

# Multi-Beam activity from the 1980s

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## Multi-Beam Concepts for Nanometer Devices

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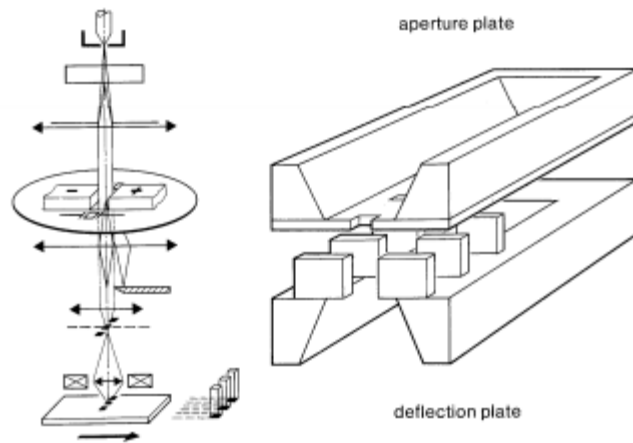


Fig. 8. Control plate, consisting of a probe forming aperture plate and a deflection plate for individual beam blanking.

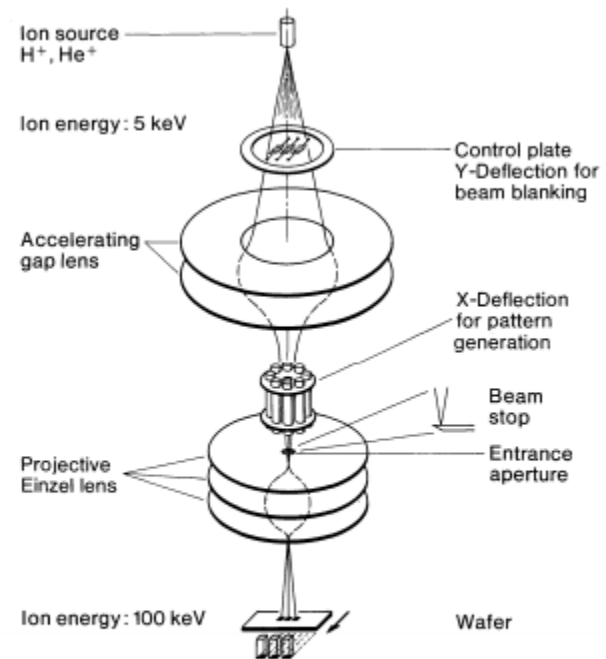


Fig. 14. Ion beam stepper with modifications (control plate, ribbon beam illumination, beam stop) for multi beam applications (by permission of IMS, Vienna, Austria).



# Multi-Beam Mask Writer

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Jiun Sonja (1718-1805)  
*Buji Kore Kinin*  
“Only those who live simply,  
live nobly”  
Genzō Hattori Collection



Kobori Sōchū (1786-1867)  
*Mei Rekireki Ro Dōdō*  
“Everything lies openly before us,  
plainly and undisguised”  
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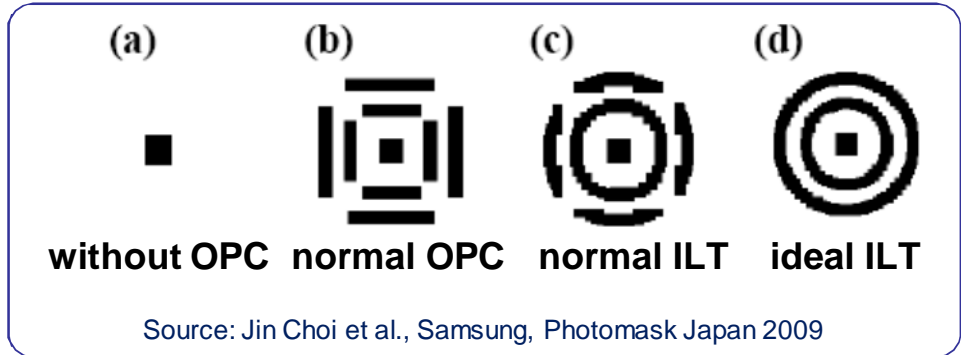
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# SMO (Source Mask Optimization) with OPC and ILT



Source: Samsung

(a) (b) (c) (d)



without OPC normal OPC normal ILT ideal ILT

Source: Jin Choi et al., Samsung, Photomask Japan 2009

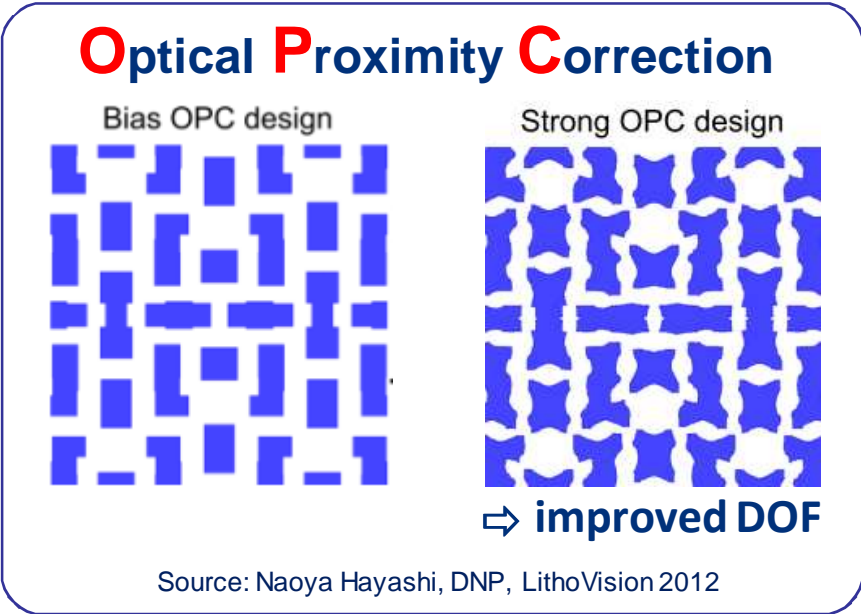
The diagram illustrates four stages of mask optimization for a central square. (a) 'without OPC' shows a simple black square. (b) 'normal OPC' shows the square with four horizontal bars above and below it. (c) 'normal ILT' shows the square with a thick, irregular ring around it. (d) 'ideal ILT' shows the square with a perfectly uniform, concentric ring.



Source: DNP

## Optical Proximity Correction

Bias OPC design Strong OPC design

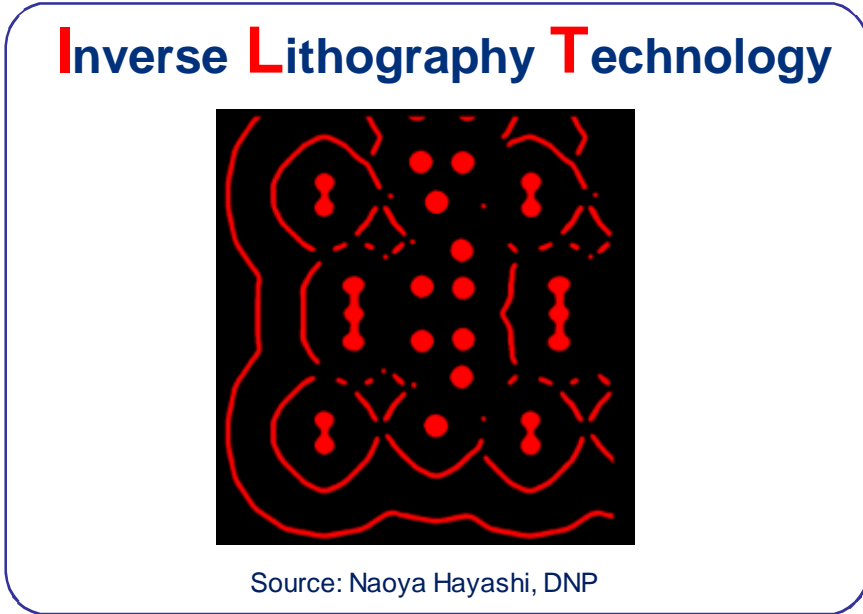


⇒ improved DOF

Source: Naoya Hayashi, DNP, LithoVision 2012

The image compares two OPC designs for a grid of rectangular patterns. The 'Bias OPC design' shows a regular grid of rectangles. The 'Strong OPC design' shows the same grid but with the corners of the rectangles rounded and the spaces between them filled with a complex, interlocking pattern. An arrow points from the strong OPC design to the text 'improved DOF'.

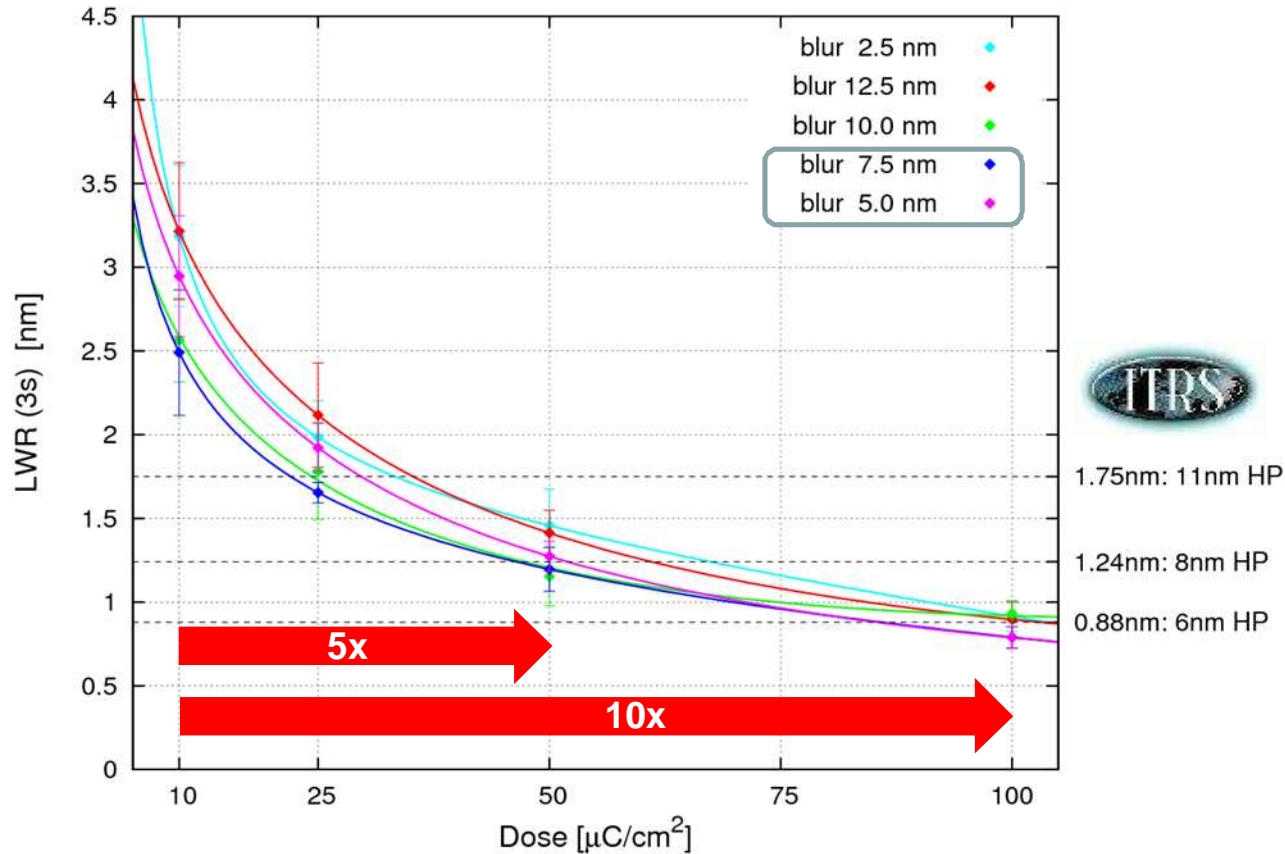
## Inverse Lithography Technology



Source: Naoya Hayashi, DNP

The image shows a mask pattern for Inverse Lithography Technology (ILT). It features a central grid of red circular patterns, with larger, irregular red shapes surrounding them, all on a black background.

## LWR Monte Carlo simulation results for CD = 30nm



For the 11nm HP mask technology node and below the **resist exposure dose must be increased by a factor of 5 to 10**

## 50keV electron Variable Shaped Beam (VSB) Mask Writer

# beams: 1

Shape size: variable

Current density: 800 A/cm<sup>2</sup>

Current: 80nA / 100nm square  
3.2nA / 20nm square  
0.8nA / 10nm square

## 50keV electron Multi-Beam (MB) Mask Writer

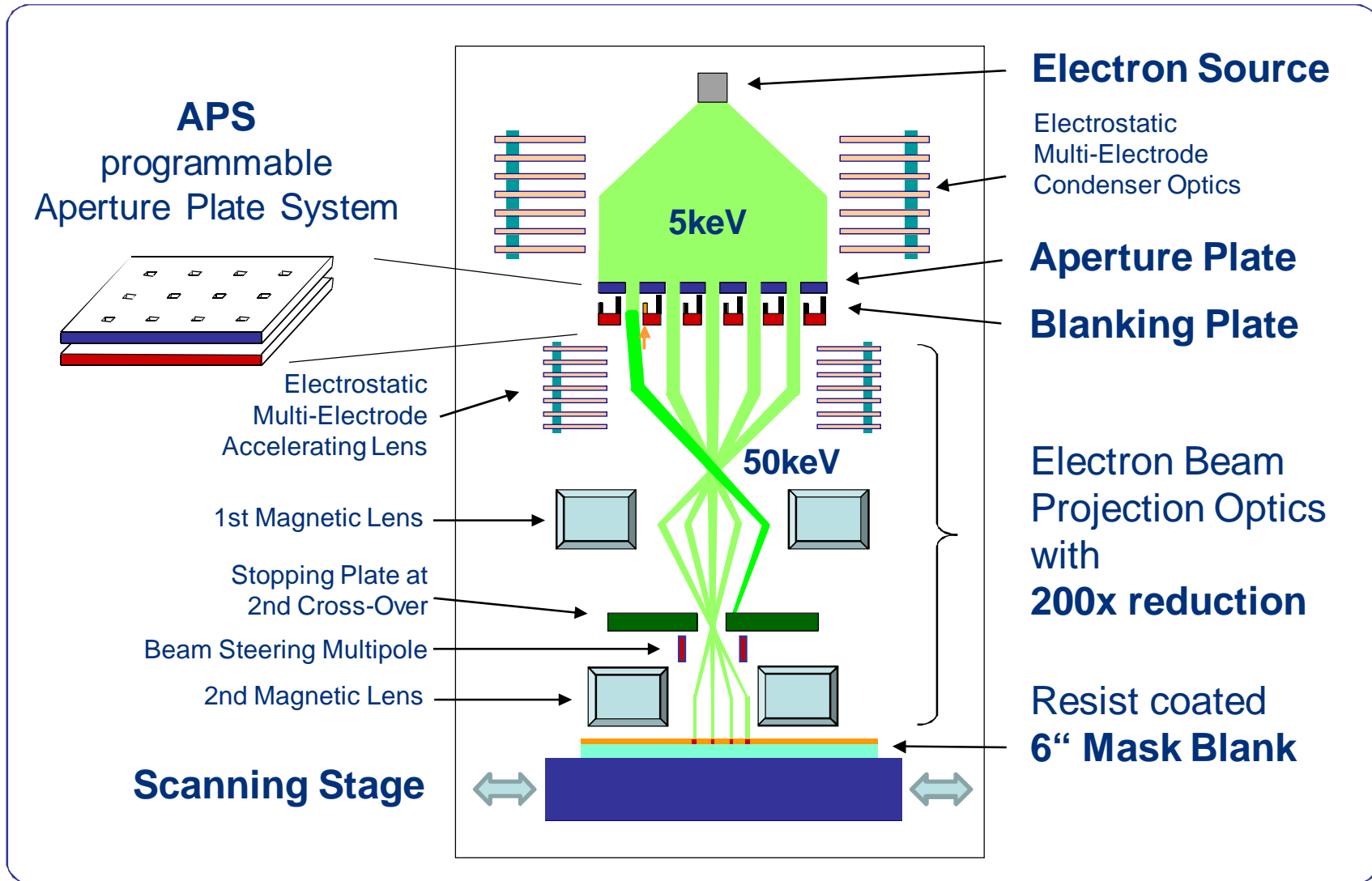
# beams: 262,144 (512 x 512)

Beam size: fixed, 20nm, 10nm, ...

Current density: 1 A/cm<sup>2</sup> / 20nm beam  
4 A/cm<sup>2</sup> / 10nm beam

Current:  
(all beams "on") 1 μA / 20nm beam  
1 μA / 10nm beam

# MB Mask Writer Tool Principles



# eMET POC – Proof-of-Concept electron Mask Exposure Tool

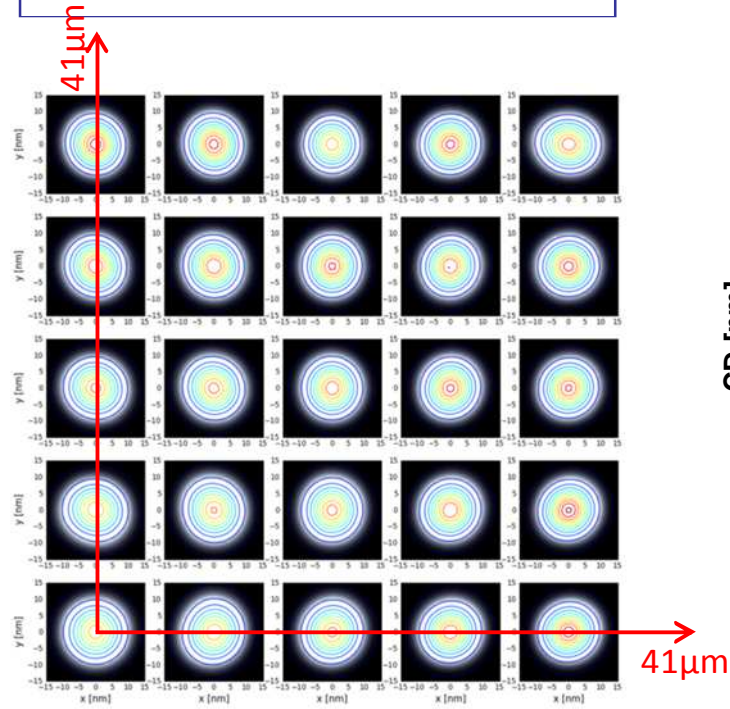
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- ❑ # of programmable beams: 262,144
- ❑ Data Path: 12.8 Gbits/s
- ❑ Beam energy: 50keV
- ❑ Beam size: 20nm
- ❑ Column Blur: 5nm 1sigma
- ❑ Address grid: 0.1 nm
- ❑ Writing: Scanning stage
- ❑ Current: 0.1  $\mu$ A - 1  $\mu$ A
- ❑ TPT: up to 10cm<sup>2</sup>/h



## Simulation



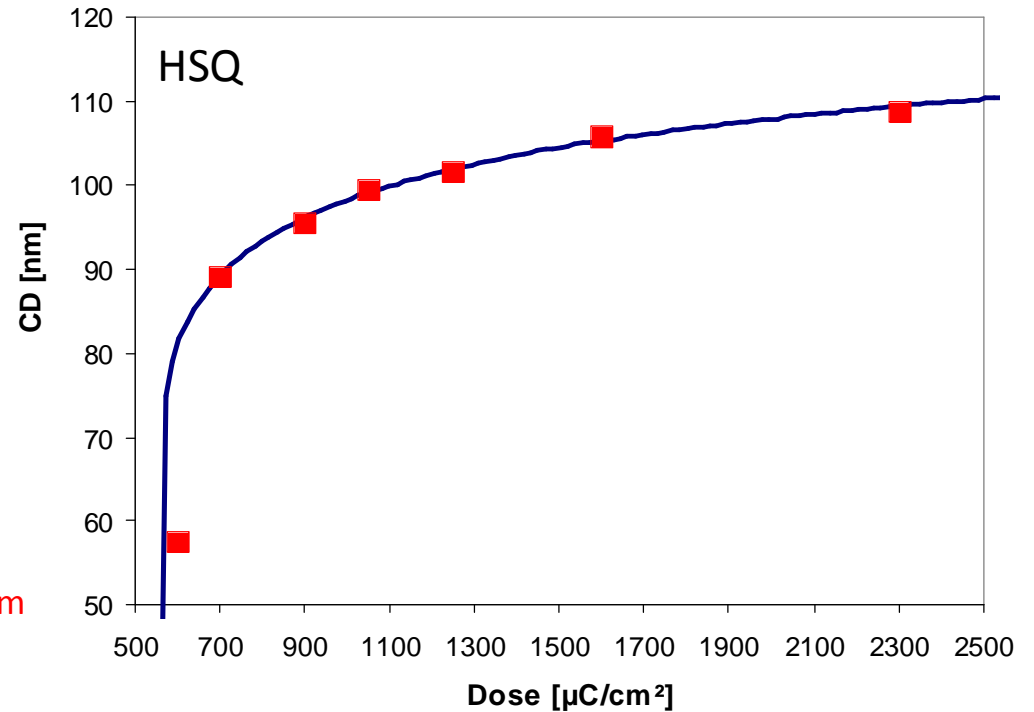
one image quadrant

**Simulated 1sigma blur:**

**5.3 nm**

**@ 82µm x 82µm beam array field**

## Experiment



**Measured 1sigma blur (incl. resist):**

**6.65 nm (Center); at Corners:**

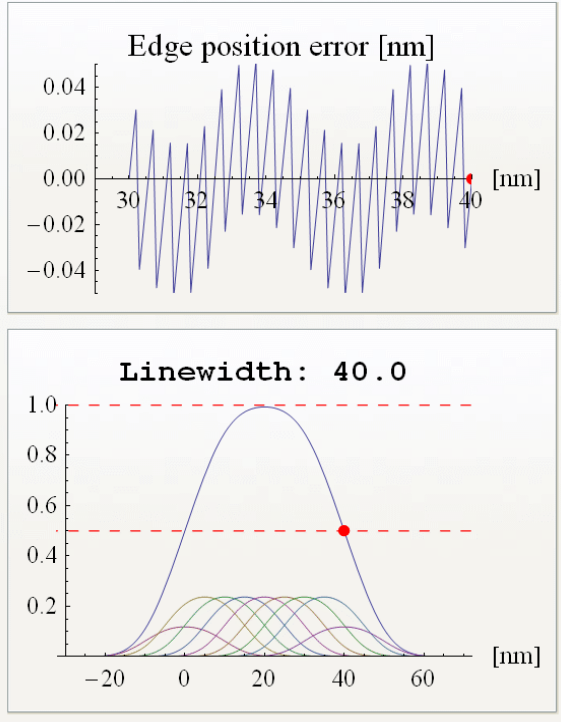
**– 0.45nm, 0.02nm, 0.045nm, 0.70nm**



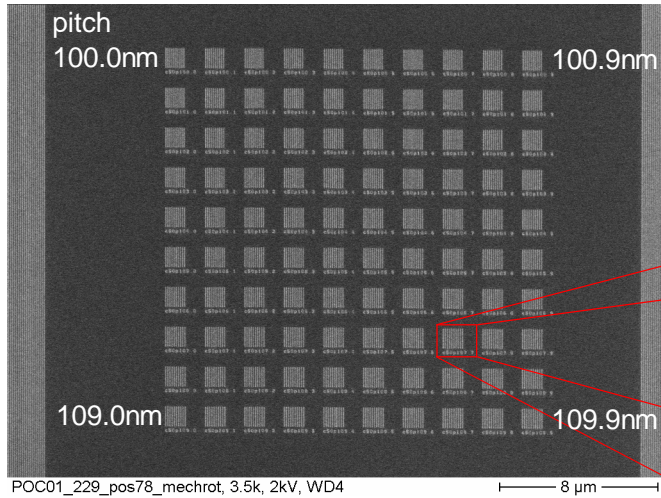
# 0.1nm Address Grid by **MESA** (Multiple Exposure Shot Addressing)

- Overlapping Shots: Pixel = ¼ Beam Size
- Every 20nm shot exposed with 4bit = 16 dose levels (0, 1, 2,...15)

Beam Size: 20 nm  
Pixel Size: 5 nm  
⇒  
16 x 15 + 1: 241 dose levels / area  
4 x 15 + 1: 61 dose levels / edge



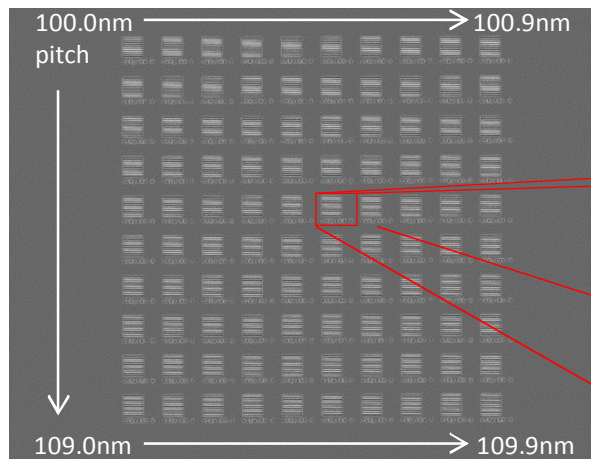
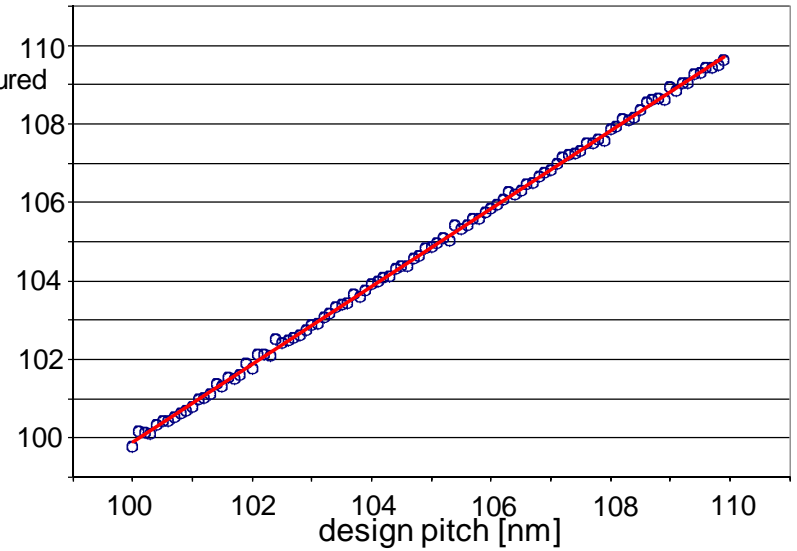
# Multi-Beam Writing @ 0.1nm Address Grid



**BACUS 2012**

**HSQ**

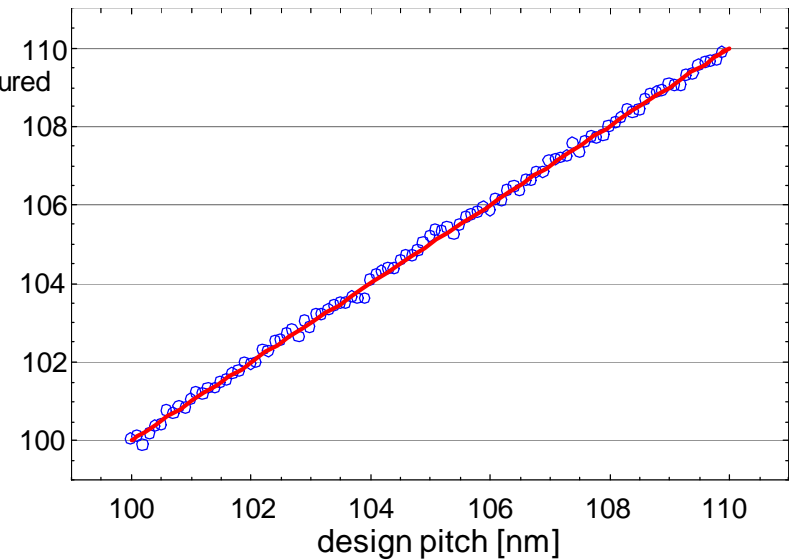
measured  
pitch [nm]



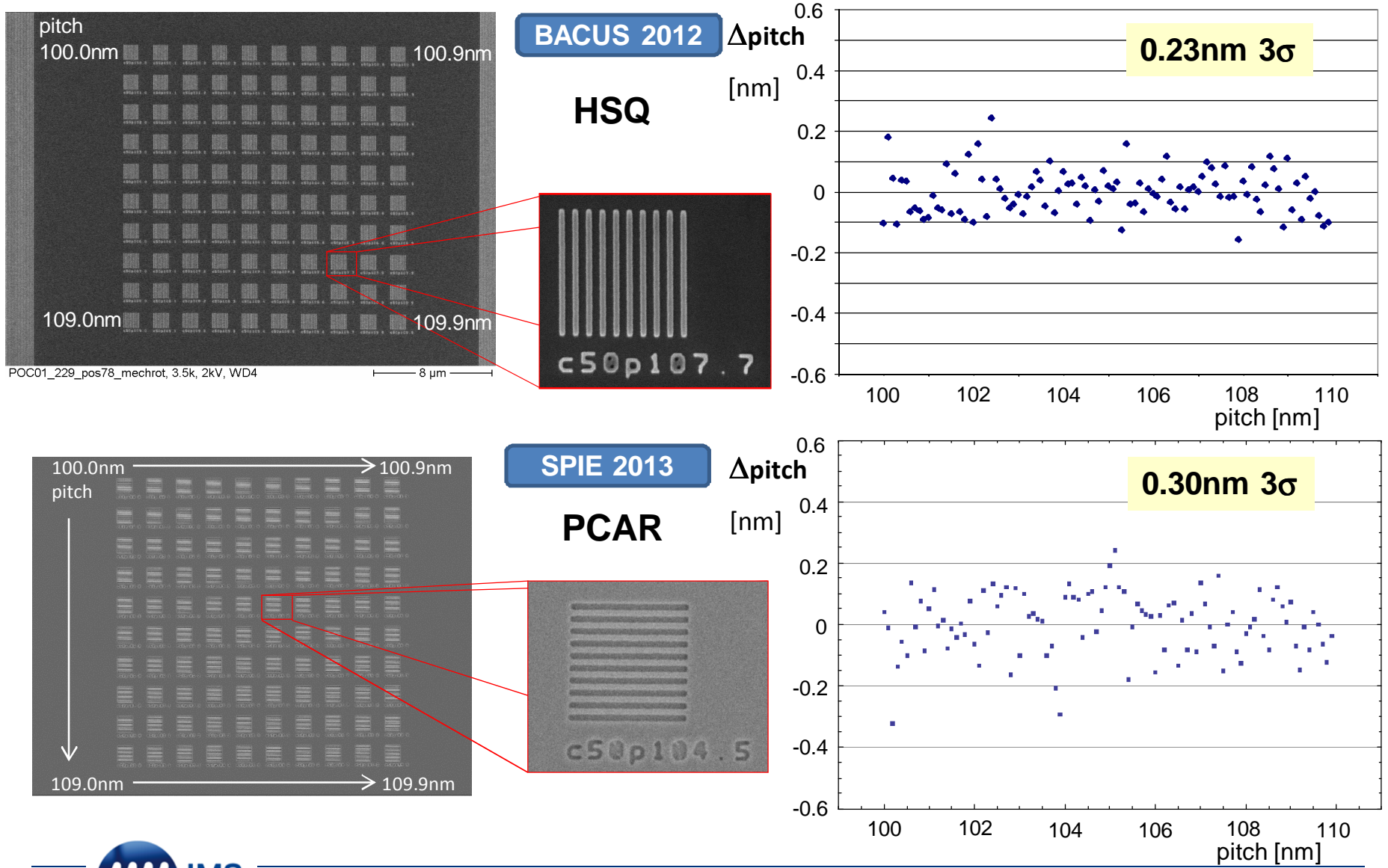
**SPIE 2013**

**PCAR**

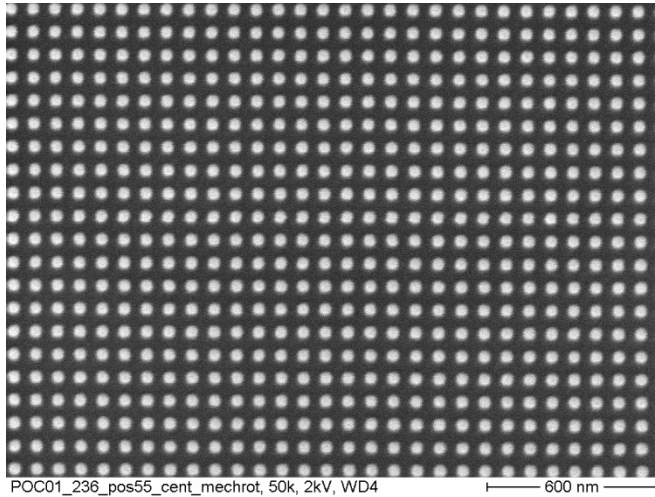
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pitch [nm]



# Multi-Beam Writing @ 0.1nm Address Grid



# 40nm Dots with at slightly modified grid

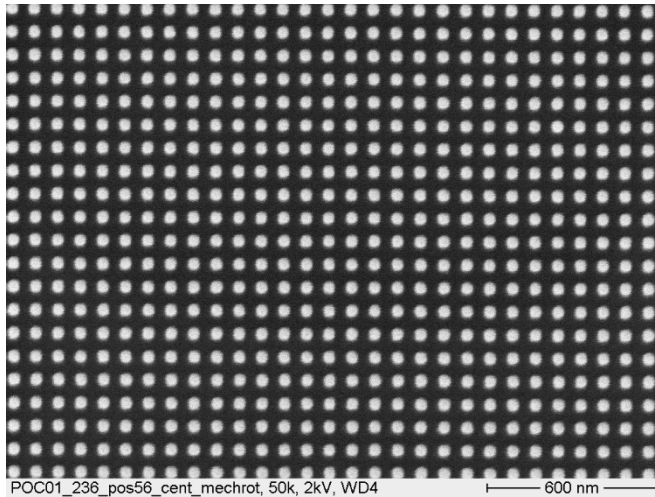
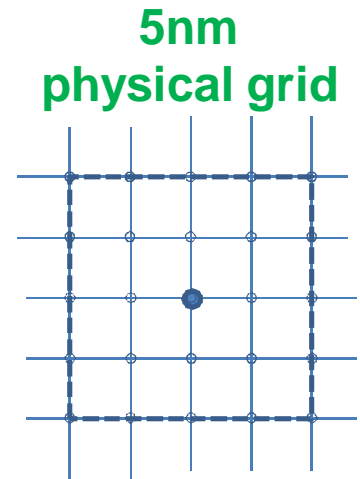


40nm dots with **80nm pitch**

LCDU = 1.63nm 3sigma

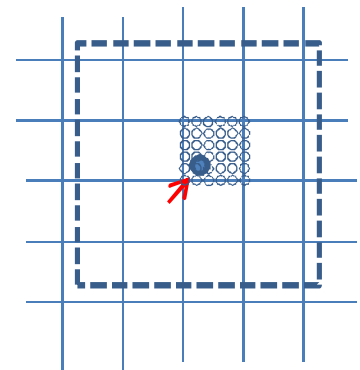
**64 shots per dot!**

Every dot on equivalent grid position



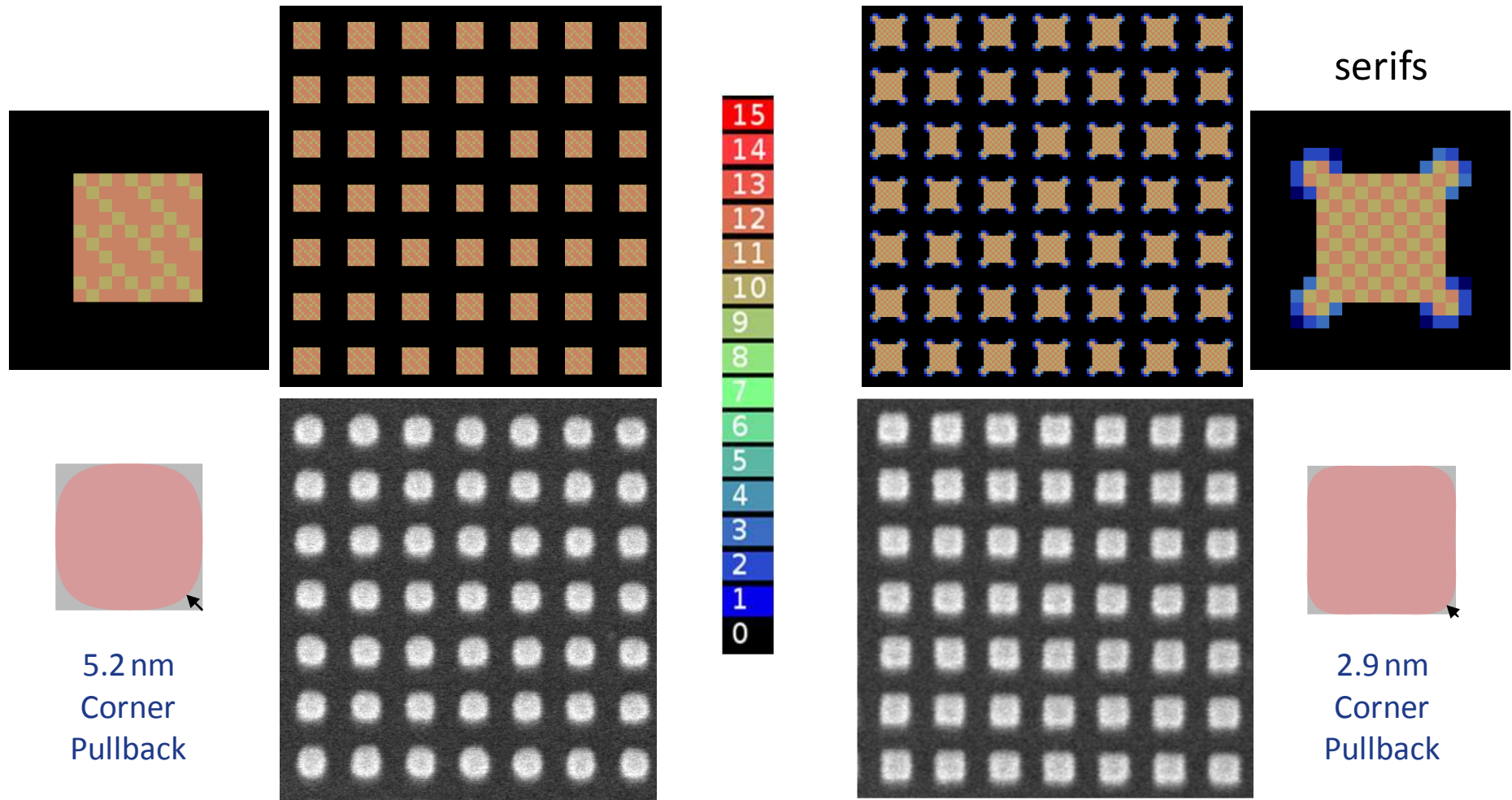
40nm dots with **81nm pitch**

LCDU = 1.61nm 3sigma



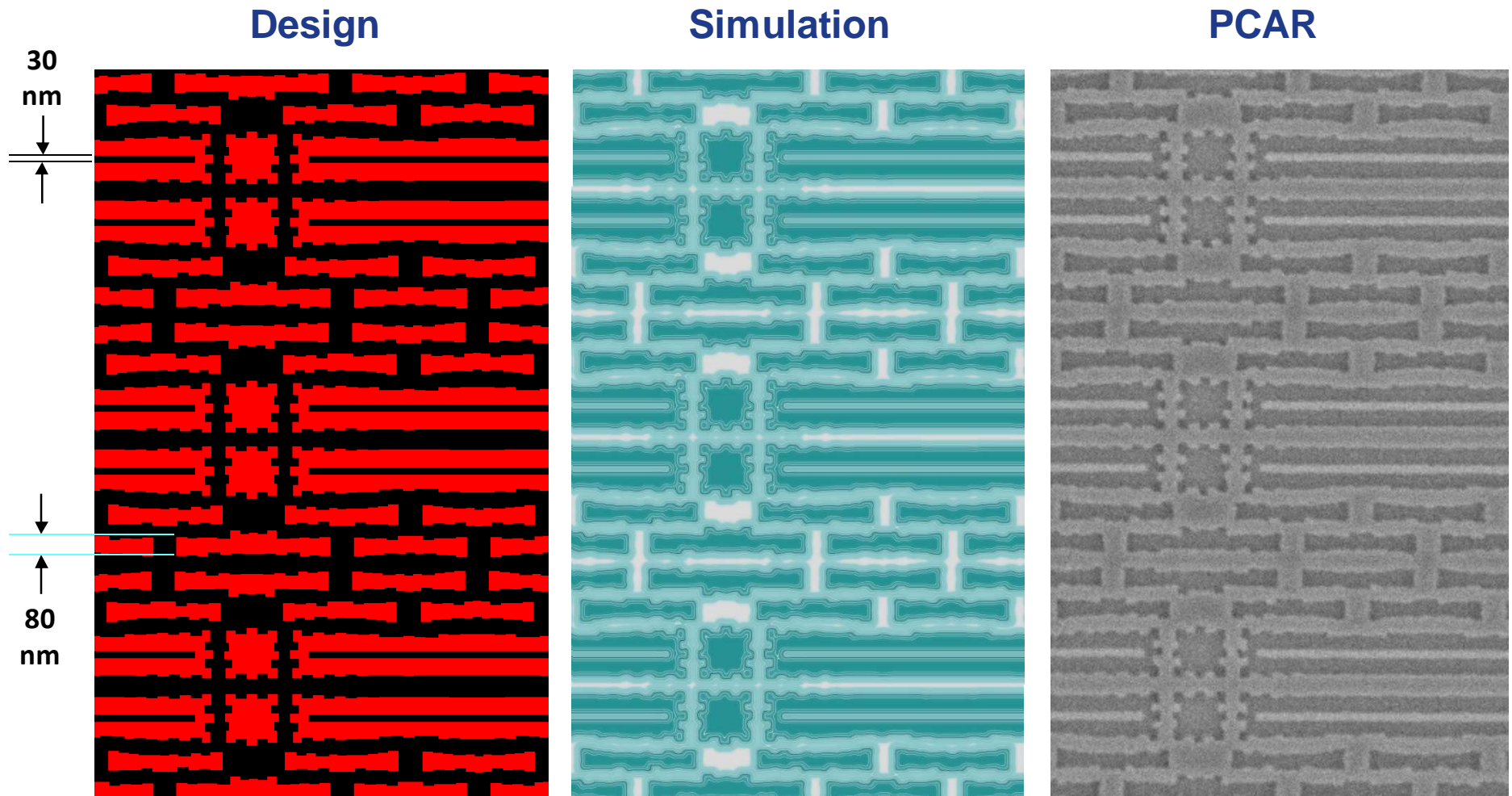


# Corner Radius Improvement



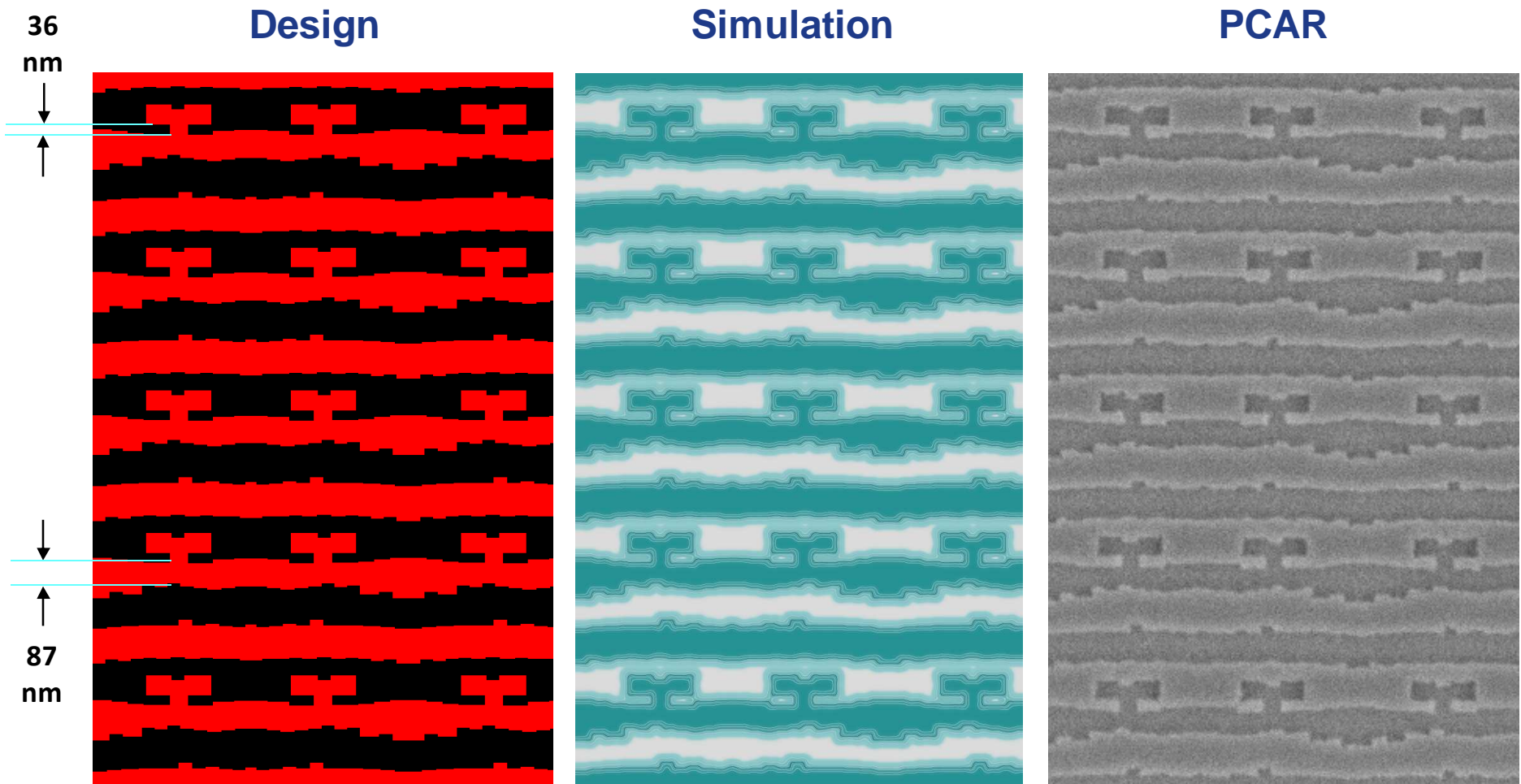
**Additional Shots are NOT degrading TPT**

# Exposure of aggressive OPC Pattern





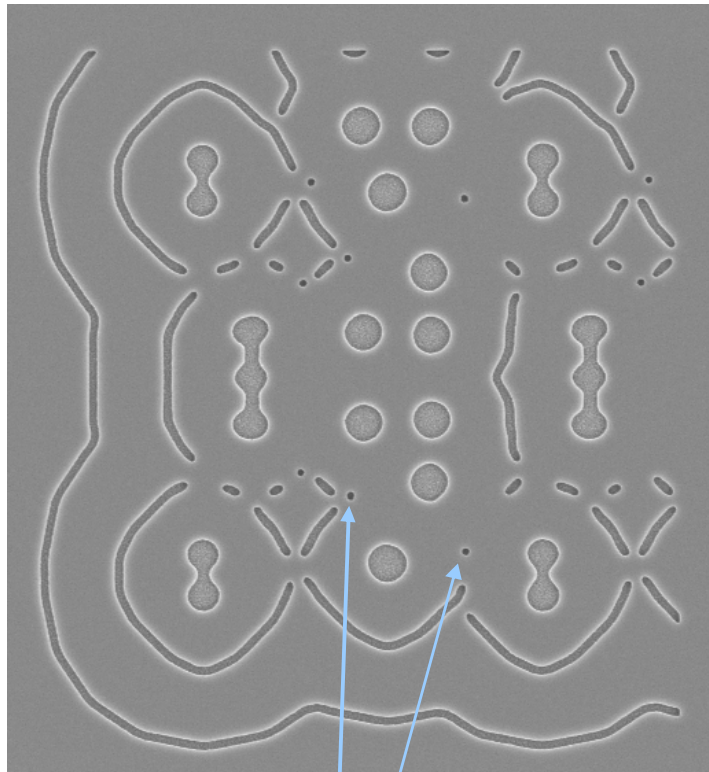
# Exposure of aggressive OPC Pattern



# Exposure of ILT test pattern

ILT design: DNP

### PCAR

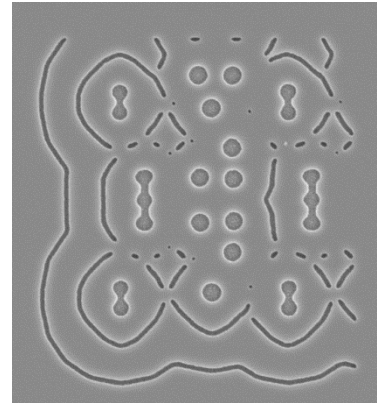


POC01\_287\_pos120

2 μm

60nm features

### PCAR

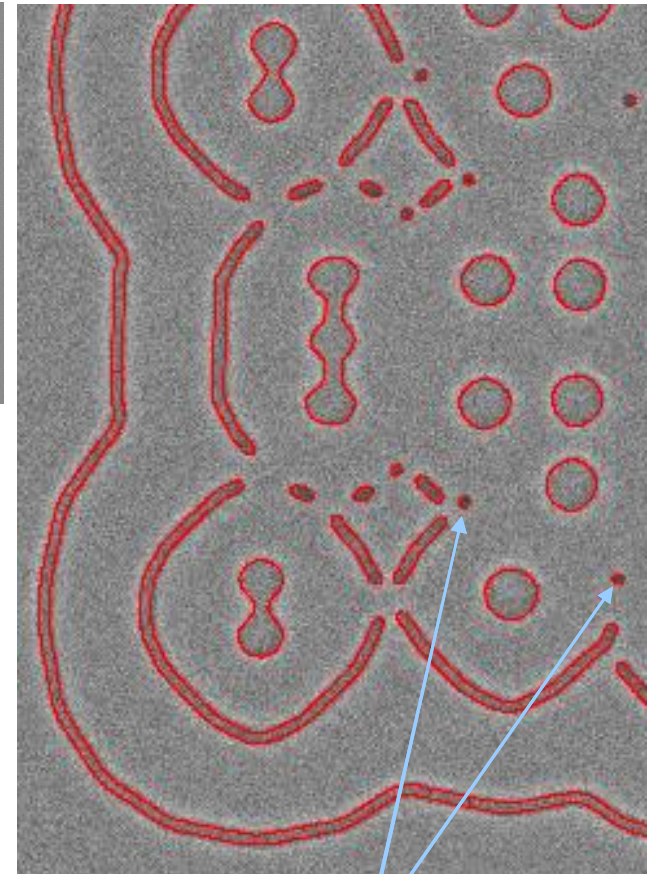


POC01\_287\_pos121

1 μm

2-times shrunk

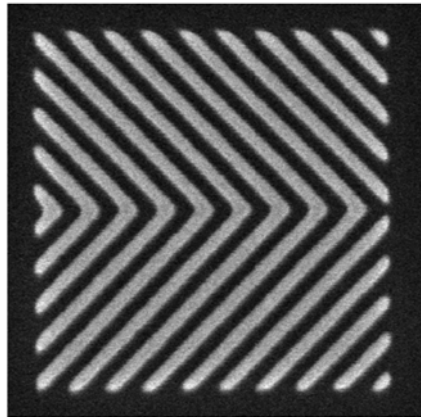
Design



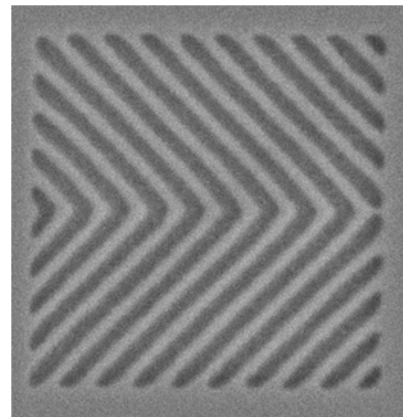
500nm

30nm features

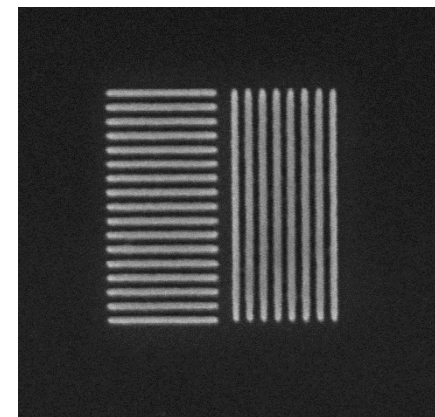
**30nm HP in HSQ  
negative resist**



**30nm HP in PCAR  
positive resist**



**24nm HP in HSQ  
negative resist**

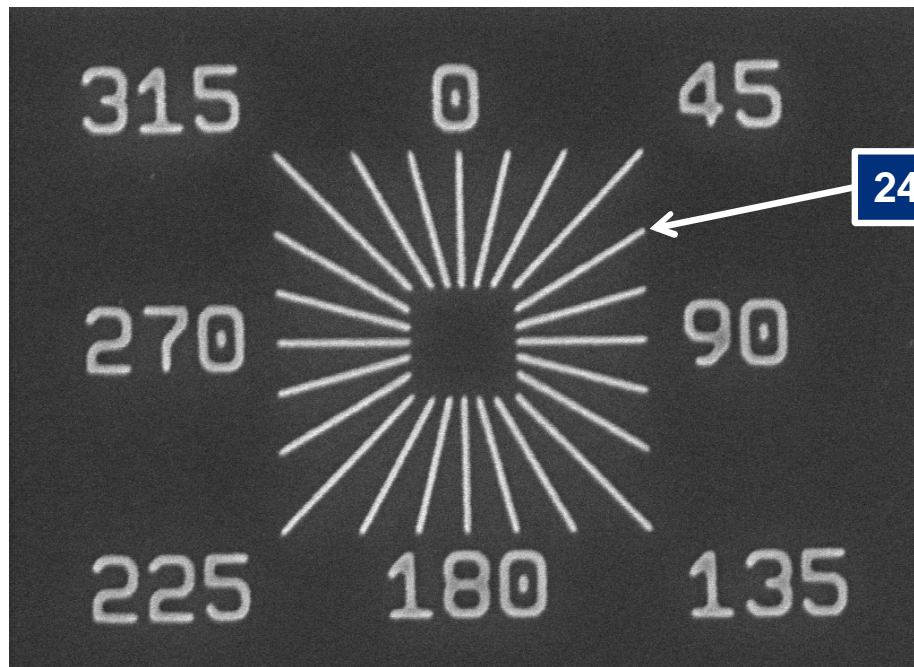


50keV electron multi-beam exposure with **20nm beam size**



## 24nm any angle iso lines

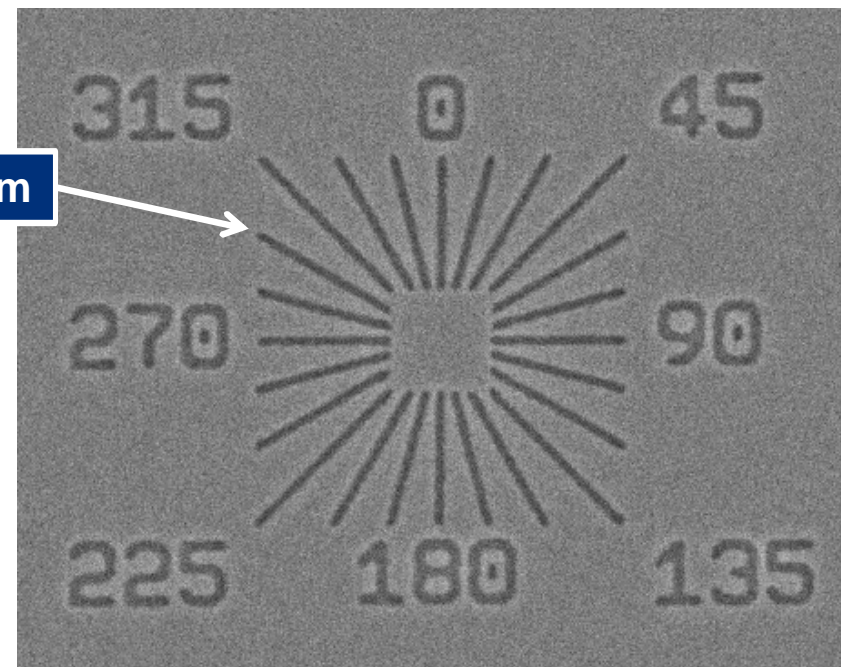
HSQ negative resist



POC01\_291\_pos102

700 nm

PCAR positive resist



POC01\_292\_pos055

700 nm

50keV electron multi-beam exposure with **20nm beam size**

# Multi-Beam Mask Writer Roadmap

	POC	ALPHA	BETA	1st gen. HVM
	2012	2014	2015	2016
Technology Node	Test: 11nm HP (7nm Logic)	11nm HP (7nm Logic)	11nm HP (7nm Logic)	11nm HP (7nm Logic)
Beam Array Field	82μm x 82μm	82μm x 82μm	82μm x 82μm	82μm x 82μm
# Beams	262,144	262,144	262,144	262,144
max Current (all beams "on")	0.1 - 1 μA	1 μA	1 μA	1 μA
Throughput (≥ 100μC/cm <sup>2</sup> )	< 10 cm <sup>2</sup> /h	<b>15h/mask</b>	<b>10h/mask</b>	<b>10h/mask</b>

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Thank You for Your Attention !



Kawai Gyokudō (1873-1957)  
*Shōrai Zensei*  
“The Rustling of the Pine Tree,  
the Voice of the Cicada”  
Genzō Hattori Collection