



US005255070A

United States Patent [19]

[11] Patent Number: 5,255,070

Pollak et al.

[45] Date of Patent: Oct. 19, 1993

[54] METHOD FOR DETERMINING INTERFACE PROPERTIES OF SEMICONDUCTOR MATERIALS BY PHOTOREFLECTANCE

[76] Inventors: Fred H. Pollak, 531 Main St., New York, N.Y. 10044; Hong-En Shen, 7 Country Club Rd., Apt. 29, Eatontown, N.J. 07724; Gerald Lucovsky, 124 Lockwood West, Cary, N.C. 27511

[21] Appl. No.: 382,190

[22] Filed: Jul. 20, 1989

[51] Int. Cl.⁵ G01N 21/25

[52] U.S. Cl. 356/417; 356/432

[58] Field of Search 356/432 T, 319, 445, 356/432, 417

[56] References Cited

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

4,142,802	3/1979	Pollak et al.	356/319
4,807,991	2/1989	Carew	356/72
4,889,565	12/1989	Fan et al.	136/256

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Shen et al, "New Normalization Procedure for Modula-

tion Spectroscopy," Rev. Sci. Instrum. vol. 58, #8, Aug. 1987, pp. 1429-1432.

Glembocki et al, "Photoreflectance Characteristics of GaAs/AlGaAs Thin Films, Heterojunctions and Multiple Quantum Well Structures," SPIE, vol. 524, Spectroscopic Characterization Techniques for Semiconductor Technology II, 1985 pp. 86-94.

Photoelectrochemistry and Electrosynthesis on Semiconductor Materials, Ginley et al, vol. 88-14, pp. 468-476.

Primary Examiner—Davis L. Willis

Assistant Examiner—K. P. Hantis

Attorney, Agent, or Firm—Paul M. Craig, Jr.

[57] ABSTRACT

A method for determining information about properties at interfaces of semi-conductor materials in which a probe beam-monochromatic light is directed onto a material sample which is itself electromodulated by a modulated pump beam, whereby the light reflected from the sample is detected to produce a d.c. signal and an a.c. signal, and after normalizing the procedure, the shifts of energy gaps in the band gaps are evaluated to obtain information about at least one externally applied parameter crossing such shift.

4 Claims, 2 Drawing Sheets

