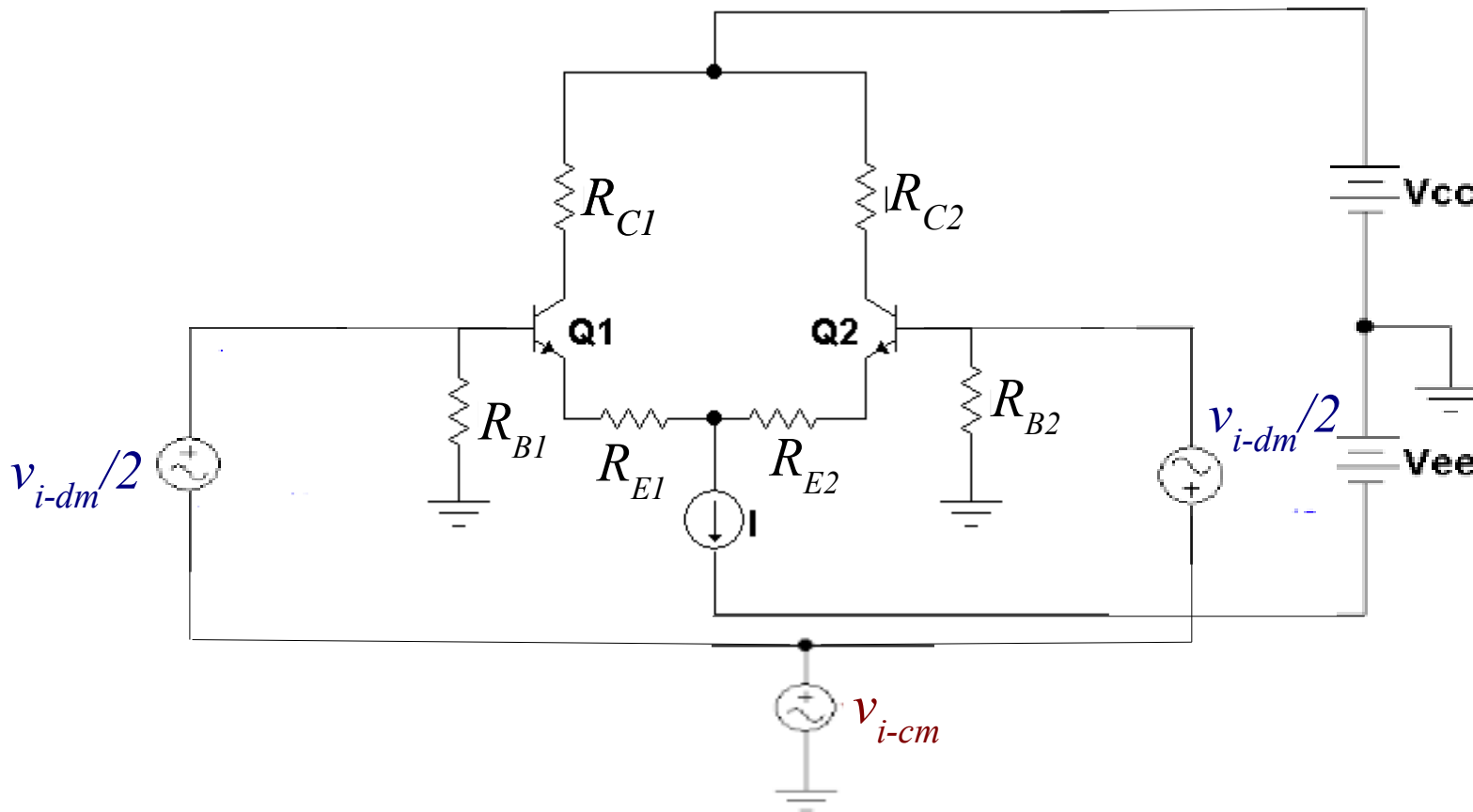


## Quick Review



Balance op.

$$R_{C1} = R_{C2} = R_C$$

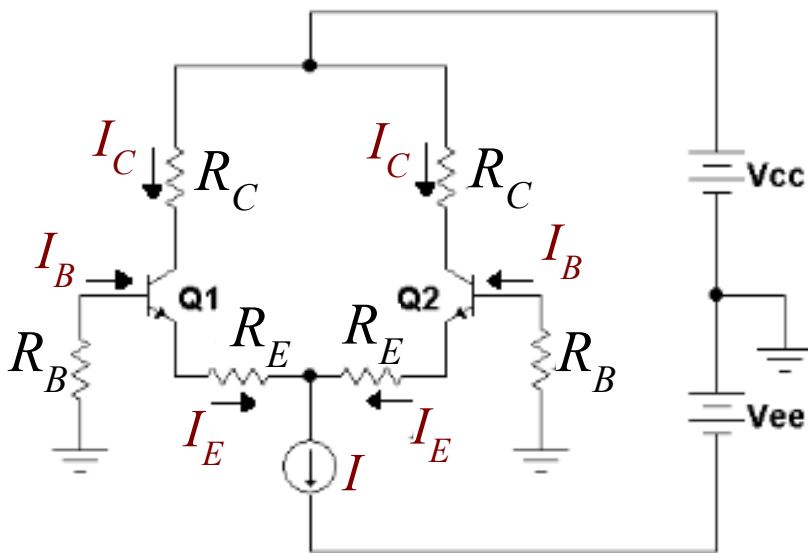
$$R_{B1} = R_{B2} = R_B$$

$$R_{E1} = R_{E2} = R_E$$

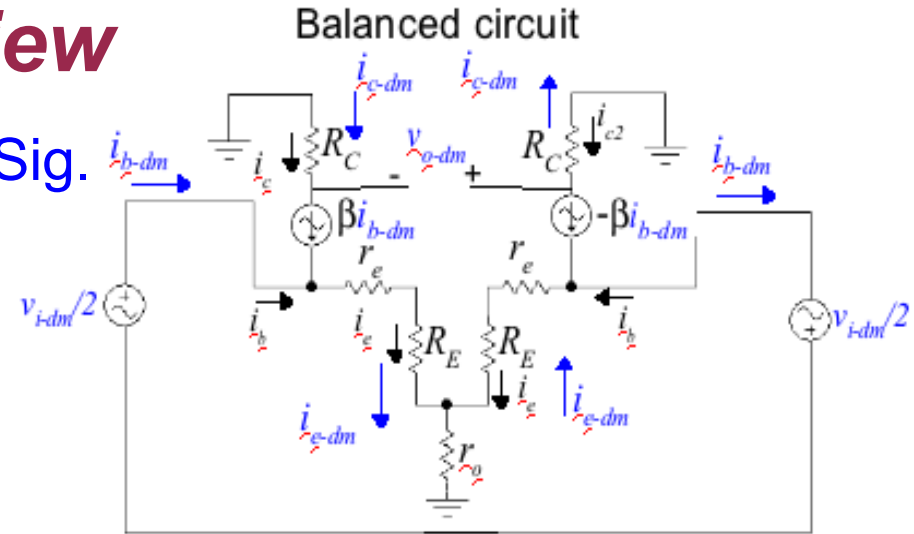
$$Q1 = Q2$$

## Quick Review

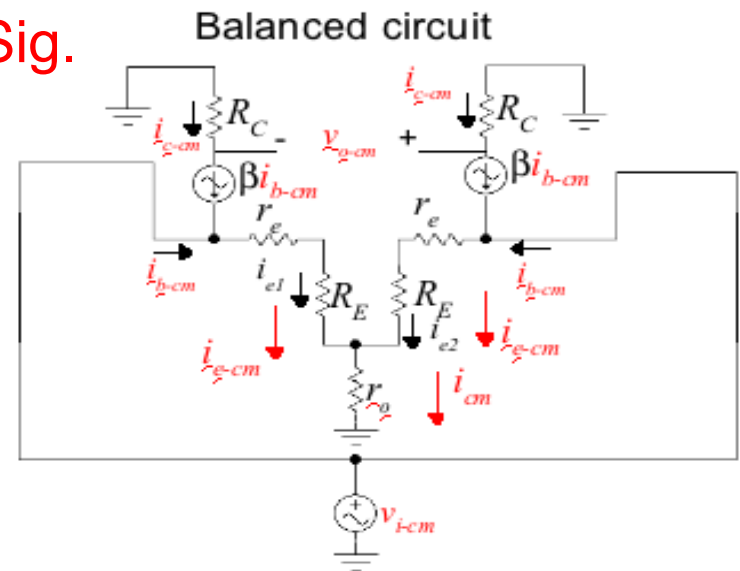
CM - DC



DM AC - Sm. Sig.



CM AC - Sm. Sig.



## Quick Review

Differential mode (balanced)

$$r_{in-dm} = \frac{v_{i-dm}}{i_{b1-dm}} = (\beta + 1)2(r_e + R_E)$$

$$A_{v-dm2} = \frac{v_{c2-dm}}{v_{i-dm}} = -A_{v-dm1} \approx \frac{R_C}{2(r_e + R_E)} \quad A_{v-dm} = \frac{v_{o-dm}}{v_{i-dm}} = \frac{R_C}{r_e + R_E}$$

Common mode (balanced)

$$r_{in-cm} = \frac{v_{i-cm}}{2i_{b-cm}} = (\beta + 1)\left(\frac{r_e + R_E}{2} + r_o\right)$$

$$A_{v-cm1} = \frac{v_{c1-cm}}{v_{i-cm}} = A_{v-cm2} \approx -\frac{R_C}{2r_o}$$

$$A_{v-cm} = \frac{v_{o-cm}}{v_{i-cm}} = 0 \quad \text{i.f.f. Balanced}$$

$$A_{v-cm} = \frac{v_{o-cm}}{v_{i-cm}} \approx \frac{R_C}{2r_o} \frac{\Delta R_C}{R_C} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{if Unbalanced due to} \\ R_{C1} \neq R_{C2} \end{array} \right.$$

Single-ended-output (balanced)

$$CMRR = \frac{A_{v-dm1,2}}{A_{v-cm1,2}} \approx 20 \log_{10} \left( \frac{r_o}{r_e + R_E} \right)$$

Differential-output

$$CMRR = \infty \quad \text{i.f.f. Balanced}$$

$$CMRR = 20 \log_{10} \left( 2 \frac{r_o}{r_e + R_E} \frac{1}{\Delta R_C / R_C} \right)$$

## *Differential Amplifier Design*

- Design with ideal current source bias.
- Differential and common mode gain results
- Add finite output resistance to current source.
- Replace ideal current source with current mirror.

## Quick Amplifier Design

By inspection DC bias ( $v_{i-dm} = v_{i-cm} = 0$ ) for Q1 & Q2 is **common mode**:

$$I_E = \frac{I}{2} = 5 \text{ mA}$$

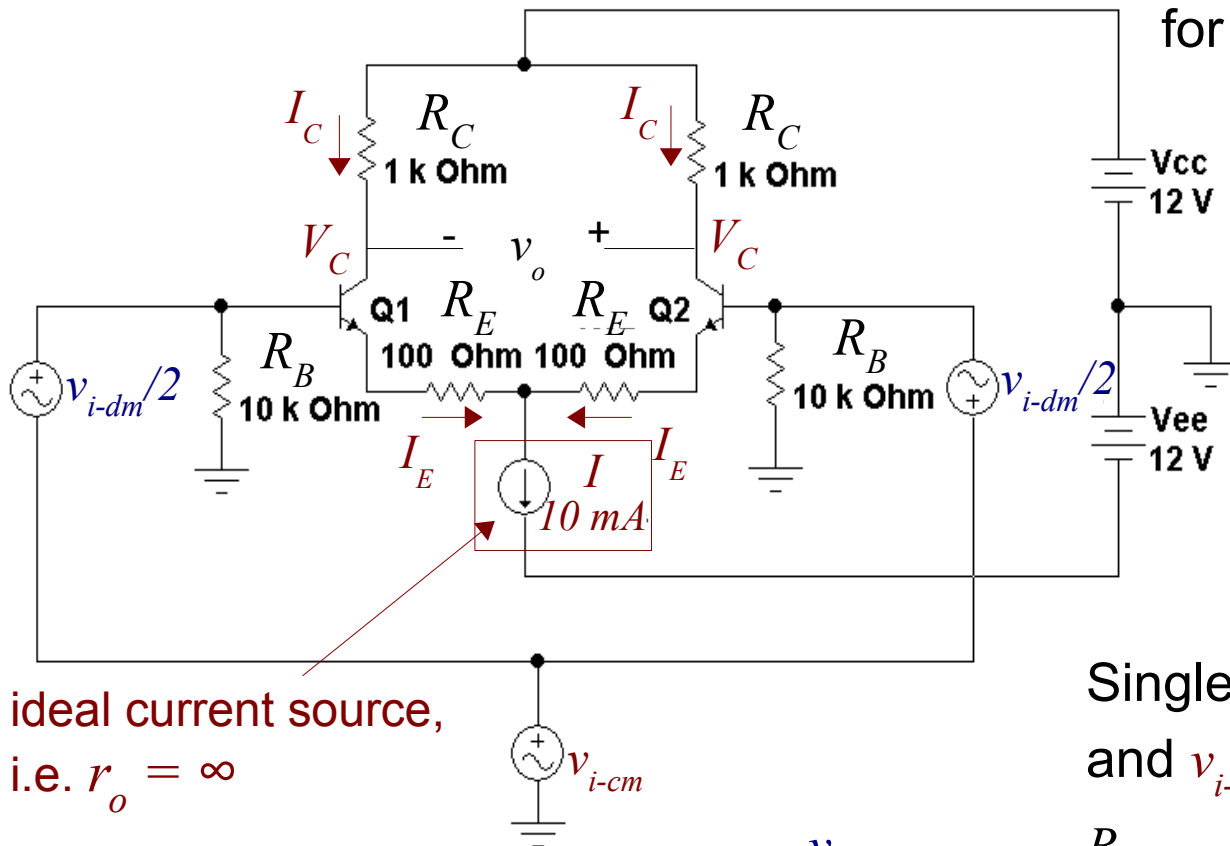
Neglecting  $I_B$ :

$$I_C = I_E = 5 \text{ mA} \Rightarrow V_{R_C} = \frac{I_C}{R_C} = 5 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{R_C} = 5 \text{ V} \Rightarrow V_C = V_{CC} - V_{R_C} = 7 \text{ V}$$

$$V_E = -V_{BE} = -0.7 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{CE} = V_C - V_E = 7.7 \text{ V}$$



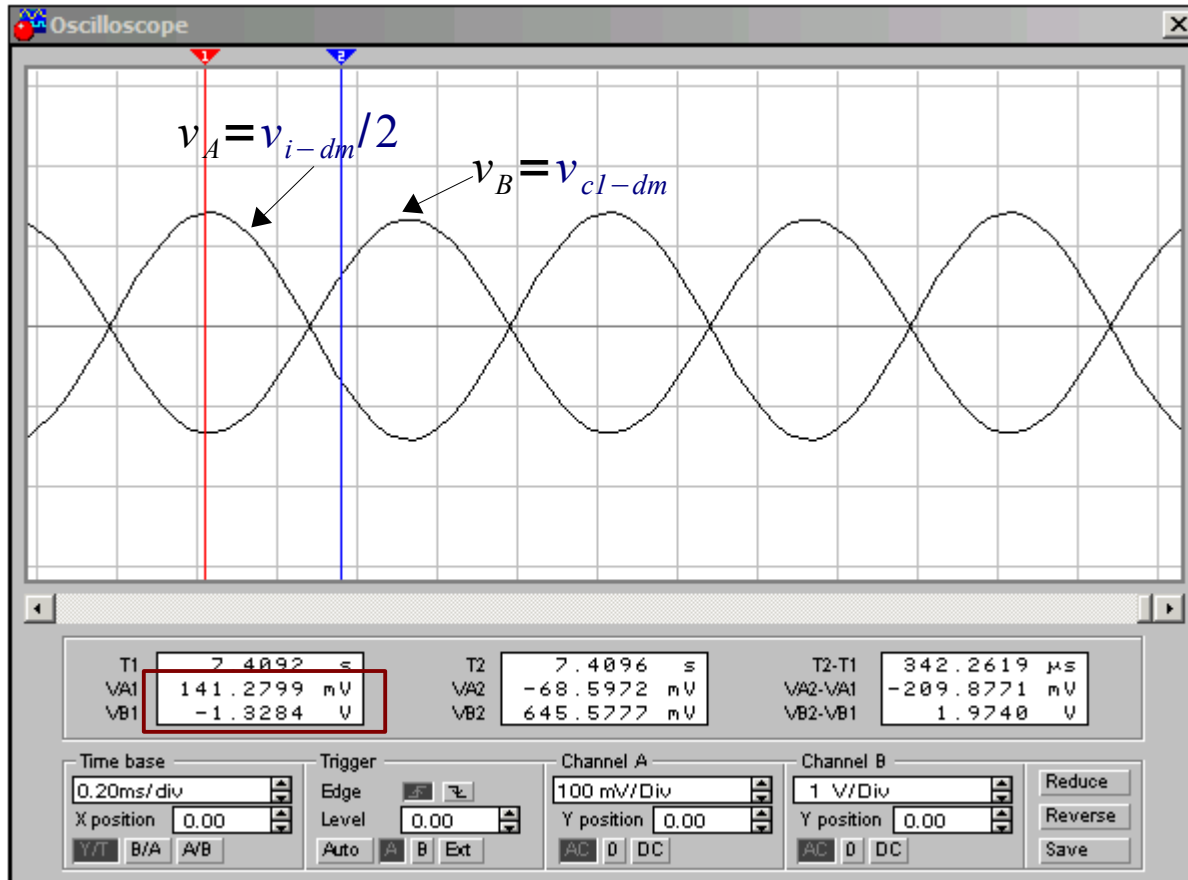
ideal current source,  
i.e.  $r_o = \infty$

Single-ended voltage gains w.r.t.  $v_{i-dm}/2$  and  $v_{i-cm}$  (for Q1 side):

$$A'_{v-dm1} = \frac{v_{c1-dm}}{v_i = v_{i-dm}/2} \approx \frac{-R_C}{R_E} = -10$$

$$A_{v-cm1} = \frac{v_{c1-cm}}{v_{cm}} \approx -\frac{R_C}{2r_o} = 0$$

## Differential- Mode AC Gain Results



“Scope” output B at collector of Q1, i.e.  $v_B = v_{cl-dm}$ .

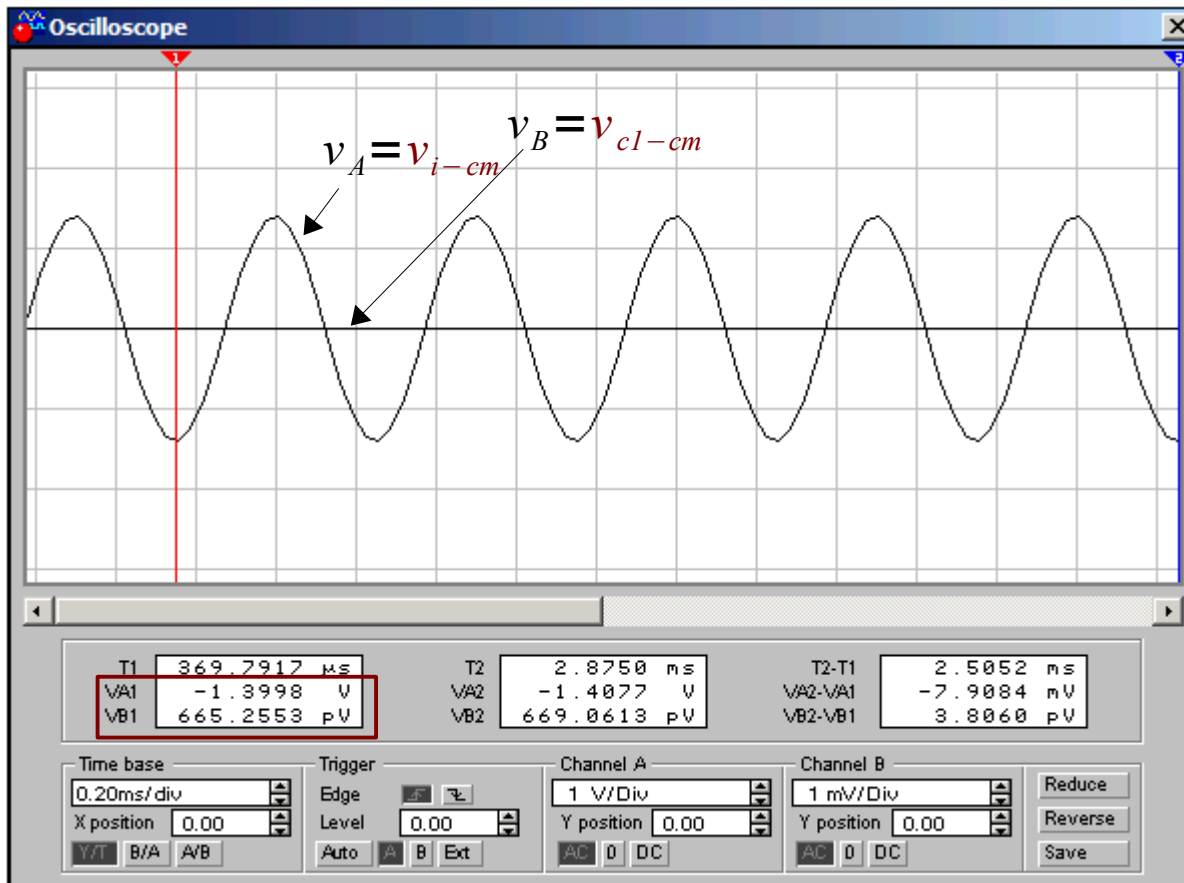
Input voltage  $v_A = v_i = v_{i-dm}/2$   
 $0.14 V_{peak} \arg(0^\circ)$  at  $f = 1 \text{ kHz}$ .

Output voltage  $v_B = v_{cl-dm}$   
 $1.33 V_{peak} \arg(180^\circ)$ .

Measured gain:

$$A'_{v-dm1} = \frac{v_B}{v_A} = \frac{v_{cl-dm}}{v_{i-dm}/2} = \frac{-1.33 V}{0.14 V} = -9.5$$

## Common Mode AC Results



“Scope” output B at collector of Q1, i.e.  $v_B = v_{cl-cm} = 0 V$ .

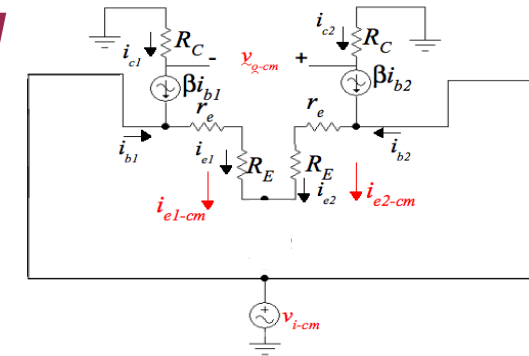
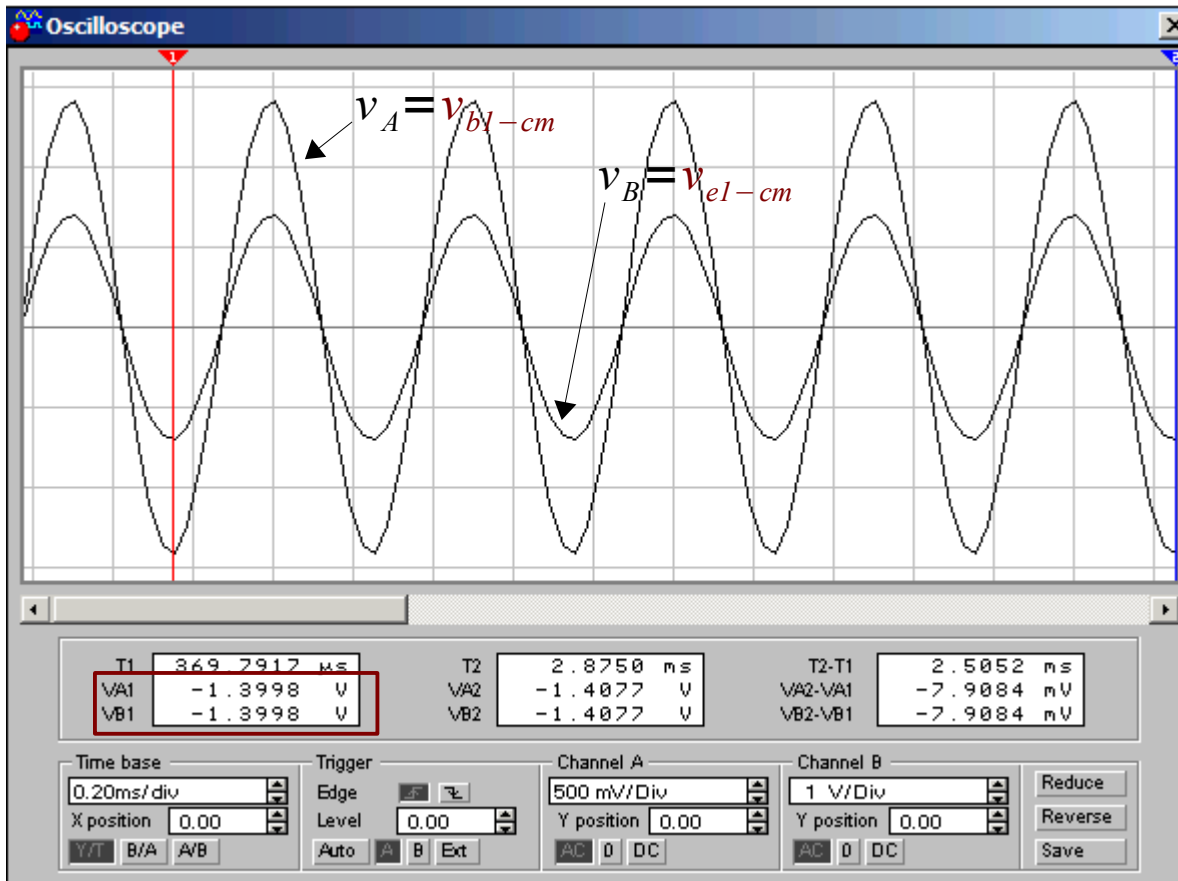
Input voltage  $v_A = v_{i-cm}$   
 $0.14 V_{peak}$   $arg(0^\circ)$  at  $f = 1 kHz$ .

Since  $I$  is an ideal current source  $r_o = \infty \Rightarrow A_{v-cm} = 0$ .

$$A_{v-cm} = \frac{v_B}{v_A} = \frac{v_{cl-dm}}{v_{i-cm}} = \frac{0 V}{0.14 V} = 0$$

$$CMRR = 20 \log_{10} \left| \frac{A'_{v-dm}}{A_{v-cm}} \right| = 20 \log_{10} \left| \frac{-9.5}{0} \right| = \infty$$

## Common Mode AC Results - II



Comparing ac base and emitter voltages to ground for Q1, i.e.  $v_{b1-cm}$ ,  $v_{e1-cm}$ .

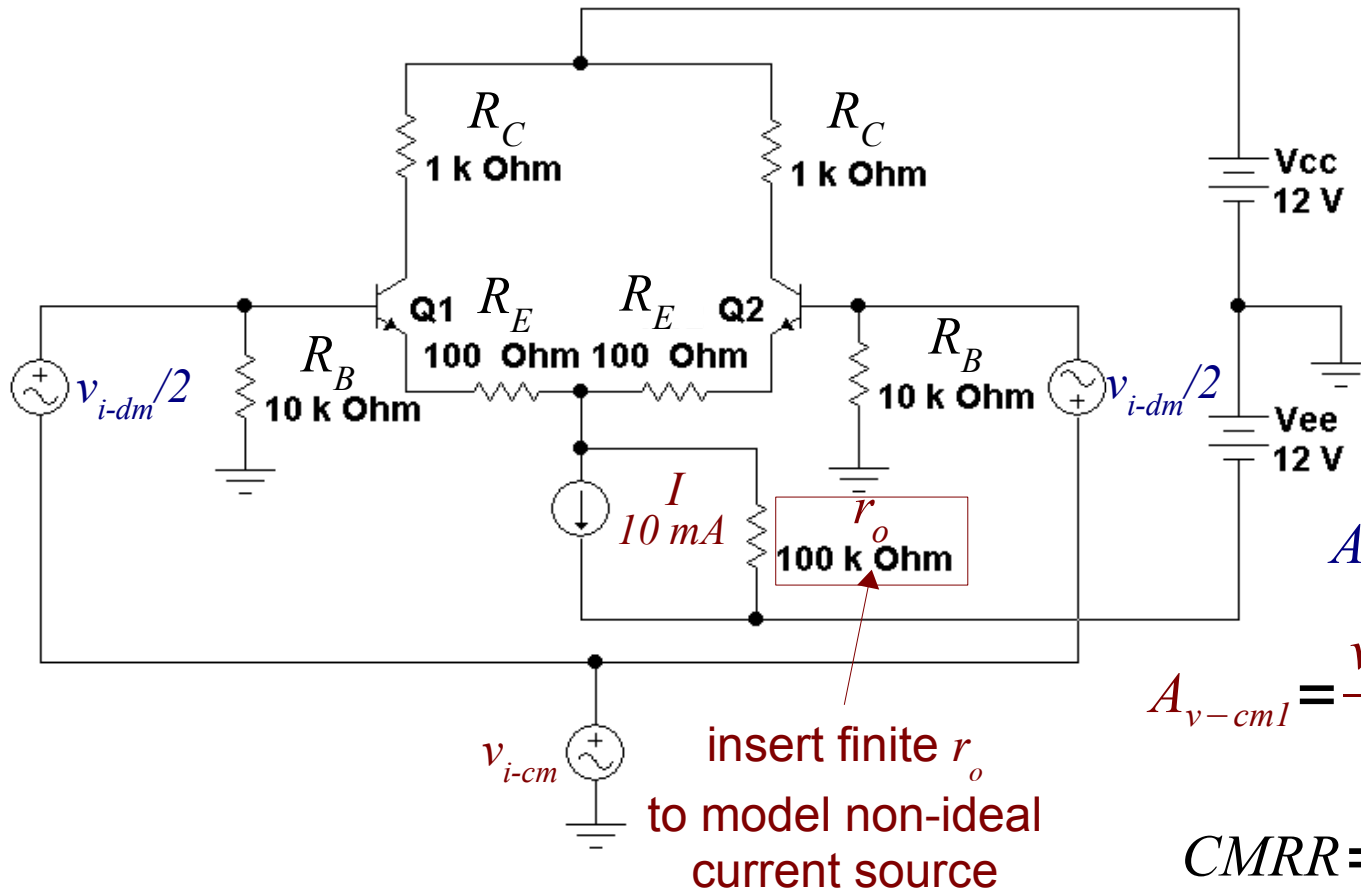
$$v_{b1-cm} = v_{e1-cm} = 1.4 V_{peak}$$

$$\Rightarrow v_{be-cm} = 0 V_{peak}$$

Since  $i_{e-cm} = 0$ , we expect

$v_{be-cm} = 0 V_{peak}$ , i.e. all base voltage appears at emitter.

## Common Mode Results - Add $r_o$ to Model



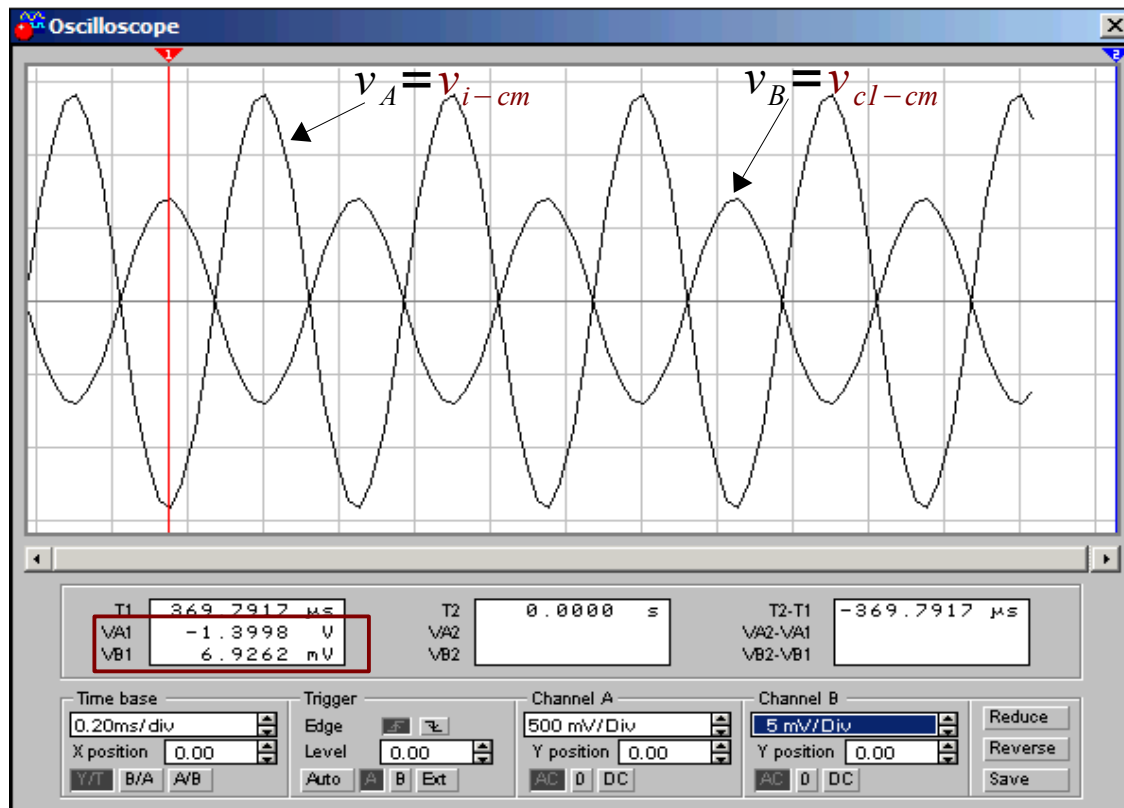
Theory

$$A'_{v-dm1} = \frac{v_{c1-dm}}{v_i} \approx \frac{-R_C}{R_E} = -10$$

$$A_{v-cm1} = \frac{v_{c1-cm}}{v_{i-cm}} \approx -\frac{R_C}{2r_o} = \frac{-1}{200} = -0.005$$

$$CMRR = 20 \log_{10} \left| \frac{A'_{v-dm1}}{A_{v-cm1}} \right| = 66 \text{ dB}$$

## Common Mode Results - Add Finite $r_o$



$$r_o = 100 \text{ k} \Omega$$

“Scope” output B at collector of Q1, i.e.  $v_B = v_{cl-cm}$ .

Input voltage  $v_A = v_{i-cm}$   
 $1.4 \text{ V}_{peak} \text{ arg}(0^\circ)$  at  $f = 1 \text{ kHz}$ .

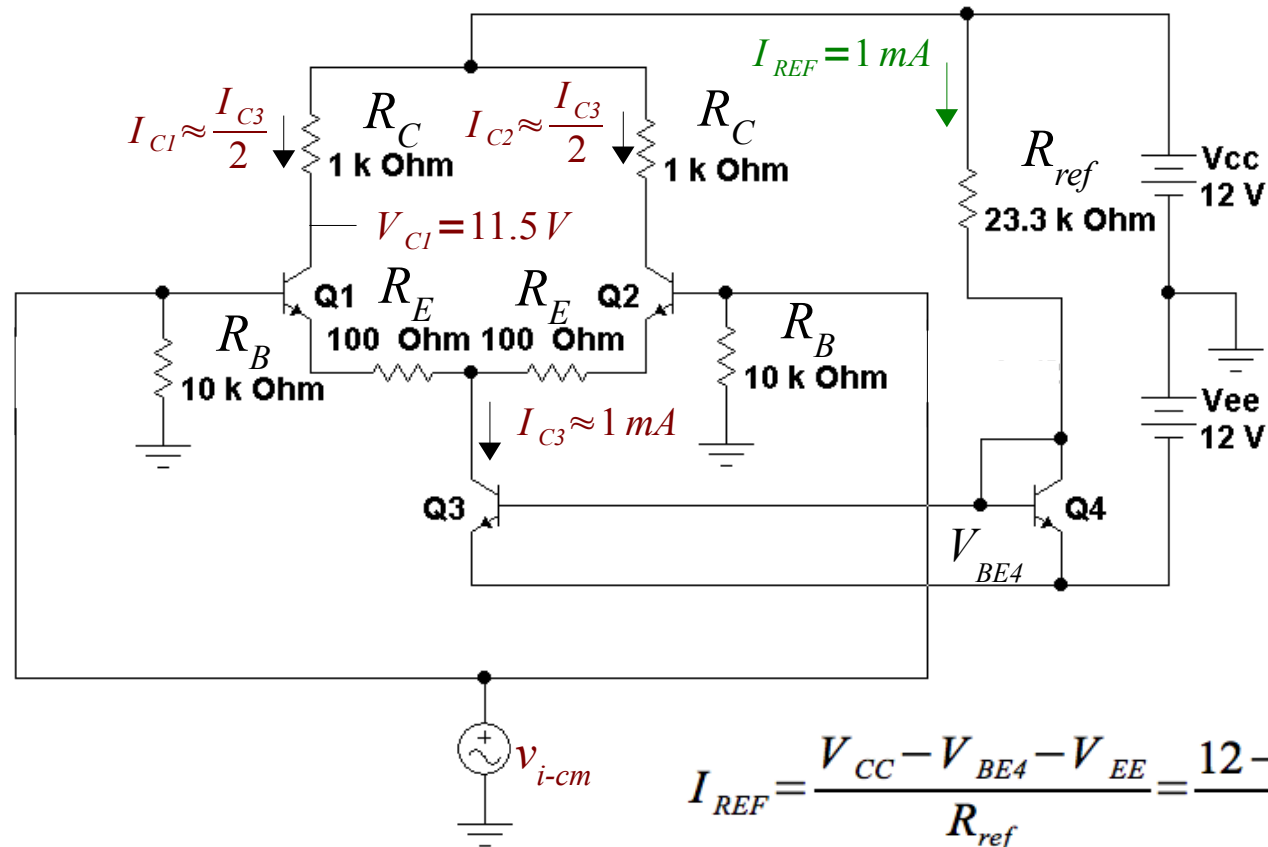
Output voltage  $v_B = v_{cl-cm}$   
 $0.007 \text{ V}_{peak} \text{ arg}(180^\circ)$ .

$$A_{v-cm1} \approx \frac{-0.007}{1.4} = -0.005$$

$$A'_{v-dm1} = -9.5 \text{ (unchanged)}$$

$$CMRR \approx 20 \log_{10} \left( \frac{9.5}{0.005} \right) \approx 66 \text{ dB}$$

## Simulation with 1 mA Current Mirror



Matched 2N2222 BJTs (Q1, Q2, Q3 and Q4).

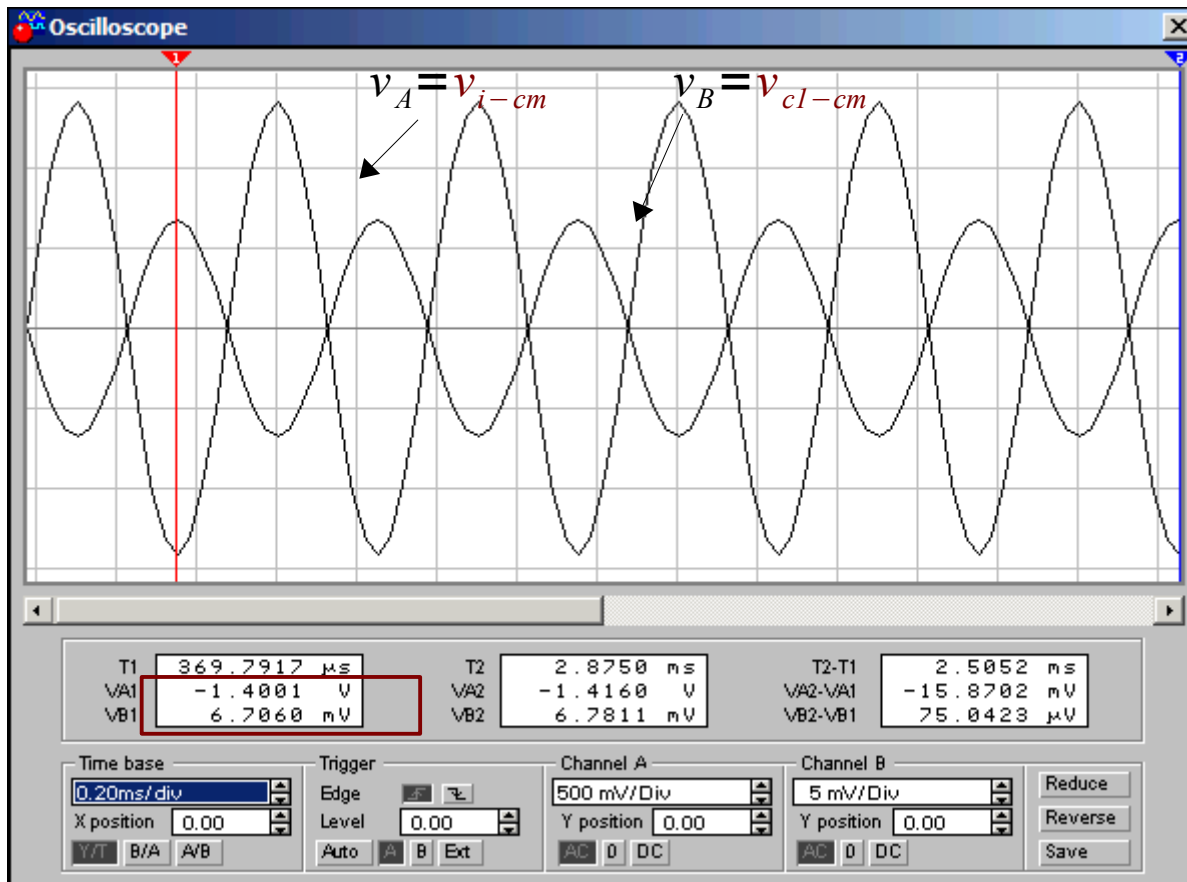
$$I_{C3} \approx 1 mA$$

$$\Rightarrow I_{C1} = I_{C2} \approx 0.5 mA$$

$$R_{ref} = 23.3 k \Omega$$

**NOTE:** - The zero-to-peak ac voltage swing across each  $R_C$  now only  $0.5 V$ !

## Simulation with 1 mA Current Mirror cont.



“Scope” output B at collector of Q1, i.e.  $v_B = v_{c1-cm}$ .

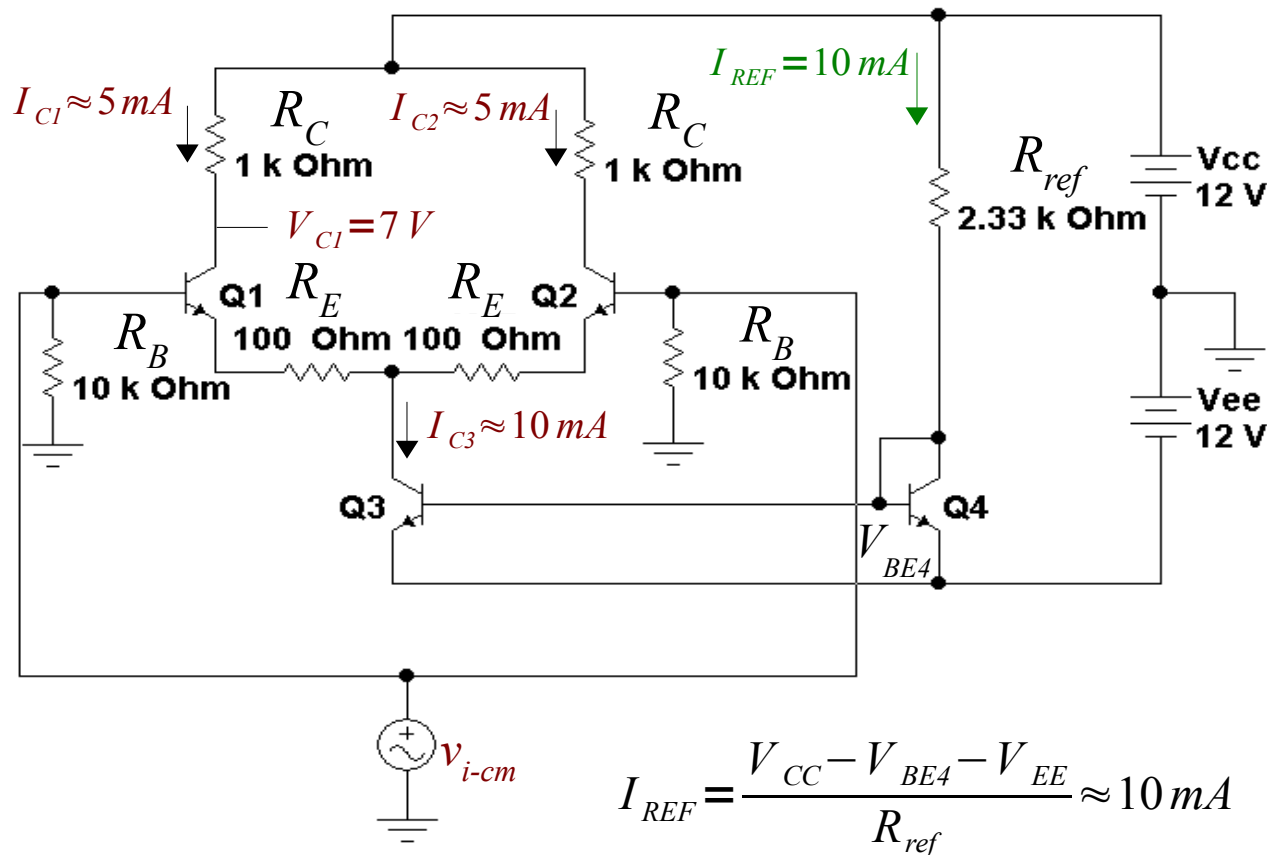
Input voltage  $v_A = v_{i-cm}$   
 $1.4 V_{peak} \arg(0^\circ)$  at  $f = 1 \text{ kHz}$ .

Output voltage  $v_B = v_{c1-cm}$   
 $7 \text{ mV}_{peak} \arg(180^\circ)$ .

$$A_{v-cm1} \approx \frac{-0.007}{1.4} = -0.005$$

1 kHz common mode results almost exactly same as those for  $r_o = 100 \text{ k}\Omega$  model.

## Simulation with 10 mA Current Mirror



Matched 2N2222 BJTs (Q1, Q2, Q3 and Q4).

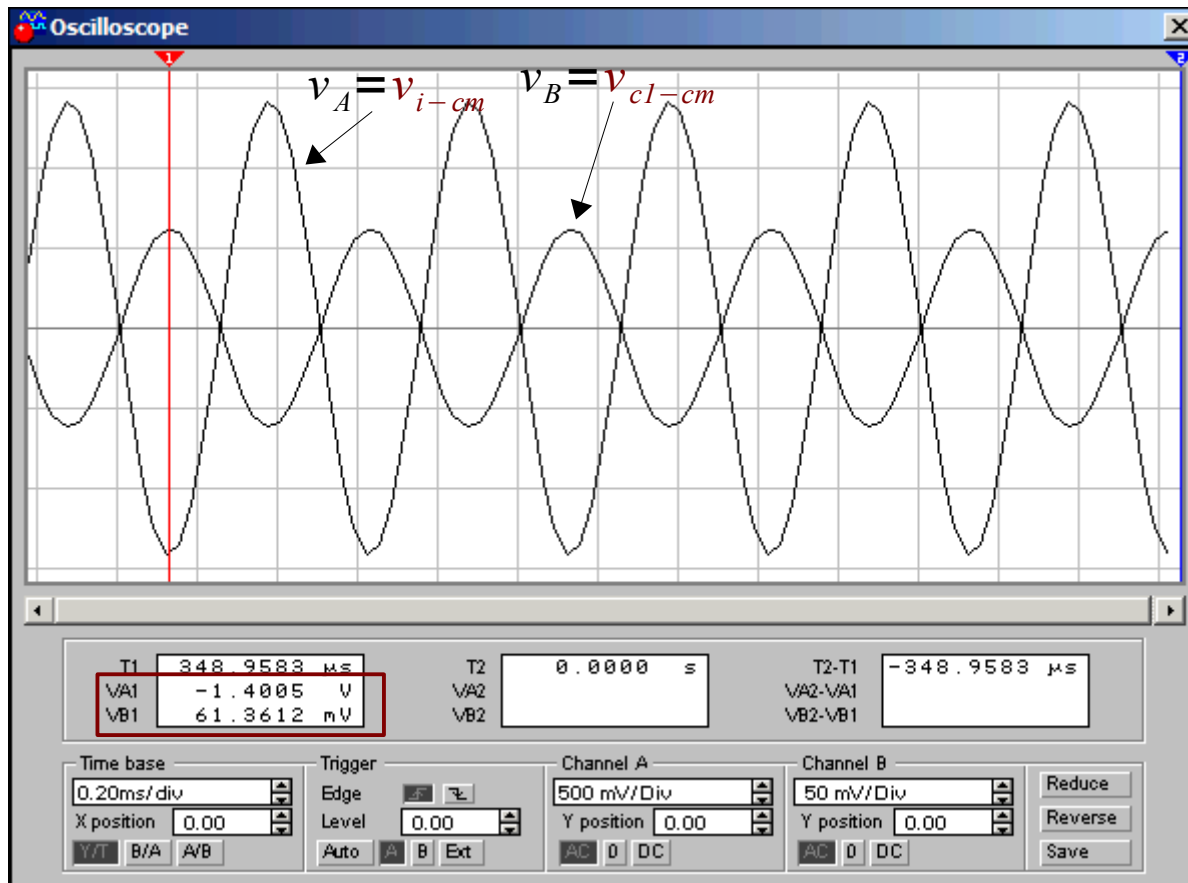
$$I_{C3} \approx 10 \text{ mA}$$

$$\Rightarrow I_{C1} = I_{C2} \approx 5 \text{ mA}$$

$$R_{ref} = 2.33 \text{ k } \Omega$$

**NOTE:** - The zero-to-peak ac voltage swing across each  $R_C$  increased to 5 V!

## Simulation with 10 mA Current Mirror cont.



Input voltage  $v_A = v_{i-cm}$   
 $1.4 V_{peak} \arg(0^\circ)$  at  $f = 1 \text{ kHz}$ .

Output voltage  $v_B = v_{c1-cm}$   
 $60 mV_{peak} \arg(180^\circ)$ .

$$A_{v-cm1} \approx -0.043$$

Common mode output now about  $10X$  its previous value with  $0.5 \text{ mA}$  collector current.

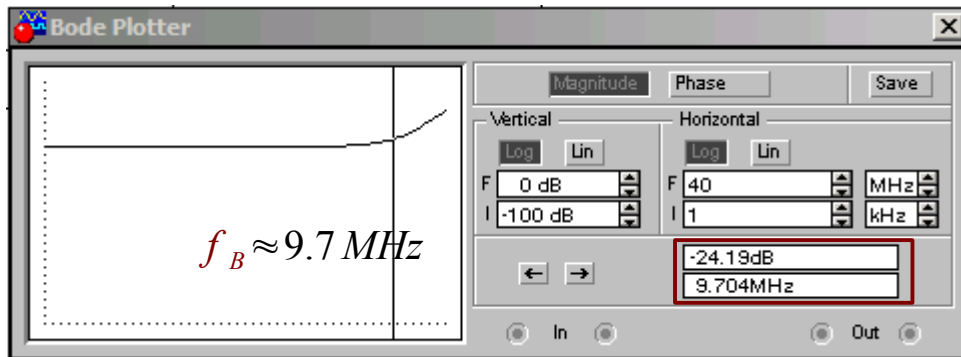
Why?  $r_o$  has decreased!

$$r_o = \frac{V_A}{I_C} \approx 10 \text{ k}\Omega$$

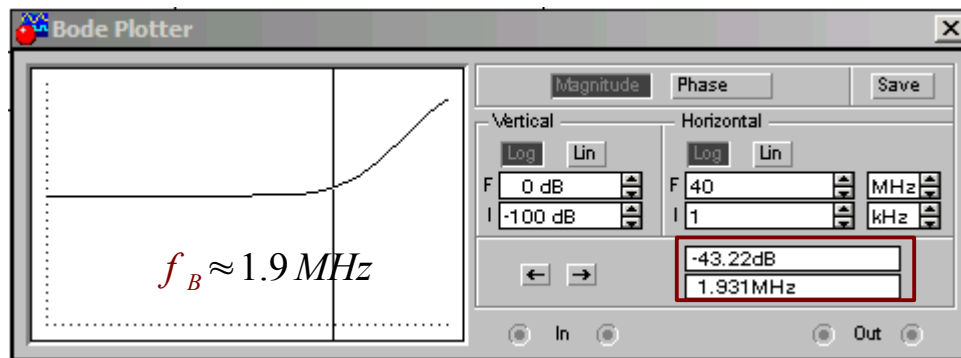
$10$  times the current means  $1/10$  the value of  $r_o$ !

$$A_{v-cm1} \approx \frac{-0.06}{1.4} = -0.043$$

## Simulation with 1 mA & 10 mA CMs - Bode Plots



5 mA current:  $A_{v-cm1}(dB) + 3 dB$  frequency



0.5 mA current:  $A_{v-cm1}(dB) + 3 dB$  frequency

$$r_o \approx 10 k\Omega \quad (I_{REF} = 10 mA)$$

$$A_{v-cm1}(dB)(f = 1 kHz) \approx 20 \log_{10}\left(\frac{0.06}{1.4}\right) = -27.3 dB$$

$$A_{v-cm1}(dB)(f = 9.7 MHz) = -24.2 dB (+ 3dB)$$

$$f_B \approx \frac{1}{2\pi r_o C_o} \Rightarrow$$

theory  $\frac{f_{B(1mA)}}{f_{B(10mA)}} \approx \frac{r_{o(10mA)}}{r_{o(1mA)}} = \frac{10k}{100k} = 0.1$

simulation  $\frac{f_{B(1mA)}}{f_{B(10mA)}} = \frac{1.9 MHz}{9.7 MHz} = 0.2$

$$r_o \approx 100 k\Omega \quad (I_{REF} = 1 mA)$$

$$A_{v-cm1}(dB)(f = 1 kHz) \approx 20 \log_{10}\left(\frac{0.007}{1.4}\right) = -46 dB$$

$$A_{v-cm1}(dB)(f = 1.9 MHz) = -43.2 dB (+ 3dB)$$

## Comparison of 1 mA & 10 mA CM Results

$$I_{REF} = 1 \text{ mA} \quad V_A = 50 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{RCI} \approx \frac{I_{REF}}{2} R_{CI} = 0.5 \text{ V}$$

$$r_o \approx \frac{V_A}{I_{REF}/2} = 100 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$A_{v-cm1} = \frac{-R_{CI}}{2r_o} \approx \frac{-0.007}{1.4} = -0.005$$

$$f_B \approx 1.9 \text{ MHz}$$

$$A'_{v-dm1} = -9.5$$

$$I_{REF} = 10 \text{ mA} \quad V_A = 50 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{RCI} \approx \frac{I_{REF}}{2} R_{CI} = 5 \text{ V}$$

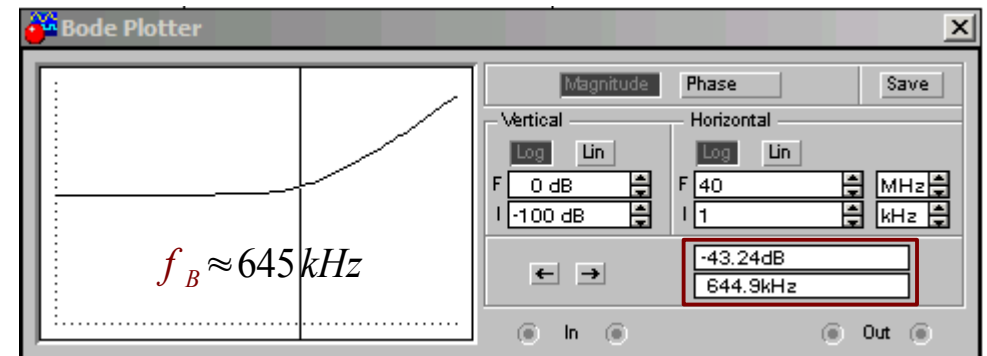
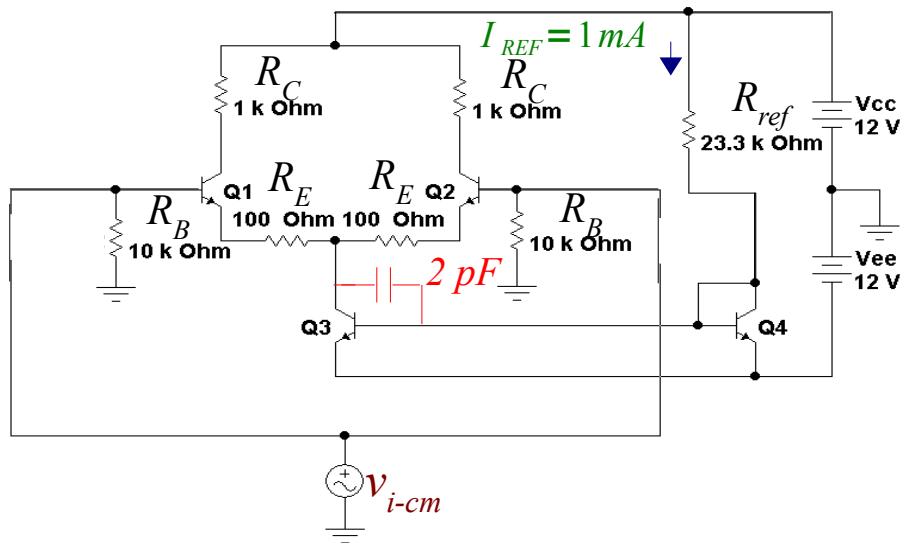
$$r_o \approx \frac{V_A}{I_{REF}/2} = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$A_{v-cm1} = \frac{-R_{CI}}{2r_o} \approx \frac{-0.06}{1.4} = -0.043$$

$$f_B \approx 9.7 \text{ MHz}$$

$$A'_{v-dm1} = -9.5$$

## Simulations with Parasitic Caps



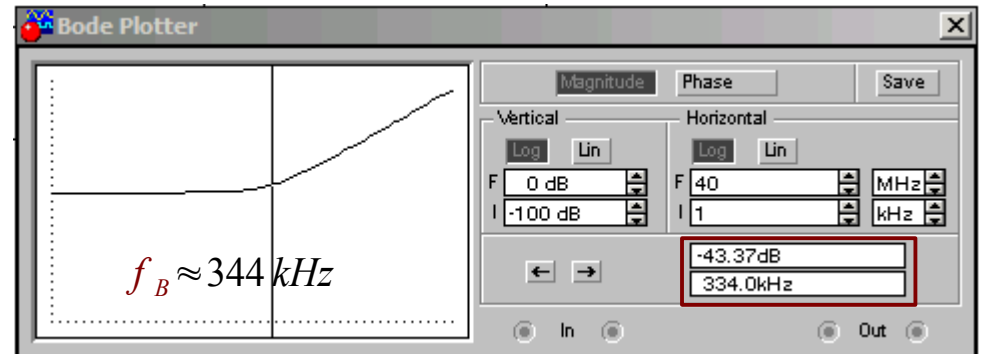
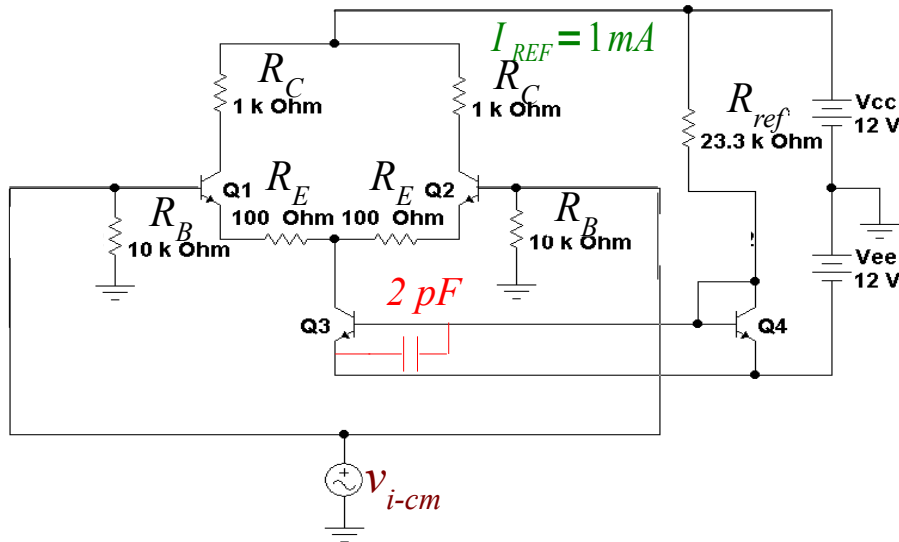
$$A_{v-cm1(dB)}(f = 1 \text{ kHz}) \approx 20 \log_{10}\left(\frac{0.007}{1.4}\right) = -46 \text{ dB}$$

$$A_{v-cm1(dB)}(f = 645 \text{ kHz}) = -43.2 \text{ dB}$$

Results with  $2 \text{ pF}$  capacitance added from collector-to-base of mirror transistor in the " $I_{C1} = I_{C2} = 0.5 \text{ mA}$  amplifier" emitter return path.

This drops the amplifier  $A_{v-cm1(dB)} + 3 \text{ dB}$  frequency from  $1.9 \text{ MHz}$  to about  $645 \text{ kHz}$ !

## Simulations with Parasitic Caps - cont.



$$A_{v-cm1(dB)}(f = 1 \text{ kHz}) \approx 20 \log_{10}\left(\frac{0.007}{1.4}\right) = -46 \text{ dB}$$

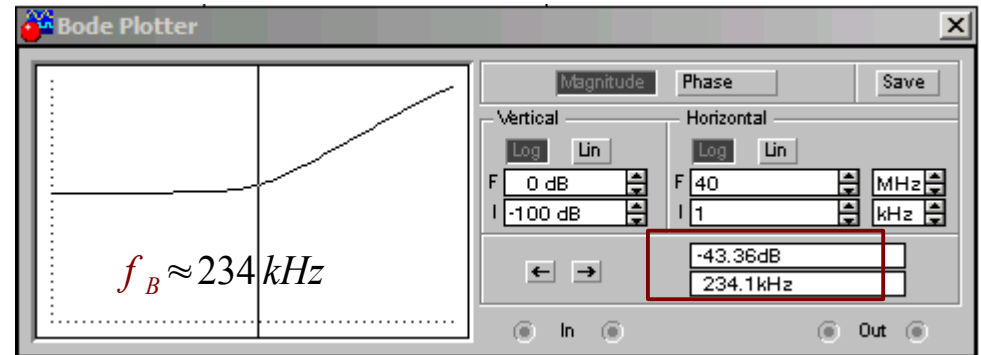
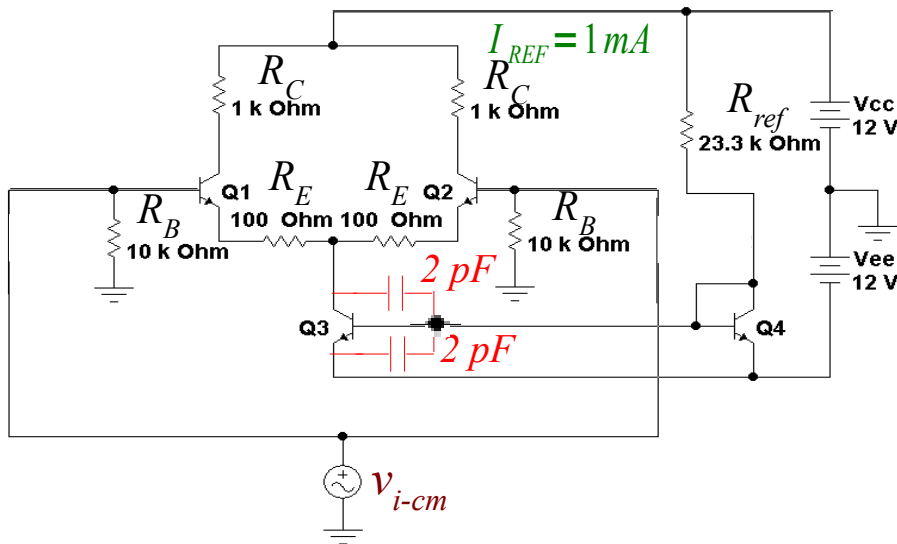
$$A_{v-cm1(dB)}(f = 334 \text{ kHz}) = -43.2 \text{ dB}$$

Results with  $2 \text{ pF}$  capacitance added from base-to-emitter of mirror transistor.

This drops the amplifier  $A_{v-cm1(dB)} + 3 \text{ dB}$  frequency from  $1.9 \text{ MHz}$  to about  $334 \text{ kHz}$ !

**RECALL:**  $2 \text{ pF}$  is about the capacitance between 2 rows of Protoboard pins!

## Simulations with Parasitic Caps - cont.

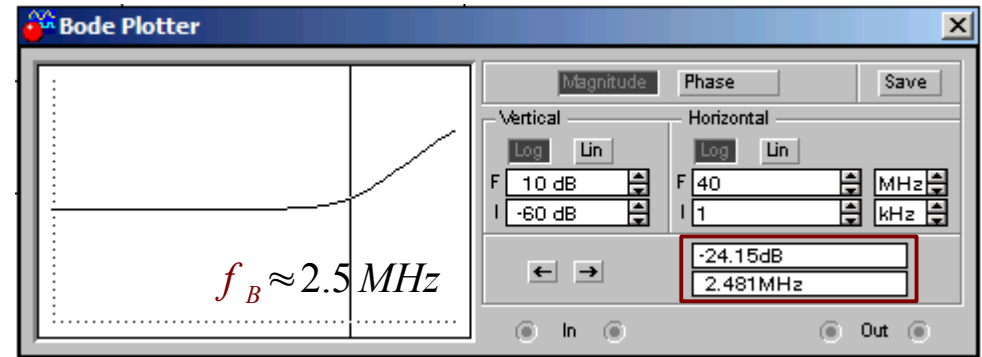
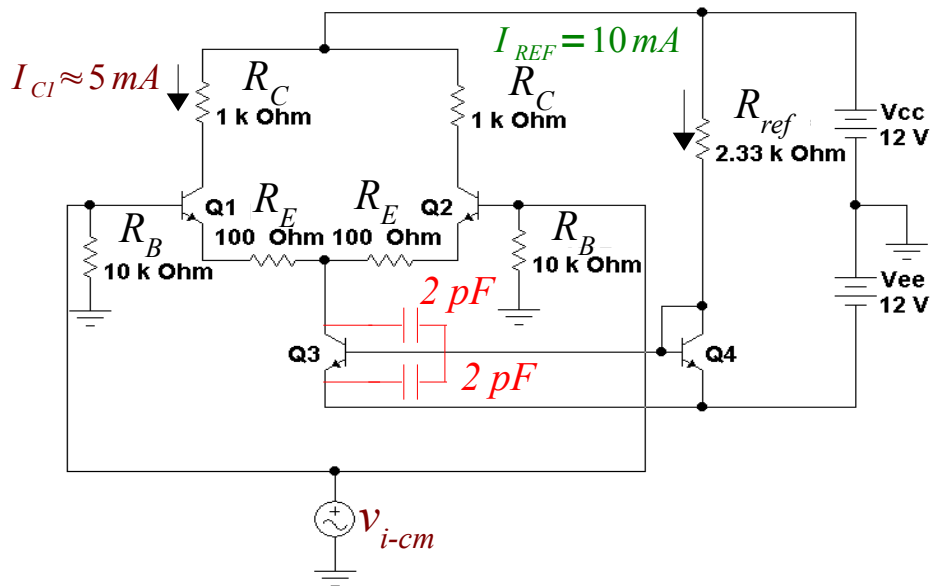


$$A_{v-cm1(dB)}(f = 1 \text{ kHz}) \approx 20 \log_{10}\left(\frac{0.007}{1.4}\right) = -46 \text{ dB}$$

$$A_{v-cm1(dB)}(f = 234 \text{ kHz}) = -43.2 \text{ dB}$$

Drops amplifier  $A_{v-cm1(dB)}$  break frequency from  $1.9 \text{ MHz}$  to about  $234 \text{ kHz}$ !

## Simulate the 5 mA Design with 2 pF Parasitics



$$A_{v-cm1}(dB)(f = 1 \text{ kHz}) \approx -27 \text{ dB}$$

$$A_{v-cm1}(dB)(f = 2.5 \text{ MHz}) = -24.2 \text{ dB}$$

3dB common mode bandwidth with 2 pF base-emitter and base collector capacitances.

About 10X the bandwidth as the  $I_{REF} = 1 \text{ mA}$  design.

Parasitic caps drop amplifier  $A_{v-cm}(dB)$  break frequency from 9.7 MHz to about 2.5 MHz!

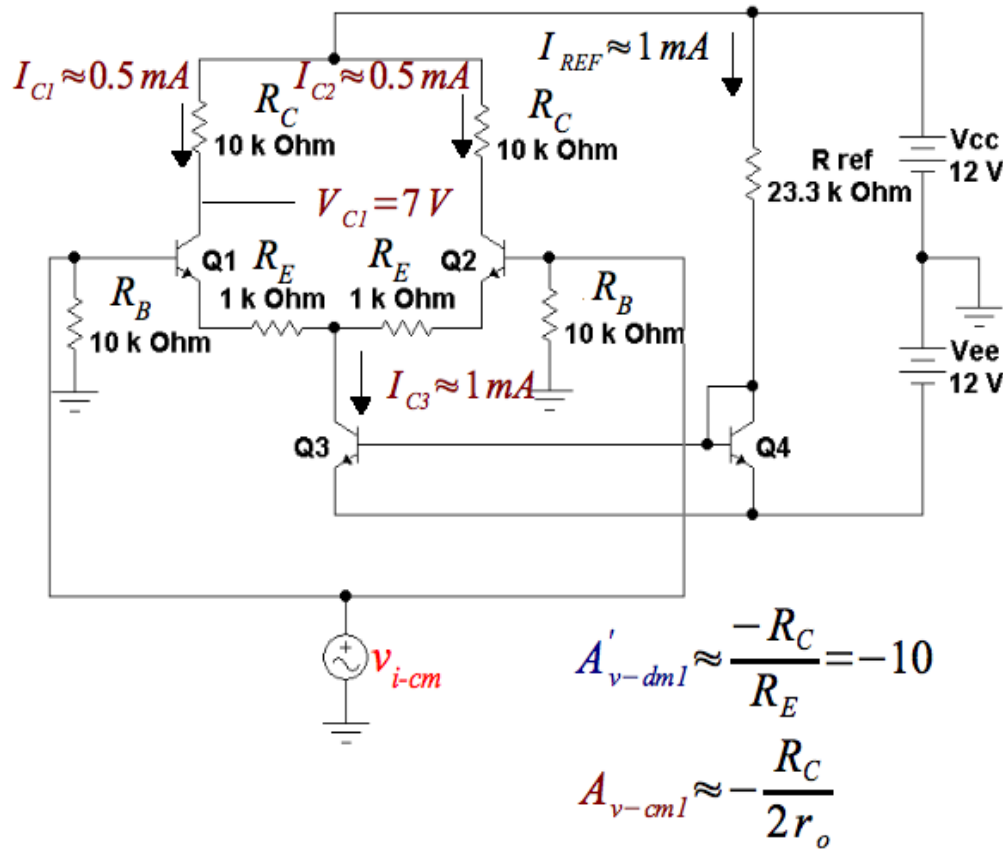
	$I_{REF} = 10 \text{ mA}$	$I_{REF} = 1 \text{ mA}$
$f_B$	2.5 MHz	234 kHz
$A_{v-cm1}(dB)(f = 1 \text{ kHz})$	-27 dB	-46 dB
$A'_{v-dm1}(dB)(f = 1 \text{ kHz})$	+20 dB	+20 dB

## Observations

- 1). For best common mode rejection use small collector currents i.e. increase  $r_o$ .
- 2). For best  $A_{v-cm}$  bandwidth use large collector currents, i.e. decrease  $r_o$ .
- 3). Minimize parasitic capacitance around mirror transistor to increase common mode rejection bandwidth.
- 4). Since no differential mode current flows through the mirror transistor (**Q3**, i.e.  $r_o$ ), it should have no effect on differential mode performance.
- 5). Observations 1) and 2) force a trade-off in selecting the bias current.

## Try Redesign for Reasonable Differential Mode Voltage Swing & large $r_o$

$$I_{C3} = 1 \text{ mA} \Rightarrow r_o \approx 100 \text{ k}\Omega$$



Can we beat the  $r_o$  trade-off?

IDEA:

1. Reduce  $I_{REF}$  to increase  $r_o$ .

$$r_o \approx \frac{V_A}{I_{REF}}$$

2. Increase  $R_C$  to increase  $V_{RC1}$ .

$$V_{RC1} = R_C \frac{I_{REF}}{2}$$

3. Increase  $R_E$  to retain desired  $A'_{v-dm1}$ .

$$A'_{v-dm1} = \frac{R_C}{R_E}$$

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$$A_{v-cm1} \approx -\frac{R_C}{2r_o} = -\frac{V_{RC1}}{I_{REF}/2} \frac{I_{REF}}{2V_A} = -\frac{V_{RC1}}{V_A}$$

RESULT: No help!

