

EE236: Experiment No. 6

Bipolar Junction Transistor

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1 Overview of the experiment

1.1 Aim of the experiment

- Measure the forward active and reverse active parameters in common base and common emitter configurations
- Plot the output DC characteristics in CE configuration.
- Plot combined I_C and I_B vs V_{BE} of a BJT on a semi-log scale (also called Gummel plot).
- Plot β_{DC} vs I_C characteristics for constant V_{BC} .
- Calculate r Pi model small signal parameters.

1.2 Methods

- We connected bjt with required common base,emmitter configurations accordingly and used 3 DMM's to measure required values
- Varied voltage and measured the required current and voltage parameters

2 Design

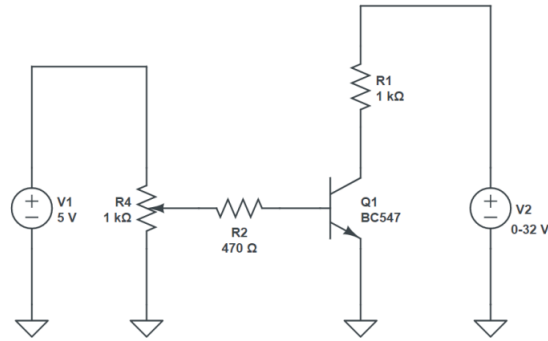


Figure 1: Circuit for measuring BJT Parameters in CE configuration

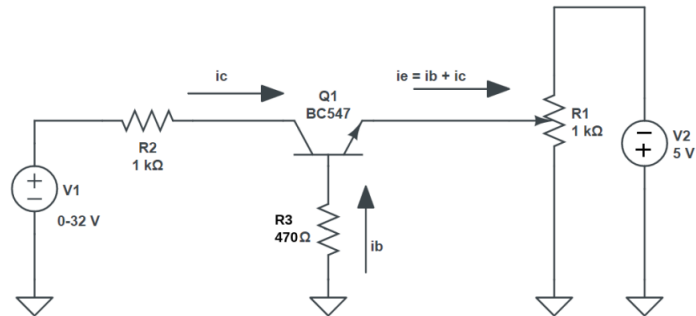


Figure 2: Circuit for measuring BJT Parameters in CB configuration

3 Simulations

3.1 Simulation results

BJT Parameters in CE configuration

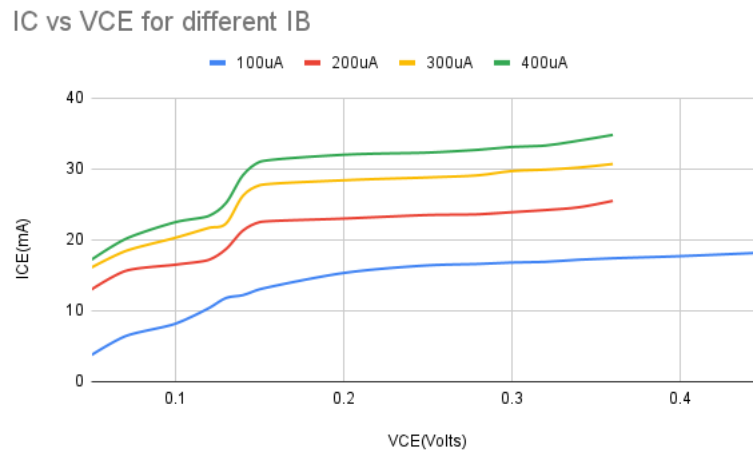


Figure 3: IC vs VCE for different IB

BJT Parameters in CB configuration

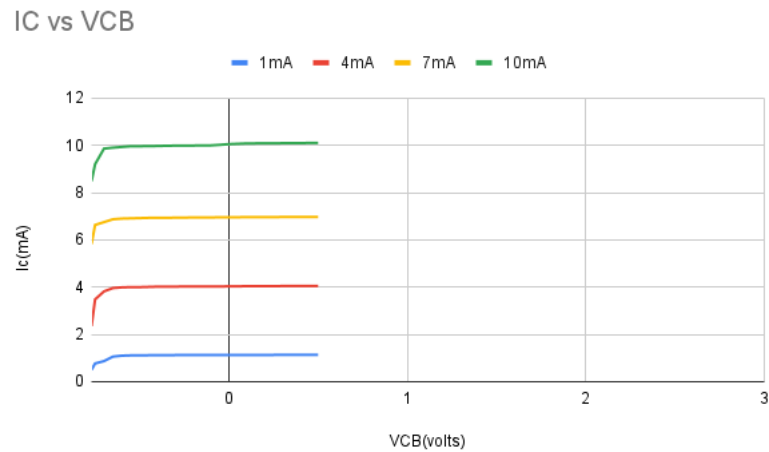


Figure 4: IC vs VCB for different IE

Gummel Plot

ic,ib vs Vbe

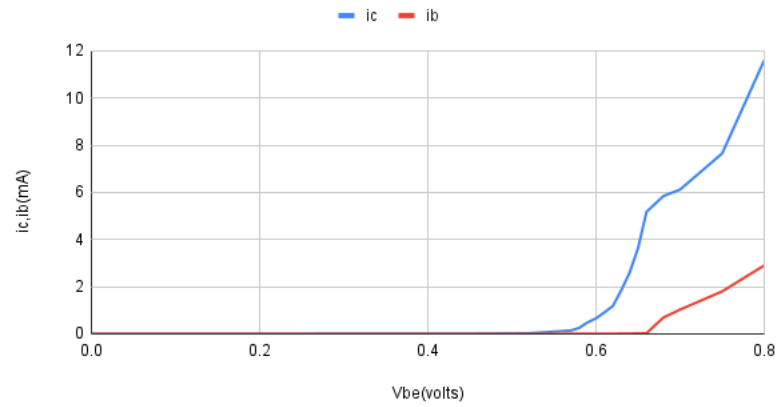


Figure 5: i_c, i_b vs V_{be}

ic,ib(log scale) vs Vbe (Gummel plot)

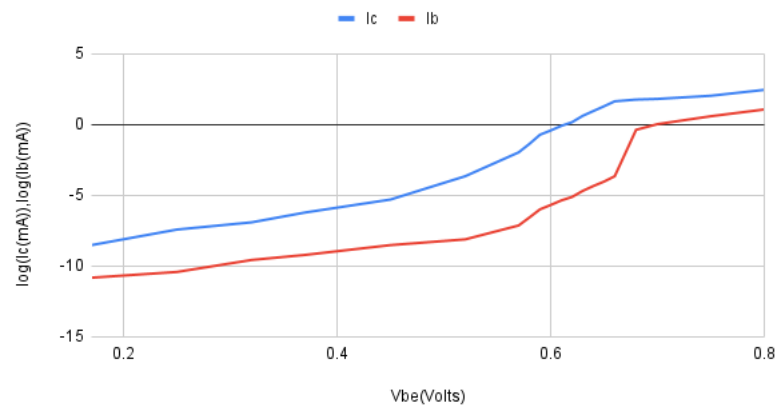


Figure 6: i_c, i_b (log scale) vs V_{be} (Gummel plot)

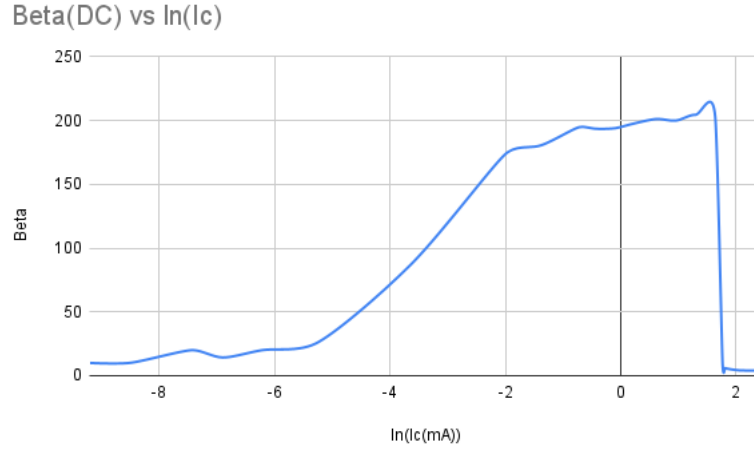


Figure 7: Beta(DC) vs ln(Ic)

4 Experimental results

BJT Parameters in CE configuration

As,

$$I_e = I_c + I_b \quad (1)$$

for each I_b we get different alpha and beta values.

$$\alpha = i_c / i_e \quad (2)$$

$$\beta = i_c / i_b \quad (3)$$

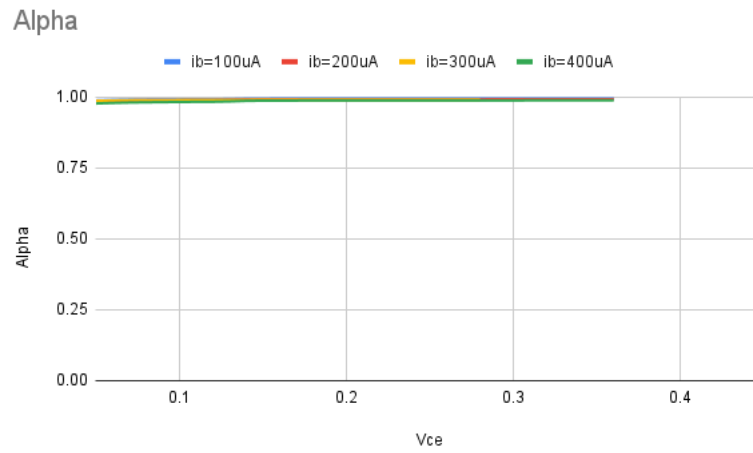


Figure 8: Alpha

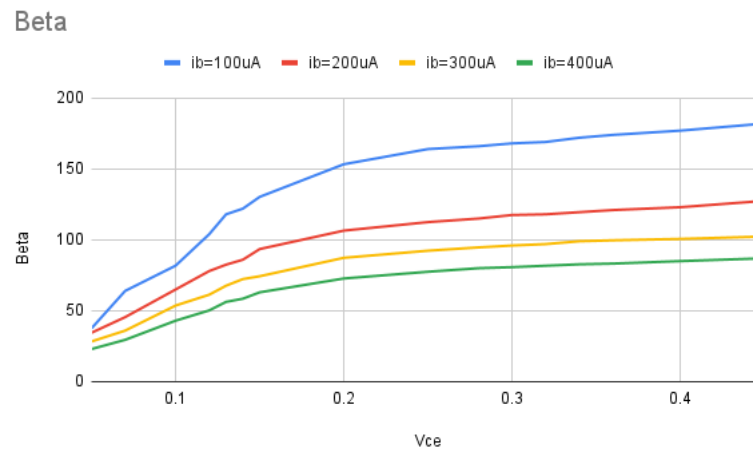


Figure 9: Beta

Alpha stayed approximately at .98 for different I_b values.
 Beta started quite low and increased as V_{ce} increases, and as we increase I_b beta value for a particular V_{ce} decreased.
 From extrapolating we got the early voltage as -1.253V

BJT Parameters in CB configuration

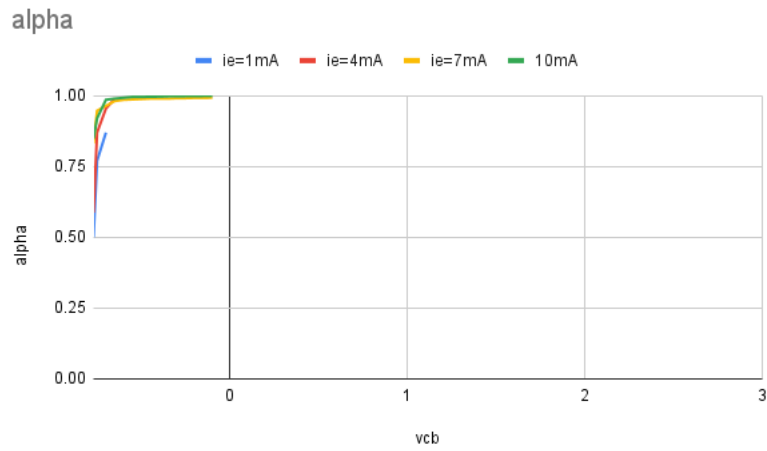


Figure 10: Alpha

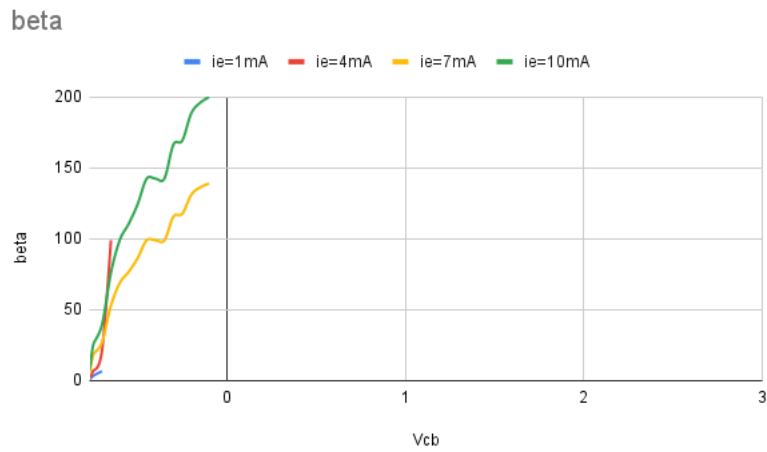


Figure 11: Beta

Here both alpha and beta are quite low at initial values of v_{cb} and increased later as v_{cb} increases.

Small Signal Parameters

$I_c = 4.5 \text{ mA}$ and $V_{ce}=5\text{V}$ we got:

$i_b=0.02\text{mA}$

$g_m=I_c/v_t = 4.5\text{mA}/0.026\text{V}=0.117\text{mS}$

$\beta=225$

$r_{pi}=26.325\text{e-}3$

5 Experiment completion status

The experiment was fully completed in the lab. All that part which was asked to do was completed according to the best of my knowledge in the lab itself.