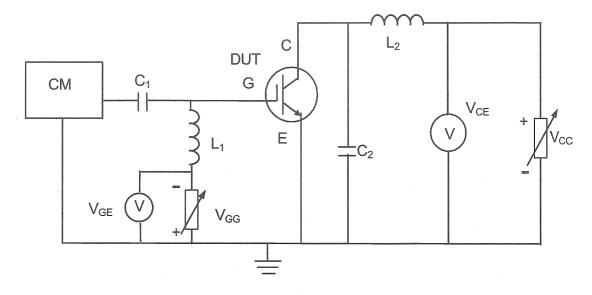
Input capacitance (Cies)

Purpose

To measure the input capacitance of an IGBT under specified conditions.

Circuit diagram



Circuit for measuring the input capacitance

Circuit description and requirements

CM is a capacitance meter. V_{CC} and V_{GG} are adjustable d.c. supplies. Capacitances C_1 and C_2 should present short circuit at the measurement frequency, satisfying the following conditions:

$$1/\omega L_1 \le |y_{ie}|$$
 and $\omega C_1 \ge |y_{ie}|$
 $1/\omega L_2 \le |y_{oe}|$ and $\omega C_2 \ge |y_{oe}|$

Measurement procedure

CM is set to the specified frequency without the IGBT. The IGBT is inserted into the test socket. The temperature is set to the specified value. The gate-emitter voltage $V_{\rm CE}$ and the collector-emitter voltage $V_{\rm CE}$ are set to their specified values. Capacitance $C_{\rm ies}$ can be read on CM.

Specified conditions

- Ambient or case or virtual junction temperature T_a or T_c or T_{vj}
- Collector-emitter voltage V_{CE}
- Gate-emitter voltage V_{GE}
- Measurement frequency