

## **p- Ga<sub>1-x</sub>Al<sub>x</sub>As/p<sup>n</sup> GaAs**

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### **The Effect of Al Concentration in The Window Layer on the Efficiency of p- Ga<sub>1-x</sub>Al<sub>x</sub>As/p<sup>n</sup> GaAs Solar Cell**

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#### **ABSTRACT**

In this research a theoretical method was introduced to calculate the efficiency of GaAs solar cell, with a window layer (which epitaxially grown to prevent the surface recombination process caused by surface defects) which contains Al and the effect of

variation of Al concentration on the efficiency of the solar cell, where we consider the window layer as a forth layer in the energy band diagram for the photovoltaic cell. Because of the lack of information about the necessary and essential variables for calculating the efficiency like absorption coefficient, effective mass of carriers, refractive index, ..etc. This variables was calculated by numerical methods using the few existing experimental information's. Absorption coefficient, refractive index, permittivity, coefficient and diffusion lengths and relaxation times for Al concentrations (0 – 45 %) and for the effective wavelengths were calculated and used to find the efficiency at the former Al concentrations.

(Hovel, 1975) (Photovoltaic Effect)

Nelson, ) " "

(2005)

(III-V)

(John et al., 1982) 1951

1960 GaAs

GaAs

GaAs

In GaAs (Brown and Williams, 1998)

(Sandia National laboratories, 2002) Al

Ga GaAs

GaAs

(1989 ) AlGaAs

(Shealy and Wanger, 2002)

$Al_xGa_{1-x}As$  Liquid Phase Epitaxy

AlGaAs 19% GaAs

GaAs

(2.1 eV) (2.6 eV)

(≥ 60%)

Al  $Al_xGa_{1-x}As$

(21.7%)  $p^{-n}$  AM1 (Shealy and Wanger, 2002) AlGaAs / GaAs (Shealy and Wanger, 2002)

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Semiconductor Compound GaAs (III - V) Band Gap  
 As Ga (1.42 eV) Zinc Blend

(James, 1995)

L A  $\xi$  n  $\xi$

$$J_{total} = J_n + J_p$$

$$J_{total}(drift) = (qn\mu_n + qp\mu_p)\xi$$

$$J_{total}(drift) = \sigma\xi \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$q$   $\mu n$   $\sigma$   $\mu p$   $p^{-n}$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 J_n &= J_n(\text{drift}) + J_n(\text{diffusion}) \\
 &= q\mu_n n \xi - qD_n \frac{dn}{dx} \dots\dots\dots(2) \\
 &= q\mu_n n \left[ \frac{1}{q} \frac{dE_i}{dx} \right] - kT\mu_n \frac{dn}{dx}
 \end{aligned}$$

$E_i$  .

$$J_{total} = J_n + J_p$$

(I-V Characteristics) -  
:(1990 )

$$I_d = I_0 \left( \exp\left(\frac{qv}{kT}\right) - 1 \right) \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

Injection Current  $I_d$   
.(v)  
:  $I_0$

$$I_o = A \left( \frac{qD_n n_i^2}{L_n N_A} + \frac{qD_p n_i^2}{L_p N_D} \right) \dots\dots\dots(4)$$

.(1989 )  $A$   
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$$I = I_L - I_0 \left( \exp\left(\frac{qv}{kT}\right) - 1 \right) \dots\dots\dots(5)$$

. :  $I$   
:  $I_L$   
:  $v$

( $R_L = 0$ )

: (5) ( $v=0$ ) Isc

Isc =  $I_L$

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(R<sub>L</sub> = ∞)

$$V_{oc} = \frac{kT}{q} \ln\left(\frac{I_L}{I_0} + 1\right) \dots\dots\dots(6)$$

:(Hovel, 1975)

$$\eta = \frac{P_m}{P_{in}} * 100\% = \frac{I_m * V_m}{P_{in}} \dots\dots\dots(7)$$

$$P_{in} = A_t N(\lambda) (hc / \lambda) \dots\dots\dots(8)$$

.cm<sup>2</sup> : A<sub>t</sub> :  
(cm<sup>2</sup>) : N(λ)  
.cm<sup>-2</sup>.sec<sup>-1</sup> (λ)  
(Hovel, 1975) eV : hc/λ

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$$\eta = \frac{FF * I_{sc} * V_{oc}}{P_{in}} * 100\% \dots\dots\dots(9)$$

Fill Factor :FF

:(Hovel, 1975)

$$J_n = \left[ \frac{qN(1-R)\alpha L_n}{\alpha^2 L_n^2 - 1} \right] * \left[ \frac{\left( \frac{S_n L_n}{D_n} + \alpha L_n \right) - \exp(-\alpha x_j) \left( \frac{S_n L_n}{D_n} \cosh \frac{x_j}{L_n} + \sinh \frac{x_j}{L_n} \right)}{\frac{S_n L_n}{D_n} \sinh \frac{x_j}{L_n} + \cosh \frac{x_j}{L_n}} - \alpha L_n \exp(-\alpha x_j) \right] \dots\dots(10)$$

p-GaAs  $Ln$  (30%) :  $R$   
 (. $10^4$ - $10^7$ cm/sec) GaAs :  $S_n$   
 p-GaAs :  $D_n$   
 (. $cm^{-1}$ ) :  $\alpha$   
 :  $N$   
 :  $x_j$   
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$$J_p = \frac{qN(1-R)\alpha L_p}{(\alpha_p^2 L_p^2 - 1)} \exp[-\alpha(x_j + W)]$$

$$* \left[ \alpha L_p - \frac{\frac{S_p L_p}{D_p} \left( \cosh \frac{H'}{L_p} - \exp(-\alpha H') + \sinh \frac{H'}{L_p} + \alpha L_p \exp(-\alpha H') \right)}{\left( \frac{S_p L_p}{D_p} \right) \sinh \left( \frac{H'}{L_p} \right) + \cosh \left( \frac{H'}{L_p} \right)} \right] \dots\dots(11)$$

:(Hovel, 1975)

$$J_{dr} = qN(1-R) \exp(-\alpha x_j)(1 - \exp(-\alpha W)) \dots\dots\dots(12)$$

GaAs

AlGaAs

GaAs

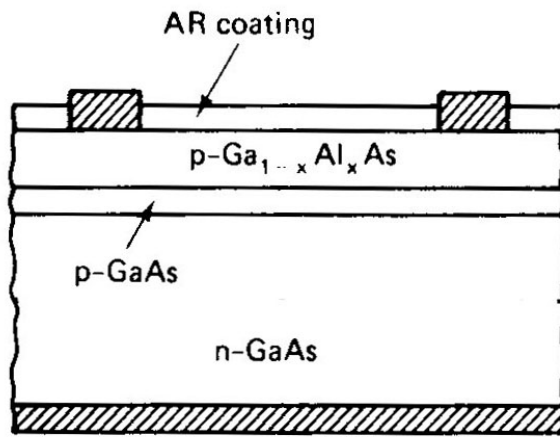
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(a):1 .(Hovel,1975) (1989 )

(b) :1

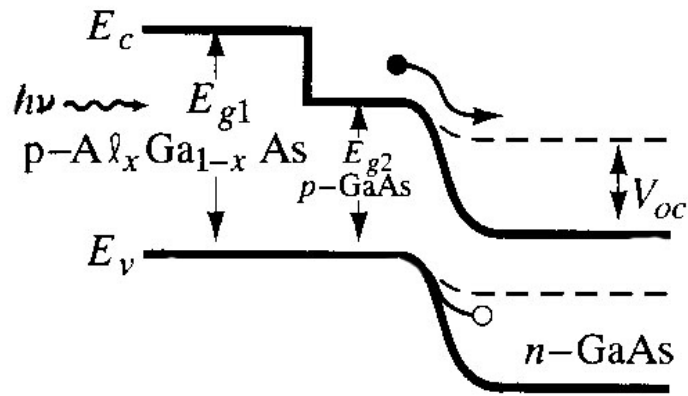
.p-AlGaAs / p-GaAs / n-GaAs



(1989)

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(a) : 1



(Neamen, 1992)

(b) : 1

AlGaAs

(1994)

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p-Al<sub>x</sub>Ga<sub>1-x</sub>As

p-GaAs (x = 0.1\*10<sup>-4</sup> cm)

n-GaAs (x = 0.4x10<sup>-4</sup> cm)

n-GaAs p- GaAs (H' = 299.41x10<sup>-4</sup> cm)

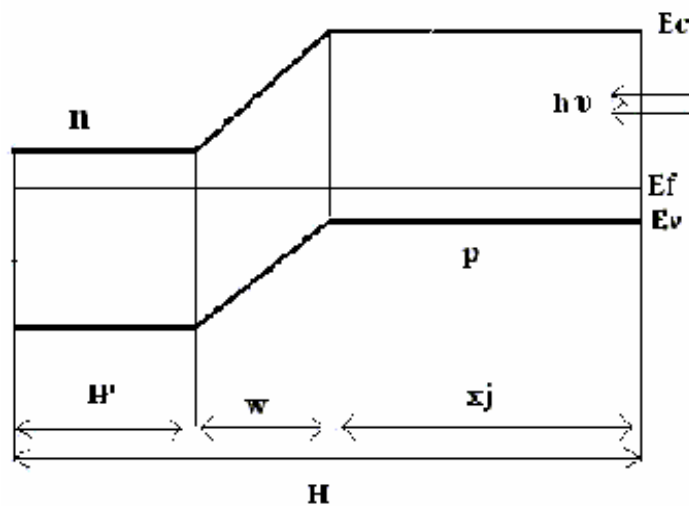
(300x10<sup>-4</sup> cm) (A = 4 cm<sup>2</sup>) (W = 0.09x10<sup>-4</sup> cm)

(p-AlGaAs / p-GaAs / n-GaAs )

(Hovel, 1975) (300°k) GaAs

(Hovel, 1975) GaAs : 1

Top region p-type	Base Region n-type
$N_a = 2 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$	$N_d = 2 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$
$D_n = 32.4 \text{ cm}^2 / \text{sec}$	$D_p = 5.7 \text{ cm}^2 / \text{sec}$
$\tau_n = 1 \times 10^{-9} \text{ sec}$	$\tau_p = 1.58 \times 10^{-8} \text{ sec}$
$L_n = 1.8 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}$	$L_p = 3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}$
$n_i = 1.1 \times 10^7 \text{ cm}^{-3}$	



(1994) p-n

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GaAs

AlGaAs

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$$J_f = J_{fGaAs} + J_{fAlGaAs} \dots\dots\dots(13)$$

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GaAs

$$J_{fGaAs} = \left[ \frac{qN(1-R)\alpha L_n}{\alpha^2 L_n^2 - 1} \right] * \left[ \frac{\left( \frac{S_n L_n}{D_n} + \alpha L_n \right) - \exp(-\alpha x_j) \left( \frac{S_n L_n}{D_n} \cosh \frac{x_j}{L_n} + \sinh \frac{x_j}{L_n} \right)}{\frac{S_n L_n}{D_n} \sinh \frac{x_j}{L_n} + \cosh \frac{x_j}{L_n}} \right] \dots(14)$$

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AlGaAs

$$J_{fAlGaAs} = \left[ \frac{qN(1-R)\alpha' L'_n}{\alpha'^2 L_n'^2 - 1} \right] * \left[ \frac{\left( \frac{S'_n L'_n}{D'_n} + \alpha' L'_n \right) - \exp(-\alpha' x'_j) \left( \frac{S'_n L'_n}{D'_n} \cosh \frac{x'_j}{L'_n} + \sinh \frac{x'_j}{L'_n} \right)}{\frac{S'_n L'_n}{D'_n} \sinh \frac{x'_j}{L'_n} + \cosh \frac{x'_j}{L'_n}} \right] \dots(15)$$

N

S'n .p-AlGaAs

L'n (cm<sup>-2</sup>/s/μ)

D'n .(10<sup>5</sup>cm/sec)

AlGaAs

xj (cm<sup>-1</sup>)

α' .p-AlGaAs

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GaAs

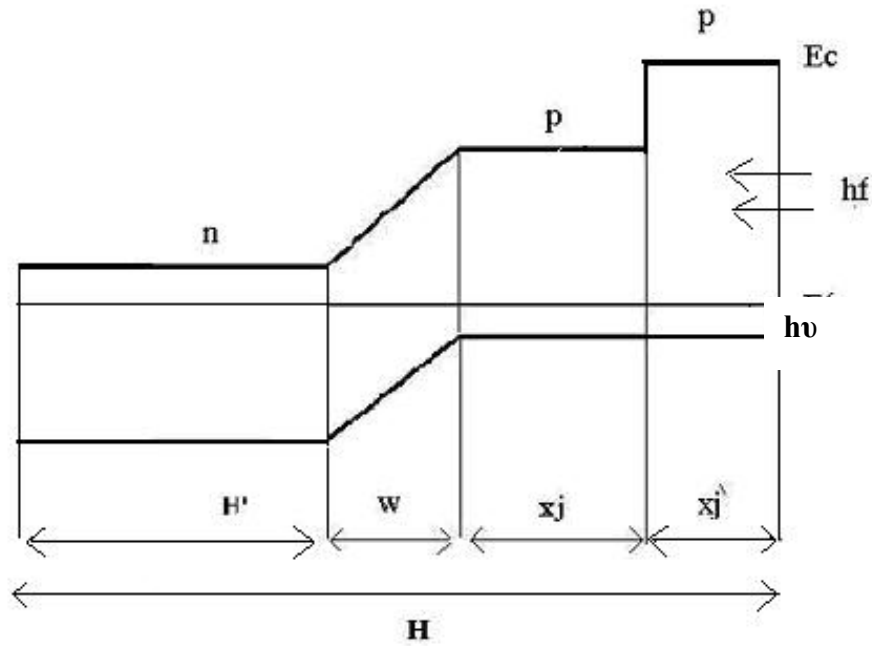
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10<sup>5</sup> 10<sup>7</sup>

AlGaAs

.(Hovel,1975)

$A^*$      $\tau$      $n$      $\epsilon_r$      $D$      $\mu$      $m^*$   
 $L_p$



.pAlGaAs/pGaAs/nGaAs

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x

$x_{i1}$  (1)

$\alpha_i$

z  $\alpha$

$$2 \quad 1 \quad x \quad z \quad x_{i2} \quad (2)$$

:(Sokolenkoff, 1966)

$$S_i = \frac{\Delta z_i}{\Delta x_i} \dots\dots\dots(16)$$

$$\Delta z_i = S_i \Delta x_i \dots\dots\dots(17)$$

$$\Delta z_i = z_i - z_{i1} \dots\dots\dots(18)$$

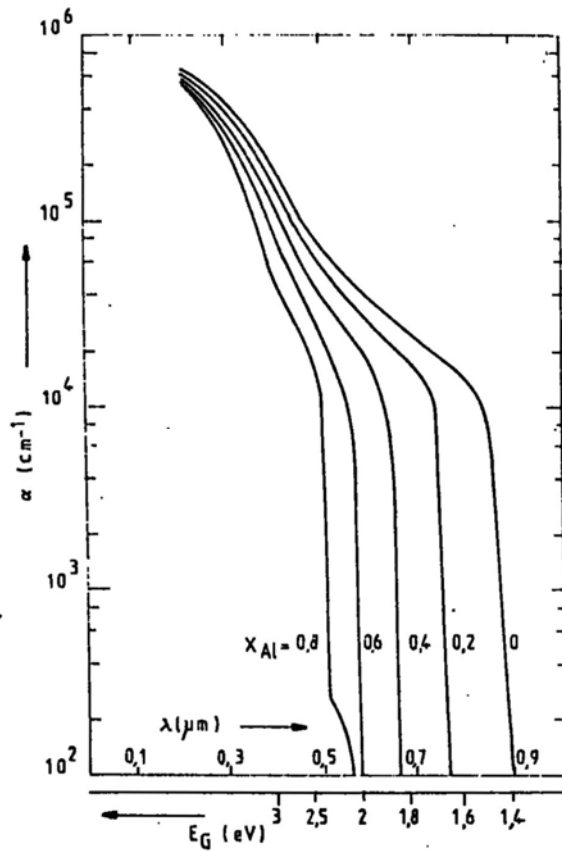
$$\Delta x_i = x_i - x_{i1} \dots\dots\dots(19)$$

: 17 19 18  $\Delta x_i$   $\Delta z_i$

$$z_{i1} - z_i = S_i (x_{i1} - x_i) \dots\dots\dots(20)$$

$$z_i = z_{i1} + S_i (x_i - x_{i1})$$

$$= z_{i1} + \left( \frac{z_{i2} - z_{i1}}{x_{i2} - x_{i1}} \right) (x_i - x_{i1}) \dots\dots\dots(20 a)$$



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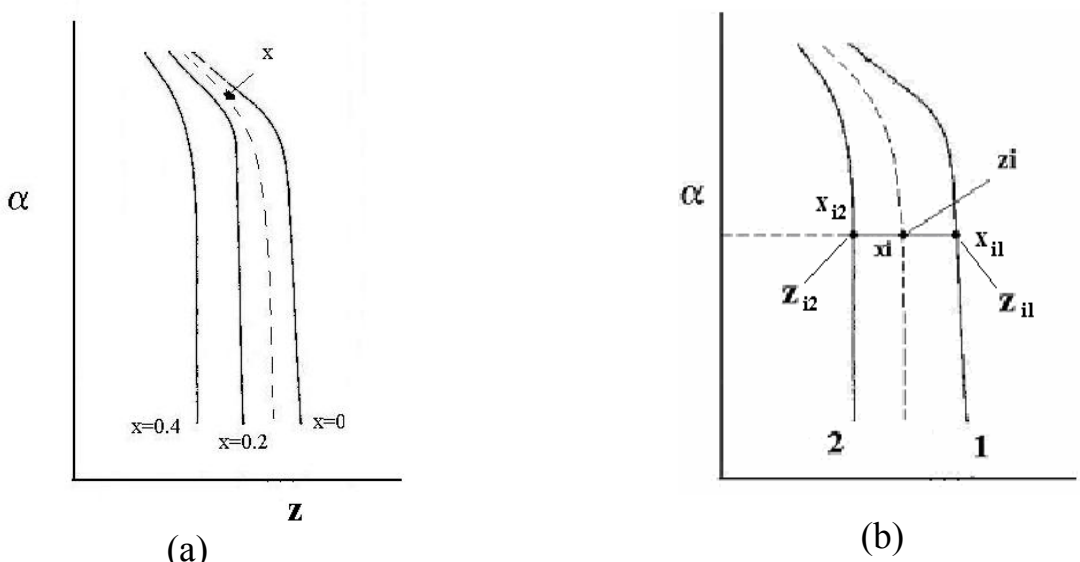
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$\alpha(\text{cm}^{-1}) \backslash x$	x=0.05	x=0.1	x=0.15	x=0.25	x=0.3	x=0.35	x=0.45
$1 \cdot 10^2$	7.25	14.5	21.75	5.75	11.5	17.25	4.375
$2 \cdot 10^2$	7	14	21	5.5	11	16.5	4.375
$4 \cdot 10^2$	6.75	13.5	20.25	5.375	10.75	16.125	4.375
$6 \cdot 10^2$	6.75	13.5	20.25	5.25	10.5	15.75	4.375
$8 \cdot 10^2$	6.5	13	19.5	5.25	10.5	15.75	4.375
$1 \cdot 10^3$	6.5	13	19.5	5.125	10.25	15.375	4.375
$2 \cdot 10^3$	6.25	12.5	18.75	5	10	15	4.375
$4 \cdot 10^3$	6.25	12.5	18.75	5	10	15	4.375
$6 \cdot 10^3$	6	12	18	5.125	10.25	15.375	4.125
$8 \cdot 10^3$	5.75	11.5	17.25	5.375	10.75	16.125	4.25
$1 \cdot 10^4$	5.25	10.5	15.75	5.75	11.5	17.25	4.25
$2 \cdot 10^4$	3.75	7.5	11.25	4.25	8.5	12.75	4
$4 \cdot 10^4$	2.5	5	7.5	2.75	5.5	8.25	2.125
$6 \cdot 10^4$	1.75	3.5	5.25	2	4	6	1.625
$8 \cdot 10^4$	1.375	2.75	4.125	1.5	3	4.5	1.5
$1 \cdot 10^5$	1.25	2.5	3.75	1.25	2.5	3.75	1.25
$2 \cdot 10^5$	1	2	3	1	2	3	0.875
$4 \cdot 10^5$	1	2	3	0.875	1.75	2.625	0.675



(b) (a): 5

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Al  $x$   $n=2.95-0.71x-0.9x^2$  , (Willardson, 1967)

: (1981 )

(Willardson, 1987) : 3

$\lambda(\mu\text{m}) \backslash x$	0	0.05	0.1	0.15	0.2	0.25	0.3	0.35	0.4	0.45
0.3	2.95	2.92	2.89	2.86	2.83	2.8	2.77	2.74	2.71	2.68
0.4	3.39	3.35	3.32	3.28	3.25	3.22	3.18	3.15	3.11	3.08
0.5	4.33	4.28	4.24	4.2	4.15	4.11	4.07	4.02	3.98	3.94
0.6	3.87	3.83	3.79	3.75	3.71	3.65	3.63	3.59	3.56	3.52
0.7	3.75	3.7	3.66	3.62	3.59	3.55	3.51	3.47	3.44	3.4
0.8	3.64	3.6	3.56	3.53	3.49	3.45	3.42	3.38	3.34	3.31
0.9	3.59	3.55	3.51	3.48	3.44	3.41	3.37	3.33	3.3	3.26
1	3.49	3.45	3.42	3.38	3.35	3.31	3.28	3.24	3.21	3.17
1.1	3.46	3.42	3.39	3.35	3.32	3.28	3.25	3.21	3.18	3.14

:  $\epsilon_r = n^2$   $\epsilon_r$

(Willardson, 1987)

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$\lambda(\mu\text{m}) \backslash \times$	0.05	0.1	0.15	0.2	0.25	0.3	0.35	0.4	0.45
0.3	8.52	8.35	8.17	8	7.84	7.67	7.5	7.34	7.18
0.4	11.22	11.02	10.75	10.56	10.36	10.11	9.92	9.67	9.98
0.5	18.31	17.97	17.64	17.22	16.89	16.56	16.16	15.84	15.52
0.6	14.66	14.36	14.06	13.76	13.32	13.17	12.88	12.67	12.39
0.7	13.69	13.39	13.1	12.88	12.6	12.32	12.04	11.83	11.56
0.8	12.96	12.67	12.46	12.18	11.9	11.69	11.42	11.15	10.95
0.9	12.6	12.32	12.11	11.83	11.62	11.35	11.08	10.89	10.62
1	11.9	11.69	11.42	11.22	10.95	10.75	10.49	10.3	10.04
1.1	11.69	11.49	11.22	11.02	10.75	10.56	10.3	10.11	9.85

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$\tau$

:(Kalashnikov et al.,1990)

$$\tau = \frac{m^2 e^2}{20 \epsilon_r \hbar^3 N_o} \dots\dots\dots(21)$$

(e)  $9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{kg}$

(m)

( $N_o$ ) (Neamen, 1992)

( $\epsilon_r = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{c}$ )

.(Sze, 1981) ( $10^{21} \text{cm}^{-3}$ )

:AlGaAs

$m^*$

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:(Pankove, 1971)

$A^*$

$$A^* = \frac{q^2 \left( 2 \frac{m_e^* m_h^*}{m_e^* + m_h^*} \right)^{3/2}}{nch^2 m_e^*} \dots\dots\dots(22)$$

AlGaAs

$mh^*$

$me^*$

:(Pankove, 1971)

$$A^* = \frac{q^2(m)^{1/2}}{nch^2} \dots\dots\dots(23)$$

$A^*$

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$$A^* = \frac{\alpha'}{(h\nu - E_g)^{1/2}} \dots\dots\dots(24)$$

( $\lambda = 0.3 - 1.1\mu\text{m}$ )

$h\nu,$

$\alpha'$

:(Neamen, 1992)

AlGaAs

$E_g$

:( $\mu$ )

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AlGaAs

:(Neamen, 1992)

$$\mu = \frac{e\tau}{m^*} \dots\dots\dots(25)$$

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:(1989 )

$$D = \frac{kT}{q} \mu \dots\dots\dots(26)$$

q (300°K)

(0.025v)

(  $kT/q$  )

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$L_p$

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:(Neamen, 1992)

$$L = \sqrt{D\tau} \dots\dots\dots(27)$$

:(Hovle, 1975) (IL = 0)

$$V_{oc} = \frac{KT}{q} \ln\left(\frac{J_{sc}}{J_o} + 1\right) \dots\dots\dots(28)$$

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$J_o$

$$J_o = q \frac{D_p n_i^2}{L_p N_D} \left[ \frac{\left(\frac{S_p L_p}{D_p}\right) \cosh\left(\frac{x_j}{L_p}\right) + \sinh\left(\frac{x_j}{L_p}\right)}{\left(\frac{S_p L_p}{D_p}\right) \sinh\left(\frac{x_j}{L_p}\right) + \cosh\left(\frac{x_j}{L_p}\right)} \right] + q \frac{D_n n_i^2}{L_n N_A} \left[ \frac{\left(\frac{S_n L_n}{D_n}\right) \cosh\left(\frac{H'}{L_n}\right) + \sinh\left(\frac{H'}{L_n}\right)}{\left(\frac{S_n L_n}{D_n}\right) \sinh\left(\frac{H'}{L_n}\right) + \cosh\left(\frac{H'}{L_n}\right)} \right] \dots\dots\dots(29)$$

$H'$

$S_p \quad S_n$

$H' = H - (x_j + w)$

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$J_o$

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$$\begin{aligned} J_o &= 2.79 \times 10^{-18} \text{ A/cm}^2 \\ I_o &= J_o \times A \\ &= 2.79 \times 10^{-18} \text{ A/cm}^2 \times 4 \text{ cm}^2 \\ &= 1.11 \times 10^{-17} \text{ A} \end{aligned}$$



$$\eta = \frac{P_{out}}{P_{in}} = \frac{P_m}{P_{in}} = \frac{I_m V_m}{P_{in}} \dots\dots\dots(30)$$

$$P = IV = I_L V - I_o \left[ \exp\left(\frac{qV}{KT}\right) - 1 \right] V \dots\dots\dots(31)$$

$$\frac{dP}{dV} = 0 = I_L - I_o \left[ \exp\left(\frac{qV_m}{KT}\right) - 1 \right] - I_o V_m \left( \frac{q}{KT} \right) \exp\left(\frac{qV_m}{KT}\right) \dots\dots\dots(32)$$

$$I_m = I_o \left( \frac{qV_m}{KT} \right) \exp\left(\frac{qV_m}{KT}\right) \dots\dots\dots(33)$$

(turbo C<sup>++</sup>)

:(Hovel, 1975)

$$P_{in} = AN(\lambda) \frac{hc}{\lambda} \dots\dots\dots(34)$$

(1994) ( cm<sup>-2</sup>/s/μm )

.AlGaAs

$\alpha'$

(0.05-0.45)

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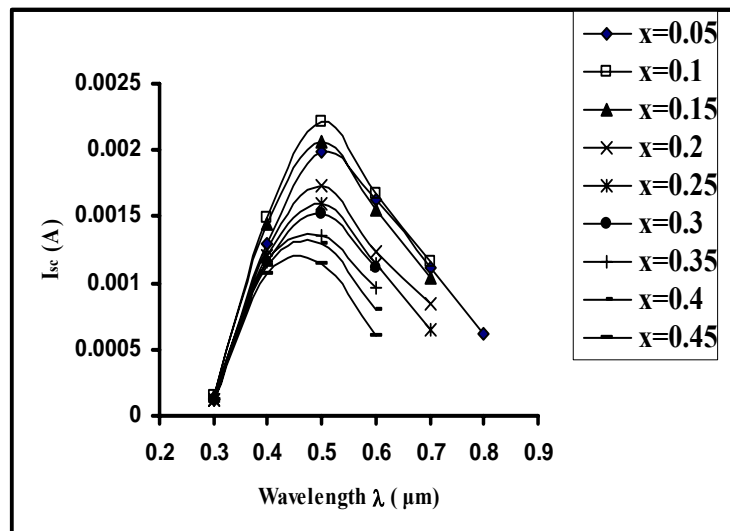
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.  $0.1 \times 10^{-4}$  cm

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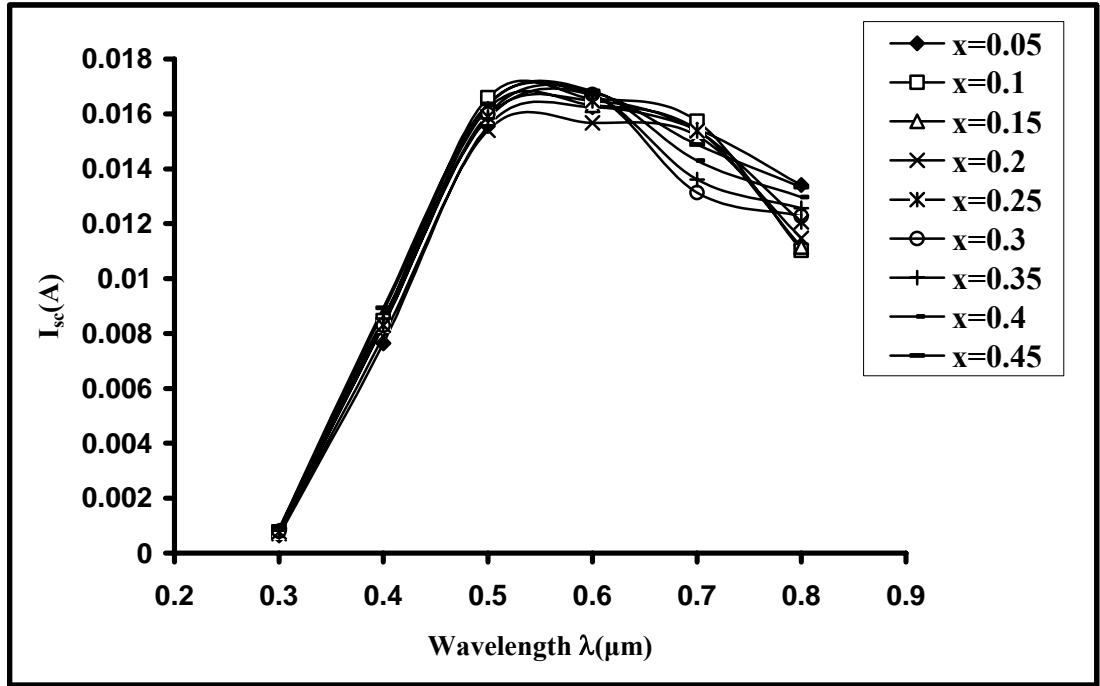
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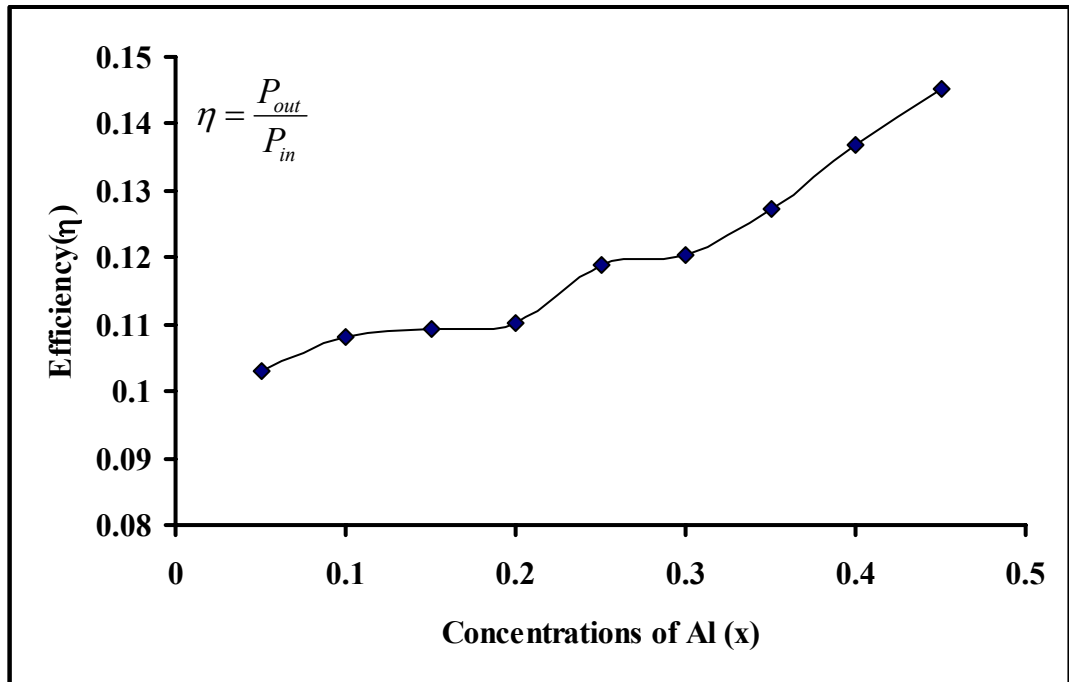
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AlGaAs/GaAs

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GaAs GaAs

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