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## DDR Process and Materials for NTD Photo Resist toward 1Xnm Patterning and beyond

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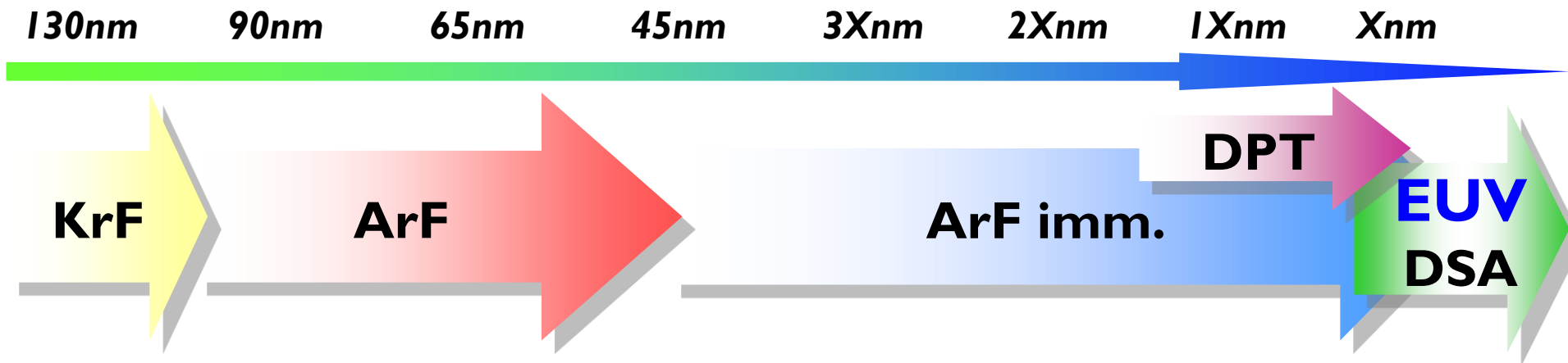
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# Lithography technique

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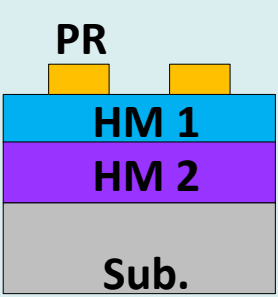
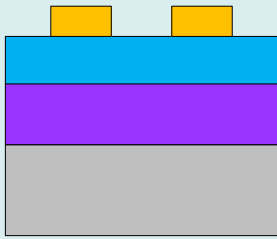
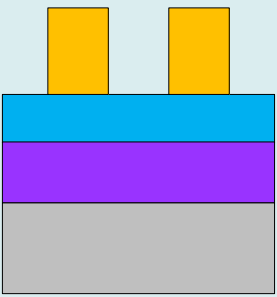
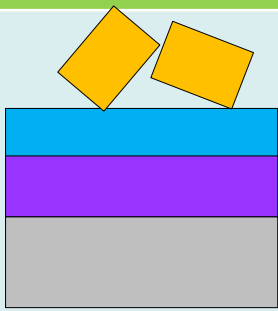
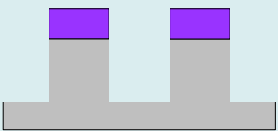
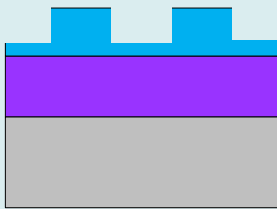
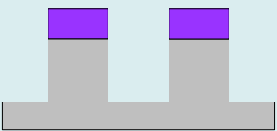

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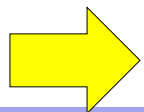
Some lithography techniques have been demonstrated to create fine pattern.

EUV lithography is one of the candidate for next gen. lithography.

# Difficulty in current process

Process step	Thin PR		Thick PR	
	Ideal	Actual	Ideal	Actual
Lithography				
Pattern transfer		<p>Can't open HM...</p> 		

Thick PR is prefer to achieve pattern transfer.  
⇒ Thicker PR cause pattern collapse...

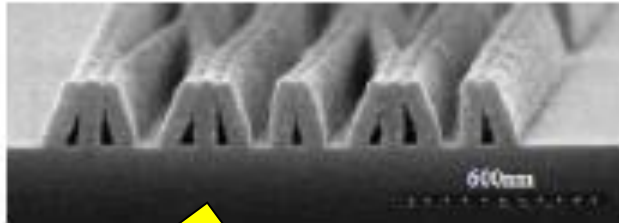


**Dry process** is one of the solution to overcome this trade-off.

# Dry process

## sc CO2 Dry Development

### Wet Development



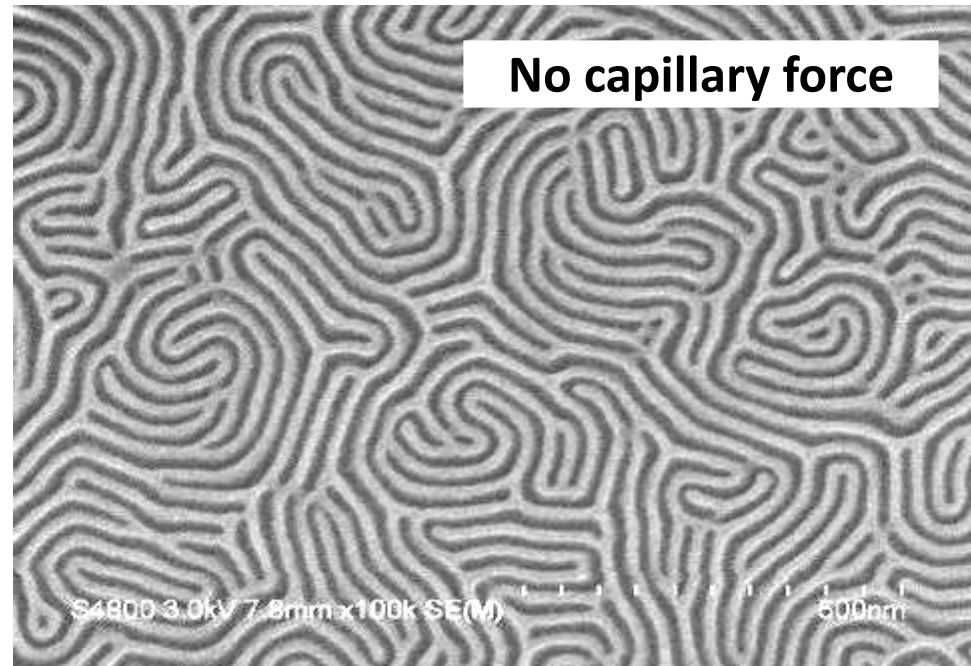
sc CO2

No capillary force



## DSA (= Directed Self-Assembly) 【Pattern creation by Dry Etching】

No capillary force



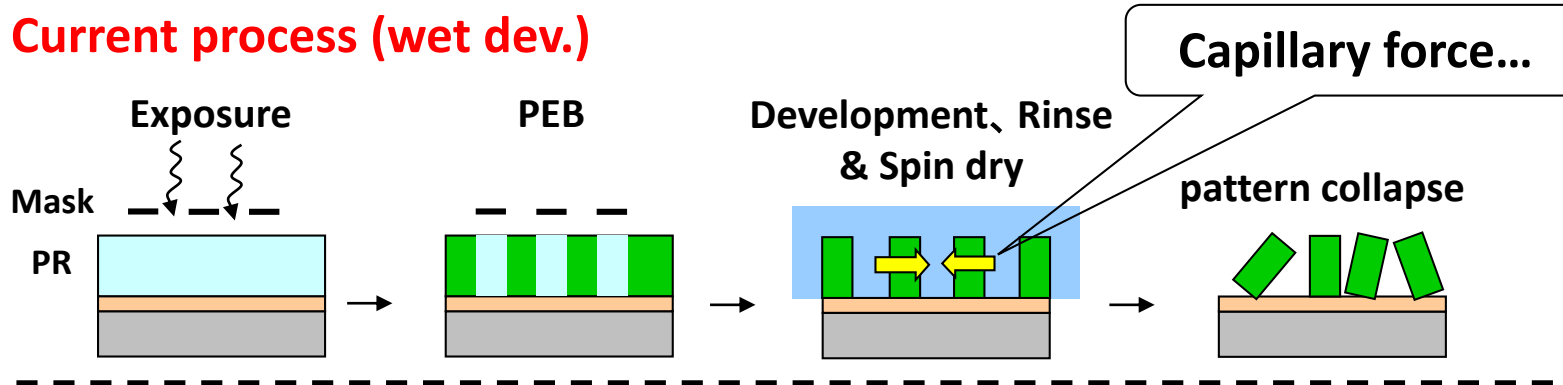
L0 = 30nm

Dry process can create fine pattern with high aspect ratio.

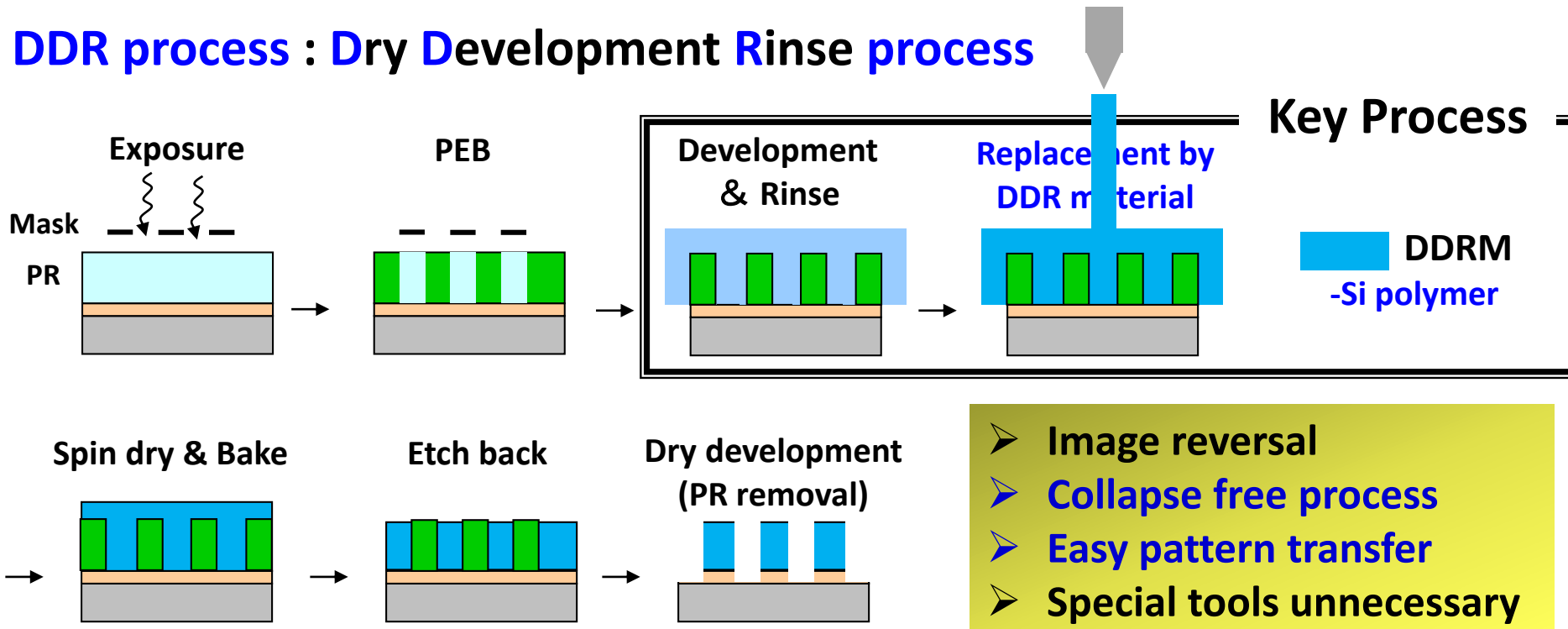
→ NissanChemical also has Dry process 【DDR Process】

# Dry Development Rinse process

## Current process (wet dev.)



## DDR process : Dry Development Rinse process



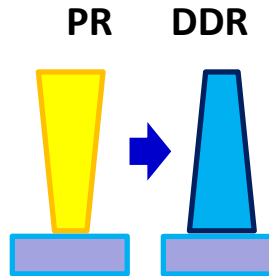
# Current progress for DDR process

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NCR500(80nm)

DDR specialized EUV PR (70nm)

Nissan Std. Si-HM



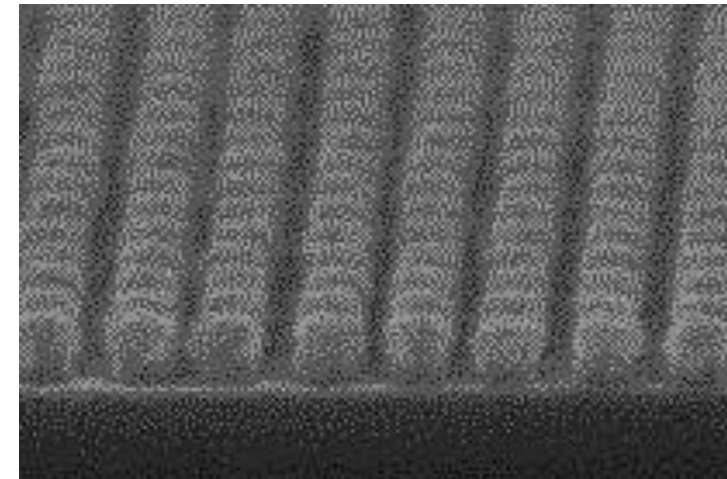
## 8nm Line (Pitch 32nm)

Line CD : 8.3nm  
LER : 2.5nm

Aspect ratio : 2.9

DDR FTK : 23.9nm

## 22hp Reversed pillar



Progress for single nm resolution by applying  
Dry development rinse process (DDRP) and materials (DDRM)  
Presenter : Wataru Shibayama (Poster)

➔ How about NTD PR?



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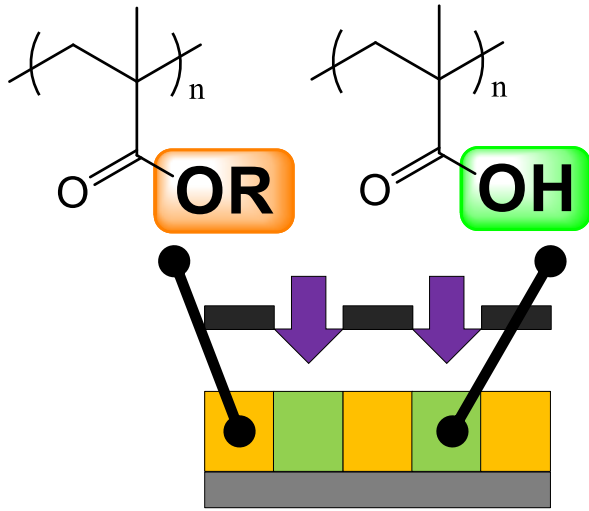
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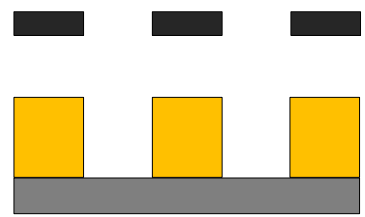
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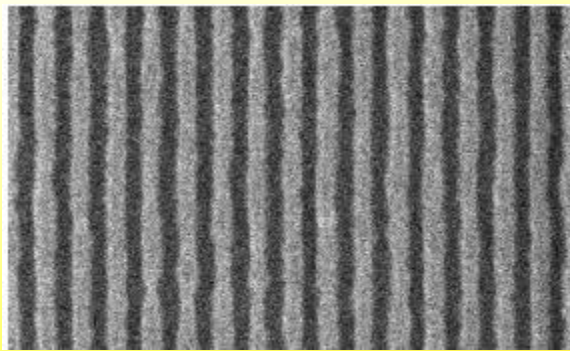
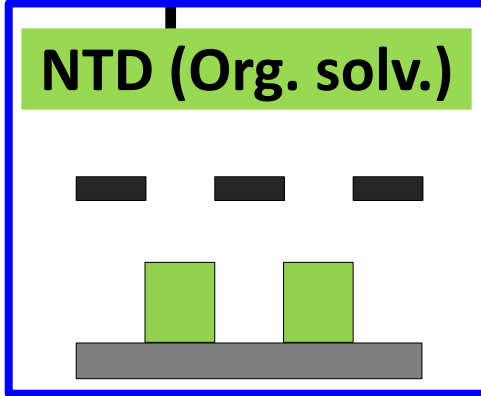
Exposure  $\Rightarrow$  Baking (de-protection)  $\Rightarrow$  Development



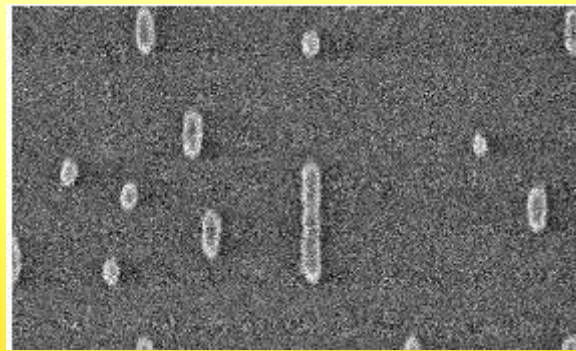
**PTD (TMAH aq.)**



**NTD (Org. solv.)**



**EUV**  
14nm L/S<sup>1)</sup>  
37mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>



**EUV**  
21nm block<sup>1)</sup>  
18mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>

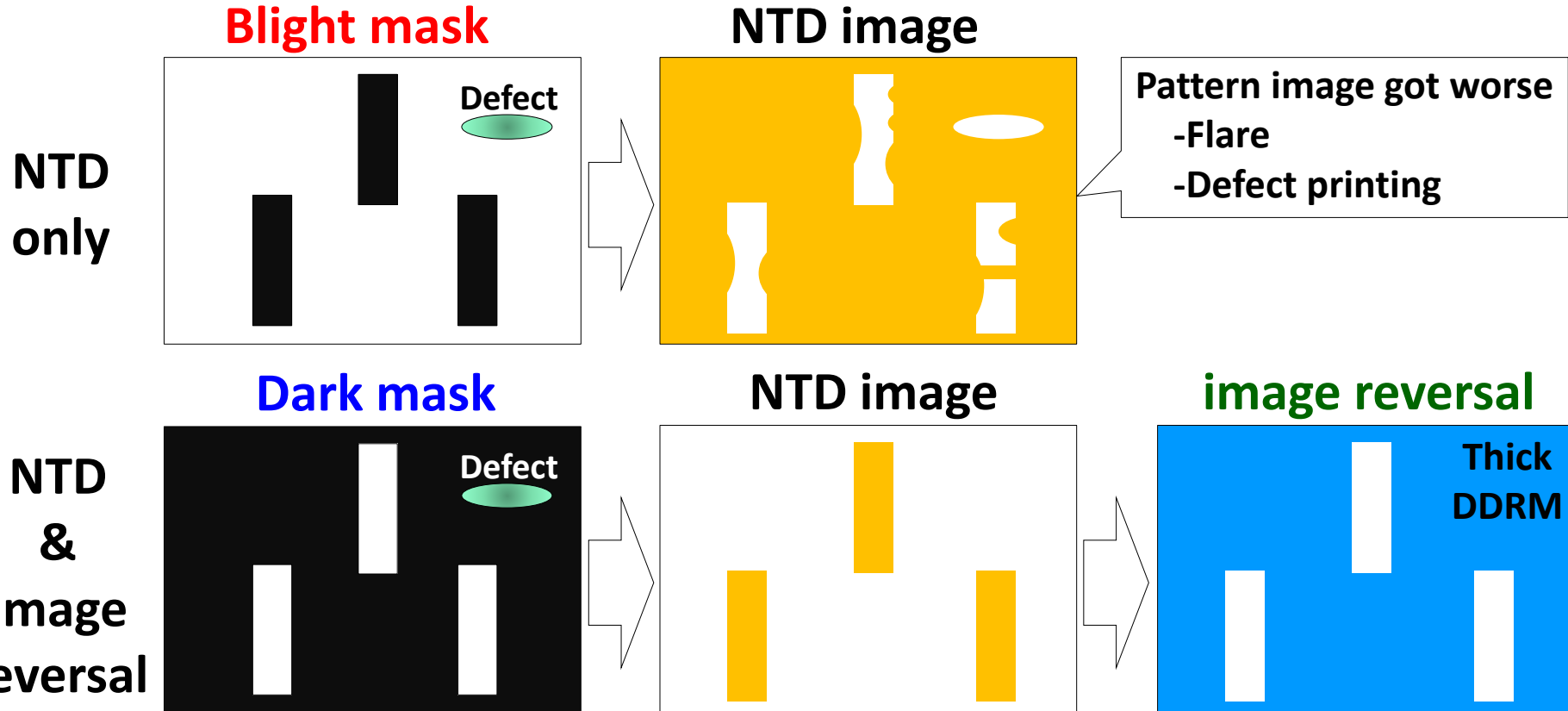
1) Proc. of SPIE, Negative-tone imaging with EUV exposure toward 13 nm hp, Fujifilm

**Current NTD PR shows almost same performance compared to PTD-PR.**

# Merit of NTD-DDR process

In EUVL, dark field mask is the preferred because of defectivity, flare

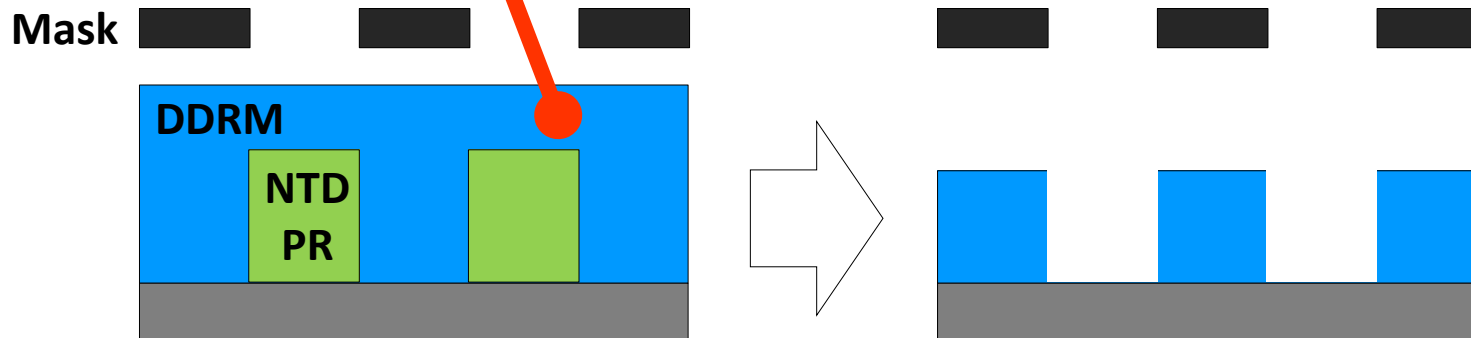
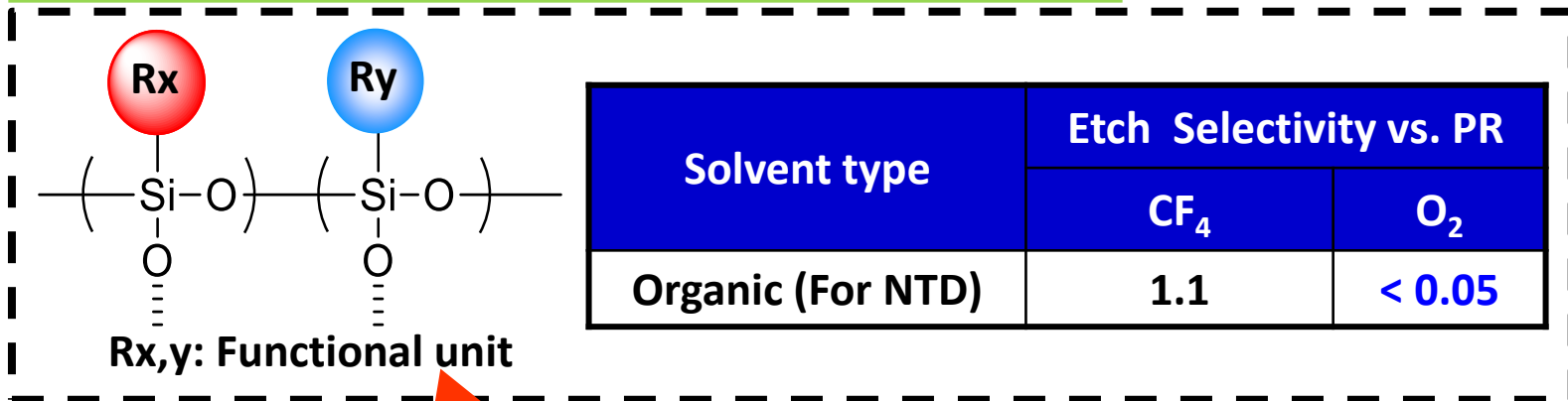
Target : Fine Trench, C/H



C/H or trench can be created by NTD-DDR process with high quality.  
It become easy to achieve pattern transfer due to using DDRM as HM.

# DDR Material for NTD PR

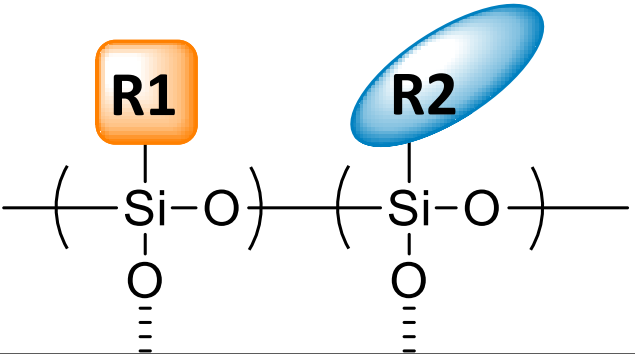
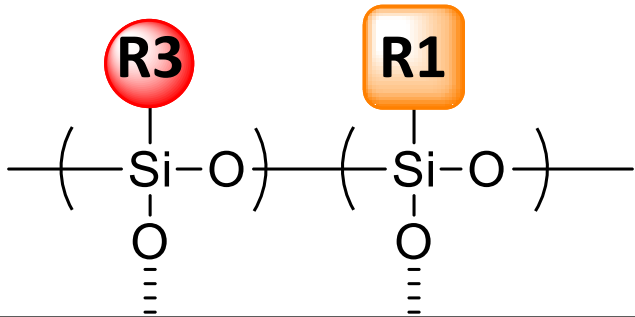
## Dry Development Rinse Material : DDRM



## Requirement:

- ◆ High compatibility for organic developer
- ◆ Gap filling in narrow pitch
- ◆ No mixing to NTD PR

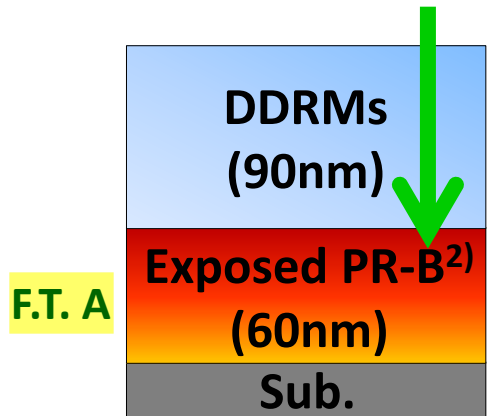
# Candidate of DDRM for NTD PR

Sample	NCR541	NCR581
Generation	2 <sup>nd</sup> gen.	3 <sup>rd</sup> gen.
Polymer	 <p>Chemical structure of NCR541 polymer: A siloxane chain consisting of two units. The first unit has an orange R1 group, and the second unit has a blue R2 group.</p>	 <p>Chemical structure of NCR581 polymer: A siloxane chain consisting of two units. The first unit has a red R3 group, and the second unit has an orange R1 group.</p>
Functional unit	R1,2 : Solubility for org. solv.	R1 : Solubility for org. solv. R3 : High cross-link density
Solvent	Org. solvent A	Org. solvent A
Si content (Normalized)	1.0	1.2

# Study of mixing layer

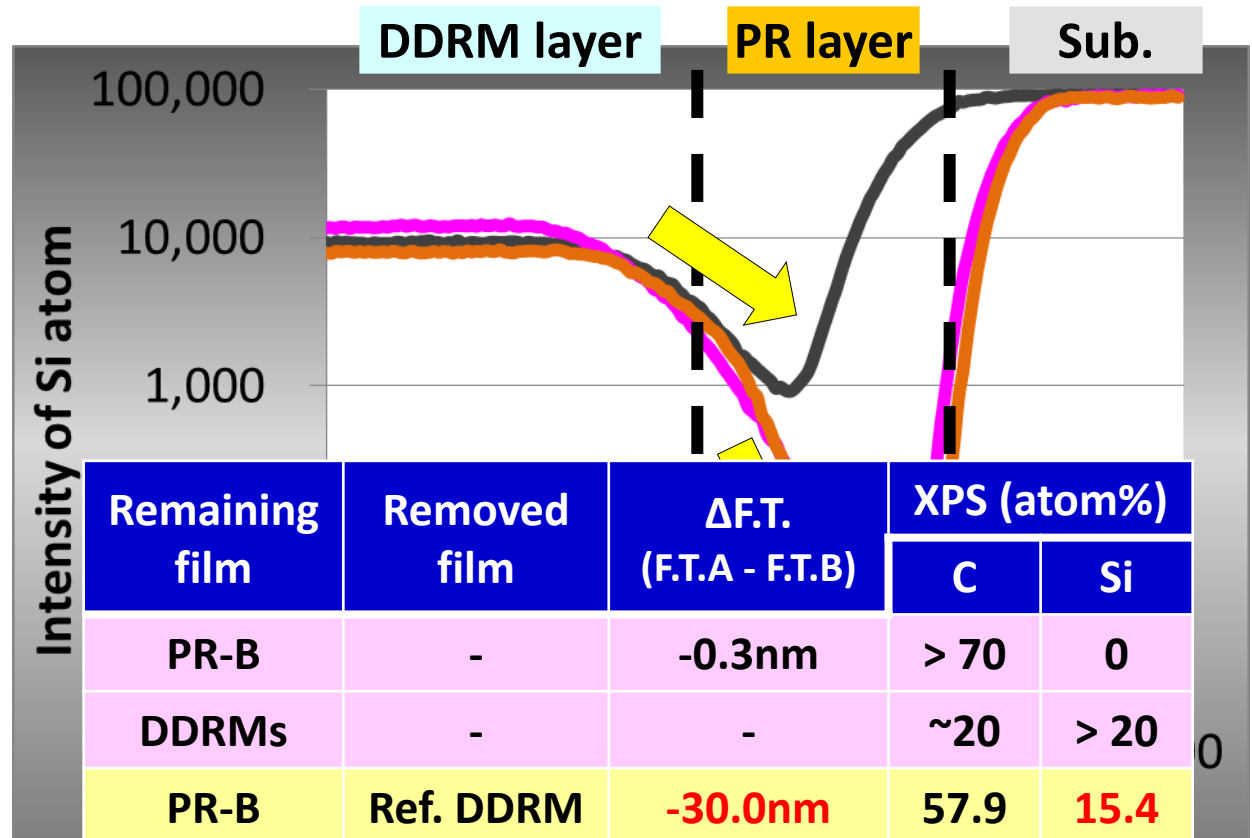
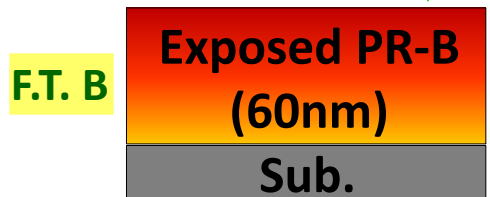
## ToF-SIMS (Depth direction)

2) PR-B : imec STD, NTD-EUV PR



DDRM removal  
by developer

XPS (Surface)



Mixing level : Low

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## Patterning @hp14~18nm

NXE3300 (imec), NA: 0.33

	hp18nm	hp15nm	hp14nm
<b>Normal NTD</b> <b>(w/o rinse)</b> PR-B (Fujifilm, 40nm)			
<b>NCR541</b> Previous DDRM			
<b>NCR581</b> High cross-link type			<b>A.R. &gt; 2.5!</b> 

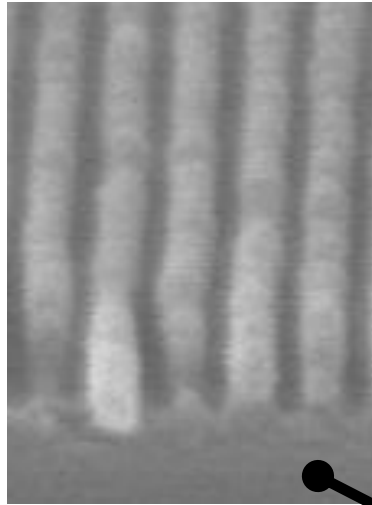
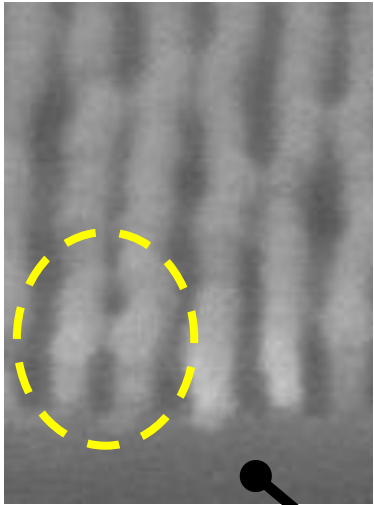
High cross link type DDRM showed good patterning property.



# Pattern wiggling after etching

**NCR541**  
hp 14nm

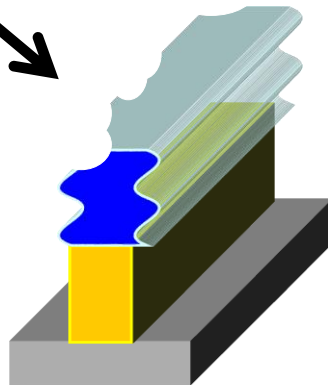
**NCR581**  
hp 14nm



Property	NCR541	NCR581
Mixing level	1.0 – 1.5nm	
Si content (Normalized)	1.0	1.2
Film density (Normalized)	1.0	1.1
O <sub>2</sub> Etch rate (Normalized)	1.0	< 0.5

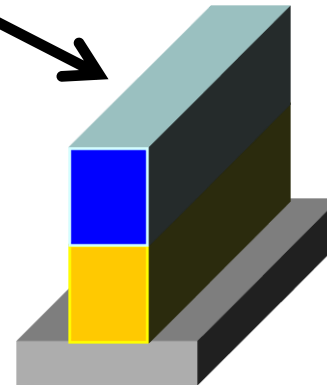
**Etch damage**

**low cross-link**  
Soft pattern



**Low etch damage**

**High cross-link**  
Rigid pattern



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# Comparison of LCDU

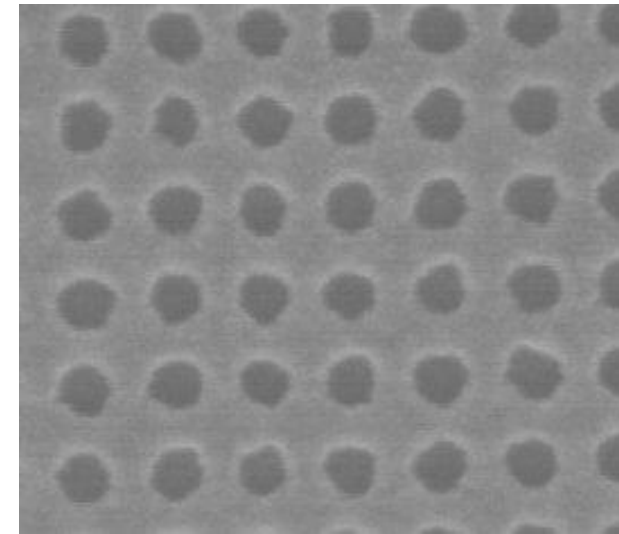
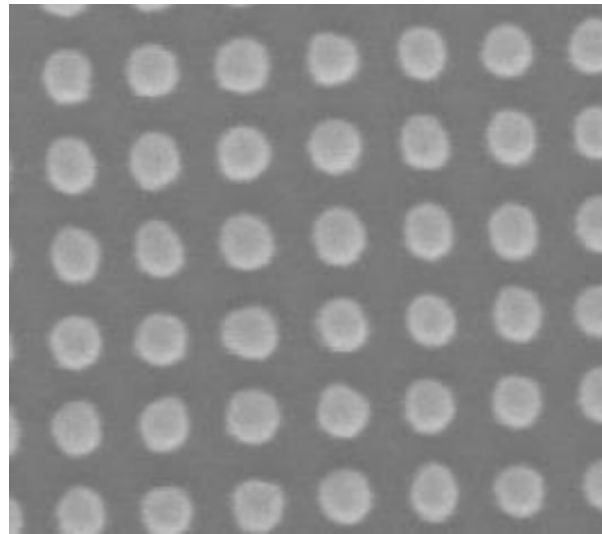
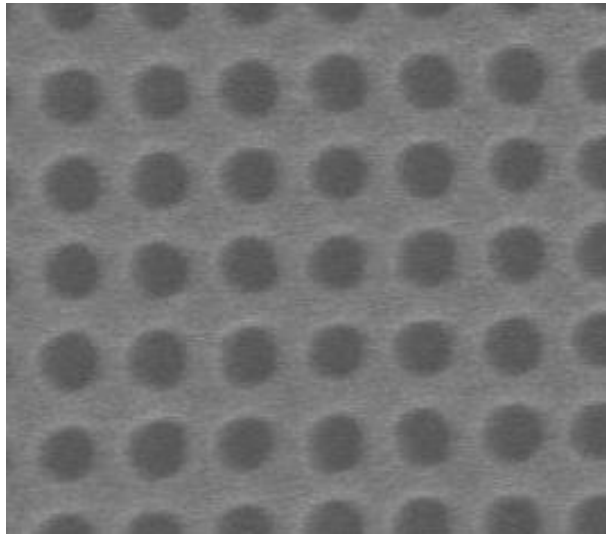
CD size 30nm / Pitch 52nm, PR-B, F.T. : 40nm

NXE3300 (imec), NA: 0.33

**PTD C/H**  
**(imec STD)**

**NTD Pillar**  
**(PR-B, imec STD)**

**NTD Pillar**  
**→ C/H (NCR581)**



Ave. CD: 32.2nm  
Range: 1.6nm  
3 $\sigma$ : 1.5nm

Ave. CD: 32.1nm  
Range: 1.9nm  
3 $\sigma$ : 0.8nm

Ave. CD: 28.7nm  
Range: 1.9nm  
3 $\sigma$ : 1.5nm

Rev. C/H of DDRM showed same LCDU compared to PTD C/H in EUVL.  
There were still gap compared to original pillar.

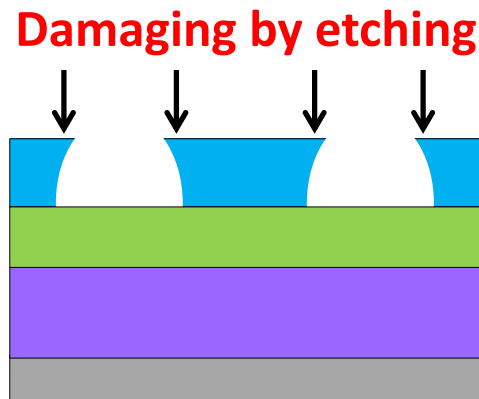
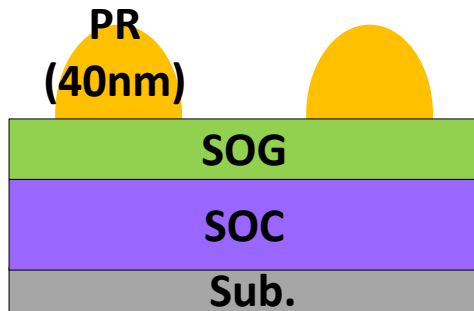
# Dependence of pattern shape

Pillar

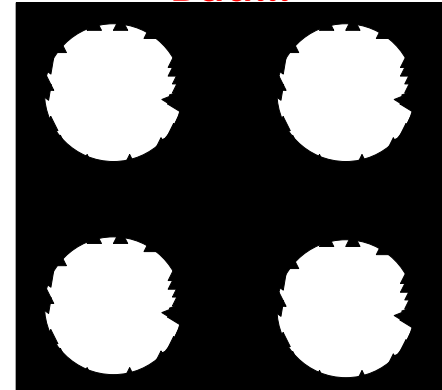
Rev. C/H

Top view

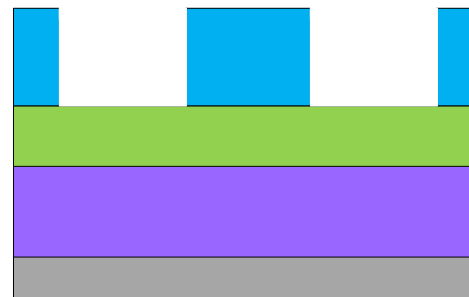
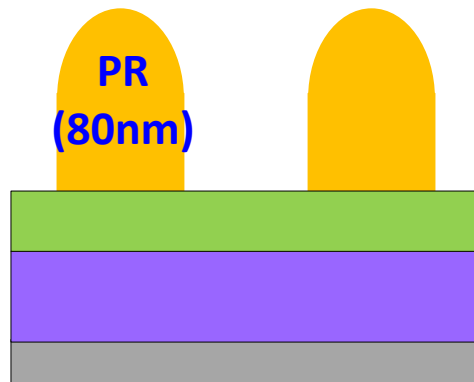
Thinner  
PR



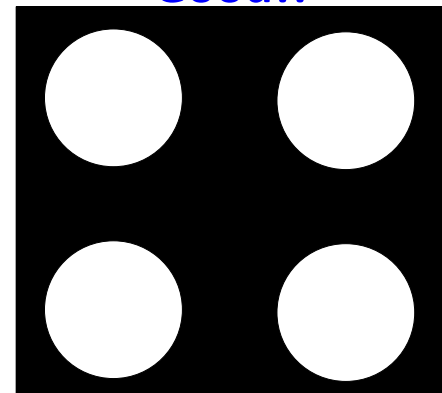
Bad...



Thicker  
PR



Good!!

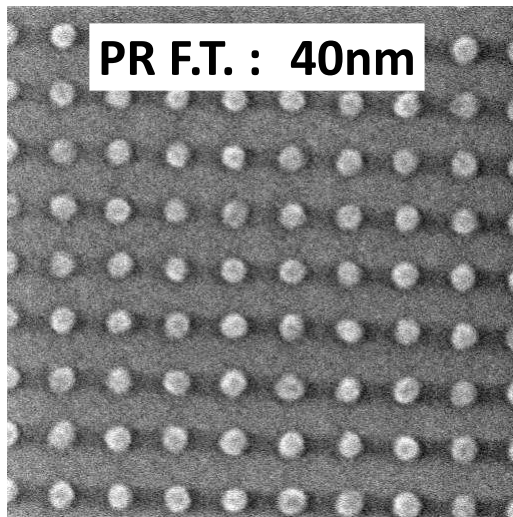


To use thicker PR and to apply enough etch back are useful for good LCDU.

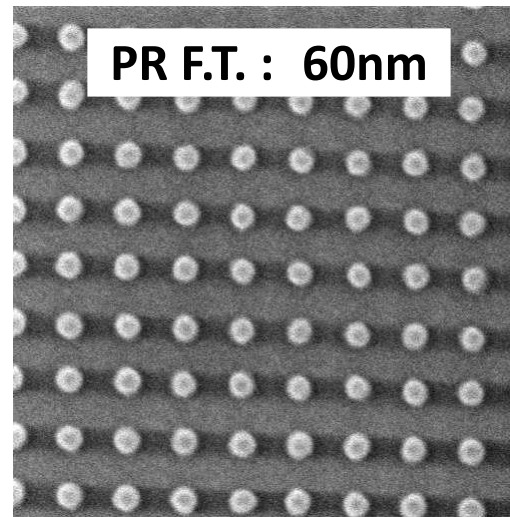
# Dependence of PR thickness

Pillar 30nm / Pitch 60nm, PR-B, F.T. : 40~80nm

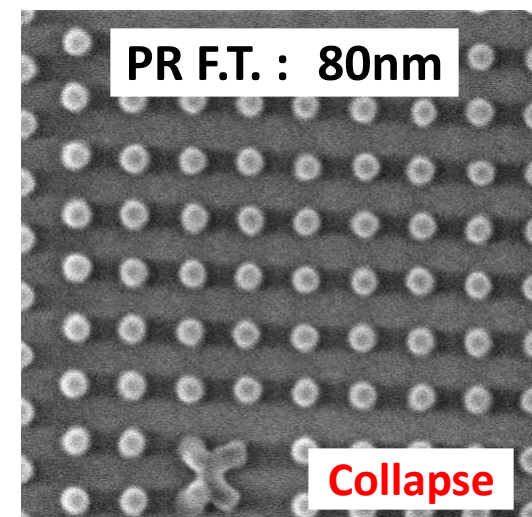
EB tool (Elionix), 130kV, 50pA



Ave. CD: 25.7nm  
Max CD: 26.5nm  
Min CD: 24.9nm  
Range: 1.6nm  
3 $\sigma$ : 1.1nm



Ave. CD: 27.4 nm  
Max CD: 27.9nm  
Min CD: 26.9nm  
Range: 1.0nm  
3 $\sigma$ : 0.8nm



Ave. CD: (29.7nm)  
Max CD: (30.3nm)  
Min CD: (29.2nm)  
Range: (1.1nm)  
3 $\sigma$ : (0.8nm)

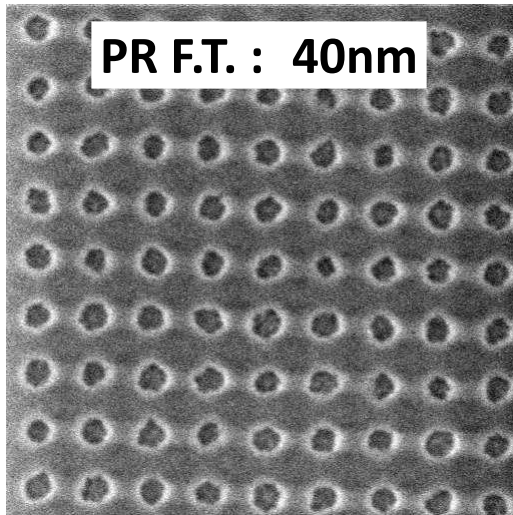
Thicker PR tended to be better LCDU.

Pillar pattern was collapsed when match thicker PR was used.

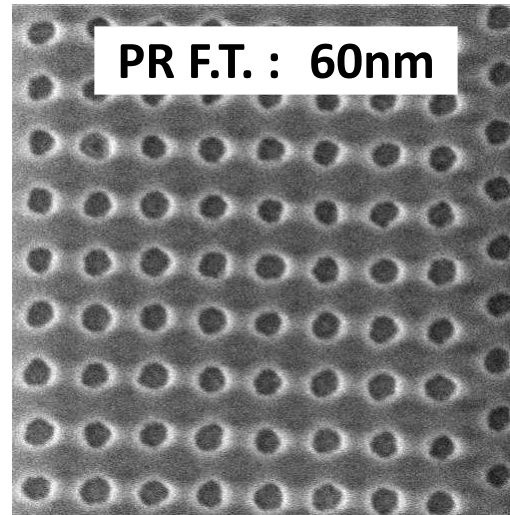
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Hole 30nm / Pitch 60nm, PR-B, F.T. : 40~80nm

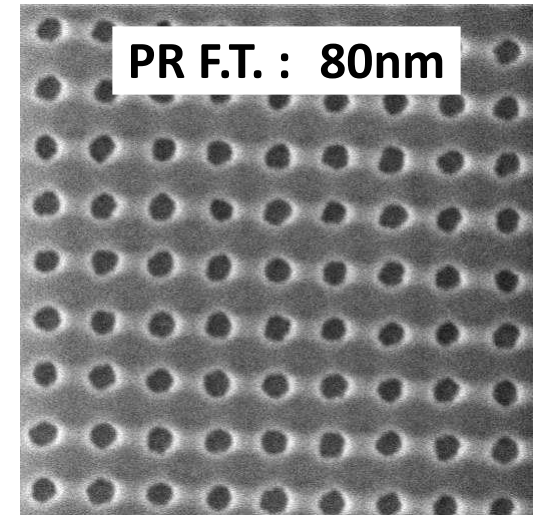
EB tool (Elionix), 130kV, 50pA



Ave. CD: 25.5 nm  
Max CD: 26.8nm  
Min CD: 22.2nm  
Range: 4.6nm  
3 $\sigma$ : 1.5nm



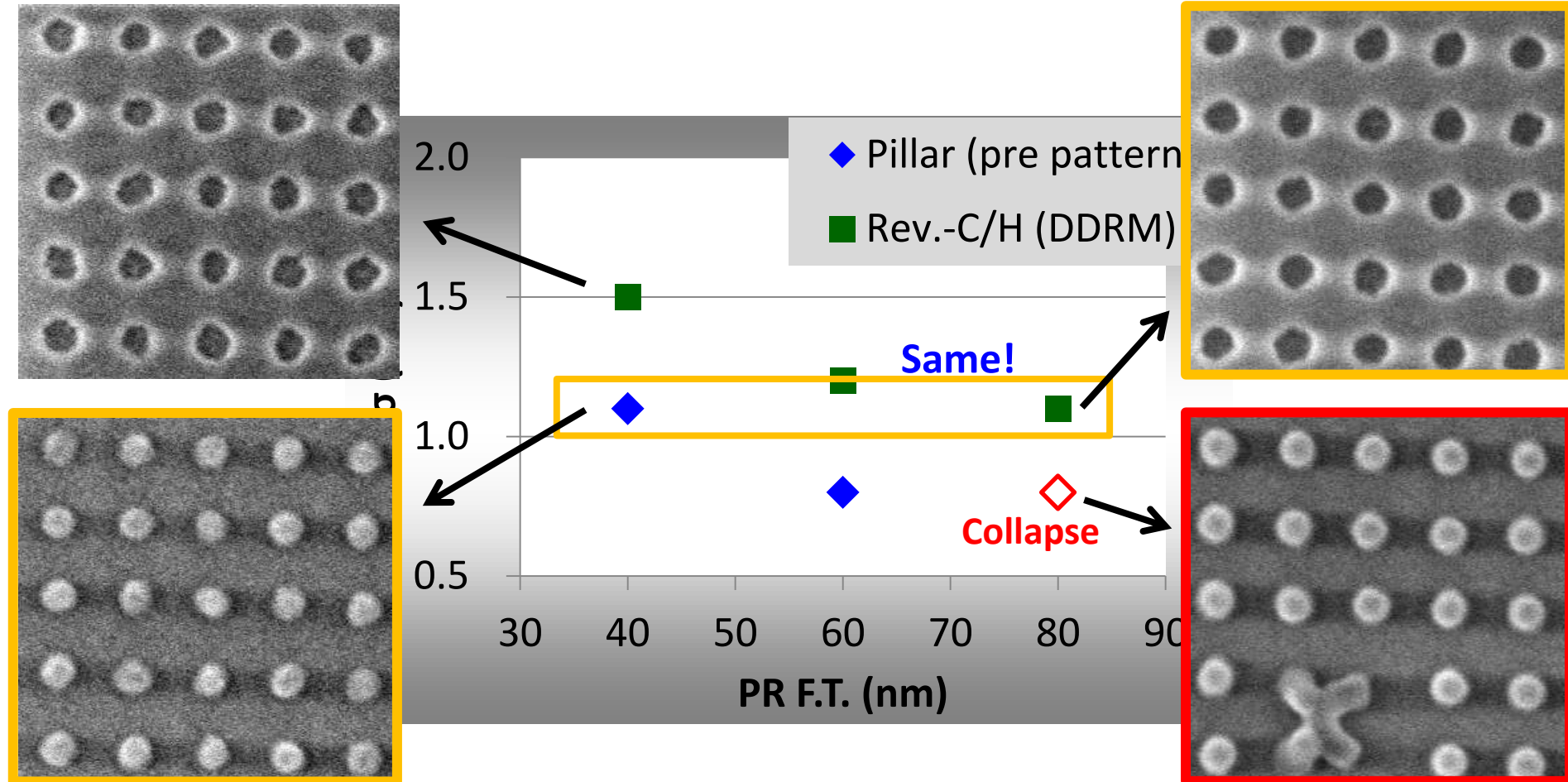
Ave. CD: 28.7 nm  
Max CD: 30.2nm  
Min CD: 27.2nm  
Range: 3.0nm  
3 $\sigma$ : 1.2nm



Ave. CD: 28.2 nm  
Max CD: 29.5nm  
Min CD: 27.0nm  
Range: 2.5nm  
3 $\sigma$ : 1.1nm

LCDU became better when thicker pre-pattern was reversed.

# Summary of LCDU study

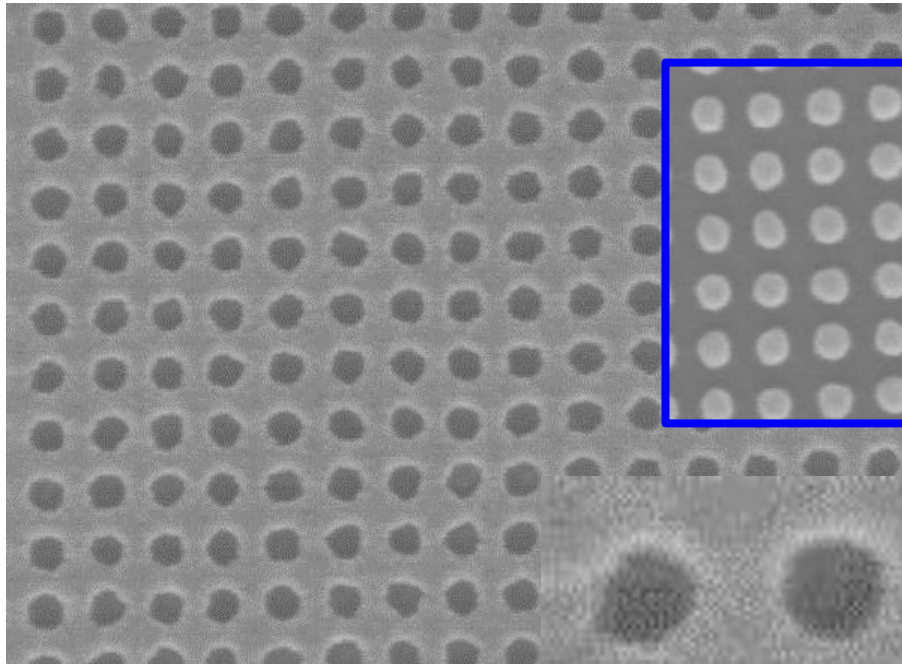


In DDR process, LCDU could be improved by using match thicker PR.

# C/H creation with thicker PR

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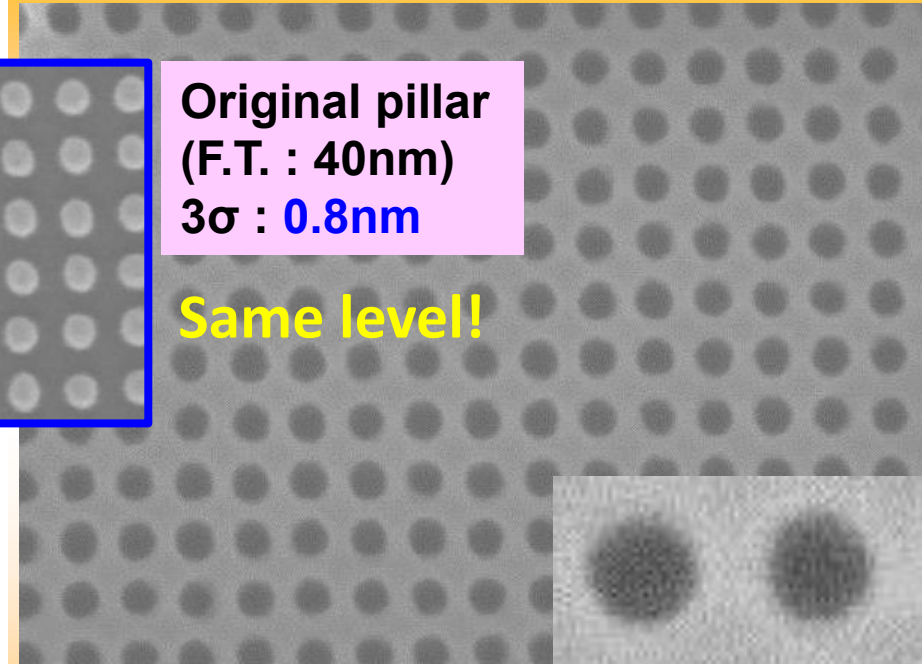
Rev. C/H (PR F.T. : 40nm)



Ave. CD: 28.7nm  
Range: 1.9nm  
3 $\sigma$ : 1.5nm



Rev. C/H (PR F.T. : 80nm)



Original pillar  
(F.T. : 40nm)  
3 $\sigma$  : 0.8nm

Same level!

Ave. CD: 30.1nm  
Range: 1.7nm  
3 $\sigma$ : 0.7nm



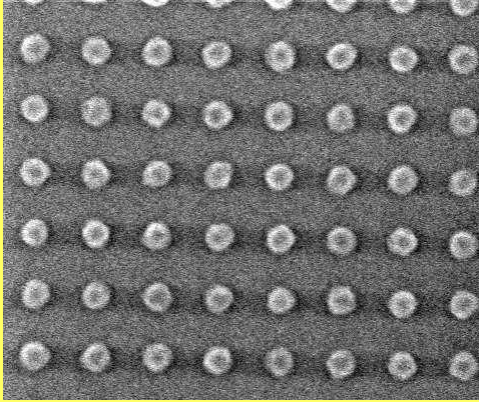
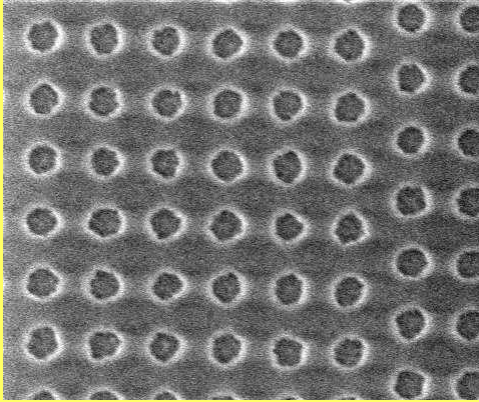
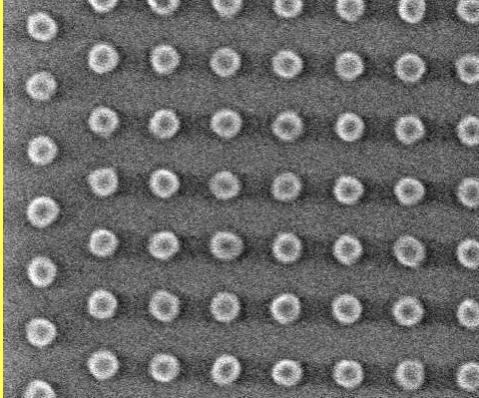
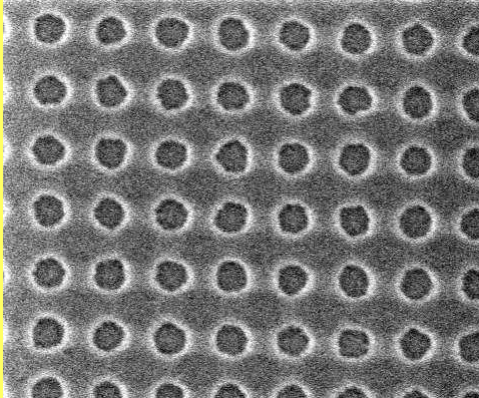
CDU of Rev. C/H can be improved by using thicker PR.



# C/H creation by high sensitive PR

EB tool (Elionix), 130kV, 50pA

CD size 40nm / Pitch 80nm

PR series	Pillar (NTD)	Rev. C/H (NTD-DDR)
<b>PR-B</b>  Fujifilm Imec STD F.T. : 40nm	 <p>Dose: 380uC/cm<sup>2</sup> Ave. CD: 35.9 nm 3σ: 1.5nm</p>	 <p>Dose: 380uC/cm<sup>2</sup> Ave. CD: 35.1 nm 3σ: 2.3nm</p>
<b>PR-C</b>  Fujifilm High sensitivity F.T. : 40nm	 <p>Dose: 200uC/cm<sup>2</sup> Ave. CD: 37.7 nm 3σ: 1.4nm</p>	 <p>Dose: 200uC/cm<sup>2</sup> Ave. CD: 38.7 nm 3σ: 2.0nm</p>

DDR process showed potential to create fine C/H with high sensitivity.

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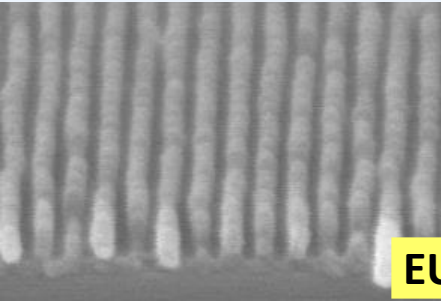
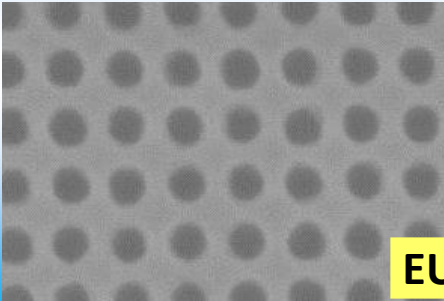
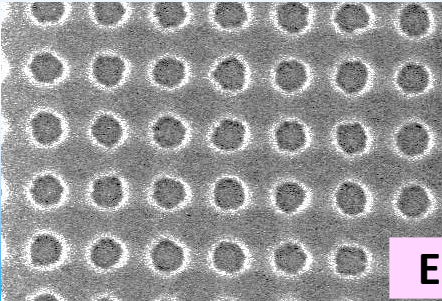
New DDRM showed low damage property against NTD PR by ToF-SIMS & XPS analysis.

New DDRM with **high Si content** and **high density** showed good patterning property in EUV lithography.

Pattern reverse from pillar into C/H was successfully achieved with good LCDU in NTD-DDR process.

LCDU of reversed C/H was improved when **thicker PR** was applied.

NTD-DDR showed the potential to make fine C/H at match lower dose.

Resolution	LWR (CDU)	Sensitivity
<p data-bbox="123 925 566 968">HP14nm, A.R. &gt; 2.5!</p>  <p data-bbox="517 1282 620 1338">EUV</p>	<p data-bbox="672 893 1253 1003">C30P60, <math>3\sigma</math> : 0.7nm! (Same level of original PR)</p>  <p data-bbox="1136 1282 1238 1338">EUV</p>	<p data-bbox="1503 862 1669 905">C40P80</p> <p data-bbox="1273 925 1893 1032">Twice times high sensitivity! compared to STD PR</p>  <p data-bbox="1773 1282 1856 1338">EB</p>

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**Thank you for your kind attention.**