

Adsorbate Perspective of the Field Emission Behaviour of ZnO Nanoneedle Arrays

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ZnO nanoneedle arrays were formed on ZnO:Al/Pt/Si (001) conductive substrate by catalyst-free MOCVD and prototype test cells based on transparent conductive electrodes were prepared for the investigation of the field emission (FE) characteristics of ZnO 1-D nanostructures. It was possible to obtain well-aligned vertical array of high quality ZnO nanoneedles on a Si (001) substrate by depositing an Al-doped ZnO buffer layer on it to provide a seamless interface as well as an electric conduction path to the nanoneedle field emitters. Measurements of the FE characteristics on the as-fabricated and the UV-treated ZnO nanoneedles showed that FE behaviour of the nanoneedles is dependent on the UV-treatment. Such observations are attributed to the changes in the surface states due to adsorption and desorption of the oxygen related adsorbates on the surface of the ZnO nanoneedles. It is suggested that modifications in the tunnelling barrier height or apparent work function and the effective aspect ratio due to the presence of surface adsorbate are responsible for the changes in the measured FE characteristics. Desorption of the surface species driven by the combination of negatively charged adsorbed oxygen species on the nanoneedle surface with holes created by the UV irradiation seemed to have resulted in the stabilised FE behaviour of the ZnO nanoneedles.

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Understanding of dry etching of polycarbonate based on O₂ plasmas

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Polymer is one of attractive materials for bio, optical MEMS devices. One of them, polycarbonate(PC), is interested in device cause low cost, light weight and high transparency. However, there has been a few reports for dry etching of polycarbonate. So we studied O₂ plasma etching with the addition of N₂, SF₆ and CH₄, respectively, on polycarbonate using a reactive ion etching system. We used photo lithography process for patterning on polycarbonate. Experimental parameters were that changing composition O₂ with N₂, SF₆ and CH₄ respectively. And we changed RIE chuck power from 25W to 200W. During plasma etching process, plasma intensity was analyzed by optical emission spectroscopy for understanding of discharge intensity. After plasma etching, we also analyzed surface of polycarbonate with scanning electron microscopy (SEM), atomic force microscope (AFM) and surface spectrometer. The results showed the highest etch rate (0.56um) in 12O₂/8SF₆ compared with others.

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