

9.26) \bar{E}_F FOR GOLD IS 5.51 eV AT 293K.

a) FIND $\langle \text{CONDUCTION } e^- \rangle$ AT 293K = \bar{E}_{ce^-}

AND FIND $\langle \text{EXCITED } e^- \rangle$

b) FIND T FOR WHICH $\frac{1}{2} m \bar{v}_{MB}^2 = \frac{3}{2} kT = \bar{E}_{ce^-}$

c) COMMENT

a) THE AVERAGE ENERGY OF THE CONDUCTION (VALENCE) e^- IS

$$\langle E_{ce^-} \rangle = \bar{E}_F = \frac{3}{5} E_F = \frac{3}{5} (5.51) \quad (9.45)$$

$$\boxed{\langle E_{ce^-} \rangle = 3.306 \text{ eV}} \quad \text{CONDUCTION ELECTRON AVERAGE ENERGY}$$

THE EXCITED e^- ARE THOSE THAT MIGRATE UP ABOVE THE FERMI ENERGY:

$$E_{\text{EXCITED}} = E_F + 2 \left(\frac{11}{3} kT \right) = 5.51 + \frac{211}{3} (8.26 \times 10^{-5}) (393)$$

$$= 5.51 + 0.0529$$

$$\boxed{\langle E_{\text{EXCITED}} \rangle = 5.56 \text{ eV}} \quad \text{EXCITED ELECTRON AVERAGE ENERGY}$$

b) FIND T FROM $\bar{K}_{MB} = \frac{3}{2} kT$

$$T = \frac{2}{3} \frac{K_{MB}}{k} = \frac{2(3.306)}{3(8.62 \times 10^{-5})}$$

$$\boxed{T_{Au} = 2.556 \times 10^4 \text{ K}}$$

c) SINCE T_{Au} IS SO MUCH HIGHER THAN ROOM TEMPERATURE, WE CAN WORK AS THOUGH $T_{ROOM} = 0 \text{ K}$.