

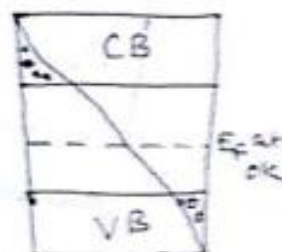
$$E_F = \frac{E_C + E_V}{2} + \frac{3}{4} k_B T \log\left(\frac{m_h^*}{m_e^*}\right) \quad (13)$$

If $m_h^* = m_e^*$, then $\log\left(\frac{m_h^*}{m_e^*}\right) = 0$ [$\because \log 1 = 0$]

$$E_F = \frac{E_C + E_V}{2} \quad (14)$$

i.e., Fermi level lies in the midway between E_C and E_V (at $T=0K$). But Fermi level slightly -
- increases with increase in temperature.

CB - conduction band
VB - valence band



Density of electrons and holes in terms

of E_F :

In terms of Energy gap ($E_g = E_C - E_V$), we can get the expression of n_e and n_h by substituting the value of E_F in terms of E_C and E_V .

We know,

$$n_e = 2 \left(\frac{2\pi m_e^* k_B T}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} e^{-(E_F - E_C)/k_B T}$$

$$n_e = 2 \left(\frac{2\pi m_e^* k_B T}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} \cdot$$

$$\exp \left[\frac{\frac{E_C + E_V}{2} + \frac{3}{4} k_B T \log\left(\frac{m_h^*}{m_e^*}\right) - E_C}{k_B T} \right]$$

$$= 2 \left(\frac{2\pi m_e^* k_B T}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} \exp \left[\frac{2E_C + 2E_V + 3 k_B T \log\left(\frac{m_h^*}{m_e^*}\right) - 2E_C}{4 k_B T} \right]$$

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$$= 2 \left(\frac{2\pi m_e^* k_B T}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} \exp \left[\frac{-2E_c + 2E_v + 3k_B T \ln \left(\frac{m_h^*}{m_e^*} \right)}{4k_B T} \right]$$

$$= 2 \left(\frac{2\pi m_e^* k_B T}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} \exp \left[\frac{2(E_v - E_c)}{4k_B T} + \frac{3}{4} \ln \left(\frac{m_h^*}{m_e^*} \right) \right]$$

We know, $E_g = E_c - E_v$

$$n_e = 2 \left(\frac{2\pi m_e^* k_B T}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} \exp \left[\frac{-E_g}{2k_B T} + \ln \left(\frac{m_h^*}{m_e^*} \right)^{3/4} \right]$$

$$n_e = 2 \left(\frac{2\pi k_B T}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} \cdot e^{-E_g/2k_B T} \cdot (m_e^*)^{3/2} \cdot \frac{(m_h^*)^{3/4}}{(m_e^*)^{3/4}}$$

$$n_e = 2 \left(\frac{2\pi k_B T}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} e^{-E_g/2k_B T} \cdot (m_e^*)^{3/4} \cdot (m_h^*)^{3/4}$$

$3/2 - 3/4 = 3/4$

$$n_e = 2 \left(\frac{2\pi k_B T}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} \cdot e^{-E_g/2k_B T} \cdot (m_e^* \cdot m_h^*)^{3/4}$$

$$\text{ii) } n_h = 2 \left(\frac{2\pi k_B T}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} e^{-E_g/2k_B T} (m_h^* \cdot m_e^*)^{3/4} \quad \text{--- (15)}$$

$$\text{--- (16)}$$

It is found that $n_e = n_h = n_i$. In an intrinsic semiconductor density of electrons in conduction band is equal to the density of holes in valence band.

$$n_i = n_e = n_h$$

$$n_i = 2 \left(\frac{2\pi k_B T}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} (m_e^* \cdot m_h^*)^{3/4} e^{-E_g/2k_B T} \quad \text{--- (17)}$$

Equation (17) is the carrier concentration for intrinsic semiconductor.