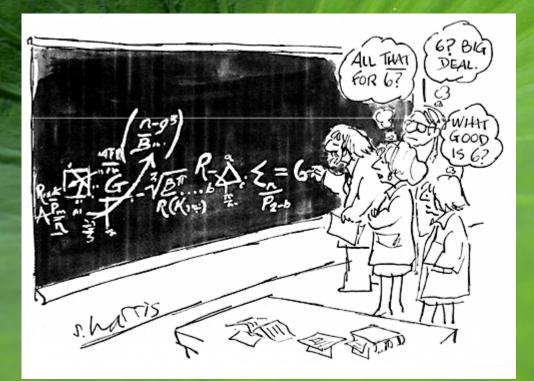
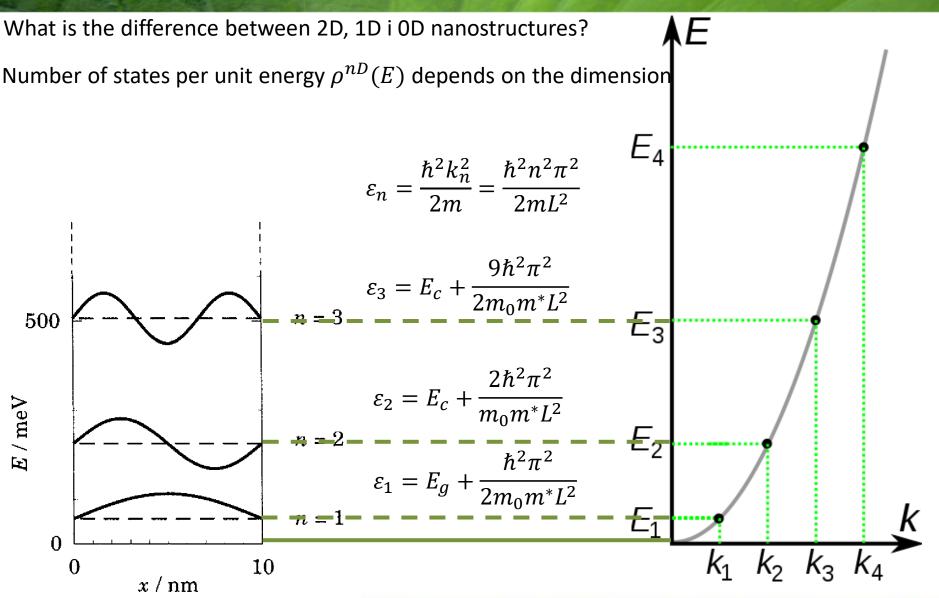
Nanostructures – density of states



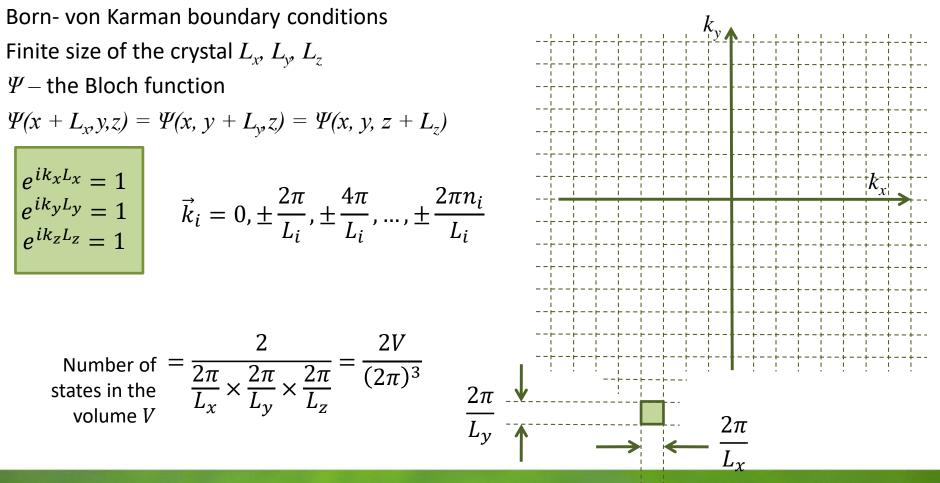
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Density of states Number of states per unit energy $\rho^{nD}(E)$ depends on the dimension

If our crystal has a finite size the set of k —vectors is finite (though enormous!). For example: we can assume periodic boundary conditions and then:



Density of states Number of states per unit energy $\rho^{nD}(E)$ depends on the dimension

The density of states in k-space of n dimension (and the unite volume)

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$\rho_k^{nD} = 2\left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\right)^n$

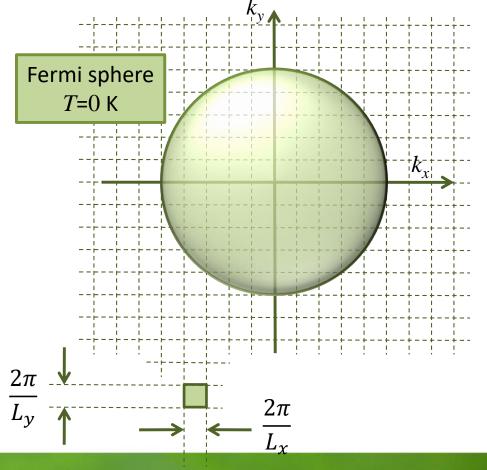
3D case

$$\rho^{3D}(E)dE = \rho_k^{3D}d\vec{k} = 2\left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\right)^3 4\pi k^2 dk$$

For a spherical and parabolic band:

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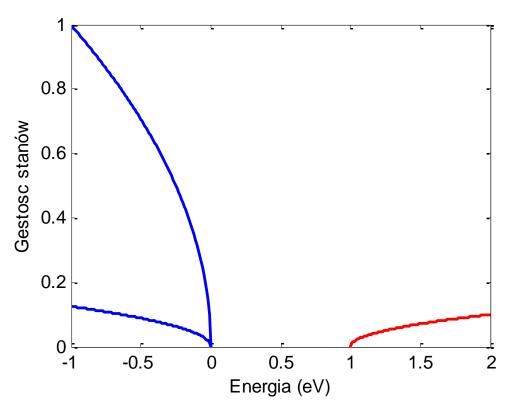
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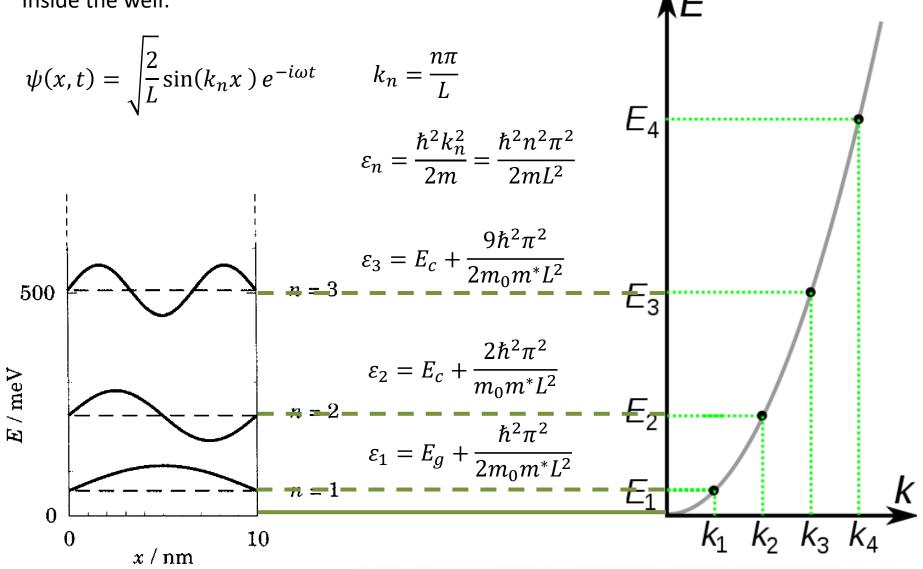
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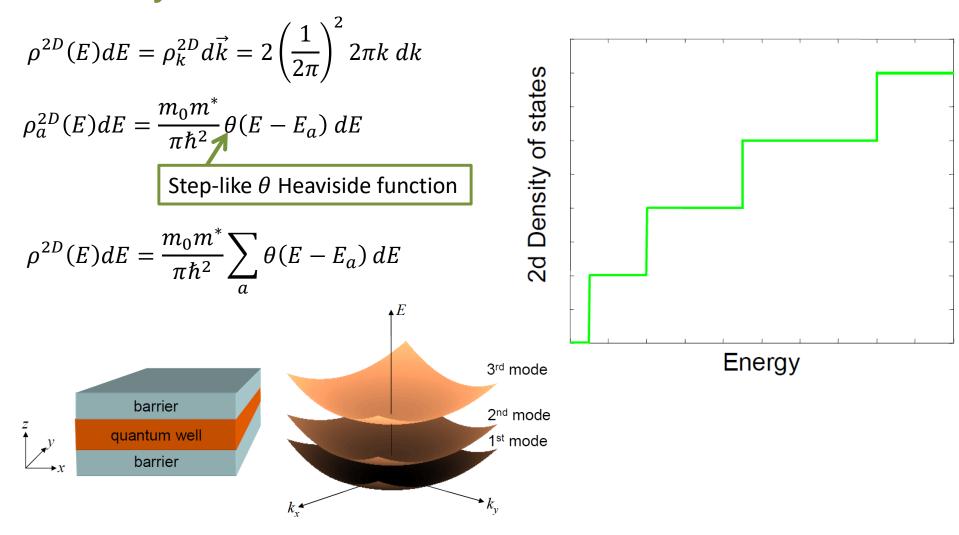


 $\rho_k^{nD} = 2\left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\right)'$

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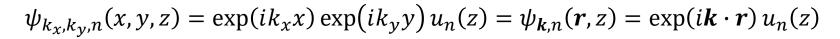


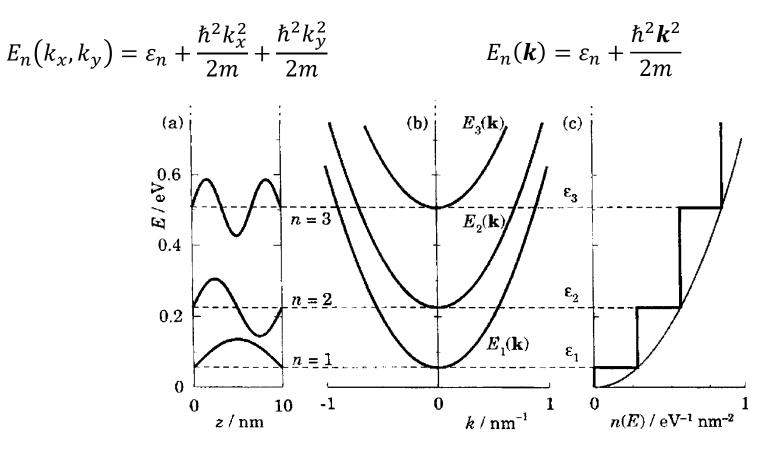
2D density of states for a spherical and parabolic band:

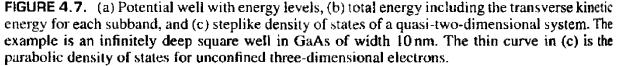


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Density of states – 2D







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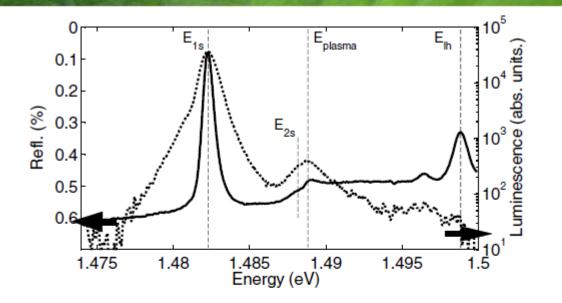


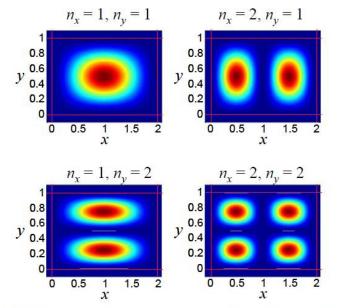
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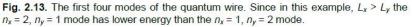
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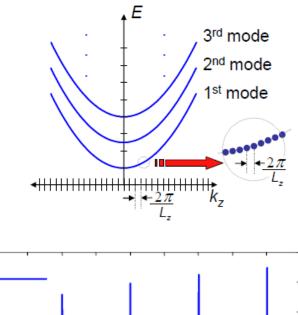
Density of states – 1D

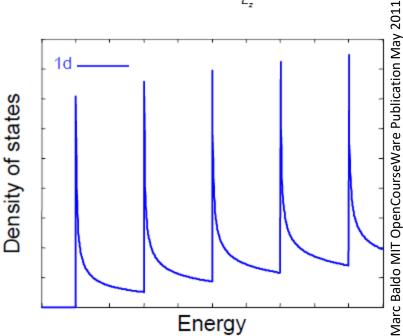
1D density of states for a spherical and parabolic band:

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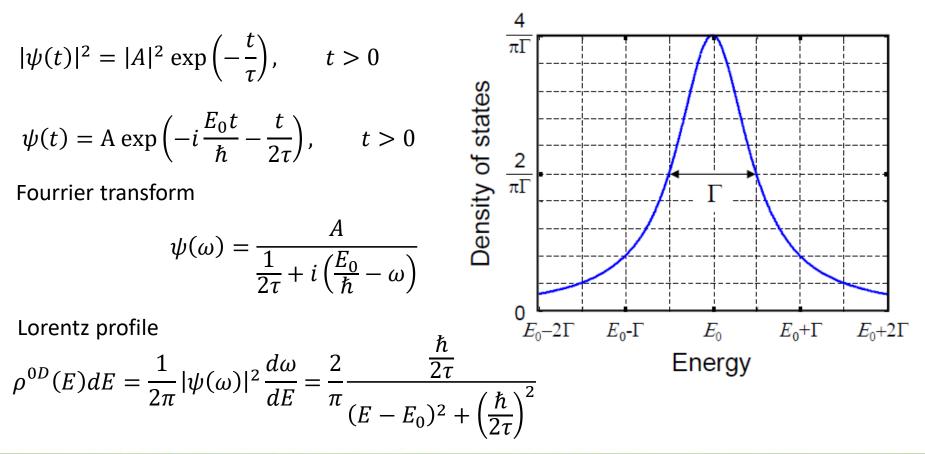


Density of states – 1D

0D density of states

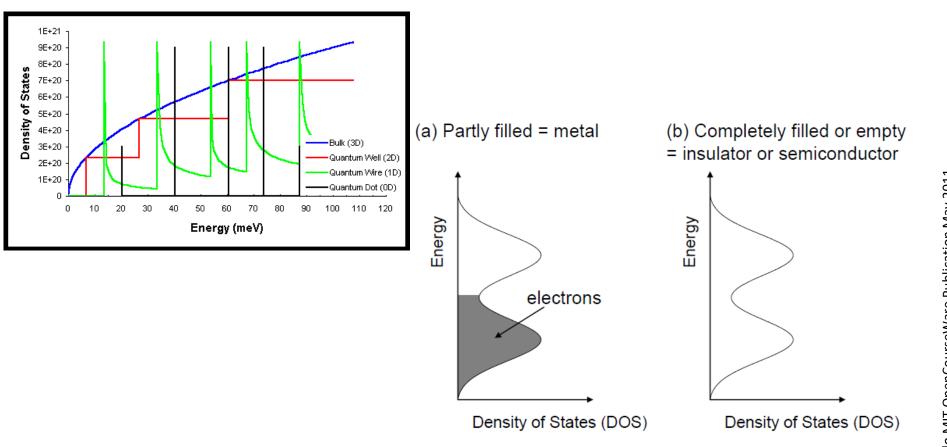
For the ISOLATED QD: $\Delta E \to 0, \Delta t \to \infty$ $\rho^{0D}(E)dE = g_n \delta(E - E_n)dE$

Suppose that the lifetime of the state energy E is equal to τ , we assume an exponential decay

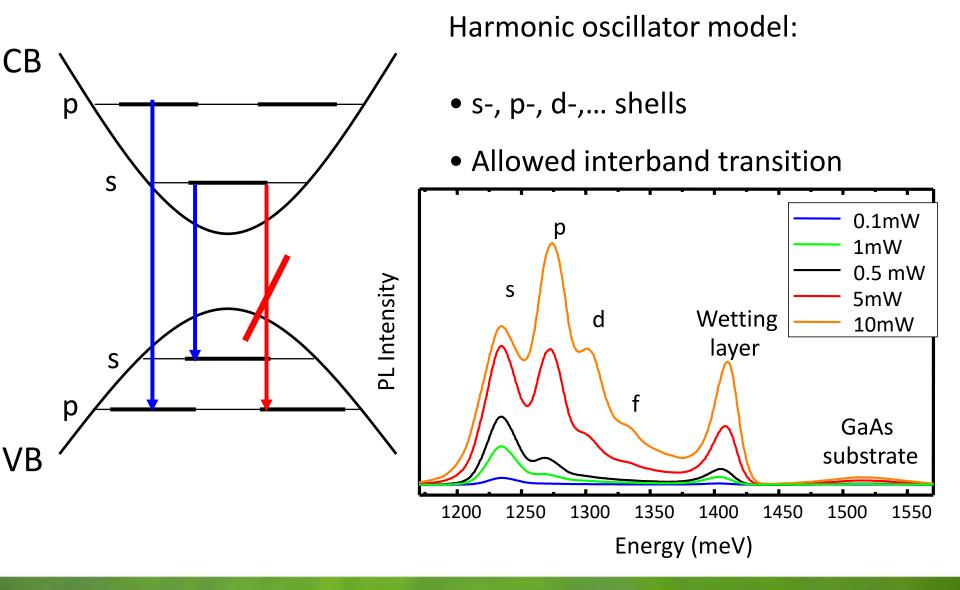


Density of states – the summary

Density of states



Harmonic potential 2D



Summary – Fermi golden rule

The probability of transition per unit time:

$$W(t) = W$$

$$0 \le t \le \tau$$

$$P_{mn} = \frac{w_{mn}}{\tau} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} |\langle m|W|n \rangle|^2 \delta(E_m - E_n)$$

Transitions are possible only for states, for which $E_m = E_n$

$$W(t) = w^{\pm} e^{\pm i\omega t}$$

$$0 \le t \le \tau$$

$$P_{nm} = \frac{w_{nm}}{\tau} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \left| \langle n | w^{\pm} | m \rangle \right|^2 \delta(E_n - E_m \pm \hbar\omega)$$

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The perturbation in a form of an electromagnetic wave:

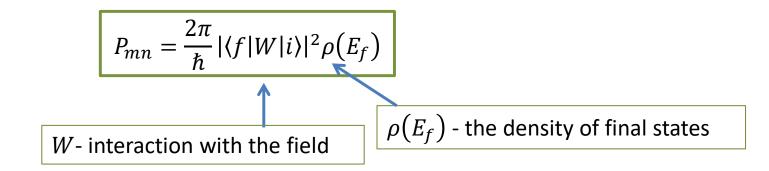
$$A_{nm} = \frac{\omega_{nm}^3 e^2}{3\pi\varepsilon_0 \hbar c^3} |\langle m|\vec{r}|n\rangle|^2 = \frac{4\alpha}{3} \frac{\omega_{nm}^3}{c^2} |\langle m|\vec{r}|n\rangle|^2$$

$$P_{nm} = A_{nm}\delta(E_n - E_m \pm \hbar\omega)$$

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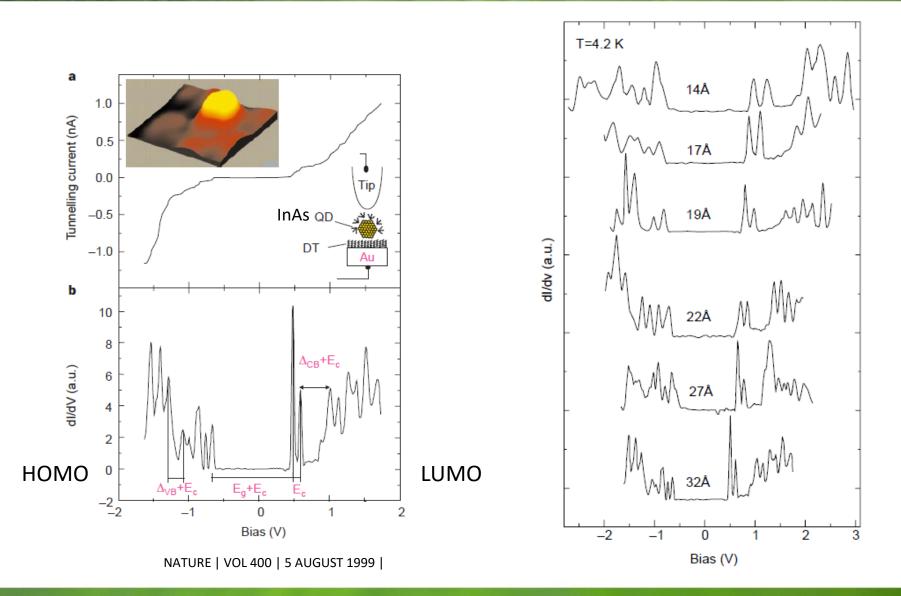
The transition rate – the probability of transition per unit time – from the initial state $|i\rangle$ to final $|f\rangle$ is given by:

Szybkość zmian – czyli prawdopodobieństwo przejścia na jednostkę czasu – ze stanu początkowego $|i\rangle$ do końcowego $|f\rangle$ dane jest wzorem:



Perturbation W does not have to be in the form of an electromagnetic wave.

Density of states – the summary



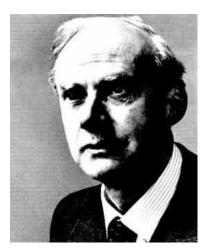
The probability that a state of the energy E will be occupied E_F – chemical potential

Fermions:	Bosons:	Boltzman distribution:
$f_0 = \frac{1}{e^{\frac{E-E_F}{k_BT}} + 1}$	$f_0 = \frac{1}{e^{\frac{E-E_F}{k_B T}} - 1}$	$f_0 = \frac{1}{e^{\frac{E-E_F}{k_BT}} \pm 1} \approx e^{-\frac{E-E_F}{k_BT}}$
Electrons Holes Trions (charged excitons)	Polaritons Phonons Magnons Excitons, biexcitons Plasmons	$E_F = \frac{\partial F}{\partial n}$
		F = U - TS

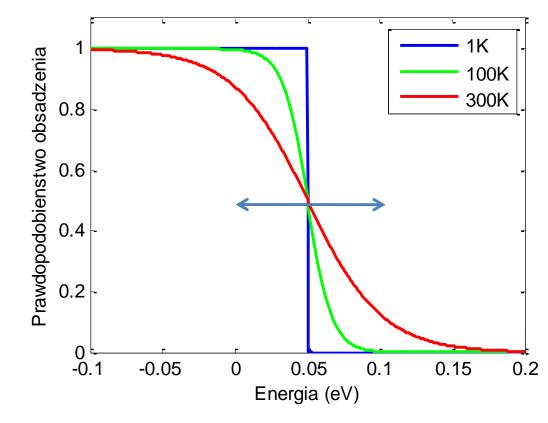
Anyons – eg. composite fermions $|\Psi_1\Psi_2\rangle = e^{i\theta} |\Psi_2\Psi_1\rangle$ Slave fermions (chargon, holon, spinon) = fermion+bozon with the charge-spin separation



Enrico Fermi 1901 – 1954

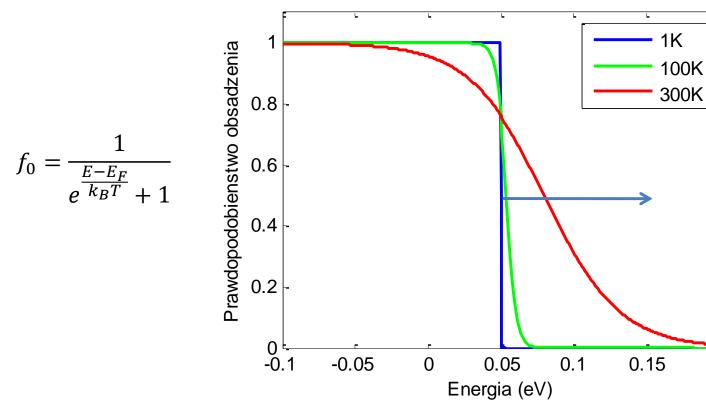


Paul Adrian Maurice Dirac 1902 – 1984

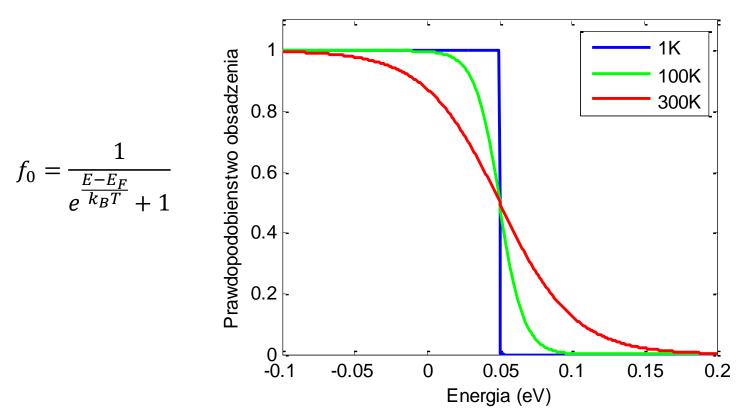


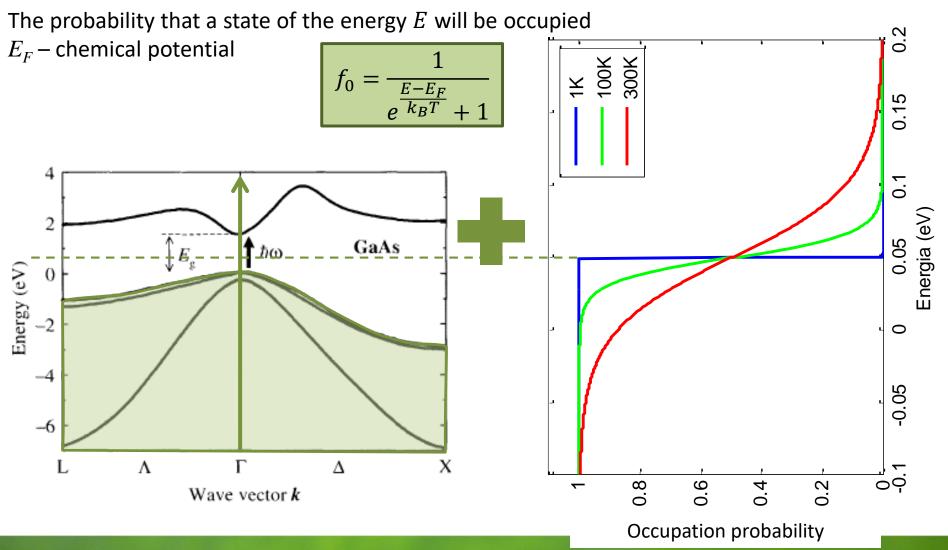
 $f_0 = -$

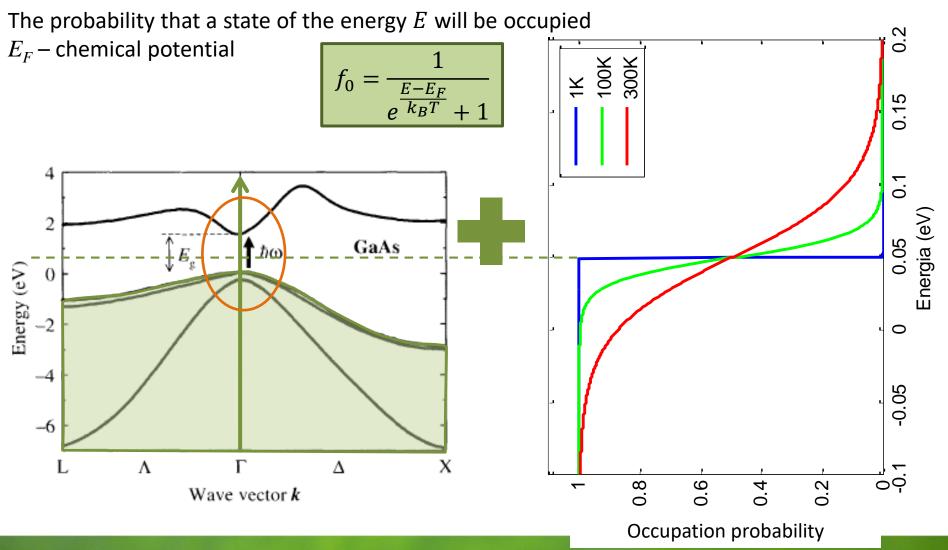
 $\overline{e^{\frac{E-E_F}{k_BT}}+1}$

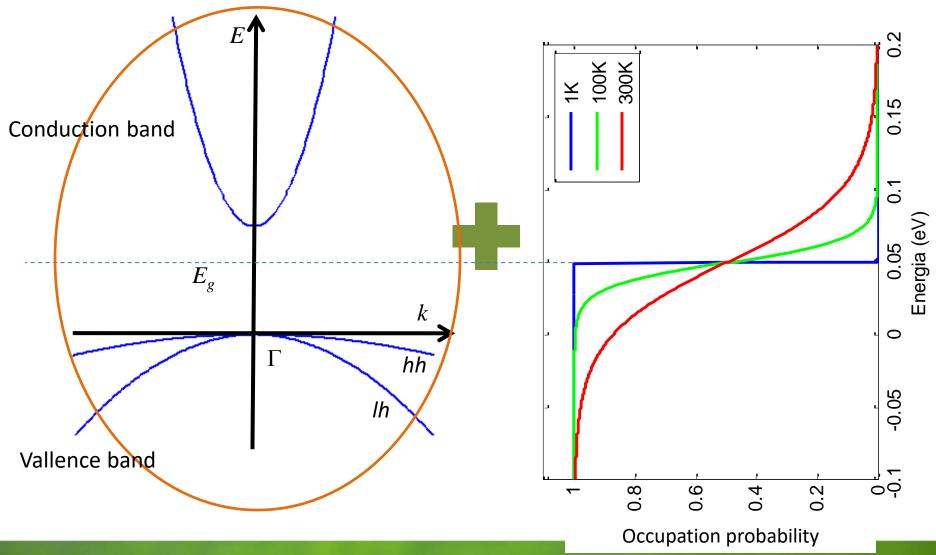


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The case of a semiconductor, in which both the electron gas and hole gas are far from the degeneracy: $F = \xi$

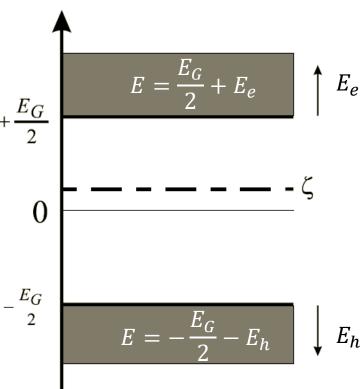
$$\frac{\frac{E_c - \zeta}{k_B T} \gg 1}{\frac{\xi - E_v}{k_B T} \gg 1}$$
$$\frac{\frac{E_c - E_v}{k_B T} \approx 1}{\frac{E_g}{k_B T} \approx 1}$$

The probability of filling of the electronic states:

$$f_e = \frac{1}{e^{\frac{E-\xi}{k_B T}} + 1} = \frac{1}{e^{\frac{E_G}{2k_B T} + \frac{E_e}{k_B T} - \frac{\xi}{k_B T}} + 1}$$

and of holes:
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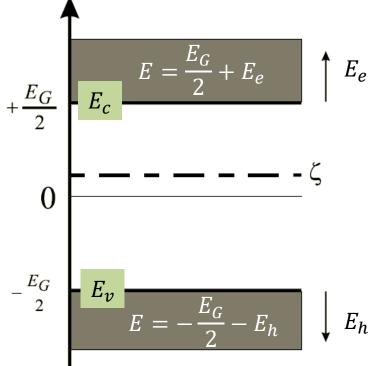
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$$\int_{0}^{\infty} \sqrt{x} e^{-x} \, dx = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}$$

Thus:

$$n(\xi) = 2\left(\frac{m_e^* k_B T}{2\pi\hbar^2}\right)^{3/2} e^{-\frac{E_G}{2k_B T}} \cdot e^{\frac{\xi}{k_B T}} = N_c(T) e^{\frac{-(E_c - \xi)}{k_B T}}$$
$$p(\xi) = 2\left(\frac{m_h^* k_B T}{2\pi\hbar^2}\right)^{3/2} e^{-\frac{E_G}{2k_B T}} \cdot e^{-\frac{\xi}{k_B T}} = N_v(T) e^{\frac{-(\xi - E_v)}{k_B T}}$$



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In the thermodynamic equilibrium for an intrinsic semiconductors (*półprzewodniki samoistne*), the concentration of electrons in the conduction band is equal to the concnetration of holes in the valence band (because they appear only as a result of excitation from the valence band).

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$$\frac{N_c}{N_v} = e^{\frac{2\xi - E_g}{k_B T}} \Rightarrow \xi = \frac{1}{2} (E_c + E_v) + \frac{3}{4} k_B T \ln\left(\frac{m_h^*}{m_e^*}\right)$$
in our notation the middle of the band is 0

Intrinsic carrier concentration

What is the concentration of carriers for T>0?

The intrinsic semiconductors (*półprzewodniki samoistne*) in thermal equilibrium, the concentration of electrons in the conduction band is equal to the concnetration of holes in the valence band.

$\mathbf{E}\mathbf{g} \setminus \mathbf{T}$	77K	300K	1200K	materiał	
0,25eV	10 ⁹ cm ⁻³	10 ¹⁶ cm ⁻³	10 ¹⁸ cm ⁻³	InSb PbSe	
1eV	-	10 ¹⁰ cm ⁻³	10 ¹⁷ cm ⁻³	Ge, Si, GaAs	לחוונע
4eV	-	-	10 ¹¹ cm ⁻³	ZnS, SiC, GaN, ZnO, C (diament)	טוּל

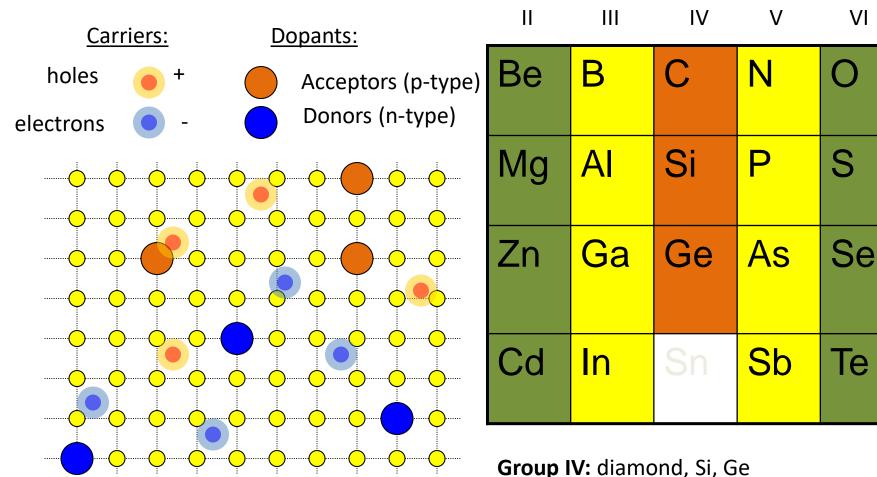
Koncentracja samoistna typowych półprzewodników

The concentration values less than 10^{10} cm⁻³ do not make sense because the concentration of impurities, and thus the concentration resulting from unintentional doping, is greater

$$n = p = \sqrt{N_c N_v} e^{-\frac{Eg}{2k_B T}} \qquad n = N_c e^{\frac{E_F - E_c}{k_B T}}$$
$$p = N_v e^{-\frac{E_F - E_v}{k_B T}}$$

Domieszkowanie półprzewodników

Semiconductors



Group III-V: GaAs, AlAs, InSb, InAs... Group II-VI: ZnSe, CdTe, ZnO, SdS...

How to control the concentration of carriers?

In semiconductors we can find several deviations from the ideal crystal structure:

- Defects of the crystal structure, vacancies, the atoms in interstitial positions, dislocations created eg. during the growth process.
- · Foreign atoms (dopants) introduced intentionally or by adding impurities

As a result of their presence:

- · allowed states in the forbidden gap due to deviations from the ideal crystalline potential
- · space charges in insulators
- · screening by free carriers

Dopant states can be classified into:

 \cdot Deep - the short-range potential located mainly in the area of one unit cell - eg. a vacancy, izoelectronics dopant (the same valency as atom of the base material e.g. N InP).

· Shallow - mainly long-range Coulomb potential

Hydrogen-like model

Atom of a valency higher than the base material atom becomes a source of Coulomb potential (modified by the dielectric constant of the crystal ε_r) caused by an extra proton in the nucleus. Extra electron in the conduction band feels this potential. The states are described by the effective mass equation:

$$T = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m^*}\Delta \qquad U = -\frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0}\frac{e^2}{\varepsilon_r r}$$

 $[T+U]\phi(\vec{r}) = E\phi(\vec{r})$

Ш	III	IV	V	VI
Be	В	С	N	0
Mg	AI	Si	Ρ	S
Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se
Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Те

Group IV: diamond, Si, Ge **Group III-V:** GaAs, AlAs, InSb, InAs... **Group II-VI:** ZnSe, CdTe, ZnO, SdS...

Hydrogen-like model

Finally, the problem reduces to the problem of hydrogen atpom with a free carrier of mass m^* in the medium of dielectric constant ε and with a small "perturbation" potential.

$$E_n = -\left(\frac{m^*}{m_0}\right) \frac{1}{\varepsilon_r^2} Ry \frac{1}{n^2}$$

For typical semiconductors $m_e^* \approx 0.1 m_e \ \varepsilon_s \approx 10$

$$a_B^* = \frac{4\pi\varepsilon_r\varepsilon_0\hbar^2}{m_0e^2} \left(\frac{m_0}{m^*}\right) = a_B\varepsilon_r\left(\frac{m_0}{m^*}\right)$$

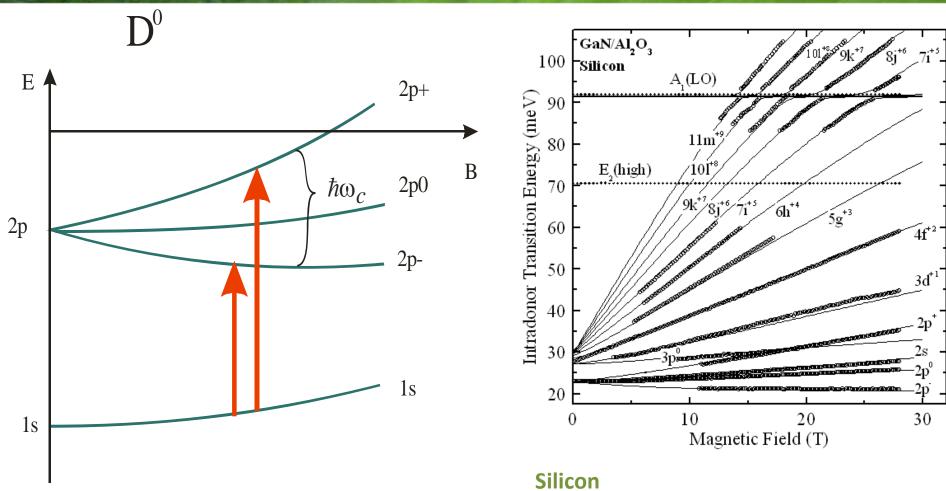
For Hydrogen Ry = 13.6 eV and $a_B = 0.053 \text{ nm}$

For GaAs semiconductor $Ry^* \approx 5$ meV and $a_B^* \approx 10$ nm

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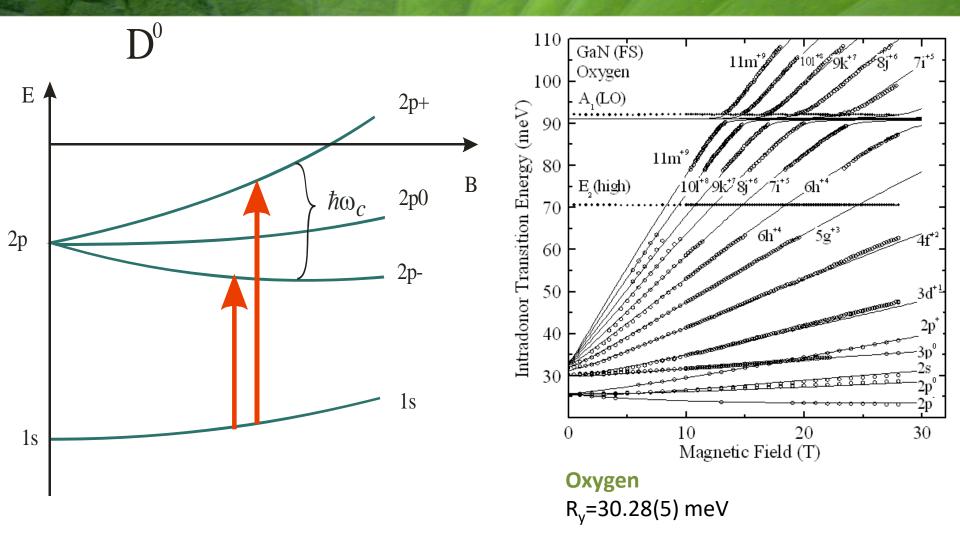
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Far infrared spectroscopy

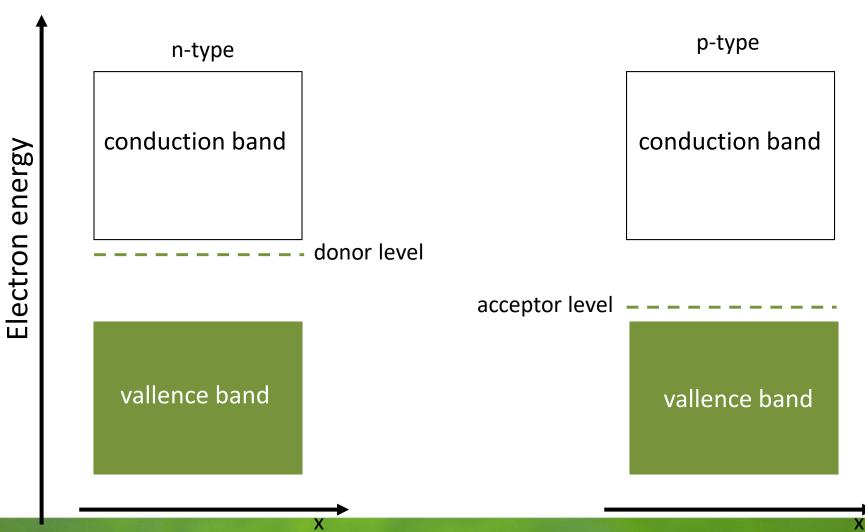


R_v=30.28(5) meV

Far infrared spectroscopy



Hydrogen-like model – ionization of the dopant



Doping

conduction band E_D $E_g/2$ donor level E_F 0 acceptor level $-E_{g}/2$ vallence band

The carrier concentration in extrinsic semiconductor (*niesamoistny*) Consider a semiconductor, in which: N_A – concentration of acceptors N_D – concentration of donors p_A – concentration of neutral acceptors n_D – concentration of neutral donors n_c – concentration of electrons in conduction band

 p_{v} – concentration of holes in valence band

From the charge neutrality of the crystal:

Blackboard!

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From the charge neutrality of the crystal:

$$n_c + (N_A - p_A) = p_v + (N_D - n_D)$$

 $n_c + n_D = (N_D - N_A) + p_v + p_A$

Electron energy

Occupation of impurity / defect levels in the thermodynamic equilibrium

"Occupation" of localized or band states means the exchange of particles (electrons) between the reservoir and considered subsystem (microstate).

The grand canonical ensemble (subsystem exchange particles and energy with the environment)

Thermodynamic probability (unnormalized) of finding subsystem in a state j, in which there are n_i particles (electrons) and which subsystem energy is E_i (the total energy of all n_i particles):

$$P_j = e^{-\beta(E_j - n_j\xi)}, \qquad \beta = \frac{1}{k_B T}$$

 ξ - chemical potential.

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Statistical means:

$$\langle A \rangle = \frac{\sum_{j} A_{j} \cdot e^{-\beta(E_{j} - n_{j}\xi)}}{\sum_{j} e^{-\beta(E_{j} - n_{j}\xi)}}$$

Examples:

free electron occupying (or not) the quantum state of the \vec{k} -vector and spin: 2 possible states of the subsystem (microstate):

 $n_0 = 0; E_0 = 0$ $n_1 = 1; E_1 = E$ (the occupation only for one spin state) the average number of particles of the subsystem:

$$\langle n \rangle = \frac{0 \cdot e^0 + 1 \cdot e^{-\beta(E-\xi)}}{1 + e^{-\beta(E-\xi)}} = \frac{1}{e^{\beta(E-\xi)} + 1} = f(E,T)$$

(Fermi-Dirac distribution)

Examples :

free electron occupying (or not) the quantum state of the \vec{k} -vector and ANY spin: 4 possible states of the subsystem (microstate):

 $n_0 = 0; E_0 = 0$ $n_1 = 1; E_1 = E \text{ (spin })$ $n_2 = 1; E_2 = E \text{ (spin })$ $n_3 = 2; E_3 = 2E \text{ (spin })$

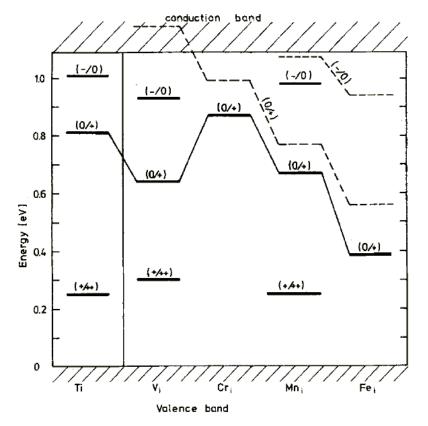
the average number of particles of the subsystem:

$$\langle n \rangle = \frac{0 \cdot e^0 + 1 \cdot e^{-\beta(E-\xi)} + 1 \cdot e^{-\beta(E-\xi)} + 2 \cdot e^{-\beta(2E-2\xi)}}{1 + e^{-\beta(E-\xi)} + e^{-\beta(E-\xi)} + e^{-\beta(2E-2\xi)}} = 2 \frac{e^{-\beta(E-\xi)} (1 + e^{-\beta(E-\xi)})}{(e^{-\beta(E-\xi)} + 1)^2} = 2f(E,T)$$

(Fermi-Dirac distribution x2)

The ratio of the probability of finding dopant / defect of n + 1 electrons and of n electrons:

$$\frac{p_{n+1}}{p_n} = \frac{N_{n+1}/N_{total}}{N_n/N_{total}} = \frac{\sum_{j:n_j=n+1} e^{-\beta [E_j - (n+1)\xi]}}{\sum_{k;n_k=n} e^{-\beta [E_k - n\xi]}} = \frac{g_{n+1}}{g_n} \cdot e^{-\beta [(E_{n+1} - E_n) - \xi]}$$



 $\sum_{n} N_n = N$ – impurity (dopants) concentration

 E_{n+1} i E_n – the lowest of all subsystem energies E_j with n + 1 and n electrons respectively

Successive impurity energy levels are filled with the increase of the Fermi level.

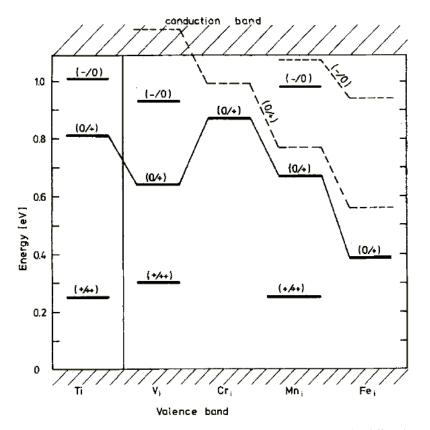
 $E^{n+1/n}$ – so-called *energy level* of the impurity/ defect "numbered" by charge states n + 1 and n

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The degeneracy g_{n+1} and g_n takes into account the possibility of the existence of different subsystem states corresponding to a same number of particles (including the excited states):



$$g_n = \alpha_{n,0} + \sum_{i=1,2,\dots} \alpha_{n,i} e^{-\beta \varepsilon_{n,i}}$$

 $\alpha_{n,0}$ i $\alpha_{n,i}$ they are respectively: the degeneracies of the *n*-electronic ground state and its excited states of energies higher than the ground state by $\varepsilon_{n,i}$ (excitation energies)

Such defined degeneration g_n generally depends on temperature

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Example – donor (we omit the excited states)

charge state (+) implemented in 1 way : $g_+ = 1$ charge state(0) implemented in 2 ways (spin \uparrow or \downarrow): $g_0 = 2$ the energy of the donor state $E^{0/+} = E_D$ Doping concentration of donors N_D

$$\frac{p_{n+1}}{p_n} = \frac{p_0}{p_+} = \frac{g_0}{g_+} \cdot e^{-\beta[E_D - \xi]}, \qquad p_+ + p_0 = 1$$

The occupation probability of the donor state:

$$p_0 = \langle n \rangle = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{g_+}{g_0} \cdot e^{\beta [E_D - \xi]}} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot e^{\beta [E_D - \xi]}}$$

The concentration of occupied donor states (neutral donors are N_D^0)

$$N_D^0 = \frac{N_D}{1 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot e^{\beta[E_D - \xi]}}$$