### Semiconductor Fundamentals

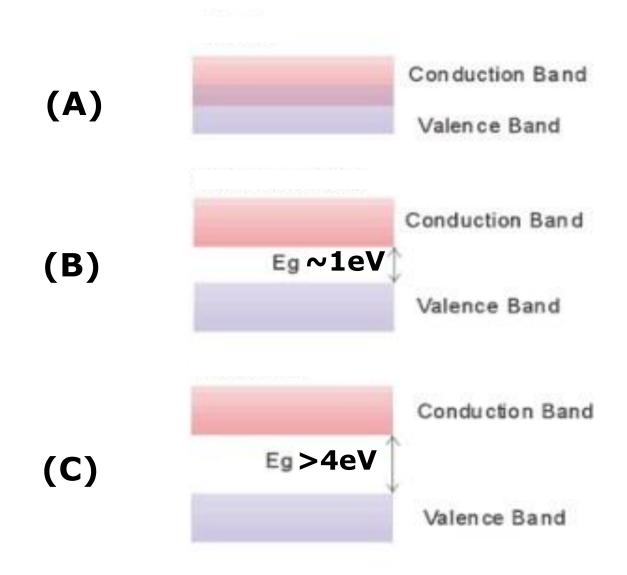
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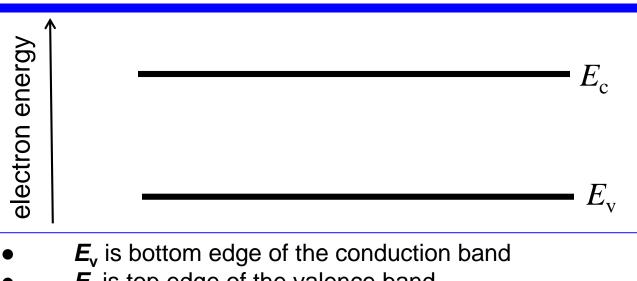
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#### CT1. Which one is semiconductor?

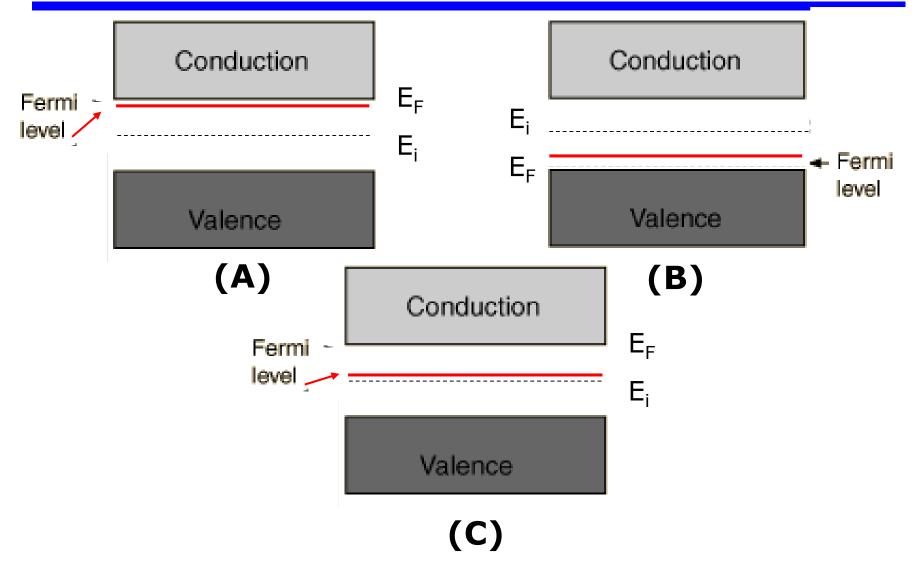


#### CT2. Which one is correct?



- (A)
- **E**<sub>c</sub> is top edge of the valence band
- $E_{\rm c}$  and  $E_{\rm v}$  are separated by the band gap energy  $E_{\rm c}$
- **(B)**
- $E_{\rm c}$  is bottom edge of the conduction level
- $E_{v}$  is top edge of the valence level
- $E_{\rm c}$  and  $E_{\rm v}$  are separated by the **level** gap energy  $E_{\rm c}$
- **E**<sub>c</sub> is bottom edge of the conduction **band**
- $E_{v}$  is top edge of the valence band
- $E_{c}$  and  $E_{v}$  are separated by the **band** gap energy  $E_{q}$

#### CT3. Which one is P-Type Semiconductor?

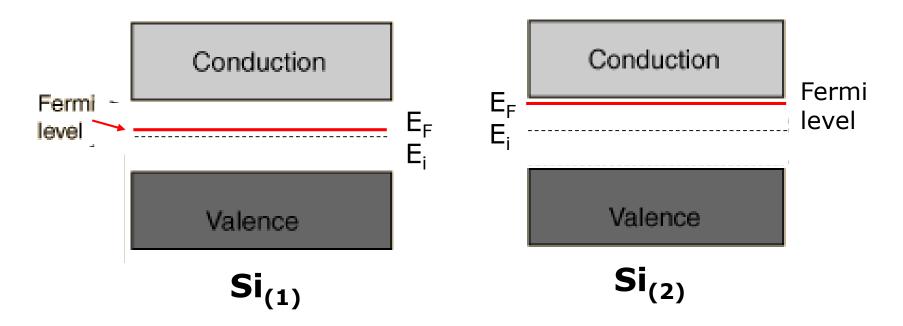


CT4

# Energy band diagrams of two silicon materials, $Si_{(1)}$ and $Si_{(2)}$ , are shown below and $(E_F-E_V)_{(1)} > (E_F-E_V)_{(2)}$ ,

Which one is true, compared with Si<sub>(2)</sub>?

- (A)  $Si_{(1)}$  is a stronger p-type. (B)  $Si_{(1)}$  is a weaker p-type.
- (C)  $Si_{(1)}$  is a weaker n-type. (D)  $Si_{(1)}$  is a stronger n-type.



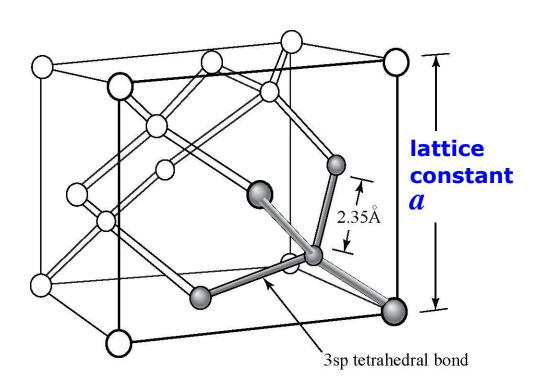
#### CT5. What kind of semiconductor it is?

(A) It is an n-type semi. (B) It is a p-type semi. (C) It is an intrinsic semi. D) It is a pure semi. (Si):(Si):

CT6. What are the correct approximate **atomic density** and **lattice constant** *a* respectively for silicon crystal at room temperature?

- (A)  $5 \times 10^{20} \& 0.54$ nm
- (C) 5×10<sup>22</sup> & 54Å

- (B)  $5 \times 10^{22} \& 0.54$ nm
- (D) 5×10<sup>28</sup> & 54Å



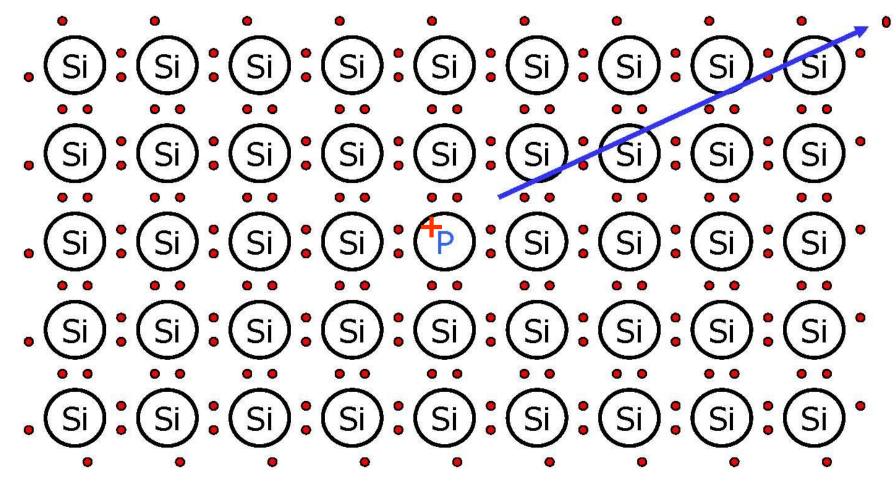
#### CT7. What kind of semiconductor it is?

(A) It is an n-type semi. (B) It is a p-type semi. (C) It is an intrinsic semi. D) It is a pure semi.

#### CT8. Which one is correct on P+ion?

(A) It is a hole.

- (B) It is a mobile positive charge.
- (C) It is a electron.
- (D) It is a fixed positive charge.



#### CT9. Which one is correct on B-ion?

(A) It is a hole. (B) It is a mobile negative charge. (C) It is an electron. (D) It is a fixed negative charge.

CT10. Fig. shows a formation of an npn transistor. After PH<sub>3</sub> diffusion, the hole density of the middle layer is

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(A) 10^{19}cm<sup>-3</sup>. (B) 10^{18}cm<sup>-3</sup>. (C) 10^{17}cm<sup>-3</sup>. (D) 10^{16}cm<sup>-3</sup>. (E) 10^{15}cm<sup>-3</sup>.
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N_D = 10^{15} \text{cm}^{-3}
 n-type (10<sup>15</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>)
                             BH<sub>3</sub> diffusion.
                            N_{\Delta} = 10^{17} \text{cm}^{-3}
 p-type
 n-type (10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3})
                                   PH<sub>3</sub> diffusion.
                                                             N_D = 10^{19} \text{cm}^{-3}
n-type (10^{15} cm<sup>-3</sup>)
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CT11. Fig. shows a formation of npn transistor. After PH<sub>3</sub> diffusion, the electron density of the middle layer is

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(A) 10^{19}cm<sup>-3</sup>. (B) 10^{17}cm<sup>-3</sup>. (C) 10^{15}cm<sup>-3</sup>. (D) 10^{3}cm<sup>-3</sup>. (E) 10^{1}cm<sup>-3</sup>.
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 n-type (10<sup>15</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>)
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 n-type (10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3})
                                   PH<sub>3</sub> diffusion.
                                                             N_D = 10^{19} \text{cm}^{-3}
n-type (10^{15} cm<sup>-3</sup>)
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CT12. Fig. shows a formation of npn transistor. After PH<sub>3</sub> diffusion, the hole density of the top layer is

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(A) 10^{19}cm<sup>-3</sup>. (B) 10^{18}cm<sup>-3</sup>. (C) 10^{17}cm<sup>-3</sup>. (D) 10^{3}cm<sup>-3</sup>. (E) 10^{1}cm<sup>-3</sup>.
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N_D = 10^{15} \text{cm}^{-3}
 n-type (10<sup>15</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>)
                              BH<sub>3</sub> diffusion.
                             N_{\Delta} = 10^{17} \text{cm}^{-3}
 p-type
 n-type (10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3})
                                     PH<sub>3</sub> diffusion.
                                                               N_D = 10^{19} \text{cm}^{-3}
n-type (10<sup>15</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>)
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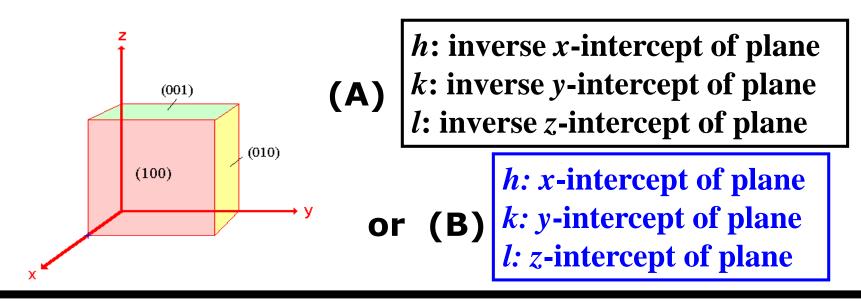
**CT13.** Fig. shows a formation of npn transistor. After PH<sub>3</sub> diffusion, the electron density of the top layer is

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(A) 10<sup>19</sup>cm<sup>-3</sup>. (B) 10<sup>18</sup>cm<sup>-3</sup>. (C) 10<sup>17</sup>cm<sup>-3</sup>. (D) 10<sup>3</sup>cm<sup>-3</sup>. (E) 10<sup>1</sup>cm<sup>-3</sup>.
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N_D = 10^{15} \text{cm}^{-3}
 n-type (10<sup>15</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>)
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 p-type
 n-type (10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3})
                                   PH<sub>3</sub> diffusion.
                                                             N_D = 10^{19} \text{cm}^{-3}
n-type (10^{15} cm<sup>-3</sup>)
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#### CT14.

#### Miller indices $(h \ k \ l)$ for planes are defined as



CT15. There are two collision or scattering mechanisms that affect the carrier mobility  $\mu$ : phonon or lattice scattering effect  $\mu_L$ , and ionized impurity scattering effect  $\mu_I$ , where (A)  $\mu_L \propto T^{+3/2}$  and  $\mu_I \propto T^{-3/2}/N_I$ 

or (A) 
$$\mu_L \propto T^{+3/2}$$
 and  $\mu_I \propto T^{-3/2}/N_I$   
or (B)  $\mu_I \propto T^{-3/2}$  and  $\mu_L \propto T^{+3/2}/N_I$   
or (C)  $\mu_L \propto T^{-3/2}$  and  $\mu_I \propto T^{+3/2}/N_I$ 

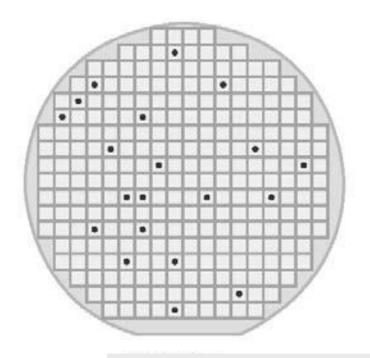
#### CT16. Their yields are, respectively,

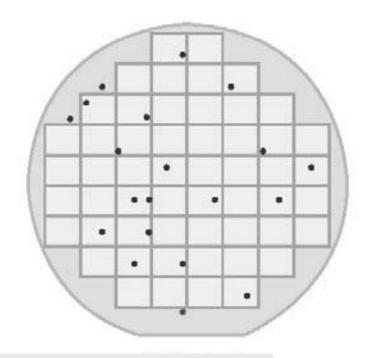
(A) 92% and 70%.

(C) 7.6% and 30%.

(B) 92% and 30%.

(D) 70 and 7.6%.



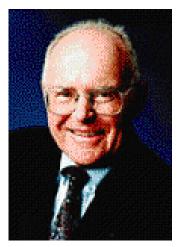


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#### CT17. Moore's Law shows

- (A) density of IC devices is <u>doubling</u> with <u>every two new generation</u>.
- (B) the number of transistors on a chip will double every 18 to 24 months.
- (C) Components (such as inductors) per chip will double every 1.5 2 years.
- (D) semiconductor technology will double its effectiveness every 8 months.





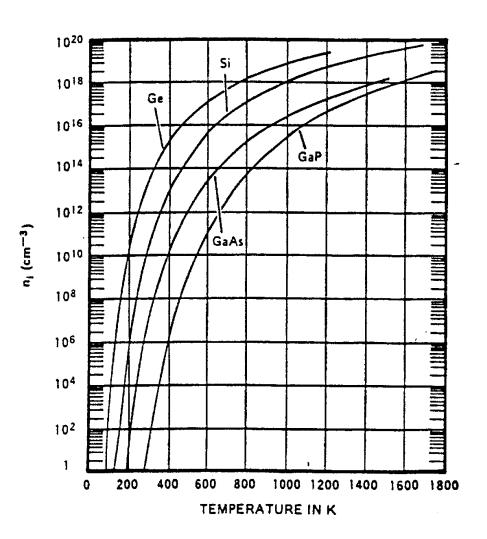
## CT18. The number of electrons per unit volume per unit energy, n(E), is $f(E)g_c(E)$ , where

- (A)  $g_c(E) = [4\pi(2m_n^*)^{3/2}/h^3]\sqrt{E-E_c}$  is the number of quantum states in the conduction band per unit volume per unit energy and  $f(E) = 1/\{1 + \exp[(E-E_F)/(kT)]\}$  is called the Fermi-Dirac distribution function and gives the probability that an allowed quantum state at the energy E is occupied by an electron.
- or (B)  $f(E)=1/\{1+\exp[(E-E_F)/(kT)]\}$  is the number of quantum states in the conduction band per unit volume per unit energy and  $g_c(E)=[4\pi(2m_n^*)^{3/2}/h^3]\sqrt{E-E_c}$  is called the Fermi-Dirac distribution function and gives the probability that an allowed quantum state at the energy E is occupied by an electron.

#### **CT19.**

At the same temperature, n<sub>i</sub>(Ge) is higher than n<sub>i</sub>(Si), because:

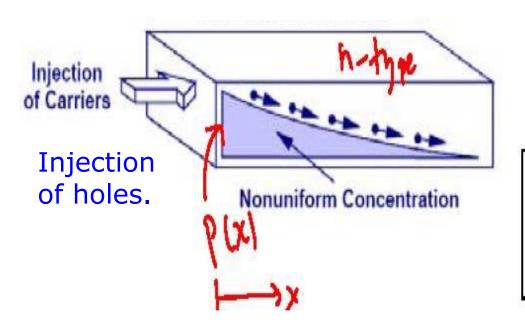
- (A) Ge is cheaper.
- (B) The temperatures for both materials are not the exact same.
- (C) Energy gap of Si is bigger.
- (D) Energy gap of Si is smaller.



#### CT20. Hole diffusion current is at

- (A) opposite x direction.
- (B) positive x direction.

$$J_p = -qD_p \frac{dp}{dx}$$



#### Notation:

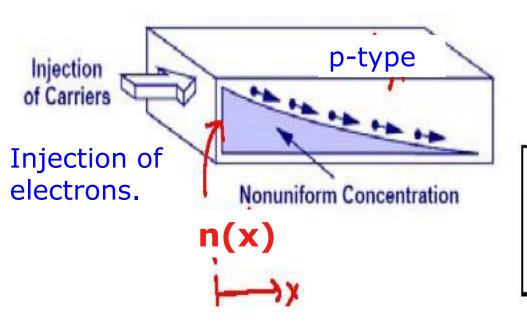
 $D_{\rm p} = \text{hole diffusion constant (cm}^2/\text{s})$ 

 $D_n = \text{electron diffusion constant (cm}^2/\text{s})$ 

#### CT21. Electron diffusion current is at

- (A) opposite x direction.
- (B) positive x direction.

$$J_n = qD_n \frac{dn}{dx}$$



#### Notation:

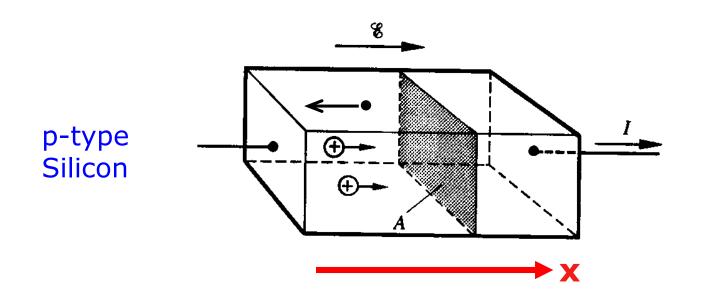
 $D_p = \text{hole diffusion constant (cm}^2/\text{s})$ 

 $D_n = \text{electron diffusion constant (cm}^2/\text{s})$ 

#### CT22. Hole drift current is

- (A) at opposite x direction.
- (B) at positive x direction.
- (C) zero.

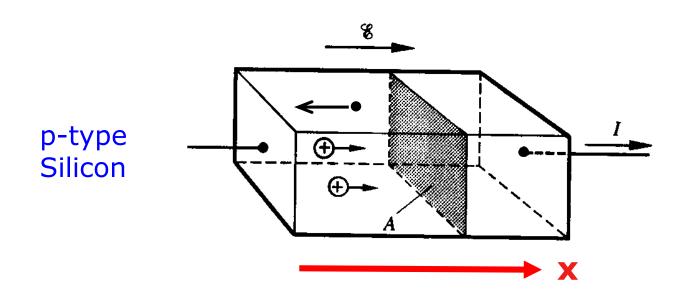
hole current density:  $J_p = (+q)pv_h = qp\mu_p E$ 



#### CT23. Electron drift current is

- (A) at opposite x direction.
- (B) at positive x direction.
- (C) zero.

electron current density:  $J_n = (-q)nv_e = qn\mu_n E$ 



CT24. On the relation: 
$$\rho = \frac{1}{\sigma} = \frac{1}{qn\mu_n + qp\mu_p}$$
 (ohm•cm)

- (A)  $\rho$  is resistivity,  $\sigma$  is conductivity and  $\mu$  is mobility.
- (B)  $\rho$  is resistivity,  $\mu$  is conductivity and  $\sigma$  is mobility.
- (C)  $\sigma$  is resistivity,  $\rho$  is conductivity and  $\mu$  is mobility.

#### CT25. Which one is true?

- (A) **Generation** is a process of creating electron-hole pairs and exciting an electron from the valence band to the conduction band is referred to as **recombination**.
- (B) **Recombination** is a process by which an electron from conduction band is moved to the valence band, and <u>annihilating</u> an electron-hole pairs is referred to as **generation**.
- (C) **Recombination** is a process by which an electron from conduction band is moved to the valence band, and exciting an electron from valence band to conduction band is referred to as **generation**.

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