

Ch. 14: ~~10~~, ~~11~~, ~~12~~, ~~14~~, ~~15~~, ~~16~~, ~~18~~, ~~26~~, ~~29~~, ~~30~~, ~~33~~

#1: Si PN junction solar cell,  $T = 300\text{ K}$ ,

$$N_A = 10^{16}\text{ cm}^{-3} \quad N_D = 10^{15}\text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$D_p = 10\text{ cm}^2/\text{s} \quad D_n = 25\text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$$

$$\tau_{p0} = 5 \times 10^{-7}\text{ s} \quad \tau_{n0} = 10^{-6}\text{ s}$$

$$A = 5\text{ cm}^2$$

Entire junction uniformly illuminated s.t.  $G_L = 5 \times 10^{21}\text{ cm}^{-3}\text{ s}^{-1}$

a) Calc. short-circuit photocurrent in space charge region  
First need to determine reverse sat. current (density)

$$J_s = e n_i^2 \left( \frac{D_n}{L_n N_A} + \frac{D_p}{L_p N_D} \right)$$

$$L_n = \sqrt{D_n \tau_{n0}} = 5 \times 10^{-3}\text{ cm}$$

$$L_p = \sqrt{D_p \tau_{p0}} = 2.236 \times 10^{-3}\text{ cm} \Rightarrow J_s = 1.792 \times 10^{-10}\text{ A/cm}^2$$

$$\Rightarrow I_s = A J_s = 8.96 \times 10^{-10}$$

We also have to determine  $V_{bi}$ .

$$V_{bi} = V_t \ln \left( \frac{N_A N_D}{n_i^2} \right) = 0.635\text{ V}$$

$$\Rightarrow W = \left[ \frac{2 \epsilon_s V_{bi}}{e} \left( \frac{N_A + N_D}{N_A N_D} \right) \right]^{1/2} = 9.5 \times 10^{-5}\text{ cm}$$

Then

$$I_L = e G_L A W = 0.38\text{ A} = 380\text{ mA}$$

b) Calc. open circuit voltage

$$V_{oc} = V_t \ln \left( 1 + \frac{I_L}{I_s} \right) = 0.5195\text{ V}$$

$$c) \frac{V_{oc}}{V_{bi}} = 0.81$$

#2: Si PN junc. solar cell w/ same parameters as 14.10.  $I_L = 120\text{ mA}$ .

$$a) V_{oc} = V_t \ln \left( 1 + \frac{I_L}{I_s} \right) = 0.4647\text{ V}$$

b) determine voltage across junc. that will produce  $I = 100\text{ mA}$

$$I = I_L - I_s \left[ e^{V/V_t} - 1 \right] \Rightarrow -\frac{I - I_L}{I_s} = e^{V/V_t} - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{I_L - I}{I_s} + 1 \right) = e^{V/V_t} \Rightarrow V = V_t \ln \left( \frac{I_L - I}{I_s} + 1 \right) = 0.4383\text{ V}$$

c) max. power output

$$P = I V = I_L V - I_s V \left[ e^{V/V_t} - 1 \right] = I_L V + I_s V - I_s V e^{V/V_t}$$

$$\frac{dP}{dV} = (I_L + I_s) - I_s e^{V/V_t} - I_s V \cdot \frac{1}{V_t} e^{V/V_t} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow T + T - I_s \cdot \frac{V}{V_t} \left( 1 + \frac{V}{V_t} \right) \Rightarrow \frac{I_L + I_s}{V_t} = I_s \left( 1 + \frac{V}{V_t} \right)$$

$$\frac{dV}{dV} - (I_L + I_S) - I_S C - I_S V \cdot \frac{1}{V_t} e = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow I_L + I_S = I_S e^{V/V_t} \left(1 + \frac{V}{V_t}\right) \Rightarrow \frac{I_L + I_S}{I_S} = e^{V/V_t} \left(1 + \frac{V}{V_t}\right)$$

This must be solved by either trial and error or graphing.  
By graphing, I found  $V_{max} \approx .411 V$ . Now,

$$I_{max} = I_L - I_S \left[ e^{V_{max}/V_t} - 1 \right] = .113 A$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{max} = I_{max} V_{max} = .0463 W$$

$$P_{max} = 46.3 \text{ mW}$$

$$d) V_{max} = I_{max} R_L \Rightarrow R_L = \frac{V_{max}}{I_{max}} = 3.64 \Omega$$

$$\#3: a) I_S = 8.96 \times 10^{-10} A$$

$$i) V_{oc} = V_t \ln \left(1 + \frac{I_L}{I_S}\right) = .42 V$$

$$ii) \left(1 + \frac{V_{max}}{V_t}\right) e^{V_{max}/V_t} = 1 + \frac{I_L}{I_S} \Rightarrow V_{max} = .351 V$$

$$I_{max} = I_L - I_S \left[ e^{V_{max}/V_t} - 1 \right] = 9.31 \text{ mA}$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{max} = I_{max} V_{max} = 3.27 \text{ mW}$$

$$b) i) V_{oc} = .48 V$$

$$ii) V_{max} = .407 V$$

$$I_{max} = 94 \text{ mA} \Rightarrow P_{max} = 38.3 \text{ mW}$$

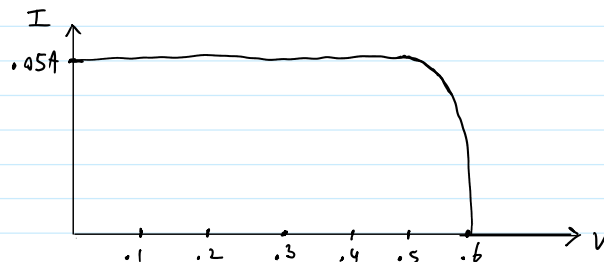
$$c) \frac{P_{max2}}{P_{max1}} = \frac{38.3 \text{ mW}}{3.27 \text{ mW}} = 11.7$$

$$\#4: a) I_L = A J_L = 50 \times 10^{-3} A$$

$$I_S = e N_i^2 \left[ \frac{1}{N_A} \sqrt{\frac{D_n}{\tau_n}} + \frac{1}{N_D} \sqrt{\frac{D_p}{\tau_p}} \right] = 2.289 \times 10^{-12} \frac{A}{\text{cm}^2}$$

$$I_S = 4.579 \times 10^{-12} A$$

$$I = I_L - I_S \left[ e^{V/V_t} - 1 \right] \quad (\text{Plot})$$



$$b) V_{max} = .52 V, I_{max} = 47.6 \text{ mA} \Rightarrow P_{max} = 24.8 \text{ mW}$$

$$c) V = IR \Rightarrow R = \frac{.52 V}{47.6 \times 10^{-3} A} = 10.9 \Omega$$

$$\#5: a) V_{oc} = .474 V$$

$$b) V_{max} = .402 V, I_{max} = 169 \text{ mA} \Rightarrow P_{max} = 67.9 \text{ mW}$$

$$c) R_L = \frac{V_{max}}{I_{max}} = 2.379 \Omega$$

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$$d) R_L = 3.568 \Omega \Rightarrow V_{max} = .444V, I_{max} = .1244A$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{max} = 55.2mW$$

#6: a)  $V_{oc} = .5367V$

b)  $V_{max} = .461V, I_{max} = 99.63mA \Rightarrow P_{max} = 43.62mW$

c)  $N = \frac{10V}{V_{max}} = 21.69 \Rightarrow 22 \text{ solar cells in series}$

d)  $V = NV_{max} = 10.14V \Rightarrow P = IV \Rightarrow I = \frac{P}{V} = \frac{5.2W}{10.14V} = 0.5128A$

then  $N' = \frac{I}{I_{max}} = 5.42 \rightarrow N' = 6 \text{ in parallel}$

e)  $I = N'I_{max} = 0.5678A$

$$R_L = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{10.14V}{0.5678A} = 17.86 \Omega$$

#7: 90% absorption:

$$\frac{I(x)}{I(0)} = e^{-\alpha x} = 1 - .9 \Rightarrow -\alpha x = \ln(.1) \Rightarrow x = \frac{-1}{\alpha} \ln(.1) = 2.3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}$$

so  $x = 2.3 \mu\text{m}$

similarly, for  $\alpha = 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $x = 230 \text{ nm}$

#8:  $\text{Al}_x \text{Ga}_{1-x} \text{As}$

section 14.4.3:  $0 < x < 0.45$  for direct gap

use (14.52)  
 $\Rightarrow E_g = (1.424 + 1.247x) \text{ eV} \Rightarrow (1.424 < E_g < 1.9852) \text{ eV}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1.24}{E_{g,max}} < \lambda < \frac{1.24}{E_{g,min}} \Rightarrow .625 \mu\text{m} < \lambda < .871 \mu\text{m}$$

#9:  $\text{GaAs}_{1-x}\text{P}_x$

a)  $x = 0.2$

use fig. 14.24(a)

$x = 0.2: E_g \approx 1.64 \text{ eV} \Rightarrow \lambda \approx 0.756 \mu\text{m}$

b)  $x = 0.32: E_g \approx 1.75 \text{ eV} \Rightarrow \lambda \approx 0.708 \mu\text{m}$

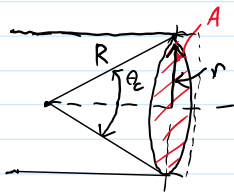
#10: determine  $x$  in  $\text{Al}_x \text{Ga}_{1-x} \text{As}$  s.t.  $\lambda = .670 \mu\text{m}$

$$E_g = \frac{1.24}{.670 \mu\text{m}} = 1.85 \text{ eV}$$

$\Rightarrow x \approx 0.35$  - from 14.23

or:  $E_g = 1.424 + 1.247x \Rightarrow \frac{1.85 - 1.424}{1.247} = x = 0.342$

#11:



$$\sin \frac{\theta_c}{2} = \frac{r/2}{R} \Rightarrow r = 2R \sin \frac{\theta_c}{2}$$

$$A = \pi r^2 = 4\pi R^2 \sin^2 \left( \frac{\theta_c}{2} \right)$$

Let  $T_1$  be Fresnel losses and  $T_c$  be critical angle losses

$$T_1 = 1 - \Gamma_1 = 1 - \left( \frac{n_2 - n_1}{n_2 + n_1} \right)^2 \Rightarrow (n_2 + n_1)^2 T_1 = (n_2 + n_1)^2 - (n_2^2 + n_1^2 - 2n_1 n_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow (n_2 + n_1)^2 T_1 = 4n_1 n_2 \Rightarrow T_1 = \frac{4n_1 n_2}{(n_2 + n_1)^2} \quad (\text{losses to Fresnel transmission})$$

$$T_c = \frac{\pi r^2}{4\pi R^2} = \sin^2 \left( \frac{\theta_c}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos \theta_c)$$

Then the external efficiency is given by the product  $T_1 T_c$

$$\Rightarrow \eta_{\text{ext}} = T_1 T_c = \frac{2n_1 n_2}{(n_2 + n_1)^2} (1 - \cos \theta_c)$$

which is the fraction of light that is emitted by the LED.

EX: GaAs,  $n_2 = 3.8$  at  $\lambda = 0.7 \mu\text{m}$  and air

$$\Rightarrow \theta_c = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{3.8} \right) = 15.3^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \eta_{\text{ext}} \approx 0.012$$