Diode Cheat Sheet

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General Constants

electron charge:
$$q=1.6\times 10^{-19}$$

$$\mu_n\approx 1350\,cm^2/(V\cdot s)$$
 Boltzmann's constant: $k=1.38\times 10^{-23}$
$$\mu_p\approx 480\,cm^2/(V\cdot s)$$

$$\mu_n \approx 1350 \, cm^2 / (V \cdot s)$$

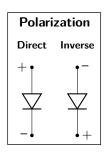
$$\mu_n \approx 480 \, cm^2 / (V \cdot s)$$

$$D_n \approx 34 \, cm^2/s$$

 $D_p \approx 12 \, cm^2/s$

PN Junction

General semiconductor equations



Semiconductor type		
	p-type	n-type
electron density	$n \approx N_D$	$n \approx \frac{n_i^2}{N_A}$
hole density	$p \approx \frac{n_i^2}{N_D}$	$p \approx N_A$

$$I_{diff,tot} = Aq(\mu_n n + \mu_p p) \cdot E$$

$$I_{drift,tot} = Aq\left(D_n \frac{dn}{dx} - D_p \frac{dp}{dx}\right)$$

if thermal equilibrium:
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} |I_{tot,n}| &= |I_{drift,n}| + |I_{diff,n}| \\ \\ |I_{tot,p}| &= |I_{drift,p}| + |I_{diff,p}| \end{array} \right.$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} e^- \; \text{density (Si)} & n_i = 5.2 \times 10^{15} \cdot T^{3/2} \exp\left[\frac{-Eg}{2kT}\right] \\ e^- \; \text{density @ 300K} & n_i \approx 10^{10} \\ \\ \text{thermal voltage} & V_T = \frac{kT}{q} = \frac{D}{\mu} \\ \\ \text{internal voltage} & |V_0| = -\frac{kT}{q} \ln\left[\frac{N_A N_D}{n_i^2}\right] \\ \\ \text{Saturation Current} & I_S = Aqn_i^2 \left[\frac{D_n}{N_A L_n} + \frac{D_p}{N_D L_p}\right] \\ \\ \text{Forward Current} & I_D = I_S \exp\left[\left(\frac{V_D}{V_T}\right) - 1\right] \end{array}$$

Diode Modeling

Exponential model

$$I_D = I_S \exp\left(\frac{V_D}{\eta V_T}\right)$$

Small-signal model

