

# Electrical and Optical Properties of P-type Amorphous Oxide Semiconductor Mg:ZnCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> Thin-Film

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Oxide semiconductors are attractive materials for thin-film electronics and optoelectronics due to compatibility with synthesis on large-area, glass and flexible substrate. However, development of thin-film electronics has been hampered by the limited number of semiconducting oxides that are p-type. We report on the effect of the oxygen partial pressure ratio in the gas mixture on the electrical and optical properties of spinel Mg:ZnCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> thin films deposited at room temperature using RF sputtering, that exhibit p-type conduction. The thin-films are deposited at room temperature in a background of oxygen using a polycrystalline Mg:ZnCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> ablation target. The p-type conduction is confirmed by positive Seebeck coefficient and positive Hall coefficient. The electrical resistivity and carrier concentration in on dependent Mg:ZnCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> thin films were found to be dependent on the oxygen partial pressure ratio. As a result, it is revealed that the Mg:ZnCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> thin-films were greatly influenced on the electrical and optical properties by the oxygen partial pressure condition. The visible region of the spectrum of 36~85%, and hole mobility of 1.1~3.7 cm<sup>2</sup>/Vs, were obtained.

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