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(a) Which material is the better intrinsic conductor at room temperature? Give numerical values to justify your answer? (2 marks)

Given that:

$$\rho = \frac{1}{q(n\mu_n + p\mu_p)} = \frac{1}{\sigma}$$

$$\sigma = q(n\mu_n + p\mu_p)$$

for both s1 & s2:

$$n = p = n_i$$

so:

$$\sigma = q n_i (\mu_n + \mu_p)$$

$$\frac{\sigma_1}{q} = n_i (\mu_n + \mu_p) = 4.02 \times 10^{10} (3000 + 400)$$

$$\frac{\sigma_2}{q} = n_i (\dots) = 3.46 \times 10^{12} (9200 + 300)$$

$$\sigma_2 \gg \sigma_1$$

σ_2 better conductor

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(b) Phosphorus (P, Group V element) atoms are incorporated into both materials.

(i) What **type of doping** will the resultant doped versions of Semi-1 and Semi-2 have? Why? (1 mark)

(ii) What is the **minority carrier type** in each case? (1 mark)

Semi	1	2	Dopant
Type	4	2 \rightarrow 6	S
Type	4	$\frac{6+2}{2} = 4$	S
Why $\rightarrow T_s - T_D$	4 - 5 = -1	4 - 5 = -1	
\therefore Do P as type	n	n	
Minority carrier	p (holes)	p (holes)	

? Definitely Check Both Of these, particularly Semi 2

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- (c) Assume dopant atoms are incorporated at a density of $1.0 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, making both materials n-type. Assume a temperature of 300 K, all dopants are ionised, and there is no change in mobility.
- Which material is better suited to making an LED? Why? (2 marks)
 - What are the hole and electron concentrations? (2 marks)
 - Which of these semiconductors is a better conductor? Give numerical values to justify your answer. (2 marks)

(c) Semi-2 has direct BG \therefore better suited
(i) $\sigma_1 = n_1 \mu_{n1} + p_1 \mu_{p1} = 1e15 * 3000 + 1.6e6 * 400 = 3.0E18$
(ii) $\sigma_2 = n_2 \mu_{n2} + p_2 \mu_{p2} = 1e15 * 9200 + 12e10 * 300 = 9E18$
 $\sigma_2 < 3 \times$ better than σ_1
 σ_2 better

	1	2	N_D
n_i	4×10^{10}	3.46×10^{12}	1×10^{15}
$N_D \gg n_i$?	✓	✓	
n	N_D	N_D	
$p = \frac{n_i^2}{n}$	1.6×10^4	1.2×10^6	$(1e-6) * (4e10)^2 / 1e15 = 1.6$ $(3.46e12)^2 / 1e15 = 1.2E10$

□ Seems a little too easy - is this all there is to it?

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8. Consider the properties of Semi-1 at room temperature (300 K) using the data in Table 1.5

(a) What is the intrinsic Fermi Energy of Semi-1? (2 marks)

(b) What is the Fermi Energy of Semi-1 if it is doped with 1.0×10^{15} atoms per cm^{-3} , making it n-type? (2 marks)

(4 marks)

(a)

$$E_f = \frac{E_c + E_v}{2} + \frac{kT}{2} \ln\left(\frac{N_v}{N_c}\right) + \frac{kT}{2} \ln\left(\frac{n}{p}\right)$$

→ middle of B&G
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X
↓
ln($\frac{n}{n_i}$) = 0

Express Fermi level as relative to band gap:
(since we don't know absolute values of E_c/E_v)

$$E_c = E_{\text{offset}} + E_{\text{bands}} + E_{\text{doping}}$$

$$= \frac{E_g}{2} + \frac{kT}{2} \ln\left(\frac{N_v}{N_c}\right) + \frac{kT}{2} \ln\left(\frac{n}{p}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1.2 \text{ eV}}{2} + \frac{8.617 \times 10^{-5} \times 300}{2} \ln\left(\frac{2.66 \times 10^{19}}{1.3 \times 10^{22}}\right)$$

$$(1.2 + 300 \times 8.617 \times 10^{-5} \times \ln(2.66 \times 10^{19} / 1.3 \times 10^{22})) / 2 = 0.519967974141311 \text{ eV}$$

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(b) Use prev eqn

$$E_f = E_{\text{offset}} + E_{\text{bands}} + E_{\text{dopants}}$$

Lemma of (a):

$$E_{f\text{-intr}} = E_{\text{offset}} + E_{\text{bands}} = 0.52 \text{ eV}$$

Lemma of (7):

$$p_{\text{dope}} = 1.6 \times 10^6$$

$$n_{\text{dope}} = 1 \times 10^{15}$$

$$E_{f\text{doped}} = E_{f\text{-intr}} + \frac{kT}{2} \ln\left(\frac{n_{\text{dope}}}{p_{\text{dope}}}\right)$$

$$= 0.52 \text{ eV} + \frac{300 \times k}{2} + \ln\left(\frac{1 \times 10^{15}}{1.6 \times 10^6}\right)$$

$$= 0.52 + 300 \times 8.617 \times 10^{-5} \times \ln(1e15/1.6e6) / 2 = 0.781783540665635 \text{ eV}$$

$$= 0.78 \text{ eV}$$