Tuning Energy Band-gap of Gallium Oxide Crystalline to Enhance Photoelectrochemical Water Splitting: Mixed-phase Junctions

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TABLE I: The calculated lattice constants of α -Ga₂O₃ and β -Ga₂O₃ with the energy cutoff of 520 eV.

	$\alpha - Ga_2O_3$	$\beta - Ga_2O_3$
	Calc.	Calc.
$a(\text{\AA})$	5.05	12.44
$b(\text{\AA})$		3.08
$c(\text{\AA})$	13.63	5.87
γ (degree)		103.8



Fig. 1: The total DOS of α -Ga₂O₃ and β -Ga₂O₃ by PBE.



Fig. 2: The total and projected DOS of per formula unit of α -Ga₂O₃ and β -Ga₂O₃ calculated by HSE06 functional. The conduction band are zoom in. The Fermi level is set to zero.



Fig. 3: The differences of PAC for the heterostructures (b-type) with the crystal axis angle(101°).



Fig. 4: The total DOS of periodic slab model of the heterostructures (\boldsymbol{a}) with the different crystal axis angles 95° (left) and 101° (right).



Fig. 5: The LDOS of periodic slab model of the heterostructures (a) with the different crystal axis angles 95°, (left) and 101° (right).



Fig. 6: The optical absorption curves of the mixed-phase and the two pure phases by PBE.



Fig. 7: The calculated energies of **b**-type heterostructures A1-B1 with different lengths and the most stable heterostructure with length 45.8Å. ($\phi = 101^{\circ}$)



Fig. 8: The total DOS of $b\text{-}{type}$ heterostructures A1-B1 with length 45.8 Å.($\phi=101^\circ)$



Fig. 9: The LDOSs of $b\text{-}\mathrm{type}$ heterostructures A1-B1 with length 45.8 Å.($\phi=101^\circ)$

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