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ABSTRACT

Piezoelectric crystals Ca₃Nb(Al_{0.5}Ga_{0.5})₃Si₂O₁₄ (CNAGS) with langasite structure have been successfully grown by Czochralski method. In this work, the crystal structure, quality, chemical composition, piezoelectric properties, electric resistivity and optical properties of the as-grown crystals were characterized. The full width at half-maximum (FWHM) of the rocking curve of CNAGS was found to be 23". The chemical compositions of CNAGS crystals are very close to that of initial compositions. At room temperature, the piezoelectric coefficients d_{11} and d_{14} of CNAGS crystals are 4.12 *pC/N* and -5.03 *pC/N*, and the electromechanical coupling coefficients k_{12} and k_{26} are also determined as 11.6% and 18.3%, respectively. The electric resistivity of as-growth crystal was found to be on the order of 2 × 10⁸ Ω ·cm at 500 °C and 1 × 10⁶ Ω ·cm at 800 °C. And the transmittances of CNAGS crystals were found to be over 80% in the wavelength range of 700-2700 nm.

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A1. Crystal structure; A1. X-ray diffraction; A2. Czochralski method; B1. Gallium compounds;B2. Piezoelectric materials

1. Introduction

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