

Equation Sheet

pn Junction and Diodes		
Quantity	Relationship	Notes, Constants and Parameters for Intrinsic Si @ 290 K
Diffusion current density ($A \cdot cm^{-2}$)	$J_p = -qD_p \frac{dp}{dx}$ $J_n = qD_n \frac{dn}{dx}$	$q = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} C$ $D_p = 11.5 cm^2 \cdot s^{-1}$ $D_n = 34 cm^2 \cdot s^{-1}$
Drift current density ($A \cdot cm^{-2}$)	$J_{drift} = q(p\mu_p + n\mu_n)E = \sigma E$	$\mu_p = 460 cm^2 \cdot V^{-1} \cdot s^{-1}$ $\mu_n = 1360 cm^2 \cdot V^{-1} \cdot s^{-1}$
Conductivity ($\Omega \cdot cm$) ⁻¹	$\sigma = q(p\mu_p + n\mu_n)$	
Resistivity ($\Omega \cdot cm$)	$\rho = \frac{1}{\sigma} = \frac{1}{q(p\mu_p + n\mu_n)}$	μ_p and μ_n decrease with increase in doping concentration
Ohm's Law (point form)	$J = \sigma E = E/\rho$	
Relationship between mobility and diffusivity	$\frac{D_n}{\mu_n} = \frac{D_p}{\mu_p} = V_T$	$V_T = kT/q \cong 25 mV$
Carrier concentration in n-type silicon (cm^{-3})	$n_{no} \cong N_D$ $p_{no} = n_i^2/N_D$	
Carrier concentration in p-type silicon (cm^{-3})	$p_{po} \cong N_A$ $n_{po} = n_i^2/N_A$	
Junction built-in voltage	$V_o = V_T \ln \left(\frac{N_A N_D}{n_i^2} \right)$	
Width of depletion region (cm)	$\frac{x_n}{x_p} = \frac{N_A}{N_D}$ $W = x_p + x_n$ $= \sqrt{\frac{2\epsilon_{Si}}{q} \left(\frac{1}{N_A} + \frac{1}{N_D} \right) (V_o + V_R)}$	$\epsilon_{Si} = 11.7\epsilon_0$ $\epsilon_0 = 8.854 \times 10^{-14} F/cm$
Charge stored in depletion layer (C)	$Q_J = q \frac{N_A N_D}{N_A + N_D} AW$	
Forward current (A)	$I = I_p + I_n$ $I_p = qAn_i^2 \frac{D_p}{L_p N_D} \left(e^{\frac{V_D}{V_T}} - 1 \right)$ $I_n = qAn_i^2 \frac{D_n}{L_n N_A} \left(e^{\frac{V_D}{V_T}} - 1 \right)$	
Saturation current (A)	$I_S = qAn_i^2 \left(\frac{D_p}{L_p N_D} + \frac{D_n}{L_n N_A} \right)$	
i-v relationship	$I_D = I_S (e^{V_D/nV_T} - 1)$	

Material	m_n^*/m_o (-)	m_p^*/m_o (-)	E_G (eV)	μ_n, μ_p ($cm^2 \cdot V^{-1} \cdot s^{-1}$)	D_n, D_p ($cm^2 \cdot s^{-1}$)	N_C, N_V (cm^{-3})	Lattice constant (\AA)	atoms $\cdot cm^{-3}$
Si	1.18	0.81	1.12	1360 460	34 11.5	$3.2 \cdot 10^{19}$ $1.8 \cdot 10^{19}$	5.431	$5.0 \cdot 10^{22}$
Ge	0.55	0.36	0.66	3900 1900	97.5 47.5	$1.0 \cdot 10^{19}$ $5.4 \cdot 10^{18}$	5.646	$4.4 \cdot 10^{22}$
GaAs	0.066	0.52	1.42	8000 320	200 8.0	$4.2 \cdot 10^{17}$ $9.5 \cdot 10^{18}$	5.654	$4.42 \cdot 10^{22}$

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Semiconductor Physics		
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Density of States and Fermi Function	$g_c(E) = \frac{m_n^{*3/2} \sqrt{2(E - E_C)}}{\pi^2 \hbar^3}, E \geq E_C$ $g_v(E) = \frac{m_p^{*3/2} \sqrt{2(E_V - E)}}{\pi^2 \hbar^3}, E \leq E_V$ $f(E) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{(E - E_F)/kT}}$	
Carrier Concentrations	$n = \int_{E_C}^{\infty} g_c(E) f(E) dE$ $p = \int_0^{E_V} g_v(E) (1 - f(E)) dE$	
Carrier Concentrations, Effective Density of States	$n = N_C e^{-(E_C - E_F)/kT}$ $n = n_i e^{(E_F - E_i)/kT}$ $p = N_V e^{-(E_F - E_V)/kT}$ $p = n_i e^{(E_i - E_F)/kT}$ $N_{C,V} = 2 \left[\frac{m_{n,p}^* kT}{2\pi \hbar^2} \right]^{3/2}$	assumes nondegenerate $E_V + 3kT \leq E_F \leq E_C - 3kT$
n_i , n , np Product, and Charge Neutrality	$n_i = \sqrt{N_C N_V} e^{-E_G/2kT}$ $np = n_i^2$ $0 = p - n + N_D - N_A$ $n = \frac{N_D - N_A}{2} + \left[\left(\frac{N_D - N_A}{2} \right)^2 + n_i^2 \right]^{1/2}$	
Carrier concentration in intrinsic Si (cm^{-3})	$n_i = B T^{3/2} e^{-E_g/2kT}$	$B = 7.3 \times 10^{15} \text{cm}^{-3} \text{K}^{-3/2}$ $E_g = 1.12 \text{ eV}$ $k = 8.62 \times 10^{-5} \frac{\text{eV}}{\text{K}}$ $n_i = 1.5 \times 10^{10} \text{cm}^{-3}$
Fermi Level Relationships	$E_F = E_i + kT \ln \left(\frac{N_D}{n_i} \right) \text{ n type}$ $E_F = E_i - kT \ln \left(\frac{N_A}{n_i} \right) \text{ p type}$ $E_i = \frac{E_C + E_V}{2} + \frac{3}{4} kT \ln \left(\frac{m_p^*}{m_n^*} \right)$	
Equations of State	$\frac{\partial \Delta p_n}{\partial t} = D_p \frac{\partial^2 \Delta p_n}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\Delta p_n}{\tau_p} + G_L$ $\frac{\partial \Delta n_p}{\partial t} = D_n \frac{\partial^2 \Delta n_p}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\Delta n_p}{\tau_n} + G_L$ $p_n(x) = p_{no} + p_{no} \left(e^{V_A/V_T} - 1 \right) e^{(-x+x_n)/L_p}$ $n_p(x) = n_{po} + n_{po} \left(e^{V_A/V_T} - 1 \right) e^{(x+x_p)/L_n}$	$\frac{\partial \Delta p_n}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \Delta n_p}{\partial t} = 0 \text{ steady state}$ $G_L = 0 \text{ no light}$
Minority Carrier Diffusion Length (cm)	$L_{n,p} = \sqrt{D_{n,p} \tau_{n,p}}$	$\tau_{n,p} = 1 \text{ ns to } 10^4 \text{ ns}$ $L_{n,p} = 1 \mu\text{m to } 100 \mu\text{m}$

*This number works out using T=300 K throughout, rather than kT = 25 meV or T=290 K.