

Minimum Technical Requirements for a UV/VIS/IR Variable Angle Spectroscopic Ellipsometer System

The following is a list of technical specifications required for minimum operation of the requested ultraviolet/visible/infrared (UV/VIS/IR) variable angle spectroscopic ellipsometer system:

1. Hardware

- a. Spectral Range: 240-3200 nanometers
- b. Monochromator type: double chamber
- c. Resolution: Variable between 0.05nm and 5nm
- d. Wavelength Accuracy: <0.1 (240-1700nm); <1nm (1700-3200)
- e. Goniometer Range: 15-90 degrees
- f. Beam Size: <5mm (without focusing optics)
- g. Focusing optics with spectral range from 240 to 2400 nm.
- h. Spot Size using removable focusing optics: 100 microns
- i. The system shall include a camera to view the spot location on the sample.
- j. Sample Mount: Vertical
- k. Ellipsometry Configurations: Reflection, Transmission
- l. Intensity Configurations: Reflection, Transmission
- m. Measurements Capabilities: Ellipsometry, Generalized Ellipsometry, Percent Depolarization, and Mueller-Matrix, Reflected and Transmitted Scatterometry
- n. Typical Psi accuracy: +/-0.05 degrees (240-2500nm); +/-0.1 degrees (2500-3200nm)
- o. Typical Delta accuracy: +/-0.10 degrees (240-2500nm); +/-0.20 degrees (2500-3200nm)
- p. The system shall include a heat stage capable of handling samples up to 2.5 cm x 2.5 cm (1" x 1") in size
- q. The temperature range of the heat stage shall be from -50 °C to 500 °C

2. Software

- a. The operation of the system and data acquisition shall be computer controlled and system shall include software for data acquisition, data analysis, optical simulations and system calibrations.
- b. The system shall include at least 2 copies of data analysis software, so it can be installed in more than one computer to perform data analysis remotely.
- c. Data analysis software shall be capable of determination of: Optical Constants (n and k), film thickness, and doping concentration
- d. Data analysis software shall include the following dispersion Models: Cauchy, Sellmeier, Lorentz, Gaussian, Tauc-Lorentz, and Cody-Lorentz
- e. Data analysis software shall be capable of performing optical modeling and fitting of multilayer films
- f. Shall include an optical constant library of 300+ materials