Comparison of structural and electrical properties of PMN-PT/LSCO thin films

deposited on different substrates by pulsed laser deposition

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Abstract: The $0.65Pb(Mg_{I/3}Nb_{2/3})O_3$ - $0.35PbTiO_3$ (PMN-PT) thin films with $La_{0.5}Sr_{0.5}CoO_{3-\delta}$ (LSCO) bottom electrodes were grown on $CeO_2/YSZ/Si(001)$, $Pt/TiO_2/Si$ and $SrTiO_3$ (STO) substrates using conventional pulsed laser deposition (PLD) at a substrate temperature of $550^{\circ}C$. Since generally the crystallographic orientation of the bottom electrode induces the orientation of the films deposited on it, it allows us to observe the influence of the PMN-PT film orientation on the electrical properties. Phi scan done on PMN-PT/LSCO thin films shows epitaxial behavior of the films grown on STO substrates and CeO_2/YSZ buffered Si(001) substrates, and (110) texture on $Pt/TiO_2/Si$ substrates. Polarization-electricfield (P-E) measurement shows good hysteresis behavior of PMN-PT films with remnant polarization of 18.2, 8.8, and $4.4\mu C/cm^2$ on $CeO_2/YSZ/Si$, $Pt/TiO_2/Si$ and STO substrates respectively.

Key Words: Pulsed laser deposition, PMN-PT epitaxial films, LSCO bottom electrodes, electrical properties, perovskites

1. 서 론

Relaxor ferroelectric materials of PMN-PT have attracted great interest in recent years due to its unusual dielectric, piezoelectric, electro-optic and pyroelectric properties [1,2]. Since LSCO possess ABO₃ perovskite crystal structure and lattice parameters close to those of commonly used ferroelectric materials, it becomes a suitable candidate for growing oriented and epitaxial ferroelectric films [3]. In this paper, the influence of different substrates, buffer layers on the structural, and electrical properties of PMN-PT/LSCO/STO, PMN-PT/LSCO/CeO₂/YSZ/ Si, and PMN-PT/ LSCO/Pt/TiO₂/Si thin films prepared by pulsed laser deposition is studied.

2. 결과 및 토의

Phi scan was done which shows the epitaxial behavior of the PMN-PT/LSCO films on STO, CeO₂/YSZ/Si substrates and (110) texture on Pt/TiO₂/Si substrates. The dielectric constant calculated from capacitance-voltage (C-V) measurement shows dielectric constant of around 1798, 1612 and 1378 at a frequency of 10 kHz, on CeO₂/YSZ/Si, Pt/TiO₂/Si and STO substrates respectively. The Pt/PMN-PT/LSCO/STO, Pt/PMN-PT/LSCO/CeO₂/YSZ/Si capacitors show square shaped hysteresisloops with remanent polarization as large as 18.2, 8.8 μC/cm² with coercive field of 47, 43 kV/cm, respectively. In contrast, the P-E loop of the Pt/PMN-PT/LSCO/Pt/TiO₂/Si samples is much thinner, with lower remanent polarization of 4.4μC/cm² and coercive field of 32kV/cm. From this study, we concluded that the epitaxial nature of the films improves the dielectric response as well as influences the electrical behavior of the PMN-PT/LSCO films. Still, a large difference in Pr is observed which may be due to the influence of other mechanisms, probably related to the formation of a low dielectric, highly defective PMN-PT/LSCO interface layer.

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