

Structural features of single-crystal silicon with scandium and yttrium impurities

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This study investigates the structural characteristics of silicon doped with scandium and yttrium through X-ray structural analysis. The findings reveal that crystallites composed of SiSc, SiO₂, and Sc₂O₃ are predominantly concentrated in the near-surface regions of the sample, forming oxide layers with polycrystalline properties. These crystallites exhibit distinct space groups and crystallographic parameters: Sc₂O₃ has trigonal symmetry ($a = b = 0.3412$ nm, $c = 0.5648$ nm, $\alpha = \beta = 90^\circ$, $\gamma = 120^\circ$, space group P3̄m1), SiO₂ also has trigonal symmetry ($a = b = 0.4998$ nm, $c = 0.5511$ nm, $\alpha = \beta = 90^\circ$, $\gamma = 120^\circ$, space group P3̄121), and SiSc demonstrates cubic symmetry ($a = b = c = 0.4413$ nm, $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$, space group F43m). Furthermore, the bulk regions of n-Si<Y> samples contain crystallites with varying crystallographic orientations and sizes, associated with diverse space groups. These include Y₂O₃ with tetragonal symmetry ($a = b = 0.3819$ nm, $c = 0.5467$ nm, $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$, space group P4̄m2), SiO₂ with trigonal symmetry ($a = b = 0.4998$ nm, $c = 0.5511$ nm, $\alpha = \beta = 90^\circ$, $\gamma = 120^\circ$, space group P3̄121), Si with cubic symmetry ($a = b = c = 0.4413$ nm, $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$, space group F43m), and SiY with cubic symmetry ($a = b = c = 0.4712$ nm, $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$, space group Pm3m). The rapid cooling of Si<Y> samples induce the formation of unsaturated bonds, attributed to the absence of oxygen and yttrium atoms in the ordered arrangement of silicon-oxygen-yttrium atoms in certain polycrystalline regions.

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1. Introduction

The incorporation of various elemental atoms into semiconductor materials is a crucial method for modulating their electrical, optical, and structural properties. Silicon (Si) plays a pivotal role in modern microelectronics due to its exceptional properties, including high carrier mobility and a wide energy bandgap. However, to enhance the performance of silicon-based devices and develop novel functional materials, it is essential to introduce foreign atoms into the silicon crystal lattice [1-6, 13-16].

Scandium (Sc) and yttrium (Y), as members of the rare earth metals group, are particularly intriguing for silicon doping due to their distinctive physical and chemical characteristics. The addition of Sc and Y atoms into the silicon lattice can significantly alter its electronic and structural properties, presenting opportunities for the development of highly efficient semiconductor devices. Specifically, doping with scandium and yttrium can influence key parameters such as electrical conductivity, charge carrier mobility, and material resilience under various external conditions.

X-ray diffraction studies of silicon doped with scandium and yttrium provide critical insights into how these impurities affect the crystal lattice. This includes analyzing changes in unit cell dimensions, the emergence of new phases or defects, and their impact on the material's physical properties and structural distortions. Understanding these modifications is crucial for

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advancing doped semiconductor technologies and unlocking potential applications in electronics and photonics.

This study presents the results of X-ray diffraction analysis of silicon doped with scandium and yttrium, focusing on changes in the crystal structure, the resulting defects, and distortions, and their implications for the functional properties of the material.

2. Experimental methodology

Single-crystal n-type silicon plates with a specific resistance of $100 \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$, grown using the Czochralski method, served as the starting material. A known drawback of this growth technique is the relatively high concentration of background impurities, particularly oxygen and carbon, with levels up to $2 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-32}$ and $5 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-35}$, respectively. The issue of oxygen impurities has remained a persistent challenge in silicon crystal growth over the past six decades.

Doping with scandium and yttrium atoms was achieved via gas-phase diffusion at 1200°C in evacuated quartz ampoules (10^{-4} Pa) for 10 hours, followed by controlled rapid and slow cooling processes. The structural and phase composition of the samples was analyzed using an Empyrean Malvern X-ray diffractometer. Peak maxima were determined with the OriginPro2019 software. X-ray diffraction measurements were conducted in the Bragg-Brentano geometry within a 2θ scattering angle range of 10° to 90° , at a continuous scan rate of $0.33^\circ/\text{min}$ and an angular step size of 0.02° .

3. Experimental results and discussion

Figure 1 shows the X-ray diffraction pattern of the initial n-type silicon. The pattern reveals several structural reflections of varying intensities. The structural line observed at a scattering angle of $2\theta = 27.99^\circ$, with $d/n=3.188 \text{ nm}$, exhibits the highest intensity and corresponds to the crystallographic orientation (111). Its measured intensity ($112,341 \text{ imp} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$) and half-width (0.005 rad) confirm the high crystallinity of the sample, with most constituent atoms organized in the (111) crystallographic arrangement.

The β component of this reflection appears at $2\theta = 25.31^\circ$ with $d/n=3.5096$. Additionally, the second (222) and third (333) order reflections occur at $2\theta = 57.9^\circ$ ($d/n=1.5933 \text{ nm}$) and $2\theta = 94.68^\circ$ ($d/n=1.0474 \text{ nm}$), respectively. While the second-order (222) reflection is typically forbidden relative to the first-order (111) crystallographic line, it appears in this pattern due to microdistortions in the crystal lattice. The intensity ratio $I(222)/I(111)=3.6 \times 10^{-3}$, exceeding the threshold of 10^{-4} , further supports the presence of lattice microdistortions [6-12].

These microdistortions likely result from the uneven distribution of oxygen atoms, a major background impurity in silicon-based structures. Additional evidence for lattice distortions is seen in the non-monotonic inelastic background level of the X-ray diffraction pattern, which varies across small, medium, and large scattering angles. This variability suggests structural irregularities induced by the background impurities.

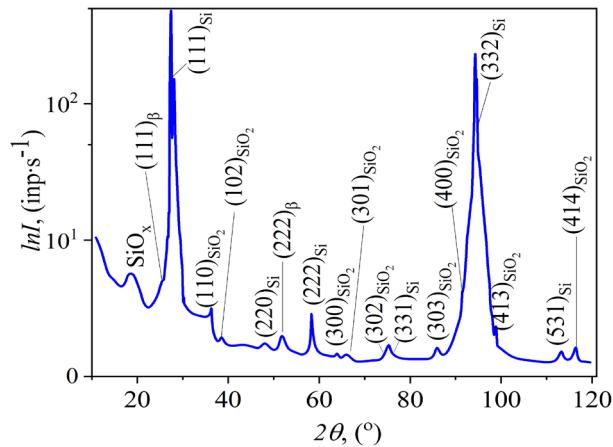


Fig. 1. X-ray diffraction pattern of the initial n-Si.

These microdistortions, resulting from the incorporation of multiple oxygen atoms into the crystal lattice with unsaturated silicon-oxygen bonds, contribute to the formation of a thin surface layer on the n-Si plate, which belongs to a different phase group. Consequently, the X-ray diffraction pattern at small and medium scattering angles reveals several structural lines ((110), (102), (300), (301), (302), (303), (331), (400), (413), (631), and (414)) that correspond to silicon dioxide.

The crystal lattice parameters were calculated using the experimental values of these structural reflections based on the formulas provided in [7]. The parameters were determined to be $a=b=4.9762$ nm and $c=5.4321$ nm, indicating that the unit cell belongs to a trigonal crystal lattice with the space group $P3_121$. Analysis of these results, along with the SiO_2 crystallite sizes listed in Table 1 and their various crystallographic orientations, confirms the formation of a polycrystalline layer approximately 1–2 μm thick on the surface of the n-Si plates. Additionally, the distinct splitting of the third (333) structural reflection into α_1 and α_2 components in the X-ray diffraction pattern, differing by a factor of two, suggests the presence of a surface layer formed due to microstresses.

The X-ray diffraction pattern at small scattering angles ($2\theta \approx 17.1^\circ$) reveals a broad diffuse reflection with a full width at half maximum (FWHM) of 0.12 rad. This reflection arises from structural fragments of SiO_x present in the near-surface layers, characterized by unsaturated bonds. The significant width of this reflection suggests that the structural fragments are small and lack long-range order in their arrangement. Consequently, these fragments are identified not as SiO_x nanocrystals but as clusters, with characteristic sizes of approximately 1.1 nm.

Additionally, based on the experimental values of the primary (111) structural reflection, the lattice parameter of the studied n-Si plate was determined to be $a_{\text{Si}}=0.5456$ nm

Figure 2(a) presents the X-ray diffraction patterns of n-Si platinum samples doped with Sc atoms for 10 hours at 1200 $^\circ\text{C}$, followed by slow cooling. The diffraction pattern of the n-Si<Sc> samples shows significant differences compared to that of the undoped n-Si platinum samples depicted in Figure 1. Notably, the intensity of the main structural line (111) remains unchanged, whereas the intensities of the second (222) and third (333) order reflections increase by factors of 1.6 and 82, respectively [10-14].

The presence of the forbidden second-order (222) reflection and the intensity ratio $I(222)/I(111)=4.8 \times 10^{-3}$, which is significantly less than the threshold value of 10^{-4} , highlights notable changes in the crystal structure. Furthermore, the intensity of the third-order (333) reflection is 4.5 times greater than that of the main (111) reflection, indicating the formation of volume defects at subcrystallite interfaces. These defects likely result from the extended heat treatment of the samples and rapid cooling at the conclusion of the process.

Additionally, the main (111) structural line is shifted toward higher scattering angles ($\Delta\theta=0.18^\circ$). Experimental analysis of this structural line determined that the crystal lattice constant

of the doped sample is $a_{\text{Si}}<\text{Sc}>=0.5418 \text{ nm}$. This observation underscores the structural modifications induced by scandium doping under the specified conditions.

Additionally, the X-ray diffraction pattern reveals several structural reflections corresponding to different crystallographic orientations in the small and medium angle scattering ranges. The experimental and calculated data for these reflections are summarized in Table 1. Analysis of the results indicates that these reflections arise from the mutual ordering of SiSc , SiO_2 , and Sc_2O_3 compounds.

The prolonged heat treatment of the samples facilitates the diffusion of Sc atoms, which interact with silicon and oxygen atoms, the latter originating from the primary background impurities in silicon, to form nanocrystallites. This formation is corroborated by the monotonic trend of the inelastic background level in the medium and large-angle scattering regions of the X-ray diffraction pattern for the $n\text{-Si}<\text{Sc}>$ plate. These observations highlight the structural changes induced by scandium doping and prolonged heat exposure, which lead to the creation of ordered phases and nanocrystalline formations.

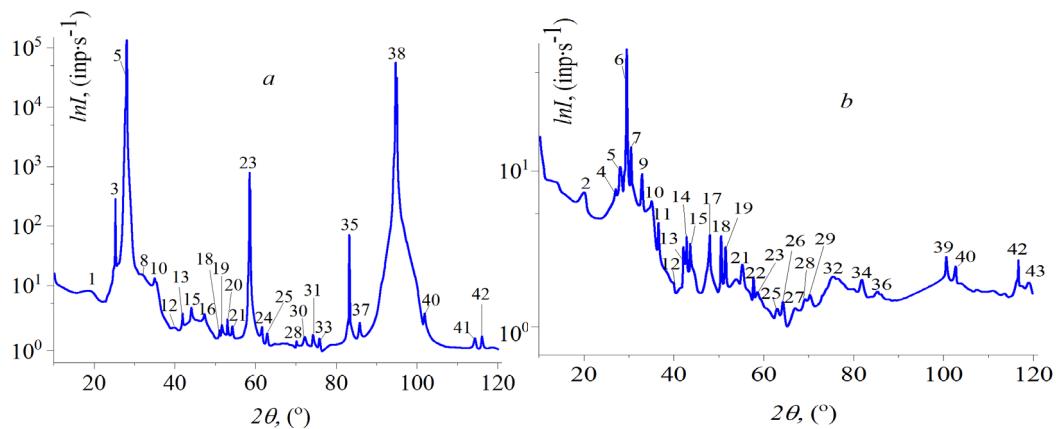


Fig. 2. X-ray diffraction pattern of $n\text{-Si}$ doped with Sc atoms.

Following the experimental processes, including the slow cooling of the samples, it was determined that nanocrystallites composed of SiSc , SiO_2 , and Sc_2O_3 compounds predominantly accumulate in the near-surface regions of the sample, forming oxide layers with polycrystalline properties. Analysis of the experimental results revealed that the nanocrystallites in this layer exhibit diverse crystallographic orientations and sizes, corresponding to distinct space groups:

- **Sc_2O_3 :** Trigonal symmetry with lattice parameters $a=b=0.3412 \text{ nm}$, $c=0.5648 \text{ nm}$, $\alpha=\beta=90^\circ$, $\gamma=120^\circ$, space group $\text{P}\bar{3}\text{m}1$.
- **SiO_2 :** Trigonal symmetry with lattice parameters $a=b=0.4998 \text{ nm}$ $a=b=0.4998, c=0.5511 \text{ nm}$, $\alpha=\beta=90^\circ$, $\gamma=120^\circ$, space group $\text{P}3_121$.
- **SiSc :** Cubic symmetry with lattice parameters $a=b=c=0.4413 \text{ nm}$, $\alpha=\beta=\gamma=90^\circ$, space group $\text{F}\bar{4}\bar{3}\text{m}$.

Table 1. Structural data of *n*-Si doped with Sc atoms.

№	HKL	<i>n</i> -Si<Sc> 1200°C (slow cool)		<i>n</i> -Si<Sc> 1200°C (fast cool)	
		2Θ, (°)	I, (imp./c.)	2Θ, (°)	I, (imp./c.)
1.	SiO _x	18,88	8,28	10÷65	15,2÷1,2
2.	(100) _{SiO₂}	-		20,01	7,021
3.	(111) _{SiSc} (111) _β	25,34	289	-	-
4.	(101) _{SiO₂}	-	-	26,72	7,38
5.	(111) _{Si}	28,15	129595	28,35	10,66
6.	(200) _{SiSc}	-	-	29,48	73,03
7.	(100) _{Sc₂O₃}	-	-	30,57	14,43
8.	(002) _{Sc₂O₃}	31,8	15,42	-	-
9.		-	-	33,04	9,5
10.	(100) _{Sc₂O₃} (210) _{SiO₂}	35,11	12,93	35,11	5,98
11.		-	-	36,68	4,62
12.	(211) _{SiO₂}	40,09	2,93	39,94	2,53
13.	(220) _{SiSc}	41,83	3,96	42,06	3,78
14.		-	-	42,85	4,15
15.	(102) _{Sc₂O₃} (201) _{SiO₂}	44,04	4,66	43,69	3,97
16.	(220) _{Si}	47,39	4,08	-	-
17.	(311) _{SiSc}	-	-	48,08	4,21
18.	(222) _β	50,95	2,73	50,6	4,16
19.	(222) _{SiSc}	51,58	3,14	51,44	3,8
20.	(202) _{SiO₂}	53,11	3,67	-	-
21.	(210) _{Sc₂O₃}	54,4	3,05	54,28	3,19
22.	(103) _{Sc₂O₃}	-	-	57,75	2,67
23.	(222) _{Si}	58,49	811	58,74	2,21
24.	(400) _β	61,7	3,02	-	-
25.	(200) _{Sc₂O₃}	62,98	2,4	62,93	1,6
26.	(300) _{SiO₂}	-	-	64,21	1,85
27.	(301) _{SiO₂}	-	-	66,93	1,57
28.	(400) _{Si}	69,88	1,84	69,1	1,89
29.		-	-	70,38	2,1
30.	(202) _{Sc₂O₃}	72,209	2,25	-	-
31.	(104) _{Sc₂O₃}	74,13	2,46	-	-
32.	(422) _{SiSc}	-	-	75,35	2,77
33.	(311) _{Si}	76,06	2,05	-	-
34.	(431) _{SiO₂}	-	-	81,78	2,63
35.	(333) _β	83,31	70,04	-	-
36.	(303) _{SiO₂}	-	-	85,52	2,55
37.	(422) _{Si}	86,87	3,39	-	-
38.	(333) _{Si}	94,81	55497	-	-
39.	(215) _{SiO₂}	-	-	100,77	3,48
40.	(520) _{SiO₂}	101,9	4,01	102,64	3,1
41.	(531) _{Si}	114,29	2,08	-	-
42.	(414) _{SiO₂}	116,21	2,19	116,6	3,3
43.	(205) _{Sc₂O₃}	-	-	118,87	2,53

Scandium atoms were diffused into a silicon single crystal at 1200 °C for 10 hours, followed by rapid cooling at a rate of 300 °C/s. The resulting X-ray diffraction pattern is presented in Fig. 2(b). The diffraction patterns of the treated n-Si wafers exhibit significant differences compared to those of the initial samples (Fig. 1). Specifically, the intensity of the main structural reflection (111) decreases dramatically, by a factor of 10⁵. However, the scattering angle for the (111) reflection remains nearly unchanged, with the lattice constant calculated as $a_{Si(pol)} = 0.5445$, showing only a minor variation ($\Delta a = 0.005$ nm) from the original value. Notably, the second (222) and third (333) order reflections are absent from the diffraction pattern.

The rapid cooling process causes subcrystallites within the material to disintegrate, resulting in a reduction in their sizes, as shown in Table 2. The decrease in subcrystallite size increases the number of boundary regions, leading to a higher concentration of defective, high-potential areas, and microdistortions at the interfaces.

Additionally, rapid cooling facilitates the accumulation of nanocrystallites composed of SiO₂ and Sc₂O₃ compounds in the near-surface regions of the samples. These nanocrystallites form oxide layers characterized by polycrystalline properties, further altering the structural characteristics of the treated silicon wafers.

The X-ray diffraction pattern also revealed a structural line of relatively high intensity corresponding to the (200) reflection. Analysis of its experimental values confirmed that this line is associated with a silicon-scandium (SiSc) compound. The lattice constant and space group of the SiSc polycrystallite were determined based on the experimental data for this structural reflection.

The introduction of scandium atoms into the silicon single crystal at 1200 °C, followed by rapid cooling at a rate of 300 °C/s, resulted in a noticeable deterioration in the crystallinity of the samples. This process also led to the formation of polycrystalline spheres, which were identified as belonging to the SiSc, SiO₂, and Sc₂O₃ compounds. Additionally, the rapid cooling caused a reduction in subcrystallite sizes, further confirming the structural changes induced by this treatment. These observations highlight the impact of rapid thermal processes on the structural integrity and crystallographic properties of silicon doped with scandium.

Figure 3(a) presents the X-ray diffraction patterns of n-Si platinum samples doped with Y atoms for 10 hours at 1200 °C. The diffraction patterns of the n-Si<Y> samples differ markedly from those of the initial n-Si platinum samples shown in Figure 1. Notably, the intensity of the main structural reflection (111) decreases by a factor of 50. The presence of the forbidden second-order (222) reflection, with an intensity ratio $I(222)/I(111) = 4.8 \times 10^{-3}$ (significantly less than the threshold value of 10⁻⁴), along with an intensity of the third-order (333) reflection three times higher than the main (111) reflection, indicates the formation of volume defects at subcrystallite interfaces. These defects likely arise from the prolonged heat treatment and rapid cooling applied during sample preparation.

Additionally, the main (111) structural line exhibits a shift toward higher-angle scattering ($\Delta\theta = 0.18^\circ$). Based on experimental analysis of this structural line, the lattice constant of the doped sample was determined to be $a_{Si<Y>} = 5.4186$ nm. This shift and change in lattice constant are attributed to the incorporation of Y atoms into the silicon crystal lattice. The difference in ionic radius of oxygen ($r_o^{-2} = 1.3$ Å), yttrium ($r_Y^{3+} = 0.91$ Å), silicon ($r_{Si}^{4+} = 0.42$ Å and $r_{Si}^{-4} = 2.7$ Å) — leads to a lattice deformation of $a_{Si} - a_{Si} - a_{Si<Y>} = 0.026$ nm, reflecting the structural distortions induced by the doping process.

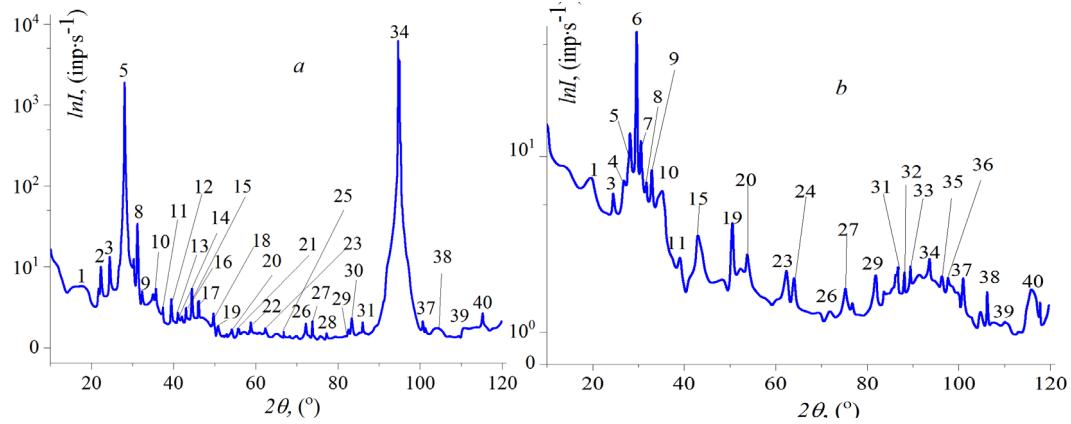


Fig. 3. X-ray diffraction pattern of n-Si doped with Y atoms.

The X-ray diffraction pattern of the n-Si \langle Y \rangle samples at small and medium scattering angles reveals several structural reflections associated with different crystallographic orientations, as summarized in Table 2. Analysis of these results indicates that the observed reflections result from the combined ordering of SiY, SiO₂, and Y₂O₃ compounds.

During the prolonged heat treatment, diffusing yttrium atoms interact with oxygen atoms from the primary background impurities in the silicon, forming nanocrystallites. This process is reflected in the monotonic trend of the inelastic background level and the broader angular scattering observed in the X-ray diffraction pattern of the n-Si \langle Y \rangle plate. Additionally, after rapid cooling, nanocrystallites composed of SiO₂ and Y₂O₃ compounds predominantly accumulate in the near-surface regions of the sample, forming oxide layers with polycrystalline characteristics.

The experimental data for the nanocrystallites indicate variations in crystallographic orientation and size, corresponding to distinct space groups:

- **Y₂O₃:** Tetragonal symmetry with lattice parameters $a=b=0.3819$ nm, $c=0.5467$ nm, $\alpha=\beta=\gamma=90^\circ$, space group P4m2.
- **SiO₂:** Trigonal symmetry with lattice parameters $a=b=0.4998$, $c=0.5511$ nm, $\alpha=\beta=90^\circ$, $\gamma=120^\circ$, space group P3121.
- **Si:** Cubic symmetry with lattice parameters $a=b=c=0.4413$ nm, $a = b = c = 0.4413$ nm, $\alpha=\beta=\gamma=90^\circ$, space group P43m.
- **SiY:** Cubic symmetry with lattice parameters $a=b=c=0.4712$ nm, $\alpha=\beta=\gamma=90^\circ$, space group P43m.

Table 2. Structural data of *n*-Si doped with Y atoms.

№	HKL	<i>n</i> -Si<Y> 1200°C (a-samples)		<i>n</i> -Si<Y> 1200°C (b-samples)	
		2Θ, (°)	I, (imp./c.)	2Θ, (°)	I, (imp./c.)
1.	SiO _x	17,3	7.73	19.67	7.28
2.	(101) _{SiO₂}	22.13	9.6		
3.	111 _β	24.54	1.56	24.4	5.9
4.	(110) _{SiY}			26.82	7.02
5.	111 _{Si}	28.3	1910	28.3	13.61
6.	α ₁ -(002) _{SiY}			29.83	58.71
7.	α ₂ -(101) _{SiY}			30.62	12.15
8.	(101) _{Y₂O₃}	31.06	30.83	31.7	6.85
9.	(111) _{SiY}	33.04	6.79	32.89	8.14
10.	(210) _{SiO₂} (2-1-10)	35.7	7.09	35.3	6.07
11.	(200) _{SiY}	38.47	4.85	38.86	3.28
12.	(201) _{SiO₂} (2-1-11)	39.55	5.99	Å	
13.	(102) _{Y₂O₃}	40.98	4.28		
14.	(200) _{SiO₂} (20-20)	41.77	4.12		
15.	(210) _{SiY}	42.9	4.92	43.15	4.056
16.	(201) _{SiO₂} (20-21)	44.33	6.95		
17.	220 _{Si}	46.91	5.7		
18.	(202) _{SiO₂} (2-1-12)	49.6	4.19		
19.	(201) _{Y₂O₃}	51.04	2.47	50.45	4.32
20.	(210) _{SiO₂} (20-22)	53.95	2.38	53.95	3.37
21.	311 _{Si}	56.13	2.31		
22.	222 _{Si}	58.74	3.32		
23.	(210) _{SiO₂} (2-1-13)	62.54	2.47	62.34	2.84
24.	(212) _{Y₂O₃}			64.07	2.64
25.	(210) _{SiO₂} (30-31)	66.73	2.03		
26.	(104) _{Y₂O₃}	72.16	3.12	72.06	1.65
27.	(210) _{SiO₂} (30-32)	73.93	3.32	75.3	2.36
28.	(301) _{Y₂O₃}	77.43	1.89		
29.	(400) _{SiY}	82.35	3.54	81.78	2.74
30.	333 _β	83.23	4,1		
31.	(410) _{SiY}	86.02	3.12	86.6	3.06
32.	(312) _{Y₂O₃}			88.14	2.91
33.	(411) _{SiY}			89.17	2.99
34.	333 _{Si}	94.7	6220	93.66	3.56
35.	(321) _{Y₂O₃}			96.23	2.74
36.	(421) _{SiY}			97.91	2.59
37.	(313) _{Y₂O₃}	100.62	3.19	100.82	2.79

№	HKL	<i>n</i> -Si<Y> 1200°C (a-samples)		<i>n</i> -Si<Y> 1200°C (b-samples)	
		2Θ, (°)	I, (imp./c.)	2Θ, (°)	I, (imp./c.)
38.	(210) _{SiO₂} (5-2-31)	103.98	2.45	104.72	1.61
39.	(401) _{Y₂O₃}	110.54	2.54	110.3	2.19
40.	(314) _{Y₂O₃}	115.32	4.05	115.67	2.41

Rapid cooling of the Si<Y> samples result in the formation of unsaturated bonds, caused by the incomplete incorporation of oxygen and yttrium atoms into the ordered silicon-oxygen- yttrium arrangement in certain polycrystalline regions (Fig. 3, b). This incomplete arrangement gives rise to small-sized clusters comprising a limited number of atoms [5-9]. The diminutive size and close proximity of these clusters contribute to the appearance of diffuse reflection observed in the small-angle scattering regions of the X-ray diffraction patterns for the studied samples. This diffuse scattering highlights the structural irregularities introduced by the rapid cooling process.

4. Conclusion

Consequently, following the procedures conducted under conditions of gradual cooling for *n*-Si<Sc> samples, it was determined that crystallites composed of SiSc, SiO₂, and Sc₂O₃ compounds predominantly concentrate in the near-surface regions of the samples, resulting in the formation of oxide layers characterized by polycrystalline properties. Based on the experimental results of a layer consisting of nanocrystallites of different crystallographic orientation and size, it was established that these nanocrystallites have different space groups (Sc₂O₃ – trigonal symmetry, a = b = 0.3412 nm, c = 0.5648 nm. $\alpha = \beta = 90^\circ$, $\gamma = 120^\circ$ Space group $P\bar{3}m1$, SiO₂ – trigonal symmetry, a = b = 0.4998 nm, c = 0.5511 nm. $\alpha = \beta = 90^\circ$, $\gamma = 120^\circ$ Space group $P3_121$, SiSc – cubic symmetry, a = b = c = 0.4413 nm, $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$, Space group $F\bar{4}3m$). Thus, when introducing scandium atoms into a silicon single crystal at a temperature of 1200 °C and cooling at a rate of 300 °C/s, a deterioration in the crystallinity of the obtained samples was detected. The release of polycrystalline spheres was also observed and it was established that they belong to the compounds SiSc, SiO₂ and Sc₂O₃. It was noted that the size of the subcrystallites decreased with rapid cooling of the samples from high temperature. It was determined that crystallites with different crystallographic orientations and sizes were formed in the volume of *n*-Si<Y> samples. It was found that these crystallites have different space groups (Y₂O₃ – tetragonal symmetry, a = b = 0.3819 nm, c = 0.5467 nm. $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$ Space group $P\bar{4}m2$, SiO₂ – trigonal symmetry, a = b = 0.4998 nm, c = 0.5511 nm. $\alpha = \beta = 90^\circ$, $\gamma = 120^\circ$ Space group $P3_121$, Si – cubic symmetry, a = b = c = 0.4413 nm, $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$, Space group $F\bar{4}3m$, SiY – cubic symmetry, a = b = c = 0.4712 nm, $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^\circ$, Pr.gr. $Pm\bar{3}m$). Rapid cooling of Si<Y> samples leads to the formation of unsaturated bonds due to the absence of oxygen and yttrium atoms in the ordered arrangement of silicon-oxygen- yttrium atoms of some polycrystalline regions.

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