Technology Profile Fact Sheet

Title: Method of Fabricating Nanometer Patterned Device Using Sacrificial Spacer Layer

Aliases: None

Technical Challenge: Enables precise line width control of patterned optoelectronic and microelectronic devices. Technology should be useful for applications requiring nanometer precision features.

Description: By using conventional deposition and etch steps, nanometer tolerance shadow masks can be made using low-resolution lithographic techniques. The method enables the fabrication of line widths and features with resolution appreciably finer than the Rayleigh limit.

Demonstration Capability: The precise gaps that constitute the most difficult step of the method have been demonstrated.

Potential Commercial Application(s): The fabrication method reduces cost by enabling nanometer feature definition without requiring expensive e-beam or deep UV lithography.

Patent Status: A patent application has been filed with the USPTO.

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