

Introduction to Electronics



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Week 7: BJTs






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Bipolar Junction Transistor Introduction

Introduce the bipolar junction transistor



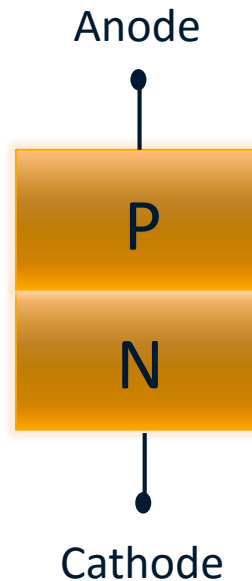
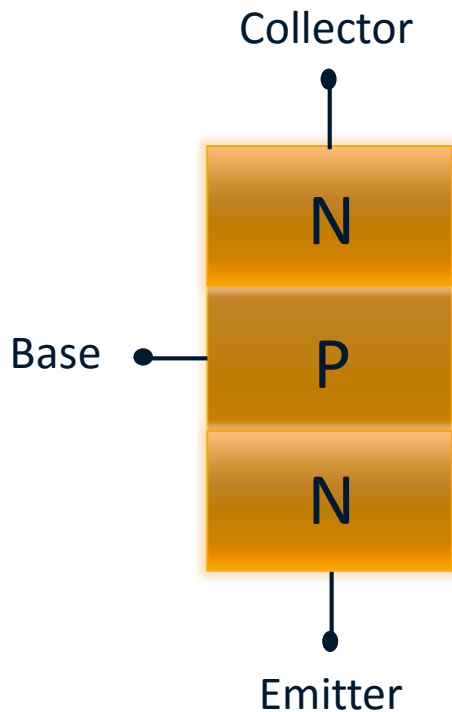
Previous Lesson

- Examined common source amplifier

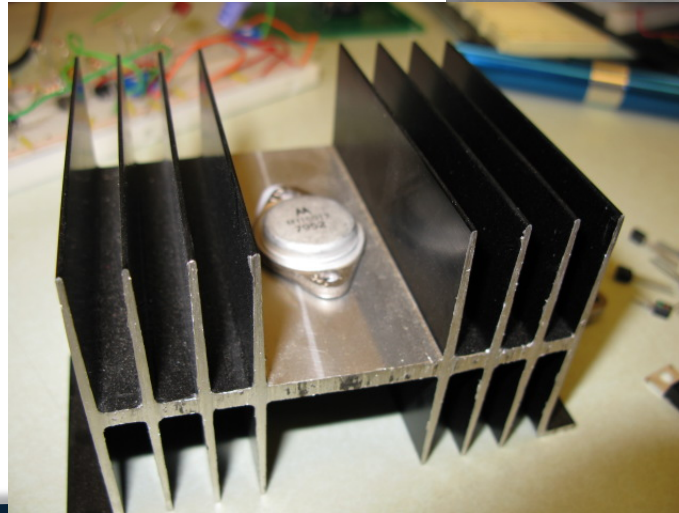
Lesson Objectives

- Introduce bipolar junction transistor

NPN BJT Structure



Diode Structure



Regions of Operation

Region	Collector-Base Junction	Base-Emitter Junction
Cutoff	Reverse	Reverse
Saturation	Forward	Forward
Active	Reverse	Forward
Reverse Active	Forward	Reverse

Summary

- Introduced bipolar junction transistor (BJT)
- Examined BJT symbol, structure, and uses

Next Lesson

- BJT terminal characteristics



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BJT Terminal Characteristics

Examine bipolar junction transistor terminal characteristics



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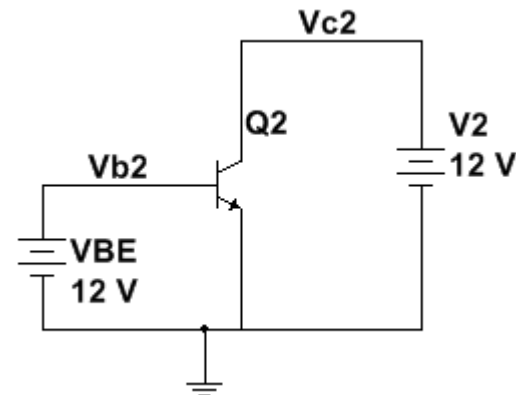
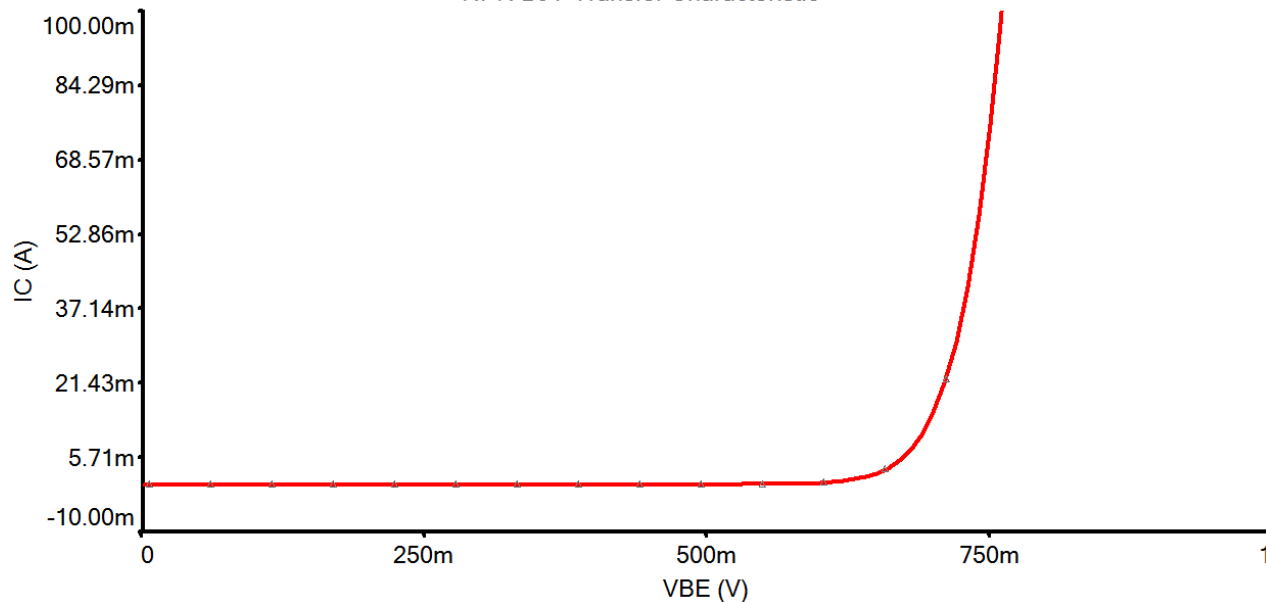
- Introduced the Bipolar Junction Transistor (BJT)

Lesson Objectives

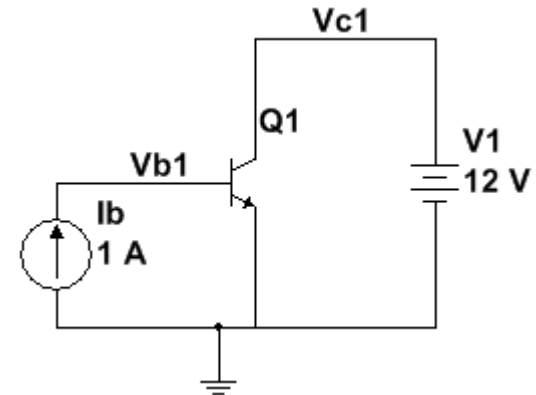
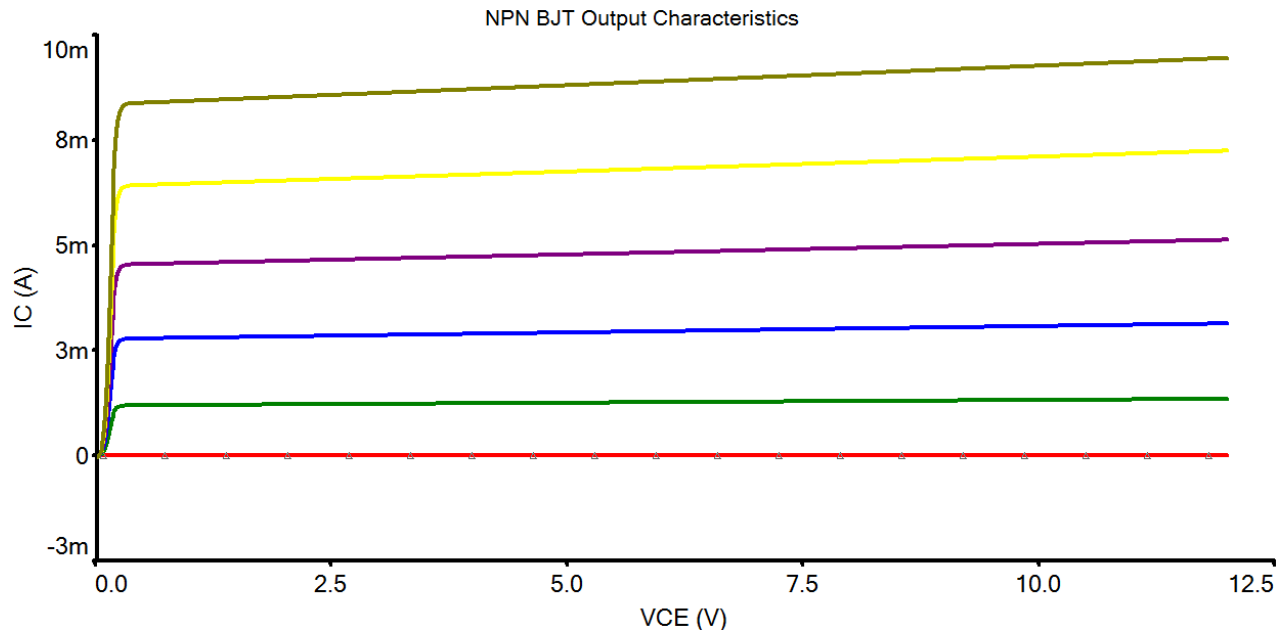
- Examine BJT terminal characteristics

Characteristic Curves

NPN BJT Transfer Characteristic



Characteristic Curves



Regions of Operation

Cutoff Region

$$V_{BE} \lesssim 0.5 \text{ V}$$

$$I_B = I_C = I_E = 0$$

Active Region

$$V_{BE} \approx 0.7 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{CE} \gtrsim 0.2 \text{ V}$$

$$I_B > 0$$

$$I_C = \beta I_B = \alpha I_E$$

Saturation Region

$$V_{BE} \approx 0.7 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{CE} \approx 0.2 \text{ V}$$

$$I_B > 0$$

$$I_C < \beta I_B$$

β = Base to collector current gain. Typical value = 100.

α = Emitter to collector current gain. Typical value = 0.99.

Active Region

$$I_C = I_S e^{V_{BE}/V_T} \quad I_C = \beta I_B = \alpha I_E$$

$$\beta = \beta_0 \left(1 + \frac{V_{CE}}{V_A} \right)$$

$$I_S = I_{S0} \left(1 + \frac{V_{CE}}{V_A} \right)$$

$$V_T = \frac{kT}{q} = 0.0259 \text{ V} \quad (T = 300 \text{ K})$$

I_{S0} = Zero bias saturation current. Typical value = 1E-15 A.

β_0 = Zero bias base to collector current gain.

Typical value = 100.

α = Emitter to collector current gain = $\beta/(\beta+1)$.

Typical value = 0.99.

V_A = Early Voltage. Typical value = 150.

Summary

- Examined BJT terminal characteristics

Next Lesson

- BJT parameters



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Bipolar Junction Transistor Parameters

Examine bipolar junction transistor parameters



Previous Lesson

- Introduced bipolar junction transistor

Lesson Objective

- Relate BJT parameters to characteristic curves

Active Region

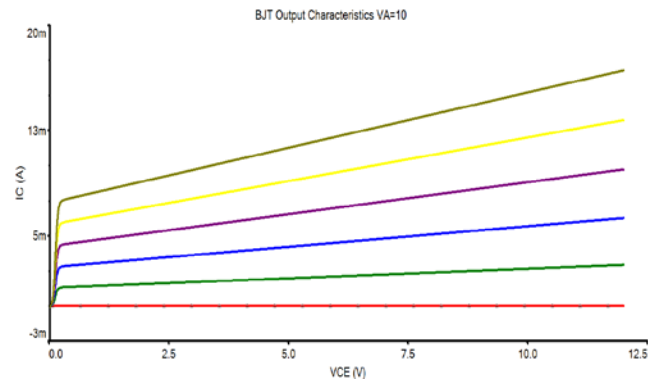
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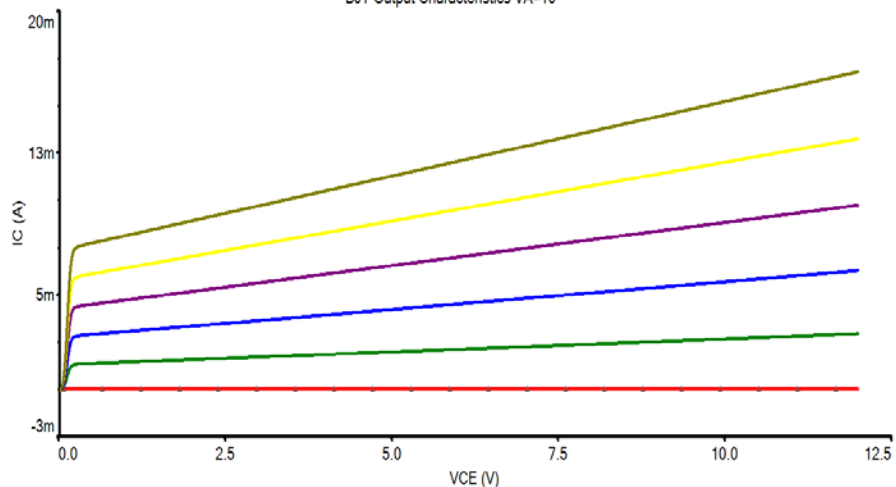
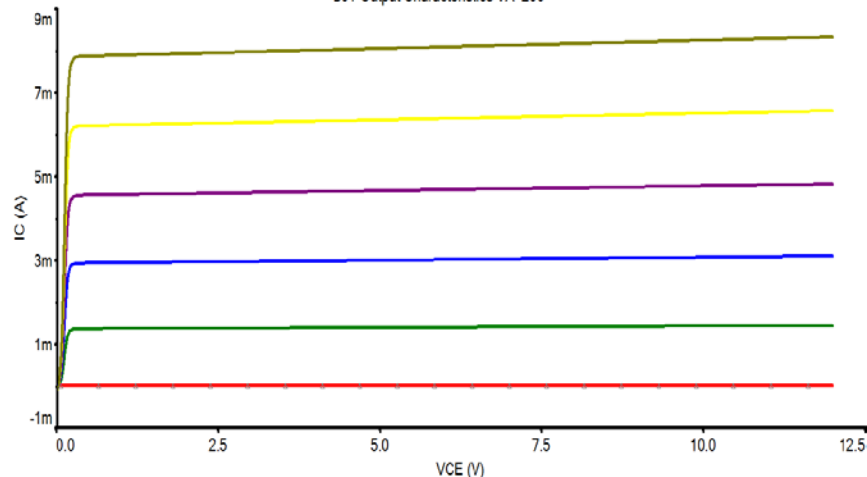
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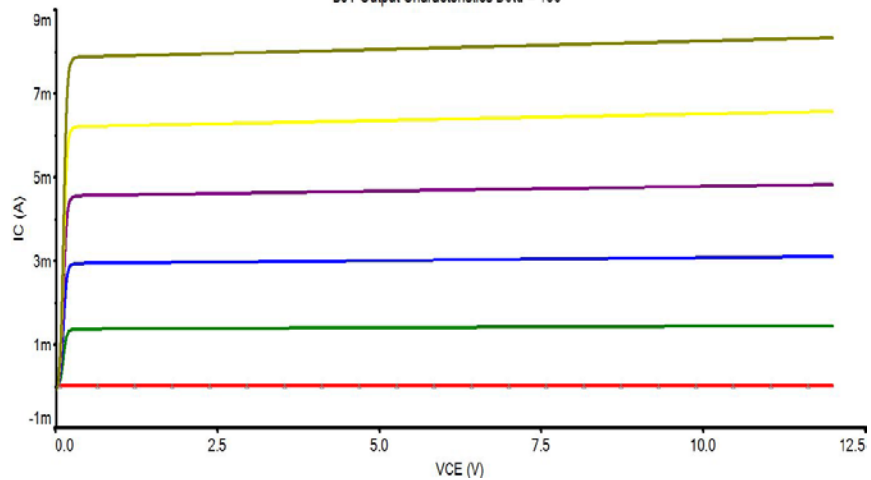


Changing Early Voltage

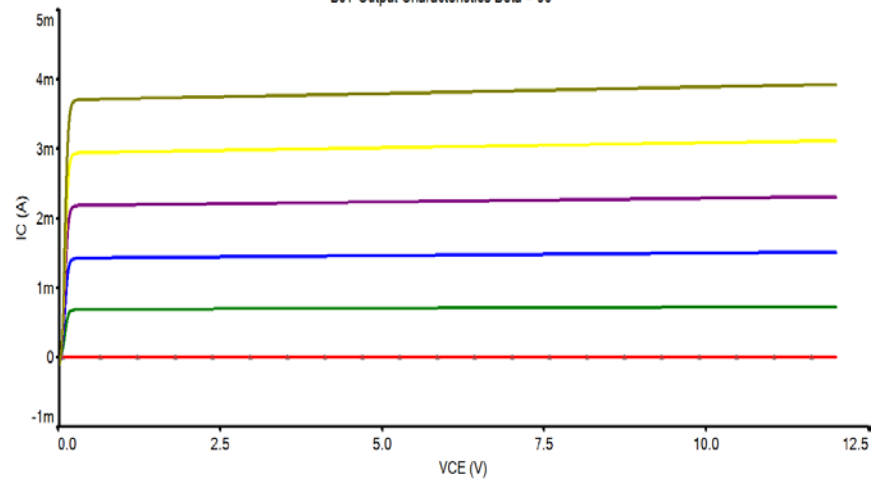
BJT Output Characteristics $V_A=10$ BJT Output Characteristics $V_A=200$ 

Changing Beta

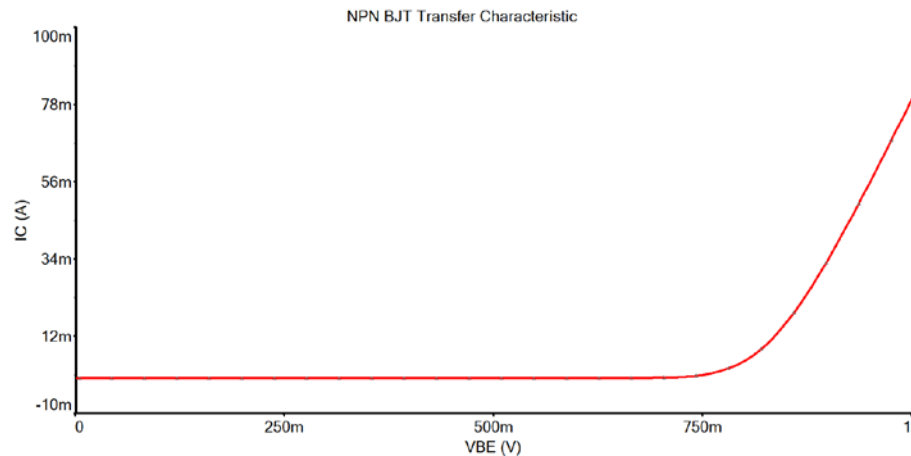
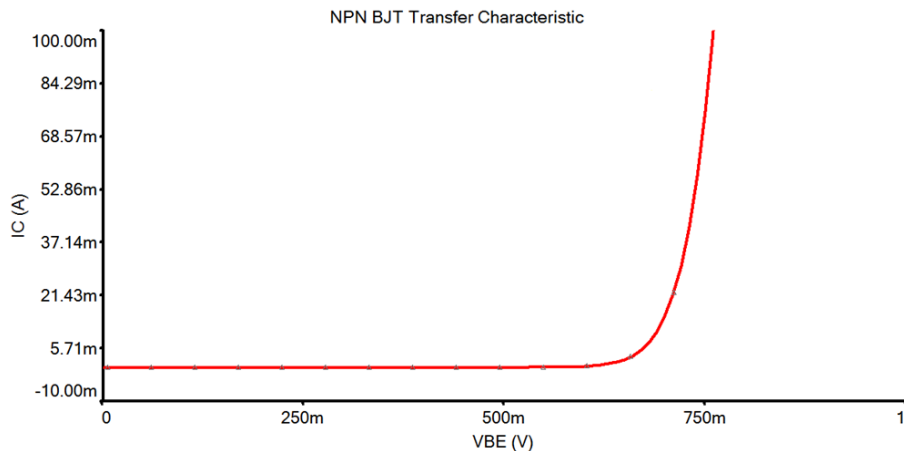
BJT Output Characteristics Beta = 150



BJT Output Characteristics Beta = 50



Changing Saturation Current I_S



Summary

- Determined how BJT parameters affect characteristics

Next Lesson


- BJT Curve Tracer Measurements



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Bipolar Junction Transistor Curve Tracer

Determine BJT parameters from curve tracer measurements



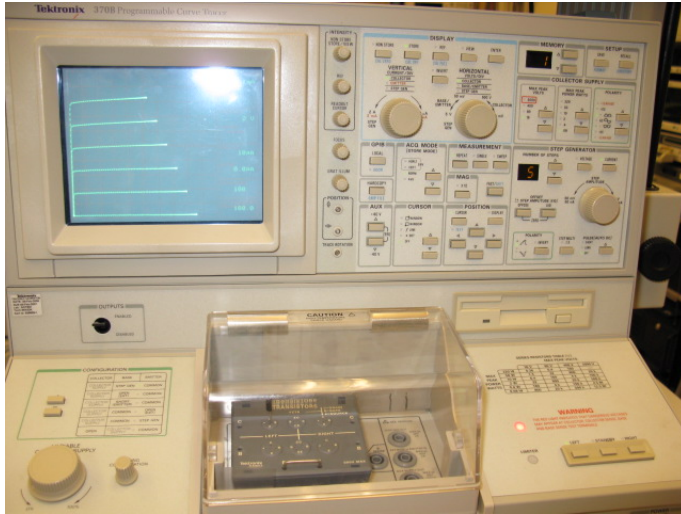
Previous Lesson

- Introduced bipolar junction transistor parameters

Lesson Objectives

- Introduce the curve tracer
- Solve for parameters from measured data

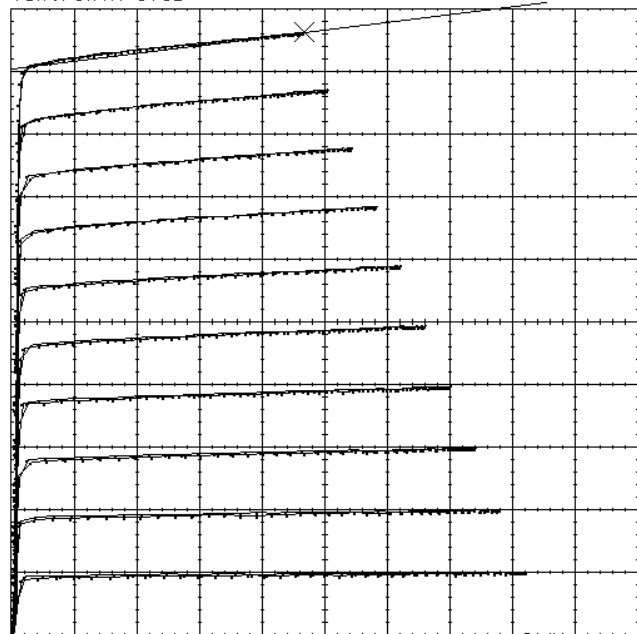
Curve Tracer



Measured Output Characteristics

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VERT/DIV	1mA
CURSOR (f:1/grad.)	16.136kΩ
HORIZ/DIV	2 V
CURSOR (f:intercept)	-146.04 V
PER STEP	5μA
OFFSET	0.00μA
β OR gm/DIV	200
% of COLLECTOR PEAK VOLTS	100.0
AUX SUPPLY	0.00 V

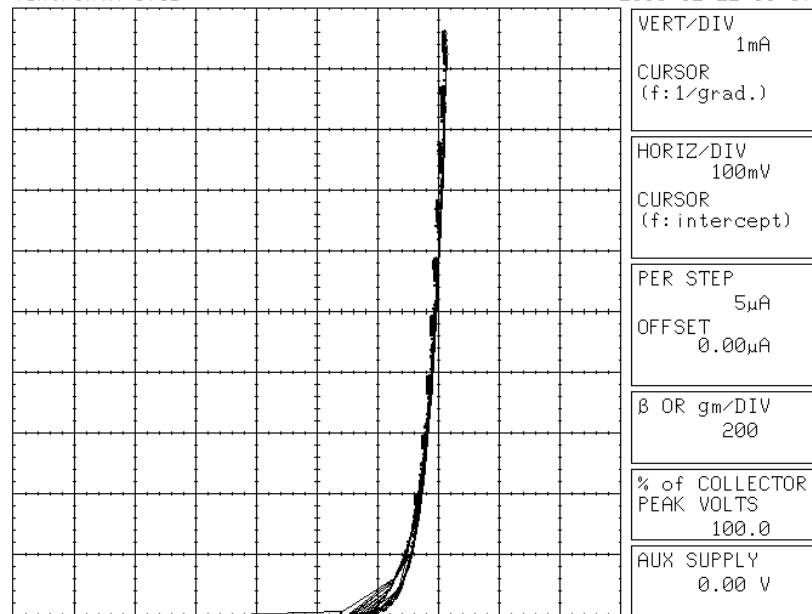
$$V_A = \frac{I_C}{m} - V_{CE}$$

$$\beta_0 = \frac{I_C/I_B}{1 + \frac{V_{CE}}{V_A}}$$

Measured Transfer Characteristics

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$$I_C = I_S e^{V_{BE}/V_T}$$

$$I_{S0} = I_C \frac{e^{-V_{BE}/V_T}}{1 + \frac{V_{CE}}{V_A}}$$

Summary

- Determined BJT parameters from measured data

Next Lesson


- BJT Switch



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Bipolar Junction Transistor Switch

Introduce bipolar junction transistor switch



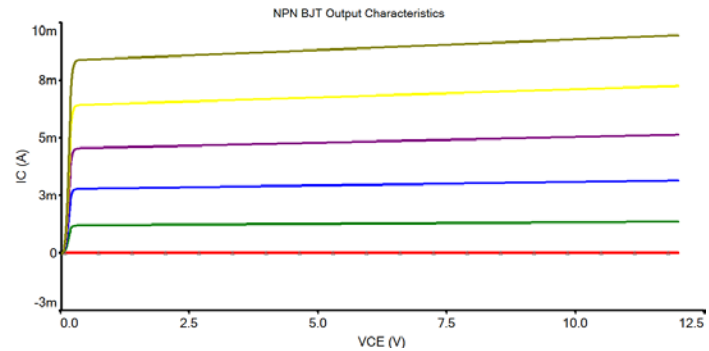
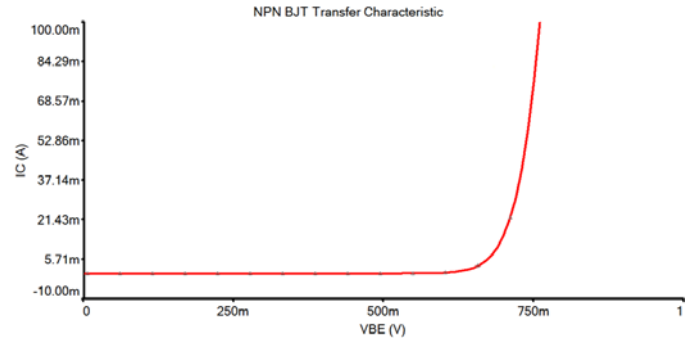
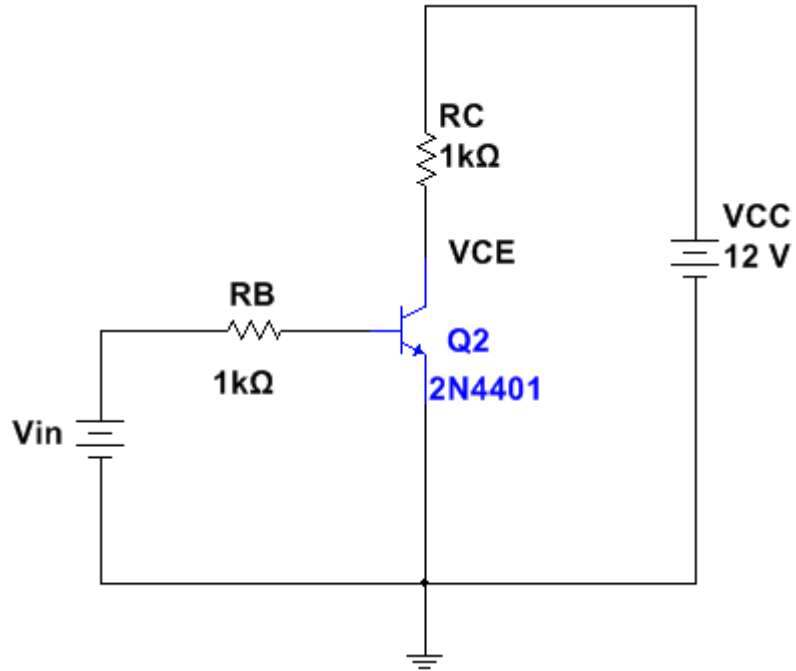
Previous Lesson

- Examined BJT parameters

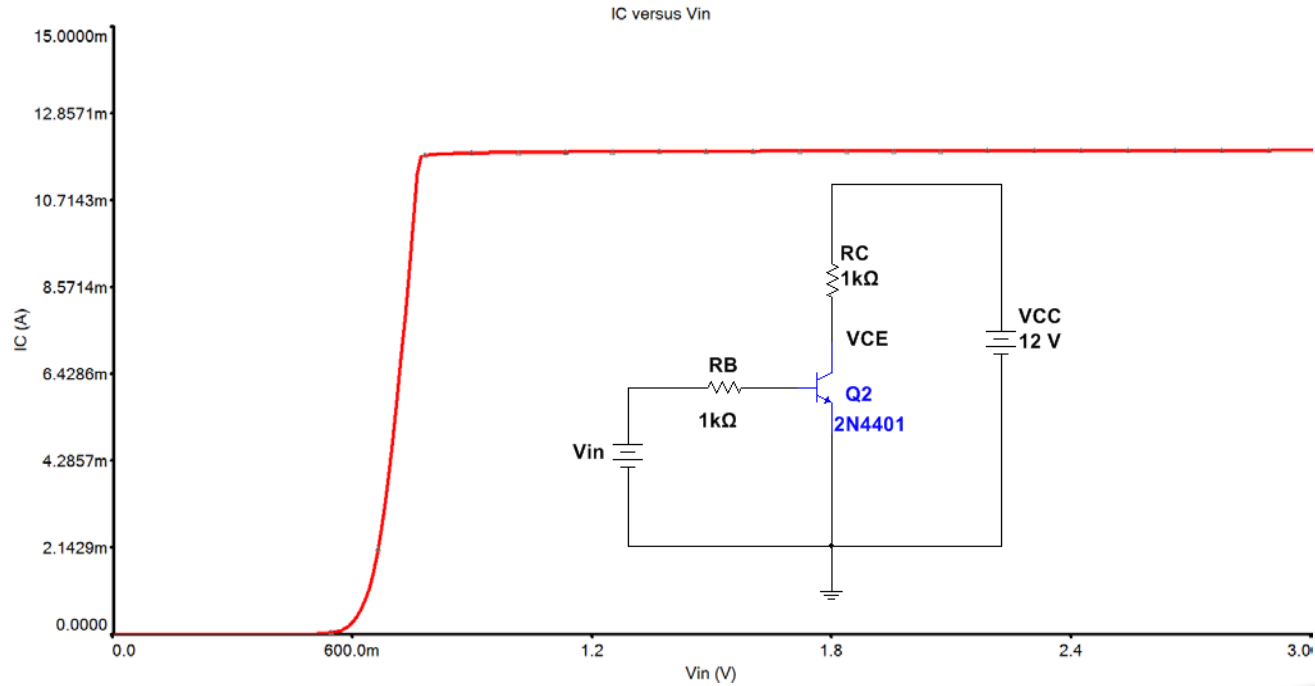
Lesson Objectives

- Introduce BJT switch

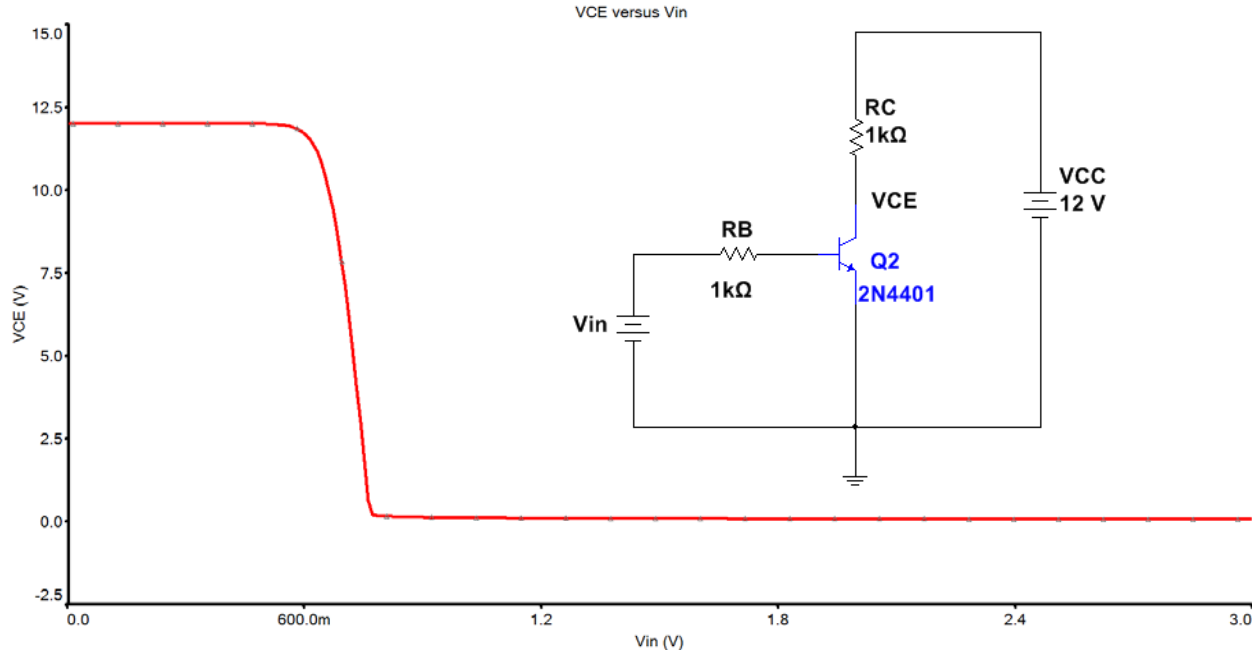
Schematic



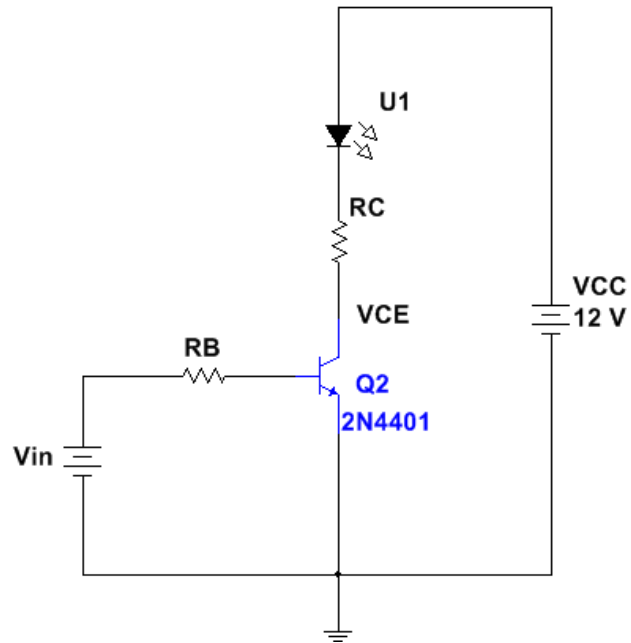
I_C versus V_{in}



V_{CE} versus V_{in}



Example LED Load



Summary

- Introduced BJT switch
- Examined BJT switch characteristics

Next Lesson

- BJT Common Emitter Amplifier



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BJT Common Emitter Amplifier

Introduce bipolar junction transistor common emitter amplifier



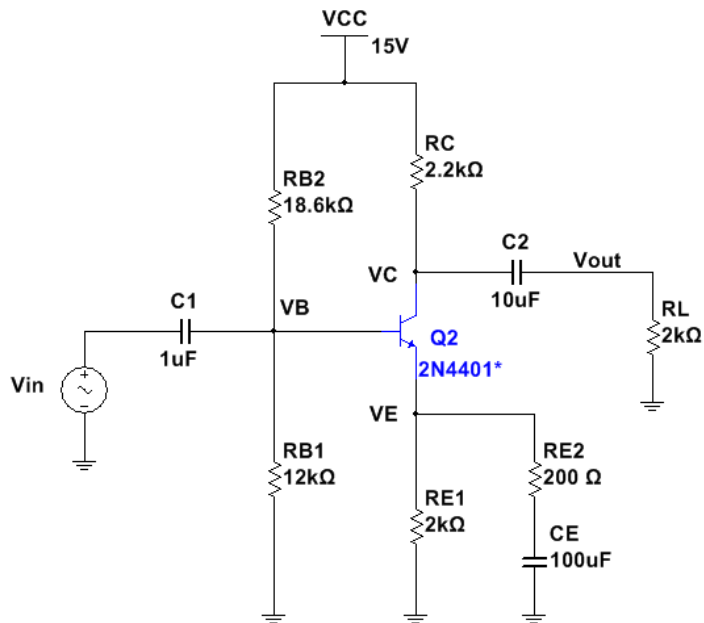
Previous Lesson

- Examined BJT switch

Lesson Objectives

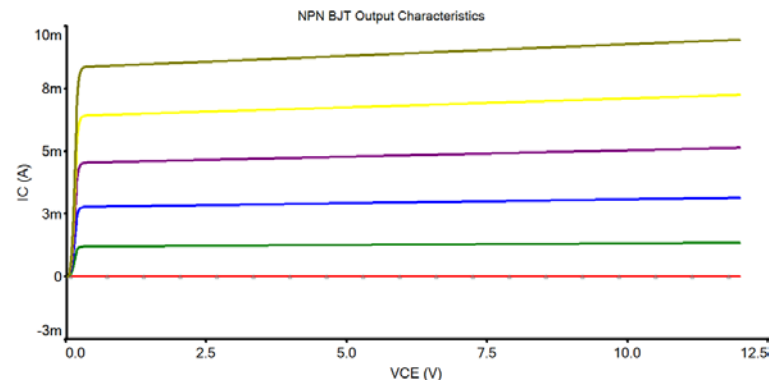
- Introduce BJT common emitter (CE) amplifier
- Examine biasing of the CE amplifier

Common Emitter Circuit Schematic

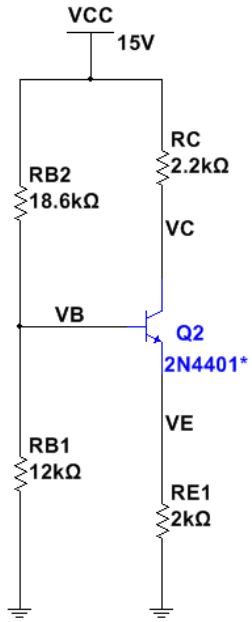


Regions of Operation

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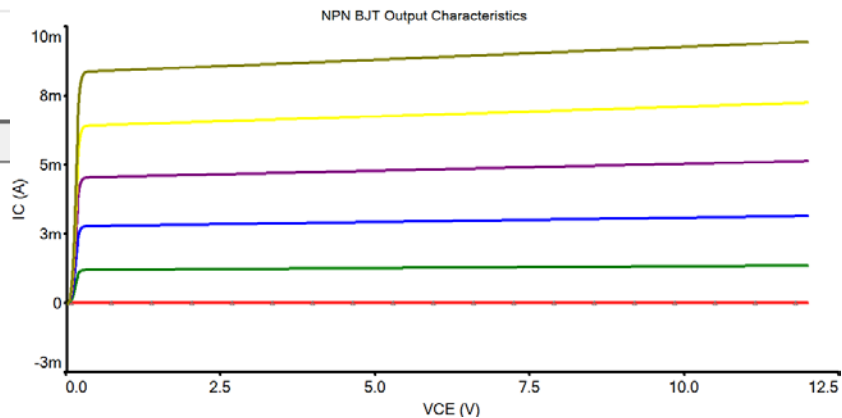
DC Bias Circuit



Bias Values

bjt ce
DC Operating Point

	DC Operating Point	
1	@qq2[ic]	2.43276 m
2	@qq2[ib]	40.48994 u
3	@qq2[ie]	-2.47325 m
4	V(vc)	9.66069
5	V(vb)	5.58764
6	V(ve)	4.93473



Summary

- Introduced BJT CE Amplifier
- Solved CE biasing example

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- BJT Common Emitter Amplifier AC Analysis



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BJT Common Emitter Amplifier AC Behavior

Examine ac behavior of CE amplifier



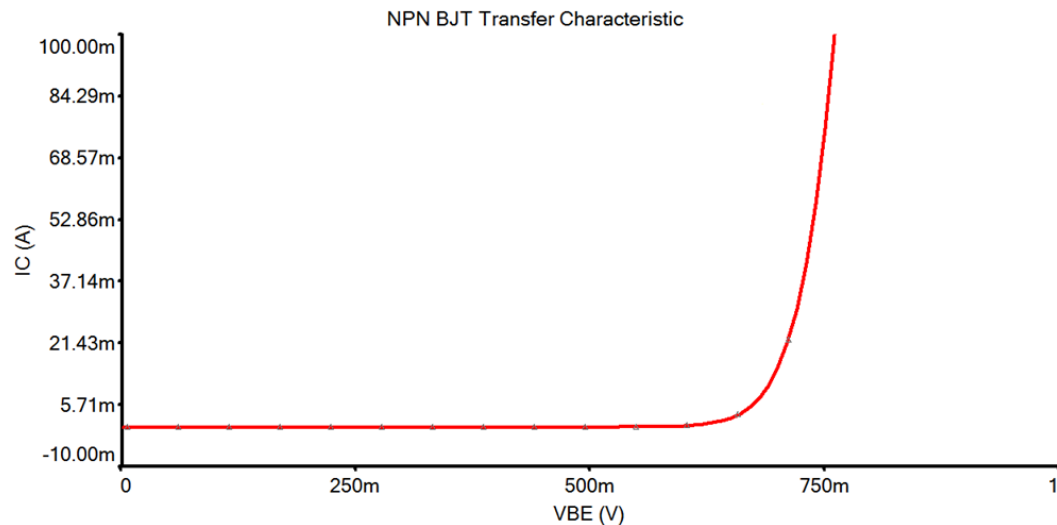
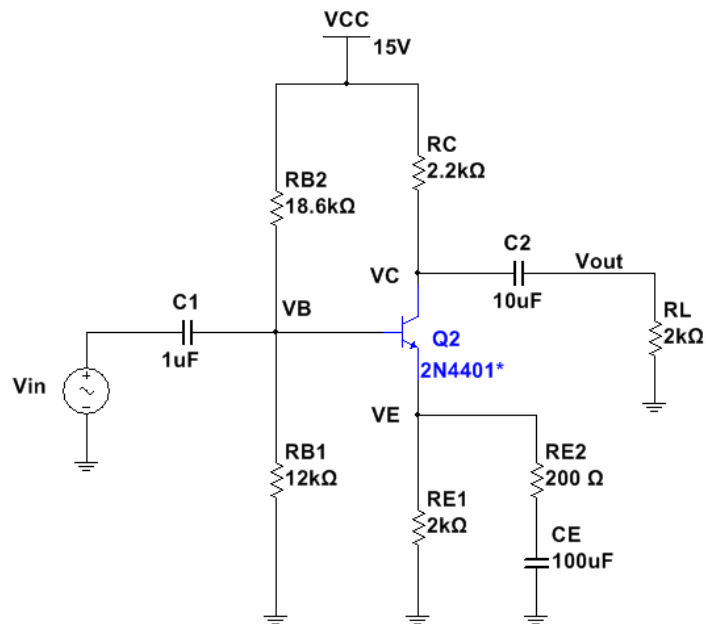
Previous Lesson

- Introduced CE amplifier
- Examined dc biasing of the amplifier

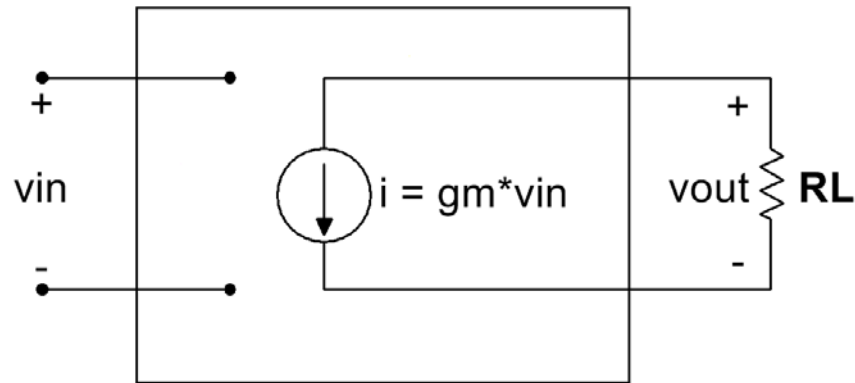
Lesson Objectives

- Examine ac behavior of the CE amplifier

Common Emitter Circuit Schematic

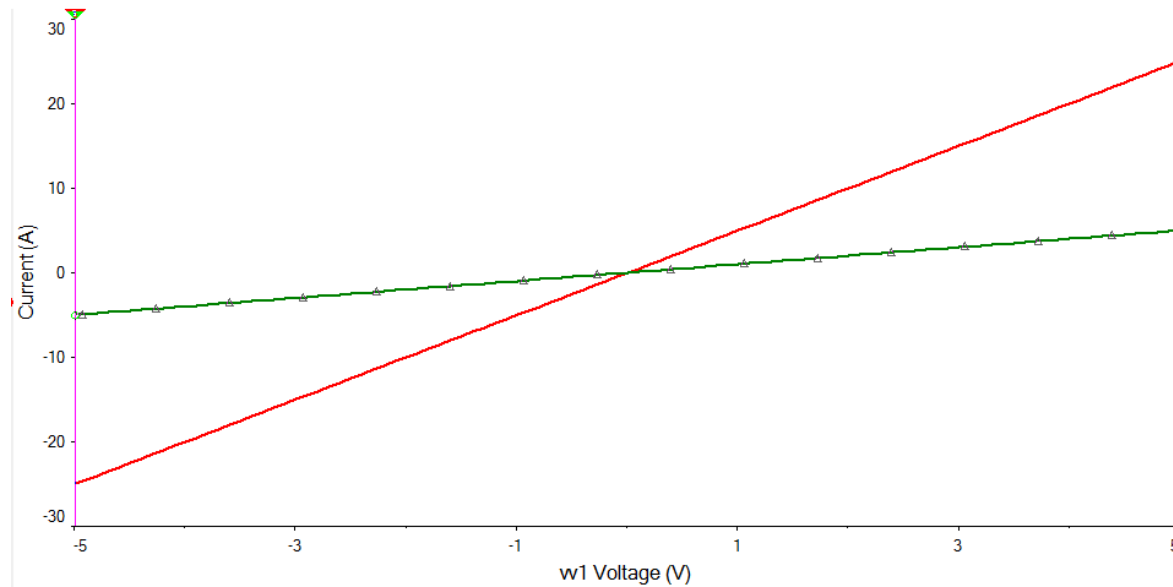


Amplifier Model



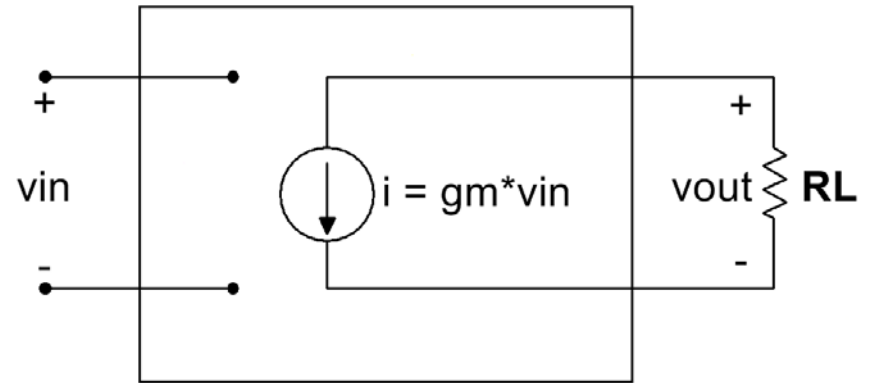
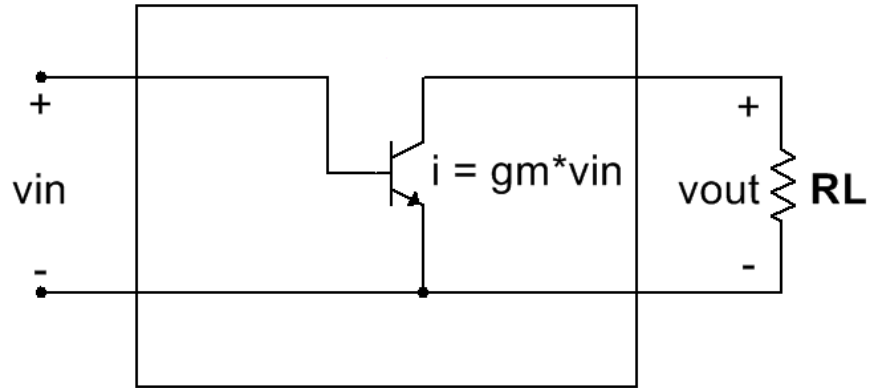
g_m = transconductance

I-V Characteristic

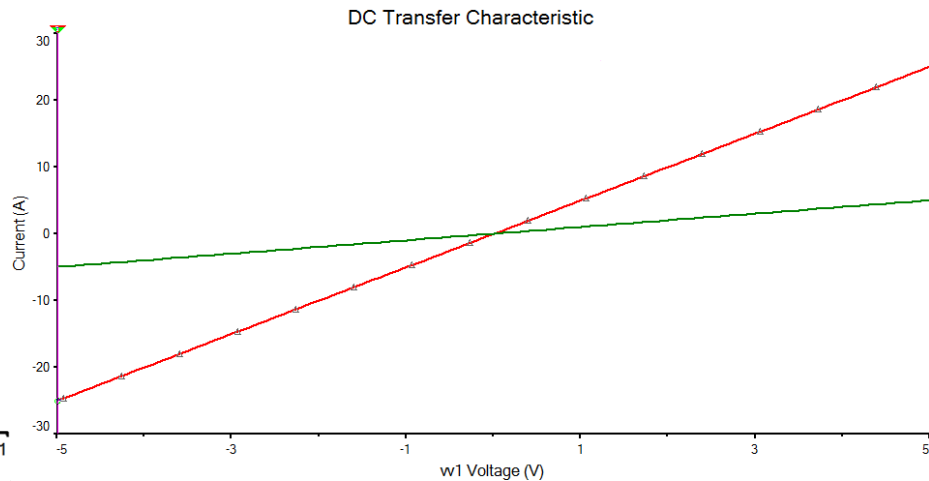
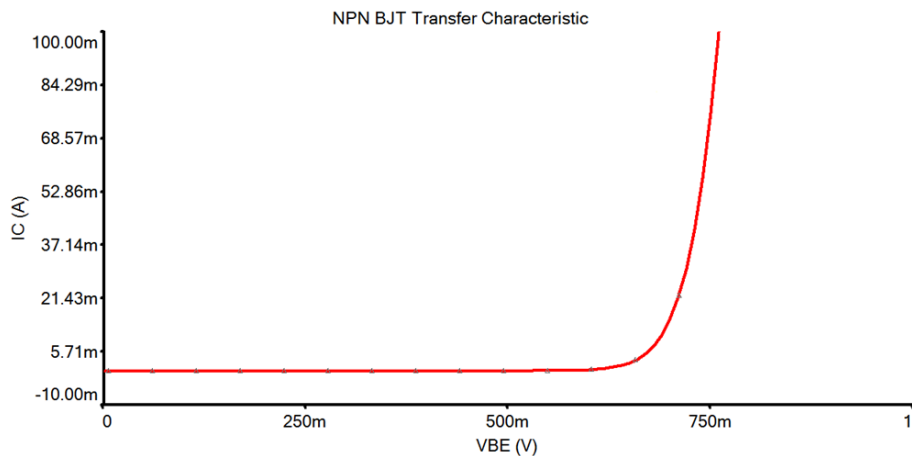


$$i = g_m \cdot v_{in}$$

CE Amplifier



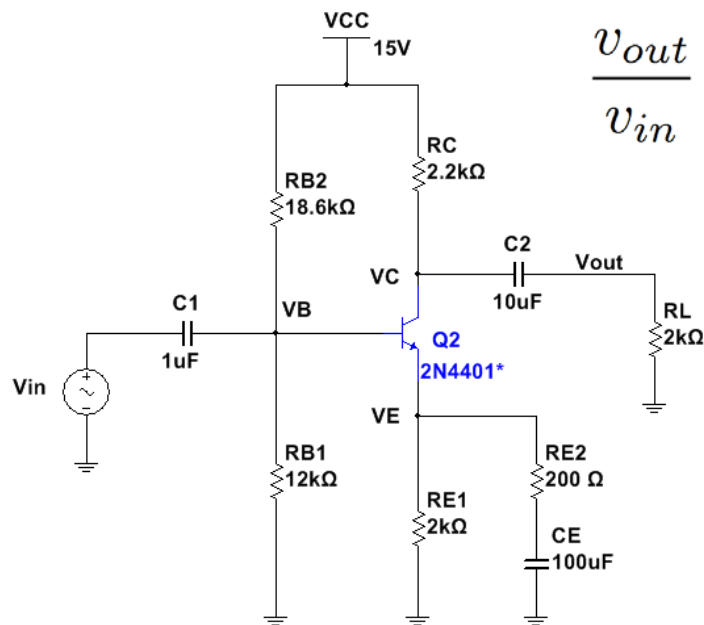
I-V Characteristics



$$g_m = I_C / V_T$$

$$V_T = 0.0259V$$

Gain Equation



$$\frac{v_{out}}{v_{in}} = -\alpha \frac{R_C || R_L}{r_e + R_{E1} || R_{E2}}$$

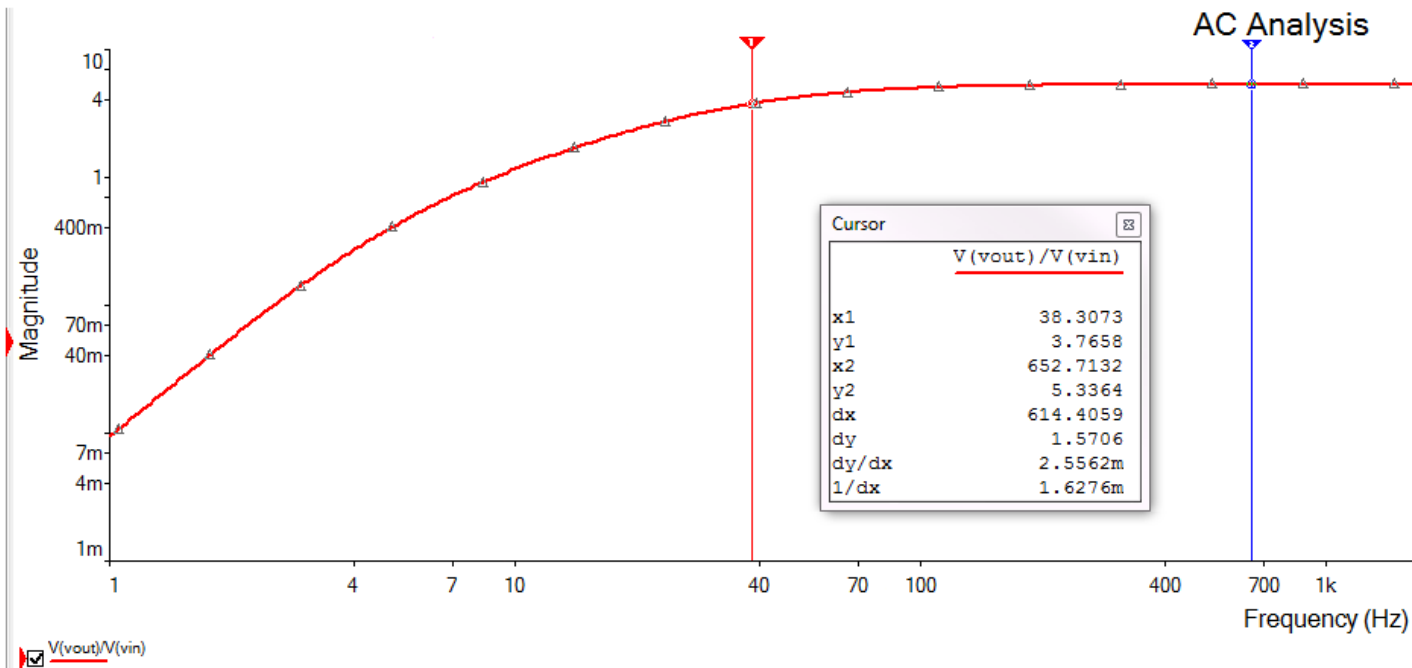
$$r_e = \frac{\alpha}{g_m}$$

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

$$g_m = \frac{I_C}{V_T}$$

$$\frac{v_{out}}{v_{in}} = -g_m R_L$$

AC Analysis



Summary

- Examined ac behavior of the CE amplifier