INFLUENCE OF PULSE LASER IRRADIATION ON THE DETECTING PROPERTIES OF ${\rm Pt}-p{\rm -CdTe:Cl}$ CONTACTS WITH A SCHOTTKY BARRIER

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Summary

The physical mechanisms of the influence of the millisecond pulse laser irradiation with subthreshold intensity on the formation of the interface layer in Schottky diodes (SDs) Pt—p-CdTe:Cl and the current flowing in them have been investigated. The procedure of exposing Pt—p-CdTe:Cl structures to laser radiation have been developed, and its optimal parameters, at which the reduction of the density of deep levels associated with impurity-induced structural defects in the semiconductor and the reduction of the generation-recombination component of the current in a SD become possible, have been found. The magnitude of the potential barrier in Pt—p-CdTe:Cl contacts, $\varphi_b = (0.84 \pm 0.02)$ eV, and the activation energies of deep levels — $E_a' = (0.58 \pm 0.02)$ eV, $E_a'' = (0.72 \pm 0.02)$ eV, and $E_a''' = (0.43 \pm 0.02)$ eV — have been determined.