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Plan for the Lecture

Build and Destroy!

Dichalcogenoimidodiphosphinates

•PbS

•New Composites-Utility?



Low-pressure CVD





Dichalcogenoimidodiphosphinate Ligands



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Synthesis of precursors



cobalt(II) and nickel(II) iminobis (diisopropyl phosphine chalcogenide)

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SEM of cobalt selenide and cobalt phosphide films

CoSe₂ - 475 °C AACVD



CoSe₂ - 425 °C AACVD

Summary of CVD studies of M[^{*i*}Pr₂P(Se)NP(S)^{*i*}Pr₂]₂





Pyrolysis GC-MS studies of Co[^{*i*}Pr₂P(Se)NP(S)^{*i*}Pr₂]₂





M = Cd(1), X = I; M = Hg(2), X = Cl, tmeda = tetramethylethanediamine



Fig. 1 Thermal ellipsoid plot (30% probability) of the structure of 2a (M = Zn), 2b (M = Cd) and 2c (M = Hg). Hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity.

Synthesis and structures of M[N(TePPrⁱ₂)₂-*Te*,*Te'*]_{*n*} (n = 2, M = Zn, Cd, Hg; n = 3, M = Sb, Bi): the first ditelluroimidodiphosphinato p- and d-block metal complexes

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AACVD studies of Sb[(TePⁱPr₂)₂N]₃

• pXRD of rhombohedral Sb_2Te_3 thin films at 475 °C with a dynamic argon flow rate of 240 sccm.



S. S. Garje, D. J. Eisler, J. S. Ritch, M. Afzaal, P. O'Brien, and T. Chivers, J. Am. Chem. Soc, 2006, 128, 3120.



SOFT HYDROTHERMAL ROUTE



*****Standard pressure-cooker

*****Soft conditions allowing:

► Very low amount of waste

➢ Highly crystalline particles

In a typical experiment, an aqueous suspension containing the precursor metal complex and the surfactant was prepared.

Decomposition of the precursor was achieved using a household pressure-cooker.



INTRODUCTION

Strong quantum confinement effect

Exciton Bohr Radius: $\alpha_{\rm B}$ =20nm

Bulk band gap: Eg=0.41eV

Wide range of applications

<u>Telecommunication and biological applications</u>: NIR luminescence (1300– 1550 nm and 700–900 nm)

<u>Optical switching and photonic devices:</u> NLO behavior within the confinement regime is expected to be significantly greater than for II–VI materials

PREVIOUS WORK

Single Source Precursor

Pb(S₂CNEtPrⁱ)₂ in TOPO



O'Brien et al., J. Mater. Chem. 1997

 $Pb(S_2CNEt_2)_2$ in phenyl ether and dodecanethiol



Sheon et al., J.Am Chem.Soc. 2002

Solvothermal/Hydrothermal



M.-s. Mo et al. Journal of Crystal Growth 2002



Wang et al. J. Phys. Chem. 2006



Komarneni et al., Nanotechnology 2006



The precursors chosen in this work (**A**: $[2,2' \text{ bipy-}(Pb(SC(O)(C_6H_5)_2)];$ **B**: $[Pb(S_2(P(C_6H_5)_2)_2N)]);$ **C**: $[2,2'-\text{bipy}(Cd(SC(O)(C_6H_5)_2)])$

TEM images obtained for PbS nanocrystals grown using precursor A (a-g) and B (h-l)







Increased reaction time

Representative powder XRD of PbS nanocrystallites

Chem. Comm. 2006, 4709-4711





PbS rods, bipods and tripods









Bernau, O'Brien, Smyth-Boyle, Chemical Communication 2006 on web

ELECTRON BEAM INDUCED RIPENING PROCESS













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