

# Sodium Control in Ultrathin Cu(In,Ga)Se<sub>2</sub> Solar Cells on Transparent Back Contact for Efficiencies beyond 12%

Yong Li<sup>a</sup>, Guanchao Yin<sup>b\*</sup>, Yao Gao<sup>a</sup>, Tristan Köhler<sup>a</sup>, Jan Lucaßen<sup>a</sup>, Martina Schmid<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Department of Physics, University of Duisburg-Essen & CENIDE, Lotharstraße 1, 47057 Duisburg, Germany

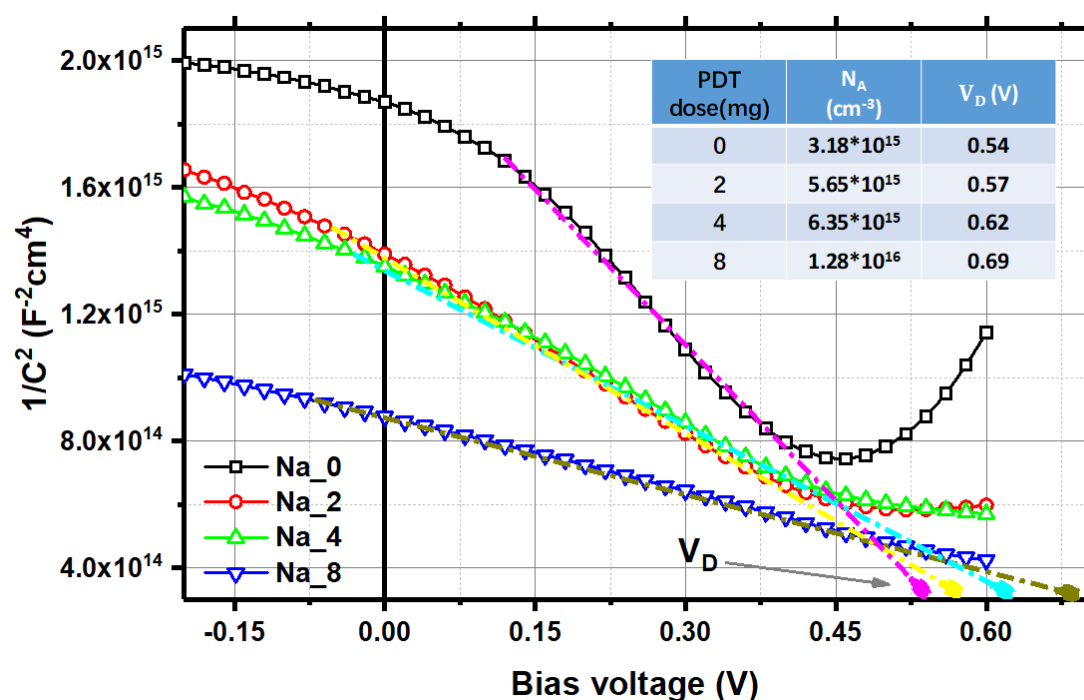
<sup>b</sup>School of Materials Science and Engineering, Wuhan University of Technology, Luoshi Road 122, 430070 Wuhan, China

\*Corresponding author. School of Materials Science and Engineering, Wuhan

University of Technology, Luoshi Road 122, 430070 Wuhan, China.

E-mail address: [guanchao.yin@whut.edu.cn](mailto:guanchao.yin@whut.edu.cn) (G. Yin)

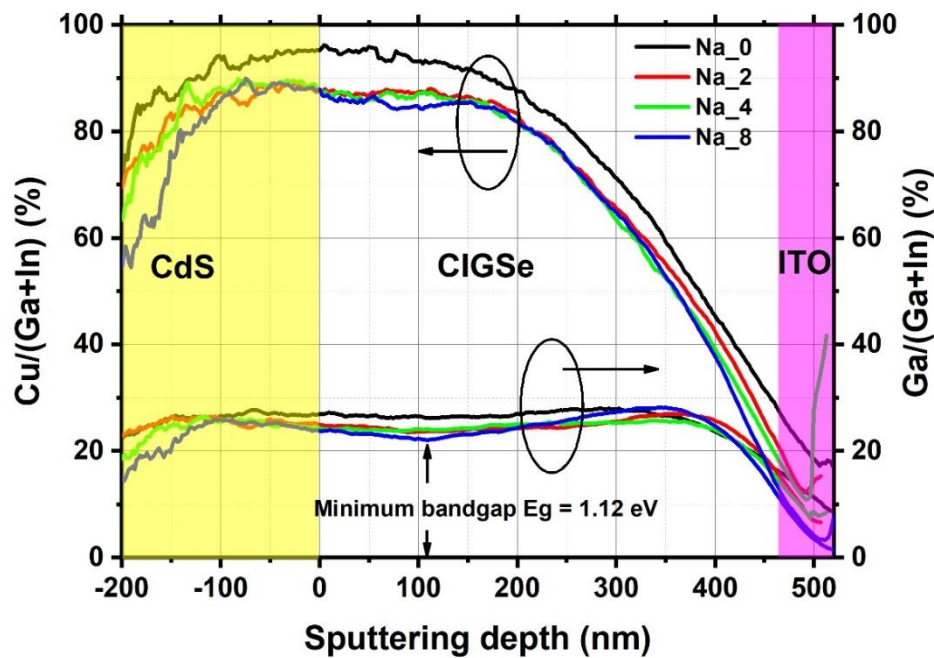
Keywords: semi-transparent, ultrathin Cu(In,Ga)Se<sub>2</sub> (CIGSe) solar cell, post deposition treatment (PDT), sodium (Na) control, Schottky contact



**Figure S1:** Mott-Schottky plot.  $N_A$  can be extracted via the slope of the linear fit, and the contact potential difference  $V_D$  as the intercept with the x-axis [1].

S2: SCAPS simulation model

The model is made of three layers, which are ZnO/CdS/CIGSe from top to bottom. The corresponding thicknesses are 300, 50 and 500 nm, respectively. To create a back Ga grading towards the back contact, the CIGSe layer was artificially divided into two sub-layers. The front one (close to CdS) has a thickness of 50 nm and a bandgap of 1.2 eV. The back one (close to the back contact) has a thickness of 450 nm and a bandgap grading from 1.2 to 1.5 eV. The absorber has a doping concentration of  $4 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ . A back barrier potential of 0.4 eV is fixed for setting a Schottky contact. The back recombination velocity varies from  $1 \times 10^3$  to  $1 \times 10^7 \text{ cm/s}$ . To make the model simple, only the recombination at the back interface is considered. The definition file can be obtained from the authors.



**Figure S3:** Cu/(Ga+In) ratio and Ga/(Ga+In) ratio depth distribution of  $\text{CuIn}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{Se}_2$ , obtained by GD-OES. For the calculation of minimum band gap  $E_g = 1 + 0.564 x + 0.116 x^2$  was used [2].

## References

- [1] S.M. Sze, K.K. Ng, Physics of semiconductor devices, John Wiley & Sons, Hoboken, New Jersey. Published simultaneously in Canada., 2007.
- [2] S. Ishizuka, K. Sakurai, A. Yamada, H. Shibata, K. Matsubara, M. Yonemura, S. Nakamura, H. Nakanishi, T. Kojima, S. Niki, Progress in the Efficiency of Wide-Gap  $\text{Cu}(\text{In}_{1-x}\text{Ga}_x)\text{Se}_2$  Solar Cells Using CIGSe Layers Grown in Water Vapor, Jpn. J. Appl. Phys., 44 (2005) L679–L682.

