

Nanoimprinting

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My Background

- ✤ My name is: Ron Miller
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Objectives

Nanoimprint Lithography (NIL) Overview

NIL Equipment and Processes

NIL Markets and Applications



Nanoimprint Lithography:

Nanoimprint Lithography (NIL) Overview



Technology Adoption: S Curve Theory

Basic Theory: $A \approx B \approx C \approx 15$ to 20 years for advanced technologies







NIL and EVG History:

- **1996: Dr. Stephen Chou's Seminal Paper on NIL**
- 1997: EVG's first NIL System µCP system to IBM
- 2000: EVG's first HE systems shipped
- 2007: Micro Imprint Litho into HVM with WLO
- 2011: > 400 Systems in the field (>150 for EVG)
- 2012: First true "Nano" systems ship for HVM





What is Nanoimprint Lithography???

Simple, fast, cost-effective method of patterning on the.....



Macro...

Micro....



...and, of course, Nano-scale!







What is Nanoimprint Lithography???







Approaches to NIL



Temperature > Tg Contact Force ~2-600kN Vacuum

Achieved Resolution:

< 50nm

Room Temperature Contact Force ~ 1-150N UV Light (350-450nm)

Achieved Resolution: < 10nm Room Temperature Contact Force ~1-40N "inked" stamp

Achieved Resolution: < 50nm



Cost

Alternative Patterning Technologies

Extreme UV



Immersion Lithography



e-Beam Lithography







Throughput



NIL Companies







Nanoimprint Lithography:

Equipment and Processes

Hot Embossing



Hot Embossing Systems at EVG



Hot Embossing Resolution



UV-NIL

UV-Nanoimprint Lithography (UV-NIL)

Room Temperature Contact Force ~ 1-100N UV Light (350-450nm)

Achieved Resolution: <10 nm EVG620 Substrates: 10 – 150mm





Wafer with imprint resist

Imprint high resolution features (Courtesy of AMO)



UV-NIL Resolution



micro-Contact Printing

Micro Contact Printing (µCP) Soft Lithography

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Imprint of 100 nm gratings (Courtesy of IBM Rüschlikon)

µ-CP Systems at EVG



200 mm

300 mm

150 mm

EVG620



Grade of Automation

micro-Contact Printing Example

Life Science





Metal (Au on Si) nano-patterns (IMI 2004)



Metal (Au on Si) micro-electrodes (IMI 2003)



2D & 3D Biocompatible polymer micro - nanopatterns (IMI 2003 ,2004)



Courtesy of: CIHR-NRC Convergent Research Framework 2004



Nanoimprint Lithography:

Markets and Applications

Wafer Level Camera/Optics (WLC/WLO)



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Data Storage



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Bit Pattern Media (BPM) Technology



NIL Enables HB-LEDs



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Photo Voltaic



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Figure: Schematic representation of a bulk heterojunction solar cell, showing the phase separation between donor (red) and acceptor (blue) materials.

Nanoimprinted heterojunction solar cell



Finished device: Layers: Al/Alq3/MEH-PPV/PEDOT/ITO/glass (Courtesy of IMI-NRC)

Nano Electronics



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Imprint of micron sized features down to sub 10 nm using hard UV nano imprint lithography

Courtesy AMICA – Advanced Microelectronic Center Aachen

Other Optics: Applications

VCSEL Gratings







Photonic Integrated Circuits



Multi-layer programmable DNA substrate



Passive Photonic Devices



Stem Cell Growth Devices



Lab on a Chip

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Lab-on-a-Chip



Lab-on-a-Chip





Conclusion

NIL is an emerging technology that is on the verge of becoming a mainstream manufacturing platform.

- There are several NIL system types and processes to cover a wide range of fabrication requirements
- NIL patterning does (and will) enable a variety of exciting new technologies that will improve our daily lives.





Thank You!!!

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