

Figure 1 In a) and b) we see an illustration of a pulse cycle used during the ALD cycles. For the new process a) the precursors used are diethylzinc, trimethylaluminium and water, and a nitrogen purge gas is used in-between pulses of precursors. In c), the growth per cycle is compared between alumina and zinc-doped alumina, for ALD deposition temperatures ranging 20° C to 80° C. The thickness is measured with ellipsometry on Si substrates and the growth per cycle is obtained by the division of thickness with number of cycles for the ALD process.

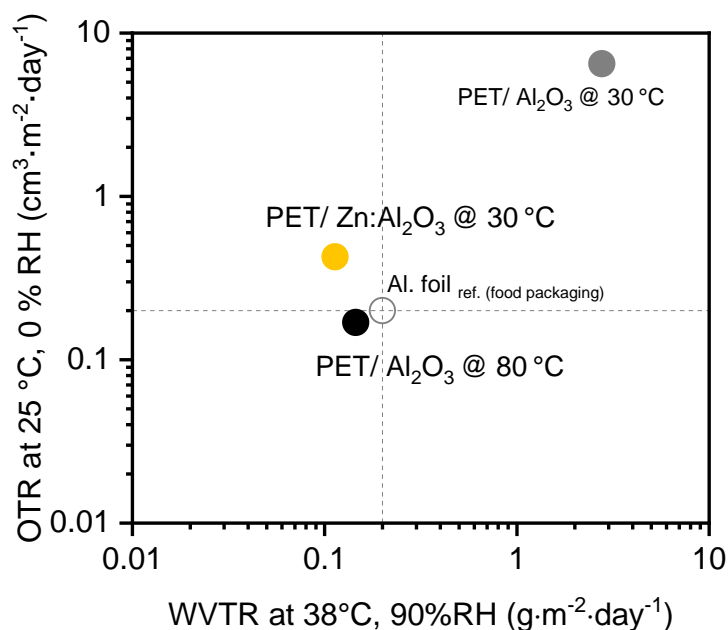


Figure 2 The gas barrier properties are evaluated in this figure. The y-axis is oxygen transmission rate at 25 °C in dry atmosphere and the x-axis is the water vapour transmission rate at 38 °C with 90% relative humidity. These measurements are performed by MoconTM test. Al-foil is used as a reference (open circle). The circles represent the gas permeation values of different depositions by ALD on 23 μm polyethylene terephthalate (PET) substrates with 25 nm alumina thin-film. We can see, that with the new process at 30 °C, which results in Zinc-doped alumina, the barrier properties are comparable with the alumina at 80 °C. Alumina at 30 °C has much worse permeations values.