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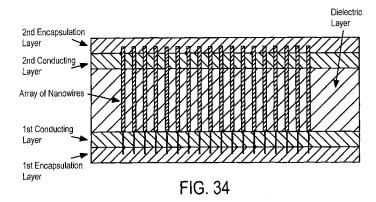
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(57) Abstract: Composite nanorod-based structures for generating electricity are disclosed. One embodiment is an article of manufacture that includes a first layer with an array of nano wires and a dielectric material. The nanowires include: a core semiconducting region with a first type of doping; a shell semiconducting region with a second type of doping; and a junction region between the core semiconducting region and the shell semiconducting region. The first type of doping is different from the second type of doping. The shell region length is less than the core region length. The shell semiconducting region surrounds a portion of the core semiconducting region over a length of the core semiconducting region corresponding to the junction region length. A second layer comprising a conducting material contacts the top surface of the first layer. A third layer comprising a conducting material contacts the bottom surface of the first layer.





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