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Structural studies on the phase stability of $\text{In}_{1-x}\text{Ga}_x\text{N}$ layers¹

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¹Optical and structural analysis of $\text{In}_{1-x}\text{Ga}_x\text{N}$ alloys grown by HPCVD.

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