

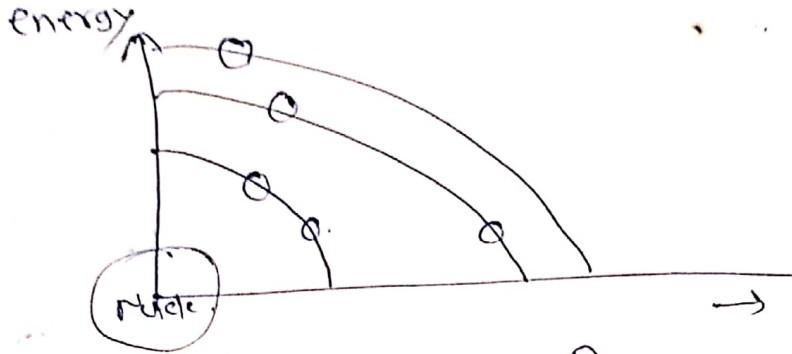
Atom



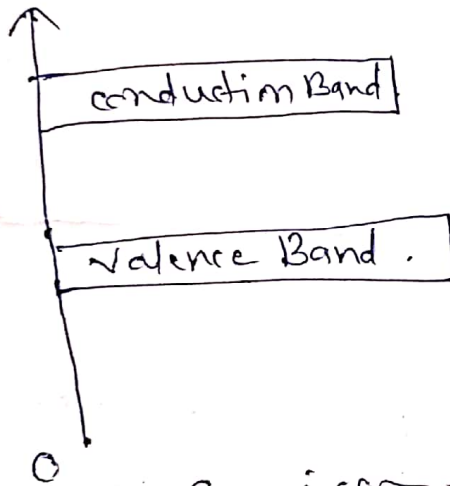
higher energy

(f^n of dist. from nucleus)

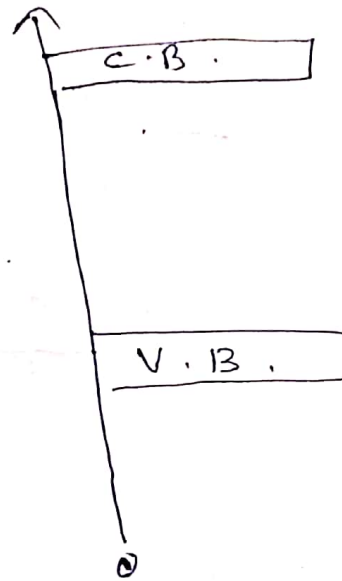
lower energy



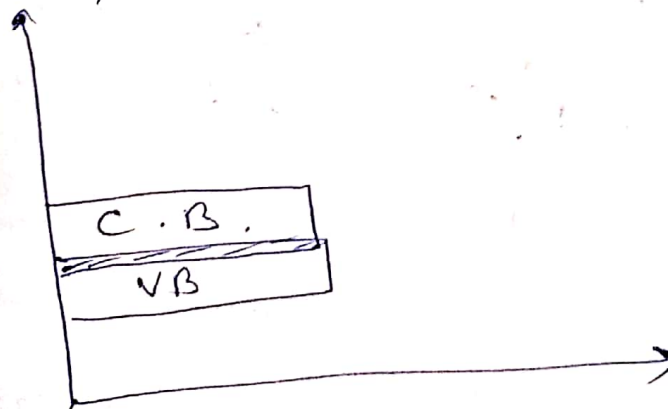
Energy



semicon-
energy (Si, Ge)



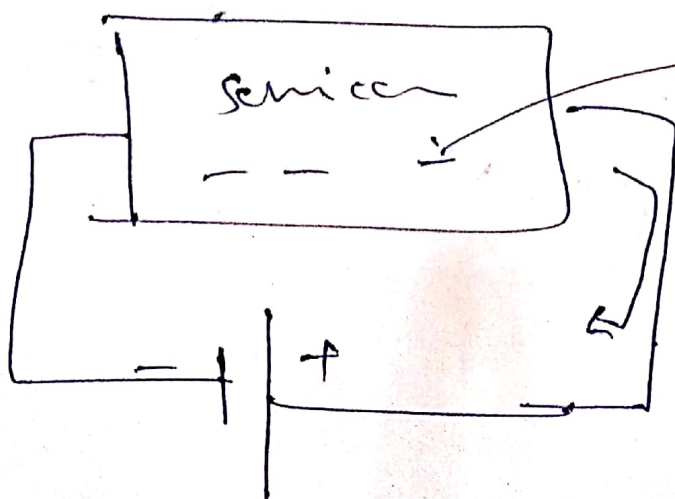
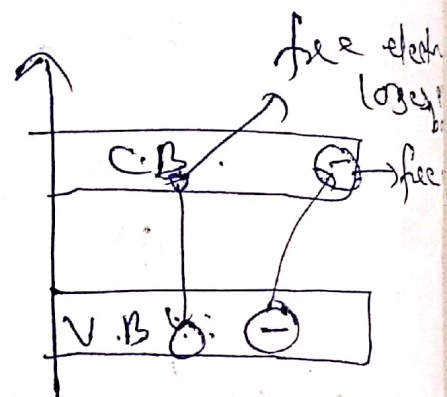
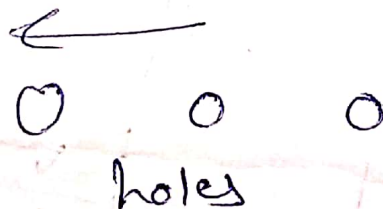
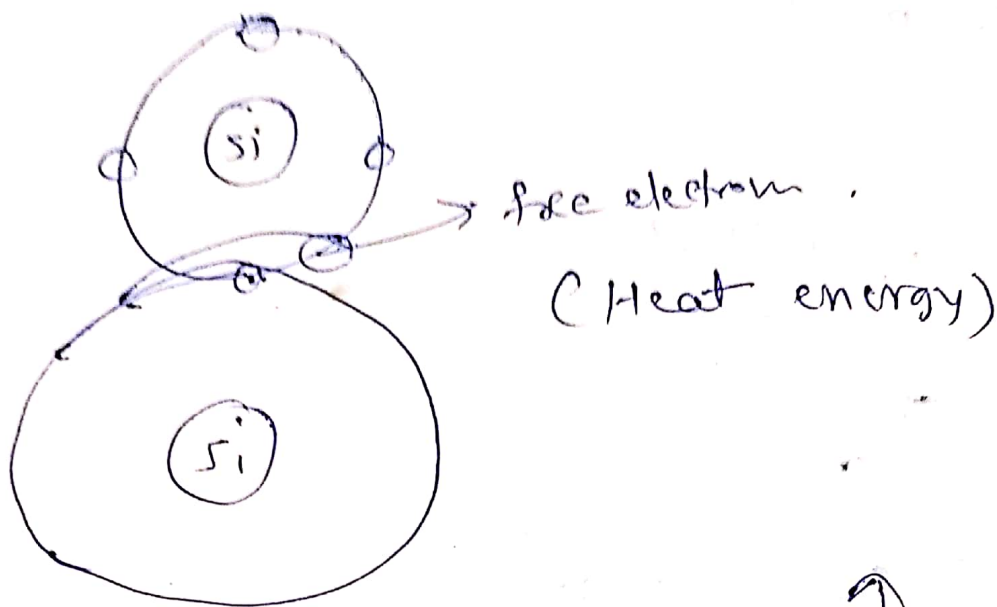
Insulator



Conductor

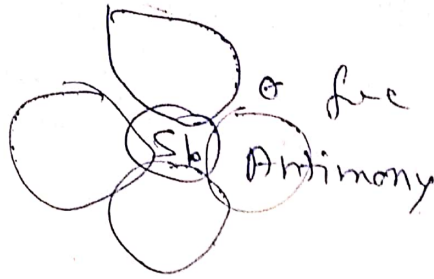
Copper

Formation of E-H pairs



free electrons
conduction band
& hole current in
valence band

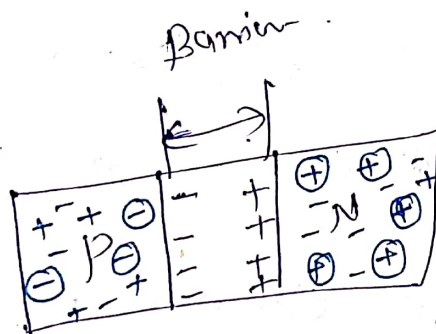
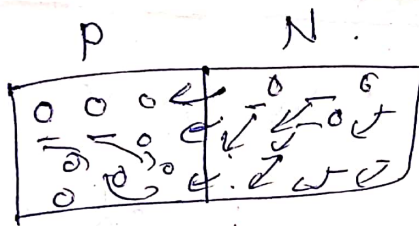
N-type semi (Pentavalent Impur)



majority carriers
no holes generated
holes are gen
by thermal action
minority carriers

P-type - trivalent holes majority

P-N jⁿ (Thin) Depletion Region (Depleted of charge carriers)



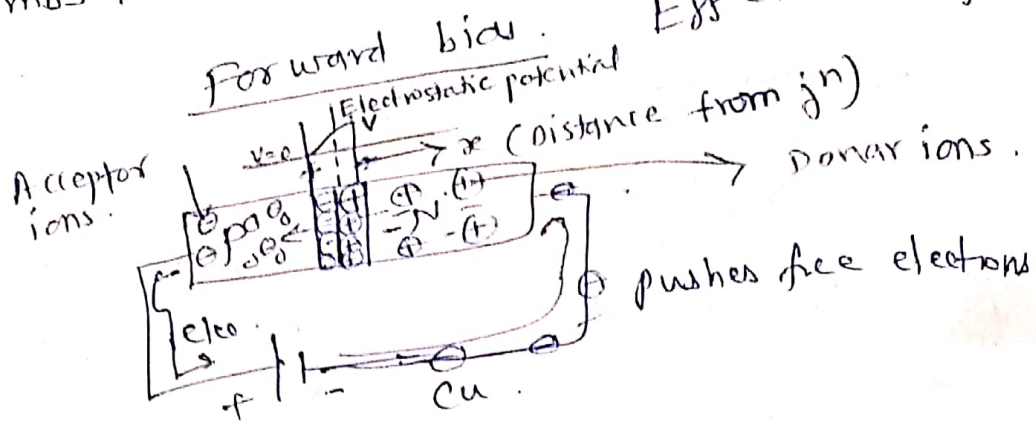
- ① Electrons diffuse thro' jⁿ
- ② combine with holes
- ③ \therefore positive charges in N region near jⁿ (Pentavalent ions)
- ④ P region loses holes near jⁿ \therefore trivalent ions negative charge

- ⑥ Force betⁿ two charges by columb's law

\therefore External energy is required to move electrons thro' barrier potential.

- ⑤ Equilibrium is reached. No. further diffusion is allowed. very fast.

Barrier potential - Force acting on
Coulomb's law. (In volts).



① In p, in conduction band free electrons lose energy & come into valence band in p-type.

② +ve terminal of bias volt. attracts the holes, electrons move toward +ve terminal.

③ Effectively holes move towards n when ^{electrons} they come in external circuit they require less energy to be in conduction band.

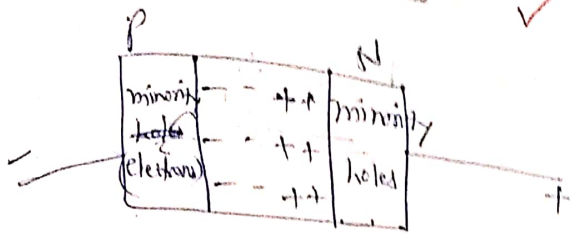
④ As more electrons move from depletion region, no. of +ve ions is reduced. Also holes move toward n, $V_{Barrier}$ reduced.

Diffusion current



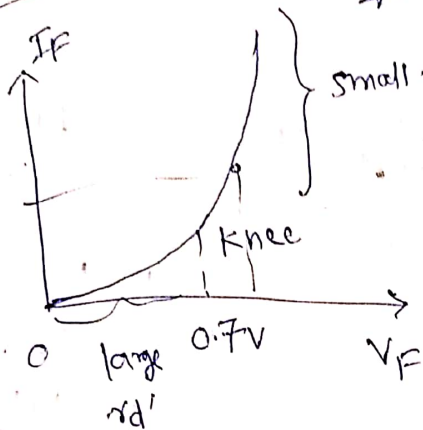
Forward current

Reverse Bias



Reverse Saturation Current

F.B. chara.

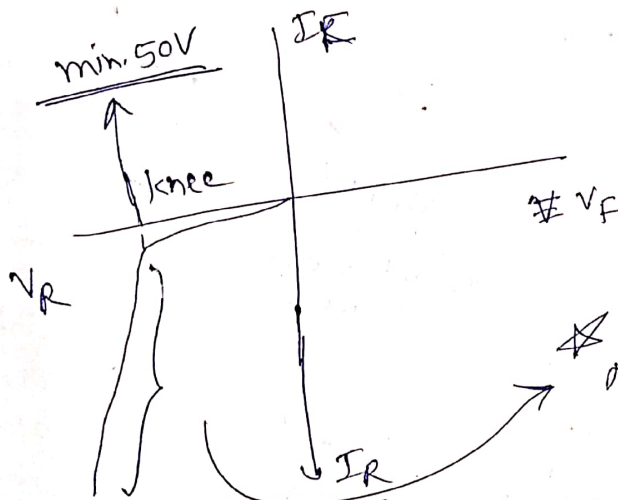


★ Voltage drop across diode above knee voltage (0.7V) is due to drop across internal resistance of semiconductor material. dynamic resistance r_d not constant over entire curve.

Static resistance (d.c.)

dynamic resistance (a.c.)
(resistance changes & not constant)

R.B. chara.

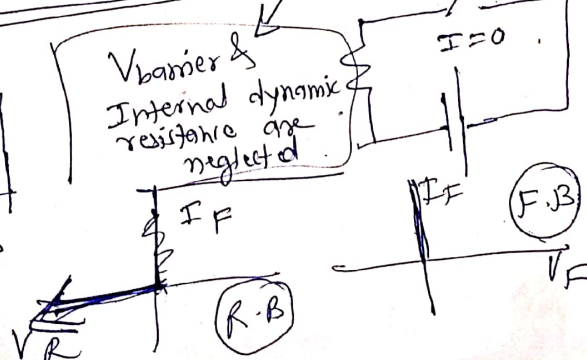
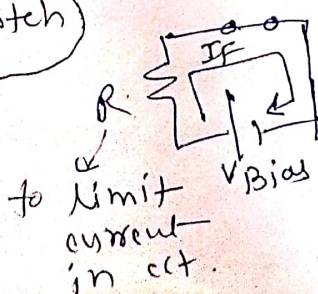


★ Not normal mode of operation for many pn js.

Models for ckt. analysis.

Ideal diode model (F.B.) (R.B.)

Switch



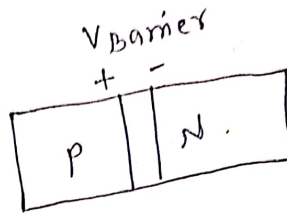
$$I_F = \frac{V_{Bias}}{R}$$

Effect of Forward bias on Depletion Region:-

As more electrons flow into depletion region, No. of positive ions is reduced. As No. of holes effectively flow into depletion region, No. of -ve ions is reduced. \therefore depletion region becomes narrow.



equilibrium

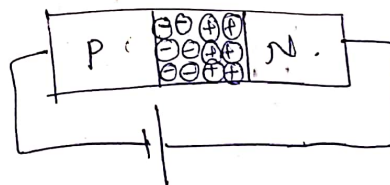


F.B.

Effect of barrier potential during forward bias.

Free electrons (with enough energy) require energy to cross barrier potential. When electrons give up energy equal to barrier potential when cross depletion region. ① Energy loss is equivalent to voltage drop across pn jⁿ. (0.7V) ② Additional small voltage drop across p & n regions due to internal resistance of material. (dynamic resistance)

Reverse Bias



Electrons are attracted towards +ve side of battery. ~~but~~ Additional +ve ions are created. Electrons from -ve side of battery enter in holes \therefore -ve ions will be increased \therefore widening of depletion region. Flow of valence electrons can be viewed as holes pulled towards -ve side of battery.

The initial flow of carriers is transitional & only for a short time after bias is applied. As depletion region widens, electric field increases.