

5.48 A semiconductor Hall device at $T = 300$ K has the following geometry: $d = 10^{-3}$ cm, $W = 10^{-2}$ cm, and $L = 10^{-1}$ cm. The following parameters are measured: $I_x = 0.50$ mA, $V_x = 15$ V, $V_H = -5.2$ mV, and $B_z = 0.10$ tesla. Determine the (a) conductivity type, (b) majority carrier concentration, and (c) majority carrier mobility.

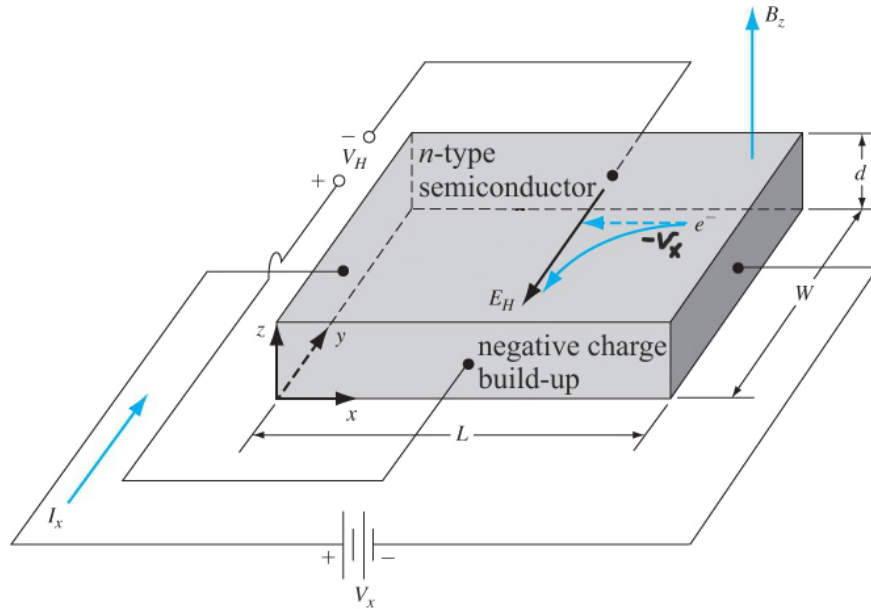


Figure 5.13 | Geometry for measuring the Hall effect.

➤ In MKS units, $L = 10^{-3}$ m, $W = 10^{-4}$ m, and $d = 10^{-5}$ m.

a) Since $V_H = -5.2$ mV < 0 ⇒ n-type semiconductor.

b) Per (5.56), with all MKS units,

$$n = \frac{-I_x B_z}{e d V_H} = \frac{-0.5 \times 10^{-3} (0.1)}{(1.602176634 \times 10^{-19}) 10^{-5} (-5.2 \times 10^{-3})}$$

⇒ $n = 6.00145 \times 10^{21}$ #/m³ = 6.00145×10^{15} #/cm³.

c) Per (5.60), the electron mobility is

$$\mu_n = \frac{I_x L}{e n V_x W d} = \frac{0.5 \times 10^{-3} (0.001)}{(1.602176634 \times 10^{-19}) 6.00145 \times 10^{21} (15) 10^{-4} (10^{-5})}$$

⇒ $\mu_n = 0.0346667$ m²/V-s = 346.667 cm²/V-s.