

## **EPR pētījumi ar oglekļa izotopu $^{13}\text{C}$ implantētā $\text{SiO}_2$ stiklā**

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Oglekļa piemaisījumi oksīdos var veidoties sintēzē no organiskiem izejmateriāliem vai ogleklim nepilnīgi izdaloties carbīdu oksidēšanas procesā, piem.,  $\text{SiC} \rightarrow \text{SiO}_2$  vai  $\text{HfC} \rightarrow \text{HfO}_2$ . Tos oksidējot, C pamatā izdalās kā  $\text{CO}_2$ , tas var veidot arī daļīgas/fāzes ( $\text{HfO}_2$ ) vai pasliktināt kvalitāti  $\text{SiO}_2$  kārtīgām SiC MOSFET struktūrās. Atsevišķu C – atomu apkārtne oksīdos nav labi izprasta. Mēs salīdzinājām  $^{12}\text{C}^+$  un  $^{13}\text{C}^+$  jonu implantācijas radītu paramagnētisku centru īpašības  $\text{SiO}_2$  stiklā, izmantojot X-joslas EPR spektrometru. Visos spektros tika novēroti Si norauto saišu (E'-centru) signāli.  $^{12}\text{C}$ -implantētos paraugos tika novērots ar C saistīts signāls ar  $g=2.0028$ , kurš ir vairākkārt aprakstīts literatūrā, bet tā struktūra nav zināma.  $^{13}\text{C}$ -implantētos paraugos šī signāla vietā parādās 2 dubleti ar sašķelšanos 9.5 un 22 mT, kuri atbilst 2 dažādiem paramagnētiskiem centriem ar  $S=1/2$ , kuros elektrona spins sadarbojas tikai ar 1 oglekļa atomu. 9.5 mT dublets visticamāk atbilst oglekļa atomam, saistītam ar 3 Si atomiem  $\text{SiO}_2$  stikla tīklā, 22 mT dublets domājams atbilst struktūrai kurā oglekļa tuvāko kaimiņu skaitā ietilpst skābeklis.

## **EPR study of $^{13}\text{C}$ carbon isotope-implanted $\text{SiO}_2$ glass.**

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Carbon impurities can be present in oxide materials due to their sol-gel synthesis from metal-organic compounds or due to incomplete removal of carbon on oxidation of respective carbides, e.g.,  $\text{SiC} \rightarrow \text{SiO}_2$  or  $\text{HfC} \rightarrow \text{HfO}_2$ . On oxidation, most of carbon emanates as  $\text{CO}_2$ , some may form separate carbon nanoparticles/phase (in  $\text{HfO}_2$ ), or may reduce the quality of amorphous  $\text{SiO}_2$  layers in SiC MOSFETs. The structural environment of separate carbon atoms in oxides is not well-understood. To obtain information on this problem, we performed a comparison between the paramagnetic centers, introduced in synthetic  $\text{SiO}_2$  glass by implantation of non-magnetic  $^{12}\text{C}^+$  and magnetic  $^{13}\text{C}^+$  ( $I=1/2$ ) carbon ions. Ion energies were 50 keV and 300 keV, ion fluence  $1 \times 10^{16}$  ions/cm<sup>2</sup>. Electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR) spectra were measured at room temperature with X-band spectrometer

All spectra showed signals due to silicon dangling bonds (E'-centers).  $^{12}\text{C}$ -implanted samples revealed an additional, signal with  $g=2.0028$  which is related to carbon and reported in C-doped  $\text{SiO}_2$  in numerous cases, however its structure is not yet known. In samples implanted by  $^{13}\text{C}$ , this signal disappeared and 2 doublets with splittings 9.5 mT and 22 mT emerged. Their relative intensities were different in 50 keV and 300 keV ion-implanted samples, indicating presence of two separate centers with  $S=1/2$ , each having hyperfine couplings with a single carbon  $^{13}\text{C}$  nucleus. Based on published data on C-related centers on  $\text{SiO}_2$  surfaces, the 9.5 mT doublet can be most likely assigned to carbon, bonded to 3 silicon atoms in glass network. The 22 mT doublet is tentatively related to carbon radical with at least one oxygen neighbor.

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