

## **ECE3201**

### **Electronic Circuit Design and Analysis**

Physical electronics underlying the operation of electronic devices. Diodes, diode models, and diode circuits. Transistors, transistor models, and transistor circuits. DC, small signal, and frequency analysis of transistor amplifiers. Compound transistor configurations. Computer analysis tools. Design projects are implemented and tested in the laboratory. Laboratory reports with revisions are required for each project.

**Book: Electronic Devices and Circuit Theory**  
by Robert L Boylestad and Louis Nashelsky; Eleventh Edition

### **Chapter 1.**

# 1.2 Semiconductors

## Single Crystal

Germanium - Ge  
Silicon - Si

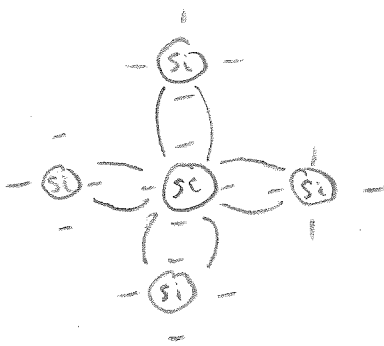
most freq. used:  
Ge Si GaAs

## Compound

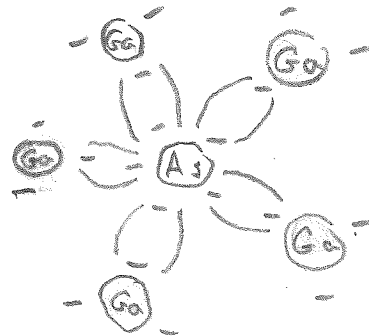
GaAs - Gallium Arsenide  
CdS - Cadmium Sulfide  
GaN - Gallium Nitride  
GaAsP - Gallium Arsenide Sulfide

# 1.3 Covalent Bonding

Si  
OR  
Ge



trivalent - Ga  
tetravalent - Si, Ge  
pentavalent - As



GaAs

## INTRINSIC Si

@ Room T

$$n_i_{Si} = 1.5 \times 10^{10} \text{ free carriers/cm}^3$$

$$n_i_{GaAs} = 1.7 \times 10^6$$

$$n_i_{Ge} = 2.5 \times 10^{13}$$

RELATIVE MOBILITY (ABILITY TO MOVE THROUGH MATERIAL)

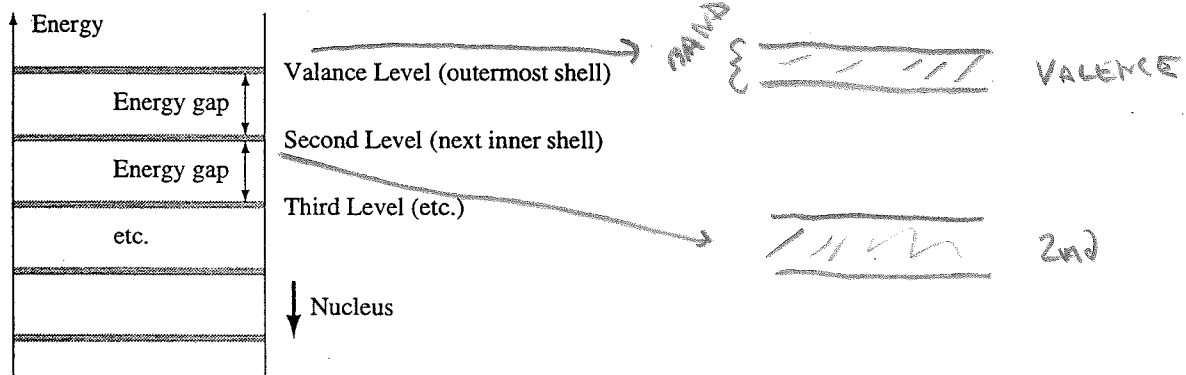
SPEED OF DEVICE INCREASES WITH ↑ μ<sub>n</sub>

Material	Relative Mobility (cm <sup>2</sup> /V-s)
Si	1500
Ge	3900
GaAs	8500

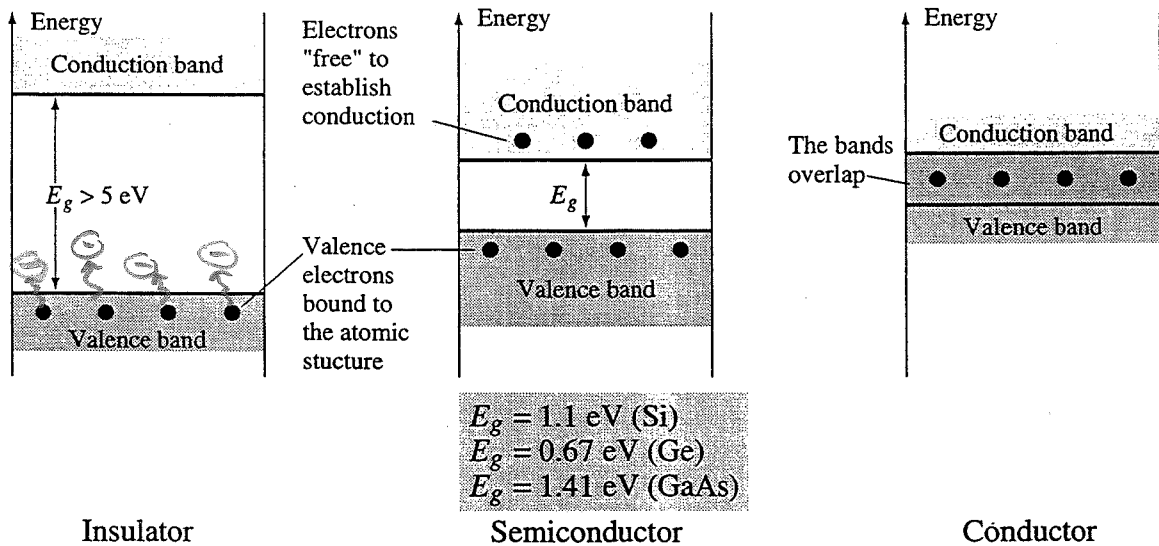
SEMICONDUCTOR HAS NEGATIVE TEMPERATURE COEFFICIENT  
CONDUCTORS HAVE POSITIVE " "

**Figure 1.6** ENERGY LEVELS: (A) DISCRETE LEVELS IN ISOLATED ATOMIC STRUCTURES; (B) CONDUCTION AND VALENCE BANDS OF AN INSULATOR, SEMICONDUCTOR, AND CONDUCTOR.

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(a)



(b)



eV - electron Volt

# 1.4 ENERGY LEVELS

eV - electron volts

ENERGY:  $W = QV$

charge of one electron

FOR ONE ELECTRON -

POTENTIAL DIFFERENCE OF 1V

$Q_{e^-} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$  Coulombs

$V = 1$  volt

$W = (1.6 \times 10^{-19})(1)$  Coulomb-volt

$= 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$  Joules

$\therefore 1 \text{ eV} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$

# 1.5 n-type & p-type materials

INTRINSIC MATERIAL

⇒ EXTRINSIC MATERIAL

↑ IMPURITY  
≈ 1 PART / 10 MILLION

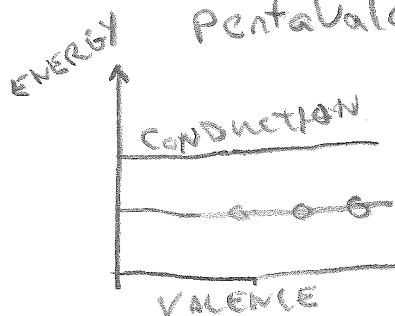
n-type

MORE  $e^-$

Pentavalent → antimony

arsenic

Phosphorous



p-type

DOPE W TRIVALENT ATOMS

BORON  
GALLIUM  
INDIUM

VACANCY  
IN LATTICE

WILL ACCEPT A  
FREE ELECTRON

HOLE

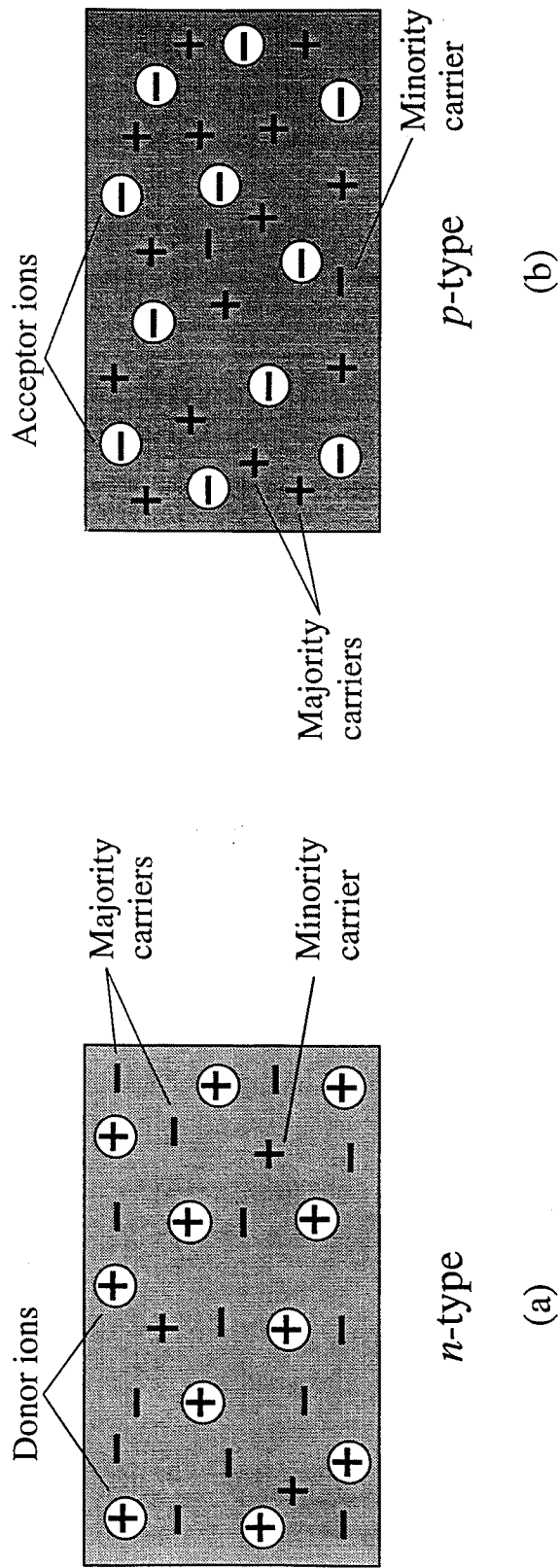
In Si,  $\approx 1 \text{ free } e^- / 10^{12} \text{ ATOMS}$

FOR 10 MILLION IMPURITY ATOMS)

RATIO =  $\frac{10^{12}}{10^7} = 10^5$

CARRIER CONC ↑  $\frac{100,000}{1}$

Figure 1.1.1 (A) N-TYPE MATERIAL; (B) P-TYPE MATERIAL.



1.5 cm/s

HOLES FLOW OPPOSITE OF ELECTRON FLOW  
(VACANCY) WITH SIGNIFICANT KE

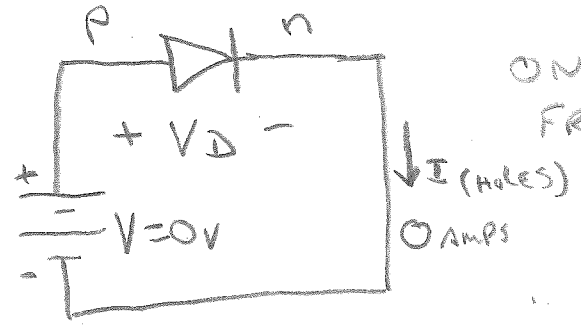
MAJORITY - MINORITY CARRIERS

n-type majority carrier =  $e^-$  [ADDED  $e^-$ ]  
minority = holes  $e^- > \text{holes}$

p-type MAJORITY CARRIER = holes [ADDED HOLES]  
MINORITY =  $e^-$  holes  $> e^-$

1.6 SEMICONDUCTOR DIODE

Join n-type with p-type material

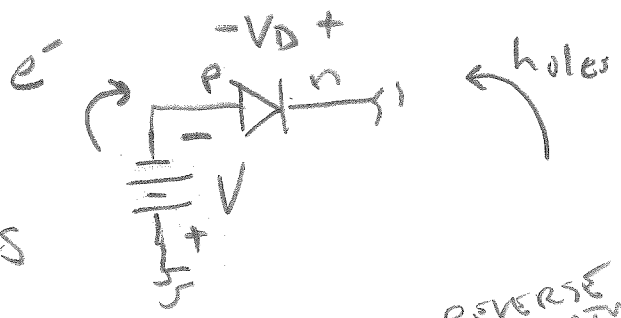


ONCE JOINED - JUNCTION  
FREE CARRIERS COMBINE  $\Rightarrow$   
DEPLETION REGION

REVERSE BIAS  $V_D < 0$

DEPLETION REGION WIDENS

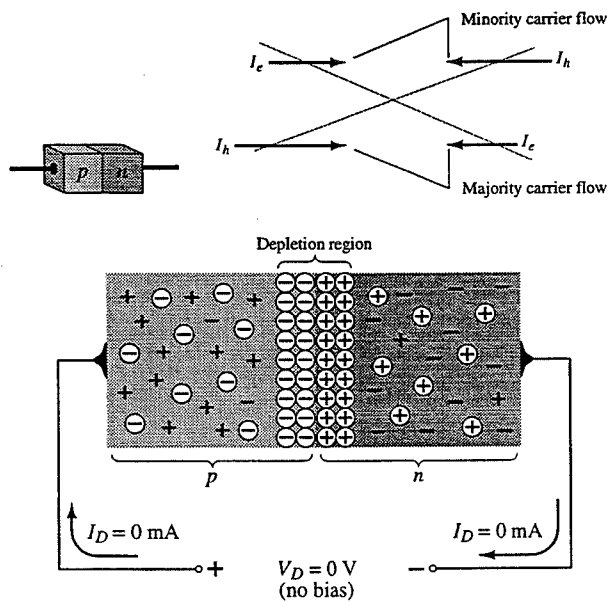
MAJORITY CARRIER FLOW  $\rightarrow 0$



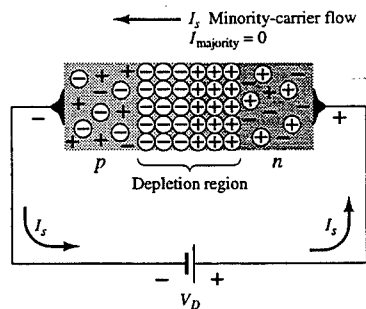
REVERSE SATURATION CURRENT  $I_S$

**Figure 1.12** P-N JUNCTION WITH NO EXTERNAL BIAS.

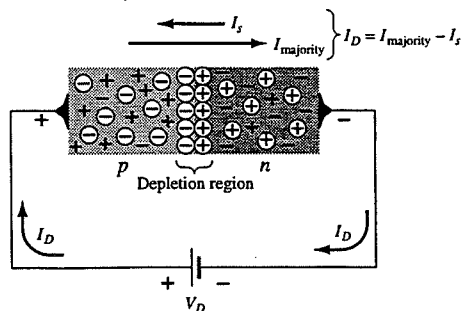
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**Figure 1.13** REVERSE-BIASED P-N JUNCTION.



**Figure 1.14** FORWARD-BIASED P-N JUNCTION.



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NEW BOOK

$I_D$   
-50 pA

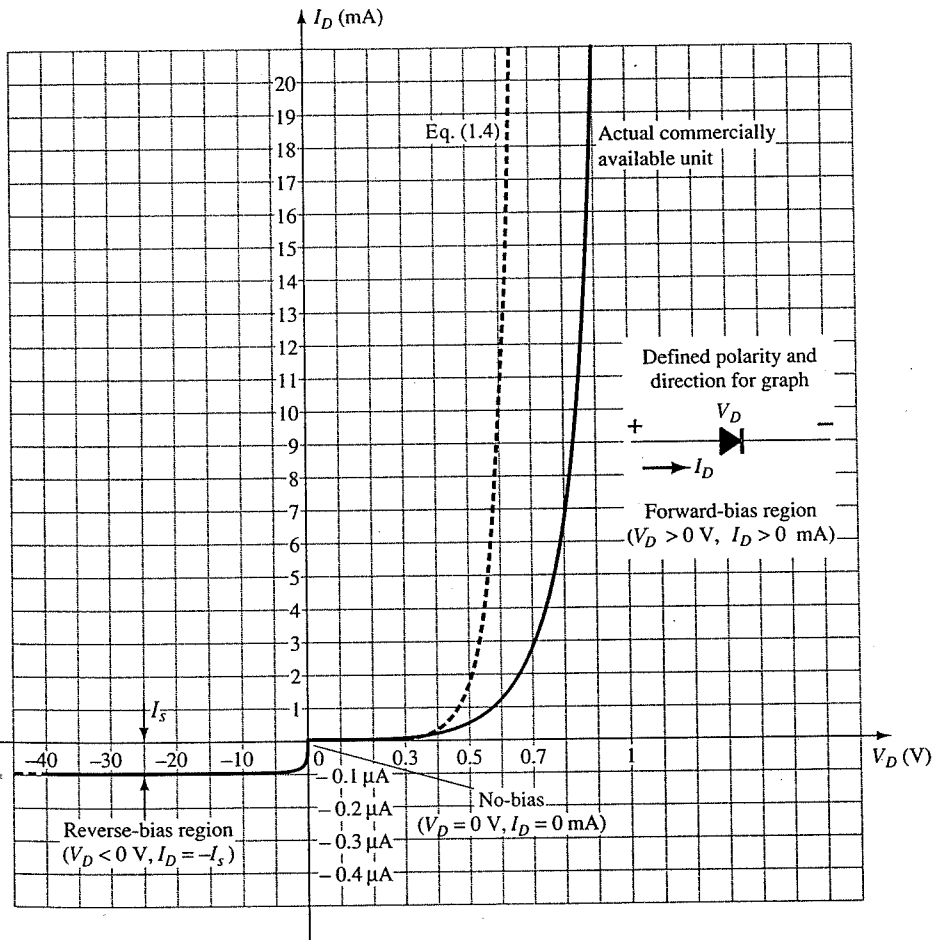
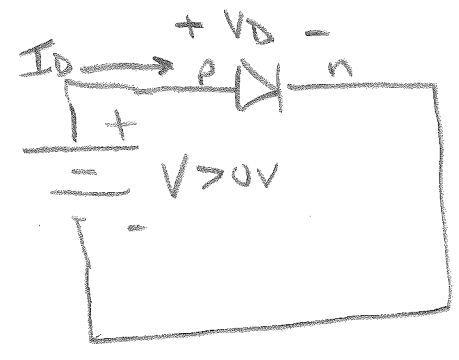


FIG 1.15



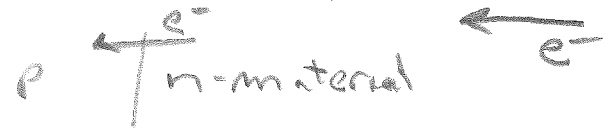
1.6 COND FORWARD BIAS ( $V_D > 0$ )



+V<sub>D</sub> PRESSURES e<sup>-</sup> - hole to combine

depletion region ↓

e<sup>-</sup> flow ↑ exponentially



SEE FIG 1.15 DIODE V-I

EQ 1.2  $I_D = I_S (e^{V_D/nV_T} - 1)$  AMPERES (A)

$V_T = \frac{kT_k}{q}$  Volts

I<sub>S</sub> = REVERSE SATURATION I

V<sub>D</sub> = APPLIED FWD BIAS V

n = IDEALITY FACTOR (1-2)

V<sub>T</sub> = THERMAL VOLTAGE

k = Boltzmann's constant  
1.38 × 10<sup>-23</sup> J/°K

T<sub>k</sub> = TEMP. IN KELVINS [273 + °C]

q = magnitude of electronic charge  
1.6 × 10<sup>-19</sup> C

EX 1.1 @ 27°C  $V_T = ? = \frac{kT_k}{q} = \frac{(1.38 \times 10^{-23} \frac{J}{°K})(273 + 27)°K}{1.6 \times 10^{-19} C}$

$V_T = 25.875 \text{ mV} \approx 26 \text{ mV}$

FIG 1.15

$$I_D \rightarrow \approx I_s e^{V_D/nV_T} \quad \text{for positive } V_D$$

$$[I_s e^x]$$

for  $V_D$  NEGATIVE

$$I_D \approx -I_s \quad (\text{exponential component small})$$

body resistance of diode and contact resistance shifts graph from ideal

- $I_s$  - leakage currents
- carrier generation in depletion region
  - higher doping levels
  - sensitivity to intrinsic level of carriers<sup>2</sup>
  - Junction area  $\propto$
  - T sensitivity

BREAKDOWN REGION

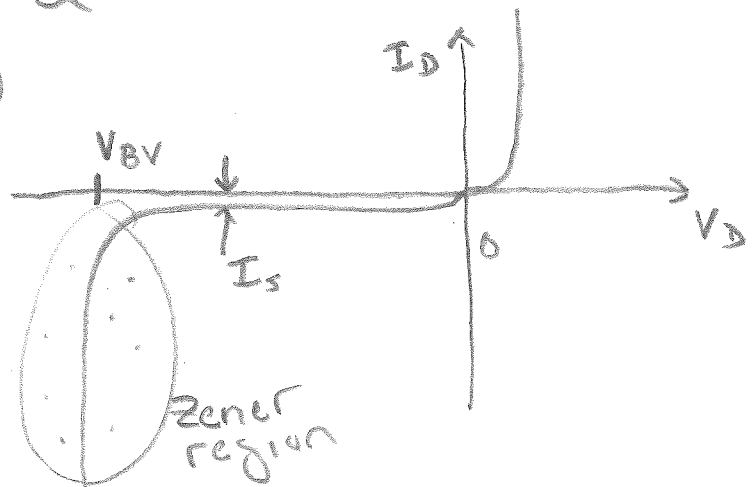
$V_{BV}$  BREAKDOWN POTENTIAL

$| -V_D | \uparrow$  vel. of minority carriers  $\uparrow$

$W_K = \frac{1}{2} m v^2 \uparrow$  releasing additional carriers by collisions

$\rightarrow$  IONIZATION PROCESS

VALENCE  $e^-$  leave  $\rightarrow$  avalanche  $I \rightarrow$  avalanche breakdown



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Increasing doping levels  $\downarrow V_{BV}$

strong electric field generated - disrupt bonding forces

Ge

$V_K = 0.3V$

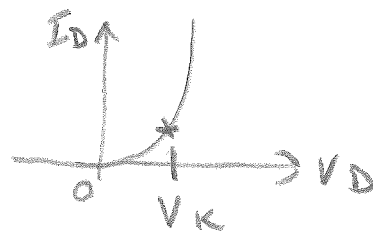
Si

$V_K = 0.7V$

GaAs

$V_K = 1.2V$

Knee voltage



EXAMPLE 1.2

From graph (fig 1.8)

TEMP EFFECTS

FWD BIAS CHARACTERISTICS

2.5 mV / °C

$20^\circ C \rightarrow 100^\circ C$  gives  $(100 - 20) \times (-2.5 mV) = -0.2V$

REVERSE BIAS

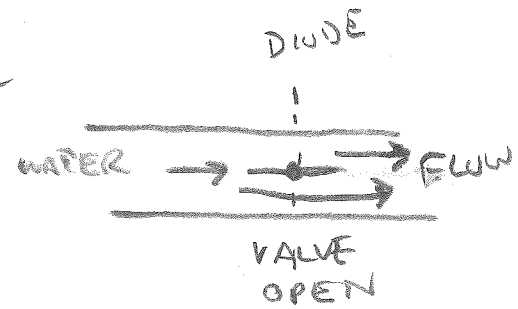
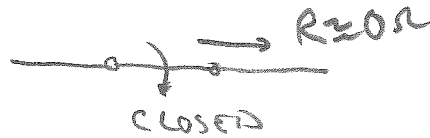
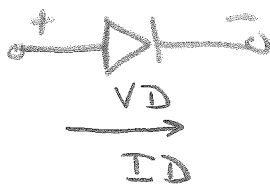
$+ \Delta 10^\circ C \rightarrow 2 \times I_S$

$20^\circ C \rightarrow 100^\circ C$  gives  $(I_S = 10 nA) \Rightarrow$  Doubles 8 times  
 $10 \rightarrow 20 \rightarrow 40 \rightarrow 80 \rightarrow 160 \rightarrow 320 \rightarrow$   
 $640 \rightarrow 1280 \rightarrow 2560 nA$   
 $= 2.56 \mu A$

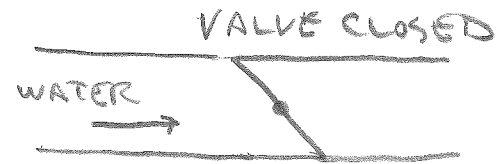
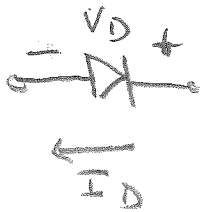
increase to  $20^\circ C \rightarrow 2.0 \mu A$

# 1.7 IDEAL V'S PRACTICAL

DIODE ACTS LIKE A SWITCH



FWD BIAS



REVERSE BIAS

# 1.8 Resistance Levels

Curve non-linear

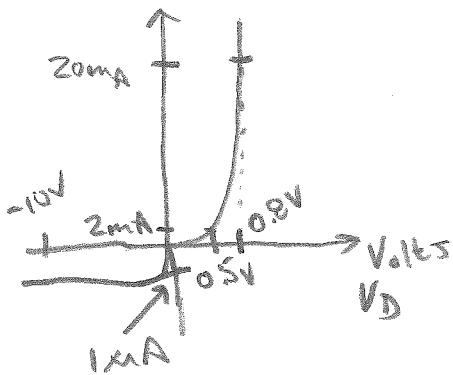
$R_D \uparrow$  as you approach the axis

$$R_D = \frac{V_D}{I_D}$$

as  $I_D \uparrow$   $R_D \downarrow$

10  $\Omega$  to 80  $\Omega$   
Typical Value

## EX 1.3



@ 2mA =  $I_D$ ,  $V_D = 0.5V$   $R_D = \frac{0.5}{2 \times 10^{-3}} = 250 \Omega$

@ 20mA =  $I_D$ ,  $V_D = 0.8V$   $R_D = \frac{0.8}{20 \times 10^{-3}} = 40 \Omega$

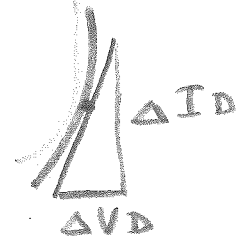
@ -10V,  $I_D = -1 \times 10^{-6} A$   $R_D = \frac{-10}{-10^{-6}} = 10 M\Omega$

# AC OR DYNAMIC RESISTANCE

$$R_D = \frac{V_D}{I_D} \Rightarrow \text{small values}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{\Delta V_D}{\Delta I_D} = r_d} \quad \text{Slope}$$

DRAW TANGENT LINE



DYNAMIC

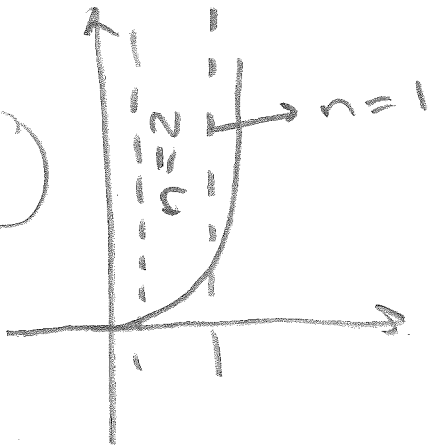
$$I_D = I_S (e^{V_D/nV_T} - 1)$$

$$\frac{dI_D}{dV_D} = I_S (e^{V_D/nV_T}) \frac{1}{nV_T} = (I_D - I_S) \frac{1}{nV_T}$$

Since  $I_D \gg I_S \Rightarrow \frac{dI_D}{dV_D} \approx \frac{I_D}{nV_T}$

$$\text{OR } \boxed{\frac{dV_D}{dI_D} = \frac{nV_T}{I_D}}$$

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using  $n=1$

$$\boxed{nV_T \approx 26\text{mV}} \\ \text{(27°C)} \\ \left[ V_T = \frac{kT_k}{q} \right]$$

and

$$\text{i.e. } \boxed{r_d \approx \frac{26\text{mV}}{I_D}}$$

for additional resistances (body)

$$R_b \approx 0.1\Omega \text{ to } 2\Omega$$

$$r_d' = r_d + r_b$$

$$\left. \frac{dV_D}{dI_D} \right|_{\text{FROM GRAPH } 25\text{mA}} = 2\Omega$$

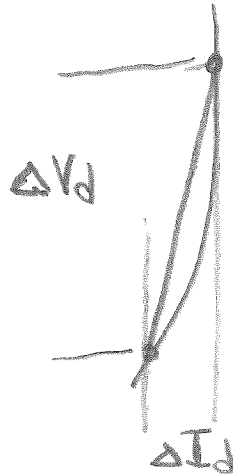
and  $r_d = \frac{26\text{mV}}{25\text{mA}} = 1.04\Omega$ , then

$$r_b \stackrel{\text{could be}}{=} \frac{\Delta V_D}{\Delta I_D} - r_d \approx 1\Omega$$

Book assumes  $r_B$  ignored - use  $r_D$  (AC Resistance)

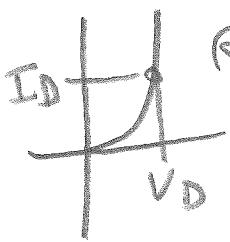
Average AC resistance

$$r_{av} = \left. \frac{\Delta V_D}{\Delta I_D} \right|_{\text{Point to Point}}$$



as  $I_D \downarrow$   $r_D \uparrow$

DC



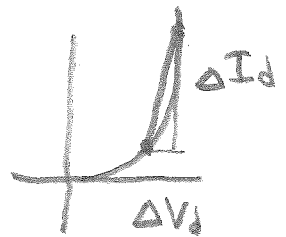
$$R_D = V_D / I_D$$

AC



$$r_D = \frac{\Delta V_D}{\Delta I_D} = \frac{26mV}{I_D}$$

AVG

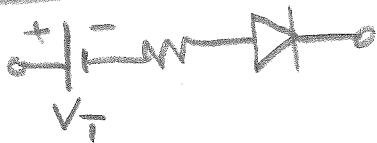


$$r_{av} = \left. \frac{\Delta V_D}{\Delta I_D} \right|_{\text{at } I_D \text{ pt}}$$

DIODE EQUIV CKT

SEE FIG 1.7

PIECEWISE



SIMPLIFIED



IDEAL



1.10

# Transition and Diffusion Capacitance

$$X_C = \frac{1}{2\pi f C} \rightarrow \text{Large for low } f \text{'s}$$

Very high freq's can't be ignored.

Reverse bias region - Transition (diffusion) Capacitance

(VARACTOR DIODE)  $C_T \downarrow$  as  $V_{rev} \uparrow$  ( $V_D$  becomes more negative)

$$C = \frac{\epsilon A}{d} \quad d \text{ is width of depletion region}$$

## Forward bias

$C \propto$  rate of charge injected into regions outside the depletion region

$\uparrow V_D \rightarrow \uparrow C_D$  also:  $\uparrow V_D \rightarrow \downarrow R_D$

$\therefore \tau = RC$  doesn't change much



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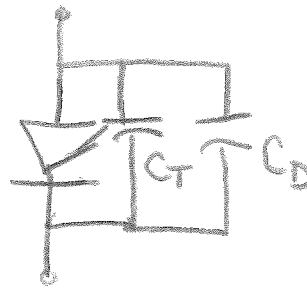
REV. BIAS →  $C_T = \frac{C(0)}{(1 + |V_R/V_K|)^n}$

$C(0) =$  no bias

$V_R =$  REVERSE BIAS

$n = 1/2$  OR  $1/3$   
(MANUF. PROCESS)

FWD BIAS →  $C_D = \left(\frac{\tau_r}{V_K}\right) I_D$



$\tau_r =$  MINORITY CARRIER LIFETIME

$C_D =$  DIFFUSION C



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# REVERSE RECOVERY TIME

$t_{rr}$

Forward bias { large # holes  $\rightarrow$  n material  
 REQUIREMENT FOR CONDUCTION { large # electrons  $\rightarrow$  p-material

ESTABLISH LARGE # OF MINORITY CARRIERS<sup>N</sup> EACH MAT'L

FWD  $\rightarrow$  REVERSE TRANSITION

TAKES TIME FOR THESE MINORITY CARRIERS

TO RETURN TO MAJORITY CARRIER STATE

ON OTHER SIDE OF DEPLETION REGION,  
 SO DIODE I CONTINUES FOR A PERIOD OF TIME.

$t_s =$  STORAGE TIME (MINORITY  $\rightarrow$  MAJORITY)  
 $I_{reverse}$

$t_r =$  transition interval

$t_r \approx t_s + t_r$

$t_{rr} \approx 2ns \rightarrow 1ns$

Switching diodes few hundred picoseconds

$(10^{-12} s)$

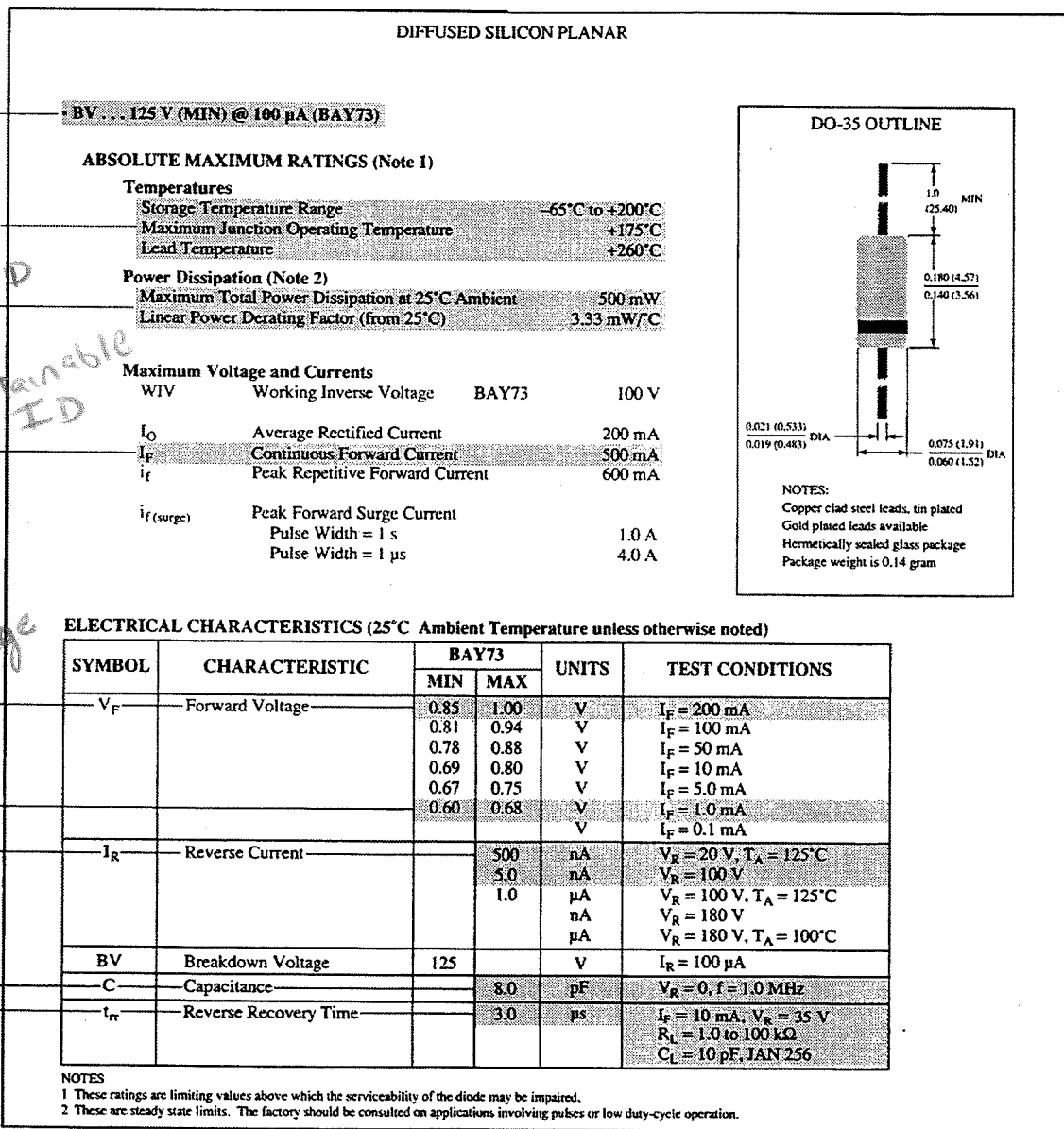
$$P_{D_{MAX}} = V_D I_D$$

$$P_{DISSSIPATED} = (0.7V) I_D$$

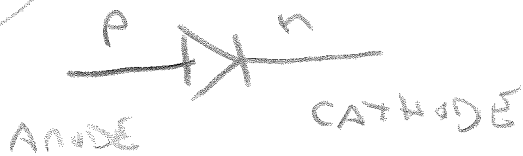
**Figure 1.36** ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF A HIGH-VOLTAGE, LOW-LEAKAGE DIODE.

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MAX REV BIAS V  
 $T_{OPES}$   
 $P_D = V_D I_D$   
 MAX SUSTAINABLE  $I_D$

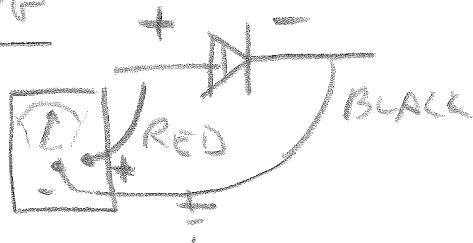


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DIODE TESTING



CURVE TRACER

1.15 ZENER DIODE

$\pm 20\%$  variation

$I_{zT}$  (1/4 POWER LEVEL)  
 $P_{zMAX} = 4 I_{zT} V_z$

$$T_c = \frac{\Delta V_z}{V_z} \frac{1}{(T_1 - T_0)} \times 100\% \text{ (%/}^\circ\text{C)}$$

$T_c$  = Temp coef.  
 $T_0$  = Room T (25°C)  
 $T_1$  = NEW T  
 $V_z$  = NOMINAL @ 25°C

EX 1.5

TABLE 1.8

$V_z = 10V$      $I_{zT} = 12.5mA$   
 $T = 25^\circ C$      $T_z = \pm 0.072\%/^\circ C$

IF  $T \uparrow 100^\circ C$      $\Delta V_z = \frac{T_z V_z}{100\%} (T_1 - T_2) = \frac{0.072\%/^\circ C}{100\%} (100 - 25)^\circ C$

$\Delta V_z = 0.54V$

$V_z' = V_z + \Delta V_z = (10 + 0.54)V = 10.54V$

FIG 1.48 DYNAMIC R ↓ WITH ↑  $I_z$

# 1.16 LED

VISIBLE

INFRARED

Si, Ge → energy of recombination mostly heating

TABLE 1.9

COLOR	MAT'L	FWD V	
Amber	Al In Ga P	2.1V	610nm
Blue	GaN	5.0V	480nm
GREEN	GaP	2.2V	550nm
ORANGE	Ga As P	2.0V	630nm
RED	Ga As P	1.8V	654nm
White	GaN	4.1V	
YELLOW	Al In Ga P	2.1V	620 nm

VISIBLE LIGHT 400 - 750 THz

INFRARED 100 - 400 THz

$$\lambda = \frac{c}{f} \text{ (meters)}$$

$$c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

$$f = \text{freq. in Hz}$$

$$\lambda = \text{wavelength (meters)}$$

## EX 1.6 RANGE OF VISIBLE LIGHT (in nm)

$$1 \text{ nm} = 10^{-9} \text{ m} \quad c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s} \times 10^{+9} \frac{\text{nm}}{\text{m}} = 3 \times 10^{17} \text{ nm/s}$$

$$\lambda_{400 \text{ THz}} = \frac{3 \times 10^{17} \text{ nm/s}}{400 \times 10^{12} \text{ Hz}} = \boxed{750 \text{ nm}}$$

$$\lambda_{750 \text{ THz}} = \frac{3 \times 10^{17} \text{ nm/s}}{750 \times 10^{12} \text{ Hz}} = \boxed{400 \text{ nm}}$$

$$\boxed{\text{\AA} = 10^{-10} \text{ m}}$$

$$\text{GaAs} \quad E_g = 1.43 \text{ eV}$$

$$\text{Si} \quad E_g = 1.1 \text{ eV}$$

$$E_g = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$$

$h = \text{Planck's constant} = 6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}$

$$c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

$\lambda$  in meters

$$E_g \text{ in Joules} \rightarrow 1 \text{ eV} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

For  $E_g = 1.43 \text{ eV}$

$$\lambda = \frac{hc}{E_g} = \frac{(6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s})(3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})}{1.43 \text{ eV} (1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J/eV})}$$

$$= 8.69 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m} = \boxed{869 \text{ nm}}$$

$$E_{g_{\text{Si}}} = 1.1 \text{ eV}$$

$$\lambda_{\text{Si}} = 1130 \text{ nm}$$

$$E_{g_{\text{GaAsP}}} = 1.9 \text{ eV}$$

$$\lambda_{\text{GaAsP}} = 654 \text{ nm}$$

infrared

red zone

TYPICAL RED LED  
Characteristics

FIG 1.52

Reverse Breakdown 3-5V

I typically 20mA

V 2-5V

FIG 1.54 7 segment display