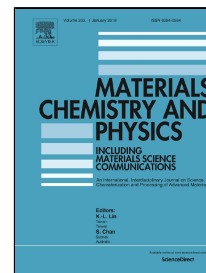


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Abstract

We synthesized $\text{Cu}_2\text{ZnSnS}_4$ (CZTS) thin films on soda lime glass substrates using pulsed laser deposition. Deposition parameters and sputtering target compositions were varied in order to optimize the composition and morphology of the CZTS films. At room temperature, films deposited using a sputtering target composition of $\text{Cu}_{1.90}\text{Zn}_{1.20}\text{Sn}_{1.00}\text{S}_{4.25}$, consisting of the nominally desired metal ratios and excess sulfur, were found to be heavily Sn-rich and S-deficient.

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