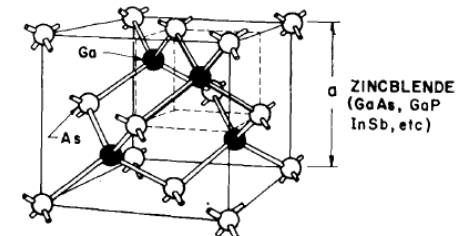
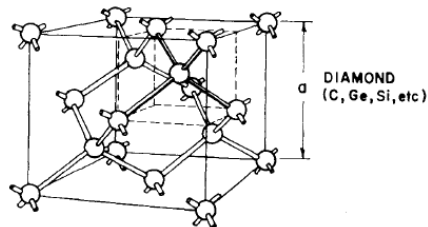


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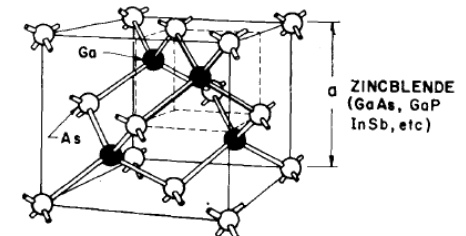
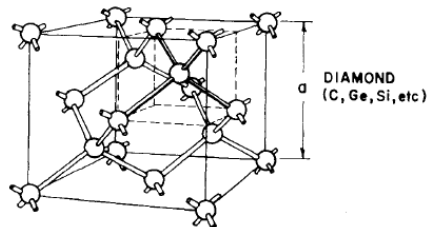


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Diffusion process

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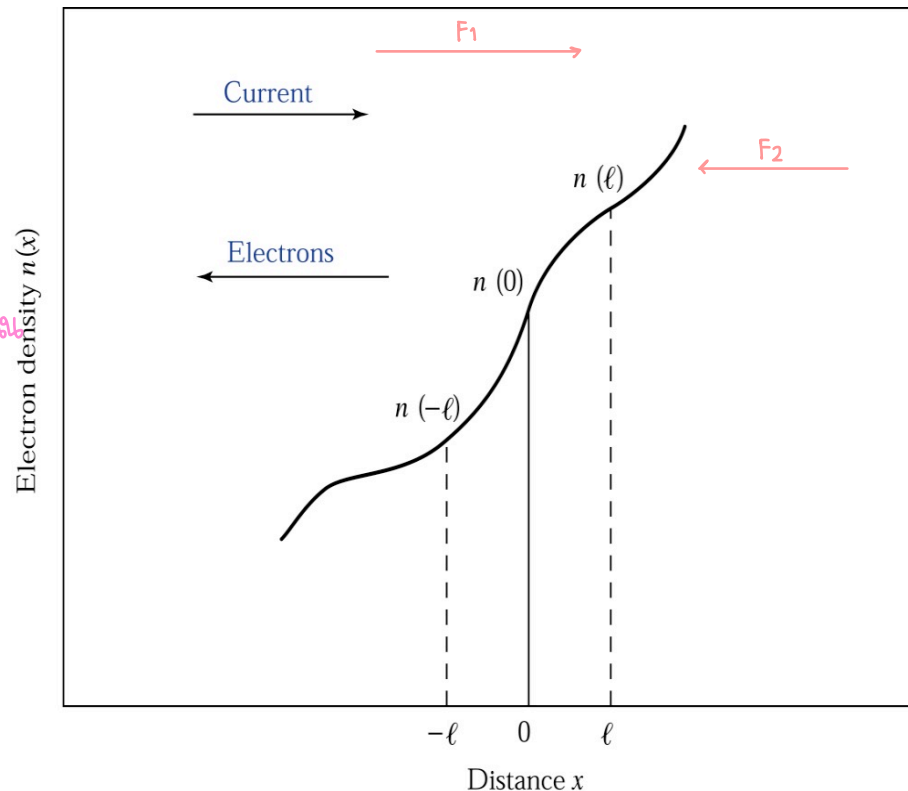
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เกิดกระแสการแพร่

- The drift current is the transport of carriers when an electric field is applied.
- There is another important carrier current called “**diffusion current**”. (กระแสการแพร่)
- This diffusion current happens as there is a variation of carrier concentration in the material.
- The carriers will move from a region of high concentration to a region of low concentration.
- This kind of movement is called “**diffusion process**”.
(กระบวนการแพร่)

Diffusion process

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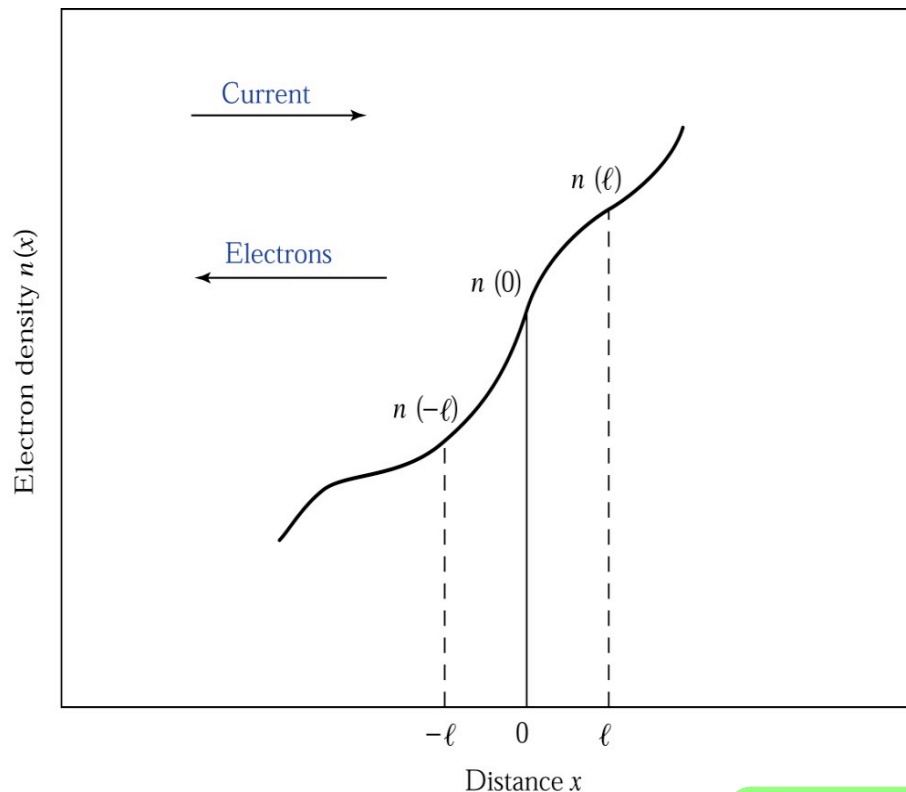
- An electron density varies in the x -direction under uniform temperature.

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- The average thermal energy of electrons will not vary with x , but the electron density $n(x)$ varies linearly because of the uniform temperature of the electrons is independent of x .
- The electrons have an average thermal velocity v_{th} and a mean free path l .

- เพื่อที่จะคำนวณกระแส เราจะต้องกำหนดอัตราไหลสุทธิของอิเล็กตรอนต่อหนึ่งหน่วยเวลาต่อหนึ่งหน่วยพื้นที่ ข้ามระนาบที่ $x=0$ โดยที่ l จากรูปคือ mean free path ของอิเล็กตรอน

Diffusion process



- The electron at $x = -l$ have an equal chances of moving left or right.
- The average of electron flow per unit area F_1 of electron crossing plane $x = 0$ from the left is expressed as
อัตราของการไหลอิเล็กตรอน F_1 ในทิศทาง $+x$ ที่ $x = 0$ (จากทางซ้ายมือ)คือ

$$F_1 = \frac{0.5n(-l) \cdot l}{\tau_c} = 0.5n(-l) \cdot v_{th} \quad (1.1)$$

Diffusion process

- Likewise, the average of electron flow per unit area F_2 of electron at $x = l$ crossing plan at $x = 0$ from the right is

เช่นเดียวกัน อัตราของการไหลอิเล็กตรอน F_2 ที่ $x = l$ (จากทางขวามือ) คือ

$$F_2 = 0.5n(l) \cdot v_{th} \quad (1.2)$$

- Then, the net rate of electron flow from left to right is given by
- อัตราสุทธิของการไหลอิเล็กตรอนเขียนได้เป็น

$$F = F_1 - F_2 = 0.5v_{th}[n(-l) - n(l)]$$

$$= 0.5v_{th} \left\{ \left[n(0) - l \frac{dn}{dx} \right] - \left[n(0) + l \frac{dn}{dx} \right] \right\}$$

อัตราสุทธิ
↓

$$F = -v_{th}l \frac{dn}{dx}$$

(1.3)

Diffusion process

- Therefore, the net rate F can be written as

$$F = -D_n \frac{dn}{dx}$$

อัตราการไหลสุทธิ

(2)

where $D_n = v_{th} \cdot l$ = the diffusion coefficient (diffusivity)

(สัมประสิทธิ์การแพร่อิเล็กตรอน; cm²/sec)

- A current density caused by the electron diffusion is given by

$$J_e = -qF = qD_n \frac{dn}{dx}$$

(3)

$\frac{dn}{dx}$

คือ เกรเดียนต์ความหนาแน่นอิเล็กตรอน

Example 1

- An n-type semiconductor at $T = 300\text{ K}$, the electron concentration varies linearly from 1×10^{18} to $7 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ over a distance of 0.1 cm . Calculate the diffusion current density if the electron diffusion coefficient D_n is $22.5 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$.

เปลี่ยนไปเป็นจริงได้ จาก 1×10^{18} เป็น 7×10^{17}

$$J = q D_n \frac{dn}{dx}$$

$$J = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 22.5 \times \left[\frac{(1 \times 10^{18}) - (7 \times 10^{17})}{0.1 - 0} \right]$$

$$J = 10.8 \text{ A/cm}^2$$

ระยะทาง
 $0 \xrightarrow{\quad} 0.1$
 $\therefore 1 \times 10^{18} \quad 7 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

Einstein Relation

- From the conservation of energy for one-dimensional case

$$\frac{1}{2}mv_{th}^2 = \frac{1}{2}kT \quad (4)$$

we can write

$$\begin{aligned} D_n &= v_{th} l \\ &= v_{th} (v_{th} \tau_c) \\ &= v_{th}^2 \left(\frac{\mu_e m_e}{q} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{kT}{m_e} \right) \left(\frac{\mu_e m_e}{q} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} v_{th} &: \sqrt{\frac{kT}{m_e}} \\ v_{th}^2 &: \left(\sqrt{\frac{kT}{m_e}} \right)^2 \\ v_{th}^2 &: \frac{kT}{m_e} \end{aligned}$$

Einstein Relation

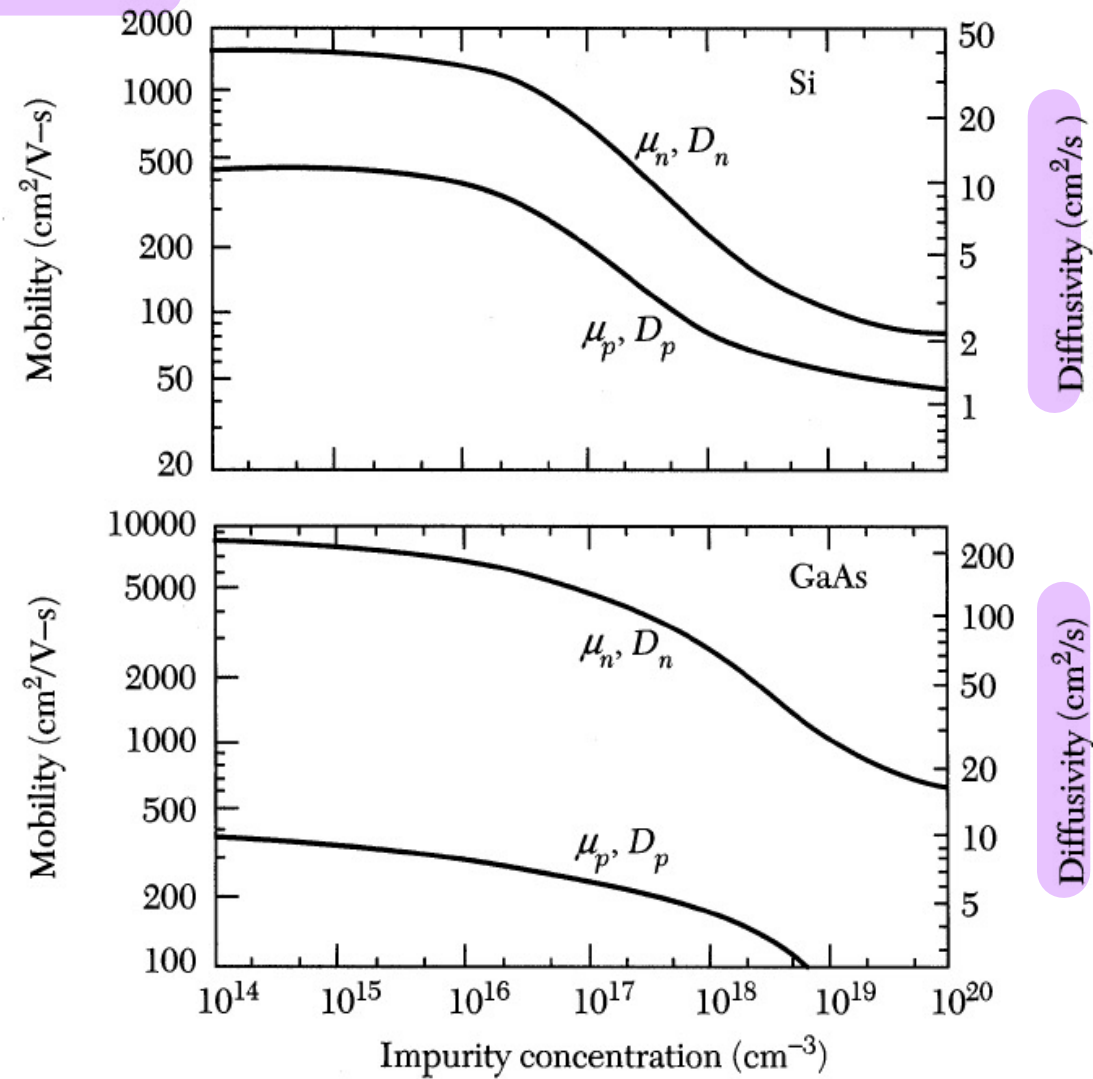
- Therefore,

$$D_n = \left(\frac{kT}{q} \right) \mu_e \quad (5)$$

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↗ สัมประสิทธิ์ความคล่องตัว
↘ ความสัมพันธ์ของไอส์ไตน์ บอกความสัมพันธ์ระหว่าง
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- This is called “**Einstein relation**” (ความสัมพันธ์ของไอส์ไตน์) since it relates the two constants that describe diffusion and drift transport of carriers, ***diffusivity and mobility***, respectively. (สัมประสิทธิ์การแพร่และความคล่องตัว)
- This Einstein relation can be used with holes as well.

Diffusivities



สปส. การแพร่

Mobilities and diffusivities in Si and GaAs at 300 K as a function of impurity concentration.

Example 2

- Minority carriers (holes) are injected into a homogeneous n-type semiconductor sample at one point. An electric field of 50 V/cm is applied across the sample, and the field moves these minority carriers a distance of 1 cm in 100 μ s. Find the drift velocity and the diffusivity of the minority carriers. $T = 300$ K.

$$D_p = \frac{1.38 \times 10^{-23} \times 300}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}} \times 200 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s} ; D_p = \left[\frac{kT}{q} \right] \mu_h$$

$$D_p : 5.175 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s} \#$$

$$; V_D : \frac{s}{t} = \frac{1 \text{ cm}}{100 \mu} : 10^4 \text{ cm/s} \#$$

$$; V_D : \mu_h E \quad \nearrow \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{s}} \times \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{V}} \quad \downarrow$$

$$\mu_h : \frac{V_D}{E} = \frac{10^4 \text{ cm/s}}{50 \text{ V/cm}} : 200 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}$$

Diffusion process

- For conclusion, when an electric field is applied in addition to a concentration gradient, both drift current and diffusion current will flow.

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လဲလဲလဲလဲ drift

- The total current density due to electron movement can be written as

$$J_e = q \left[\underbrace{(\mu_e n E)}_{\text{drift current}} + \underbrace{D_n \frac{dn}{dx}}_{\text{diffusion current}} \right] \quad (6)$$

e⁻ (+)

where n = electron density

Diffusion process

The total conduction current density is given by

$$J_{total} = J_e + J_h \quad (7)$$

where J_h is the hole current. สัมประสิทธิ์ hole

$$J_h = q\mu_h pE - qD_h \frac{dp}{dx} \quad (8)$$

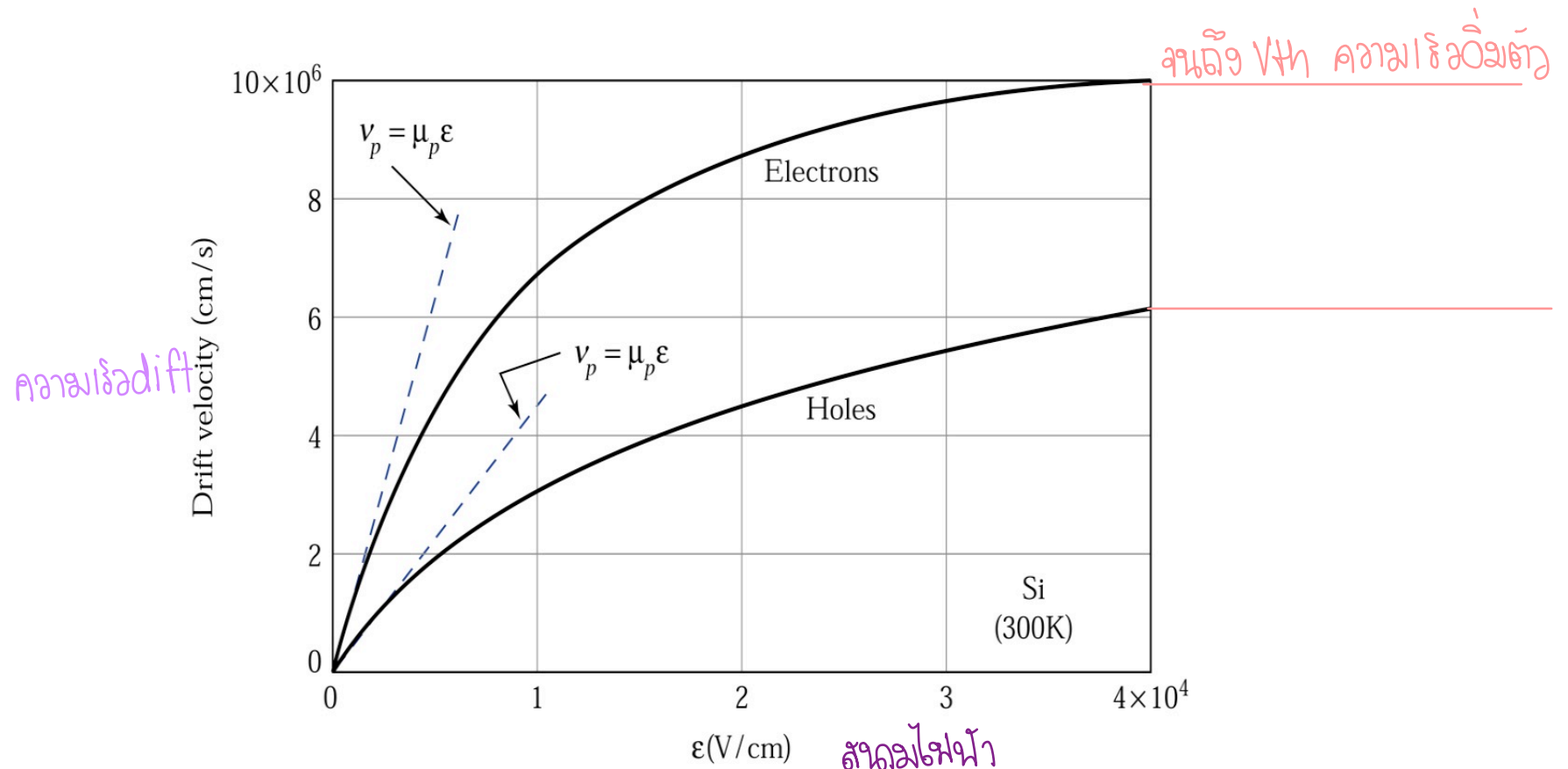
hole -

where p is hole density.

คล้ายกับ 6 ถ้าจะกำหนดการไหลของ hole
(หรือ พิจารณาที่ hole)

Diffusion process

- At a very high electric field, the drift velocity will saturated where it approaches the thermal velocity.



Electron as a wave

- L. de Broglie said electrons of momentum p exhibits wavelike properties that are characterized by wavelength λ .

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p} = \frac{h}{mv} \quad , p = mv \quad (9)$$

where h = ค่าคงที่ Planck's = $6.62 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J.s}$
 m = electron mass
 v = speed of electron

Schrödinger's equation

- Kinetic energy + Potential energy = Total energy
- Schrodinger's equation describes a wave equation in 3 dimensions is written as

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla^2\psi(r,t) + V(r)\psi(r,t) = i\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\psi(r,t) \quad (10)$$

where

$$\hbar = h/2\pi$$

∇^2 = Laplacian operator in rectangular coordinate

$$= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}$$

ψ = wave function

V = potential term

Schrödinger's equation

To solve the equation, we assume

$$\psi(r,t) = \psi(r) \cdot \phi(t) \quad (11)$$

and substitute it in Schrödinger's equation. We have

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \phi(t) \nabla^2 \psi(r) + V(r) \psi(r) \phi(t) = i\hbar \psi(r) \frac{d\phi(t)}{dt} \quad (12)$$

Divide both sides by $\psi(r) \cdot \phi(t)$, we have

$$\frac{-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\nabla^2 \psi(r)}{\psi(r)} + V(r)}{\int \psi(r) dr} = i\hbar \frac{1}{\phi(t)} \frac{d\phi(t)}{dt} \quad (13)$$

A·B
c

fⁿ
fⁿ ของสถานะ x

fⁿ
fⁿ ของสถานะ(t)

Schrödinger's equation

- Both can be equal only if they are separately equal to a constant ***E*** as
 - *Time dependent case:*

$$i\hbar \frac{d\phi(t)}{dt} = E\phi(t) \quad (14)$$

- *Position dependent: (Time independent)*

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi(r) + V(r)\psi(r) = E\psi(r) \quad (15)$$

Schrödinger's equation

Consider time dependent part, we can solve the equation as,

$$\phi(t) = \exp \left\{ \left(-\frac{iE}{\hbar} \right) t \right\}$$

where $E = h\nu = h\omega/2\pi = \hbar\omega$

$$\frac{h}{2\pi} \cdot \omega = \hbar\omega$$

Therefore ;

$$\phi(t) = \exp(-i\omega t) \quad (16)$$

Schrödinger's equation

- For position dependent, to make it simple, assume that electrons can move in **only one dimension** (**x-direction**).

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2\psi(x)}{dx^2} + V(x)\psi(x) = E\psi(x) \quad (17)$$

$$\frac{d^2\psi(x)}{dx^2} + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} [E - V(x)]\psi(x) = 0 \quad (18)$$

where $|\psi(x)|^2$ is probability of finding electron.

It is modified plane

Schrödinger's equation

- Now let us consider the **4** different cases for $V(x)$

Case 1: The electron as a free particle ($V = 0$)
equation (18) becomes

$$\frac{d^2\psi(x)}{dx^2} + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} E\psi(x) = 0 \quad (19)$$

General solution of this equation is

$$\psi(x) = Ae^{+ikx} + Be^{-ikx} \quad (20)$$

Schrödinger's equation

- From $\psi(r,t) = \psi(r) \cdot \phi(t)$, the general solution of Schrodinger's equation in this case is

$$\psi(x,t) = \left(A e^{+ikx} + B e^{-ikx} \right) e^{-i\omega t} \quad (21)$$

where A and B are amplitudes of forward and backward propagating waves and k is related to E by

$$E = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} = \frac{1}{2} m v^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_k &= \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} \\ \lambda &= \frac{2\pi\hbar}{\sqrt{E_k 2m}} \\ \lambda &= \frac{2\pi\hbar}{\sqrt{E_k 2m}} \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

Schrödinger's equation

$$E_k = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{mv^2}{m} \quad mv^2 : p^2$$

$$E_k \rightarrow \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{p^2}{m} \quad E_k : \frac{p^2}{2m}$$

$$p = \hbar k$$

$$p^2 : E_k \cdot 2m$$

$$p : \sqrt{E_k \cdot 2m}$$

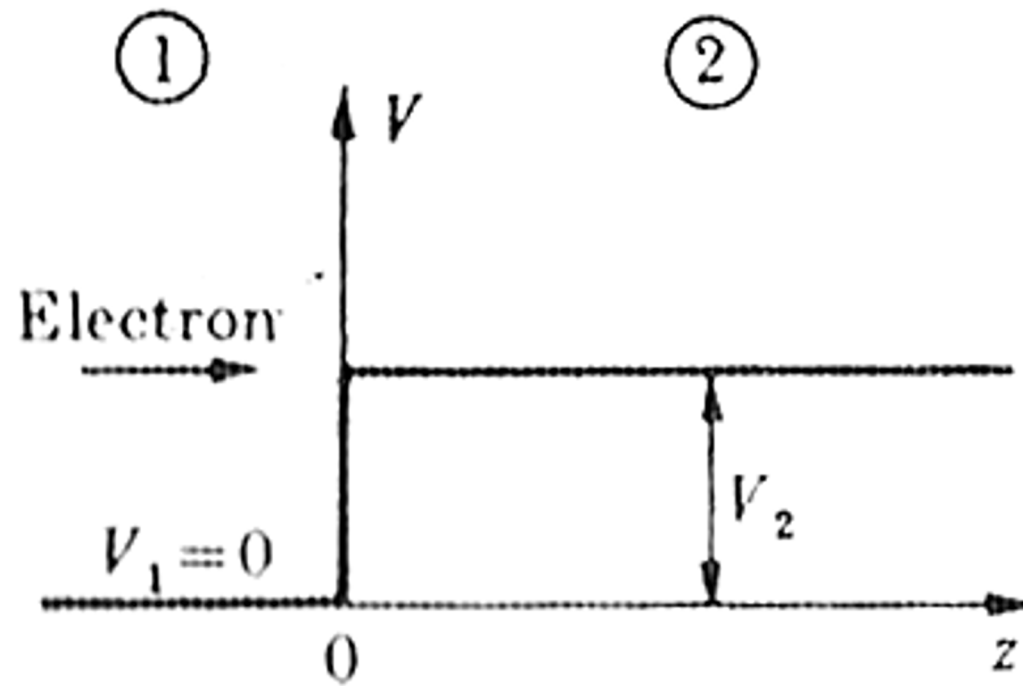
$$\lambda : \frac{h}{p} : \frac{h}{\sqrt{E_k \cdot 2m}}$$

(23)

This equation is called “**de Broglie's relation**”.

Schrödinger's equation

- Case 2: Step potential barrier (1 dimension)



Schrödinger's equation

For *region 1*, the solution is already known as

$$\psi_1(x) = Ae^{+ik_1x} + Be^{-ik_1x} \quad (24.1)$$

$$k_1^2 = \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} \quad k_1 = \sqrt{\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}} \quad (24.2)$$

For *region 2*, an equation (18) becomes $\frac{d^2\psi(x)}{dx^2} + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2}[E - V(x)]\psi(x) = 0$

$$\frac{d^2\psi_2(x)}{dx^2} + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2}[E - V_2]\psi_2(x) = 0$$

Schrödinger's equation

- General solution:

$$\psi_2(x) = Ce^{ik_2x} + De^{-ik_2x} \quad (25.1)$$

$$\underline{k_2^2} = \frac{2m(E - V_2)}{\hbar^2} \quad (25.2)$$

เลขคลื่นในบริเวณที่ 2
 $E > V_2$; k_2 : real
 $E < V_2$; k_2 : จินตภาพ

$k_2 = \sqrt{\frac{2m(E - V_2)}{\hbar^2}}$

- Since there is no wave incident from *region 2*, D must be zero.

Schrödinger's equation

- By applying a boundary condition, *solutions must be continuous* at $x = 0$ with

$$\psi_1(0) = \psi_2(0)$$
$$\frac{d\psi_1(0)}{dx} = \frac{d\psi_2(0)}{dx}$$

- From (24) and (25), we have

$$A + B = C$$

$$ik_1(A - B) = ik_2C$$

$$\frac{B}{A} = \frac{k_1 - k_2}{k_1 + k_2} \quad (26.1)$$

$$\frac{C}{A} = \frac{2k_1}{k_1 + k_2} \quad (26.2)$$

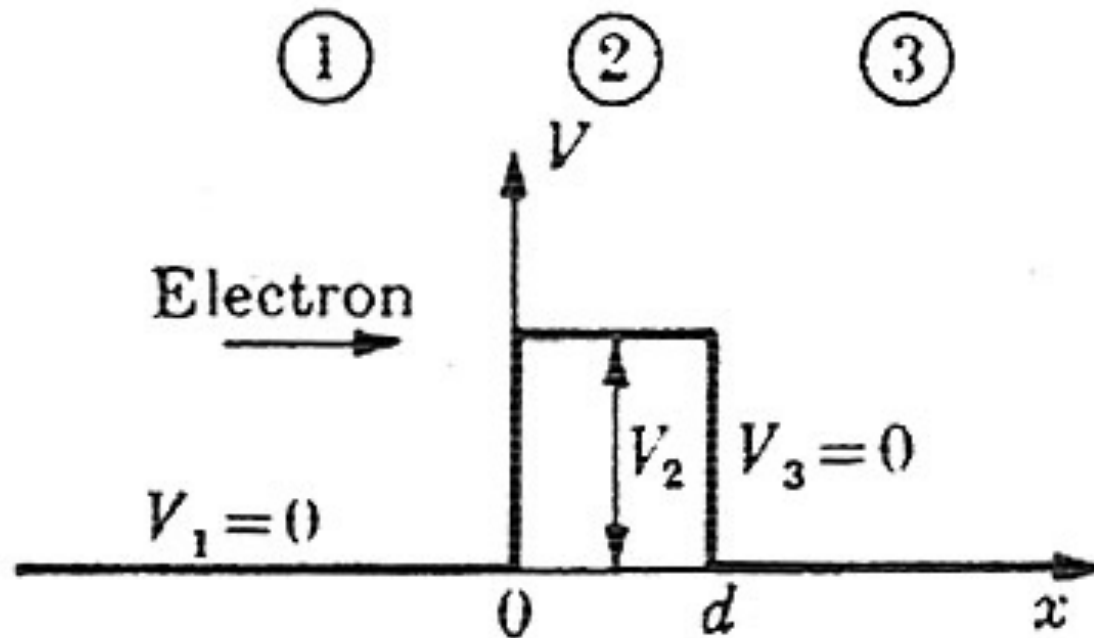
Schrödinger's equation

Now let us consider **2** cases:

1. $E > V_2$: In this case k_2 is **real**, k_2 and k_1 are different leading B/A finite. This means an electron could be seen in both **region 1** and **2**. It goes over the barrier and solution is oscillatory in space in both regions.
2. $E < V_2$: In this case k_2 is **imaginary**. The solution shows that an electron decays exponentially in **region 2**. An electron may penetrate the potential barrier.

Schrödinger's equation

- **Case 3:** Finite width potential barrier (1 dimension)



Schrödinger's equation

- We are interested in the case of $E < V_2$. In this case, solutions for *region 1* and *region 2* are the same as previous case. Now we turn our interest to *region 3*. At *region 3*,

$$\psi_3(x) = Fe^{ik_3x} \quad (27.1)$$

$$k_3^2 = \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} \quad (27.2)$$

Schrödinger's equation

- Consider transmittance, T is a ratio of energy in transmitted wave in *region 3* to energy in incident wave in *region 1*.

$$T = \frac{\text{Energy in transmitted wave in region 3}}{\text{Energy in incident wave in region 1}}$$

$$T = \frac{|F|^2}{|A|^2} \approx \exp \left\{ -2d \sqrt{\frac{2m(V_2 - E)}{\hbar^2}} \right\}$$

(28)

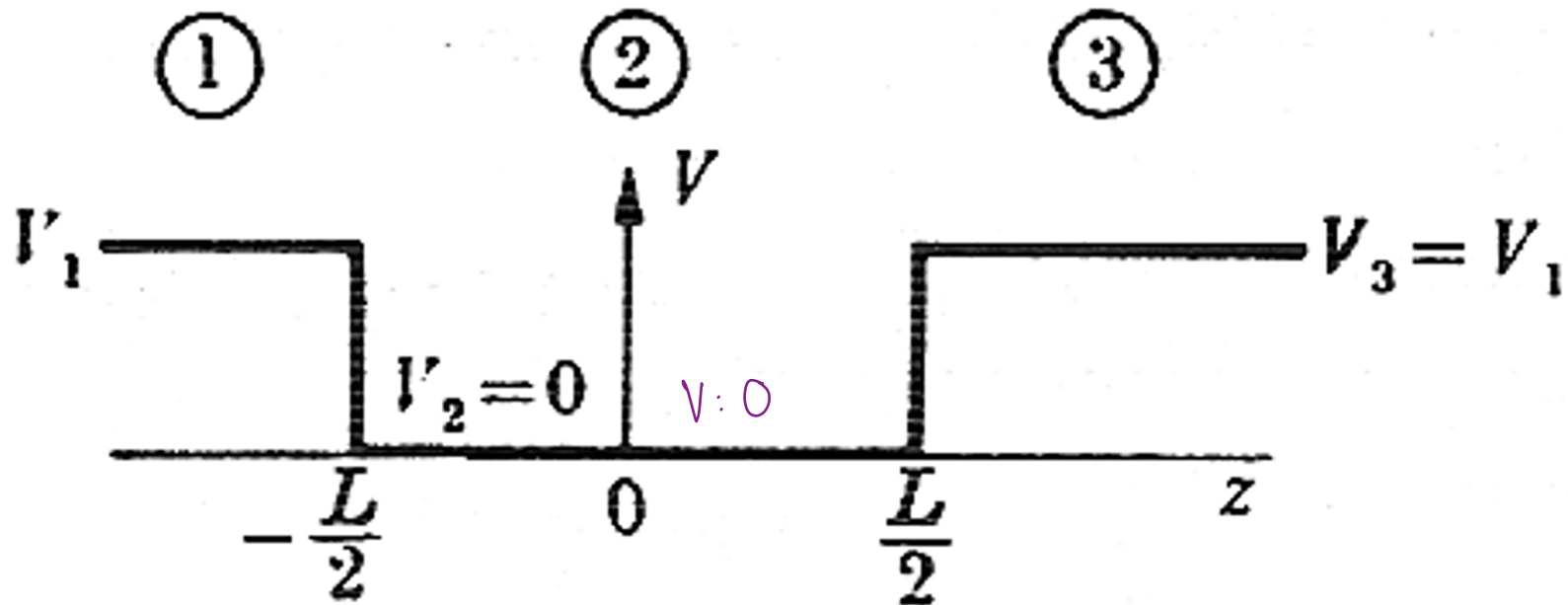
- This is called “**Tunneling probability**”.

Schrödinger's equation

- k_3 is real, so that $|\psi_3|^2$ is not zero.
- Thus, there is a probability that electron crosses the barrier and appear at other side.
- Since the particle does not go over the barrier due to $E < V_2$, this mechanism that particle penetrates the barrier is called “tunneling”.

Schrödinger's equation

- Case 4: Finite potential well (1 dimension)



Schrödinger's equation

Consider 2 cases

1. $E > V_1$: Solutions in all regions are similar to those previous cases that is particle travels oscillatory everywhere.
2. $E < V_1$: *Region 1* ($x < -L/2, V = V_1$), Solution must be exponentially decaying,

$$\psi_1(x) = Ae^{ik_1x} \quad (29.1)$$

$$k_1^2 = \frac{2m(V - E)}{\hbar^2} \quad \text{ค่าคงที่} \quad (29.2)$$

Schrödinger's equation

- *Region 2* ($V = 0$), Free particle case,

$$\psi_2(x) = B \sin(k_2 x) + C \cos(k_2 x) \quad (30.1)$$

$$k_2^2 = \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} \quad \text{พลังงานจลน์ของอนุภาค} \quad (30.2)$$

- *Region 3* ($x > L/2$, $V_3 = V_1$), Solution is again decaying,

$$k = \frac{\sqrt{2m(V-E)}}{\hbar}$$

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$$\psi_3(x) = D e^{ik_1 x} \quad (31.1)$$

$$k_3^2 = \frac{2m(V-E)}{\hbar^2} = k_1^2 \quad \text{อนุภาคที่ 1 และ 3 มีพลังงานเท่ากัน} \quad (31.2)$$

Schrödinger's equation

Applying boundary conditions:

at $x = -L/2$

$$\psi_1(x) = \psi_2(x)$$

$$\frac{d\psi_1(x)}{dx} = \frac{d\psi_2(x)}{dx}$$

at $x = L/2$

$$\psi_2(x) = \psi_3(x)$$

$$\frac{d\psi_2(x)}{dx} = \frac{d\psi_3(x)}{dx}$$

Schrödinger's equation

It can solve only at $x = L/2$ due to its symmetrical.

$$\begin{aligned} C \cos\left(\frac{k_2 L}{2}\right) &= D e^{-\frac{ik_3 L}{2}} \\ -C k_2 \sin\left(\frac{k_2 L}{2}\right) &= -D k_3 e^{-\frac{ik_3 L}{2}} \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

By solving (32), this leads to

$$k_2 \tan\left(\frac{k_2 L}{2}\right) = k_3 \quad (33)$$

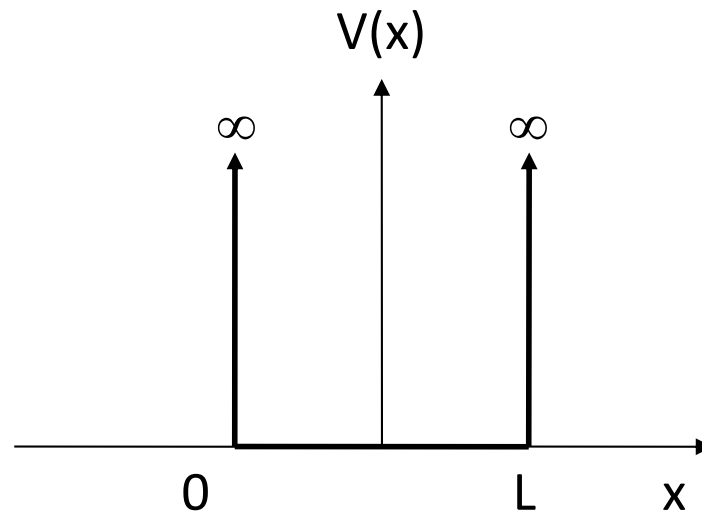
Schrödinger's equation

- Substitute (33) into (30.2) and (31.2), we have

$$\sqrt{E} \tan \left(\sqrt{\frac{mL^2 E}{2\hbar^2}} \right) = \sqrt{V_1 - E} \quad (34)$$

Schrödinger's equation

- If we consider in the case of $V \rightarrow \infty$ or **infinite potential well**.



Schrödinger's equation

- There is impossible that a particle can penetrate an infinite barrier. This brings $\psi(x) = 0$ at $x=0$ and $x=L$. Applying the boundary conditions, we first have $B=0$ and

$$k_2 L = n\pi; \text{ where } n = \text{integer}$$

$$k_2 = \frac{n\pi}{L} \quad (35)$$

- We can solve for energy E ,

$$E_n = \frac{n^2 h^2}{8mL^2} \quad (36)$$