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Conducting Materials

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Introduction :-

→ The material which through current can pass easily that is known as **conducting material**.

OHM'S LAW (Georg Simon Ohm) (1787-1854)

* At a constant temperature voltage directly proportional to current.

$V \propto I$ where $V = \text{Voltage}$
 $I = \text{Current}$

$$V = IR$$

$$I = \frac{V}{R}, R = \frac{V}{I}$$

Resistivity :- electrical resistance of a conductor of unit cross-sectional area and length.

$R \propto \frac{l}{a}$, where $l = \text{length of the conductor}$
 $a = \text{cross sectional area of the conductor}$

IMP POINT If the area is increase then the resistivity is decrease.

$$R = \rho \frac{l}{a} \text{ where, } l = \text{length, } a = \text{area, } \rho = \text{Resistivity}$$
$$\rho = R \frac{a}{l} \Rightarrow \Omega \frac{\text{cm}^2}{\text{cm}} = \Omega \text{meter (unit)}$$

Factors Affecting the Resistance

- 1) **Temperature** (When we heat the conductor then the resistance is change) $T \propto R$
- 2) **Alloying** (When we mix Alloying with conductive material then the resistance is change)
- 3) **Mechanical Stress** (When we give physical effort to conductive material then its change the resistance)

$$R_t = R_0 (1 + \alpha t)$$

where $R_t = \text{Resistance at temperature } t$

$R_0 = \text{Resistance at } 0^\circ \text{ temperature}$

$\alpha = \text{temperature coefficient of Resistance}$

$$R_t - R_0 = \alpha R_0 t$$

$$\Rightarrow R_t = R_0 + \alpha R_0 t$$

$$\Rightarrow R_t = R_0(1 + \alpha t)$$

$$\Rightarrow R_{t_1} = R_0(1 + \alpha t_1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{R_{t_1}}{R_t} &= \frac{R_0(1 + \alpha t_1) + \alpha t - \alpha t}{R_0(1 + \alpha t)} \\ &= \frac{1 + \alpha t_1}{1 + \alpha t} + \frac{\alpha(t_1 - t)}{1 + \alpha t} \end{aligned}$$

$$R_{t_1} = \left[R_t \left[1 + \frac{\alpha(t_1 - t)}{1 + \alpha t} \right] \right]$$

Numerical Q

A coil of reel is made up copper wire. At a temperature 20°C the resistance of coil is 400Ω . Then calculate the resistance of the coil at temperature 80°C .
 $\alpha = 0.0038$

Ans- We know the eq.

$$R_{t_1} = R_t \left[1 + \frac{\alpha(t_1 - t)}{1 + \alpha t} \right]$$

Where $R_t = 20^\circ$ $R_t = 400\Omega$
 $R_{t_1} = 80^\circ$ $R_{t_1} = ?$
 $\alpha = 0.0038$

$$R_{t_1} = 400 \left[1 + \frac{0.0038(80 - 20)}{1 + (0.0038 \times 20)} \right]$$

$$= 400 \left[1 + \frac{0.228}{1.076} \right]$$

$$= 400 \times 1.211$$

$$= 484.758 \text{ (Ans)}$$

$$\therefore R_{t_1} = 484.758$$

According to conducting of material the material is two type

- Low Resistivity material - Low Resistance (current allow)
- High Resistivity Material - High Resistance (Not current allow)

Low Resistivity material :- (Radis colour)
Copper (Cu) (29) atomic number

- copper is low resistivity material.
- it has higher conductivity.
- It is malleable and ductile in nature
- melting point 1083°C
- Boiling point 2595°C
- Density 8.9 g/cm^3

Application

- making electric wires
- making cables
- winding of machines and transformer
- Industries, factory etc.



Silver

- It is an excellent conductor of electricity.
- It is malleable and ductile in nature
- It is ~~very~~ a soft white
- melting point 960°C
- Boiling point $2,212^{\circ}\text{C}$
- atomic number 47
- It is cheaper than copper

Application

- use in transmission line wires. (Silver)
- use in transistors.
- use in straight lig street light pole.
- use in motor wiring.
- use in electrolyte capacitor.



Gold

- It is a low resistivity material.
- It is a good conductor of electricity ~~and heat~~.
- It is a soft and ductile, ~~metal~~ malleable in nature.
- It has high melting and boiling point.
- It has high density.
- It is most expensive.

Application

- use in jewellery.
- use in different type of prizes like Olympic, Oscar.
- use in electronic device.
- use in temples.



★ Aluminium melting - 660°C , Boil - 2700°C

- It is low resistivity material.
- It is good conductor of electricity ~~and heat~~.
- It has low density.
- It is malleable metal and ductile in nature.
- It has high melting and boiling point.
- It is cheap to buy.

Application

- use transmission lines.
- Aircraft component.
- Spacecraft component.
- use in industries and factories.
- other types of uses etc.



★ ACSR - Aluminium conductor steel reinforced.
It is made up of aluminium conductor with steel reinforced.
ACSR use for transmission line.

Steel melting 1400°C , Boil 1500°C

- It is a ~~high~~ low resistivity material
- It is a good conductor of electricity
- It contains iron with small percent of carbon
- It has low weight
- It is a cheap metal
- It has high melting and boiling point
- good corrosion resistance

Application

- Electrical Equipment
- Metal products
- Mechanical Equipment
- Buildings, factory, etc.
- Domestic Appliances.



Steel

High Resistivity material

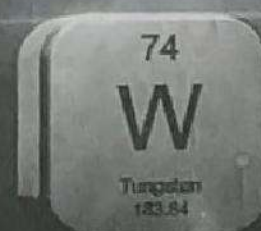
- High Resistivity material is nothing but a High R. High Resistance material.
- It ~~is~~ is not a good conductor of electricity.
- Example! - Tungsten, carbon, mercury

Tungsten melt 3410° , Boil 5660°

- It is a high Resistivity material
- It is not a good conductor of electricity
- It has high melting and boiling point.
- It has high density
- It ~~is~~ is malleable and ductile.

Application

- use in electrodes
- heating element.
- field emitters
- electrical equipment



Carbon melting - $3,550^{\circ}\text{C}$, Boiling - $4,800^{\circ}\text{C}$

- It is high resistivity material
- It is Bad conductor of electricity
- It has high melting and boiling point.
- It has high density
- It is malleable and ductile

Application

- use in Jewellery
- use in Industrial
- use in make Inks and points
- Diamond and graphite made by help of carbon.



Mercury (melting = -38.9°C , Boiling = 356°C)

- It is a high resistivity material.
- It is a bad conductor of electricity.
- It has ~~low~~ ^{high} density
- It has low melting and boiling point
- It is a highly toxic element.

Application

- thermometers
- barometers
- diffusion pumps
- Fluorescent lamps



Stranded conductor

MERCURY

- It is nothing but a composed of steel, copper, aluminum & wires. use in Home wirings.

Bundle conductor

- It is nothing but a combination of two or more sub conductors.
- use in transmission line.

Superconducting materials Long Question

- it is nothing but a type of conductor - which have zero resistivity (not complete zero) - which through current can flow fluently without losing energy. This type of conductor is known as superconductor.
- Ex~~amp~~les of superconductor - Aluminium, mercury, Titanium

Application superconducting materials

- used in Generators
- used in electric motors
- used in power transmission
- used in transportation
- used in medical
- used in computing
- used in memory or storage element
- used in electric machine

Properties of superconducting material

- There are almost zero Resistance.
- Infinite conductivity.
- critical magnetic field.
- critical current.

Platinum

- It is high resistivity material.
- It is good conductor of electricity.
- It is malleable and ductile in nature.
- melting point $1,768^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Boiling point $3,825^{\circ}\text{C}$
- expensive in price

Application :-

- used in jewellery.
- used in car, ~~truck~~ truck for design.
- used in chemical industries.
- etc use of platinum.



Platinum

Q. Explain the effect of temperature, alloying, mechanical stress or factor on resistivity of conducting material.

Ans - → Generally there are three type of factor which is ① Temperature ② Alloying ③ Mechanical stress.

→ Temperature :-

Effect of temperature on resistivity.

- Resistivity related to conductor resistance of the conductor. So ~~use~~ the resistance is related with resistivity.
- If we increase the temperature then resistance also increase so resistance proportional temperature. $T \propto R$.
- If we increase temperature then in the resistance is change which give effect to resistivity.

Alloying

Effect of Alloying on resistivity

→ By adding some impurities in small percent the resistivity will be increase.

→ for example when copper alloyed with zinc, resistivity increase and conductivity decrease.

Mechanical stress

Effect of Mechanical stress on resistivity

→ when we give any physical stress to the material the its mechanical stress increase and the resistivity is decrease.

Semiconducting Materials

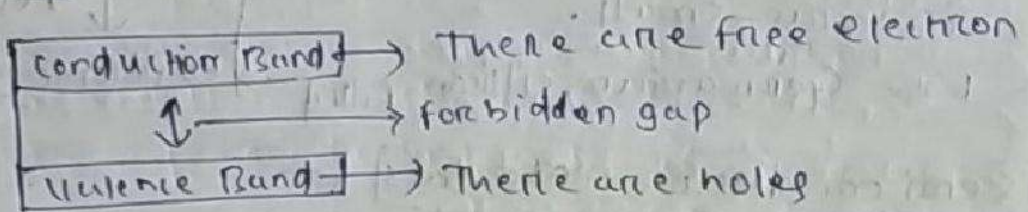
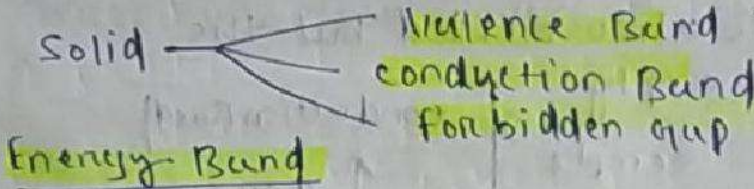
→ Semiconductor

It is nothing but a type of ^{electrical component} conductor, which works both conductor and insulator.

Ex - Silicon, Germanium, carbon
Pertinence →

→ Semiconductors are materials which have conductivity between conductor and insulator.

Electron Band Theory

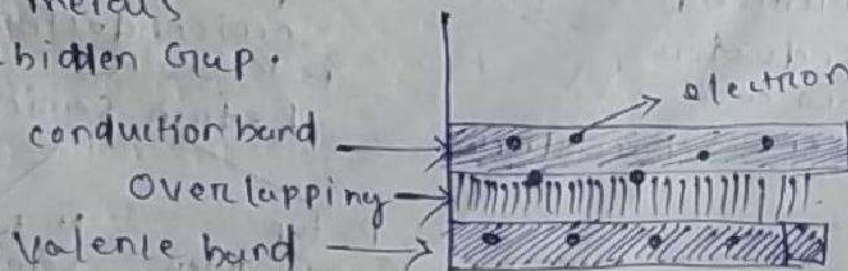


Classification of solids according to energy band (D)

→ ① conductor → ② insulator → ③ semiconductor

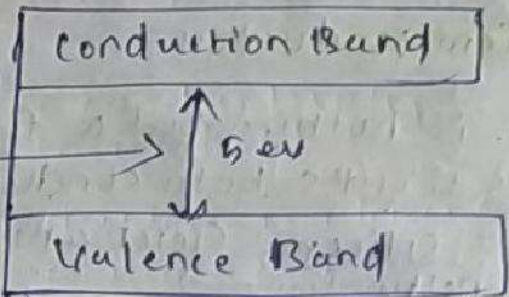
conductor

- conductor is the substance which allow the flow of electricity through itself.
- It's because that there are large number of electrons available in conductor.
- The valence band and conduction Band overlaps to each other.
- Ex - all metals
- less forbidden gap.



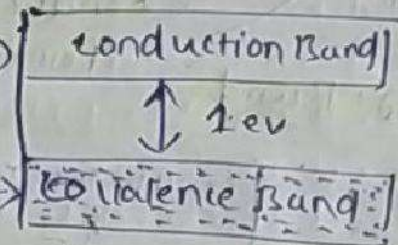
Insulator

- Insulator is the substance which do not allow the flow of electricity is called Insulator.
- The energy gap between valence Band and conduction band is very large.
- forbidden gap is around 5 eV .
- ex - wood, plastic, Rubber etc



Semi conductor

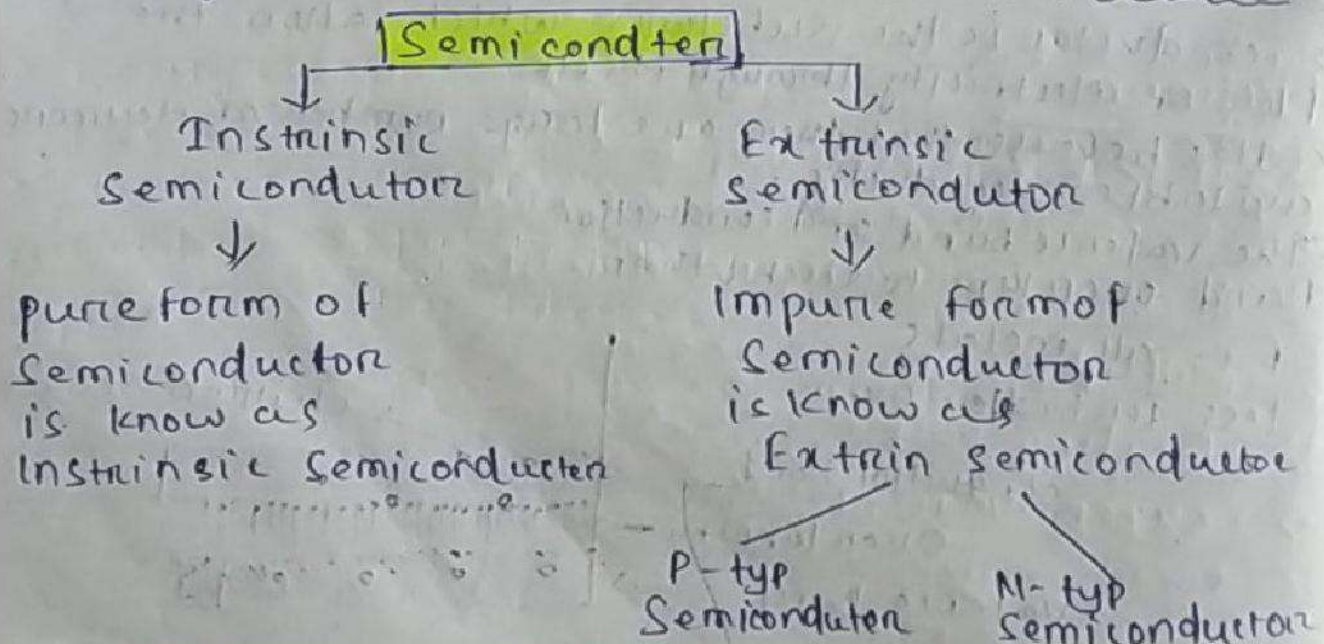
- ↳ Semiconductor is a substance whose conductivity lie between conductor and insulator.
- The valence Band is almost filled but the conduction Band is empty.
- The forbidden gap is very small.
- Ex - Germanium, silicon



Semi conductor materials :-

It is a semiconductor material whose conductivity lies between conductor and insulator.

Basically Semiconductor Devided in two 2 type



Intrinsic Semiconductor

- Pure form of semiconductor is known as Intrinsic semiconductor.
- The electrical conductivity of Intrinsic semiconductor depends upon ~~the~~ temperature.
- The electrical conductivity is very low.
- There ^{are} no types of Intrinsic semiconductor.
- The no of holes in valence is equal to no of free electron in conduction band.
- ex - Silicon, Germanium

P-type Semiconductor

- Holes are majority carriers
- electron are minority carriers
- This is also known as ~~tetravalent~~ Trivalent semiconductor.
- It has larger hole concentration and less electron concentration
- They have ability to accept electron.
- They are rich in holes
- ex - Al doped with Si.

Extrinsic Semiconductor

- Impure form semiconductor is known as Extrinsic semiconductor.
- The electrical conductivity depends upon the temperature as well as the amount of doped impurity.
- The electrical conductivity is significantly high.
- There are two types of Extrinsic semiconductor.
① P-type ② N-type.
- The no of free electron in conduction band is equal to no of holes in valence band.
- ex - 'p' doped with 'Si'
'P' doped with Al

N-type Semiconductor

- electron are majority carriers
- Holes are minority carriers.
- This is also known as pentavalent semiconductor.
- It has larger electron concentration and less hole concentration.
- They have ability to donate electron.
- They are rich in electrons.
- ex - P doped with Si.

P-type Semiconductor

N-type Semiconductor

Semiconductor material :-

→ This is a material whose conductivity lie between conductor and insulator. that is know as ^{Semi}super conductor material.

Ex - Aluminium, mercury, niobium etc.

Ex - Silicon, Germanium etc.

Application of semiconductor material :-

Property of Silicon

- It is a semiconducting material
- It is blue-gray color.
- Density = 2.32 g/cm^3
- melting point 1687 K .
- Boiling point 3538 K .
- It is cheaper in price.



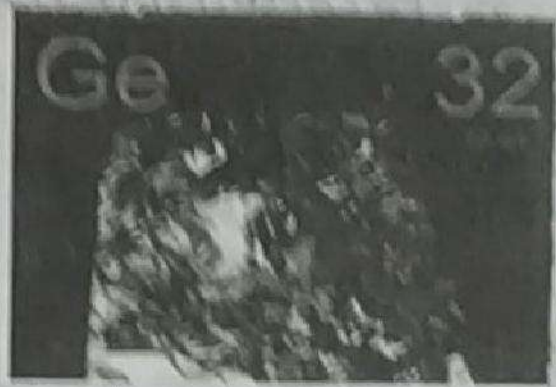
Silicon

Application of Si

- mostly used to make alloys.
- To make dynamo, transformer plates
- To make transistors.
- used in computer chips.
- used in solar cell.
- etc

Property of Germanium

- It is a semiconducting material.
- It is expensive in price.
- Density - 5.32 g/cm^3
- melting point 938°C .
- Boiling point 2800°C .
- colour - gray-white.



Application of Germanium

- used in fiber optic systems.
- used in Rectifier for manufacture.
- used in transistors.
- used in integrated circuit.
- used in wide-angle camera lenses for manufacture.

Germanium

Rectifier

- It is nothing but a electronic device which convert AC into pulsating DC.
- Generally Rectifier divided in to two type
① Full wave rectifier ② Half wave rectifier
- Full wave rectifier is defined as a rectifier convert the complete cycle of AC into pulsating DC.
- Half wave rectifier is defined as a rectifier that convert one half cycle of AC into pulsating DC.
- The full wave rectifier divided in to two type
① center tapped rectifier
② Bridge rectifier

Photoconductive cell

- photoconductive cell are light sensitive resistor in which resistance decreases with an increase in light intensity when illuminated.
- These device combination of thin single-crystal film of compound semiconductor substrate.

Photovoltaic cell

- This is also known as solar cell.
- The photovoltaic cell is used for converting sunlight into electricity.
- The photovoltaic cell consist of one or two layer of semiconducting material, usually silicon.

Varistor

- varistor is a 2 terminal semiconductor device that protect the electrical and electronic device from over voltage transient.

Transistor

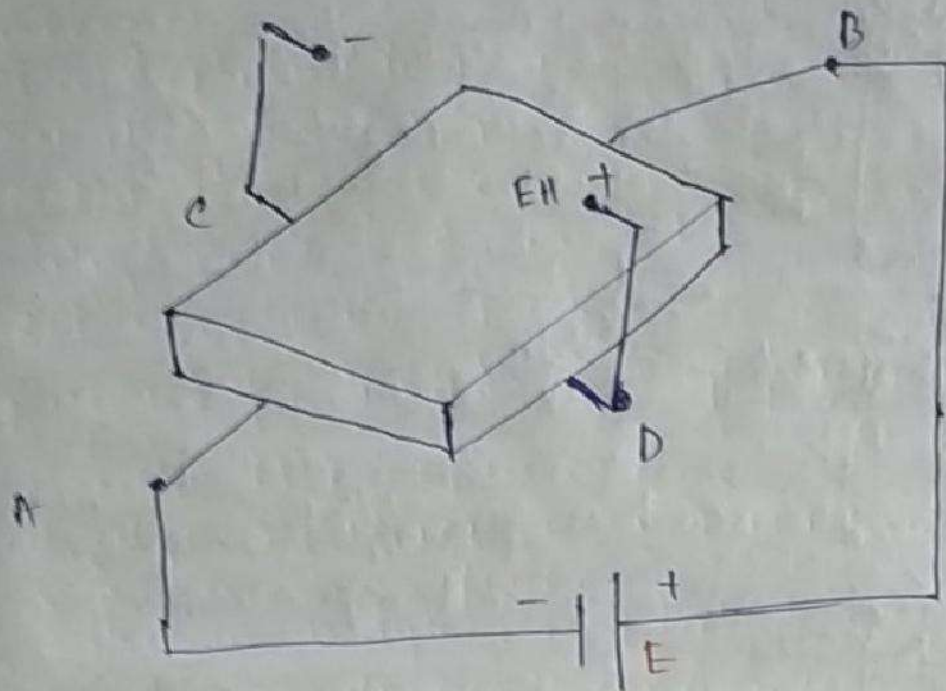
- Transistor is semiconductor device that use for switch electrical signal.
- There are two type of transistor.
 - ① PNP transistor
 - ② NPN transistor

Hall effect generator

Smaller (Internal)

Application - Hall effect generator use for measure magnetic field.

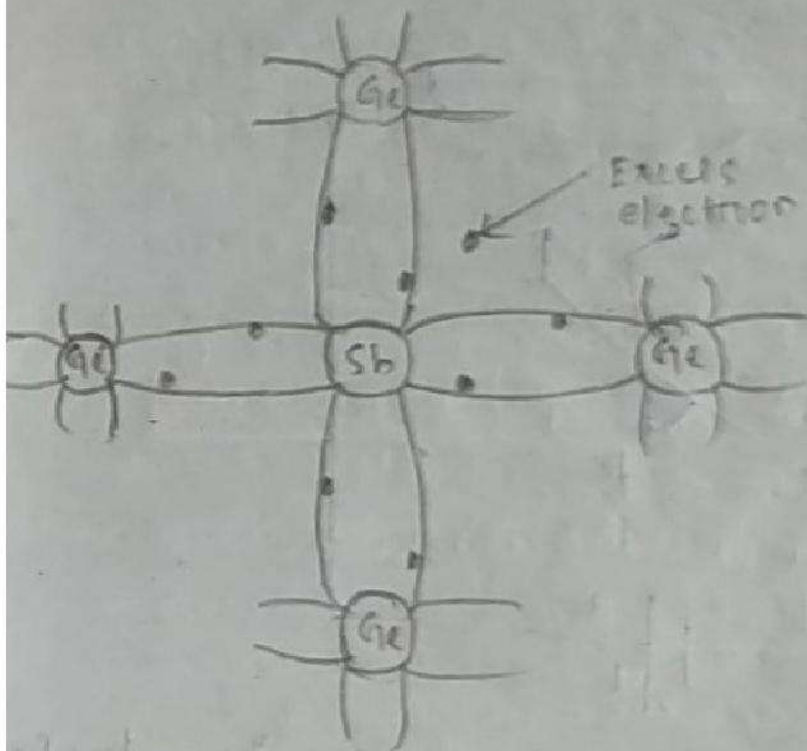
Hall effect Generator



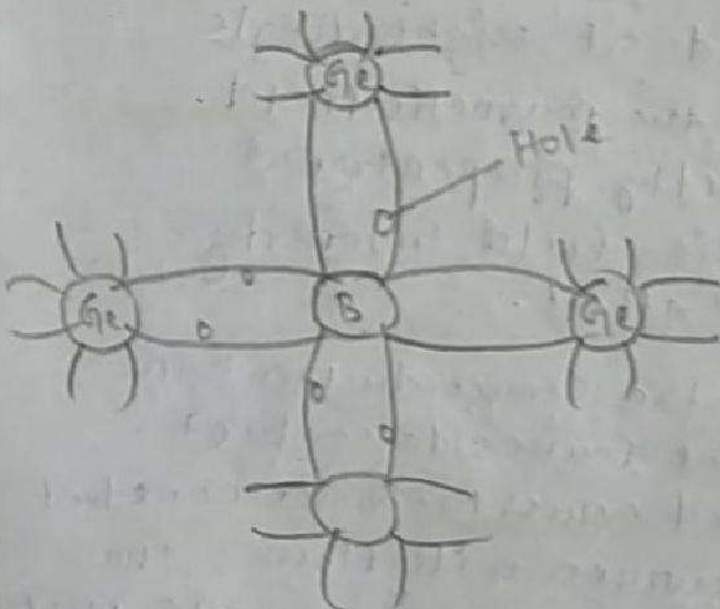
When current flow through semiconductor bar placed in a magnetic field, a voltage ~~is~~ developed at right angle to both current and the magnetic field. The voltage is directly proportional current and magnetic field intensity. that is know as Hall effect.

Let consider the semiconductor bar shown in figure which has four side contact. if a voltage 'E' is applied across to opposite contact of 'A' and 'B' then a current will flow. The if the bar is perpendicular to the magnetic field B, then an electric potential E_H will generate between two other contact 'C' and 'D' that is the measure of magnetic field intensity and it can easily measure by Volt meter.

N-type Semiconductor



P-type Semiconductor



Insulating Materials

Introduction :-

The material which through current can not pass that is known as insulating material.

Ex- wood, plastic, rock

General properties of Insulating materials :-

Properties

- Electrical properties
- Visual properties
- Mechanical properties
- Thermal properties
- Chemical properties

Electrical properties

1) Insulation Resistivity

The Resistance offered^d the flow of current through the material is called insulation material. Resistance.

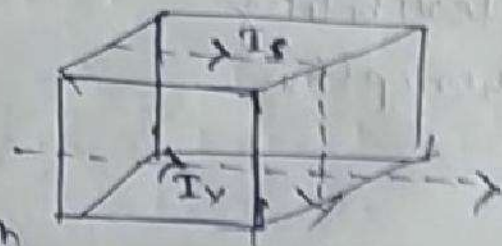
There two type of Insulation Resistance

- ① Volume Insulation Resistance and Resistivity
- ② Surface Insulation Resistance and Resistivity

Volume Insulation Resistance

The Resistance offered the flow of current through

I_v which flow through the material is called Volume ~~Res~~ Insulation Resistance.



Surface Insulation Resistance

The Resistance offered ~~flow~~ current I_s which is flow through the material is called Surface Insulation Resistance.

① Dielectric strength (Break-Down voltage)

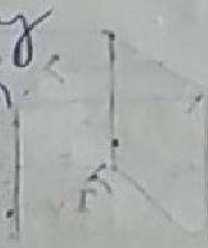
② Dielectric constant

Property (Electrical)

- It should have low dielectric loss.
- It should have high value of dielectric strength
- It should have low permittivity
- It should have lower power factor for measurement of any power loss.
- It increases will rise in temperature power factor.

Mechanical Property of Insulating Material

- High Impact strength
- Toughness
- High Tensile strength
- Less Elongated
- Hardness
- Flexibility
- Absorption



Thermal property of Insulating material

- Thermal conductivity.
The best thermal Insulator have the lowest thermal conductivity this is the property of a material that measure how well it can conduct heat through its mass. --
- Heat resistance --
- Air permeability --
- Thermo-Insulating material --

physical property of Insulating material

- Temperature Limits --
- Electrical conductivity --
- Dielectrical strength --
- Density --
- fire Resistance --
- Vapour permeability --
- Thermal Expansion --