

# *Fundamentals of Solid State Physics*

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## **Electron Motion in a Magnetic Field**

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# Outline

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- **Cyclotron resonance 回旋共振**
  - **measure the effective mass  $m^*$**
  
- **Hall effect 霍尔效应**
  - **measure the carrier density  $n$**

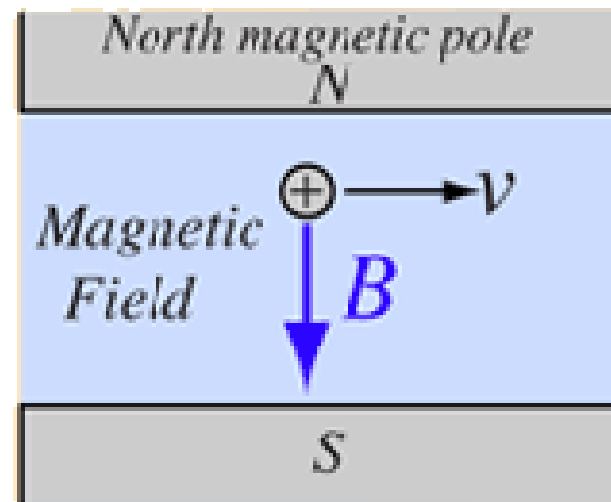
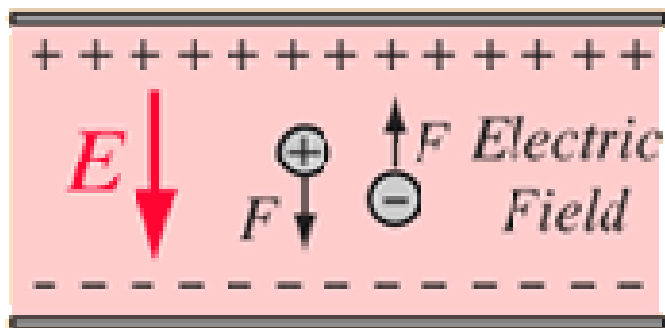
# Electrons in Electromagnetic Fields

- Lorentz force

$$\mathbf{F} = q\mathbf{E} + q\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}$$

electric  
force

magnetic  
force



# Cyclotron resonance 回旋共振

Lorentz force

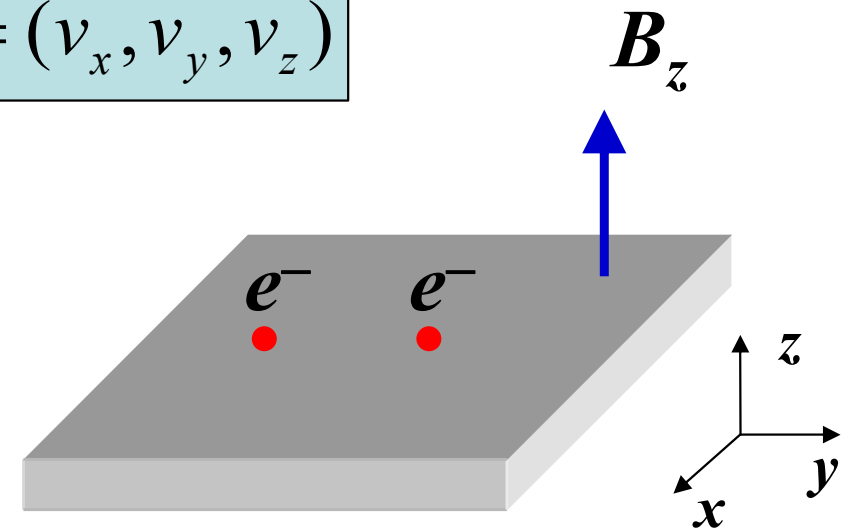
$$\mathbf{F} = -e\mathbf{E} - e\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}$$

When  $E = 0$ ,  $B = B_z$

$$\mathbf{F} = m^* \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = -e\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}$$

$$\mathbf{v} = (v_x, v_y, v_z)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dv_x}{dt} &= -\frac{eB_z}{m^*} v_y \\ \frac{dv_y}{dt} &= \frac{eB_z}{m^*} v_x \\ v_z &= 0 \end{aligned}$$



define

$$\omega_c = \frac{eB_z}{m^*}$$

# Cyclotron resonance 回旋共振

$$v_x = v_0 \cos(\omega_c t)$$

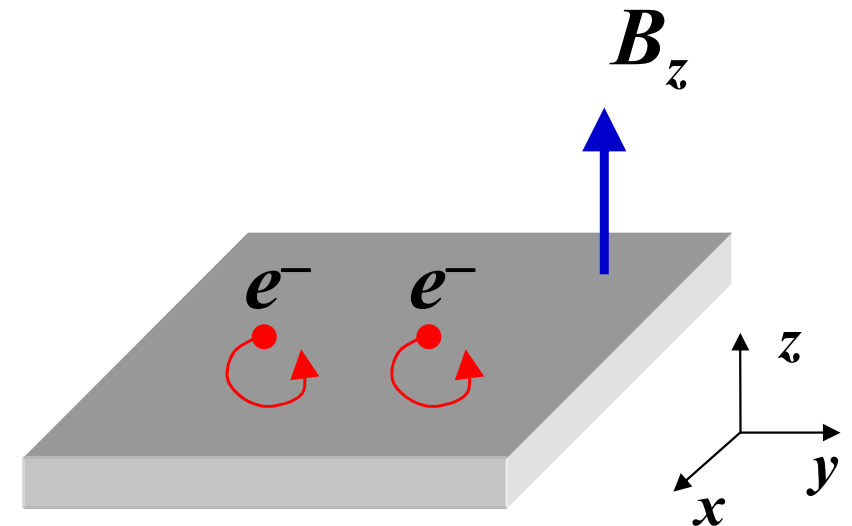
$$v_y = v_0 \sin(\omega_c t)$$

$$v_z = 0$$

cyclotron frequency

$$\omega_c = \frac{eB_z}{m^*}$$

electrons move in a circle



$B$  - magnetic field (T)

$m^*$  - effective mass (kg)

$\omega$  - angular frequency (rad/s)

$\nu$  - frequency (Hz)

$$\omega = 2\pi\nu$$

$$e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

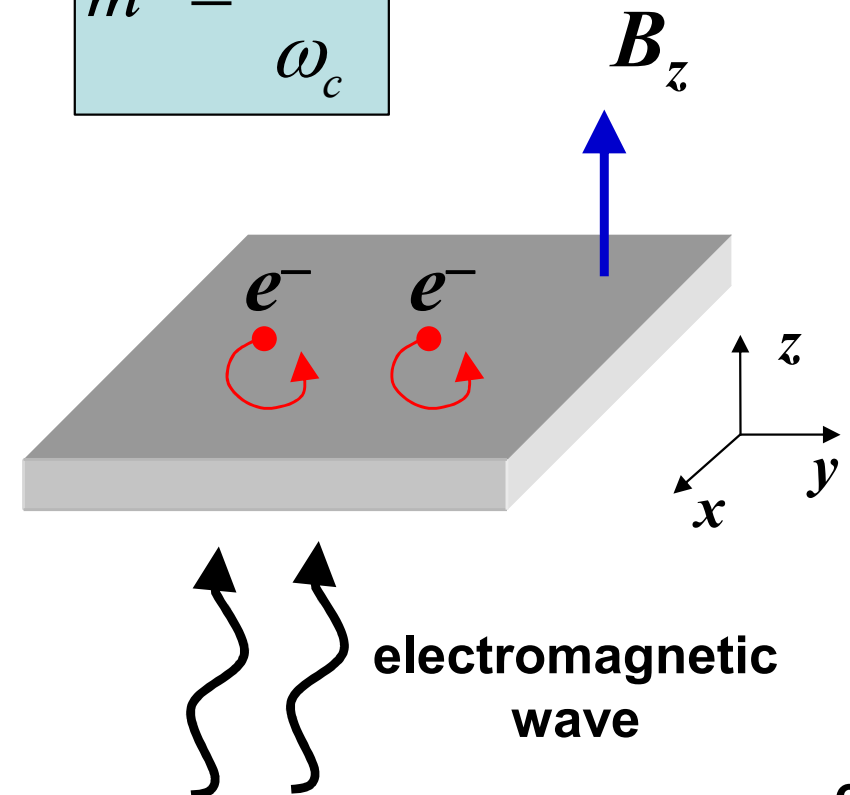
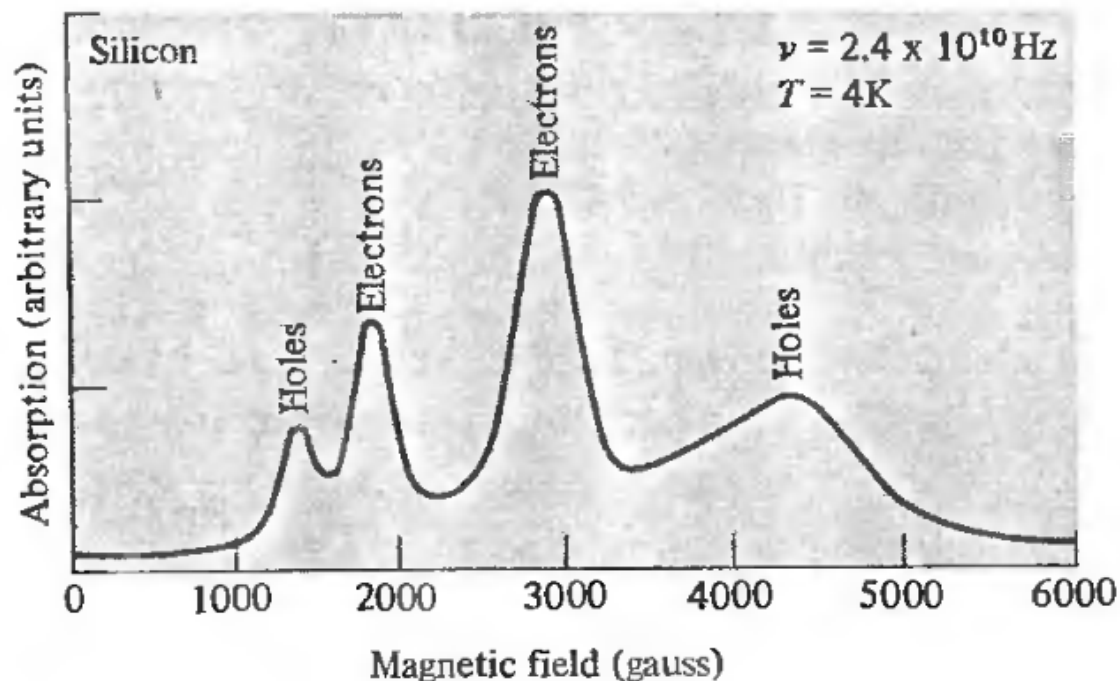
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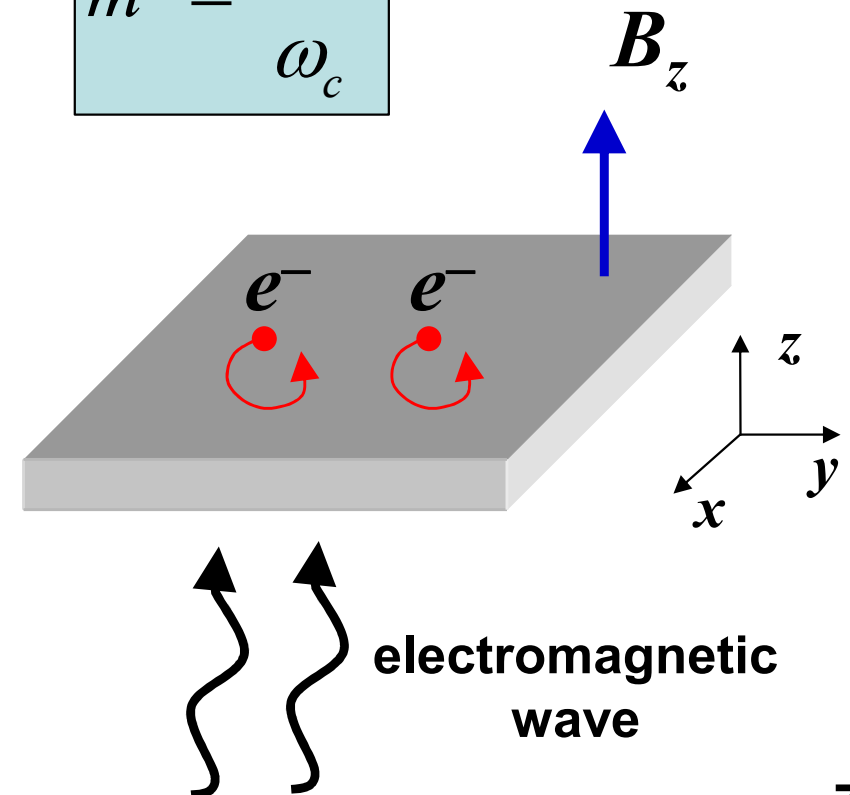
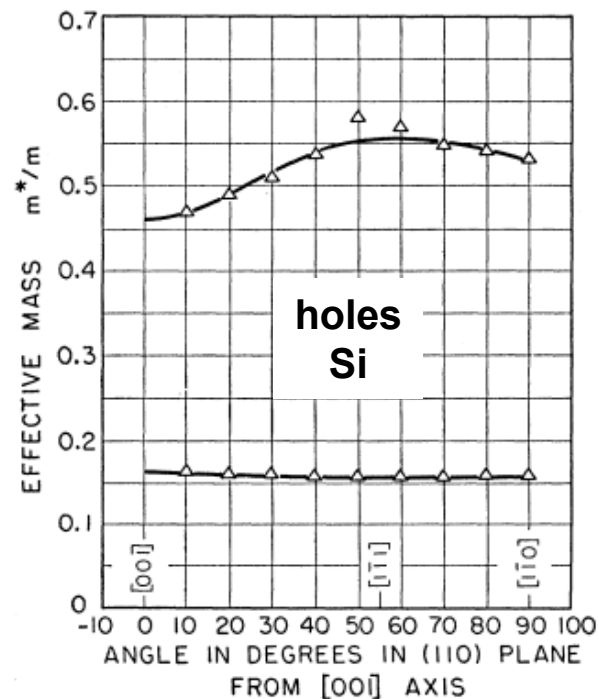
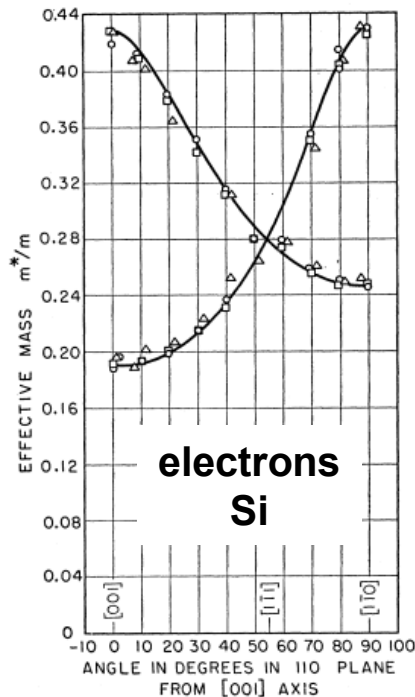
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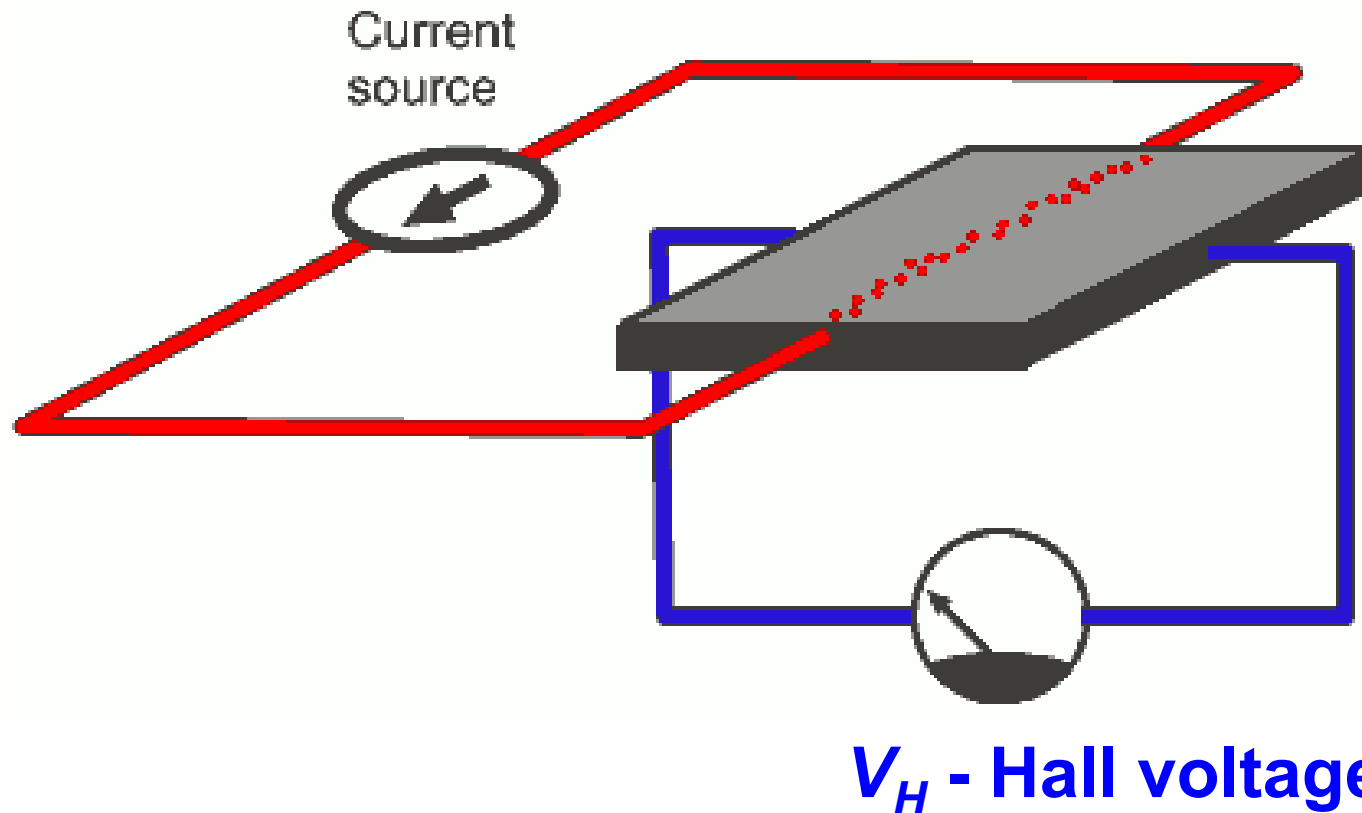
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Lorentz Force  
at equilibrium

$$eE_y = ev_x B_z$$

$$j_x = nev_x$$

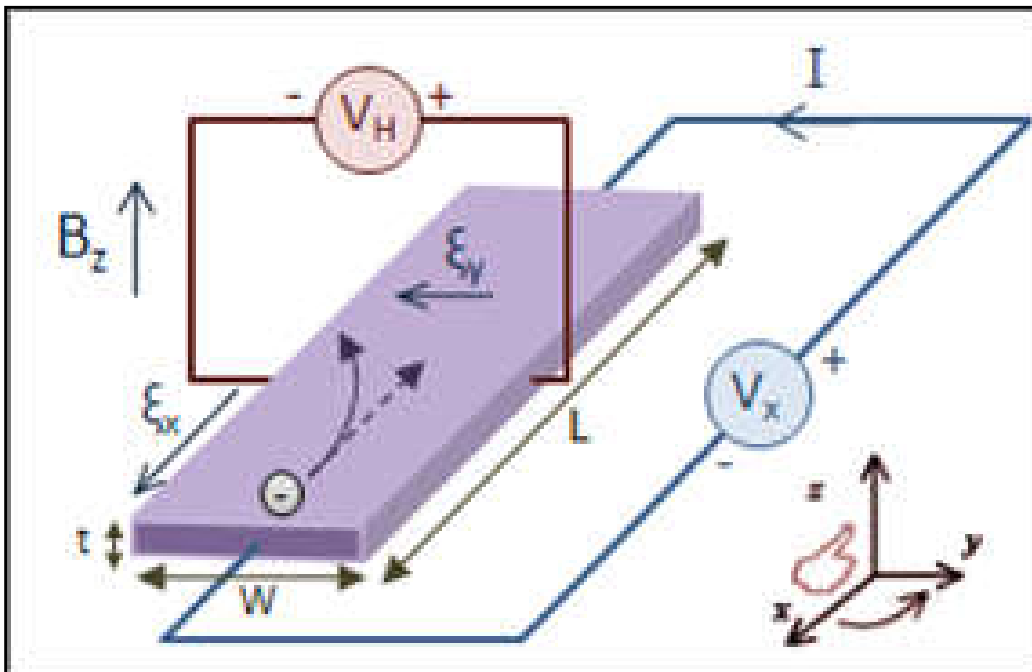
$$E_y = \frac{1}{ne} j_x B_z = R_H j_x B_z$$

$R_H$  - Hall coefficient

By definition:

positive charge:  $R_H > 0$

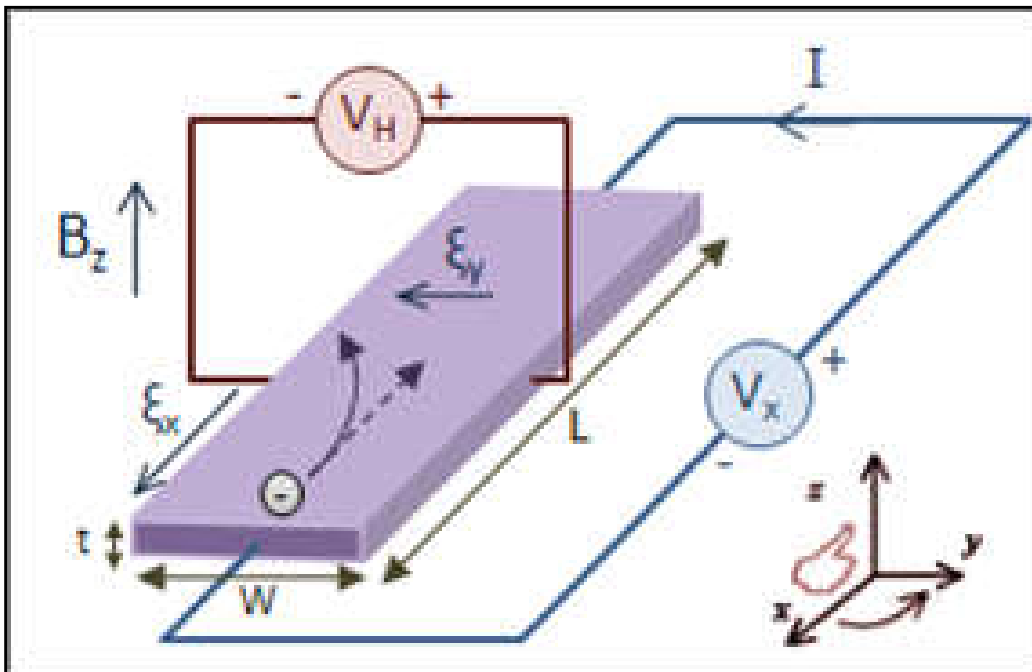
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$$R_H = \frac{1}{p_v e}$$

**positive**

**n-doping**

$$R_H = -\frac{1}{n_c e}$$

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- $R_H$  only depends on the carrier density
  - semiconductors have much stronger Hall effects than metals

$$n(\text{metal}) \gg n(\text{semiconductor})$$

$$R_H(\text{metal}) \ll R_H(\text{semiconductor})$$

# Hall Effect 霍尔效应

## Examples

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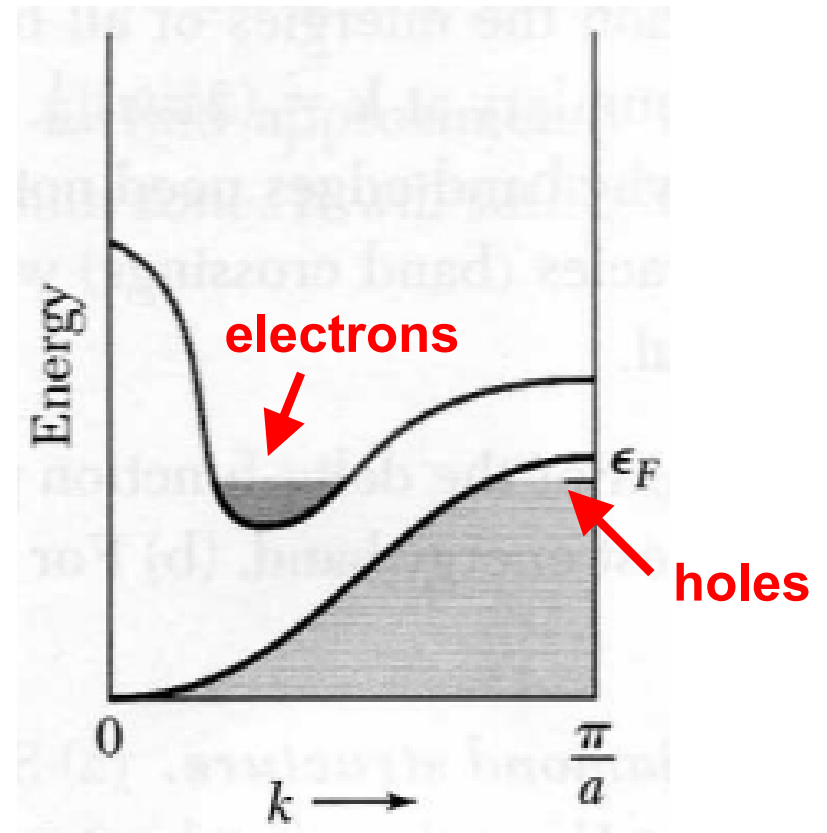
Silicon	$R_H$ (unit: $m^3/C$ )
Boron doped $N_A = 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$	$6 \times 10^{-4}$
Arsenic doped $N_D = 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$	$-6 \times 10^{-4}$

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- Mg and Al have positive Hall coefficients
  - conduction is partially contributed by holes

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***Thank you for your attention***