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Isotropic dielectric functions of highly disordered $\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{InP}$ ($0 < x < 1$) lattice matched to GaAs

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Determination of the complex dielectric function and the critical-point energies of $(\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x})_{0.51}\text{In}_{0.49}\text{P}$, over the full range of composition x and for photon energies E from 0.75 to 5 eV is reported from variable angle of incidence spectroscopic ellipsometry. Native-oxide effects on the $(\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x})_{0.51}\text{In}_{0.49}\text{P}$ optical functions are removed numerically. The highly disordered state of the metalorganic vapor-phase epitaxy grown samples is analyzed by transmission electron microscopy. Optical anisotropy investigations revealed that the order-induced optical birefringence is negligible throughout. The augmentation of A. D. Rakić and M. L. Majewski [J. Appl. Phys. **80**, 5909 (1996)] to Adachi's critical-point model, i.e., consideration of Gaussian-like broadening function instead of Lorentzian broadening, is used for calculation of the isotropic $(\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x})_{0.51}\text{In}_{0.49}\text{P}$ dielectric function ϵ . The optical functions spectra consistently match the experimental data, whereas previously reported model dielectric functions fail to reproduce the correct absorption behavior of the quaternary, especially near the fundamental band-to-band transition. The results are compared to those presented previously, and influence of spontaneous chemical ordering is discussed. © 1999 American Institute of Physics.

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Exchange, correlation, dielectric and magnetic response functions, plasmons**78.20.Ci**
Optical constants (including refractive index, complex dielectric constant, absorption, reflection and transmission coefficients, emissivity)**78.20.Fm**
Birefringence**68.55.Ln**
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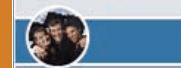
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