

# ECE 6453 Solution key for HOUREXAM # 2

1. (a) The lateral electric field is independent of the vertical electric field within the gate region

(b)

	Homo PN junction	p <sup>+</sup> -N hetero-junction	M-S junction
Types of carrier for forward bias	e's & h's	e's (very few h's)	majority carriers ( <del>at</del> electrons, mostly)
Carrier transport mechanism	diffusion	Thermionic emission & diffusion <del>diffusion</del>	Thermionic emission
Nonideality in rev. bias	1. Generation in D.R. 2. Breakdown	1. Generation in D.R. 2. Breakdown	1. Generation in D.R. 2. field-assisted tunneling

(c) The barrier height is independent of the ~~work~~ work function difference between the M-S junction.

(d) The majority current will flow through the substrate.

① Device cannot pinch-off

②  $g_m$  very low

Remedy: replace n-GaAs substrate w/ semi-insulating GaAs substrate.

2. (a) Note that, if you use the equation sheet given in the test, you will get the answers as follows.

$$\Delta E_C = 0.55x = 0.25 \Rightarrow \underline{x = 0.45}$$

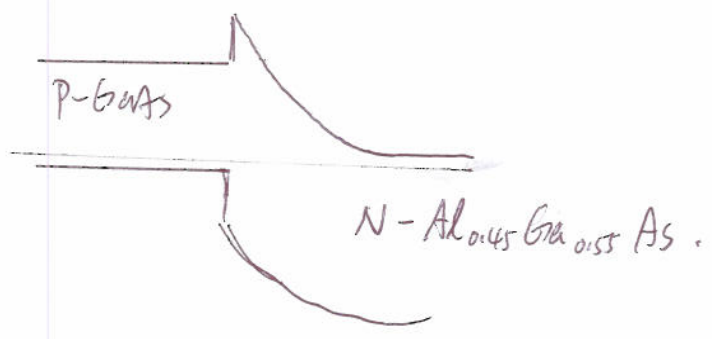
(b) electron thermionic dominant structure: p<sup>+</sup>-N

Choose: p<sup>+</sup> = GaAs & N = AlGaAs

(c) charge neutrality gives  $x p_0 N_A = x n_0 N_D$

$$x p_0 \ll x n_0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{N_A}{N_D} = 1000} \Rightarrow K = \frac{\epsilon_N N_D}{\epsilon_P N_A} = 0.001$$

(d)



(e)  $J_D \approx A^* T^2 \exp\left(-\frac{1}{kT} \frac{E_{gp} + \Delta E_C + K\Phi_n - \Phi_p}{1+K}\right) \left[\exp\left(\frac{q}{kT} \frac{V_a}{1+K}\right) A^*\right]$

$$A^* = 120 \cdot \left(\frac{m_e^*}{m_0}\right) A/cm^2 - K^2$$

$$\frac{m_e^*}{m_0} = 0.067 + 0.1083 * 0.45 = 0.143$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{gp} + \Delta E_C + K\Phi_n - \Phi_p - V_a = -(1+K) \ln(J_D / A^* T^2)$$

$$K = 0.001 \Rightarrow K\Phi_n \ll \Phi_p$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi_p = 0.103 \text{ (V)} \quad \eta' = -\Phi_p / kT = -3.96 \quad [N_D = 1.5 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}]$$

$$N_A = N_V F_{1/2}(-3.96) = 2.51 \times 10^{19} \times (0.48)^{3/2} \times 0.018 = \boxed{1.5 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}}$$

$$3. (a) V_T = \phi_B + \frac{E_{F0}}{q} - \phi'_{00} - \frac{\Delta E_C}{q}$$

$$\Delta E_C = 0.55 \times 0.4 = 0.22 \text{ (eV)} \leftarrow \text{If you use data sheet provided in the test}$$

$$C_S = \epsilon_0 (13.18 - 3.12 \times 0.4) = 11.932 \epsilon_0$$

$$\phi'_{00} = \frac{q N_D}{2 \epsilon_S} (\phi_b - \delta)^2 = \frac{1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 10^{18}}{2 \times 11.932 \times 8.85 \times 10^{-14}} (28 \times 10^{-7})^2 = 0.5939 \text{ (V)}$$

$$\phi_B = 1 \text{ V}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_T = 1.0 + 0.0518 - 0.5939 - 0.22 = 0.2379 \text{ (V)}$$

Note: If you follow the  $\Delta E_C$  in the text book, it will give you

$$V_T = 0.1791 \text{ (V)}$$

$$(b) C_{ox}' = \frac{\epsilon_S}{x_b + x'_b} = 0.279 \times 10^{-6} \text{ F/cm}^2$$

$$V_{D, \text{sat}} = V_{GS} - V_T = 0.26 \text{ (V)} \text{ - if you use the sheet provided}$$

$$(\text{= } 0.32 \text{ (V)}) \text{ - if you use text book equation}$$

$$I_D = \frac{W C_{ox}' \mu_n}{2 L} (V_{GS} - V_T)^2$$

$$= \frac{800}{0.5} \times 0.279 \times 10^{-6} \times 6.5 \times 10^3 \times (V_{GS} - V_T)^2$$

$$I_D = 187 \text{ (mA)} \text{ - if you use the equation on the data sheet}$$

$$(\text{or } = 124 \text{ (mA)})$$

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