

Contribution à l'étude des composés FeSe₂

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Abstract : Iron diselenide (FeSe₂) is an interesting p-type semiconductor with a band gap of 1 eV suitable for solar cell applications. Iron diselenide (FeSe₂) composite thin films have been deposited at vacuum on glass substrates by thermal evaporation technique from powder. This later was prepared by mechanical alloying of iron (Fe: 99.98 % purity) and selenium (Se : 99.99 purity) as a function of time milling. The deposition of FeSe₂ thin films on glass substrate with dimension 20 mm x10 mm. The structural evolution of a binary alloy with nominal composition FeSe₂ prepared by ball milling was investigated as a function of milling time. The structural properties of the powders and the films were ascertained by x-ray diffraction method. The XRD patterns showed that for milling times up to 3 h, the FeSe₂ phase is formed and appearance of Fe and FeSe. On the other hand the analysis of the films shown clearly the existence of FeSe₂ with a preferential orientation according to the plan (110). The band gap E_g , estimated from optical absorption data, was between (0.8 – 1.01) eV, depending on preparation conditions such as substrate temperature. High optical absorption coefficients ($> 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ in the visible) were found. Electrical resistivity measurements show that conductivity could be analyzed in term of thermoionic emission (Seto's model) at high temperature.

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