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Examination paper for FY3114 / FY8912 Functional materials

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1 P1-FY3114h2023

Materials for phase change memories (PCMs)

Select one alternative

- dopants have been proved to decrease the electrical resistivity of the crystalline state
- a detailed model for the amorphous state is missing
- PCMs may not be used for non-volatile memory devices
- the problem of volume change between the crystalline and amorphous phases has been solved

Topological insulators

Select one alternative:

- are conducting in the bulk
- are being used in quantum computation
- already have a wide range of applications
- are conducting at the surface

Spintronic transistors

Select one alternative

- demonstration devices exist
- are already on the market
- use the spin but not the charge of the electron
- use less power but are slower than ordinary transistors

Ferroelectric memory devices

Select one alternative

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

(1 point for each correct answer)

Maximum marks: 4

2 P2-FY3114h2023

Materials for optical storage

Select one alternative:

- can store more data if longer optical wavelengths are employed
- can be used in long lifetime storage devices
- must be good thermal conductors
- can only be used in short lifetime storage devices

Piezoelectric transistors...

Select one alternative

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

Graphene transistors

Select one alternative

- utilize high effective mass electrons
- have electron mobilities almost as high as in Si
- are easy to functionalize by chemical means
- are candidates for high speed computing applications

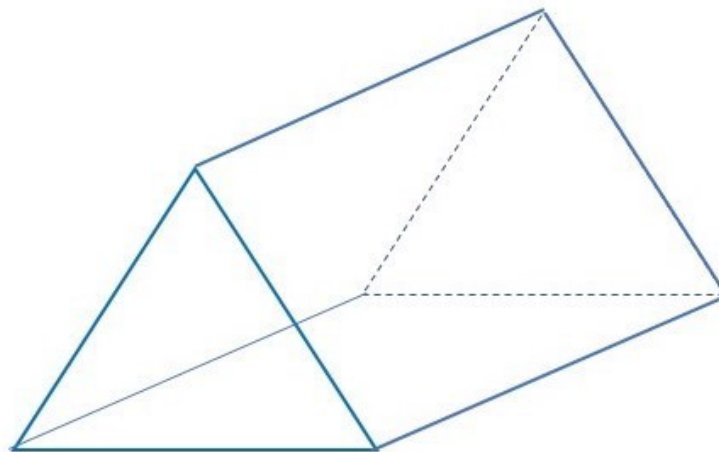
Which statement is correct?

Select one alternative

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

(1 point for each correct answer)

Maximum marks: 4

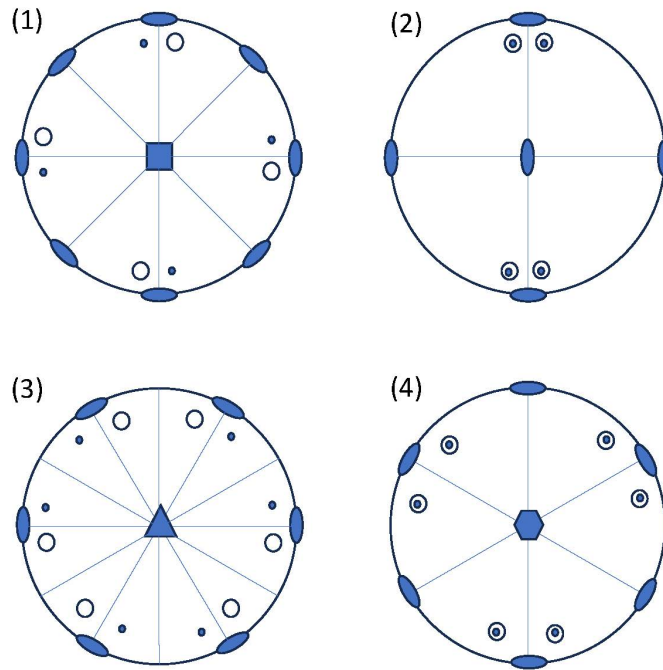
3 P3-FY3114h2023**Regular triangular prism**

List the complete set of symmetry elements in the point group of the regular triangular prism as shown in the figure above. (Show rotation-inversion symmetry elements as $-n$, where n indicates the rotation, and show multiple operations by n^2 , n^3 , etc).

Fill in your answer here

Maximum marks: 4

4 P4-FY3114h2023

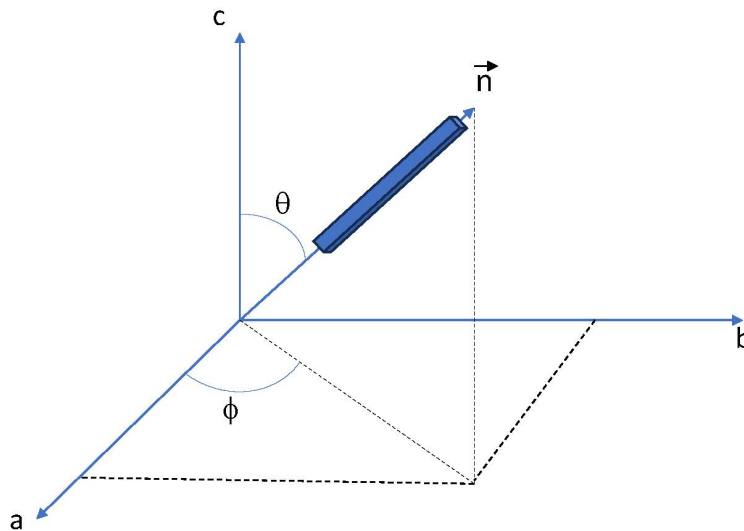


Identify the point group that corresponds to each of the stereograms (2D projections) shown above.

Fill in your answer here

Maximum marks: 4

5 P5-FY3114h2023



A hexagonal crystal is cut in a thin rod with a direction at an angle $\theta = 54^\circ$ with the c-axis, and the angle between the a-axis and the projection of the direction of the rod in the ab-plane is $\phi = 48^\circ$.

A current is flowing along the rod. Find the electrical resistivity of the rod when the components of the resistivity tensor are $\rho_{11} = 5 \cdot 10^{-8} \Omega \text{cm}$ and $\rho_{33} = 3 \cdot 10^{-8} \Omega \text{cm}$

Select one alternative

- $4.45 \cdot 10^{-8} \Omega \text{cm}$
- $4.05 \cdot 10^{-8} \Omega \text{cm}$
- $4.31 \cdot 10^{-8} \Omega \text{cm}$
- $3.98 \cdot 10^{-8} \Omega \text{cm}$
- $3.27 \cdot 10^{-8} \Omega \text{cm}$

Maximum marks: 4

6 P6-FY3114h2023

The dielectric tensor of a monoclinic crystal is given by:

$$\epsilon = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ in units of } 10^{-11} \text{ F/m}$$

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:

- 56°
- 36°
- 72°
- 48°
- 28°

Maximum marks: 4

7 P7-FY3114h2023

Ge has a bandgap of 0.7 eV. Find the energy of the electron and the hole relative to the respective band edges that result when a 1.2 eV photon is absorbed.

The energy of the electron is: eV

The energy of the hole is: eV

Maximum marks: 4

8 P8-FY3114h2023

A metal-semiconductor junction is made between Mn and n-doped GaAs. The work function of Mn is 3.8 eV, the work function of the n-doped GaAs is 4.2 eV, and the electron affinity of GaAs is 4.1 eV. What is the size of the barrier height at the metal-semiconductor junction?

Select one alternative:

- + 0.4 eV
- + 0.3 eV
- 0.4 eV
- 0.1 eV
- + 0.1 eV
- 0.3 eV

Which type of contact is formed between Mn and n-doped GaAs?

Select one alternative

- Ohmic contact
- Schottky contact

Maximum marks: 4

9 P9-FY3114h2023

An InP semiconductor is n-doped with an electron concentration of $N_D = 3 \cdot 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$. Find the conductivities σ_n (electrons) and σ_p (holes) of the sample in units $(\Omega \text{ cm})^{-1}$.

The ln(conductivity due to the electrons) $\ln(\sigma_n) =$.

The ln(conductivity due to holes) $\ln(\sigma_p) =$.

Maximum marks: 4

10 P10-FY3114h2023

Mention 3 applications in which soft ferromagnetic materials are used.

Fill in your answer here

List 3 ferromagnetic elements.

Fill in your answer here

Maximum marks: 4

11 P11-FY3114h2023

A cubic electro-optic active material has inversion symmetry. An electric field $E = 1.5 \cdot 10^6 \text{ V/m}$ is applied in the z-direction. The refractive index in the absence of an electric field is $n = 2.3$. The influence of the electric field on the impermeability tensor is given by the Kerr effect.

$$\eta_{ij}(E) = \eta_{ij}^0 + \sum_{kl} s_{ijkl} E_k E_l, \text{ where } \eta_{11}^0 = \eta_{22}^0 = \eta_{33}^0 = 1/n^2, \text{ and others } \eta_{ij}^0 = 0$$

The only non-zero elements of the fourth rank tensor are:

$$s_{11} = s_{22} = s_{33} = 2.0 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ (m/V)}^2$$

$$s_{12} = s_{13} = s_{23} = 3.5 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ (m/V)}^2$$

$$s_{44} = s_{55} = s_{66} = 1.5 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ (m/V)}^2$$

(using contracted notation i.e. $s_{11} = s_{1111}$ and $s_{12} = s_{1122}$, etc).

What is the difference of the extraordinary and ordinary index of refraction $\Delta n = n_e - n_o$?

Select one alternative:

- 0.09
- 0.003
- 0.02
- 0.04
- 0.008

(4 points for correct answer)

Maximum marks: 4

12 P12-FY3114h2023

The inverse piezoelectric effect is given by $\epsilon_{ij} = d_{ijk} E_k$ where ϵ_{ij} is the strain tensor, d_{ijk} is the inverse piezoelectric tensor, and E_k is the electric field.

We consider an α -quartz single crystal (trigonal crystal, point group 32).

The inverse piezoelectric tensor elements are given by:

(using contracted notation i.e. $d_{111} = d_{11}$, $d_{41} = d_{231}$, etc):

$$d_{11} = -d_{21} = 2.27 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ m/V}$$

$$d_{41} = -d_{52} = -0.67 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ m/V}$$

$$d_{62} = -2d_{11}$$

$$\text{others } d_{ij} = 0$$

An electric field $E = 5 \cdot 10^7 \text{ V/m}$ is applied in the x-direction (along the a-axis of the crystal).

Find the resulting strain in the x, y and z-directions.

The strain in the x-direction is: $\cdot 10^{-6}$

The strain in the z-direction is: $\cdot 10^{-6}$

Maximum marks: 4

13 **P13-FY3114h2023**

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

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

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: $n_n = 5 \cdot 10^{18}\text{cm}^{-3}$ and $p_p = 3 \cdot 10^{18}\text{cm}^{-3}$

Electron diffusion coefficients: $D_n = 7\text{cm}^2/\text{s}$ and $D_p = 4\text{cm}^2/\text{s}$

Electron and hole recombination times: $\tau_n = 9 \cdot 10^{-7}\text{s}$ and $\tau_p = 7 \cdot 10^{-7}\text{s}$

Photocurrent: $I_L = 45\text{mA}$

The open circuit voltage V_{OC} is:

Select one alternative:

- 0.97 V
- 0.31 V
- 0.53 V
- 0.22 V
- 1.03 V

Maximum marks: 4

14 P14-FY3114h2023

Which crystal systems are bi-axial?

Fill in your answer here

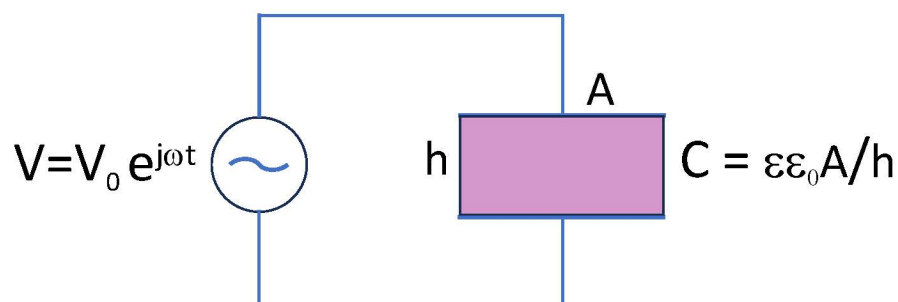
How should a **pn-diode** be biased to be used as a light detector?

Indicate the sign of the voltage between the p-side and n-side of the diode.

Fill in your answer here

Maximum marks: 4

15 P15-FY3114h2023



A dielectric solid has a homogeneous complex relative dielectric constant $\epsilon = \epsilon'_r - \epsilon''_r$. Consider the circuit as shown in the figure above. Numerical values are as follows: The voltage amplitude $V_0 = 25\text{V}$, the voltage angular frequency $\omega = 10000\text{ s}^{-1}$, the capacitor area $A = 10\text{ cm}^2$, the separation of the capacitor plates $h = 1\text{ mm}$, and the relative dielectric constant $\epsilon = 2 + j0.5$.

Find the dissipated power in the capacitor.

The dissipated power is: μW .

Maximum marks: 4

16 **P16-FY3114h2023**

Find the difference in quasi-Fermi levels $\Delta E = E_{F_n} - E_{F_p}$ in an **InP** semiconductor at $T=300\text{K}$ that is injected by electron and hole densities of $n = 1 \cdot 10^{17} \text{cm}^{-3}$ and $p = 1 \cdot 10^{17} \text{cm}^{-3}$.

Select one alternative:

- 1.20 eV
- 1.42 eV
- 0.82 eV
- 1.38 eV
- 0.94 eV

Maximum marks: 4

17 **P17-FY3114h2023**

Consider a GaAs semiconductor at $T = 300\text{K}$ in which a low concentration of holes p are injected. The recombination rate may be written as

$$R_{\text{spont}} = \frac{1}{\tau_0} N_{CV} \left(\frac{n}{N_C} \right) \left(\frac{p}{N_V} \right)$$

where $\tau_0 = 0.6 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{s}$ is the recombination time for an electron if a hole is available at the same \mathbf{k} vector,

N_{CV} is the joint density of states, N_C and N_V are the densities of electrons and holes at the band edges; respectively. Assume that $p = 1 \cdot 10^{16} \text{cm}^{-3}$.

What is the average lifetime of a single electron in the semiconductor.

Write the answer here: ns .

Maximum marks: 4

Constants and parameters (at 300 K)

$m_e = 9.1 \cdot 10^{-31} \text{kg}$	$e = 1.6 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{C}$	$k_B = 1.38 \cdot 10^{-23} \frac{\text{J}}{\text{K}}$	$h = 6.63 \cdot 10^{-34} \frac{\text{J}}{\text{K}}$
$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{s}^4 \text{A}^2 / \text{kg m}^3$			
$n_i(\text{Si}) = 1.5 \cdot 10^{10} \frac{1}{\text{cm}^3}$	$\mu_n(\text{Si}) = 1000 \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{Vs}}$	$\mu_p(\text{Si}) = 350 \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{Vs}}$	(low field values)
$n_i(\text{GaAs}) = 1.84 \cdot 10^6 \frac{1}{\text{cm}^3}$	$\mu_n(\text{GaAs}) = 8000 \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{Vs}}$	$\mu_p(\text{GaAs}) = 400 \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{Vs}}$	(low field values)
$n_i(\text{InP}) = 1.3 \cdot 10^7 \frac{1}{\text{cm}^3}$	$\mu_n(\text{InP}) = 4600 \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{Vs}}$	$\mu_p(\text{InP}) = 150 \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{Vs}}$	(low field values)
$n_i(\text{Ge}) = 2.33 \cdot 10^{13} \frac{1}{\text{cm}^3}$	$\mu_n(\text{Ge}) = 3900 \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{Vs}}$	$\mu_p(\text{Ge}) = 1900 \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{Vs}}$	(low field values)
$m_e^*(\text{GaAs}) = 0.067 m_e$	$m_h^*(\text{GaAs}) = 0.45 m_e$	$m_e^*(\text{Ge}) = 0.56 m_e$	$m_h^*(\text{Ge}) = 0.29 m_e$
$m_e^*(\text{Si}) = 0.26 m_e$	$m_h^*(\text{Si}) = 0.5 m_e$	$m_e^*(\text{InP}) = 0.07 m_e$	$m_h^*(\text{InP}) = 0.4 m_e$
$E_{\text{gap}}(\text{Si}) = 1.1 \text{eV}$	$E_{\text{gap}}(\text{GaAs}) = 1.41 \text{eV}$	$E_{\text{gap}}(\text{InP}) = 1.35 \text{eV}$	$E_{\text{gap}}(\text{Ge}) = 0.7 \text{eV}$
Refractive indices:	$n_r(\text{Si}) = 3.98$	$n_r(\text{GaAs}) = 3.95$	$n_r(\text{Ge}) = 5.70$

Formulas

$$\text{Rotation } \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta & 0 \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta & 0 \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{bmatrix}$$

Orthogonal transformations

$$T'_{ij} = \sum_{kl} R_{ik} R_{jl} T_{kl} \quad \text{and} \quad T'_{ijk} = \sum_{lmn} R_{il} R_{jm} R_{kn} T_{lmn}$$

$$x'_i x'_j = \sum_{kl} R_{ik} R_{jl} x_k x_l \quad \text{and} \quad x'_i x'_j x'_k = \sum_{lmn} R_{il} R_{jm} R_{kn} x_l x_m x_n$$

Dielectric permittivity tensor

$$\epsilon_{\text{mono}} = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_{11} & \epsilon_{12} & 0 \\ \epsilon_{12} & \epsilon_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \epsilon_{33} \end{bmatrix} \quad \epsilon_{\text{ortho}} = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \epsilon_{33} \end{bmatrix} \quad \epsilon_{\text{tetra,tri,hex}} = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \epsilon_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

Conductivity, drift velocity, mobility, diffusion

$$\sigma = ne^2 \tau_{sc} / m^* \quad v_d = \mu E \quad \mu = e \tau_{sc} / m^* \quad D_n = \mu_n k_B T / e \quad J_{\text{diff}} = e D_n \frac{dn}{dx}$$

Electrons and holes in semiconductors

$$n = N_c e^{(E_c - E_F) / k_B T} \quad p = N_v e^{(E_F - E_v) / k_B T} \quad np = N_c N_v e^{-E_{\text{gap}} / k_B T} \quad N_c = 2 \left(\frac{m_e^* k_B T}{2\pi \hbar^2} \right)^{3/2}$$

$$E_e = E_C + \hbar^2 k^2 / 2m_e^* \quad \text{and} \quad E_h = E_V - \hbar^2 k^2 / 2m_h^*$$

Law of mass action

$$n_n p_n = n_p p_p = n_i^2$$

Diode equation (ideal diode)

$$I = I_0 (e^{eV/k_B T} - 1)$$

Diffusion length

$$L_n = \sqrt{D_n \tau_n}$$

Emission

$$W_{em}^{st}(\hbar\omega) = \frac{e^2 n_r \hbar \omega}{3\pi \epsilon_0 m_e^2 c^3 \hbar^2} |p_{cv}|^2 \cdot n_{ph}(\hbar\omega) \quad \frac{2|p_{cv}|^2}{m_e} = 23 \text{eV} (\text{GaAs})$$

Impermeability tensor

$$\sum_{ij} \eta_{ij} x_i x_j = 1 \quad \eta = \frac{1}{\epsilon_r} = \frac{1}{n_r^2}$$

Index ellipsoid

$$\left(\frac{x_1}{n_1} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{x_2}{n_2} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{x_3}{n_3} \right)^2 = 1$$

Paramagnetic susceptibility

$$\chi_P = \frac{\mu_0 M}{B} = \frac{C}{T}$$

Magnetization in ferromagnet

$$\mu_0 M = \chi_P (B_a + B_E)$$

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Problems 1-2

Multiple choice questions from projects

Problem 3

Regular triangular prism. Point group elements: $1 m m m 1/m 2 2 2 3 3^2 \bar{6} \bar{6}^5$

Problem 4

(1) : $4 2 2$; (2) : $2/m 2/m 2/m$; (3) : $\bar{3} 2/m$; (4) : $\bar{6} m 2$

Problem 5

We have $E_J = \frac{\vec{E} \cdot \vec{J}}{J} = \sum_i E_i J_i / J = \sum_{ij} \rho_{ij} J_j J_i / J$

therefore $\rho_E = \frac{E_J}{J} = \sum_{ij} \rho_{ij} (\frac{J_j}{J})(\frac{J_i}{J})$ and $J_1 = J \cos \phi \sin \theta$, $J_2 = J \sin \phi \sin \theta$, $J_3 = J \cos \theta$

hexagonal crystal gives that only $\rho_{11}, \rho_{22}, \rho_{33}$ are non zero, and that $\rho_{11} = \rho_{22}$.

Therefore: $\rho_J = \rho_{11}(\sin \theta \cos \phi)^2 + \rho_{11}(\sin \theta \sin \phi)^2 + \rho_{33} \cos^2 \theta = \rho_{11} \sin^2 \theta + \rho_{33} \cos^2 \theta$

Inserting numbers: $\rho_J = 4.31 \cdot 10^{-8} \Omega cm$

Problem 6

Diagonalizing monoclinic tensor. Rotation matrix $\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$

$x'y' = (yy - xx) \sin \theta \cos \theta + xy(\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta) = (yy - xx) \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta + xy \cos 2\theta$

therefore $\epsilon'_{12} = (\epsilon_{22} - \epsilon_{11}) \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta + \epsilon_{12} \cos 2\theta$

If $\epsilon'_{12} = 0$ then $\tan 2\theta = 2\epsilon_{12} / (\epsilon_{11} - \epsilon_{22})$. Inserting numbers: $\tan 2\theta = 3$ and $\theta = 35.8^\circ$

Problem 7

$\hbar \omega = E_e - E_h = E_C + \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m_e^*} - (E_V - \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m_h^*}) = E_{gap} + \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2} (\frac{1}{m_e^*} + \frac{1}{m_h^*}) = E_{gap} + \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m_r^*}$

therefore $E_e - E_C = \frac{m_r^*}{m_e^*} (\hbar \omega - E_{gap}) = 0.17 eV$

and $E_h - E_V = -\frac{m_r^*}{m_h^*} (\hbar \omega - E_{gap}) = -0.33 eV$

Problem 8

$V_B = \phi_M - \chi = -0.3 eV$, an ohmic contact is formed at the junction

Problem 9

The conductivity is given by $\sigma = ne\mu_e + pe\mu_p$

The law of mass action is: $n_n p_n = n_p p_p = n_i^2$, and $n_n = N_D$

$\sigma_n = N_D e \mu_e = 220.8 \frac{1}{\Omega cm}$, and $\sigma_p = \frac{n_i^2}{N_D} e \mu_p = 1.352 \cdot 10^{-20} \frac{1}{\Omega cm}$

$\ln \sigma_n = 5.4$, and $\ln \sigma_p = -45.75$

Problem 10

(1) transformers, flux guides, magnetic shielding

(2) Fe, Co, Ni, rare earth elements

Problem 11

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_{11}(E) &= \eta_{11}^0 + s_{1133}E^2 = 1/n^2 + s_{13}E^2, \\ \eta_{22}(E) &= \eta_{22}^0 + s_{2233}E^2 = 1/n^2 + s_{13}E^2, \\ \eta_{33}(E) &= \eta_{33}^0 + s_{3333}E^2 = 1/n^2 + s_{33}E^2, \\ \text{others } \eta_{ij} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

The index ellipsoid is

$$\sum_{ij} \eta_{ij}(E)x_i x_j = 1 = x^2\left(\frac{1}{n^2} + s_{13}E^2\right) + y^2\left(\frac{1}{n^2} + s_{13}E^2\right) + z^2\left(\frac{1}{n^2} + s_{33}E^2\right)$$

The change in the ordinary index of refraction is

$$\Delta\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right) = s_{13}E^2 \Rightarrow \Delta n = -\frac{1}{2}n^3 s_{13}E^2$$

The change in the extraordinary index of refraction is

$$\Delta\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right) = s_{33}E^2 \Rightarrow \Delta n = -\frac{1}{2}n^3 s_{33}E^2$$

Therefore $\Delta n = n_e - n_o = \frac{1}{2}n^3 E^2 (s_{13} - s_{33}) = 0.02$

Problem 12

Inverse piezoelectric effect.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_{11} \\ \epsilon_{22} \\ \epsilon_{33} \\ \epsilon_{23} \\ \epsilon_{13} \\ \epsilon_{12} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \epsilon_1 \\ \epsilon_2 \\ \epsilon_3 \\ \epsilon_4 \\ \epsilon_5 \\ \epsilon_6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ d_{21} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ d_{41} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d_{52} & 0 \\ 0 & d_{62} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E_1 \\ E_2 \\ E_3 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } d_{11} = -d_{21}, d_{41} = -d_{52}, d_{62} = -2d_{11}$$

The electric field \mathbf{E} is applied in the x-direction.

This gives $\epsilon_{11} = d_{11}E = 113 \cdot 10^{-6}$, and $\epsilon_{33} = 0$

Problem 13

Open circuit voltage for solar cell $I = 0 = I_L - I_0(e^{eV/k_B T} - 1)$

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 $n_n p_n = n_p p_p = n_i^2 \Rightarrow n_p = n_i^2 / p_p, p_n = n_i^2 / n_n$

Diffusion lengths $L_n = \sqrt{D_n \tau_n}$ and $L_p = \sqrt{D_p \tau_p}$

Total diffusion current $I_0 = A(J_n + J_p) = Ae\left(\sqrt{\frac{D_n}{\tau_n}} \frac{n_i^2}{p_p} + \sqrt{\frac{D_p}{\tau_p}} \frac{n_i^2}{n_n}\right) = 2.44 \cdot 10^{-7} A$

Thus $V_{oc} = \frac{k_B T}{e} \ln\left(1 + \frac{I_L}{I_0}\right) = 0.31V$

Problem 14

Biaxial crystals: triclinic, orthorombic, monoclinic.

A pn diode used as light detector should be reversed biased,

i.e. -V on p-side, +V on n-side.

Problem 15

$V = V_0 e^{j\omega t}, I = C \frac{dV}{dt} = j\omega CV, C = \epsilon_r \epsilon_0 A/h = (\epsilon'_r - j\epsilon''_r) \epsilon_0 A/h$

Power dissipated $P = \overline{VI} \sim \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T (\sin\omega t \cos\omega t + \cos^2\omega t) dt = 0 + \frac{1}{2}$

Which means that only the imaginary part of the dielectric constant contributes to the dissipated power in the capacitor.

We then get $P = \frac{1}{2} \omega \epsilon''_r V_0^2 \epsilon_0 A/h = 13.8 \cdot 10^{-6} W$

Problem 16

Quasi Fermi levels $n = N_C e^{(E_{F_n} - E_C)/k_B T}$ and $p = N_V e^{(E_V - E_{F_p})/k_B T}$

Which gives $E_{F_n} = E_C + k_B T \ln(n/N_C) = E_C - 0.04eV$

and $E_{F_p} = E_V - k_B T \ln(n/N_V) = E_V + 0.11eV$, and $E_{F_n} - E_{F_p} = E_{gap} - 0.15eV = 1.2eV$
when $E_{gap} = E_C - E_V = 1.35eV$

Problem 17

The spontaneous recombination rate is $R_{spon} = \frac{1}{\tau_0} N_{CV} (\frac{n}{N_C}) (\frac{p}{N_V})$ and the densities of states are $N_C = 2 (\frac{m_e^* k_B T}{2\pi\hbar^2})^{3/2}$ and $N_V = 2 (\frac{m_h^* k_B T}{2\pi\hbar^2})^{3/2}$ and $N_{CV} = 2 (\frac{m_e^* k_B T}{2\pi\hbar^2})^{3/2}$

The lifetime of a single electron is

$$\tau_r = \frac{n}{R_{spon}} = \frac{\tau_0}{p} N_C N_V / N_{CV} = 2 \frac{\tau_0}{p} (\frac{k_B T m_e^* m_h^*}{2\pi\hbar^2 m_r^*})^{3/2} = 2 \frac{\tau_0}{p} (\frac{k_B T (m_e^* + m_h^*)}{2\pi\hbar^2})^{3/2}$$

$$\tau_r = 5.57 \cdot 10^{-7} s = 557 ns$$