

In Intrinsic S/c materials.

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$$n = p = n_i$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\sigma_{\text{ins}} = n_i e (\mu_n + \mu_p)}$$

\* For n-type semiconductor material -

$$\boxed{\sigma_n = n e \mu_n}$$

\*\* for p-type semiconductor material -

$$\boxed{\sigma_p = p e \mu_p}$$

\* Prob: 1

Assuming standard values for silicon, find out resistivity of silicon and minority carrier concentration if a donor-type impurity is added to extent of 1 in  $10^8$  Atom

Given,  $n_i = 1.5 \times 10^{10} / \text{cm}^3$

$\mu_n = 1300 \text{ cm}^2 / \text{volt-sec}$

Density of atom in Si =  $5 \times 10^{22} \text{ atoms/cm}^3$

Solution:

$$n \approx N_D = \text{No. of donors} = \frac{5 \times 10^{22}}{10^8} = 5 \times 10^{14}$$

$$\text{minority carrier conc.} = \frac{n_i^2}{N_D}$$

$$p = \frac{(1.5 \times 10^{10})^2}{5 \times 10^{14}}$$

$$p = 4.5 \times 10^5 / \text{cm}^3$$

conductivity of N-Type S/c

$$\sigma_n = n \mu_n e$$

$$\therefore \rho = \frac{1}{\sigma_n} = \frac{1}{n \cdot \mu_n \cdot e} = \frac{1}{5 \times 10^{14} \times 1300 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}} = \underline{\underline{0.117 \Omega \text{cm}}}$$

\* Problem 2: A donor type impurity, is added to the extent 1 atom per  $10^6$  atoms of an intrinsic silicon. 12.

$$\text{Given conc. of Si. atoms} = 5 \times 10^{22} / \text{cm}^3$$

$$n_i = 1.5 \times 10^{10} / \text{cm}^3$$

$$\mu_n = 1300 \text{ cm}^2 / \text{volt} \cdot \text{Sec}$$

Find-

- (a) Resulting donor atom concentration.
- (b) conductivity of doped silicon sample.
- (c) If silicon sample is 0.5 cm long and having cross-section area  $(50 \times 10^4)^2 \text{ cm}^2$  find its resistance.

\* Solution:-

- (a) Resulting donor atom concentration,

$$N_D = \frac{5 \times 10^{22}}{10^6} = 5 \times 10^{16}$$

- (b) conductivity of doped silicon,

$$\sigma_n = n \mu_n \cdot e$$

$$= N_D \cdot \mu_n \cdot e$$

$$= 5 \times 10^{16} \times 1300 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$$

$$= 10.413 (\text{-}2 \text{ cm})^{-1}$$

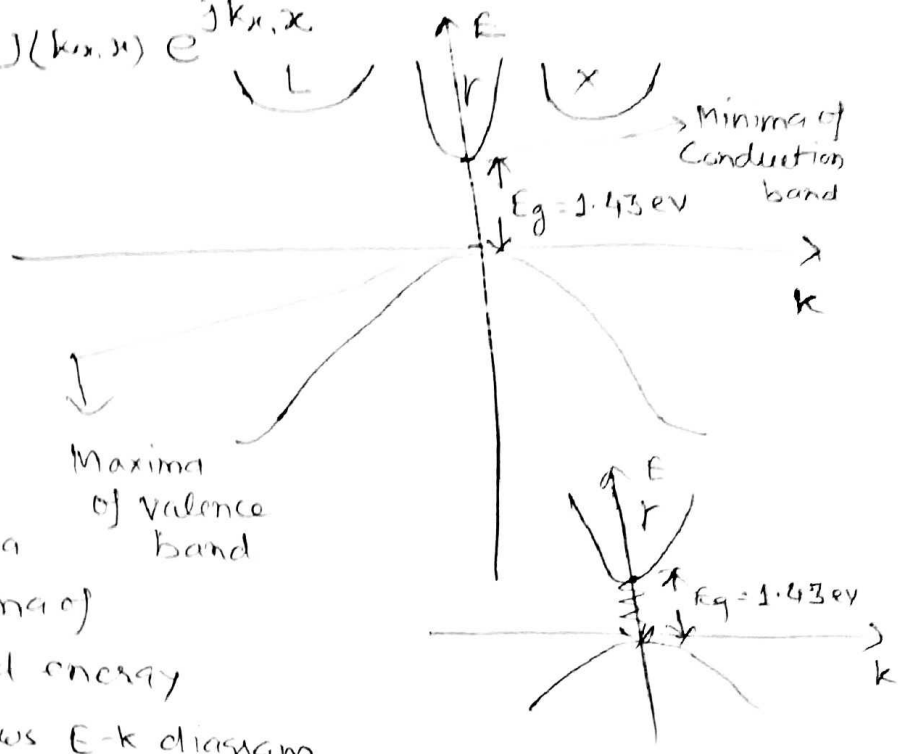
$$(c) R = \frac{\rho l}{A} = \frac{l}{\sigma A} = \frac{0.5 \text{ cm}}{10.413 \times (50 \times 10^4)^2}$$

$$= 1.920 \underline{\underline{\Omega}}$$

Direct band gap & Indirect band gap s/c :- The electrons moves in the crystal as a plane wave. Suppose

electron moving in x-direction with a propagation vector  $k$ . The space dependent wave equation is given by-

$$\psi_{2e}(x) = U(k, x) e^{jkx}$$



Let us plot a curve b/w Energy  $E$  Vs. wave vector  $k$ . This diagram is called  $E-k$  diagram.

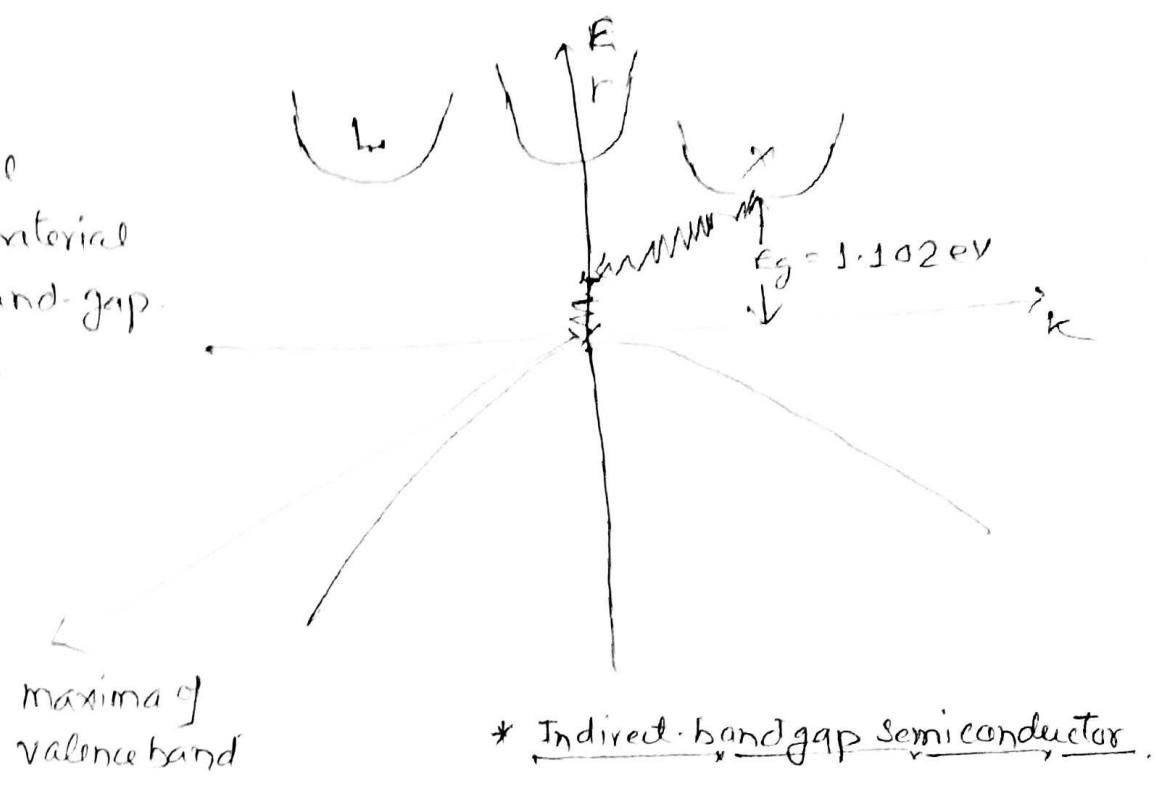
The distance between maxima of valence band and minima of conduction band is called energy band gap. The figure shows  $E-k$  diagram of GaAs. Here minima of conduction band and maxima of valence band are alligned. The transition of electrons occurs from conduction band to valence band without any change in the value of  $(k=0)$ . The transition of electron is occur due to tendency of electron coming from upper state to lower state.

This transition is called direct transition and radiated energy is in the range of visible light. This type semiconductors are called direct band gap semiconductors or Direct Semiconductors. The compound semiconductors are always direct semiconductors. The direct Semiconductors are used for optical application.

Again we consider example of Si, the E-k diagram of Silicon is shown in the figure. In this diagram we see that the minima of conduction band and maxima of valence band not aligned hence transition of electrons occurs indirectly. So this type semiconductor materials are called indirect. So this type semiconductor materials are called indirect s/c or indirect band gap semiconductor, example.

Si, Ge.

Most of the elemental semiconductor material are indirect band-gap semiconductors.



Effective Mass:- The energy of charge carrier is given by as below-

$$E = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

where, m = mass of charge carrier in free space  
 v = velocity of charge carrier.

Momentum of charge carrier can be given by

$$p = m v = \hbar k$$

where,  $\hbar$  = Planck's constant  
 k = wave vector.

Hence equation (i) becomes:-

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$$E = \frac{p^2}{2m} = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m}$$

$$\therefore \frac{d^2 E}{dk^2} = \frac{\hbar^2}{m}$$

$$\therefore m = \frac{\hbar^2}{d^2 E / dk^2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{m^* = \frac{\hbar^2}{d^2 E / dk^2}}$$

Effective mass:-

$d^2 E / dk^2$   
= curvature of valley

Ge.

$$m_n^* = 0.55 m_0$$

$$m_p^* = 0.37 m_0$$

Si,

$$m_n^* = 1.1 m_0$$

$$m_p^* = 0.56 m_0$$

$$m_0 = 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$$

Donor & Acceptor Binding Energy:-

for donor:-

$$E = \frac{m_n^* q^4}{8 (\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r)^2 \hbar^2}$$

Where,

$\epsilon_0$  = Permittivity of free space

$\epsilon_r$  = Relative Permittivity

$$= 8.85 \times 10^{-12}$$

for Acceptor :-

$$E = \frac{m_p^* q^4}{8 (\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r)^2 \hbar^2}$$

$$\hbar = \text{Planck constant} = 6.63 \times 10^{-34}$$

Prob: 3 Calculate approximate donor binding energy for germanium.

Given,

$\epsilon_r = 16$ , Effective mass of electron,

$$m_n^* = 0.12 m_0$$

$$m_0 = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ Kg}$$

$$E = \frac{m_n^* q^4}{8(\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r)^2 h^2}$$

$$= \frac{0.12 \times 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}}{8(16 \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12})^2 \times 6.63 \times 10^{-34}}$$

$$= 1.02 \times 10^{-21} \text{ J}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{0.0064 \text{ eV}}}$$

\* Fermi-Dirac distribution :- The distribution of electrons over a range of allowed energy levels at thermal equilibrium is given by -

$$f(E) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{(E - E_f) / kT}}$$

where,  $E_f$  = Fermi energy of electron

$E$  = Energy of electron

$k$  = Boltzmann constant,  $= 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$

$F(E)$  = fermi-Dirac distribution function.

Fermi-Dirac distribution function is a probability function that gives the probability that an available energy state at  $E$  will be occupied by an electron at absolute temperature  $T$ .

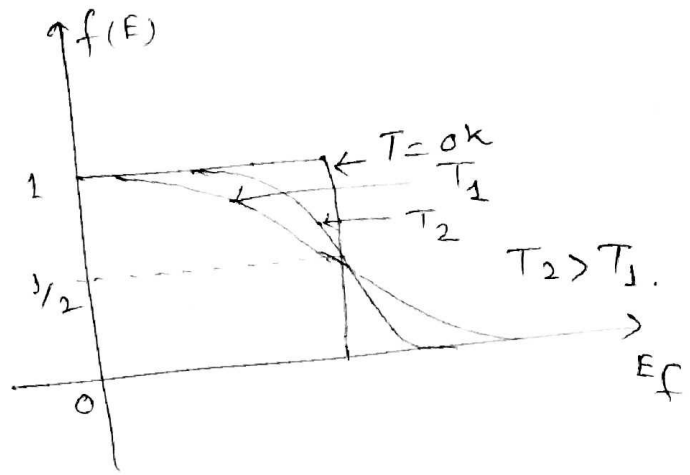
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The fermi-dirac distribution function is symmetrical at  $E = E_f$  for any temperature

$$F(E) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{(E - E_f)/kT}}$$

if  $E = E_f$

$$F(E) = \frac{1}{1 + e^0} = \frac{1}{1 + 1} = \frac{1}{2}$$



Electrons and Holes Concentration:- fermi-dirac distribution function can be used to calculate the concentration of electrons and holes in a semiconductor. The concentration of electrons in conduction band can be given by as below -

$$n = \int F(E) N(E) dE \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

Hence concentration of electrons in whole conduction band

$$n = \int_{E_c}^{\infty} F(E) N(E) d(E)$$

$$= \int_{E_c}^{\infty} F(E) N(E) dE \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

where,

$F(E)$  = fermi-dirac distribution function

$N(E)$  = No. of states Available = Density of states

$d(E)$  = Small energy difference.

Similarly we can calculate concentration of Holes in the valence band.

$$P = \int_{-\infty}^{E_v} [1 - F(E)] N(E) dE \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

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where.  $1 - f(E) =$  Probability of finding of Holes.

Quantitative analysis:- Carrier concentration in different type semiconductor material

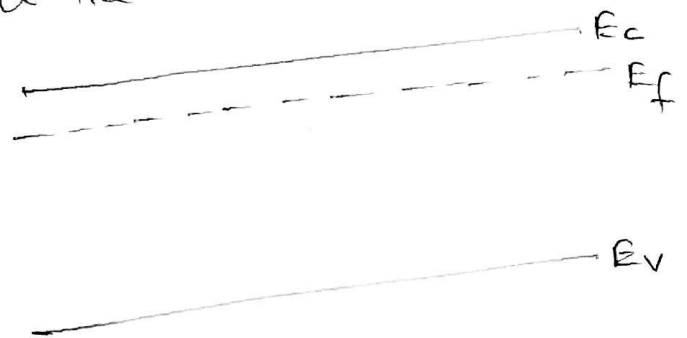
N-Type:- Concentration of electrons in conduction band can be given by.

$$n = \int_{E_c}^{\infty} f(E) N(E) dE \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

where  $f(E) =$  Fermi-Dirac distribution function &  
 $N(E) =$  Available states or Density of states.

The function  $\int_{E_c}^{\infty} N(E) dE$  referred as effective density of states & represented by  $N_c$  and located at the bottom of conduction band.

When donor type impurity is added in the intrinsic s/c material then N-Type Extrinsic s/c is formed. In this situation Fermi level shifted upward.



$$f(E) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{(E - E_f)/kT}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 + e^{(E_c - E_f)/kT}}$$

Here  $(E_c - E_f)/kT \gg 1$

$$\therefore f(E) = \frac{1}{e^{(E_c - E_f)/kT}}$$

$$\text{or } f(E) = e^{-(E_c - E_f)/kT}$$

The the value of  $f(E)$  in equation (i), becomes

$$n = N_c \cdot e^{-(E_c - E_f)/kT} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

The value of  $N_c$  can be calculated by using Quantum mechanics.

$$N_c = 2 \left\{ \frac{2\pi m_n^* kT}{h^2} \right\}^{3/2}$$



Hence conc. of electrons in conduction band -

$$n = 2 \left\{ \frac{2\pi m_n^* kT}{h^2} \right\}^{3/2} e^{-(E_c - E_f)/kT}$$

where,  $m_n^*$  = Effective mass of electron  
 $k$  = Boltzman constant,  
 $T$  = absolute temperature

2. P-Type Semiconductors :- The concentration of holes in the valence band can be given by -

$$P = \int_{-\infty}^{E_v} [1 - F(E)] N(E) dE \quad \dots \dots \dots (i)$$

$[1 - F(E)]$  = No. of unoccupied states.

$$\int_{-\infty}^{E_v} N(E) dE = N_v$$

= Effective density of states.

The p-Type Semiconductor material is formed when we added a trivalent impurity in intrinsic semiconductor. In this condition fermi level shifted below towards  $E_v$ .

$$1 - F(E) = 1 - \frac{1}{1 + e^{(E - E_f)/kT}}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{1 + e^{(E_v - E_f)/kT}}$$

$$= \frac{1 + e^{(E_v - E_f)/kT} - 1}{1 + e^{(E_v - E_f)/kT}}$$



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or

$$n_i^2 = n \cdot p$$

$$n = N_c \cdot e^{-(E_c - E_f)/kT}$$

$$p = N_v \cdot e^{-(E_f - E_v)/kT}$$

$$\therefore n_i^2 = N_c \cdot N_v \cdot e^{-(E_c - E_v)/kT}$$

$$\text{or } n_i^2 = N_c \cdot N_v \cdot e^{-E_g/kT}$$

$$\therefore (E_c - E_v) = E_g$$

= Energy band gap

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{n_i = \sqrt{N_c N_v} e^{-E_g/2kT}}$$

$$n_i = \left\{ 2 \left[ \frac{2\pi m_n^* kT}{h^2} \right]^{3/2} 2 \left[ \frac{2\pi m_p^* kT}{h^2} \right]^{3/2} \right\}^{1/2} e^{-E_g/2kT}$$

$$\text{or } \boxed{n_i = 2 \left( \frac{2\pi kT}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} (m_n^* m_p^*)^{3/4} e^{-E_g/2kT}}$$

Problem 4:- A silicon sample is doped with  $10^{17}/\text{cm}^3$  Arsenic atoms. What is equilibrium Hole concentration at 300K & where  $E_i$  related to  $E_f$ . Given  $n_i = 1.5 \times 10^{10}/\text{cm}^3$ .

Solution:-

$$N_d \text{ or } n = 10^{17}$$

$$p = \frac{n_i^2}{n} = \frac{(1.5 \times 10^{10})^2}{10^{17}}$$

$$= 2.25 \times 10^3 / \text{cm}^3$$

Now using relation,

$$n = n_i e^{(E_f - E_i)/kT}$$

$$\log\left(\frac{n}{n_i}\right) = \frac{E_f - E_i}{kT}$$

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