

ALD conformality: Effects of process parameters on the simulated saturation profile

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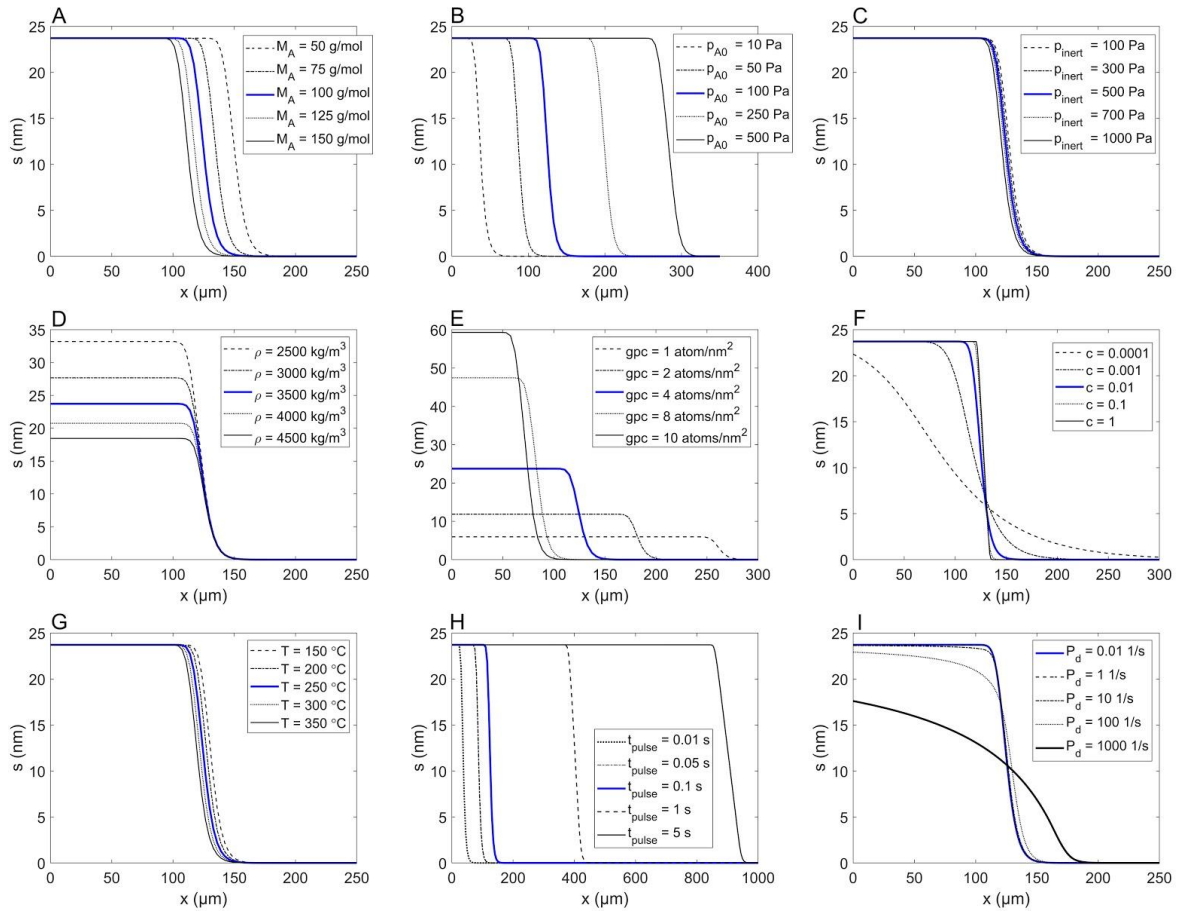


Figure 1. Effect of individual process parameters: (A) reactant molecular mass M_A , (B) initial partial pressure of the reactant P_{A0} , (C) inert pressure P_{inert} , (D) film density ρ , (E) growth per cycle, GPC, (F) lumped sticking coefficient c , (G) temperature T , (H) pulse time t_{pulse} , and (I) desorption probability P_d on simulated saturation profile (thickness vs. distance inside the LHAR structure). The blue curves represent the baseline profile. Baseline parameters used: gap height of 0.5 μm , gap width of 0.1 mm, ALD cycles of 250, t_{pulse} of 0.1 s, T of 250 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, P_{A0} of 100 Pa, reactant molecular diameter of 600 pm, M_A of 0.1 kg/mol, P_{inert} of 500 Pa, inert gas molecular diameter of 374 pm, inert gas molar mass of 0.028 kg/mol, ρ of 3500 kg/m 3 , GPC of 4 atoms/nm 2 , c of 0.01, and P_d of 0.01 1/s.

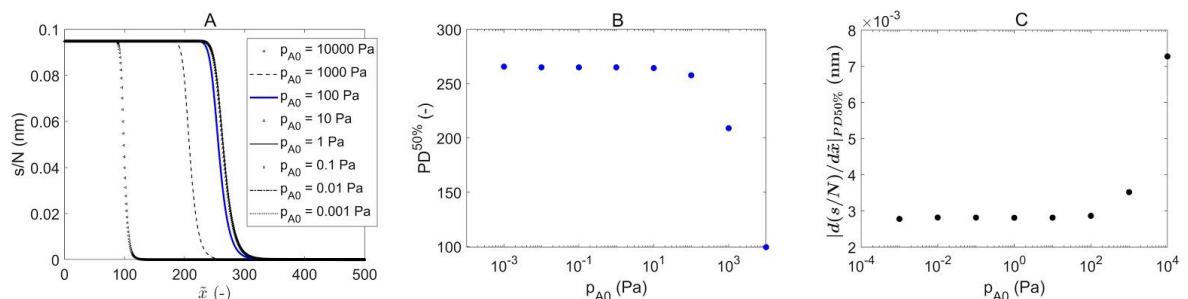


Figure 2. Effect of reactant partial pressure on (A) scaled saturation profile (GPC vs. dimensionless distance), (B) $PD^{50\%}$, and (C) absolute value of the slope of the leading edge of the saturation curve (LHAR gap height: 0.5 μm). The reactant dose was kept constant as 10 Pas, and the reactant to inert pressure ratio was constant as 1/5. Desorption probability P_d of 1×10^{-5} 1/s and equilibrium constant K of 2.86×10^6 were used.