

For a uniformly doped ($N_a = 8 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ on the p-side and $N_d = 3 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ on the n-side) Germanium pn junction at 300 K with cross-sectional area $40 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}^2$, calculate x_n , x_p , W , $|E_{\max}|$, C' , and C when: a) $V_R = 0$ and b) $V_R = 1 \text{ V}$.

From Table B.4, $\epsilon_r = 16.0$, $n_i = 2.4 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3} = 2.4 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$ for Ge at 300 K.

$$\text{Per (7.10), the built-in voltage is } V_{bi} = \frac{k_B T}{e} \ln \left(\frac{N_a N_d}{n_i^2} \right) = V_t \ln \left(\frac{N_a N_d}{n_i^2} \right).$$

$$\text{At 300 K, the thermal voltage } V_t = \frac{k_B T}{e} = \frac{8.617333 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV/K (300 K)}}{e} = 0.025852 \text{ V}.$$

$$\text{Here, } V_{bi} = 0.025852 \ln \left(\frac{8 \times 10^{15} (3 \times 10^{16})}{(2.4 \times 10^{13})^2} \right) \Rightarrow V_{bi} = \mathbf{0.334526 \text{ V}}.$$

a) $V_R = 0$

Per (7.28),

$$x_n = \left\{ \frac{2\epsilon_s V_{bi}}{e} \left(\frac{N_a}{N_d} \right) \frac{1}{N_a + N_d} \right\}^{1/2} = \left\{ \frac{2(16)8.8542 \times 10^{-12} (0.334526) \left(\frac{8}{30} \right) \frac{1}{8 \times 10^{21} + 3 \times 10^{22}}}{1.602176634 \times 10^{-19}} \right\}^{1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{x_n = 6.4432 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m} = 64.432 \text{ nm}}.$$

Per (7.29),

$$x_p = \left\{ \frac{2\epsilon_s V_{bi}}{e} \left(\frac{N_d}{N_a} \right) \frac{1}{N_a + N_d} \right\}^{1/2} = \left\{ \frac{2(16)8.8542 \times 10^{-12} (0.334526) \left(\frac{30}{8} \right) \frac{1}{8 \times 10^{21} + 3 \times 10^{22}}}{1.602176634 \times 10^{-19}} \right\}^{1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{x_p = 2.4162 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m} = 241.62 \text{ nm}}.$$

$$\text{Per (7.30), } W = x_n + x_p = 64.432 + 241.62 \Rightarrow \mathbf{W = 3.06052 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m} = 306.052 \text{ nm}}.$$

Per (7.37),

$$|E_{\max}| = \left| \frac{-2(V_{bi} + V_R)}{W} \right| = \frac{2(0.334526 + 0)}{3.06052 \times 10^{-7}} \Rightarrow \mathbf{|E_{\max}| = 2.1861 \times 10^6 \text{ V/m} = 2.1861 \text{ MV/m}}.$$

$$\text{Per (7.43), } C' = \frac{\epsilon_s}{W} = \frac{16(8.8541878 \times 10^{-12})}{3.06052 \times 10^{-7}} \Rightarrow \mathbf{C' = 4.62885 \times 10^{-4} \text{ F/m}^2}.$$

$$C = C' A = 4.62885 \times 10^{-4} \text{ F/m}^2 (40 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}^2) \Rightarrow \mathbf{C = 1.85154 \times 10^{-11} \text{ F} = 18.5154 \text{ pF}}.$$

b) $V_R = 1 \text{ V}$

Replace V_{bi} w/ $V_{\text{tot}} = V_{bi} + V_R = 0.334526 + 1 = 1.334526 \text{ V}$ in prior equations.

$$x_n = \left\{ \frac{2(16)8.8542 \times 10^{-12} (1.334526) \left(\frac{8}{30} \right) \frac{1}{8 \times 10^{21} + 3 \times 10^{22}}}{1.602176634 \times 10^{-19}} \right\}^{1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{x_n = 1.28692 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m} = 128.692 \text{ nm.}}$$

$$x_p = \left\{ \frac{2(16)8.8542 \times 10^{-12} (1.334526) \left(\frac{30}{8} \right) \frac{1}{8 \times 10^{21} + 3 \times 10^{22}}}{1.602176634 \times 10^{-19}} \right\}^{1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{x_p = 4.82594 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m} = 482.594 \text{ nm.}}$$

Per (7.30), $W = x_n + x_p = 128.692 + 482.594 \Rightarrow \underline{W = 6.11285 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m} = 611.285 \text{ nm.}}$

Per (7.37),

$$|E_{\text{max}}| = \left| \frac{-2(V_{bi} + V_R)}{W} \right| = \frac{2(1.334526)}{6.11285 \times 10^{-7}} \Rightarrow \underline{|E_{\text{max}}| = 4.3663 \times 10^6 \text{ V/m} = 4.3663 \text{ MV/m.}}$$

Per (7.43), $C' = \frac{\epsilon_s}{W} = \frac{16(8.8541878 \times 10^{-12})}{6.11285 \times 10^{-7}} \Rightarrow \underline{C' = 2.31753 \times 10^{-4} \text{ F/m}^2.}$

$C = C'A = 2.31753 \times 10^{-4} \text{ F/m}^2 (40 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}^2) \Rightarrow \underline{C = 9.27011 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F} = 9.27011 \text{ pF.}}$