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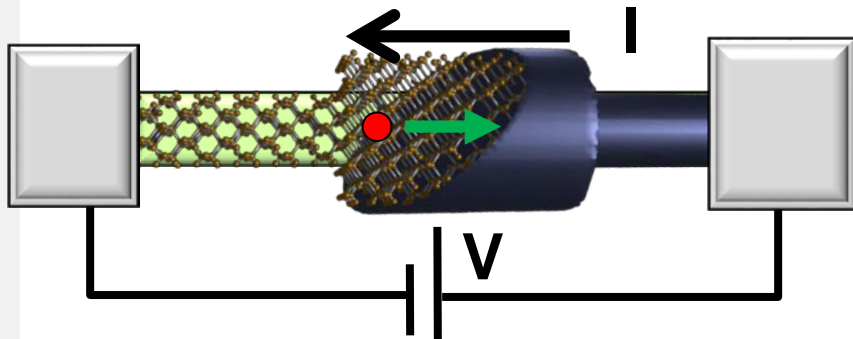
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$$I = G \times V$$
$$= q \times n \times v \times A$$

charge density velocity area

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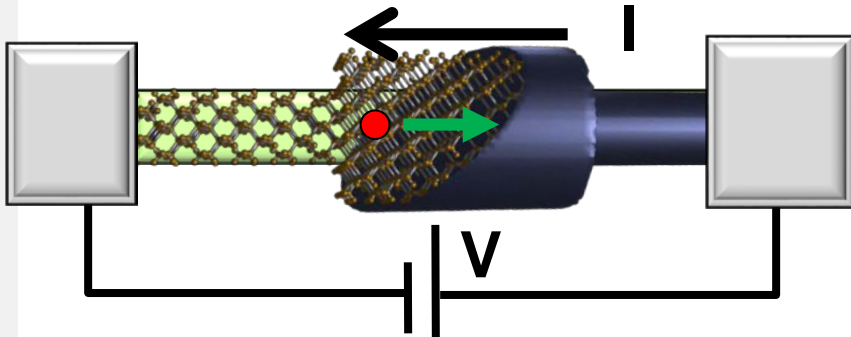
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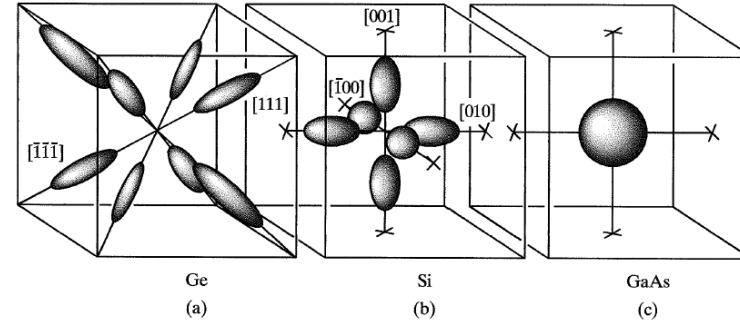
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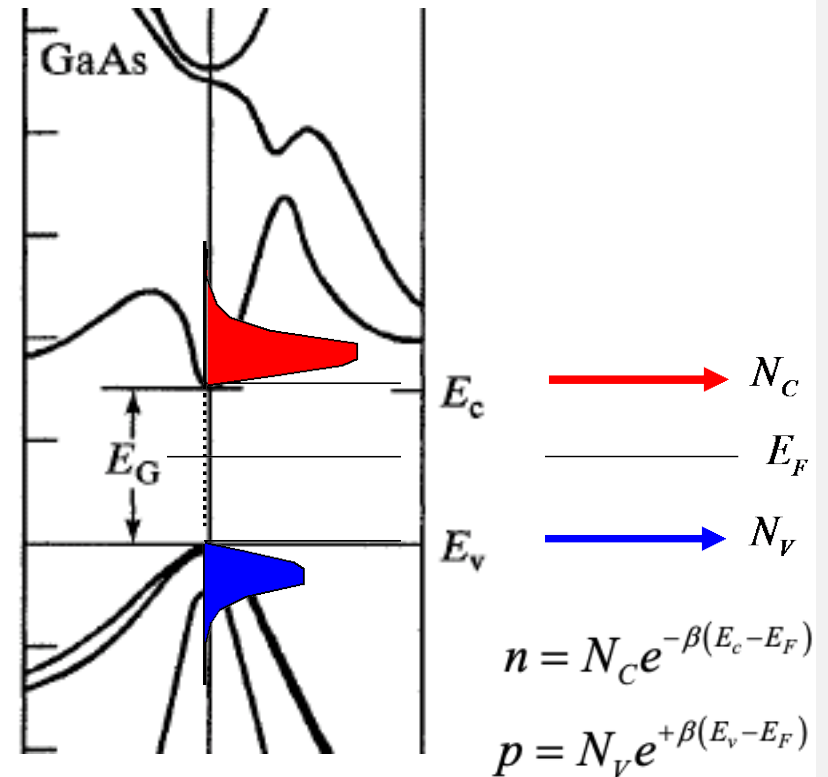
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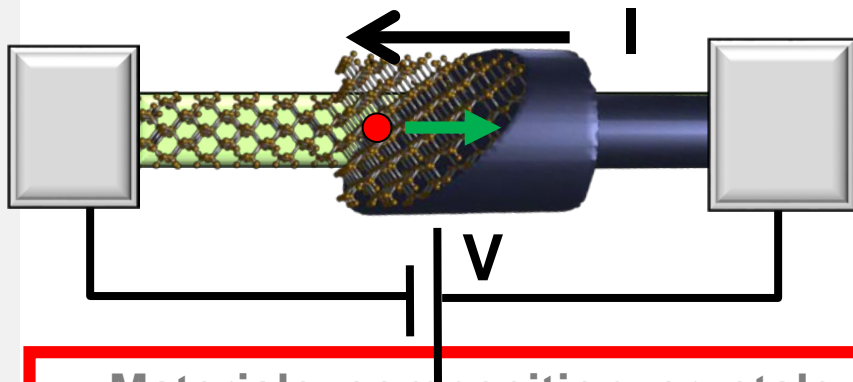
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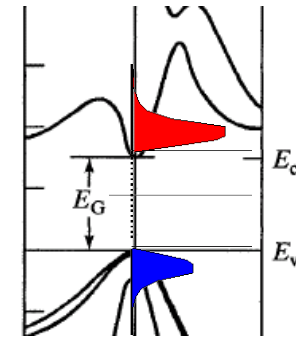
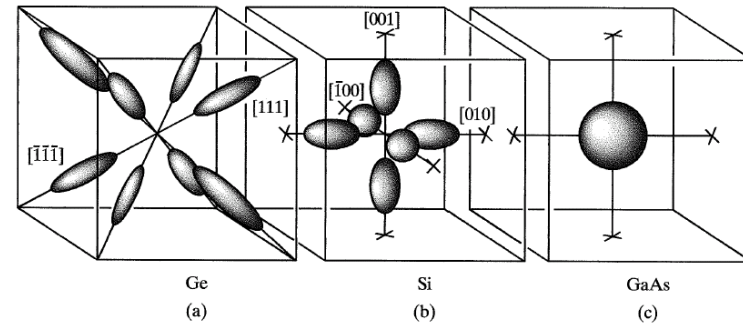
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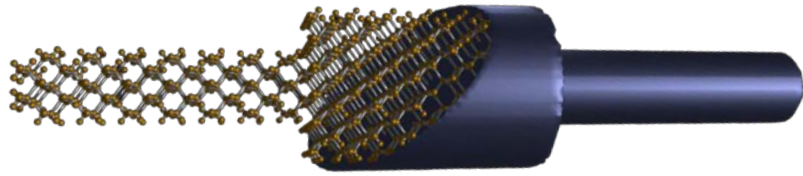
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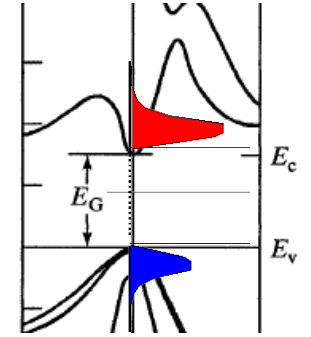
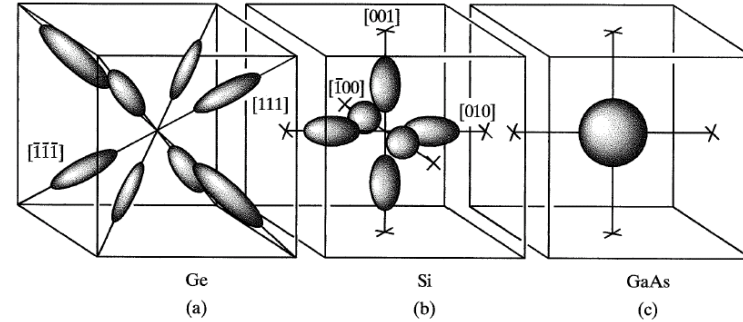
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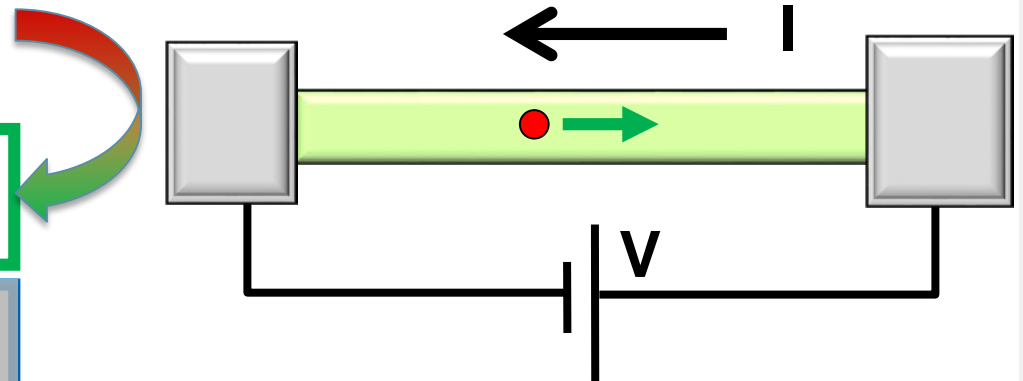
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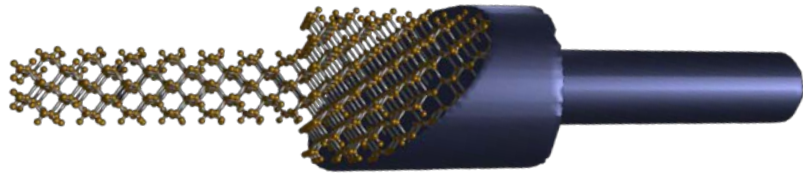
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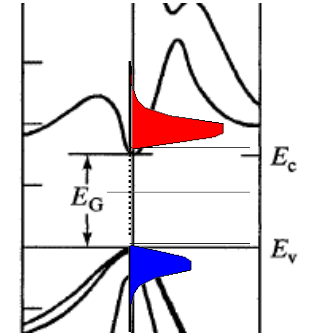
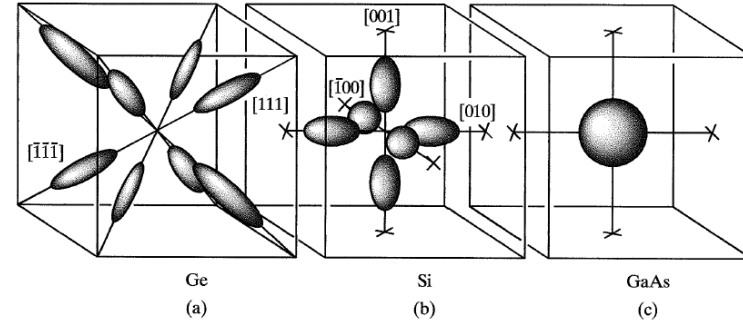
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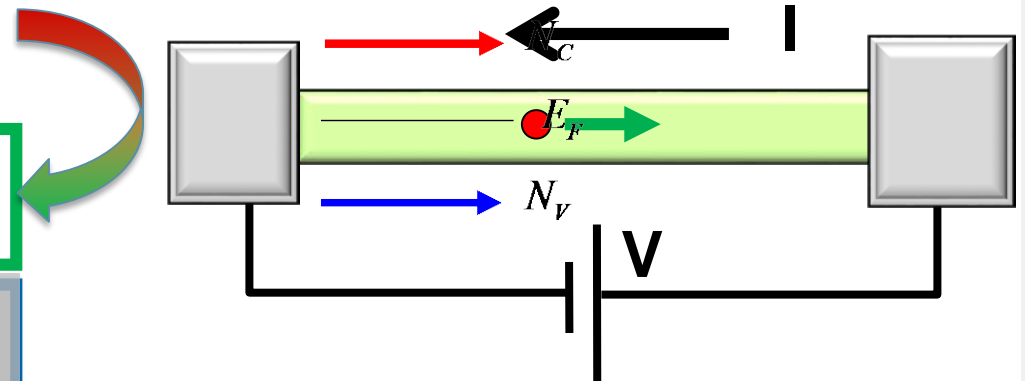
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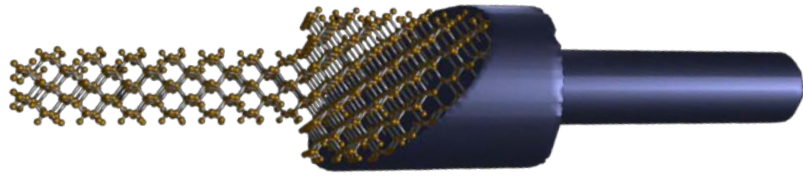
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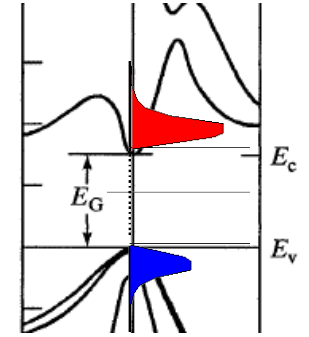
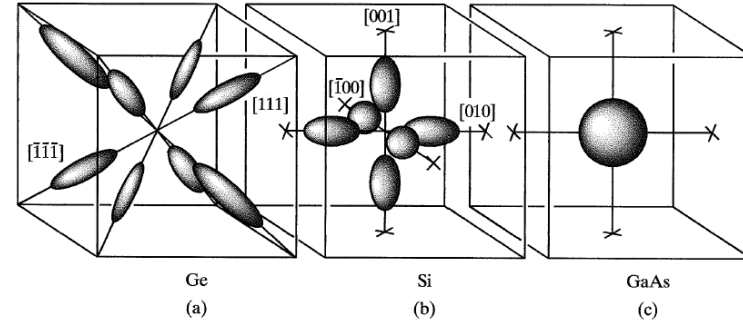
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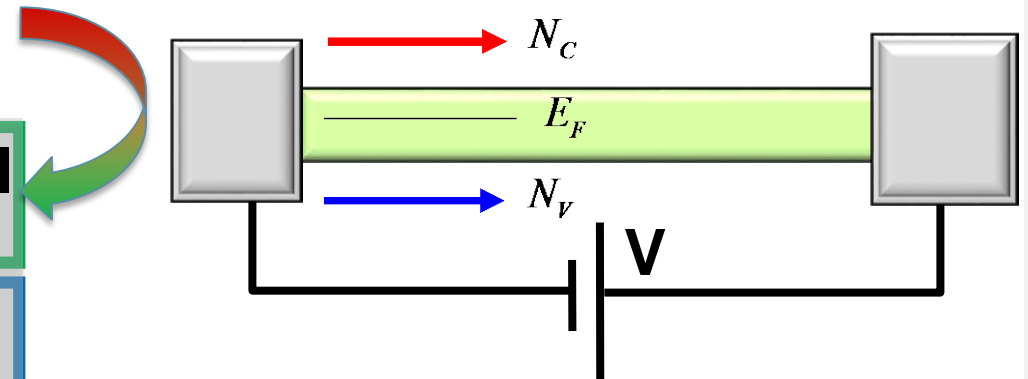
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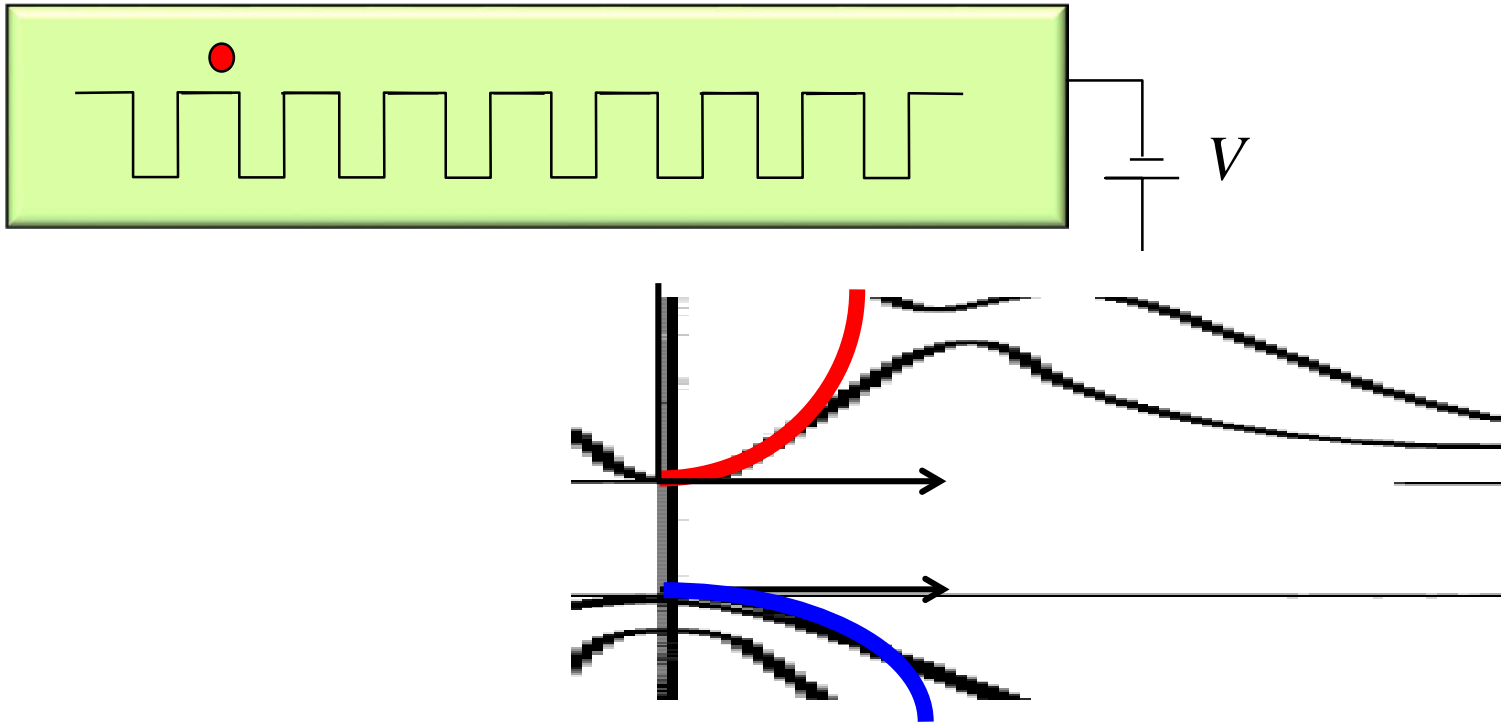
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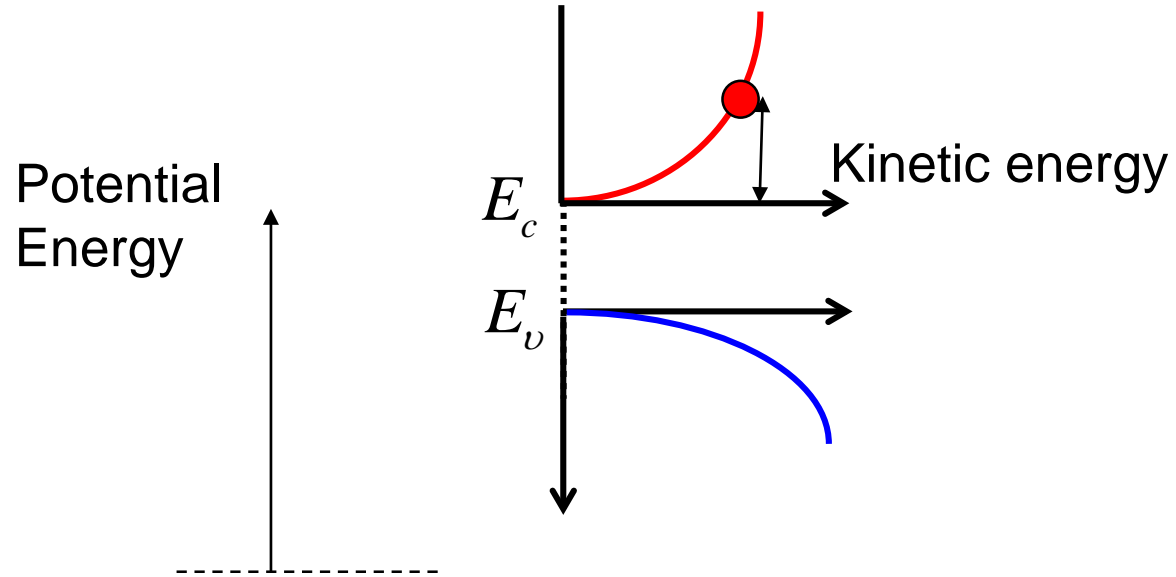
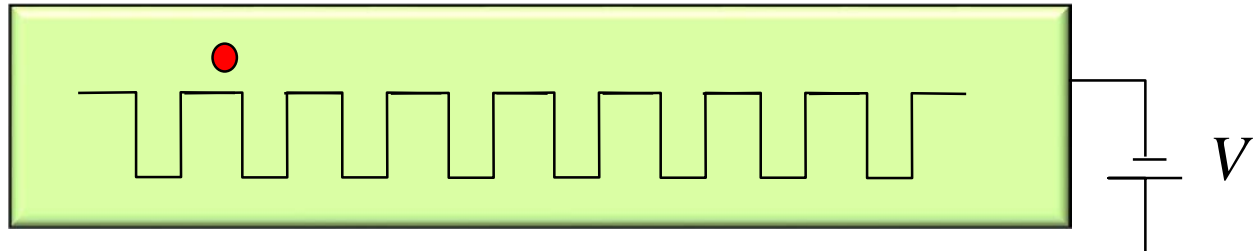
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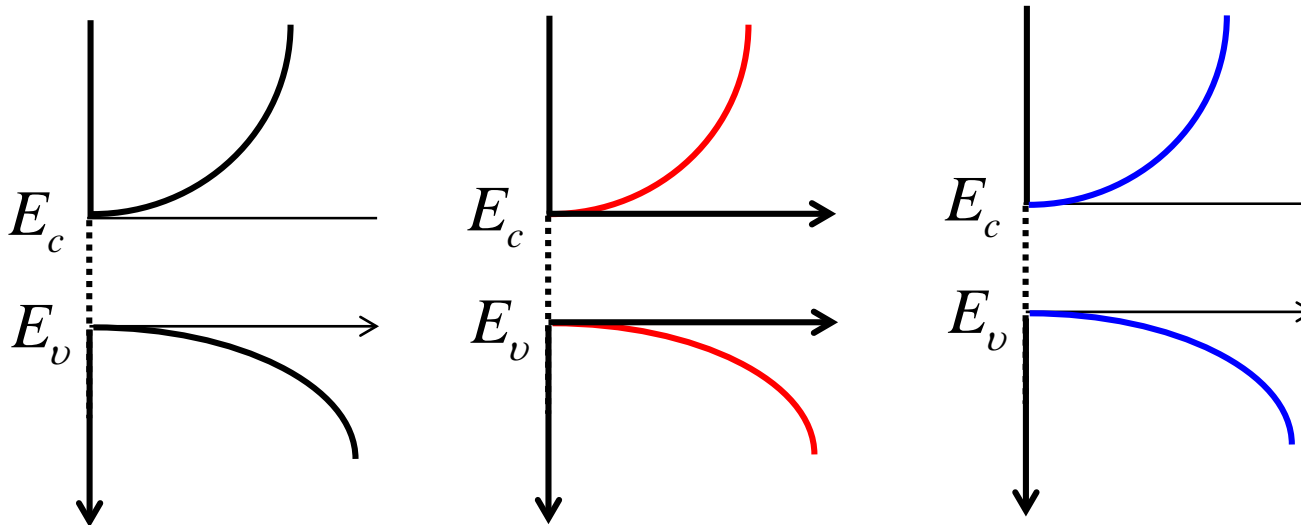
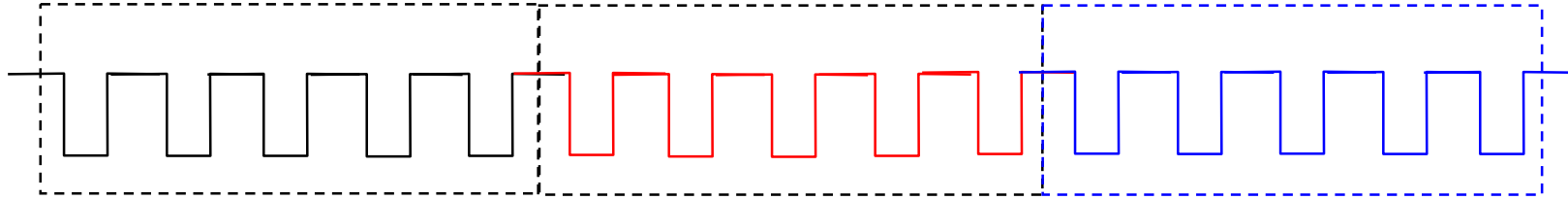


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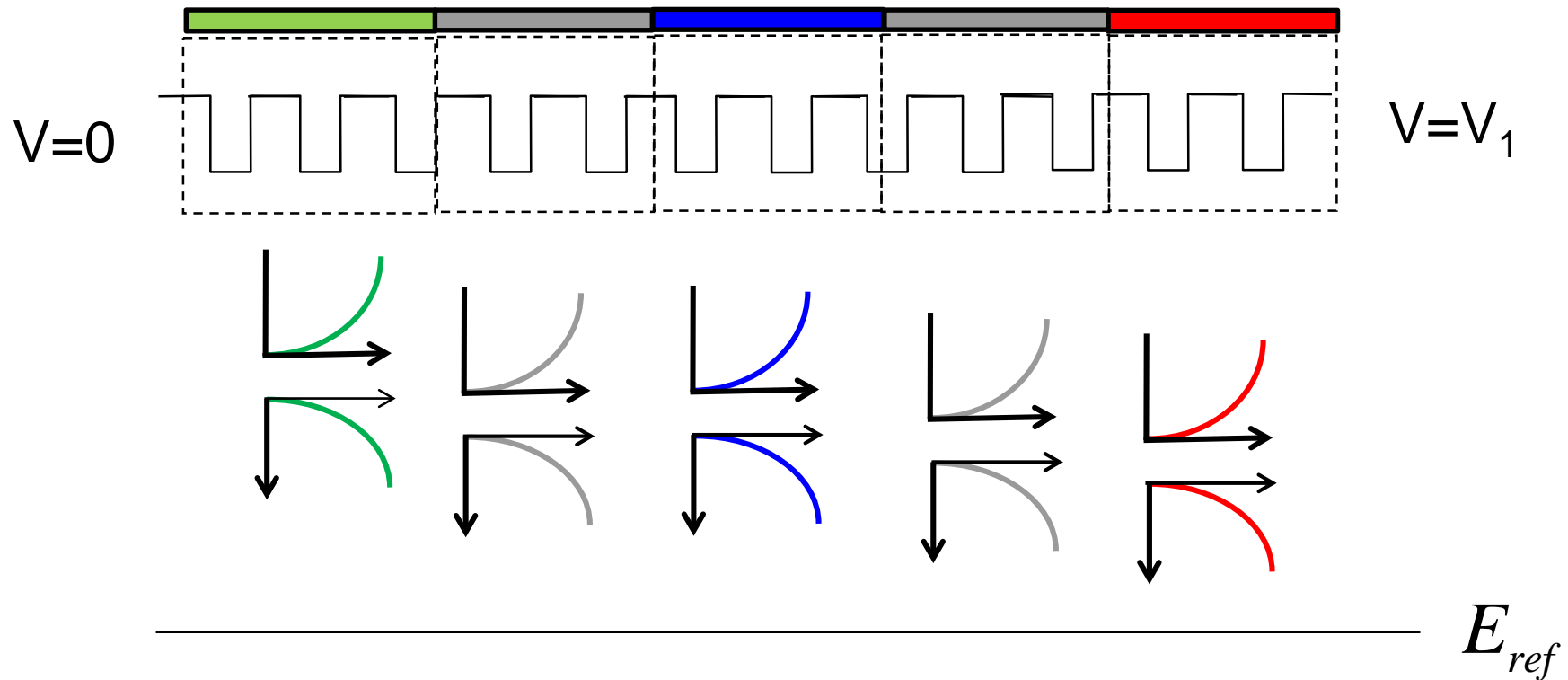


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Position Resolved E-k Diagram

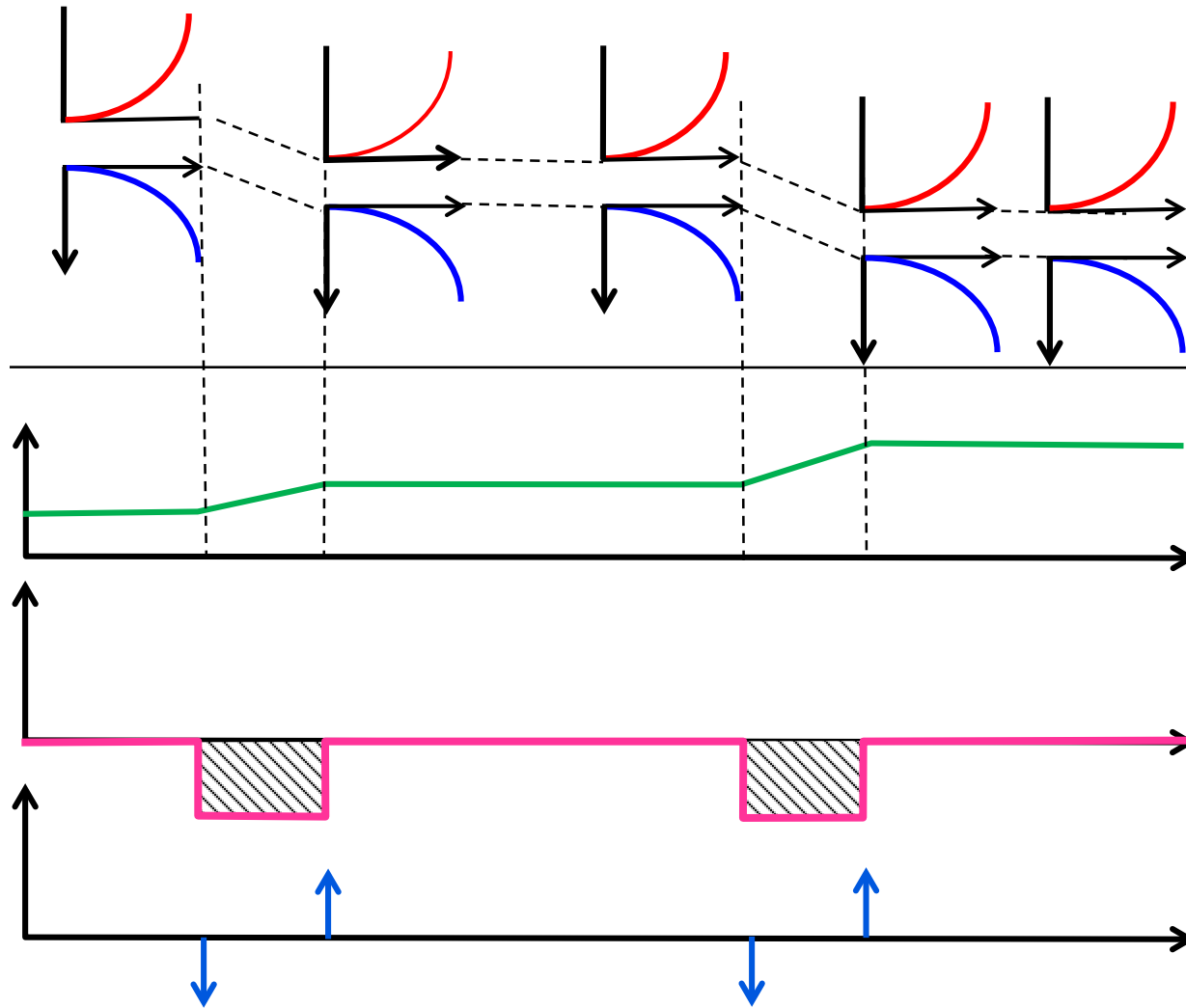


Position Resolved E-k Diagram with Applied Potential



$$P.E. = E_c - E_{ref} = -qV(x)$$

Position Resolved E-k Diagram with Applied Potential, Potential, Field, and Charge



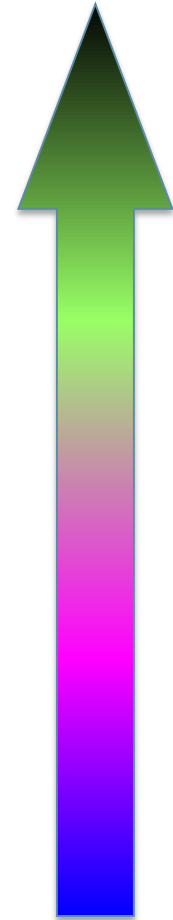
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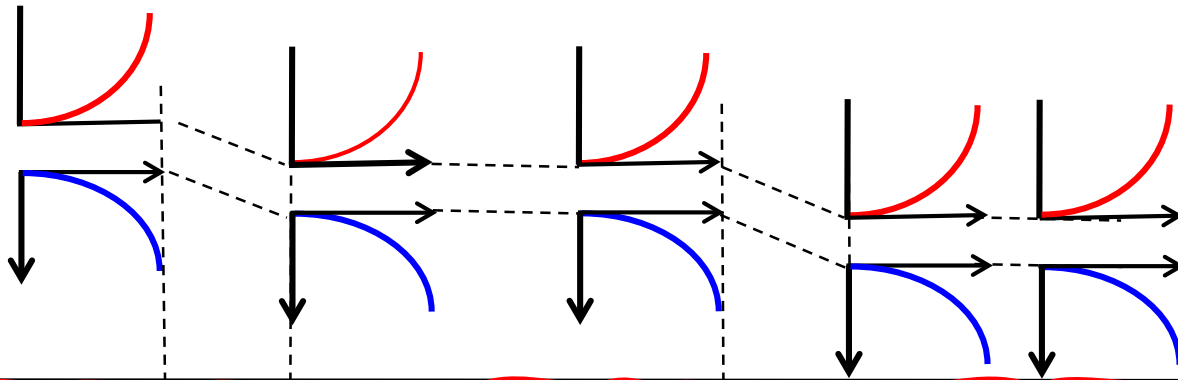
$$\vec{\mathcal{E}} = -\frac{dV}{dx} = \frac{1}{q} \frac{dE_c}{dx}$$

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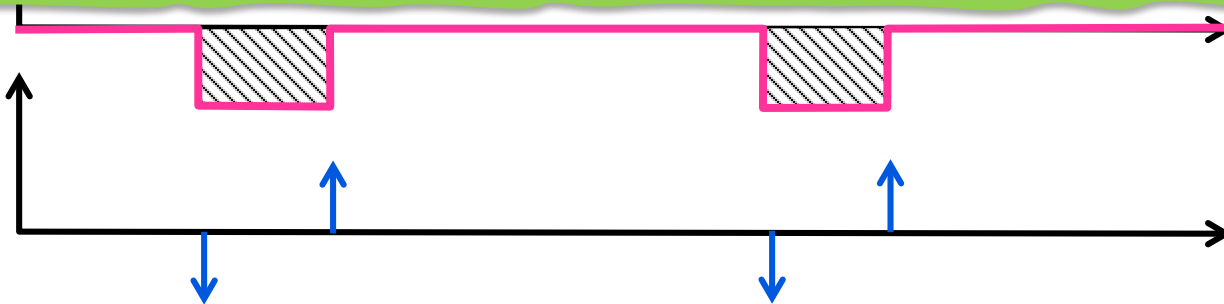
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Band Diagram!

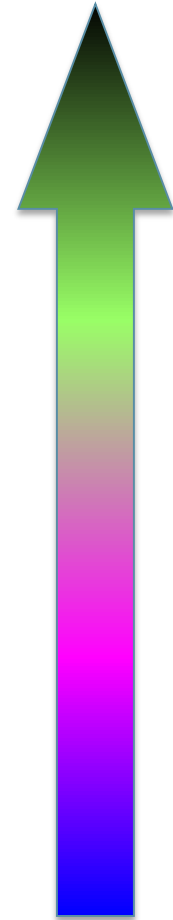
We will use that throughout the rest of the course!



$$c = \frac{d\vec{E}}{dx} = \frac{1}{q} \frac{dV}{dx}$$

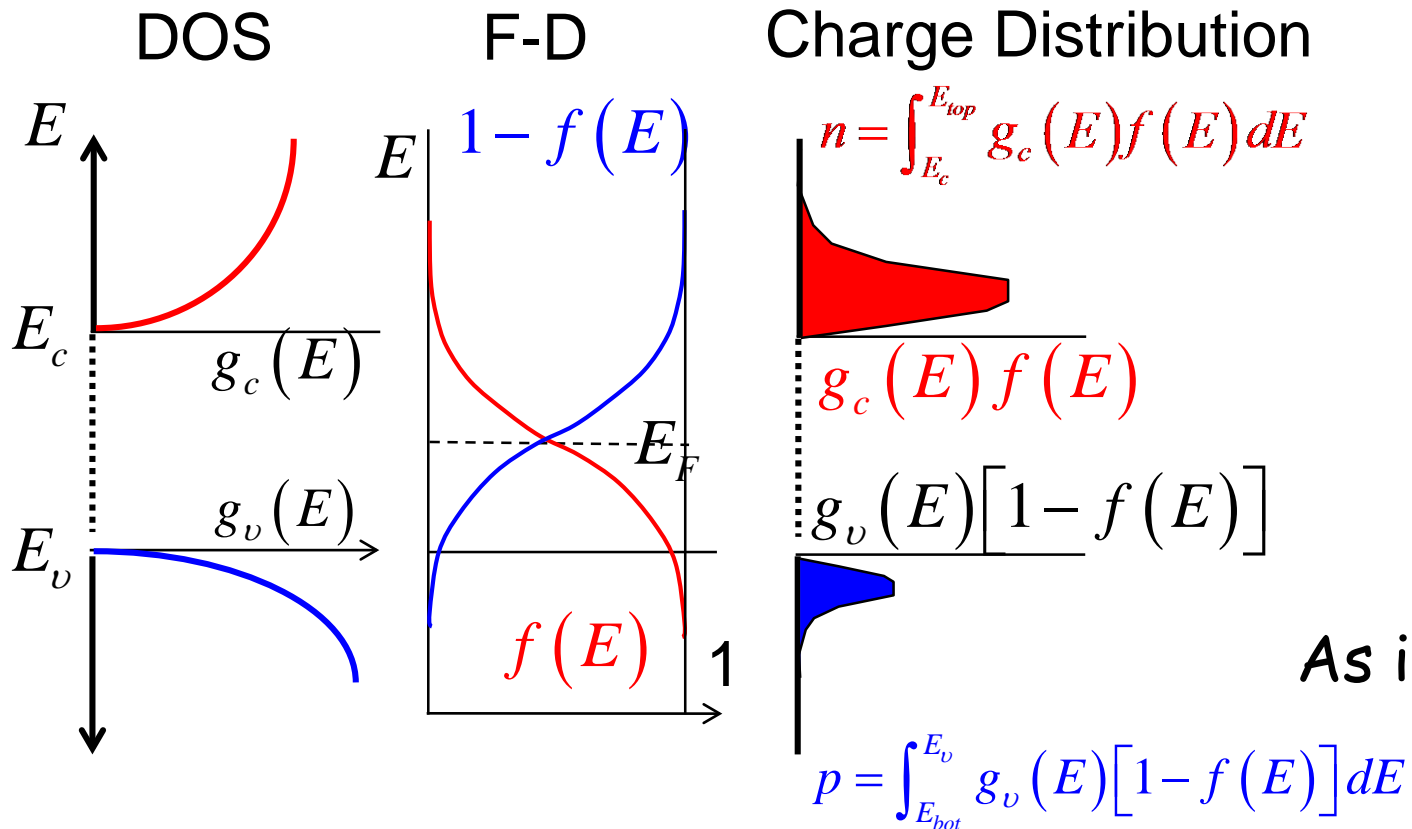
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Carrier Distribution => Effective Density of States

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No energy Distribution!

Delta Function Charge

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Red Arrow} &\rightarrow N_C \quad n = N_C e^{-\beta(E_c - E_F)} \\ \text{Black Line} &E_F \\ \text{Blue Arrow} &\rightarrow N_V \quad p = N_V e^{+\beta(E_v - E_F)} \end{aligned}$$

As if all states are at a single level E_c

Carrier Distribution => Effective Density of States

Why does this work?

- n_i is of the order of $10^{10}/\text{cm}^3$ in $10^{22}/\text{cm}^3$ atoms!
- Each atom has ~ 10 - 20 electrons
=> ~ 1 in 10^{13} electrons is mobile

- Typical doped devices have 10^{18} mobile electrons

=> ~ 1 in 10^5 electrons is mobile

=> Do not include the coulomb interactions of individual free electrons

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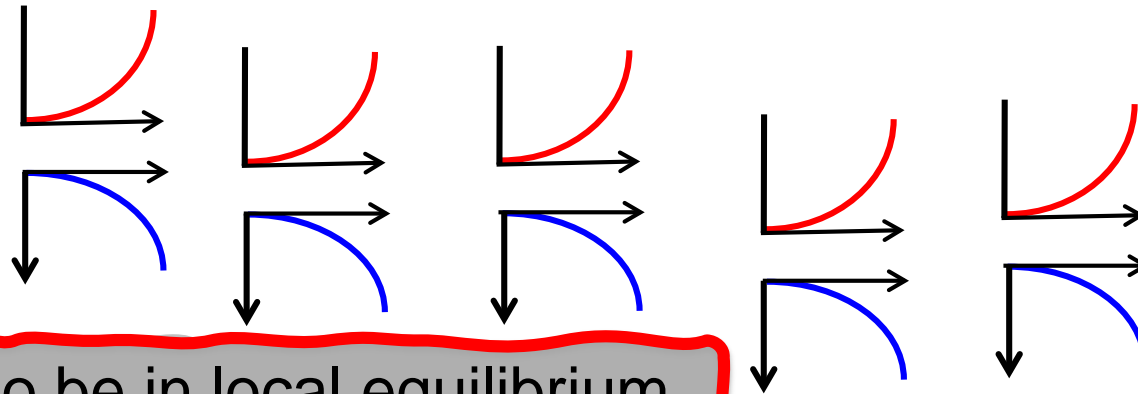
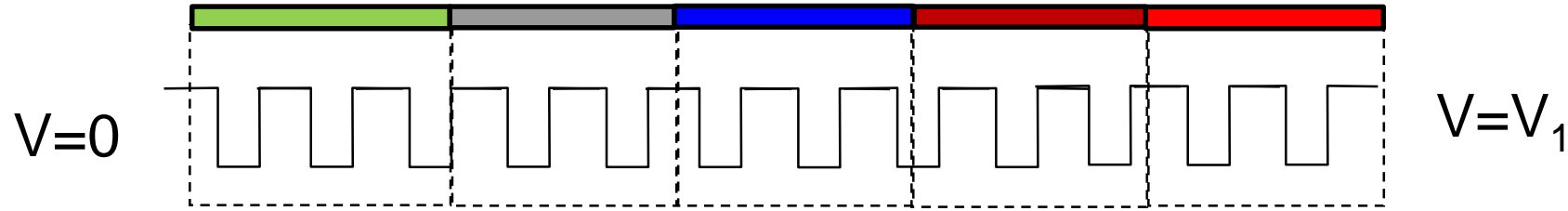
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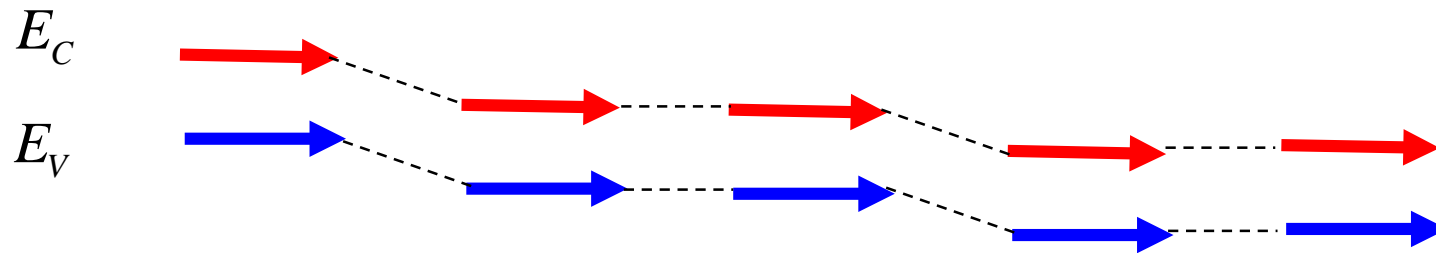
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E-k Diagram vs. Band-diagram



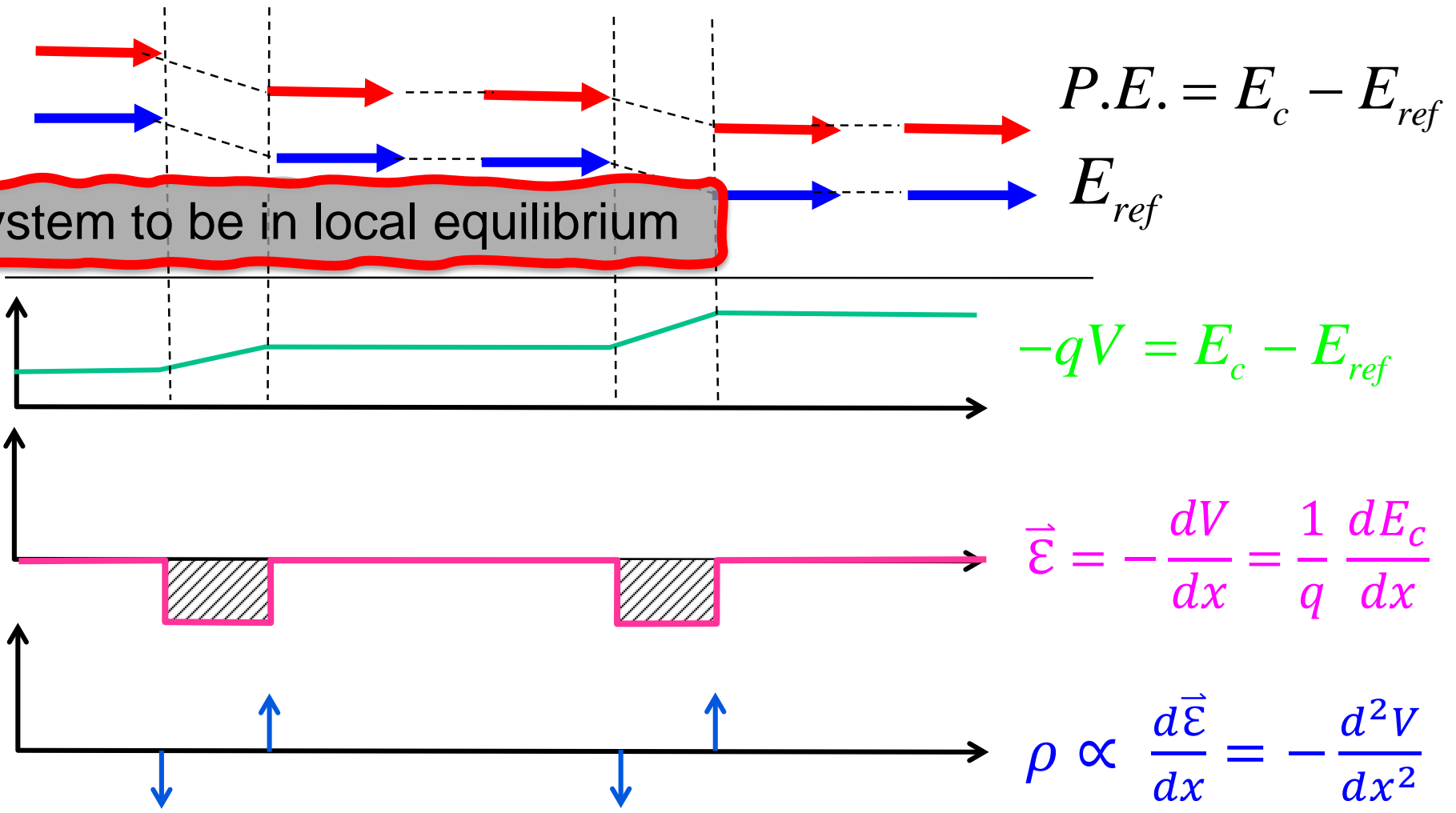
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All quantum mechanics is now hidden in a single point per band!

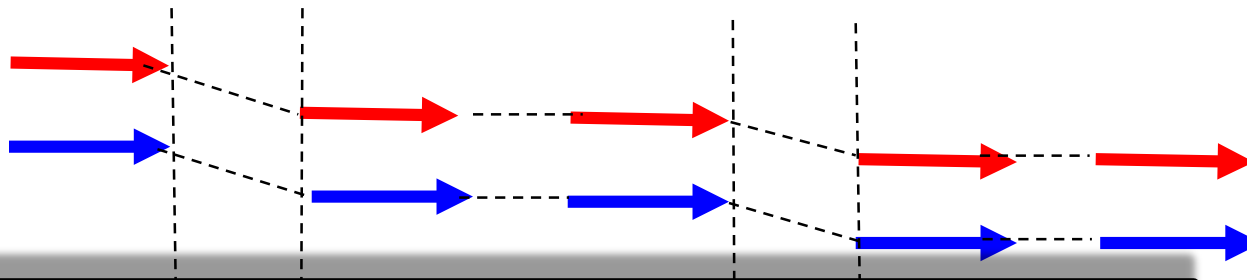
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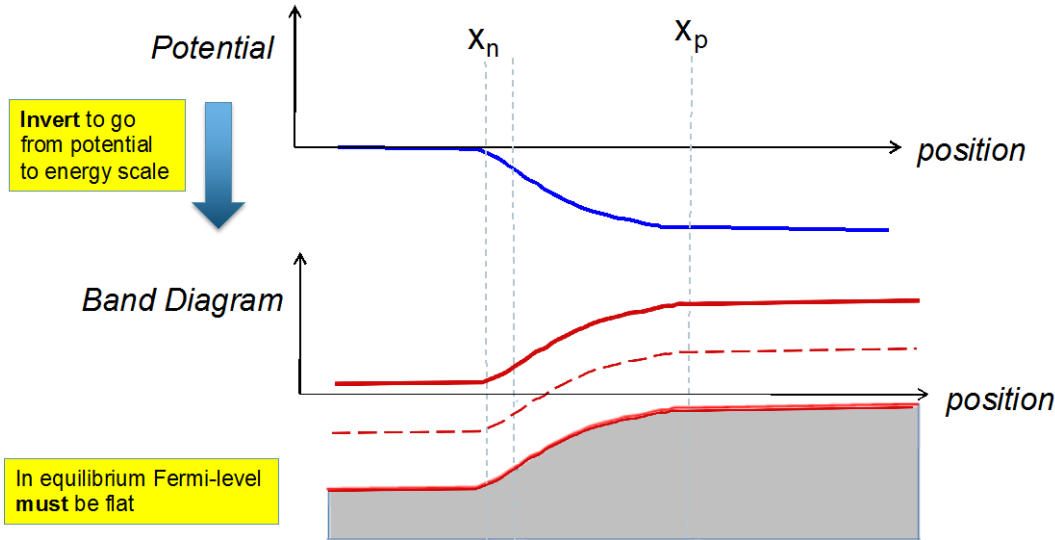
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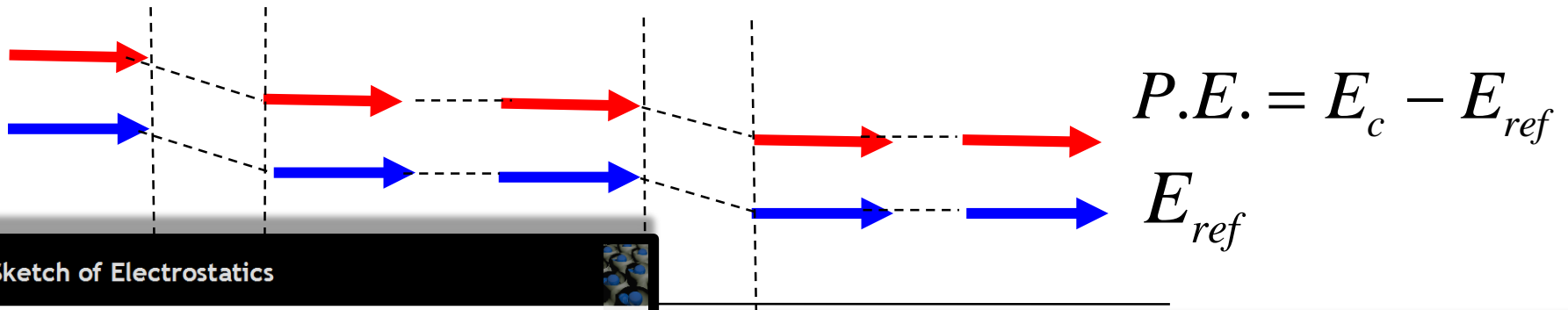
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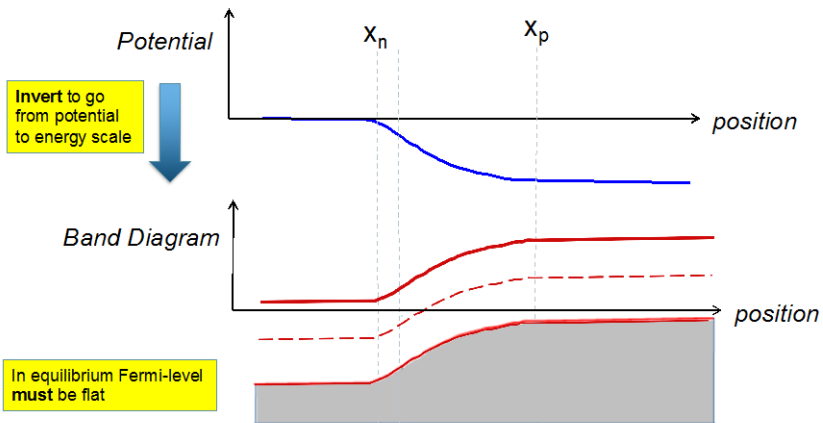
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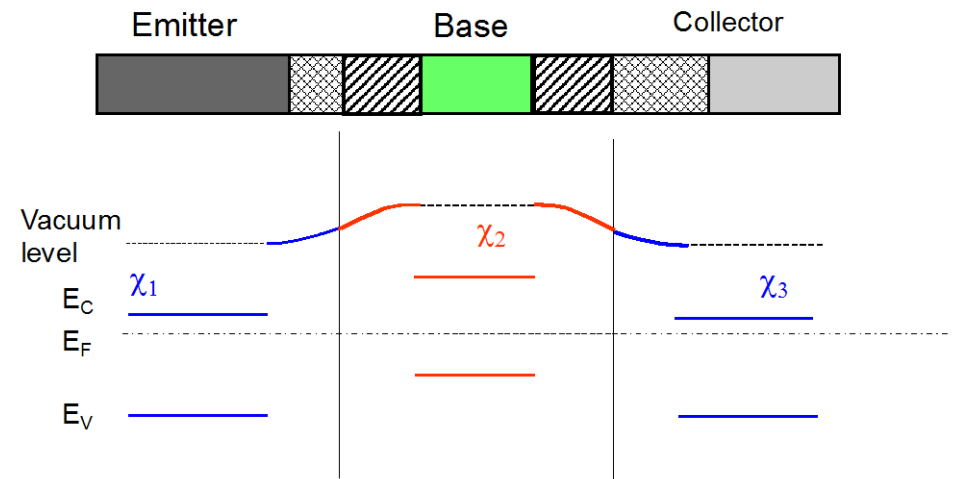


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Band Diagram at Equilibrium

NPN homojunction BJT

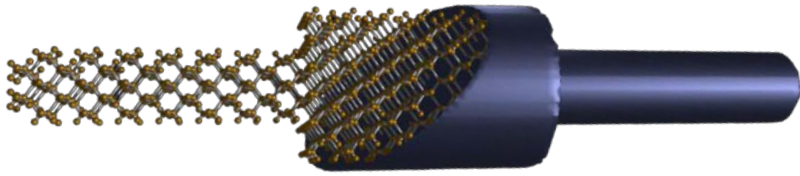


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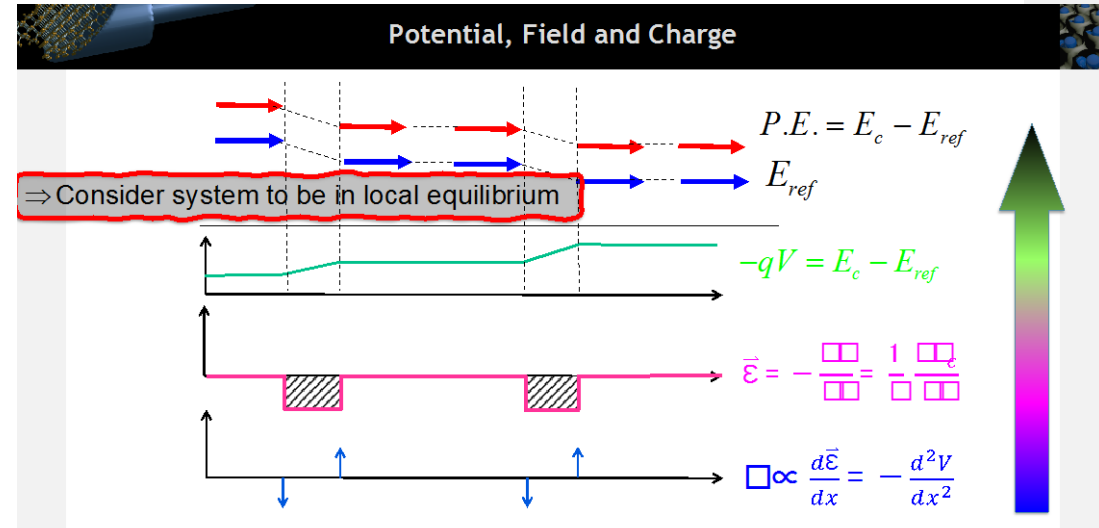
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