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# **ECE 255: L9**

## **Rectifiers, Clamps, and Special Diodes**

(Sedra and Smith, 4.5-4.7)

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# Announcements

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**Spice Project 1 due by 11:59 PM Friday, 2/1  
(Submit on Blackboard)**

**Exam 1: Thursday, Feb. 7, 6:30 PM, LILY 1105.**  
(Weeks -1- 4 topics, semiconductors, diodes, BJTs.  
i.e. HW1-HW4)

**ECE 255 Help Room to change to EE 208 and 209  
soon.**

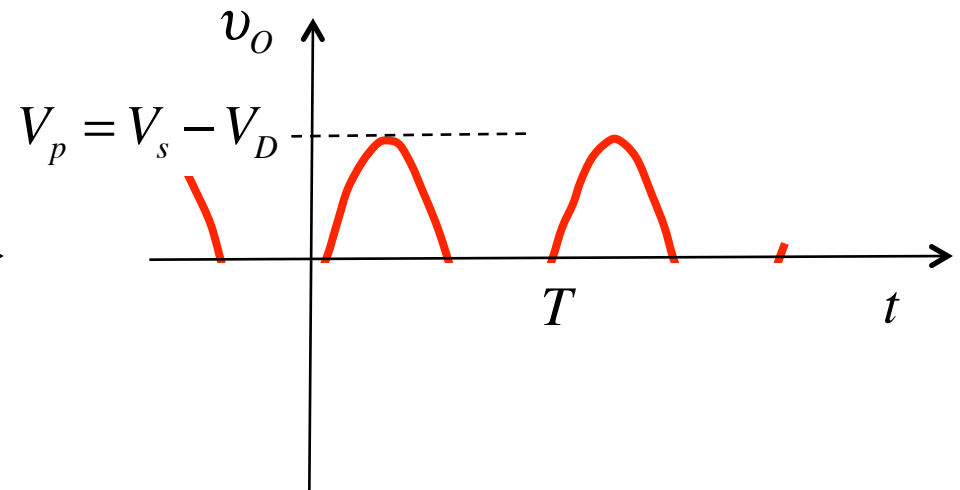
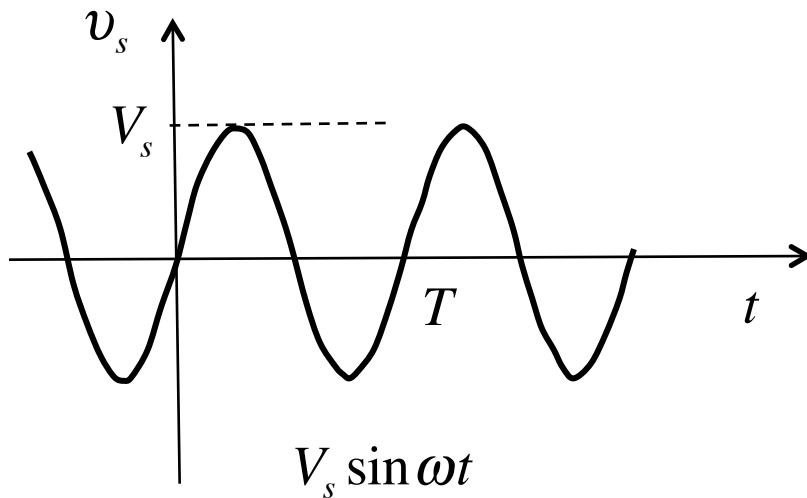
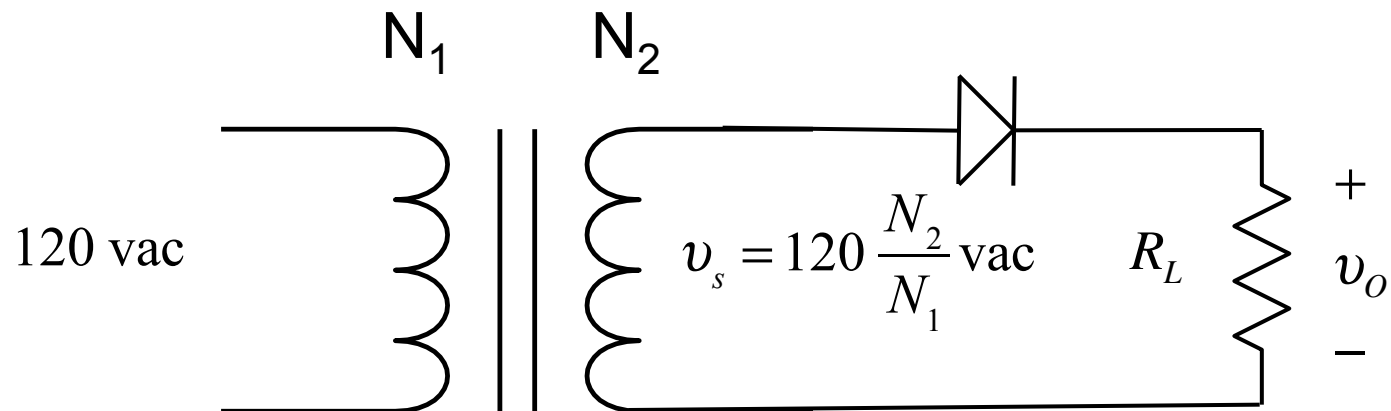
**Shortened office hours today (until 3:55 PM)**

# Rectifiers, Clamps, and Special Diodes

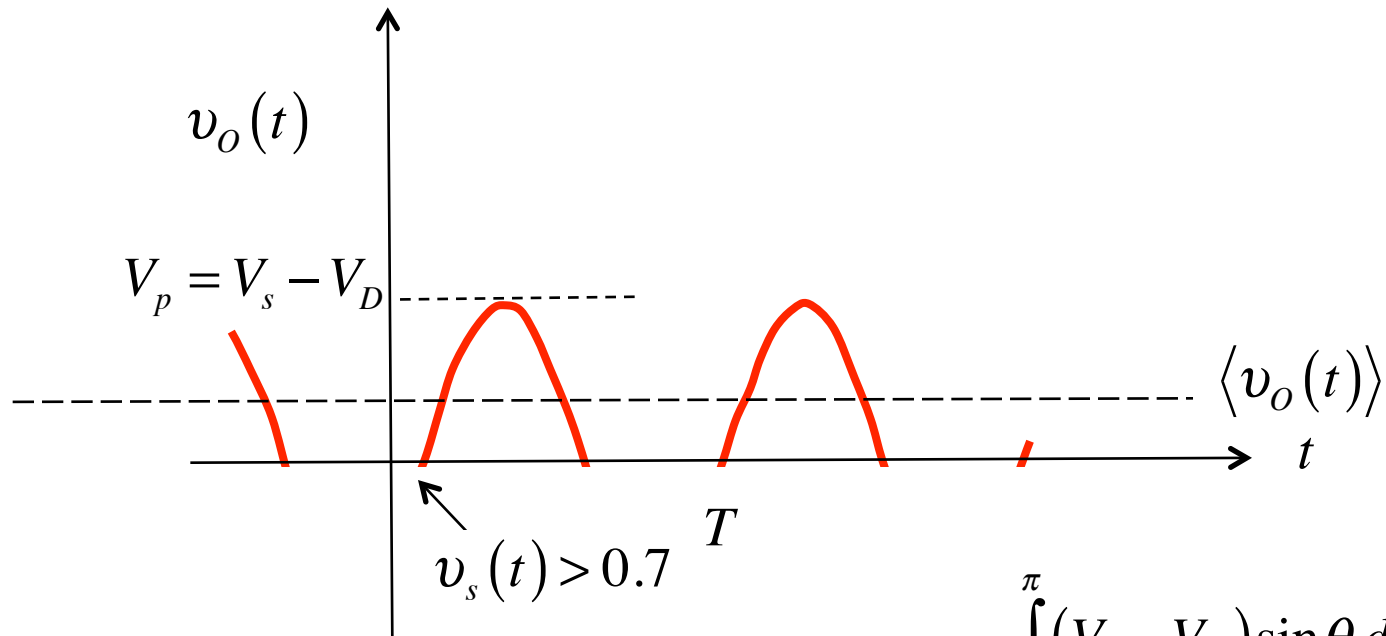
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- 1) Rectifiers
- 2) Diode limiters and clamps
- 3) Special diodes

# Half wave rectifier



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Average output V:

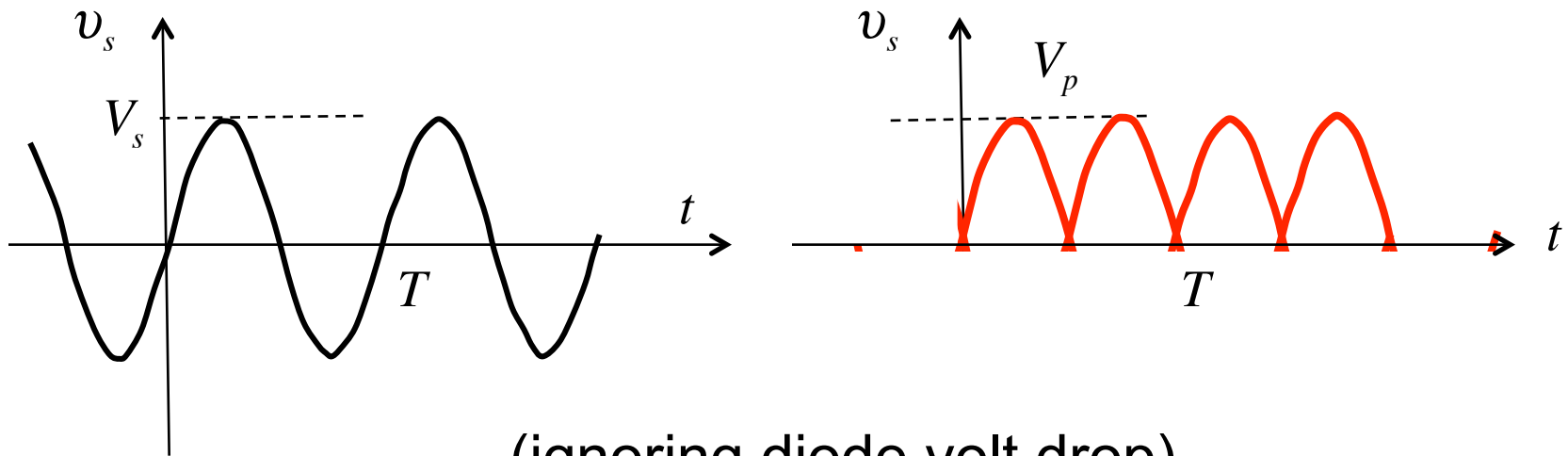
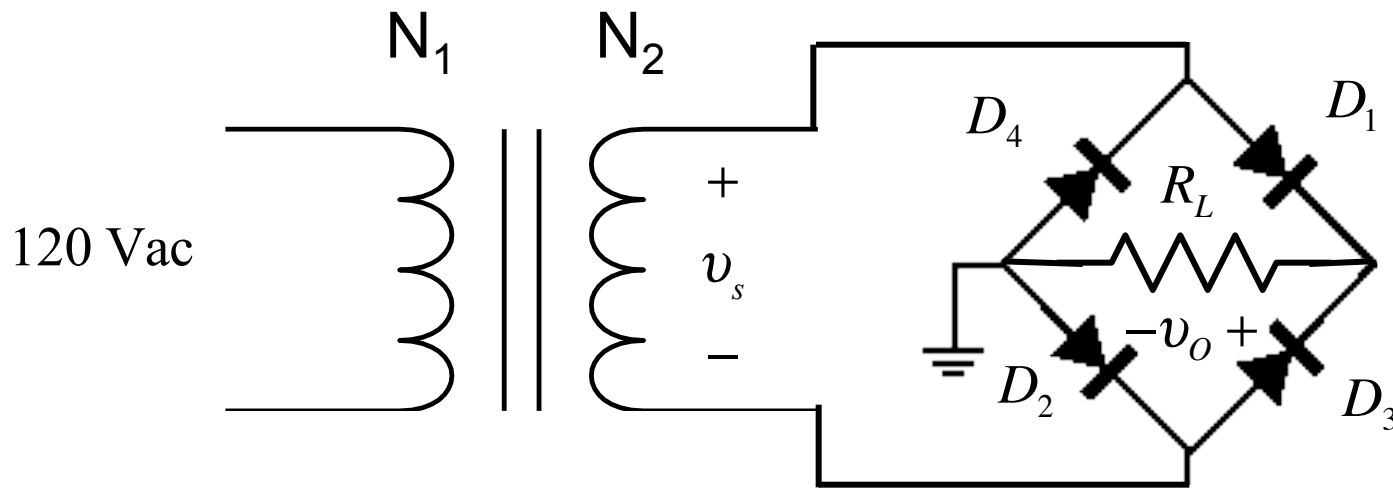
$$V_o = \langle v_o(t) \rangle \approx \frac{\int_0^{\pi} (V_s - V_D) \sin \theta d\theta}{2\pi} = \frac{(V_s - V_D)}{\pi}$$

Ripple voltage:

$$V_r = v_o|_{\max} - v_o|_{\min} = (V_s - V_D)$$

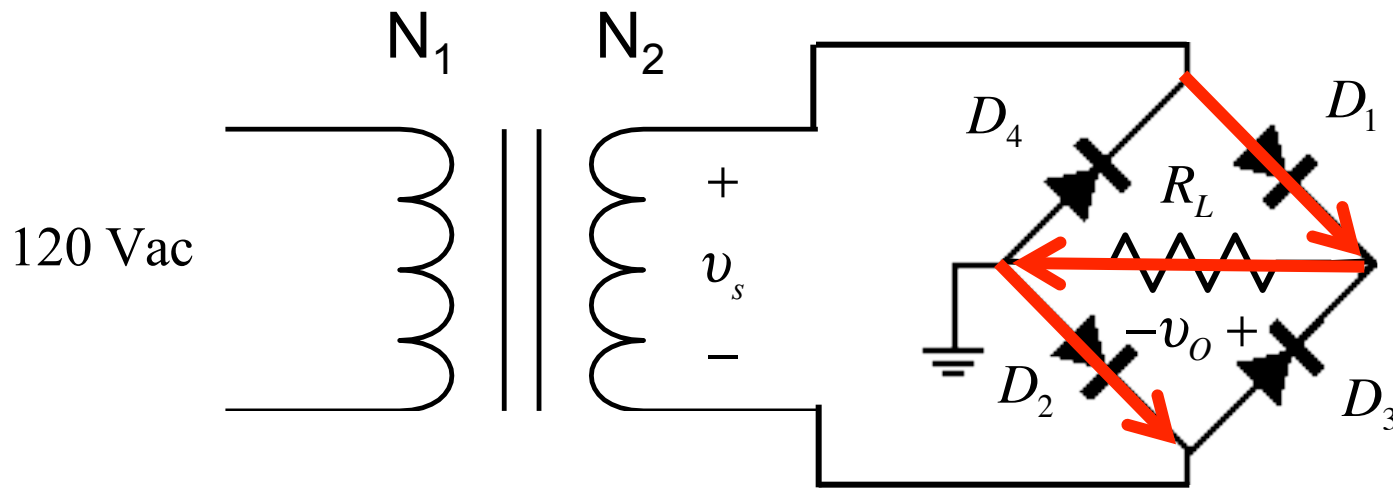
Peak Inverse Voltage:  $PIV = V_s$

# Full wave (bridge) rectifier



(ignoring diode volt drop)

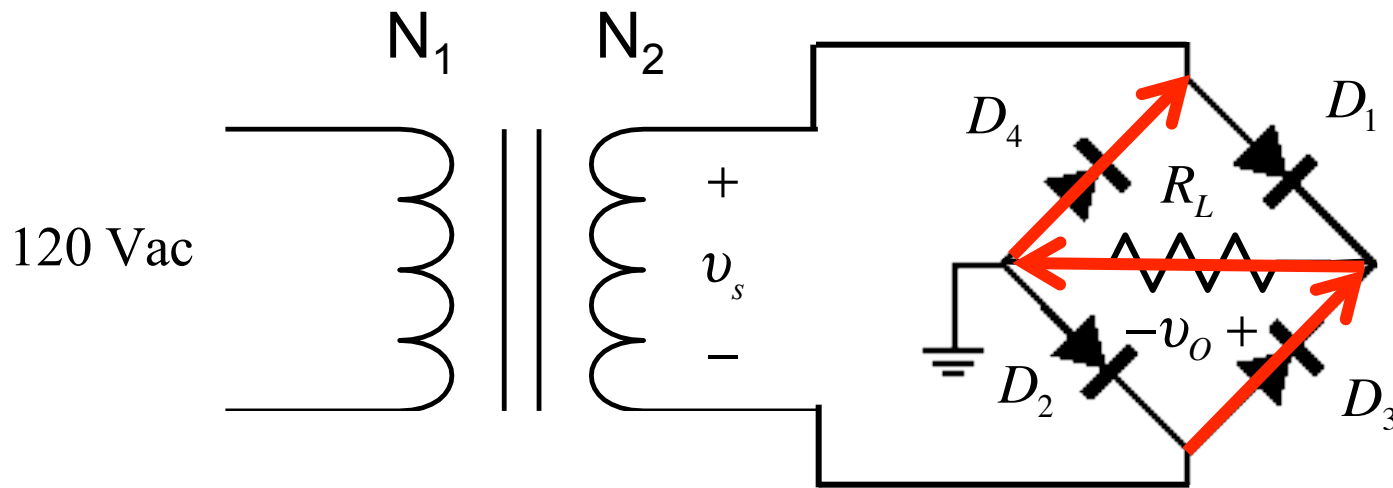
+ half of cycle



D1 and D2 on (FB)

$$V_p = V_s - 2V_D$$

- half of cycle



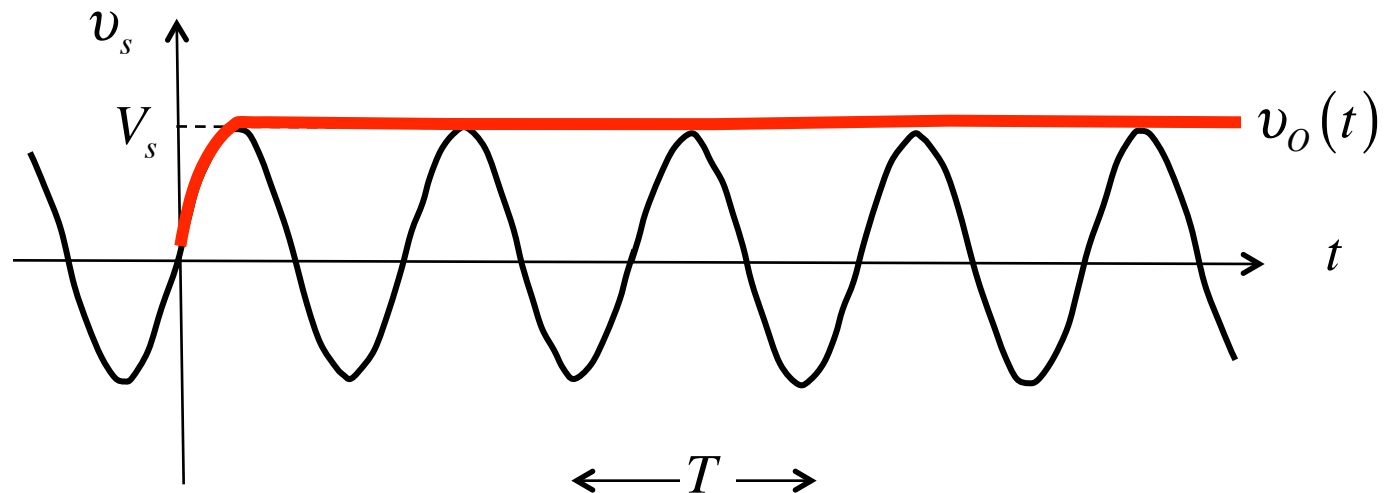
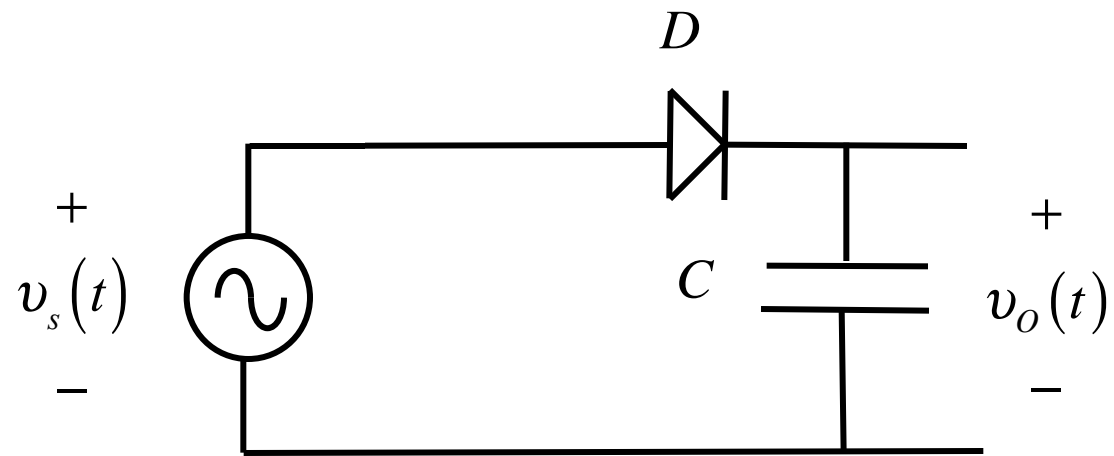
D3 and D4 on (FB)

$$V_p = V_s - 2V_D$$



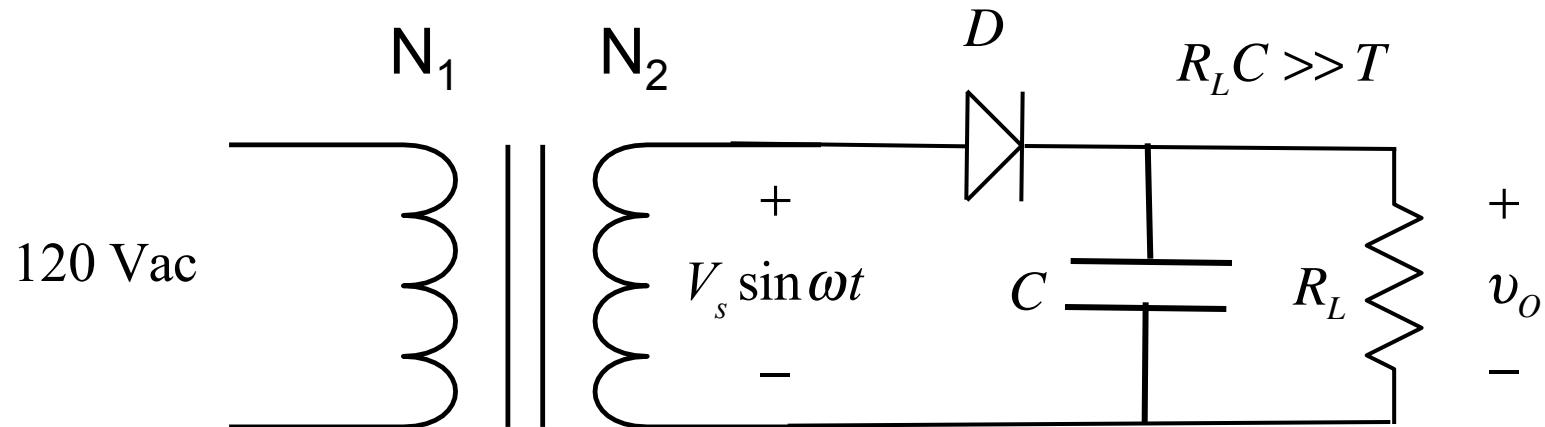
# Peak rectifier (peak detector)

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# RC filter for half wave rectifier

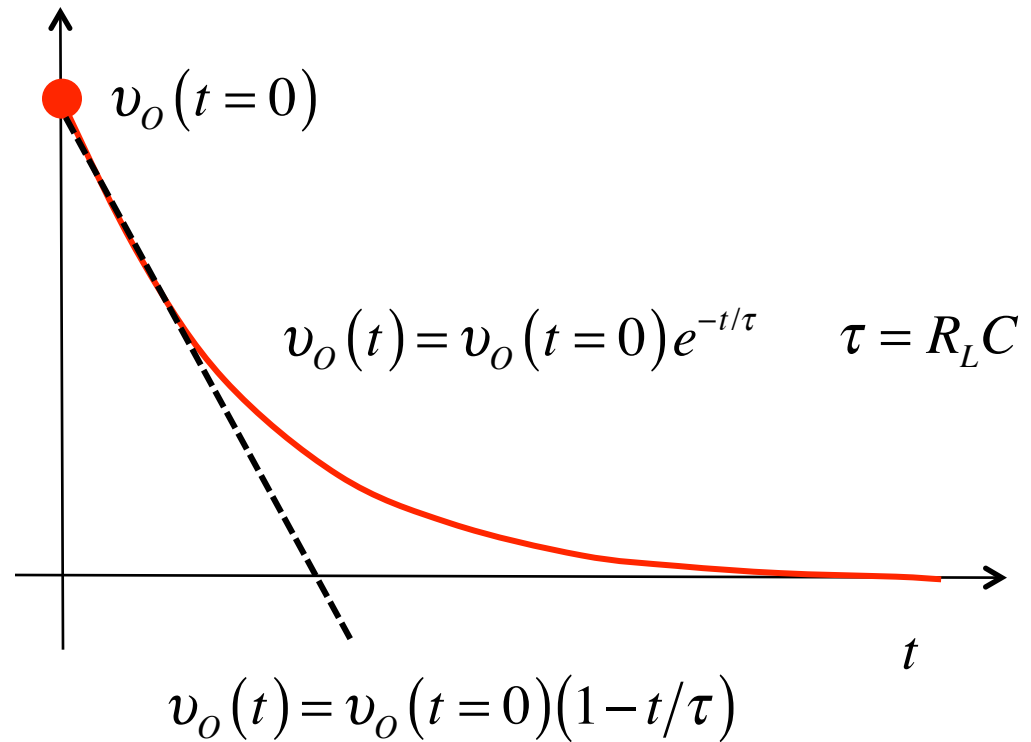
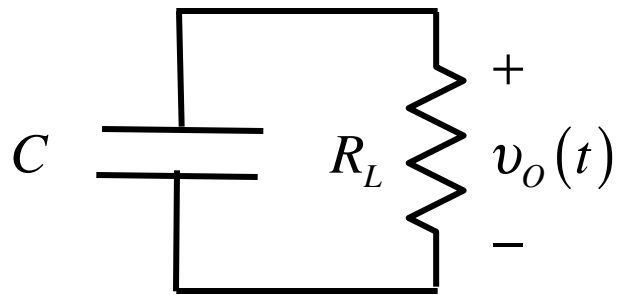
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We **expect** that to make the output voltage nearly constant, we should have:

$$\tau = R_L C \gg T$$

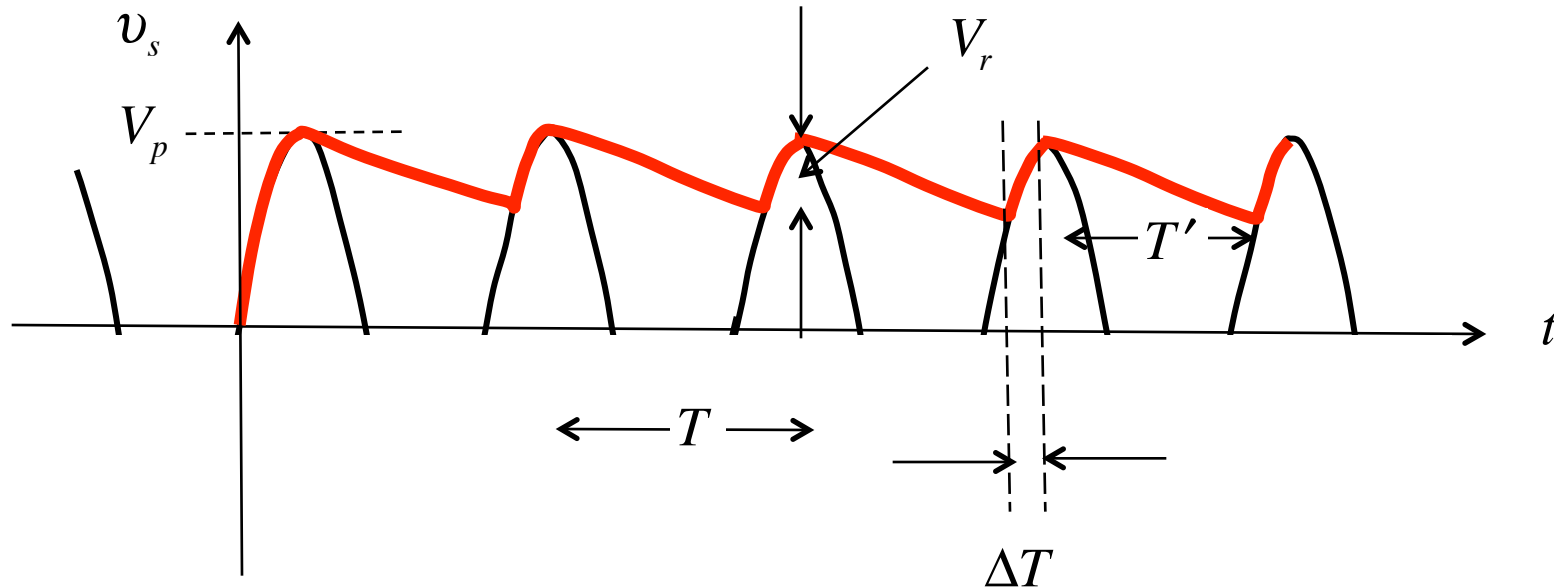
# RC decay



Taylor series  
expansion for small  $x$

$$e^{-x} = 1 - x$$

# RC filter



$$T' = T - \Delta T$$

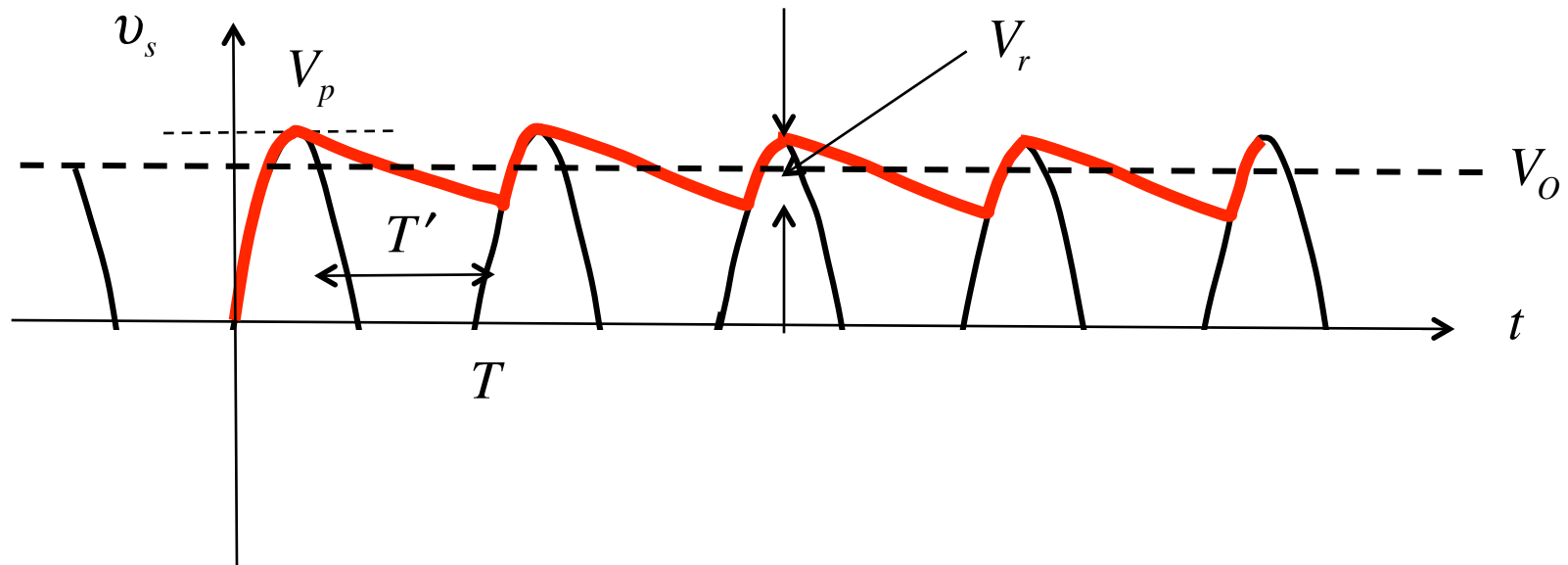
$$\text{Good filter: } \Delta T \ll T \quad \tau = R_L C \gg T$$

Ripple V:

$$V_r = V_p - V_p e^{-T/\tau} = V_p (1 - e^{-T/\tau}) = V_p (1 - (1 - T/\tau)) = V_p \frac{T}{R_L C}$$

$$V_r = V_p \frac{T}{R_L C}$$

# Average output voltage

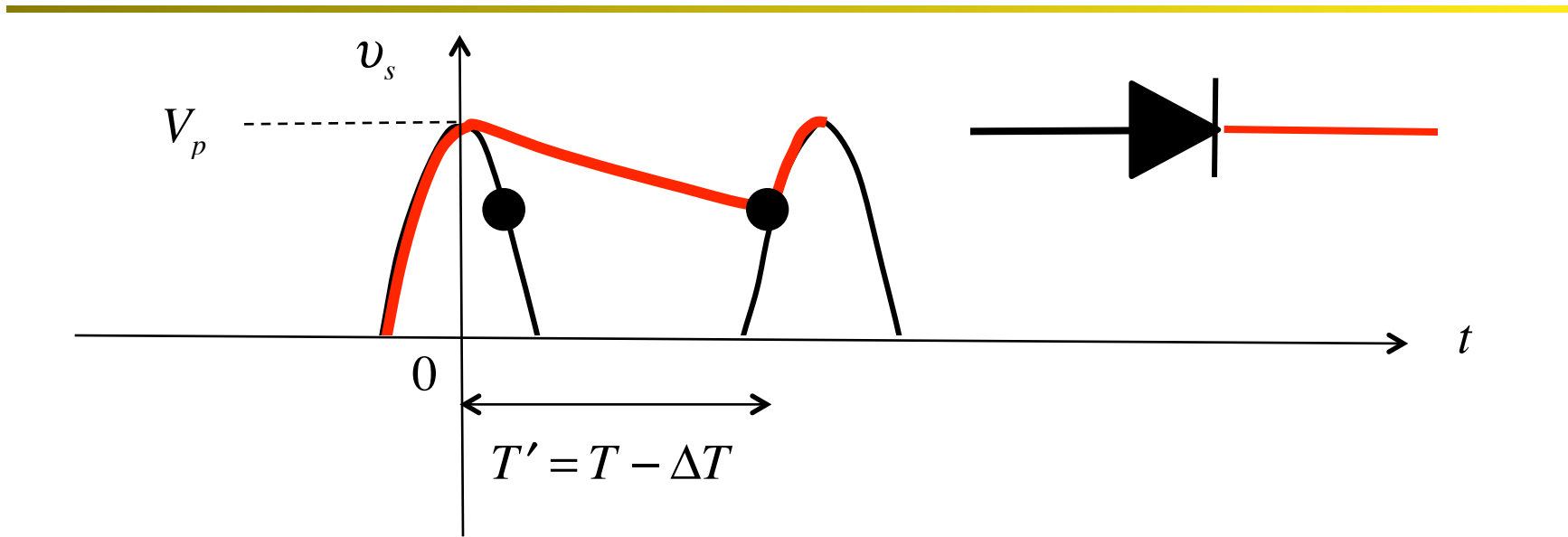


$$V_r = V_p \frac{T}{R_L C}$$

ripple  
voltage

$$V_o = V_p - \frac{1}{2} V_r = V_p \left( 1 - \frac{T}{2R_L C} \right)$$

average output  
voltage

$\Delta T$ 

$$V_p \cos \omega(T - \Delta T) = V_p \cos \omega(\Delta T) = V_p - V_r$$

$$\cos \omega \Delta T = 1 - \frac{V_r}{V_p}$$

$$\cos x \approx 1 - \frac{x^2}{2}$$

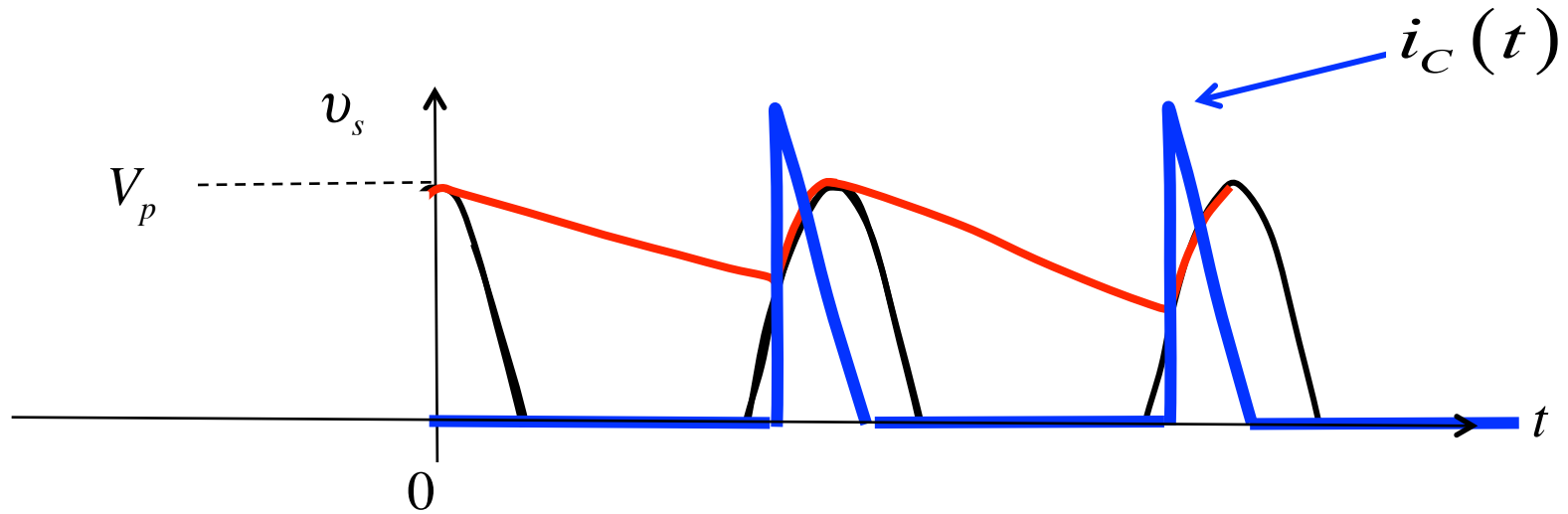
$$1 - \frac{(\omega \Delta T)^2}{2} = 1 - \frac{V_r}{V_p}$$

$$\omega \Delta T = \sqrt{\frac{2V_r}{V_p}}$$

$$\frac{\Delta T}{T} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{2V_r}{V_p}}$$

$$\Delta T \ll T \quad 14$$

# Capacitor current

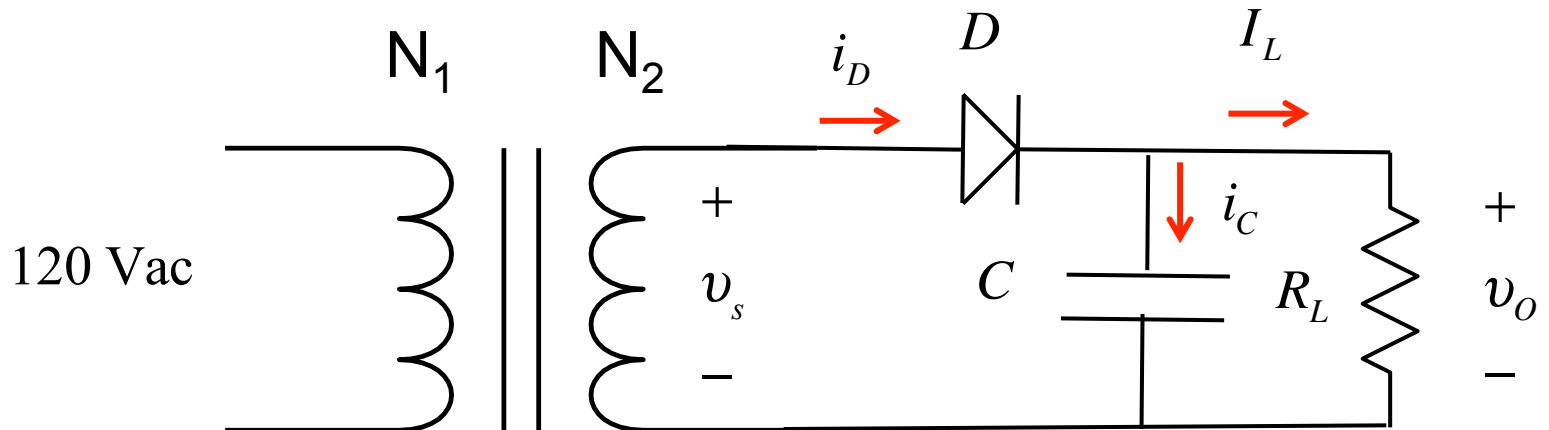


$$Q_{out} = CV_r \quad \frac{1}{2} i_C(\max) \Delta T = CV_r \quad i_C(\max) = 2 \frac{T}{\Delta T} \left( \frac{V_p}{R_L} \right) \quad \text{Large!}$$

$$Q_{in} = \frac{1}{2} i_C(\max) \Delta T \quad i_C(\max) = 2 \frac{CV_r}{\Delta T} \quad \left( \frac{V_p}{R_L} \right) \approx R_L$$

$$Q_{in} = Q_{out} \quad V_r = V_p \frac{T}{R_L C} \quad i_C(\max) = 2 \frac{T}{\Delta T} I_L$$

# Maximum diode current



$$i_C(\text{max}) = 2 \frac{T}{\Delta T} I_L$$

$$i_D(\text{max}) = I_L + i_C(\text{max})$$

$$\frac{\Delta T}{T} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{2V_r}{V_p}}$$

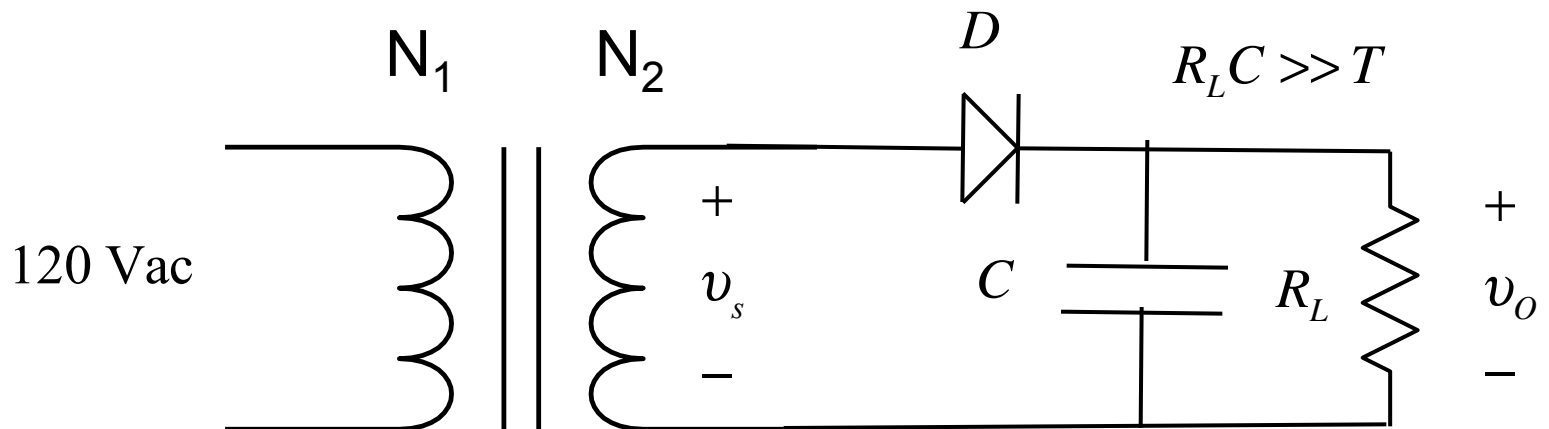
$$i_D(\text{max}) = I_L \left( 1 + 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{2V_p}{V_r}} \right)$$

$$i_C(\text{max}) = 4\pi \sqrt{\frac{V_p}{2V_r}} I_L$$

Sedra and Smith, eqn. 4.32)



# Summary



Ripple voltage:

$$V_r = V_p \frac{T}{RC}$$

dc output voltage:

$$V_o = V_p - \frac{1}{2} V_r = V_p \left( 1 - \frac{T}{2R_L C} \right)$$

Max diode current:

$$i_D(\max) = I_L \left( 1 + 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{2V_p}{V_r}} \right) \gg I_L$$

Peak inverse voltage:

$$PIV = 2V_s$$

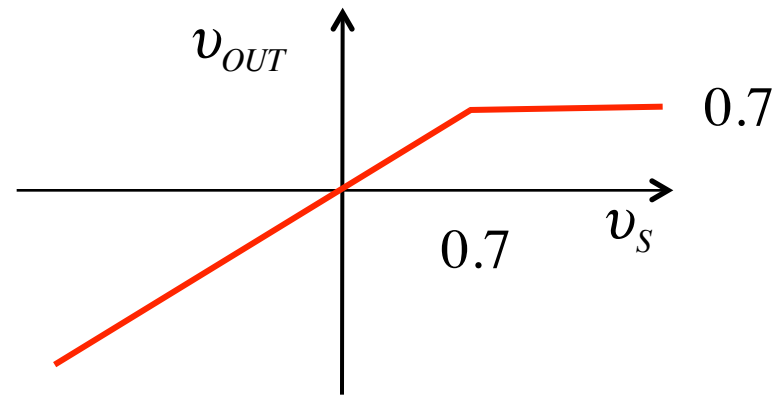
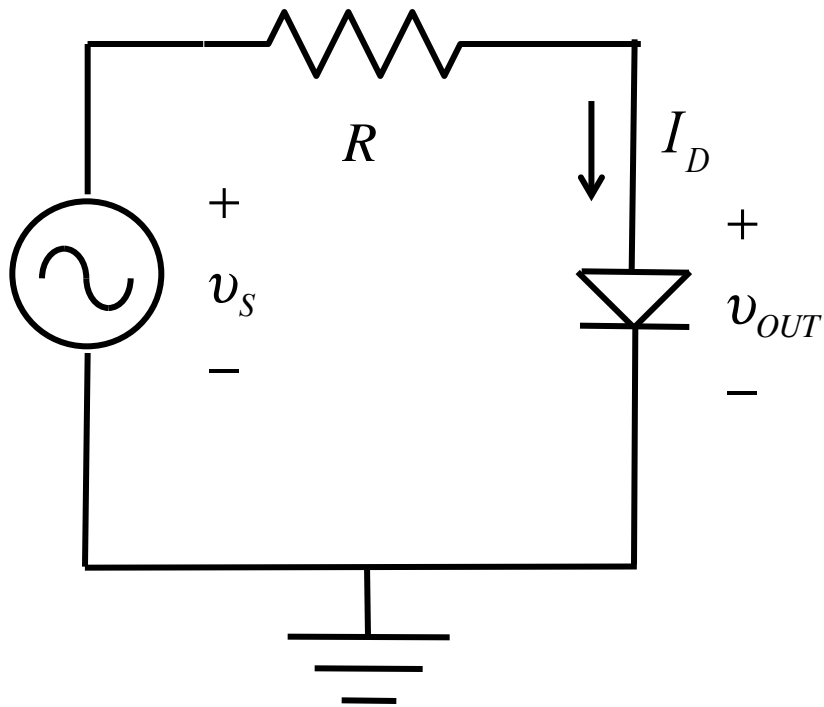
# Outline

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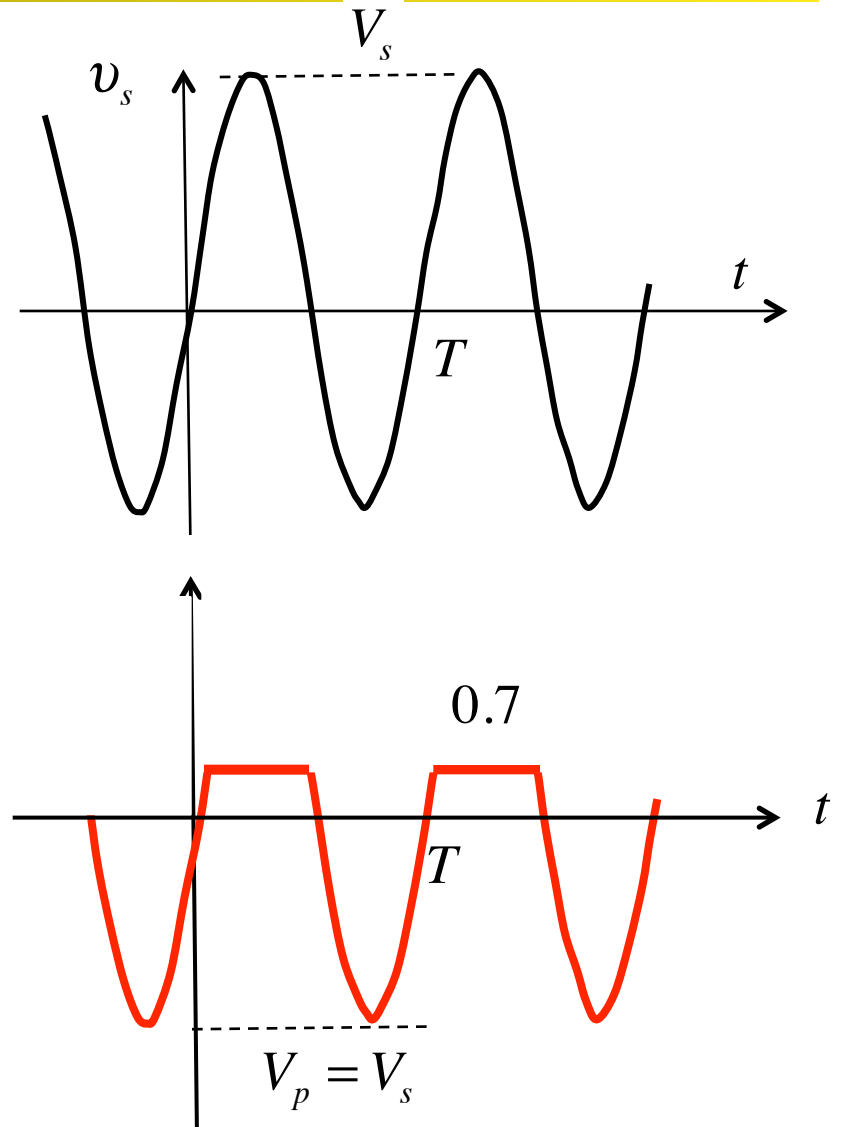
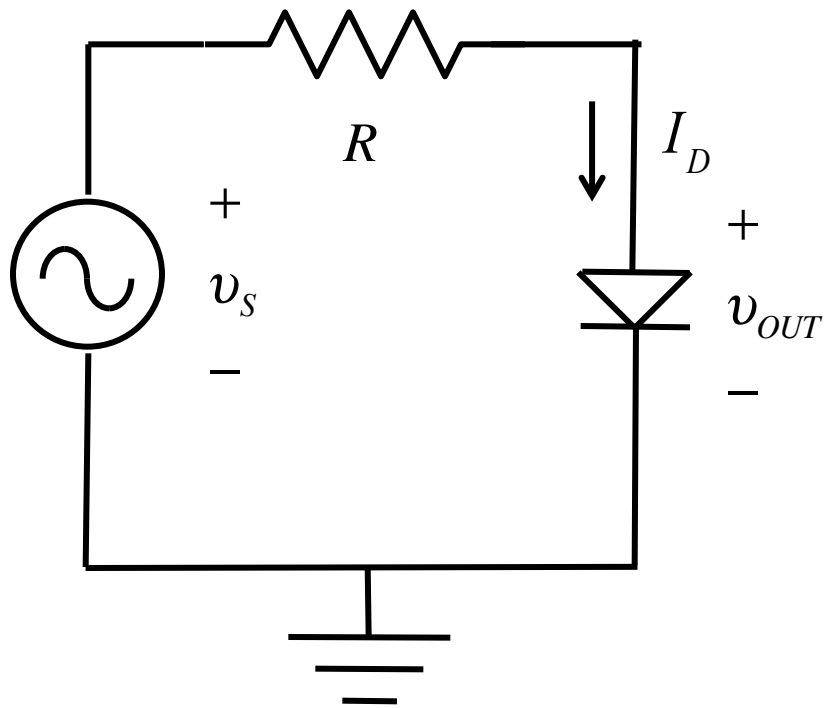
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- 2) Diode limiters and clamps (Sec. 4.6.2)**
- 3) Other diodes

# Limiter Circuit with Diode

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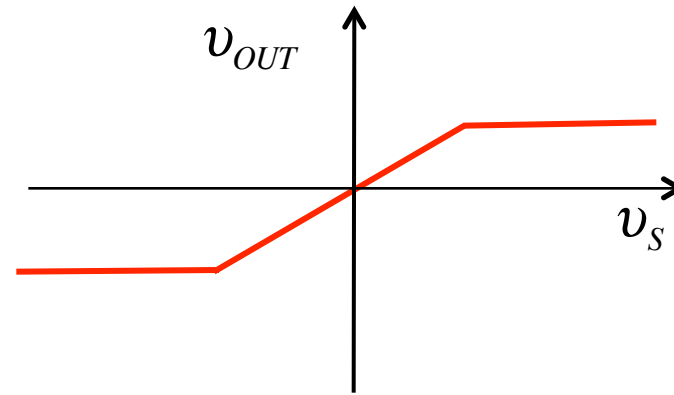
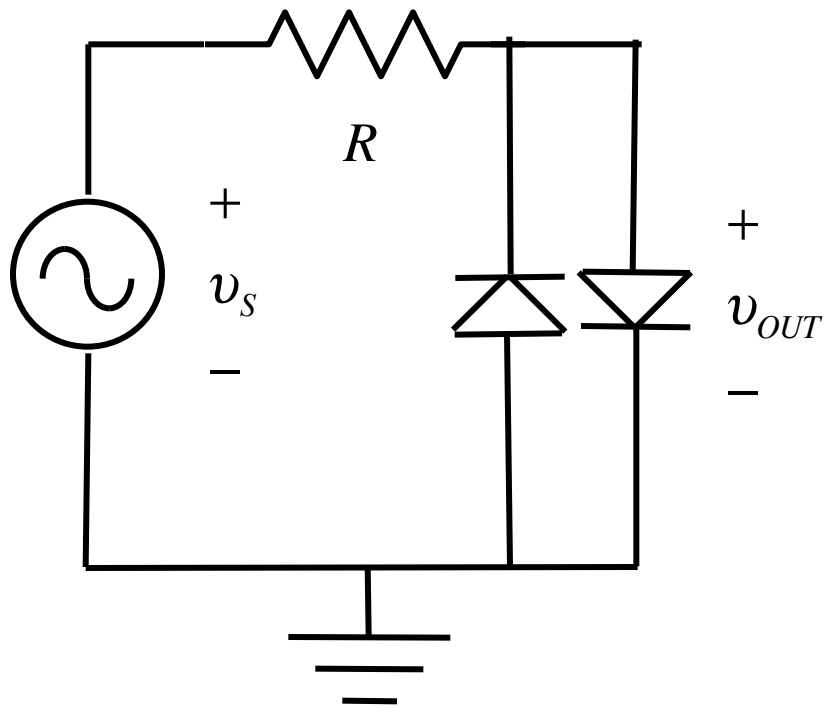


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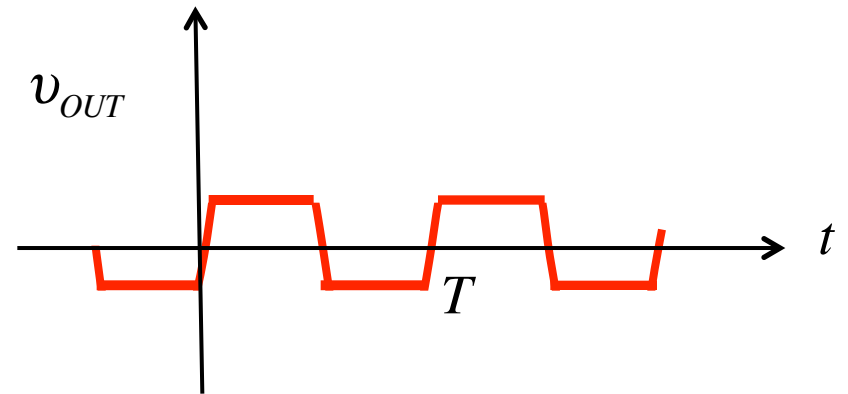
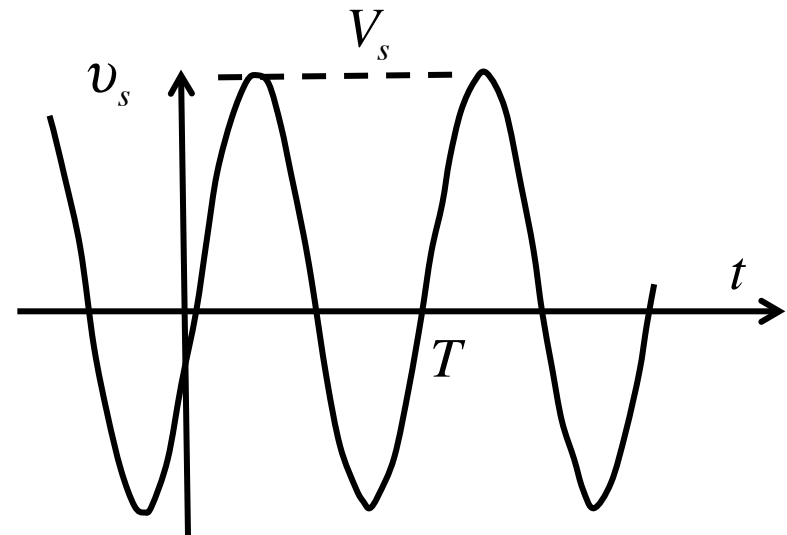
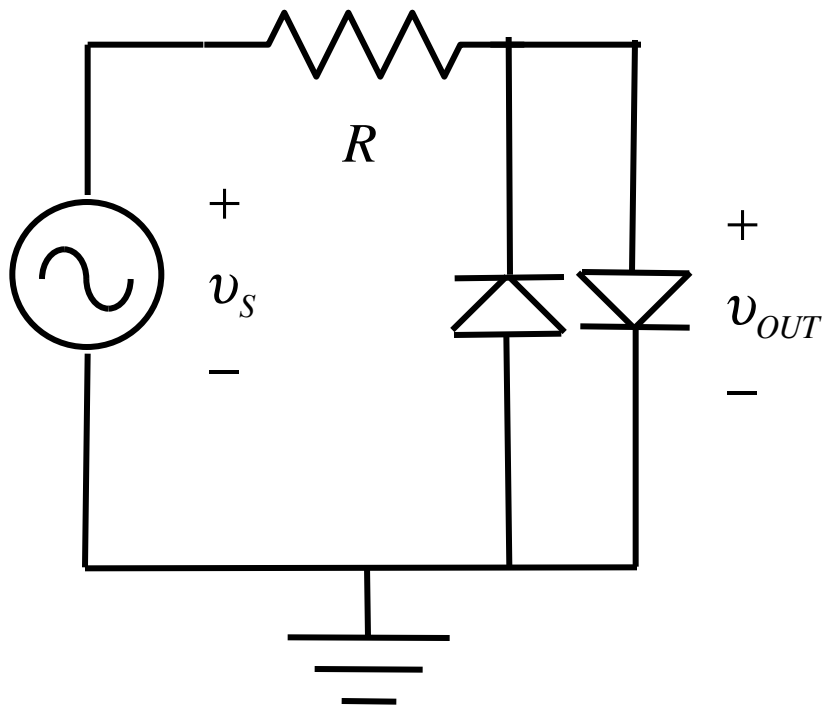
# Limiter/Clamping Circuit with Diodes

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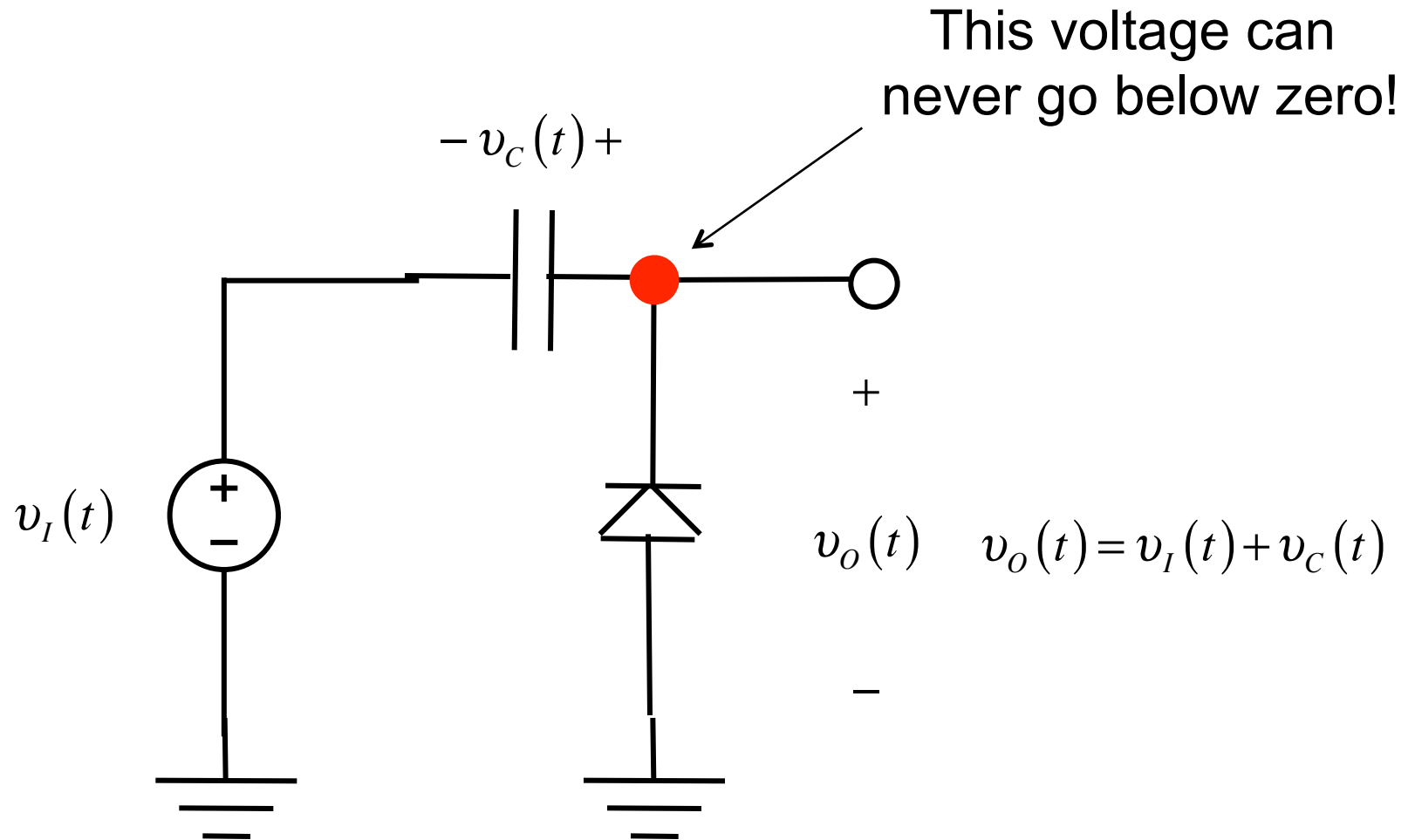
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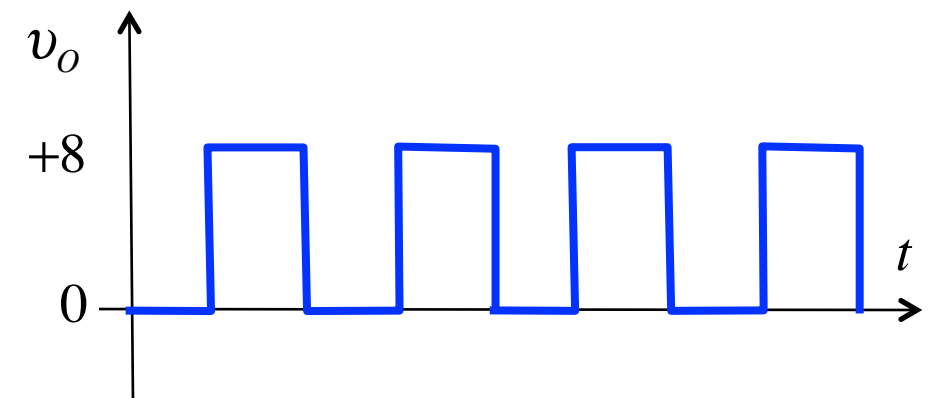
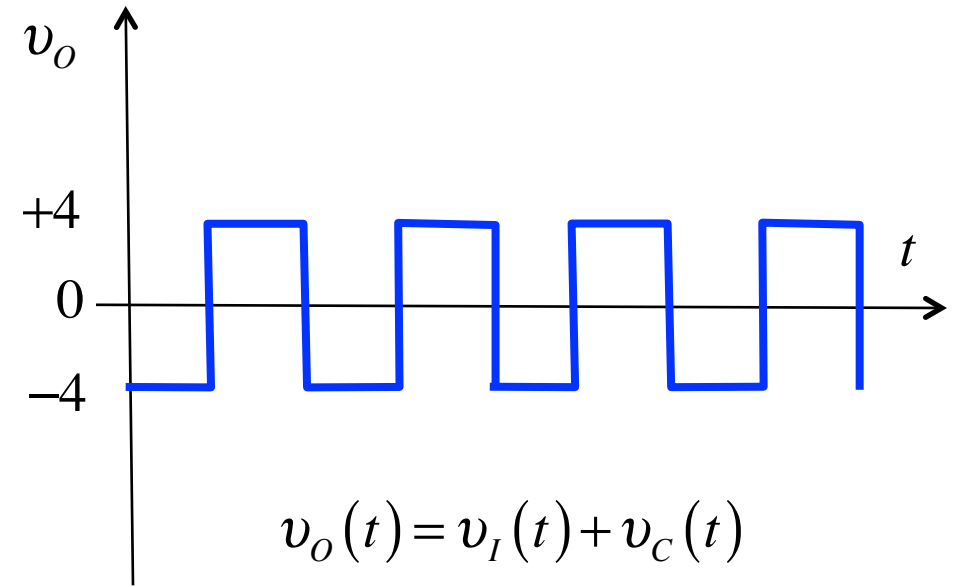
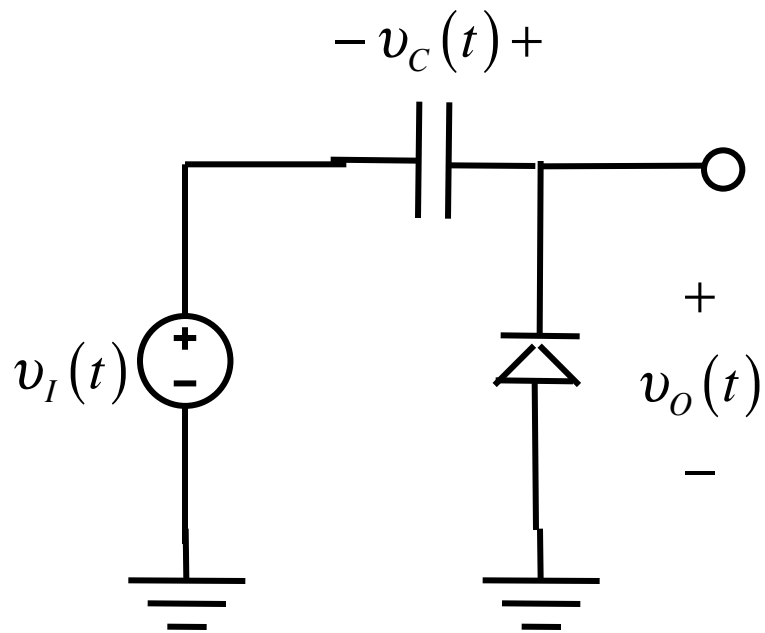


# The circuit

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# clamped capacitor





# The voltage doubler

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See if you can understand the voltage doubler circuit described in Sec. 4.6.3 of Sedra and Smith.

# Outline

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- 1) Rectifiers
- 2) Diode limiters and clamps
- 3) Other diodes**

# Diodes

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- 1) Schottky Barrier Diodes (MS diodes)
- 2) Varactors
- 3) Photodiodes
- 4) Light-emitting diodes

# Summary

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Diodes have several useful applications

There are several different kinds of diodes

Diodes are a simple example of how we model nonlinear electronics devices.

DC model

AC small signal models (model parameter values depend on DC bias).

# Modeling diodes

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- 1) Rectifiers
- 2) Diode limiters and clamps
- 3) Other diodes

