

EE 105

Semiconductors

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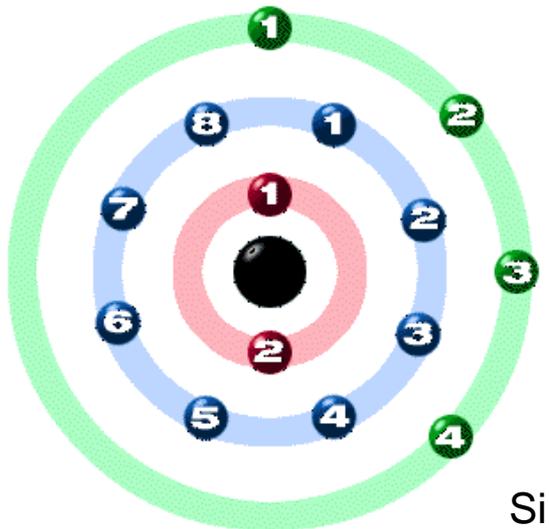
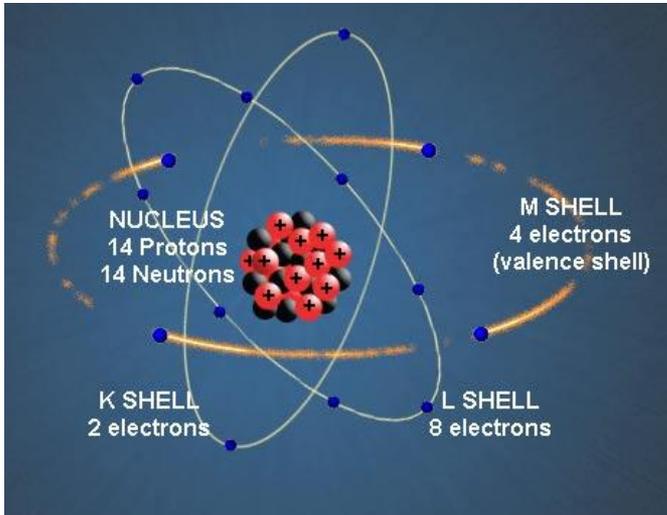
Active Devices

- Control (current) flow
- Cascadeable:
 - Compatible inputs and outputs including
 - Same physical domain, e.g.
 - Electrical
 - Pneumatic
 - Chemical
 - Mechanical
 - Compatible signal levels, e.g.
 - Switch with 5V control signal must be able to switch 5V at output
- Examples:
 - Transistor
 - Relays
 - Vacuum tube

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Electrical Conduction

Atom Shells



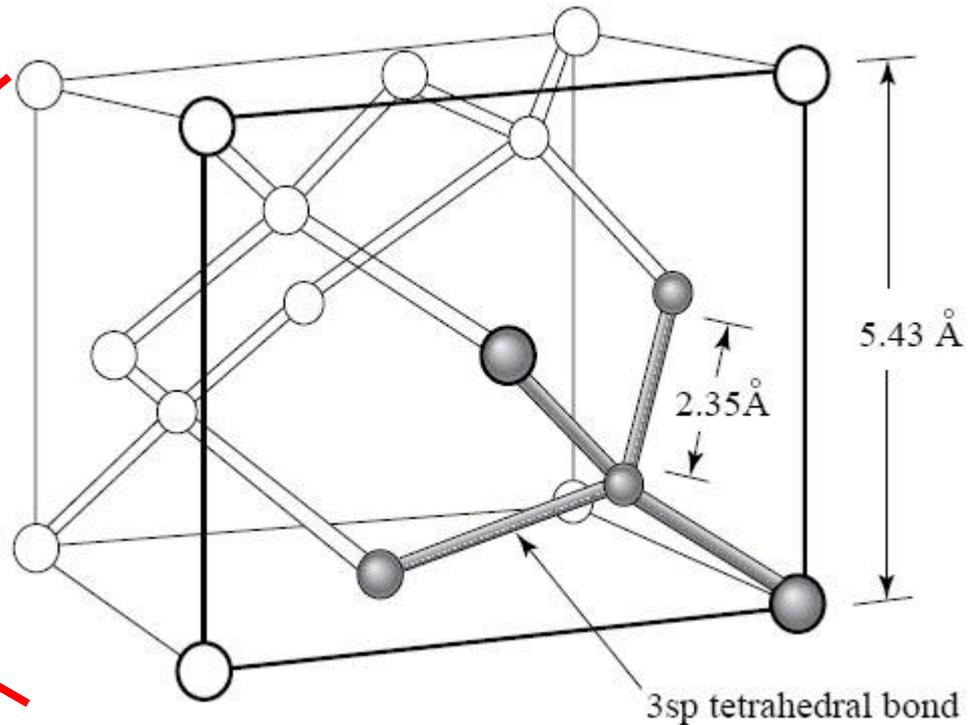
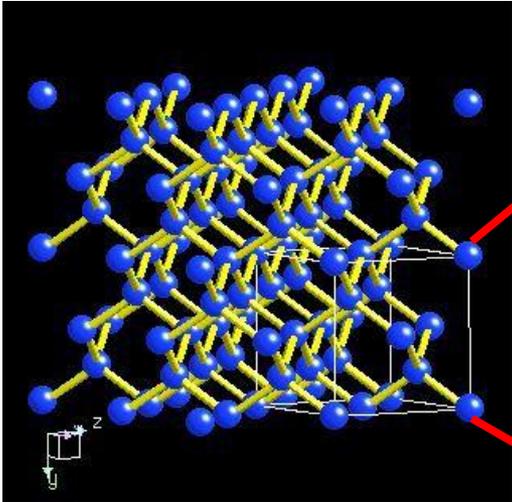
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1 H 1.008																	2 He 4.0026
3 Li 6.94	4 Be 9.0122											5 B 10.81	6 C 12.011	7 N 14.007	8 O 15.999	9 F 18.998	10 Ne 20.180
11 Na 22.990	12 Mg 24.305											13 Al 26.982	14 Si 28.085	15 P 30.974	16 S 32.06	17 Cl 35.45	18 Ar 39.948
19 K 39.098	20 Ca 40.078	21 Sc 44.956	22 Ti 47.867	23 V 50.942	24 Cr 51.996	25 Mn 54.938	26 Fe 55.845	27 Co 58.933	28 Ni 58.693	29 Cu 63.546	30 Zn 65.38	31 Ga 69.723	32 Ge 72.63	33 As 74.922	34 Se 78.96	35 Br 79.904	36 Kr 83.798
37 Rb 85.468	38 Sr 87.62	39 Y 88.906	40 Zr 91.224	41 Nb 92.906	42 Mo 95.96	43 Tc [97.91]	44 Ru 101.07	45 Rh 102.91	46 Pd 106.42	47 Ag 107.87	48 Cd 112.41	49 In 114.82	50 Sn 118.71	51 Sb 121.76	52 Te 127.60	53 I 126.90	54 Xe 131.29
55 Cs 132.91	56 Ba 137.33	* 71 Lu 174.97	72 Hf 178.49	73 Ta 180.95	74 W 183.84	75 Re 186.21	76 Os 190.23	77 Ir 192.22	78 Pt 195.08	79 Au 196.97	80 Hg 200.59	81 Tl 204.38	82 Pb 207.2	83 Bi 208.98	84 Po [208.98]	85 At [209.99]	86 Rn [222.02]
87 Fr [223.02]	88 Ra [226.03]	** 103 Lr [262.11]	104 Rf [265.12]	105 Db [268.13]	106 Sg [271.13]	107 Bh [270]	108 Hs [277.15]	109 Mt [276.15]	110 Ds [281.16]	111 Rg [280.16]	112 Cn [285.17]	113 Uut [284.18]	114 F1 [289.19]	115 Uup [288.19]	116 Lv [293]	117 Uus [294]	118 Uuo [294]

Silicon Crystal



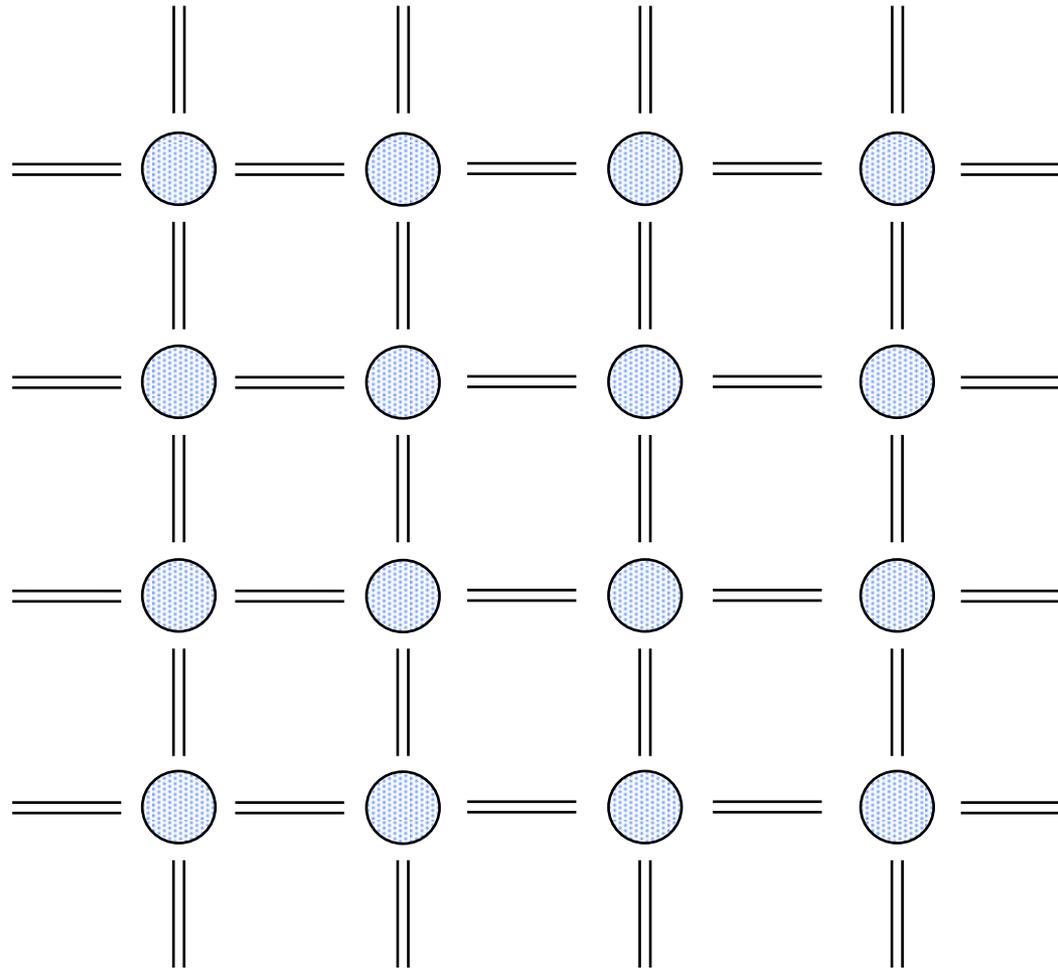
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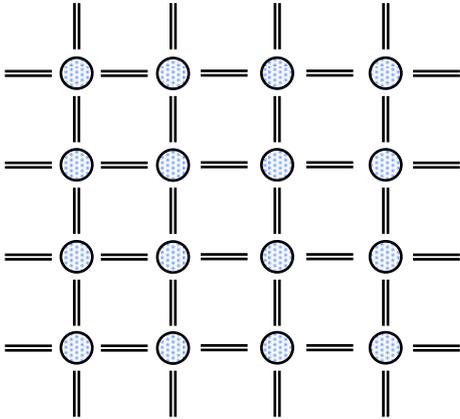
Density:
 5×10^{22} atoms / cm³

Distance between atoms:
0.235 nm

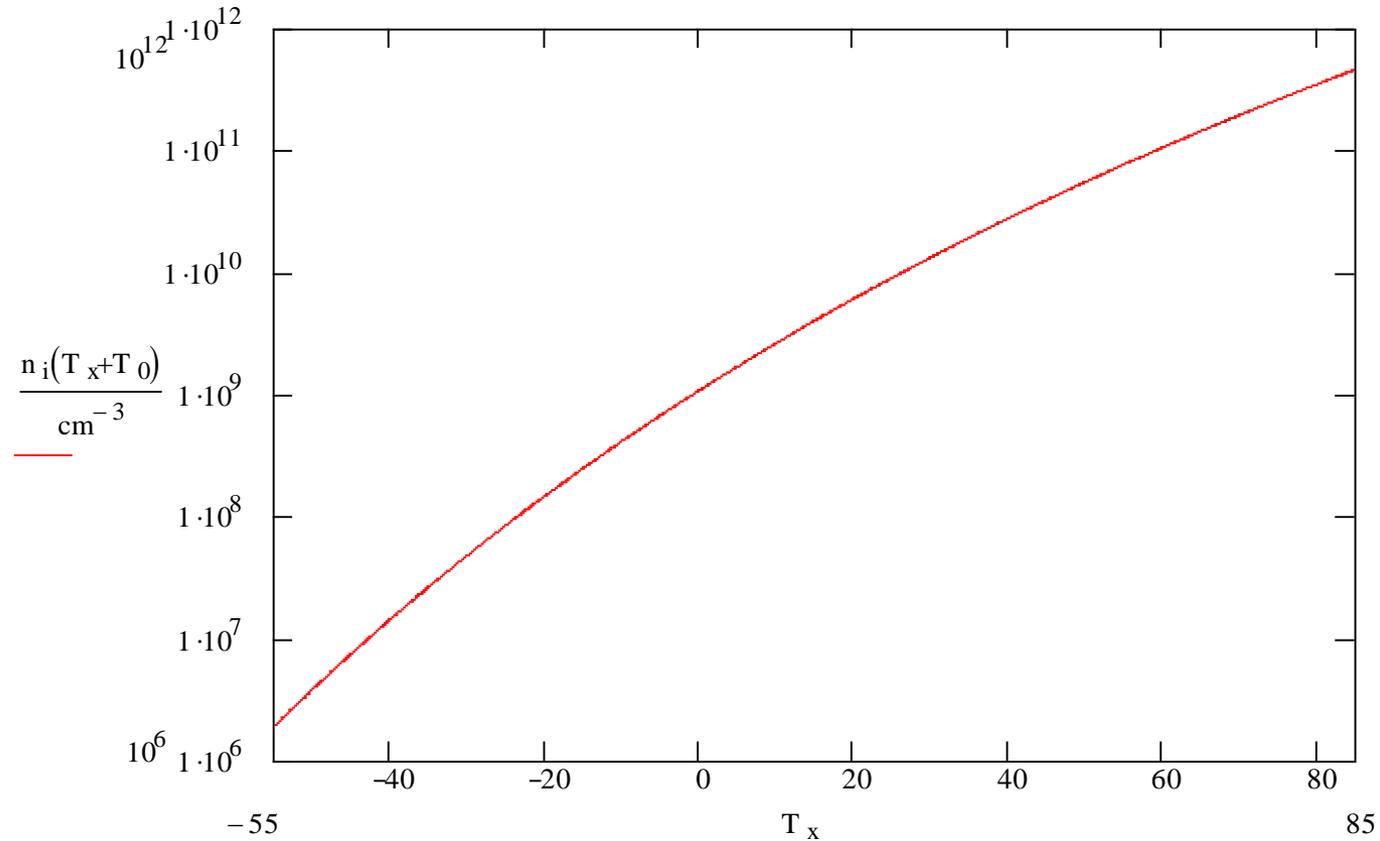
2D Representation for Simplicity



Bandgap



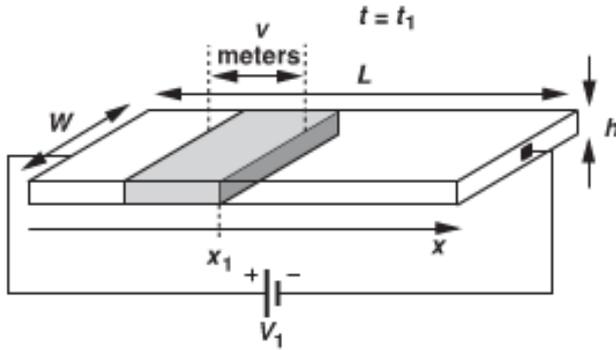
Intrinsic Carrier Concentration n_i



Semiconductors Summary

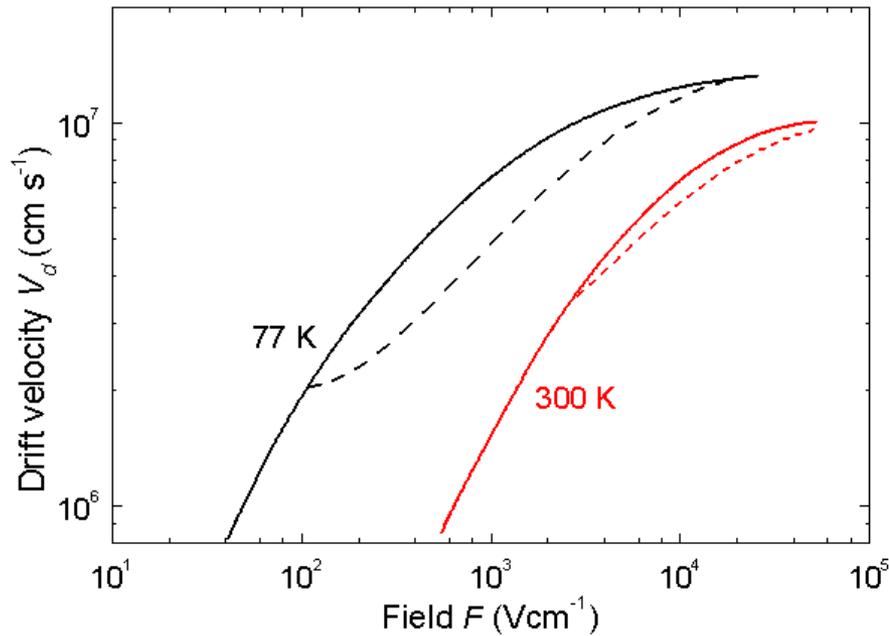
Drift Current

Current Flow



Mobility

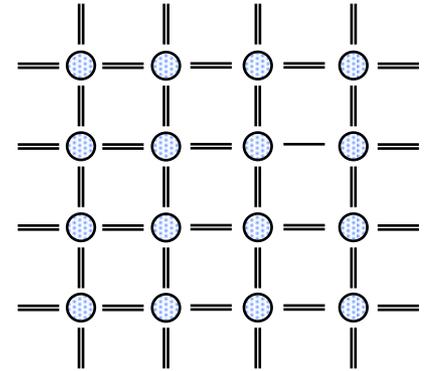
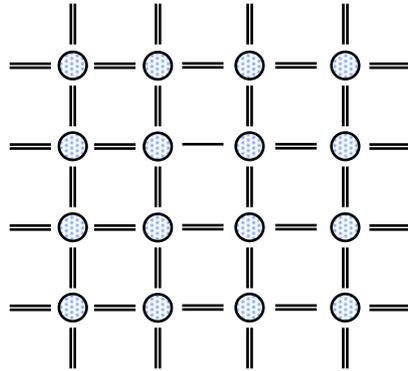
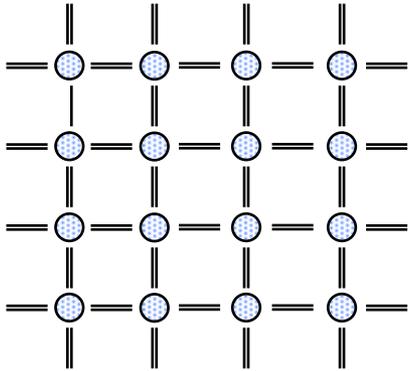
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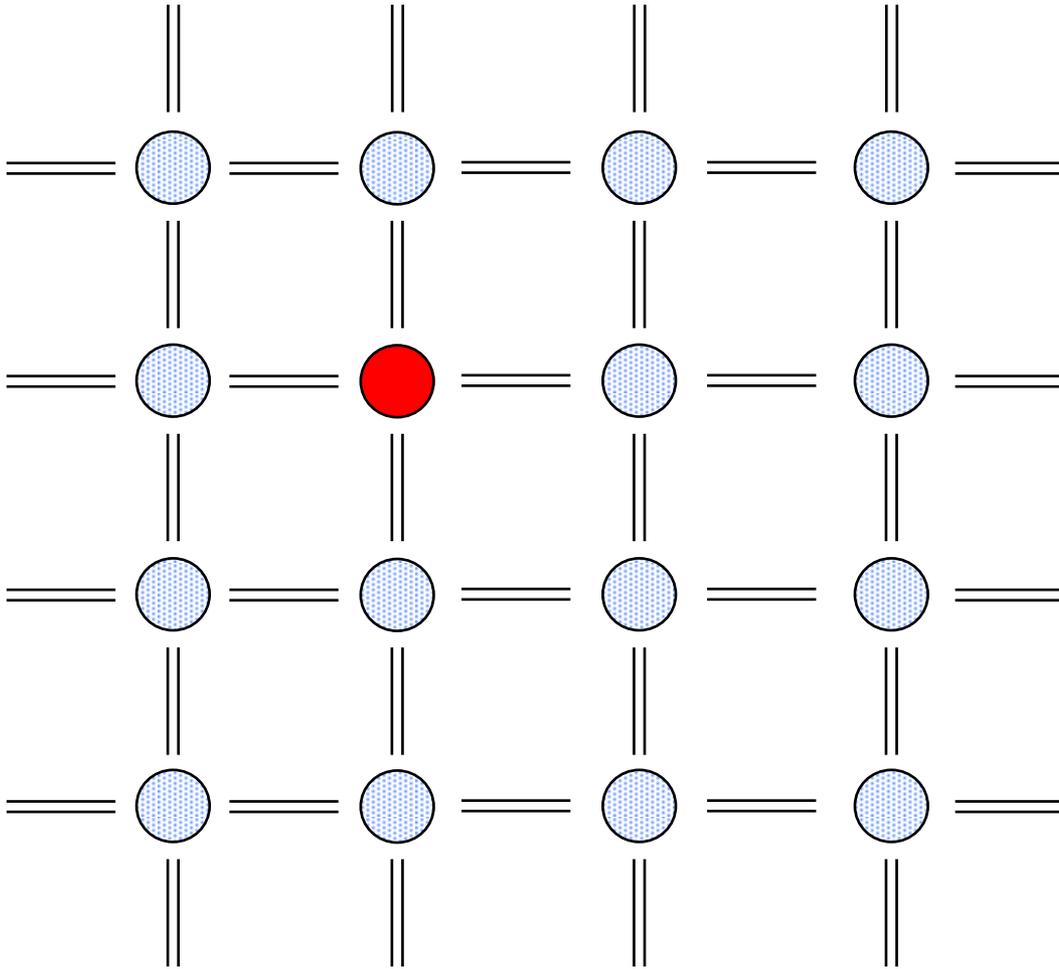
Electron drift velocity in Si

Drift Current Example

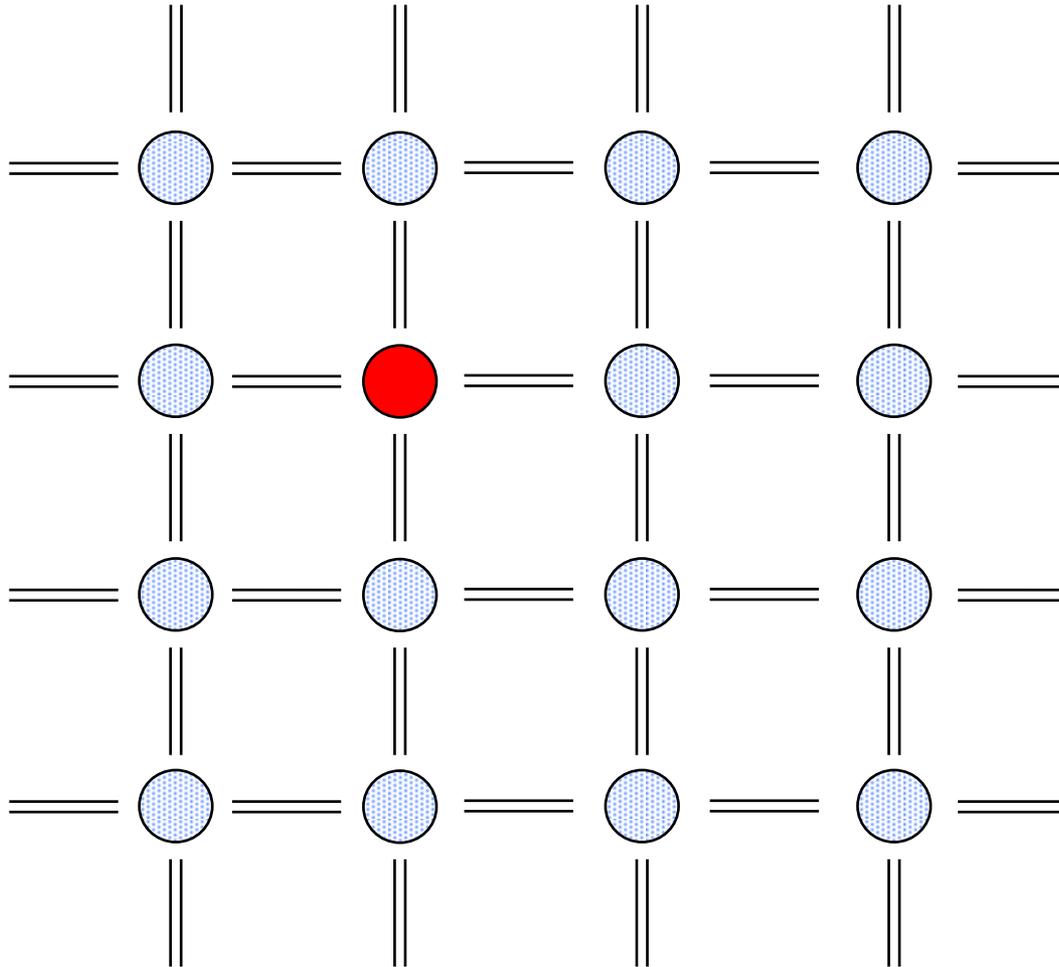
Holes



~~“Semi”~~ Conductor?



Donors



Question

Is a doped semiconductor charge neutral?

Uniform Semiconductors Summary

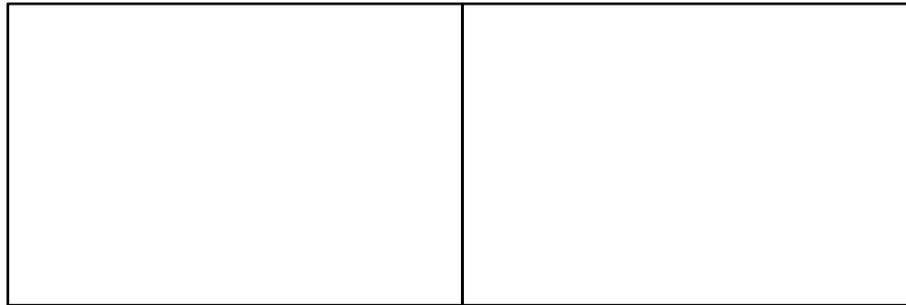
***pn* Junction**

(Diode)

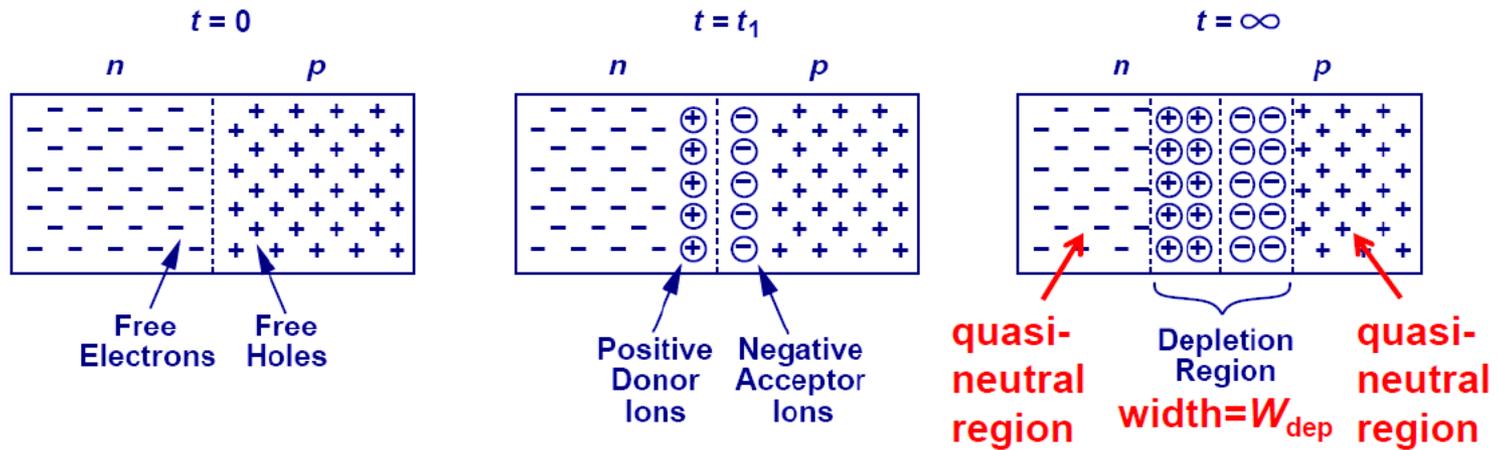
pn Junction

$$p = N_A$$

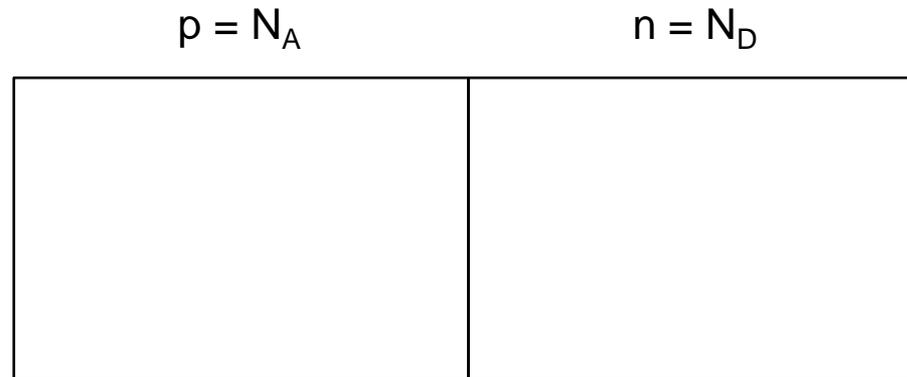
$$n = N_D$$



Depletion Region



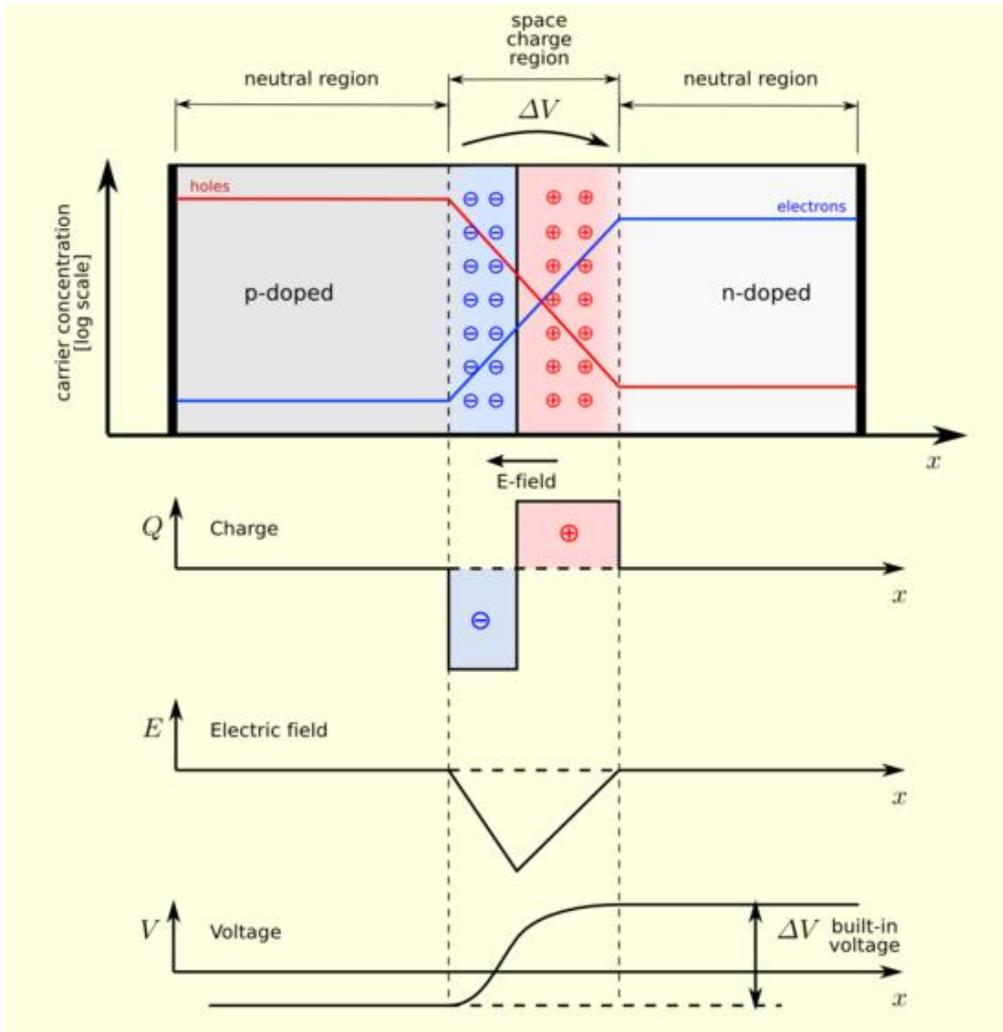
Drift and Diffusion Currents



← $I_{diffusion,n}$

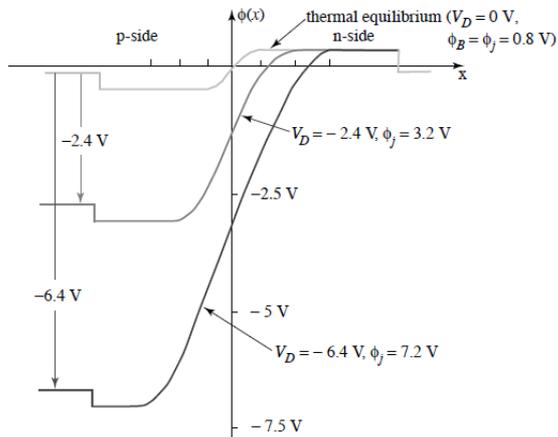
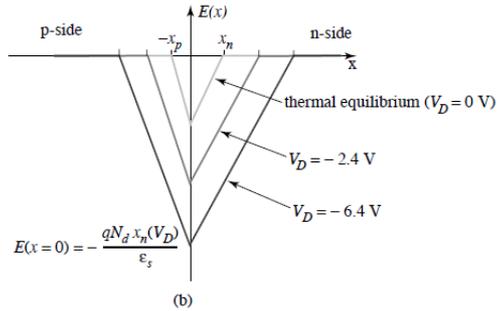
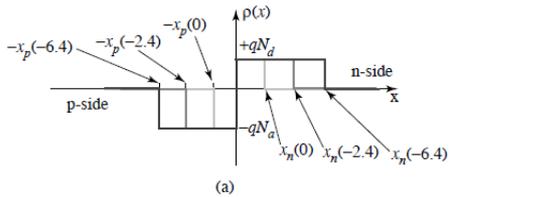
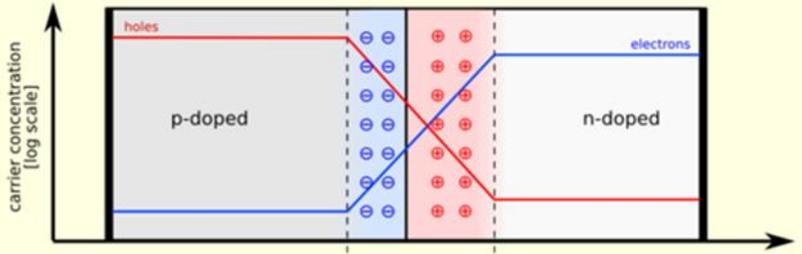
→ $+ I_{drift,n} = 0A$

Junction Potential

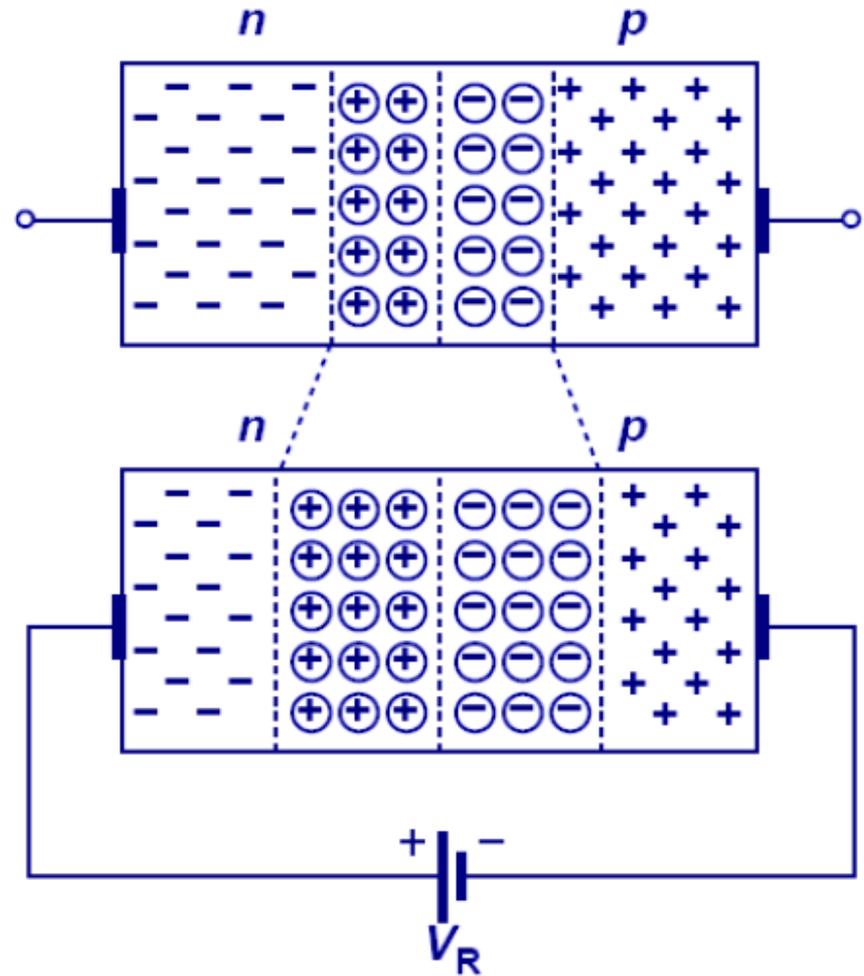


http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/P-n_junction

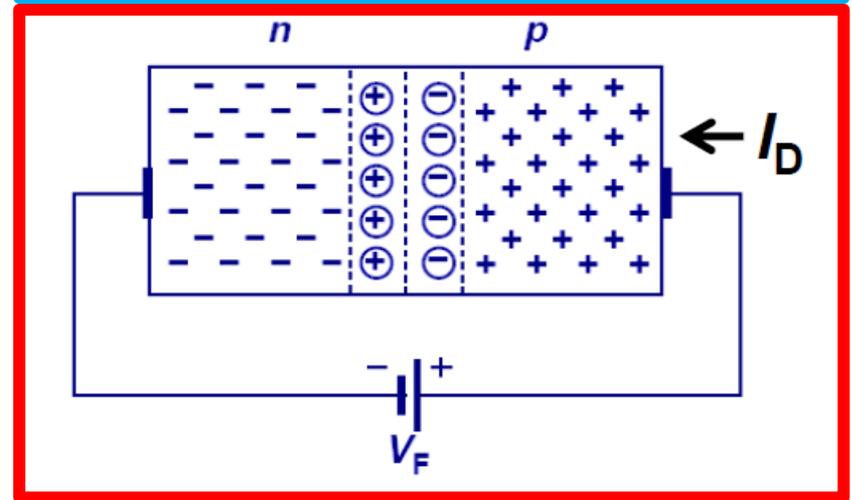
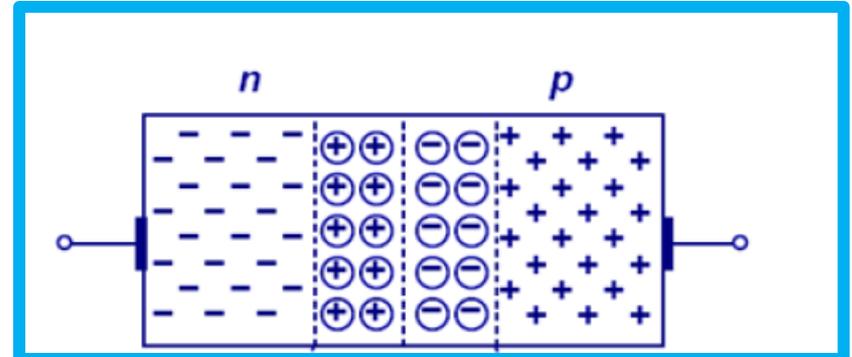
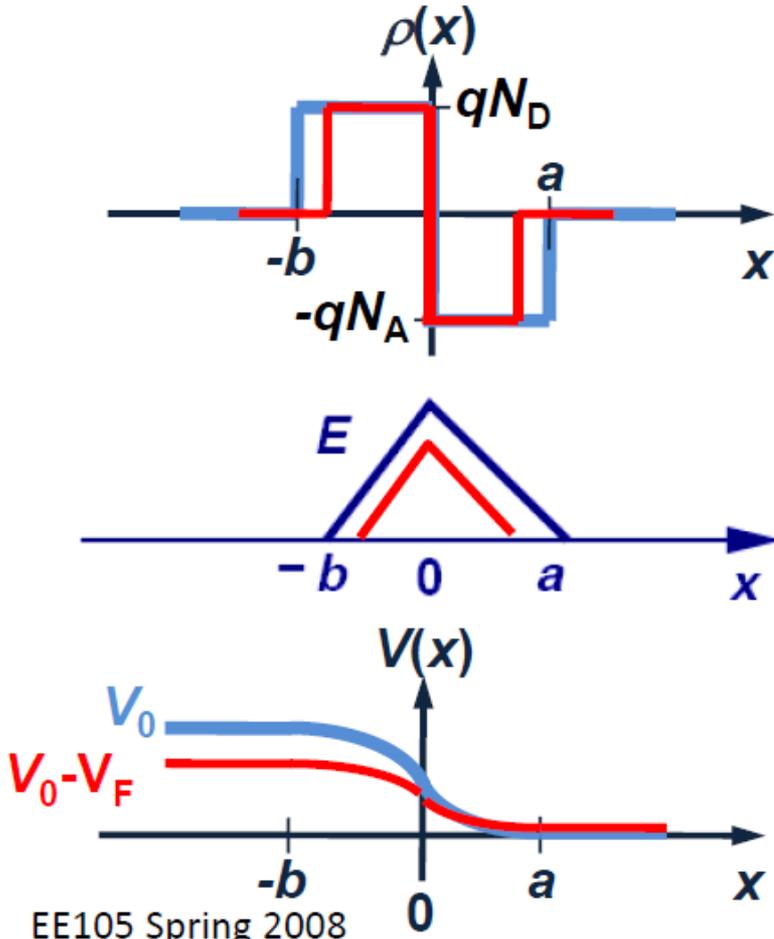
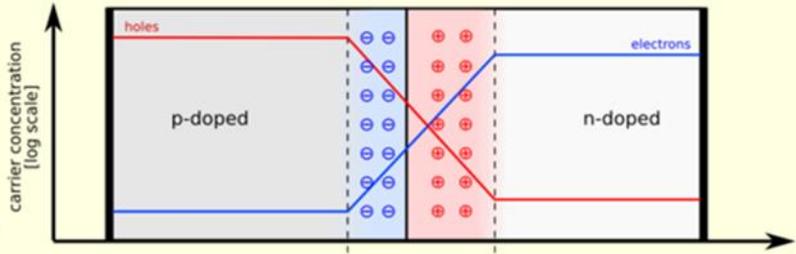
Reverse Bias



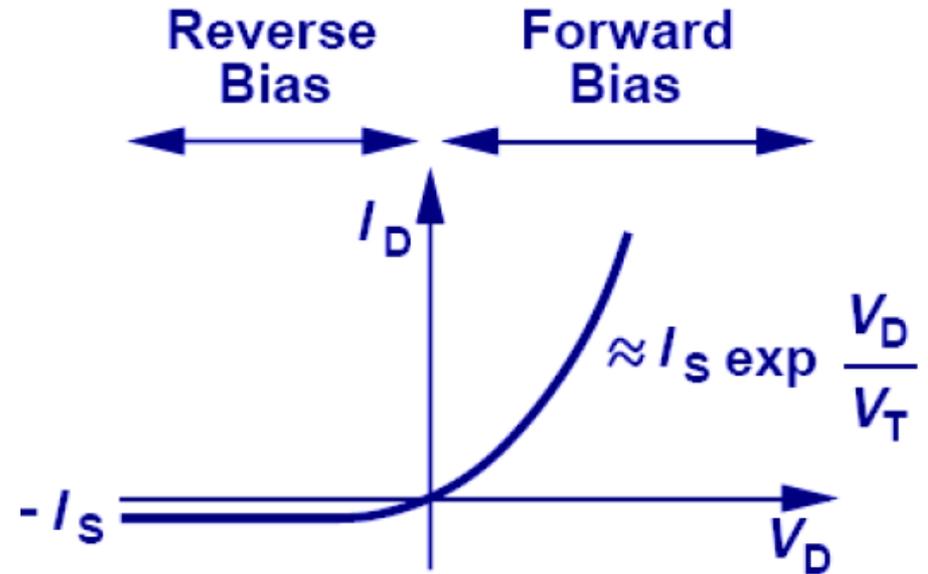
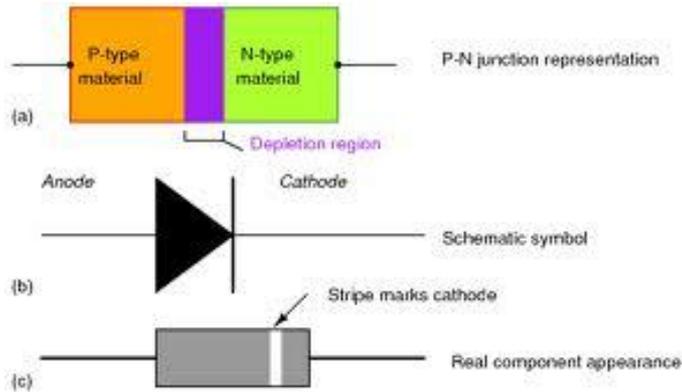
Ref: R. Howe, Prentice Hall. (c)



Forward Bias



Putting it all Together



“Ideal diode” equation:

$$I_D = I_S \left(e^{V_D/V_T} - 1 \right)$$
$$I_S = A J_S = A q n_i^2 \left(\frac{D_n}{N_A L_n} + \frac{D_p}{N_D L_p} \right)$$