

**NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY**

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**EE1003 – INTRODUCTION TO MATERIALS FOR ELECTRONICS**

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Time Allowed: 2 hours

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. This paper contains 4 questions and comprises 8 pages.
2. Answer all 4 questions.
3. All questions carry equal marks.
4. This is a closed-book examination.
5. A Table of Physical Constants is provided in Appendix A on page 6, the periodic table is provided in Appendix B on page 7, and a List of Selected Formulae is provided in Appendix C on page 8.

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1. (a) Given that Copper (Cu) has two naturally occurring isotopes with mass numbers 63 and 65. The atomic masses of Cu with mass numbers 63 and 65 are 63 amu and 65 amu respectively. Calculate the % abundance of Cu with mass numbers 63 and 65.

(5 Marks)

- (b) The electron of a  $\text{He}^{1+}$  ion is in the ground state. Photons are used to excite the electron to  $n = 4$ . Calculate
  - (i) the maximum wavelength of the photons (in nm) to excite the electron,
  - (ii) the possible angular momentums and the components of the angular momentums in the  $z$  direction (in  $\text{J}\cdot\text{s}$ ) of the electron in the excited state.

(10 Marks)

Note: Question No. 1 continues on page 2

- (c) The total potential energy of a secondary bond between two atoms can be described by

$$E_N = -\frac{A}{r^6} + \frac{B}{r^{12}}$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are constants and  $r$  is the interatomic distance. The equilibrium interatomic distance is 0.40 nm and the bonding energy is  $-0.01$  eV.

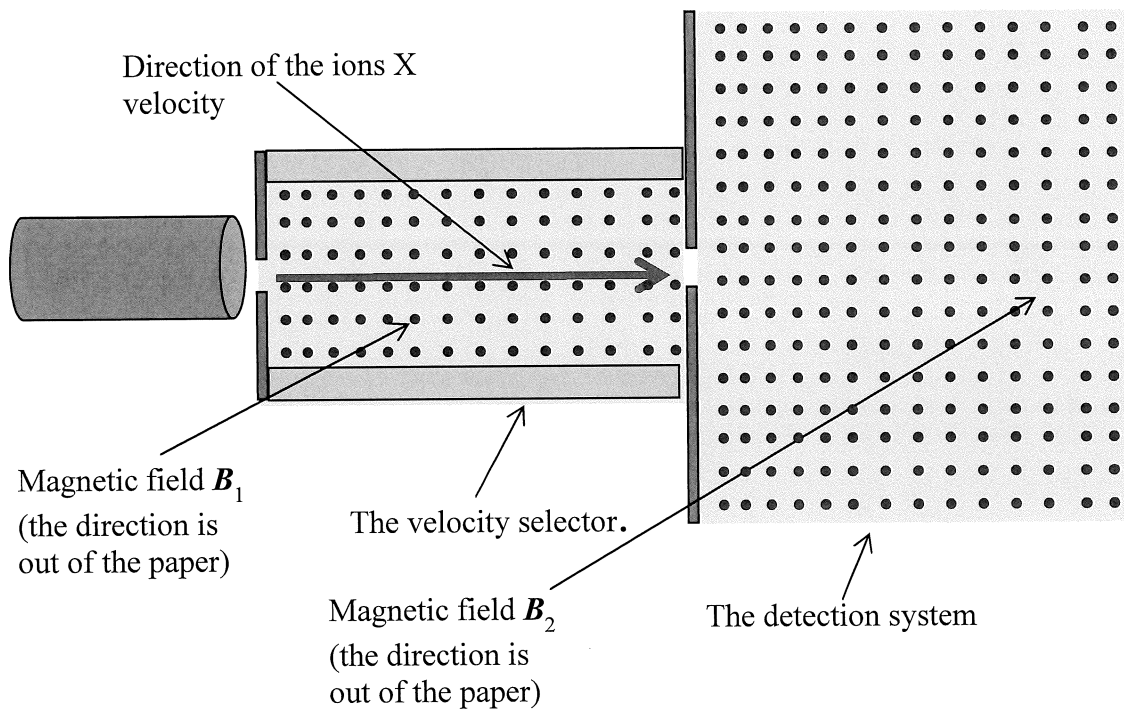
- (i) Express the magnitude of the attractive and repulsive forces in terms of the constants  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $r$ . Give also the directions of these forces.
- (ii) Calculate the constants  $A$  and  $B$  (give the units in terms of J and m).

(10 Marks)

2. (a) A mass spectrometer is used to measure the mass of element X. Figure 1 on page 3 shows the schematic diagram of the mass spectrometer. The ions X are all positively charged. The magnitudes of the magnetic fields  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  are 10 mT and 20 mT respectively, and their directions are out of the paper. In the velocity selectors, the velocity of the ions that travel in a straight line is 6000 m/s. In the detection section, the ions move in semicircular paths with the radii of curvature of 4 cm and 8 cm.
  - (i) Calculate the magnitude of the electric field in the velocity selector (in V/m) and give the direction of the electric field.
  - (ii) Sketch the semicircular paths of the ions in the detection system and indicate the velocity and the force acting on the ions.
  - (iii) Explain why two semicircular paths with the radii of curvature of 4 cm and 8 cm are observed. Calculate the mass of element X (in amu).

(10 Marks)

Note: Question No. 2 continues on page 3

**Figure 1**

- (b) Aluminum (Al) has a face-centered cubic crystal structure with a lattice constant of 0.405 nm at 20 °C. There is one atom at each lattice point and the atoms touch each other with their nearest neighbor. The linear thermal expansion of Aluminum is  $24 \times 10^{-6} \text{ }^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$ .
- Calculate the atomic radius (in nm) and the mass density (in  $\text{g/cm}^3$ ) of Aluminum at 20 °C.
  - Sketch the  $(\bar{1}01)$  plane indicating the origin and the axes, and hence calculate the planar atomic density (in  $\text{cm}^{-2}$ ) on the  $(\bar{1}01)$  plane at 20 °C.
  - Calculate the mass density (in  $\text{g/cm}^3$ ) of the Aluminum if it is heated to 100 °C. Assume that Al is isotropic.

(10 Marks)

Note: Question No. 2 continues on page 4

- (c) Germanium (Ge) is a semiconductor material and has the diamond crystal structure. The lattice constant is 0.565 nm.
- (i) Write down the electron configuration of Ge.
- (ii) Calculate the number of quantum states per unit volume (in  $\text{cm}^{-3}$ ) in the conduction and valence band.

(5 Marks)

3. (a) Briefly describe the following terms for the flow of electrons in a metal: electron mobility, drift velocity, and relaxation time.

(6 Marks)

- (b) The resistivities of pure Cu and NiCu with atomic fraction of 5% Ni at different temperatures are shown in Table 1. Calculate the temperature coefficient of resistivity for Cu and composition independent coefficient of CuNi alloy. Assume that the deformation of the metals is negligible.

(6 Marks)

**Table 1**

Temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	Resistivity ( $\mu\Omega\cdot\text{cm}$ )	
	Cu	CuNi
-50	1.2	6.9
50	1.8	7.5

- (c) Define p-type extrinsic semiconductors. Give an example of a material added as dopants to Si to produce p-type extrinsic semiconductor. Why is a hole said to be an imaginary particle? Explain how holes can move in a silicon crystal lattice. Use a sketch to illustrate if it is necessary.

(6 Marks)

- (d) The electrical resistivity of pure germanium (Ge) is  $0.46 \Omega\cdot\text{m}$  at 300 K. The bandgap of Ge is 0.67 eV. The electron and hole mobilities at 300 K are  $0.38 \text{ m}^2\text{V}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$  and  $0.18 \text{ m}^2\text{V}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ , respectively. Calculate its electron and hole concentrations and electrical conductivity at  $425^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Assume that the bandgap is independent of temperature.

(7 Marks)

4. (a) Calculate the velocity of light in a material, which has a dielectric constant (relative permittivity) of 2.056 and a magnetic susceptibility of  $-1.43 \times 10^{-5}$ .

(6 Marks)

- (b) A ray of light strikes a polished transparent material from air at normal incident angle. The thickness of the material is 20 mm. The material has a refractive index of 1.6 and a transmissivity of 0.85. The reflections at air/material (material/air) interfaces should be considered, but multiple reflections inside the glass can be ignored.

- (i) Derive the transmissivity of the material in terms of reflectivity, absorption coefficient, and the thickness of the sample.
- (ii) Determine the thickness of the material that will yield a transmissivity of 0.75.

(6 Marks)

- (c) Briefly describe the phenomenon of luminescence. What are the differences between photoluminescence, cathodoluminescence, and electroluminescence? Explain why the emitted light has a down-shift in frequency as compared to that of the exciting light during a photoluminescence process.

(6 Marks)

- (d) Draw a hysteresis B-H loop for a ferromagnetic material and indicate on it: (i) the saturation induction, (ii) the remanent induction, and (iii) the coercivity. Calculate the theoretical value of the maximum magnetization for nickel (Ni), assuming that all unpaired 3d electrons contribute to the magnetization. Note that Ni has a face-centered cubic (FCC) crystal structure with a lattice constant of 0.352 nm.

(7 Marks)

## APPENDIX A

Table of Physical Constants

	Symbol	Value	Units
Planck constant	$h$	$6.63 \times 10^{-34}$	J·s
Planck constant/ $2\pi$	$\hbar$	$1.05 \times 10^{-34}$	J·s
Speed of light	$c$	$3.0 \times 10^8$	m/s
Electronic charge	$e$ (or $q$ )	$1.6 \times 10^{-19}$	C
Boltzmann's constant	$k_B$ (or $k$ )	$1.38 \times 10^{-23}$	J/K
Free electron rest mass	$m_0$	$9.1 \times 10^{-31}$	kg
Proton rest mass	$m_p$	$1.67 \times 10^{-27}$	kg
Avogadro's number	$N_A$	$6.02 \times 10^{23}$	mol <sup>-1</sup>
Permeability of free space	$\mu_0$	$4\pi \times 10^{-7}$	H/m
Permittivity of free space	$\epsilon_0$	$8.85 \times 10^{-12}$	F/m
Rydberg constant	$R_d$	$1.097 \times 10^7$	m <sup>-1</sup>
Bohr radius	$a_0$	$5.292 \times 10^{-11}$	m
Gas constant	$R$	8.31	Jmol <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup>
Electron-volt	1 eV	$1.6 \times 10^{-19}$	J
Thermal voltage ( $T = 300$ K)	$kT/q$	0.0259	V



## The Periodic Table

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## APPENDIX C

List of Selected Formulae

$$1 \text{ amu} = \frac{1}{6.02 \times 10^{23}} \text{ g} = 1.66 \times 10^{-24} \text{ g}, \quad \mathbf{F}_\xi = e\xi, \quad \mathbf{F}_{B_1} = e\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}_1, \quad v = \frac{\xi}{B_1}, \quad m = \frac{eB_1B_2r}{\xi},$$

$$E_n = -\frac{m_0 Z^2 e^4}{2(4\pi \epsilon_0 n \hbar)^2} = -\frac{13.6 Z^2}{n^2} \text{ eV}, \quad l = 0, 1, 2, \dots, (n-1), \quad L = \sqrt{l(l+1)} \hbar,$$

$$m_l = -l, -l+1, \dots, 0, \dots, l-1, l, \quad L_z = m_l \hbar, \quad \cos \theta = \frac{L_z}{L}, \quad s = \frac{1}{2}, \quad S = \sqrt{s(s+1)} \hbar = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{3} \hbar,$$

$$m_s = \pm \frac{1}{2}, \quad S_z = \pm \frac{1}{2} \hbar, \quad E_{ph} = hf = \frac{hc}{\lambda}, \quad \Delta l = \pm 1, \quad \Delta m_l = 0, \pm 1, \quad \mathbf{F}_N = \mathbf{F}_A + \mathbf{F}_R, \quad E_A = -\int_{\infty}^r \mathbf{F}_A \cdot d\mathbf{r},$$

$$E_R = -\int_{\infty}^r \mathbf{F}_R \cdot d\mathbf{r}, \quad E_N = E_A + E_R, \quad \Delta E_s = \frac{E_T - E_B}{N}, \quad \phi = E_{vac} - E_F, \quad C = \frac{dQ}{dT},$$

$$u(x, t) = u_0 \cos(\omega t - kx), \quad v = \lambda f = \frac{\omega}{k}, \quad C_v = AT^3, \quad C_v = 3R, \quad \frac{\Delta l}{l_0} = \alpha_l \Delta T, \quad \frac{\Delta V}{V_0} = \alpha_v \Delta T,$$

$$\alpha_v = 3\alpha_l, \quad q = -k \frac{dT}{dx}, \quad k = k_l + k_e, \quad L = \frac{k}{\sigma T}, \quad \rho = R \frac{A}{l}, \quad J = \sigma \xi, \quad \mu = \frac{e\tau}{m_e^*}, \quad J = en\mu \xi,$$

$$\frac{1}{\mu} = \frac{1}{\mu_t} + \frac{1}{\mu_i}, \quad \rho_{total} = \rho_t + \rho_i + \rho_d, \quad \rho_t = \rho_0(1 + \alpha_T T), \quad \rho_i = \underline{Ac_i(1 - c_i)}, \quad \sigma = ne\mu_e + pe\mu_h,$$

$$\sigma = CT^{-3/2} \exp\left(-\frac{E_g}{2kT}\right), \quad n_i \propto \exp\left(-\frac{E_g}{2kT}\right), \quad np = n_i^2, \quad C = \epsilon_r \epsilon_0 \frac{A}{d}, \quad p = qd, \quad D = \epsilon \xi,$$

$$D_0 = \epsilon_0 \xi, \quad P = \chi_e D_0, \quad D = \epsilon_0 \xi + P, \quad P_{total} = P_e + P_i + P_o, \quad c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon_o \mu_o}}, \quad R + A + T = 1,$$

$$I = I_0 \exp(-\alpha x), \quad \frac{n_1}{n_2} = \frac{\sin \phi_2}{\sin \phi_1}, \quad n = \frac{c}{v}, \quad R = \left(\frac{n_2 - n_1}{n_2 + n_1}\right)^2, \quad H = \frac{NI}{l}, \quad \mu = \mu_r \mu_0, \quad B_0 = \mu_0 H,$$

$$B = \mu_0 H + \mu_0 M, \quad M = \chi_m H, \quad \mu_B = \frac{eh}{4\pi m_e}, \quad M_{sat} = AD \cdot n_B \cdot \mu_B$$

END OF PAPER









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