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**Matching precursor kinetics to afford a more robust CVD chemistry: a case
study of the C chemistry for silicon carbide using SiF₄ as Si precursor**

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Supporting Table 1. Chemical reaction scheme for the kinetic model.

	Reaction	Forward reaction rate (cm ³ , mol, s)			Backward reaction rate (cm ³ , mol, s)			Ref.	
		A	n	Ea/R (K)	A	n	Ea/R (K)		
1	H ₂ + H ₂ ⇌ H + H + H ₂	9.033·10 ¹⁴	0	48350	by equilibrium			1	
2	CH ₃ + H ₂ ⇌ CH ₄ + H	1.084·10 ³	2.88	4060	6.142·10 ⁵	2.50	4825	2	
3	CH ₃ + CH ₃ ⇌ C ₂ H ₅ + H	5.420·10 ¹³	0	8080	3.613·10 ¹³	0	0	2	
4	CH ₃ + CH ₃ + M ⇌ C ₂ H ₆ + M	Pressure dependent						2	
		k ₀	1.269·10 ⁴¹	-7.00	1390	1.566·10 ⁴⁹	-8.37	47290	
		k _∞	3.613·10 ¹³	0	0	4.500·10 ²¹	-1.37	45900	
	Troé parameters: a = 0.62, T* = 1180, T*** = 73			a = 0.62, T* = 1180, T*** = 73					
5	CH ₄ + M ⇌ CH ₃ + H + M	Pressure dependent						1	
		k ₀	7.226·10 ¹⁷	0	47000	6.467·10 ²³	-1.80	0	
		k _∞	2.400·10 ¹⁶	0	52800	2.108·10 ¹⁴	0	0	
	Troé parameters: a = 1, T* = 1350, T*** = 1, T** = 7830			a = 0.37, T* = 61, T*** = 3315					
6	CH ₄ + CH ₃ ⇌ C ₂ H ₅ + H ₂	1.024·10 ¹³	0	11500	by equilibrium			3	
7	C ₂ H ₂ + H + M ⇌ C ₂ H ₃ + M	Pressure dependent						2	
		k ₀	5.802·10 ²⁷	-3.47	475	3.975·10 ²⁷	-3.50	18070	
		k _∞	5.540·10 ⁸	1.64	1055	3.900·10 ⁸	1.62	18650	
	Troé parameters: a = -0.98, T* = 6000, T*** = 10, T** = 0			a = -0.98, T* = 6000, T*** = 10, T** = 0					
8	C ₂ H ₂ + H ₂ ⇌ C ₂ H ₃ + H	2.409·10 ¹²	0	32714	1.204·10 ¹³	0.00	0	4, 5	
9	C ₂ H ₃ + H ₂ ⇌ C ₂ H ₄ + H	3.016·10 ⁴	2.63	4306	2.349·10 ²	3.62	5670	4, 2	
10	C ₂ H ₃ + CH ₃ ⇌ C ₂ H ₂ + CH ₄	3.914·10 ¹¹	0	0	by equilibrium			4	
11	C ₂ H ₃ + CH ₃ ⇌ C ₃ H ₆	1.000·10 ¹⁰	1.00	0	1.099·10 ²¹	-1.20	49191	6	
12	C ₂ H ₃ + CH ₄ ⇌ C ₂ H ₄ + CH ₃	1.451·10 ⁰	4.02	2754	6.022·10 ⁷	1.56	8370	4	
13	C ₂ H ₃ + C ₂ H ₃ ⇌ C ₂ H ₄ + C ₂ H ₂	8.431·10 ¹³	0	0	2.409·10 ¹³	0	34398	2, 4	
14	C ₂ H ₄ + M ⇌ C ₂ H ₂ + H ₂ + M	7.950·10 ¹²	0.44	44741	by equilibrium			4	
15	C ₂ H ₄ + M ⇌ C ₂ H ₃ + H + M	2.589·10 ¹⁷	0	48600	by equilibrium			2	
16	C ₂ H ₄ + H + M ⇌ C ₂ H ₅ + M	8.414·10 ⁸	1.49	499	4.900·10 ⁹	1.19	18642	4	
17	C ₂ H ₄ + H ₂ ⇌ C ₂ H ₅ + H	1.018·10 ¹³	0	34278	4.215·10 ¹³	0	0	4, 2	
18	C ₂ H ₄ + CH ₃ ⇌ i-C ₃ H ₇	4.600·10 ⁴	1.00	2160	1.995·10 ¹⁰	0	14855	6, 7	
19	C ₂ H ₄ + CH ₃ ⇌ n-C ₃ H ₇	2.200·10 ⁸	1.00	2916	9.550·10 ¹³	0	15610	6, 7	
20	C ₂ H ₄ + C ₂ H ₄ ⇌ C ₂ H ₅ + C ₂ H ₃	4.818·10 ¹⁴	0	35961	4.818·10 ¹¹	0	0	20	
21	C ₂ H ₅ + H ⇌ C ₂ H ₆	5.446·10 ¹³	0.16	0	3.076·10 ⁴²	-7.93	55895	8, 9	
22	C ₂ H ₅ + H ₂ ⇌ C ₂ H ₆ + H	3.071·10 ⁰	3.60	4250	1.445·10 ⁹	1.50	3730	2, 5	
23	C ₂ H ₅ + CH ₃ ⇌ C ₂ H ₄ + CH ₄	9.033·10 ¹¹	0	0	by equilibrium			2	
24	C ₂ H ₅ + CH ₄ ⇌ C ₂ H ₆ + CH ₃	8.618·10 ⁻²	4.14	6322	1.506·10 ⁻⁷	6.00	3043	4, 5	
25	C ₂ H ₅ + C ₂ H ₃ ⇌ C ₂ H ₆ + C ₂ H ₂	4.818·10 ¹¹	0	0	by equilibrium			4	
26	C ₂ H ₅ + C ₂ H ₄ ⇌ C ₂ H ₆ + C ₂ H ₃	4.878·10 ⁻⁷	5.82	6000	6.014·10 ²	3.30	5280	2, 4	
27	C ₂ H ₅ + C ₂ H ₅ ⇌ C ₂ H ₆ + C ₂ H ₄	1.385·10 ¹²	0	0	by equilibrium			2	
28	C ₃ H ₆ + H ⇌ i-C ₃ H ₇	1.319·10 ¹³	0	785	6.310·10 ¹³	0	18581	10, 7	
29	C ₃ H ₆ + H ⇌ n-C ₃ H ₇	1.319·10 ¹³	0	1636	1.259·10 ¹⁴	0	18632	10, 7	
30	C ₃ H ₆ + C ₂ H ₄ ⇌ i-C ₃ H ₇ + C ₂ H ₃	7.226·10 ¹⁵	-0.65	37051	by equilibrium			10	
31	C ₃ H ₆ + C ₂ H ₄ ⇌ n-C ₃ H ₇ + C ₂ H ₃	6.022·10 ¹³	0	37966	by equilibrium			10	
32	i-C ₃ H ₇ + H ⇌ C ₃ H ₆ + H ₂	3.613·10 ¹²	0	0	by equilibrium			11	
33	n-C ₃ H ₇ + H ⇌ C ₃ H ₆ + H ₂	1.813·10 ¹²	0	0	by equilibrium			11	
34	i-C ₃ H ₇ + CH ₃ ⇌ C ₃ H ₆ + CH ₄	9.408·10 ¹⁰	0.68	0	by equilibrium			11	
35	n-C ₃ H ₇ + CH ₃ ⇌ C ₃ H ₆ + CH ₄	1.145·10 ¹³	-0.32	0	by equilibrium			11	
36	i-C ₃ H ₇ + C ₂ H ₃ ⇌ C ₃ H ₈ + C ₂ H ₂	1.520·10 ¹⁴	-0.70	0	by equilibrium			11	
37	n-C ₃ H ₇ + C ₂ H ₃ ⇌ C ₃ H ₈ + C ₂ H ₂	1.210·10 ¹²	0	0	by equilibrium			11	
38	i-C ₃ H ₇ + C ₂ H ₄ ⇌ C ₃ H ₆ + C ₂ H ₅	2.650·10 ¹⁰	0	3320	by equilibrium			11	
39	n-C ₃ H ₇ + C ₂ H ₄ ⇌ C ₃ H ₆ + C ₂ H ₅	2.650·10 ⁹	0	3320	by equilibrium			11	

40	$i\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_5 \rightleftharpoons \text{C}_3\text{H}_6 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_6$	$2.300 \cdot 10^{13}$	-0.35	0	by equilibrium			11
41	$n\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_5 \rightleftharpoons \text{C}_3\text{H}_6 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_6$	$1.451 \cdot 10^{12}$	0	0	by equilibrium			11
42	$i\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_5 \rightleftharpoons \text{C}_3\text{H}_8 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_4$	$1.844 \cdot 10^{13}$	-0.35	0	by equilibrium			11
43	$n\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_5 \rightleftharpoons \text{C}_3\text{H}_8 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_4$	$1.150 \cdot 10^{12}$	0	0	by equilibrium			11
44	$i\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7 + i\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7 \rightleftharpoons \text{C}_3\text{H}_8 + \text{C}_3\text{H}_6$	$2.529 \cdot 10^{12}$	0	0	by equilibrium			2
45	$i\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7 + n\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7 \rightleftharpoons \text{C}_3\text{H}_8 + \text{C}_3\text{H}_6$	$5.143 \cdot 10^{13}$	-0.35	0	by equilibrium			11
46	$n\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7 + n\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7 \rightleftharpoons \text{C}_3\text{H}_8 + \text{C}_3\text{H}_6$	$1.686 \cdot 10^{12}$	0	0	by equilibrium			11
47	$\text{C}_3\text{H}_8 \rightleftharpoons \text{C}_2\text{H}_5 + \text{CH}_3$	$1.100 \cdot 10^{17}$	0	42456	$3.673 \cdot 10^{13}$	0	0	5, 2
48	$\text{C}_3\text{H}_8 \rightleftharpoons i\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7 + \text{H}$	$7.200 \cdot 10^{14}$	-0.03	47958	$2.000 \cdot 10^{13}$	0	0	6
49	$\text{C}_3\text{H}_8 \rightleftharpoons n\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7 + \text{H}$	$7.600 \cdot 10^{15}$	-0.34	50356	$2.000 \cdot 10^{13}$	0	0	6
50	$\text{C}_3\text{H}_8 + \text{H} \rightleftharpoons i\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7 + \text{H}_2$	$8.700 \cdot 10^6$	2.00	2518	$7.800 \cdot 10^{12}$	0	7991	6
51	$\text{C}_3\text{H}_8 + \text{H} \rightleftharpoons n\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7 + \text{H}_2$	$5.600 \cdot 10^7$	2.00	3877	$9.100 \cdot 10^{12}$	0	7281	6
52	$\text{C}_3\text{H}_8 + \text{CH}_3 \rightleftharpoons i\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7 + \text{CH}_4$	$1.097 \cdot 10^{15}$	0	12659	$4.400 \cdot 10^{15}$	1.00	16174	7, 6
53	$\text{C}_3\text{H}_8 + \text{CH}_3 \rightleftharpoons n\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7 + \text{CH}_4$	$1.097 \cdot 10^{15}$	0	12659	$4.400 \cdot 10^{15}$	1.00	16174	7, 6
54	$\text{C}_3\text{H}_8 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_3 \rightleftharpoons i\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_4$	$1.000 \cdot 10^{11}$	0	5237	by equilibrium			7
55	$\text{C}_3\text{H}_8 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_3 \rightleftharpoons n\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_4$	$1.000 \cdot 10^{11}$	0	5237	by equilibrium			7
56	$\text{C}_3\text{H}_8 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_5 \rightleftharpoons i\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_6$	$1.000 \cdot 10^{11}$	0	5237	by equilibrium			7
57	$\text{C}_3\text{H}_8 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_5 \rightleftharpoons n\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_6$	$1.000 \cdot 10^{11}$	0	5237	by equilibrium			7
58	$\text{C}_3\text{H}_8 + i\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7 \rightleftharpoons \text{C}_3\text{H}_8 + n\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7$	$8.430 \cdot 10^{-3}$	4.20	4390	$8.400 \cdot 10^{-4}$	4.00	2381	11
59	$\text{SiF}_4 + \text{H} \rightleftharpoons \text{SiF}_3 + \text{HF}$	$1.402 \cdot 10^{10}$	1.54	29012	by equilibrium			calc.
60	$\text{SiF}_3 + \text{H} \rightleftharpoons \text{SiHF}_3$	$1.618 \cdot 10^7$	1.48	2.24	by equilibrium			calc.
61	$\text{SiHF}_3 \rightleftharpoons \text{SiF}_2 + \text{HF}$	$6.129 \cdot 10^{12}$	0.54	44230	by equilibrium			calc.
62	$\text{SiHF}_3 + \text{HF} \rightleftharpoons \text{SiF}_4 + \text{H}_2$	$3.593 \cdot 10^3$	2.51	15393	by equilibrium			calc.
63	$\text{SiHF}_3 + \text{H} \rightleftharpoons \text{SiF}_3 + \text{H}_2$	$6.893 \cdot 10^8$	1.76	3375	by equilibrium			calc.
64	$\text{SiHF}_3 + \text{H} \rightleftharpoons \text{SiHF}_2 + \text{HF}$	$2.189 \cdot 10^9$	1.58	28106	by equilibrium			calc.
65	$\text{SiHF}_2 \rightleftharpoons \text{SiF} + \text{HF}$	$1.706 \cdot 10^{12}$	0.51	33602	by equilibrium			calc.
66	$\text{SiHF}_2 \rightleftharpoons \text{SiF}_2 + \text{H}$	$5.758 \cdot 10^{12}$	0.38	18967	by equilibrium			calc.
67	$\text{SiHF}_2 + \text{H} \rightleftharpoons \text{SiH}_2\text{F}_2$	$3.207 \cdot 10^{13}$	0.58	45761	by equilibrium			calc.
68	$\text{SiHF}_2 + \text{HF} \rightleftharpoons \text{SiF}_3 + \text{H}_2$	$1.938 \cdot 10^3$	2.44	13513	by equilibrium			calc.
69	$\text{SiH}_2\text{F}_2 \rightleftharpoons \text{SiF}_2 + \text{H}_2$	$1.079 \cdot 10^{12}$	0.58	41421	by equilibrium			calc.
70	$\text{SiH}_2\text{F}_2 \rightleftharpoons \text{SiHF} + \text{HF}$	$3.164 \cdot 10^{12}$	0.57	45220	by equilibrium			calc.
71	$\text{SiH}_2\text{F}_2 + \text{HF} \rightleftharpoons \text{SiHF}_3 + \text{H}_2$	$3.549 \cdot 10^3$	2.45	13811	by equilibrium			calc.
72	$\text{SiH}_2\text{F}_2 + \text{H} \rightleftharpoons \text{SiH}_2\text{F} + \text{HF}$	$3.019 \cdot 10^9$	1.66	25835	by equilibrium			calc.
73	$\text{SiH}_2\text{F}_2 + \text{H} \rightleftharpoons \text{SiHF}_2 + \text{H}_2$	$4.712 \cdot 10^8$	1.76	2372	by equilibrium			calc.
74	$\text{SiH}_2\text{F} \rightleftharpoons \text{SiF} + \text{H}_2$	$3.667 \cdot 10^{11}$	0.62	24003	by equilibrium			calc.
75	$\text{SiH}_2\text{F} + \text{H} \rightleftharpoons \text{SiH}_3\text{F}$	$1.097 \cdot 10^7$	1.42	2.37	by equilibrium			calc.
76	$\text{SiH}_2\text{F} + \text{HF} \rightleftharpoons \text{SiHF}_2 + \text{H}_2$	$2.253 \cdot 10^3$	2.45	13784	by equilibrium			calc.
77	$\text{SiH}_3\text{F} \rightleftharpoons \text{SiHF} + \text{H}_2$	$1.729 \cdot 10^{12}$	0.58	32318	by equilibrium			calc.
78	$\text{SiH}_3\text{F} + \text{H} \rightleftharpoons \text{SiH}_2\text{F} + \text{H}_2$	$9.951 \cdot 10^8$	1.71	1814	by equilibrium			calc.
79	$\text{SiH}_3\text{F} + \text{HF} \rightleftharpoons \text{SiH}_2\text{F}_2 + \text{H}_2$	$1.029 \cdot 10^4$	2.38	13503	by equilibrium			calc.
80	$\text{SiHF} + \text{H} \rightleftharpoons \text{SiH}_2\text{F}$	$7.666 \cdot 10^7$	1.54	2.11	by equilibrium			calc.
81	$\text{SiHF} + \text{HF} \rightleftharpoons \text{SiF}_2 + \text{H}_2$	$3.956 \cdot 10^3$	2.37	1094	by equilibrium			calc.
82	$\text{SiF} + \text{H} \rightleftharpoons \text{SiHF}$	$1.236 \cdot 10^9$	1.28	1.52	by equilibrium			calc.
83	$\text{Si} + \text{HF} \rightleftharpoons \text{SiF} + \text{H}$	$1.963 \cdot 10^8$	1.59	9818	by equilibrium			calc.
84	$\text{SiH}_2 + \text{HF} \rightleftharpoons \text{SiH}_3\text{F}$	$1.620 \cdot 10^4$	2.38	2357	by equilibrium			calc.
85	$\text{SiH}_4 + \text{HF} \rightleftharpoons \text{SiH}_3\text{F} + \text{H}_2$	$1.097 \cdot 10^5$	2.39	16335	by equilibrium			calc.
86	$\text{SiF}_2 + \text{H} \rightleftharpoons \text{SiF} + \text{HF}$	$1.129 \cdot 10^9$	1.46	21938	by equilibrium			calc.
87	$\text{SiHF} + \text{H} \rightleftharpoons \text{SiF} + \text{H}_2$	$4.359 \cdot 10^9$	1.59	318	by equilibrium			calc.
88	$\text{SiH}_4 \rightleftharpoons \text{SiH}_2 + \text{H}_2$	$1.585 \cdot 10^{28}$	-4.79	30420	by equilibrium			12
89	$\text{SiH}_2 \rightleftharpoons \text{Si} + \text{H}_2$	$1.202 \cdot 10^{12}$	0.5	0	by equilibrium			12

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