

EpiCurve® TT Two for AIXTRON Planetary® MOCVD systems

EpiCurve® TT is an optical in-situ sensor for monitoring of epitaxial growth. It features wafer curvature measurement, emissivity corrected wafer temperature and high-accuracy reflectance measurement for growth rate analysis.

EpiCurve® TT features:

Curvature

- wafer selective curvature measurement with a 2-dimensional detection system
- includes RCD (reflectance compensation detection) for enhanced dynamic range

Temperature

- wafer selective true temperature measurements, pyrometer calibrated against a black body radiation source

Reflectance

- wafer selective reflectance measurements at two wavelengths: 950 nm and a customized second wavelength (405 nm or 488 nm or 633 nm or 950 nm)
- multiple position reflectance and temperature measurements for uniformity checks in multi-wafer configurations (e.g. for comparison center to edge on the wafer)
- line scan measurements across the wafers for uniformity evaluation
- on-line wafer selective growth rate fits using virtual layer approach or alternatively oscillator fits
- recipe controlled automated growth rate fit for multi-layer structures
- optical wobble compensation included
- measurements on single and multiple wafers, supporting planetary susceptor even with multiple wafers per satellite (such as 24x2" and 42x2")
- optimized for 24 h/7day operation in production environment

Communication / integration

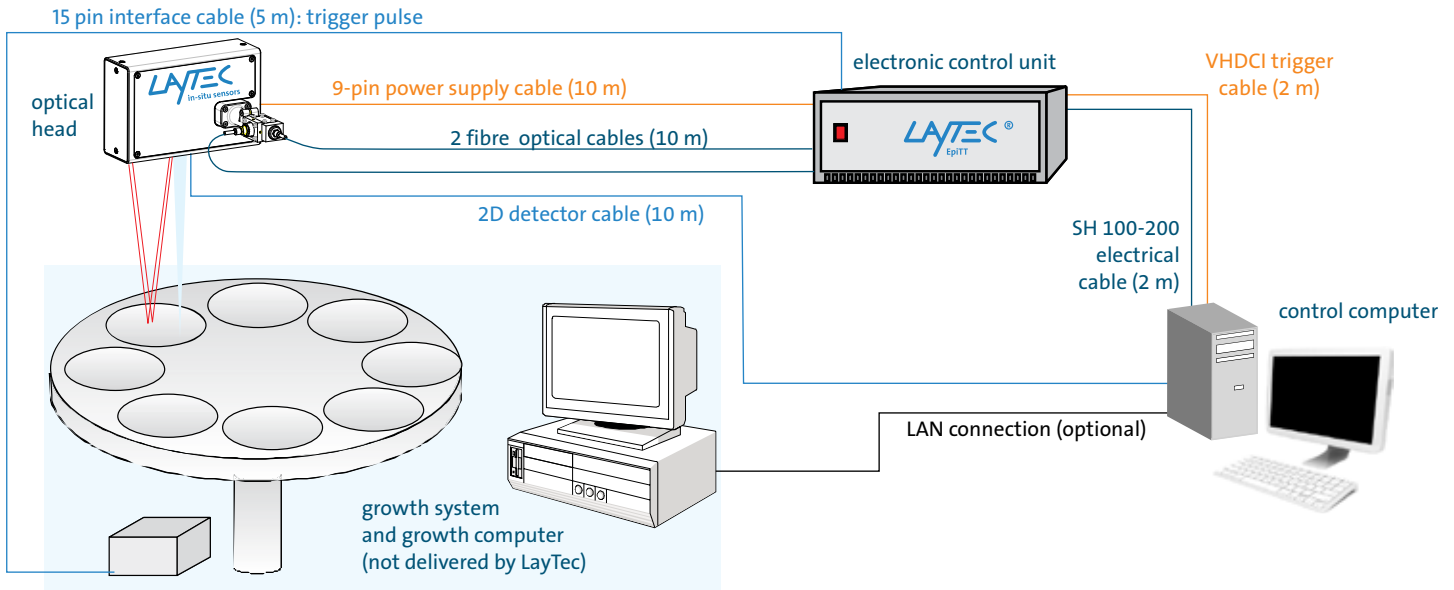
- direct communication with AIXTRON CACE and AIXact software
- data exchange with growth system control computer via hardware interface and/or TCP/IP protocol based software interface
- remote controllable from growth recipe
- heartbeat/watchdog signals for SPS integration

Measurable growth parameters

- wafer curvature 1/R: -1950 km^{-1} (convex) to +800 km^{-1} (concave), typical accuracy: $\pm 5 \text{ km}^{-1}$ (for AIX G3 and G4)
- reflectance: noise typically better than $\pm 0.5\%$
- growth rate: typical accuracy better than $\pm 1\%$ (down to 0.001 nm/s)
- wafer temperature: typical accuracy better than $\pm 1\text{K}$: temperature range: 450 – 1300°C
- composition monitoring: 1% for AlGaN (>200 nm), 1% for InGaN (>25 nm)



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Optical head for combined curvature, reflectance and wafer temperature measurements

light source for curvature measurements	compact 656 nm semiconductor laser
typical life-time according to manufacturer	> 20.000 h
light source for reflectance measurement	ultra high brightness LEDs
reflectance measurement wavelength and bandwidth	633 nm \pm 1.5 nm or 405 nm \pm 5 nm or 488 nm \pm 5 nm or 950 nm \pm 1 nm
pyrometry wavelength and bandwidth	950 nm \pm 5 nm
typical sampling rate	reflectance / temperature: 100 Hz curvature: 10 Hz
data repetition rate	1 revolution of main susceptor

Electronic control unit

The control unit is a standard 19" case that can be easily mounted into existing 19" racks. It is connected with the control computer and the growth system as shown in the drawing above.

Cables

- 2 optical fibres (optical head <-> electronic unit): 10 m, core diameter - 600 μ m, special vis-IR transparent material, minimum bending radius 36 cm
- 9-pin power supply cable (10 m, optical head <-> electronic unit)
- 2D detector cable (10 m, optical head <-> computer)
- SH 100-200 electrical cable (2 m, electronic unit <-> computer)
- optionally, a KVM extension set (cable or ethernet based extender) is available
- 15 pin interface cable (5 m, electronic unit <-> growth system): transfers the trigger and marker signals; exports analog voltages proportional to the measured temperature and reflectance (see "communication with growth system" below)
- VHDCI trigger cable (2 m, 2D detector unit <-> computer)
- multi-plug and power cables

Control computer

- 19" rack mount control computer
- CPU: Pentium Core 2 Duo, min 1.66 GHz, RAM min. 1 GB
- HDD min. 160 GB, RAID 1
- DVD-writer, card reader, mouse, keyboard
- 100 Mbit/s LAN interface or better
- operating system: Windows XP pro MUI (multi language version)
- 19" TFT flat screen (monitor resolution of 1280 x 1024 or higher)

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Miscellaneous items

- reactor specific mounting and adjustment unit
- manual and software CD
- additional USB license dongle for growth rate analysis and growth rate fit on office computer
- Al-Si eutectic wafer for temperature calibration (special coated 2", 3" or 4" wafer)
- curvature calibration wafers (2", 3" or 4"), one convex and one concave, pre-characterized

Communication with growth system

The electronic control unit is connected with the growth system by 15 pin interface cable (trigger pulse is mandatory). Optional LAN connection to growth control computer is available. **Please note:** for the LAN connection a special software interface on the growth system computer is necessary. The interface should be arranged by the customer with the manufacturer of the growth system. The table below demonstrates which data is transferred from and to the growth system.

Communication features	15 pin interface cable	LAN connection
rotation synchronous trigger pulse or (once per susceptor revolution) from growth system *	5V TTL or open collector signal	–
2 digital signals to growth system indicating heartbeat and busy/error status	5V TTL or open collector signal	–
start/stop signal from growth system for remote control from the recipe	5V TTL or open collector signal	via TCP/IP
reflectance calibration signal from growth system to indicate substrate reflectance	5V TTL or open collector signal	via TCP/IP
up to 3 marker signals to indicate different growth steps and for data synchronization with the growth recipe	5V TTL or open collector signal	via TCP/IP
process temperature from thermocouple or Eurotherm for advanced logging and calibration purpose	analog voltage (0-10 V)	via TCP/IP
pyrometer temperature to growth system for export of measured temperature (uncorrected or corrected)	analog voltage** (0-10 V)	via TCP/IP (all wafers individually)
reflectance signal to growth system for export of the measured reflectance	analog voltage** (0-10 V)	via TCP/IP (all wafers individually)

EpiCurve® TT size and weight

Parts	Size X x Y x Z mm	Weight, kg
optical head without mounting tool	184 x 198,6 x 120	2.0
control unit (19" case 4 HE, 84 TE)	450 x 300 x 180	8.0
rack mount control computer (4 HE)	450 x 600 x 180	17.0
19" LCD display	410 x 20 x 420	5,5
mounting and adjustment unit	reactor specific	reactor specific

* this line is mandatory for multiple wafer systems and strongly recommended for motor driven single-wafer systems

** in multi-wafer systems only averaged data or data from one specified wafer can be transferred

EpiCurve® TT Two requirements

Requirements to the growth system

- standard purged normal-incidence optical view port
- optical access to the sample
 - free aperture
 - AIX Planetary® G3/G4: 5 x 15 mm hole in the reactor ceiling (standard AIXTRON quartz inlay for EpiCurve® TT)
- for multiple wafer systems:
 - rotation synchronous trigger pulse from rotation axis, one pulse per revolution (TTL or open collector)
 - main rotation frequency below 20 rpm
- for remote control hardware and/or LAN connection between MOCVD system and EpiCurve® TT (to be arranged with Aixtron AG)
- feed-throughs for two fibers and two cables min Ø: 40 mm: (feed-through plate for KF40 is recommended and available)

Operating conditions

Component	Allowed temperature range	
	operation	storage
optical head	10°C – 40°C	10°C – 60°C
electronic control unit	10°C – 35°C	10°C – 60°C
control computer	10°C – 35°C	10°C – 60°C

Please note:

- vibrations of optical head have to be avoided during the measurement
- optical head is fragile, avoid shock-treatment
- warm-up time: 15 min

EpiCurve® TT electrical connections / power consumption

- the main connection (100-240 V) including extension cables to the control unit has to be provided by the customer
- input voltage: 100 / 240 V auto detect
- the power supply must be equipped with grounding wire
- power consumption (typical values for 230 V operation):

Component	current / A	power/W typical	power/W max.
control computer	3.5	134	500
monitor	1.5	26	40
control unit rack	0,3	20	70
total	5.3	180	610

EpiCurve® TT is available for:

- AIXTRON Planetary® MOCVD systems (except 24 x 2" configuration)
 - AIXTRON CCS® 3x2", 6x2", 19x2" and CRIUS (30x2"/31x2") and other wafer sizes (see Datasheet for AIXTRON CCS®)
 - MBE systems by Riber, Veeco / Applied Epi, VG
 - home built systems MOCVD and MBE systems
- All existing EpiTTs can be up-graded to EpiCurve® TT!
EpiCurve® TT can be adapted to virtually any growth system.

Specifications are subject to further technical development and may differ from those given in the datasheet.

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