

Report on Guest Lecture: Large Signal Amplifiers and Their Applications

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Venue: Online via MS Teams

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Organized by: Department of ECE, Sri Sairam Engineering College

Speaker: Dr. S.Sangeetha, Assistant Professor/ECE, CEG Campus

A guest lecture on "**Large Signal Amplifiers and Their Applications**" was organized by the Department of ECE, Sri Sairam Engineering College on 25th April 2025 from 7pm to 8pm through Microsoft Teams Platform. The session was conducted by Dr.S.Sangeetha, Assistant Professor/ECE, an expert in the field of electronic circuit design and power amplification systems.

The lecture aimed to enhance students' understanding of large signal amplifiers, which are crucial components in power electronics and communication systems. The speaker began by explaining the fundamental differences between small signal and large signal amplifiers, focusing on their design principles, operating regions, and practical constraints.

Key topics covered during the lecture included:

- **Introduction to Large Signal Amplifiers**
 - Definition and characteristics
 - Classification: Class A, B, AB, and Class C amplifiers
- **Design Considerations**
 - Load line analysis
 - Thermal management and efficiency
 - Distortion and linearity trade-offs
- **Applications**
 - Audio power amplifiers
 - Radio frequency (RF) transmitters
 - Industrial control systems
 - Wireless communication systems

The speaker illustrated each concept with real-world examples and simulations, which helped bridge the gap between theory and practice. Students were particularly engaged during the Q&A session, where topics like harmonic distortion and efficiency in high-power amplifiers were discussed in depth.

The session was highly informative and received positive feedback from students. It significantly contributed to the practical understanding of amplifier technologies and inspired interest in advanced electronic circuit design.



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Guest Lecture on

Large Signal amplifiers and it's applications



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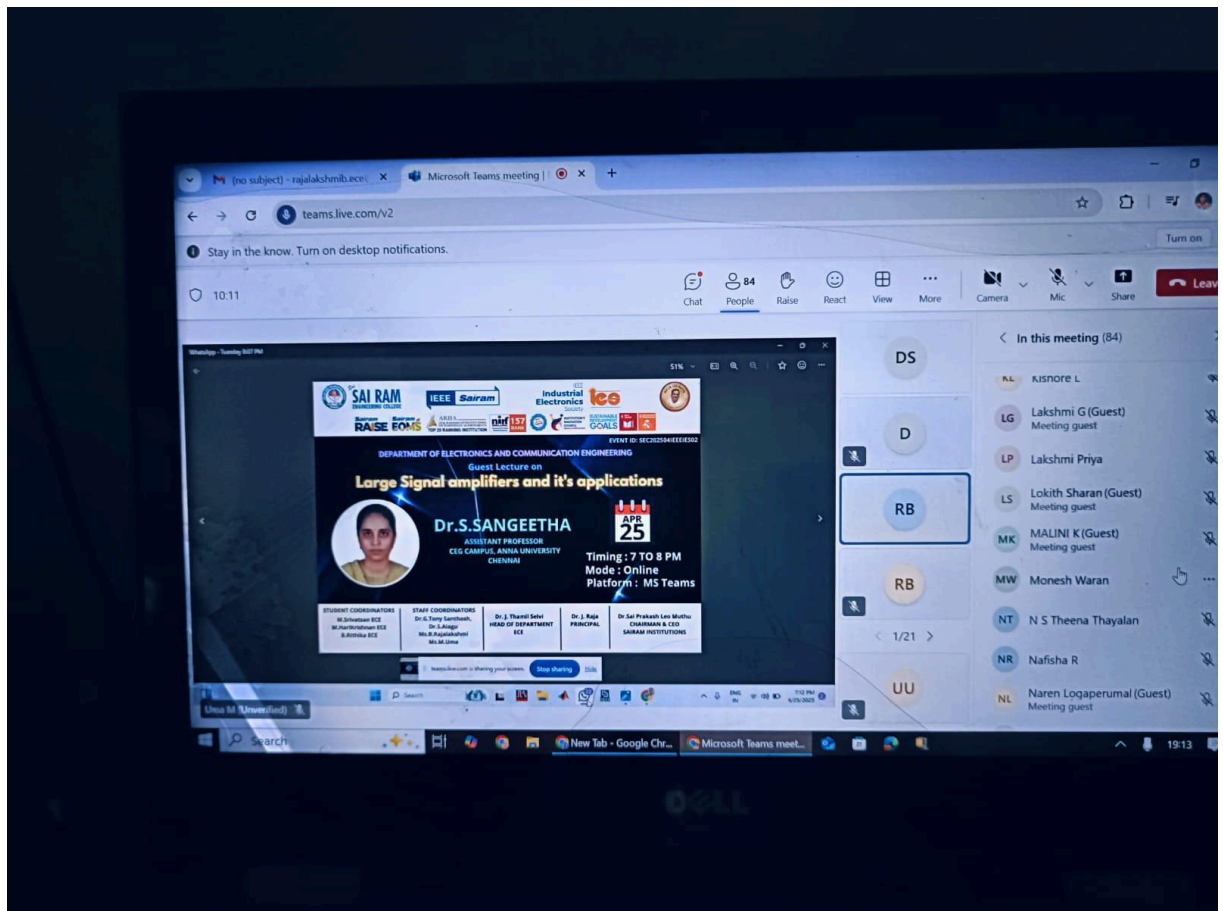
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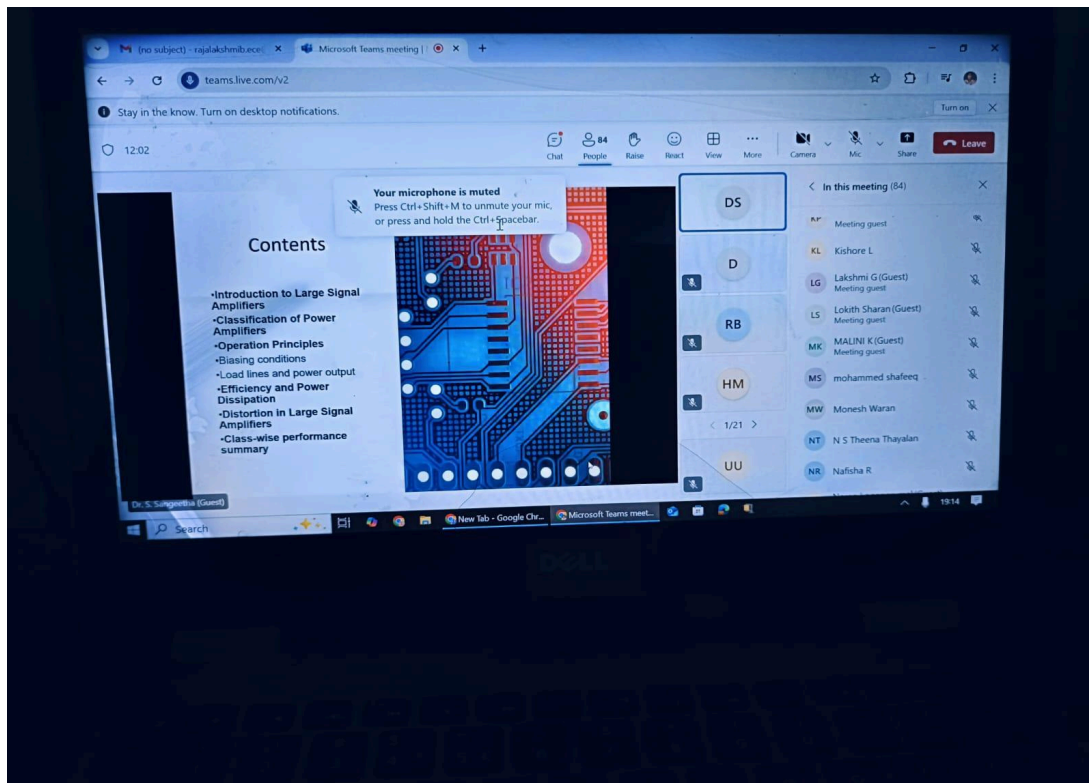
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Amplifier Efficiency

Power Amplifier Classes ...

- Class AB:** An amplifier may be biased at a dc level above the zero-base-current level of class B and above one-half the supply voltage level of class A.
- Class C:** The output of a class C amplifier is biased for operation at less than 180° of the cycle and will operate only with a tuned (resonant) circuit, which provides a full cycle of operation for the tuned or resonant frequency.
- Class D:** This operating class is a form of amplifier operation using pulse (digital) signals, which are on for a short interval and off for a longer interval.

- The **power efficiency** of an amplifier, defined as the ratio of power output to power input, improves (gets higher) going from class A to class D.

TABLE 12.1
Comparison of Amplifier Classes

	A	AB	Class B	C	D
Operating cycle	360°	180° to 360°	180°	Less than 180°	Pulse operation
Power efficiency	25% to 50%	Between 25% (50%) and 78.5%	78.5%		Typically over 90%

*Class C is usually not used for delivering large amounts of power, and thus the efficiency is not given here.

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Class A Amplifier

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Power Considerations

- The power drawn from the supply is $P_i(dc) = V_{CC}I_{CQ}$
- Output Power

$$P_o(ac) = V_{C(rms)}I_{C(rms)}$$

$$P_o(ac) = I_C^2(rms)R_L$$

$$P_o(ac) = \frac{V_C^2(rms)}{R_L}$$

Efficiency

$$\% \eta = \frac{P_o(ac)}{P_i(dc)} \times 100\%$$
- Maximum Efficiency

maximum $V_{CE}(p-p) = V_{CC}$

maximum $I_C(p-p) = \frac{V_{CC}}{R_C}$

maximum $P_o(ac) = \frac{V_{CC}(V_{CC}/R_C)}{8}$

$= \frac{V_{CC}^2}{8R_C}$

maximum $P_i(dc) = V_{CC}(\text{maximum } I_C) = \frac{V_{CC}^2}{2R_C}$

$= \frac{V_{CC}^2}{2R_C}$

maximum $\% \eta = \frac{\text{maximum } P_o(ac)}{\text{maximum } P_i(dc)} \times 100\%$

$= \frac{V_{CC}^2/8R_C}{V_{CC}^2/2R_C} \times 100\%$

$= 25\%$

N.B.: $V_{bias} = \frac{V_C}{\sqrt{2}}$

The maximum power input can be calculated using the dc bias current set to one-half the

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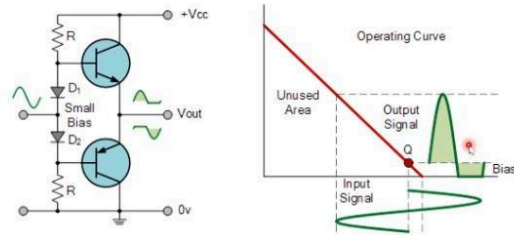
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Class AB Amplifier



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Crossover Distortion

- When the dc base voltage is zero, both transistors are off and the input signal voltage must exceed V_{BE} before a transistor conducts.
- Because of this, there is a time interval between the positive and negative alternations of the input when neither transistor is conducting, as shown in Figure.
- The resulting distortion in the output waveform is called **crossover distortion**.

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