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### Highlights

- An in situ nitridation of the  $In_2O_3(111)$  substrate converts the surface of  $In_2O_3(111)$  to  $InN\{0001\}$ .
- $\bullet$  The morphology of InN films deposited on such nitridated In<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>(111) substrates is characteristic for growth by instable step-flow contrary to the three-dimensional growth obtained without nitridation.
- This different morphology is demonstrated to be a consequence of the different polarity of the InN films.
- The polarity of InN films grown on  $In_2O_3(111)$  can be controlled.

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