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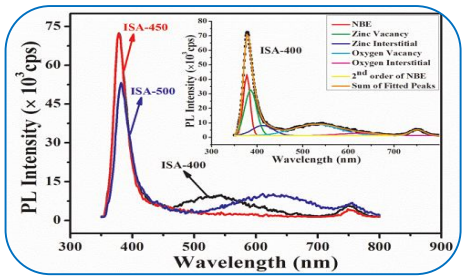
EMISSION OF SPECTRA ULTRAVIOLET IN ZnO THIN FILMS



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ABSTRACT

Photoluminescence (PL) of ZNO thin flames formed on C-Al 2 O 3 substrates are examined by pulsed laser deposits (CLD). For all specimens, the room temperature (RT) spectra show a clear band-edge ultraviolet (UV) emission with a low energy band tail. The analysis of the origin of this UV emission depends on the temperature of the PL spectra. The results show that UV emission in RT involves different regeneration processes. Donor-bound exciting (DX) emissions play a major role in the PL spectra at low temperatures, while free exaction transition (FX) dominates the spectrum with gradually increasing temperatures. It reports that at low temperatures the emission band (FA) appears on the low energy side of D0X and FX and can last up to RT. Further confirmation shows that the origin of the band FA can be attributed to the transition of the conductor band electron to the acceptor (E, A0), in which the acceptor binding energy is estimated to be approximately 121 mV. It is concluded that UV emissions at room temperature arise from the corporate contribution of free epitome and free electron-to-acceptor transitions.

KEYWORD : *Photoluminescence (PL) , free exaction.*

INTRODUCTION

The UV range of the ZNO ~3.3 EV is a wide direct-bandgap semiconductor and has a large exiton binding energy (60 mV). Large epitomic energy is a beneficial property for obtaining highly efficient UV photomolimentation (UV-PL) once the density of non-radioactive centres is reduced due to defects. ZNO has attracted attention due to its unique properties, and has a wide range of applications in optoelectronic devices such as gas sensors, surface acoustic wave devices, transparent conductive contacts, solar cells, ultraviolet light-emitting diodes and ultraviolet lasers. In order to realize the potential applications of ZNO films, it is important to produce films with high optical quality that exhibit ultraviolet luminescence. However, in most mature films, regardless of the method of growth, some types of defects are usually found, including root and structural defects, as well as surface defects. Each of these defects can act as a non-radiative trap, resulting in reduced optical emission.

In the reported PL spectra, the origin of room temperature UV emission was studied extensively. Most authors suggest that UV emissions from RT are from free exitone recombination. However, Ohashi etc. For the undiscovered crystals the most intense emission in RT was not free-emission recombination but was associated with an uncertain localization condition. Zhao and Wilender found that room temperature UV emission has two different transitions, one related to ZNO freeoxitin and the other related to free-to-bound

transition. So far, room temperature UV emissions are still under discussion. In addition, disputes over PL properties also present some UV emission bands obtained at low temperatures. For example, the 3.31 EV emission band observed in a large number of ZNO materials has been controversially interpreted. Many authors have assigned this ultraviolet emission band to a copy of longitudinal-optical (LO) fonton, exitons (FX-LO), accepted-bound exitons (A0x), electron-hole recombination (DAP) from donor accepting pairs, free electron-two. . -Aceptor transition (e, A0) and so on. Significantly, the 3.3 EV emission band is frequently adapted to P-dopt ZnO conductivity. Recently, a remarkable work was reported in the unprinted xeno epitaxial layers grown on Al_2O_3 substrates, in which the observed 3.31 EV emission band (E, A0) at low temperatures arose from transition. And they provide clear evidence that the replacement of the locally accepted states that caused the 3.31 EV luminescence should be related to the stacking fault rather than the impurity.

EXPERIMENT:

ZNO was fabricated on thin -lms C-Al_2O_3 substrates using a KRF excimer laser. The laser beam was centered at a rotating target at a 45^0 angle of incidence, and the energy density of the laser beam on the target surface was maintained at about $2J/cm^2$. A 97.85% purity ZnO ceramic of 4 mm thickness and 60 mm diameter was used as the target material.

Al_2O_3 substrates were immersed in acetone and methanol for 10 min, respectively, and then immersed in a hot (160◦ C) solution of H_2SO_4: H_3PO_4 = 3: 1 for 15 min, then rinsed in deionized water and dried by high pure nitrogen gas before loading into the growth chamber. Prior to growth, chemically cleaned layers were thermally treated in a high vacuum environment of 80^0C to remove contaminants from the surface. Respectively, on ZnO or treated substrate 120 min in the growth process, the O2 partial pressure in the growth chamber was changed from 0.2 to 5 p. The repetition frequency of the laser was 5 Hz, and the target distance was 8.5 cm. However, the sample quality was checked with Q-radiation by Rigaku O / Max-RA X-ray diffract meter. Photoluminescence spectra were measured at different temperatures. The sample was attached to the cold finger of the optical cryostat as a cryogenic refrigerator and cooled to 10 kL. A 325 nm line of 20-megawatt H-CD laser was used as the excitation source. The photoluminescence from the sample was dispersed by a monochromatic and detected by a photon counter through a photomultiplier tube. Carrier concentration and Hall dynamics were measured by the ET-9007 Hall measurement system using the Van de Paw method.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION:

Samples of X-ray diffraction (XRD) for four samples of ZnO thin films grown on C-Al_2O_3 substrates at different O_2 partial pressures in the growth chamber are A, B samples 5, 3, 1, 0.5 p. C and D, respectively. It has been noted that with the exception of the Al_2O_3 (006) peaks; only ZNO (002) and (004) diffraction peaks can be observed for all samples. This suggests that mature ZnO thin films have a vortex structure with a high C-axis tendency. To come up with more concepts on the crystal quality of ZNO films, XRD (103) -scan measurements were performed. The results calculated for sample A clearly show that the six peaks are separated by 60◦ with almost equal intensity, forming six-fold symmetrical single-crystal zeno.

For the above samples in the UV region the photoluminescence (PL) spectra is excited by an H-CD laser with a line of 325 nm. An UV emission band with a medium wavelength of 377.5 nm (band 24 EV) can be observed for four samples. It is clear that this UV emission band has a large line width (>100 mV) and a shoulder should be clearly visible on the lower-energy side of this peak. ZnO RTUV emission is widely reported as a characteristic exitonic emission in the literature. In addition, in most works it has been suggested that the low energy band of the UV peak on the RT is related to the LO-phonon replication of the tail free exitone.

CONCLUSION:

The origin of UV emission in RT is carefully studied to measure the different spectra at the temperature of ZNO thin films. The effect of donor-generated exiton emissions at low temperatures plays a major role in the PL spectra, while free-exiton transitions dominate the spectrum with gradually increasing temperatures. Room Room temperature UV emissions consist of two different transitions. One is related to ZNO free-exitone and the other is related to free-to-bound transition. At low temperatures 3.311 eV focuses on this confirmation of free-to-bound transitions. It is strongly suggested that the 3.311 eV band arises from free-electron-to-accept recombination. The acceptable binding energy is approximately 121 meV.

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