Hyperdoped black silicon for high-efficiency photovoltaics



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irradiate with 100-fs 10 kJ/m² pulses







absorptance
$$(1 - R_{int} - T_{int})$$



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laser treatment causes:

- surface structuring
- inclusion of dopants

substrate/dopant combinations



substrates:

Si

substrate/dopant combinations



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Si

substrate/dopant combinations





gap determines optical and electronic properties



shallow-level dopants control electronic properties



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deep-level dopants typically avoided



femtosecond laser-doping gives rise to intermediate band



intermediate band formation in chalcogen-hyperdoped Si



substrates:

Si











































cross-sectional Transmission Electron Microscopy





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1 µm










- 300-nm disordered surface layer
- undisturbed crystalline core

• surface layer: polycrystalline Si with 1.6% sulfur





two processes: melting and ablation





1 properties



1 properties



1 properties















Nature Materials 1, 217 (2002)





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different thresholds:

melting: 1.5 kJ/m²

ablation: 3.1 kJ/m²











































secondary ion mass spectrometry





Things to keep in mind

- near unit absorption extending into IR
- surface structure due to ablation
- hyperdoping due to rapid melting and resolidification
- can decouple both processes



femtosecond laser-doping gives rise to intermediate band





Janzén et al., Phys. Rev. B 29, 1907 (1984)

properties

1

2 intermediate band



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1 intermediate band

at high concentration states broaden into band



2 intermediate band

properties

1
device layer

buried oxide

silicon substrate



properties





properties

laser doped region buried oxide

silicon substrate



properties





properties





properties



impurity (donor) band centered at 310 meV





properties



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Insulator-to-Metal Transition in Selenium-Hyperdoped Silicon: Observation and Origin Elif Ertekin,^{1,*} Mark T. Winkler,^{2,†} Daniel Recht,³ Aurore J. Said,³ Michael J. Aziz,³ Tonio Buonassisi,² and Jeffrey C. Grossman^{1,24+} Tonio Buonassisi,² and Jeffrey C. Grossman^{1,24+} Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge Massachusetts 02139, USA Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge Massachusetts 02139, USA ²Department of Mechanical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge Massachusetts 02139, USA partment of Materials Science and Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge Massachusetts 02139, USA ²Department of Mechanical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Massachusetts 02138, USA PRL 108, 026401 (2012) Hyperdoping has emerged as a promising method for designing semiconductors with unique optical and lectronic properties, although such properties currently lack a clear microscopic explanation. Combining Hyperdoping nas emerged as a promising method for designing semiconductors with unique optical and electronic properties, although such properties currently lack a clear microscopic explanation. Combining computational and experimental evidence, we probe the origin of sub-band-gan ontical absorption electronic properties, although such properties currently lack a clear microscopic explanation. Combining computational and experimental evidence, we probe the origin of sub-band-gap optical absorption and metallicity in Se-hyperdoped Si. We show that sub-band-gap absorption arises from direct defect computational and experimental evidence, we probe the origin of sub-band-gap optical absorption and metallicity in Se-hyperdoped Si. We show that sub-band-gap absorption arises from direct defect-to-conduction-band transitions rather than free carrier absorption. Density functional theory predicts the and metallicity in Se-hyperdoped Si. We show that sub-band-gap absorption arises from direct detect-to-conduction-band transitions rather than free carrier absorption. Density functional theory predicts and Se-induced insulator-to-metal transition arises from merging of defect and conduction bands.

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Things to keep in mind

properties

- IR absorption rolls off around 8 µm
- consistent evidence of intermediate band formation
- IB forms at 0.1% at. doping, broadens at higher doping
- IB merges with CB at 0.4% at. yielding metallic behavior









solar spectrum









solar spectrum









crystalline silicon: transparent to 23% of solar radiation



1 properties





amorphous silicon: transparent to 53% of solar radiation



1 properties















photon with gap energy











photon creates electron-hole pair...











...whose energy can be extracted











photons with energy smaller than gap...









...do not get absorbed











photons with energy larger than the gap...











... create electron-hole pairs with excess energy...











...which is lost rapidly









black silicon has an intermediate band











absorbs same photons as ordinary silicon...



1 properties





...but extends absorption to longer wavelengths











could theoretically get efficiencies over 50%











should have shallow junction below surface











excellent rectification (after annealing)



1 properties







1 properties







1 properties







properties

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properties

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responsivity



properties

2

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Things to keep in mind

- can turn absorption into carrier generation
- very high responsivity in VIS and IR
- intermediate band photovoltaic devices?





Potential benefits for photovoltaics

- surface structure
- absorption in submicrometer layer
- extended IR absorption
- intermediate band







2 intermediate band

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solar radiation spectrum



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solar radiation spectrum



1 properties













Summary

- new doping process
- new class of material
- new types of devices









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