

## DS 34: Atomic Layer Deposition

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**Quartz Crystal Microbalance Studies of the First Few ALD Cycles of Alternated Grown Titania and Alumina Layers —**

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Atomic layer deposition (ALD) in a supercyclic fashion is a common approach to synthesize tailor-made ternary materials, to prepare nanolaminates, or to distribute a doping species in a host material. However, assuming the growth rates of the two underlying individual ALD processes to calculate the overall thickness or the composition of the ternary material often results in a deviation to the experimentally observed values.

Herein, we present detailed, ultra precise quartz crystal microbalance (QCM) studies of the first few ALD cycles of TiO<sub>2</sub> deposited on an Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> surface grown by ALD, and vice versa. A significantly altered initial growth per cycle (GPC) compared to the equilibrium (literature) value is observed. In detail, the growth of TiO<sub>2</sub> on Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> is enhanced whereas the growth of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> on TiO<sub>2</sub> is reduced: In both cases, the initial GPC of the deposited oxide matches the ALD growth rate of the substrate material. Our observation can be explained by an intrinsic growth inhibition caused by the less reactive, sticking isopropyl groups occurring in the TiO<sub>2</sub> deposition process.

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**Frontiers of Thin-Film Deposition: MAD-ALE growth and optical properties of Ruddlesden-Popper SrO(SrTiO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>n</sub> phase —**

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As an unconventional method to deposit oxide films, Metalorganic Aerosol Deposition (MAD) shows an immense growth control up to submonolayer basis. The possibilities of MAD are presented by complex Ruddlesden-Popper (RP) n=4 films with the general formula SrO(SrTiO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>n</sub> in which perovskite layers of (SrTiO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>n</sub> are separated by single SrO layers. Those dielectrics are promising due to low-loss for microwave frequencies and could replace the well-studied system of BaSrTiO<sub>3</sub>.

The films were grown in atomic layer epitaxy (ALE) mode by sequential deposition of Sr-O/Ti-O<sub>2</sub> atomic layers, monitored by optical in-situ ellipsometry, on SrTiO<sub>3</sub>(100) (unstrained), on LSAT(100) and on DyScO<sub>3</sub>(110). The RP structure was confirmed by x-ray diffraction and transmission electron microscopy. A 10nm-thick buffer enables an additional control nearby the substrate surface; it reduces significantly the film roughness. Further we measured the infrared active phonon modes as a function of temperature to in order to study the structure.