



**AZ Electronic Materials**

## **AZ® nLOF® 2000 Series**

# **Negative Tone i-Line Photoresist for Metal Lift-Off Applications**

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# AZ nLOF 2000 Series Summary

**Process capability:**     0.7 $\mu$ m CD @ 2.0  $\mu$ m FT  
                                  0.9 $\mu$ m CD @ 3.5  $\mu$ m FT

AZ nLOF 2020: For 2.0  $\mu$ m FT, DTP = 66 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>

AZ nLOF 2035: For 3.5  $\mu$ m FT, DTP = 80 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>

AZ nLOF 2070: For 7.0  $\mu$ m FT, DTP = 180 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>

# AZ nLOF 2000 Photoresists

## Processing

**Softbake:** 110°C for 60 sec.(2.0 - 3.5  $\mu\text{m}$  FT) - contact mode

**Exposure:** NIKON 0.54 NA i-Line Stepper

**PEB:** 110°C for 60 sec (2.0 - 3.5  $\mu\text{m}$  FT) - contact mode

**Develop:** AZ 300 MIF Developer, Single puddle for 60-120 sec. @ 23°C, varied with FT.

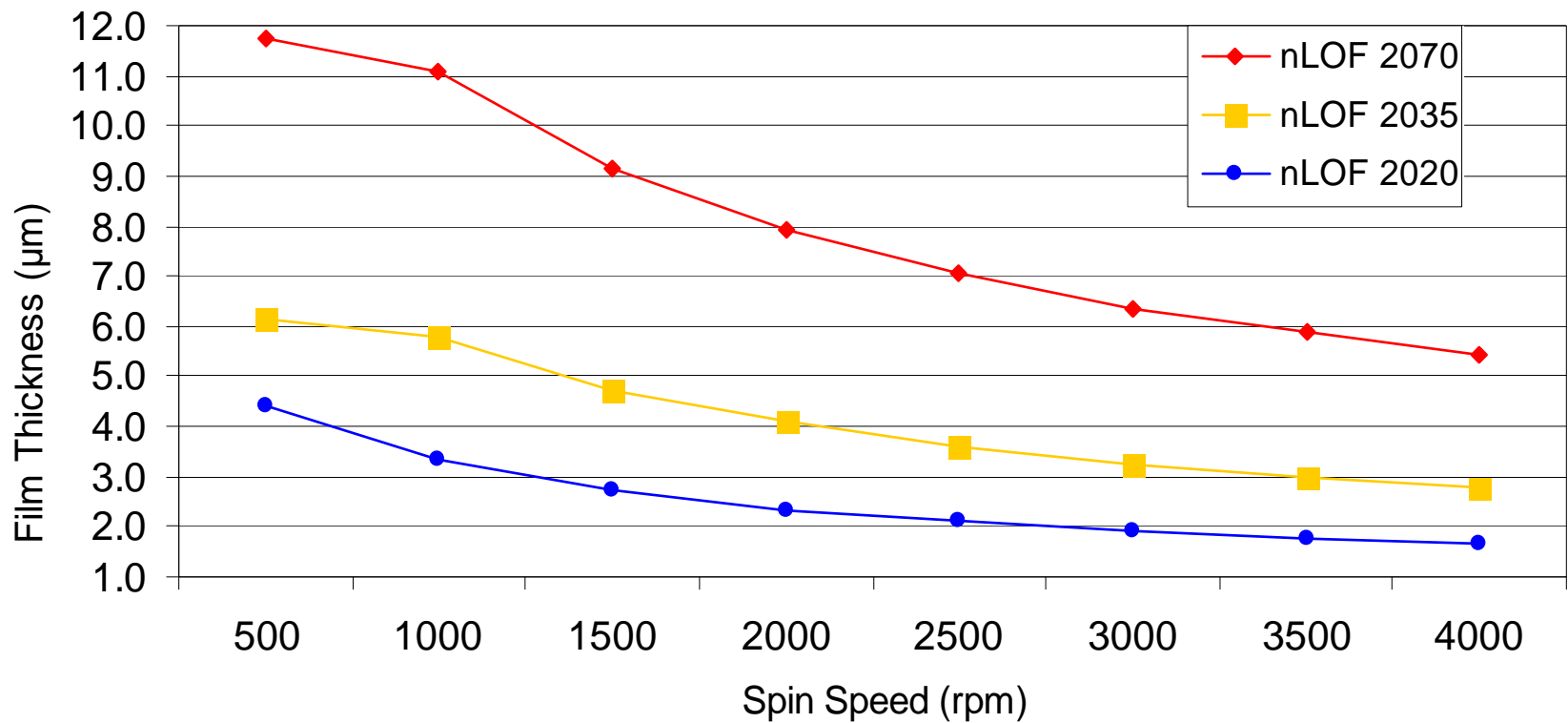
## Analysis

Hitachi S-4000 SEM: SEM pictures at 75° tilt.

CD's measured at top of resist profile

# AZ nLOF 2000 Photoresist

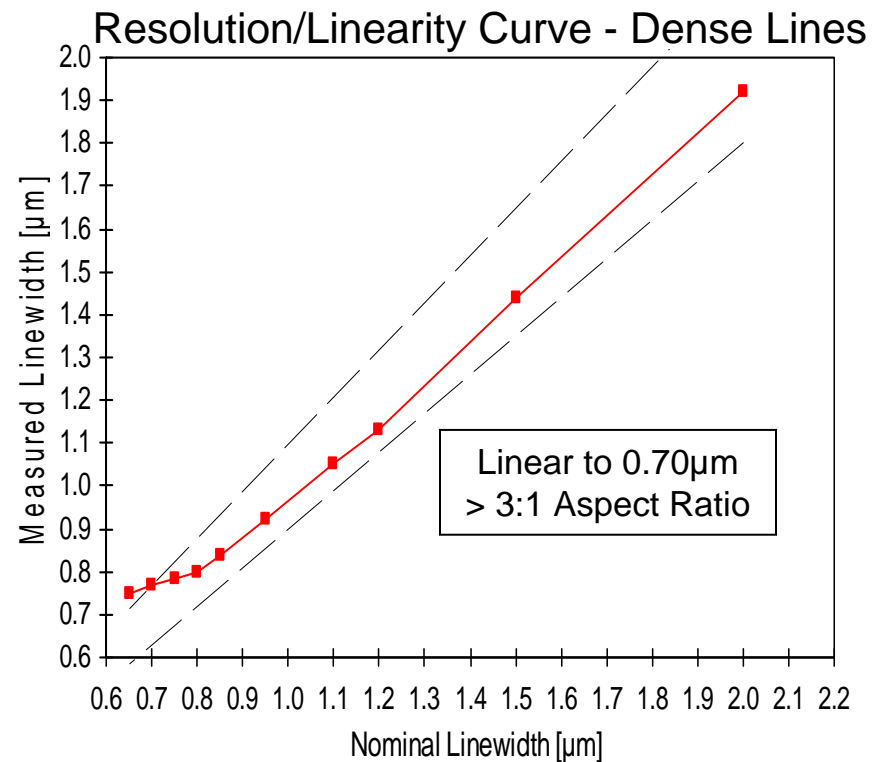
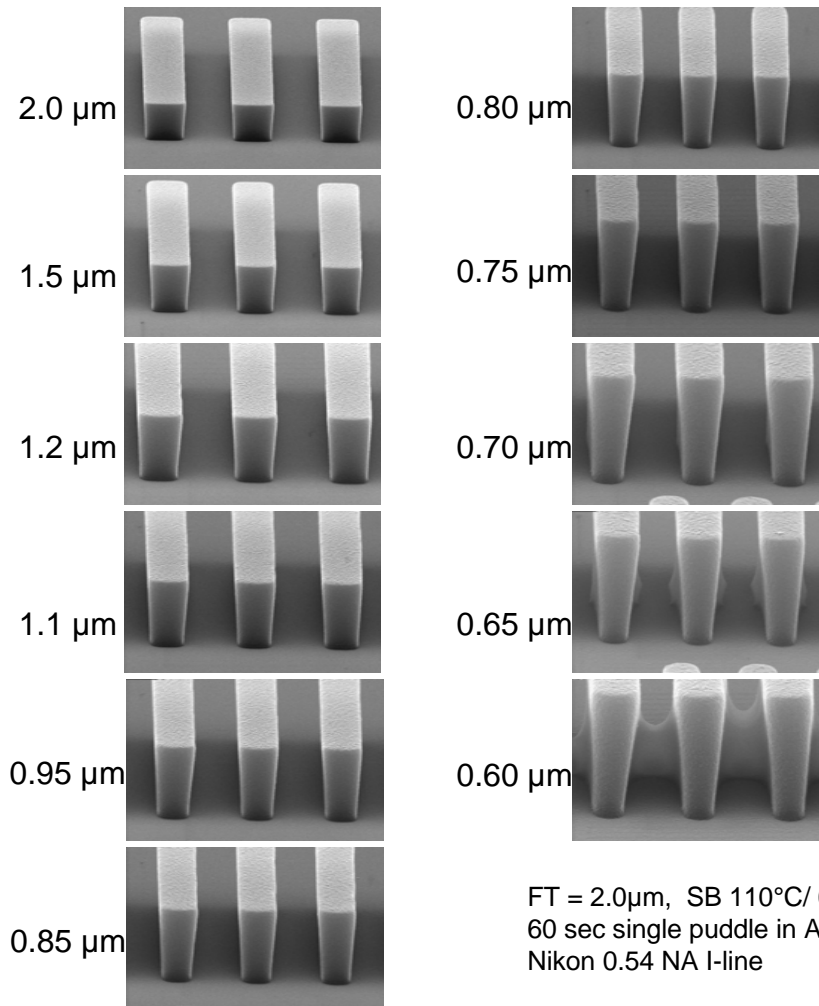
## nLOF 2000 Spin Speed Curve



# AZ nLOF 2020

## Resolution @ 2.0 $\mu\text{m}$ FT

DTP = 66 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>

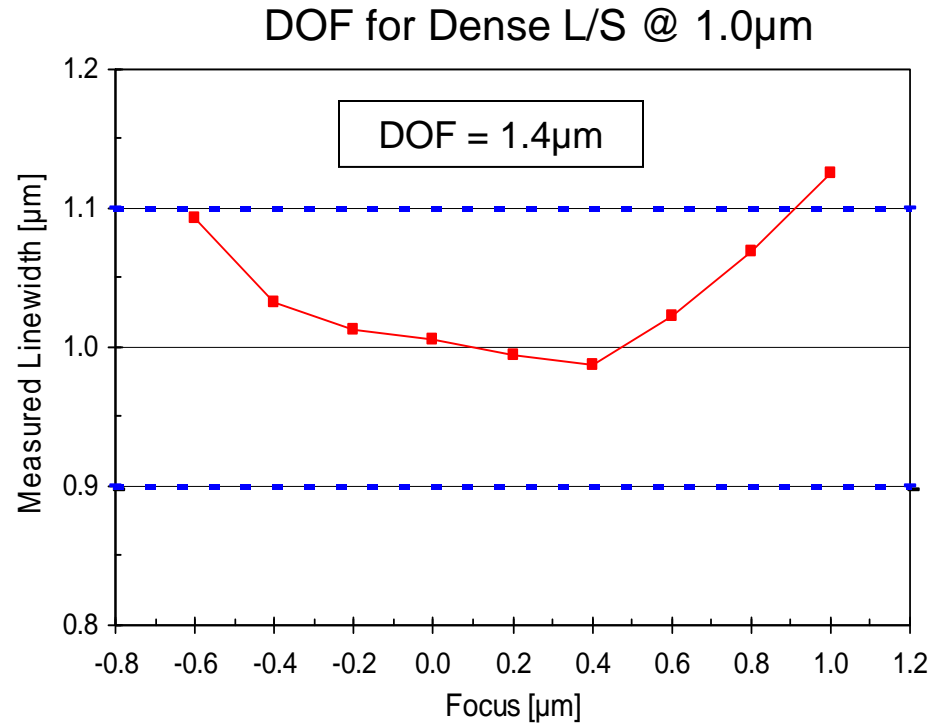
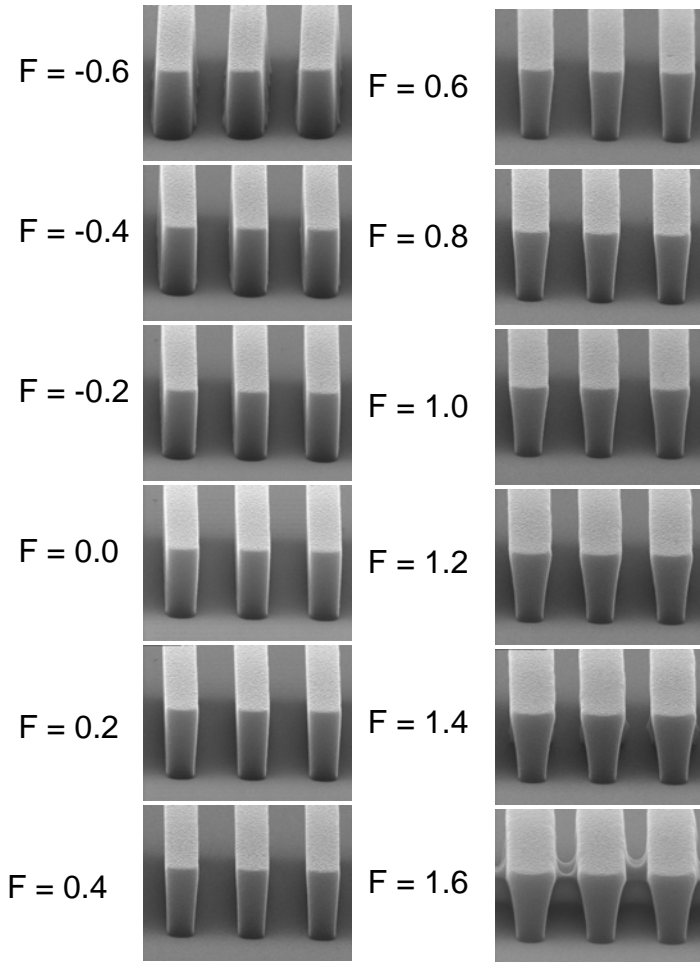


FT = 2.0 $\mu\text{m}$ , SB 110°C/ 60 sec, PEB 110°C/ 60 sec,  
60 sec single puddle in AZ 300 MIF Developer @ 23°C  
Nikon 0.54 NA I-line

# AZ nLOF 2020

## Depth of Focus @ 1.0 $\mu\text{m}$ CD

FT = 2.0 $\mu\text{m}$ , DTP = 66 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>

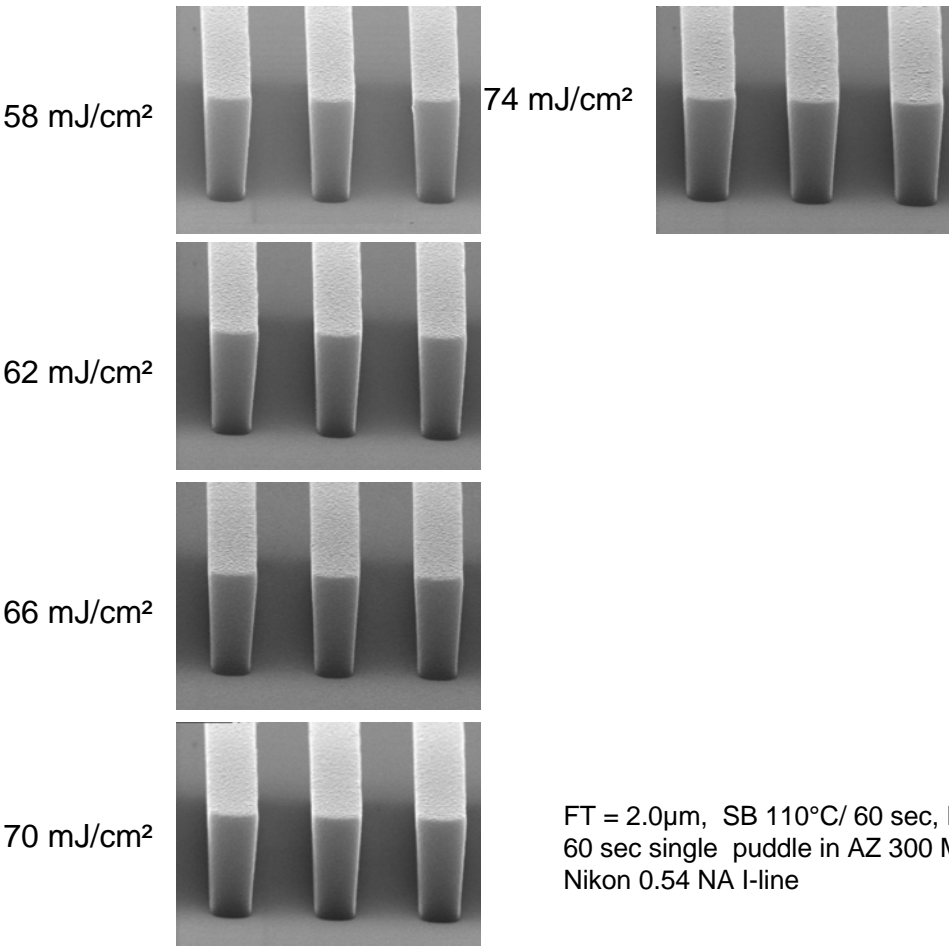


FT = 2.0 $\mu\text{m}$ , SB 110°C/ 60 sec, PEB 110°C/ 60 sec,  
60 sec single puddle in AZ 300 MIF Developer @ 23°C  
Nikon 0.54 NA I-line

# AZ nLOF 2020

## Exposure Latitude @ 1.0 $\mu\text{m}$ CD

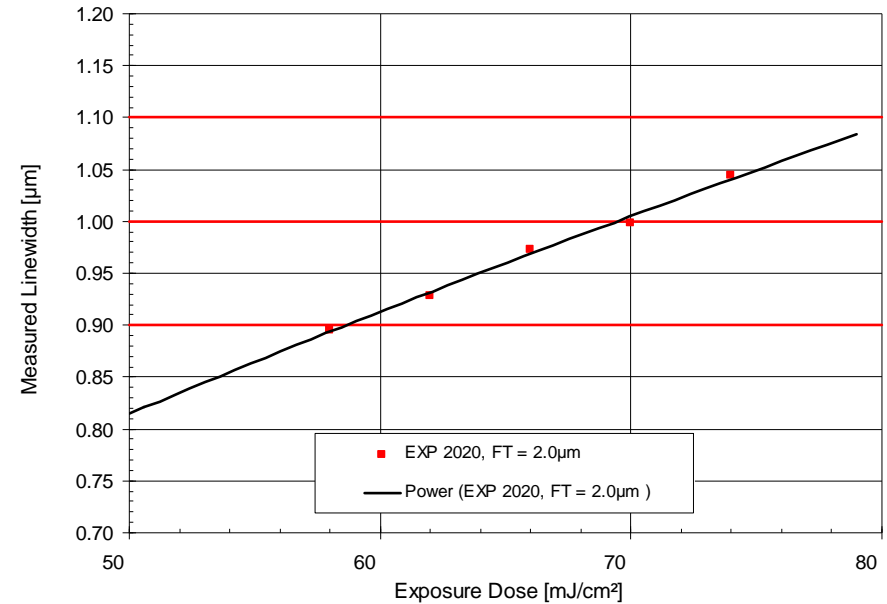
FT = 2.0 $\mu\text{m}$ , DTP = 66 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>



FT = 2.0 $\mu\text{m}$ , SB 110°C/ 60 sec, PE  
60 sec single puddle in AZ 300 MIF Developer @ 23°C  
Nikon 0.54 NA I-line

### E-Lat for Dense L/S @ 1.0 $\mu\text{m}$ CD

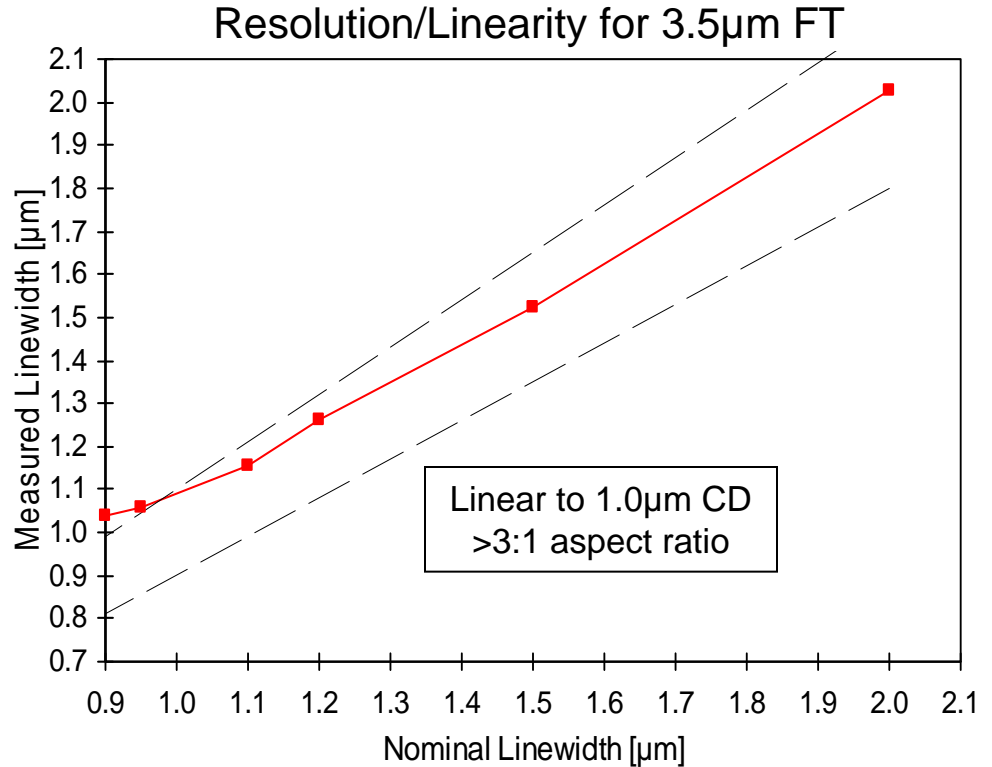
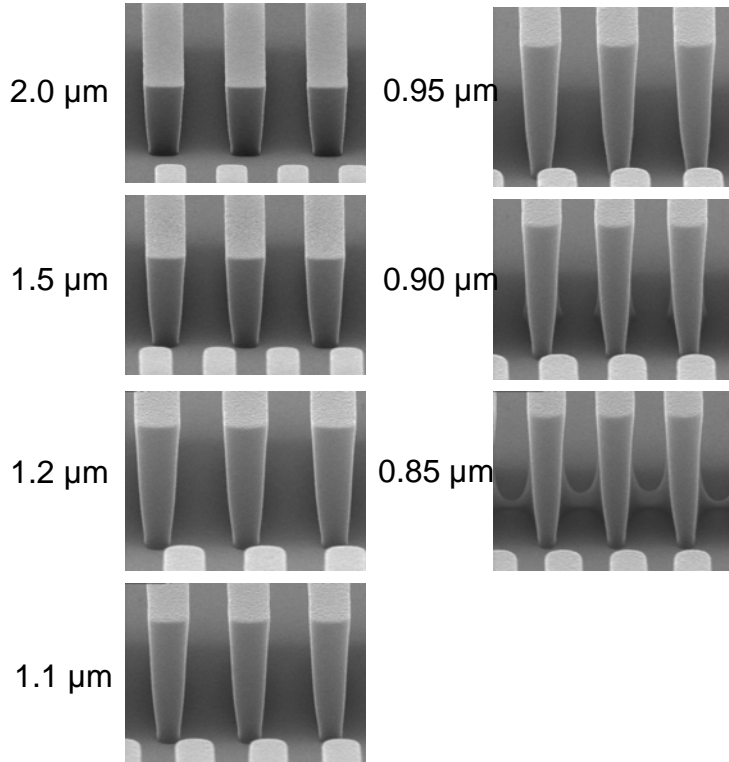
Exposure latitude = 30%



# AZ nLOF 2035

## Resolution @ 3.5 $\mu\text{m}$ FT

DTP = 80 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>



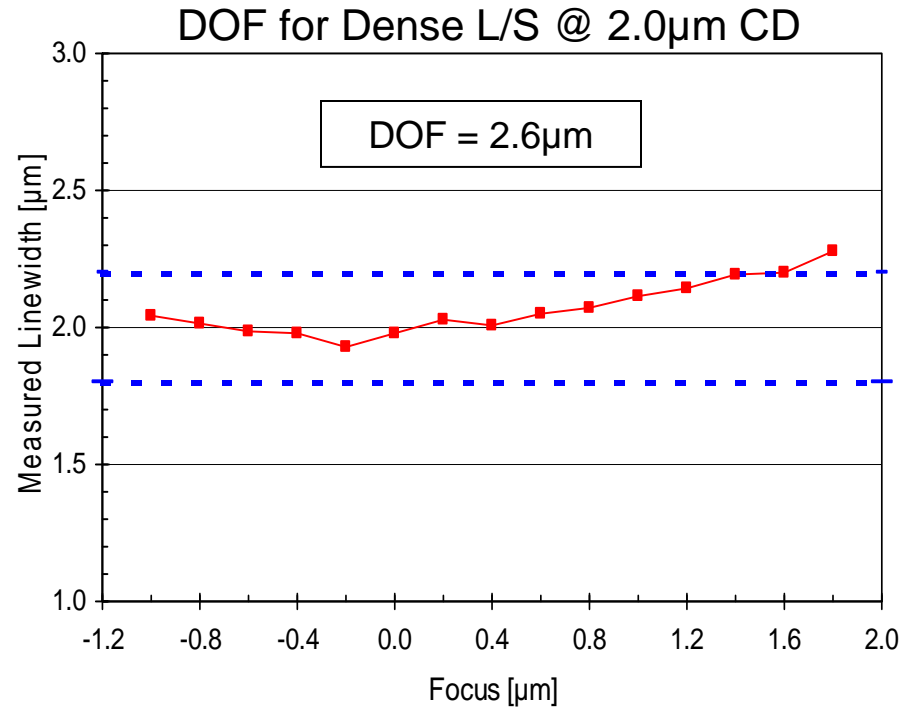
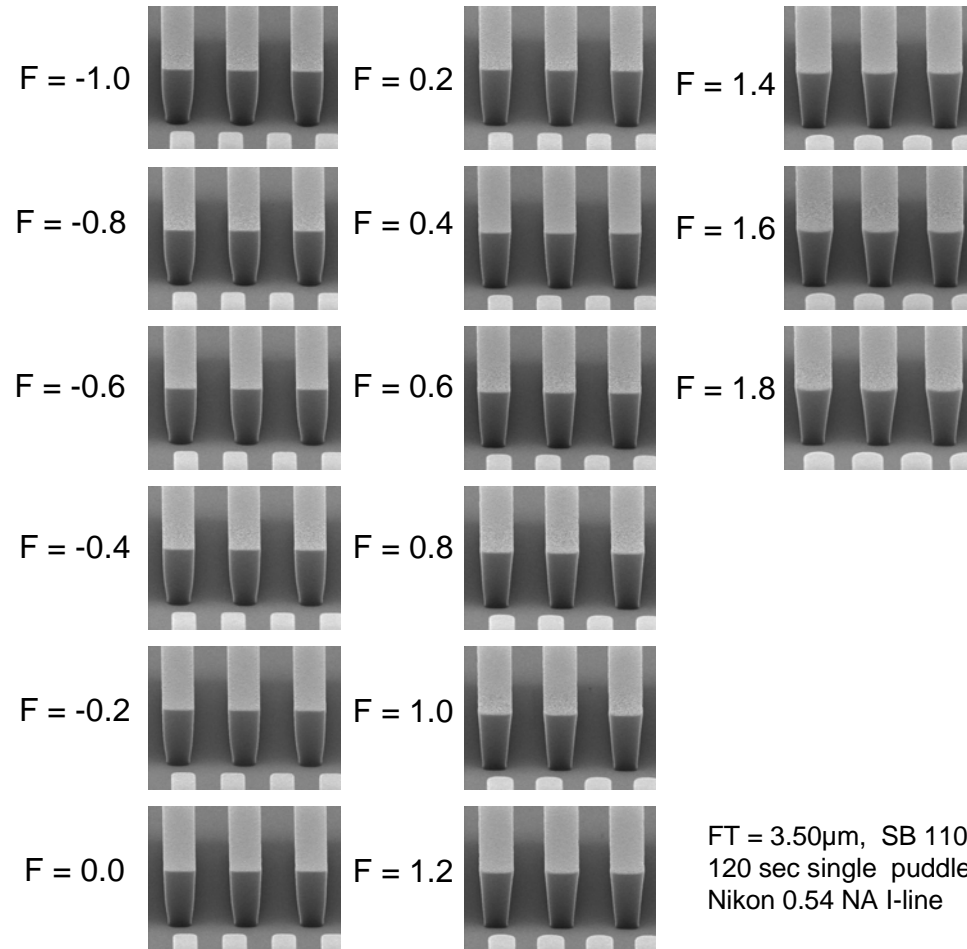
FT = 3.50  $\mu\text{m}$ , SB 110°C/ 60 sec, PEB 110°C/ 60 sec,  
 120 sec single puddle in AZ 300 MIF Developer @ 23°C  
 Nikon 0.54 NA I-line



# AZ nLOF 2035

## Depth of Focus for 2.0 $\mu\text{m}$ CD

FT = 3.5 $\mu\text{m}$ , DTP = 80 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>

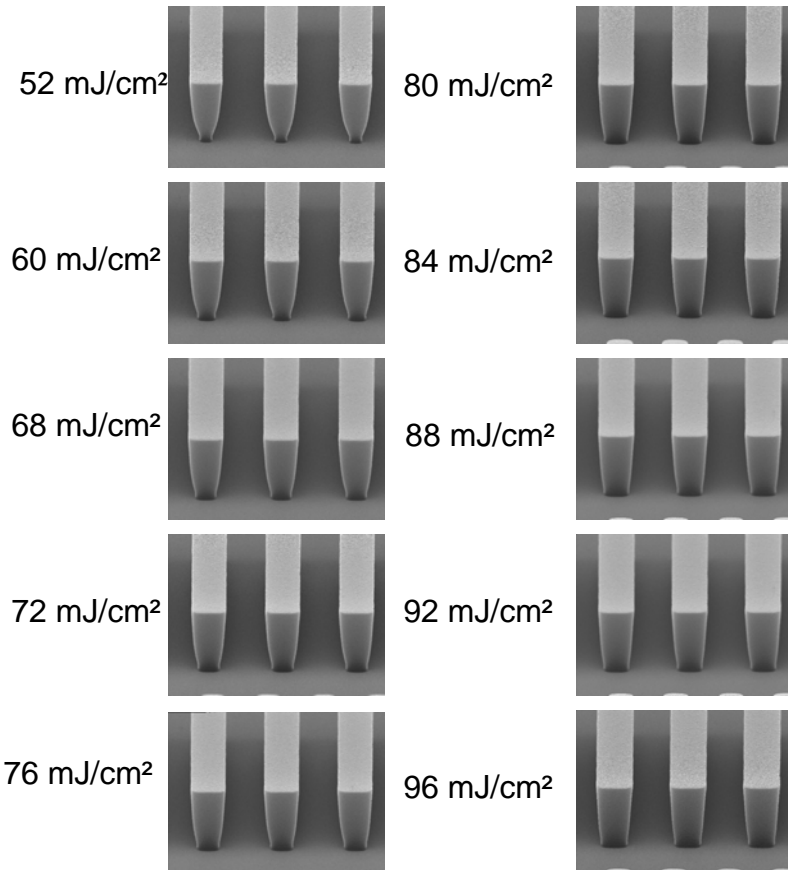


FT = 3.5 $\mu\text{m}$ , SB 110°C/ 60 sec, PEB 110°C/ 60 sec,  
 120 sec single puddle in AZ 300 MIF Developer @ 23°C  
 Nikon 0.54 NA I-line

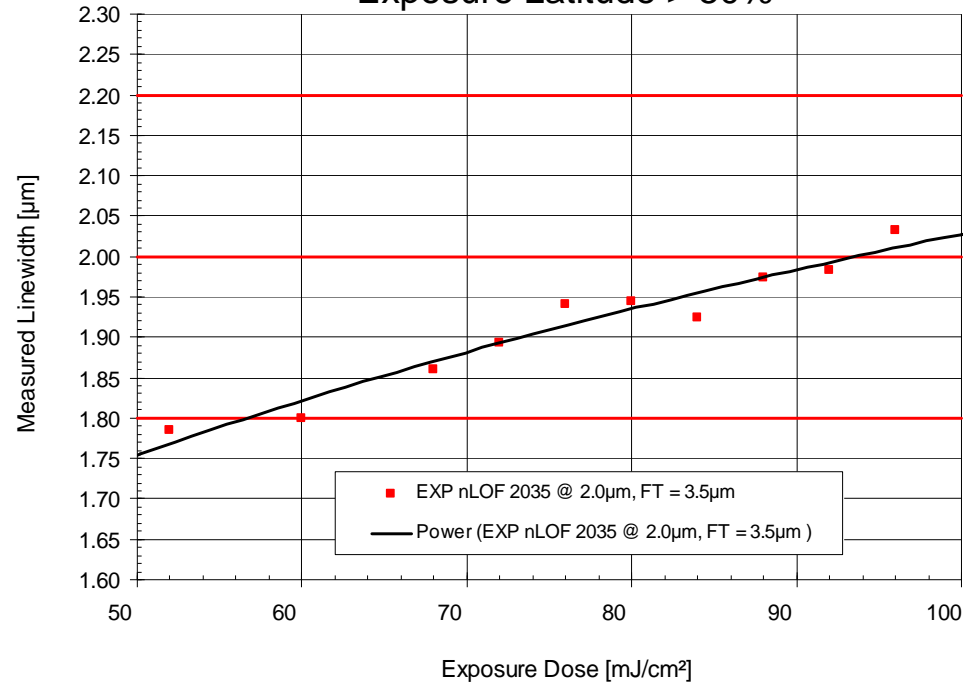
# AZ nLOF 2035

## Exposure Latitude for 2.0 $\mu$ m CD

FT = 3.5 $\mu$ m, DTP = 80 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>



E-Lat for Dense L/S @ 2.0 $\mu$ m CD  
Exposure Latitude > 50%



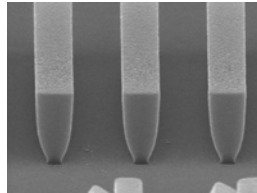
FT = 3.5 $\mu$ m, SB 110°C/ 60 sec, PEB 110°C/ 60 sec,  
120 sec single puddle in AZ 300 MIF Developer @ 23°C  
Nikon 0.54 NA I-line

# AZ nLOF 2035

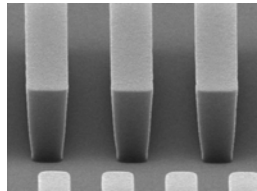
## PEB Sensitivity, 2.0um Dense L/S

FT = 3.5 $\mu$ m, DTP = 80 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup>

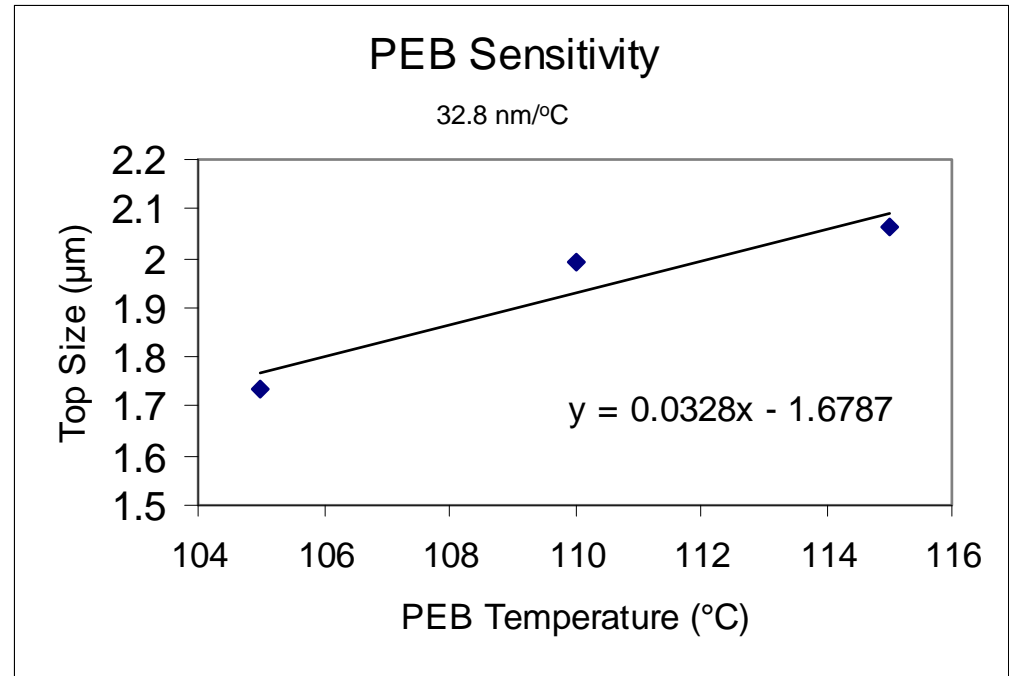
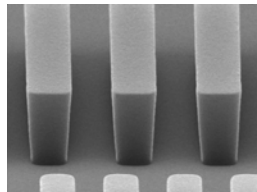
PEB 105°C/60sec  
Top size: 1.734  
Bottom size: 0.726



PEB 110°C / 60sec  
Top: 1.992  $\mu$ m  
Bottom : 1.439  $\mu$ m



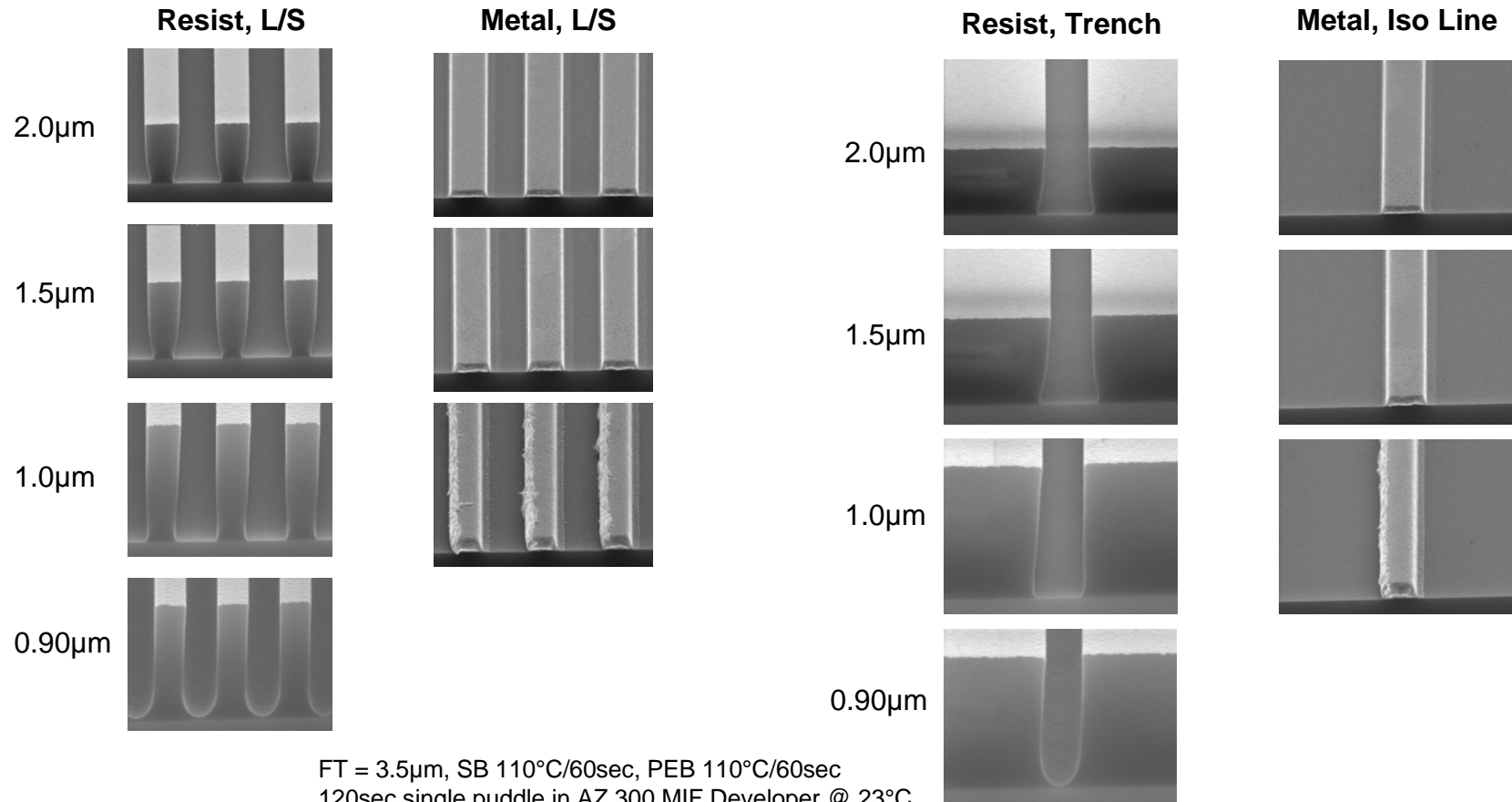
PEB 115°C / 60sec  
Top: 2.062  $\mu$ m  
Bottom: 1.687  $\mu$ m



FT = 3.5 $\mu$ m, SB 110°C/ 60 sec  
120 sec single puddle in AZ 300 MIF Developer @ 23°C  
Nikon 0.54 NA I-line

# AZ nLOF 2035 Resolution @ 3.5 $\mu\text{m}$ FT

DTP = 98  $\text{mJ}/\text{cm}^2$



FT = 3.5 $\mu\text{m}$ , SB 110°C/60sec, PEB 110°C/60sec  
120sec single puddle in AZ 300 MIF Developer @ 23°C  
ASML 0.60 NA, 0.75 sigma

# AZ nLOF 2070

## Baseline Process for 7.0 $\mu\text{m}$ FT

**Coated Thickness:** 7.0  $\mu\text{m}$

**Softbake:** 110°C/ 90 sec - Contact mode

**PEB:** 110°C/ 90 sec - Contact mode

**Exposure:** ASML i-line, 0.60 NA

**Develop:** 120 sec double-puddle in  
AZ 300 MIF Developer @ 23°C

**Data:** On following page

# AZ nLOF 2070

## Dense Line/Spaces @ 7.0 $\mu\text{m}$ FT

