

CHAPTER THREE

Bipolar Junction Transistors

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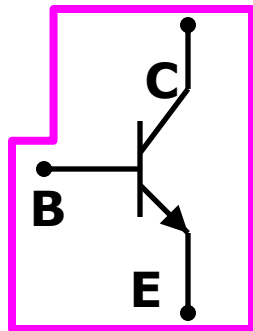
Introduction

- This chapter describes:
 - Ebers-Moll BJT model
 - BJT modes of operation

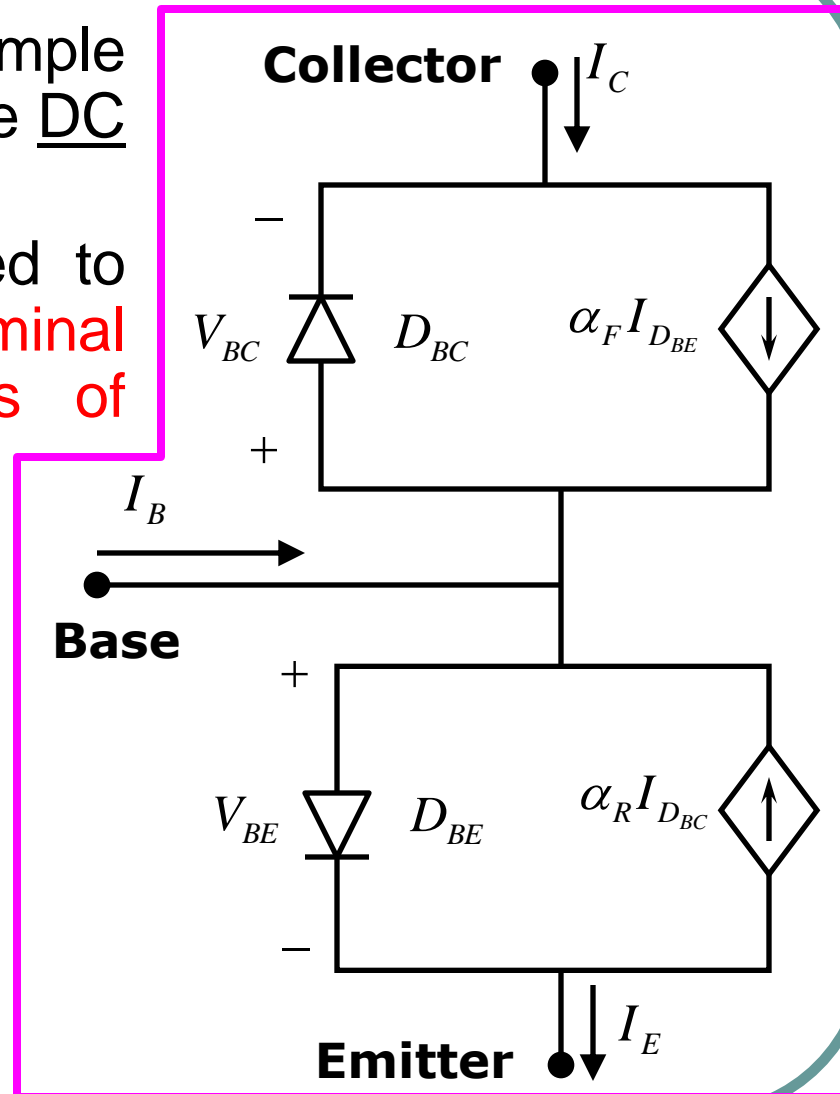
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Ebers-Moll BJT Model

- Ebers-Moll model is a simple model that represents the DC operation of a BJT
- This model can be used to calculate the terminal currents for all modes of operation



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Ebers-Moll BJT Model

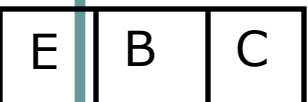
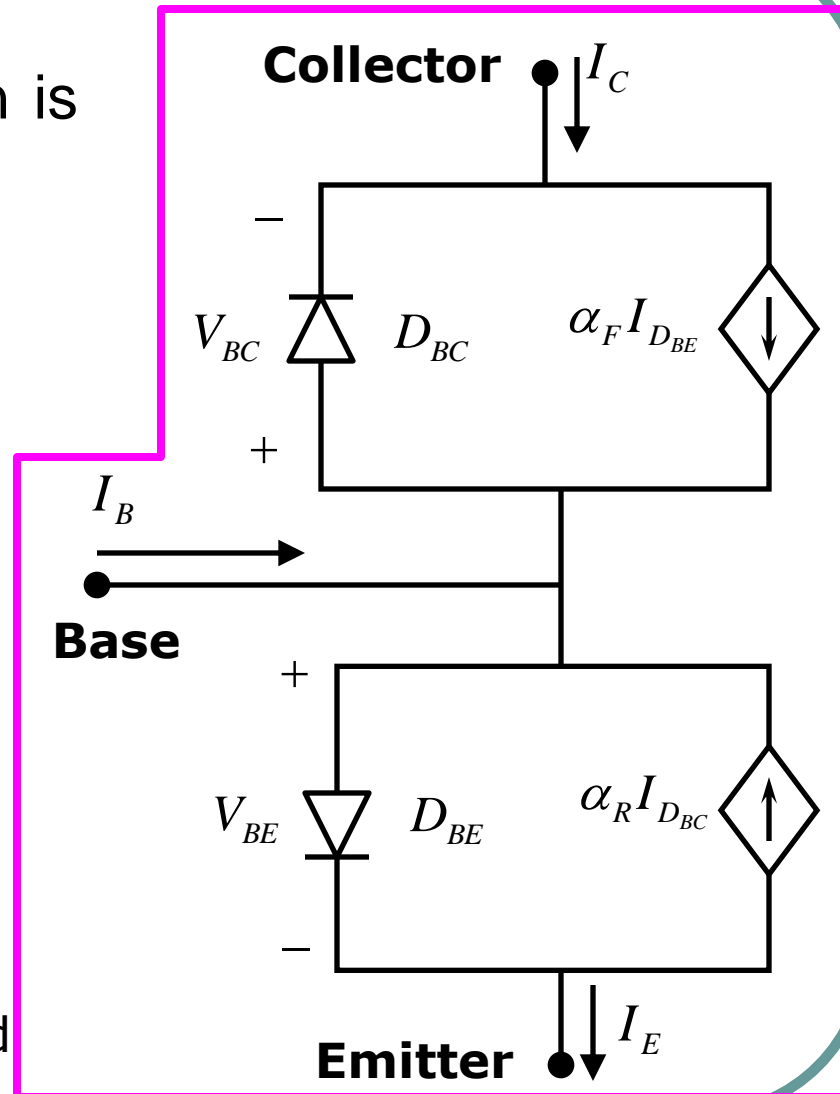
- The Base-Emitter junction is represented by

$$I_{D_{BE}}(V_{BE}) = I_{ES} \left(\exp \left\{ \frac{V_{BE}}{\phi_T} \right\} - 1 \right)$$

- $I_{D_{BE}}$ consists of electrons emitted from the emitter through the base toward the collector (current is opposite). A fraction of these electrons reach the collector and represented by

$$\alpha_F I_{D_{BE}} = \alpha_F I_{ES} \left(\exp \left\{ \frac{V_{BE}}{\phi_T} \right\} - 1 \right)$$

$0.98 \leq \alpha_F \leq 0.999$ Common-base forward current gain



Ebers-Moll BJT Model

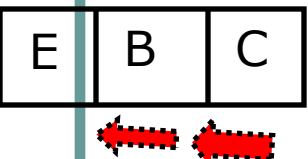
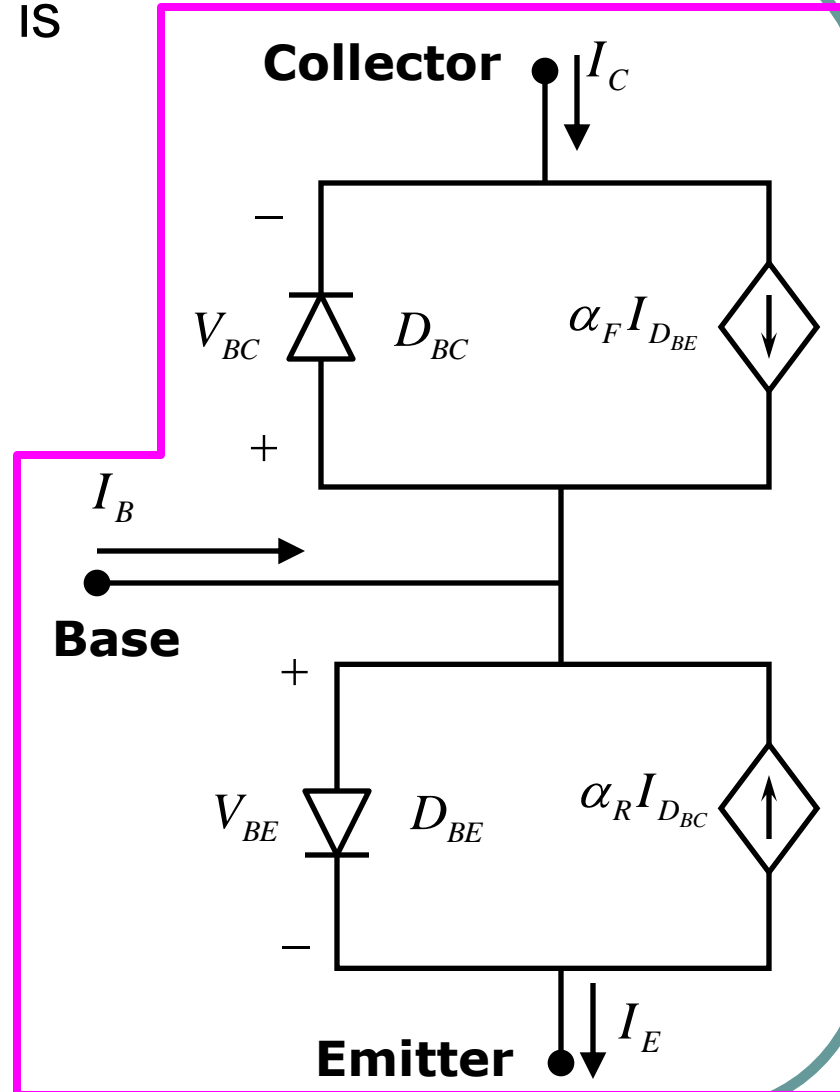
- The Base-Collector junction is represented by

$$I_{D_{BC}}(V_{BC}) = I_{CS} \left(\exp \left\{ \frac{V_{BC}}{\phi_T} \right\} - 1 \right)$$

- $I_{D_{BC}}$ consists of electrons emitted from the collector through the base toward the emitter (current is opposite). A fraction of these electrons reach the emitter and represented by

$$\alpha_R I_{D_{BC}} = \alpha_R I_{CS} \left(\exp \left\{ \frac{V_{BC}}{\phi_T} \right\} - 1 \right)$$

$0.2 \leq \alpha_R \leq 0.6$ Common-base reverse current gain



Ebers-Moll BJT Model

$$I_E = I_{ES} \left(\exp \left\{ \frac{V_{BE}}{\phi_T} \right\} - 1 \right) - \alpha_R I_{CS} \left(\exp \left\{ \frac{V_{BC}}{\phi_T} \right\} - 1 \right)$$

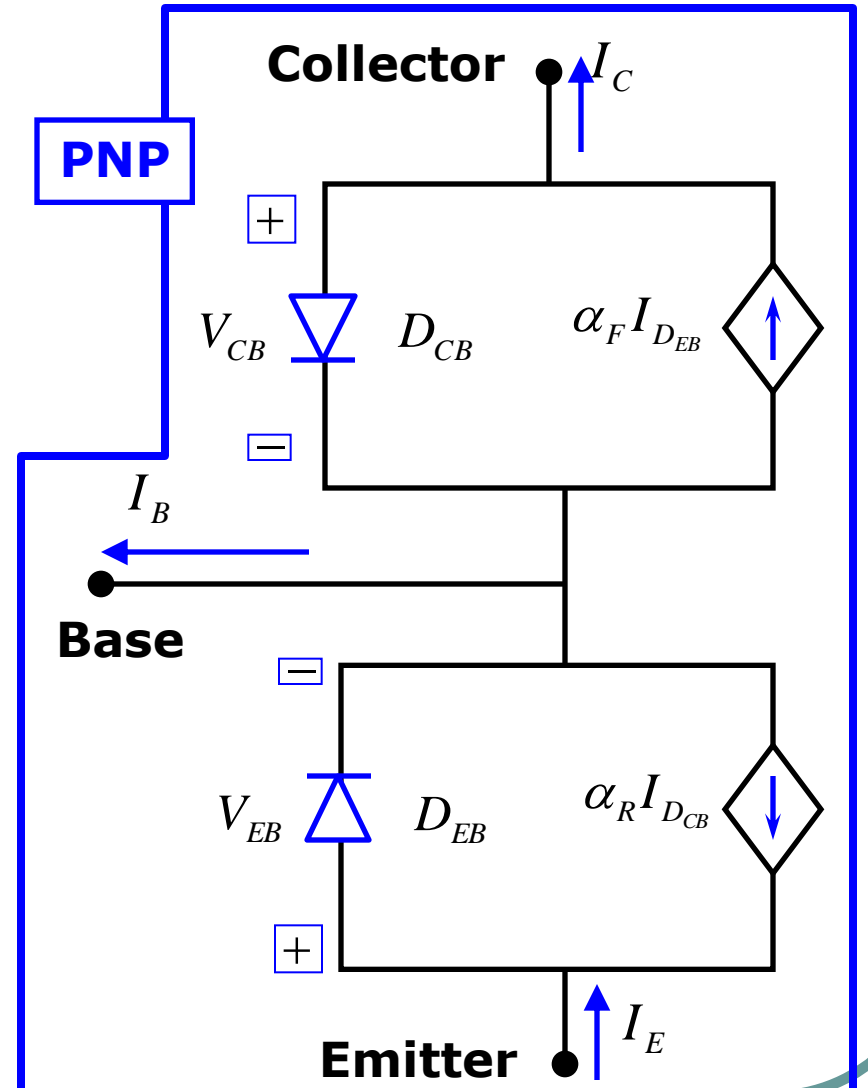
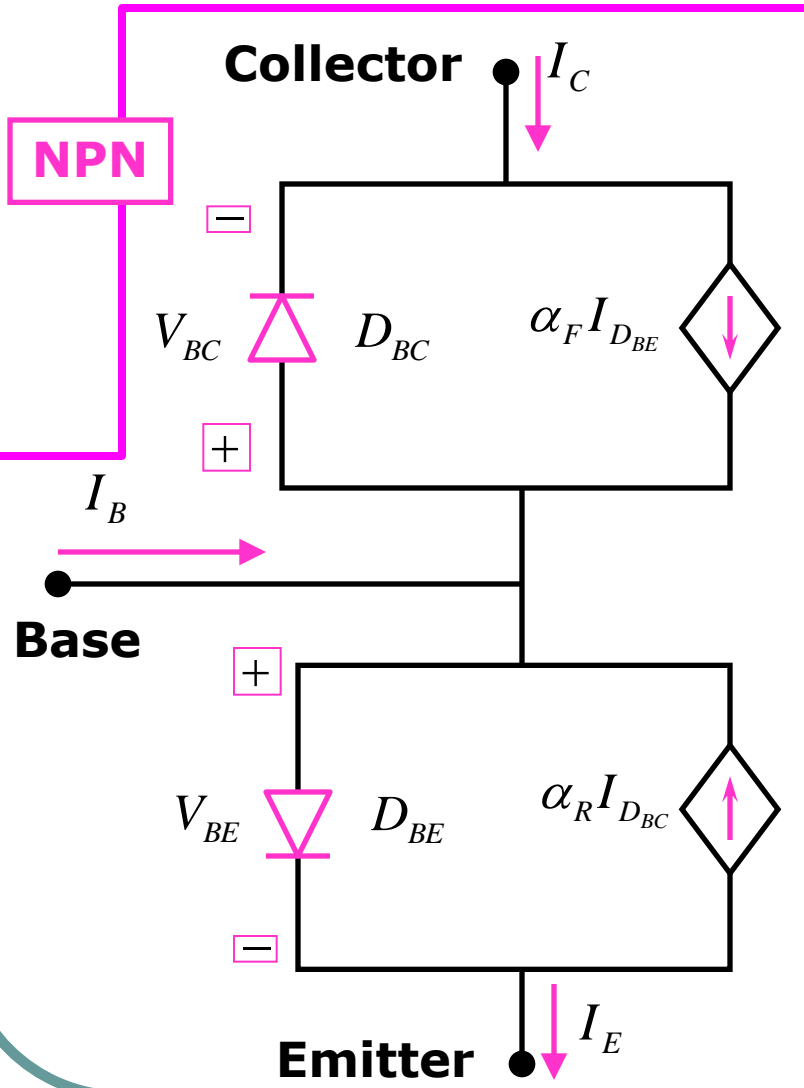
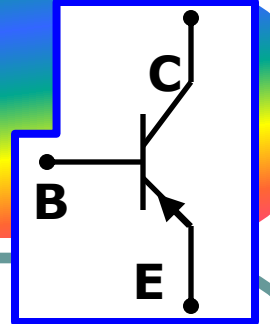
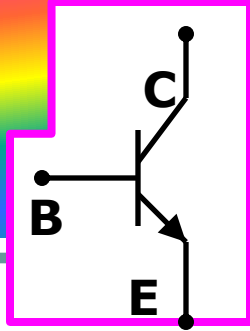
and

$$I_C = -I_{CS} \left(\exp \left\{ \frac{V_{BC}}{\phi_T} \right\} - 1 \right) + \alpha_F I_{ES} \left(\exp \left\{ \frac{V_{BE}}{\phi_T} \right\} - 1 \right)$$

and

$$I_B = I_E - I_C$$

Ebers-Moll BJT Model

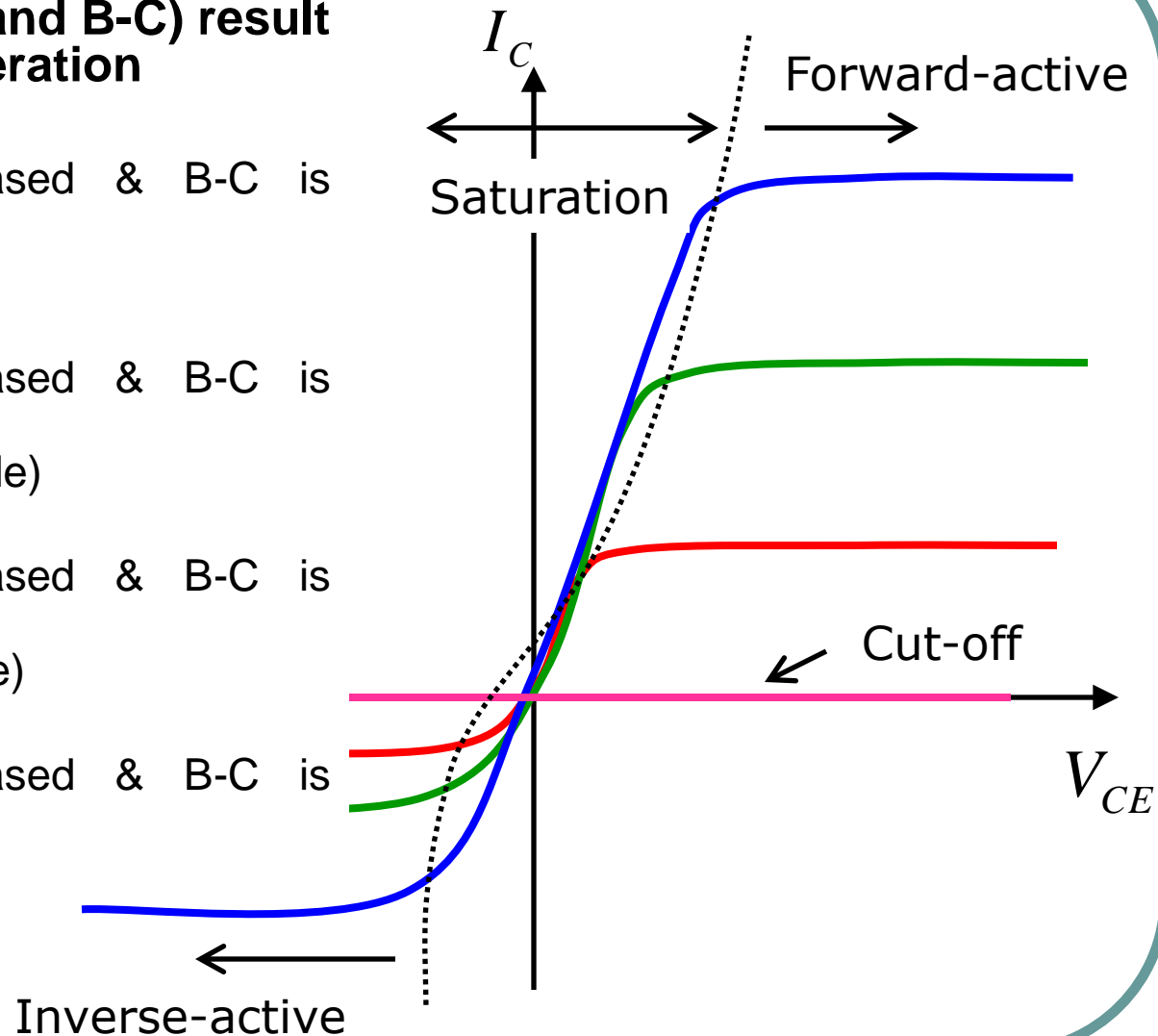


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Modes of Operation

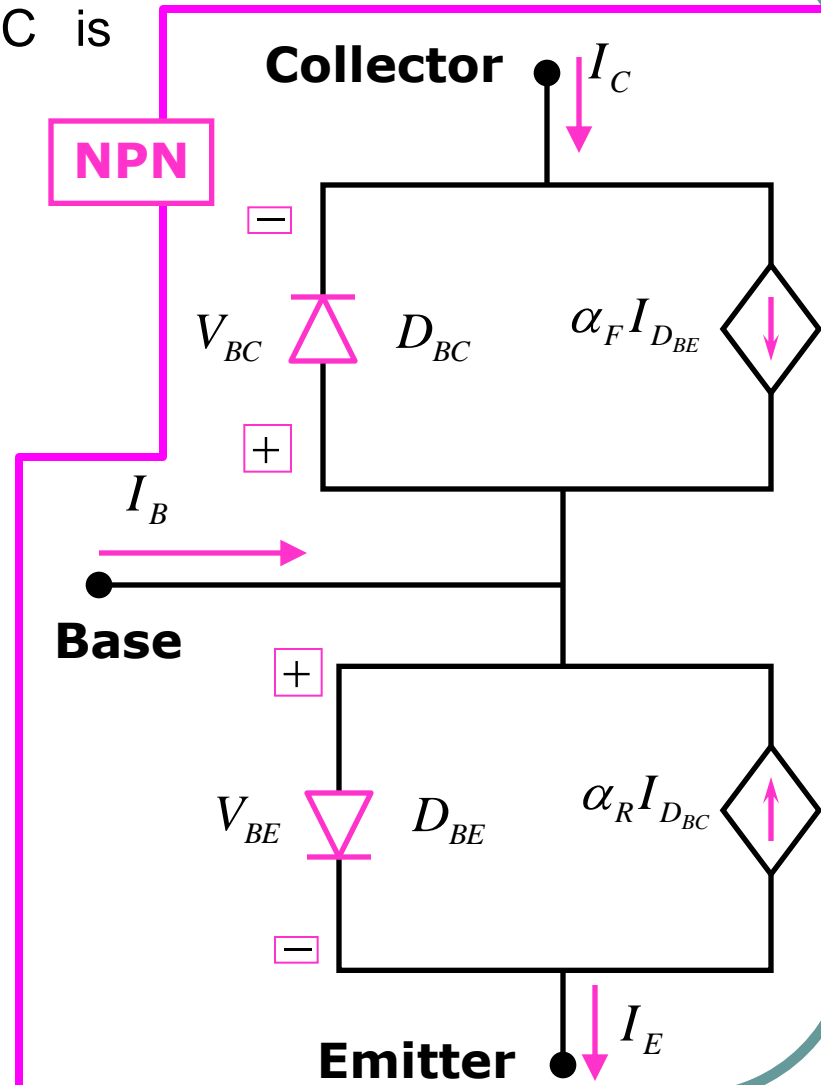
Two junctions (B-E and B-C) result in four modes of operation

1. B-E is reverse-biased & B-C is reverse biased
(Cut-off mode)
2. B-E is forward-biased & B-C is reverse biased
(Forward-active mode)
3. B-E is reverse-biased & B-C is forward biased
(Inverse-active mode)
4. B-E is forward-biased & B-C is forward biased
(Saturation mode)



Modes of Operation

1. B-E is reverse-biased & B-C is reverse biased (Cut-off mode)



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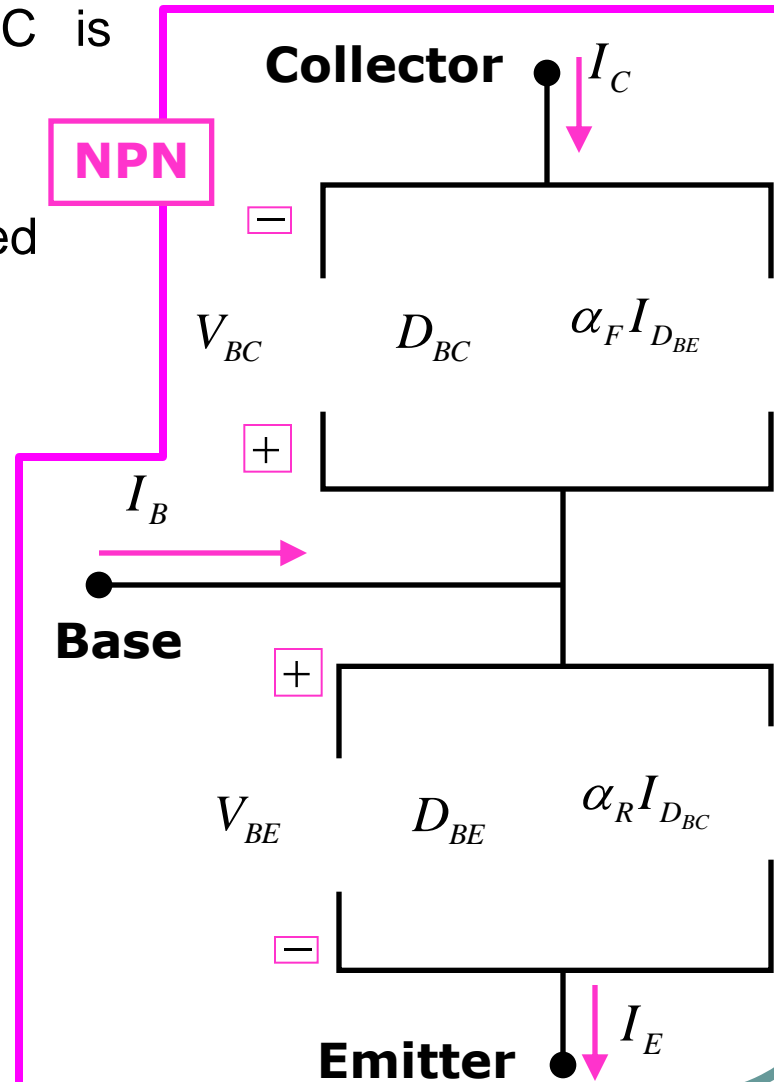
Both D_{BE} and D_{BC} are reverse-biased

Both $I_{D_{BE}}$ and $I_{D_{BC}}$ are Zero

$$I_E \approx 0$$

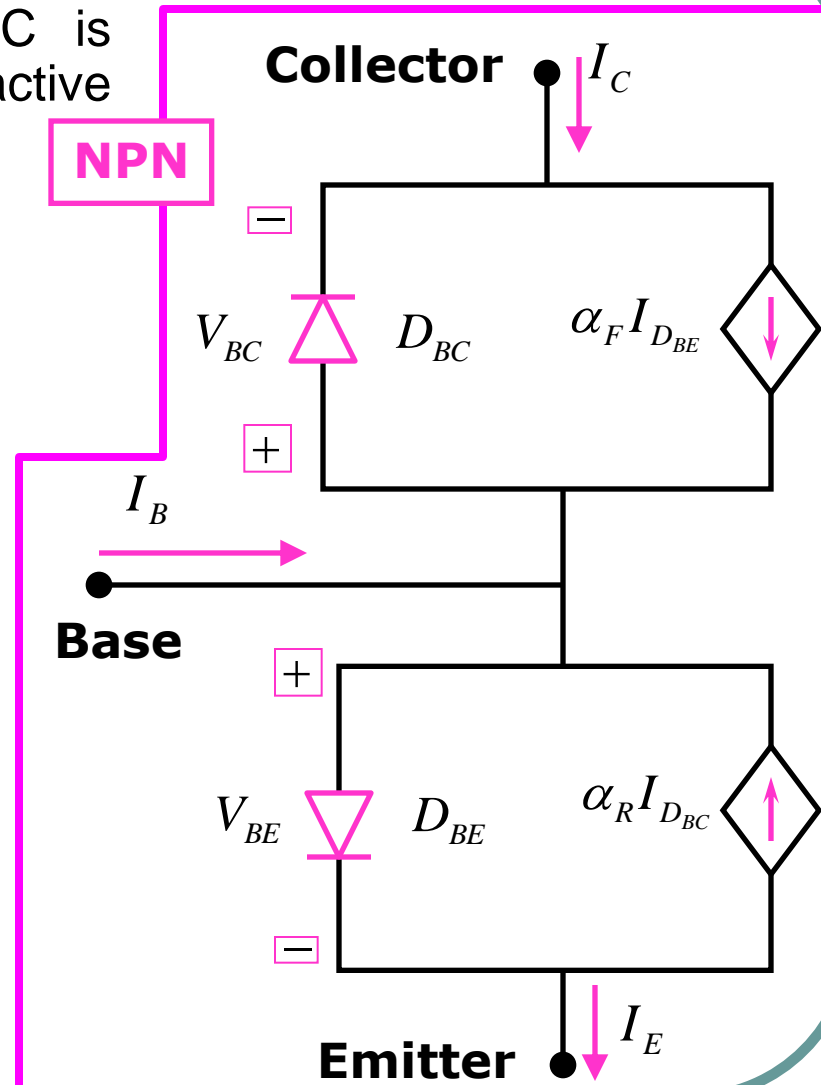
$$I_C \approx 0$$

$$I_B \approx 0$$



Modes of Operation

2. B-E is forward-biased & B-C is reverse biased (Forward active mode)



Modes of Operation

2. B-E is forward-biased & B-C is reverse biased (Forward active mode)

Both D_{BE} is forward biased with $V_{BE}=0.7$ V (*silicon diodes*) while D_{BC} is reverse-biased (open)

i.e. I_{DBC} is Zero

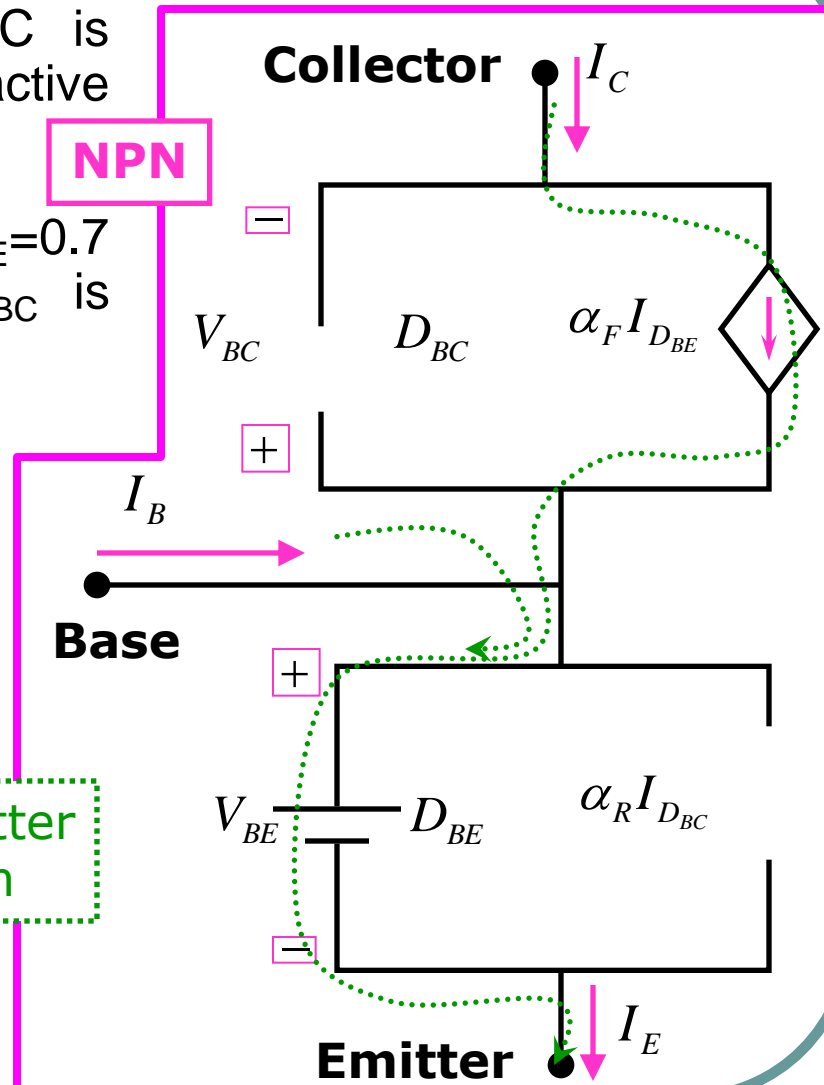
$$V_{BE} (F.A.) = 0.7V$$

$$I_C = \alpha_F I_{D_{BE}} = \alpha_F I_E = I_E - I_B$$

$$I_E = \frac{I_B}{1 - \alpha_F}$$

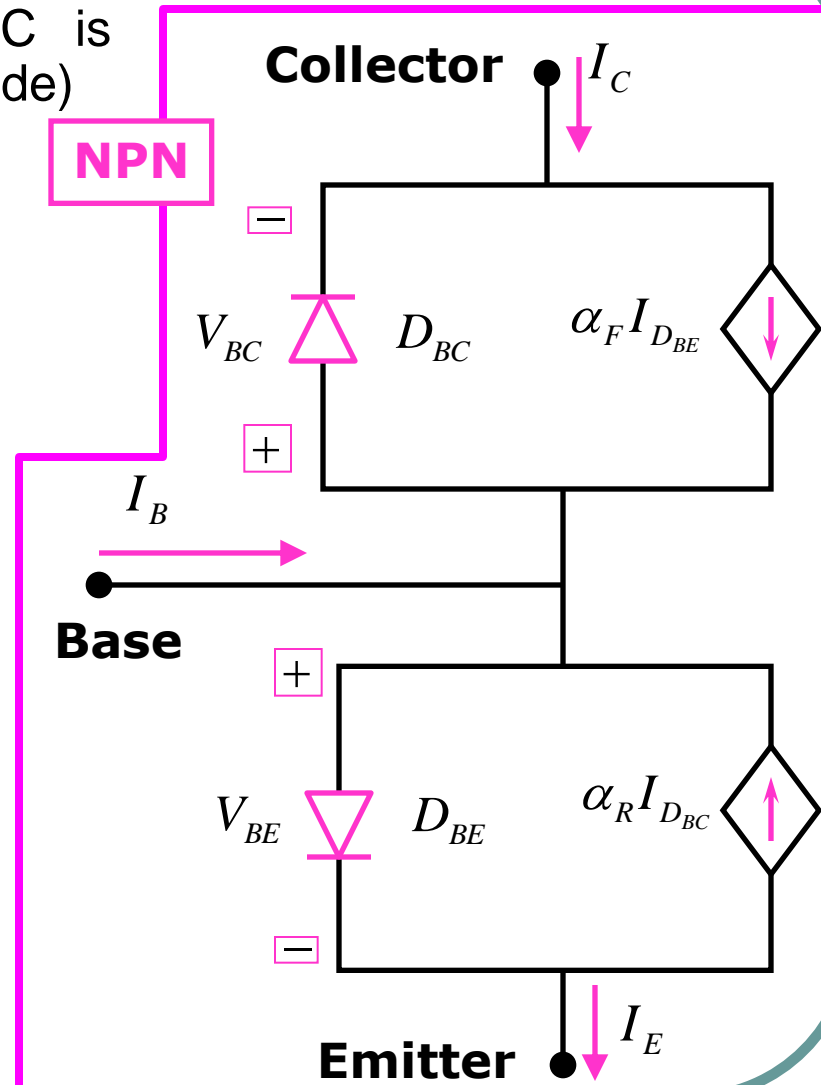
$$I_C = \alpha_F \left(\frac{I_B}{1 - \alpha_F} \right) = \beta_F I_B$$

Common-emitter current gain



Modes of Operation

3. B-E is forward-biased & B-C is forward biased (Saturation mode)



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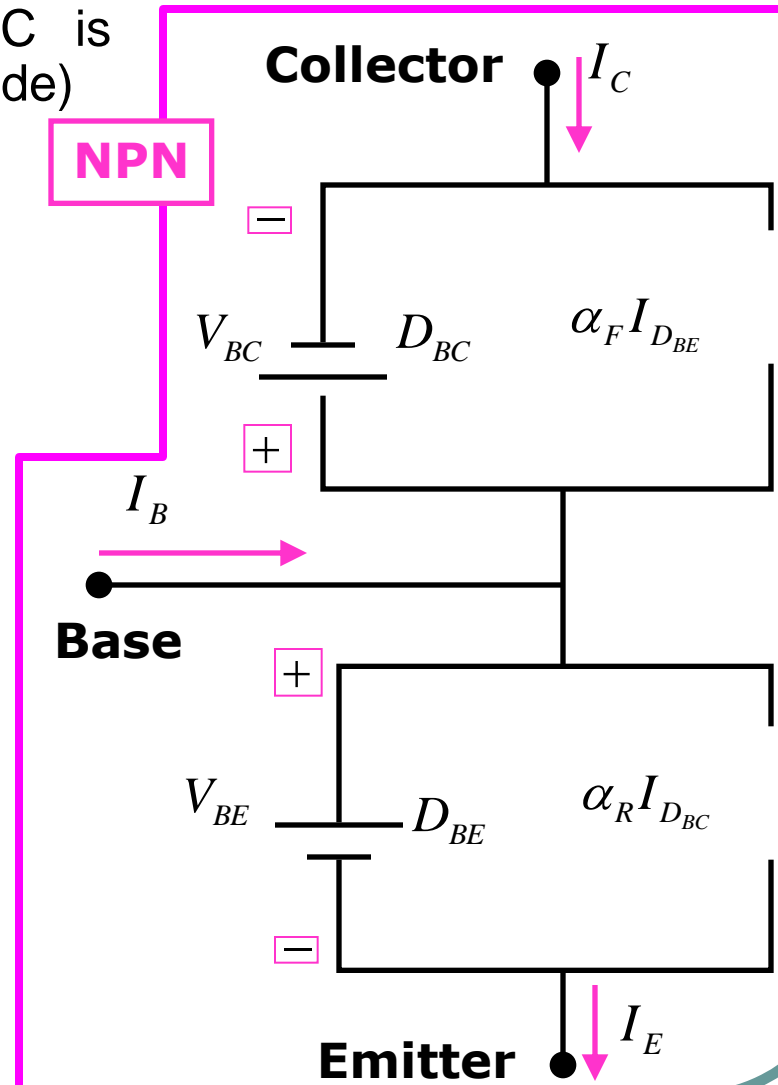
3. B-E is forward-biased & B-C is forward biased (Saturation mode)

$$V_{BE}(sat) = 0.8V$$

$$V_{BC}(sat) = 0.6V$$

$$V_{CE}(sat) = 0.2V$$

$$\sigma = \frac{I_C}{\beta_F I_B} = \begin{cases} 1 : F.A. \\ < 1 : Sat. \end{cases}$$



Modes of Operation

4. B-E is reverse-biased & B-C is forward biased (Inverse-active mode)

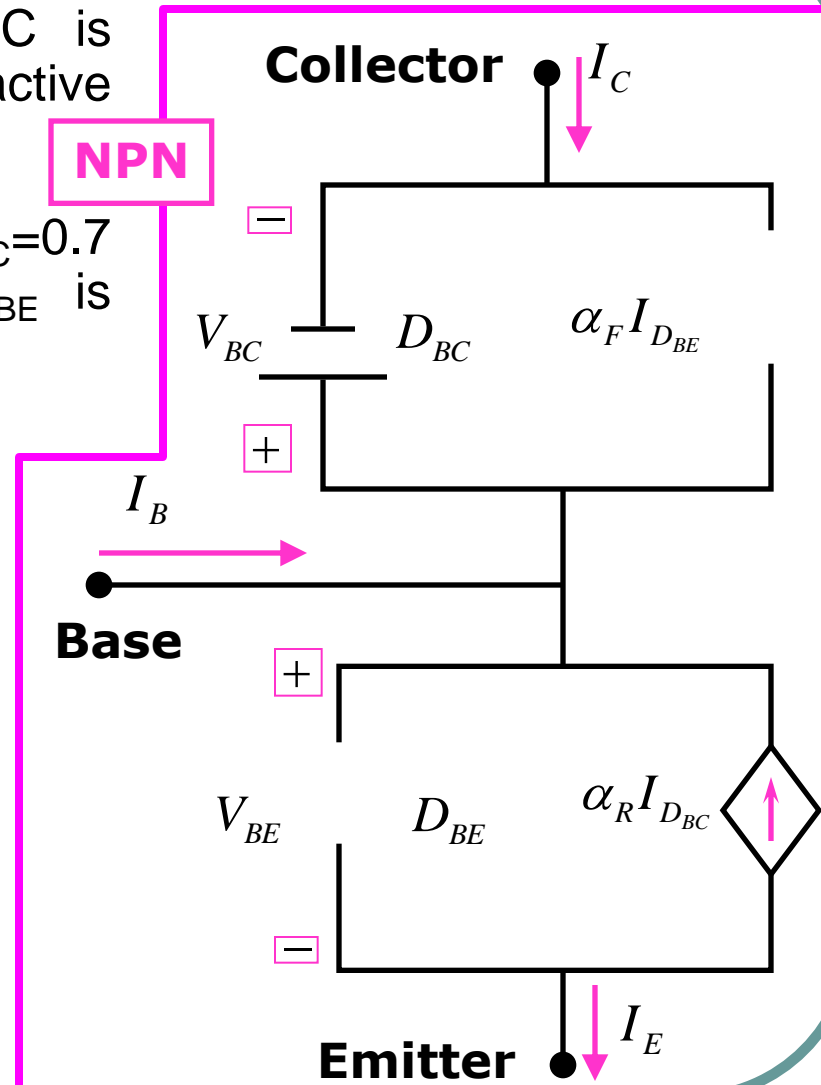
Both D_{BC} is forward biased with $V_{BC}=0.7$ V (*silicon diodes*) while D_{BE} is reverse-biased (open)

i.e. $I_{D_{BE}}$ is Zero

$$V_{BC} (R.A.) = 0.7V$$

$$I_E = \alpha_R I_C = \frac{\beta_R}{\beta_R + 1} I_C$$

$$\beta_R \ll \beta_F$$



- HW #3: Solve Problems: 3.8, 3.9, 3.14