

### 6.3

Let  $n_e(x)$  denote the electron density in the case of exponential base doping and  $n_c(x)$  denote the density in the case of constant doping. Using the result of Prob. 6.2 with  $N_A(x) = N_A(0)e^{-x/L}$

$$I_c = \frac{q A_E \tilde{D}_n(x) N_A(0) e^{-x/L} n_e(x)}{N_A(0) \int_x^{x_B} e^{-x'/L} dx'} = \frac{q A_E \tilde{D}_n(x) e^{-x/L} n_e(x)}{L [e^{-x/L} - e^{-x_B/L}]}$$

Solving for  $n_e(x)$ , gives:

$$n_e(x) = \frac{I_c L [1 - \exp(-\frac{x-x_B}{L})]}{q A_E \tilde{D}_n(x)}, \text{ using } n_e(0) = \frac{I_c L [1 - \exp(-\frac{x_B}{L})]}{q A_E \tilde{D}_n(0)}$$

$$\text{then } n_e(x) = n_e(0) \frac{\tilde{D}_n(0)}{\tilde{D}_n(x)} \left[ \frac{1 - \exp(-\frac{x-x_B}{L})}{1 - \exp(-\frac{x_B}{L})} \right]$$

As  $L \rightarrow \infty$  the base doping becomes constant. Hence as  $L \rightarrow \infty$   $n_e(x) \rightarrow n_c(x)$ ,  $\tilde{D}_n(x) \rightarrow D_n$ , and  $\exp(-\frac{x-x_B}{L}) \rightarrow 1 + \frac{x-x_B}{L}$

$$\therefore n_c(x) = \frac{n_c(0)}{x_B} (x_B - x), \text{ where } n_c(0) = \frac{I_c x_B}{q A_E D_n}$$

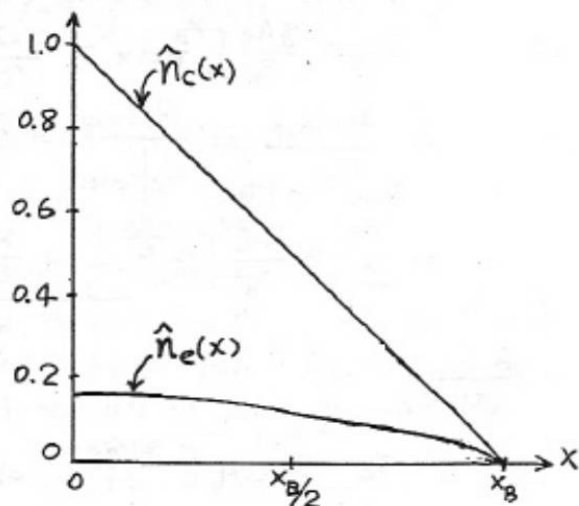
Since the exponential doping variation of prob. 6.1 is not very large

$\tilde{D}_n(x) \approx D_n$ . If we normalize both densities with respect to  $n_c(0)$ ; i.e., if we let  $\hat{n}(x) = n(x)/n_c(0)$  we obtain

$$\hat{n}_e(x) = \hat{n}_e(0) \left[ \frac{1 - \exp(-\frac{x-x_B}{L})}{1 - \exp(-\frac{x_B}{L})} \right] = \frac{L}{x_B} [1 - \exp(-\frac{x-x_B}{L})]$$

$$\text{and } \hat{n}_c(x) = 1 - \frac{x}{x_B} \text{ where } \hat{n}_e(0) = \frac{n_e(0)}{n_c(0)} = \frac{L}{x_B} [1 - \exp(-\frac{x_B}{L})]$$

$\hat{n}_c$	$\hat{n}_e$	$x$
1	0.137	0
0.5	0.054	$x_B/2$
0	0	$x_B$



$J_{diff}(x_B) \propto n(x_B)$  and  $n(x_B) \approx 0$

Thus the total current at  $x=x_B$  is a diffusion current no matter how the base is doped. With all other parameters equal,

the only way to have the same current in the two cases is to have the same gradient at  $x=x_B$ , since

$$J_{diff} \propto \frac{dn}{dx}$$

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The total stored minority charge is given by  $Q_B = -q A_E \int_0^{x_B} n(x) dx$

For the exponential doping we have from prob. 6.3

$$n_e(x) = \frac{n_e(0)}{[1 - e^{-\frac{x_B}{\mathcal{L}}}] } \left[ 1 - e^{-\frac{(x-x_B)}{\mathcal{L}}} \right]$$

$$\therefore Q_B|_{\text{exp.}} = \frac{-q A_E n_e(0)}{[1 - \exp(-\frac{x_B}{\mathcal{L}})]} \int_0^{x_B} [1 - \exp(-\frac{x-x_B}{\mathcal{L}})] dx = \frac{-q A_E n_e(0) \mathcal{L}}{[1 - \exp(-\frac{x_B}{\mathcal{L}})]} \left[ e^{-\frac{x_B}{\mathcal{L}}} - 1 + \frac{x_B}{\mathcal{L}} \right]$$

Letting  $\mathcal{L} \rightarrow \infty$  and expanding the exponential terms gives

$$Q_B|_{\text{constant}} = \frac{-q A_E n_c(0) x_B}{2}$$

Assume that base current is due only to base recombination.

If  $I_c$  is the same in the two transistors

$$\beta = \frac{I_c}{I_B} \Rightarrow \frac{\beta_c}{\beta_e} = \frac{I_{rB}|_{\text{exp.}}}{I_{rB}|_{\text{const.}}}$$

Since the injected electron density greatly exceeds the equilibrium electron density over most of the base and lifetime is not strongly  $x$  dependent, eq. (6.2.4) can be written:

$$I_{rB} = \frac{q A_E}{\tau_n} \int_0^{x_B} n dx = \frac{-Q_B}{\tau_n}$$

$$\therefore \frac{I_{rB}|_{\text{exp.}}}{I_{rB}|_{\text{const.}}} = \frac{Q_B|_{\text{exp.}}}{Q_B|_{\text{const.}}} = \frac{2 n_e(0) \mathcal{L} \left[ e^{-\frac{x_B}{\mathcal{L}}} - 1 + \frac{x_B}{\mathcal{L}} \right]}{n_c(0) x_B \left[ 1 - e^{-\frac{x_B}{\mathcal{L}}} \right]} = \frac{2 \mathcal{L}^2 \left[ e^{-\frac{x_B}{\mathcal{L}}} - 1 + \frac{x_B}{\mathcal{L}} \right]}{x_B^2 \left[ e^{-\frac{x_B}{\mathcal{L}}} - 1 + \frac{x_B}{\mathcal{L}} \right]}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\beta_c}{\beta_e} = \frac{2 \mathcal{L}^2}{x_B^2} \left[ e^{-\frac{x_B}{\mathcal{L}}} - 1 + \frac{x_B}{\mathcal{L}} \right] = 0.340$$

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$$dt = \frac{dx}{v(x)} \quad \text{so that} \quad \tau_B = \int_0^{x_B} \frac{dx}{v(x)}$$

$$\text{Since } I_c = q n(x) v(x) A, \quad v(x) = \frac{I_c}{q n(x) A} \quad \therefore \tau_B = \frac{q A}{I_c} \int_0^{x_B} n(x) dx$$

For the prototype transistor, we have from prob. 6.3

$$n_c(x) = \frac{n_c(0)}{x_B} (x_B - x) = \frac{I_c}{q A_E D_n} (x_B - x)$$

$$\therefore \tau_B = \frac{q A_E I_c}{I_c q A_E D_n} \int_0^{x_B} (x_B - x) dx = \frac{1}{D_n} \left[ x_B^2 - \frac{x_B^2}{2} \right]$$

$$\therefore \tau_B = \frac{x_B^2}{2 D_n}$$