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### 1. Objective

In the first phase of this three-phase effort, a new theoretical treatment of the electron mobility due to ionized-impurity scattering in degenerate semiconductors was introduced. In the second phase, the accuracy of the new theory was verified by the use of several methods, both analytical and numerical.<sup>1,2</sup> The main objective of the present work, the third and final phase, is to develop a computer program based upon the new theory so that it can be applied it to experimental data on ZnO measured by the Air Force Research Laboratory<sup>3</sup> in order to understand the fundamental electronic behavior of this material and its potential for particular applications.

### 2. Hall Effect Measurements

Typically, electrical characterization of semiconductor materials is carried out by means of experimental measurements using the Hall Effect in a uniform magnetic field.<sup>4</sup> Hall Effect measurements give values for the carrier mobility  $\mu$  and the sheet carrier concentration, which latter is the product of the layer thickness and the uniform carrier concentration *n*. The resulting Hall mobility, which is identical with drift mobility *for degenerate materials*, is independent of the thickness of the sample. Provided the voltmeter used for the measurements responds *linearly*, the resulting mobility values simply vary inversely with the strength of the magnetic field. In fact, the reciprocal of the dimensions of mobility (m<sup>2</sup>/V/s) are identical to the dimensions of the magnetic field (Tesla).<sup>5</sup> Therefore, the accuracy of the mobility values determined by the Hall Effect are set by the accuracy with which the magnetic field is known.

In the present work, the accuracy of the experimental magnetic field and the Hall Effect measurements are not known but are thought to be within a few percent, probably within  $\pm 2\%$ . Therefore, throughout this work, comparisons between theoretically calculated mobility and experimental mobility values are regarded as significant only to within  $\pm 2\%$ , as estimated by the accuracy of the experimental data. Calculations of theoretical mobility values are carried out to better than 0.2%.

#### **3.** Fundamental Equations

The theoretical electron mobility due to ionized-impurity scattering for n-type semiconductors is given by the following equations, which were developed in Phase I of this work.<sup>1</sup> Experimental measurements give the value of the electron concentration, which for degenerate conditions is given by

$$n = k_F^3 / 3\pi^2 = \int (k / \pi)^2 f dk$$
 (1)

where  $k_F$  is the magnitude of the momentum wave vector at the Fermi Level  $E_F$  and

$$E_{F} = \hbar^{2} k_{F}^{2} / 2m - E_{g} \left[ 1 - \sqrt{1 + 2\hbar^{2} k_{F}^{2} (m/m^{*} - 1)/mE_{g}} \right] / 2$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

The free electron mass is m,  $\hbar$  is the reduced Planck constant, the energy gap is  $E_g$ , and the effective mass at the bottom of the conduction band is  $m^*$ , the latter two being input material parameters used for the theoretical calculations.

In this work, the degeneracy ratio is defined as the ratio of the Fermi Level to the thermal energy,  $E_g/\kappa T$ . A degenerate semiconductor will be taken to have a degeneracy ratio greater than 12. This criterion gives theoretical accuracies within about 0.2%.

The Fermi-Dirac Probability Distribution Function *f* fundamentally defines the Fermi Level.

$$f = 1/[e^{(E-E_F)/\kappa T} + 1]$$
(3)

Thus, given the electron concentration from Hall Effect measurements and the two material parameters from the scientific literature<sup>6</sup>, the momentum wave vector and the Fermi Level can be calculated from eqs. (1) and (2). These results are then used to calculate the mobility.

The electron mobility  $\mu u$  due to ionized-impurity scattering in degenerate semiconductors is given by

$$\mu_{ii} = \frac{8\pi^3 c_s^3 \hbar^5 k_F^2 \beta_F^2}{e^5 m^3 d_F^3 N[D_F \cdot \ln(1 + 4k_F^2 / \beta_F^2) - B_F]}$$
(4)

The static dielectric permittivity (the third, and last, material parameter) is  $\varepsilon_s$  and the fundamental charge is *e*. The effective concentration of scattering centers is given by the concentrations of single donors  $N_d$ , single acceptors  $N_a$ , and double acceptors  $N_{aa}$ .<sup>7</sup>

$$N = N_d + N_a + 4N_{aa} \tag{5}$$

The remaining quantities in eq. (4) are<sup>8</sup>

$$\beta_{F}^{2} = \frac{e^{2} (2m)^{3/2}}{2\pi^{2} \varepsilon_{s} \hbar^{3}} \cdot \left[ E_{F} + E_{g} m / 2m^{*} - \sqrt{(E_{F} + E_{g} m / 2m^{*})^{2} - E_{F} (E_{F} + E_{g})} \right]^{/2} \times \left[ 1 - \frac{(m/m^{*} - 1)E_{g} / 2}{\sqrt{(E_{F} + E_{g} m / 2m^{*})^{2} - E_{F} (E_{F} + E_{g})}} \right]$$
(6)

and

$$1/d_{F} = 1 + (m/m^{*} - 1)/\sqrt{1 + 2\hbar^{2}k_{F}^{2}(m/m^{*} - 1)/mE_{g}}$$
(7)

$$D_F = 1 + (2\beta_F^2 c_F^2 / k_F^2) + (3\beta_F^4 c_F^4 / 4k_F^4)$$
(8)

$$B_{F} = \left[4k_{F}^{2} / \beta_{F}^{2} + 8(1 + 2k_{F}^{2} / \beta_{F}^{2})c_{F}^{2} + 6(1 + \beta_{F}^{2} / 2k_{F}^{2} - 4k_{F}^{2} / 3\beta_{F}^{2})c_{F}^{4}\right] / (1 + 4k_{F}^{2} / \beta_{F}^{2})$$

$$(9)$$

where

$$c_F^2 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1 + 2\hbar^2 k_F^2 (m/m^* - 1)/mE_g}$$
(10)

Therefore, given the three material parameters from the literature<sup>6</sup> as input data and the electron concentration from Hall measurements, the mobility can be calculated from eq. (4) when values are assumed for the acceptor concentrations. Hence, the only unknowns are the acceptor concentrations (since  $N_d = n + N_a + 2N_{aa}$ ), which can then be determined by comparisons between experimental and theoretical mobility values.

## 4. Fortran Program Code

Calculations of the theoretical electron mobility due to ionized-impurity scattering in degenerate n-type semiconductors are carried out using the following Fortran computer program entitled "MuiiDegen." Lines are numbered as LL1 etc.

*Note: This listing has been edited for presentation purposes; it cannot be substituted for the actual source code.* 

- LL1 PROGRAM MuiiDegen
- LL2 \* Ionized-Impurity Degenerate Mobility Calculations
- LL3 \* D. L. Rode, Pendragon Corporation, Feb. 10, 2019
- LL4 \* Calculate kF, BetaF, Fermi Level, and Muii from
- LL5 \* Phase I Final Report Formulas (15), (16), (18), (20)
- LL6 \* for Degenerate Electron-Concentration Conditions
- LL7 CHARACTER U\*72
- LL8 CHARACTER\*1 CF(3),CG(3),CH(72)
- LL9 REAL E, EM, EPS0, HBAR, PIR, EPSK, EGEV, EMSTAR,
- LL10 1CCN, CONC, EG, KF, EPSS, EFEV, BETA, BETA2, CNA, CNAA,
- LL11 2CONA, CONAA, ND, NOD, NN, RDF, CF2, DF, BF, MCON, MUII
- LL12 INTEGER I
- LL13 90 FORMAT(///3X,72A1)
- LL14 91 FORMAT(3X,72A1)
- LL15 92 FORMAT(3X,3A1,66X,3A1)
- LL16 93 FORMAT(3X,3A1,22X,'SEMICONDUCTOR ELECTRON',22X,3A1)
- LL17 94 FORMAT(3X,3A1,24X,'TRANSPORT ANALYSIS',24X,3A1)
- LL18 95 FORMAT(3X,3A1,25X,'version MuiiDegen',24X,3A1)
- LL19 96 FORMAT(3X,3A1,16X,'Dan Rode, Pendragon Corporation',15X,3A1)
- LL20 97 FORMAT(3X,3A1,31X,'2018',31X,3A1)
- LL21 DO 84 I=1,3
- LL22 CF(I)='\*'
- LL23 CG(I)='\*'
- LL24 84 CONTINUE
- LL25 DO 85 I=1,72
- LL26 CH(I)='\*'
- LL27 85 CONTINUE
- LL28 WRITE(6,90) CH
- LL29 WRITE(6,91) CH
- LL30 DO 86 I=1,2
- LL31 WRITE(6,92) CF,CG

- LL32 86 CONTINUE
- LL33 WRITE(6,93) CF,CG
- LL34 WRITE(6,94) CF,CG
- LL35 WRITE(6,92) CF,CG
- LL36 WRITE(6,95) CF,CG
- LL37 WRITE(6,92) CF,CG
- LL38 WRITE(6,96) CF,CG
- LL39 WRITE(6,97) CF,CG
- LL40 DO 87 I=1,2
- LL41 WRITE(6,92) CF,CG
- LL42 87 CONTINUE
- LL43 DO 88 I=1,2
- LL44 WRITE(6,91) CH
- LL45 88 CONTINUE
- LL46 OPEN(UNIT=13,FILE='Muii\_OUT.doc',POSITION='APPEND')
- LL47 WRITE(6,1)
- LL48 1 FORMAT('ENTER IDENTIFYING TEXT ON ONE LINE:')
- LL49 READ(5,2) U
- LL50 2 FORMAT(A72)
- LL51 WRITE(13,18) U
- LL52 18 FORMAT(/,A72)
- LL53 WRITE(6,12)
- LL54 12 FORMAT('ENTER Dielectric K, Energy Gap-eV, Eff. Mass')
- LL55 READ(5,\*) EPSK, EGEV, EMSTAR
- LL56 MCON=2.8141E-13\*EPSK\*EPSK\*EPSK
- LL57 WRITE(13,14)
- LL58 14 FORMAT(' Dielectric\_K, Energy Gap-eV, Eff.\_Mass')
- LL59 WRITE(13,15) EPSK, EGEV, EMSTAR
- LL60 15 FORMAT(1PE11.3,',',1PE11.3,',',1PE11.3)
- LL61 WRITE(13,16)
- LL62 16 FORMAT(' e\_Conc./cc, Muii,Nd, Na, Naa')
- LL63 E=1.60218E-19
- LL64 EM=9.10939E-31
- LL65 EPS0=8.85419E-12
- LL66 HBAR=1.05457E-34
- LL67 PIR=4\*ATAN(1.0)
- LL68 EG=E\*EGEV
- LL69 EPSS=EPS0\*EPSK
- LL70 89 CONTINUE
- LL71 WRITE(6,4)

- LL72 4 FORMAT('ENTER Concs./cc: n, Na, Naa -- Enter Zero To End')
- LL73 READ(5,\*) CCN, CNA, CNAA
- LL74 IF(CCN.LT.1.0) GO TO 83
- LL75 WRITE(6,16)
- LL76 CONC=1.0E+6\*CCN
- LL77 CONA=1.0E+6\*CAN
- LL78 CONAA=1.0E+6\*CNAA
- LL79 ND=CCN+CNA+2.0\*CNAA
- LL80 NOD=1.0E+6\*ND
- LL81 NN=NOD+CONA+4.0\*CONAA
- LL82 KF=EXP(LOG(3.0\*PIR\*PIR\*CONC)/3.0)
- LL83 EFEV=(HBAR\*KF/E)\*HBAR\*KF/2.0/EM-EGEV/2.0
- LL84 EFEV=EFEV+EGEV\*SQRT(1+2\*(HBAR\*KF/EG)\*(HBAR\*KF/EM)\*(1/EMSTAR-1))/2
- LL85 BETA=(E\*SQRT(2\*EM)/HBAR)\*(E\*SQRT(2\*EM)/HBAR)\*(E\*SQRT(2\*EM)
- LL86 1/HBAR)/2/PIR/PIR/EPSS/SQRT(E)
- LL87 BETA2=SQRT((EFEV+EGEV/2.0/EMSTAR)\*(EFEV+EGEV/2.0/EMSTAR)-
- LL88 1EFEV\*(EFEV+EGEV))
- LL89 BETA2=BETA\*SQRT(EFEV+EGEV/2/EMSTAR-BETA2)\*(1-(1/EMSTAR-1)\*EGEV/2
- LL90 1/BETA2)
- LL91 BETA=SQRT(BETA2)
- LL92 RDF=SQRT(1.0+2.0\*(HBAR/EM)\*KF\*KF\*HBAR\*(1.0/EMSTAR-1.0)/EG)
- LL93 CF2=0.5-0.5/RDF
- LL94 RDF=1.0+(1.0/EMSTAR-1.0)/RDF
- LL95 DF=1.0+BETA2\*CF2\*(2.0+3.0\*BETA2\*CF2/4.0/KF/KF)/KF/KF
- LL96 BF=KF\*KF/BETA2
- LL97 BF=(4.0\*BF+8.0\*(1.0+2.0\*BF)\*CF2+6.0\*(1.0+0.5/BF-BF/0.75)\*
- LL98 1CF2\*CF2)/(1.0+4.0\*BF)
- LL99 MUII=MCON\*RDF\*RDF\*RDF\*KF\*KF\*BETA2/NN/(DF\*LOG(1.0+4.0\*KF\*KF/
- LL100 1BETA2)-BF)
- LL101 WRITE(6,6) CCN, MUII, ND, CNA, CNAA
- LL102 WRITE(13,6) CCN, MUII, ND, CNA, CNAA
- LL103 6 FORMAT(1PE10.3,',',1PE10.3,',',1PE10.3,',',1PE10.3,',',1PE10.3)
- LL104 GO TO 89
- LL105 83 CLOSE(13)
- LL106 END PROGRAM MuiiDegen

## 5. Line-by-Line Description of the Fortran Code

The following is a line-by-line description of the MuiiDegen Fortran computer program, which implements eq. (4) for electron mobility due to ionized impurities (only).

In the listing below, the Output Unit is a file titled "Muii OUT.doc" in the root directory. Also in the root directory may appear a text file titled "MuiiDegen output." This is a detailed activity report of the most recent use of the Fortran program; to it may be appended previous activity so it can be used to track usage history.

Program Title
Comment
Declaration
Format Statement
Construct Banner
Constant Domest

- LL27 Construct Banner
- LL28 Construct Banner
- LL29 Write Banner
- LL30 Write Banner
- LL31 Write Banner
- LL32 Write Banner
- LL33 Write Banner
- LL34 Write Banner
- LL35 Write Banner
- LL36 Write Banner
- LL37 Write Banner
- LL38 Write Banner
- LL39 Write Banner
- LL40 Write Banner
- LL41 Write Banner
- LL42 Write Banner
- LL43 Write Banner
- LL44 Write Banner
- LL45 Write Banner
- LL46 Open Output Unit
- LL47 Write Input Instruction
- LL48 Format Input Instruction
- LL49 Read Sample Identification Information
- LL50 Format Sample Identification Information
- LL51 Write Sample Identification Information to Output Unit
- LL52 Format Sample Identification Information
- LL53 Write Input Material Parameter Instruction
- LL54 Format Input Material Parameter Instruction
- LL55 Read Input Material Parameters
- LL56 Constant Factor for Mobility  $MCON = 8 \times 10^4 \pi^3 \varepsilon_s^3 \hbar^5 / e^5 m^3$
- LL57 Write Input Material Parameter Instruction
- LL58 Format Input Material Parameter Instruction
- LL59 Write Input Material Parameters to Output Unit
- LL60 Format Input Material Parameters to Output Unit

LL61	Write Input Parameter Header to Output Unit
LL62	Format Input Parameter Header to Output Unit
LL63	Fundamental Charge e
LL64	Electron Mass m
LL65	Vacuum Permittivity $\mathcal{E}_o$
LL66	Reduced Planck's Constant
LL67	π
LL68	Energy Gap in Joules
LL69	Low-Frequency, Static Permittivity $\varepsilon_s$
LL70	Continuation Statement
LL71	Write Input Material Parameter Instruction
LL72	Format Input Material Parameter Instruction
LL73	Read Input Material Parameters
LL74	Conditional Branch to END Program
LL75	Write Input Parameter Header
LL76	Electron Concentration per cubic meter
LL77	Single Acceptor Concentration per cubic meter
LL78	Double Acceptor Concentration per cubic meter
LL79	Single Donor Concentration per cubic cm
LL80	Single Donor Concentration per cubic meter
LL81	Ionized-Impurity Scattering Strength Concentration
LL82	Degenerate Fermi Momentum k <sub>F</sub>
LL83	Dummy Fermi Level Statement
LL84	Fermi Level $E_F$ in eV
LL85	Dummy Screening Length
LL86	Dummy Screening Length
LL87	Dummy Screening Length
LL88	Dummy Screening Length
LL89	Cetnar-Rode Screening Length Square
LL90	Cetnar-Rode Screening Length Squared
LL91	Cetnar-Rode Screening Length
LL92	Dummy Variable for Wave Function Admixture
LL93	Wave Function Admixture $c_F^2$

- LL94 Reciprocal of *E-k* Jacobian *d*
- LL95 *D<sub>F</sub>* Factor in Ionized-Impurity Scattering Rate
- LL96 Dummy *B<sub>F</sub>* Factor in Ionized-Impurity Scattering Rate
- LL97 *B<sub>F</sub>* Factor in Ionized-Impurity Scattering Rate
- LL98 *B<sub>F</sub>* Factor in Ionized-Impurity Scattering Rate
- LL99 Electron Drift Mobility Due to Ionized Impurities
- LL100 Electron Drift Mobility Due to Ionized Impurities
- LL101 Write Output Mobility and Doping Parameters
- LL102 Write Mobility and Doping Parameters to Output Unit
- LL103 Format Mobility and Doping Parameters to Output Unit
- LL104 GO TO Statement to Enter More Input Data
- LL105 Close Output Unit
- LL106 End Program

### 6. How to use the Fortran Program MuiiDegen

To use the Fortran program MuiiDegen, open the MuiiDegen application and respond to the prompts as follows.

ENTER IDENTIFYING TEXT ON ONE LINE

Enter an arbitrary alphanumeric string up to 72 characters in length. For example, ZnO Sample No. 122345

ENTER Dielectric K, Energy Gap-eV, Eff. Mass

Enter numerical values for the static dielectric constant  $Ks = \varepsilon_s/\varepsilon_o$ , the energy gap  $E_g$  in eV units, and the effective mass ratio  $m^*/m$ , each separated by a space character. For example, 8.12 3.43 0.328

ENTER Concs./cc: n, Na, Naa --Enter Zero To End

Enter numerical values for the electron concentration *n* from Hall measurement, the single acceptor concentration  $N_a$ , and the double acceptor concentration  $N_{aa}$  in 1/cc units, each separated by a space character. For example, 1.11E21 2.3E19 2.05E20 (The single donor concentration is calculated automatically.)

MuiiDegen output appears as

e\_Conc./cc, Muii, Nd, Na, Naa

These data include re-stated input concentrations and the computed electron mobility. For example, using the above data the output is

1.110E+21, 3.078E+01, 1.543E+21, 2.300E+19, 2.050E+20

Here, the second and third numbers give mobility equal to  $30.78 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V/s}$  and the calculated donor concentration equal to 1.543E21/cc.

MuiiDegen responds with ENTER Concs./cc: n, Na, Naa --Enter Zero To End

You may enter more data, or EXIT the program by any suitable means.

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Output data are also written to a file named "Muii\_OUT.doc". Here is an example.

ZnO Dielectric\_K,EnergyGap-eV,Eff.\_Mass 8.120E+00,3.430E+00,3.400E-01 e\_Conc./cc,Muii,Nd,Na,Naa 1.000E+19,2.026E+02,1.000E+19,0.000E+00,0.000E+00 1.000E+20,1.092E+02,1.000E+20,0.000E+00,0.000E+00 1.000E+21,6.496E+01,1.000E+21,0.000E+00,0.000E+00 1.000E+22,3.648E+01,1.000E+22,0.000E+00,0.000E+00 1.000E+23,1.921E+01,1.000E+23,0.000E+00,0.000E+00

The above output can be inserted into an Excel Spreadsheet as a .csv file, by use of the IMPORT command, which places the data in a format suitable for graphing or for further analysis. A complete activity report, entitled "MuiiDegen output," may also appear in the root directory to which may be appended previous activity, allowing for tracking of historical usage. This file also contains all of the details of the input material parameters used for the calculation.

### 7. Comparison with Earlier Work using SETA

It may be well to discuss here an illustration of the importance of the present treatment of the problem of electron transport, particularly under degenerate conditions.

For this comparison, the material parameters of uncompensated, degenerate ZnO are used. Figure 1 shows results for electron mobility at T = 60K where it is anticipated on physical grounds that the mobility should smoothly decline as the electron concentration increases, as shown by the solid curve which represents eq. (4) of the present work. Clearly, the Semiconductor Electron Transport Analysis (SETA) results (dashed curve) fail badly for the larger concentrations. One may observe that whenever SETA fails, at the maxima, it underrepresents the electron scattering rate. This is thought to be due to the method of numerical integration, even using 5000 integration increments, over the perturbation probability distribution function.<sup>1</sup> These results give some confidence in MuiiDegen.



Electron Mobility of Uncompensated, Degenerate ZnO @ T = 60K

Figure 1: Comparison is shown of Calculated Electron Mobility using SETA (dashed curve) versus using eq. (4) of the Present Work

## 8. Analysis of Experimental Data

Cetnar<sup>9</sup> and Look<sup>10</sup> have kindly provided experimental data for the following work.

Electrical characterization of degenerate, Ga-doped ZnO was carried out using Hall Effect measurements to determine the electron mobility and the sheet carrier concentration. The bulk carrier (electron) concentration *n* must be determined by dividing the sheet carrier concentration by the thickness of the sample. Sample thicknesses fall within the range of 278 to 578 nanometers. The accuracy of the thickness measurements is not stated but is expected to be a small number of nanometers, so carrier concentration accuracies may be within perhaps one or two percent. Electron mobility accuracies are also estimated to be within one or two percent. So, for example, the T = 33.9K mobility figure shown below, 34.3, may be interpreted as something between 34.0 and 34.6, at best.

Consider data<sup>9</sup> for Sample No. G3ZO-313. This is a Ga-doped ZnO sample 575.5nm thick. Donors are singly ionized, and acceptors are doubly ionized.

Reference: Sample No. G3ZO-313 15Jan14 Measurements by T. A. Cooper

Fit of experimental mobility to MuiiDegen calculated mobility:

T = 33.9K, n = 8.84E20, experimental mobility  $\mu = 34.3 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V/s}$ MuiiDegen N<sub>d</sub> = 1.18E21, N<sub>aa</sub> = 1.480E20, calculated  $\mu$  theor. = 34.79 MuiiDegen N<sub>d</sub> = 1.19E21, N<sub>aa</sub> = 1.530E20, calculated  $\mu$  theor. = 34.21 MuiiDegen N<sub>d</sub> = 1.20E21, N<sub>aa</sub> = 1.580E20, calculated  $\mu$  theor. = 33.65

Or, adjusting *n*,

T=33.9K, n = 8.85E20, experimental mobility  $\mu = 34.3 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V/s}$ MuiiDegen calc.  $N_d = 1.18E21$ ,  $N_{aa} = 1.475E20$ , calculated  $\mu$  theor. = 34.86 MuiiDegen calc.  $N_d = 1.19E21$ ,  $N_{aa} = 1.525E20$ , calculated  $\mu$  theor. = 34.28 MuiiDegen calc.  $N_d = 1.20E21$ ,  $N_{aa} = 1.575E20$ , calculated  $\mu$  theor. = 33.72

As another example, electron mobility data for the ZnO sample of  $Look^{10}$  shows electron mobility from T = 20 K to 300K (see Table 1). No accuracy or error limits are stated.

Т	Mobility DCL	Т	Mobility DCL
[K]	[cm2/V/s]	[K]	[cm <sup>2</sup> /V/s]
20	46.88	160	45.25
40	46.79	180	44.56
60	46.67	200	43.93
80	46.60	220	43.11
100	46.42	240	42.29
120	46.18	260	41.52
140	45.76	280	40.72

Table 1. Electron Mobility Data

*Reference: D. C. Look*, <sup>10</sup> *Ga-doped ZnO Electron Mobility Data 190129* 

The low temperature mobility is about 46.8, as shown in the Table, and the experimental value of the carrier concentration is  $n = 1.12 \times 10^{21} / cc$ . Assuming material parameters:  $E_g = 3.43$ , m\* = 0.328, and K = 8.12 with,  $N_d = 1.27 \times 10^{21} / cc$ , and  $N_{aa} = 7.5 \times 10^{19} / cc$ , gives T = 20K MuiiDegen mobility 47.01. Using  $N_d = 1.26 \times 10^{21} / cc$  and  $N_{aa} = 8.0 \times 10^{19} / cc$  and gives T = 20K MuiiDegen mobility 46.13. *versus* the experimental result, 46.8. These results show a remarkably low level of dopant compensation.

An excellent series of data is given by Look *et al.*<sup>7</sup> in their Figure 1. The low-temperature data are analyzed below. The theoretical calculations agree with experimental data within about 1% at the lower temperatures for the ZnO samples as follows.

#### a) Un-annealed Sample

Assuming material parameters: Eg = 3.43, m\* = 0.328, and K = 8.12 with  $n = 1.11 \times 10^{21} / cc$ ,  $N_d = 1.51 \times 10^{21} / cc$ , and  $N_{aa} = 2.00 \times 10^{20} / cc$  gives T = 20K MuiiDegen mobility 31.75 versus experimental result 32.0.

#### b) 450°C Annealed Sample

Assuming material parameters: Eg = 3.43, m\* = 0.328, and K = 8.12 with  $n = 9.99 \times 10^{20} / cc$ ,  $N_d = 1.20 \times 10^{21} / cc$ , and  $N_{aa} = 1.05 \times 10^{20} / cc$  gives T = 20K MuiiDegen mobility 41.46 versus experimental result 41.8.

c) 500°C Annealed Sample

Assuming material parameters: Eg = 3.43, m<sup>\*</sup> = 0.328, and K = 8.12 with  $n = 1.02 \times 10^{21} / cc$ ,  $N_d = 1.15 \times 10^{21} / cc$ , and  $N_{aa} = 6.50 \times 10^{19} / cc$  gives T = 20K MuiiDegen mobility 48.72 versus experimental result 49.0.

#### d) 600°C Annealed Sample

Assuming material parameters: Eg = 3.43, m<sup>\*</sup> = 0.328, and K = 8.12 with  $n = 7.51 \times 10^{20} / cc$ ,  $N_d = 8.50 \times 10^{20} / cc$ , and  $N_{aa} = 5.10 \times 10^{19} / cc$  gives T = 20K MuiiDegen mobility 51.35 versus experimental result 51.5.

These results agree fairly well with those of Look *et al*. Generally, the estimated donor concentrations agree within 5% and the acceptor concentrations agree within 60%, but, of course, with the acceptor concentrations we are dealing with rather small numbers.

It may also be mentioned that for these data, the difference between theory and experiment consistently shows experiment is less than theory from low-to-high temperature by about 1.6%. Might this be due to compressive strain due to substrate thermal expansion mismatch, or to higher lying conduction band minima?

#### 9. Conclusion

In summary, electron transport calculations using the new MuiiDegen Fortran computer program show excellent agreement, within 1%, with experimental results on degenerately doped ZnO. This new capability gives the important advantage of stable numerical calculations for electron concentrations well beyond those of the SETA Fortran program. It does not include the temperature dependence of the electron mobility, but it does incorporate wave function admixture and conduction band non-parabolicity.

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