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UV-enhanced Atomic Layer Deposition of Al₂O₃ Thin Film

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We have deposited Al₂O₃ thin films on Si substrates at room temperature by UV-enhanced atomic layer deposition using trimethylaluminum (TMA) and H₂O as precursors with UV light. The atomic layer deposition relies on alternate pulsing of the precursor gases onto the substrate surface and subsequent chemisorption of the precursors. In many cases, the surface reactions of the atomic layer deposition are not completed at low temperature.

In this experiment, the surface reactions were found to be self-limiting and complementary enough to yield uniform Al₂O₃ thin films by using UV irradiation at room temperature. The UV light was very effective to obtain the high quality Al₂O₃ thin films with defectless.

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