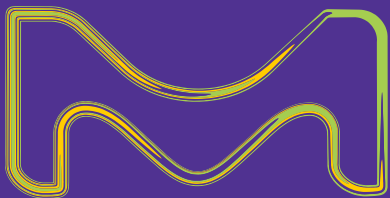


Aqueous Materials for Advanced Lithography

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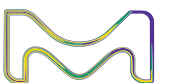


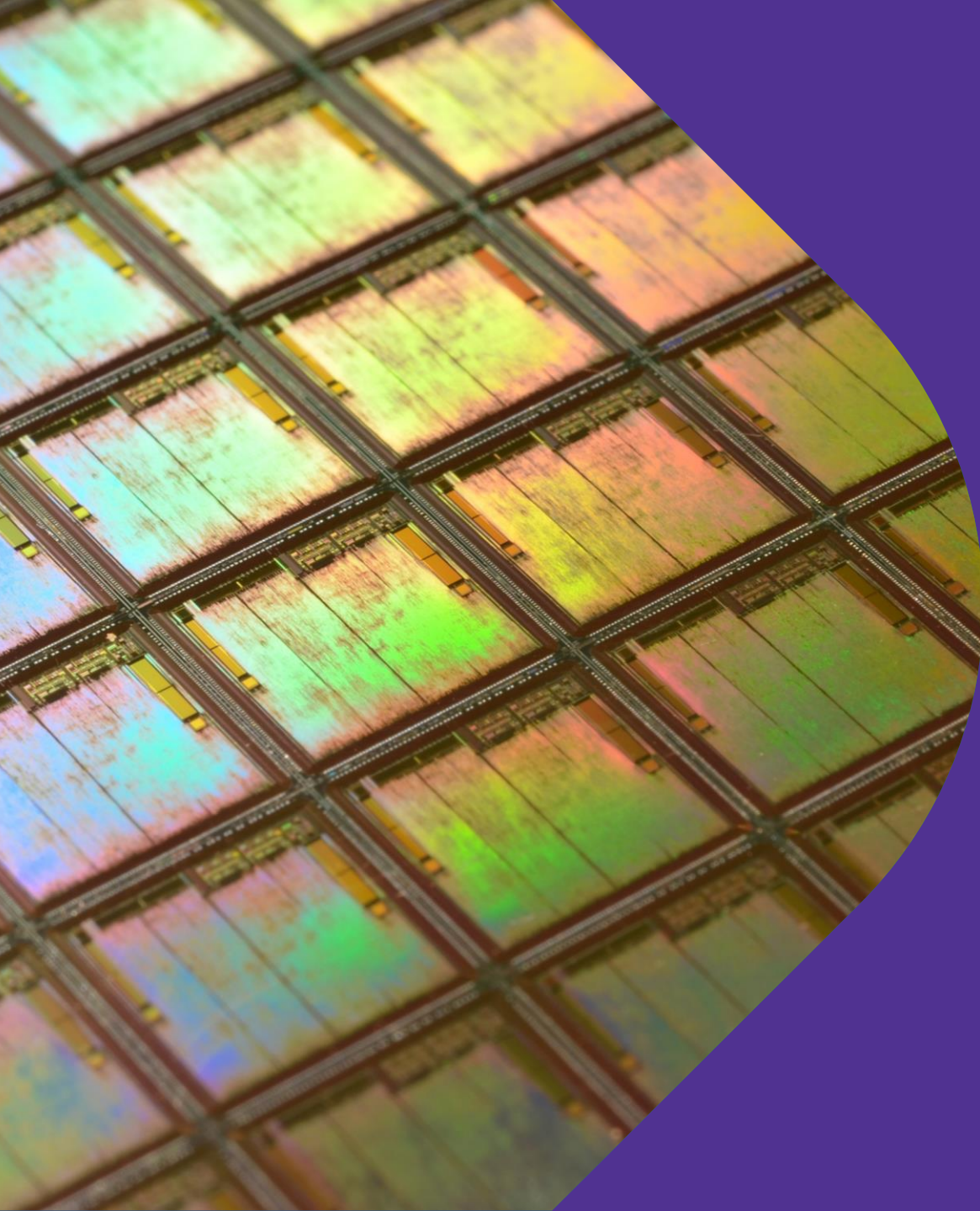
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01 overview and product roadmap



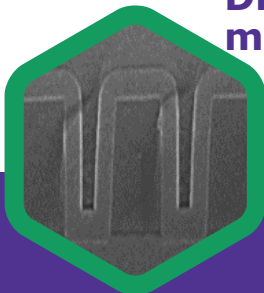
EMD Performance Materials – Semiconductor Solutions

Our solutions enable electronic industry

Patterning materials



Dielectric materials



Deposition materials



we enable

- smaller structures to continue Moore's law
- higher memory capacity, faster processing speed and less power consumption
- improved yields and lower processing costs

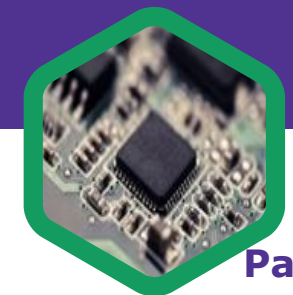
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CMP materials



Packaging materials



Mobile Devices



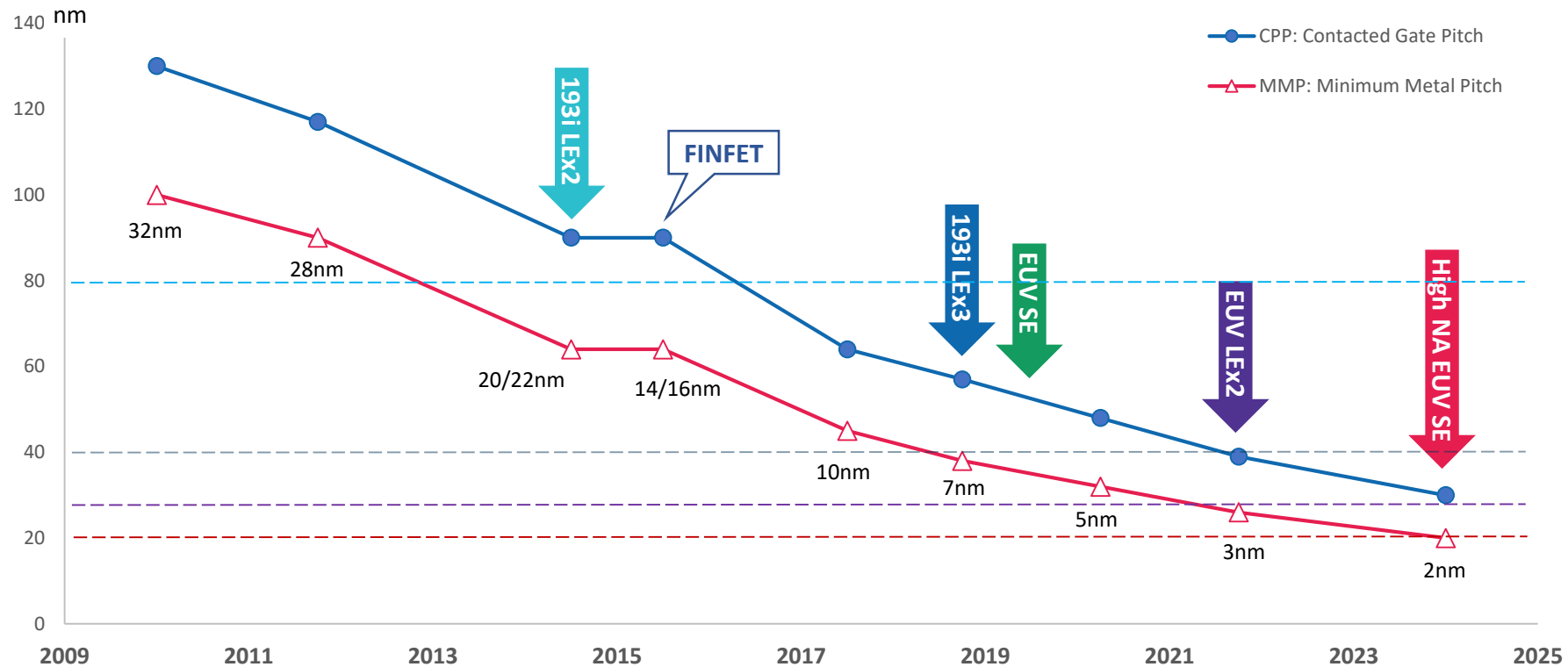
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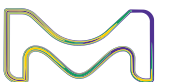
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Lithography roadMap



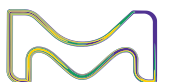
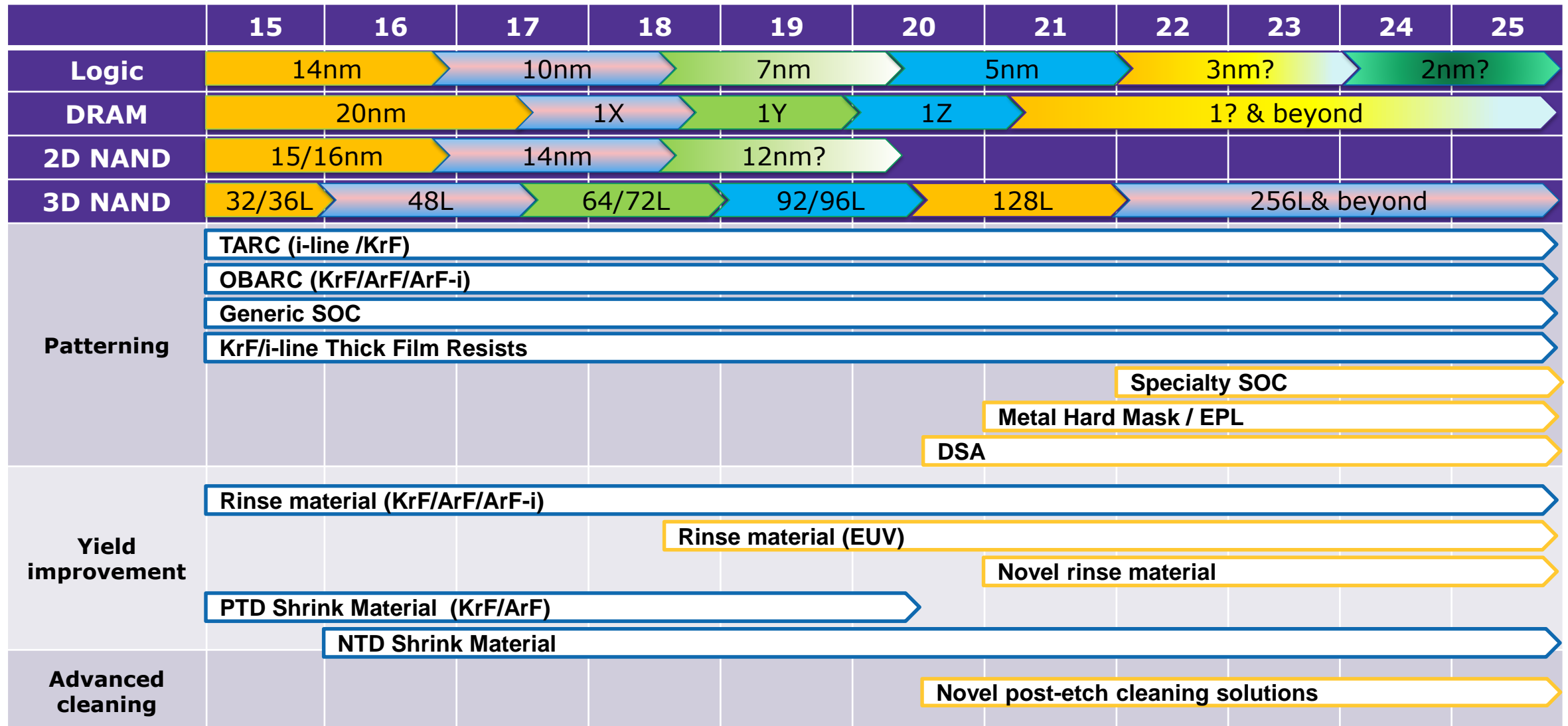
- EUV process makes economic sense in replacing 3 masks.
- Double SAQP for pillar patterning around 14nm DRAM may render EUV process of cost advantages.

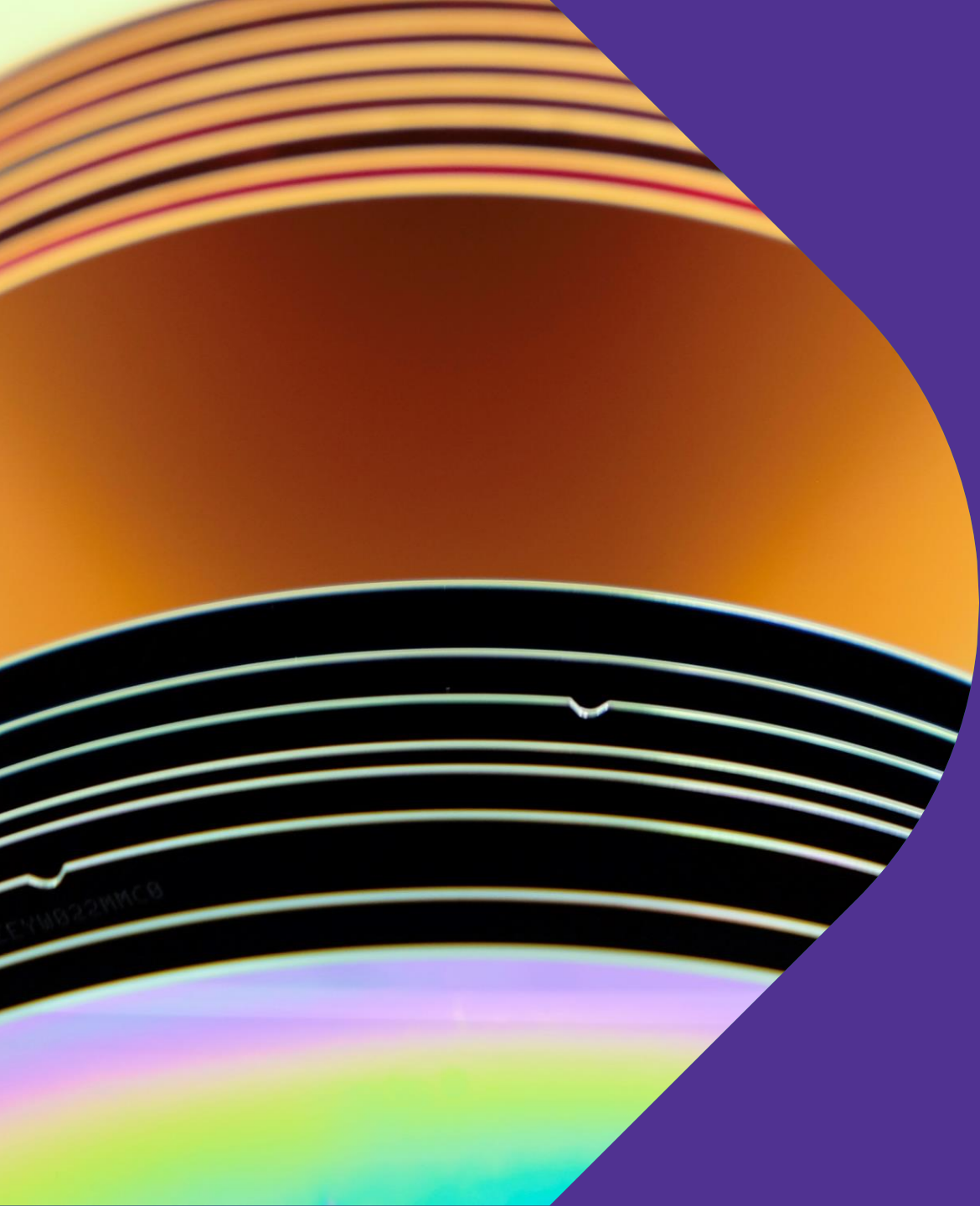


Lithography & cleaning materials roadmap

Commercial product

Development stage





02 Rinse Materials

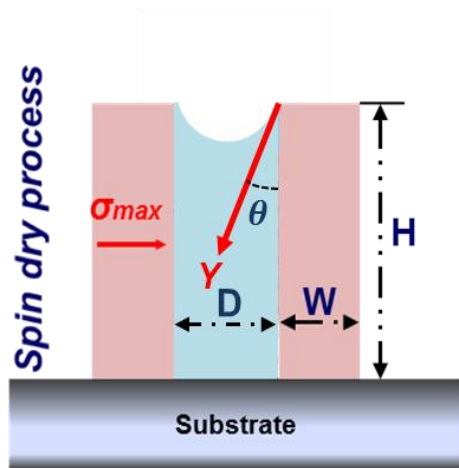


Rinse materials

Concept

Pattern collapse:

- Capillary effect (rinse surface tension)
- Resist deformation (Young's modulus)

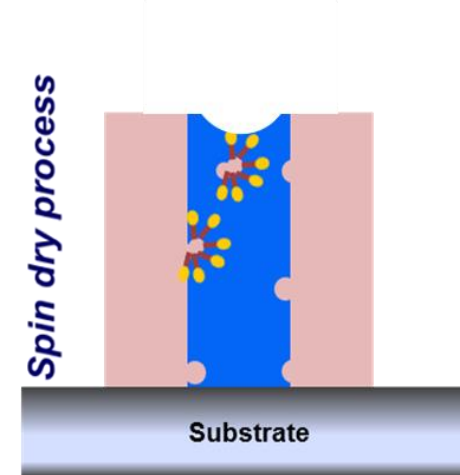
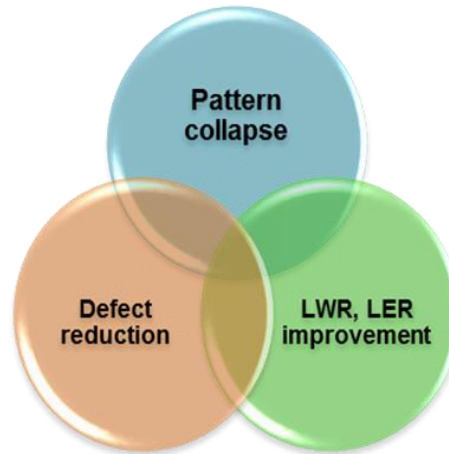


$$\sigma_{max} = 6\gamma A^2 \cdot \cos \theta / D$$

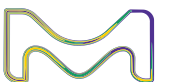
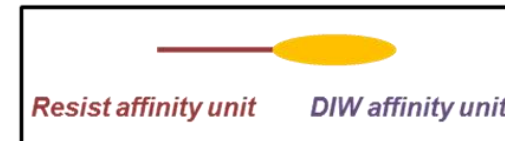
- σ : Stress to resist
 γ : Surface tension of rinse
 A : Aspect ratio = H/W
 θ : Contact angle
 D : Space width

Defect reduction & LWR, LER improvement:

- Resist & DIW affinity part of FIRM chemical
- Clean resist scum & leveling pattern surface

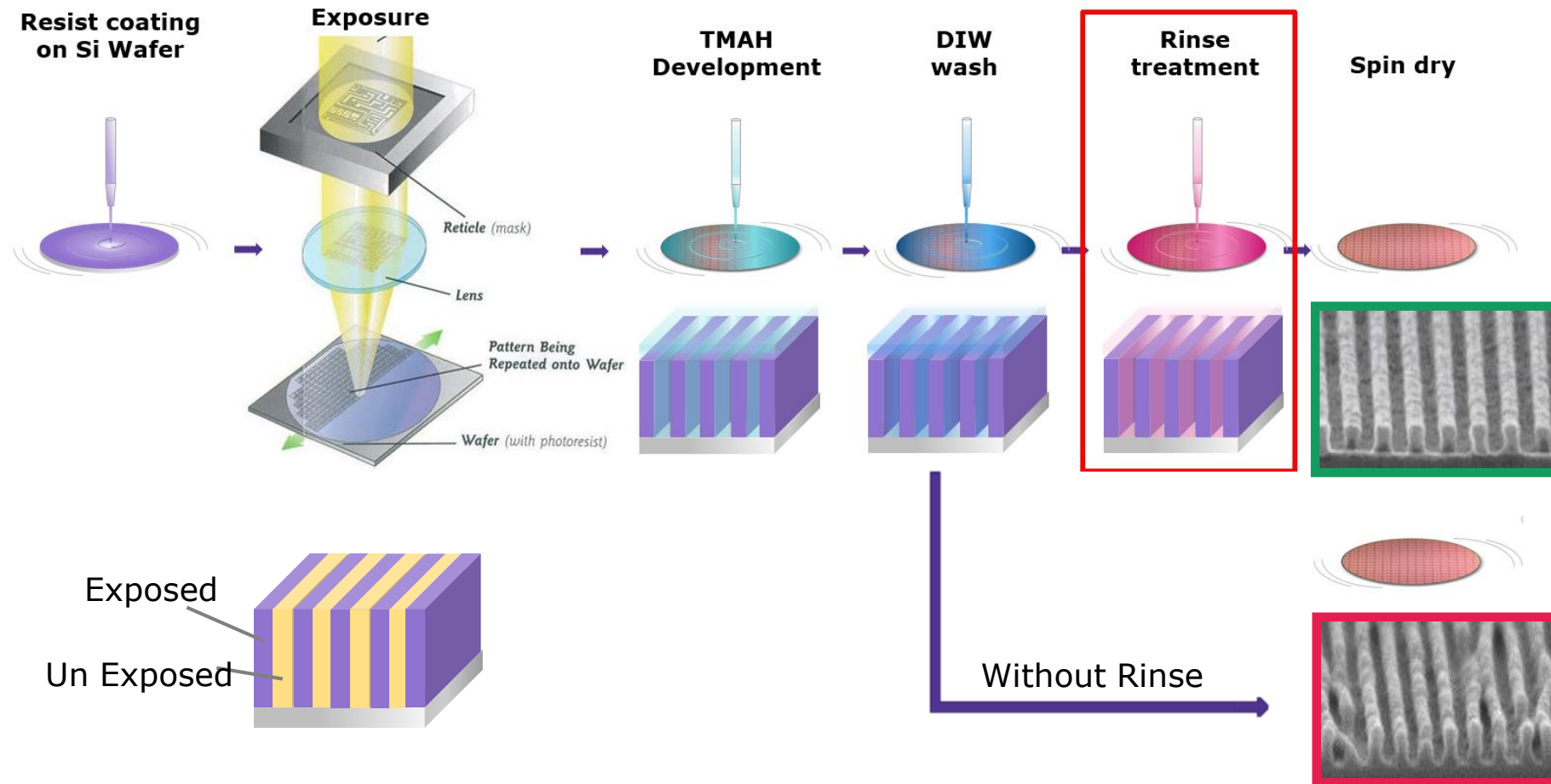


FIRM chemistry

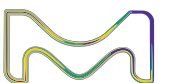


Rinse materials

The process and benefits

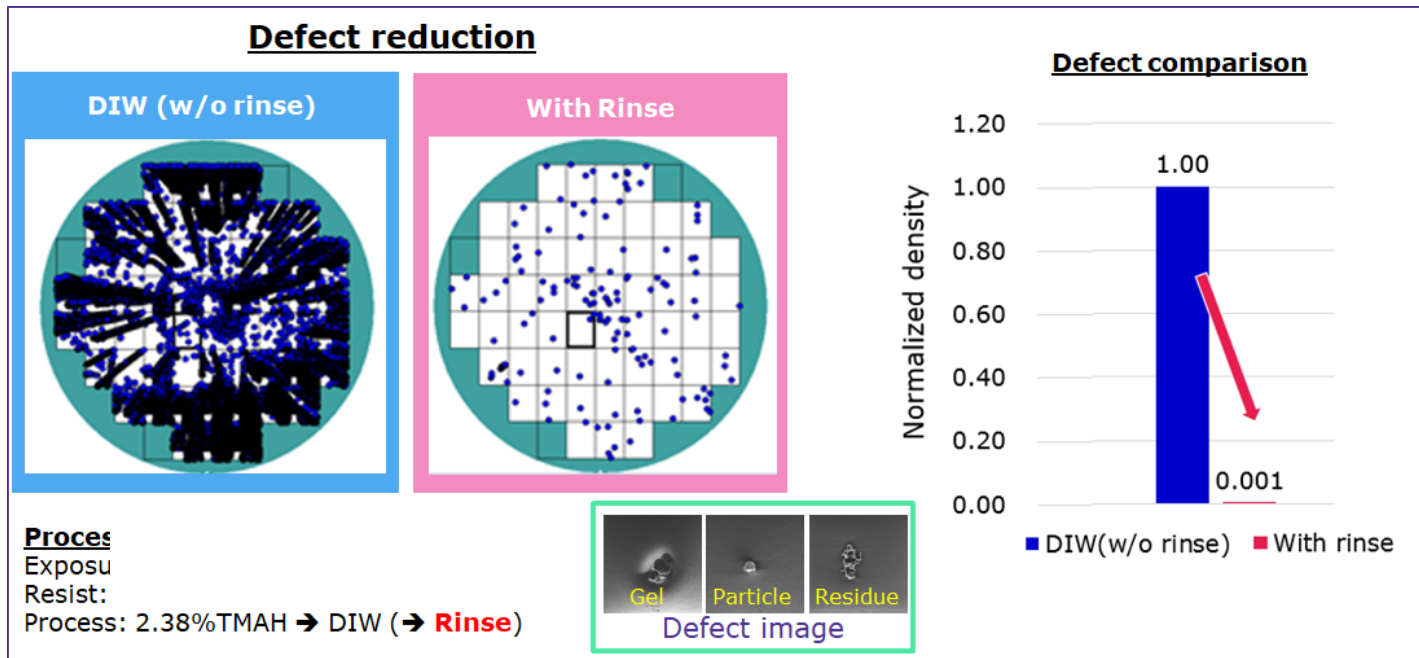


Fully integrated in resist development



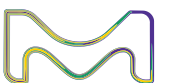
Rinse materials

The process and benefits



Key Benefits

- ✓ Straightforward process
- ✓ Pattern collapse mitigation
- ✓ Defect reduction



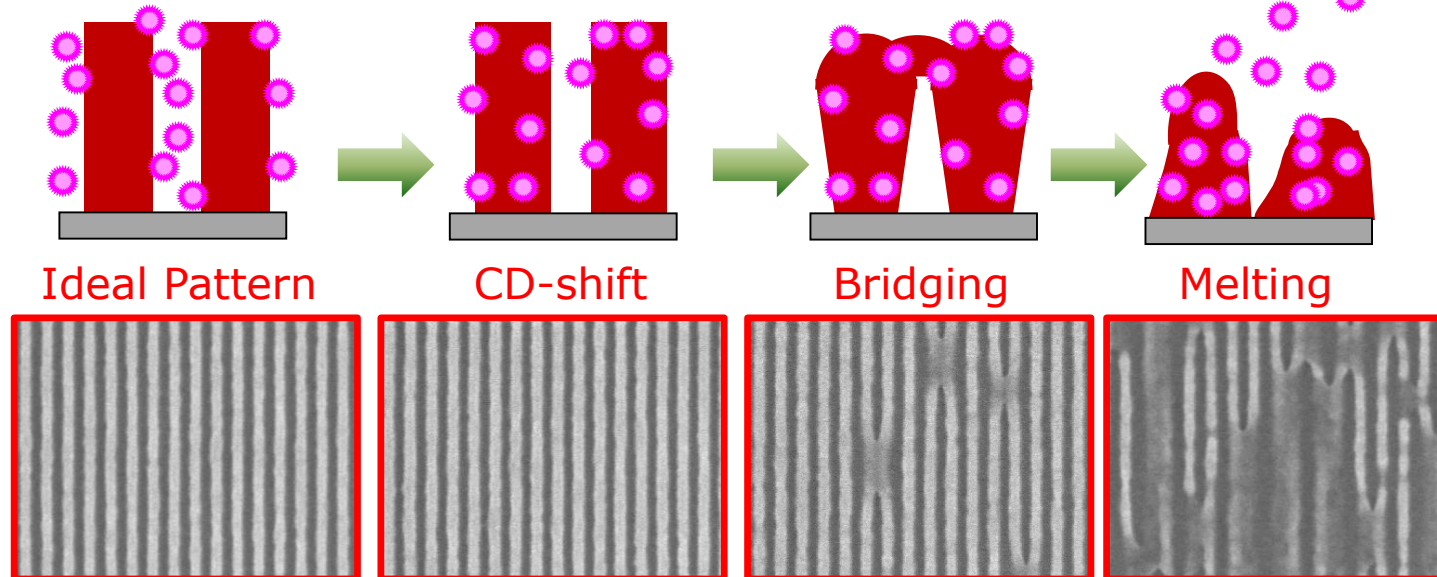
Rinse materials

Material design

Low

***Affinity between resist and surfactant**
(Penetration of surfactant into resist pattern)

High

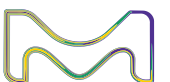


Considerations

- Resist chemistry
- Loading of surfactant
- Bulkiness of surfactant
- Melting control
- Functionality

*The affinity is defined with solubility parameter.

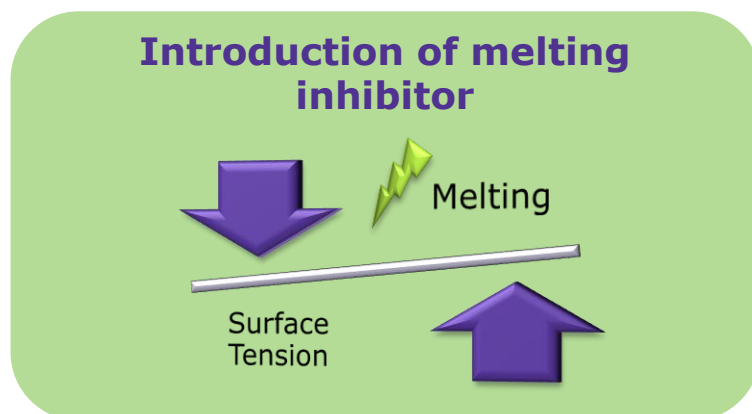
Surfactant penetration is one of the key factors for resist compatibility



Rinse materials – ArF

Commercial products

Product Name	SPC-116A	SPC-124A	SPC-402
*Surface tension (mN/m)	33.3	37.5	33.4
Chemical	Nonionic	Nonionic	Nonionic + Additive
Application	ArF-d	KrF & ArF-d (ArF-i)	ArF-i



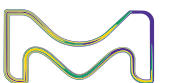
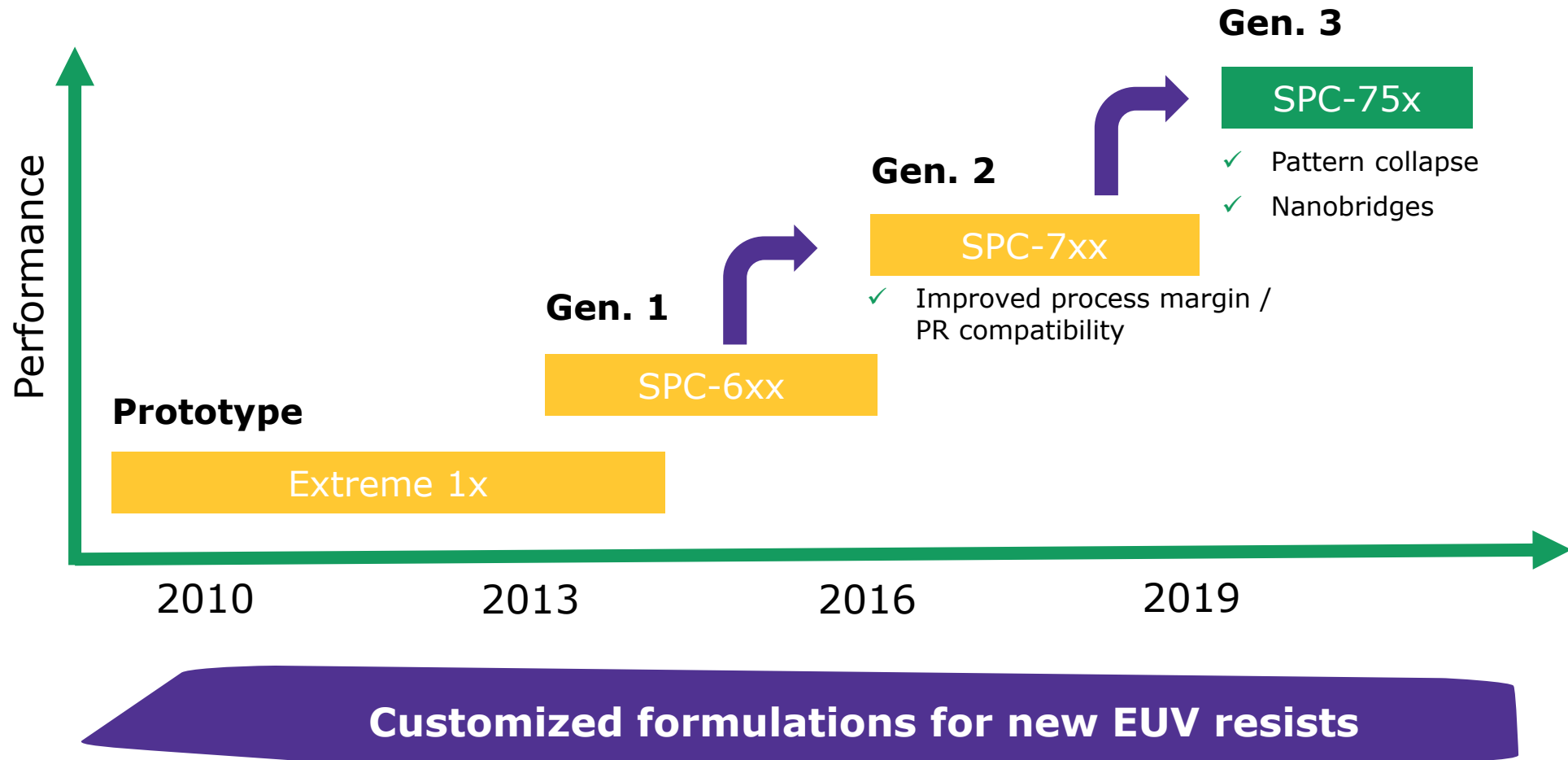
- Broadly adopted in the industry.
- Proven resist compatibility.

	W/O FIRM	SPC-124A	SPC-402
ArF-i ADI	32.8nm	35.3nm	31.2nm
FIRM dispense for 10s			
HB 130C60s	31.9nm	melting	30.3nm



Rinse materials

EUV Rinse – development roadmap

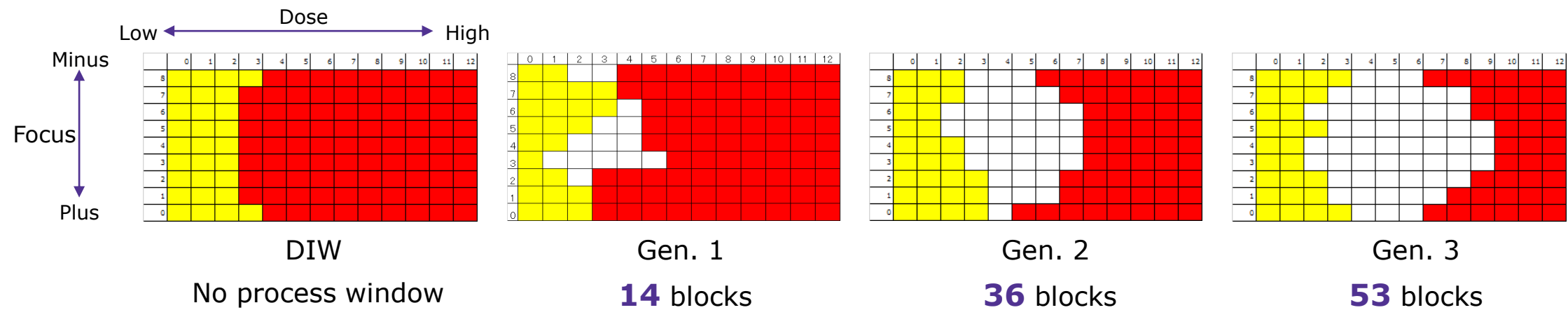


Rinse materials

Lithographic performance on EUV Resist B

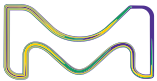
Process conditions
Exposure tool: NXE3300 (0.33NA, Dipole)
 EUV Resist B/ 45nm thick (**16nm L/S**)
Dose: 41 mJ/cm² center / 1.5mJ/cm² step
Focus: 0.02um center / 0.02um step

	DIW	Gen. 2	Gen. 3
Minimum CD (nm) (Pattern collapse margin)	N/A	15.5	14.5



Bridge
 Collapse or Pinching
 Pattern standing

Expanded process margin with new rinse platforms.

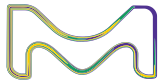
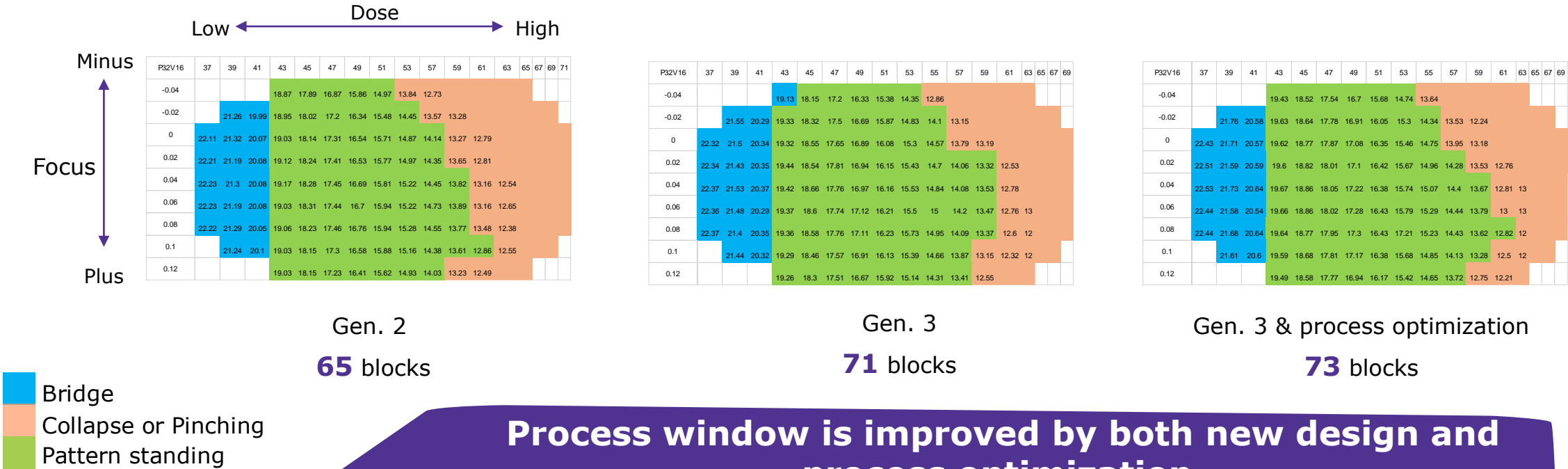


Rinse materials

Lithographic performance on EUV Resist C

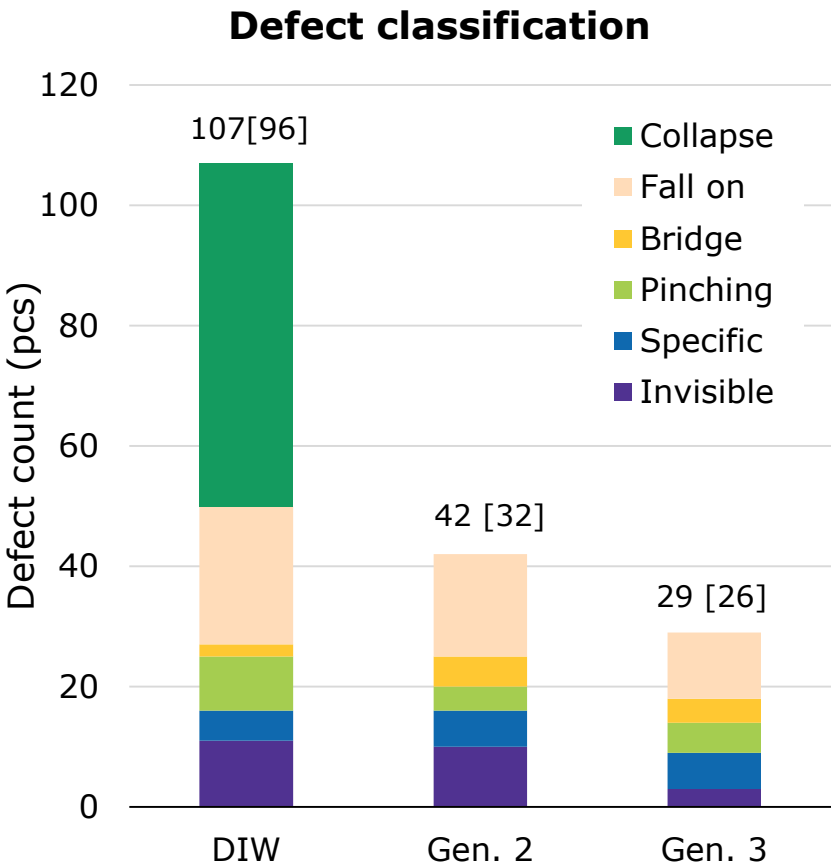
Process conditions

Exposure tool: NXE3300 (0.33NA, Dipole)
EUV Resist C / 35nm thick (**16/nm hp**)
Dose: 53 mJ/cm² center / 2.0mJ/cm² step
Focus: 0.04um center / 0.02um step



Rinse materials

EUV rinse – defectivity



*[]: Defect count excluding invisible

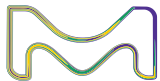
Process conditions

Exposure tool: NXE3300 (0.33NA, Dipole)
 EUV resist / 35nm thick (**18nm L/S**)
 Dose / Focus: 40.5 mJ/cm² / -0.05um
 Inspection area (Exposed area): 161.2cm²

	DIW	Gen. 2	Gen. 3
Defect map			
Defect Density (pcs/cm2)	0.66	0.26	0.18

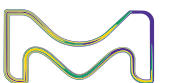
	Collapse	Fall on	Bridge	Pinching	Specific
Defect type					

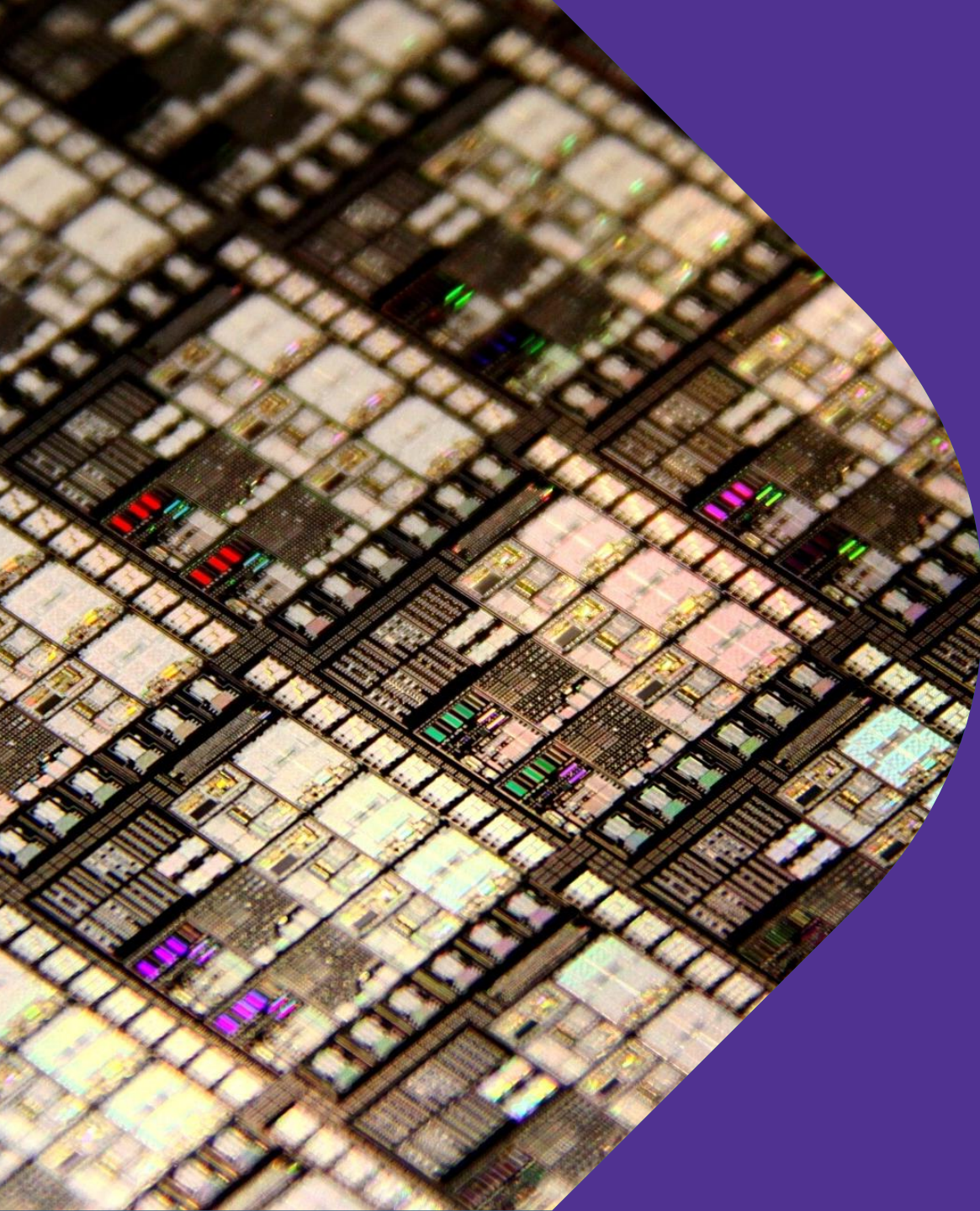
- Pattern collapse dominates in regular process.
- Rinse process is effective in eliminating defects.
- Pinching defects are reduced with rinse process.



SUMMARY

- **Rinse materials** offer benefits of pattern collapse mitigation and defect improvement, therefore, superior process margins for yield improvement.
- EMD Performance Materials provides rinse materials for both ArF and EUV lithography processes.
- Rinse process has been implemented in volume production of the first generation of EUV lithography.
- 16nm half pitch is resolved with rinse process with sufficient pattern collapse margin.
- Defectivity is significantly improved with EUV rinse.
- Collaborating with TEL, EMD Performance Materials offers not only innovative materials but also expertise in process optimization.



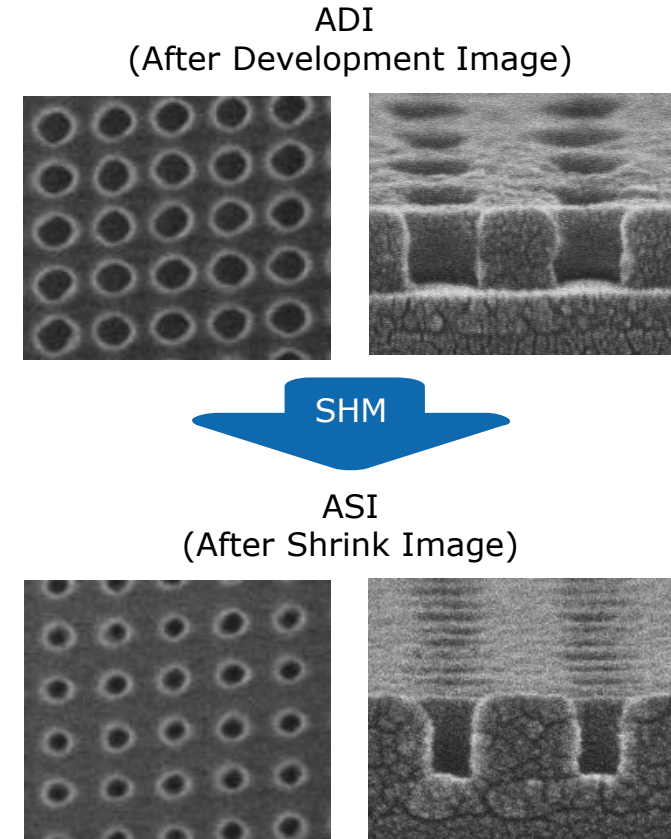
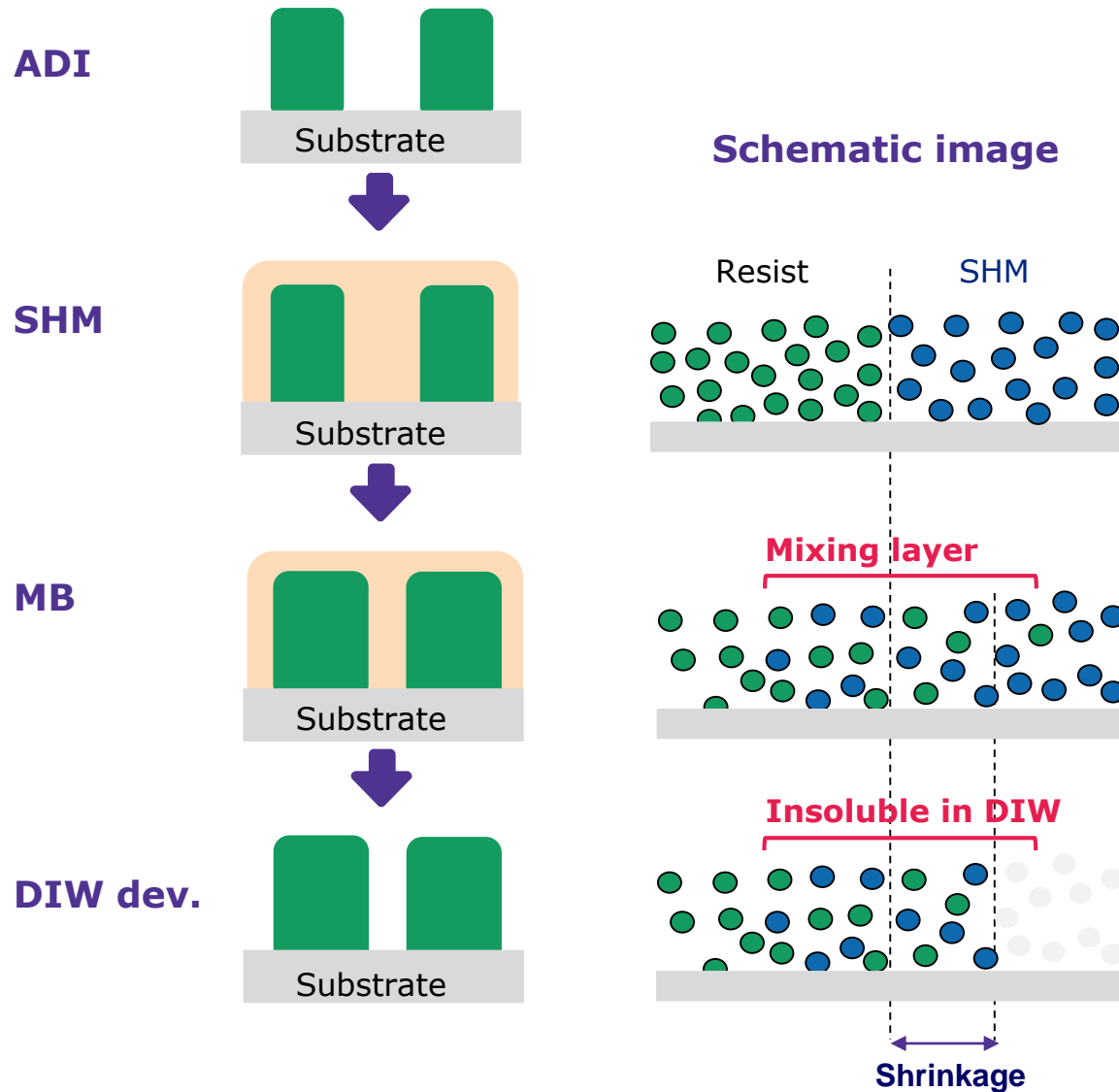


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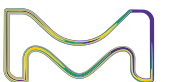


Shrink materials

The process & mechanism



- Constant shrinkage through pitch
- Whole track compatible process
- In-process tunable shrinkage
- Reduced **C**ost **o**f **O**wnership

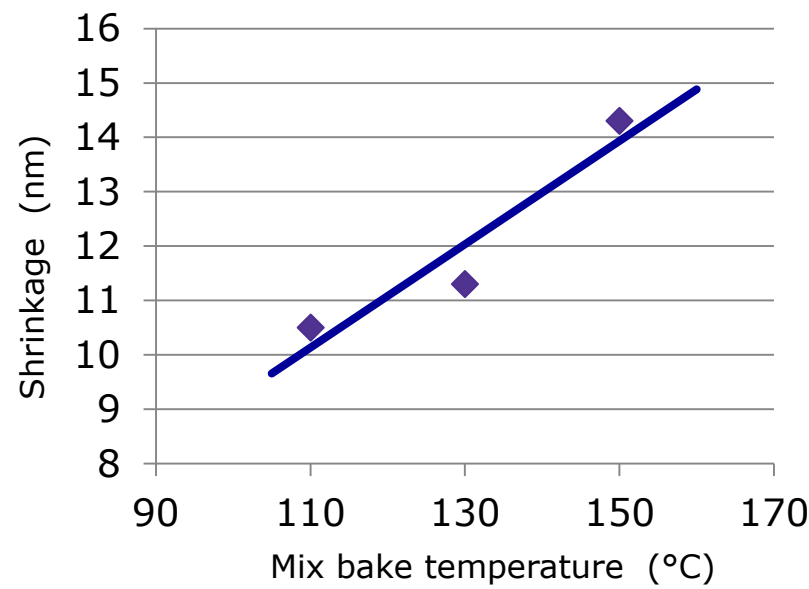


Shrink materials

Shrinkage controllability

Shrink Process

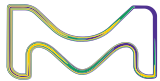
Film thickness: 100nm
Mixing Bake: 110, 130, 150°C/ 60sec
Development: DI-Water



	ADI
Top Image	
CD (nm)	65.5

	110C/60s	130C/60s	150C/60s
Top Image			
CD (nm)	<u>55.0</u>	<u>54.2</u>	<u>51.2</u>
Shrinkage (nm)	10.5	11.3	14.3

Shrink amount is tunable with mixing bake temperature.

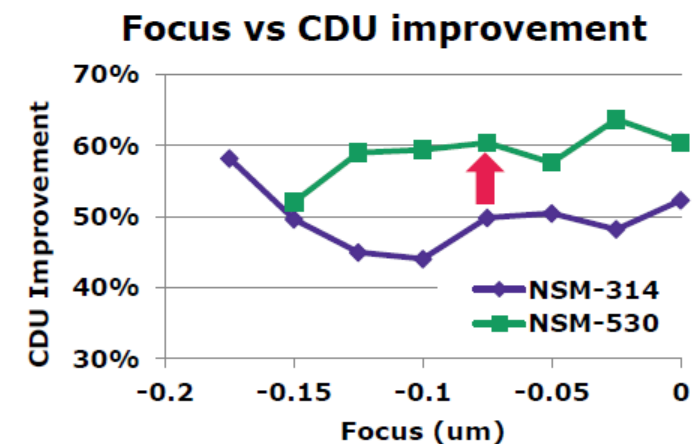
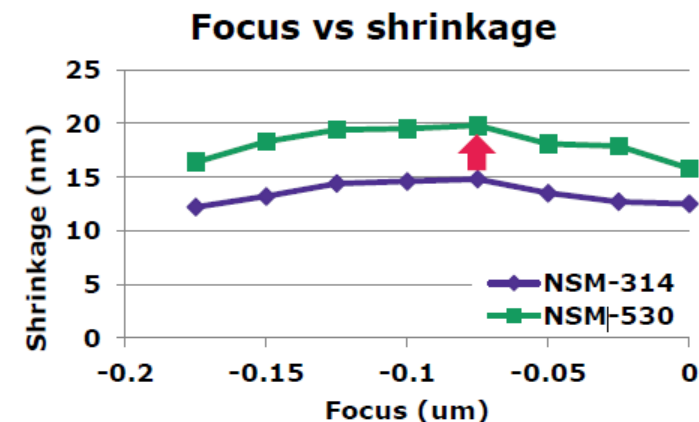


Shrink materials

Local CD uniformity

Grid hole: 110nm pitch

Focus	-0.175 μm	-0.150 μm	-0.125 μm	-0.100 μm	-0.075 μm	-0.050 μm	-0.025 μm	0.000 μm
Control (ADI)								
StDev	2.51	2.46	2.56	2.34	2.65	2.38	2.45	2.2
CD	46.24	48.61	50.35	50.55	50.69	48.56	47.98	46.01
NSM-314 Shrink-D								
StDev	1.05	1.24	1.41	1.31	1.33	1.18	1.27	1.05
CD	34.02	35.46	35.97	35.94	35.91	35.08	35.27	33.56
Shrinkage	12.2 nm	13.2 nm	14.4 nm	14.6 nm	14.8 nm	13.5 nm	12.7 nm	12.5 nm
NSM-530 Shrink-D								
StDev	1.32	1.18	1.05	0.95	1.05	1.01	0.89	0.87
CD	29.88	30.28	30.96	31.06	30.93	30.51	30.13	30.23
Shrinkage	16.4 nm	18.3 nm	19.4 nm	19.5 nm	19.8 nm	18.1 nm	17.9 nm	15.8 nm



Local CD Uniformity is improved by >50%.



Shrink materials

Proximity effects

Test Conditions

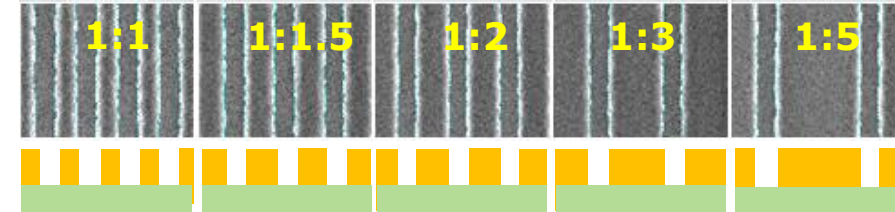
NTD resist

Shrink Materials: NSM-314, 530

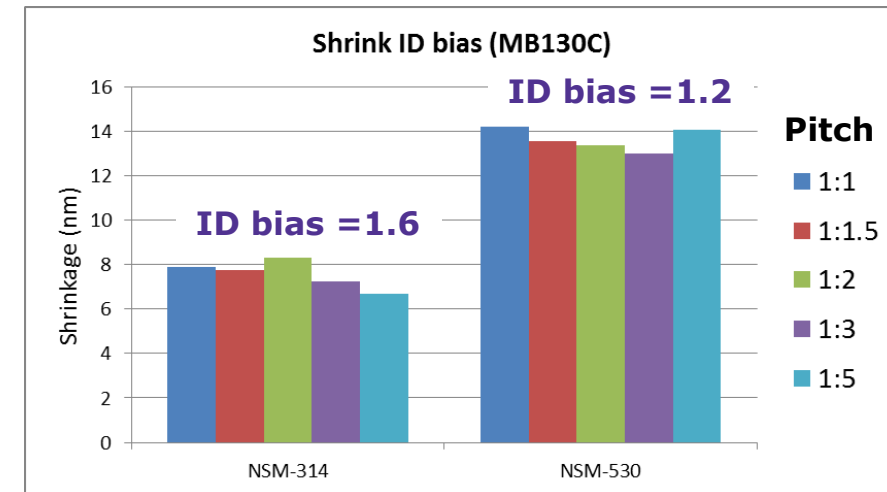
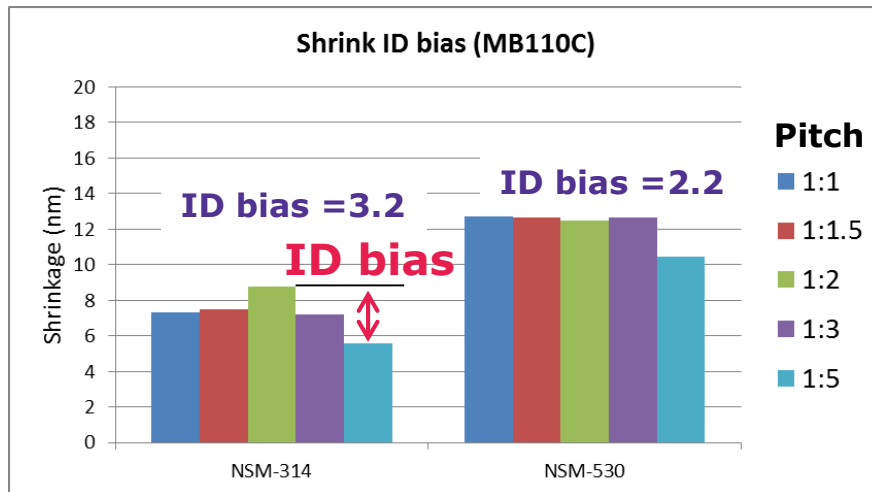
Mixing Bake: 110, 130°C / 60sec

Development: DI-Water

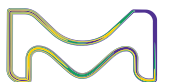
Resist Pattern Pitch



***ID bias = Isolated and dense pattern bias**



Significantly higher shrinkage and lower iso-dense bias are achieved with NSM-530.



Shrink materials

Resist compatibility

Test conditions

NTD resists from multiple suppliers

Shrink: 1st Gen shrink material and NSM-314

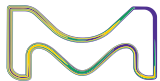
Mixing Bake: 150°C /60sec

Development: DIW



	AZ AX2110	Resist A	Resist B	Resist C
ADI				
NSM-314				

Good compatibility with various resists.





04 summary



SUMMARY

- EMD Performance Materials is specialized in **aqueous materials** to enhance photoresist performance.
- **Rinse process** has been proven effective in mitigating pattern collapse, improving process margin, and depressing defectivity in multiple generations of lithography.
- **Chemical shrink** is a viable technology assisting pattern scaling with:
 - ✓ Cost-effective process enhancing resolution
 - ✓ Improvement of DOF & local CD uniformity with shrinkage tunable by process
 - ✓ Reduced proximity effects

