Chapter 1

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF SEMICONDUCTORS

1.0 Introduction

Valence electrons in metals are loosely bound to their parent atoms so that even a very small electric field is sufficient to free them and enable conduction. Therefore, the valence band and the conduction band in energy diagram of metals overlap. On the other hand, bonds between atoms in insulators are strong. A comparatively large amount of energy (typically more than 3 eV) is needed to free an electron. In terms of energy-band picture, the valence band and the conduction band are separated by a rather large energy gap (forbidden gap). All energy states in the valence band of an insulator are occupied by electrons and all states in the conduction band are completely empty.

Covalent bonds between atoms in semiconductors are moderately strong. At absolute zero temperature (T=0 K), all electrons are bound to their parent atoms. There are no free electrons left that would enable electric current to flow. In the energy

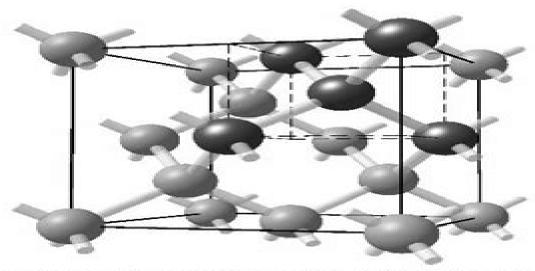


Figure 1.1a. Unit face-centered crystal cell of silicon (after [Blakemore74, Kittel76]).

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Physical Properties of Semiconductors Charles M. Wolfe, Nick Holonyak, Gregory E. Stillman, 1989 Handbook on Physical Properties of Semiconductors Sadao Adachi, 2004-04-30 The aim of this 3 volume reference is to present accurate reliable and up to date information on the physical properties of group IV elemental semiconductors Vol 1 III V compound semiconductors Vol 2 and II VI semiconductors Vol 3 The data on the physical properties of each material are organized in the same way throughout these volumes to facilitate searching for information The physical properties considered in these volumes can be classified into 12 groups structural properties thermal properties elastic properties phonons and lattice vibronic properties collective effects and related properties energy band structure energy band gaps energy band structure electron and hole effective mass electronic deformation potential electron affinity and Schottky barrier height optical properties elastooptic electrooptic and nonlinear optical properties and carrier transport properties An extensive bibliography is included for those who wish to find additional information **Physical Properties of III-V Semiconductor Compounds** Sadao Adachi, 1992-11-10 The objective of this book is two fold to examine key properties of III V compounds and to present diverse material parameters and constants of these semiconductors for a variety of basic research and device applications Emphasis is placed on material properties not only of Inp but also of InAs GaAs and GaP binaries Handbook on Physical Properties of Semiconductors: Group-IV semiconductors Sadao Adachi, 2004 **Handbook on Physical** Properties of Semiconductors: III-V compound semiconductors Sadao Adachi, 2004 **Handbook on Physical** Properties of Semiconductors: II-VI compound semiconductors Sadao Adachi, 2004 Two-Dimensional Semiconductors Jingbo Li, Zhongming Wei, Jun Kang, 2020-02-26 In depth overview of two dimensional semiconductors from theoretical studies properties to emerging applications Two dimensional 2D materials have attracted enormous attention due to their exotic properties deriving from their ultrathin dimensions 2D materials such as graphene transition metal dichalcogenides transition metal oxides black phosphorus and boron nitride exhibit versatile optical electronic catalytic and mechanical properties thus can be used in a wide range of applications including electronics optoelectronics and optical applications Two Dimensional Semiconductors Synthesis Physical Properties and Applications provides an in depth view of 2D semiconductors from theoretical studies properties to applications taking into account the current state of research and development It introduces various preparation methods and describes in detail the physical properties of 2D semiconductors including 2D alloys and heterostructures The covered applications include but are not limited to field effect transistors spintronics solar cells photodetectors light emitting diode sensors and bioelectronics Highly topical 2D materials are a rapidly advancing field that attracts increasing attention Concise overview covers theoretical studies preparation methods physical properties potential applications the challenges and opportunities Application oriented focuses on 2D semiconductors that can be used in various applications such as field effect transistors solar cells sensors and bioelectronics

Highly relevant newcomers as well as experienced researchers in the field of 2D materials will benefit from this book Two Dimensional Semiconductors Synthesis Physical Properties and Applications is written for materials scientists semiconductor and solid state physicists electrical engineers and readers working in the semiconductor industry **Fundamentals of Semiconductors** Peter YU, Manuel Cardona, 2010-04-07 Excellent bridge between general solid state physics textbook and research articles packed with providing detailed explanations of the electronic vibrational transport and optical properties of semiconductors. The most striking feature of the book is its modern outlook provides a wonderful foundation. The most wonderful feature is its efficient style of exposition an excellent book Physics Today Presents the theoretical derivations carefully and in detail and gives thorough discussions of the experimental results it presents This makes it an excellent textbook both for learners and for more experienced researchers wishing to check facts I have enjoyed reading it and strongly recommend it as a text for anyone working with semiconductors I know of no better text I am sure most semiconductor physicists will find this book useful and I recommend it to them Contemporary Physics Offers much new material an extensive appendix about the important and by now well established deep center known as the DX center additional problems and the solutions to over fifty of the problems at the end of the various chapters Transition Metal Impurities In Semiconductors Victor N Fleurov, K A Kikoin, 1994-08-31 This book discusses the theory of the electron states of transition metal impurities in semiconductors in connection with the general theory of isoelectronic impurities It contains brief descriptions of the experimental data available for transition metal impurities belonging to iron palladium and platinum groups and for rare earth impurities in elemental semiconductors III IV II VI and IV VI compounds and in several oxide compounds TiO2 BaTiO3 SrTiO3 Also included are applications of the theory to the optical electrical and resonance properties of semiconductors doped by the transition metal impurities. The book presents a theory unifying previously proposed ligand field and band descriptions of transition metal impurities It describes the theory in the context of the general theory of neutral impurities in semiconductors and demonstrates the capabilities of this description to explain the basic experimental properties of semiconductors doped by transition metal impurities A detailed discussion of various experimental results and their theoretical interpretation is carried out This book comprises three parts The first two parts consider several exactly solvable models and describe numerical techniques All the models and simulations constitute a general pattern describing transition metal and rare earth impurities in semiconductors. The final part uses this theory in order to address various experimentally observed properties of these systems **Semiconductor Nanoscale Devices: Materials and** Design Challenges Ashish Raman, Prabhat Singh, Naveen Kumar, Ravi Ranjan, 2025-03-14 Semiconductor Nanoscale Devices Materials and Design Challenges provides a comprehensive exploration of nanoscale technologies and semiconductor device design focusing on innovative materials and advanced applications It bridges classical and guantum concepts offering insights into foundational materials device architectures and future technologies like biosensors 6G

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are among the most well known aspects The associated reduced screening is also a clear manifestation of these aspects and as such favors new optical properties or at least significantly enhances some of them For all these reasons it appeared necessary to try to review in a global way what the optical investigation has brought today about the understanding of the physics of semiconductors This volume collects the papers presented at the NATO Advanced study Inst i tut e on Optical Properties of Semiconductors held at the Ettore Majorana Centre Erice Sicily on March 9th to 20th 1992 This school brought together 70 scientists active in research related to optical properties of semiconductors There were 12 lecturers who pro vided the main contributions Springer Handbook of Condensed Matter and Materials Data Werner Martienssen, Hans Warlimont, 2006-09-21 Springer Handbook of Condensed Matter and Materials Data provides a concise compilation of data and functional relationships from the fields of solid state physics and materials in this 1200 page volume The data encapsulated in 914 tables and 1025 illustrations have been selected and extracted primarily from the extensive high quality data collection Landolt B rnstein and also from other systematic data sources and recent publications of physical and technical property data Many chapters are authored by Landolt B rnstein editors including the prominent Springer Handbook editors W Martienssen and H Warlimont themselves The Handbook is designed to be useful as a desktop reference for fast and easy retrieval of essential and reliable data in the lab or office References to more extensive data sources are also provided in the book and by interlinking to the relevant sources on the enclosed CD ROM Physicists chemists and engineers engaged in fields of solid state sciences and materials technologies in research development and application will appreciate the ready access to the key information coherently organized within this wide ranging Handbook From the reviews this is the most complete compilation I have ever seen When I received the book I immediately searched for data I never found elsewhere and I found them rapidly No doubt that this book will soon be in every library and on the desk of most solid state scientists and engineers It will never be at rest Physicalia Magazine Scientific and Technical Aerospace Reports .1978-04 Handbook on Physical Properties of Ge, Si, GaAs and InP Adolfas Dargys, Jurgis Kundrotas, 1994 **Semiconductors and Semimetals**, 2014-05-14 Semiconductors and Semimetals **Nuclear Science Abstracts** ,1971

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