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Different cap-barrier design for MOCVD grown HOT HgCdTe barrier detectors

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Abstract:

The performance of HgCdTe barrier detectors with cut-off wavelengths up to 3.6 μ m fabricated using metaloorganic chemi- cal vapour deposition operated at high temperatures is presented. The detectors' architecture consists of four layers: cap contact, wide bandgap barrier, absorber and bottom contact layer. The structures were fabricated both with n- and p-type absorbing layers. In the paper, different design of cap-barrier structural unit (n-Bp', n+Bp', p+-Bp) were analysed in terms of various electrical and optical properties of the detectors, such as dark current, current responsivity time constant and detectivity. The devices with a p-type cap contact exhibit very low dark current densities in the range of $(2\div3)\times10^{-4}$ A/cm² at 230 K and the maximum photoresponse of about 2 A/W in wide range of reverse bias voltage. The time constant of measured de-vices with n-type cap contact and p-type absorbing drops below 1 ns with reverse bias while the detectivity is at the level of 1010 cm • Hz1/2/W.