



Annealing behavior of defects in irradiated MCZ- and DOFZ-Si detector materials

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Background and motivation



 DOFZ-Si has showed considerably improved radiation-tolerance compared to more oxygen lean FZ-Si, as demonstrated by the RD48 collaboration.



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- CZ-Si has a higher oxygen concentration than oxygen enriched DOFZ-Si. It is expected that such a high concentration of oxygen will influence the radiation induced formation of oxygen related defects, in particular for high radiation doses where oxygen depletion can occur in O enriched FZ materials.
- High resistivity CZ-Si suited for detector application has only become available in the last years after recent developments in the crystal growth technique.
- For detector CZ-Si there is a lack of data on irradiation induced defects and their thermal behavior.

Experimental details





 Experimental method: 15 min isochronal annealing in the range 50-400°C, followed by DLTS scans.





- E1 is a composite peak
 before any annealing.
 The other constituents to
 E1 anneal at ≤150°C.
- At 200°C we assume that E1 and E2 are purely V₂ peaks.



- a)DOF E1 250 °C E2 275 °C 0,10 -DLTS signal (pF) 300 °C V₂(-/=) V₂(0/-) 325 °C (E4) 350 °C V₂O (0/-) 0,05 0,00 -100 120 140 160 180 200 220 240 Ē1 b)MCZ E2 250 °C $V_2(-/=)$ 275 °C Dlts signal (pF) 0,2 · 300 °C V₂(0/-325 °C 350 °C V₂O (0/-) 0,1 0,0 · 100 120 180 200 220 160 240 140 Temperature (K)
 - We observe the earlier reported shift in the V_2 related peaks. We *interpret* this as a transition from V_2 to V_2O .
 - The peaks stabilize at 325°C where we assume the peaks are purely V₂O related.
 - The activation enthalpies of $V_2O(0/-)$ and $V_2O(-/=)$ are 0.46eV and 0.20eV, respectively.







- One can observe a shift in V₂ related peaks during annealing of irradiated DOFZ-Si. (Figure a).) This is interpreted as a transition from V₂ to V₂O.
- The annealing rate of V₂ and formation rate of V₂O is proportional, within experimental errors, to the oxygen content. (Figure b).)

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V₂O evidence



Laplace DLTS measurement (et Monakhov et al.):



Figure 4. The amplitudes of the peaks as a function of time during isothermal annealing at 250 °C.

Laplace DLTS measurement (et Markevich et al.):



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- E4 is identified as VOH. This strongly suggests a small presence of H in DOFZ but not in MCZ-Si.
- In DOFZ-Si V₂O anneals at 350°C, at the same time as VOH appears. In MCZ-Si V₂O is still present at 350°C.
- We observe a level at the E1 position in the DOFZ-Si. This is not V_2O , since E2 has annealed and V_2O is a double acceptor centre.





- At 350°C there is a small increase in VO amplitude in MCZ-Si. In contrast there is a small decrease in DOFZ-Si.
- The relative drop in VO and V²O concentration after annealing at 350 and at 375°C is greater in DOFZ compared with MCZ-Si.

Summary and discussion



- We have a strong indication that H is present in the DOFZ-Si. H is known to be mobile at elevated temperatures and interact with other defects. The reaction VO + H → VOH is known to occur. The interaction with H can therefore explain what looks to be a faster annealing of VO in DOFZ compared to MCZ-Si
- We suggest that the annealing of V₂O in DOFZ-Si is H-assisted similarly to that of VO: V₂O + H→ V₂OH. This explains the faster annealing rate of V₂O in DOFZ compared with MCZ-Si.
- Since this the electrical properties of V₂O are similar to those of V₂, it is not unreasonable to assume that the properties of V₂OH are similar to V₂H. It is known that V₂H has a level at ~0.4eV which overlaps with V₂(0/-). We therefore *tentatively* identify the level observed in DOFZ-Si at 350°C in the V₂O(0/-) position as V₂OH(0/-).

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In MCZ-Si we observe that the increase in E3 (VO) amplitude is the same (within 10%) as the decrease in E1 and E2 (V₂O) amplitude at 350°C. This may suggest that the annealing behavior of these to defects is connected. If dissociation is the annealing mechanism for V₂O, one would expect a similar behavior; V₂O \rightarrow VO + V.

We have observed H in DOFZ and not in MCZ.

Our findings suggest two possible channels of V_2O annealing:
1. Interaction with H. as in the DOFZ.

2. Dissociation as in the MCZ.