

Solar Energy South Africa

Gallium Nitride Solar Power Generation



Overview

One of the primary reasons that large number, multi-band gap solar cells are not in widespread use is the difficulty in finding appropriate multiple band gap materials that are able to both function and be compatible during deposition due to lattice mismatch parameters. This has in part been overcome using.

Research into using $\text{In}_x \text{Ga}_{1-x} \text{N}$ as an absorber in solar cells is still in its early stages, although a diverse collection of PV device structures has.

As a member of the III-nitride alloy semiconductor group, $\text{In}_x \text{Ga}_{1-x} \text{N}$ possesses good optoelectronic properties that make it in theory well suited for thin-film multi-junction solar cells.[63,64] $\text{In}_x \text{Ga}_{1-x} \text{N}$ is a direct band.

In addition to band gap engineering from In concentration in $\text{In}_x \text{Ga}_{1-x} \text{N}$ materials, $\text{In}_x \text{Ga}_{1-x} \text{N}$ is also capable of being deposited with advanced microstructures, which enable optical enhancement within the absorber layer itself.

Can gallium nitride based materials be used for full-color solar cells?

Researchers working on renewable energy resources have focused on gallium-nitride (GaN) based-materials, which have big potential for full-color solar cells and LEDs. Among their limitations, however, has been the poor efficiency of long-wavelength devices, known as the green gap problem.

What is indium gallium nitride?

Indium gallium nitride ($\text{In}_x \text{Ga}_{1-x} \text{N}$) has a variable band gap from 0.7 to 3.4 eV that covers nearly the whole solar spectrum. In addition, $\text{In}_x \text{Ga}_{1-x} \text{N}$ can be viewed as an ideal candidate PV material for both this potential band gap engineering and microstructural engineering in nanocolumns that offer optical enhancement.

Can gallium nitride be used as an electron transport layer?

To serve as an electron transport layer (ETL) or a buffer layer for the third-generation solar cells, a compact and uniform gallium nitride (GaN) thin layer with suitable energy level is needed. Meanwhile, it is also meaningful to

explore its low-temperature deposition especially on transparent electrodes.

Is indium gallium nitride a suitable material for multi-junction cells?

Indium gallium nitride ($\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}$) is an ideal material candidate with theoretic efficiencies over 60 pct for multi-junction cells as its range of band gaps covers the solar spectrum: about 0.7 eV for InN [8 – 15] to 3.4 eV for GaN [16 – 26] depending on the relative indium content, x .

What is gallium nitride (GaN)?

1. Introduction As one of the Group-III nitride semiconductors, gallium nitride (GaN) has been widely applied to light-emitting diodes, laser diodes and transistors due to its advantages of wide bandgap (~ 3.4 eV), high thermal conductivity and excellent chemistry stability [, , , , ,].

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