Solid State Devices



Section 25 Bipolar Junction Transistor - Design

25.4 Emitter Doping Design

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Perhaps High Doping in Emitter?

$$\beta \approx \frac{D_n}{W_B} \frac{W_E}{D_p} \frac{n_{i,B}^2}{n_{i,E}^2} \frac{N_E}{N_B} = \frac{D_n}{W_B} \frac{W_E}{D_p} \frac{N_C N_V e^{-E_{g,B}/kT}}{N_C N_V e^{-E_{g,E}/kT}} \frac{N_E}{N_B}$$
$$\beta \approx e^{-\Delta E_g/kT} \frac{N_E}{N_B}$$

Example increase doping by 40x: $N_E from \ 10^{18} \ cm^{-3} to \ 4x 10^{19} \ cm^{-3}$

$$\begin{split} \Delta E_G from \ 25meV \ to \ 150meV \\ \Delta E_{G,net} &= 125meV \sim 5k_BT \\ e^{-5} \sim 6.73 \ 10^{-3} \\ \Delta\beta \sim 40x6.73 \ 10^{-3} &= 0.27 \end{split}$$

=> Reduction in gain

Very high doping can narrow the bandgap of a semiconductor!



J.-S. Park, A. Neugroschel, and F. Lindholm, ``Comments on Determination of Bandgap Narrowing from Activation Plots," IEEE Trans.Electron Devices, vol. 33, no. 7, pp. 1077-1078, 1986.



(Esaki-like) Tunneling cause loss of base control ...



Doping for Gain



Emitter doping: As high as possible without band gap narrowing

Base doping: As low as possible, without *current crowding, Early effect*

Collector doping: Lower than base doping *without Kirk Effect*

Base Width: As thin as possible without *punch through*



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