III. Bipolar Junction Transistor (BJT)

| <u>Symbol</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Unit</u> |
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| N_{DE} | Donor concentration in the emitter of an npn BJT | cm ⁻³ |
| N_{AB} | Acceptor concentration in the base of an npn BJT | cm ⁻³ |
| N_{DC} | Donor concentration in the collector of an npn BJT | cm ⁻³ |
| N_{AE} | Acceptor concentration in the emitter of a pnp BJT | cm ⁻³ |
| N_{DB} | Donor concentration in the base of a pnp BJT | cm ⁻³ |
| N_{AC} | Acceptor concentration in the collector of a pnp BJT | cm ⁻³ |
| v_{BE} | Voltage applied across the base and emitter of a BJT | V |
| v_{BC} | Voltage applied across the base and collector of a BJT | V |
| i_E | Emitter current of a BJT | A |
| i_B | Base current of a BJT | A |
| i_C | Collector current of a BJT | A |
| i_{En} | Current component due to the injection of electrons from the emitter | A |
| | into the base of an npn BJT | |
| i_{BI} | Current component due to the injection of holes from the base into the | A |
| | emitter of an npn BJT | |
| i_{B2} | Current component due to the recombination of electrons and holes in | A |
| | the base of an npn BJT. | |
| w_B | Width of the neutral region of the base of a BJT | μm |
| w_E | Width of the neutral region of the emitter of a BJT | μm |
| L_n | Electron diffusion length | μm |
| L_p | Hole diffusion length | μm |
| D_p | Hole diffusion coefficient or diffusivity | cm^2/s |
| D_n | Electron diffusion coefficient or diffusivity | cm^2/s |
| I_S | Collector saturation current of a BJT* | A |
| β | Common emitter current gain of a BJT | no unit |
| α | Common base current gain of a BJT | no unit |
| V_A | Early voltage of a BJT* | V |
| g_m | Transconductance in the small signal model of a BJT | A/V |
| r_{π} | Input resistance in the small signal model of a BJT | Ω |
| r_o | Output resistance in the small signal model of a BJT | Ω |
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Notations for total (instantaneous) current (or voltages), d.c. currents (or voltages) and small signal (a.c.) currents (or voltages):

e.g.
$$i_C = I_C + i_c$$
 total current d.c. component of i_C small signal (a.c.) component of i_C

^{*} V_A is also used to denote the Early voltage of a MOSFET. * I_S is also used to denote the saturation current in a p-n junction