

FYS3410 - Vår 2010 (Kondenserte fasers fysikk)

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Based on Introduction to Solid State Physics by Kittel

Course content

- Periodic structures, understanding of diffraction experiment and reciprocal lattice
- Crystal binding, elastic strain and waves
- Imperfections in crystals: point defects and diffusion
- Crystal vibrations: phonon heat capacity and thermal conductivity
- Free electron Fermi gas: density of states, Fermi level, and electrical conductivity
- Electrons in periodic potential: energy bands theory classification of metals, semiconductors and insulators
- Semiconductors: band gap, effective masses, charge carrier distributions, doping, pn-junctions
- Metals: Fermi surfaces, temperature dependence of electrical conductivity

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FYS3410 lecture schedule and exams: Spring 2010

M/18/1/2010:	Introduction and motivation. Periodicity and lattices	2h
W/20/1/2010:	Index system for crystal planes. Crystal structures	1h
M/25/1/2010:	Reciprocal space, Laue condition and Ewald construction	2h
W/27/1/2010:	Brillouin Zones. Interpretation of a diffraction experiment	1h
M/01/2/2010:	Crystal binding, elastic strain and waves	2h
W/03/2/2010:	Elastic waves in cubic crystals; defects in crystals	1h
M/08/2/2010:	Defects in crystals; case study - vacancies	2h
W/10/2/2010:	Diffusion	1h
M/15/2/2010:	Crystal vibrations and phonons	2h
W/17/2/2010:	Crystal vibrations and phonons	1h
M/22/2/2010:	Lattice heat capacity: Dulong-Petit and Einstein models	2h
W/24/2/2010:	Phonon density of states (DOS) and Debye model	1h
M/01/3/2010:	General result for DOS; role of anharmonic interactions	2h
W/03/3/2010:	Thermal conductivity	1h
M/08/3/2010:	Free electron Fermi gas in 1D and 3D – ground state	2h
W/10/3/2010:	Density of states, effect of temperature – FD distribution	1h
M/15/3/2010:	Heat capacity and thermal conductivity of FEEG	2h
W/17/3/2010:	Repetition	1h
22/3/2010:	Mid-term exam	

M/12/4/2010:	Drude model and the idea of energy bands	2h
W/14/4/2010:	Nearly free electron model; Kronig - Penny model	2h
M/19/4/2010:	no lectures	
W/21/4/2010:	Empty lattice approximation; number of orbitals in a band	2h
M/26/4/2010:	Semiconductors, effective mass method, intrinsic carriers	2h
W/28/4/2010:	Impurity states in semiconductors and carrier statistics	2h
M/03/5/2010:	p-n junctions and heterojunctions	2h
W/05/5/2010:	surface structure, surface states, Schottky contacts	1h
M/10/5/2010:	Metals and Fermi surfaces	2h
W/12/5/2010:	no lectures	
W/19/5/2010:	no lectures	
W26/5/2010:	Repetition	2h
27-28/5/2010:	Final Exam (sensor: Prof. Arne Nylandsted Larsen at the Aarhus University, Denmark, http://person.au.dk/en/ani@phys.au.dk)	

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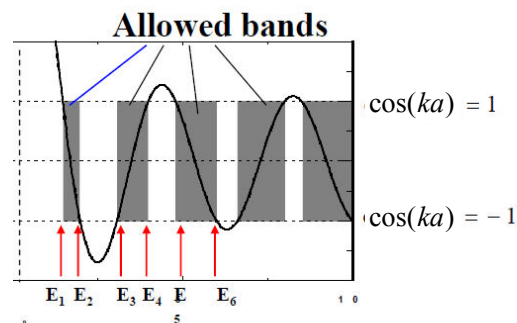
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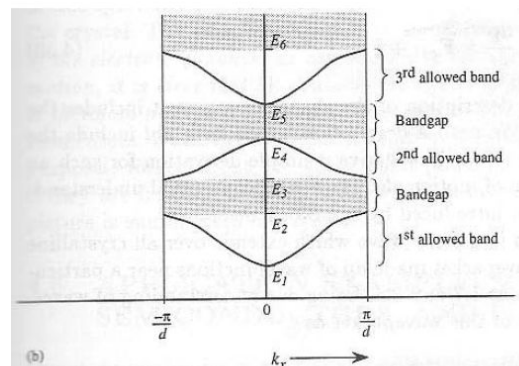
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Energy band structure and filling of the bands: origin of the bands

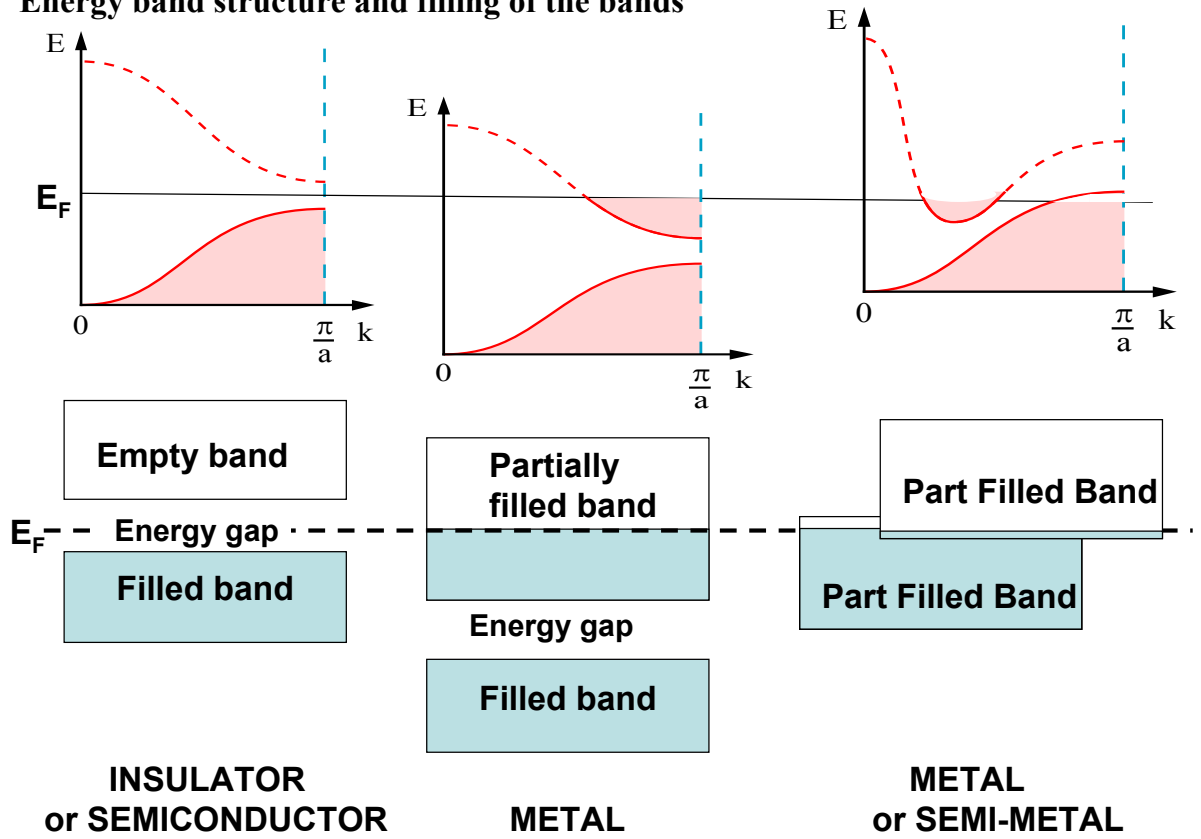
$$\cos(ka) = \cos(Ka) + \frac{2mV_0}{\hbar^2} \cdot \frac{\sin(Ka)}{Ka}$$



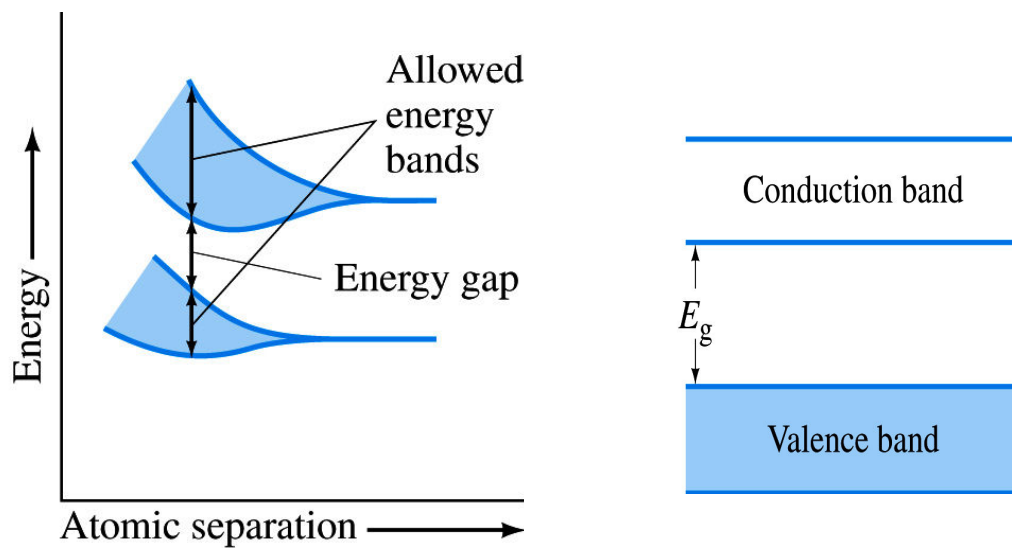
The allowed and forbidden bands are plotted in the E vs. k relation.



Energy band structure and filling of the bands



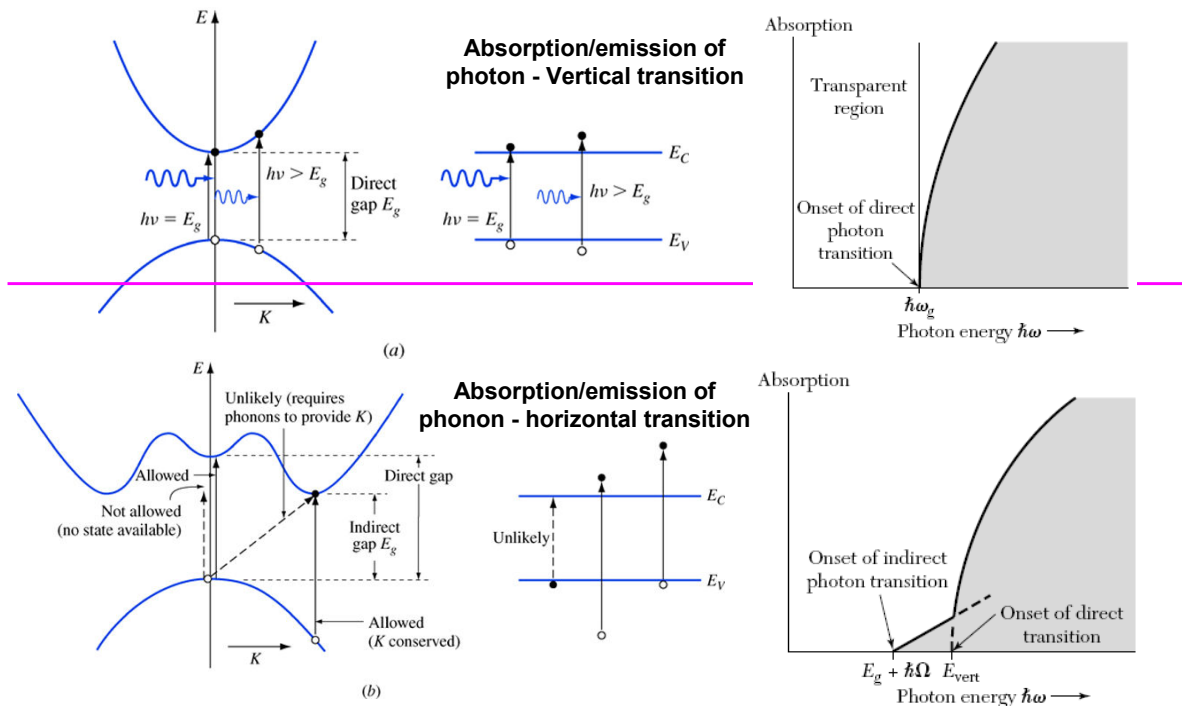
Energy band structure and filling of the bands: semiconductors



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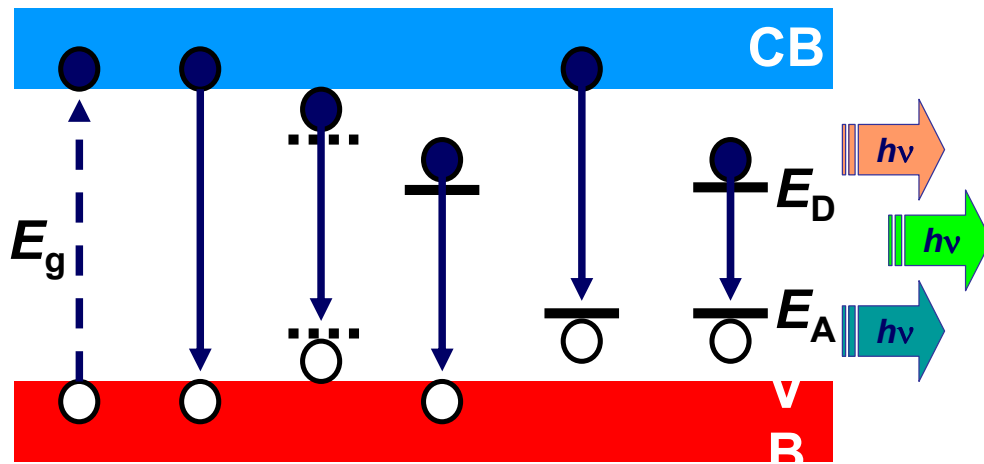
Interesting of semiconductors: light absorption



In any transition, K must be conserved as well as E .

- (a) A **direct gap semiconductor**; on the left is the E - K diagram, and on the right the conventional energy band diagram.
 (b) An **indirect gap material** (so called because conduction band minimum and the valence band maximum do not occur at the same value of K).

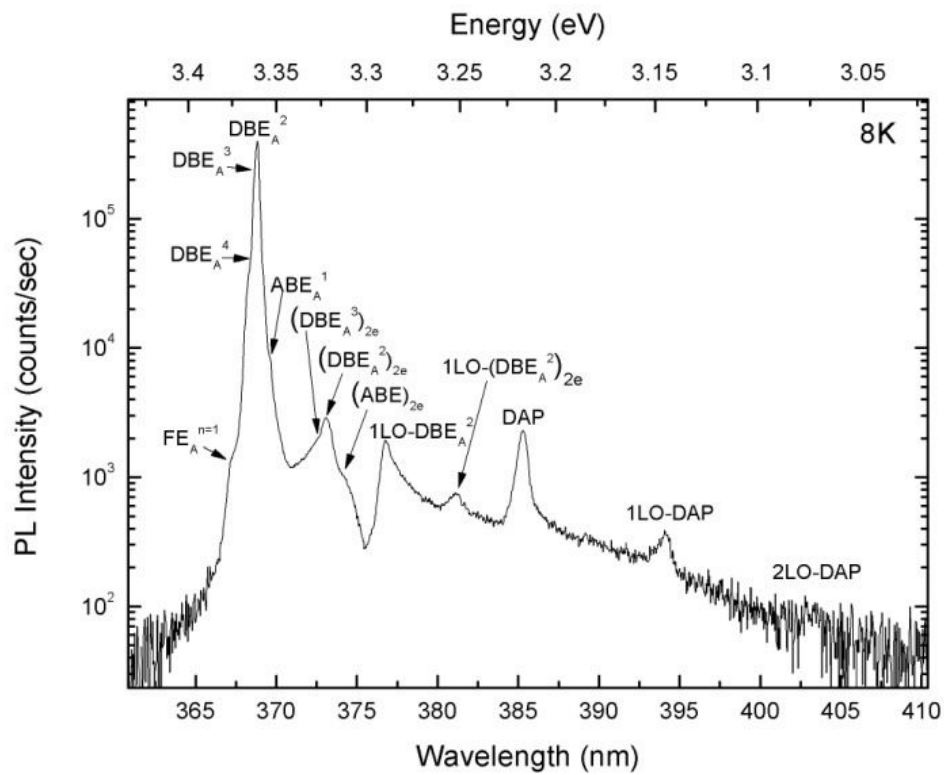
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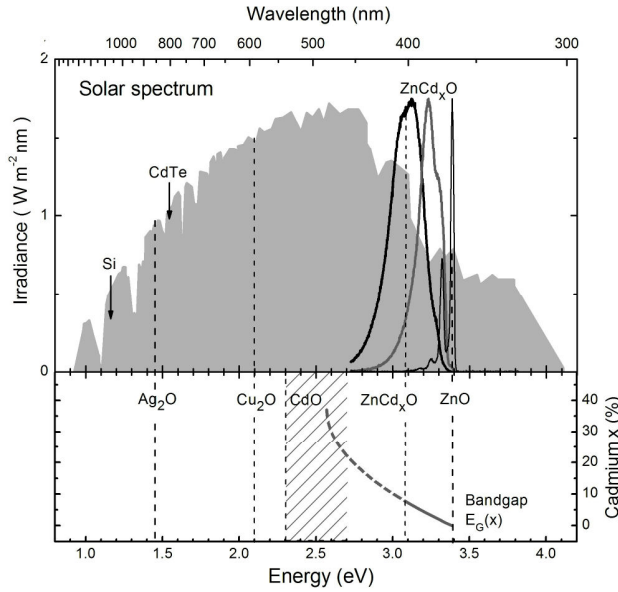
**BAND-TO-BAND
RECOMBINATION**

$$h\nu = E_g - nE_p$$

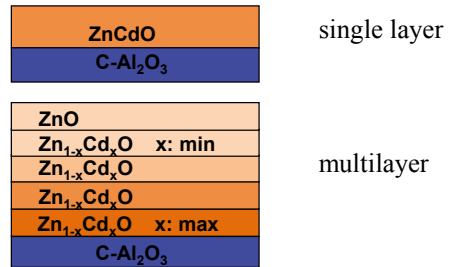
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Interesting of semiconductors: band gap modulation for high efficiency solar cells



Schematic of the structures studied



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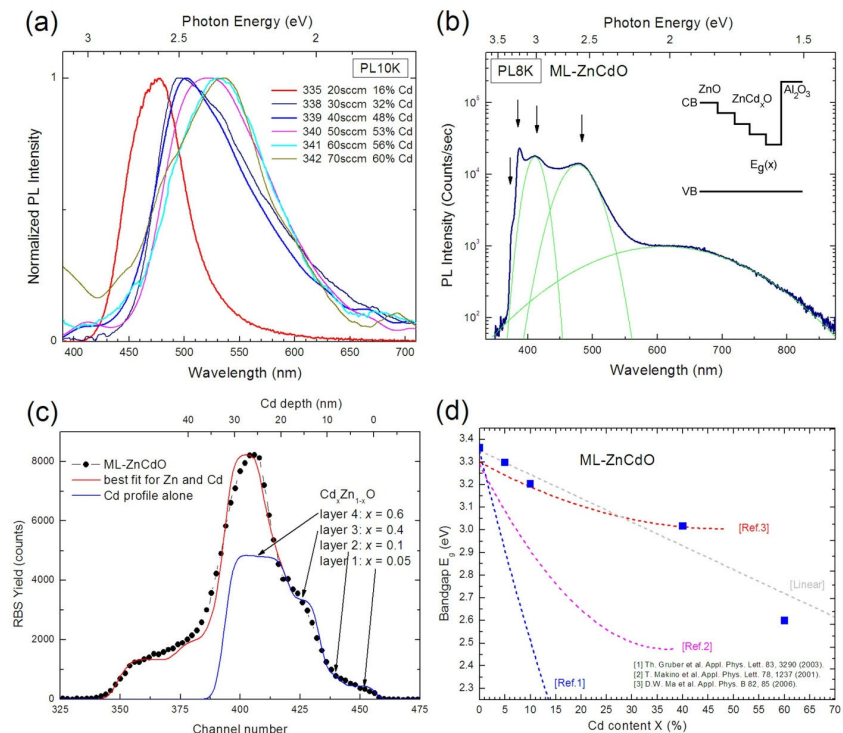


FIG. 1. (a) Typical photoluminescence (PL) spectra from ZnCdO films as a function of Cd content; (b) PL spectrum of a ML-structure as recorded at 8K with a schematic of the band gap in the inset; (c) Cd profile through ML-structure as measured by RBS; (d) our results in the context of literature.

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Effective mass method: nearly free electron in external electric field

$$\langle \mathbf{v}_n(\mathbf{k}) \rangle = \frac{\langle \mathbf{p} \rangle}{m} = \frac{1}{\hbar} \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} E_n(\mathbf{k})$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{ext}} = \hbar \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{dt}$$

Lets try to put these equations together....

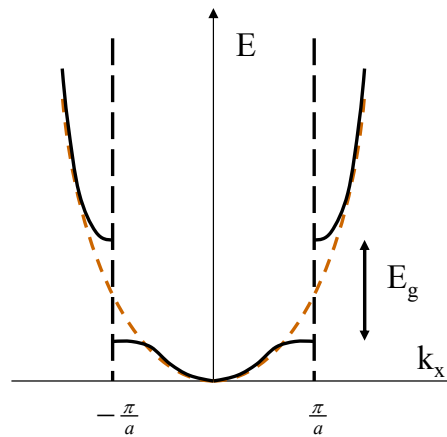
$$\begin{aligned} a(t) &= \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{1}{\hbar} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \frac{\partial E_N(k)}{\partial k} = \frac{1}{\hbar} \frac{\partial^2 E_N(k)}{\partial k^2} \frac{dk}{dt} \\ &= \left[\frac{1}{\hbar^2} \frac{\partial^2 E_N(k)}{\partial k^2} \right] F_{\text{ext}} \end{aligned}$$

Looks like Newton's Law if we define the mass as follows...

$$m^*(k) = \hbar^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 E_N(k)}{\partial k^2} \right)^{-1} \quad \text{effective mass}$$

➡ mass changes with k ...so it changes with time according to k

Effective mass method: expanding E(k) in a band in Taylor series



$$f(a) + \frac{f'(a)}{1!}(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x-a)^2 + \frac{f^{(3)}(a)}{3!}(x-a)^3 + \dots$$

Effective mass method: solving Schrodinger equation without periodic potential for hydrogen-like behaving impurities

Recall hydrogen model

1. (Bohr postulates)

Angular momentum is quantized.

$$L_n = m_0 v r_n = n\hbar \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

2. Centripetal force = columbic force

$$\frac{m_0 v^2}{r_n} = \frac{q^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_n^2}$$

3. Solve for orbit radius

$$r_n = \frac{4\pi\epsilon_0 (n\hbar)^2}{m_0 q^2}$$

4. Write down the total energy

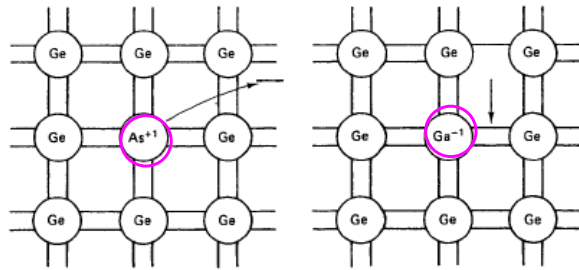
$$\text{K.E.} = \frac{1}{2} m_0 v^2 = \frac{1}{2} (q^2 / 4\pi\epsilon_0 r_n)$$

$$\text{P.E.} = -q^2 / 4\pi\epsilon_0 r_n \quad (\text{P.E. set} = 0 \text{ at } r = \infty)$$

$$E_n = \text{K.E.} + \text{P.E.} = -\frac{1}{2} (q^2 / 4\pi\epsilon_0 r_n)$$

$$E_n = -\frac{m_0 q^4}{2(4\pi\epsilon_0 n\hbar)^2} = -\frac{13.6}{n^2} \text{ eV}$$

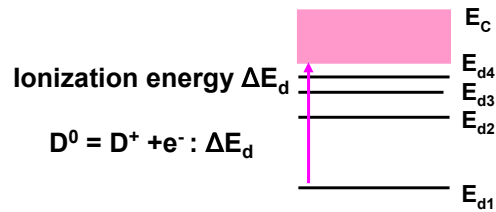
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Hydrogen model:

$$E_c - E_{im} = \frac{q^4 Z^2 m^*}{2n^2 (4\pi\epsilon\hbar)^2} = 13.6 \left(\frac{Z}{n\epsilon_r} \right)^2 \left(\frac{m^*}{m} \right) eV$$

$$r_n = \frac{4\pi\epsilon\hbar^2 n^2}{m^*} = 0.53 \frac{n^2 \epsilon_r}{m^*} \text{ \AA}$$



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Intrinsic carrier concentration in semiconductors

probability occupied by an electron :

$$f(E) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{(E-E_f)/kT}}$$

probability occupied by a hole
(or not an electron) :

$$1 - f(E) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(E-E_f)/kT}}$$

E_f : Fermi level

Here $S(E)$ is DOS or $g(E)$

- N_D^+ ... Number of ionized donors per cm^3
- N_D ... Total donor concentration
- N_A^- ... Number of ionized acceptors per cm^3
- N_A ... Total acceptor concentration

n_0 or n ... Electron concentration; total number of electrons per cm^3 in the conduction band.

P_0 or p ... Hole concentration; total number of holes per cm^3 in the valence band.

n_i ... Intrinsic carrier concentration; electron and hole concentration in intrinsic material.

