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Luminescent Properties of Cu^{2+} Doped SnO_2 Thin Films by Spray Pyrolysis

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Abstract: Transparent conducting oxide films have been widely used in the fields of flat panel displays, solar cells, touch panels and other optoelectronic devices owing to their high electrical conductivity and optical transmittance in visible region. Tin oxide with a wide band gap is one of the excellent semiconductors which can be applied to solid state gas sensors, sensing arrays photovoltaic cells, organic light emitting diodes. Cu^{2+} doped tin oxide thin films were prepared by chemical spray pyrolysis synthesis and characterized by different spectroscopic techniques. The morphology of prepared sample was analyzed by using SEM and TEM studies. Functional groups of the prepared sample were observed in the FT-IR spectrum. PL studies of Cu^{2+} doped SnO_2 thin films exhibit ultraviolet and blue emission bands. CIE chromaticity coordinates were also calculated from emission spectrum of Cu^{2+} doped SnO_2 thin films.

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