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# *Diode Review*

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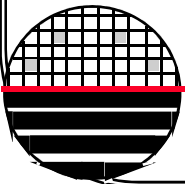
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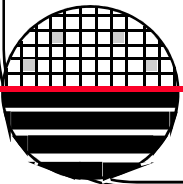
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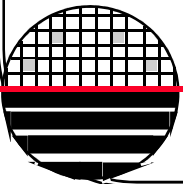


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### CONSTANTS

Electronic charge	$q$	$1.602 \text{ E } -19 \text{ Coulomb}$
Speed of light in vacuum	$c$	$2.998\text{E}8 \text{ m/s}$
Permittivity of vacuum	$\epsilon_0$	$8.854 \text{ E } -14 \text{ F/cm}$
Free electron Mass	$m_0$	$9.11\text{E}-31 \text{ Kg}$
Planck constant	$h$	$6.625\text{E}-34 \text{ J s}$
Boltzmann constant	$k$	$1.38 \text{ E}-23 \text{ J } / ^\circ\text{K} = 8.625\text{E}-5 \text{ eV}/^\circ\text{K}$
Avogadro's number	$A_0$	$6.022\text{E}23 \text{ molecules/gm- mole}$
Thermal voltage	$kT/q$	@ $300 \text{ }^\circ\text{K} = 0.02586$

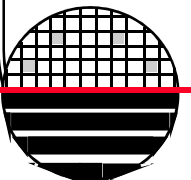
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## PERIODIC TABLE OF THE ELEMENTS

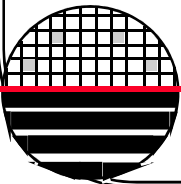
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3 6.941 <b>Li</b> 0.53 Lithium	4 9.01218 <b>Be</b> 1.85 Beryllium	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: left;"> <p>Atomic Number</p> <p>Density g/cm<sup>3</sup></p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>14    20.086</p> <p><b>Si</b></p> <p>2.33 Silicon</p> </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> <p>Atomic Weight</p> <p>Symbol</p> <p>Name</p> </div> </div>																5 10.81 <b>B</b> 2.34 Boron	6 12.011 <b>C</b> 2.62 Carbon	7 14.0067 <b>N</b> 1.251 Nitrogen	8 15.9994 <b>O</b> 1.429 Oxygen	9 18.9984 <b>F</b> 1.696 Fluorine	10 20.179 <b>Ne</b> 0.901 Neon	11 22.9898 <b>Na</b> 0.97 Sodium	12 24.305 <b>Mg</b> 1.74 Magnesium	13 26.9815 <b>Al</b> 2.70 Aluminum	14 20.086 <b>Si</b> 2.33 Silicon	15 30.97376 <b>P</b> 1.82 Phosphorous	16 32.06 <b>S</b> 2.07 Sulfur	17 35.453 <b>Cl</b> 3.17 Chlorine	18 39.948 <b>Ar</b> 1.784 Argon	19 39.0983 <b>K</b> 0.86 Potassium	20 40.08 <b>Ca</b> 1.55 Calcium	21 44.9559 <b>Sc</b> 3.0 Scandium	22 47.90 <b>Ti</b> 4.50 Titanium	23 50.941 <b>V</b> 5.8 Vanadium	24 51.996 <b>Cr</b> 7.19 Chromium	25 54.938 <b>Mn</b> 7.43 Manganese	26 55.847 <b>Fe</b> 7.86 Iron	27 58.9332 <b>Co</b> 8.90 Cobalt	28 58.70 <b>Ni</b> 8.90 Nickel	29 63.546 <b>Cu</b> 8.96 Copper	30 65.238 <b>Zn</b> 7.14 Zinc	31 69.72 <b>Ga</b> 5.98 Gallium	32 72.59 <b>Ge</b> 5.32 Germanium	33 74.9216 <b>As</b> 5.72 Arsenic	34 78.96 <b>Se</b> 4.80 Selenium	35 79.904 <b>Br</b> 3.12 Bromine	36 83.80 <b>Kr</b> 3.74 Krypton
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## MATERIAL PROPERTIES

	Symbol	Units	Si	Ge	GaAs	GaP	SiO <sub>2</sub>	Si <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>
Atoms per unit cell			8	8	8	8		
Atomic Number	Z		14	32	31/33	31/15	14/8	14/7
Atomic weight	MW	g/g-mole	28.09	72.59	144.64	100.70	60.08	140.28
Lattice constant	ao	nm	0.54307	0.56575	0.56532	0.54505		0.775
Atomic density	No	cm <sup>-3</sup>	5.00E22	4.42E22	2.21E22	2.47E22	2.20E22	1.48E22
Density	d	g cm <sup>-3</sup>	2.328	5.323	5.316	4.13	2.19	3.44
Energy Gap 300°K	Eg	eV	1.124	0.67	1.42	2.24	8~9	4.7
Relative permittivity	εr		11.7	16.0	13.1	10.2	3.9	7.5
Index of refraction	n		3.44	3.97	3.3	3.3	1.46	2.0
Melting point	Tm	°C	1412	937	1237	1467	1700	
Specific heat	Cp	J (gK) <sup>-1</sup>	0.70	0.32	0.35		1.4	0.17
Thermal diffusivity	K	w(cmK) <sup>-1</sup>	0.87	0.36	0.44	0.004	0.32	
Coefficient expansion	Dth	K <sup>-1</sup>	2.5E-6	5.7E-6	5.9E-6	5.3E-6	5E-6	2.8E-6
Intrinsic carrier conc	ni	cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.45E10	2.4E13	9.0E6			
Electron Mobility	μn	cm <sup>2</sup> /Vs	1417	3900	8800	300	20	
Hole Mobility	μp	cm <sup>2</sup> /Vs	471	1900	400	100	10E-8	
Density of States conduction	Nc	cm <sup>-3</sup>	2.8E19	1.04E19	4.7E17			
Density of States valance	Nv	cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.04E19	6.0E18	7.0E18			
Breakdown Electric Field	E	V/cm	3E5	8E4	3.5E5		6~9E6	
Effective mass electron	mn*/mo		1.08	0.55	0.068	0.5		
Effective mass hole	mp*/mo		0.81	0.3	0.5	0.5		
Electron affinity	qX	eV	4.05	4.00	4.07	4.3	1.0	



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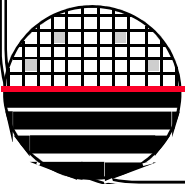
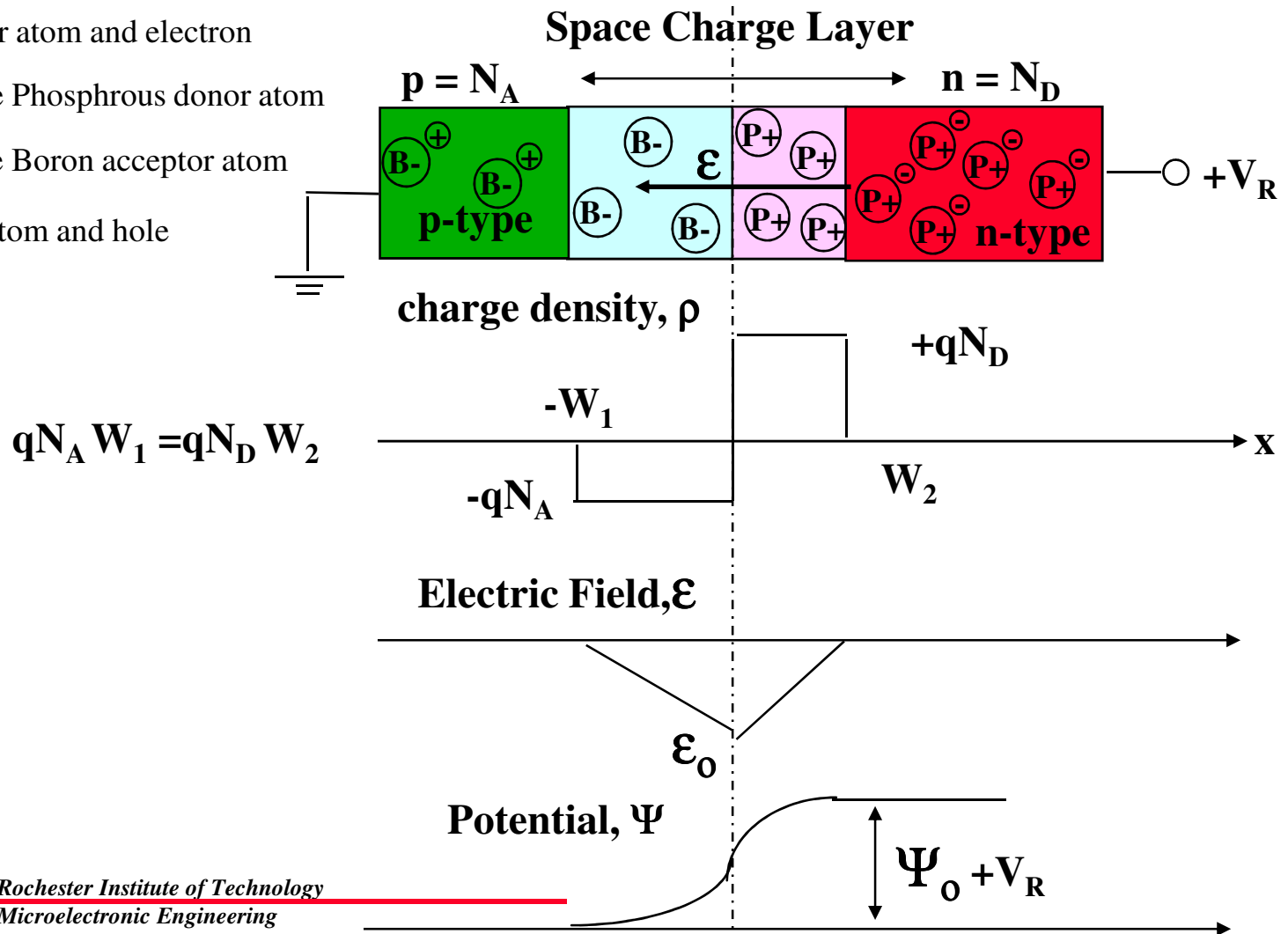
## UNIFORMLY DOPED PN JUNCTION

$(P+)^{\ominus}$  Phosphorous donor atom and electron

$(P+)$  Ionized Immobile Phosphorous donor atom

$(B-)$  Ionized Immobile Boron acceptor atom

$(B-)^{\oplus}$  Boron acceptor atom and hole



# ***UNIFORMLY DOPED pn JUNCTION***

**From Physical Fundamentals:**

**Potential Barrier - Carrier Concentration:**  $\Psi_0 = \frac{KT}{q} \ln (N_A N_D / ni^2)$

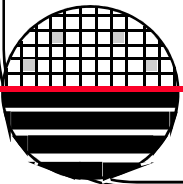
**From Electric and Magnetic Fields :**

**Gauss's Law, Maxwells 1st eqn:**  $\rho = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D}$

**Relationship between electric flux  $\mathbf{D}$  and electric field  $\mathbf{E}$  :**  $\mathbf{D} = \epsilon \mathbf{E}$

**Poisson's Equation:**  $\nabla^2 \Psi_0 = -\rho / \epsilon$

**Definition of Electric Field:**  $\mathbf{E} = -\nabla v$



### $\Psi_o$ FROM PHYSICS (FERMI STATISTICS)

$$q(V_{bi}) = (E_i - E_f)_{p\text{-side}} + (E_f - E_i)_{n\text{-side}}$$

$$p = n_i e^{(E_i - E_f)/KT/q}$$

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

$$\ln(p/n_i) = \ln e^{(E_i - E_f)/KT/q}$$

$$\ln(n/n_i) = \ln e^{(E_f - E_i)/KT/q}$$

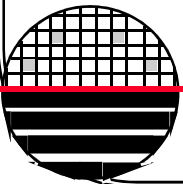
$$KT/q \ln(p/n_i) = (E_i - E_f)_{p\text{-side}}$$

$$KT/q \ln(n/n_i) = (E_f - E_i)_{n\text{-side}}$$

$$\Psi_o = KT/q \ln(N_A N_D / n_i^2)$$

$$n_i = 1.45E10 \text{ cm}^{-3} \text{ for silicon}$$

Where  $N_A \approx p$  in p-type silicon and  $N_D \approx n$  in n-type silicon





# UNIFORMLY DOPED PN JUNCTION

**Built in Voltage:**  $\Psi_0 = KT/q \ln (N_A N_D / n_i^2)$

$$n_i = 1.45E10 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

**Width of Space Charge Layer, W:** with reverse bias of  $V_R$  volts

$$W = (W_1 + W_2) = [ (2\epsilon / q) (\Psi_0 + V_R) (1/N_A + 1/N_D) ]^{1/2}$$

$W_1$  width on p-side

$W_2$  width on n-side

$$W_1 = W [N_D / (N_A + N_D)]$$

$$W_2 = W [N_A / (N_A + N_D)]$$

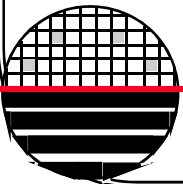
**Maximum Electric Field:**

$$E_0 = - [(2q/\epsilon) (\Psi_0 + V_R) (N_A N_D / (N_A + N_D))]^{1/2}$$

**Junction Capacitance per unit area:**

$$C_j' = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r / W = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r / [ (2\epsilon / q) (\Psi_0 + V_R) (1/N_A + 1/N_D) ]^{1/2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon &= \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r = 8.85E^{-12} \text{ (11.7) F/m} \\ &= 8.85E^{-14} \text{ (11.7) F/cm} \end{aligned}$$



### EXAMPLE

**Example:** If the doping concentrations are  $N_A=1E15$  and  $N_D=3E15$   $\text{cm}^{-3}$  and the reverse bias voltage is 0, then find the built in voltage, width of the space charge layer, width on the n-side, width on the p-side, electric field maximum and junction capacitance. Repeat for reverse bias of 10, 40, and 100 volts.

$$\Psi_0 = V_{bi} = \frac{KT}{q} \ln \left( \frac{N_A N_D}{n_i^2} \right) =$$

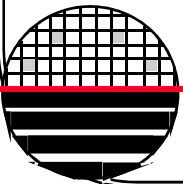
$$W = (W_1 + W_2) = \left[ \frac{2\epsilon}{q} (\Psi_0 + V_R) \left( \frac{1}{N_A} + \frac{1}{N_D} \right) \right]^{1/2} =$$

$$W_1 =$$

$$W_2 =$$

$$E_{max} =$$

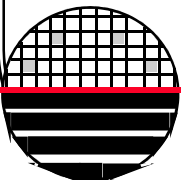
$$C_j =$$



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## EXAMPLE CALCULATIONS

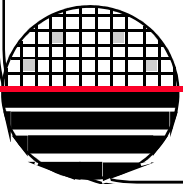
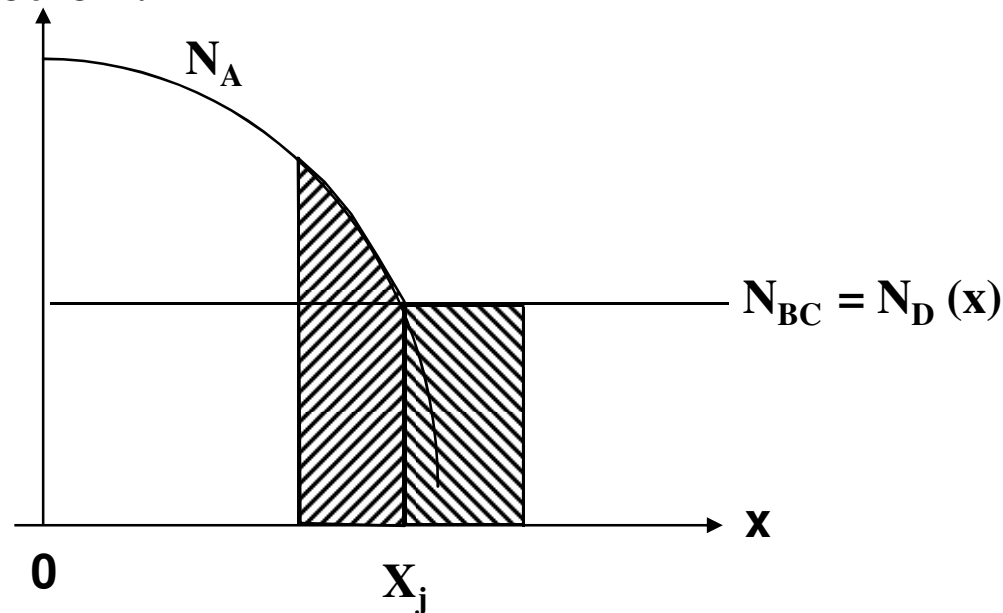
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29	Cj' = eoer/W							<input type="text" value="7.21E-09"/>		F/cm <sup>2</sup>	



### *REAL JUNCTION*

**Real pn junctions:** The uniformly doped abrupt junction is rarely obtained in integrated circuit devices. (epi layer growth is close).

**Diffused pn junction:**

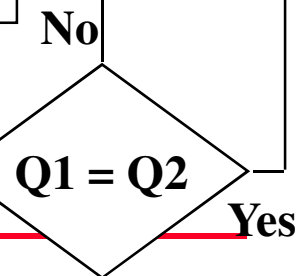


## REAL pn JUNCTION

Given,  $X_j$ ,  $N_A(X)$ ,  $N_D(X)$

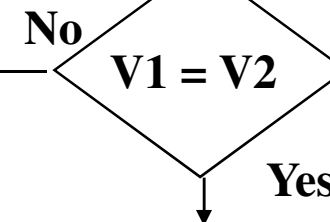
Pick an  $X_1$  to the left of  $X_j$ .  
Calculate the total charge per unit area in the region between  $X_1$  and  $X_j$ . This charge is  $Q_1$ .

Pick an  $X_2$  to the right of  $X_j$ .  
Calculate the total charge per unit area in the region between  $X_2$  and  $X_j$ . This charge is  $Q_2$ .

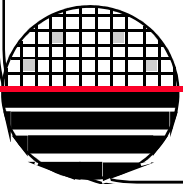


Calculate potential  $V_1$  from physical fundamentals:  
 $V_1 = \frac{KT}{q} \ln \left( \frac{N_A N_D}{n_i^2} \right) + V_R$

Calculate potential  $V_2$  from E & M fields fundamentals:  
 $\nabla^2 \Psi_0 = -\rho / \epsilon$



Calculate  $W_1 = X_1$ ,  $W_2 = X_2$   
 $W = W_1 + W_2$ ,  $C_j$ , other



### REAL, UNIFORM DOPED, SINGLE SIDED DIODES

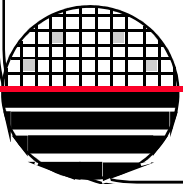
**Example:** assume that the heavily doped side of a pn junction is doped at  $1E20$ , calculate the doping necessary on the lightly doped side such that the space charge layer is  $\sim 0.1 \mu\text{m}$ . With 5 volts reverse bias.

$$\Psi_0 = \frac{KT}{q} \ln \left( \frac{N_A N_D}{n_i^2} \right) \quad \text{guess } \sim 0.9 \text{ volts}$$

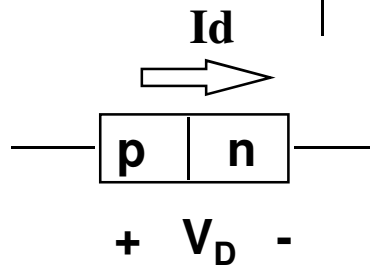
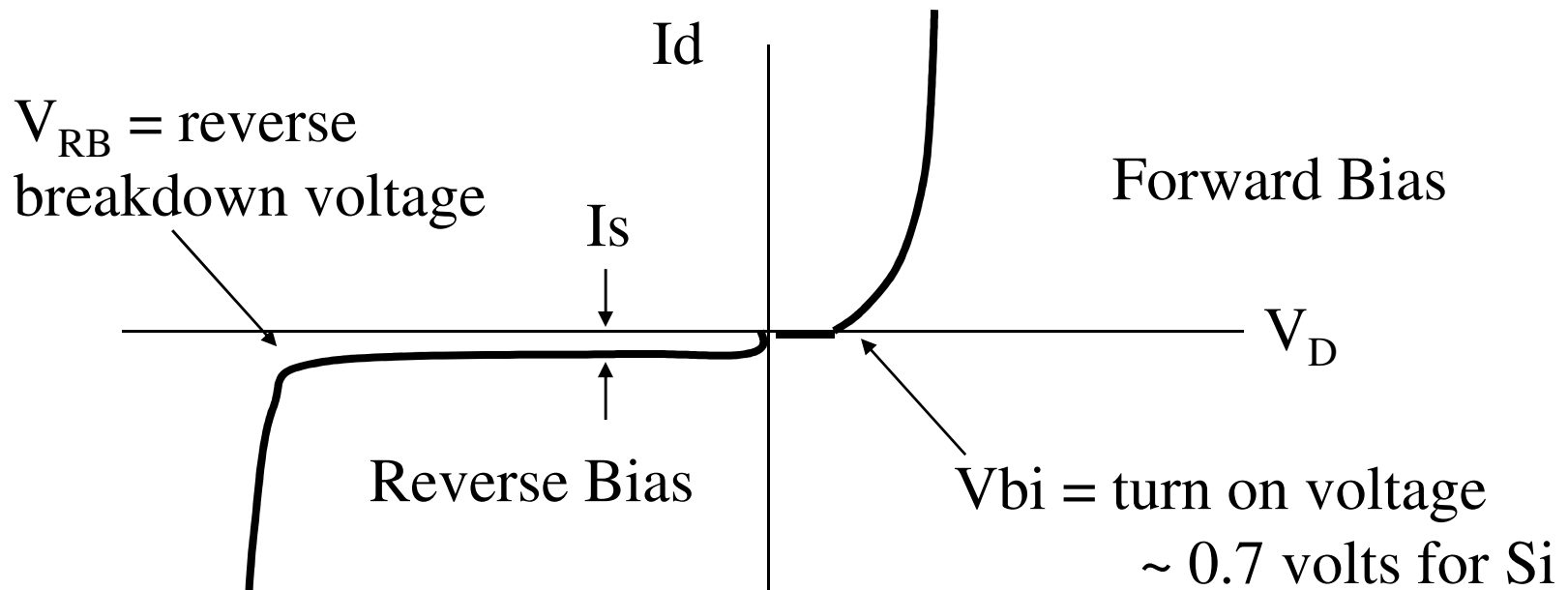
$$W = (W_1 + W_2) = \left[ \frac{2\epsilon}{q} (\Psi_0 + V_R) \left( \frac{1}{N_A} + \frac{1}{N_D} \right) \right]^{1/2} = 0.1 \mu\text{m} = 0.1E-4 \text{ cm}$$

$\swarrow$   $\searrow$   
 5.9V                      0

$$N = \frac{2 (11.7)(8.85E-14)5.9}{(1.6E-19)(0.1E-4)^2} = 7.6E17 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$



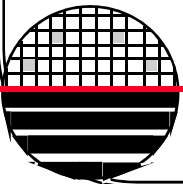
**CURRENTS IN PN JUNCTIONS**



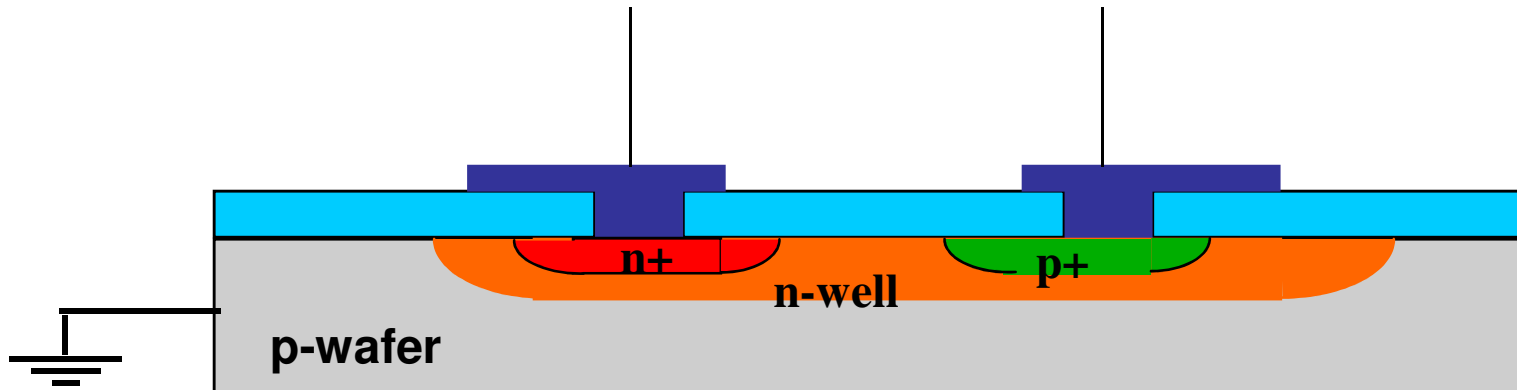
**Ideal diode equation**

$$I_d = I_s [\text{EXP} (q V_D / K T) - 1]$$

$$I_s = qA (D_p / (L_p N_d) + D_n / (L_n N_a)) n_i^2$$

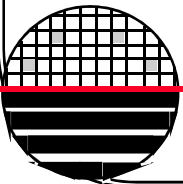


## INTEGRATED DIODES



p+ means heavily doped p-type  
n+ means heavily doped n-type  
n-well is an n-region at slightly higher doping than the p-wafer

Note: there are actually two pn junctions, the well-wafer pn junction should always be reverse biased





# Diode Review

## REAL DIODES

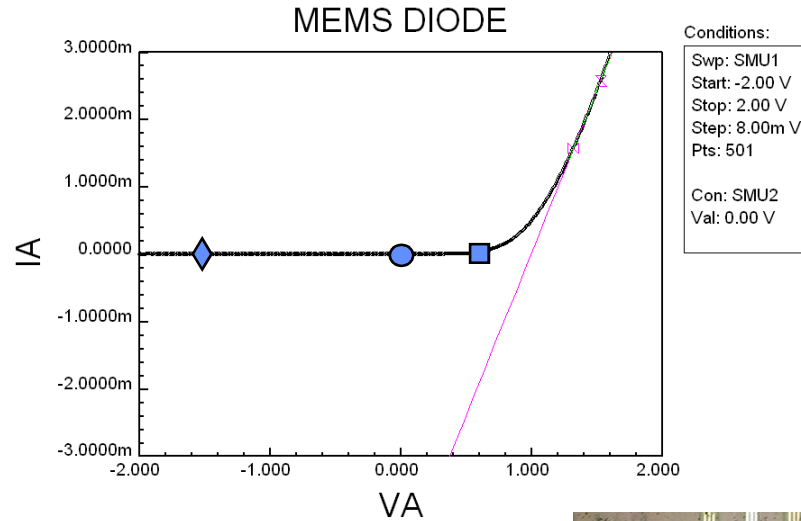
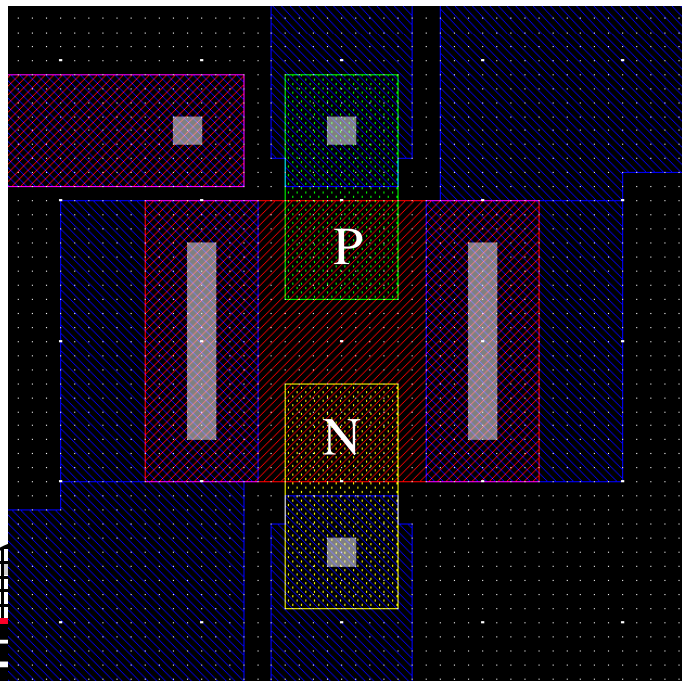
Series Resistance =  $1/4.82\text{m} = 207$

Junction Capacitance  $\sim 2$  pF

$I_s = 3.02\text{E-}9$  amps

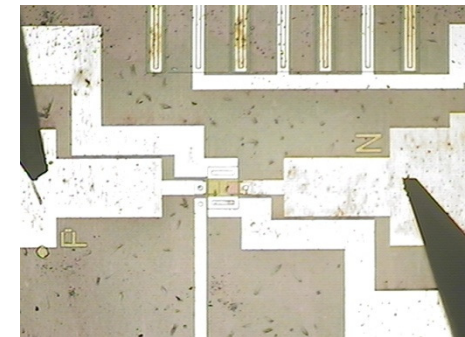
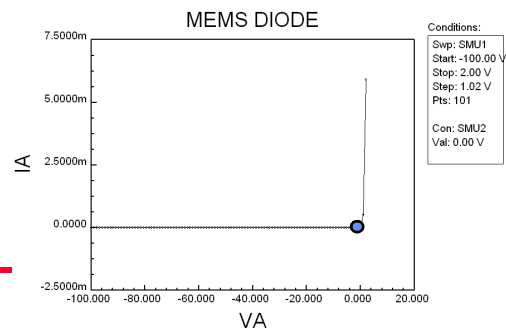
$BV = > 100$  volts

Size  $80\mu \times 160\mu$



Fit #1:	Fit #2:	Cursors: X	Y
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Slp: 4.82m	****	◇ -1.52	-3.02n
Yint: -4.79m	****	○ 0.00	0.38n
Xint: 0.99	***	⊗ 1.53	2.57m
		⊗ 1.32	1.57m
		△	

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### *DIODE SPICE MODEL*

Model Parameter	Default Value	MEMS Diode Extracted Value
Is reverse saturation current	1e-14 A	3.02E-9 A
N emission coefficient	1	1
RS series resistance	0	207 ohms
VJ built-in voltage	1 V	0.6
CJ0 zero bias junction capacitance	0	2pF
M grading coefficient	0.5	0.5
BV Breakdown voltage	infinite	400
IBV Reverse current at breakdown	1E-10 A	-

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DXXX N(anode) N(cathode) Modelname  
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.model RITMEMS D IS=3.02E-9 N=1 RS=207  
+VJ=0.6 CJ0=2e-12 M=0.5 BV=400
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### DIODE TEMPERATURE DEPENDENCE

$$I_d = I_s [\text{EXP} (q V_D/KT) - 1]$$

Neglect the  $-1$  in forward bias, Solve for  $V_D$

$$V_D = (KT/q) \ln (I_d/I_s) = (KT/q) (\ln(I_d) - \ln(I_s)) \quad \text{eq 1}$$

Take  $dV_D/dT$ : note  $I_d$  is not a function of  $T$  but  $I_s$  is

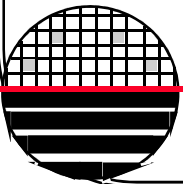
$$dV_D/dT = (KT/q) \left( \underbrace{d \ln(I_d)/dT}_{\text{zero}} - d \ln(I_s)/dT \right) + K/q \left( \underbrace{\ln(I_d) - \ln(I_s)}_{V_D/T \text{ from eq 1}} \right)$$

Rewritten

$$dV_D/dT = V_D/T - (KT/q) \left( (1/I_s) dI_s/dT \right) \quad \text{eq 2}$$

Now evaluate the second term, recall

$$I_s = qA \left( D_p/(L_p N_d) + D_n/(L_n N_a) \right) n_i^2$$



### DIODE TEMPERATURE DEPENDENCE

and 
$$n_i^2(T) = A T^3 e^{-qE_g/KT}$$

This gives the temperature dependence of  $I_s$

$$I_s = C T^2 e^{-qE_g/KT} \quad \text{eq 3}$$

Now take the natural log

$$\ln I_s = \ln (C T^2 e^{-qE_g/KT})$$

Take derivative with respect to  $T$

$$(1/I_s) d(I_s)/dT = d[\ln(C T^2 e^{-qE_g/KT})]/dT = (1/I_s) d(CT^2 e^{-qE_g/KT})/dT$$

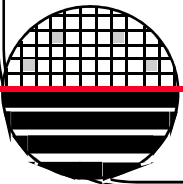
$$= (1/I_s) [CT^2 e^{-qE_g/KT}(qE_g/KT^2) + (Ce^{-qE_g/KT})2T]$$

$$= (1/I_s) [I_s(qE_g/KT^2) + (2I_s/T)]$$

Back to eq 2

$$dV_D/dT = V_D/T - (KT/q) [(qE_g/KT^2) + (2/T)]$$

$$dV_D/dT = V_D/T - E_g/T - 2K/q$$

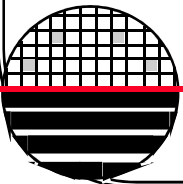
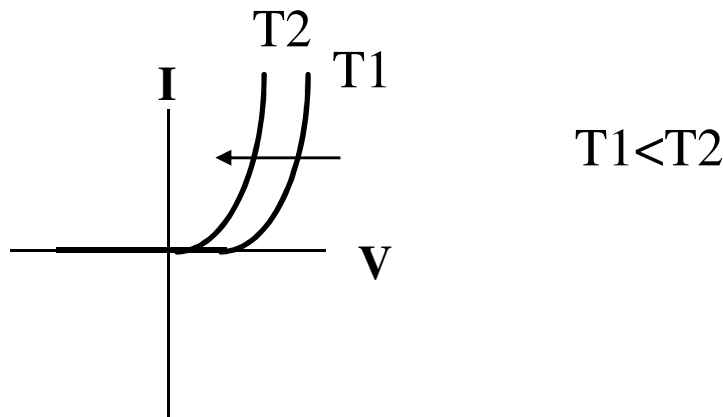


### ***EXAMPLE: DIODE TEMPERATURE DEPENDENCE***

$$dV_D/dT = V_D/T - E_g/T - 2K/q$$

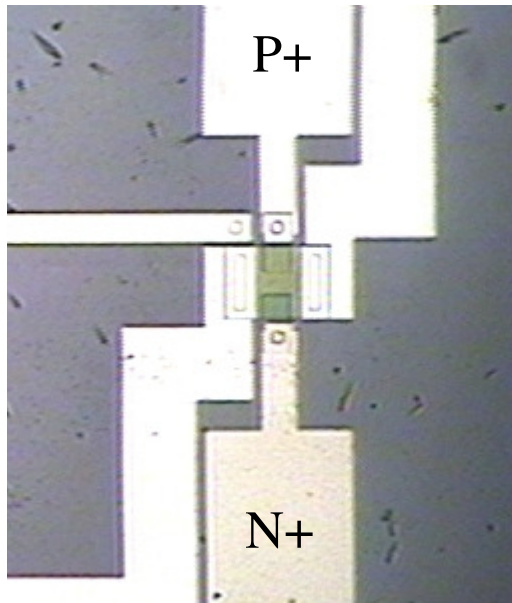
Silicon with  $E_g \sim 1.2 \text{ eV}$ ,  $V_D = 0.6 \text{ volts}$ ,  $T=300 \text{ }^\circ\text{K}$

$$\begin{aligned} dV_D/dT &= .6/300 - 1.2/300 - (2(1.38\text{E-}23)/1.6\text{E-}19) \\ &= -2.2 \text{ mV/}^\circ \end{aligned}$$

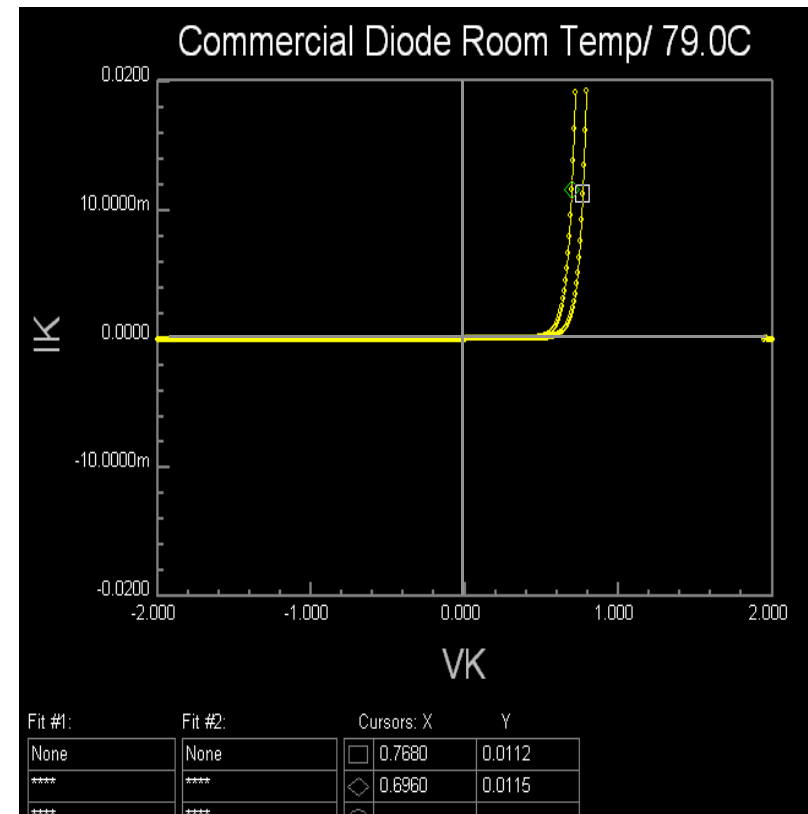


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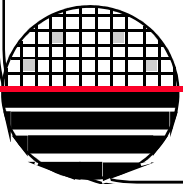
## EXPERIMENTAL DATA



Poly Heater, Buried pn Diode,  
N+ Poly to Aluminum Thermocouple



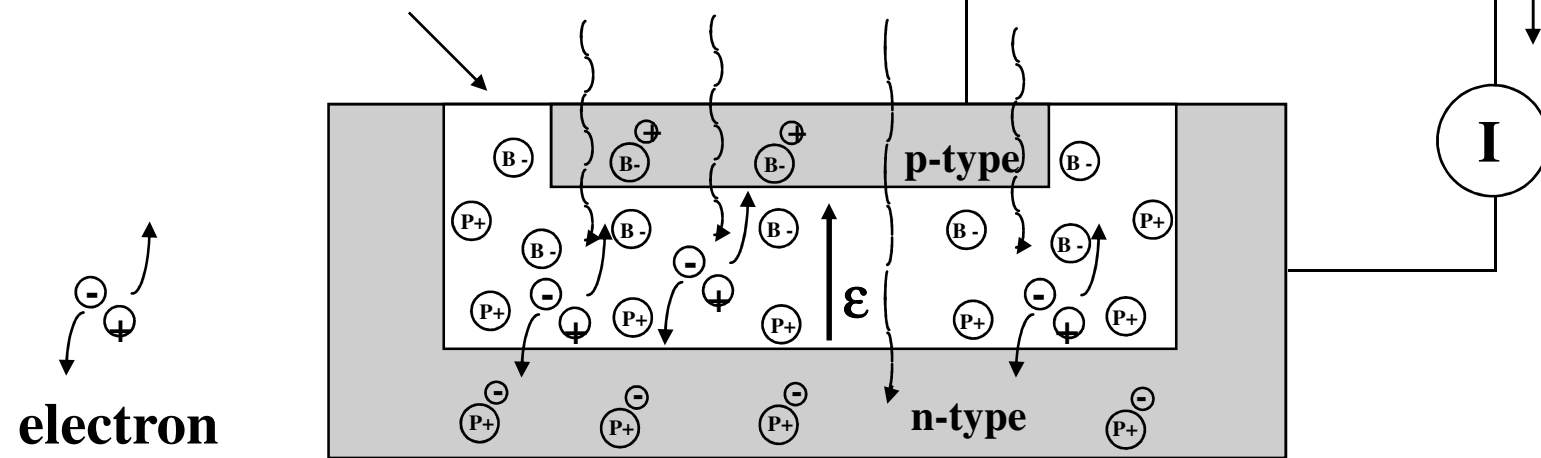
Compare with theoretical  $-2.2\text{mV}/^\circ\text{C}$







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**PHOTODIODE**

space charge layer



electron and hole pair

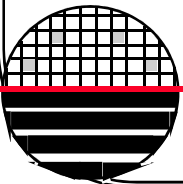
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-  Boron acceptor atom and hole

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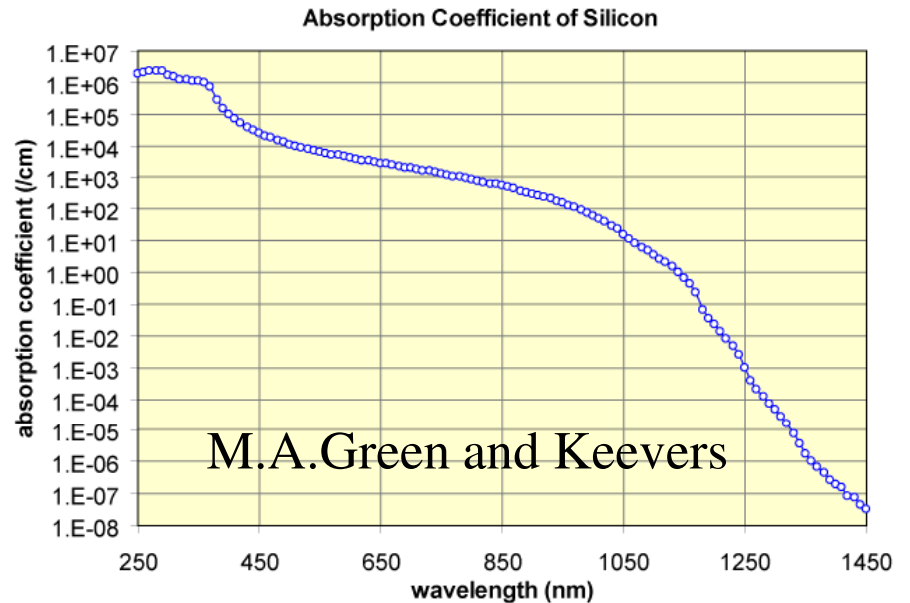
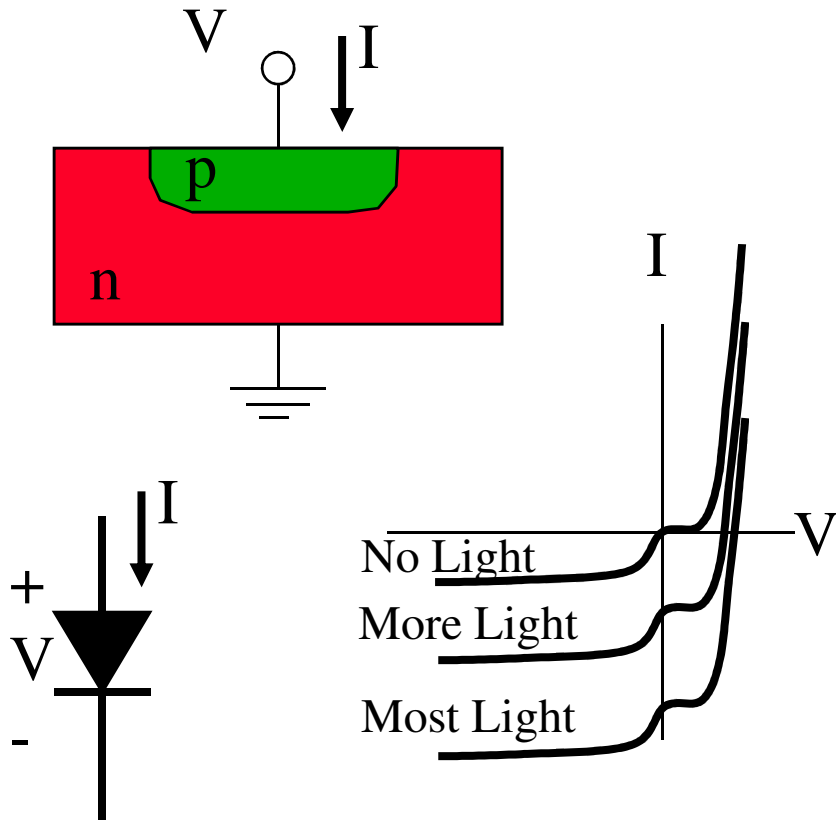
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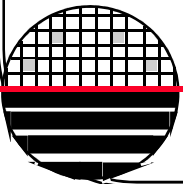
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## PHOTODIODE



$$\phi(x) = \phi(0) \exp^{-\alpha x}$$

Find % adsorbed for Green light at  $x=5 \mu\text{m}$   
and Red light at  $5 \mu\text{m}$





## CHARGE GENERATION vs WAVELENGTH

$$E = h\nu = hc / \lambda$$

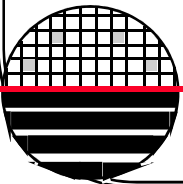
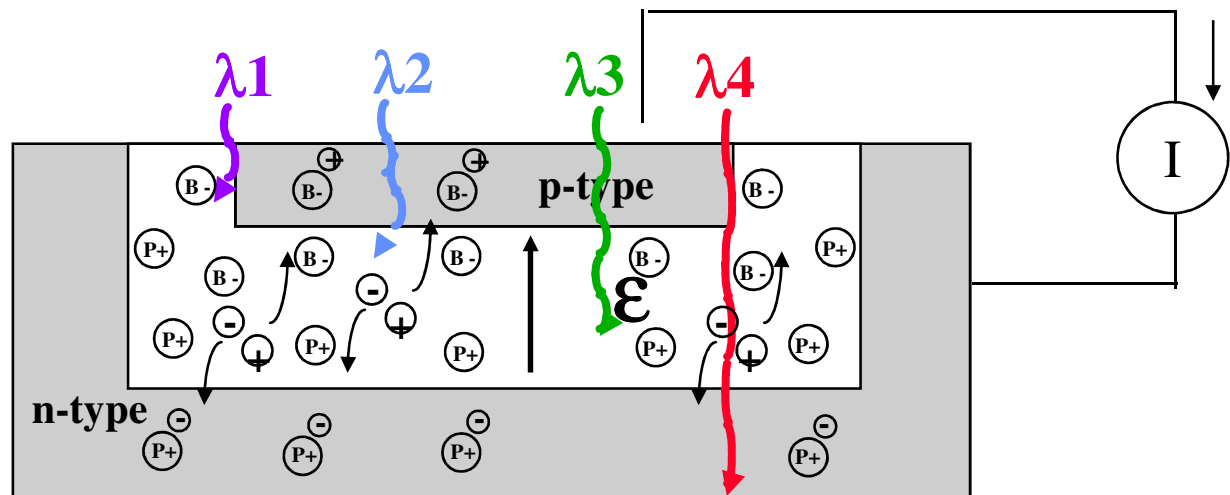
$$h = 6.625 \text{ e-}34 \text{ j/s}$$

$$= (6.625 \text{ e-}34 / 1.6\text{e-}19) \text{ eV/s}$$

$$E = 1.55 \text{ eV (red)}$$

$$E = 2.50 \text{ eV (green)}$$

$$E = 4.14 \text{ eV (blue)}$$



## VARIOUS SEMICONDUCTORS

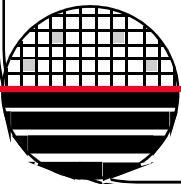
$$E = h\nu = hc / \lambda$$

What wavelengths will not generate e-h pairs in silicon. Thus silicon is transparent or light of this wavelength or longer is not adsorbed?

$h$  = Plank's constant  
 $c$  = speed of light

Semiconductor	Bandgap (eV) 300 K	Bandgap (eV) 0 K	$\lambda_{\max}$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ ) 300 K
BN	7.500	-	0.165
C	5.470	5.480	0.227
ZnS	3.680	3.840	0.337
GaN	3.360	3.500	0.369
ZnO	3.350	3.420	0.370
Alpha-SiC	2.996	3.030	0.414
CdS	2.420	2.560	0.512
GaP	2.260	2.340	0.549
BP	2.000	-	0.620
CdSe	1.700	1.850	0.729
AlSb	1.580	1.680	0.785
CdTe	1.560	-	0.795
GaAs	1.420	1.520	0.873
InP	1.350	1.420	0.919
Si	1.120	1.170	1.107
GaSb	0.720	0.810	1.722
Ge	0.660	0.740	1.879
PbS	0.410	0.286	3.024
InAs	0.360	0.420	3.444
PbTe	0.310	0.190	4.000
InSb	0.170	0.230	7.294
Sn	-	0.082	15.122 @ 0 K

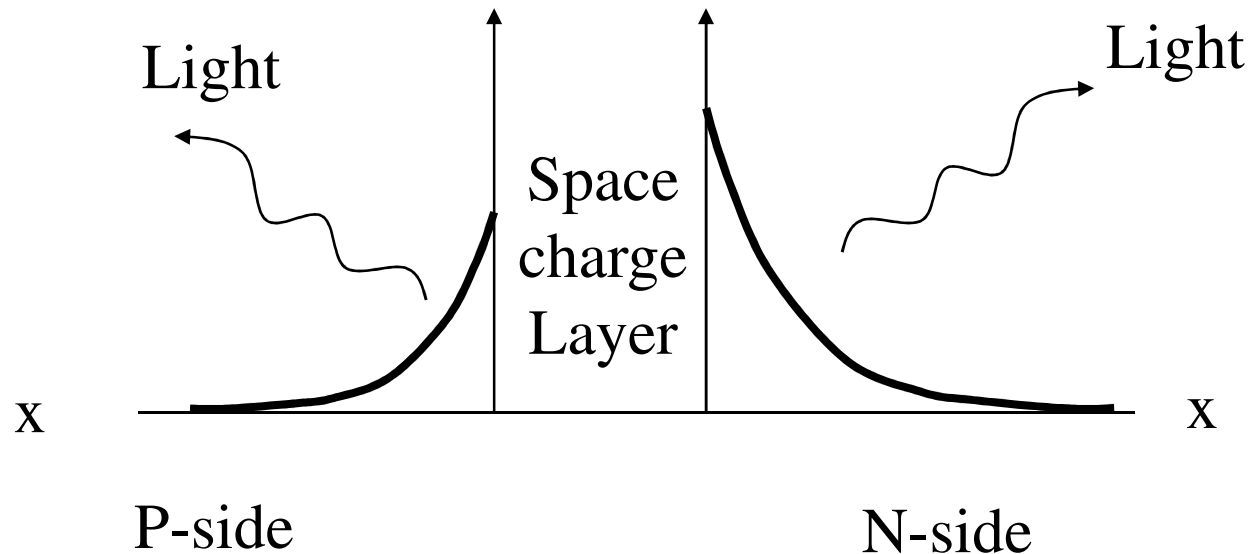
Table of various semiconductors in order of increasing  $\lambda_{\max}$ . From Sze (1981).



## LIGHT EMITTING DIODES (LEDs)

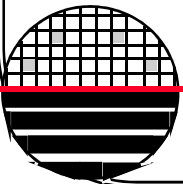
Electron concentration vs distance

Hole concentration vs distance



In the forward biased diode current flows and as holes recombine on the n-side or electrons recombine on the p-side, energy is given off as light, with wavelength appropriate for the energy gap for that material.  $\lambda = h c / E$

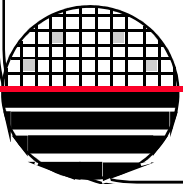
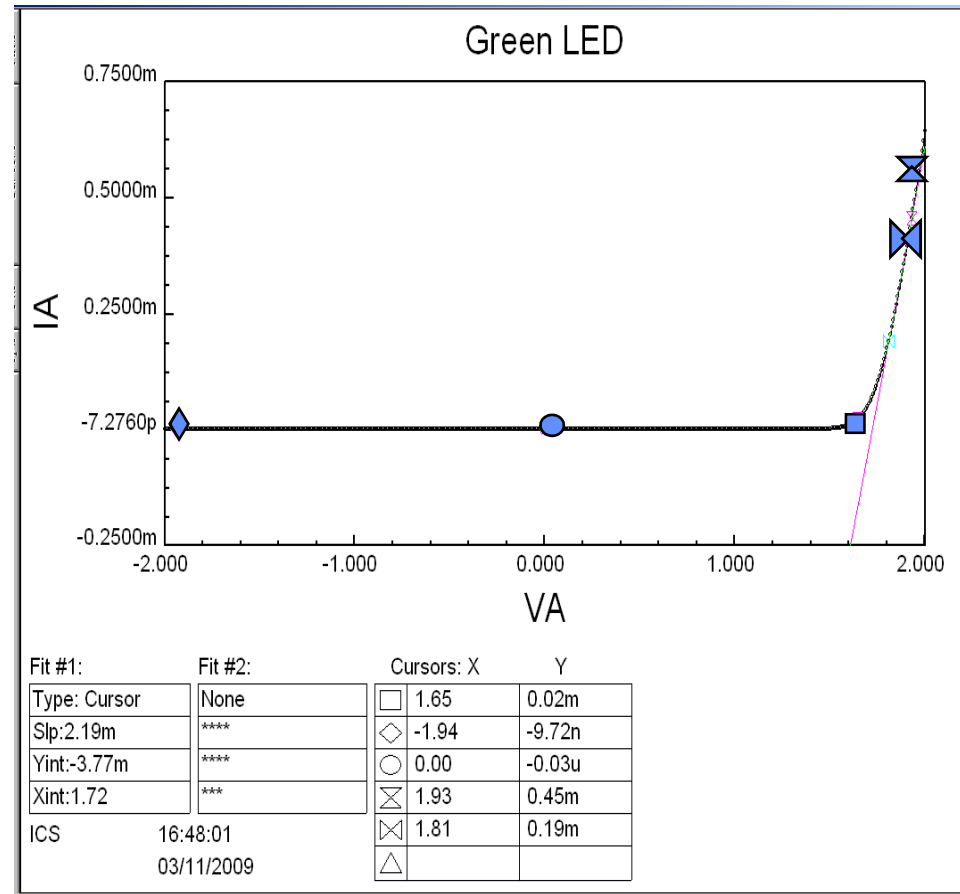
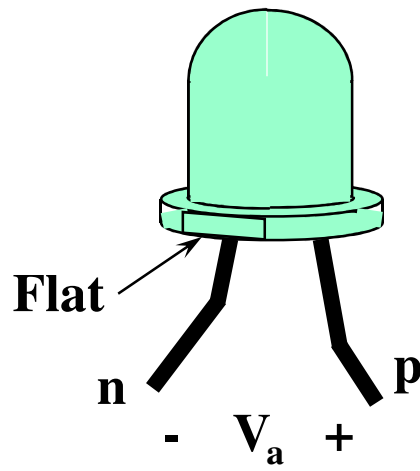
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## LED

### Light Emitting Diode -LED



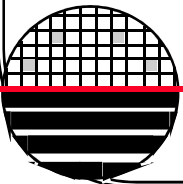
# *OPTICAL LINK CIRCUIT DESIGN*

Lets design a LED/Photo Detector circuit for a digital communication link.

Assumptions:

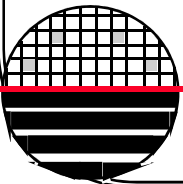
Block Diagram:

Circuit Diagram:



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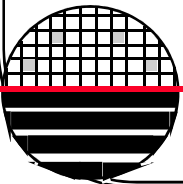
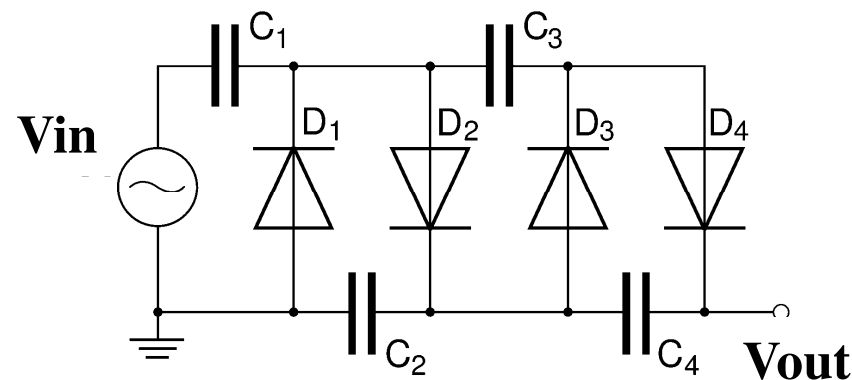


### ***HOMWORK: DIODE REVIEW***

1. Look up the 1N4448 diode on the Digikey.com webpage, find the unit price, max current, max reverse voltage, package types, etc.
2. A pn junction has  $N_a=2e16$  and  $N_d=5e17$ . At 0 volts bias calculate the  $V_{bi}$ ,  $W$ ,  $W_1$ ,  $W_2$ ,  $E_{max}$ , and  $C_j$ .
3. Calculate the reverse breakdown voltage for a pn junction with  $N_d=1e19$  and  $N_a=2.75e16$ .
4. Design a pn junction and an amplifier circuit that will make a good photo detector for red light. State reasonable assumptions.
5. A diode is used to rectify an ac voltage from a transformer and charge a 1 $\mu$ F capacitor. Estimate how long it will take the capacitor to discharge from 3 volts to 1.5 volts (once ac voltage is turned off)  
a) with no load b) with a scope probe across the capacitor.

### *HOMWORK: DIODE REVIEW*

6. Repeat problem 5 but use the largest value 3 volt super capacitor available from digikey.com.
7. Diodes and capacitors can be used to create a very large dc voltage from a relatively small ac voltage. These circuits are called voltage multipliers. Using a 5 volt peak ac voltage estimate the dc output voltage of this multiplier circuit.



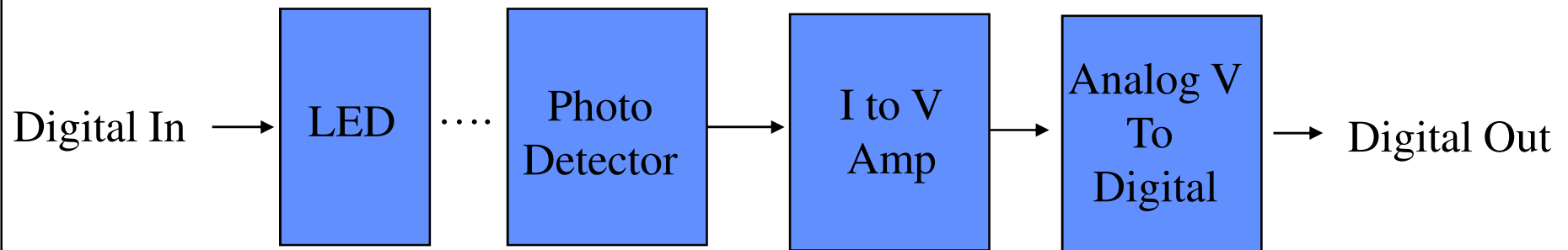


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**Design** a LED/Photo Detector circuit for a digital communication link.

**Assumptions:** Assume we have +5 and -5 volts available and the digital signal is 0 or 5 volts.

**Block Diagram:**



**Circuit Design:**

