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Analog Electronics: Bipolar Junction Transistors

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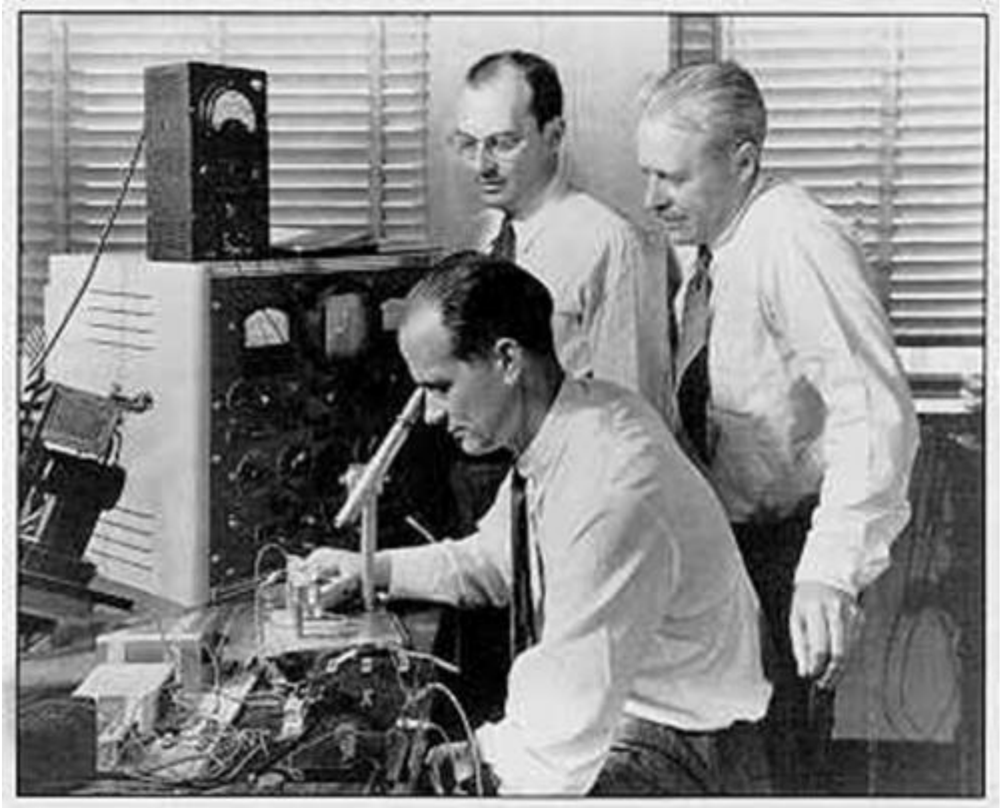
Outcomes

- Understand the physical operation of bipolar transistor
- Select the operating point of a bipolar transistor circuit
- Compute performance of several important amplifier configurations.
- Select an amplifier configuration appropriate for a given application.

Bardeen, Brattain and Shockley

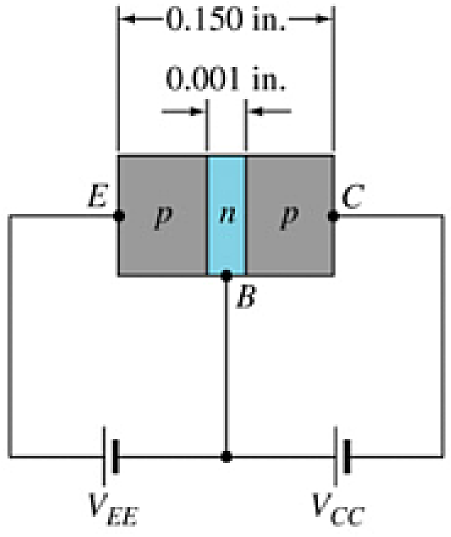


Discovery of the transistor in 1947

Transistor Construction

- There are two types of transistors:
  - *pnp*
  - *npn*
- The terminals are labeled:
  - E - Emitter
  - B - Base
  - C - Collector

pnp



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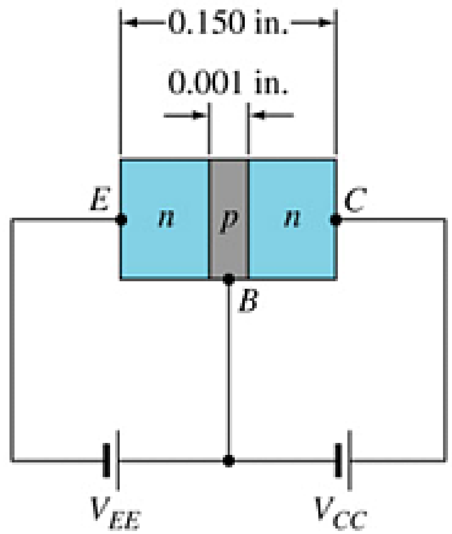
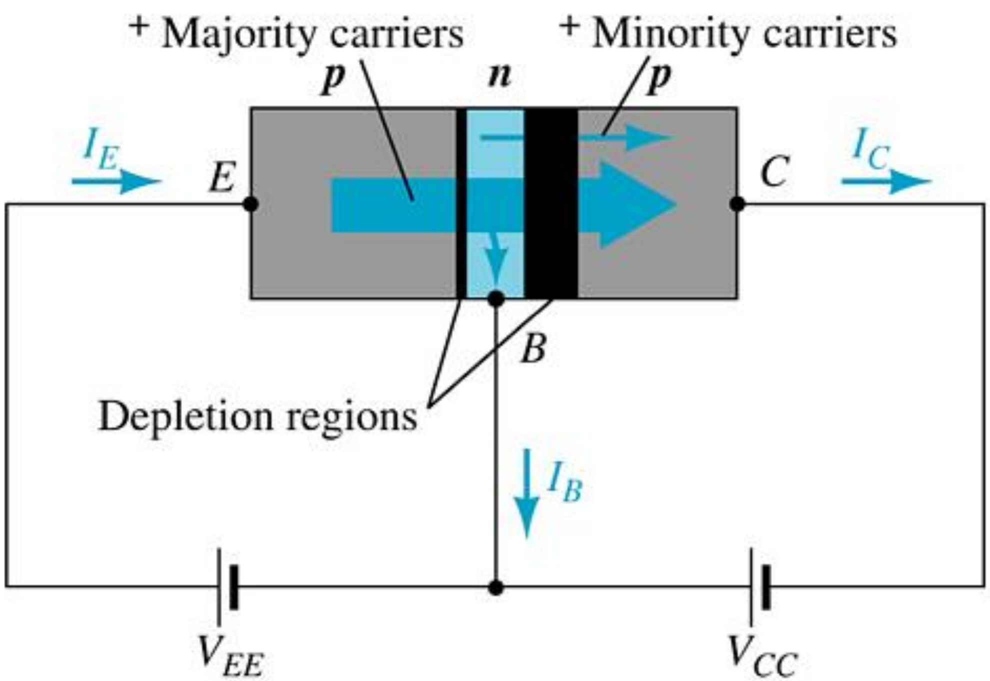


Transistor Operation

- With the external sources, V_{EE} and V_{CC}, connected as shown:
  - The emitter-base junction is **forward biased**
  - The base-collector junction is **reverse biased**



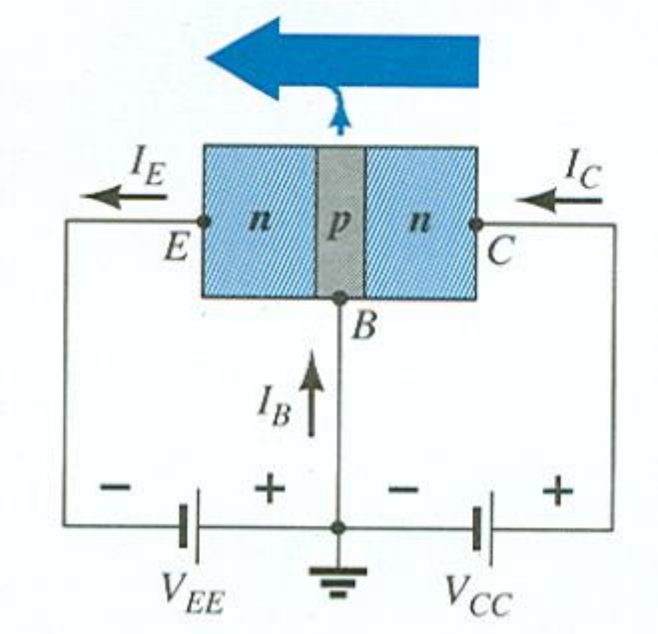
Currents in a Transistor

- Emitter current is the sum of the collector and base currents:

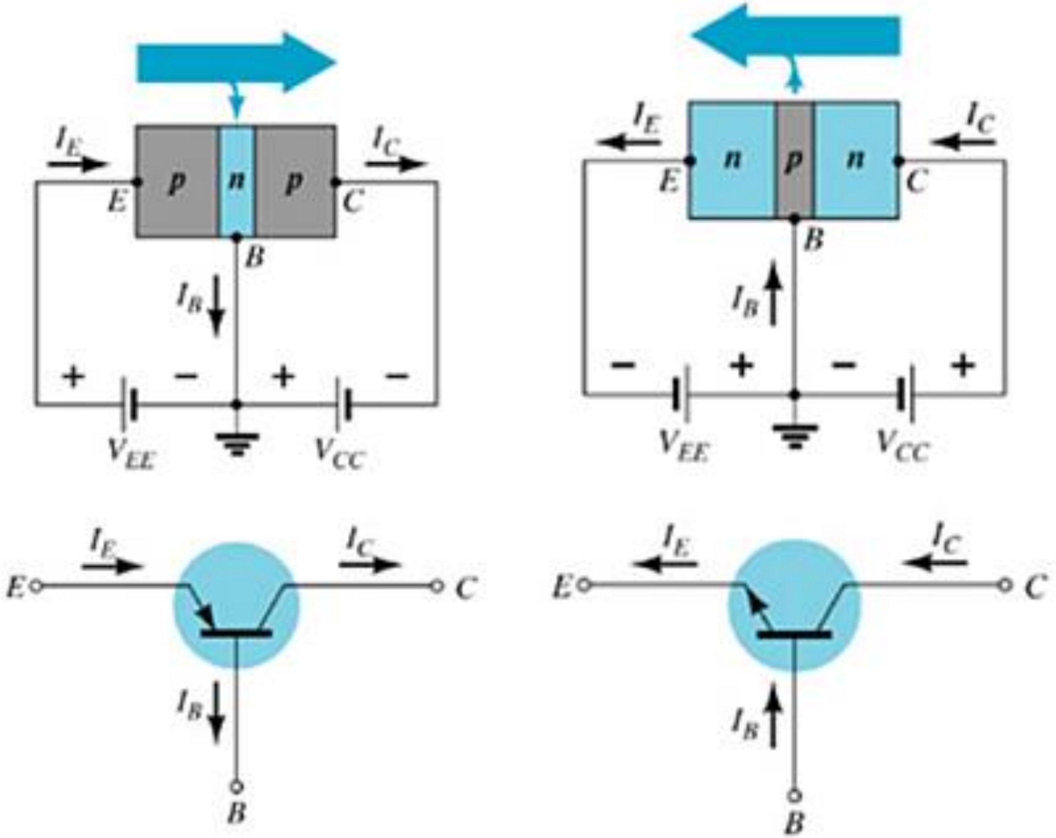
$$I_E = I_C + I_B$$

- The collector current is comprised of two currents:

$$I_C = I_{C_{\text{majority}}} + I_{CO_{\text{minority}}}$$



Common-Base Configuration

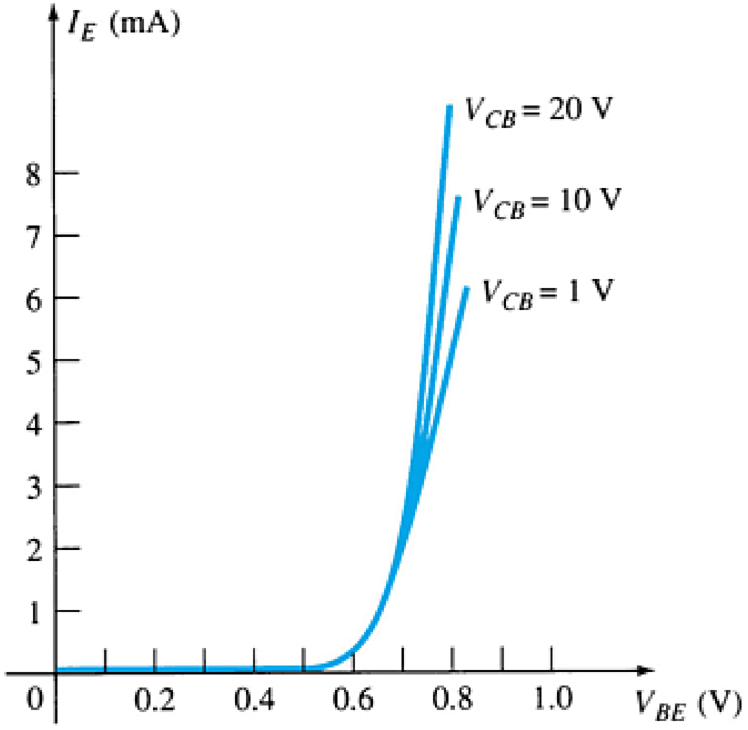


- The base is common to both input (emitter–base) and output (collector–base) of the transistor.

Common-Base Amplifier

Input Characteristics

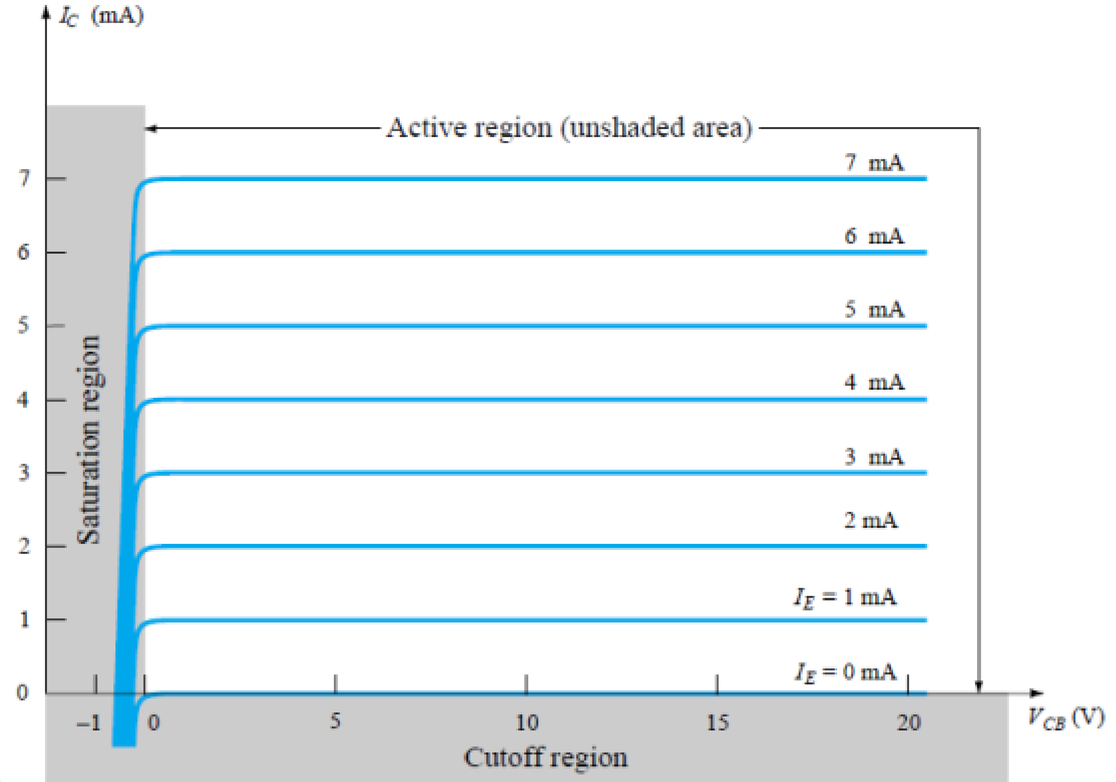
- This curve shows the relationship between of input current (I_E) to input voltage (V_{BE}) for three output voltage (V_{CB}) levels.



Common-Base Amplifier

Output Characteristics

- This graph demonstrates the output current (I_C) to an output voltage (V_{CB}) for various levels of input current (I_E).



Operating Regions

- **Active** – Operating range of the amplifier.
- **Cutoff** – The amplifier is basically off. There is voltage, but little current.
- **Saturation** – The amplifier is full on. There is current, but little voltage.

Approximations

- Emitter and collector currents:

$$I_C \cong I_E$$

- Base-emitter voltage:

$$V_{BE} = 0.7 \text{ V} \quad \text{(for Silicon)}$$

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Alpha (α)

- Ratio of I_C to I_E :

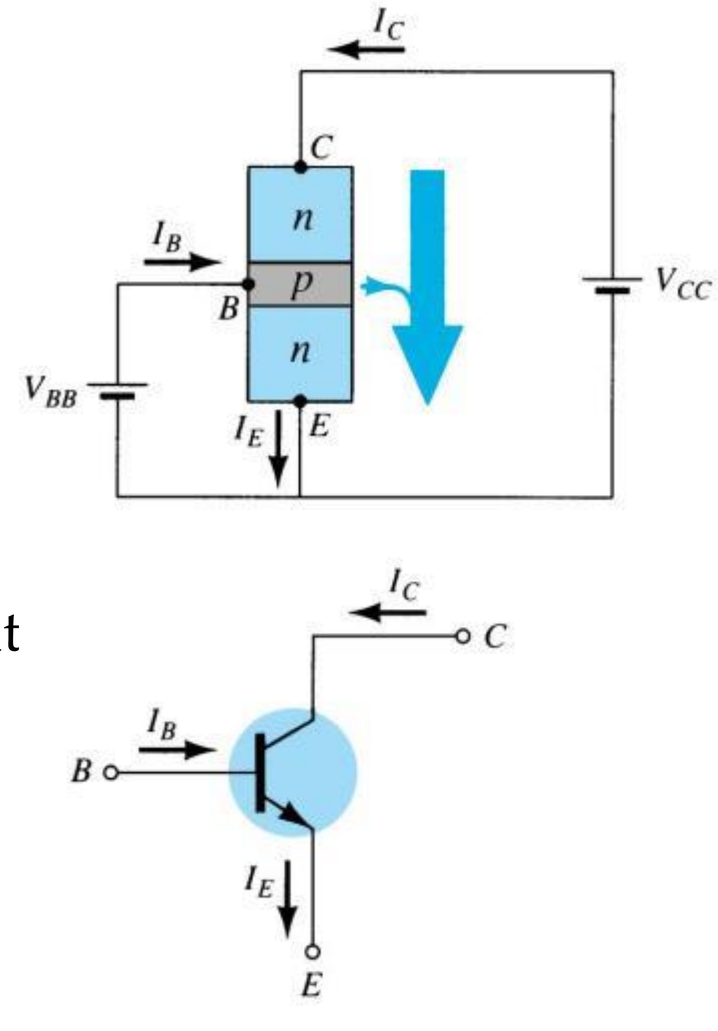
$$\alpha_{\text{dc}} = \frac{I_C}{I_E}$$

- Ideally: $\alpha = 1$
- In reality: a is between 0.9 and 0.998
- Alpha (α) in the AC mode:

$$\alpha_{\text{ac}} = \frac{\Delta I_C}{\Delta I_E}$$

Common-Emitter Configuration

- The emitter is common to both input (base-emitter) and output (collector-emitter).
- The input is on the base and the output is on the collector.



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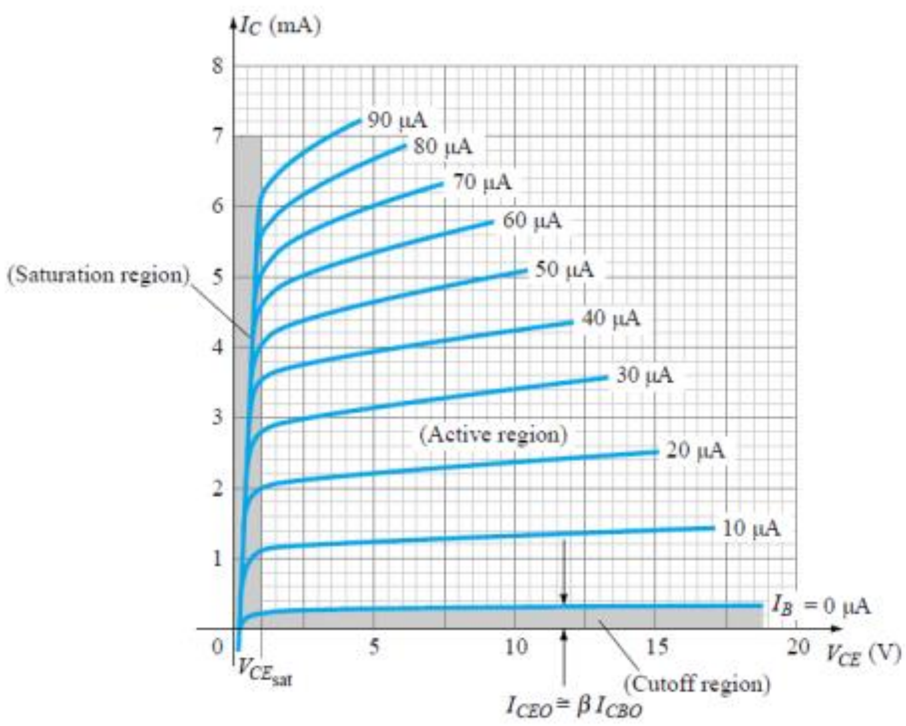
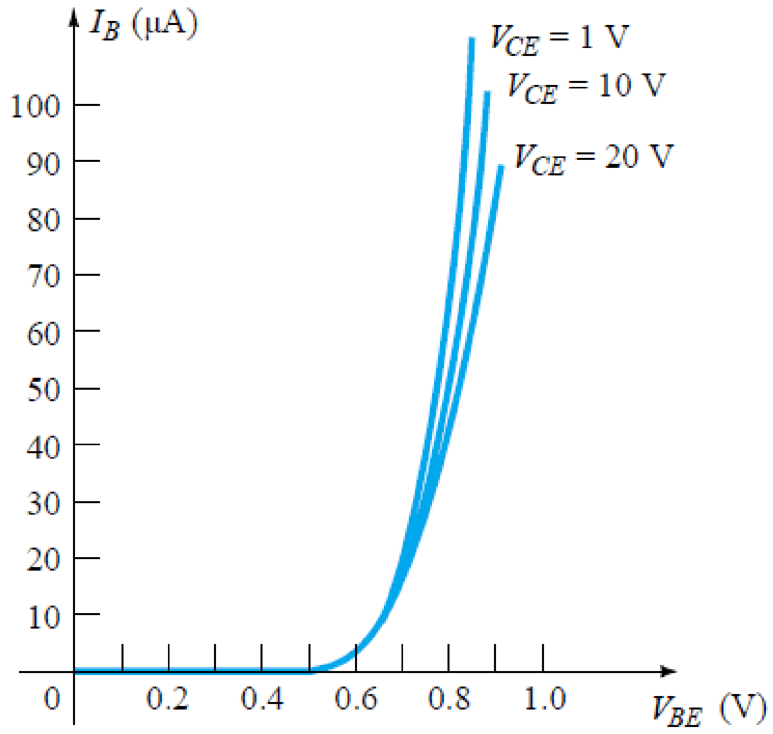
Common-Emitter Characteristics



Collector Characteristics



Base Characteristics

Common-Emitter Amplifier Currents

Ideal Currents

$$I_E = I_C + I_B \qquad I_C = \alpha I_E$$

Actual Currents

$$I_C = \alpha I_E + I_{CBO}$$ where I_{CBO} = minority collector current

I_{CBO} is usually so small that it can be ignored, except in high power transistors and in high temperature environments.

When $I_B = 0$ μA the transistor is in cutoff, but there is some minority current flowing called I_{CEO}.

$$I_{CE0} = \left. \frac{I_{CBO}}{1-\alpha} \right|_{I_B = 0\ \mu A}$$

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Beta (β)

- β represents the amplification factor of a transistor. (β is sometimes referred to as h_{fe}, a term used in transistor modeling calculations)

- In DC mode:

$$\beta_{\mathrm{dc}} = \frac{I_C}{I_B}$$

- In AC mode:

$$\beta_{\mathrm{ac}} = \frac{\Delta I_C}{\Delta I_B}\bigg|_{V_{CE} = \mathrm{constant}}$$

Common-Emitter Configuration

Beta (β)

Determining β from a Graph

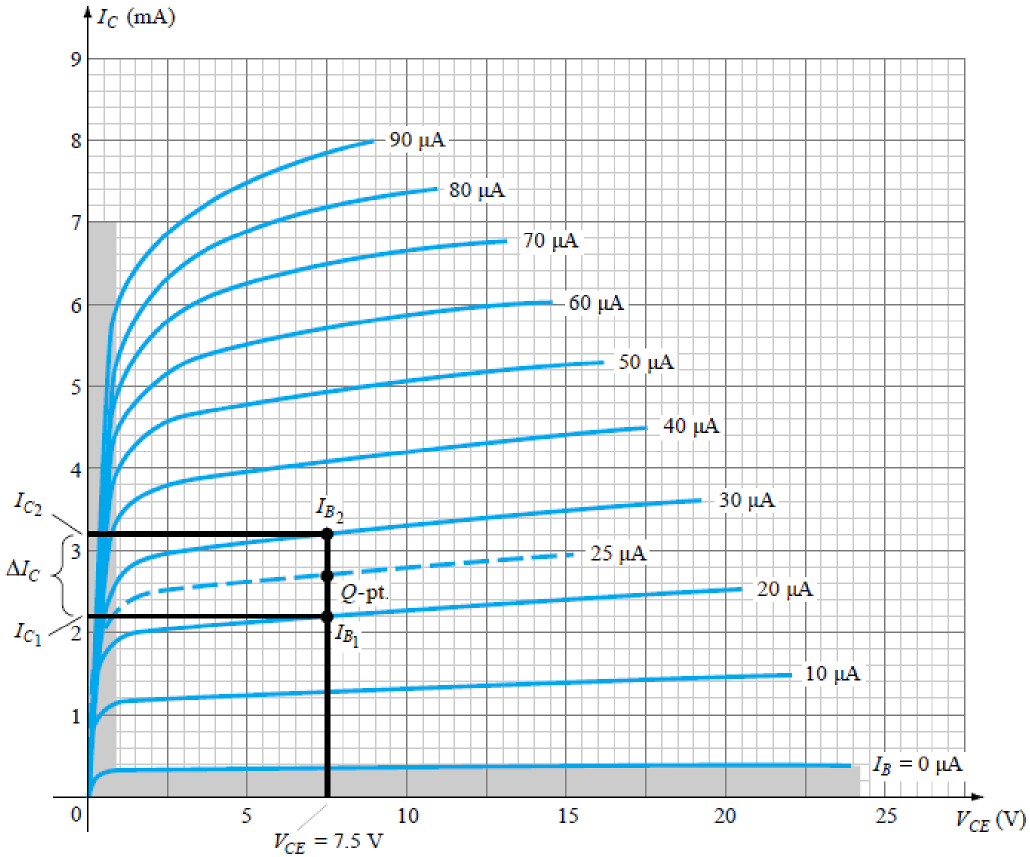
$$\beta_{AC} = \frac{(3.2\,\text{mA} - 2.2\,\text{mA})}{(30\,\mu\text{A} - 20\,\mu\text{A})}$$

$$= \frac{1\,\text{mA}}{10\,\mu\text{A}}\bigg|_{V_{CE}=7.5}$$

$$= 100$$

$$\beta_{DC} = \frac{2.7\ \text{mA}}{25\ \mu\text{A}}\bigg|_{V_{CE}=7.5}$$

$$= 108$$



Beta (β)

- Relationship between amplification factors β and α

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

- Relationship Between Currents

$$I_C = \beta I_B \qquad I_E = (\beta + 1) I_B$$

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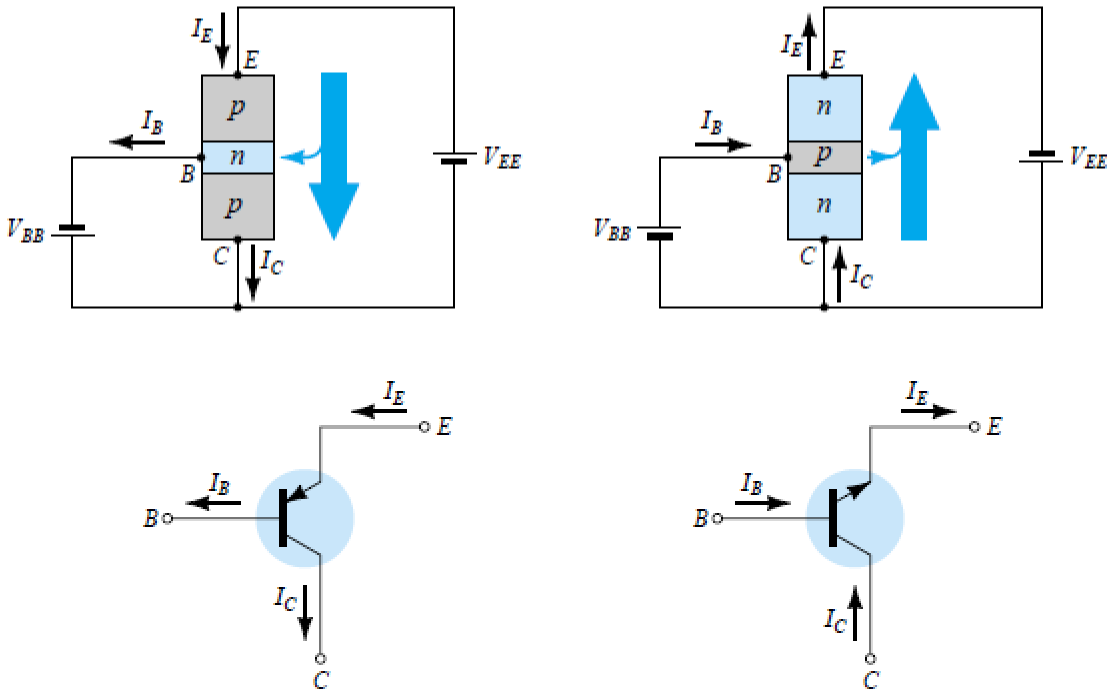
Common-Collector Configuration

- The input is on the base and the output is on the emitter.



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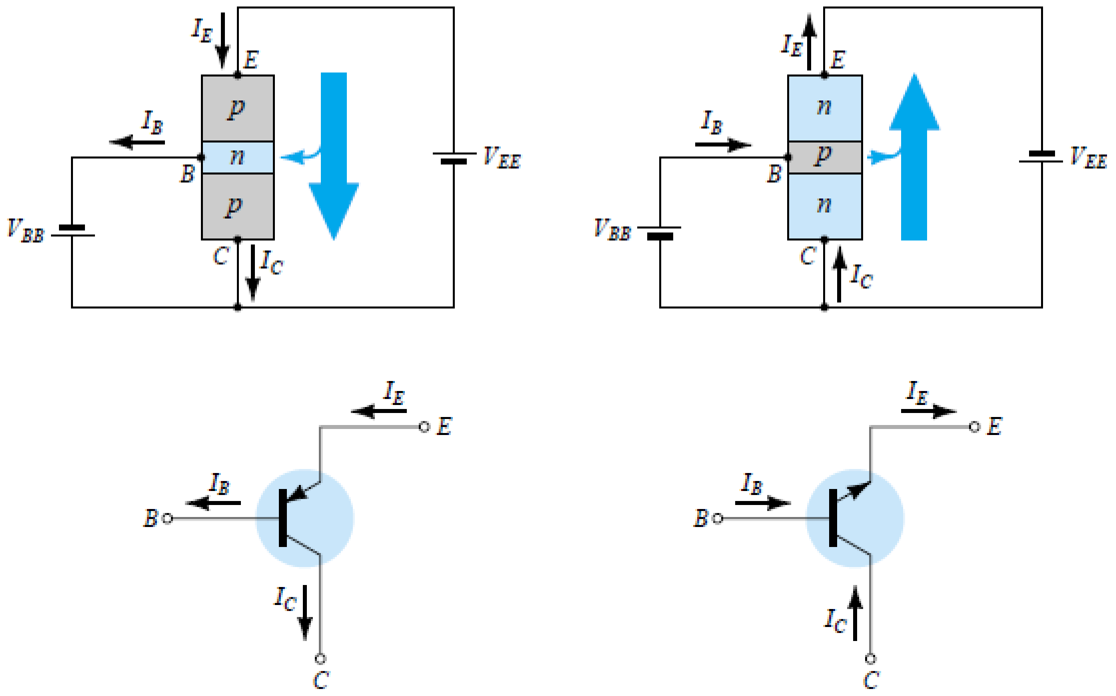
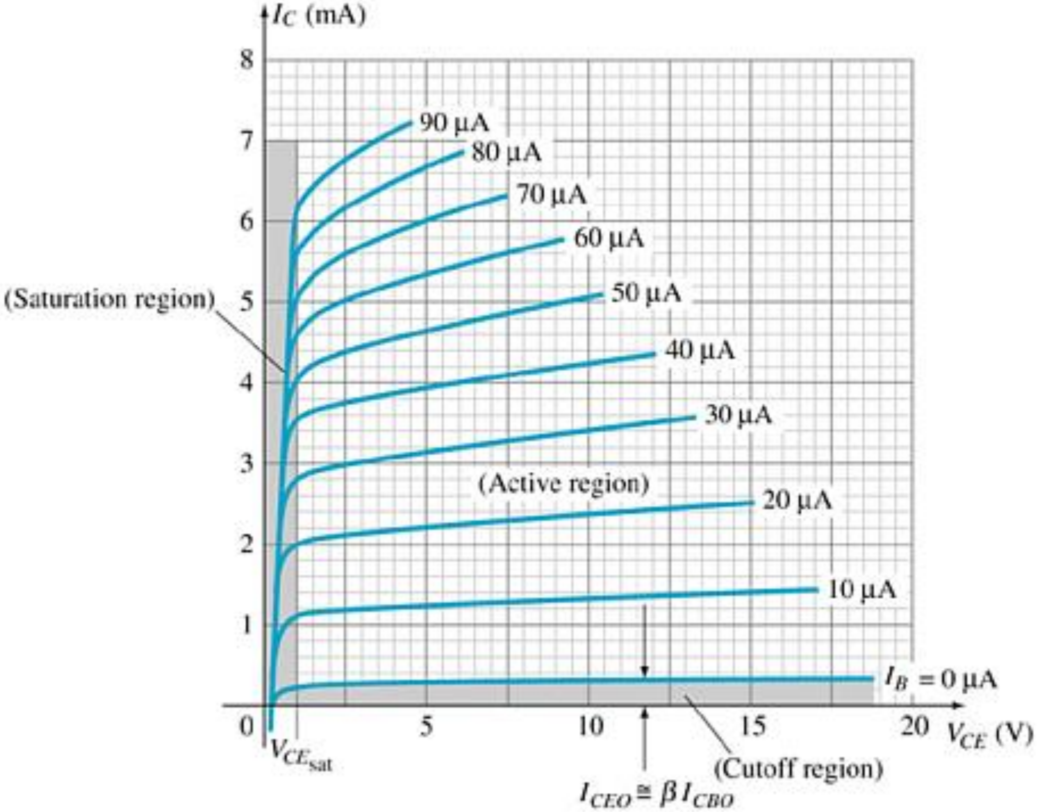


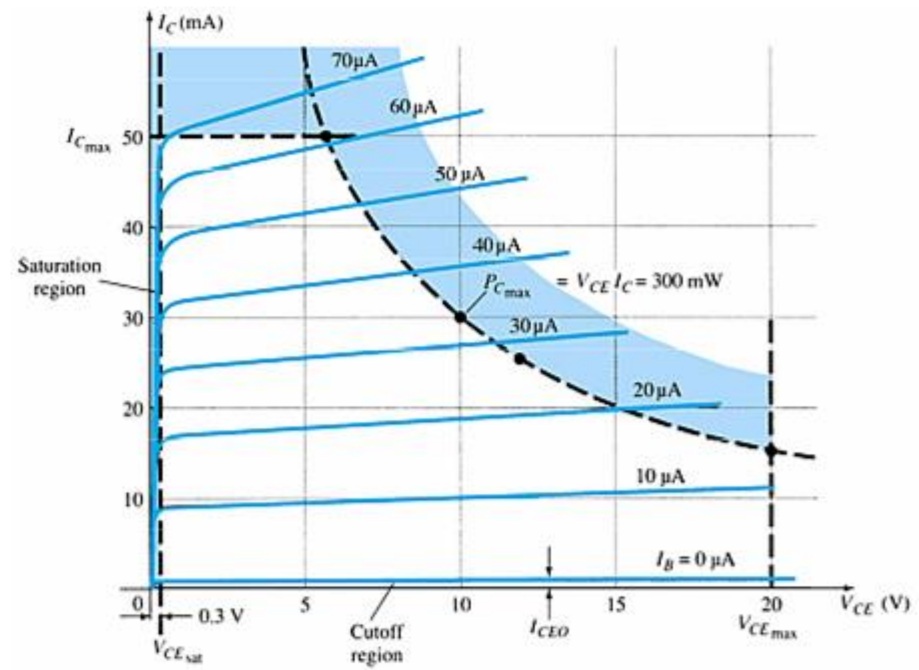
Common-Collector Configuration

- The characteristics are similar to those of the common-emitter configuration, except the vertical axis is I_E.



Limits Of Operations

- V_{CE} is at maximum and I_C is at minimum ($I_{Cmax} = I_{CEO}$) in the cutoff region.
- I_C is at maximum and V_{CE} is at minimum ($V_{CE\ max} = V_{CEsat} = V_{CEO}$) in the saturation region.
- The transistor operates in the active region between saturation and cutoff.



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Power Dissipation

Common-base:

$$P_{C\max} = V_{CB} I_C$$

Common-emitter:

$$P_{C\max} = V_{CE} I_C$$

Common-collector:

$$P_{C\max} = V_{CE} I_E$$

Transistor Specification Sheet

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MAXIMUM RATINGS

Rating	Symbol	2N4123	Unit
Collector-Emitter Voltage	V_{CEO}	30	Vdc
Collector-Base Voltage	V_{CBO}	40	Vdc
Emitter-Base Voltage	V_{EBO}	5.0	Vdc
Collector Current – Continuous	I_C	200	mAdc
Total Device Dissipation @ T_A = 25°C Derate above 25°C	P_D	625 5.0	mW mW/°C
Operating and Storage Junction Temperature Range	T_J, T_{stg}	–55 to +150	°C

THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS

Characteristic	Symbol	Max	Unit
Thermal Resistance, Junction to Case	$R_{\theta JC}$	83.3	°C/W
Thermal Resistance, Junction to Ambient	$R_{\theta JA}$	200	°C/W

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CASE 29-04, STYLE 1
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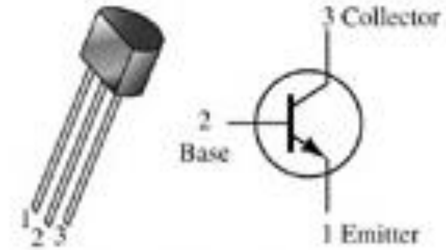

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ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS (T_A = 25°C unless otherwise noted)

Characteristic	Symbol	Min	Max	Unit
OFF CHARACTERISTICS				
Collector-Emitter Breakdown Voltage (1) (I_C = 1.0 mAdc, I_B = 0)	$V_{(BR)CEO}$	30		Vdc
Collector-Base Breakdown Voltage (I_C = 10 µAdc, I_E = 0)	$V_{(BR)CBO}$	40		Vdc
Emitter-Base Breakdown Voltage (I_E = 10 µAdc, I_C = 0)	$V_{(BR)EBO}$	5.0	–	Vdc
Collector Cutoff Current (V_{CB} = 20 Vdc, I_E = 0)	I_{CBO}	–	50	nAdc
Emitter Cutoff Current (V_{BE} = 3.0 Vdc, I_C = 0)	I_{EBO}	–	50	nAdc
ON CHARACTERISTICS				
DC Current Gain(1) (I_C = 2.0 mAdc, V_{CE} = 1.0 Vdc) (I_C = 50 mAdc, V_{CE} = 1.0 Vdc)	h_{FE}	50 25	150 –	–
Collector-Emitter Saturation Voltage(1) (I_C = 50 mAdc, I_B = 5.0 mAdc)	$V_{CE(sat)}$	–	0.3	Vdc
Base-Emitter Saturation Voltage(1) (I_C = 50 mAdc, I_B = 5.0 mAdc)	$V_{BE(sat)}$	–	0.95	Vdc
SMALL-SIGNAL CHARACTERISTICS				
Current-Gain – Bandwidth Product (I_C = 10 mAdc, V_{CE} = 20 Vdc, f = 100 MHz)	f_T	250		MHz
Output Capacitance (V_{CB} = 5.0 Vdc, I_E = 0, f = 100 MHz)	C_{obo}	–	4.0	pF
Input Capacitance (V_{BE} = 0.5 Vdc, I_C = 0, f = 100 kHz)	C_{ibo}	–	8.0	pF
Collector-Base Capacitance (I_E = 0, V_{CB} = 5.0 V, f = 100 kHz)	C_{cb}	–	4.0	pF
Small-Signal Current Gain (I_C = 2.0 mAdc, V_{CE} = 10 Vdc, f = 1.0 kHz)	h_{fe}	50	200	–
Current Gain – High Frequency (I_C = 10 mAdc, V_{CE} = 20 Vdc, f = 100 MHz) (I_C = 2.0 mAdc, V_{CE} = 10 V, f = 1.0 kHz)	h_{fe}	2.5 50	– 200	–
Noise Figure (I_C = 100 µAdc, V_{CE} = 5.0 Vdc, R_S = 1.0 k ohm, f = 1.0 kHz)	NF	–	6.0	dB

(1) Pulse Test: Pulse Width = 300 µs, Duty Cycle = 2.0%

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