

Section 12

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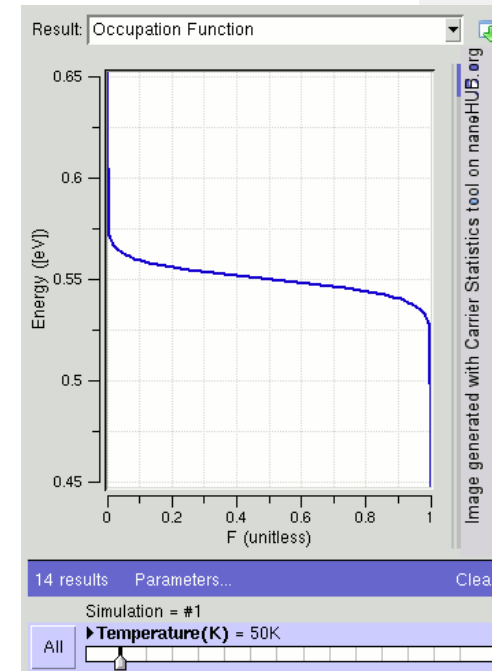
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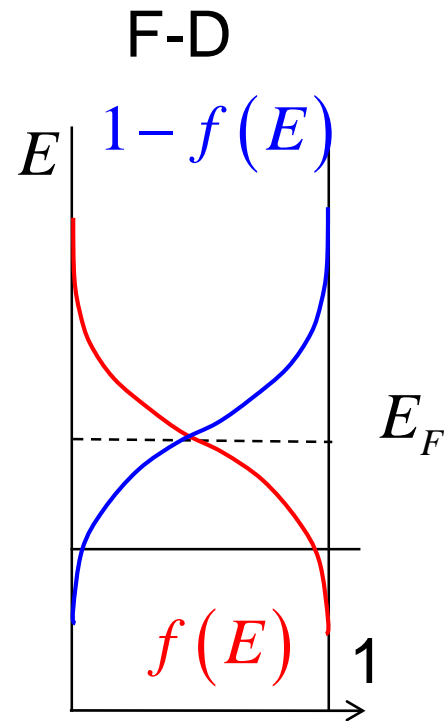
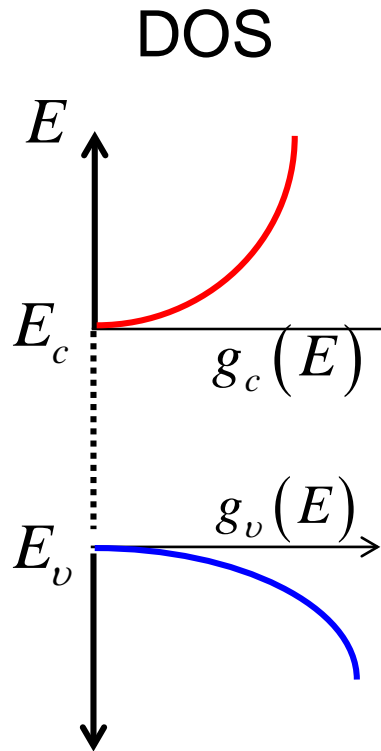
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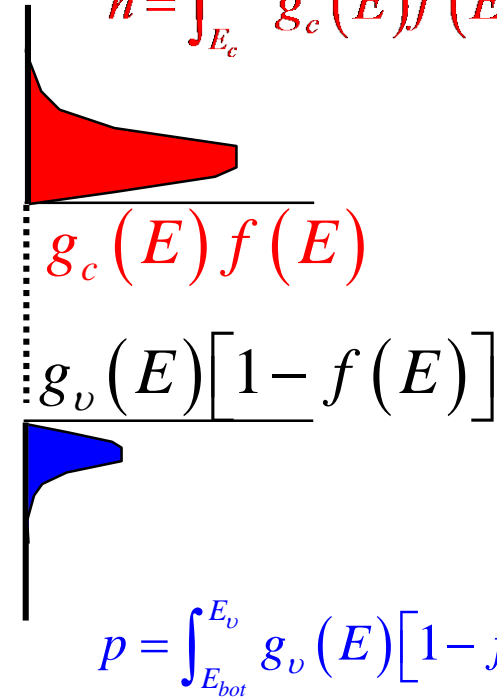


Carrier Distribution



concentration

$$n = \int_{E_c}^{E_{top}} g_c(E) f(E) dE$$



$$p = \int_{E_{bot}}^{E_v} g_v(E) [1 - f(E)] dE$$

Electron Concentration in 3D solids

$$n = \int_{E_c}^{E_{top}} g_c(E) f(E) dE$$

$$= \int_{E_c}^{E_{top}} 2 \times \frac{m_n^* \sqrt{2m_n^* (E - E_c)}}{2\pi^2 \hbar^3} \frac{1}{1 + e^{\beta(E - E_F)}} dE$$

Include spin factor of 2

$$\square \int_{E_c}^{\infty} \frac{m_n^* \sqrt{2m_n^* (E - E_c)}}{\pi^2 \hbar^3} \frac{1}{1 + e^{\beta(E - E_c)} e^{\beta(E_c - E_F)}} dE$$

Assume wide bands

$$n = N_C \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} F_{1/2}(\eta_c)$$

$$N_C \equiv 2 \left(\frac{2\pi m_n^* \beta}{h^2} \right)^{3/2}$$

$$F_{1/2}(\eta) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{\xi} d\xi}{1 + e^{\xi - \eta}}$$

$$\eta_c \equiv \beta(E_F - E_c)$$

Fermi Integral is Painful to Evaluate (not analytic - lookup tables or expensive numerical)

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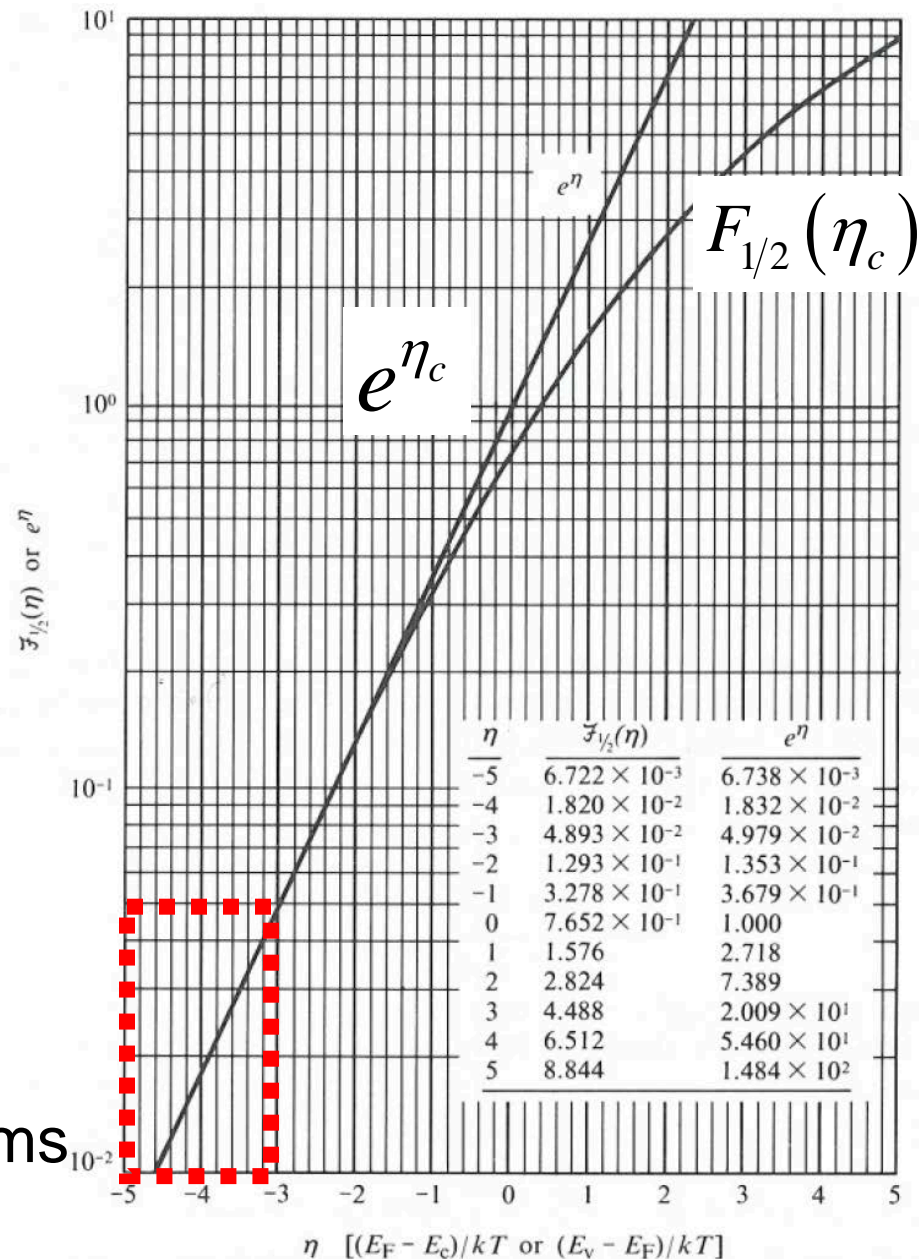
if $-\eta_c \equiv \beta(E_C - E_F) > 3$

$$n = N_C e^{-\beta(E_C - E_F)}$$

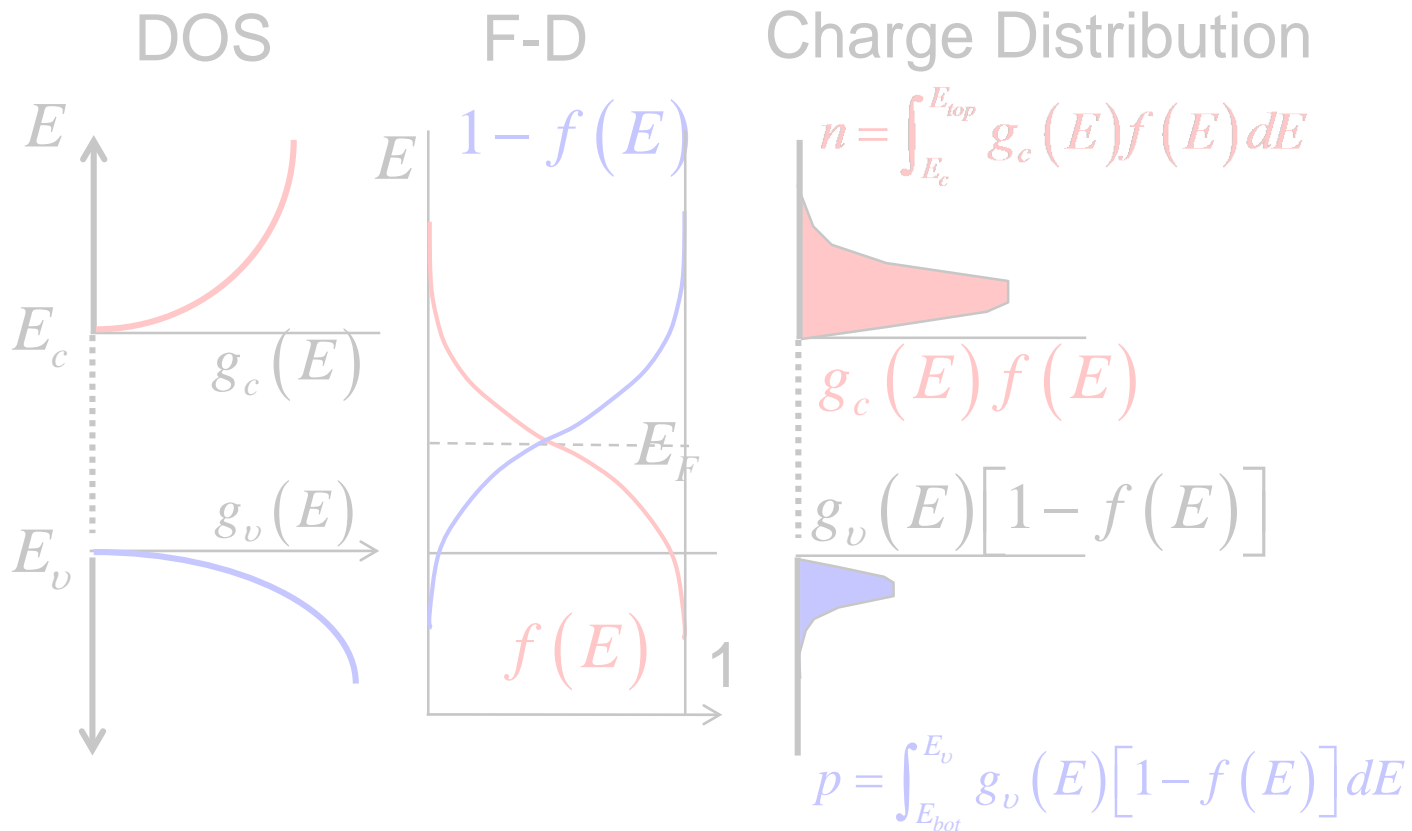
Boltzmann Statistics!

$$p = N_V e^{+\beta(E_V - E_F)}$$

For non-degenerate systems



Carrier Distribution => Effective Density of States



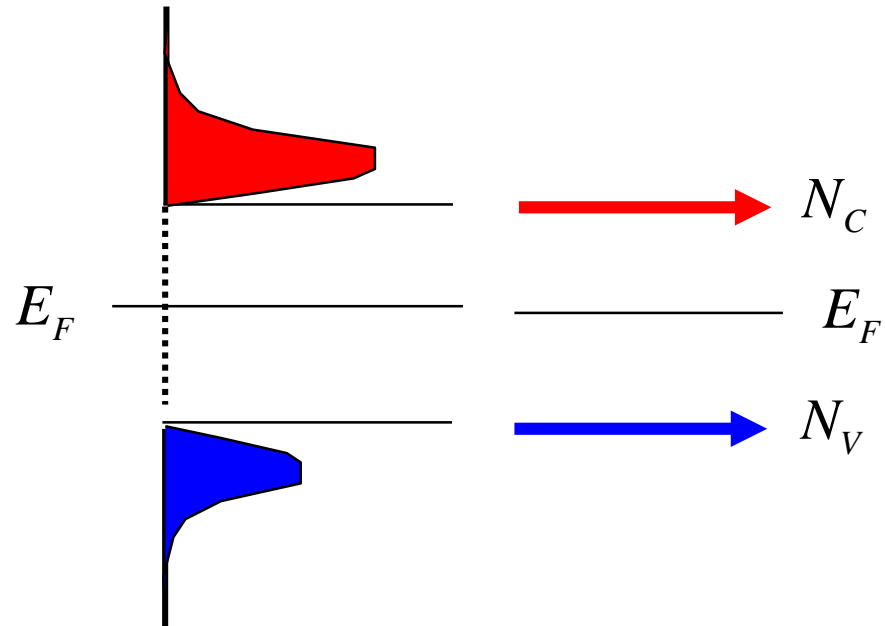
No energy Distribution!

Delta Function Charge

$\longrightarrow N_C \quad n = N_C e^{-\beta(E_c - E_F)}$
 $\text{---} E_F$
 $\longrightarrow N_V \quad p = N_V e^{+\beta(E_v - E_F)}$

As if all states are at a single level E_c

Law of Mass-Action



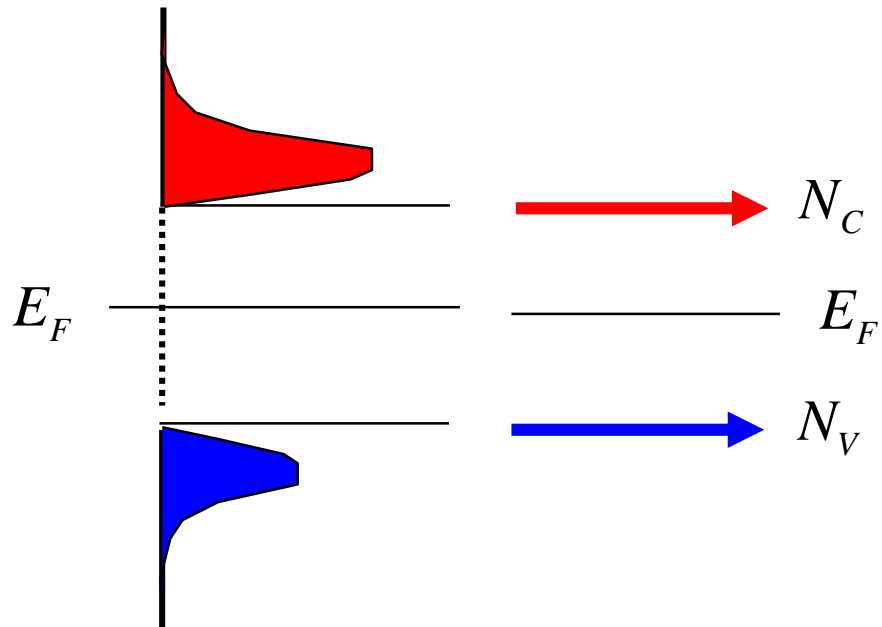
$$n = N_C e^{-\beta(E_c - E_F)}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} n \times p &= N_C N_V e^{-\beta(E_c - E_v)} \\ &= N_C N_V e^{-\beta E_g} \end{aligned}$$

Product is independent of the Fermi level!
Very useful balance equation! Will use it often

Fermi-Level for Intrinsic Semiconductors



$$n = p = n_i$$

$$n_i^2 = N_C N_V e^{-\beta E_g}$$

$$n_i = \sqrt{N_C N_V} e^{-\beta E_g / 2}$$

$$E_F \equiv E_i$$

$$n = p \Rightarrow N_C e^{-\beta(E_c - E_i)} = N_V e^{+\beta(E_v - E_i)}$$

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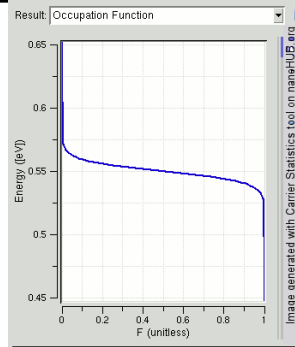
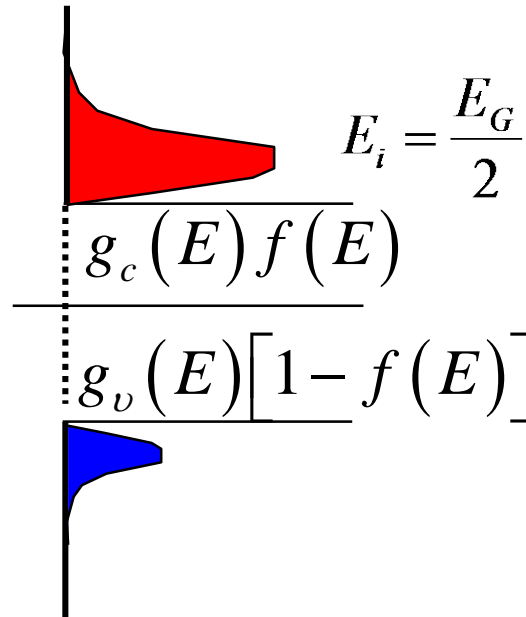
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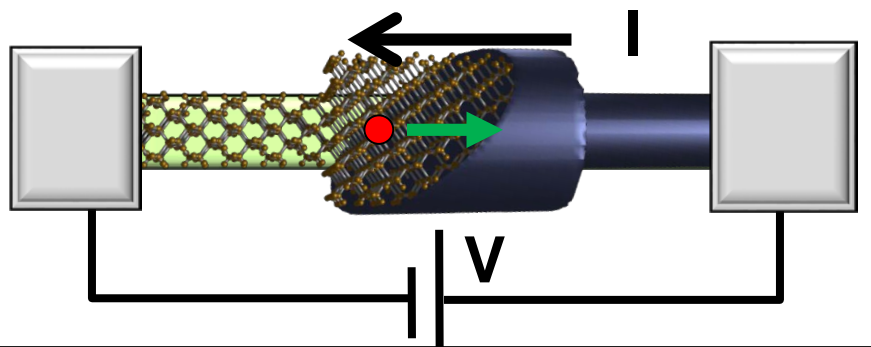
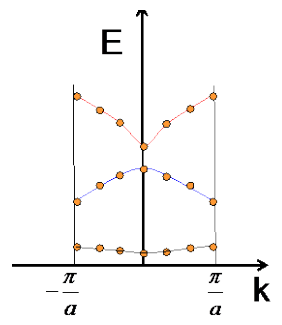
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$$I = G \times V$$

$$= q \times n \times v \times A$$

↑ charge density ↑ density ↑ velocity ↑ area

- **Materials, composition, crystals**
- Tabulated for "known" bulk materials

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- Transport with scattering, non-equilibrium Statistical Mechanics**
- Drift-diffusion equation with recombination-generation

- Understanding transport in concrete devices**
- Diodes, BJT/HBT, MOS