

- *Actual measurement of  $f_T$  difficult - measured indirectly*
- *Measurement done at  $f_x \gg f_\beta$ , where  $\beta$  has dropped to about 5-10*
- Then,  $f_T = \beta(f_x)f_x$
- Using  $\alpha = \beta/(\beta + 1)$ :  

$$\alpha(j\omega) = \frac{\beta(j\omega)}{1 + \beta(j\omega)} = \frac{\alpha_0}{1 + j\omega/\omega_\alpha}$$

$$\alpha_0 [= \beta_0/(\beta_0 + 1)]: \text{ *Low-frequency short-circuit common-base current gain* }$$

$$\omega_{\alpha} = (\beta_0 + 1)\omega_{\beta}$$

- $f_{\alpha} [= \omega_{\alpha}/(2\pi)]:$  *Alpha Cutoff Frequency*

- At  $f = f_{\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha = \alpha_0/\sqrt{2}$

- *Note:  $f_{\alpha}$  and  $f_T$  extremely close to each other, with  $f_{\alpha}$  marginally higher than  $f_T$ , with both being much larger than  $f_{\beta}$*

- *Maximum Operable frequency:*

$$f_{\max} = f_T \Big|_{\max} = \frac{1}{2\pi\tau_F}$$

➤ Known as the *Transit Time Model*