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Effects of Temperature on Persistence Probabilities in Molecular Beam Epitaxy Model

Persistence probability is an interesting quantity used in the study of stochastic processes. According to J. Krug [1], persistence probability of height fluctuation is the probability that the height fluctuation does not return to its initial value throughout a time interval. The persistence probability exhibits power law decay with time with the exponent θ . In this work, we use a numerical simulation approach to investigate the persistence probability in Molecular-Beam Epitaxy (MBE) model which is associated with Molecular-Beam Epitaxy technique [2-4]. In the first half of this work, we study the effects of temperature on the growth exponent (β) and persistence exponent (β). For the relatively low temperature (associated with nearest neighboring site diffusion length), we obtain $\beta \approx 0.16$ and dynamic exponent (β) and investigate the temperature increases, β decreases while β increases. In the second half, we study the dependence of persistence probability on initial height fluctuation (β), system size (L), and discrete sampling time (β) and investigate the scaling relation. Our findings show that the steady state persistence probabilities are a function of three parameters: β (β) which is the same as what was previously found in linear growth models [5]. We also find that the positive persistence probability of negative initial height does not show power law decay unless the initial height is much greater than the saturated interface width (β), similar to the Das Sarma–Tamborenea model in [6].

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