ECE335 Project 1

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1 Zero Bias, Uniform Doping Profiles (10 Points)

Using uniform doping profiles, verify the 1D and 2D impurity concentrations of the junction. Plot the 1D electrostatic potential across the junction to estimate the built-in potential and depletion region width. Compare the results with the theoretical values. [3+4+3]

1.1 1D Electrostatic Potential Plot
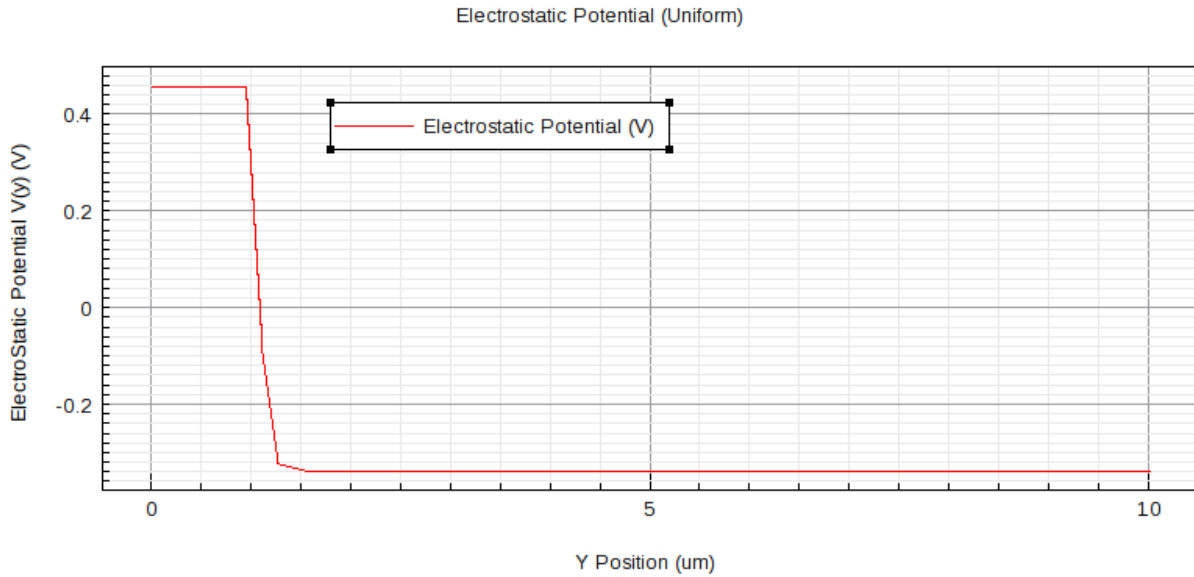
From the graph, the intrinsic potential is $0.46 - (-0.336) = 0.796V$

The depletion width is $1.33 - 0.97 = 0.36um$

1.2 Theoretical Calculation

$$\phi_{bi} = \frac{kT}{q} \ln(\frac{N_d \cdot N_a}{N_i^2}) = 8.617 \times 10^{-5} \cdot 300 \cdot \ln(\frac{2 \times 10^{18} \cdot 8 \times 10^{15}}{(1.5 \times 10^{10})^2}) = 0.824V$$

$$W_{dep} = (\frac{2 \cdot \epsilon_s \cdot \phi_{bi}}{q} \cdot \frac{N_a + N_d}{N_a N_d})^{0.5} = (\frac{2 \cdot 11.7 \cdot 8.85 \times 10^{-14} \cdot 0.824}{1.609 \times 10^{-19}} \cdot \frac{8 \times 10^{15} + 2 \times 10^{18}}{8 \times 10^{15} \cdot 2 \times 10^{18}})^{0.5}$$

$$= 0.0000364\text{cm} = 0.364\text{um}$$

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1.3 Comparision between the results

The built in potential from the graph is slightly less than the theoretical calculation for the built in potential, perhaps because the junction is not perfectly divided in half as the p side is much larger. The theoretical built in potential assumes infinite length junction length. The depletion width is not very good at being measured on the graph, but it is slightly larger when its spread out on the p side.

2 Reverse Bias, Uniform Doping Profiles (10 Points)

Simulate the diode under reverse bias. Plot the reverse IV characteristics and extract the tage. Compare your result with the following figure. What is the maximum electric field in the junction just before breakdown? [4+2+2+2]

2.1 Plot and Extraction of Breakdown Voltage
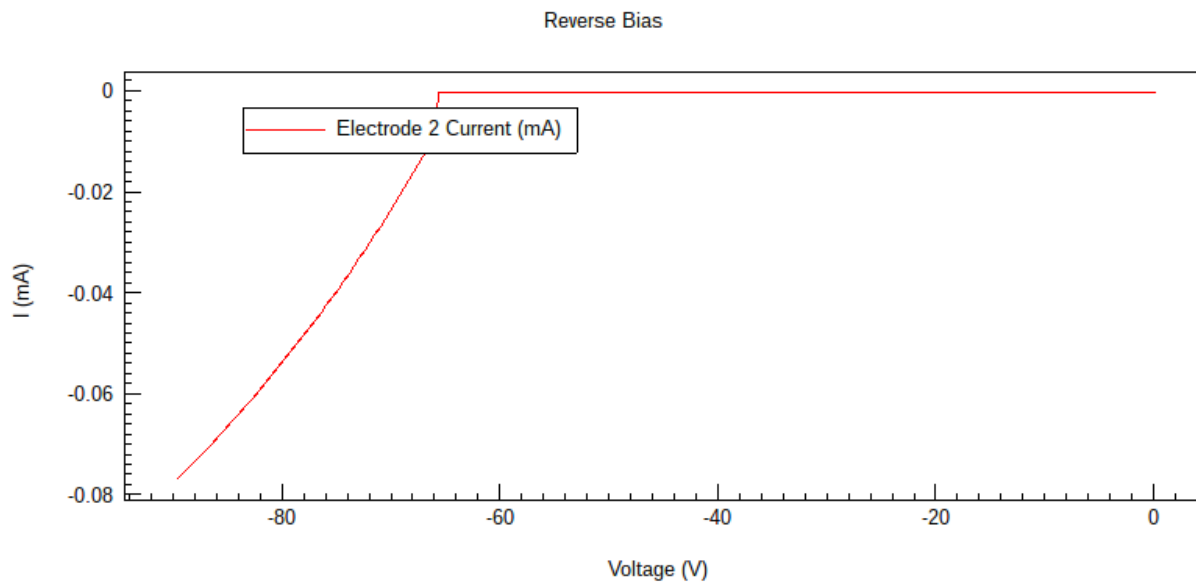
Reverse Bias

From the graph, the breakdown voltage is around **-60V**. In the figure attached, the reverse bias
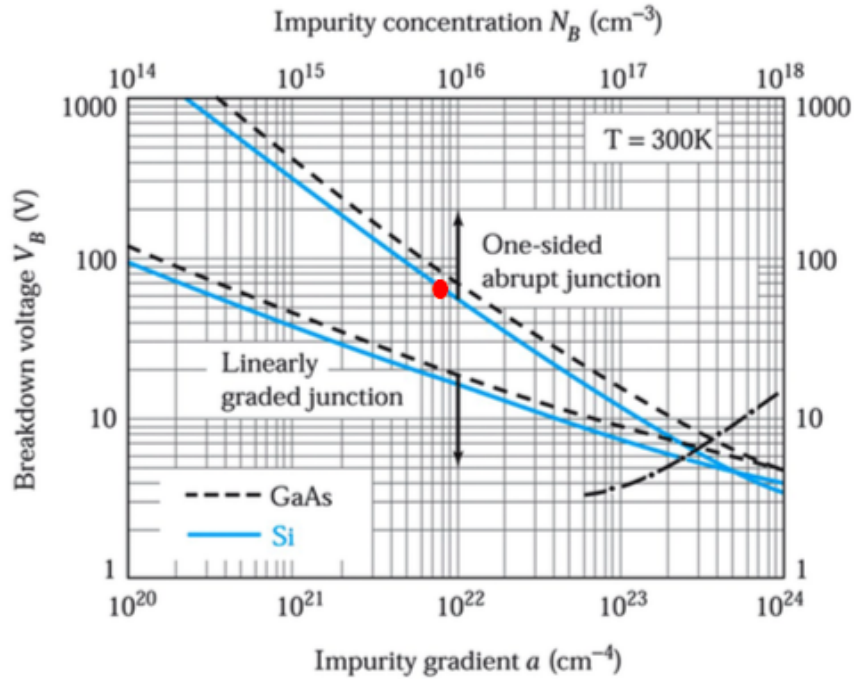
Source: Sze and Lee, Semiconductor Devices, 3rd Ed.

The figure also shows the location of the breadown voltage to be around 60V. Which is accurate.

The maximum electric field in the junction just before breakdown is calculated

$$V_B = \frac{\epsilon_s \cdot E_{crit}^2}{2qN} + \phi_{bi}$$

$$E_{crit} = \left(\frac{2qN(V_B - \phi_{bi})}{\epsilon_s}\right)^{0.5}$$

$$= \left(\frac{2 \cdot 1.609 \times 10^{-19} \cdot 7.968 \times 10^{15} \cdot (60 - 0.824)}{11.7 \cdot 8.85 \times 10^{-14}}\right)^{0.5}$$

$$= 405,898.251 \text{V/cm}$$

3   Forward Bias, Uniform Doping Profiles (8 Points)

Plot the IV relation for this diode under a forward bias between 0 and 1 V. Identify and explain what happens as the forward bias is raised above 0.7V. Hint: Examine the change in the IV relation with increasing voltage and determine the cause of this change. [4+4]

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3.1 IV Relation Plot and Explanation
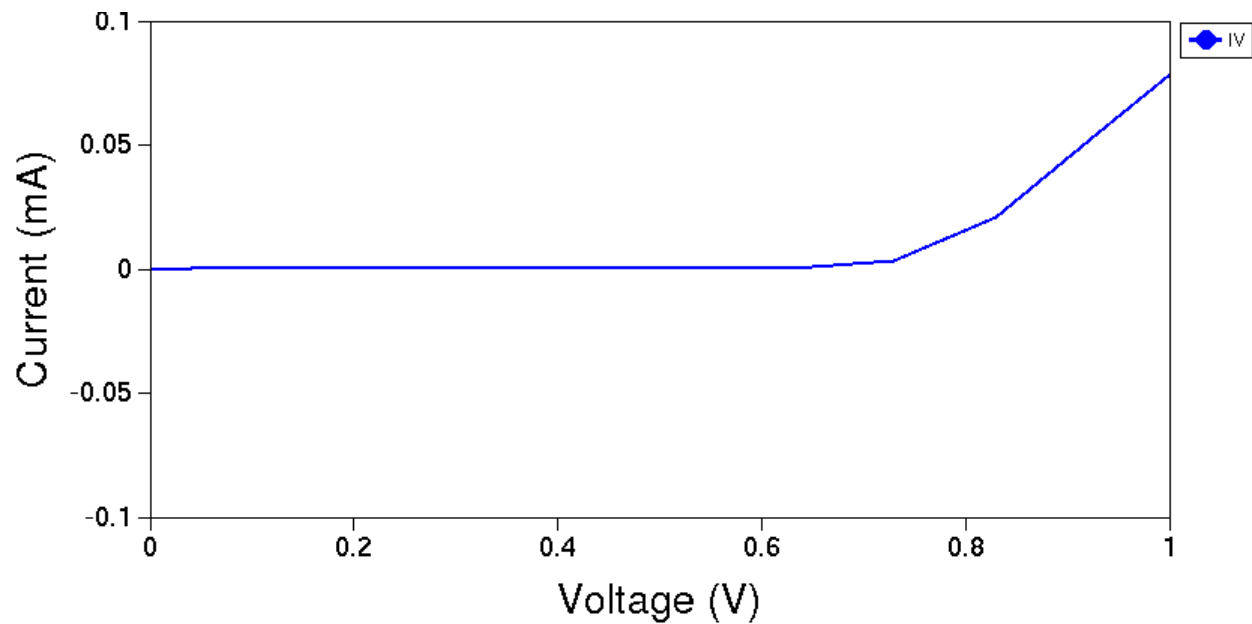
As the forward bias is raised above 0.7V, which is the threshold voltage is caused by the natural intrinsic voltage caused by the depletion region. Once it passes the depletion region the drift current starts going in one direction.

# 4 High Temperature, Uniform Doping Profiles (9 Points)

The junction temperature is raised to 600C. Simulate this junction up to a reverse bias of 10V and a forward bias of 1V. Plot and explain the IV characteristics. [4+5]

4.1 Reverse Bias -10 to 0V

Reverse Bias at 600K
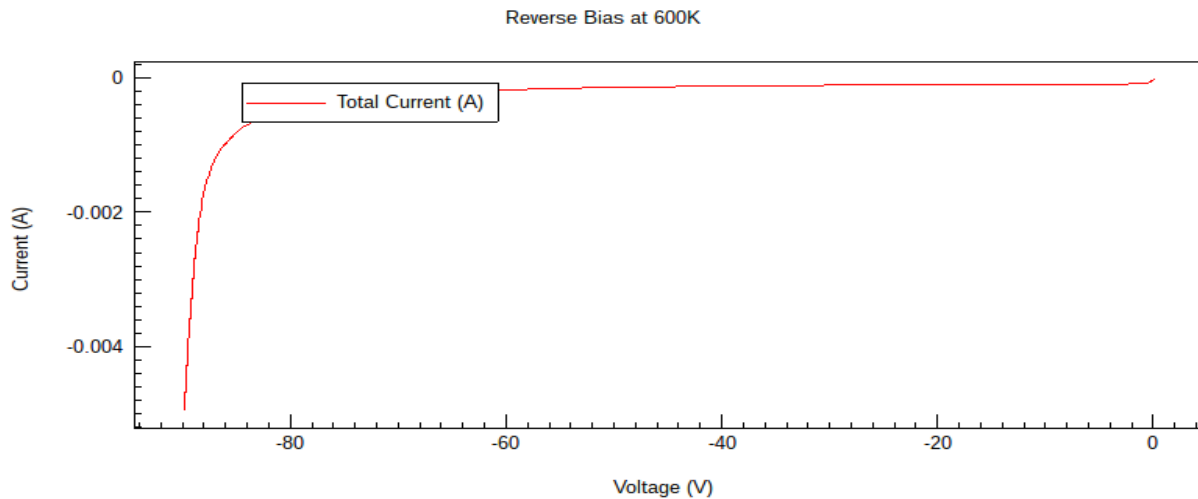
The reverse bias voltage is higher than the original reverse bias breakdown voltage. it is closer to -90V. In avalanche breakdown , a bunch of electrons knocks out other electron to conduction band creating electron hole pair. Due to increase in temperature, vibrations of atoms increases and thus reduces the mean free path for electrons. Hence in avalanche breakdown, breakdown voltage increases with increase in temperature. Thus avalanche breakdown is positive temperature coefficient.

4.2 Forward Bias 0 to 1V
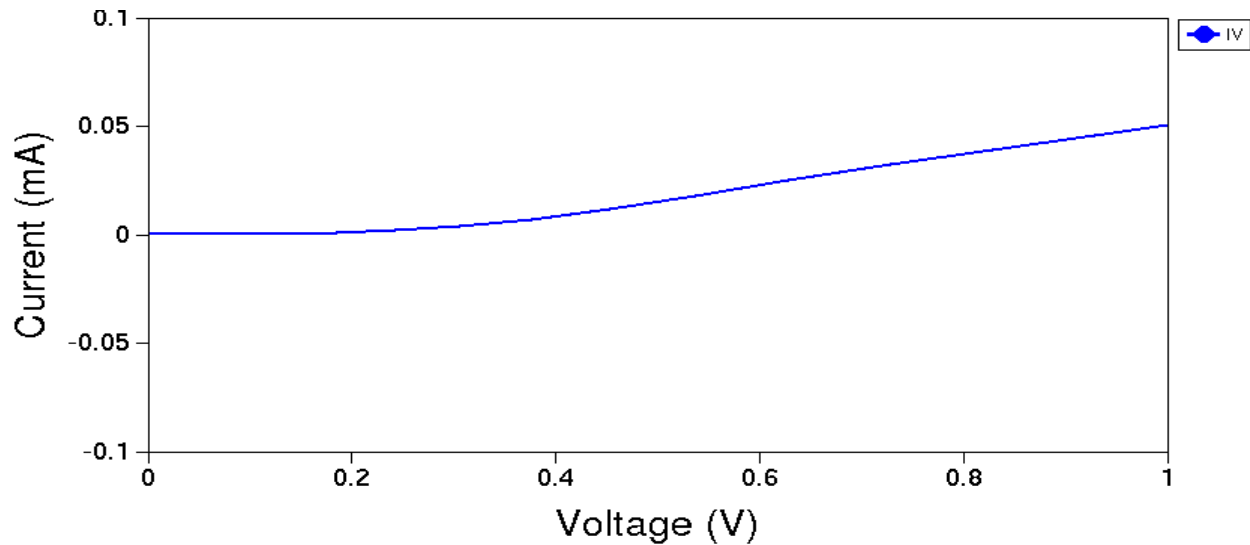
The current in the forward bias graph is decreased. This is from the IV relation

$$I = I_0(e^{qV/kT} - 1)$$

As T is doubled. e becomes closer to 1 thus I is lowered

5 Gaussian n+ Doping Profile (18 Points)

Using a Gaussian profile for the N+ region with peak concentration of 21018 cm3, peak position of y = 0 m, junction depth of 0.5 m, the doping concentration at that depth is 11018 cm3, and a Gauss factor of 0.8, verify the 1D and 2D doping concentration of the junction. Plot the 1D potential across the junction to estimate the built-in potential and depletion width at equilibrium. Compare the built-in potential with the theoretical value. Compare the built-in potential and depletion width to those of the uniformly doped diode (Part 1). Plot the IV relation of the diode between -2V and 1V and compare with that of the uniformly doped diode (Parts 2 and 3). Bonus: Estimate the minority carrier diffusion lengths Ln and Lp. [3+3+3+3+3+3 + (bonus 3)]