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The titanium nitride (TiN) is an interesting material for plasmonic dispositive and metasurfaces. It can replace gold and silver in visible and near infrared spectral regions. Furthermore, due to its high thermal, chemical and mechanical stability the titanium nitride is interesting for applications where gold and silver are not stable.

The TiN can be obtained thanks to a lot of different physical techniques such as the physical vapor deposition (PVD) or the ammonolysis of titanium oxide (TiO₂). Regarding the ammonolysis, the TiO₂ layer need to react with ammonia gas at high temperature (more than 800°C) for several hours which hinder its industrial deployment.

In this presentation, the authors will present a promising alternative for the elaboration of titanium nitride thin films using a rapid thermal nitridation process (RTN) (figure 1). This technique consists in the substitution of oxygen of the TiO2 by the addition of nitrogen under infrared flash of halogen light in a chamber containing ammonia [1-2]. This process is guick and allows to consider the industrial deployment. Nitridated layers have been characterized by X-ray diffraction, Raman spectroscopy, Transmission electronic microscopy (TEM and STEM), Electron Energy Loss spectroscopy (EELS). The optical and electrical properties will be presented as well. A plasmonic application will be presented.

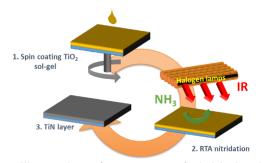


Figure 1. Illustration of a process of nitridation by RTN

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