X-ray diffraction and reflectometry in studies of crystals

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Bragg's law



Analytical tasks







Layer thickness

Chemical composition

Lattice relaxation



Defects and crystal size



Lateral structures

Laue camera (white beam)











Photon coherence





We add amplitudes $(\sin+\sin+\sin+...)^2$ We add intensities $(\sin^2+\sin^2+\sin^2+...)$

Lz 1.5 μm. Ly 0.5-5 μm Ly 10-100 nm!!!

History

1912- first observation of XRD: Max von Laue

1912- 1940- diffraction theory: W.L. Bragg, W.H. Bragg, R.W. James

1948- first diffractometer: Philips Anal.

1976- first personal computer: S. Wozniak and S. Jobs

Diffractometer



Primary beam

Goniometer head **Reflected beam**

X-ray tube



Synchrotron radiation



Monochromator





Goniometer head



Analyzers and detectors





Double axis, double crystal, rocking curve configuration Sensitive to mosaicity and lattice parameters variations



Rocking curve as a measure of GaN crystallographic quality



Always compare FWHM and intensities for various reflections (also asymmetrical ones), as well as different area illuminated with X-rays.



	С	0.023
	D	0.015

Small size of crystallites- additional peak broadening!!!

GaN crystal (dislocation density cm-2)	FWHM 00.2 (arc deg)	Intensity 00.2 (Mcps)	
A 2x10exp8	0.087	28	
B 8x10exp6	0.030	29	
С 1х10ехрб	0.038	30	
D 5x10exp4	0.015	32	
GaN crystal	FWHM 00.4	Intensity 00.4	
	(arc deg)	(Mcps)	
A	(arc deg) 0.081	(Mcps) 4	
A B	(arc deg) 0.081 0.029	(Mcps) 4 12	
A B C	(arc deg) 0.081 0.029 0.023	(Mcps) 4 12 15	

Mosaic structure of HP GaN crystals



Topografia kryształu GaN



Information from the rocking curves and topography

- Bu lk crystals(GaAs, Si, InP, i in.):
- i) mosaicity (dislocation density higher than 10^6 cm⁻²),
- ii) bowing,
- iii) off-orientation
- Epi wafers:
- i) thickness (+/- 2-5 A)
- ii) chemical composition of ternary compounds (+/-1%)





We are not able to see point defects in XRD- only their inhomogeneities (scale 0.1- $1 \ \mu m$)



Theory

Kinematical theory No rescattered radiation is taken into account

Dynamical theory Based on Maxwell radiation Commercial programs (for example, Epitaxy) for pefect epi-structures (only vertical changes)



Triple axis Sensitive to lattice parameters variations



10-fold InGaN/GaN



2theta/omega for InGaN layer on GaN/sapphire



AIGaN layers on different substrates



Ammono GaN substrate EPD 10⁴/ cm² 87% of AlGaN peak intensity

HVPE GaN substrate EPD 10⁷/ cm² 60%

GaN on sapphire EPD 10⁸/ cm² 35% Qualitative explanation why peaks from thin layers depend very strongly on crystallographic quality



Perfect crystal



Only small regions fulfill Bragg condition Thin layers have much smaller intensity

Example: Lattice expansion by freeelectrons GaAs



Example: Effect of implantation



Implantation at high temperature



GaN layers on sapphire implanted with Mg at different temperatures Only 800oC necessary

Example: 10-fold GaN/InGaN with indium fluctuations



Broadening of fringes InGaN QWs, QBs grown at different temperatures





730

830



Reciprocal lattice mapping



Reciprocal lattice maps



Streaks in reciprocal lattice mapping



Reciprocal lattice mapping







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Look out for Domagala's peaks (hybrid peaks)



Hybrid reciprocal lattice



Thin layers



Diffraction

Reflectivity

Reflectivity- surface roughness



Reflectivity- density



Reflectivity-layer thickness



60 nm Ni on Si

10 nm Au 60 nm Ni on Si

Surface diffraction (grazing incidence)



Polycrystalline materials



Bragg-Brentano configuration



Powder diffractogram



Diffraction from polycrystalline thin layers File name: NITI2.IDF, date and time: 15/11/2003 18:25:04 Counts



Incidence angle 0.2 deg

Penetration depth about

Incidence angle 0.6 deg

Penetration depth about

Ni

Au

Information from powder diffractometry

- Phase analysis
- Quantitative analysis (with standards, standardless)
- Grain size
- Strains

Guardando attraverso le particolari lenti, l'effetto ottico che ne risulta vi farà intravvedere... visioni insospettate. Guardandovi



le mani ne vedrete lo scheletro, osservando una persona ne scoprirete le fattezze sotto gli abiti. E045 - Occhiali a Raggi X L. 7.900