



Ambient Pressure Chemical Vapor Deposition (AP-CVD): Technology and Applications

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Ambient-pressure chemical vapor deposition (AP-CVD) is a well-established and widespread synthesis method both at research labs and industrial facilities, in which a substrate is exposed to one or more volatile precursors at atmospheric pressure, leading to its reaction or decomposition on the surface to produce a deposit. Typically, a layer several nano- to micrometers-thick is deposited onto wafers or other types of substrates to obtain, for instance, epitaxial films, compound semiconductors, doped and undoped oxides, antireflection coatings, or transparent conductive oxide coatings. Recently, AP-CVD has become popular for the synthesis of 2D materials, such as graphene and transition-metal dichalcogenides. AP-CVD is also used as a surface-finishing process in several fields for tools and turbine blades, among others, to improve lifetime and performance. The Special Issue includes, but is not limited to, the following topics:

- Innovative solutions in AP-CVD equipment;
- Optimization of AP-CVD processes in industrial environments;
- Development of new AP-CVD process at the academic research;
- AP-CVD-based processes for the growth of 2D materials.





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