

## FERMI LEVEL ( $E_F$ )

TWO ELECTRONS OF EACH OF OPPOSITE SPIN AT LOW TEMPERATURE

THE ENERGY LEVEL

OCCUPIED BY TWO ELECTRONS

$$\Rightarrow f(E) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{(E - E_F)/KT}}$$

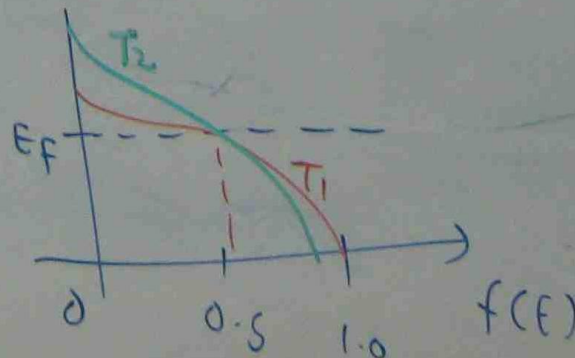
$f(E)$  - FERMI DIRECT DISTRIBUTION FUNCTION

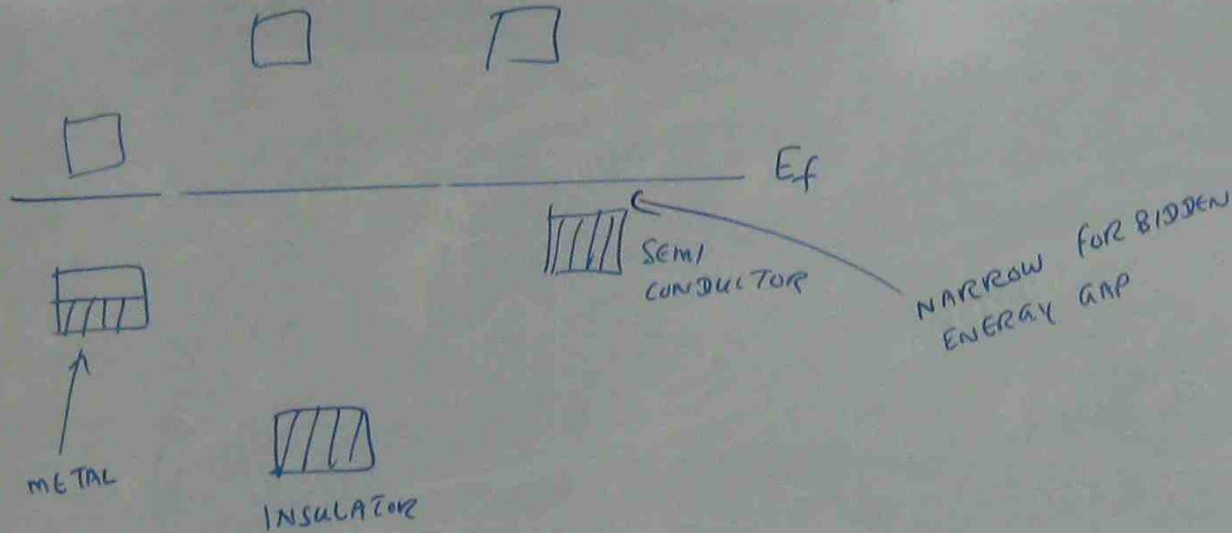
$E_F$  - FERMI LEVEL

$K$  - BOLTZMANN'S CONSTANT

$T$  - ABSOLUTE TEMPERATURE

AS TEMPERATURE INCREASES, THE STATE OF ENERGY IS HIGHER THAN FERMI LEVEL



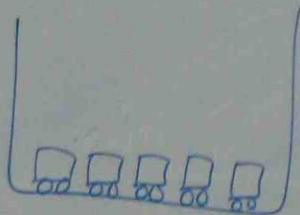


### SEMI CONDUCTOR

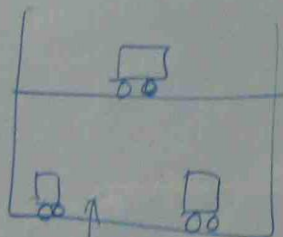
A SEMI CONDUCTOR IS JUST AN INSULATOR WITH A NARROW FORBIDDEN ENERGY GAP. AT LOW TEMPERATURE, IT DOES NOT CONDUCT. AT HIGHER TEMPERATURE, THERE IS SUFFICIENT ENERGY LEVEL, THE ELECTRON IS IN CONDUCTION BAND.

$E_c$   
 $E_v$

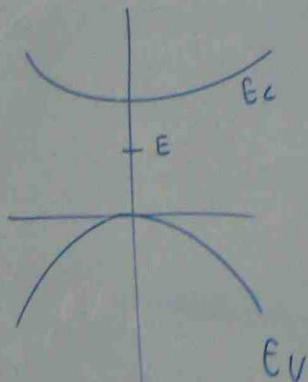
# ELECTRONS AND HOLES



NO MOVEMENT POSSIBLE

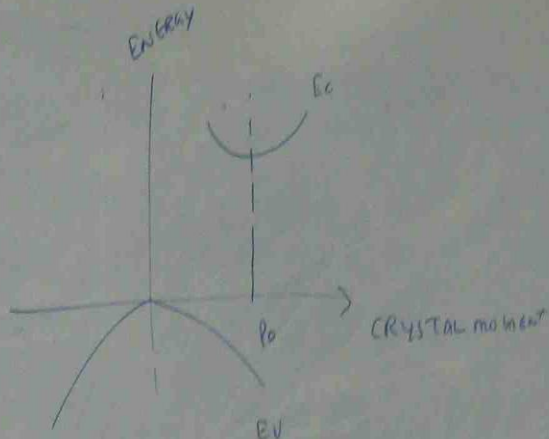


MOVEMENT POSSIBLE  
IN BOTH UPPER &  
LOWER LEVEL



$$E - E_v = \frac{p^2}{2m_e}$$

↑  
ELECTRON MASS



$$E_v - E = \frac{(p - p_0)^2}{2m_h}$$

↑  
HOLE MASS

p = momentum

$$n = N_c e^{\frac{(E_f - E_c)}{KT}}$$

n = NUMBER OF ELECTRONS  
E<sub>f</sub> = FERMI LEVEL ENERGY  
E<sub>c</sub> = CONDUCTION BAND ENERGY  
K = BOLTZMANN'S CONSTANT  
T = ABSOLUTE TEMPERATURE

$$p = N_v e^{\frac{(E_v - E_f)}{KT}}$$

N<sub>v</sub> = CONSTANT  
E<sub>v</sub> = VALANCE BAND ENERGY

$$e = 2.718$$

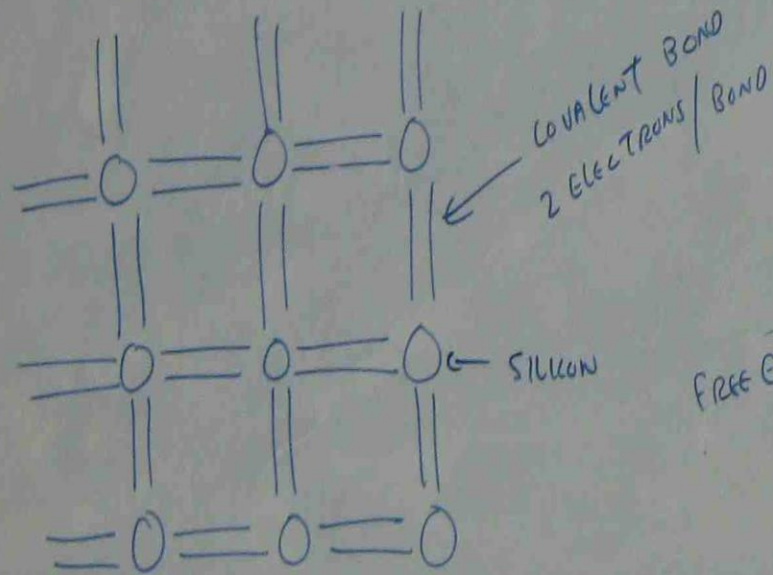
E<sub>c</sub> = CONDUCTION ENERGY  
E<sub>v</sub> = VALANCE ENERGY



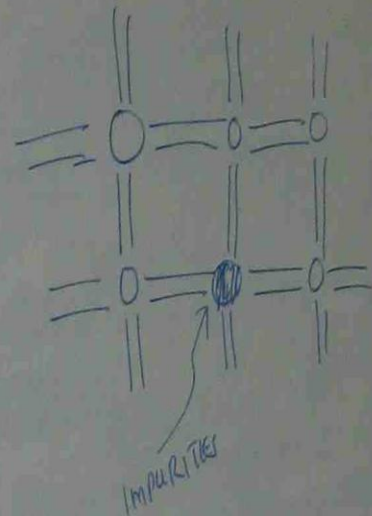
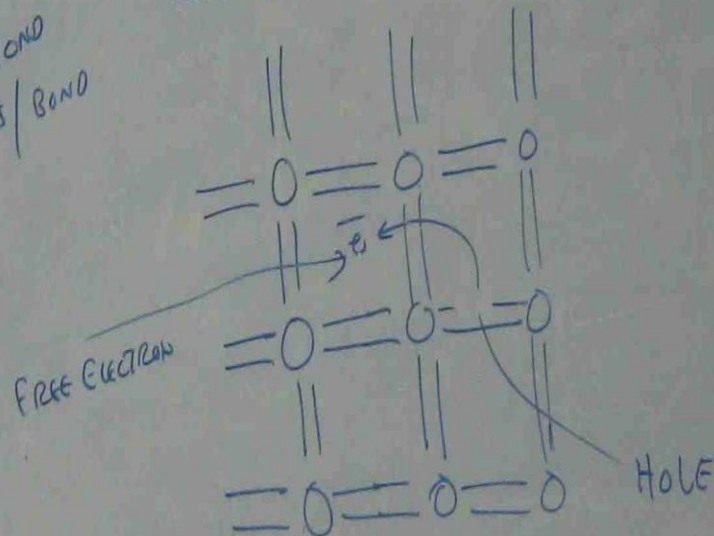
$$E_f = \frac{E_c + E_v}{2} + \frac{KT}{2} \ln \left( \frac{N_D}{N_A} \right)$$

$$\ln = \log_e$$

$$\log = \log_{10}$$



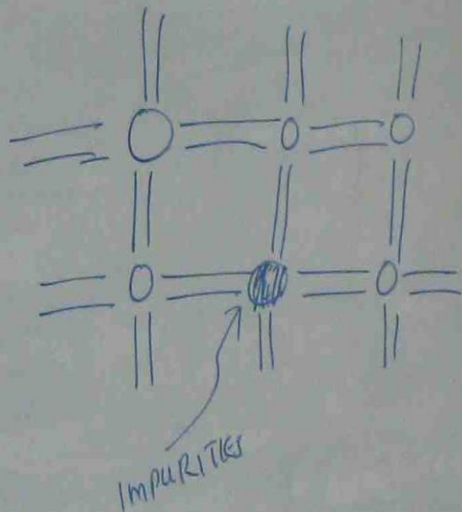
AT HIGHER TEMPERATURE



$N_D$  = NO. OF DONOR ELECTRON

$N_A$  = NO. OF ACCEPTOR ELECTRON

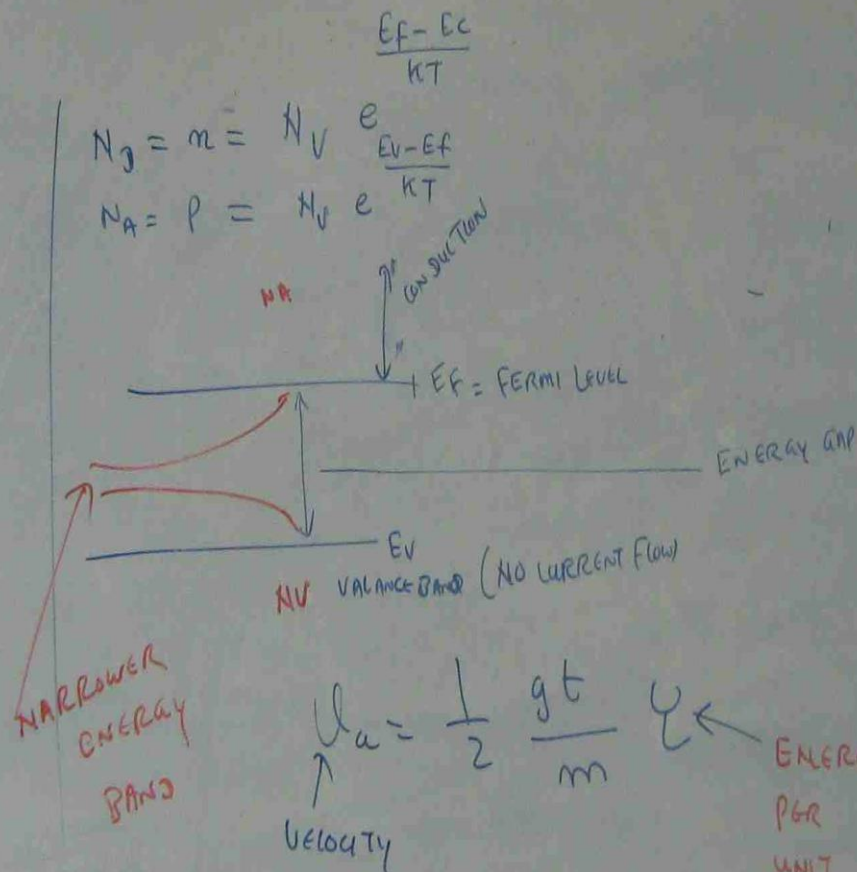
$N_V$  = NO. OF VALENCE ELECTRON



$N_D$  = NO. OF DONOR ELECTRON

$N_A$  = NO. OF ACCEPTOR ELECTRON

$N_V$  = NO. OF VALANCE ELECTRON



$\mu_C$  = HOLE CARRIER MOBILITY

$$\mu_C = 65 + \frac{1265}{1 + \left(\frac{N}{8.5 \times 10^{16}}\right)^{0.72}} \text{ cm}^2/\text{VS}$$

CONDUCTIVITY OF SEMI CONDUCTOR

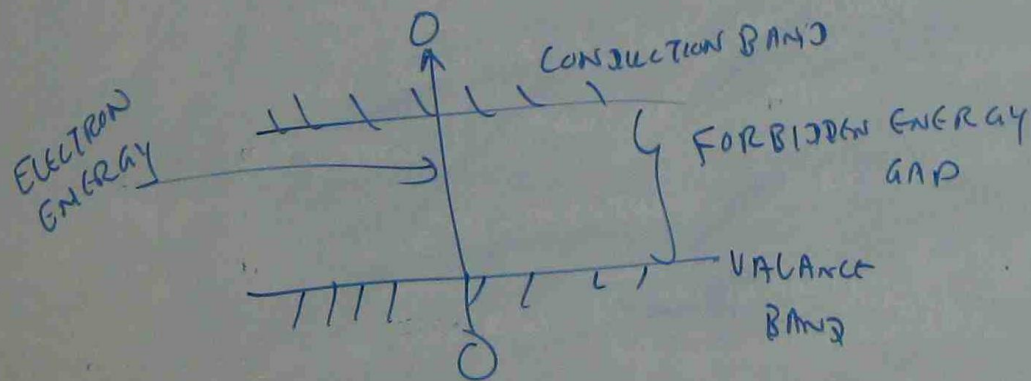
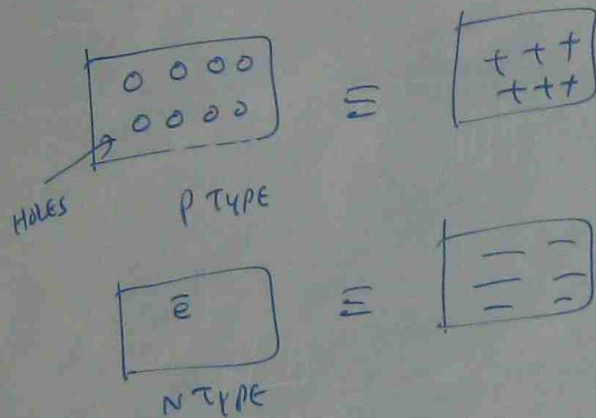
$$= q \mu_C n + q \mu_p p$$

$$\mu_m = 47.7 + \frac{447.3}{1 + \left(\frac{N}{6.3 \times 10^{16}}\right)^{0.76}}$$

$q$  = ELECTRICAL CHARGE (COULOMB)



## SEMI CONDUCTOR & P-N JUNCTION



### Low Temperature

ENERGY BONDS ARE INTACT  
ELECTRON BEHAVES AS INSULATOR

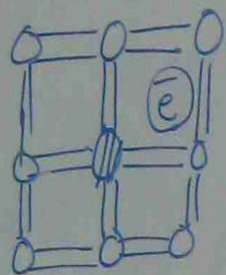
### AT HIGH TEMPERATURE

ELECTRON FROM BROKEN BONDS MOVE  
IN TO NEIGHBOURING BONDS.

### DOPING

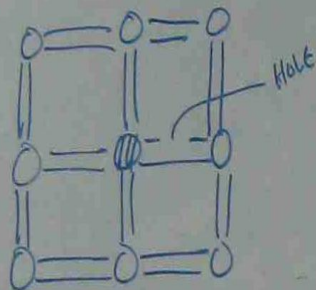
SHIFT THE VALANCE OF  
ELECTRONS & HOLES IN  
SILICON CRYSTAL LATTICE  
BY DOPING OTHER ATOMS

N TYPE



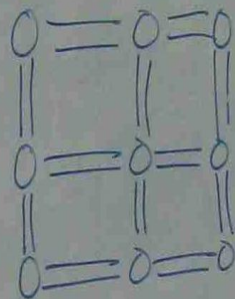
PHOSPHOROUS

P TYPE



BORON

POLYCRYSTALLINE SILICON



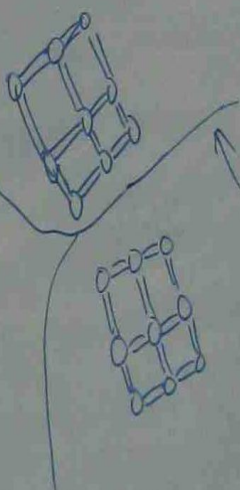
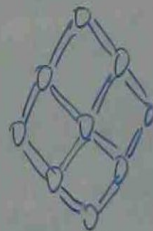
CRYSTALLINE

ORDERED STRUCTURE

PREDICTABLE UNIFORM

BEHAVIOUR

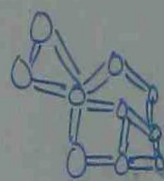
MORE EXPENSIVE



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IRREGULAR  
GRAIN BOUNDRIES

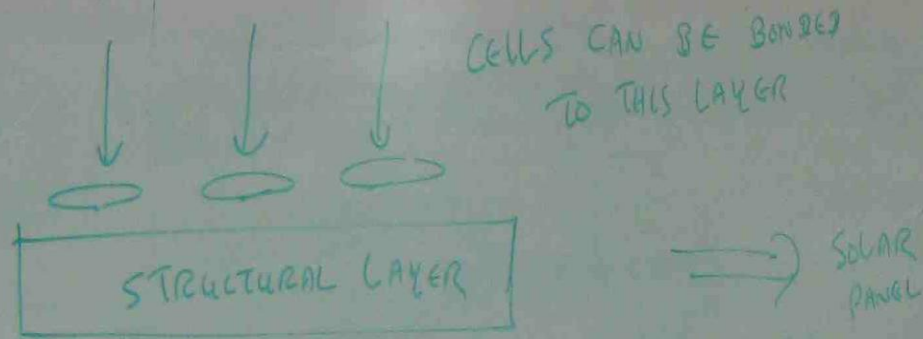
MULTI CRYSTALLINE

AMORPHOUS



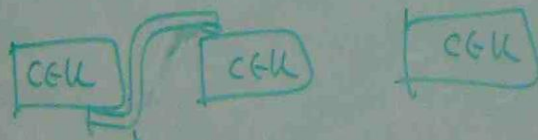
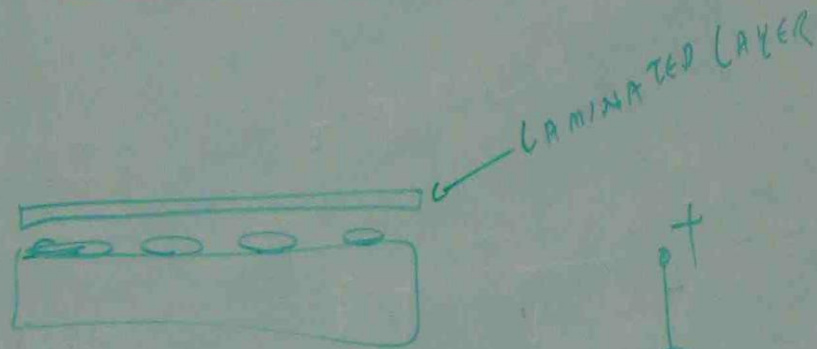
SIMILAR TO  
LIQUID  
STRUCTURE





CELLS CAN BE BONDED  
TO THIS LAYER

⇒ SOLAR  
PANEL



INTERCONNECTION  
BETWEEN CELLS.



### MODULE DEGRADATION

- BREAKAGE OF CELLS DUE TO EXCESSIVE MECHANICAL STRESS
- CORROSION
- DELAMINATION OF DIFFERENT LAYERS OF ENCAPSULATION
- DISCOLORING
- ACCUMULATION OF DIRT OF MODULES
- BREAKAGE OF INTERCONNECTION DUE TO INADEQUATE STRESS RELIEF



