

Special Issue

Growth and Characteristics of Nitride Semiconductor Layers

Message from the Guest Editor

The present situation in electronic industry is half-jokingly described as “GaNification”. White LEDs are successfully replacing other lamps, and blue and green laser diodes (LDs) are used not only in CD players, but also in RGB (red, green, blue) projectors (in future also 3D). Nitride-based transistors are being implemented in radar systems, electric vehicles and photovoltaic cells. Besides those mass-markets, there are a number of other applications, such as atomic clocks, welding of gold and copper, and many others. In this pandemic, we all hope that deep UV (about 260 nm) LEDs will be widely used for sterilization and disinfection. However, if we compare knowledge on AlGaInN compounds to other compound semiconductors, one can show a number of blank areas, as these compounds are very difficult to be grown and to be examined. All nitride epi layers contain a very high density of defects which result from the low growth-temperatures and lattice mismatch between substrates and layers. This Special Issue has the aim of focussing on structural/morphological/optical/electrical properties of AlGaInN layers grown on various substrates.

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