## Effect of deposition temperature on chemical and optical properties of amorphous carbon nitride films

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The amorphous carbon nitride(a–CN) films which were excellent mechanical properties would be similar to the crystalline diamond, or more. The a–CN films were grown on Si(100) by plasma enhanced chemical vapor deposition using methane(CH<sub>4</sub>)–nitrogen(N<sub>2</sub>) mixture. A systematic study was done to check the effect of deposition temperature on chemical and optical properties of the a–CN films. Due to upward thermal convection from the substrate surface at a higher temperature, the thickness of a–CN films was decreased with increasing the deposition temperature which was confirmed by FESEM. In FT–IR analysis, various absorption bands were observed. The presence of C–N (1100 cm<sup>-1</sup>), C=N (1600~1700 cm<sup>-1</sup>), C–H (2700~2900 cm<sup>-1</sup>), and N–H (3200~3500 cm<sup>-1</sup>) bonds were shown in all the cases. Especially, the C=N (2100~2200 cm<sup>-1</sup>) bond was obtained in the samples grown at 100 °C. To check the reflectivity of the a–CN films, the electrophotometer was used. The main peak of photoluminescence (PL) was shown at 2.0 ~ 3.7 eV. It seems to contain three emission peaks at approximately 2.1, 2.2 and 2.4 eV, respectively.