



EpiCurve® TT product family

LayTec's EpiCurve® TT family of products are optical in-situ systems featuring wafer curvature, emissivity-corrected wafer temperature and multi-wavelength reflectance. EpiCurve® TT system is a combination of LayTec's EpiCurve® and EpiTT technology.

Features

Curvature

- Wafer selective in-situ curvature measurement
- Asphericity measurements to obtain information on wafer curvature along two perpendicular directions: for systems with Advanced Resolution (AR)
- Reflectance compensation detection (RCD) for enhanced dynamic range

Temperature

- Wafer/pocket selective true temperature (TT) measurement
- High precision calibration: factory calibration against a certified black body source and on-site calibration of the complete set-up with LayTec's calibration tool AbsoluT
- Line-scan measurements across the wafers for uniformity evaluation
- Configurations with up to four additional EpiTT heads (Twin/Triple/four-EpiTT-head editions) for temperature and reflectance measurement on additional positions (wafer rings / heating zones)

Reflectance

- Wafer selective reflectance measurements at three wavelengths
- Wafer selective growth rate analysis
- Recipe-controlled automated growth rate fit for multi-layer structures
- Uniformity checks (e.g., for comparison center to edge): reflectance and temperature measurements at several positions on the wafer, on different wafers and on different wafer rings (in case of Twin, Triple or four-EpiTT-head editions)
- Line-scan measurements across the wafers for uniformity evaluation

Features

- Optimized for 24 h / 7 day operation in production environment
- Measurements on single and multiple wafers (rotating or non-rotating), supporting satellite type susceptors even with multiple wafers per satellite
- Wobble compensating optics

Communication / Integration

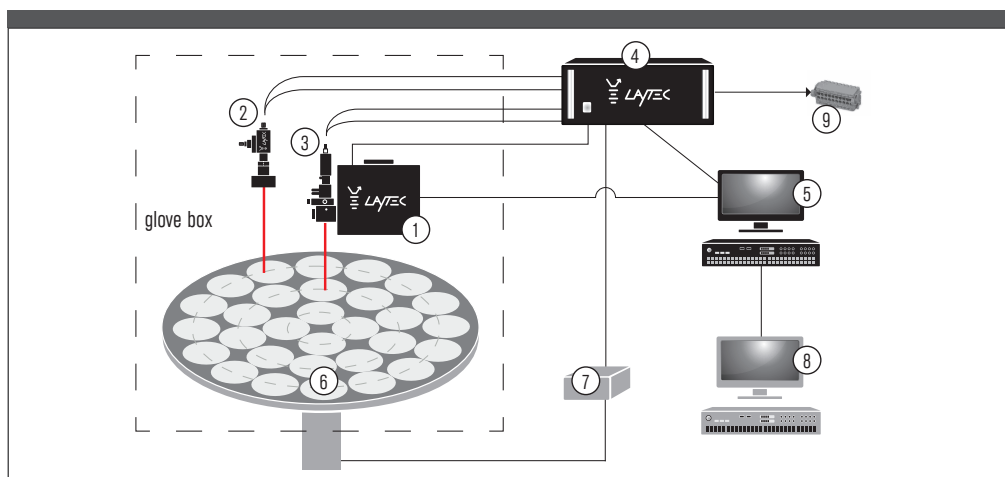
- Data exchange with growth system control computer via hardware interface and/or TCP/IP protocol based software interface. Pre-configurations is possible for different growth systems.
- Remote controllable from growth recipe
- Heartbeat/watchdog signals for SPS integration
- SECS/GEM implementation on request
- Analog output up to 8 x 4–20 mA

Measurable growth parameters

Parameter	EpiCurve® TT	EpiCurve® TT AR
Curvature range*/typical accuracy (km ⁻¹)	– 1950 (convex) to + 800 (concave)/± 3	– 1950 (convex) to + 800 (concave) /± 0.5 (asphericity: ± 0.3) <small>* In center zone depending on measurement geometry</small>
Reflectance	Noise typically better than ± 0.5 %	
Growth rate	Accuracy better than ± 1 %	
Temperature range	T=450 °C to ~ 1300 °C for large viewport systems / accuracy better than ± 1K T=500 °C to ~ 1400 °C for narrow viewport systems / accuracy better than ± 1K Other temperature ranges on request (e.g. 1500 °C for UVLED applications, 1800 °C for SiC)	
High temperature optical database includes	AlGaIn, AlGaAs, InGaIn, AlInGaP, Ge, InP, GaAs, Si ₃ N ₄ , Si, SiC Other materials available on request	

System components

Example drawing EpiCurve®Twin TT



Parts

- 1 – Optical head for curvature measurements EpiCurve®
- 2, 3 – EpiTT fiber optical heads for true temperature (TT) and reflectance (R) measurements
- 4 – Electronic control unit
- 5 – LayTec control computer (includes: measurement PC, TFT flat screen, mouse, keyboard)
- 6 – Deposition system (not delivered by LayTec)
- 7 – Rotation encoder (optional by LayTec on request)
- 8 – Growth control computer (not delivered by LayTec)
- 9 – Additional analog output 8 x 4–20 mA (wiring not supplied by LayTec)

Description of the parts

EpiCurve® TT optical head for curvature, reflectance and temperature measurements

The products of our EpiCurve® TT family are equipped with 3 reflectance wavelengths as a standard. Wavelength combinations are available on request.

Depending on your application, the curvature measurement is performed by a red or a blue laser.

Light sources

Light source	Curvature		Reflectance
	Semiconductor laser		High brightness LED module
Standard wavelengths and bandwidth (nm)	405 (blue)	670 (red)	405 ± 1, 633 ± 1.5, 950 ± 5, others on request
Life-time according to manufacturer (h)	>10 000	>20 000	>20 000

Measurements frequency

Parameter	Susceptor rotation (rpm)	Number of data points per second (Hz)
Curvature		18...35
Reflectance	3... ~ 20	100
	20... ~ 100	2000

The number of measurements within one susceptor revolution (max. sampling rate per round) and the time between the measurements (data repetition rate) depend on susceptor / carrier rotation.

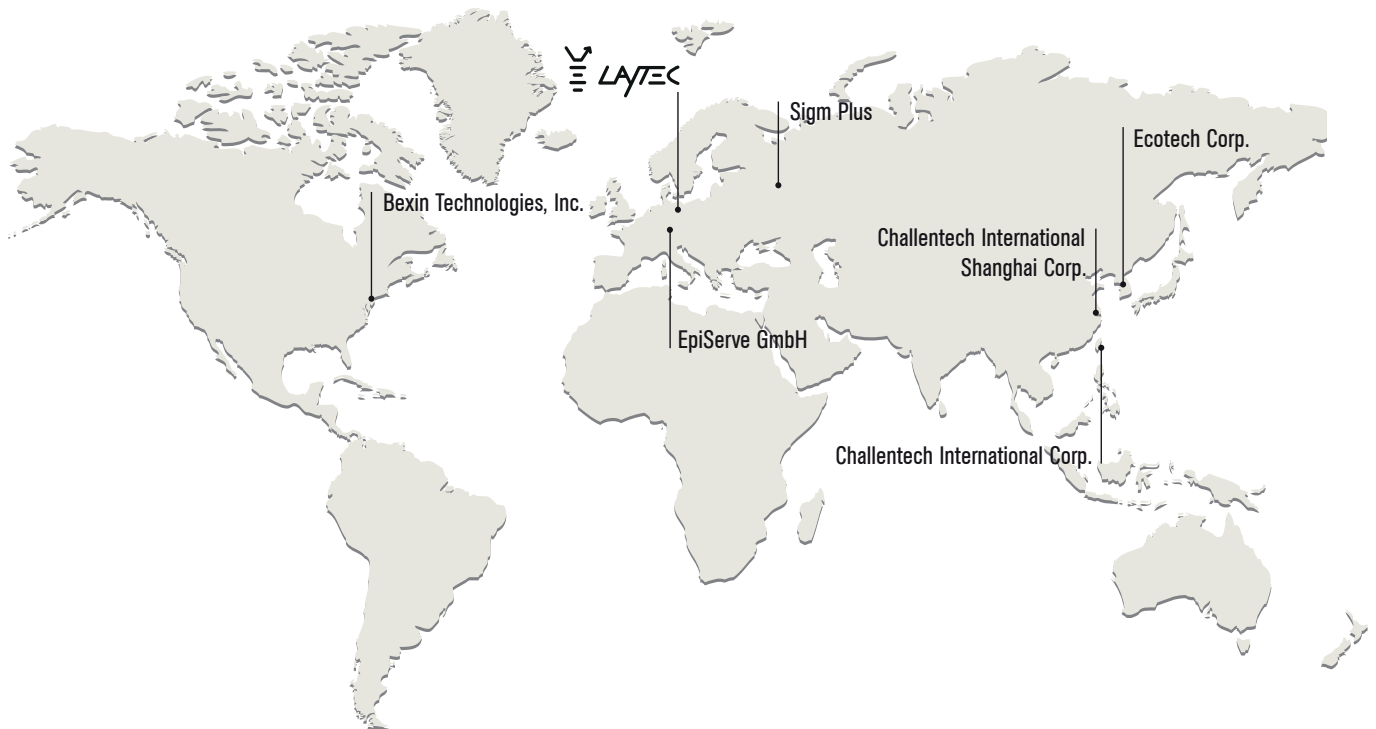
Examples for different rotation frequencies

Typical susceptor / Carrier rotation (rpm)	Rotation frequency example (rpm)	Repetition rate (sec)	Spatial resolution: max. number of measurements per round	
			Curvature (Based on 18 Hz)	Reflectance
0 and 3...~25	10	6	100	600
	20	3	50	300
20...~120	60	4	18	2 000
	120	2	9	1 000

Electronic control unit and PC

The electronic control unit and measurement PC are standard 19" boxes that can be easily mounted into existing 19" racks.

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