

Effective Mass and g -Factor of two-dimensional HgTe Γ_8 -band electrons: Shubnikov-de Haas oscillations

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We present a study of Shubnikov-de Haas (SdH) oscillations at temperatures of (2.2–10) K in magnetic fields up to 2.5 T in the HgCdTe/HgTe/HgCdTe heterostructure for a wide (20.3 nm) HgTe quantum well with an inverted energy band structure. The analysis of the temperature dependence of SdH amplitude in weak fields, in a region of doubly degenerate magnetoresistance peaks, led us to the value of effective electron mass $m_c/m_0 = (0.022 \pm 0.002)$ which is about half the theoretical estimates. But in a region of higher magnetic fields, for nondegenerate magnetoresistance peaks, we confidently have $m_c/m_0 = (0.034 \pm 0.003)$ in good agreement both with the theoretical estimation and with our experimental results on the analysis of activation transport under quantum Hall effect regime. The reasons for this discrepancy are discussed.

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