

Whereas, Figure 18.18 yields a "measured" μ_e of $0.06 \text{ m}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}$, which is higher than the "calculated" value. Therefore, the correct impurity concentration will lie somewhere between 10^{22} and 10^{23} m^{-3} probably closer to the lower of these two values. At $1.3 \times 10^{22} \text{ m}^{-3}$, both "measured" and "calculated" μ_e values are about equal ($0.095 \text{ m}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}$).

It next becomes necessary to calculate the concentration of donor impurities in atom percent. This computation first requires the determination of the number of silicon atoms per cubic meter, N_{Si} , using Equation 4.2, which is as follows

$$\begin{aligned} N_{\text{Si}} &= \frac{N_A \rho_{\text{Si}}}{A_{\text{Si}}} \\ &= \frac{(6.023 \times 10^{23} \text{ atoms/mol})(2.33 \text{ g/cm}^3)(10^6 \text{ cm}^3/\text{m}^3)}{28.09 \text{ g/mol}} \\ &= 5 \times 10^{28} \text{ m}^{-3} \end{aligned}$$

(Note: in the above discussion, the density of silicon is represented by ρ_{Si} in order to avoid confusion with resistivity, which is designated by ρ .)

The concentration of donor impurities in atom percent (C_d') is just the ratio of N_d and $(N_d + N_{\text{Si}})$ multiplied by 100 as

$$\begin{aligned} C_d' &= \frac{N_d}{N_d + N_{\text{Si}}} \times 100 \\ &= \frac{1.3 \times 10^{22} \text{ m}^{-3}}{(1.3 \times 10^{22} \text{ m}^{-3}) + (5 \times 10^{28} \text{ m}^{-3})} \times 100 = 2.6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ at\%} \end{aligned}$$

Now, conversion to weight percent (C_d) is possible using Equation 4.7a as

$$C_d = \frac{C_d' A_d}{C_d' A_d + C_{\text{Si}}' A_{\text{Si}}} \times 100$$

where A_d and A_{Si} are the atomic weights of the donor and silicon, respectively. Thus, the concentration in weight percent will depend on the particular donor type. For example, for nitrogen