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**Dissociation channels of  $c\text{-C}_4\text{F}_8$  to  $\text{CF}_2$  radical in reactive plasma**

TOSHIO HAYASHI, K. ISHIKAWA, M. SEKINE, M. HORI, A. KONO, Nagoya University, K. SUU, ULVAC Inc. —  $c\text{-C}_4\text{F}_8$  has been widely used in the area of dielectric etching in microelectronics fabrication processes. This trend brought about many experimental studies, in which  $\text{CF}_2$  radical was a main component in  $c\text{-C}_4\text{F}_8$  plasmas. This is the basis of the model of  $c\text{-C}_4\text{F}_8$  dissociation to  $\text{CF}_2$  through  $\text{C}_2\text{F}_4$ . Font et al. [1] considered comparatively the dissociation cross sections ( $\sigma$ ) of  $c\text{-C}_4\text{F}_8$  obtained by many researchers and finally adopted the  $\sigma$  and rate coefficient estimated by Radtke et al. [2]. However, the main dissociation channels are yet unclear. Theoretical studies were reported for  $\text{C}_2\text{F}_4$  excited states and electron interactions by Winstead and Mckoy [3], and Yoshida et al. [4]. The energy of the dissociation channel to  $\text{CF}_2$  showed good agreement with the electron attachment value obtained by Goyette et al. [5]. However, they did not mention the excitation dissociation of neutral  $\text{C}_2\text{F}_4$ . Therefore, studies for dissociation reactions of  $c\text{-C}_4\text{F}_8$  and  $\text{C}_2\text{F}_4$  are limited and yet ambiguous. We calculated the dissociation channels of  $c\text{-C}_4\text{F}_8$  and  $\text{C}_2\text{F}_4$  using *Gaussian 03* program, in order to clarify the main dissociation channels. [1] G. I. Font et al., J. Appl. Phys., 91 (2002) 3530. [2] M. T. Radtke et al., J. Vac. Sci. Technol., A21 (2003) 1038. [3] C. Winstead and V. Mckoy, J. Chem. Phys., 116 (2002) 1380. [4] K. Yoshida et al., J. Appl. Phys., 91 (2002) 2637. [5] A. N. Goyette et al., J. Chem. Phys., 114 (2001) 9832.

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