

Hartley and Colpitts Oscillator
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Fig. shows the ckt of a Hartley Oscillator using jn. transistor in the CE mode. The resistor R_1, R_2 & R_E and the supply voltage V_{CC} establishes the dc operating pt. in the active region of the characteristics. The capacitor C_B is the blocking capacitor & C_E is an emitter bypass capacitor. Since the transistor operates in the CE mode it introduces a phase shift of 180° between its input and output voltages. The output voltage appears across the tank ckt. connected to the collector. A part of output voltage V_1 appearing across the inductance L_1 is the feedback voltage. The feedback voltage is 180° out of phase with the output voltage so that a net phase shift around the loop is 0° or 360° .

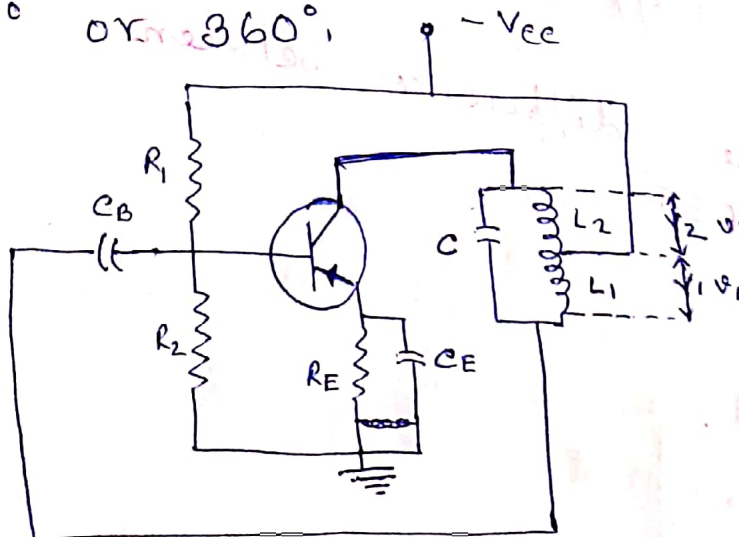


Fig. 1

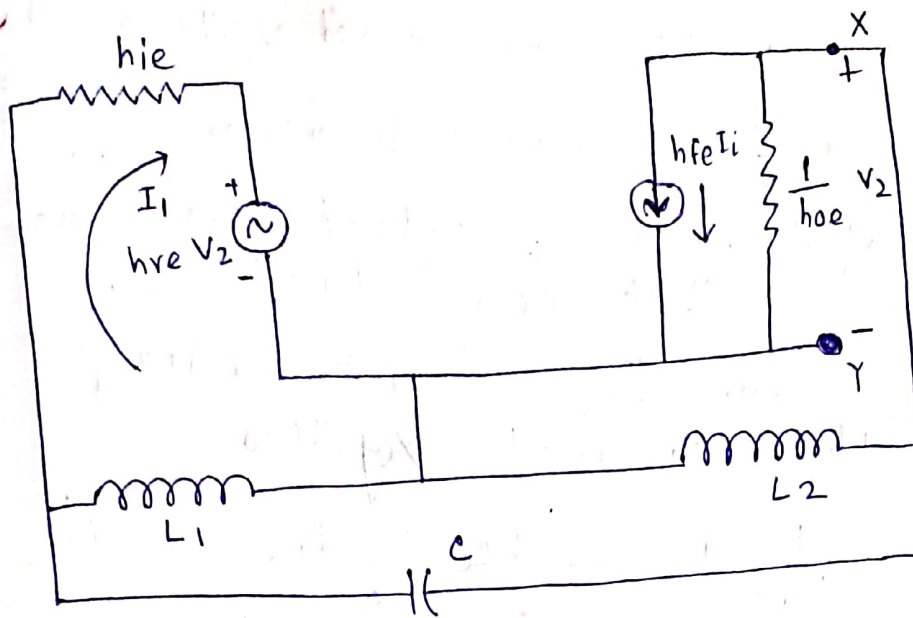


Fig 2.

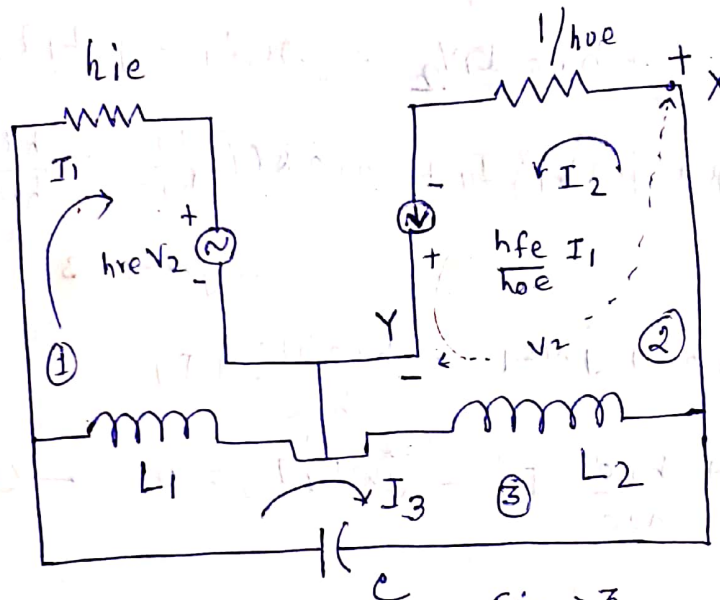


Fig 3.

Analysis → Since the bias resistances R_1, R_2 & R_E are sufficiently large they will not affect the a.c. operating ckt. The hybrid model a.c. equivalent ckt of the heartley oscillator is shown in fig. Apply Thevenin's theorem at the terminal and looking forward left. The current source $hfe I_1$ in parallel with the resistance $\frac{1}{h_{oe}}$ can be removed by an equivalent thevenin.

voltage source of generated voltage $\frac{hfe I_1}{hoe}$
and internal impedance $\frac{1}{hoe}$.

For simplicity we neglect the mutual inductance between L_1 & L_2 .

From fig (3), the voltage across the terminal ~~XY~~ is

$$V_2 = \frac{1}{hoe} I_2 - hfe \frac{1}{hoe} I_1 \quad \dots (i)$$

Applying KVL for three loops.

For Loop 1,

$$hie I_1 + hre V_2 + j\omega L_1 I_1 - j\omega L_1 I_3 = 0 \quad \dots (ii)$$

$$(hie + j\omega L_1) I_1 + hre \left(\frac{I_2}{hoe} - \frac{hfe}{hoe} I_1 \right) - j\omega L_1 I_3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(hie + j\omega L_1 - \frac{hre hfe}{hoe} \right) I_1 + \frac{hre}{hoe} I_2 - j\omega L_1 I_3 = 0 \quad \dots (ii')$$

For Loop 2,

$$-\frac{hfe}{hoe} I_1 + j\omega L_2 I_2 + j\omega L_2 I_3 + \frac{1}{hoe} I_2 = 0 \quad \dots (iii)$$

Loop 3

$$j\omega (L_1 + L_2) I_3 - j\omega L_1 I_1 + j\omega L_2 I_2 + \frac{1}{j\omega C} I_3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow j\omega (L_1 + L_2) I_3 - j\omega L_1 I_1 + j\omega L_2 I_2 - \frac{j I_3}{\omega C} = 0 \quad \dots (iv)$$

ω is the angular freq. of oscillation.

Since the currents I_1, I_2, I_3 are non-vanishing the determinant of the co-efficients of I_1, I_2 & I_3 must be zero. i.e.

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \left(h_{ie} + j\omega L_1 - \frac{h_{re} h_{fe}}{h_{oe}} \right) & \left(\frac{h_{re}}{h_{oe}} \right) & (-j\omega L_1) \\ -\frac{h_{fe}}{h_{oe}} & (j\omega L_2 + \frac{1}{h_{oe}}) & j\omega L_2 \\ -j\omega L_1 & j\omega L_2 & j(\omega L_1 + \omega L_2 - \frac{1}{\omega C}) \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{---(v)}$$

At the freq. of oscillation

$$j\omega L_1 + j\omega L_2 - \frac{j}{\omega C} = 0$$

$$\omega(L_1 + L_2) - \frac{1}{\omega C} = 0 \quad \text{---(vi)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega^2 = \frac{1}{L_1 + L_2}$$

\therefore Therefore eqⁿ (v), yields.

$$\left[h_{ie} + j\omega L_1 - \frac{h_{fe} h_{re}}{h_{oe}} \right] L_2^2 + \frac{h_{re}}{h_{oe}} L_1 L_2 - \frac{h_{fe}}{h_{oe}} L_1 L_2 + \left[\frac{1}{h_{oe}} + j\omega L_2 \right] L_1^2 = 0 \quad \text{---(vii)}$$

Equating the real part of eqⁿ (vii) to zero, we obtain,

$$\Delta_{he} L_2^2 - (h_{fe} h_{re}) L_1 L_2 + L_1^2 = 0 \quad \text{---(viii)}$$

where $\Delta_{he} = h_{ie} h_{oe} - h_{fe} h_{re}$

As $h_{re} \ll 1$

$$\Delta_{he} L_2^2 - h_{fe} L_1 L_2 + L_1^2 = 0 \quad \text{---(ix)}$$

Solving we get,

$$L_2 = \frac{hfeL_1 \pm \sqrt{hfe^2 L_1^2 - 44heL_1^2}}{24he} \quad (10)$$

Now, $hfe^2 \gg 44he$,

$$\therefore L_2 \simeq \frac{hfe}{4he} L_1 \quad (11)$$

The eqⁿ (11) gives the condition for sustained oscillation.

Equating the imaginary part to zero, we obtain.

$$\frac{\omega}{c} L_1 L_2 + \frac{hie}{hoe} \left(\omega L_1 + \omega L_2 - \frac{1}{\omega c} \right) = 0$$

$$\text{or, } \omega^2 = \frac{1}{\frac{hoe}{hie} L_1 L_2 + c(L_1 + L_2)}$$

\therefore The freq. of oscillation is

$$f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} = \frac{1}{2\pi \left(\frac{hoe}{hie} L_1 L_2 + c(L_1 + L_2) \right)^{1/2}}$$

In practice, $\frac{hoe}{hie} L_1 L_2 \ll c(L_1 + L_2)$

$$f \approx \frac{1}{2\pi [c(L_1 + L_2)]^{1/2}}$$

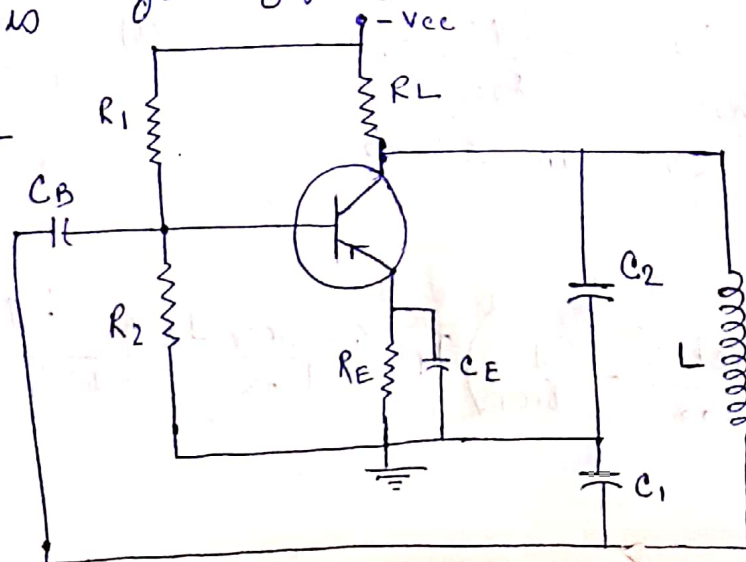
$$= \frac{1}{2\pi \sqrt{LC}} \quad \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{where } L = L_1 + L_2 \\ \text{= Total inductance} \\ \text{of the tank ckt} \end{array} \right]$$

Thus the ckt. gives oscillation at nearly the resonant freq. of the tank ckt.

Colpitts Oscillator :

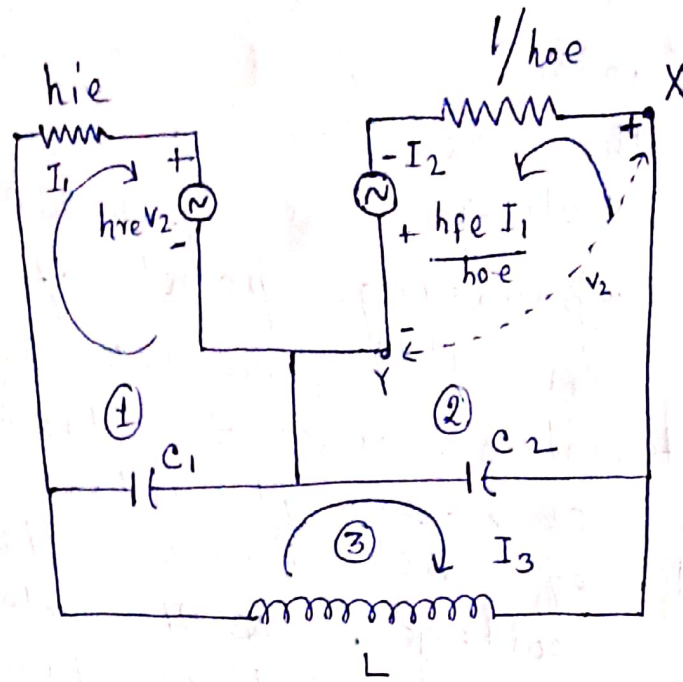
Fig. shows the ckt. diagram of a Colpitts Oscillator using a transistor in CE mode. The resistors R_1, R_2, R_L & R_E and supply voltage V_{CC} established the dc operating point of the transistor in the active region of the characteristics. Since the transistor operates in CE mode it introduces a phase shift of 180° between its input and output voltages. ~~co~~ The capacitor C_B blocks the dc current flow from the collector to the base ckt. through the coil of inductance L . C_E is an emitter bypass capacitor. The reactances of C_E & C_B are negligible at the freq. of oscillation. ~~The voltage across the capacitor~~ The fraction of output voltage appearing across the capacitor C_1 is the feedback voltage. The feedback voltage is 180° out of phase with the output voltage. So the net phase shift around the loop is 0° or 360° .

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[ckt. diagram]

Ac equivalent ckt :- \rightarrow



Analysis \rightarrow Since the resistor R_1, R_2 have sufficiently large values they do not affect the ac operation of the ckt. We neglect R_L as $R_L \gg \frac{1}{h_{oe}}$.

The potential difference between the terminal X & Y is

$$V_2 = \frac{I_2}{h_{oe}} - \frac{h_{fe} I_1}{h_{oe}} \quad (i)$$

Applying KVL in 3 loops.

loop 1

$$\left(h_{ie} - \frac{h_{fe} h_{re}}{h_{oe}} - \frac{j}{\omega C_1} \right) I_1 + \frac{h_{re}}{h_{oe}} I_2 + \frac{j I_3}{\omega C_1} = 0 \quad (ii)$$

$$-\frac{h_{fe}}{h_{oe}} I_1 + \left(\frac{1}{h_{oe}} - \frac{j}{\omega C_2} \right) I_2 - \frac{j}{\omega C_2} I_3 = 0 \quad \text{--- (iii')}$$

$$\frac{1}{\omega C_1} I_1 - \frac{j I_2}{\omega C_2} + j \left(\omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C_1} - \frac{1}{\omega C_2} \right) I_3 = 0 \quad \text{--- (iv)}$$

ω is the angular freq. of oscillation.
 Since the currents I_1, I_2, I_3 are non-vanishing the determinant of the co-efficients of I_1, I_2, I_3 must be zero. i.e.

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \left(h_{ie} - \frac{h_{fe} h_{re}}{h_{oe}} - \frac{j}{\omega C_1} \right) & \frac{h_{re}}{h_{oe}} & \frac{j}{\omega C_1} \\ -\frac{h_{fe}}{h_{oe}} & \left(\frac{1}{h_{oe}} - \frac{j}{\omega C_2} \right) & -\frac{j}{\omega C_2} \\ \frac{1}{\omega C_1} & -\frac{j}{\omega C_2} & j \left(\omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C_1} - \frac{1}{\omega C_2} \right) \end{vmatrix}$$

At the freq. of oscillation,
 $j \left(\omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C_1} - \frac{1}{\omega C_2} \right) = 0 \quad \text{--- (v)}$

$$\Delta_{he} = h_{ie} h_{oe} - h_{fe} h_{re}$$

$$\frac{C_1}{C_2} \approx \frac{h_{fe}}{\Delta_{he}}$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{h_{oe}}{h_{ie} C_1 C_2} + \frac{1}{L C_1} + \frac{1}{L C_2} \quad \text{--- (vi)}$$

The freq. of oscillation is
 $f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\frac{h_{oe}}{h_{ie} C_1 C_2} + \frac{1}{L C_1} + \frac{1}{L C_2} \right)^{1/2} \quad \text{--- (vii)}$

now, $h_{oe}/h_{ie} C_1 C_2 \ll \left[\frac{1}{L C_1} + \frac{1}{L C_2} \right]$, so eqⁿ (vii)
 reduces to, $f \approx \frac{1}{2\pi \sqrt{L C_s}} \quad \left[\frac{1}{C_s} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} \right]$