

I-V and C-V Measurements of Fabricated P⁺/N junction Diode in Antimony doped (111) Silicon

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In this paper, the electrical characteristics of fabricated p⁺-n junction diode are demonstrated and interpreted with different theoretical calculations. Dopants distribution by boron ion implantation on silicon wafer were simulated with TRIM-code and ICECREM simulator. In order to make electrical activation of implanted carriers, thermal annealing treatments are carried out by RTP method for 1min. at 1000 °c under inert N₂ gas condition. In this case, profiles of dopants distribution before and after heat treatments in the substrate are observed from computer simulations. In the I-V characteristics of fabricated diodes, an analytical description method of a new triangular junction model is demonstrated and the results with calculated triangular junction are compared with measured data and theoretical calculated results of abrupt junction. Forward voltage drop with new triangular junction model is lower than the case of abrupt junction model. In the C-V characteristics of diode, the calculated data are compared with the measured data. Another I-V characteristics of diodes are measured after proton implantation in electrical isolation method instead of conventional etching method. From the measured data, the turn-on characteristics after proton implantation is more improved than before proton implantation. Also the C-V characteristics of diode are compared with the measured data before proton implantation. From the results of measured data, reasonable deviations are showed. But the C-V characteristics of diode after proton implantation are deviated greatly from the calculated data because of leakage currents in defect regions and layer shift of depletion by proton implantation.

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1. INTRODUCTION

P⁺-N junction diode[1-7]are fabricated by boron mplantation in n type (111) silicon wafer. Boron ion profiles are simulated by the using of TRIM[8] and CECREM[9-11] programs and the depth of p-n junctions from the distribution of dopants are also determined before and after thermal treatments of RTP in N₂ gas for electrical activation. Measured I-V characteristics of fabricated diodes are compared with the results of calculations using abrupt junction[1-5] and new triangular junction models. In this case, the calculated results of a new triangular junction models showed good agreements with the experimental data

under forward and reverse bias conditions. The characteristics of fabricated diodes are measured and compared with the calculated results of abrupt junction model[6]. The results of calculated and measured data showed similar curves. I-V and C-V characteristics are also measured after proton implantation for electrical isolations instead of conventional dry and wet etch methods. Forward voltage drop after proton implantation was found to be lower than the case of planar type diode. From current-voltage measurements, turn-on voltage under forward bias is remarkably decreased for high speed switching diode operation. After proton irradiation and electrical isolation, it was observed that experimental I-V characteristics are deviated greatly from the calculated

ults because of the shift of depletion layer and the leakage current of surrounding defect regions.

2. CALCULATION AND MODEL ANALYSIS

Current equation for p-n junction diode can be described as [5]:

$$I = I_0 [\exp(V_a/V_T) - 1] \tag{1}$$

$$I_0 = qAD_p p_{n0} / W_n \tag{2}$$

where I_0 is reverse bias saturation current, A is area of junction, p_{n0} is equilibrium hole concentration, W_n is depletion layer thickness of n region, D_p is hole diffusion coefficient, V_a is applied voltage, V_T is thermal voltage, respectively. Under reverse bias conditions, the junction capacitance C_j can be expressed as a followed equation

$$C_j = \frac{A}{2} \left[\frac{2q\epsilon}{V_0 - V_a} \times N_d \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \text{for p}^+ \text{-n type} \tag{3}$$

where A is area of junction, q is electron charge, ϵ is permittivity ($\epsilon = \epsilon_r \epsilon_0$), V_0 is contact potential, V_a is applied voltage, N_d is donor concentration, respectively. Under forward bias conditions, the junction capacitance C_d can be expressed as followed equation (4):

$$C_d = \frac{1}{3} \frac{q^2}{kT} A(L - x_{n0}) p_{n0} \exp\left[\frac{q(V_0 - V_a)}{kT}\right] \tag{4}$$

where L is diode length, x_{n0} is depletion of n side region. Usually this diffusion capacitance C_D can be a limiting

Table 1. Values of parameters for the calculation of I-V characteristics in fabricated p⁺-n junction.

Symbol	values of parameters	Units
Q	1.6×10^{-19}	[C]
A	9.025×10^{-3}	[cm ²]
W _n	0.36×10^{-4}	[cm]
D _p	6.13	[cm ² /s]
V _T	0.0259	[V]
ε	1.0448×10^{-12}	[F/cm]

factor because of the delay time of RC in high frequency circuits. For the calculation of I-V characteristics, the values of used parameters are shown in table 1.

For the calculation of incremental conductance in fabricated p⁺-n junction diode, the conductance is expressed as equation (5):

$$g_d = \frac{dI_D}{dV_a} = \left(\frac{e}{kT}\right) I_0 \exp\left(\frac{eV_a}{kT}\right) \tag{5}$$

where V_a is the diode applied voltage and I_0 is the diode reverse saturation current.

3. EXPERIMENTAL

P⁺-N junction diodes are fabricated through boron implantation into (111) silicon wafer. The resistivity of used silicon wafer is 0.002 Ω·cm and size of wafer is 4-inch diameter. The antimony concentration of n-type silicon substrate is 1×10^{20} cm⁻³. For p⁺-n junction, boron implantation with 1×10^{16} cm⁻² dose is carried out at accelerated energy of 60 keV into antimony doped (111) silicon wafer. Tilt angle in this case is 7°. The flow chart of fabrication steps for p-n junction diode is presented in Fig. 1. Diode 1 is a planar type structure and diode 2 is a structure with proton bombardments for the side isolation of diode instead of conventional etching methods. Proton implantation with 5×10^{16} cm⁻² dose at a tilt angle 0° is carried out at accelerated energy of 10 keV into antimony doped silicon wafer with proper mask. The cross section as depicted in Fig. 2 illustrates a simple planar diode and another diode structure for electrical isolation by proton implantation.

Image of cross sectional view of fabricated diode by

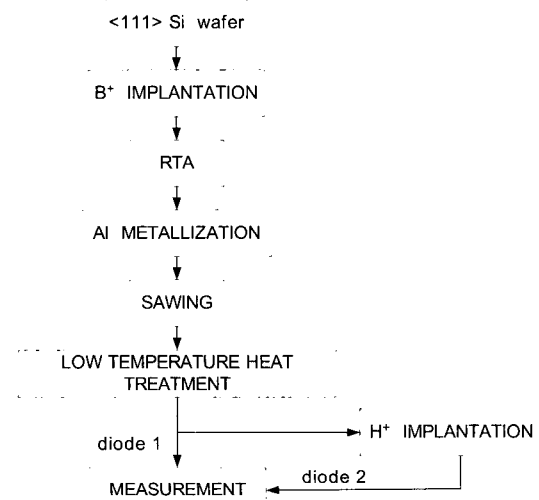


Fig. 1. Flow chart of fabrication steps for two different p⁺-n junction diode.

FESEM (Field Emission Scanning Microscope) is shown in Fig. 3. The picture of Fig. 3 was taken without tilt compensation. Therefore, The thickness of aluminum layer has to multiply the value of 0.454 by $1/\cos 30^\circ$.

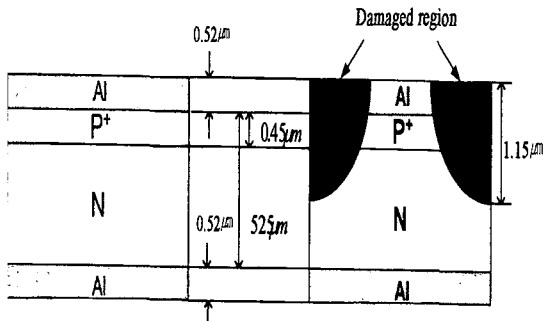


Fig. 2. Cross sectional view of fabricated diodes.

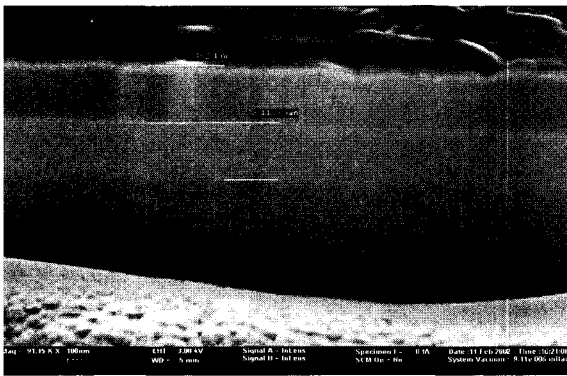


Fig. 3. Measurement of cross sectional image by FESEM in fabricated diode.

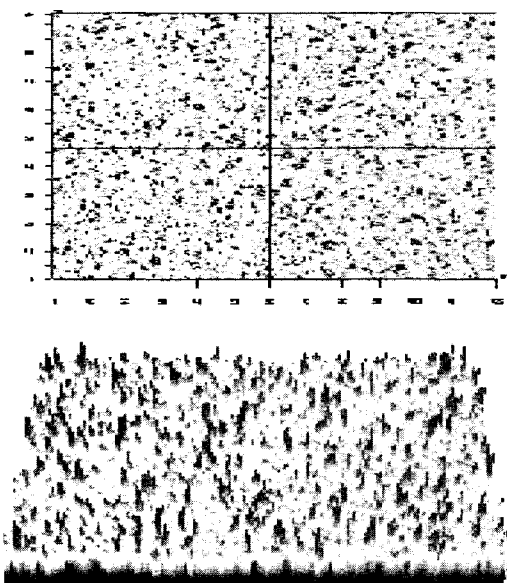


Fig. 4. Measurement of Al surface image by optical profiler in Al/Si structure.

Consequently, the results in a size is a $0.52\mu\text{m}$. The sample is cutted by FIB (Focus Ion Beam) using 30 kV accelerating voltage, 500 pA Ga ion beam current and the image is measured by FESEM using 3keV accelerating voltage and 200pA electron beam current conditions. The white underpart of the Fig. 3 is debris from the cutting process. It has no relevance to measure the cross sectional FESEM image. The depth of $p^+ - n$ junction of fabricated diode is estimated through ICECREM process simulation results. The metallization of front and back side of wafer is carried out by aluminum sputtering technology. aluminum thickness for front and back side is $0.52\mu\text{m}$. For good adhesion and ohmic contacts between Al and silicon, the sample of diode is annealed in a nitrogen atmosphere for 20 minutes at 450°C . For the electrical isolation of diode sides, proton implantations are carried out and shown in Fig. 2. The conditions of implantation are 100 keV energy and $5 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ dose in antineutron doped (111) silicon wafer. The roughness of aluminum surface is measured by Wyko optical profiler as depicted in Fig.4. Average and RMS (root mean square) roughness of Al layer are 4.95 nm and 7.53nm, respectively.

4. MEASUREMENTS AND DISCUSSION

The distributions of boron implantation are expressed as a triangular junction model for the first time instead of conventional abrupt and linear models. Current voltage characteristics are measured using HP 4155A parameter analyzer. Boron distributions before and after thermal annealing under N_2 atmosphere are presented from ICECREM simulation results in Fig. 5.

The range parameters of boron profile from TCAD simulations are shown in Table 2. The redistribution of boron profiles after thermal annealing of RTP using tungsten halogen lamp can be presented from ICECREM simulations as Fig. 5.

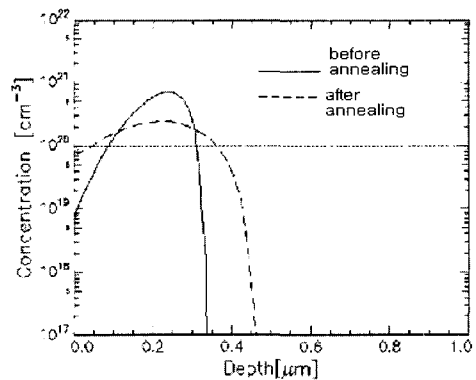
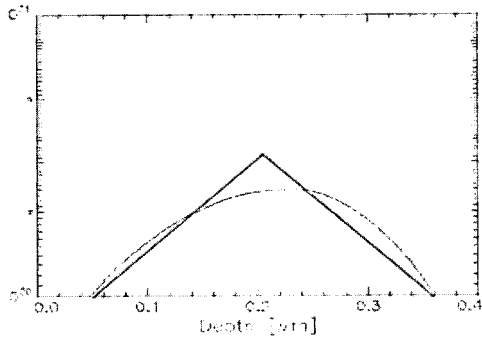


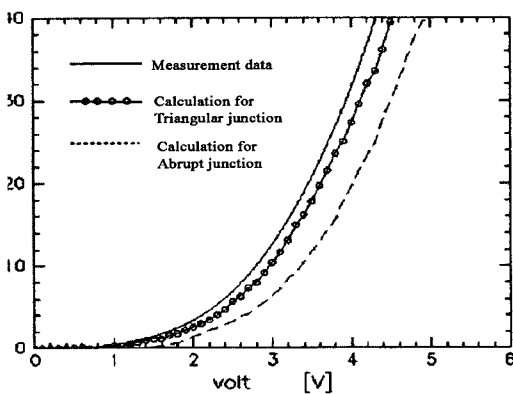
Fig. 5. Boron distribution from simulation results. (E=100 keV, Dose= $1 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-2}$, T= 1000°C , 1 min.)

5. The range parameters of moments in boron profiles.

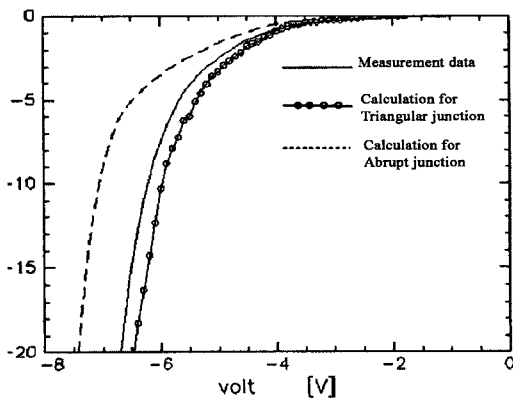
R_p (μm)	ΔR_p (μm)	γ	β
0.2093	0.0588	-0.7066	3.3089



6. Triangular junction model of implanted boron profile.



7. I-V characteristics of fabricated planar diode under forward bias.



8. I-V characteristics of fabricated planar diode under reverse bias.

The depth of p-n junction after thermal annealing can be described as triangular model from Fig. 6.

Triangular model is suggested from configuration of cap-profile above background substrate concentration from Fig. 6 (substrate background concentration= $1 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-3}$; p-n junction depth $X_j=0.36 \mu\text{m}$).

The I-V characteristics of fabricated planar diode are measured under forward and reverse bias as depicted in Fig. 7 and 8 respectively.

Proton profile is presented as depicted in Fig. 9 by simulations of TRIM and ICECREM and maximum penetration depth of proton ions in planar diode showed about $1.15 \mu\text{m}$. The range parameters of proton profile in Al/Si bilayer structure are calculated from TRIM simulations, and shown in Table 3.

For the electrical side isolation, proton implantations are carried out into masked silicon substrate instead of conventional etching methods for mesa structure. The penetration depth of proton is $1.15 \mu\text{m}$ and this depth is enough for the electrical isolation of side parts in Al($0.5 \mu\text{m}$)/P⁺($0.45 \mu\text{m}$) bilayer structure as depicted Fig. 5 and 9.

From Fig. 10 and 11, the calculated data with triangular junction model are compared with the measured data. Before proton implantation, the data by suggested triangular calculation are presented good fitting results with experimental data and showed also better results than the data of abrupt junction model. It can be observed from Fig. 10 and 11 that the measured data after proton implantation deviate greatly

Table 3. The range parameters of moments in proton profiles.

R_p (μm)	ΔR_p (μm)	γ	β
0.9099	0.1078	-1.6396	9.0528

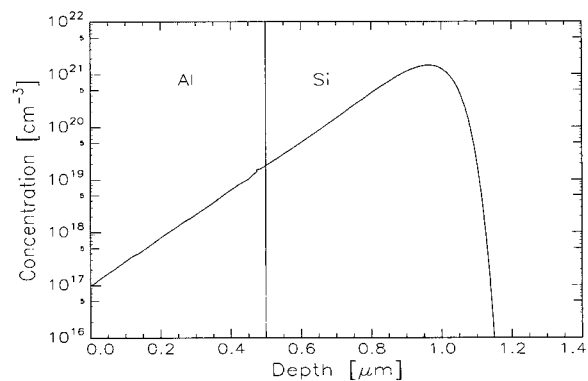


Fig. 9. Proton ions distribution for electrical isolation from Fig. 2 ($E=100 \text{ keV}$, $Dose=5 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-2}$).

from calculated data because of the shift of p-n junction positions and leakage currents from side walls due to proton implantation.

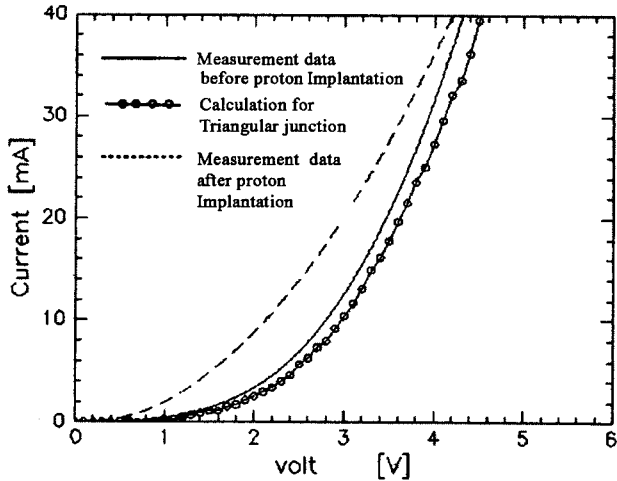


Fig. 10. I-V characteristics under forward bias after proton implantation.

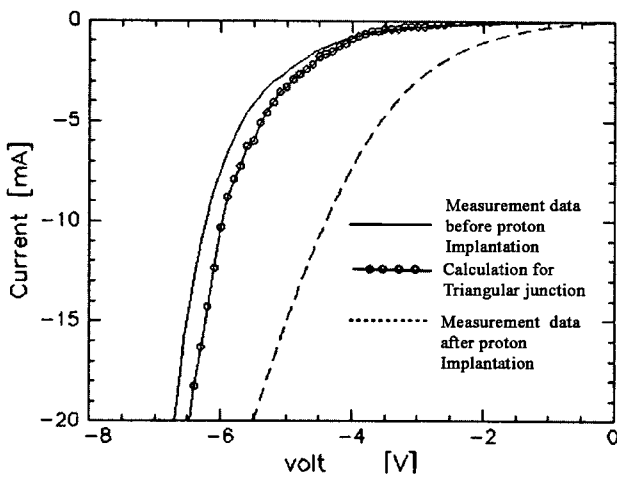


Fig. 11. I-V characteristics under reverse bias after proton implantation.

Table 4. Comparison of measured I-V and calculated results.

Data \ Bias	Measured data		Calculated data	
	Before proton Implantation	After Proton Implantation	Abrupt junction Model	Triangular junction Model
Forward Bias	0.82 [V]	0.26 [V]	1.2 [V]	0.82 [V]
Reverse Bias	-3 [V]	-0.48[V]	-4 [V]	-3 [V]

The results of measured I-V are compared with calculated data in Table 4. From table 4, it is clear turn-on characteristics of diodes are remarkably developed after proton implantation. (0.82 \rightarrow 0.26 V forward bias, the voltage drop of diode after proton implantation is lower than the case of planar type diode. The current of diode is also reduced to some degree accordingly to the limited area by proton implantation for electrical isolation.

After proton bombardments, the C-V characteristics of diodes are measured under forward and reverse bias. The measured data are also compared with calculated data as shown in Fig. 12.

The measured data of conductance by HP analyzer are compared with calculated results. It can be observed from Fig. 13 that the calculated results in equation (5) show good agreements with measured data.

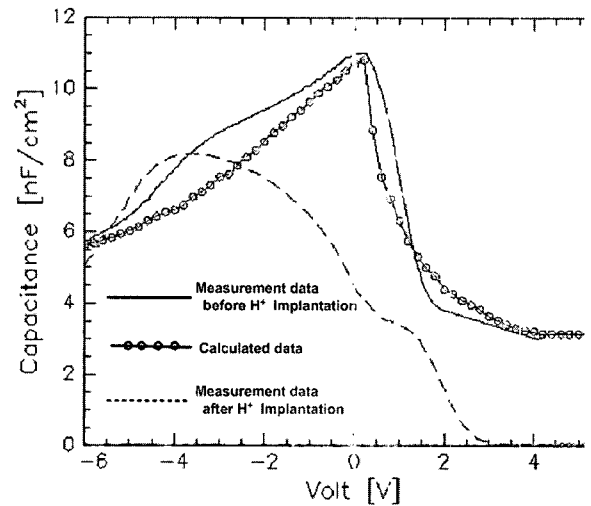


Fig. 12. C-V characteristics in fabricated diode.

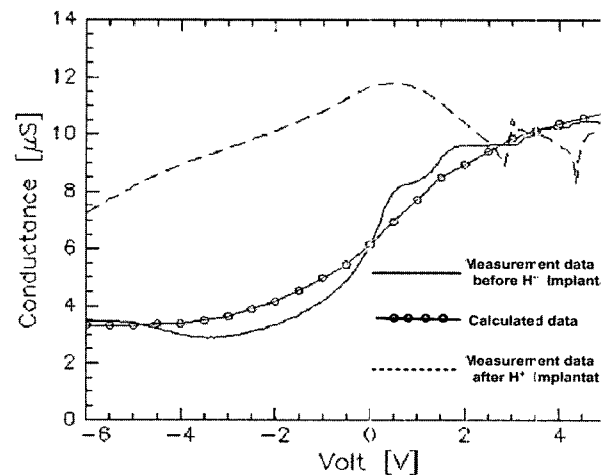


Fig. 13. Conductance measurements under applied voltage in fabricated diodes.

deviation of theoretical conductance from the experimental values is more pronounced for the case of proton implanted condition than that of the pre-proton implantation condition. The reason for this deviation is leakage currents from side walls and the shift of depletion layer of p-n junction in diode. After the proton implantation, electrical active region of diode is reduced to some degree.

5. CONCLUSION

Two types of diodes such as planar and isolated structure by proton implantation are fabricated and measured the characteristics of I-V and C-V relations. In calculations of I-V characteristics, the data of a new suggested triangular junction model shows good agreements with measured data and shows also better results than the data of theoretical abrupt junction model. The observed forward voltage drop using a triangular junction model is lower than abrupt junction model. The turn-on characteristics after proton implantation is more improved than the case before proton implantation.

In I-V characteristics of diode, the calculated results of abrupt junction model are compared with measured data and the results of calculation showed remarkably good agreements with experimental data. In C-V characteristics of diode are compared with measured data before and after proton implantation. From the results of measured data after proton implantation, relatively big deviations are observed from the calculation results of abrupt junction model because of leakage currents in defect regions of aged side-walls and the shifts of depletion layer of junctions by proton implantation.

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