

Charge Transfer across a ZnO/Electrolyte Interface Induced by Sub-Bandgap Illumination

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Abstract : The role of interfacial band gap states in sub-bandgap photoinduced electron transfer across a ZnO/electrolyte junction has been analyzed using time-resolved photocurrent measurements in the millisecond regime. The crystallographic structure and morphology of ZnO samples were characterized using XRD and SEM measurements. A kinetic model for charge carrier transport at the ZnO/electrolyte interface based on the intermediacy of the surface states was developed, and the rate equations were analytically solved. A theoretical simulation of the intensity-dependent photocurrent transients was also conducted. Based on an analysis of the experimental data and theoretical predictions, the density of the surface states was determined to be $3.110^{13} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ and the capture cross section was $1.5 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^2$. The obtained experimental results are consistent with the developed kinetic model based on a surface-state mediated charge transfer mechanism.

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