

## Supporting Information for

# Chemical reaction mechanism of ZnO grown by DEZn and N<sub>2</sub>O in MOCVD

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## Geometries Optimized at B3LYP-D3BJ/6-311++G(d,p)

Structure: IM1

-2122.571337 Hartree

0 1

Zn	0.646241	-0.547827	-0.123600
C	2.388175	0.347149	-0.338001
C	2.576242	1.599155	0.538504
H	2.499785	0.612542	-1.396212
H	3.180860	-0.380611	-0.128680
H	3.552854	2.070353	0.374638
H	1.813858	2.355670	0.331967
H	2.511017	1.361619	1.605062
C	-1.072315	-1.494576	0.099525
C	-0.968310	-3.026949	0.209103
H	-1.721385	-1.229796	-0.744921
H	-1.570645	-1.096071	0.992467
H	-1.950456	-3.498915	0.331168
H	-0.510052	-3.466641	-0.682113
H	-0.357910	-3.3312820	1.064897
N	-3.196399	1.604708	0.105349
N	-2.090788	1.741300	-0.040541
O	-0.920950	1.883401	-0.193591

Structure: TS1

-2122.509485 Hartree

0 1

Zn	0.378679	0.066259	-0.070689
C	-0.428322	1.931252	-0.621740
C	-0.804108	2.769545	0.585126
H	-1.198405	1.891272	-1.384197
H	0.521587	2.236922	-1.082654
H	-0.954625	3.819776	0.298751
H	-1.733123	2.412612	1.032262
H	-0.031090	2.759984	1.359654
C	1.882679	-1.127300	0.378878
C	3.270883	-0.666090	-0.096317
H	1.648096	-2.112775	-0.041251
H	1.883156	-1.261006	1.466820
H	4.056277	-1.377883	0.184268
H	3.311821	-0.555527	-1.184153
H	3.545603	0.301533	0.334359
N	-2.350973	-2.486816	0.038304
N	-2.375863	-1.373107	0.072191
O	-1.606074	-0.065956	-0.139044

Structure: IM2

-2122.680996 Hartree

0 1

Zn	-0.349686	0.172464	-0.078615
C	1.285075	-2.203562	-0.301448
C	0.187485	-2.997202	0.402772
H	2.260338	-2.495759	0.110318
H	1.298554	-2.472695	-1.368587
H	0.344491	-4.075351	0.294146
H	0.167477	-2.759495	1.470486
H	-0.796359	-2.761642	-0.021695
C	-1.922307	1.318218	0.023446
C	-3.268953	0.575987	0.030804
H	-1.874389	2.013155	-0.821299
H	-1.818466	1.929008	0.926308
H	-4.110477	1.275259	0.093291
H	-3.411158	-0.018756	-0.876014
H	-3.353229	-0.106592	0.881195
N	1.947305	2.101035	0.123761
N	3.028674	2.270602	0.155948
O	1.158018	-0.807894	-0.152637

0 1

Zn	-0.324744	-0.501682	-0.014313
C	2.535573	-0.055012	0.181237
C	2.315380	1.435756	-0.061502
H	3.391211	-0.394764	-0.417210
H	2.802922	-0.215268	1.236638
H	3.211262	2.015024	0.1849170
H	2.065356	1.620465	-1.110382
H	1.494704	1.813703	0.560705
C	-2.257095	-0.266302	0.069586
C	-2.724877	1.197401	-0.002073
H	-2.607288	-0.733568	0.995366
H	-2.693300	-0.846159	-0.750189
H	-3.817225	1.268384	0.048512
H	-2.324678	1.794346	0.822287
H	-2.412665	1.680056	-0.932334
O	1.427267	-0.852851	-0.166550

Structure: IM4

-2197.847108 Hartree

0 1

Zn	0.606187	-0.361106	-0.336092
C	-2.053600	-1.530783	-0.234753
C	-1.611585	-2.625328	0.732622
H	-2.143144	-1.953379	-1.247081
H	-3.054642	-1.180038	0.049744
H	-2.323525	-3.457119	0.740965
H	-0.632981	-3.027428	0.444455
H	-1.532976	-2.228483	1.748652
C	2.549559	-0.244202	-0.433592
C	3.219294	0.243586	0.862562
H	2.786952	0.432459	-1.261080
H	2.938872	-1.226368	-0.719033
H	4.306597	0.317795	0.745715
H	2.857485	1.231759	1.159478
H	3.030303	-0.435613	1.698761
O	-1.197503	-0.411147	-0.237787
N	-1.324788	2.299260	0.145956
N	-2.433731	2.409968	0.264346
O	-0.143861	2.203067	0.023919

Structure: TS2

-2197.776224 Hartree

0 1

Zn	0.256649	-0.525686	-0.377204
C	-2.585098	-0.952302	-0.161835
C	-2.589547	-0.361339	1.245321
H	-3.260148	-1.817578	-0.191343
H	-2.989289	-0.211442	-0.868491
H	-3.599746	-0.068811	1.549920
H	-2.209578	-1.089650	1.967396
H	-1.957505	0.533474	1.294956
C	2.323637	-0.691381	-0.290699
C	2.859273	-0.735969	1.125527
H	2.829004	0.019741	-0.933865
H	2.296031	-1.675278	-0.779308
H	3.904264	-1.075129	1.125634
H	2.831576	0.252957	1.584420
H	2.299967	-1.425298	1.763814
O	-1.312250	-1.393260	-0.581928
N	0.136558	2.603555	-0.037527
N	-0.874960	3.063714	-0.068565
O	0.971648	1.281095	-0.163603

Structure: IM5

-2197.941368 Hartree

0 1

Zn	0.173182	-0.246149	-0.423874
C	-2.539812	-1.014553	-0.259222
C	-2.533977	-1.163249	1.258273
H	-3.211734	-1.762299	-0.697641
H	-2.942644	-0.026859	-0.530609
H	-3.542427	-1.052454	1.669865
H	-2.148799	-2.145289	1.544319
H	-1.899864	-0.398350	1.723056
C	2.953857	0.220132	0.006863
C	3.037855	-1.069341	0.815650
H	3.551982	0.997603	0.497838
H	3.392057	0.058925	-0.988665
H	4.074671	-1.405024	0.918362
H	2.623013	-0.923009	1.816871
H	2.478382	-1.875515	0.324257
O	-1.266026	-1.218750	-0.841466
N	-1.197014	3.246503	0.342367
N	-1.096263	2.182297	0.105831
O	1.637938	0.728400	-0.112059



Structure: IM6

-2088.376208 Hartree

0 1

Zn	0.000000	-0.634729	0.000001
C	-2.749599	0.096076	-0.119588
C	-2.371621	1.572281	-0.080173
H	-3.635740	-0.070518	0.504565
H	-3.021122	-0.187818	-1.146366
H	-3.197124	2.201108	-0.428425
H	-2.113767	1.875882	0.938184
H	-1.509438	1.771641	-0.729161
C	2.749599	0.096076	0.119586
C	2.371621	1.572281	0.080173
H	3.635739	-0.070517	-0.504569
H	3.021124	-0.187820	1.146363
H	3.197125	2.201107	0.428425
H	2.113765	1.875884	-0.938182
H	1.509440	1.771640	0.729164
O	-1.735829	-0.759937	0.376608
O	1.735828	-0.759937	-0.376609

Structure: TS3

-2088.374458 Hartree

0 1

Zn	-0.131815	-0.544841	-0.026218
C	2.608692	0.103094	0.550107
C	3.473798	1.012446	-0.310610
H	3.232676	-0.669726	1.018252
H	2.160244	0.686505	1.366395
H	3.928054	0.440241	-1.122910
H	2.873337	1.812949	-0.751578
H	4.272492	1.465861	0.285578
O	1.627574	-0.541850	-0.252446
O	-1.887222	-0.768784	0.163050
C	-2.882658	0.159995	-0.228999
H	-3.057560	0.098472	-1.312516
H	-3.811879	-0.148732	0.264660
C	-2.557677	1.598518	0.156101
H	-3.371099	2.275844	-0.122635
H	-2.396142	1.680379	1.234481
H	-1.651410	1.944177	-0.357617

Structure: IM7

-2088.375154 Hartree

0 1

Zn	-0.142579	-0.429297	0.007229
C	2.512829	0.566299	0.390570
C	3.903222	0.366336	-0.191734
H	2.527970	0.341077	1.466638
H	2.217269	1.620123	0.284362
H	4.217833	-0.673397	-0.074580
H	3.906756	0.606893	-1.257555
H	4.629722	1.010297	0.314269
O	1.603497	-0.287328	-0.293530
O	-1.857881	-0.808338	0.293504
C	-2.961159	-0.058953	-0.183883
H	-3.161893	-0.303693	-1.236586
H	-3.835115	-0.383034	0.393787
C	-2.784407	1.447532	-0.033575
H	-3.675826	1.985837	-0.370796
H	-2.598772	1.710240	1.011535
H	-1.938404	1.802614	-0.636013

Structure: TS4

-2088.279394 Hartree

0 1

Zn	-0.164757	-0.376177	0.005865
C	2.969071	0.640036	0.593429
C	3.911503	0.187210	-0.384842
H	2.931411	0.159432	1.565996
H	2.667318	1.682541	0.606883
H	2.576082	-0.339169	-0.849984
H	4.312165	0.913907	-1.083540
H	4.578498	-0.624512	-0.114606
O	1.612493	-0.095908	-0.208797
O	-1.869172	-0.813280	0.317056
C	-3.014529	-0.140224	-0.173077
H	-3.210511	-0.429221	-1.215476
H	-3.866020	-0.491649	0.422286
C	-2.918533	1.377903	-0.072766
H	-3.841261	1.855469	-0.417367
H	-2.738406	1.683787	0.961499
H	-2.098191	1.758682	-0.694180

Structure: IM8

-2088.358796 Hartree

0 1

Zn	-0.281490	0.265032	0.357964
C	3.918124	-0.807322	0.220789
C	4.019220	-0.284734	-0.998658
H	3.506198	-1.797808	0.384193
H	4.248601	-0.267497	1.101744
H	1.984509	0.741831	-0.021599
H	4.436020	0.703263	-1.162796
H	3.692777	-0.826498	-1.880116
O	1.189685	1.249805	0.180850
O	-1.774773	-0.633979	0.720261
C	-2.820457	-0.908237	-0.194761
H	-2.548004	-1.750696	-0.846860
H	-3.683072	-1.230554	0.400857
C	-3.213162	0.292539	-1.047411
H	-4.052465	0.050597	-1.707210
H	-3.504917	1.134566	-0.413944
H	-2.376571	0.611748	-1.681825

Structure: IM9

-2009.734049 Hartree

0 1

Zn	-0.752913	-0.143408	-0.012708
H	-2.953324	0.341243	0.715546
O	-2.379747	0.584796	-0.016330
O	0.829526	-0.929019	-0.214417
C	2.074061	-0.413133	0.225786
H	2.203089	-0.594185	1.302360
H	2.851400	-0.987726	-0.291768
C	2.256378	1.070432	-0.070561
H	3.245951	1.416889	0.243779
H	2.147853	1.264912	-1.140975
H	1.511544	1.671085	0.466948

Structure: TS5

-2009.732378 Hartree

0 1

Zn	0.874690	0.046372	-0.065166
C	-1.936050	0.445700	0.397009
C	-3.008180	-0.555824	-0.006806
H	-2.335970	1.466111	0.331461
H	-1.654359	0.280821	1.446161
H	-3.298959	-0.396180	-1.047709
H	-2.636845	-1.579589	0.090744
H	-3.896528	-0.447168	0.623986
O	-0.820640	0.347854	-0.481179
O	2.578502	-0.396497	0.207722
H	3.184455	0.334735	0.356763

Structure: IM10

-2009.733083 Hartree

0 1

Zn	0.905035	-0.058567	-0.012876
C	-1.889829	0.564184	-0.004890
C	-3.220137	-0.171777	0.014097
H	-1.836749	1.207263	-0.895016
H	-1.818515	1.220259	0.874230
H	-3.312435	-0.812681	-0.865959
H	-3.293585	-0.800351	0.904699
H	-4.053265	0.538373	0.018099
O	-0.837981	-0.394595	-0.008819
O	2.671021	0.127383	0.132396
H	3.158993	0.187401	-0.693624



Structure: TS6

-2009.637454 Hartree

0 1

Zn	-0.945176	-0.056523	0.025163
C	2.316882	0.750670	0.002908
C	3.173139	-0.393416	-0.054506
H	2.226199	1.310993	0.927666
H	2.146669	1.342112	-0.890877
H	1.786331	-0.955587	-0.005280
H	3.651215	-0.627802	-0.999616
H	3.731614	-0.659929	0.836440
O	0.855681	-0.216429	0.055114
O	-2.716490	0.101983	-0.173293
H	-3.240400	0.057930	0.631780

Structure: IM11

-2009.716829 Hartree

0 1

Zn	1.083114	0.140042	0.005299
C	-3.430079	-0.039121	-0.562309
C	-3.088354	-0.806099	0.469912
H	-3.335131	-0.385338	-1.586084
H	-3.822861	0.962445	-0.422961
H	-1.179430	0.749437	0.097047
H	-3.188549	-0.462021	1.493780
H	-2.701958	-1.810475	0.330508
O	-0.331607	1.194616	0.215723
O	2.557227	-0.860142	-0.045742
H	3.040159	-0.859788	-0.876744

Structure: P

-1931.092015 Hartree

0 1

Zn	-0.000001	0.000013	0.012744
H	-2.259220	0.523894	0.482487
O	-1.775358	-0.083351	-0.084195
O	1.775349	0.083233	-0.084287
H	2.259313	-0.523334	0.483047