

## Temperature dependence of photocurrent for CdGa<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>4</sub> single crystal thin film grown by hot wall epitaxy

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Single crystal CdGa<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>4</sub> layers were grown on a thoroughly etched semi-insulating GaAs(100) substrate at 420 °C with the hot wall epitaxy (HWE) system by evaporating the polycrystal source of CdGa<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>4</sub> at 630 °C prepared from horizontal electric furnace. The crystalline structure of the single crystal thin films was investigated by the photoluminescence and double crystal X-ray diffraction (DCXD). The carrier density and mobility of single crystal CdGa<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>4</sub> thin films measured with Hall effect by van der Pauw method are  $8.27 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ,  $345 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}$  at 293K, respectively. The photocurrent and the absorption spectra of CdGa<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>4</sub> /SI(Semi-Insulated) GaAs(100) are measured ranging from 293 K to 10K. The temperature dependence of the energy band gap of the CdGa<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>4</sub> obtained from the absorption spectra was well described by the Varshni's relation,  $E_g(T) = 2.6400 \text{ eV} - (7.721 \times 10^{-4} \text{ eV/K})T^2/(T + 399 \text{ K})$ . Using the photocurrent spectra and the Hopfield quasicubic model, the crystal field energy( $\Delta_{cr}$ ) and the spin-orbit splitting energy( $\Delta_{so}$ ) for the valence band of the CdGa<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>4</sub> have been estimated to be 106.5 meV and 418.9 meV at 10 K, respectively. The three photocurrent peaks observed at 10 K are ascribed to the A1-, B1-, and C11-exciton peaks.

**Keywords:** CdGa<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>4</sub>, energy band gap, photocurrent spectrum, crystal field splitting energy, spin-orbit splitting energy

## Optoelectrical properties for CuAlSe<sub>2</sub> epilayers grown by using hot wall epitaxy method

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The CuAlSe<sub>2</sub>(112)/GaAs(100) heteroepitaxial layers were grown by the hot wall epitaxy (HWE) method. From the measurements of the Laue patterns and the double crystal X-ray diffraction, the CuAlSe<sub>2</sub> epilayer was confirmed to the epitaxially grown layer along the  $\langle 112 \rangle$  direction onto a GaAs (100) substrate. The Hall mobility and carrier density of the CuAlSe<sub>2</sub> epilayer at 293 K were estimated to be  $295 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$  and  $9.24 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ , respectively. This mobility is approximately one order higher than the reported value. From the temperature dependence of the Hall mobility, the scattering at a high temperature range was mainly due to the acoustic mode of lattice vibration. The scattering at a low temperature was the most pronounced range due to the impurity effect. From the low-temperature PL experiment, we observed the sharp and intensive free-exciton peak at 2.7918 eV. Also, this peak existed far more in the short-wavelength region than 2.739 eV of free exciton measured from the epilayer grown by the metalorganic chemical vapor deposition (MOCVD). Consequently, these facts indicate that the CuAlSe<sub>2</sub> epilayers grown by the HWE method are higher quality crystals than those grown by MOCVD or other methods.

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