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PS-TuP-1 Synthesis of TiO2/CuOx Thin Film Composites by the Simultaneous Ablation of Ti and Cu Metallic Targets, A. Valeria García-Caraveo, Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Occidente, Mexico; E Camps, E Campos-Gonzalez, Instituto Nacional de Investigaciones Nucleares, Mexico; A Perez-Centeno, Centro Universitario de Ciencias Exactas e Ingenierías, Universidad de Guadalajara, Mexico; M Santana-Aranda, Centro Universitario de Ciencias Exactas e Ingenierías, Universidad de Guadalajara; G Gomez-Rosas, L Rivera, Centro Universitario de Ciencias Exactas e Ingenierías, Universidad de Guadalajara, Mexico; D Cardona, Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Occidente, Mexico; J Quiñones-Galván, Centro Universitario de Ciencias Exactas e Ingenierías, Universidad de Guadalajara, Mexico; Hores, J Quiñones-Galván, Centro Universitario de Ciencias Exactas e Ingenierías, Universidad de Guadalajara, Mexico Hores, J Roberto, Partico Decompositario de Ciencias Exactas e Ingenierías, Universitario de Ciencias Exactas e Ingenierías, Universitario de Ciencias Exactas e Ingenierías, Universitario de Ciencias Exactas e Ingenierías, Universidad de Guadalajara, Mexico; J Quiñones-Galván, Centro Universitario de Ciencias Exactas e Ingenierías, Universidad de Guadalajara, Mexico

Titanium Dioxide (TiO2) is an n-type semiconductor material that has been used for different applications such as photo-catalysis, hydrogen separation and dye sensitized solar-cells. The band gap for TiO2 anatase phase is 3.2 eV, which means that UV light is needed to generate a photo-catalytic reaction. In this work, we proposed to generate a combined system of TiO2 with Copper Oxide (CuOx) to reduce the TiO2 band gap so that the photo-catalytic process can be induced under UV and Visible light.

We present the results obtained for the synthesis of a combined system of TiO2 and CuOx thin films deposited on glass substrates. We used a reactive Pulsed Laser Deposition (PLD) technique with a mixture of argon/oxygen. The produced plasma was diagnosed by means of the time of flight technique using a Langmuir planar probe; the voltage drop across a 20 Ohm resistance was measured and the current was calculated in order to estimate the ion density and its mean kinetic energy, with the aim of having a control on the deposition process.

A Nd:YAG pulsed laser with a wavelength of 1064nm was divided into two equal beams using a beam splitter. Each individual beam was focused on the surface of Titanium (Ti) and Copper (Cu) solid targets respectively for 15 minutes under an argon/oxygen pressure of 20 mTorr. Primarily we obtained an amorphous TiO2 thin film and a CuO thin film, afterwards we deposited a multilayered thin film of TiO2 /CuO/TiO2 and finally a combined system of TiO2 and CuOx by ablating both Ti and Cu targets simultaneously.

The obtained thin films were characterized by X-Ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (XPS), X-Ray Diffraction (XRD), Raman Spectroscopy, Ultraviolet-Visible spectroscopy (UV-Vis) in order to know the stoichiometry and oxidation phases and Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM) was used to define the morphology.

Characterization reveals that a TiO2 amorphous phase was deposited in any of the different experiments but Cu reacts in different ways depending on the plasma characteristics, it is shown that we can obtain different Cu oxidation states an even synthesize metallic Cu nanoparticles in a TiO2 matrix.

PS-TuP-2 Study of Carbon Fiber Manufacturing Process by Plasma Oxidation/stabilization and Microwave assisted Carbonization, *Seok-Kyun Song*, *B Kim*, *M Jung*, Cheorwon Plasma Research Institute, Republic of Korea; *S Lee*, Korea Institute of Science and Technology, Republic of Korea

Carbon fiber has a carbon content of 90~95% or more, and its strength is ten times that of steel. The manufacturing process proceeds with stabilization (chlorination), carbonization of the PAN fiber. In particular, the stabilization process is long-term treatment at high temperature which high cost is incurred. In order to low cost manufacture for carbon fiber, that is need reduction of stabilization process time. For that, we researched the oxidation/stabilization process using atmospheric pressure plasma and e-beam technology.

The atmospheric pressure plasma system developed by CPRI team suggests possibility to reduce oxidation/stabilization process time (from 120 min to 30 min, from 120 min to 10 min by add e-beam technology) and cost. Plasma oxygen radical accelerates the progress of fiber cyclization. After plasma treatment, the surface of oxidized/stabilized fiber had no damage.

In the nitrogen atmosphere, oxidated/stabilized fiber was used for low temperature carbonization of 300 \sim 1000 degrees Celsius, and energy consumption was reduced by directly supplying energy to the heating

element near the fiber by the microwave assisted (MWA) method instead of the conventional resistance heating.

It has been suggested that energy can also be reduced by providing microwave assisted (MWA) energy directly to low temperature carbonized fiber for $1000 \sim 1600$ degree Celsius high temperature carbonization.

PS-TuP-3 Design and Diagnosis of Atmospheric Microwave Plasma by Transmission Line Resonator, Jun Choi, Korea Institute of Industrial Technology (KITECH), Republic of Korea

Recently, atmospheric microwave plasmas (AMP) have attracted much attention as promising plasma sources for industrial applications such as material processing, surface treatment and biomedicine [1]. The AMP eliminates the need for a vacuum system and has a long operational time of the electrodes [2]. In this work, a plasma source using a two-parallelwire transmission line resonator (TPWR) in atmospheric argon is described [3]. The E-field distribution and reflection coefficient of the resonator for the given frequency (~900MHz) are estimated by COMSOL Multiphysics software based on microwave theory to transfer maximum power from power supply to the resonator and enhance the power efficiency. The TPWR-AMP can sustain with low power less than 3 watts. The TPWR is fabricated to investigate the plasma characteristics such as excitation temperature, electron temperature and rotational temperature. The electron excitation temperature was measured by the Boltzmann plot and the rotational temperature was determined by comparing the spectra measurement and simulation of rotational lines of the OH band. The electron density was obtained by Stark broadening with the measurement of emission spectra. The characteristics of the TPWR-AMP shows that the device has the potential to be used effectively and widely in industry.

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PS-TuP-4 Nitridation of SiO₂ by using a VHF (162 MHz) Multi-tile Push-pull Plasma Source, You Jin Ji, K Kim, K Kim, J Byun, S Lee, Sungkyunkwan University, Republic of Korea; A Ellingboe, Dublin City University, Ireland; G Yeom, Sungkyunkwan University, Republic of Korea

Nitriding processes of SiO₂ thin film have been applied in various semiconductor device manufacturing. For example, in the fabrication of nanometer scale semiconductor devices, a nitriding process of SiO₂ for a nitride layer applied to gate insulator has become an important process to prevent the penetration of p-type dopant (boron) through the thin gate oxide. Typically, plasma and thermal nitridation methods are used to meet the requirement for the nitride layer. However, the thermal method has a bad influence on the device performance due to the high processing temperatures (600-1500 °C), and the plasma method tends to cause damage on the treated layer due to the ion bombardment and shows a low nitridation percentage in the film due to the difficulty in dissociating nitrogen molecules having a high electron-impact dissociation energy. Very high frequency (VHF; > 30 MHz) plasma is known to dissociate nitrogen molecules more effectively with a high dissociation rate at a low temperature due to a high electron energy tail in the electron energy distribution. Therefore, in this study, the nitridation of SiO2 was performed to obtain a uniform silicon oxynitride (SiO_xN_y) layer using a VHF (162 MHz) multi-tile push-pull plasma source at room temperature. High nitrogen incorporation (~ 24.51 %) in the SiO_xN_y layer was confirmed by the X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) analysis at the optimized nitridation condition. In addition, the EDS in TEM showed that a SiO_xN_y layer was uniformly formed after the nitridation of SiO₂ at the optimized condition. The leakage current of the MOS capacitor that has the SiO_xN_y layer formed by using the VHF (162 MHz) multi-tile push-pull plasma source was measured to be lower than that has the SiO_xN_y layer formed by the conventional CCP (60 MHz) plasma source.

PS-TuP-5 Fabrication of SnO Thin Films by Reducing Plasma on Atomic Layer Deposited SnO₂, Jaehong PARK, B PARK, H Kim, Yonsei University, Republic of Korea

Oxide semiconductors have been intensively investigated in emerging applications, such as thin film transistor (TFT), flexible electronics and solar cell materials, owing to the added functionality using great diversity of materials and structures. There have been numerous studies on n-type semiconductors such as ZnO, SnO₂, and In₂O₃, whereas the research on p-type semiconductors is still ongoing due to the lack of synthesis technology. SnO is a representative p-type oxide semiconductor with wide band-gap and high mobility, but the poor stability of SnO limits the synthesis method to physical vapor deposition (PVD). PVD is difficult to

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apply in future integrated circuit process with aggressive scaling down and 3D structurization. Atomic layer deposition (ALD) is a promising technique owing to atomic-scale thickness controllability and great conformality. In this study, we synthesized p-type SnO thin film using ALD and consequent plasma treatment for reduction. We investigated the crystal structure, morphology, and electrical properties of SnO by using x-ray diffraction (XRD) and atomic force microscope (AFM). In addition, we evaluated the thermal and chemical stability of SnO film. As a result, SnO film shows highly stable SnO phase even after annealing at 400 °C with oxidation/reduction environment. This study will contribute to apply oxide semiconductor in future application by implementing various device structure, such as p-n junction, complementary metal oxide semiconductor(CMOS), and p-channel TFT.

PS-TuP-6 Plasma-Surface Interactions in Atmospheric Pressure Plasmas: In situ Measurements of Electron Heating in Materials, *S Walton*, Naval Research Laboratory; *B Foley*, Pennsylvania State University; *J Tomko*, University of Virginia; *D Boris*, *E Gillman*, *S Hernandez*, Naval Research Laboratory; *A Giri*, University of Virginia; *T Petrova*, Naval Research Laboratory; *Patrick Hopkins*, University of Virginia

The energy flux to a surface during plasma exposure and the associated surface heating are of long standing interest as they contribute to the physico-chemical changes that occur during plasma-based materials synthesis and processing. Indeed, the energy delivered to the surface, via a flux of particles and photons, in concert with a flux of reactive species serves to chemically modify, etch, and/or deposit materials, with an efficacy that depends on the plasma processing environment. A unique feature of plasma synthesis and processing is that most of the delivered energy is absorbed at or very near the surface over short (picosecond) time scales. The dissipation of thermal energy proceeds through electronelectron and/or electron-phonon interactions as they propagate through the material, with relaxation time scales that can be orders of magnitude slower. Typically then, the surface is not in thermal equilibrium with the bulk material. Fast, surface-sensitive techniques are thus required to fully appreciate the dynamics of the plasma-surface interaction. In this work, we employ pump-probe Time-Domain Thermoreflectance, a surface sensitive technique typically used to measure thermal properties of thin films, to determine electron heating of thin metal films during exposure to an atmospheric pressure plasma jet. The results, in conjunction with current measurements, are used to develop a first order understanding of plasma jet-surface interactions. The results show that the energy delivered by the plasma jet causes a localized increase in electron energy within the thin film over an area commensurate with the plasma jet radius. More details of this work an be found in the following recently published paper: Walton, S.G., Foley, B.M., Tomko, J., Boris, D.R., Gillman, E.D., Hernandez, S.C., Giri, A., Petrova, Tz.B., Hopkins, P.E., "Plasma-surface interactions in atmospheric pressure plasmas: In situ measurements of electron heating in materials," Journal of Applied Physics 124, 043301 (2018).

PS-TuP-7 Classification of Aluminum Alloys by an Inexpensive Laser Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy System, *Kevin Renato Maldonado Dominguez, R Sangines del Castro,* CNyN-UNAM, Mexico

Laser induced breakdown spectroscopy (LIBS) has been widely used for elemental analysis of solid, liquid and gaseous samples due to its portability and the practical null sample preparation. Due to the changing nature of the induced plasma the necessity of using a time-resolved spectroscopy system, consisting of a Echelle spectrograph and an ICCD camera, is usually mandatory; however, these systems are delicate and the portability could be difficult. Although field spectrometers with a CCD detector could have relatively high spectral resolution, their main drawback is the trouble to synchronize the laser beam trigger to the beginning of the spectral acquisition. If the trigger issue is resolved with a relatively low jitter, these spectrometers could be an attractive alternative for characterization of material composition via LIBS.

In this work, a CCD spectrometer (Avantes, AvaSpec) is tested to determine the composition of several aluminum alloys and is compared to the results of an Echelle spectrometer by identifying spectral lines from the NIST database and applying statistical tools. Different experimental parameters were studied and results are discussed in terms of the correct identification of the Al alloy. PS-TuP-8 Optimizing Deposition Parameters for Reactive Magnetron Sputtering by Monitoring the Plasma Optical Emission Spectroscopy., *Genaro Soto-Valle Angulo, R Sangines,* CNyN-UNAM, Mexico

Thin films technology has grown during the last years due to its many applications. Extensive research has been focused on silicon oxides and nitrides for its excellent properties.

Although the wide variety of techniques for thin film deposition, reactive magnetron sputtering is still one of the preferred. However, one of the major drawbacks of this technique is the lack of repeatability of the film properties under the same deposition parameters as a result of the so-called target poisoning.

The aim of this work is to obtain the optimal deposition conditions for SiO₂ and Si₃N₄ thin films grown by reactive magnetron sputtering in order to guarantee specific film properties, particularly the refractive index for optical filters applications. Optical emission spectroscopy was used to monitor the deposition process in real time and to observe the species contained within the plasma. Information of the emission intensity was employed to obtain intensity ratios between certain emission transitions, and this information was then correlated with the film optical properties analyzed by spectroscopic-ellipsometry and XPS. Relation between these parameters can give valuable knowledge about the deposition rate and refractive index, which will allow to fabricate thin films with variable refractive index and with a high degree of repeatability.

PS-TuP-9 Origin of Plasma Damage during Sputtering of Ultrathin ITO Contact Layer on p-GaN for InGaN/GaN LEDs, *T Kim, Y Cha, Joon Seop Kwak*, Sunchon National University, Republic of Korea

We systematically examined the origin of plasma-induced damage on p-GaN surface during the sputtering of ITO transparent conductive electrodes (TCE) and its effects on the forward voltage and the light output power (LOP) of InGaN/GaN LEDs. Firstly, we investigated the effect of direct current (DC) power in radio frequency (rf) superimposed DC sputtering (RF+DC sputtering) of ITO on the forward voltage and and LOP of InGaN/GaN LEDs and found that the plasma-induced damage was sensitive to the DC power. The forward voltages of the LEDs at 20 mA drastically decreased from over 5 V to 3 V and the LOP of the LEDs was greatly enhanced by more than 20% at 250 mA, when the DC power was changed from negative to positive values. Secondly, electron flux as well as ion flux during the RF+DC sputtering of ITO with the various DC power were calculated based upon the plasma discharge parameters measured by cutoff probe and Langmuir probe. Changing the DC to positive power drastically reduced the electron flux in plasma, suggesting that plasma electrons play an important role in plasma-induced damage of p-GaN surface. Furthermore, the significant increase in forward voltage of the LEDs was observed, when electron-beam irradiation on p-GaN surface was employed. This confirms that the plasma electrons, not ions, can cause the plasma-induced damage on p-GaN during the sputtering of ITO. Lastly, physical mechanism for the generation of plasma-induced damage on p-GaN by the plasma electrons was suggested. The plasma electrons can compensate the deep level defects (DLDs) in the p-GaN surface and reduce the density of DLDs, which increase the effective barrier height at the ITO/DLD band of p-GaN. Furthermore, the plasma electrons yielded the energetic ad-atoms of ITO on p-GaN during sputtering by energy transfer of the electrons to the ad-atoms and increased the plasma-induced damage on p-GaN. We successfully demonstrated the plasma-induced-damage-free ITO TCE on the InGaN/GaN LEDs by sputtering, which showed 20 % improved LOP of the LEDs with comparable forward voltage of 2.9 V at 20 mA to the LEDs with conventional e-beam-evaporated ITO.

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8:00am PS-ThM-1 Plasma Surface Modification: Optimizing the Positives of Plasma-Materials Interactions, *Ellen Fisher*, Colorado State University INVITED

Plasma processing represents a powerful approach to modification of a range of substrates utilizing an array of chemistries and morphologies. Unfortunately, plasmas are often given a bad rap with respect to the level of reproducibility achievable as well as the uniformity of any given treatment. Nevertheless, new applications for plasmas continue to be developed and they are employed in a vast array of industries to produce high impact, high value products. One strategy for increasing the robustness of plasma surface modification processes lies in increasing our understanding of the fundamental chemistry of the gas phase chemistry in plasmas, the resulting film chemistry and perhaps most importantly, the gas-surface interface. This talk will focus on recent work in our laboratory that explores not only the impact of the plasma on the surface, but also the effect of the substrate on the plasma chemistry. Data on systems used for plasma assisted catalysis (PAC) and plasma modification of nanostructured sensor materials will be presented. As one example, we have combined a range of spectroscopy techniques, materials characterization tools, and plasma-surface interface studies to reveal that the presence of a catalytic substrate in the plasma system results in significant changes in the plasma chemistry, most notably affecting the internal temperatures (vibrational, rotational) of various plasma species. Changes in plasma composition as well as substrate surface chemistry and morphology were also observed. Connections between these results and other trends we observe at the plasma-surface interface will be discussed.

8:40am PS-ThM-3 Super-reactive Haloester Surface Initiator for ARGET ATRP Readily Prepared by RF Glow Discharge Plasma, Marvin Mecwan, B Ratner, University of Washington

Introduction: Surface initiated activators regenerated by electron transfer atomic transfer radical polymerization or SI ARGET ATRP is a technique that has become a powerful tool for the preparation of functional surfaces and interfaces to match the desired needs of a specific biomedical application. Glow discharge plasma polymerization has historically been used to create uniform thin polymer films that are strongly bond to surfaces. In this research, we explore ARGET ATRP surface initiators that were prepared using a novel, robust and easy synthesis method using plasma polymerization of haloesters, specifically: methyl-3-bromopropionate (M3BP), methyl-2-chloropropionate (M2CP), and ethyl-2-fluoropropionate (E2FP). Once prepared, we used the plasma polymerized haloester surface as a surface initiator for SI ARGET ATRP synthesis of HEMA as proof of concept.

Methods: Cleaned glass discs were Ar etched (40W for 10 min), followed by a CH4 layer (80W for 5 min). The monomer of choice—M3BP, M2CP or E2FP—was introduced into the reactor and plasma deposition was carried out at 150mT pressure; 80W for 1 min (adhesion), 10W for 10 mins (deposition). Plasma-treated samples were washed in methanol and ESCA was used to assess coating composition before and after washing. To grow HEMA brushes on plasma polymerized haloester surfaces, a solution prepared from HEMA, methanol, CuBr2/TPMA, and L-ascorbic acid was pipetted onto the plasma polymerized substrates and allowed to polymerize for 5, 15, 30, 60 and 120mins. ESCA, TofSIMS and ellipsometry were used to analyze the surfaces after ARGET ATRP of HEMA. Clean glass discs were used as negative controls.

Results and Conclusions: RF glow discharge plasma is a robust technique that is able to create a surface coatings that is rich in halogen species and does not delaminates; hence it can be used as a surface initiator for ARGET ATRP. Of all plasma polymerized surface coatings, M3BP showed the highest halogen content and was able to grow HEMA polymer brushes on its surface via ARGET ATRP in as fast as 15 mins. Surprisingly, E2FP, a fluoroester, was also able to grow HEMA polymer brushes despite fluorine being a poor leaving group for ARGET ATRP. The versatility of RF glow discharge plasma offers a clear advantage over other techniques previously used to deposit ARGET ATRP surface initiators.

9:20am PS-ThM-5 Practical Applications of Plasmas in Microelectronics, David Ruzic, E Barlaz, J Mettler, G Panici, D Qerimi, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign INVITED

After presenting a brief overview of the uses of plasmas to make microelectronics, the talk will focus in on metal surface wave plasmas (MSWP). These plasmas have characteristics which make them ideal for many applications. They are microwave driven, and can be launched from a number of antenna or window-like structures. If the plasma density is above cut-off, the waves are completely absorbed in the plasma sheath, spreading out along the surfaces adjacent to the launcher. In this way, a plasma can be made which hugs surfaces. This is ideal for processing of that surface. For instance, when trying to etch Sn from an EUV mirror, making a H plasma right along the mirror surface creates the active radicals which do the etching directly where they are needed.

There is a second advantage of MSWP for processing. While the first couple of mm near the surface are immersed in a higher temperature (4 eV) and density (1e12 cm⁻³) plasma, the region many cm above the surface contains a cold (1 eV) plasma which is still fairly dense (1e11 cm⁻³). The two distinct plasma regions created by the same source can be quite useful. If one wants to "crack' the gas used for atomic-layer processing, pass it through the surface and the dense plasma. If the desire is to not break up the molecules, inject it down stream. The advantages of having a plasma in contact with the substrate are retained in both cases. This talk will show examples of using such plasmas for both etching and deposition.

10:20am PS-ThM-8 From Atomic- to macro- via Nano-scales: Plasma and Ion Effects in Surface Structuring, Kostya (Ken) Ostrikov, Queensland University of Technology, Australia INVITED

This presentation critically examines the effects of ions and plasmas on the formation of thin films, microscopic and nanoscale structures on the surface. Nanoscale localization of energy and matter plays a critical role in the mechanisms of ion/plasma-surface interactions that lead to the surface structuring. Examples of localization of energy and matter and plasmaspecific effects in nanoscales creates specific and unique conditions not common at larger scales. Importantly, the effects of interactions of ions and other species at atomic scales (e.g., atomic bond scission, vacancy or defect creation or elimination) are intimately related to self-organization and texturing of the surface features and nanostructures at nanoscale and microscopic scales. One typical example is the formation of self-organized arrays of nanostructures on plasma exposed surfaces. Specific driving forces that lead to the creation of the textures and structures owe to the unique features of the plasma environment, prominently related to charges, electric fields, as well as mobility and reactivity of plasmagenerated species. Another example is the possibility to manipulate atomic bonds in nanoporous materials to control nanopore sizes and modify the plasticity of solid materials. In particular, anodized aluminium oxide (AAO) which is normally brittle under normal conditions, can become superplastic subjected to irradiation by energetic ion beams. Examples are provided where interactions at the plasma interface lead to interesting synergistic effects. These interactions lead to several applications in nanoscale synthesis, fabrication and processing, catalytic gas conversion and biomass reforming, new sustainable industrial processes based on green chemistry. Selected examples are related to plasma-catalysis, sustainable, greenchemistry based nanomaterials and chemical processing, as well as exotic high-energy-density physical effects during nano-plasma generation using intense radiation.

11:00am PS-ThM-10 Atmospheric Plasma Synthesis of Nanoparticulates at Low Temperature and Roll-to-Roll Binder-Free Coating on Polyethylene Separator for Lithium Ion Battery with Improved Performances, *Jing Zhang*, Donghua University, China

The roll-to-roll atmospheric pressure plasma synthesis and coating of nanoparticulates at low temperature is the most prominent green technique to fabricate thin film on polymer substrates. It can provide a unique environment for chemical reactions and film growth, which is distinct from the ordinary condensed chemical reaction driven by single hot source. All the reactions are far from chemical equilibrium and take place at low gas temperature. Its vital role have been more and more recongnized in flexible fiber optoelectronic/electronic devices, intelligent wearable technology, lightweight fiber compositese and organic/inorganic functional composite membrane etc..

In the present study, different kinds of non-thermal reactive plasmas of HMDSO/Ar/O2 and TiCl4/Ar/O2 have applied to obtain stable discharge at atmospheric pressure and low temperature. The gas phase dissociation and nucleation process, combination of discharge modes, plasma parameter

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influences on the TiO2 and SiOxCyHz films have been investigated by optical emission spectrum(OES), field scanning electron microscope (FESEM), X-ray diffraction (XRD), high resolution transmission electron microscopy (HRTEM) and selected area electron diffraction (SAED) etc.. P olyethylene (PE) separator for lithium-ion batteries has been tested to move through a home-made roll to roll plasma reactor and a thin film composed of well limited nanoparticulates (average size is around 100 nm) is directly deposited on its top and internal fiber surface. The nanoparticulates are tightly bound on porous PE separator top and inner surface without any other organic binders. The coated PE separator exhibits improved thermal stability, wettability to electrolyte and electrolyte uptake. LiFePO4 cells assembled with the coated PE separator display better conductivity and cycling performance. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first report on atmospheric plasma roll to roll coating of nanoparticulate film on polyolefin separators for LIBs compatible with its present online manufacture process.

11:20am **PS-ThM-11 Thermo-Corrosive and Mechanical Properties of ZrO₂ based Thermal Barrier Coatings**, *Byung-Koog Jang*, Kyushu University; *H Kim*, Korea Institute of Ceramic Engineering and Technology

Thermal barrier coatings (TBCs) have received a large attention because they increase the thermal efficiency of gas turbine engines by increasing the gas turbine inlet temperature and reducing the amount of cooling air required for the hot section components. Electron beam-physical vapor deposition (EB-PVD) or plasma spray coatings is a widely used technique for depositing thermal barrier coatings (TBCs) on metal substrates for high temperature applications, such as gas turbines, in order to improve the thermal efficiency. High temperature capability of TBCs used in a gas turbine is often degraded by deposits of calcium-magnesium-aluminosilicate (CMAS). The CMAS melts are produced when siliceous minerals (volcanic ash, dust and sand) are ingested with the intake air and deposited on the hot surface of TBCs.

This work describes the thermal conductivity and corrosive properties of 2^{8} mol%Y₂O₃-stabilized ZrO₂ (YSZ) coatings by EB-PVD and plasma sprayed coatings. The hot corrosion between YSZ coatings and volcanic ash was examined by isothermal heating at 1200°C in air between 10 min and 100hrs. The thickness of corrosive region at top surface of TBCs by the reaction between YSZ coating and volcanic ash was increased with increasing the oxidation time. In addition, the mechanical properties of YSZ TBCs were evaluated by nano indentation.

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