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Future Needs related to Inline Metrology applied in Semiconductor Manufacturing

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One of the world's largest semiconductor companies



48,000 employees of which
8,400 in R&D



\$12.8 B revenues
in 2021



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13 manufacturing sites



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Member of the Responsible Business Alliance (RBA)

We offer quality, flexibility and supply security



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Malta
Kirkop

● Front-End
● Back-End

China
Shenzhen

Philippines
Calamba



Malaysia
Muar

Singapore

Differentiated technologies are our foundation



MEMS
for sensors & micro-actuators

Smart Power: BCD
(Bipolar - CMOS - Power DMOS)

FD-SOI CMOS
FinFET through Foundry

Discrete, Power MOSFET, IGBT
Silicon Carbide, Gallium Nitride

Analog & RF CMOS

Vertical Intelligent Power

eNVM CMOS

Optical sensing solutions

Packaging technologies

Leadframe – Laminate – Sensor module – Wafer level



STMicroelectronics Europe

Two of the most
**modern and
efficient** clean rooms
worldwide



Equipped with
automated transport
system from the
ceiling

Crolles & Agrate 300mm Factory 4.0 Industry

Human



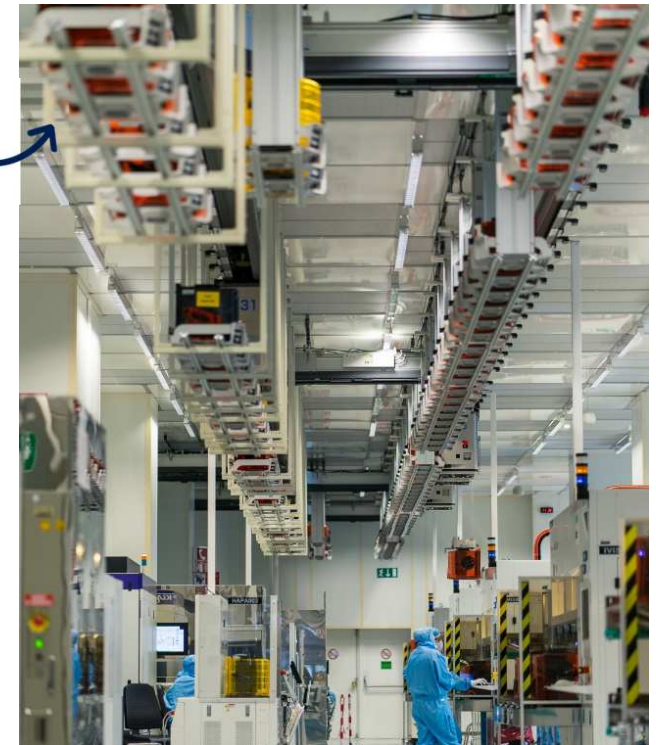
Device



Method

Bundle of manufacture are going to move from one production to many others
to go through all the operations needed,
without ever passing between human's hands.

Human takes action on the maintenance of device and the implementation







Adapt Manufacturing processes &
tools for the new Technology



200mm / 300mm wafers high
volume production

Develop



Produce



Metrology For Development

Provide measurement solution to secure learning cycles
and support critical decision for quick path finder



Advanced Materials & Architectures



Reference standards



Workforce



Metrology For Manufacturing

Control and Detect process deviation through
optimized sampling plan based on risk analysis



Optimization & Better Control



Smart approaches





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A standard periodic table of elements, color-coded by groups: alkali metals (blue), alkaline earth metals (orange), transition metals (green), post-transition metals (yellow), metalloids (light green), nonmetals (pink), and noble gases (grey). The table includes element symbols, atomic numbers, and names.

New material and chemical element introduction

New characteristics «More than Moore»:

- Optical transmission or emission
- Mechanical and thermal properties
- Stress, Adhesion
- Piezoelectrical

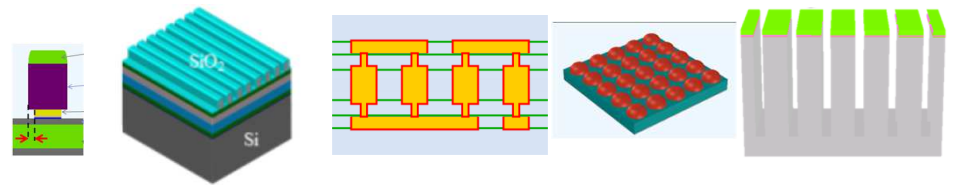
Complementary techniques needed

- Multi physics and multi scale modeling

Transfer lab to fabs

- Quick time to solution via collaboration
- Introduction in fab at early TRL

Ellipsometry, X-Ray, Acoustics, Raman, electrical...



Advanced CMOS

Large pitch and 3D structures

Deep trenches

Complex scaled structures

- 3D profile
- Massive measurement uniformity/EPE

High AR or Large pitch

- Small feature on large structures

Metrology target representativity

- Indie measurement / ML algorithm
- Edge of wafer

E-Beam, Scatterometry, CD-SAXS, SPM...



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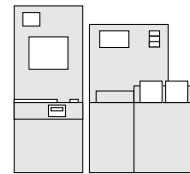
Data / Sensors

Production Equipment



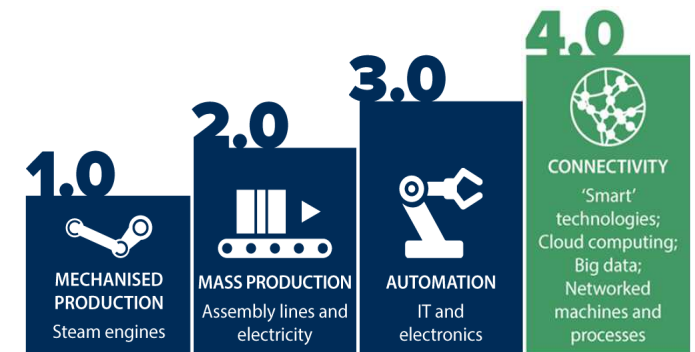
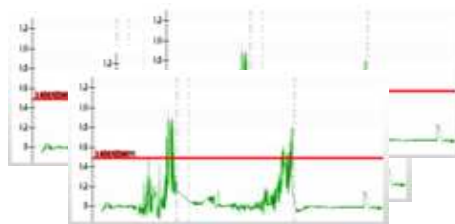
Internal sensors

- Temperature
- Electronic
- Flux
- Voltage
- ...



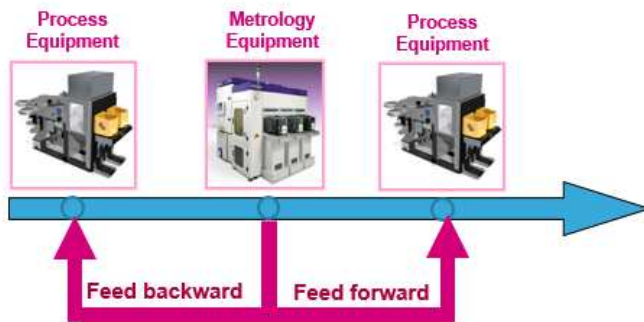
Fault Detection Control

- Control chart
- Statistical analysis
- ...

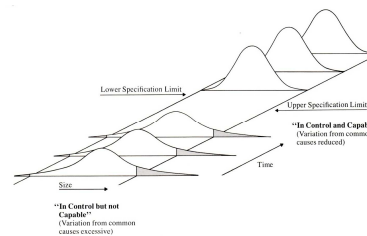


The stages of industrial development

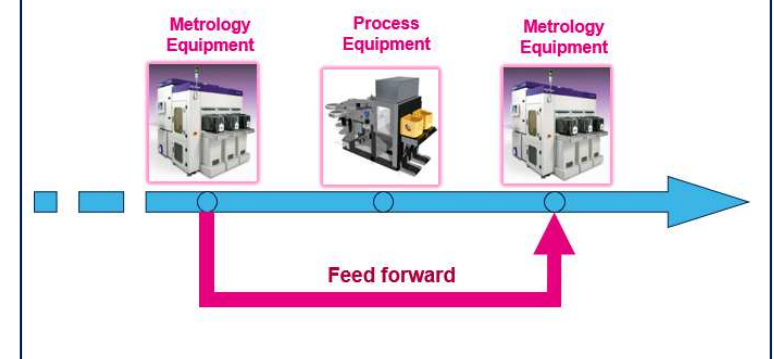
Advanced Process Control



$$\sigma_{Observed}^2 = \sigma_{process}^2 + \sigma_{Measurement}^2$$



Holistic Metrology





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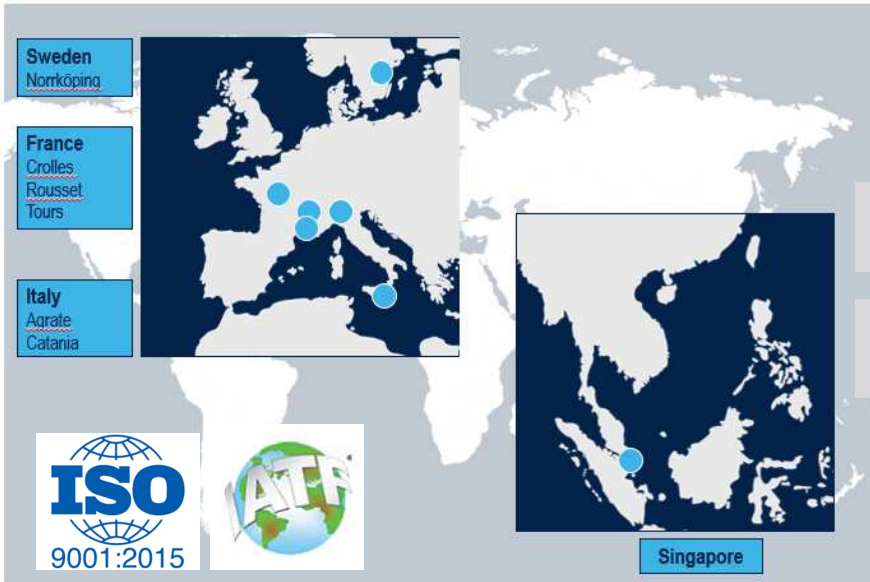
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Virtual Fab Strategy



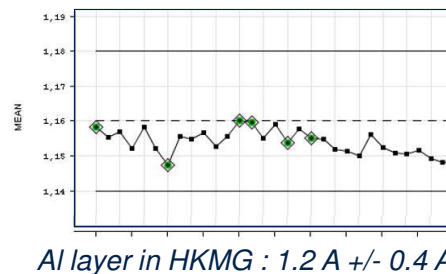
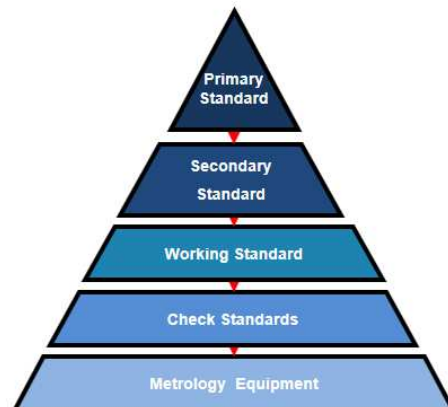
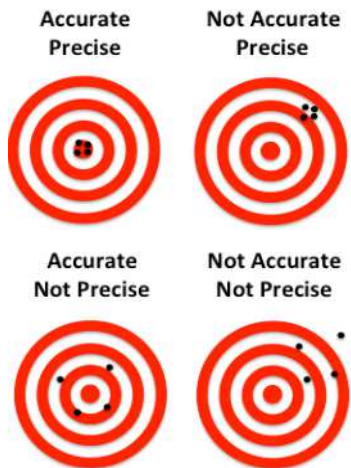
Quick and Safe Technology Transfer

Mutualisation of Fab manufacturing Capacity

Alignment between fab metrologies is a pre-request

Need for reference standards :

- Industrial, stable over time and usage
- Cover all metrology techniques and ranges



- Multiples system → Virtuous cycle
- Precision requirements are more aggressive than accuracy uncertainty



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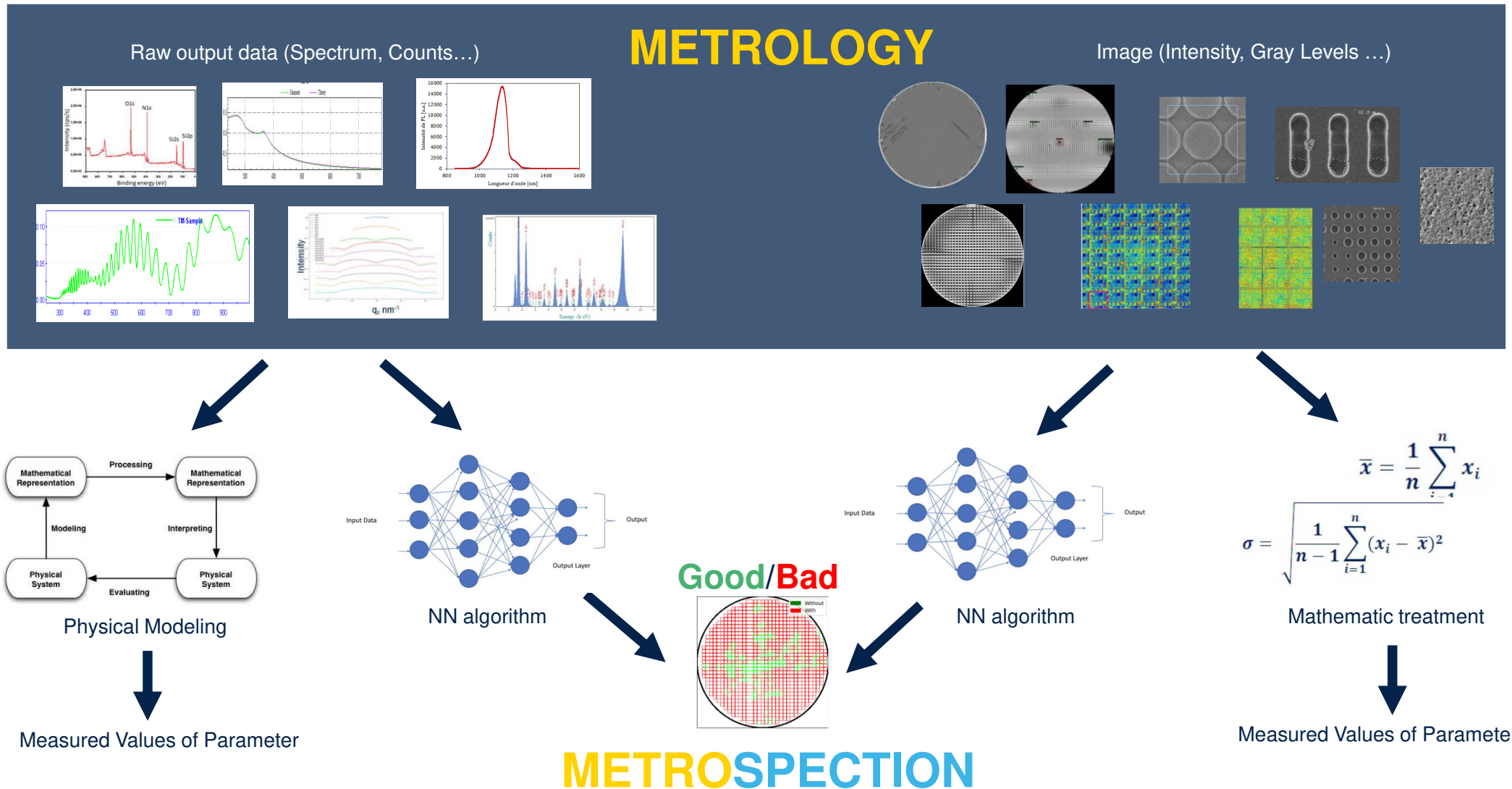
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AI Approach - Large Adoption





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Need young talent

Create attractivity for Measurement Science



Promote Innovation Projects

Educational Events & Programmes

Forums / Thematic weeks

Our technology starts with You

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EMPIR: Support Letter for ATMOC and ELENA Joined Research Projects



Some on going projects



MADEin4 aims to bring production lines to a next level in productivity and predictability by focusing on two **boosters**; while fulfilling and/or exceeding also sensitivity, precision and accuracy requirements:

- Productivity booster 1: High throughput, next generation metrology and inspection tools development. This booster, yielding connected Cyber Physical Systems (CPS) enabling very high sampling and data-rates, will be developed by the metrology equipment manufacturers, module suppliers and knowledge institutes and will be demonstrated in an industry 4.0 pilot line at IMEC. It will address major challenges for ECS equipment, materials and manufacturing industries. .
- Productivity booster 2: Develop combinations of Design (EDA),Product/process Life Cycle Management (PLM), modelling, simulations and advanced metrology data analysis with Machine Learning (ML), Digital Twinning and predictive diagnostics of the process (predictive yield) and tools performance. This booster will be developed and demonstrated in an industry 4.0 pilot line at IMEC, by the EDA, and by computing and metrology partners. The digital twinning and predictive maintenance concepts will be demonstrated in two major 'digital industries': semiconductor industry and automotive production.

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CHALLENGES consortium is composed by **14 partners** from 7 Countries:

5 EU Countries
(Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Spain)

and 2 H2020-associated
Countries (Israel and Belarus)

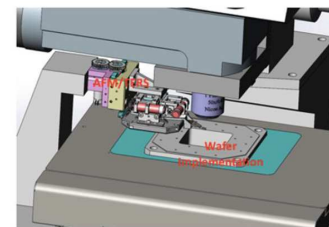


Figure 2 CAD design of the AFM proposed by NANONICS

The project Real-time nano-**CHA**racterization **reLa**ted **techNo**logi**Ee**s – **CHALLENGES** – aims to develop **innovative Non-Destructive Techniques (NDTs)** for **reliable inline multiscale measurements down to the nanoscale, and fully compatible with different factory environments**. The developed metrology technologies will enable the **increase of speed, resolution, sensitivity, spectral range and compatibility within different nano-related production environments, finally improving products performance, quality and reliability, with the consequent boosting of competitiveness**. The CHALLENGES's innovation will be developed exploiting the plasmonic enhancement of optical signals. It will provide a non-destructive approach based on the use of multipurpose nano-optical techniques to enable a reliable real-time nano-scale characterization in the factory floor, using **plasmonic enhanced Raman, InfraRed (IR) and Photoluminescence signals**.