

Supplementary Information for :

Highly robust SiCOH/mesoporous SiO₂ ultralow dielectric films with heterostructures

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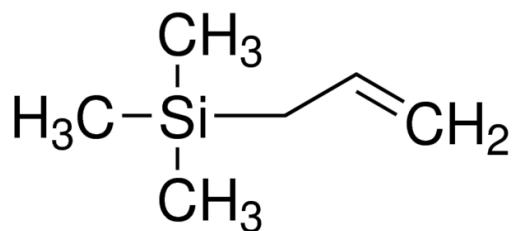
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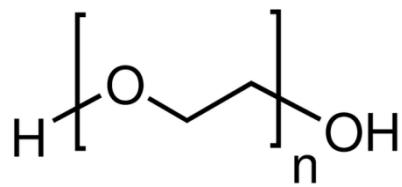
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ATMS (top matrix)



PEG (porogen)



SBA-15 (bottom matrix)

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Fig. S1. Molecular structure of ATMS, PEG, and SBA-15 used as the matrix and labile phase source, respectively.

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Table S1. Properties of mesoporous SiO₂ powders.

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Type	Size (nm)	Pore size (nm)	Surface area (m ² /g)
SBA-15	-	7.4	802
MCM41	4.5 ~ 4.8	2.1~2.7	1000
Porous SiO ₂	5 ~ 15	Spherical	590 ~ 690
SiO ₂ nanopowder	12	-	175~225

Table S2. Mechanical properties of mesoporous SiO₂/PEG composite films.

Materials	Modulus (GPa)	Hardness (GPa)
SBA-15/PEG	2.93	0.10
MCM41/PEG	1.42	0.07
Porous SiO ₂ /PEG	1.85	0.04
SiO ₂ nanopowder/PEG	4.04	0.05

10 SBA-15 has high modulus and hardness among mesoporous silicas with high surface area (~800 m²/g). We selected SBA-15/PEG as a buffer layer of SiCOH/mesoporous SiO₂ composite films for this reason.

Table S3. A comparison table between this study and previously reported dielectric constants and moduli of 10 low-k SiCOH films.^{33-37,48-51}

Dielectric constant	Modulus [GPa]	Ref.
2.6	6.4	Jousseaume et al., <i>J. Electrochem. Soc.</i> , 2007.
2.4	3.5	Burkey et al., <i>J. Electrochem. Soc.</i> , 2004.
2.4	9	Frot et al., <i>Adv. Funct. Mater.</i> , 2012.
2.4	8.4	Park et al., <i>J. Mater. Chem. C</i>, 2013.
2.3	5.9	Rathore et al., <i>Adv. Funct. Mater.</i> , 2008.
2.3	4.1	Dubois et al., <i>Proc. IEEE Int. Interconnect Technol. Conf.</i> , 2005.
2.2	6~7	Eslava et al., <i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> , 2008.
2.2	5.4	Trujillo et al., <i>Adv. Funct. Mater.</i> , 2010.

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