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Abstract

In the present investigation three distinct silicon thin films designated as (i) amorphous silicon, a-Si:H (ii) mixed structure consisting of small crystallites of silicon embedded in amorphous matrix, a-Si:H/nc-Si:H & (iii) mixed structure of larger crystallites embedded in amorphous matrix, a-Si:H/ μ c-Si:H has been chosen to perform the study of morphology, optical and electrical characteristics. These films were deposited using 60 MHz assisted VHF (Very High Frequency) plasma enhanced chemical vapor deposition (PECVD) process at different argon dilution (f_{Ar}) of 10%, 60% and 80%, respectively in silane gas. The micro-

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