



## Chapter 4

# Bipolar junction transistor

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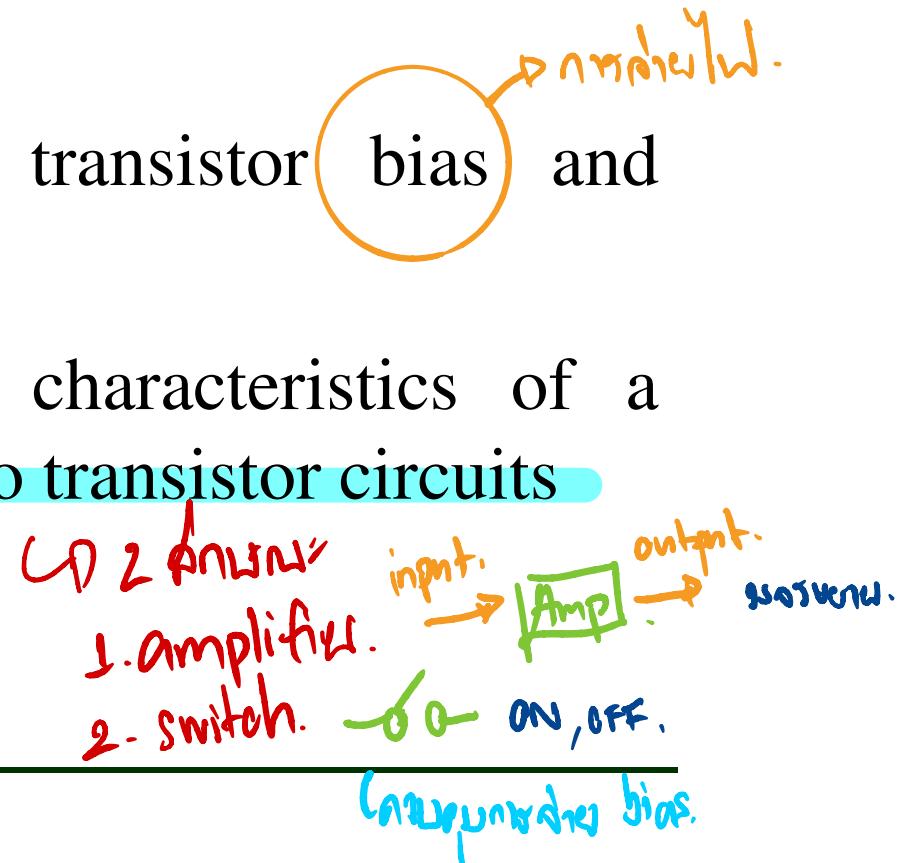


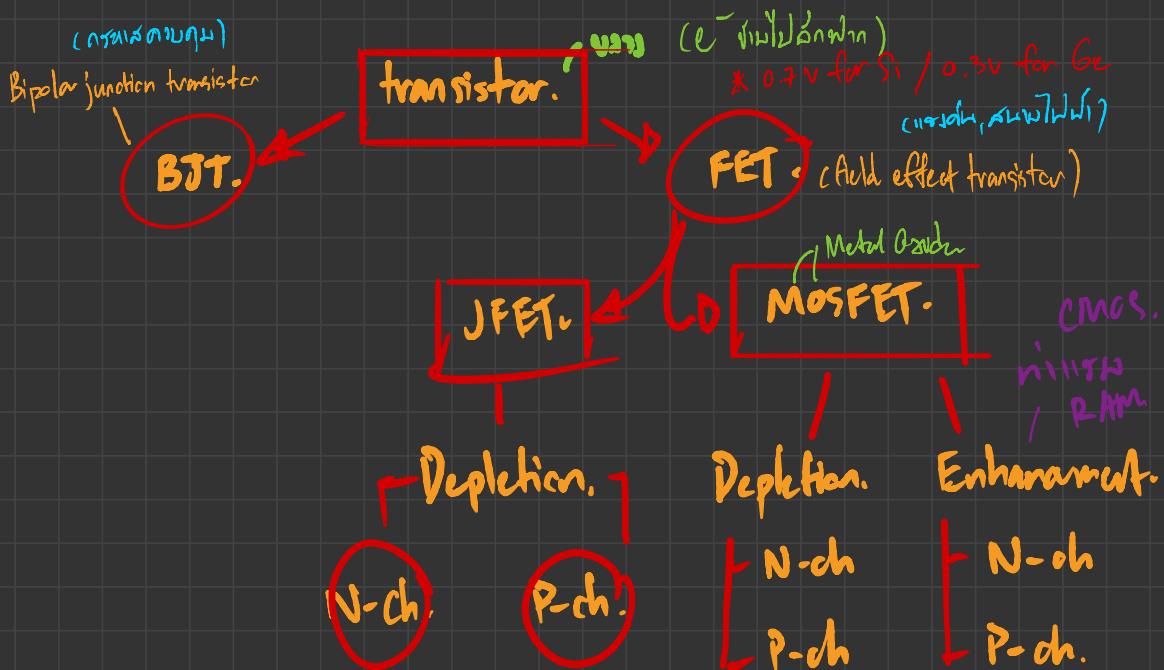
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# Objectives



- Describe the basic structure of the bipolar junction transistor (BJT)
- Explain and analyze basic transistor bias and operation
- Discuss the parameters and characteristics of a transistor and how they apply to transistor circuits





# Transistor



- What is transistor?

- three-terminal device whose output current, voltage and/or power are controlled by its input.
- 2 basic transistor types: BJT and FET

# Transistor Construction



There are two types of transistors:

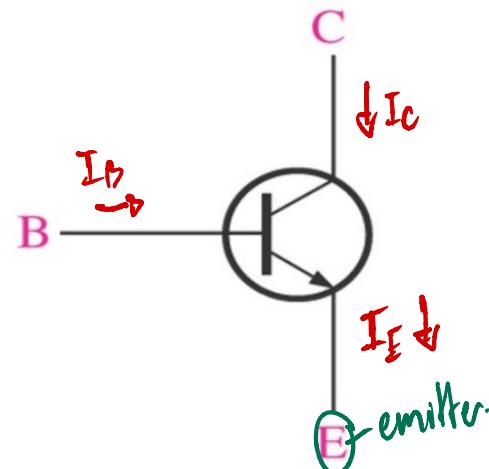
- *pnp*
- *npn*

The terminals are labeled:

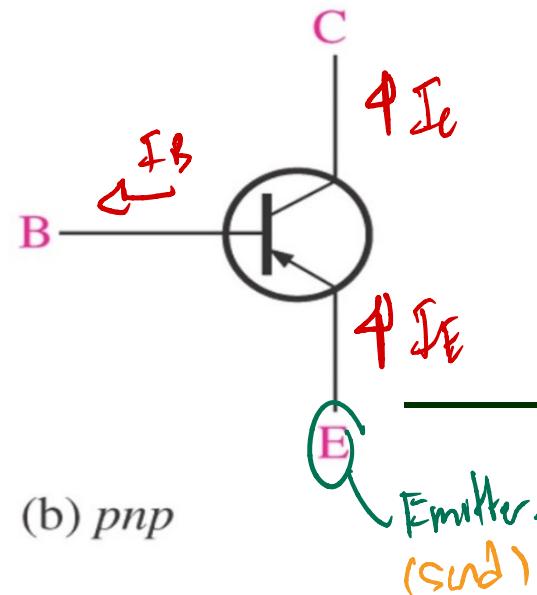
- E - Emitter
- B - Base
- C - Collector

$$I_E = I_B + \text{[red circle]} \quad (\text{not } I_C)$$

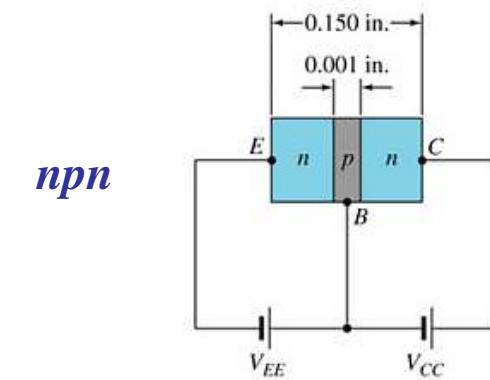
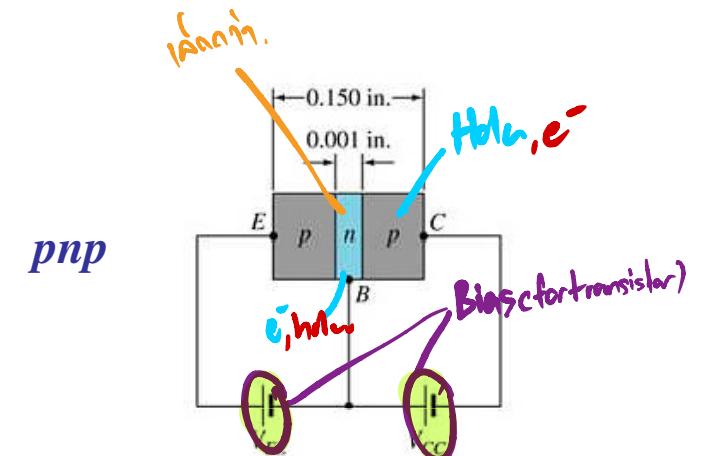
*B* & non-linear



(a) *npn*



(b) *pnp*



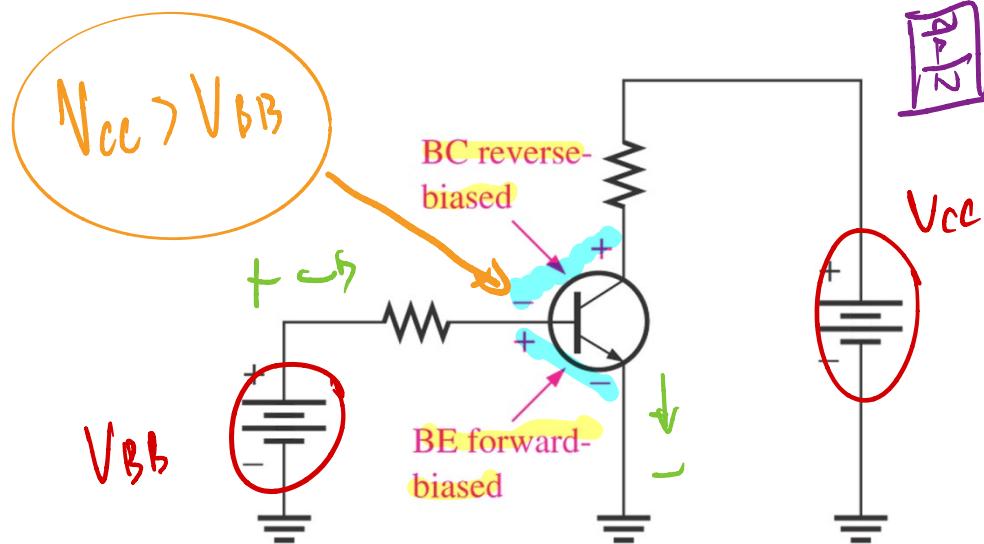
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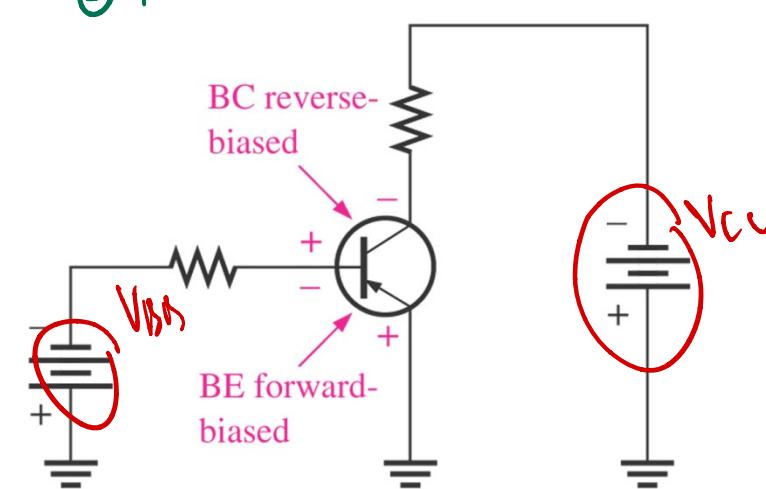
## Biasing:

- two pn junction must be correctly biased with external dc voltages to operate the transistor properly.
- The figure shown the proper bias arrangement for both *npn* and *pnp* transistor for active operation as an amplifier.

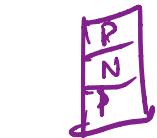
① Reverse at BC bias.  
② forward at BE bias.



(a) *npn*



(b) *pnp*



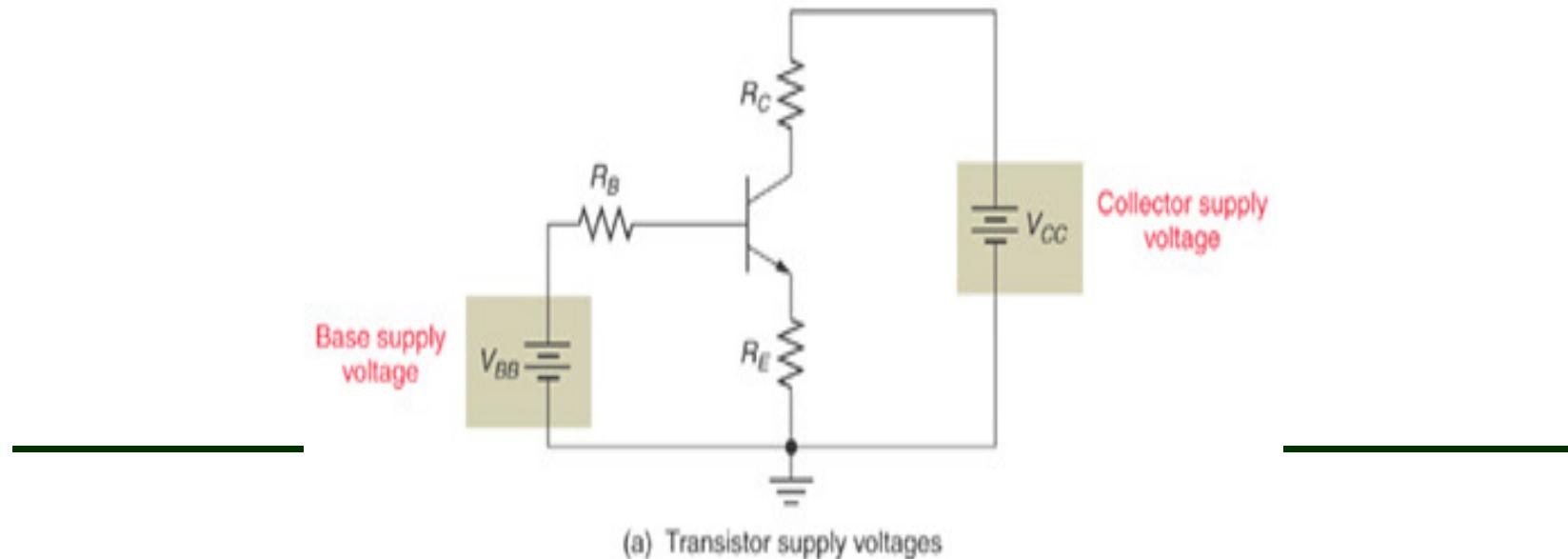
# Transistor Operation



## Transistor Voltages:

- $V_{CC}$  – collector supply voltage. This is a power supply voltage applied directly to collector of transistor.
- $V_{BB}$  – base supply voltage. this is dc voltage used to bias base of transistor.
- $V_{EE}$  – emitter supply voltage. dc biasing voltage and in many cases,  $V_{EE}$  is simply a ground connection.

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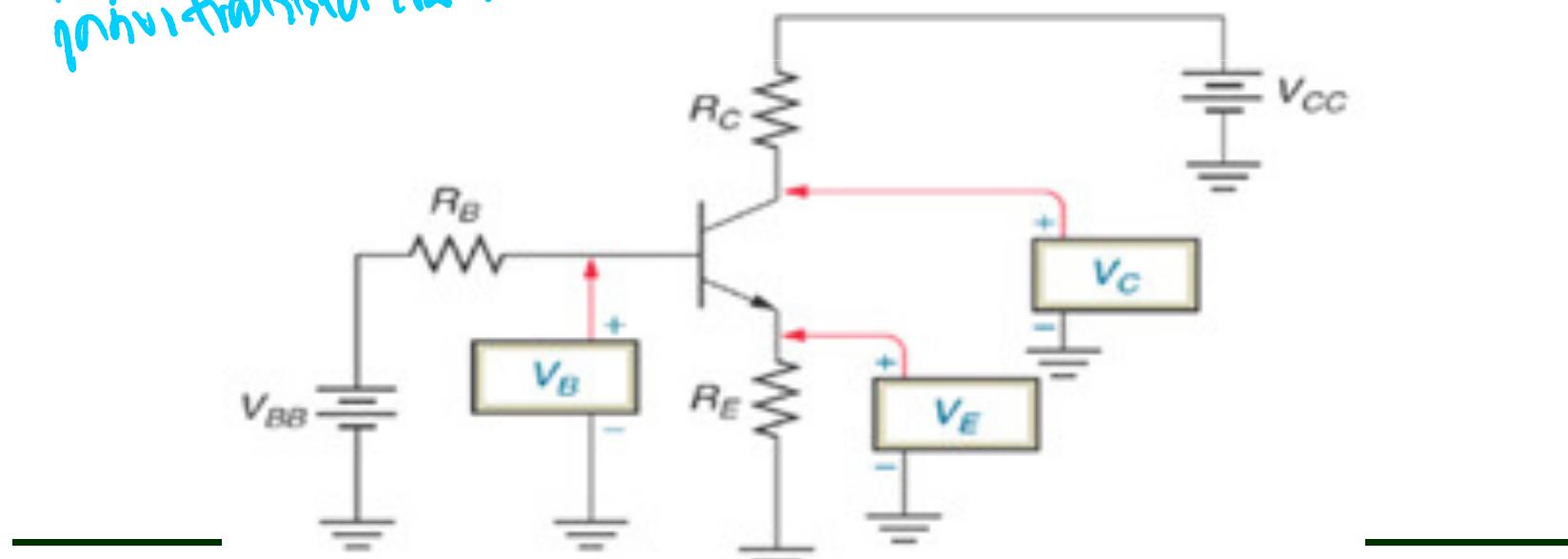
# Transistor Operation



## Transistor Voltages:

- $V_C$  – dc voltage measured from collector terminal of component to ground
- $V_B$  – dc voltage measured from base terminal to ground.
- $V_E$  – dc voltage measured from emitter terminal to ground.

in this transistor diagram



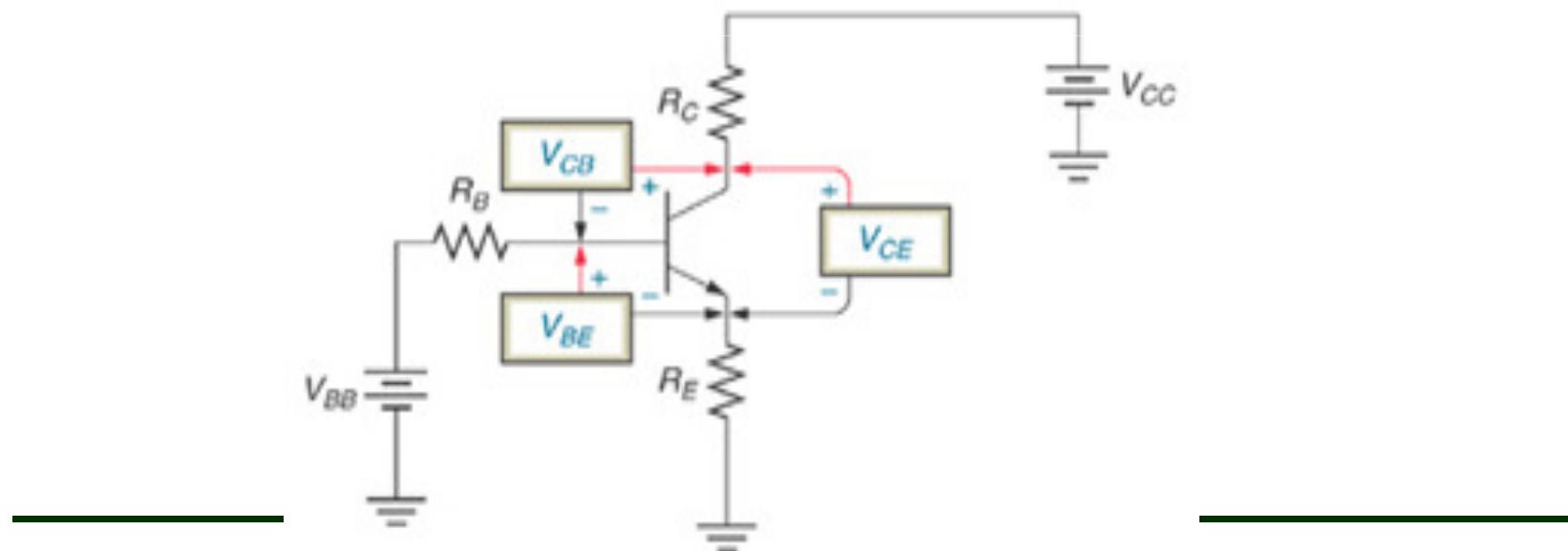
(b) Transistor terminal voltages to ground

# Transistor Operation



## Transistor Voltages:

- $V_{CE}$  – dc voltage measured from collector to emitter terminal of transistor.
- $V_{BE}$  – dc voltage measured from base to emitter terminal of transistor.
- $V_{CB}$  – dc voltage measured from collector to base terminal of transistor.



(c) The voltages measured across the transistor junctions

# Currents in a Transistor



Emitter current is the sum of the collector and base currents:

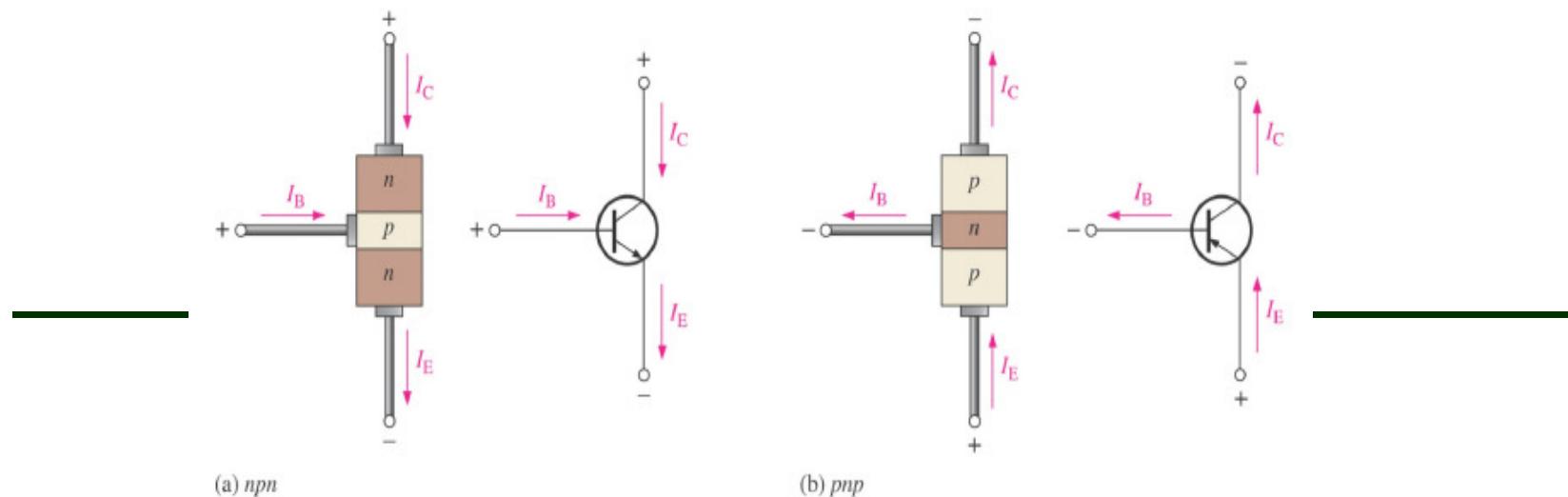
$$I_E = I_B + I_C$$

$$I_E > I_B + \beta I_B$$

Current gain ( $\beta$ ) → factor by which current increases from base of transistor to its collector.

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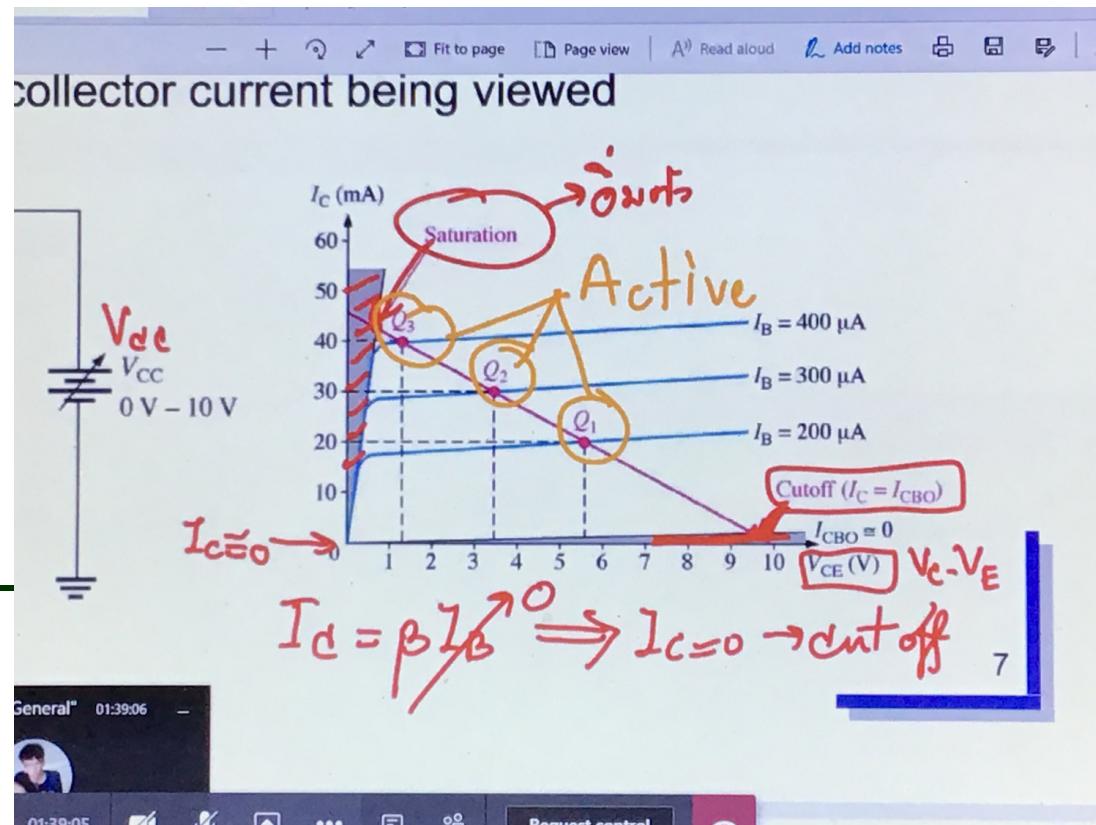
$$I_C = \beta_{DC} I_B$$



# Operating Regions



- Active – Operating range of the amplifier. *transistor junction*
- Cutoff – The amplifier is basically off. There is voltage, but little current.
- Saturation – The amplifier is full on. There is current, but little voltage.  
*I<sub>C</sub> = 0* *V<sub>CE</sub> = 0*

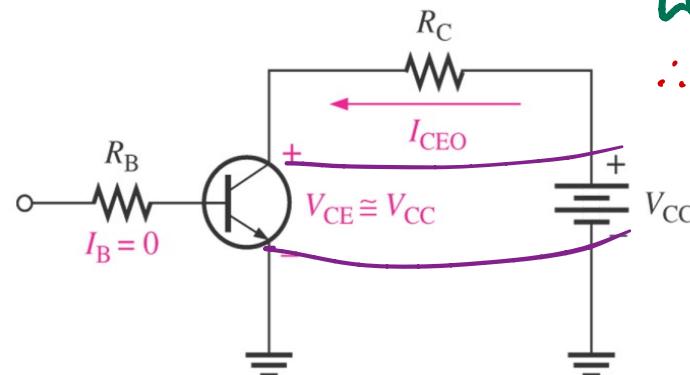


# Operating Regions



## Cutoff region

- Both transistor junctions are reverse biased.
- With large depletion region between C-B and E-B, reverse current,  $I_{CEO}$  passes from emitter to collector and can be neglected.
- So,  $V_{CE} = V_{CC}$

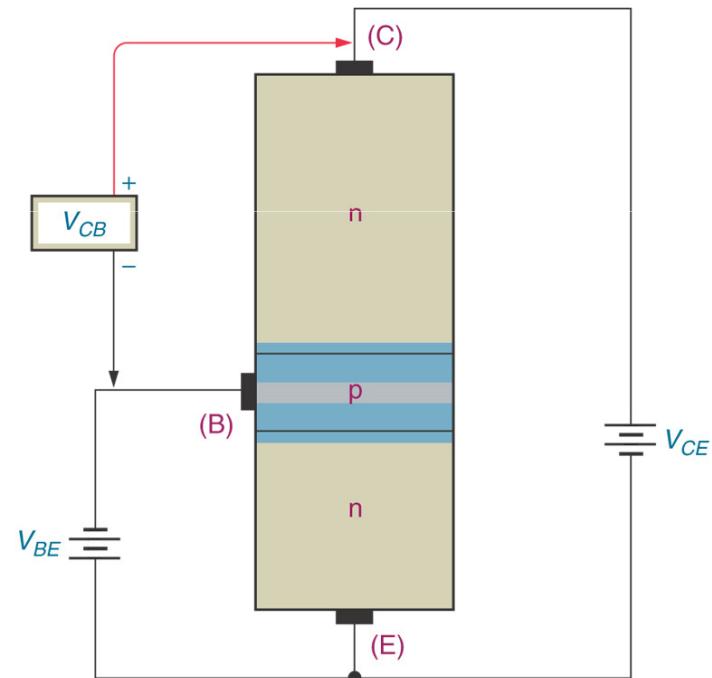


$$I_C = \beta I_B = 0$$

*in cutoff.*

$$\therefore V_{CE} = V_{CC}$$

*$I_C = 0$  (cutoff)*



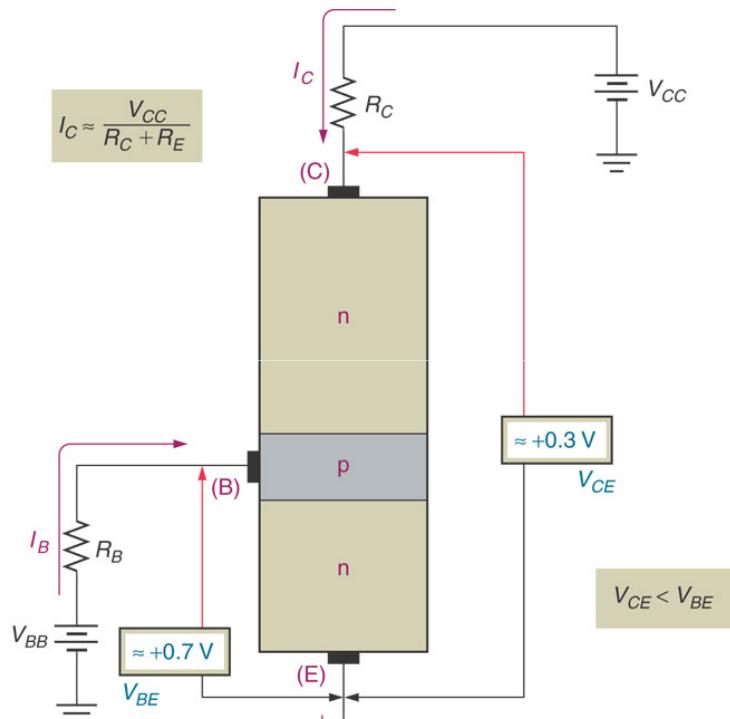
# Operating Regions



## Saturation region

- Both transistor junctions are **forward-biased**.
- $I_C$  reaches its maximum value as determined by  $V_{CC}$  and total resistance in C-E circuit.
- $I_C$  is **independently** from relationship of  $\beta$  and  $I_B$ .
- $V_{BE}$  is approximately **0.7V** and  $V_{CE} < V_{BE}$ .

$$I_C = \frac{V_{CC}}{R_C + R_E}$$



Eg.  $V_{CC} + I_C R_C + V_{CE} + I_E R_E = 0$   
(In forward bias,  $I_C \approx I_E$ )

$$\therefore V_{CC} = I_C (R_C + R_E) + V_{CE}$$

$$\therefore I_C = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{CE}}{R_C + R_E}$$

$$\therefore I_{C\max} = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{CE}}{R_C + R_E}$$

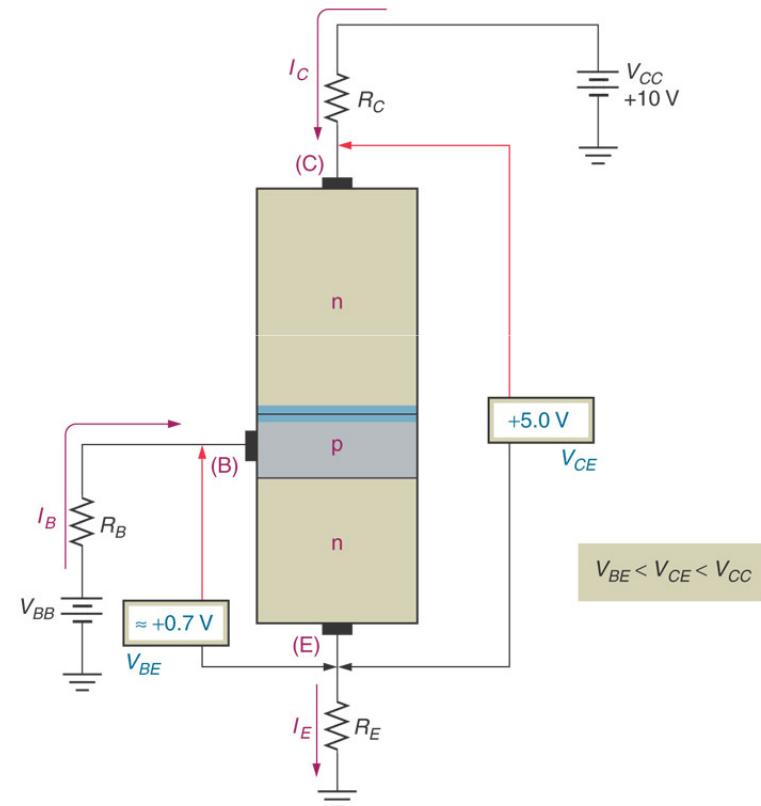
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# Operating Regions



## Active region

- **BE junction is forward biased and the BC junction is reverse biased.**
- All terminal currents have some measurable value.
- The magnitude of  $I_C$  depends on the values of  $V_{BE}$  and  $I_B$ .
- $V_{CE}$  is approximately near to **0.7V** and  $V_{CE}$  falls in ranges  $V_{BE} < V_{CE} < V_{CC}$ .



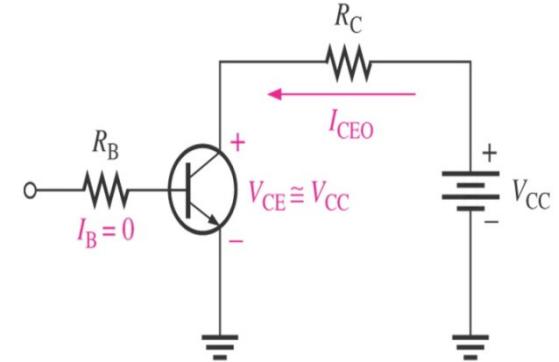
# Operating Regions



## Transistor Operating Regions:

### 1. Cutoff region:

- Both transistor junctions are reverse biased
- All terminal current are approximately equal to zero. Since  $I_{CEO}$  neglected,  $V_{CE} = V_{CC}$

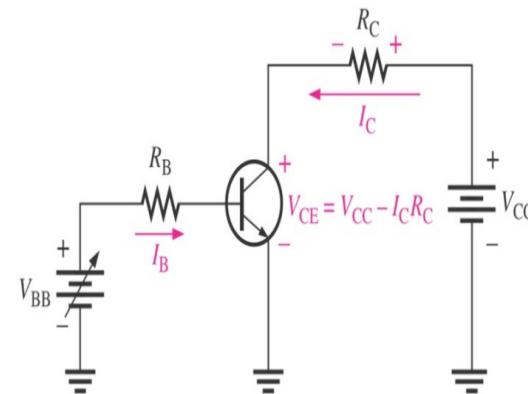


### 2. Active region:

- The BE junction is forward biased and the BC junction is reverse biased
- All terminal currents have some measurable value
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### 3. Saturation:

- Both transistor junctions are forward biased
- $I_C$  reaches its maximum values- determine by the component in the CE circuit, and independent of the values of  $\beta$  and  $I_B$
- $V_{BE}$  is approximately 0.7V and  $V_{CE} < V_{BE}$



# Approximations



**Emitter and collector currents:**

$$I_C \approx I_E$$

**Base-emitter voltage:**

$$V_{BE} = 0.7 \text{ V} \text{ (for Silicon)}$$



# Alpha ( $\alpha$ )

**Alpha ( $\alpha$ ) is the ratio of  $I_C$  to  $I_E$ :**

$$\alpha_{dc} = \frac{I_C}{I_E}$$

**Ideally:  $\alpha = 1$**

**In reality:  $\alpha$  is between 0.9 and 0.998**

# Beta ( $\beta$ )



$\beta$  represents the amplification factor of a transistor. ( $\beta$  is sometimes referred to as  $h_{fe}$ , a term used in transistor modeling calculations)

In DC mode:

$$\beta_{dc} = \frac{I_C}{I_B}$$

Relationship between amplification factors  $\beta$  and  $\alpha$

$$\alpha = \frac{\beta}{\beta + 1} \quad \beta = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha - 1}$$

Relationship Between Currents

$$I_C = \beta I_B$$

$$I_E = (\beta + 1) I_B$$

# BJT CHARACTERISTICS & PARAMETERS



## Current and Voltage Analysis:

- When the  $BE$  junction is forward-biased, like a forward biased diode and the voltage drop is  $V_{BE} \approx 0.7V$
- Since the emitter is at ground (0V), by Kirchhoff's voltage law, the voltage across  $R_B$  is:  $V_{R_B} = V_{BB} - V_{BE}$  .....(1)
- Also, by Ohm's law:  $V_{R_B} = I_B R_B$  .....(2)
- From (1) ->(2) :  
$$V_{BB} - V_{BE} = I_B R_B$$
- Therefore, the dc base current is:

$$I_B = \frac{V_{BB} - V_{BE}}{R_B}$$

# BJT CHARACTERISTICS & PARAMETERS



## Current and Voltage Analysis:

- The voltage at the collector with respect to the grounded emitter is:

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

- Since the drop across  $R_C$  is:  $V_{RC} = I_C R_C$
- The dc voltage at the collector with respect to the emitter is:

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

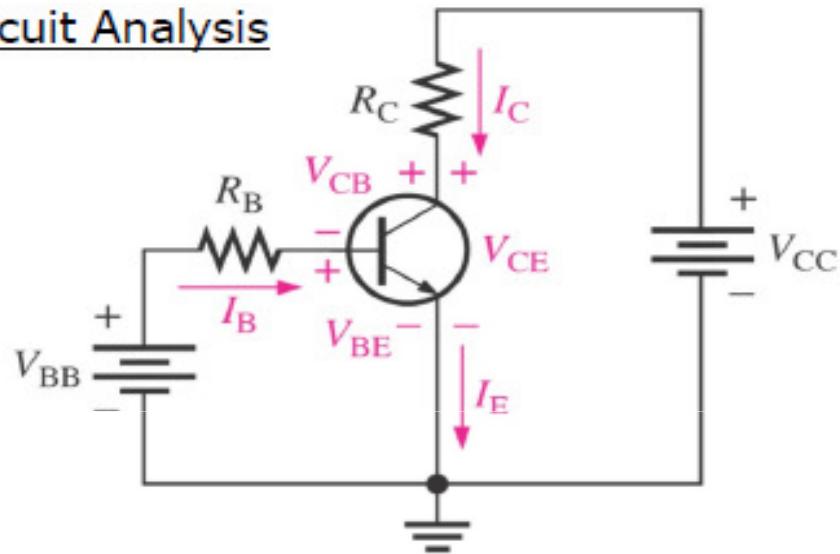
- where  $I_C = \beta_{DC} I_B$
- The dc voltage at the collector with respect to the base is:

$$V_{CB} = V_{CE} - V_{BE}$$

# BJT CHARACTERISTICS & PARAMETERS



## BJT Circuit Analysis



### ➤ KVL at B-E loop

$$-V_{BB} + V_{RB} + V_{BE} = 0$$

$$I_B R_B = V_{BB} - V_{BE}$$

$$I_B = \frac{V_{BB} - V_{BE}}{R_B}$$

Note :  $V_{BE}=0.7V$

### ➤ KVL at C-E loop

$$-V_{CC} + V_{RC} + V_{CE} = 0$$

$$V_{CE} = V_{CC} - V_{RC}$$

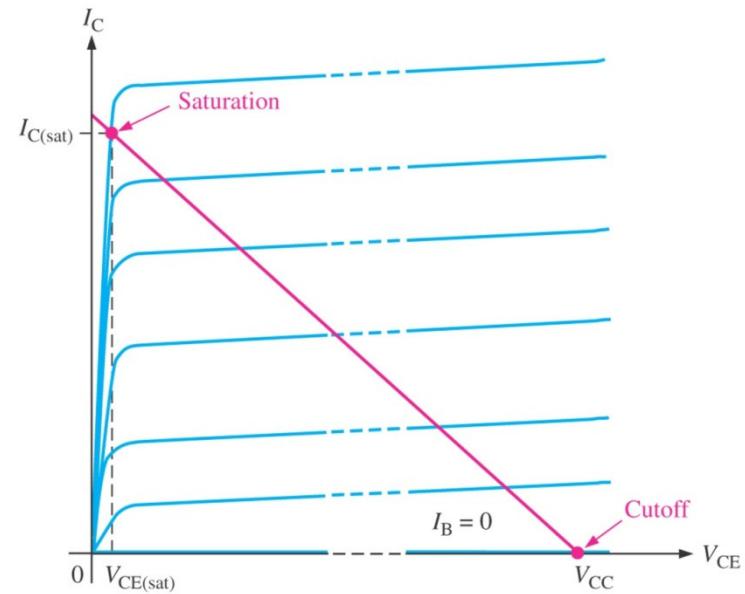
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## DC Load Line:

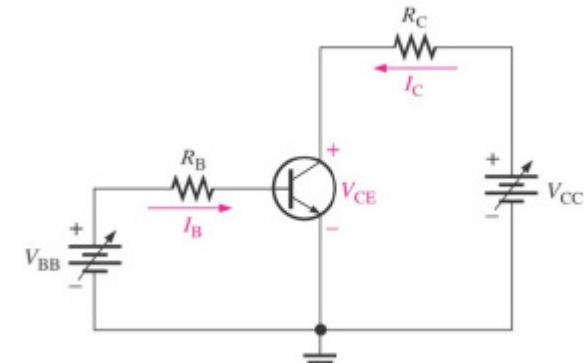
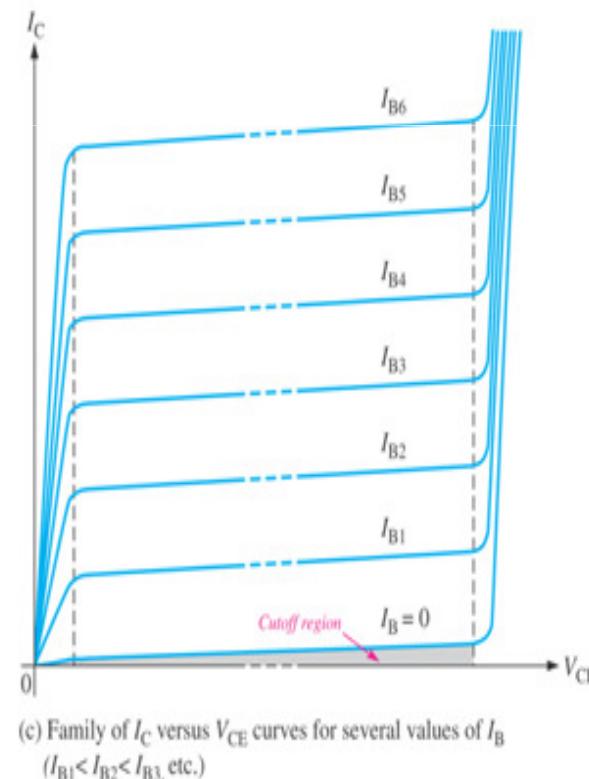
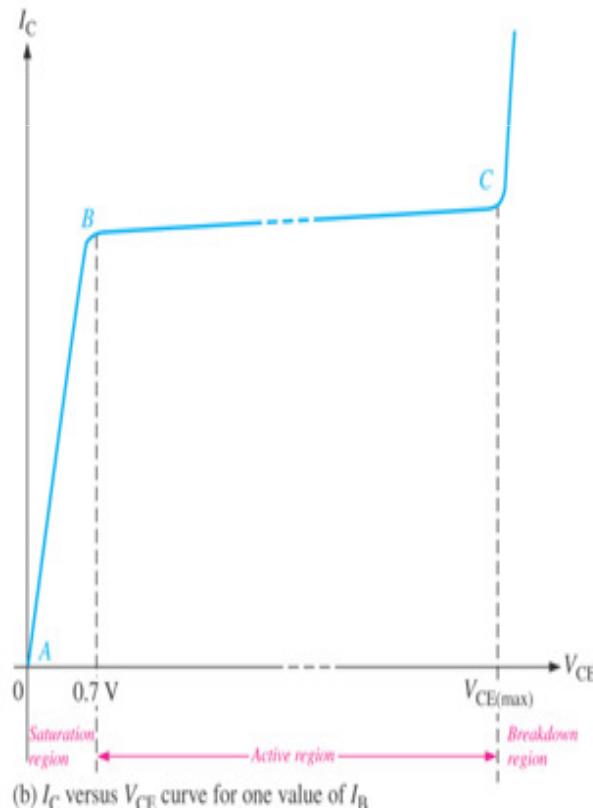
- Cutoff and saturation can be illustrated in relation to the collector characteristic curves by the use of a load line.
- DC load line drawn on the connecting cutoff and saturation point.
- The bottom of load line is ideal cutoff where  $I_C=0$  &  $V_{CE}=V_{CC}$ .
- The top of load line is saturation where  $I_C=I_{C(sat)}$  &  $V_{CE}=V_{CE(sat)}$
- In between cutoff and saturation is the active region of transistor's operation.



# BJT CHARACTERISTICS & PARAMETERS



Collector Characteristic Curve:

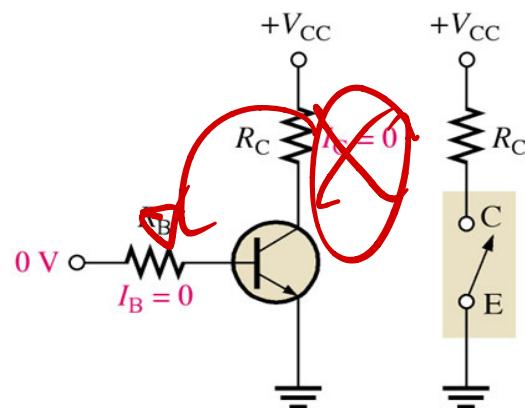


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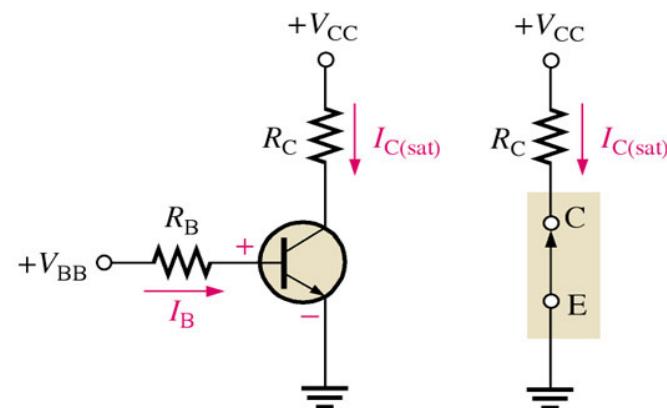


A transistor when used as a switch is simply being biased so that it is in:

1. cutoff (switched off)
2. saturation (switched on)



(a) Cutoff — open switch



(b) Saturation — closed switch

# BJT AS A SWITCH



## Conditions in Cutoff

$$V_{CE(cutoff)} = V_{CC}$$

Neglect leakage current and all currents are zero. BE junction is reverse biased.

## Conditions in Saturation

$$I_{C(sat)} = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{CE(sat)}}{R_C}$$

Since  $V_{CE(sat)}$  is very small compared to  $V_{CC}$ , it can be neglected.

$$I_{B(\min)} = \frac{I_{C(sat)}}{\beta_{DC}}$$

# Transistor Specification Sheet

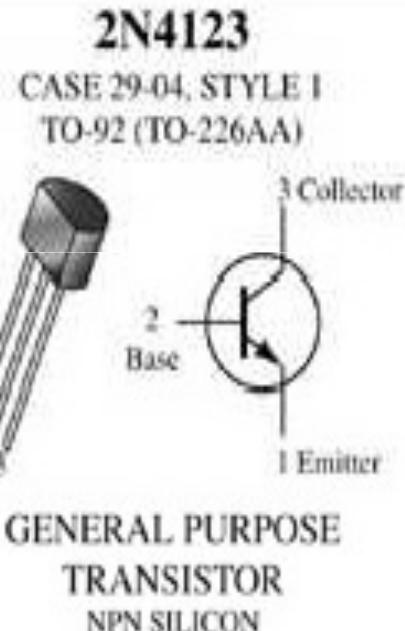


## MAXIMUM RATINGS

Rating	Symbol	2N4123	Unit
Collector-Emitter Voltage	$V_{CEO}$	30	Vdc
Collector-Base Voltage	$V_{CBO}$	40	Vdc
Emitter-Base Voltage	$V_{EBO}$	5.0	Vdc
Collector Current - Continuous	$I_C$	200	mAdc
Total Device Dissipation @ $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ Derate above $25^\circ\text{C}$	$P_D$	625 5.0	mW mW/°C
Operating and Storage Junction Temperature Range	$T_J, T_{SG}$	-55 to +150	°C

## THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS

Characteristic	Symbol	Max	Unit
Thermal Resistance, Junction to Case	$R_{JUC}$	83.3	°C/W
Thermal Resistance, Junction to Ambient	$R_{JUA}$	200	°C/W



# Transistor Specification Sheet



ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS ( $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$  unless otherwise noted)

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Max	Unit
<b>OFF CHARACTERISTICS</b>				
Collector-Emitter Breakdown Voltage (1) ( $I_C = 1.0 \text{ mA dc}, I_E = 0$ )	$V_{(BR)CEO}$	30		Vdc
Collector-Base Breakdown Voltage ( $I_C = 10 \mu\text{A dc}, I_E = 0$ )	$V_{(BR)CBO}$	40		Vdc
Emitter-Base Breakdown Voltage ( $I_E = 10 \mu\text{A dc}, I_C = 0$ )	$V_{(BR)EBO}$	5.0	—	Vdc
Collector Cutoff Current ( $V_{CB} = 20 \text{ Vdc}, I_E = 0$ )	$I_{CBO}$	—	50	nAdc
Emitter Cutoff Current ( $V_{BE} = 3.0 \text{ Vdc}, I_C = 0$ )	$I_{EBO}$	—	50	nAdc
<b>ON CHARACTERISTICS</b>				
DC Current Gain (1) ( $I_C = 2.0 \text{ mA dc}, V_{CE} = 1.0 \text{ Vdc}$ ) ( $I_C = 50 \text{ mA dc}, V_{CE} = 1.0 \text{ Vdc}$ )	$\beta_{FE}$	50 25	150	—
Collector-Emitter Saturation Voltage (1) ( $I_C = 50 \text{ mA dc}, I_B = 5.0 \text{ mA dc}$ )	$V_{CE(sat)}$	—	0.3	Vdc
Base-Emitter Saturation Voltage (1) ( $I_E = 50 \text{ mA dc}, I_B = 5.0 \text{ mA dc}$ )	$V_{BE(sat)}$	—	0.95	Vdc
<b>SMALL-SIGNAL CHARACTERISTICS</b>				
Current-Gain – Bandwidth Product ( $I_C = 10 \text{ mA dc}, V_{CE} = 20 \text{ Vdc}, f = 100 \text{ MHz}$ )	$f_T$	250		MHz
Output Capacitance ( $V_{CE} = 5.0 \text{ Vdc}, I_E = 0, f = 100 \text{ MHz}$ )	$C_{o\text{bo}}$	—	4.0	pF
Input Capacitance ( $V_{BE} = 0.5 \text{ Vdc}, I_C = 0, f = 100 \text{ kHz}$ )	$C_{i\text{bo}}$	—	8.0	pF
Collector-Base Capacitance ( $I_E = 0, V_{CE} = 5.0 \text{ V}, f = 100 \text{ kHz}$ )	$C_{cb}$	—	4.0	pF
Small-Signal Current Gain ( $I_C = 2.0 \text{ mA dc}, V_{CE} = 10 \text{ Vdc}, f = 1.0 \text{ kHz}$ )	$\beta_{f\text{e}}$	50	200	—
Current Gain – High Frequency ( $I_C = 10 \text{ mA dc}, V_{CE} = 20 \text{ Vdc}, f = 100 \text{ MHz}$ ) ( $I_C = 2.0 \text{ mA dc}, V_{CE} = 10 \text{ V}, f = 1.0 \text{ kHz}$ )	$\beta_{hf}$	2.5 50	— 200	—
Noise Figure ( $I_C = 100 \mu\text{A dc}, V_{CE} = 5.0 \text{ Vdc}, R_S = 1.0 \text{ k ohm}, f = 1.0 \text{ kHz}$ )	NF	—	6.0	dB

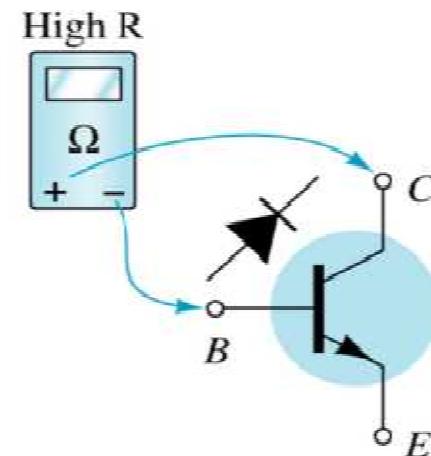
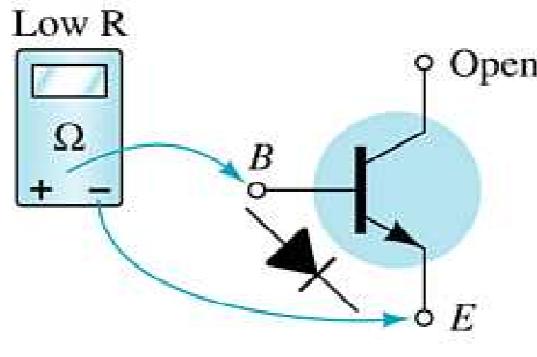
(1) Pulse Test: Pulse Width = 300  $\mu\text{s}$ . Duty Cycle = 2.0%

# Transistor Testing



- **Curve Tracer**  
Provides a graph of the characteristic curves.
- **DMM**  
Some DMMs measure  $\beta_{DC}$  or  $h_{FE}$ .

- **Ohmmeter**



# Transistor Terminal Identification

