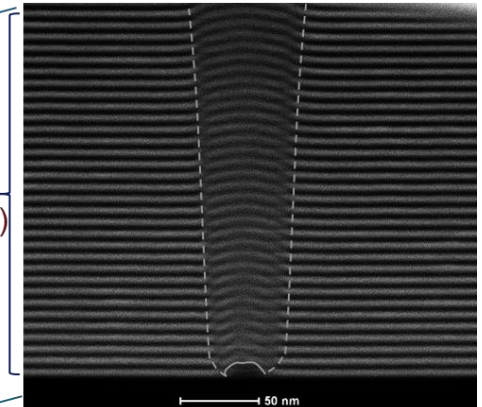
- » Impact on EUV multi-patterning
- » 0 defects >30 nm with $\geq 50\%$ yield
- » Reduce energy of ion source while maintaining rate



cap layer
(2.5 nm Ru)

~ 40 bilayers
Mo/Si (6.9 nm)

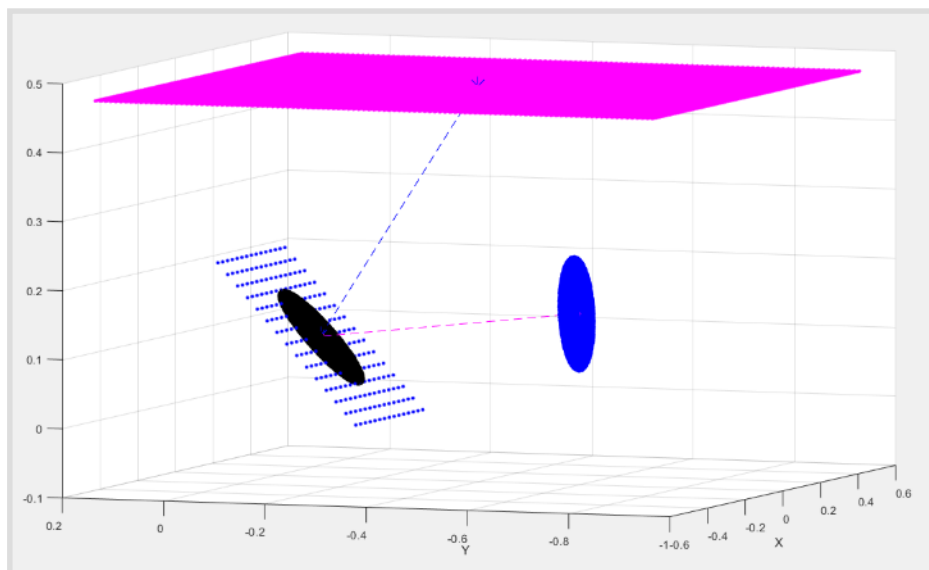
Mo/Si ~0.4



Areas of the LDD system enhancements

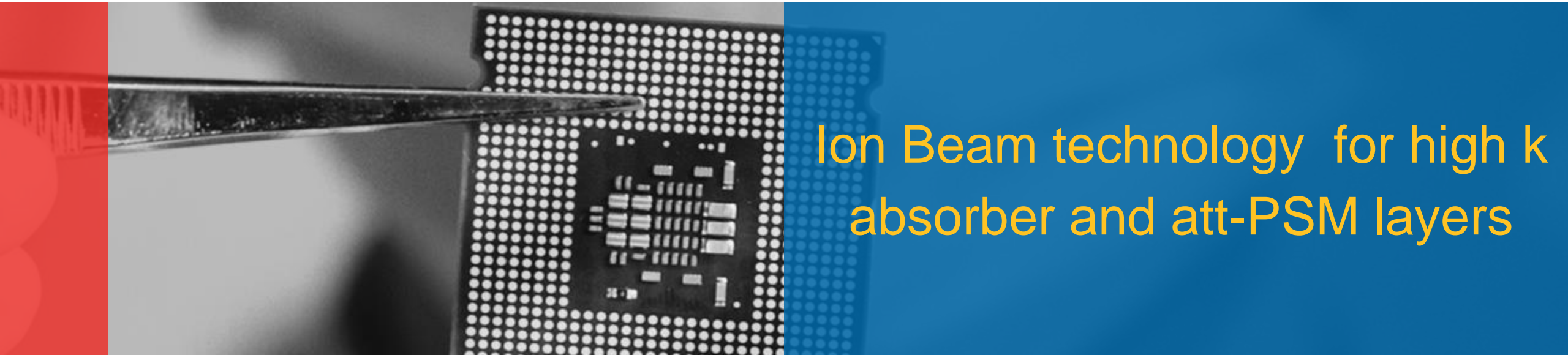
- Most favorable configuration of ion source – target – fixture
- New source: Lower ion energies while maintaining depo rate
- Develop electrostatic traps
- Optimized chamber size to accommodate all of the above

Modeling Optimal Configuration



- Fully parameterized model to explore different configurations.
 - Source configuration
 - Erosion profiles
 - Relative orientation between target and fixture tilt
 - In-plane and out of plane configuration

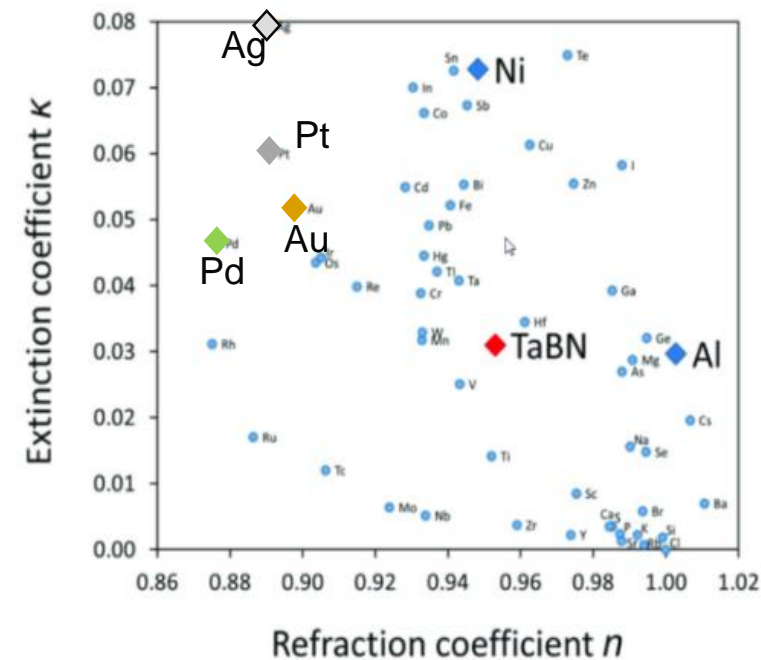
Changes	Results
Uniformity Improvements	CWL uniformity
Control of layer thicknesses	W2W uniformity
Near normal substrate angle	Defect reduction (reduction in defect decoration and enhance smoothing)
Beam angle and target rotation	Nodule reduction
Larger source	Reduced intermixing of layer



Ion Beam technology for high k absorber and att-PSM layers

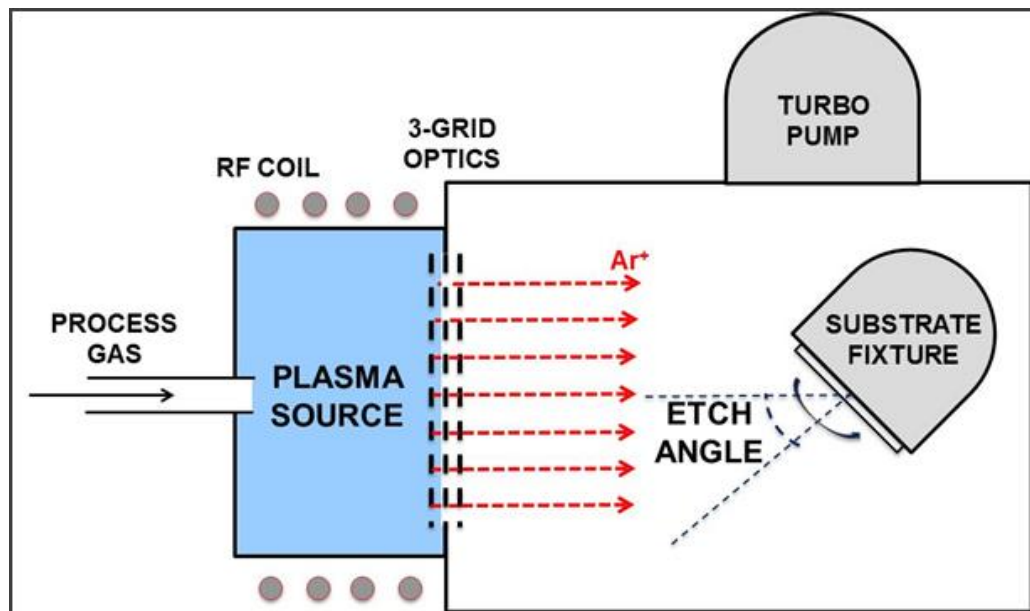
Next-Generation EUV Absorber Materials

- Absorber deposition requirements
 - Thinner layers would need better uniformity and thickness control
 - Do not see major roadblocks with IBD
- Absorber Etch
 - Materials (Me, MeX (binary), MeXY (ternary))
 - RIE not suitable for Me compounds
 - Low volatility; ineffective chemistry
- Ion Beam etch a viable solution



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Veeco Ion Beam Etch Overview

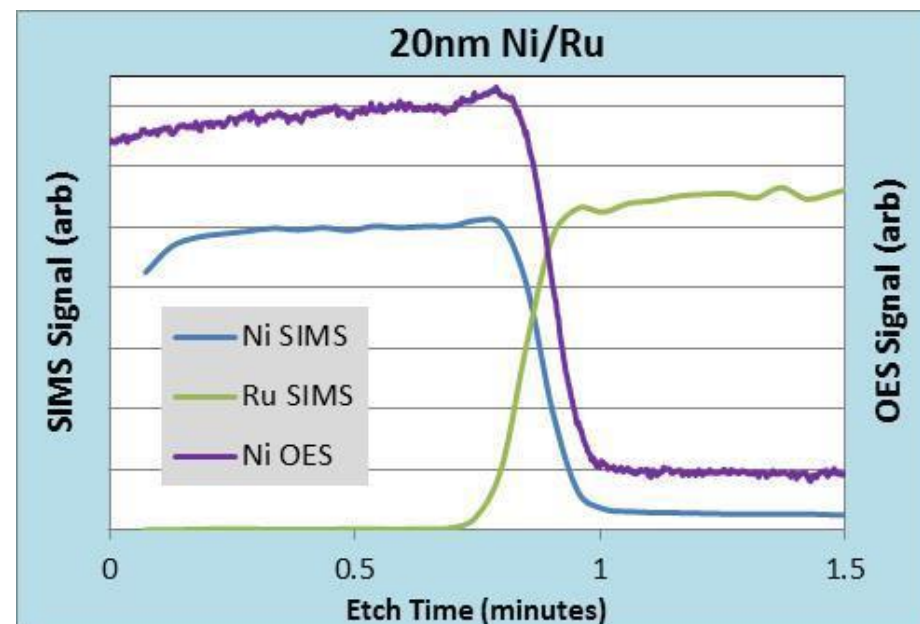
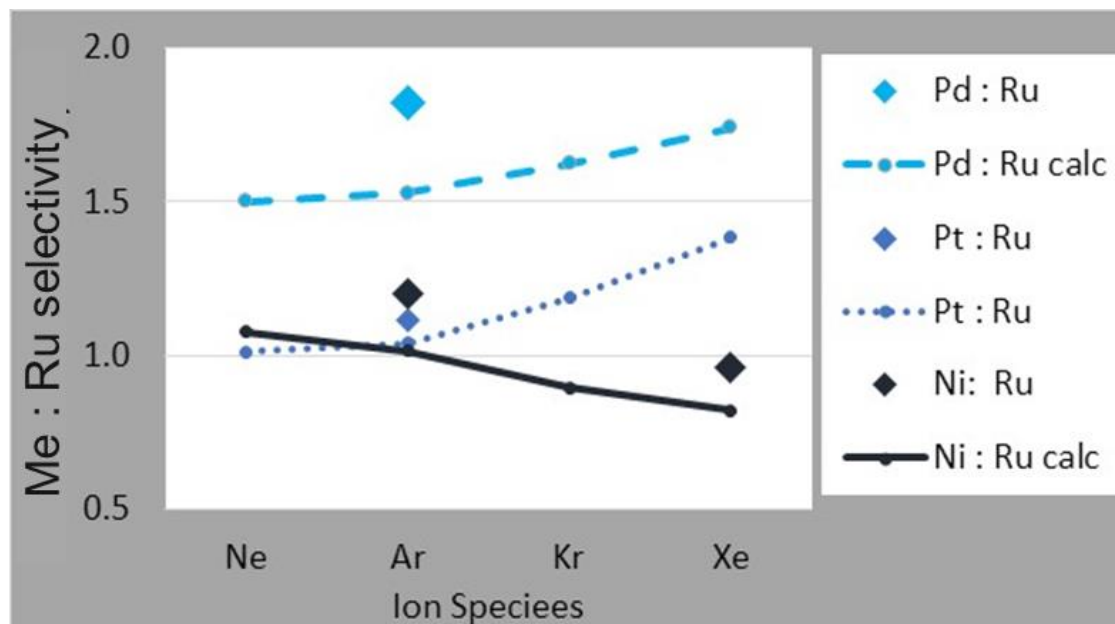


IBE Feature	Selected Benefits
Physical etch	Any material - no chemistry dependence
	Complex compounds or multilayers
	No chemical damage/residues
	No chamber conditioning, memory effects
Directional ion beam	Same rate for dense & isolated features
	Anisotropic etch
	Device shape & sidewall angle control
Ion source isolated from substrate	Eliminate re-deposition
	Low pressure: low contamination & re-deposition
	Low energy capability, down to 50V
	Low temperature operation

Industry standard for magnetic and novel material etch

Etch Selectivity to Ru Capping Layer

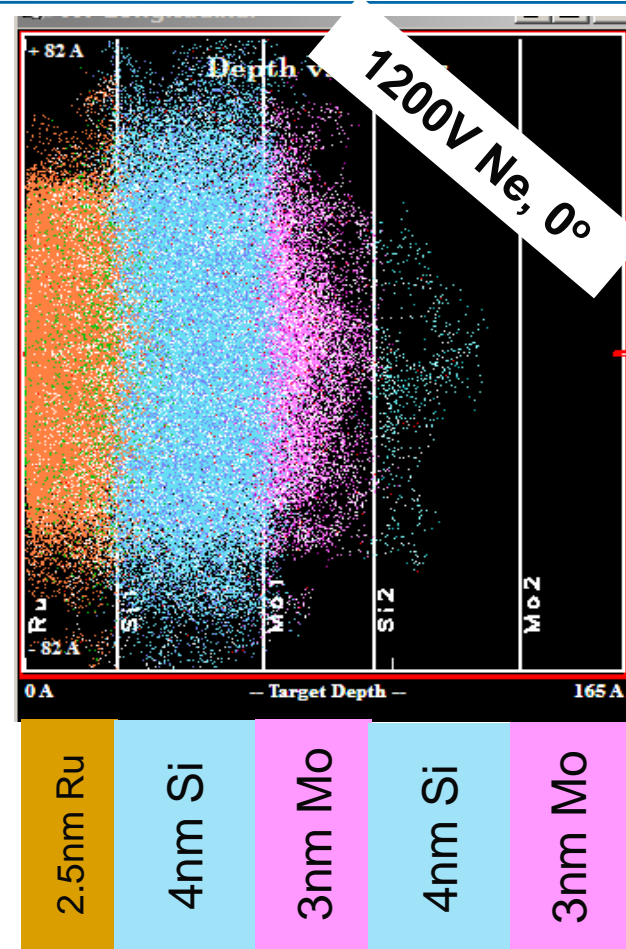
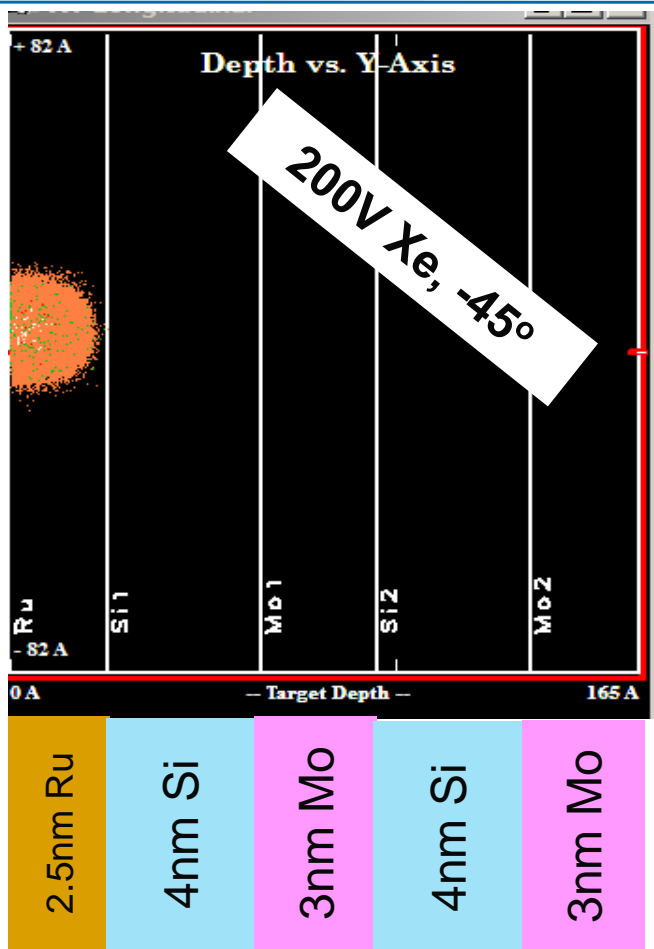
Ni: Key Me for high -k absorber layer



Selectivity can be optimized via ion species

End point can be successfully controlled

Stopping Range of Energetic Ions into Ru Cap & Mo/Si Reflector

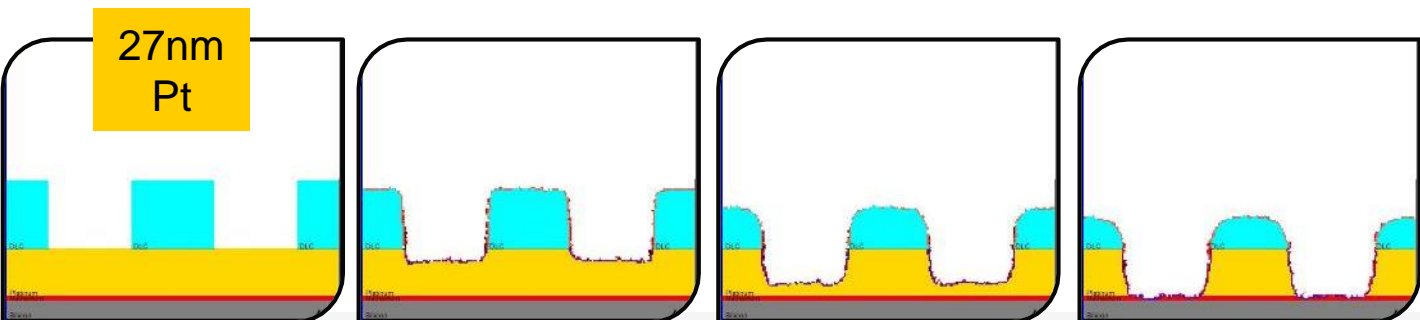
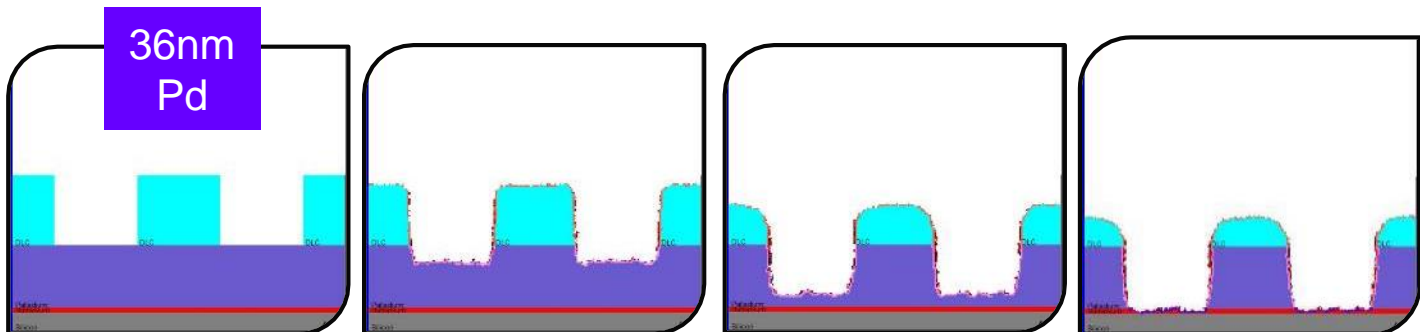
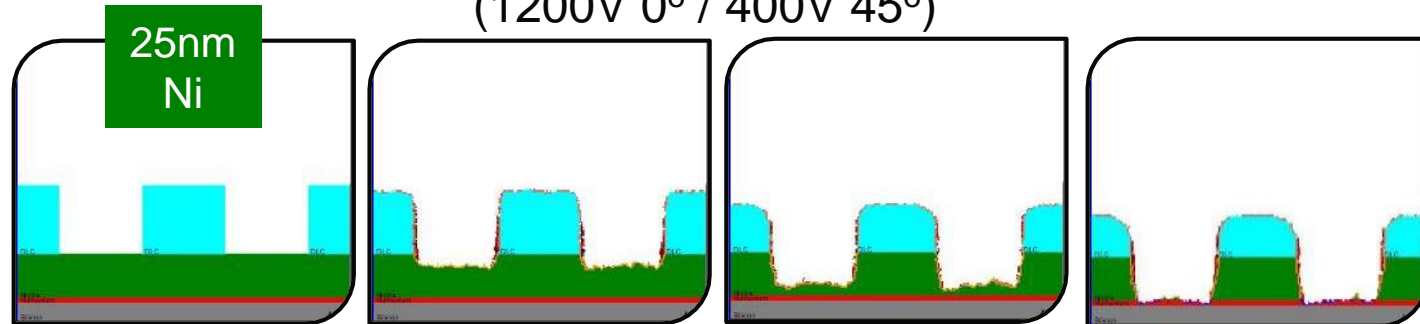


Ion damage can be limited by appropriate combination of ion species, ion energy and fixture angle

SRIM Simulation

Simulated Etch Progression : 48nm HP Absorber Structure

(1200V 0° / 400V 45°)



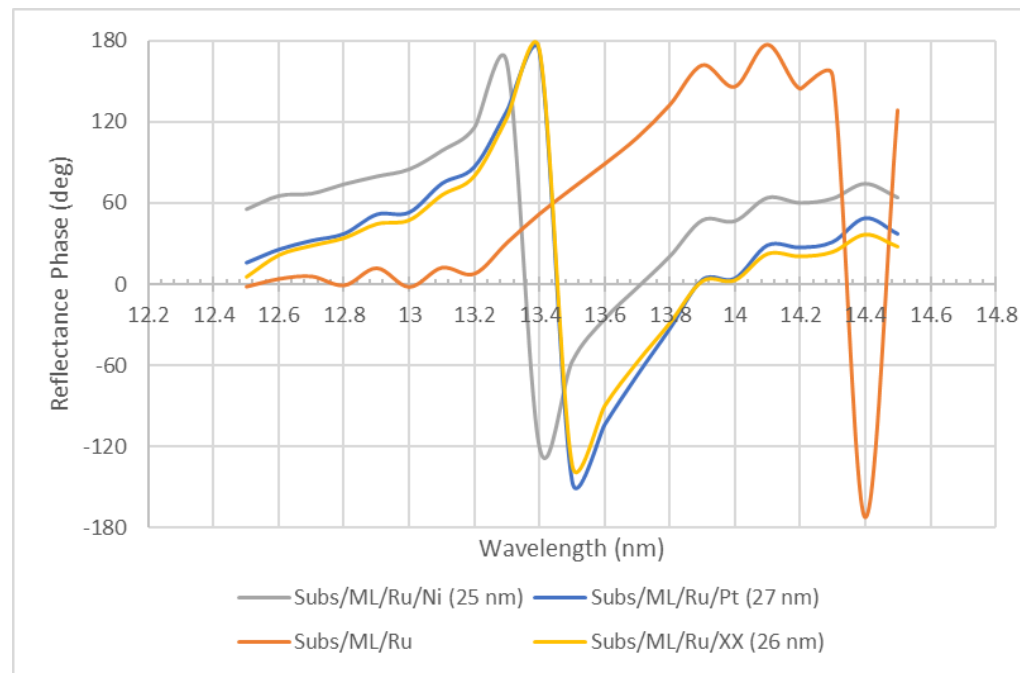
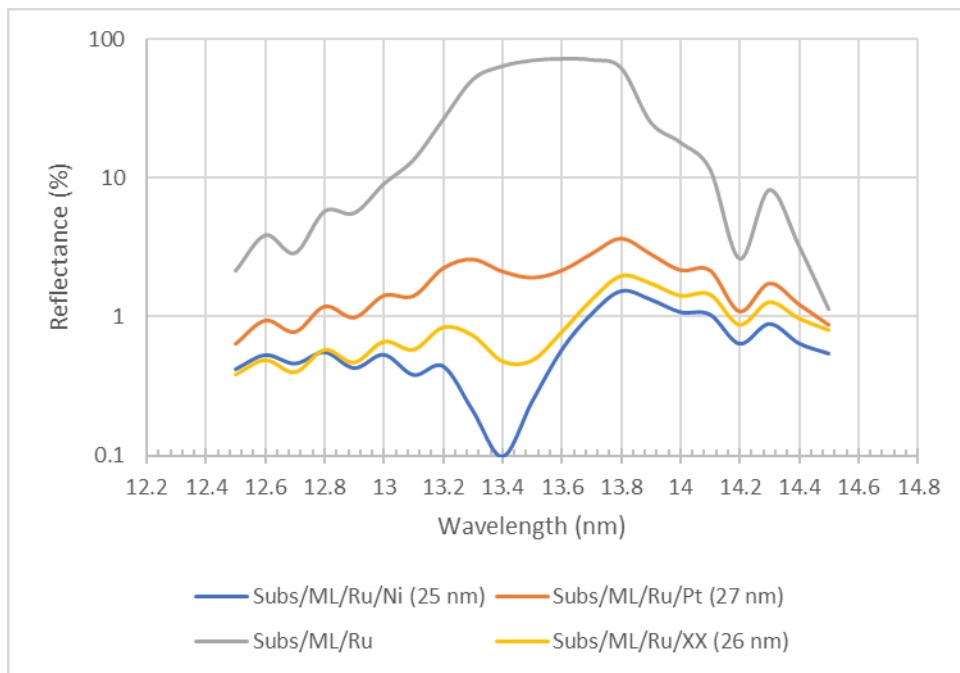
CRITICAL DIMENSIONS

Me	Thickness (nm)	Top CD (nm)	Bot CD (nm)	SWA	Mask Left (nm)
Ni	25	49	55	83°	25
Pd	36	47	53	86°	17
Pt	27	46	56	81°	19

t_{min}^{abs} required

Effective patterning at 48nm HP for Ni, Pd or Pt

High-k Att-PSM Materials Modeling



	Subs/ML/Ru (2 nm) / Ni (25 nm)	Subs/ML/Ru (2nm) / Pt (27 nm)	Subs/ML/Ru (2nm) / MeXYZ (26 nm)
Phase change (deg) wrt Subs/ML/Ru (2nm)	-114.8	-192.8	-178.7
%R (13.6 nm)	<1%	~2%	<1%

Summary

- Continue to drive ML deposition roadmap based upon EUV reticle roadmap
- Ion Beam etch (IBE) a viable solution for high-k and att-PSM absorber materials
- Unified vision on new absorber strategy
 - Strong partnership to develop standards for high-k and att-PSM material(s)
 - Understand the challenges for high-k material not only from technology point of view but commercial aspect too (example cost, manufacturability, process control)
 - Validate the performance and durability of materials
 - Mitigate the risks for etch, clean and repair

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