

## **REPETITIVELY-PULSED NITROGEN IMPLANTATION IN TITANIUM BY A HIGH-POWER DENSITY ION BEAM\***

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The paper presents the results of studies of the features and regularities of high-intensity nitrogen ion implantation in titanium using high-power density repetitively-pulsed beams. It has been shown that the method of low-energy high-intensity nitrogen ion implantation at current densities of 180, 140, 60, and 10 mA/cm<sup>2</sup> makes it possible to obtain wide ion-doped layers in titanium. The regularities of changes in both thickness and elemental composition of ion-doped layers depending on the ion current density have been established. It has been established that at ion current densities from 60 to 180 mA/cm<sup>2</sup>, a wide diffusion layer is observed. With an increase in the ion current density, an increase in the nitrogen concentration in the diffusion layer is observed. Using X-ray diffraction analysis, it was found that the modified near-surface layer of titanium contains two phases –  $\delta$ -TiN<sub>x</sub> and TiN<sub>0.3</sub>. A change in the crystal lattice period and the volume fraction of  $\delta$ -phase depending on the ion current density has been noted. Transmission electron microscopy data are presented showing that the modified layers at a depth of 10  $\mu$ m consist of  $\alpha$ -Ti, in the volume of which the nanosized particles of  $\delta$ -TiN crystallize. The average size these particles is 15.4 nm. The regularities of changes in the ion-doped layer microhardness depending on the ion implantation modes are discussed.

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