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# Tutorial

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→ A particular metal has  $10^{28}$  e/s density. Find  $E_F, v_F$ .

Fermi energy

$$E_F = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_0} (3\pi^2 n)^{2/3}$$

$$= \frac{1.05 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J-s} \times (3\pi^2 \times 10^{28} \text{ m}^{-3})^{2/3}}{2 \times 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}}$$

$$= \underline{1.72 \text{ eV}}$$

Fermi Velocity :

$$v_F = \frac{\hbar}{m_0} (3\pi^2 n)^{1/3}$$

$$= \frac{1.05 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J-s} \times (3\pi^2 \times 10^{28})^{1/3}}{9.1 \times 10^{-31}}$$

$$= \underline{7.52 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s}}$$

Q) Determine the thermal equilibrium  $\bar{n}$  and hole conc. in Si at  $T=300\text{K}$  for given doping concentration.

a) Let  $N_d = 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  and  $N_a = 0$

b) Let  $N_d = 5 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  and  $N_a = 2 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

c) Let  $N_d =$

Recall that  $n_i = 1.5 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  in Si at  $T=300\text{K}$ .

$$n_0 = \frac{N_d - N_a}{2} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{N_d - N_a}{2}\right)^2 + n_i^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } n_0 &= \frac{10^{16}}{2} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{10^{16}}{2}\right)^2 + 1.5 \times 1.5 \times 10^{20}} \\ &= 5 \times 10^{15} + \sqrt{25 \times 10^{30} + 2.25 \times 10^{20}} \\ &\approx \underline{10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}} \end{aligned}$$

hole concentration :

$$p_0 = \frac{n_i^2}{n_0}$$

$$= \frac{1.5 \times 1.5 \times 10^{20}}{10^{16}}$$

$$= \underline{2.25 \times 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}}$$

b) Similarly



Q) Silicon at  $T=300K$  contains an acceptor impurity conc of  $n = N_A = 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ . Determine the conc. of donor impurity  $\bar{e}$ s that must be added, so that the Si is n-type and the Fermi energy is  $0.20 \text{ eV}$  below the conduction band.

Ans)  $E_c - E_F = KT \ln \left( \frac{N_c}{N_d - N_A} \right)$

$N_d - N_A = N_c \cdot \exp \left[ \frac{-(E_c - E_F)}{KT} \right]$

$\Rightarrow N_d - N_A = 2.8 \times 10^{19} \cdot \exp \left[ \frac{-0.2}{0.0259} \right]$

$N_d = 1.24 \times 10^{10} + 10^{16}$   
 $= 2.24 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

Q) Consider a Gallium Arsenide sample with doping power conc  $N_d = N_A = 0$  at  $T=300K$ . Assume complete ionization and  $\bar{e}$ 's mobility to be  $8500 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}$  at  $400 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}$  per Volt second respectively. Calculate drift current density if the applied electric field is  $E = 10 \text{ V/cm}$ , given  $n_i = 1.8 \times 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-3}$  for GaAs at room temperature.

Ans) Electron concentration,

$n_0 = \frac{N_d - N_A}{2} + \sqrt{\left( \frac{N_d - N_A}{2} \right)^2 + n_i^2}$   
 $\approx 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

$p_0 = \frac{n_i^2}{n_0} = \frac{1.8 \times 1.8 \times 10^{12}}{10^{16}}$   
 $= 3.24 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

$n = N_d - N_A$

for  $N_d > N_A$   
 If  $N_A < N_d$ ,  $n = N_d - N_A$

For n-type semiconductor, drift current density is:

$J_{\text{drift}} = e (M_n n + M_p p) E$

$J_{\text{drift}} = e (M_n \cdot N_d E)$

$= 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 8500 \times 10^{16} \times 10 = 136 \text{ A/cm}^2$



c) Consider compensated n-type semiconductor Si, at  $T=300K$ ,  $\sigma = 16 (\Omega^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1})$  and acceptor doping conc of  $10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ . Determine the  $\bar{e}$  mobility, given  $N_d = 3.5 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ .

Ans)  $\sigma = n \cdot e \cdot \mu_n$

$$n = N_d - N_a = 3.5 \times 10^{17} - 10^{16} = 2.5 \times 10^{17}$$

$$\mu_n = \frac{\sigma}{n \cdot e} = \frac{16}{2.5 \times 10^{17} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}} = \frac{10000}{25} = 400 \text{ cm}^2/\text{Vs}$$

d) Assume that in an n-type GaAs semiconductor at  $T=300K$ , the  $\bar{e}$  conc. varies linearly from  $1 \times 10^{18}$  to  $7 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  over a distance of  $0.1 \text{ cm}$ . Calculate the diffusion current density if  $\bar{e}$  diffusion constant,  $D_n = 225 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$ .

Ans)  $J_n = e \cdot D_n \cdot \frac{dn}{dx}$

$$J_n = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 225 \times \left( \frac{10^{18} - 7 \times 10^{17}}{0.1} \right)$$

$$J_n = 108 \text{ A/cm}^2$$

Q) What are  $n$  and  $p$  in a Si sample with  $N_d = 6 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ,  $N_a = 2 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  with additional  $6 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  of acceptors.

Ans)  $n = N_d - N_a = 4 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

$$p = \frac{n_i^2}{n} = \frac{10^{20}}{4 \times 10^{16}} = 2.5 \times 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

} Before additional doping

# If  $n_i$  is not given in question, take  $n_i = 10^{10}$ .  
With additional acceptor,  
 $N_a = 2 \times 10^{16} + 6 \times 10^{16} = 8 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$



Now as  $N_a > N_d$ , so the Si has a higher hole conc.

$$p = N_a - N_d$$

$$= 8 \times 10^{16} - 6 \times 10^{16}$$

$$= 2 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$\frac{n}{p} = \frac{n_i^2}{2 \times 10^{16}}$$

$$n = 5 \times 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$n = 4 \times 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$N_d = 6 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$N_a = 2 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

(a)

$$N_d = 6 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$N_a = 8 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$p = 2 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

(b)

Q) Consider an Si sample with  $N_d = 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ . Find a) the location of  $E_F$ , b) the location of  $E_{FN}$ ,  $E_{FP}$  when <sup>extra</sup> exchange carriers are introduced such that  $n' = p' = 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

Ans)  $n = N_d = 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$

$$N_d = N_c \cdot e^{-(E_c - E_F)/KT}$$

$$N_c = N$$

$$a) E_c - E_F = KT \ln \left( \frac{N_c}{10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}} \right)$$

$$= 26 \text{ meV} \cdot \ln \frac{2.8 \times 10^{19}}{10^{17}}$$

$$= 0.15 \text{ eV}$$

$\therefore E_F$  is at a distance of 0.15 eV energy from  $E_c$ .

b)  $E_{FN}$ ,  $E_{FP}$  are quasi-Fermi energy levels ( $pn \neq n_i^2$ )

$$n = n_0 + n'$$

$$= N_d + n' = 1.01 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$\therefore 1.01 \times 10^{17} = N_c \cdot e^{-(E_c - E_{FN})/KT}$$

$$\therefore E_c - E_{FN} = 0.15 \text{ eV}$$

$$p = p_0 + p' = 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$\therefore E_c - E_{FP} = 0.24 \text{ eV}$$

$$E_{FP} - E_v = 0.24 \text{ eV}$$

