



Fig. 1. The film penetration depth profile of Al₂O₃ ALD deposition into the horizontal trench with constant gap height of 500 nm (top image: *Al₂O₃ reference*). The effect of the reduction of the penetration depth based on the 400 nm trench opening is observed after Al₂O₃ (top image: *Al₂O₃ on Al₂O₃ predeposition*) and after TiO₂ (bottom image: *Al₂O₃ + TiO₂*) ALD predeposition. The material stack can be separated into the thin film measurement of TiO₂ (bottom image). The total reduction of 100nm is since 50nm pre-deposition happens on top and on bottom of the opening.