



AZ Electronic Materials

AZ 1500 Photoresist

Data Package

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AZ 1500 Photoresist

AZ 1500 series positive photoresists are well established g-line and broad-band resists. Wide exposure latitude and good resolution and depth of focus improve yield and throughput. Various viscosity grades are available for a multitude of applications and dyed versions are engineered to control reflective notching. Resists of AZ's 1500 series can be developed in a variety of metal ion free developers (with and without surfactants) using a spray/puddle process.

For high throughput batch processing in a tank, inorganic developers are an excellent alternative.

AZ 1500 Photoresist Products

AZ 1500 Photoresist

AZ 1505

AZ 1512

AZ 1518

AZ 1529

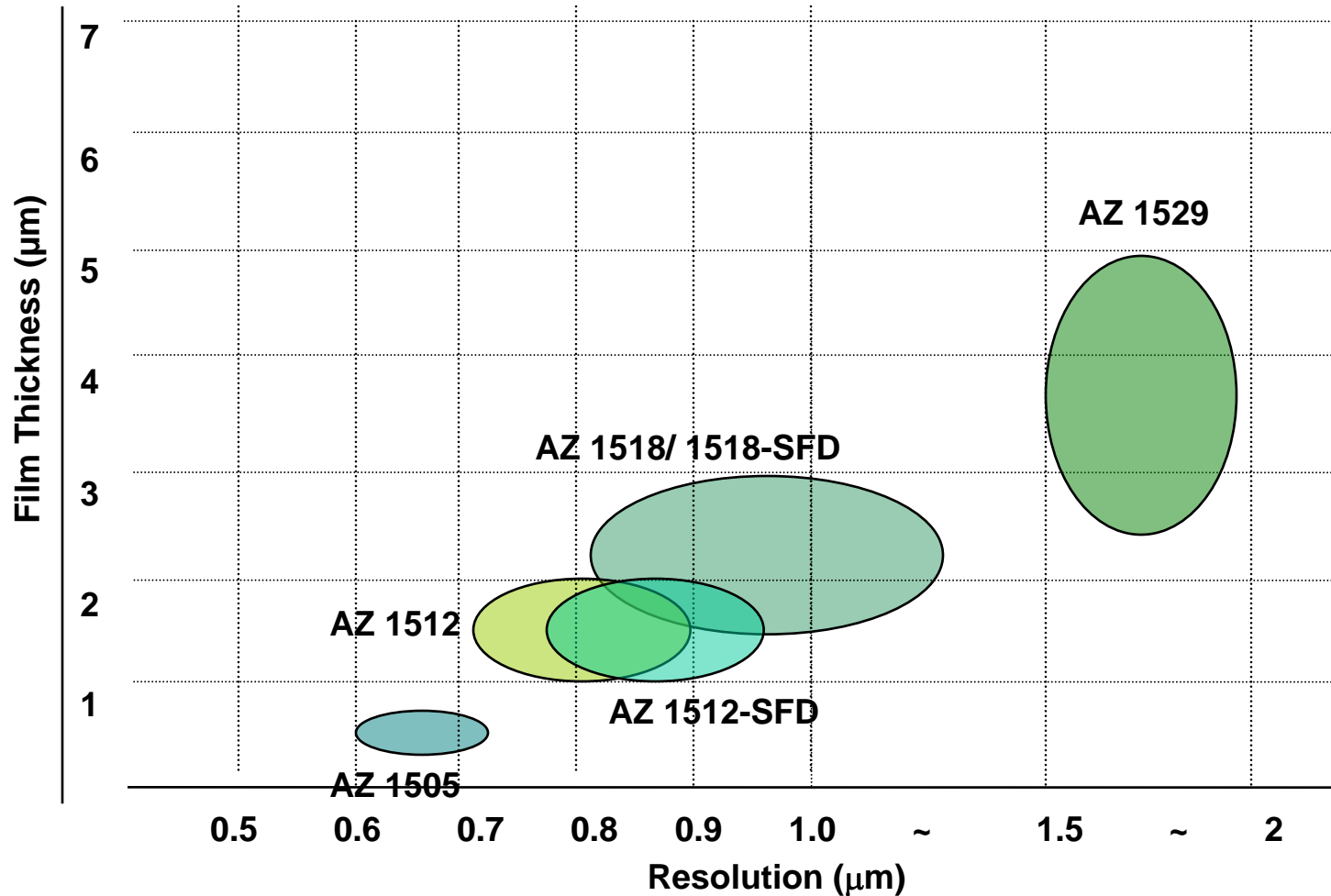
AZ 1500-SFD Photoresist

AZ 1512-SFD

AZ 1518-SFD

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g-line Resolution at Specific Film Thickness



AZ 1500 Photoresist

AZ 1505	Lift off process for patterning MR stripe
AZ 1512	Good process latitude in g-line , and broad band Excellent for wet etch processes
AZ 1518	Good process latitude in g-line , and broad band Excellent for wet etch processes Thicker film for increased etch resistance
AZ 1529	Great for pad layer applications Can be coated from 2.5 to 5 μ m Ideal for plating processes

AZ 1500-SFD Photoresist

AZ 1512-SFD	Dyed version Suppresses swing and reflective notching effects on substrates with high or varying reflectivity, e.g. metals and contacts
AZ 1518-SFD	Dyed version Higher film thickness, can be coated from 1.5 – 3μm Suppresses swing and reflective notching effects on substrates with high or varying reflectivity, e.g. metals and contacts

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Recommended Process Conditions

Soft Bake: 90-100°C for 30-60sec
(hotplate)

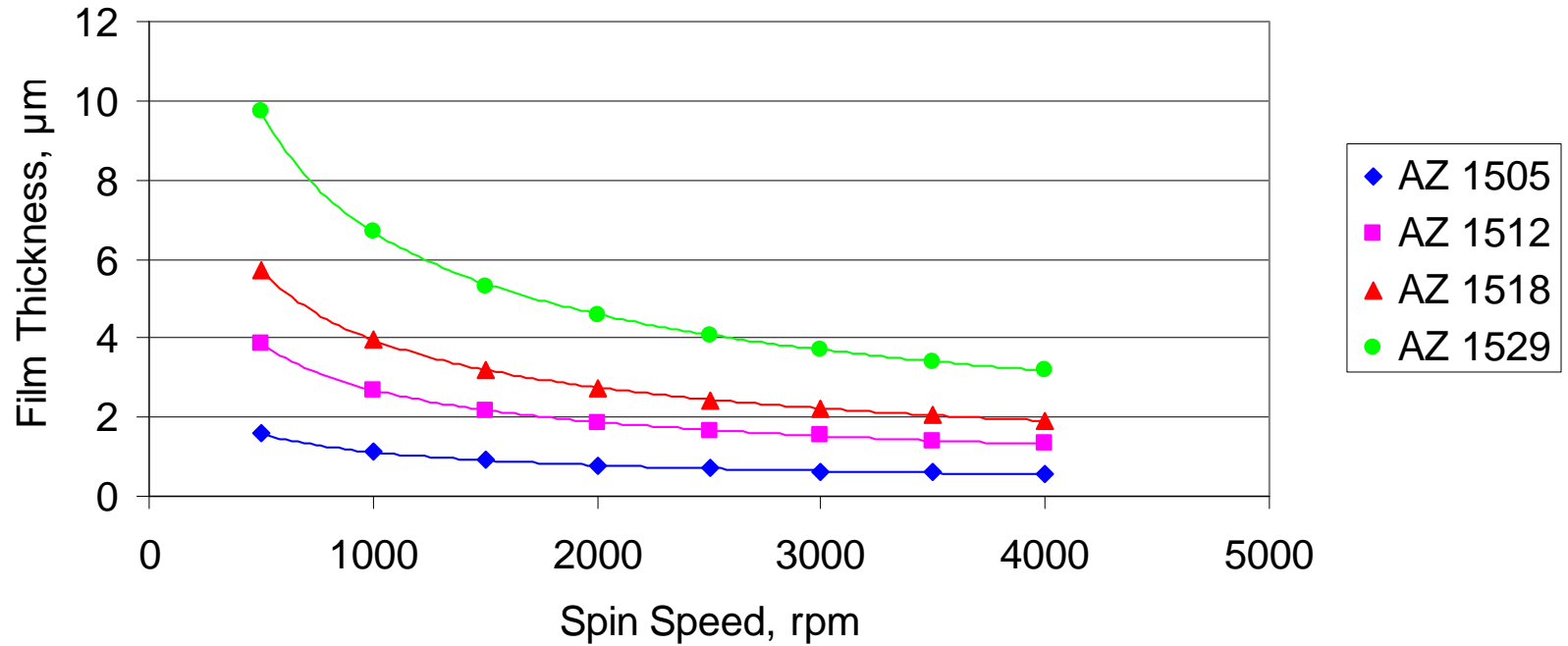
Exposure: **g-line** or broadband
Post Exposure bake: optional

Developer: AZ 300MIF Developer
AZ 917 MIF Developer
AZ 1:1 Developer

Develop Cycle: 30-50sec spray @ 100-200rpm
or
60-120sec immersion @

23±1°C

Spin Speed Curve for AZ 1500 Photoresist Products



6" silicon wafers
Static dispense
SB: 100°C/60sec

Summary

g-Line Performance

Parameter	1 μ m L/S	0.9 μ m L/S	1 μ m Trench
Depth of Focus	1.8 μ m	1.8 μ m	2.4 μ m
Exposure Latitude	20%	12%	12%
Dose to Print (DTP)	319mJ/cm ²	339mJ/cm ²	339mJ/cm ²

Resolution	0.9 μ m	0.8 μ m
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AZ 1500 Photoresist

Optical Parameters

◇ Refractive Index

<u>Bleached</u>	<u>365nm</u>	<u>405nm</u>	<u>435nm</u>
n	1.6994	1.6714	1.6571
k	0.0058	0.0010	0.0003
<u>Unbleached</u>			
n	1.7123	1.6906	1.6948
k	0.0358	0.0336	0.0227

AZ 1500 Photoresist

Optical Parameters

◇ Dill Parameters

i-line:

$$A = 1.0133 (\mu\text{m}^{-1})$$

$$B = 0.2177 (\mu\text{m}^{-1})$$

$$C = 0.0239 (\text{cm}^2/\text{mJ})$$

g-line:

$$A = \text{NA}$$

$$B = \text{NA}$$

$$C = \text{NA}$$

◇ Cauchy Coefficients

	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>
Bleached	1.5966	0.003758	2.45E-03
Unbleached	1.5996	0.013498	1.90E-04

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Optical Parameters

◇ Refractive Index

<u>Bleached</u>	<u>365nm</u>	<u>405nm</u>	<u>435nm</u>
n	1.6947	1.6665	1.6503
k	0.0058	0.0021	0.0047
<u>Unbleached</u>			
n	1.7057	1.6822	1.6846
k	0.0337	0.0327	0.0257

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Optical Parameters

◇ Dill Parameters

i-line:

$$A = 0.9765 \text{ (}\mu\text{m}^{-1}\text{)}$$

$$B = 0.2037 \text{ (}\mu\text{m}^{-1}\text{)}$$

$$C = 0.0254 \text{ (cm}^2\text{/mJ)}$$

g-line:

$$A = 0.48 \text{ (}\mu\text{m}^{-1}\text{)}$$

$$B = 0.265 \text{ (}\mu\text{m}^{-1}\text{)}$$

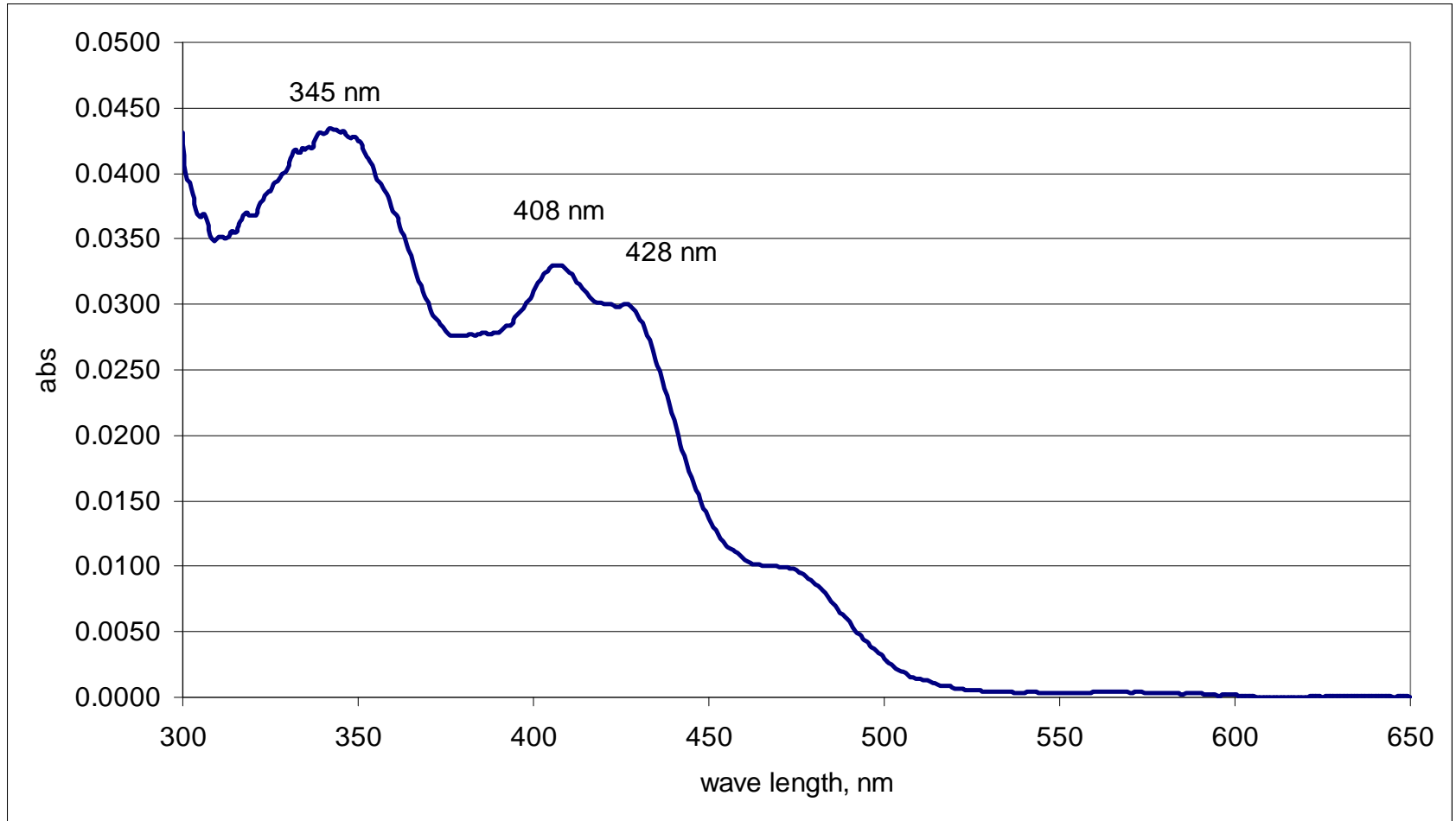
$$C = 0.0223 \text{ (cm}^2\text{/mJ)}$$

◇ Cauchy Coefficients

	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>
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Unbleached	1.6028	0.002763	5.21E-03

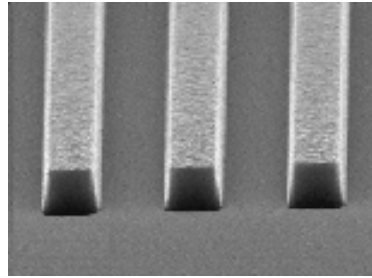
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Optical Parameters - Absorptivity

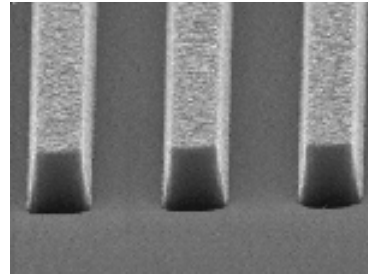


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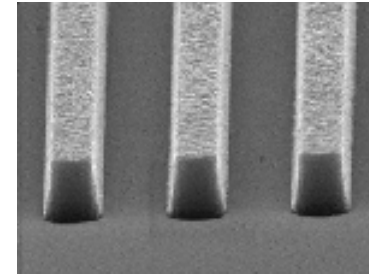
Resolution for Dense Lines, FT = 1.21 μm



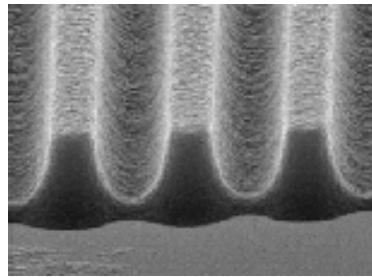
1.5 μm



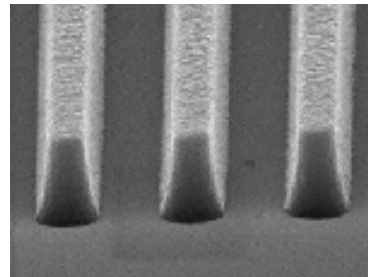
1.2 μm



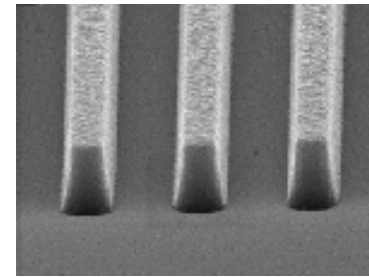
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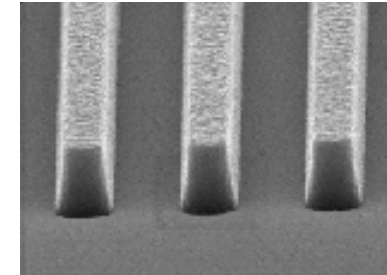
0.75 μm



0.8 μm



0.9 μm



1.0 μm

Focus $-0.4\mu\text{m}$

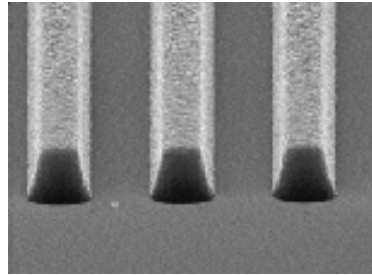
SB: 95°/ 50sec; PEB 105°C/50 sec

GCA 0.42NA g-line stepper, 70 mJ/cm²

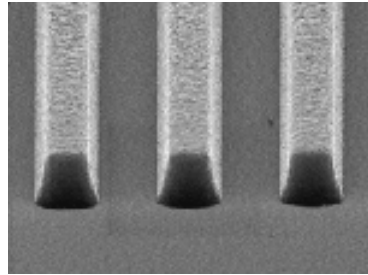
AZ 327 MIF developer, 40 sec spray/puddle @ 21°C

AZ 1512 Photoresist

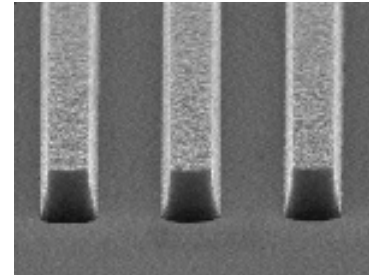
DOF for 1.3 μm Dense Lines, FT = 1.21 μm



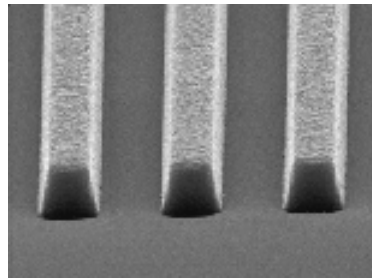
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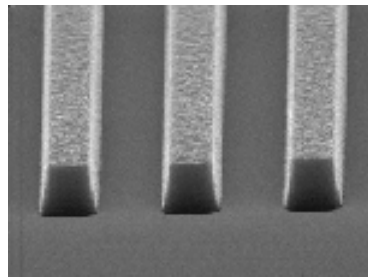
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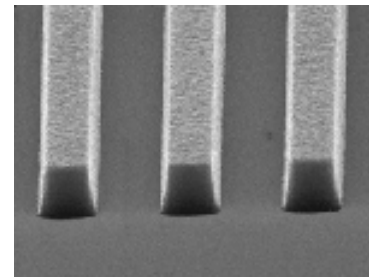
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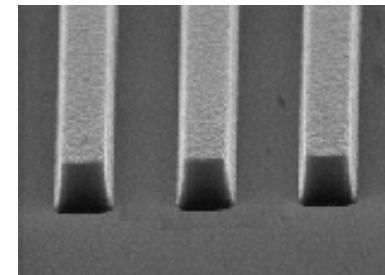
-2.0 μm



-1.6 μm



-1.2 μm



-0.4 μm

SB: 95°/ 50sec; PEB 105°C/50 sec

GCA 0.42NA **g-line** stepper, **70 mJ/cm²**

AZ 327 MIF developer, 40 sec spray/puddle @ 21°C



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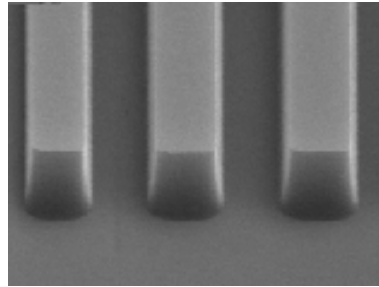
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g-line Performance

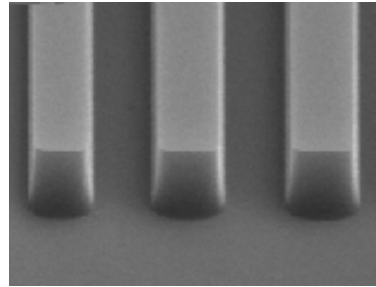
AZ 425 MIF and 917 MIF Developer

AZ 1518-SFD Photoresist

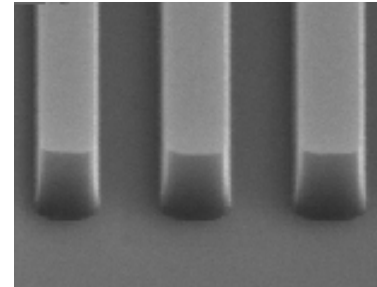
Exposure Latitude for Dense Lines, FT = 2.22 μm



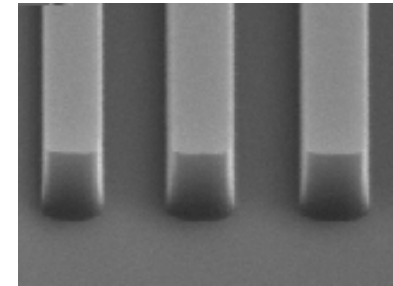
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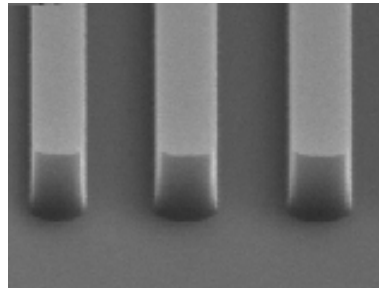
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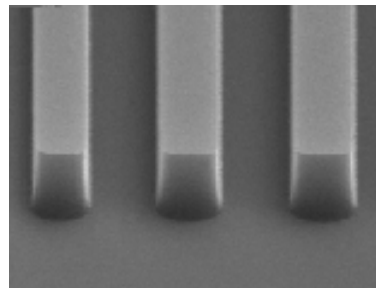
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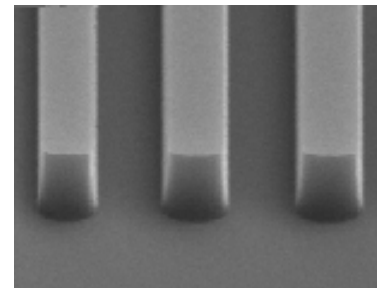
289mJ/cm²



334mJ/cm²



319mJ/cm²



304mJ/cm²

SB: 100°/ 60sec; PEB 110°C/60 sec

GCA 0.42NA **g-line** stepper

AZ 425 MIF developer

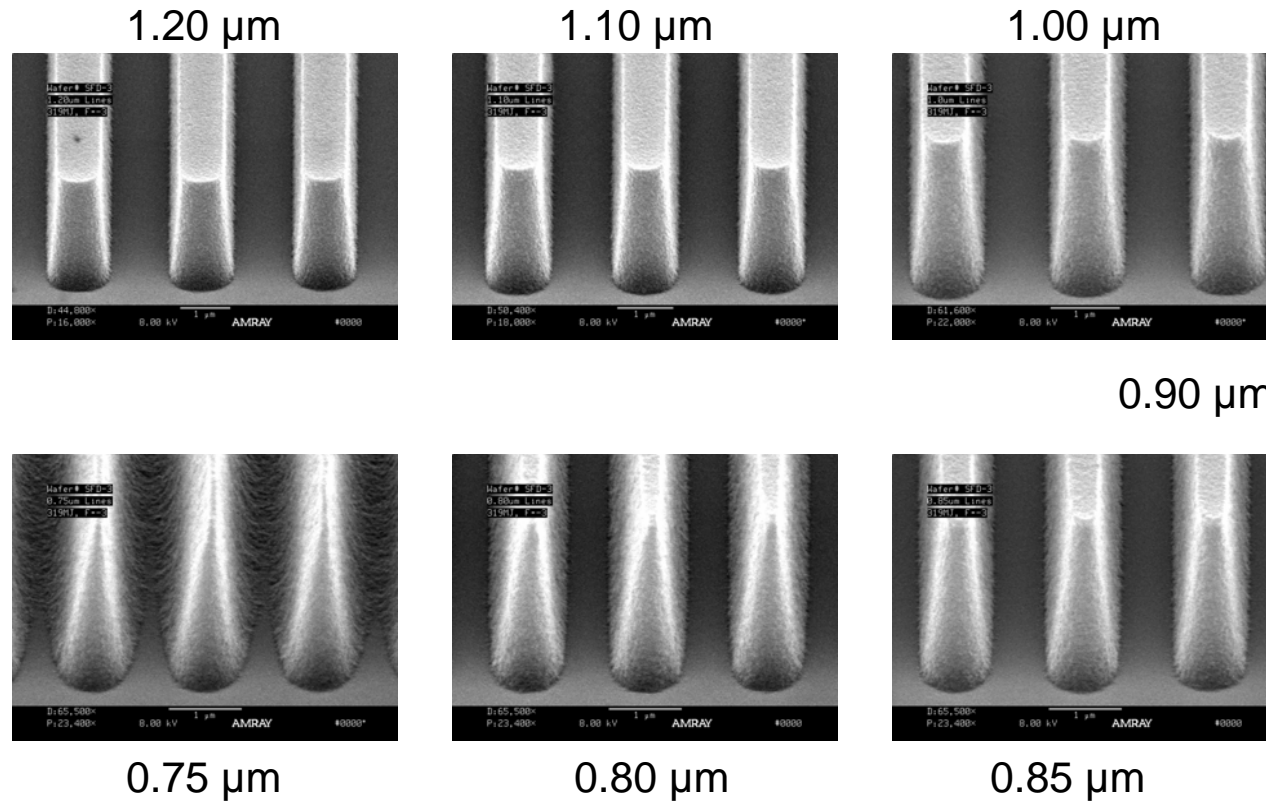


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AZ 1518-SFD Photoresist

Linearity/Resolution - Dense Lines, FT = 2.32 μ m



SB : 95°C for 60sec contact

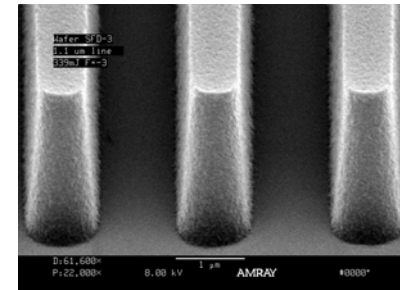
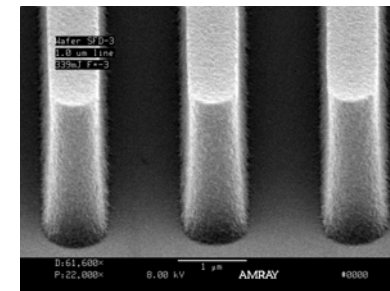
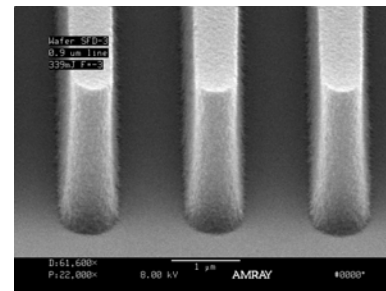
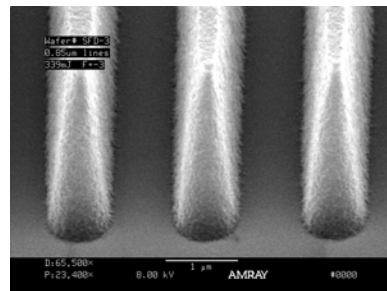
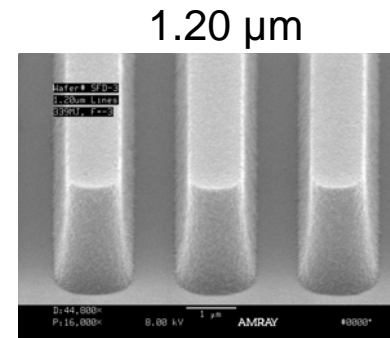
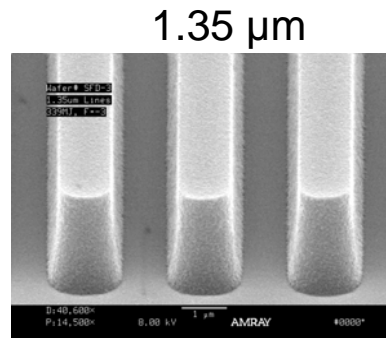
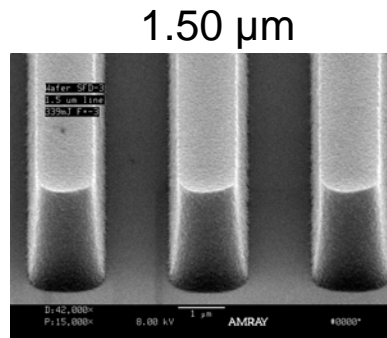
Exposure : GCA 0.42 NA **g-line** stepper, 319 mJ/cm²

PEB : 115°C for 60sec contact

Develop: **AZ 917 MIF Developer.**/ Single puddle for 60 sec @ 21.0°C

AZ 1518-SFD Photoresist

Linearity - Dense Lines, FT = 2.32 μm



SB : 95°C for 60sec contact

Exposure : GCA 0.42 NA **g-line** stepper, **339 mJ/cm²**

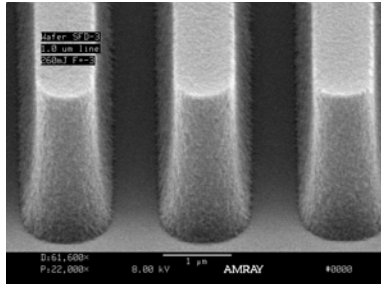
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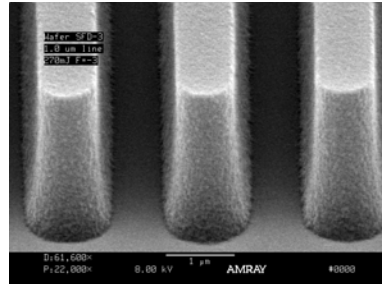
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Exposure Latitude – 1.0 μm Dense Lines, FT = 2.32 μm

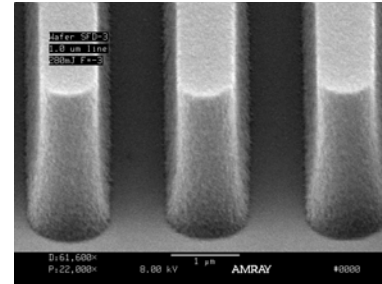
260 mJ/cm²



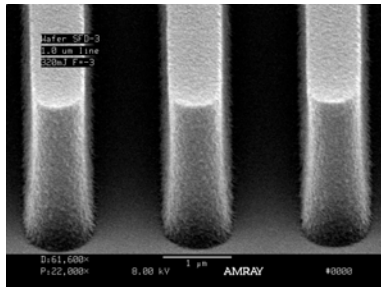
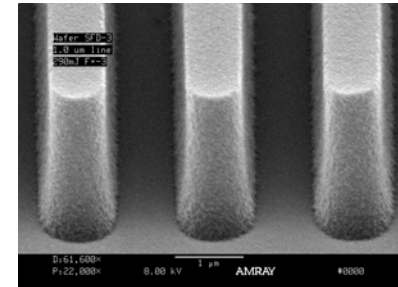
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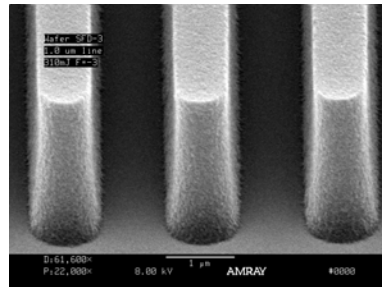
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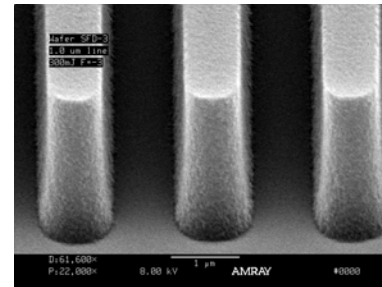
290 mJ/cm²



319 mJ/cm²



310 mJ/cm²



300 mJ/cm²

SB : 95°C for 60sec contact

Exposure : GCA 0.42 NA **g-line** stepper

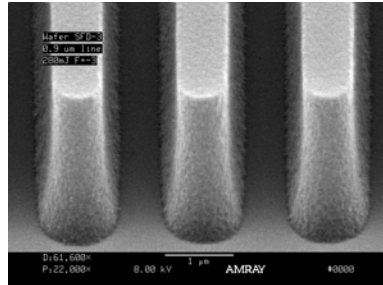
PEB : 115°C for 60sec contact

Develop: **AZ 917 MIF Developer.**/ Single puddle for 60 sec @ 21.0°C

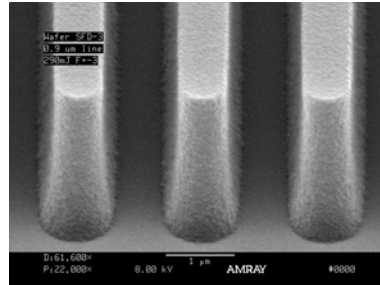
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Exposure Latitude - 0.9 μm Dense Lines, FT = 2.32 μm

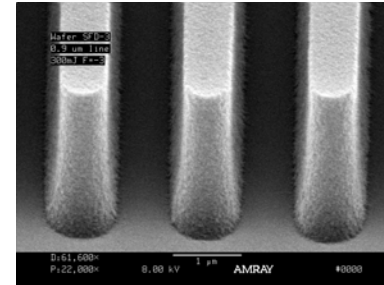
280 mJ/cm²



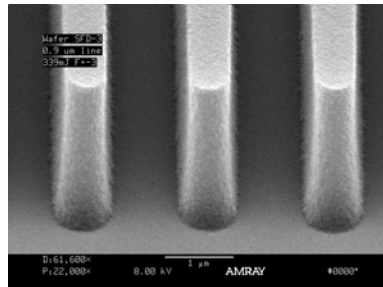
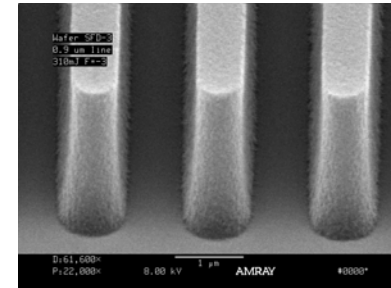
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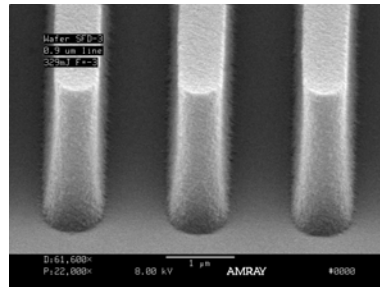
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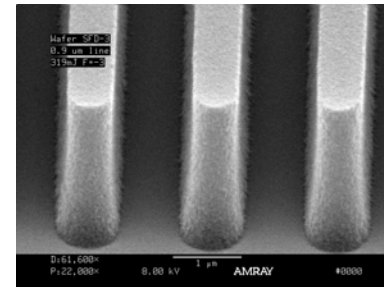
310 mJ/cm²



339 mJ/cm²



329 mJ/cm²



319 mJ/cm²

SB : 95°C for 60sec contact

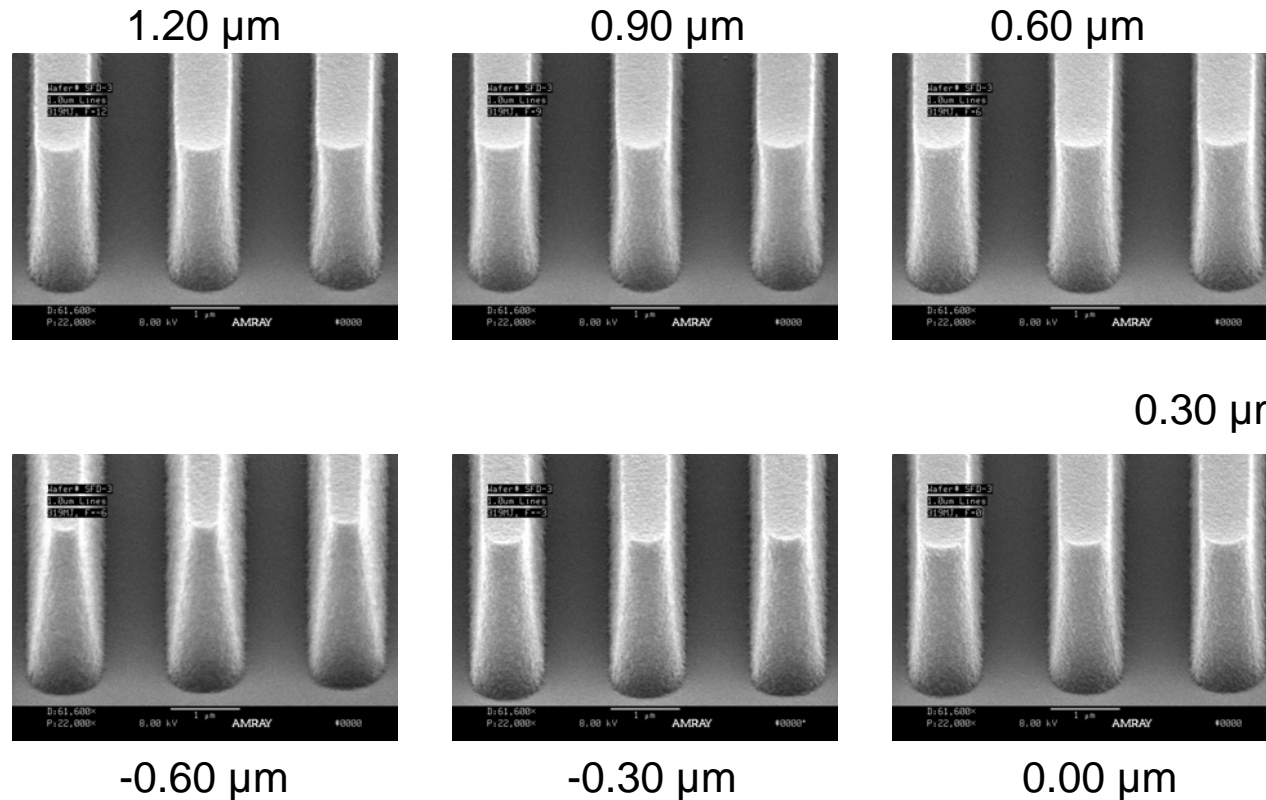
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PEB : 115°C for 60sec contact

Develop: **AZ 917 MIF Developer**/ Single puddle for 60 sec @ 21.0°C

AZ 1518-SFD Photoresist

DOF for 1.0 μm Dense Lines, FT = 2.32 μm



SB : 95°C for 60sec contact

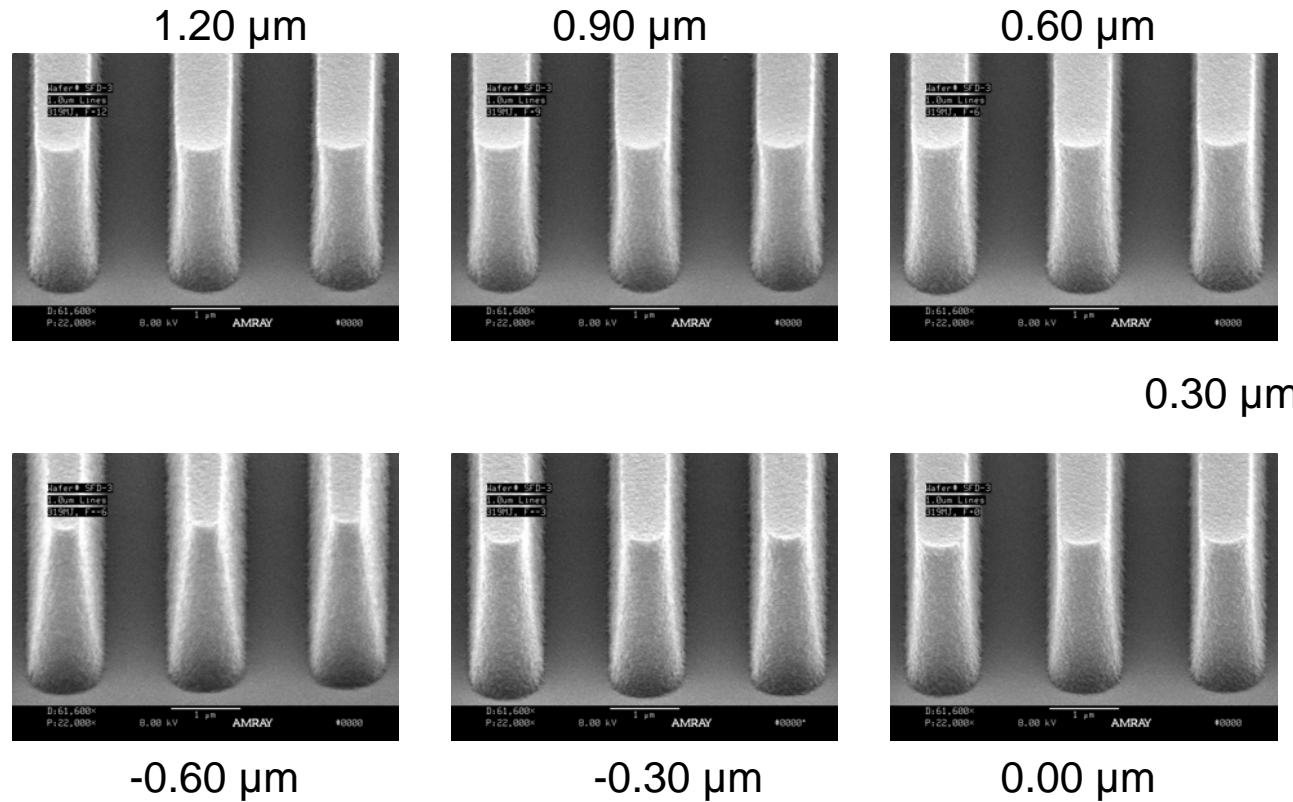
Exposure : GCA 0.42 NA **g-line** stepper, 319 mJ/cm²

PEB : 115°C for 60sec contact

Develop: **AZ 917 MIF Developer**/ Single puddle for 60 sec @ 21.0°C

AZ 1518-SFD Photoresist

DOF for 1.0 μm Dense Lines, FT = 2.32 μm



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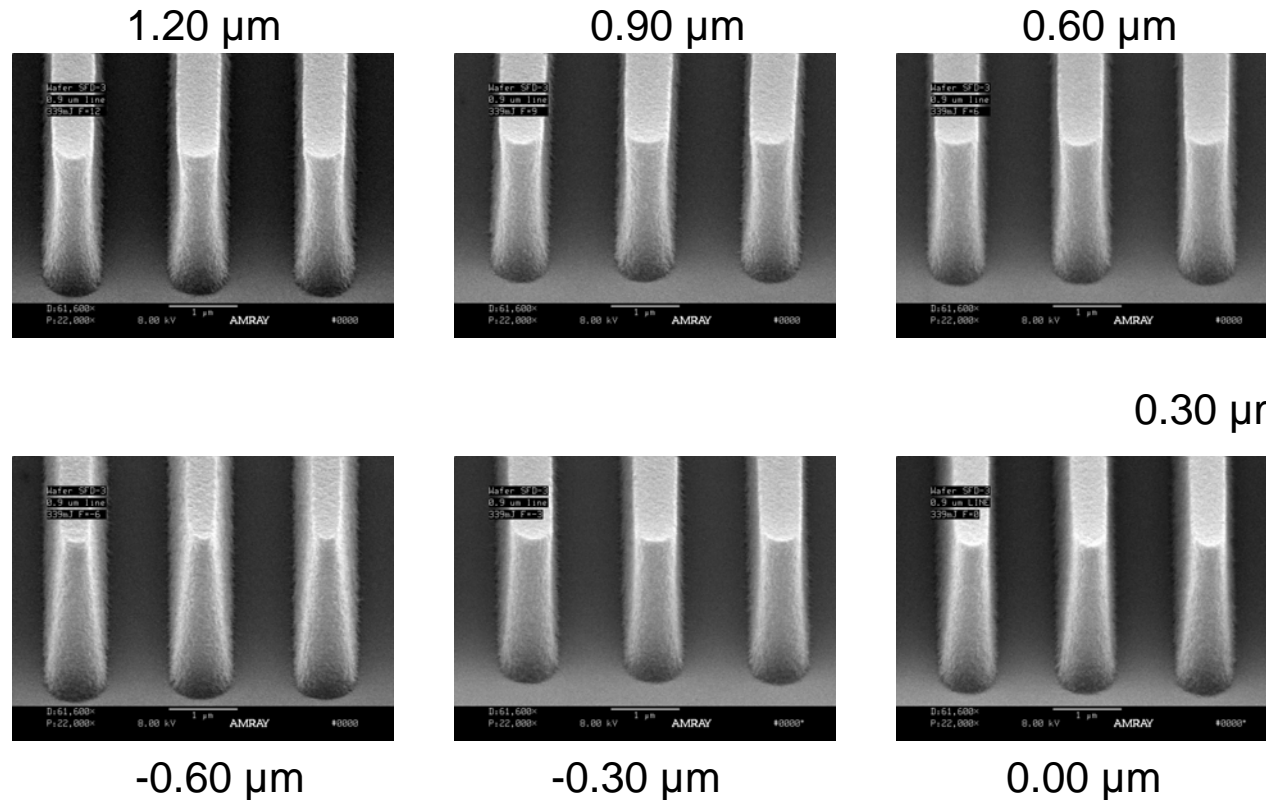
Exposure : GCA 0.42 NA **g-line** stepper, 319 mJ/cm^2

PEB : 115°C for 60sec contact

Develop: **AZ 917 MIF Developer**/ Single puddle for 60 sec @ 21.0°C

AZ 1518-SFD Photoresist

DOF for 0.9 μm Dense Lines, FT = 2.32 μm



SB : 95°C for 60sec contact

Exposure : GCA 0.42 NA **g-line** stepper, 339 mJ/cm²

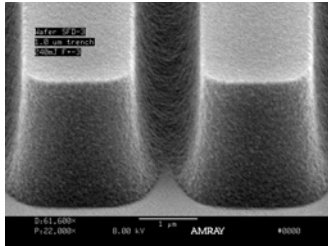
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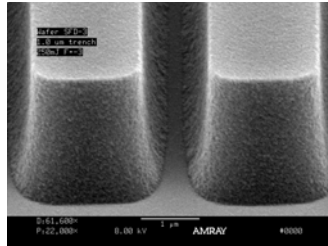
AZ 1518-SFD Photoresist

Exp. Latitude – 1.0 μm Trench – Pitch 1:2, FT = 2.32 μm

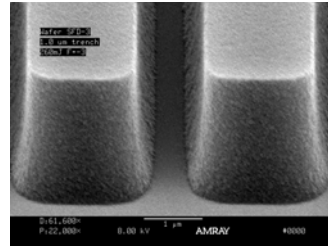
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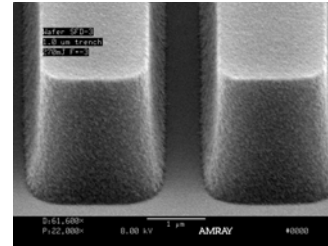
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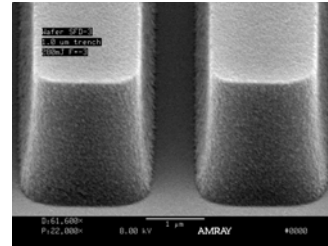
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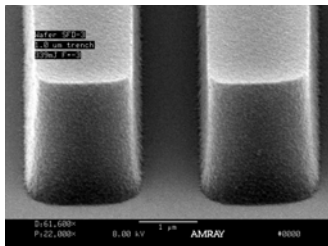
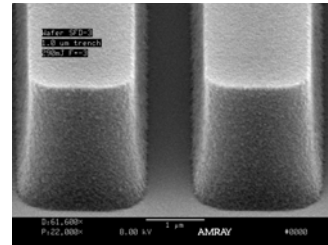
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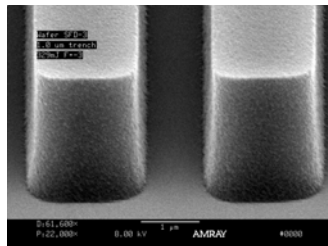
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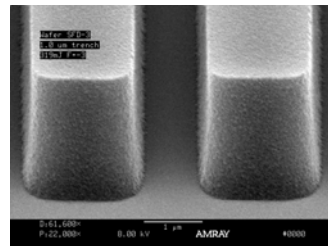
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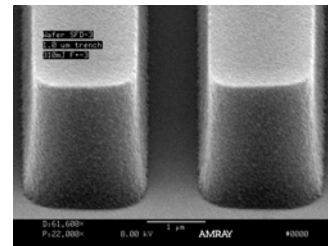
339 mJ/cm^2



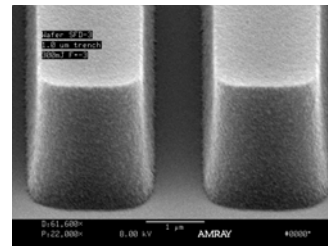
329 mJ/cm^2



319 mJ/cm^2



310 mJ/cm^2



300 mJ/cm^2

SB : 95°C for 60sec contact

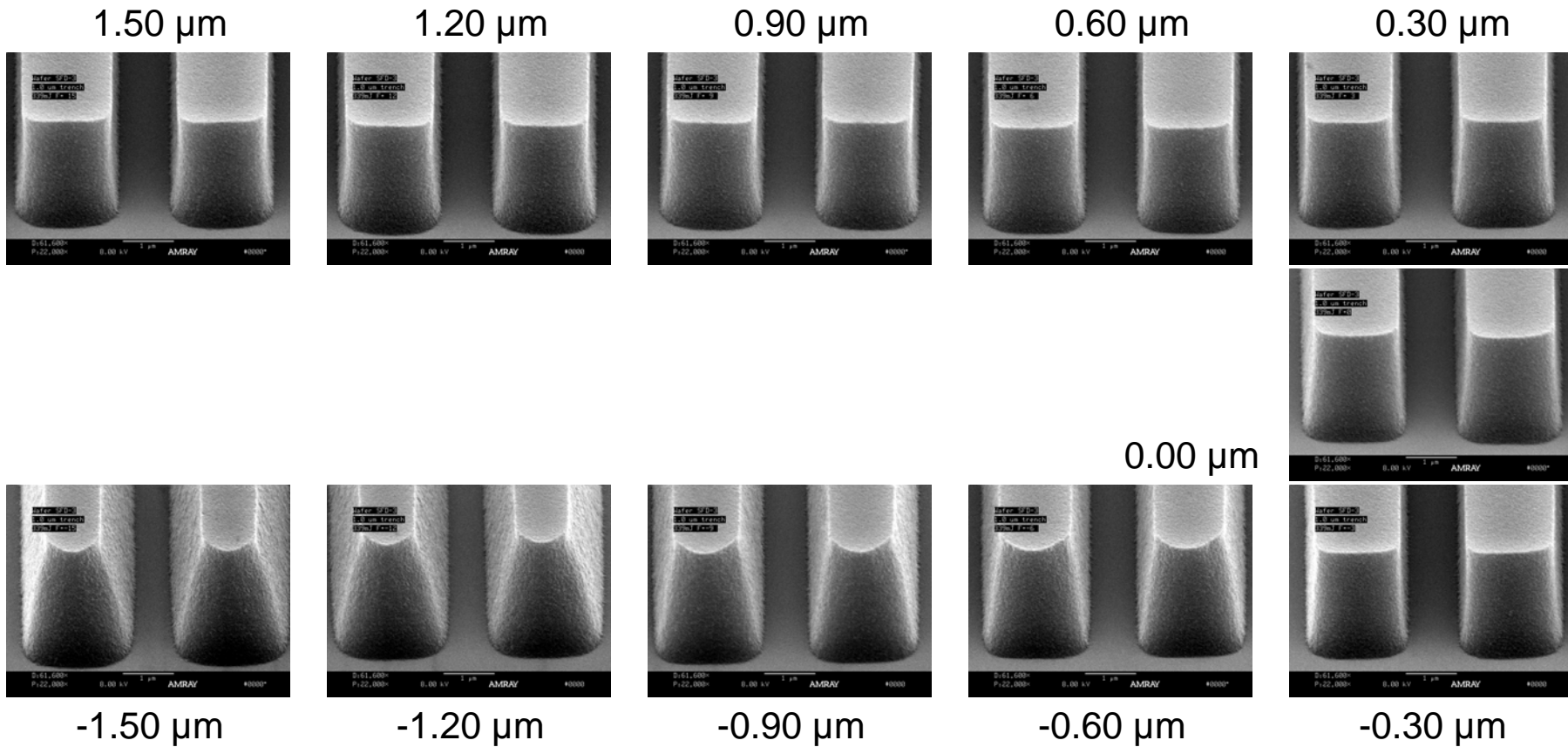
Exposure : GCA 0.42 NA **g-line** stepper

PEB : 115°C for 60sec contact

Develop: **AZ 917 MIF Developer**/ Single puddle for 60 sec @ 21.0°C

AZ 1518-SFD Photoresist

DOF for 1.0 μm Trench – Pitch 1:2, FT = 2.32 μm



SB : 95°C for 60sec contact

Exposure : GCA 0.42 NA **g-line** stepper, **339 mJ/cm²**

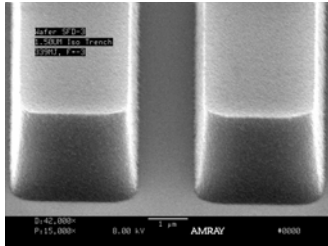
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Develop: **AZ 917 MIF Developer**/ Single puddle for 60 sec @ 21.0°C

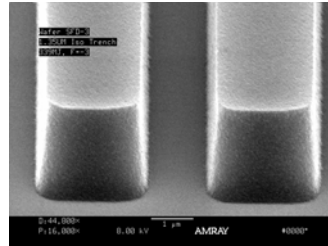
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Linearity - Pitch 1:2, FT = 2.32 μ m

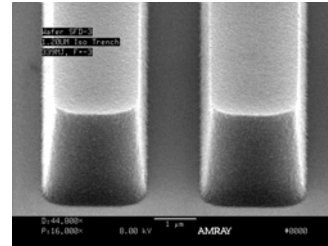
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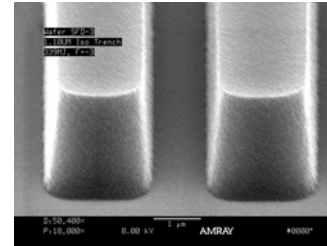
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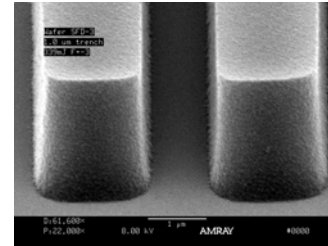
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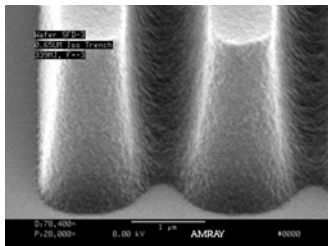
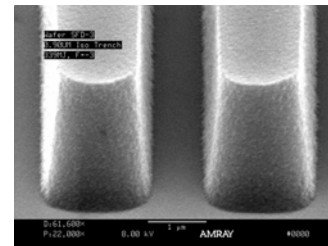
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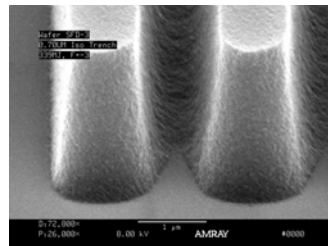
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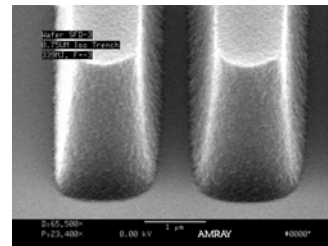
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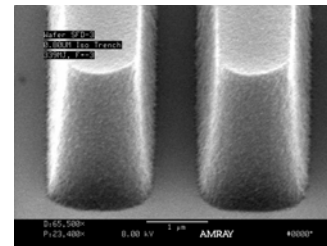
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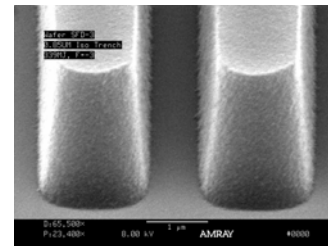
0.70 μ m



0.75 μ m



0.80 μ m



0.85 μ m

SB : 95°C for 60sec contact

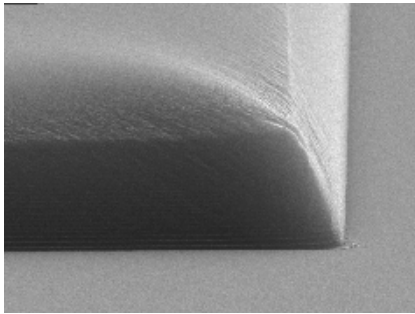
Exposure : GCA 0.42 NA **g-line** stepper, **339 mJ/cm²**

PEB : 115°C for 60sec contact

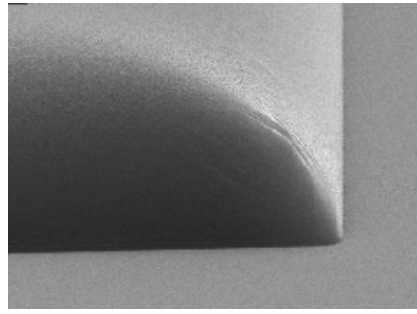
Develop: **AZ 917 MIF Developer**/ Single puddle for 60 sec @ 21.0°C

AZ 1529 Photoresist

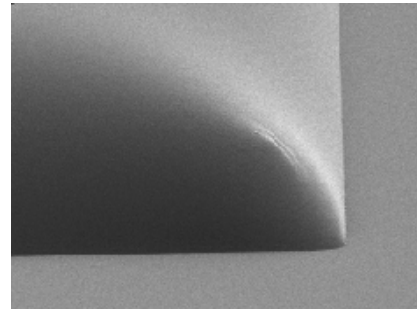
Thermal Stability - Large Pads



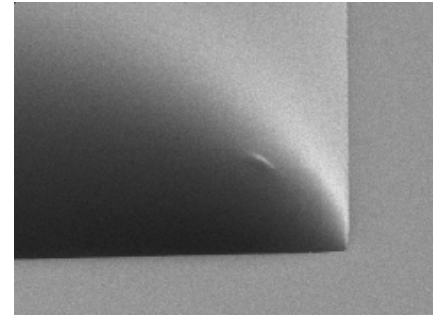
105°C



110°C



115°C



120°C

Film Thickness: 3.5 μ m

SB : 95°C for 25min convection oven

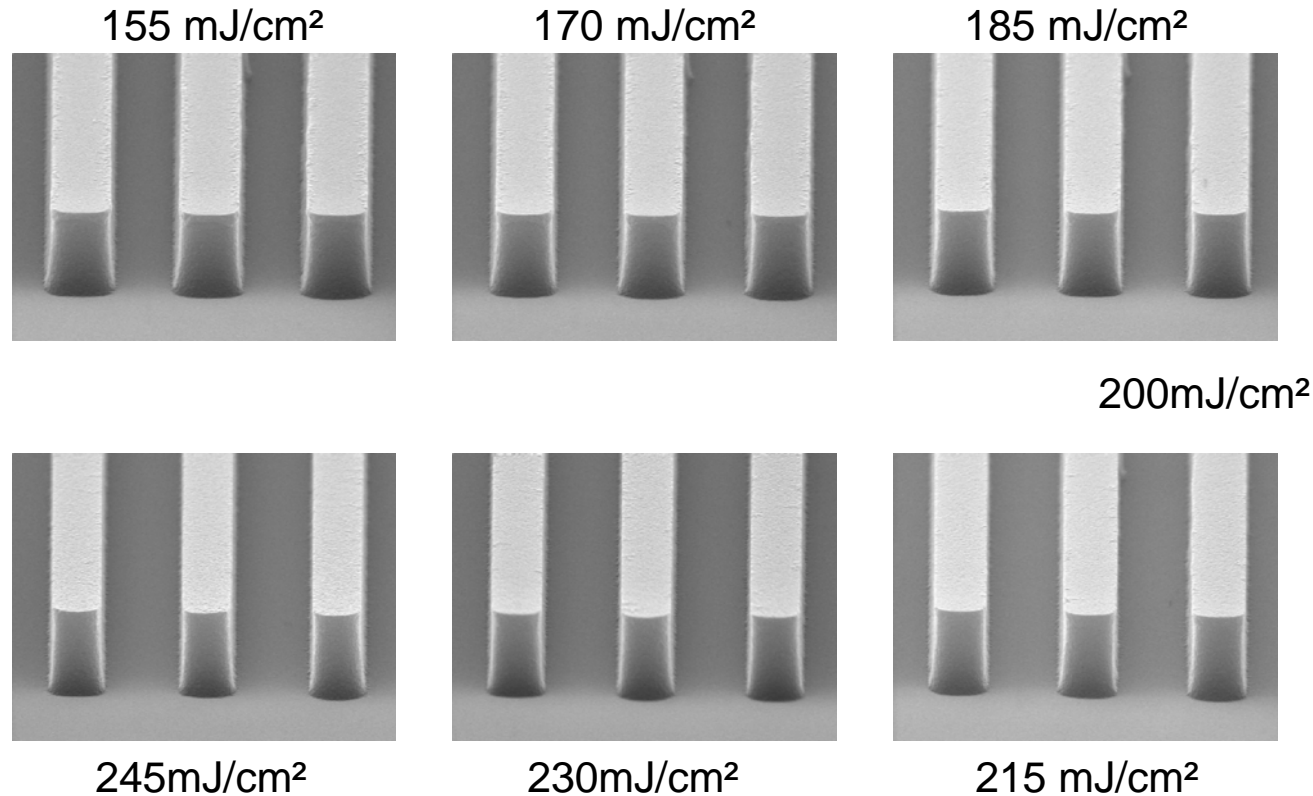
Exposure : Ultratech 1500 stepper

Develop: **AZ Developer** (diluted to 0.21N)

Hardbake: 2min hot plate

AZ 1518-SFD Photoresist

Exp. Latitude for 1.30 μm Dense Lines, FT = 1.825 μm



SB : 100°C for 60sec contact

Exposure : GCA 0.42 NA **g-line** stepper

PEB : 110°C for 60sec contact

Develop: **AZ 917 MIF Developer**/ Single puddle for 60 sec @ 21°C