Session 7: Solid State Devices

Resonant Tunneling and Devices

Outline

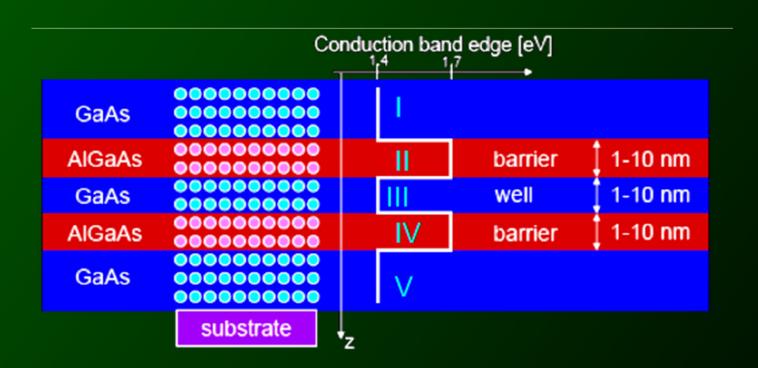
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Outline

Ref: Brennan and BrownSze and Ng,

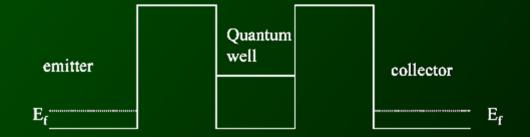
Resonant Tunneling





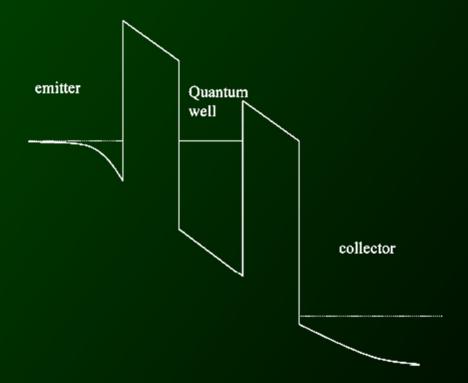
heavily doped (non-degenerate) Ef>EC

Resonant Tunneling



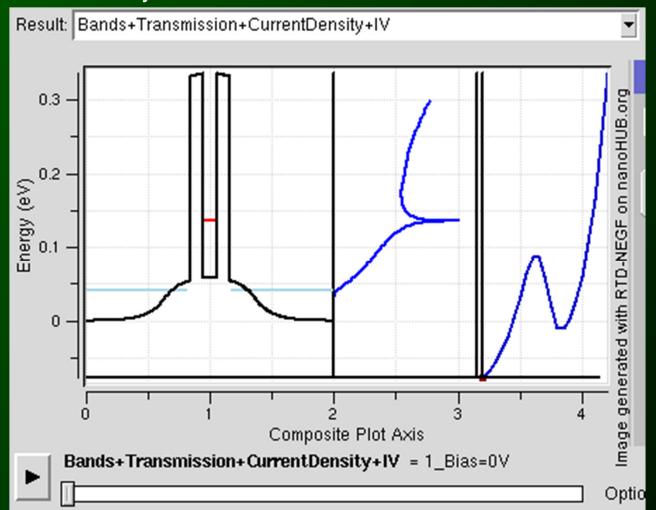
$$E_G(Al_xGa_{1-x}As) = 1.24(GaAs) + 1.247x$$

$$\Delta E_c = \Delta E_G$$



Qualitative!

Like Fabry-Perot resonator



Resonant enhancement of the transmissivity can occur only if the electron waves remain coherent.

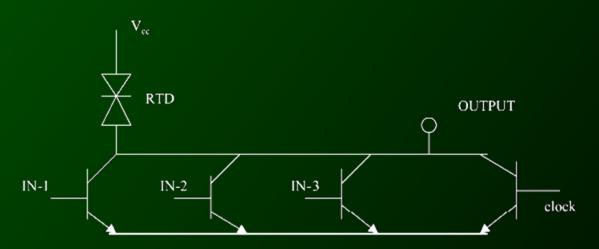
- resonant tunneling (coherent)
- II. sequential tunneling (incoherent)

$$\frac{1}{\tau} \sim 6 \times 10^{12} s^{-1}$$
polar optical
phonon scattering

RTD: Digital Applications

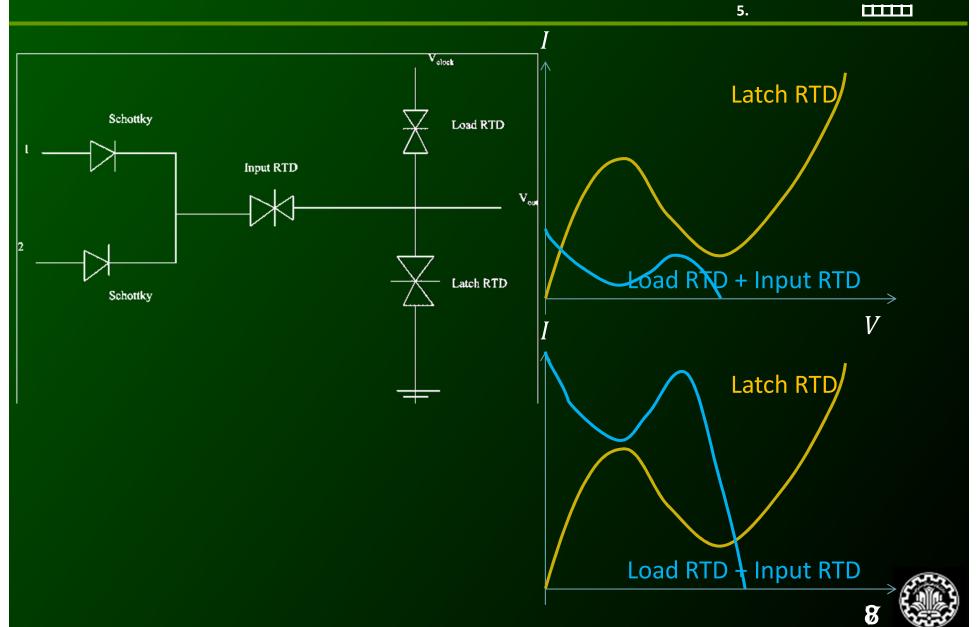
Multiple-valued logic gates → more efficient → less complex interconnect requirements

- → lower power consumption
- → high-speed operation

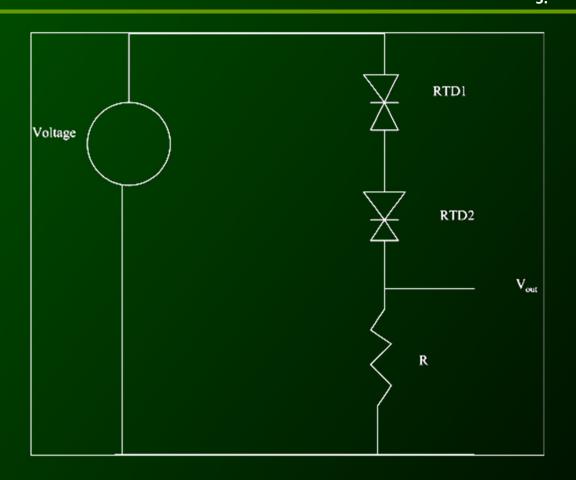


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Series RTD



Resonant Tunneling Transistor

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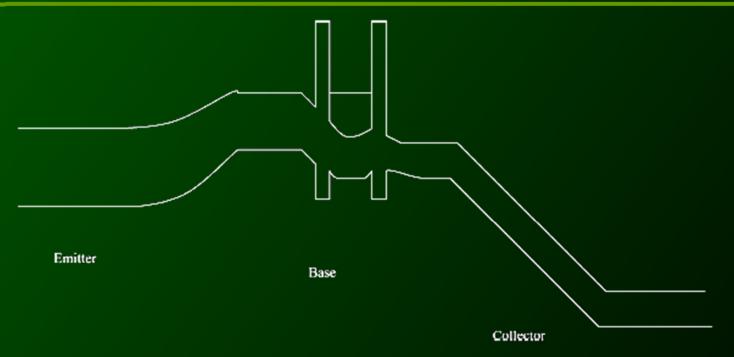


FIGURE 6.6.1 Resonant tunneling transistor with a double-barrier structure in the base region of the device. The region between the emitter and the quantum well is p-type with a bandgap larger than that of the well.