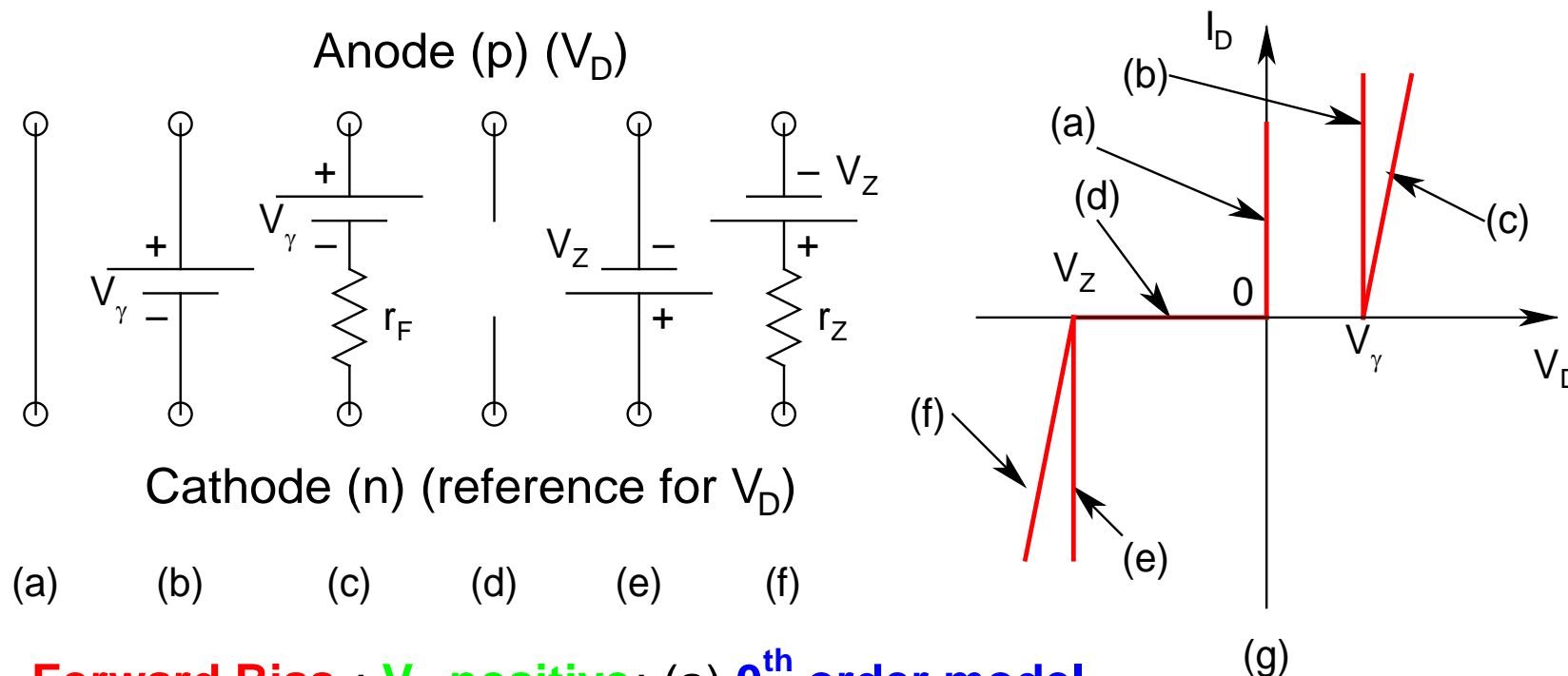


# PWL Circuit Models



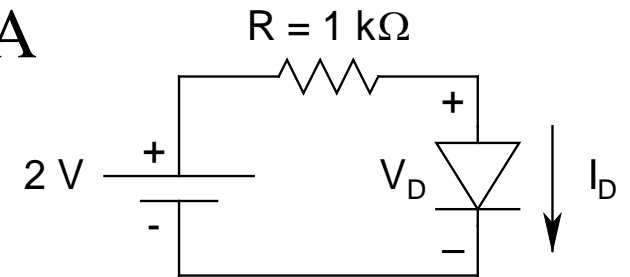
**Forward Bias :  $V_D$  positive:** (a) 0<sup>th</sup> order model,  
 (b) 1<sup>st</sup> order model, (c) 2<sup>nd</sup> order model,  
**Reverse Bias :  $V_D$  negative:** (d) 0<sup>th</sup> order model,  
**Breakdown :** (e) 1<sup>st</sup> order model, (f) 2<sup>nd</sup> order model  
 (g) Corresponding piecewise linear models

0<sup>th</sup>-Order Model:  
**Ideal Diode**

- Ex.: Find  $I_D$  and  $V_D$ , using: i) 0<sup>th</sup> order, ii) 1<sup>st</sup> order, and 2<sup>nd</sup> order diode models. [ $V_\gamma = 0.6$  V,  $r_F = 50$   $\Omega$ ]

i) **0<sup>th</sup> order model:**  $I_D = 2 / (1 \text{ k}\Omega) = 2 \text{ mA}$

$$V_D = 0 \text{ V}$$



ii) **1<sup>st</sup> order model:**

$$I_D = (2 - 0.6) / (1 \text{ k}\Omega) = 1.4 \text{ mA and } V_D = 0.6 \text{ V}$$

iii) **2<sup>nd</sup> order model:**

$$I_D = (2 - 0.6) / (1 \text{ k}\Omega + 50 \Omega) = 1.33 \text{ mA}$$

$$V_D = V_\gamma + I_D r_F = 0.667 \text{ V}$$