

**펄스 레이저 증착 방식으로 GaAs 기판에 성장된 ZnO의 As 확산에 의한 전기적 특성**

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**Effect of As diffusion on the electrical property of ZnO grown on GaAs substrate by pulsed laser deposition**

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**Abstract** - In order to form a p-type ZnO thin film, ZnO thin film is deposited by pulsed laser deposition(PLD) on GaAs substrate followed by thermal treatment that ensures the diffusion of As atoms from the GaAs substrate to the ZnO thin films. Photoluminescence (PL) measurement reveals that the improved quality of ZnO thin films is acquired at the growth temperature of 400 °C. It is ZnO film grown at 100 °C that shows the change from n-type to p-type by the thermal treatment. Measured carrier concentration in the film is changed from  $-5.70 \times 10^{13}$  to  $9.09 \times 10^{18}$ .

**1. Introduction**

ZnO has attracted significant attention for its potential to make electronic and optoelectronic devices. The advantages include suitable band gap (~3.37 eV), large exciton binding energy (~60 meV) at room temperature, and the availability of large-area ZnO substrates. However, the preparation of p-type ZnO remains as one of the major problems for practical applications of ZnO-based devices [1]. Even though the p-type ZnO has been studied in many research groups [2,3], it is still very difficult to achieve the p-type doping in wide-band-gap semiconductors, and no reproducible high-quality p-type layers are available yet. In this reason, to find the mechanism of p-type doping of ZnO thin films is the key point of realizing the ZnO electronic and optoelectronic devices.

To obtain p-type ZnO, group V elements have been used as dopants. Although the possibility of p-type doping with larger radius group V materials such as arsenic and phosphorous has also been explored, it is found that Nitrogen is suitable than any other group V materials because nitrogen radius is similar to that of oxygen. It is easily expected that a group V elements must substitute the oxygen atom to generate holes in ZnO structure. However, many researcher suggest that complex model can explain the electrical and/or optical behavior of the thin film more effectively [4,5]. For example of the complex model, As substitutes in the Zn site forming a donor, then it induces two Zn-vacancy acceptors.

In this research, ZnO thin films have been fabricated on Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> by PLD. In order to investigate doping characteristics of doped ZnO thin films, PL and Hall measurement have been performed. This result is very important to suggest how to prepare the p-type ZnO to implement ZnO electric and optoelectronic devices.

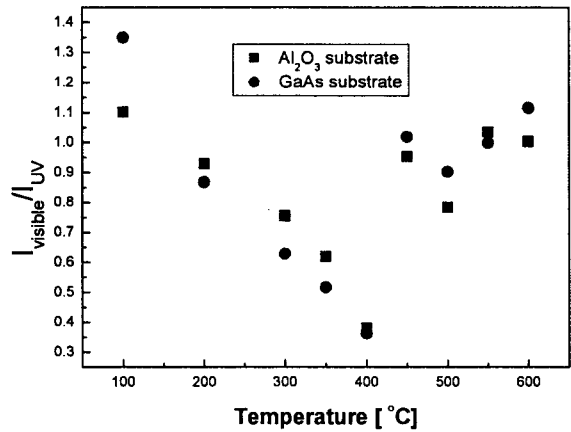
**2. Experiment and results**

ZnO thin films were grown on GaAs and Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> substrate to make p-type ZnO thin film by PLD. 3 wt% As doped ZnO target was used for a source of ZnO to increase the doping effect of As. 355 nm ND:YAG laser was used for the laser system. The energy density at the target was 1.4 J/cm<sup>2</sup> and target to substrate distance was 5 cm. Oxygen gas was used as an ambient gas at the pressure of 350 mTorr. The growth temperature was varied from 100 °C to 700 °C, and for details, 350 °C, 450 °C, 550 °C conditions also performed. The annealing process was also performed to diffuse As. The annealing temperature was 450 °C and ambient oxygen gas pressure was 350 mTorr. Hall measurement and PL measurement were performed to confirm the quality of grown ZnO thin films at room temperature before and after annealing, respectively.

The PL spectrum of ZnO is consisted of two part, UV part around 380 nm and visible region part. Actually, ideal ZnO has strong UV peak intensity compared to visible region PL peak intensity, cause the visible PL peak is occurred by various defects in ZnO. We can estimate the quality of

ZnO thin film from the intensity ratio of UV peak intensity and visible region peak intensity as shown in Fig. 1.

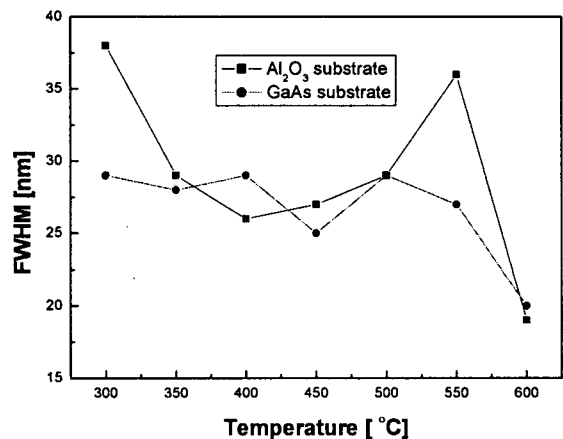
**Fig. 1. Ratio of visible peak intensity to UV peak intensity**



**depending on growth temperature**

The minimum value of visible peak and UV peak ratio is 0.38 in Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> substrate and 0.362 in GaAs substrate when the growth temperature was 400 °C. The ratio at 450 °C is much bigger than 350 °C, the appropriate temperature is around 400 °C close to 350 °C. We can also estimate the quality of ZnO thin film by calculate the FWHM of UV peaks.

**Fig. 2. Variation of FWHM of UV peak depending on growth**



**temperature**

Fig. 2 shows the variation of FWHM of UV peak depending on growth temperature. The FWHM is decreasing when the temperature is increased.

Hall measurement result is shown in table 1. The ZnO thin film grown at 100 °C was changed n-type to p-type, after annealing treatment. Before annealing, the ZnO thin film grown at 100°C was n-type and, bulk concentration, resistivity and mobility was  $5.7 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ,  $2.13 \times 10^3 \text{ } \Omega\text{cm}$ ,  $4.7 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ , respectively. After thermal treatment process, the parameters were changed to  $9.09 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ,  $1.24 \times 10^{-1} \text{ } \Omega\text{cm}$ ,  $8.05 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ , and showed p-type characteristics.

**Table 1) Electrical property of ZnO films on GaAs depending on before and after annealing treatment.**

Growth temp. = 100°C	Bulk concentration ( $\text{cm}^{-3}$ )	Resistivity ( $\Omega\text{cm}$ )	Mobility ( $\text{cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ )	Conductivity
ZnO on GaAs before annealing	$5.7 \times 10^{13}$	$2.13 \times 10^3$	4.7	n type
ZnO on GaAs after annealing	$9.09 \times 10^{18}$	$1.24 \times 10^{-1}$	8.05	p type

### 3. Conclusion

In this paper, we made ZnO thin film on GaAs substrate to make p-type ZnO thin film. By the PL measurement, UV peak and visible region peak was observed at room temperature. The crystal quality of ZnO is best around growth temperature of 400 °C and FWHM of UV peak was decreased as increasing growth temperature. The ZnO thin film grown at 100 °C was changed n-type to p-type, after annealing. It can be explained by complex model of ZnO doping.

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