## Lecture 7

## I-V characteristics of the DIAC:



## **UNIJUNCTION TRANSISTOR (UJT):**

- The uni-junction transistor is a three-terminal single-junction device. The switching voltage of the UJT can be easily varied.
- The UJT is always operated as a switch in oscillators, timing circuits and in SCR/TRIAC trigger circuits.



Figure 8-16 (a) Basic UJT structure (b) UJT symbol and equivalent circuit

## **Constructional Features:**

- The UJT structure consists of a lightly doped *n*-type silicon bar provided with ohmic contacts on either side.
- The two end connections are called base *B1* and base *B2*. A small heavily doped p-region is alloyed into one side of the bar. This p-region is the UJT emitter (E) that forms a p-n junction with the bar.
- Between base *B1* and base *B2*, the resistance of the *n*-type bar called inter-base resistance (*RB* ) and is in the order of a few kilo ohm.
- This inter-base resistance can be broken up into two resistances—the resistance from *B1* to the emitter is *RB1* and the resistance from *B2* to the emitter is *RB 2*.
- Since the emitter is closer to B2 the value of RB1is greater than RB2.
- Total resistance is given by:

RB = RB1 + RB2