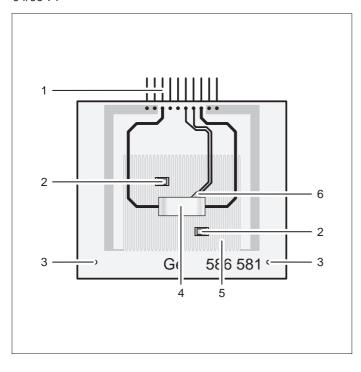
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Instruction Sheet 586 851

Ge Undoped on Plug-in Board (586 851)

- Multi-pin connector
- 2 Spacers
- 3 Latch pins
- 4 Ge crystal, undoped
- 5 Wave-form heating filament
- 6 PT100 temperature sensor

1 Description

When used in conjunction with the base unit for Hall effect (586 850), this device enables measurement of the conductivity of undoped germanium as a function of the temperature. The measurement data can then be used to determine the energy interval of germanium.

2 Technical data

Maximum cross-current: 4 mA

Dimensions of crystal: $10 \text{ mm} \times 20 \text{ mm} \times 1 \text{ mm}$

Dimensions of plug-in board

including pin connector: $11.5 \text{ cm} \times 11.5 \text{ cm} \times 0.8 \text{ cm}$

Safety notes

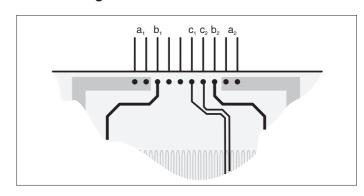
The Ge crystal is extremely fragile:

 Handle the plug-in board carefully and do not subject it to mechanical shocks or loads.

Due to its high specific resistance, the Ge crystal warms up even when only the cross-current is applied:

• Do not exceed the maximum cross-current of I = 4 mA. Turn the control knob for the cross-current on the base unit for Hall effect all the way to the left.

3 Pin assignments



a₁, a₂ Wave-form heating filament
b₁, b₂ Cross-current through Ge crystal
c₁, c₂ PT100 temperature sensor

4 Operation

additionally required:

1 Base unit for Hall effect 586 850

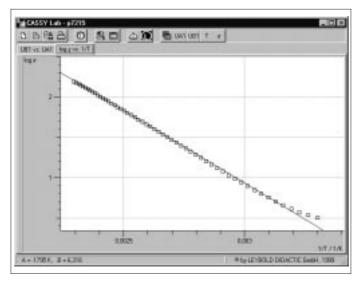
Measuring instruments and power supplies as described in the Instruction Sheet of the base unit for Hall effect.

Mount the plug-in board in the base unit for Hall effect and electrically connect all apparatus as described in the Instruction Sheet of the base unit for Hall effect.

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5 Experiment example

Measuring the conductivity as a function of the temperature using CASSY-S:



Measurement quantities:

UA1: Voltage at temperature sensor

UB1: Voltage drop across Ge crystal at 2 mA cross-current

Derived quantities:

 $Conductivity:: \qquad \qquad \sigma = \frac{2mA}{UB1} \cdot \frac{20mm}{10mm \times 1mm}$

Temperature: $T = 100 \text{K} \cdot \frac{\text{UA1}}{\text{V}} + 273,15 \text{K}$

Display: $\ln \sigma = f\left(\frac{1}{T}\right)$

because at higher temperatures (intrinsic conductivity) we can say:

$$\ln \sigma = \ln \sigma_0 - \frac{E_g}{2 \cdot k} \cdot \frac{1}{T}$$

 $E_g = 0.67 \,\mathrm{eV}$: Band spacing of Ge

 $k = 8,625 \cdot 10^{-5} \frac{\text{eV}}{\kappa}$ Boltzmann constant