# Intrinsic and extrinsic semiconductors

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# Energy Bands for Solids





## Semiconductor





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Semiconductor	InSb	GaAs	GaP	ZnSe
<i>E</i> g (eV)	0.18	1.42	2.25	2.7

$$1 \text{ eV} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

 $E = k_B T$ 

300 K ≈ 0.026 eV





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## Crystal Silicon





# Silicon ingot





#### Silicon wafers



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# Covalent bonding of the silicon atom





## Excitation of electrons from VB to CB



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## Electron and Hole in intrinsic silicon

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The external causes include effects such as light energy in the form of photons and thermal energy (heat) from the surrounding medium.

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# Fluid motion in a glass tube

- Half filled band
- Good electric conductors





- Completely full or completely empty band
- Poor electric conductors

   (a)
   (b)
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#### Extrinsic semiconductor



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	IIIA	IVA	VA	VIA
	5	6	7	8
	В	С	Ν	0
	13	14	15	16
IIB	AI	Si	Ρ	S
30	31	32	33	34
Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se
48	49	50	51	52
Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Те



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## Electron versus Hole Flow



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# Majority and Minority Carriers



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# Energy band diagram



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## Two-dimensional view of the Si crystal



A two-dimensional pictorial view of the Si crystal showing covalent bonds as two lines where each line is a valence electron.

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# Arsenic-doped Si crystal





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# Boron-doped Si crystal



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## Strong and weak donors and acceptors





## The effective mass

The effective mass is a quantum mechanical quantity that behaves in the same way as the inertial mass in classical mechanics.

$$m_e^* = \frac{F_{\text{ext}}}{a_{\text{crystal}}}$$

		Germanium	Silicon	GaAs
Smallest energy bandgap at 300 K	$E_g$ (eV)	0.66	1.12	1.424
Electron effective mass for density of states calculations	$\frac{m^*_{e,dos}}{m_0}$	0.55	1.08	0.067
Hole effective mass for density of states calculations	$\frac{m_{h,dos}^*}{m_0}$	0.37	0.811	0.45
Electron effective mass for conductivity calculations	$rac{m_{e,cond}^{*}}{m_{0}}$	0.12	0.26	0.067
Hole effective mass for conductivity calculations	$\frac{m_{h,cond}^*}{m_0}$	0.21	0.386	0.34

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## The effective mass

	Si	Ge	GaAs	InAs	AlAs
$m_n/m_0$ $m_n/m_0$	0.26 0.39	0.12 0.30	0.068 0.50	0.023 0.30	2.0 0.3
<i>mp</i> m0	0.37	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.2

Electron and hole effective masses,  $m_n$ and  $m_p$ , normalized to the free electron mass



Both electrons and holes tend to seek their lowest energy positions. Electrons tend to fall in the energy band diagram. Holes float up like bubbles in water.

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