



Modern Methods in Heterogeneous Catalysis Research

Permittivity and Conductivity Measurements

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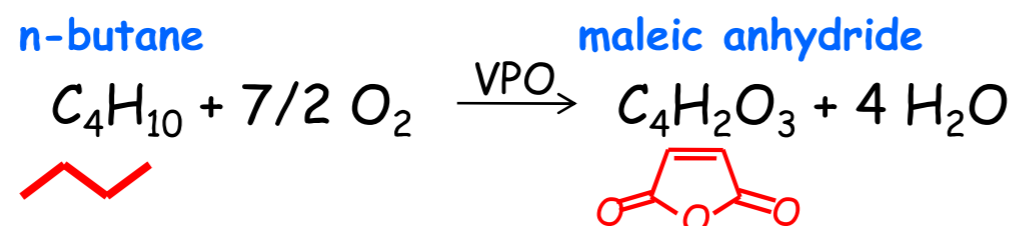
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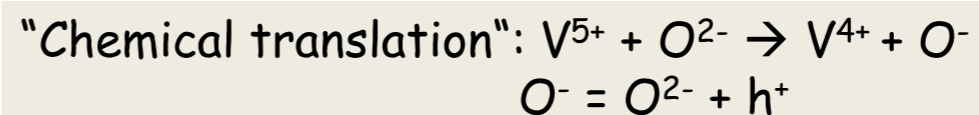
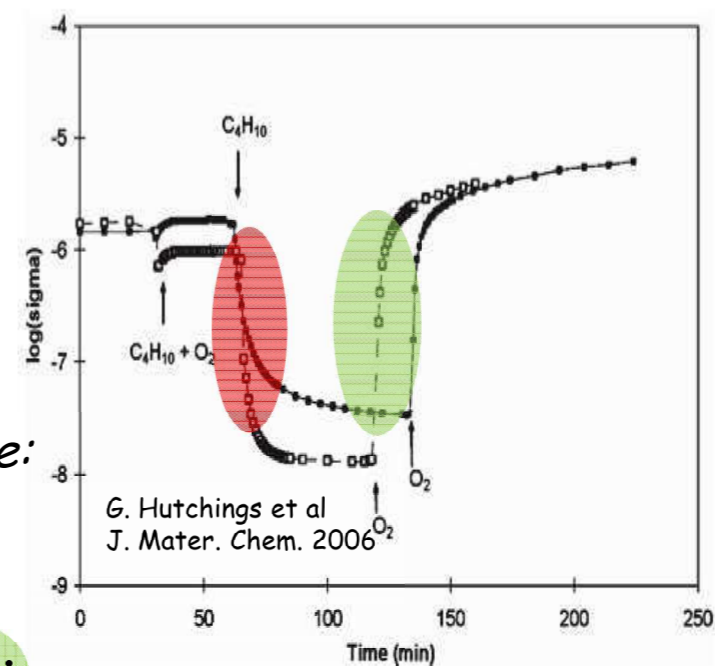
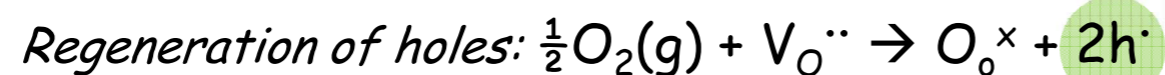
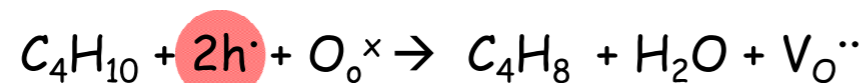
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The p-type semiconductor $(VO)_2P_2O_7$: active phase in selective butane oxidation to maleic anhydride



1st step: Oxydehydrogenation of butane to butene:





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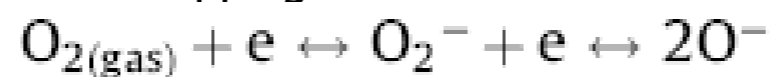
Electrical conductivity of a MoVTenbO catalyst in propene oxidation measured in operando conditions

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- For semiconducting n-type metal oxides exposure to **oxygen** induces a **reduced conductivity** due to electron trapping:



- Interaction with a **reducing gas** (e.g. propene) → **conductivity increase** due to formation of anion vacancies: (or consumption of oxygen ad-ions):





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Mechanism of the Oxidation–Reduction of the MoVSbNbO Catalyst: In Operando X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy and Electrical Conductivity Measurements

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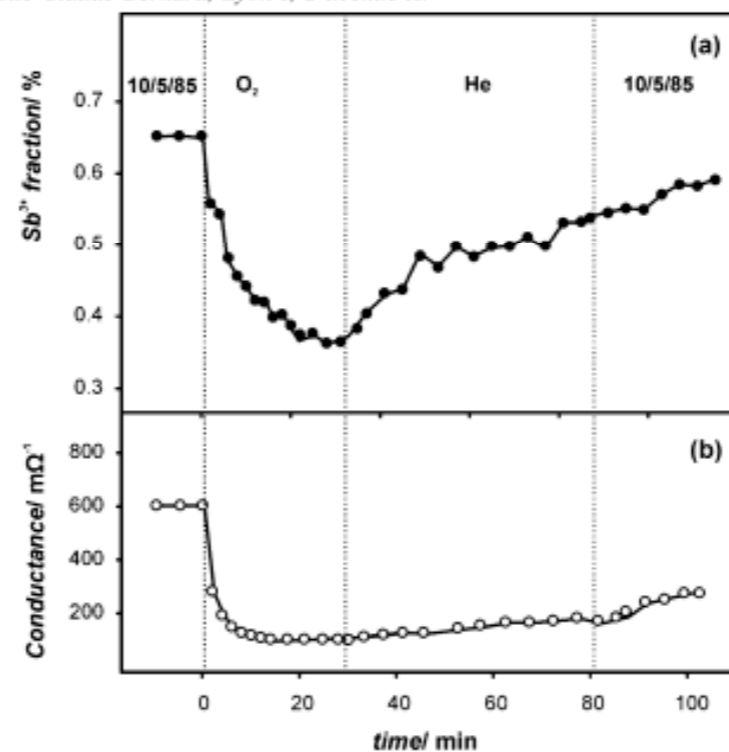


Figure 6. Kinetics of oxidation and reduction of antimony and the variation in electrical conductance of the M1 phase at 380 °C.



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The Effect of Oxygen-Anion Conductivity of Metal–Oxide Doped Lanthanum Oxide Catalysts on Hydrocarbon Selectivity in the Oxidative Coupling of Methane

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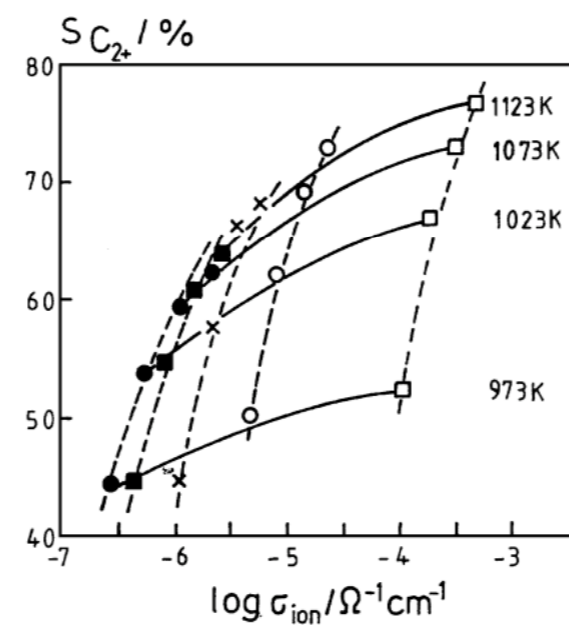


FIG. 7. C_{2C} selectivity of La_2O_3 and Me^{nC} (1 at-%)/ La_2O_3 catalysts in dependence on oxygen-anion conductivity. (Reaction conditions: $P_{CH_4}^\pm$ D 60 kPa, $P_{O_2}^\pm$ D 6 kPa, $P_{N_2}^\pm$ D 34 kPa, $X_{O_2} > 90\%$.) Symbols Me^{nC} : Zn^{2C} (○), Sr^{2C} (□), Ti^{4C} (●), Nb^{5C} (■); La_2O_3 (£).



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Understanding the Dielectric Properties of Heat-Treated Carbon Nanofibers at Terahertz Frequencies: a New Perspective on the Catalytic Activity of Structured Carbonaceous Materials

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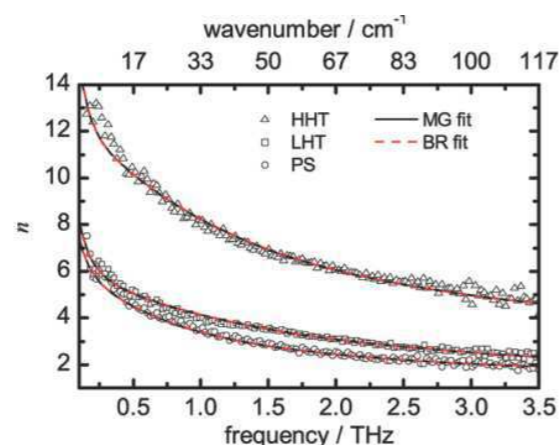


Figure 4. Real refractive index plotted for the three CNF samples. The solid and dotted lines are the real refractive indices calculated by using the Drude–Lorentz model combined with two effective medium approximation models (Maxwell–Garnett and Bruggeman).

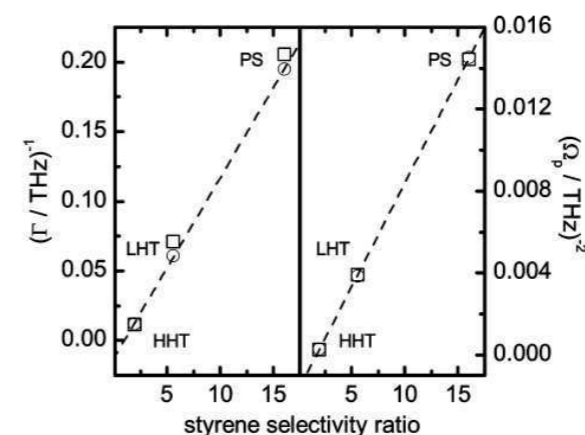


Figure 6. Correlations of Ω_p and Γ with the selectivity of styrene to other hydrocarbon products for the three CNF samples: circles, Maxwell–Garnett model parameters; squares, Bruggeman model parameters.



Motivation



Permittivity Refractive index Fermi level
Resistivity Ionic conductivity
Inductance Conductance
Permeability Plasma frequency
Impedance ? Semiconductor
Resistance Ohm's law
Schottky barrier Drude-Lorentz model
Space charge region Dielectric constant Electronic conductivity
Electrochemical potential Redox potential
Dielectric loss Admittance Capacitance



Basics



Basics: Interaction of materials with electromagnetic fields



- ✘ **Microscopic scale** (energy bands for electrons, magnetic moments of atoms and molecules)
- ✘ **Macroscopic scale** (overall response of macroscopic materials to external electromagnetic fields)



X Macroscopic scale

Interaction between macroscopic material and electromagnetic fields generally described by **Maxwell`s equations**:

In vacuum:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\varepsilon_0} \quad (\text{flux of } \mathbf{E} \text{ through a closed surface}) = (\text{charge in the interior})/\varepsilon_0 \text{ [Gauß` law]}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \quad (\text{flux of } \mathbf{B} \text{ through a closed surface}) = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \quad (\text{line integral of } \mathbf{E} \text{ around a loop}) = -d(\text{flux of } \mathbf{B} \text{ through the loop})/dt \text{ [Faraday`s law of induction]}$$

$$c^2 \nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \frac{\mathbf{J}}{\varepsilon_0} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} \quad c^2(\text{line integral of } \mathbf{B} \text{ around a loop}) = (\text{current through loop})/\varepsilon_0 + d(\text{flux of } \mathbf{E} \text{ through the loop})/dt$$

\mathbf{E} ...electric field strength; ρ ...charge density; \mathbf{B} ...magnetic induction (magnetic flux density);
 \mathbf{J} ...current density; ε_0 ...vacuum permittivity; c ...speed of light



✘ Macroscopic scale

With the following constitutive relations:

In material:

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\nabla \cdot \mathbf{P}}{\varepsilon_0} \text{ or } \nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

$$c^2 \nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{\mathbf{P}}{\varepsilon_0} + \mathbf{E} \right) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon_0} \left(\mathbf{J} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t} \right) \text{ or } \nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}^* + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$

Material is described by permittivity (electric field, bound and free electrons), permeability (magnetic field, unpaired electrons), and conductivity (electric field, free electrons)

\mathbf{P} ...Polarization; α ...Polarizability; \mathbf{D} ...electric displacement; \mathbf{H} ...magnetic field strength; $\varepsilon = \varepsilon' - i\varepsilon''$...complex permittivity of the material; $\mu = \mu' - i\mu''$...complex permeability of the material; $\sigma = \sigma' - i\sigma''$...complex conductivity of the material



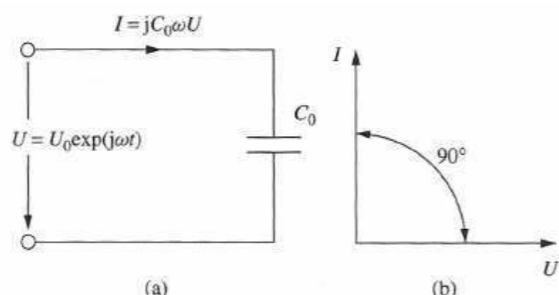
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1st case: Low-conductivity materials

Conductivity σ is small \rightarrow electromagnetic properties defined by permittivity ϵ (response to electric fields) and permeability μ (response to magnetic fields)

In vacuum:



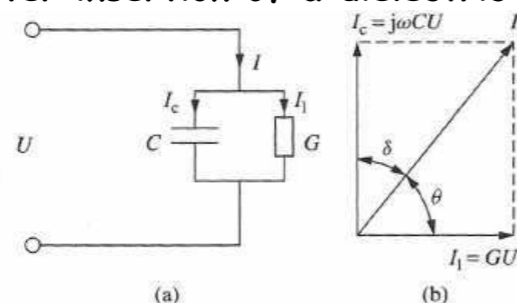
$$I = \frac{dQ}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} (C_0 U_0 e^{i\omega t}) = iC_0 \omega U$$

Current leads the voltage by a phase angle of 90°

Figure 1.5 The current in a circuit with a capacitor. (a) Circuit layout and (b) complex plane showing current and voltage

I ...current; Q ...charge; C_0 ...capacitance; U ...ac voltage

After insertion of a dielectric material into the capacitor:



$$I = I_c + I_l = iC\omega U + GU = (iC\omega + G)U$$

I_c leads I_l by 90° , I leads U with less than 90° ; phase angle between I_c and I = loss angle δ

Figure 1.6 The relationships between charging current and loss current. (a) Equivalent circuit and (b) complex plane showing charging current and loss current

L. F. Chen et al., *Microwave Electronics*, J. Wiley & Sons 2004

I ...total current; I_c ...charging current; I_l ...loss current;
 C ...capacitance of the capacitor with dielectric material;
 G ...conductance of dielectric material



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Capacitance after insertion of dielectric material:

$$C = \frac{\epsilon C_0}{\epsilon_0} = (\epsilon' - i\epsilon'') \frac{C_0}{\epsilon_0}$$

Charging current:

$$I_c = (i\omega\epsilon' + \omega\epsilon'') \frac{C_0}{\epsilon_0} U$$

Current density \mathcal{J} transverse to capacitor under applied field strength E :

$$J = (i\omega\epsilon' + \omega\epsilon'') E = \epsilon \frac{dE}{dt}$$

energy storage (bound electrons) = σ (dielectric conductivity)

Energy dissipation described by dielectric loss tangent:

$$\tan \delta_e = \frac{\epsilon''}{\epsilon'}$$

energy loss (free and bound electrons)

Or by the quality factor:

$$Q_e = \frac{\epsilon'}{\epsilon''} = \frac{1}{\tan \delta_e}$$

Usually dimensionless relative permittivities are used:

$$\epsilon_r = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} = \frac{\epsilon' - i\epsilon''}{\epsilon_0} = \epsilon'_r - i\epsilon''_r$$



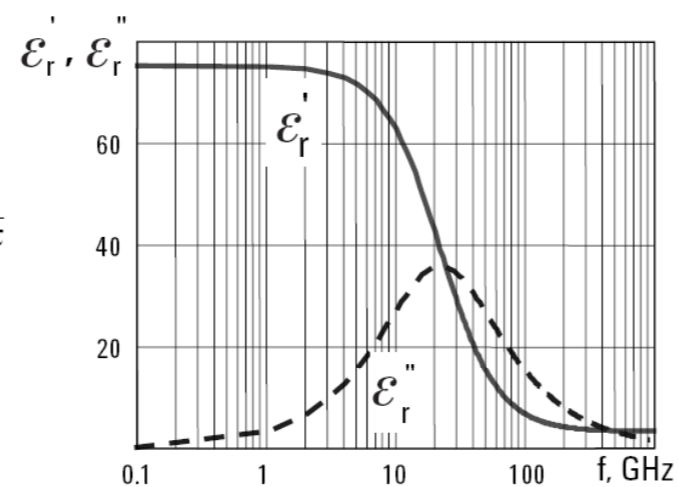
Debye equation



Debye equation: $\mathcal{E}(\omega) = \mathcal{E}_\infty + \frac{\mathcal{E}_s - \mathcal{E}_\infty}{1 + j\omega\tau}$

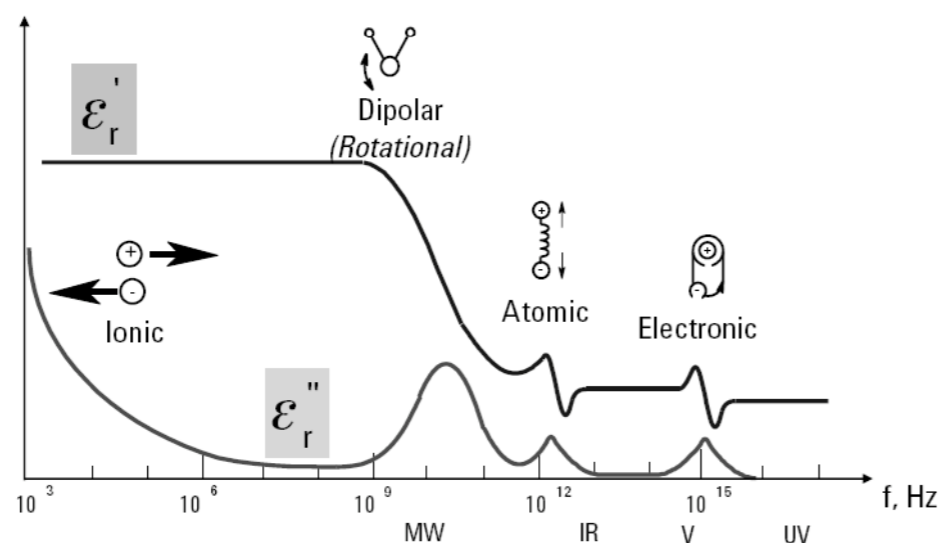
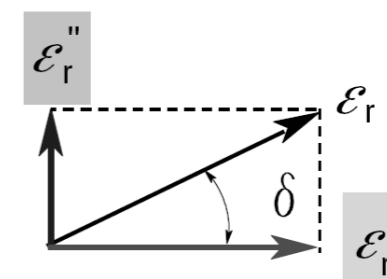
For $\omega = 0$, $\mathcal{E}(0) = \mathcal{E}_s$

For $\omega = \infty$, $\mathcal{E}(\infty) = \mathcal{E}_\infty$

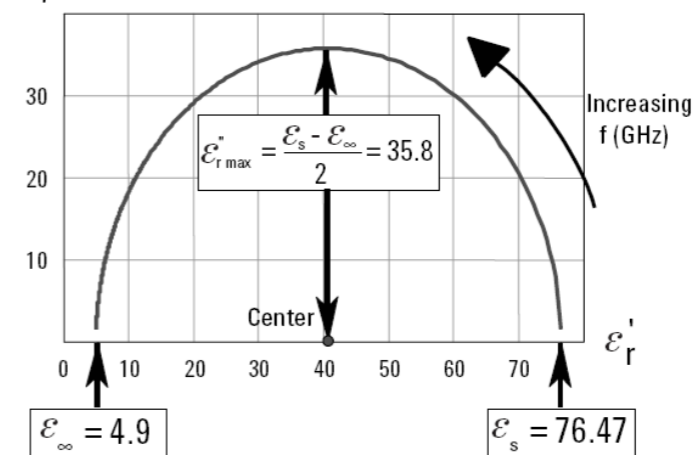


$$\tan \delta = \frac{\epsilon_r''}{\epsilon_r'} = D = \frac{1}{Q}$$

$$= \frac{\text{Energy Lost per Cycle}}{\text{Energy Stored per Cycle}}$$



ϵ_r'' Cole-Cole-Plot



Basics of Measuring the Dielectric Properties of Materials, *Agilent Application Note 2006*



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Electromagnetic waves in a dielectric medium

Determined by characteristic wave impedance η of the medium (*intrinsic impedance*) and wave velocity v in the medium

Characteristic impedance η = total electric field/total magnetic field in a plane perpendicular to the propagation direction:

$$\eta = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}}$$
$$v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu\epsilon}}$$

Complex propagation coefficient γ :

$$\gamma = \alpha + i\beta = i \underbrace{\omega \sqrt{\mu\epsilon}}_{\text{wave vector } k} = i \frac{\omega}{c} \sqrt{\mu_r \epsilon_r} = i \frac{\omega}{c} n$$

α ...attenuation coefficient; $\beta=2\pi/\lambda$...phase change coefficient; λ ...operating wavelength;
 n ...complex index of refraction



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✘ E.g.: wave propagating in z-direction, polarized in x-direction:

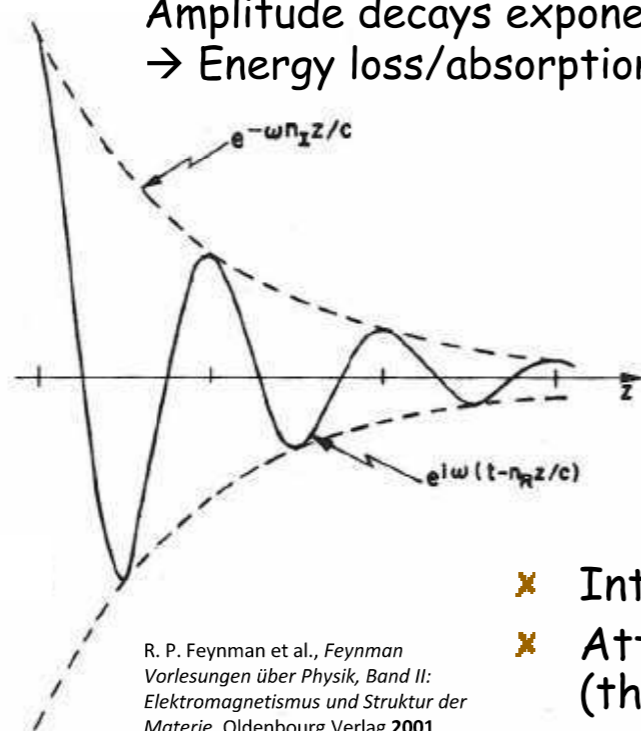
$$E_x = E_0 \exp[i(\omega t - kz)]$$

$$n = kc/\omega = n' - in''$$

$$E_x = E_0 \exp[i\omega(t - nz/c)] = E_0 \exp(-\omega n'' z/c) \cdot \exp[i\omega(t - n' z/c)]$$

Amplitude decays exponentially with z
→ Energy loss/absorption by atomic oscillators

Wave propagating with c/n'
→ "normal" index of refraction



- ✘ Intensity \sim Amplitude² = $\exp[-2\omega n'' z/c] = \exp(-\alpha z)$
- ✘ Attenuation/absorption coefficient $\alpha = 2\omega n'' / c$
(theory of light absorption)



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2nd case: High-conductivity materials (metals)

Effects of bound electrons very small (can be described like before),
properties dominated by free conduction electrons

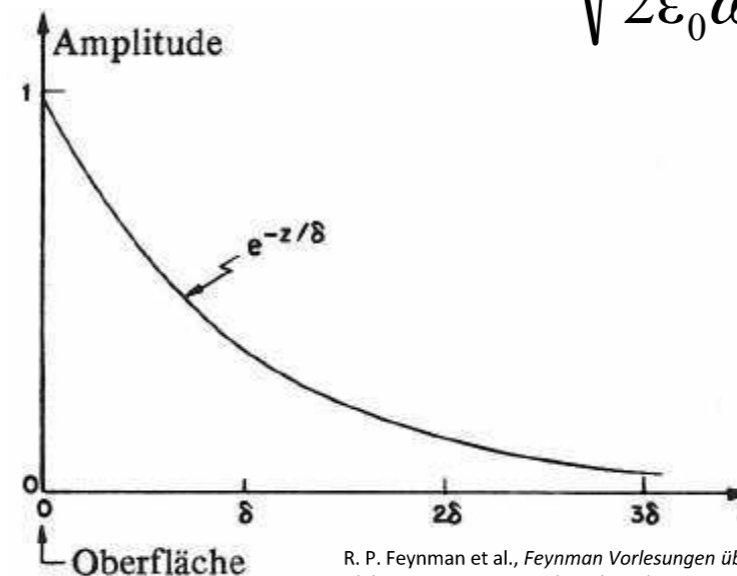
Definition of conductivity: $\mathbf{J} = \sigma \mathbf{E} = (\sigma' + i\sigma'') \mathbf{E}$ (Ohm's law)

Index of refraction of metals for rather low frequencies ($\omega \ll \sigma/\epsilon_0$): $n = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0\omega}}(1 - i)$

Amplitude of wave in z direction:

$$\exp\left[-\sqrt{\frac{\sigma\omega}{2\epsilon_0c^2}}z\right] = \exp\left[-\frac{z}{\delta}\right]$$

Skin depth δ : $\delta = \sqrt{\frac{2\epsilon_0c^2}{\sigma\omega}}$



R. P. Feynman et al., *Feynman Vorlesungen über Physik, Band II: Elektromagnetismus und Struktur der Materie*, Oldenbourg Verlag 2001



Skin depth:
$$\delta = \sqrt{\frac{2\varepsilon_0 c^2}{\sigma\omega}}$$

Ag: $\sigma = 61.39 \times 10^6 \text{ Sm}^{-1}$

→ $\delta(\nu = 9 \text{ GHz}) = 6.77 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m} = 677 \text{ nm}$

→ $\delta(\nu = 100 \text{ GHz}) = 2.03 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m} = 203 \text{ nm}$

VPO: $\sigma \approx 10^{-3} \text{ Sm}^{-1}$

→ $\delta(\nu = 9 \text{ GHz}) = 0.17 \text{ m}$

→ $\delta(\nu = 100 \text{ GHz}) = 0.05 \text{ m}$

RuO₂: $\sigma = 2 \times 10^6 \text{ Sm}^{-1}$ (300 K)

→ $\delta(\nu = 9 \text{ GHz}) = 3.8 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$

→ $\delta(\nu = 100 \text{ GHz}) = 1.1 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$



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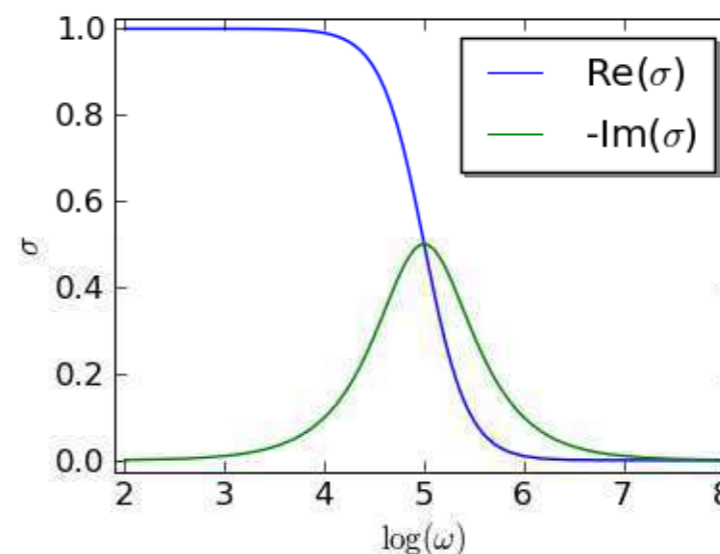
Metals at high frequencies:

$$n^2 = 1 - \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0 \omega^2 \tau} = 1 - \underbrace{\frac{Nq_e^2}{m_e \epsilon_0}}_{\omega_p^2} \frac{1}{\omega^2} \quad (\text{Drude (Lorentz) model of electrical conduction})$$

Drude plasma frequency²: ω_p^2

$$\mathbf{J} = \sigma \mathbf{E} = \frac{Nq_e^2 \tau}{m_e} \mathbf{E}$$

Wikipedia: The model, which is an application of kinetic theory, assumes that the microscopic behavior of electrons in a solid may be treated classically and looks much like a table football machine, with a sea of constantly jittering electrons bouncing and re-bouncing off heavier, relatively immobile positive ions.



$\omega < \omega_p$: Imaginary part of n or σ exists \rightarrow attenuation of waves
 $\omega \gg \omega_p$: Index is real \rightarrow metal becomes transparent

τ ...mean free time between electron collisions; N ...electron density; q_e ...electron charge; m_e ...electron mass



✘ Microscopic scale

Electron energy bands

Insulators
Semiconductors
Conductors

Magnetic moments

Diamagnetic
Paramagnetic
Ordered magnetic materials



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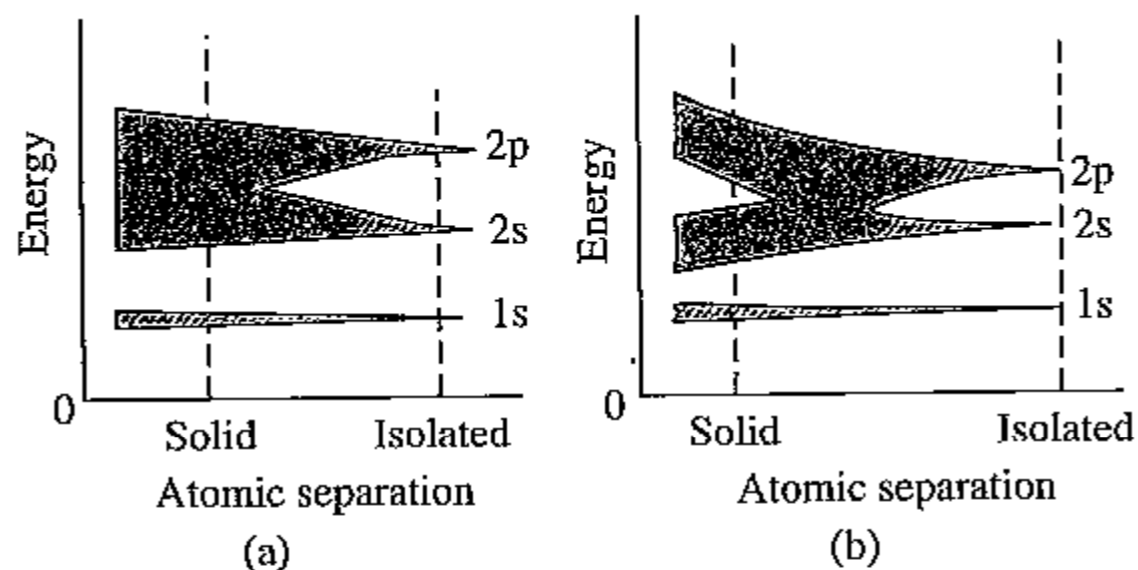
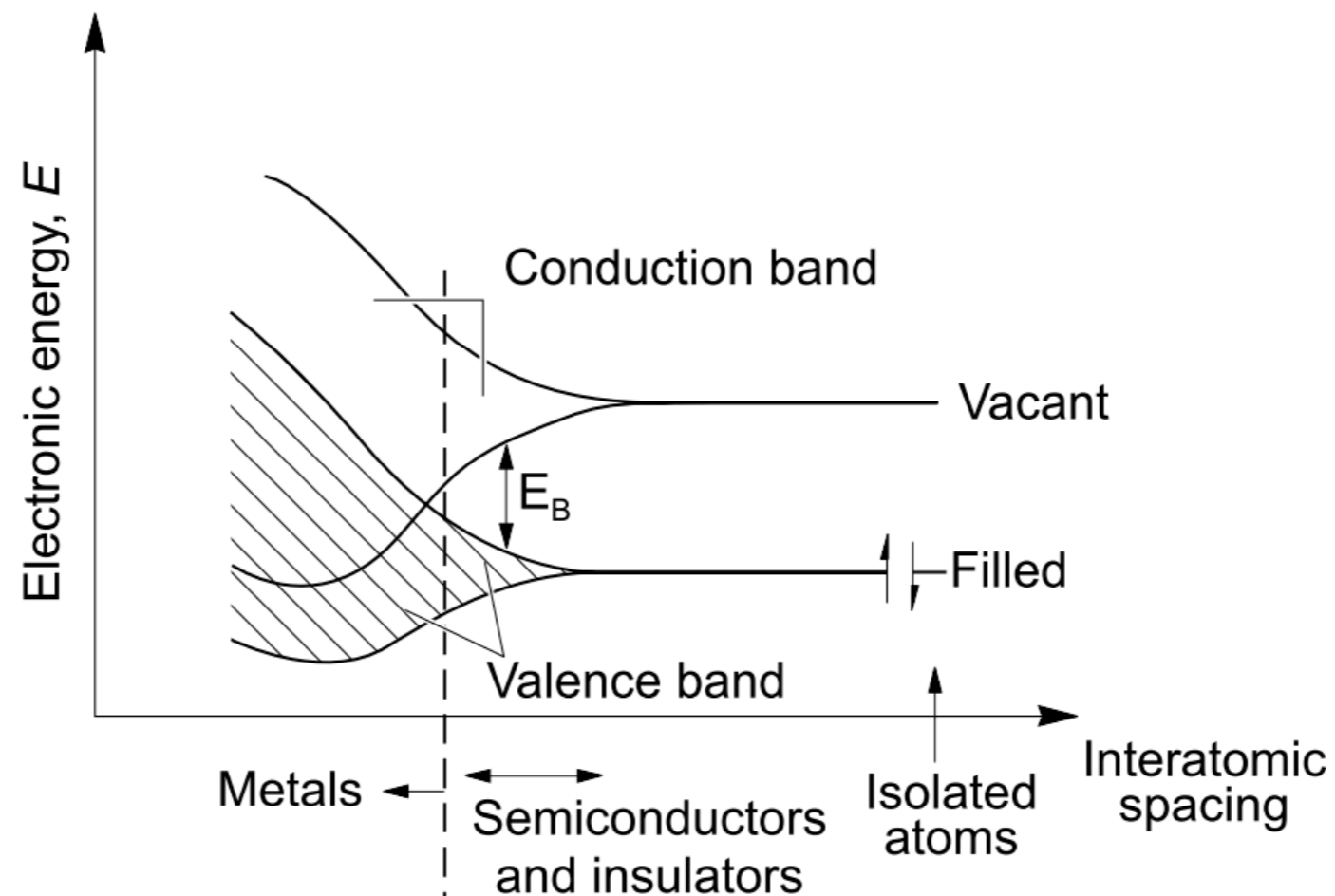


Figure 1.1 The relationships between energy bands and atomic separation. (a) Energy bands of lithium and (b) energy bands of carbon. (Bolton 1992) Source: Bolton, W. (1992), *Electrical and Magnetic Properties of Materials*, Longman Scientific & Technical, Harlow



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A. W. Bott, *Current Separations* 1998, 17, 87



Occupancy of electrons in a band is determined by Fermi-Dirac statistics

Fermi-Dirac distribution (for an electron gas):

$$f(E) = \frac{1}{\exp\left(\frac{E - \mu}{k_B T}\right) + 1}$$

E ...Energy

k_B ...Boltzmann constant

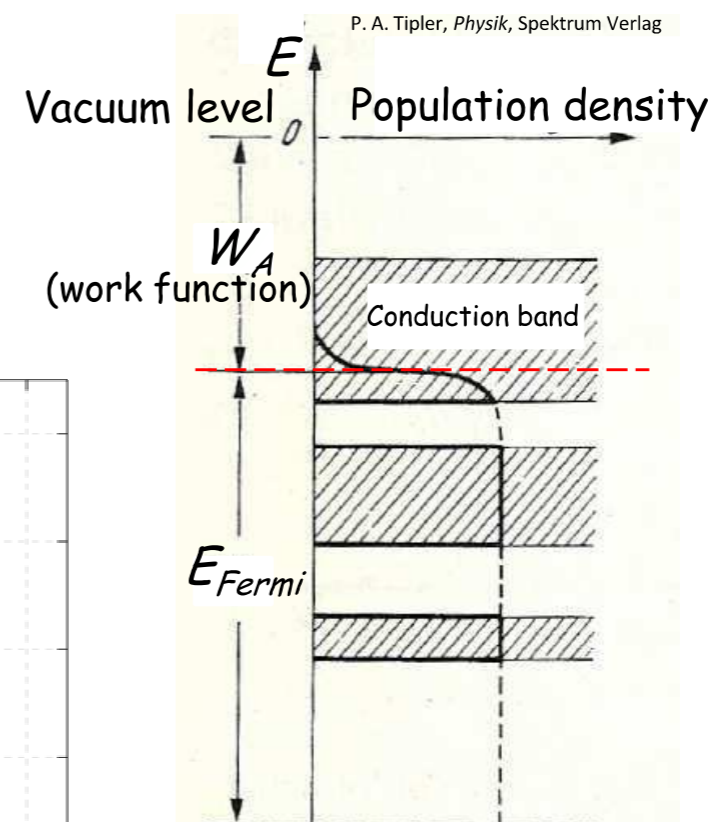
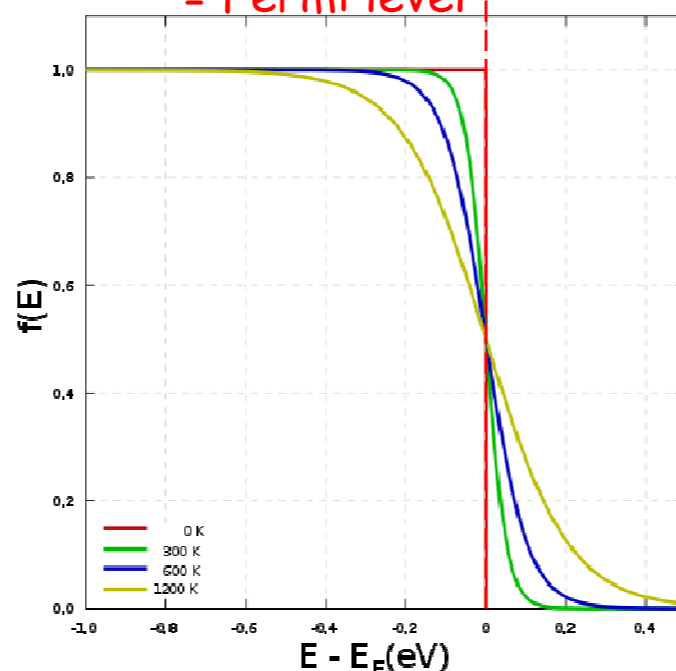
T ...Temperature

μ ...(Electro-)Chemical potential

$$\mu(T = 0) = E_{Fermi}$$

$$f(E = \mu) = 1/2$$

= Fermi level !



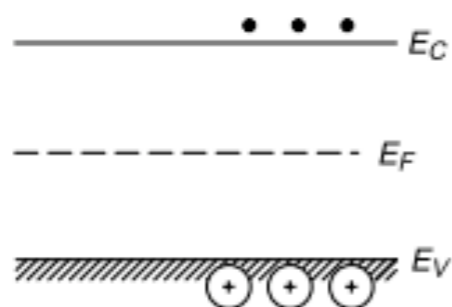
The Fermi curve determines the population of occupied states, independent of the existence of states in the regarded E region



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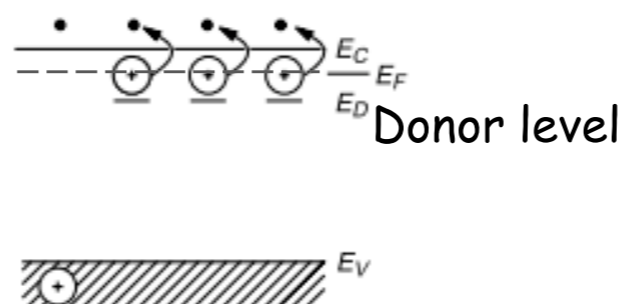


Intrinsic semiconductor

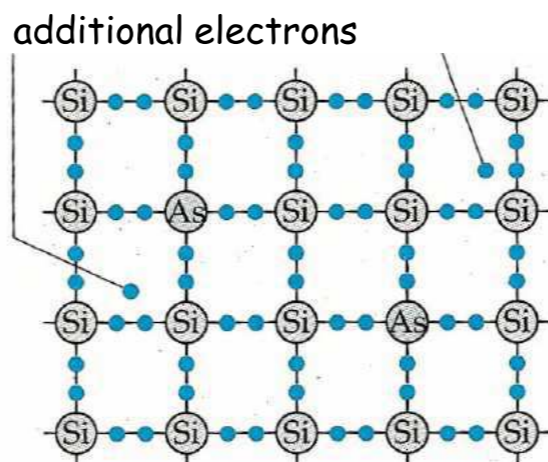


e.g. Si (band gap at 300 K = 1.12 eV)

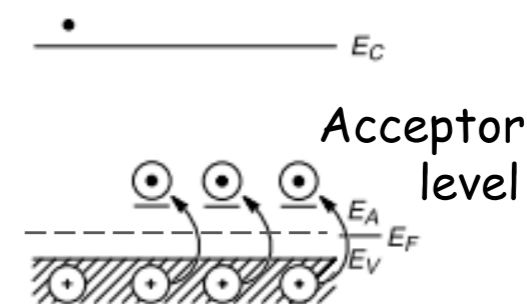
(Extrinsic) n-type semiconductor



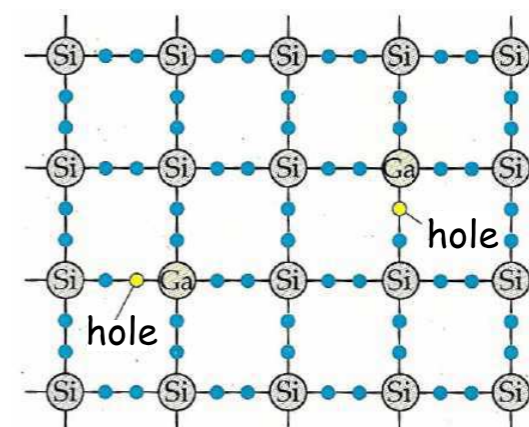
e.g. As-doped Si



(Extrinsic) p-type semiconductor



e.g. Ga-doped Si



P. A. Tipler, *Physik*, Spektrum Verlag



Space charge region

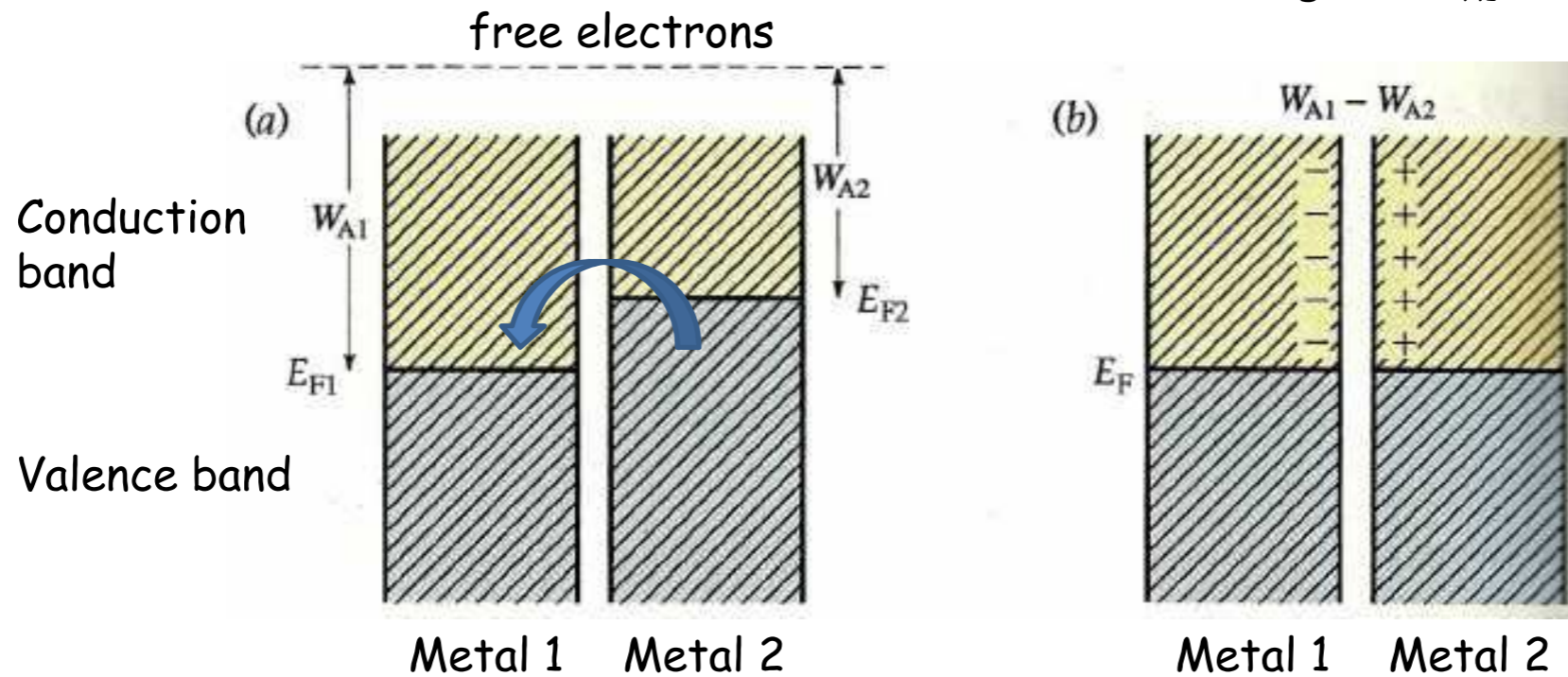


Space charge region



✘ Metals

$$\text{Contact voltage} = (W_{A1} - W_{A2}) / e$$



a) Energy states of two different metals with different Fermi energies and work functions. b) With contact, electrons will flow from the metal with higher Fermi energy (lower work function) to the one with lower Fermi energy (larger work function) until the Fermi levels of both metals are equalized

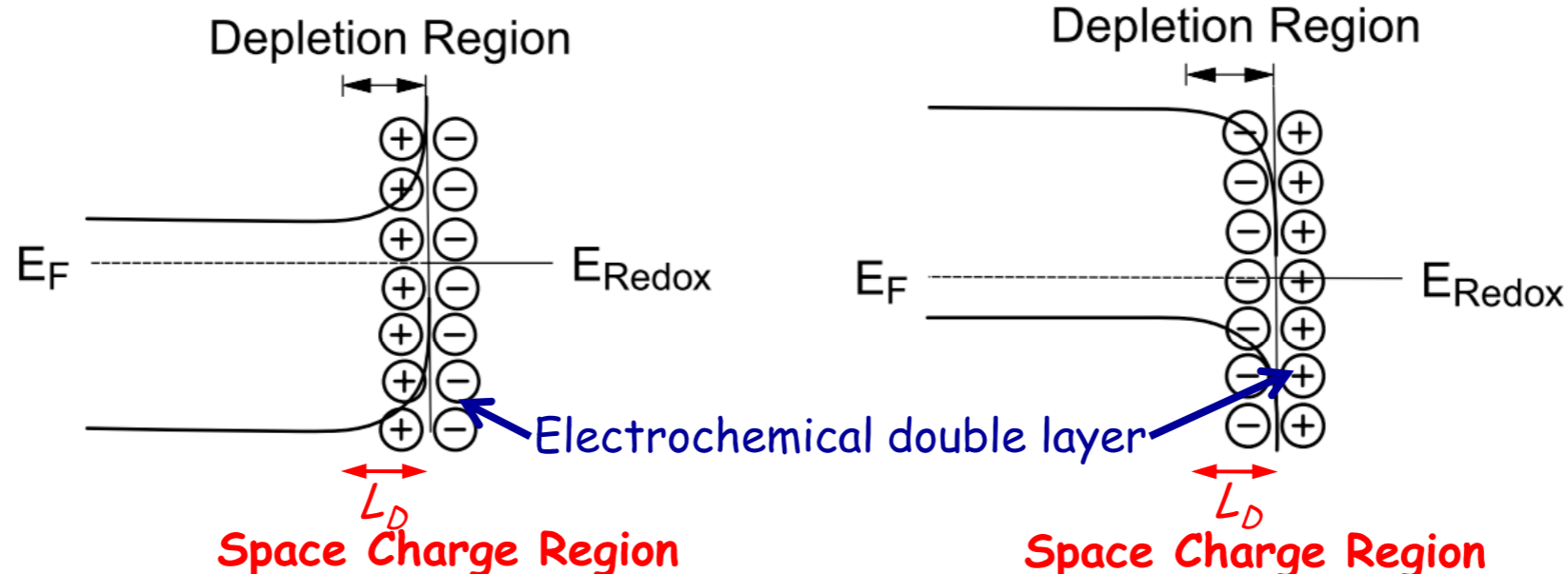
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✘ Semiconductors

n-type SC in contact with electrolyte

p-type SC in contact with electrolyte



In metals: penetration depth (space charge region to compensate surface charge) of only a few lattice constants (high concentration of free charge carriers)

In SCs: Debye shielding, L_D , can amount from 10 nm to 1 μm

$$L_D = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon k_B T}{2\pi q^2 n_i}}$$

ϵ ...Dielectric permittivity of crystal; q ...Electron charge; n_i ...Concentration of charge carriers in intrinsic semiconductor

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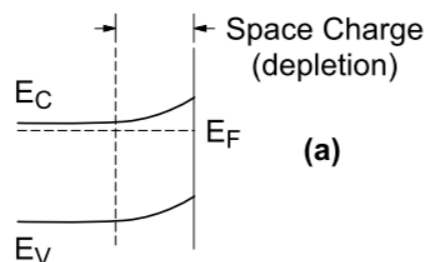


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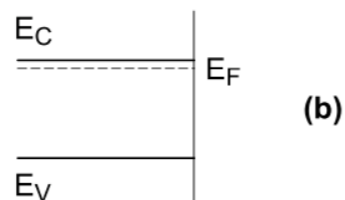
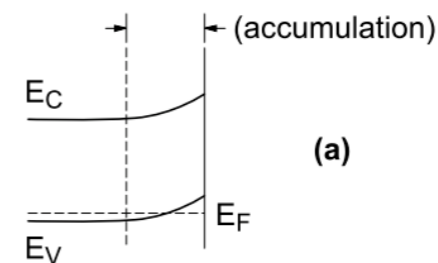
External Potential Control

Effect of varying the applied potential (E) on the band edges in the interior of an n-type semiconductor.
 a) $E > E_{fb}$, b) $E = E_{fb}$, c) $E < E_{fb}$.

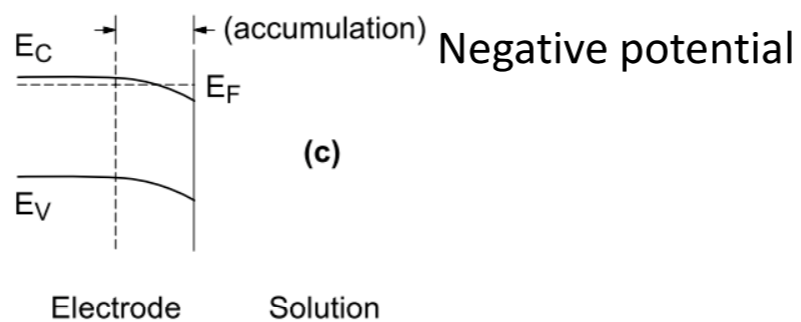


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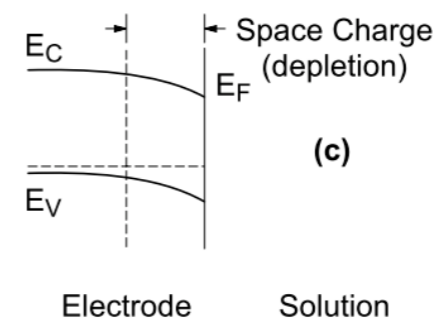
Positive potential



Flatband potential



Negative potential



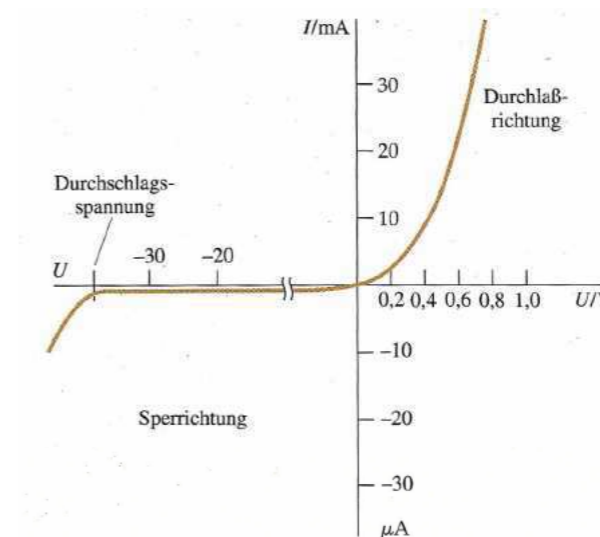
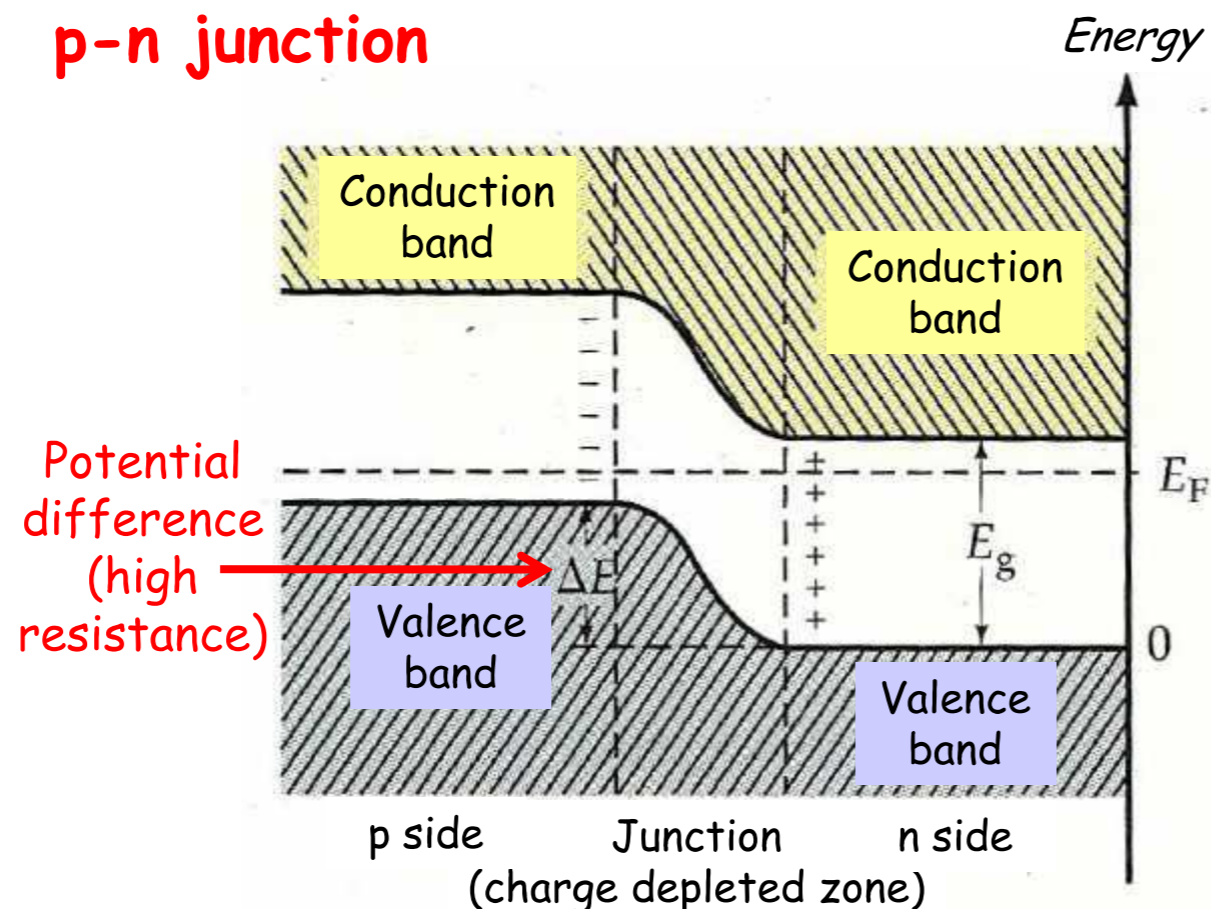
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Space charge region



p-n junction

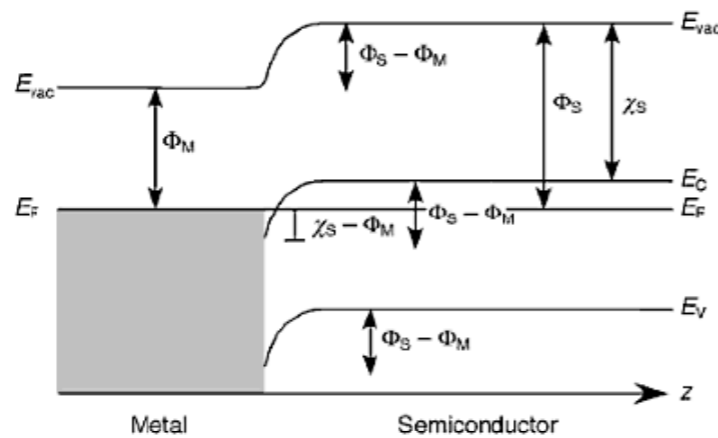


Electrons migrate to p side, holes migrate to n side until electrochemical potentials (Fermi energies) are equilibrated

P. A. Tipler, *Physik*, Spektrum Verlag



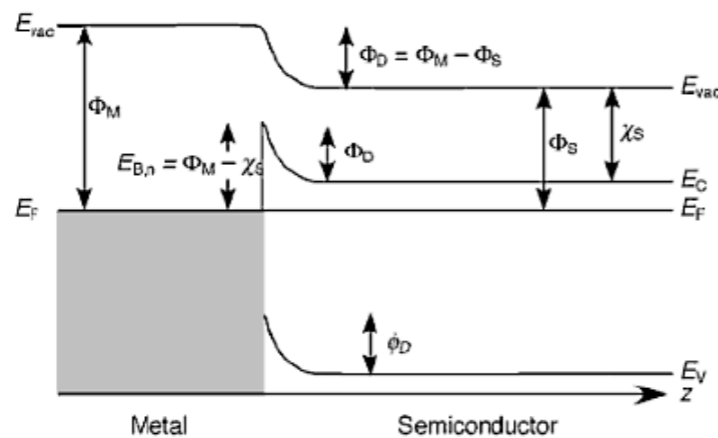
Metal-semiconductor junction (Schottky barrier)



(a)

Ohmic contact

Figure 1.17 Band bending in an *n*-type semiconductor at a heterojunction with a metal. (a) Ohmic contact ($\Phi_S > \Phi_M$). (b) Blocking contact (Schottky barrier, $\Phi_S < \Phi_M$). The energy of the bands is plotted as a function of distance z in a direction normal to the surface. Φ_S , Φ_M work function of the semiconductor and of the metal, respectively; E_{vac} , vacuum energy; E_C , energy of the conduction band minimum; E_F , Fermi energy; E_V energy of the valence band maximum. Redrawn from S. Elliott, *The Physics and Chemistry of Solids*. (1998) Copyright, with permission from John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.



(b)

Schottky barrier

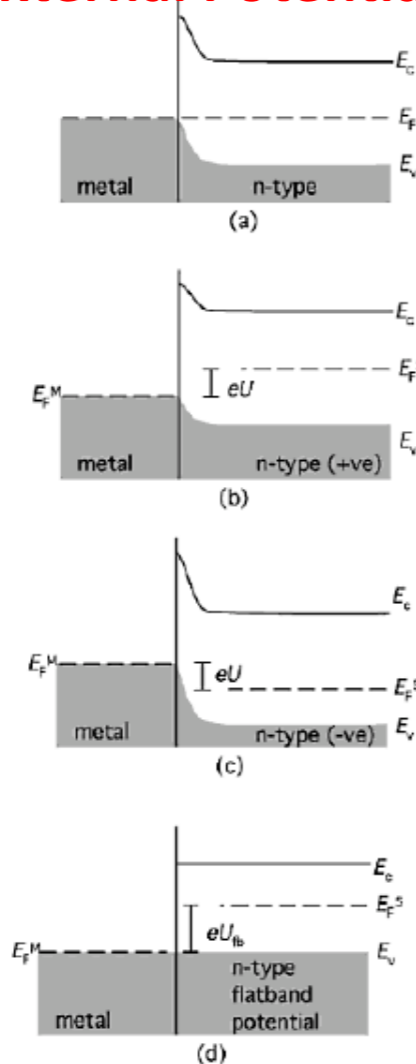
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Space charge region



External Potential Control



No bias

Forward bias

Reversed bias

Biased at flatband potential

Figure 1.18 The electrochemical potential and the effects of an applied voltage on a metal-semiconductor interface. (a) No applied bias. (b) Forward bias. (c) Reverse bias. (d) Biased at the flatband potential, U_{fb} . E_C , energy of the conduction band minimum; E_F , Fermi energy; E_V , energy of the valence band maximum; superscripts M and S refer to the metal and the semiconductor, respectively.

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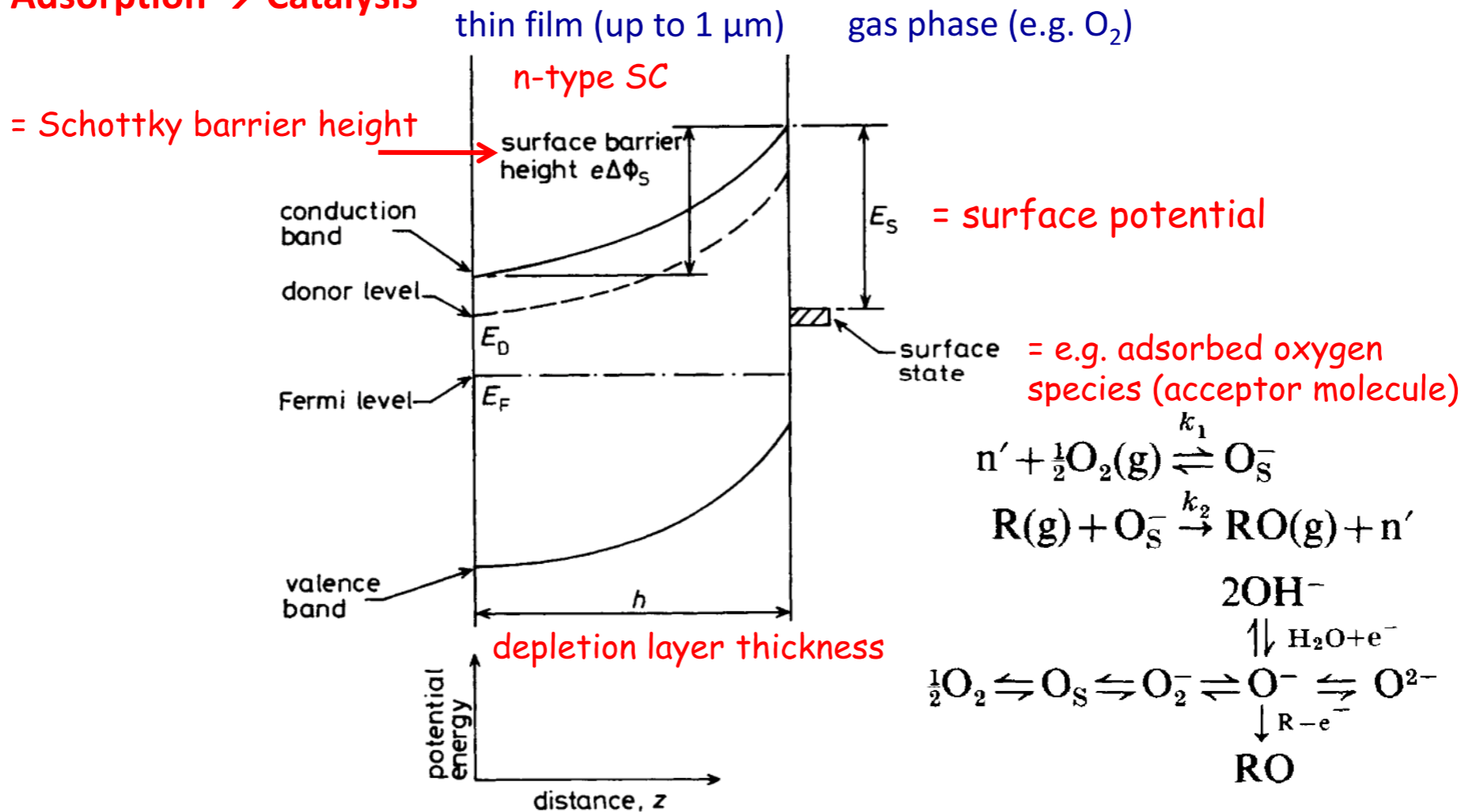
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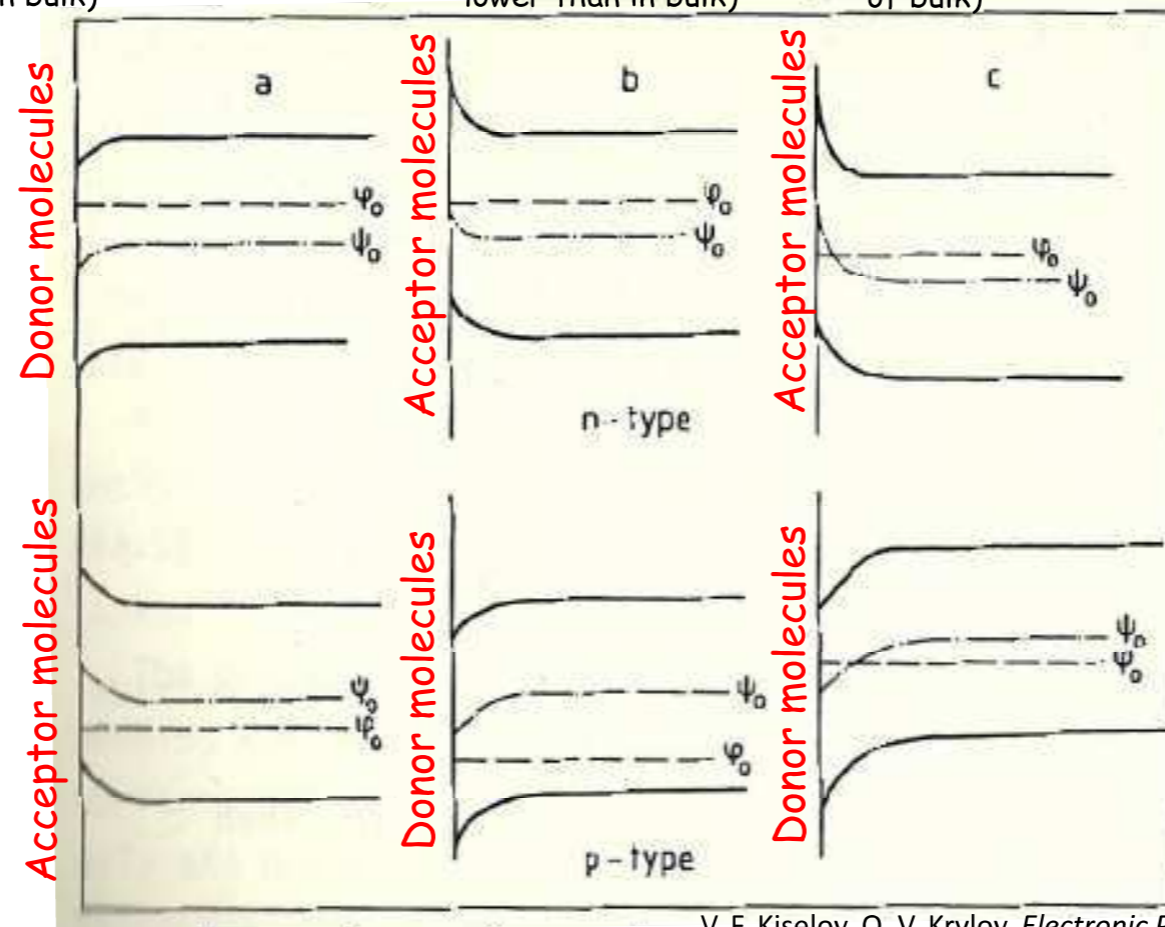
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Accumulation layers
(concentration of majority charge carriers larger than in bulk)

Depletion layers
(concentration of majority charge carriers lower than in bulk)

Inversion layers
(conductivity in SCR opposite in type to that of bulk)



ϕ_0 ... Fermi potential

ψ_0 ... Electrostatic potential

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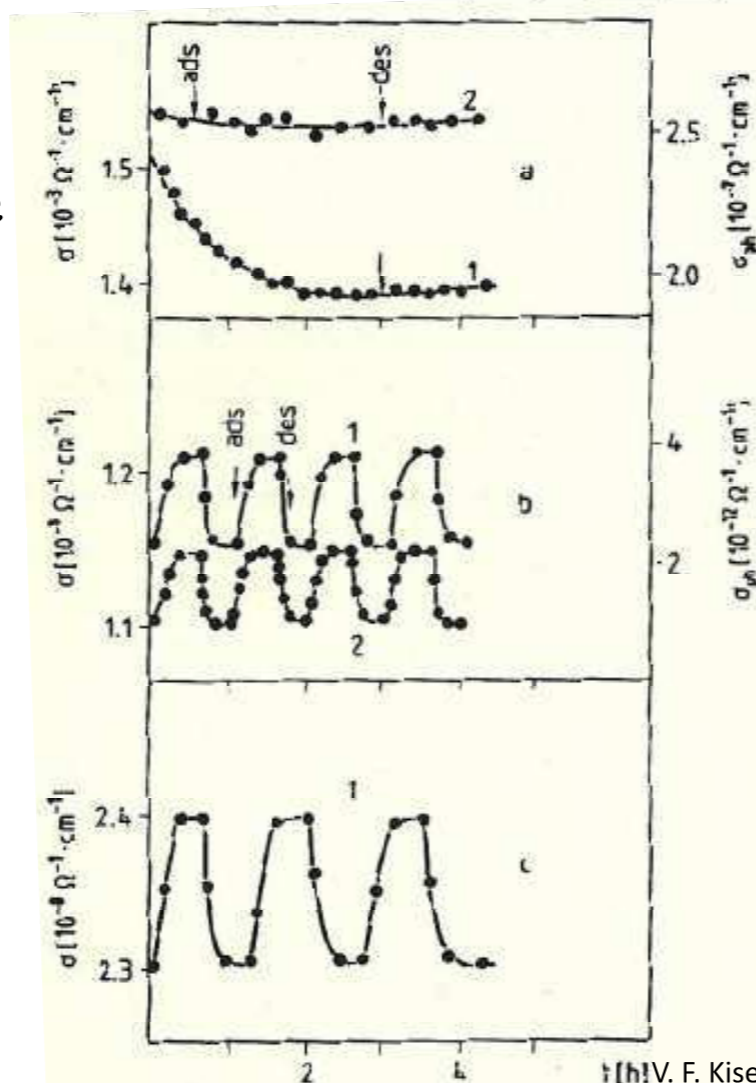
Adsorption of Donor Molecules



Water on reduced rutile

Water on oxidized and hydrated rutile

Ammonia on oxidized and hydrated rutile



1 conductivity
2 photoconductivity

→ formation of strong coordinative bonds

Fig.6.3a-c. Variations in conductivity σ (1) and photoconductivity $\Delta\sigma_{ph}$ (2) of rutile monocrystal in adsorption-desorption cycling of water (a,b) and ammonia (c) on oxidized and hydrated (b,c) and reduced (a) specimens. First admission at $t=0$

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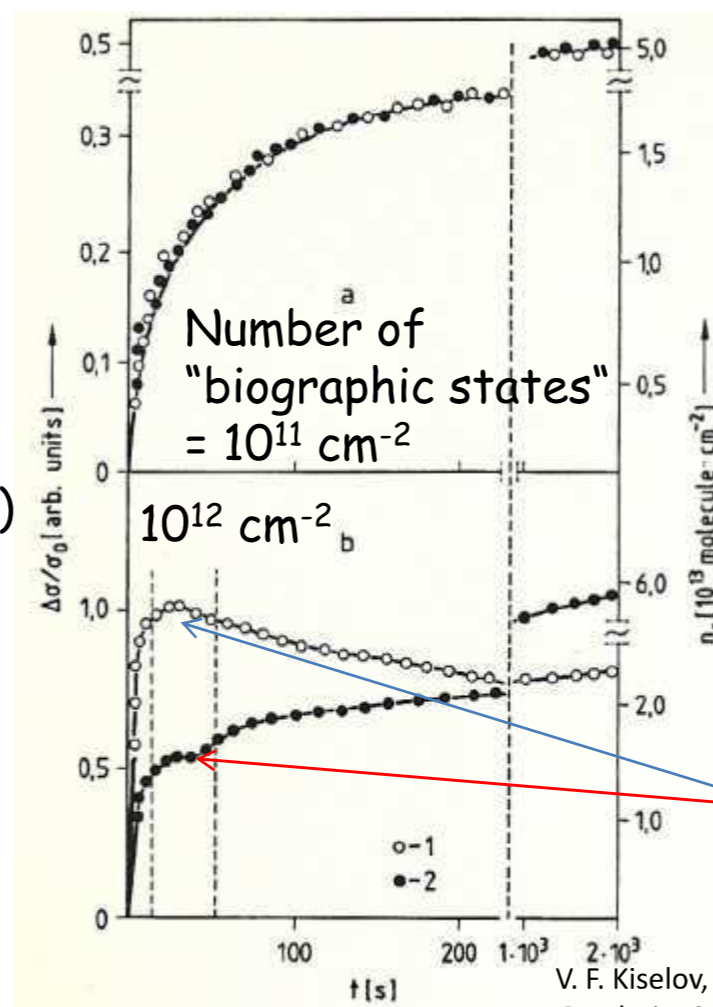
Adsorption of Acceptor Molecules



Chemisorption of NO₂ on PbS

biographic states = additional set of electron surface states in the forbidden band due to domains, steps, dislocation exits, vacancies, and other defects

Variation in conductivity (1)



Number of chemisorbed NO₂ at p = 0.7 torr (2)

Rate of adsorption changes when the sign of $\partial Q_{ss}(t)/\partial t$ is reversed owing to recharging of a number of traps

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Previous slides: Behavior of thin layers

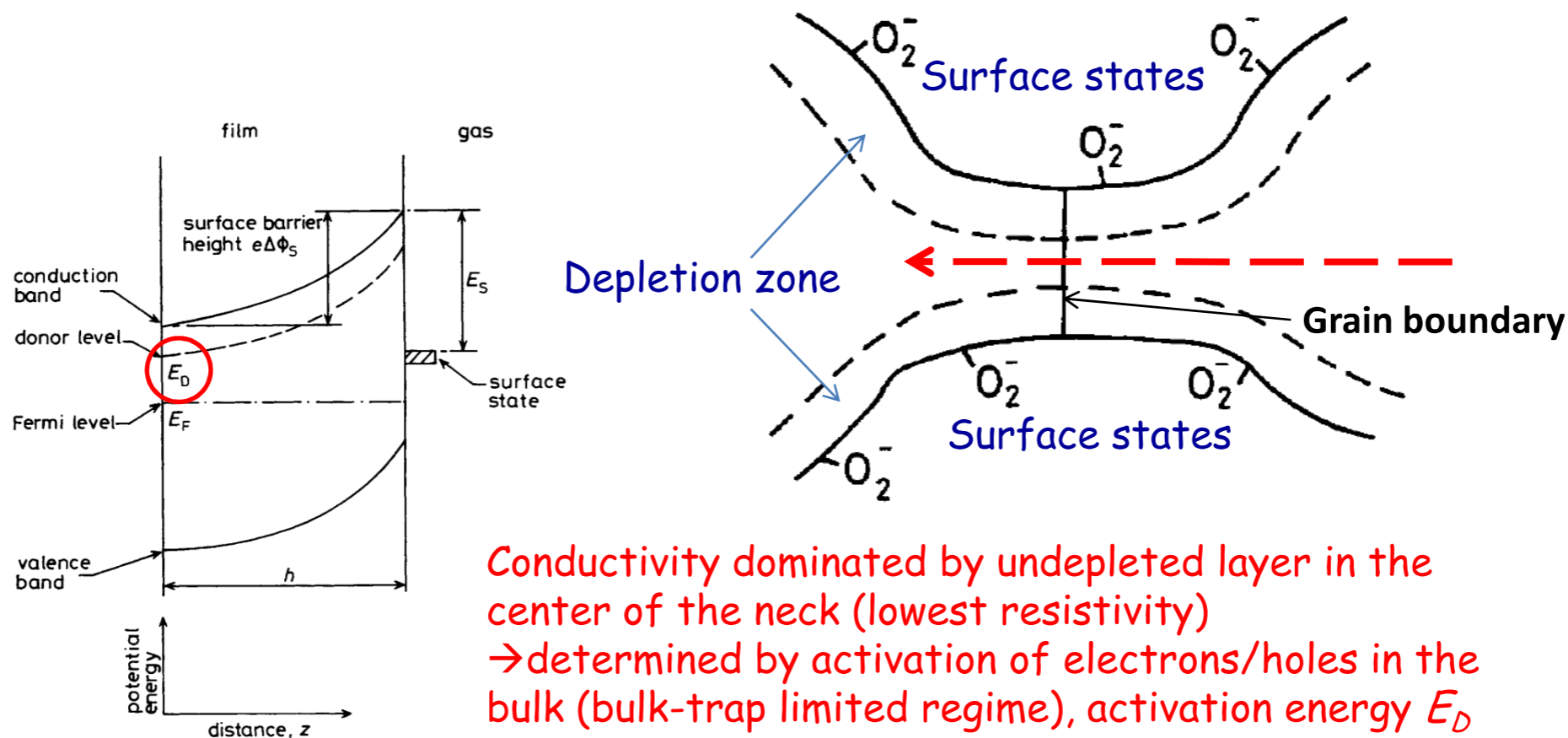
Next slides: Behavior of **massive porous bodies** (real catalysts) →
conductance limited by intergrain constrictions



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1st scenario: well sintered case with a fully open "neck"

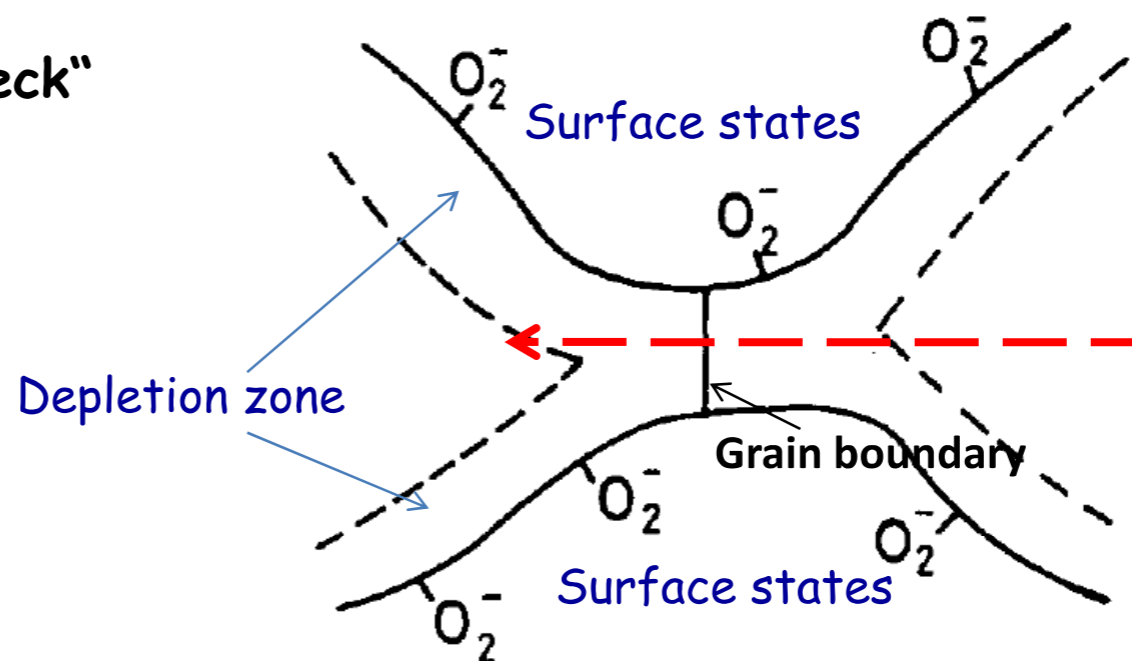
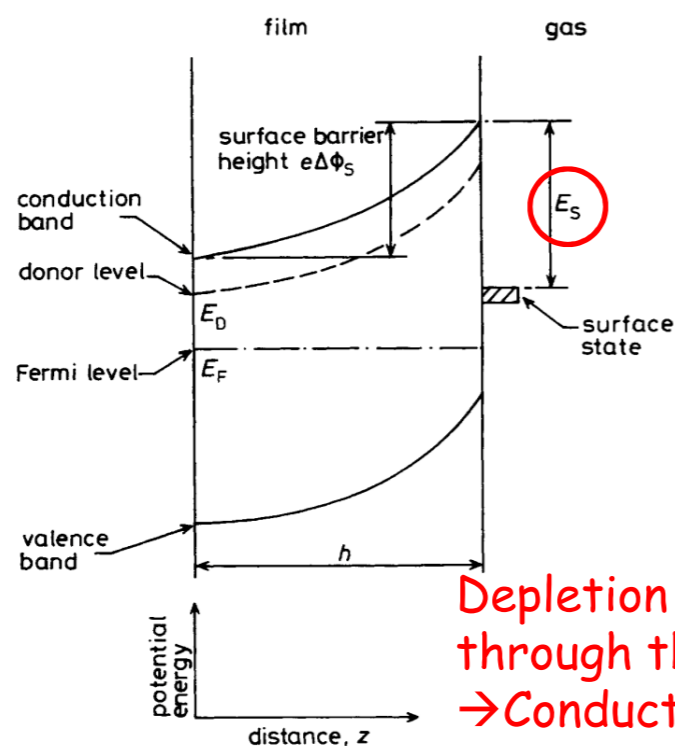


Conductivity dominated by undepleted layer in the center of the neck (lowest resistivity)
→ determined by activation of electrons/holes in the bulk (bulk-trap limited regime), activation energy E_D
→ little effect of gaseous atmosphere (only on the effective channel width)

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2nd scenario: closed "neck"



Depletion zones overlap leaving a higher resistance ohmic path through the center

→ Conductivity determined by activation of electrons/holes from surface states (surface-trap limited regime), activation energy E_s

→ directly affected by influence of gas atmosphere on the occupancy of surface states

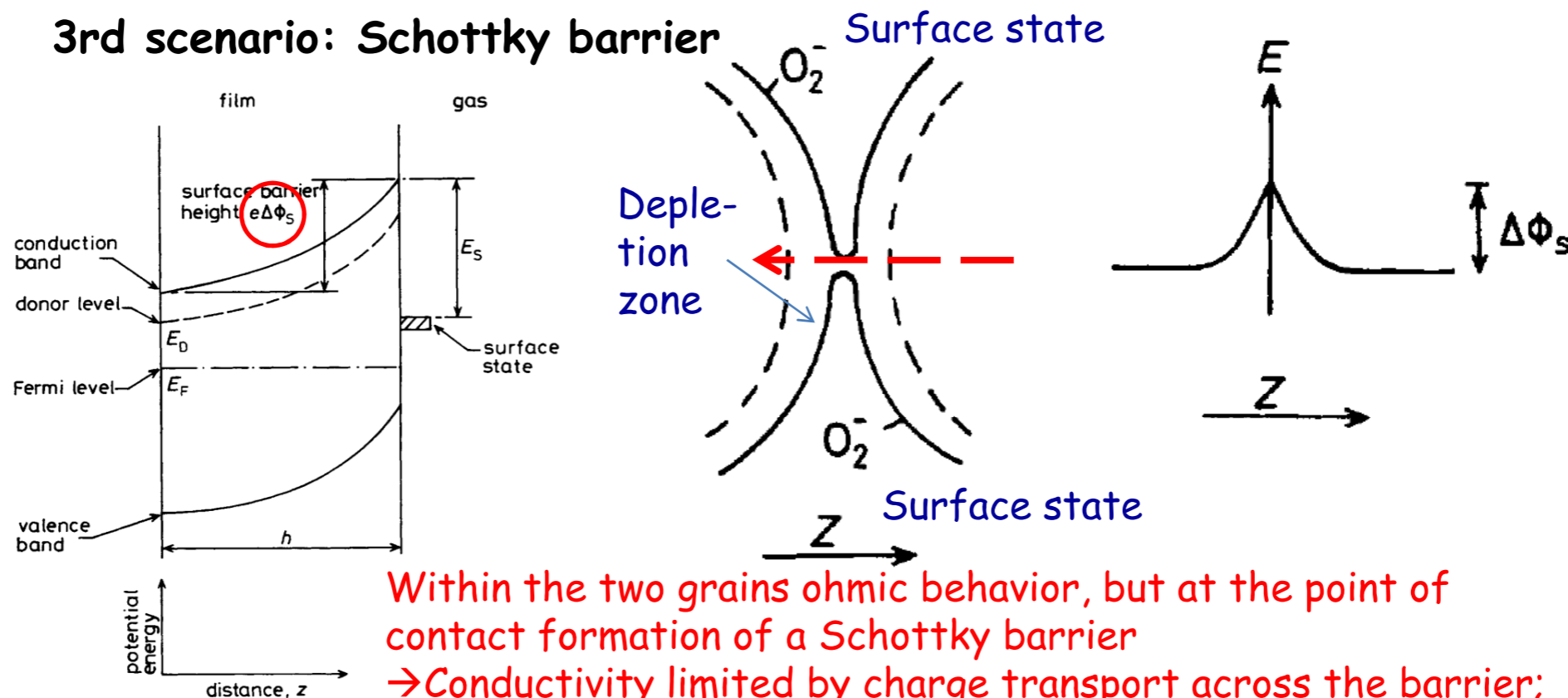
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3rd scenario: Schottky barrier

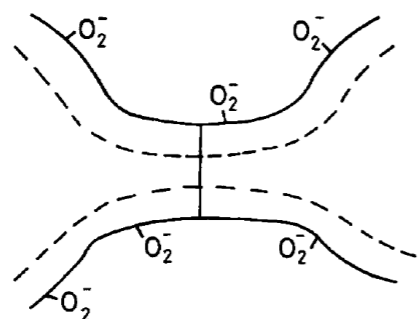


Within the two grains ohmic behavior, but at the point of contact formation of a Schottky barrier
→ Conductivity limited by charge transport across the barrier;
 $\sigma \approx \text{constant} \times \exp(-e\Delta\phi_s)/k_B T$
→ direct affected by charge and fractional coverage of surface species and hence the composition of gas atmosphere

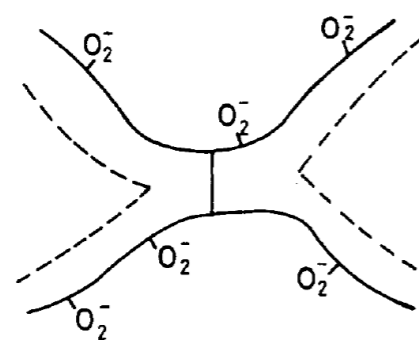
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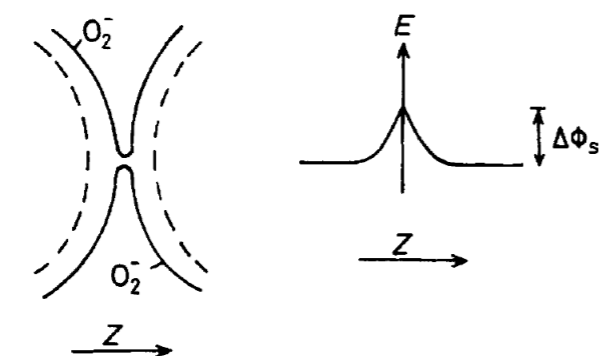
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Bulk-trap limited: low oxygen partial pressures, no dependence on gas phase, $\log \sigma$ vs. $1/T$, slope E_D (single activation energy)



Surface-trap limited: high oxygen partial pressures; $\log \sigma$ vs. $1/T$, dependence on oxygen partial pressure: slope $E_D \rightarrow E_S$; two or three straight line regions with **different slopes** depending on formation of increasingly stable surface species: $O_2^- < O^- < O^{2-}$



Schottky barrier: $\sigma \approx \text{constant} \times \exp(-e\Delta\phi_s)/k_B T$; $\Delta\phi_s \sim (\text{surface charge})^2 \rightarrow$ **sigmoid plot** for change of surface charge (e.g. factor of 4 for $OH^- \rightarrow O^{2-}$, $O^- \rightarrow O^{2-}$, $O_2^- \rightarrow 2O^-$ in dependence of T)

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Table 2. Temperatures of physical changes in porous SnO₂

T/°C	physical change	ref.
150	desorption of O ₂ ⁻	24
160	O ₂ ⁻ → O ⁻ transformation	18
227	dry slope change (point marked E)	fig. 3
280	water loss begins, minimum in air resistivity; low-temperature limit of peak in apparent gas response	fig. 3 fig. 9(a)
350–400	maximum in apparent gas response	fig. 9(a)
400	desorption of water from OH ⁻	24
450	high-temperature limit in apparent gas response; water loss complete; maximum in air resistivity	fig. 9(a) fig. 3
520	desorption of O ⁻ or O ²⁻	24

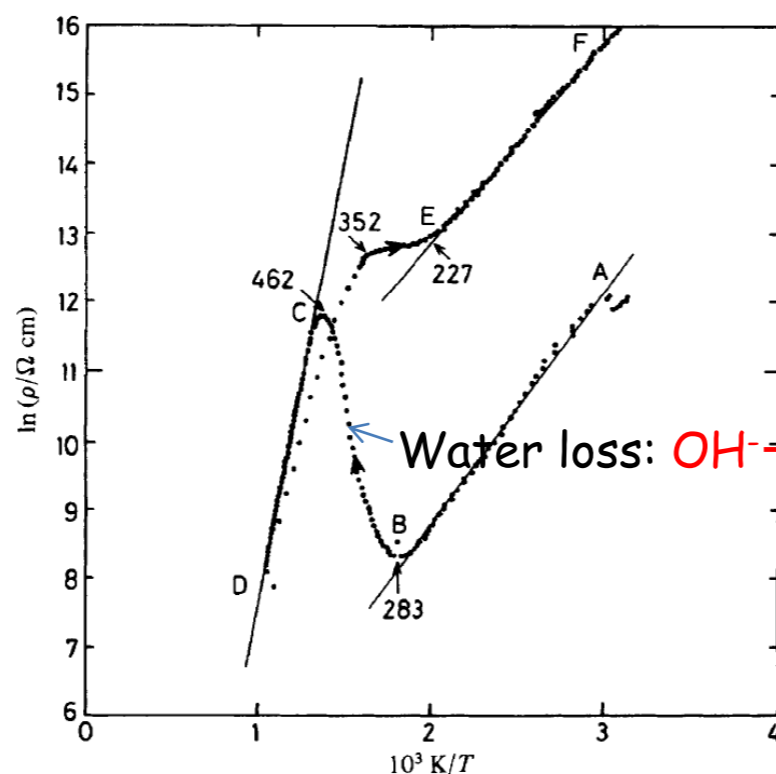


Fig. 3. Resistance–temperature relationship for a porous pellet of SnO₂ (FEM) in air. (i) Track ABCD: first temperature increase of moist pellet in moist or dry air. (ii) Track DCBA: reversible behaviour of pellet in moist air. (iii) Section BC: loss of moisture from moist pellet in dry air. (iv) Track DCEF: behaviour on temperature decrease, first temperature cycle in dry air. (v) Track FECD: reversible behaviour of dry pellet in dry air.

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Experimental



DC measurements



2 point DC method:

Electrical resistivity (specific electrical resistance) [Ωm]:

$$\rho = R \frac{A}{l}$$

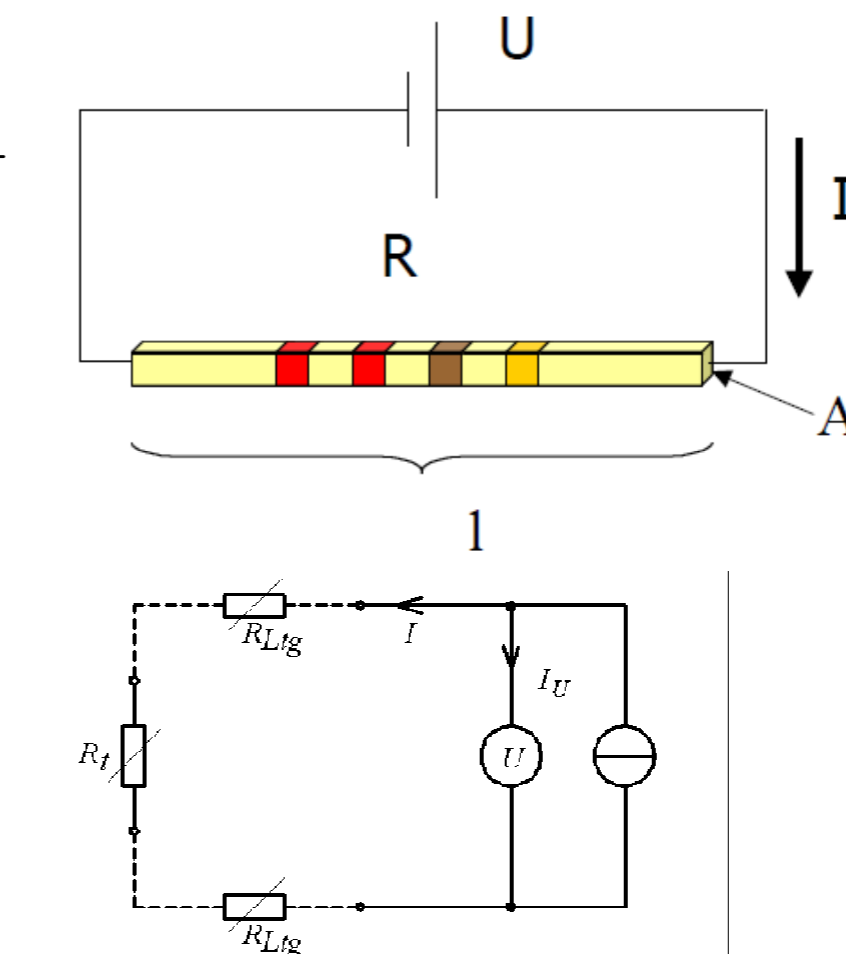
Electrical resistance [Ωm]:

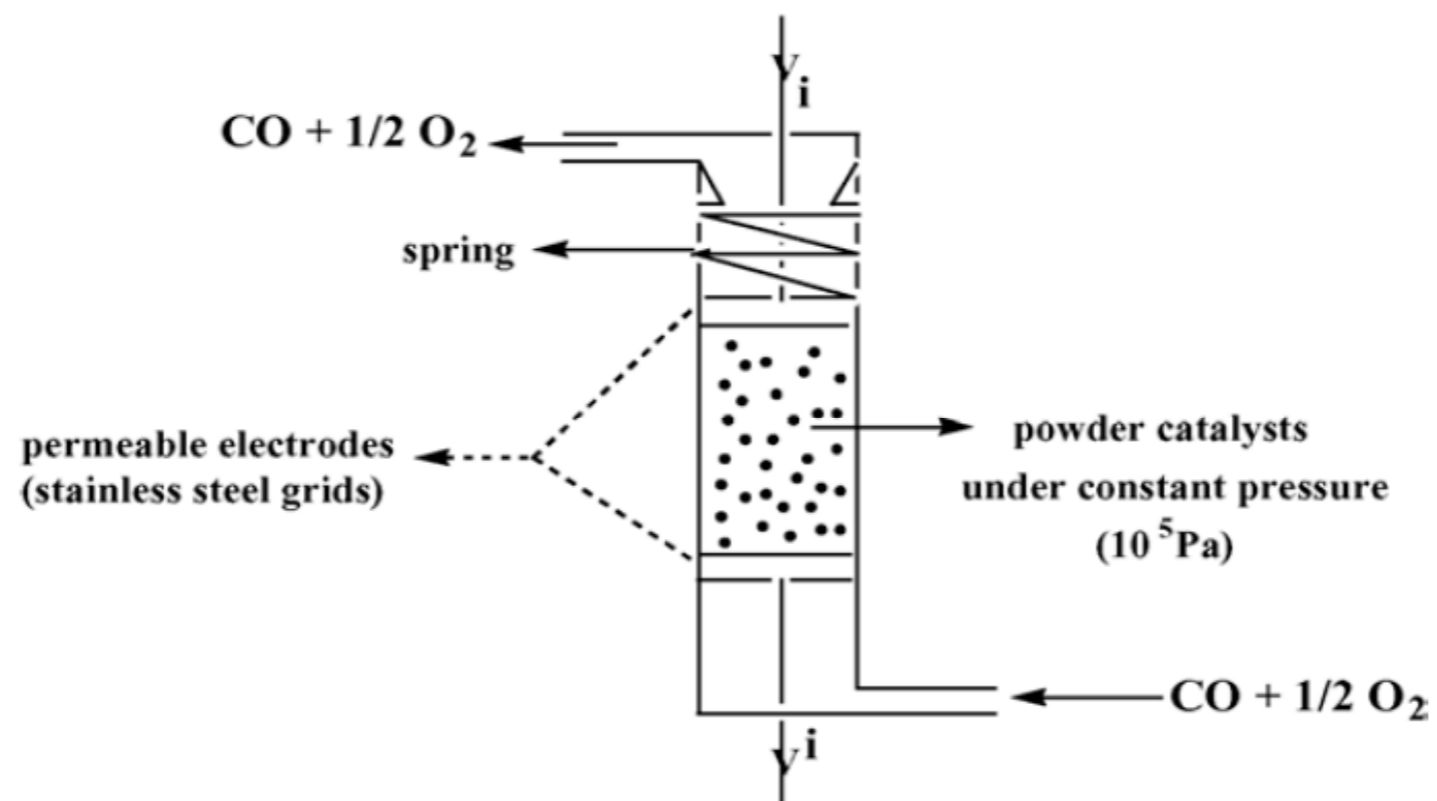
$$R = \frac{U}{I}$$

Conductivity [$(\Omega\text{m})^{-1} = \text{Mho m}^{-1} = \text{Sm}^{-1}$]:

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

Disadvantage: contact resistance between electrodes and material surface falsifies data





M. Breyse et al., *J. Catal.* **1972**, 27, 275-280



DC measurements



4 point DC method:

Current I is set \rightarrow known

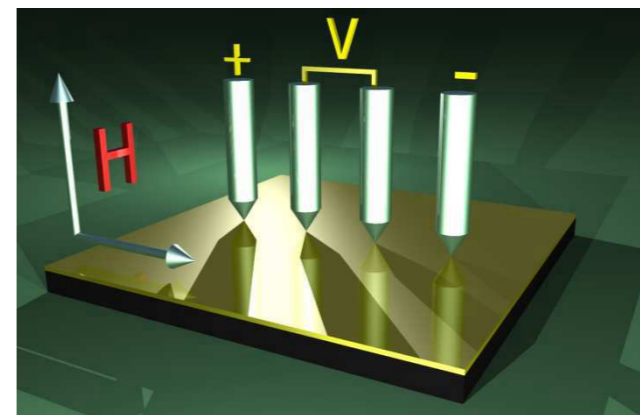
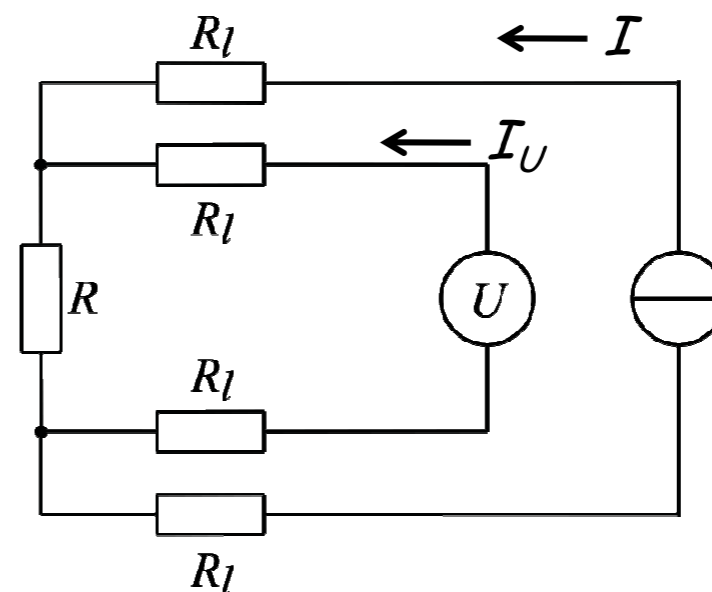
Resulting voltage U is measured

Resistance calculated with Ohm's law

$$RI \gg R_l I_U$$

Advantage: nearly no current flowing between voltmeter and contacts (measured vs. high resistance, $I_U \ll I$, nearly no voltage drop $\rightarrow R_l$ can be neglected)

Disadvantage: Polarization at electrode contacts





AC measurements

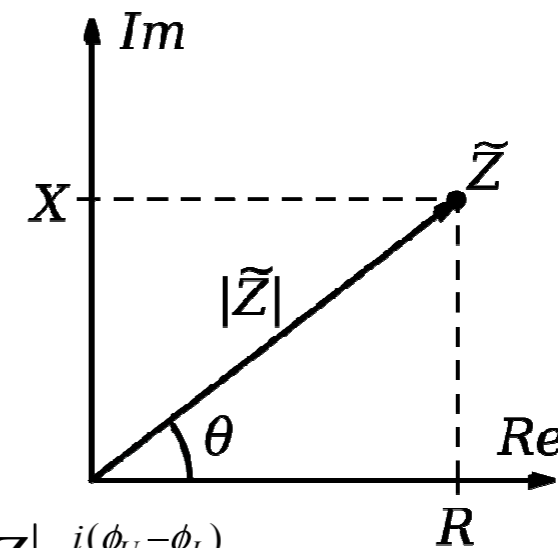


Impedance measurements (measurement at alternating voltages):

$$U(t) = \hat{U} e^{i(\omega t + \phi_U)}$$

$$I(t) = \hat{I} e^{i(\omega t + \phi_I)}$$

$$\text{Impedance } [\Omega]: |Z| = \frac{\hat{U}}{\hat{I}} = \sqrt{R^2 + X^2}$$



Complex impedance: $Z = R + iX = |Z| e^{i\theta} = |Z| e^{i(\phi_U - \phi_I)}$

Resistance Reactance Phase difference between voltage and current

Ohm's law: $U = IZ = I|Z| e^{i\theta}$



AC measurements



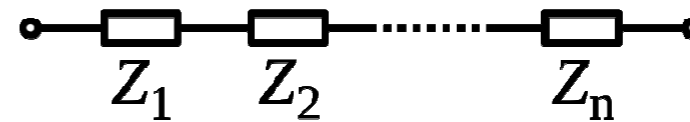
Impedance of an ideal resistor: $Z_R = R$

Impedance of an ideal inductor: $Z_L = i\omega L = \omega L e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}}$

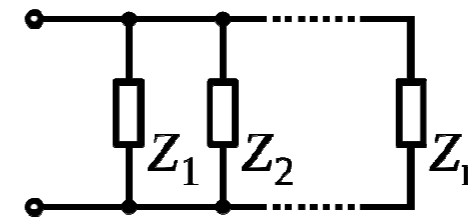
Impedance of an ideal capacitor: $Z_C = \frac{1}{i\omega C} = \frac{1}{\omega C} e^{i(-\frac{\pi}{2})}$

Total impedance calculated by using rules for combining impedances in series and parallel:

Series combination: $Z_{\text{tot}} = Z_1 + Z_2 + \dots + Z_n$



Parallel combination: $1/Z_{\text{tot}} = 1/Z_1 + 1/Z_2 + \dots + 1/Z_n$





AC measurements



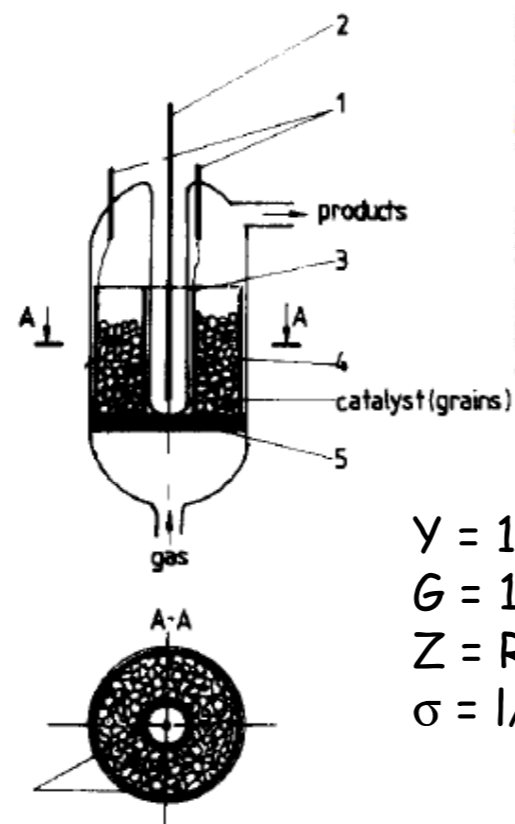
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Electrical conductivity of a MoVTenbO catalyst in propene oxidation measured in operando conditions

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$$Y = 1/Z = G + iB$$

$$G = 1/R$$

$$Z = R + iX \rightarrow C_p = 1/X_c = -\omega C$$

$$\sigma = 1/(R \cdot A)$$

Admittance Y

Impedance Z

Conductance G

Susceptance B

Ohmic Resistance R

Reactance X

Capacity Reactance X_c

Capacity C

Conductivity σ

Fig. 1. Dynamic reactor providing in situ electrical conductivity and catalytic activity measurements [28]: 1, tungsten contacts; 2, thermocouple; 3, tantalum cylinder (inner electrode); 4, tantalum cylinder (external electrode); 5, Pyrex glass frit.



Impedance spectroscopy



Impedance spectroscopy (IE): Sinusoidal voltage, frequency variation (typically between 10^6 and 10^{-3} Hz)

According to Ohm's law the impedance of a sample can be calculated by complex division of the voltage and current

Looking for an "equivalent circuit" with certain impedance elements that describes best the frequency-dependent behavior of the sample

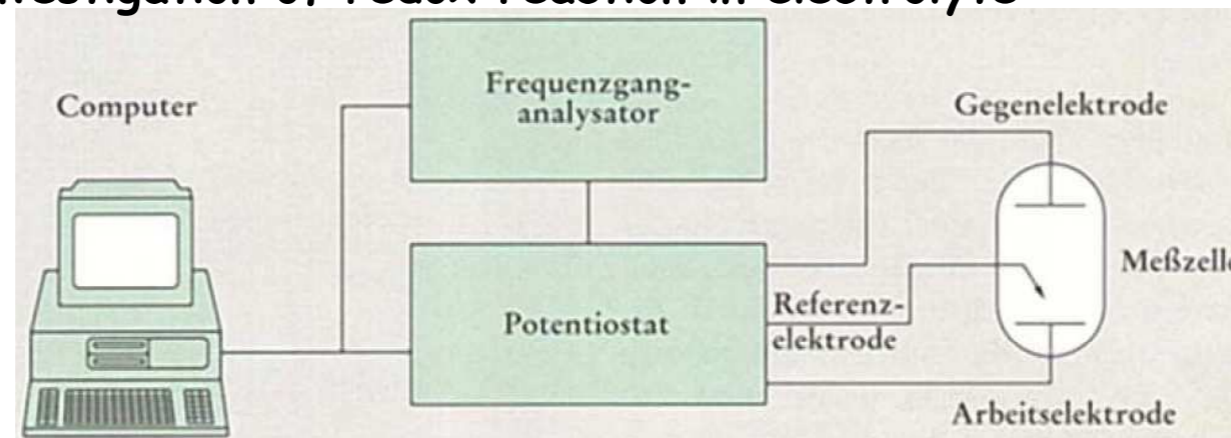
The impedance elements are related to certain physico-chemical properties, e.g. electrochemical double layer between electrode and electrolyte ions (Helmholtz layer) can be described by a capacitor



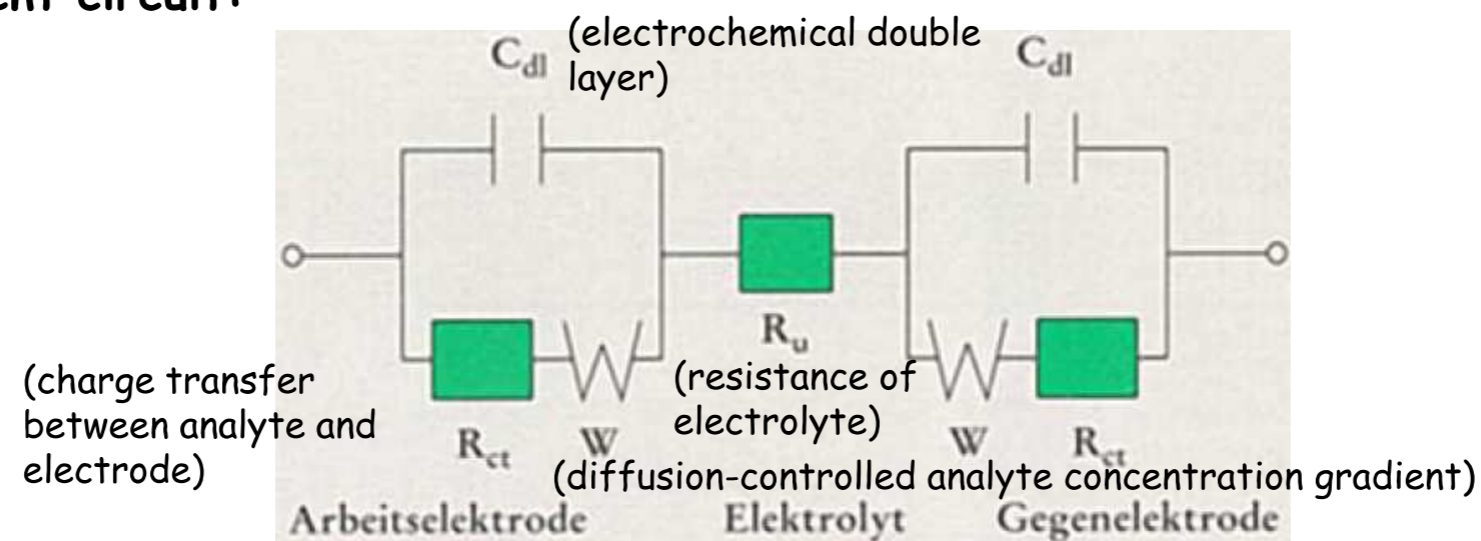
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Example: Investigation of redox reaction in electrolyte



Equivalent circuit:



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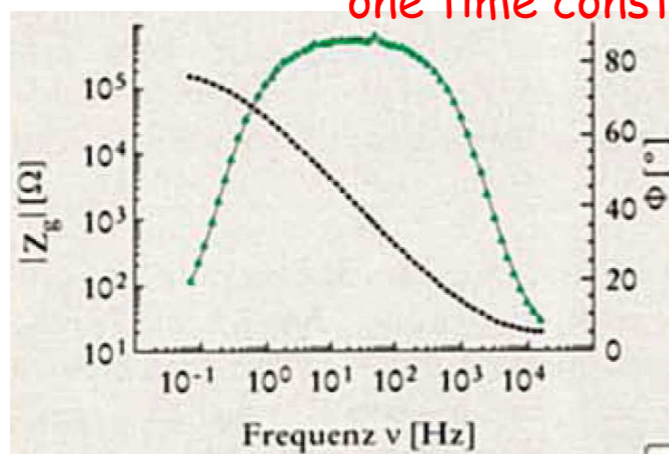
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Bode plot (phase angle θ vs. frequency)

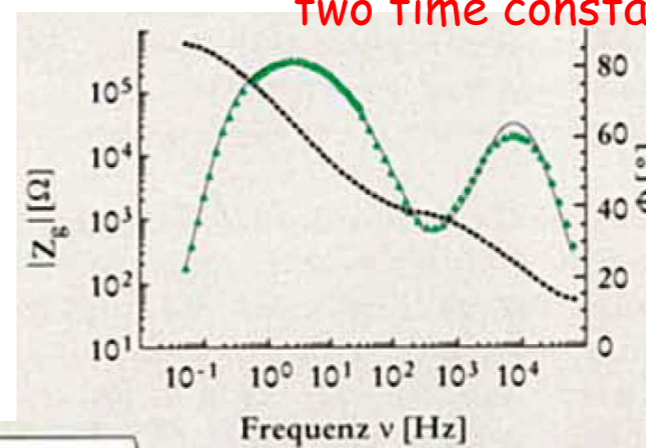
e.g. oxide layer on Al

one time constant ($\tau = R C$)

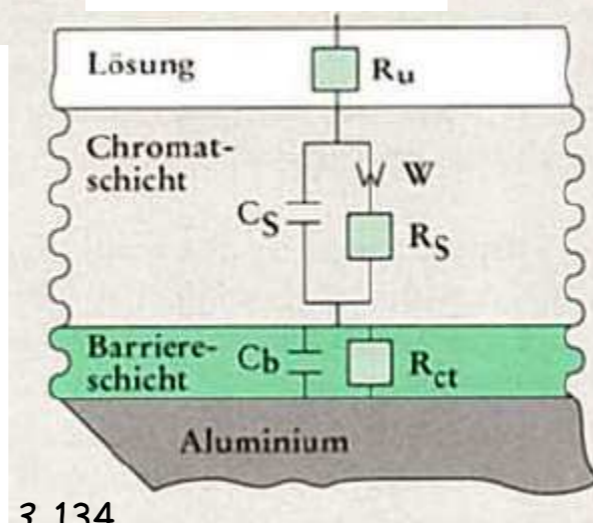


e.g. chromate layer on oxide layer on Al

two time constants



Equivalent circuit:



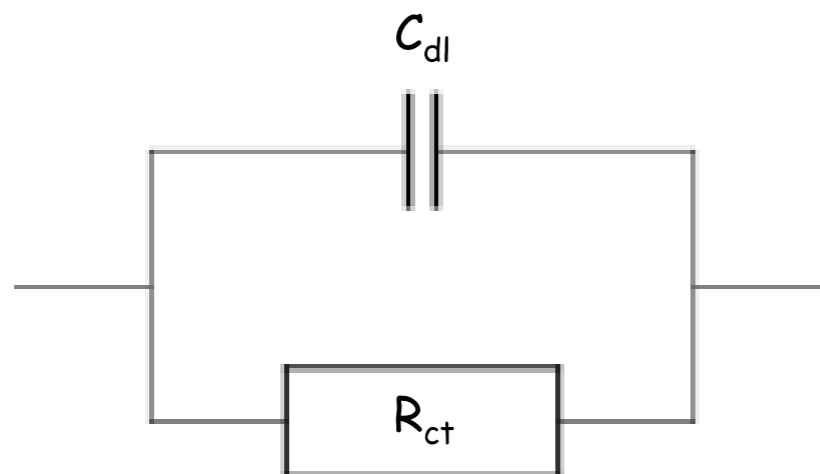
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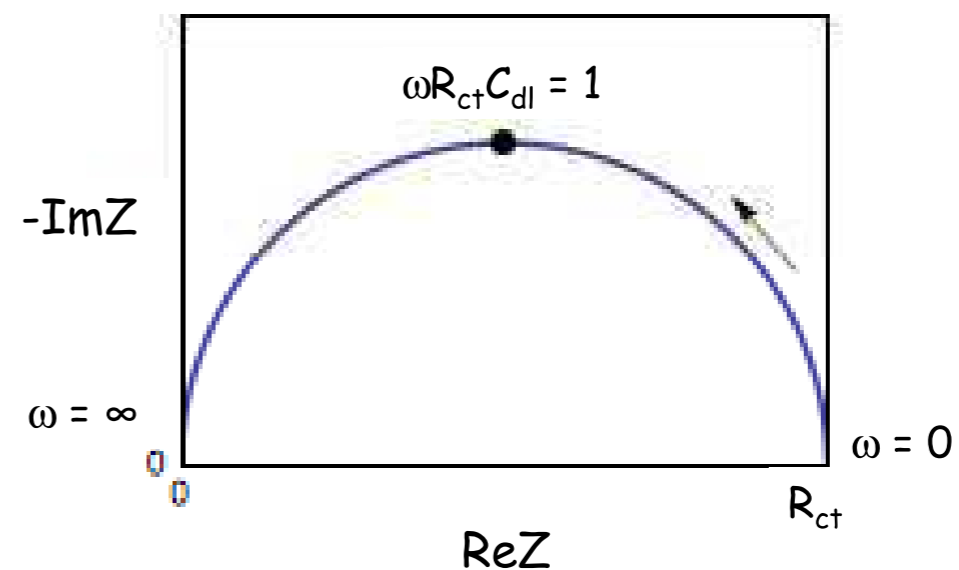
Impedance spectroscopy



Simplified equivalent circuit for a redox reaction:



Corresponding Nyquist diagram for RC parallel circuit:





Impedance spectroscopy



IrO₂ powders as anode catalysts in water electrolysis cells (oxygen evolution reaction, OER)

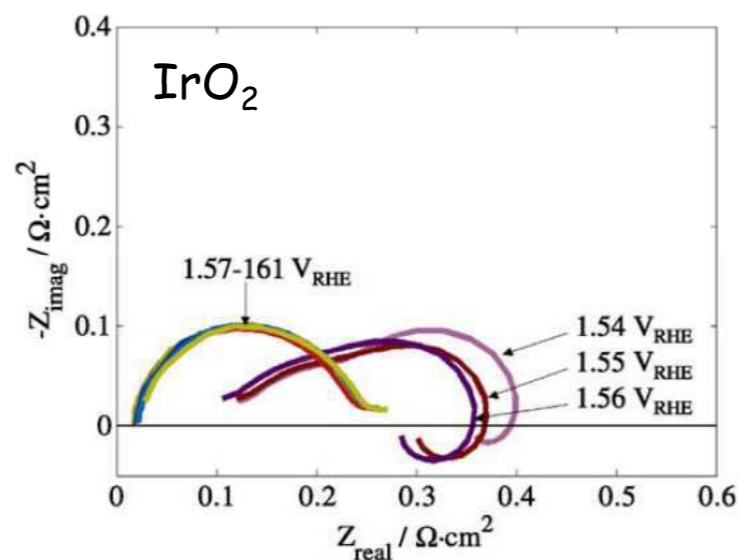


Fig. 6. Impedance of sample annealed at 440 °C as a function of potential in 10 mV steps from 1.54 to 1.61 V_{RHE} during oxygen evolution.

Two time constants, probably related to steps in OER

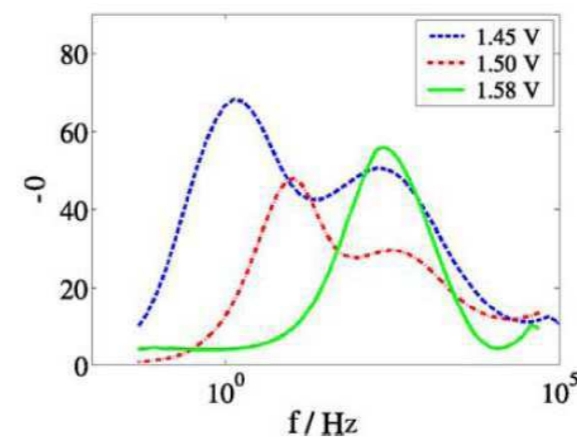


Fig. 8. Bode plot, phase angle θ vs. frequency f of sample annealed at 440 °C, as function of potential.

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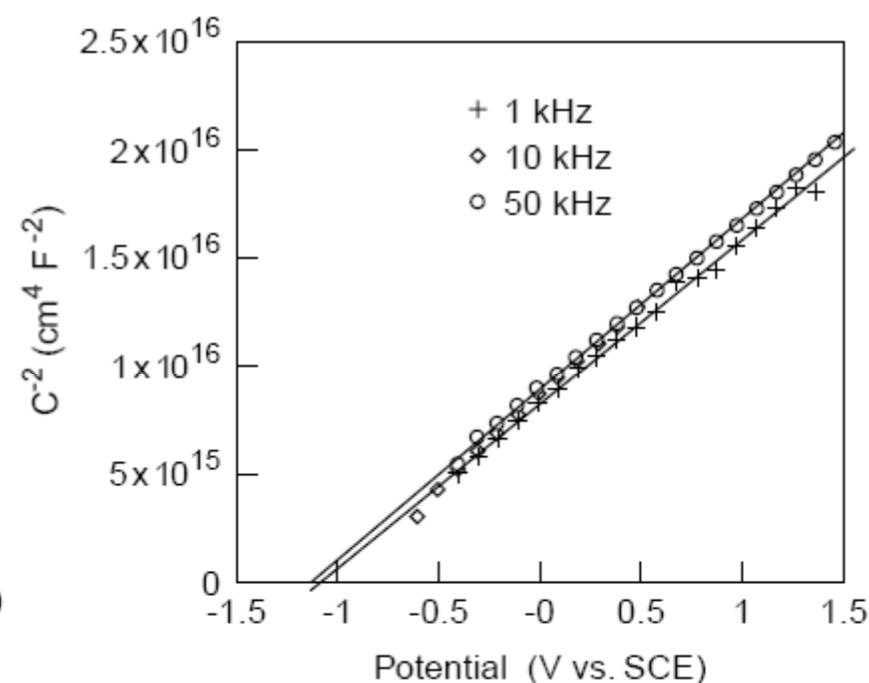
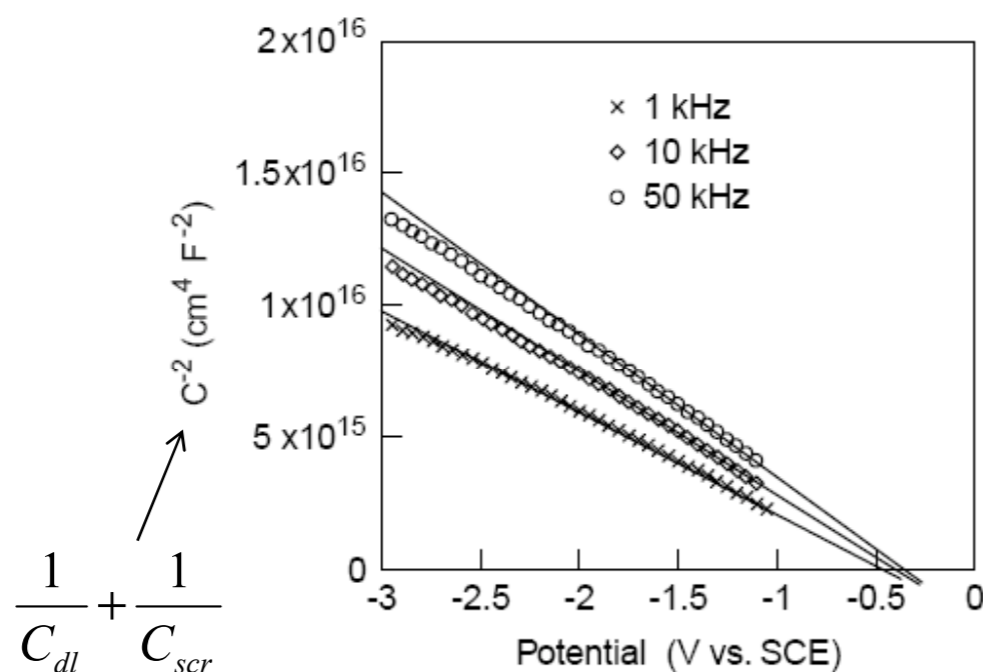


Impedance spectroscopy



Mott-Schottky plot for a p-type SC

Mott-Schottky plot for an n-type SC



$$\frac{1}{C_{dl}} + \frac{1}{C_{scr}}$$

$(C_{scr} \ll C_{dl} \rightarrow \frac{1}{C_{dl}}$ can be neglected)

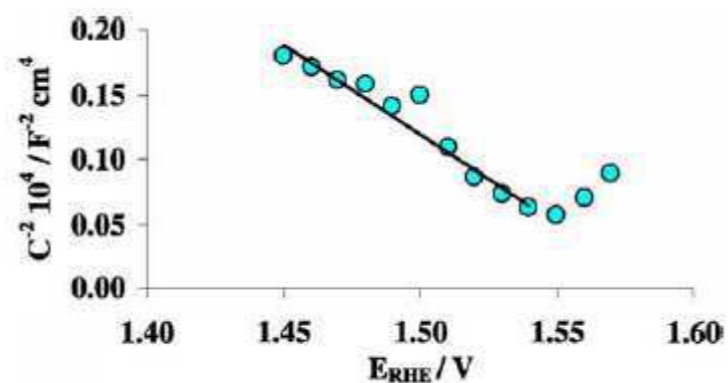
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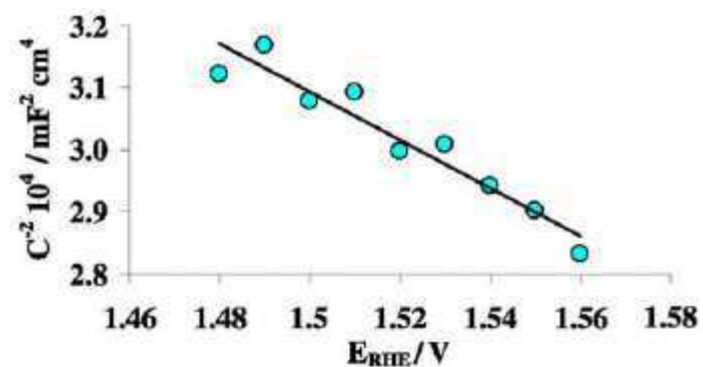


IrO₂



Change from p-type to n-type conduction with increasing potential (e.g. due to oxidation of Ir)

Fig. 10. Mott-Schottky plot of non-annealed sample.



Stable p-type semiconductor

Fig. 11. Mott-Schottky plot of sample annealed at 490 °C.

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Impedance spectroscopy



Localized Impedance Spectroscopy

array of circular gold *microelectrodes* (20 μm diameter) on polycrystalline Fe-doped SrTiO_3

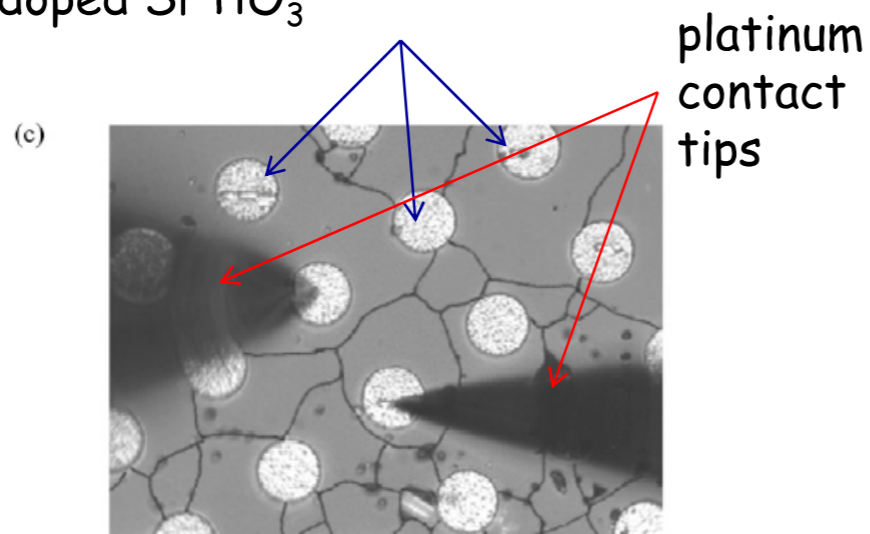
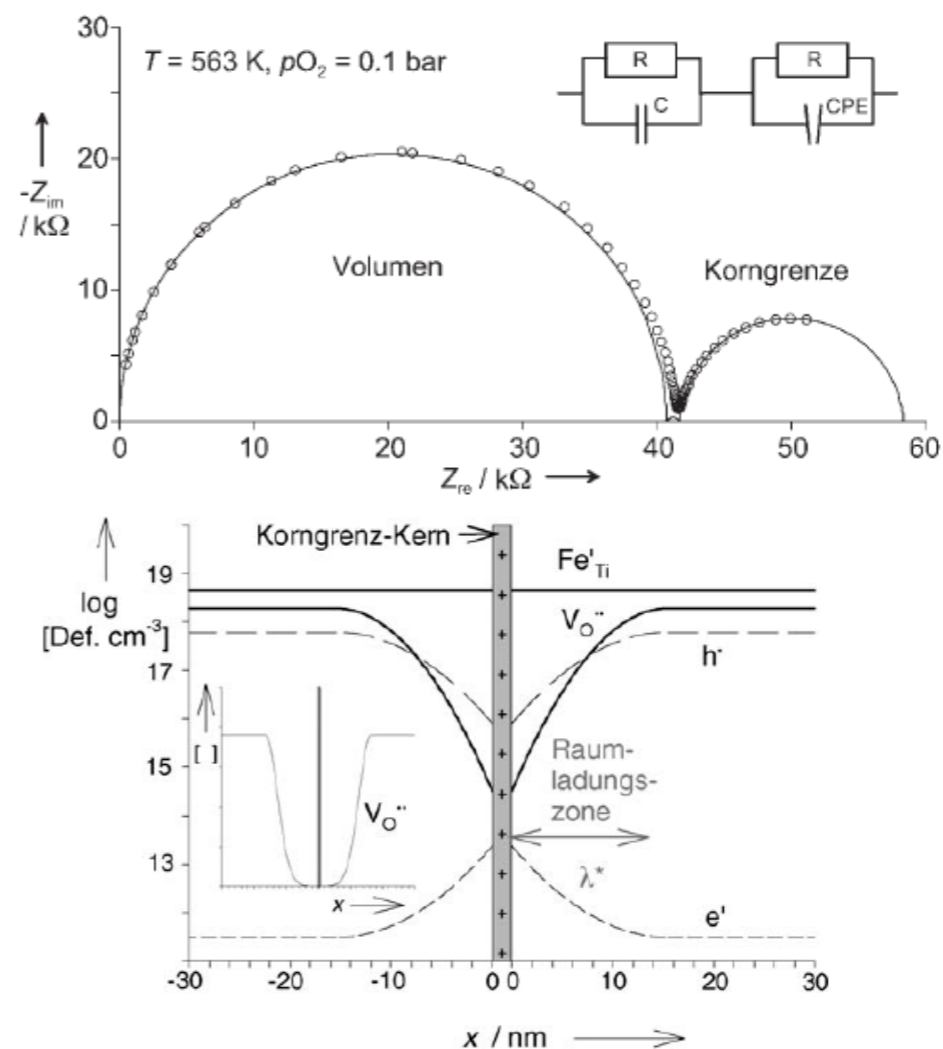


Fig. 1. (a) Electrode configuration sometimes used to perform "microelectrode" measurements. The end of a connection line is assumed to represent a microelectrode. (b) Sketch of a model sample with extended contact electrodes and very thin highly conductive connection lines to the circular "microelectrodes". (c) Image of circular microelectrodes on a SrTiO_3 polycrystal contacted under the optical microscope by contact tips.



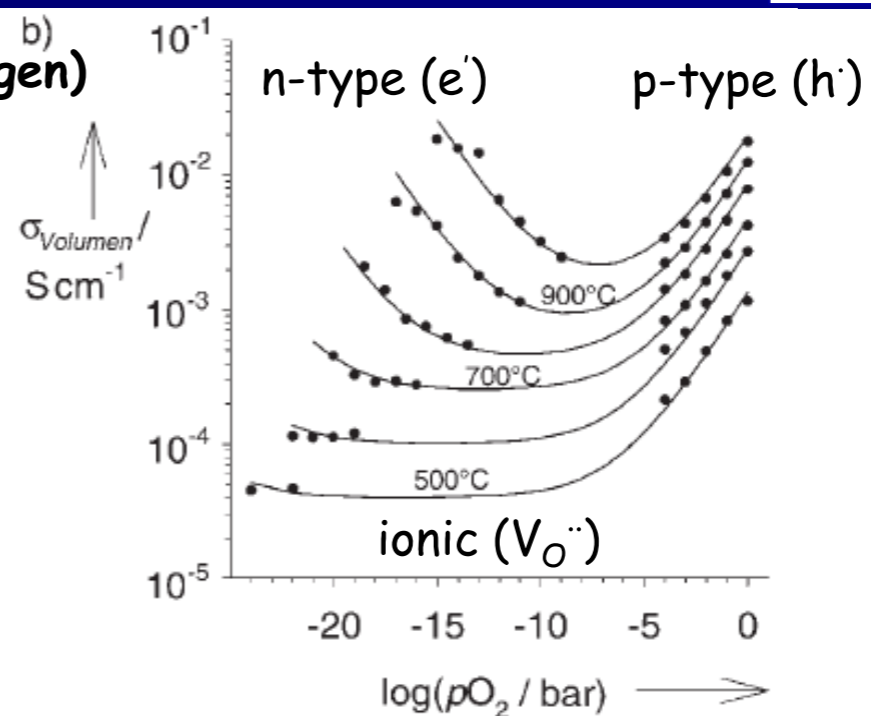
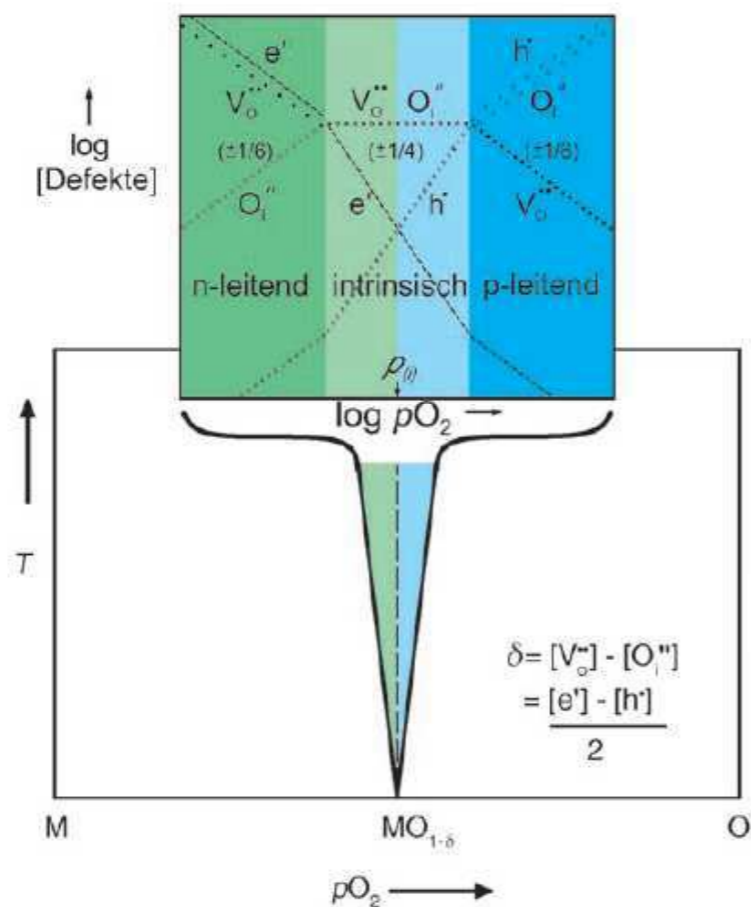
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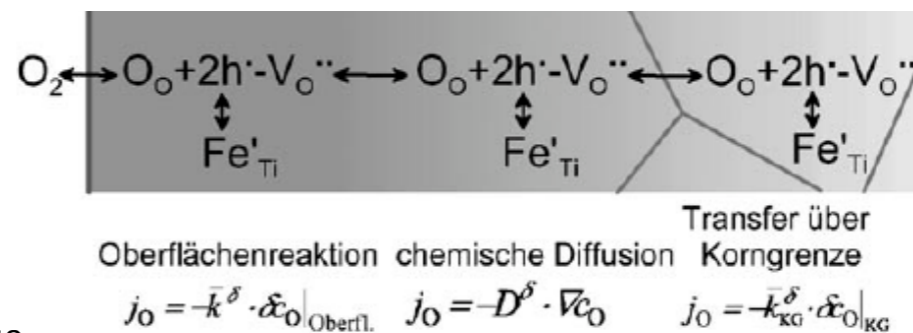
Ionic/electronic conductivity



Fe-doped SrTiO₃ (incorporation of oxygen)



Kinetic measurements to differentiate between:



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Ionic conductivity



Measurement of oxygen anionic conductivity:

Oxygen ion conductor
 Y_2O_3/ZrO_2 can suppress
hole and electron
conductivity \rightarrow only anion
conductivity is measured

$$\sigma_{n/p} = \sigma_{total} - \sigma_{ion}$$

