

Supporting Information for

Predicting Plasma Conditions Necessary for Crystallization of γ -Al₂O₃ Nanocrystals

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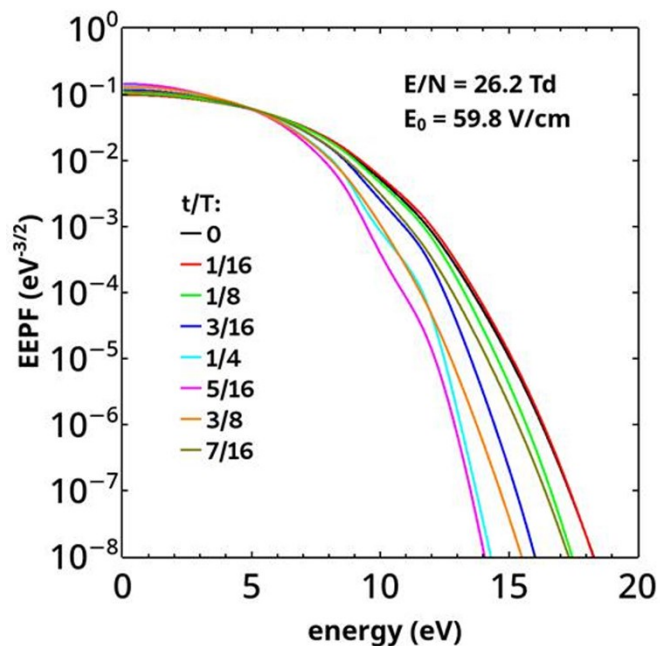


FIG. S1. Time dependent electron energy distribution function at different stages throughout the RF period.

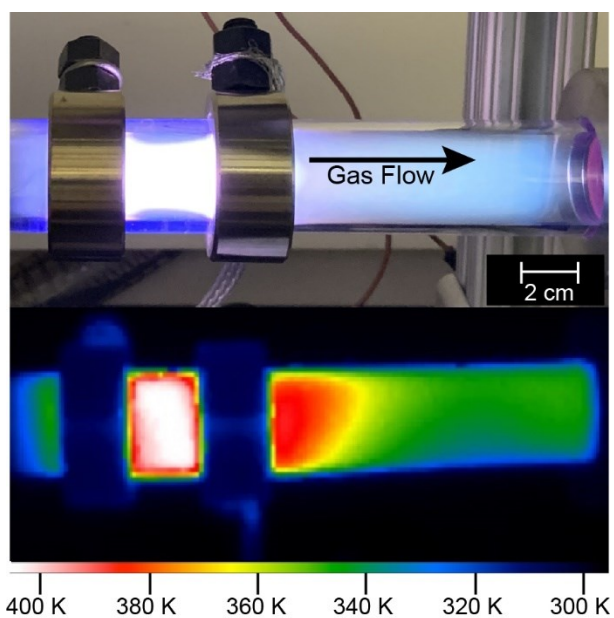


FIG. S2. Digital image and IR thermal image of Al₂O₃ synthesis reactor during operation at 100 W. Background gas temperatures at each power were estimated at the position between the two electrodes.

Solid State NMR – Czjzek Model Fitting

The experimental NMR data were processed by the GSim program using the Baseline Corrector application¹ to generate the frequency domain spectra. Preliminary fitting of the ²⁷Al line shapes corresponding to the central transitions were fit from the 1-dimensional spectra using Dmfit² using the CzjzekSimple model. The contributions to the central transition intensity from satellite transitions were included by fitting the spinning sidebands (of those satellite transitions) underlying the central transitions. In Figure S3, the 100 W Al₂O₃ nanocrystal sample deconvolution is shown. The model extracts both the isotropic chemical shift (δ_{iso}) and quadrupolar coupling constant (C_Q) values for 4-, 5- and 6-coordinate aluminum sites. The values are shown in Table S1 below.

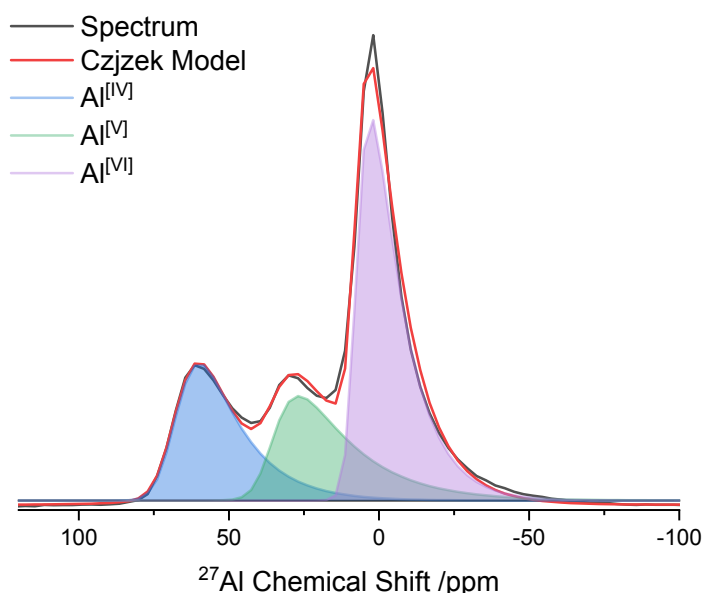


FIG. S3. ²⁷Al SSNMR (with MAS) spectrum for Al₂O₃ nanocrystals synthesized at 100 W, deconvoluted into separate resonances using DMfit. The Czjzek peak fitting for the 4- (blue), 5- (green), and 6-coordinate (purple) aluminum sites is shown. The small resonances with very low intensity are spinning sidebands from the satellite transitions.

TABLE S1. Parameters extracted from the preliminary Czjzek fitting of the ²⁷Al resonances for the “100 W” synthesized sample of Al₂O₃ nanoclusters. (Note: the isotropic resonance values, δ_{iso} , extracted for the Czjzek-broadened lineshapes differ from the appearance of the most intense peaks in the 1-dimensional spectrum.)

	[⁴]Al	[⁵]Al	[⁶]Al
δ_{iso}	67.3 ppm	32.3 ppm	8.8 ppm
C_Q	6.9 MHz	5.4 MHz	6.5 MHz

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