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Temperature dependent IBIC study of 4H–SiC Schottky diodes

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Abstract

Ion beam induced charge collection measurements have been performed on an epitaxial 4H–SiC Schottky diode with a focussed 1.5 MeV H beam in the temperature range of 120–380 K. The experimental procedure consisted in measuring the charge collection efficiency (CCE) at different bias voltages (V) for each fixed temperature. The CCE versus V curves were analyzed in terms of the Schockley–Ramo–Gunn theory and the minority carrier (hole) diffusion length was obtained as a function of temperature.

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1. Introduction

IBIC (or IBICC: Ion Beam Induced Charge Collection) technique using focussed ion beams is a well established method to characterise semiconductor materials and devices [1]. The carrier drift length (mobility \times lifetime \times electric field) and diffusion length (square root of diffusivity \times lifetime) are the physical observables usually measured

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