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ABSTRACT:

An optimization of CdS chemical deposition process is presented in order to fabricate high quality CdS

buffer layer for high-performance CIGS thin film solar cells. It is found that the heterogeneous and

homogeneous reaction can be regulated conveniently by changing the concentration of cadmium acetate. No

obvious large CdS particles on the surface of CdS film can be observed due to the dominant heterogeneous

reaction and suppressed homogeneous precipitation under the suitable concentration of cadmium acetate. The

device with CdS buffer layer deposited at 0.052 M cadmium acetate shows the best efficiency of 11.42%. The

performance of the device can be further improved by post-annealing treatment in air. An improved champion

efficiency of 12.57% is achieved at the annealing temperature of 180 °C.

Keywords: CdS buffer layer; Cu(In,Ga)Se₂; Raman; Annealing treatment; Thin films.

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