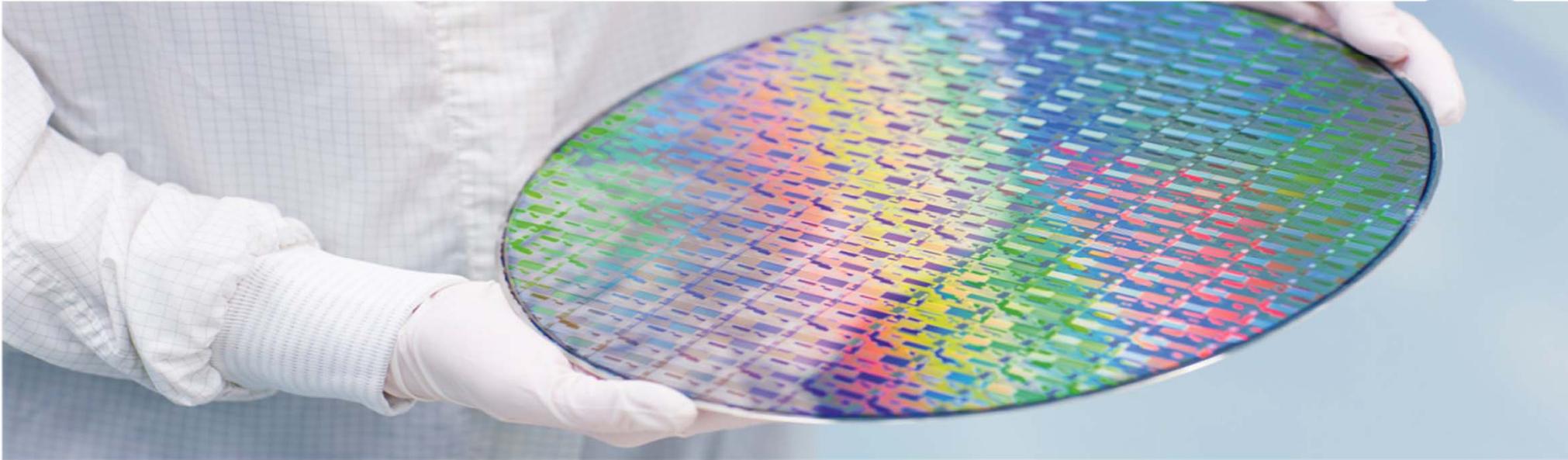


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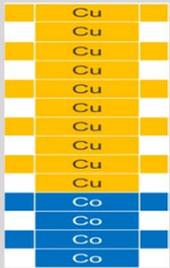
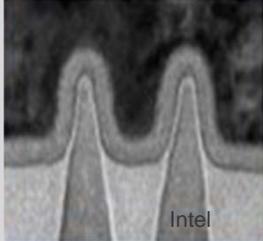
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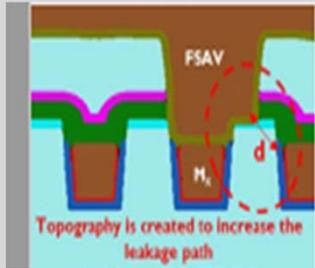
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Gate All Around

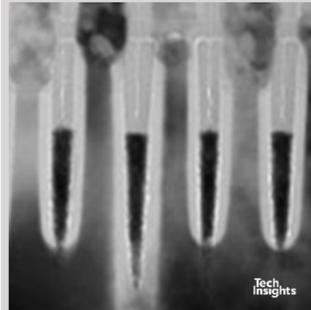


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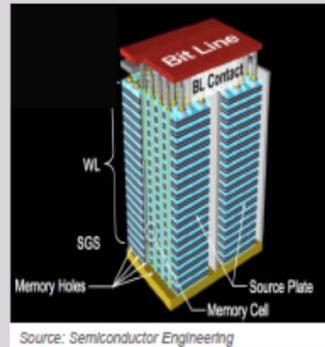


Selective Deposition

## Memory

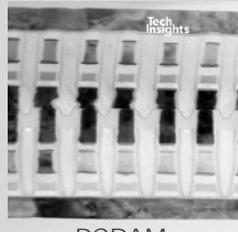


New metal for buried WL



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### Emerging Memory



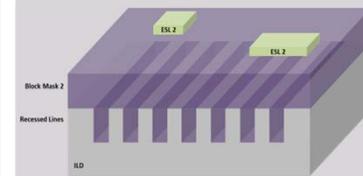
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ReRAM

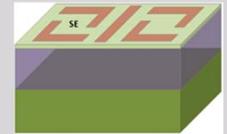
FeRAM

CBRAM

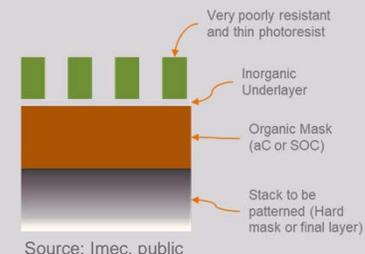
## Patterning



Gap fill for Self-aligned Blocks

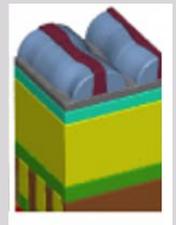


EUV SE



Source: Imec, public

EUV Underlayers



<https://semiengineering.com/photoresist-shape-in-3d/>

EUV SDDP

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ALD (I)



**EmerALD®**



**Pulsar®**



**Synergis®**

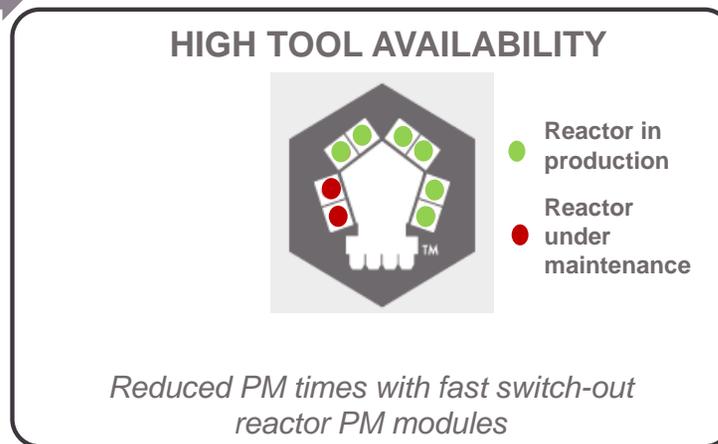
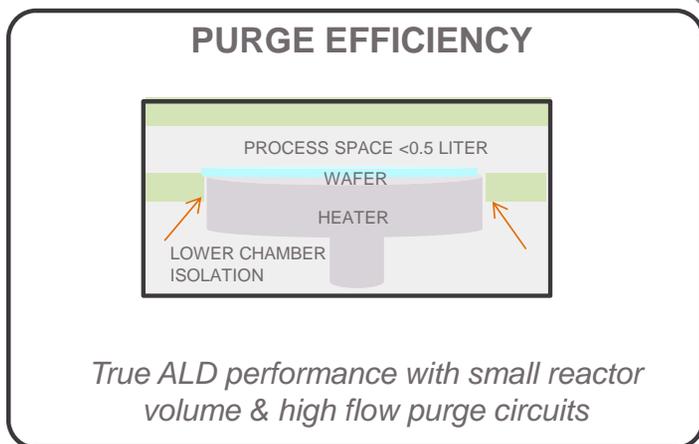
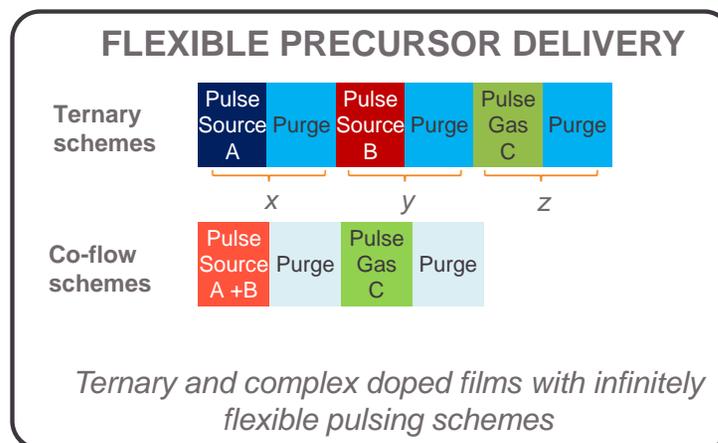
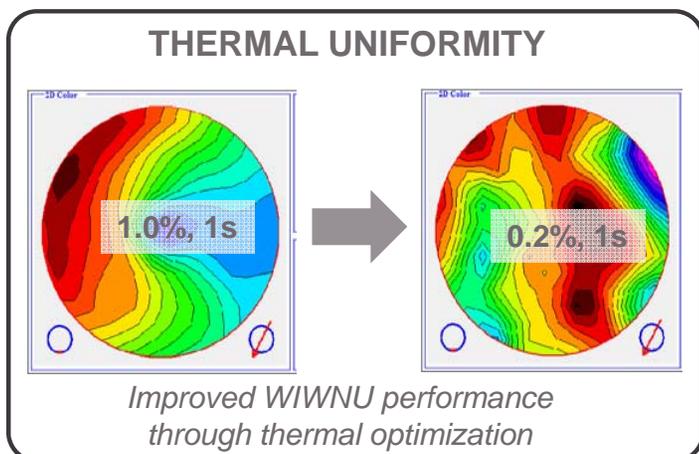
- › Introduced **Synergis®** in 2018
- › New dual chamber thermal ALD reactor technology evolved from decades of **ALD expertise** on Pulsar and EmerALD
- › Leverages industry proven XP8 platform architecture for **high productivity** solutions for logic and memory applications while maintaining **single wafer process control**
- › Highly **flexible** source layout including ASM's proven **solid source delivery** technology
- › Ability to run clustered processes with **high tool availability** to lower overall cost per wafer



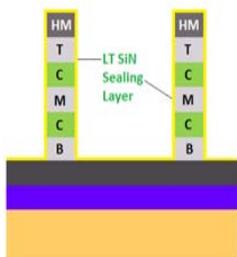
## Synergis®

> Designed for optimal ALD performance:

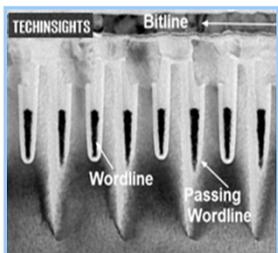
1. Improve wafer thermal uniformity
2. Delivery of multiple low and high vapor pressure precursors for process flexibility
3. Manufacturability – Short PM Time & High Throughput
4. Reduced reactor volume and improve purge efficiency



# SYNERGIS® ADDRESSES THE EXPANDING ALD APPLICATION SPACE



Low temperature, low-k encapsulation and hermetic sealing layers

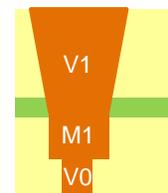


Low resistivity pure metal layers for DRAM and 3D-NAND word line

**DX**

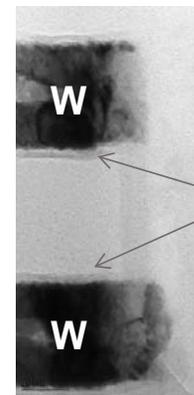


**MX**



~1nm metal oxide ESL

Metal oxide hard masks and etch stop layers with tunable etch properties



Barrier layer

**ML**

**NT**

Low resistivity, ultra-thin enhanced barrier solutions for logic and memory

# SYNERGIS<sup>®</sup> ALD: HIGHEST PERFORMANCE AT THE LOWEST COST PER WAFER



- › **Synergis<sup>®</sup> thermal ALD provides best productivity without sacrificing film performance**
  - Significant reduction in capital costs and fab footprint
- › **Flexible platform and architecture to meet needs of sub-7 nm technologies**
  - Ability to deposit metal oxides (MX), metal nitrides (NT), dielectrics (DX) and pure metals (ML)
- › **Adopted for multiple applications at logic and memory customers with proven HVM readiness**
  - Many applications currently under development



# ASM PRODUCTS PEALD AND PECVD



## > XP8<sup>®</sup> -DCM / QCM

- High productivity single wafer tool for both PEALD and PECVD applications
- Accommodates up to 8 chambers for DCM, 16 chambers for QCM
- PEALD and PECVD can be integrated on the same platform



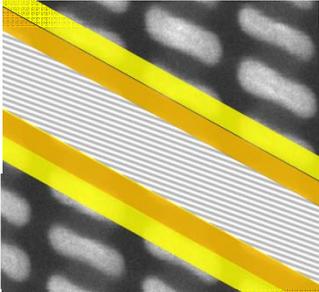
DCM (Dual Chamber Module)

QCM (Quad Chamber Module)

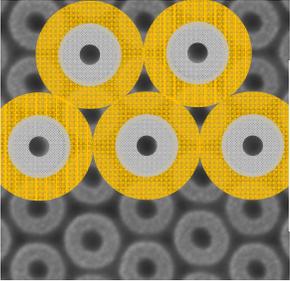
# PATTERNING SPACER APPLICATIONS

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**DRAM (1X)**  
Multiple patterning spacers examples

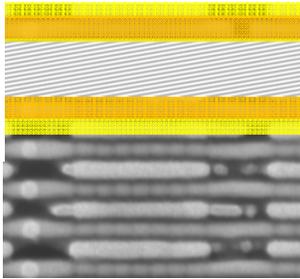


Active STI/Gate(SDQP)

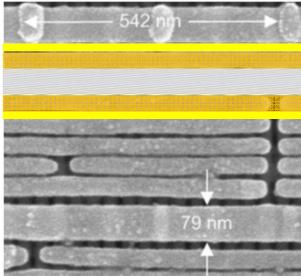


Storage Node (SDDPx2)

**Logic (10~5nm)**  
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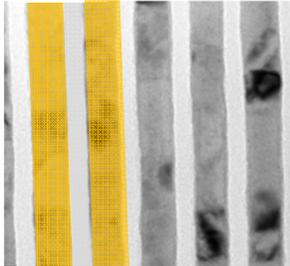


Fin/Gate Formation (SDQP)



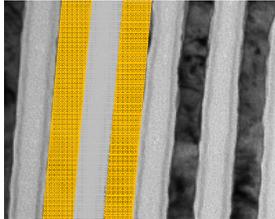
M0~M1 (SDQP)  
M2~M5(SDDP)

**3D-NAND**  
1 patterning spacer



Bit Line (SDDP)

**Emerging Memory**  
Multiple patterning spacers examples



Bit Line (SDDP)  
Word Line (SDDP)

The most critical spacers may require “EUV + SDDP” integration in near future

## PEALD application

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Cut Mask Gap-fill

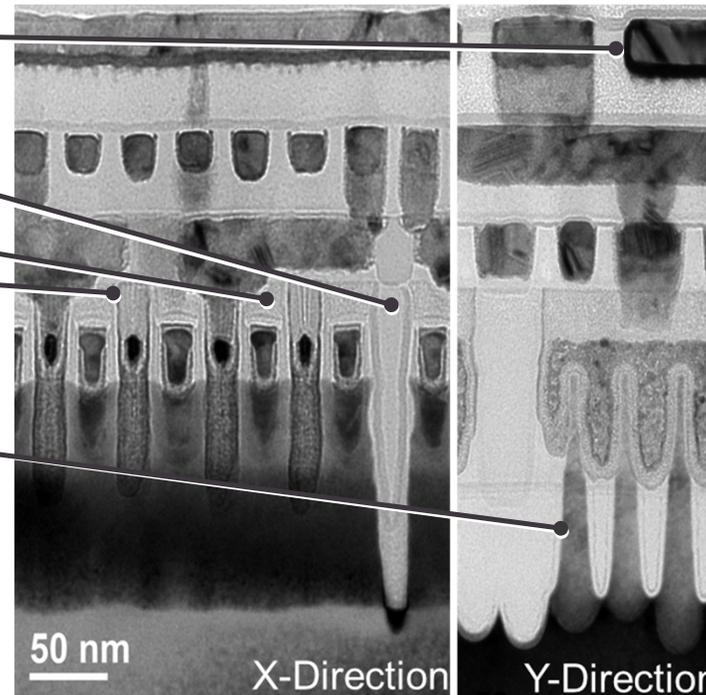
SDB Gap-fill

COAG SAC Gap-fill

IO Transistor Gate Oxide

Solid state doping

Patterning HM



COAG : Contact on Active Gate  
SDB : Single Diffusion Break  
SAC : Self Align Contact

- Maintaining POR position in oxide layers. Adding high quality oxide
- Device shrinkage increases demand for PEALD layers

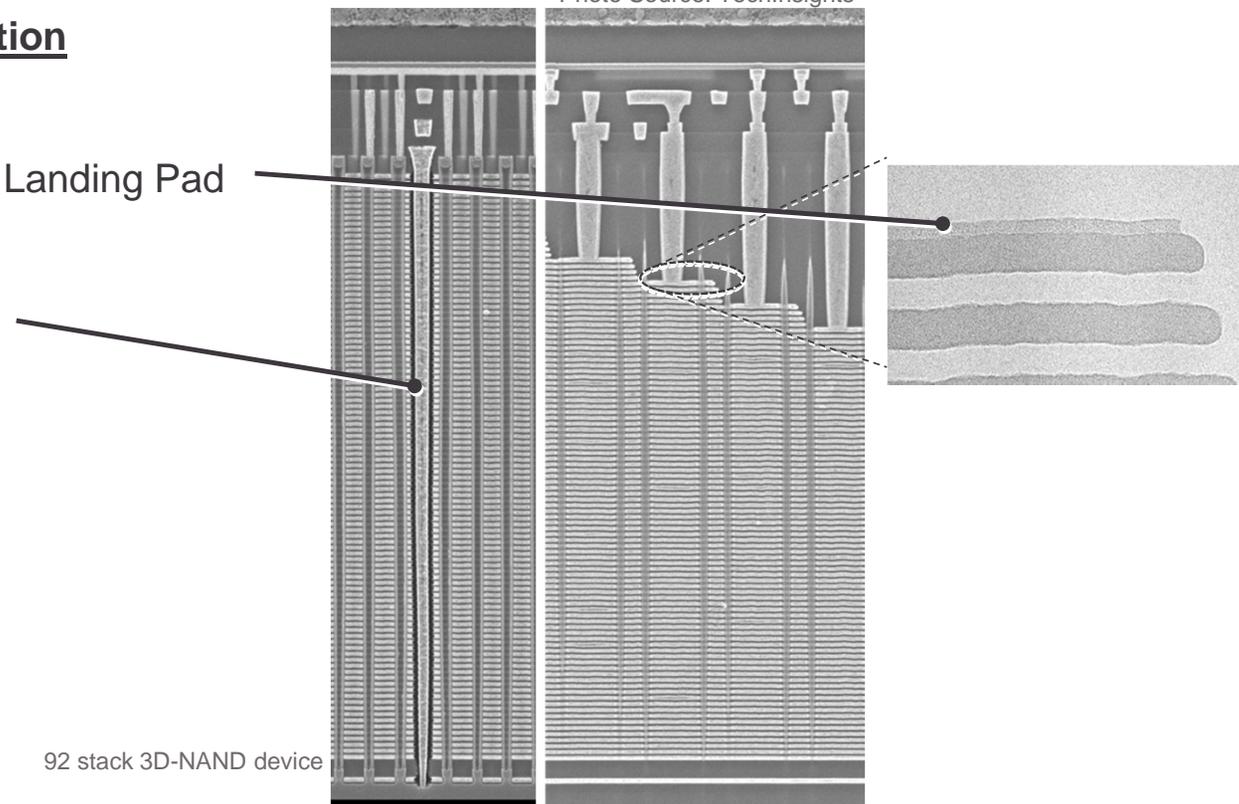
# PEALD PROCESSES FOR 3D-NAND APPLICATIONS

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## PEALD application

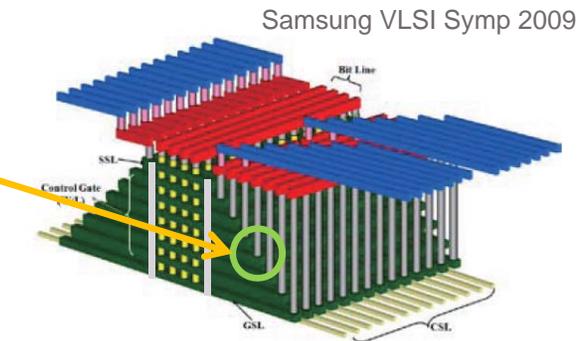
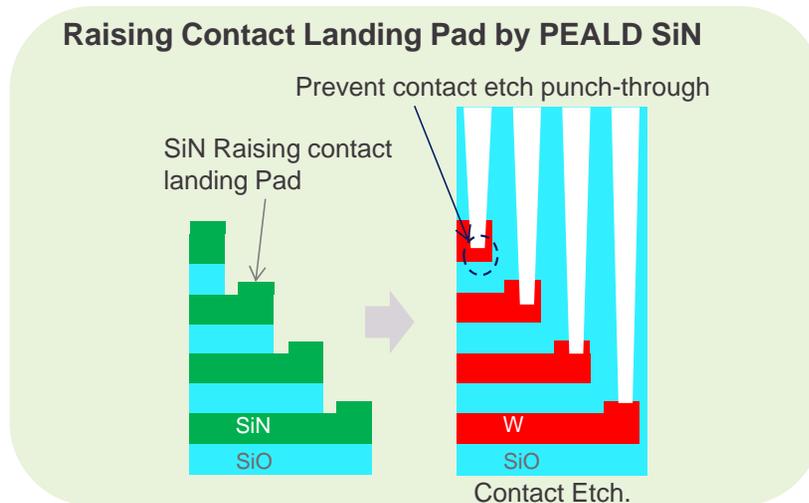
Raising Contact Landing Pad

Slit Oxide Liner

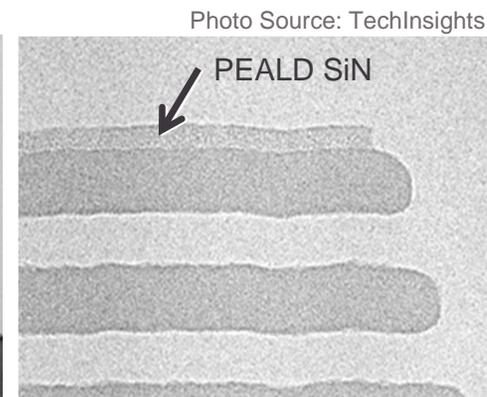
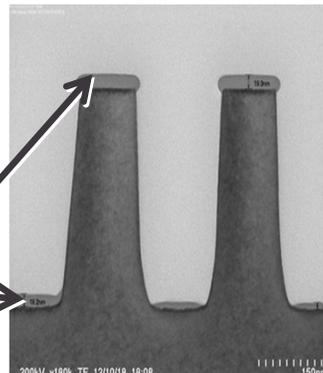


- High aspect structure requires conformal film by using high coverage PEALD

# PEALD SiN FOR 3D-NAND APPLICATIONS



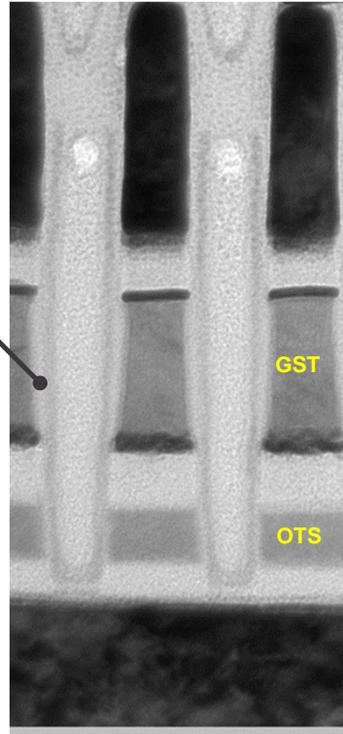
- PEALD SiN SiN film on Top and Bottom only



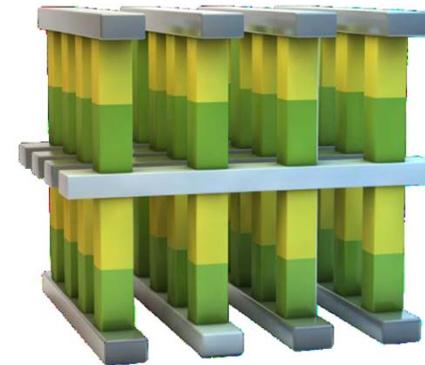
- Fewer etch steps and more process latitude to create staircase

### PEALD application

GST inner liner



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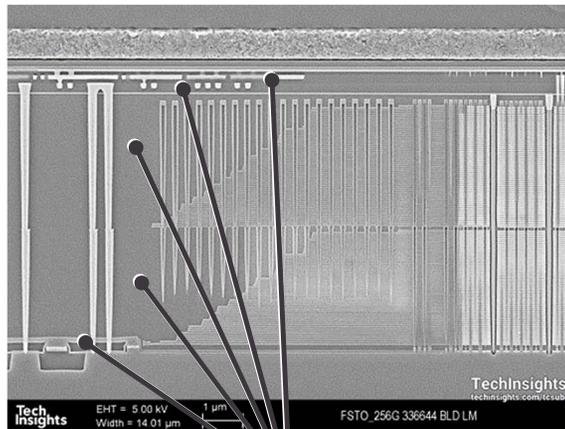
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- As GST chalcogenide has low resistance to heat, PEALD / PECVD which enables low temperature film deposition is widely used.

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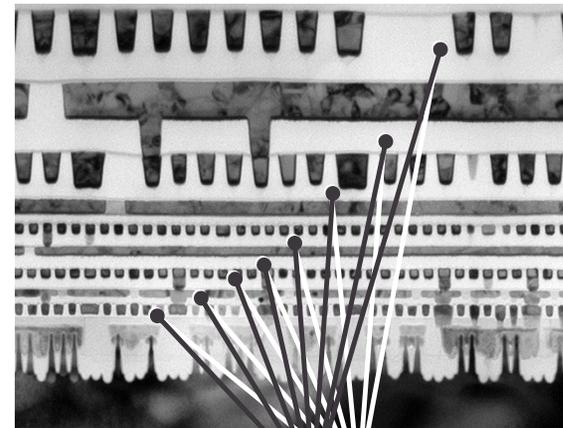
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## TEOS

- High throughput
- Good w/w uniformity
- High quality
- Stress control

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## BEOL Low-k

- High throughput
- Good w/w uniformity
- High EM: direct CMP
- No need for glue layer
- Stress control

- Growing PECVD SAM in 3D-NAND, logic, DRAM and CIS

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# ASM PRODUCTS

## FURNACE LPCVD /DIFFUSION /BATCH ALD



### > A412™

- Dual boat/dual reactor system
- Clustering of applications between reactors possible – only vertical furnace in the market with this capability
- Up to 150 product wafer load size

### > A400™ for More than Moore Devices

- Dual boat/dual reactor system
- Simultaneous handling of Dual size wafers
- Up to 150 product wafer load size

### > Applications:

- Full range of applications for Logic, Memory, Power, Analog/RF and MEMS Devices
  
- LPCVD Silicon, SiN, TEOS, HTO
- Diffusion, Anneal, Cure, Reactive Cure
- Batch ALD (AlO, AlN, TiN, SiN, SiO, etc)



## Example: LPCVD Silicon with Ultra long Preventive Maintenance Cycle

- › LPCVD Si process applications
  - UNDOPED films
  - DOPED (P,B) films
- › Growing Si Power device market
- › Driven by Automotive and Industrial Electronics
  
- › This technology enables low Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) for Si Power IGBT and MOSFET devices manufacturing



Process Tube stays clean: No deposition

Preventive Maintenance item	Conventional Design	Innovative Design
	Deposited thickness LPCVD Si	Deposited thickness LPCVD Si
Process Tube Clean	@50 μm	None
Process Liner Clean	@50 μm	@500 μm
Thermocouple Replace and Reclaim	@50 μm	None

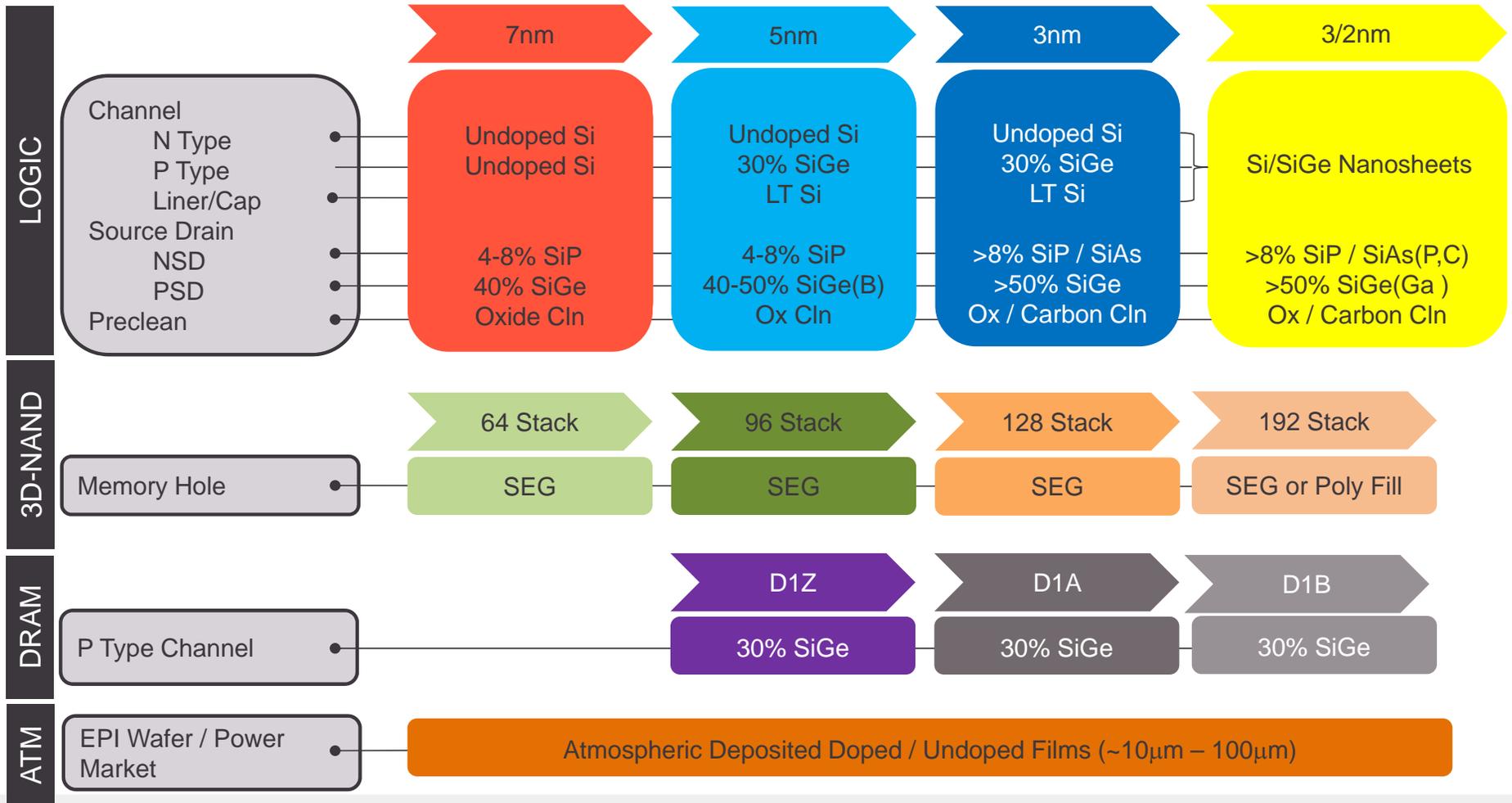
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Innovative Design	Process Tube Clean	0																			
	Process Liner Clean	1										2									
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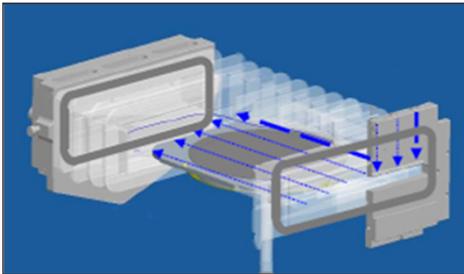
# EPI CRITICAL PROCESS APPLICATIONS



# INTREPID® ES KEY DESIGN FEATURES



## Low Volume Chamber with Laminar Flow



→ Superior uniformity with low CoO

## Intrepid® ES

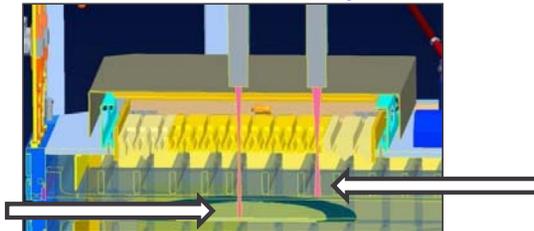


## AEGIS/10-PORT Gas Injection



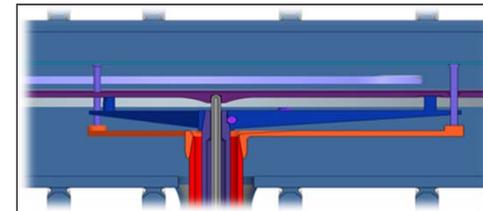
→ Real-time read back and active flow control

## Isothermal Chamber with Pyro Addition



- 1 Quartz temp Pyro for Isothermal Chamber control: TTTM, MWBC
- 1 Wafer Pyro for Wafer Temp Control, SPC and diagnostics

## Low Mass Susceptor



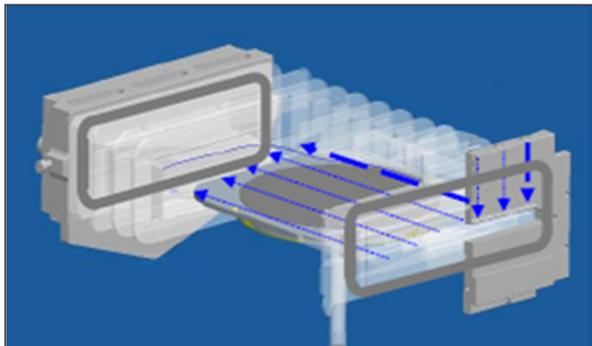
→ Higher Tput w/ Fast ramp up and ramp down temp transitions

**Intrepid ES delivers *isothermal* process modules for improved film performance with high throughput**

# INTREPID® ES: SUPERIOR DOPANT AND THICKNESS PROFILE TUNABILITY



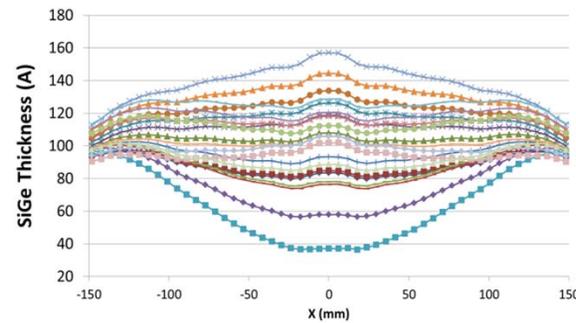
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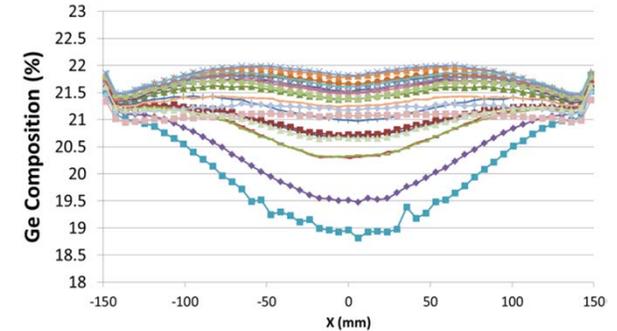
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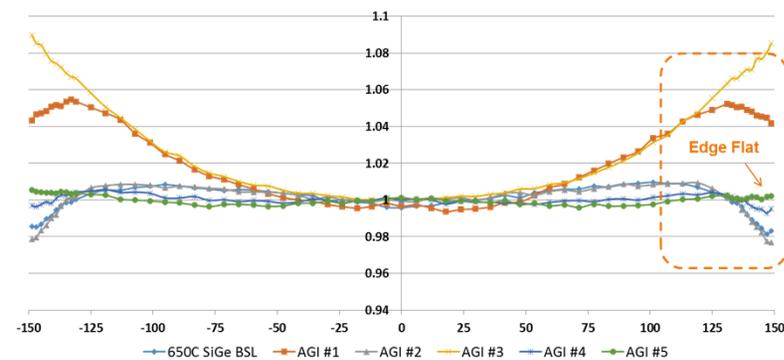


Ge doping Profile Modulation



**Laminar Flow combines with AEGIS to generate various thickness and Ge% tunability**

Ge edge profile control via AEGIS

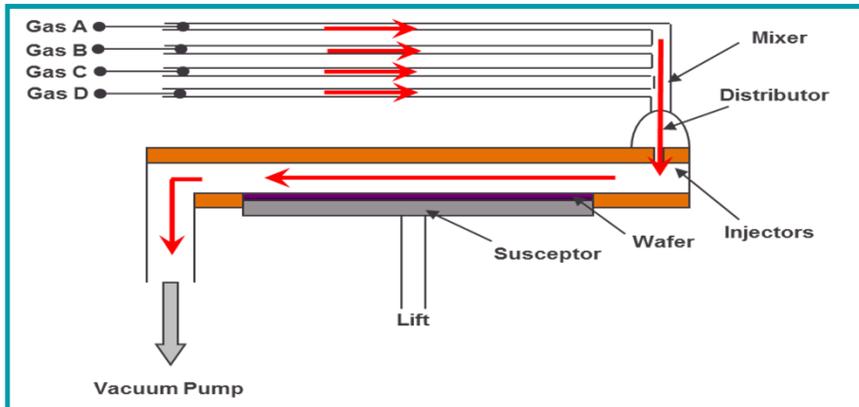


**AEGIS Allows for Ge% Profile Tuning at the far wafer edge (1.2mm)**

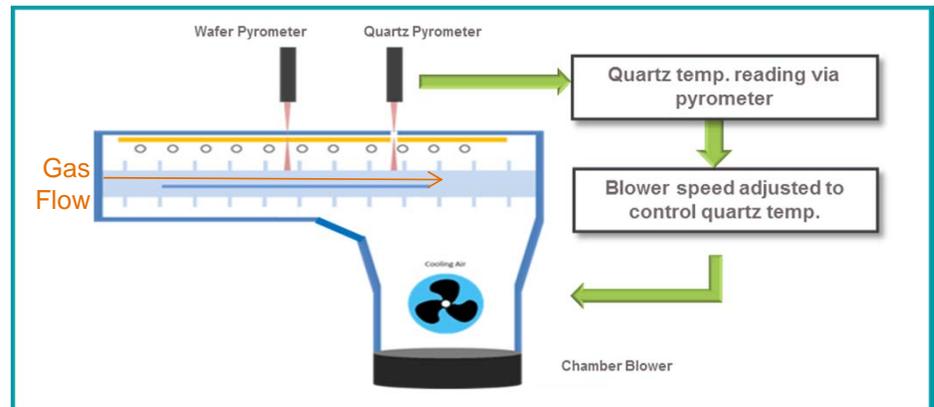
# INTREPID® ES: ISOTHERMAL CHAMBER ADVANTAGE



**PULSAR: CROSS-FLOW, HOT WALL REACTOR**



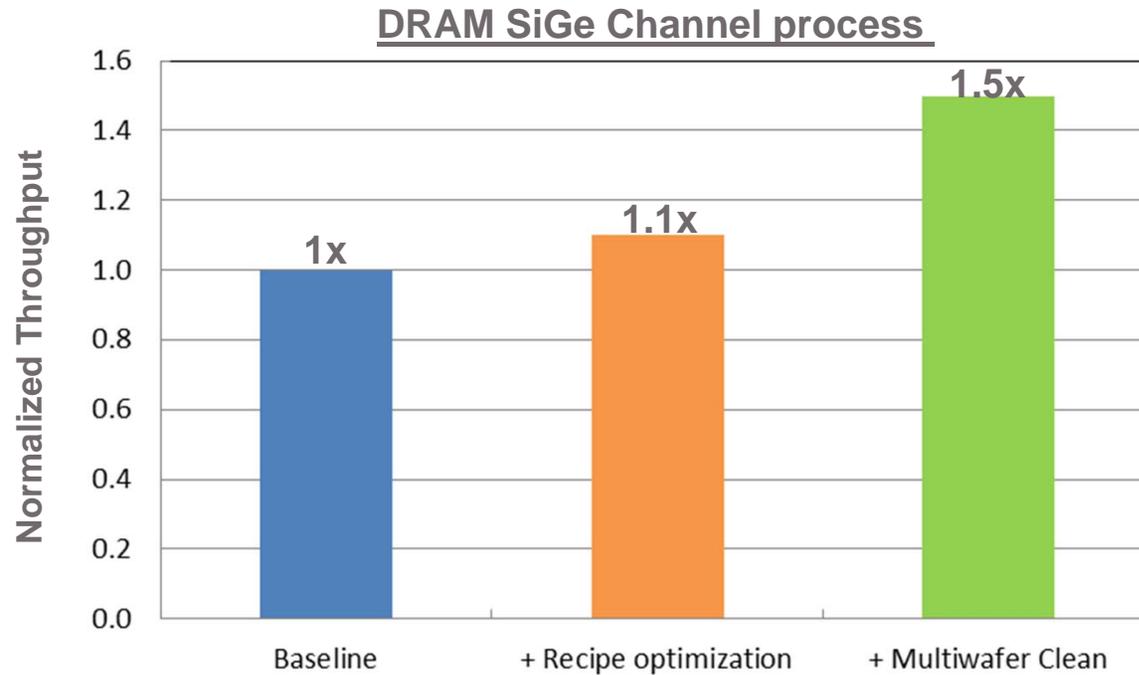
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Application	Quartz Temp, Clean	Quartz Temp, Deposition	MWBC
Si Channel, DCS, 1500A	680	550	>30k
Si Channel SiH4, 500A	650	300	>25k
SiGe Channel, SiH4/GeH4, 500A	650	350	>25k
LT Si capping/liner, 20A	600	250	Under evaluation
SiP with P up to 8at. %, SiAs, SiAsP	680	350	>15k
SiGeB	680	350	Under evaluation

**Controlling quartz temperature during deposition and chamber cleans has proven to show excellent WTW performance and long MWBC cycles**

# INTREPID® ES: ISOTHERMAL CHAMBER ENABLES HIGH PRODUCTIVITY

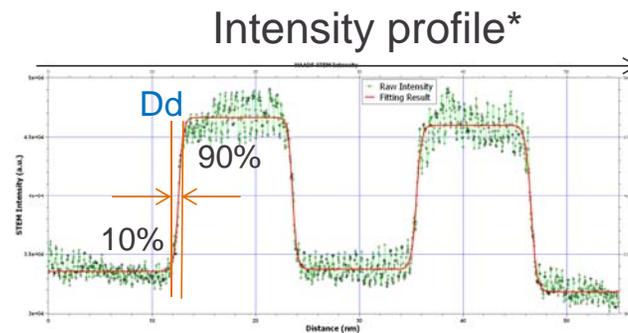
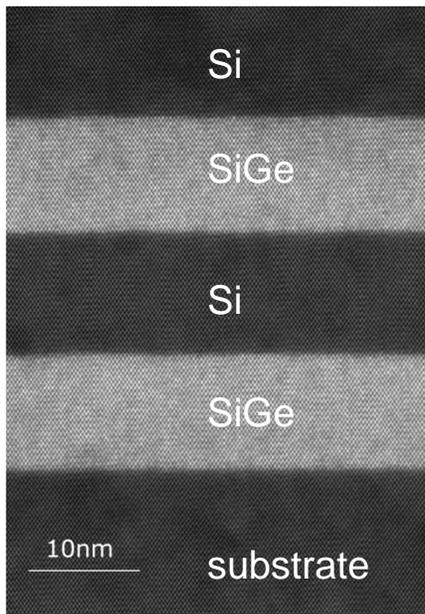


**50% Throughput increase from starting recipe compared to new optimized 25x multi-wafer clean recipe**

# ASM NANOSHEET DEVELOPMENT: INTERFACE TRANSITION THICKNESS MINIMIZATION



**Key Requirement:** Transition width between the Si and SiGe layers needs to be minimized to <5Å.  
This width directly influences the shape of the wire/sheet after etch.



Interface #	Average $D_d$ (Å)
1 (Si substrate ->SiGe)	4.9
2 SiGe->Si	3.7
3 Si->SiGe	3.8
4 SiGe->Si	5.4

**~5Å interface transition thickness \***

\* By TEM Z-contrast line scan analysis

**ASM isothermal chamber design + AEGIS flow control  
will enable customers to move forward with nanosheet development**

- › **Film tunability: low chamber volume with AEGIS = best in class thickness and dopant profile tuning**
- › **Isothermal hot wall chamber: long MWBC cycles, cleaner chamber for defectivity, and multi-wafer clean for high throughput**
- › **Significant push for reducing EPI costs for our customers. Continuous focus on throughput improvement, wafer edge yield, and PM extension**
- › **ASM hardware solutions enable current and future customer film needs**

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# PREVIUM INTEGRATED PRE-CLEAN INTRODUCTION

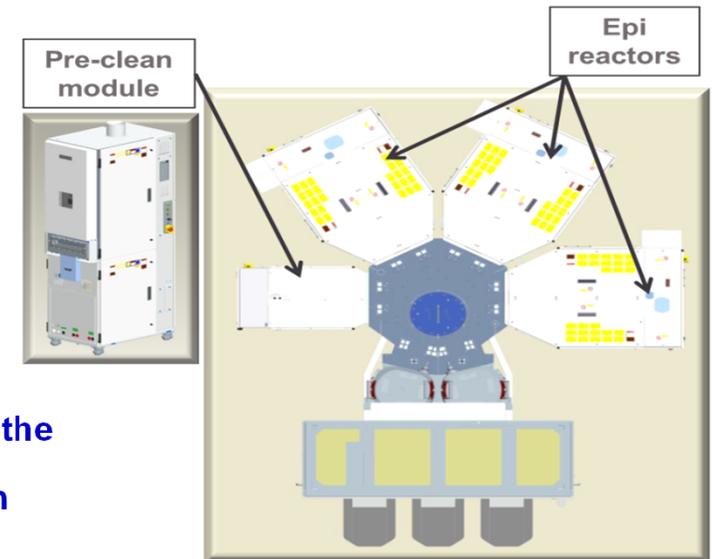


## > What is Previuum?

- It is an integrated EPI preclean offering from ASM
  - It removes 15-20 monolayers of native oxide from the initial substrate before EPI deposition.

## > Why is Previuum Needed?

- Surface cleaning (removal of carbon and native oxide) is critical to enable high quality EPI film growth. **All Advanced Logic devices run in the world today utilize an integrated preclean for highest quality EPI growth**



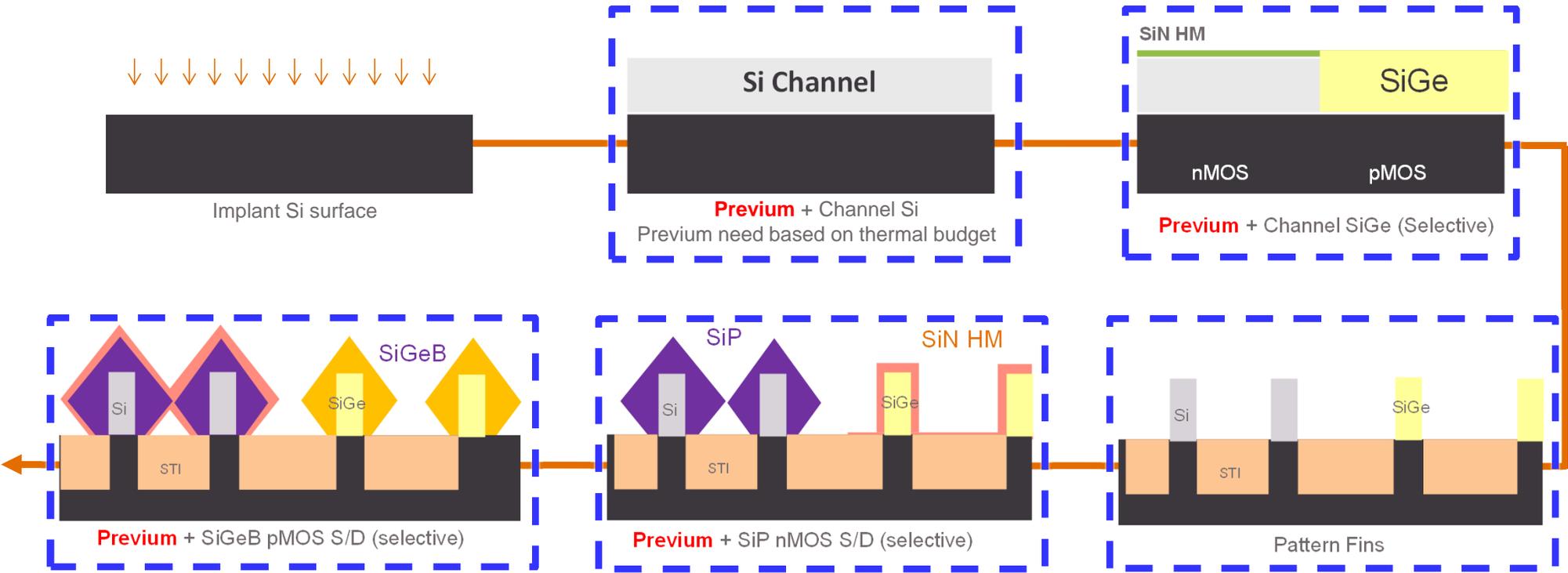
## > How does Previuum Process Work?

- It is based on a chemical etch process (no direct plasma)



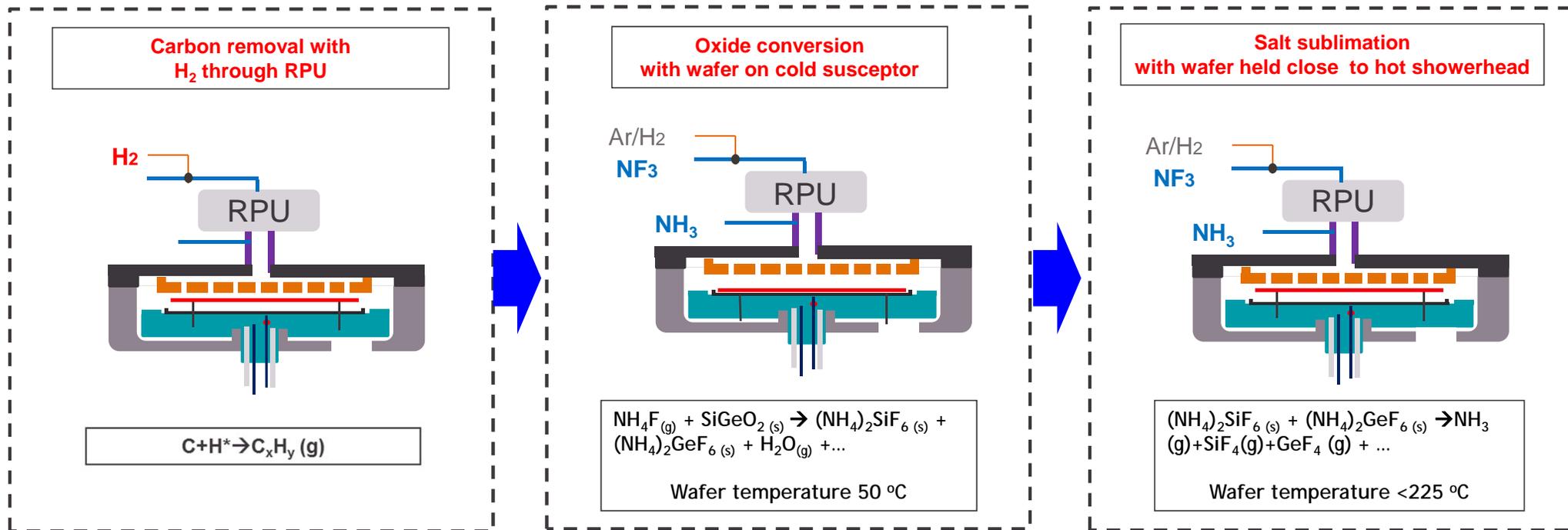
**Previuum is an integrated Preclean Chamber to enable high quality EPI Film Growth**

# PREVIUM® PRE-CLEAN IN LOGIC PROCESS FLOW



**Simplified Logic Process Flow Highlights the Need for Multiple Integrated Previium Surface Cleaning Steps**

Previium Surface Cleaning Consists of 3 Process Recipe Steps for Carbon and Oxide Removal

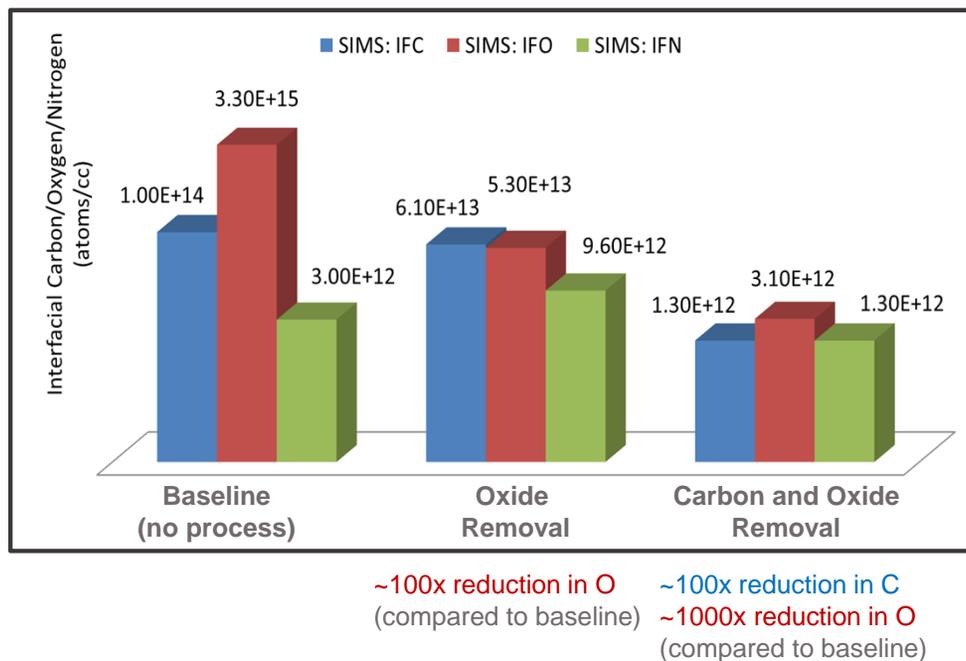


**Previium Process Optimized for Wafer Surface Cleaning at Low Temperatures**

# PREVIUM<sup>®</sup> PERFORMANCE: EFFECTIVENESS OF SURFACE CLEANING PROCESS



- **Primary purpose of the Previium process is to remove wafer surface contamination:**
  - Oxygen in the form of SiO<sub>2</sub> (either native oxide or from previous processing steps)
  - Carbon and Nitrogen (from atmospheric contamination and/or previous processing steps)



**Previium Surface Clean Shows Significant Contamination (Carbon and Oxygen) Reduction**

- > **Device pattern wafers can have several different materials on the surface. The preclean process needs to remove oxide and carbon highly selective towards these materials.**

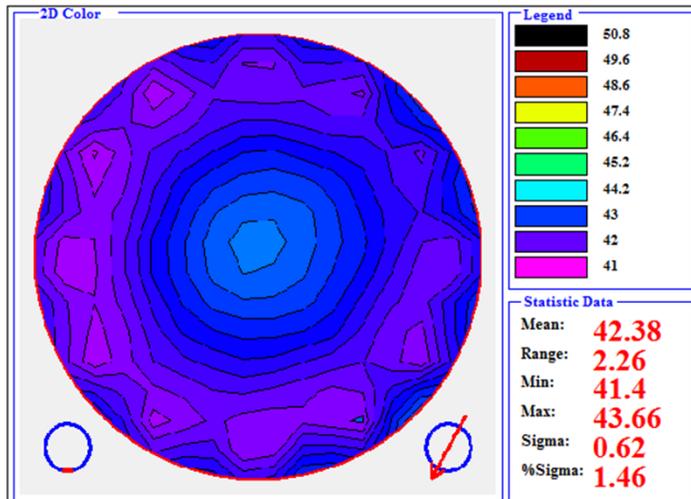
→ Typical metric compares removal of oxide compared to nitride with a target of >10 Ox/Nit Selectivity

	Removal target Nitride wafer type	Oxide Removal (Å)	Nitride Removal (Å)	Selectivity
<b>Previium</b>	40A of Oxide removal Compared to PEALD nitride	43.5	0.38	<b>114.4</b>

**Previium Process Easily Exceeds Oxide/Nitride Selectivity Target**

Oxide removal uniformity across the wafer is extremely important to achieve consistent, uniform EPI growth and uniform device performance

- Tight tolerance in within wafer removal uniformity is achieved through optimized chamber hardware:
  - Etchant gas is evenly distributed across a specialized showerhead configuration
  - Temperature is maintained within a range of  $< 1^{\circ}\text{C}$  across the wafer using active heating and cooling components in the susceptor



Oxide removal range across a 300 mm is typically  $< 2.5\text{\AA}$



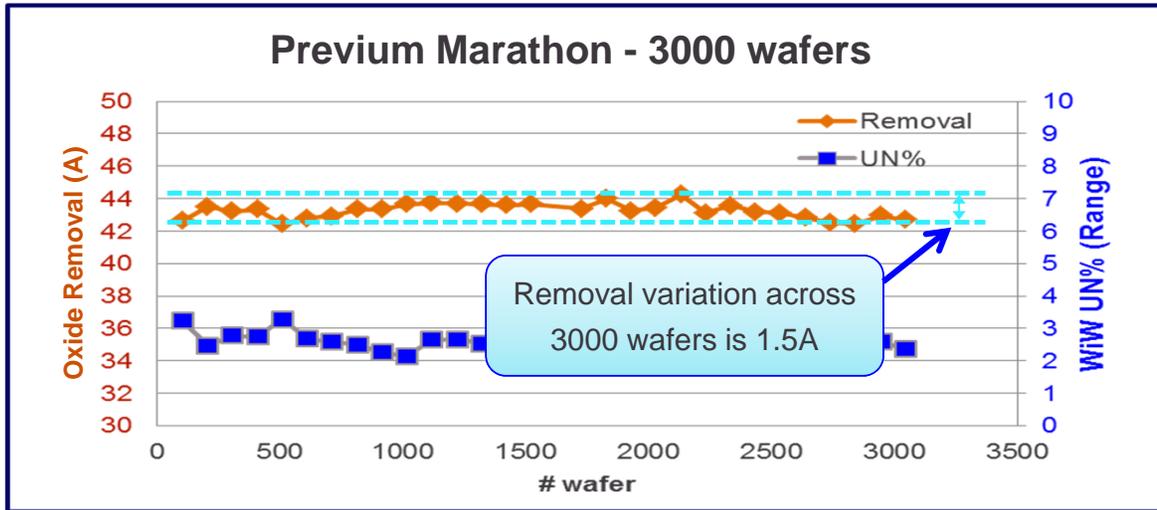
Atomic diameter of a Si atom is 2.6 Å

**Previium Uniformly Removes Oxide Across the Wafer Surface**

# PREVIUM® PERFORMANCE: PROCESS REPEATABILITY



## Oxide Removal



Average Oxide Removal (Å)	43.3
Wafer to Wafer Removal Uniformity	1.1%

## Particle Performance

Monitor Wafer No.	Adders
258	0
512	0
765	2
1018	0
1272	1
1526	2
1779	3
2033	0
2286	4
2539	4
2792	8
3046	1

Average adders: 2.1, >32nm

**Repeatable Oxide Removal Demonstrated with Low Defectivity**

- › **Previium Integrated Surface Cleaning needed for high quality EPI film growth**

- Carbon and Oxide removal in the same process recipe in the same process chamber

- › **Enables multiple EPI steps in advanced Logic Devices**

- › **Process and hardware optimized to achieve required performance**

- Interface contamination removal
  - Oxide removal selectivity to Nitride
  - Within wafer removal uniformity
  - Wafer to wafer and defect performance

THANK YOU

