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This project consisted of the four following tasks which have been completed.

- 1) *Develop an optical time-of-flight reaction velocity measurement technique suitable for use with free-standing nanolayered thin films.* This task has been completed, and measurement data are shown in figure 1. This sample exhibits an average propagation velocity of 161 m/sec, confirming previous high speed photography measurements of freestanding films of 150 ± 30 m/sec wherein the accuracy was limited by the photographic frame rate.

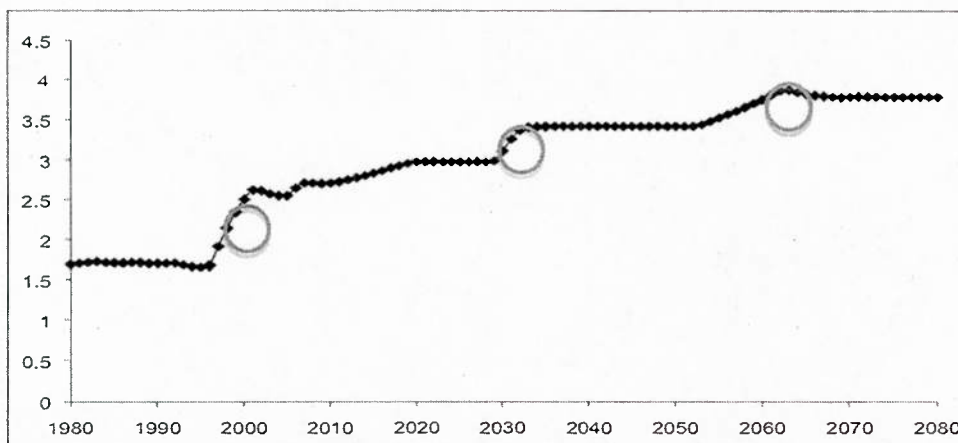


Figure 1: Reaction of a free-standing film sample with the $[\text{Al } 26\text{nm}/\text{CuO } 54\text{nm}]_{40}$ structure
Peak 1-to-2 is 156.25 m/s and peak 2-to-3 is 166.67 m/s

- 2) *Continue examination of the Al/CuO materials system to assess an empirical upper limit for the reaction velocity as a function of thin film processing and layer structure.* Both poster and powerpoint presentations of the results of our continued examination of these materials were presented during at the AFOSR Nanoinitiative Meeting, May 5-7, 2008 in Fairborn, Ohio. These presentations are attached.
- 3) *Provide samples to collaborators, for further characterization of the reaction process and mechanisms.* These samples were prepared for shipment and the MSDS documentation to enable receipt was also generated and provided. Evaluation of these materials is pending the collaborator's permission to ship, which has been delayed as their experiment has been delayed.
- 4) *Continue the development of sample handling procedures for these materials.* For the highest performance samples with the $[\text{Al } 26\text{nm}/\text{CuO } 54\text{nm}]_{40}$ structure, the initial yield was slightly less than 30% with the losses (due to electrostatic discharge events) evenly distributed between losses during deposition and post deposition handling. Post deposition losses were brought to a minimum through keeping the material at ground potential. Deposition losses were reduced by increasing the conductivity of the sample holder by pre-coating with copper and the mechanical grounding of the systems transfer mechanisms. These changes improved the yield for these structures to 75%, which will enable further development of samples having a higher reaction velocity.

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None

9. Changes in research objectives (if any):

None

10. Change in AFOSR program manager, if any:

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11. Extensions granted or milestones slipped, if any:

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