

# Oscillators → which converts DC to AC is called oscillators.

## Introduction

Feedback plays an important role in almost all electronic circuits. It is almost invariably used in the amplifier to improve its performance and to make it more ideal.

In this process of feedback, a part of O/P is sampled and fed back to the input of the amplifier.

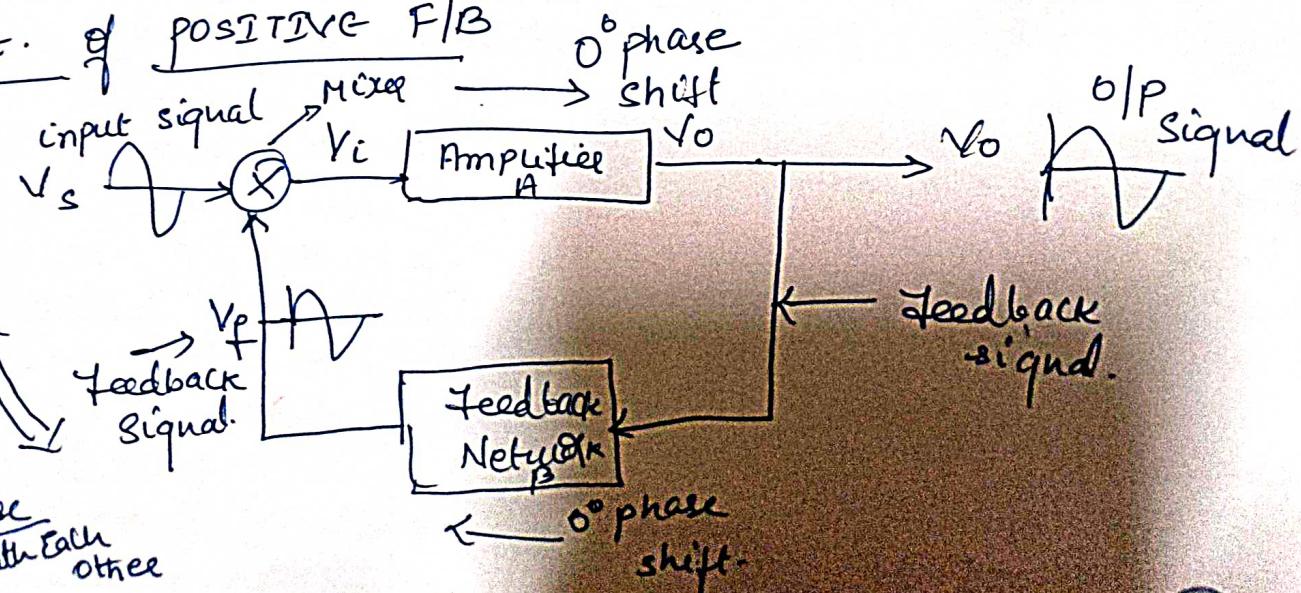
Therefore, at i/p we have two signals: Input signal, and part of the O/P which is fed back to the i/P.  
Both these signals may be in phase or out of phase.

When i/p signal and part of O/P signal are in phase, the f/b is called '+ve f/b'.

When i/p signal & part of O/P signal are out of phase, the f/b is called '-ve f/b'.

The '+ve' f/b results into oscillations and hence used in electronic circuits to generate the oscillations of desired frequency. Such circuits

## Concept of positive F/B



Feedback is a property which allows to feed back the part of the output, to the same circuit as its input.

Often a F/b is said to be positive whenever the part of the o/p that is fed back to the amplifier as its input, is in phase with the original i/p signal applied to the amplifier. Consider a non-inverting amplifier with the vltg gain A.

Assume that a sinusoidal input signal (voltage)  $V_s$  is applied to the circuit.

As amplifier is non-inverting, the o/p vltg  $V_o$  is in phase with the i/p sigl  $V_s$ .

The part of the o/p is fed back to the i/p with the help of ~~the~~ a f/b N/w.

How much part of the o/p is to be fed back, gets decided by the f/b N/w gain B.

No phase change is introduced by the f/b N/w. Hence the f/b voltage  $V_f$  is in phase with the i/p signal  $V_s$ .

## EXPRESSION FOR GAIN WITH FEEDBACK:

The amplifier is  $A$  i.e., it amplifies its i/p  $V_i \rightarrow A$  times to produce o/p  $V_o$ .

$$A = \frac{V_o}{V_i}$$

This is called open loop GAIN of the amplifier.

→ The i/p is supply voltage  $V_s$

→ Net o/p is  $V_o$ .

→ The ratio of o/p [ $V_o$ ] to i/p [ $V_s$ ] considering

effect of f/b is called closed loop gain circuit or gain with f/b denoted as  $A_f$

$$A_f = \frac{V_o}{V_s}$$

∴ the f/b is positive and voltage  $V_f$  is added to  $V_o$  to generate o/p of amplifier  $V_i$ .

∴ from fig we can write

$$V_i = V_s + V_f \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

→ The f/b voltage  $V_f$  depends on the f/b element gain  $\beta$ . so we can write. → (2)

$$V_f = \beta V_o$$

Substituting (2) in (1).

$$V_i = V_s + \beta V_o$$

$$\therefore V_s = V_i - \beta V_o$$

substituting in expression of  $A_f$

$$A_f = \frac{V_o}{V_i - \beta V_o}$$

∴ both numerator & denominator by  $V_i$ :

$$A_f = \frac{\left(\frac{V_o}{V_i}\right)}{\left(\frac{V_i - \beta V_o}{V_i}\right)}$$

$$A_f = \frac{\left(\frac{V_o}{V_i}\right)}{1 - \beta \left(\frac{V_o}{V_i}\right)}$$

$$\frac{V_o}{V_i} - \beta \frac{V_o}{V_i}$$

$$\boxed{A_f = \frac{A}{1 - \beta A}} \Rightarrow \text{as } A = \frac{V_o}{V_i}$$

NOTE: The gain with  $f/b$  increases as the amount of positive  $f/b$  increases.

⇒ Thus without an INPUT, the OUTPUT will continue to oscillate whose frequency depends upon the  $f/b$  allw or the amplifier or both.

Such a circuit is called as an Oscillator

→ An oscillator is an amplifier, which uses a positive  $f/b$  and without any external CP signal generates an O/P waveform, at a desired frequency

- [ An oscillator does not require any i/p signal ].
- [ An oscillator is a circuit which basically acts as a generator ] generating the O/P signal which oscillates with const amplitude and const desired frequency.

Ques: → As  $A\beta = 1$  then  $\beta_f = \infty$ .  
 → The '+ve' F/b increases the instability as gain tends to  $\infty$  hence NEGATIVE F/b is preferred over '+ve' F/b.  
 { An oscillator is a positive F/b Amplifier].

### BARKHUSSEN CRITERION

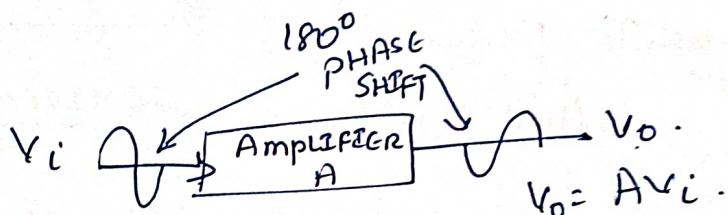
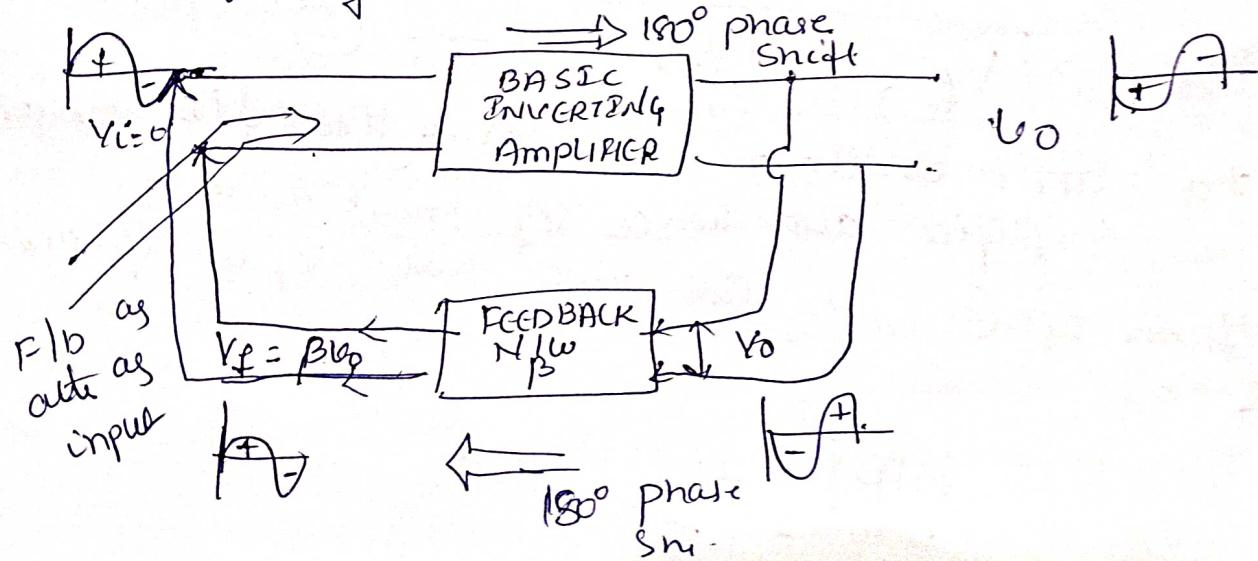


FIG: INVERTING AMPLIFIER

- Consider a basic Inverting amplifier with an open loop gain A.
- The F/b N/w attenuation factor  $\beta$  is less than UNITY.
- As basic amplifier is inverting, it produces a phase shift of  $180^\circ$  b/w i/p & o/p as shown in fig



$\Rightarrow$  Now the i/p  $V_i$  applied to the amplifier and (i/p) it is be derived from o/p  $V_o$  using  $f/b$  Network.

$\Rightarrow$  But  $f/b$  must be positive.  
i.e., the ~~opposite~~ voltage produced (derived) from o/p using  $f/b$  network must be in phase with  $V_o$ .

$\rightarrow$  Thus the feedback now must introduce a phase shift of  $180^\circ$  while feeding back the vltg from o/p to o/p. This ensures positive  $f/b$

$\rightarrow$  Consider a voltage  $V_i$  is applied at the i/p of the amplifier. we get

$$V_o = A V_i \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$\rightarrow$  The  $f/b$  factor  $\beta$  decides the  $f/b$  to be given to o/p

$$V_f = \beta V_o \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$\rightarrow$  Now substituting Eqn (1) in Eqn (2) we get

$$V_f = \beta [A V_i] \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$\therefore$  For the oscillator, we want that  $f/b$  should drive the amplifier and hence  $V_f$  must act as  $V_o$

$\therefore$  From Eqn (3) we can write that,  $V_f$  is sufficient to act as  $V_i$

$$|AB| = 1 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

→ And the phase of  $V_f$  is same as  $V_i$ , i.e., feedback network should introduce  $180^\circ$  phase shift in addition to  $180^\circ$  phase shift introduced by inverting amplifier. This ensures positive f/b. so total phase shift around a loop is  $360^\circ$

$$[ \underset{\text{From I/O side}}{\downarrow} 180^\circ + \underset{\text{From F/B N/w}}{\downarrow} 180^\circ ] = \underline{360^\circ}$$

→ In this condition,  $V_f$  drives the circuit and external o/p circuit works as an oscillator.

∴ BARKHAUSEN CRITERION states that

1. The total phase shift around a loop, as the signal proceeds from input through amplifier, feedback network back to o/p again, completing a loop, is precisely  $0^\circ$  or  $360^\circ$

2. The magnitude of the product of the open loop gain of the amplifier ( $A$ ) and the magnitude of the feedback factor  $\beta$  is unity i.e.  $|A\beta| = 1$ .

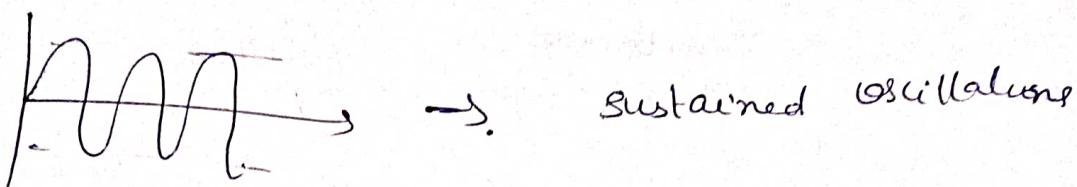
⇒ Satisfying these conditions, the circuit works as an oscillator producing sustained oscillations of constant frequency and amplitude.

Product      3 condition

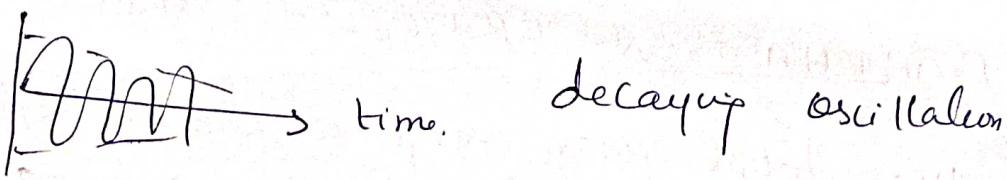
1. when  $|A\beta| > 1$ .  $\rightarrow$  oscillations are called growing type.



2.  $|A\beta| = 1$



3.  $|A\beta| < 1$ .

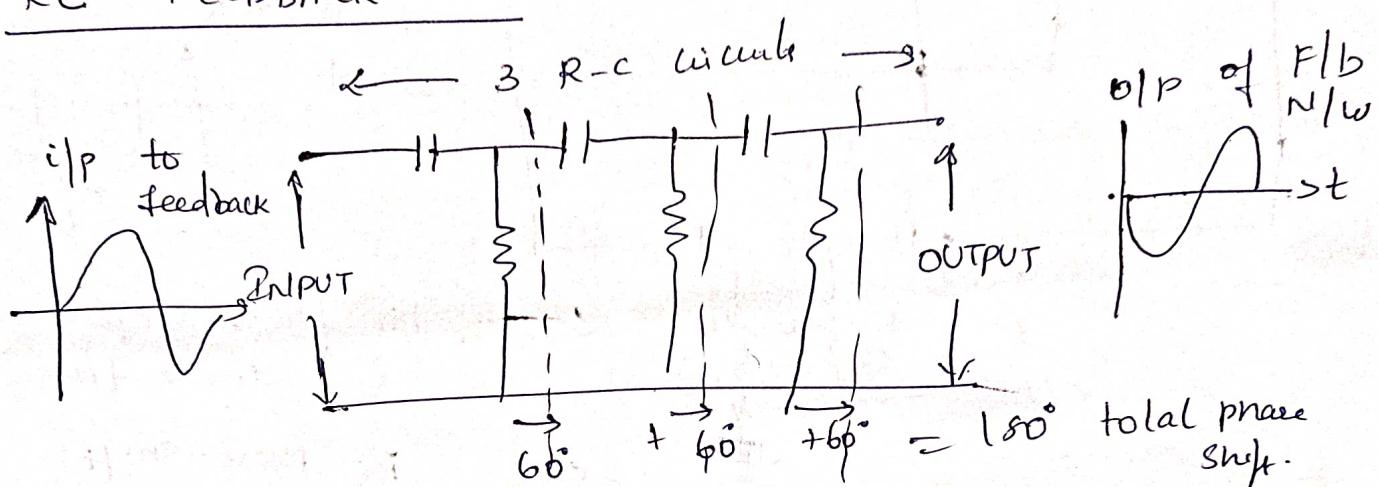


## R C - PHASE

## SHIFT OSCILLATOR

RC phase shift oscillator basically consists of an amplifier and a fb network. Consisting of Resistors and Capacitors arranged in Ladder fashion. Hence such an oscillator is also called Ladder type RC phase shift oscillator.

FC FEEDBACK n/w

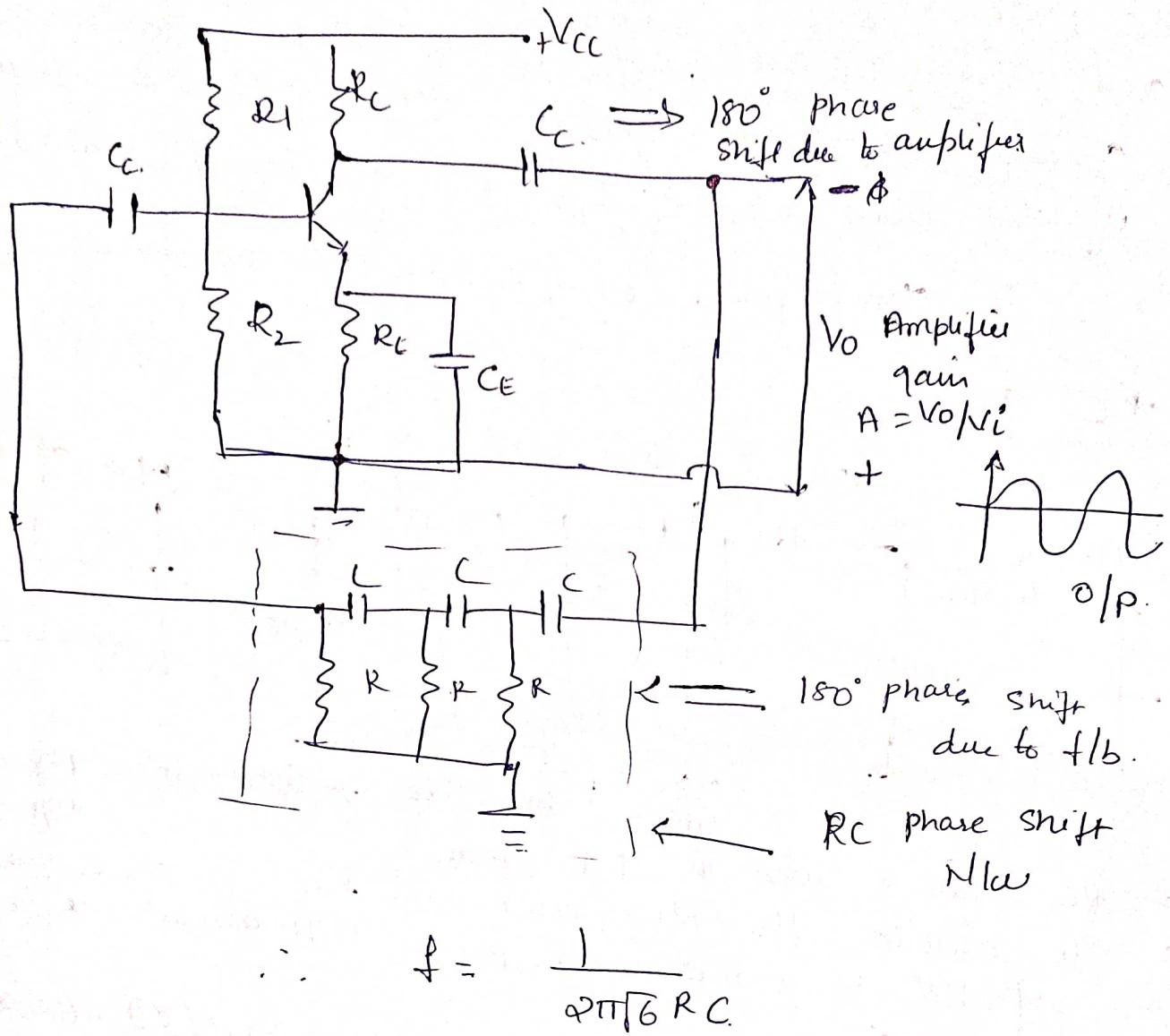


- RC N/w is used in  $\frac{1}{f} b$  path.
  - In oscillator,  $\frac{1}{f} b$  N/w must introduce a phase shift of  $180^\circ$  to obtain total phase shift around a loop as  $360^\circ$ .
  - Thus if one RC N/w produces phase shift  $(\phi) = 60^\circ$  then to produce phase shift of  $180^\circ$  such 3 RC N/w must be connected in cascade.
  - ∵ From 3 RC section each producing a phase shift of  $60^\circ$

$$\therefore 60 \times 3 = \underline{180}$$

$\rightarrow$  The RLW is also called the ADDRESS LINE.  
~~→~~ All the resistance values and all the capacitive values are same, so that for a particular frequency, each section of R & C produces a phase shift of  $60^\circ$ . (S)

## R C PHASE SHIFT OSCILLATOR USING TRANSISTOR



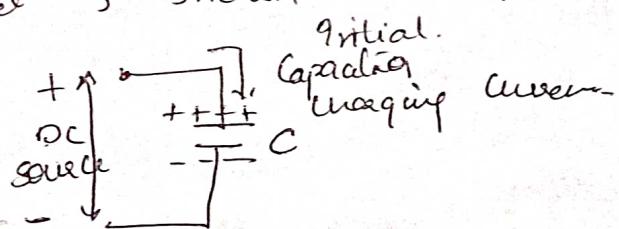
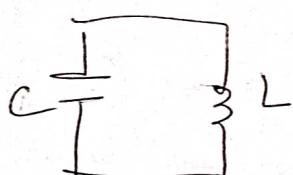
$\Rightarrow$  RC phase shift oscillator (CG) single stage, amplifier produces  $180^\circ + F/b N/w 180^\circ$  total  $360^\circ$ . This satisfies the required condition for 'free'  $F/b$  & circuit works as an oscillator.

## -C oscillators

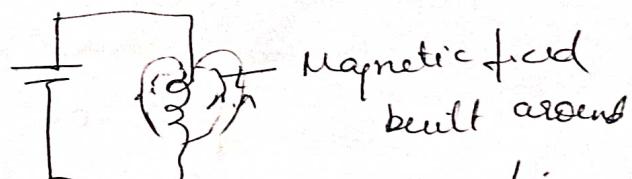
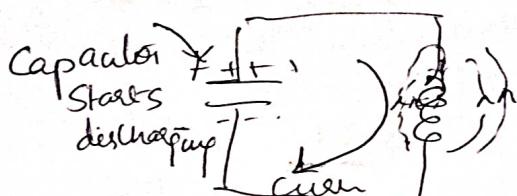
- The oscillators which uses the elements L and C to produce oscillations are called LC oscillators.
- The circuit using Elements L and C is called tank circuit (or) oscillator circuit.
- These oscillators are used for high frequency range from 200 kHz up to few GHz.

## Operation of LC tank circuit

- The LC tank circuit consists of Elements L and C connected in parallel as shown in fig.

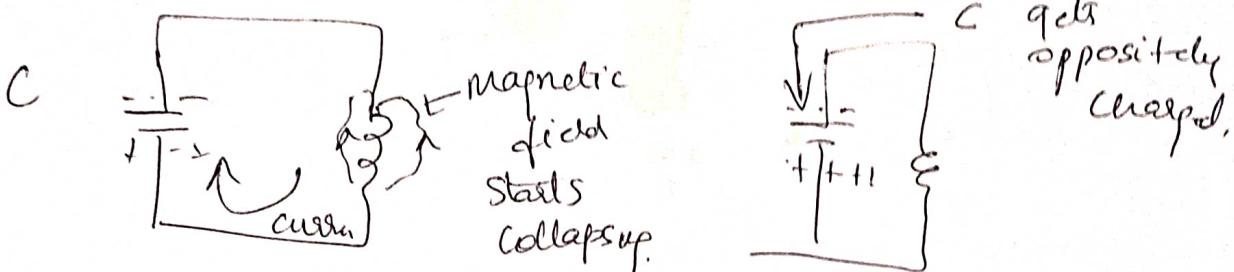


- Let Capacitor is initially charged from a D.C source with the polarities as shown in fig.
- When the capacitor is fully gets charged, the energy stored in the capacitor is called ELECTROSTATIC ENERGY.
- When such charged capacitor is connected across inductor in a tank circuit, the capacitor starts discharging through it.



- The arrow indicates direction of flow of conventional current. Due to such current flow, the magnetic field gets sets up around the 'L'.

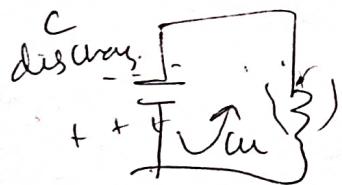
- Thus inductor 'L' starts storing the energy
- When capacitor is fully discharged, maximum current flows through the loop
- At this instant all Electrostatic Energy gets stored as magnetic energy in 'L'



→ Now the magnetic field <sup>around</sup> starts collapsing.

→ Now the 'C' starts charging the Capacitance 'C' with opposite polarity.

→ After some time, 'C' gets fully charged & with opposite polarities. Energy gets converted back to electrostatic energy in 'C'



Now capacitor again starts discharging through inductor 'L'. But the direction of current is now opposite to compare to the earlier.

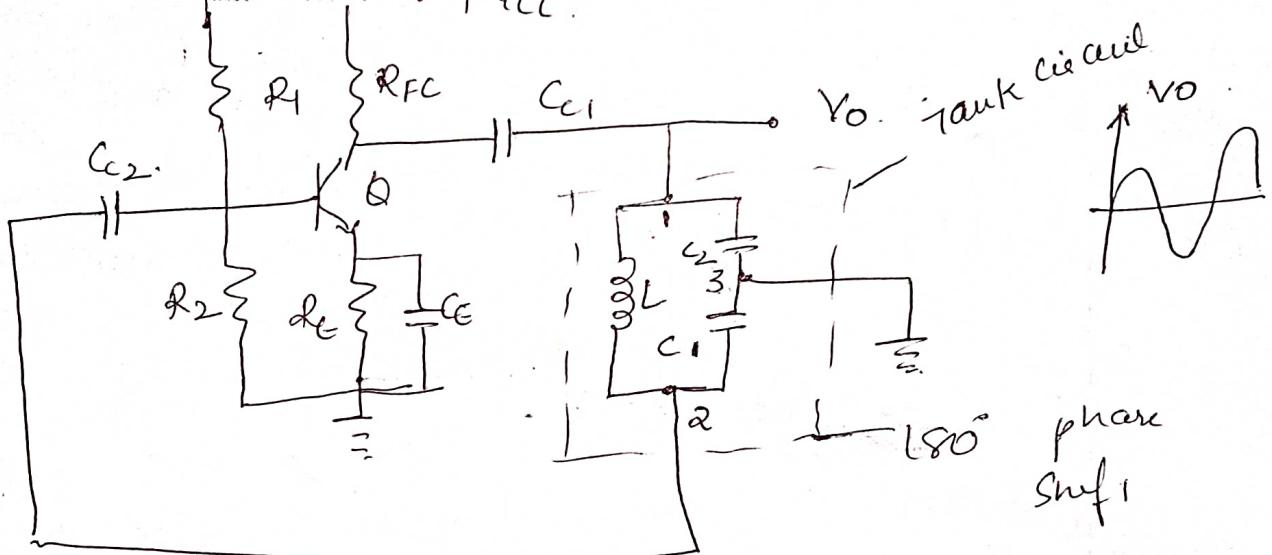
→ When every time when energy is transferred from C to L & L to C, the losses occur due to which amplitude of oscillating current keeps on decreasing exponentially.

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## COLPITT'S OSCILLATOR

→ Tank circuit of Colpitt's oscillator uses 2 Capacitors and 1 Inductor. The 2 capacitors  $C_1$  &  $C_2$  are connected in series across the inductor  $L$  to complete the tank circuit.

Complete the tank circuit.



$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}}$$

$$C_{eq} = \frac{C_1 C_2}{C_1 + C_2}$$

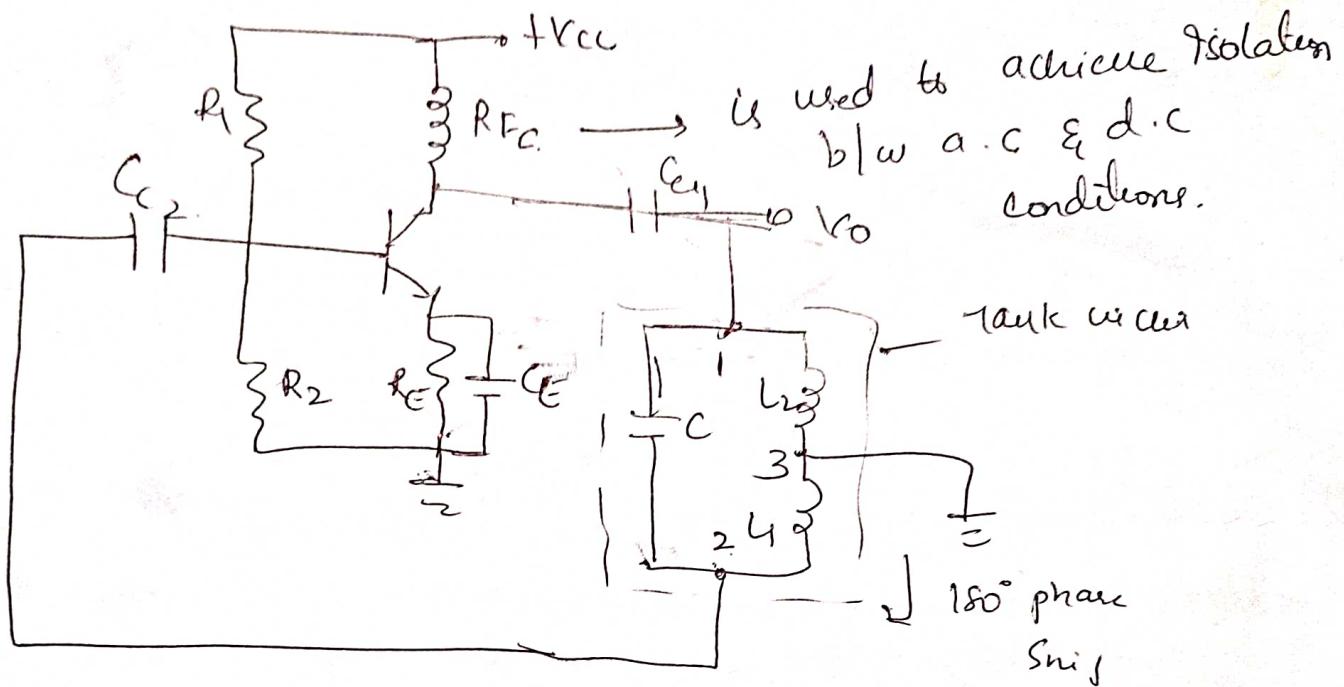
$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{L C_{eq}}}$$

$A_P = 1$ ,  $Safely AB = 1$ , the circuit works as an oscillator.

- when the supply  $V_{cc}$  is switched on, the oscillatory current is set up in the tank circuit.
- it produces a.c. voltage across  $C_1$  &  $C_2$ .
- the terminal 3 is ground hence it is at '0' potential.

## HARTLEY

- This is another LC oscillator which uses 2 Inductors and 1 capacitor in its tank circuit.
- the 2 inductors  $L_1$  &  $L_2$  which are connected in series across the capacitor  $C$  to complete the tank circuit. →  $180^\circ$  phasestra



$$\therefore f = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}}$$

$$L_{eq} = L_1 + L_2$$

$$\therefore f = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{L_{eq}C}}$$

Calculate  
oscillations

the frequency of oscillations of a Hartley  
harm.  $L_1 = 0.5 \text{ mH}$ ,  $L_2 = 1 \text{ mH}$  &  $C = 0.2 \mu\text{F}$

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{L_{eq}C}}$$

$$L_{eq} = L_1 + L_2 = 0.5 + 1 = 1.5 \text{ mH}$$

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{1.5 \times 10^{-3} \times 0.2 \times 10^{-6}}} = 9.19 \text{ Hz}$$

In a Hartley oscillator  $L_1 = 20 \mu\text{H}$ ,  $L_2 = 2 \text{ mH}$  &  
 $C$  is variable. Find the range of  $C$  if frequency  
is to be varied from  $1 \text{ MHz}$  to  $2.5 \text{ MHz}$ . Neglect  
mutual inductance.

$$L_{eq} = L_1 + L_2 = 20 \times 10^{-6} + 2 \times 10^{-3} = 2.002 \times 10^{-3} \text{ H}$$

$$f = f_{\max} = 2.5 \text{ MHz}$$

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{L_{eq}C}} = \frac{1}{2.5 \times 10^{-6} \times 2\pi\sqrt{2.002 \times 10^{-3}}} = 1.25 \times 10^7 \text{ Hz}$$

$$C =$$

$$C = \frac{1}{2.5 \times 10^7 \times 2\pi\sqrt{2.002 \times 10^{-3}}} = 0.0244 \mu\text{F}$$

Ans  
 $f = f_{\min} = 1 \text{ MHz}$

$$1 \times 10^6 = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{C \times 2.002 \times 10^{-3}}} = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{C \times 2.002 \times 10^{-3}}} = 3.16 \times 10^6 \text{ Hz}$$

$$C = \frac{1}{3.16 \times 10^6 \times 2\pi\sqrt{2.002 \times 10^{-3}}} = 1.628 \mu\text{F}$$