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Introduction to Semiconductor Devices

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Lecture 9

BJT

(Chapter 12)

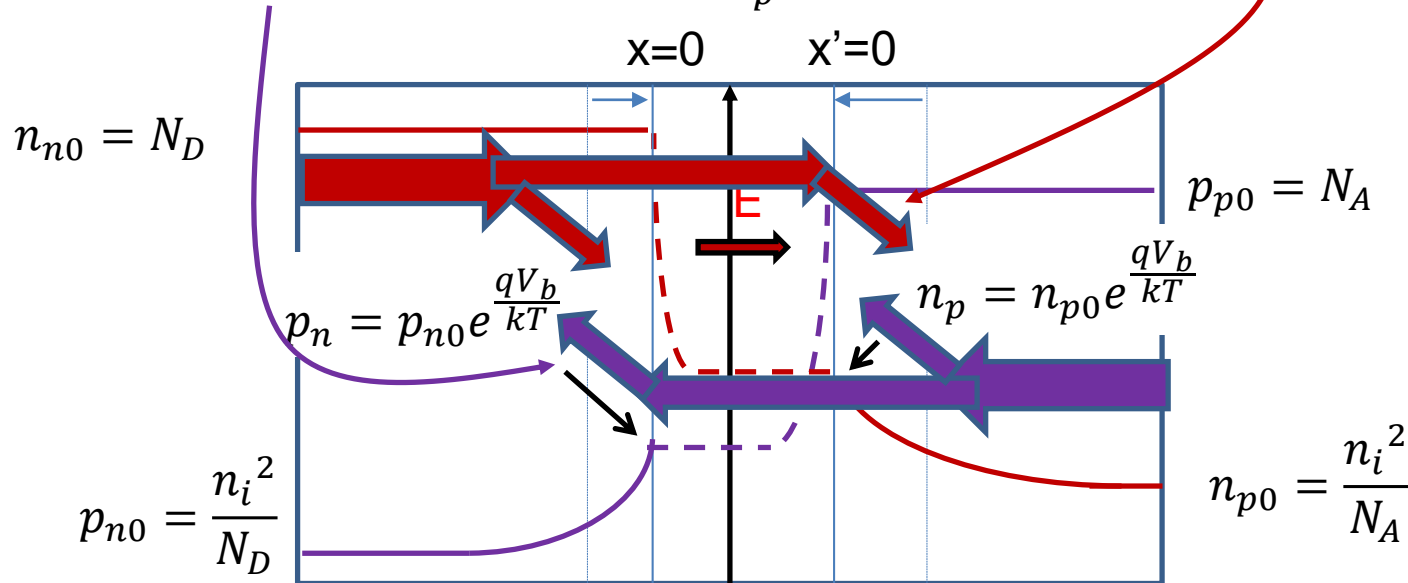
Previously: pn Junction Current

- charge carrier transport: forward bias: current ratio

$$J_n = -qD_n \frac{dn_p}{dx} = -\frac{qD_n n_{p0}}{L_n} (e^{\frac{qV_b}{kT}} - 1)e^{-x/L_n}$$

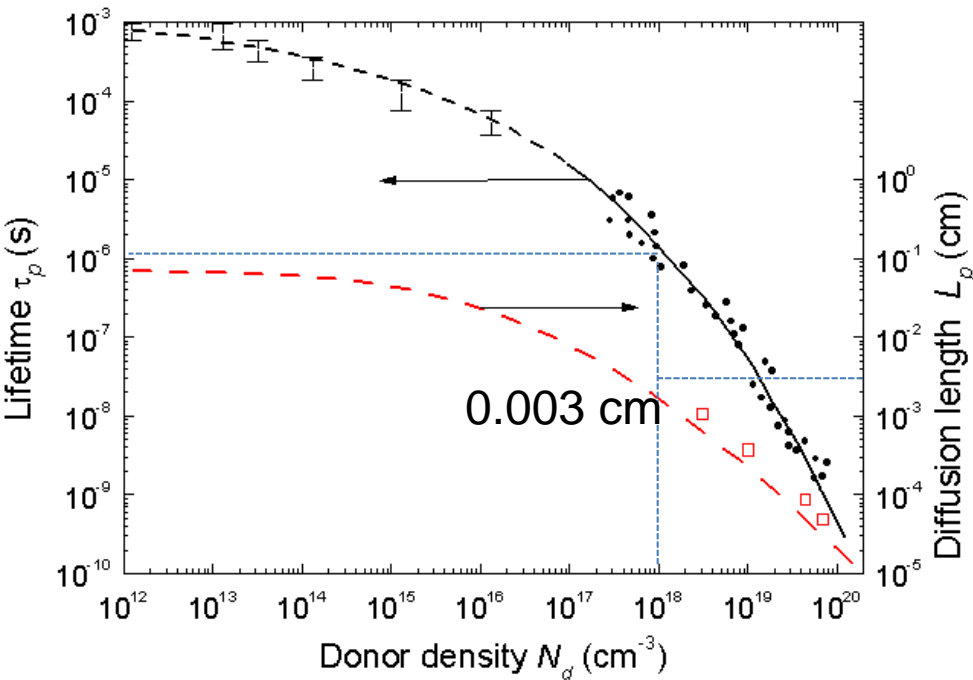
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Assumption: No recombination-generation in depletion region.

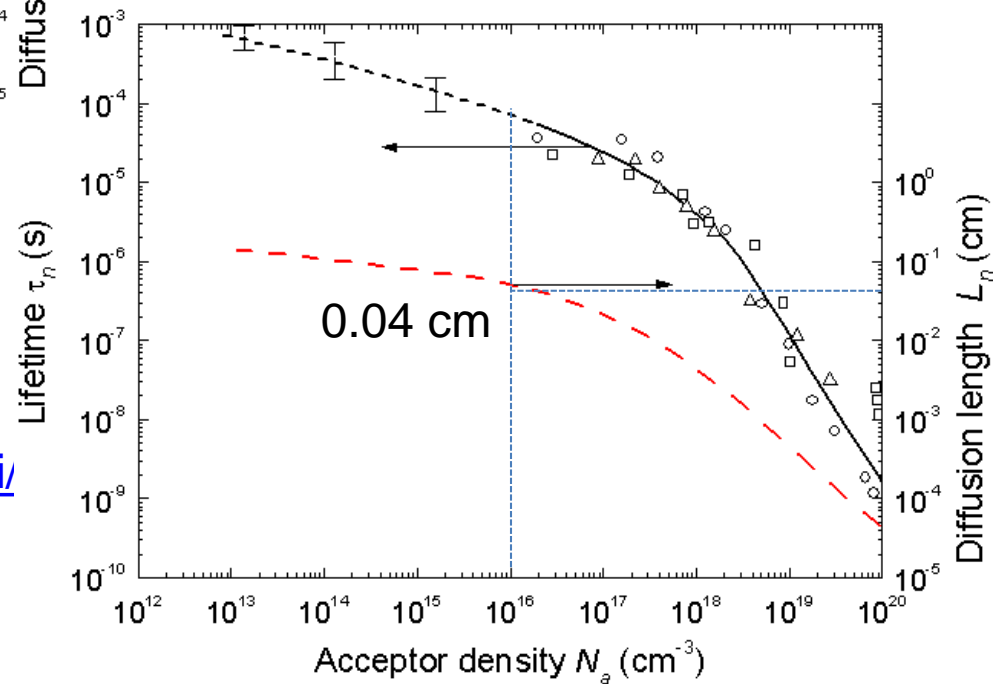
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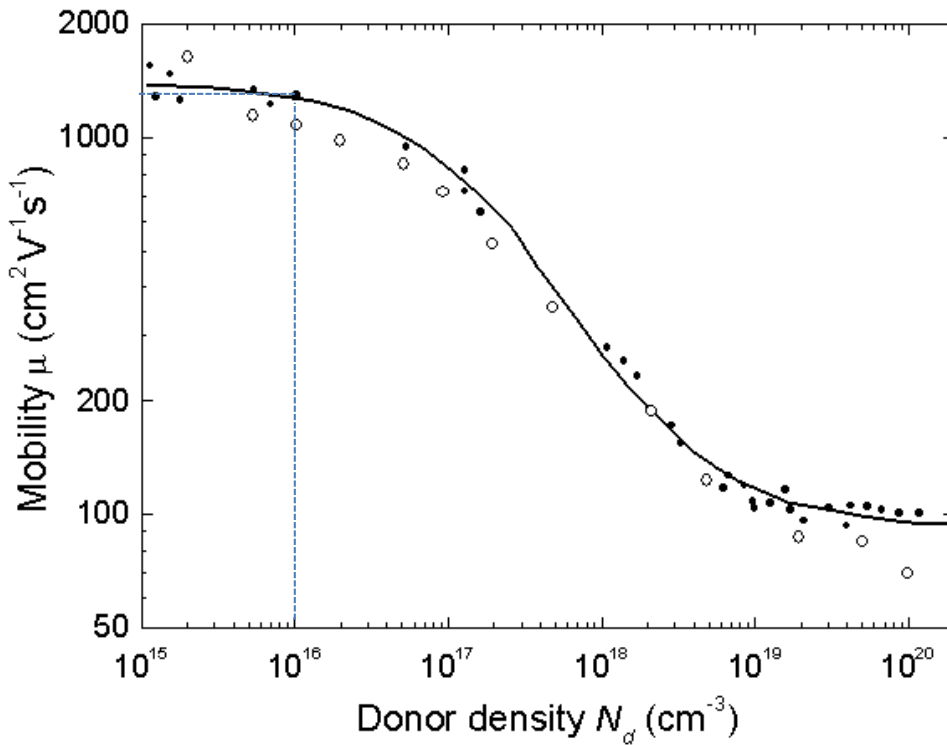
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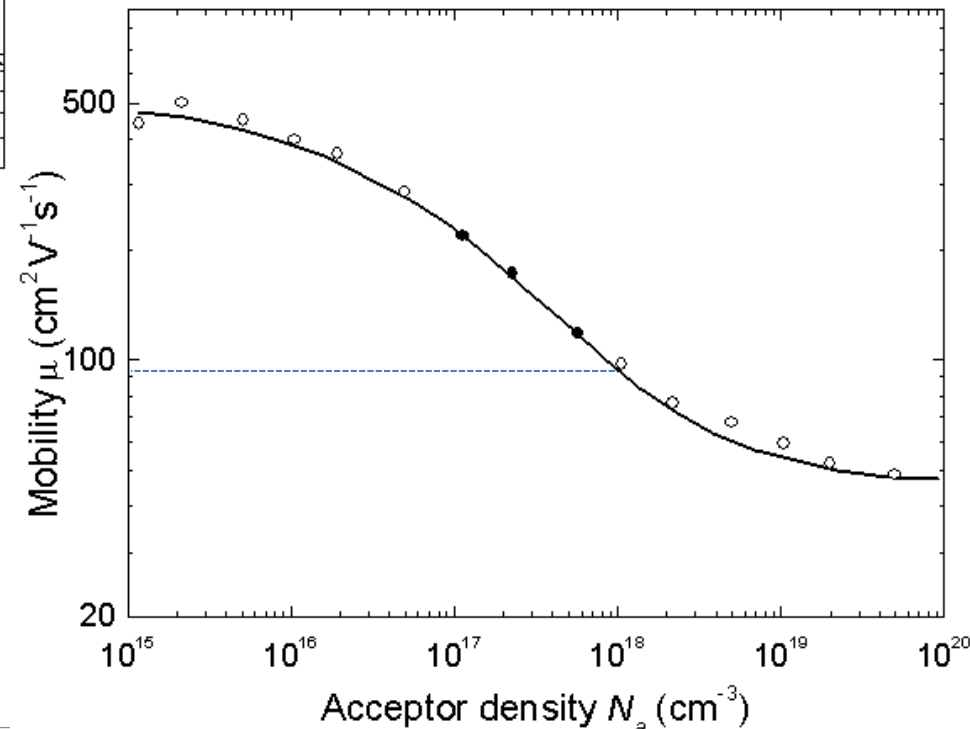


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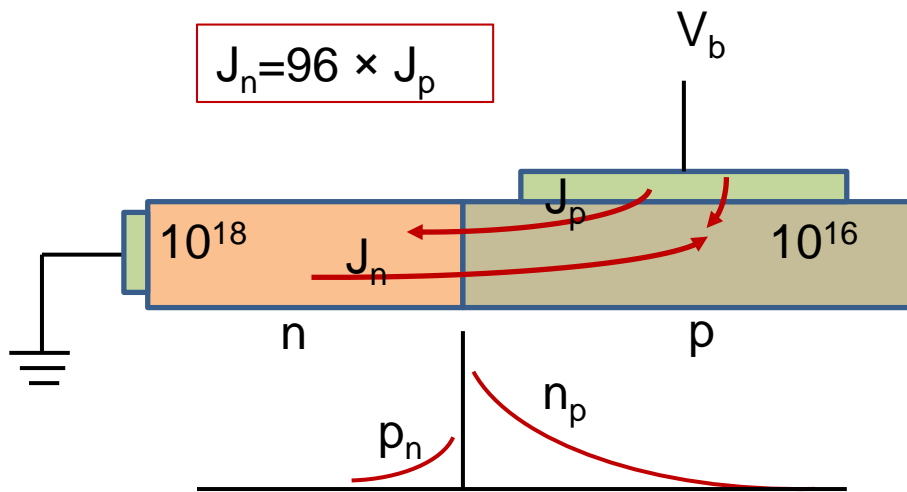
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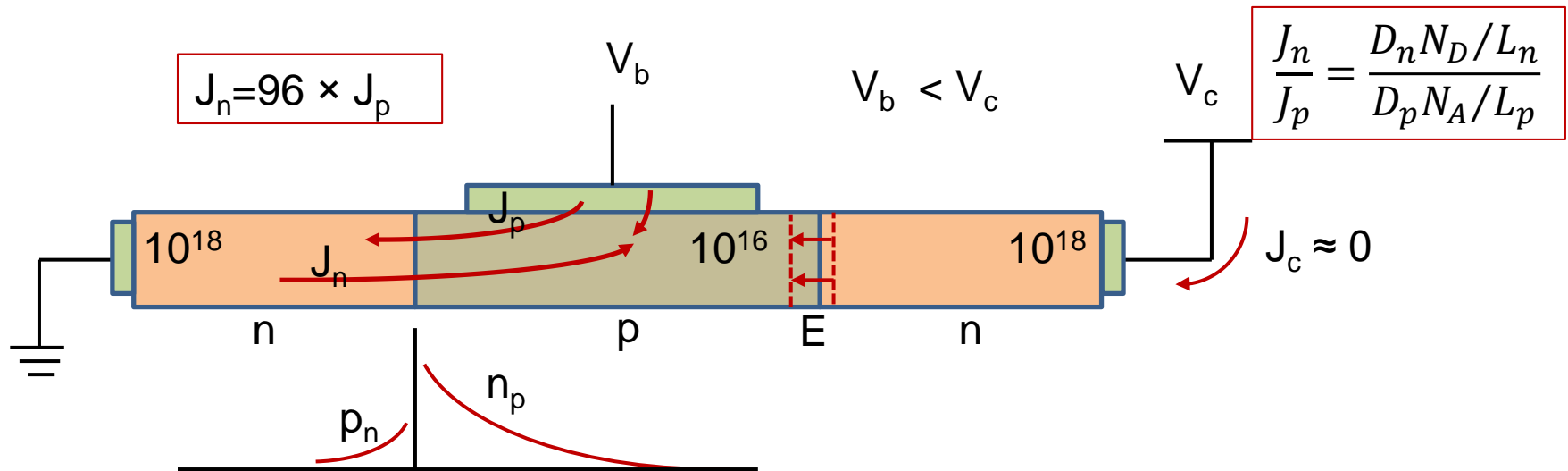
$$\frac{J_n}{J_p} = \frac{D_n N_D / L_n}{D_p N_A / L_p} = \frac{1300 \times 10^{18} / 0.04}{100 \times 10^{16} / 0.003} = 97.5$$

Bipolar Junction transistor

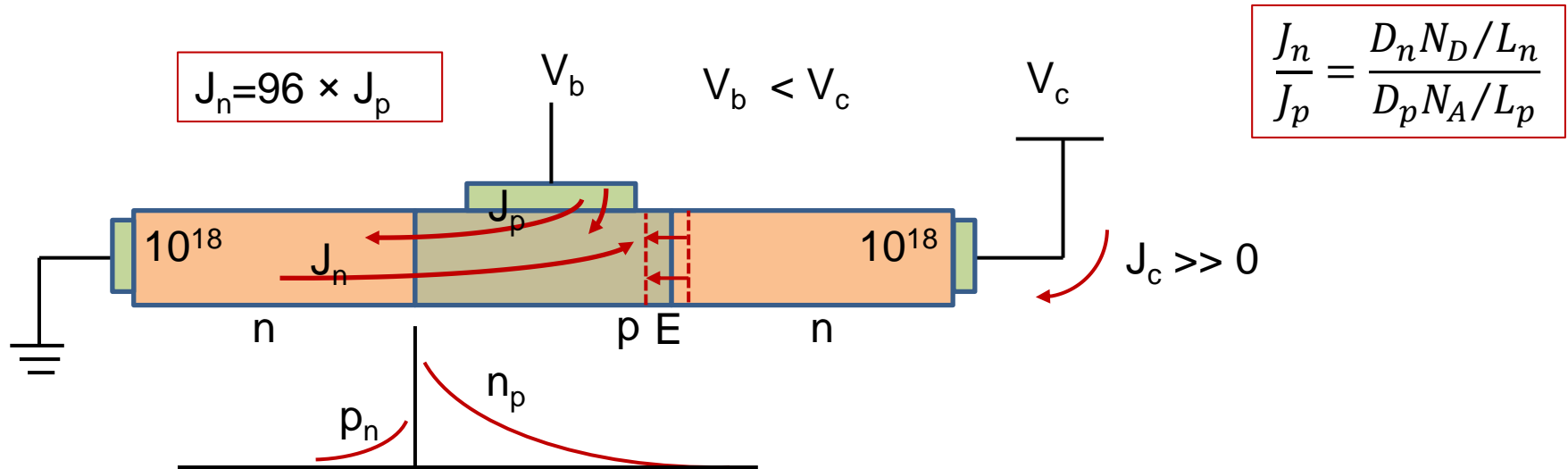


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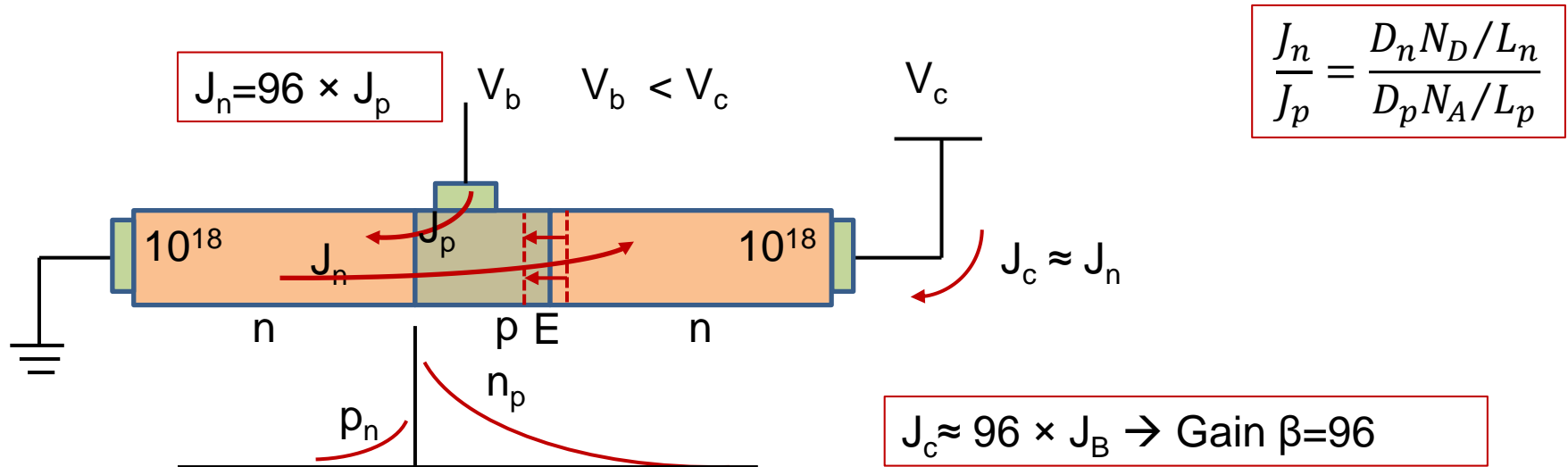
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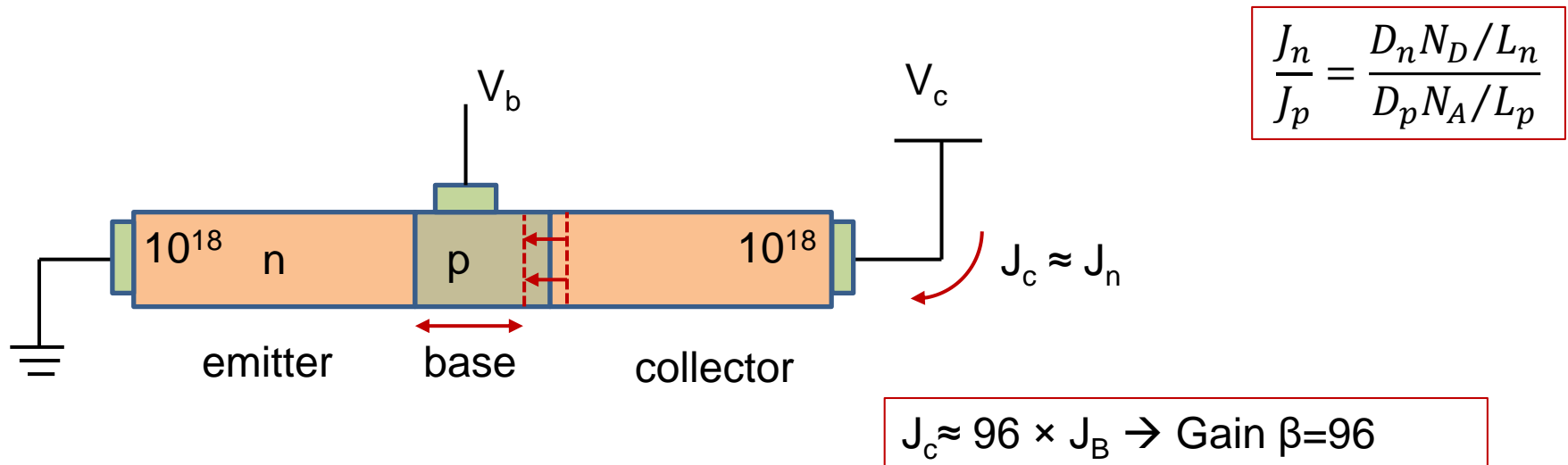
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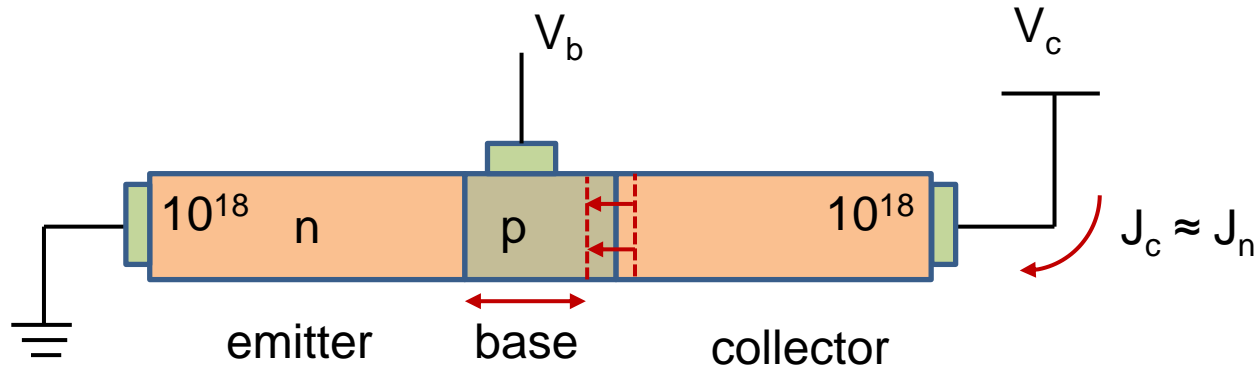
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BJT Characteristics:

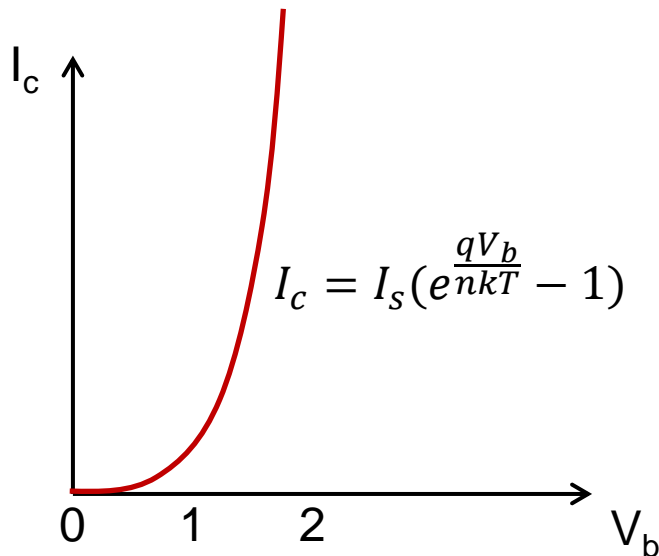
1. Base width smaller \rightarrow higher gain
2. Larger emitter-base concentration ratio \rightarrow higher gain

Bipolar Junction transistor: I-V



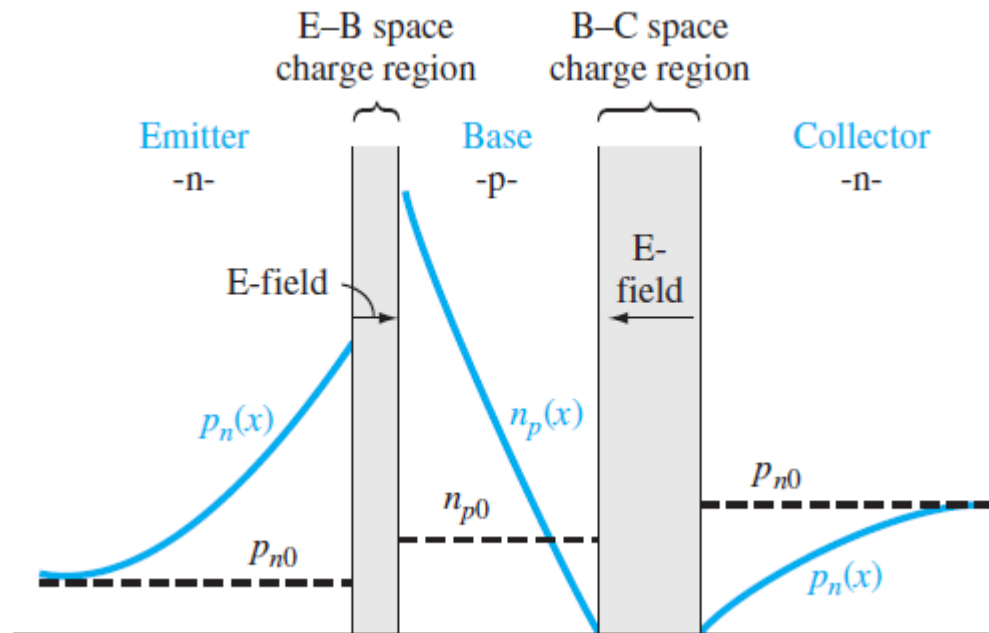
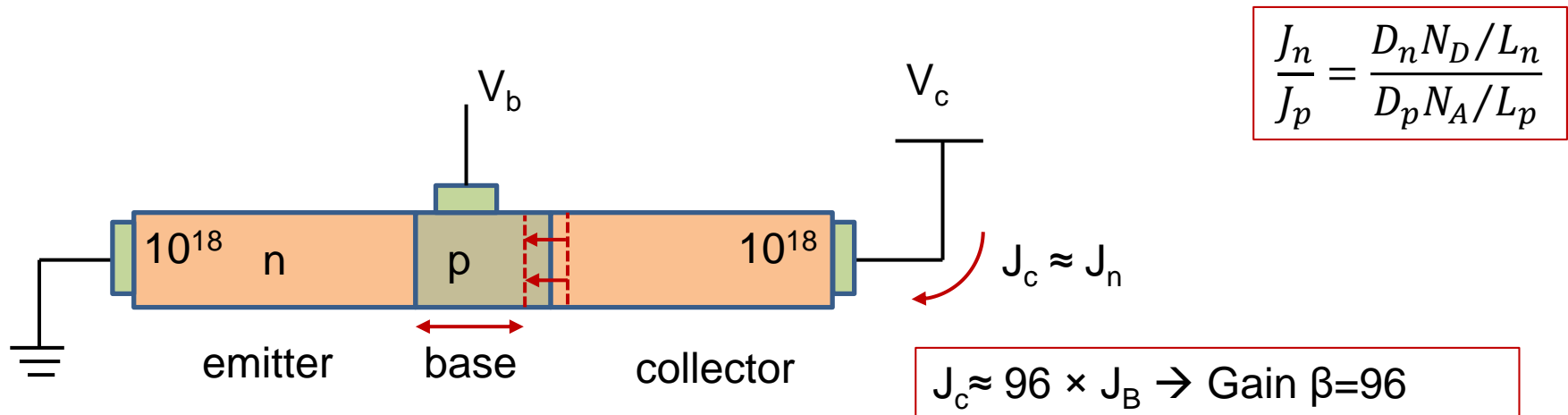
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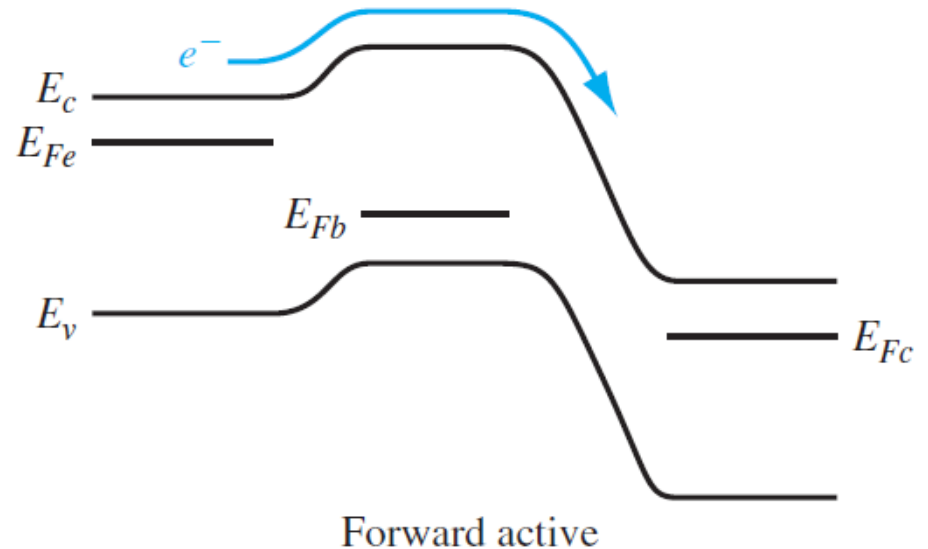
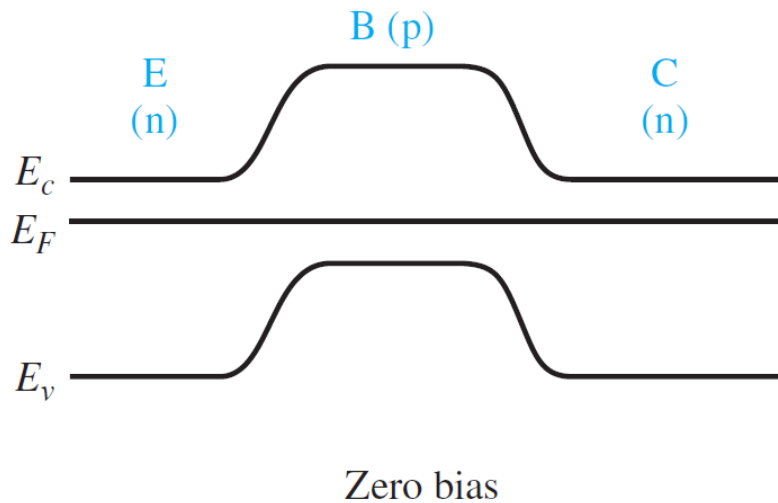
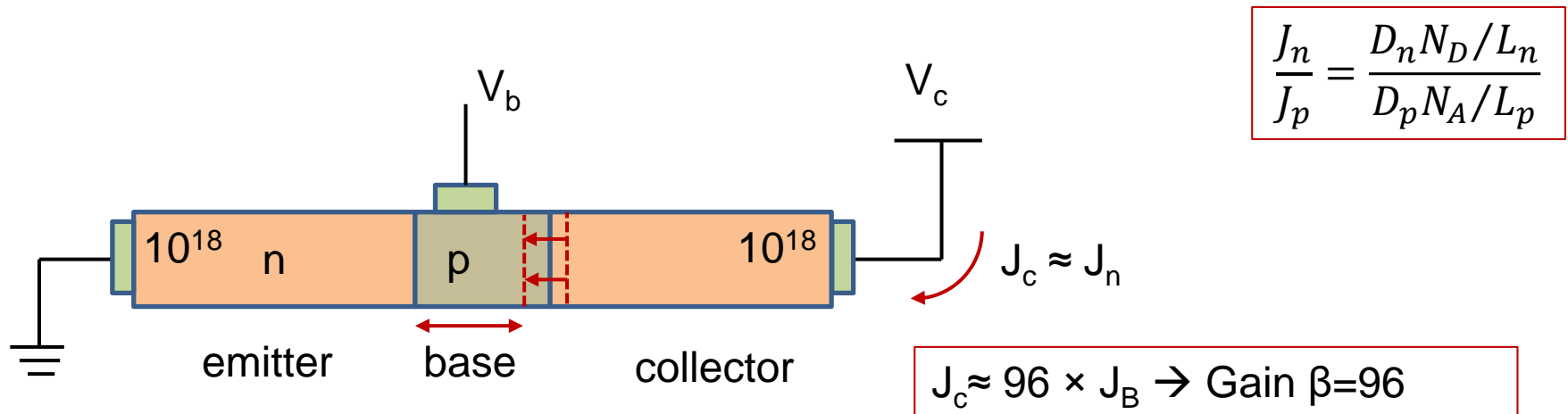


B-E junction forward biased, B-C junction reverse biased: **forward-active** operating mode

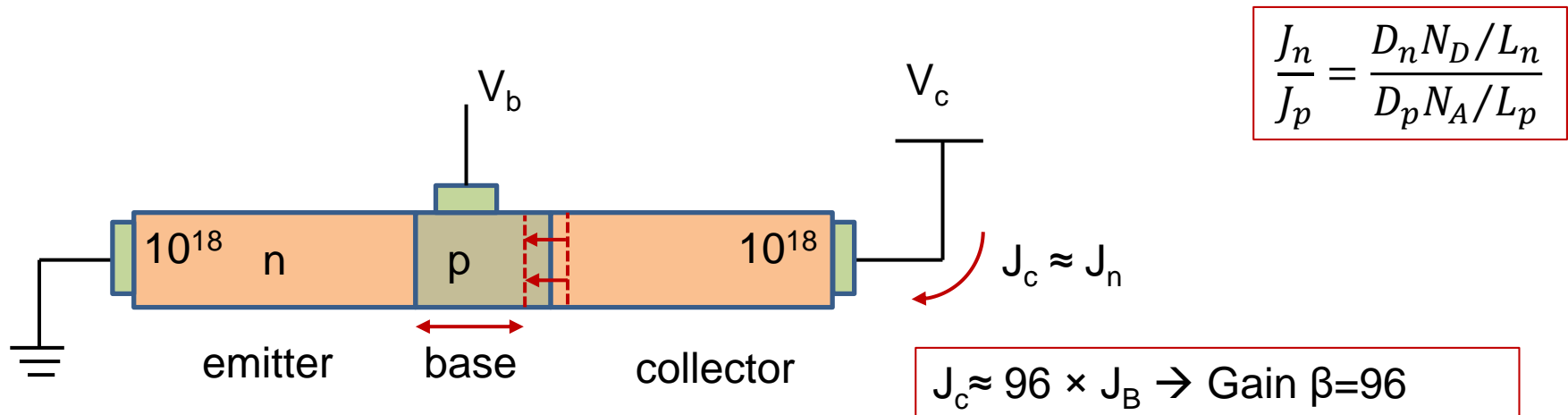
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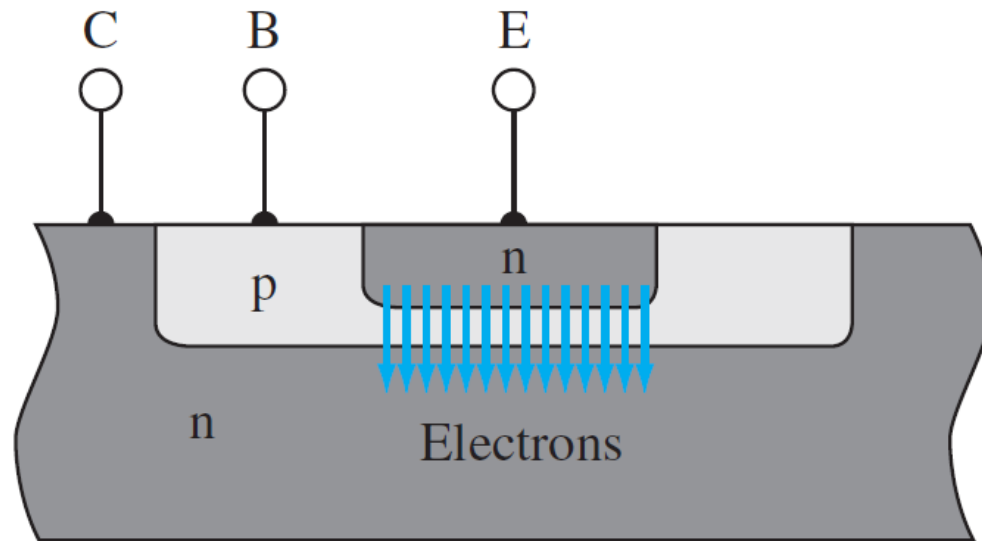
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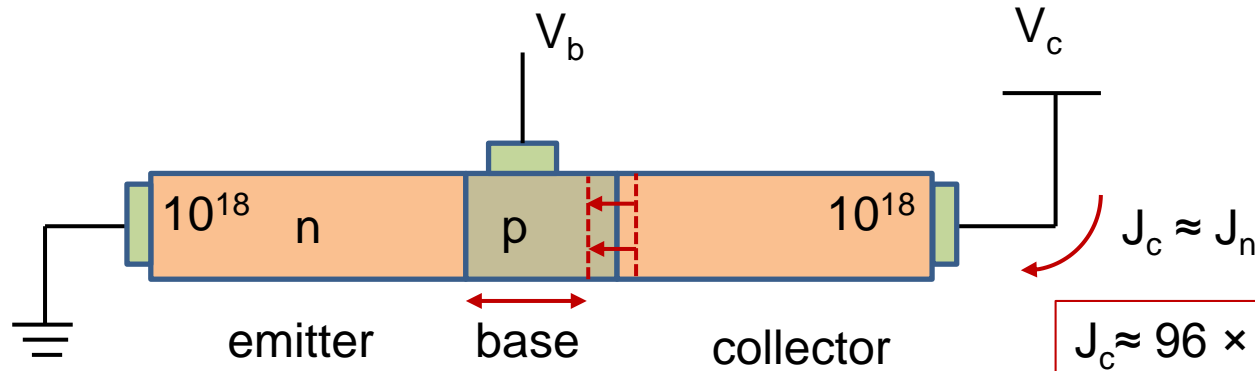
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Physically:



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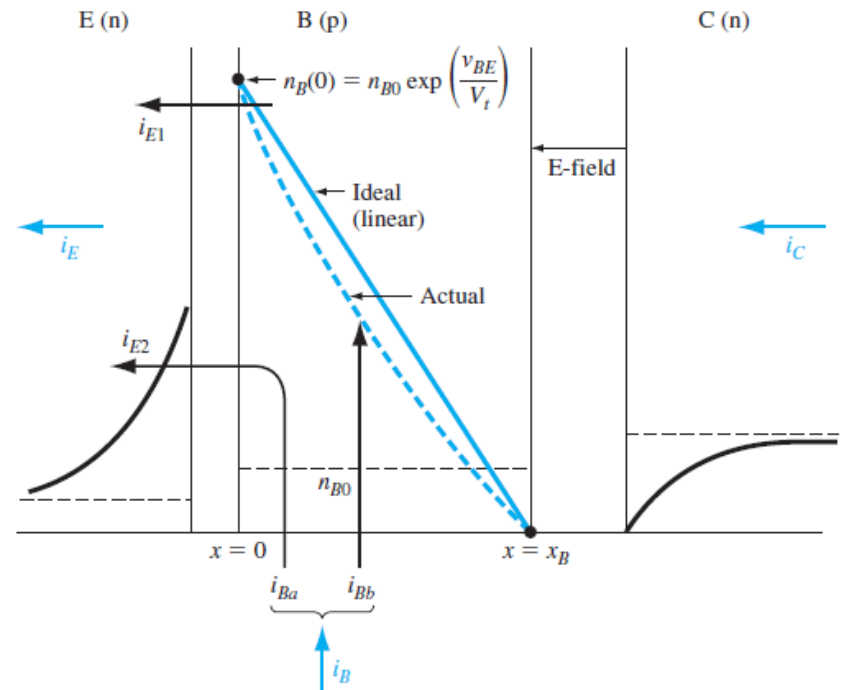
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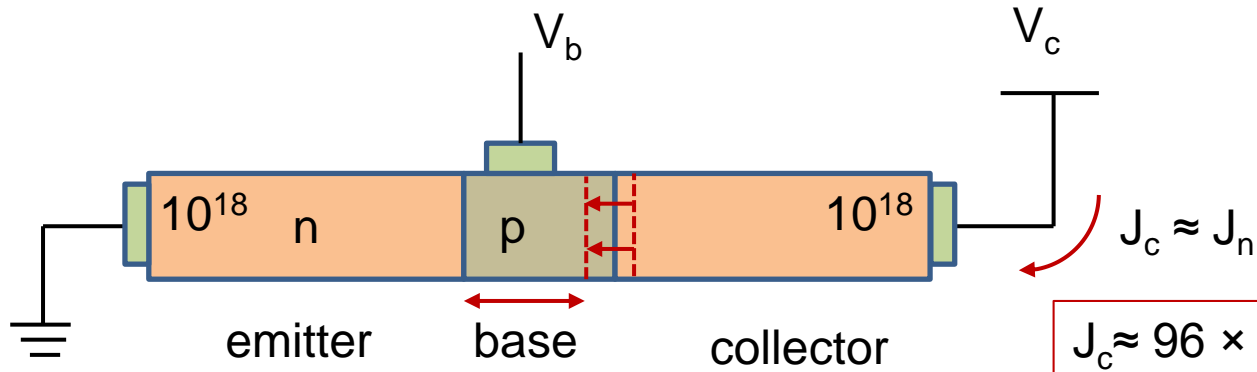
Qualitative I-V:

$$i_C = I_S \exp\left(\frac{V_{BE}}{V_t}\right)$$

The collector current is controlled by the base-emitter voltage: the current at one terminal of the device is controlled by the voltage applied to the other two terminals of the device



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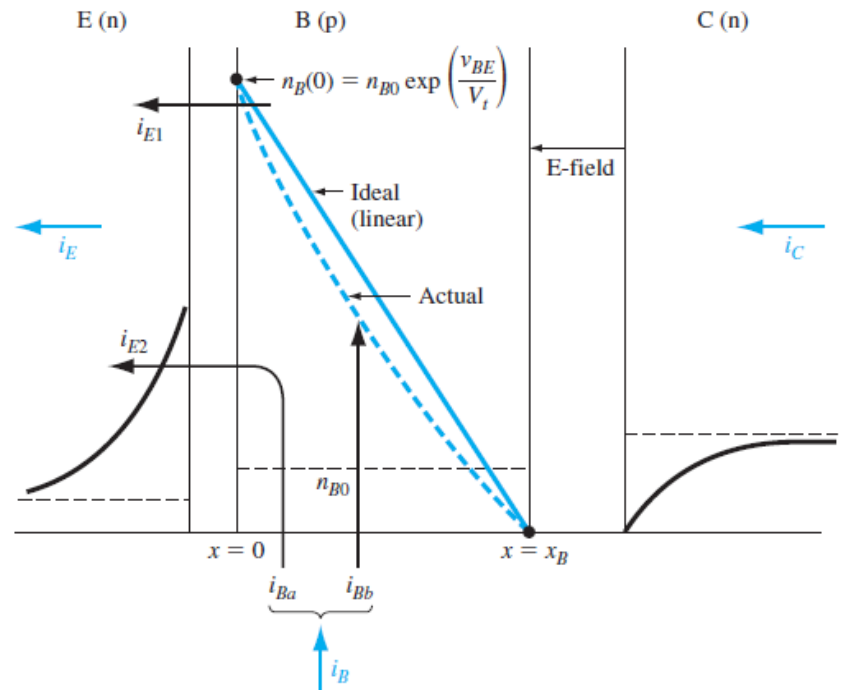
$$i_{E2} = I_{S2} \exp \left(\frac{v_{BE}}{V_t} \right)$$

Injected electrons produce i_{E1}

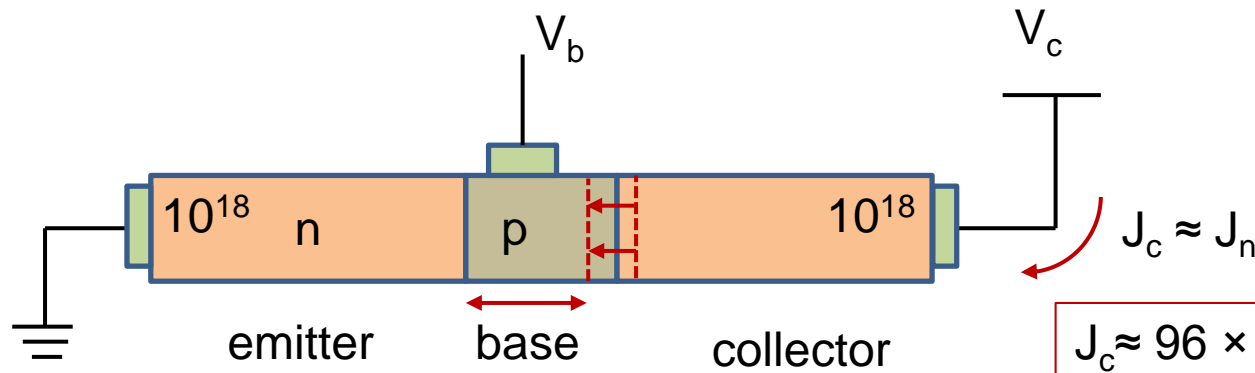
$$i_E = i_{E1} + i_{E2} = i_C + i_{E2} = I_{SE} \exp\left(\frac{V_{BE}}{V_t}\right)$$

Common-base current gain

$$\frac{\dot{i}_C}{\dot{i}_E} \equiv \alpha$$



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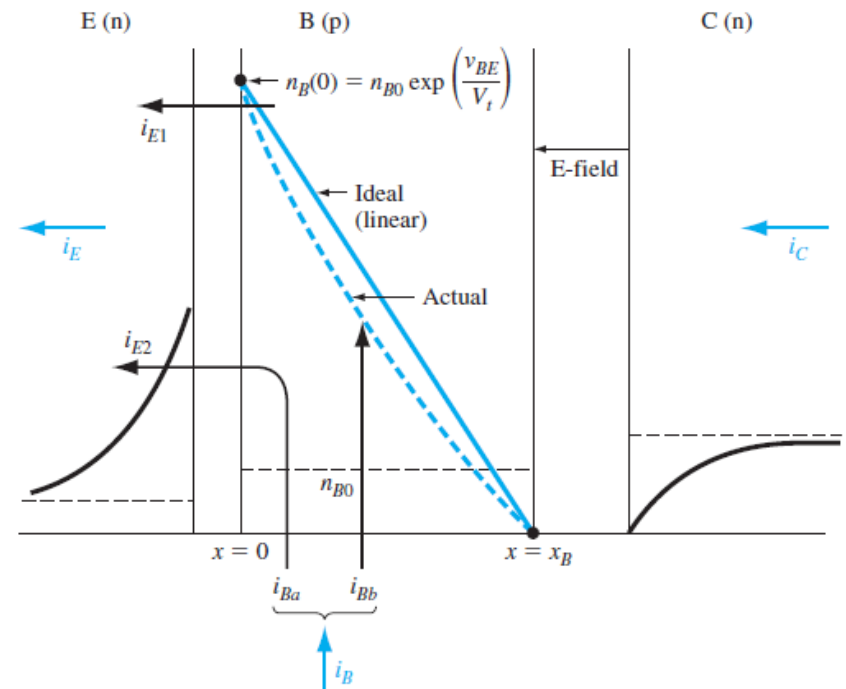
Injected holes produce $i_{E2}=i_{Ba}$

Recombination in the base: re-supply of holes by flow of positive charge, current i_{Bb}

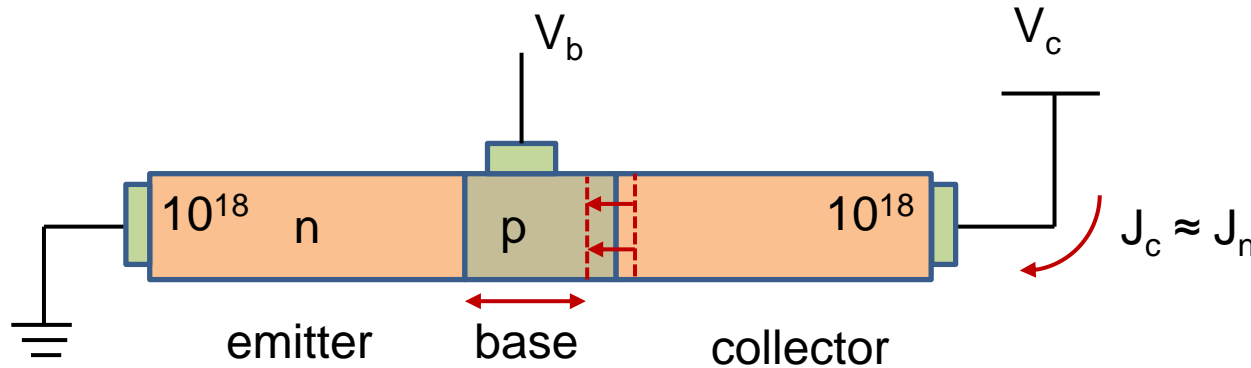
The number of holes per unit time recombining in the base is directly related to the number of minority carrier electrons in the base, so i_{Bb} is also proportional to $\exp(v_{BE}/V_t)$

Common-emitter current gain

$$\frac{i_C}{i_B} \equiv \beta$$

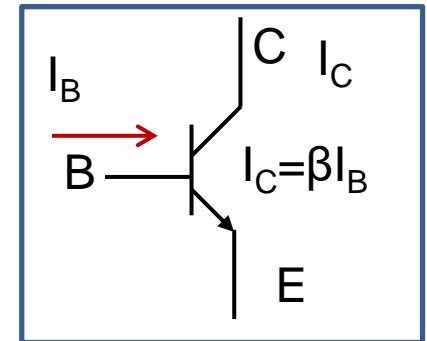


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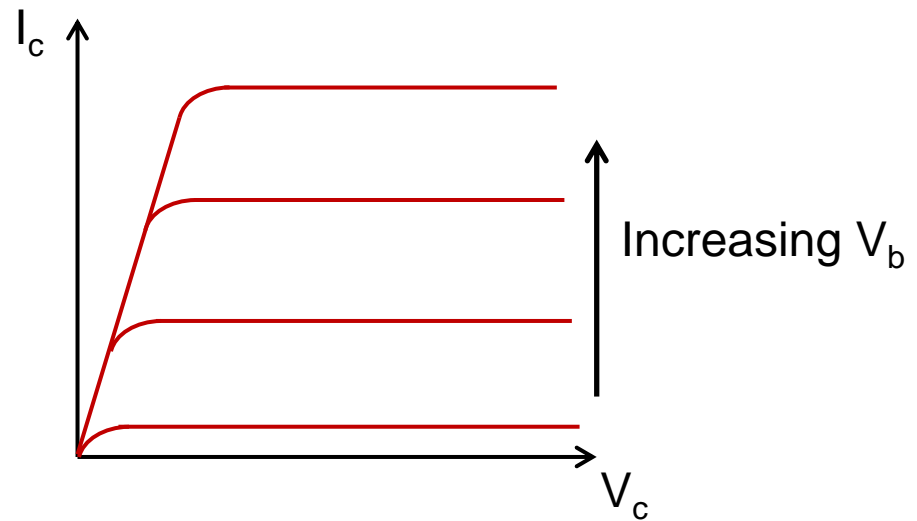
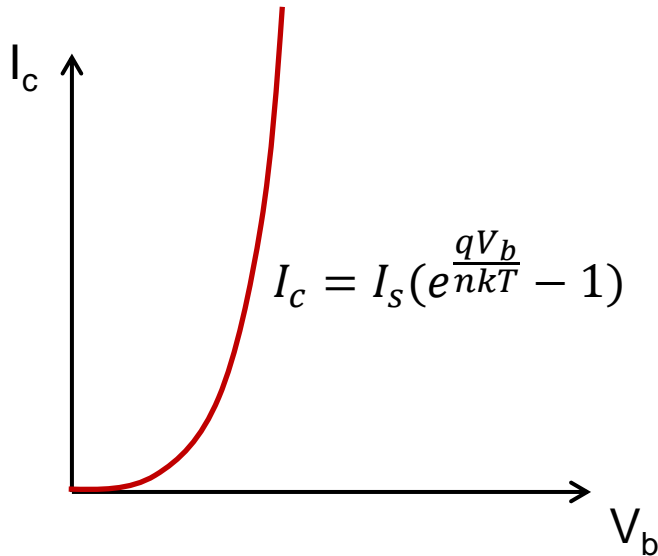
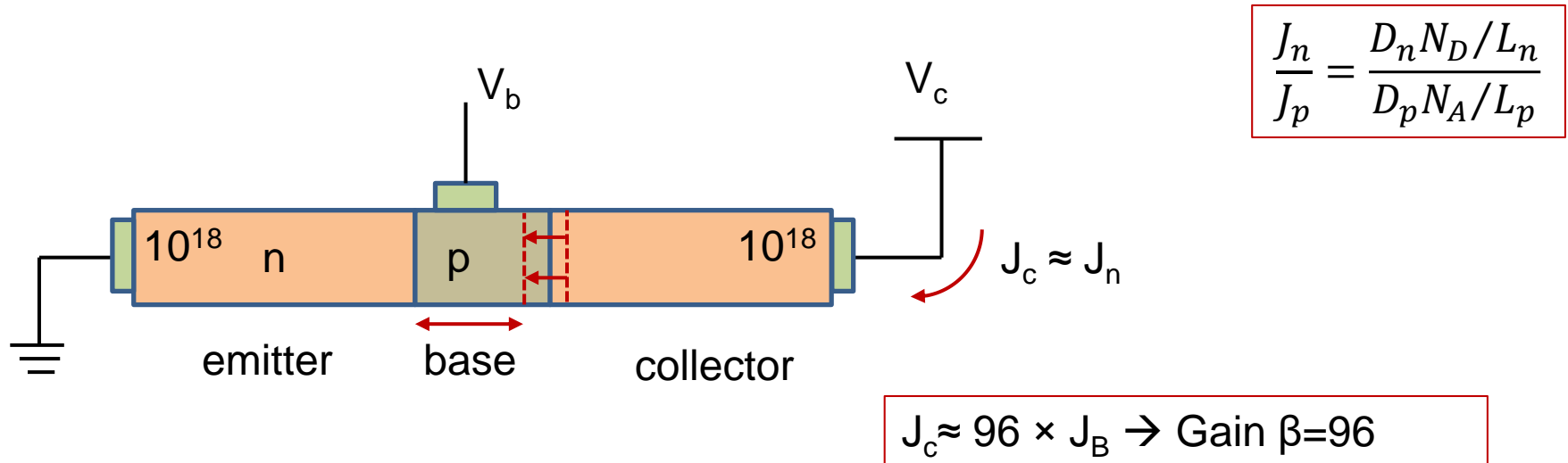
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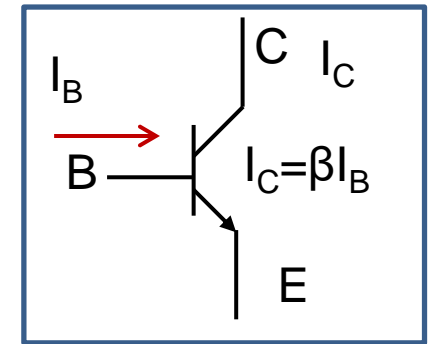
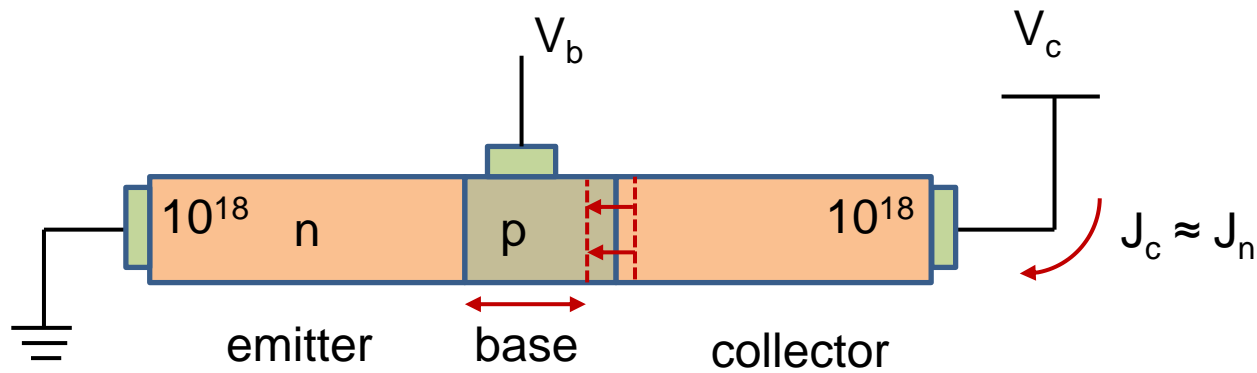
Basic facts:

1. Narrower base \rightarrow larger gain
2. $\beta \approx N_d/N_a$, higher emitter-to-base doping ratio \rightarrow higher gain

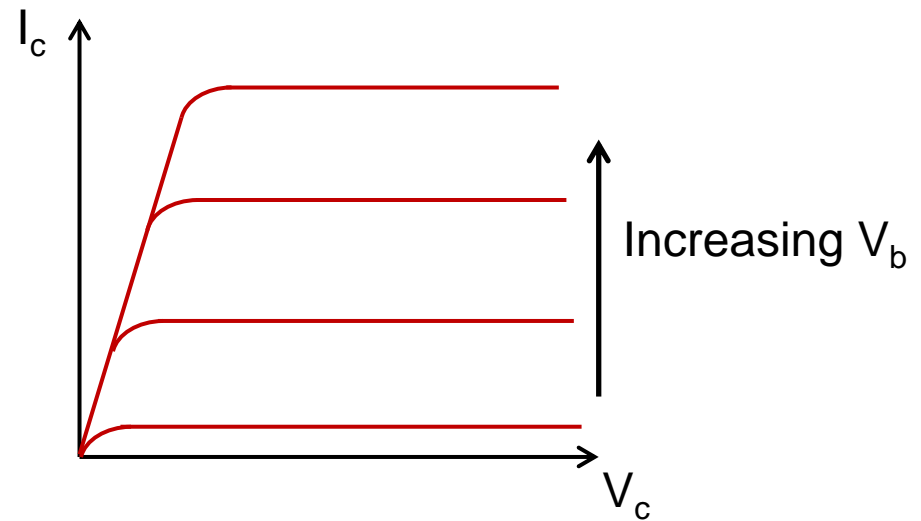
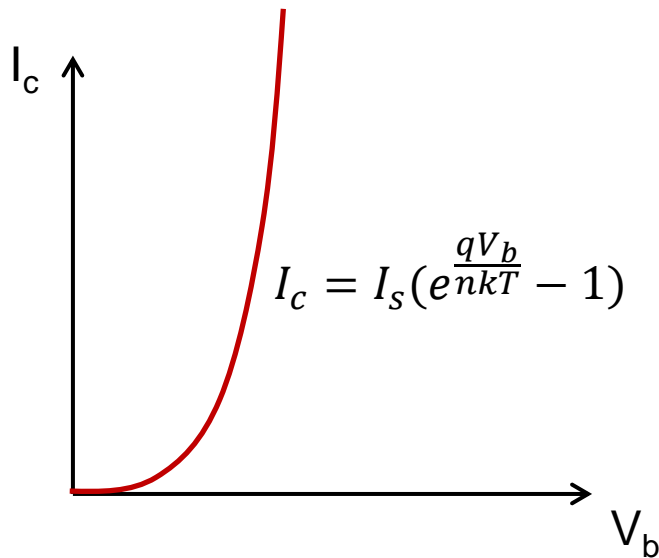
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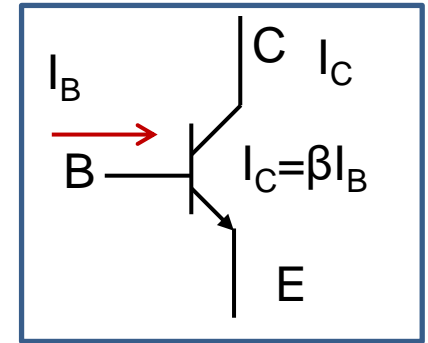
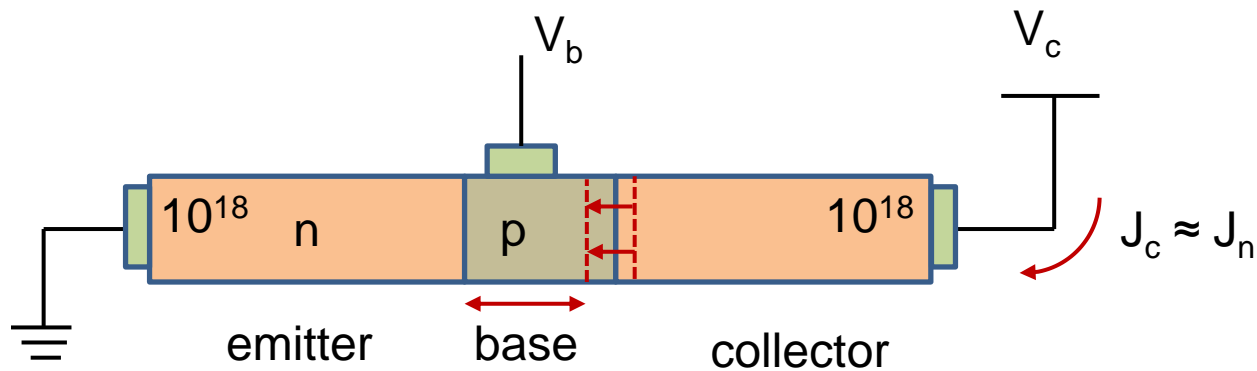
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Three modes of operation:

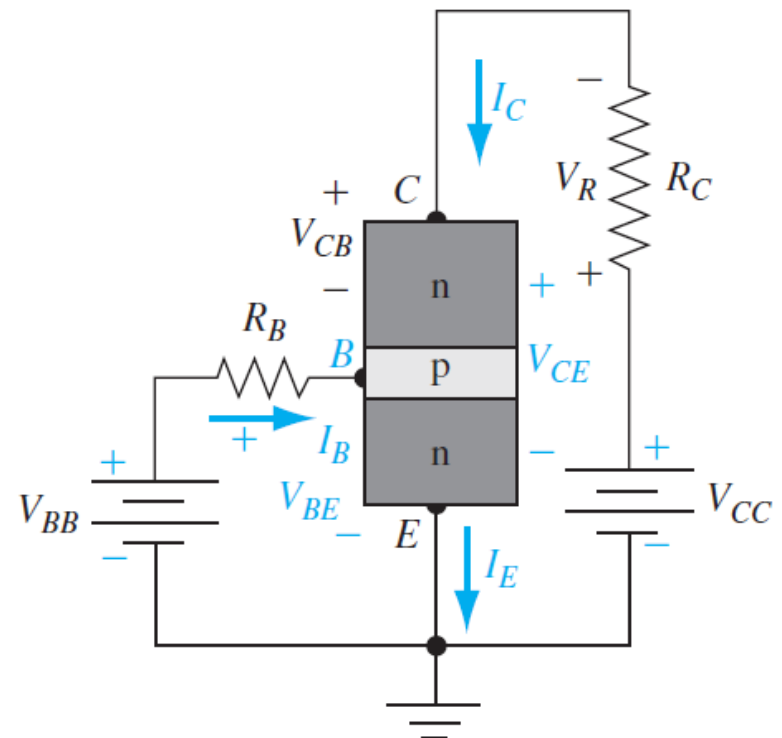
1. **Cutoff**: B-E zero or reverse biased, B-C reverse biased.

Emitter and collector currents are zero

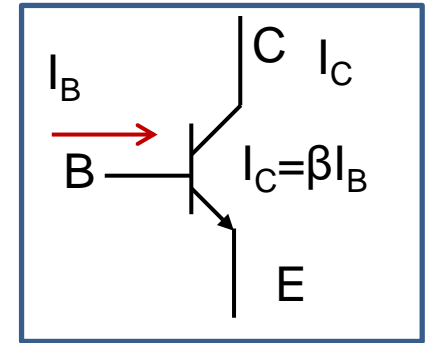
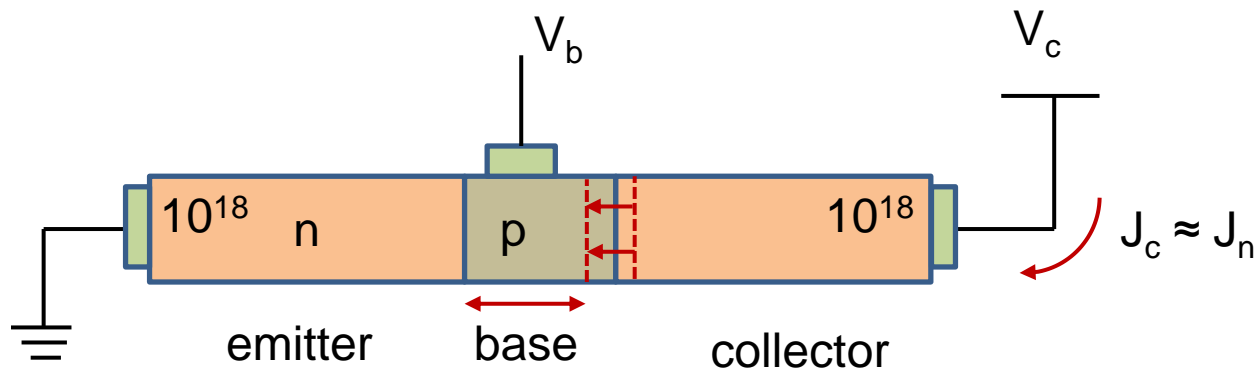
2. **Forward-active**: B-E forward biased, B-C reverse biased. V_{CC} large enough, V_R small enough, $V_{CB} > 0$. KVL

$$V_{CC} = I_C R_C + V_{CB} + V_{BE} = V_R + V_{CE}$$

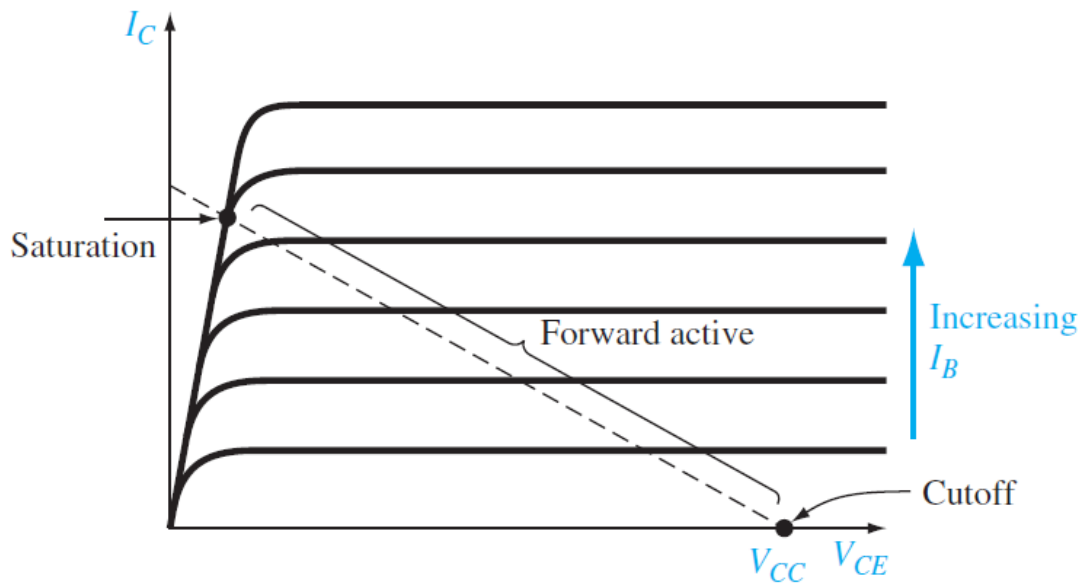
3. **Saturation**: both B-E and B-C junctions are forward-biased, so that I_C is no longer controlled by V_{BE} . V_{BE} increase, V_R increases and I_C increases



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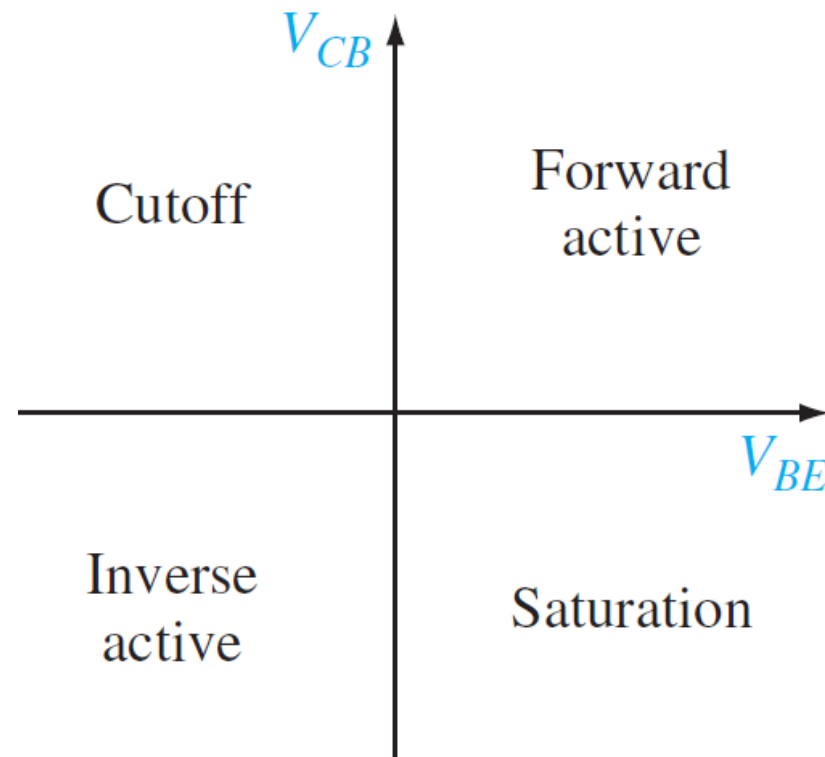
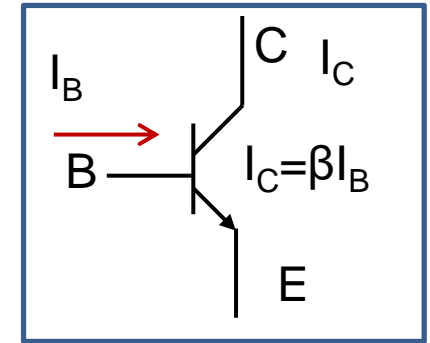
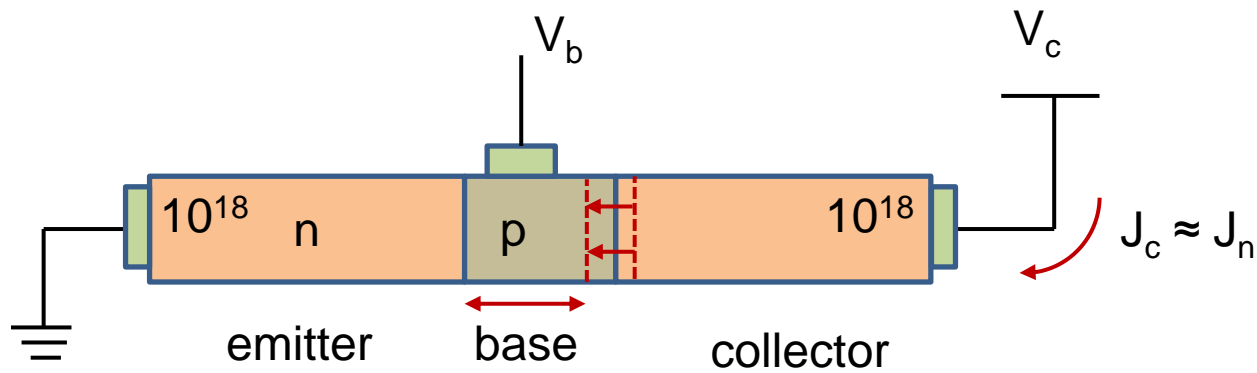
$I_C - V_{CE}$:



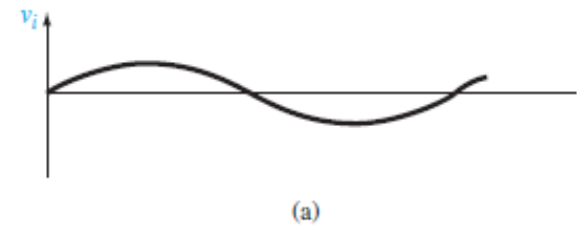
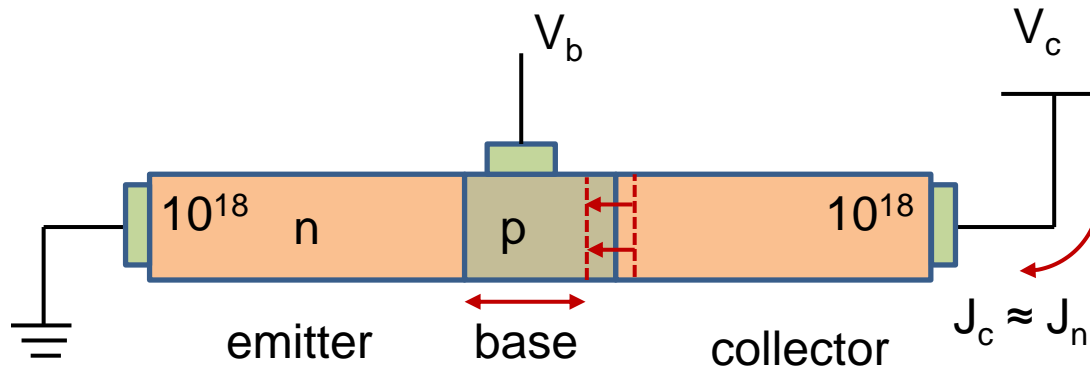
Load line

$$V_{CE} = V_{CC} - I_C R_C$$

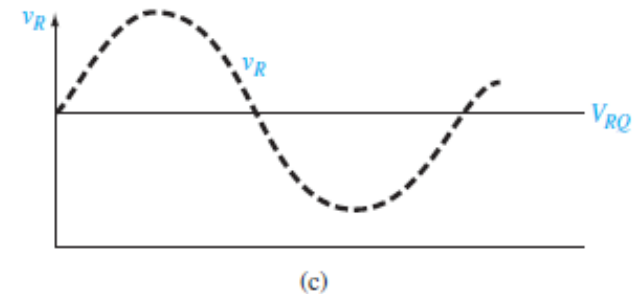
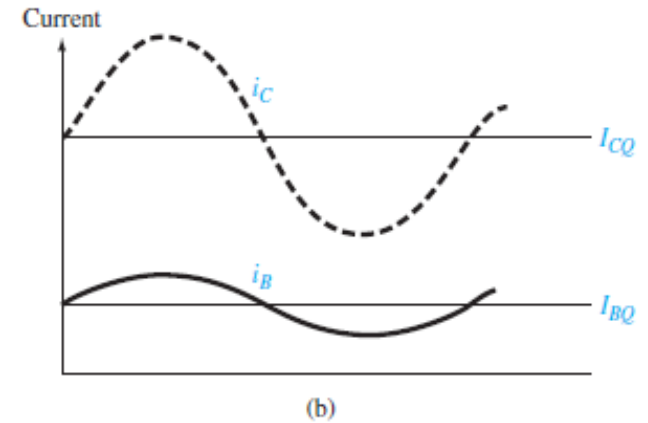
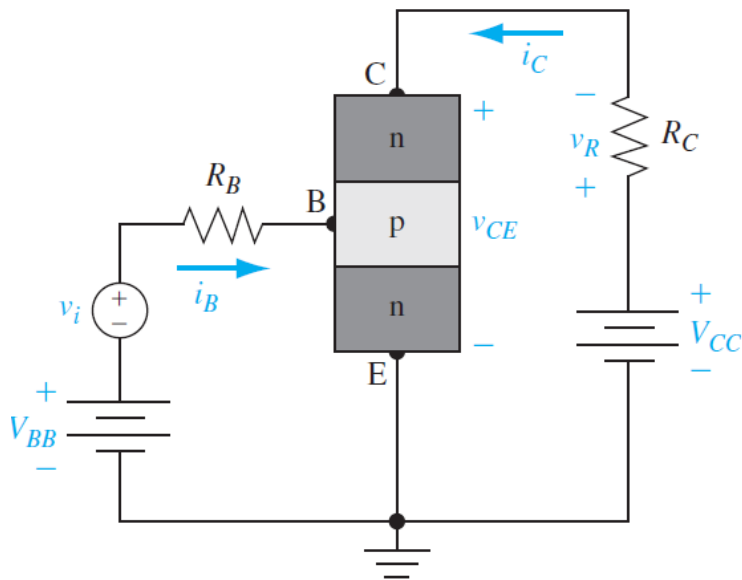
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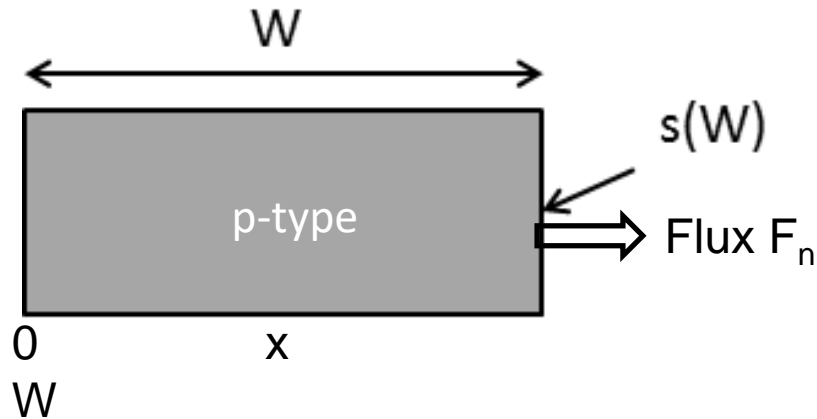
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Small signal voltage gain



Quantitative analysis of BJT gain

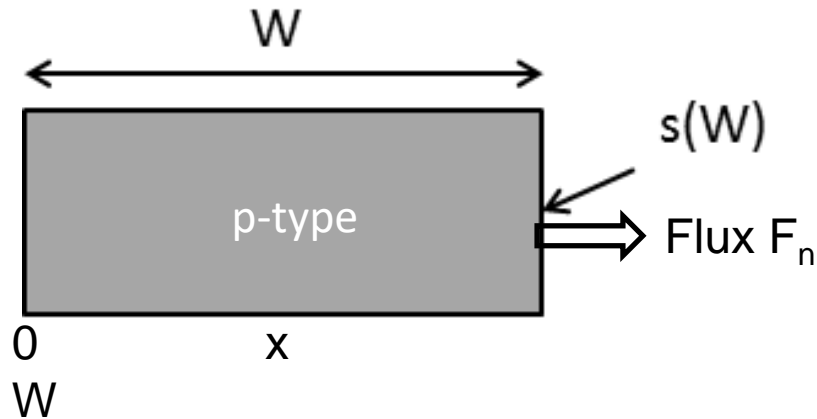


$$N_a = 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}, D_n = 10 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}, \tau_n = 10^{-7} \text{ s}, \text{SRV } s(x=W) = \infty$$
$$\delta n(x=0) = 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

Find the electron flux F_n at $x=0$ and W , if

- 1) $W=20\mu\text{m}$
- 2) $W=2\mu\text{m}$

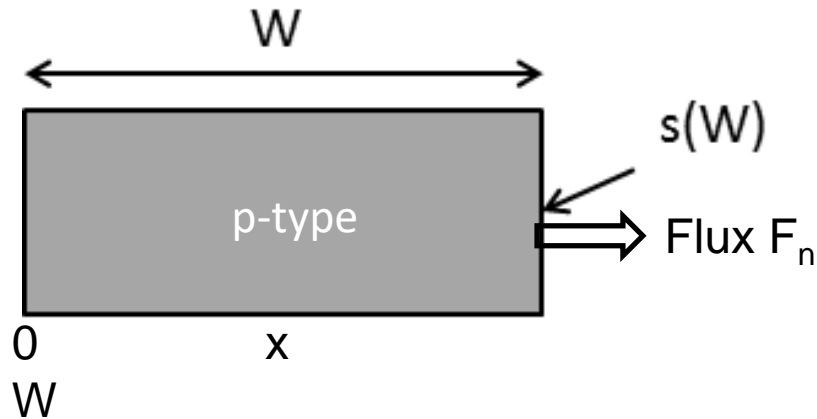
Quantitative analysis of BJT gain



Consider simple case:

$$0 = D_n \frac{\partial^2 \delta n}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\delta n}{\tau} \Rightarrow \delta n = A \exp\left(-\frac{x}{L_n}\right) + B \exp\left(\frac{x}{L_n}\right)$$

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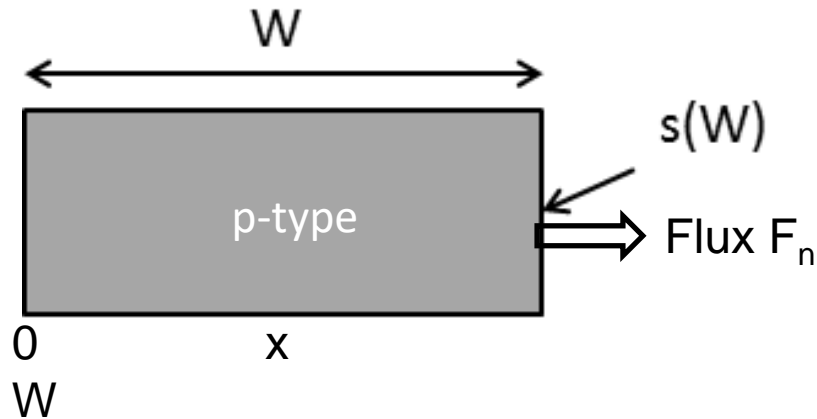


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$$\Rightarrow \delta n = A \exp\left(-\frac{x}{L_n}\right) + B \exp\left(\frac{x}{L_n}\right)$$

$$\begin{cases} x = 0 \Rightarrow \delta n_0 = \delta n(x = 0) = A + B \\ x = W \Rightarrow \delta n = A \exp\left(-\frac{W}{L_n}\right) + B \exp\left(\frac{W}{L_n}\right) = 0 \end{cases}$$

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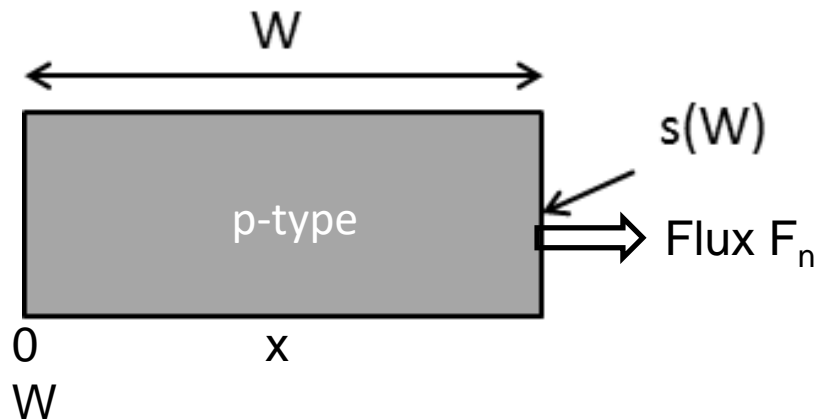


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$$A = (\delta n)_0 \frac{\exp\left(\frac{W}{L_n}\right)}{\exp\left(\frac{W}{L_n}\right) - \exp\left(-\frac{W}{L_n}\right)}$$

$$B = -(\delta n)_0 \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{W}{L_n}\right)}{\exp\left(\frac{W}{L_n}\right) - \exp\left(-\frac{W}{L_n}\right)}$$

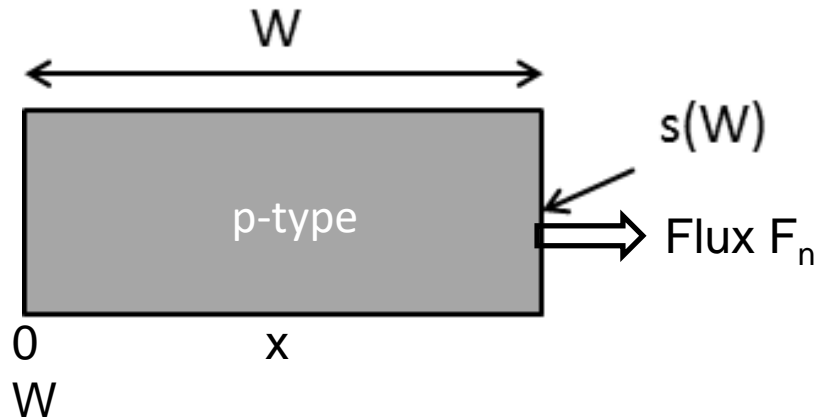
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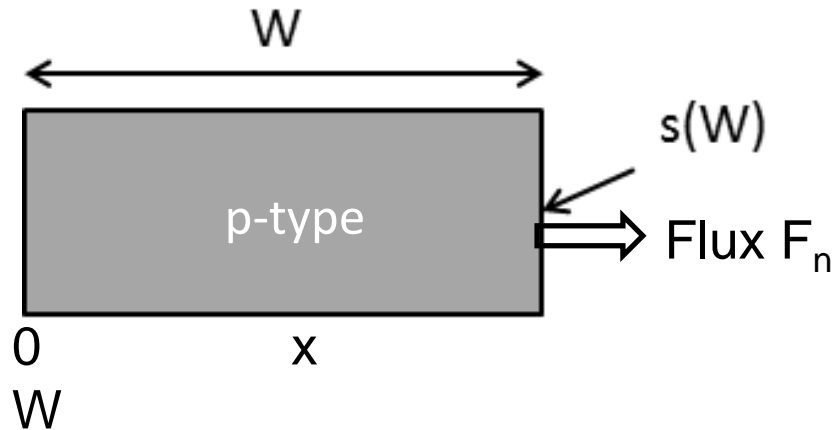
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Quantitative analysis of BJT gain



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$$F_n(W) = \frac{D_n(\delta n)_0}{L_n} \frac{1}{\sinh\left(\frac{W}{L_p}\right)}$$