Structural and electrical properties of titania thin films

Abstract

This research studies the properties of titanium dioxide (TiO_2) nanoparticles synthesized by two different stabilizers via sol-gel method. Acetic and hydrochloric acids have been used as stabilizers to form two different TiO_2 thin films. 100 μ m gap of Al IDEs have been fabricated on each annealed TiO_2 films. Finally the samples were physically and electrically characterized. Average crystallite sizes of the nanoparticles are 20 and 25 nm for acetic and hydrochloric acid respectively. The average current flow through the devices was extremely small which are around micro-to-nanoampere. It was found that the electrical conductivity increased significantly when particle sizes decreases.

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