

## First Investigation on CZTS Electron affinity and Thickness Optimization using SILVACO-Atlas 2D Simulation

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**Abstract :** In this paper, we study the performance of  $\text{Cu}_2\text{ZnSnS}_4$  (CZTS) based solar cell. In our knowledge, it is for the first time that the FTO/ZnO:Co/CZTS structure is simulated using the SILVACO-Atlas 2D simulation.  $\text{Cu}_2\text{ZnSnS}_4$  (CZTS), ZnO:Co and FTO (SnO<sub>2</sub>:F) layers have been deposited on glass substrates by the spray pyrolysis technique. The extracted physical properties, such as thickness and optical parameters of CZTS layer, are considered to create a new input data of CZTS based solar cell. The optimization of CZTS electron affinity and thickness is performed to have the best FTO/ZnO: Co/CZTS efficiency. The use of CZTS absorber layer with 3.99 eV electron affinity and 3.2  $\mu\text{m}$  in thickness leads to the higher efficiency of 16.86 %, which is very important in the development of new technologies and new solar cell devices.

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