

# Magnetic-field-induced exchange effects between Mn ions and free carriers in ZnSe quantum wells through the intermediate nonmagnetic barrier studied by photoluminescence

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Photoluminescence (PL) of 50 nm  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}/d$  nm  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}/2.5$  nm  $\text{ZnSe}/30$  nm  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  structures is investigated as a function of magnetic field ( $B$ ) and thickness ( $d$ ) of an intermediate  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  nonmagnetic barrier between the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  semimagnetic barrier and the ZnSe quantum well at a temperature of 1.2 K. The rate of the shift of different PL bands of the structures under study is estimated in low and high magnetic fields. The causes of the shift rate increase under a pass from low to high magnetic fields are interpreted. The peculiarities of the effect of the intermediate barrier on the luminescence properties of the structures are presented. It is shown that deformation of adjacent layers by the barrier plays a crucial role in the formation of these properties, especially in forming the Mn complexes in the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  layer. The change of the band gap as well as of the donor and acceptor level energies under the effect of biaxial compression of the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  layer by the  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  are estimated. It is concluded that the  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  intermediate barrier also appreciably changes the effect of giant Zeeman splitting of the semimagnetic  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  barrier energy levels on the movement of the energy levels of the ZnSe quantum well in a magnetic field and on the polarization of the quantum-well exciton emission.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Quantum heterostructures containing layers of diluted magnetic semiconductors (DMSs), usually a  $3d$  Mn- or Fe-based transition metal, have been extensively studied in the literature. The main focus has been made on both fundamental and practical applications, especially those designed for different spin-electronic devices. The presence of transition-element ions provides the conditions for magnetic tuning of the heterojunction band alignment owing to extraordinarily large spin splitting of the DMS bands owing to the exchange interaction between the  $s$ - and  $p$ -band electrons and  $3d^5$  electrons associated with the  $3d$  element ions.<sup>1–3</sup> The  $s$ ,  $p$ - $d$  exchange interaction between the local moments and the band electrons gives rise to a rich spectrum of collective magnetic behavior. When an external magnetic field is applied to DMS, they exhibit two distinct band gaps, one for each spin direction.<sup>1</sup> This splitting of conduction and valence bands (giant Zeeman splitting) can lead to a sizable spin polarization of the carriers in the DMS. This property is used to inject spin-polarized carriers into nonmagnetic semiconductors.<sup>4,5</sup>

Two typical approaches are usually applied to the fabrication of DMS heterostructures: a heterostructure with a DMS layer as a quantum well (QW)<sup>6</sup> or a heterostructure with DMS layers as quantum barriers.<sup>7,8</sup> In the first case, both the free carriers and the  $3d$  element ions are located in the same layer of a QW. This leads to a strong interaction between the free carriers and the localized  $3d$  electrons of ions that intensifies the effects caused by the magnetic field. However, the presence of magnetic impurities in a QW stimulates spin relaxation processes.<sup>9–11</sup> Hence, it is preferable to separate the carriers

from the magnetic media.<sup>12–14</sup> In this case, the exchange interaction between the free two-dimensional (2D) carriers of a nonmagnetic QW and the ions of magnetic impurities in the barrier is driven by penetration of the carrier wave-function tails into the barrier.

The effective depth of a well, represented by the difference between the positions of the band edges in adjacent layers, is strongly dependent on the magnetic field. At the same time, the energy of quantization levels in a shallow well strongly depends on the well depth. Therefore, the electron states in a nonmagnetic QW acquire some characteristics of the DMS materials, specifically sensitivity to the magnetic field.<sup>1</sup>

It seems interesting to investigate the effect of magnetic field on the electron states in a nonmagnetic QW affected by a semimagnetic barrier. The barrier changes its height and exchange interaction with the states. Separation of the two effects can provide an additional degree of freedom in fabricating spintronics devices. In particular, an additional nonmagnetic layer introduced between a semimagnetic barrier and a nonmagnetic QW may be used for this purpose. Because, in the range of our experimental conditions, the nonmagnetic barrier height only negligibly depends on a magnetic field, the changes of an exchange interaction contribution will dominate in the field behavior of the energy characteristics of the QW. In this paper we show such a possibility using the example of quantum structures based on the ZnSe QW with the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  and  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  barriers. The barrier compositions were selected based on the condition of an approximate parity of the band gap of the barriers at zero magnetic field. In order to study the field-induced exchange effects through the intermediate nonmagnetic barrier between

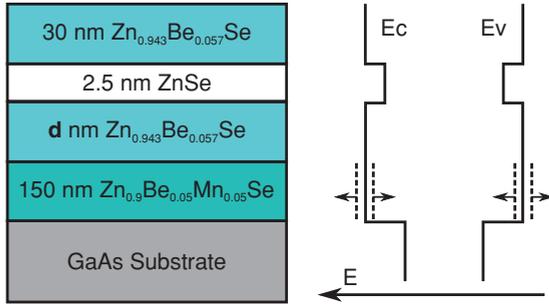


FIG. 1. (Color online) Schematic view of the sample layout (left) with the corresponding energy-band profile (right). The spin-split subbands of the conduction band ( $E_C$ ) and the valence band ( $E_V$ ) in the magnetic field are depicted by arrows. The  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  barrier thickness  $d$  was varied as 0 (named  $a1$ ), 2.5 ( $b1$ ), 7.5 ( $c1$ ), and 12.5 nm ( $d1$ ).

Mn ions and free carriers in the ZnSe QW, a  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  barrier of different thickness was introduced between the ZnSe and  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  layers. Photoluminescence (PL) properties of the structure in magnetic fields up to 5.25 T were investigated.

## II. EXPERIMENTAL DETAILS

The samples used in the PL experiments were grown by molecular-beam epitaxy on a GaAs substrate. The sample layout is depicted in Fig. 1. The nonmagnetic space layer  $d$  is used for the purpose of varying the magnetic interaction in the structure.

PL spectra at 1.2 K in magnetic fields up to 5.25 T at Faraday geometry were measured to study the peculiarities of the exchange interaction between the Mn ions and free carriers. For optical excitation, we used a stilbene-3 dye laser pumped by ultraviolet lines of an Ar-ion laser. For nonresonant excitation, the laser energy is tuned to  $E_{\text{exc}} = 2.94$  eV, exceeding the band gap of the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  barrier.

## III. THE EXPERIMENTAL PL SPECTRA

Figure 2 shows the PL spectra for the structures under study without the application of magnetic field. One can see that the shape of the PL spectrum critically depends on the presence of an intermediate  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  barrier between the ZnSe QW and the semimagnetic  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  layer. This concerns the two “evident” spectra characteristics, i.e., the number of PL bands and their intensity. The most striking feature of this dependence is a decrease of the number of PL bands by one for the structures with an intermediate barrier.

The composition of the structure also affects the behavior of the PL bands in the magnetic field where the bands split into two components with  $\sigma^+$  and  $\sigma^-$  polarization. Figure 3 shows this effect by using the example of different polarization PL spectra in a magnetic field up to 1 T for  $a1$  and  $d1$  structures.

In order to quantitatively analyze the structure composition effect on the behavior of PL spectra in a magnetic field, it is necessary to separate the spectra into elementary components. This turns out to be a very complicated problem, especially

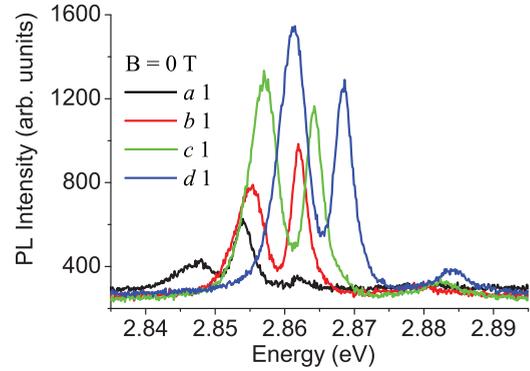


FIG. 2. (Color online) The PL spectra of the 150 nm  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}/d$  nm  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}/2.5$  nm  $\text{ZnSe}/30$  nm  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  structures in zero magnetic fields:  $T = 1.2$  K.  $\hbar v_{\text{ex}} = 2.94$  eV.

in the range of high magnetic fields where different PL bands superimpose one above another. As a result, the experimental PL spectrum can be reproduced in different ways by the same number of elementary bands. As an example, the data in Fig. 4 illustrate this.

In view of the mentioned ambiguity, decomposition of the experimental spectra into elementary constituents was carried out by using the method of averaging. Details of the method of decomposition will be discussed in more detail elsewhere. Here we emphasize that it is well known<sup>12</sup> that for the zinc-blende structure, the transition-matrix element of the transitions involving heavy holes (hh) is three times larger than that involving light holes (lh). Therefore, only those decompositions were taken into account where the PL intensity of the heavy excitons was larger than the PL intensity of the light excitons. It will be shown below that it is exactly these excitons that form the longest-wave PL bands of the structures under study. Not less than 20 different decompositions covering the maximum range of parameter variations for each spectrum were used to determine the averaged values of the parameters. An analysis showed that the deviation of experimental values of the parameters of different decompositions from their averaged values in any structures do not exceed the following: (i)  $\pm 0.0005$  eV for the energy of a short-wave component of the spectra and  $\pm 0.0015$  eV for the long-wave components; and (ii)  $\pm 20\%$  of the averaged value for the full width at half maximum (FWHM) of the bands, and  $\pm 60\%$  of the averaged value for the intensity of the bands. The total intensity of PL is reproduced by the intensity of the Lorentz components within an error of no more than 10% of the true value.

## IV. ENERGY POSITION OF THE PL BANDS

Figure 5 shows the magnetic-field dependences on the energy positions of different PL bands for the structures under study. Let us examine these dependences from the viewpoint of general and distinctive features in different structures.

*The  $L_1$  band:* It is the highest-energy PL band in zero magnetic fields. Its behavior in a magnetic field is the same for all structures. The  $\sigma^+$ -polarized  $L_1^+$  band shifts to the long-wave range if  $B$  increases. The  $\sigma^-$ -polarized  $L_1^-$  band

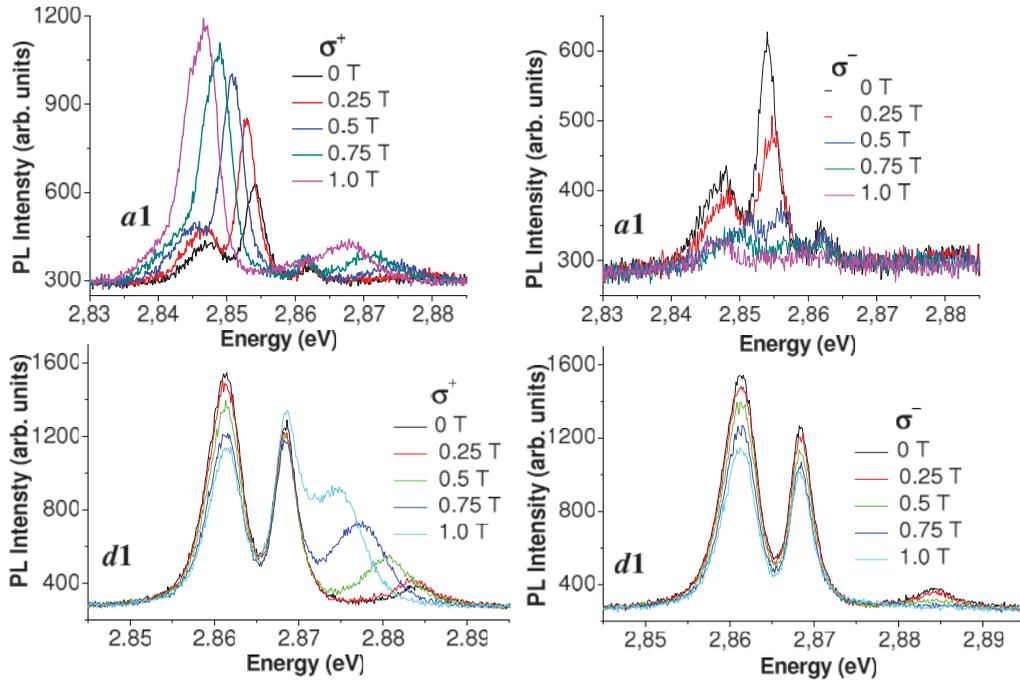


FIG. 3. (Color online) The PL spectra of  $\sigma^+$  and  $\sigma^-$  polarization of the *a1* (top) and *d1* (bottom) structures in magnetic fields.

tends to shift in the opposite direction in a magnetic field and practically disappears when  $B > 0.5$  T.

*The  $L_2$  band:* It is the next PL band in zero magnetic fields. It behaves differently in different structures.

*$\sigma^+$  polarization:* (i) In the *a1* structure, the  $L_2^+$  band slightly changes its position in low ( $< 1$  T) magnetic fields and shifts appreciably to the long-wave range in high magnetic fields, when  $B$  increases; (ii) in the *b1* and *c1* structures, the  $L_2^+$  band energy practically does not depend on the magnetic field for  $B < 1.25$  T, then starts to decrease somewhat. The band disappears in the magnetic field where its energy becomes equal to the  $L_1^+$  band energy; (iii) in the *d1* structure, the  $L_2^+$  band position does not depend on the magnetic field.

*$\sigma^-$  polarization:* The  $L_2^-$  band energy does not depend on the magnetic field. However, the range of magnetic fields where the band is observed is different for different structures.

It is the narrowest ( $B \leq 0.5$  T) for the *a1* structure and includes all magnetic fields under investigation for the *c1* and *d1* structures.

*The  $L_3$  band:* This band displays the strongest dependence on the structure composition. It is observed only for the *a1* structure without the intermediate  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  barrier. The  $L_3^+$  band energy decreases if  $B$  increases. On the contrary, in low magnetic fields of  $\sim B < 1.5$  T, the  $L_3^-$  band energy increases if  $B$  increases. If  $B > 1.5$  T, the  $L_3^-$  band shifts in the opposite direction. In the fields above 2 T its energy position coincides with the energy position of the  $L_1^+$  band.

*The  $L_4$  band:* This is the smallest energy PL band in zero magnetic fields. This band is a superposition of two components with close energy. We mark them  $L_{4(1)}^+$ ,  $L_{4(2)}^+$  and  $L_{4(1)}^-$ ,  $L_{4(2)}^-$  for  $\sigma^+$  and  $\sigma^-$  polarization, respectively. Their

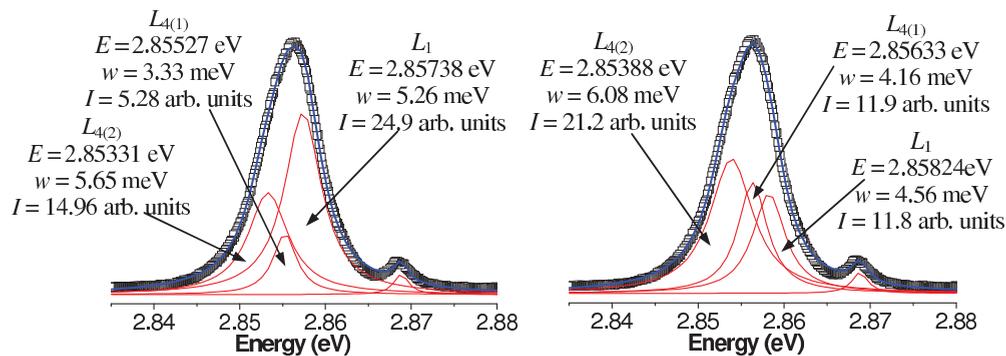


FIG. 4. (Color online) Two examples of a multitude of decompositions of the experimental  $\sigma^+$ -polarized PL spectrum of the *d1* structure in 5-T magnetic fields on the Lorentz components satisfying a requirement of a domination of the intensity of the heavy excitons (the left band) over the intensity of the light excitons (the second band from the left) in the ZnSe QW. Classification of the  $L_1$ – $L_4$  bands (see Sec. IV) and their nature (see Sec. VIII).

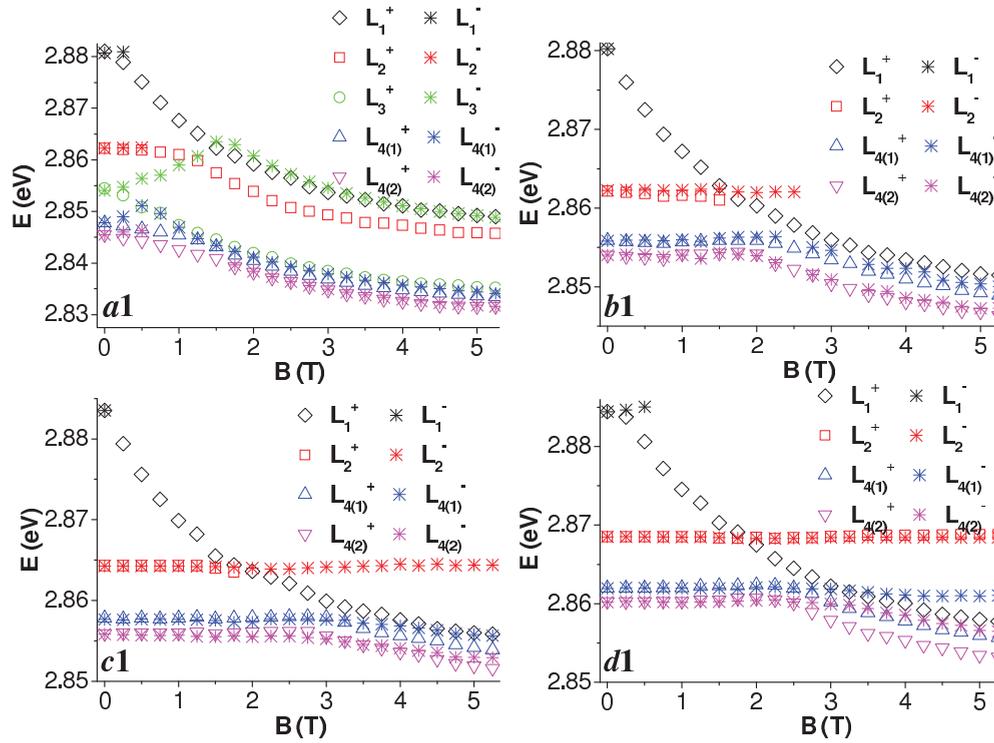


FIG. 5. (Color online) Magnetic-field dependence of the energy positions of the Lorentz components of both  $\sigma^+$  ( $L_1^+ - L_{4(2)}^+$ ) and  $\sigma^-$  ( $L_1^- - L_{4(2)}^-$ ).

behavior is absolutely different for the structures with and without an intermediate nonmagnetic  $Zn_{0.943}Be_{0.057}Se$  barrier.

*The a1 structure:* (i) The energy position of the  $L_4$  bands changes if  $B$  changes within the whole range of magnetic field under study; (ii) the  $L_{4(1)}^+$  and  $L_{4(2)}^+$  bands shift to the long-wave range if  $B$  increases; (iii) if the magnetic field is applied, the  $L_{4(1)}^-$  and  $L_{4(2)}^-$  bands shift to the short-wave range but they change the direction of their shift if  $B > 0.5$  T. In this range they follow the positions of the respective PL bands of  $\sigma^+$ -polarization.

*The b1, c1, and d1 structures:* (i) In low magnetic field, the energy of the bands practically does not depend on the magnetic field and thus the  $L_{4(1)}^+$  and  $L_{4(1)}^-$  as well as  $L_{4(2)}^+$  and  $L_{4(2)}^-$  coincide with each other; (ii) in high magnetic field, all bands shift to the long-wave range and the bands with different polarizations gradually diverge. The thicker the intermediate barrier, the larger is the divergence of both  $L_4^+$  and  $L_4^-$  bands.

**V. FULL WIDTH AT HALF MAXIMUM OF THE PL BANDS**

Figures 6 and 7 show the effect of both the intermediate barrier and the magnetic field on the PL bands' FWHM  $w$  for the structures under study.

The main features of this effect are as follows.

*The  $L_1$  band:* The FWHM of the  $L_1^+$  band is the widest in the *a1* structure. In zero magnetic fields,  $w$  decreases if the intermediate nonmagnetic barrier is applied and its thickness increases. In low magnetic field  $B < 1$  T, the band behavior is different for different structures: from continuous decrease in the *a1* structure to some increase in the *d1* structure if  $B$  increases. For  $B > 1$  T,  $w$  monotonously decreases if  $B$  increases. Herein the band is practically of the same width in all structures with the intermediate  $Zn_{0.943}Be_{0.057}Se$  nonmagnetic barrier.

*The  $L_2$  band:* The FWHM of the  $L_2^+$  band increases approximately three times under transition from low to

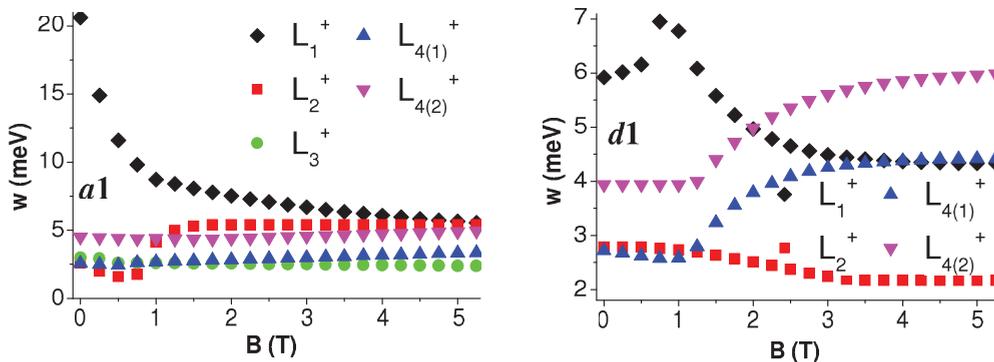


FIG. 6. (Color online) Magnetic-field dependence of the FWHM of the  $\sigma^+$ -polarized bands of the *a1* and *d1* structures.

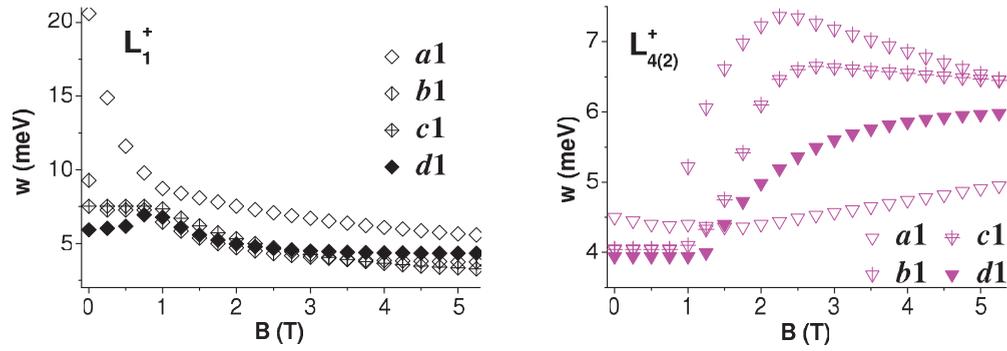


FIG. 7. (Color online) Magnetic-field dependence of the FWHM of the  $L_1^+$  and  $L_{4(2)}^+$  bands for all structures.

high magnetic fields for the  $a1$  structure and somewhat decreases for the  $d1$  structure. The FWHM of the  $L_2^-$  band practically does not depend on  $B$  for the  $c1$  and  $d1$  structures, where it is observed for any investigated magnetic fields.

*The  $L_3$  band:* If a magnetic field is applied, the FWHM of the  $L_3^+$  band somewhat decreases and that of the  $L_3^-$  band increases. After changing the shift direction in a magnetic field, the  $L_3^-$  band FWHM decreases if  $B$  increases. In this range of the magnetic field it is approximately four times larger than the  $L_3^+$  band FWHM.

*The  $L_4$  band:* The FWHM of the  $L_{4(1)}^+$  and  $L_{4(2)}^+$  bands practically does not depend on  $B$  in low magnetic fields  $B < 1$  T and decreases if the intermediate nonmagnetic barrier is applied and its thickness increases. In the intermediate magnetic fields,  $w(L_{4(2)}^+)$  and  $w(L_{4(1)}^+)$  sharply rise in the structures with an intermediate barrier. The band widening depends on the barrier thickness  $d$ : It is the largest for the  $b1$  structure where  $d$  is the smallest and vice versa—it is the smallest for the  $d1$  structure where  $d$  is the largest. If  $B$  increases further,  $w(L_{4(2)}^+)$  and  $w(L_{4(1)}^+)$  start to decrease. The FWHM decrease slackens if the barrier thickness increases. For the  $d1$  structure,  $w(L_{4(2)}^+)$  and  $w(L_{4(1)}^+)$  practically do not depend on  $B$  in the high magnetic-field range. In this range of the field for the  $a1$  structure,  $w(L_{4(2)}^+)$  and  $w(L_{4(1)}^+)$  somewhat increase if  $B$  increases.

The FWHM of both  $L_{4(1)}^-$  and  $L_{4(2)}^-$  bands behaves as the  $L_{4(1)}^+$  and  $L_{4(2)}^+$  bands' FWHM.

## VI. INTENSITY OF THE PL BANDS

Figures 8 and 9 show an effect of both the intermediate barrier and magnetic field on the PL band intensity  $I$  for the structures under study.

The application of the intermediate nonmagnetic barrier  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  between the  $\text{ZnSe}$  and  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  layers of the structure has no effect on the  $L_1$  band intensity in zero magnetic fields but appreciably augments the intensity of the other PL bands,  $L_2$ , QW [ $I(L_{4(1)}) + I(L_{4(2)})$ ], as well as the total PL intensity. All these intensities increase if  $d(\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se})$  increases (Fig. 8).

Application of a magnetic field increases the intensity of the short-wave  $L_1^+$  PL band in any structure. At the same time,

the field effect on the behavior of the other PL bands is not that simple. For example, in a low magnetic field  $B < 1$  T, an intensity of the long-wave  $L_{4(1)}^+$  and  $L_{4(2)}^+$  bands increases when  $B$  increases in the  $a1$  structure but decreases in three other structures. The intensity of the  $L_2^+$  band increases under transition from low to high magnetic fields in the  $a1$  structure but decreases and comes off plateau in the  $d1$  structure (Fig. 9).

Application of a magnetic field also increases the total intensity  $I_{\sigma^+}$  of the  $\sigma^+$ -polarized emission of the structures but decreases the total intensity  $I_{\sigma^-}$  of the  $\sigma^-$ -polarized emission (Fig. 10). In high magnetic fields,  $I_{\sigma^-}$  first stabilizes and then displays a weak tendency to increase. Herein  $I_{\sigma^-}$  becomes much smaller than  $I_{\sigma^+}$ . For the top magnetic field,  $B = 5.25$  T ratio  $I_{\sigma^+}/I_{\sigma^-}$  changes from 0.04 in the  $a1$  structure to 0.14 for the  $d1$  structure [see the inset in Fig. 10(b)].

In low magnetic fields, the character of  $I_{\sigma^+}(B)$  appreciably depends on the intermediate barrier thickness: The thicker the barrier, the weaker is the dependence. In high magnetic fields, an effect of the intermediate barrier thickness on the total intensity  $I_{\sigma^+}$  of the structures has a pronounced non-monotonous character. The thinnest barrier (the  $b1$  structure) does not increase  $I_{\sigma^+}$  with respect to the  $a1$  structure. A similar increase in the intermediate barrier thickness from 7.5 to 12.5 nm (the  $c1$  and  $d1$  structures) practically does not change the parameter  $I_{\sigma^+}$  as well. Thus it is possible to reach the principal increase of the total PL intensity  $I_{\sigma^+}$  in the high magnetic fields by changing the intermediate barrier thickness within the limits of 2.5–7.5 nm. The application of the intermediate barrier also appreciably affects the relative

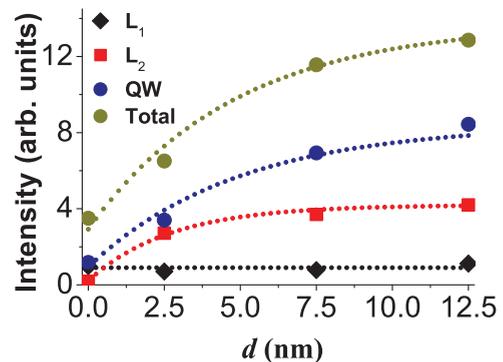


FIG. 8. (Color online) Barrier thickness  $d(\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se})$  dependence of PL signal intensity at zero magnetic field.

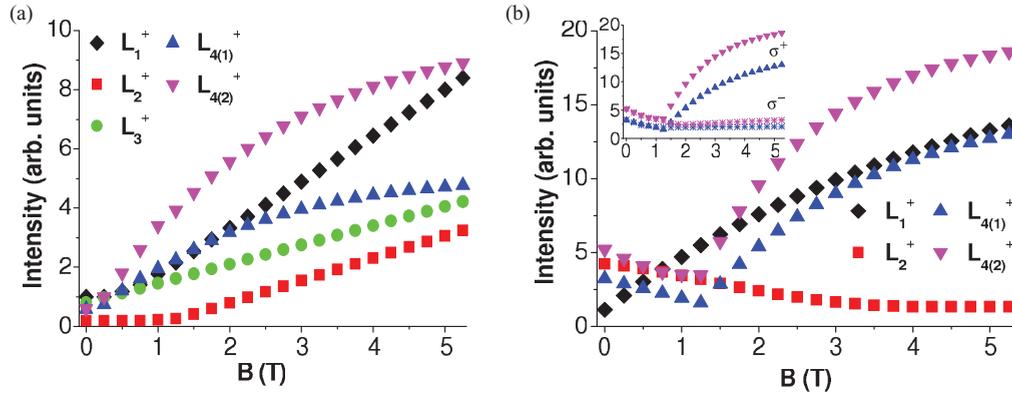


FIG. 9. (Color online) Magnetic-field dependence of the PL intensity of the  $\sigma^+$ -polarized bands for both *a1* (left) and *d1* (right) structures. Inset: PL intensity of both  $L_{4(1)}$  and  $L_{4(2)}$  bands of  $\sigma^+$  and  $\sigma^-$  polarization.

increase of  $I_{\sigma^+}(B)$  enfeebling it. Herein the barrier thickness is of minor importance [see the inset in Fig. 10(a)].

### VII. POLARIZATION OF THE PL BANDS

The polarization of the PL bands is traditionally determined as  $\rho = (I_{\sigma^+} - I_{\sigma^-}) / (I_{\sigma^+} + I_{\sigma^-})$ . The shortest  $L_1^-$  PL band disappears as early as  $B > 0.5$  T in any structure under study. Thus, the intermediate barrier does not effect polarization of the  $L_1$  band, which arises as soon as a magnetic field is applied and reaches 100% if  $B > 0.5$  T. The state of matter is absolutely different for the longest  $L_4$  PL band. Figure 11 demonstrates it by the example of the  $L_{4(2)}$  bands.

As one can see, the  $L_{4(2)}$  band is not polarized up to  $B \approx 1$  T for the *c1* and *d1* structures. At the same time, for the other two structures with the thinnest intermediate barrier and without a barrier, the  $L_{4(2)}$  band starts to polarize as soon as a magnetic field is applied. In the high magnetic fields, the  $L_{4(2)}$  band polarization saturates. The polarization of saturation is the largest in the *a1* structure without any intermediate barrier (91%), somewhat smaller for the *b1* and *c1* structures (89%–88%), and noticeably smaller for the *d1* structure with the thickest intermediate barrier (71%). The polarization of the  $L_{4(1)}$  band is the same.

### VIII. DISCUSSION

In our previous work<sup>13</sup> we analyzed the PL spectra of the *a1* structure and proposed the following interpretation of the origin of different bands.

*Low magnetic fields:* (i) A transition between the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  conduction band  $E_{\text{ZnBeMnSe}}^C$  and the energy level of an acceptor complex containing Mn  $E_{\text{ZnBeMnSe}}^{\text{Mn}}$  forms the short-wave  $L_1$  band; (ii) a donor-acceptor transition  $E_{\text{ZnBeMnSe}}^D - E_{\text{ZnBeMnSe}}^A$  in  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  forms the  $L_2$  band; (iii) an indirect transition in real space between the 2D conduction band of the ZnSe QW  $E_{\text{ZnSe}}^C$  and  $E_{\text{ZnBeMnSe}}^{\text{Mn}}$  forms the  $L_3$  band.

*High magnetic fields:* (i) A transition between  $E_{\text{ZnBeMnSe}}^C$  and the barrier valence band  $E_{\text{ZnBeMnSe}}^V$  forms the  $L_1$  band; (ii) a transition  $E_{\text{ZnBeMnSe}}^D - E_{\text{ZnBeMnSe}}^V$  forms the  $L_2$  band; (iii) an indirect transition  $E_{\text{ZnSe}}^C - E_{\text{ZnBeMnSe}}^V$  forms the  $L_3$  band. The transitions within the ZnSe QW  $E_{\text{ZnSe}}^C - E_{\text{ZnSe}}^V$  forms the  $L_4$  band in any magnetic field. The short-wave component  $L_{4(1)}$  of the  $L_4$  band is formed by emission of the light exciton, while the long-wave component  $L_{4(2)}$  is formed by emission of the heavy exciton. There are no reasons to expect that the intermediate  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  barrier changes the nature of the PL bands within both the ZnSe QW and

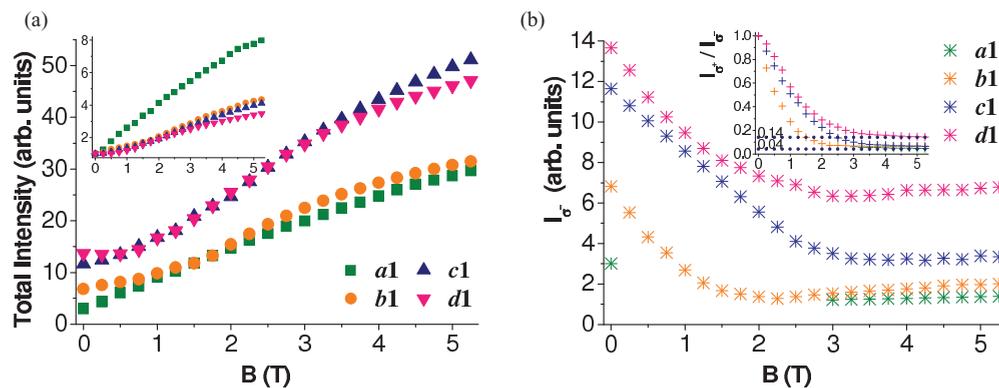


FIG. 10. (Color online) Magnetic-field dependence of a total intensity of  $\sigma^+$ - (left) and  $\sigma^-$ -polarized (right) PL of the structures under study. Inset: (Left) A total intensity normalized by its value in zero magnetic fields; (right) a relation between a total intensity of  $\sigma^+$ - and  $\sigma^-$ -polarized PL.

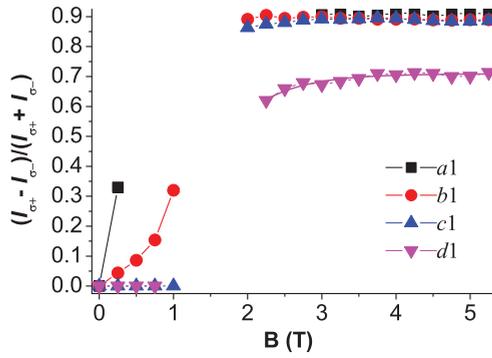


FIG. 11. (Color online) Magnetic-field dependence of the  $L_{4(2)}$  band polarization.

the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  semimagnetic barrier. Therefore, the analysis that follows the origin of the  $L_1$ ,  $L_2$ , and  $L_4$  bands is the same as in the other three structures.

In order to separate the contribution of the barrier height and exchange interaction in the field behavior of different PL bands, a quantitative analysis is needed.

The  $L_1$  band shift in a magnetic field is caused by the giant Zeeman splitting and may be written as<sup>1,15,16</sup>

$$E(B) = E(0) \mp (\chi N_0) \bar{x} \langle S_Z \rangle, \quad (1)$$

$$\chi N_0 = \alpha N_0 - \beta N_0, \quad (2)$$

where  $\bar{x}$  is the effective Mn concentration,  $\alpha N_0$  and  $\beta N_0$  are the exchange integrals between the Mn ions and carriers for upper and lower states responsible for this PL band, respectively,  $\langle S_Z \rangle$  is the thermal average of the Mn spin given by

$$\langle S_Z \rangle = \frac{5}{2} B_{5/2} [5\mu_B B / k_B (T + T_{\text{eff}})], \quad (3)$$

$B_{5/2}$  is Brillouin function of the argument in square brackets,  $\mu_B$  is the Bohr magneton,  $k_B$  is the Boltzmann constant,  $T$  is the temperature, and  $T_{\text{eff}}$  is an empirical parameter representing antiferromagnetic interaction between the Mn ions. In our calculations, the parameter  $T_{\text{eff}}$  was taken to be equal to 1.75 K, in accordance with the empirical ratio obtained in Ref. 15 for  $\text{Zn}_{1-x}\text{Mn}_x\text{Se}$ .

A comparison of the experimental and the calculated data for all structures under study is presented in Fig. 12. It clearly shows that there are two ranges of magnetic fields for any structure where the rates of the  $L_1^+$  band shift ( $\chi N_0$ ) in the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  layer are different: They are smaller for low and larger for high magnetic fields. We marked them as  $(\chi N_0)_{1L}$  and  $(\chi N_0)_{1H}$ , respectively. The parameter  $E(0)$  is also different for the ranges of low and high magnetic fields. We marked them as  $E_{1L}(0)$  and  $E_{1H}(0)$ , respectively.

One can see in Fig. 12 that many of the parameters of the  $L_1$  band in the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  layer are different not only for low and high magnetic fields. They are also different for the structures with and without the intermediate  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  barrier as well as for the structures of different barrier thicknesses. Let us examine these parameters.

$E_{1H}(0)$  has a sense of a band gap of the semimagnetic  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  barrier in zero magnetic fields. This parameter increases monotonously from 2.8932 eV for the barrier in the  $a1$  structure to 2.9019 eV for the same barrier in the  $d1$  structure (Fig. 12). We explain the observed changes of the parameters  $E_{1H}(0)$  as well as of the energy of  $L_1$  bands by both (i) the effect of the strains of the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  barrier surface layers caused by the action of the adjacent ZnSe or  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  layers on the band-gap value, and (ii) the dominant contribution of the strained surface layers in forming the emission bands of the semimagnetic barrier. It

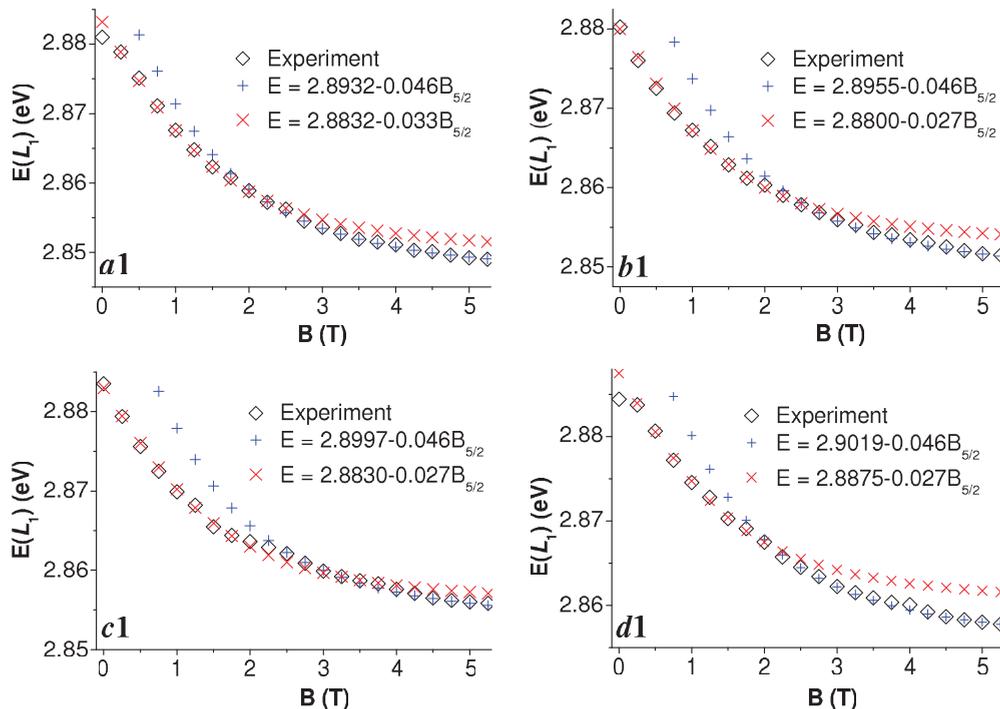


FIG. 12. (Color online) Magnetic-field dependence of the  $E(L_1)$  for the different structures under study.

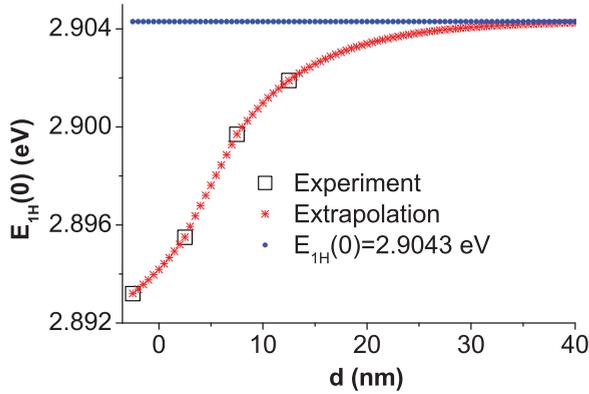


FIG. 13. (Color online)  $E_{1H}(0)$  vs  $d$  of the layers contacting with the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  semimagnetic barrier in the investigated structures.  $d$  is positive for the  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  layers (compression of  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  layer) and negative for the ZnSe layer (tension of the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  layer).

is well known that, in the absence of strain, the maxima of the heavy- and light-hole valence bands are degenerate in the zincblende semiconductors. The biaxial strain shifts and splits the heavy- and light-hole bands. If the strain is compressive, the band gap increases and coincides with the heavy-hole-derived band gap. In the case of biaxial tension, the band gap shrinks and is associated with the light-hole transition.<sup>17</sup> The layers of the structures under study have different lattice constants:  $a(\text{ZnSe}) = 5.6684 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $a(\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}) = 5.6382 \text{ \AA}$ , and  $a(\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}) = 5.6592 \text{ \AA}$ .<sup>18,19</sup> Therefore, they deform each other: ZnSe tenses the surface layers of  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$ , and  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  compresses them. Thus, the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  surface layers that have contact with the ZnSe layer, have a smaller band gap, and have contact with the  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  layer have a larger band gap than the strainless one. It enables us to construct a dependence of the band gap of the strain  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  layers on the thickness of both the contact ZnSe and  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  layers that cause these strains. This dependence is presented in Fig. 13.

Figure 13 shows that the band gap of the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  strain layers asymptotically approaches the value 2.9043 eV under compression by the  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  layer when  $d(\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se})$  approaches 30 nm. Extrapolation of the data in Fig. 13 also shows that the band gap of the strainless  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  is equal to 2.894 eV. Thus, the biaxial strain of the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  layer by the  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  layer can increase the band gap of the former by  $\sim 10$  meV.

The obtained dependences of  $E(L_1^+)$  from  $B$  may be explained by the dependence of the band gap of  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  on the strains if the strained contact layers provide the main contribution to the emission transitions. Note that the importance of the strained heterointerface for localization of excitons was already emphasized in initial investigations of the II-VI strained-layer heterostructures.<sup>20</sup>

The value  $E_{1H}(0) - E_{1L}(0)$  has a sense of an acceptor level depth of the Mn complex in the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  strained surface layers. It is  $\sim 1.5$  times smaller in the compressed layers in comparison with the tensed one: 10 meV for the

$\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  barrier in the  $a1$  structure as opposed to  $(15.5 \pm 1.2)$  meV for the other three structures.

The values of  $(\chi N_0)_{1H}$  and  $(\chi N_0)_{1L}$  are determined by the exchange interaction, splitting the electronic band and impurity levels. It is obvious from Fig. 12 that the  $(\chi N_0)_{1H}$  values are the same for all structures. It means that the  $\alpha N_0$  and  $\beta N_0$  exchange integrals for  $C$  and  $V$  bands of the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  layer develop with no effect of the 2D free carriers of the ZnSe QW. On the contrary, the  $(\chi N_0)_{1L}$  value is the same only for the structures with the intermediate  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  barrier. For the  $a1$  structure without any intermediate barrier it is larger by  $\sim 22\%$ . It means that the exchange integral for electronic states of the Mn complex in the structures under study develops appreciably with participation of the 2D free carriers of the ZnSe QW. In accordance with our previous analysis,<sup>13</sup> the band exchange integrals for the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  layer are equal to  $\alpha N_0 = 0.104$  eV,  $\beta N_0 = -0.264$  eV. The value of the exchange integral for electronic states of the Mn complex in the  $a1$  structure is equal to 0.156 eV. Using the obtained  $(\chi N_0)_{1L}$  value for the  $b1$ ,  $c1$ , and  $d1$  structures we see that the application of the intermediate  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  barrier decreases this value to 0.112 eV, i.e., by  $\sim 40\%$ .

We explain these results in the following way. There are two types of free carriers contributing to the exchange interaction in the strained surface layers of the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  barrier: three-dimensional (3D) carriers of the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  barrier and 2D carriers of the ZnSe QW. The wave functions of 3D carriers are quite extended and span a large number of lattice sites of the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  barrier. On the contrary, only the tails of the wave functions of 2D carriers penetrate from QW into the barrier. This penetration decreases or is absent when the intermediate  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  barrier appears between the ZnSe and  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  layers. Thus, we can unambiguously conclude that 2D carriers of the ZnSe QW give a negligible contribution to the formation of exchange integrals for  $C$  and  $V$  bands of the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  strained contact layers, but their contribution to the exchange interaction between the Mn complexes in these layers can be described by mixing of the  $3d^5$  levels of manganese with the states of 2D free carriers of the ZnSe QW. This is possible only if the Mn complex concentration in the strained layers is larger than the concentration of Mn in the sites of the crystal lattice. In other words, most probably the Mn complexes in  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  develop into the strained layers of a heterocontact.

Let us now consider the long-wave  $L_4$  PL band. The layer of the ZnSe QW experiences compression on the part of both  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  and  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  layers. As a result, its heavy- and light-hole bands split and the heavy-hole band defines the band gap in any structures under study. Therefore, the heavy excitons  $|\pm 1\rangle = |\mp 1/2, \pm 3/2\rangle$  form the long-wave component  $L_{4(2)}^\pm$  of  $\sigma^+$  and  $\sigma^-$  polarization, respectively, and the light excitons  $|\pm 1\rangle = |\pm 1/2, \pm 1/2\rangle$  form the short-wave component  $L_{4(1)}^\pm$  of the  $L_4$  band.

A splitting between the energy of heavy and light excitons in zero magnetic fields is equal to  $(2.0 \pm 0.3)$  meV for all structures. At the same time, the energies of both heavy and light excitons are different for different structures and increase with an increased thickness of the intermediate nonmagnetic

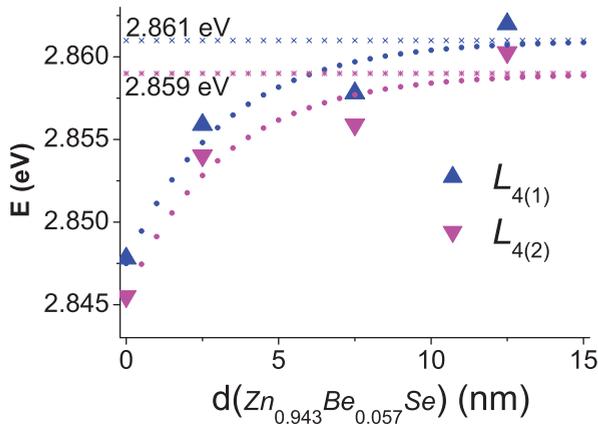


FIG. 14. (Color online) Energy of the  $L_{4(1)}^{\pm}$  and  $L_{4(2)}^{\pm}$  bands vs the intermediate  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  barrier thickness in zero magnetic fields and their approximations.

barrier  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  between the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  and ZnSe layers. The dependences of  $E(L_{4(1)}^{\pm})$  and  $E(L_{4(2)}^{\pm})$  on the thickness of the intermediate barrier in case of the absence of magnetic field are shown in Fig. 14.

One can see that both  $E(L_{4(1)}^{\pm})$  and  $E(L_{4(2)}^{\pm})$  increase if  $d(\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se})$  increases, and asymptotically approach the energies 2.861 and 2.859 eV, respectively. The cause of these changes is the same as in the case of the  $L_1$  bands: the deformation effects. There is the following ratio between the lattice constants of the layers of the structures:  $a(\text{ZnSe}) > a(\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}) > a(\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se})$ . As a result, the  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  layer more strongly compresses the ZnSe QW layer than the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  layer, and its deformation effect increases if  $d(\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se})$  increases. Therefore, the ZnSe layer band gap increases and the exciton energy increases, too. For the  $a1$  structure in zero magnetic fields  $E(L_{4(1)}^{\pm}) = 2.8478$  and  $E(L_{4(2)}^{\pm}) = 2.8455$  eV. It is seen that under the effect of the intermediate barrier, the heavy-hole-derived band gap of the ZnSe QW increases by an extra 13 meV.

Application of a magnetic field splits the band edges in the well. However, the Zeeman splitting for nonmagnetic ZnSe should be negligible, taking into account the  $g$ -factor value for electrons and holes.<sup>21</sup> Actually,  $E(L_{4(1)}^{\pm})$  and  $E(L_{4(2)}^{\pm})$  negligibly depend on  $B$  only for the  $b1$ ,  $c1$ , and  $d1$  structures and only in magnetic fields  $B < (2.0\text{--}2.5)$  T (Fig. 5). For higher magnetic fields, the energy of  $L_4$  exciton bands appreciably decreases. There are more essential changes in the energy positions of both  $L_{4(1)}^{\pm}$  and  $L_{4(2)}^{\pm}$  bands in a magnetic field for the  $a1$  structure, as we have emphasized above. It is obvious that the exchange interaction between free carriers of the QW and Mn ions of the semimagnetic barrier, which is further modified by the intermediate nonmagnetic barrier, causes the observed changes.

The  $a1$  structure is a structure with a shallow nonmagnetic QW having an adjacent layer of a semimagnetic semiconductor. Therefore, the effective depth of the well, given by the difference between the positions of the band edges in the adjacent layers, is strongly dependent on the magnetic field, and in a shallow well the energy of the size quantization levels is strongly dependent on the well depth. For the other

structures, the situation is radically different. Herein the positions of the band edges of the  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  layers adjacent to the QW negligibly depend on  $B$  and the height of the intermediate barrier also negligibly depends on  $B$ . At the same time, an effective barrier height for electrons and holes appreciably depends on  $B$  because the position of the band edges of the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  layer depends on  $B$ . It changes a range of penetration of the wave functions of the ZnSe QW free carriers in the barrier ( $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se} + \text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$ ) because the boundary conditions on the QW edge ( $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}/\text{ZnSe}$ ) change. However, a change of the height of the intermediate and effective barriers has a different effect on the shift of both  $L_{4(1)}^{\pm}$  and  $L_{4(2)}^{\pm}$  bands. As soon as an intermediate barrier height changes, the  $L_4$  band position also changes. In the case of an effective barrier, the situation is different. As follows from the obtained data, the  $E_{\text{ZnBeMnSe}}^{V+}$  edge should go down appreciably lower than the  $E_{\text{ZnSe}}^{V+}$  edge before the  $L_4$  bands change their position. In accordance with the energy diagram of the  $a1$  structure,<sup>13</sup> the offset between the  $C$  and  $V$  bands of the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  and 2D ZnSe layers is distributed as  $\Delta E_C/\Delta E_V = 60/40$ , which is typical of these materials.<sup>7</sup> The intermediate barrier somewhat decreases the value  $[E_{1H}(0) - E_{L_{4(2)}(0)}]$ , which determines the mutual location of the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  and 2D ZnSe layer band edges on the energy scale. Its magnitude for the  $a1$  structure is equal to 47.7 meV, and the averaged magnitude for the other three structures is equal to  $(42.3 \pm 1.5)$  meV. If we share this value in proportion  $\Delta E_C/\Delta E_V = 60 : 40$ , we find that  $E_{\text{ZnSe}}^V - E_{\text{ZnBeMnSe}}^V$  in zero magnetic field for the  $b1$ ,  $c1$ , and  $d1$  structures is equal to 16.9 meV. The energy of  $L_{4(1)}^{\pm}$  and  $L_{4(2)}^{\pm}$  bands starts to decrease only if the  $E_{\text{ZnBeMnSe}}^{V+}$  goes down to  $\sim 24.5$  meV ( $B \approx 2$  T). However, one needs to remember that the effective barrier for both electrons and holes forming the  $L_4^+$  bands goes down when  $B$  increases. On the contrary, the effective barrier for electrons and holes forming the  $L_4^-$  bands goes up. At the same time, the energy of the  $L_{4(1)}^{\pm}$  and  $L_{4(2)}^{\pm}$  pair decreases in the range of high magnetic fields. It entirely bears a resemblance to the behavior of both  $L_{4(1)}^{\pm}$  and  $L_{4(2)}^{\pm}$  bands in the  $a1$  structure in this magnetic range. In our previous work<sup>13</sup> we explained such a behavior of different polarized exciton bands in the QW by the influence of the spin-flip processes caused by the degeneration of energy levels of the ZnSe QW and the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  layer. We believe that the same processes also occur in the structures with the intermediate nonmagnetic barrier, but the barrier presence somewhat changes the situation. The barrier weakens the interaction between the ZnSe QW and the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  layer. As a result, the spin-flip processes also weaken and the differently polarized  $L_4$  bands gradually drift apart. The data in Fig. 15 clearly show this.

Let us examine the  $L_2$  band. It is formed by the emission transition inside the semimagnetic layer  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$ , but the presence of the intermediate barrier in the structure and its thickness appreciably changes this band behavior. First of all, this barrier changes the energy positions of the donor  $E_{\text{ZnBeMnSe}}^D$  and acceptor  $E_{\text{ZnBeMnSe}}^A$  levels in the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  surface strain layers in zero magnetic field, which form the  $L_2$  band. A sum of  $E_{\text{ZnBeMnSe}}^D$  and  $E_{\text{ZnBeMnSe}}^A$  may be determined as the difference between

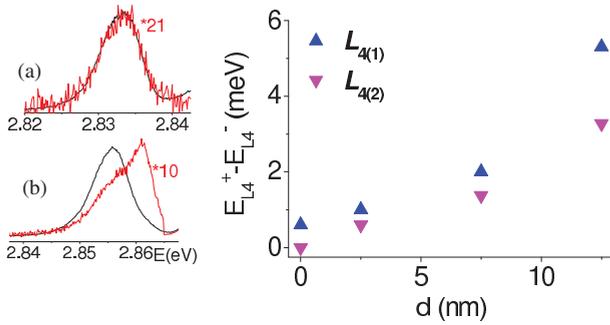


FIG. 15. (Color online) The experimental PL spectra of the  $a1$  (a) and  $d1$  structures (b) of  $\sigma^+$  (black lines) and  $\sigma^-$  polarization (red lines) for  $B = 5.25$  T in the energy range of the  $L_4$  bands. Right: The shift between the energy positions of  $L_4^+$  and  $L_4^-$  bands vs  $d(\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se})$  at 5.25 T.

$E_{1H}(0)$  and  $E_{L_2}(0)$  T. This difference is equal to 31 meV for the  $a1$  structure and is larger by  $\sim 3$  meV for the other three structures. Figure 5 data make it possible to divide a contribution of both  $E_{\text{ZnBeMnSe}}^D$  and  $E_{\text{ZnBeMnSe}}^A$  shifts under conversion from the tensed to compressed contact layers of  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  in the formation of the mentioned difference. In the  $b1$ ,  $c1$ , and  $d1$  structures, both  $L_2^+$  and  $L_1^+$  bands intersect in a magnetic field over  $\sim 1.9$  T. In accordance with the rate of both  $E_{\text{ZnBeMnSe}}^{C+}$  and  $E_{\text{ZnBeMnSe}}^{V+}$  level shifts, it corresponds to  $E_{\text{ZnBeMnSe}}^D \approx 10$  meV and  $E_{\text{ZnBeMnSe}}^A \approx 24$  meV. If we compare these values with the same ones for the  $a1$  structure,<sup>13</sup> we see that  $E_{\text{ZnBeMnSe}}^D$  decreases by  $\sim 5.5$  meV and  $E_{\text{ZnBeMnSe}}^A$  increases by  $\sim 8.5$  meV under conversion from a tension deformation to a compression deformation of the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  layers. We explain this in the following way. Under deformation, both spectrum and wave functions of the electrons for the degenerate band are determined by the solution of the wave equation with the Hamiltonian having an addition, which determines the band splitting. This splitting leads to a reconstruction of the impurity spectrum, especially if the splitting of the degenerated band grows up to the energy of impurity ionization  $E_i$ .<sup>22</sup> In our case, it corresponds to an acceptor center case. The case for a donor center is different. A conduction band of  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  is nondegenerate. For a nondegenerate band, the change of energy of an impurity center  $\Delta E_i/E_i$  is only related to the change of the free-carrier effective mass and is approximately  $\Delta m/m$ .<sup>22</sup> For estimation,  $E_i$  may be equated to the average value of  $E_{\text{ZnBeMnSe}}^D$  for the structures with and without the intermediate barrier, while  $\Delta E_i$  may be equated to the deviation from this average value. Then, we conclude that the deformations originated by the lattice mismatches can cause the change of the free-electron effective mass<sup>23</sup> by  $\sim 20\%$  in the structures under study.

Another important feature of the  $L_2$  band is its comparative shift relative to the  $L_1^+$  band if a magnetic field is applied. The  $L_2^-$  band does not change its energy position either before or after intersecting with the  $L_1^+$  band position. This means that the spin-up states of impurity electrons do not mix with the spin-down band electron states, and form the resonance state in both  $C$  and  $V$  bands of  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  in high magnetic fields. The spin-down states of impurity electrons mix with the spin-down band electron states in high magnetic

fields. Therefore, the energy of the  $L_2^+$  band decreases if the  $E_{\text{ZnBeMnSe}}^A$  level intersects the  $E_{\text{ZnBeMnSe}}^{V+}$  edge (the  $a1$  structure, Fig. 5), or the band disappears if both  $E_{\text{ZnBeMnSe}}^A$  and  $E_{\text{ZnBeMnSe}}^D$  levels intersect  $E_{\text{ZnBeMnSe}}^{V+}$  and  $E_{\text{ZnBeMnSe}}^{C+}$  edges, respectively (both  $b1$  and  $c1$  structures, Fig. 5). It is not entirely clear why the resonance spin-down states of impurity electrons appear in the  $C$  and  $V$  band of strained  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  layers in the  $d1$  structure with the thickest intermediate barrier in high magnetic field, as well as why the spin-up states of impurity electrons disappear in both  $a1$  and  $b1$  structures in relatively low magnetic fields.

Let us now examine some aspects of the PL intensity related to the presence of the  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  intermediate barrier in the structures under study, and its effect on the transfer of magnetic interaction between the semimagnetic  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  layer and nonmagnetic ZnSe QW. The first one is the barrier effect on the intensity of the 2D excitons of the ZnSe QW in zero magnetic fields. As one can see in Fig. 8, this intensity increases if the intermediate barrier is applied and  $d(\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se})$  increases. We explain this in the following way. Applying the intermediate barrier, we equalize the strain on both sides of the QW. The strain equalization becomes more effective when the intermediate barrier thickness increases. A decrease of the structure inhomogeneity naturally leads to an increase of emitting recombination.

The second aspect is the barrier effect on the field dependence of the intensity of  $L_4$  bands in low magnetic fields. Giant Zeeman splitting of the band edges of the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  layer is an immediate cause of this effect. Applying a magnetic field, we decrease both  $E_{\text{ZnBeMnSe}}^{C+}$  and  $E_{\text{ZnBeMnSe}}^{V+}$  edges of the  $C$  and  $V$  bands of the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  layer. As a result, the  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  barrier confines the thermalized carriers in this layer and counteracts their transfer into the ZnSe QW layer. The larger the magnetic field is, the stronger is the carrier confinement in the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  layer. Because the PL intensity is lower if a concentration of the recombining electrons and holes is smaller, both  $I(L_{4(1)}^+)$  and  $I(L_{4(2)}^+)$  decrease if  $B$  increases.

A recombining carrier concentration is not only a factor-defined PL intensity. It especially depends on the emission probability, which, for its part, is proportional to a density of states of the free carriers.<sup>24</sup> A magnetic field applied transversely to the structure layers transforms the free 2D carriers in the ZnSe QW to a zero-dimensional (0D) carrier if  $B$  increases to the quantum strong limit. In this field range a density of states of the carrier is defined by  $B$  and increases if  $B$  increases. Therefore, the intensity of  $L_4^+$  bands has to change a decrease for an increase if a magnetic field passes in the range of quantum magnetic fields. As one can see from Fig. 9 (right),  $I(L_4^+)$  starts increasing at  $B > 0.75$  T. Using  $m_{\text{hh}} = 0.6m_0$ ,<sup>25</sup> for this  $B$  value we obtain a hole cyclotron energy  $\hbar\omega_c \approx 0.14$  meV. The thermal energy of the experiment is  $k_0T \approx 0.1$  meV. Therefore, for  $B > 0.75$  T, the condition of quantum magnetic fields is already in progress. As a result, two factors determine the further behavior of  $I(L_4^+)$  in a magnetic field: a confinement of the free carrier in the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  layer by the  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  barrier and an increase of the state density of the 0D carriers in the ZnSe QW if  $B$  increases. The latter factor dominates and  $I(L_4^+)$  increases.

## IX. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper we have reported the measurements of luminescence of the 150 nm  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}/d$  nm  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}/2.5$  nm  $\text{ZnSe}/30$  nm  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  structures as a function of thickness  $d$  of the intermediate nonmagnetic barrier  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  between the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  semimagnetic barrier and  $\text{ZnSe}$  QW and magnetic field at a low temperature of 1.2 K. Strong evidence has been obtained that the intermediate nonmagnetic barrier (i) changes the energy of the PL bands in both the  $\text{ZnSe}$  QW and  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  semimagnetic barrier layers, (ii) increases the total PL intensity of the structures, (iii) decreases the degree of circular polarization of the QW exciton emission in the structure, and (iv) extinguishes the PL band caused by the indirect transitions in real space between the 2D conduction band of the  $\text{ZnSe}$  QW and both the Mn complex and the valence band of the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  layer. The obtained data enable us to conclude that the emission bands appearing in the semimagnetic  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  barrier of the structures under study are formed in the contact layers strained by the intermediate  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  or  $\text{ZnSe}$  layers. The shifts of the band gap as well as of the donor and acceptor levels under the effect of biaxial compression of the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  layer by the  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  layer are estimated.

It is revealed that there are two different rates,  $(\chi N_0)_{1H}$  and  $(\chi N_0)_{1L}$ , of the shift of the short wave bands of the PL spectra of the structure under study in a magnetic field caused by giant Zeeman splitting. The larger rate,  $(\chi N_0)_{1H}$ , is observed in the high magnetic fields and corresponds to the emission

transition between  $C$  and  $V$  bands of the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  barrier. A smaller rate,  $(\chi N_0)_{1L}$ , is observed in low magnetic fields and corresponds to the emission transition between the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  conduction band and an energy level of the acceptor complex containing Mn. The intermediate nonmagnetic barrier  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  does not change the  $(\chi N_0)_{1H}$  value and, accordingly, its constituent  $\alpha N_0$  and  $\beta N_0$  values, which are equal to  $\alpha N_0 = 0.104$  eV and  $\beta N_0 = -0.264$  eV. At the same time, it decreases the  $(\chi N_0)_{1L}$  value by  $\sim 22\%$ , which we interpret as a decrease of the exchange integral for electronic states of the Mn complex in the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  barrier by  $\sim 40\%$  (from 0.156 to 0.112 eV) under the effect of the intermediate  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  barrier. This supports the assumption that (i) the deformation of the  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  layers plays a key role in forming the Mn complexes, and (ii) the 2D carriers of the  $\text{ZnSe}$  QW provide a substantial contribution to the formation of the exchange integral for the Mn complexes in strained layers. The  $\text{Zn}_{0.943}\text{Be}_{0.057}\text{Se}$  intermediate barrier changes the effect of giant Zeeman splitting of the semimagnetic  $\text{Zn}_{0.9}\text{Be}_{0.05}\text{Mn}_{0.05}\text{Se}$  barrier energy levels on a move of the energy levels of  $\text{ZnSe}$  QW in a magnetic field and a polarization of the QW exciton emission.

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