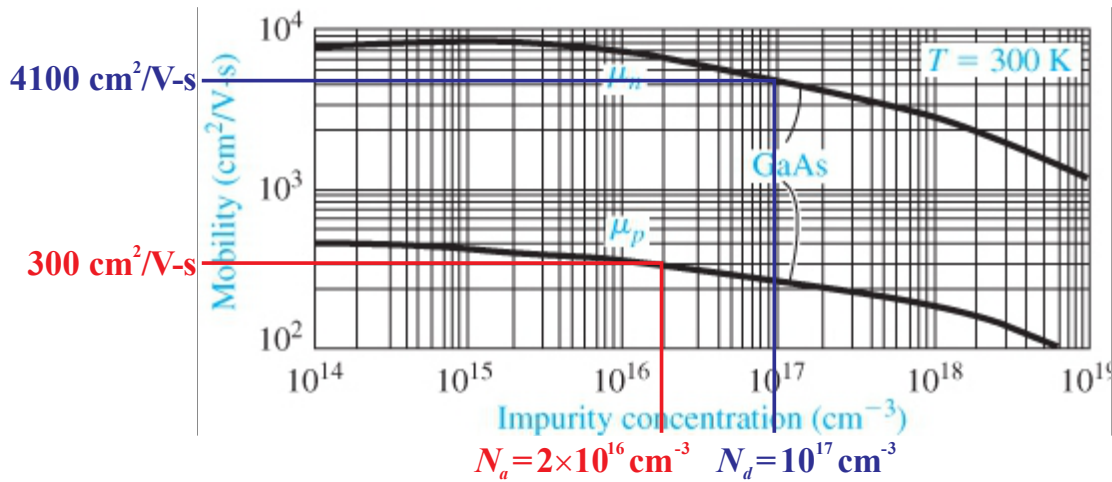


A GaAs pn junction diode at 300 K has a cross-sectional area of  $5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2$ . The length of the p-region is 0.8 mm while the length of the n-region is 0.6 mm. The doping concentrations are  $N_a = 2 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  and  $N_d = 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ . a) Use Figure 5.3 to get mobilities  $\mu_n$  and  $\mu_p$  for each region. b) Use Einstein relation to get the diffusion coefficients  $D_n$  and  $D_p$  for each region. c) Calculate conductivities  $\sigma_n$  and  $\sigma_p$  for each region. d) Neglecting the depletion layer width, find the series resistance  $r_{s,n}$  and  $r_{s,p}$  for each region as well as overall  $r_s$ .

a)



From Fig. 5.3, read the mobilities to be  $\mu_n = 4100 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}$  and  $\mu_p = 300 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}$ .

b) Using (5.47), 
$$\frac{D_n}{\mu_n} = \frac{D_p}{\mu_p} = \frac{k_B T}{e} = \frac{8.617333 \times 10^{-5} (300)}{e} = 0.025852 \text{ V}.$$

Now, we can calculate the diffusion coefficients to be-

$$D_n = 0.025852(4100) \Rightarrow \underline{D_n = 106 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}} \quad \text{and} \quad D_p = 0.025852(300) \Rightarrow \underline{D_p = 7.76 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}}.$$

c) Using (5.23)  $\sigma = e(\mu_n n + \mu_p p)$ , calculate the conductivities for the two regions-

**p-region**  $\sigma_p \approx e \mu_p p \approx e \mu_p N_a = 1.602176634 \times 10^{-19} (300 \times 10^{-4}) 2 \times 10^{22} \Rightarrow \underline{\sigma_p = 96.13 \text{ S/m}}$ .

**n-region**  $\sigma_n \approx e \mu_n n \approx e \mu_n N_d = 1.602176634 \times 10^{-19} (4100 \times 10^{-4}) 10^{23} \Rightarrow \underline{\sigma_n = 6568.92 \text{ S/m}}$ .

d) Per (5.22b),  $R = L/\sigma A$  for a conductive material. Working in MKS units-

$$r_{s,p\text{-reg}} \cong L_{p\text{-region}}/(\sigma_p A) = 0.8 \times 10^{-3} / [96.13(5 \times 10^{-7})] \Rightarrow \underline{r_{s,p\text{-reg}} = 16.644 \Omega}.$$

$$r_{s,n\text{-reg}} \cong L_{n\text{-region}}/(\sigma_n A) = 0.6 \times 10^{-3} / [6568.92(5 \times 10^{-7})] \Rightarrow \underline{r_{s,n\text{-reg}} = 0.183 \Omega}.$$

$$r_s = r_{s,p\text{-reg}} + r_{s,n\text{-reg}} = 16.644 + 0.183 \Rightarrow \underline{r_s = 16.827 \Omega}.$$