

Dominant recombination center in electron-irradiated 3C SiC

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Abstract: Deep level defects and their role in carrier recombination processes in electron-irradiated 3C SiC have been studied by photoluminescence (PL) and optically detected magnetic resonance (ODMR). An isotropic ODMR spectrum, with a g value of 2.0061 ± 0.0002 and an effective electron spin $S=1/2$, is observed in irradiated 3C SiC films. From the spectral dependence studies of the ODMR signal, the defect is shown to be a deep level center related to a radiation-induced PL band with a zero-phonon line at 1.121 eV. Due to the competition between different carrier recombination channels, this ODMR spectrum can also be observed as a decrease of any other PL emissions from the sample, indicating its dominant role in recombination processes. ?? 1996 American Institute of Physics.

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