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Unit 1 – Transistors

Topic 2: UJT



UNI JUNCTION TRANSISTOR

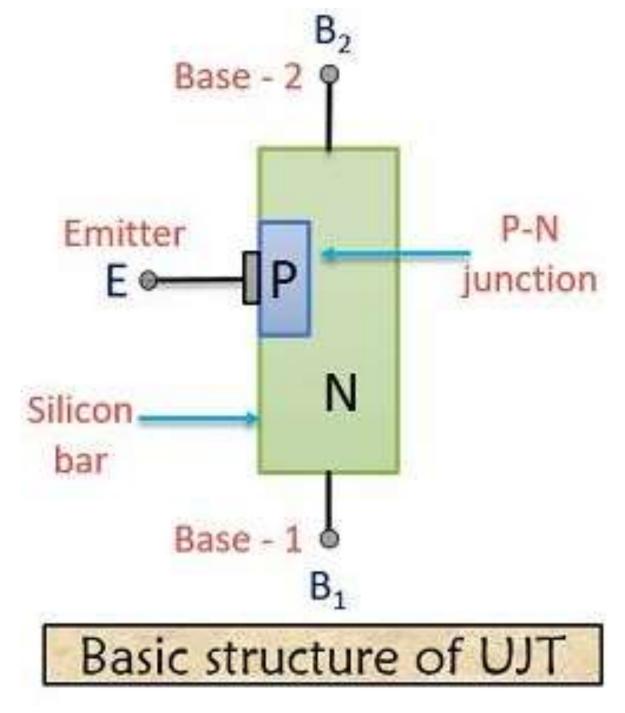


- Unijunction Transistor is a semiconductor switching device having 2 layers and 3 terminals and is abbreviated as UJT.
- It is called so because of the presence of only one junction.
- It has the ability to limit large power with a small input signal and is also known as a double base diode.
- UJT is a device that possesses negative resistance characteristic that means its emitter current rises regeneratively when triggered. Thus an emitter supply is needed in order to restrict it.



Construction of UJT



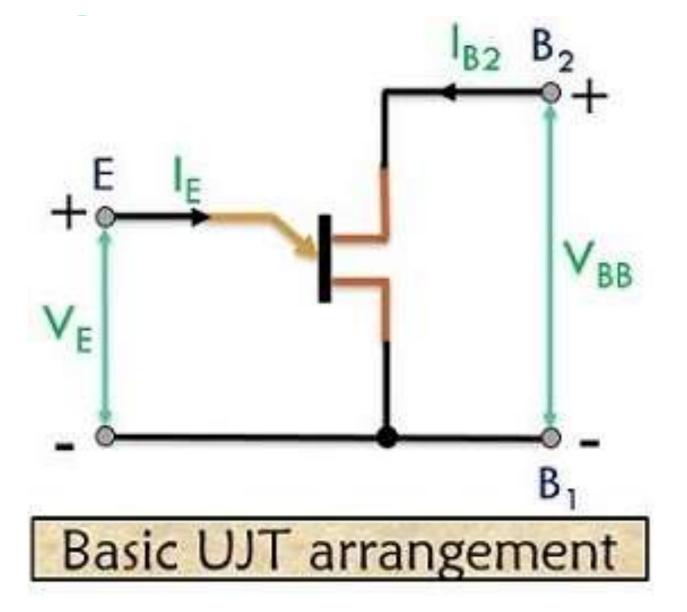


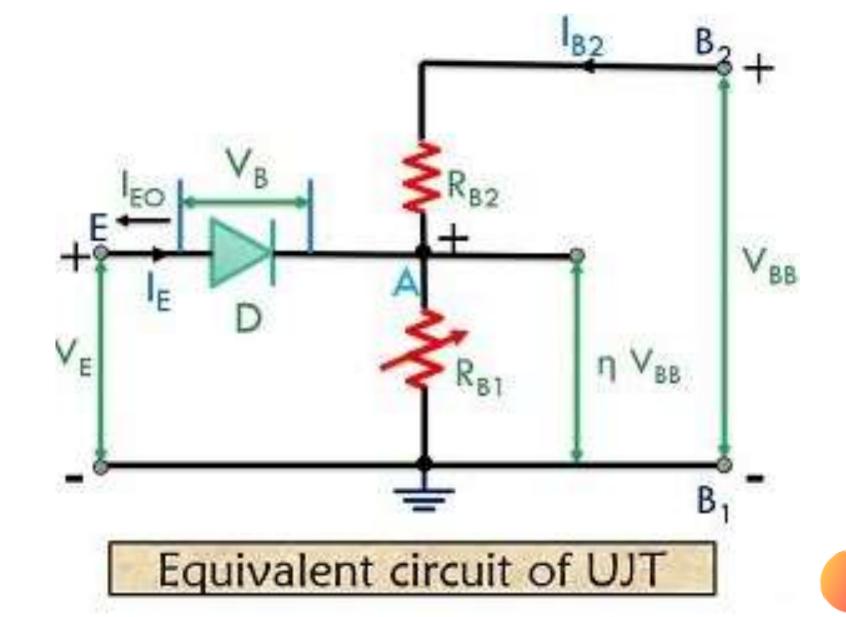
- Its structure is almost similar to an Nchannel JFET. UJT consists of a lightly doped N-type silicon bar in which a P-type material is diffused thus producing PN junction.
- Due to the existence of a single PN junction, it is termed as a Unijunction device.
- It consists of two ohmic contacts at the end of the bar which is labelled as base 1 (B1) and base 2 (B2).
- Emitter region is closer to B2 in order to have the optimum electrical characteristic.



Basic arrangement of a UJT









Working of a UJT



 The two resistor of the circuit together constitutes the total resistance which is the resistance between B2 and B1 where the emitter is kept open is known as Interbase resistance R_{BB}.

$$R_{BB} = R_{B1} + R_{B2}$$

Normally the value of RB1 is greater than that of RB2.

$$V_A = V_{BB} \times \frac{R_{B1}}{R_{B1} + R_{B2}}$$

$$V_A = \eta V_{BB}$$
, where η is the intrinsic standoff ratio



Working of a UJT



 Consider a condition when there is no emitter potential supplied to the circuit. In such a case the diode gets reverse biased.

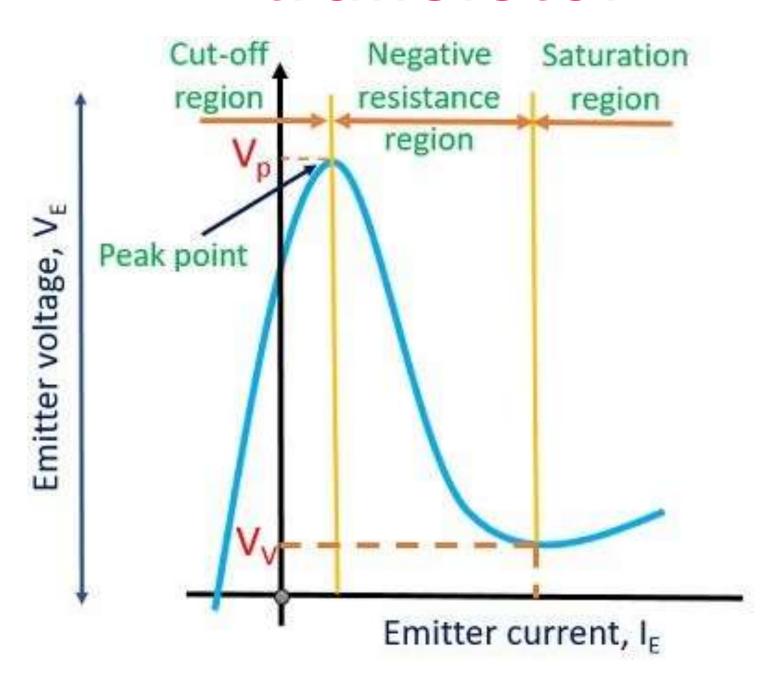
$$V_A + V_B = \eta V_{BB} + V_B$$

- On proceeding further, if the emitter potential is increased more, the diode will now get forward biased. The emitter potential that puts the diode in forward biased condition is known as peak point voltage and is denoted by Vp.
- The minimum value of IE to trigger the device is known as peak point current of the emitter terminal denoted by Ip.



Characteristics of Unijunction transistor





Emitter characteristic of UJT





SUMMARY





