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# Plan to participate

The SPIE Advanced Lithography Symposium has been the showcase for the latest advances in lithography and patterning technology for over four decades. The technology landscape keeps evolving to incubate more sophisticated and diversified information and computing technologies. The semiconductor technology sector, now in the More than Moore era, is facing more challenges that require holistic patterning solutions involving a higher level of interactions among process technologies, devices, and system design sectors. The 2022 Symposium will cover the full spectrum of the advances and challenges in state-of-the-art lithography and integrated patterning technology through several topical conferences. Advances in the areas of nano- and micro-patterning for semiconductor IC device applications will be presented in sessions covering optical lithography, extreme-UV (EUV) lithography, computational patterning, metrology/inspection, patterning materials, etch/deposition technology, and system-design-technology co-optimization. As novel patterning and non-IC lithography technologies - such as heterogenous wafer packaging, IoT devices including micro-machines and microsensors, AR/VR devices, and FP Displays - have become more widely explored, related topics in these areas are also addressed.

To cope with the changes in the technology landscape and better serve as the premium platform for bringing together the lithography and patterning communities involved with semiconductor devices, micro-/nano-systems, AR/VR devices, displays and related fields, the 2022 Symposium is carefully restructured and renamed as the SPIE Advanced Lithography + Patterning (ALP) Symposium to emphasize the importance of these aspects. Specifically, this year's Symposium is structured into six conferences from the previous seven conferences. The motivation is to make each conference wavelength-agnostic and specialize on its own functional areas. The major change is the merging of the system and practice modules of the EUV and optical nanolithography conferences for advanced IC applications, while the non-IC applications module is moved to the novel patterning conference; the computational patterning module is merged with design technology co-optimization conference into a new computation-focused conference; and the material module is merged with the patterning material conference. Each of the six new conferences, as shown on the symposium web site, is organized by current practitioners of the art working together with organizing committees of experts in these fields. Joint sessions between the conferences will be aligned with several predefined application tracks: machine learning, stochastic effects, and overlay. This will offer attendees the opportunity to cover important topics common across these interest areas and minimize same topic presentation overlap.

Participants come from a broad array of backgrounds to share and learn about state-of-the-art advances of all aspects of patterning technologies. Through a series of provocative panel discussions and seminars, the symposium also probes current issues being faced as we extend current methods, move toward alternative approaches, and identify new ways to complement one technology with another. The Symposium also provides the unique and primary forum for meeting and interacting with a wide range of industry experts, researchers, academics, and key players working on patterning technology development. Attendance ensures that participants learn and share the latest developments in areas of central importance to many vital technology fields. We welcome your participation for the 2022 SPIE Advanced Lithography + Patterning Symposium, urge you to submit your abstracts to the appropriate conference as described in the individual calls for papers, and hope you will encourage your colleagues to do the same. Relevant topics for new technology groups, keynote talks, or panel discussions are also solicited.

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# Optical and EUV Nanolithography XXXV (AL101)



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For over 50 years photolithography has been at the center of the growth of the semiconductor industry. The art of shaping matter with photons influences the way we live today and the drive into the future.

The need for more powerful chips and greater memory storage has driven the evolution of advanced lithography tooling, photomasks, processes, and systems. The advent of extreme ultraviolet lithography (EUV) at 13.5 nm and its introduction in high volume manufacturing (HVM) ensures the extendibility of lithography to tighter dimensions for the fabrication of more powerful devices and support the exponential growth of data management. Its use in conjunction with optical lithography (g-line, i-line, KrF, ArF) enables a wide range of resolution for new devices in an ever-increasing array of applications, like AI, IoT, silicon photonics, MEMS, etc.

Many opportunities for lithography innovation as well as challenges remain. Progress in optical lithography equipment and optical mask-less tools enable improved efficiency and throughput, and more flexible use cases, respectively. Success in HVM and further extension of EUV lithography depend on advances in exposure tools stability, throughput, defectivity, imaging and overlay. Innovation in photomasks technology and tooling is a key component to both optical and EUV extendibility, as well as for continued support of a growing demand of established processes. Process optimization and stochastics control dictate implementation schemes of multiple patterning and EUV.

The new Optical and EUV Nanolithography XXXV conference covers both EUV and Optical projection-based lithography systems, practices, and their applications in IC technology. It is the leading forum for scientists and engineers from around the world to present and discuss research on the advancement of lithography technologies.

We welcome technical and scientific papers in the following areas:

## LITHOGRAPHY EQUIPMENT

- optical lithography equipment
- optical mask-less exposure tools
- optical and EUV tool design and innovation
- high-NA EUV imaging systems
- throughput, defectivity, and productivity
- imaging performance
- focus, dose, overlay control, and budgets
- aberrations, flare, and out-of-band light

## SOURCES

- light sources for EUV and optical lithography systems
- power scaling of EUV sources
- efficiency and reliability
- source characterization
- EUV source collectors, cleaning, and lifetime

## MASKS

- substrates and blanks
- patterned and blank mask inspection
- actinic, e-beam, and DUV inspection methods
- defect characterization, mitigation, and repair
- optical and EUV mask absorber materials and patterning
- mask process
- mask roughness
- pellicle development and platform integration
- mask architectures for higher numerical apertures
- mask writing techniques
- mask design fit to multi-beam mask writers

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### Optical and EUV Nanolithography XXXV (AL101) continued

#### PATTERNING

- optical system and mask-induced defect, electrical and yield signatures
- resolution enhancement techniques
- imaging simulations and source-mask optimization (SMO)
- optical and EUV lithography mixing
- EUV to Optical matching
- multi-patterning, 193i and EUVL
- edge placement control
- on-product overlay control
- EUV process optimization
- stochastics control

#### SYSTEMS FOR IOT, ADVANCED PACKAGING, AND HETEROGENEOUS INTEGRATION

- Equipment design and characterization for non-IC applications
- Light sources for non-IC applications
- Mask technology for non-IC applications

Students submitting papers to Optical and EUV Nanolithography XXXV will be considered for the ASML Best Student Paper. This award is given each year at this conference and recognizes extraordinary work achieved by students interested in the photolithography field, and strongly supports the contributions made to scientific advancement at the conference. The award includes a plaque along with a monetary award to help the student's future research activities.

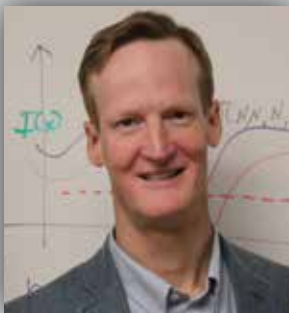
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Design Technology Co-Optimization (DTCO) is the process to co-optimize the design and technology (i.e., manufacturing process and electronic design automation) to improve chip power, performance, area, and cost (PPAC) as the manufacturing process constraints continue to be an important consideration in semiconductor technology node definition, ramp, and scale manufacturing. Design for Manufacturability (DFM), Design for Yield (DFY), and computational patterning are used to improve the manufacturability, while reducing the error and cost during the design phase.

In past years, this conference has covered the topics of design interactions with computational patterning (e.g., OPC), lithography/etch processes, fill, CMP, and other integration process. Cost-of-ownership (CoO), yield, and reliability-related topics have been covered as well. This year's conference will also include broad computational patterning topics in areas of both Optical and EUV lithography. Like last year, papers should emphasize fundamentals of technical solutions rather than their commercial embodiments.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

## **DESIGN TECHNOLOGY CO-OPTIMIZATION (DTCO) AND SYSTEM TECHNOLOGY CO-OPTIMIZATION (STCO)**

- pattern-based design optimization
  - leveraging design-intent information (beyond layout) for manufacturing
  - propagating electrical design intent for RET/OPC and manufacturing optimization and verification
  - performance-power-manufacturability optimization
  - design for multi-patterning (MP) technology
  - layout style and lithography co-optimization (including optical source and design co-optimization)
  - standard cell, SRAM, and digital designs
  - design and technology booster co-optimization
  - design for novel patterning process
    - directed self-assembly (DSA) technology
    - interferometric lithography
    - novel subtractive and additive patterning techniques

- design optimization for technology
  - DTCO for Standard Cells and Memory
  - DTCO for Device and Integration
  - DTCO for tools
- STCO 3-D integration
  - 3-D packaging and integration
  - heterogeneous integration and its impact to design, DFM, OPC, and other fields
- design-to-manufacturing economics
  - cost-performance tradeoffs between design and manufacturing
  - design-to-manufacturing flow methodologies for productivity improvement, time-to-market, and cost reduction
  - new models for maximizing net return on investment in design and manufacturing.

## **DESIGN FOR MANUFACTURING (DFM), DESIGN FOR YIELD (DFY): TECHNOLOGY, IP, AND SYSTEM**

- physical layout optimization
  - Design-rule development strategies and methodologies
  - layout optimization for systematic and random yield loss reduction
  - layout optimization for minimizing circuit variability
- design and verification methodologies using novel manufacturing models
  - design verification
  - hot spot detection
- manufacturing friendly circuit design styles and methodologies
- DFM for “more than Moore” applications (analog, RF, digital/SoC, etc.)
- deep learning and machine learning; data analytics for layout analysis and optimization or process modeling and control
- design-to-manufacturing methodologies for analog circuits, MEMS, and other microlithography applications

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## **DTCO and Computational Patterning (AL102) continued**

### **COMPUTATIONAL PATTERNING (EUV & DUV)**

- optimization and machine learning/AI approaches throughout mask manufacturing, SMO, OPC, etch, etc.
- new computational lithography consideration for anamorphic high-NA EUV, including stitching impacts on design and DTCO applications for mitigation
- new approaches for multi-patterning, decomposition, and interaction with design
- advances in modeling for accuracy and defect detection, including use in DTCO
- applications of new computation architectures such as quantum computing, TPU, etc.

### **DEEP LEARNING AND MACHINE LEARNING TECHNIQUES INTO DESIGN, LAYOUT OPTIMIZATION, AND COMPUTATIONAL PATTERNING**

- machine learning based process, mask, design, and OPC methodologies & optimization

Special consideration will be given to papers that emphasize methodologies or applications used by chip manufacturers. Abstracts with a preview of results and conclusions supported by technical data are favored for oral presentation.

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Metrology-based analysis, identification, and control of error sources continue to enable rapid evolution of lithography and patterning. Metrology of exposure dose and focus supports ever-smaller process windows. Dimensional metrology in layouts facilitates resolution enhancement and validation of control. Extremely tight overlay is required for multiple patterning. Development of materials, equipment, and processing in EUV, direct-write, nanoimprint, directed self-assembly, etch, and deposition drive further innovation of metrology tools and applications.

This conference is the leading forum for the exchange of foundational information and discussion of novel concepts in patterning-related metrology, inspection, and process control. Consistent with the conference charter and goals, please submit original technical papers in these and related technology areas:

## METROLOGY AND INSPECTION

- optical full-field and scanned microscopy, scatterometry, and interference microscopy
- novel measurement techniques with high-resolution optics, scatterometry, SEM, AFM, x-ray
- particle-beam scanned microscopy, materials characterization, and elemental analysis
- design rules, design compliance, hot spots, design-based metrology and inspection
- metrology for design rules and process margins, budgeting, and budget control
- metrology for lithography development, patterning model build, and validation
- metrology on photomasks, including pre-compensation, OPC, and phase shifting
- machine learning in metrology and inspection for capability and productivity
- hybrid metrology, including computational or virtual metrology
- parametric electrical testing and other device performance-based metrology
- applications in emerging patterning technologies including optical immersion and EUV lithography, direct-write, nano-imprint, and directed self-assembly

- applications in manufacturing of ICs, cell stacking, wafer bonding, TSV and 3D integration, displays, thin-film heads, MEMS, MOEMS, bio-arrays, lab on a chip, integrated optoelectronics and other micro- and nano-systems

## CRITICAL DIMENSION, PATTERN PLACEMENT, AND OVERLAY

- 1D, 2D, and 3D metrology of CD and pattern placement, including within device layouts
- alignment, registration and overlay metrology, processing and metrology integration
- feature edge, edge profile and edge position, roughness of edge, width, and centerline
- optical, SEM, and AFM based in-die overlay on small targets and devices

## MEASUREMENT SYSTEM MODELING AND SIMULATION

- physics and mathematical models of metrology process and detection methods
- physical characterization of both systems and samples, model parameters
- data analysis methods, library-based image analysis, and algorithms

## CALIBRATION AND ACCURACY

- metrology quality, error diagnostics, and data culling
- measurement resolution and error, including precision and accuracy
- standards and reference materials, calibration methods, hybrid metrologies
- reference measurement systems and metrology comparisons
- tool fleet performance, maintenance, and matching

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## Metrology, Inspection, and Process Control XXXVI (AL103) continued

### **PROCESS CHARACTERIZATION, CONTROL, PERFORMANCE, AND YIELD**

- process metrology and monitors, segmentation, and reduction of variance
- metrology sampling, excursion detection, costs, device performance, and yield
- data analysis and visualization, modeling and fingerprint detection
- advanced process control, data feedback, and feed forward
- big data analysis and diagnostic methodologies, data management

### **DEFECT DETECTION, ANALYSIS, AND CONTROL**

- detection and control of systematic, random, and low photon count stochastic pattern defects
- defect review, defect reduction, yield improvement, and effective data use
- artificial intelligence and machine learning applied to defect detection, analysis, and control
- environmental contamination, including impacts on processing and defects

### **PERFORMANCE LIMITS IN METROLOGY AND INSPECTION**

- responses to commanded skews and cross-technology comparisons
- models of tool-sample interaction, noise, and error mechanisms

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**Author Notification:  
6 December 2021**

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**Manuscript Due Date:  
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New solutions to meet current and future patterning challenges are critical to extend scaling, complement existing approaches, and enable functional patterning for emerging and convergent applications, e.g., More-than-Moore. The Novel Patterning conference brings together expertise from a diverse group of industry/academia leaders within and outside the semiconductor field. This conference is an opportunity to present new ideas as well as learn more about the core challenges in advanced patterning.

The Novel Patterning conference showcases novel lithography and patterning techniques that provide solutions for semiconductor IC nodes, wafer-level packaging, and non-IC related and adjacent technologies, e.g., health care, communications, energy, etc., such as MEMS/NEMS, MOEMS, displays, photonics, metamaterials, and micro/nanofluidics. Approaches, including roll-to-roll, 3D printing, DNA-based and colloidal self-assembly, and additive manufacturing, are welcome. Contributions are also sought which describe hybrid approaches employing a combination of lithographic aerial imaging and patterning processes such as self-aligned pitch division, tone-reversals, selective depositions, directed self-assembly, including novel approaches that demonstrate the feasibility of the bio-inspired assembly of functional nanomaterials, etc.

## APPLICATION AREAS FOR NOVEL PATTERNING TECHNOLOGIES

- functional nanopatterning materials and emerging IoT applications
- novel patterning for semiconductor 7nm IC nodes and beyond
- MEMS/NEMS, MOEMS, and microsystems
- metasurfaces and metamaterials
- photonic and/or phononic crystals
- micro/nanofluidics, lab on a chip or other bio-applications
- digital micro-mirror arrays
- multi-beam writing of masks and master templates
- semiconductor wafer-level packaging and fan-out
- bioelectronics and genomics/proteomics
- photovoltaics and related energy applications
- large-area display/flat-panel displays

- roll-to-roll/web format device manufacturing
- micro LED array fabrication
- nanopatterned sensors, waveguides, antennas
- building blocks for defect-tolerant computing
- smart resists and self-healing materials
- tools/materials to improve existing scanner performance
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- interference, plasmonic or nearfield/evanescent wave lithography
- micromirror optical lithography
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- photoresists for EUV and 193nm (immersion) lithography
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- novel development techniques: positive and negative tone (PTD, NTD) resists and developers, solvent, aqueous, or dry development processes
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- single and multiple patterning
- resist smoothing, rectification, trim and shrink, and tone inversion
- applied processing, including filtration, defect control, and pattern collapse mitigation
- materials challenges related to etch, process control, and metrology
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The revolution in microelectronics over the last 50 years of Moore’s Law has been led by exponential increases in dimensional scaling of logic and memory semiconductor devices. Dramatic innovations in optical and now extreme ultraviolet lithography in conjunction with novel process integration strategies have been the driving force behind much of the success of dimensional scaling. Plasma-based pattern transfer innovations have formed a major backbone for those integration strategies that in collaboration with wavelength and numerical aperture scaling have avoided the physical limits as defined by the Rayleigh criterion.

This new paradigm in scaling defines the patterning era, utilizing innovative plasma processing techniques and novel process integration to dramatically extend the achievable pattern design, dimension and fidelity. Plasma-based processes including both etch and deposition are key to an overall patterning strategy to create new opportunities in “complementary patterning” for the basic elements common to all patterns (lines, spaces, holes). Novel integration strategies take the basic elements to next level by enabling more complex structures with high fidelity.

This increasing interdependence of lithography technologies, photoresist technologies, plasma etch, and deposition technologies has created new opportunities in materials, integration, and the co-optimization of plasma-based patterning with lithography and process control. Historically distinct from optical imaging, the new role of these plasma-based techniques and process integration in defining critical features on device has driven a need for more intelligent process control and automated development.

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