

# Transistors Sec.2

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## Introduction and aims:

To do some simulates based on **Bipolar Junction Triode (BJT)**.

Do some experiments. Find the characteristics of BJT. Understand the two operations of the transistors: **switch and amplifier**.

## Task description:

1. Familiar with the theory which we learned before. Understand the typical collector characteristics for a bipolar transistor.
2. Draw and simulate the circuit. Observe the characteristic at the CUT-OFF region and SATURATION region.
3. Simulate the circuit under the condition of sinusoidal signal ( $v_{sin}$ ). Set and adjust the value of **VOFF** and **VAMPL**, observe and describe the phenomenon.

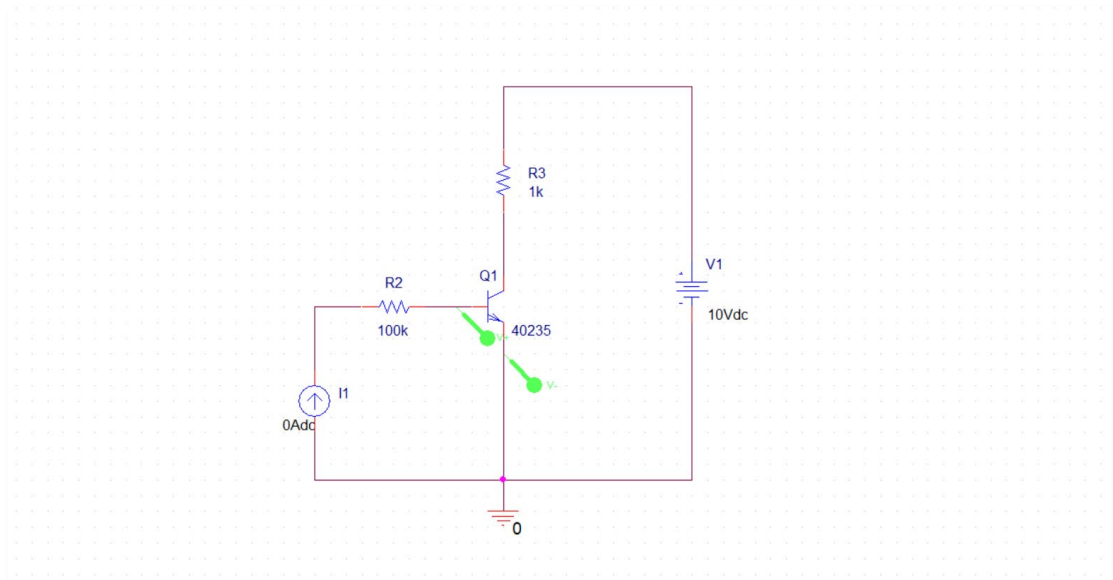
## Experiment method:

1. Review the characteristics and the theorem of transistors. Be sure to understand the saturation region and amplification region.
2. Simulate the circuit. Record the result.
3. Replace DC current source with AC voltage source. Adjust the parameter to satisfy the requirement.

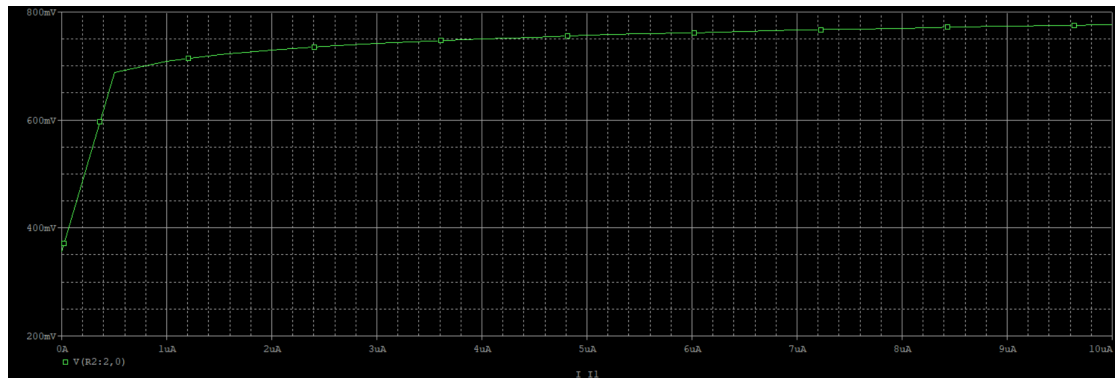
# Result and observation:

## 1. Operation as a switch

### 1.1.

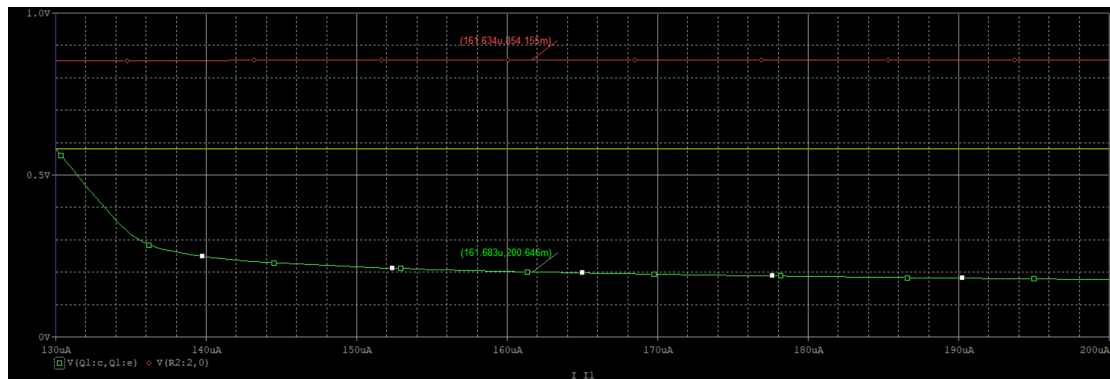


This is the circuit diagram.



This is the relationship of  $I_b$  and  $V_{be}$ . The X-axis is **base current**, and the Y-axis is the **voltage**. If  $I_b \leq 0$ , then we say the transistor is CUT-OFF. In this condition, there is no current flow through collector. Thus, when cut-off, we considered transistor can be used as **OFF switch**.

## 1.2.



At this point,  $I_b = 161.683\mu A$ ,  $V_{ce} = 0.2V$ .

I can find that any further increase in  $I_b$  does not appreciably alter  $V_{ce}$ . Thus,  $I_c$  also remains essentially unchanged. The transistor is said to be SATURATED.

## 1.3.

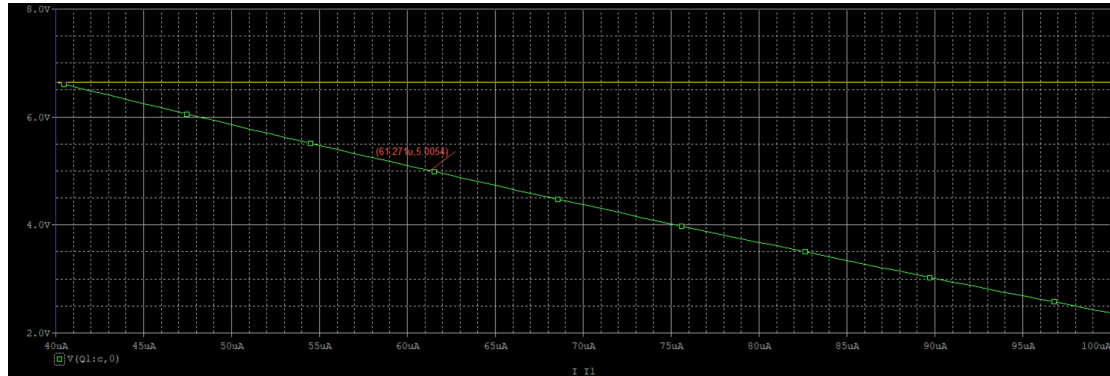
If the transistor is in **CUT-OFF state**, switch is off, current is not existed in collector and  $V_{ce}$  is very large.

If the transistor is in **SATURATION state**, switch is on, current can flow through the collector.  $V_{ce}$  will not change significantly. In addition,  $V_{ce}$  is nearly to 0.

Thus, the requirement for cut-off and saturation is **agree with** my observed characteristics.

## 2. Operation as an Amplifier

### 2.1.

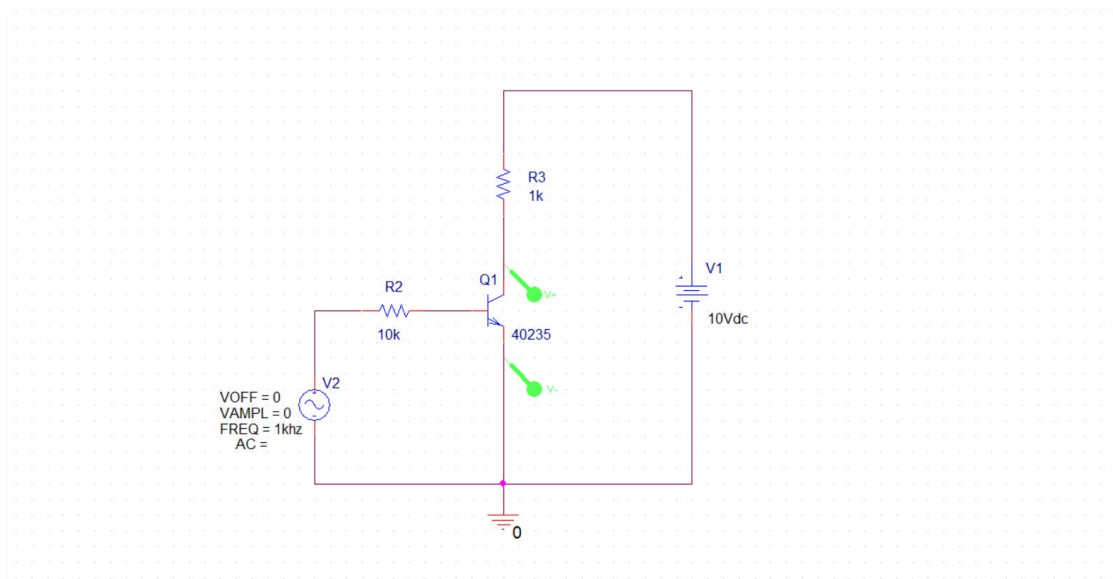


This is the relationship between  $V_{ce}$  and  $I_b$ . The X-axis is  $I_b$  and Y-axis is  $V_{ce}$ .

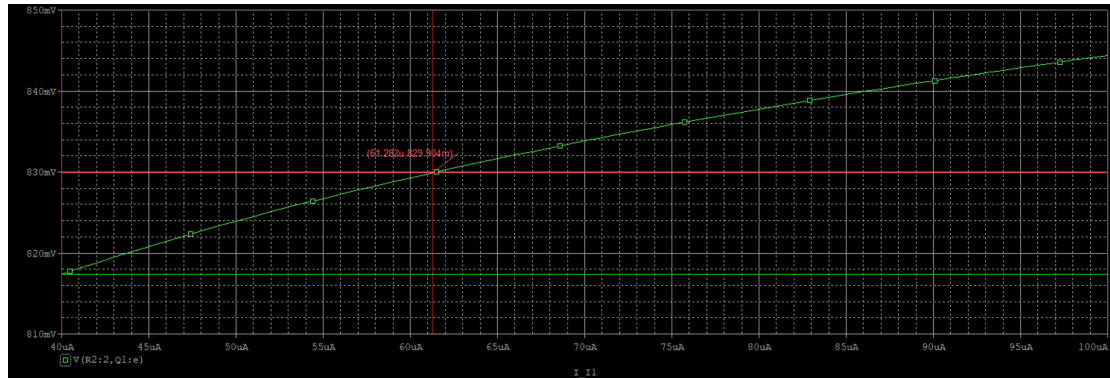
When  $V_{ce} = 5V$ ,  $I_b = 61.271\mu A$ .

### 2.2.

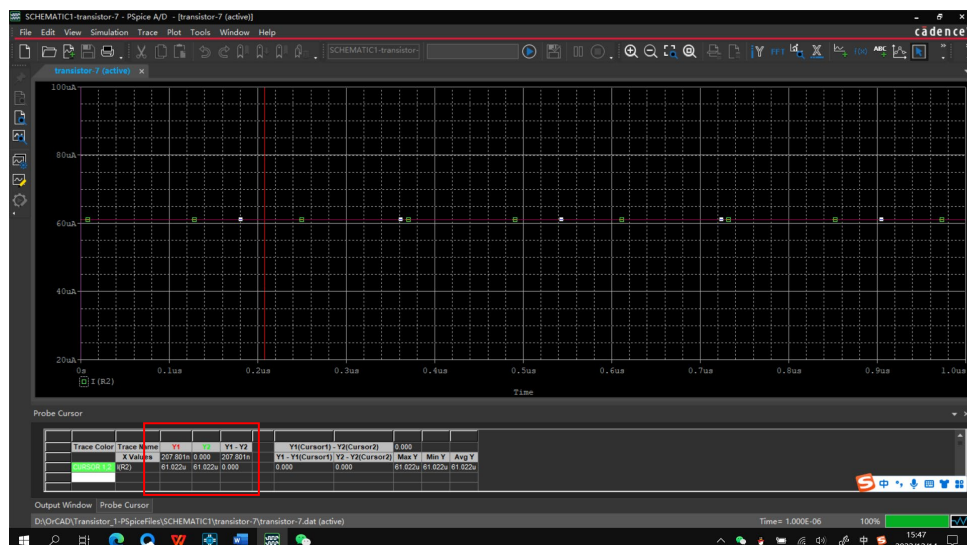
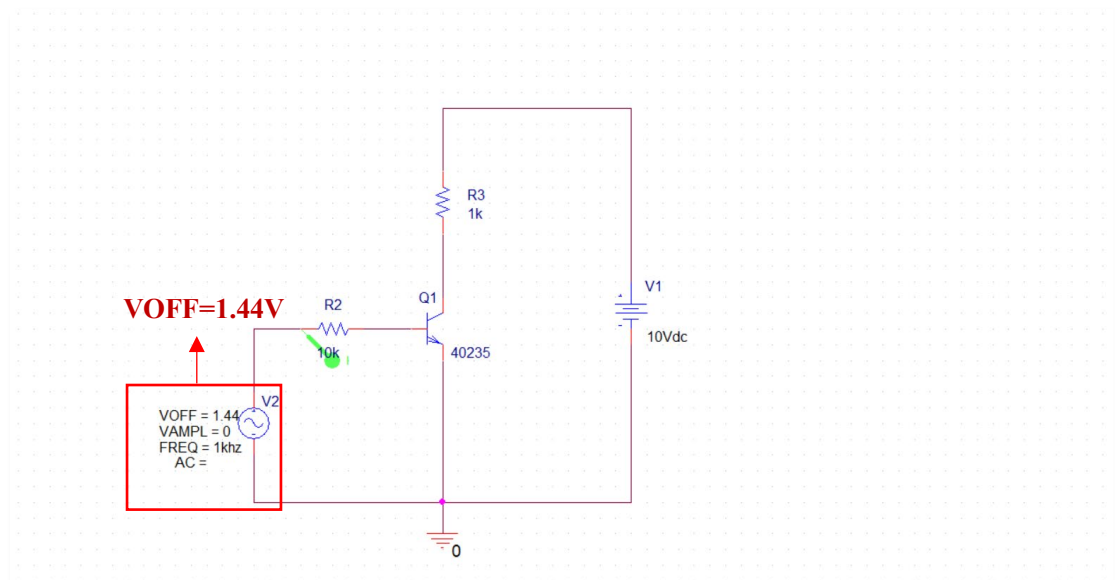
Replace sinusoidal signal with DC current source.



## 2.3.



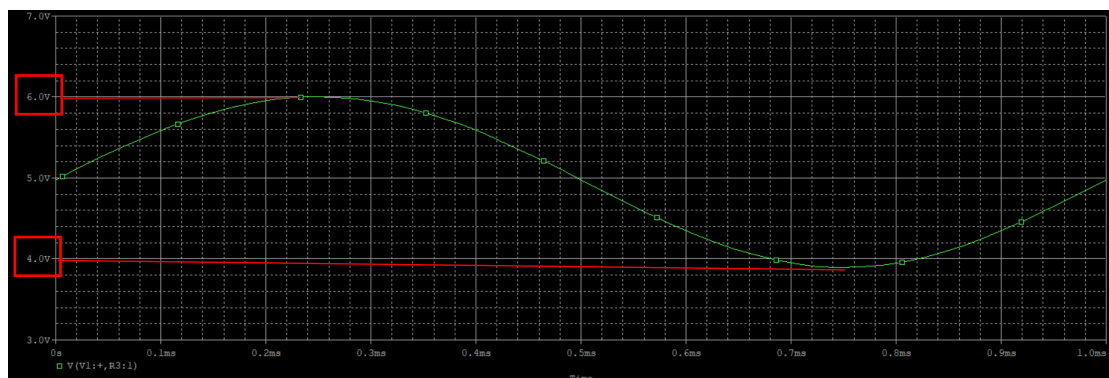
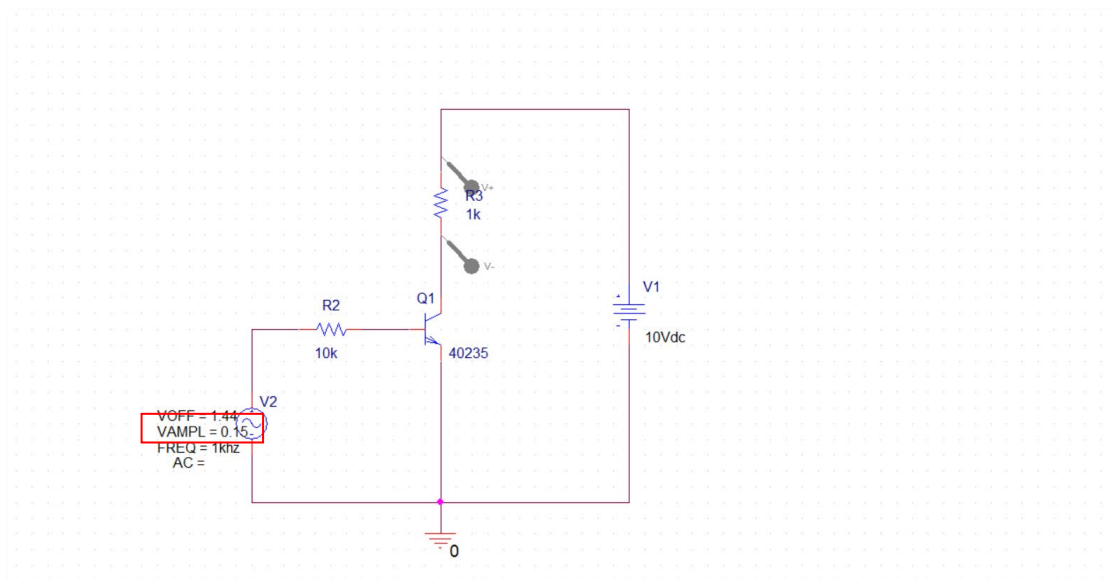
This is the relationship between  $V_{be}$  and  $I_b$ . If  $I_b$  is nearly to  $61\mu A$ ,  $V_{be} = 829.904mV$ .



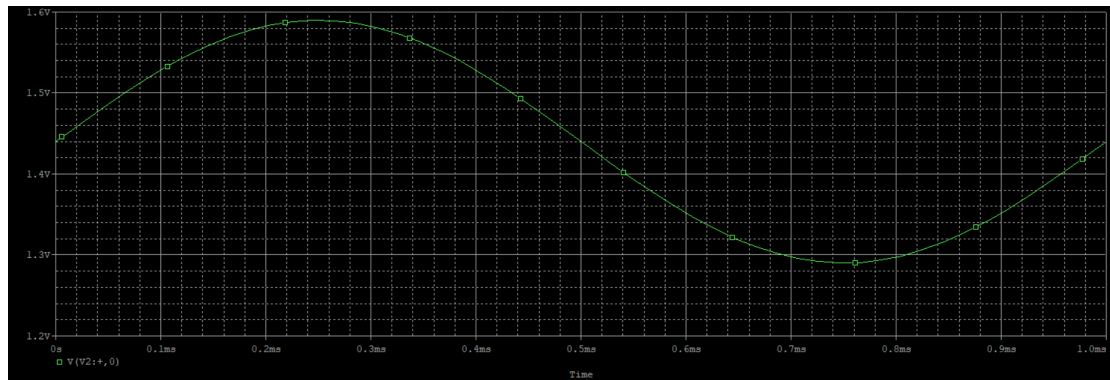
$$I_b = \frac{V_s - V_{be}}{R_2} \quad (1)$$

**VOFF** means bias voltage, in the formula (1), it can be considered as  $V_s$  .  $I_b = 61\mu A$ ,  $V_{be} = 0.83mV$  and  $R_2 = 10k\Omega$  . Thus,  $V_s = 1.44V$ .

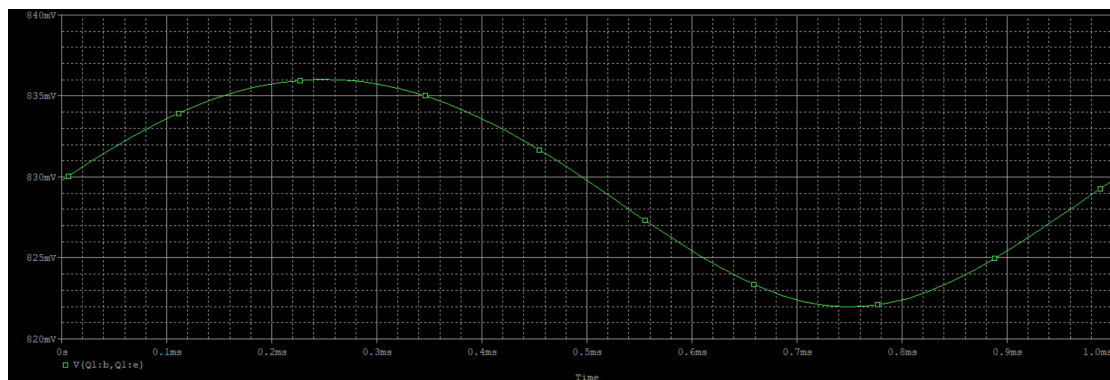
## 2.4.



I set the value of **VAMPL** is 0.15V. In the simulation, I can verify the value is correct.

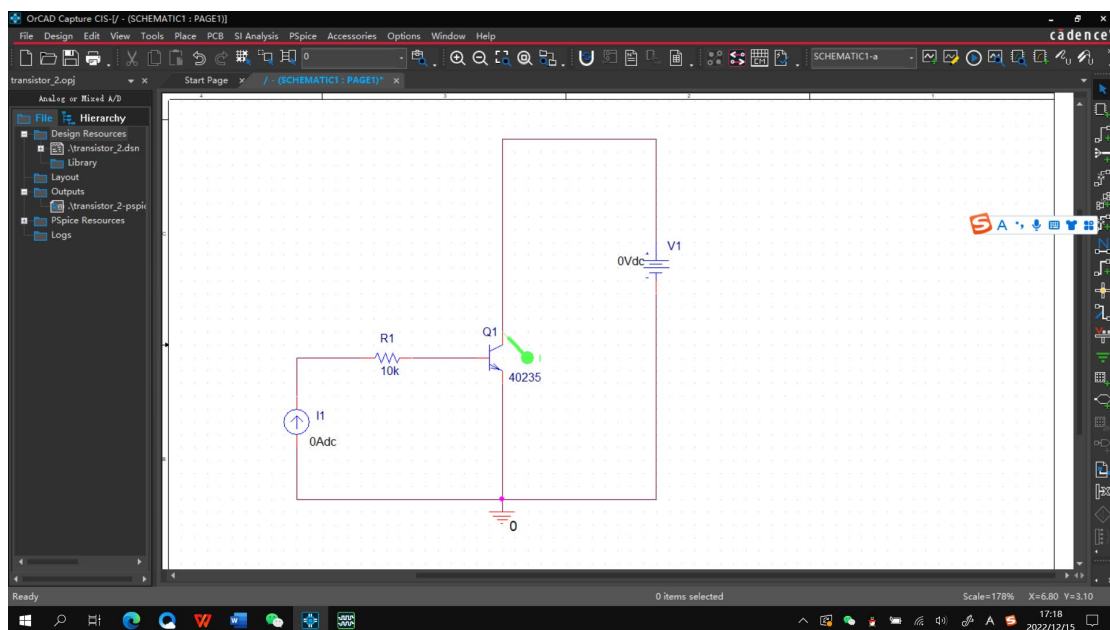


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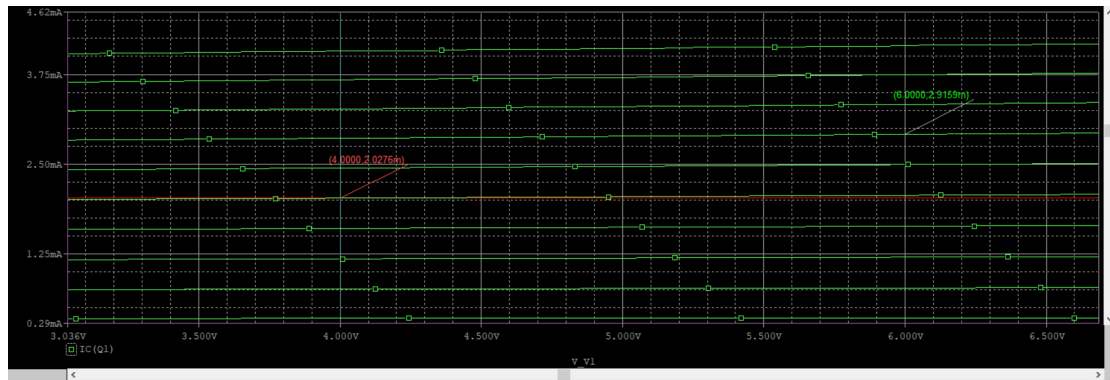


The base voltage ( $V_{be}$ )

## 2.5.



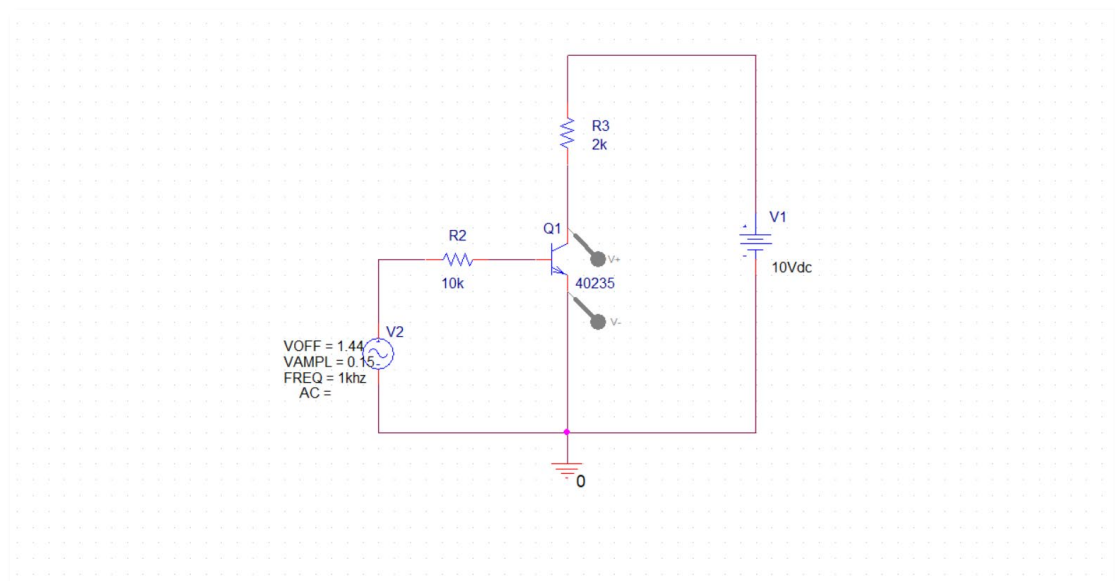




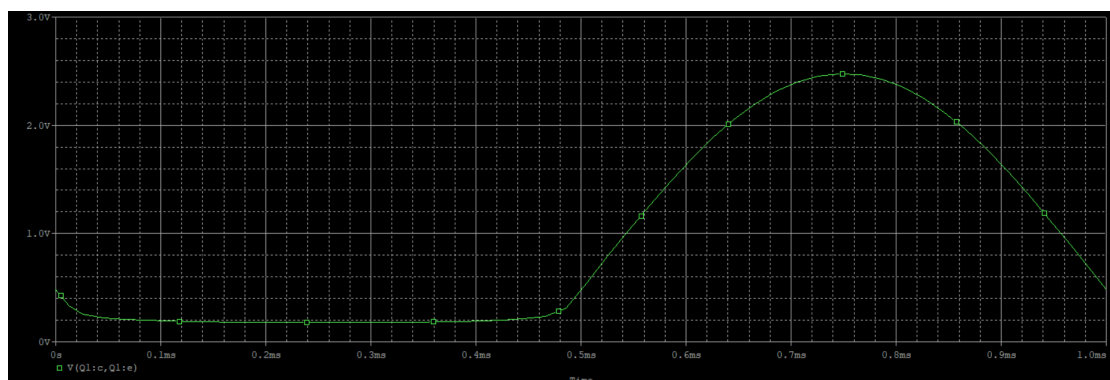
When  $V_{ce} = 4V, I_c = 2mA, I_b = 25\mu A$ .

When  $V_{ce} = 6V, I_c = 3mA, I_b = 35\mu A$ .

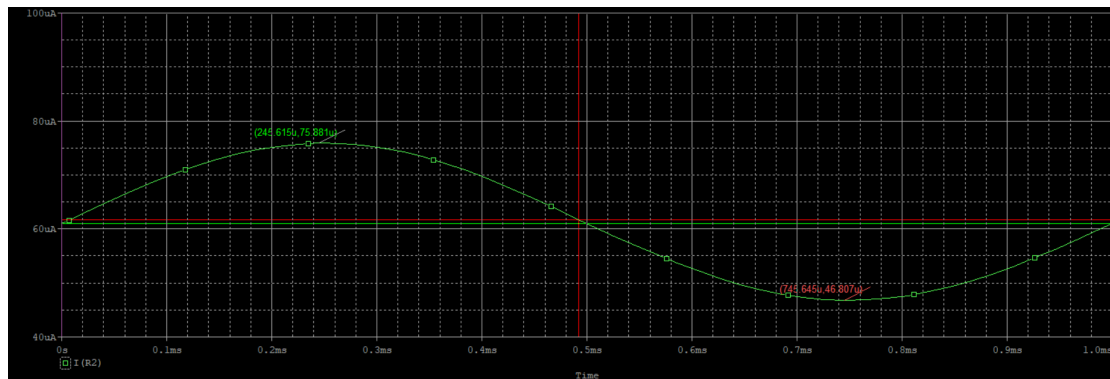
After calculating,  $I_b$  changed by  $10\mu A$ .



Now, I simulate it.



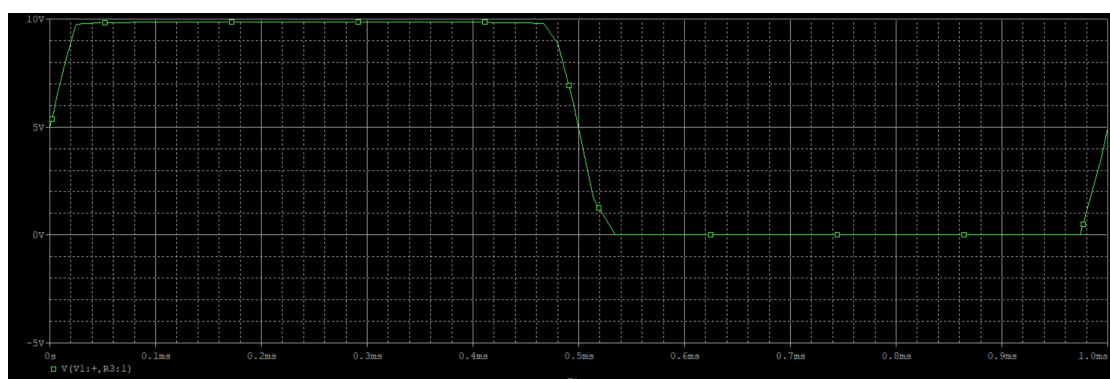
This is the relationship between  $V_{ce}$  and time.



This is the relationship between  $I_b$  and time.

However,  $V_{ce}$  can not reach to 4V, there are some deviations between practice and theory. Due to the change of the value of resistance  $R_3$ , the load is increase, and the corresponding voltage on  $R_3$  is increase. Thus,  $V_{ce}$  can not reach to the original value. However, the base current can not be influence, so  $I_b$  can changed by  $10\mu A$ .

## 2.6.



I set the value of **VAMPL** to 5V, so that the waveform is distorted. Because if the signal voltage is too large, transistor will saturation.

Thus, the transistor cannot amplify the signal completely, and the waveform will be distorted.

## **Conclusion:**

This is the last lab. In this experiment, I simulate the circuit of the transistor 40235. I understand the two functions of transistors. As the switch and amplifier. Transistor has three states: cut-off, amplify, and saturation. In the cut-off and saturation region, the transistor can be used as a switch. In the amplify region, the transistor can be used as an amplifier to amplify signal.

Finally, I learned a lot in EE1616. In the several OrCAD labs, I primary understand how to use it and can use it to simulate some circuits. In addition, I further understand the theory which I learned in EE1618. **Combining theory with practice is very helpful to my study!!!**