

# Simulation of anticipated operation characteristics of designed constructions of broad-contact double-heterostructure (AlGa)As diode lasers.

## III. Quantum efficiencies and the thermal properties\*

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In this work, the third part of the model of broad-contact double-heterostructure (AlGa)As diode lasers is presented. The formulae given in this part enable us to determine the quantum efficiencies of the laser and the temperature increases within it .

### 1. Introduction

In two previous parts of the model of broad-contact double-heterostructure (AlGa)As diode lasers we have presented the formulae necessary for determining a threshold current and a coefficient of free-carrier absorption, respectively. In this part, we shall describe quantum efficiencies and thermal properties of the laser.

### 2. Internal quantum efficiencies

Internal quantum efficiencies of the spontaneous emission and of the lasing are given by:

$$\eta_{SP} = (1 + t_R/t_{NR})^{-1}, \quad (1)$$

$$\eta_i = \eta_H/(1 + t_R/t_{NR}), \quad (2)$$

respectively, where  $t_R$  and  $t_{NR}$  are the radiative and the nonradiative minority-carrier lifetimes, and  $\eta_H$  is the coefficient in which the influence of the internally circulating modes is taken into account. These modes produce no light at the laser facet.

### 3. Radiative lifetime

From the measurements of the radiative lifetime  $t_R$  in the p-GaAs performed by CASEY and STERN [1] and NELSON and SOBERS [2], it follows that a double logarithmic plot of  $t_R$  versus the hole concentration  $p$  is practically a straight line. Therefore the

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radiative lifetime in p-GaAs at room temperature may be presented in the following form:

$$t_{R,0} = 10^{-7}(p/10^{16})^{-0.75}, \text{ sec} \quad (3)$$

where  $p$  is taken in  $\text{cm}^{-3}$ .

GARBUZOV et al. [3], [4] have examined the temperature dependence of the minority-carrier lifetime for samples, the total lifetime of which is approximately equal to the radiative lifetime. The results of these measurements allowed us to formulate this dependence in a following form:

$$t_R(T)/tr(300 \text{ K}) = (T/300)^{R(x)} \quad (4)$$

where

$$R(x) = 1.58 + 2.5x. \quad (5)$$

The composition dependence of the radiative lifetime may, in turn, be determined from the Fig. 4.6.4. in [5]. In this figure, the fraction of electrons in the direct conduction band in the  $\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{As}$  material is shown as a function of its composition. The radiative lifetime  $t_R$ , being the inverse of a radiative transition probability  $P_R$ , may be written as

$$t_R = P_R^{-1} = (n_\Gamma + n_L + n_X)/n \quad (6)$$

where  $n_\Gamma$ ,  $n_L$  and  $n_X$  are the electron concentrations in the direct  $\Gamma$  and the indirect L and X conduction bands, respectively. The composition dependence of the radiative lifetime in  $\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{As}$  may be now expressed in the following form:

$$t_R(x)/t_R(0) = 1 + a_x \exp(b_x x) \quad (7)$$

where the  $a_x$  and the  $b_x$  parameters are listed in Table 1.

Table 1. Values of the  $a_x$  and the  $b_x$  parameters from Eq. (7)

Parameter	$x \leq 0.335$	$x \geq 0.335$
$a_x$	$1.019 \times 10^{-3}$	$7.341 \times 10^{-6}$
$b_x$	22.22	36.92

Taking together all the above relations, we may finally write the radiative lifetime  $t_R$  in a following form:

$$t_R(x, T, p) [\text{sec}] = 10^{-7}(p[\text{cm}^{-3}]/10^{16})^{0.75}(T/300)^{1.58+2.5x} [1 + a_x \exp(b_x x)]. \quad (8)$$

#### 4. Nonradiative lifetime

The nonradiative losses in the active layer may be lumped together in a single effective, nonradiative lifetime  $t_{NR}$  [6]

$$t_{NR}^{-1} = (t_{NR,B})^{-1} + 2s/d_A \quad (9)$$

where  $t_{NR,B}$  is the bulk non radiative lifetime,  $s$  is the recombination velocity at the interface of the heterostructure and  $d_A$  is the thickness of the active layer.

## 5. Bulk nonradiative lifetime

For relatively low carrier injection levels, the carrier distribution among the conduction band valleys follows the effective density of states  $N_C$  and  $N_{CX}$  (c.f. Eq. (31) in the first part of the work). Then the ratio of the radiative lifetime and the bulk nonradiative lifetime may be given by [7], [8]

$$t_R/r_{NR,B} = M(m_{EX}/m_{E\Gamma})^{3/2} \exp(E_{G\Gamma} - E_{GX})/k_B T \quad (10)$$

where  $k_B$  is the Boltzmann's constant,  $T$  is temperature,  $M$  is the number of equivalent indirect valleys (for (AlGa)As,  $M = 6$  [9]),  $m_{E\Gamma}$  and  $m_{EX}$  are the electron effective masses for the conduction bands  $\Gamma$  and X, respectively (see Eqs. (35) and (37) in the first part of the work), and  $E_{G\Gamma}$  and  $E_{GX}$  are the  $\Gamma$  and X energy gaps (see Eqs. (10) and (34). *ibid.*).

## 6. Interface recombination velocity

KRESSEL et al. [10], [11] have pointed out that the recombination velocity at the heterostructure interface is directly proportional to the relative lattice mismatch at the interface

$$s = 2 \times 10^7 \Delta a/a, \quad \text{cm/sec} \quad (11)$$

where  $a$  is the lattice constant of the active layer material and  $\Delta a$  is the difference in the lattice constants at the heterostructure interface.

NELSON and SOBERS [12] have proved that the above proportionality factor is overestimated being determined without taking account of the self-absorption effects. For example, from the measurements published by 't HOOFT and VAN OPDORP [13] it follows that for the LPE  $\text{Al}_{0.12}\text{Ga}_{0.88}\text{As}/\text{Al}_{0.47}\text{Ga}_{0.53}\text{As}$  heterostructure  $s$  is equal to only 1050 cm/sec at 300 K.

Table 2. Lattice constants  $a$  and thermal expansion coefficients  $\alpha_A$  of GaAs and AlAs

Material	$T$ [K]	$a$ [ $\text{\AA}$ ]	$\alpha_A$ [ $10^{-6} \text{K}^{-1}$ ]
GaAs	300	5.65325 [14], [15]	6.86 [16]
AlAs	273	5.6605 [15], [17]	5.20 [17]

On the basis of the data listed in Table 2, the  $\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{As}$  lattice constant (in Angstroms) reads as follows

$$a(x, T) = 5.65325 [1 + 1.424 \times 10^{-3}x + (6.86 - 1.66x) 10^{-6}(T - 300)], \quad (12)$$

and the difference in the lattice constant (also in Angstroms) may be expressed as

$$\Delta a(x, T) = [8.05 \times 10^{-3} - 1.66 \times 10^{-6}(T - 300)] \Delta x. \quad (13)$$

Finally, we may write the following relation for  $s$ :

$$s = 2.1 \times 10^6 (\Delta a/a) \quad \text{cm/sec} \quad (14)$$

## 7. Internally circulating modes

In broad-contact diode lasers, the influence of internally circulating modes on the device efficiency is significant. Unfortunately, we know only results of measurements performed by HENSHALL [18]. Based on these data, the  $\eta_H$  coefficient may be determined as follows

$$\eta_H = 0.67/0.90 = 0.74 \quad (15)$$

## 8. External differential quantum efficiency

We use the modified version of the expression given in [19] and derived later in [20], i.e.

$$\eta_D = \eta_i / (1 + \alpha_i / \alpha_{END}) \quad (16)$$

where  $\alpha_i$  and  $\alpha_{END}$  are the internal losses and the end losses, respectively (c.f. Eqs. (11) and (13) in the first part of the work). Owing to the operation in the strongly stimulated emission regime, the  $\eta_i$  value in (16) may be higher than that calculated in (2) but it does not exceed the  $\eta_H$  value.

## 9. Thermal resistances

Let us introduce the following thermal resistances

$$\theta_{T,i} = \Delta T_i / P_T, \quad i = A, P, N, C, T, S \quad (17)$$

where  $P_T$  is the total heat flux generated in a diode laser and  $\Delta T_i$  is the temperature increase in the centre of the  $i$ -th layer. The equivalent thermal model of the considered diode laser is shown in Fig.1.

Layer symbol	Layer number	Thermal conductivity	Function
S	6	$\lambda_G$	substrate
T	5	$\lambda_G$	transfer
N	4	$\lambda_B$	confinement
A	3	$\lambda_A$	active
P	2	$\lambda_B$	confinement
C	1	$\lambda_G$	capping
E	0	$\lambda_G$	contact & heat sink

Fig. 1. Simplified thermal model of a broad-contact double-heterostructure (AlGa)As diode laser

## 10. Thermal resistances of the heat sink and the contact

CARSLAW and JAEGER [21] have shown that for the rectangular ( $W \times L$ ) uniform heat source the mean spreading thermal resistance  $\theta_{HS}$  of the semi-infinite medium of the

thermal conductivity  $\lambda_{HS}$  is of the form

$$\theta_{HS} = (\lambda_{HS} \pi L^2 W^2)^{-1} \{ W^2 L \sinh^{-1}(L/W) + W L^2 \sinh^{-1}(WL) + (1/3) [W^3 + L^3 - (W^2 + L^2)^{3/2}] \} \quad (18)$$

where  $W$  and  $L$  are the width and the length of the laser crystal.

The thermal resistance of the contact consists of thermal resistances of individual contact layers connected in series, i.e.

$$\theta_{CON} = (1/LW) \sum_i (\delta_i / \lambda_i) \quad (19)$$

where  $\delta_i$  and  $\lambda_i$  are the thickness and thermal conductivity, respectively, of the  $i$ -th contact layer.

The thickness of a thermally equivalent GaAs layer (the E layer, i.e. the layer No. 0 in Fig. 1) the thermal resistance of which is equal to the sum of thermal resistances of laser heat sink and laser contact, is expressed by

$$d_E = LW \lambda_G (\theta_{HS} + \theta_{CON}). \quad (20)$$

## 11. Temperature increases

The temperature increases in the centres of the individual layer (see subscript) may be written in the following form

$$\Delta T_k = LW \sum_i^6 g_i d_i \theta_{ki} \quad \text{for } k = A, N, P, C, S, T \quad (21)$$

where  $g_i$ ,  $d_i$  and  $\theta_{ki}$  are listed in Tables 3 and 4.

Table 3.  $g_i$ ,  $d_i$  and  $\theta_{ki}$  values

$i$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
$g_i$	0	$g_{J,C} + g_{T,C}$	$g_{J,P}$	$g_A$	$g_{J,N}$	$g_{J,S} + g_{T,T}$	$g_{J,S}$
$d_i$	$d_E$	$d_C$	$d_P$	$d_A$	$d_N$	$d_T$	$d_S$
$\theta_{Ci}$	$\theta_E$	$\theta_C$	$\theta_C$	$\theta_C$	$\theta_C$	$\theta_C$	$\theta_C$
$\theta_{Pi}$	$\theta_E$	$\theta_C$	$\theta_P$	$\theta_P$	$\theta_P$	$\theta_P$	$\theta_P$
$\theta_{Ai}$	$\theta_E$	$\theta_C$	$\theta_P$	$\theta_A$	$\theta_A$	$\theta_A$	$\theta_A$
$\theta_{Ni}$	$\theta_E$	$\theta_C$	$\theta_P$	$\theta_A$	$\theta_A$	$\theta_N$	$\theta_N$
$\theta_{Ti}$	$\theta_E$	$\theta_C$	$\theta_P$	$\theta_A$	$\theta_N$	$\theta_T$	$\theta_T$
$\theta_{Si}$	$\theta_E$	$\theta_C$	$\theta_P$	$\theta_A$	$\theta_N$	$\theta_T$	$\theta_S$

Table 4.  $\theta_k$  values

$k$	$LW\theta_k$
E	$d_E/2\lambda_G$
C	$LW\theta_E + (d_E + d_C)/(2\lambda_G)$
P	$LW\theta_C + (d_C/\lambda_G + d_P/\lambda_B)/2$
A	$LW\theta_P + (d_P/\lambda_B + d_A/\lambda_A)/2$
N	$LW\theta_A + (d_A/\lambda_A + d_N/\lambda_N)/2$
T	$LW\theta_N + (d_N/\lambda_N + d_T/\lambda_G)/2$
S	$LW\theta_T + (d_T + d_S)/(2\lambda_G)$

## 12. Densities of heat sources

In the laser diode the most efficient heat source is placed in the active layer and is connected mainly with nonradiative recombination, and, to some extent, with reabsorption of radiation. Its density of generated power (in  $\text{W}/\text{cm}^3$ ) may be expressed in the following way [22]:

$$g_A = (U/d_A) \{j_{\text{TH}}(1 - \eta_{\text{SP}}f_{\text{T}}) + (j - j_{\text{TH}})[1 - \eta_{\text{D}} - (1 - \eta_{\text{i}})\eta_{\text{SP}}]f_{\text{T}}\} \quad (22)$$

where  $U$  is the voltage drop at the p-n junction, and  $j$  and  $j_{\text{TH}}$  are the supply and the threshold current densities, respectively. Coefficient  $f_{\text{T}}$  describes the fraction of the spontaneous emission from the active layer, transferred radiatively through the wide-gap confinement layers; it may be expressed as follows [23]:

$$f_{\text{T}} = 2 \sin^2(\alpha_{\text{CR}}/2), \quad (23)$$

with

$$\alpha_{\text{CR}} = \arcsin(n_{\text{RB}}/n_{\text{RA}}) \quad (24)$$

where  $n_{\text{RB}}$  and  $n_{\text{RA}}$  are the refractive indices of the confinement layer and of the active layer, respectively (see Eq. (8) in the first part of the model).

The spontaneous radiation transferred through the passive layers is absorbed in the capping layer ( $g_{\text{T,C}}$ ) as well as in the lower part (the T layer, i.e., the layer No. 5 in Fig. 1) of the substrate ( $g_{\text{T,T}}$ ). The densities of the heat power generated in this process may be expressed in the following way:

$$g_{\text{T,C}} = Uj_{\text{TH}}\eta_{\text{SP}}f_{\text{T}}/2d_{\text{C}}, \quad (25)$$

$$g_{\text{T,T}} = Uj_{\text{TH}}\eta_{\text{SP}}f_{\text{T}}(2d_{\text{T}}). \quad (26)$$

The Joule heating is in each layer generated with the density

$$g_{\text{J},k} = j^2 \varrho_k, \quad \text{for } k = \text{C, P, N, S} \quad (27)$$

where  $\varrho_k$  is the electrical resistivity of the  $k$ -th layer.

## 13. Electrical resistivities

The electrical resistivity of the  $k$ -th layer may be obtained from the relation

$$\varrho_k = (n_k \mu_k e)^{-1} \quad (28)$$

where  $n_k$  is the concentration of the carriers,  $\mu_k$ —their mobility, and  $e$  is the unit charge.

## 14. Mobilities

According to BLAKEMORE [24], the hole mobility in the GaAs material can be expressed in the form

$$\mu_{\text{H}} = [2.5 \times 10^{-3} (T/300)^{2.3} + A_{\text{H}} 10^{-3} (300/T)^{1.5}]^{-1}, \quad \text{cm}^2/\text{V sec.} \quad (29)$$

Using the results of SZE and IRVIN [25], the  $A_H$  coefficient may be determined as

$$A_H = \left. \begin{array}{l} 2.18 + 0.746 [\log(p/10^{17})]^{3.357} \\ 2.18 + 1.585 [\log(p/10^{17})]^{2.275} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{for } 4 \times 10^{17} < p < 10^{19}, \\ \text{for } 10^{19} < p < 10^{20}. \end{array} \quad (30)$$

with  $p$  (the hole concentration) in  $\text{cm}^{-3}$ . The exactness of the above approximation is not worse than 3.5%.

Similar expression is assumed for the electron mobility in GaAs

$$\mu_E = [1.064 \times 10^{-4} (T/300)^{2.3} + A_E \times 10^{-4} (300/T)^{1.5}]^{-1}, \quad [\text{cm}^2/\text{V sec}] \quad (31)$$

where the coefficient  $A_E$  has been determined from the results published by STRINGFELLOW [26]

$$A_E = 0.812 + 0.313 [\log(n/10^{16})]^{2.35} \quad (32)$$

with  $n$  (electron concentration) in  $\text{cm}^{-3}$ . For  $n$  ranging from  $5 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  to  $10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ , the exactness of the above approximation is not worse than 3.7%.

The composition dependence of the electron (hole) mobility in the  $\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{As}$  material may be given by

$$\mu_{E(H)}(x) = \mu_{E(H)}(0) B_\mu(x) \quad (33)$$

where the coefficient  $B_\mu(x)$  has been determined on the basis of the results published by NEUMANN [27] in the form of the following broken function

$$B_\mu(x) = \left. \begin{array}{l} 1 - 1.34x \\ 1.602 - 4.39x \\ 1.303 - 3.38x \\ 0.33 - 0.60x \\ 0.09 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{for } x \leq 0.19, \\ \text{for } 0.19 < x \leq 0.30, \\ \text{for } 0.30 < x \leq 0.35, \\ \text{for } 0.35 < x \leq 0.40, \\ \text{for } 0.40 < x. \end{array} \quad (34)$$

## 15. Thermal conductivities

AFROMOWITZ [28] has measured the thermal resistivities of the  $\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{As}$  material at room temperature for its various compositions. Taking into account these results and the thermal conductivity of the GaAs material measured by MAYCOCK [29], ADACHI [30] has formulated the room temperature dependence of the  $\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{As}$  thermal conductivity in the following form:

$$\lambda(x) = 100/(2.27 + 28.83x - 30x^2), \quad \text{W/mK}. \quad (35)$$

The temperature dependence of the GaAs thermal conductivity has been determined by AMITH et al. [31] in the the following form:

$$\lambda_G(T) = \lambda_G(300 \text{ K})(300/T)^{1.25}. \quad (36)$$

The same relative temperature dependence is assumed for the  $\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{As}$  material [32].

## 16. Beam divergence

The detailed analysis of the mode propagation in symmetric double-heterostructure waveguides allowed BOTEZ and ETTENBERG [33], [34] to formulate the approximate analytical relations for  $\theta_{1/2}$ , i.e., for the angle at one half of the maximum of the far-field intensity distribution, namely

$$\theta_{1/2} = \left. \begin{array}{l} 0.65 D(n_{RA}^2 - n_{RB}^2)^{1/2} / (1 + 0.086 u D^2) \\ 2 \tan^{-1} [(0.59 \lambda) / (\pi w_0)] \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{for } D \leq 1.5, \\ \text{for } 1.5 < D < 6, \end{array} \quad (37)$$

with  $D$  given by Eq. (7) in the first part of the model and

$$u = \frac{2.52 (n_{RA}^2 - n_{RB}^2)^{1/2}}{\arctan n [0.36 (n_{RA}^2 - n_{RB}^2)^{1/2}]} - 5.17, \quad (38)$$

$$w_0 = d_A (0.31 + (3.15/D^{3/2}) + 2/D^6). \quad (39)$$

## 17. Procedure of the calculations

The flow chart of the self-consistent method for the threshold current determination is shown as an example of the calculations in Fig. 2. The program needs the following input data:

i) thicknesses  $d_i$  doping  $p_i$  or  $n_i$  and compositions  $x_i$  of all the semiconductor layers.

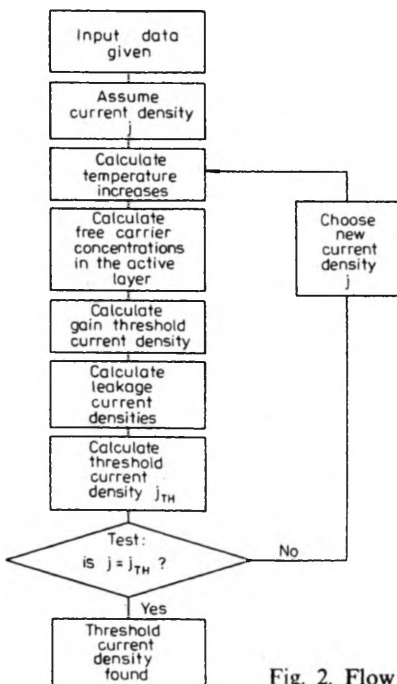


Fig. 2. Flow chart of the threshold-current-density determination



ii) thicknesses  $\delta_i$  and thermal conductivities  $\lambda_i$  of all the contact and solder layers,

iii) length  $L$  and width  $W$  of the diode crystal,

iv) ambient temperature  $T_0$ ,

iv) number  $N_T$  length  $l_T$  and height  $h_T$  of the growth terraces in the cavity.

Typical computer printout of the results of calculations is shown in Table 5. As one can see, for this typical structure of the double-heterostructure GaAs/(AlGa)As diode laser with the active area of dimensions:  $400 \mu\text{m} \times 100 \mu\text{m} \times 0.2 \mu\text{m}$ , the room-temperature threshold current density for the continuous wave (CW) operation has been determined to be  $j_{\text{TH}} = 2.09 \text{ kA/cm}^2$ , and the quantum efficiencies of the lasing, i.e., the internal quantum efficiency  $\eta_i$  and the external differential quantum efficiency  $\eta_D$ , are equal to  $\eta_i = 63\%$ , and  $\eta_D = 35\%$ .

For similar laser structures, the most representative experimental values of the threshold current densities range between  $1.5 \text{ kA/cm}^2$  [35] and  $2.2 \text{ kA/cm}^2$  [36]. The analogous value for the pulse operation is a little less  $j_{\text{TH,P}} = 1.35 \text{ kA/cm}^2$  [37] because in this case the thermal processes become less important. The experimental values of the internal  $\eta_i$  and external differential  $\eta_D$  quantum efficiencies range from 55% [36] to 65% [35], and from 31% [36] to 45% [35], respectively. As one can see, all the theoretical values are inside the given experimental ranges, what confirms the validity of the presented model.

Table 5. Typical printout of the computer calculations

COMPUTER SIMULATION OF SEMICONDUCTOR LASER OPERATION CHARACTERISTICS			
INPUT DATA			
THICKNESSES AND DOPING OF SEMICONDUCTOR LAYERS **** SI UNITS			
NUMBER	THICKNESS	DOPING	
0	1.4663543-5	GAAS LAYER THERMALLY EQUIVALENT TO THE HEAT - SINK AND THE CONTACT	
1	2.0000000-6	P = 4.00&24	P - GAAS LAYER
2	2.0000000-6	PP = 6.00&24	PP - (ALGA)AS LAYER - XB = 0.300
3	2.0000000-7	PA = 2.00&24	A - (ALGA)AS ACTIVE LAYER - XA = 0.000
4	3.0000000-6	NN = 2.00&24	NN - (ALGA)AS LAYER - XB = 0.300
5	1.0000000-6	N = 2.00&24	TRANSFER N - GAAS LAYER
6	9.1800000-5	N = 2.00&24	N - GAAS SURSTRATE

## DIMENSIONS OF THE DIODE CRYSTAL

LENGTH  $L = 4.000 \times 10^{-4}$       WIDTH  $W = 1.000 \times 10^{-4}$

AMBIENT TEMPERATURE  $T_0 = 3.000 \times 10^2$

## NUMBER, LENGTH AND HEIGHT OF THE TERRACES IN THE CAVITY

$N_T = 0$        $L_T = 1.00 \times 10^{-6}$        $H_T = 1.00 \times 10^{-8}$

## THERMAL RESISTANCE OF THE CONTACT

TETAC = 3.029

## THRESHOLD VALUES OF THE LASER PARAMETERS

THRESHOLD CURRENT DENSITY ( $A/cm^2$ )       $J_{TH} = 2.094518 \times 10^3$

GAIN THRESHOLD CURRENT DENSITY       $J_{THG} = 2.094497 \times 10^3$

ELECTRON LEAKAGE CURRENT DENSITY       $J_E = 1.815259 \times 10^{-2}$

HOLE LEAKAGE CURRENT DENSITY       $J_H = 2.605859 \times 10^{-3}$

## TEMPERATURE INCREASES IN THE CENTRE OF THE FOLLOWING LAYERS:

P - GAAS LAYER       $T_C - T_0 = 10.13$  K

PP - (ALG)AS LAYER       $T_P - T_0 = 12.28$  K

A - (ALG)AS ACTIVE LAYER       $T_A - T_0 = 14.01$  K

NN - (ALG)AS LAYER       $T_N - T_0 = 15.05$  K

TRANSFER N - GAAS LAYER       $T_T - T_0 = 16.17$  K

N - GAAS SUBSTRATE       $T_S - T_0 = 16.20$  K

DENSITIES OF HEAT SOURCES IN  $W/cm^3$ 

LAYER	DENSITY	PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL HEAT FLUX
C	$3.883709 \times 10^{12}$	28.462
P	$3.679787 \times 10^9$	0.064
A	$5.863833 \times 10^{13}$	42.918
N	$1.081801 \times 10^9$	0.012
T	$7.771312 \times 10^{12}$	28.440
S	$3.122262 \times 10^8$	0.105

FREE CARRIER CONCENTRATIONS IN THE ACTIVE LAYER ( $cm^{-3}$ )

ELECTRONS       $N_{FC} = 2.479057 \times 10^{17}$

HOLES       $P_{FC} = 2.247906 \times 10^{18}$

LOSSES (IN  $cm^{-1}$ )

THRESHOLD LOCAL GAIN

GTH = 93

INTERNAL LOSSES	ALFAI = 24
SCATTERING LOSSES	ALFAS = 0
COUPLING LOSSES	ALFAC = 0
FREE CARRIER ABSORPTION IN THE ACTIVE LAYER	ALFAFC = 17
DUE TO ACCOUSTIC PHONONS	ALFAA = 15
ELECTRONS	ALFAEA = 0
HOLES	ALFAHA = 14
DUE TO OPTICAL PHONONS	ALFAO = 3
ELECTRONS	ALFAEO = 0
HOLES	ALFAHO = 2
FREE CARRIER ABSORPTION DUE TO ELECTRONS	ALFAE = 1
FREE CARRIER ABSORPTION DUE TO HOLES	ALFAH = 17
LOSSES IN THE PASSIVE LAYERS	ALFAOUT = 32
IN THE NN LAYER	ALFAN = 7
DUE TO ACCOUSTIC PHONONS	ALFANA = 4
DUE TO OPTICAL PHONONS	ALFANO = 3
IN THE PP LAYER	ALFAP = 56
DUE TO ACCOUSTIC PHONONS	ALFAPA = 50
DUE TO OPTICAL PHONONS	ALFAPO = 6

## EFFICIENCIES

INTERNAL QUANTUM EFFICIENCY OF THE SPONTANEOUS EMISSION	ETASP = 0.8573
INTERNAL QUANTUM EFFICIENCY OF THE LASING	ETAI = 0.6344
EXTERNAL DIFFERENTIAL QUANTUM EFFICIENCY OF THE LASING	ETAD = 0.3457

## LIFETIMES (IN NSEC)

RADIATIVE	TAUR = 1.853
NONRADIATIVE	TAUNR = 11.127

## DIFFUSION LENGTHS (IN MICRONS)

ELECTRON DIFFUSION LENGTH IN THE PP LAYER	LE = 1.755
HOLE DIFFUSION LENGTH IN THE NN LAYER	LH = 1.171

## INDICES OF REFRACTION

OF THE ACTIVE LAYER MATERIAL	NRA = 3.61993
OF THE CONFINEMENT LAYER MATERIAL	NRE = 3.41514

CONFINEMENT FACTOR	GAMMA = 0.55972
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## BEAM DIVERGENCE (ANGLE AT 0.5 OF THE FAR-FIELD INTENSITY DISTRIBUTION)

IN RADIANS	TETA = 0.8454
IN DEGRES	TETA = 48.44

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## 18. Conclusions

The presented model enables us to carry out the optimization of the structure of the double-heterostructure GaAs/(AlGa)As diode laser with the point of view of the most important for us its properties, e.g., minimal threshold current density, minimal temperature sensitivity of its operation characteristics or minimal beam divergence. The optimization may be performed with the aid of the simple trial-and-error method or with a more sophisticated method of calculations, every time, however, using the self-consistent method.

The author would like once more to remind the reader, that most of the formulae presented in the model concern an ideal structure of the laser, e.g., homogeneous layers without defects, perfect ohmic contacts, a solder layer without voids etc.etc. Therefore, when the specified laser structure is considered, then in order to improve the exactness of the calculations the literature data should be replaced by the greatest possible numbers of experimental data obtained for this specified structure.

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**Имитация предусматриваемых эксплуатационных характеристик ширококонтактных лазерных диодов (AlGa)As с двойной гетероструктурой. III. Квантовые эффективности и тепловые свойства**

Настоящая работа является третьей частью модели ширококонтактного лазерного диода (AlGa)As с двойной гетероструктурой. Представленные здесь формулы способствуют определению квантовых эффективностей лазерного диода и роста температуры диода.