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# Chapter 18: Electrical Properties

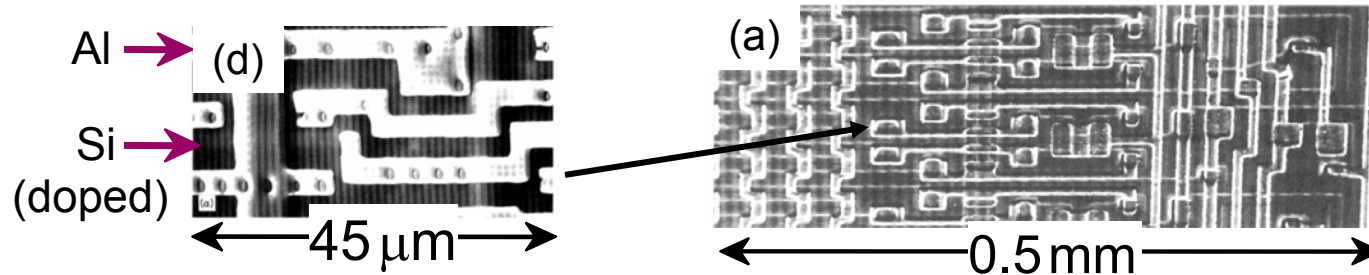
We will cover 18.1 – 18.13 and 18.15 – 18.23

## TODAY

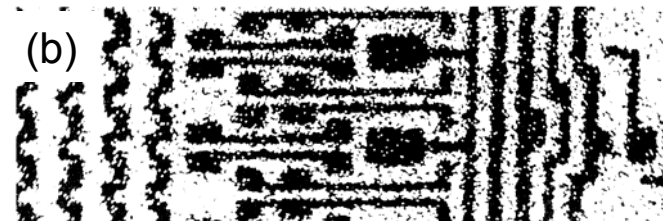
- How are electrical conductance and resistance characterized?
- What are the physical phenomena that distinguish conductors, semiconductors, and insulators?
- For metals, how is conductivity affected by imperfections,  $T$ , and deformation?
- For semiconductors, how is conductivity affected by impurities (doping) and  $T$ ?

# View of an Integrated Circuit

- Scanning electron microscope images of an IC:



- A dot map showing location of Si (a semiconductor):  
-- Si shows up as light regions.



- A dot map showing location of Al (a conductor):  
-- Al shows up as light regions.

insulators

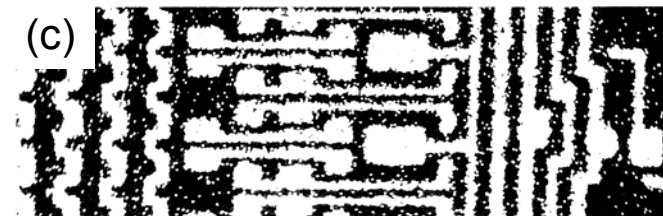
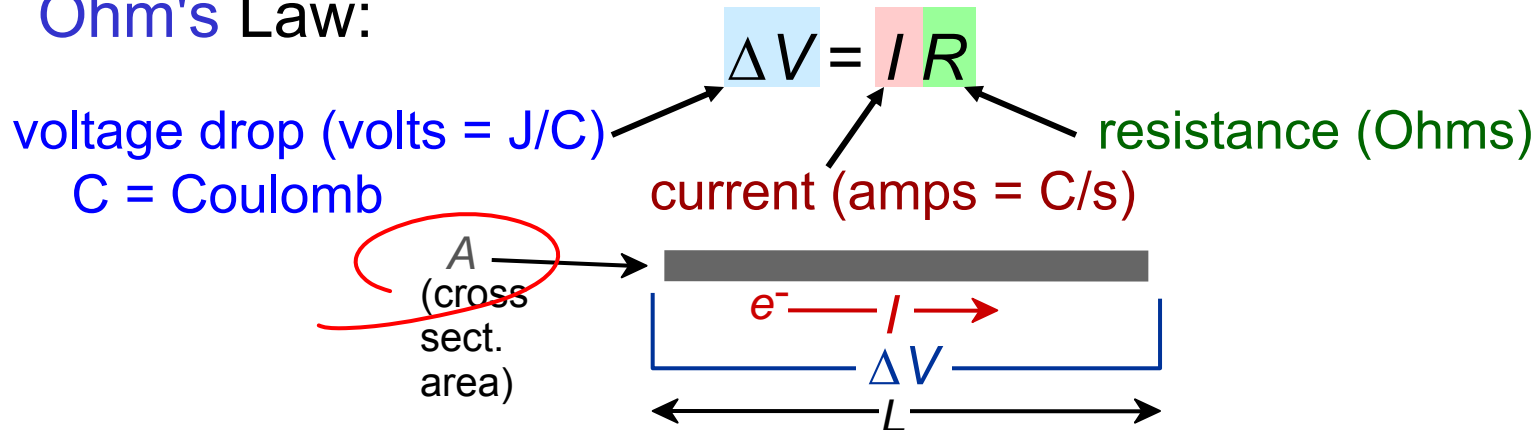


Fig. (d) from Fig. 18.27 (a), *Callister 7e*. (Fig. 18.27 is courtesy Nick Gonzales, National Semiconductor Corp., West Jordan, UT.)

Fig. (a), (b), (c) from Fig. 18.0, *Callister 7e*.

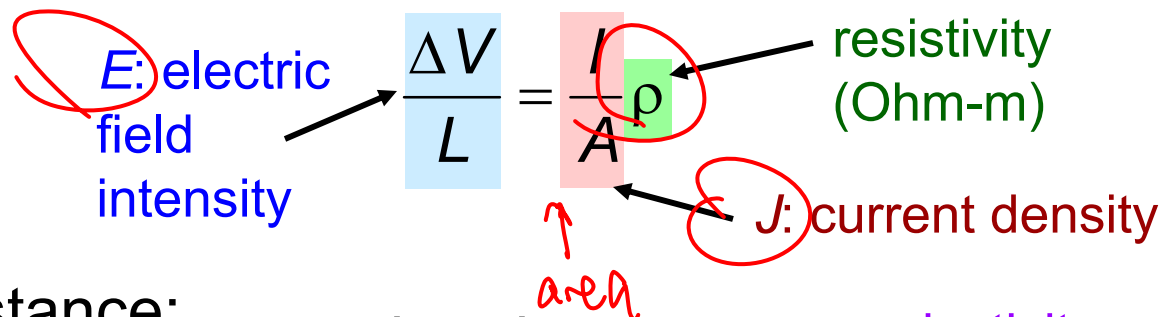
# Electrical Conduction

- Ohm's Law:



- Resistivity,  $\rho$ , and Conductivity,  $\sigma$ :

-- geometry-independent forms of Ohm's Law  
-- Resistivity is a material property & is independent of sample



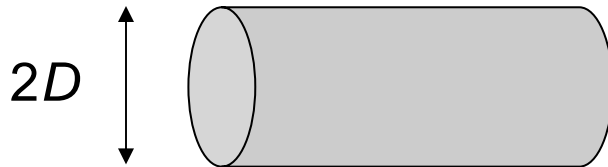
- Resistance:

$$R = \frac{\rho L}{A} = \frac{L}{A\sigma}$$

conductivity  $\rightarrow \sigma = \frac{1}{\rho}$

# Electrical Properties

- Which will conduct more electricity?



$$\rho = \frac{RA}{\ell} = \frac{VA}{I\ell}$$

- Analogous to flow of water in a pipe
- So resistance depends on sample geometry, etc.

# Definitions

Further definitions

$$\boxed{J = \sigma \varepsilon} \quad \Leftarrow \text{another way to state Ohm's law}$$

$$J \equiv \text{current density} = \frac{\text{current}}{\text{surface area}} = \frac{I}{A} \quad \text{like a flux}$$

$$\varepsilon \equiv \text{electric field potential} = V/\ell \quad \text{or} \quad (\Delta V/\Delta \ell)$$

$$J = \sigma (\Delta V/\Delta \ell)$$

Diagram illustrating the components of the equation  $J = \sigma (\Delta V/\Delta \ell)$ :

- $J$  (blue) is labeled "Electron flux" (blue).
- $\sigma$  (red) is labeled "conductivity" (red).
- $\Delta V/\Delta \ell$  (green) is labeled "voltage gradient" (green).

## Current carriers

- electrons in most solids
- ions can also carry (particularly in liquid solutions)

# Conductivity: Comparison

- Room  $T$  values  $(\text{Ohm-m})^{-1} = (\Omega - \text{m})^{-1}$

## METALS

conductors

Silver

$6.8 \times 10^7$

Copper

$6.0 \times 10^7$

Iron

$1.0 \times 10^7$

## CERAMICS

Soda-lime glass

$10^{-10}$ - $10^{-11}$

Concrete

$10^{-9}$

Aluminum oxide

$<10^{-13}$

## SEMICONDUCTORS

Silicon

$4 \times 10^{-4}$

Germanium

$2 \times 10^0$

GaAs

$10^{-6}$

semiconductors

## POLYMERS

Polystyrene

$<10^{-14}$

Polyethylene

$10^{-15}$ - $10^{-17}$

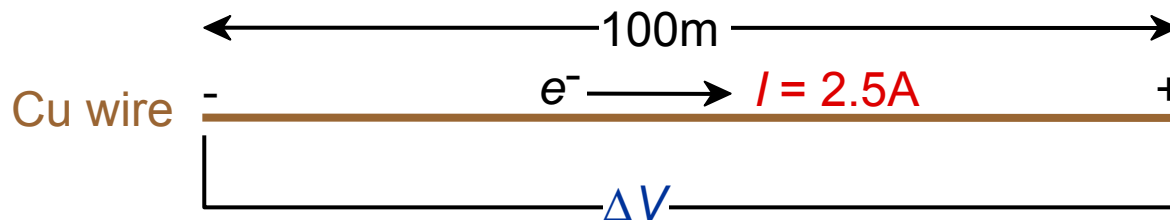
insulators

Selected values from Tables 18.1, 18.3, and 18.4, *Callister 7e*.



# Example: Conductivity Problem

What is the minimum diameter ( $D$ ) of a Cu wire so that  $\Delta V < 1.5 \text{ V}$ ?



$$R = \frac{L}{A\sigma} = \frac{\Delta V}{I}$$

Diagram illustrating the formula for resistance  $R$  in terms of length  $L$ , cross-sectional area  $A$ , and conductivity  $\sigma$ . The formula is shown as  $R = \frac{L}{A\sigma} = \frac{\Delta V}{I}$ . Arrows point from the variables to their values or constraints:

- $L$  is 100m.
- $A$  is  $\frac{\pi D^2}{4}$ .
- $\sigma$  is  $6.07 \times 10^7 \text{ (Ohm-m)}^{-1}$ .
- $\Delta V$  is  $< 1.5 \text{ V}$ .
- $I$  is  $2.5 \text{ A}$ .

Solve to get  $D > 1.87 \text{ mm}$

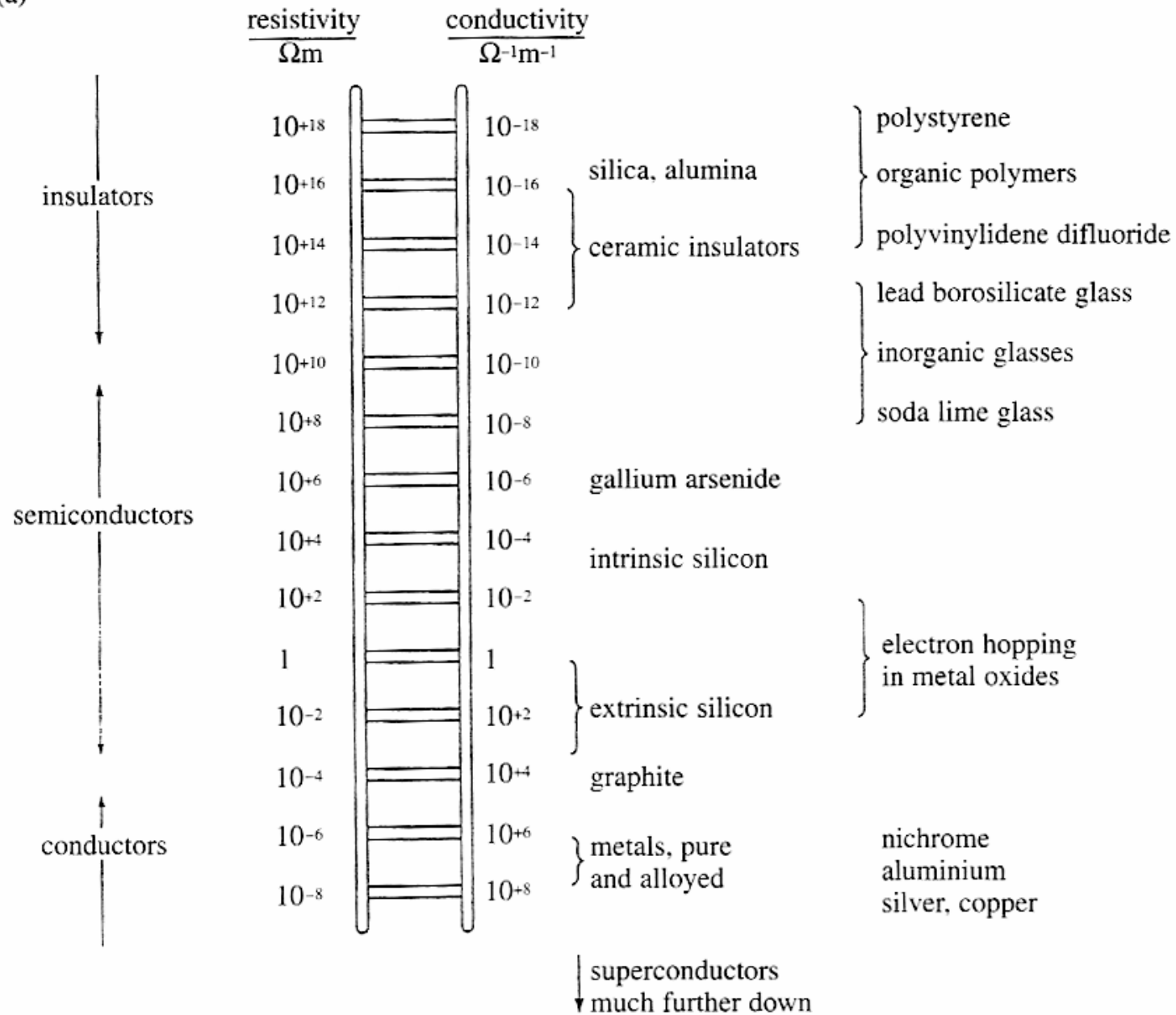
## **Callister 18.17**

- **A cylindrical metal wire 3 mm in diameter is required to carry a current of 12 A with a minimum of 0.01 V drop per foot (300 mm) of wire. Which of the metals and alloys listed in Table 18.1 are possible candidates?**

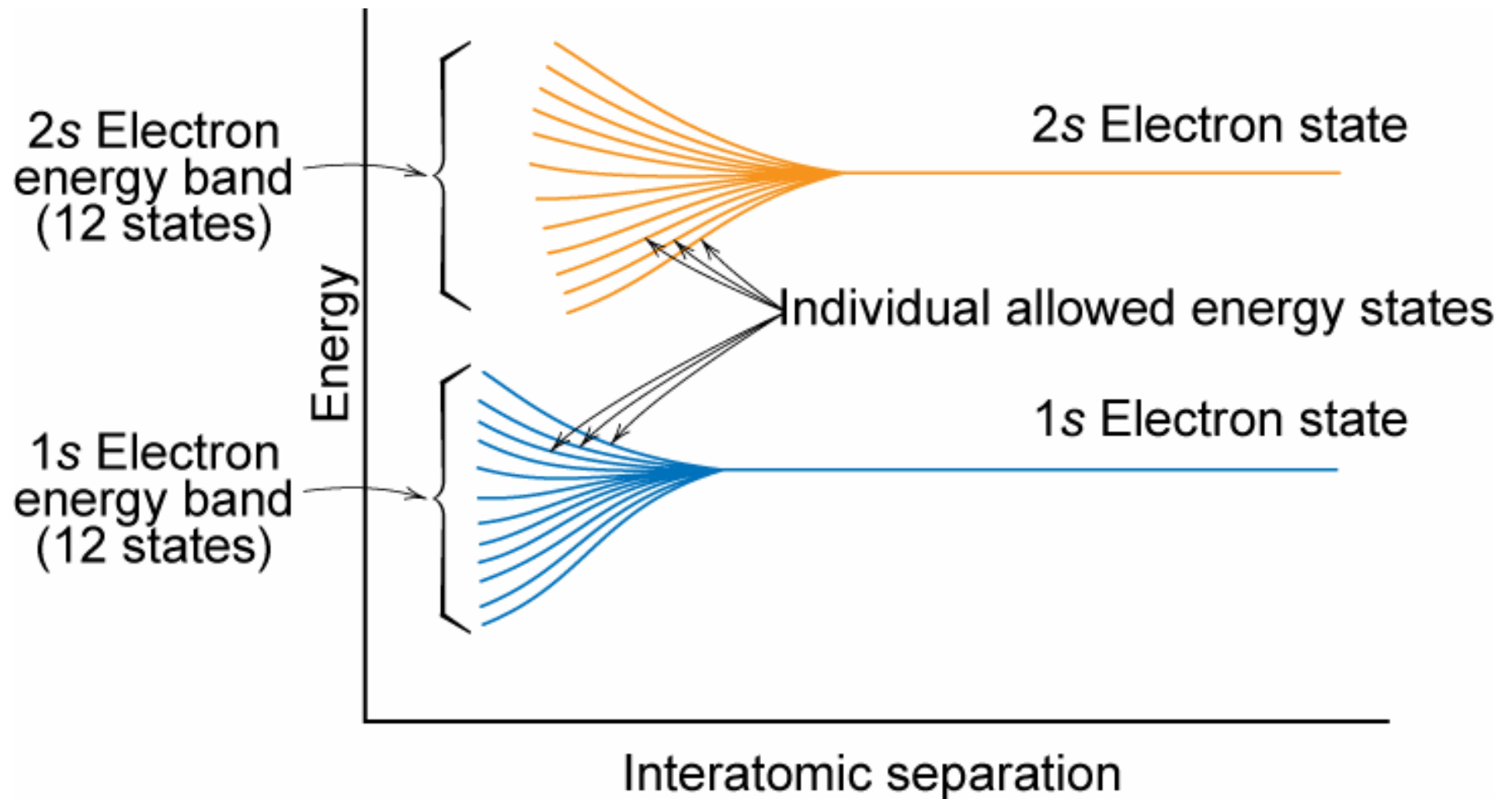
**Table 18.1** Room-Temperature Electrical Conductivities for Nine Common Metals and Alloys

<i>Metal</i>	<i>Electrical Conductivity</i> $[(\Omega\text{-m})^{-1}]$
Silver	$6.8 \times 10^7$
Copper	$6.0 \times 10^7$
Gold	$4.3 \times 10^7$
Aluminum	$3.8 \times 10^7$
Brass (70Cu–30Zn)	$1.6 \times 10^7$
Iron	$1.0 \times 10^7$
Platinum	$0.94 \times 10^7$
Plain carbon steel	$0.6 \times 10^7$
Stainless steel	$0.2 \times 10^7$

(a)



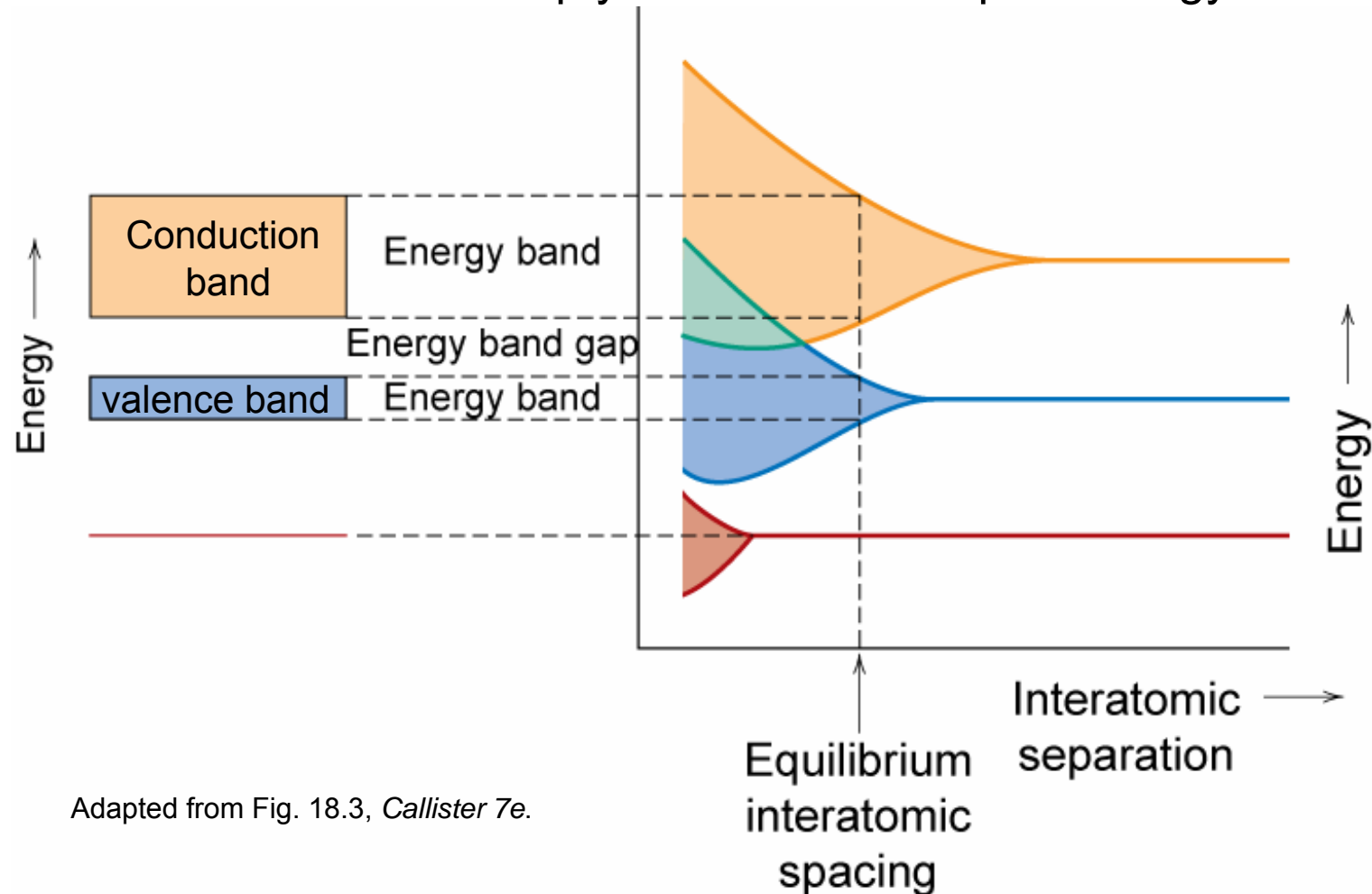
# Electronic Band Structures



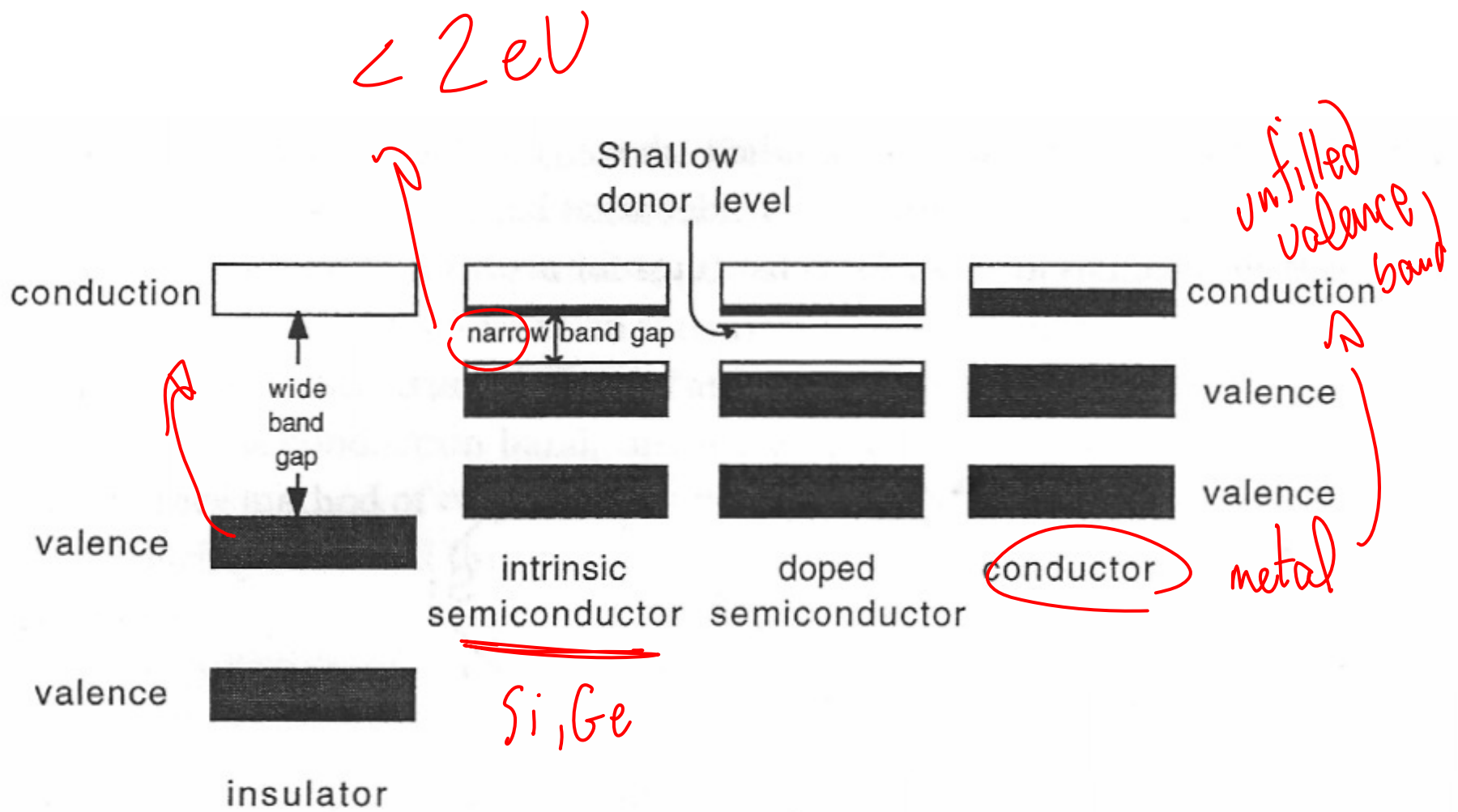
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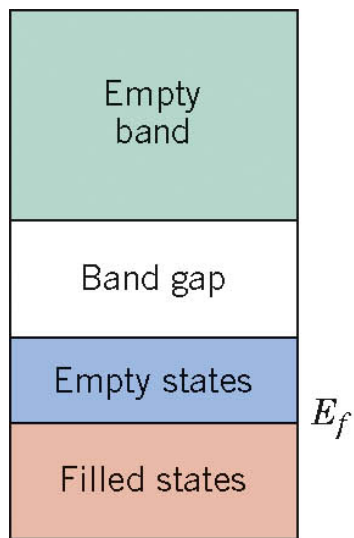
# Band Structure

- Valence band – filled – highest occupied energy levels
- Conduction band – empty – lowest unoccupied energy levels



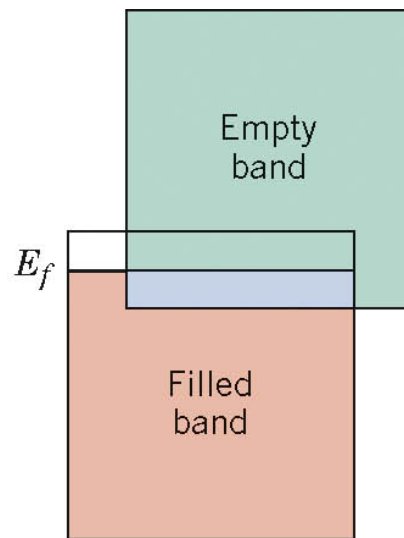
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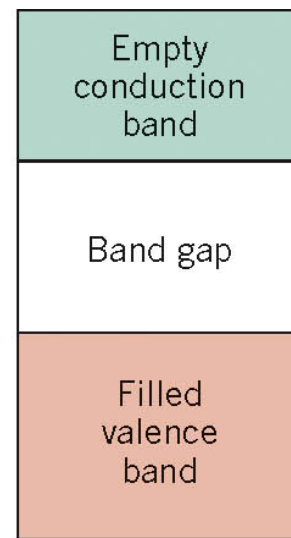
(a)

conductor  
metal  
Cu



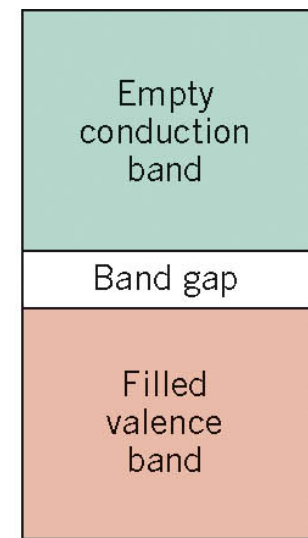
(b)

metal  
Mg



(c)

insulator



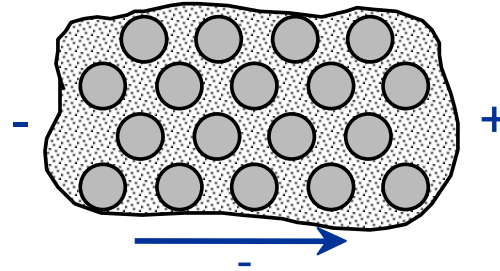
(d)

semi conductor

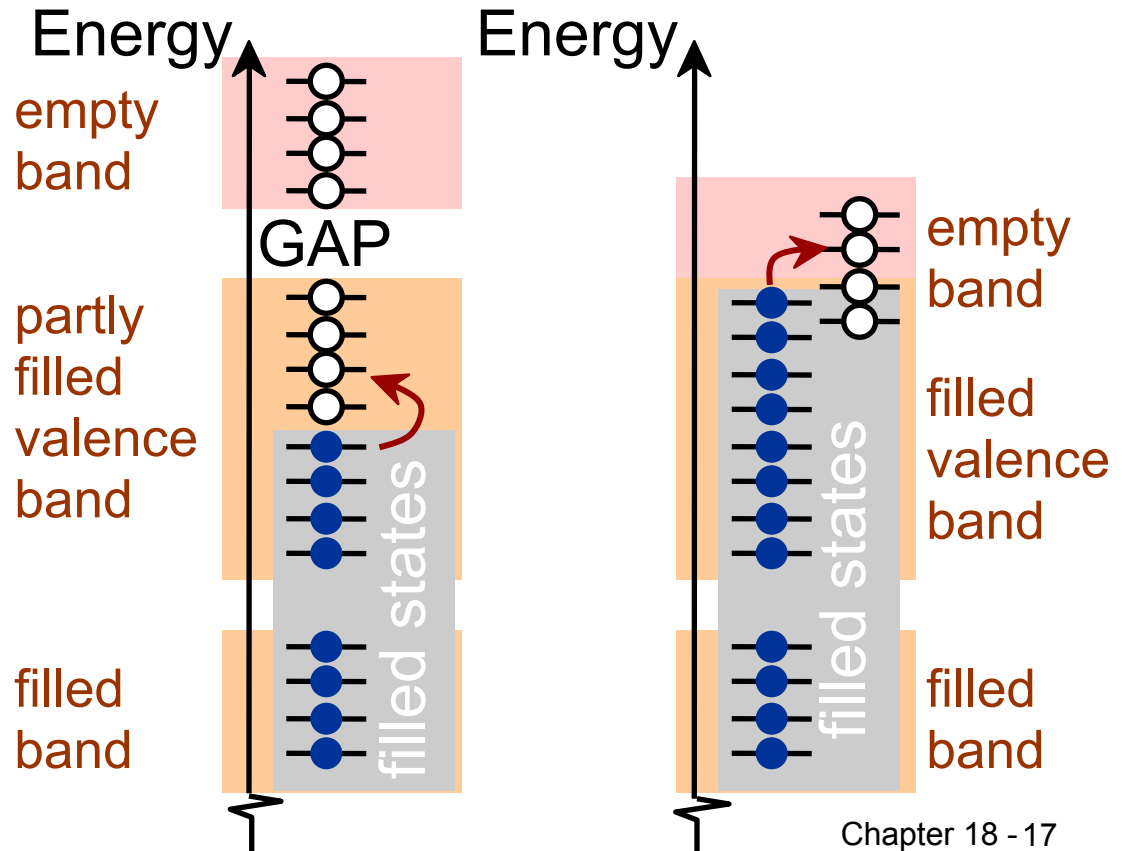


# Conduction & Electron Transport

- Metals (**Conductors**):
  - Thermal energy puts many electrons into a higher energy state.

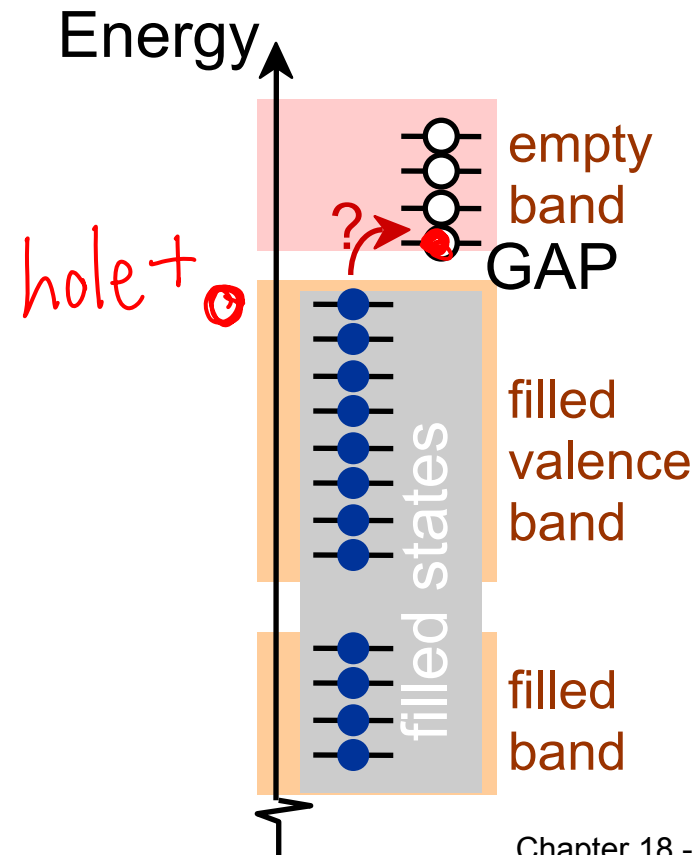
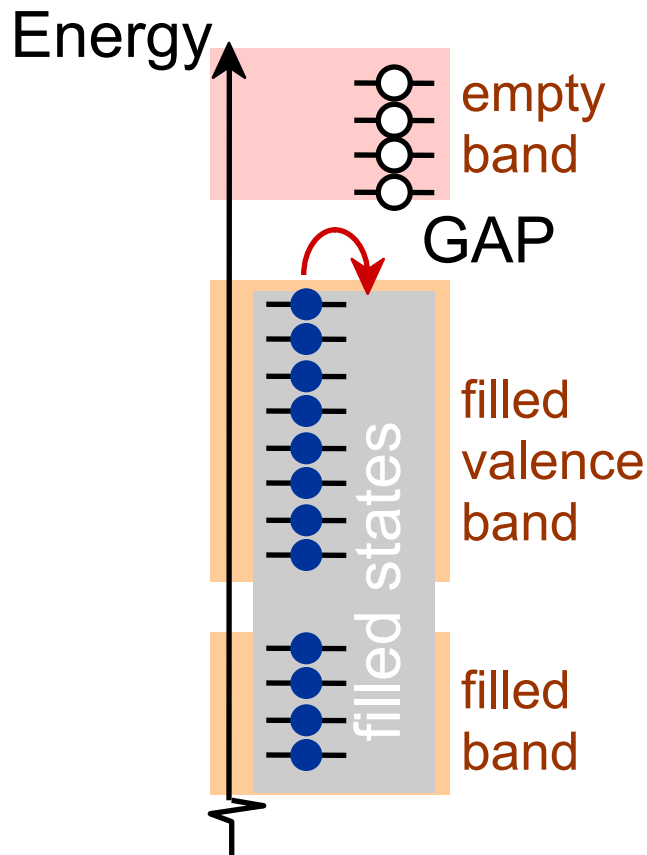


- Energy States:
  - for metals nearby energy states are accessible by thermal fluctuations.



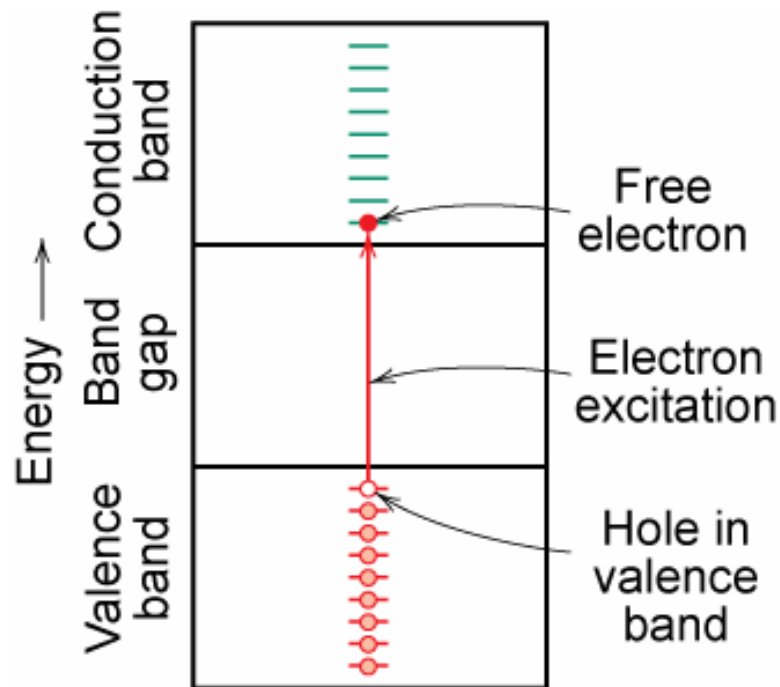
# Energy States: Insulators & Semiconductors

- Insulators:
  - Higher energy states not accessible due to gap ( $> 2$  eV).
- Semiconductors:
  - Higher energy states separated by smaller gap ( $< 2$  eV).



# Charge Carriers

Adapted from Fig. 18.6 (b), Callister 7e.



Two charge carrying mechanisms

**Electron** – negative charge

**Hole** – equal & opposite positive charge

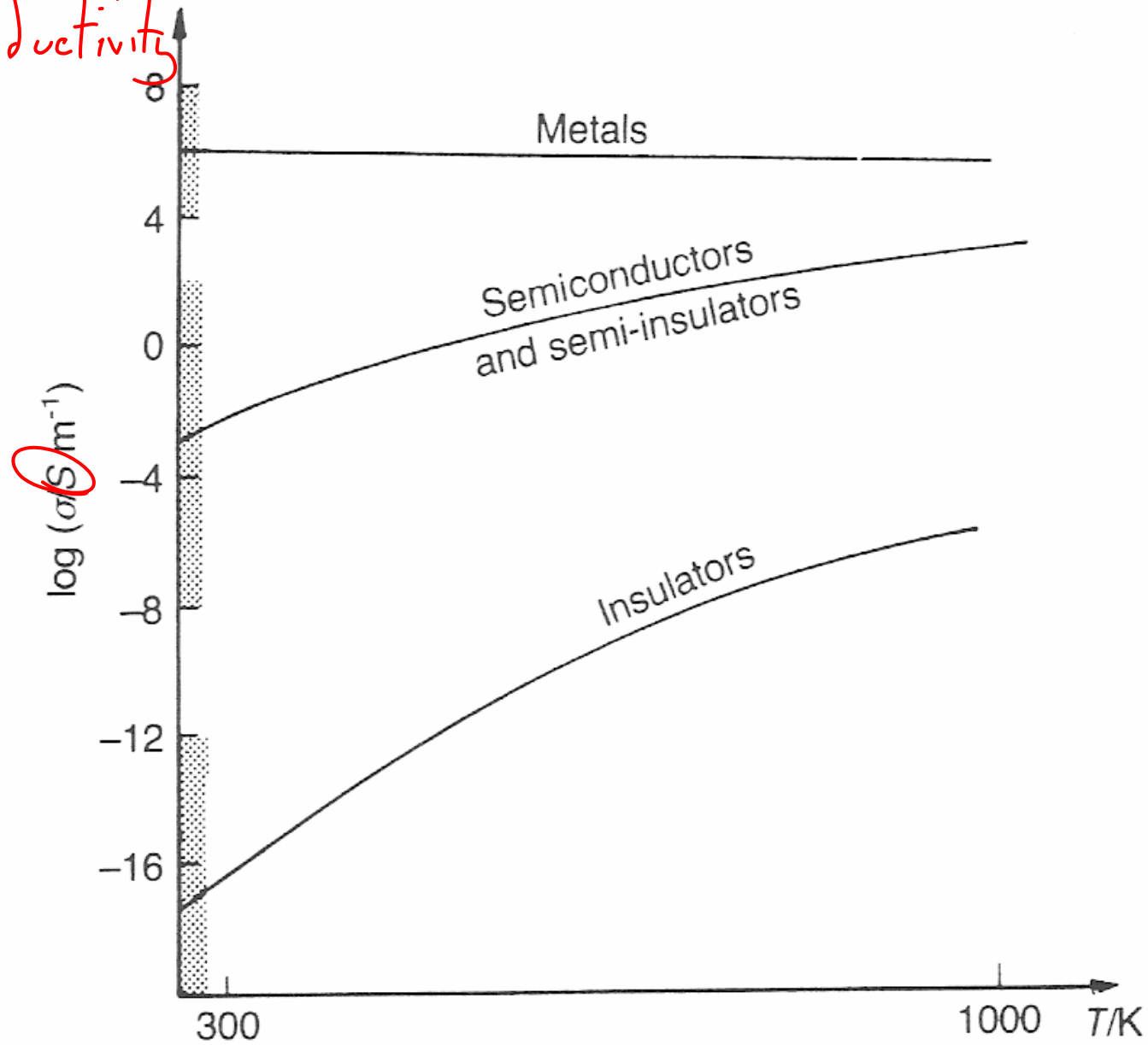
Move at different speeds - **drift velocity**

Higher temp. promotes more electrons into the conduction band

$\therefore \sigma \uparrow$  as  $T \uparrow$

Electrons scattered by impurities, grain boundaries, etc.

Conductivity



# Metals: Resistivity vs T, Impurities

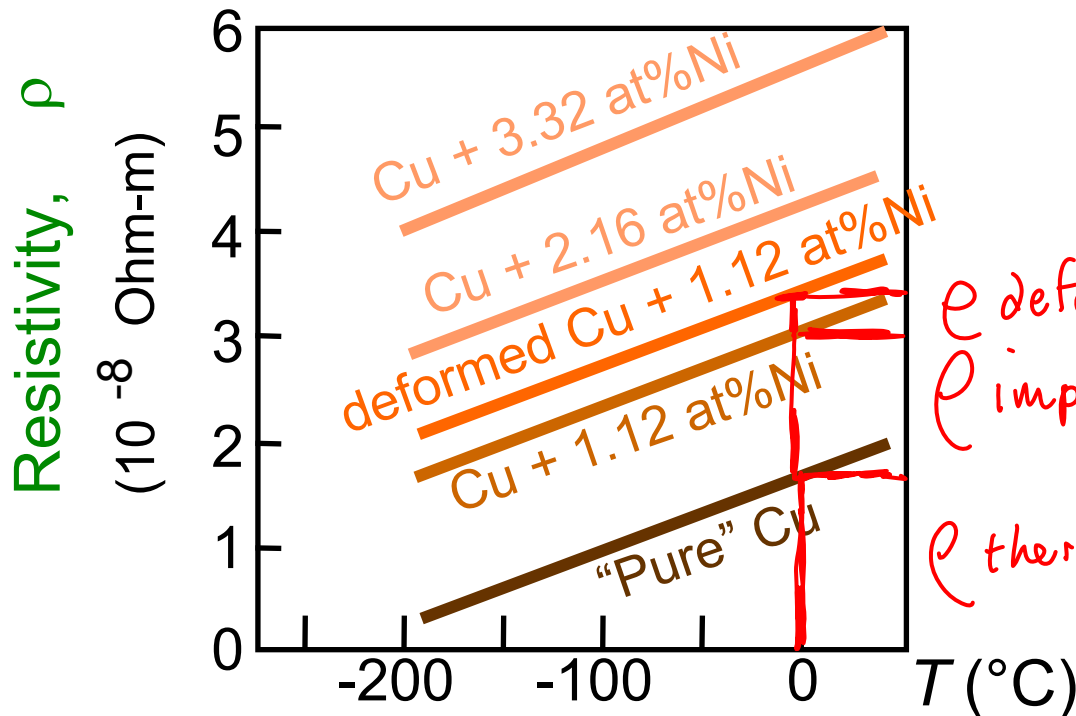
- Imperfections increase resistivity

- grain boundaries
- dislocations
- impurity atoms
- vacancies

These act to scatter electrons so that they take a less direct path.

$$\rho = \rho_{\text{thermal}} + \rho_{\text{impurity}} + \rho_{\text{deformation}}$$

defects



- Resistivity increases with:

- temperature ✓
- wt% impurity ✓
- %CW

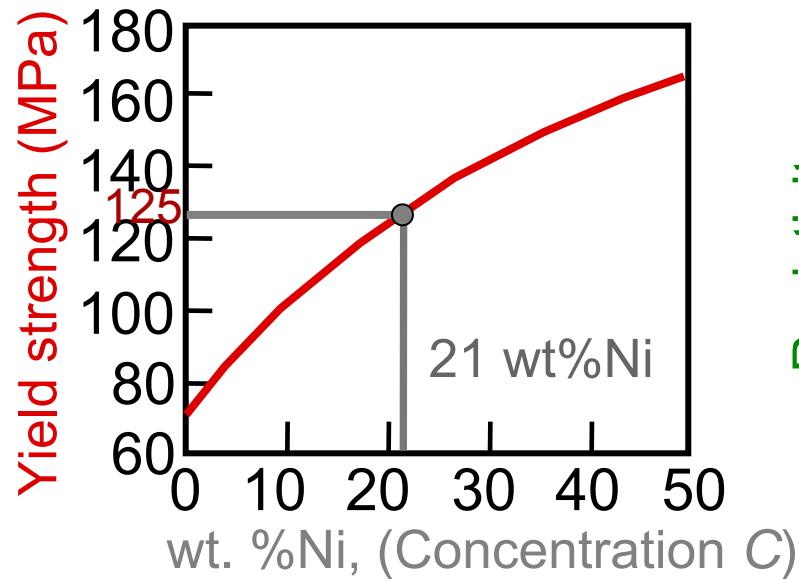
↳ deformation

Adapted from Fig. 18.8, *Callister 7e*. (Fig. 18.8 adapted from J.O. Linde, *Ann. Physik* **5**, p. 219 (1932); and C.A. Wert and R.M. Thomson, *Physics of Solids*, 2nd ed., McGraw-Hill Book Company, New York, 1970.)

# Estimating Conductivity

- Question:
  - Estimate the electrical conductivity  $\sigma$  of a Cu-Ni alloy that has a yield strength of **125 MPa**.

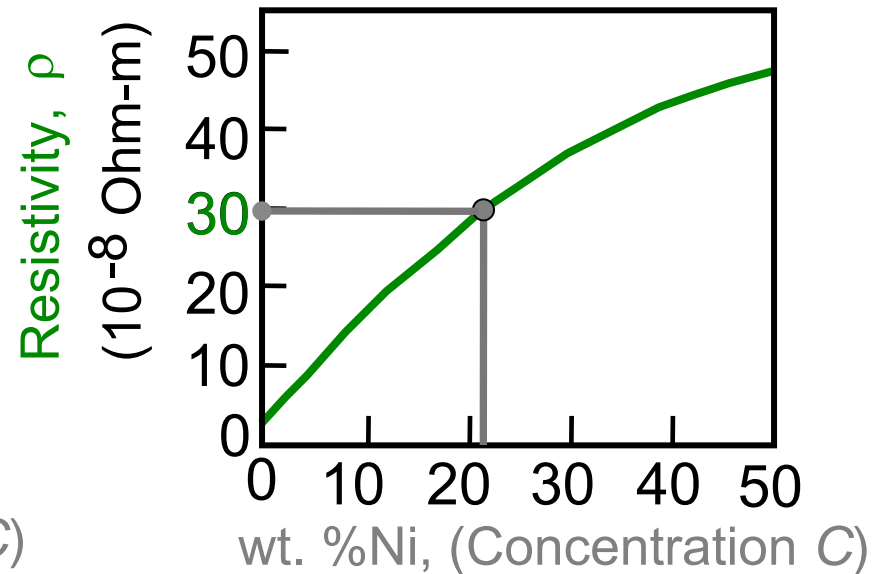
Adapted from Fig. 18.9, Callister 7e.



Adapted from Fig. 7.16(b), Callister 7e.

From step 1:

$$C_{\text{Ni}} = 21 \text{ wt\%Ni}$$



$$\rho = 30 \times 10^{-8} \text{ Ohm-m}$$

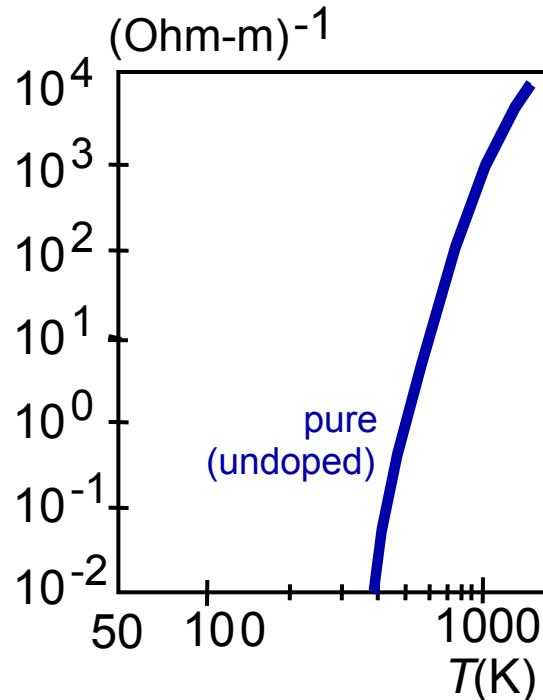
$$\sigma = \frac{1}{\rho} = 3.3 \times 10^6 (\text{Ohm-m})^{-1}$$

# Pure Semiconductors: Conductivity vs T

- Data for **Pure Silicon**:

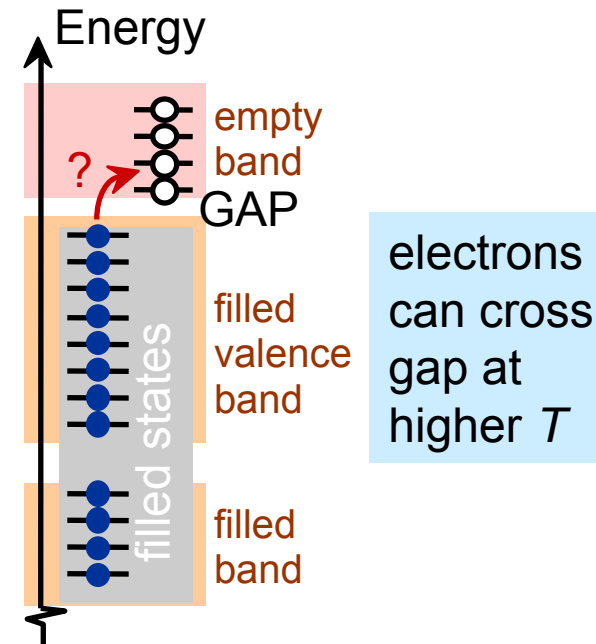
- $\sigma$  increases with  $T$
- opposite to metals

electrical conductivity,  $\sigma$



Adapted from Fig. 19.15, *Callister 5e*. (Fig. 19.15 adapted from G.L. Pearson and J. Bardeen, *Phys. Rev.* **75**, p. 865, 1949.)

$$\sigma_{\text{undoped}} \propto e^{-E_{\text{gap}} / kT}$$



material	band gap (eV)
Si	1.11
Ge	0.67
GaP	2.25
CdS	2.40

Selected values from Table 18.3, *Callister 7e*.

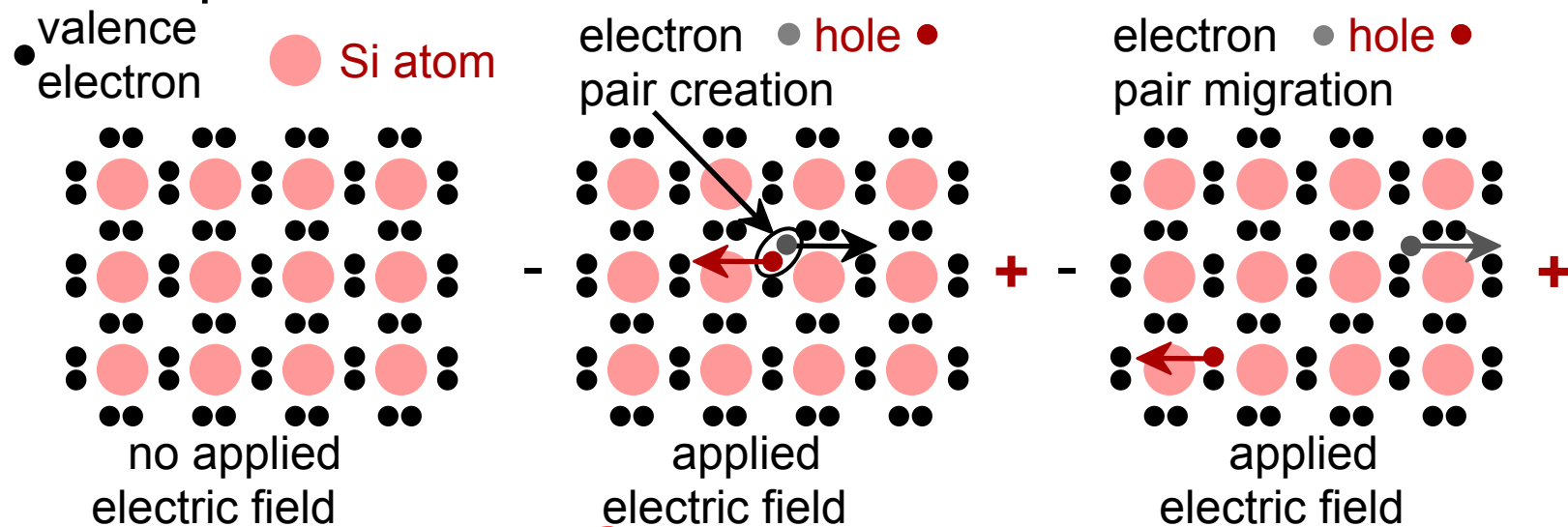
# Intrinsic Semiconductors

- Pure material semiconductors: e.g., silicon & germanium
  - Group IVA materials
- Compound semiconductors
  - III-V compounds
    - Ex: GaAs & InSb
  - II-VI compounds
    - Ex: CdS & ZnTe
  - The wider the electronegativity difference between the elements the wider the energy gap.



# Conduction in Terms of Electron and Hole Migration

- Concept of electrons and holes:



Adapted from Fig. 18.11,  
Callister 7e.

- Electrical Conductivity given by:

$$\sigma = n|e|\mu_e + p|e|\mu_h$$

# electrons/m<sup>3</sup> →  $n$

electron mobility →  $\mu_e$

# holes/m<sup>3</sup> →  $p$

hole mobility →  $\mu_h$

# Number of Charge Carriers

## Intrinsic Conductivity

$$\sigma = n|e|\mu_e + p|e|\mu_h$$

Table 18.3

- for intrinsic semiconductor  $n = p$

$$\therefore \sigma = n|e|(\mu_e + \mu_h)$$

- Ex: GaAs

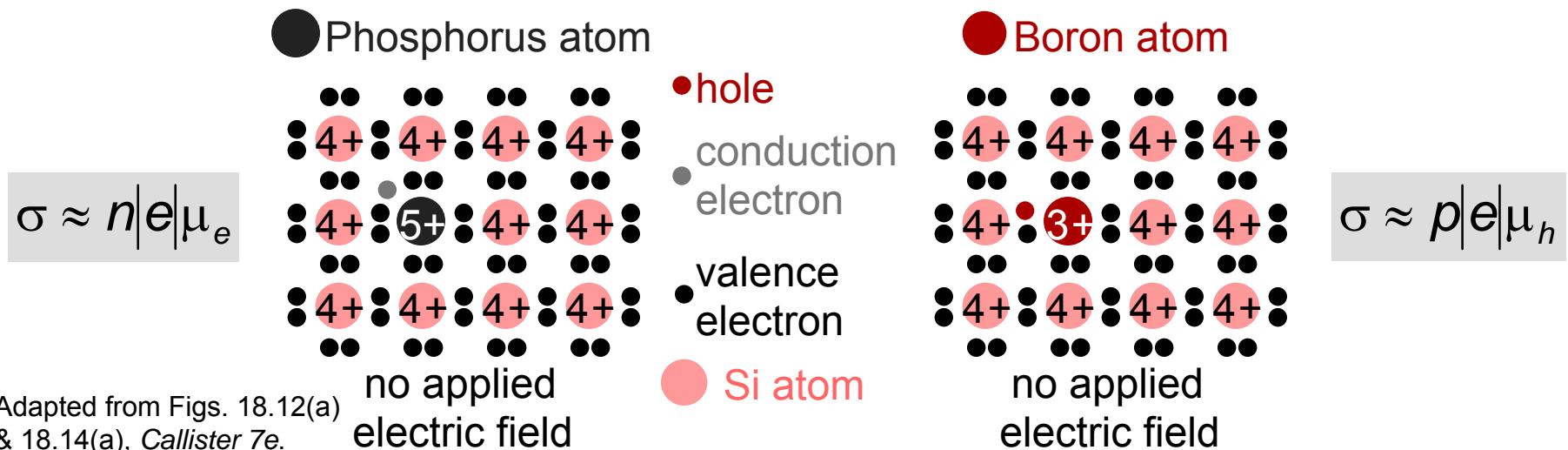
$$n = \frac{\sigma}{|e|(\mu_e + \mu_h)} = \frac{10^{-6}(\Omega \cdot \text{m})^{-1}}{(1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})(\underline{0.85} + \underline{0.45} \text{ m}^2/\text{V} \cdot \text{s})}$$

$$\text{For GaAs} \quad n = 4.8 \times 10^{24} \text{ m}^{-3}$$

$$\text{For Si} \quad n = 1.3 \times 10^{16} \text{ m}^{-3}$$

# Intrinsic vs Extrinsic Conduction

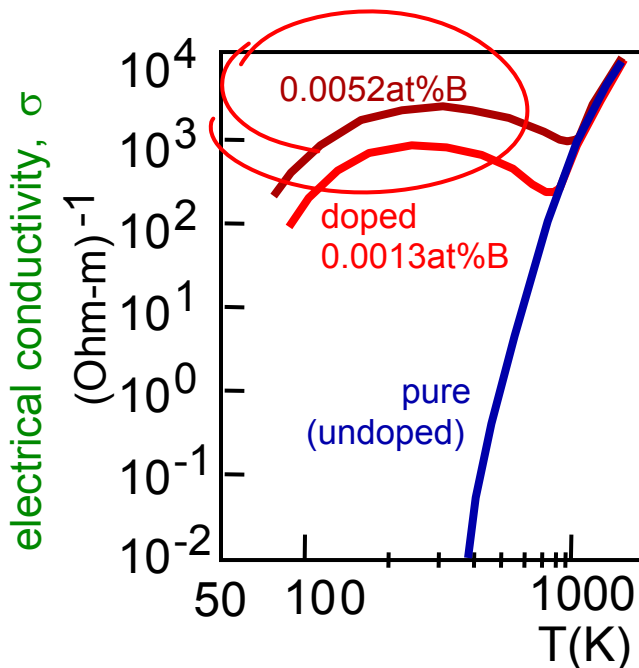
- **Intrinsic:**  
# electrons = # holes ( $n = p$ )  
--case for pure Si
- **Extrinsic:**  
-- $n \neq p$   
--occurs when impurities are added with a different # valence electrons than the host (e.g., Si atoms)
- **$n$ -type Extrinsic:** ( $n \gg p$ )      •  **$p$ -type Extrinsic:** ( $p \gg n$ )



Adapted from Figs. 18.12(a)  
& 18.14(a), Callister 7e.

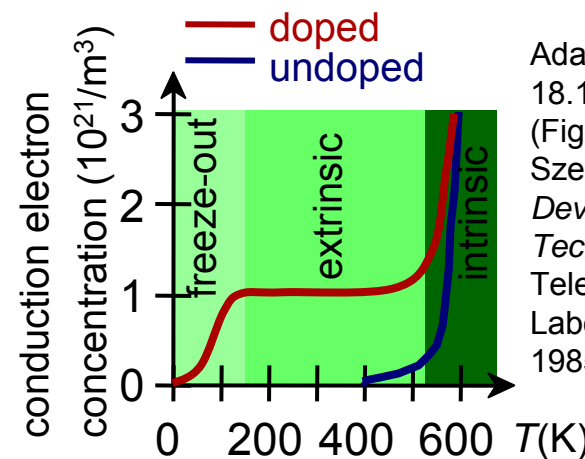
# Doped Semiconductor: Conductivity vs. T

- Data for **Doped Silicon**:
  - $\sigma$  increases doping
  - reason: imperfection sites lower the activation energy to produce mobile electrons.



Adapted from Fig. 19.15, *Callister 5e*. (Fig. 19.15 adapted from G.L. Pearson and J. Bardeen, *Phys. Rev.* **75**, p. 865, 1949.)

- Comparison: **intrinsic** vs **extrinsic** conduction...
  - extrinsic doping level:  $10^{21}/\text{m}^3$  of a *n*-type donor impurity (such as P).
  - for  $T < 100$  K: "freeze-out", thermal energy insufficient to excite electrons.
  - for  $150 \text{ K} < T < 450 \text{ K}$ : "extrinsic"
  - for  $T \gg 450 \text{ K}$ : "intrinsic"



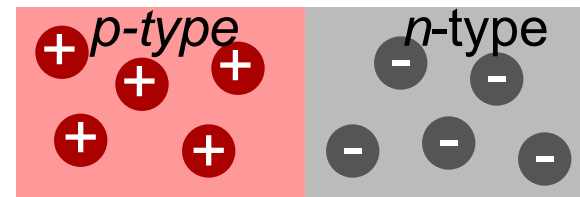
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# *p-n Rectifying Junction*

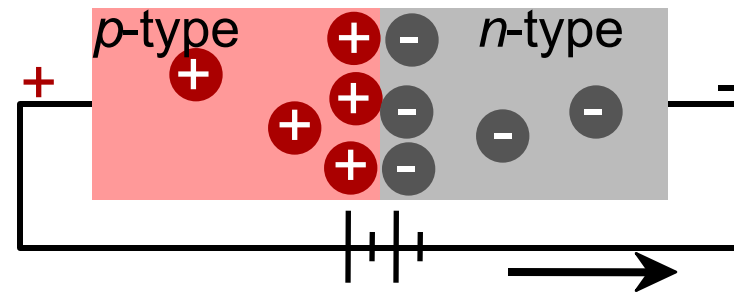
- Allows flow of electrons in one direction only (e.g., useful to convert alternating current to direct current).
- Processing: diffuse P into one side of a B-doped crystal.
- Results:

Adapted from Fig. 18.21,  
Callister 7e.

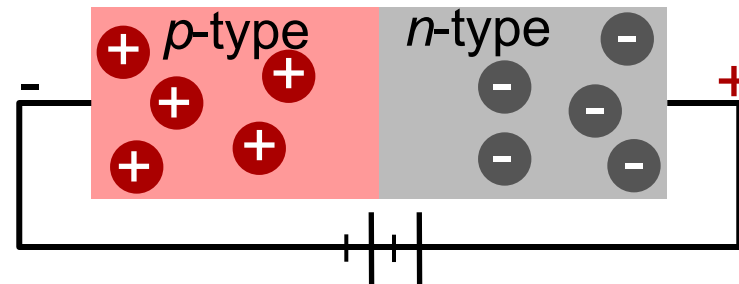
--No applied potential:  
no net current flow.



--Forward bias: carrier  
flow through *p*-type and  
*n*-type regions; holes and  
electrons recombine at  
*p-n* junction; current flows.



--Reverse bias: carrier  
flow away from *p-n* junction;  
carrier conc. greatly reduced  
at junction; little current flow.



# Properties of Rectifying Junction

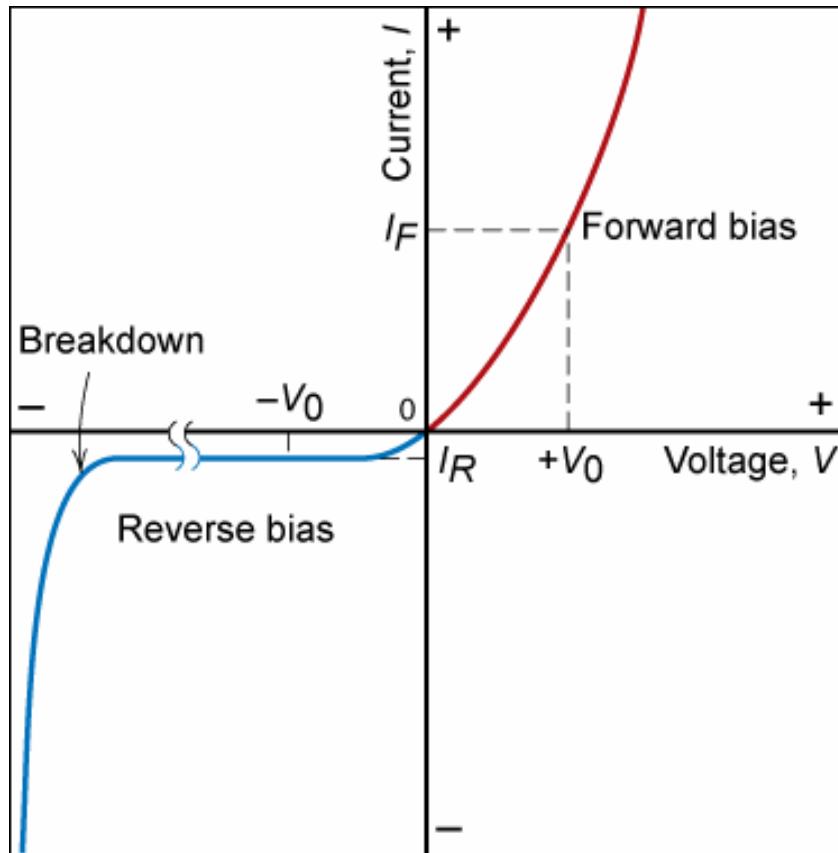


Fig. 18.22, Callister 7e.

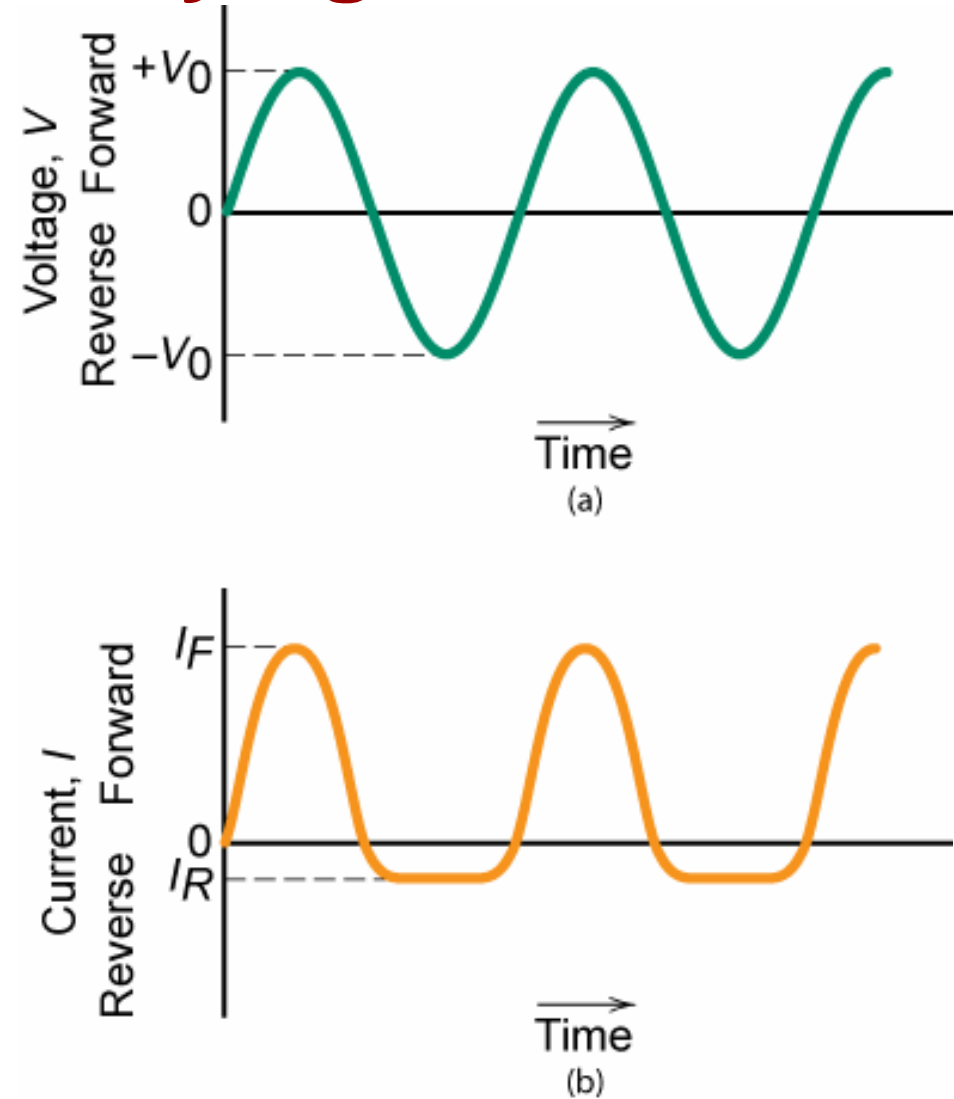


Fig. 18.23, Callister 7e.

# Junction Transistor

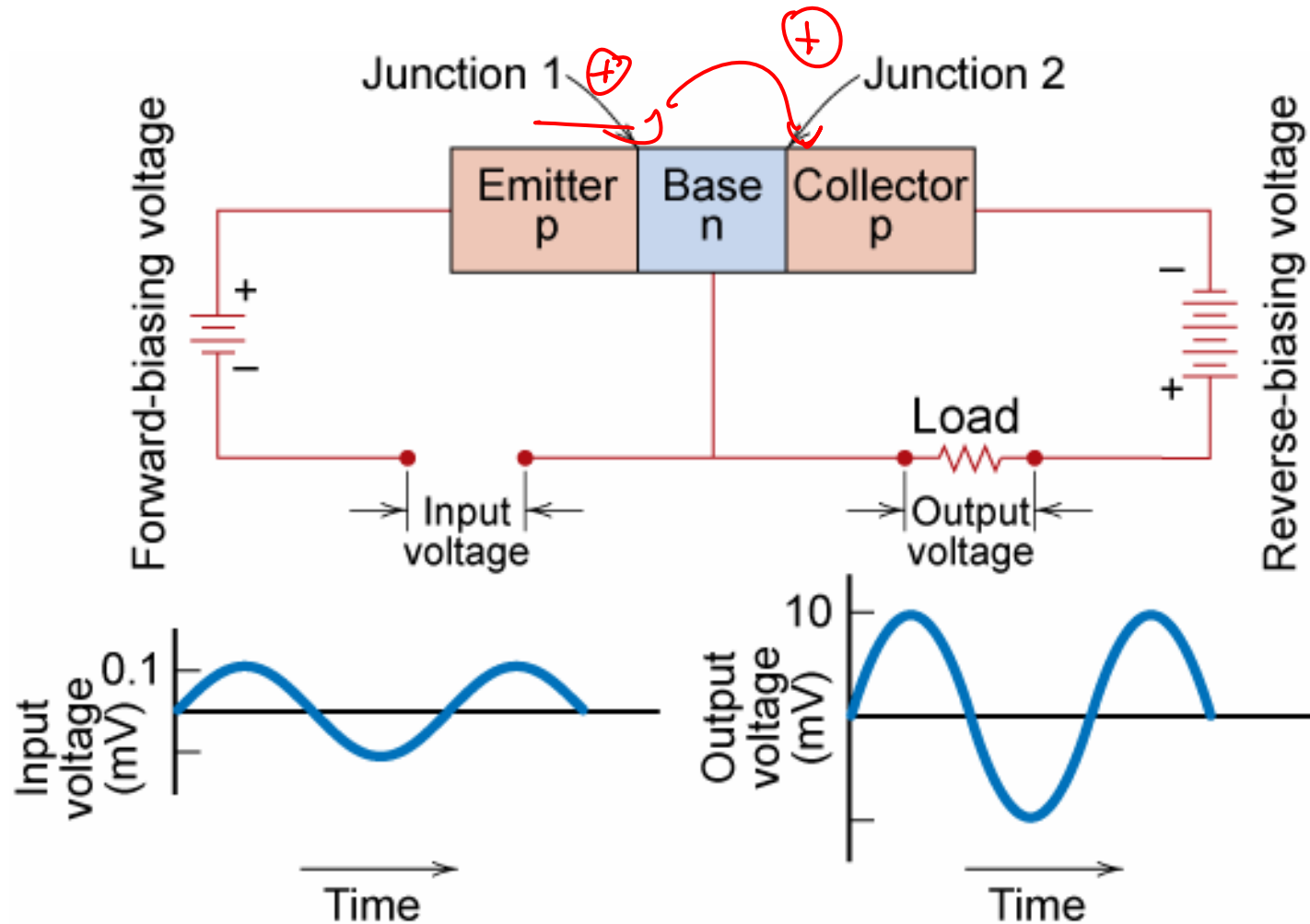


Fig. 18.24,  
Callister 7e.

# Integrated Circuit Devices

- MOSFET (metal oxide semiconductor field effect transistor)

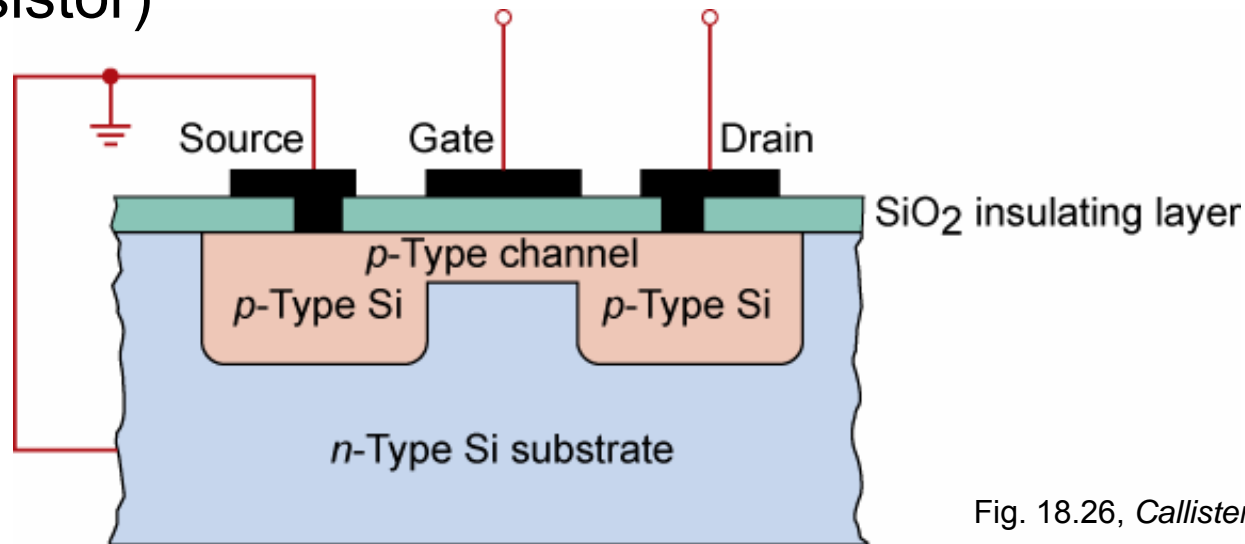


Fig. 18.26, Callister 6e.

- Integrated circuits - state of the art ca. 50 nm line width
  - 1 Mbyte cache on board
  - > 100,000,000 components on chip
  - chip formed layer by layer
    - Al is the “wire”

*Cu is used a lot now*



# Summary

- Electrical **conductivity** and **resistivity** are:
  - material parameters.
  - geometry independent.
- Electrical **resistance** is:
  - a geometry and material dependent parameter.
- Conductors, semiconductors, and insulators...
  - differ in accessibility of energy states for conductance electrons.
- For metals, conductivity is increased by
  - reducing deformation
  - reducing imperfections
  - decreasing temperature.
- For pure semiconductors, conductivity is increased by
  - increasing temperature
  - doping (e.g., adding B to Si (*p*-type) or P to Si (*n*-type)).

$$e^{\left(-\frac{E_g}{kT}\right)}$$

## **Next time, Insulators (traditionally)**

- **Ceramics**
  - **Some structure**
  - **Capacitance, Dielectric properties**
  - **Ionic conduction**
- **Polymers**
  - **A bit on structure**
  - **Conducting polymers**