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**Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering  
Fall 2023 BREADTH EXAM**

**TTG Area: Circuits and Systems ECGR-4134 Solid State II**  
**Ten problems at 10 points each:**

All problems assume a silicon npn bipolar transistor. Given the following information:

$$n_{B0} = \frac{n_i^2}{N_B}; V_t = 0.0259 \text{ V}; p_{E0} = \frac{n_i^2}{N_E};$$

$$V_{bi} = V_t \ln \frac{N_a N_d}{n_i^2}$$

$$L_E = \sqrt{D_E \tau_{E0}}; L_B = \sqrt{D_B \tau_{B0}}$$

$$\alpha_T = \frac{1}{\cosh\left(\frac{x_B}{L_B}\right)}; \gamma = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{p_{E0} D_E L_B \tanh\left(\frac{x_B}{L_B}\right)}{n_{B0} D_B L_E \tanh\left(\frac{x_E}{L_E}\right)}}$$

$$J_{S0} = \frac{q D_B n_{B0}}{L_B \tanh\left(\frac{x_B}{L_B}\right)}; \alpha = \gamma \alpha_T \delta; \beta = \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha};$$

$$\delta = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{J_{r0}}{J_{s0}} \exp\left(\frac{-q V_{BE}}{2kT}\right)}; q = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}; p_{E0} =$$

$$\frac{n_i^2}{N_E} \exp\left(\frac{-\Delta E_g}{kT}\right); T = 300 \text{ K},$$

$$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-14} \text{ F/cm};$$

$$\epsilon_s = 11.7 \epsilon_0; E_g = 1.12 \text{ eV}, N_E = 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3};$$

$$N_B = 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}; D_E = 15 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s};$$

$$D_B = 8 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}; \tau_{E0} = 3 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s};$$

$$\tau_{B0} = 2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}; x_E = 0.5 \text{ } \mu\text{m}; x_B = 0.7 \text{ } \mu\text{m};$$

$$V_{BE} = 0.65 \text{ V}; J_{r0} = 5 \times 10^{-8} \text{ A/cm}^2$$

$$\Delta n_B(x) = \frac{n_{B0} \left\{ \exp\left(\frac{q V_{BE}}{kT}\right) - 1 \right\} \sinh\left(\frac{x_B - x}{L_B}\right) - \sinh\left(\frac{x}{L_B}\right)}{\sinh\left(\frac{x_B}{L_B}\right)}$$

$$n_i = 1.5 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

- 1- What is the thermal equilibrium minority carrier hole concentration in the emitter without the band-gap narrowing effect?
- 2- What is thermal equilibrium minority carrier hole concentration considering the band-gap narrowing effect in the emitter as doping changes from  $10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  to  $10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ? (Assume band-gap change from 0.030 eV to 0.080 eV)
- 3- What is the thermal equilibrium carrier electron concentration in the base?
- 4- What is the excess carrier electron concentration in the base at  $x = 0$ ?
- 5- What is the emitter injection efficiency factor?
- 6- What is the base transport factor?
- 7- What is the reverse saturation current density?
- 8- What is the recombination factor?
- 9- What is the common-base current gain?
- 10- What is the common emitter current gain?