

Eutectic structure evolution of Al₂O₃-ZrO₂-Y₂O₃ system for a potential hybrid solar cell application

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Ternary Al₂O₃-ZrO₂-Y₂O₃ samples with a eutectic composition were prepared by slow cooling. The microstructural evolution was observed with X-ray diffraction (XRD), scanning electron microscopy (SEM). The SEM observation of the ternary samples agreed with the XRD with a completion of crystallisation by slow cooling. The target materials commonly have 'cantaloupe skin' microstructures as shown in the previous studies by Han et al. The nanocomposite may have experienced different cooling rates with two different microstructures, near the surface having experienced optimal conditions for the eutectic reaction during their cooling and thus formed the eutectic microstructure, near the centre having experienced a slower cooling rate. The crystallised eutectic ternary Al₂O₃-ZrO₂-Y₂O₃ system had three different phases with a 3Y₂O₃-5Al₂O₃ (yttrium-aluminium garnet phase), an alumina phase formed by the eutectic reaction, and a solid solution of ZrO₂ and Y₂O₃.

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Crack-free 나노기공 gold 박막 및 복합박막 제조

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Au-Ag 합금 박막에서 화학적으로 덜 안정한 Ag를 선택적으로 에칭하는 dealloying 기법을 통하여 crack-free 나노기공 gold 박막을 Si 기판에 제조하였다. Au-Ag 합금 박막은 두 가지 방법을 이용하였다: 1) thermal 또는 electron beam 증착법을 이용하여 Au와 Ag 다층 박막을 Si 기판에 증착시킨 후 열처리를 통한 합금 박막 제조; 2) co-thermal 증착법을 이용하여 Au-Ag 합금 박막을 Si 기판에 직접 증착. Crack-free 나노기공 gold 박막 제조에 적합한 합금 조성을 얻기 위하여 증착 속도, 열처리 조건, dealloying 조건 등을 조절하였다. Perchloric acid, HClO₄ 전해질을 이용한 전기화학적 dealloying을 통하여 crack-free 나노기공 gold 박막을 제조하였고, 기공 크기를 조절할 수 있었다. 이에 더하여, electrophoretic 방법을 이용하여 나노기공 gold와 semiconductive 양자점 (CdTe 또는 CdSe)의 나노복합박막을 형성시킨 후 특성을 분석하였다.

Keywords: 나노기공, gold, 복합박막