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The initial performance data of a LPP-source equipped High Power EUV Irradiation Tool (:HPEUV)

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Introduction

Many researchers working for EUVL have made experiments with the sources as follows;

Current sources for experiments;

- 1) DPP light (Pulse-mode, Low intensity)
- 2) SOR light (CW-mode, Low or Middle intensity)
- 3) EB

But, HVM scanner irradiates objects(;resists, masks and pellicles) with a LPP source whose IF power is higher than 250W.

The average intensity on the object is estimated at 1,000mW/cm² or more, and the pulse intensity is much higher than that.

In this high intensity region, there is a possibility that characteristics of objects are different from ones in low intensity region.

We need a LPP-source equipped exposure tool, and need to check the above mentioned possibility.

Design Concept

The following items are possible to do.

◆ To Emulate real HVM EUV scanners

- High intensity, Pulse-mode, Fast wafer exchange
- LPP-source, Wafer/Mask auto-loader

◆ To Monitor basic parameters

- Temperature(Wafer/Mask/WS), Outgas
- IR-camera, TC, QMS

◆ To Compare with conventional outgas experiments

- Variable intensity, EB-available, Selectable WS position
- Attenuator, EB-gun, WS1/WS2

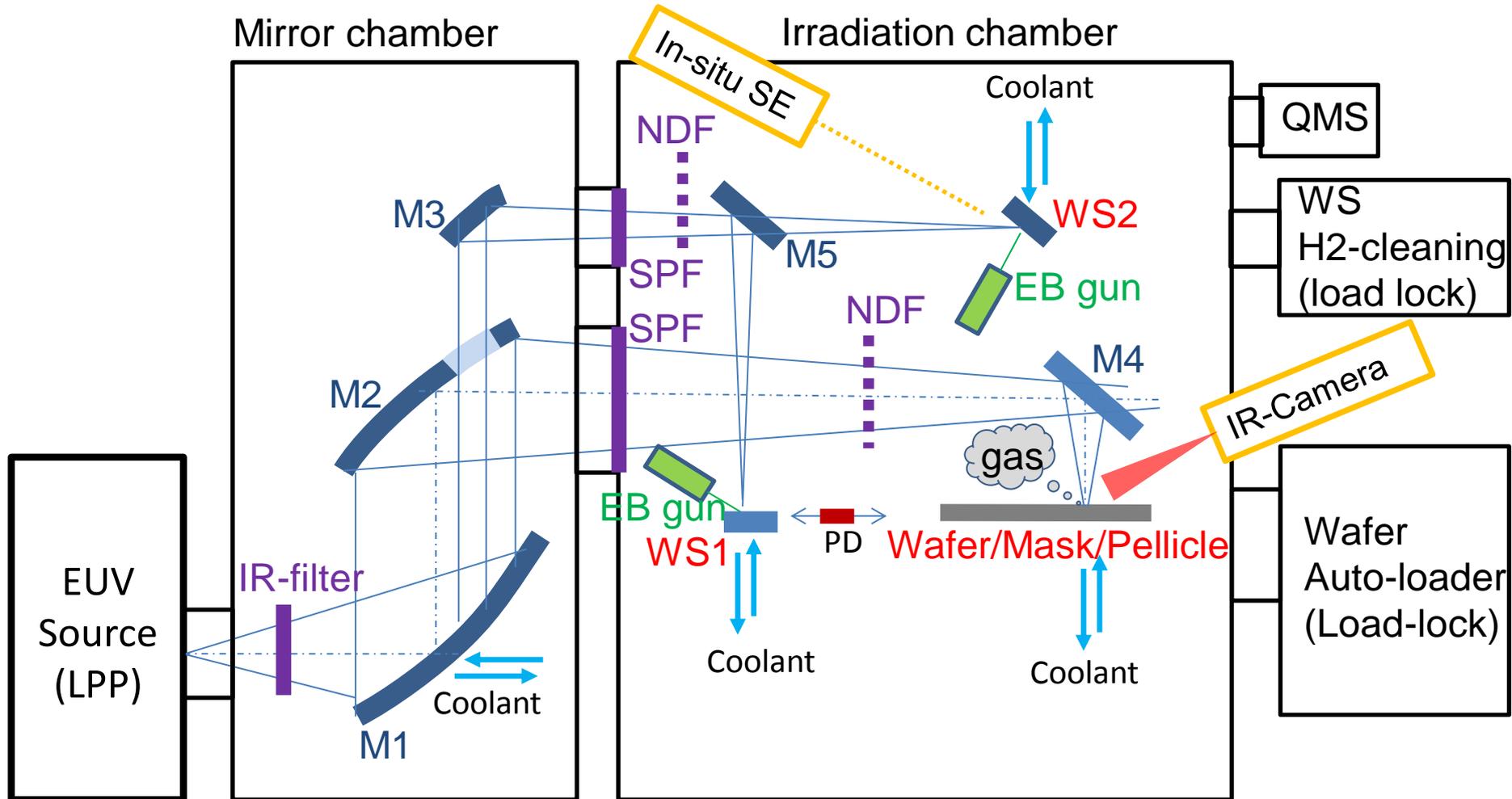
Basic Configuration(1/2)

- Source : EUV LPP source
- Optics :
 - a. Two optical axis for WS and Wafer/Mask
 - b. Three mirrors for each axis
(;Collimate/Condense/Turndown)
 - c. Field is 3.5mm x 3.5mm
 - d. IR-filter
 - e. SPF and Attenuator for each axis
- Monitor : IR-camera, TC, QMS, SE
- Wafer/Mask Loading and Stage :
 - a. 25-wafers auto loading
 - b. Wafer pre-alignment
 - c. Wafer-shaped mask-holder
 - d. R- Θ stage

Basic Configuration(2/2)

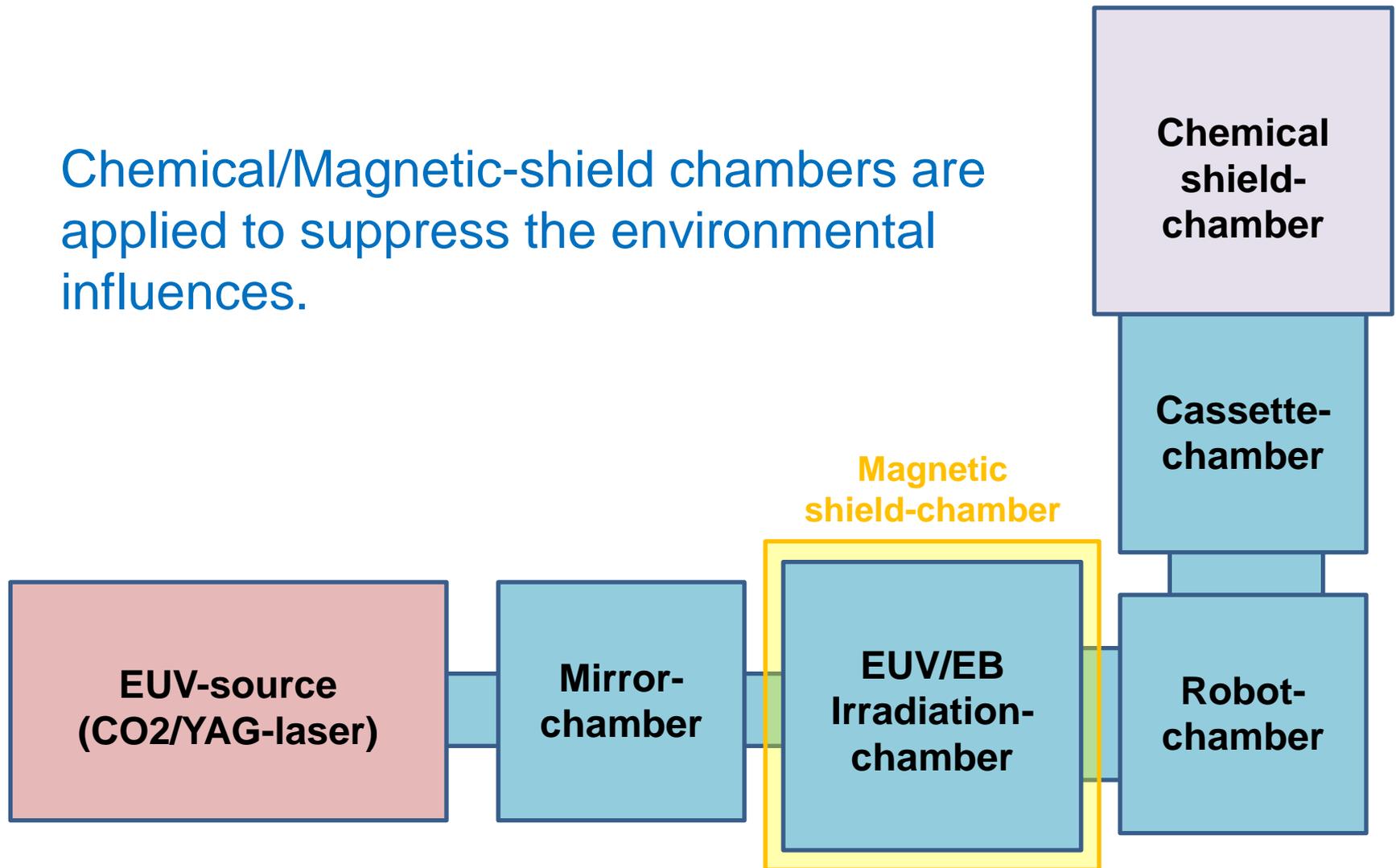
SPF = Spectral Purity Filter
SE = Spectroscopic Ellipsometer

NDF = Neutral Density Filter
WS = Witness Sample

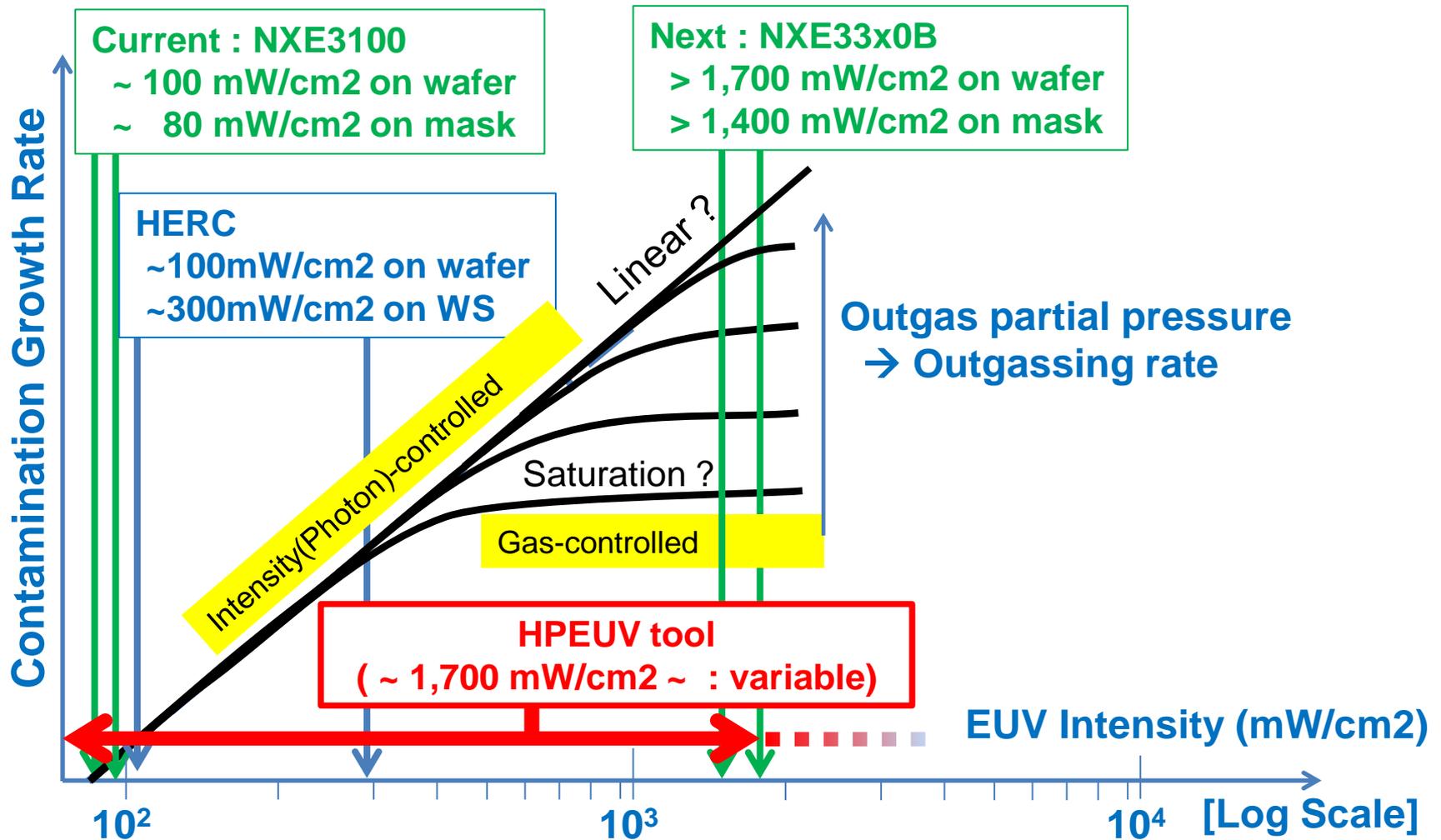


Layout of HPEUV

Chemical/Magnetic-shield chambers are applied to suppress the environmental influences.



Scope of HPEUV : Intensity Viewpoint



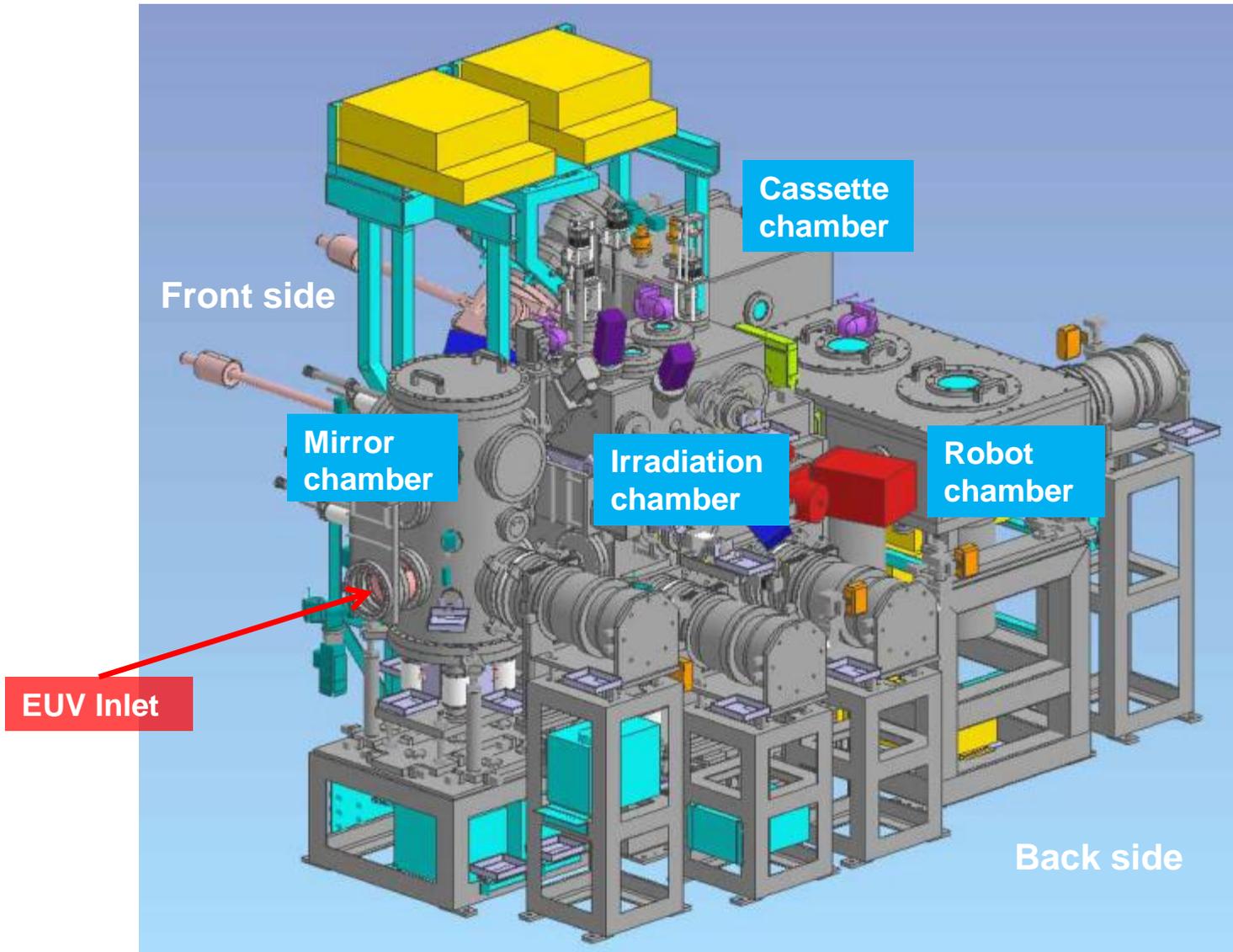
Specifications

Items	Specifications	Remarks
Wafer & WS Intensity	1,700 mW/cm ² <	Variable
IF Power	10 W (in-band) <	Dirty power
Pulse rate	20kHz~50 kHz	100 kHz is a trying target
Vacuum	2.0e-6 Pa >	Variable valve equipped
Hydrocarbon	Mw 45~100 : 1.0e-8 Pa > Mw 101~200 : 5.0e-9 Pa >	Same as EUVOM
Wafer / WS water cooling	23±1 degree C (at pedestal stage)	(Wafer/WS) / Holder / Pedestal
Field size	Wafer : 3.5mm x 3.5mm < Witness sample : 2.1 mmΦ	
Exposure Area (on wafer)	90% (target=95%) <	
CG Total Test Time	5 hours / 25 wafers >	Auto loader (load lock)
Wafer exchange time	5 min./wafer >	
D2C Repeatability	±6% >	

Other Characteristics of HPEUV

- More Intensity :
HPEUV can move the M4 mirror along the optical axis, then it can make the focus-point near to the wafer plane.
By increasing pulse rate (20→50kHz) and moving M4 mirror, HPEUV can enhance the intensity.
- Optics Cleaning :
HPEUV has H-cleaners in front of each mirrors in the mirror chamber.
- Spiral Exposure :
HPEUV can expose a wafer in spiral mode, which make it possible to expose a wafer in one minute.
“Step and static exposure” and “Step and Rotational exposure” are, of course, available.
- 2D profiler :
A pin-hole sensor is located on a X/Y sensor-stage.
- Chamber baking :
Heater lines are applied to the chamber walls excluding gate-valves. (~200 degree C)

Bird's Eye CAD picture



Front View of HPEUV

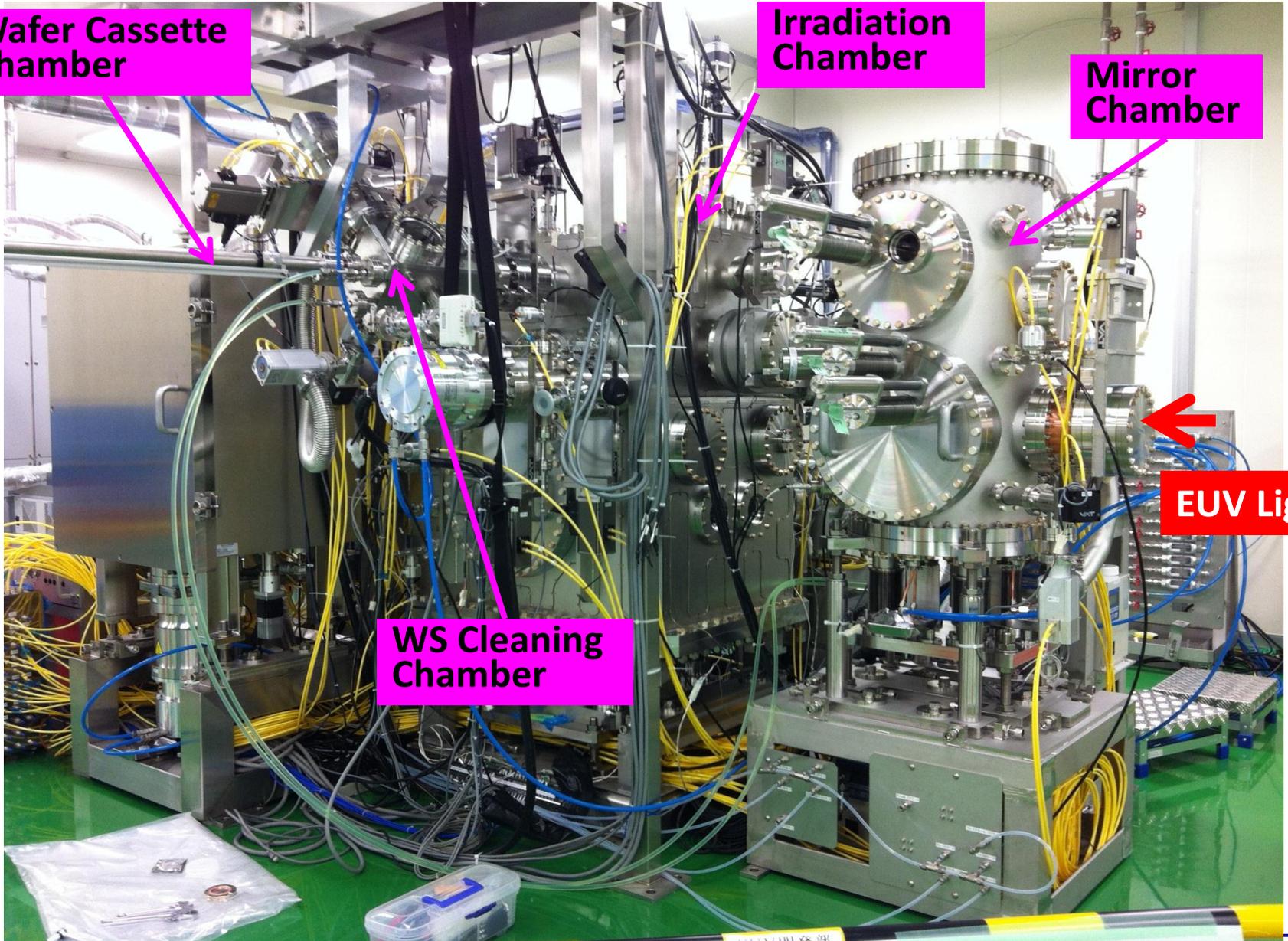
Wafer Cassette Chamber

Irradiation Chamber

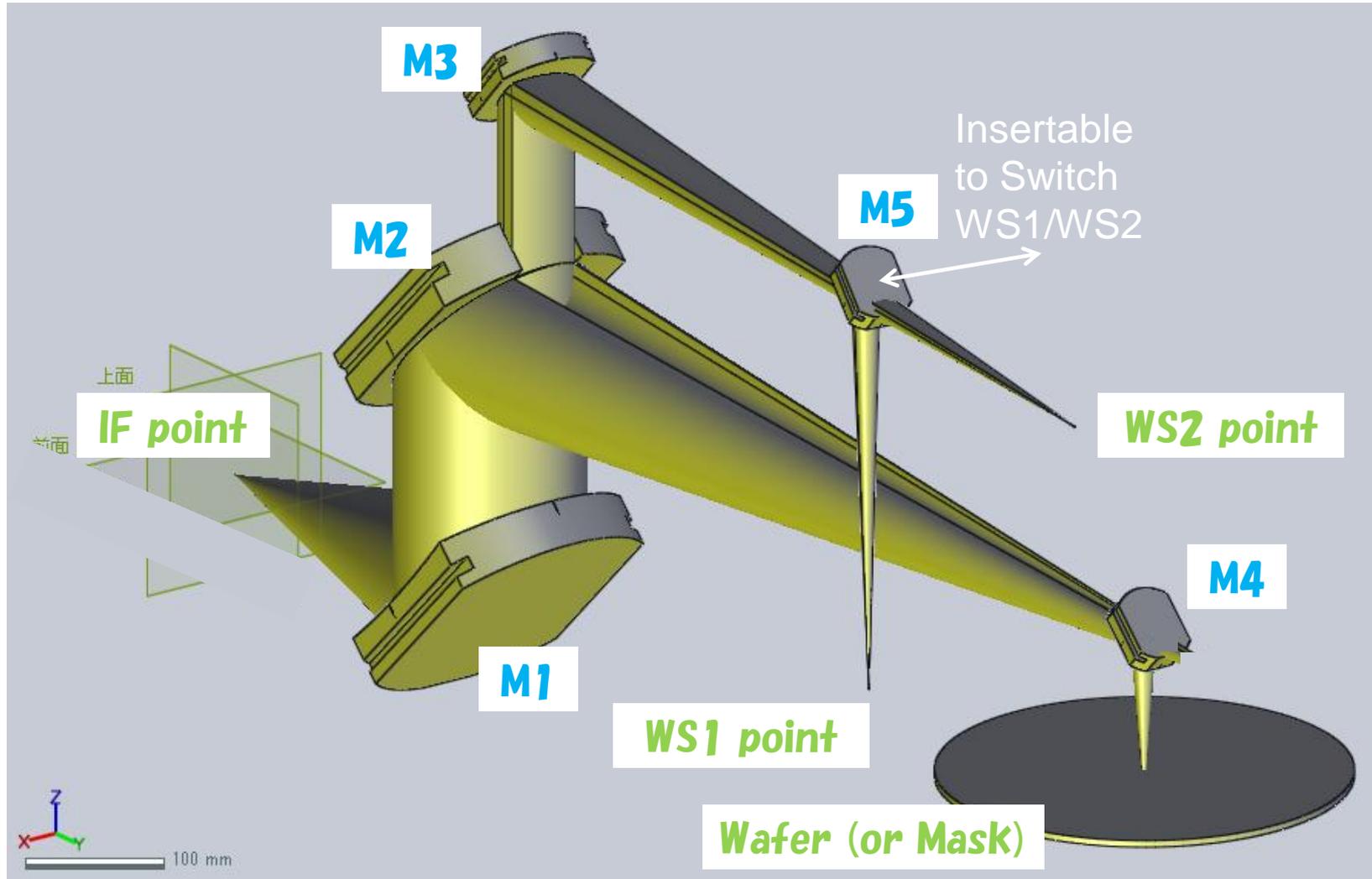
Mirror Chamber

WS Cleaning Chamber

EUV Light



Optics

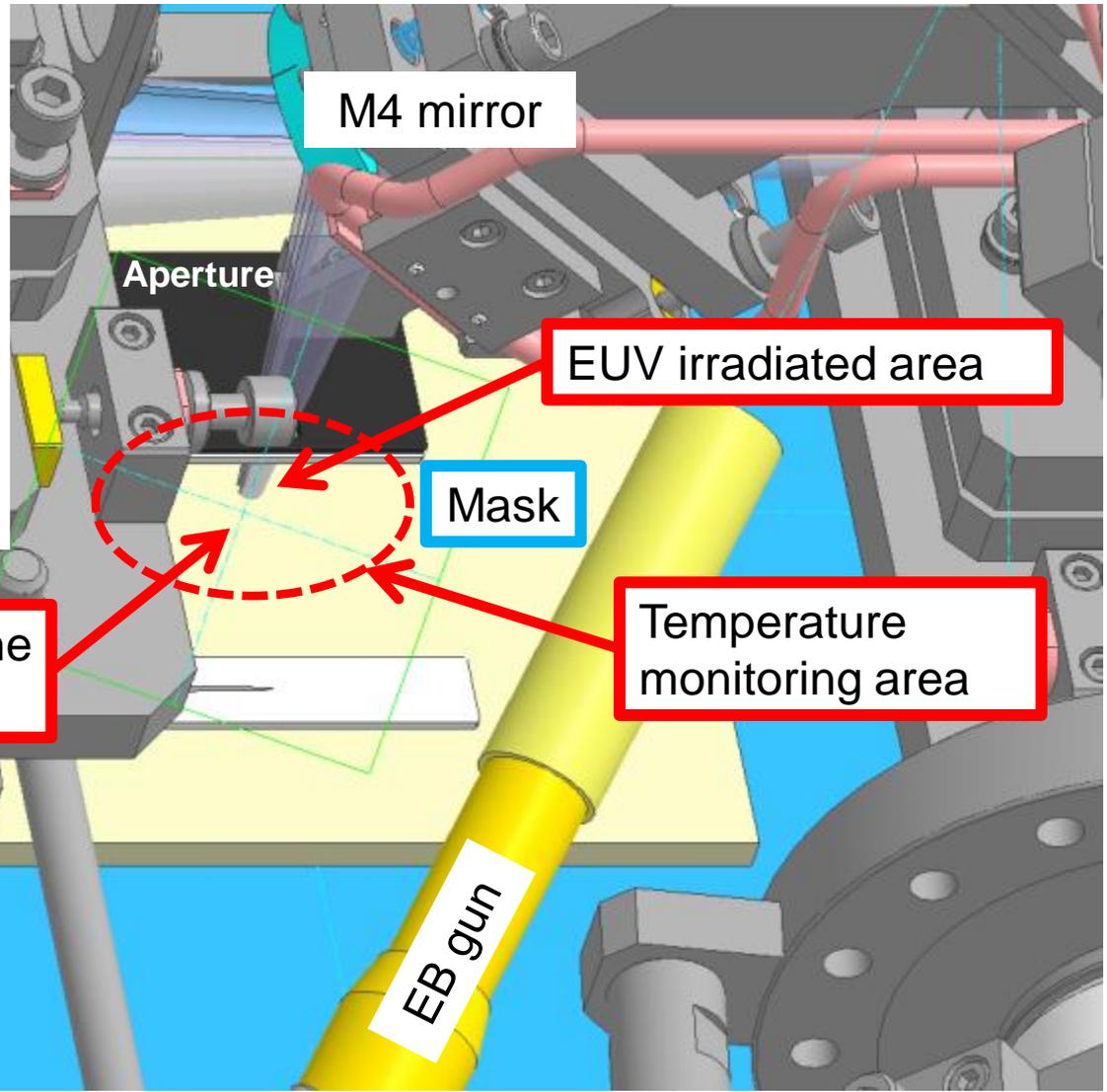
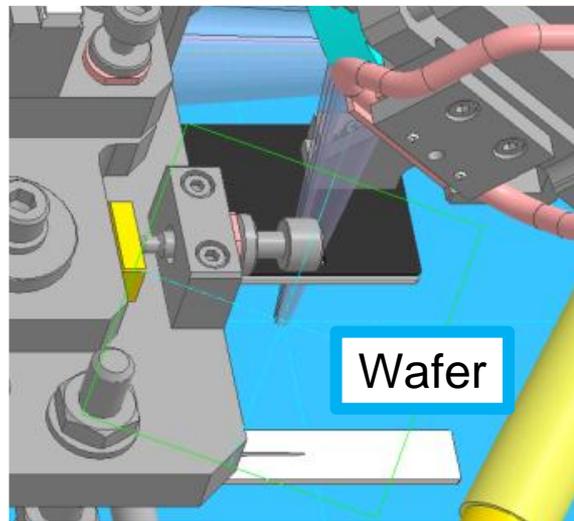


View from the IR-Camera

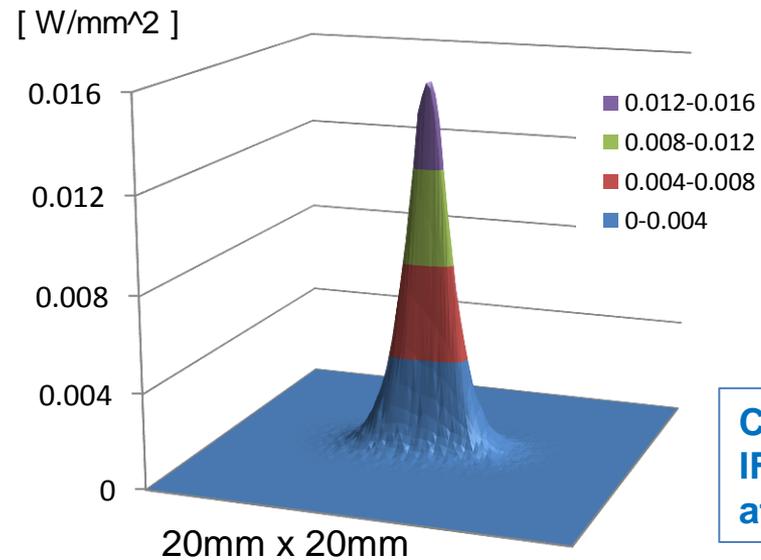
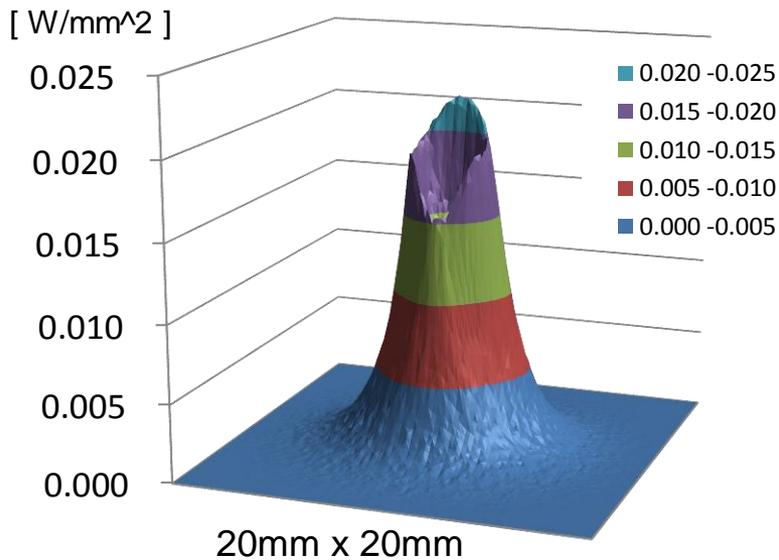
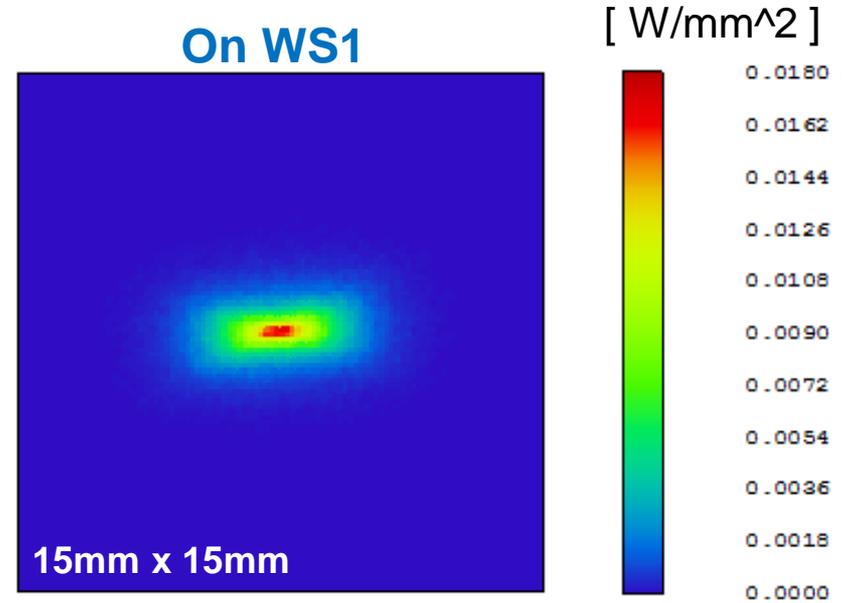
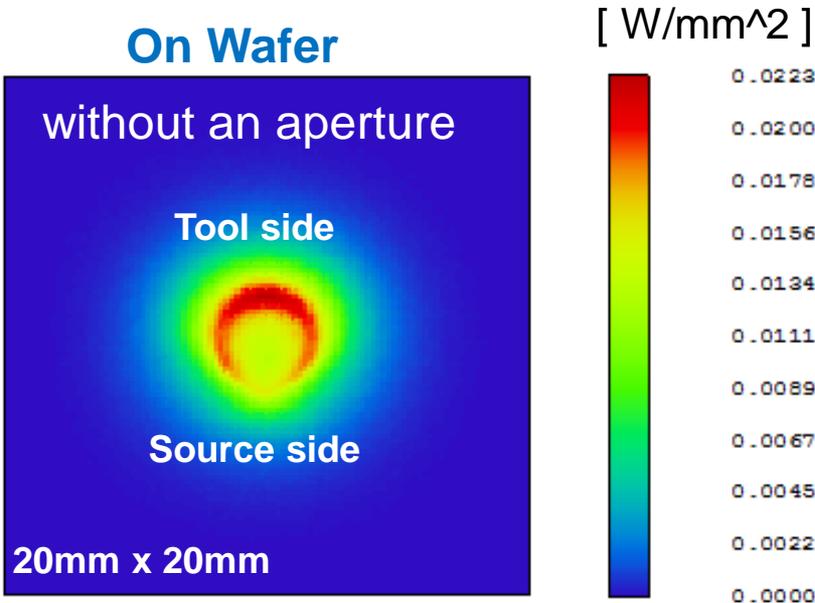
Mirror Chamber side

Intra Irradiation Chamber

Robot Chamber side



Intensity profiles (Simulation)



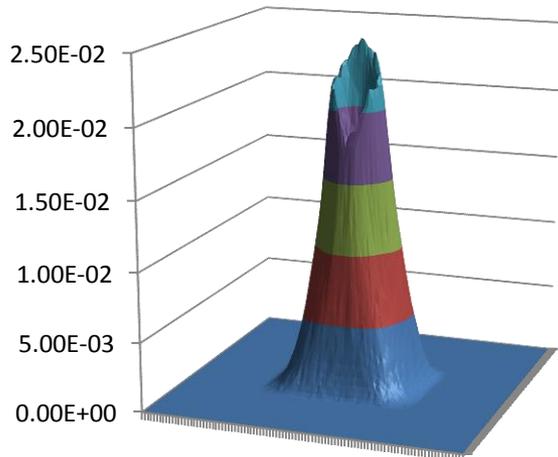
Condition :
IF = $4W/2\pi sr$
after filtering

M4 shift effect on Intensity(1/2): Simulation

With A3 aperture

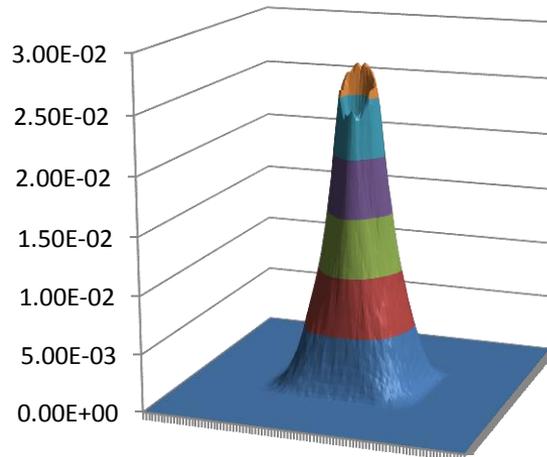
Units = W/mm²

M4: +5mm



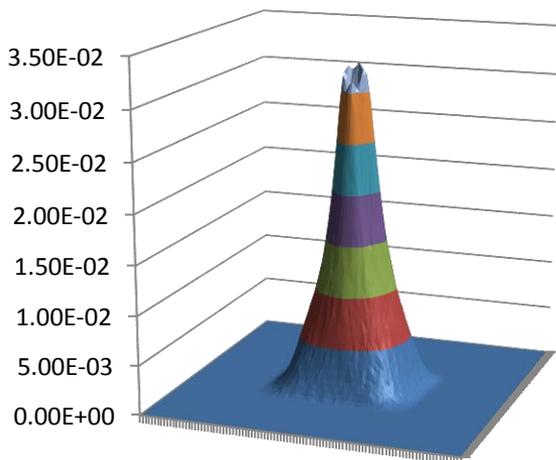
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- 0.00E+00-5.00E-03

M4: +10mm



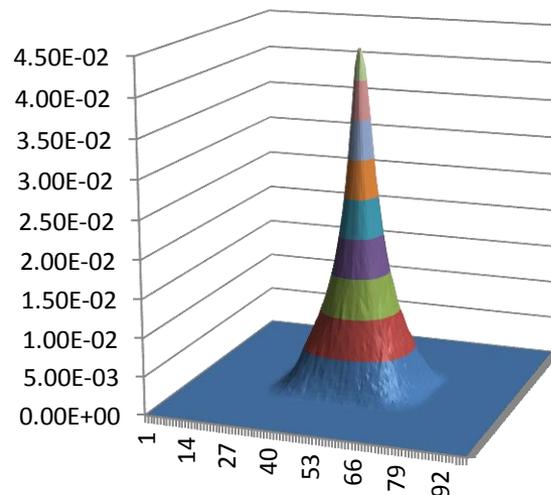
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M4: +15mm



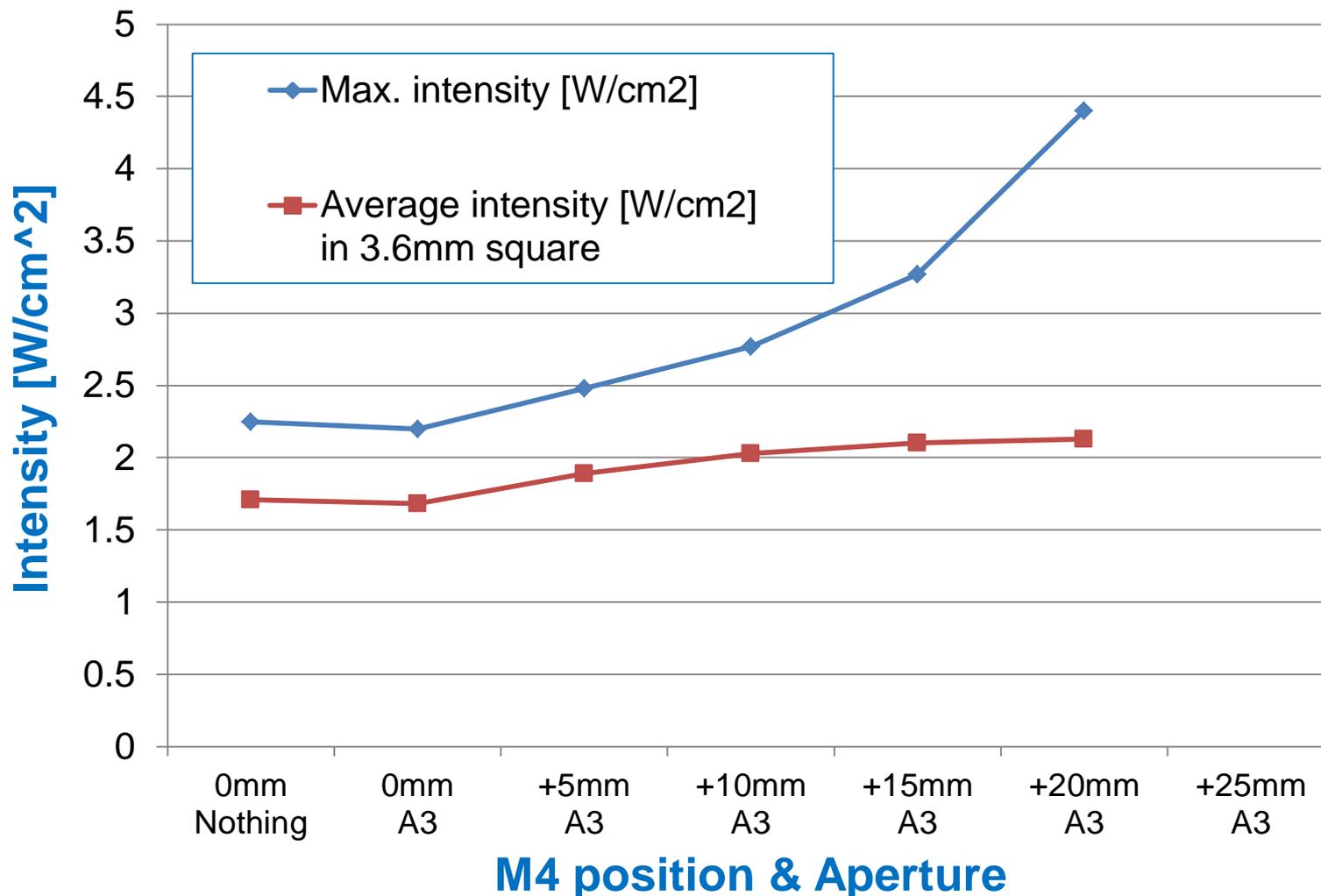
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M4: +20mm



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M4 shift effect on Intensity(2/2): Simulation



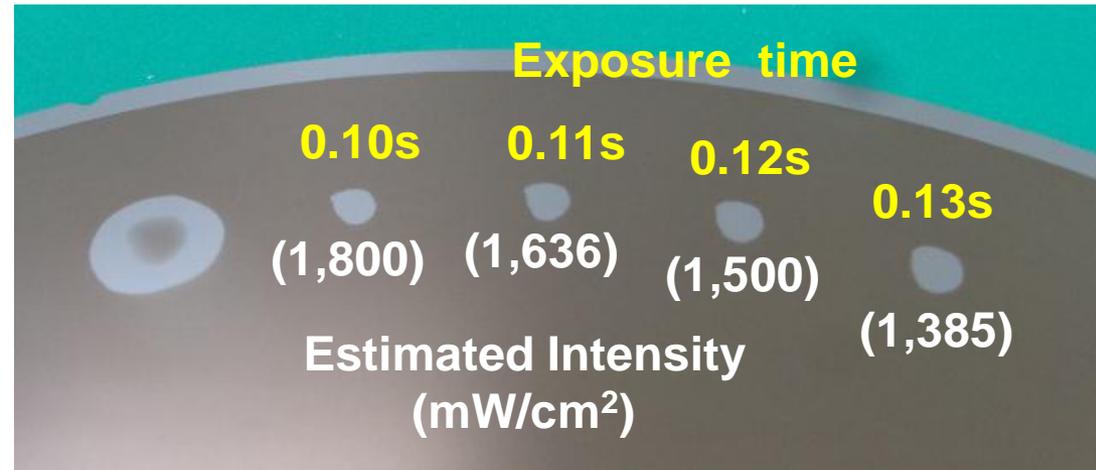
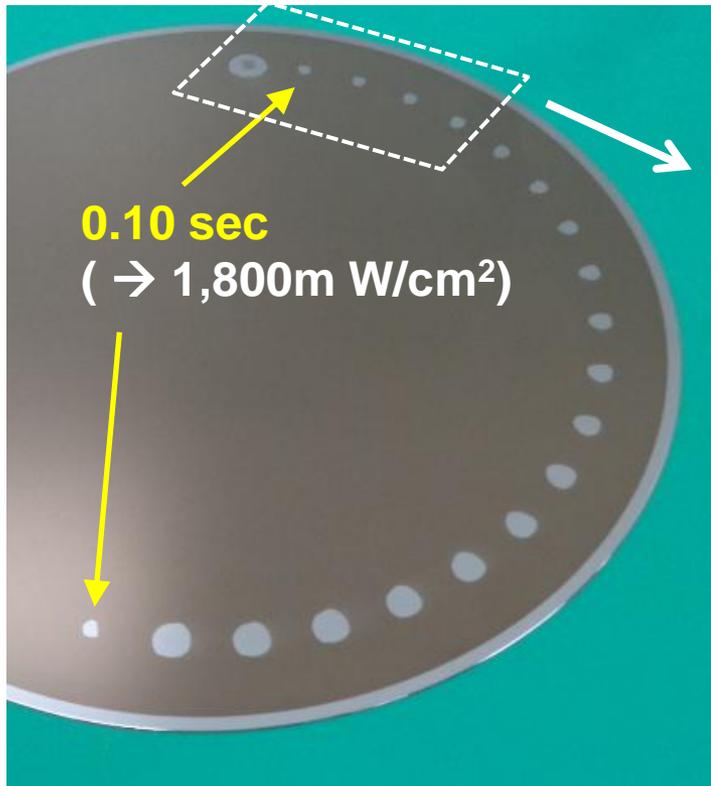
- By changing the M4 position, the peak intensity was increased by a factor of two.

Intensity (Measurement)

Wafer intensity was confirmed with using the resist of which sensitivity is $4.5\text{mJ}/\text{cm}^2$.

EUV pulse rate = 50kHz
NDF = 2.5%

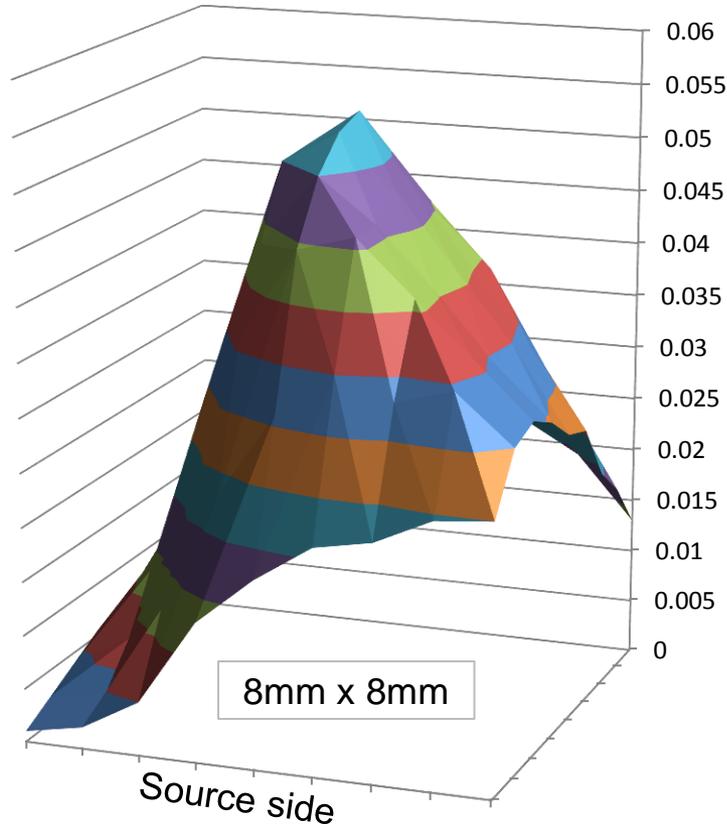
Wafer picture after development



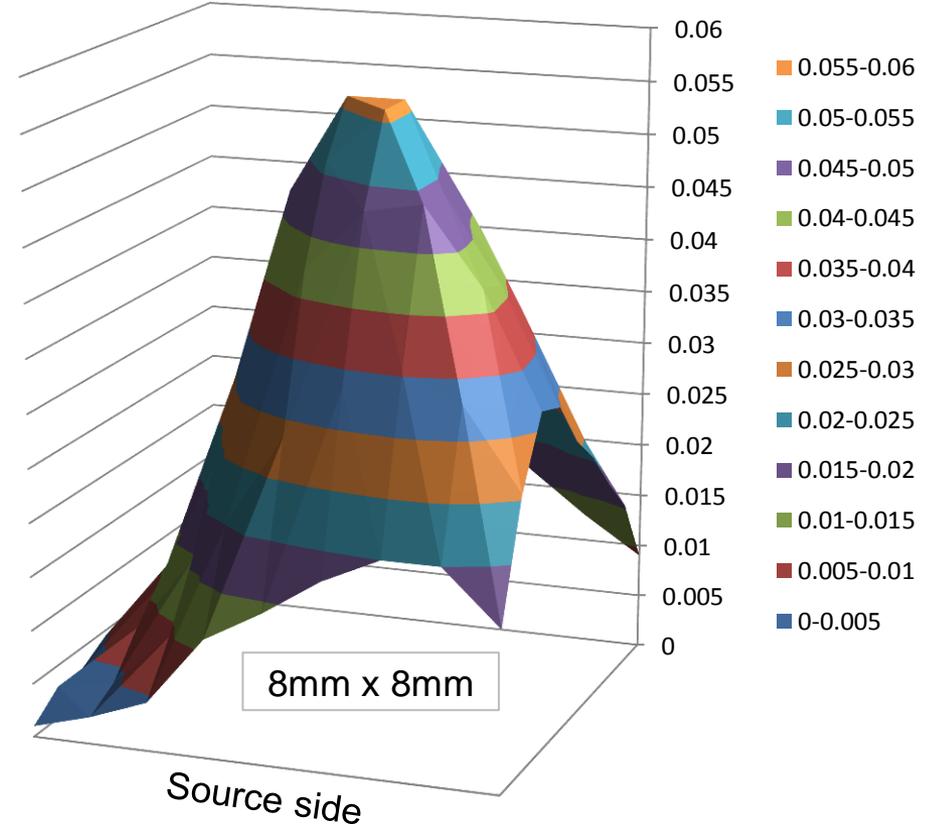
➤ Wafer intensity is calculated from the open shot's exposure time, which showed more than $1,800\text{mW}/\text{cm}^2$.

Intensity Profiles (Measurement)

M4 = Baseline position

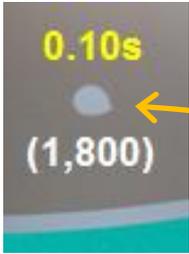


M4 = +20mm position



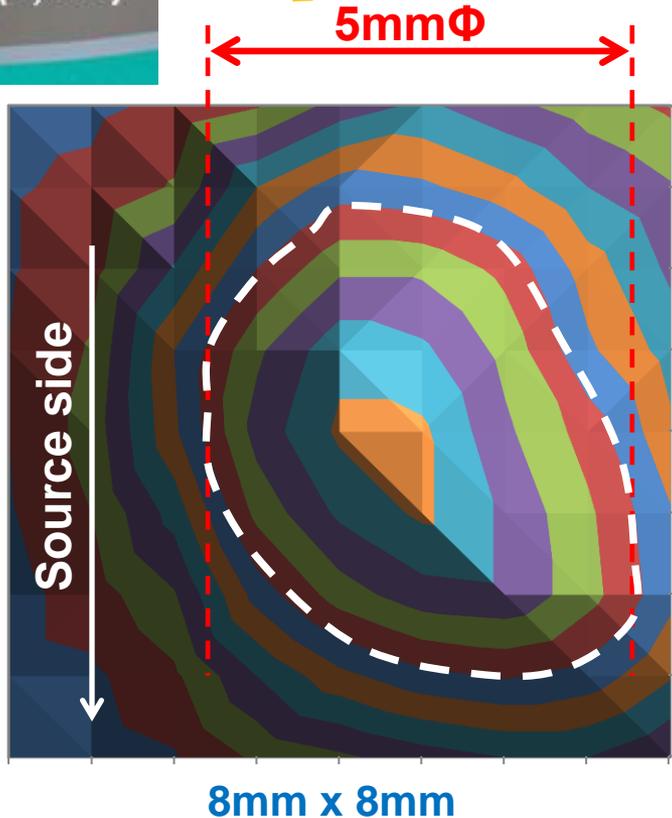
- The pin-hole sensor could measure the EUV intensity profile.
- Intensity/Profile could be changed by shifting M4 position.
- Relative position should be more precisely readjusted.

Maximum Intensity : Estimation

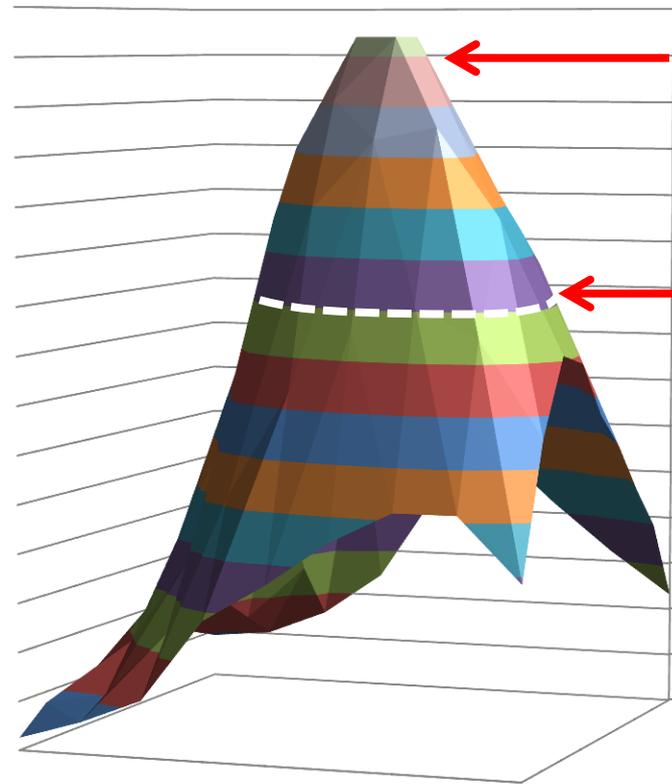
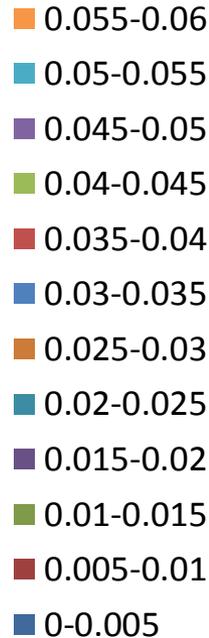


Circle edge intensity = 1,800mW/cm²
Circle size = 5mmΦ

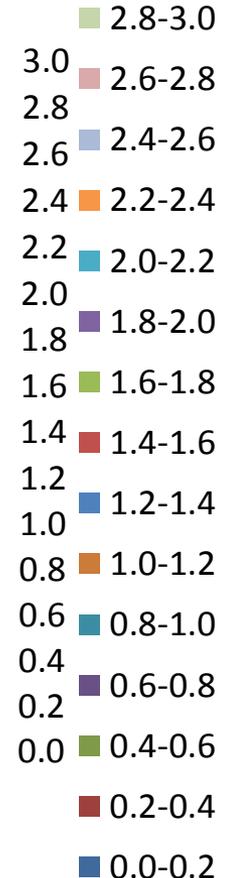
a.u.: 0.035 = Intensity :1,800mW/cm²



Intensity [a.u.]



Intensity [W/cm²]

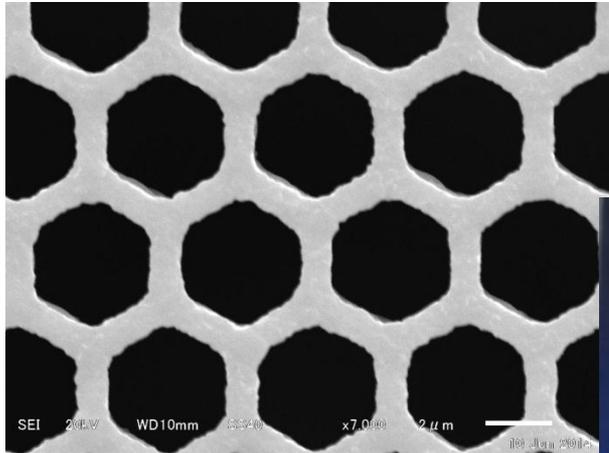


- By comparing 2D-intensity map with the resist cleared size mentioned before, the peak intensity is estimated to exceed **2,800mW/cm²** in **1mmΦ** area.

IR-Filter

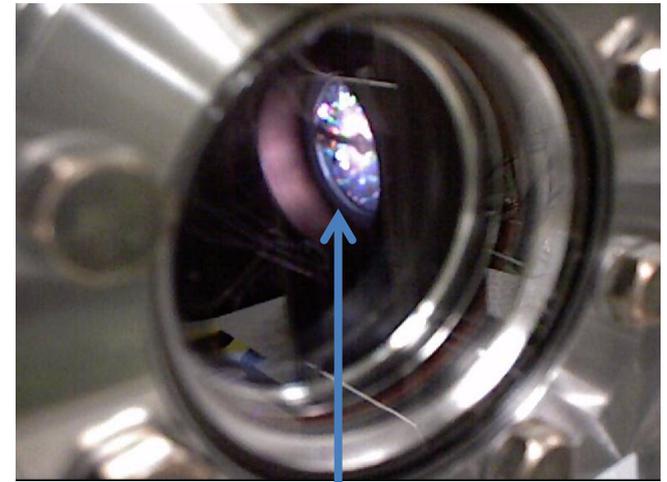
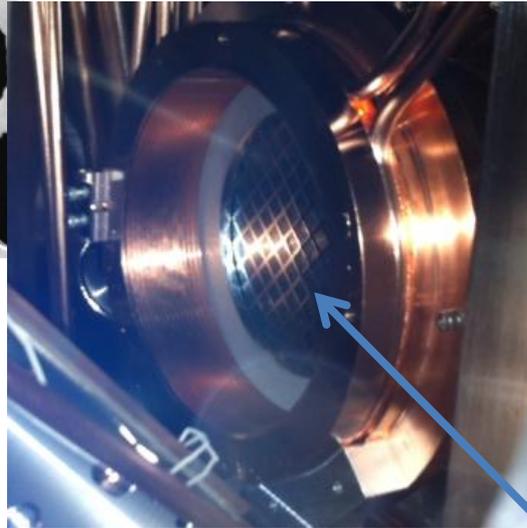
Mesh-type filter was made with the use of SOI wafer and MEMS process.

SEM picture of the Honeycomb structure



Pitch = 4.4 μm
Width ~ 0.4 μm
Height = 5 μm
Mo-coat = 100 nm
Filter size = 83 mm Φ

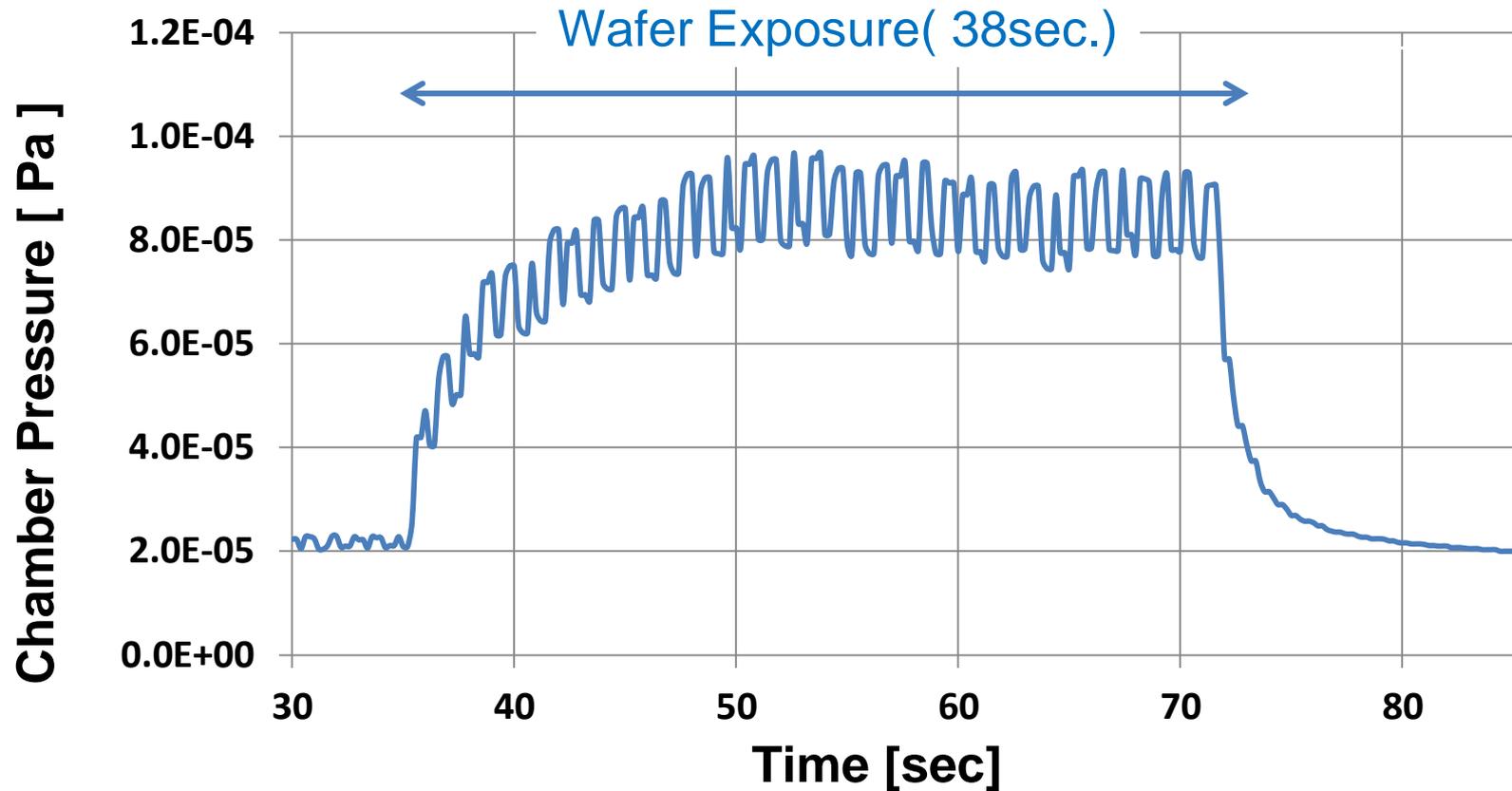
CO₂ laser transmittance
= < 0.25% (Simulation)
= 0.3~0.5% (Measured)



The look of the IR-filter installed and irradiated.

➤ Mesh-type IR filter was fabricated and functions well.

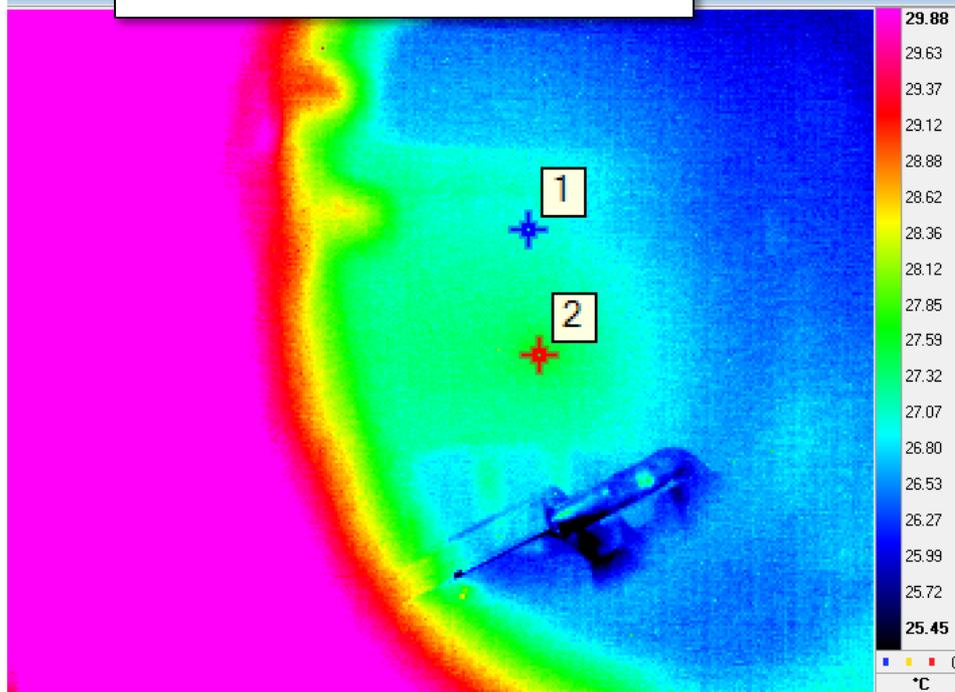
Pressure Rising by Resist Outgassing



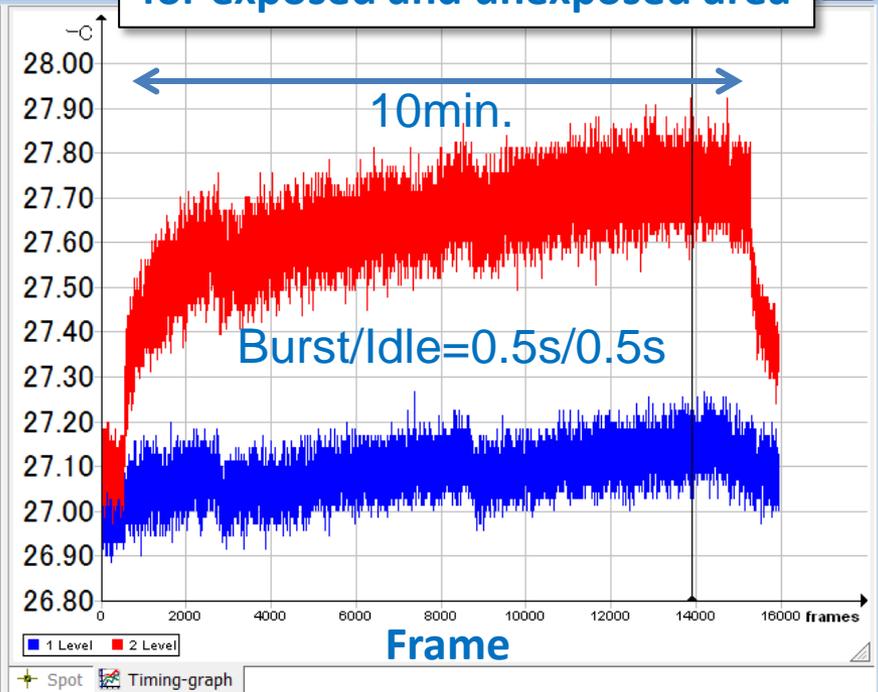
- The frequency of the pressure undulation matches that of the EUV burst emission.
- HPEUV tool worked properly. Further precise tool qualification will be necessary as the next step.

Mask Temperature Measurement during Expo. by IR Camera

Mask view from IR-camera



Transition of Temperature for exposed and unexposed area



➤ IR-camera could measure the temperature rise of a mask.

Temperature Rise at

- ✓ Exposed Area: ~0.5 degree
- ✓ Unexposed Area: ~0.1 degree

Discussion about the Potential Intensity

- The intensity $2,800\text{mW/cm}^2$ was obtained on the condition of 50kHz and $M4=20\text{mm}$, and the IF power at that time is estimated to be more than 40W (;dirty power).
- The measured intensity profile differs from the simulation results. It means that the optics maybe has some alignment errors. And, we need to check and readjust the optics.
- Further fine adjustment of optics will make it possible for HPEUV to exceed $5,000\text{mW/cm}^2$.

Summary

- A High Power EUV irradiation tool (HPEUV) equipped with an actual LPP source and relay mirror optics has been designed and constructed.
- The EUV intensity on wafer was confirmed to be more than $2,800\text{mW}/\text{cm}^2$, which is extremely higher than conventional test tools.
- Pressure rise due to resist outgassing in the irradiation chamber and temperature rise of EUV mask blanks have been demonstrated as initial results of the HPEUV tool.
- HPEUV has the potential to exceed $5,000\text{mW}/\text{cm}^2$.
- The impact of higher power and pulsed irradiation on outgassing and damage of blank/pellicle will be taken place as the next step.

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