

INFLUENCE OF  $A$ - AND  $E$ -CENTERS  
ON THE LIFETIME OF NONEQUILIBRIUM  
CHARGE CARRIERS IN  $\gamma$ -IRRADIATED  $n$ -Si

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The results of experimental comparison made for the recombination properties and the formation efficiencies (FEs) of  $A$ - and  $E$ -centers in  $\gamma$ -irradiated  $n$ -Si are reported. The conductivity of  $n$ -type was induced in Si by introducing there either chemical donors (phosphorus,  $n$ -Si(P)) or thermal oxygen donors ( $n$ -Si(TD)). The substitution of P by TDs, which are not sensitive to radiation, allows such  $n$ -Si to be obtained, in which irradiation does not give rise to the formation of  $E$ -centers. The  $A$ -centers have been shown to be dominant radiation-induced defects (RIDs) with almost identical FE values, as well as dominant recombination centers (RCs), in both  $n$ -Si forms with the doping levels of about  $10^{14} \div 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ . The corresponding value of the hole-capture cross-section for  $A$ -centers was determined as  $\sigma_A = (2.5 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ ; and the corresponding value  $\sigma_E$  for  $E$ -centers was found not to exceed  $1 \times 10^{-14} \text{ cm}^2$ .