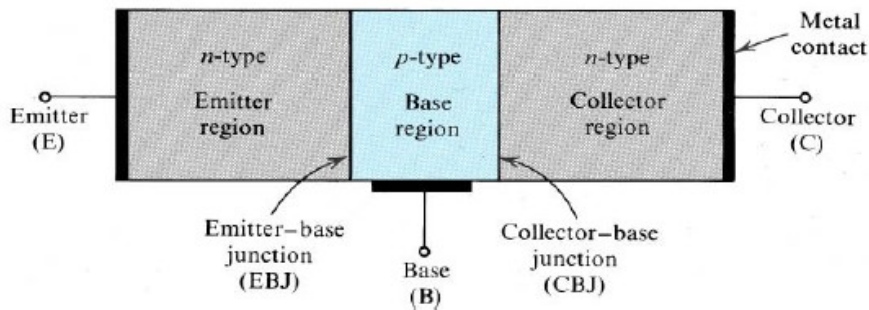


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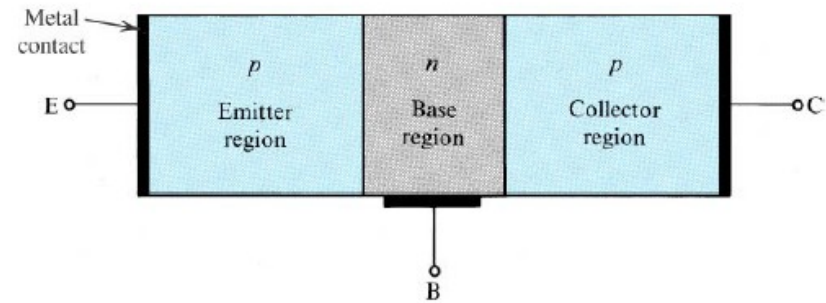
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BJT Physical Configuration

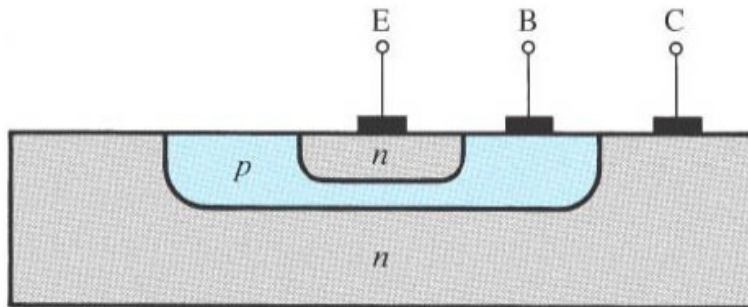
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PNP

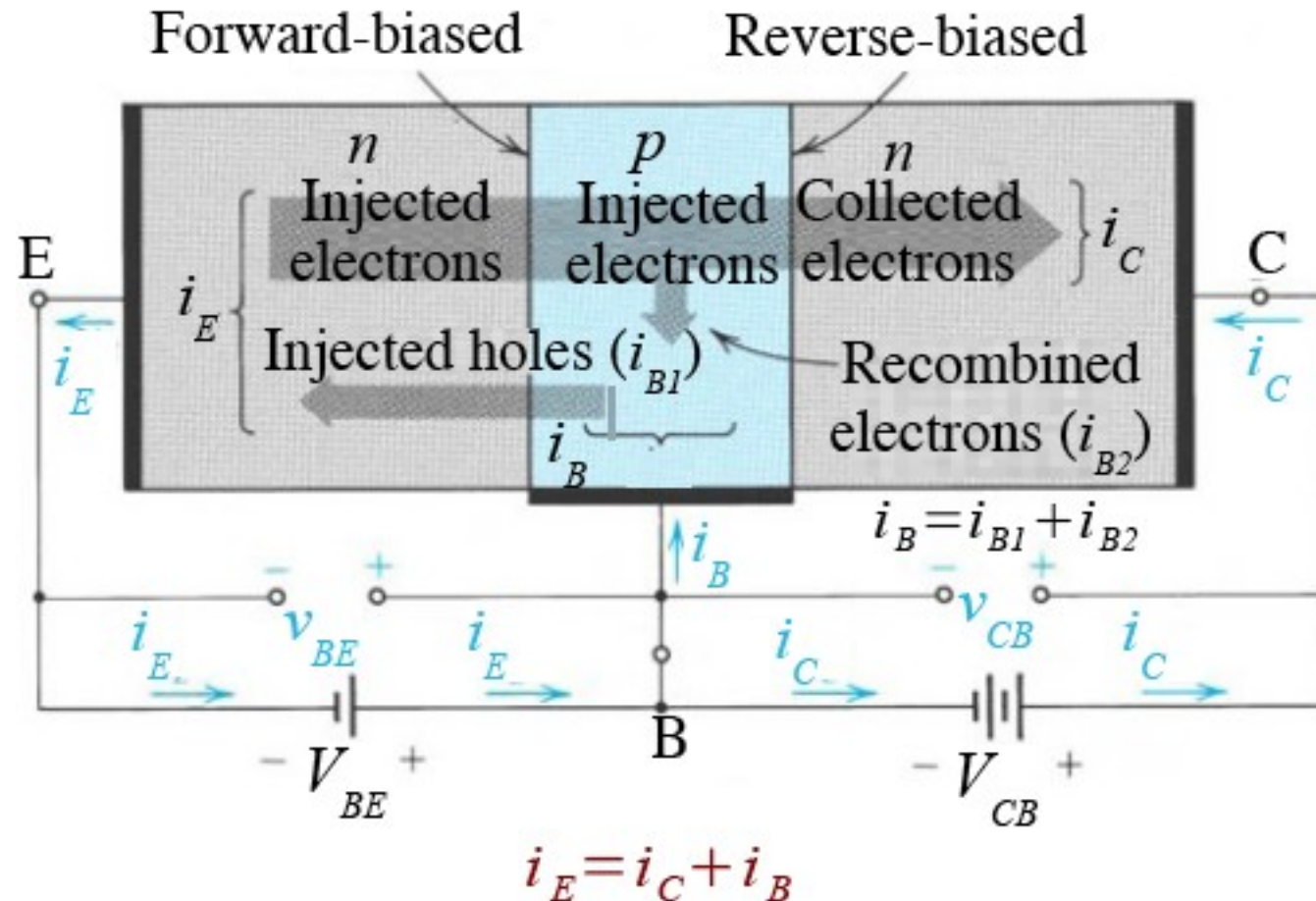


Closer to actual layout



Each transistor looks like two back-to-back diodes, but each behaves much differently!

Physical Operation of Forward Active NPN BJT

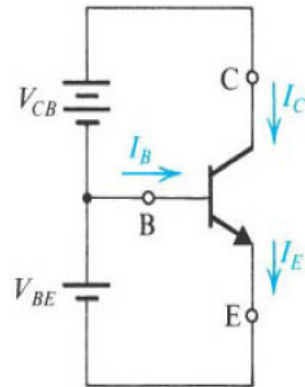


Forward Active $\Rightarrow i_C = \alpha_F i_E \quad i_C = \beta_F i_B$

NPN BJT Modes of Operation

$$i_E = i_C + i_B$$

$$V_{CE} = V_{CB} + V_{BE}$$

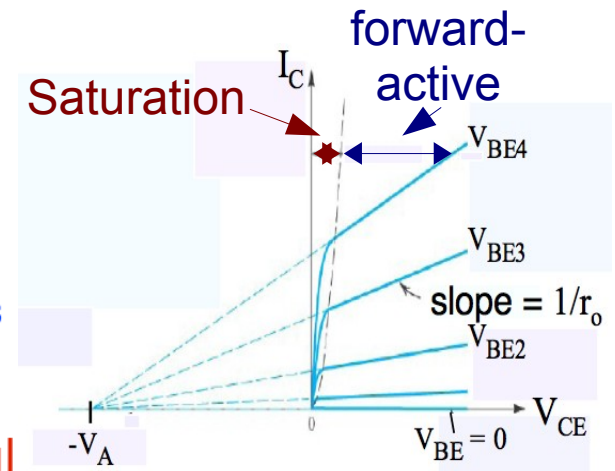


Forward-Active Mode
 EBJ forward bias ($V_{BE} > 0$)
 CBJ reverse bias ($V_{BC} < 0$)

Mode	V_{BE}	V_{BC}
Forward-Active	> 0	< 0
Reverse-Active	< 0	> 0
Cutoff	< 0	< 0
Saturation	> 0	> 0

$$V_{BC} = -V_{CB}$$

Not Useful

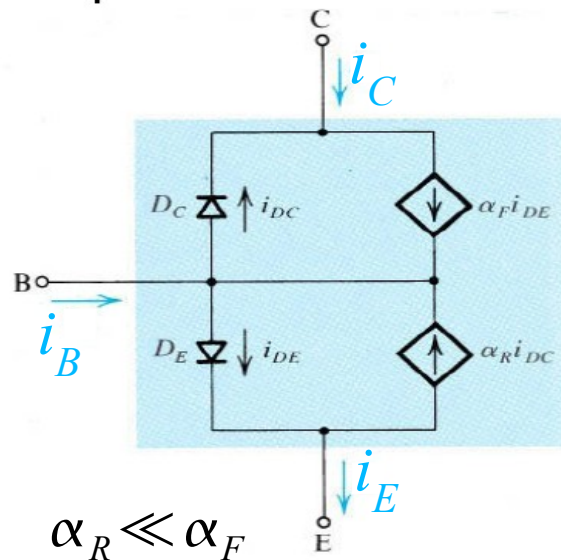


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The Ebers-Moll Large Signal Model

The E-M model combines the FWD & RVRS Active equivalent circuits:



Note that the lower left diode and the upper right controlled current source form the forward-active mode model, while the upper left diode and the lower right source represent the reverse-active mode model.

$$i_C = \alpha_F i_{DE} - i_{DC}$$

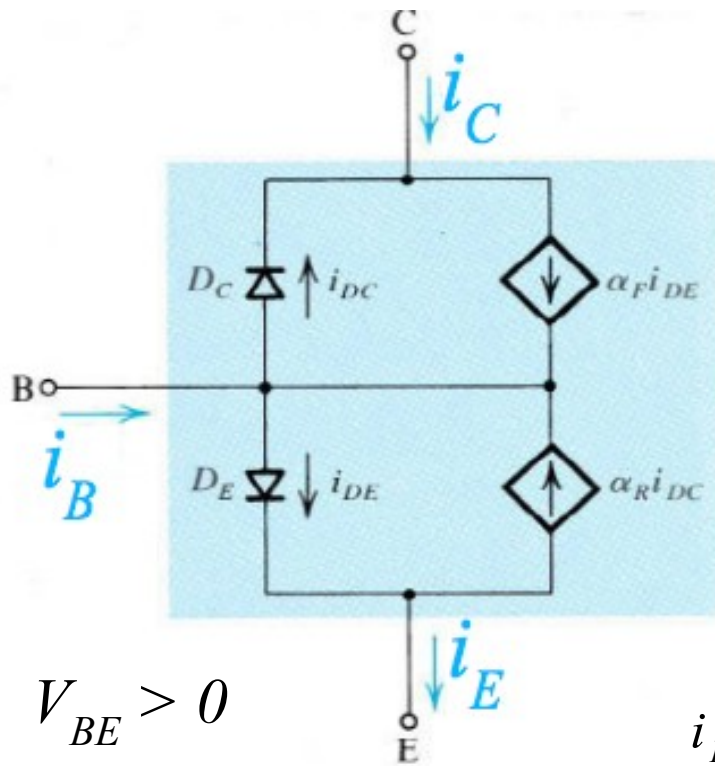
$$i_E = i_{DE} - \alpha_R i_{DC}$$

$$i_B = (1 - \alpha_F) i_{DE} + (1 - \alpha_R) i_{DC}$$

$$i_{DE} = \frac{I_S}{\alpha_F} \left(e^{\frac{v_{BE}}{V_T}} - 1 \right)$$

$$i_{DC} = \frac{I_S}{\alpha_R} \left(e^{\frac{v_{BC}}{V_T}} - 1 \right)$$

Ebers-Moll Mode in Forward-Active Mode



$$V_{BE} > 0$$

$$V_{BC} < 0$$

$$i_C = \alpha_F i_{DE} - i_{DC}$$

$$i_E = i_{DE} - \alpha_R i_{DC}$$

$$i_B = (1 - \alpha_F) i_{DE} + (1 - \alpha_R) i_{DC}$$

$$i_{DE} = \frac{I_S}{\alpha_F} (e^{\frac{v_{BE}}{V_T}} - 1) \ll 1$$

$$i_{DC} = \frac{I_S}{\alpha_R} (e^{\frac{v_{BC}}{V_T}} - 1)$$

$$i_C = I_S e^{\frac{v_{BE}}{V_T}} + I_S \left(\frac{1}{\alpha_R} - 1 \right)$$

$$i_E = \frac{I_S}{\alpha_F} e^{\frac{v_{BE}}{V_T}} + I_S \left(1 - \frac{1}{\alpha_F} \right)$$

$$i_B = \frac{1 - \alpha_F}{\alpha_F} I_S (e^{\frac{v_{BE}}{V_T}} - 1) - \frac{1 - \alpha_R}{\alpha_R} I_S = \frac{1}{\beta_F} e^{\frac{v_{BE}}{V_T}} - I_S \left(\frac{1}{\beta_F} + \frac{1}{\beta_R} \right)$$

Conclusions

- ◆ Ebers-Moll model is accurate large signal model.
- ◆ Used for all operation modes.
- ◆ includes bias + ac.
- ◆ Too complex for pencil-and-paper computations for most applications, e.g. nonlinear.
- ◆ Has been used in computer simulation, e.g. SPICE.

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Small Signal Analysis – Origin of r_π , r_e & r_o

$$i_C = I_C + i_c = I_S e^{\frac{V_{BE}}{V_T}} = I_S e^{\frac{V_{BE} + v_{be}}{V_T}} = \underbrace{I_S e^{\frac{V_{BE}}{V_T}}}_{I_C} e^{\frac{v_{be}}{V_T}}$$

$$i_c = I_C e^{\frac{v_{be}}{V_T}}$$

And using the first two terms of the Taylor series expansion:

$$i_c \approx I_C \left(1 + \frac{1}{V_T} v_{be} \right) = I_C + \frac{I_C}{V_T} v_{be} = I_C + i_c$$

We define *transconductance* and *incremental (or ac) current* as:

bias current \rightarrow $\boxed{g_m = \frac{I_C}{V_T}}$ \leftarrow $\boxed{i_c = g_m v_{be}}$ \leftarrow VCCS

Origin of r_π , r_e & r_o cont.

$$i_B = I_B + i_b = \frac{1}{\beta} i_C = \frac{1}{\beta} (I_C + i_c)$$

$$i_B = \frac{1}{\beta} i_C = \frac{1}{\beta} I_C + \frac{1}{\beta} \left(\frac{I_C}{V_T} \right) v_{be}$$

Define the *incremental base current* and *base resistance*:

$$i_b = \left(\frac{1}{\beta} \right) i_c = \frac{1}{\beta} \left(\frac{I_C}{V_T} \right) v_{be} = \frac{1}{r_\pi} v_{be}$$

Note:

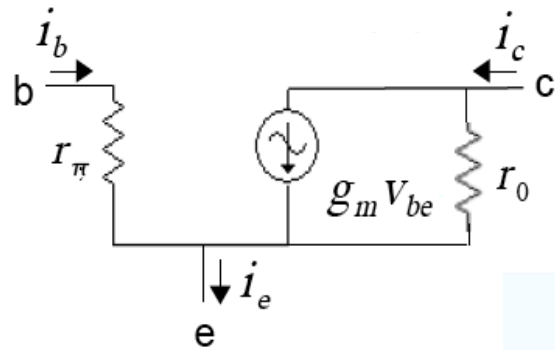
$$i_e = (\beta + 1) i_b = (\beta + 1) \frac{v_{be}}{r_\pi} = \frac{v_{be}}{r_e}$$

bias current

$$r_\pi = \beta \frac{V_T}{I_C} = \frac{\beta}{g_m}$$

$$r_e = \frac{r_\pi}{\beta + 1}$$

Origin of r_π , r_e & r_o cont.

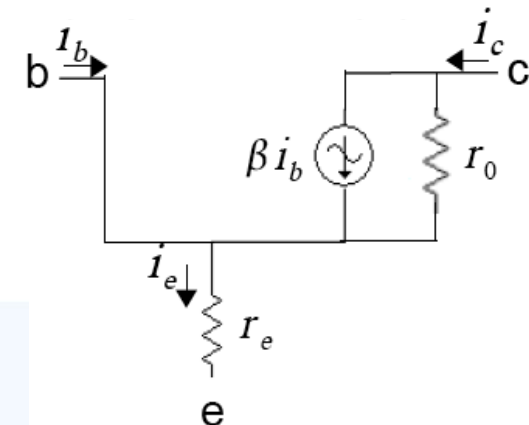
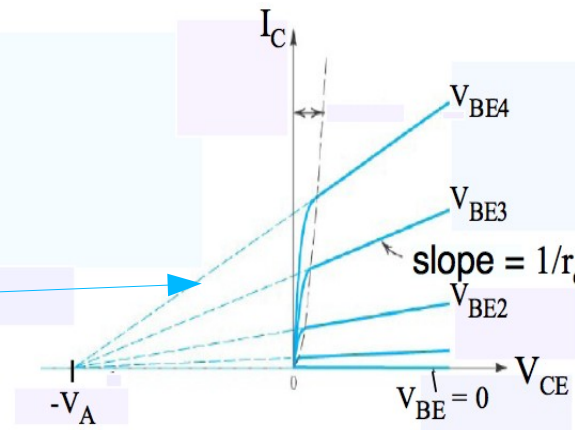


$$i_c = g_m V_{be} + \frac{V_{ce}}{r_o}$$

$$g_m = \frac{I_C}{V_T} \quad \boxed{r_o = \frac{V_A}{I_C}}$$

$$i_b = \frac{V_{be}}{r_\pi}$$

$$r_\pi = \frac{V_T}{I_B} = \frac{\beta}{g_m}$$



$$i_c = \beta i_b + \frac{V_{ce}}{r_o}$$

$$i_b = \frac{i_e}{\beta + 1}$$

$$i_e = \frac{V_{be}}{r_e}$$

$$r_e = \frac{V_T}{I_E} = \frac{\alpha}{g_m} = \frac{r_\pi}{\beta + 1}$$

Conclusions

- ◆ Resistors g_m , r_π , r_e , r_o are equivalent circuit model parameters, not parasitic resistances.
- ◆ Resistor r_x , the ohmic base resistance, is a parasitic resistance.
- ◆ $I_S e^{\frac{v_{BE}}{V}}$ term from Ebers-Moll model linearized by limiting the ac signal amplitude.

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Amplifier Design with PNP Transistors

Bipolar process are optimized for NPN performance:

- a. PNP have lower β than NPN transistors.
- b. PNP have lower f_T than NPN transistors.

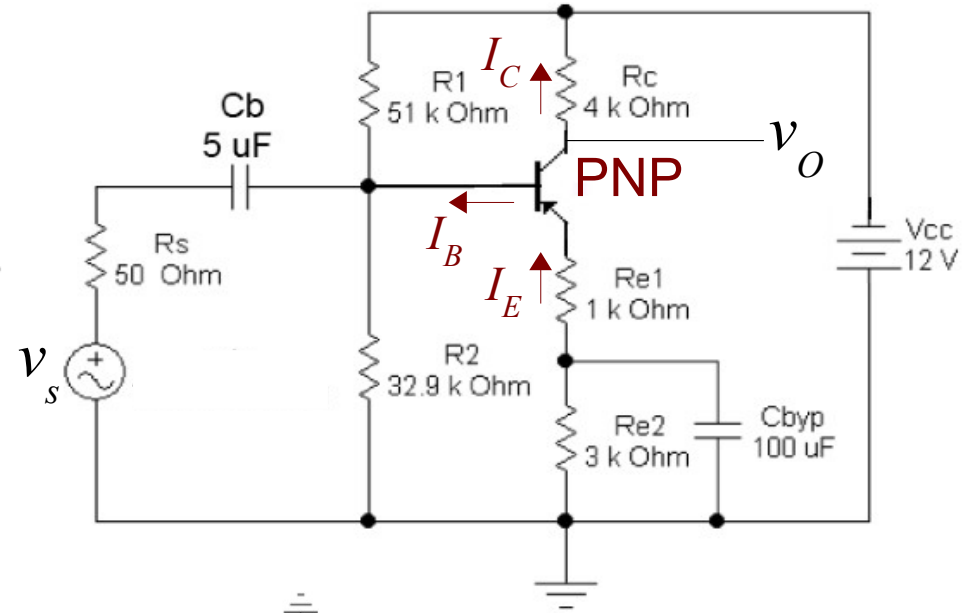
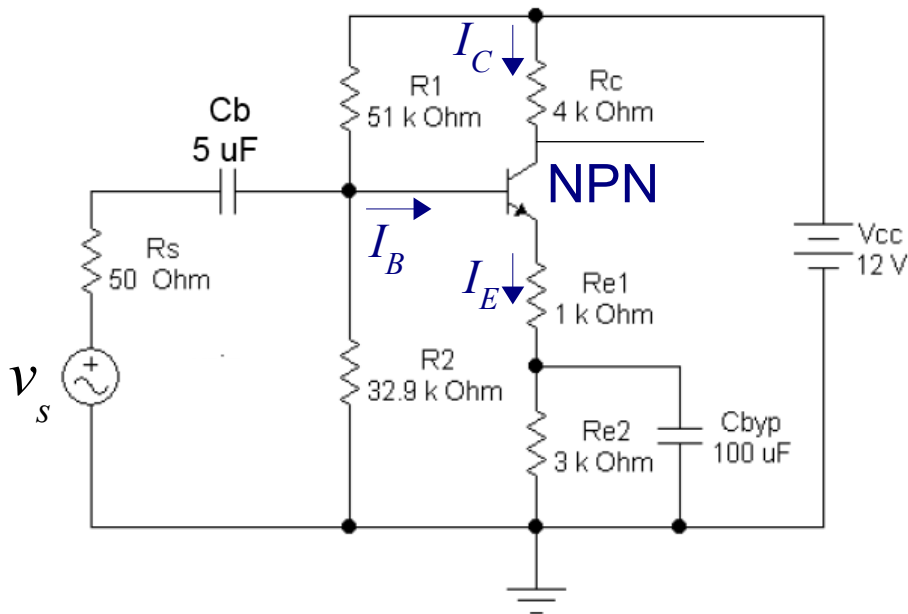
Example: Intersil CA3096 NPN & PNP array (Data Sheet)

NPN: $h_{fe} = \beta = 390, f_T = 280 \text{ Mhz} (I_C = 1\text{mA})$

PNP: $h_{fe} = \beta = 47, f_T < 10 \text{ Mhz} (I_C = 1\text{mA})$

- c. NPN transistors are typically used where high gain and f_T are needed, e.g. amplifier transistor
 - d. PNP transistors are used where gain and f_T are not as needed, e.g. current sources and active loads.
 - e. When NPNs and PNPs are used together, two power supplies are needed.
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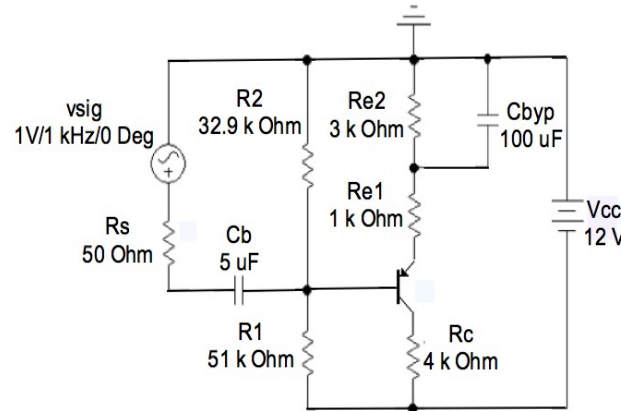
NPN vs. PNP CE Design



Forward Active:

$$V_{BE} > 0V$$

$$V_{BC} < 0V$$

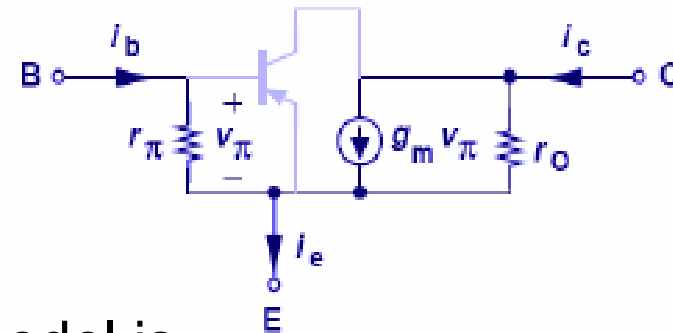
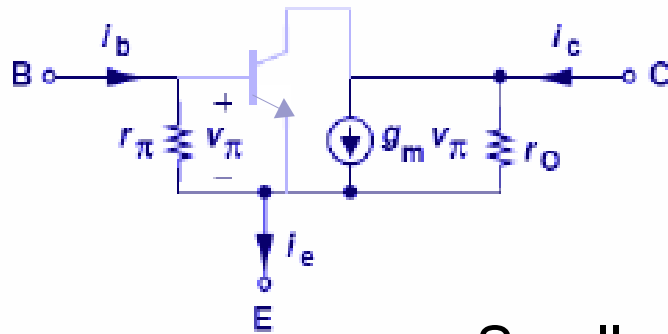
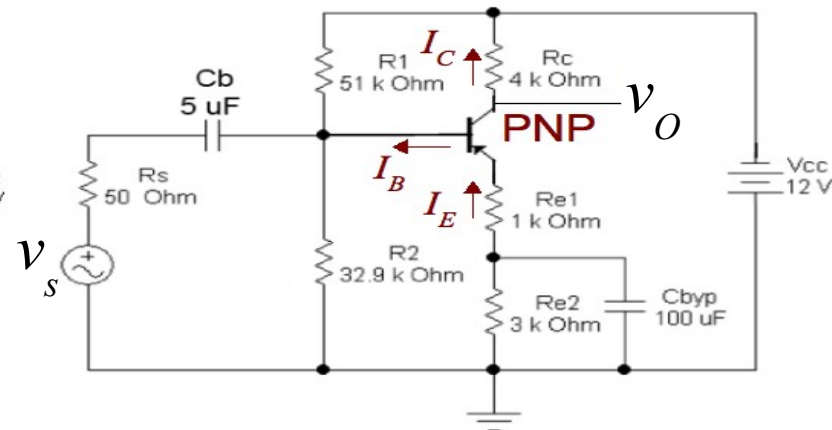
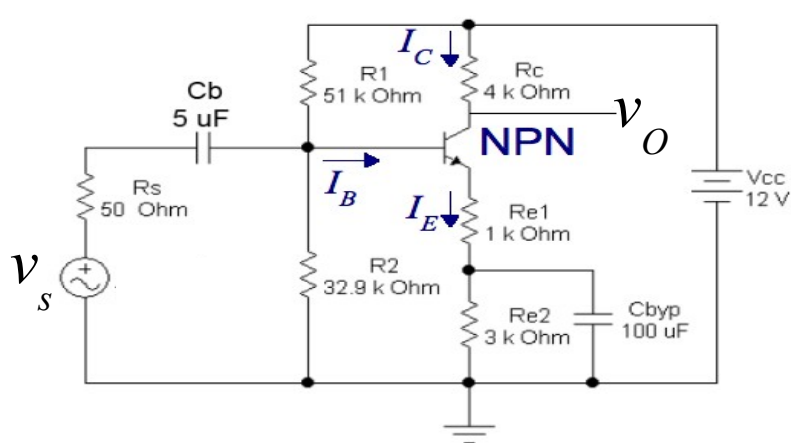


Forward Active:

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$$V_{CB} < 0V$$

NPN and PNP Small Signal Models



NPN: dc and ac currents in same direction

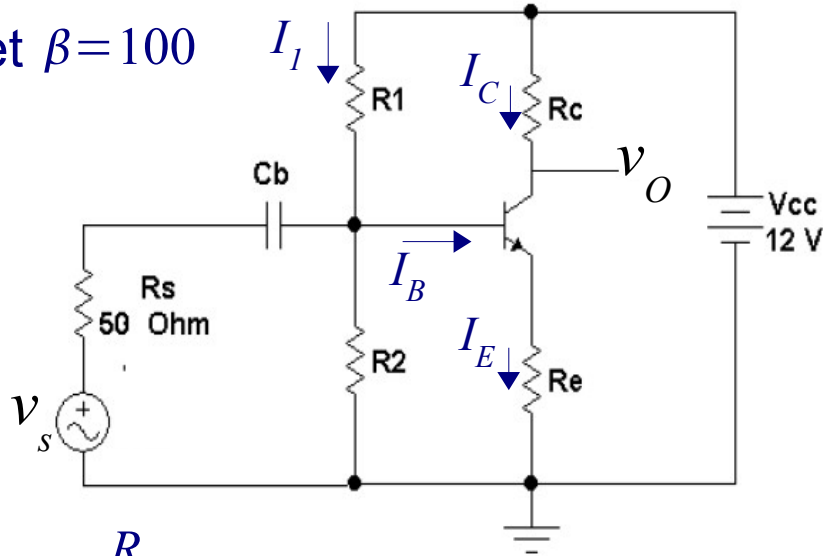
Small signal model is identical for NPN and PNP transistors!

PNP: dc and ac currents in opposite direction due to vsig polarity



NPN vs. PNP CE Design cont.

Let $\beta = 100$



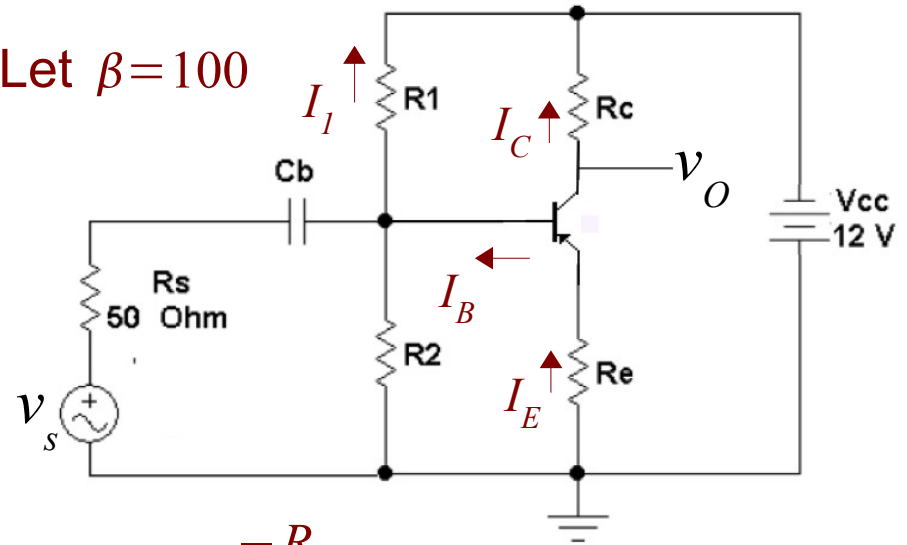
$$V_B = \frac{R_2}{R_2 + R_1} V_{CC} \quad R_B = R_1 \parallel R_2$$

$$I_C = \frac{V_{CC} - V_C}{R_C}$$

$$I_C = \beta I_B = \frac{\beta (V_B - V_{BE})}{R_B + (\beta + 1) R_E}$$

$$V_E = V_B - V_{BE} = I_E R_E$$

Let $\beta = 100$



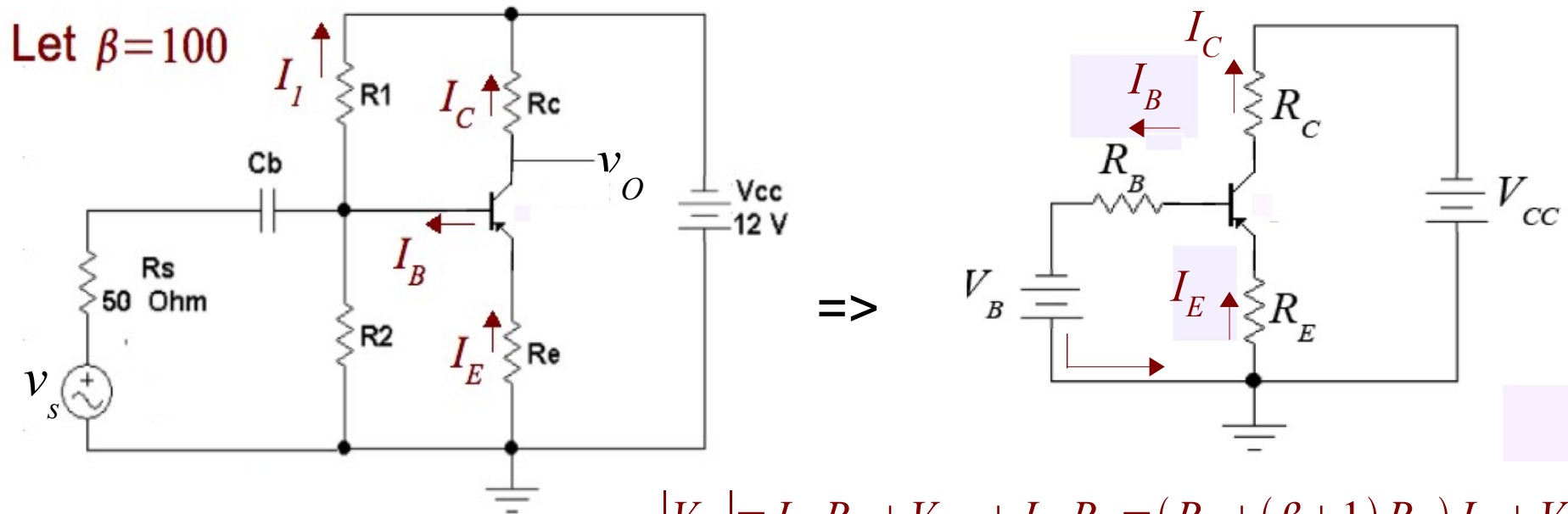
$$V_B = \frac{-R_2}{R_2 + R_1} |V_{CC}| < 0 \quad R_B = R_1 \parallel R_2$$

$$I_C = \frac{V_C - (-|V_{CC}|)}{R_C} = \frac{V_C + |V_{CC}|}{R_C} \Rightarrow V_C < 0$$

$$I_C = \beta I_B = \frac{\beta (|V_B| - V_{EB})}{R_B + (\beta + 1) R_E}$$

$$V_E = V_{EB} - |V_B| = I_E R_E < 0$$

Base DC Thevenin Equivalent Circuit



$$|V_B| = I_B R_B + V_{EB} + I_E R_E = (R_B + (\beta + 1) R_E) I_B + V_{EB}$$

$$I_B = \frac{|V_B| - V_{EB}}{R_B + (\beta + 1) R_E}$$

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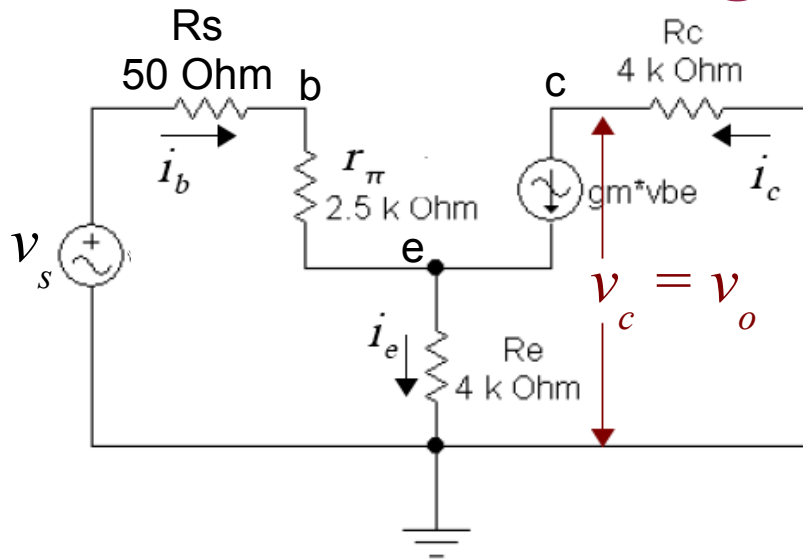
NPN vs. PNP CE Design Conclusions

- ◆ DC Bias design same for both NPN & PNP.
- ◆ **Be careful!**
- ◆ PNP DC I & V are inverse of NPN DC I & V.
- ◆ PNP DC supply voltage V_{CC} polarity is inverse of NPN.
- ◆ AC design the same for both NPN & PNP.
- ◆ Small signal models are identical.
- ◆ **Be careful!**
- ◆ PNP ac current directions are inverse of DC current directions.

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AC Small-Signal CE Voltage Gain



$$V_{be} = i_b r_{\pi} = \frac{r_{\pi}}{R_S + r_{\pi} + (\beta + 1) R_E} v_s$$

$$i_c = g_m V_{be} = \frac{g_m r_{\pi}}{R_S + r_{\pi} + (\beta + 1) R_E} v_s$$

$$v_o = -R_C i_c = \frac{-\beta R_C}{R_S + r_{\pi} + (\beta + 1) R_E} v_s$$

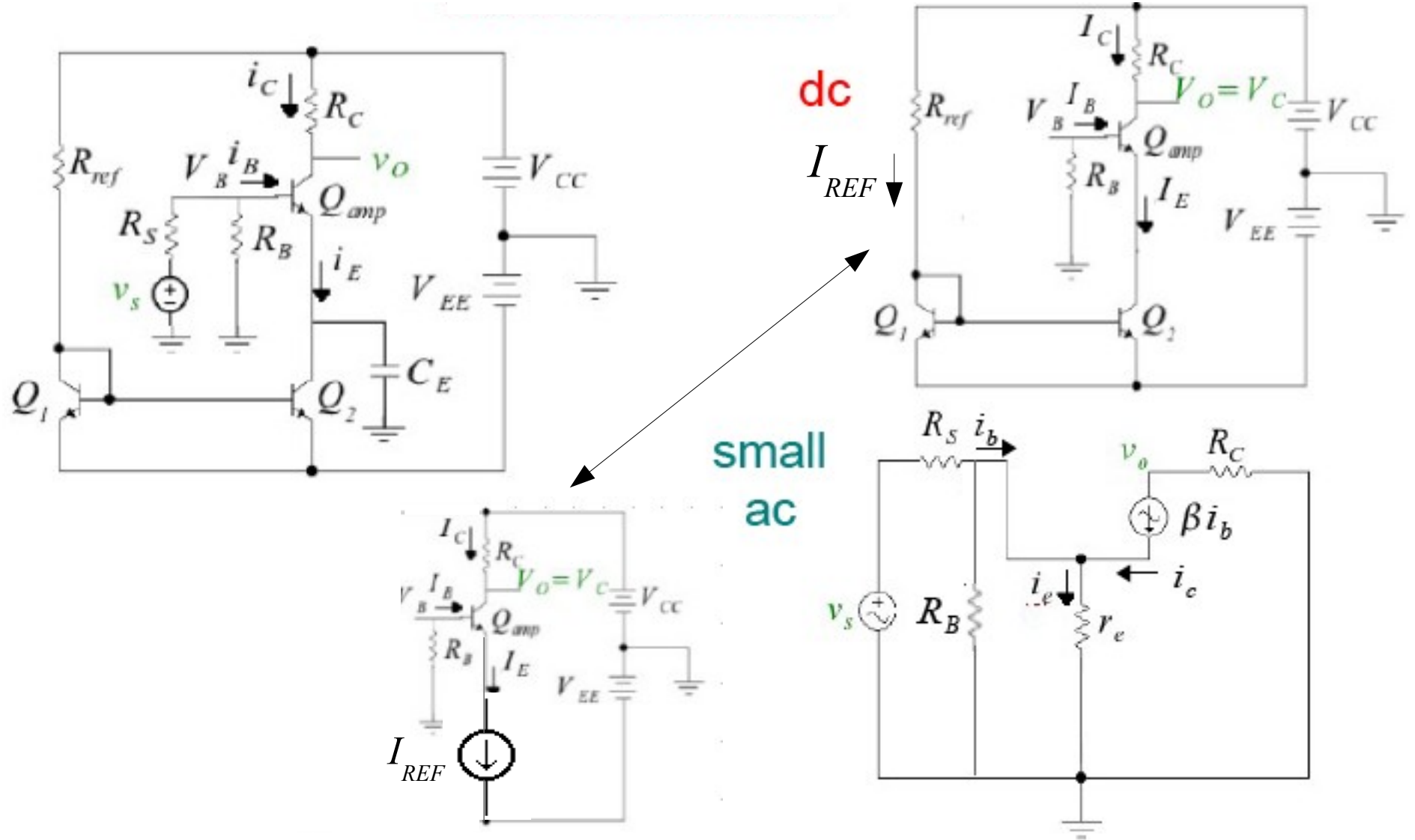
$$g_m r_{\pi} = \frac{I_C}{V_T} \beta \frac{V_T}{I_C} = \beta$$

$$\beta \approx 100$$

$$v_s = i_b (R_S + r_{\pi}) + i_b (\beta + 1) R_E$$

If $\beta R_E \gg R_S + r_{\pi} \Rightarrow v_o \approx \frac{-\beta R_C}{(\beta + 1) R_E} v_s$
 $\beta \gg 1$

$$A_v = \frac{v_o}{v_s} \approx \frac{-R_C}{R_E}$$



Conclusions

- ◆ Approximations are encouraged when conditions are satisfied, i.e.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \beta R_E \gg R_S + r_\pi \\ \beta \gg 1 \end{array} \right] \Rightarrow A_v = \frac{v_o}{v_s} \approx \frac{-R_C}{R_E}$$

- ◆ If $R_E = 0$:

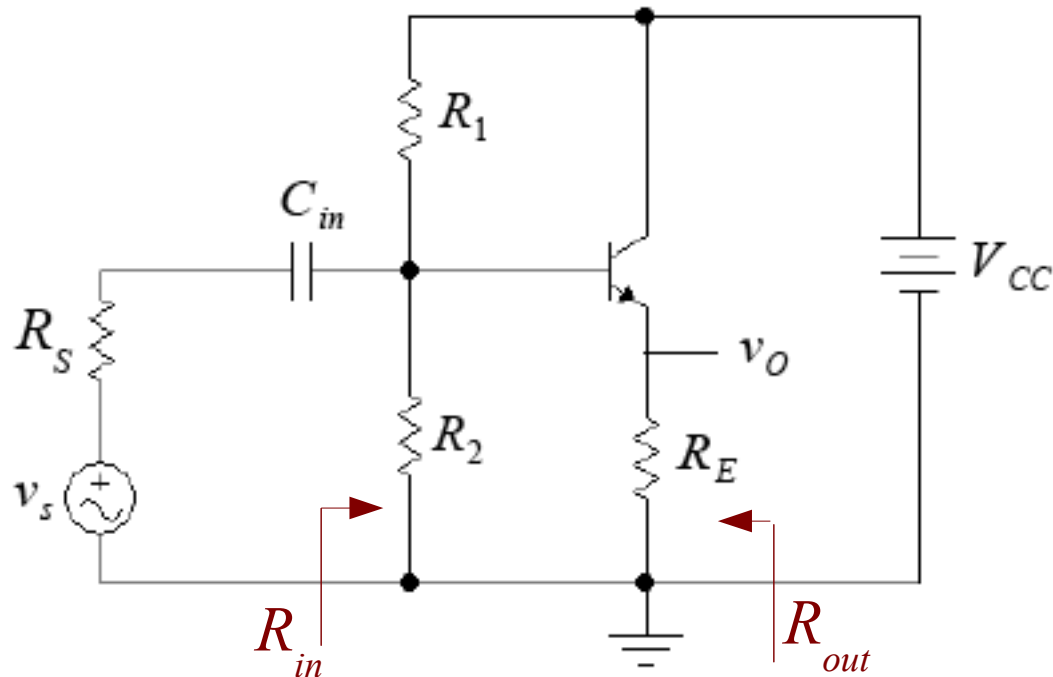
$$v_o = -R_C i_c = \frac{-\beta R_C}{R_S + r_\pi + (\beta + 1) R_E} v_s$$

$$\text{If } r_\pi \gg R_S \Rightarrow A_V = \frac{v_o}{v_s} \approx -\frac{\beta}{r_\pi} R_C = -g_m R_C$$

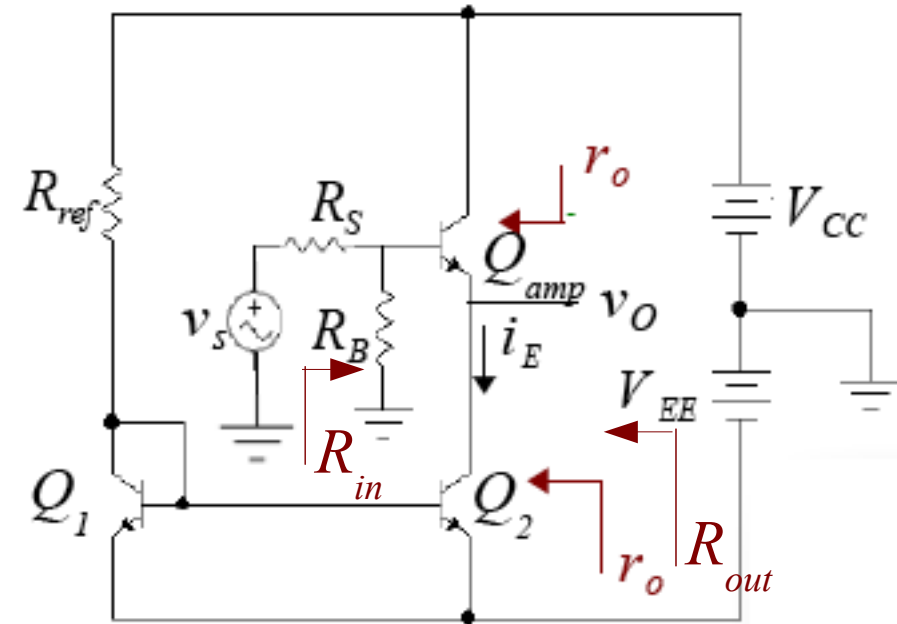
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CC Amplifier

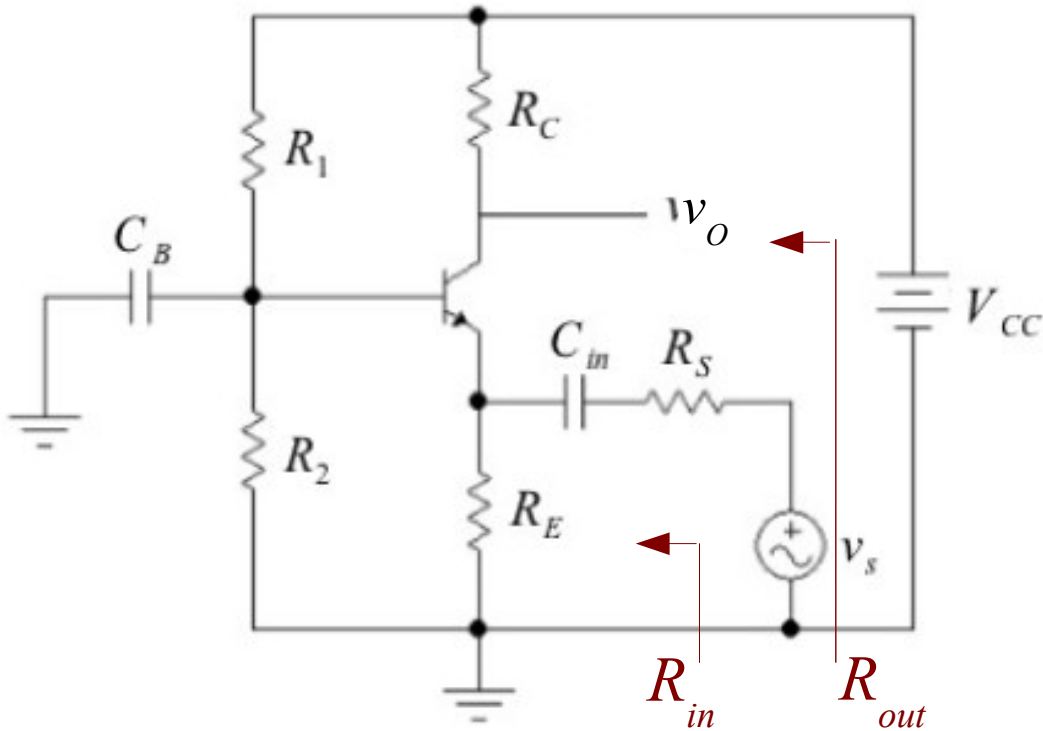


Voltage Bias Design

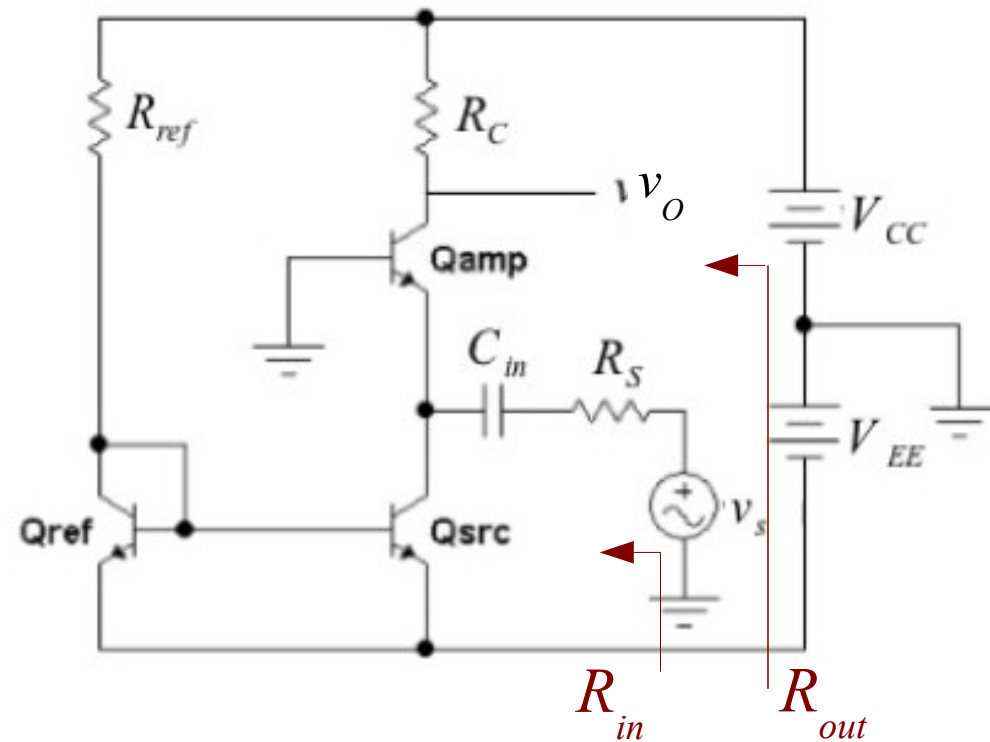


Current Bias Design

CB Amplifier



Voltage Bias Design



Current Bias Design

Conclusions

CE Amplifier

CC Amplifier

CB Amplifier

Voltage Gain (A_V)	moderate ($-R_C/R_E$)	low (about 1)	high
Current Gain (A_I)	moderate (β)	moderate ($\beta + 1$)	low (about 1)
Input Resistance	high ($R_B \beta R_E$)	high ($R_B \beta R_E$)	low ($r_e R_E$)
Output Resistance	high ($R_C r_o$)	low (r_e)	high ($R_C r_o$)
		VCVS	CCCS

**All parameters for ac small signal.