





P-N Junction Diode \rightarrow Semiconductor Physics

- Bandgap (Si ~ 1.1eV): free carrier concentrations Electron (- charge) Holes (+ charge) Movement through available states Doping changes electron, hole concentration (free ions)
- Drift current: Electric field moving charge particles $J = q\mu_n n\mathcal{E}$ (Ohm's law)
- Diffusion current: High-concentration to low region $J = q D_n \frac{\partial n}{\partial x}$
- Exponential distribution of carriers (Fermi-Dirac) $f(E) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{(E - E_f)/kT}} \approx e^{(E - E_f)/kT} \quad E > E_f$
- Voltage-Controlled Barrier $U_T = kT/q$ Enables carriers above barrier energy

