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Electrical properties of $\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}$ implanted with Si at low doses

ELIZABETH MOORE, TIMOTHY ZENS, Air Force Institute of Technology, MEE-YI RYU, Kangwon National University, YUNG KEE YEO, JAMES FELLOWS, ROBERT HENGHOLD, Air Force Institute of Technology — The investigation of ion implanted $\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}$ is still an immature subject compared to the research that explores the properties of GaN. A systematic electrical activation study of Si implanted $\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}$ grown on sapphire substrates by molecular beam epitaxy has been made as a function of ion dose and anneal temperature. Silicon ions were implanted at 200 keV with doses ranging from 1×10^{13} to $1 \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ at room temperature. The samples were proximity cap annealed from 1100 to 1350 °C with a 500 Å AlN cap in a nitrogen environment. Hall Effect measurements show that an electrical activation efficiency of almost 100% can be obtained for the $\text{Al}_{0.2}\text{Ga}_{0.8}\text{N}$ implanted with doses of 5×10^{13} and $1 \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ and annealed at 1350 and 1300 °C, respectively, for 20 min. An electrical activation efficiency of 87% was achieved for the $\text{Al}_{0.1}\text{Ga}_{0.9}\text{N}$ implanted with a dose of $1 \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ after annealing at 1250 °C for 20 min. These samples also exhibited a large mobility of $89 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}$.

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