

1. The mass of an electron in InGaAs is  $0.04m_0$ . If a quantum well is formed in this material with a width of  $50 \text{ \AA}$ , calculate the lowest energy of the electron in the quantum well.

$$E = \frac{n^2 \pi^2 \hbar^2}{2m^* L^2} \quad L = 10 \text{ \AA}$$

$$E_1 = \frac{\pi^2 (1.05 \times 10^{-34})^2}{2 \times 0.04 \times 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \times 10^{-20} \times 2500}$$

$$= 5.97 \times 10^{-20} \text{ J} = 0.3725 \text{ eV}$$

$$L = 6.24 \times 10^{18} \text{ eV}$$

2. Calculate the first four energy levels of the electron in hydrogen atom. If the mass of the electron changes to  $0.1 m_0$  and the relative dielectric constant of a material is 12, calculate the same four energy level. What would be the Bohr radius of the electron in such a material?

$$m \rightarrow 0.1 m_0 \quad \epsilon = 12$$

$$E = - \frac{m_0 e^4}{2 (4\pi\epsilon_0)^2 \hbar^2 n^2} \quad E \propto \frac{m_0}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$m_0 \rightarrow \frac{m^*}{m_0} \quad E_1 = -13.6 \left( \frac{Z^2}{n^2} \right) \left( \frac{m^*}{m_0} \right)$$

$$\epsilon \rightarrow \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} \quad = \frac{-13.6}{\left( \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} \right)^2}$$

$$E_3 = -1.048 \text{ meV} \quad = -9.44 \text{ meV}$$

$$E_2 = -2.36 \text{ meV}$$

3. Calculate the nearest neighbor distance between atoms in Si, GaAs crystals. Take lattice constant of Si as  $5.43 \text{ \AA}$  and that of GaAs is  $5.65 \text{ \AA}$ .

$$N_{\text{Si}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} (5.43) = 2.35 \text{ \AA}$$

$$N_{\text{GaAs}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} (5.65) = 2.44 \text{ \AA}$$

4. The effective mass of a conduction band electron in a semiconductor is  $0.1m_0$ . Calculate the energy of this electron if the  $k$  vector is  $0.3 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$ .

$$E = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m^*} = 3.407 \text{ eV}$$

5. A conduction band electron in Si is in the (100) valley and has a  $k$ -vector of  $\frac{2\pi}{a}(1.0, 0.1, 0.1)$ . Calculate the energy of electron measured from the conduction bandedge. Here,  $a$  is the lattice constant of Si.

$$\text{Bottom of conduc}^n \text{ band} = \frac{2\pi}{a} (0.85, 0, 0)$$

$$\Delta k = \frac{2\pi}{a} (0.15, 0.1, 0.1)$$

$$k_x = \frac{2\pi}{a} \times 0.15 = 1.73 \times 10^9 \text{ m}^{-1}$$

$$k_y = \frac{2\pi}{a} \times 0.1 = 1.57 \times 10^9 \text{ m}^{-1}$$

$$E = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_l^*} k_x^2 + \frac{2\hbar^2}{2m_t^*} k_t^2$$

$$= 0.65 \text{ eV}$$

$$m_l^* = 0.98 m_0$$

$$m_t^* = 0.19 m_0$$

6. Calculate the density of states effective masses of electrons ( $m_e^*$ ) and holes ( $m_h^*$ ) in Si. Take  $m_l=0.98m_0$ ,  $m_t=0.19m_0$  for electrons and  $m_{lh}=0.16m_0$  and  $m_{hh}=0.49m_0$  for holes.

$$e: m_{dos}^* = (m_1^* m_2^* m_3^*)^{1/3} = 1.09 m_0$$

$$h: m_{dos}^* = (m_{lh}^{*3/2} m_{hh}^*)^{1/3} = 0.55 m_0$$

7. Calculate the intrinsic carrier density ( $n_i$ ) for Si ( $E_g=1.12 \text{ eV}$ ) at 500K. Take effective masses:  $m_e^*=1.1m_0$  and  $m_h^*=0.56m_0$ .

$$n_i = p_i = 2 \left( \frac{k_B T}{2\pi \hbar^2} \right)^{3/2} (m_e^* m_h^*)^{3/4} \exp \left( -\frac{E_g}{2k_B T} \right)$$

$$= 2 \left( \frac{0.26 \times \frac{500}{300}}{2\pi \times \hbar^2} \right) (1.1 \times 0.56 m_0^2)^{3/4} \exp \left( \frac{-1.1}{2 \times 0.26 \times \frac{500}{300}} \right)$$