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Abstract

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- 8 A series of copper sulfide (Cu₇S₄) nanowire arrays were prepared via a solid-gas reaction on Si and
- 9 indium tin oxide (ITO)-coated glass substrates. The characterization of the Cu₇S₄ nanowire arrays was
- performed using scanning electron microscopy, X-ray diffraction, transmission electron microscopy,
- and diffuse reflectance spectroscopy. The nanowires on the Si wafer were orthorhombic and
- 12 monoclinic Cu₇S₄, which were thin and straight, whereas the nanowires on ITO-coated glass were
- monoclinic Cu₇S₄, had a bigger diameter, and were bent. Although the average light absorption of
- 14 Cu₇S₄ nanowire arrays on Si and ITO-coated glass substrates is lower than that of the Cu₂S nanowire
- arrays grown directly on Cu foil, the light absorption of the nanowire arrays on the Si and ITO-coated
- 16 glass substrates remains high (59% and 84%, respectively) across a wide range of wavelengths. The
- 17 light absorption and composition of the nanowire arrays can be adjusted by changing the thickness of
- 18 the precursor Cu film. Our results demonstrate that copper sulfide nanowire arrays could potentially be
- applied in photovoltaics.
- 20 Keywords: Copper sulfide nanowire arrays; synthesis; solid-gas reaction; light absorption

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