

Problem 4. (25 Points)

A. (15 Points) Consider a mystery crystal at $T=300$ K in which $N_D = 4 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ and $N_A = 7 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3}$. Assume $n_i = 1.5 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ and complete dopant ionization. Calculate the electron AND hole concentration.

$$n_0 + N_A = p_0 + N_D$$

$N_D < N_A$ so crystal is p-type \rightarrow solve for majority carrier p_0

$$p_0 + (N_D - N_A) = n_0 = n_i^2 / p_0$$

$$p_0^2 + p_0(N_D - N_A) - n_i^2 = 0$$

$$p_0 = \frac{-(N_D - N_A) \pm \sqrt{(N_D - N_A)^2 + 4n_i^2}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{3 \times 10^{13} \pm \sqrt{9 \times 10^{26} + 4(2.25 \times 10^{26})}}{2} = \frac{3 \times 10^{13} \pm 3 \times 10^{13} \sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{3 \times 10^{13}(1 + \sqrt{2})}{2} = 3.62 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

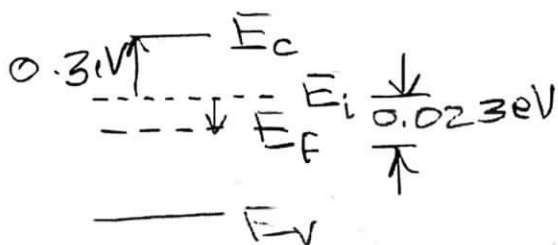
$$n_0 = \frac{n_i^2}{p_0} = \frac{2.25 \times 10^{26}}{3.62 \times 10^{13}} = 6.2 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

B. (10 Points) Assume this mystery crystal has a band gap of 0.6 eV. Calculate the position of the Fermi level with respect to the intrinsic Fermi level (E_i) and draw the band diagram showing the Fermi level position quantitatively and to scale. $k_B T = 0.0259$ eV at 300 K.

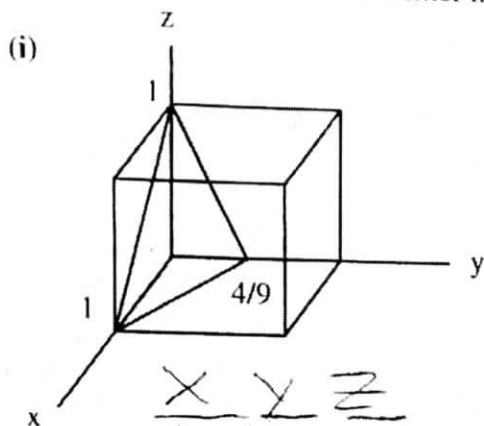
$$p_0 = n_i e^{(E_i - E_F) / k_B T}$$

$$E_i - E_F = k_B T \ln(p_0 / n_i) = 0.0259 \text{ eV} \ln \frac{3.6 \times 10^{13}}{1.5 \times 10^{13}}$$

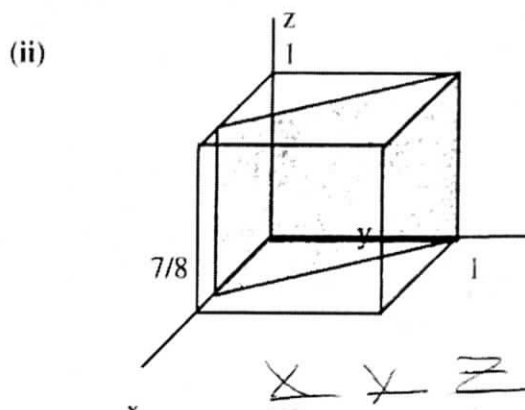
$$= 0.88 (0.0259 \text{ eV}) = 0.023 \text{ eV below } E_i$$



C. (10 Points) Determine the Miller indices for the planes in the cubic unit cells below:



$$\begin{array}{c|c|c} x & y & z \\ \hline 1 & 4/9 & 1 \\ \hline + & 9/4 & 1 \\ \hline 4 & 9 & 4 \\ \hline (494) \end{array}$$



$$\begin{array}{c|c|c} x & y & z \\ \hline 7/8 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 8/7 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 8 & 7 & 8 \\ \hline (878) \end{array}$$

D. (10 Points) An elemental crystal with body centered lattice structure has a density of 7.19 g/cm^3 , and an atomic radius of 0.125 nm . What is its atomic weight?

BCC unit cell has 2 atoms/u.c. (1 center + $\frac{1}{8} \times 8$ corners)

$$\rho = \frac{n}{V_c} \frac{A}{N_A} \rightarrow A = \frac{\rho V_c N_A}{n}$$

$$A = \frac{(7.19 \text{ g/cm}^3)(6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ atoms/mol}) a^3 \text{ cm}^3}{2 \text{ atoms}}$$

$$a = \frac{4(0.125 \text{ nm})}{1.732} = 0.289 \text{ nm} = 2.89 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}$$

$$\sqrt{3}a = 4R$$

$$a = \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} R$$

$$A = \frac{7.19 \times 6.02 \times 10^{23} \times 24.06 \times 10^{-24} \text{ g/mol}}{2} = 520.7 \times 10^{-1} = \underline{52.07 \text{ g/mol}}$$

E. (5 Points) What is its atomic packing fraction?

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \text{ atoms/unit cell} &= \frac{4\pi R^3}{3} \times 2 = \frac{8\pi R^3}{3} \\ \text{unit cell} &= a^3 = \left(\frac{4R}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^3 = \frac{64R^3}{3\sqrt{3}} \\ \text{APF} &= \frac{8\pi R^3/3}{64R^3/3\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\pi\sqrt{3}}{8} = \underline{0.68} \end{aligned}$$