

1d.1 • Transmitted bandwidth • 000 • nanoid

What do the Licence Conditions say about requirements for transmission?

2a.1 • Tolerance • 000 • xBH0y2JT

What difference does a component's tolerance make?

2a.1 • Tolerance • 010 • RzYcCfgi

What does a 10MHz crystal with 10ppm tolerance mean?

2a.1 • Tolerance • 020 • PoFykgkR

What do the colours brown, red, gold and silver mean on a resistor as the last band, in terms of tolerance?

2a.1 • Tolerance • 030 • Bb7MwMw9

Think about some of the ways that the effects of tolerance can be adjusted.

2d.1 • Capacitor • 000 • kEyJnEIw

What factors influence the capacitance of a capacitor, and what is the formula?

2d.1 • Capacitor • 010 • WUxQUz1C

What happens to capacitance if distance between plates doubles?

2d.1 • Capacitor • 020 • iOXUtAs9

What happens to capacitance if plate area doubles?

2d.1 • Capacitor • 030 • snGJZdyD

Is the formula for Capacitance on the EX309 sheet, and do you know how to decode its incorrect printing?

2d.1 • Coulomb • 000 • erA721hb

What is the unit for the quantity of electricity called, and how is it defined?

What is the formula for stored charge on a capacitor?



REVISION: Q as a measure of CHARGE, the COULOMB

What is the definition of Q both in a wire, and on a capacitor?

- **Measure of charge**

REVISION: What will the charge be on a $22\mu F$ capacitor, if it is connected to a 12 DC supply for several hours?

Example:

What will the charge be on a $22\mu F$ capacitor if it is connected to a 12v DC supply for several hours?

What sort of materials are used to make dielectrics, which ones tend to be lossy, and what causes losses to increase?

Which capacitors are low-loss, stable and good for RF, normally around the low pf range?

What happens to a capacitor when its safe working voltage, or breakdown voltage, is exceeded?

2d.3 • Capacitor • 000 • xLIq4u_V

How do you identify the safe working voltage of a capacitor?

2d.4 • Inductor • 000 • FOUzLyD4

Revision mode: the inductor. Give a brief summary of what it does, what affects its value and the unit. Check formulas for inductors in series and in parallel.

2d.4 • Inductor • 000 • OZVRnz0L

what does self inductance mean and what is back EMF?

2d.4 • Inductor • Djmqkm8X

In what direction are the magnetic force when current flows through a wire?

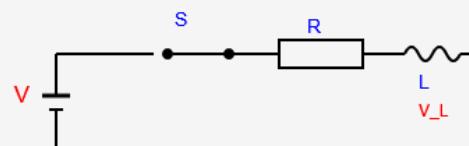
Why is there a time constant for inductors and capacitors

What happens after one time constant has elapsed in an RL circuit, and also 5 time constants?

What happens after one time constant has elapsed in an RC circuit, and also 5 time constants?

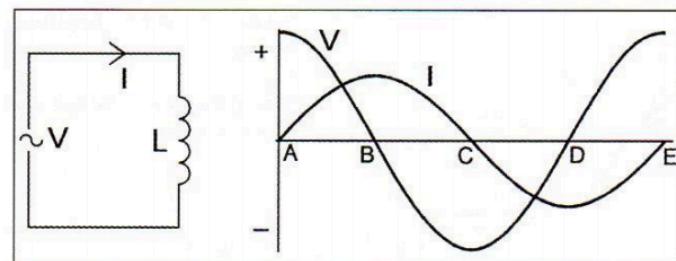
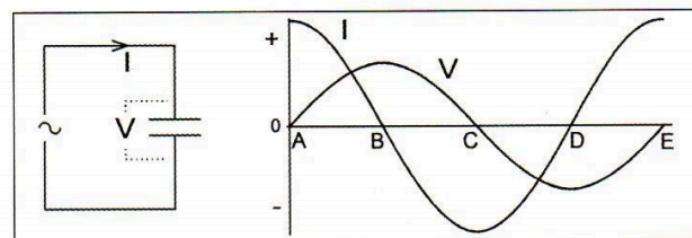
What does the graph of Voltage over time look like as the switch is closed?

RL Circuit: Voltage Across Inductor

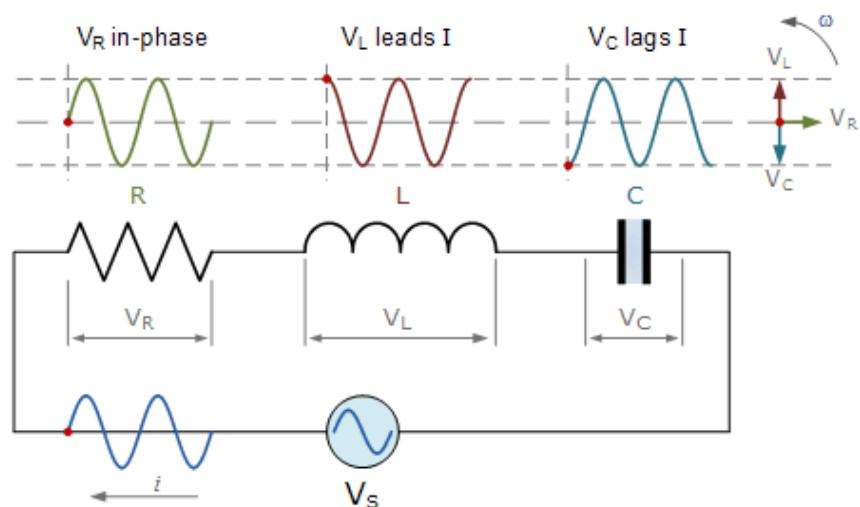


Key Principle: When the switch closes, the inductor opposes the sudden change in current by generating a back-EMF (voltage). Watch how the voltage across the inductor (V_L) changes over time!

From the intermediate course, we know that in circuits with pure Capacitance or pure Inductance, there is a 90 degree phase difference between voltage and current. Now we need to know which leads which...



What is the phasor diagram for voltage in an AC series circuit consisting of a resistor, an inductor and a capacitor?



2e.3 • Capacitive reactance • 000 • OB47yhKe

What is the formula for the reactance of a capacitor, what does the graph of Capacitive Reactance vs frequency look like, and can you find it in EX309?

2e.3 • Inductive reactance • 000 • cFx7k0md

What is the formula for the reactance of an inductor, what does the graph of Reactive Reactance vs frequency look like, and can you find it in EX309?

How do you get 'pi' to appear on your calculator?

Calculator practice: calculate the INDUCTIVE REACTANCE of a $10\mu H$ inductor at 7MHz. Hint: use the REPLAY button and its arrows to check the numbers have been entered properly.

2e.3 • Capacitive reactance • 000 • t7V6D5iL

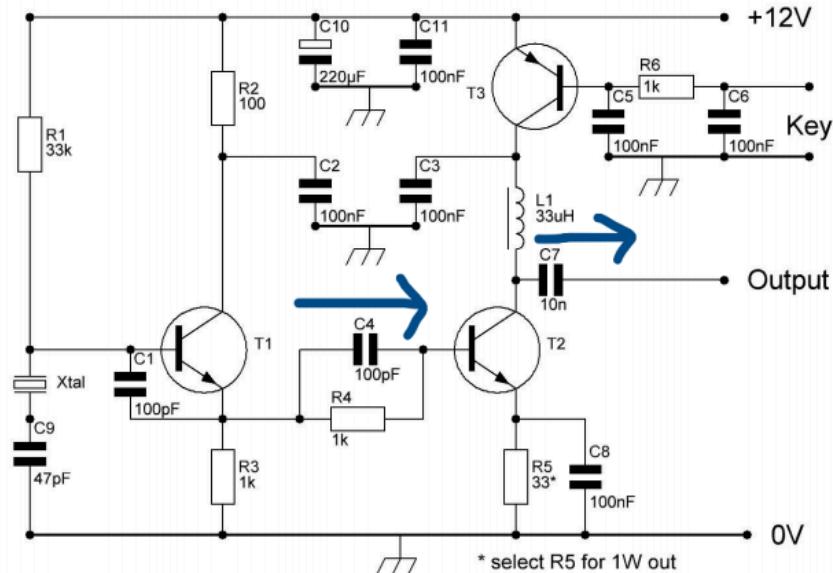
Calculator practice: calculate the CAPACITIVE REACTANCE of a 22pF capacitor at 10MHz. Hint: use the brackets!

2e.3 • Capacitive reactance • 000 • M1Z9XKFh

If the CAPACITIVE REACTANCE of a 22pF capacitor is 723 Ω , what is the frequency?

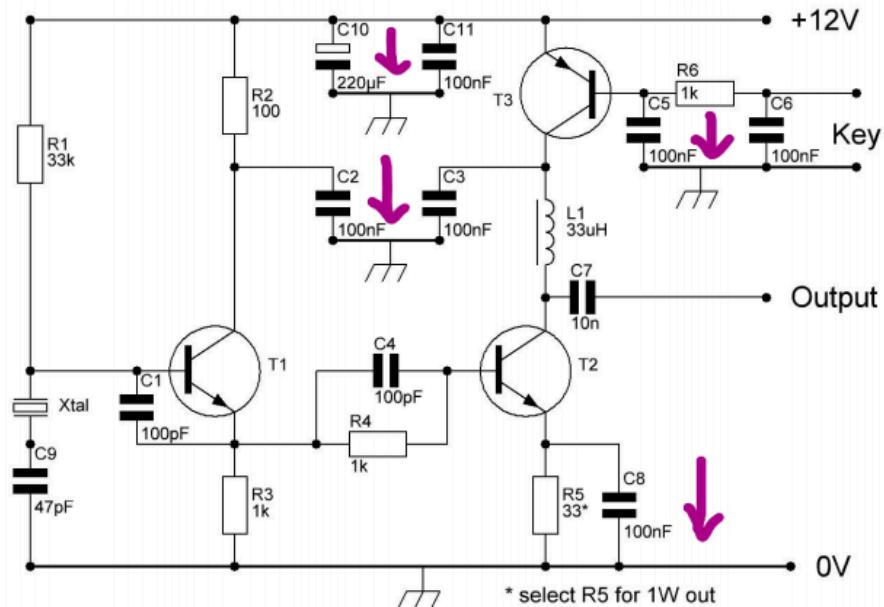
How are capacitors being used in this diagram? Hint: look at the arrows. It won't have the description or the arrows on the real thing.

GM3OXX OXO TRANSMITTER - CIRCUIT DIAGRAM

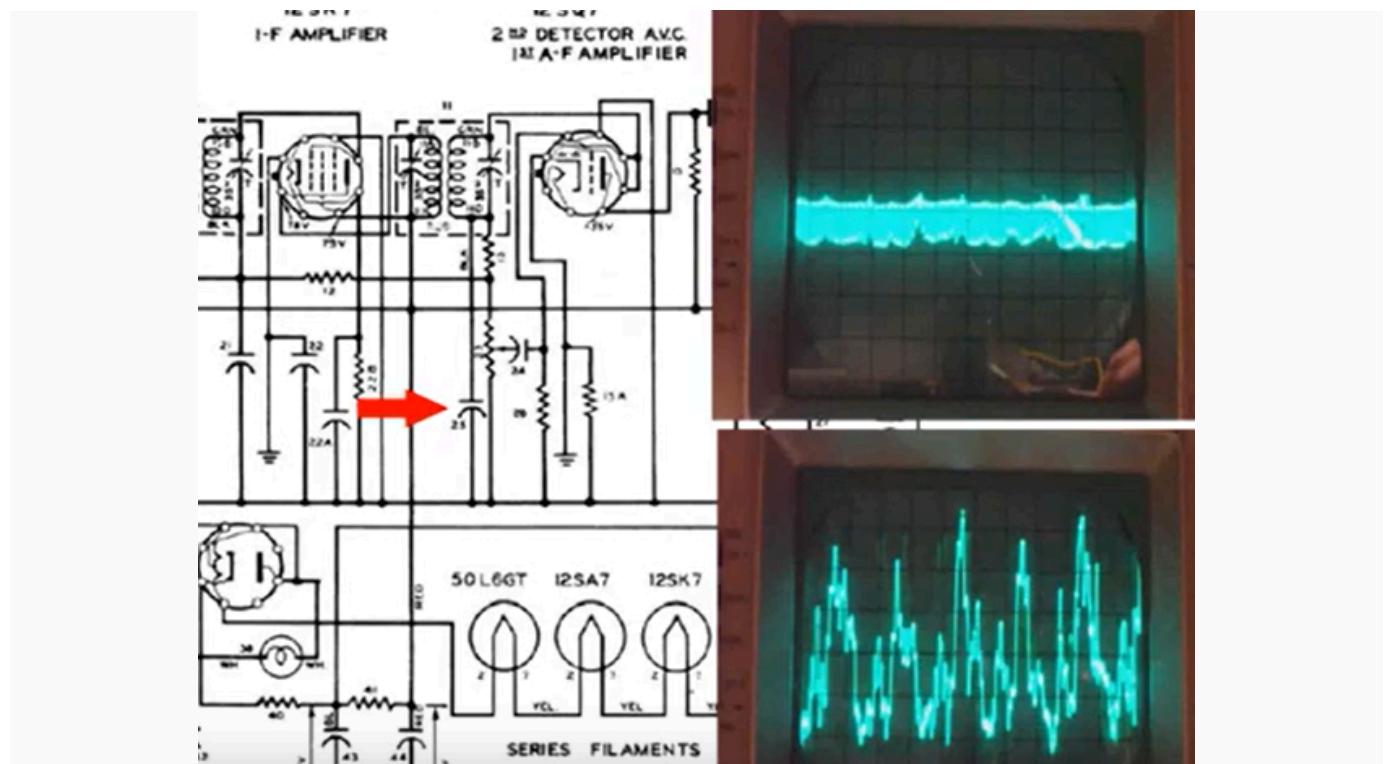


What is happening in this diagram?

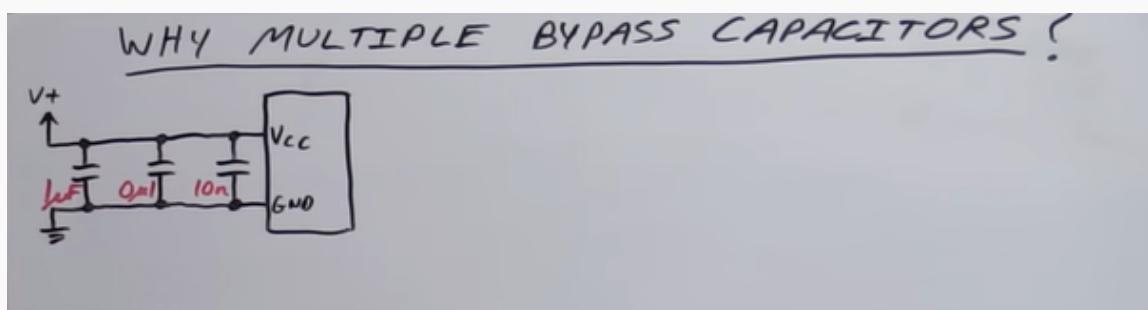
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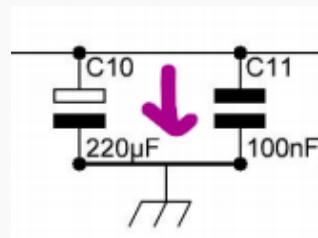
What is RF bypass?



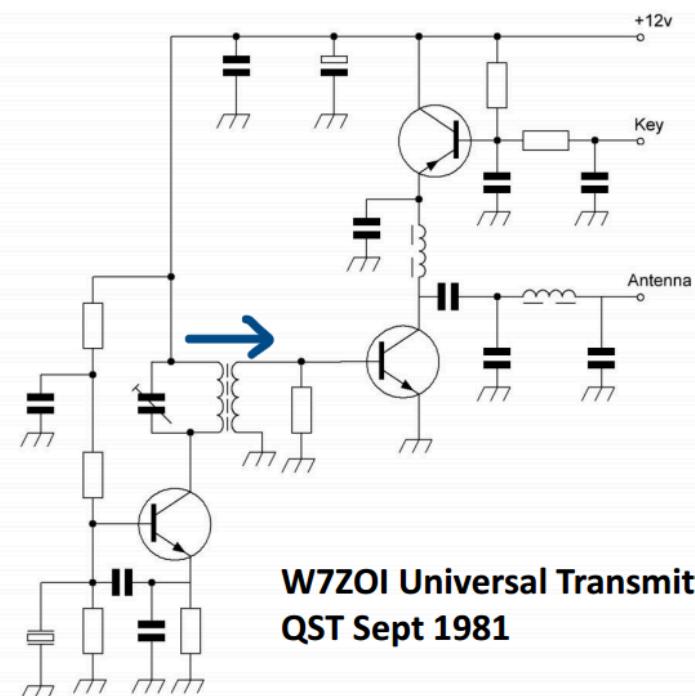
Why do we use multiple bypass capacitors on a power supply? Values like $1\mu F$, $100nF$, $10nF$ and $1nF$ are common and actually 3-4 may be used to take signals down to earth.



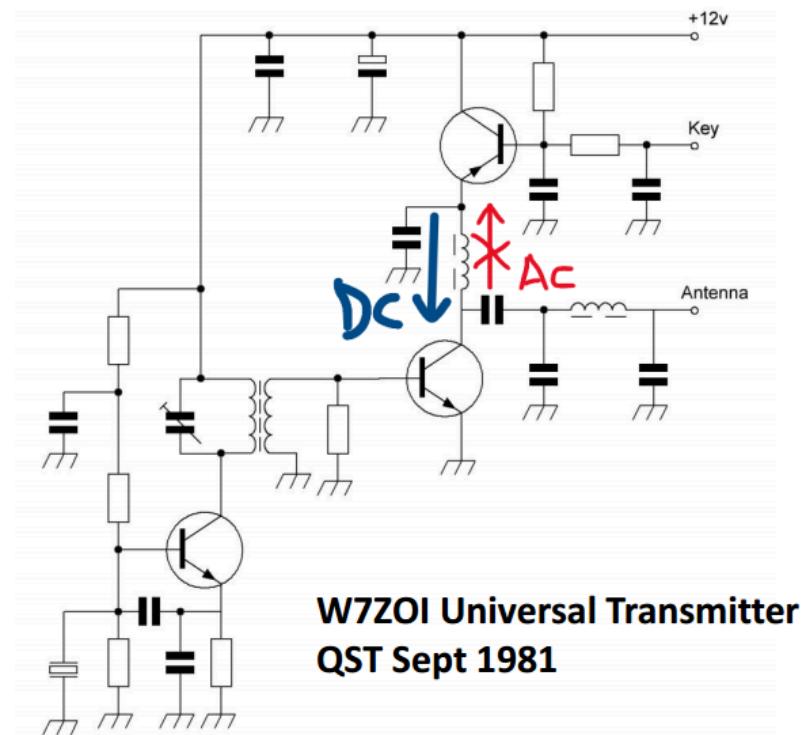
Here is a small piece of circuit with the capacitor connected between a 12V DC power supply and earth. Why would it be here?



How are inductors used in this diagram?



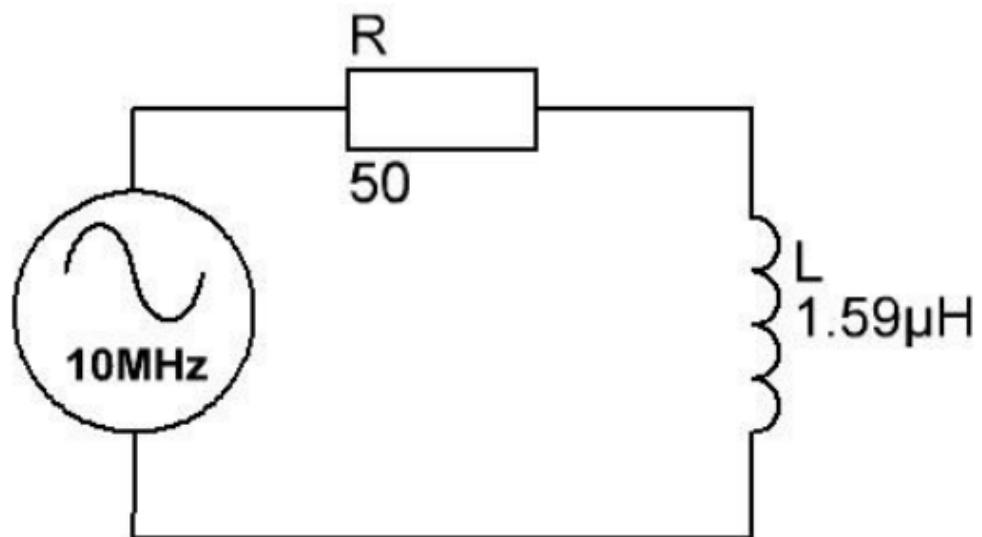
How are inductors used in this diagram?



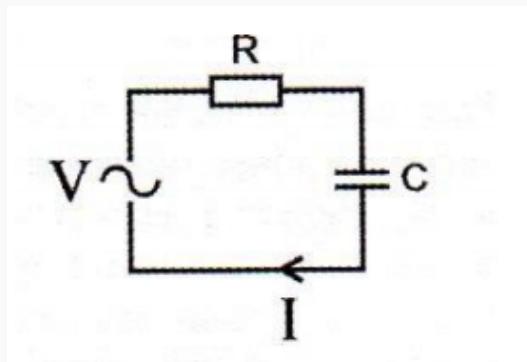
How is Impedance calculated in an RC or RL circuit?

What is the visual representation of Impedance calculated in an RC or RL circuit?

What is the impedance of the circuit in the diagram?



What is the impedance of the circuit in the diagram?

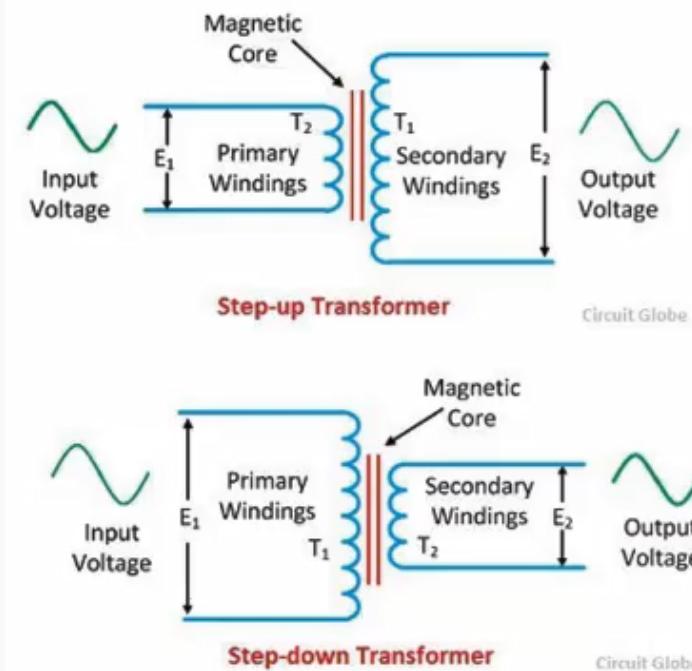


Really nasty question

Really nasty question gives you component values and supply voltage – what is V across C

- Need to work out X
- Use X and R to work out Z
- Use Z to work out I
- Use I and X to work out V
- *Worked example in Weekly Instructions*

What happens in a step-up or step-down transformer?



How is voltage affected by the transformer's turns ratio?

You can use the 2 step approach using Turns Ratio, or the formula on EX309 C1R10

A mains transformer has a 684 turns on the primary and 38 turns on the secondary.

What voltage be available on the secondary winding?

So what happens to current when a transformer is used?

No question provided

A mains transformer has a 684 turns on the primary and 38 turns on the secondary. If the secondary winding is providing 20A, how much current is flowing in the primary?

What are the key points concerning Transformers and the Turns Ratio?

⚡ **Golden Rule: Power is Conserved** ⚡

$$P_{\text{primary}} = P_{\text{secondary}}$$

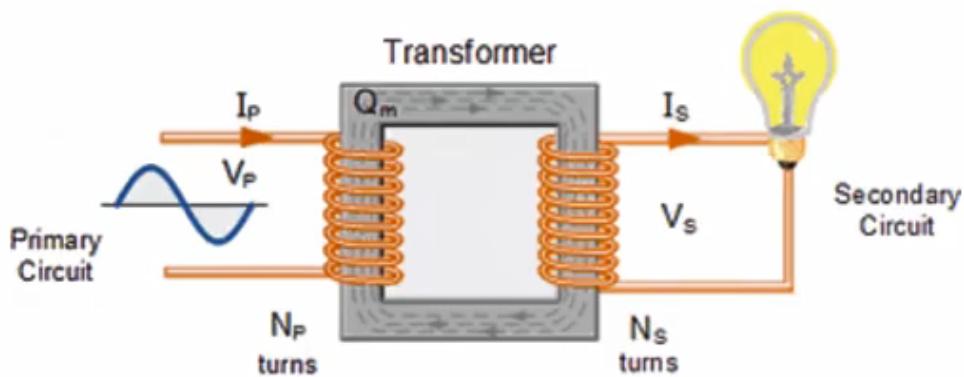
(in an ideal transformer)

What are the formulae concerning Transformers and the Turns Ratio?

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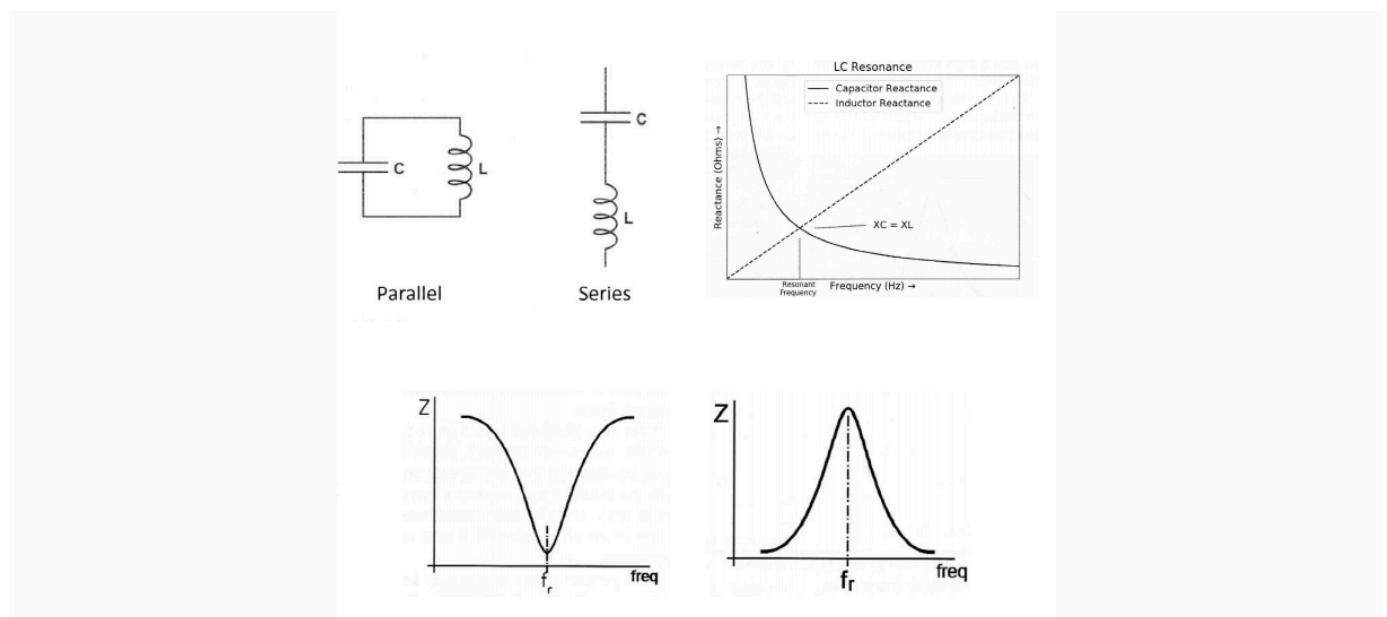
You are making a transformer to feed a high impedance antenna. The design shows 2 turns on the primary and 14 turns on the secondary. Assuming you are feeding this with 50Ω coax, what is the antenna's impedance?

What would be the main points associated with the construction of a transformer?

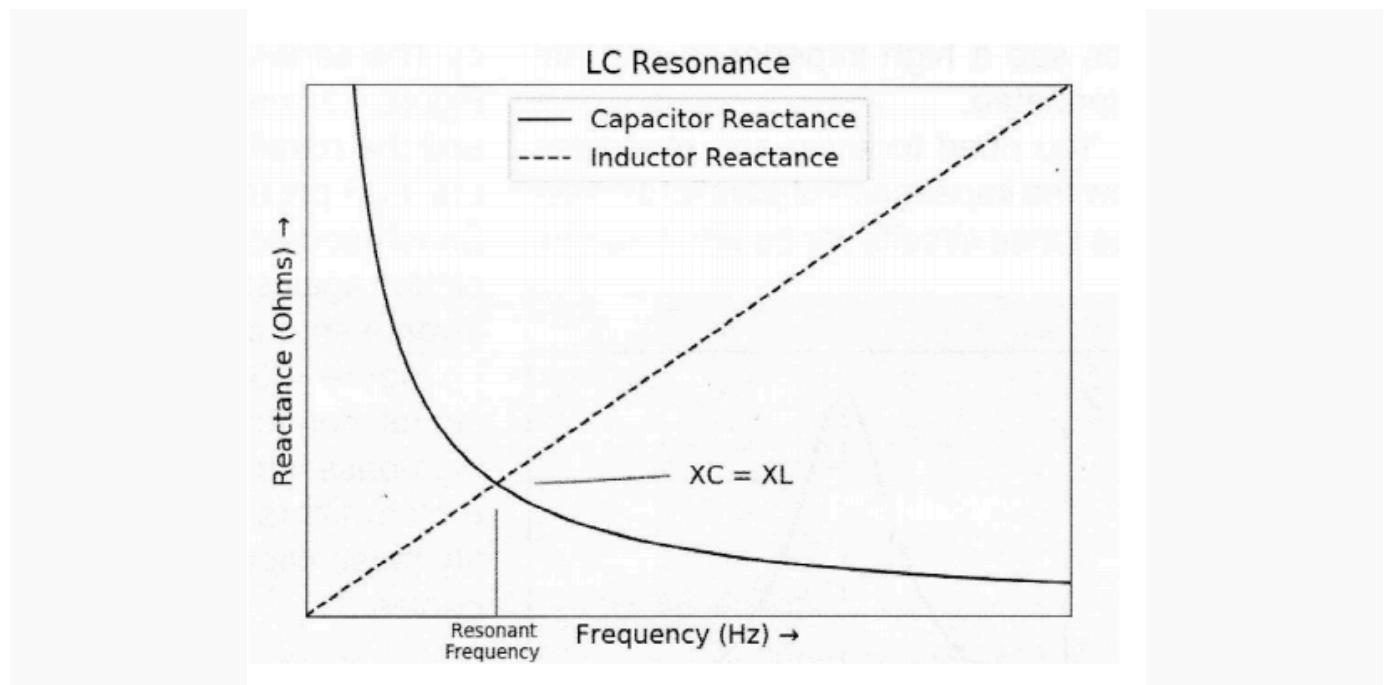


In the full manual the section on transformers is all about the turns ratio, plus this last bit. There are many other references in the text to transformers though, but it isn't collected together.

Recap on tuned circuits. What do you remember? Which is the acceptor circuit, and which is the rejector circuit? I always remember PARALLEL for PEAK Impedance.



What is the resonant frequency formula that applies to both series and parallel tuned circuits?



2h.1 • Tuned circuit • 000 • Icrcs9YHB

How do you transpose the resonant frequency formula to solve for C or L?

2h.1 • Tuned circuit • 000 • Y1WQ4xfJ

Calculate resonant frequency of 22pf capacitor with $10\mu H$ inductor

2h.2 • Crystals • 000 • s7y_uZJc

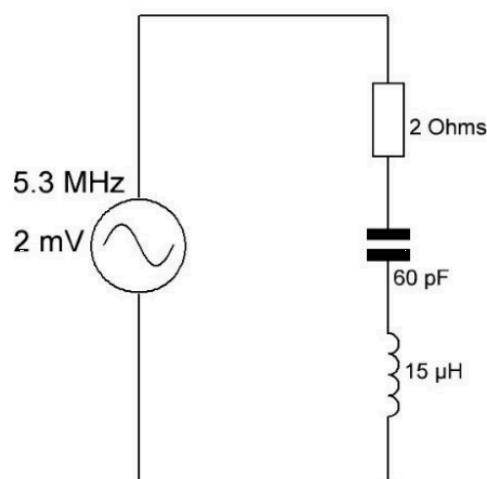
Summarise what you know about crystals and how they're used.

2h.2 • Crystals • 000 • 0S0us0Am

Identify a circuit with crystals in it

What does the specification of a crystal's performance look like?

In this circuit, the resonant frequency is 5.3MHz and there is an RF supply of just 2mV across the series circuit. Q MAGNIFICATION hinges on the fact that when a series tuned circuit is at resonance, the reactances X_L and X_C are equal and opposite, so they cancel each other.



what is Q-factor?

voltages and circulating currents in tuned circuits can be very high...

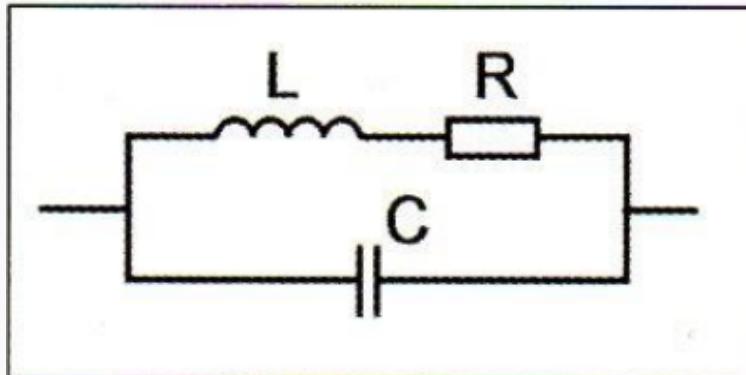
2h.4 • Tuned circuit • 000 • ck-q12VL

Recall the definition of the half power point of resonance curves...

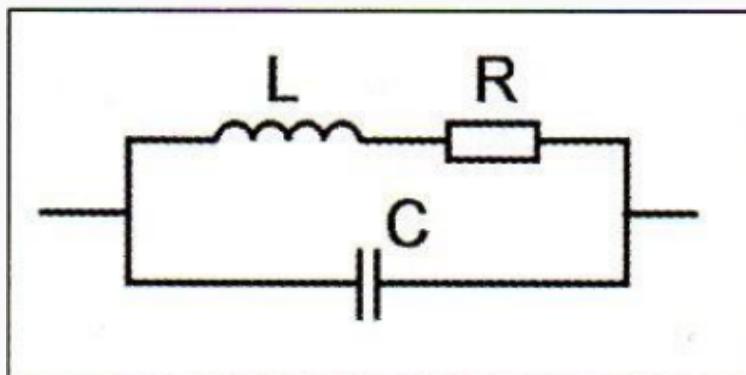
2h.4 • Tuned circuit • 000 • pnYosChc

Apply the equation for Q given the resonant frequency and the half power points on the resonance curve...

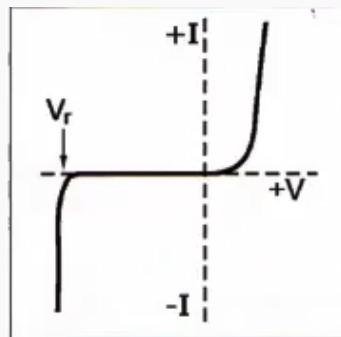
Understand the meaning of dynamic resistance, R_D ...



In this example, the inductor is $5\mu H$, the capacitor is 200pF and the resistor is 0.5Ω . Now calculate R_D , the dynamic resistance:



What component is this characteristic curve for?



What are the characteristics of the Zener diode?

Recap on intermediate work, noting that if in doubt, do not break into a sweat, as it may be up to 1 mark...

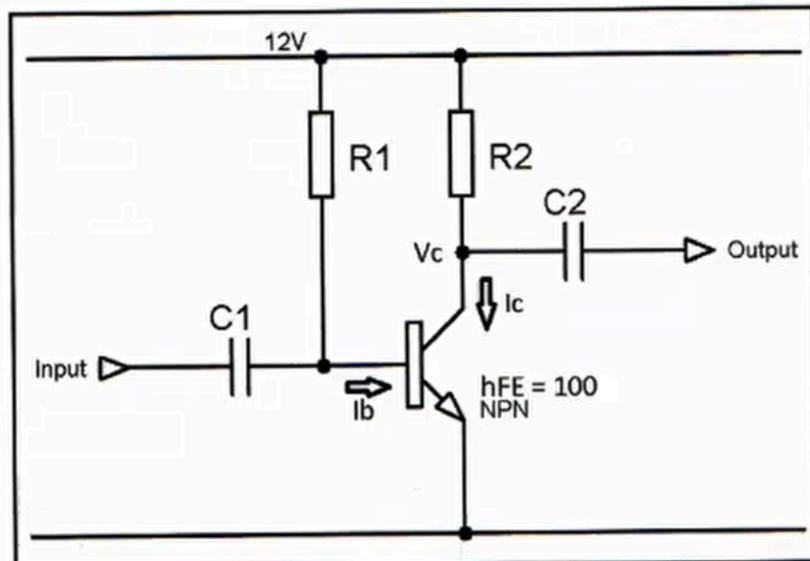
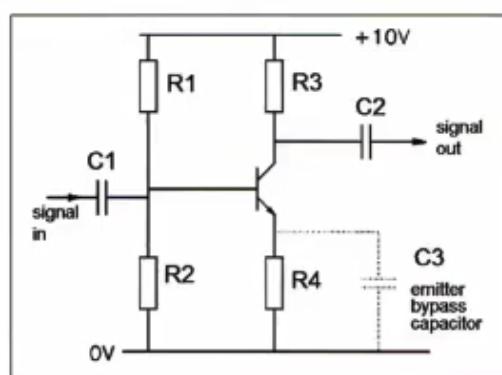


Fig 5.13: A simple single transistor common emitter amplifier

Several improvements to biasing over the basic circuit:



This is the introduction to transistor configurations and classes. **The golden rule: a transistor has three connections, so one for input, 1 for output and 1 shared (ground?)**:

This is common base:

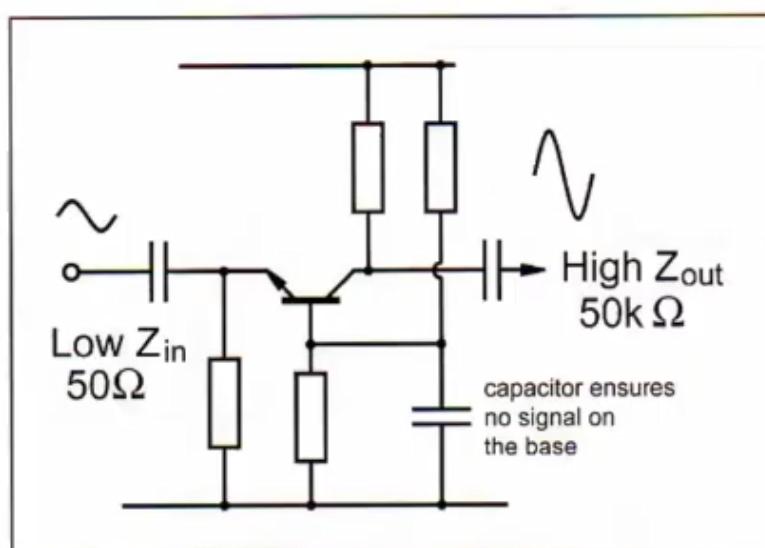
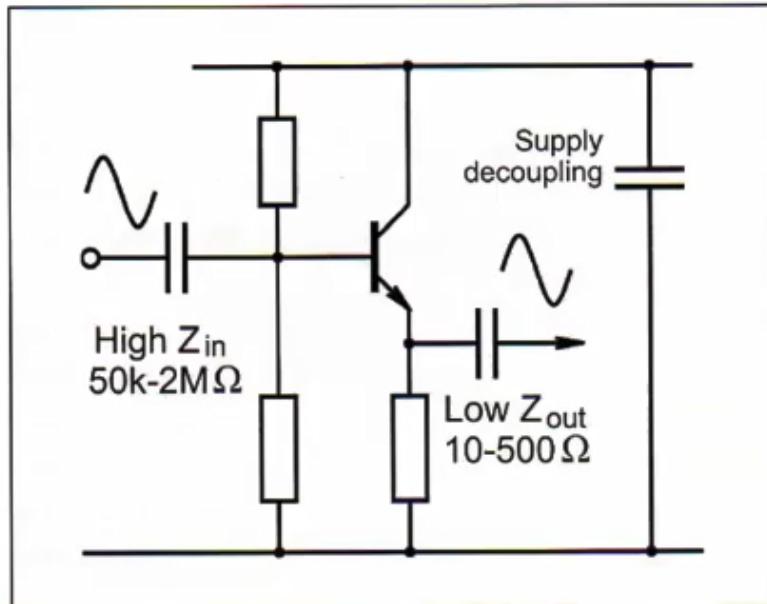
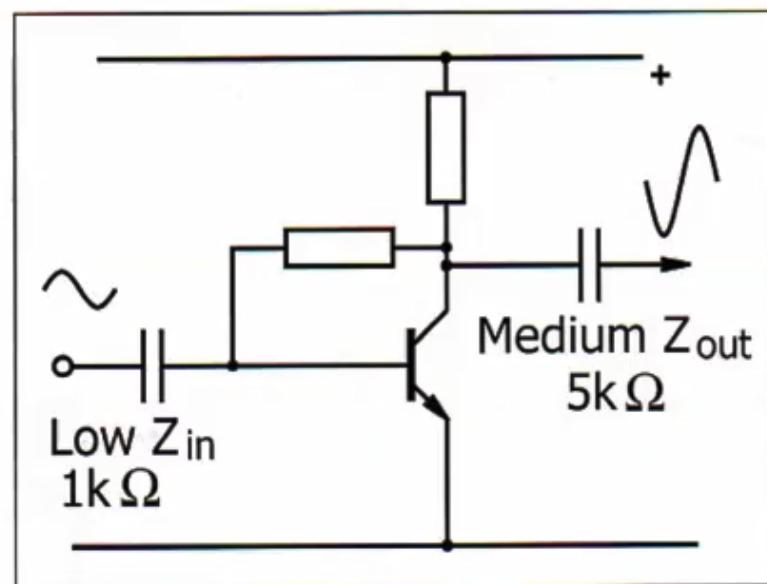


Fig 5.21: Common base configuration

This is common collector, or emitter follower:



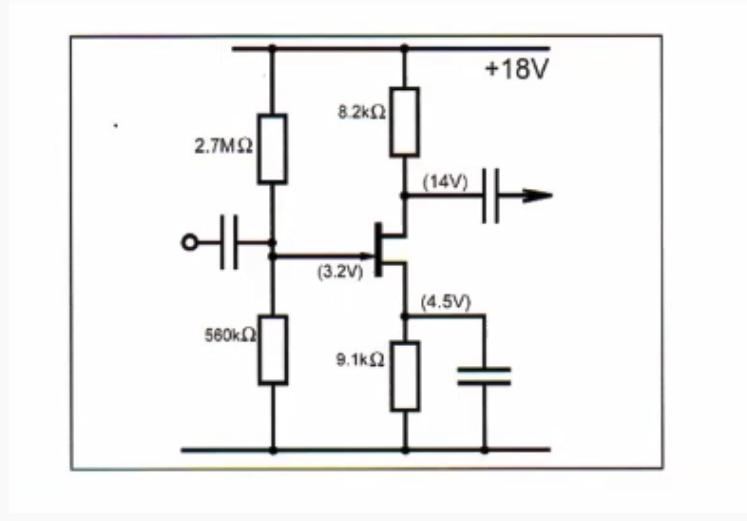
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If you can understand this...

Tabular summary:

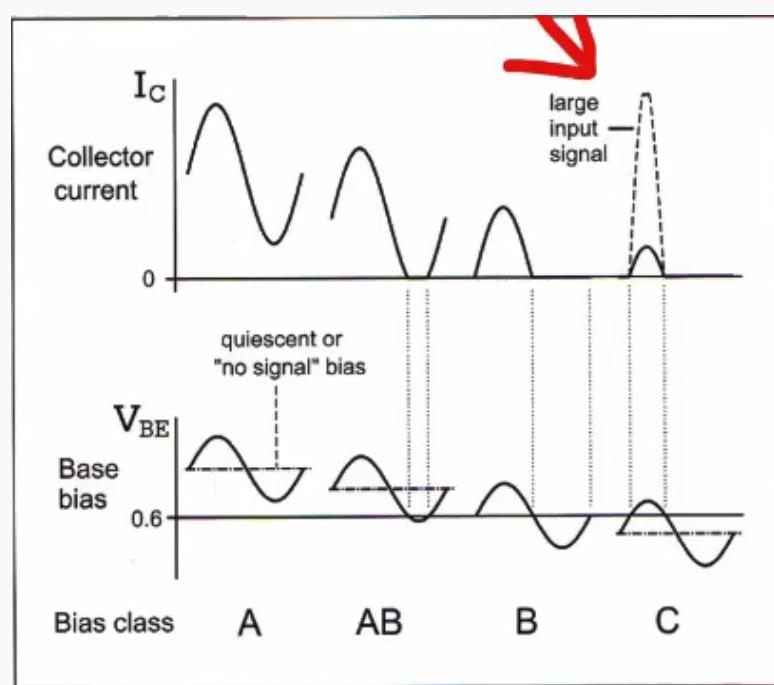
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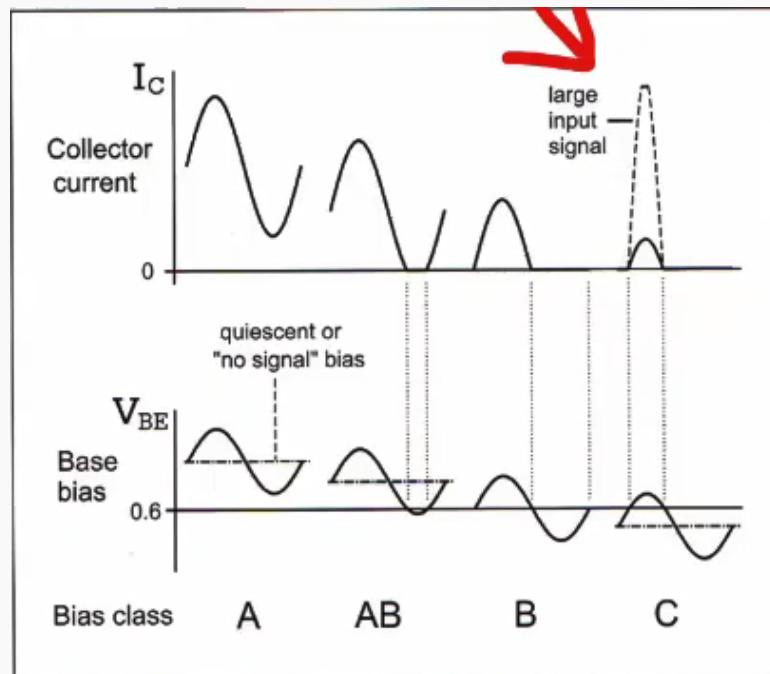
FET biasing:

More on FET biasing:

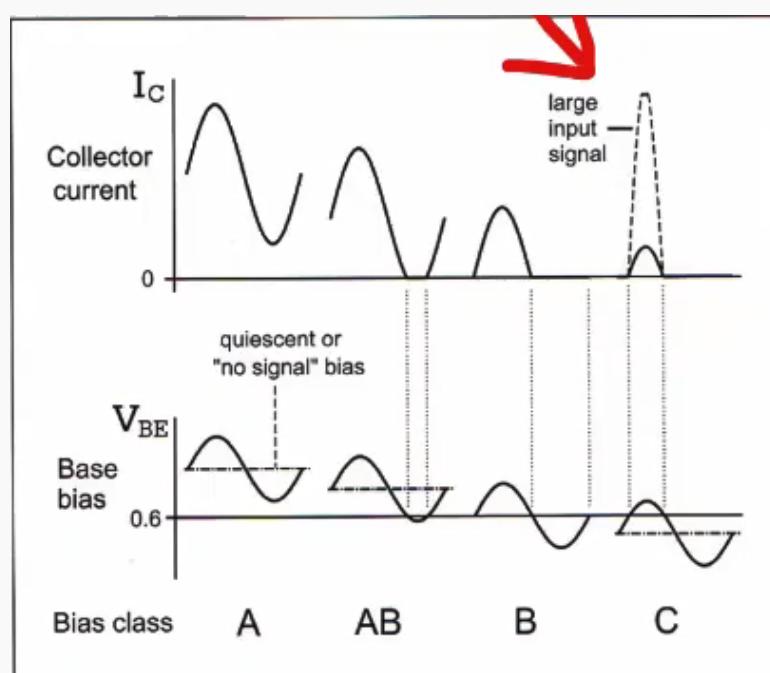
What are the characteristics of class A amplifiers?



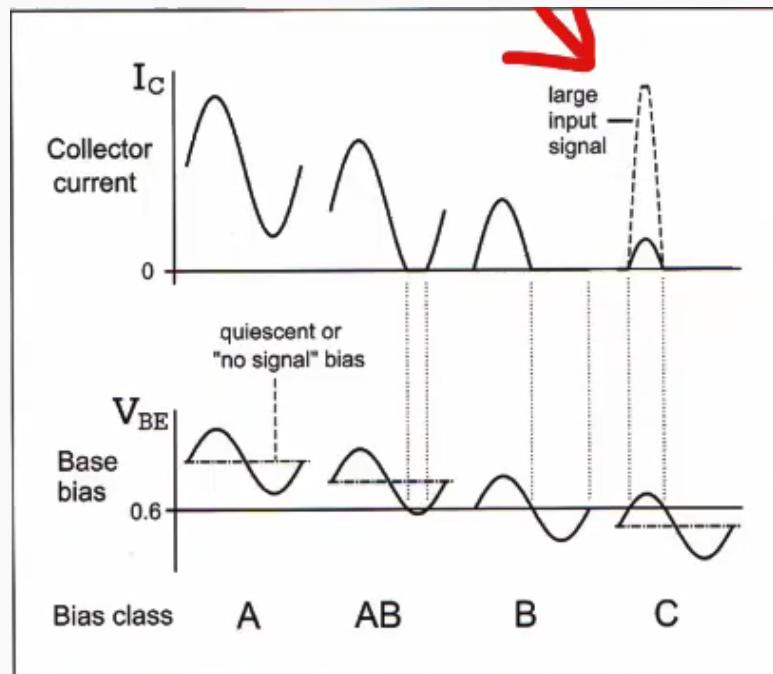
What are the characteristics of class B amplifiers?



What are the characteristics of class A/B amplifiers?



What are the characteristics of class C amplifiers?



Power amplifier classes and biasing:

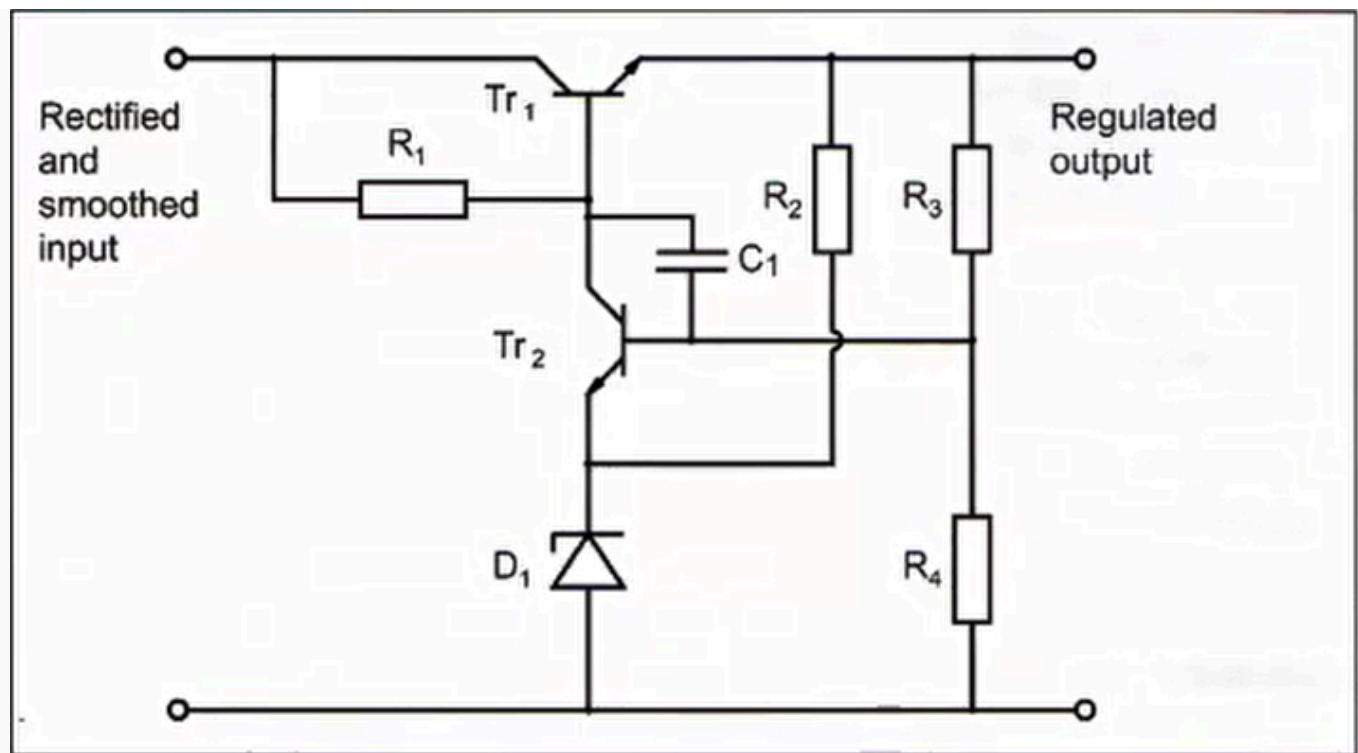
Class	Output wave-form	Efficiency	Advantages	Disadvantages
A	Full	25-30%	No distortion or negligible distortion Simple design Best linearity	Inefficient Generates much heat High cost or low durability
AB	Almost full	50-60%	Good efficiency Minor harmonic distortion Good linearity	High cost
B	Half	65%	Good efficiency Low cost Acceptable linearity	Increased distortion may be unacceptable for AF
C	Less than half	80%	Best efficiency Lowest cost	High distortion Poor linearity

2i.4 • spare • •

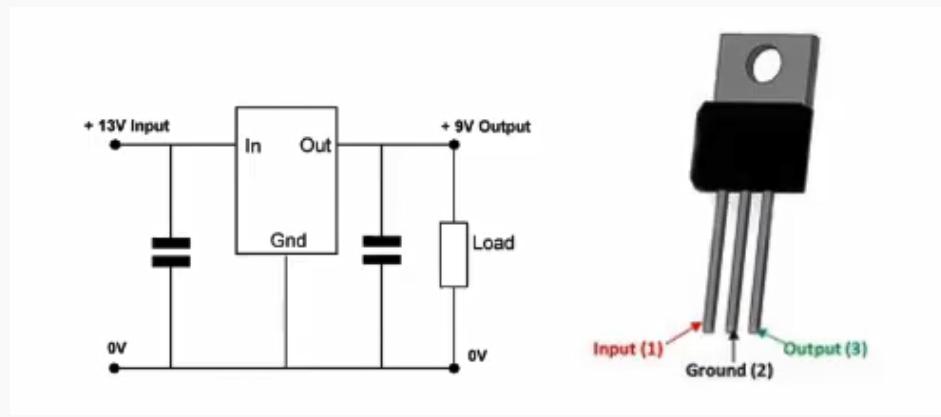
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2j.2 • Voltage stabilising circuit • 000 • 9F3Y4PBB

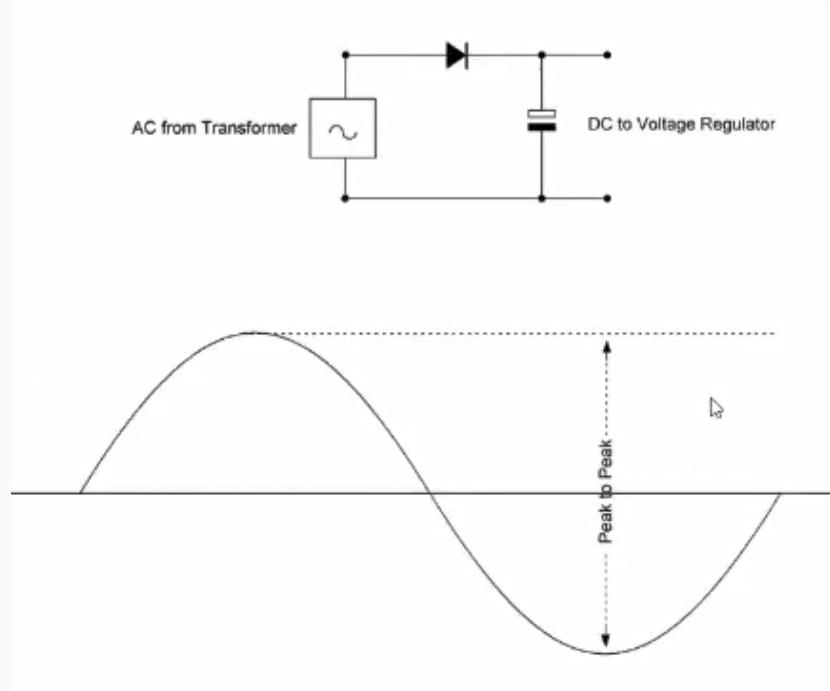
Can you recognise this circuit?



What does this circuit do?

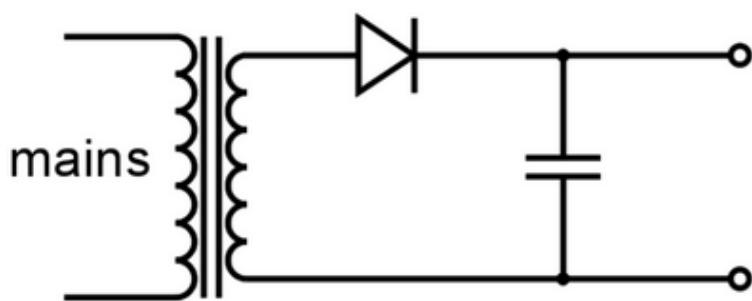


Rectifier diodes must be rated for at least the peak to peak voltage:



No question provided

Q1/2 If the secondary voltage from the transformer is 10V rms the peak inverse voltage rating (PIV) of the diode should be at least:



No question provided

Q1/2 The rectifier diodes in a mains operated 12V stabilised power supply have failed and must be replaced. Which of the following diodes would be chosen to replace them?

Diodes with a PIV rating equal to or greater than the original diodes D [3]

Diodes with a current rating equal to or greater than the original diodes.

Diodes with a PIV rating of 12V

Diodes with a PIV and current rating equal to or greater than the original diodes

2j.4 • linear power supply • 000 • KTOX4MGD

What can you remember about linear power supplies from intermediate?

2j.4 • linear power supply • 010 • ZOL062H9

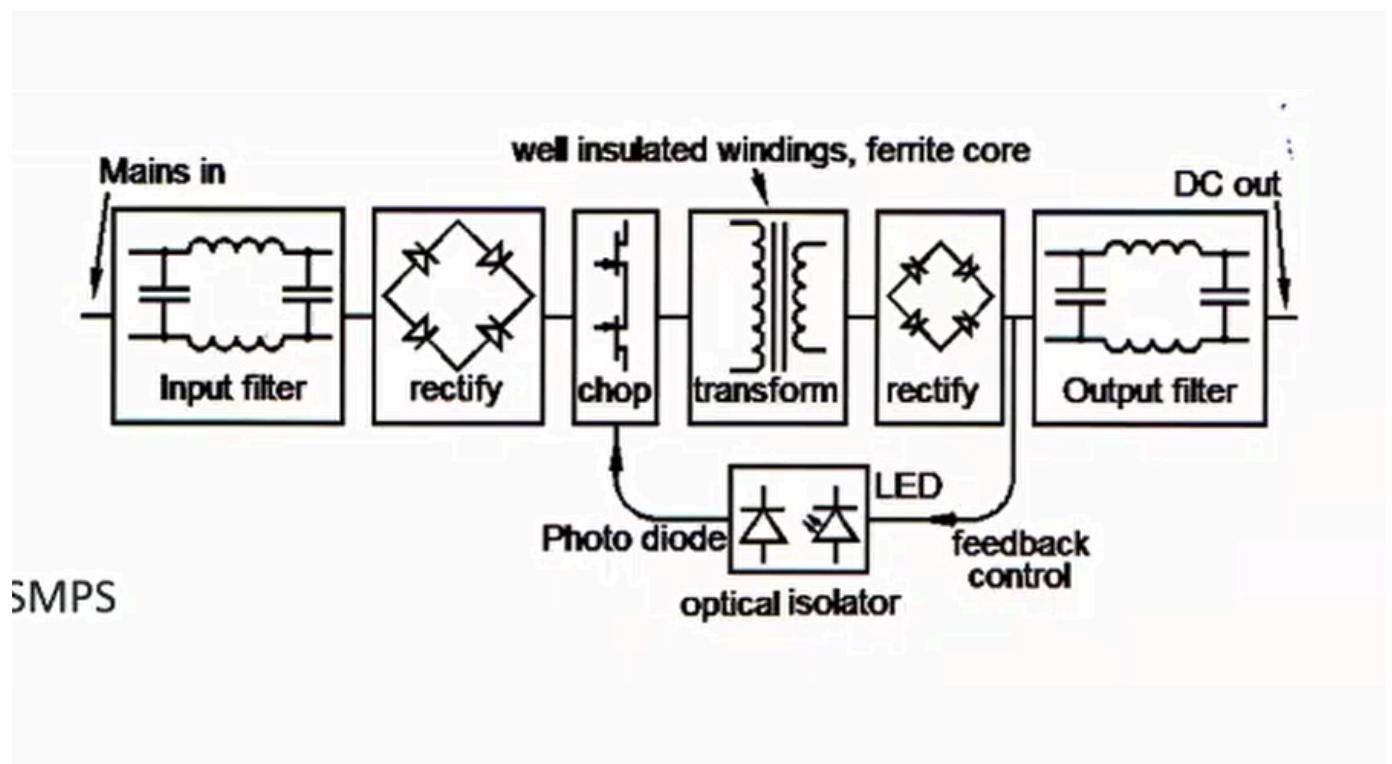
What can you remember about half wave rectification from intermediate?

What can you remember about full wave rectification from intermediate?

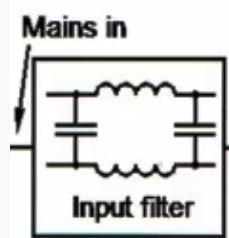
Can you summarise linear power supply stages from intermediate?

This is the revision card. What can you remember from intermediate?

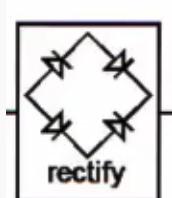
What does this block diagram represent?



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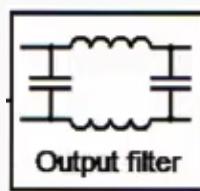
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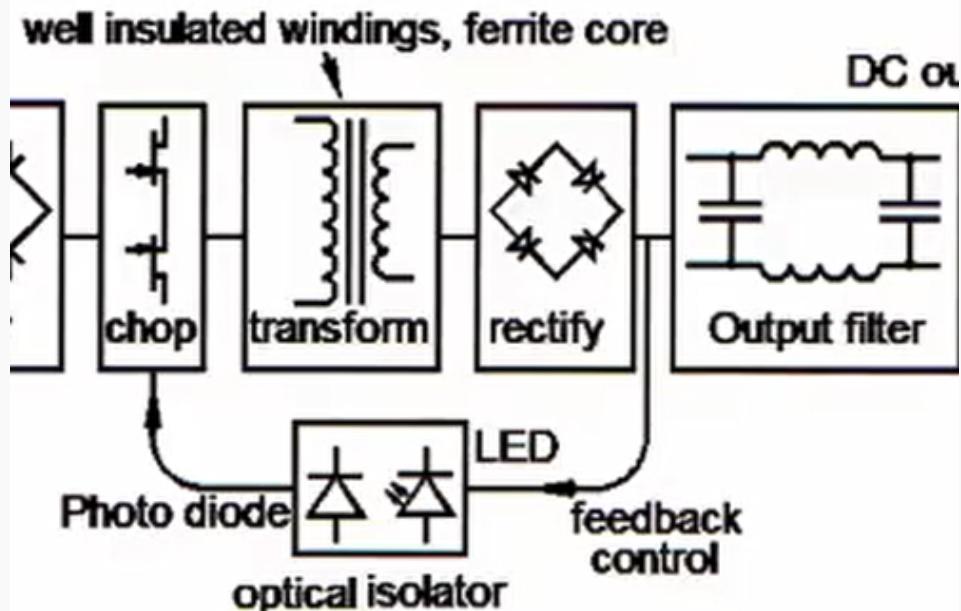
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What does this part of the SMPS block diagram represent?



What do you know about FM modulation, including sidebands? Note the varactor capacitor in the circuit diagram.

Transmitters – FM Modulation

3a.2

FM Modulator covered in Intermediate

- AF applied to vari-cap (varactor) diode
- Changes capacitance, changes frequency
- Change = deviation
- Maximum Deviation = Peak Deviation = Δf

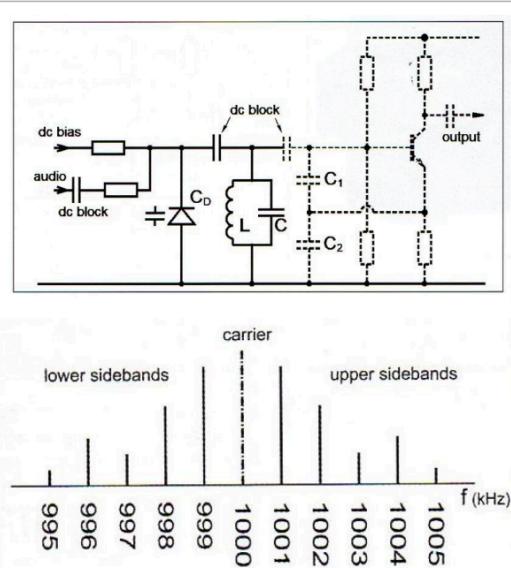
Modulation Index repeated in Full:

- Peak Deviation \div Maximum Audio Frequency
- WBFM example: $75\text{kHz} \div 15\text{kHz} = 5$
- NBFM example: $2.5\text{kHz} \div 3\text{kHz} = 0.83$

Not obvious but FM generates sidebands

Number of sidebands increases with the Modulation Index (Bessel Functions)

- Complexity warning!!!!



Can you recognise the components of this transmitter?

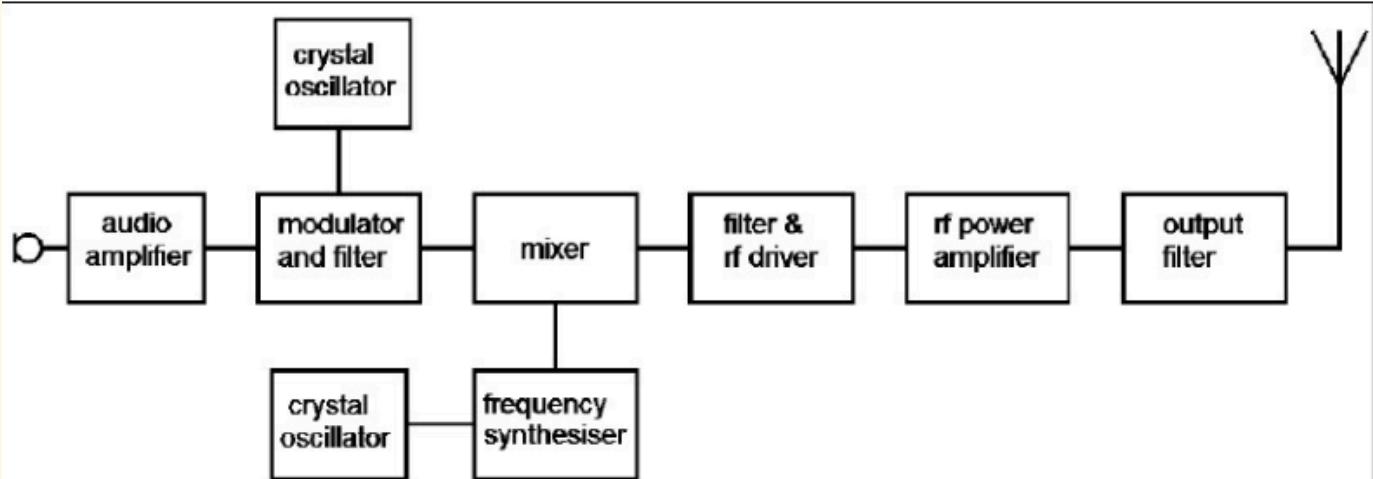


Fig 7.1: Block diagram of a transmitter using a mixer to achieve the final frequency. The modulator stage could be for AM, SSB or FM

This FM transmitter uses a multiplier stage to achieve the final frequency.

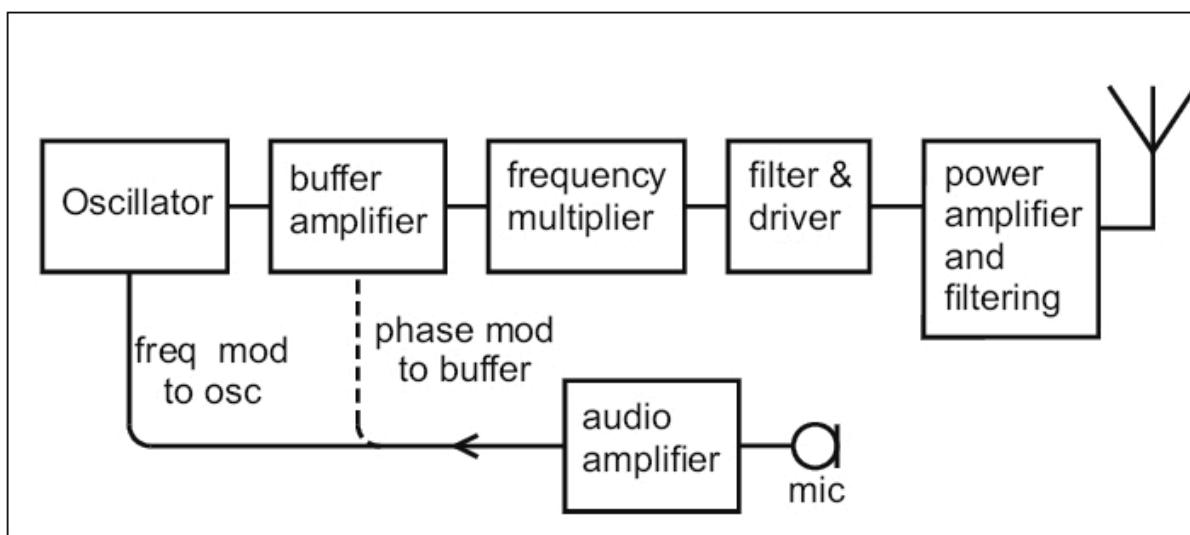


Fig 7.2: Block diagram of an FM transmitter using a multiplier stage to achieve the final frequency

Extra care must be taken with VFOs like the Colpitts Oscillator to minimise frequency drift and maintain calibration accuracy.

- stable voltage supply separated from other stages
- best quality components e.g. tightly wound coil on grooved former of low loss material
- rigidly constructed variable capacitor with insulated coupling to front panel controls
- short rigid wiring between components
- away from heat sources to minimise temperature effects
- a suitable way to check the frequency

Why minimise drift?

- Helps to make contacts!
- Licence requirement to stay in band

More on drift...

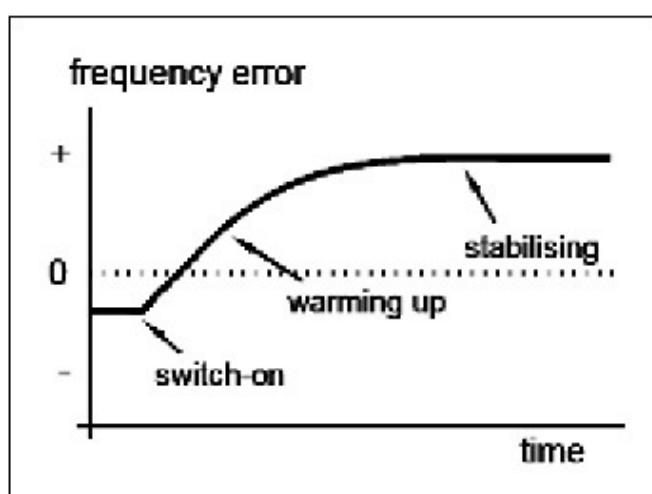
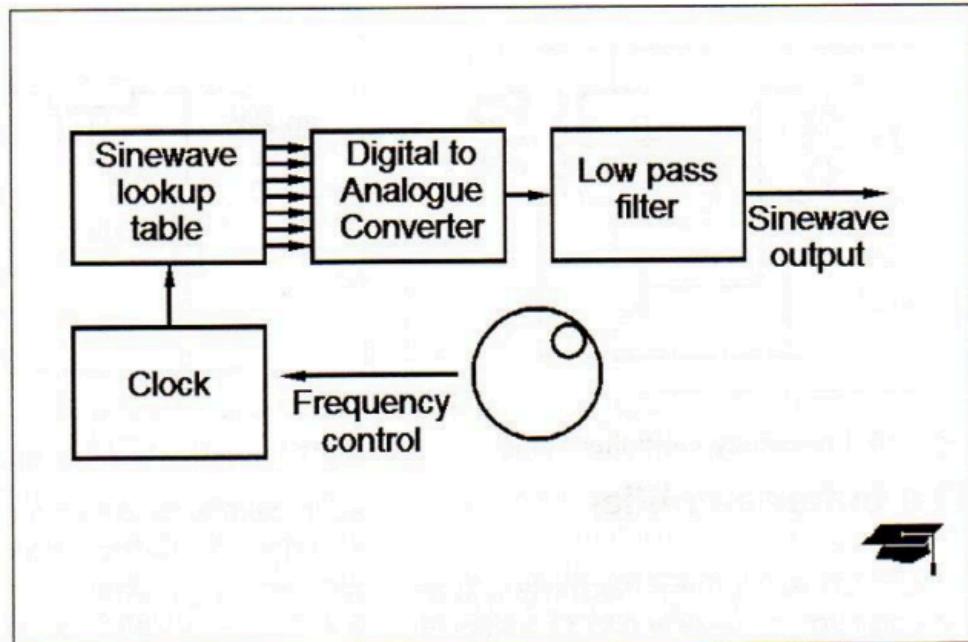


Fig 8.1: Frequency errors and drift in a transmitter oscillator

What are the components of a DDS?



What do you know about multipliers, including when they can't be used.

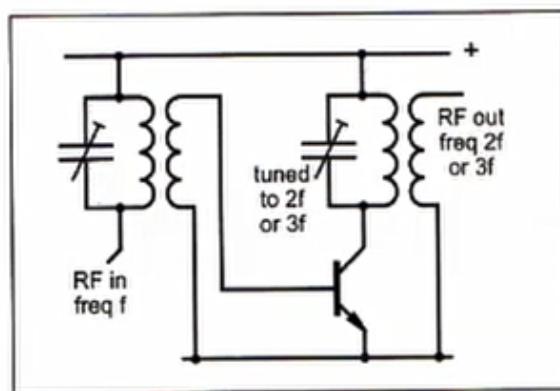


Fig 7.10: Frequency multiplier stage

3d.1 • Why can't multipliers be used for AM and SSB • 000 • 5c9855c6

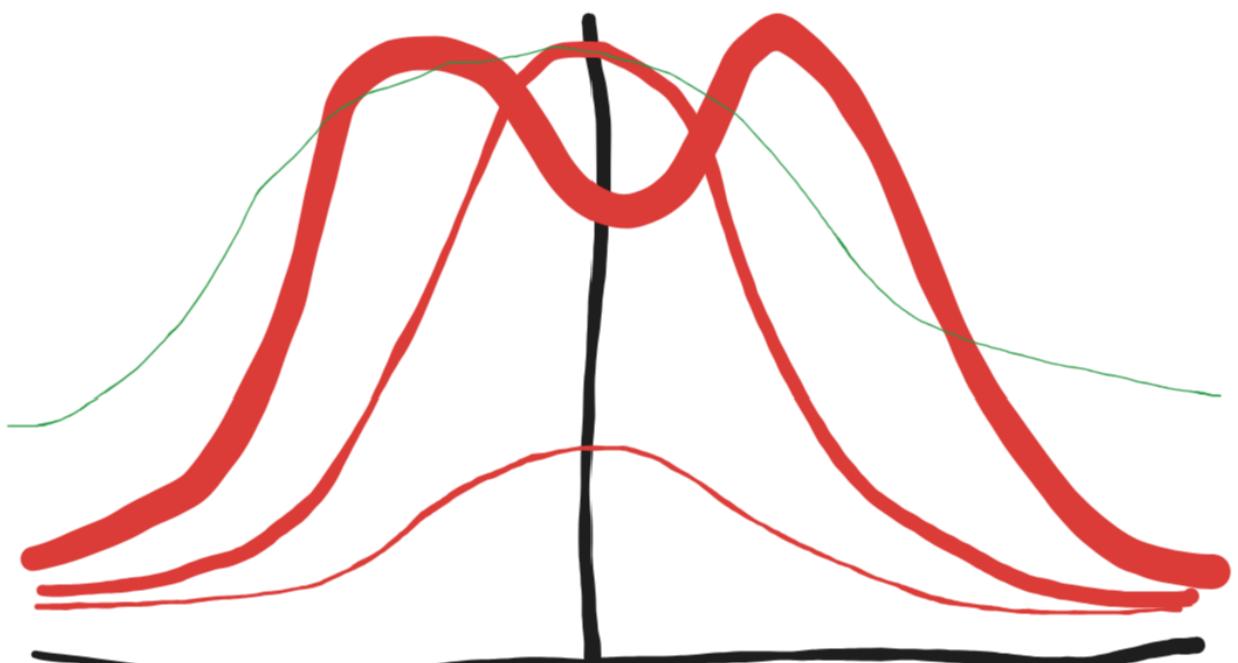
This slide explains

3f.4 • transmit mode affects average power rating • 000 • 7C9HAAVG

What happens to average power vs peak power when PTT is pressed for each transmit mode?

What are the basic principles of dynamic range?

Identify these coupling curves for an intermediate frequency transformer:



3j.1 • Operation of RF amplifier • 000 • 44CLLJNG

Can you recognise an RF amplifier, and its main components

3j.1 • Care is needed to use an RF pre-amplifier • 010 • 44CLLJNG

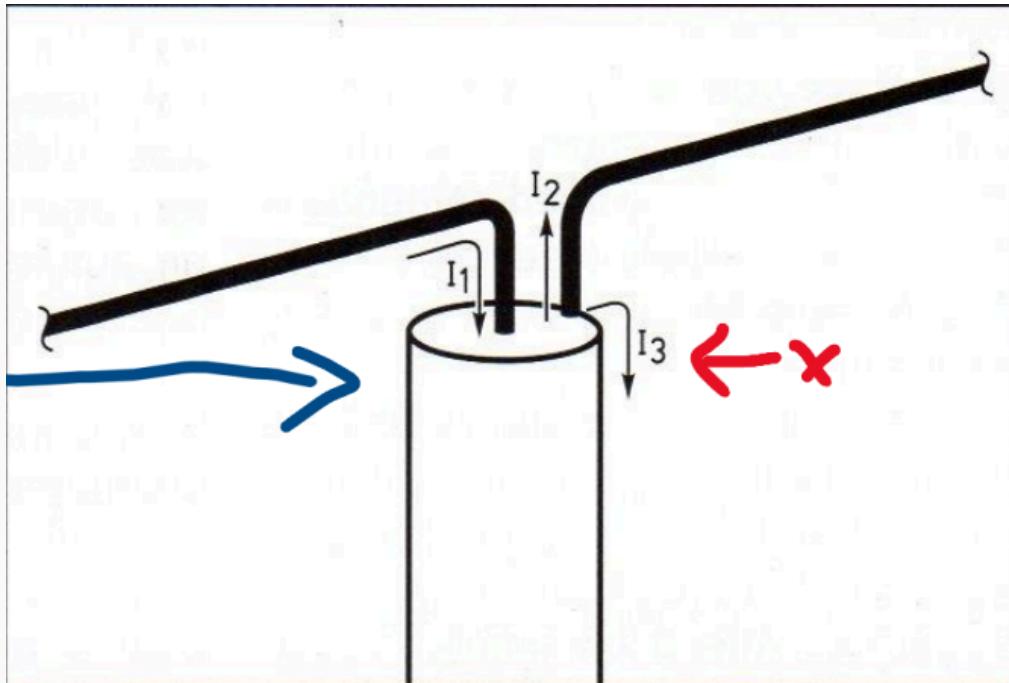
Can you discuss placement options and potential pitfalls?

Explain how a pre-amplifier can help an FM signal

What needs to be done with feeders to take into account their velocity factor?

4b.1 • why do we need a balun • 000 • TEPQ74W0

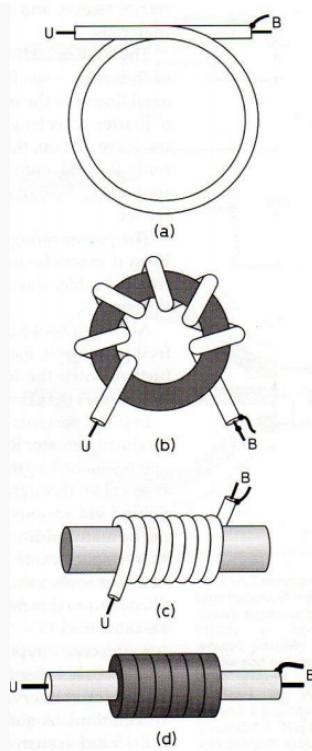
Can you describe the currents seen on the diagram, and what a balun does?



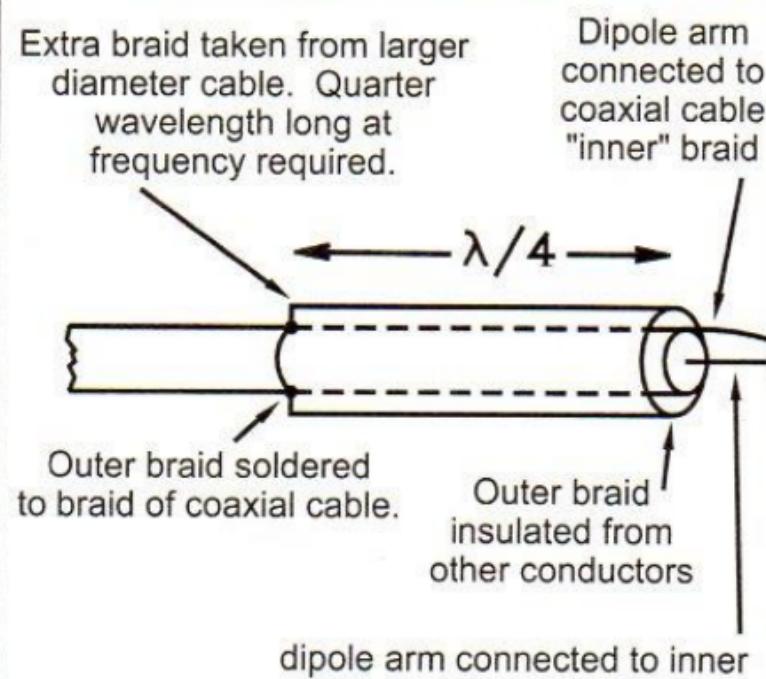
4b.1 • Where is a balun used? • 010 • H06FPYC0

In what circumstances are baluns used?

Can you recognise what these are?



Can you recognise what this is and what it does?



4b.1 • transformer balun 1:1 • 010 • 00AY1VJT

Can you recognise a transformer balun and what it can do e.g. 1:1?

4b.1 • transformer balun 4:1 • 020 • K7YH52BC

Can you recognise a transformer balun and what it can do e.g. 4:1?

4d.1 • Antenna velocity factor end effect • 000 • QAXSWJMN

How long would you make a 10MHz quarterwave vertical?

4d.2 • antenna current & voltage distribution • 000 • BITUK8ZI

What is the current and voltage distribution on a half-wave dipole?

4d.2 • antenna current & voltage distribution • 010 • 5PRXD5K1

What is the current and voltage distribution on a half-wave dipole?

4d.2 • 7 antennas feedpoint impedance • 000 • HPXZIMNW

What are the variations in feedpoint impedance?

4d.2 • 1/7 Halfwave dipole • 000 • Y15ZYYS9

What is the endpoint impedance of a halfwave dipole?

4d.2 • 2/7 quarterwave ground plane • 010 • 2BPK07QV

What is the endpoint impedance of a quarterwave ground plane?

4d.2 • 3/7 5/8 wavelength vertical • 020 • 6AKQ1JG3

What is the endpoint impedance of a 5/8 wavelength vertical?

4d.2 • 4/7 folded dipole • 030 • OVP7ZG0A

What is the endpoint impedance of a folded dipole?

4d.2 • 5/7 Full wave loop • 040 • JH0QQU4M

What is the endpoint impedance of a full wave loop?

4d.2 • 6/7 end fed 1/4 wavelength • 050 • KEY6ULMH

What is the endpoint impedance of an end fed quarter wavelength?

4d.2 • 7/7 end fed half wavelength • 060 • 03NBYBFV

What is the endpoint impedance of an end fed half wavelength?

4d.2 • Summary of the 7 antennas • 070 • XPV68FXV

Can you summarise the characteristics of the 7 antennas, including feedpoint impedance?

Just to check the basics of yagi: driven element, reflector, directors?

What effect do the passive elements have on the feedpoint impedance of the driven element in a Yagi?

4d.2 • Use of folded dipole in Yagi • 020 • LZFNH8JL

What effect does using a folded dipole have when used in a Yagi?

4e.1 • Standing Waves revision • 010 • Q111GBJY

What are the basics of Standing Waves, and Standing Wave Ratio (SWR)?

What is the definition of SWR?

What is the formula for calculating SWR?

$$SWR = \frac{V_{max}}{V_{min}} = \frac{V_f + V_r}{V_f - V_r}$$

What is the formula for Return Loss

$$\text{Return loss} = 10 \log_{10} \frac{\text{Incident power}}{\text{Reflected power}} \text{ dB}$$

What is the Return Loss with 400W going forward and 300W reflected

4e.2 • Return Loss Higher • 030 • 2B6Z0GLX

What is the Return Loss with 400w going forward and 20W reflected

4e.2 • Return Loss EVEN Higher • 040 • DHQKU7NS

What is the Return Loss with 400w going forward and 1W reflected

4e.2 • Return Loss (RL) and Standing Wave Ratio (SWR) • 020 • 3APKV8A3

What is Return Loss and how does it compare to SWR?

4e.3 • Return Loss can explain how feeder loss can 'improve' SWR • 010 • KZVY804U

What is the formula and how does it explain a false improvement in SWR?

4e.3 • Return Loss can explain how feeder loss can 'improve' SWR • 020 • CJLZRW2B

Using the formula to explain a false improvement in SWR?

4e.3 • Return Loss and SWR • 030 • 7A2Q72IP

Can you summarise the relationship between RL and SWR?

What is the key point about an AMU?

Practical use of AMU

4f.1 • AMU can cancel reactive component of impedance • 000 • JVG013LL

What does an Antenna Matching Unit (AMU) do?

4f.1 • An AMU does NOT tune the antenna system to resonance • 000 • S47P20E1

What do you know about an AMU?

4f.1 • Antenna Matching Unit Types: T-match • 000 • 8Y7MPIC7

How do you recognise a T-match AMU?

4f.1 • Antenna Matching Unit Types: pi-match • 010 • VYSJU0IL

How do you recognise a pi-match AMU?

4f.1 • Antenna Matching Unit Types: L-match • 020 • 94S52XGV

How do you recognise an L-match AMU?

4f.2 • Impedance transformer theory • 000 • 07VM6UN0

(1/2) What allows a quarter wave length of feeder to be used as an impedance transformer?

(2/2) What allows a quarter wave length of feeder to be used as an impedance transformer?

What is the formula for a quarter wave impedance transformer?

$$Z_0^2 = Z_{in} \times Z_{out}$$

This is a calculation example:

$$Z_0^2 = Z_{in} \times Z_{out}$$

What is working split?

7a.8 • Undue interference • 000 • zxLUWGob

What does the Licence say about testing your radio equipment?

7b.1 • Band plan • 000 • NxaFs7Fw

Which band plans do you need to be familiar with for the Full exam?

7b.1 • Band plan • 010 • YDDrv0Rc

Are you familiar with the 5MHz (60m) band plan?

7b.1 • Band plan • 020 • 6b_9-GFQ

Are you familiar with the 5MHz (60m) notes to the band plan?

7b.1 • Band plan • 030 • I1LmRd3r

Are you familiar with the 472kHz (600m) band plan?

7b.1 • Band plan • 040 • ZR857NP1

Are you familiar with the 472kHz (600m) notes to the band plan?

7b.1 • Band plan • 050 • HqLuZVQJ

Are you familiar with the 472kHz (600m) notes to the band plan, now in text you can actually read without a microscope?

7b.1 • Band plan • 060 • Ma9Ws_fK

Are you familiar with part one of the notes to the band plans?

Notes to the bandplans

Are you familiar with part two of the notes to the band plans?

Notes to the bandplans

Are you familiar with Note G which relates to using the 5MHz band?

Note G (5 MHz band)

Where Radio Equipment is being used in the channels allocated between 5.2585 MHz and 5.4065 MHz (the “5 MHz band”), the following specific terms and conditions will also apply:

- I. When operating double sideband, the maximum bandwidth shall not exceed 6 kHz;
 - i. Notwithstanding the maximum peak envelope power expressed in the table, above, the maximum radiated power must not exceed 200 Watts EIRP;
- II. The antenna height shall not exceed 20 metres above ground level;