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Founder & Director, MADE EASY Group



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## Electronic Devices & Circuits

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# 1. Energy band and Charge Carriers in SC

- Difference between the lower energy level conduction band  $E_c$  and upper energy level valence band  $E_v$  is called **energy band gap**.
- In **metals** the band either overlap or partially filled.
- In **insulator** energy band gap is very high.
- In **semiconductor** band gap is relatively small.
- An empty state in valence band is referred as hole.
- A perfect semiconductor crystal with no impurities or lattice defects is called **intrinsic** semiconductor.
- When a semiconductor is doped such that equilibrium concentration  $n_0$  and  $p_0$  are different from intrinsic carrier concentration  $n_i$ , the material is said to be **extrinsic**.

## Fermi Level

- Fermi level is energy state having probability 1/2 of being occupied of an electron if there is no forbidden band exists.
- Energy of fastest moving electron at 0K is called fermi energy level.
- **Fermi dirac function**  $f(E)$  gives the probability that an available energy state  $E$  will be occupied by an electron at absolute temperature  $T$ , under conditions of thermal equilibrium

$$f(E) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp[(E - E_F) / kT]}$$

where,  $E_F \rightarrow$  fermi energy level  
 $K \rightarrow$  Boltzmann's constant  
 $T \rightarrow$  absolute temp. in Kelvin

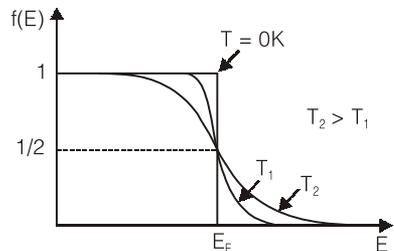
- The fermi dirac distribution function is given as

**NOTE**  $[1 - f(E)]$  gives the probability that energy state  $E$  will be occupied by a hole.

- Concentration of electron in conduction band is given by

$$n_0 = N_c e^{-(E_c - E_F) / kT}$$

where,  $n_0 \rightarrow$  concentration  $e^-$ s in conduction band  
 $E_F \rightarrow$  fermi energy level  
 $E_c \rightarrow$  energy level of lowest conduction level  
 $k \rightarrow$  Boltzmann's constant  
 $T \rightarrow$  absolute temperature  
 $N_c \rightarrow$  effective density of states in conduction band



- Effective density of states  $N_C$  is given by

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

where,  $m_n^* \rightarrow$  is the effective mass of electrons  
 $h \rightarrow$  Plank's constant

- Concentration of holes in valence band is given by

$$p_0 = N_V e^{-(E_F - E_V)/kT}$$

where,  $p_0 \rightarrow$  concentration of holes

$N_V \rightarrow$  effective density of states in valence band

$E_F \rightarrow$  fermi energy level

$E_V \rightarrow$  highest energy level of valence band

- Effective density of sates in valence band is given by

$$N_V = 2 \left[ \frac{2\pi m_p^* kT}{h^2} \right]^{3/2}$$

where,  $m_p^* \rightarrow$  is the effective mass of holes

### Mass Action Law

- It states that at thermal equilibrium product of concentration of free electrons and holes is equal to the square of intrinsic concentration at that temperature i.e.

$$n_0 p_0 = n_i^2$$

where,  $n_0 \rightarrow$  concentration of electron in conduction band

$p_0 \rightarrow$  concentration of holes in valence band

$n_i \rightarrow$  intrinsic concentration at given temperature

- Intrinsic concentration is given by

$$n_i = \sqrt{N_C N_V} e^{-E_g/2kT}$$

where,  $E_g \rightarrow$  band gap

- $n_i$  can also be given as

$$n_i^2 = A_0 T^3 e^{-E_g/kT}$$

where,  $A_0 \rightarrow$  is a constant

- Concentration of electron in conduction band can also be given as

$$n_0 = n_i e^{(E_F - E_i)/kT}$$

where,  $E_i \rightarrow$  intrinsic level lies near the middle of bandgap

- Concentration of holes in valence band can also be given as

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



Intrinsic concentration depends on temperature. As temperature increases the intrinsic concentration increases as  $T^{3/2}$ .

**Space Charge Neutrality**

- If the material is to remain electrostatically neutral, the sum of positive charges must balance the sum of negative charges i.e.

$$p_0 + N_d^+ = n_0 + N_a^-$$

where,  $N_d^+ \rightarrow$  concentration of donor atoms  
 $N_a^- \rightarrow$  concentration of acceptor atoms  
 $p_0 \rightarrow$  concentration of holes  
 $n_0 \rightarrow$  concentration of electrons

**Mobility of Charge Carriers**

- It is drift velocity per unit electric field.
- It defines how fast the charge travels from one place to other and is given by

$$\mu = \frac{v_d}{E}$$

where,  $v_d \rightarrow$  drift velocity  
 $E \rightarrow$  electric field

|                | Ge                | Si                |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| $e^-$ mobility | 3800 $cm^2/V$ sec | 1300 $cm^2/V$ sec |
| hole mobility  | 1800 $cm^2/V$ sec | 500 $cm^2/V$ sec  |

**NOTE**

- Electron's mobility is always greater than hole mobility in a given material. Hence electron can travel faster so contribute more current for same electric field than hole as explained by quantum mechanical physics.

- Mobility of charge carriers decreases with temperature and varies as

$$\mu \propto T^{-m}$$

where,  $m$  is a constant

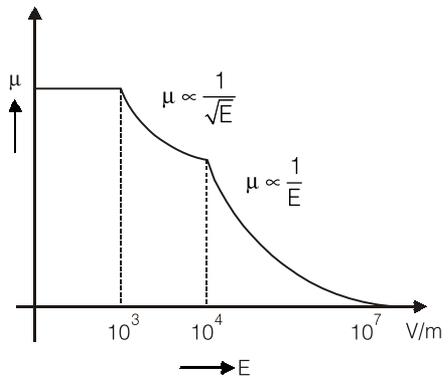
$m = 1.66$  for  $e^-$  and  $2.33$  for hole for Ge  
 $m = 2.5$  for  $e^-$  and  $2.7$  for hole for Si

- Mobility also varies with electric field applied as

**NOTE**

- At smaller electric field mobility is constant.

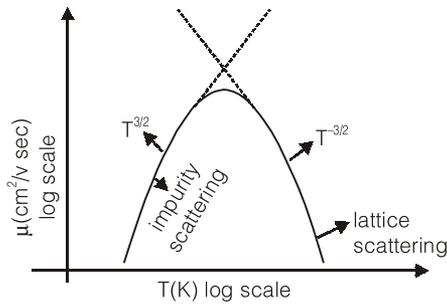
- At very high electric field product of mobility and electric field becomes constant and is equal to saturation value of drift velocity.



**Effect of Scattering of Mobility**

- There are two types of scattering mechanism that influence electron and hole mobility are lattice scattering and impurity scattering.

- The variation of mobility in accordance with scattering is as



- Overall mobility is given by

$$\frac{1}{\mu} = \frac{1}{\mu_1} + \frac{1}{\mu_2} + \frac{1}{\mu_3} + \dots$$

where,  $\mu$  → overall mobility  
 $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3$  → mobility corresponding to different scattering mechanism

**Energy Gap ( $E_g$ )**

- Energy gap depends on temperature and interatomic spacing.
- Variation of energy gap with temperature is as

$$E_g = E_{g0} - \beta_0 T \quad \text{eV}$$

where,  $E_{g0}$  → energy gap at 0K,  $\beta_0$  → material constant,  
 $\beta_0 = 2.2 \times 10^{-4}$  eV/k for Ge =  $3.6 \times 10^{-4}$  eV/k for Si  
 $E_g$  → energy gap at temperature T(K)

**NOTE**

- $E_{g0}$  — 0.785 eV(Ge), 1.21 eV(Si)
- $E_{g300}$  — 0.72 eV (Ge), 1.1 eV(Si)
- $E_{g0}$  — xxx (GaAs)
- $E_{g300}$  — 1.47 eV (GaAs)

**Hall Effect**

- It states that if a specimen (metal or semiconductor) carrying a current I is placed in transverse magnetic field B an electric field is induced in a direction perpendicular to both I and B.
- Value of hall voltage is given by

$$V_H = Ed$$

where, E → electric field induced

or

d → separation between upper and lower surface of specimen or height of specimen

$$V_H = \frac{BI}{\rho W}$$

W → width of specimen

B → applied magnetic field

I → current flowing in specimen

$\rho$  → charge density

- $\frac{1}{\rho}$  is called **Hall coefficient**  $R_H$  i.e.  $R_H = \frac{1}{\rho}$

- $V_H$  can also be given as  $V_H = R_H \frac{BI}{W}$

- By hall experiment, mobility is given by

$$\mu = \frac{8}{3\pi} \sigma R_H$$

where,  $\mu \rightarrow$  mobility of charge carriers  
 $\sigma \rightarrow$  conductivity of material

**NOTE**

- Hall effect is utilized in determining whether a given material is metal, n-type SC or p-type SC.
- For metal, value of  $V_H$  is lesser compare to SC.
- Hall voltage is +ve for metal or n-type SC.
- Hall voltage is -ve for p-type SC.
- Hall voltage is zero for intrinsic SC.
- It can be used in finding mobility of charge carries, concentration of charge carriers, and type of semiconductor.
- It is utilized in Hall effect multiplier.
- In metal,  $R_H$  increases with temperature.
- In pure SC,  $R_H$  decreases with temperature.
- In extrinsic SC,  $R_H$  increases with temperature.

**Conductivity ( $\sigma$ )**

$$\sigma = q_n \mu_n + q_p \mu_p$$

where,  $n \rightarrow$  concentration  $e^-_s$  in conduction band

$p \rightarrow$  concentration of holes in valence band

$\mu_n \rightarrow$  mobility of  $e^-_s$

$\mu_p \rightarrow$  mobility of holes

- Conductivity of pure SC is given by

$$\sigma = q n_i [\mu_n + \mu_p] \quad \text{where, } n_i \rightarrow \text{intrinsic concentration}$$

**NOTE**

- Conductivity of pure SC increases with temperature.
- Conductivity of pure SC at 0 K is zero.
- Conductivity of extrinsic SC is given by
  - $\sigma \cong q N_d \mu_n$  for n-type where,  $N_d \rightarrow$  donor concentration
  - $\sigma \cong q N_a \mu_p$  for p-type  $N_a \rightarrow$  acceptor concentration



- Conductivity of extrinsic SC decrease with increase in temperature above normal temperature.
- Conductivity of extrinsic SC initially increases when, temperature rises from 0 K.
- Conductivity increases with increase in doping temperature,
- Conductivity of extrinsic SC at 0K is zero.
- At curie temperature conductivity becomes equal to intrinsic conductivity.

### Fermi Level in Intrinsic and Extrinsic SC

- Fermi level  $E_F$  in intrinsic SC is given by

$$E_F = \frac{E_C + E_V}{2} - kT \ln \left( \frac{N_C}{N_V} \right)$$

- where,
- $E_C \rightarrow$  lowest energy level of conduction band
  - $E_V \rightarrow$  highest energy level of valence band
  - $N_C \rightarrow$  density of states in conduction band
  - $N_V \rightarrow$  density of states in valence band
  - $k \rightarrow$  Boltzmann's constant



- If  $N_V \cong N_C$  then fermi level lies in the middle of energy gap.
- At 0 K Fermi level lies in the middle of energy gap.
- Fermi level in pure SC depends on temperature.
- As temperature increases fermi level moves away from the middle of bandgap.

- Fermi level in n-type SC is given by

$$E_F = E_C - kT \ln \left( \frac{N_C}{N_D} \right)$$

- where,  $N_C \rightarrow$  density of states in conduction band  
 $N_D \rightarrow$  donor concentration



- In n-type SC fermi level depends on both temperature and donar concentration.
- At 0K fermilevel coincides with  $E_C$ .
- As temperature increases fermi level moves towards the middle of bandgap.
- As donar concentration increases fermi level moves towards the  $E_C$ .
- At  $N_C = N_D$ ,  $E_F$  coincides with  $E_C$  and this is the saturation value of  $E_F$ ,  $E_F$  can't be greater than this value.
- Normally fermi level lies close to  $E_C$ .

- Fermi level in p-type SC is given by

$$E_F = E_v + kT \ln \frac{N_v}{N_A}$$

where,  $N_v \rightarrow$  density of states in valence band  
 $N_A \rightarrow$  concentration of acceptors



- In p-type SC fermi level  $E_F$  at 0K coincides with  $E_v$ .

- In p-type SC fermi level lies close to valence band.

- In p-type SC fermi level moves away from valence band as temperature increases.

- In p-type SC fermi level moves towards valence band as  $N_A$  increases and attains a saturation value of  $E_v$  at  $N_A = N_v$ . Further increase in  $N_A$  will not change  $E_F$ .

- Shift in the position of fermi level with respect to intrinsic fermi level in n-type SC is given by

$$\text{Shift} = kT \ln \left( \frac{n}{n_i} \right) \simeq kT \ln \left( \frac{N_D}{n_i} \right)$$

- Shift in position of fermi level in p-type SC with respect intrinsic fermi level is given by

$$\text{Shift} = kT \ln \frac{p}{n_i} \cong kT \ln \frac{N_A}{n_i}$$



Remember

In a material at equilibrium there is no discontinuity in fermi level. More generally we can say that fermi level at equilibrium must be constant throughout the material i.e.

$$\frac{dE_F}{dx} = 0$$

