

InP - Indium Phosphide

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Basic Parameters

Breakdown field	$\approx 5 \cdot 10^5 \text{ V cm}^{-1}$
Mobility electrons	$\leq 5400 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$
Mobility holes	$\leq 200 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$
Diffusion coefficient electrons	$\leq 130 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$
Diffusion coefficient holes	$\leq 5 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$
Electron thermal velocity	$3.9 \cdot 10^5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
Hole thermal velocity	$1.7 \cdot 10^5 \text{ m s}^{-1}$

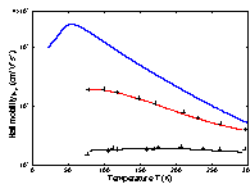
Electron Hall mobility versus temperature for different doping levels.

Bottom curve - $n_0 = N_d - N_a = 8 \cdot 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$;

Middle curve - $n_0 = 2 \cdot 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$;

Top curve - $n_0 = 3 \cdot 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3}$.

([Razeghi et al. \[1988\]](#)) and ([Walukiewicz et al \[1980\]](#)).



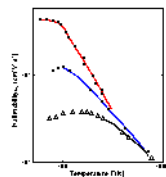
Electron Hall mobility versus temperature (high temperatures):

Bottom curve - $n_0 = N_d - N_a \sim 3 \cdot 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$;

Middle curve - $n_0 \sim 1.5 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$;

Top curve - $n_0 \sim 3 \cdot 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$.

([Galavanov and Siukaev \[1970\]](#)).



For weakly doped *n*-InP at temperatures close to 300 K electron drift mobility:

$$\mu_n = (4.2 \div 5.4) \cdot 10^3 \cdot (300/T) \text{ (cm}^2 \text{V}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}\text{)}$$

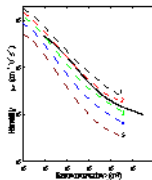
Hall mobility versus electron concentration for different compensation ratios.

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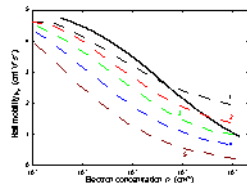
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Approximate formula for electron Hall mobility

$$\mu = \mu_{OH} / [1 + (N_d/10^7)^2]^{1/2},$$

where $\mu_{OH} = 5000 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$,

N_d - in cm^{-3} ([Hilsun \[1974\]](#))

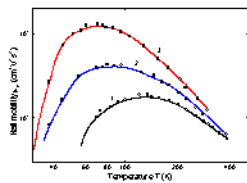
At 300 K, the electron Hall factor $r_n \approx 1$ in *n*-InP.

for $N_d > 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$.

Hole Hall mobility versus temperature for different doping (Zn) levels.

Hole concentration at 300 K: 1. $1.75 \cdot 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$; 2. $3.6 \cdot 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$; 3. $4.4 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$.
 $\theta = N_a/N_d \sim 0.1$.

[\(Kohanyuk et al. \[1988\]\).](#)



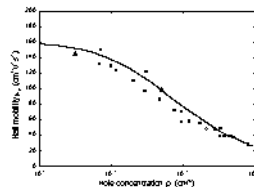
For weakly doped p-InP at temperature close to 300 K the Hall mobility

$$\mu_{pH} \sim 150 \cdot (300/T)^{2.2} \text{ (cm}^2\text{V}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}\text{)}.$$

Hole Hall mobility versus hole density, 300 K (Wiley [1975]).

The approximate formula for hole Hall mobility:

$$\mu_p = \mu_{p0} / [1 + (N_a/2 \cdot 10^{17})^{1/2}], \text{ where } \mu_{p0} \sim 150 \text{ cm}^2\text{V}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}, N_a^- \text{ in cm}^{-3}$$



At 300 K, the hole factor in pure p-InP: $r_p \sim 1$

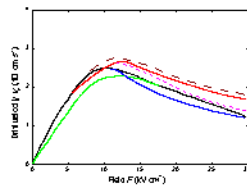
Transport Properties in High Electric Fields

Field dependences of the electron drift velocity in InP, 300 K.

Solid curves are theoretical calculation.

Dashed and dotted curves are measured data.

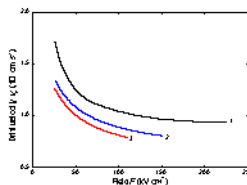
[\(Maloney and Frey \[1977\]\)](#) and [\(Gonzalez Sanchez et al. \[1992\]\)](#).



The field dependences of the electron drift velocity for high electric fields.

T(K): 1. 95; 2. 300; 3. 400.

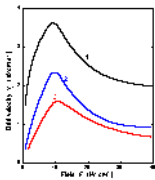
[\(Windhorn et al. \[1983\]\).](#)



Field dependences of the electron drift velocity at different temperatures.

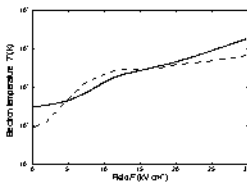
Curve 1 - 77 K [\(Gonzalez Sanchez et al. \[1992\]\)](#).

Curve 2 - 300 K, Curve 3 - 500 K [\(Eawcett and Hill \[1975\]\)](#).



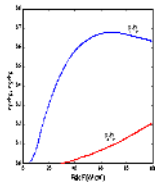
Electron temperature versus electric field for 77 K and 300 K.

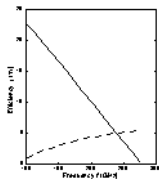
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Fraction of electrons in L and X valleys n_L/n_0 and n_X/n_0 as a function of electric field, 300 K.

[\(Borodovskii and Osadchii \[1987\]\).](#)





Frequency dependence of the efficiency η at first (solid line) and at the second (dashed line) harmonic in LSA mode.

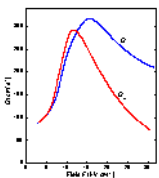
Monte Carlo simulation.

$$F = F_0 + F_1 \cdot \sin(2\pi \cdot ft) + F_2 \cdot [\sin(4\pi \cdot ft) + 3\pi/2],$$

$$F_0 = F_1 = 35 \text{ kV cm}^{-1},$$

$$F_2 = 10.5 \text{ kV cm}^{-1}$$

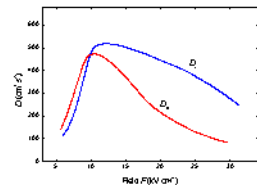
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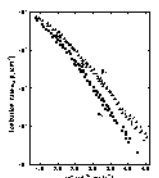


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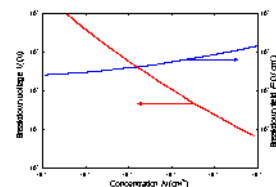
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Impact Ionization



The dependence of ionization rates for electrons α_1 and holes β_1 versus $1/F$, 300 K.

[\(Cook et al. \[1982\]\).](#)



Breakdown voltage and breakdown field versus doping density for an abrupt $p-n$ junction, 300 K

[\(Kyuregyan and Yurkov \[1989\]\).](#)

Recombination Parameters

Pure n -type material ($n_0 \sim 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-3}$)

The longest lifetime of holes $\tau_p \sim 3 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ s}$

Diffusion length $L_p = (D_p \cdot \tau_p)^{1/2}$ $L_p \sim 40 \mu\text{m}$.

Pure p -type material ($p_0 \sim 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$)

(a) Low injection level

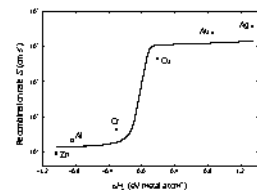
The longest lifetime of electrons $\tau_n \sim 2 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ s}$

Diffusion length $L_n = (D_n \cdot \tau_n)^{1/2}$ $L_n \sim 8 \mu\text{m}$

(b) High injection level (filled traps)

The longest lifetime of electrons $\tau \sim 10^{-8} \text{ s}$

Diffusion length L_n $L_n \sim 25 \mu\text{m}$



Surface recombination velocity versus the heat of reaction per atom of each metal phosphide ΔH_R

[\(Rosenwaks et al. \[1990\]\).](#)

If the surface Fermi level E_{FS} is pinned close to midgap ($E_{FS} \sim E_g/2$) the surface recombination velocity increases from $\sim 5 \cdot 10^3 \text{ cm/s}$ for doping level $n_0 \sim 3 \cdot 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ to $\sim 10^6 \text{ cm/s}$ for doping level $n_0 \sim 3 \cdot 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ [\(Bothra et al. \[1991\]\).](#)

Radiative recombination coefficient (300 K) $1.2 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$

Auger coefficient (300 K) $\sim 9 \cdot 10^{-31} \text{ cm}^6/\text{s}$

