

### Company Background

- The world's first full-service semiconductor foundry
- The world's second largest independent foundry
- First foundry to ramp High K Metal Gate 32/28nm technology to high volume
- Dedicated to foundry innovation leadership and customer-centric services

### Problem Definition & Objectives

- 1 Find the right minimum sample size that is required for  $C_{pk}$  confidence interval calculation, taking data correlation into account
- 2 Use  $C_{pk}$  value to predict the number of wafer scrap at ET, taking data correlation into account

### Data Analysis

#### Assumptions Testing

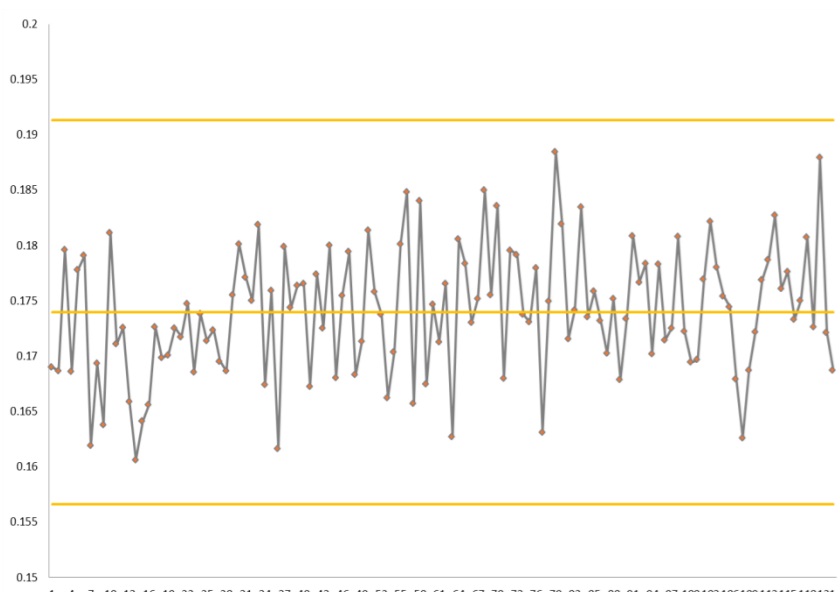


Fig 1: Process in control

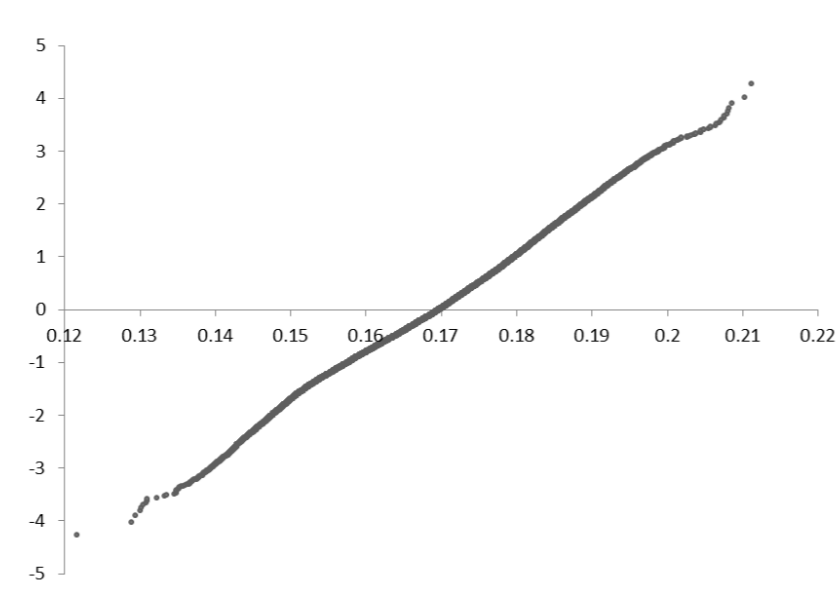


Fig 2: Normality

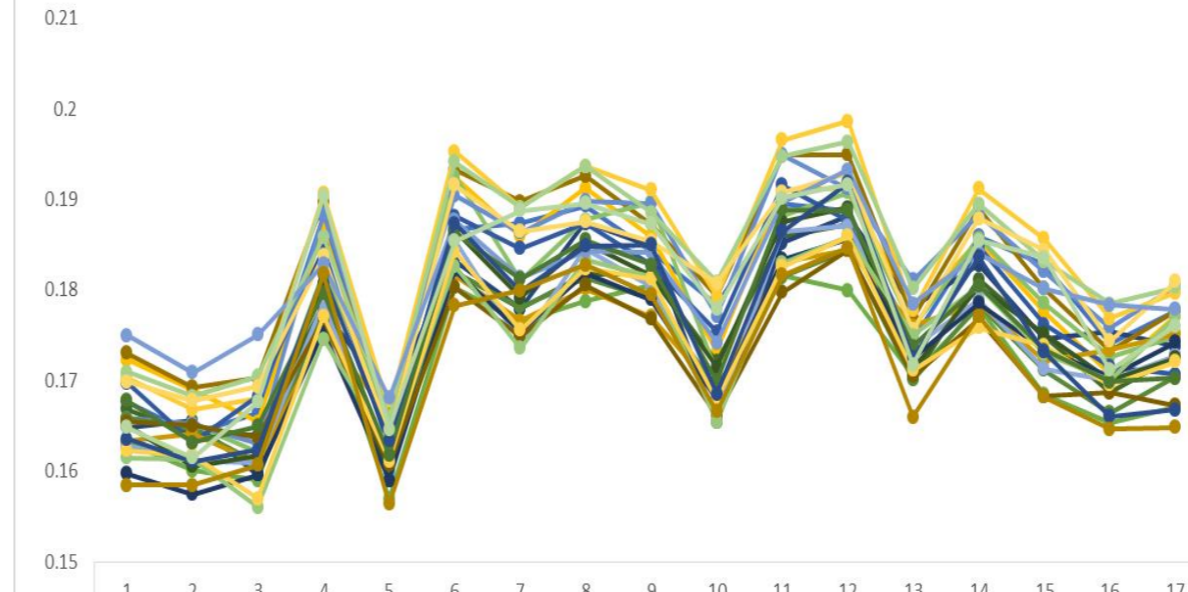


Fig 3: Wafer Correlation

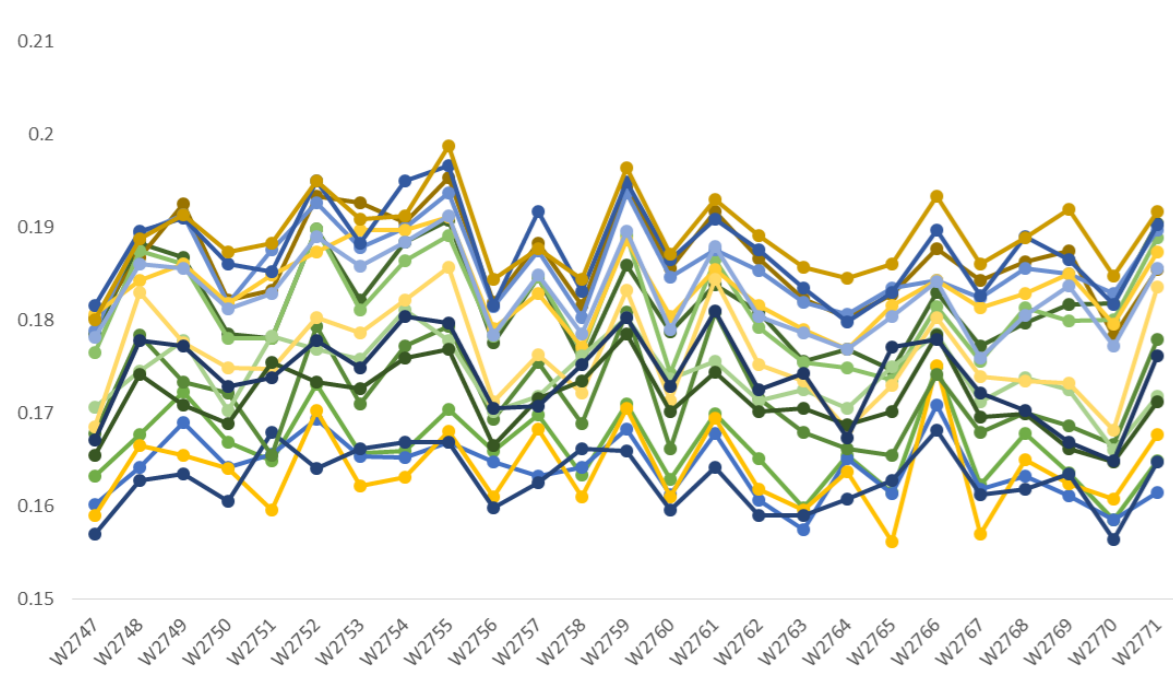


Fig 4: Site Correlation

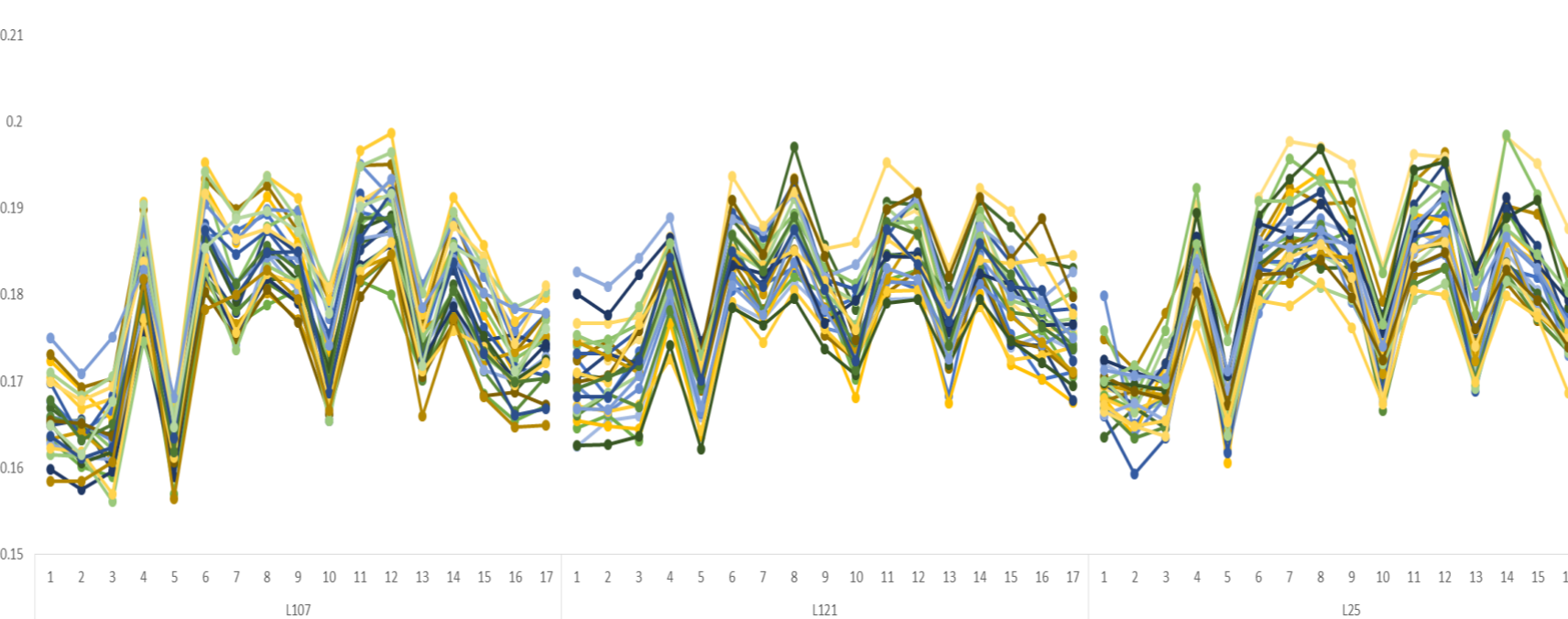


Fig 5: Between Lots Correlation

There are three assumptions for Cpk calculation:

- ✓ process in control
- ✓ normality
- ✗ i.i.d.

The first two assumptions are proven to be true by Fig 1 and 2.

Analysis for Data Correlation:

- From Fig 3, a clear pattern could be observed. Wafers are nearly identically. One wafer could be used to represent an entire lot.
- The variation between lots and sites are much higher as shown in Fig 4 and 5.
- Such observations are further proven by mixed effect ANOVA model.

Partition the sources of variation attributable to their components using **Nested Linear Mixed Effect Model**.

$$Y_{ijk} = \mu + \alpha_i + \beta_{ij} + \gamma_k + \epsilon_{ijk}$$

Data = mean + lot effect + lot:wafer effect + site effect + individual effect

Groups	Variance
Lot: Wafer	2.050E-05
Lot	3.365E-05
Sites	4.665E-05
Residual	2.091E-05

### Solutions

#### Part I: Re-examining the $C_{pk}$ Confidence Interval Formulation

##### Method 1: Use one wafer to represent one lot

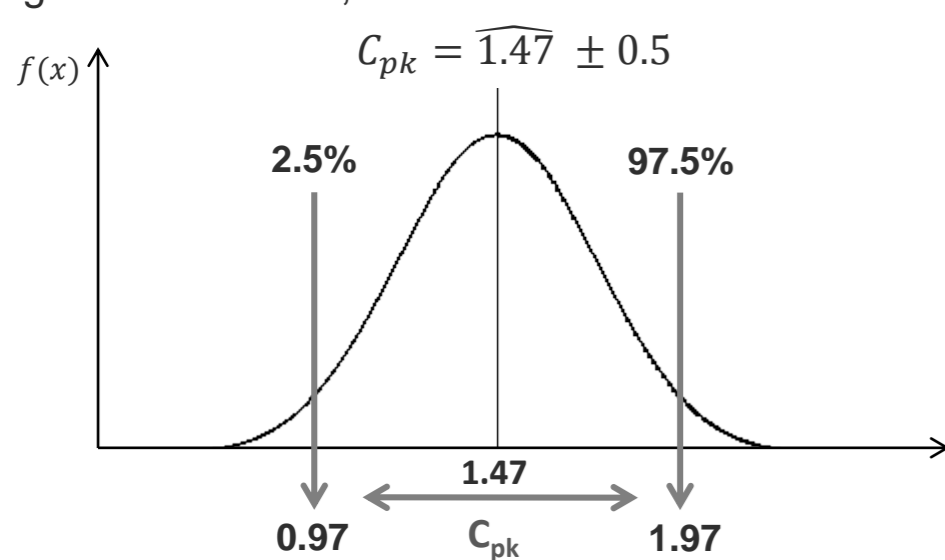
An approximate  $100(1-\alpha)\%$  confidence interval for  $C_{pk}$  is

$$\widehat{C}_{pk} \left[ 1 - z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{9n\hat{C}_{pk}^2} + \frac{1}{2(n-1)}} \right] \leq C_{pk} \leq \widehat{C}_{pk} \left[ 1 + z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{9n\hat{C}_{pk}^2} + \frac{1}{2(n-1)}} \right]$$

Based on the process nature and further supported by data analysis, 1 wafer is typically representative of the lot

##### Example:

Using the data above, for 95% confidence interval



##### Method 3: Effective Sample Size

$$N^* = \left[ \frac{\sigma_b^2}{\sigma_b^2 + \sigma_e^2} \sum_{i=1}^B \left( \frac{n_i}{N} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{N} \frac{\sigma_e^2}{\sigma_b^2 + \sigma_e^2} \right]^{-1}$$

$\sigma_b^2$	Batch Variance
$\sigma_e^2$	Individual Variance
$n_i$	Number of samples in $i$ th batch
$N$	Total sample size
$B$	Number of Batches

Step 1: Taking wafer effect as batch effect, Calculate the effective sample size for a single lot,  $N^*_1$

$$\sigma_b^2 = 2.05E-05; \sigma_e^2 = 6.76E-05; n_i = 17; N = 17 \times 25 = 425; B = 25 \rightarrow N^*_1 = 89.95$$

Step 2: Taking lot effect as batch effect, Calculate the overall sample size for L lots,  $N^*$

$$\sigma_b^2 = 3.37E-05; \sigma_e^2 = 8.81E-05; n_i = 89.95; N = 89.95 \times 108 = 9714.6; B = 108 \rightarrow N^*_2 = 380$$

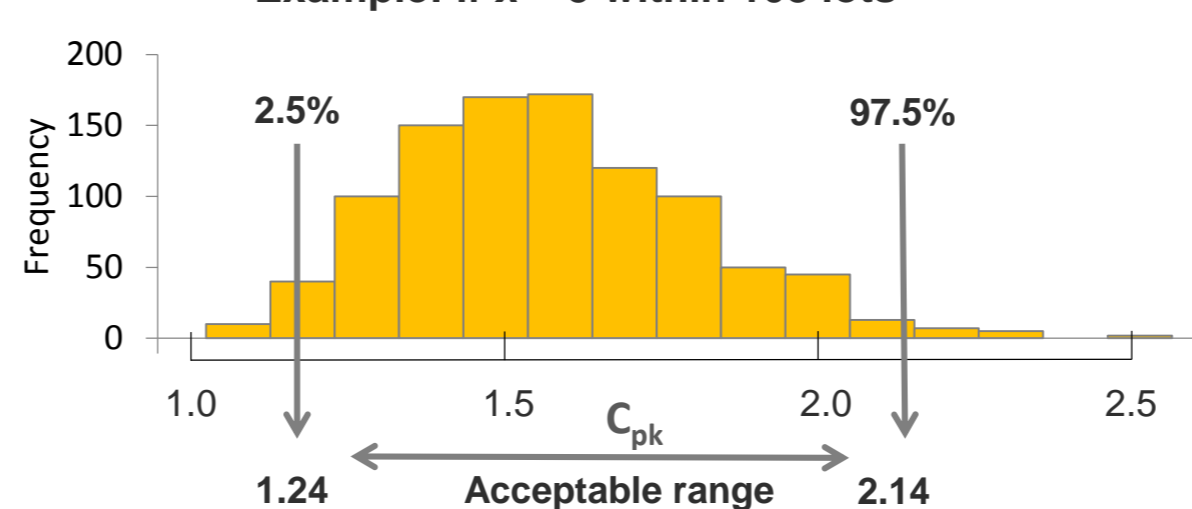
Confidence Level	Effective Method	Original Method
95% CI-Low	1.379	1.48
95% CI-High	1.601	1.50

##### Method 2: Monte Carlo Simulation

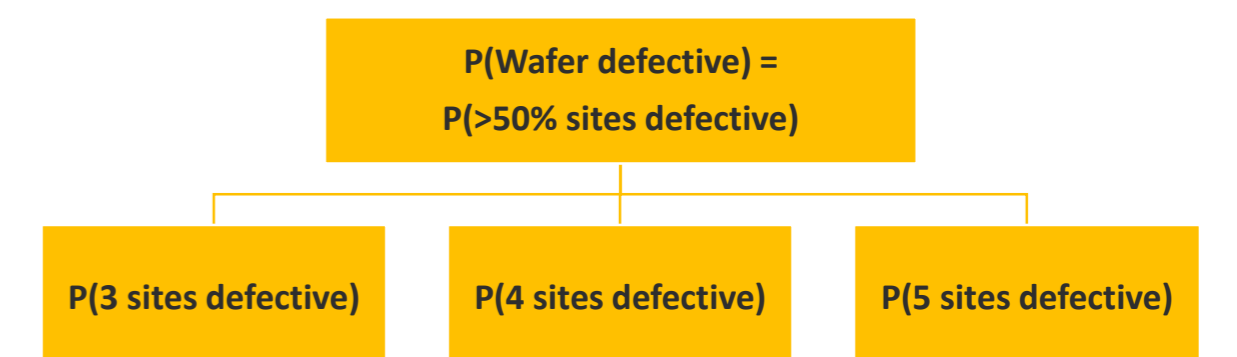
If customer buys x lots, we do Monte Carlo Simulation with x lots

1. Randomly select x lots from the entire pool
2. Repeat for 1000 times
3. Sort and obtain 25<sup>th</sup> and 975<sup>th</sup> data as the Confidence Interval
4. If customer's  $C_{pk}$  falls within the range, it is acceptable

##### Example: if x = 5 within 108 lots



#### Part II: Predicting the Wafer Scrap Rate with Multivariate Normal Distribution



##### Considerations

- ✓ Each site follows normal distribution
- ✓ Joint distribution of the sites
- ✓ Take correlation into account
- ✓ Scrap criteria = 50%

##### Formulation with n sites:

$$f_x(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^n |\epsilon|}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T \sum^{-1} (x - \mu)\right)$$

$x \sim MVN(\mu, \epsilon)$

##### For predicting scrap rate using Cpk confidence interval, a table is developed by MVN

- ✓ Less accurate but still a good approximation
- ✓ More cost effective
- ✓ Less data intensive

Cpk	Average Correlation				
	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7
0.5	7,600	11,200	15,700	21,000	27,400
0.6	1,400	2,600	4,200	6,400	9,000
0.7	209	470	889	1,521	2,460
0.8	23	66	157	296	575
0.9	2	8	23	51	84
1.0	0	1	2	15	23

If  $C_{pk} \approx 0.6 \pm 0.1$  with correlation 0.8, scrap rate  $\approx [3,755 - 34,500]$  ppm

### Evaluation and Conclusion

#### Summary

- Identified key sources of variation in correlation
- Proposed 3 methods of computing confidence interval catering to different needs
- Developed new method of predicting wafer scrap rate given  $C_{pk}$  CI

#### Future Development

- Implement and automate the methods with an easy-to-use User Interface
- Validate the methods proposed by regular assessment of the process effectiveness
- Determine the most cost effective and accurate method through empirical study