Drift-Diffusion Lab Learning Materials

By completing the Drift-Diffusion Lab in ABACUS - Assembly of Basic Applications for Coordinated Understanding of Semiconductors, users will be able to: a) understand the phenomenon of drift and diffusion, b) physically and mathematically describe the basic drift and diffusion mechanisms, and c) perform light excitation experiments on a semiconductor bar.

The specific objectives of the Drift-Diffusion Lab are:

- **Physical Model**: Introduce the concept of:
  - Drift, and
  - Diffusion

- **Mathematical Model**: Apply mathematical techniques for calculating:
  - Mobility (cm²/V-s) and Diffusion (cm²/s) rates
  - Recombination & Generation rates

- **Computational Model**: Validate drift diffusion lab by running the examples provided

Recommended Reading

Users who are new to drift and diffusion mechanisms should consult the following resource:

Demo

* Drift Diffusion Lab: First-Time User Guide

* Drift Diffusion Video Demonstration

Theoretical Descriptions

* Illinois ECE 440 Solid State Electronic Devices, Lectures 8 and 9: Drift Mobility

* Illinois ECE 440 Solid State Electronic Devices, Lecture 10-11: Optical Absorption and Direct Recombination

* Illinois ECE 440 Solid State Electronic Devices, Lecture 12: Quasi-Fermi Levels; Photoconductivity


* Drift-Diffusion Modeling and Numerical Implementation Details (Implementation details and source code dissemination)

Tool Verification

* Verification of the Validity of the Drift-Diffusion Lab Tool

Examples

* Drift Diffusion Lab Worked out problems (Drift)

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Exercises and Homework Assignments

1. Homework Exercise on Drift & Diffusion in Bulk Semiconductors

2. Homework Exercise on Drift & Diffusion in Bulk Semiconductors - considerations of lifetime

3. Illinois ECE 440: Introduction to Carrier Drift and Mobility Homework

Solutions to Exercises

Solutions to the exercises are available only to instructors!
Evaluation

* ABACUS: Test for Drift Diffusion Lab

Challenge

In this final challenge users will integrate all what they have learned about basic Drift and Diffusion mechanisms.

* Drift Diffusion - Temperature Sensor