







157nm has no window





SPIE 2005 Fluid highlights













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	โต	0.75	0.35	0.25	0.17	0.12	0.09
		0.85	0.40	0.29	0.20	0.14	0.10
	3 n	0.94	0.44	0.32	0.22	0.16	0.11
	NA [@ 19	1.05	0.49	0.35	0.24	0.17	0.12
		1.2	0.56	0.40	0.28	0.20	0.14
		1.35	0.63	0.45	0.31	0.22	0.15
		1.5	0.70	0.51	0.35	0.25	0.17
		1.65	0.77	0.56	0.38	0.27	0.19
		1.8	0.84	0.61	0.42	0.30	0.21







Lord Rayleigh



→ Double exposure techniques

Rayleigh equation





Impact of polarization on SRAM active layer print (110 nm pitch)

Unpolarized

Polarized





Double patterning (2x litho + 2x etch)





Double patterning complex pattern





CoO considerations

- Requires 2 critical masks
- Reduces throughput (~ factor 2)
- Adds cost of hard mask and etch
- Critical overlay requirement
- Impacts cycle time (additional photo, etch, ...)





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EUV tool integration progress





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EUV lithography Main technology challenges imec **Multilayer coated optics Optics substrate** (Images courtesy of VNL / EUVLLC) reflectivity reaches up to 70 % Mask Defect Free 80 ultilayer coate 69.5% +/ 0.2% @ 13.0 nm 70 Contamination 60 control Multilayer 50 Reflectivity (%) coated optics 40 30 High power 20 source 10 Thin resist ZEISS Highly sensitive 0 Low LER 12 12.5 13 13.5 14 Wavelength (nm)











New Resist Approaches Positive-tone Molecular Glass Resist



Cornell University

Shorter polymers may provide a possible solution







10.0mJ/cm² Bright Field

3.00um

1.5kV 5.2mm x15.0k SE(U) 07/15/2004 15:23

(Courtesy of Prof. Chris Ober, Cornell University)







Research challenges require...





imec 193nm Immersion program

The world's largest 193nm immersion lithography effort









ArF immersion has eliminated 157nm lithography

Phenomenal progress has been obtained for ArF immersion lithography in less than 24 months

- End 2003: ASML/IMEC demonstrated first data on immersion feasibility prototype scanner (0.75NA AT1150i)
- End 2004: Two development scanners (0.85NA) have been installed in the field

Key **challenges** for immersion have been **identified**; solutions have been proposed/demonstrated for all issues

In order to cope with the extremely short introduction time, **world-wide partnerships** and collaboration have proven to be very effective

ArF immersion is clearly usable down to at least hp 45nm

hp 32nm is unlikely to happen with immersion lithography and is believed to be the introduction node for **EUVL**

Significant progress has been made on the most important critical issues for EUVL (mask defects, source power, ...)





Many people have contributed to this presentation

- IMEC lithography team (K. Ronse, G. Vandenberghe, ...)
- ASML (M. van den Brink)
- Zeiss
- Sematech (S. Wurm)







However, early 2004:

Feasibility study of IMMERSION LITHOGRAPHY successful

Several **advantages** (over 157nm) :

Build further on "mature" 193nm resists Majority of optical material remains fused silica (not CaF₂) Same reticle materials continue to be used

- No thick Qz pellicles needed
- No modified Qz blanks needed



