

Differential Hall-Effect Spectroscopy (DHES)

for n-type semiconductor

The electron concentration $n(T)$ produced by n different donor species (density N_{D_i} and energy level E_{D_i}) and one acceptor (density N_A) is expressed by

$$n(T) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{N_{D_i}}{1 + g \exp\left(\frac{E_F - E_{D_i}}{kT}\right)} - N_A. \quad (1)$$

The derivative $(-kT)dn(T)/dE_F$ is derived as

$$\begin{aligned} (-kT) \frac{dn(T)}{dE_F} &= kT \sum_{i=1}^n N_{D_i} \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial E_F} \left[1 + g \exp\left(\frac{E_F - E_{D_i}}{kT}\right) \right] + \frac{\partial}{\partial(kT)} \left[1 + g \exp\left(\frac{E_F - E_{D_i}}{kT}\right) \right] \frac{\partial(kT)}{\partial E_F}}{\left[1 + g \exp\left(\frac{E_F - E_{D_i}}{kT}\right) \right]^2} \\ &= kT \sum_{i=1}^n N_{D_i} \frac{\frac{g}{kT} \exp\left(\frac{E_F - E_{D_i}}{kT}\right) + g \frac{E_F - E_{D_i}}{(kT)^2} \exp\left(\frac{E_F - E_{D_i}}{kT}\right) \frac{\partial(kT)}{\partial E_F}}{\left[1 + g \exp\left(\frac{E_F - E_{D_i}}{kT}\right) \right]^2} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n N_{D_i} \frac{g \exp\left(\frac{E_F - E_{D_i}}{kT}\right)}{\left[1 + g \exp\left(\frac{E_F - E_{D_i}}{kT}\right) \right]^2} \cdot \left[1 - \frac{E_F - E_{D_i}}{kT} \cdot \frac{\partial(kT)}{\partial E_F} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Since energy levels measured from the bottom of the conduction band are described as

$$\Delta E_{D_i} = E_C - E_{D_i} \quad (3)$$

and

$$\Delta E_F = E_C - E_F, \quad (4)$$

the DHES signal is theoretically expressed by

$$DHES[\Delta E_F(T)] = \sum_{i=1}^n N_{D_i} \frac{g \exp\left(\frac{\Delta E_{D_i} - \Delta E_F}{kT}\right)}{\left[1 + g \exp\left(\frac{\Delta E_{D_i} - \Delta E_F}{kT}\right) \right]^2} \cdot \left[1 + \left(\frac{\Delta E_{D_i} - \Delta E_F}{kT}\right) \frac{\partial(kT)}{\partial \Delta E_F} \right]. \quad (5)$$

The function

$$N_{D_i} \frac{g \exp\left(\frac{\Delta E_{D_i} - \Delta E_F}{kT}\right)}{\left[1 + g \exp\left(\frac{\Delta E_{D_i} - \Delta E_F}{kT}\right) \right]^2}$$

has a maximum of

$$\frac{N_{D_i}}{4}$$

at $\Delta E_F = \Delta E_{D_i} + kT_{\max} \ln g$.