Haynes-Shockley Experiment

In an experiment similar to the famous Haynes-Shockley experiment to determine minority carrier mobility, excess carriers are injected by optical excitation at one side of a slide of n-type silicon sample. The equilibrium electron concentration in the n-type sample is $n_{n0} = 2 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$. The sample length is W=0.5 mm. Excess carriers are only generated at x=0 with carrier generation rate of $G=10^{20}$ cm⁻³/s. The other side of the sample at x=W is connected to the ground thereby all excessive carriers are extracted completely. The sample is at room temperature (T=300 K). The carrier life time is $\tau=50$ µs, hole mobility is $\mu_p=250$ cm²/V·s. The figure below shows the configuration.

- a) (1 points) Find the steady-state minority carrier (hole) concentration at x=0: $p_n(0)$
- b) (*1 points*) Write out the steady-state differential equation of the minority carrier (hole) concentration along the x direction: $p_n(x)$.
- c) (1 points) Solve the differential equation of $p_n(x)$ using proper boundary conditions.
- d) (*1 points*) If the width of the sample is L=0.5 mm and the height is H=0.2 mm, find the total current measured at the opposite surface of the sample I(W).



Physical constants may be useful:

Elelctron charge: $e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$ C Boltzmann constant: $k = 1.38 \times 10^{-23}$ J/K Vacuum permitivity: $\varepsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12}$ F/m Planck constant: $h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34}$ J · s