A presentation on

UV photoconductive detector based on spray deposited ZnO thin films

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Introduction

- 1. Zinc oxide (ZnO) nanostructures have been widely studied because of their potential for various applications, including solar cells, light emitting devices, electron emitters, photocatalysis and sensors.
- ZnO is very promising material for use as sensing elements in ultraviolet (UV) photoconductive detector application because of a fast response and high photocurrent and are highly sensitive to UV light
- 3. ZnO material is advantageous for UV detection because of its wide band gap (Eg = 3.37 eV) and high exciton binding energy (60 meV), as well as low-cost manufacturing and environmentally friendly.

Experimental details

- 1. Precursor used: AR grade zinc acetate
- 2. Technique: Spray pyrolysis
- 3. Chemical concentration: 0.1M
- 4. Quantity: 100ml
- 5. Substrate Temperature: 400°C, 425°C, 450°C, 475°C

Result and Descussion

XRD:



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| Substrate temperature | 400°C | 425°C | 450°C | 475°C |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Crystallite Size (nm) | 33.73 | 35.14 | 34.03 | 33.92 |

| (h k l) planes | d values(calc ulated) (400°C) | d values(calc ulated) (425°C) | d values(calc ulated) (450°C) | d values(calc ulated) (475°C) | d values (standard) |
|-------------------|--|--|--|--|------------------------|
| (1 0 0) | 2.79272 | 2.79505 | 2.79875 | 2.79683 | 2.7886 |
| (0 0 2) | 2.58763 | 2.58721 | 2.58762 | 2.58695 | 2.6 |
| (101) | 2.46055 | 2.46247 | 2.46321 | 2.4623 | 2.45756 |
| (1 0 2) | 1.90273 | 1.9027 | 1.90384 | 1.90392 | 1.90166 |
| (1 1 0) | 1.62101 | 1.62011 | 1.62063 | 1.62196 | 1.61 |
| (103) | 1.47329 | 1.47369 | 1.47424 | 1.47407 | 1.47212 |
| (1 1 2) | 1.3755 | 1.37706 | 1.3764 | 1.37626 | 1.36881 |
| (0 0 4) | 1.29945 | 1.29945 | - | 1.29945 | 1.3 |



Scanning Electron micrographs for ZnO thin films for various temperature



Variation of resistivity with substrate temperature



thermoelectric power for different diposition temperatures



Reflectance and transmittance spectra of ZnO thin films



I-V characteristic of ZnO based UV photodetector



Time dependence of photocurrent under modulated UV light source.







Photoresponsivity for the ZnO thin film deposited at 425°C substrate temperature

Conclusion:

- 1. XRD results show that hexagonal crystal structure of ZnO with crystallite size around 35 nm.
- 2. SEM images of ZnO thin films shows randomly distributed elongated grains.
- 3. The average transmittance of the ZnO thin films is about 85%.
- 4. Linear I-V characteristic in forward and reverse bias shows ohmic metal semiconductor contacts
- 5. ZnO photodetector has good photoconductivity.
- ZnO film has a maximum responsivity of 622 A/W under a bias voltage of 5V.

