

Multiscale modeling of the atomic layer deposition of HfO₂ thin film grown on silicon: How to deal with a kinetic monte carlo approach

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In this presentation we discuss briefly the principles of the multiscale modeling and its applications in nanomaterials and nanoscience through selected applications. Indeed, to investigate the atomic layer deposition (ALD) of HfO₂ on Si(100) surface, an original integrated approach developed within a multiscale strategy, which combines first-principles quantum simulations and kinetic Monte Carlo (KMC), is presented. Density functional theory within the hybrid functional is used to determine the detailed physicochemical mechanisms and associated energetics of the two half cycles taking place during the initial stage of film growth. A kinetic Monte Carlo model is then proposed that deals with the stochastic nature of the calculated DFT mechanisms and barriers. Beyond the chemical information emanating from DFT calculations, the lattice-based KMC approach requires preliminary physical considerations issued from the crystal structures that the system is intended to adopt. This is especially critical in the case of heterogeneous systems like oxides deposited on silicon. We also describe (i) how atomistic configuration changes are performed as a result of local events consisting in elementary reaction mechanisms occurring on specific lattice sites, (ii) the temporal dynamics, governed by transition probabilities, calculated for every event from DFT activation barriers, and (iii) the relation of KMC with the ALD experimental procedure. Some preliminary validation results of the whole multiscale strategy are given for illustration and pertinence with regard of the technological main issues.

Biography

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Super paramagnetic iron oxide Fe₃O₄ nanoparticle-induced hyperthermia treatment under magnetic resonance imaging

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Super paramagnetic iron oxide Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles prepared via photochemical reaction in pure form were used for inducing hyperthermia to treat subcutaneous Ehrlich carcinoma implanted in female mice. Our results indicate that the mean temperature profiles at the rectum, periphery of the tumor surface and at the center of the tumor during hyperthermia treatment increased gradually. The maximum temperature achieved in the tumor center was 47±1°C after 20 min with radiofrequency exposures at 25 kW. The acquired magnetic resonance images identified apoptotic cells in the center of the tumor which were exposed to magnetic resonance hyperthermia (MRH). Apoptotic cells presented as dark signal intensity in the T1-weighted images that were further confirmed by pathological examinations. Also, the results revealed that the tumor size in the all mice exposed to MRH is still as the same as before the treatment, but the rate of tumor growth was very slow by comparing with the growth rate of control group.

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