

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/anl@phys.au.dk)	

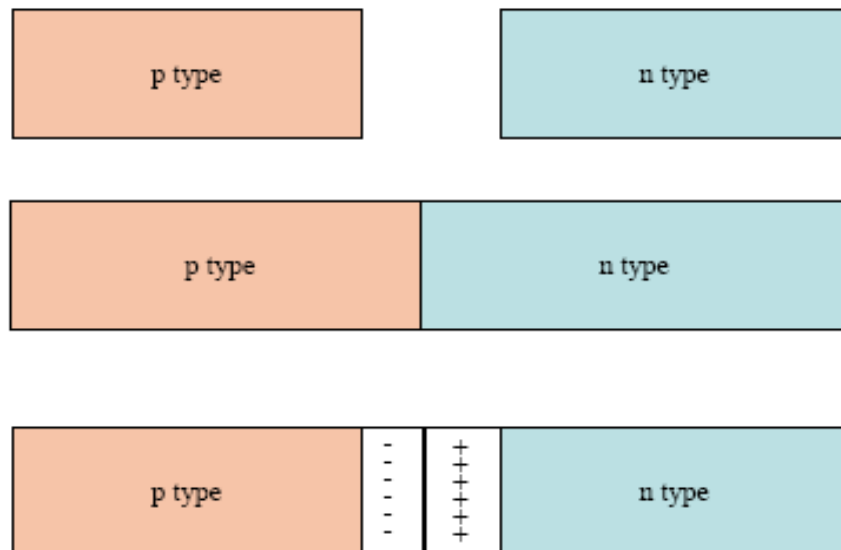
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- **Surface states**
- **Schottky diodes**

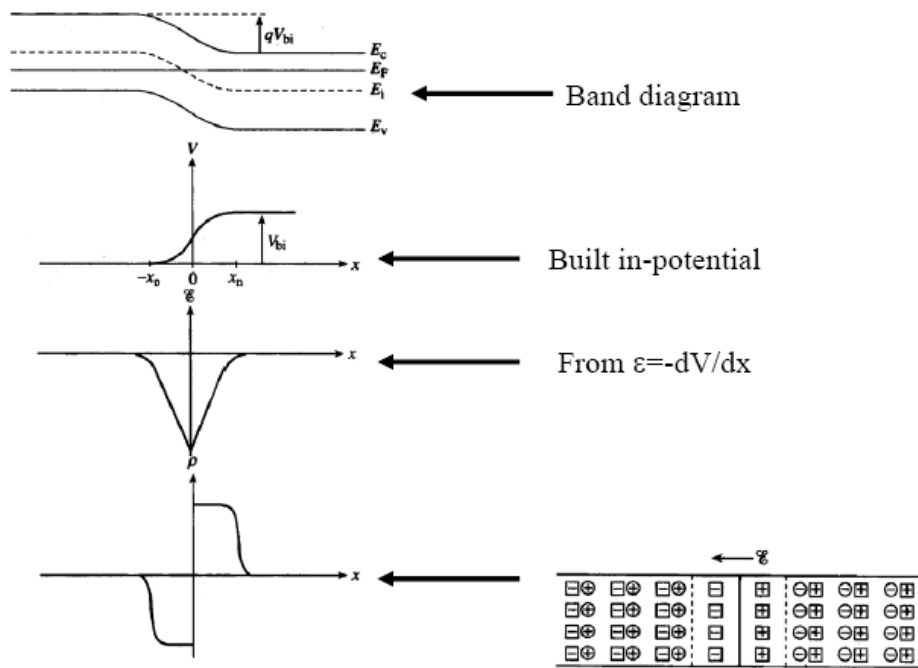
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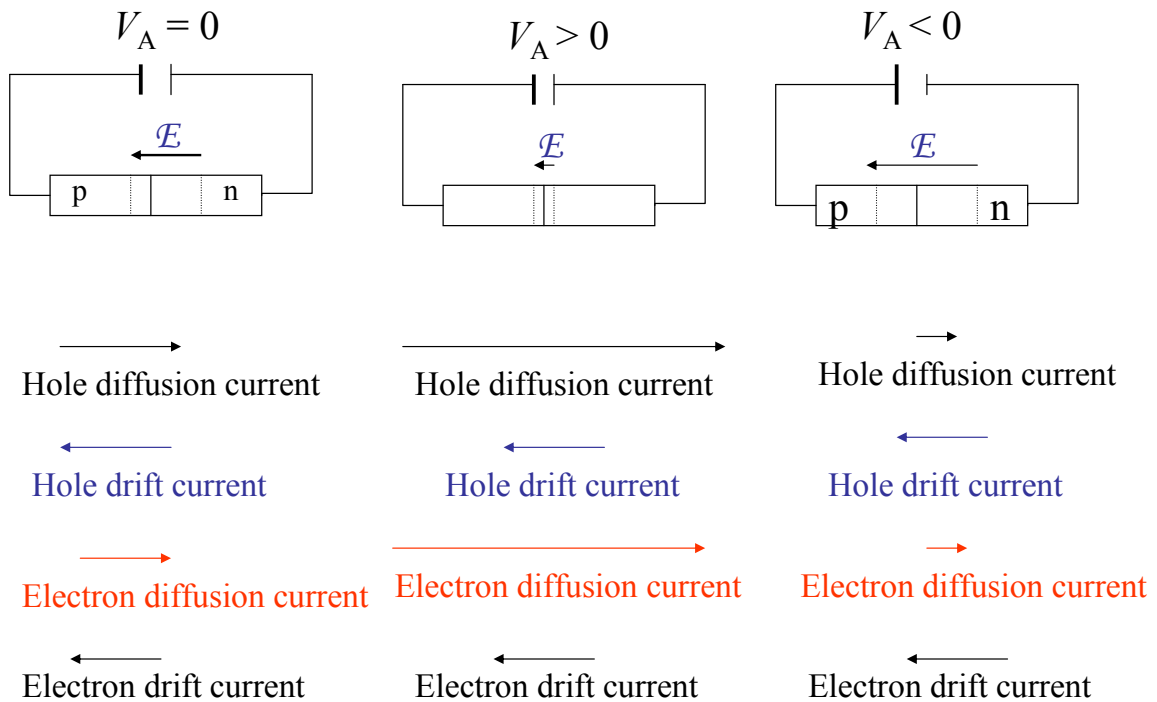
p-n junctions: two identical materials having different movable charge particle on each side



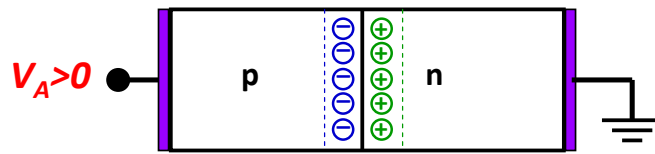
p-n junctions: electrostatics



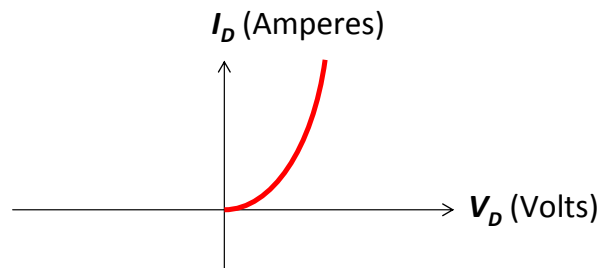
p-n junctions: forward/reverse bias



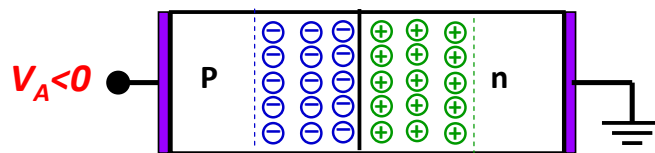
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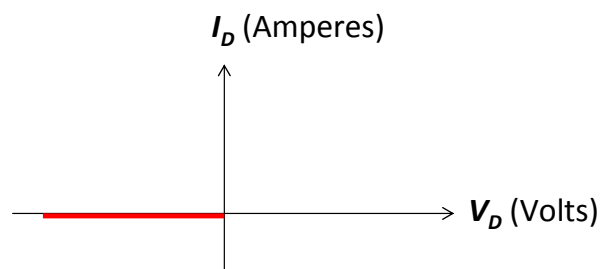
$$\frac{p_p}{p_n} = e^{\frac{q(V_0 - V_A)}{kT}}$$



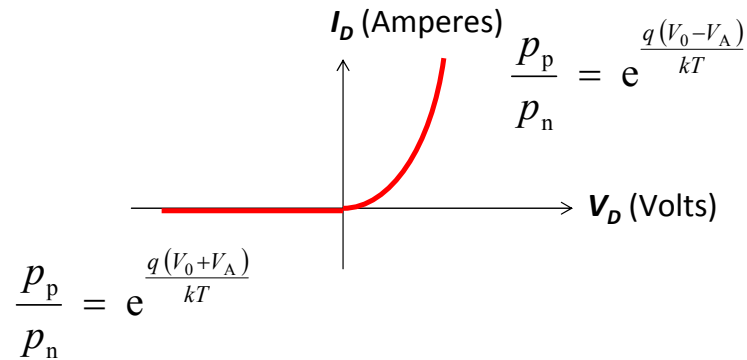
p-n junctions: reverse bias



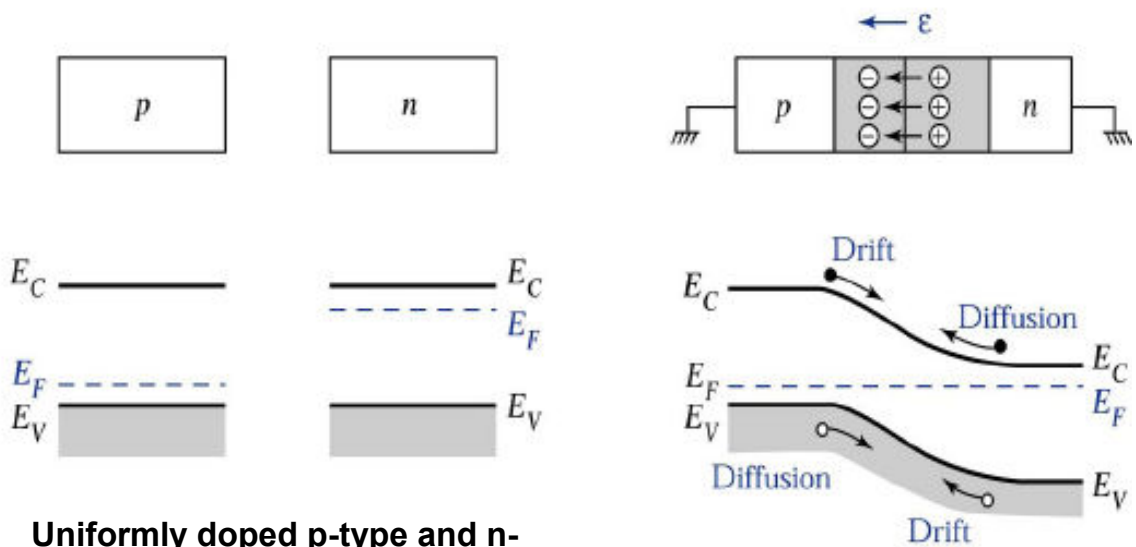
$$\frac{p_p}{p_n} = e^{\frac{q(V_0 + V_A)}{kT}}$$



p-n junctions: rectification



p-n junctions: summary



Uniformly doped p-type and n-type semiconductors before the junction is formed.

Internal electric-field occurs in a depletion region of a p-n junction in thermal equilibrium

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Surface structure: some initial ideas

- **surface is where the crystal periodicity is interrupted and chemical bonds are broken**
- **surface affects a few outermost atomic layers of the crystal – surface region**
- **properties of the surface differ significantly from the bulk**
- **energy needed to break the bonds, so energy is needed to create a surface – surface energy**
- **Broken covalent bonds are called dangling bonds**

Surface structure: surface energy

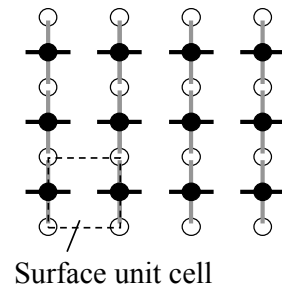
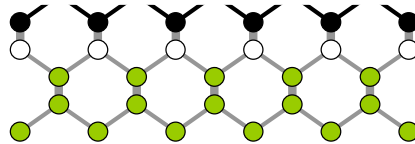
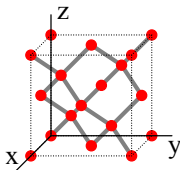
- **Surface energy is always positive, since energy is needed to break bonds**
 - **Surface always tries to minimize its energy, i.e. reduce the number of dangling bonds**
 - **Surface chemically and electrically more active due to dangling bonds**
- **Two mechanisms for minimizing surface energy when in ultrahigh vacuum**
 - **Surface relaxation**
 - **Surface reconstruction**

Surface structure: surface relaxation

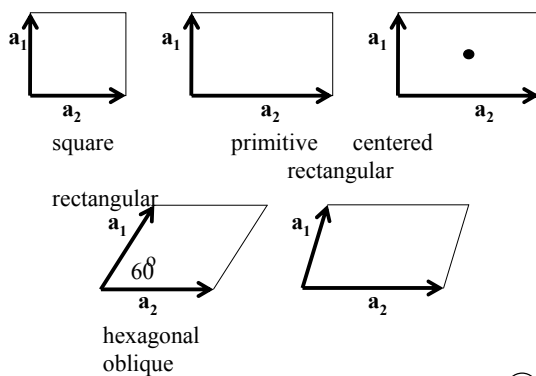
- **Interlayer distance is changed between the 1st and 2nd layers of atoms at the surface**
 - **To minimize surface energy**
 - **The interlayer distance is often reduced**
 - **In a few cases the distance increases**
 - **Advanced theory needed to understand**
 - **Many metals experience surface relaxation**

Surface structure: surface reconstruction

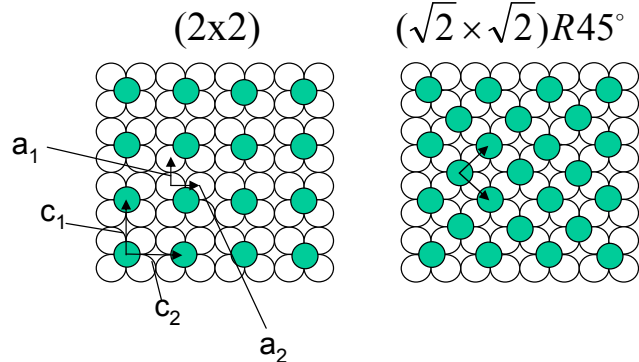
- **Surface atoms form a different structure than the bulk atoms**
 - The new structure is constrained by the bulk structure
 - The unit cell in the new structure is different from the bulk unit cell
 - Si(001) as an example
 - **Diamond structure**
 - **Two dangling bonds per surface atom**
 - **2-D unit cell with lattice constant $(2)^{1/2}a/2$**



Surface structure: surface crystallography

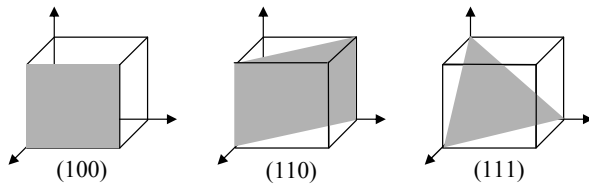


$$\left(\frac{c_1}{a_1} \times \frac{c_2}{a_2}\right) R\alpha$$

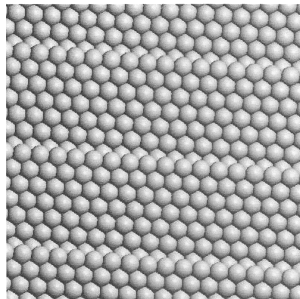


Surface structure: surface crystallography

$$\vec{H} = h \vec{x} + k \vec{y} + l \vec{z}$$



Stepped surfaces

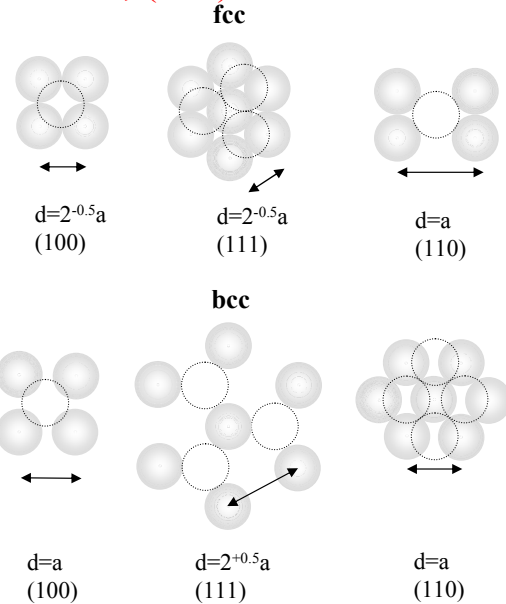


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Surface density:

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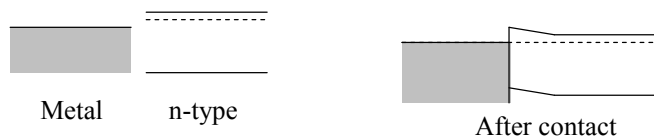


Surface states: origin

- There exist electronic states on a semiconductor surface – surface states
 - The electronic states are bound to the surface
 - Their energy levels are within the band gap of the bulk semiconductor
- Dangling bonds are the origin of surface states
 - A dangling bond can donate its lone electron or accept another electron
 - It is both a donor and an acceptor
- Doping the surface region difficult due to compensation
 - Surface Fermi level doesn't move when doped – Fermi-level pinning
 - surface Fermi level is pinned
 - Since the Fermi level is horizontal, the energy bands are bent

Surface states and Schottky barriers

- When a semiconductor is brought into contact with a metal, a Schottky junction is usually formed
- A n-type semiconductor with no surface states
 - Electrons flow from semiconductor to metal, leaving behind positive charge
 - An electric field is created pointing from semiconductor to metal
 - At interface $\phi_m - \chi$ is fixed



$$\phi_{Bn} = \phi_m - \chi$$

Surface states and Schottky barriers

- A real semiconductor surface has surface states (interface traps), which pin the surface (interface) Fermi level to a fixed point
 - Schottky barrier height less dependent on metal work function

$$\phi_{Bn} \neq \phi_m - \chi$$

- Schottky junction on p-type semiconductor

$$\phi_{Bp} = \chi + E_g - \phi_m$$