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Study of Dill's B parameter measurement of EUV resist

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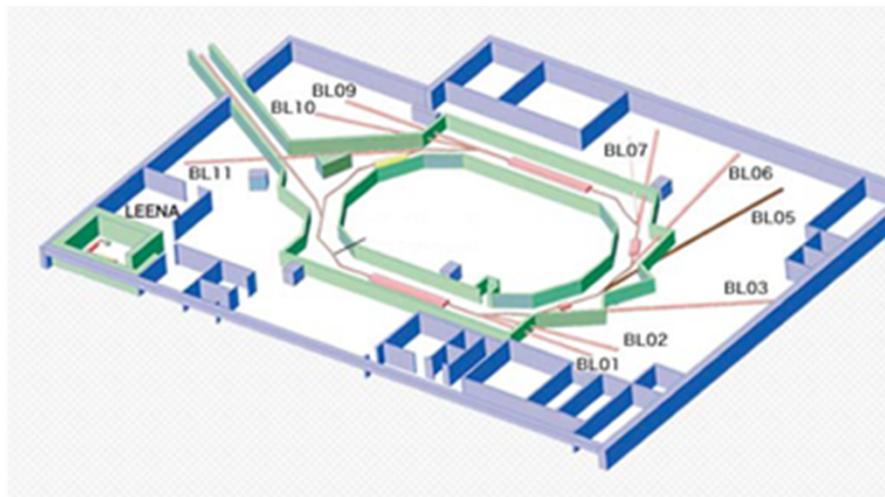
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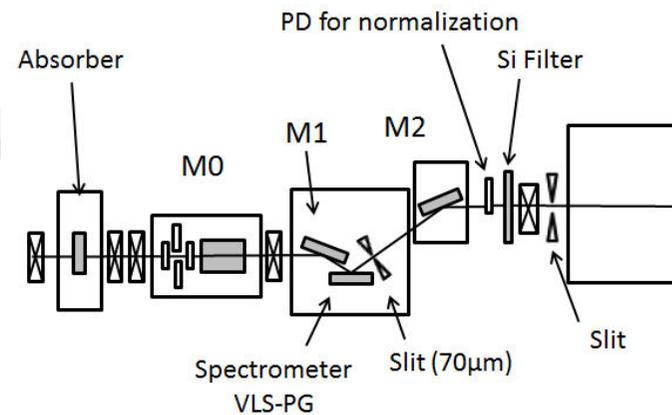
1. Introduction

- Transmission is one of the key parameter to increase EUV resist sensitivity.
- EUV resist was coated on the SiN membrane substrate, and the transmittance was measured directly.
- The sensitivity enhancement method in adding HfO_2 was evaluated.

2. Overview of the measuring equipment

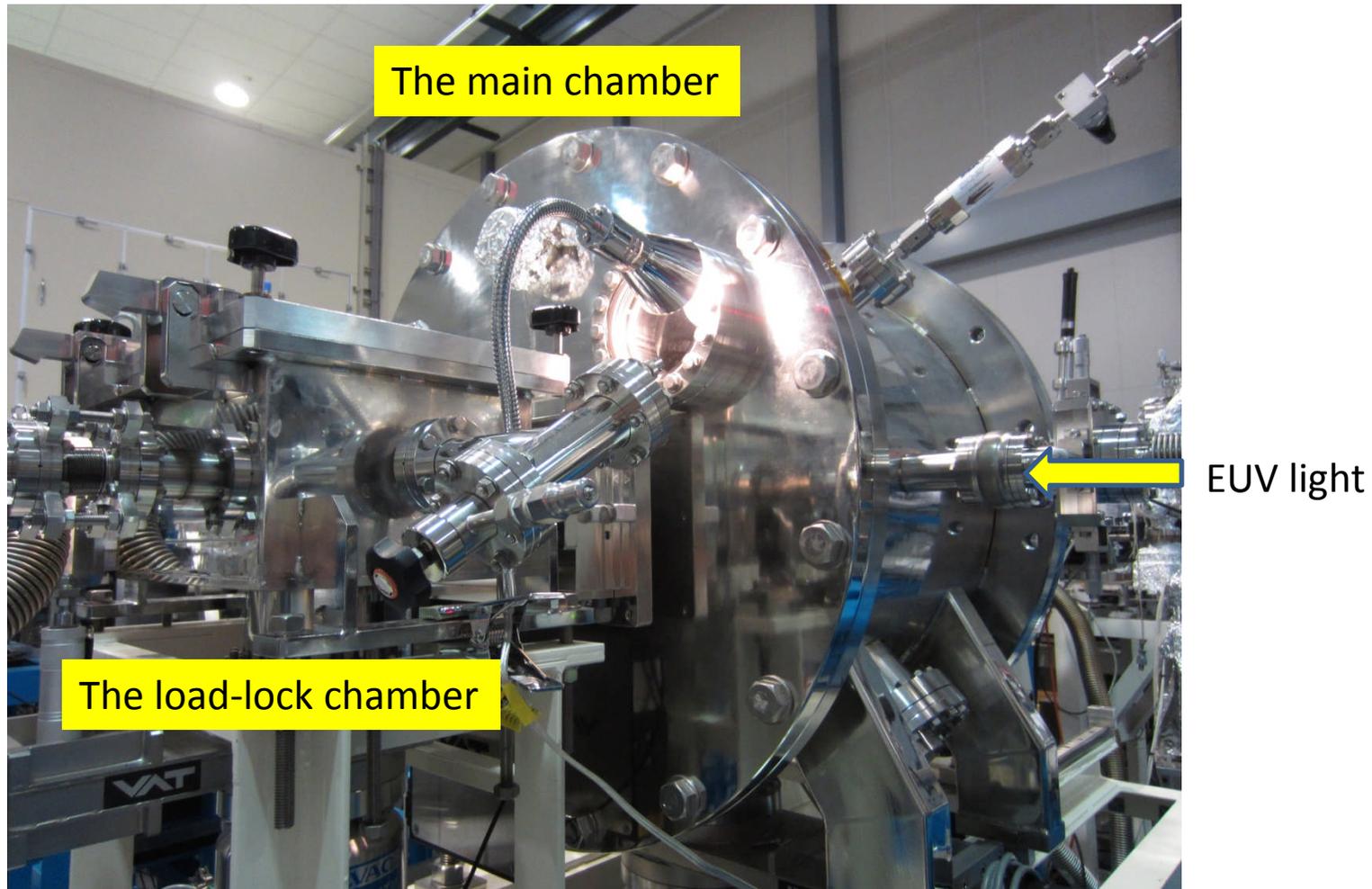


(a) NewSUBARU

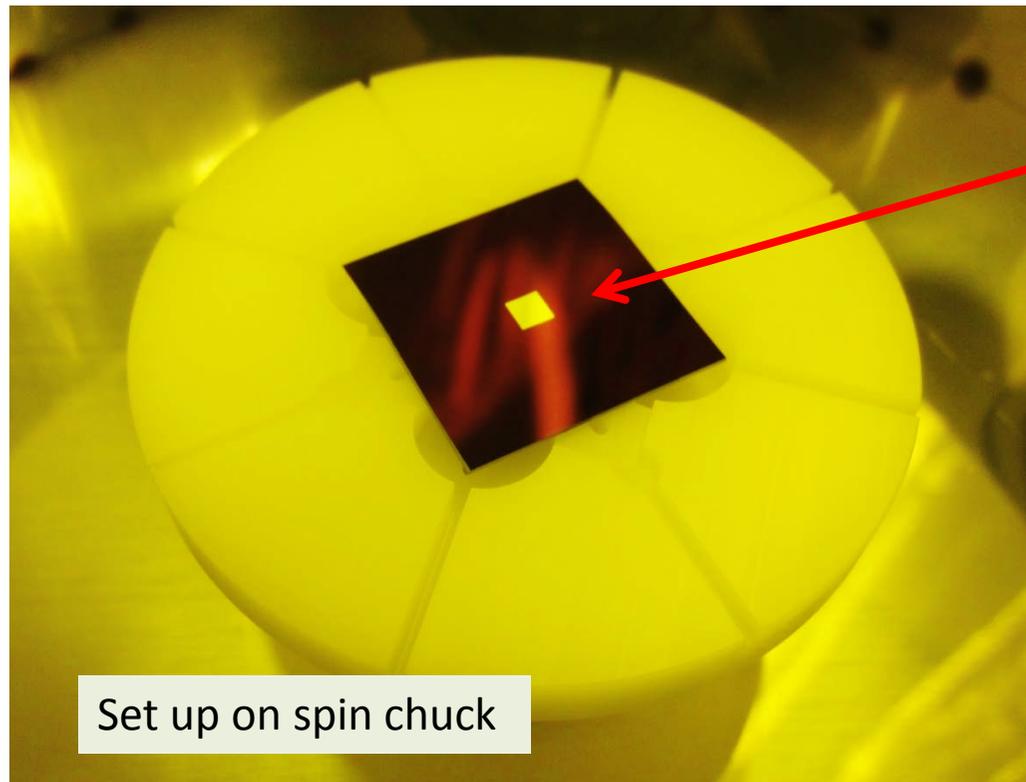
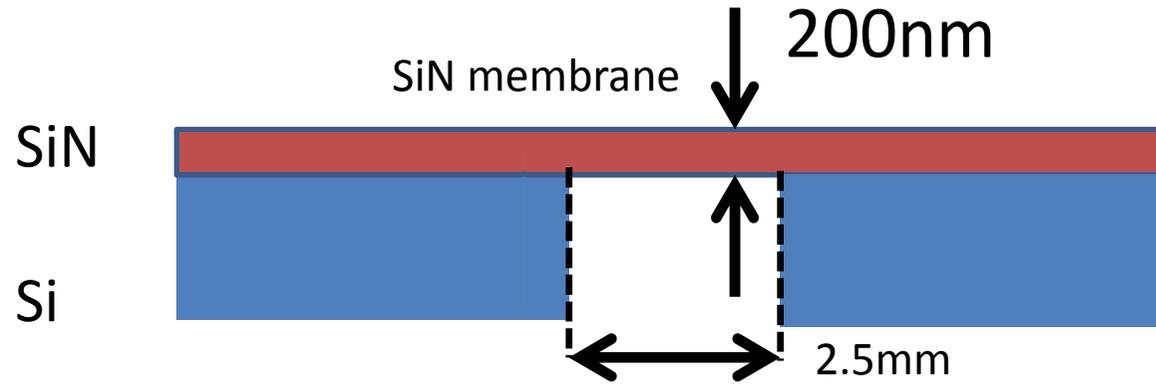


(b) Measurement system

Structure of EUV transmittance measurement system at NewSUBARU BL10 beamline.



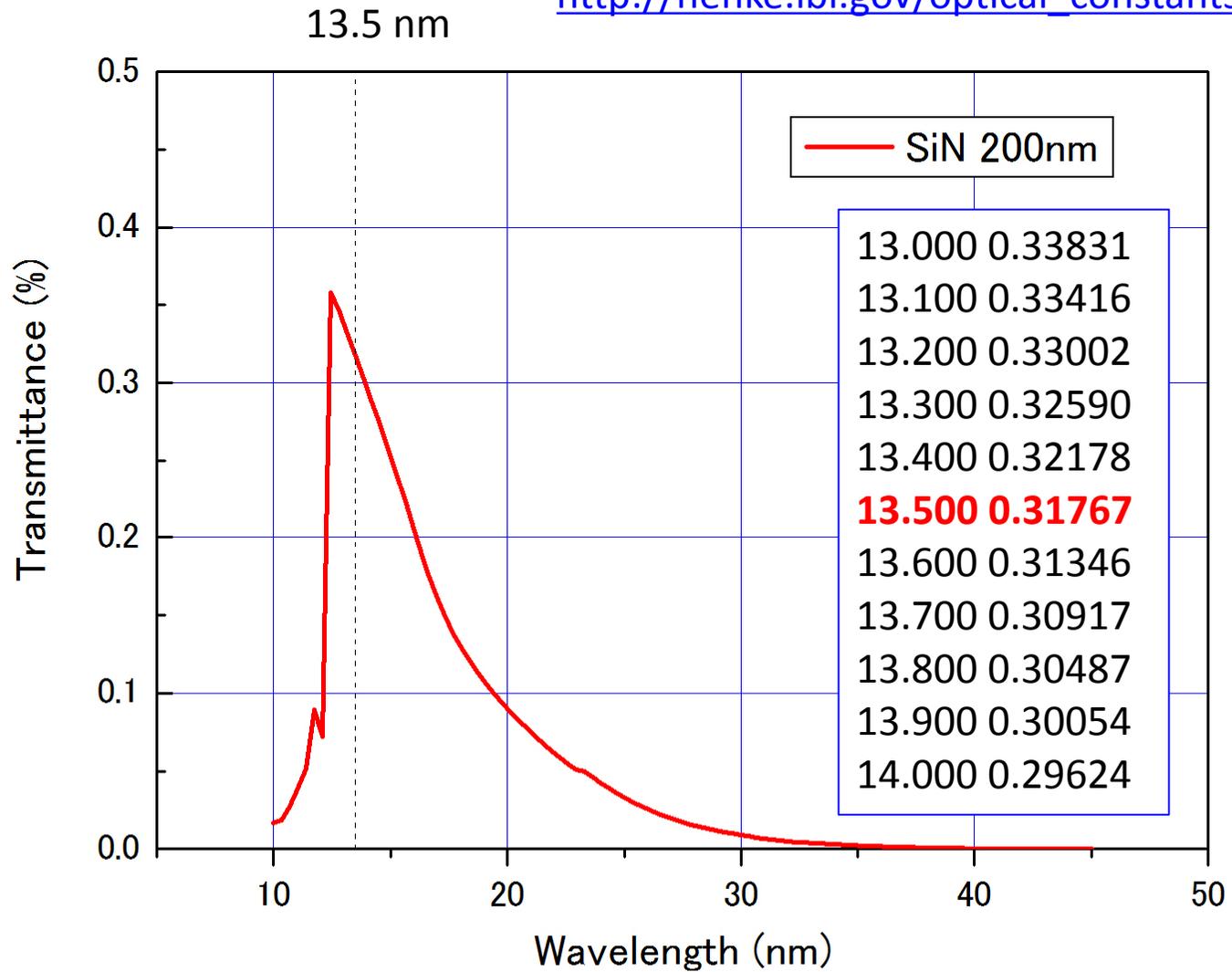
EUV transmittance measurement tool



SiN membrane

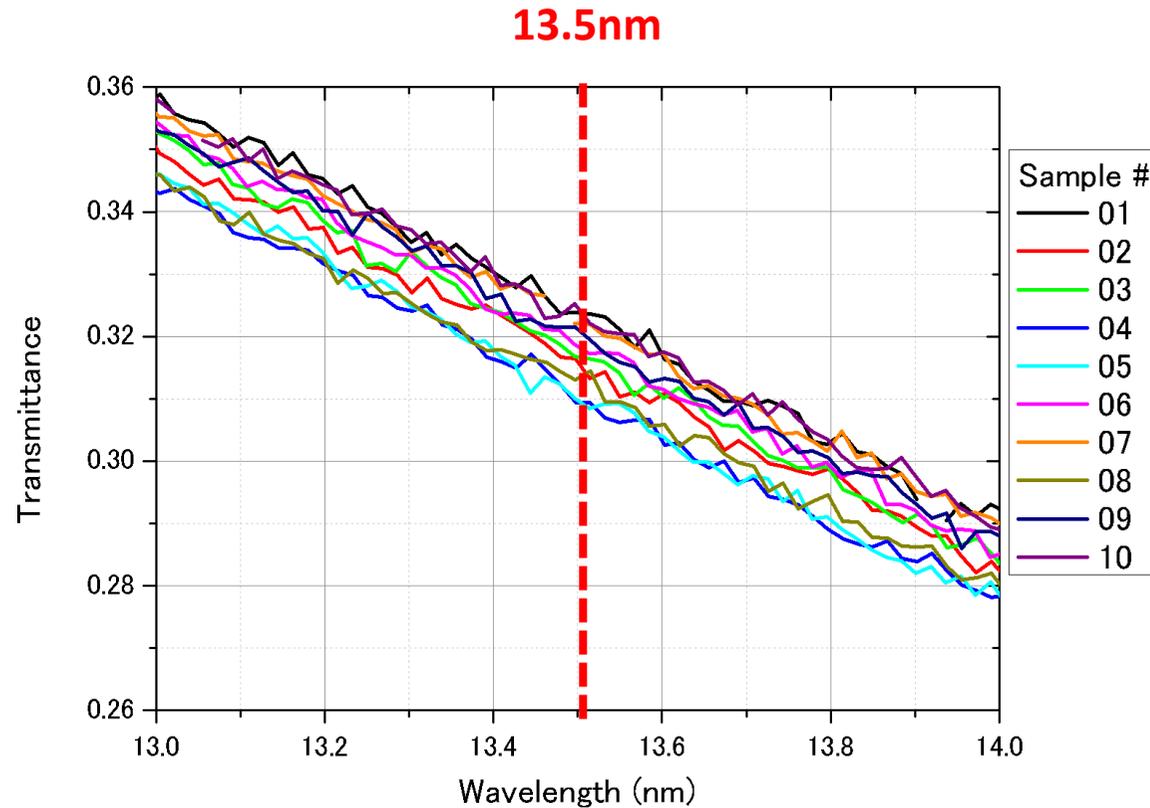
Ultra thin SiN membrane substrate

http://henke.lbl.gov/optical_constants/filter2.html



Calculated transmittance of 200 nm^t SiN membrane

Transmittance measurement result of 10 substrates



| Substrate # | Transmittance |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | 0.3239 |
| 2 | 0.3164 |
| 3 | 0.3168 |
| 4 | 0.3094 |
| 5 | 0.3102 |
| 6 | 0.3188 |
| 7 | 0.322 |
| 8 | 0.313 |
| 9 | 0.3215 |
| 10 | 0.3253 |
| Average | 0.31773 |
| σ | 0.005578 |
| max | 0.3253 |
| min | 0.3094 |
| R | 0.0159 |

3. The resist sample employed in this study

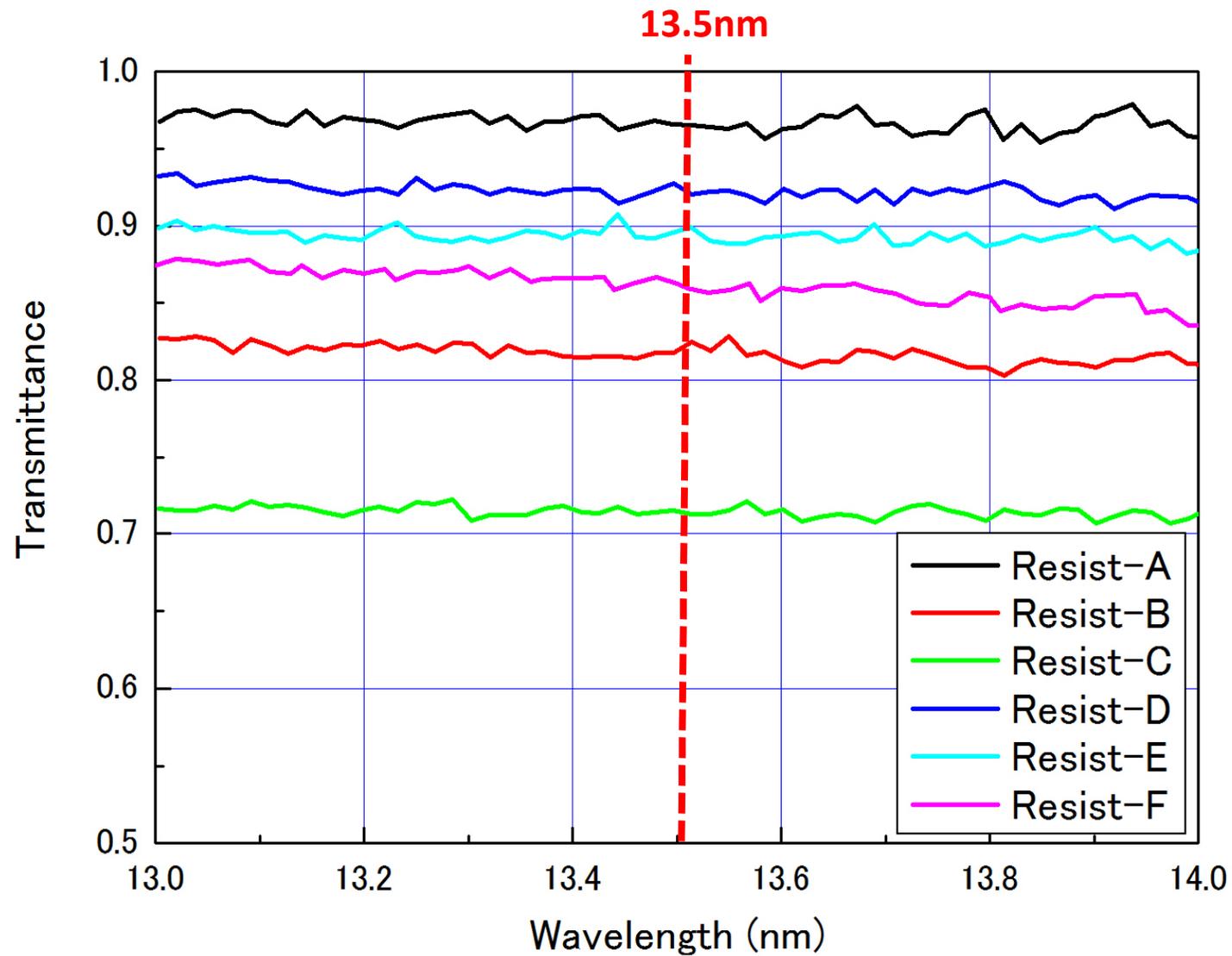
Sample condition

| Resist | Chemical formula | Thickness (nm) | PAB temp (deg. C) | PAB time (s) | Calculated Abs. |
|----------|-------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| A | $C_{58}H_{41}O_1$ | 50.5 | 105 | 60 | 3.83 |
| B | SEVR-140 | 49.1 | 105 | 60 | 5.91 |
| C | $C_{43}H_{31}O_4F_{23}$ | 51.2 | 105 | 60 | 8.80 |
| D | $C_{49}H_{76}O_{11}$ | 55.7 | 130 | 90 | 4.00 |
| E | $C_{46}H_{62}N_1F_5O_{10}$ | 56.7 | 130 | 90 | 4.80 |
| F | $C_{20}H_{28}O_5$ | 38.7 | 100 | 90 | 5.70 |

Resist B: SEVR-140 (Shinetsu)

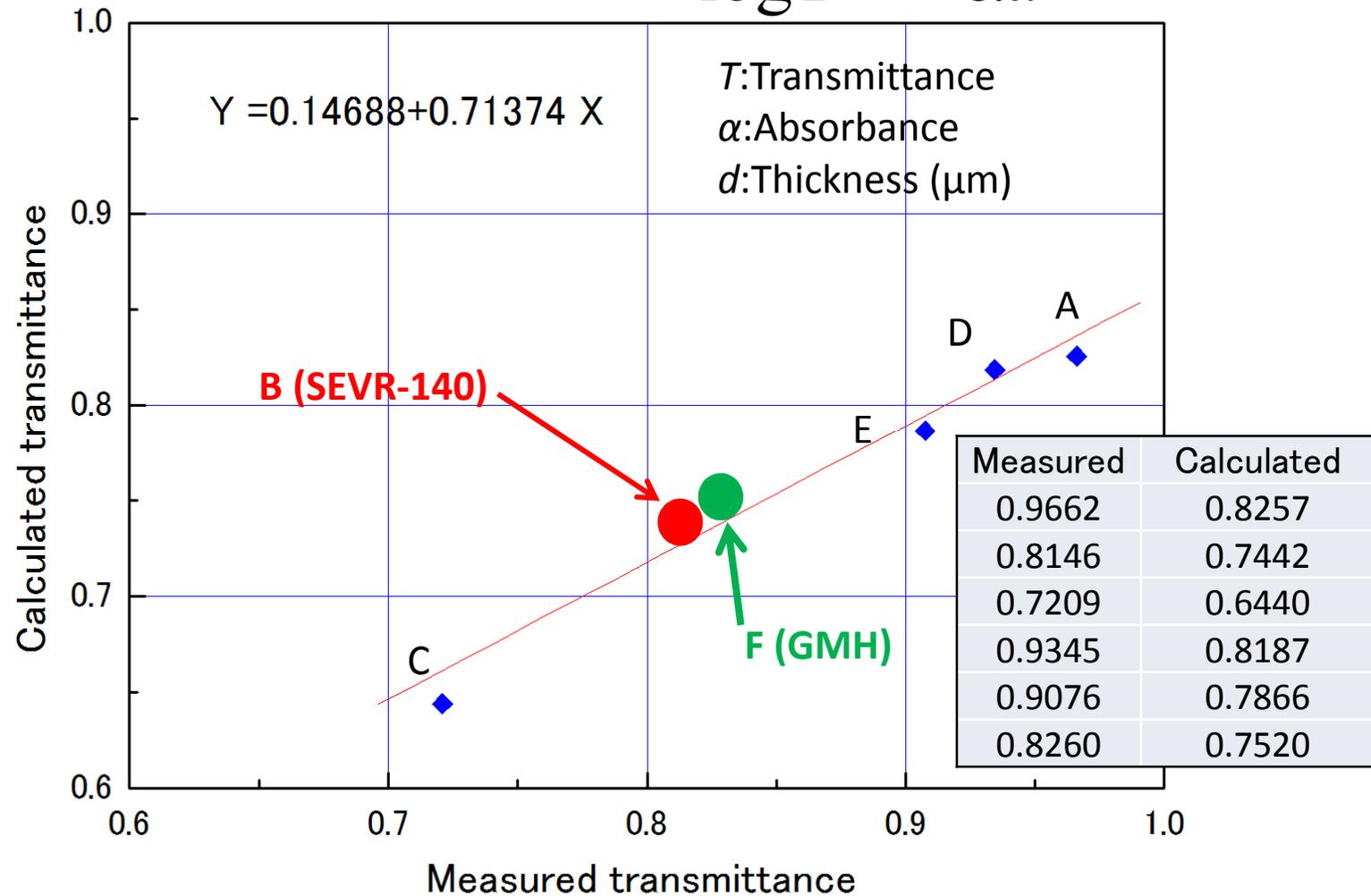
Resist F: GMH (GBLMA/MAdMA/HAdMA 40/40/20 (mol%))

Transmittance measurement results



Comparison of the measured and calculated transmittance

$$\log T = -\alpha d$$



Result of B-parameters measurement

| Resist | B (μm^{-1}) |
|----------|--------------------------|
| A | 0.69 |
| B | 4.10 |
| C | 6.54 |
| D | 1.35 |
| E | 1.94 |
| F | 3.81 |

Resist B: SEVR-140

Resist F: GMH

$$B = -\frac{1}{d} \log(T)$$

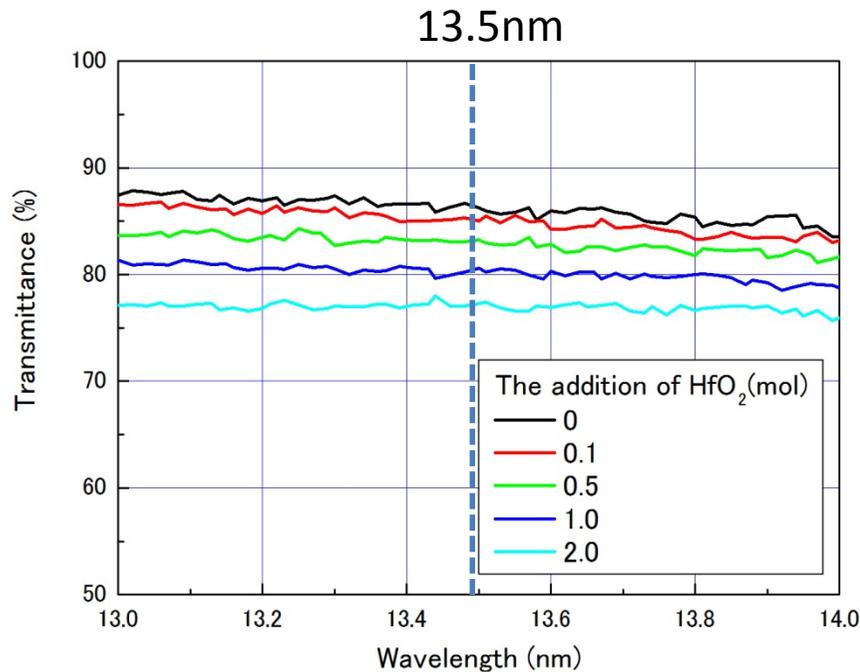
B : B parameter (μm^{-1})

D : Thickness (μm)

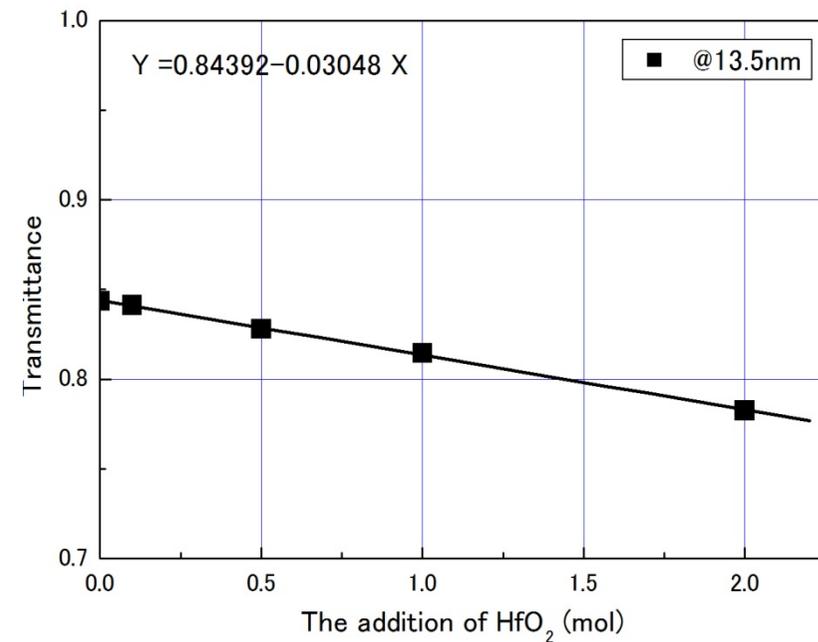
T : Transmittance

4. The influence of the addition of HfO₂ material

Resist : F (PAG TPS-TF 4%)+ HfO₂ material



(a) Transmittance and wavelength by addition of HfO₂



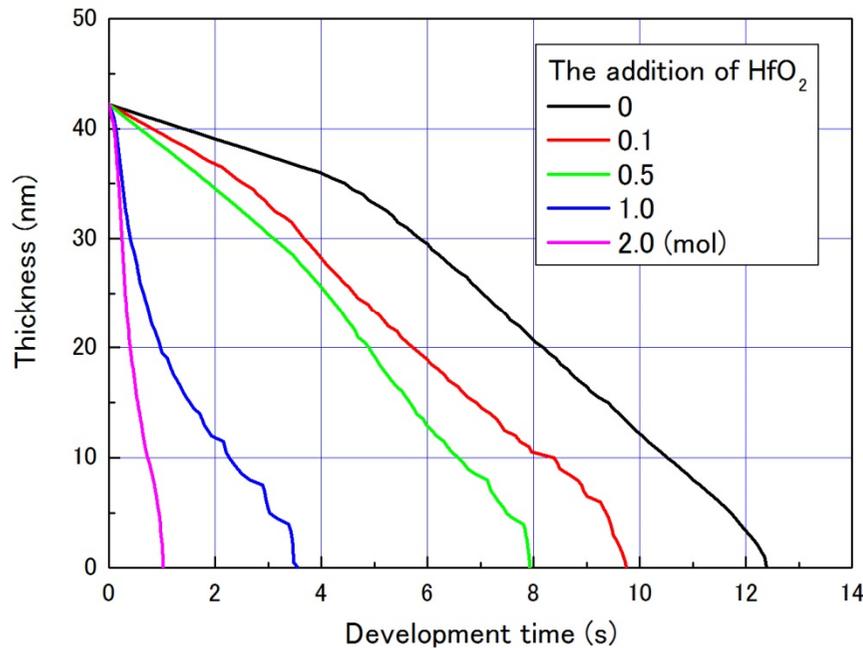
(b) Transmittance and addition of HfO₂ at 13.5nm (t=50nm)

Transmittance in adding HfO₂

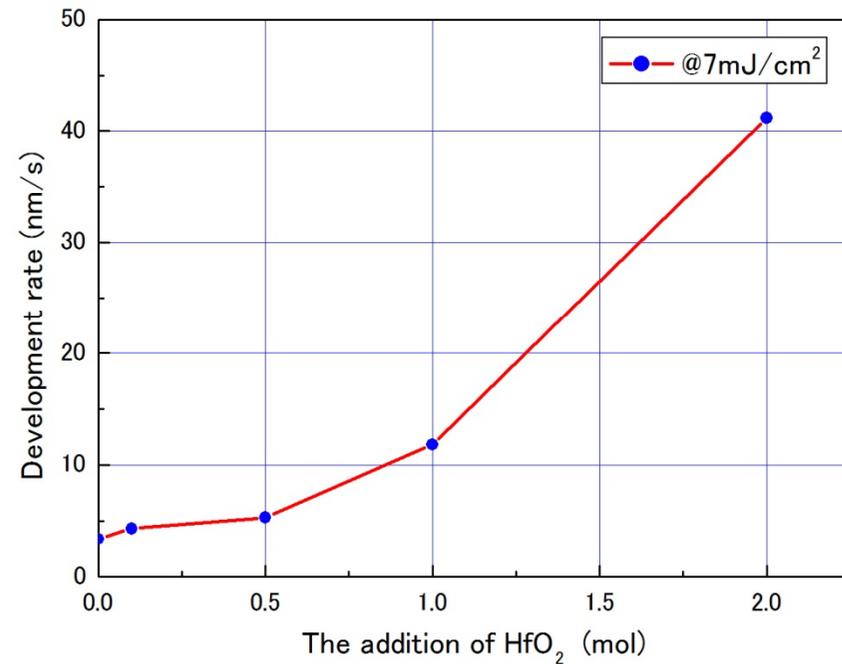
Result of development measurement in adding HfO₂

Exposure: NewSUBARU BL3
 Wavelength: 13.5nm at 0.33mW/cm²
 Exposure dose: 7mJ/cm²
 Rate measurement: RDA-800 (LTJ)

Resist: Resist F + PAG (TPS-TF) 4% + HfO₂
 Pre-bake: 100deg.C/60s
 PEB: 120deg.C/60s



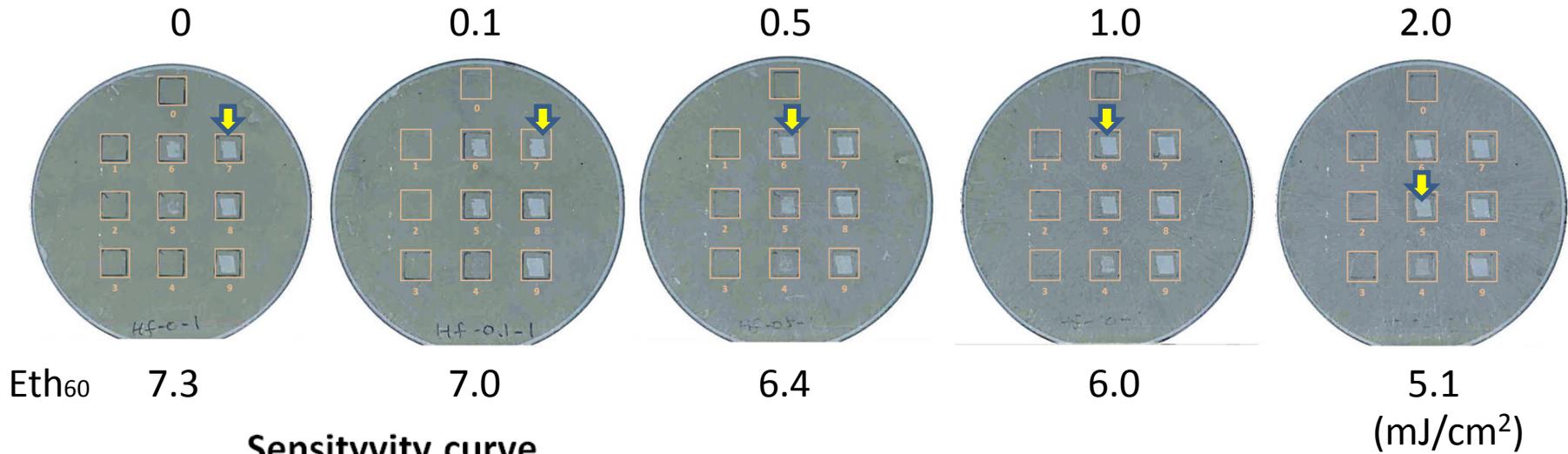
(a) Thickness and development time by addition of HfO₂



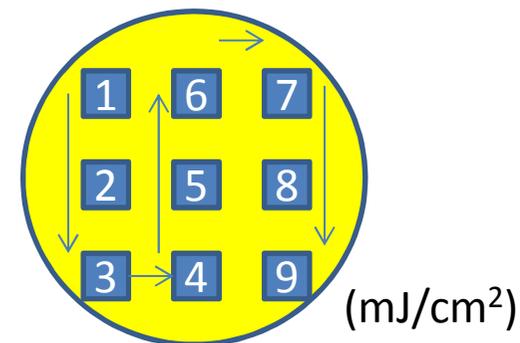
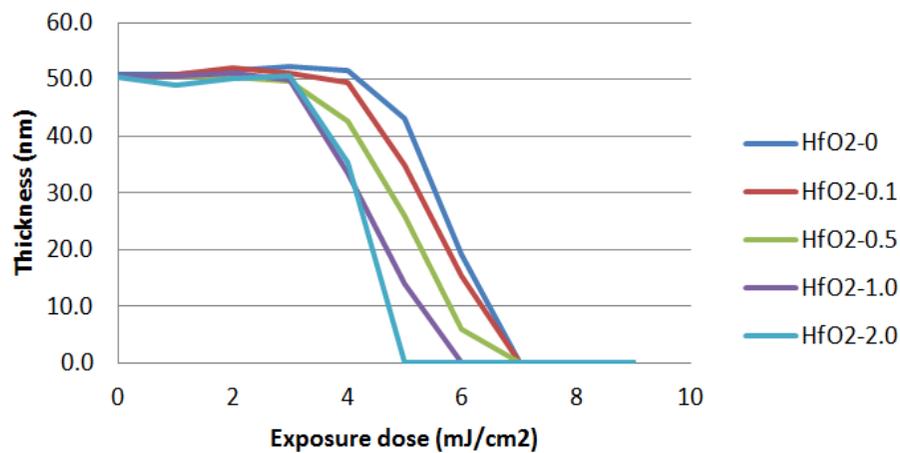
(b) Development rate and addition of HfO₂

Result of Eth measurement in adding HfO₂

HfO₂ (mol)



Sensitivity curve



The order and the exposure dose of the exposure

5. Conclusions

- We studied the transmittance measuring method of the EUV resist coated on the SiN membrane substrate. The transmittance measurement for 6 different resists were carried out.
- As a result, the calculated and measured transmittance -values were consistent.
- Using this measuring method, it is possible to obtain the B parameters of the EUV resist.
- It is found that the sensitivity improved by 30 % in adding HfO₂ material.

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