



Course Name with Code: 19GES11 - ELECTRONIC DEVICES

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Unit I : SEMICONDUCTOR DIODES

Date of Lecture:

**Topic of Lecture:** Review of Semiconductor physics

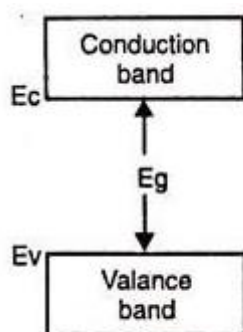
**Introduction:** Semiconductors are materials which have a conductivity between conductors (generally metals) and nonconductors or insulators (such as most ceramics). Semiconductors can be pure elements, such as silicon or germanium, or compounds such as gallium arsenide or cadmium selenide.

**Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:**

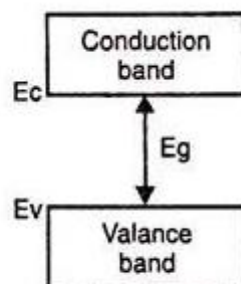
Atomic structure, Energy band diagram, conductor and insulator

**Detailed content of the Lecture:**

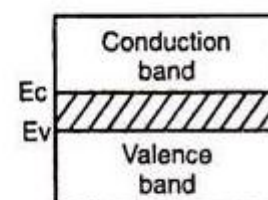
- In an atom, electrons in the innermost orbits, which are filled, are called Valence electrons. On the other hand, electrons in the outer orbits that do not fill the shell completely are called Conduction electrons.
- The energy band which includes the energy levels of the valence electrons is called Valence band. Also, the energy band above it is called Conduction band.
- In case of metallic conductors, conduction band overlaps on the electrons in the valence band.
- In insulators, there is a large gap between both these bands. Hence, the electrons in the valence band remain bound and no free electrons are available in the conduction band.
- Semiconductors have a small gap between both these bands. Some valence electrons gain energy from external sources and cross the gap between the valence and conduction bands.



(a) Insulator



(b) Semiconductor



(c) Conductor

- Solids can be classified as metals, semiconductors or insulators based on conductivity or resistivity and energy bands in electronics.
- Semiconductors are materials which have a conductivity between conductors (generally metals) and nonconductors or insulators (such as most ceramics).

- Semiconductors can be pure elements, such as silicon or germanium, or compounds such as gallium arsenide or cadmium selenide.
- Semiconductors can be broadly classified into Intrinsic and Extrinsic Semiconductors.
- An Intrinsic Semiconductor is the purest form of a semiconductor, elemental, without any impurities.
- Extrinsic Semiconductors are semiconductors which conduct even at room temperature. This is achieved by adding impurities to the pure semiconductor.
- Doping is the process of adding impurities to intrinsic semiconductors to alter their properties.
- Crystals of Silicon and Germanium are doped using two types of dopants:

Pentavalent (valency 5); like Arsenic (As), Antimony (Sb), Phosphorous (P), etc.

Trivalent (valency 3); like Indium (In), Boron (B), Aluminium (Al), etc.

- An n-type semiconductor is created when pure semiconductors, like Si and Ge, are doped with pentavalent elements.

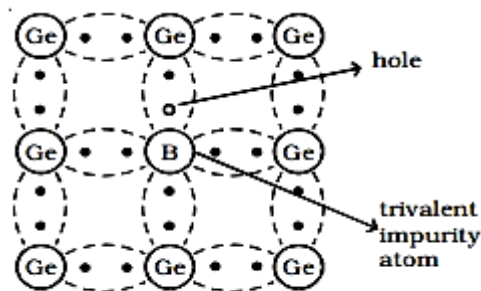


Fig a P-type semiconductor

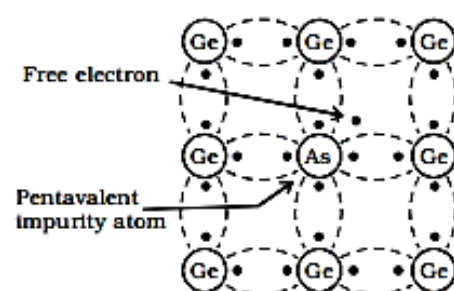


Fig a N-type semiconductor

- A p-type semiconductor is created when trivalent elements are used to dope pure semiconductors, like Si and Ge.
- The P stands for Positive, which means the semiconductor is rich in holes or Positive charged ions. The N stands for Negative, which means the semiconductor is rich in electrons or Negative charged ions.

**Video Content / Details of website for further learning (if any):**

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2. <https://www.toppr.com/guides/physics/semiconductor-electronics-materials-device-and-simple-circuits/extrinsic-semiconductor/>
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Date of Lecture:

**Topic of Lecture:** Drift and diffusion currents, Continuity Equation

**Introduction:** Drift current and diffusion current are the two types of currents flowing through the PN junction. Diffusion current flows due to the movement of particles from the region of high concentration towards the region of low concentration. Drift current is the flow of current due to the application of external field.

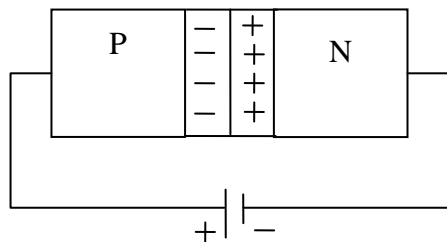
**Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:**

Energy band diagram, PN junction, Barrier potential

**Detailed content of the Lecture:**

### Drift Current

- Drift Current: The applied electric field will accelerate the carrier and produce a net movement of charges. This movement of charge carrier due to the applied electric field is called Drift current.



Let  $P$  be the charge density and  $V_d$  be the drift velocity.

Then, Drift volume current density due to holes is given by

$$J_p (\text{drift}) = PV_{dp}$$

Where,  $P = qp$

$q$  = charge of electron =  $1.602 \times 10^{-19}$  coulomb.

$p$  = Number of holes per cubic cm.

$V_{dp}$  = Average drift velocity of holes =  $\mu_p E$ ,

where  $\mu_p$  = mobility of hole

Similarly, charge density due to electron is given by,

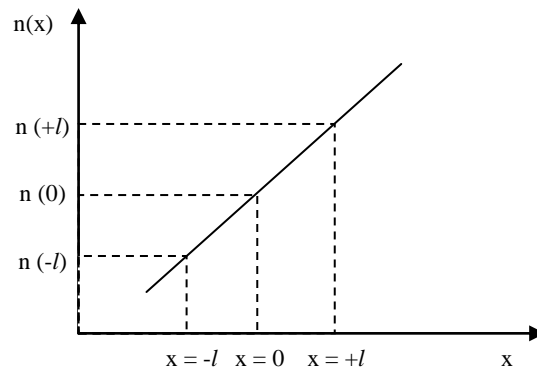
$$J_n (\text{drift}) = q \mu_n n E$$

Therefore,

$$\text{Total drift current } J (\text{drift}) = q (\mu_n n + \mu_p P) E$$

## Diffusion Current

- Diffusion is the process of flow of particles from the region of high concentration towards the region of low concentration. This movement of charge particles will result in the diffusion current.



- The above graph depicts the variation of electron concentration with respect to distance.

- Diffusion current due to electron and holes are given by,

$$J_n (\text{diffusion}) = +q D_n \frac{dn}{dx}$$

$$J_p (\text{diffusion}) = -q D_p \frac{dp}{dx}$$

- The **total current density** in the semiconductor is due to the sum of the drift and diffusion current density.

$$\text{For holes, } J_p = q \mu_p p E - q D_p \frac{dp}{dx}$$

$$\text{For electron, } J_n = q \mu_n n E + q D_n \frac{dn}{dx}$$

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**Topic of Lecture:** Theory of PN Junction Diode, Diode Current Equation

**Introduction:** Diode is a semiconductor device that allows the current to pass through it in one direction and will not allow in other direction. It is formed by joining the P type and N type semiconductor together. The current that is flowing through the diode is governed by the diode current equation.

**knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:**

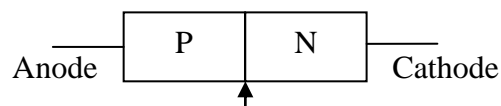
Atomic structure, Energy band diagram, P type and N type semiconductor

**Detailed content of the Lecture:**

### PN junction Diode

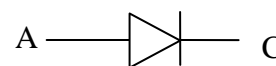
- Diode is a semiconductor device that allows the current to pass through it in one direction and will not allow in other direction.
- The diode which is formed by doping one half by P type impurity and other half by N – type impurity is called *PN junction diode*.

#### Structure of PN junction Diode



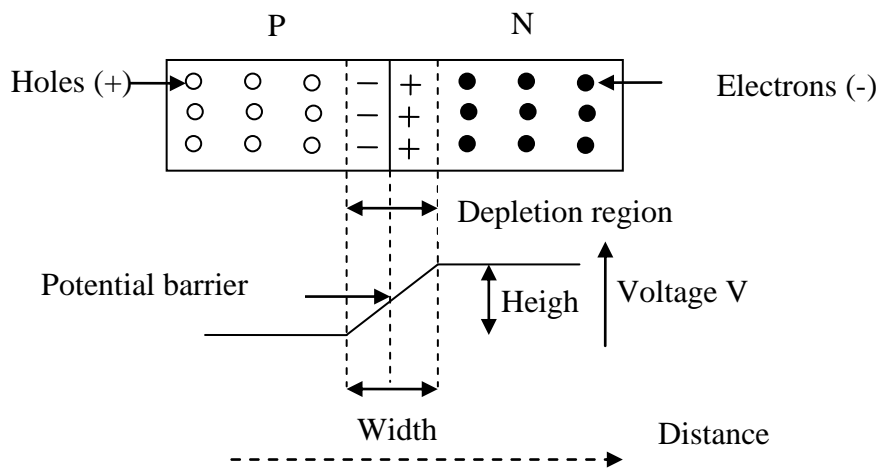
PN junction (or) metallurgical junction

#### Symbol



- The interface that separate N and P region is referred to as the PN junction (or) metallurgical junction.
- Electron in the N region will try to move towards P region and holes in the P region will try to move towards N region, which result in the diffuse of electron on P – side and diffuse of holes on N – side. This process is called **Diffusion**.
- Thus, the movement of the mobile charge carriers to the junction due to the difference in the concentration resulting in a region called depletion region.
- The depletion region (or) space region (or) transition region which is formed near the junction will restricts the movement of electrons and holes towards P region and N region
- An electrostatic potential difference is created near the metallurgical junction which is known as potential barrier, junction barrier, diffusion potential (or) contact potential ( $V_B$ ).
- This is due of the diffused oppositely charged ions present on both sides of PN junction.
- Depletion region is of  $0.5 \mu\text{m}$  thickness and the magnitude of contact potential, potential barrier , junction barrier (or) diffusion potential  $V_0$  is of 0.3 v for Ge and 0.7 v for Si.

## PN junction diode and formation of depletion region



- **Forward biasing:** If the positive terminal of the voltage source is connected to the P type side and negative terminal of the voltage source is connected to the N type of the junction diode. Then the biasing is known as forward biasing.
- **Reverse biasing:** If the positive terminal of the voltage source is connected to the N side and negative terminal of the voltage source is connected to the P – side of the junction diode. Then the biasing is known as Reverse Biasing.
- **Peak inverse voltage:** It is the maximum reverse voltage that can be applied to the PN junction without damage to the junction.

### Diode current equation

The diode current equation relating the voltage V and current I is given by

$$I = I_0 * [\exp (qV / n*k*T) - 1]$$

Where,

I – diode current

$I_0$  – diode reverse saturation current at room temperature

q – charge of electron ( $1.6 \times 10^{-19}$  C)

V – external voltage applied to the diode

K – Boltzmann's constant ( $1.38066 \times 10^{-23}$  J/K)

T – temperature of the diode junction

n - n is a junction constant (typically around 2 for diodes, 1 for transistors)

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Topic of Lecture: Current Voltage Characteristics

**Introduction:** The current-voltage or VI characteristic of a PN diode is the graphical representation of how the diode behaves in the forward and reverse bias condition.

**Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:**

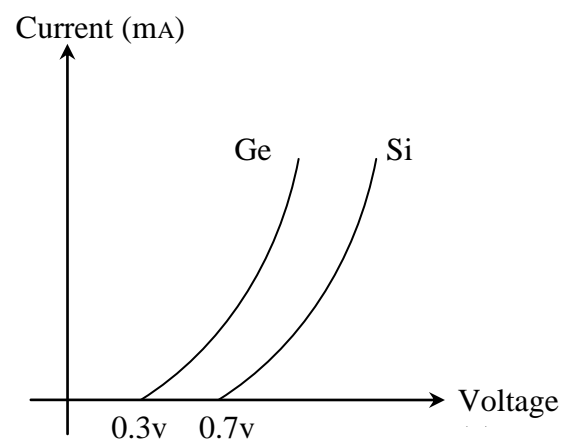
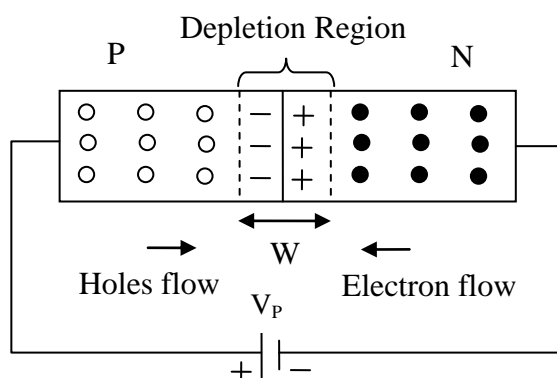
PN Diode, Depletion Region, Biasing

**Detailed content of the Lecture:**

- Applying external voltage of proper magnitude is known as Biasing.

**(i) Forward Bias**

- If the positive terminal of the voltage source is connected to the P type side and negative terminal of the voltage source is connected to the N type side of the junction diode. Then the biasing is known as *forward biasing*.
- Positive potential which is applied to the P type side repels the holes towards the junction.
- Negative potential which is applied to the N type side repels the electrons towards the junction.

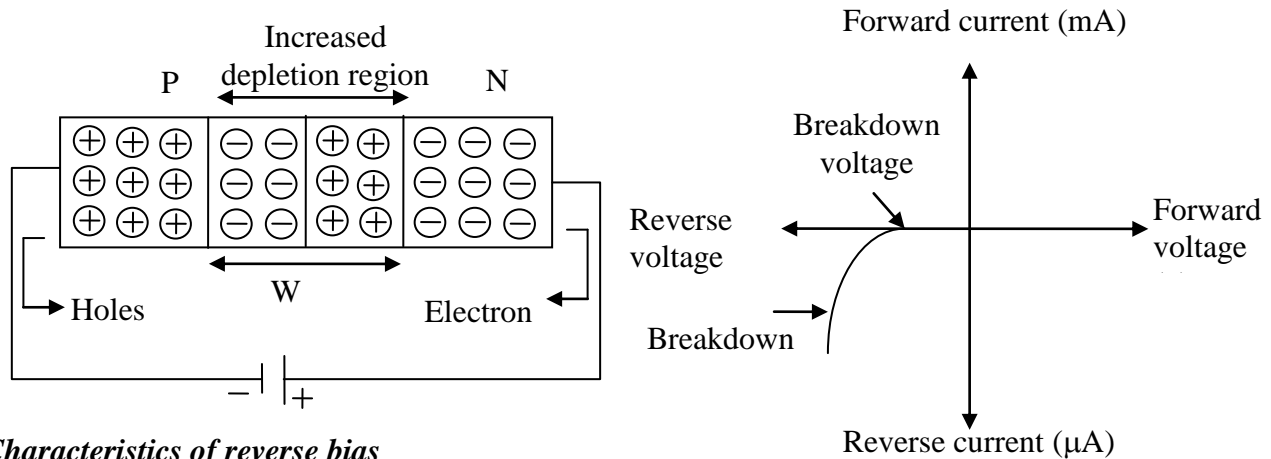


**Characteristics of forward bias**

- When the applied potential ( $V_p$ ) is less than Potential Barrier ( $V_B$ ), the potential barrier prevents the holes and electrons to move on opposite side. Hence there will be no increases in current till threshold voltage.
- When the applied potential ( $V_p$ ) is greater than Potential Barrier ( $V_B$ ), the potential barrier disappears completely makes the electron to move towards positive terminal and holes towards negative potential results in large current flow.

## (ii) Reverse Bias

- If the positive terminal of the voltage source is connected to the N type side and negative terminal of the voltage source is connected to the P type side of the junction diode. Then the biasing is known as **Reverse Biasing**.



### Characteristics of reverse bias

- Negative potential which is applied to the P- type side attract the holes towards the negative terminal.
- Positive potential which is applied to the N type side attract the electrons towards the positive terminal.
- This results in the increases in the depletion region
- When the Reverse bias is increased. The depletion region increases. Therefore this offers high resistivity in the region.
- Theoretically there is no current flow, but practically a small microampere current flows due to minority carrier this is known as reverse saturation currents.
- The minority carrier obtains enough kinetic energy to break the junction and hence a large reverse current flows after the particular Voltage.
- This is due to the breakdown at the junction and this voltage is known as **Breakdown Voltage**.

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**Topic of Lecture:** Effect of Temperature on PN Junction diodes

**Introduction:** PN junction diode parameters like reverse saturation current, bias current, reverse breakdown voltage and barrier voltage are dependent on temperature. With the increase in temperature, the intrinsic carrier concentration increases. Therefore, the barrier potential is decreased and in turn the current conduction starts at earlier stage.

**Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:**

PN diode, Barrier potential, Diode Characteristic

**Detailed content of the Lecture:**

### Forward Bias

- With the increase in temperature, the intrinsic carrier concentration increases.
- This pushes the fermi level closer to the intrinsic fermi level (the middle of the band gap).
- The fermi level in each region moves closer to the middle of the gap, and the built-on potential is decreased.

### Reverse Bias

- Intrinsic concentration would increase with increase in temperature and hence minority charges also increase with increase in temperature.
- The reverse current depends on minority carriers. Hence as the number of minority charge carriers increase, the reverse current would also increase with temperature
- PN junction diode parameters like reverse saturation current, bias current, reverse breakdown voltage and barrier voltage are dependent on temperature.
- Mathematically diode current is given by

$$I = I_0 * [\exp (qV / n*k*T) - 1]$$

Where,

I – diode current

$I_0$  – diode reverse saturation current at room temperature

q – charge of electron ( $1.6 \times 10^{-19}$  C)

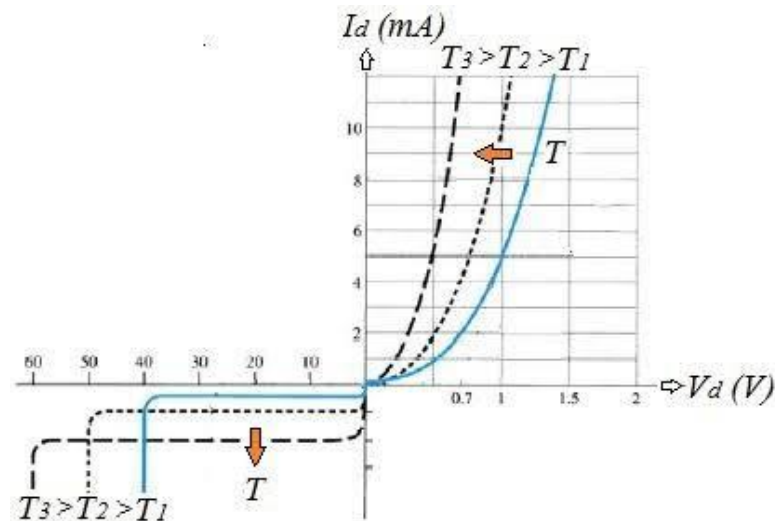
V – external voltage applied to the diode

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T – temperature of the diode junction

n - n is a junction constant (typically around 2 for diodes, 1 for transistors)

- Hence, the current should decrease with increase in temperature but exactly opposite occurs. There are two reasons:
  - Rise in temperature generates more electron-hole pair thus conductivity increases and thus increase in current
  - Increase in reverse saturation current with temperature offsets the effect of rise in temperature
- Reverse saturation current ( $I_S$ ) of diode increases with increase in the temperature. The rise is  $7^\circ\text{C}$  for both germanium and silicon and approximately doubles for every  $10^\circ\text{C}$  rise in temperature.
- Thus if we kept the voltage constant, as we increase temperature the current increases.
- Barrier voltage is also dependent on temperature and it decreases by  $2\text{mV}/^\circ\text{C}$  for germanium and silicon.
- Reverse breakdown voltage ( $V_R$ ) also increases with the increase in temperature.



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**Date of Lecture:**

**Topic of Lecture:** Diffusion Capacitance, Applications of diode

**Introduction:** Diffusion capacitance occurs in a forward biased p-n junction diode. Diffusion capacitance is also referred as storage capacitance. The diffusion capacitance occurs due to stored charge of minority electrons and minority holes near the depletion region. In a forward biased diode, diffusion capacitance is much larger than the transition capacitance.

**Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:**

Energy band diagram, Barrier region, PN diode, Biasing

**Detailed content of the Lecture:**

- In a p-n junction diode, two types of capacitance take place. They are,
  - Transition capacitance ( $C_T$ )
  - Diffusion capacitance ( $C_D$ )

**Transition capacitance ( $C_T$ )**

- The amount of capacitance changed with increase in voltage is called transition capacitance. The transition capacitance is also known as depletion region capacitance, junction capacitance or barrier capacitance.
- Transition capacitance is denoted as  $C_T$ .
- Just like the capacitors, a reverse biased p-n junction diode also stores electric charge at the depletion region.
- The depletion region is made of immobile positive and negative ions.
- In a reverse biased p-n junction diode, the p-type and n-type regions have low resistance.
- Hence, p-type and n-type regions act like the electrodes or conducting plates of the capacitor.
- The depletion region of the p-n junction diode has high resistance.
- Hence, the depletion region acts like the dielectric or insulating material.
- Thus, p-n junction diode can be considered as a parallel plate capacitor.

**Diffusion capacitance ( $C_D$ )**

- Diffusion Capacitance is the capacitance due to transport of charge carriers between two terminals of a device, for example, the diffusion of carriers from anode to cathode in forward bias mode of a diode
- In the forward biased diode, the potential barrier at the junction gets lowered.

- As a result, holes get injected from the P-side to the N-side and electron get injected from the N-side to the P-side.
- These injected charges get stored near the junction just outside the depletion layer, holes in the N-region and electrons in the P-region.
- Due to charge storage, the voltage lags behind the current producing the capacitance effect.
- Such a capacitance is called **diffusion capacitance or storage capacitance** [ $C_D$ ].
- In a general case, diffusion constant  $C_D$  is caused by diffusion of both the holes in the n-regions and electrons in the P-region
- The diffusion capacitance  $C_D$  may be defined as the rate of change of injected charge with voltage.

$$C_D = dQ / dV$$

Where,

$C_D$  = Diffusion capacitance

$dQ$  = Change in number of minority carriers stored outside the depletion region

$dV$  = Change in voltage applied across diode

- Diffusion capacitance is always smaller than transition capacitance, both are few tens of pico farads.
- In a forward biased diode, the transition capacitance exist. However, the transition capacitance is very small compared to the diffusion capacitance. Hence, transition capacitance is neglected in forward biased diode.

#### **PN Junction diode application:**

1. Switching element in logical circuit.
2. In power supplies, it is used as rectifier and voltage regulator.
3. LED and LASER, a form PN junction diode is commonly used in optical communication.
4. It is used as an oscillator in microwave circuit and tuning element in receiver circuit.

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## Topic of Lecture: Rectifiers

**Introduction:** An alternating current has the property to change its state continuously. But during the process of rectification, this alternating current is changed into direct current DC. The wave which flows in both positive and negative direction then will get its direction restricted only to positive direction, when converted to DC.

## Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:

PN Diode, Biasing, Transformer

## Detailed content of the Lecture:

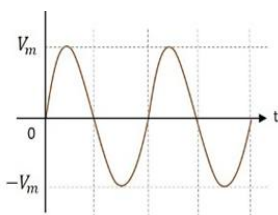
### Rectifier

- Rectifier is a circuit which converts an alternating current into a direct current.
- There are two main types of rectifier circuits, depending upon their output. They are
  - **Half-wave Rectifier** and
  - **Full-wave Rectifier**
- A Half-wave rectifier circuit rectifies only positive half cycles of the input supply whereas a Full-wave rectifier circuit rectifies both positive and negative half cycles of the input supply.

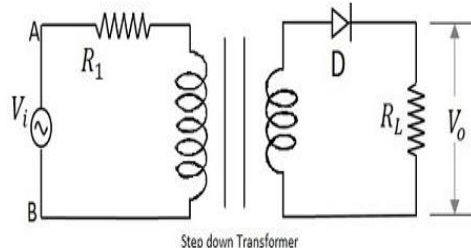
### Half-wave Rectifier

- The name half-wave rectifier itself states that the rectification is done only for half of the cycle.
- The AC signal is given through an input transformer which steps up or down according to the usage. Mostly a step down transformer is used in rectifier circuits, so as to reduce the input voltage.

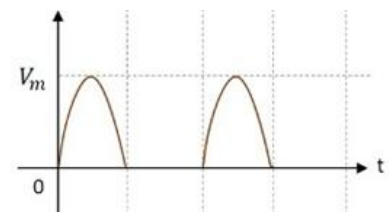
#### Input Waveform



#### Rectifier Circuit



#### Output Waveform



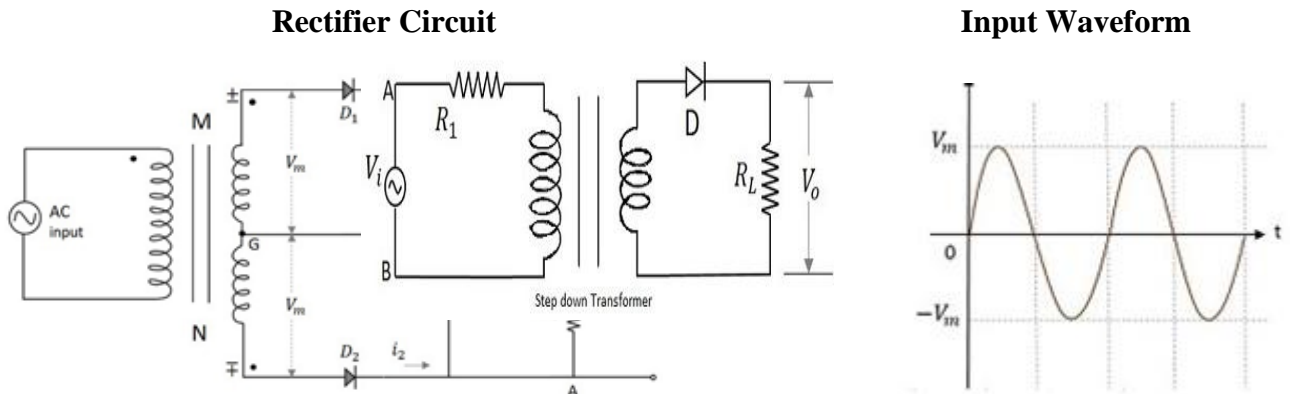
- The input signal is given to the transformer which reduces the voltage levels.
- The output from the transformer is given to the diode which acts as a rectifier.
- This diode gets ON and conducts for positive half cycles of input signal.
- Hence a current flows in the circuit and there will be a voltage drop across the load resistor.
- The diode gets OFF and does not conduct for negative half cycles.
- Hence, the output for negative half cycles will be,  $i_D = 0$  and  $V_o = 0$ .

## Full-Wave Rectifier

- A Rectifier circuit that rectifies both the positive and negative half cycles can be termed as a full wave rectifier as it rectifies the complete cycle.
- The construction of a full wave rectifier can be made in two types. They are
  - (i) Center-tapped Full wave rectifier
  - (ii) Bridge full wave rectifier

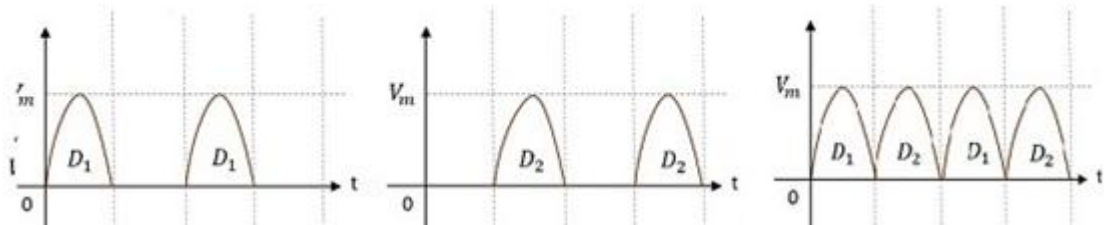
### (i) Center-tapped full wave rectifier

- A rectifier circuit whose transformer secondary is tapped to get the desired output voltage, using two diodes alternatively, to rectify the complete cycle is called as a Center-tapped Full wave rectifier circuit.



- When the positive half cycle of the input voltage is applied, the point M at the transformer secondary becomes positive with respect to the point N.
- This makes the diode  $D_1$  forward biased. Hence current  $i_1$  flows through the load resistor from A to B. Therefore, positive half cycles flows to the output.
- When the negative half cycle of the input voltage is applied, the point M at the transformer secondary becomes negative with respect to the point N.
- This makes the diode  $D_2$  forward biased. Hence current  $i_2$  flows through the load resistor from A to B. Therefore, the positive half cycles flows in the output, even during the negative half cycles of the input.

### Output Waveforms

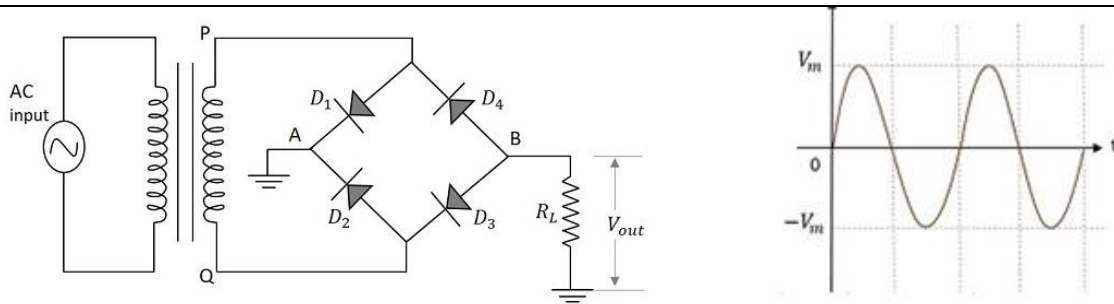


### Disadvantages

- Location of center-tapping is difficult
- The dc output voltage is small
- PIV of the diodes should be high

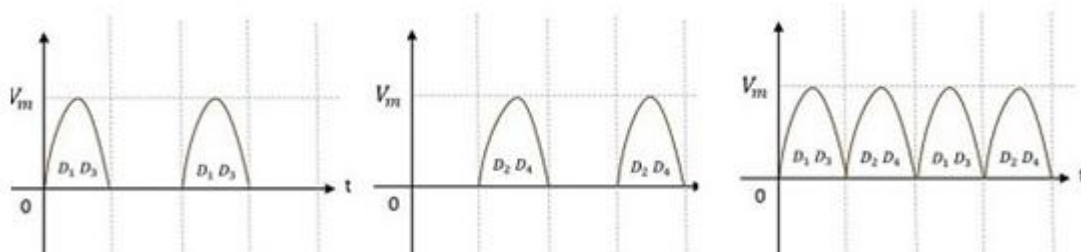
### (ii) Bridge Full-Wave Rectifier

- This is such a full wave rectifier circuit which utilizes four diodes connected in bridge form.
- There is no need of any center-tapping of the transformer in this circuit.
- Four diodes called  $D_1$ ,  $D_2$ ,  $D_3$  and  $D_4$  are used in constructing a bridge type network so that two of the diodes conduct for one half cycle and two conduct for the other half cycle of the input supply.



- When the positive half cycle of the input supply is given, point P becomes positive with respect to the point Q.
- This makes the diode  $D_1$  and  $D_3$  forward biased while  $D_2$  and  $D_4$  reverse biased.
- Hence the diodes  $D_1$  and  $D_3$  conduct during the positive half cycle of the input supply to produce the output along the load resistor.
- As two diodes work in order to produce the output, the voltage will be twice the output voltage of the center tapped full wave rectifier.
- When the negative half cycle of the input supply is given, point P becomes negative with respect to the point Q.
- This makes the diode  $D_2$  and  $D_4$  forward biased while  $D_1$  and  $D_3$  reverse biased.
- The current flows through the load in the same direction as during the positive half cycle of the input.

#### Output Waveforms



#### Advantages

- No need of center-tapping.
- The dc output voltage is twice that of the center-tapper FWR.
- PIV of the diodes is of the half value that of the center-tapper FWR.
- The design of the circuit is easier with better output.

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Course Name with Code: 19GES11 - ELECTRONIC DEVICES

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Unit I : SEMICONDUCTOR DIODES

Date of Lecture:

Topic of Lecture: Clippers

**Introduction:** A Clipper circuit is a circuit that rejects the part of the input wave specified while allowing the remaining portion. The portion of the wave above or below the cut off voltage determined is clipped off or cut off. The clipping circuits consist of linear and non-linear elements like resistors and diodes but not energy storage elements like capacitors.

**Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:**

PN Diode, Biasing

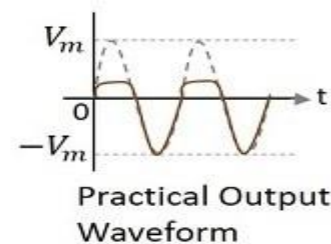
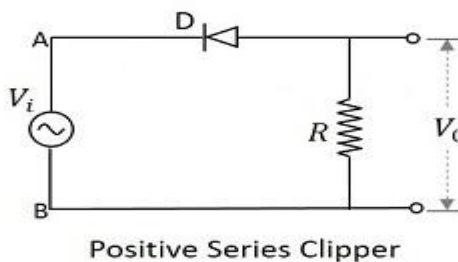
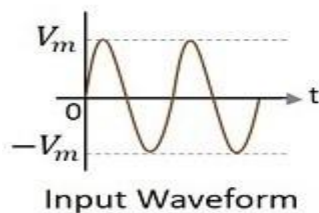
**Detailed content of the Lecture:**

## Clipper Circuits

- A Clipper circuit is a circuit that rejects the part of the input wave specified while allowing the remaining portion.
- The main advantage of clipping circuits is to eliminate the unwanted noise present in the amplitudes.
- These can work as square wave converters, as they can convert sine waves into square waves by clipping.
- The amplitude of the desired wave can be maintained at a constant level

### (i) Positive Series Clipper

- A Clipper circuit in which the diode is connected in series to the input signal and that attenuates the positive portions of the waveform, is termed as **Positive Series Clipper**.



### Positive Cycle of the Input

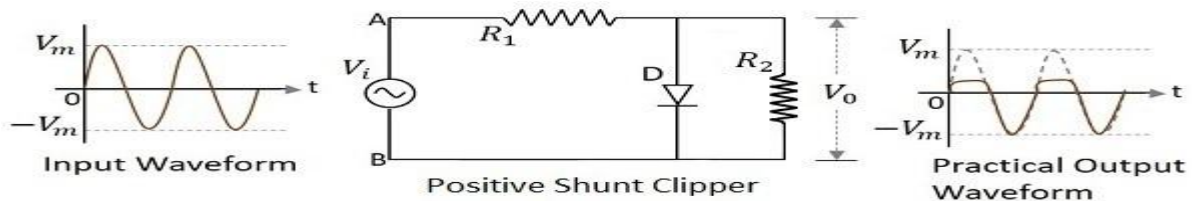
- When the input voltage is applied, the positive cycle of the input makes the point A in the circuit positive with respect to the point B.
- This makes the diode reverse biased and hence it behaves like an open switch.
- Thus the voltage across the load resistor becomes zero as no current flows through it and hence  $V_0$  will be zero.



### Negative Cycle of the Input

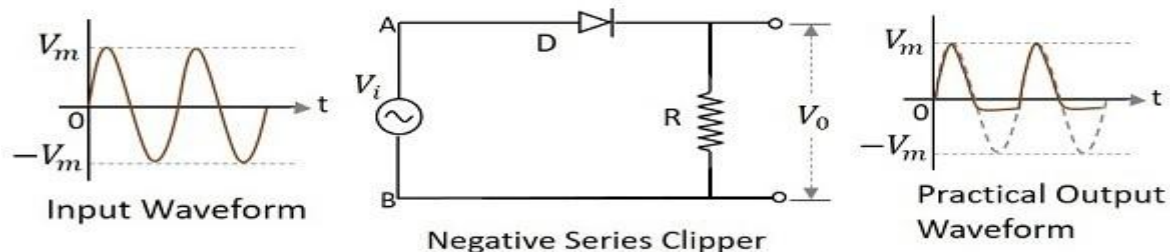
- The negative cycle of the input makes the point A in the circuit negative with respect to the point B. This makes the diode forward biased and hence it conducts like a closed switch.
- Thus the voltage across the load resistor will be equal to the applied input voltage as it completely appears at the output  $V_0$ .

### (ii) Positive Shunt Clipper



### (iii) Negative Series Clipper

- The Clipper circuit that is intended to attenuate negative portions of the input signal can be termed as a Negative Clipper.
- A Clipper circuit in which the diode is connected in series to the input signal and that attenuates the negative portions of the waveform, is termed as Negative Series Clipper.



### Positive Cycle of the Input

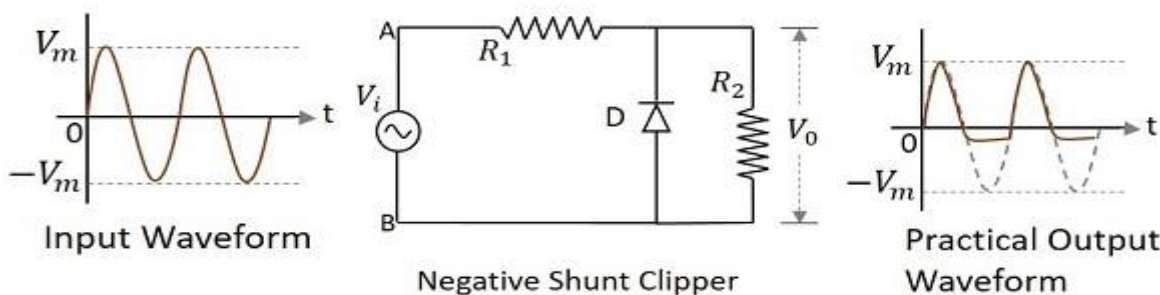
- When the input voltage is applied, the positive cycle of the input makes the point A in the circuit positive with respect to the point B.
- This makes the diode forward biased and hence it acts like a closed switch. Thus the input voltage completely appears across the load resistor to produce the output  $V_0$ .

### Negative Cycle of the Input

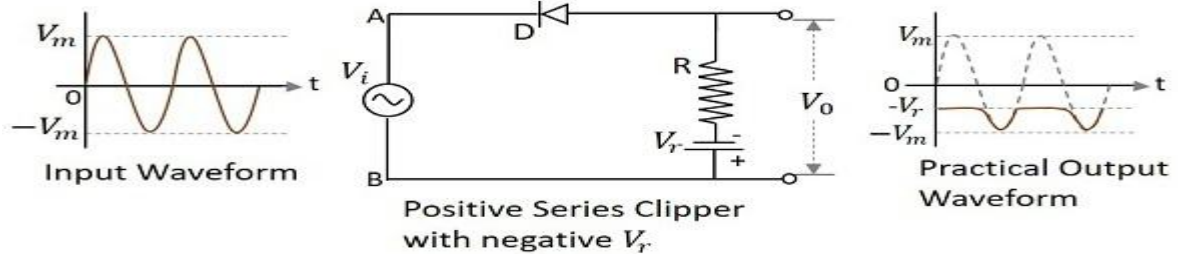
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### (iv) Negative Shunt Clipper

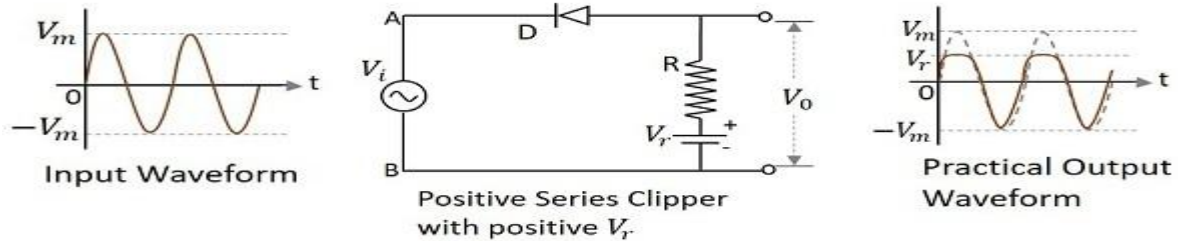
- A Clipper circuit in which the diode is connected in shunt to the input signal and that attenuates the negative portions of the waveform, is termed as Negative Shunt Clipper.



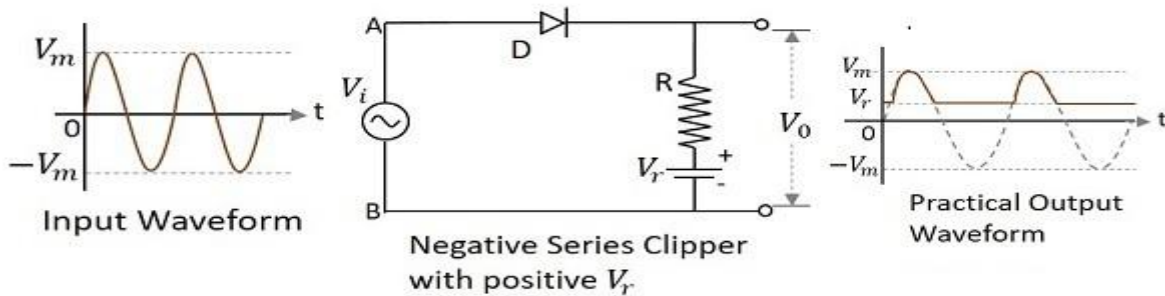
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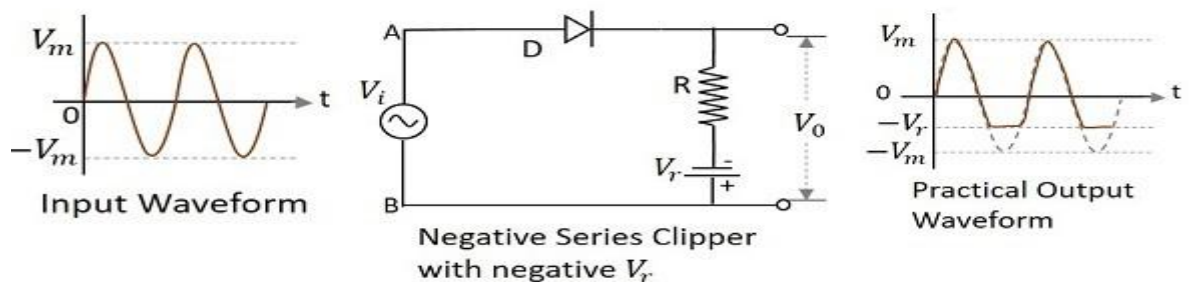
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**(vii) Negative Series Clipper with positive  $V_r$**



**(viii) Negative Series Clipper with negative  $V_r$**



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Unit I : SEMICONDUCTOR DIODES

Date of Lecture:

Topic of Lecture: Clampers, Avalanche Breakdown Mechanism

**Introduction:** A Clamper Circuit is a circuit that adds a DC level to an AC signal. Actually, the positive and negative peaks of the signals can be placed at desired levels using the clamping circuits. As the DC level gets shifted, a clamper circuit is called as a Level Shifter.

**Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:**

PN diode, Capacitor, Biasing

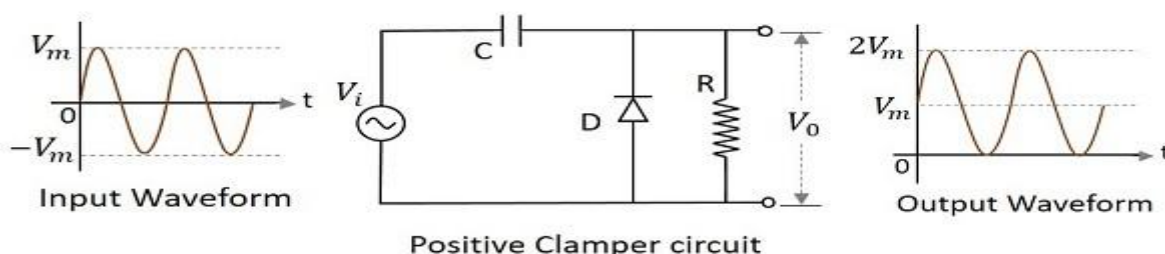
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### Clamper circuit

- Clamper circuits consist of energy storage elements like capacitors.
- A simple clamper circuit comprises of a capacitor, a diode, a resistor and a dc battery if required.
- A Clamper circuit can be defined as the circuit that shifts the waveform to a desired DC level without changing the actual appearance of the applied signal.
- In order to maintain the time period of the wave form, the  $\tau$  must be greater than, half the time period of the capacitor. [  $\tau = RC$  ]
- The time constant of charge and discharge of the capacitor determines the output of a clamper circuit.
- The DC component present in the input is rejected when a capacitor coupled network is used as a capacitor blocks dc as a capacitor blocks dc. Hence when **dc** needs to be **restored**, clamping circuit is used.

### Positive Clamper Circuit

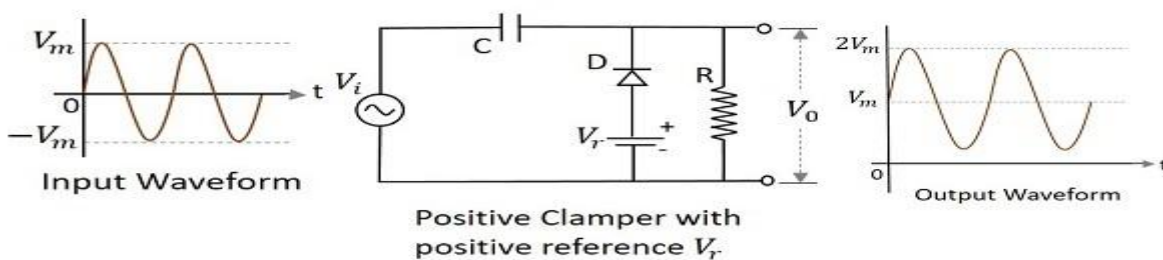
- When a negative peak of the signal is raised above to the zero level, then the signal is said to be **positively clamped**.
- A Positive Clamper circuit is one that consists of a diode, a resistor and a capacitor and that shifts the output signal to the positive portion of the input signal.



- Initially when the input is given, the capacitor is not yet charged and the diode is reverse biased.
- During the negative half cycle, at the peak value, the capacitor gets charged with negative on one plate and positive on the other.
- The capacitor is now charged to its peak value  $V_m$ . The diode is forward biased and conducts heavily.
- During the next positive half cycle, the capacitor is charged to positive  $V_m$  while the diode gets reverse biased and gets open circuited.
- The output of the circuit at this moment will be  $V_0 = V_i + V_m$
- Hence the signal is positively clamped as shown in the figure.
- The output signal changes according to the changes in the input, but shifts the level according to the charge on the capacitor, as it adds the input voltage.

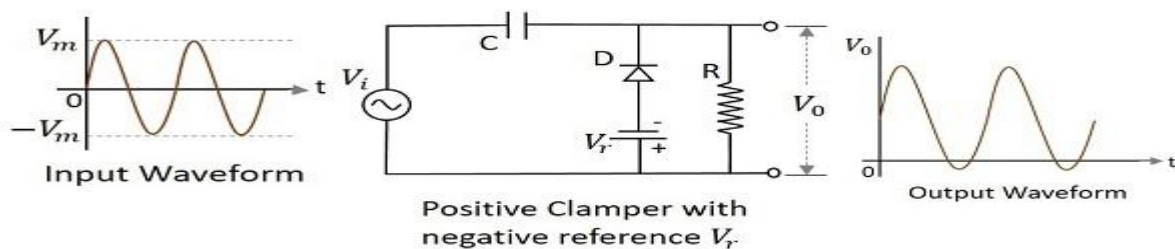
### Positive Clamper with Positive $V_r$

- A Positive clamper circuit if biased with some positive reference voltage, that voltage will be added to the output to raise the clamped level.



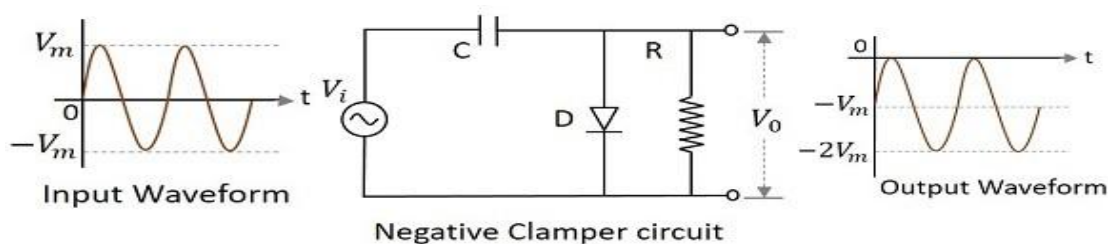
### Positive Clamper with Negative $V_r$

- A Positive clamper circuit if biased with some negative reference voltage, that voltage will be added to the output to raise the clamped level.



### Negative Clamper

- A Negative Clamper circuit is one that consists of a diode, a resistor and a capacitor and that shifts the output signal to the negative portion of the input signal.
- During the positive half cycle, the capacitor gets charged to its peak value  $V_m$ . The diode is forward biased and conducts.



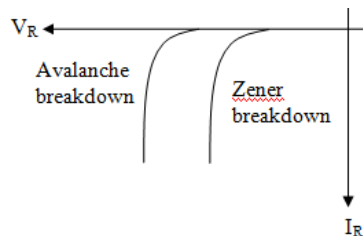
- During the negative half cycle, the diode gets reverse biased and gets open circuited. The output of the circuit at this moment will be  $V_0 = V_i + V_m$
- Hence the signal is negatively clamped as shown in the figure.

## Avalanche Breakdown

- Avalanche Breakdown occurs due to avalanche multiplication.
- It occurs when the doping concentration is less of order  $1$  to  $10^8$ .
- Under Reverse bias, the thermally generated carrier crosses the depletion region and acquires Kinetic energy from the applied voltage. This carrier collides with the crystal and disrupts the covalent band. This is known as **Impact Ionization**.
- The new electron hole pair will be created apart from original carrier. The new carrier in turn collide with another crystal by acquiring enough energy from applied field will create electron hole pair.
- This process continues result in avalanche multiplication. This causes Breakdown known as **avalanche Breakdown**.

## Zener Breakdown

- This breakdown occurs in the heavily doped P and N region.
- When the strong electric field is applied, the direct rupture of covalent bond takes place produce new electron hale pair.
- The new electron hale pair so created will increases the reverse current.
- This reverse current increase at almost 6 volts for heavily doped diode at the field of order  $2 \times 10^7$  v/m.
- This kind of breakdown occurs in heavily doped PN region is known as zener breakdown.
- Zener Breakdown occur less than 6 V where as Avalanche Breakdown occur greater than 6V.



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Unit I : SEMICONDUCTOR DIODES

Date of Lecture:

**Topic of Lecture:** Zener Diode as a Voltage Regulator

**Introduction:** Zener diode is a special purpose semiconductor PN junction device made of silicon, which is designed to operate in reverse biased condition by varying the doping concentration.

**Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:**

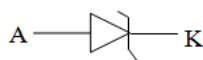
PN junction, Diode, Doping , Biasing

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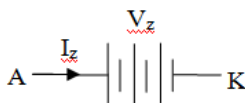
**Zener Diode:**

- ✓ The doping concentration of the Zener diode is high than the ordinary diode.
- ✓ The silicon high power dissipation characteristic and doping concentration of the zener diode makes the diode to prefer for Reverse bias condition.
- ✓ When the breakdown occur, the current increases whereas the voltage remain Constant (very small change). This phenomenon makes the Zener diode to work as voltage Regulator.
- ✓ The forward bias characteristics of the zener diode will be similar to the PN junction diode when the cut in voltage reaches, the current starts to increases with respect to the voltage.
- ✓ In the Reverse bias condition, because of high doping concentration the breakdown occurs very quickly and once the breakdown occur the current rises sharply whereas the voltage remains more (or) less constant.

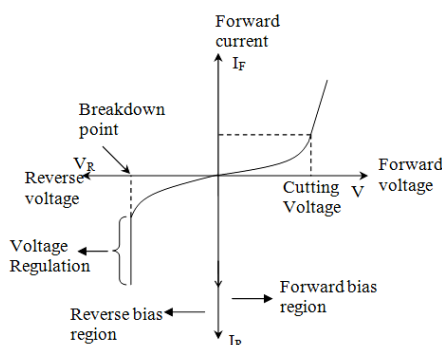
*Symbol*



*Equivalent Circuit Diagram*



*Characteristics of Zener Diode*

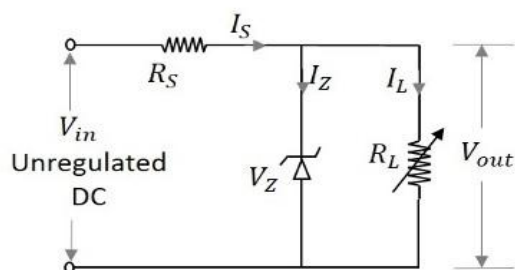


**Applications:** Zener Diode is used as Voltage Regulator, Waveform clipper, Voltage shifter and Reference voltage in electronic circuits.

**Voltage Regulator:** Voltage Regulator is an electronic circuit which provides constant voltage level independent of the current in the load.

- **Line Regulator** – A regulator which regulates the output voltage to be constant, in spite of input line variations, it is called as **Line regulator**.
- **Load Regulator** – A regulator which regulates the output voltage to be constant, in spite of the variations in load at the output, it is called as **Load regulator**.

### Zener Regulator - Working of Zener Voltage Regulator



- If the applied input voltage  $V_i$  is increased beyond the Zener voltage  $V_Z$ , then the Zener diode operates in the breakdown region and maintains constant voltage across the load.
- The series limiting resistor  $R_S$  limits the input current.

**Case 1** – If the load current  $I_L$  increases, then the current through the Zener diode  $I_Z$  decreases in order to maintain the current through the series resistor  $R_S$  constant. The output voltage  $V_o$  depends upon the input voltage  $V_i$  and voltage across the series resistor  $R_S$ .

$$V_o = V_{in} - I_S R_S$$

Where  $I_S$  is constant. Therefore,  $V_o$  also remains constant.

**Case 2** – If the load current  $I_L$  decreases, then the current through the Zener diode  $I_Z$  increases, as the current  $I_S$  through  $R_S$  series resistor remains constant. Though the current  $I_Z$  through Zener diode increases it maintains a constant output voltage  $V_Z$ , which maintains the load voltage constant.

**Case 3** – If the input voltage  $V_i$  increases, then the current  $I_S$  through the series resistor  $R_S$  increases. This increases the voltage drop across the resistor, i.e.  $V_S$  increases. Though the current through Zener diode  $I_Z$  increases with this, the voltage across Zener diode  $V_Z$  remains constant, keeping the output load voltage constant.

**Case 4** – If the input voltage decreases, the current through the series resistor decreases which makes the current through Zener diode  $I_Z$  decreases. But the Zener diode maintains output voltage constant due to its property.

### Limitations of Zener Voltage Regulator

- It is less efficient for heavy load currents.
- The Zener impedance slightly affects the output voltage.

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Course Name with Code : 19GES11 - ELECTRONIC DEVICES

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Unit : II - Bipolar Junction Transistors Date of Lecture:

## Topic of Lecture: Bipolar Junction Transistor Operation

**Introduction:** Transistor is a three terminal semiconductor devices (Base, emitter and collector) that can be used to switch and amplify electronic signals such as radio and television signals. The amplification in the transistor is achieved by passing input current from a region of low resistance to a region of high resistance, hence it is known as Transfer – resistor (Transistor)

### Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:

- Atomic structure
- Energy band diagram
- Diode

## Bipolar Junction Transistor Operation

### TYPES OF TRANSISTORS

There are two basic types of transistors

#### (i) Unipolar Junction Transistor:

In this type, the current conduction is due to one type of carrier that is majority carrier.

#### (ii) Bipolar junction Transistor:

In this type, the current conduction is due to both types of charge carriers that is majority as well as minority carrier.

*The Bipolar junction transistors are of two types*

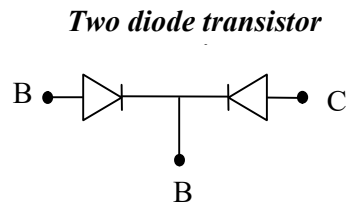
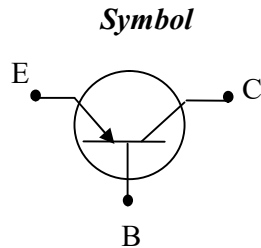
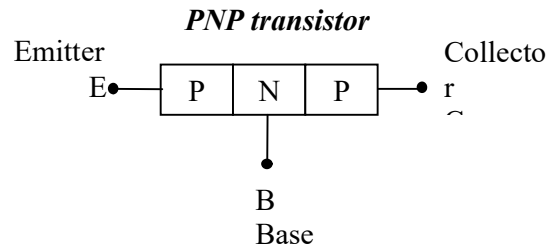
- (a) PNP transistor
- (b) NPN transistor

### CONSTRUCTION OF PNP AND NPN TRANSISTOR

#### (a) PNP Transistor:

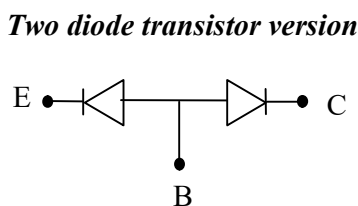
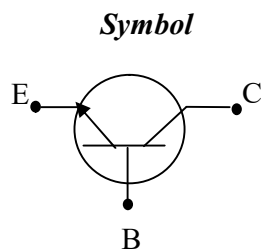
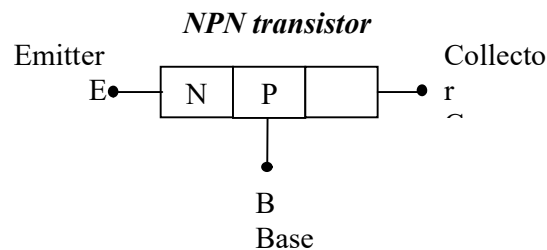
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**(b) NPN Transistor:**

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From the above figures, we can understand that the

- Transistor has two junctions

One junction is formed between Emitter and base, and it is called **Emitter – Base junction**.

Other junction is formed between Base and Collector, and it is called **Collector – Base junction**.

- It has three terminals.

**Emitter:**

The emitter is *heavily doped*. The main function of the emitter is to *inject a large number of charge carriers* into the base. The arrow head is always at the collector which indicates the conventional direction of current flow.

**Base:**

The Base is *lightly doped* middle region and very thin. The main function of the base is to *pass most of the injected charge carriers into the collector*.

**Collector:**

The collector is *moderately doped*. The main function of the collector is to *collect the charge carriers*. Since it dissipate more power, it is physically larger than emitter region.

**BIASING**

Applying external voltage of correct polarity and magnitude to the two junction of the transistor is called Biasing

**Transistor Biasing**

Based on the external voltage polarity, the transistor will be operated in three different regions.

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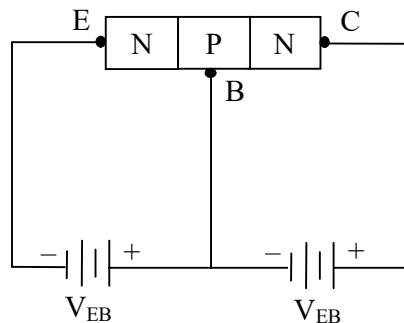
- (i) Active region
- (ii) Cutoff region and
- (iii) Saturation region

Region	Emitter junction	Base junction	Collector junction	Application
Active	Forward biased	Reverse biased	Reverse biased	Amplifier
Cut off	Reverse biased	Reverse biased	Reverse biased	Open switch
Suration	Forward biased	Forward biased	Forward biased	closed switch

### OPERATION OF AN NPN TRANSISTOR

Normally the transistor will be biased in active region. Hence Emitter base is forward biased and collector base is reverse biased.

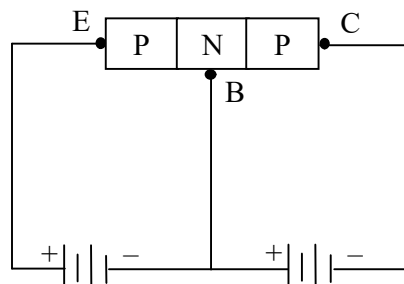
#### *Biasing the NPN Transistor*



- The applied forward bias causes the lot of electrons from the emitter region to enter into the base region and this causes the forward current flow due to majority carrier electrons.
- Since the base is lightly doped with P – type impurity, the *injected electron* from the emitter Combines with the *holes* in the P – type region to Constitute a **base current ( $I_B$ )**
- Few electron combines with holes and the remaining electrons (more than 95%) crossover the base region into collector region to Contribute Collector Current( $I_C$ )
- Collector is reverse biased and hence they collects the diffused electrons which enters the collector junction.
- The magnitude of emitter current  $I_E = I_B + I_C$

### OPERATION OF AN PNP TRANSISTOR

#### *Biasing the PNP Transistor*



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- Since the base is lightly doped with n type impurity, the injected holes from the emitter

combines with the electrons in the n type region to constitute a base current( $I_B$ )

- Few holes combines with electron and the remaining holes (more than 95%) cross over the base region into collector region to Contribute Collector Current
- Collector is reverse biased and hence they collects the diffused holes which enters the collector junction( $I_C$ )
- The magnitude of emitter Current  $I_E = I_B + I_C$

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## LECTURE HANDOUTS

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Unit : II - Bipolar Junction Transistors

Date of Lecture:

### Topic of Lecture: Common Base Configuration

#### Introduction:

- In this configuration, the input is given between emitter and base and output is taken between collector and base
- The emitter base junction is forward biased and collector base junction is reversed biased.
- Hence  $I_E$  (Emitter Current) flows in the input circuit and  $I_C$  (collector Current) flows in the output circuit.

#### Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:

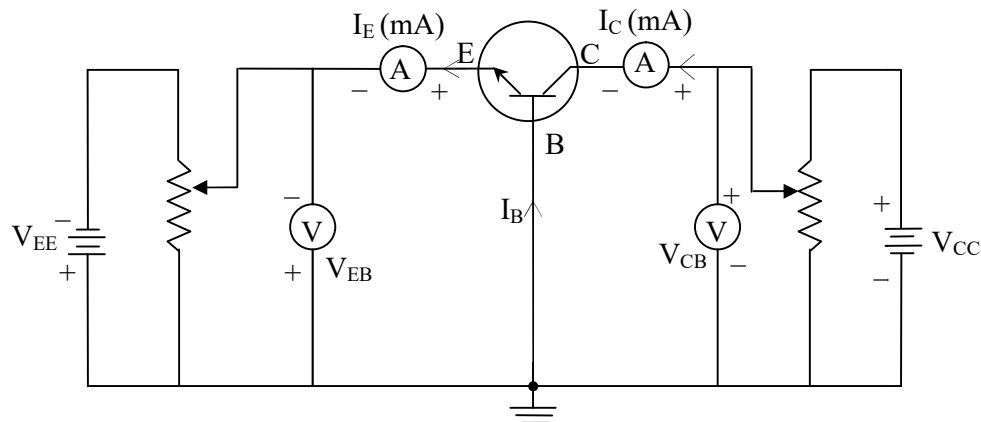
- Diode operation
- Transistor Operation

### Common Base Configuration

#### Characteristics of CB Configuration:

The performance of the transistor Configuration can be determined from the static characteristics curves, which relates the different dc currents and voltage of the transistor.

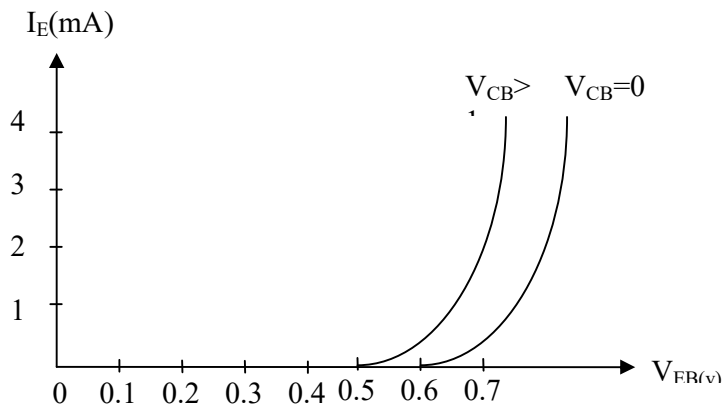
*Circuit to determine CB static characteristics (Input and Output characteristics)*



#### Input Characteristics:

The input characteristics of the CB configuration is determined by increasing the emitter current  $I_E$  from zero by increasing  $V_{EE}$  keeping  $V_{CB}$  constant. The input curve is obtained are shown

### Input characteristics curve

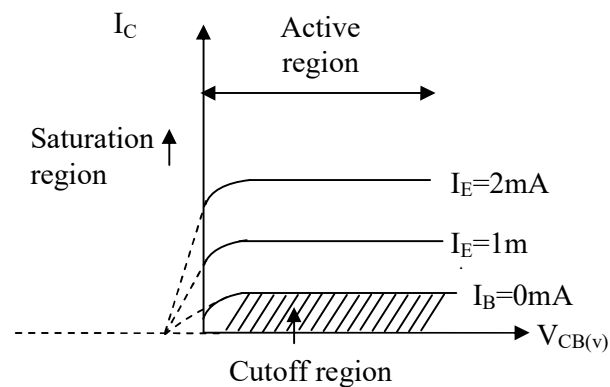


- For the given value of  $V_{CB}$  and increase in the  $V_{EB}$ , the emitter base junction is forward biased. The value of  $I_E$  increases when the values of  $V_{EB}$  increase similar to forward biased diode.
- When  $V_{CB}$  increased, the width of the base region will decrease which result in increases in the value of  $I_E$  much earlier for increases in  $V_{EB}$ . This makes the curve to shift left.

### Output characteristics:

The output characteristics of the CB configuration is determined by increasing the collector current  $I_C$  by increasing  $V_{CB}$ , keeping  $I_E$  constant at a suitable value by adjusting  $V_{EB}$ . This step is repeated for various fixed values of  $I_E$ . The curves obtained are shown below.

### Output characteristics curve



Two important characteristics can be observed from the output graph.

- For a constant value of  $I_E$ ,  $I_C$  is independent of  $V_{CB}$  and the curves are parallel to the axis of the  $V_{CB}$ .
- $I_C$  flows even when  $V_{CB} = 0$ , the majority carrier electron from the emitter base forward biased junction will be injected into the collector base junction due to internal potential barrier at the reversed biased collector base junction.

### Early effect (or) Base width Modulation

When the collector voltage is increased, the width of the depletion region increases as the reverse bias voltage increases. This increase in the depletion region decreases the width of the Base. This phenomenon of variation in the Base width with respect to the variation of collector voltage is known as Base width modulation (or) Early effect. *The value of  $\alpha$  increases for large value of  $V_{CC}$  (or) early effect.*

### Punch Through

When the value of collector voltage is extremely large, the effective base width will reduce to zero, leading to voltage breakdown in the transistor. This phenomenon is known as Punch through.

### Transistor equation

If there is no ac signal, then the ratio of  $I_C$  to  $I_E$  is known as dc amplification factor

$$\alpha_{dc} = \frac{-I_C}{I_E}$$

(Since  $I_C$  flows into transistor &  $I_E$  flows out of transistor)

The ratio of change in collector current to the change in emitter current is known as current amplification factor ( $\alpha$ ).

$$\alpha_{ac} = \frac{-\Delta I_C}{\Delta I_E}, V_{CB} \text{ Constant}$$

The collector current depends upon two factors

- (i) amplified emitter current ( $\alpha I_E$ )
- (ii) leakage current due to movement of minority carrier across output ( $I_{CBO}$ )

Hence Collector Current  $I_C = \alpha I_E + I_{CBO}$

We know that  $I_E = I_B + I_C$

Hence  $I_B = I_E - I_C$  ----- (1)

Sub  $I_C$  in (1)  $I_B = I_E - (\alpha I_E + I_{CBO})$

$$I_B = I_E - \alpha I_E - I_{CBO}$$

$$I_B = I_E (1 - \alpha) - I_{CBO}$$

### Transistor Parameters:

Four transistor parameters can be determined from CB characteristics curve, they are known as common base hybrid parameters (or) h parameters.

#### (a) Input Impedance ( $h_{ib}$ ):

It is the ratio of the change in emitter voltage to the change in emitter current, keeping  $V_{CB}$  constant.

$$h_{ib} = \frac{\Delta V_{EB}}{\Delta I_E}, V_{CB} \text{ Constant}$$

#### (b) Output admittance ( $h_{ob}$ ):

It is the ratio of the change in collector current to the change in the collector voltage, keeping  $I_E$  constant.

$$h_{ob} = \frac{\Delta I_C}{\Delta V_{CB}}, I_E \text{ Constant}$$

#### (c) Forward current gain ( $h_{fb}$ ):

It is the ratio of the change in the collector current to the change in the Emitter Current keeping  $V_{CB}$  constant

$$h_{fb} = \frac{\Delta I_C}{\Delta I_E}, V_{CB} \text{ Constant}$$

#### (d) Reverse Voltage gain ( $h_{rb}$ ):

It is the ratio of the change in the Emitter voltage to the change in the collector voltage, keeping  $I_E$  constant.

$$h_{rb} = \frac{\Delta V_{EB}}{\Delta V_{CB}}, I_E \text{ Constant}$$

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## LECTURE HANDOUTS

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Unit : II - Bipolar Junction Transistors

Date of Lecture:

### Topic of Lecture: Common Emitter Configuration

#### Introduction

- Hence  $I_B$  (Base In this configuration, the input is given between emitter and base and output is taken between collector and emitter.
- Emitter base junction is forward biased, whereas the emitter collector junction is reversed biased
- current) flows in the input circuit and  $I_C$  (Collector current) flows in the output circuit.

#### Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:

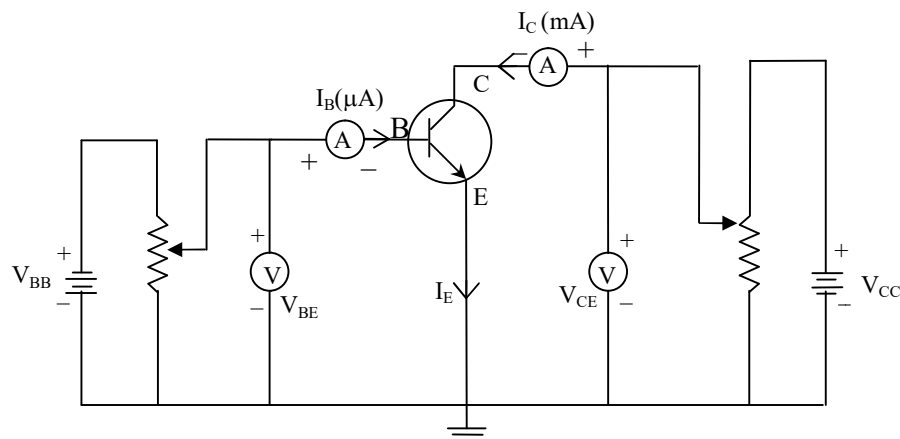
- Diode operation
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### Common Emitter Configuration

#### Characteristics of CE Configuration

The circuit diagram for CE configuration is given below

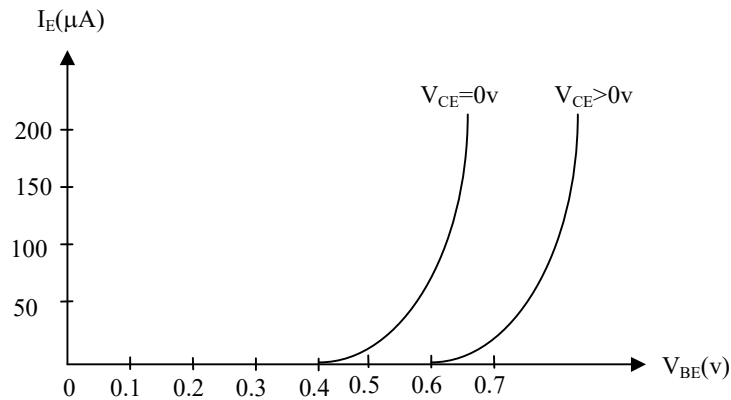
*Circuit to determine CE static characteristics (Input and Output characteristics)*



The performance of the CE configuration can be determined from the static characteristic curve.

#### Input characteristics:-

The input characteristics of CE configuration are determined by increasing the base current  $I_B$  from zero by increasing  $V_{BE}$ , keeping  $V_{CE}$  constant. This step is repeated for various fixed values of  $V_{CE}$ . The input curve obtained are shown below

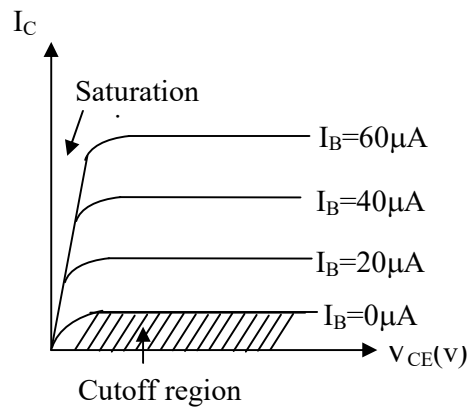


- For the given value of  $V_{CE}$  and increasing the value of  $V_{BE}$ , the base current  $I_B$  increased, Input characteristics of the CE configuration is similar to CB configuration, where the Emitter base is forward biased . Hence increases in  $V_{BE}$  increases  $I_B$ .
- But when  $V_{CE}$  is increased, the width of the depletion region increases due to reverse bias which makes the effective width of the base to decreases which in turn decreases  $I_E$ . Therefore the curve shifts to the right.

**Output characteristics:**

The output characteristics of the CE configuration is determined by increasing the collector current  $I_C$  by increasing  $V_{CE}$ , keeping  $I_B$  constant at a suitable value by adjusting  $V_{CB}$ . This step is repeated for various fixed values of  $I_B$ . The curves obtained are shown below.

**Output characteristics curve**



The output characteristics have three regions namely

**(i) Active region:**

In this region, curves are uniform in spacing increases in the collector voltage increases  $I_C$  here for large value of  $I_B$ ,  $I_C$  is larger than  $I_B$ . Thus current gain is greater than unity makes the transistor to be uses as an amplifier.

**(ii) Saturation region:**

For low values of  $V_{CE}$ , the transistor operates in this region. Increase in the base current  $I_B$  does not cause a corresponding change in  $I_C$ .

**(iii)Cutoff Region:**

In this region, the collector current becomes almost zero and small amount of collector current flows even when  $I_B=0$ . This is called  $I_{CBO}$ .

**Transistor equation**

The ratio of change in collector current to change in base current is known as current amplification factor  $\beta$ .

$$\beta = \frac{\Delta I_C}{\Delta I_B}, V_{CE} \text{ Constant}$$

We know that  $I_E = I_B + I_C$

$$I_C = \alpha I_E + I_{CBO} \text{ ----- (1)}$$

$$\text{Sub } I_E \text{ in eqn (1)} \Rightarrow I_C = \alpha(I_B + I_C) + I_{CBO}$$



$$= \alpha I_B + \alpha I_C + I_{CBO}$$

$$I_C - \alpha I_C = \alpha I_B + I_{CBO}$$

$$I_C (1 - \alpha) = \alpha I_B + I_{CBO}$$

÷ 1- $\alpha$  on both sides

$$I_C = \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} I_B + \frac{I_{CBO}}{1-\alpha} \quad \text{----- (2)}$$

We already know

$$I_C = \beta I_B + I_{CEO} \quad \text{----- (3)}$$

Hence comparing (2) & (3)

$$\beta = \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} \text{ and } I_{CEO} = \frac{I_{CBO}}{1-\alpha}$$

$$\therefore I_C = \beta I_B + (\beta + 1) I_{CBO}$$

### Transistor Parameters

Four transistor parameters can be determined from CE configuration curve. They are known as common emitter hybrid parameters (or) h parameters.

#### (a) Input Impedance ( $h_{ie}$ )

It is the ratio of the change in base voltage to the change in Base current, keeping  $V_{CE}$  constant.

$$h_{ie} = \frac{\Delta V_{BE}}{\Delta I_B}, V_{CE} \text{ Constant}$$

#### (b) Output admittance ( $h_{oe}$ )

It is the ratio of the change in collector current to the change in collector voltage keeping base current constant.

$$h_{oe} = \frac{\Delta I_C}{\Delta V_{CE}}, I_B \text{ Constant}$$

#### (c) Forward current gain ( $h_{fe}$ )

It is the ratio of the change in collector current to the change in the base current, keeping  $V_{CE}$  constant.

$$h_{fe} = \frac{\Delta I_C}{\Delta I_B}, V_{CE} \text{ Constant}$$

#### (d) Reverse Voltage gain ( $h_{re}$ )

It is the ratio of the change in the base voltage to the change in the collector Voltage, keeping  $I_B$  constant.

$$h_{re} = \frac{\Delta V_{BE}}{\Delta V_{CE}}, I_B \text{ Constant}$$

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## Topic of Lecture: Common Collector Configuration, Current components

### Introduction

- In this configuration, the input is given between base and collector and output is taken between collector and emitter.
- The base – Collector is forward biased, whereas the emitter collector junction is reversed biased
- Hence  $I_B$  (Base current) flows in the input circuit and  $I_E$  (Emitter current) flows in the output circuit.

### Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:

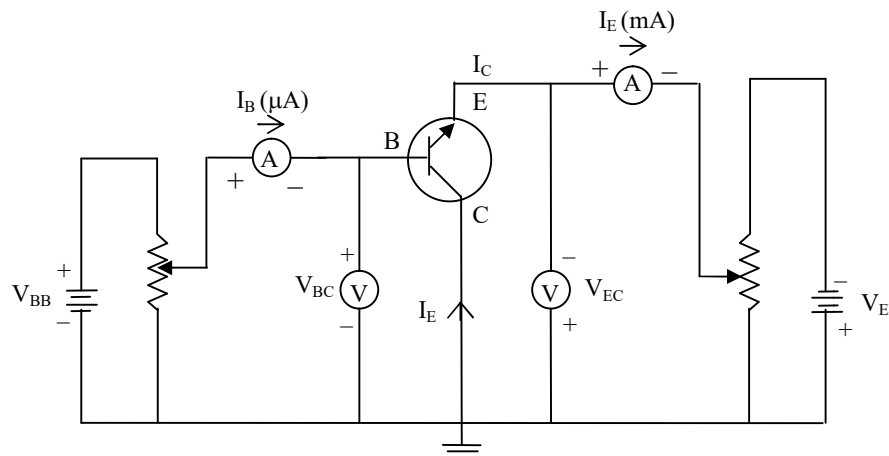
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## Common Collector Configuration

### Characteristics of CC configuration

The circuit diagram for CC Configuration is given below

*Circuit to determine CC static characteristics (Input and Output characteristics)*



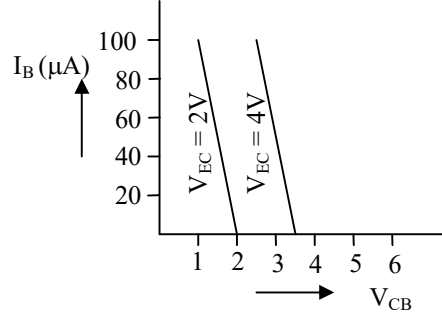
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The performance of CC configuration can be determined from the static characteristic curve.

### Input characteristics:

The input characteristics of CC configuration are determined by increasing the base current  $I_B$  from zero by increasing  $V_{BE}$  keeping  $V_{EC}$  constant. This step is repeated for various fixed values of  $V_{EC}$ . The curves obtained are shown below.

### Input characteristics curve

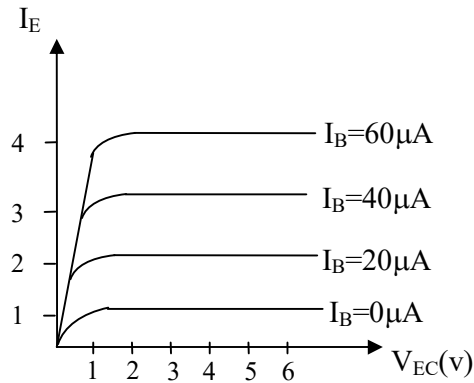


The characteristics curve of CC is similar to the CE configuration except the  $V_{BC}$  is increased instead of  $V_{BE}$ .

### Output Characteristics:

The output characteristics of the CC configuration is determined by increasing the Emitter current ( $I_E$ ) by increasing  $V_{EC}$ , keeping  $I_B$  constant at a suitable value by adjusting  $V_{BC}$ . This step is repeated for various fixed values of  $I_B$ . The curves obtained are shown below.

### Output Characteristics curve



### Transistor equation

The ratio of change in Emitter Current to the change in Base current is known as Current amplification factor ( $\gamma$ )

$$\gamma_{dc} = \frac{\Delta I_E}{\Delta I_B}, \text{ Keeping } V_{CE} \text{ constant}$$

The Collector Current  $I_C = \alpha I_E + I_{CBO}$

Here,  $I_E = I_B + I_C$  ----- (1)

sub  $I_C$  in (1)  $I_E = I_B + \alpha I_E + I_{CBO}$

$$I_E (1-\alpha) = I_B + I_{CBO}$$

$$I_E (1-\alpha) = I_B + I_{CBO}$$

$$I_E = \frac{I_B}{1-\alpha} + \frac{I_{CBO}}{1-\alpha}$$

### (a) Relationship between $\alpha$ and $\beta$ :

$$\text{WKT, } \alpha = \frac{\Delta I_C}{\Delta I_E} = \frac{\Delta I_C}{\Delta I_C + \Delta I_B} \text{ [since } I_E = I_B + I_C]$$

$$\& \beta = \frac{\Delta I_C}{\Delta I_B}$$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{1}{\alpha} = \frac{\Delta I_C + \Delta I_B}{\Delta I_C} = 1 + \frac{1}{\beta} = \frac{1+\beta}{\beta}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\beta}{1+\beta}$$

### (b) Relationship between $\alpha$ , $\beta$ and $\gamma$ :-

$$\text{Current gain } \gamma = \frac{\Delta I_E}{\Delta I_B} = \frac{\Delta I_E}{\Delta I_E - \Delta I_C} \quad (\text{since } I_E = I_B + I_C)$$

Dividing numerator & Denominator by  $\Delta I_C$

$$\gamma = \frac{\frac{\Delta I_E}{\Delta I_C}}{\frac{\Delta I_E}{\Delta I_C} - 1}$$

$$\text{WKT } \alpha = \frac{\Delta I_C}{\Delta I_E} \Rightarrow \gamma = \frac{1/\alpha}{1/\alpha - 1} = \frac{1}{1 - \alpha}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} = \beta + 1$$

### COMPARISON OF TRANSISTOR CONFIGURATIONS

Characteristic	Common Base	Common emitter	Common Collector
Input Resistance	Very low (20 $\Omega$ )	Low (1 k $\Omega$ )	High (400 k $\Omega$ )
Output Resistance	Very high (400k $\Omega$ )	High (45 k $\Omega$ )	Low (30 $\Omega$ )
Input Current	$I_E$	$I_B$	$I_B$
Output Current	$I_C$	$I_C$	$I_E$
Input voltage applied	Emitter Base	Base Emitter	Base collector
output voltage taken	Collector Base	Collector emitter	Emitter collector
voltage gain	About 150	About 500	Less than 1
Current gain	Unity Current gain	High	Very high
Current amplification factor	$\alpha_{dc} = \frac{I_C}{I_E}$	$\beta_{dc} = \frac{I_C}{I_B}$	$\gamma_{dc} = \frac{I_E}{I_B}$
Application	high frequency circuit	Audio frequency circuits	Impedance matching circuit

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### Topic of Lecture: Ebermoll's model

#### Introduction

- When the collector voltage is increased, the width of the depletion region increases as the reverse bias voltage increases.
- This increase in the depletion region decreases the width of the Base. This phenomenon of variation in the Base width with respect to the variation of collector voltage is known as Base width modulation (or) early effect.
- The value of  $\alpha$  increases for large value of VCC (or) early effect.

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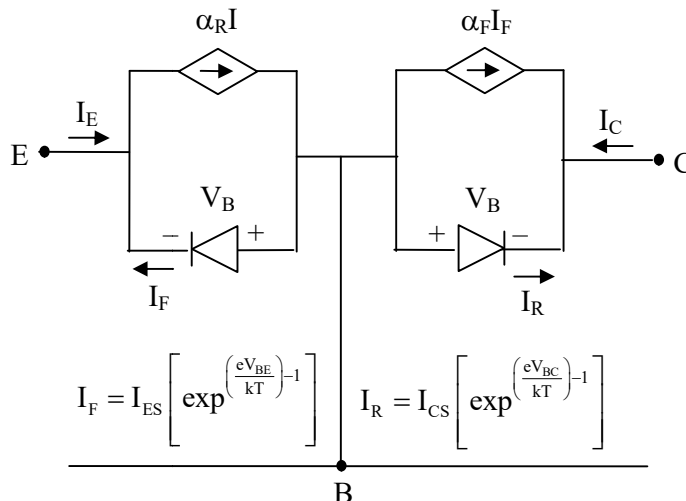
- Transistor Operation
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#### Eber's moll model

Eber's moll model is commonly used for large signal analysis and switching application. It is the steady state model helps to analyze the conduction of the various model of the transistor.

#### Current direction and Voltage polarity direction for Ebers moll model

#### E Basic Eber's moll equivalent circuit:-C



According to the current equation referred by Kirchhoff's current law  
 $I_E + I_B + I_C = 0$  ----- (1)

The collector current is given as

$$I_C = \alpha_F I_F - I_R \quad \text{----- (2)}$$

Where  $I_F = I_{ES} [e^{qV_{BE}/kT} - 1]$

and  $I_R = I_{CS} [e^{qV_{BC}/kT} - 1]$

Hence sub  $I_F$  &  $I_R$  in eqn (2), we get

$$I_C = \alpha_F I_{ES} [e^{qV_{BE}/kT} - 1] - I_{CS} [e^{qV_{BC}/kT} - 1] \quad \text{----- (3)}$$

|||<sup>ly</sup> The Emitter Current is given as

$$I_E = \alpha_R I_R - I_F \quad \text{----- (4)}$$

Sub  $I_F$  &  $I_R$  in equ (4), we get

$$I_E = \alpha_R I_{CS} [e^{qV_{BC}/kT} - 1] - I_{ES} [e^{qV_{BE}/kT} - 1] \quad \text{----- (5)}$$

$\alpha_R =$  Common base current in Reverse active mode

Equation (3) & (5) are classic Ebers moll – equations

Eber's moll model has four parameters:  $\alpha_F$ ,  $\alpha_R$ ,  $I_{ES}$  &  $I_{CS}$

$$\boxed{a_F I_{ES} = a_R I_{CS}} \quad \text{----- (6)}$$

In this model, Let us determine the Ebers moll equation for the transistor in saturation mode.

We know that, saturation Voltage as

$$\boxed{V_{CE}(\text{sat}) = V_{BE} - V_{BC}} \quad \text{----- (7)}$$

In the saturation mode,  $V_{BE} > 0$ , &  $V_{BC} > 0$  since both BE & BC junction are forward bias.

### **$V_{BE}$ Expression**

From equation (5)

$$I_E = \alpha_R I_{CS} [e^{qV_{BC}/kT} - 1] - I_{ES} [e^{qV_{BE}/kT} - 1]$$

We know that  $I_E = -(I_B + I_C)$ , hence sub this in above equation

$$\begin{aligned} -(I_B + I_C) &= \alpha_R I_{CS} [e^{qV_{BC}/kT} - 1] - I_{ES} [e^{qV_{BE}/kT} - 1] \\ \Rightarrow \alpha_R I_{CS} [e^{qV_{BC}/kT} - 1] &= -I_B - I_C + I_{ES} [e^{qV_{BE}/kT} - 1] \\ \Rightarrow e^{qV_{BC}/kT} - 1 &= \frac{-I_B - I_C + I_{ES} [e^{qV_{BE}/kT} - 1]}{\alpha_R I_{CS}} \quad \text{----- (8)} \end{aligned}$$

Sub eqn (8) in eqn (3), we get

$$\begin{aligned} I_C &= \alpha_F I_{ES} [e^{qV_{BE}/kT} - 1] - I_{CS} \left[ \frac{-I_B - I_C + I_{ES} [e^{qV_{BE}/kT} - 1]}{\alpha_R I_{CS}} \right] \\ I_C \alpha_R &= \alpha_F I_{ES} \alpha_R [e^{qV_{BE}/kT} - 1] - \alpha_F I_{ES} \alpha_R (-I_B - I_C + I_{ES} [e^{qV_{BE}/kT} - 1]) + I_{ES} \\ \left[ e^{qV_{BE}/kT} - 1 \right] & \left[ I_{ES} - \alpha_F \alpha_R I_{ES} \right] = I_C (1 - \alpha_R) + I_B + I_{ES} [1 - \alpha_F \alpha_R] \\ e^{qV_{BE}/kT} &= \frac{I_C (1 - \alpha_R) + I_B + I_{ES} [1 - \alpha_F \alpha_R]}{I_{ES} (1 - \alpha_F \alpha_R)} \end{aligned}$$

Taking ln on both sides, we get

$$\frac{qV_{BE}}{KT} = \ln \frac{I_C (1 - \alpha_R) + I_B + I_{ES} [1 - \alpha_F \alpha_R]}{I_{ES} (1 - \alpha_F \alpha_R)}$$

$$\text{Hence } V_{BE} = V_t \ln \frac{I_C(1-\alpha_R) + I_B + I_{ES} [1-\alpha_F\alpha_R]}{I_{ES}(1-\alpha_F\alpha_R)} \quad \text{----- (9)}$$

$$V_t = \frac{KT}{q} = \text{Thermal voltage}$$

### **V<sub>BC</sub> Expression:**

From equation (3)

$$I_C = \alpha_F I_{ES} \left[ e^{qV_{BE}/KT} - 1 \right] - I_{CS} \left[ e^{qV_{BC}/KT} - 1 \right]$$

$$\left[ e^{qV_{BE}/KT} - 1 \right] = \frac{I_C + I_{CS} \left[ e^{qV_{BC}/KT} - 1 \right]}{\alpha_F I_{ES}} \quad \text{----- (10)}$$

Sub eqn (10) in (5) and also substituting  $I_E = -I_B - I_C$ , we get

$$-I_B - I_C = \alpha_R I_{CS} \left[ e^{qV_{BC}/KT} - 1 \right] - \frac{I_{ES} \left( I_C + I_{CS} \left[ e^{qV_{BC}/KT} - 1 \right] \right)}{\alpha_F I_{ES}}$$

$$(-I_B - I_C) \alpha_F = \alpha_F \alpha_R I_{CS} \left[ e^{qV_{BC}/KT} - 1 \right] - \alpha_R I_{CS} \alpha_F - I_C - I_{CS} \left( e^{qV_{BC}/KT} - 1 \right) + I_{CS}$$

Taking  $e^{qV_{BC}/KT}$  term on left side we get

$$e^{qV_{BC}/KT} \left[ -\alpha_R \alpha_F I_{CS} + I_{CS} \right] = I_B \alpha_F + I_C (\alpha_F - 1) + I_{CS} (1 - \alpha_R \alpha_F)$$

$$e^{qV_{BC}/KT} = \frac{I_B \alpha_F + I_C (\alpha_F - 1) + I_{CS} (1 - \alpha_R \alpha_F)}{I_{CS} (1 - \alpha_F \alpha_R)}$$

Taking ln on both sides

$$\frac{qV_{BC}}{KT} = \ln \frac{I_B \alpha_F + I_C (\alpha_F - 1) + I_{CS} (1 - \alpha_F \alpha_R)}{I_{CS} (1 - \alpha_F \alpha_R)}$$

$$V_{BC} = \frac{KT}{q} \ln \frac{I_B \alpha_F + I_C (\alpha_F - 1) + I_{CS} (1 - \alpha_F \alpha_R)}{I_{CS} (1 - \alpha_F \alpha_R)}$$

$$V_{BC} = V_T \ln \frac{I_B \alpha_F + I_C (\alpha_F - 1) + I_{CS} (1 - \alpha_F \alpha_R)}{I_{CS} (1 - \alpha_F \alpha_R)} \quad \text{----- (11)}$$

Now  $V_{CE}(\text{Sat}) = V_{BE} - V_{BC}$

Sub eqn (9) & (11) by neglecting  $I_{ES}$  &  $I_{CS}$  term we get

$$V_{CE}(\text{sat}) = V_t \ln \frac{I_C(1-\alpha_R) + I_B}{I_{ES}(1-\alpha_F\alpha_R)} - V_t \ln \frac{I_B \alpha_F + I_C (\alpha_F - 1)}{I_{CS} (1 - \alpha_F \alpha_R)}$$

$$V_{CE}(\text{sat}) = V_t \ln \frac{I_C(1-\alpha_R) + I_B}{I_{ES}(1-\alpha_F\alpha_R)} \times \frac{I_{CS} (1 - \alpha_F \alpha_R)}{I_B \alpha_F + I_C (\alpha_F - 1)}$$

$$V_{CE}(\text{sat}) = V_t \ln \left\{ \frac{I_C(1-\alpha_R) + I_B}{I_B \alpha_F + I_C (\alpha_F - 1)} \times \frac{I_{CS}}{I_{ES}} \right\}$$

Sub  $\frac{\alpha_F}{\alpha_R} = \frac{I_{CS}}{I_{ES}}$ , we get

$$V_{CE}(\text{sat}) = V_t \ln \left\{ \frac{I_C(1-\alpha_R) + I_B}{I_B \alpha_F + I_C (\alpha_F - 1)} \times \frac{\alpha_F}{\alpha_R} \right\}$$

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## LECTURE HANDOUTS

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Course Name with Code : 19GES11 - ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Course Faculty : Dr. J.Rangarajan

Unit : II - Bipolar Junction Transistors Date of Lecture:

<b>Topic of Lecture: Small Signal Low Frequency Model</b>	
<b>Introduction</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• h- parameter is used to analysis the behavior of the device. Commonly h parameter is used to analyze the small signal frequency of the transistor and mid band analysis of the transistor.</li> <li>• It is a set of four transistor equivalent circuit parameters that conveniently used to specify transistor performance for small voltage and current.</li> </ul>	
<b>Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transistor Operation</li> <li>• Configuration</li> </ul>	
<b>Small Signal Low frequency Model</b>	
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<i>Two port Network</i>	
<p>The input voltage and output current can be written as</p> $V_1 = h_{11}I_1 + h_{12}V_2$ $I_2 = h_{21}I_1 + h_{22}V_2$ <p>When <math>V_2 = 0</math> that is output port short circuited</p> $V_1 = h_{11}I_1 \Rightarrow h_{11} = \frac{V_1}{I_1}$ it is known as input impedance	

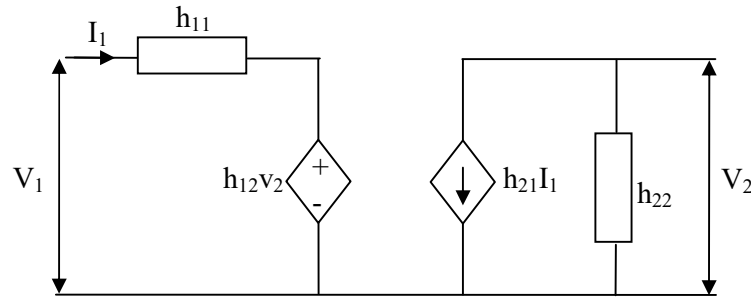
$I_2 = h_{21}I_1 \Rightarrow h_{21} = \frac{I_2}{I_1}$ , it is known as *forward current gain (or) forward transfer ratio*.

When  $I_1=0$  that is input port open circuited

$I_2 = V_2 h_{22} \Rightarrow h_{22} = \frac{I_2}{V_2}$ , it is known as *output admittance*

$V_1 = h_{12}V_2 \Rightarrow h_{12} = \frac{V_1}{V_2}$ , it is known as *Reverse Voltage gain (or) reverse transfer ratio*

**Equivalent Circuit of the h – parameter**



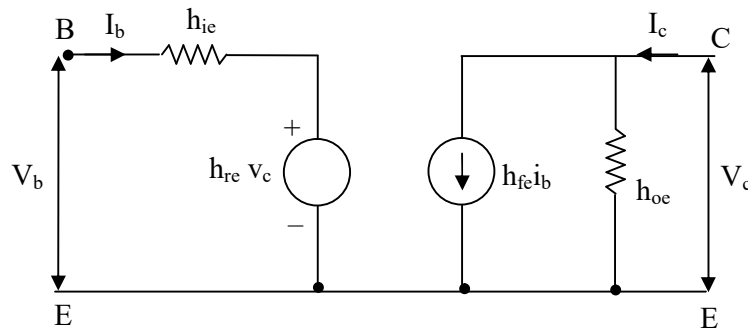
From the above circuit, the unit for various h parameters are  $h_{11}=\Omega$ ,  $h_{22} = \text{U}$  and  $h_{12}$ ,  $h_{21} \rightarrow$  dimensionless all the h parameters units are unique and they are hybrid in nature. Hence these parameters are referred to as hybrid parameters.

- Based upon the type of configuration the various hybrid parameters are expressed by adding the configuration type to the second subscript.

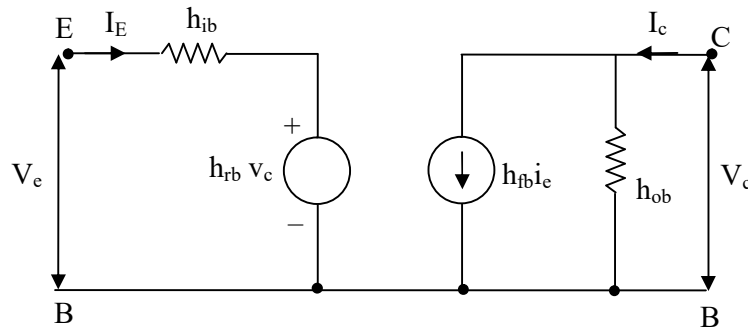
(e.g.)  $h_{11e}$  = short circuit input impedance for CE Configuration.

**h parameter model for various configurations**

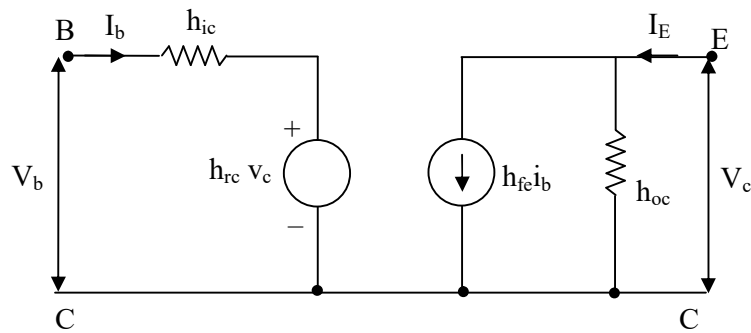
**CE configuration:-**



**CB Configuration:-**



**CC Configuration:-**



The h parameter model can be applied to any kind of biasing and load.

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Course Name with Code : 19GES11 - ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Course Faculty : Dr. J.Rangarajan

Unit : II - Bipolar Junction Transistors

Date of Lecture:

### Topic of Lecture: Hybrid High frequency effects

#### Introduction

- At high frequencies, the capacitive effects of the transistor junctions and the delay in response of the transistor caused by the process of diffusion of carriers should be taken into account in determining the high frequency model of a transistor.

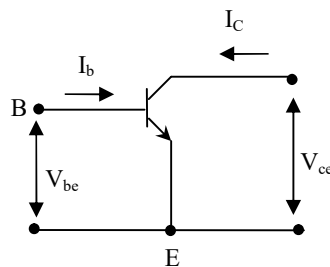
#### Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:

- Transistor Operation
- Transistor Configuration

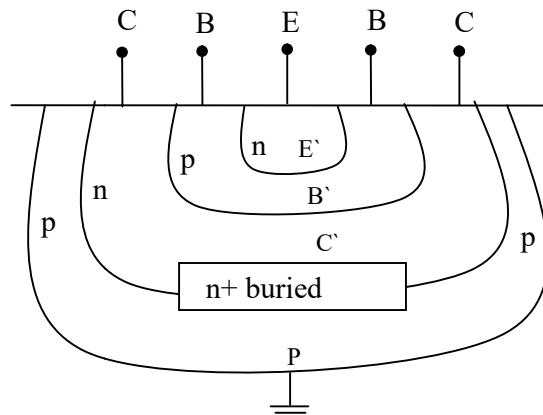
#### Hybrid High frequency effects (Hybrid- Pi Model)

The capacitive effects of the transistor junctions and analysis of the transistor can be done at high frequency by means of high frequency model of a transistor.

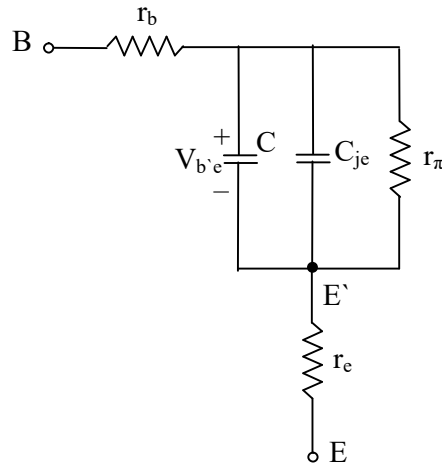
*Common emitter NPN transistor with input  $V_{be}$  and output  $V_{ce}$*



#### Cross section of the NPN transistor for hybrid pi-model

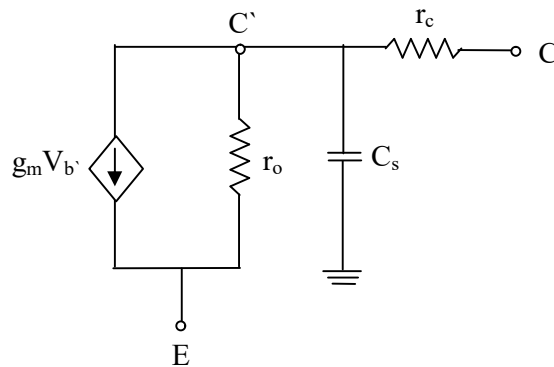


here C, B, E are the external Connections to the transistor and C', B', E' are the idealized internal collector base and emitter regions. Equivalent circuit between various two terminals of the



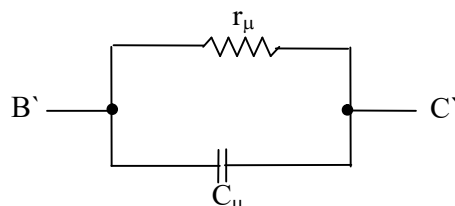
- The resistance  $r_b$  is the series resistance in the base between external base terminal B and internal Base region B'.
- The resistance  $r_e$  is the series resistance between external emitter terminal and internal emitter region. This resistance is small of order 1 to  $2\Omega$ .
- Since B'E' junction is forward biased,  $C_\pi$  is the junction diffusion Capacitance and  $r_\pi$  is the junction diffusion resistance. These two parameters are functions of junction current.
- There two elements are in parallel with the junction capacitance,  $C_{je}$ .

**Hybrid pi-equivalent Circuit between collector and emitter**



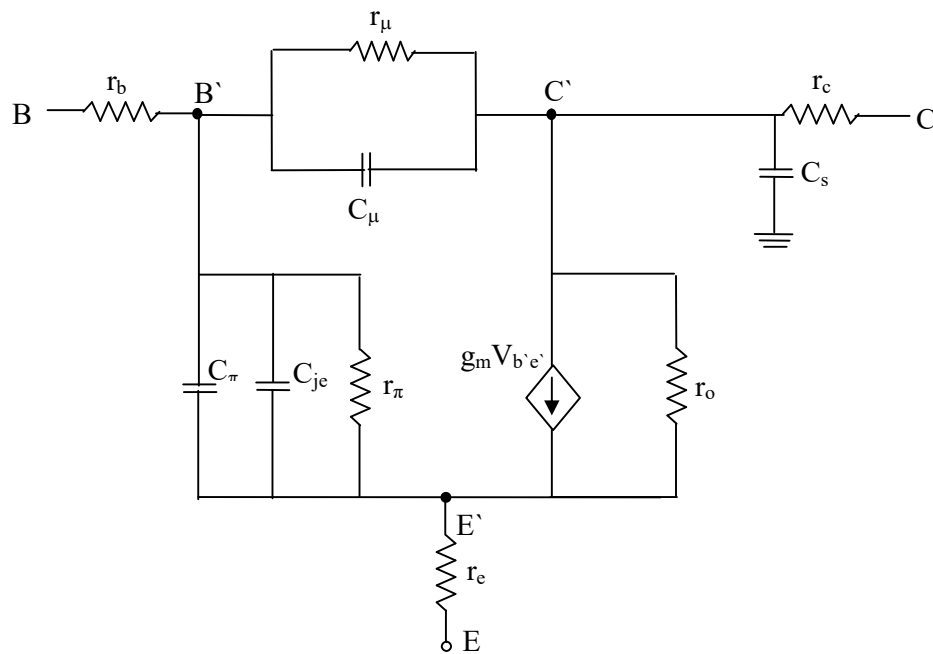
- The  $r_c$  resistance is the series resistance between external and internal collector connections
- $C_s$  is the junction capacitance of the collector substrate junction
- $r_o$  is the inverse of output conductance  $g_o$  primarily due to early effect.
- $g_m V_{b'e}$  is the dependent current source which is controlled by internal base – emitter voltage

**Hybrid pi-equivalent circuit between base and collector:**



- The  $C_\mu$  is the reverse biased junction capacitance and  $r_\mu$  is the reverse bias resistance. The value of  $C_\mu$  is much smaller than  $C_\pi$  but due to the miller capacitance effect,  $C_\mu$  cannot be ignored. Miller capacitance is the equivalent capacitance between  $B_1$  and  $E_1$  due to  $C_\mu$  and feedback effect (gain) of transistor.

### Hybrid pi-equivalent circuit



The above circuit helps to analyze the effect of input signal frequency on the transistor.

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### Topic of Lecture: Transistor as an Amplifier

#### Introduction

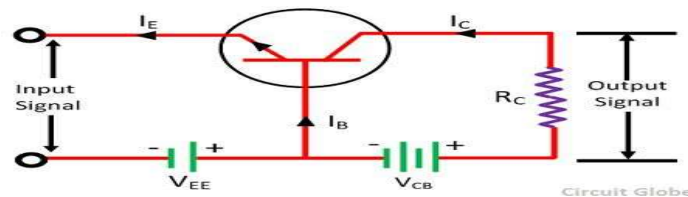
- It is used to magnify the given input signal.
- It has finite gain
- In an amplifier the frequency waveform and magnitude of AC output signal are controlled by the AC input signal applied at the input.

#### Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:

- Transistor Operation
- Configuration

#### Transistor Amplifier Circuit

- The transistor raises the strength of a weak signal and hence acts an amplifier. The transistor amplifier circuit is shown in the figure below.
- The transistor has three terminals namely emitter, base and collector. The emitter and base of the transistor are connected in forward biased and the collector base region is in reverse bias.
- The forward bias means the P-region of the transistor is connected to the positive terminal of the supply and the negative region is connected to the N-terminal and in reverse bias just opposite of it has occurred.



- The input signal or weak signal is applied across the emitter base and the output is obtained to the load resistor  $R_C$  which is connected in the collector circuit.
- The DC voltage  $V_{EE}$  is applied to the input circuit along with the input signal to achieve the amplification.
- The DC voltage  $V_{EE}$  keeps the emitter-base junction under the forward biased condition regardless of the polarity of the input signal and is known as a bias voltage.
- When a weak signal is applied to the input, a small change in signal voltage causes a change in emitter current (or we can say a change of 0.1V in signal voltage causes a change of 1mA in the emitter current) because the input circuit has very low resistance. This change is almost the same in collector current because of the transmitter action.

- In the collector circuit, a load resistor  $R_C$  of high value is connected. When collector current flows through such a high resistance, it produces a large voltage drop across it. Thus, a weak signal (0.1V) applied to the input circuit appears in the amplified form (10V) in the collector circuit.

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## Topic of Lecture: Transistor as a Switch

### Introduction

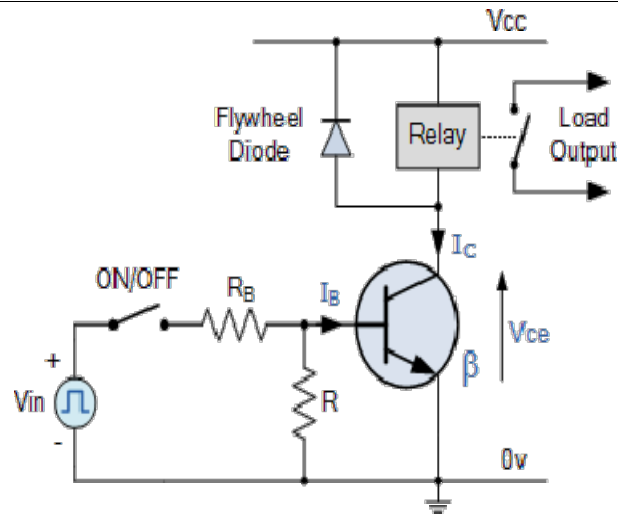
- Transistor acts a switch when it is operated at either cutoff region or saturation region.

### Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:

- Transistor Operation
- Configuration

### Transistor as a Switch

- To operate the transistor as a switch the transistor needs to be turned either fully “OFF” (cut-off) or fully “ON” (saturated).
- An ideal transistor switch would have infinite circuit resistance between the Collector and Emitter when turned “fully-OFF” resulting in zero current flowing through it and zero resistance between the Collector and Emitter when turned “fully-ON”, resulting in maximum current flow.
- In practice when the transistor is turned “OFF”, small leakage currents flow through the transistor and when fully “ON” the device has a low resistance value causing a small saturation voltage (  $V_{CE}$  ) across it.
- Even though the transistor is not a perfect switch, in both the cut-off and saturation regions the power dissipated by the transistor is at its minimum.
- The figure shows the circuit diagram of transistor switching arrangement.
- In order for the Base current to flow, the Base input terminal must be made more positive than the Emitter by increasing it above the 0.7 volts needed for a silicon device.
- By varying this Base-Emitter voltage  $V_{BE}$ , the Base current is also altered and which in turn controls the amount of Collector current flowing through the transistor.



- When maximum Collector current flows the transistor is said to be Saturated. The value of the Base resistor determines how much input voltage is required and corresponding Base current to switch the transistor fully “ON”.

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Course Name with Code: 16GES11 - ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Course Teacher : Dr. J.RANGARAJAN

Unit III : FIELD EFFECT TRANSISTORS

Date of Lecture:

## Topic of Lecture: Operation and Characteristics of JFET

**Introduction:** The JFET is abbreviated as **Junction Field Effect Transistor**. The types of JFET are n-channel FET and P-channel FET. A p-type material is added to the n-type substrate in n-channel FET, whereas an n-type material is added to the p-type substrate in p-channel FET. Hence it is enough to discuss one type of FET to understand both.

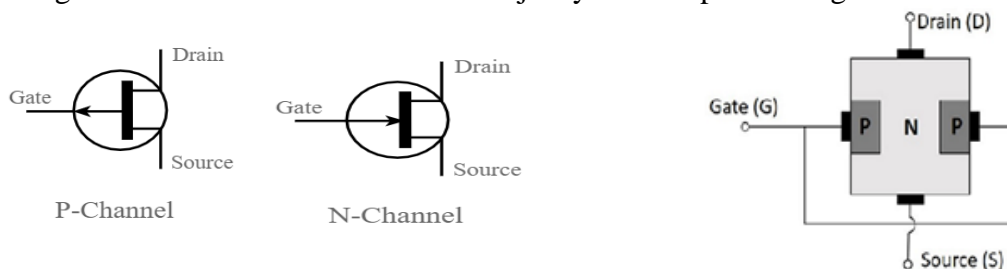
### Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:

PN junction, Diode, Transistor

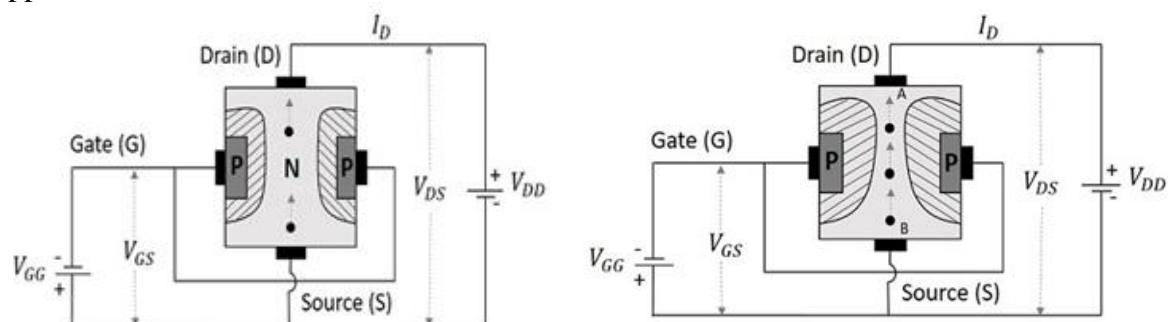
### Detailed content of the Lecture:

#### N-channel JFET

- For the fabrication of N channel FET, a narrow bar of N-type semiconductor is taken on which P-type material is formed by diffusion on the opposite sides.
- These two sides are joined to draw a single connection for gate terminal. The area between gates is called as a **channel**. The majority carriers pass through this channel.



- When  $V_{GG}$  is reverse biased and  $V_{DD}$  is not applied, the depletion regions between P and N layers tend to expand.
- When  $V_{DD}$  is applied (positive terminal to drain and negative terminal to source) and  $V_{GG}$  is not applied, the electrons flow from source to drain which constitute the drain current  $I_D$ .



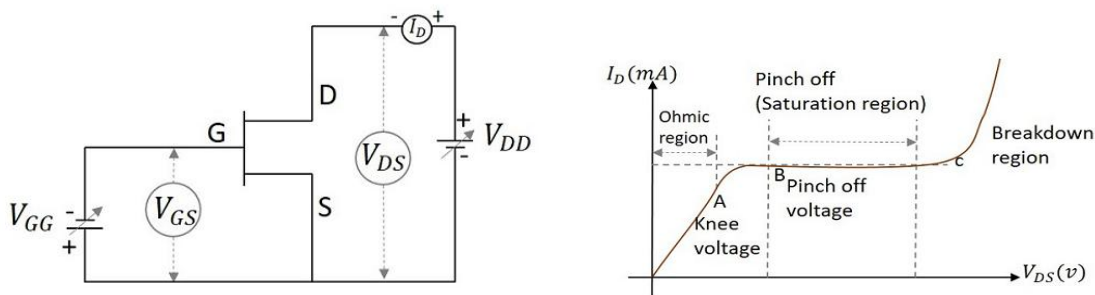
- The supply at gate terminal makes the depletion layer grow and the voltage at drain terminal allows the drain current from source to drain terminal.

- The resistance of the channel will be such that the voltage drop at the drain terminal is greater than the voltage drop at the source terminal.
- So, the reverse biasing effect is stronger at drain terminal than at the source terminal. This is why the depletion layer tends to penetrate more into the channel near drain than at source.

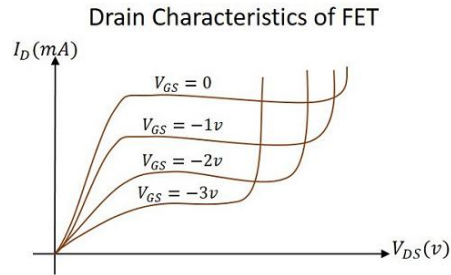
### Operation of FET

- Let us consider that there is no potential applied between gate and source terminals and a potential  $V_{DD}$  is applied between drain and source.
- Now, a current  $I_D$  flows from drain to source terminal, at its maximum as the channel width is more. Let the voltage applied between gate and source terminal  $V_{GS}$  is reverse biased.
- This increases the depletion width, as discussed above. As the layers grow, the cross-section of the channel decreases and hence the drain current  $I_D$  also decreases.
- When this drain current is further increased, a stage occurs where both the depletion layers touch each other, and prevent the current  $I_D$  flow.
- The voltage at which both these depletion layers literally “touch” is called as “**Pinch off voltage**”. It is indicated as  $V_P$ .
- The drain current is literally nil at this point. Hence the drain current is a function of reverse bias voltage at gate.
- Since gate voltage controls the drain current, FET is called as the **voltage controlled device**.

### Drain Characteristics of JFET



- The circuit of FET to obtain these characteristics is given above.
- When the voltage between gate and source  $V_{GS}$  is zero, or they are shorted, the current  $I_D$  from source to drain is also nil as there is no  $V_{DS}$  applied.
- As the voltage between drain and source  $V_{DS}$  is increased, the current flow  $I_D$  from source to drain increases. This increase in current is linear up to a certain point **A**, known as **Knee Voltage**.
- The gate terminals will be under reverse biased condition and as  $I_D$  increases, the depletion regions tend to constrict.
- This constriction is unequal in length making these regions come closer at drain and farther at drain, which leads to **pinch off** voltage.
- The point at which this pinch off voltage occurs is called as **Pinch off point**, denoted as **B**.
- As  $V_{DS}$  is further increased, the channel resistance also increases in such a way that  $I_D$  practically remains constant.
- The region **BC** is known as **saturation region** or amplifier region. All these along with the points A, B and C are plotted in the graph.
- The drain characteristics are plotted for drain current  $I_D$  against drain source voltage  $V_{DS}$  for different values of gate source voltage  $V_{GS}$ .
- The overall drain characteristics for such various input voltages are as given in the next figure.



- As the negative gate voltage controls the drain current, FET is called as a Voltage controlled device. The drain characteristics indicate the performance of a FET.

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Unit III : FIELD EFFECT TRANSISTORS

Date of Lecture:

### Topic of Lecture: Configuration of JFET - JFET as Amplifier

#### Introduction :

- In this chapter, we will discuss about a Configuration of JFET and how JFET act as Amplifier.

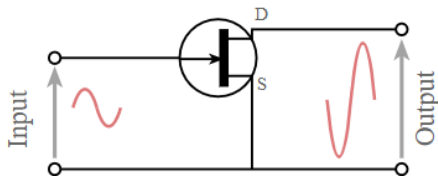
#### Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:

- BJT Configuration, Concept of JFET

#### Detailed content of the Lecture:

- Three different configurations of FET are shown in the following figure.
- Their important characteristics are shown in the table.

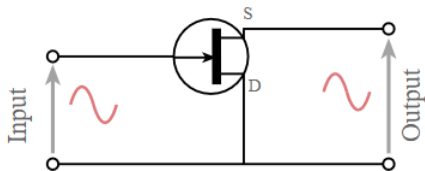
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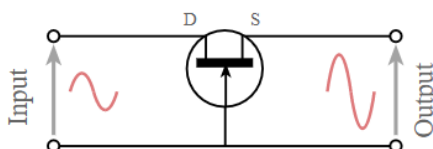
#### Performance parameters

FET CONFIGURATION	COMMON GATE	COMMON DRAIN (SOURCE FOLLOWER)	COMMON SOURCE
<b>Voltage gain</b>	High	Low	Medium
<b>Current gain</b>	Low	High	Medium
<b>Power gain</b>	Low	Medium	High
<b>Input resistance</b>	Low	High	Medium
<b>Output resistance</b>	High	Low	Medium
<b>Input / output phase relationship</b>	0°	0°	180°

#### Common Drain Configuration

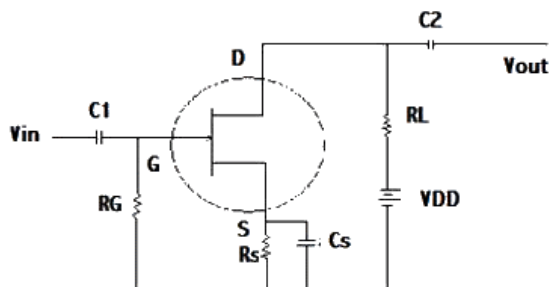


#### Common Gate Configuration



## JFET as Amplifier

One of the application of the JFET is an Amplifier, it amplified the weak signal connected in the Gate terminal, the input is always reversed biased, a small change in the reverse bias on the gate produce large change in the drain current, this fact make JFET capable of amplifying the weak signals



## Working / Operation

When negative signal is applied at input of the amplifier, the gate bias is increase, depletion layer is decrease, Channel resistance is increase,  $I_D$  is decreased, Drop across Load Resistor is decreases, and the positive signal is present at output through  $C2$ .

When the positive signal is applied at the input the action will be the wise versa

This seen that there is phase inversion between the input signal at the gate and the output signal at the drain.

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Unit III : FIELD EFFECT TRANSISTORS

Date of Lecture:

## Topic of Lecture: JFET as Switch

### Introduction :

- In this chapter, we will discuss about a how JFET act as Switch. By providing proper biasing to the Gate terminal of the FET, it can work as an ON and OFF switch. Fast switching operation can be achieved than the junction transistor.

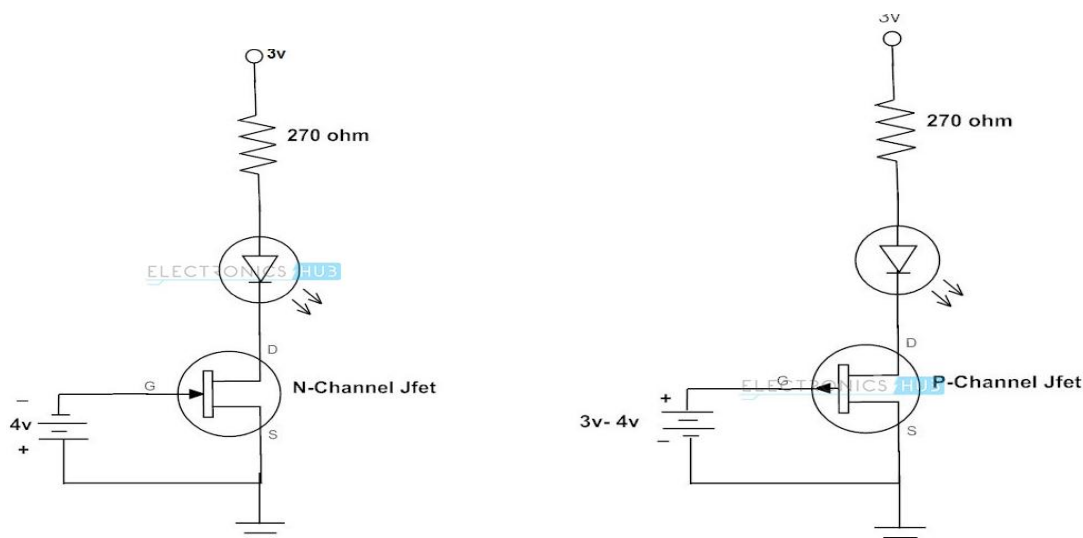
### Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:

- Concept of JFET

### Detailed content of the Lecture:

#### N-Channel JFET as a Switch

- The N-channel JFET used to switch the LED.
- The LED is connected between supply and source terminal through a resistor. Here resistor is used to limit the current through the LED.
- Gate terminal of the transistor connected to the negative supply.
- From the JFET discussion, zero voltage on the gate terminal makes current to flow through the LED because FET is in saturation mode. Therefore, the LED becomes ON.
- With a sufficient negative voltage on the gate terminal (about 3-4 volts), JFET drives into cutoff mode so the LED becomes turned OFF.





### **P-Channel JFET as a Switch**

- Similar to the N-channel JFET driven LED, P-channel JFET switched LED circuit is given below. The difference between the two circuits is the supply source at the gate terminal.
- Turn ON condition remains same for both circuits that is zero voltage at the gate terminal causes the LED to glow as the FET is active.
- For switching the FET into cutoff, a sufficient positive voltage (about 3 to 4 volts in this case) stops the current flow through the circuit.
- Therefore the LED is turned OFF.
- We can also use FETs for turning the relay circuits, motor drivers, and other electronic controlling circuits.

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Date of Lecture:

Topic of Lecture: JFET as Voltage Variable Resistor

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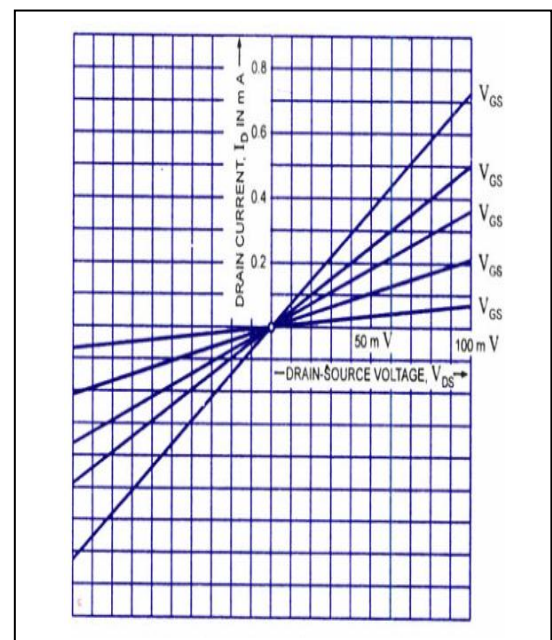
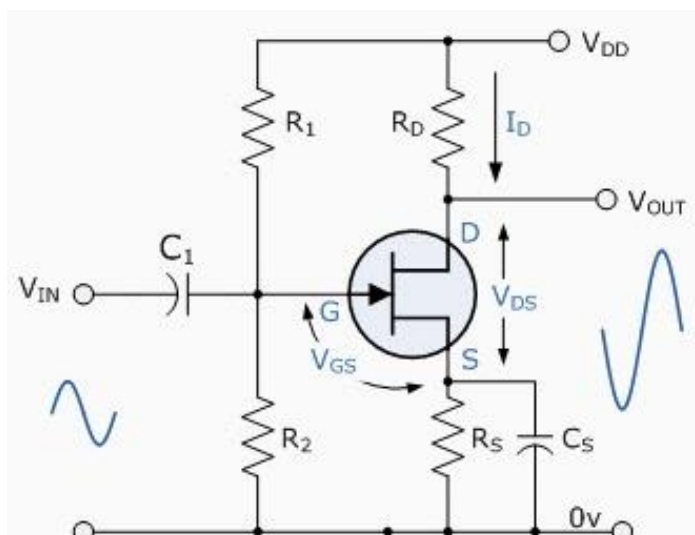
- In addition to working as a switch, the JFET can also act as Voltage Variable Resistor.

Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:

- Concept of JFET

Detailed content of the Lecture:

- FET is a device that is usually operated in the constant-current portion of its output characteristics.
- But if it is operated on the region prior to pinch-off (that is where  $V_{DS}$  is small, say below 100 mV), it will behave as a voltage-variable resistor (VVR).
- It is due to the fact that in this region drain-to-source resistance  $R_{DS}$  can be controlled by varying the bias voltage  $V_{GS}$ .
- In such applications the FET is also referred to as a voltage-variable resistor or volatile dependent resistor.



- Note that the drain curves shown in figure, extend on both sides of the origin.

- This means that a JFET can be employed as a voltage-variable resistor for small ac signals, typically those less than 100mV.
- When it is employed in this way, it does not require a dc drain voltage from the supply. All that is required is an ac input signal.

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Unit III : FIELD EFFECT TRANSISTORS

Date of Lecture:

**Topic of Lecture: MOSFET**

### Introduction :

FETs have a few disadvantages like high drain resistance, moderate input impedance and slower operation. To overcome these disadvantages, the MOSFET(Metal Oxide Silicon Field Effect Transistor) which is an advanced FET is invented.

### Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:

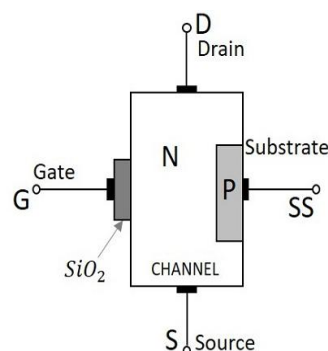
- JFET

### Detailed content of the Lecture:

- MOSFET stands for Metal Oxide Silicon Field Effect Transistor or Metal Oxide Semiconductor Field Effect Transistor.
- This is also called as IGFET meaning Insulated Gate Field Effect Transistor. The FET is operated in both depletion and enhancement modes of operation.

### Construction of a MOSFET

- The construction of a MOSFET is a bit similar to the FET. An oxide layer is deposited on the substrate to which the gate terminal is connected.
- This oxide layer acts as an insulator ( $SiO_2$  insulates from the substrate), and hence the MOSFET has another name as IGFET.
- In the construction of MOSFET, a lightly doped substrate, is diffused with a heavily doped region.
- Depending upon the substrate used, they are called as **P-type** and **N-type** MOSFETs.

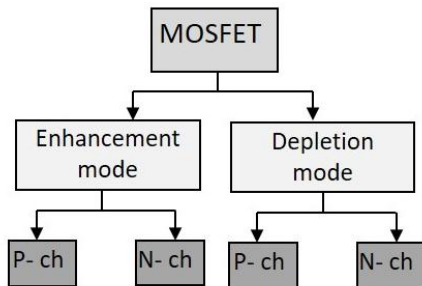


- The voltage at gate controls the operation of the MOSFET. In this case, both positive and negative voltages can be applied on the gate as it is insulated from the channel.
- With negative gate bias voltage, it acts as **depletion MOSFET** while with positive gate bias

voltage it acts as an **Enhancement MOSFET**.

### Classification of MOSFETs

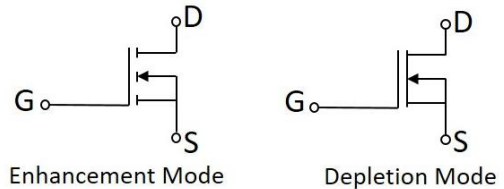
- Depending upon the type of materials used in the construction, and the type of operation, the MOSFETs are classified as follows:



- P- ch = P- channel
- N- ch = N- channel

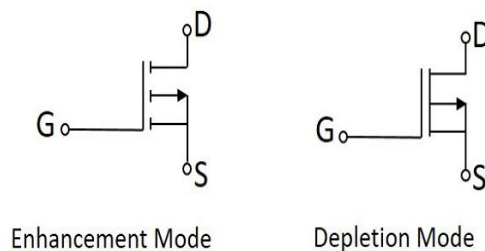
The **N-channel MOSFETs** are simply called as **NMOS**. The symbols for N-channel MOSFET are as given below.

Symbols of N-Channel MOSFET



- The **P-channel MOSFETs** are simply called as **PMOS**. The symbols for P-channel MOSFET are as given below

Symbols of P-Channel MOSFET



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Date of Lecture:

Topic of Lecture: Enhancement and Depletion mode MOSFET

### Introduction :

Like FET, the MOSFETs are three terminal devices with a Gate, Drain and Source and both P-channel (PMOS) and N-channel (NMOS) MOSFETs are available. The main difference this time is that MOSFETs are available in two basic forms:

- Depletion Type – the transistor requires the Gate-Source voltage, ( $V_{GS}$ ) to switch the device “OFF”. The depletion mode MOSFET is equivalent to a “Normally Closed” switch.
- Enhancement Type – the transistor requires a Gate-Source voltage, ( $V_{GS}$ ) to switch the device “ON”. The enhancement mode MOSFET is equivalent to a “Normally Open” switch.

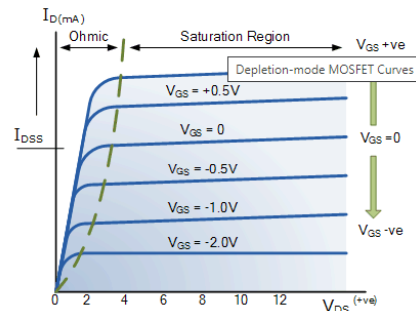
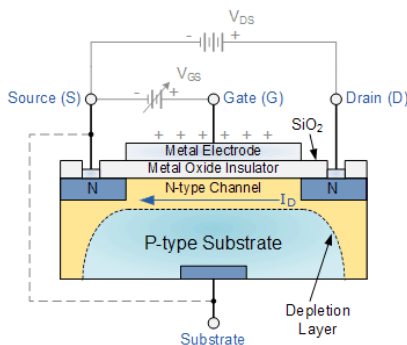
### Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:

- JFET

### Detailed content of the Lecture:

#### Depletion-mode MOSFET

- The Depletion-mode MOSFET, which is less common than the enhancement mode types is normally switched “ON” (conducting) without the application of a gate bias voltage.
- That is the channel conducts when  $V_{GS} = 0$  making it a “normally-closed” device.
- The circuit symbol shown above for a depletion MOS transistor uses a solid channel line to signify a normally closed conductive channel.
- For the n-channel depletion MOS transistor, a negative gate-source voltage,  $-V_{GS}$  will deplete (hence its name) the conductive channel of its free electrons switching the transistor “OFF”.
- Likewise for a p-channel depletion MOS transistor a positive gate-source voltage,  $+V_{GS}$  will deplete the channel of its free holes turning it “OFF”.



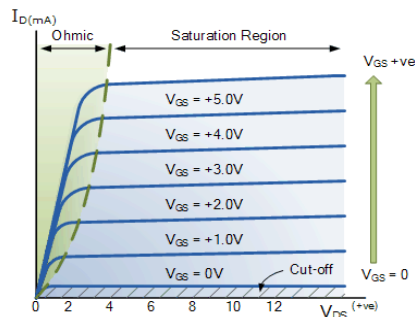
- In other words, for an n-channel depletion mode MOSFET:  $+V_{GS}$  means more electrons and more current.
- While a  $-V_{GS}$  means less electrons and less current. The opposite is also true for the p-channel types. Then the depletion mode MOSFET is equivalent to a “normally-closed” switch.
- The depletion-mode MOSFET is constructed in a similar way to their JFET transistor

counterparts where the drain-source channel is inherently conductive with the electrons and holes already present within the n-type or p-type channel.

- This doping of the channel produces a conducting path of low resistance between the Drain and Source with zero Gate bias.

### Enhancement-mode MOSFET

- The more common **Enhancement-mode MOSFET** or eMOSFET, is the reverse of the depletion-mode type.
- Here the conducting channel is lightly doped or even undoped making it non-conductive. This results in the device being normally “OFF” (non-conducting) when the gate bias voltage,  $V_{GS}$  is equal to zero. The circuit symbol shown above for an enhancement MOS transistor uses a broken channel line to signify a normally open non-conducting channel.
- For the n-channel enhancement MOS transistor a drain current will only flow when a gate voltage ( $V_{GS}$ ) is applied to the gate terminal greater than the threshold voltage ( $V_{TH}$ ).
- The application of a positive (+ve) gate voltage to a n-type eMOSFET attracts more electrons towards the oxide layer around the gate thereby increasing or enhancing (hence its name) the thickness of the channel allowing more current to flow.
- This is why this kind of transistor is called an enhancement mode device as the application of a gate voltage enhances the channel.
- Increasing this positive gate voltage will cause the channel resistance to decrease further causing an increase in the drain current,  $I_D$  through the channel.
- In other words, for an n-channel enhancement mode MOSFET:  $+V_{GS}$  turns the transistor “ON”, while a zero or  $-V_{GS}$  turns the transistor “OFF”.
- Thus the enhancement-mode MOSFET is equivalent to a “normally-open” switch.



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Topic of Lecture: Characteristics of NMOS

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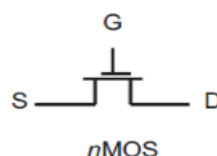
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Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:  
JFET , MOSFET

## Detailed content of the Lecture:

### N-channel

- As the voltage on the top electrode increases further, electrons are attracted to the surface.
- At a particular voltage level, which we will shortly define as the threshold voltage, the electron density at the surface exceeds the hole density.
- At this voltage, the surface has inverted from the p-type polarity of the original substrate to an n-type inversion layer, or inversion region, directly underneath the top plate.
- This inversion region is an extremely shallow layer, existing as a charge sheet directly below the gate.
- In the MOS capacitor, the high density of electrons in the inversion layer is supplied by the electron–hole generation process within the depletion layer.
- The positive charge on the gate is balanced by the combination of negative charge in the inversion layer plus negative ionic acceptor charge in the depletion layer.
- The voltage at which the surface inversion layer just forms plays an extremely important role in field-effect transistors and is called the threshold voltage  $V_{th}$ .

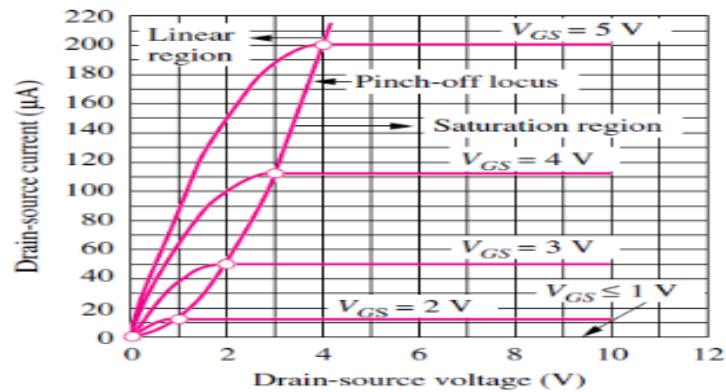


- When the channel forms in the nMOS (pMOS) transistor, a positive (negative) drain voltage with respect to the source creates a horizontal electric field moving the electrons (holes) toward the drain forming a positive (negative) drain current coming into the transistor.
- The positive current convention is used for electron and hole current, but in both cases electrons are the actual charge carriers.
- If the channel horizontal electric field is of the same order or smaller than the vertical thin oxide



field, then the inversion channel remains almost uniform along the device length.

- This continuous carrier profile from drain to source puts the transistor in a bias state that is equivalently called either the **non-saturated, linear, or ohmic bias state**.
- The drain and source are effectively short-circuited. This happens when  $V_{GS} > V_{DS} + V_{tn}$  for nMOS transistor and  $V_{GS} < V_{DS} + V_{tp}$  for pMOS transistor.
- Drain current is linearly related to drain-source voltage over small intervals in the linear bias state.
- But if the nMOS drain voltage increases beyond the limit, so that  $V_{GS} < V_{DS} + V_{tn}$ , then the horizontal electric field becomes stronger than the vertical field at the drain end.



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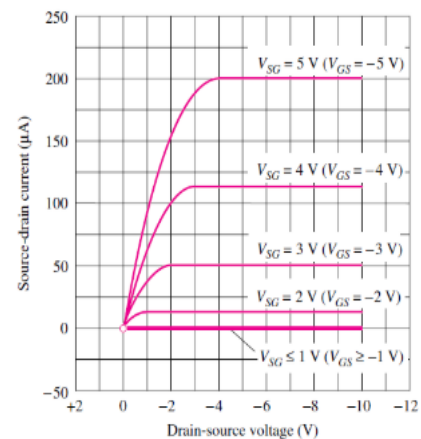
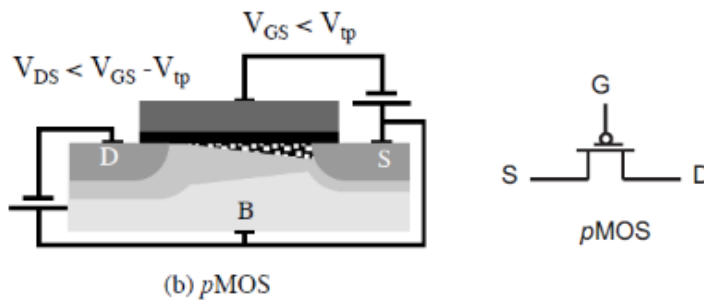
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**Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:**

FET, Channel, MOSFET

**Detailed content of the Lecture:** The biasing arrangement and the characteristic curve of PMOS is shown in the figure.



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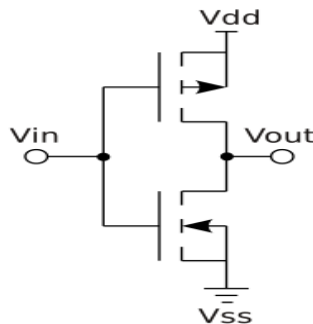
- Two important characteristics of CMOS devices are high noise immunity and low static **power** consumption. Since one transistor of the MOSFET pair is always off, the series combination draws significant **power** only momentarily during switching between on and off states.

### Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:

- NMOS, PMOS

### Detailed content of the Lecture:

- CMOS circuits are constructed in such a way that all P-type metal-oxide-semiconductor (PMOS) transistors must have either an input from the voltage source or from another PMOS transistor.
- Similarly, all NMOS transistors must have either an input from ground or from another NMOS transistor.
- The composition of a PMOS transistor creates low resistance between its source and drain contacts when a low gate voltage is applied and high resistance when a high gate voltage is applied.



- On the other hand, the composition of an NMOS transistor creates high resistance between source and drain when a low gate voltage is applied and low resistance when a high gate voltage is applied.
- CMOS accomplishes current reduction by complementing every nMOSFET with a pMOSFET and connecting both gates and both drains together.
- A high voltage on the gates will cause the nMOSFET to conduct and the pMOSFET not to conduct, while a low voltage on the gates causes the reverse.
- This arrangement greatly reduces power consumption and heat generation.

- However, during the switching time, both MOSFETs conduct briefly as the gate voltage goes from one state to another. This induces a brief spike in power consumption and becomes a serious issue at high frequencies.
- The input is connected to both a PMOS transistor (top of diagram) and an NMOS transistor (bottom of diagram).
- When the voltage of input is low, the NMOS transistor's channel is in a high resistance state. This limits the current that can flow from to ground.
- The PMOS transistor's channel is in a low resistance state and much more current can flow from the supply to the output. Because the resistance between the supply voltage and output is low, the voltage drop between the supply voltage and output due to a current drawn from output is small. The output, therefore, registers a high voltage
- On the other hand, when the voltage of input is high, the PMOS transistor is in an OFF (high resistance) state so it would limit the current flowing from the positive supply to the output, while the NMOS transistor is in an ON (low resistance) state, allowing the output from drain to ground.
- Because the resistance between output and ground is low, the voltage drop due to a current drawn into output placing output above ground is small. This low drop results in the output registering a low voltage.

In short, the outputs of the PMOS and NMOS transistors are complementary such that when the input is low, the output is high, and when the input is high, the output is low. Because of this behavior of input and output, the CMOS circuit's output is the inverse of the input.

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Course Name with Code: 16GES11 - ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Course Teacher : Dr. J.RANGARAJAN

Unit IV : BIASING OF BJT AND FET

Date of Lecture:

**Topic of Lecture:** DC operating point and Load line

### Introduction:

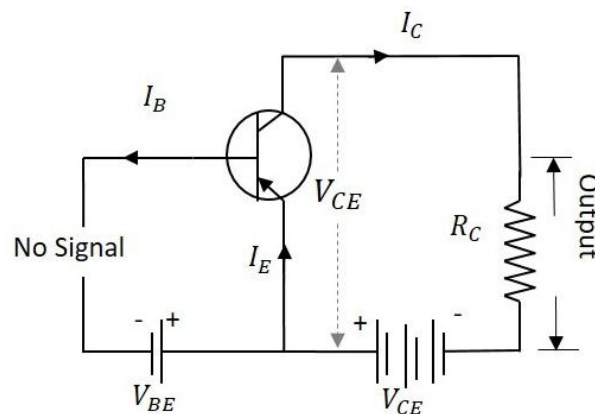
The DC load line is the load line of the DC equivalent circuit, defined by reducing the reactive components to zero (replacing capacitors by open circuits and inductors by short circuits). ... Once a DC operating point is defined by the DC load line, an AC load line can be drawn through the Q point.

### Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:

Transistors, Types of Transistors, Operation of Transistor

### DC operating point and Load line:

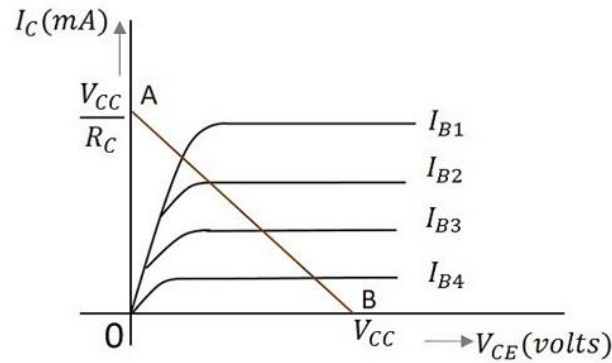
- When the transistor is given the bias and no signal is applied at its input, the load line drawn at such condition can be understood as DC condition.
- Here there will be no amplification as the signal is absent. The circuit will be as shown below.



- The value of collector emitter voltage at any given time will be

$$V_{CE} = V_{CC} - I_C R_C$$

- As  $V_{CC}$  and  $R_C$  are fixed values, the above one is a first degree equation and hence will be a straight line on the output characteristics. This line is called as **D.C. Load line**. The figure below shows the DC load line.



- To obtain the load line, the two end points of the straight line are to be determined. Let those two points be A and B.

#### To obtain A

- When collector emitter voltage  $V_{CE} = 0$ , the collector current is maximum and is equal to  $V_{CC}/R_C$ . This gives the maximum value of  $V_{CE}$ . This is shown as

$$\begin{aligned} V_{CE} &= V_{CC} - I_C R_C \\ 0 &= V_{CC} - I_C R_C \\ V_{CE} &= V_{CC} - I_C R_C \\ I_C &= (V_{CE} - V_{CC}) / R_C \end{aligned}$$

- This gives the point A ( $OA = V_{CC}/R_C$ ) on collector current axis, shown in the above figure.

#### To obtain B

- When the collector current  $I_C = 0$ , then collector emitter voltage is maximum and will be equal to the  $V_{CC}$ . This gives the maximum value of  $I_C$ . This is shown as

$$\begin{aligned} V_{CE} &= V_{CC} - I_C R_C \\ &= V_{CC} \quad (\text{As } I_C = 0) \end{aligned}$$

- This gives the point B, which means ( $OB = V_{CC}$ ) on the collector emitter voltage axis shown in the above figure.
- Hence we got both the saturation and cutoff point determined and learnt that the load line is a straight line. So, a DC load line can be drawn.

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Unit IV : BIASING OF BJT AND FET

Date of Lecture:

Topic of Lecture: Q Point, Bias Stability

### Introduction :

- **Q-point** is the operating **point** of the transistor ( $I_{CQ}, V_{CEQ}$ ) at which it is biased. The concept of **Q-point** is used when transistor act as an amplifying device and hence is operated in active region of input output characteristics.
- **Bias Stability** (also known as **Bias Instability**) can be defined as how much deviation or drift the sensor has from its mean value of the output rate. ... Lower **Bias Instability** is advantageous, as it results in a gyro producing fewer deviations from the mean rate over time.

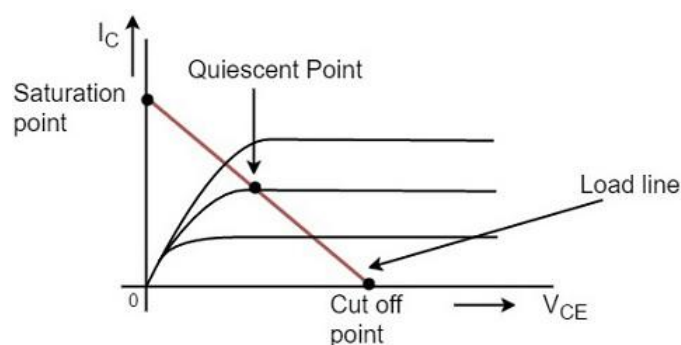
### Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:

Transistors, Types of Transistors, Operation of Transistors

### Q Point:

- When a line is drawn joining the saturation and cut off points, such a line can be called as Load line. This line, when drawn over the output characteristic curve, makes contact at a point called as Operating point.
- This operating point is also called as quiescent point or simply Q-point. There can be many such intersecting points, but the Q-point is selected in such a way that irrespective of AC signal swing, the transistor remains in the active region.

The following graph shows how to represent the operating point.



- The operating point should not get disturbed as it should remain stable to achieve faithful amplification. Hence the quiescent point or Q-point is the value where the Faithful Amplification is achieved.

- Biasing is the process of providing DC voltage which helps in the functioning of the circuit. A transistor is biased in order to make the emitter base junction forward biased and collector base junction reverse biased, so that it maintains in active region, to work as an amplifier.

### Transistor Biasing

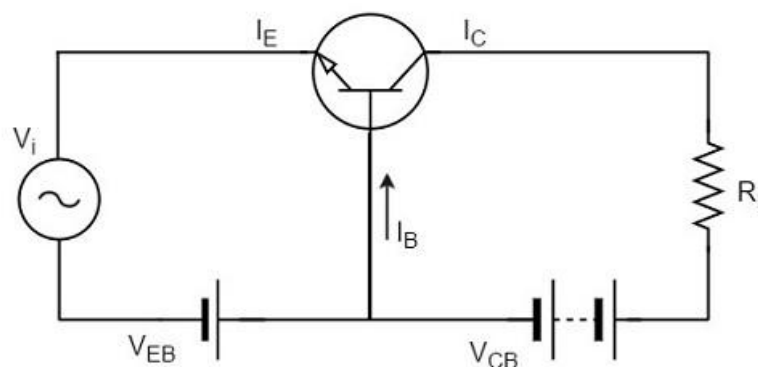
- The proper flow of zero signal collector current and the maintenance of proper collector-emitter voltage during the passage of signal is known as **Transistor Biasing**. The circuit which provides transistor biasing is called as **Biasing Circuit**.

### Need for DC biasing

If a signal of very small voltage is given to the input of BJT, it cannot be amplified. Because, for a BJT, to amplify a signal, two conditions have to be met.

- The input voltage should exceed **cut-in voltage** for the transistor to be **ON**.
- The BJT should be in the **active region**, to be operated as an **amplifier**.
- If appropriate DC voltages and currents are given through BJT by external sources, so that BJT operates in active region and superimpose the AC signals to be amplified, then this problem can be avoided.
- The given DC voltage and currents are so chosen that the transistor remains in active region for entire input AC cycle. Hence DC biasing is needed.

The below figure shows a transistor amplifier that is provided with DC biasing on both input and output circuits.



- For a transistor to be operated as a faithful amplifier, the operating point should be stabilized. Let us have a look at the factors that affect the stabilization of operating point.

### Factors affecting the operating point

- The main factor that affects the operating point is the temperature. The operating point shifts due to change in temperature.
- As temperature increases, the values of  $I_{CE}$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $V_{BE}$  gets affected.
- $I_{CBO}$  gets doubled (for every  $10^\circ$  rise)
- $V_{BE}$  decreases by 2.5mV (for every  $1^\circ$  rise)
- So the main problem which affects the operating point is temperature. Hence operating point should be made independent of the temperature so as to achieve stability.
- To achieve this, biasing circuits are introduced.



## Stabilization

- The process of making the operating point independent of temperature changes or variations in transistor parameters is known as **Stabilization**.
- Once the stabilization is achieved, the values of  $I_C$  and  $V_{CE}$  become independent of temperature variations or replacement of transistor. A good biasing circuit helps in the stabilization of operating point.

## Need for Stabilization

Stabilization of the operating point has to be achieved due to the following reasons.

- Temperature dependence of  $I_C$
- Individual variations
- Thermal runaway

As the expression for collector current  $I_C$  is

$$I_C = \beta I_b + I_{CEO}$$
$$= \beta I_B + (\beta + 1) I_{CBO}$$

- The collector leakage current  $I_{CBO}$  is greatly influenced by temperature variations. To come out of this, the biasing conditions are set so that zero signal collector current  $I_C = 1$  mA. Therefore, the operating point needs to be stabilized i.e. it is necessary to keep  $I_C$  constant.

## Individual Variations

- As the value of  $\beta$  and the value of  $V_{BE}$  are not same for every transistor, whenever a transistor is replaced, the operating point tends to change.
- Hence it is necessary to stabilize the operating point.

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Unit IV : BIASING OF BJT AND FET

Date of Lecture:

**Topic of Lecture:** Transistor Biasing Methods

**Introduction :**

The **biasing in transistor** circuits is done by using two DC sources  $V_{BB}$  and  $V_{CC}$ . It is economical to minimize the DC source to one supply instead of two which also makes the circuit simple.

**Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:**

- FET
- Types of FET
- Operation of JFET
- Charecteristics of JFET

**Transistor Biasing Methods:**

- The biasing in transistor circuits is done by using two DC sources  $V_{BB}$  and  $V_{CC}$ .
- It is economical to minimize the DC source to one supply instead of two which also makes the circuit simple.

The commonly used methods of transistor biasing are

- Base Resistor method
- Collector to Base bias
- Biasing with Collector feedback resistor
- Voltage-divider bias

All of these methods have the same basic principle of obtaining the required value of  $I_B$  and  $I_C$  from  $V_{CC}$  in the zero signal conditions.

**Base Resistor method:**

- In this method, a resistor  $R_B$  of high resistance is connected in base, as the name implies.
- The required zero signal base current is provided by  $V_{CC}$  which flows through  $R_B$ .
- The base emitter junction is forward biased, as base is positive with respect to emitter.

**Collector to Base bias:**

The collector to base bias circuit is same as base bias circuit except that the base resistor  $R_B$  is returned to collector, rather than to  $V_{CC}$  supply.

**Biasing with Collector feedback resistor:**

In this method, the base resistor  $R_B$  has its one end connected to base and the other to the collector as its name implies. In this circuit, the zero signal base current is determined by  $V_{CB}$  but not by  $V_{CC}$ .

**Voltage-divider bias:**

- Among all the methods of providing biasing and stabilization, the **voltage divider bias method** is the most prominent one.
- Here, two resistors  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are employed, which are connected to  $V_{CC}$  and provide biasing. The resistor  $R_E$  employed in the emitter provides stabilization.

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Topic of Lecture: Fixed Bias

### Introduction :

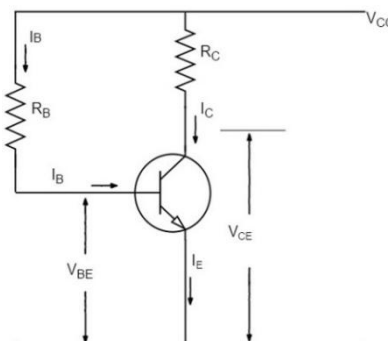
Fixed biasing is a type of bias where base current is maintained constant for given  $V_{CC}$  by using fixed resistor. So operating point must remain fixed. Using this two resistors and fixed current, initial operating point has to be found.

### Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:

FET, Types of FET, Operation of JFET, Characteristics of JFET

### Fixed Bias:

- In this method, a resistor  $R_B$  of high resistance is connected in base, as the name implies.
- The required zero signal base current is provided by  $V_{CC}$  which flows through  $R_B$ .
- The base emitter junction is forward biased, as base is positive with respect to emitter.
- The required value of zero signal base current and hence the collector current (as  $I_C = \beta I_B$ ) can be made to flow by selecting the proper value of base resistor  $R_B$ .
- Hence the value of  $R_B$  is to be known. The figure below shows how a base resistor method of biasing circuit looks like.



- Let  $I_C$  be the required zero signal collector current. Therefore,

$$I_B = I_C / \beta$$

- Considering the closed circuit from  $V_{CC}$ , base, emitter and ground, while applying the Kirchhoff's voltage law, we get,

$$V_{CC} = I_B R_B + V_{BE}$$

Or

$$I_B R_B = V_{CC} - V_{BE}$$

- Therefore,

$$R_B = V_{CC} - V_{BE} / I_B$$

- Since  $V_{BE}$  is generally quite small as compared to  $V_{CC}$ , the former can be neglected with little error. Then,

$$R_B = V_{CC} / I_B$$

- We know that  $V_{CC}$  is a fixed known quantity and  $I_B$  is chosen at some suitable value. As  $R_B$  can be found directly, this method is called as **fixed bias method**.
- Stability factor  $S$  is given by,

$$S = (\beta + 1) / 1 - \beta (dI_B / dI_C)$$

- In fixed-bias method of biasing,  $I_B$  is independent of  $I_C$  so that,

$$dI_B / dI_C = 0$$

- Substituting the above value in the previous equation,

$$\text{Stability factor } (S) = \beta + 1$$

- Thus the stability factor in a fixed bias is **( $\beta + 1$ )** which means that  $I_C$  changes **( $\beta + 1$ )** times as much as any change in  $I_{CO}$ .

#### Advantages

- The circuit is simple.
- Only one resistor  $R_E$  is required.
- Biasing conditions are set easily.
- No loading effect as no resistor is present at base-emitter junction.

#### Disadvantages

- The stabilization is poor as heat development can't be stopped.
- The stability factor is very high. So, there are strong chances of thermal run away.

**Hence, this method is rarely employed.**

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Unit IV : BIASING OF BJT AND FET

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## Topic of Lecture: Collector to Base Bias

### Introduction :

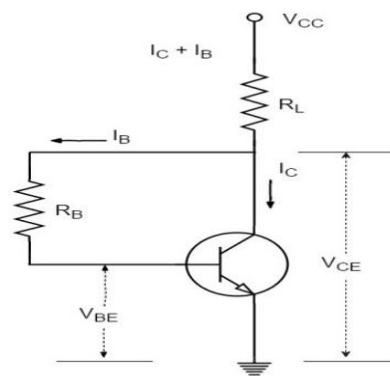
It is an improvement over fixed bias method. In this, biasing resistor is connected between collector and base of the transistor to provide feedback path.

### Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:

FET, Types of FET, Operation of JFET and Characteristics of JFET

### Collector to Base Bias:

- The collector to base bias circuit is same as base bias circuit except that the base resistor  $R_B$  is returned to collector, rather than to  $V_{CC}$  supply as shown in the figure below.



- This circuit helps in improving the stability considerably. If the value of  $I_C$  increases, the voltage across  $R_L$  increases and hence the  $V_{CE}$  also increases.
- This in turn reduces the base current  $I_B$ . This action somewhat compensates the original increase.
- The required value of  $R_B$  needed to give the zero signal collector current  $I_C$  can be calculated as follows:
- Voltage drop across  $R_L$  will be

$$R_L = (I_C + I_B)R_L \cong I_C R_L$$

- From the figure,

$$I_C R_L + I_B R_B + V_{BE} = V_{CC}$$

Or

$$I_B R_B = V_{CC} - V_{BE} - I_C R_L$$

- Therefore,

$$R_B = (V_{CC} - V_{BE} - I_C R_L) / I_B$$

Or

$$R_B = (V_{CC} - V_{BE} - I_C R_L) \beta / I_C$$

- On applying KVL,

$$(I_B + I_C) R_L + I_B R_B + V_{BE} = V_{CC}$$

Or

$$I_B (R_L + R_B) + I_C R_L + V_{BE} = V_{CC}$$

- Therefore,

$$I_B = (V_{CC} - I_C R_L - V_{BE}) / (R_L + R_B)$$

- Since  $V_{BE}$  is almost independent of collector current, we get

$$dI_B / dI_C = - R_L / (R_L + R_B)$$

- We know that

$$S = 1 + \beta / 1 - \beta (dI_B / dI_C)$$

- Therefore

$$S = (1 + \beta) / (1 + \beta (R_L / (R_L + R_B)))$$

- This value is smaller than  $(1 + \beta)$  which is obtained for fixed bias circuit.
- Thus there is an improvement in the stability.
- This circuit provides a negative feedback which reduces the gain of the amplifier.
- So the increased stability of the collector to base bias circuit is obtained at the cost of AC voltage gain.

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Unit IV : BIASING OF BJT AND FET

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**Topic of Lecture:** Self biasing, Thermal Runaway, Thermal Stability

**Introduction :**

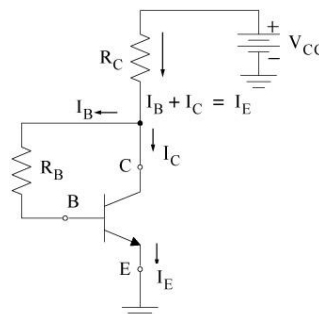
The regenerative heating cycle produced is called thermal runaway. In a self-biased CE amplifier a d.c power  $P_C = V_{CE}I_C$  is developed at the collector junction of the transistor. With no signal present, this d.c power is completely dissipated in the form of heat. Thermal stability of polymer is defined as the ability of the polymeric material to resist the action of heat and to maintain its properties, such as strength, toughness, or elasticity at given temperature.

**Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:**

- FET, Types of FET, Operation of JFET and Characteristics of JFET

**Self Biasing:**

- The fixed bias arrangement discussed in the previous section is thermally unstable.
- If the temperature of the transistor rises for any reason (due to a rise in ambient temperature or due to current flow through it), the collector current will increase.
- This increase in current also causes the DC quiescent point to move away from its desired position (level).



NPN transistor amplifier with self-bias

- This reaction to temperature is undesirable because it affects amplifier gain (the number of times of amplification) and could result in distortion.
- A better method of biasing, known as *self-bias* is obtained by inserting the bias resistor directly between the base and collector.
- By tying the collector to the base in this manner, feedback voltage can be fed from the collector to the base to develop forward bias.
- Now, if an increase of temperature causes an increase in collector current, the collector voltage  $V_C$  will fall because of the increase of voltage produced across the collector resistor  $R_L$ .
- This drop in  $V_C$  will be fed back to the base and will result in a decrease in the base current. The decrease in base current will oppose the original increase in collector current and tend to stabilize it.



- The exact opposite effect is produced when the collector current decreases.

$$R_C I_E + R_B I_B + V_{BE} = V_{CC}$$

$$R_C I_E + R_B \frac{1}{\beta + 1} I_E + V_{BE} = V_{CC}$$

$$I_E = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{BE}}{R_C + R_B / (\beta + 1)}$$

### Thermal Runaway:

- As the expression for collector current  $I_C$  is

$$\begin{aligned} I_C &= \beta I_B + I_{CEO} \\ &= \beta I_B + (\beta + 1) I_{CBO} \end{aligned}$$

- The flow of collector current and also the collector leakage current causes heat dissipation.
- If the operating point is not stabilized, there occurs a cumulative effect which increases this heat dissipation.
- The self-destruction of such an unstabilized transistor is known as **Thermal run away**.
- In order to avoid **thermal runaway** and the destruction of transistor, it is necessary to stabilize the operating point, i.e., to keep  $I_C$  constant.

### Stability Factor

- It is understood that  $I_C$  should be kept constant in spite of variations of  $I_{CBO}$  or  $I_{CO}$ .
- The extent to which a biasing circuit is successful in maintaining this is measured by **Stability factor**. It denoted by **S**.
- By definition, the rate of change of collector current  $I_C$  with respect to the collector leakage current  $I_{CO}$  at constant  $\beta$  and  $I_B$  is called **Stability factor**.

$$S = dI_C / dI_{CO} \text{ at constant } I_B \text{ and } \beta$$

- Hence we can understand that any change in collector leakage current changes the collector current to a great extent.
- The stability factor should be as low as possible so that the collector current doesn't get affected.  $S=1$  is the ideal value.
- The general expression of stability factor for a CE configuration can be obtained as,

$$I_C = \beta I_B + (\beta + 1) I_{CO}$$

- Differentiating above expression with respect to  $I_C$ , we get

$$1 = \beta dI_B / dI_C + (\beta + 1) dI_{CO} / dI_C$$

Or

$$1 = \beta (dI_B / dI_C) + (\beta + 1) S \text{ [Since } dI_{CO} / dI_C = S \text{ ]}$$

$$S = (\beta + 1) / 1 - \beta (dI_B / dI_C)$$

- Hence the stability factor  $S$  depends on  $\beta$ ,  $I_B$  and  $I_C$ .

### Thermal Stability:

- **Thermal** instability occurs when junction temperature and collector current increase in regenerative and uncontrollable fashion.
- The limit depends on factors both within and external to the **transistor**.

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Unit IV : BIASING OF BJT AND FET

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Topic of Lecture: FET Biasing Methods :Self Bias and Source Bias

### Introduction :

In JFET, the drain current is limited by drain to saturation current  $I_{DS}$ . The FET has high input impedance and there are no gate current flows. The dc voltage of gate is set by voltage divider is not affected by FET.

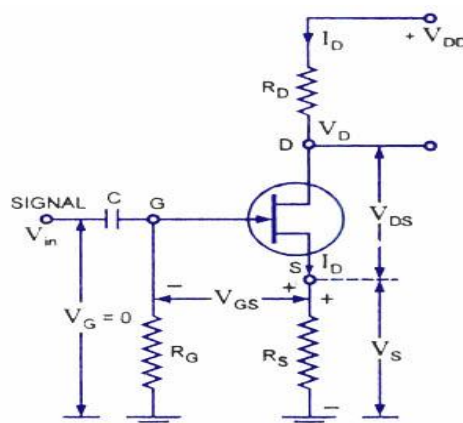
### Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:

- FET
- Types of FET
- Operation of JFET
- Characteristics of JFET

### FET Biasing Methods:

- Unlike BJTs, thermal runaway does not occur with FETs.
- However, the wide differences in maximum and minimum **transfer characteristics** make  $I_D$  levels unpredictable with simple fixed-gate bias voltage.
- To obtain reasonable limits on quiescent drain currents  $I_D$  and drain-source voltage  $V_{DS}$ , source resistor and potential divider bias techniques must be used.
- With few exceptions, MOSFET bias circuits are similar to those used for **JFETs**. Various FET biasing circuits are discussed below:

### Self-Bias:



Self-Bias Circuit For N-Channel JFET

- This is the most common method for biasing a JFET. Self-bias circuit for N-channel JFET is shown in figure.

- Since no gate current flows through the reverse-biased gate-source, the gate current  $I_G = 0$  and, therefore,  $V_G = i_G R_G = 0$

- With a drain current  $I_D$  the voltage at the S is

$$V_S = I_D R_S$$

- The gate-source voltage is then

- $$V_{GS} = V_G - V_S = 0 - I_D R_S = -I_D R_S$$

- So voltage drop across resistance  $R_S$  provides the biasing voltage  $V_{GS}$  and no external source is required for biasing and this is the reason that it is called self-biasing.

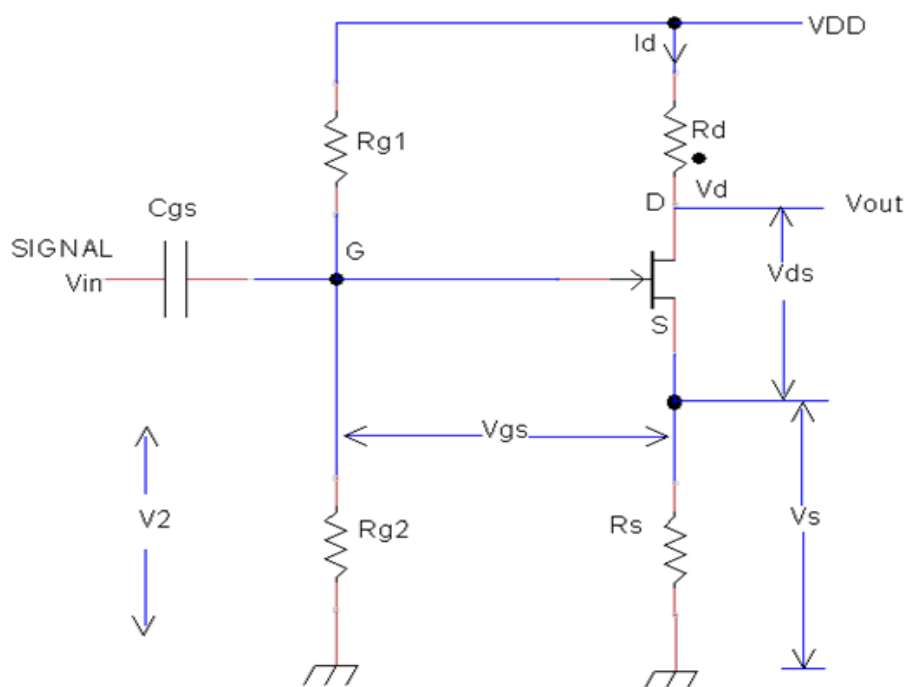
- The operating point (that is zero signal  $I_D$  and  $V_{DS}$ ) can easily be determined from equation and equation given below :

$$V_{DS} = V_{DD} - I_D (R_D + R_S)$$

- Thus dc conditions of JFET amplifier are fully specified. Self biasing of a JFET stabilizes its quiescent operating point against any change in its parameters like transconductance. .

#### Source Bias:

- The resistors  $R_{G1}$  and  $R_{G2}$  formed the potential divider across  $V_{DD}$ .
- The necessary bias is provided by the voltage  $V_2$  across  $R_{G2}$ .
- For the adjustment of dc bias point  $R_{G1}$  is used. The gate is reverse biased and so there is no current flow through  $R_G$ . i.e,  $I_G = 0$ .



The gate voltage,  $V_g = V_2 = (V_{DD}/(R_{g1}+R_{g2})) * R_{g2}$

$$V_{gs} = V_g - V_s$$

$$= V_g - I_d R_s$$

For negative the gate to source voltage, the circuit is designed that  $I_d R_s$  must be greater than  $V_g$ . It provides the correct bias voltage. The operating point can be determined by :  $I_d = (V_2 - V_{GS})/R_s$

$$V_{DS} = V_{DD} - I_D(R_D + R_S).$$

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Unit IV : BIASING OF BJT AND FET

Date of Lecture:

**Topic of Lecture:** Voltage Divider Bias Method

**Introduction :**

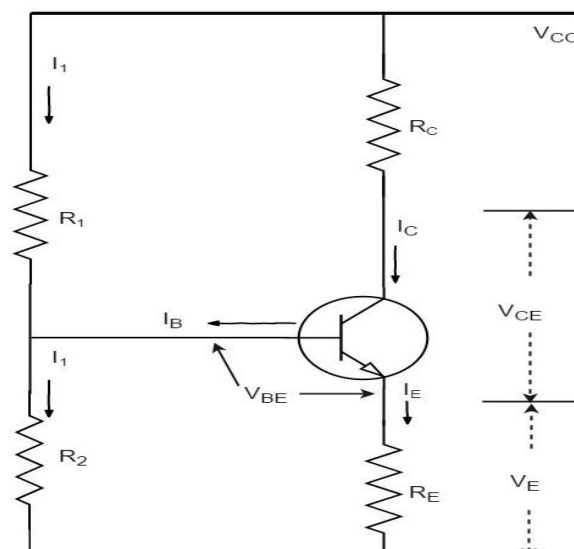
**Bias voltage** is the amount of **voltage** that an electronic device needs in order to power on and function. Without **bias voltage**, an electronic device wouldn't have the power to turn on and be operated. A microphone is one such device which needs **bias voltage** in order to operate.

**Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:**

- FET
- Types of FET
- Operation of JFET
- Characteristics of JFET

**Voltage Divider Bias Method:**

- Among all the methods of providing biasing and stabilization, the **voltage divider bias method** is the most prominent one.
- Here, two resistors  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are employed, which are connected to  $V_{CC}$  and provide biasing. The resistor  $R_E$  employed in the emitter provides stabilization.
- The name voltage divider comes from the voltage divider formed by  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ . The voltage drop across  $R_2$  forward biases the base-emitter junction.
- This causes the base current and hence collector current flow in the zero signal conditions. The figure below shows the circuit of voltage divider bias method



- Suppose that the current flowing through resistance  $R_1$  is  $I_1$ . As base current  $I_B$  is very small, therefore, it can be assumed with reasonable accuracy that current flowing through  $R_2$  is also  $I_1$ .

Now let us try to derive the expressions for collector current and collector voltage.

Collector Current,  $I_C$

From the circuit, it is evident that,

$$I_1 = V_{CC}/R_1 + R_2$$

Therefore, the voltage across resistance  $R_2$  is

$$V_2 = (V_{CC}R_1 + R_2)/R_2$$

Applying Kirchhoff's voltage law to the base circuit,

$$V_2 = V_{BE} + V_E$$

$$V_2 = V_{BE} + I_E R_E$$

$$I_E = (V_2 - V_{BE})/R_E$$

Since  $I_E \approx I_C$ ,

$$I_C = (V_2 - V_{BE})/R_E$$

- From the above expression, it is evident that  $I_C$  doesn't depend upon  $\beta$ .  $V_{BE}$  is very small that  $I_C$  doesn't get affected by  $V_{BE}$  at all.
- Thus  $I_C$  in this circuit is almost independent of transistor parameters and hence good stabilization is achieved.

**Collector-Emitter Voltage,  $V_{CE}$**

Applying Kirchhoff's voltage law to the collector side,

$$V_{CC} = I_C R_C + V_{CE} + I_E R_E$$

Since  $I_E \approx I_C$

$$= I_C R_C + V_{CE} + I_C R_E$$

$$= I_C (R_C + R_E) + V_{CE}$$

Therefore,

$$V_{CE} = V_{CC} - I_C (R_C + R_E)$$

$R_E$  provides excellent stabilization in this circuit.

$$V_2 = V_{BE} + I_C R_E$$

- Suppose there is a rise in temperature, then the collector current  $I_C$  decreases, which causes the voltage drop across  $R_E$  to increase.
- As the voltage drop across  $R_2$  is  $V_2$ , which is independent of  $I_C$ , the value of  $V_{BE}$  decreases. The reduced value of  $I_B$  tends to restore  $I_C$  to the original value.
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**Stability Factor**

The equation for **Stability factor** of this circuit is obtained as

$$\text{Stability Factor} = S = (\beta + 1)(R_0 + R_3)/R_0 + R_E + \beta R_E$$

$$= (\beta + 1) \times (1 + R_0 R_E / \beta + 1 + R_0 R_E)$$

Where

$$R_0 = R_1 R_2 / R_1 + R_2$$

- If the ratio  $R_0/R_E$  is very small, then  $R_0/R_E$  can be neglected as compared to 1 and the stability factor becomes

$$\text{Stability Factor} = S = (\beta + 1) \times 1 / \beta + 1 = 1$$

- This is the smallest possible value of S and leads to the maximum possible thermal stability.

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Unit IV : BIASING OF BJT AND FET

Date of Lecture:

Topic of Lecture: Biasing of MOSFET

### Introduction :

Biasing in MOSFET Amplifiers is similar to biasing of the FET and transistor . Biasing: Creating the circuit to establish the desired. DC voltages and currents for the operation of the amplifier.

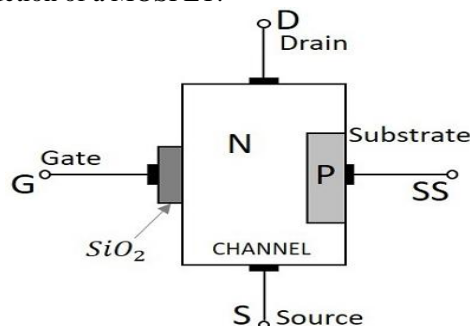
### Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:

- FET
- Types of FET
- Operation of JFET
- Characteristics of JFET

### Biasing MOSFET:

- MOSFET is a bit similar to the FET. An oxide layer is deposited on the substrate to which the gate terminal is connected. This oxide layer acts as an insulator ( $SiO_2$  insulates from the substrate), and hence the MOSFET has another name as IGFET.
- In the construction of MOSFET, a lightly doped substrate, is diffused with a heavily doped region. Depending upon the substrate used, they are called as **P-type** and **N-type** MOSFETs.
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The following figure shows the construction of a MOSFET.

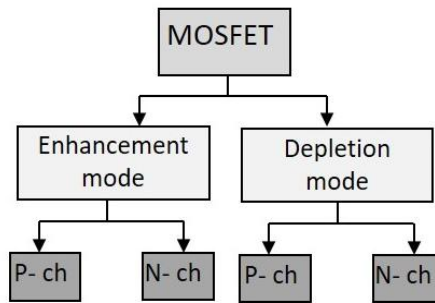


The voltage at gate controls the operation of the MOSFET. In this case, both positive and negative voltages can be applied on the gate as it is insulated from the channel. With negative gate bias voltage, it acts as **depletion MOSFET** while with positive gate bias voltage it acts as an **Enhancement MOSFET**.

### Classification of MOSFETs

Depending upon the type of materials used in the construction, and the type of operation, the MOSFETs are classified as in the following figure.



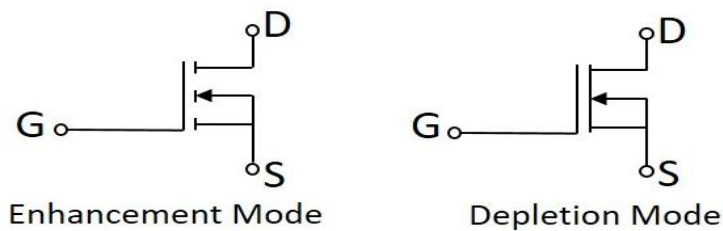


- P- ch = P- channel
- N- ch = N- channel

After the classification, let us go through the symbols of MOSFET.

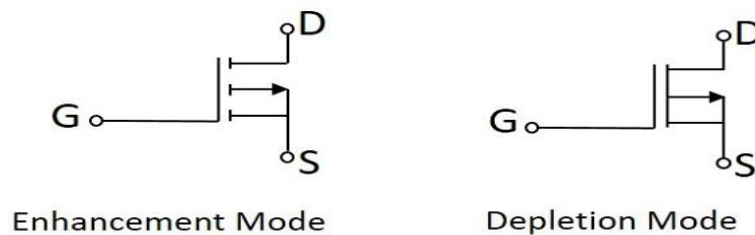
The **N-channel MOSFETs** are simply called as **NMOS**. The symbols for N-channel MOSFET are as given below.

#### Symbols of N-Channel MOSFET



The **P-channel MOSFETs** are simply called as **PMOS**. The symbols for P-channel MOSFET are as given below.

#### Symbols of P-Channel MOSFET



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Unit :V - Special Diodes and Opto Electronic Devices Date of Lecture:

## Topic of Lecture: Theory and Characteristics of Schottky Diode

**Introduction:** A Schottky diode is a majority carrier device, where electron-hole recombination is usually not important. Hence, Schottky diodes have a much faster response under forward bias conditions than p-n junction diodes. Schottky diodes are specially manufactured to solve the problem of fast switching which consists of a metal to semiconductor junction.

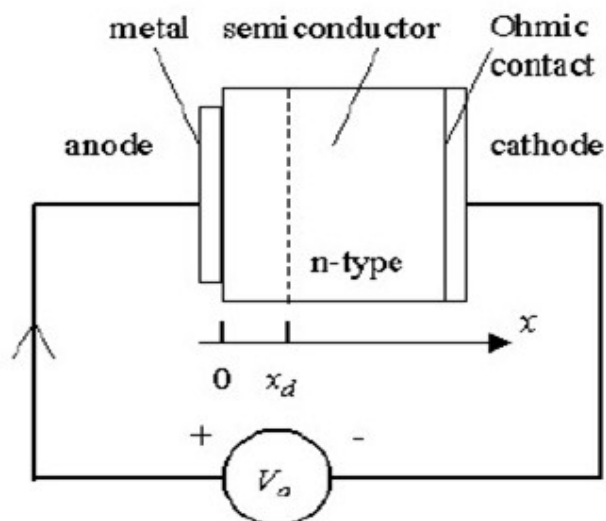
### Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:

- Barrier region
- Barrier potential
- Operation of diode

## Theory and Characteristics of Schottky Diode

### Structure

The structure of a metal-semiconductor junction is shown in figure. It consists of a metal contacting a piece of semiconductor. An ideal Ohmic contact, a contact such that no potential exists between the metal and the semiconductor, is made to the other side of the semiconductor.

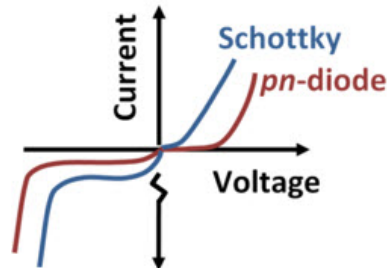


### Principle of Operation:

Due to minority carrier free region, schottky diode cannot store the charge. Hence due to lack of charge storage, it can switch off very fast than a conventional diode.

It can be easily switched off for the frequencies above 300MHz. The barrier at the junction for a schottky diode is less than that of normal p-n diode in both forward and reverse bias region. The barrier potential and breakdown voltage in forward bias and reverse bias region respectively are also less than p-n junction diode. The barrier potential is 0.25V as compared to 0.7V for normal diode.

#### Characteristics of Schottky Diode:



#### Applications:

Due to fast switching characteristics this diode is very useful for high frequency, high speed applications such as:

- ✓ digital computer
- ✓ high speed TTL
- ✓ radar systems
- ✓ mixers and detectors in communication equipments and
- ✓ analog to digital converters

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Unit :V - Special Diodes and Opto Electronic Devices Date of Lecture:

## Topic of Lecture: Tunnel Diode

**Introduction:** *Tunneling* is the phenomenon in which the electron from the N side of the PN diode penetrates into the P side of the PN diode through the junction. The Diode which utilizes this tunneling phenomenon to exhibit negative resistance under forward bias condition is known as *Tunnel Diode*.

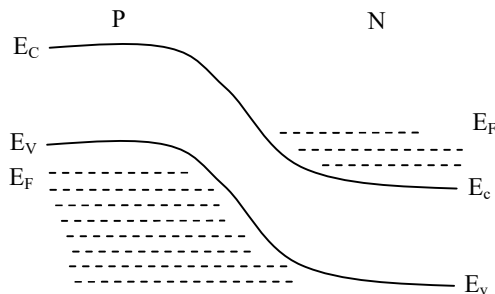
### Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:

- Barrier potential
- PN junction
- Diode Operation

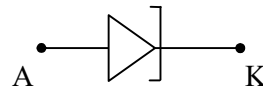
### Tunnel Diode

#### Construction:-

#### Structure of Energy level



#### Symbol

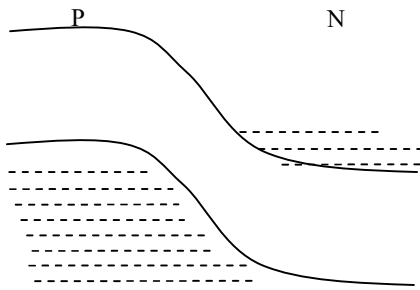


- The Tunneling property is achieved by increasing the doping concentration of 1 part of  $10^3$ .
- It consist of thin junction that is of  $100 \text{ \AA}$  which is achieved by increasing the doping concentration, since width of the junction barrier is inversely proportional to square root of Impurity concentration.
- The Anode is connected to the P type material and Cathode is connected to the N type material.

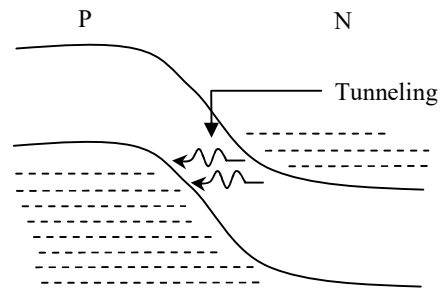
#### Operation

- (i) Under zero bias, the electron will not have sufficient energy to move into P side through the junction. Hence the forward current is zero and the energy level will be same throughout the material.
- (ii) When forward bias increases with small applied potential, energy level of the N side increases. The electron in the conduction band of the N side will see empty energy level on the P side. This makes the tunneling to happen from the N side to the P side.

**Zero - Bias condition**

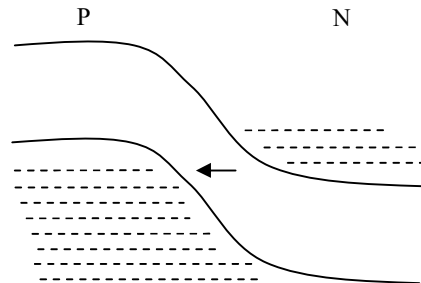


**Forward bias – Peak voltage**



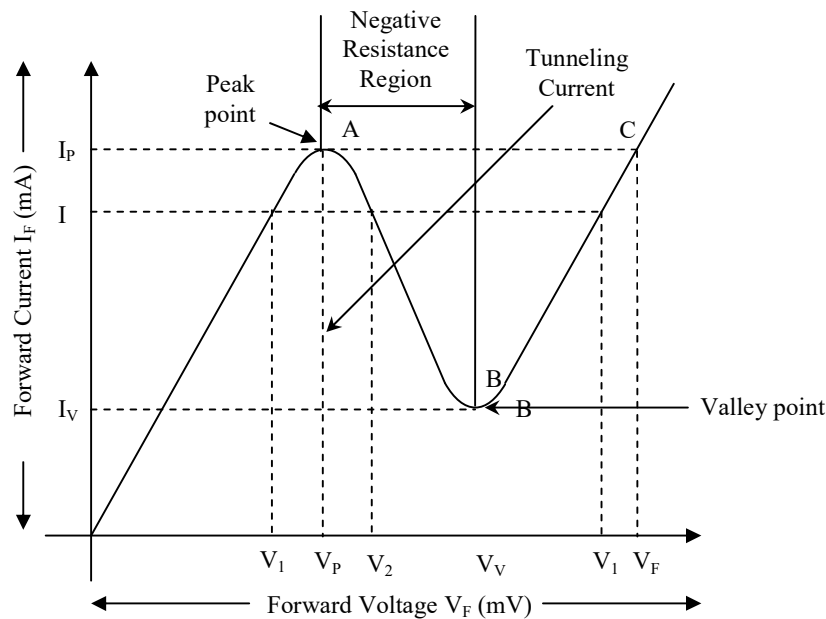
- (iii) When the forward bias is further increased the tunneling will decrease. At a particular voltage there will be no empty state and few electrons in the N side are opposite to the P side energy level. Hence current drops to zero. This phenomenon of decrease in current due to increase in voltage is known as negative resistance characteristics. The diode will behave as a normal PN junction diode after some particular voltage

**Forward bias valley voltage**



**VI characteristic**

**VI characteristic of Tunnel Diode**



- When the voltage increases, the current increases till the peak point is reached. The voltage & current at this particular peak point is known as peak voltage ( $V_P$ ) and peak current ( $I_P$ )
- After this point current decreases with increase in applied voltage. This phenomenon of decrease in current when the voltage increases takes place till the point known as valley point. This region from the peak point to the valley point is known as Negative resistance Region.

- The voltage and current at valley point is known as valley voltage ( $V_v$ ) and valley current ( $I_v$ )
- After this point, the tunnel diode will behave as a normal PN junction diode.

**4.6.4 Applications:** -Tunnel diode is used as

- (i) Relaxation oscillation due to the negative resistance characteristics.
- (ii) High speed switch circuits using hysteresis.
- (iii) An amplifier and microwave oscillator due to the negative Resistance characteristics (which Requires a few mw of power).
- (iv) Memory element.

**4.6.5 Advantages:-**

- (i) Low cost.
- (ii) Simple to operate and maintain.
- (iii) Need low power and less noise.
- (iv) Exhibit high speed due to the fact that tunneling takes place at the speed of light.  
Immune to environment.

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Unit : V - Special Diodes and Opto Electronic Devices Date of Lecture:

### Topic of Lecture: Varactor diode

**Introduction:** Varactor diode is the specially designed Reverse bias PN junction diode in which the junction (or) transition capacitance can be varied by suitable variation of Impurity concentration. Varactor diode is also known as varicap, tuning (or) voltage capacitor diode (or) voltacap.

#### Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:

- Capacitor
- Diode Operation

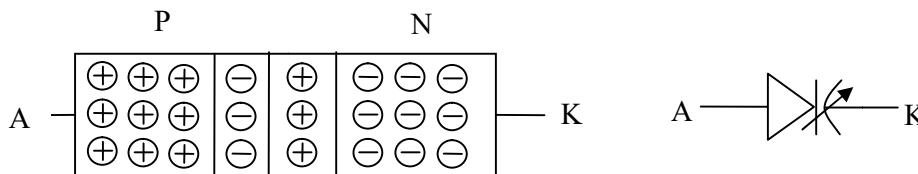
#### Varactor diode

##### Construction:

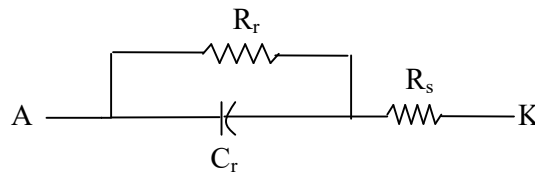
Varactor diode is the specially designed semiconductor diode to operate in Reverse biased condition. The capacitor is formed when the P and N type material is in contact. The junction will be filled with immobile positive and negative charge which contributes to capacitor.

##### Structure of varactor Diode

##### Symbol



##### Equivalent circuit of varactor Diode



A = Anode.

K = Cathode.

$R_r$  = Reverse diode Resistance.

$C_r$  = Reverse capacitance (or) barrier capacitance.

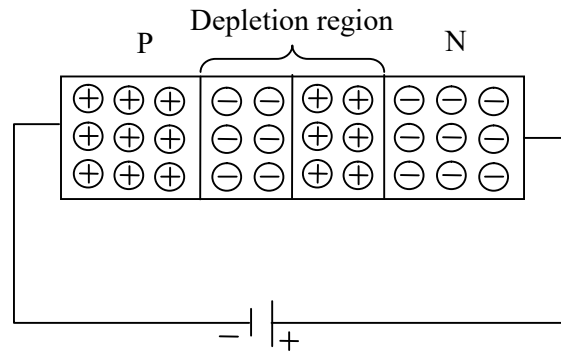
$R_s$  = Body Resistance.

##### Operation

We know that capacitance  $C = \epsilon A / W$

Where  $\epsilon$  = permittivity of semiconductor material

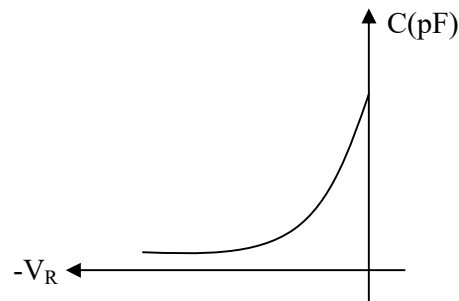
Hence capacitance is inversely proportional to depletion region width which is given by  $C \propto 1/W$ . When the reverse bias is increased the depletion Region increases hence width of the Depletion Region increases which in turn decreases the capacitance. Since capacitance and depletion width is inversely proportional, the Depletion Region acts as conduction plate to vary the capacitance.



### Characteristic of Varactor Diode

The characteristic curve of the varactor diode is obtained by plotting the curve between Reverse voltage and capacitance. The capacitance decreases with the increases in the voltage of Reverse bias.

#### *Characteristic of varactor Diode*



**Applications:** - Varactor diode can be used as

- (i) Frequency modulator.
- (ii) Frequency multiplier in microwave receiver.
- (iii) Automatic frequency control devices due to its tuning phenomenon.
- (iv) RF phase shifter.
- (v) Filters and amplifiers.

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### Topic of Lecture: Silicon Controlled Rectifier, TRIAC

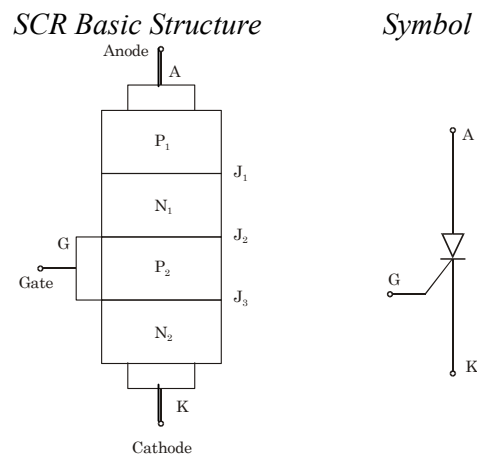
**Introduction:** Silicon Controlled Rectifier also known as SCR is three terminal, four layered semiconductor device which is the modified version of thyristor by adding the terminal Gate (G). TRIAC is a three terminal, four layered switch. In this device two SCR are connected in parallel but in opposite direction.

#### Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:

- PN junction
- Barrier potential
- Diode
- Transistor

### Silicon Controlled Rectifier, TRIAC

#### Silicon Controlled Rectifier Construction



The basic structure and symbol of the SCR is shown above. It is the four layered semiconductor device formed by consecutive placement of two PN layers. It is a three terminal (Gate, anode and cathode) and three junctions (J<sub>1</sub>, J<sub>2</sub> and J<sub>3</sub>) device in which Gate terminal is connected to lower P<sub>2</sub> layer to trigger the device. The Anode and Cathode is connected to the P<sub>1</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> layer

#### Operation of SCR:-

The operation of the SCR is based on two biasing characteristics, that is forward and Reverse Biasing.

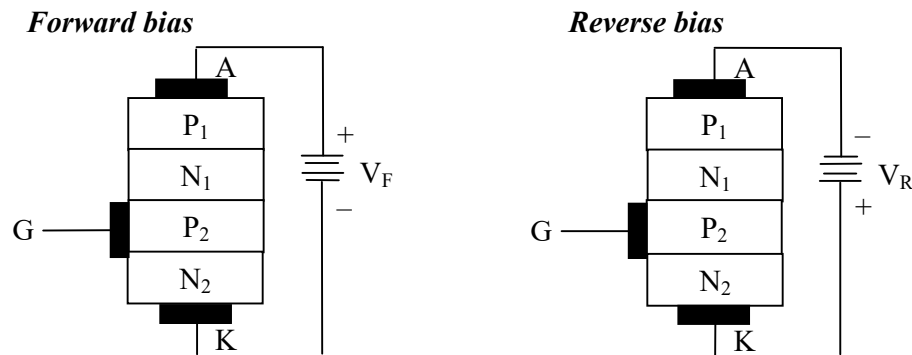
#### Forward Bias:-

- (I) When the forward bias is applied to the Anode and the Cathode as well as Gate current

- (II) When the Gate current is negative that is  $I_G < 0$ ,  $J_1$  and  $J_3$  is forward biased and  $J_2$  is reverse biased. The SCR will conduct after large breakover voltage  $V_{B0}$ .
- (III) When the Gate current is increased that is  $I_G > 0$ ,  $J_1$  and  $J_3$  is forward biased and  $J_2$  is reversed biased. The SCR will conduct quickly due to decrease in breakover voltage.

Hence by Gate Current  $I_G$  the switching Characteristics can be is controlled. This makes the device to function as controlled switch. But once the device is ON, the gate cannot be used to switch off the device. The only way to switch off the device is by reducing the value of anode current below  $I_H$  (Holding Current) by reducing  $V_H$ .

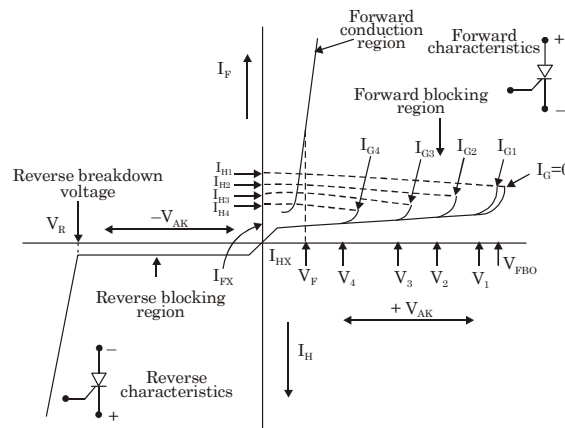
In the Reverse bias,  $J_1$  and  $J_3$  are reverse bias and  $J_2$  is forward bias. This makes the SCR to switch off due to no flow of current.



**Characteristics:-**

The characteristic of the SCR is the graph drawn between the anode current and the anode to cathode voltage by adjusting the values of  $I_G$ .

The Breakover voltage ( $V_{B0}$ ) is defined as the voltage at which SCR starts to conduct hence, when  $I_G$  increases  $V_{B0}$  decreases and the device conduct soon. Once the device attains holding point the device will perform as normal diode. The minimum value of current which is required to hold the device in on-state is known as Holding Current ( $I_H$ ). The voltage correspond to  $I_H$  is known as Holding Voltage ( $V_H$ )



In the Reverse bias condition the device will breakdown due to avalanche breakdown Mechanism.

**Turning ON (Triggering)**

Turning ON the SCR is known as Triggering

**1. Forward Break over Voltage**

When the voltage applied across the SCR is greater than the forward break over voltage. Then the SCR will start to conduct.

**2. Gate triggering**

The SCR can be triggered to ON state by applying the gate voltage  $> 0$  which makes the device to ON state but once the device is ON, the gate will not have any control over the device.

**3. Light triggering**

#### 4. Rate effect triggering

By rapidly increasing the anode to cathode voltage  $\frac{dV_A}{dt}$ , the SCR will turn ON from off state.

This produce the charges to flow, makes the device to conduct.

#### Turning OFF

Normally two methods are available to turn OFF the SCR.

##### (i) Anode Current Interruption Method

The anode current of the SCR is reduced to zero by reducing the value of Current Less than Holding  $I_G$ . This is done by switching arrangement.

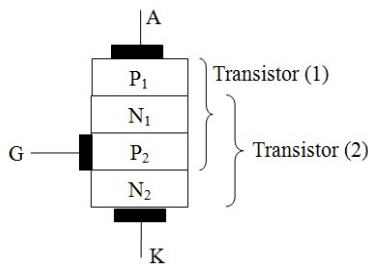
##### (ii) Forced commutation method

In this method, the current through SCR is reduced below the holding current by reversing the polarity of anode to cathode voltage.

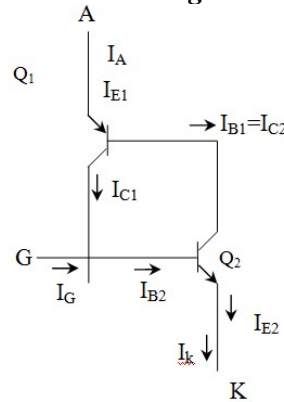
#### Two transistor version of SCR

The operation of the SCR can be analyzed by considering the SCR of two transistor ( $P_1N_1P_2$ ) and ( $N_1P_2N_2$ ) connected back to back.

#### Structure of SCR



#### Circuit Diagram



#### Applications:-

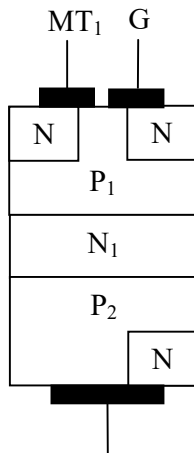
SCR is commonly used in

- (i) Battery charger and Inverter
- (ii) Rectifier circuit in various electronic equipment
- (iii) Switches and power supplying unit
- (iv) Control element such as motor, power, phase ,etc

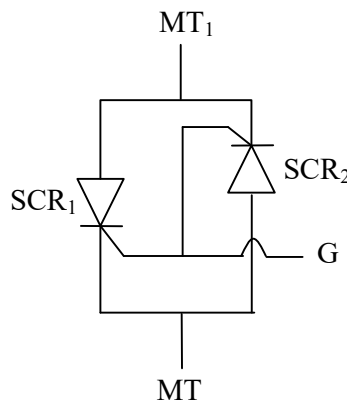
#### TRIAC

#### Construction:-

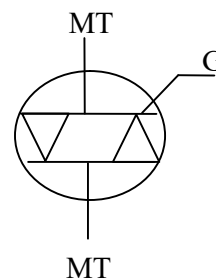
##### Structure of TRIAC



##### Equivalent circuit



##### Symbol



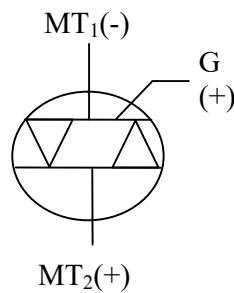
The structure of TRIAC consist of three terminal, four layered switch of  $P_1N_1P_2N_2$  and  $P_2N_1P_1N_3$ . The two SCR are connected in parallel but in opposite direction. It is seen that anode of one SCR is connected to cathode of another SCR. The gate is connected near terminal  $MT_1$ . The gate is applied with positive (or) negative voltage with respect to terminal  $MT_2$  to control the devices.

**Operation:-**

TRIAC exhibit four modes of operation based on the polarity of the voltage applied across the main terminal  $MT_2$  and Gate.

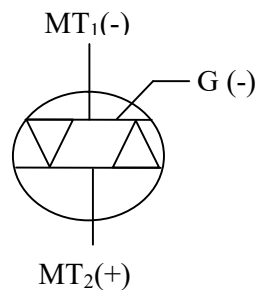
**Mode 1:-**

In this mode, the terminal 2 ( $MT_2$ ) is positive with respect to the terminal 1 ( $MT_1$ ) and Gate is positive. The TRIAC will be forward biased and the TRIAC is said to operate in the first quadrant. This mode is also known as (I+) mode of operation.



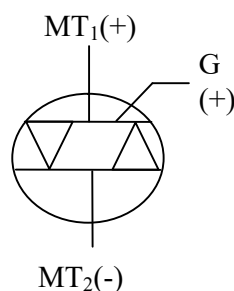
**Mode 2:-**

In this mode, the terminal 2 ( $MT_2$ ) is positive with respect to the terminal 1 ( $MT_1$ ) and Gate is made negative. The TRIAC will be forward biased and the TRIAC is said to operate in the first quadrant. This mode is also known as (I-) mode of operation. It is less efficient.



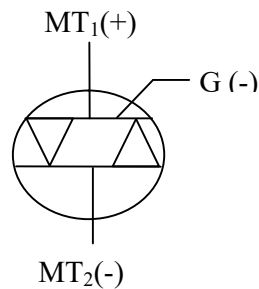
**Mode 3:-**

In this mode, the terminal 2 ( $MT_2$ ) is negative with respect to the terminal 1 ( $MT_1$ ) and the Gate is made positive. The TRIAC current reverses and function in the third quadrant. This mode is also known as (III+) mode of operation. It is inefficient mode.



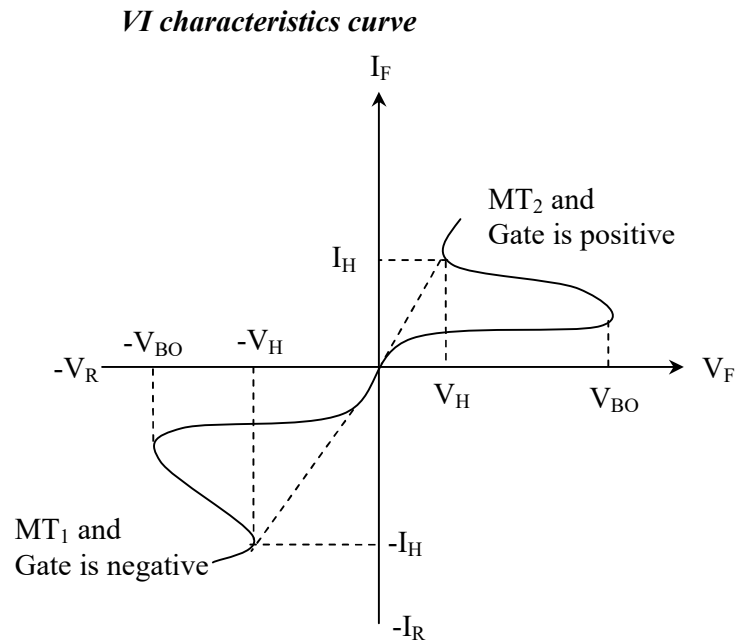
#### Mode 4:-

In this mode, the terminal 2 ( $MT_2$ ) and gate is made negative with respect to terminal 1 ( $MT_1$ ). The TRIAC current reverses and function in the third quadrant. This mode is also known as (III-) mode of operation. It is more efficient and sensitive than III+ mode



#### VI characteristics of TRIAC

The VI characteristics of the TRIAC is the relationship between voltage and current across the two main terminals.



The characteristics of the TRIAC when  $MT_2$  is made positive and negative with respect to  $MT_1$  are shown above. When Gate and  $MT_2$  is positive, the TRIAC is efficient in the quadrant 1 and when  $MT_2$  and Gate is negative, the TRIAC is efficient in quadrant III.

#### Applications:-

It is

- (i) Used as a switch to ON and OFF the AC supply.
- (ii) Used as a light dimmer.
- (iii) Used to control motor speed, heat and phase of the circuit.

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## LECTURE HANDOUTS

ECE

I / II

Course Name with Code : 19GES11 - ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Course Faculty : Dr. J. Rangarajan

Unit : V - Special Diodes and Opto Electronic Devices Date of Lecture:

### Topic of Lecture: Light Dependent Resistor (LDR), Unijunction Transistor (UJT)

**Introduction:** Light Dependent Resistor also known as photo resistor (or) photo conductive cell (or) photocell is the two terminal semiconductor device. It is a light controlled variable resistor in which the resistance of the photo resistor decreases with incident light intensity. Unijunction transistor commonly known as UJT is the three terminal semiconductor device with single junction which is extensively used in an electronic switching operation. UJT has no ability to amplify and hence it is not used as an amplifier.

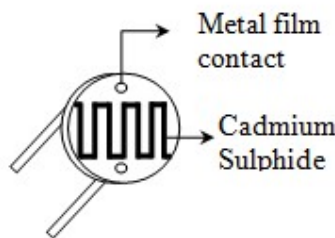
#### Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:

- Transistor operation
- Photo resistance
- Photo conduction

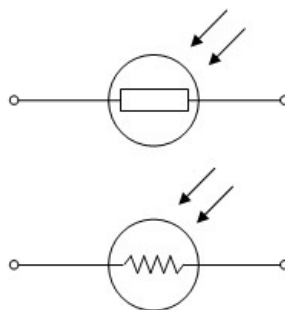
#### Light Dependent Resistor:

##### Construction:

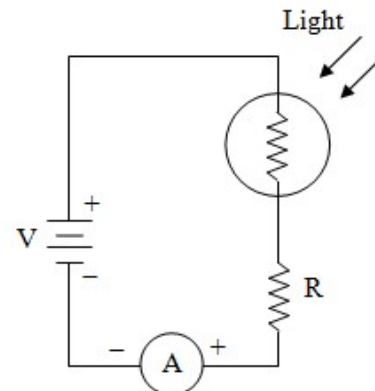
##### Structure of LDR



##### Symbol



##### Circuit Diagram



- LDR consist of thin layer of semiconductor material which is made of either Cadmium sulphide(CdS), Cadmium selenide(CdSe) (or) Lead sulphide(PbS).
- The coating of this material is made over top of the surface.
- It is placed over the ceramic substance. Two metal electrodes are taken out which is connected to positive and negative terminal of the battery.

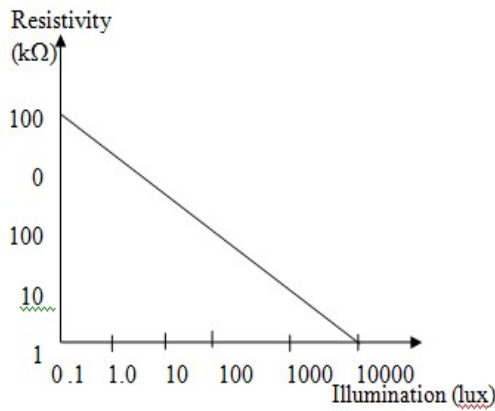
## OPERATION

When the light is allowed to pass through the glass window over the LDR. It exhibit photo conductivity.

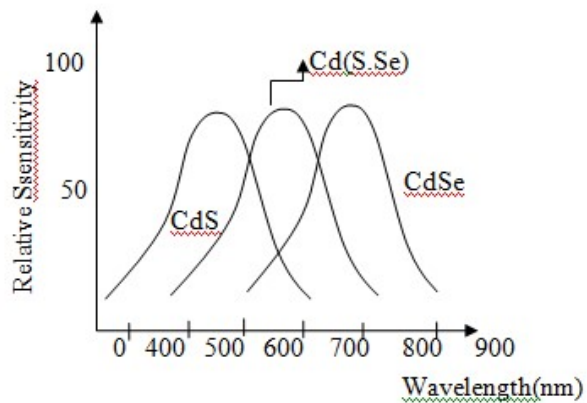
- (i) When no light falls on the cell, the Resistance of the device is very high. Hence the current (I) is very low.
- (ii) When light falls on the cell, the Resistance of the device will decrease. Hence the current I increase with Respect to the light intensity.
- (iii) Therefore the value of the current will be controlled by light.

## CHARACTERISTICS

### *Resistivity Vs illumination*



### *Spectral Response*



The resistivity of the device decreases with increases with illumination. For the illumination of 10000 lux, the resistivity will be around zero

The spectral response of the LDR shows that the responsivity of the Cds is superior for short wavelength and Cdse shows superior result for longer wavelength.

## APPLICATIONS

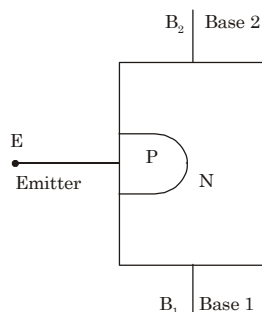
LDR is used as:

- (i) Photo switch and Photo electric control element.
- (ii) Industrial control and counting system.
- (iii) An autoflash in camera.
- (iv) Street light triggering circuit.

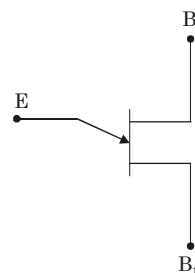
## Unijunction Transistor (UJT):

**Construction:-**

### *UJT Basic structure*



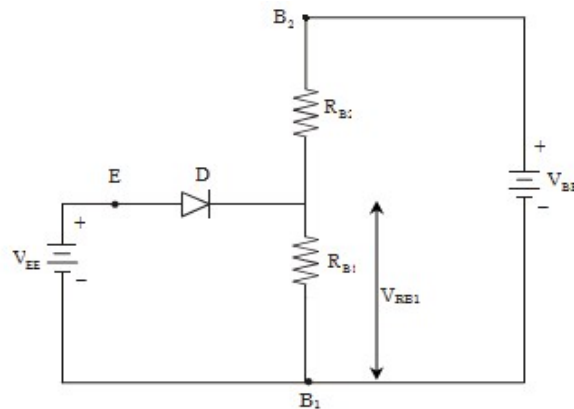
### *Symbol*





- Emitter is connected to the heavily doped P type material. Base B<sub>1</sub> and B<sub>2</sub> is connected to both end of the n type substrate.

### Equivalent Circuit



- The equivalent circuit of the UJT consists of PN junction diode which is connected to the inter base resistance (or) internal bulk resistance between terminal B<sub>1</sub> and B<sub>2</sub>.
- Hence the total resistance between the base terminal  $R_{BB} = R_{B1} + R_{B2}$ .

$R_{B1}$  and  $R_{B2}$ - Internal base resistance across Base 1 and Base 2

$R_{BB}$  = Interbase Resistance

$V_{RB1}$  is the voltage drop across  $R_{B1}$ , when  $V_{BB}$  is applied

- Hence,  $V_{RB1}$  (voltage drop across  $R_{B1}$ ) =  $V_{BB} \frac{R_{B1}}{R_{B1} + R_{B2}}$

$$\text{(or) } V_{BB} = \frac{R_{B1}}{R_{BB}}$$

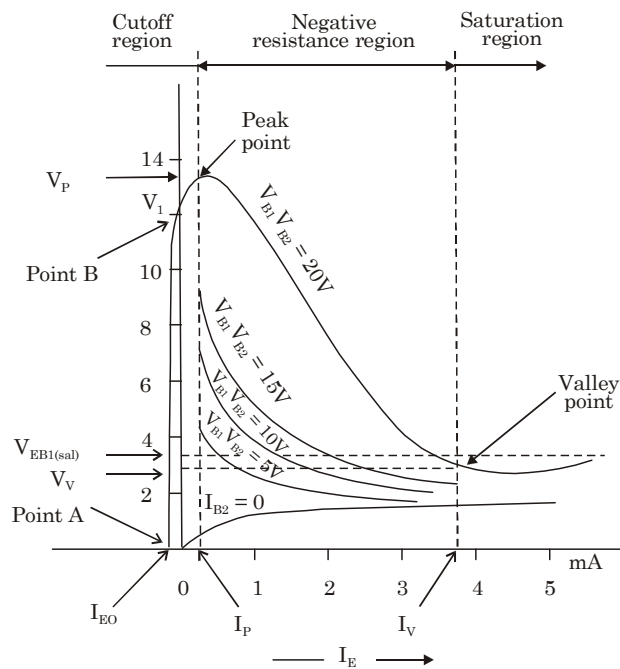
- In the above equation  $V_{BB} = \frac{R_{B1}}{R_{BB}}$ , which is the ratio of the internal Base Resistance across Base 1 ( $R_{B1}$ ) to the interbase across  $B_1$ .
- Resistance is known as Intrinsic standoff Ratio ( $\eta$ ). Its value ranges from 0.5 to 0.8

### Operation

- When  $V_{EE}$  is applied, the emitter current will be cutoff due to the voltage drop across the Internal Base Resistance  $R_{B1}$  and diode potential barrier.
- This is known as Reverse bias voltage which is given by  $V_R = \eta V_{BB} + V_D$ . When the value of  $V_{EE}$  is greater than  $V_R$ , the diode is forward bias and will start to conduct.
- This value of emitter voltage which makes the diode to conduct is known as peak point voltage ( $V_P$ ) which is given by  $V_P = \eta V_{BB} + V_D$ .
- The emitter current starts to flow after the peak point voltage.

## Characteristics

### VI characteristics of UJT



It is shown from the characteristics curve that the UJT functions in three Regions.

#### Cutoff Region:-

Till point A, the device is in cutoff where the diode will be in reverse bias. Hence the emitter current is almost zero.

#### Negative Resistance Region:-

- In this region the UJT is said to be fired (or) turned on at peak point (P), where the peak point Voltage is greater than  $\eta V_{BB} + V_D$ .
- In this region, the holes are injected into the N region and which is swept by the base electric field. This makes the resistance  $R_{B1}$  to reduce thereby the value of  $\eta V_{BB}$  is reduced.
- This phenomenon is known as *Conductivity Modulation*.
- When more holes are injected into n region, it further reduces  $\eta V_{BB}$ . As a result, the emitter current increases but  $V_E$  decreases.
- This is known as Negative resistance characteristics. This phenomenon makes the UJT to operate as an oscillator.

#### Saturation Region:-

- The Region of curve beyond the valley point is the saturation region. In this region UJT is in ON position.
- The device will behave as a PN junction diode.  $V_E$  increases gradually with increases in  $I_E$ .

#### Applications:

- (i) The Negative resistance characteristics make the device to function as Relaxation oscillator, non sinusoidal oscillator and sawtooth generator.
- (ii) It is used as a switching circuit.
- (iii) It functions as a triggering device for Thyristor based devices.
- (iv) It is also used in the timing circuit.

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### Topic of Lecture: Photoemissivity and Photoconductivity

#### Introduction:

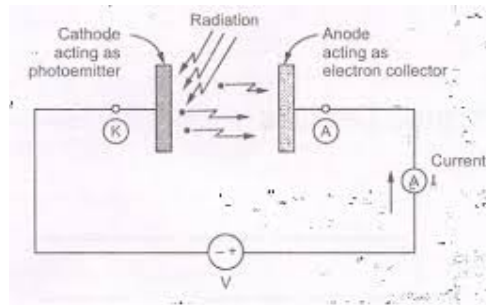
**Photoconductivity** is an optical and electrical phenomenon in which a material becomes more electrically conductive due to the absorption of electromagnetic radiation such as visible light, ultraviolet light, infrared light, or gamma radiation.

#### Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:

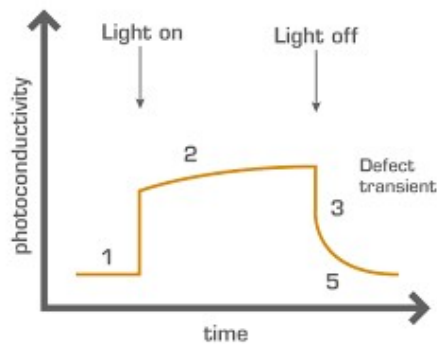
- Photon
- Light energy
- Electromagnetic radiation

#### Photoemissivity and Photoconductivity

- The increase in the electrical conductivity of certain materials when they are exposed to light of sufficient energy.
- Photoconductivity serves as a tool to understand the internal processes in these materials, and it is also widely used to detect the presence of light and measure its intensity in light-sensitive devices. Certain crystalline semiconductors, such as silicon, germanium, lead sulfide, and cadmium sulfide, and the related semimetal selenium, are strongly photoconductive. Normally, semiconductors are relatively poor electrical conductors because they have only a small number of electrons that are free to move under a voltage.
- Most of the electrons are bound to their atomic lattice in the set of energy states called the valence band. But if external energy is provided, some electrons are raised to the conduction band, where they can move and carry current.
- Photoconductivity ensues when the material is bombarded with photons of sufficient energy to raise electrons across the band gap, a forbidden region between the valence and conduction bands.



In cadmium sulfide this energy is 2.42 electron volts (eV), corresponding to a photon of wavelength 512 nanometres ( $1 \text{ nm} = 10^{-9} \text{ metre}$ ), which is visible green light. In lead sulfide the gap energy is 0.41 eV, making this material sensitive to infrared light.



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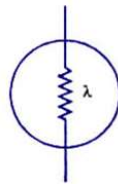
**Introduction:** The photoconductive cell is a two terminal semiconductor device whose terminal resistance will vary (linearly) with the intensity of the incident light. Both materials respond rather slowly to changes in light intensity. The solar cell is the device that converts the light energy into electrical energy when the light (sunlight) is passed into it. It is also known as solar battery (or) photovoltaic cell.

### Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:

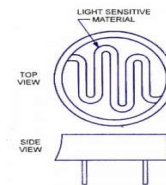
- Photo resistance
- Photoconduction
- Photoemission

### Photoconductive cells:

#### Photo-conductive-cell-circuit-symbol

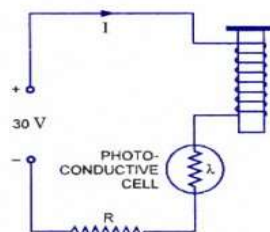


#### photo-conductive-cell-construction

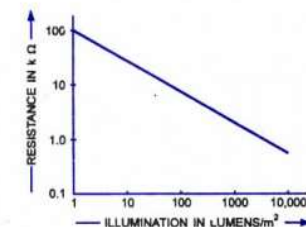


- Light sensitive material is arranged in the form of a long strip, zigzagged across a disc shaped base with protective sides.
- For added protection, a glass or plastic cover may be included. The two ends of the strip are brought out to connecting pins below the base.

### Photoconductive cell circuit:



### Characteristics of a Photoconductive cell:



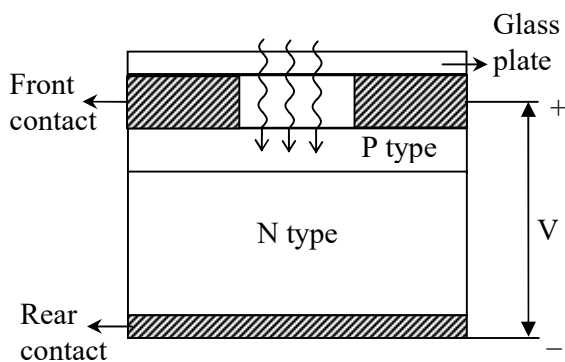
Illumination Characteristic of a Typical Photoconductive Cell

### Characteristics of a Photoconductive cell:

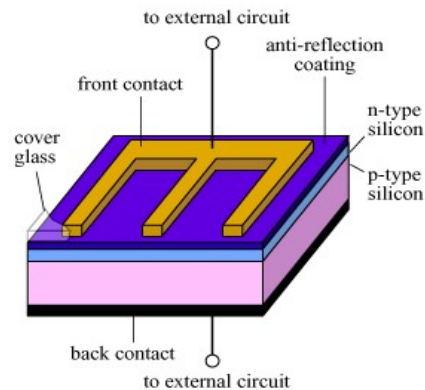
- The illumination characteristics of a typical photoconductive cell are shown from which it is obvious that when the cell is not illuminated its resistance may be more than 1 00 kilo ohms.
- This resistance is called the *dark resistance*. When the cell is illuminated, the resistance may fall to a few hundred ohms.
- Note that the scales on the illumination characteristic are logarithmic to cover a wide ranges of resistance and illumination that are possible.
- Cell sensitivity may be expressed in terms of the cell current for a given voltage and given level of illumination.

### Photo voltaic cells:

#### Construction



#### Cell basic Structure



- The basic structure of the solar cell consist of P type silicon material doped with P type impurity and also N type silicon material doped with N type impurity.
- Hence PN junction is formed between the P and N type material. The sunlight is allowed to falls on the junction through the glass plate.

### OPERATION

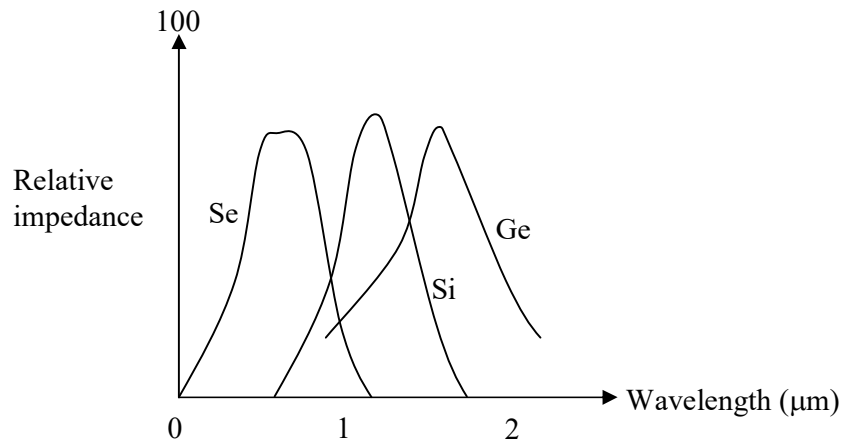
- When the incident photon in the form of light falls on the junction.
- The valence electron will gain enough energy from the incident photons and move toward the conduction band, which in turn will creates electron hole pairs.
- The flow of electrons and holes across the junction will leads to the accumulation of carriers in the junction.
- Hence this phenomenon gives rise to photovoltaic voltage across the junction.

The increase in the photovoltaic voltage depends upon the intensity of the light falls on the device.

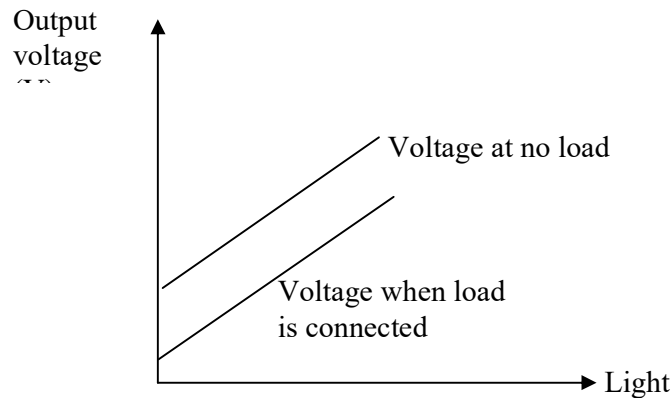
### CHARACTERISTICS

- The spectral Response of the various semiconductor materials (Selenium, silicon and Germanium) is given in the figure below.
- The silicon and Germanium shows an efficient Response in the infrared region.
- The selenium provides superior advantage than silicon by its spectral response and environmental radiation tolerance (1000 times than silicon).

### Spectral Response of Semiconductor material



### Output voltage versus high intensity



- The output voltage increases with increases in the light intensity falls on the cell. The single solar cell can produce 0.6v for the incident sunlight. The average cell will produce about 30 mw per square inch of cell. The efficiency of the solar cell can be obtained upto 40%.

### APPLICATION

They are used in:

- (i) Satellite to provide required power.
- (ii) Power plants, as renewable energy source.
- (iii) Home to provide required power.
- (iv) Various commercial applications such as solar cars, Remote applications, etc.

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## Topic of Lecture: Photodiode, Phototransistors, LCD and LED

**Introduction:** The function of the photodiode is to convert light signal into electrical signal hence it is known as Light sensitive device. Phototransistor is the light sensitive semiconductor device which is not only used to convert electrical energy from light energy but also used to amplify. LCD uses a liquid crystal to produce a visible image. A light-emitting diode (*LED*) is a semiconductor light source that emits light when current flows through it.

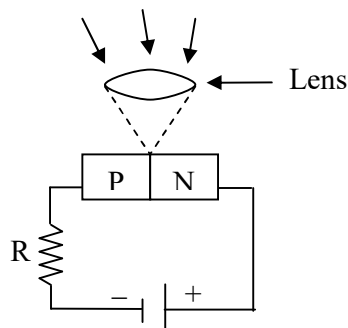
### Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:

- Photoconduction,
- PN junction
- Diode and Transistor operation

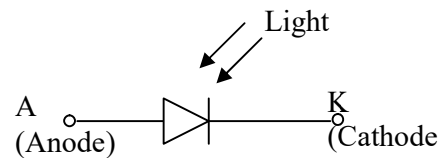
## Photodiode, Phototransistors, LCD and LED

### Photodiode Construction

*Structure of photodiode*



*Symbol*



Photodiode consist of P and N region which is kept inside a glass casing. The arrangement is made in such a way that the light ray is accumulate and passed into the junction of the PN diode. The sides of the casing are painted to prevent the scattering of light.

### Operation:-

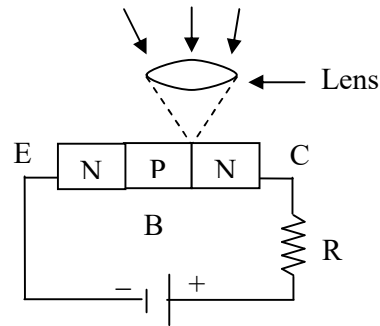
When the light ray is passed into the junction of the Reverse biased PN – photo diode. The electron hole pairs are created in the depletion region result in the generation of charge carrier which depends upon the intensity of light falling on the depletion region. The magnitude of current produced is  $I = I_S + I_o(1 - e^{-v/nvT})$ .

Where  $I_S$  = Current proportion to light intensity Diode

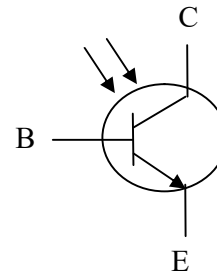
## Phototransistors:

### Construction

*Structure of Phototransistor*



*Symbol*



The Emitter and collector of the phototransistor is connected to the negative and positive terminal of the voltage. The base terminal left unused. Instead the base is supplied with external biasing, the light is made to fall on the base collector junction.

### Operation

When no light falls on the transistor, the reverse saturation current is generated due to minority carrier  $I_{CO}$  (Reverse Saturation Current).

When the light falls on the junction, electron hole pair created result in the photo carrier result in the generation of collector current.

The collector current

$$I_C = (1 + \beta) (I_{CO} + I_L)$$

$\beta$  = amplification factor

$I_{CO}$  = Reverse saturation current

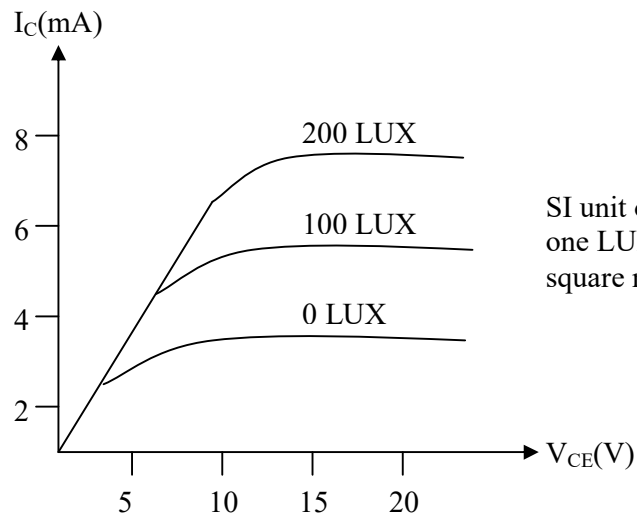
$I_L$  = current due to Light

Hence the collector current depends upon the applied voltage and intensity of light falling on the junction.

### Characteristics

The characteristic of the photo transistor is the graph drawn between collector current and the emitter to collector voltage. The value of  $I_C$  increases when the light intensity increases.

*$V_I$  characteristics of Phototransistor*



SI unit of Illuminance  
one LUX – Lumen per  
square meter)

## Applications

The phototransistor is commonly used in

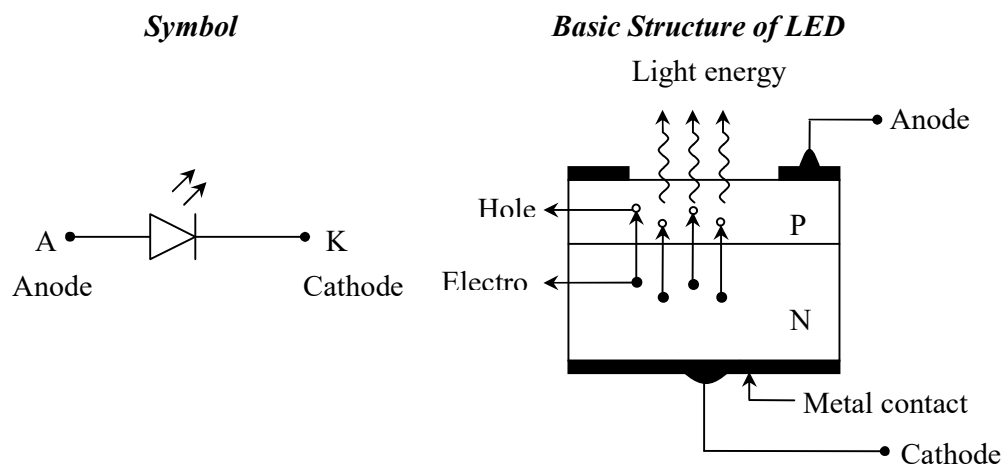
- (i) Light detection circuit.
- (ii) Light dependent switches.
- (iii) Counting of objects in production unit.

Reading equipments such as taps, sound track etc.,

## Light Emitting Diode:

### Construction

LED consist of PN junction device in which the basic component is made of Gallium phosphide (Gap) (or) Gallium arsenide phosphide (GaAsP) instead of silicon (or) Germanium. This is because Gap (or) GaAsP emits light when Recombination takes place.



The two end of the P and N region is connected to positive anode and negative cathode through which the forward bias voltage is applied. LED emit different colour based on the wavelength.

Gallium Arsenide – Infrared radiation  
Gallium phosphide – Red (or) green  
Gallium Arsenide phosphide – Red (or) yellow

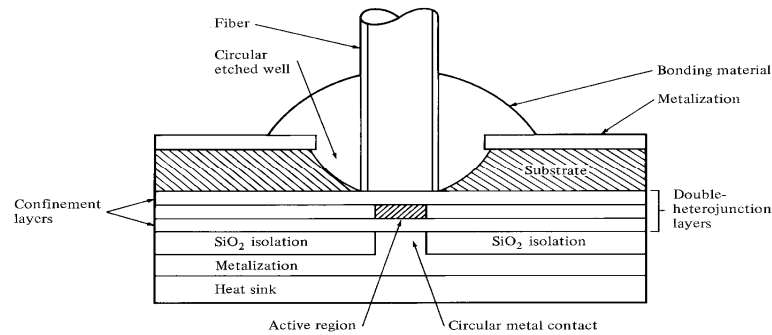
### Operation:-

- The electroluminescence is the basic principle of the LED. When the forward bias is applied to the two lead, the electrons in the conduction band of N region cross the junction and recombine with the holes in the valance band of P region.
- The energy emitted during recombination will be in the form of light energy (photon).
- Hence the emitted light depends upon the forward bias and Rate of Recombination.

### (i) Surface emitter (burrus (or) Front emitter):-

- Surface emitting LED consists of P and N region of GaAlAs placed one above the another.
- The well is etched through the surface of the device into which the fiber is inserted and the emitted light due to recombination will be collected by the fiber placed on the surface of the material.
- The double heterojunction layer helps for optical and carrier confinement.

### Surface emitting LED



#### Applications:-

LED is commonly used in

- (i) Display devices such as calculator phones, watches etc.,
- (ii) Optical communication as a source to transmit information in the form of light.
- (iii) Image sensor circuits.
- (iv) Burglar alarm unit and memory unit (optical).

#### TYPES OF LCD

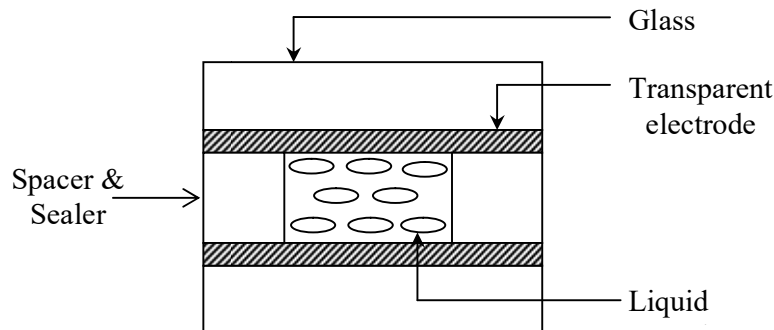
There are two types of LCD which is available for Display is

- (i) Dynamic Scattering Display.
- (ii) Twisted Nematic (or) field effect Display.

#### (i) Dynamic Scattering Display:-

##### Construction:-

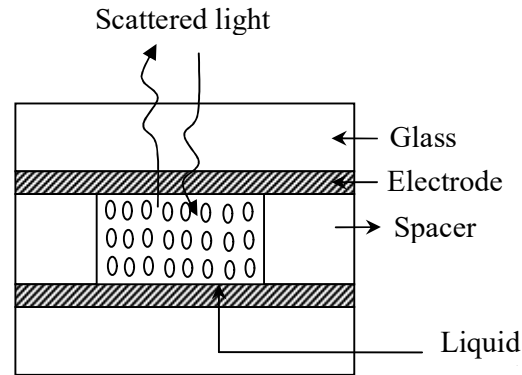
##### Without field      *Dynamic Scattering Display*



The structure of the Dynamic scattering display consists of two glass plate in which the inner wall is coated with transparent electrode of tin oxide. The two glass plates are separated by 5 to 50µm thickness of filled Liquid crystal layer. The spacer on both side is used to fill the liquid crystal and adjust the level.

#### Working:-

- (i) When no electric field is applied, all the molecules in the nematic liquid crystal are properly aligned and hence they are transparent.
- (ii) When the electric field is applied, the molecules will align perpendicular to the field direction. When the electric field increases, flow becomes turbulent. This causes crest due to negative charge and trough due to positive charge. The disorder state makes the

**With field****Dynamic scattering Display**

Hence the cells appear to be bright due to scattering of light. This phenomenon is known as Dynamic Scattering.

**Advantages of LCD:-**

The various advantages of LCD are

- (i) It is of Low cost.
- (ii) It consumes less voltage and power.
- (iii) It produces very bright image.

**Disadvantages of LCD:-**

The various disadvantages of LCD are

- (i) The Life time of LCD is low which is limited to 50,000hours.
- (ii) The Space occupied by LCD is large.
- (iii) It exhibit slow speed of operation due to high response time.

**Applications:-**

Some of the applications of LCD are

- (i) It is used for Numerical display in calculator.
- (ii) It is used in wrist watches, clocks, etc.
- (iii) It is widely used in the video Display.
- (iv) It is used as a monitoring unit for various applications.

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## Topic of Lecture: Laser diode, Opto Couplers, Fin field-effect Transistor(FINFET)

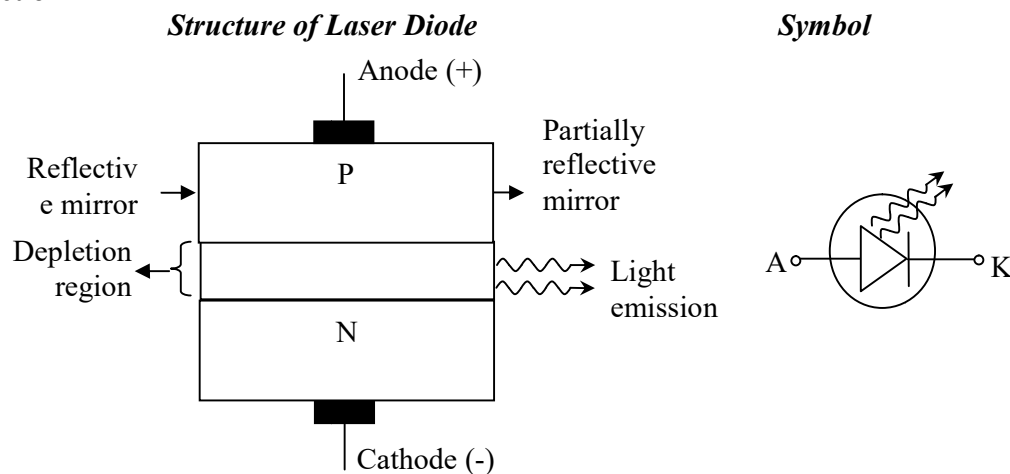
**Introduction:** Laser Diode is the semiconductor device which is used to convert electrical energy into light signal. It is the acronym for Light amplification for stimulated emission of Radiation. Opto-coupler also known as optical isolator, photo-coupler (or) optically coupler Isolator is a electronic component that is used to transfer electrical signals between two isolated circuits by using light. A fin field-effect transistor (FinFET) is a multigate device, a MOSFET (metal-oxide-semiconductor field-effect transistor) built on a substrate where the gate is placed on two, three, or four sides of the channel or wrapped around the channel, forming a double gate structure

### Prerequisite knowledge for Complete understanding and learning of Topic:

- LASER
- LED
- Photo diode
- FET

### Laser diode:

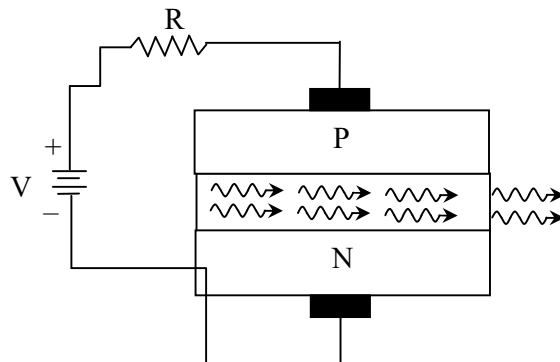
#### Construction



- The Laser consists of PN junction which is formed by the P type gallium arsenide and N type gallium arsenide material.
- The depletion region will be formed between the two regions which act as the active region. The opposite end of the junction consists of the partially and fully reflective mirror.
- The light which is emitted as photon will be reflected back and forth between these mirror

### Operation:-*Biasing of LASER diode*

- When the PN junction is forward biased, by means of absorption followed by emission or Light radiation, photons will be emitted. These photons will be reflected back and forth between two faces of the mirror.
- During this process the emitted photon will in turn produce multiple photons and hence avalanche effect takes which leads to the release of generated photon of same phase from the transparent side.
- Hence the emitted Laser light will be of same frequency and phase.



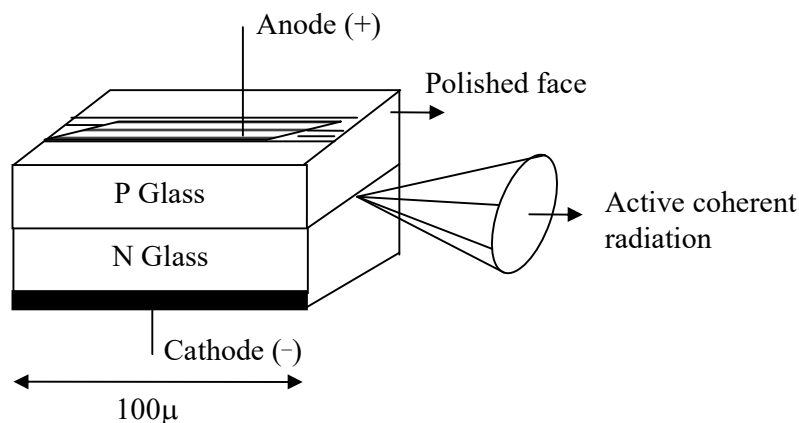
### Types of Laser Diode:-

Commonly two types of Laser Diodes are available

#### (i) **Homojunction Laser:-**

Homojunction Laser is the semiconductor Laser formed by Layers of similar semiconductor material of equal band gap but different doping.

#### *Structure of Homojunction structure*

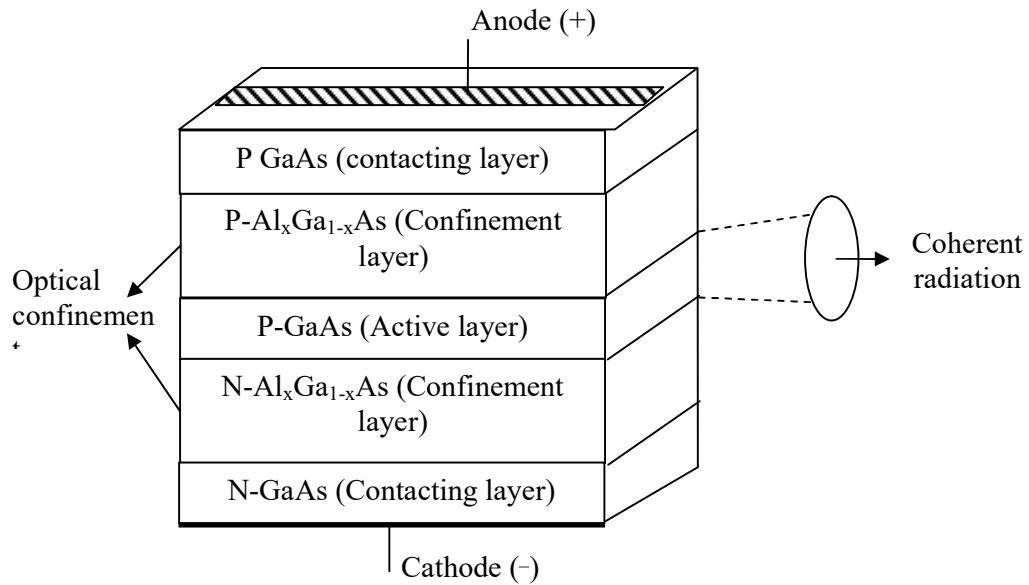


#### (ii) **Heterojunction Laser:-**

- Heterojunction Laser is formed by Layers of dissimilar semiconductor material of different Bandgap.
- The commonly used Heterojunction Laser will be double heterojunction structure formed by sandwiching GaAs between GaAlAs.

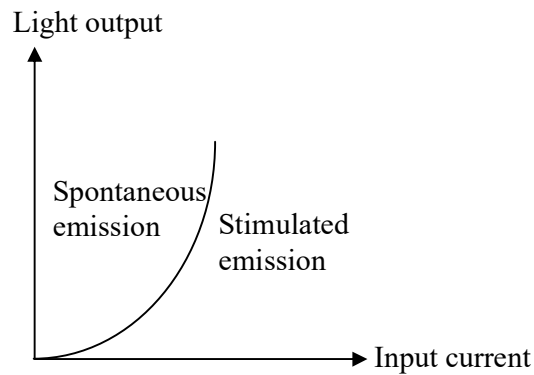
- Optical confinement is better in this Laser compared to homojunction Laser and it is preferred for continuous operation.

**Structure of Double Heterojunction structure**



**4.8.5 Characteristics:-**

**Characteristics of Laser Diode**

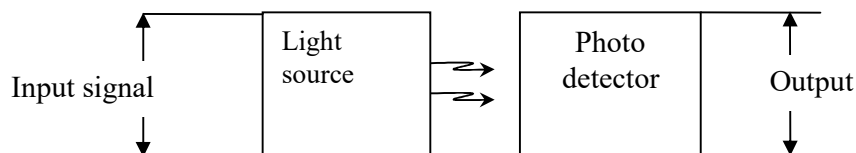


- The graph drawn between Light output and Input current gives the characteristics of the Laser.
- The Laser will produce Low light output with respect to input current till threshold level.
- Once the threshold level is reached, the light output increases for small increases in current.

**Opto Couplers**

**Construction:-**

**Structure of Optocoupler**



- The structure of the optocoupler consists of light source (LED) and the photo detector with the transparent isolation cap between them to allow the light transfer.

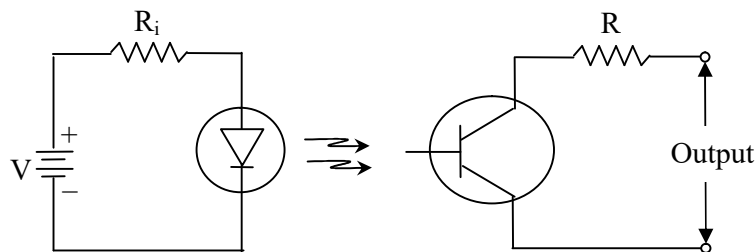


- The LED made of GaAs material is used to provide proper matching with the output circuit. The photo detector may be photodiode, phototransistor (or) photo SCR. Commonly photo diode is preferred for its fast Response.

### Operation:-

- When the input signal is applied to the LED, the LED emits light signal in which the intensity of light emitted depends on the input signal.
- The photo detector provides the output signal based on the intensity of light falling on the detector. Hence external current is obtained in the output.

### Circuit connection of optoisolator



- The basic characteristics of the optocoupler are
  - (i) The light signal is transmitted with respect to input signal in the range of MHZ.
  - (ii) The optocoupler provide isolation voltage of 500v to 2500v and isolation resistance of order  $10^{11}\Omega$ .
  - (iii) The output current will be stable for the temperature variation up to  $75^\circ\text{C}$ .

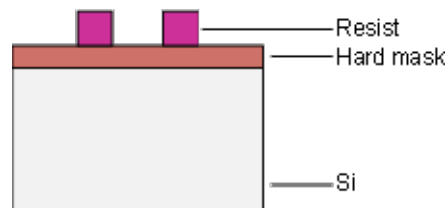
The switching time of the optoisolator varies based on the input current and the load Resistance in the range of  $\mu\text{s}$ .

## Fin Field-Effect transistor (FinFET)

### Construction of a bulk silicon-based FinFET

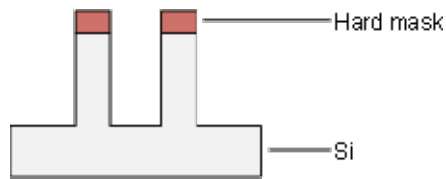
#### 1. Substrate

Basis for a FinFET is a lightly p-doped substrate with a hard mask on top (e.g. silicon nitride) as well as a patterned resist layer.



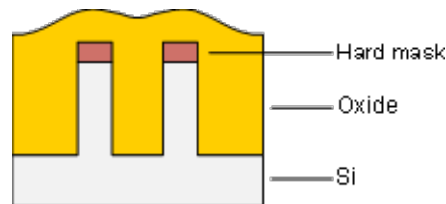
#### 2. Fin etch

The fins are formed in a highly anisotropic etch process. Since there is no stop layer on a bulk wafer as it is in SOI, the etch process has to be time based. In a 22 nm process the width of the fins might be 10 to 15 nm. the height would ideally be twice that or more.



### 3. Oxide deposition

To isolate the fins from each other a oxide deposition with a high aspect ratio filling behavior is needed.



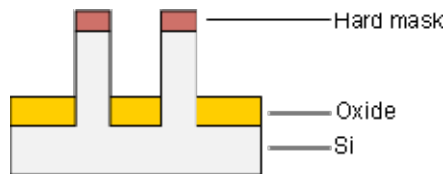
### 4. Planarization

The oxide is planarized by chemical mechanical polishing. The hard mask acts as a stop layer.



### 5. Recess etch

Another etch process is needed to recess the oxide film to form a lateral isolation of the fins.



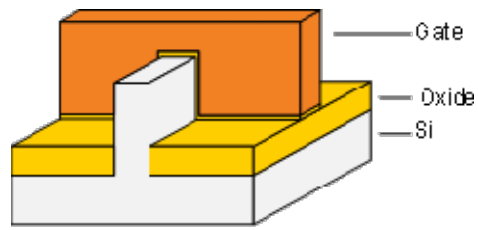
### 6. Gate oxide

On top of the fins the gate oxide is deposited via thermal oxidation to isolate the channel from the gate electrode. Since the fins are still connected underneath the oxide, a high-dose angled implant at the base of the fin creates a dopant junction and completes the isolation (not illustrated).



### 7. Deposition of the gate

Finally a highly  $n^+$ -doped poly silicon layer is deposited on top of the fins, thus up to three gates are wrapped around the channel: one on each side of the fin, and - depending on the thickness of the gate oxide on top - a third gate above.



The influence of the top gate can also be inhibited by the deposition of a nitride layer on top of the channel. Since there is an oxide layer on an SOI wafer, the channels are isolated from each other anyway. In addition the etch process of the fins is simplified as the process can be stopped on the oxide easily.

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