

X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy를 이용한 양극 산화된 Ni/Ti 박막의 저항 스위칭 특성에 대한 분석

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We present bias-polarity dependent resistive switching characteristics in Ni-Ti Oxide thin films grown by anodizing Ni film on a Ti/SiO₂/Si substrate. Very clear resistance switching I-V characteristics are observed as shown in Fig. 1. SEM is used to study the structural properties as a function of anodizing time. To understand the mechanism responsible for the bias-polarity dependent resistance switching, depth profiles of X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) are measured for different resistance-states, high-resistance off and low-resistance on states. In the initial state before forming, there are main three bonding state peaks, NiTi, TiO₂, and NiOx. However, after forming whilst the intensity of bonding state peaks for NiTi and TiO₂ decreases that for NiOx increases. In the high-resistance off (like the initial state) and low resistance on (like the state after forming) states show a similar behavior. Thus, broken bonding states of Ni-Ti & Ni-O structures are created producing metallic Ni defects and titanium oxide structures. As a result, metallic Ni defects in the oxide film are believed to play a crucial role in creating the low resistance conduction path. We present a simple model to explain the resistance switching mechanism.