

III-Nitride growth – how to get device related real-time process quality signatures

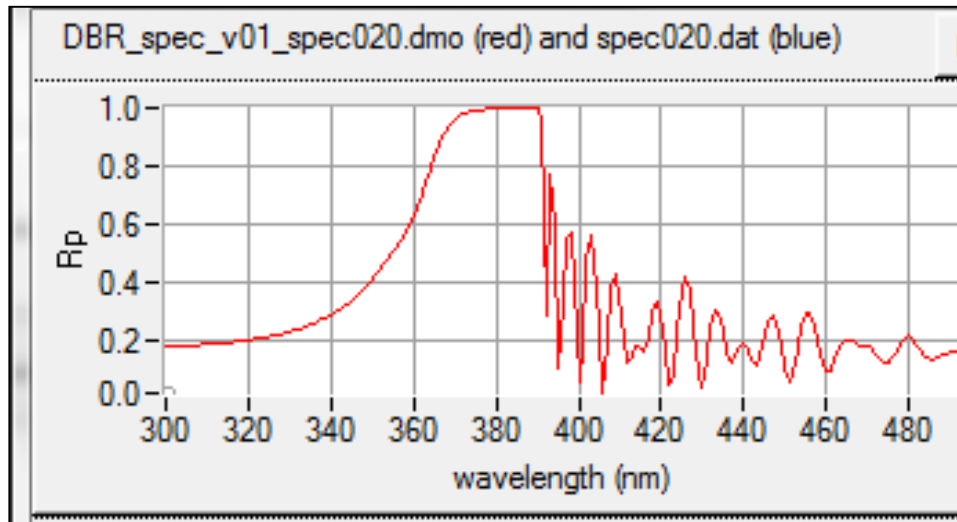
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– here: selected slides on AlInN-DBRs

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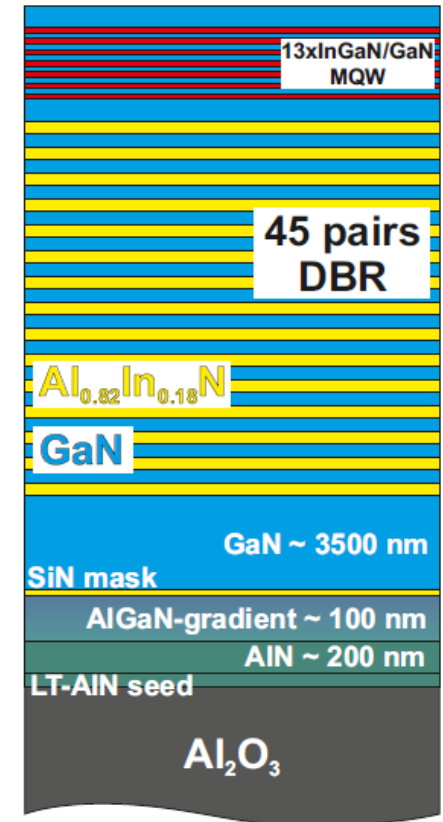
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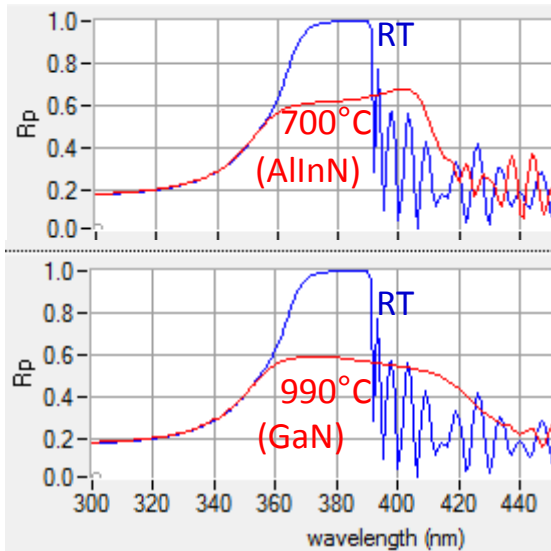
AlInN/GaN DBR: tight control needed → in-situ metrology



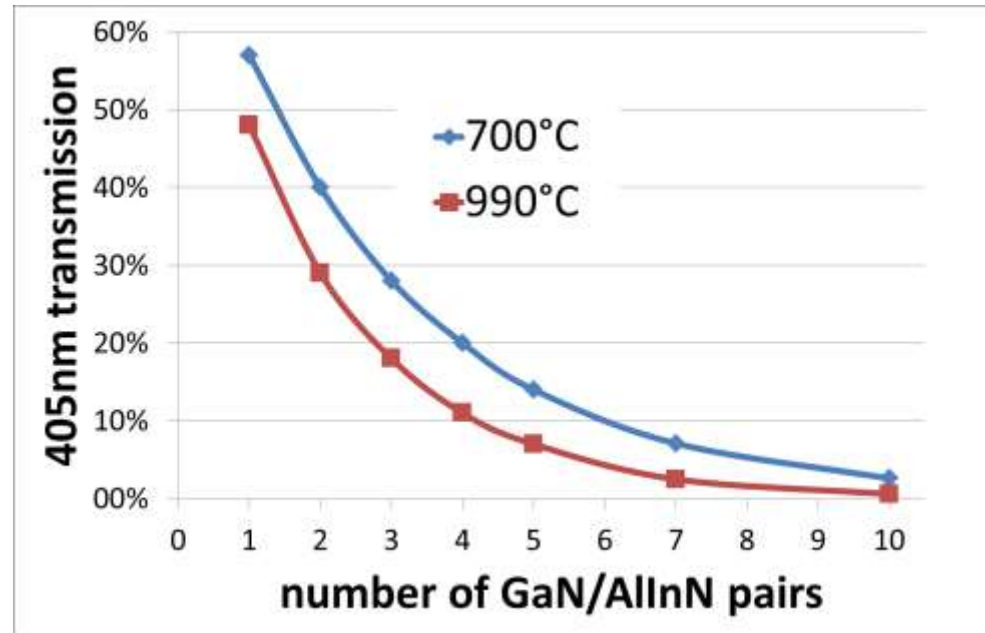
- stop band of 45 pair AlInGaN/GaN DBR at RT



The in-situ optical response of an ideal GaN/AlInN DBR



Simulation: height and shape of stop band change (n&k change at high T)



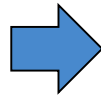
At growth temperature the 405nm reflectance pattern should stabilize after ~10 pairs (GaN HT absorption)

During growth: only the upper-most 8-10 layer pairs of the DBR are sensed by 405nm reflectance due to absorption.

The n,k data for simulation have been derived from *E Sakalauskas1 et al., J. Phys. D, Appl. Phys. 43 (2010) 365102*

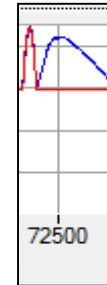
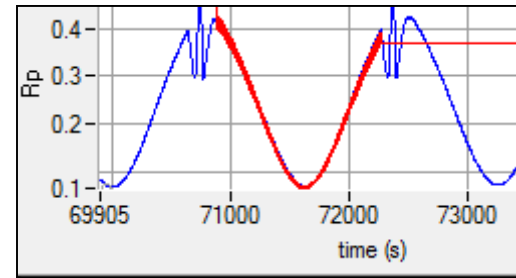
405nm reflectance indicates: small drift in DBR properties

Layer thickness of every single layer can be determined with „virtual interface“ based algorithms [D. E. Aspnes, J. Opt. Soc. Am. **10**, 974 (1993).]

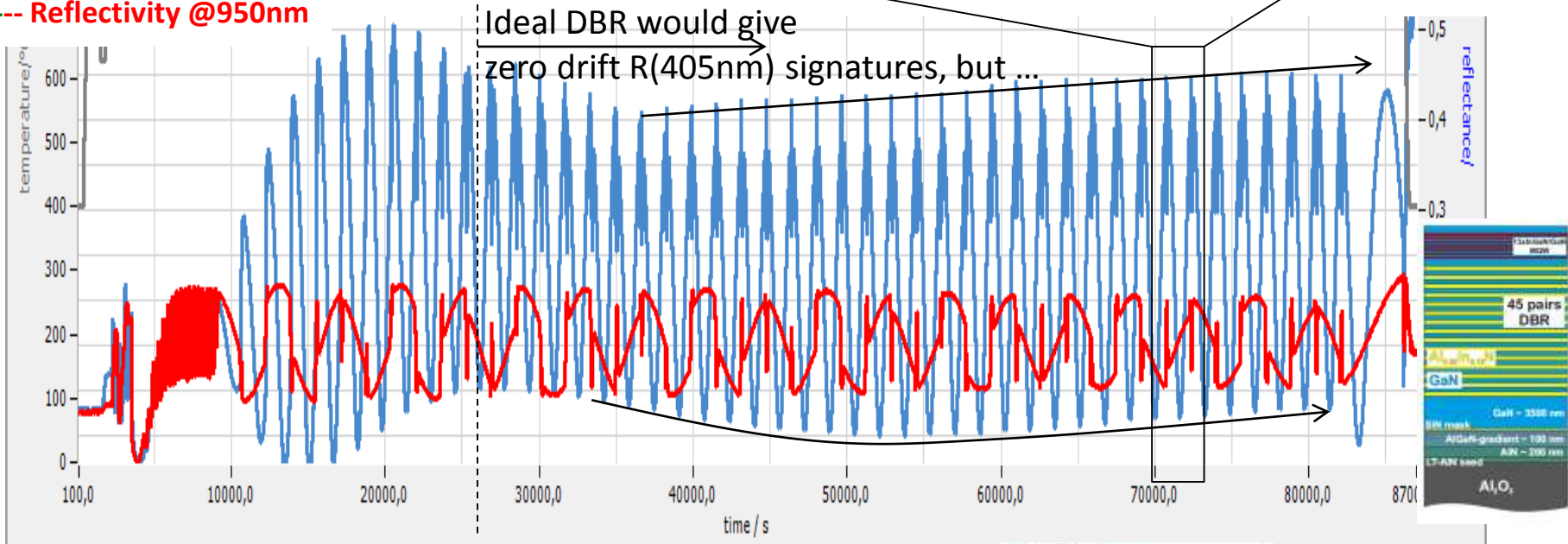


fit to R_{405nm} : 43.3nm AlInN

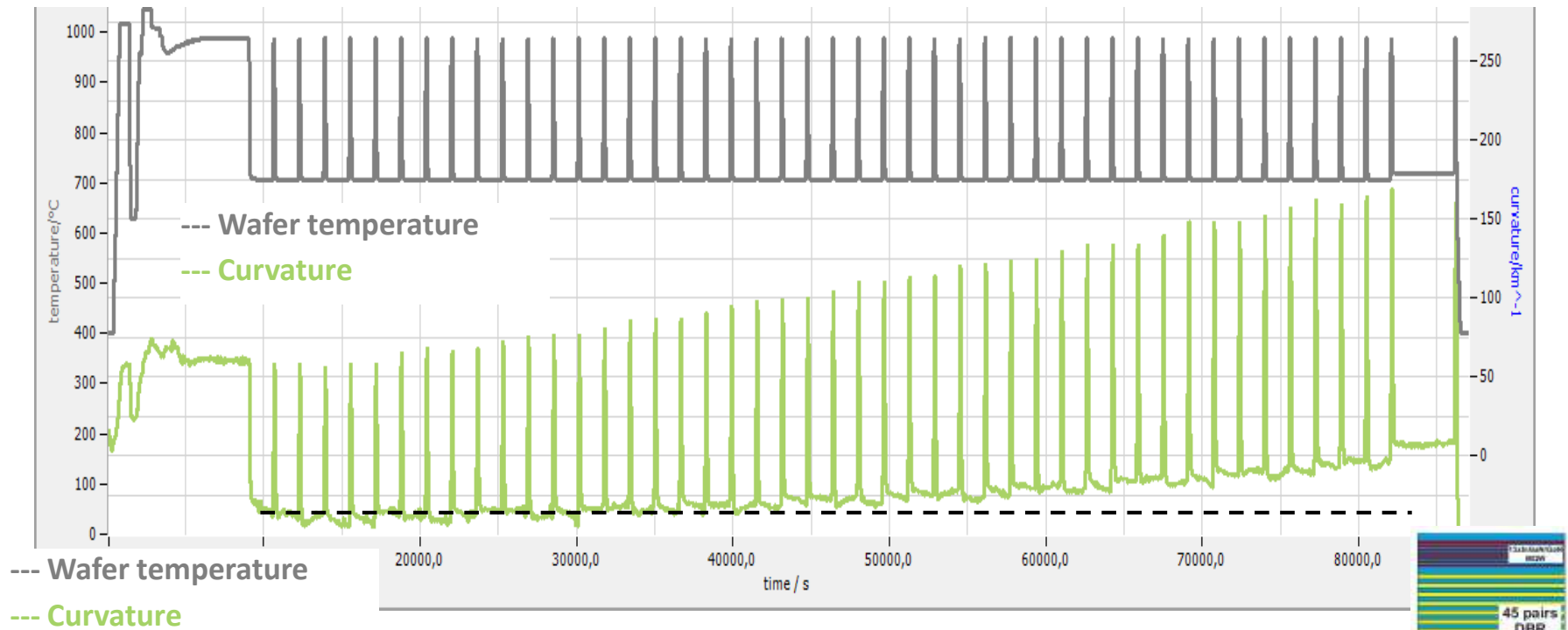
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--- Reflectivity @405nm
 --- Reflectivity @950nm



Wafer bow indicates: small GaN/AlInN mismatch

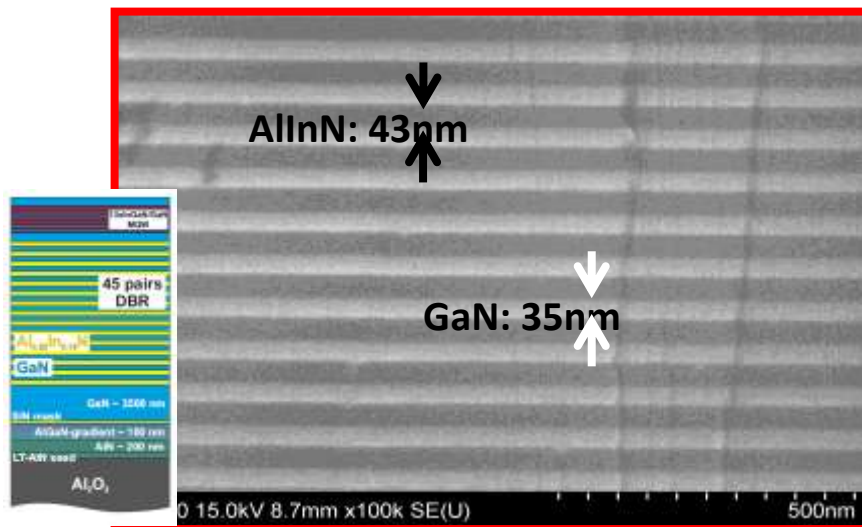


Very long process → ceiling coating → increasing GaN-surface temperature → composition shift towards less In?

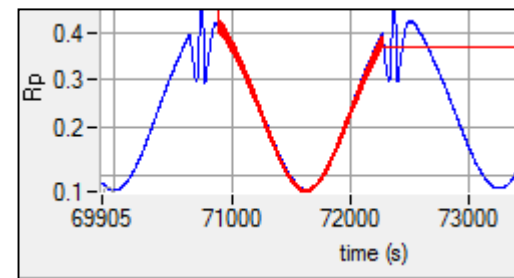
Conclusion

For high-yield MOCVD processes of III-Nitride based devices the contribution of industrial and academic research is:

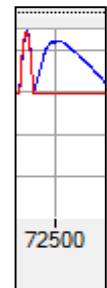
- Investigate and understand physics of III-N in-situ signatures
- Establish solid correlation of metrology data: in-situ vs. ex-situ
- Establish clear correlation: in-situ signatures vs. device performance



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