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Abstract

A reaction mechanism for TEOS/O₃ CVD in a SVG/WJ atmospheric pressure furnace belt reactor has been developed and calibrated with experimental deposition rate data. One-dimensional simulations using this mechanism successfully reproduce the trends observed in a set of 31 experimental runs in a WJ-TEOS999 reactor. Two-dimensional simulations using this mechanism successfully reproduce the average deposition rates for 3 different experimental conditions in a WJ-1500TF reactor, although the deposition profiles predicted by the model are flatter than the experimental static prints.

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I. Introduction

The use of computational models for the design and optimization of chemical vapor deposition (CVD) equipment and processes is becoming increasingly common. Commercial codes for modeling the chemically-reacting flows in such reactors are now available, but chemical reaction mechanisms describing the specific process of interest generally have to be developed for each problem.

This document reports work on the chemistry of TEOS ($\text{Si}(\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5)_4$) and ozone (O_3), which are used to deposit silicon dioxide (SiO_2) films at atmospheric pressure. This work was done under CRADA No. 01512, Task 0.001, the blanket agreement between Sandia National Laboratories (SNL) and SEMI/SEMATECH. It was started with the Semiconductor Equipment Group of Watkins-Johnson (WJ), which has now been acquired by the Silicon Valley Group, Thermal Systems (SVG-TS).

Although the TEOS/ O_3 system has been the subject of many investigations, a review of the literature is not included here. Previous work¹ by SNL and WJ showed the limitations of using very simple reaction mechanisms to describe the atmosphere-pressure, moving belt TEOS/ O_3 CVD system of interest. The current project was a direct outgrowth of the previous project, and involves the development of a more "fundamentals-based" reaction mechanism. In the past, the computational-fluid dynamics codes being used to model the CVD system of interest were limited in their capabilities to handle chemical reactions, and thus required the use of very simple chemistries. Recent improvements to such codes, however, have significantly increased their capabilities and allow the use of more complex chemical reaction mechanisms.

This document only discusses the development of the chemical reaction mechanism, along with the 0D and 1D simulations used for this purpose. Two-dimensional simulations were done² to help calibrate the chemistry. Although they are referred to in this document, they will be described elsewhere.³

II. Chemical Reaction Mechanism

The chemical reactions of interest in CVD systems can be subdivided into gas-phase (homogeneous) reactions and gas-surface (heterogeneous) reactions. The knowledge base available in the literature for the former is much greater than for the latter. This is reflected in the size and complexity of the reactions describing the chemistry. For the gas-phase, we have tried to use elementary chemical reactions, with rate parameters either taken from the literature or estimated by analogy with known reactions. In contrast, the surface reaction mechanism is much smaller and contains “lumped” reactions with rate parameters derived by fitting to deposition rate data.

As will be described in more detail below, two variations of our TEOS/O₃ reaction mechanisms are presented here, each with advantages and disadvantages. Version 1 uses simple sticking coefficients to describe the surface reactions, while Version 2 includes the effects of blocking groups on the surface preventing further reaction. The gas-phase chemistry is essentially the same for these two cases.

Developing the reaction mechanism was primarily done with 0D simulations using AURORA⁴ and 1D simulations using SPIN.⁵ AURORA provides information on sensitivities and rates-of-progress that are valuable in fitting a reaction mechanism to a set of experimental data, but oversimplifies the transport. These codes use CHEMKIN⁶ for handling the chemical kinetics part of these reacting flow problems.

A. Gas-Phase Chemistry

The reaction mechanism developed in this work has 20 gas-phase species and 45 gas-phase reactions, although other species and reactions were considered. Table 1 lists the reactions with their corresponding rate parameters, where $k = A T^b \exp(-E_a/RT)$. Table 2 gives thermochemical data for the gas-phase and surface species, in the polynomial fit format used by the CHEMKIN⁶ software.

The gas-phase reactions in Table 1 are divided into categories. The first category is the decomposition of ozone. It consists of two elementary reactions for ozone decomposition to O_2 taken from the work of Benson and Axworthy,⁸ plus two reactions for OH and H atom reactions with O_3 taken from the NIST database.⁹ The next category consists of various elementary reactions among H_xO_y species. These are quite well known from combustion and atmospheric chemistry, and were extracted from a hydrocarbon/nitrogen oxidation reaction mechanism by Glarborg.¹⁰

The other reaction categories involve TEOS and its reaction products, which generally have been less-well studied. Thus, these categories include non-elementary reactions and many rate constants that have been estimated from analogous hydrocarbon reactions. In developing this part of the mechanism, the first step involved obtaining or estimating thermochemical parameters for the species of interest. Then the list of chemically possible reactions was screened by examining the heats of reaction. Exothermic reactions, and reactions with relatively low endothermicities were generally retained.

The category of TEOS reactions with small radicals are primarily hydrogen abstraction reactions, although TEOS hydrolysis is also included. Fortunately, the most important reaction between TEOS and O atoms has been studied experimentally both by Sanago and Zachariah¹¹ and by Buchta, et al.⁷ The kinetic parameters from these two studies are quite close [$k = 2.7E12 \exp(-2622.8/RT)$ vs. $k = 2.05E13 \exp(-2591.0/RT)$]. Both were tried in the simulations at various times, but the parameters of Sanago and Zachariah are used in the final mechanism because they gave slightly better fits to the data. Although hydrogen abstraction can occur with different rates at either an α or β position producing different isomers of $C_2H_4OSi(OEt)_3$, these are not tracked separately in this mechanism in the interest of simplicity.

Table 1. Gas-phase reactions for TEOS/O₃ CVD

No.	Reaction	A ^a	β	E _a ^b	Ref. ^c
	<i>Ozone decomposition</i>				
1.	O ₃ + M \leftrightarrow O ₂ + O + M	4.51E15	0.0	24000.0	8
2.	O + O ₃ \leftrightarrow 2O ₂	2.96E13	0.0	6000.0	8
3.	OH + O ₃ \leftrightarrow HO ₂ + O ₂	1.15E12	0.0	1987.0	9
4.	H + O ₃ \leftrightarrow OH + O ₂	2.29E11	0.75	0.00	9
	<i>H₂/O₂ Reactions</i>				
5.	O + OH \leftrightarrow H + O ₂	3.3E11	0.375	-2210.0	10
6.	O + H ₂ \leftrightarrow OH + H	5.1E04	2.67	6290.0	10
7.	OH + H ₂ \leftrightarrow H ₂ O + H	2.1E08	1.52	3450.0	10
8.	OH + OH \leftrightarrow H ₂ O + O	4.3E03	2.70	-2486.0	10
9.	H + H + M \leftrightarrow H ₂ + M	6.5E17	-1.0	0.0	10
	Third Body: ^d N ₂ 0.0, O ₂ 1.5, H ₂ O 14				
10.	H + H + N ₂ \leftrightarrow H ₂ + N ₂	5.4E18	-1.3	0.0	10
11.	H + O + M \leftrightarrow OH + M	4.7E18	-1.0	0.0	10
	Third Body: ^d N ₂ 1.5, O ₂ 1.5, H ₂ O 10				
12.	H + OH + M \leftrightarrow H ₂ O + M	8.3E21	-2.0	0.0	10
	Third Body: ^d N ₂ 2.7, H ₂ O 17				
13.	O + O + M \leftrightarrow O ₂ + M	1.9E13	0.0	-1788.0	10
	Third Body: ^d N ₂ 1.5, O ₂ 1.5, H ₂ O 10				
14.	H + O ₂ (+ M) \leftrightarrow HO ₂ (+ M)	4.5E13	0.0	0.0	10
	Low pressure ^e	6.7E19	-1.42	0.0	10
	Third Body: ^d O ₂ 1.0, H ₂ 2.3, H ₂ O 11				
15.	HO ₂ + H \leftrightarrow H ₂ + O ₂	4.3E13	0.0	1410.0	10
16.	HO ₂ + H \leftrightarrow OH + OH	1.7E14	0.0	875.0	10
17.	HO ₂ + H \leftrightarrow O + H ₂ O	3.0E13	0.0	1720.0	10
18.	HO ₂ + O \leftrightarrow OH + O ₂	3.2E13	0.0	0.0	10
19.	HO ₂ + OH \leftrightarrow H ₂ O + O ₂	1.9E16	-1.0	0.0	10

^a Units depend on reaction order, but are in cm, moles and sec.

^b Units of cal/mole.

^c E in this column indicates that the rate parameters were estimated in this work.

^d Enhanced third body collision efficiencies for the specified molecules.

^e Rate parameters at low pressure limit for a decomposition/recombination reaction in the pressure-dependent regime.

	<i>TEOS reactions with small radicals</i>				
20.	$\text{Si}(\text{OEt})_4 + \text{O} \leftrightarrow \text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{OSi}(\text{OEt})_3 + \text{OH}$	2.05E13	0.0	2591.0	11
21.	$\text{Si}(\text{OEt})_4 + \text{OH} \leftrightarrow \text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{OSi}(\text{OEt})_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	1.6E12	0.0	800.0	12 ^{f,g}
22.	$\text{Si}(\text{OEt})_4 + \text{H} \leftrightarrow \text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{OSi}(\text{OEt})_3 + \text{H}_2$	2.6E12	0.0	4700.0	12 ^{f,g}
23.	$\text{Si}(\text{OEt})_4 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \leftrightarrow \text{Si}(\text{OEt})_3\text{OH} + \text{EtOH}$	1.0E11	0.0	25000.0 ^h	E
	<i>Reactions of radical intermediates</i>				
24.	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{OSi}(\text{OEt})_3 + \text{O} \leftrightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CHO} + \text{OSi}(\text{OEt})_3$	3.0E13	0.0	0.0	E
25.	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{OSi}(\text{OEt})_3 + \text{OH} \leftrightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CHO} + \text{Si}(\text{OEt})_3\text{OH}$	3.0E13	0.0	0.0	E
26.	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{OSi}(\text{OEt})_3 + \text{O}_2 \leftrightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{COO} + \text{Si}(\text{OEt})_3\text{OH}$	3.0E12	0.0	0.0	E
27.	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{OSi}(\text{OEt})_3 + \text{O}_2 \leftrightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{COOH} + \text{OSi}(\text{OEt})_3$	3.0E12	0.0	0.0	E
28.	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{OSi}(\text{OEt})_3 + \text{O}_3 \leftrightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CHO} + \text{OSi}(\text{OEt})_3 + \text{O}_2$	3.0E13	0.0	0.0	E
29.	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{OSi}(\text{OEt})_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{EtOH} + \text{OSi}(\text{OEt})_3$	3.0E13	0.0	27000.0	E
30.	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{OSi}(\text{OEt})_3 \rightarrow \text{C}_2\text{H}_4 + \text{OSi}(\text{OEt})_3$	4.0E14	0.0	39000.0	12 ^f
31.	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{OSi}(\text{OEt})_3 \leftrightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CHO} + \text{Si}(\text{OEt})_3$	4.0E14	0.0	47000.0	12 ^f
32.	$\text{OSi}(\text{OEt})_3 + \text{Si}(\text{OEt})_4 \leftrightarrow \text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{OSi}(\text{OEt})_3 + \text{Si}(\text{OEt})_3\text{OH}$	3.0E13	0.0	0.0	E
33.	$\text{OSi}(\text{OEt})_3 + \text{O} \leftrightarrow \text{O}_2 + \text{Si}(\text{OEt})_3$	3.0E13	0.0	0.0	E
34.	$\text{OSi}(\text{OEt})_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \leftrightarrow \text{OH} + \text{Si}(\text{OEt})_3\text{OH}$	3.0E13	0.0	0.0	E
35.	$\text{Si}(\text{OEt})_3 + \text{O}_3 \leftrightarrow \text{OSi}(\text{OEt})_3 + \text{O}_2$	3.0E13	0.0	0.0	E
36.	$\text{Si}(\text{OEt})_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \leftrightarrow \text{Si}(\text{OEt})_3\text{OH} + \text{H}$	3.0E13	0.0	0.0	E
37.	$\text{Si}(\text{OEt})_3 + \text{Si}(\text{OEt})_3\text{OH} \leftrightarrow \text{O}(\text{Si}(\text{OEt})_3)_2 + \text{H}$	1.0E12	0.0	0.0	E
38.	$\text{CH}_3\text{COO} + \text{HO}_2 \leftrightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{COOH} + \text{O}_2$	1.0E13	0.0	0.0	E
	<i>Chain termination reactions</i>				
39.	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{OSi}(\text{OEt})_3 + \text{H} \leftrightarrow \text{Si}(\text{OEt})_4$	1.0E13	0.0	0.0	E
40.	$\text{OSi}(\text{OEt})_3 + \text{H} \leftrightarrow \text{Si}(\text{OEt})_3\text{OH}$	1.0E13	0.0	0.0	E
41.	$\text{Si}(\text{OEt})_3 + \text{OH} \leftrightarrow \text{Si}(\text{OEt})_3\text{OH}$	1.0E13	0.0	0.0	E
42.	$\text{Si}(\text{OEt})_3 + \text{OSi}(\text{OEt})_3 \leftrightarrow \text{O}(\text{Si}(\text{OEt})_3)_2$	1.0E13	0.0	0.0	E
43.	$\text{CH}_3\text{COO} + \text{H} \leftrightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$	1.0E12	0.0	0.0	E
	<i>Condensation reactions</i>				
44.	$\text{Si}(\text{OEt})_3\text{OH} + \text{Si}(\text{OEt})_4 \leftrightarrow \text{O}(\text{Si}(\text{OEt})_3)_2 + \text{EtOH}$	1.0E11	0.0	15000.0	E
45.	$2 \text{Si}(\text{OEt})_3\text{OH} \leftrightarrow \text{O}(\text{Si}(\text{OEt})_3)_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	1.0E11	0.0	15000.0	E

^f Estimated by analogy with TMOS reaction in the referenced paper.

^g The value used is the TMOS value divided by 10.

^h This value of Ea used for Version 1. A value of 10000 cal/mole was used for Version 2.

Table 2. Thermochemical Data in CHEMKIN Format

Gas-Phase Species:									
SI(OET)4	61496H	20C	80	4SI	1G	300.000	3000.000	1000.00	0 1
	0.14384550E+02	0.91940556E-01	-0.48408362E-04	0.12244826E-07	-0.12086997E-11				2
	-0.16779748E+06	-0.26402920E+02	0.36650096E+01	0.11162005E+00	-0.42142822E-04				3
	-0.16446561E-07	0.12257199E-10	-0.16452653E+06	0.31030103E+02					4
SI(OET)3OH	40894H	16C	60	4SI	1G	300.000	3000.000	1000.00	0 1
	0.30722271E+02	0.30770605E-01	-0.25774402E-05	-0.30498899E-08	0.66850084E-12				2
	-0.17340573E+06	-0.11836710E+03	0.89422655E+01	0.70058122E-01	-0.53697897E-06				3
	-0.37873331E-07	0.15943972E-10	-0.16629886E+06	-0.43492889E+00					4
O	120186O	1		G	0300.00	5000.00	1000.00		1
	0.02542059E+02	-0.02755061E-03	-0.03102803E-07	0.04551067E-10	-0.04368051E-14				2
	0.02923080E+06	0.04920308E+02	0.02946428E+02	-0.16381665E-02	0.02421031E-04				3
	-0.16028431E-08	0.03890696E-11	0.02914764E+06	0.02963995E+02					4
O2	121386O	2		G	0300.00	5000.00	1000.00		1
	0.03697578E+02	0.06135197E-02	-0.12588420E-06	0.01775281E-09	-0.11364354E-14				2
	-0.12339301E+04	0.03189165E+02	0.03212936E+02	0.11274864E-02	-0.05756150E-05				3
	0.13138773E-08	-0.08768554E-11	-0.10052490E+04	0.06034737E+02					4
O3	121286O	3		G	0300.00	5000.00	1000.00		1
	0.05429371E+02	0.01820380E-01	-0.07705607E-05	0.14992929E-09	-0.10755629E-13				2
	0.15235267E+05	-0.03266386E+02	0.02462608E+02	0.09582781E-01	-0.07087359E-04				3
	0.13633683E-08	0.02969647E-11	0.16061522E+05	0.12141870E+02					4
N2	121286N	2		G	0300.00	5000.00	1000.00		1
	0.02926640E+02	0.14879768E-02	-0.05684760E-05	0.10097038E-09	-0.06753351E-13				2
	-0.09227977E+04	0.05980528E+02	0.03298677E+02	0.14082404E-02	-0.03963222E-04				3
	0.05641515E-07	-0.02444854E-10	-0.10208999E+04	0.03950372E+02					4
H	120186H	1		G	0300.00	5000.00	1000.00		1
	0.02500000E+02	0.00000000E+00	0.00000000E+00	0.00000000E+00	0.00000000E+00				2
	0.02547162E+06	-0.04601176E+01	0.02500000E+02	0.00000000E+00	0.00000000E+00				3
	0.00000000E+00	0.00000000E+00	0.02547162E+06	-0.04601176E+01					4
H2	121286H	2		G	0300.00	5000.00	1000.00		1
	0.02991423E+02	0.07000644E-02	-0.05633828E-06	-0.09231578E-10	0.15827519E-14				2
	-0.08350340E+04	-0.13551101E+01	0.03298124E+02	0.08249441E-02	-0.08143015E-05				3
	-0.09475434E-09	0.04134872E-11	-0.10125209E+04	-0.03294094E+02					4
H2O	20387H	2O	1	G	0300.00	5000.00	1000.00		1
	0.02672145E+02	0.03056293E-01	-0.08730260E-05	0.12009964E-09	-0.06391618E-13				2
	-0.02989921E+06	0.06862817E+02	0.03386842E+02	0.03474982E-01	-0.06354696E-04				3
	0.06968581E-07	-0.02506588E-10	-0.03020811E+06	0.02590232E+02					4
HO2	BUR95 H	1O	2	00	00G	200.000	6000.000	1000.000	1
	0.41722659E+01	0.18812098E-02	-0.34629297E-06	0.19468516E-10	0.17609153E-15				2
	0.61818851E+02	0.29577974E+01	0.43017880E+01	-0.47490201E-02	0.21157953E-04				3
	-0.24275961E-07	0.92920670E-11	0.29480876E+03	0.37167010E+01	0.15096500E+04				4
C2H4	121286C	2H	4	G	0300.00	5000.00	1000.00		1
	0.03528418E+02	0.11485185E-01	-0.04418385E-04	0.07844600E-08	-0.05266848E-12				2
	0.04428288E+05	0.02230389E+02	-0.08614880E+01	0.02796162E+00	-0.03388677E-03				3
	0.02785152E-06	-0.09737879E-10	0.05573046E+05	0.02421148E+03					4
CH3CHO	120186C	2O	1H	4	G	0300.00	5000.00	1000.00	1
	0.05868650E+02	0.10794241E-01	-0.03645530E-04	0.05412912E-08	-0.02896844E-12				2
	-0.02264568E+06	-0.06012946E+02	0.02505695E+02	0.13369907E-01	0.04671953E-04				3
	-0.11281401E-07	0.04263566E-10	-0.02124588E+06	0.13350887E+02					4
ETOH	71091C	2H	6O	1	G	0300.00	5000.00	1000.00	1
	0.79087286E+01	0.12227729E-01	-0.35144249E-05	0.42572035E-09	-0.15468177E-13				2
	-0.31943867E+05	-0.16426895E+02	0.16487226E+01	0.21139644E-01	0.32672033E-05				3
	-0.16375399E-07	0.73521788E-11	-0.29673598E+05	0.18271423E+02					4
ETO	70998H	5C	2O	1	OG	300.000	3000.000	1000.00	1
	0.29337879E+01	0.21304490E-01	-0.10803929E-04	0.26500268E-08	-0.25512631E-12				2
	-0.20779635E+04	0.10162778E+02	0.14075698E+01	0.25049131E-01	-0.12933056E-04				3
	0.17792313E-08	0.52637367E-12	-0.16529579E+04	0.18120332E+02					4
CH3COO	70798H	3C	2O	2	OG	0300.00	3000.00	1000.00	1

0.32609145E+01	0.18283757E-01	0.96171090E-05	0.24287846E-08	0.23929524E-12	2		
-0.23659970E+05	0.12650950E+02	0.19962463E+01	0.19593159E-01	0.64440015E-05	3		
-0.27869632E-08	0.17586114E-11	0.23203349E+05	0.19730119E+02		4		
CH3COOH	71398H	4C	2O	2 OG	300.000 4000.00 1000.00	1	
0.51094633E+01	0.17736435E-01	0.82137494E-05	0.17593858E-08	0.14319261E-12	2		
-0.54870495E+05	0.32785188E+00	0.42050999E+00	0.31807685E-01	0.26342195E-04	3		
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! The following are estimated thermochemical data							
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-1.30548180E+05	-1.95242100E+01	6.21738625E+00	7.91375637E-02	1.60659947E-05			3
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-9.98335234E+04	-5.87761784E+00	5.00523376E+00	7.18663335E-02	3.55981024E-06			3
-3.46066216E-08	1.54687825E-11	9.82465938E+04	1.54004326E+01				4
Surface Species:							
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The next category, reactions among radical intermediates, primarily includes bimolecular reactions that interconvert the various Si-O-H-C species. These reactions provide a chain mechanism by which one oxygen atom (from an ozone molecule) can potentially convert multiple TEOS molecules into more-reactive intermediate species. For many of these reactions, the reactants are appropriate for an elementary reaction, but the products given represent molecular rearrangements that probably occur in multiple steps. Endothermic reactions were given activation energies on the order of the endothermicity. Relatively high A factors were generally used, with radical-radical reactions being faster than radical-molecule reactions. Although they turn out to be unimportant, two reactions involving the unimolecular decay of

$\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{OSi}(\text{OEt})_3$ are included. These molecules are sufficiently large that they should be at the high pressure limit at 1 atm, so pressure-dependent fall-off parameters were not determined.

The next category, chain termination reactions, are radical recombination reactions that can interrupt the radical chain reactions that decompose the TEOS. Again, these molecules are assumed to be big enough to be in their high-pressure limits at 1 atm pressures, so explicit fall-off parameters are not provided. For reaction 43, the molecules involved are smaller, so a smaller A factor was used, although this reaction also turns out not to be very important.

The two reactions in the last category, condensation reactions, represent the formation of hexaethoxydisiloxane. This can be thought of as TEOS dimerization, which could be the first step in forming larger polymeric liquid/solid species. The formation of these solid byproducts are a significant concern in TEOS/ O_3 CVD. The present simulations, however, suggest that gas-phase formation of dimers is not significant in the main reaction zone. This in turn suggests that direct gas-phase polymerization is not likely to be the major source of these byproducts, but rather condensation and polymerization on surfaces (TEOS is commonly used in the condensed phase for the production of silicon oxide sols and gels). Note that this study did not focus on the parts of the reactor downstream from the deposition zone, where reactions not considered here may occur. Also, if there turned out to be significant errors in the thermochemical and kinetic data used, this would also affect this conclusion.

B. Surface Chemistry

The surface reaction mechanisms shown in Table 3 for Version 1 and Table 4 for Version 2 are much smaller than the gas-phase mechanism shown in Table 1. The surface reactions are also "lumped" rather than elementary chemical reactions. As mentioned above, this is primarily a result of the smaller knowledge base in the literature for surface reactions. Although many of the trends observed in the deposition rate data could be reproduced using Version 1, which has no specified surface species (non-site-specific sticking coefficients), the dependence on TEOS mole fraction (flow rate) was too strong, so Version 2, which accounts for surface site-blocking, was developed.

Table 3. Version 1 Surface Reactions for TEOS/O₃ CVD

No.	Reaction	A	E _a	Notes*
1.	$\text{Si}(\text{OEt})_3\text{OH} \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + 2 \text{C}_2\text{H}_4 + \text{EtOH} + \text{SiO}_2(\text{D})$	5.0E-8	-10000.0	Stick, Fit
2.	$\text{OSi}(\text{OEt})_3 \rightarrow \text{O}_2 + 1.5\text{H}_2 + 3 \text{C}_2\text{H}_4 + \text{SiO}_2(\text{D})$	6.0E-7	-10000.0	Stick, Estd
3.	$\text{Si}(\text{OEt})_3 \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + 3 \text{C}_2\text{H}_4 + 0.5 \text{H}_2 + \text{SiO}_2(\text{D})$	6.0E-7	-10000.0	Stick, Estd
4.	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{OSi}(\text{OEt})_3 \rightarrow \text{O}_2 + 1.5 \text{H}_2 + 4 \text{C}_2\text{H}_4 + \text{SiO}_2(\text{D})$	6.0E-7	-10000.0	Stick, Estd
5.	$\text{O} \rightarrow 0.5 \text{O}_2$	1.0	0.0	Stick, Estd
6.	$\text{OH} \rightarrow 0.5 \text{H}_2 + 0.5 \text{O}_2$	1.0	0.0	Stick, Estd
7.	$\text{H} \rightarrow 0.5 \text{H}_2$	1.0	0.0	Stick, Estd

Table 4. Version 2 Surface Reactions for TEOS/O₃ CVD

No.	Reaction	A	E _a	Notes*
1.	$\text{Si}(\text{OEt})_3\text{OH} + \text{SiG}_3\text{OH}(\text{s}) \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{SiGE}_3(\text{s}) + \text{SiO}_2(\text{D})$	1.8E-9	-15000.0	Stick, Fit
2.	$\text{SiGE}_3(\text{s}) \rightarrow 2 \text{C}_2\text{H}_4 + \text{EtOH} + \text{SiG}_3\text{OH}(\text{s})$	12.0	0.0	Fit
3.	$\text{OSi}(\text{OEt})_3 + \text{SiG}_3\text{OH}(\text{s}) \rightarrow 0.5\text{O}_2 + 0.5\text{H}_2 + \text{SiGE}_3(\text{s}) + \text{SiO}_2(\text{D})$	5.0E-8	-15000.0	Stick, Estd
4.	$\text{Si}(\text{OEt})_3 + \text{SiG}_3\text{OH}(\text{s}) \rightarrow 0.5 \text{H}_2 + \text{SiGE}_3(\text{s}) + \text{SiO}_2(\text{D})$	5.0E-8	-15000.0	Stick, Estd
5.	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{OSi}(\text{OEt})_3 + \text{SiG}_3\text{OH}(\text{s}) \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CHO} + 0.5 \text{H}_2 + \text{SiGE}_3(\text{s}) + \text{SiO}_2(\text{D})$	5.0E-8	-15000.0	Stick, Estd
6.	$\text{O} \rightarrow 0.5 \text{O}_2$	1.0	0.0	Stick, Estd
7.	$\text{OH} \rightarrow 0.5 \text{H}_2 + 0.5 \text{O}_2$	1.0	0.0	Stick, Estd
8.	$\text{H} \rightarrow 0.5 \text{H}_2$	1.0	0.0	Stick, Estd

* "Stick" indicates that the reaction parameters given are for a sticking coefficient. "Fit" indicates that the rate parameters were determined by fitting to deposition rate data. "Estd" indicates that rate parameters were estimated.

There are a variety of possible surface species in this system, namely a silicon atom with any combination (adding up to 4) of: 1) Si-O-Si bonds to the bulk SiO₂, 2) a bond to an ethoxy group, 3) a bond to a fragment of an ethoxy group (missing one or more H or C atoms), 4) a fragment of an ethoxy group with added O atoms or OH groups, 5) dangling bonds, 6) a bond to an O atom that has a dangling bond, 7) a bond to a hydroxyl group (OH), or 8) bond to a H atom. In addition to these simple one-site surface species, silicon oxide surfaces are also known to have groups such as "coordinated OH pairs" in which the bonding and reactivity at one Si atom is affected by the presence/absence of functional groups on an adjacent silicon atom. In this work, however, most of these details are neglected in the interest of simplicity and restricted resources.

Although it is now possible to treat multiple surface species in the codes used for the higher-order simulations, the computational complexity of such problems still require a minimum of species and reactions, and the factorial nature of the problem makes it unrealistic to include a large number of surface species.

In Version 1 of the mechanism, no surface species are specified, while Version 2 includes only two surface species: $\text{SiG}_3\text{OH(s)}$, representing silicon with three bonds to the glass bulk and one reactive OH group, and $\text{SiGE}_3\text{(s)}$ representing a silicon with one bond to the bulk and three ethoxy groups. The thermochemical data for surface species provided in Table 2 were taken from previous work on TEOS.¹³ They are needed to satisfy error-checking routines in the software, but are not really used in the calculations because all the surface reactions are written as irreversible reactions. A surface site density of 1.168×10^{-9} moles cm^{-2} and a bulk density for SiO_2 of 2.33 g cm^{-3} are used.

The first surface reaction in both versions of the mechanism is the adsorption of $\text{Si(OEt)}_3\text{OH}$ from the gas with on the surface. The rate parameters correspond to sticking coefficients of $\sim 3 \times 10^{-5}$ at 500°C , which are reasonable but on the low side. This reaction was given a negative activation energy in order to reproduce the observed decrease in deposition rate with increasing temperature. Negative activation energies for these kinds of surface reactions generally result from a competition between desorption and reaction, following an adsorption step, which have been combined into one step here.

Version 1 “lumps” all of the surface steps of adsorption, intermediate reactions to eliminate gas-phase byproducts, and deposition of the oxide into one single step. In Version 2, the process of $\text{Si(OEt)}_3\text{OH}$ adsorption on $\text{SiG}_3\text{OH(s)}$ open sites is “lumped” with the reaction to eliminate water and form $\text{SiGE}_3\text{(s)}$ while “depositing” the Si atom that was originally on the surface into the bulk, as it now has 4 Si-O-Si bonds. Version 2 treats the decomposition of $\text{SiGE}_3\text{(s)}$ groups, releasing ethylene and ethanol to the gas-phase and regenerating $\text{SiG}_3\text{OH(s)}$ as a separate reaction (reaction 2 in Table 4). Although written as a single reaction, this undoubtedly occurs in multiple steps, probably involving the attack of radical species from the gas-phase. However, in

the interest of simplicity, this is written as a single step with rate parameter determined by fitting to the deposition rate data.

The next three surface reactions are the adsorption/reaction of $\text{OSi}(\text{OEt})_3$, $\text{Si}(\text{OEt})_3$, and $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{OSi}(\text{OEt})_3$, which are three radical species formed by decomposition of TEOS. These are analogous to the first surface reaction for $\text{Si}(\text{OEt})_3\text{OH}$, and have been given the same negative activation energies. Larger A factors are used because these species should be somewhat more reactive than $\text{Si}(\text{OEt})_3\text{OH}$ due to their radical nature. However, the simulations indicate that these species are present in such low concentration that these reactions are not very important in determining deposition rates.

The last three reactions represent the loss of O atoms, OH radicals, and H atoms at the surface. Although these reactions are written as producing O_2 and H_2 , the reality is much more complex, involving a variety of abstraction, adsorption and elimination reactions that are all being swept under the carpet. These reactions are written without specifying a surface species, which indicates that they occur on all sites uniformly. These radicals are expected to be highly reactive and have been given reaction probabilities of unity. Calculated rates-of-progress in the 0D simulations indicate that these surface recombination reactions represent the primary loss channels for O atoms and OH radicals, as well as a substantial loss channel for H atoms, for the CVD conditions explored in this work.

III. Comparisons to Experimental Data

The reaction mechanisms developed here were fit to a matrix of 31 deposition rate experiments done at WJ in 1990. This data set was taken with an older reactor geometry (WJ-TEOS999), but it was chosen for this study because it covers a much wider range of temperatures and gas flow ratios than most newer data sets. Table 5 lists the experimental conditions and deposition rates.

The data in this table represent experiments in which a wafer moves under a static injector. Obtaining deposition rates from these "dynamic" experiments requires correcting for the speed of the wafer movement and the number of passes. The numbers in the table average the deposition over a 1.8 inch zone that roughly corresponds to the width of the injector. However, static wafer experiments quite clearly show that the deposition occurs over a wider zone and is far from a 1.8" wide top hat profile. This assumption of a 1.8" wide deposition zone introduces an arbitrary scaling factor into the experimental data which, in turn, introduces some uncertainty in how to correctly compare them with the simulations. The eventual goal of this work is to be able to simulate deposition rates for either static or moving wafer experiments. So the apparently-straightforward approach of matching the deposition rates from the 0D or 1D simulations to the dynamic deposition rates in Table 5 is not the correct thing to do.

The dimensionality of the simulations definitely affect the predicted deposition rates. Depending on the details of the mechanism, the deposition rates from the 0D simulations ranged from several times higher than, to somewhat lower than, the deposition rates from the 1D simulations. Figure 1 shows a comparison of 0D and 1D simulations for the combination of the gas-phase mechanism in Table 1 and the surface mechanism in Table 3. The results are plotted in the order listed in Table 5, which is roughly in order of increasing temperature. For this version of the reaction mechanism, the 0D results are significantly higher than the 1D results, especially at the lower temperatures.

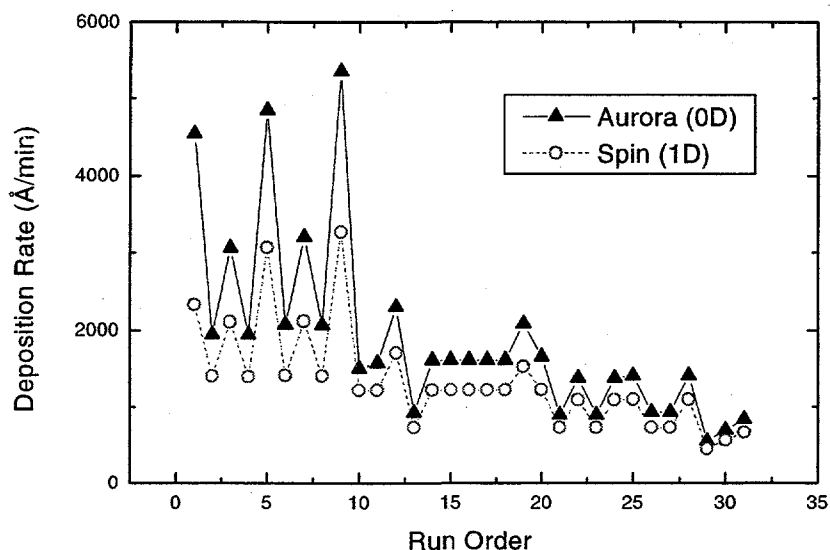


Figure 1. Comparison Between 0D and 1D Simulations using Version 1.

As a result of this sensitivity to dimensionality, a combination of 2D simulations (done using CFD-ACE⁺CHEMKIN¹⁴, to be described elsewhere³) and experimental data in a newer reactor geometry (WJ-1500TF) where both dynamic and static print data were available, were used to calibrate the deposition rates in the reaction mechanisms. Profiles from a 2D simulation were converted to an effective “1.8 inch average” by numerical integration, which could then be compared with the corresponding experimental values. This also reduced the effect of the profile shapes, which were significantly flatter in the simulations than in the experiments. Although static profile shapes are known to change with experimental conditions, unfortunately no information on static profile shapes are available for the experimental data set in Table 5.

Figure 2 shows a comparison between the 1D simulations using Version 1 and the experimental deposition rates. The model successfully reproduces the general trends observed in the data, and have been scaled to give the correct magnitude for the deposition rate. There are cases where model and experiment do not agree well, but some of these may be indicative of other difficulties. For example, the 8th and 9th points in the figure show a decreasing experimental deposition rate as the TEOS mole fraction was increased, which is the opposite of all other such cases as well as the model results. These simulations also exhibit larger variations between some

of the runs than experiment, i.e. the 3rd and 4th points. The differences between these sets of experimental conditions appear primarily to be differences in the TEOS concentration. Version 2 of the mechanism, which includes the kinetic effects of surface coverage by blocking groups, was developed in an effort to decrease the size of these variations in the model predictions.

Figure 3 shows a comparison between the 1D simulations using Version 2 and the experimental deposition rates. The addition of surface-site specific chemistry does reduce the strength of the dependence on TEOS concentration. This version of the mechanism thus does a better job of capturing the trends exhibited in this set of experimental data. Note that a somewhat higher scaling factor has been used to match the magnitude of the model predictions to the experimental data. However, in 2D simulations, Version 2 of the mechanism gave flatter deposition profiles than Version 1, and both were flatter than experimentally observed. Thus it was decided that Version 1 gave better overall agreement with the data currently available.

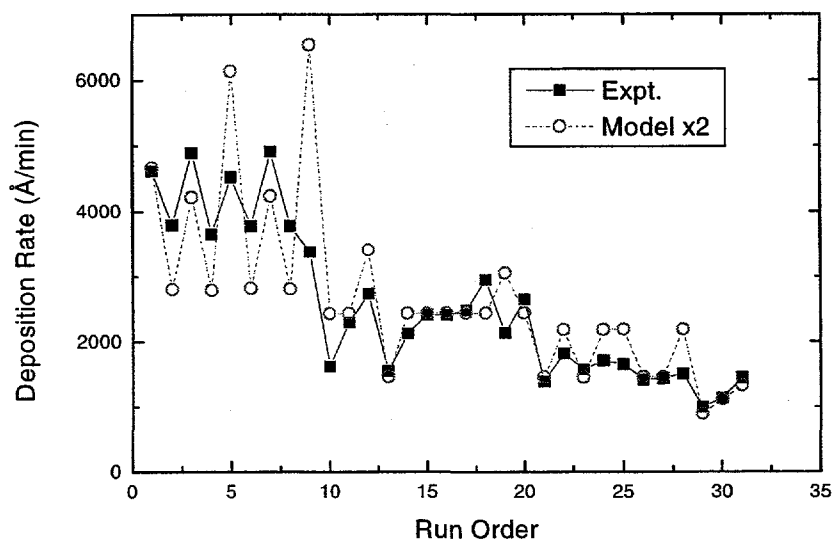


Figure 2. Comparison between experimental deposition rates and 1D simulations using Version 1.

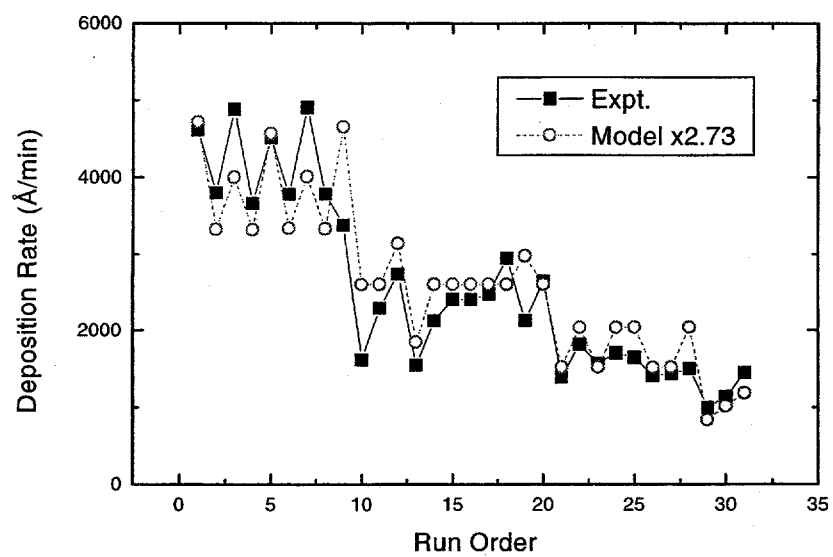


Figure 3. Comparison between experimental deposition rates and 1D simulations using Version 2.

Table 5. Experimental Conditions and Deposition Rate Data.

Run #	Temp (°C)	Dep Rate (Å/min)	TEOS (sccm)	N ₂ (slm)	O ₂ (slm)	O ₃ (slm)	TEOS mole fr.	N ₂ mole fr.	O ₂ mole fr.	O ₃ mole fr.
1059	305	4615	25	21.9563	3.8813	0.1625	0.0010	0.8437	0.1491	0.0062
1043	365	3796	20	19.7500	2.1500	0.1000	0.0009	0.8969	0.0976	0.0045
1047	365	4888	30	18.6250	3.2250	0.1500	0.0014	0.8454	0.1464	0.0068
1045	365	3658	20	17.7500	4.1500	0.1000	0.0009	0.8061	0.1885	0.0045
1049	365	4517	30	7.6250	6.2250	0.1500	0.0021	0.5435	0.4437	0.0107
1044	365	3781	20	19.7800	2.0600	0.1600	0.0009	0.8983	0.0936	0.0073
1048	365	4909	30	18.6700	3.0900	0.2400	0.0014	0.8475	0.1403	0.0109
1046	365	3781	20	17.7800	4.0600	0.1600	0.0009	0.8074	0.1844	0.0073
1050	365	3383	30	6.6700	6.0900	0.2400	0.0023	0.5119	0.4674	0.0184
1027	425	1621	25	13.9188	3.9938	0.0875	0.0014	0.7722	0.2216	0.0049
1025	425	2297	25	16.4375	1.4375	0.1250	0.0014	0.9119	0.0798	0.0069
1064	425	2740	35	14.0888	3.6838	0.2275	0.0019	0.7812	0.2043	0.0126
1031	425	1546	15	15.5738	2.3288	0.0975	0.0008	0.8645	0.1293	0.0054
1030	425	2127	25	13.9563	3.8813	0.1625	0.0014	0.7743	0.2153	0.0090
1028	425	2414	25	13.9563	3.8813	0.1625	0.0014	0.7743	0.2153	0.0090
1026	425	2412	25	13.9563	3.8813	0.1625	0.0014	0.7743	0.2153	0.0090
1032	425	2485	25	13.9563	3.8813	0.1625	0.0014	0.7743	0.2153	0.0090
1033	425	2949	25	13.9563	3.8813	0.1625	0.0014	0.7743	0.2153	0.0090
1062	425	2129	25	7.4563	6.3813	0.1625	0.0018	0.5316	0.4550	0.0116
1063	425	2647	25	13.9938	3.7688	0.2375	0.0014	0.7764	0.2091	0.0132
1013	485	1387	20	11.7500	2.1500	0.1000	0.0014	0.8381	0.1534	0.0071
1009	485	1817	30	10.6250	3.2250	0.1500	0.0021	0.7573	0.2299	0.0107
1010	485	1568	20	9.7500	4.1500	0.1000	0.0014	0.6954	0.2960	0.0071
1014	485	1706	30	7.6250	6.2250	0.1500	0.0021	0.5435	0.4437	0.0107
1012	485	1647	30	10.6610	3.1170	0.2220	0.0021	0.7599	0.2222	0.0158
1008	485	1410	20	11.7800	2.0600	0.1600	0.0014	0.8402	0.1469	0.0114
1011	485	1433	20	9.7800	4.0600	0.1600	0.0014	0.6976	0.2896	0.0114
1015	485	1501	30	6.1700	7.5900	0.2400	0.0021	0.4398	0.5410	0.0171
1001	545	995	20	10.7650	3.1050	0.1300	0.0014	0.7678	0.2215	0.0093
1000	545	1133	25	9.9563	3.8813	0.1625	0.0018	0.7099	0.2767	0.0116
1006	545	1445	30	9.1475	4.6575	0.1950	0.0021	0.6520	0.3320	0.0139

IV. Mechanism Reduction for Higher Dimension Simulations

The reaction mechanism presented above was developed to be based on fundamental chemical kinetic data available from the literature, and to be fairly complete. This means that some of the species and reactions, while known, may not be important during TEOS/O₃ CVD. For the 0D and 1D simulations, the presence of such reactions is not an issue, as these codes run in seconds-to-minutes. For higher-dimensional simulations, however, it is important to reduce the size of the reaction set in order to get solutions in a reasonable amount of time.

For two-dimensional simulations, the reaction mechanisms had to be reduced to no more than 17 gas-phase species. This was done by dropping Si(OEt)₃, O(Si(OEt)₃)₂, and CH₃CHO, along with their reactions. The sensitivity and rate-of-progress features of the 0D simulations were used to choose which species could be eliminated. 1D simulations using the reduced reactions gave nearly identical results to the full reaction mechanism results shown in either Figure 2 or Figure 3, confirming the validity of the mechanism reduction.

For planned three-dimensional simulations, it is even more important to reduce the chemistry set to the bare minimum, in terms of both number of species and number of reactions. This was done for Version 1, using the procedure outlined above, but applying it more aggressively. This led to a very reduced reaction mechanism was obtained that consists of reactions 1, 20, 26, 27 and 32 from Table 1, and reactions 1, 5 and 6 from Table 3. Zero D simulations using this set of reactions gave results within 4% of the full Version 1 results shown in Figure 1. One D simulations for the three experimental conditions in the WJ-1500TF reactor gave results within 2% of the full Version 1 simulations.

Caution should be used with this reduced reaction set. If experimental conditions become of interest that differ significantly from those tested here, it would be best to go back to the larger mechanism and repeat the reduction process. This small mechanism was also produced by examining effects on deposition rate only. Thus, it should not be used to look at questions of gas-phase byproduct distribution, or to study regions far from the deposition zone.

V. Conclusions

Two versions of a reaction mechanism for TEOS/O₃ CVD in a SVG/WJ furnace belt reactor have been developed and calibrated with experimental deposition rate data. One-dimensional simulations using this mechanism successfully reproduce the trends observed in a set of 31 experimental runs in a WJ-TEOS999 reactor. Two-dimensional simulations using this mechanism successfully reproduce the average deposition rates for 3 different experimental conditions in a WJ-1500TF reactor, although the shapes of the deposition profiles predicted by the model are flatter than the experimental static prints.

Simulations using this reaction mechanism give deposition rates that are much closer to the experimental observations than the mechanisms used in previous studies of this system. This is partially a result of greater completeness and complexity of the mechanism, and partially a result of the calibration process. A test of the mechanism would be to use it in simulations of other TEOS/O₃ CVD systems, perhaps using data in the literature, but this did not fall within the scope of this project.

In the course of this work, a number of questions arose as to the best way to compare the results of the simulations with the experimental data. These primarily dealt with 1) how to transfer between “dynamic” deposition rate measurements and “static prints”, and 2) how to calibrate the magnitudes of the deposition rates across simulations of different dimensionality. This reaction mechanism, like all chemical reaction mechanisms, is still imperfect and incomplete. But it should prove useful in studies of possible equipment and process alterations, if the conditions do not differ radically from those used to develop the models. In addition to uncertainties in the chemistry part of these models, there may also be significant uncertainties in some of the boundary conditions (surface temperatures or gas velocities) and/or transport properties.

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