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Characterizations of ZnO/Ga₂O₃ superlattices grown by atomic layer deposition. P.C. KUNG, Q.Y. CHEN, P.V. WADEKAR, W.C. HSIEH, C.F. CHANG, Department of Physics, National Sun Yat-Sen University, H.C. HUANG, Department of Material Science and Optoelectronics, National Sun Yat-Sen University, C.M. SHIAU, Y.P. CHENG, Y.S. HONG, C.Y. DANG, C.H. LEE, S.H. HUANG, Z.Y. WU, Y.Y. LIANG, C.M. LIN, S.T. YOU, L.W. TU, Department of Physics, National Sun Yat-Sen University, N.J. HO, Department of Material Science and Optoelectronics, National Sun Yat-Sen University, H.W. SEO, Department of Physics, Jeju National University, W.K. CHU, Texas Center of Superconductivity and Department of Physics, University of Houston — We have studied the structural and optical properties of ZnO/Ga₂O₃ superlattices (SLS) grown by ALD on (0001)-Al₂O₃, (100)- and (111)-Si substrates. Samples were grown followed the ratio of ALD cycles for ZnO (m) to Ga₂O₃ (n) was fixed at m:n = 2:3, while total thickness is the same for all. The structural properties used XRD and TEM indicate that samples are polycrystalline, while XRR confirmed the presence of SLS structures, albeit with rough interfaces suggesting that epitaxial growth in this system involves complex reaction kinetics. RTPL investigated relevant levels of energy transitions. For the thicker ZnO and Ga₂O₃ layers we observed a strong band emission peak at 3.36 eV, close to the bandgap of bulk value 3.37 eV. As the ZnO and Ga₂O₃ thicknesses were reduced, the band emission peak also reduced drastically. The causes behind the optical properties are further discussed in association with the first-principles calculations.

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