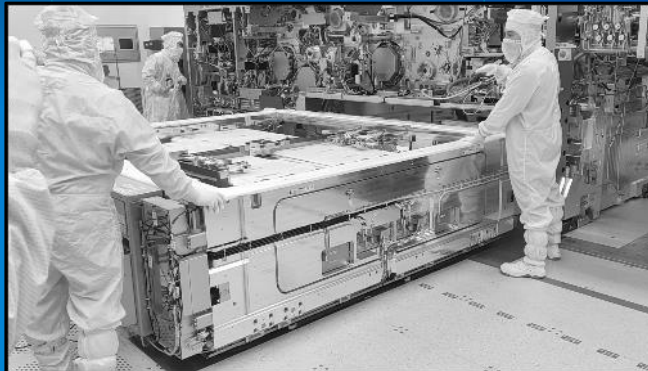




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High NA EUV: Getting closer to introduction

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“Key enabler for DRAM bit growth: EUV”

“Sustaining process scaling by high resolution patterning”



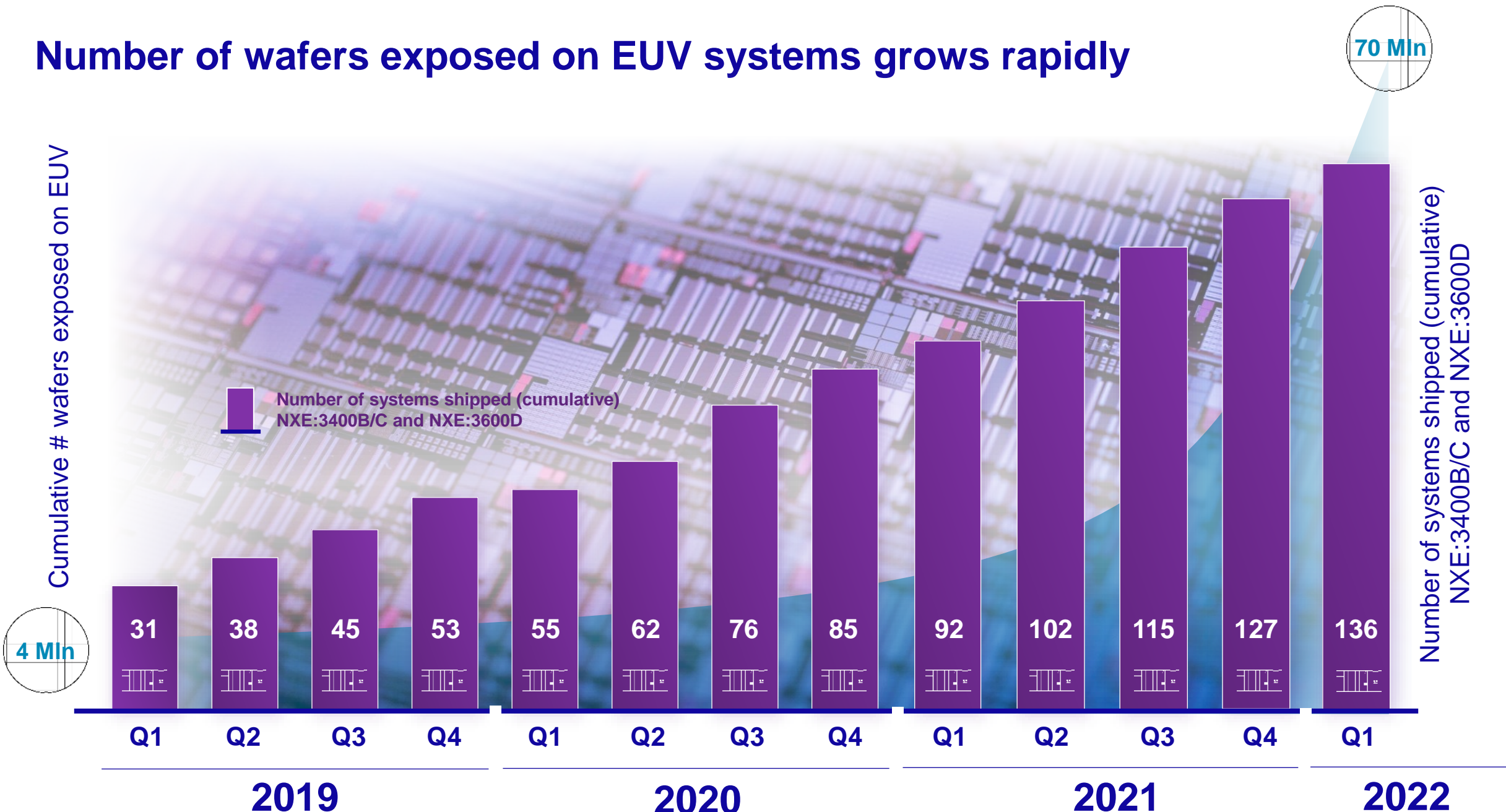
“Our 14nm DRAM has adopted 5 layers of the DRAM process using EUV technology.”

“EUV is not just about cost reduction. We believe that below 14nm, non-EUV DRAM is not viable in terms of processing technology.”

“We believe that this EUV tech will enable us to introduce sub 5nm DRAM technology within the next hopefully 10 years. If we can achieve that, that will increase bit density of DRAM more than 3times.”

SAMSUNG

Number of wafers exposed on EUV systems grows rapidly



NXE:3600D increases throughput by >18% over NXE:3400C

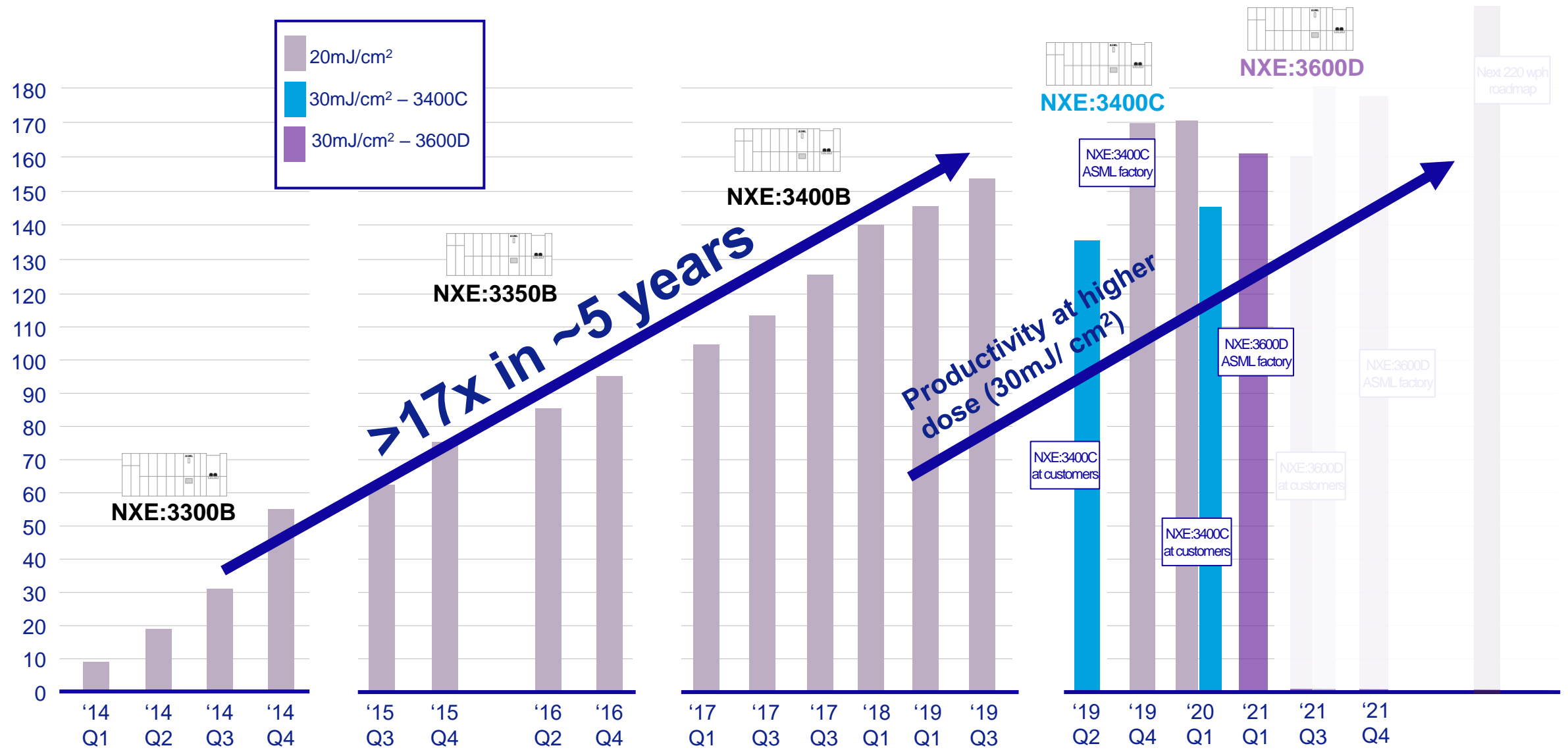


20mJ/cm²
 30mJ/cm² – 3400C
 30mJ/cm² – 3600D

Throughput [wafers per hour]

>17x in ~5 years

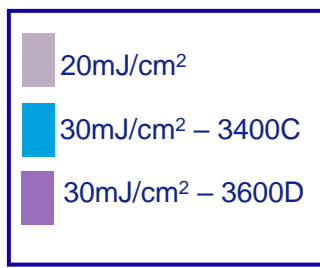
Productivity at higher dose (30mJ/cm²)



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NXE:3800E



ASML factory
178 WPH at 30mJ/cm²
NXE:3400C

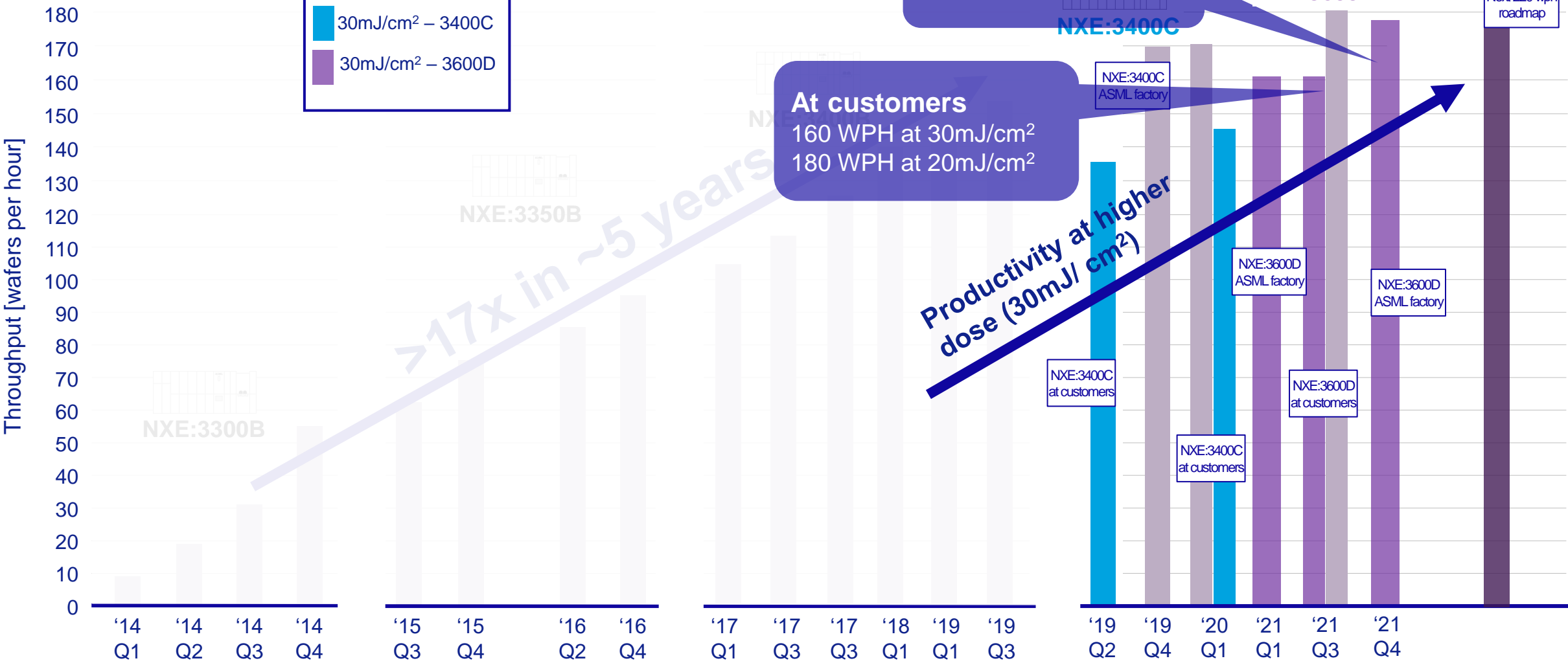
At customers
160 WPH at 30mJ/cm²
180 WPH at 20mJ/cm²

Productivity at higher dose (30mJ/cm²)



NXE:3600D

Next 220 wph roadmap





NXE:3600D

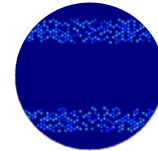
Enabling 1.7nm On Product Overlay at increased productivity of 160 WPH (30 mJ/cm²)

Improvements in Overlay, Imaging, Productivity achieved by, amongst others:

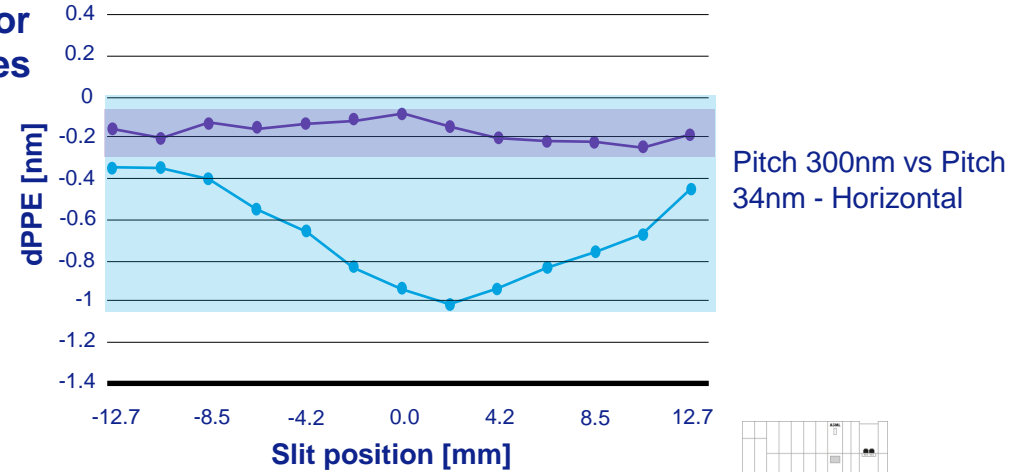
- Projection optics aberration reduction
- Fast aberration measurements and control
- Improved mask temperature control
- Improved wafer stage flatness
- Higher wafer level power
- Reduced wafer overhead

Projection optics aberration reduction in Coma and Three-foil clearly visible via multi-bar Pattern Placement Error test

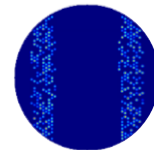
Illumination Pupil for horizontal features



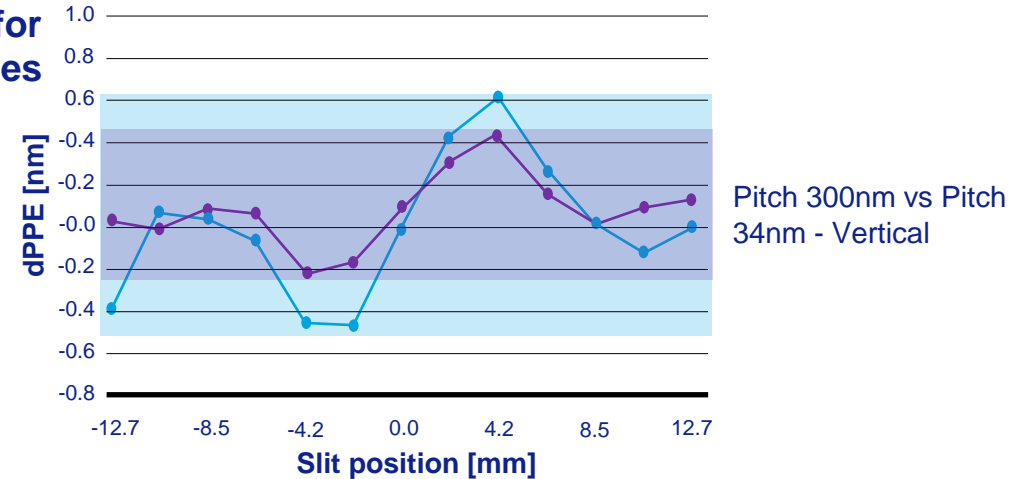
High sensitivity to Z8,11,20



Illumination Pupil for vertical features



High sensitivity to Z7,10,19

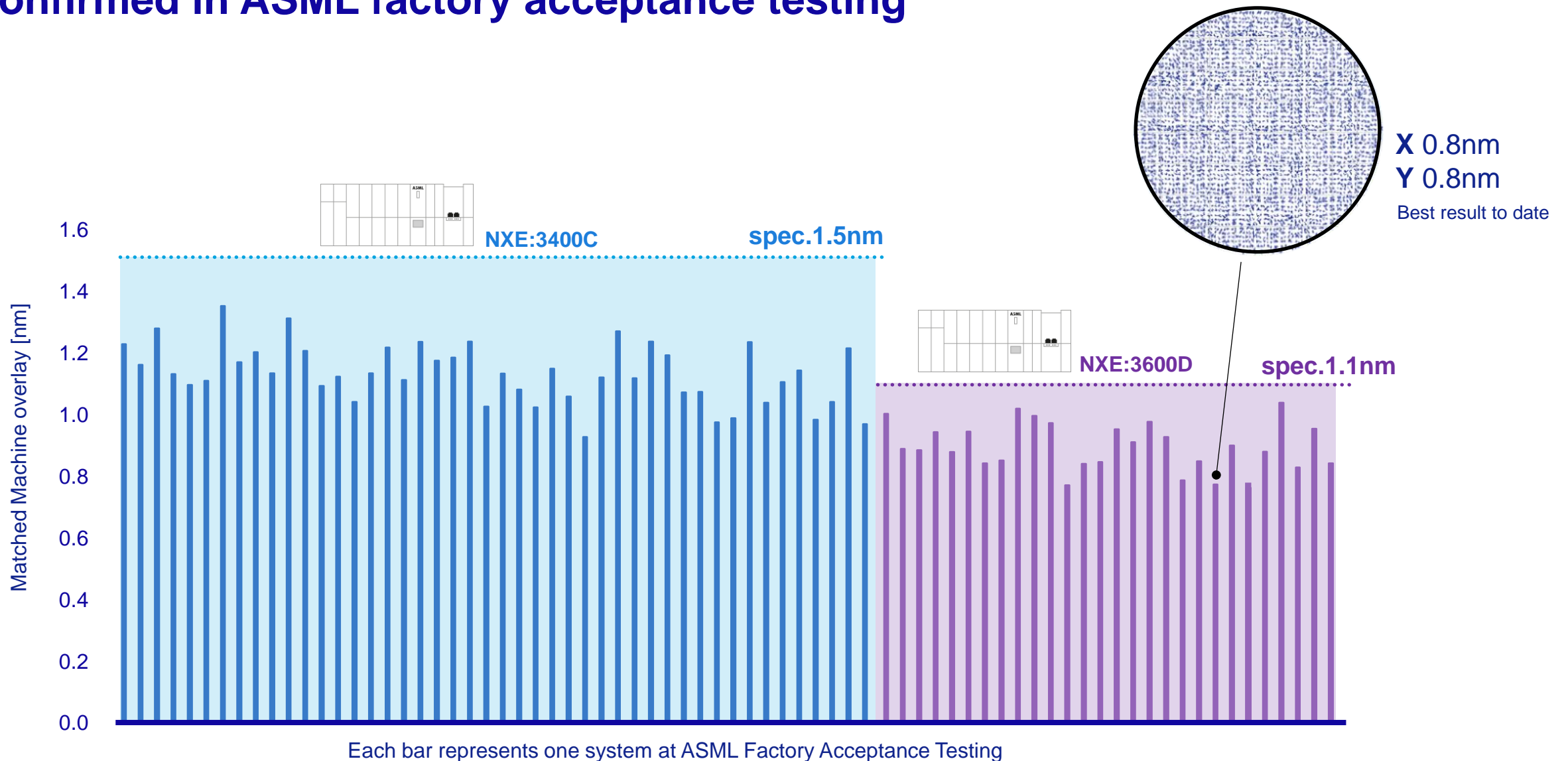


The delta Pattern Placement Error (dPPE) is the relative placement error between different features.

See SPIE EUVL 2021 Paper 11854-28 |

0.33 NA EUV systems for High Volume Manufacturing, Smeets et al.

NXE:3600D Matched Machine Overlay improvement confirmed in ASML factory acceptance testing



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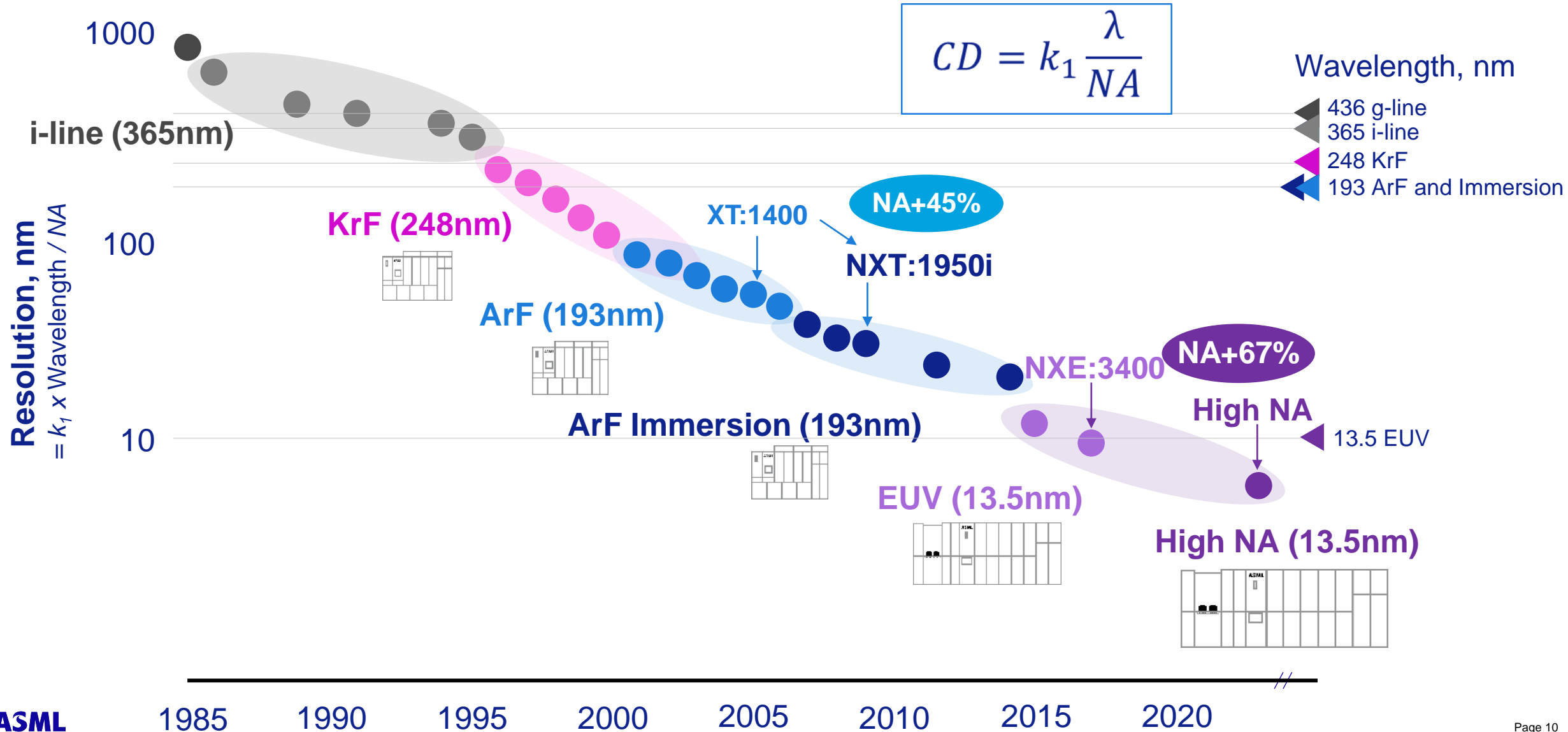
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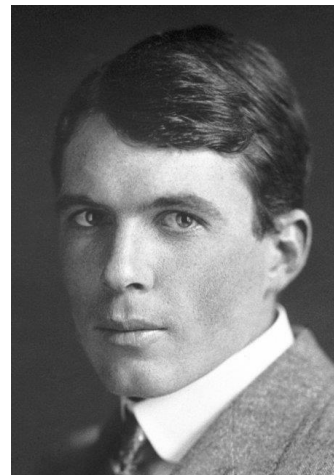
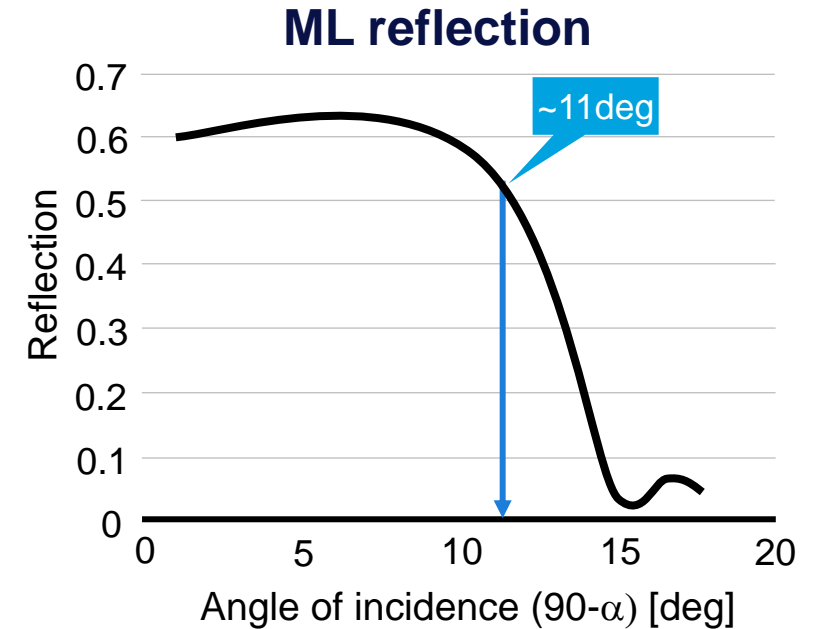
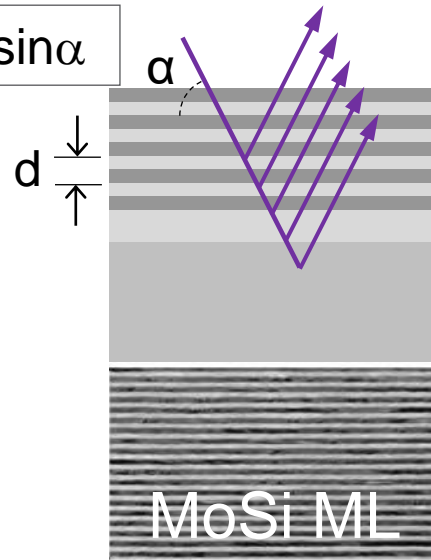
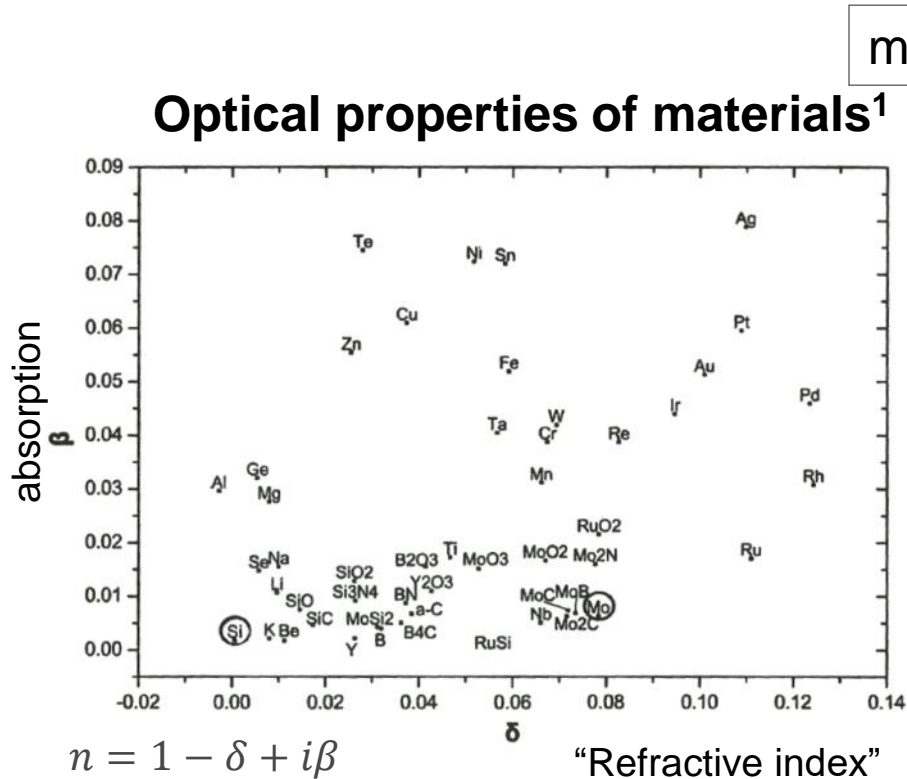
Over 35 years 2 orders of magnitude resolution reduction

by working on Wavelength, NA and k_1



The basics for High NA EUV are found in the elements

At 13.5nm refractive indices are close to 1, absorption $\neq 0$



Lawrence Bragg²

Absorption:

- Mirrors
- Vacuum
- Source powers

Refractive index:

- Bragg reflectors (Multi-layers, ML)
- Angular dependency

Figure 2.3: Real (δ) and imaginary (β) parts of the refractive index of several elements at the wavelength of 13.5 nm [18].

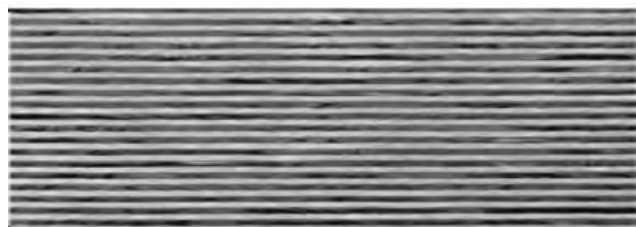
¹ Chart is from Eric Louis, Physics and technology development of multilayer EUV reflective optics, PhD thesis, University of Twente, The Netherlands, 2012

² Note: It was Lawrence Bragg who first described diffraction to lattices in crystals. Lawrence is the son of William Bragg. Both received the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1915. See: <https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/physics/1915/summary/>. Thanks to Joerg Zimmermann for pointing this out

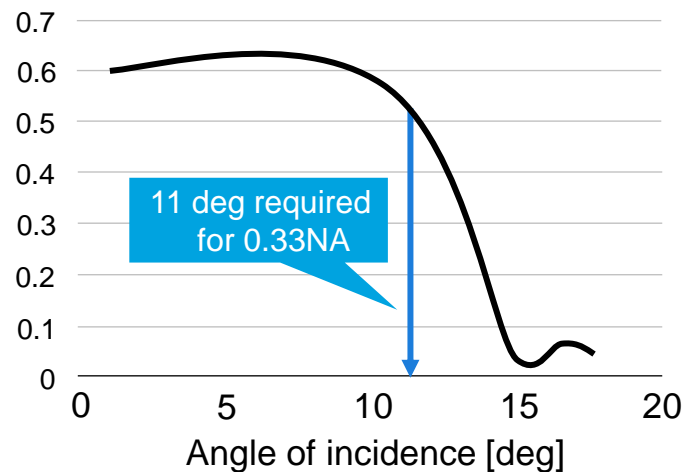
EUV High NA requires an anamorphic lens...

...and has the same resolution in x and y

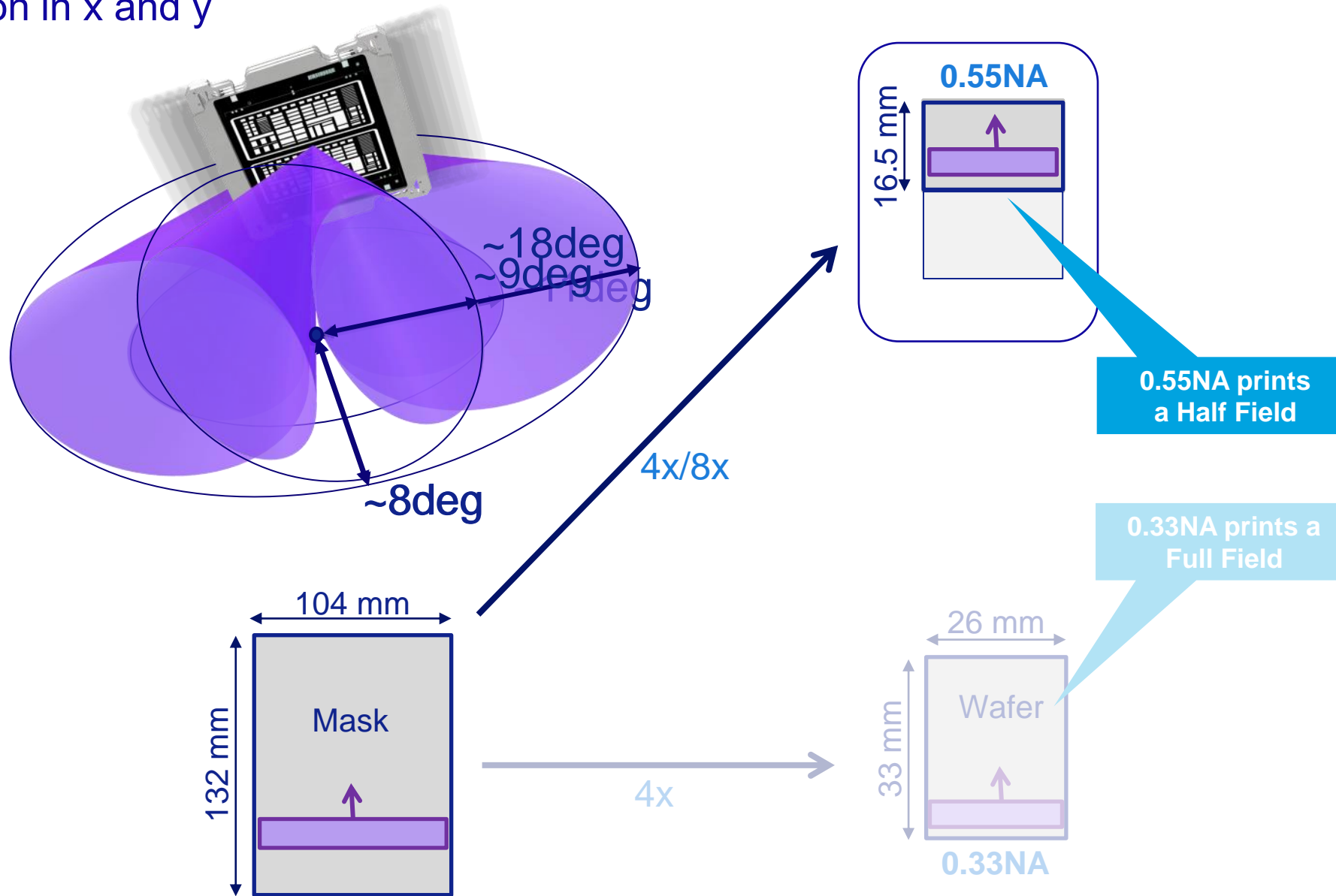
Mask MoSi Multilayer



ML reflection



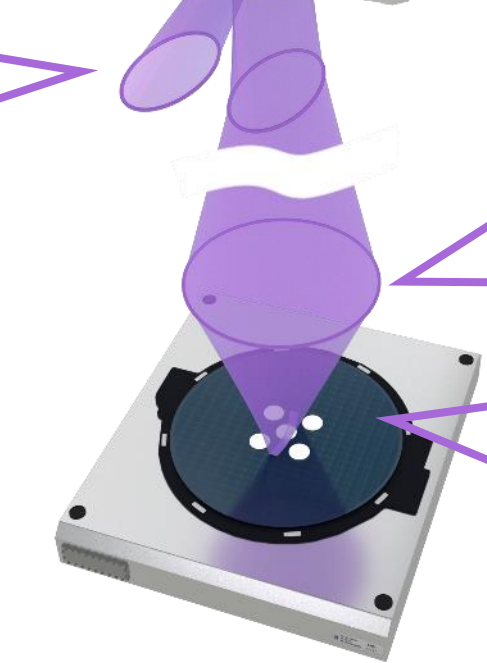
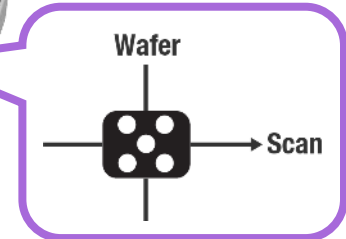
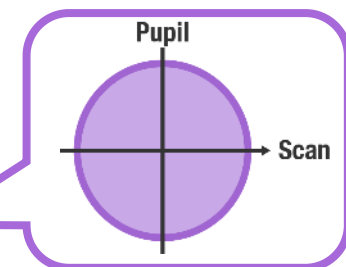
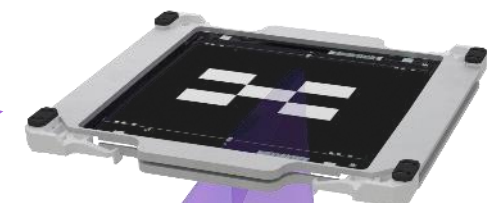
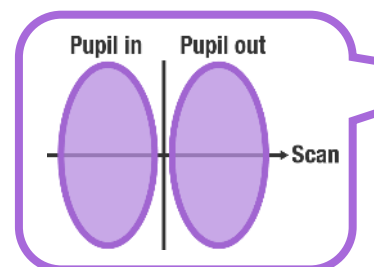
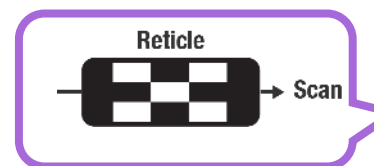
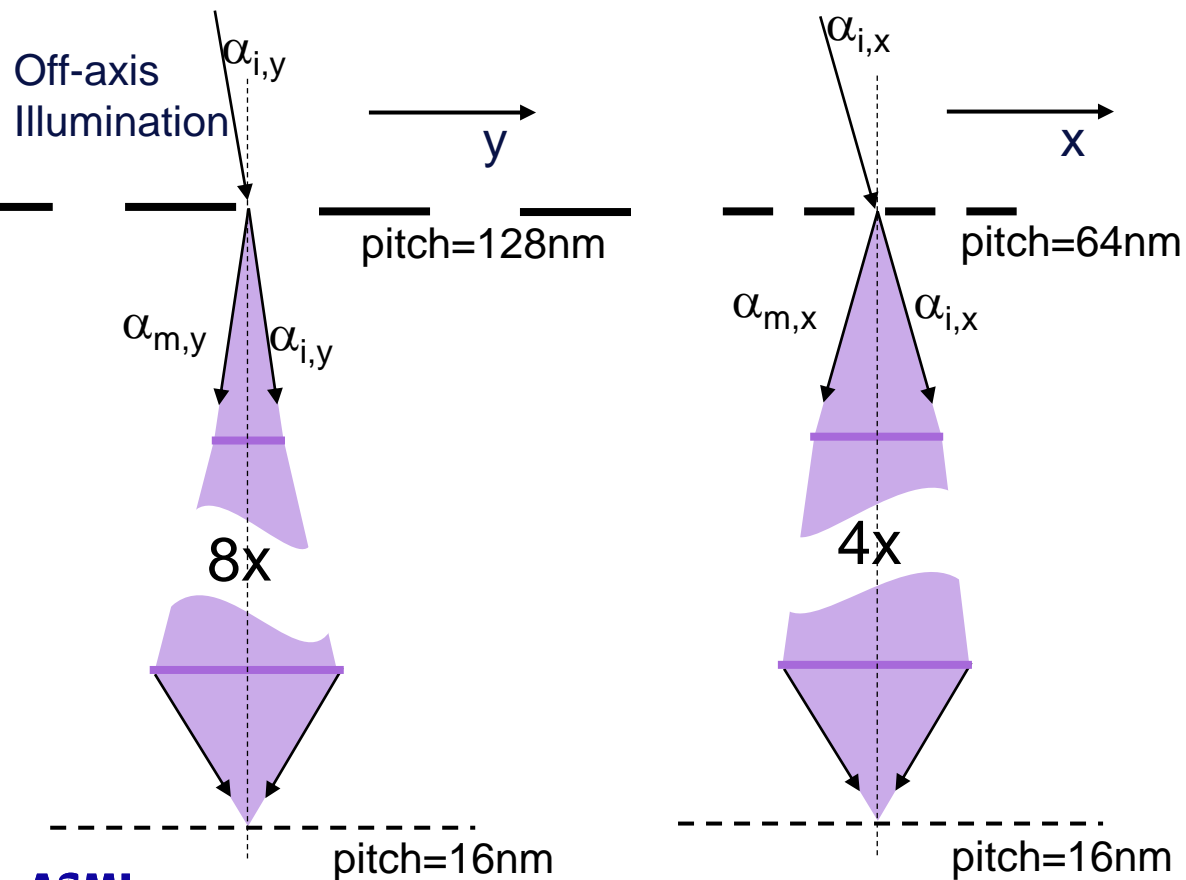
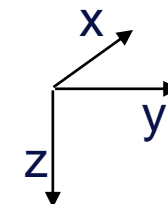
Note: for simplicity M3D effects are ignored, only multi-layer effect taken into account



Anamorphic projection lens has same resolution in x & y

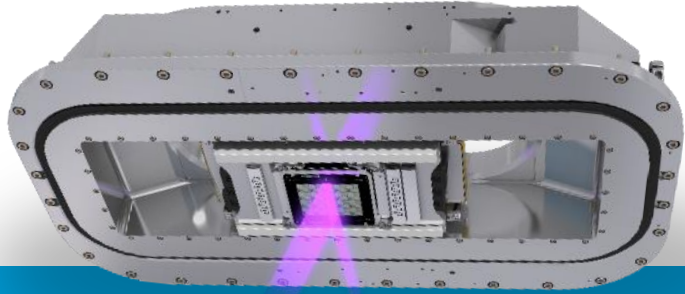
Elliptical illumination pupil is transformed in a round exit pupil

$$(\sin \alpha_i - \sin \alpha_m) = \frac{m \cdot \lambda}{pitch} \quad (m \text{ integer}) \text{ 'Bragg Condition'}$$

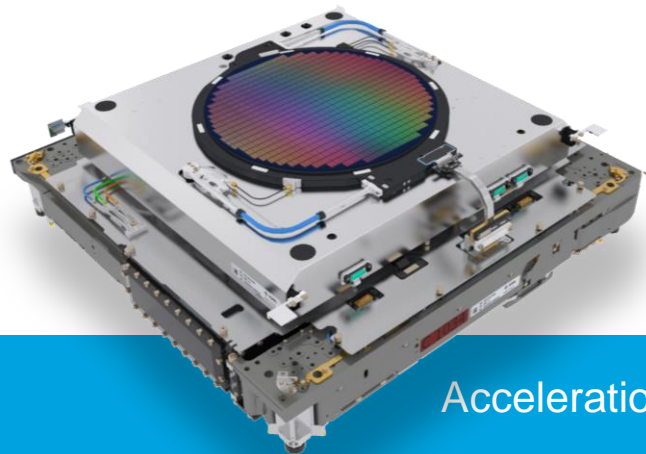
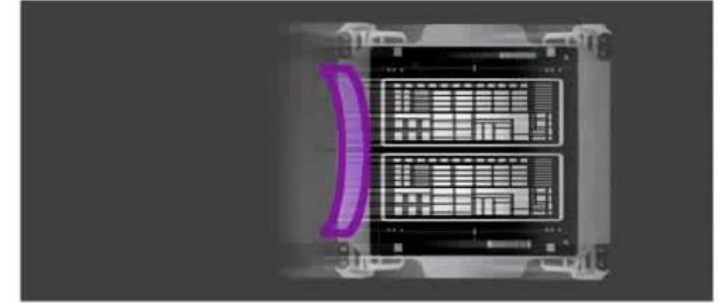
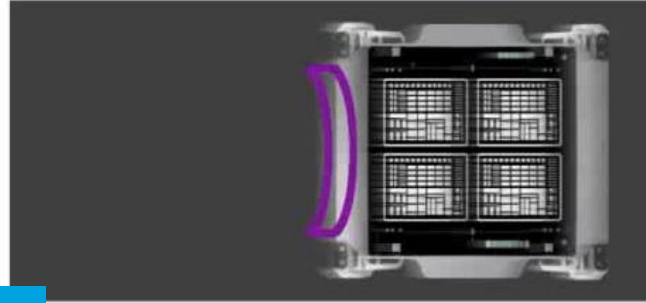


High NA and fast stages enables 220 Wph

188 half fields per wafer

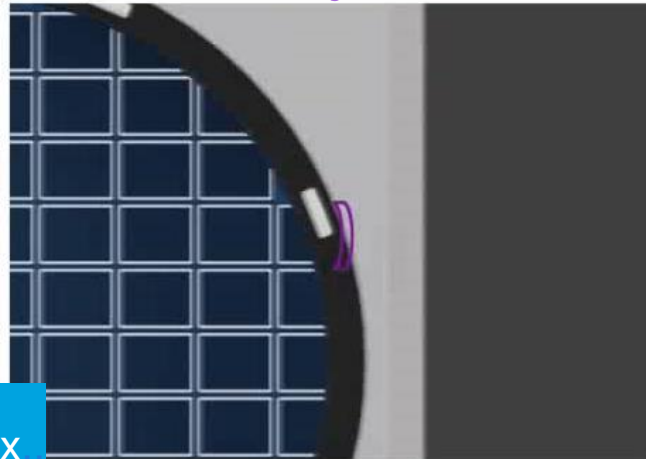


Acceleration of mask stage ~4x

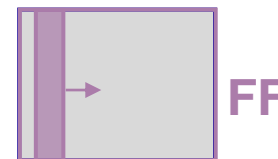
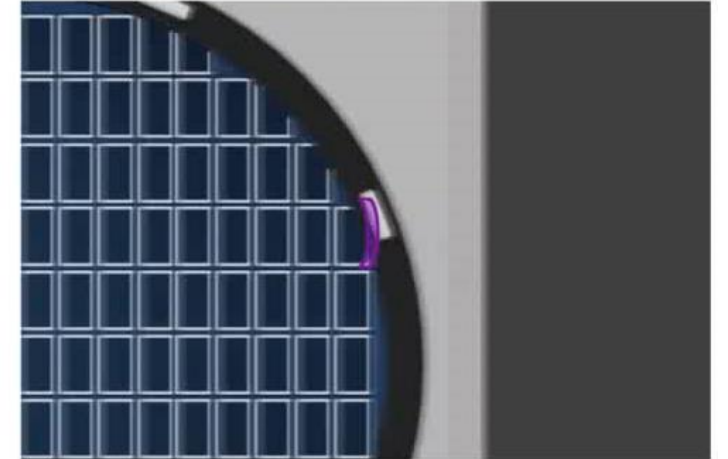


Acceleration of wafer stage ~2x

Projection: 0.33 NA



Projection: 0.55 NA



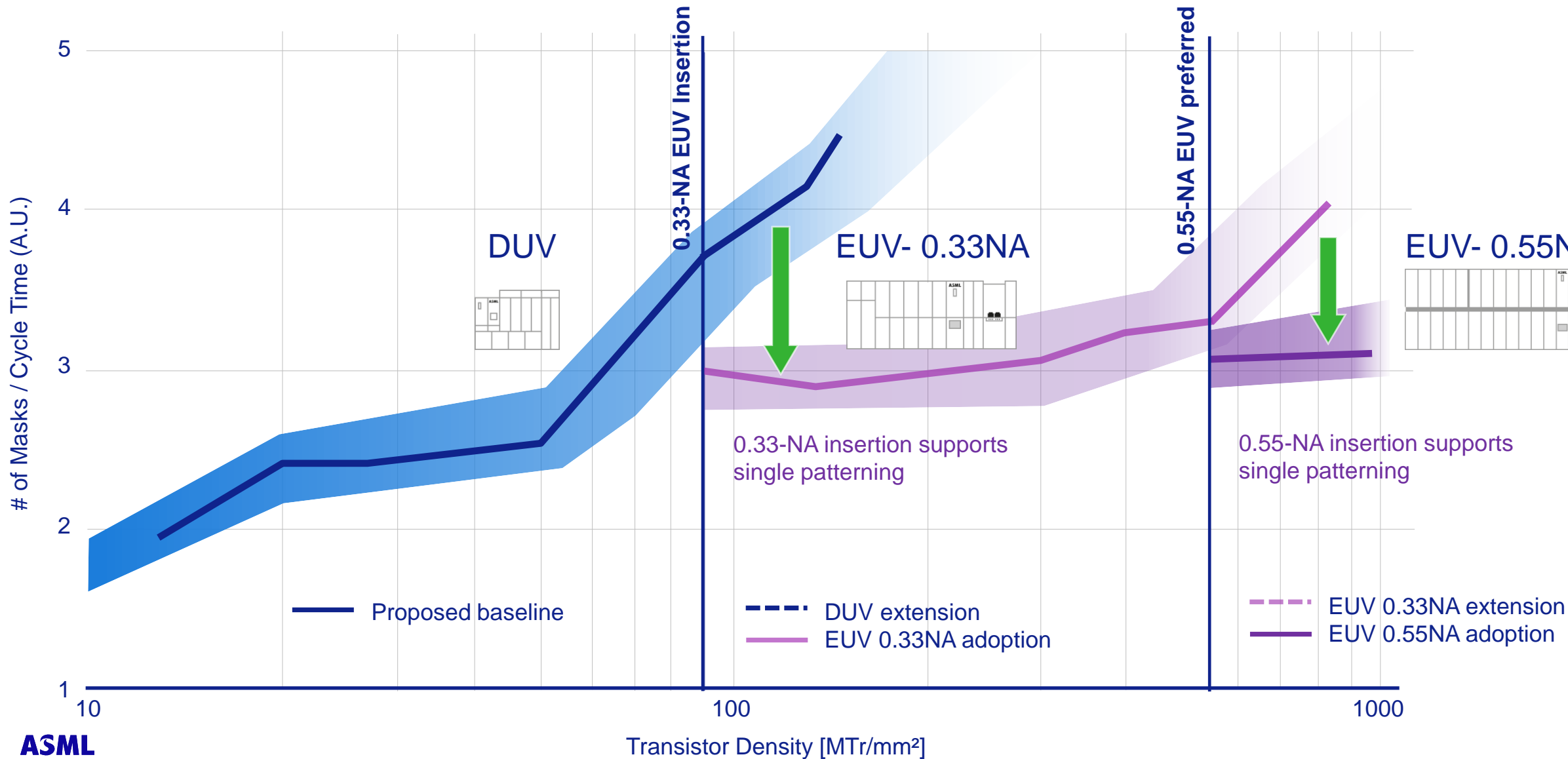
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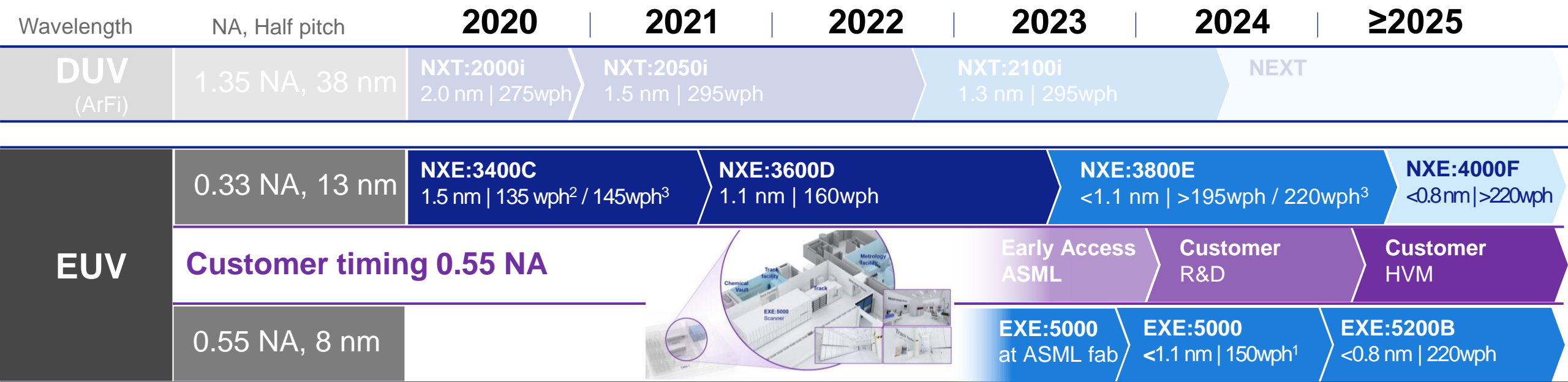
HF

High NA keeps number of masks & cycle time acceptable

Repetition of adoption of EUV technology



EUV 0.55 NA added to EUV portfolio to support high-volume manufacturing in 2025 - 2026



wafers/hours (wph) are based on 30mJ/cm²

¹⁾ 185wph @20mJ/cm²

²⁾ 170wph @20mJ/cm²

³⁾ Throughput upgrade

Product: Matched Machine Overlay (nm)|Throughput(wph)

Product status Released Development Definition

- EUV 0.55 NA higher resolution enables 1.7x smaller features and 2.9x increased density
- EUV 0.55 NA higher imaging contrast enables 40% improvement in local CDU and improves productivity on critical layers

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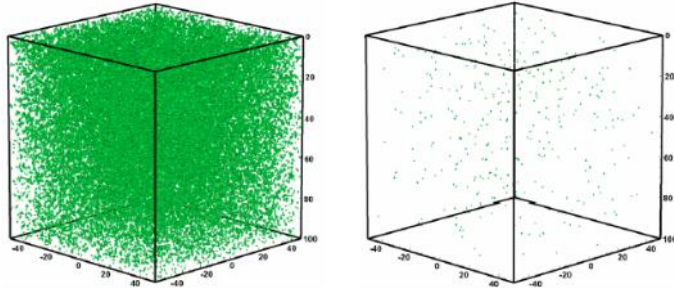
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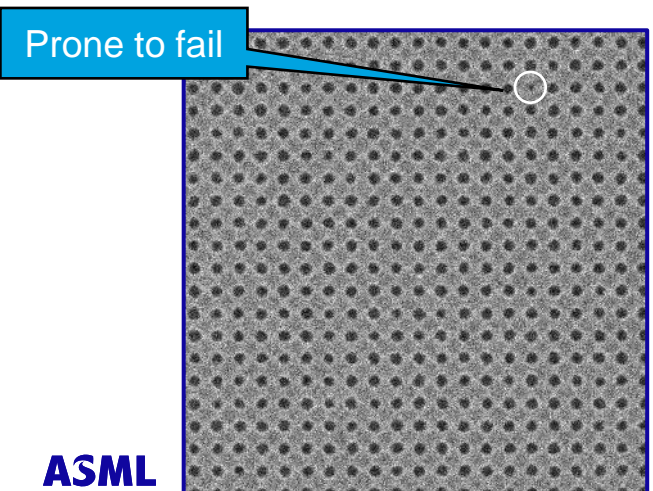


Key to continue Moore's law: Resist, Dose, Contrast

EUV comes with less photons/J



10nm CH, 20mJ/cm² → 1000 photons
 30% absorption → 300 photons
 30% determines the edge → 100 photons
 → 1 photon ~ 1% dose!



Things to remember:

- Resist
- Dose / Power / Transmission
- Contrast → High NA / illuminator / mask

$$LCDU = 3 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{hv}{f \cdot \alpha \cdot Area}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{D_{clear}}} \cdot \frac{2}{ILS}$$

Resist
(blur/chemistry)

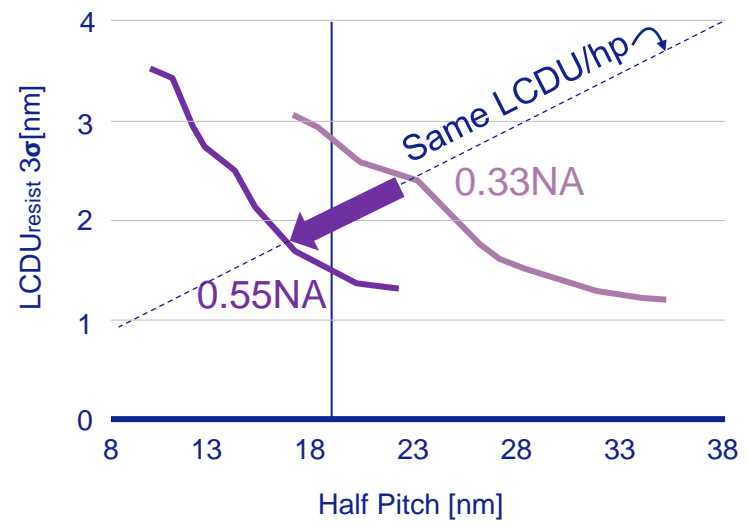
Dose

Contrast

Whereby:

- σ = resist blur
- D_{clear} = dose to size
- ILS = image log slope
- p = pitch

High NA lower resolution at same dose
 20mJ/cm²

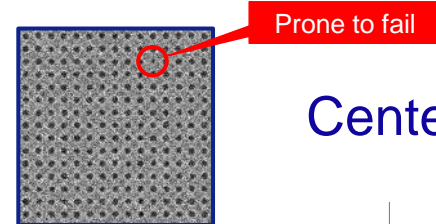
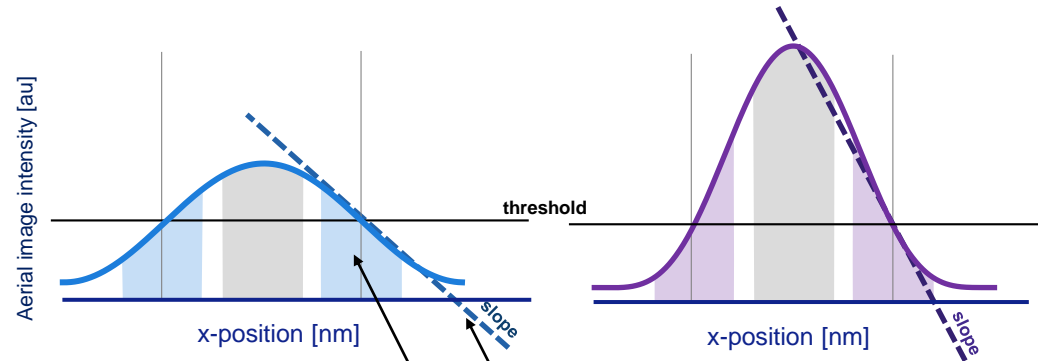


- Minimize Local variation by
 - Improved resist: absorption ↑, blur ↓, chemical shot noise ↓
 - Maximize contrast: high NA, advanced mask

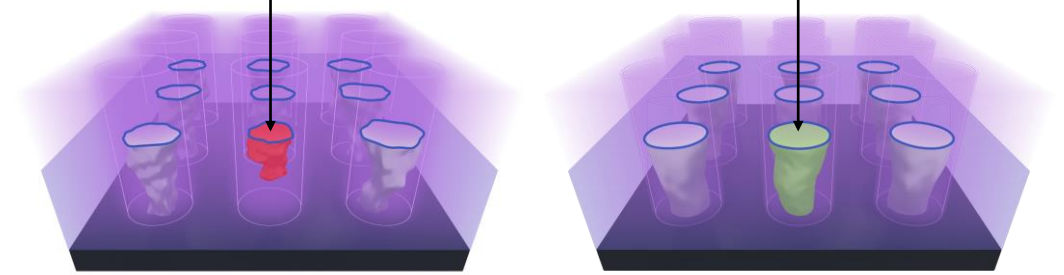
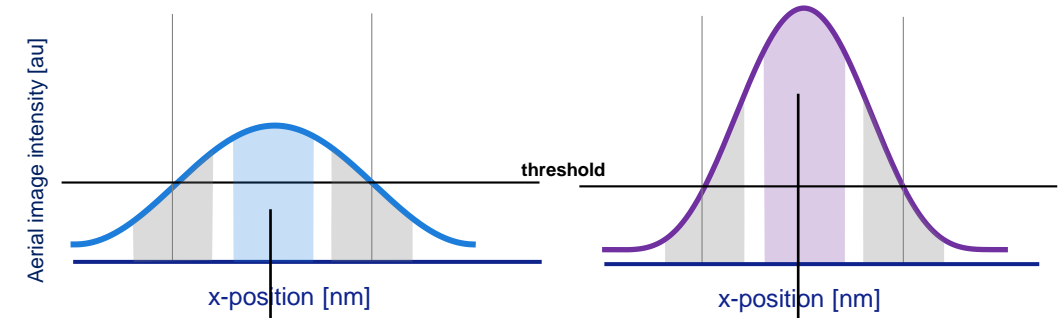
High NA contrast reduces Local CDU and defects

Key to continue Moore's law: Resist, Dose, Contrast

Traditional view:
Edge photons determine LCDU



Printability view:
Center photons avoid missing contacts

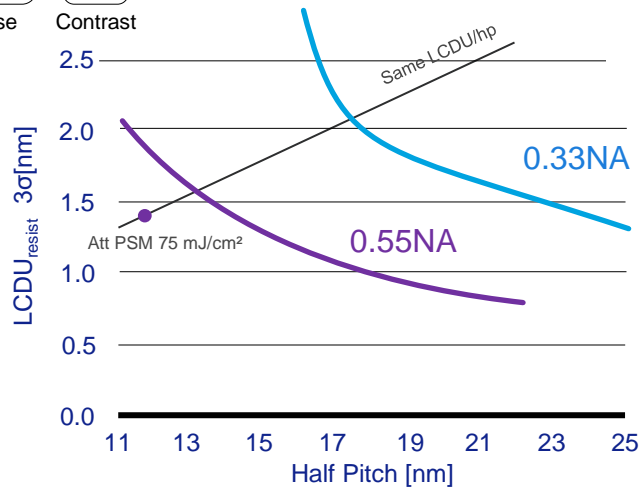


- Edge photons and contrast determine hole size variability
- Center photons open developer path to bottom “pipe cleaners”
- High NA improves both aspects

$$LCDU [3\sigma, nm] = 3 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{hv}{f \cdot \alpha \cdot Area}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{D_0}} \cdot \frac{2}{ILS}$$

Resist Dose Contrast

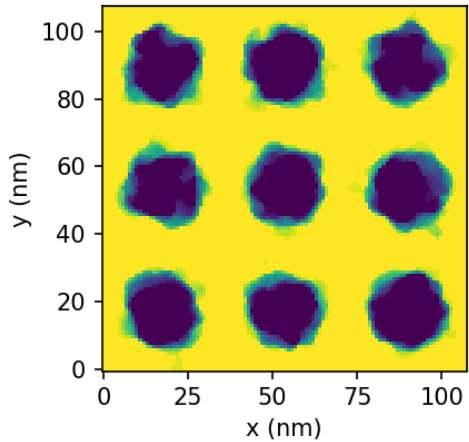
Whereby:
 α = resist absorption
 f = proportionality factor with eg QE
 D_0 = dose to clear
 ILS = image log slope
 Area = area containing photons contributing to LCDU



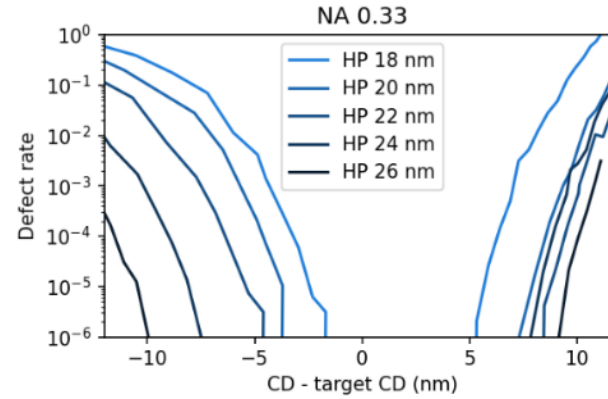
0.55NA gives large defect reduction or resolution gain at lower dose

3D stochastic resist model predictions assuming identical resist for 0.33 and 0.55NA

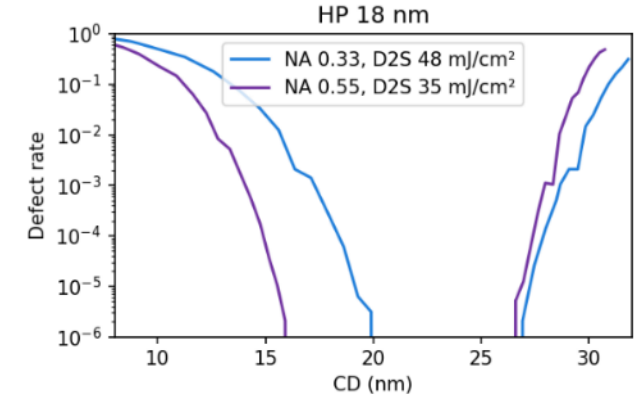
Stochastic simulations of regular contact holes



Process window reduces as pitch shrinks

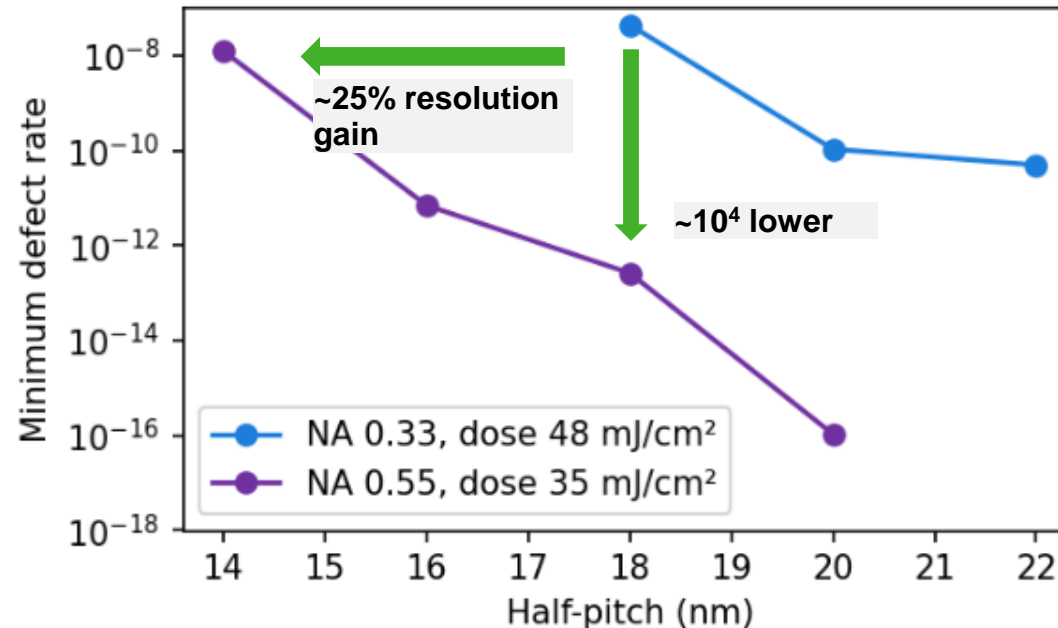


High NA increases process window at ~30% lower dose for same resist



Resist assumptions:

- Resist thickness: 20 nm
- Absorptivity: $15 \mu\text{m}^{-1}$
- Tonality: PTD
- QE = 0.4
- Blur (1σ): 2 nm

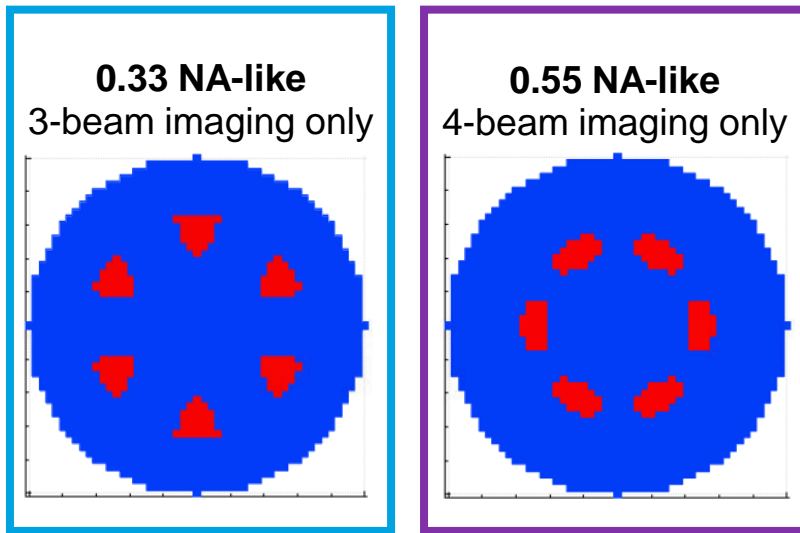


High NA @ ~30% lower dose:

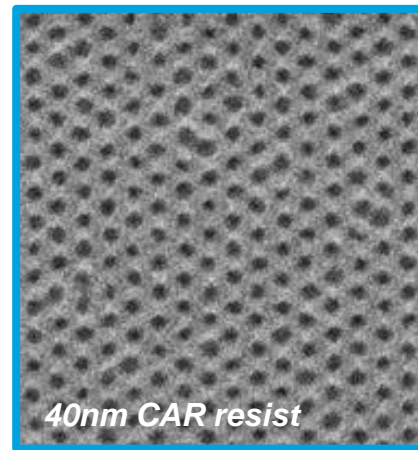
- $\sim 10^4$ lower defect rate at 18nm HP
- $\sim 25\%$ reduced pitch (14nm HP) at equal defect rates

Experimental verification on 0.5NA MET5 shows clear benefit of high contrast on LCDU performance for 16nm half pitch hexagonal CHs

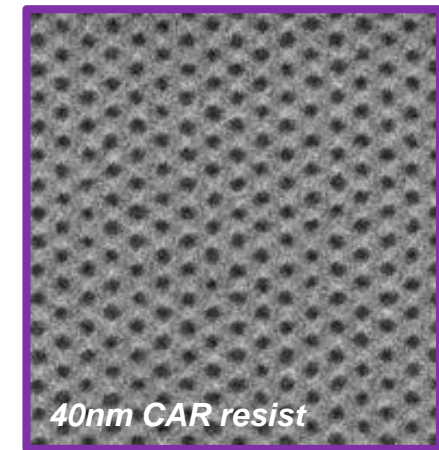
0.5 NA exposure (MET5)



0.33 NA-like

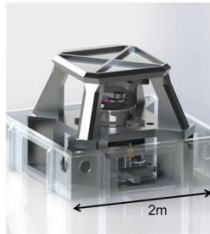


0.55 NA-like



MET5

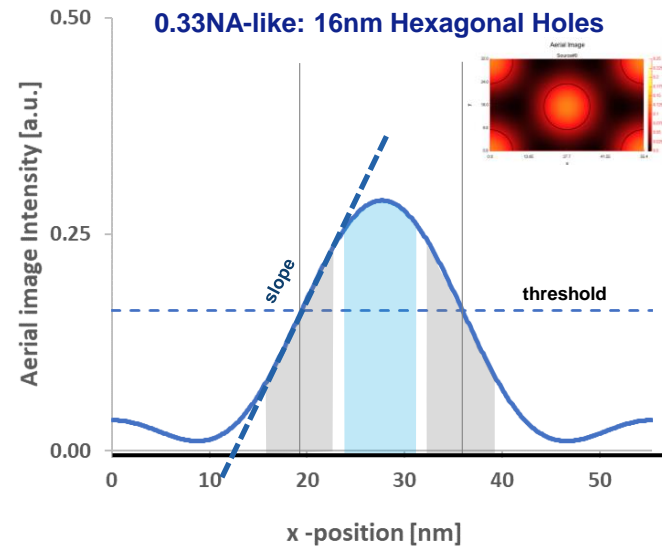
- NA = 0.5
- Mag = 5
- CRAO = 6°
- Resolution limit = 8 nm
- Synchrotron source



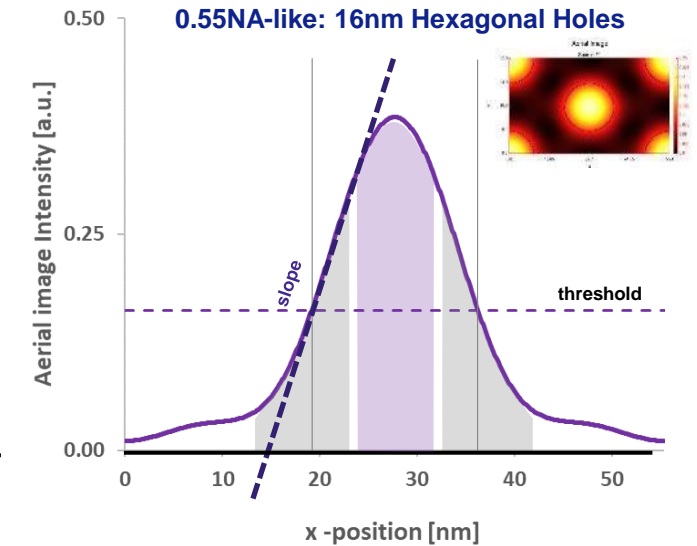
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THE CENTER FOR X-RAY OPTICS

In-resist data	3-beam imaging	4-beam imaging
Dose (mJ/cm ²)	63.0	57.5 -9%
CD (nm)	15.8	15.6
LCDU (nm)	4.36	3.15 -28%
Defects in FoV	7	0

0.33NA-like: 16nm Hexagonal Holes



0.55NA-like: 16nm Hexagonal Holes



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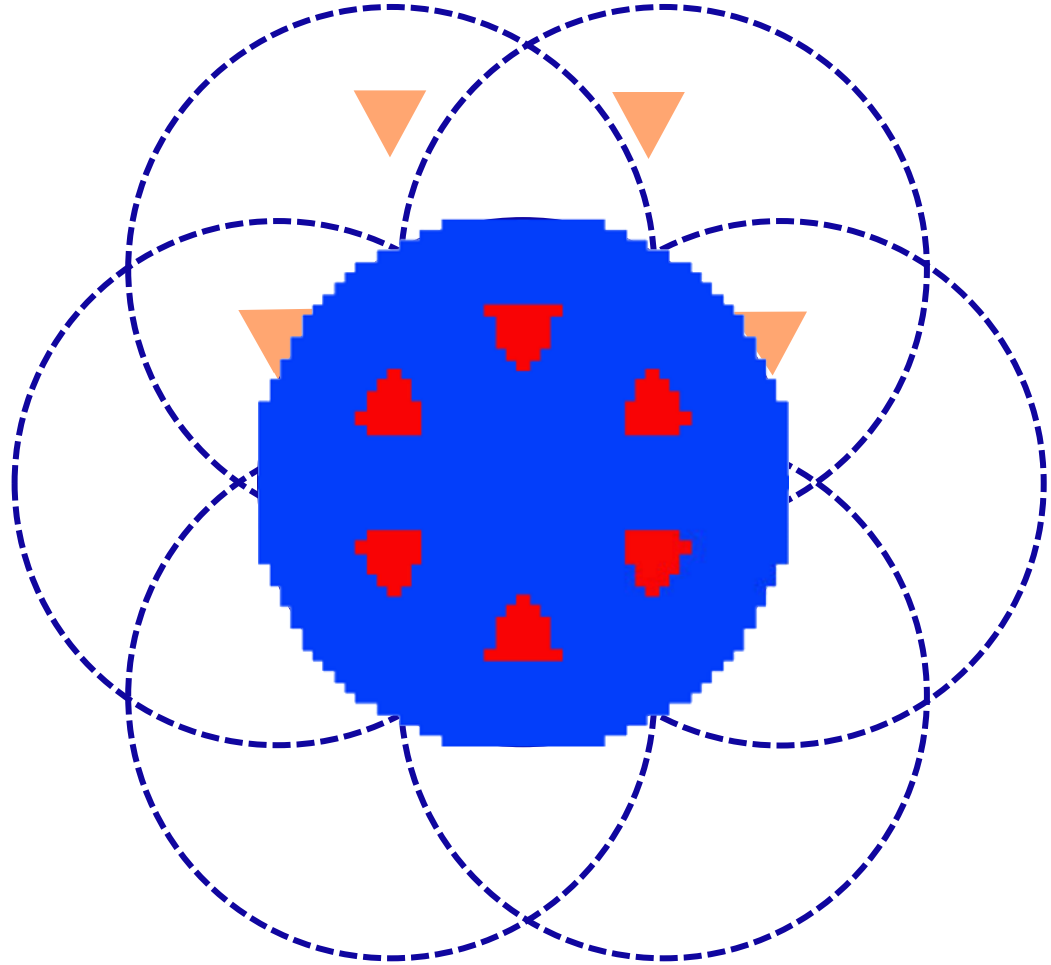
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Thanks to Herman Nicolai, Jara Garcia Santaclara and Gerardo Bottiglieri for support

3-beam vs 4-beam imaging for hexagonal CHs

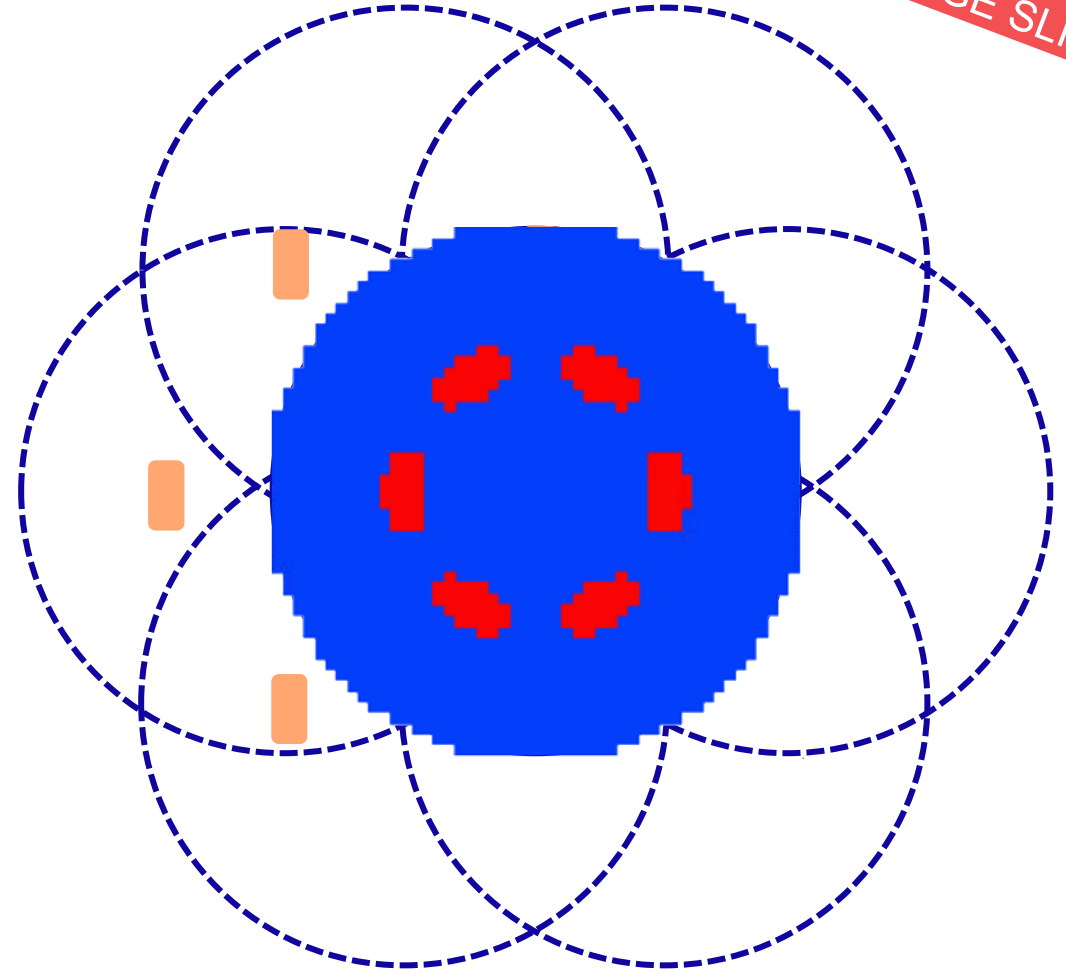
Hexagonal array gives 6 diffraction orders (1st order) per 0th order pole (source point)

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Each 0th order pole interferes with 2 diffraction orders

→ 3-beam imaging (2 out of 6 diffraction orders captured by NA)



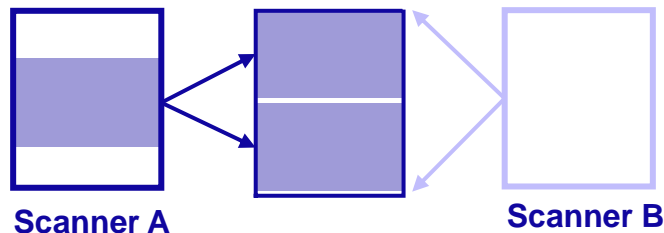
Each 0th order pole interferes with 3 diffraction orders

→ 4-beam imaging (3 out of 6 diffraction orders captured by NA)

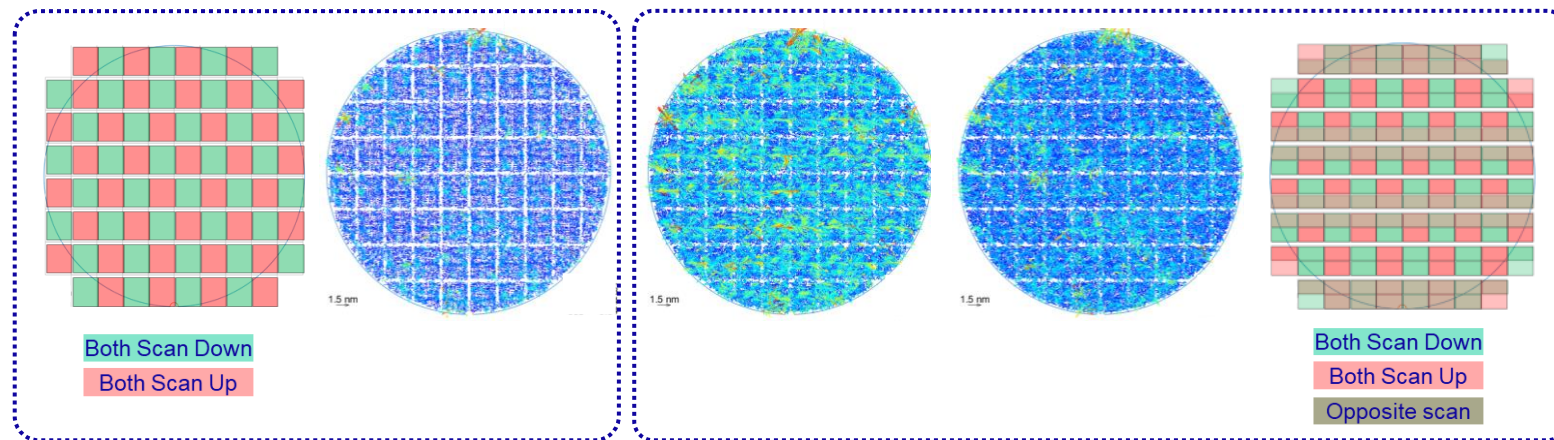
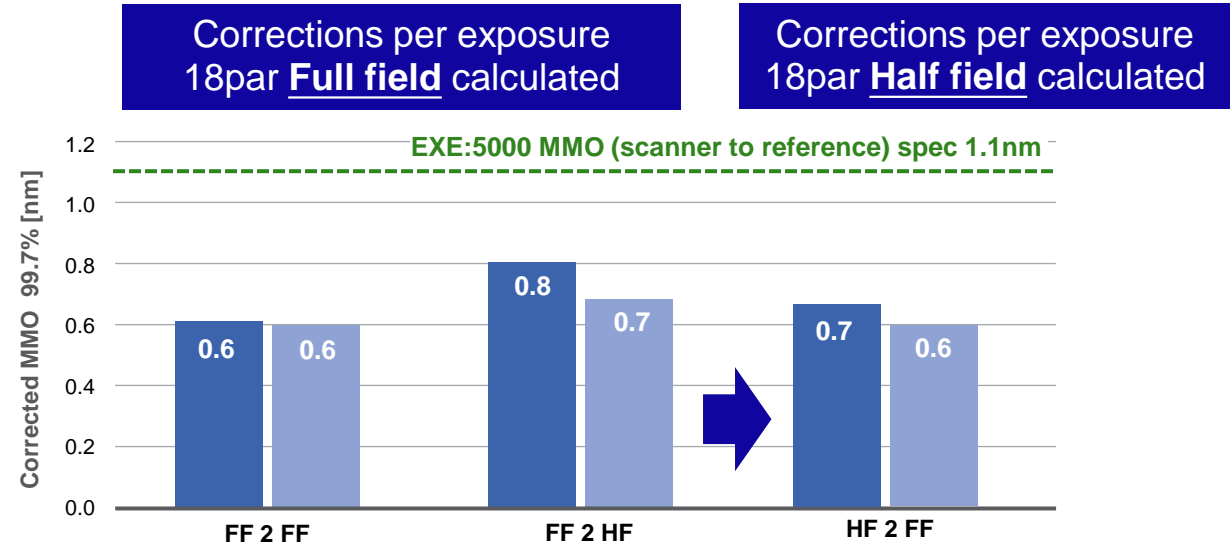
No impact from EXE field on system overlay matching strategy and performance

Matched machine overlay

- No effects from step and scan direction differences visible in the results
- Scanner impact from half field to full field overlay matching can be mitigated in the EXE systems setup and control
- Half field exposures have more overlay correction potential; this may require attention when defining a through stack on-product overlay control scenario



Mimic Full Field / Half Field exposures on 0.33NA



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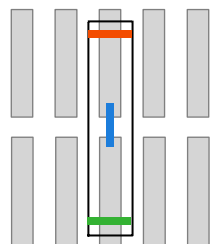
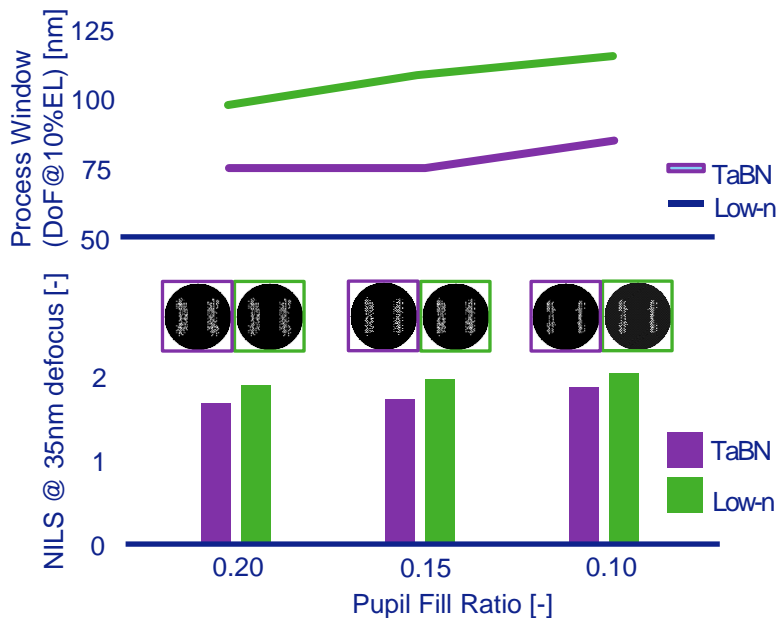


Low-n Mask improves Process Window and reduces dose

Simulations on High NA, experiments on NXE:3400C

Improved contrast and DoF

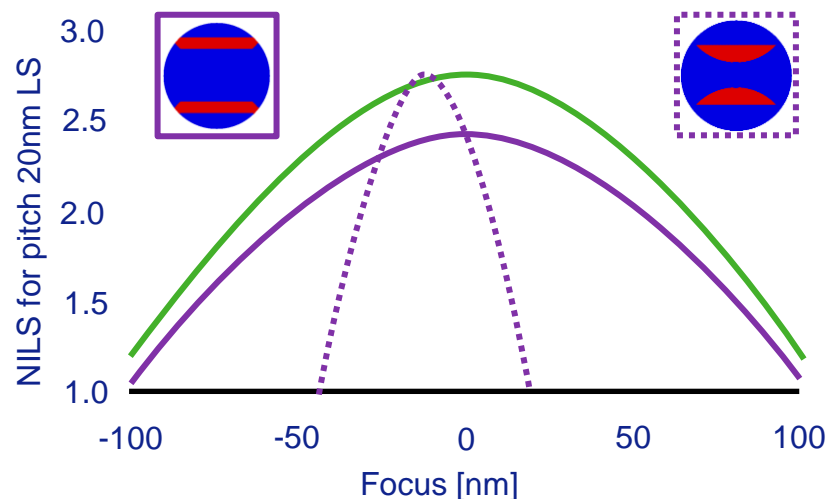
Combined with low pupil fill ratio



- NA=0.55.
- Vertical dense L&S
- pitch 22nm, 21nm gap

Improved contrast and DoF

Enables gap CD 20→16nm at NILS=3.2

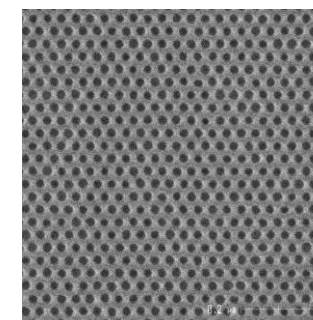
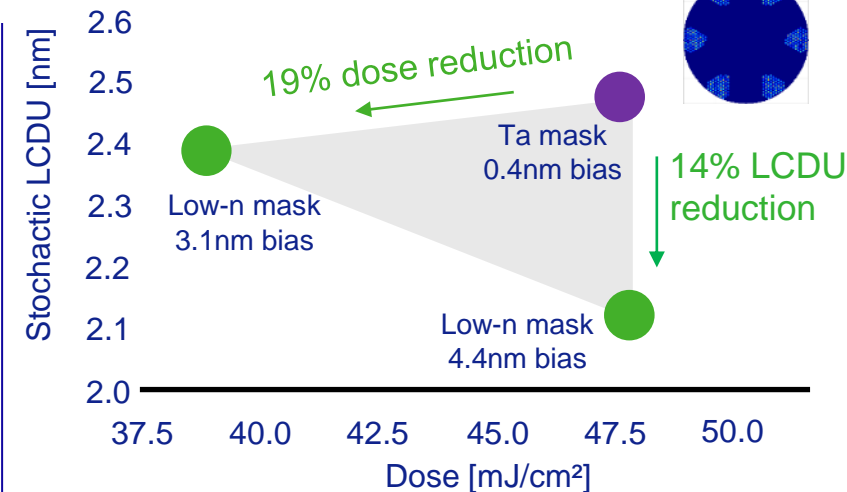


— TaBN - - - TaBN – inner Leaf — Low-n

- NA=0.55.
- H dense L&S p20, 20nm gap
- 55nm TaBN vs 46nm Low-n absorber
- Bright Field

Reduced dose and LCDU

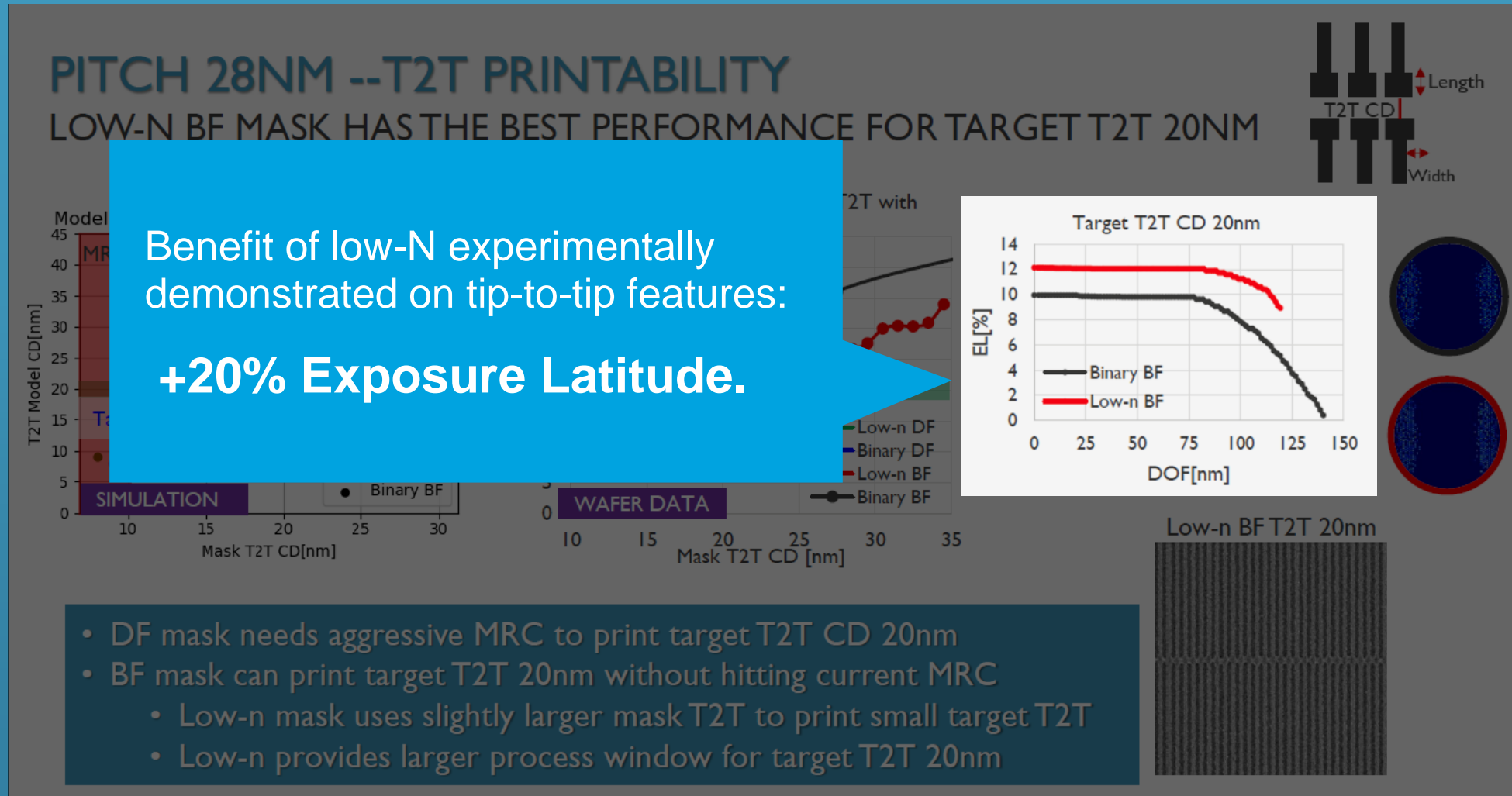
Measurement on 0.33NA



- Pitch 38nm Hex contacts
- measurements at ASML on NXE:3400C

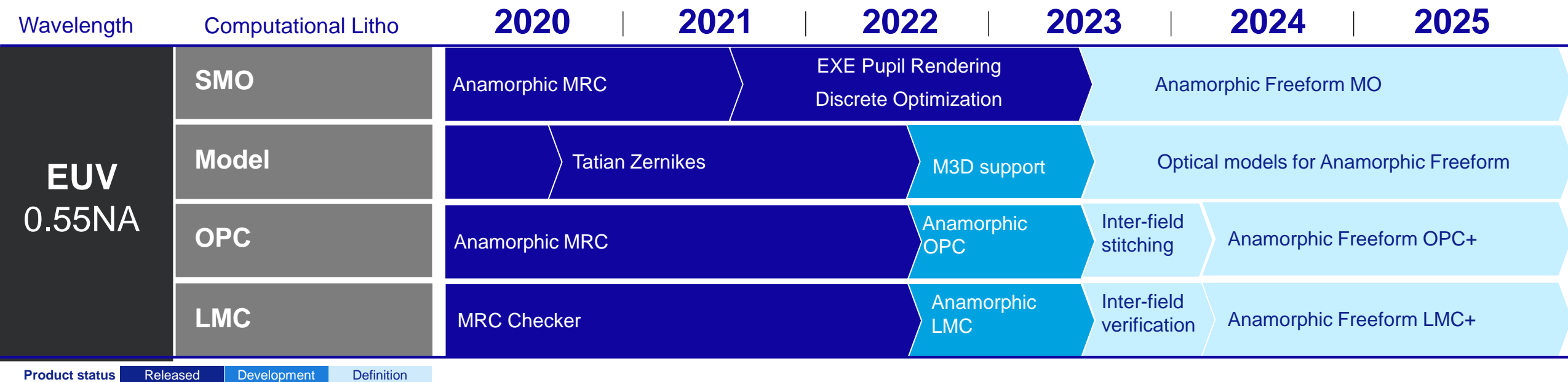
Pitch 28nm – Tip to Tip printability

Low-N Bright Field mask has the best performance for target T2T 20nm



Tachyon Computational Litho roadmap for High NA

Anamorphic functionality available Q2'22, well in time for 1st exposures

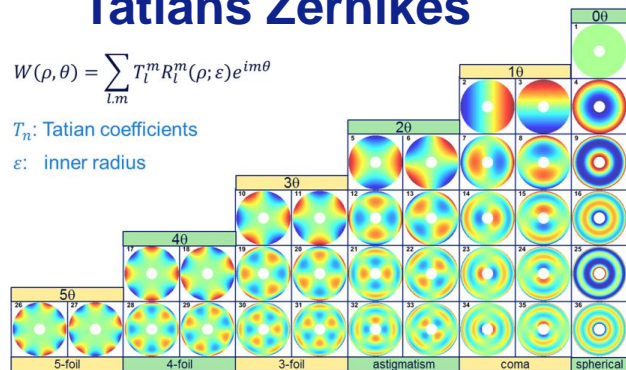


Tatians Zernikes

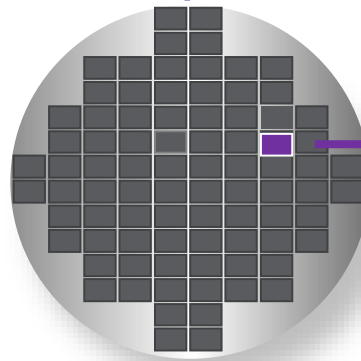
$$W(\rho, \theta) = \sum_{lm} T_l^m R_l^m(\rho; \varepsilon) e^{im\theta}$$

T_n : Tatian coefficients

ε : inner radius

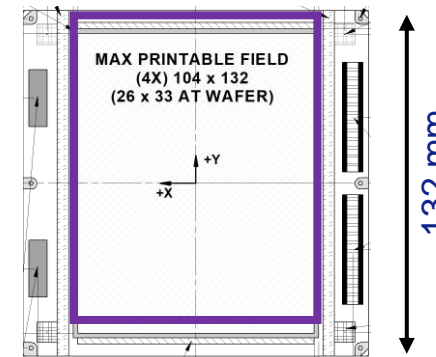


Half-Field (26mm x 16.5mm)



X=4x mag
Y=8x mag

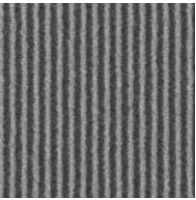
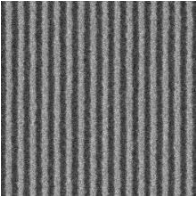
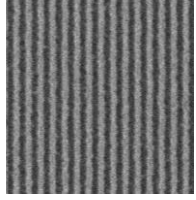
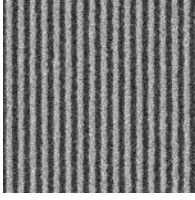
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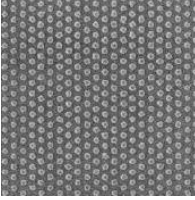
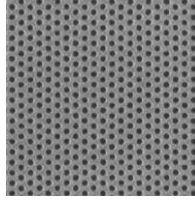
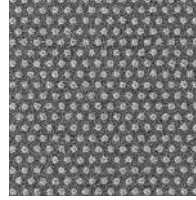


104 mm

Half-field mask

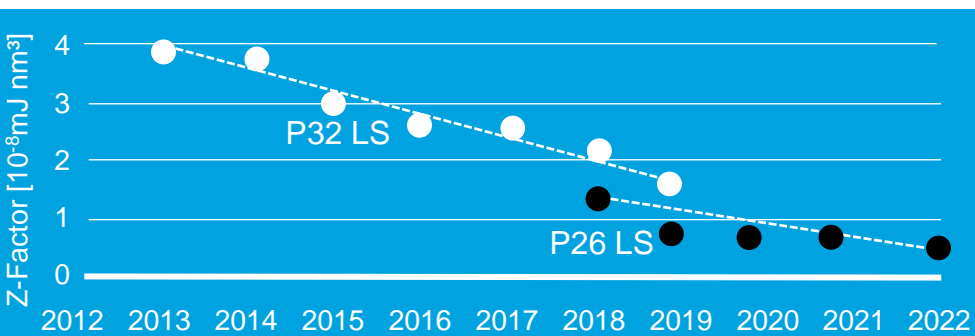
Continuous resist improvement for multiple use cases shown by 0.33NA

	2019	2020	2021	2022
Resist type	Non-CAR	Non-CAR	Non-CAR	Non-CAR
Resolution: (P26 LS)				
Dose [mJ/cm ²]	45	47	50	40
LWR _{unb} [nm]	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.8
Z-factor [10 ⁻⁸ mJ nm ³]	0.89	0.87	0.86	0.69

	2019	2020	2021
Resist type	Non-CAR	CAR	Non-CAR
Resolution: (P40 Hexagonal Pillars/CH)			
Dose [mJ/cm ²]	65	61	53
LCDU [nm]	2.2	2.1	2.0
Z-factor [10 ⁻⁸ mJ nm ³]	2.5	2.3	1.7

P40 Hexagonal CH evaluation ongoing for 2022

Lines and Spaces

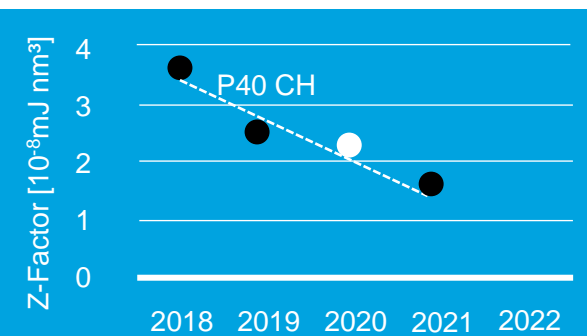


$$*Z\text{-factor} = \text{Res}^3 \times \text{LWR}^2 \times \text{Dose}$$

Z-factor comparison only valid at equal contrast

● Non CAR ● CAR

Contact Holes



8nm LS demonstrated with Metal Oxide Resist

Resist testing for ultimate resolution

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Resolution [hp]

13nm

12nm

11nm

10nm

9nm

8nm

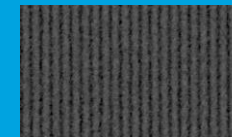
Metal Oxide Resist (MOR)

62 mJ/cm²

58 mJ/cm²

75 mJ/cm²

59 mJ/cm²

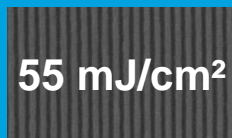


Chemically Amplified Resist (CAR)

58 mJ/cm²

55 mJ/cm²

42 mJ/cm²



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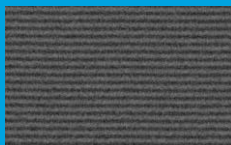
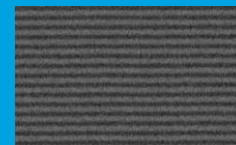
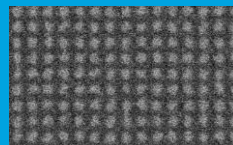
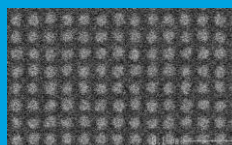
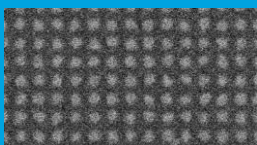
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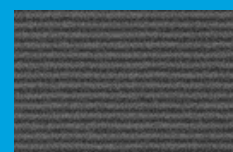
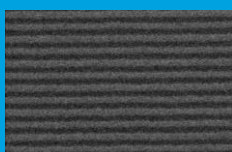
MOR

Pillars & Lines and Spaces



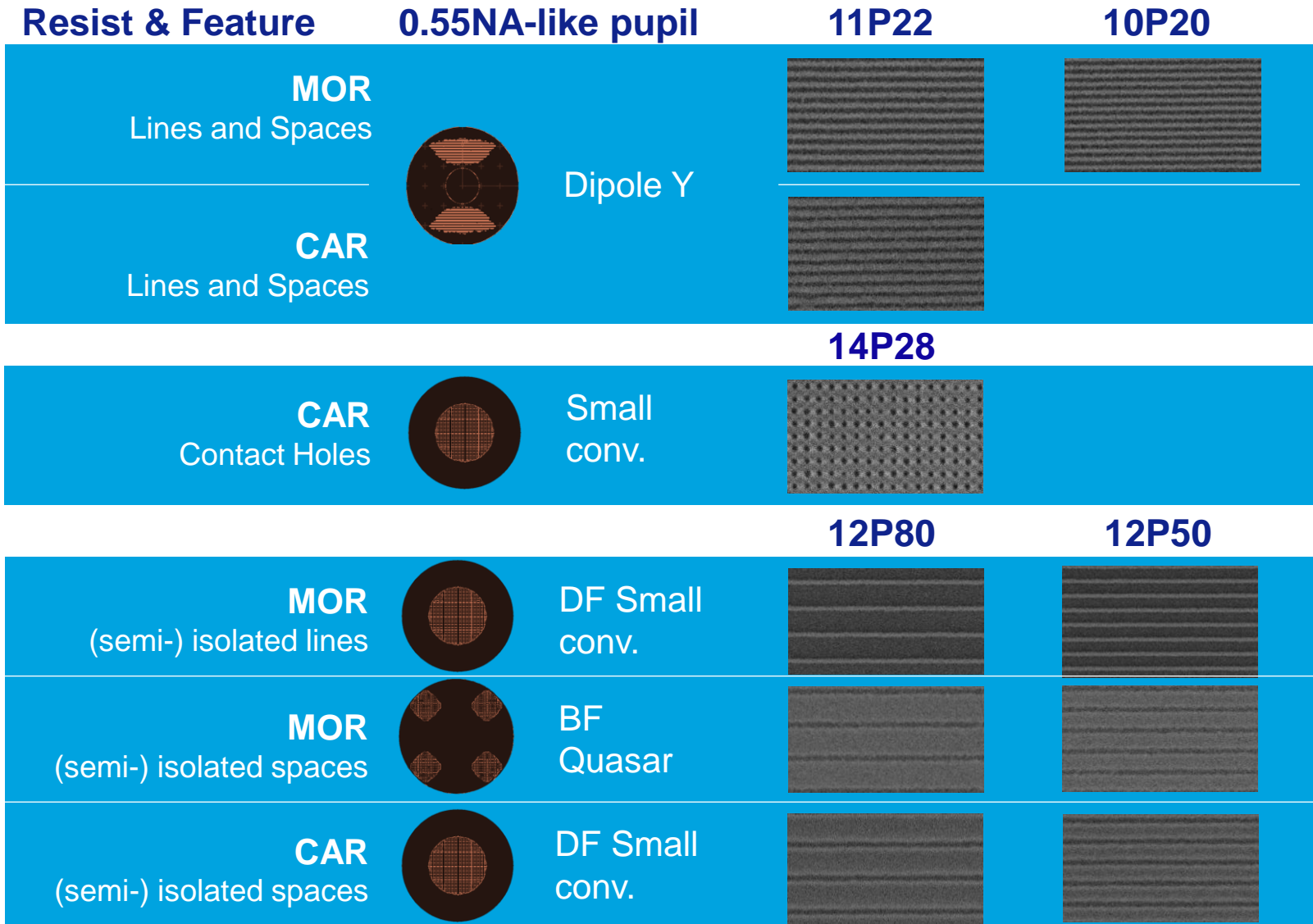
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Lines and Spaces

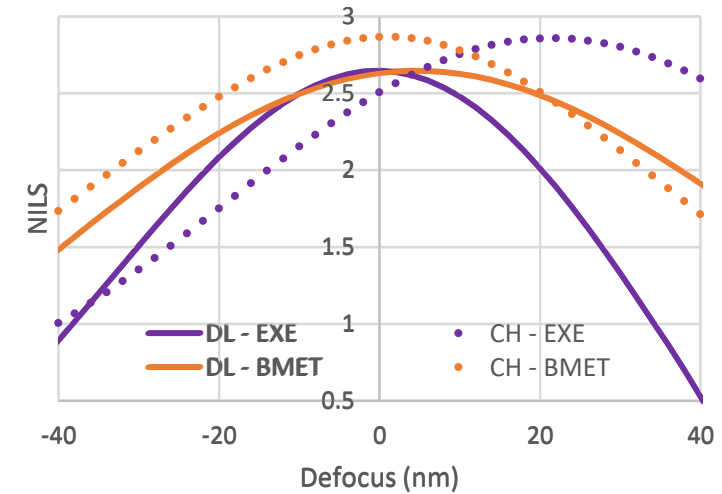


High resolution achieved for CAR & MOR at High NA illumination conditions

Resist testing at High NA matched contrast



Contrast matched EXE conditions



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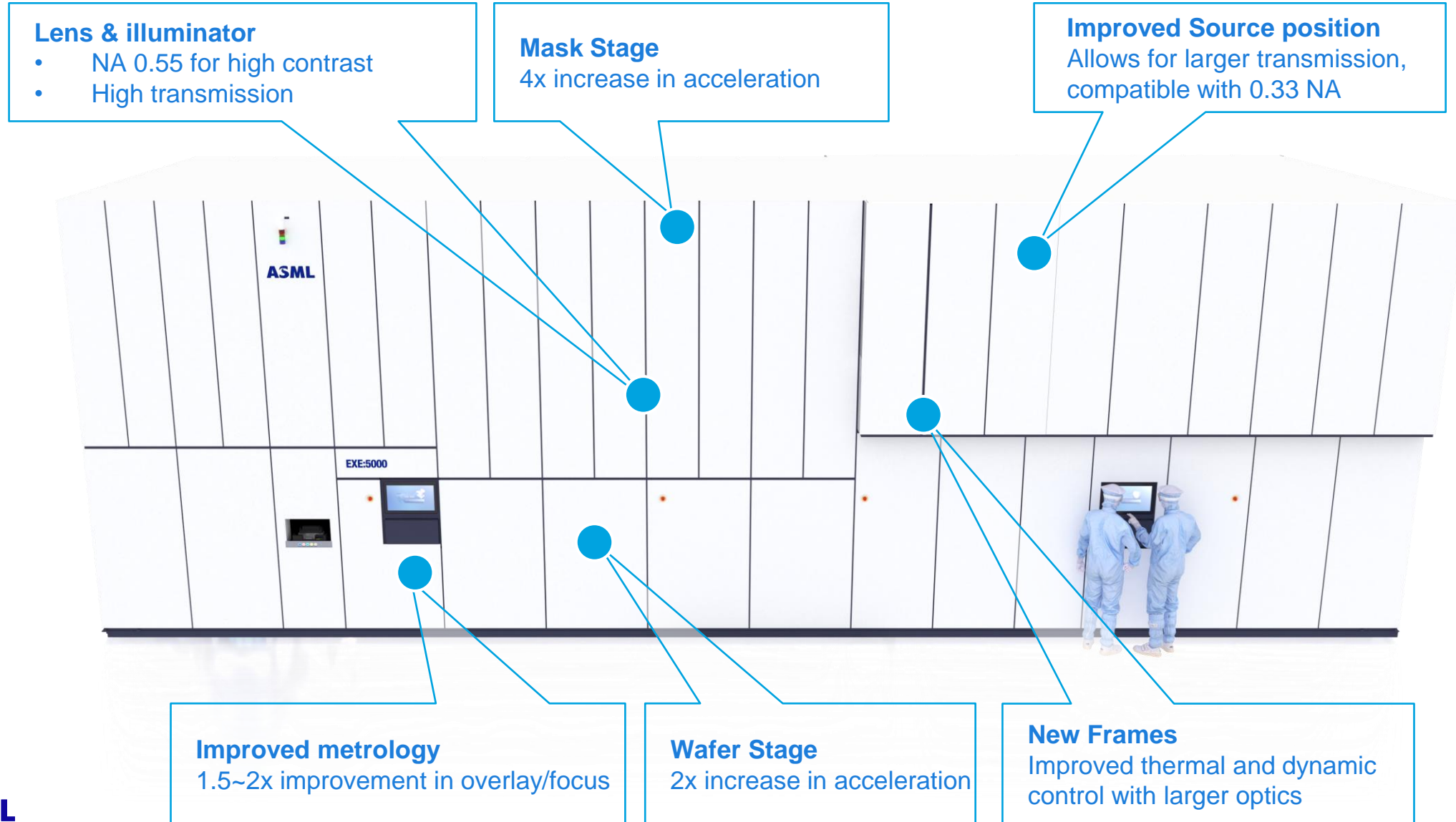
ECO-system

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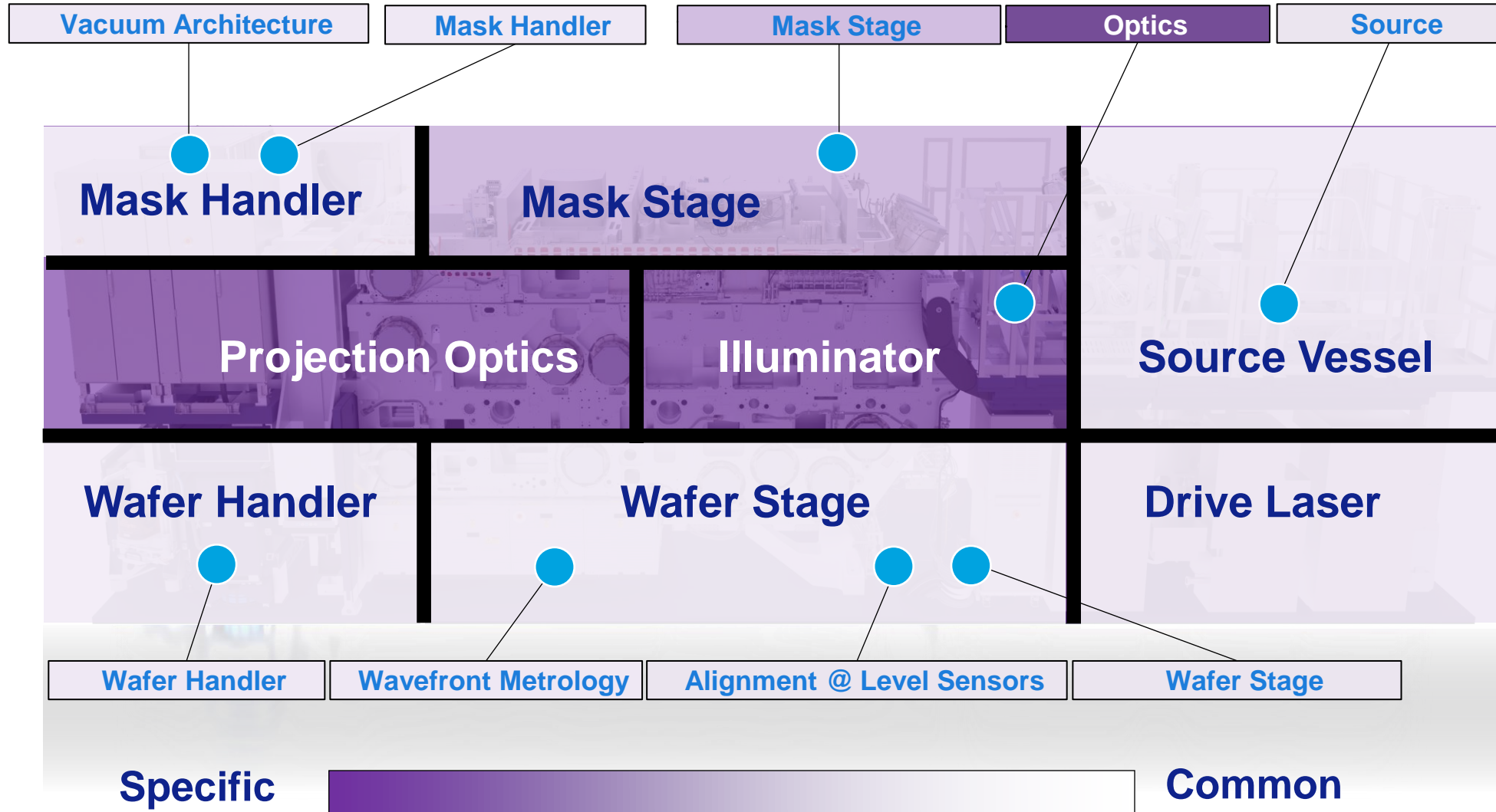


High NA system architecture finalized and system assembly started



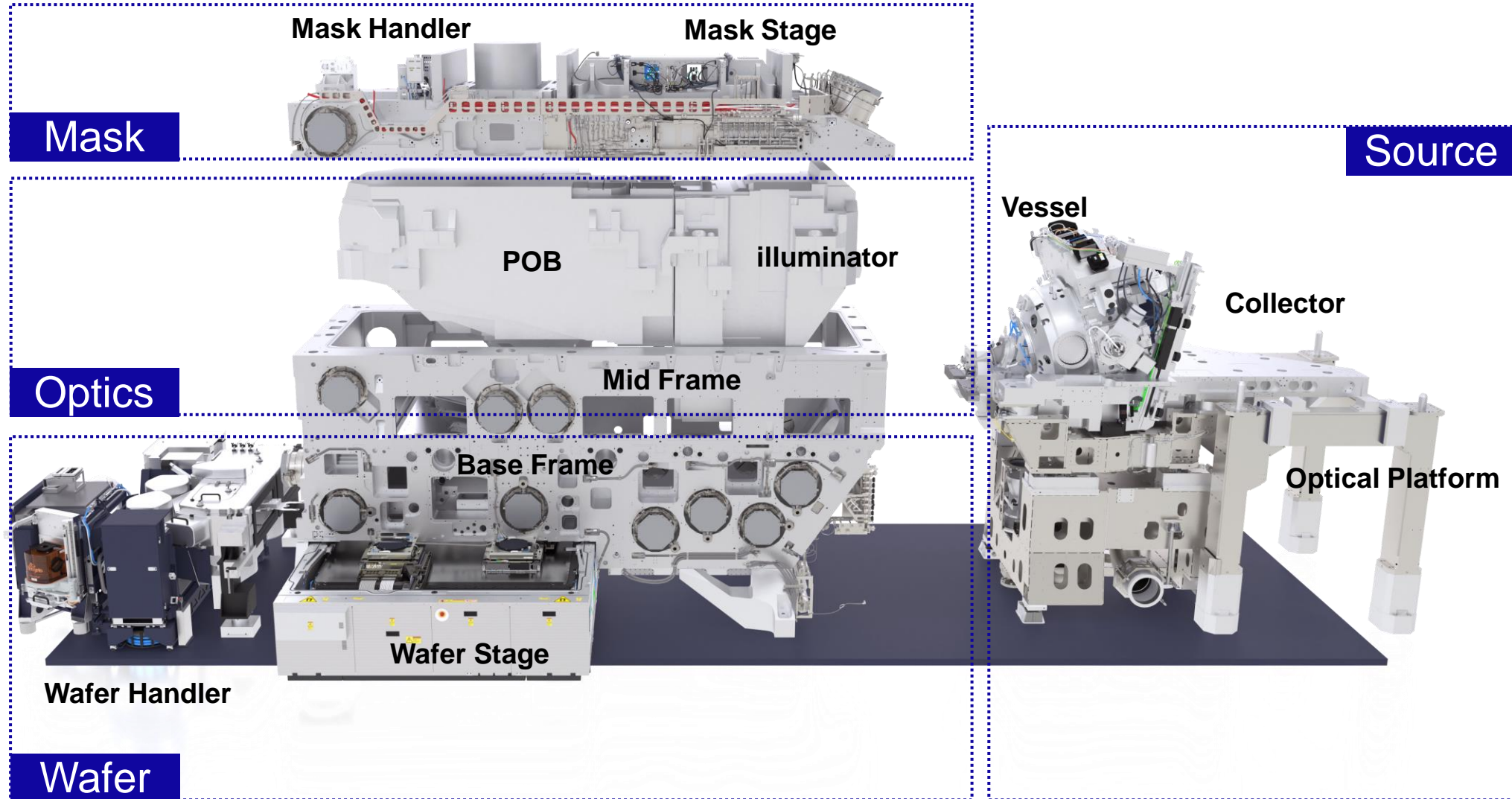
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Maximized commonality between 0.33NA and 0.55NA platforms

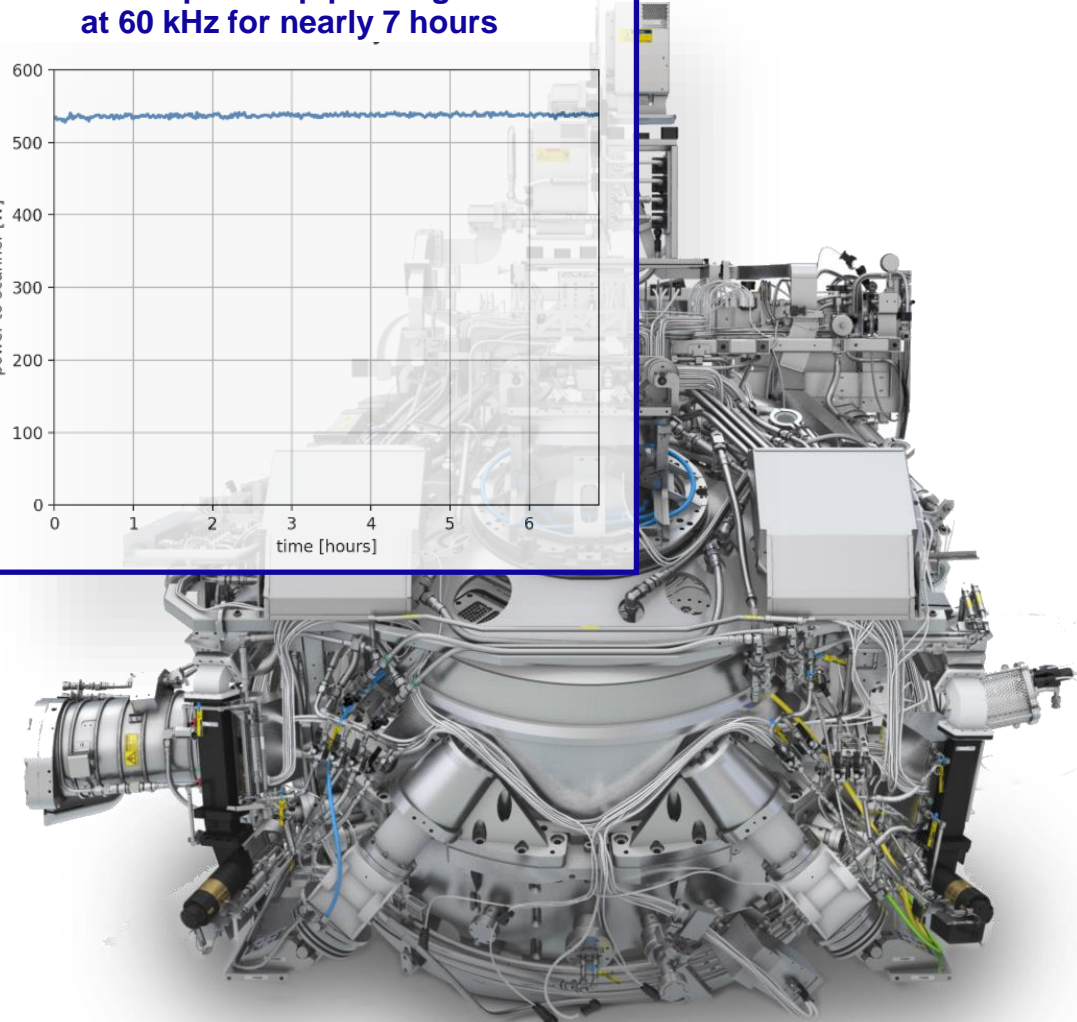
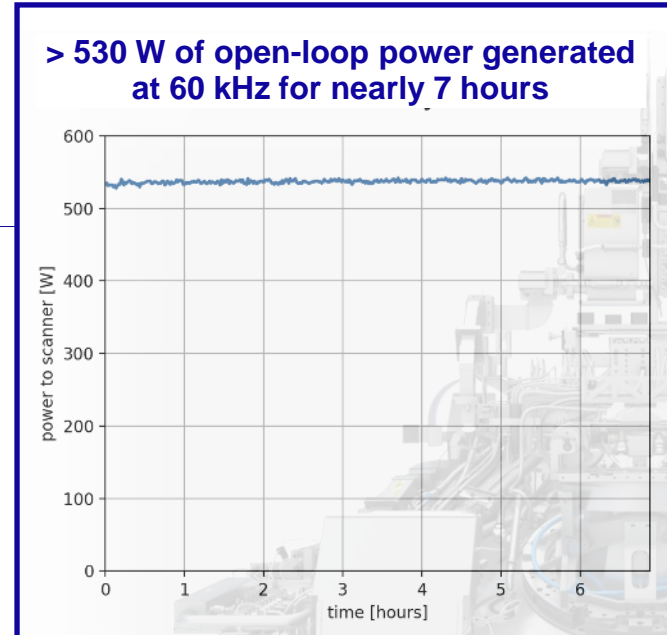
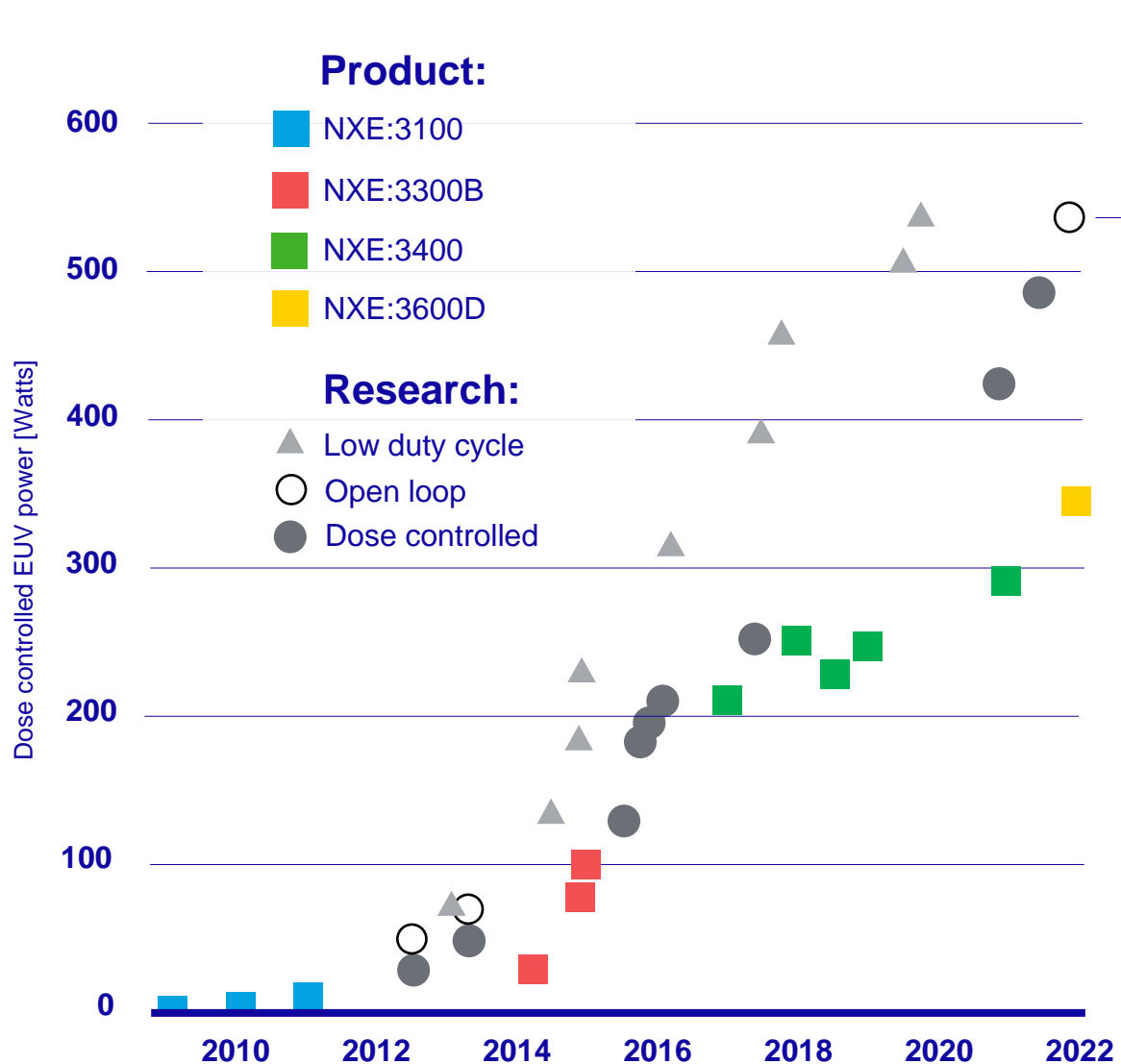


High NA system consists of 4 independent testable subsystems

Improved testability and cycle time



Scalability of EUV source power beyond 500W proven to be feasible

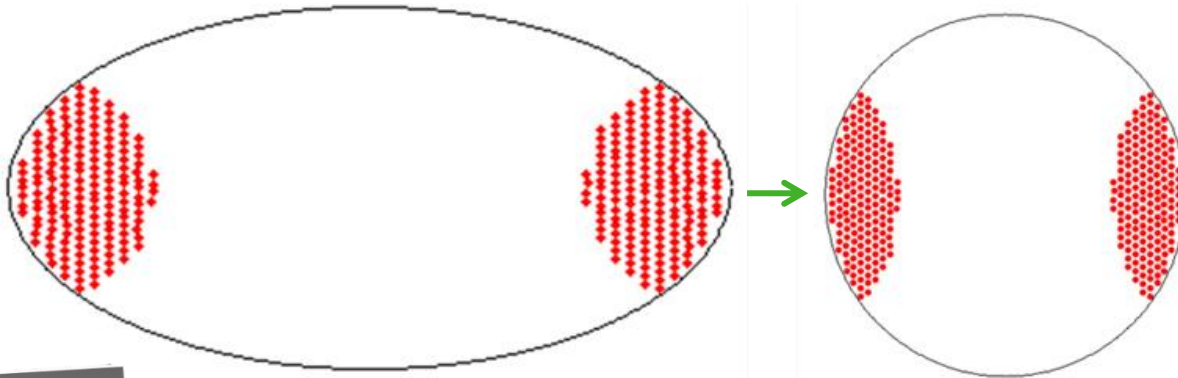


High NA flexible illuminator design available

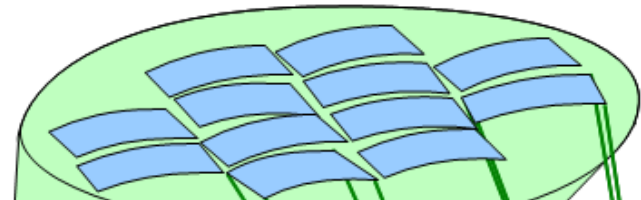
Principle NXE:3300/3400 illuminator can be reused

pupil @ mask

pupil @ wafer

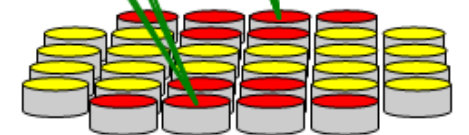


Field Facet Mirror

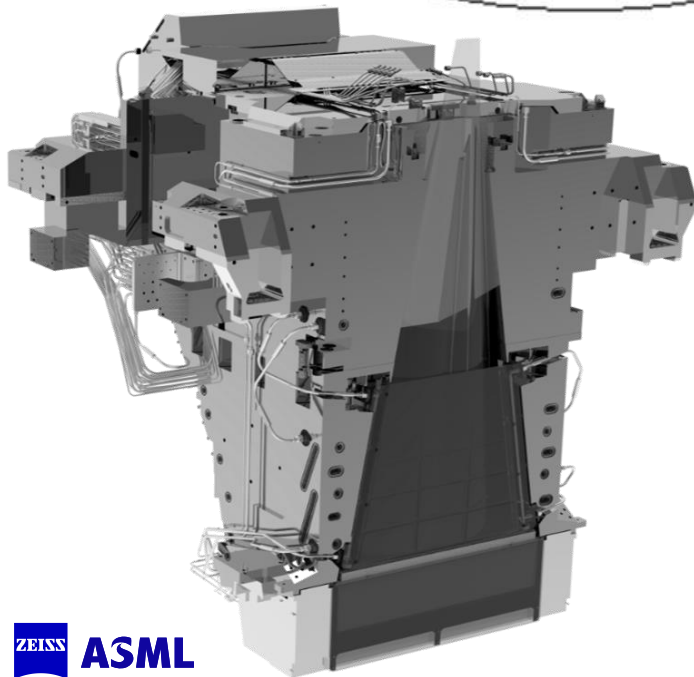


Illuminator elliptical pupil is projected in a circular pupil at the wafer

Intermediate Focus



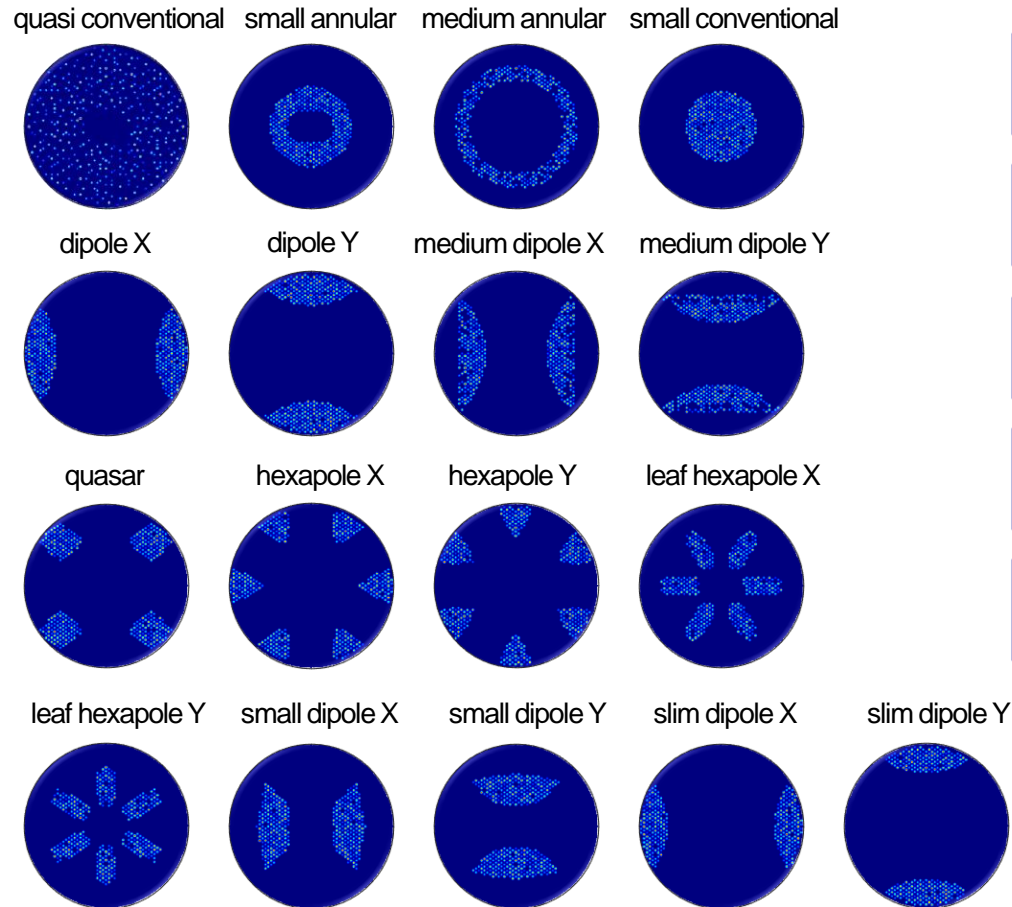
Pupil Facet Mirror



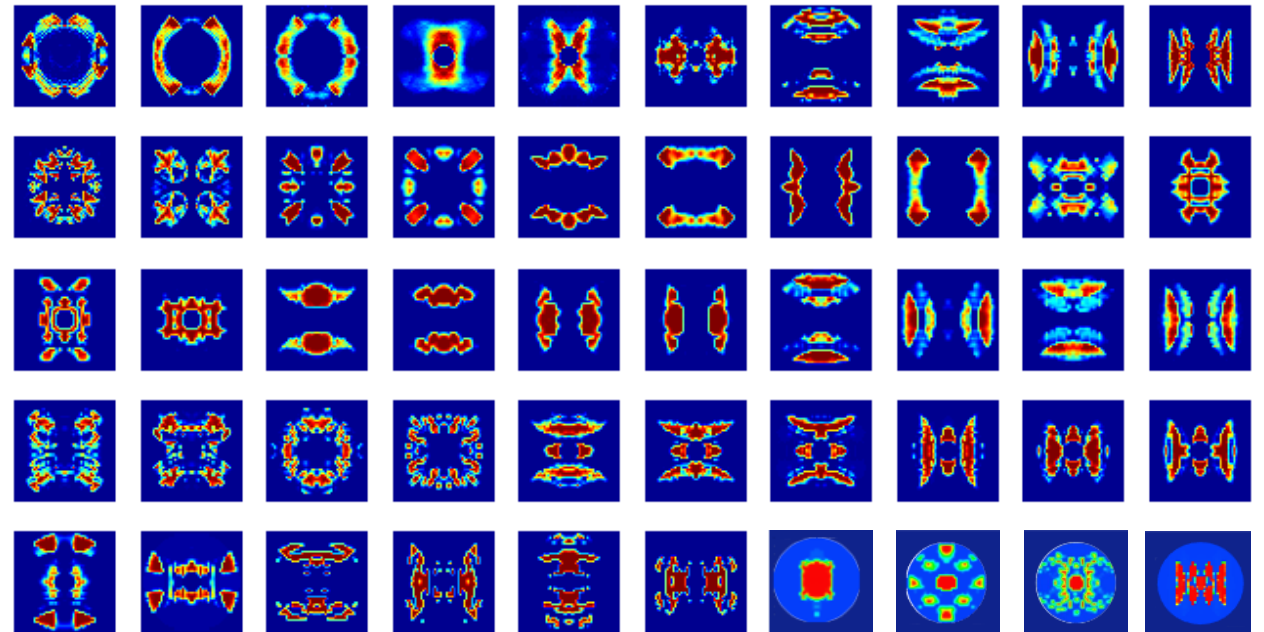
Illuminator offers large flexibility

Standard Sources and free form pupils available in Tachyon

High NA standard pupil shapes



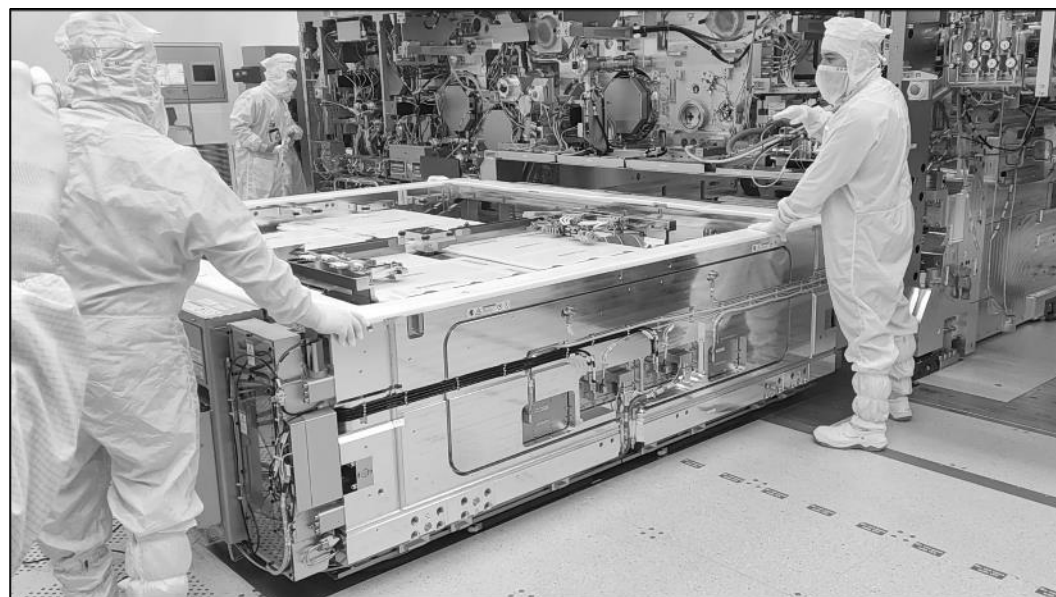
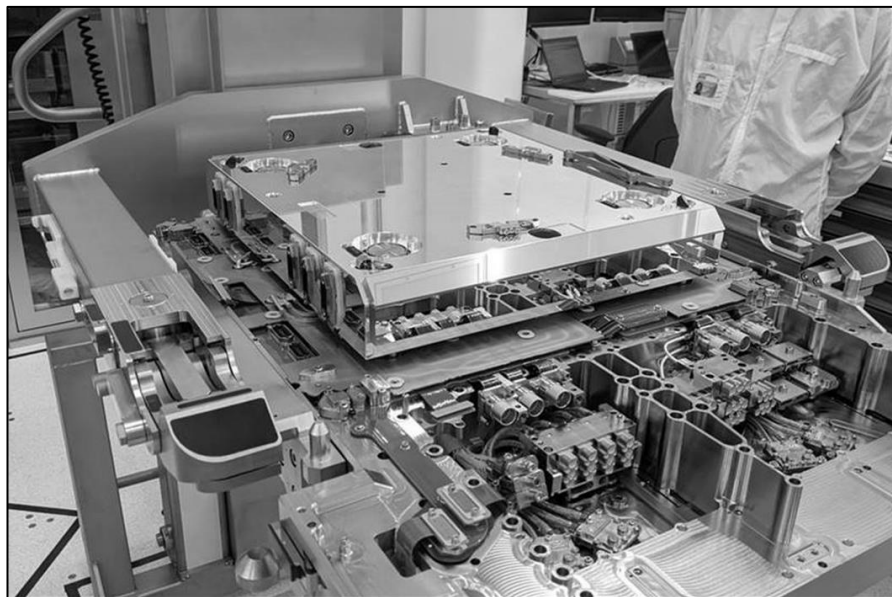
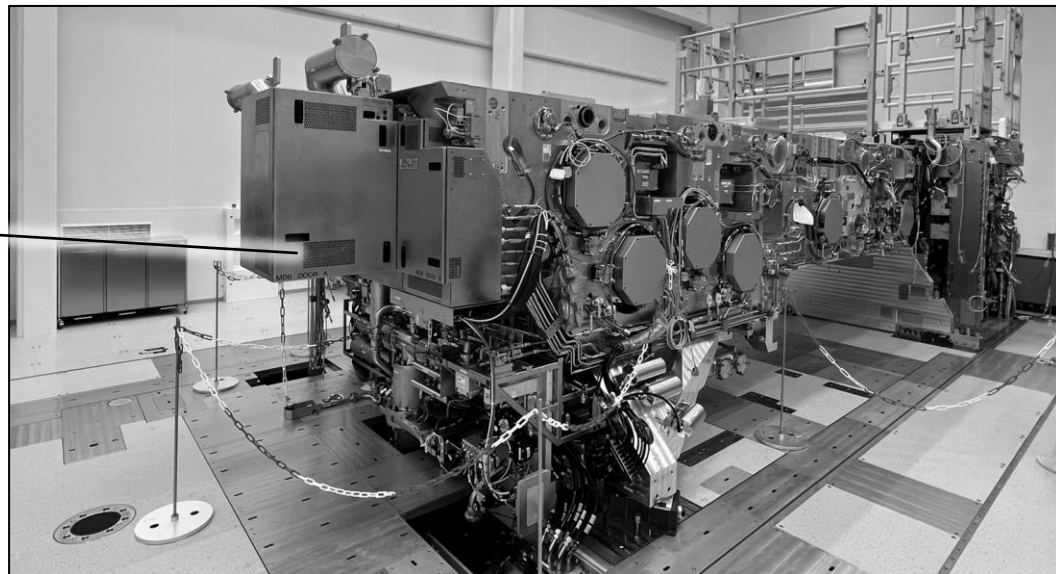
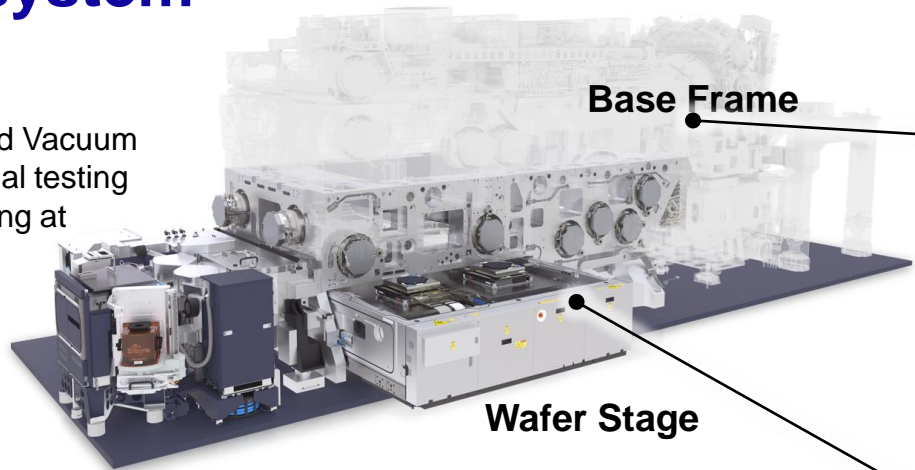
High NA examples from Tachyon SMO



Wafer Sub-system

Wafer Handler

Assembly of Atmospheric and Vacuum handlers completed, functional testing (e.g. electrical, robots) ongoing at supplier



Wafer Stage

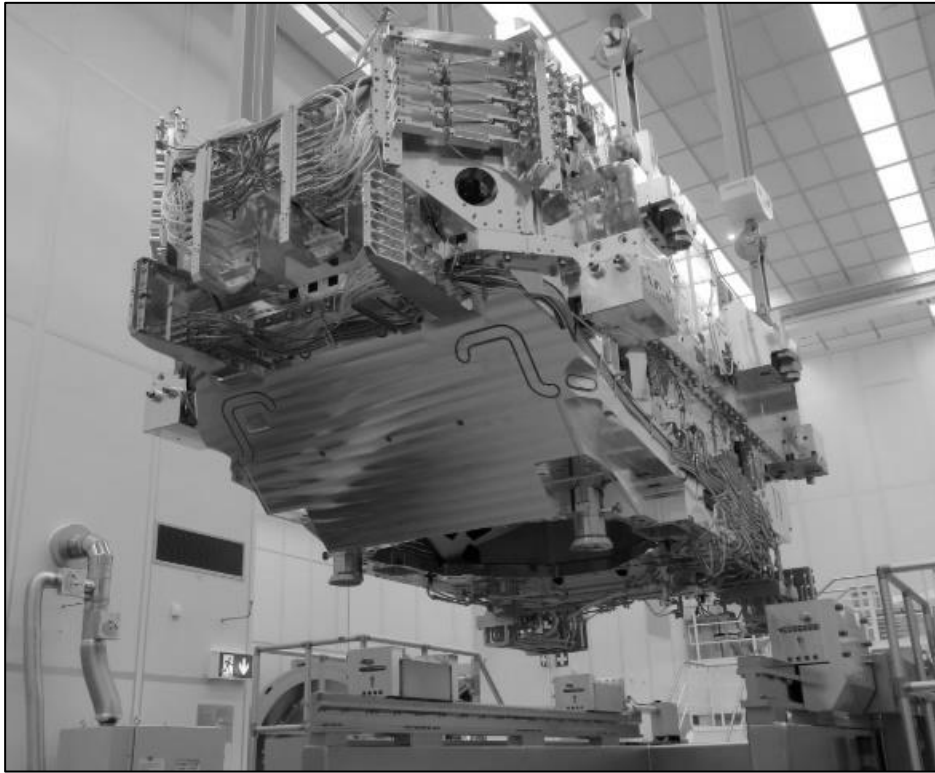
Positioning Module finished, functional test on qualification tool ongoing at ASML.
Base Module finished and functional test in qualification test rig ongoing at supplier

Optics Sub-system: Assembly and qualification in progress

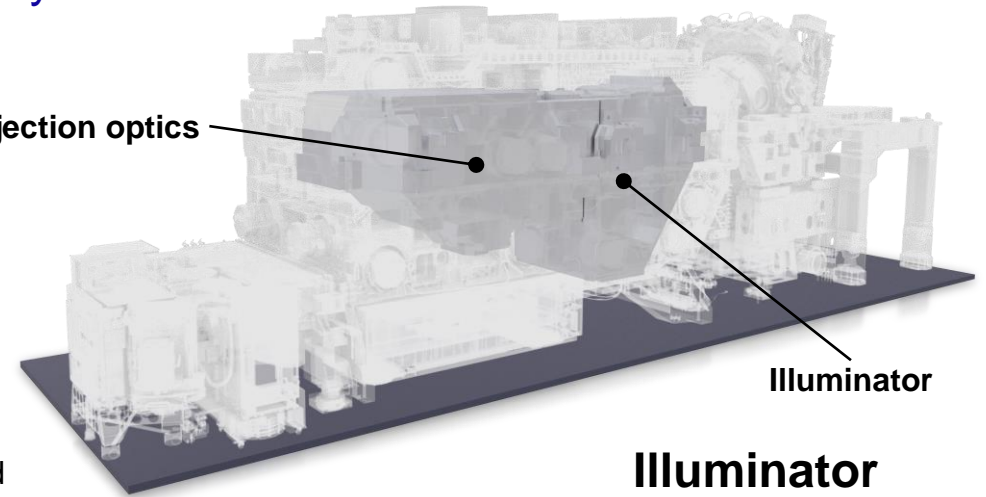
Mirrors at final shape, mirror metrology system reached final accuracy level

Projection optics

Frame integration



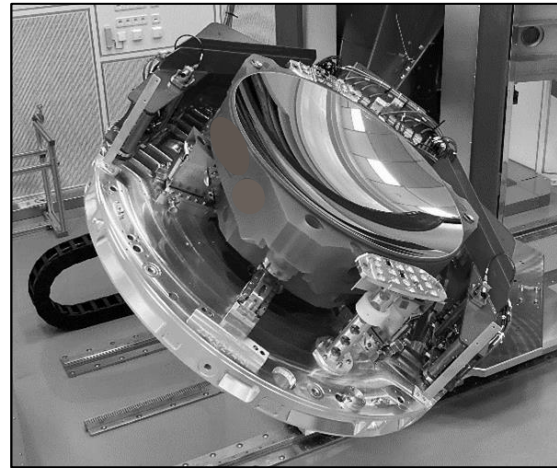
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Illuminator

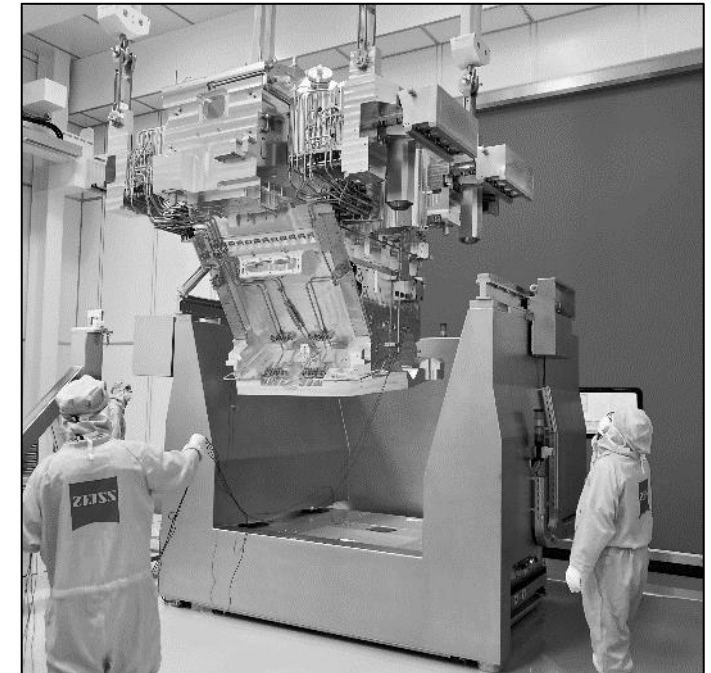
Coated mirror

Qualified with reflectometer and interferometer



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SPIE. ADVANCED LITHOGRAPHY+ PATTERNING

Paul Graeupner et al.: EUV optics, status, outlook and future, SPIE-AL 2022

SPIE. PMJ PhotoMask

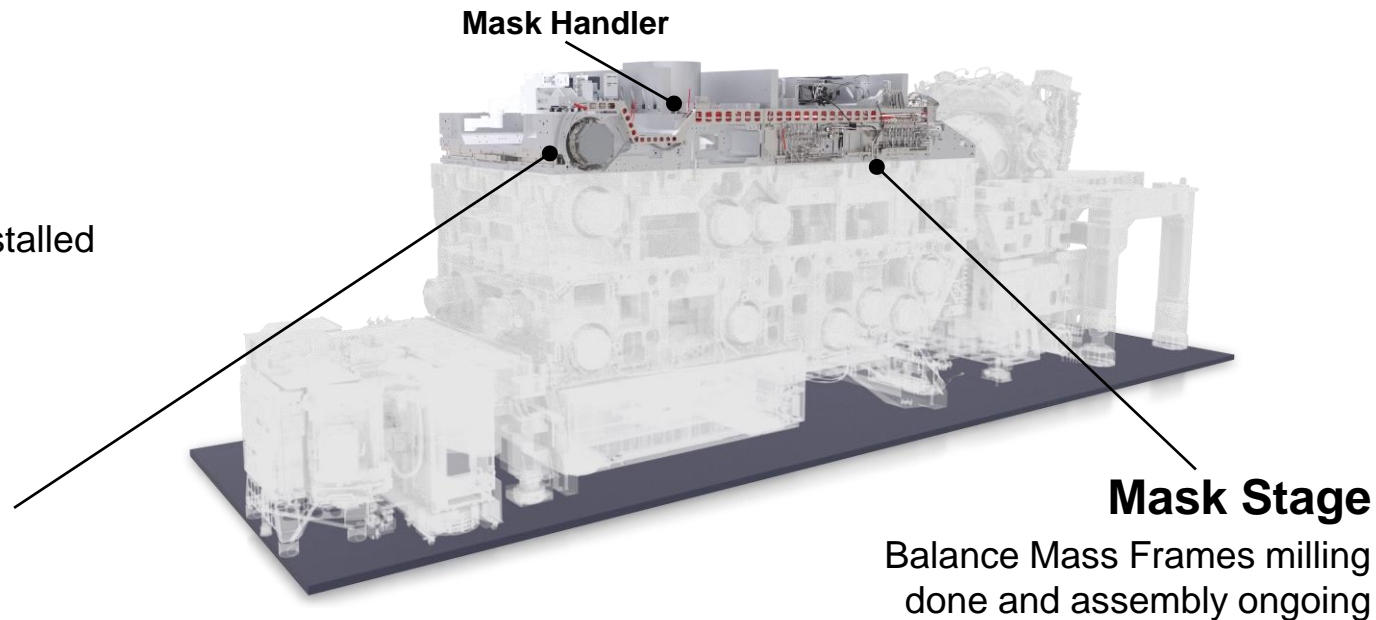
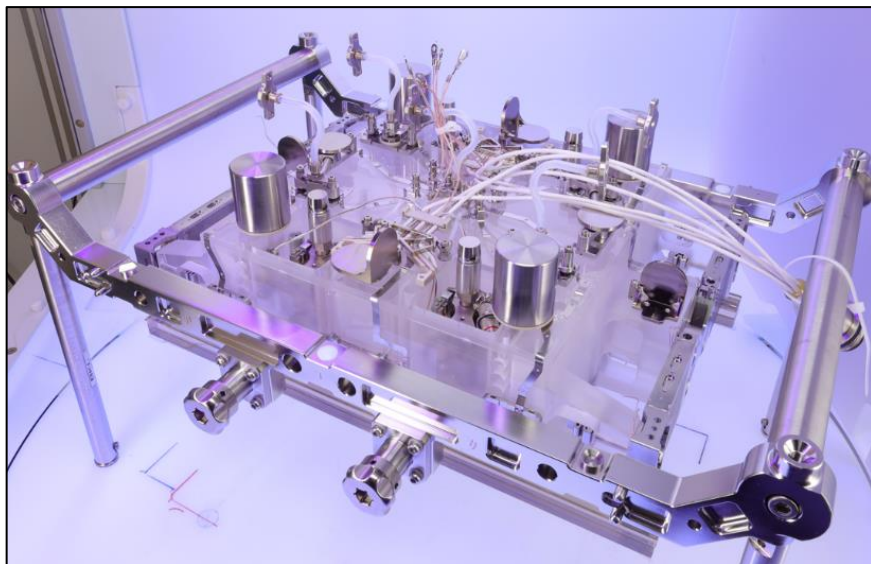
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More info: Simon Bihl et al.: this workshop

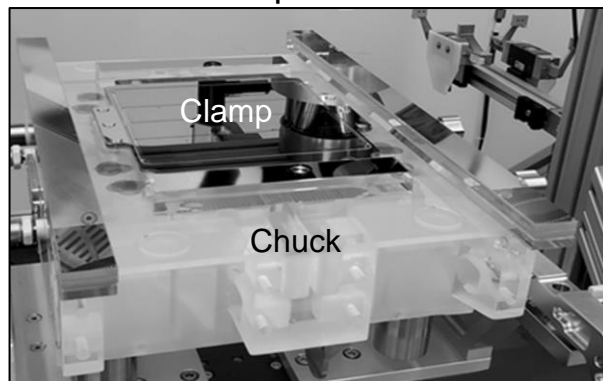
Mask Sub-system

Top Frame – integration has started

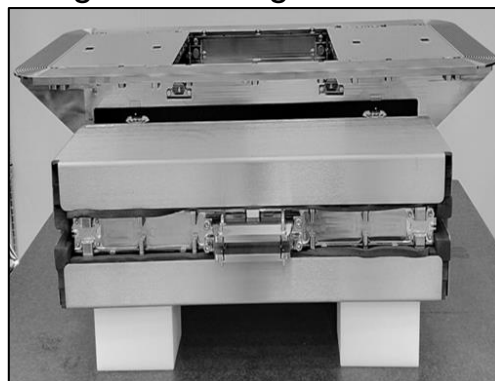
Mask Handler Load Lock and Out-of-Vacuum Robot installed



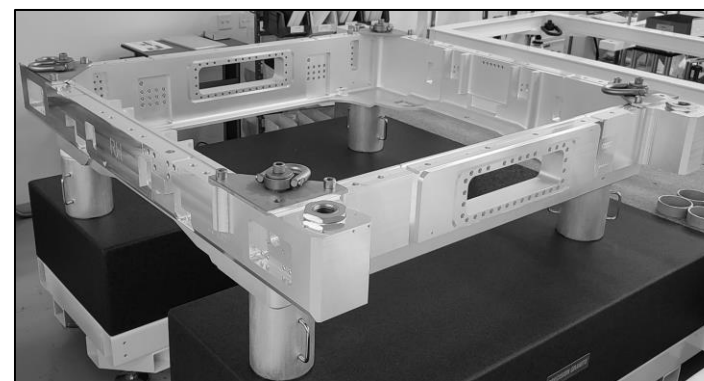
Chuck and clamp bonded



Long-stroke MagLev delivered



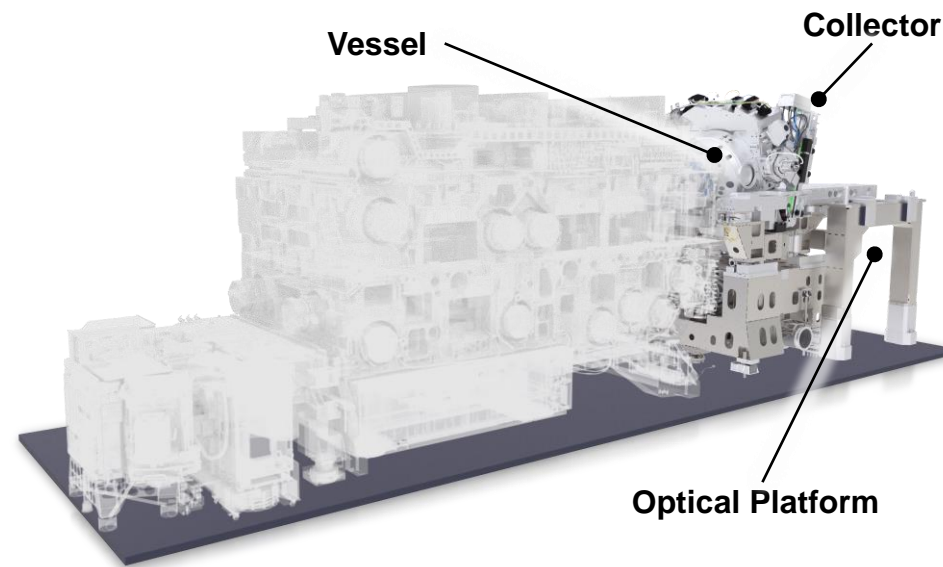
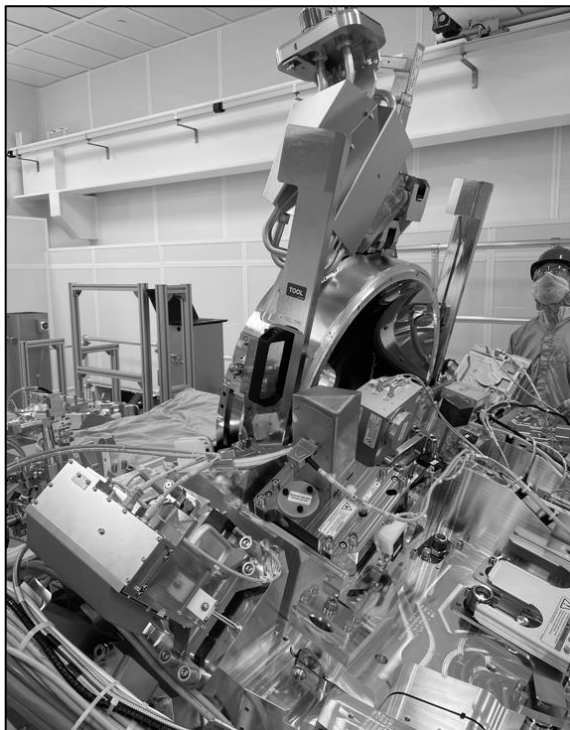
Balance Mass Static frame



Source Sub-system

installed in Veldhoven & San Diego

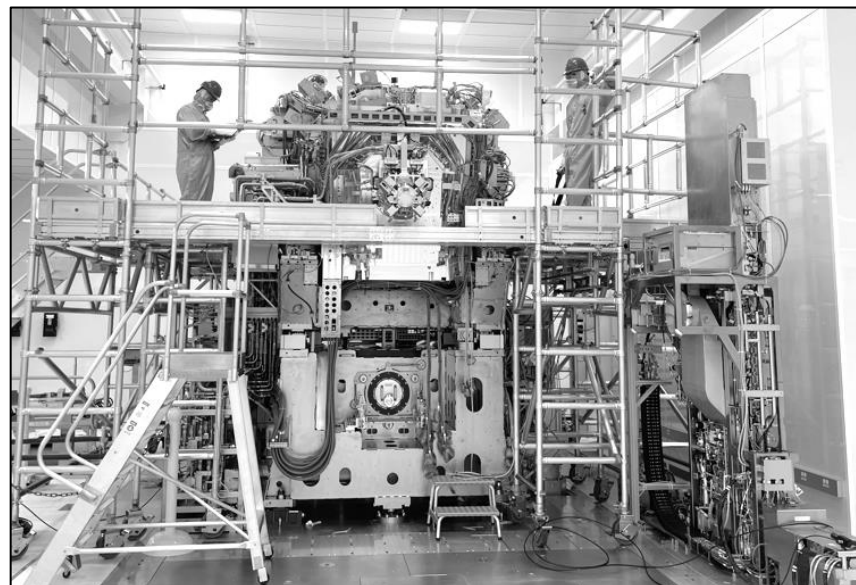
Collector installed in San Diego factory



Engineering Source in San Diego

Used for qualification testing

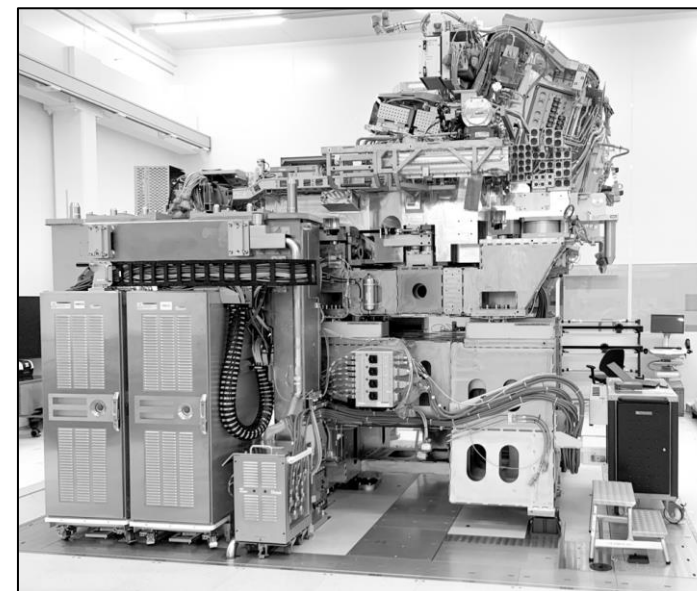
All connections completed, vessel is under vacuum/H₂
First EUV light achieved on new source



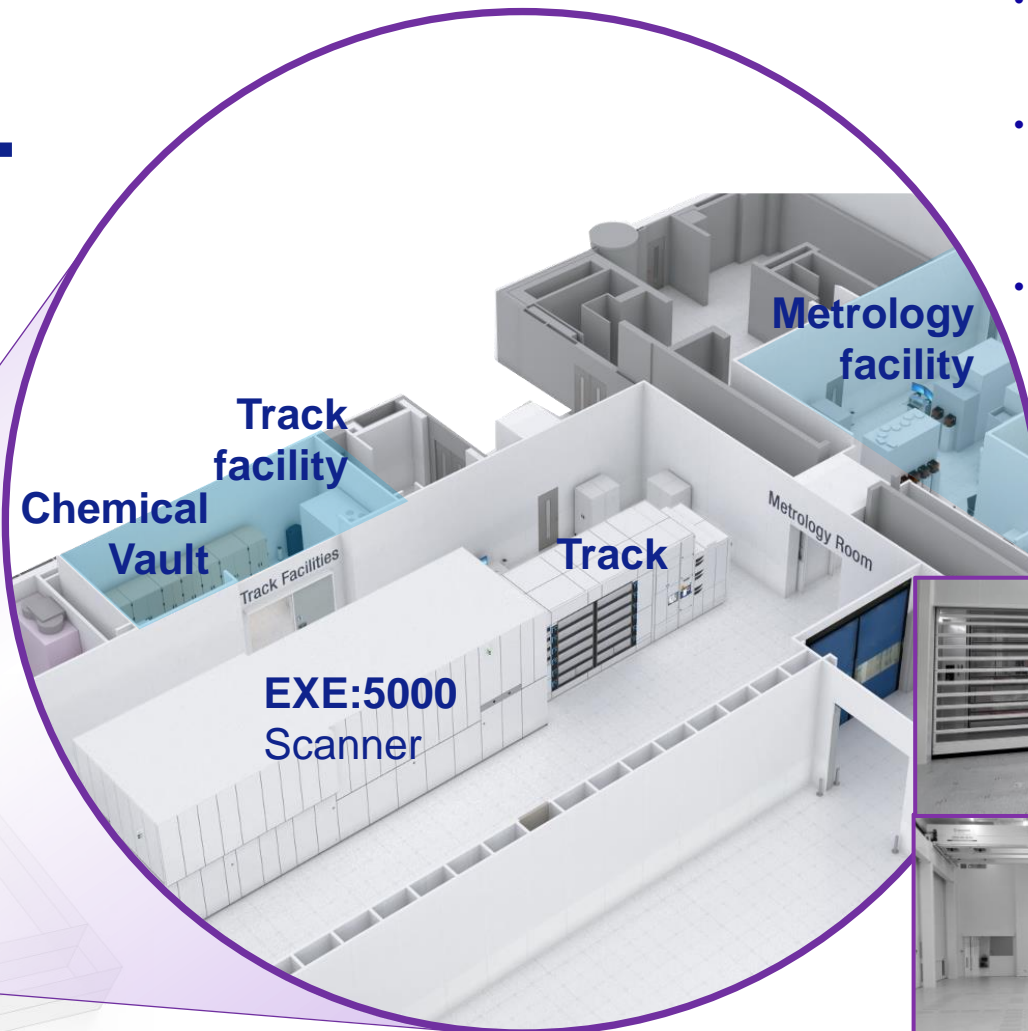
1st Source in VHV

Used for Proto-1 system

Mean time to repair testing is ongoing



High-NA Lab: enables early process development for customers starting 2023



- High NA lab enables customer early access for process development
- The High NA lab is at ASML in a specifically build cleanroom facility, and includes the EXE:5000 system with an integrated track
- In alignment with customers, ASML and imec have invested in infrastructure, equipment and teams to support the customer process development
- EUV customers are committing to private lab hours to do initial High NA testing and process development

High NA Lab build: Main equipment at ASML

CD (after litho, after etch)
Massive CD (EPE)
Stochastics defect (ebeam & optical)
Defect Review - CPI
Unpatterned wafer defect inspection
DBO (diffraction based OVL)
SEM Voltage Contrast
XPS – XRF – AFM - EDX
Film Thickness
Scatterometry



Lab facilities ready, first equipment installed

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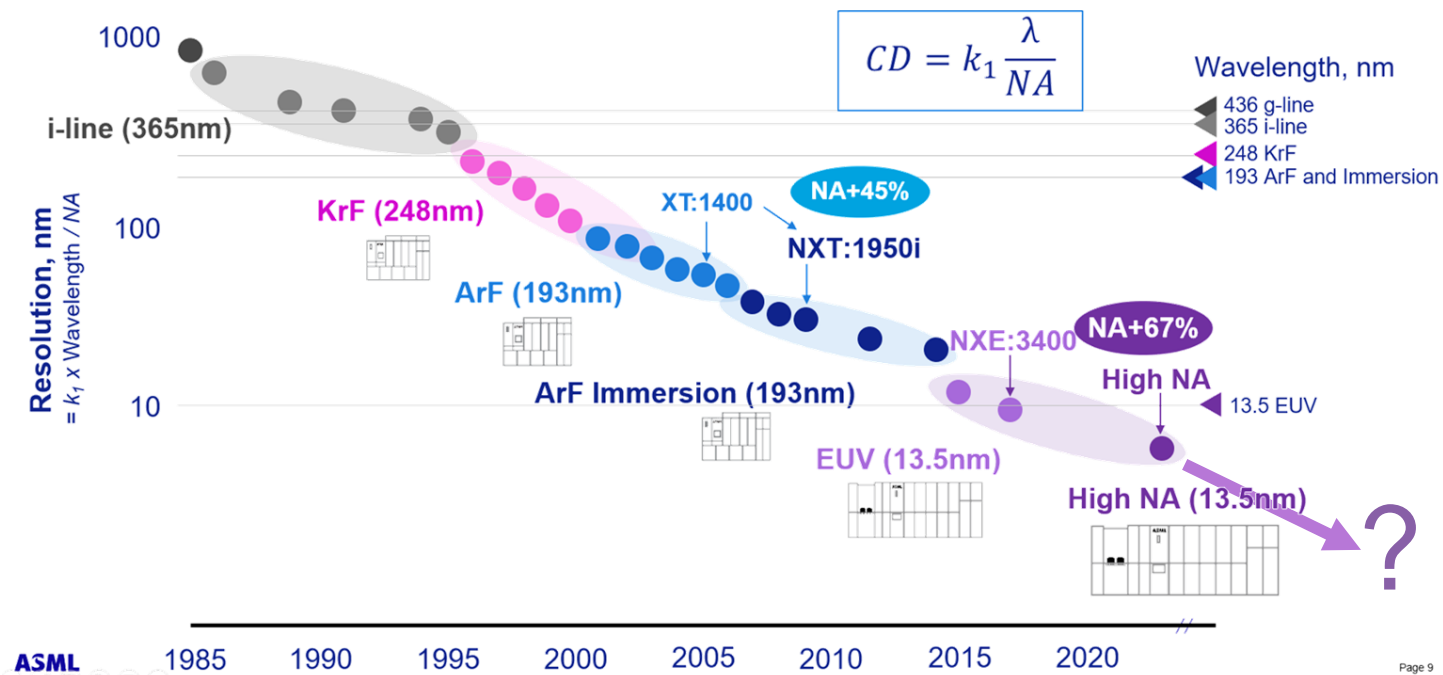
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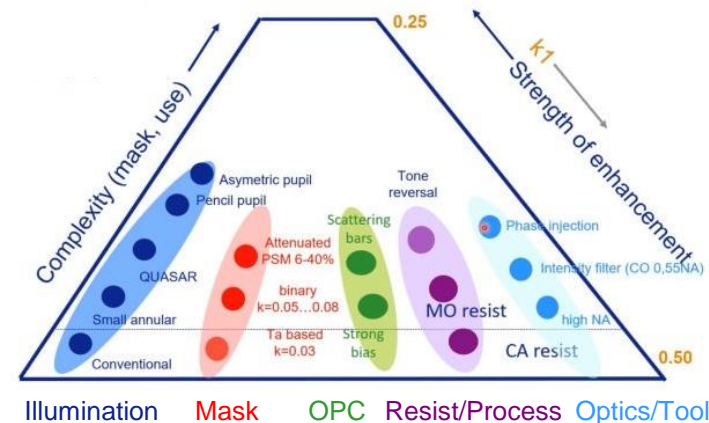
What are the next steps?



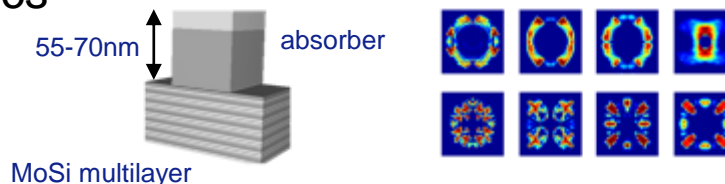
Immersion: RET and Low k_1 pyramid



Low k_1 pyramid for EUV



- Next to productivity and overlay, we keep pushing the envelope to improve on imaging essentially as we did in KrF and ArF
- New challenges are M3D, stochastics



Pyramids by Jo Finders, ASML

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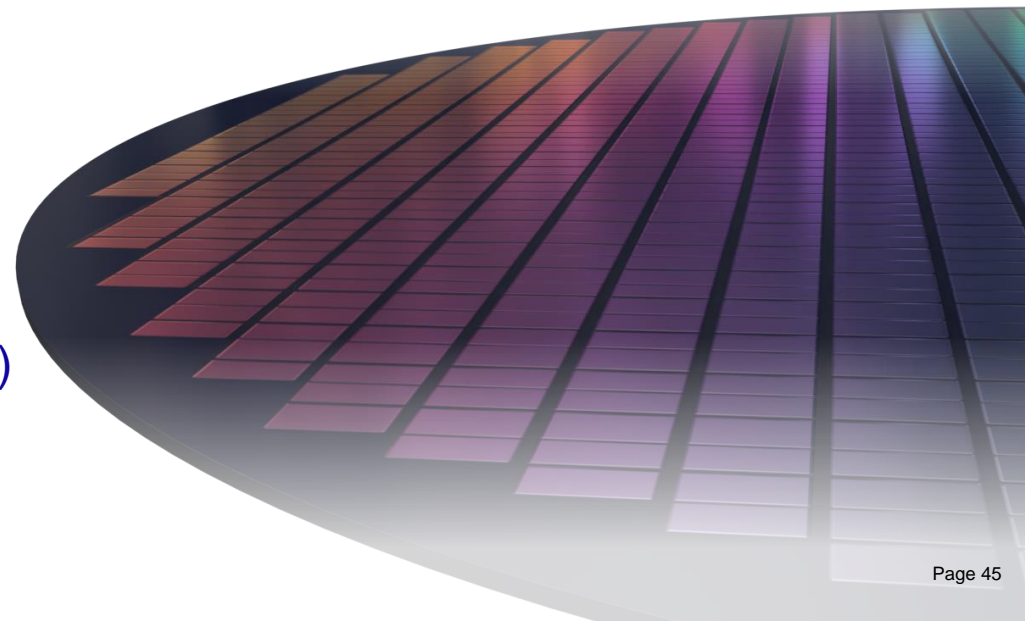
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- No impact on overlay matching by introduction of half field
- Throughput maintained by stage accelerations, transmission and source power
- Economical printing for both intermediate pitches (low dose) and tight pitches (avoid DE)

High NA EUV Scanner realization is in full progress

- Modules are designed in in production phase
- Integration of independent testable sub-systems ongoing
- Zeiss is producing mirrors at full speed. Frames for High NA EUV optics are in the integration process

High NA ecosystem developments ongoing

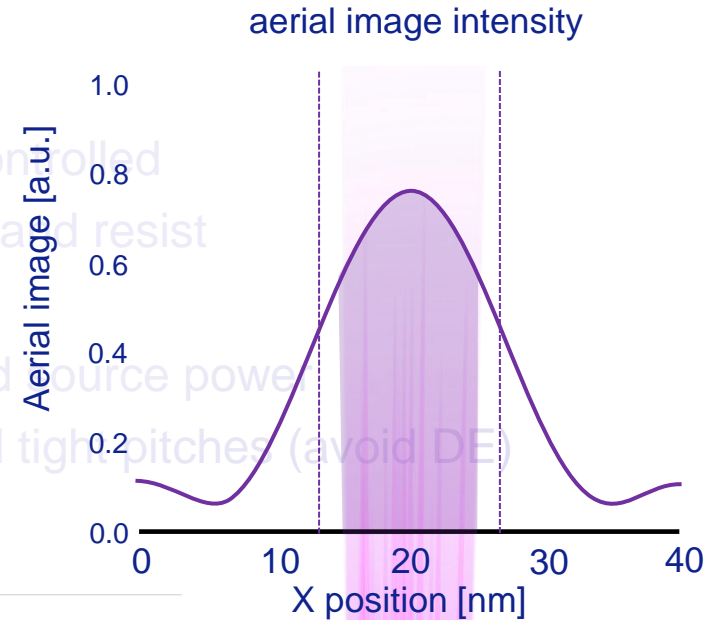
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- NA
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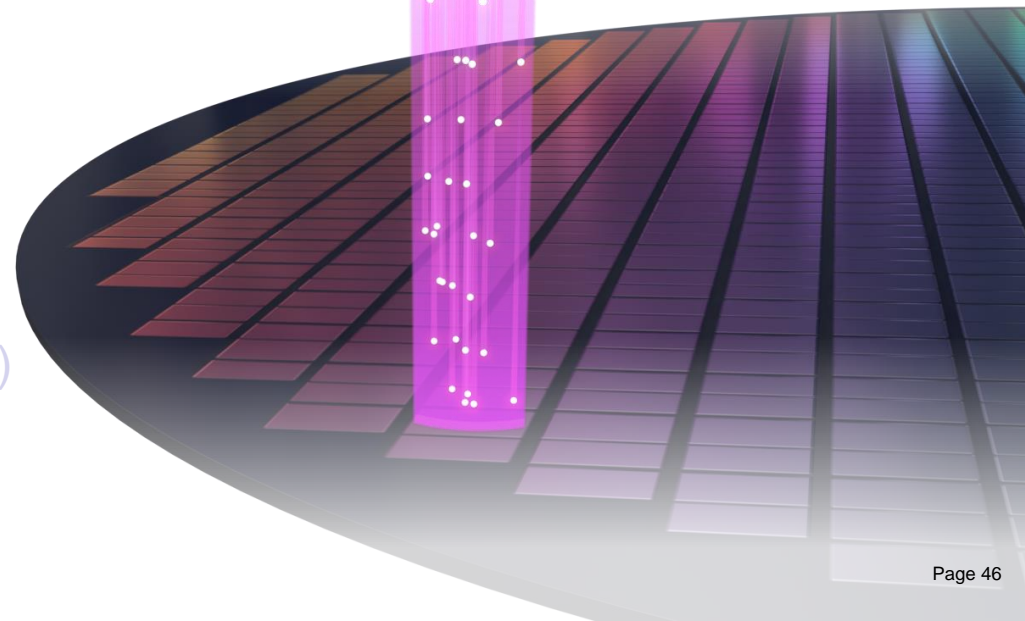


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