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Abstract

We developed a simple room-temperature synthetic route that achieves well-crystallized $\text{Pb}_{100-x}\text{Ag}_x\text{Se}$ alloy thin films by chemical bath deposition (CBD). The strategy provides a new paradigm to synthesize Ag doped PbSe thin films in one-step. We show that uniform distributed $\text{Pb}_{100-x}\text{Ag}_x\text{Se}$ thin films can be produced, whose crystal structure, morphology, and optical properties could be tailored with Ag concentration. With increasing x , both the shape and size of crystals are changing. Besides, the growth mechanism transits from cluster to ion by ion (IBI). The optical band gap (E_g) of the thin films is found to linearly increase with x values, from 0.26 eV to 0.31 eV. The density of states (DOS) and energy band structure of $\text{Pb}_{100-x}\text{Ag}_x\text{Se}$ are calculated using the first principle method. The calculation shows that Se 4p

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