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Which of the following crystal systems are uniaxial?

Select one alternative

- monoclinic
- orthorombic
- tetragonal
- Cubic

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Which one of these elements is not ferromagnetic? Select one alternative:



- 🔵 Fe
- 🔘 Ni

Piezoelectric transistors...

Select one alternative

- may be made from centrosymmetric materials
- are not suitable for use in touch devices
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- may be used as strain sensors

Strain effects on transistors Select one alternative

- results in increased phonon scattering
- increase leakage currents
- split degenerate energy levels
- reduce mobility of electron and holes

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Select one alternative

- ferromagnetism
- elastic properties
- ferroelectricity
- piezoelectricity

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- demonstration devices exists
- use less power but are slower than ordinary transistors
- use the spin but not the charge of the electrons
- are already on the marked

Graphene Select one alternative

- devices utilize high effective mass electrons
- cannot be used in lightening devices
- may be used in transparent electrodes
- O devices have electron mobilities almost as high as in GaAs

Ferroelectric memory devices Select one alternative

- have very high storage densities
- may be used in non-volatile memory applications
- may be made from centrosymmetric materials
- are well suited for low cost production

Which one of these statements is correct?

Select one alternative

- a ferroelectric material is also pyroelectric and piezoelectric
- a piezoelectric material is also ferroelectric
- \bigcirc a pyroelectric material is also ferroelectric
- the dielectric constant of a ferroelectric material is low

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⁴ P4-h2022



To which point group does the stereogram above correspond? **Select one alternative:**

32

- 3m
- $\overline{6}m2$
- $\overline{3}2/m$

⁵ P5-h2022

Identify the stereograms (2D pointgroup projections) by placing the relevant point group notations on top of the stereograms (-4 means $\overline{4}$)

Move the point group notations listed on the left on top of the relevant stereogram



⁶ P6-h2022



Regular hexagonal prism

How many symmetry elements are contained in the point group of the triangular prism as shown in the figure above?

Select one alternative:



Which one of the following symmetry elements is not contained in the point group? **Select one alternative**

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○ 3	
4	

⁷ P7-h2022

Which ones of the points groups 422, 32, $\overline{42m}$, $\overline{3}$, 622, 4/m, $\overline{6}$, 6/m are centrosymmetric? Select one or more alternatives:

422			
32			
6/m			
3			
42 m			
622			
4/m			
6			

(1 points for correct answer, -1 point for wrong answer, 0 points for no answer, minimum score is 0 points)

⁸ P8-h2022

The resistivity tensor of a monoclinic crystal is given by:

$$ho = egin{bmatrix} 3.9 & 6.5 & 0 \ 6.5 & 1.3 & 0 \ 0 & 0 & 4.7 \end{bmatrix}, \ in \ units \ of \ 10^{-8} \ \Omega m$$

This tensor can be diagonalized by rotation by an angle θ around the z-axis. Find the angle θ .

The angle is: **Select one alternative:**

42.2°
53.6°
19.7°
39.3°
78.6°

⁹ P9-h2022



An orthorhombic crystal is cut in a thin slab where the surface normal is at an angle θ = 45° with the c-axis, and the angle between the a-axis and the projection of the surface normal in the abplane is ϕ = 30°.

There is a temperature gradient across the thin slab. The temperature difference between the big faces of the thin slab is 2 K, and the thickness of the slab is L = 10 mm. The components of the thermal conductivity tensor is: k_{11} , k_{22} , k_{33} = 6, 5, 1 [W/mK]; respectively.

Find the absolute value of the heat flow across the crystal in the direction of the surface normal. **Select one alternative**

\bigcirc	800W	$/m^2$

 $0.00 W/m^2$

 $0.900W/m^2$

 \bigcirc 675 W/m^2

 \bigcirc 775 W/m^2

¹⁰ P10-h2022

Find the energies of the electron and the hole relative to the respective band edges when a **2.0 eV** photon is adsorbed in the semiconductor **InP**.

The energy of the electron is: **Select one alternative:**

0.22
0.62
0.45
0.78
0.16
The energy of the hole is:

Select one alternative

0.06

0.09

0.11

0.13

0.11

¹¹ P11-h2022

The average electric field in a Si device of length $L = 3\mu m$ is E = 20kV/cm. The temperature is assumed to be T = 300K.

Find the transit time of an electron through the device using the low field value of the mobility. **Select one alternative:**

 $\begin{array}{c} 3.0 \cdot 10^{-13}s \\ 1.5 \cdot 10^{-13}s \\ 1.5 \cdot 10^{-12}s \\ 1.5 \cdot 10^{-11}s \\ 3.0 \cdot 10^{-11}s \end{array}$

Find the electron transit time using the saturation value of the drift velocity $v_d = 1 \cdot 10^7 cm/s$. Select one alternative

 $\begin{array}{c} 3.0 \cdot 10^{-11}s \\ 1.5 \cdot 10^{-13}s \\ 1.5 \cdot 10^{-12}s \\ 1.5 \cdot 10^{-11}s \\ 3.0 \cdot 10^{-13}s \end{array}$

¹² P12-2022



Schematic representations of the energy levels of a metal and a p-doped semiconductor are showed in the figure above. The work functions of metal and semiconductor are given by $\phi_M = 4.0$ and $\phi_{SC} = 4.8eV$; respectively. The energy gap of the semiconductor is $E_{gap} = 1.1eV$, and the electron affinity is $\kappa = 3.9eV$.

When the metal and semiconductor are contacted a Schottky junction forms.

The barrier height at the junction becomes:

Select one alternative:

+ 1.0 eV
- 0.2 eV
+ 0.8 eV
+ 0.2 eV
- 1.0 eV

¹³ P13-h2022

A p-doped Si sample is kept at temperature 300 K. The density of holes is $5 \cdot 10^{17} cm^{-3}$. Use the law of mass action to find the conductivity due to the electrons.

The conductivity due to the electrons is: **Select one alternative**

$$14.0 \frac{1}{\Omega cm}$$

$$7.2 \cdot 10^{-12} \frac{1}{\Omega cm}$$

$$3.6 \cdot 10^{-14} \frac{1}{\Omega cm}$$

$$28.0 \frac{1}{\Omega cm}$$

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The conductivity of an undoped sample would be:

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Select one alternative:

$$\begin{array}{c} 2.4 \cdot 10^{-6} \frac{1}{\Omega cm} \\ 3.2 \cdot 10^{-6} \frac{1}{\Omega cm} \\ 2.6 \cdot 10^{-6} \frac{1}{\Omega cm} \\ 2.2 \cdot 10^{-6} \frac{1}{\Omega cm} \\ 1.6 \cdot 10^{-6} \frac{1}{\Omega cm} \end{array}$$

¹⁴ P14-h2022

A solar cell consists of a GaAs pn-diode of area $A = 2cm^2$. The temperature is 300 K. The total current when the diode is connected to an external load is given by

$$I = I_L - I_0(e^{eV/k_BT} - 1)$$

where I_L is the photocurrent and I_0 is the diffusion current of electrons and holes. Find the open circuit (I = 0) voltage V_{OC} for the solar cell. Parameter values are:

Density of electrons and holes: $n_n = 1 \cdot 10^{17} cm^{-3}$ and $p_p = 5 \cdot 10^{17} cm^{-3}$ Electron diffusion coefficients: $D_n = 25 cm^2/s$ and $D_p = 16 cm^2/s$ Electron and hole recombination times: $\tau_n = 4 \cdot 10^{-7} s$ and $\tau_p = 2 \cdot 10^{-7} s$ Photocurrent: $I_L = 25 mA$

The open circuit voltage V_{OC} is: Select one alternative:

🔘 0.97 V

1.03 V

🔘 0.89 V

🔍 0.65 V

1.12 V

¹⁵ P15-h2022



The figure above shows the index ellipsoid of a uniaxial optical active material. The propagation direction of the light is perpendicular to the ellipse as shown. The wave vector **k** is in the yz-plane. The point A is located in the yz-plane and on both the ellipsoid and the ellipse. The angle $\theta = 35^{0}$, and the ordinary and extraordinary indices of refraction are $n_{o} = 1.87$ and $n_{e} = 1.69$. The index ellipsoid is given by $\frac{x^{2}}{n_{o}^{2}} + \frac{y^{2}}{n_{o}^{2}} + \frac{z^{2}}{n_{e}^{2}} = 1$ What is the refractive index $n_{e}(\theta = 35^{0})$? Enter the answer here:

¹⁶ P16-h2022

The **Pockels** tensor elements (contracted notation) for the tetragonal electroactive material BTO are as follows:

 $r_{13} = r_{23} = 8 \text{ pm/V}$ $r_{33} = 23 \text{ pm/V}$ $r_{42} = r_{51} = 820 \text{ pm/V}$ other $r_{ij} = 0$

Refractive indices are $n_e = 2.18$ and $n_o = 2.44$ An electric field $E_3 = 1.10^8$ V/m is applied in the z-direction.

The impermeability tensor elements are given by $\eta_{ij}(E) = \eta_{ij}(0) + \sum_k r_{ijk} E_k$

Estimate the change in the difference in the refractive indices $\Delta n = \Delta n_o(E) - \Delta n_e(E)$ due to the electric field.

Select one alternative:

0.003

0.012

0.009

0.006

0.015

¹⁷ P17-h2022

The piezoelectric tensor of the tetragonal material PZT-5H (point group 4mm) is given by:

 $d = egin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 735 & 0 \ 0 & 0 & 0 & 735 & 0 & 0 \ -263 & -263 & 515 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ in units of $10^{-12}C/N$

The polarization along the y-axis for a shear stress $\sigma = 3 \cdot 10^4 Nm^{-2}$ around the x-axis is: Select one alternative

- 0
- $0.2.21 \cdot 10^{-5} Cm^{-2}$
- $0.1.55 \cdot 10^{-5} Cm^{-2}$
- $0.1.55 \cdot 10^{-6} Cm^{-2}$
- $\bigcirc -7.89 \cdot 10^{-6} Cm^{-2}$

¹⁸ P18-h2022

Soft ferromagnetic materials may be used for: **Select one or more alternatives:**

- Flux guides
- Motors
- Magnetic recording devices
- Transformers
- Permanent magnets
- Induction ovens
- Magnetic shielding

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¹⁹ P19-h2022

Consider a ferromagnetic material in which the exchange field is proportional to the magnetization: $B_E = \lambda \mu_0 M$, where $\lambda = 850$ is a dimensionless constant. The curie constant C = 0.82K.

Derive the expression for the ferromagnetic susceptibility to find the Curie temperature for the ferromagnetic material: **Select one alternative:**

1037 K
770 K
697 K
648 K
850 K

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Problems 1-3: multiple choice questions at the end of document

Problem 4: point group 32

Problem 5: see lecture notes

Problem 6:

24 symmetry elements in point group: 1, -1, 2 x 6, 1/m, m x 6, 6, 6², 6³, 6⁴, 6⁵, -6, -6⁵, -3, -3⁵

Problem 7: centrosymmetric point groups: -3, 4/m, 6/m

Problem 8:

Rotation around the z-axis gives

$$A'_{12} = (A_{22} - A_{11})\frac{1}{2}sin2\theta + A_{12}cos2\theta = 0, \text{ therefore } tan2\theta = \frac{2A_{12}}{A_{11} - A_{22}} = \frac{26.5}{3.9 - 1.3} = 5$$

 $\theta = 39.3^{\circ}$

Problem 9:

The temperature gradient has components along the a-, b-, and c- axes given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\delta T}{\delta x} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\Delta T}{L} \sin\theta \cos\varphi, \qquad \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\delta T}{\delta y} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\Delta T}{L} \sin\theta \sin\varphi, \qquad \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\delta T}{\delta z} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\Delta T}{L} \cos\theta$$
The heat flow is given by $\vec{h} = -k\nabla T$, or $h_i = -\sum_j k_{ij} \left(\frac{\delta T}{\delta x_j} \right)$
which gives $h_1 = -k_{11} \left(\frac{\delta T}{\delta x} \right), \quad h_2 = -k_{22} \left(\frac{\delta T}{\delta y} \right), \quad h_3 = -k_{33} \left(\frac{\delta T}{\delta z} \right)$ (since other $k_{ij} = 0$).
Since $\vec{h} = -k\nabla T$ the magnitude of h along the surface normal is given by
 $h_n = \frac{\vec{h} \cdot \nabla T}{|\nabla T|} = \sum_i h_i \left(\frac{\delta T}{\delta x_j} \right) / |\nabla T| = \sum_i h_i \left(\frac{\delta T}{\delta x_j} \right) \frac{L}{\Delta T} = -\sum_{ij} k_{ij} \left(\frac{\delta T}{\delta x_j} \right) \left(\frac{\delta T}{\delta x_i} \right) \frac{L}{\Delta T}$
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 $h_n = -k_{11} \frac{2}{0.012} \frac{1}{24} - k_{22} \frac{2}{0.012} \frac{1}{24} - k_{33} \frac{2}{0.012} \frac{1}{2}$

Problem 10:

We have $\hbar\omega = E_e - E_h = E_{gap} + \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m_r^*}$ which gives $\frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m_r^*} = \hbar\omega - E_{gap}$ Therefore $E_e - E_c = \frac{m_r^*}{m_e^*}(\hbar\omega - E_{gap})$ and $E_h - E_v = -\frac{m_r^*}{m_h^*}(\hbar\omega - E_{gap})$ $E_e = 0.62 \text{ eV}$, and $E_h = -0.11 \text{ eV}$

Problem 11:

Low field approx:
$$v = \mu E$$
 and $\tau = \frac{L}{v} = \frac{L}{\mu E} = 1.5 \cdot 10^{-11} s$

Saturation velocity:
$$\tau = \frac{L}{v} = 3.0 \cdot 10^{-11} s$$

Problem 12:

 $V_B = \Phi_M - \chi - E_{gap} = -1.0 \ eV$

Problem 13:

 $\sigma = n_p e\mu_n + p_p e\mu_n \text{ using law of mass action } n_i^2 = n_n p_n = n_p p_p \text{ gives } n_p = \frac{n_i^2}{p_p}$ $\sigma_n = n_p e\mu_n = \frac{n_i^2}{p_p} e\mu_n = 7.2 \cdot 10^{-14} \frac{1}{\Omega cm}$ $\sigma_p = p_p e\mu_p = 28.0 \frac{1}{\Omega cm}$ $\sigma_{intrinsic} = n_i e\mu_n + n_i e\mu_p = 3.2 \cdot 10^{-6} \frac{1}{\Omega cm}$

Problem 14:

Open circuit voltage for solar cell: $I = I_L - I_0 \left(e^{\frac{eV}{k_B T}} - 1 \right) = 0$

Diffusion currents: $J_n = eD_n \frac{dn}{dx} = eD_n \frac{n_p}{L_n}$ and : $J_p = eD_p \frac{dp}{dx} = eD_p \frac{p_n}{L_p}$

Law of mass action: $n_i^2 = n_n p_n = n_p p_p$

Total diffusion current $\frac{I_0}{A} = eD_n \frac{n_p}{L_n} + eD_p \frac{p_n}{L_p}$ where $L_n = \sqrt{D_n \tau_n}$ and $L_p = \sqrt{D_p \tau_p}$

Open circuit voltage $V_{oc} = \frac{k_B T}{e} \ln \left(1 + \frac{I_L}{I_0} \right) = 1.03 V$

Problem 15:

Uniaxial optic active material $\frac{1}{n_e(\theta)^2} = \frac{\cos^2\theta}{n_o^2} + \frac{\sin^2\theta}{n_e^2}$ We get $n_e(\theta) = 1/\sqrt{\frac{\cos^2\theta}{n_o^2} + \frac{\sin^2\theta}{n_e^2}} = 1.805$ (n_o= 1.87 and n_e=1.69)

Problem 16:

Electroactive optic material BTO Impermeability tensor elements $\eta_{ij} = \eta_{ij}^{0} + r_{ij3}E_3$ Index ellipsoid given by $\sum_{ij} \eta_{ij} x_i x_j = 1$ This gives $\eta_{11}^{0}x^2 + \eta_{22}^{0}y^2 + \eta_{33}^{0}z^2 + r_{113}E_3x^2 + r_{223}E_3y^2 + r_{333}E_3z^2 = 1$ Therefore $\left(\frac{1}{n_o^2} + r_{13}E_3\right)x^2 + \left(\frac{1}{n_o^2} + r_{13}E_3\right)y^2 + \left(\frac{1}{n_e^2} + r_{33}E_3\right)z^2 = 1$ And change in refractive index in the E-field $is \quad \Delta\left(\frac{1}{n_o^2}\right) = r_{13}E_3$ and $\Delta\left(\frac{1}{n_e^2}\right) = r_{33}E_3$ Which gives $\Delta n_o = -\frac{1}{2}n_o^3r_{13}E_3$ and $\Delta n_e = -\frac{1}{2}n_e^3r_{33}E_3$ And $\Delta n = \Delta n_o - \Delta n_e = -\frac{1}{2}E_3(n_o^3r_{13} - n_e^3r_{33})$ $\Delta n = 0.006$ **Problem 17:** Piezoelectric tensor for tetragonal PZT-5H (pg 4mm)

Shear stress around x: $\sigma_{23} = \sigma_4 \Rightarrow P_2 = d_{24}\sigma_4 = 735 \cdot 10^{-12} \cdot 3 \cdot 10^4 \frac{C}{m^2} = 2.21 \cdot 10^{-5} \frac{C}{m^2}$

Problem 18:

Soft magnetic materials may be used for: Transformers, Flux guides, Magnetic shielding **Problem 19**:

Ferromagnet: $\mu_0 M = \chi_P (B_a + B_E) = \chi_P (B_a + \lambda \mu_0 M) \Rightarrow \chi = \frac{\mu_0 M}{B_a} = \frac{\chi_P}{1 - \chi_P \lambda}$ Paramagnetic susceptibility $\chi_P = \frac{C}{T}$ gives $\chi = \frac{C}{T - C\lambda}$ and $T_C = C\lambda = 697 K$