

Bipolar Junction Transistor Amplifier

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The Great Invention in 1948



William Shockley explaining their invention

Team : William Shockley, John Bardeen, Walter Brattain
Bell Laboratories, USA



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→ trend towards miniaturizing

The First-ever Transistor



World's First Transistor developed by Shokley, Bardeen and Brattain



Early Developments

1948
The point-contact BJT is invented

1952
Junction field-effect transistor (JFET) is invented

1952
Single-crystal silicon is fabricated

1954
Oxide masking process is developed.



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* BJT is very small → To use in PCBs we need packages

* Package names and transistor names are different

Packages for BJT



TO 18 , TO 39, TO 92, TO 99

TO 5, TO247

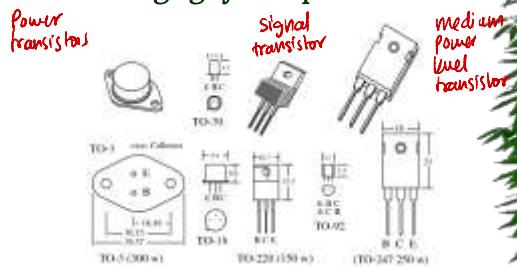
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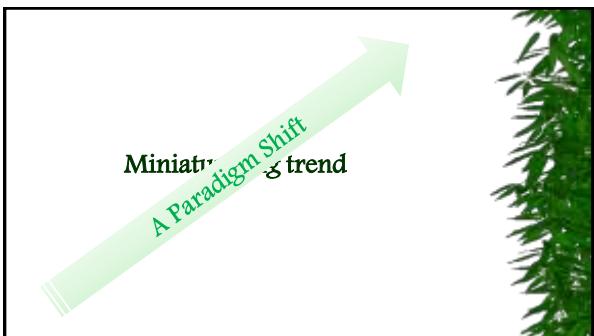
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Package names imply standard dimensions

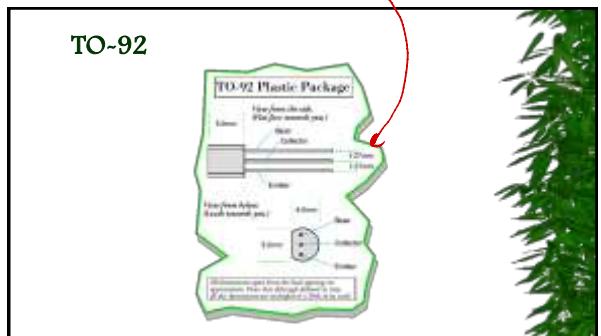
Packaging BJTs for practical use



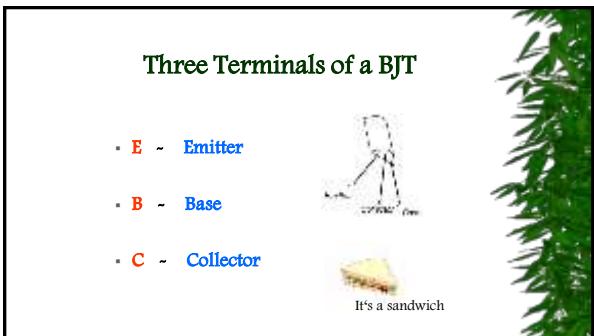
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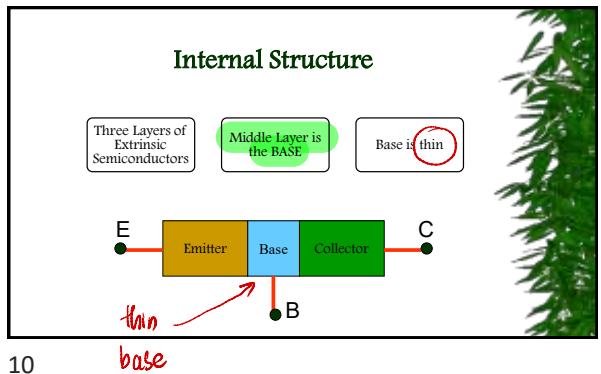
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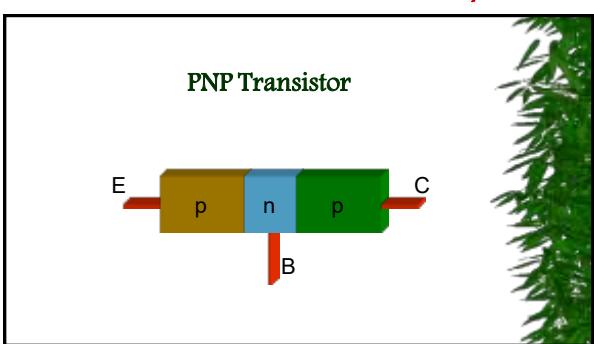


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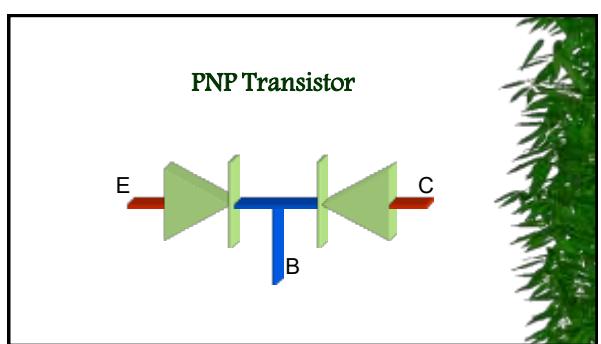
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Why npn is popular?
npn majority carrier is electrons
electrons are faster than holes.

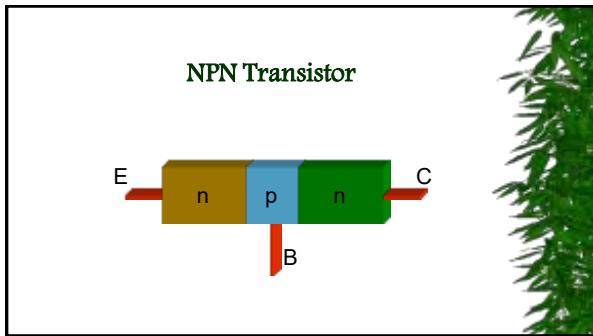
behavior is
not exactly like this



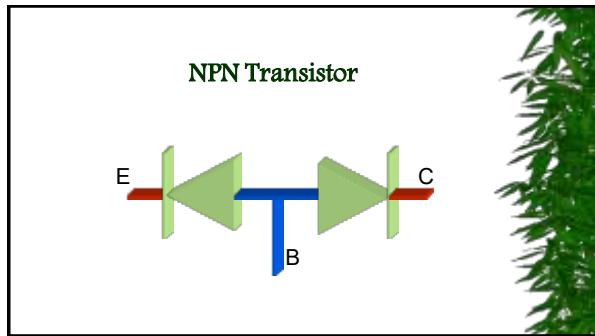
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but can
visualize
as such.

How to check PNP/NPN using multimeter?
Put multimeter to diode check mode and check E-B, BC junctions.



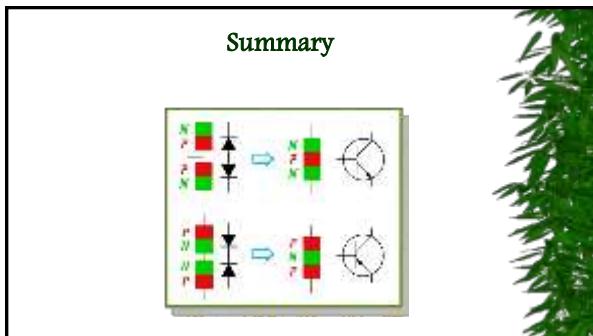
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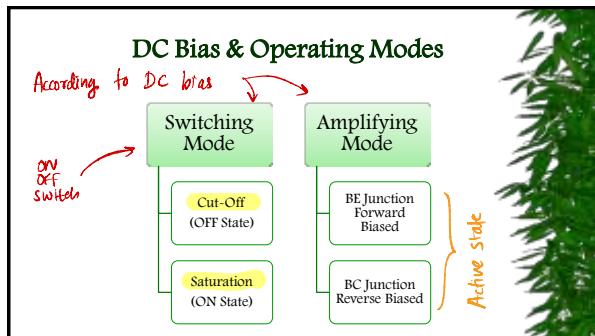
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Operating modes

- Switching → digital
 - cut off state
 - saturation state
- Amplifying → analog
 - BE f. biased
 - BC r. biased
- also called active state



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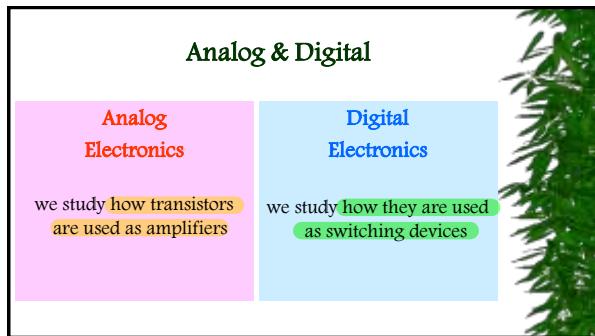
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Summary of Modes

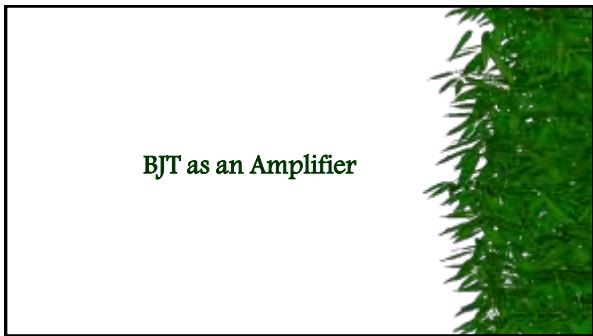
Mode & State		BIAS	
		BE	BC
Switching	Cut-Off	Rev	Rev
	Saturation	Fwd	Fwd
Amplifying	Active	Fwd	Rev

our study is on this

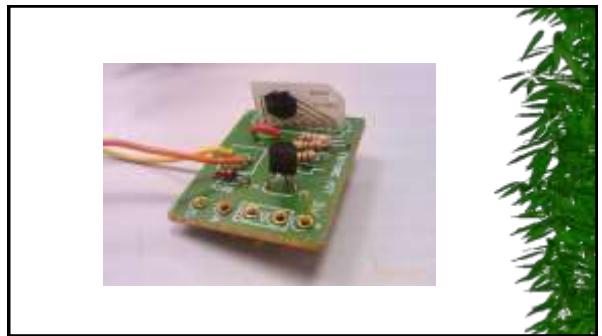
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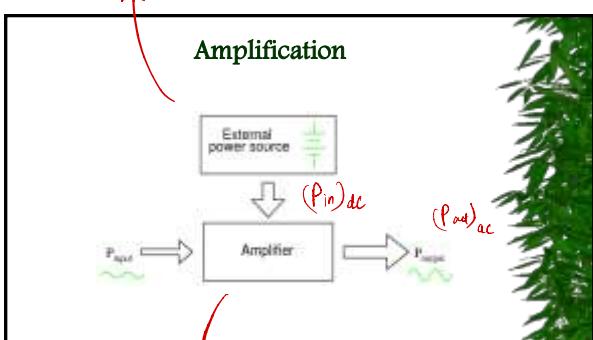


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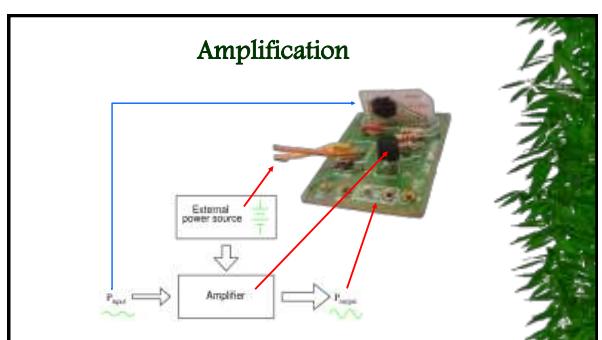
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External power source is always needed!

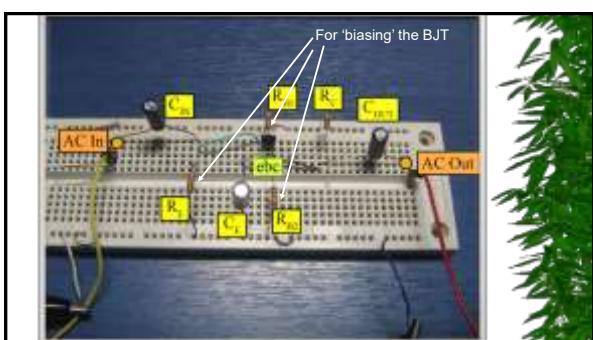


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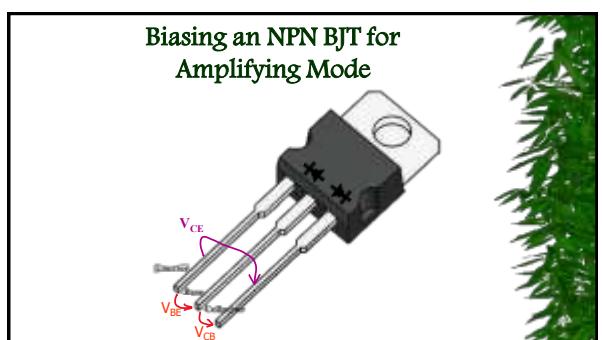
$$\text{Power efficiency} = \eta = \frac{(P_o)_{signal}}{(P_{in})_{dc}}$$



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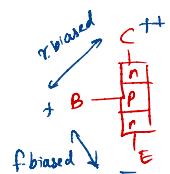


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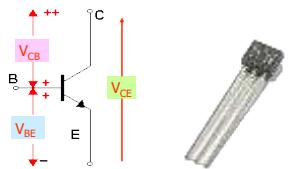


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Why can't we give AC power for BJT amplifier?
— Can't forward bias using AC signals. DC bias is needed.



Biassing an NPN BJT for Amplifying Mode



NPN BJT Biasing

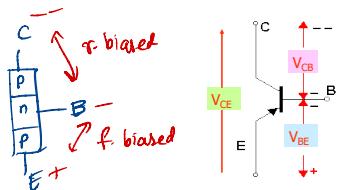
- The Base must be more positive than the Emitter

- The Collector must be even more positive than the Base

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Biassing the PNP BJT



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Activity

If a PNP transistor is selected, The base terminal must be more negative than the emitter terminal in order to forward bias the B-E junction.

The collector terminal must be even...more negative than the base terminal in order to reverse bias the B-C junction.

Solution

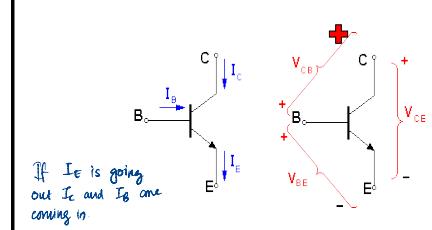
If a PNP transistor is selected, The base terminal must be more negative than the emitter terminal in order to forward bias the B-E junction.

The collector terminal must be even MORE NEGATIVE than the base terminal in order to reverse bias the B-C junction.

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External Voltages and Currents



Kirchoff's Current Law

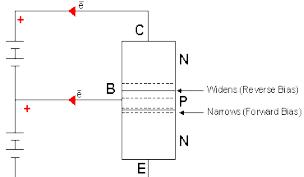
$$I_E = I_B + I_C$$

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Internal Operation of BJT

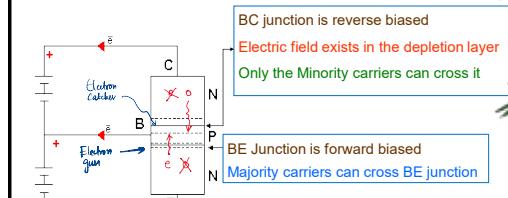
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Junctions Biased by External DC sources



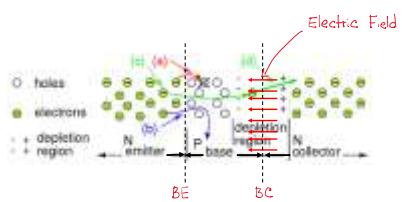
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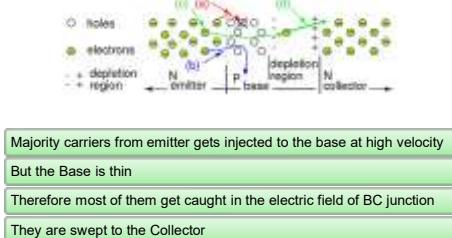
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Behaviour of Current Carriers



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Transistor Action

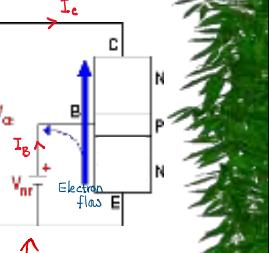
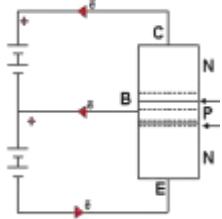


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What's wrong?

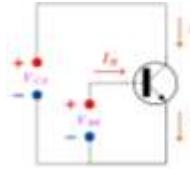
No common ground
One battery is dependent on the other

Rearranging the Bias Supplies



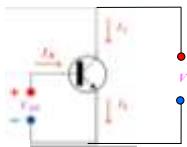
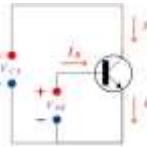
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Replacing BJT with its Symbol...



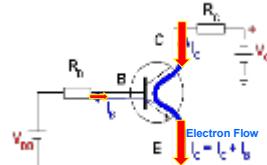
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Separating Input and Output Terminals...



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Limiting Currents with External Resistors



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Biasing → Before we amplify a A/c signal we need to put to the correct mode of amplification

BJT Current Relationships

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Static Current Gain Concept

- * Ratio between static output current and static input current.
- * Also given as h_{FE} (for common emitter)

$$\beta = h_{FE} = I_C / I_B$$

Static current gain

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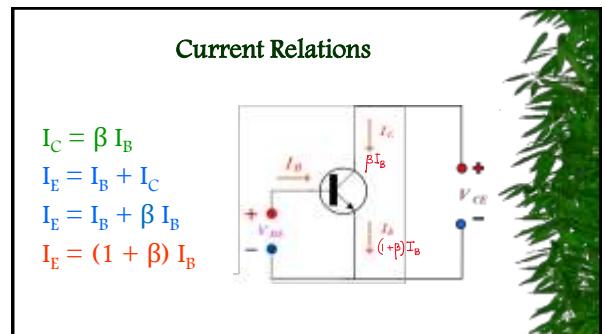
$$\alpha = h_{FE} = I_C/I_E$$

Alpha (α) = $\frac{I_C}{I_E}$ and Beta (β) = $\frac{I_C}{I_B}$
 $\therefore I_C = \alpha I_E = \beta I_B$
as: $\alpha = \frac{\beta}{\beta + 1}$ $\beta = \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha}$

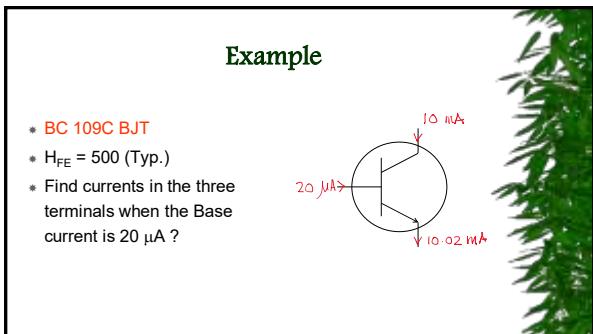
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$$\alpha = \frac{\beta}{\beta + 1} \quad \beta = \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha}$$

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



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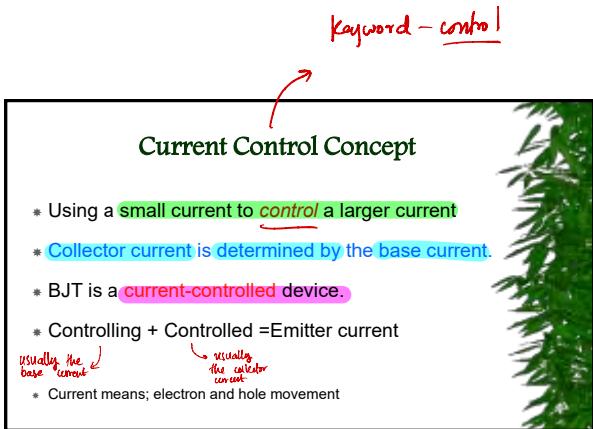


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Generating a Higher Force...



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* One current controls
One current is being controlled.

$$I_C = \beta I_B$$

controlled controlling

Current = electron + holes

BJT Amplifier Configurations

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Microwave engineering - diodes can amplify GHz range frequencies

An Amplifier

- * An amplifier should have an input port and an output port (Four wires).

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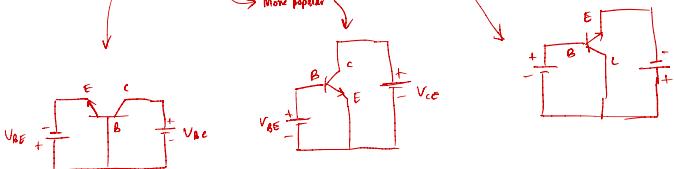
Two Ports from Three Terminals ?

- * BJT is a three terminal device !
- * Solution : Take one of its terminals as a common terminal for both ports.

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Three Amplifier Configurations

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* Even though theoretical gain is possible it is not favourable because noise problems / interference can happen
 Solution → Use one amplifier to another (cascading amplifiers)

one of the V/I gains is <1

Configuration	CE	CC	CB
Voltage Gain	High	<1	High
Current Gain	High	High	<1
Power Gain	High	Moderate	Moderate
Phase Inversion	Yes	No	No
Input Impedance	Moderate ($\approx 1K$)	High ($\approx 300K$)	Low ($\approx 50 \Omega$)
Output Impedance	Moderate ($\approx 50K$)	Low ($\approx 300 \Omega$)	High ($\approx 1M$)

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Most common

Special occasions
e.g. the first amplifier in mobile phones



BJT Characteristics

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By taking one terminal common we can reduce the no. of variables

Number of Variables involved

- * Diode
 - One current and one voltage
- * BJT
 - Three currents and three voltages!
 - They are interdependent
 - How many characteristic graphs?

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Variables in an Amplifier Configuration

dependent
Input voltage
Input current

independent variable
Output voltage
Output current

independent variable
Because BJT is a current controlled device

Four Variables
 V_i, I_i, V_o, I_o

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Static – because we're studying DC behaviour

Characteristics of a BJT

Mutual characteristics (also called)

Static Transfer Characteristics

Static Input Characteristics

BJT

Static Output Characteristics

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Three Characteristics of a BJT in a given Amplifier Configuration

We need this the most

Static Output Characteristics

* Static Input Characteristics

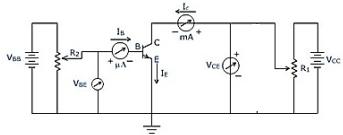
* Static Transfer Characteristics

– Mutual Characteristics

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Since we have 2 independent variables to plot V_B against I_E we have to keep V_C constant.

Test Circuit for CE Configuration



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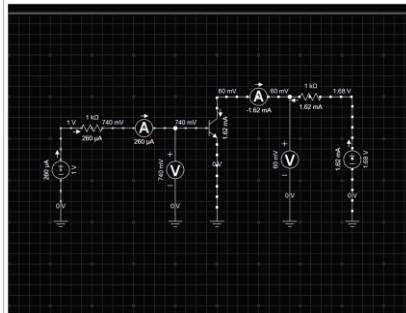
Static Input Characteristics

- * The plot of input current against input voltage
 - Keep the output voltage constant
 - Multiple curves for each constant value

Second graph for each V_C value
we will get multiple curves

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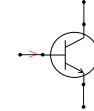
Output voltage is $V_{CE} = \text{constant}$



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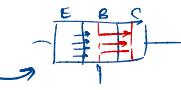
Static Input Characteristics for CE Configuration

- * For CE configuration it is the plot of Base current vs Base voltage
 - Collector voltage is kept constant
 - Remember diode characteristics
 - ↳ Because it is a pn junction



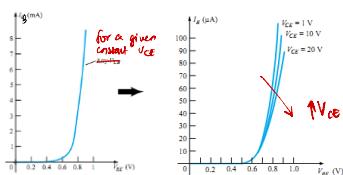
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Why curve shift down when $V_{CE} \uparrow$?
 $V_{CE} \uparrow$ means widening the depletion layer
 So more electrons would flow to the collector, reducing I_B current.



Basically we are plotting $\frac{V}{I}$ characteristics of a diode

Static Input Characteristics



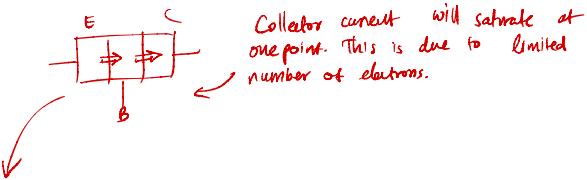
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* Everytime we change I_B
 V_{CE} will change. So we have to change
 V_{CE} so that V_{CE} will be the same
 value

Static Output Characteristics

- * The plot of output current against output voltage
 - Keep the input current constant
 - Multiple curves for each constant value

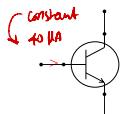
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Static Output Characteristics

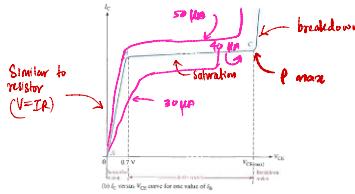
- * For CE configuration it is the plot of Collector current vs Collector voltage

- Base current is kept constant



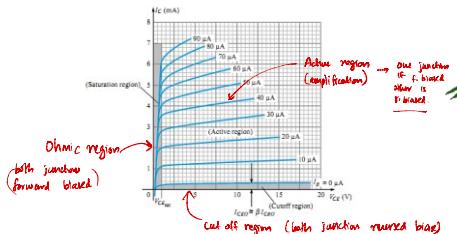
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Static Output Characteristics



67 To increase the saturation level \rightarrow increase the base bias (current)

Static Output Characteristics



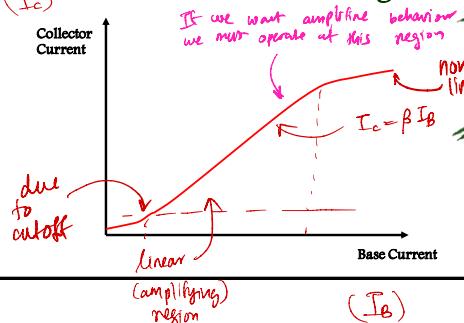
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Static Transfer Characteristics

- * The plot of output current against input current
 - Keep the output voltage constant \rightarrow *Keep Vce constant*
 - Multiple curves for each constant value
- * For CE configuration it is the plot of Collector current vs Base current
 - Collector voltage is kept constant
 - Linear behaviour

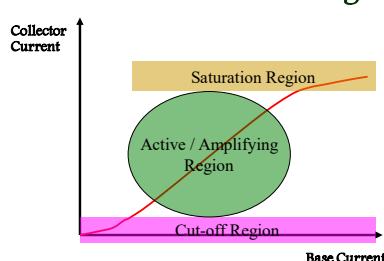
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Controlled Vs. Controlling

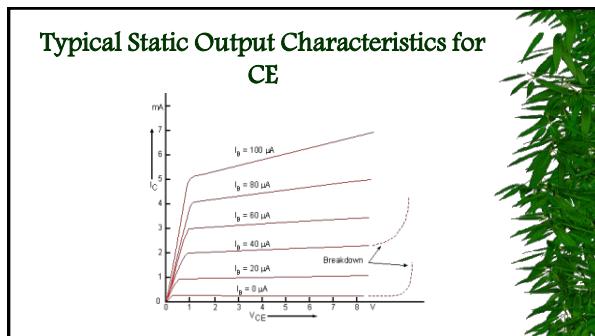


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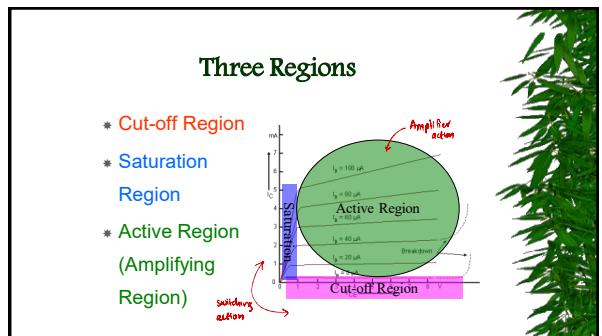
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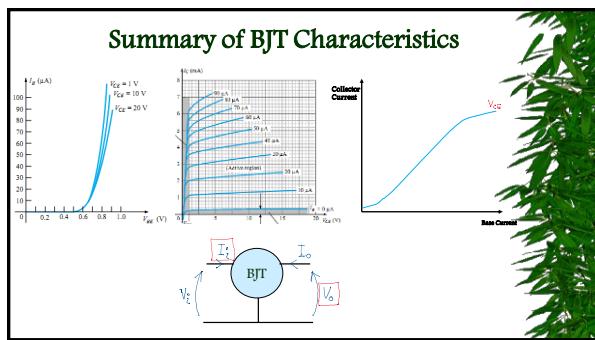
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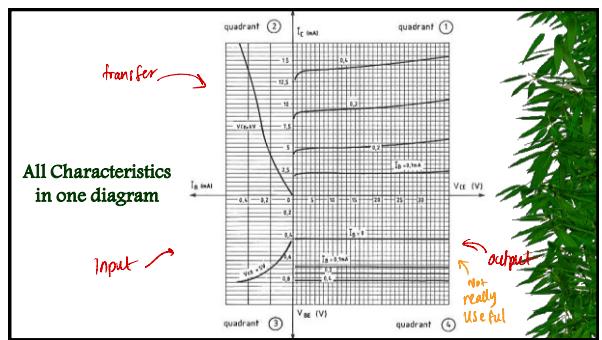
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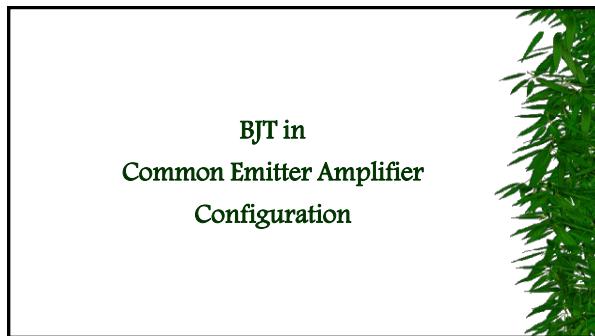


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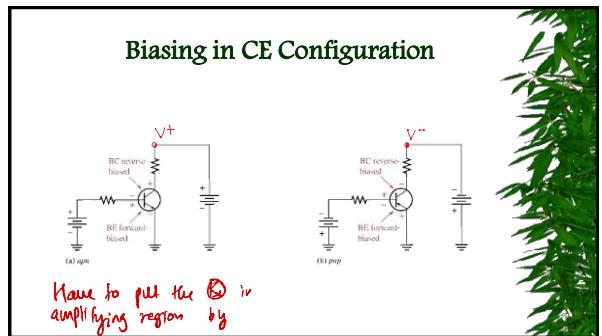


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Acts like a character certificate



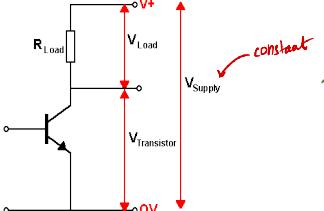
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Have to pull the \odot in amplifying region by choosing I_B

Output Side is a Potential Divider...



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Kirchoff's Voltage Law

$$V_{LOAD} + V_{TRANSISTOR} = V_{SUPPLY}$$

constant

$V_L \downarrow V_{load} \uparrow$

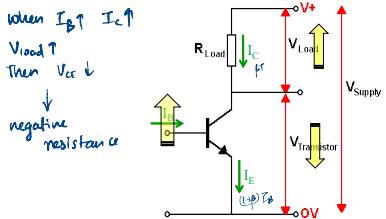
$V_T \uparrow V_{load} \downarrow$ constant

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Any device which displays negative resistance can amplify.

increasing I decreases V and vice versa
($I_B \uparrow V_{CE} \downarrow$)

A Negative Resistance?



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Activity

When collector current is increased voltage across rises and voltage across decreases. When the input voltage increases, collector current , and the voltage across the load The output voltage is the C-E voltage across the transistor. It , as a result of the increase in load voltage.

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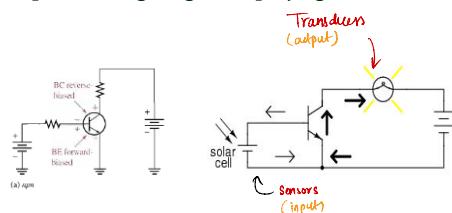
Answer

When collector current is increased voltage across the LOAD rises and voltage across TRANSISTOR decreases. When the input voltage increases, collector current RISES, and the voltage across the load RISES AS A RESULT. The output voltage is the C-E voltage across the transistor. It DROPS, as a result of the increase in load voltage.

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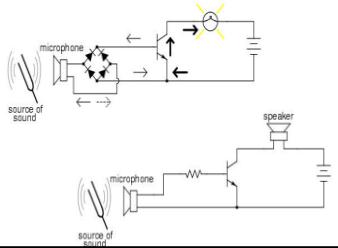
Conceptualizing ...

Proportional Lighting in Amplifying Mode

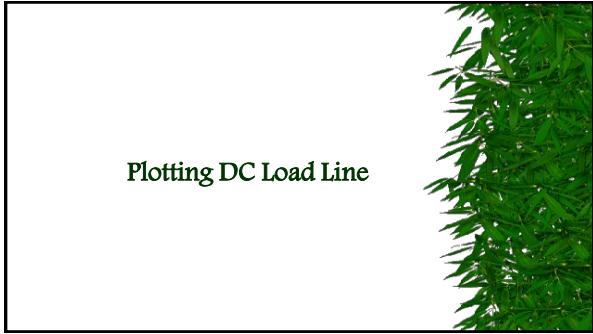


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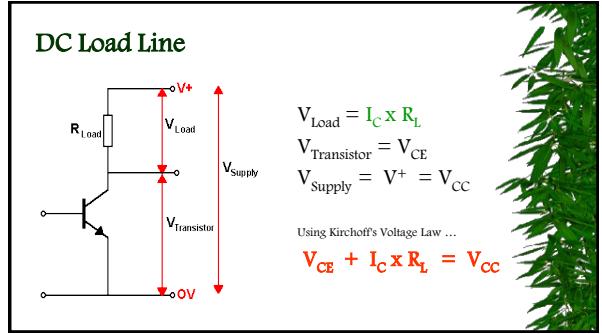
Lighting Proportional to Sound



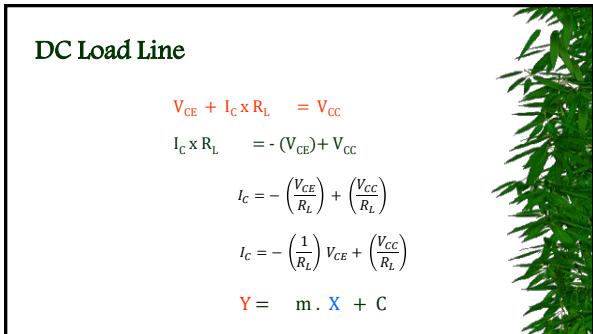
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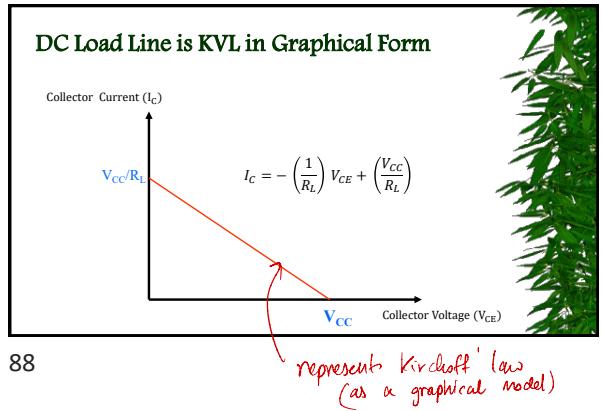
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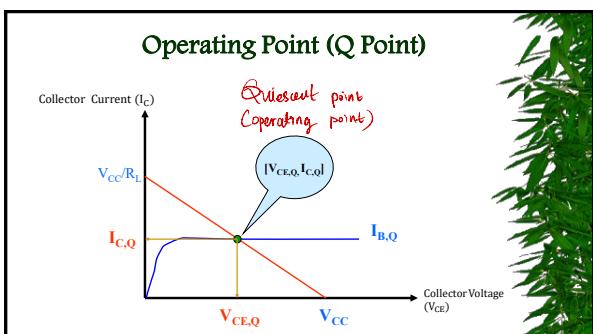


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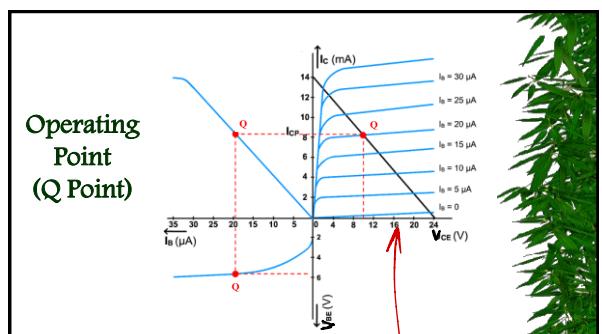


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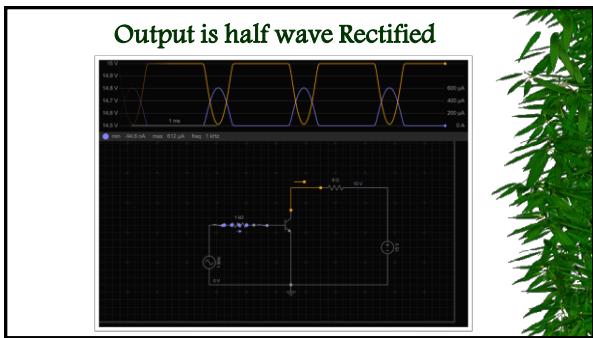
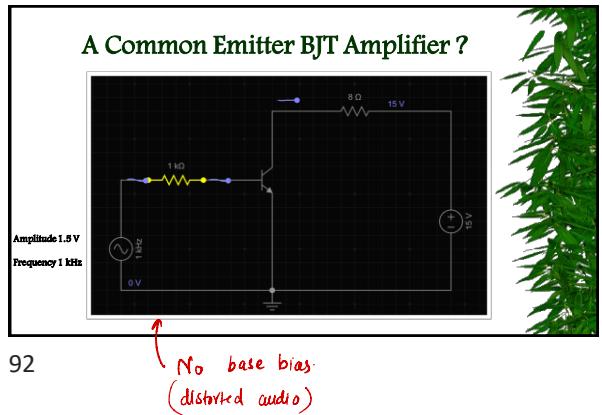
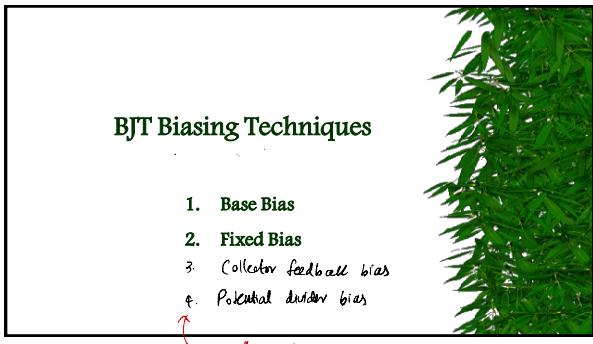
Q-point can be marked on any of the three characteristics



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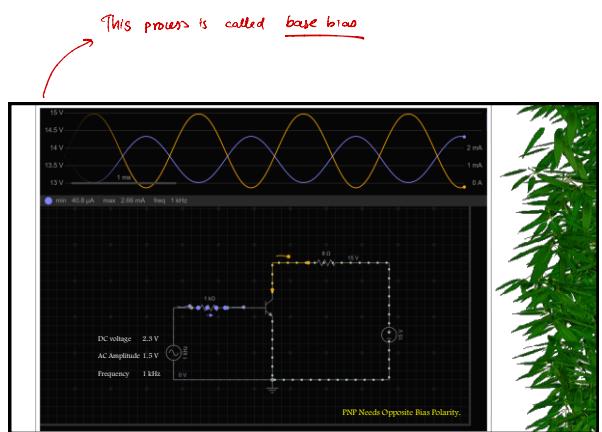
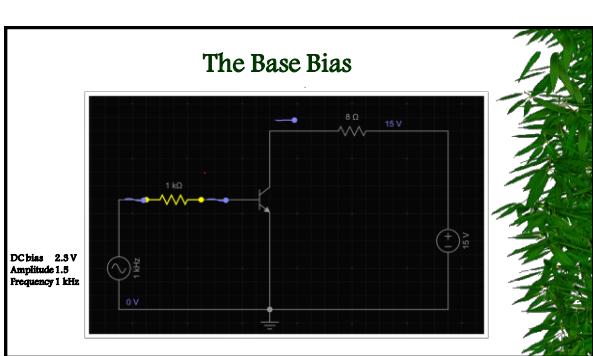


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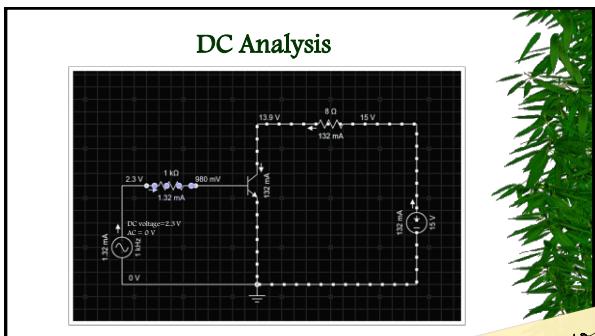


DC Bias on Terminals

- Transistor must be in its active mode throughout the entire cycle of the input AC signal. This is called 'Class A' operation.
- Solution :
- Superimpose the small input AC signal on a DC voltage.



Not used in industry → because we need 2 power supplies
not cost effective

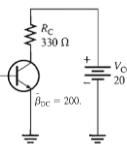


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Ex. Base Bias Example

Let us analyze this circuit

Base
Bias
Power
Supply



$$I_B = \frac{V_{BB} - V_{BE}}{R_B} = \frac{10 V - 0.7 V}{47 k\Omega} = 198 \mu A$$

$$I_C = \beta_{DC} I_B = (200)(198 \mu A) = 39.6 mA$$

$$V_{CE} = V_{CC} - I_C R_C = 20 V - 39.6 mA \times 330 \Omega = 6.93 V$$

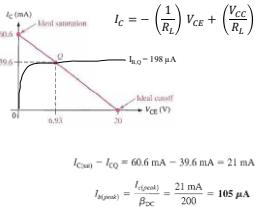
$$I_B = \frac{10 - 0.7}{4.7} \text{ mA}$$

$$I_C = \frac{10 - 0.7}{4.7} \times 200 \text{ mA}$$

$$V_{CE} = 20 - \frac{10 - 0.7}{4.7} \times 200 \times 330 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$= 20 - \frac{10 - 0.7}{4.7} \times 66$$

Q point = [6.93V, 39.6 mA]

Maximum theoretical drive possible

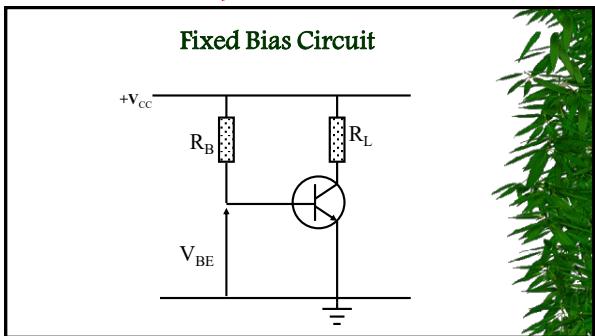
$$I_{Cmax} - I_{CO} = 60.6 \text{ mA} - 39.6 \text{ mA} = 21 \text{ mA}$$

$$I_{B(max)} = \frac{I_{C(max)}}{\beta_{DC}} = \frac{21 \text{ mA}}{200} = 105 \mu A$$

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The Fixed Bias

Same power supply (economical)
But sacrificing certain amount of power wastage → reduce by using ↑ R resistor



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Apply KVL

$$V_{BE} + I_B \cdot R_B = V_{CC}$$

Analysis

$$V_{BE} + I_B \cdot R_B = V_{CC}$$

$$I_B \cdot R_B = V_{CC} - V_{BE}$$

$$I_{B,Q} = (V_{CC} - V_{BE,Q}) / R_B$$

0.7 V
Typical

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Apply KVL

$$V_{BE} + I_B \cdot R_B = V_{CC}$$

Designing

$$V_{BE} + I_B \cdot R_B = V_{CC}$$

$$I_B \cdot R_B = V_{CC} - V_{BE}$$

$$R_B = (V_{CC} - V_{BE,Q}) / I_{B,Q}$$



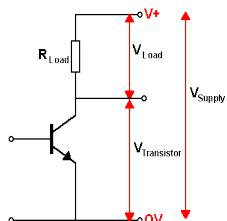
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Plotting DC Load Line

Selecting Static Output
Characteristics



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DC Load Line

$$V_{Load} = I_C \times R_L$$

$$V_{Transistor} = V_{CE}$$

$$V_{Supply} = V^+ = V_{CC}$$

Using Kirchoff's Voltage Law ...

$$V_{CE} + I_C \times R_L = V_{CC}$$

**DC Load Line**

$$V_{CE} + I_C \times R_L = V_{CC}$$

$$I_C \times R_L = - (V_{CE}) + V_{CC}$$

$$I_C = - \left(\frac{V_{CE}}{R_L} \right) + \left(\frac{V_{CC}}{R_L} \right)$$

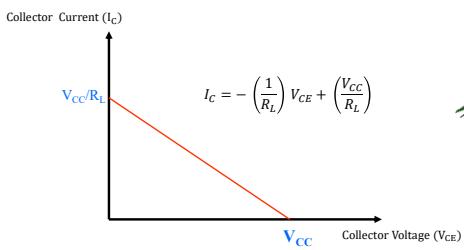
$$I_C = - \left(\frac{1}{R_L} \right) V_{CE} + \left(\frac{V_{CC}}{R_L} \right)$$

$$Y = m \cdot X + C$$

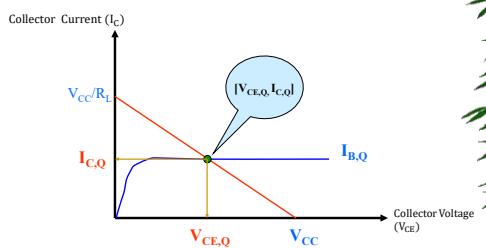


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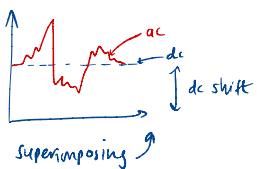
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DC Load Line is KVL in Graphical Form

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Operating Point (Q Point)

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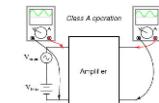
Feeding the Input

- Input signal is a small a.c. signal
 - Eg. Audio from a microphone
- Should ride on d.c. bias levels. This is known as superimposing.
- Use coupling capacitors
- Input coupling capacitor can superimpose small a.c. signal on base bias.

Watch this Video...
<https://youtu.be/eF8e-FmtDh4>

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Signal to Ride on D.C.

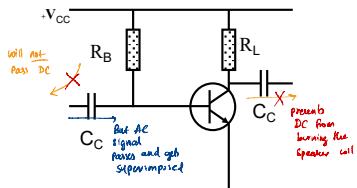


- Input signal is elevated to level V_{BEQ}
- Output DC level (V_{CEQ}) is removed by output coupling capacitor

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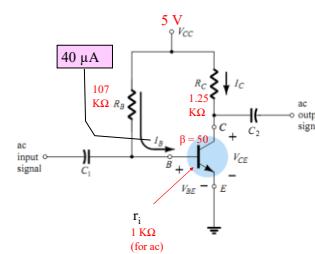


Common Emitter Amplifier with Fixed Bias



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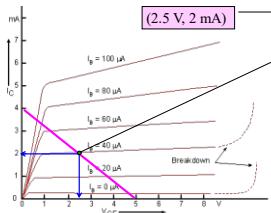
An Example Design



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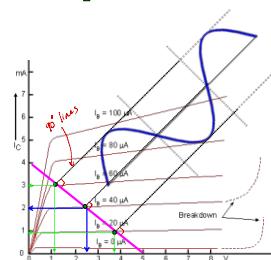


Load Line on Static Output Characteristics



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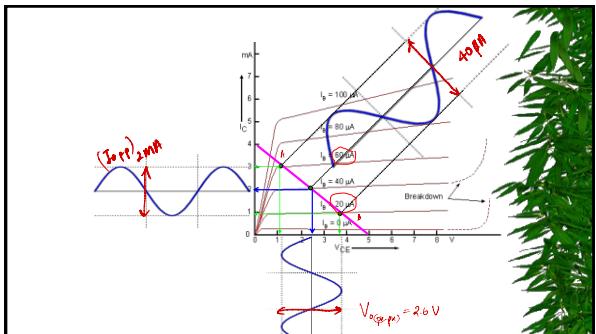
Load Line on Output Characteristics (Cont.)



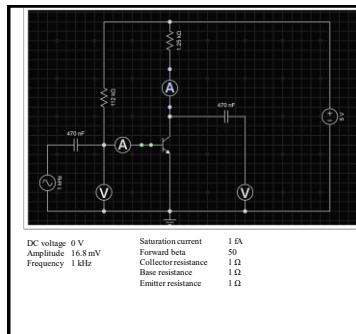
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Q point will oscillate between A and B

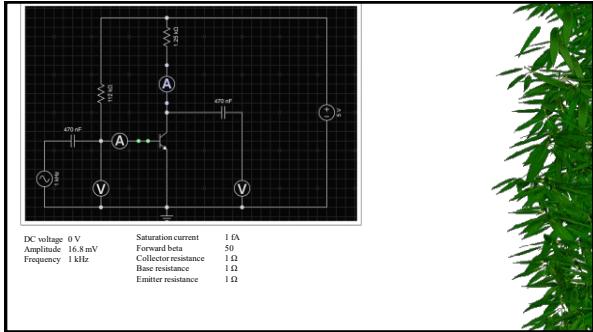


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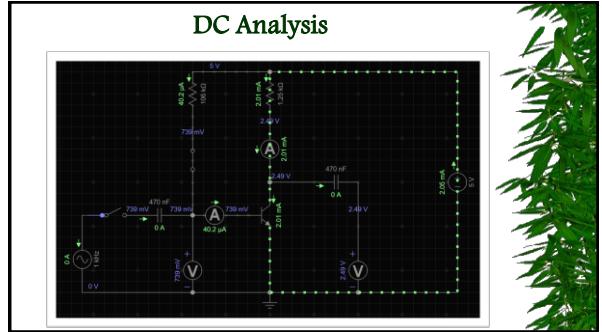


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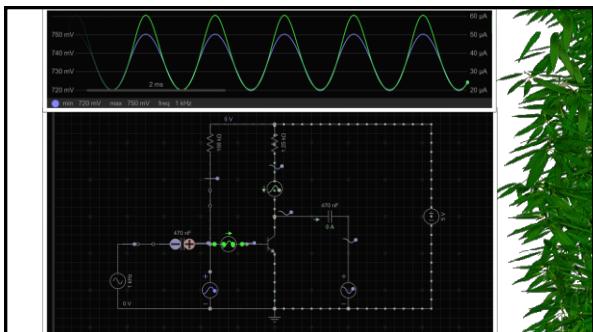




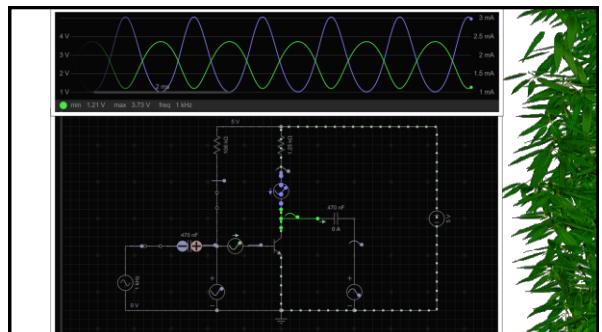
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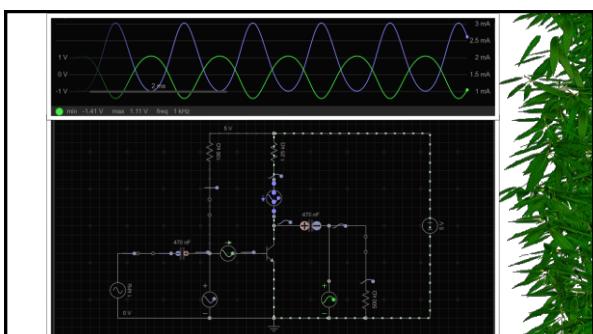
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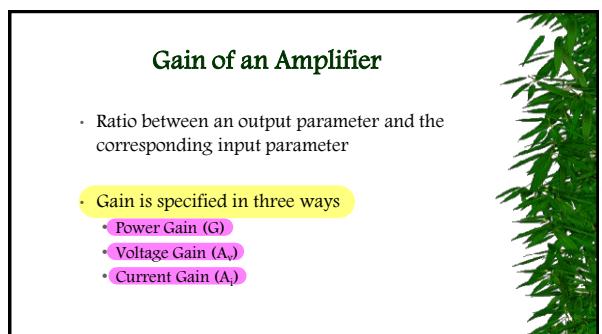
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$$A_i = \frac{3-1 \text{ mA}}{60-20 \mu\text{A}} = 50 //$$

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Current Gain of an Amplifier

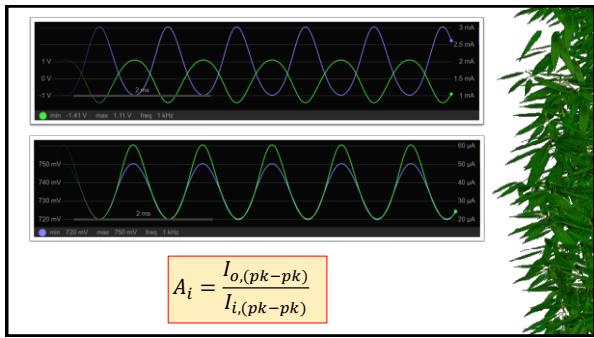
- Ratio between the peak-peak output current variation and the peak-peak input current variation

** we only consider AC signal because we are amplifying that signal*

$$A_i = \frac{I_{o,(pk-pk)}}{I_{i,(pk-pk)}}$$

Ex. Find the current gain of the circuit

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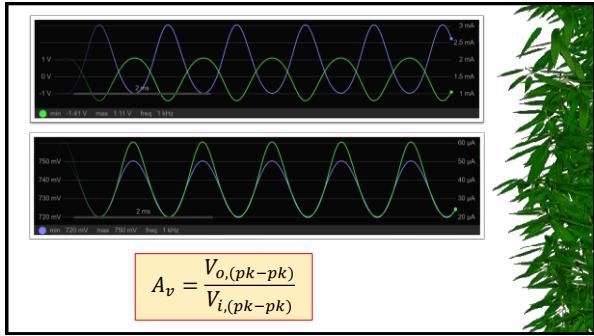
Voltage Gain of an Amplifier

- Ratio between the peak-peak output voltage variation and the peak-peak input voltage variation

$$A_v = \frac{V_{o,(pk-pk)}}{V_{i,(pk-pk)}}$$

Ex. Find the voltage gain of the circuit. Assume input resistance as $1 \text{ k}\Omega$

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$$A_V = \frac{-2.41 \text{ V}}{\frac{40 \times 10^{-6} \times 10^3}{\text{input current pe-pk}}} = -65$$

input current pe-pk input resistance

Power Gain of an Amplifier

- Ratio between the output signal power and the input signal power

$$G = \frac{P_o}{P_i}$$

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Power Gain of an Amplifier

Power = voltage x current

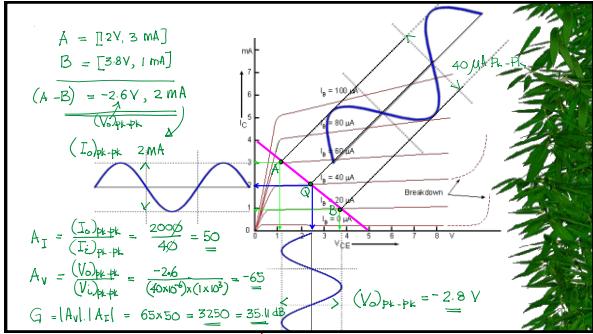
$$G = \frac{V_o \cdot I_o}{V_i \cdot I_i} = \left(\frac{V_o}{V_i} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{I_o}{I_i} \right) = |A_v| \cdot |A_i|$$

we don't consider the sign

Ex. Find the power gain of the circuit

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$$G = |50| \times |-65| = 3250 //$$

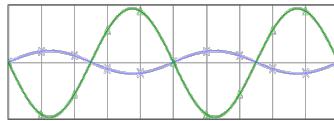


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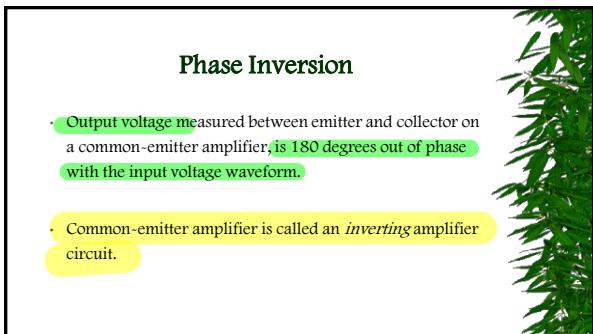
$$\rightarrow 10 \log_{10} |A| \text{ dB}$$

When taking power gain from current/voltage use } $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 20 \log_{10} |A_V| \text{ eg: } 20 \log |50| \\ 20 \log_{10} |V_i| \text{ eg: } 20 \log |65| \end{array} \right.$

Input voltage vs. Output voltage

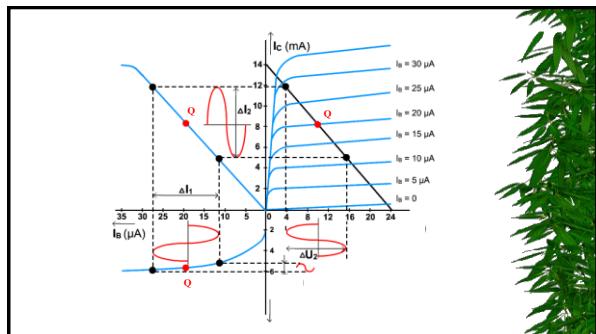


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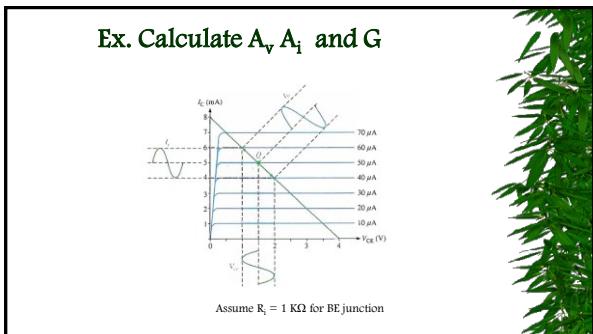


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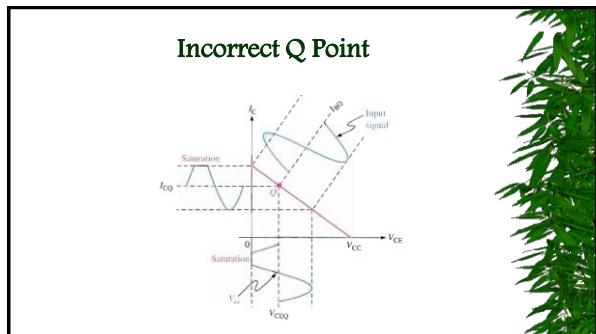
* Phase inversion is NOT an issue for audio amplification



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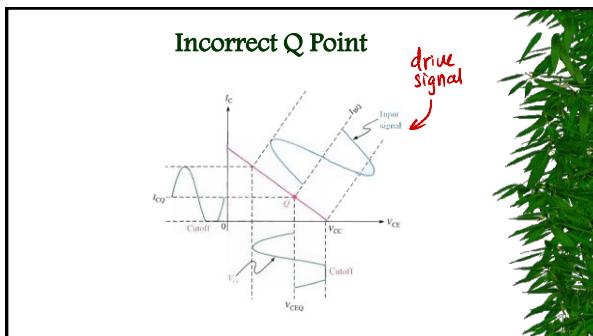
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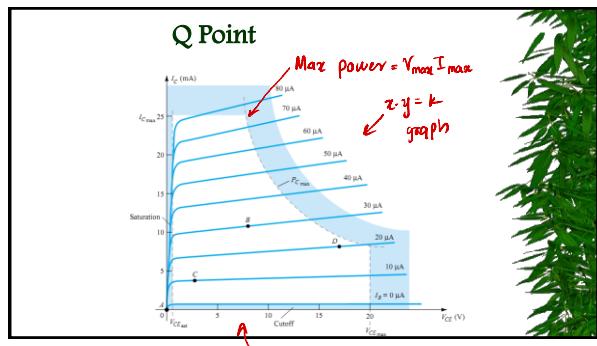
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Important -

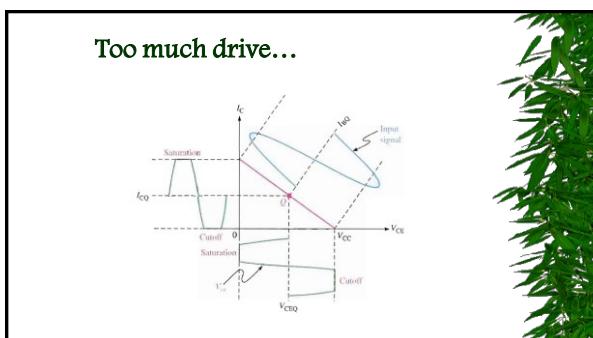
1. Location of the Q point
2. Drive level.



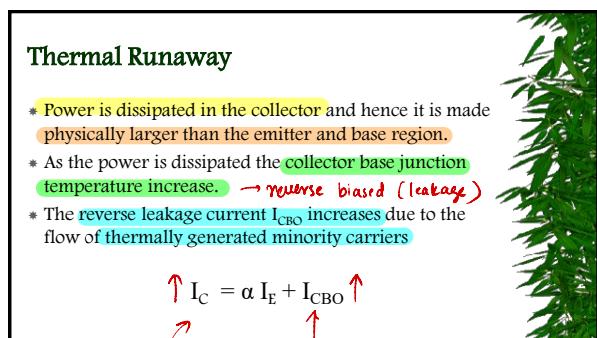
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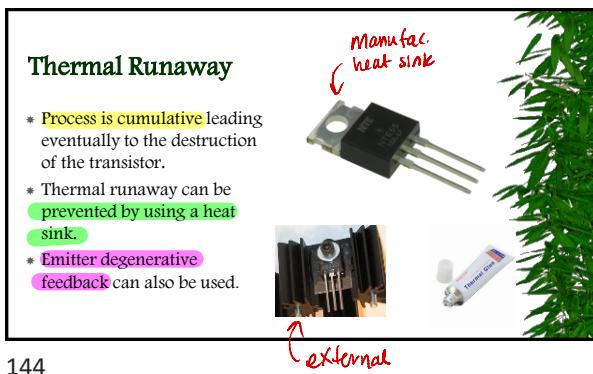
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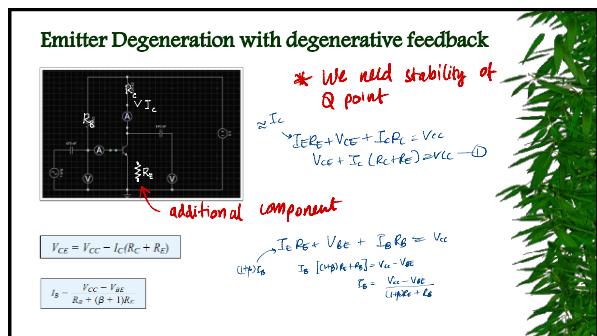
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Problem: voltage gain is reduced!

Solution: put an emitter bypass capacitor $\frac{1}{j\omega C_p} \ll RE$



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When temp T , Voltage across $R_E \uparrow$

$V_{BE} \downarrow \rightarrow V_{CE} \downarrow \rightarrow I_E \downarrow \rightarrow I_C \downarrow$

same rise

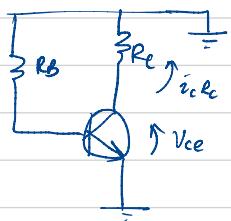
$X_C \ll RE$

$\frac{1}{j\omega C_p} \ll RE \rightarrow$ AC will flow through capacitor instead of RE

* But now since A_C goes through a different path we cannot use DC load line to get A_C behavior (gain calculations)
 DC analysis and A_C analysis are separate.

Consider an A.C. load line

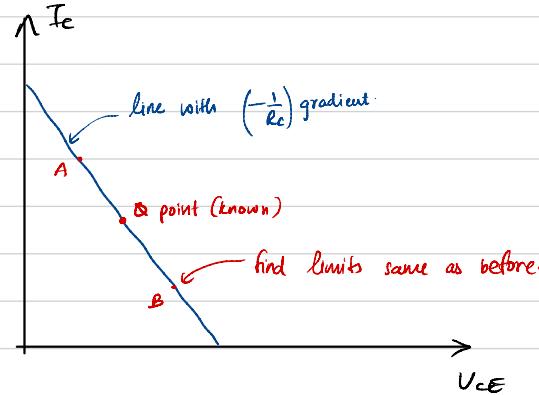
AC equivalent circuit \rightarrow



$$V_{ce} + i_c R_c = 0$$

$i_c = -\frac{1}{R_c} V_{ce}$

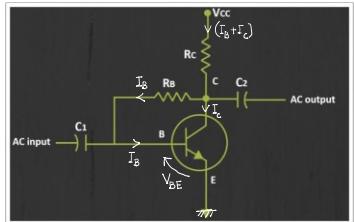
gradient different



Another approach to stabilization

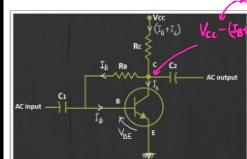
Name of the circuit changes

Collector-to-Base Bias/Collector Feedback bias



$$V_{bc} + I_b R_b + (I_b + I_c) R_c = V_{cc}$$

Stability in Collector-to-Base Bias



Biasing voltage is derived from the voltage drop across the load resistor R_L

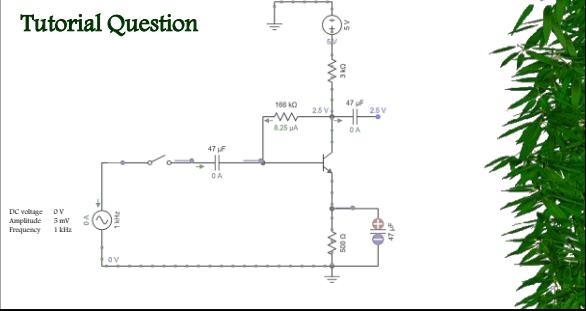
- If the load current increases, there will be a larger voltage drop across R_L
- Reduced collector voltage, V_C
- Base current I_B reduces in turn
- I_C is stabilized

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* 3 solutions to thermal runaway

- heat sinks
- Emitter degeneration
- Collector-to-Base bias

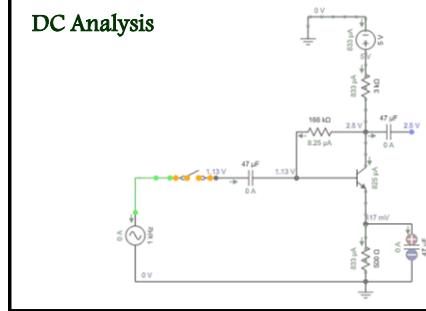
Tutorial Question



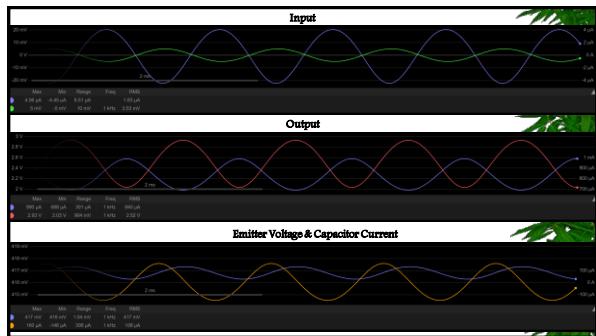
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147 $\theta \uparrow \rightarrow I_c \uparrow \rightarrow V_c \downarrow \rightarrow I_B \downarrow \rightarrow I_c \downarrow$

DC Analysis



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