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Abstract:Solar cells based on ZnO nanorods with thin In<inf>2</inf>S<inf>3</inf> shells have recently shown promising solar conversion efficiencies. Using optical-pump terahertz-probe (OPTP) spectroscopy, the charge separation across ZnO/In<inf>2</inf>S<inf>3</inf> interfaces is analyzed for ZnO nanorods with systematically varied In<inf>2</inf>S<inf>3</inf> absorber thicknesses, measuring transient photoconductivities with subpicosecond time resolution. Whereas for neat In<inf>2</inf>S<inf>3</inf> films the photoconductivity is dominated by fast multiple trapping and second order recombination, the ZnO/In<inf>2</inf>S<inf>3</inf> heterostructures exhibit slow electron injection dynamics occurring within hundreds of picoseconds, and long-lived charge-separated states. The transient photoconductivity of the ZnO/In <inf>2</inf>S<inf>3</inf> core/shell system is analyzed with a correlated three component effective medium approach, yielding a significant decrease of the charge separation efficiency with increasing shell thickness. © 2011 American Chemical Society.

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