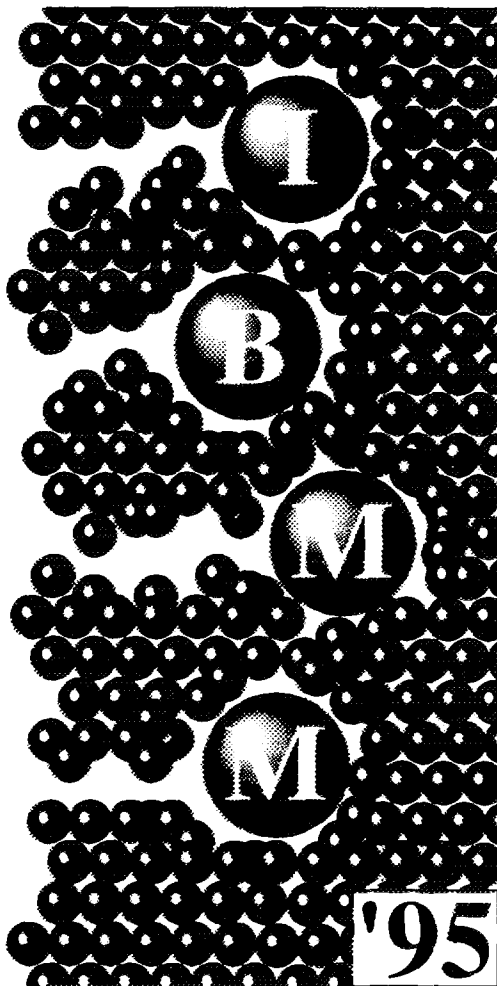




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Anomalous Surface Damage Production during High Energy Implantation Analysed by Ellipsometry and RBS

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The anomalous surface formed in silicon by room temperature Si, Ar and Kr implantation has been examined using a multilayer optical model. This unexpected disorder is far from the projected range and it is not predicted by TRIM calculation. Ion implantations were performed in the range of 200 - 800 keV. For the analysis of ellipsometric data we used the method of assuming an optical model, applying effective medium approximation and fitting the model parameters (layer thicknesses and volume fractions of amorphous silicon component in the layers) by linear regression. The dependence of the thickness of the damaged surface layer on the implantation parameters was determined. A comparison was made between spectroscopic ellipsometry and multiple-angle-of-incidence single wavelength ellipsometry to check their capability to investigate surface damage. The optical model construction was independently checked by Rutherford Backscattering Spectrometry. A tentative model is outlined explaining the formation of anomalous surface disorder.