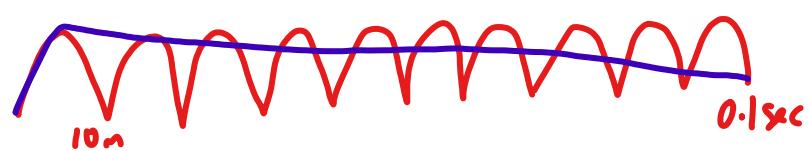
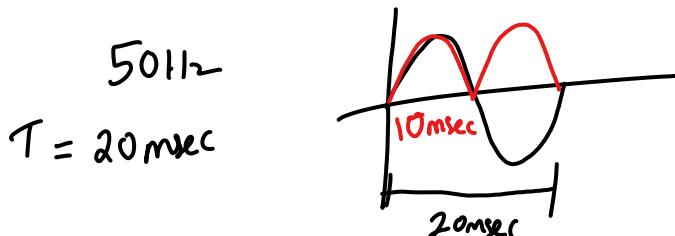
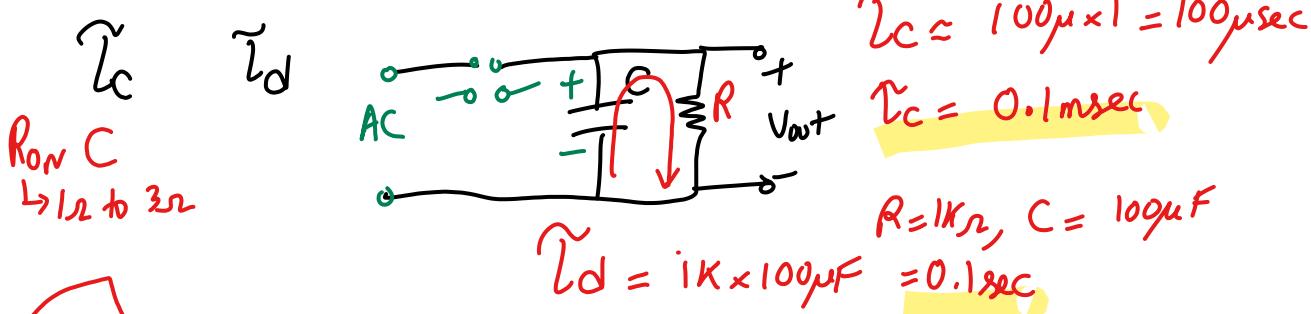
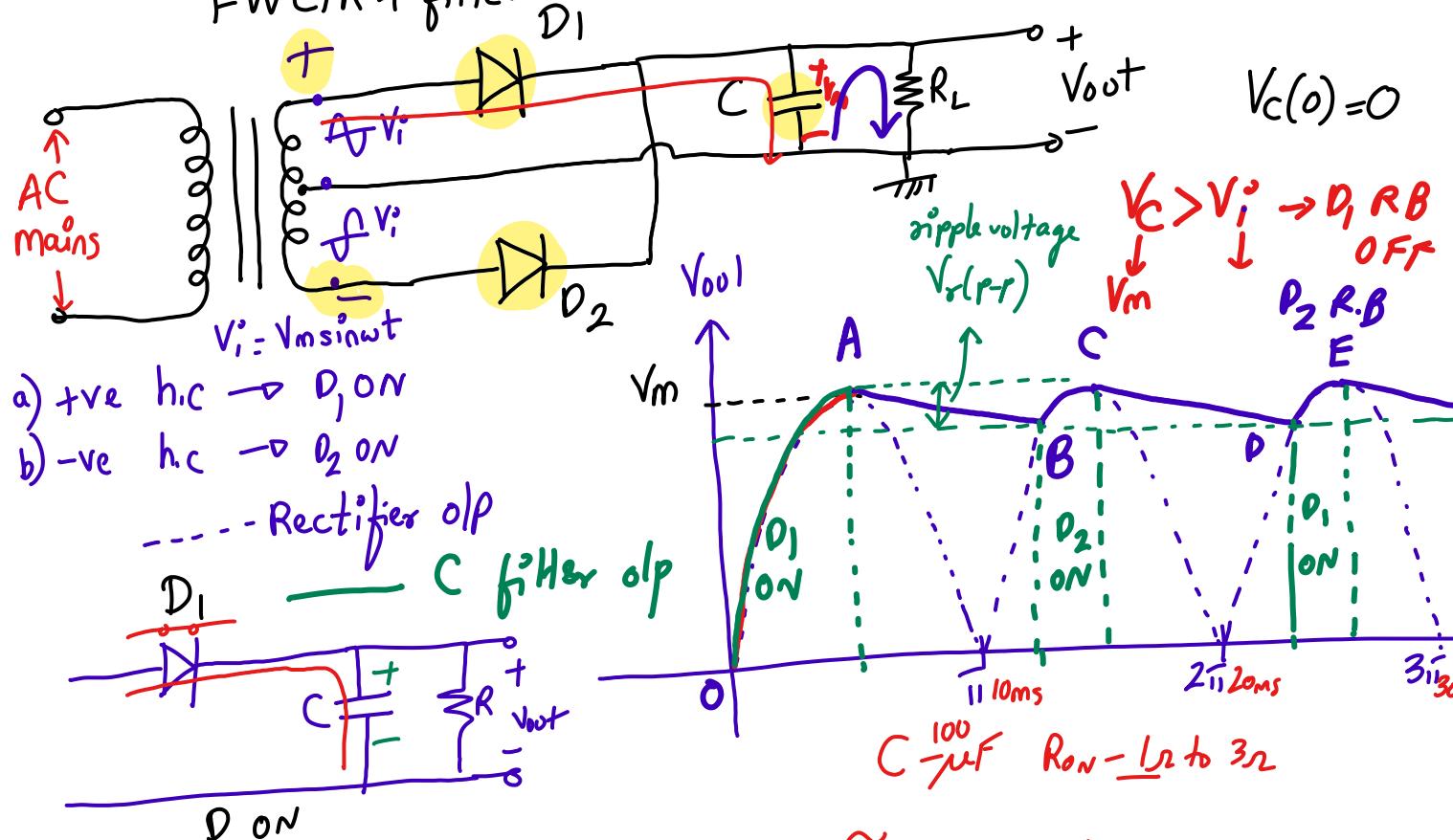
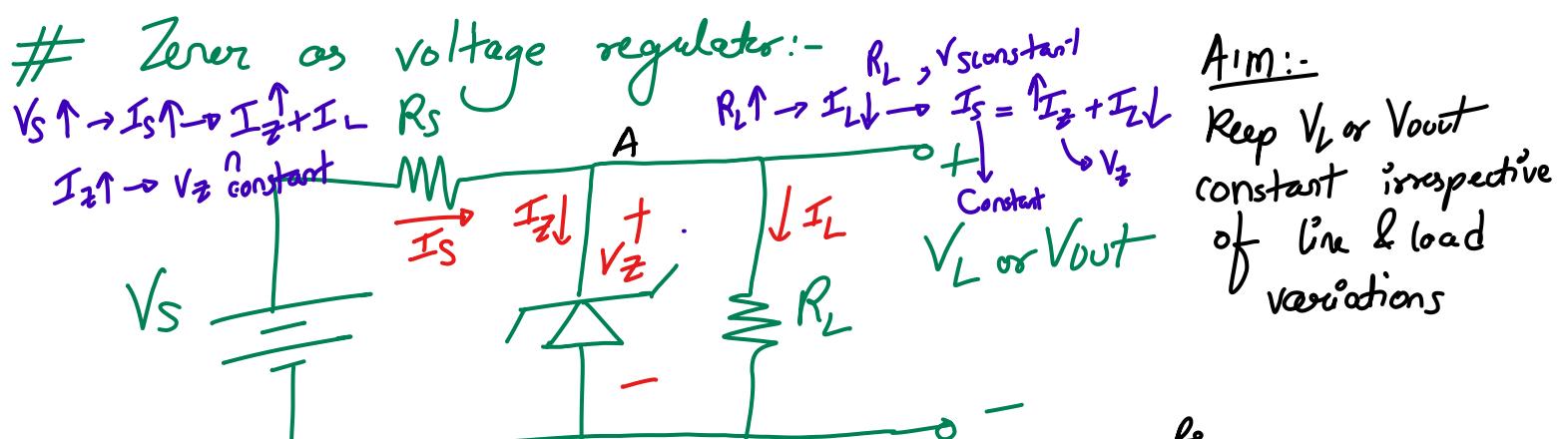


## # Capacitor filter (C filter):

FWCTR + filter





①  $V_s$  changes  $I_s = I_z + I_L$

②  $V_s > V_z \rightarrow R_s = \frac{V_s - V_z}{I_s} = \frac{V_s - V_z}{I_z + I_L}$

$$I_z + I_L = \frac{V_s - V_z}{R_s}$$

$$I_z = \frac{V_s - V_z}{R_s} - I_L$$

$$I_L = \frac{V_z \text{ or } V_L}{R_L}$$

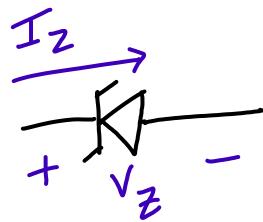
Variables: -  $I_L, V_s$  : constant:  $V_z, R_s$

$R_L$   
load variations

$$V_s \xrightarrow{R_s} V_z$$

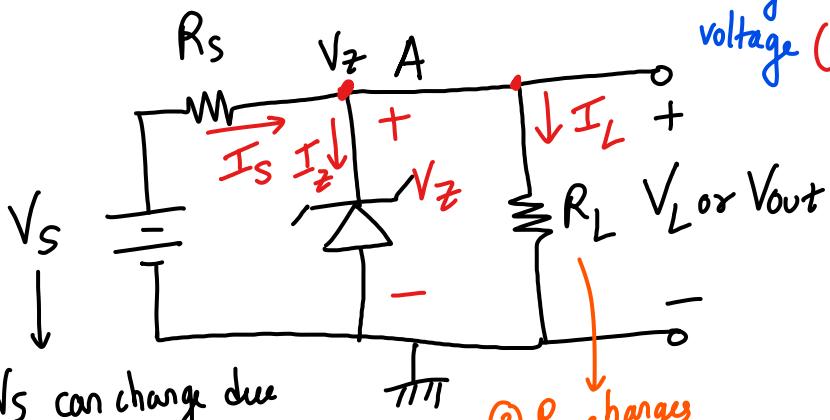
Line variations

## \* Zener diode as voltage regulator (Application of zener diode)



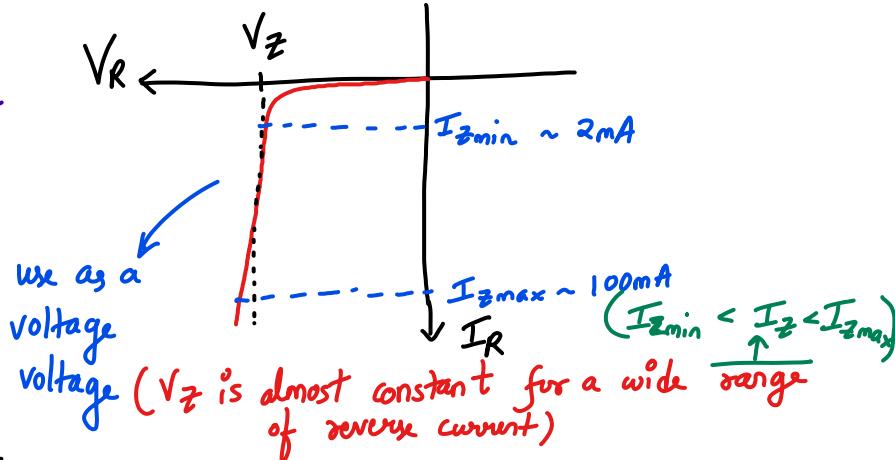
Zener diode symbol

$V_z$  - breakdown voltage



①  $V_s$  can change due to line variations

②  $R_L$  changes



$I_L$  - load current

$V_L$  - load voltage

$V_z$  - Zener voltage

$I_z$  - Zener current

"Voltage Regulator"

$$\rightarrow I_s = I_z + I_L \quad \text{①} \quad (\text{KCL at node A}) \quad \text{Aim: Keep } V_L \text{ or } V_{\text{out}} \text{ constant irrespective of Line \& load variation}$$

$$\rightarrow R_s = \frac{V_s - V_z}{I_s} = \frac{V_s - V_z}{I_z + I_L} \quad \text{②}$$

$$I_L = \frac{V_z \text{ or } V_L}{R_L}$$

$$; I_z + I_L = \frac{V_s - V_z}{R_s}$$

$$I_z = \frac{V_s - V_z}{R_s} - I_L \quad \text{③}$$

→ For proper operation,

- ① Keep  $V_s > V_z \rightarrow$  Zener operates in breakdown mode
- ② Keep  $I_z < I_{z\max}$

variables:  $I_L$ ,  $V_s$ , constant:  $V_z$ ,  $R_s$   
 "load variation"      "line variation"

① **Source/Line variation:** (If  $V_s$  changes,  $R_L$  is constant)

a)  $V_s \uparrow \rightarrow I_s \uparrow \rightarrow I_s = I_z + I_L \uparrow$  constant  $\rightarrow I_z \uparrow \rightarrow V_z$  remains constant i.e.  $V_L$  constant i.e. o/p voltage is regulated

b)  $V_s \downarrow \rightarrow I_s \downarrow \rightarrow I_s = I_z + I_L \downarrow$  constant  $\rightarrow I_z \downarrow \rightarrow V_z$  constant  $\rightarrow V_L$  constant i.e. o/p voltage is regulated

Note: In exam, use full sentences

② Load variation: ( If  $R_L$  changes,  $V_S$  constant )

a) If  $R_L \uparrow \rightarrow I_L \downarrow \rightarrow I_S = I_Z + I_L \downarrow \rightarrow I_Z \uparrow \rightarrow V_Z$  constant

ie  $V_L$  constant ie o/p is <sup>constant</sup> regulated <sup>should ↑</sup>

b) If  $R_L \downarrow \rightarrow I_L \uparrow \rightarrow I_S = I_Z + I_L \uparrow \rightarrow I_Z \downarrow \rightarrow V_Z$  constant

ie  $V_L$  constant ie o/p is <sup>constant</sup> regulated <sup>should ↓</sup>

③ This is how, zener diode works as a voltage regulator

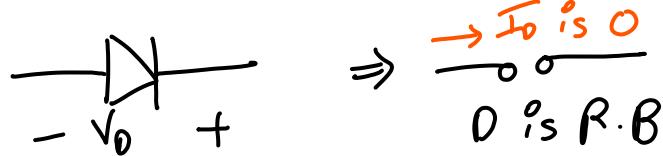
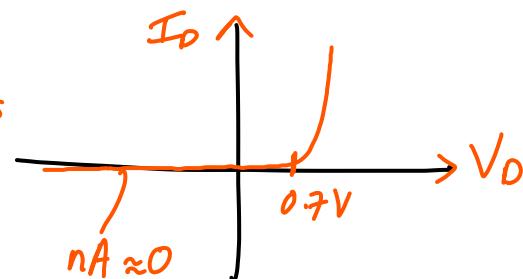
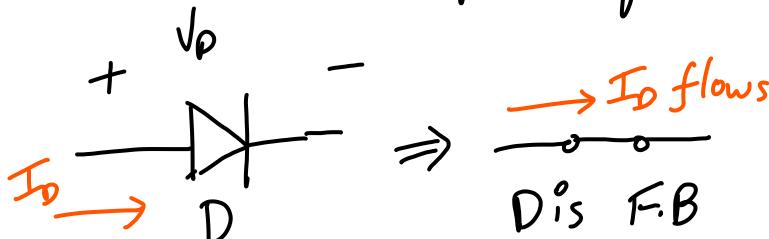
### Module 2.1 : Rectifier (Application of diode)

Half wave rectifier      Full-wave center tap rectifier      Full-wave bridge rectifier

only with 'R' load

+ Filters (RC filter)  
Capacitor filter

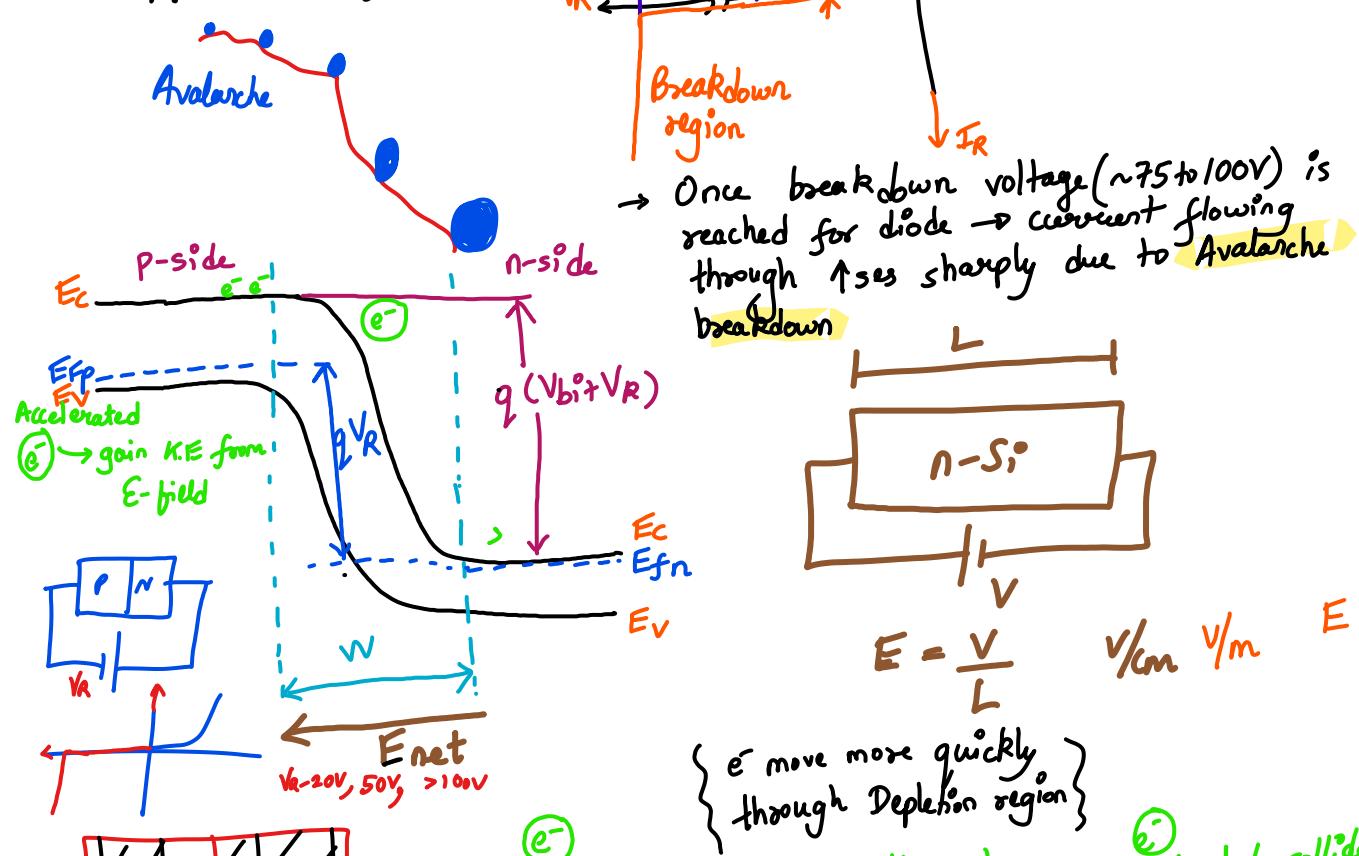
- Parameters
- ① Ripple factor
  - ② Rectification efficiency
  - ③ TOF (Transformer utilization factor)



D: PN Junction diode

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→ Avalanche breakdown:  $V_R$



Once breakdown voltage ( $\sim 75$  to  $100$  V) is reached for diode → current flowing through ↑es sharply due to Avalanche breakdown

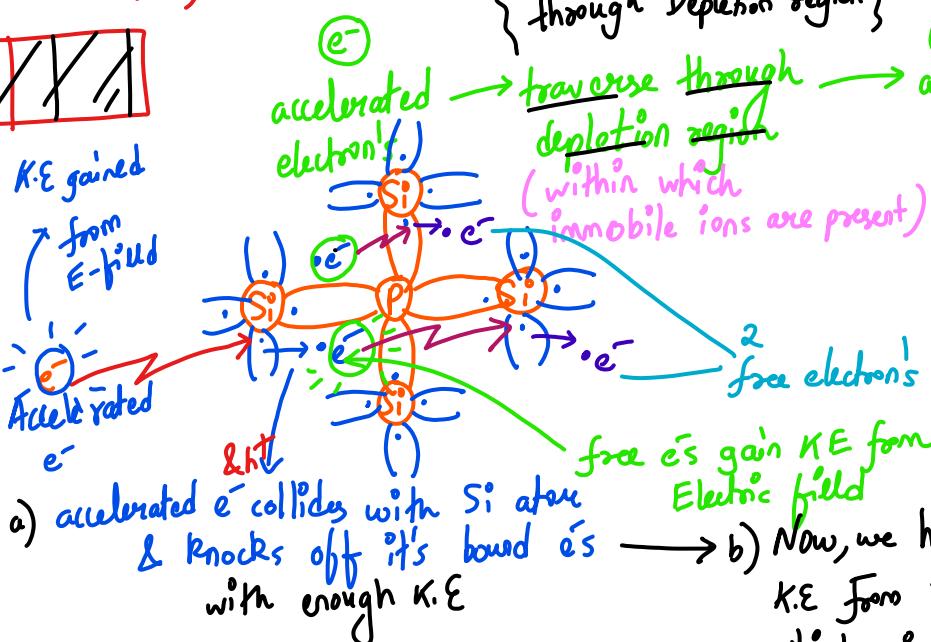


$$E = \frac{V}{L} \quad \text{V/cm} \quad \text{V/m} \quad E \uparrow \rightarrow V \uparrow \quad \text{or} \quad L \downarrow$$

$\left\{ e^- \text{ move more quickly through Depletion region}\right\}$

$\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{accelerated electrons} \\ \text{collides with Si atom} \end{array} \right)$

K.E - Kinetic energy



b) Now, we have 2 free  $e^-$ s, these again K.E from Efield & knocks  $Si$  atoms which gives rise to more free  $e^-$ s.

c) Due to these collisions, number of free carrier concentration increases rapidly i.e. there is a sudden jump in reverse saturation current

d) This breakdown is caused by Impact ionization

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{high energy charge carriers} \\ \text{can knock-out bound } e^- \\ \text{from } Si \text{ atom} \end{array} \right\}$

e) This is Avalanche breakdown effect

f) Avalanche breakdown happen at much high breakdown voltage

for PN Junction diode

$V_{break}$ : Breakdown voltage

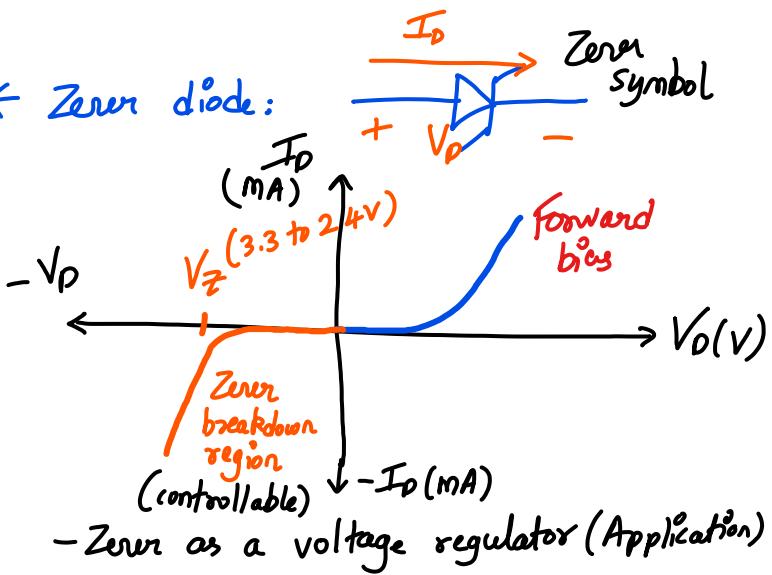
$I_R$   $\leftarrow$   $V_{break}$

→ Avalanche breakdown

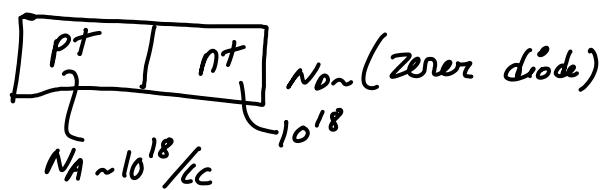
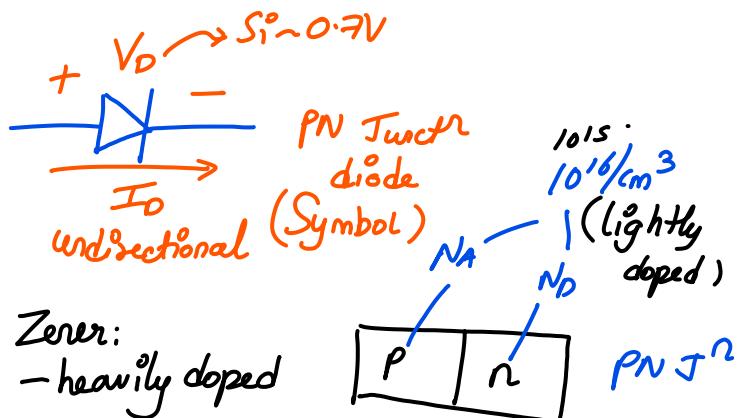
sharp ↑ in reverse current  
due to impact ionization

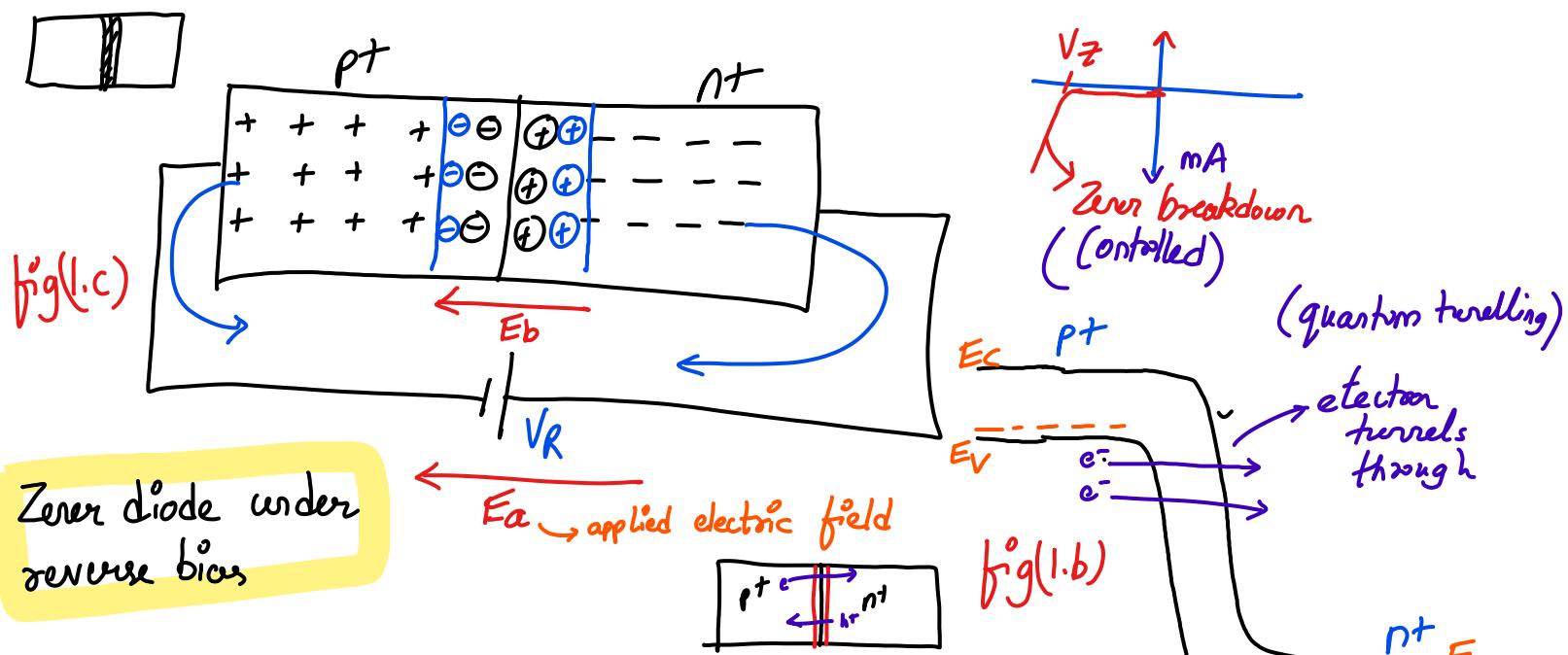
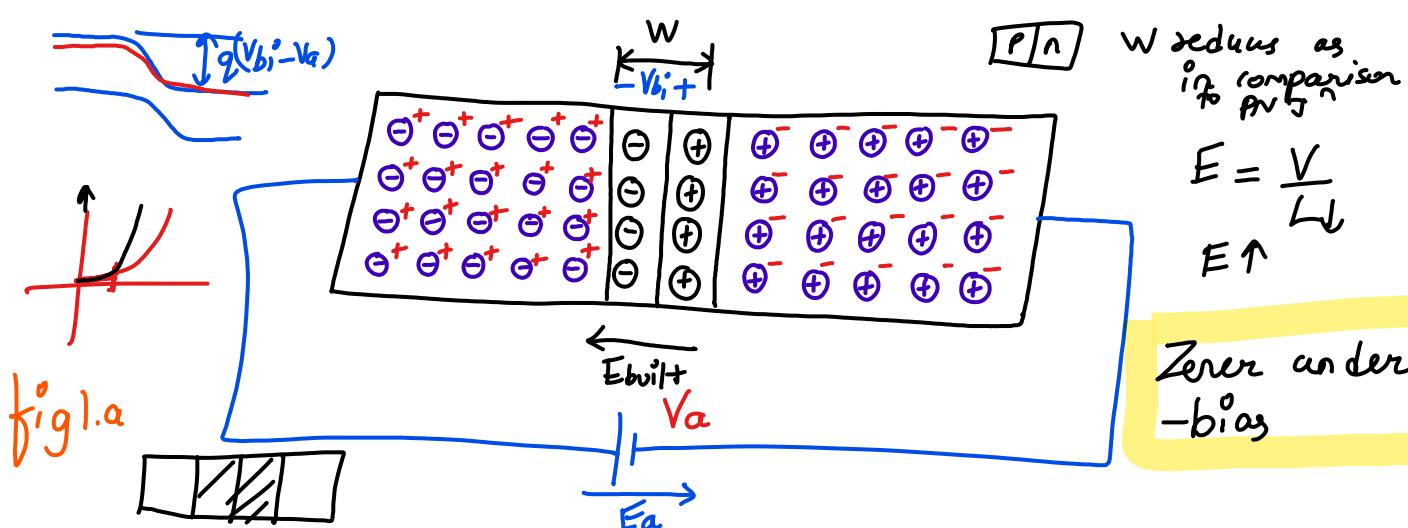
Construction of Zener diode → ① Zener diode is similar to pn junction diode → except it is very heavily doped i.e.  $N_A$  &  $N_D$  are about  $10^{18}/\text{cm}^3$

\* Zener diode:



- Zener as a voltage regulator (Application)



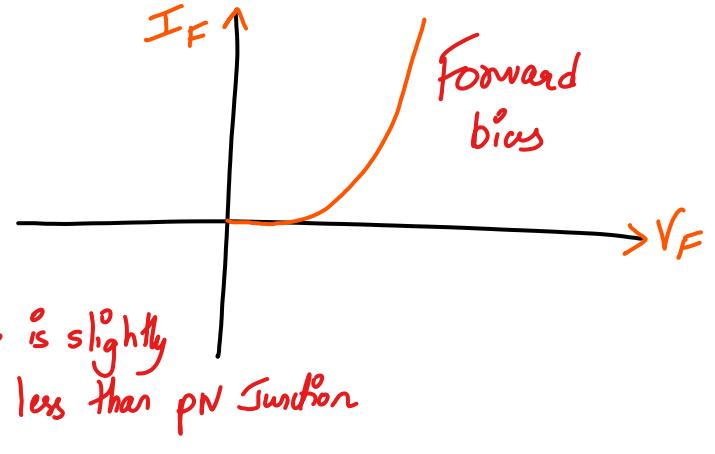


Events for zener diode under forward bias:

- ① In forward bias i.e. when  $p^+$  side is connected to +ve side of supply  $V_a$  &  $n^+$  side is connected to -ve side of supply voltage  $V_a$ , the operation of zener diode is similar to that of p-n Junction diode
- ② Only difference being  $\rightarrow$  depletion region width ' $w$ ' is much narrower than p-n Junction diode  $\rightarrow$  due to very heavy doping i.e.  $p^+ - n^+$  junction  $\rightarrow$  Due to this built-in electric field in the depletion region is much stronger too

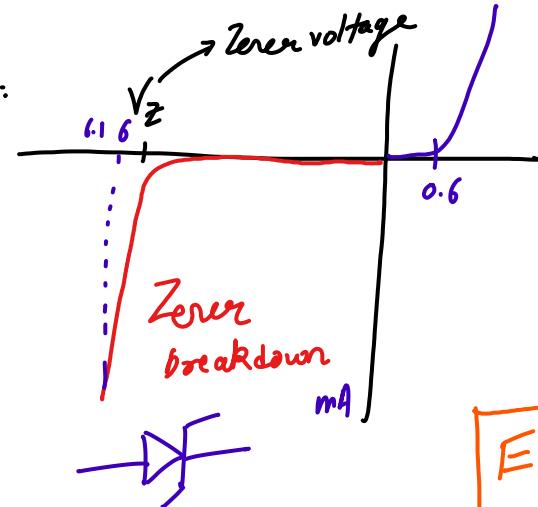
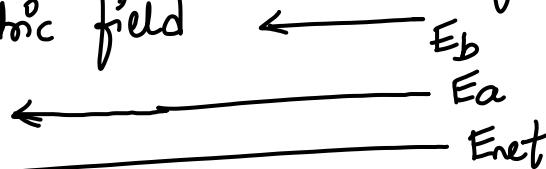
(Refer 1.a)

③ So, for zener diode, the forward I-V characteristics are exactly similar to pn Junction diode ie after barrier potential, current  $I_F$  rises exponentially with voltage  $V_F$



### Event for Zener diode under Reverse-bias:

① In reverse bias, due to applied voltage  $V_R$  (refer fig 1.c), E-field is directed as shown in the same direction of built-in electric field



$$E \propto \frac{V}{L}$$

$L \downarrow$   
 $E \uparrow$

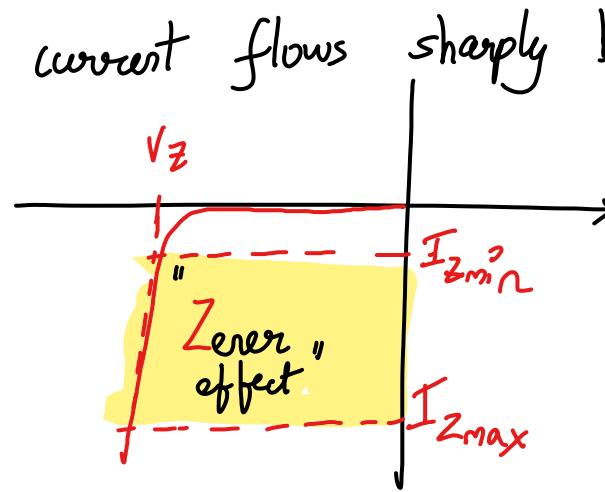
- ② Thus, the net electric field in reverse bias in zener diode is extremely powerful (due to narrow  $w$ )
- ③ There is absolutely no possibility of electron & hole diffusion since barrier is very high (refer fig 1.d)
- ④ So, minority carriers (electrons in  $p^+$  side near the junction & holes in  $n^+$  side near the junction) come under the influence of very powerful E-field  $\rightarrow$  E-field is so powerful that it knocks out bound e<sup>-</sup>s of many Si atom at once (since free carrier gain tremendous K.E from electric field & they collide with nearby Si atom in depletion region)
- ⑤ The result is that e<sup>-</sup> funnels through the narrow depletion region & reach other side  $\rightarrow$  This process is called as "Zener breakdown" or "Zener effect" (Quantum tunneling)

⑥ Good news is that at a zero voltage  $V_z$  when zero breakdown takes over  $\rightarrow$  it is reversible i.e. we can use zero diode as many times we want to.

⑦ Wide range of  $V_z$  are available right from 2.2V to 18V commercially.

⑧ Due to zero effect, reverse current flows sharply but within safe limits ( $I_z < I_{z\max}$ )

⑨ Since the voltage  $V_z$  is almost constant for wide range of zero current  $I_z$ , its main application is "voltage regulation"



## \* Avalanche breakdown

1. It occurs in lightly doped diodes
2. It occurs due to impact ionization process
3. Its effect is seen at higher breakdown voltages
4. With increase in temperature, breakdown voltage increases

## Zener breakdown

1. It occurs in heavily doped diodes
2. It occurs due to strong electric field (quantum tunneling)
3. Its effect is seen at low breakdown voltages
4. With increase in temperature, breakdown voltage reduces