

EE 362 Electronic, Magnetic, & Opt. Prop. of Mat'ls Quiz 5 (Spring 2026)

Name KEY A

Instructions: Open book/notes. Place answers in indicated spaces and **show all** work for credit. Carry *at least 6* significant figures on constants/parameters in calculations. Give answers with **3-4** significant figures.

At 300 K, a sample of Germanium has been doped only with donors at a concentration of $4 \times 10^{17} \text{ \#/cm}^3$. Determine the minority and majority carrier types, i.e., electrons or holes, as well as equilibrium carrier concentrations (\#/cm^3). Then, find the majority carrier mobility ($\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}$) and diffusion coefficient (cm^2/s) of the doped Germanium.

Per Table B.4, Germanium at 300 K has $n_i = 2.4 \times 10^{13} \text{ \#/cm}^3$.

Given 'doped only with donors' and that $N_d \gg n_i$, we can say that the majority charge carriers are **electrons** with a concentration of $n \cong N_d = 4 \times 10^{17} \text{ \#/cm}^3$.

If the majority charge carriers are electrons, then the minority charge carriers are **holes**. The hole concentration can be found using (4.43) $n_0 p_0 = n_i^2$

$$p = n_i^2 / n = (2.4 \times 10^{13})^2 / 4 \times 10^{17} \Rightarrow \underline{p = 1.44 \times 10^9 \text{ \#/cm}^3}.$$

Using Figure 5.3 (top graph for Ge), draw vertical line up from $N_i \approx N_d = 4 \times 10^{17} \text{ \#/cm}^3$ and read **electron** mobility to be $\Rightarrow \underline{\mu_n = 2000 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}}$.

Use Einstein Relation (5.47), $\frac{D_n}{\mu_n} = \frac{k_B T}{e}$ to get electron diffusion coefficient-

$$D_n = \frac{k_B T}{e} \mu_n = \frac{1.380649 \times 10^{-23} (300)}{1.602176634 \times 10^{-19}} 2000 \Rightarrow \underline{D_n = 51.704 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}}.$$

majority **electrons** or holes? (circle correct) majority carrier conc. = $4 \times 10^{17} \text{ \#/cm}^3$

minority electrons or **holes**? (circle correct) minority carrier conc. = $1.44 \times 10^9 \text{ \#/cm}^3$

majority mobility = $\mu_n = 2000 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}$ majority diffusion coefficient = $D_n = 51.704 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$

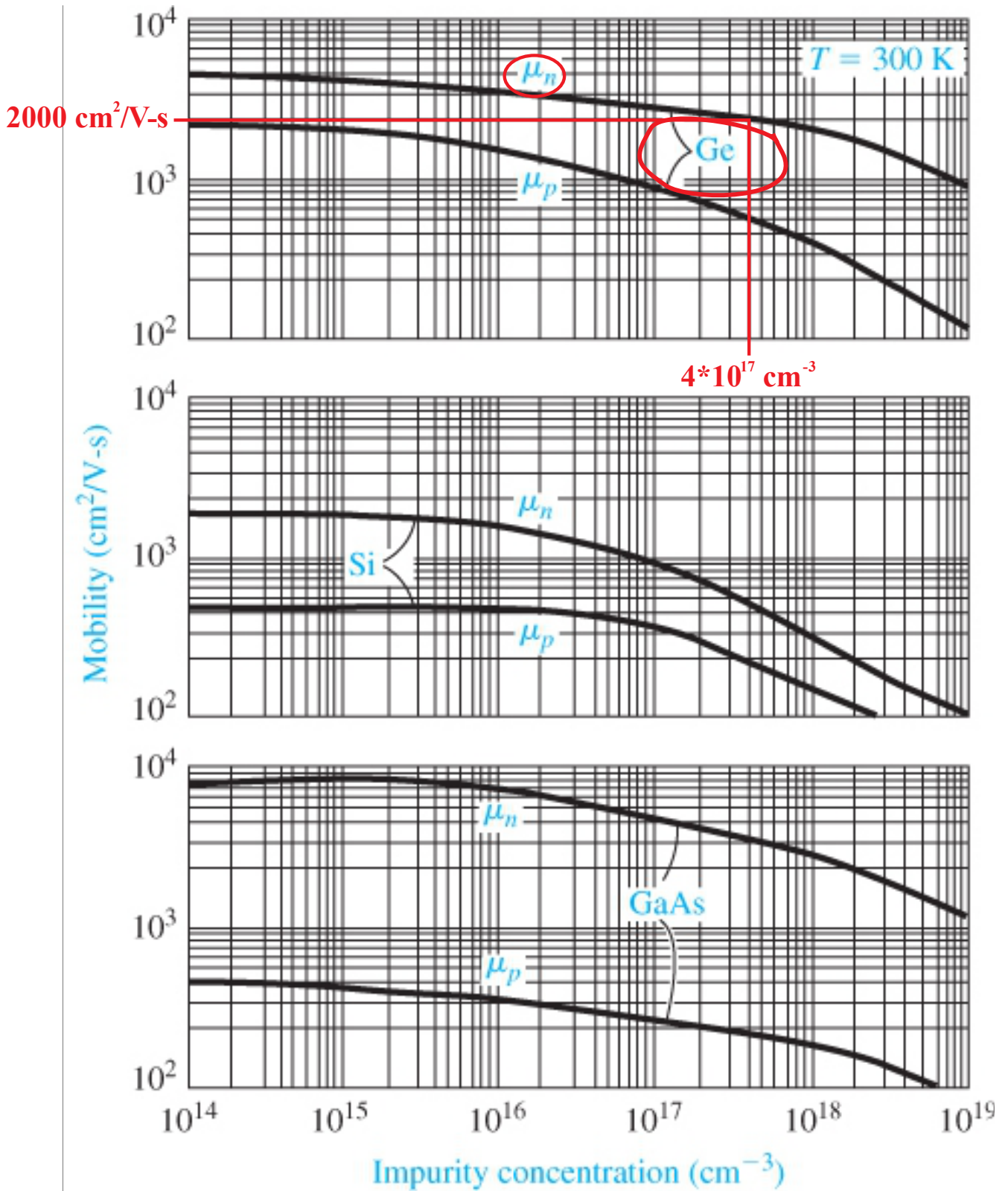


Figure 5.3 | Electron and hole mobilities versus impurity concentrations for germanium, silicon, and gallium arsenide at $T = 300\text{ K}$. (From Sze [14].)

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At 300 K, a sample of Germanium has been doped only with acceptors at a concentration of $7 \times 10^{17} \text{ \#/cm}^3$. Determine the minority and majority carrier types, i.e., electrons or holes, as well as equilibrium carrier concentrations (\#/cm^3). Then, find the majority carrier mobility ($\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}$) and diffusion coefficient (cm^2/s) of the doped Germanium.

Per Table B.4, Germanium at 300 K has $n_i = 2.4 \times 10^{13} \text{ \#/cm}^3$.

Given 'doped only with acceptors' & that $N_a \gg n_i$, we can say that the majority charge carriers are holes with a concentration of $p \cong N_a = 7 \times 10^{17} \text{ \#/cm}^3$.

If the majority charge carriers are holes, then the minority charge carriers are electrons. The electron concentration can be found using (4.43) $n_0 p_0 = n_i^2$

$$n = n_i^2 / p = (2.4 \times 10^{13})^2 / 7 \times 10^{17} \Rightarrow \underline{n = 8.22857 \times 10^8 \text{ \#/cm}^3}.$$

Using Figure 5.3 (top graph for Ge), draw vertical line up from the impurity concentration $N_i \approx N_a = 7 \times 10^{17} \text{ \#/cm}^3$ & read **hole** mobility $\mu_p = 400 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}$.

Use Einstein Relation (5.47), $\frac{D_p}{\mu_p} = \frac{k_B T}{e}$ to get hole diffusion coefficient-

$$D_p = \frac{k_B T}{e} \mu_p = \frac{1.380649 \times 10^{-23} (300)}{1.602176634 \times 10^{-19}} 400 \Rightarrow \underline{D_p = 10.3408 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}}.$$

majority electrons or holes ? (circle correct) majority carrier conc. = $7 \times 10^{17} \text{ \#/cm}^3$

minority electrons or holes ? (circle correct) minority carrier conc. = $8.229 \times 10^8 \text{ \#/cm}^3$

majority mobility = $\mu_p = 400 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}$ majority diffusion coefficient = $D_p = 10.34 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$

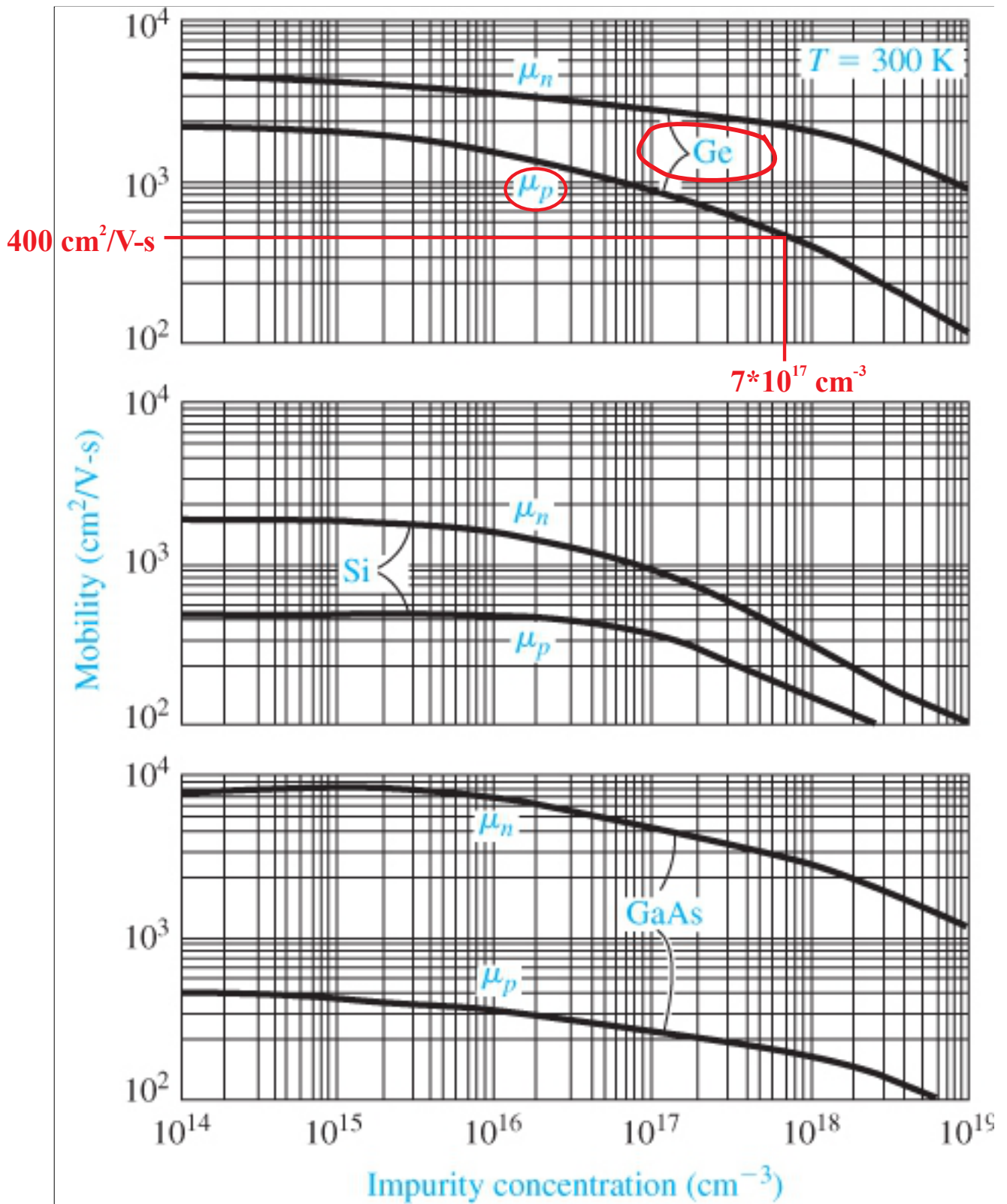


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