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Metal-Semiconductor Diodes

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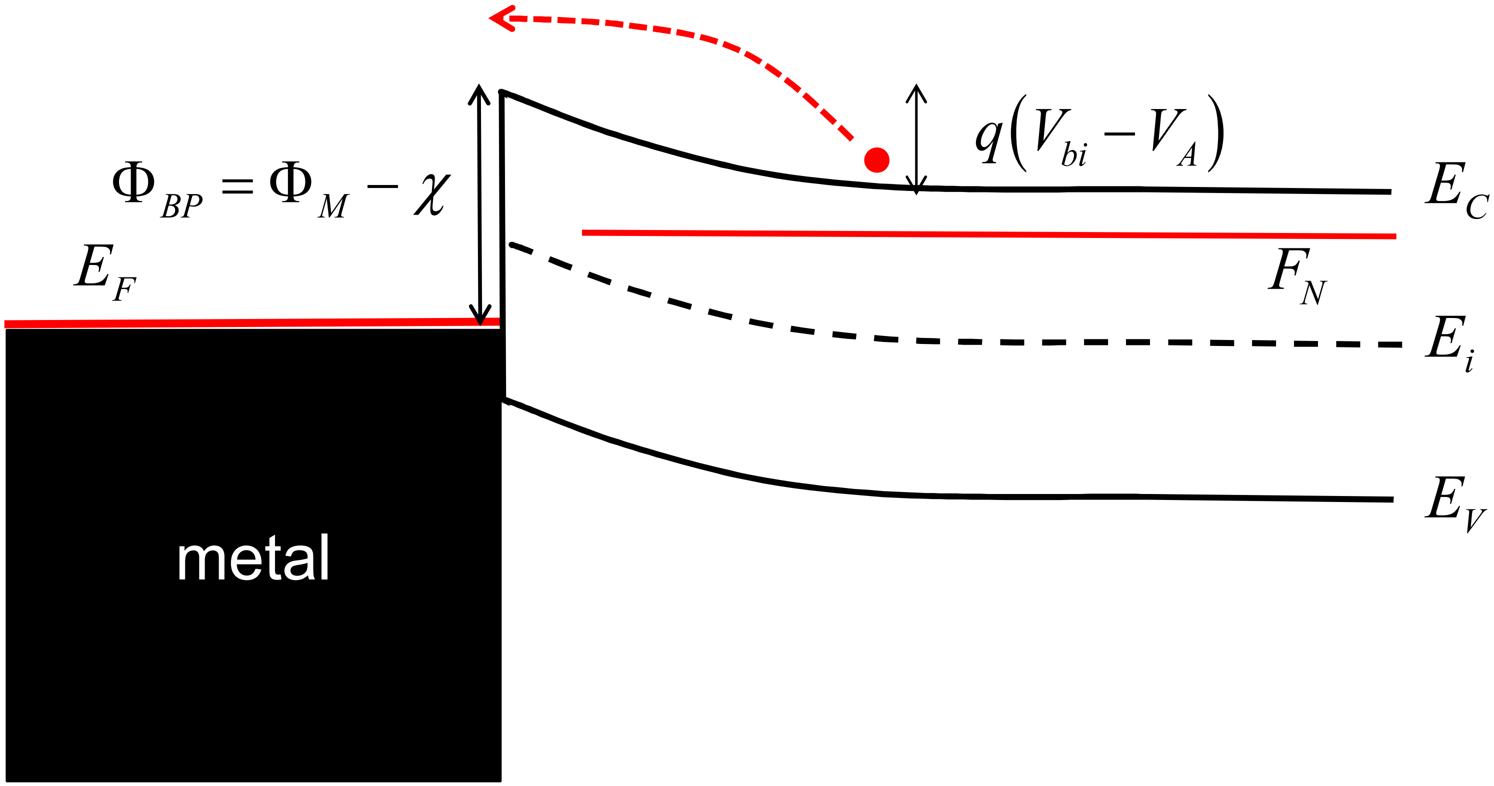
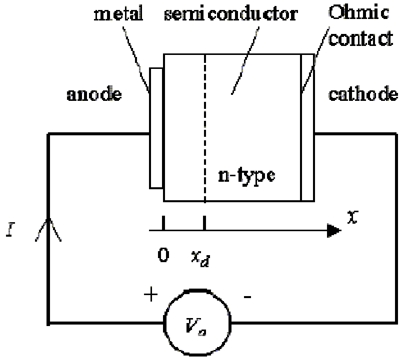
outline

1) Importance of metal-semiconductor diodes
2) DC Thermionic current, nonideal current
3) AC small signal and large-signal response

recap: metal-semiconductor band diagram

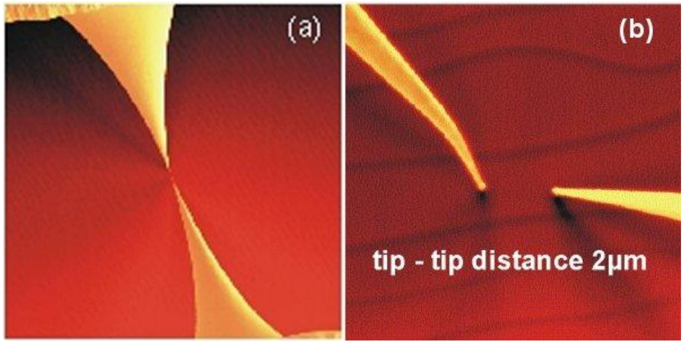


Applications of M-S diode ….



detectors

STM on semiconductor



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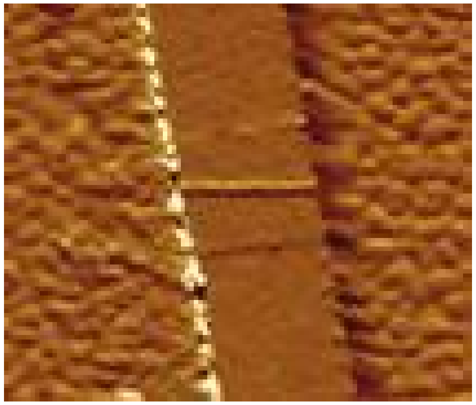
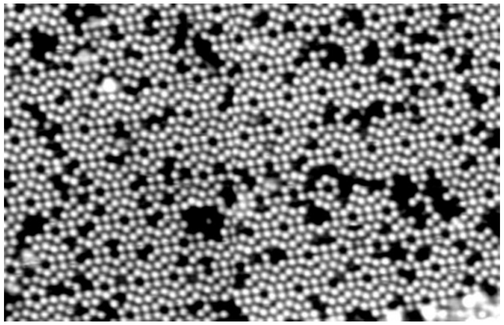
Original Bipolar

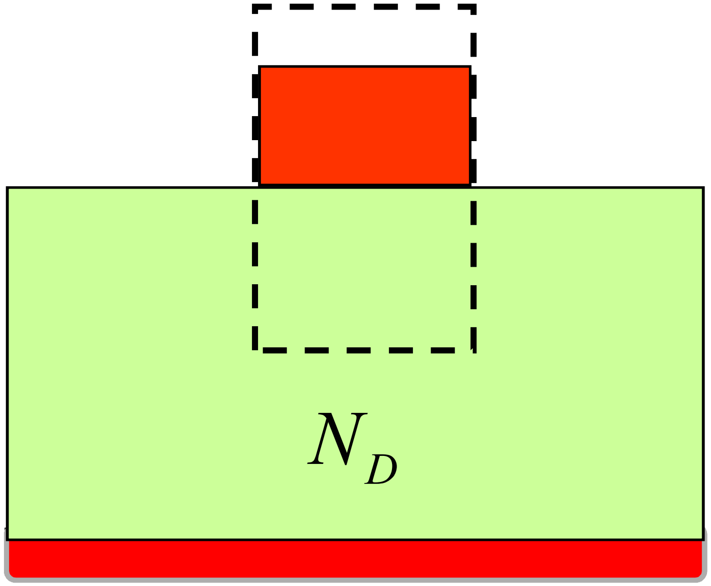
CNT Transistors

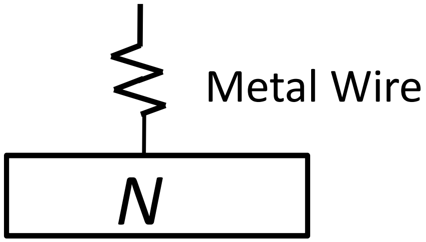




Originally, Galena (PbS), Si as semiconductor and Phosphor Bronze for metal (cat's whisker)

Metal-semiconductor Diode





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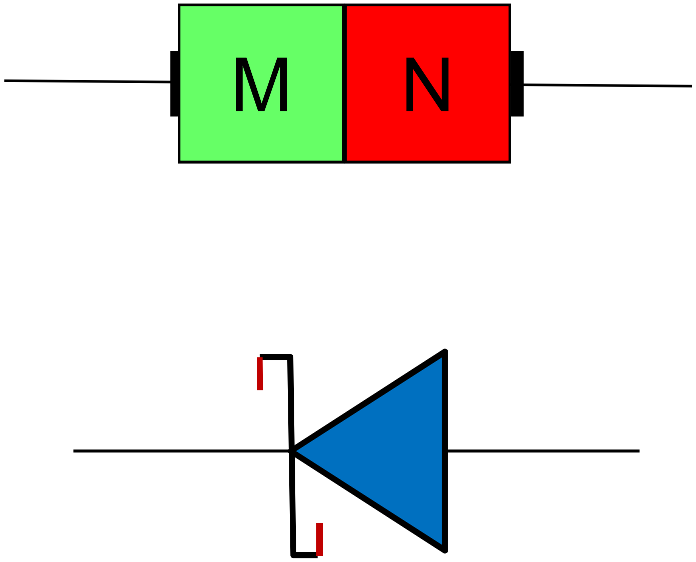


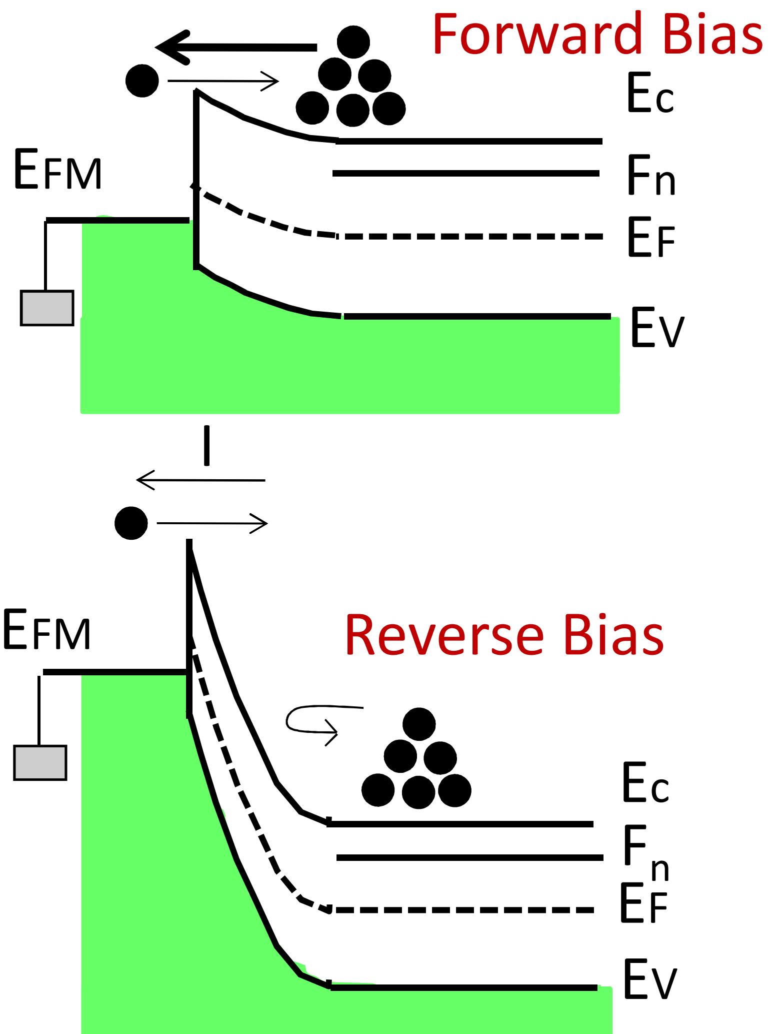
A very important thing to remember

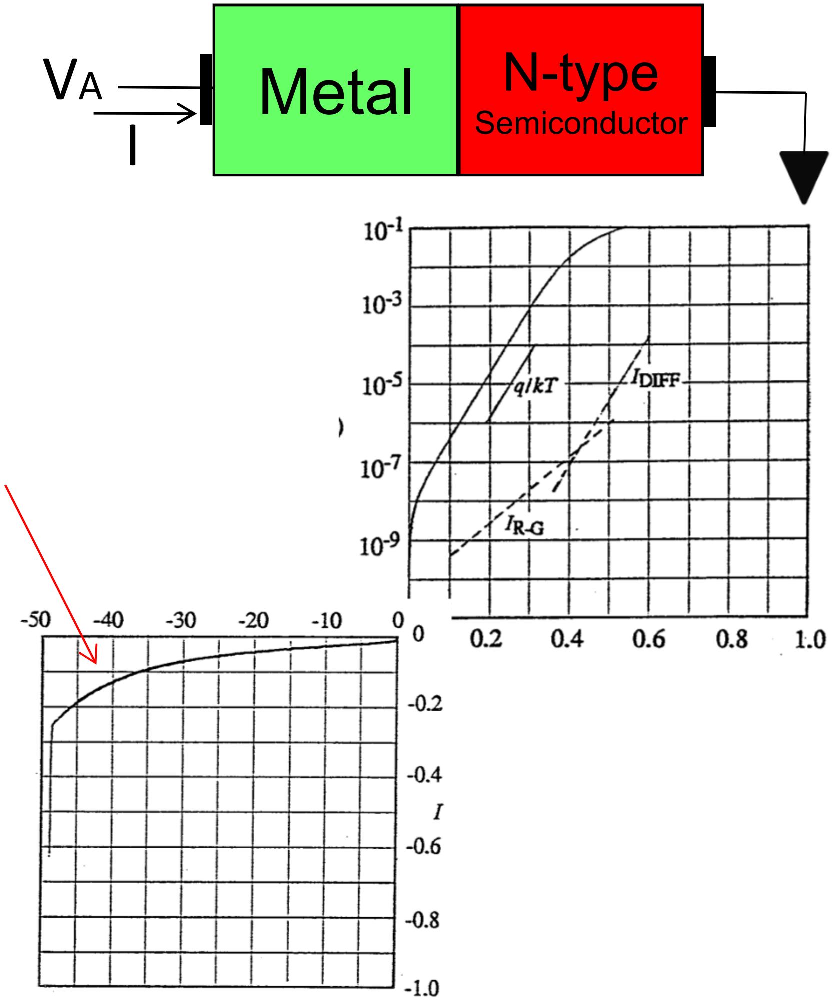
Classical diode is a minority carrier device.

Schottky diode is a majority carrier device.

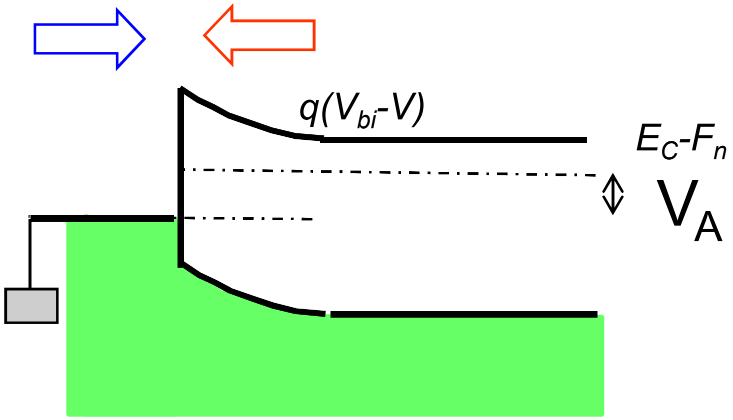
Schottky diode is much faster, but more difficult to control

I-V Characteristics





Left Boundary Condition



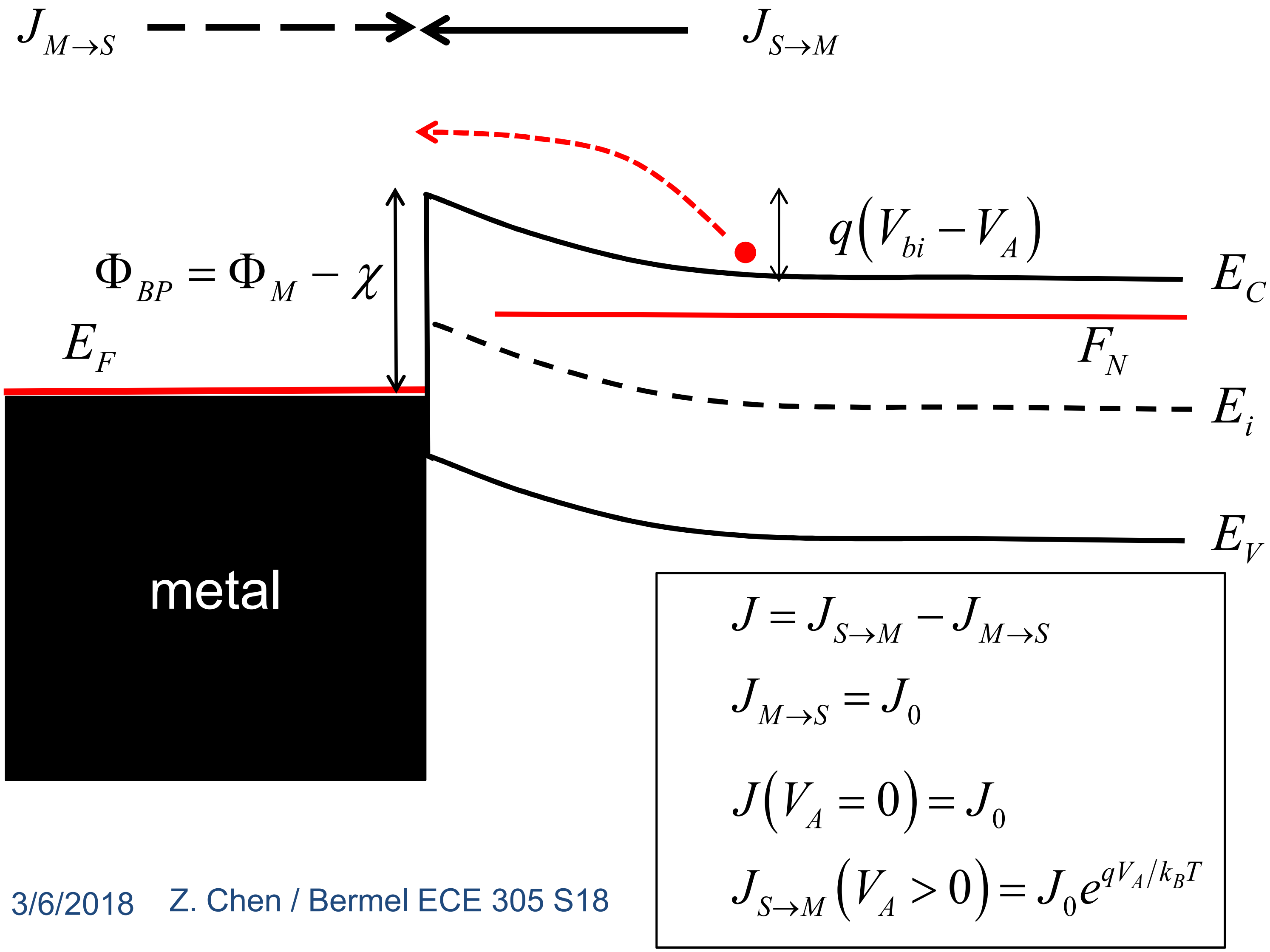
$$J_T(V_A) = J_{m\to s}(V_A) - J_{s\to m}(V_A)$$

$$J_T(V_A = 0) = 0 = J_{m\to s}(0) - J_{s\to m}(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow J_{m\to s}(0) = J_{s\to m}(0)$$

$$J_T(V_A) = J_{s\to m}(0) - J_{s\to m}(V_A)$$

band diagram



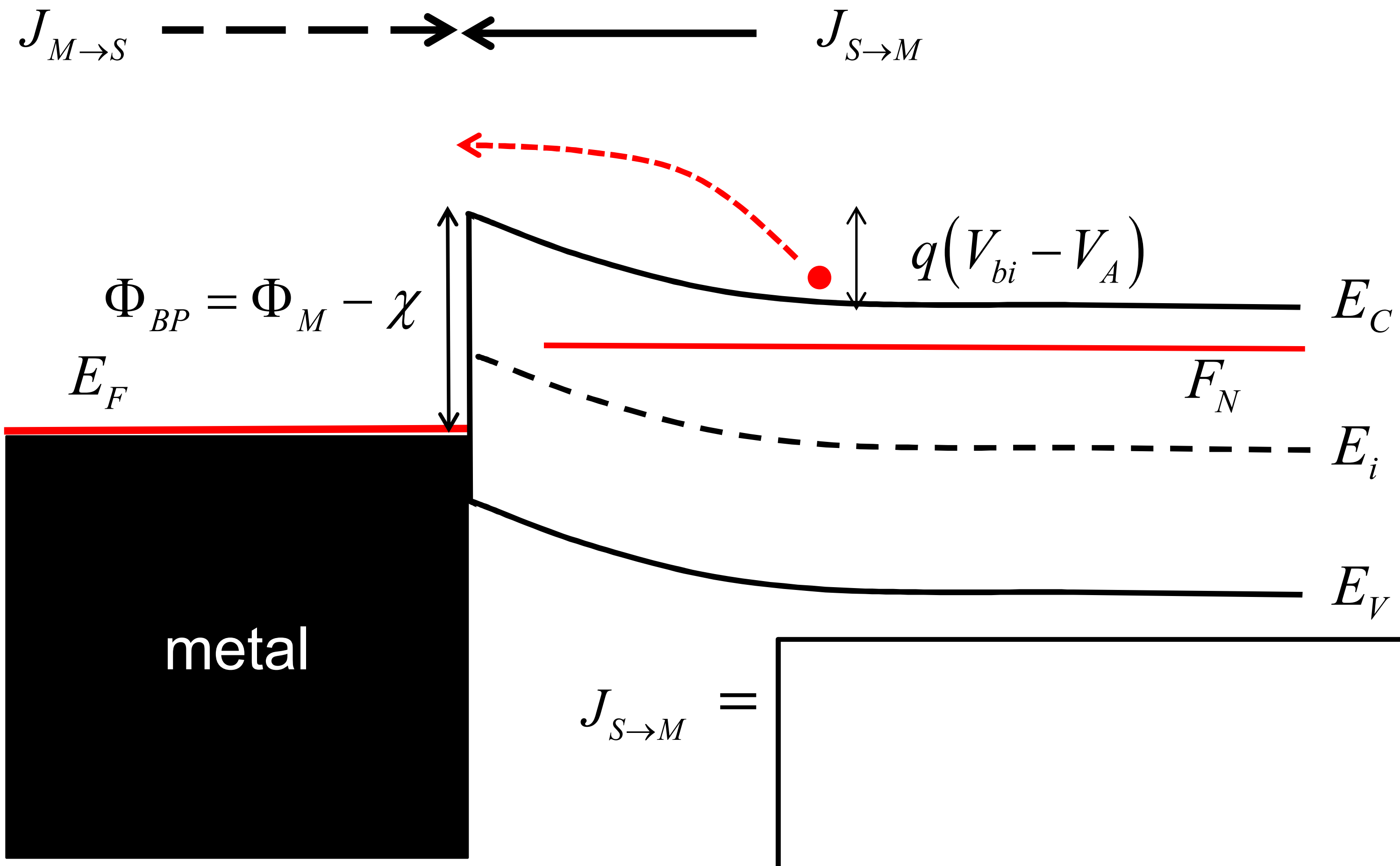
$$J = J_{S\to M} - J_{M\to S}$$

$$J_{M\to S} = J_0$$

$$J(V_A = 0) = J_0$$

$$J_{S\to M}(V_A > 0) = J_0 e^{qV_A/k_BT}$$

band diagram



$J_{S\to M} =$

$J_o =$

Schottky barriers

The most reliable way to work is to take the Schottky barrier as the known (measured) quantity.

Computing Schottky barriers from workfunctions and electron affinities can lead to large errors and interface effects can affect the Schottky barrier height.

http://www.cleanroom.byu.edu/ohmic-schottky.phtml

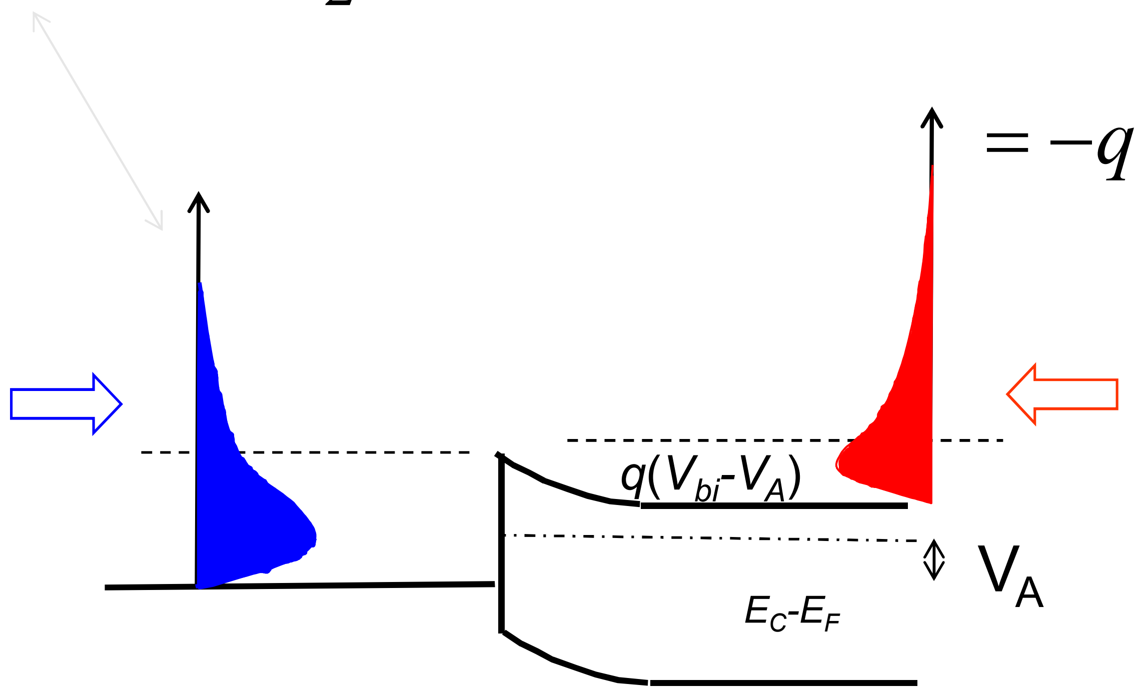
Semiconductor to Metal Flux

$$J_{m\to s}(V_A) = -q\frac{n_m}{2} e^{-\frac{q\Phi_B}{kT}} \upsilon_{th}$$

$$J_{s\to m}(V_A) = -q\frac{n_s}{2} e^{-q\frac{V_{bi}-V_A}{kT}} \upsilon_{th}$$

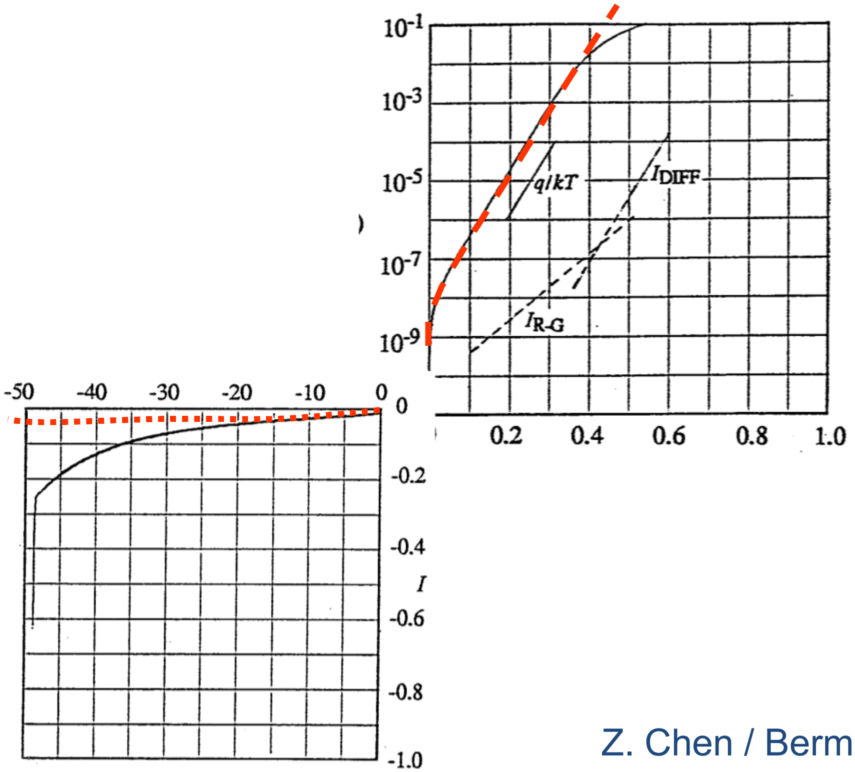
$$= -q\frac{n_s\upsilon_{th}}{2} e^{-\frac{qV_{bi}}{kT}} \times e^{\frac{qV_A}{kT}}$$

$$= -q\frac{n_m\upsilon_{th}}{2} e^{-\frac{q\Phi_B}{kT}} e^{\frac{qV_A}{kT}}$$



Total Flux…

$$J_T = J_{s\to m}(0) - J_{s\to m}(V_A) = \frac{q n_m \upsilon_{th}}{2} e^{\frac{-q\Phi_m}{kT}} \left[e^{\frac{qV_A}{kT}} - 1 \right]$$



saturation current density, J_0

$$J_0 = qN_D \frac{\upsilon_T}{2} e^{-qV_{bi}/k_BT}$$

$$qV_{bi} = \Phi_{BN} - \left(E_C - E_{FN}\right)\Big|_{x\to\infty}$$

$$n_0 = N_D = N_C e^{\left(E_{FN}-E_C\right)/k_BT}$$

$$qV_{bi} = \Phi_{BN} - k_BT \ln\left(\frac{N_C}{N_D}\right)$$

$$\boxed{J_0 = qN_C \frac{\upsilon_T}{2} e^{-\Phi_{BN}/k_BT}}$$

saturation current density, *J₀*

$$J_0 = qN_C \frac{\upsilon_T}{2} e^{-\Phi_{BN}/k_B T}$$

$$N_C = 2\left[\frac{\left(m_n^* k_B T\right)}{2\pi\hbar^2}\right]^{3/2}$$

$$\upsilon_T = \sqrt{\frac{2k_B T}{\pi m_n^*}}$$

saturation current

$$J = J_0\left(e^{qV_A/k_BT} - 1\right)$$

$$J_0 = A^* T^2 e^{-\Phi_{BP}/k_BT}$$

$$A^* = \frac{4\pi q m_n^* k_B^2}{h^3}$$

"Richardson's constant"

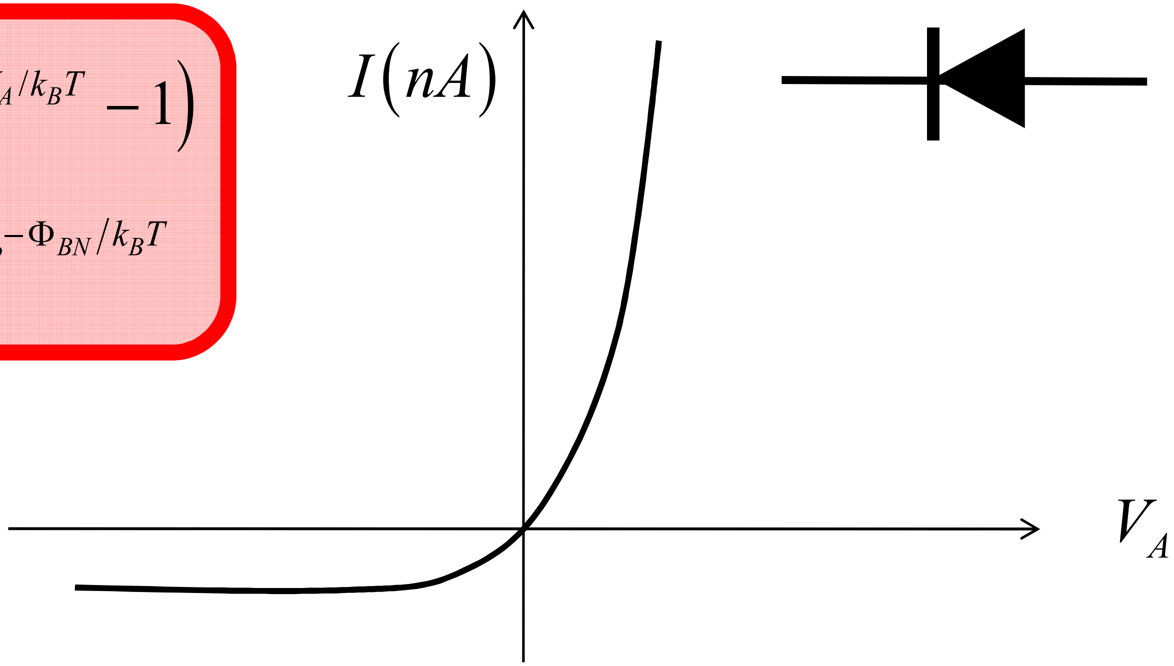
$$A = \frac{4\pi q m_0 k_B^2}{h^3} = 120\ \frac{\mathrm{A}}{\mathrm{cm}^2\text{-}\mathrm{K}^2}$$

$$A^* = \frac{m_n^*}{m_0}$$

IV characteristics of a Schottky diode

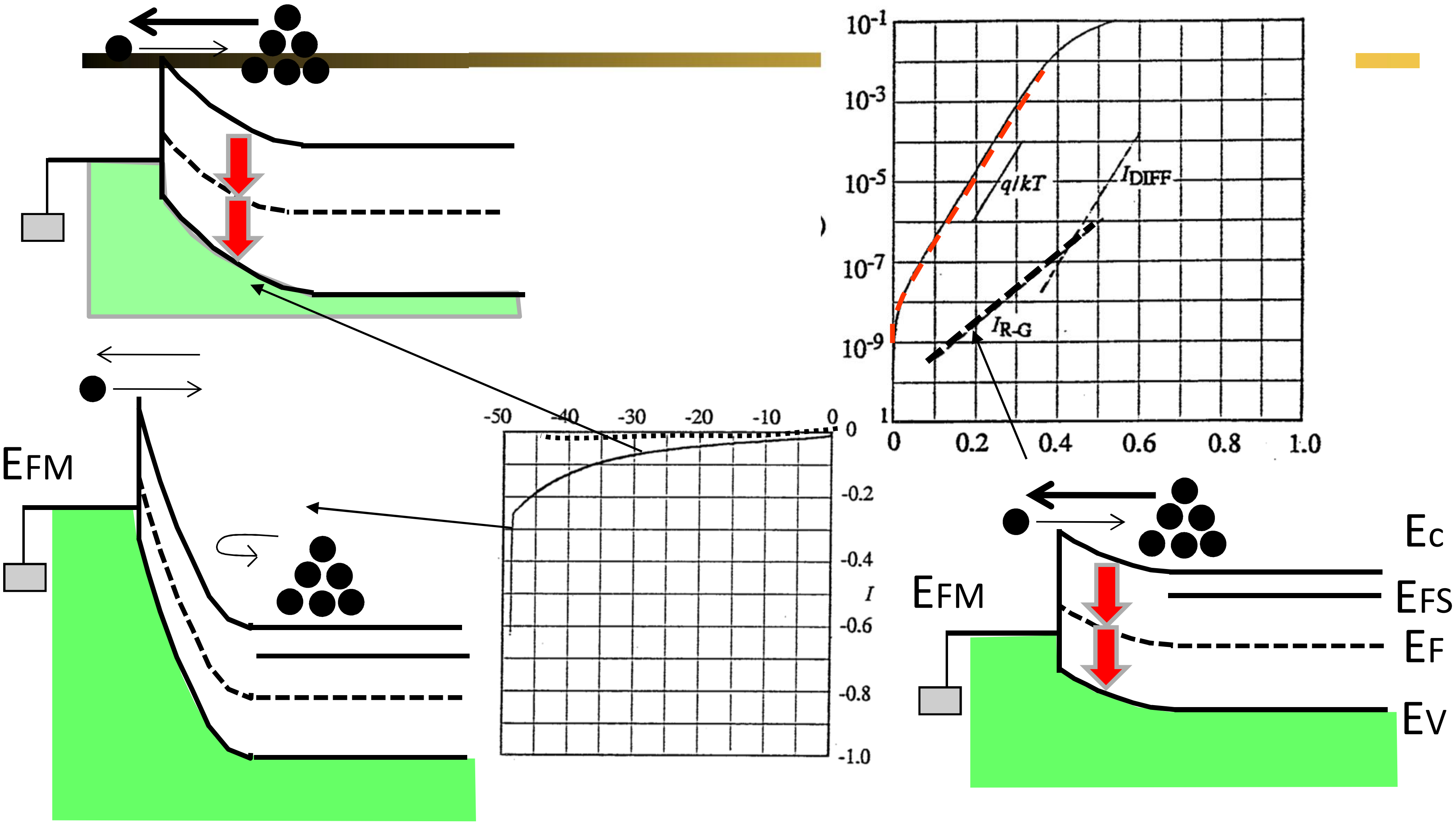
$$J = J_0\left(e^{qV_A/k_BT} - 1\right)$$

$$J_0 = A^*T^2 e^{-\Phi_{BN}/k_BT}$$



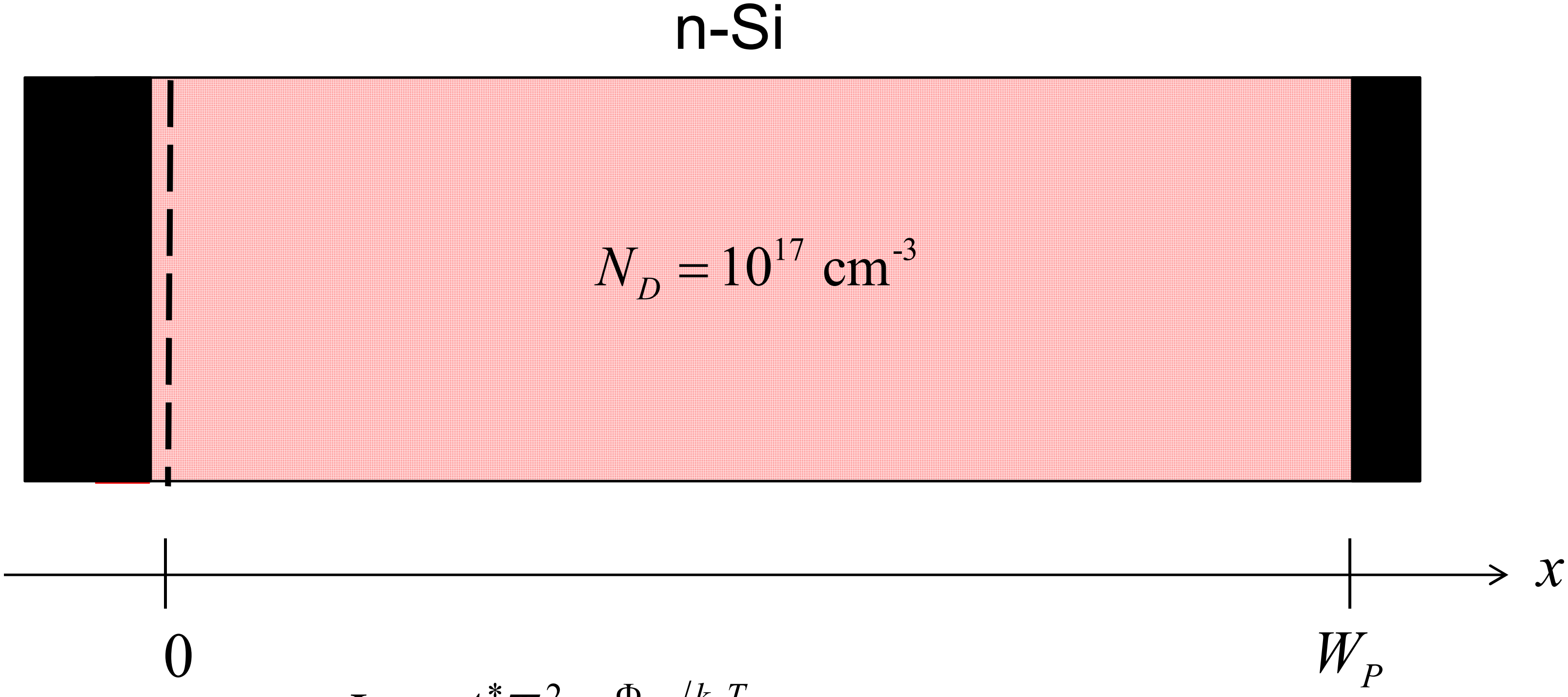
How does an MS diode compare to an NP junction?

Recombination/Generation/Impact-ionization



SAME technique as in p-n junction except integrate to x_p only

example: MS junction



$$J_0 = A^* T^2 e^{-\Phi_{BP}/k_B T}$$

$$m_n^*/m_0 = 1.18$$

$$\Phi_{BN} \approx 0.65 \text{ eV}$$

$$I_D = I_0\left(e^{qV_A/k_B T} - 1\right)$$

$$I_0 = 0.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ A}$$

application

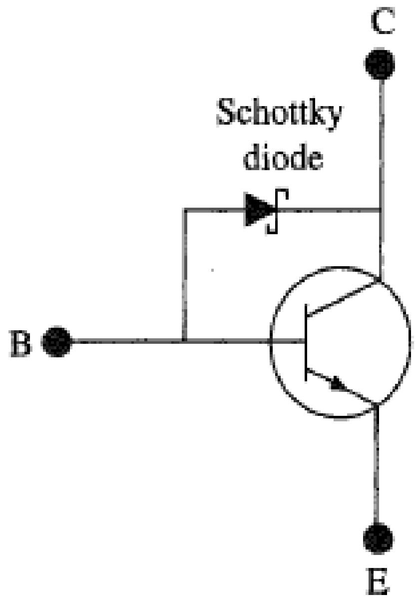
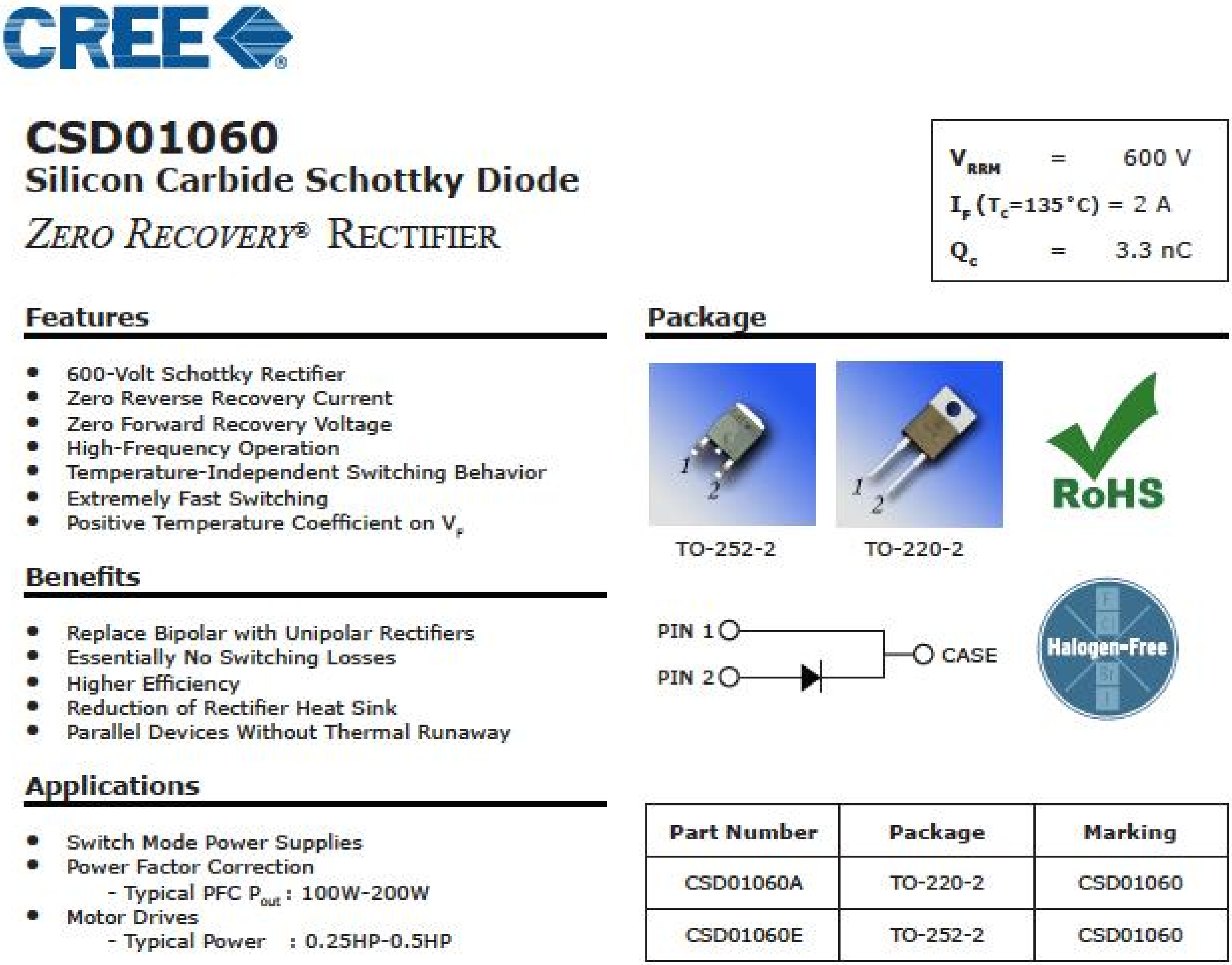


Fig. 14.9 Pierret, Semiconductor Device Fundamentals



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CSD01060

Silicon Carbide Schottky Diode

ZERO RECOVERY® RECTIFIER

V_{RRM} = 600 V
$I_F(T_c=135°C)$ = 2 A
Q_c = 3.3 nC

Features

- 600-Volt Schottky Rectifier
- Zero Reverse Recovery Current
- Zero Forward Recovery Voltage
- High-Frequency Operation
- Temperature-Independent Switching Behavior
- Extremely Fast Switching
- Positive Temperature Coefficient on V_F

Benefits

- Replace Bipolar with Unipolar Rectifiers
- Essentially No Switching Losses
- Higher Efficiency
- Reduction of Rectifier Heat Sink
- Parallel Devices Without Thermal Runaway

Applications

- Switch Mode Power Supplies
- Power Factor Correction
  - Typical PFC P_{out} : 100W-200W
- Motor Drives
  - Typical Power : 0.25HP-0.5HP

Package

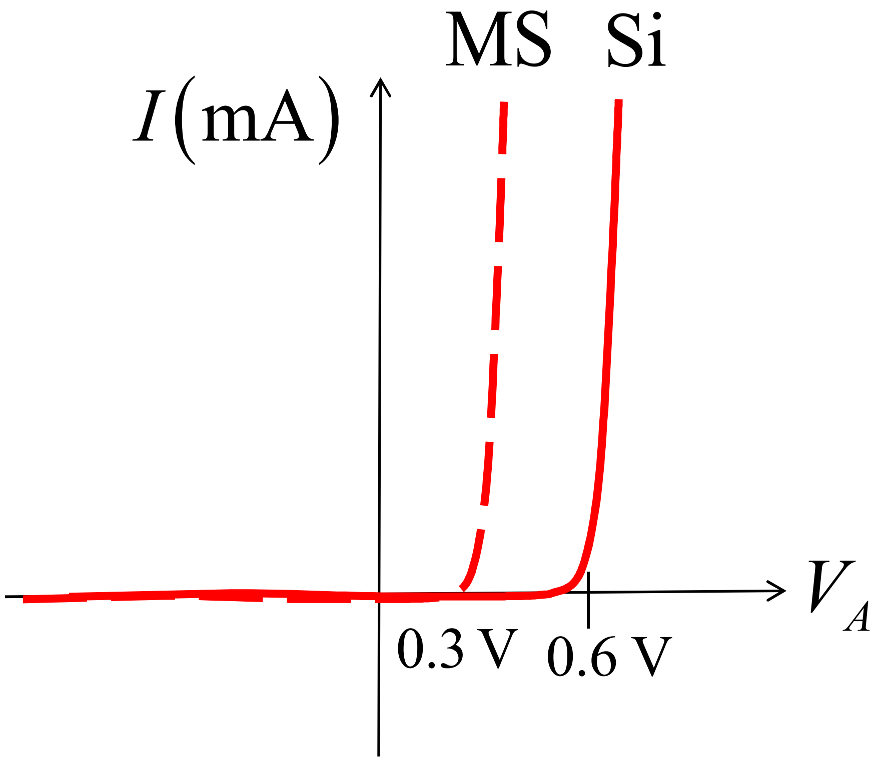
TO-252-2

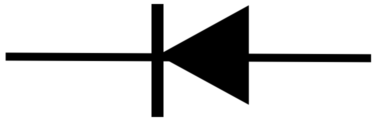
TO-220-2

RoHS

Part Number	Package	Marking
CSD01060A	TO-220-2	CSD01060
CSD01060E	TO-252-2	CSD01060

IV characteristics





$$J = J_0\left(e^{qV_A/k_BT} - 1\right)$$

$$J_0 = A^* T^2 e^{-\Phi_{BN}/k_BT}$$

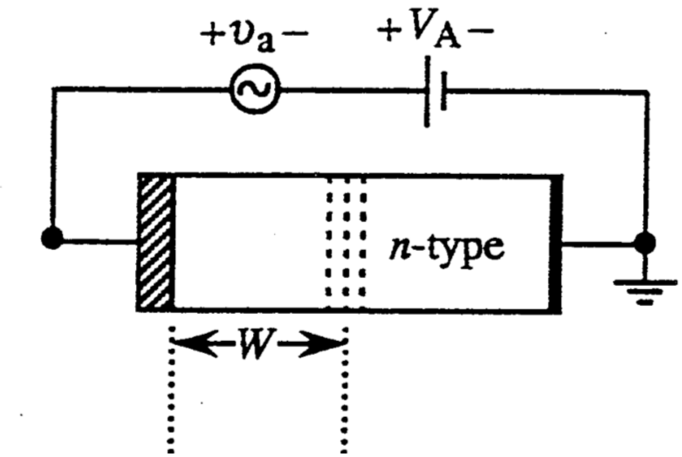
$$\boxed{J_0(MS) >> J_0(NP)}$$

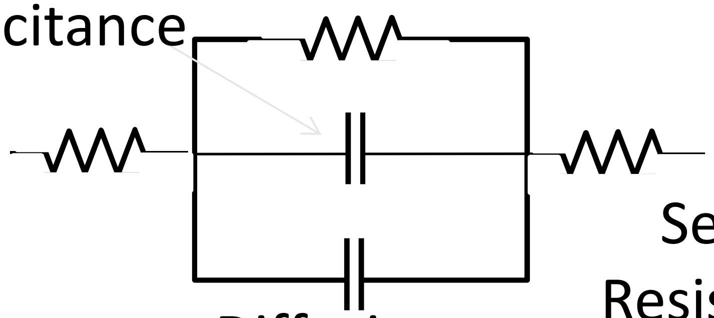
Strongly controlled by SB height.

Topic Map

	Equilibrium	DC	**Small signal**	Large Signal	Circuits
Diode					
Schottky			◆		
BJT/HBT					
MOSFET					

AC response





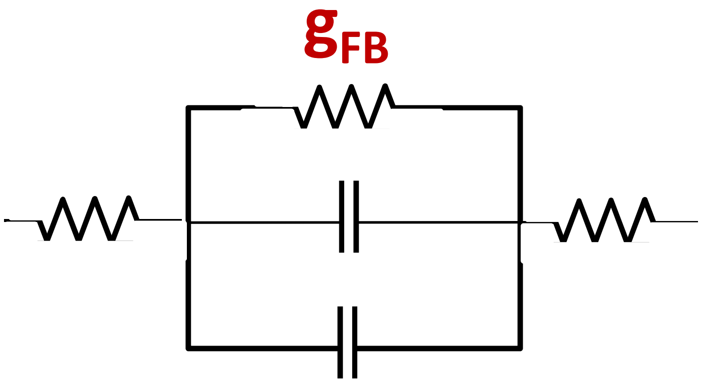
Junction Capacitance

Conductance

Series Resistance

Diffusion Capacitance

Forward Bias Conductance



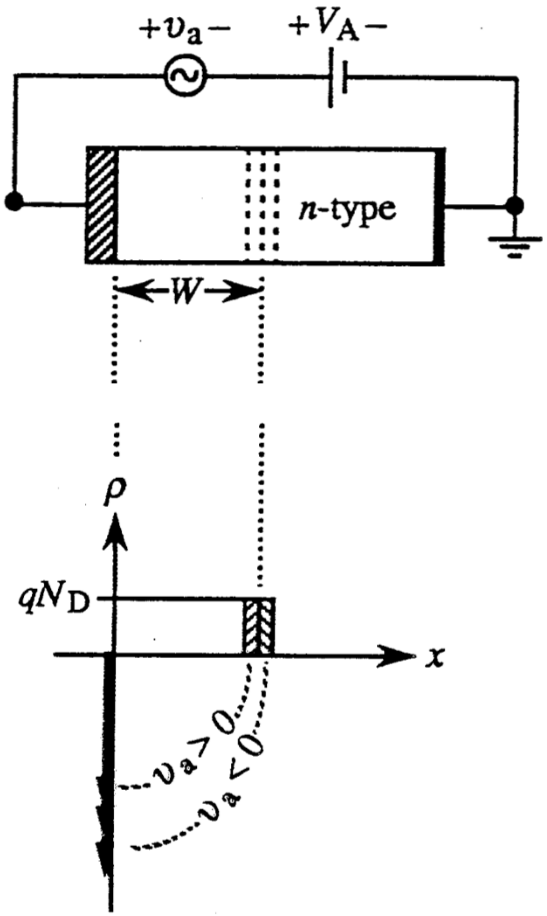
$$I = I_o\left(e^{q(V_A - R_S I)/mk_BT} - 1\right)$$

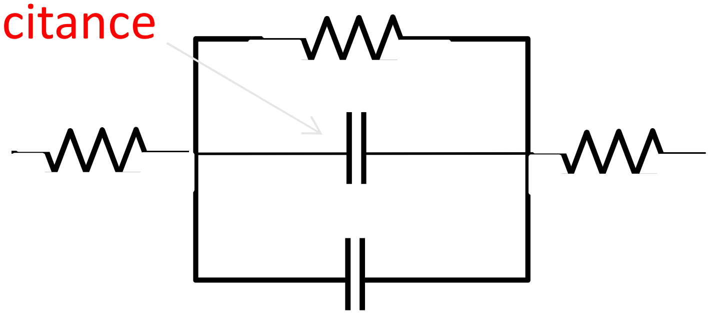
$$\ln\left(\frac{I + I_o}{I_0}\right) = q(V_A - R_S I)/mk_BT$$

$$\frac{mk_BT}{q\left(I + I_o\right)} = \frac{dV_A}{dI} - R_S$$

$$\frac{1}{g_{FB}} = R_S + \frac{m}{q\beta(I + I_0)}$$

Junction Capacitance (Majority Carriers)



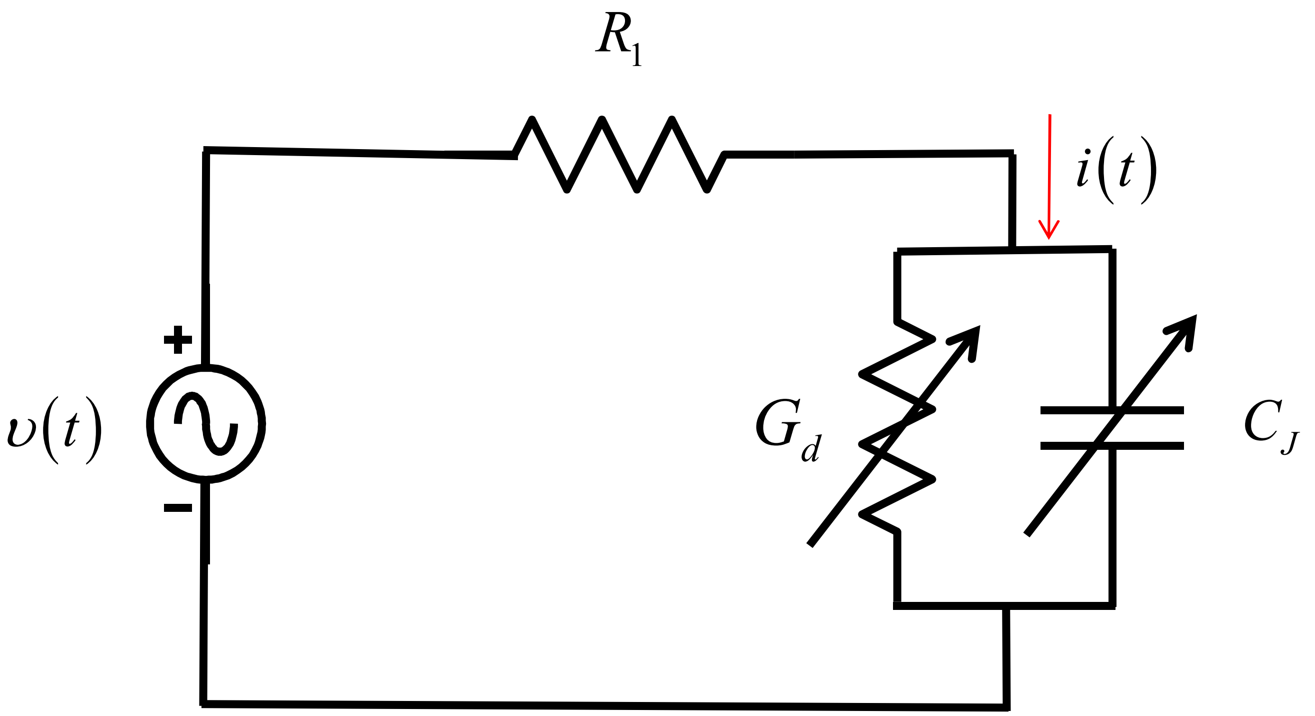


Junction Capacitance

$$C_J = \frac{\kappa_s \varepsilon_0 A}{W}$$

$$C_J = \frac{\kappa_s \varepsilon_0 A}{\sqrt{\frac{2\kappa_s \varepsilon_0}{qN_D}(V_{bi} - V_A)}}$$

small signal model (MS diode)



No diffusion capacitance!

$$G_d = \frac{dI_D}{dV_D}$$

$$C_J(V_A) = \frac{K_S \varepsilon_0 A}{W(V_A)}$$

summary

1) Metal-semiconductor junctions can be Ohmic contacts (resistors) or Schottky diodes
2) A Schottky diode is a metal-semiconductor majority carrier device
3) It is similar to a one-sided p-n junction transistor, since the electron concentration in metals is very high.
4) Current is calculated using thermionic emission
5) M-S diodes typically have much higher saturation current and no diffusion capacitance, making them very fast