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1. 概要(Summary)

Opal photonic crystals are promising materials for applications in optoelectronics and photonic devices due to their optical functionalities and the tunability of photonic stop band in a wide wavelength region. In the present study, we have fabricated a nanostructured photoelectrode with titania inversed opal photonic crystals whose photonic stop band existing in visible wavelength region by utilizing atomic layer deposition.

2. 実験(Experimental)

・Apparatus

Atomic layer deposition (SUNALE-R, Picosun), FE-SEM (JSM-6700FT, JEOL)

・Method

Polystyrene (PS) opal photonic crystals were formed on a glass substrate. PS spheres (diameter: 283 nm, Sekisui) dispersed in an aqueous solution were dropped on the substrate and dried at 50°C. The opal structure is used as a template for fabricating inversed photonic crystals. Then, titanium dioxide (TiO₂) were deposited on the PS opal photonic crystals by using atomic layer deposition (ALD) technique at 80°C with various thicknesses of 20-40 nm. PS beads were removed by heating at 500°C.

3. 結果と考察(Results and Discussion)

The typical SEM images of TiO₂ inversed opal nanostructures are shown in Fig. 1. We have successfully fabricated inversed opal structures with face-centered cubic structure. The thickness of the inversed structure is estimated to be several micrometer (around 10 periodic layers). Reflection spectra of the TiO₂ inversed opal structures with a different thickness were shown in Fig. 2. We have confirmed wavelength tunability of photonic stop band by controlling the thickness. The nanostructure can

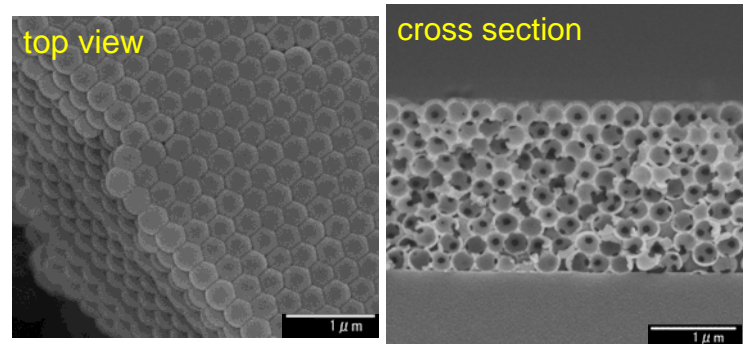


Fig. 1 SEM images of inverse TiO₂ opal photonic crystals.

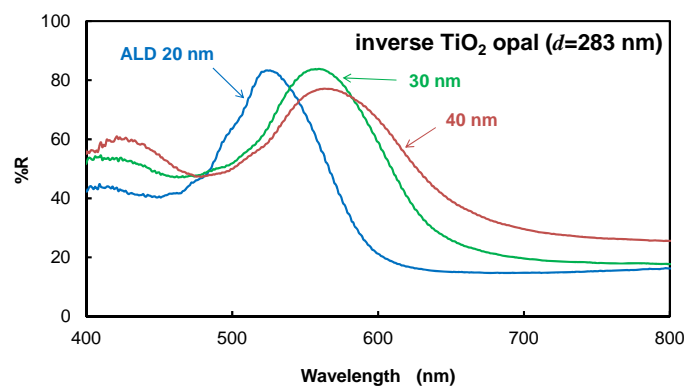


Fig. 2 Reflectance spectra of inverse TiO₂ opal photonic crystals at various deposition thickness of TiO₂.

be applied to the TiO₂ photoelectrode having optical functionality. In the future, gold nanoparticles will be loaded on the TiO₂ surface to make a plasmon-enhanced water splitting system, expecting the synergy effect of photonic stop band and plasmonic light confinement.

4. その他・特記事項(Others)

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5. 論文・学会発表(Publication/Presentation)

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6. 関連特許(Patent)

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