

# Lecture 1 : Emitter Follower

1. BJT Review
2. Emitter Follower Analysis
3. Emitter Follower Design

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- PreLab 1 due next Thu (Sep 19)
- HW1 due next Fri (Sep 20)

Textbook

Reading :

6-3 Transistor currents

6-8 Reading data sheets

6-10 Variations in current gain

7-11 pnp transistors

9-6 Darlington

9-7 Zener Follower

# Analysis vs. Design

• ECE 248: Analyze circuits

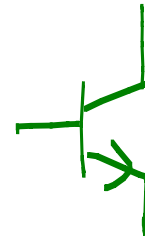
★ ECE 363: Design circuits

Example Emitter Follower



1.0

Example Audio Amplifier

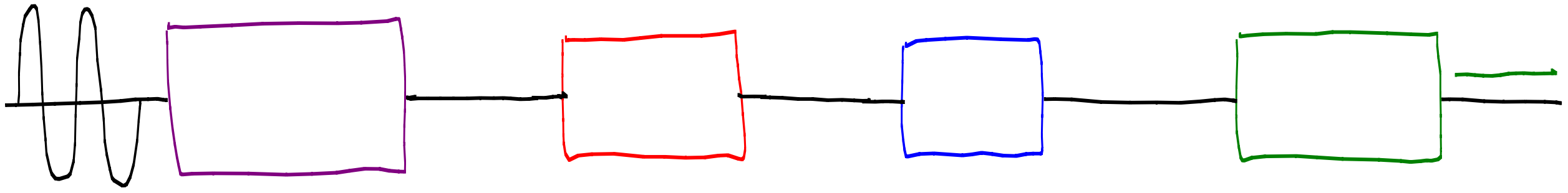


# 1. Linear DC Supply

- Many electronic devices require a DC voltage.
- Wall outlet provides AC voltage
- Linear DC power supplies have the following:



Benchtop Supply

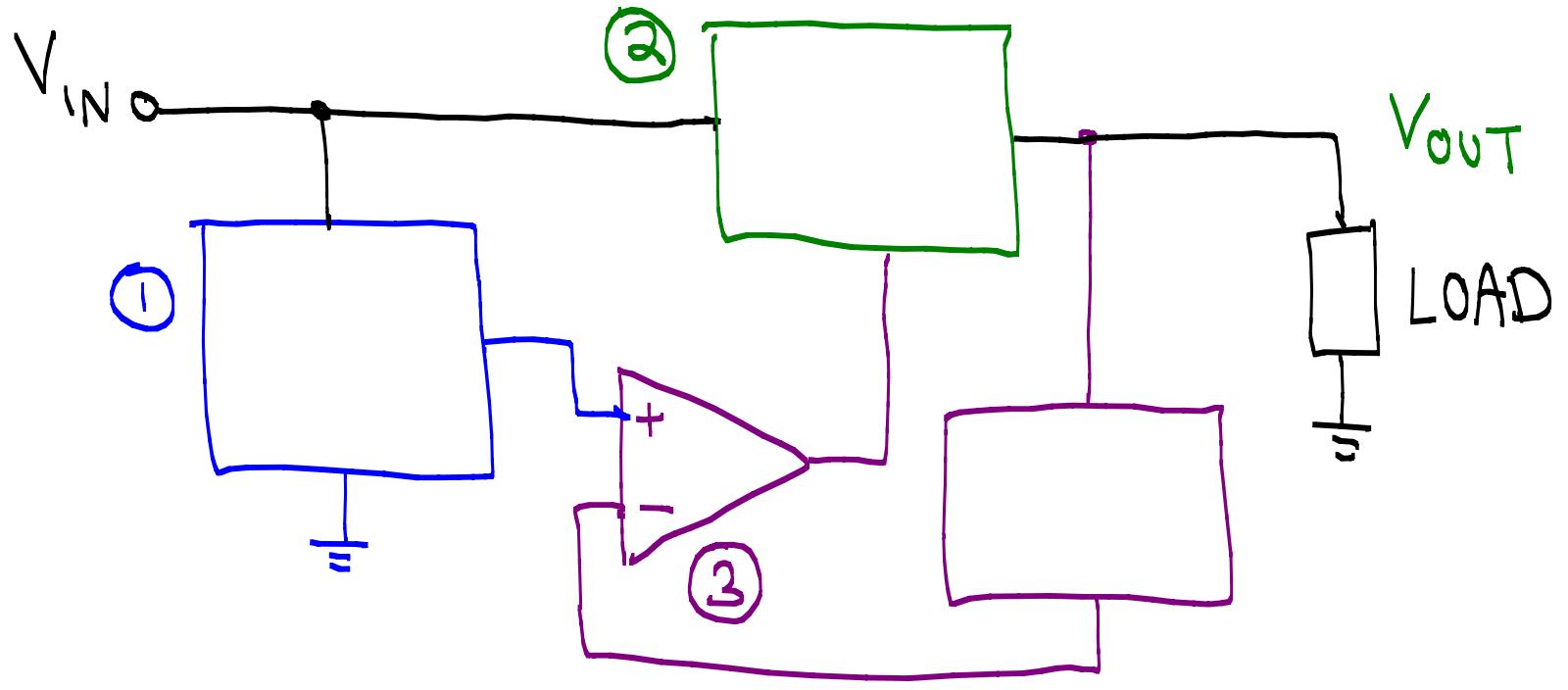


Q: How to make a voltage regulator?

① Voltage reference

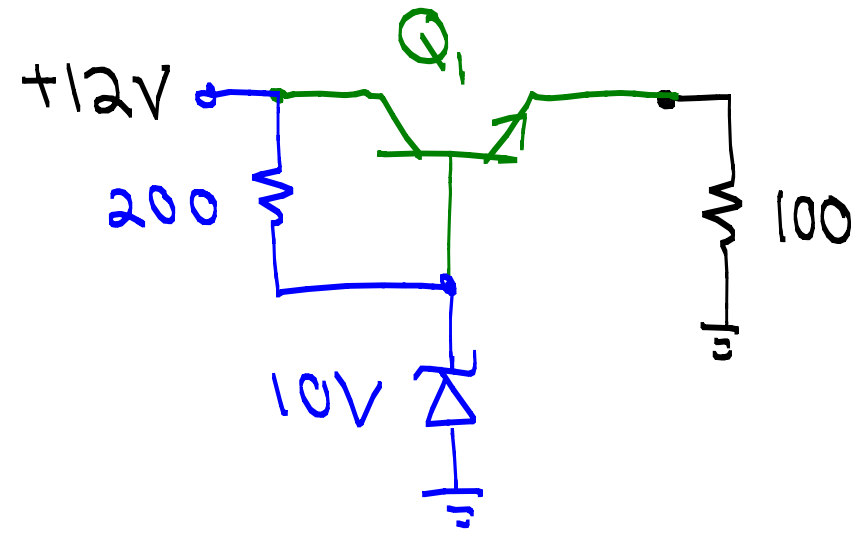
② Pass Transistor

③ Negative Feedback

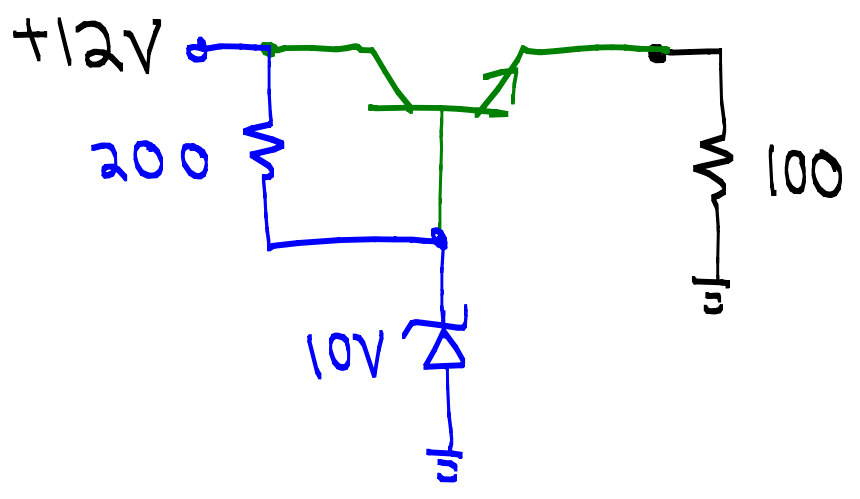


# 2. Emitter Follower Analysis

- Recall the zener follower from ECE 248:



- "Quick" analysis (ECE 248 style):



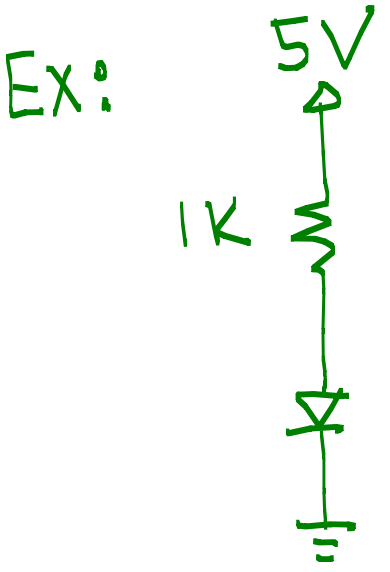
\* Problems with this circuit?

①

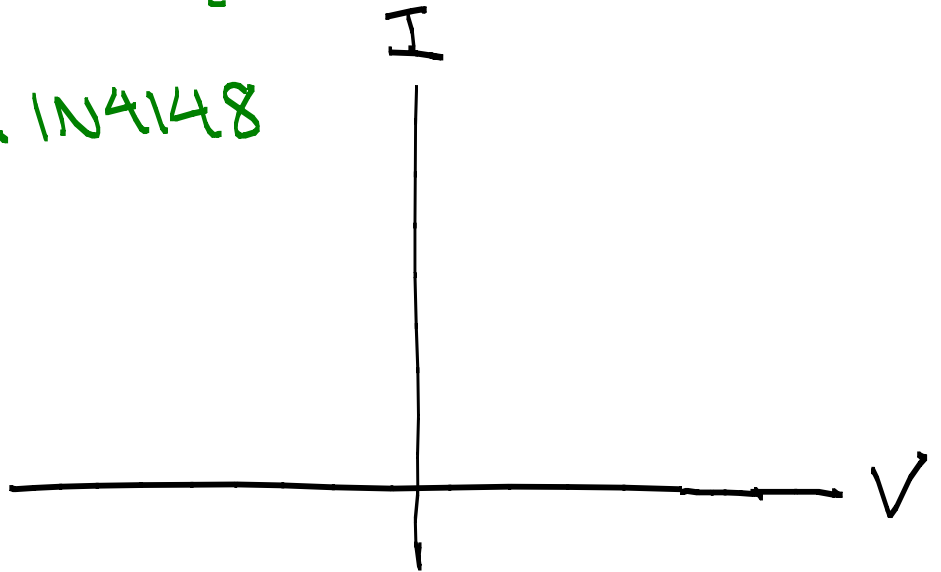
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# • Diode Review

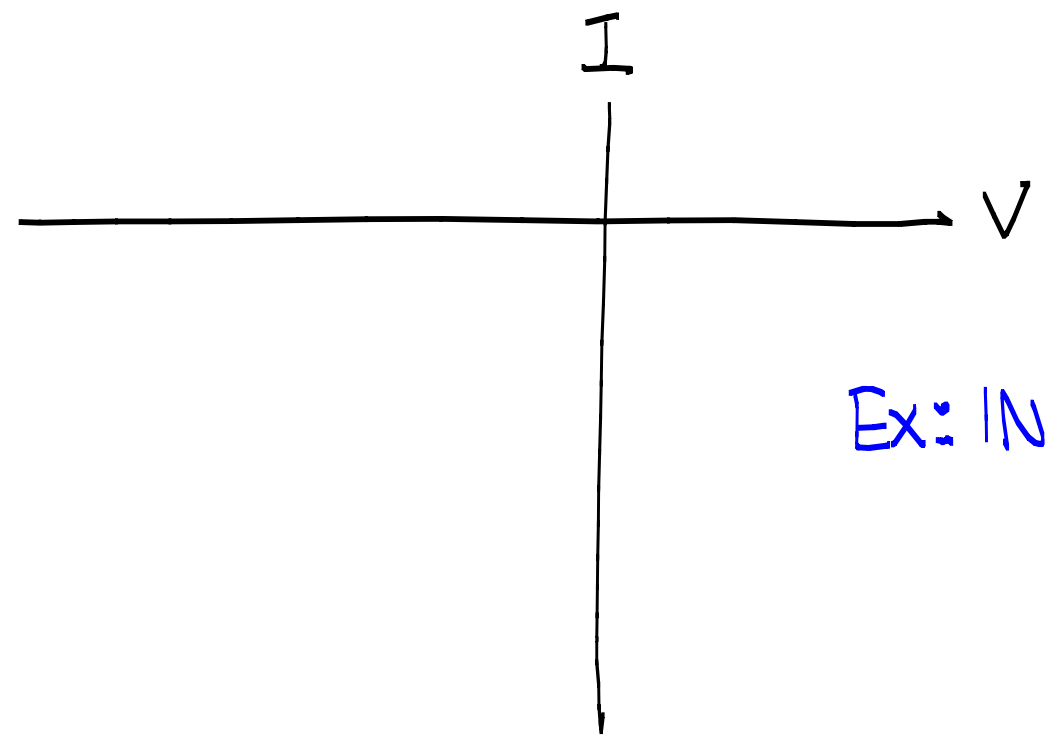
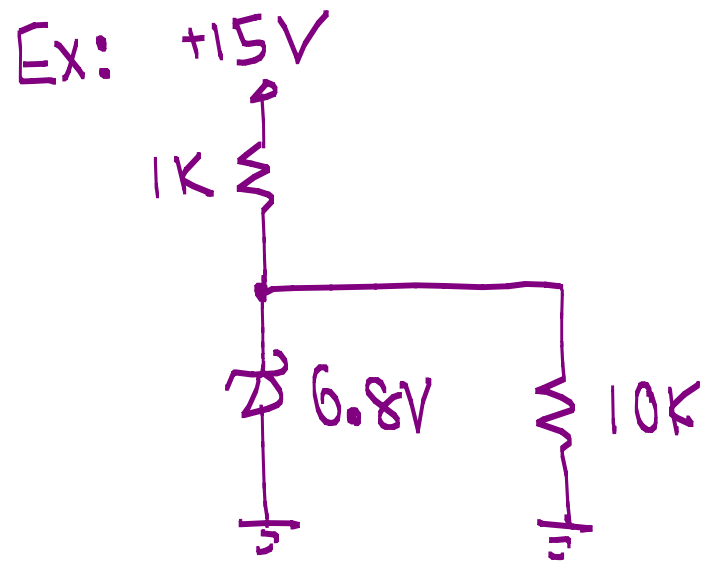
"Typical" Diode



Ex: 1N4148

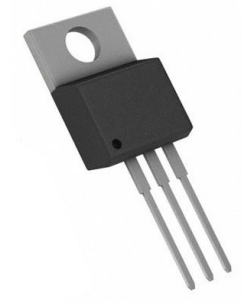


Zener Diode

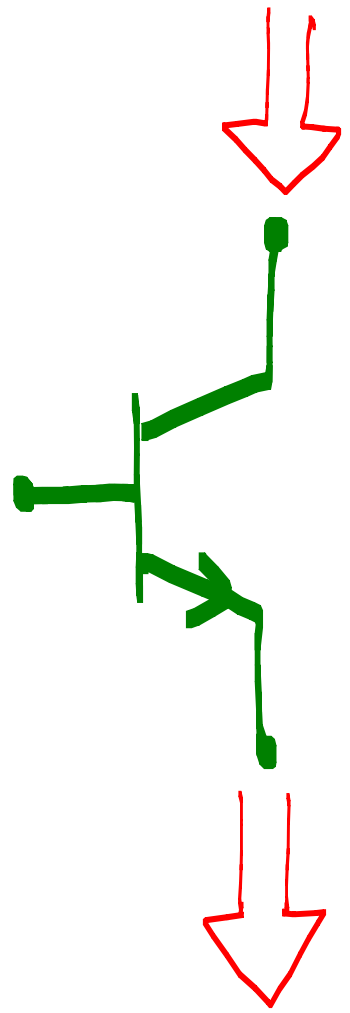


Ex: 1N4735A

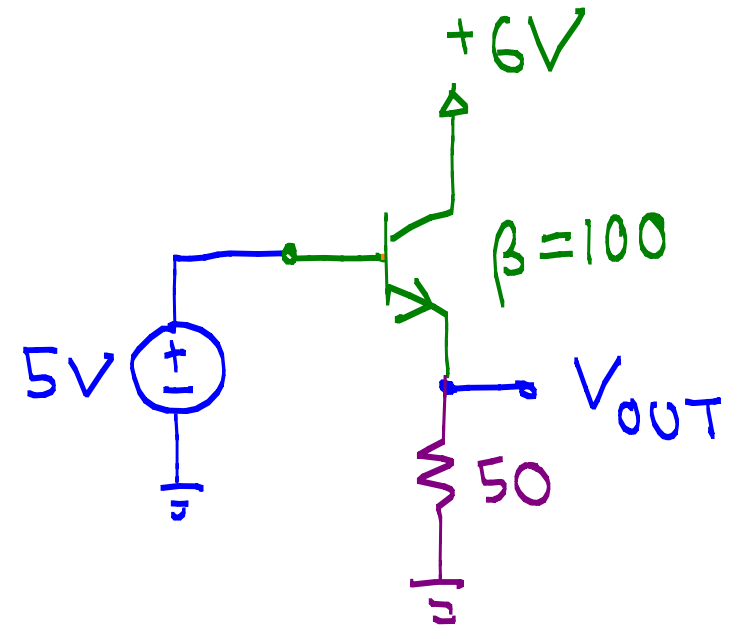
# • Transistor Review (Active Mode)



Typical  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta = \\ I_c = \end{array} \right.$



Ex:



- ①  $V_{OUT}$
- ②  $i_L$
- ③  $i_S$

# • Power Dissipation

Device failure is usually due to

★ Rule of thumb:

Ex: 1/4 W resistor

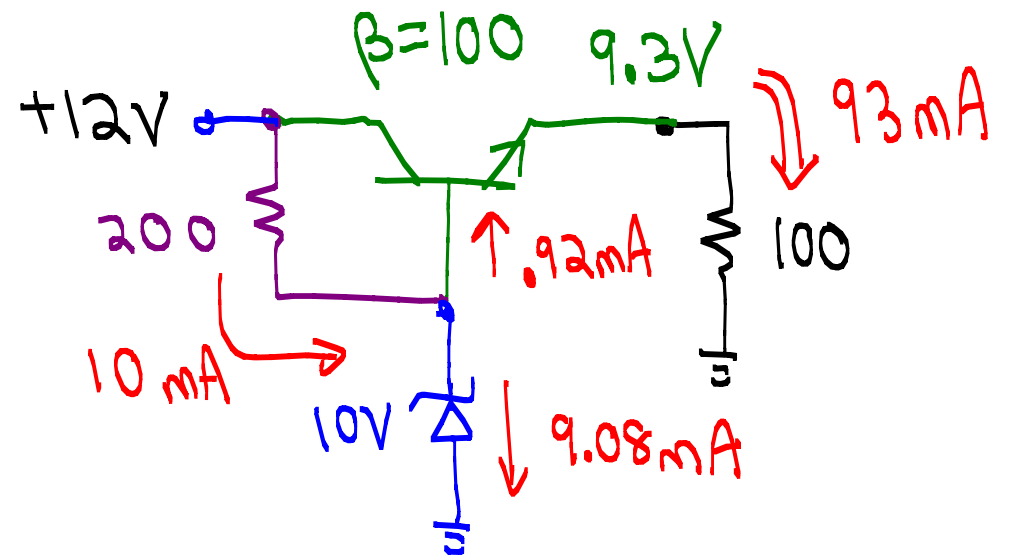
P =

1/2 W zener

P =

0.6 W Transistor

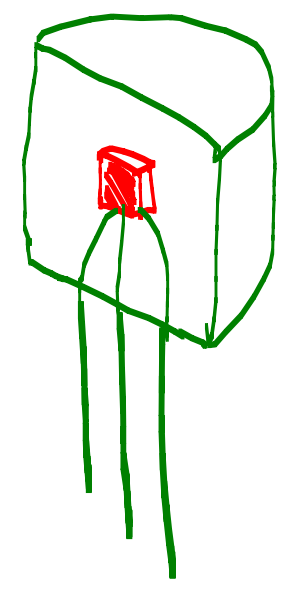
P =





Q: What determines max power limit?

A: The temperature



① Power dissipation

② Heat travels

③ Heat escapes

# Thermal Characteristics $T_a = 25^\circ\text{C}$ unless otherwise noted For 2N3904 transistor

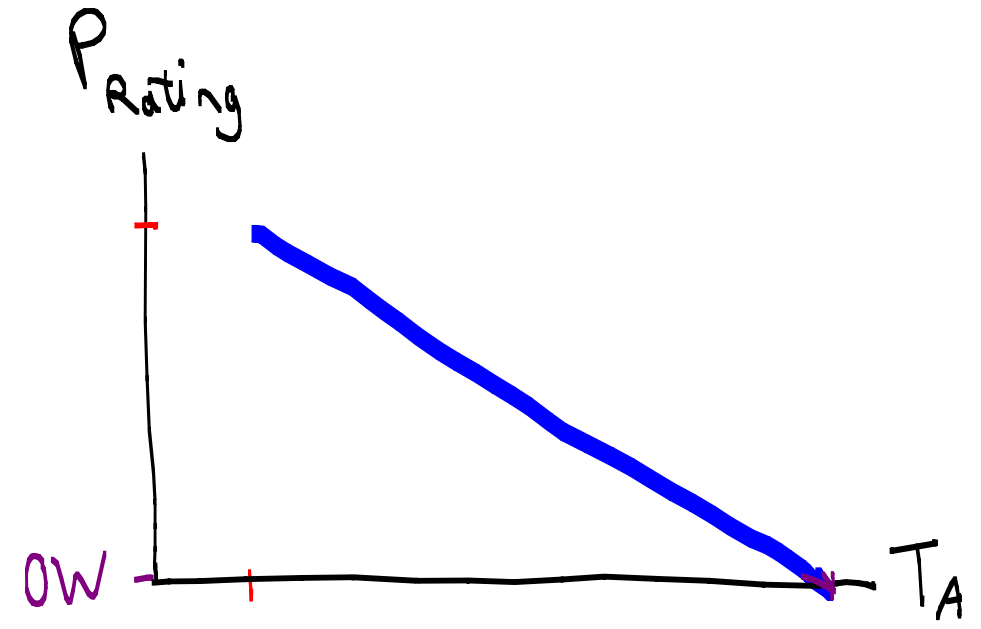
Symbol	Parameter	Max.			Units
		2N3904	*MMBT3904	**PZT3904	
$P_D$	Total Device Dissipation	625	350	1,000	mW
	Derate above $25^\circ\text{C}$	5.0	2.8	8.0	mW/ $^\circ\text{C}$
$R_{\theta JC}$	Thermal Resistance, Junction to Case	83.3			$^\circ\text{C/W}$
$R_{\theta JA}$	Thermal Resistance, Junction to Ambient	200	357	125	$^\circ\text{C/W}$

For BJT, max  $T_J = 150^\circ\text{C}$ !

$(T_A = 25^\circ\text{C})$   $P_{\text{Rating}} =$

$(T_A = 75^\circ\text{C})$   $P_{\text{Rating}} =$

## Derating Curve



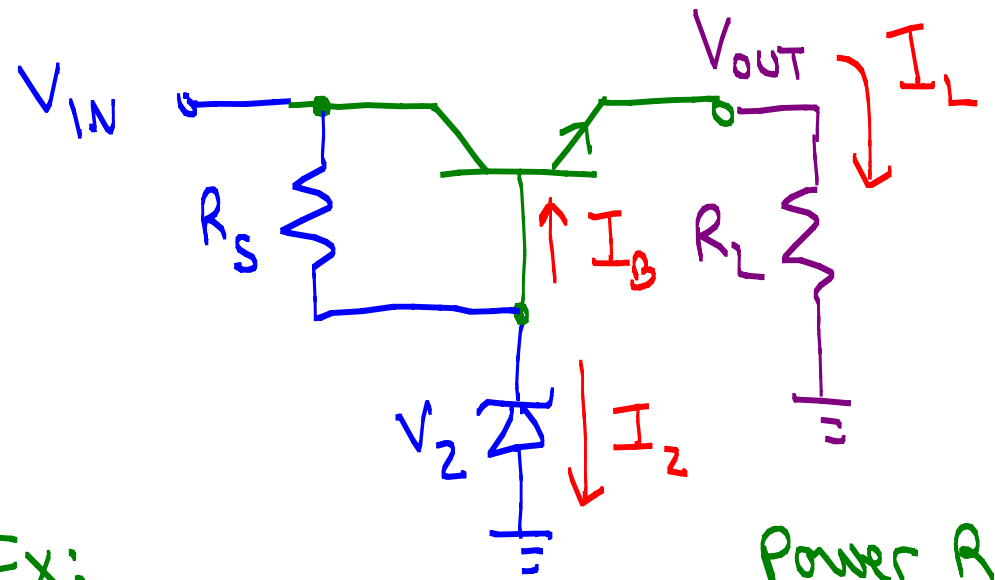
# 3. Emitter Follower Design

Q: How to choose components?

★ Know your load:

★ Proper Transistor:

★ Zener:



Ex:

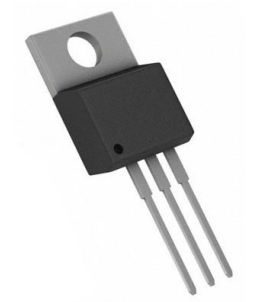
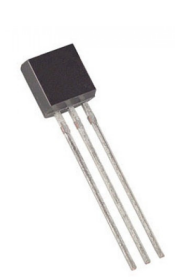
Transistor	Max $I_c$	Power Rating	
		No heat sink $T_A = 25^\circ C$	With Heat sink $T_c = 25^\circ C$

2N3904	200 mA	625 mW	
2N4401	600 mA	625 mW	1.5W
TIP31	3 A	2 W	40W

2N3904

2N4401

TIP31

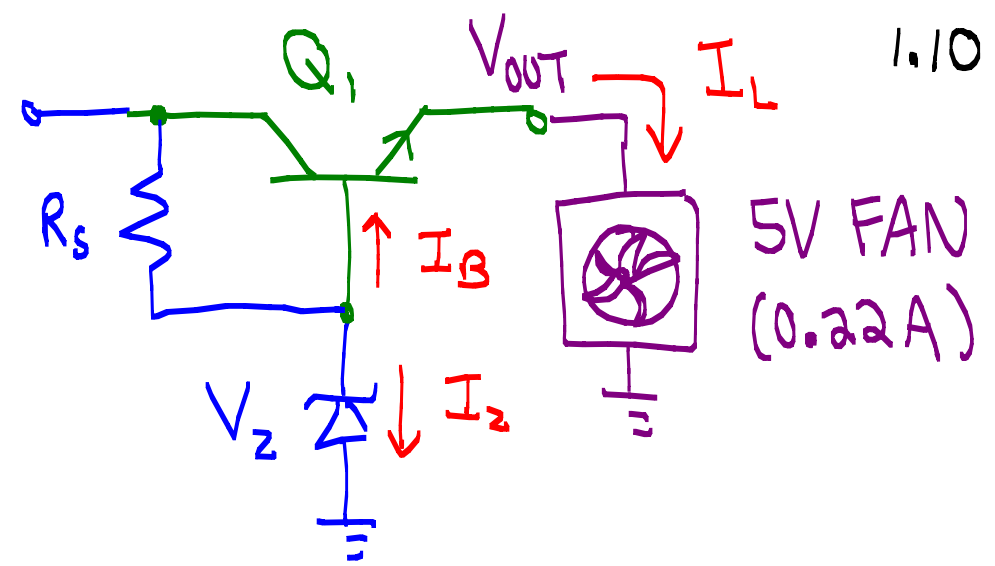


- Design example

- $Q_1$ ?

- $R_s$ ?

12-15V



• If designing for "typical" Q, properties:

$$\rightarrow R_s <$$

Power rating?

Zener?

• If designing for "worst case" Q, properties:

$$\rightarrow R_s <$$

Zener?

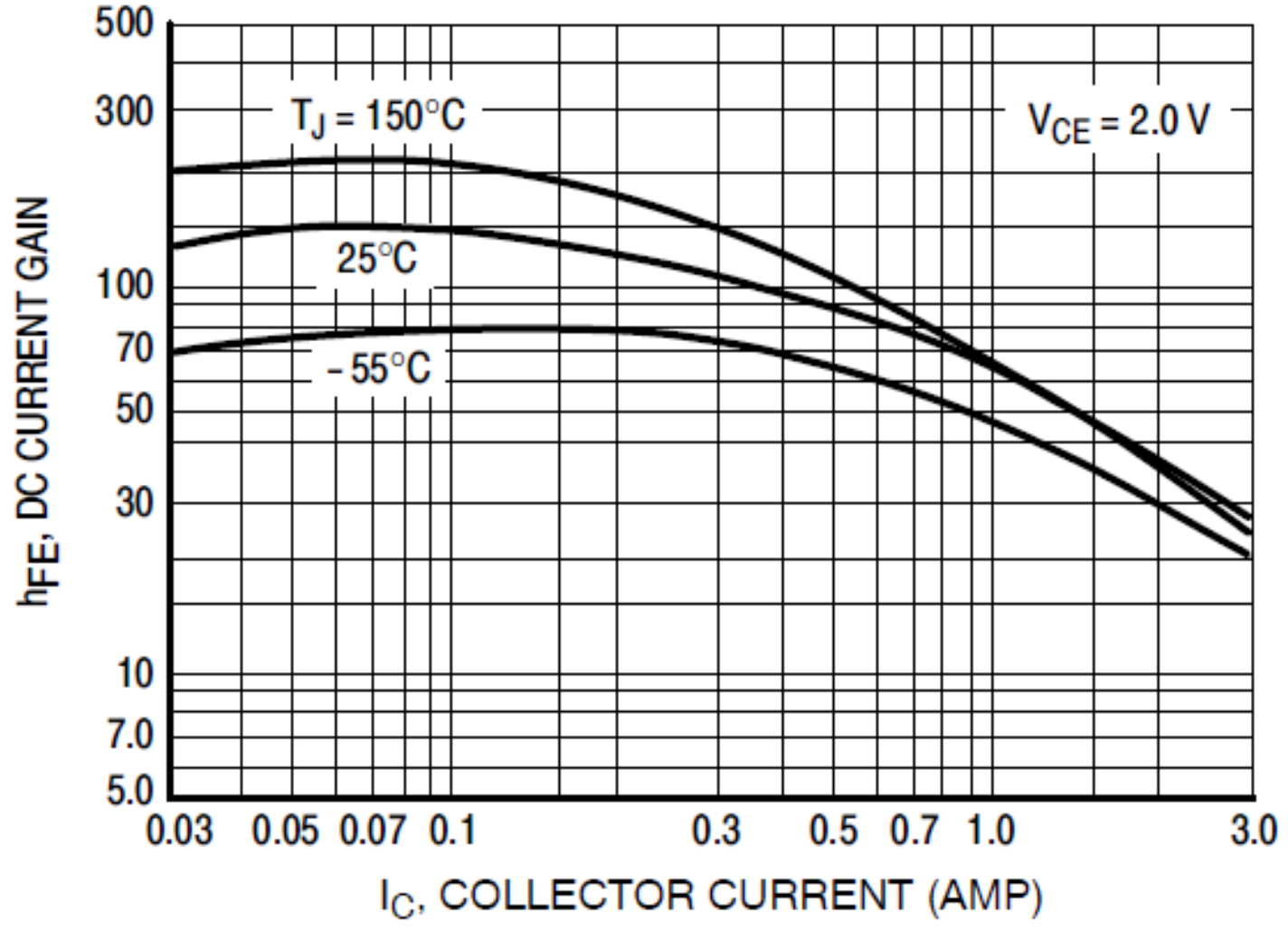
# Appendix #1

In reality,  $\beta$  depends on  $I_c$ !

To obtain "typical" value, use graph of  $\beta$  vs  $I_c$  in datasheet (A1.1)

## TIP 31

**STEP 1** Estimate  $I_c$



**STEP 2** use plot to find  $\beta$

Figure 9. DC Current Gain

- Any device parameter has "typical" and "worst case" values!  
 use the table of "On Characteristics" ←

**TIP 31**

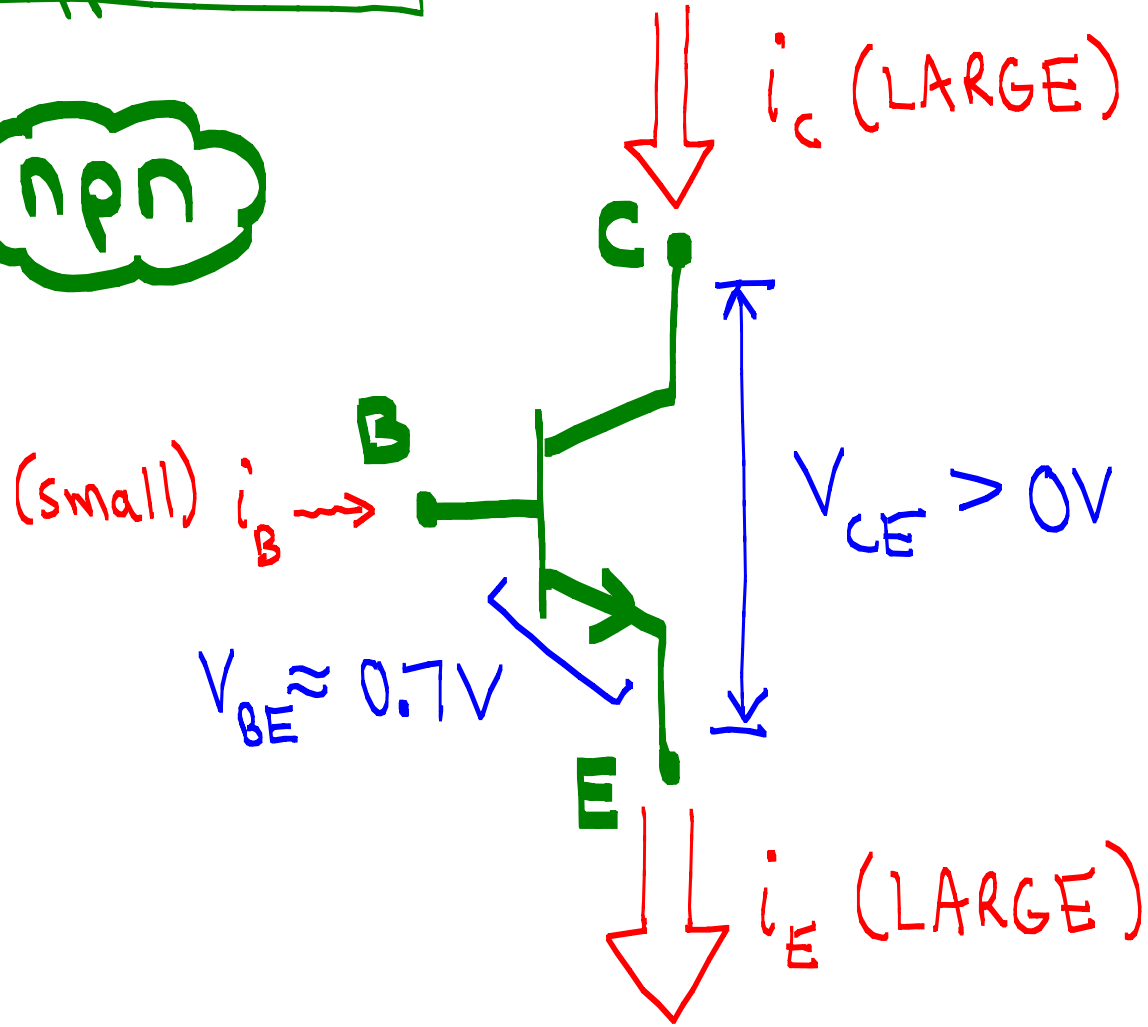
ON CHARACTERISTICS (Note 2)

		min	max	
DC Current Gain ( $I_C = 1.0 \text{ Adc}, V_{CE} = 4.0 \text{ Vdc}$ ) ( $I_C = 3.0 \text{ Adc}, V_{CE} = 4.0 \text{ Vdc}$ )	$h_{FE}$	25	-	-
		10	50	
Collector-Emitter Saturation Voltage ( $I_C = 3.0 \text{ Adc}, I_B = 375 \text{ mAdc}$ )	$V_{CE(sat)}$	-	1.2	Vdc
Base-Emitter On Voltage ( $I_C = 3.0 \text{ Adc}, V_{CE} = 4.0 \text{ Vdc}$ )	$V_{BE(on)}$	-	1.8	Vdc

- Table only has  $\beta_{min}$  for  $I_c = 1A$ .  
 → but we need  $I_c \sim 220 \text{ mA}$ .

Appendix #2

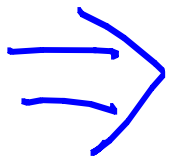
npn



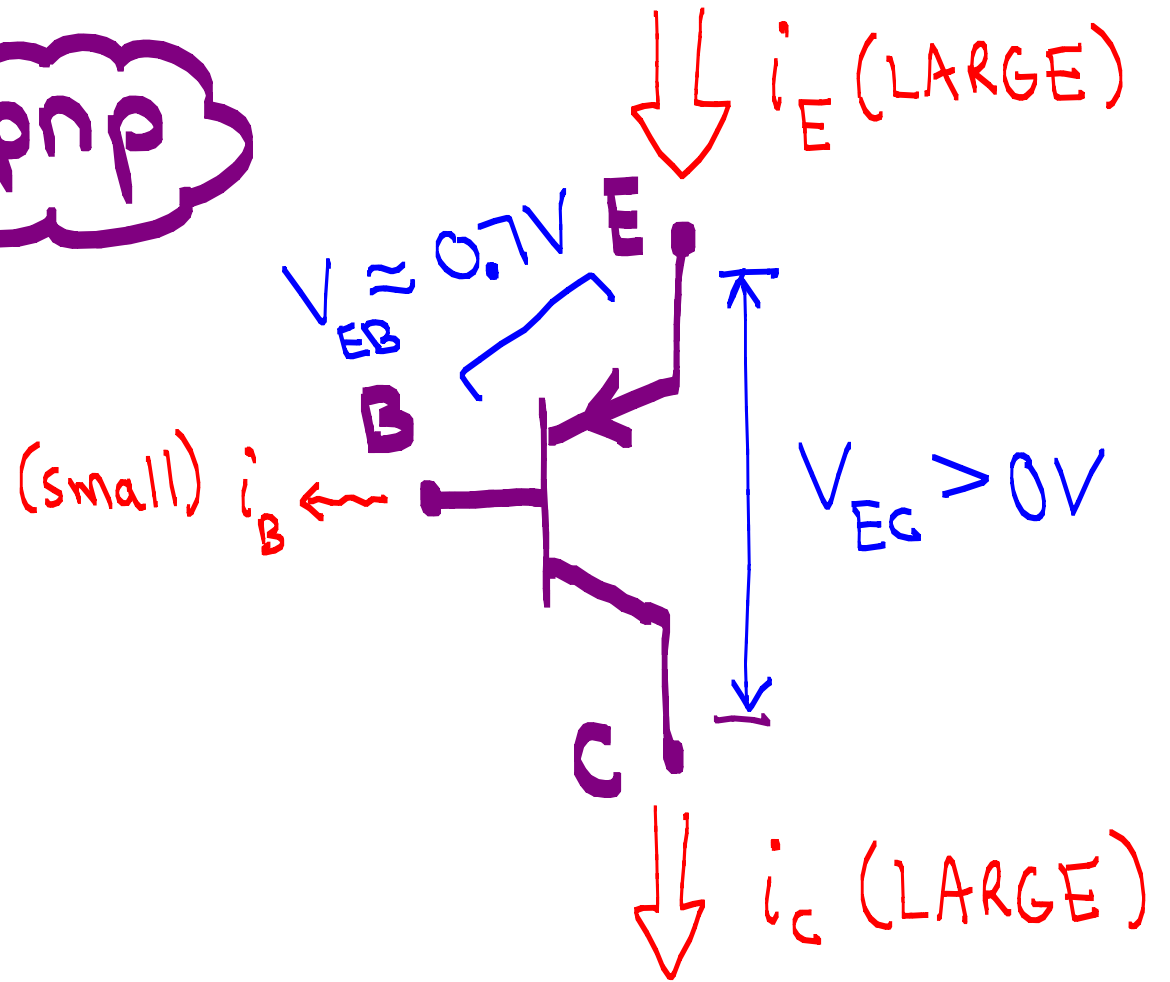
Always true!

$$i_B + i_C = i_E$$

★ For both npn + pnp



pnP



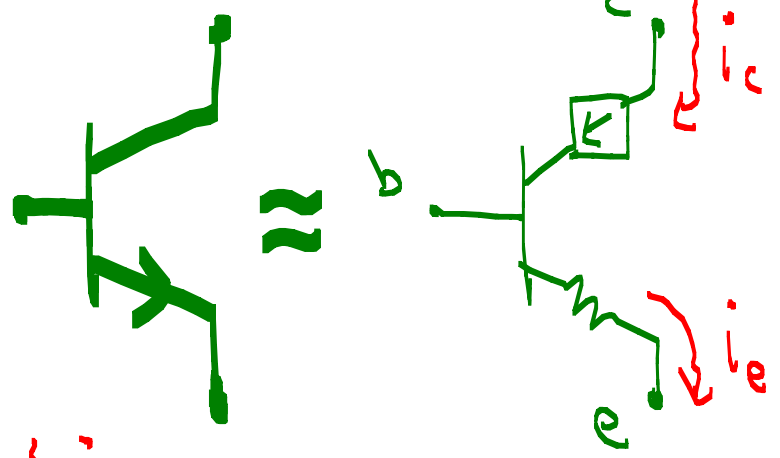
Only true for Active Mode

$$i_C = \beta i_B = \alpha i_E \text{ AND } i_E = (\beta + 1) i_B$$

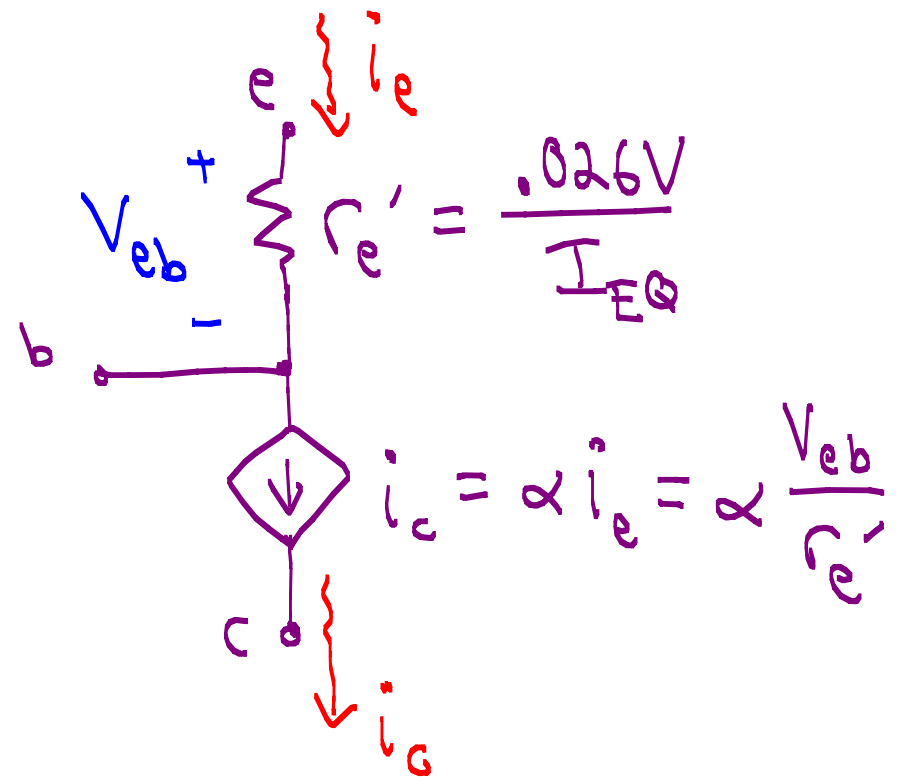
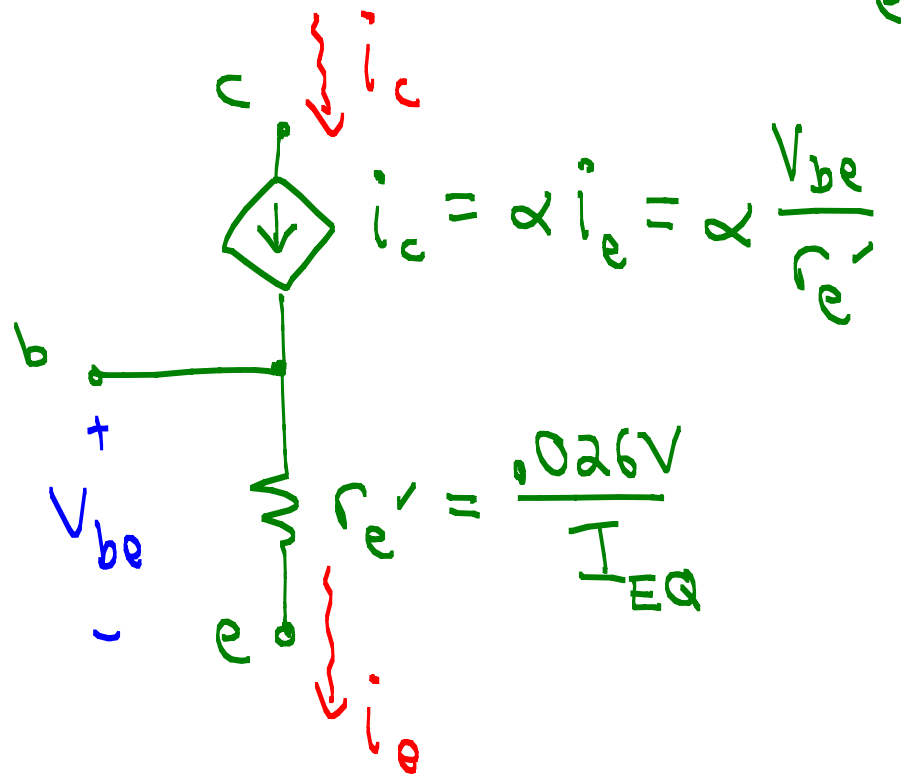
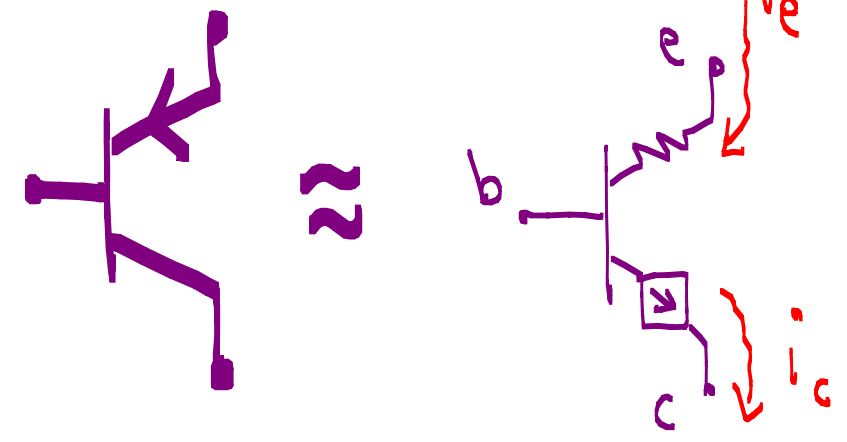


• T-model ← useful for understanding amplifier gain and input/output impedance

npn



pnp



# Appendix #3

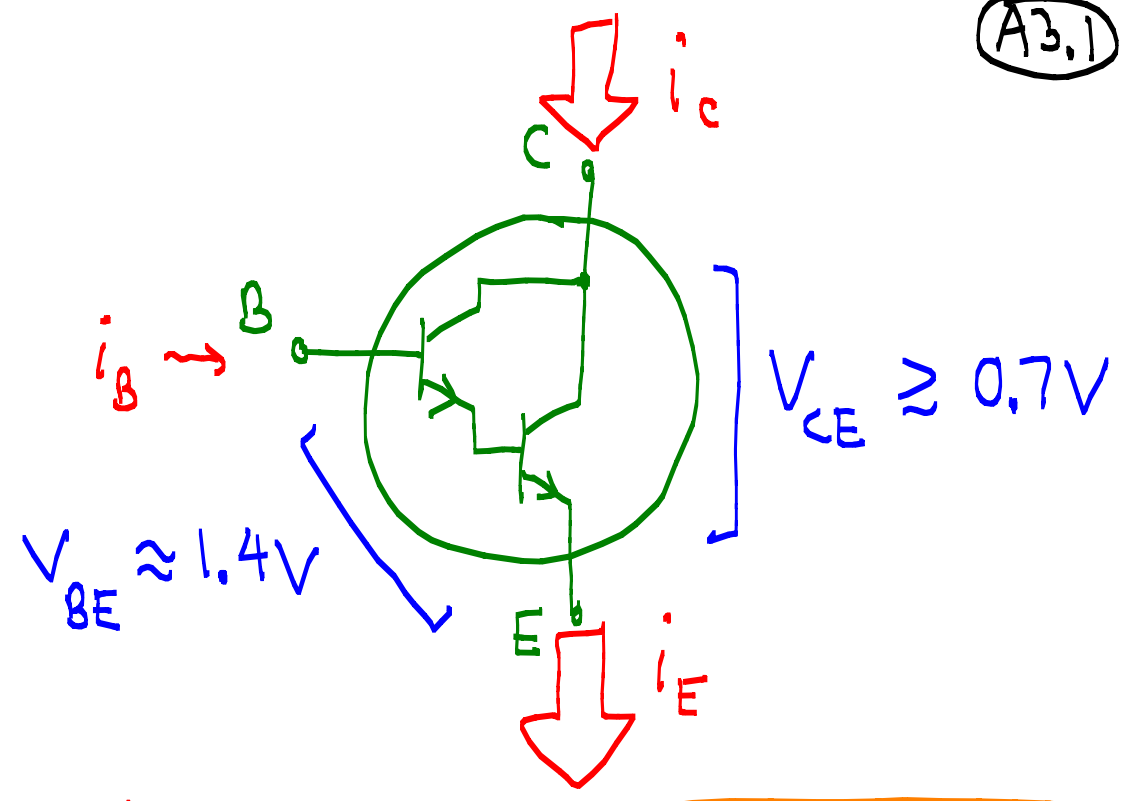
A3.1

$\beta > 1000$

- Extra high current gain is possible with a Darlington!

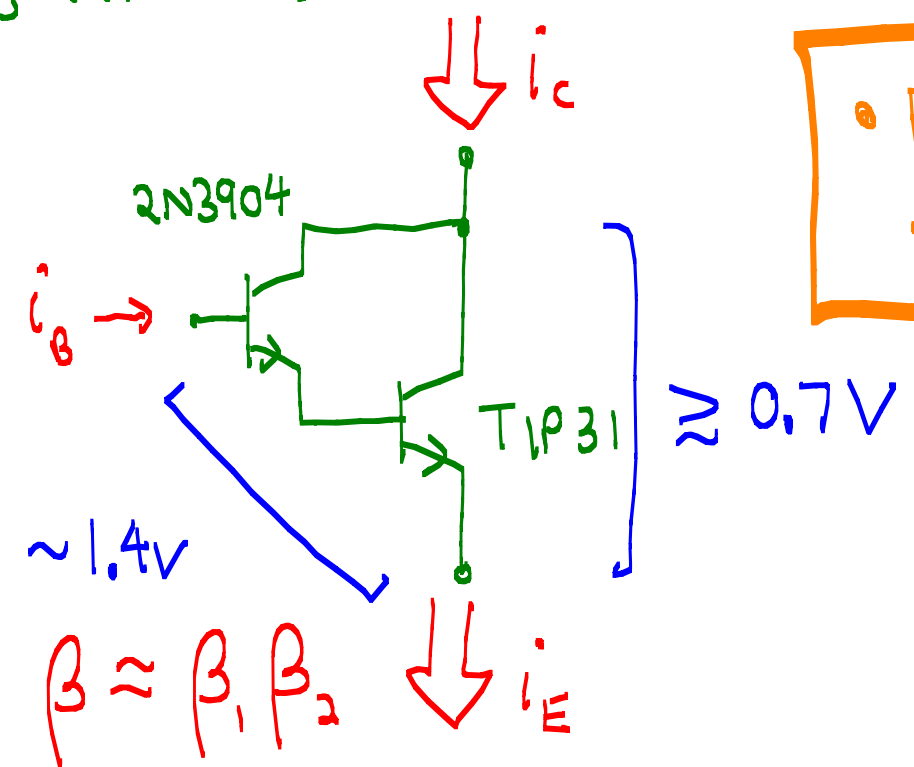
## (a) Darlington Transistor

→ single device containing both transistors (e.g. KSP14, TIP120)



## (b) Darlington Pair

→ two separate transistors connected to each other (e.g. 2N3904 + TIP31)

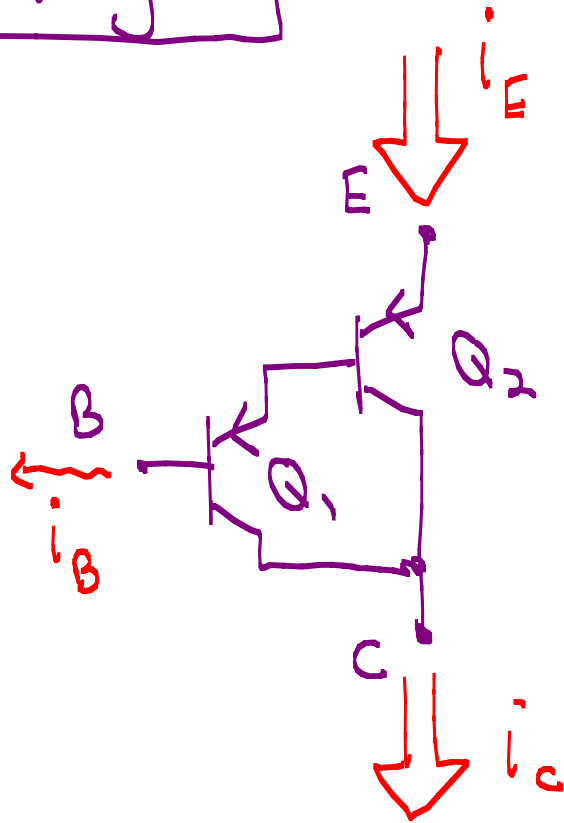


• For Darlington "quick" analysis,  
 $V_{BE} = 1.4V$   
 $\beta = 10,000$   
 $V_{CE(sat)} = 0.7V$

# pnP Darlington

Method 1

Two pnp's

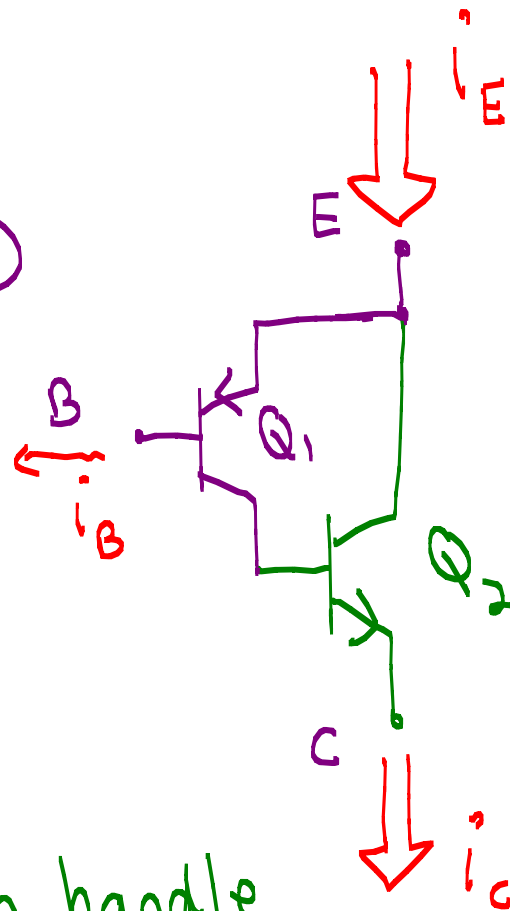


Method 2

$Q_1 = \text{pnp}$

$Q_2 = \text{nnp}$

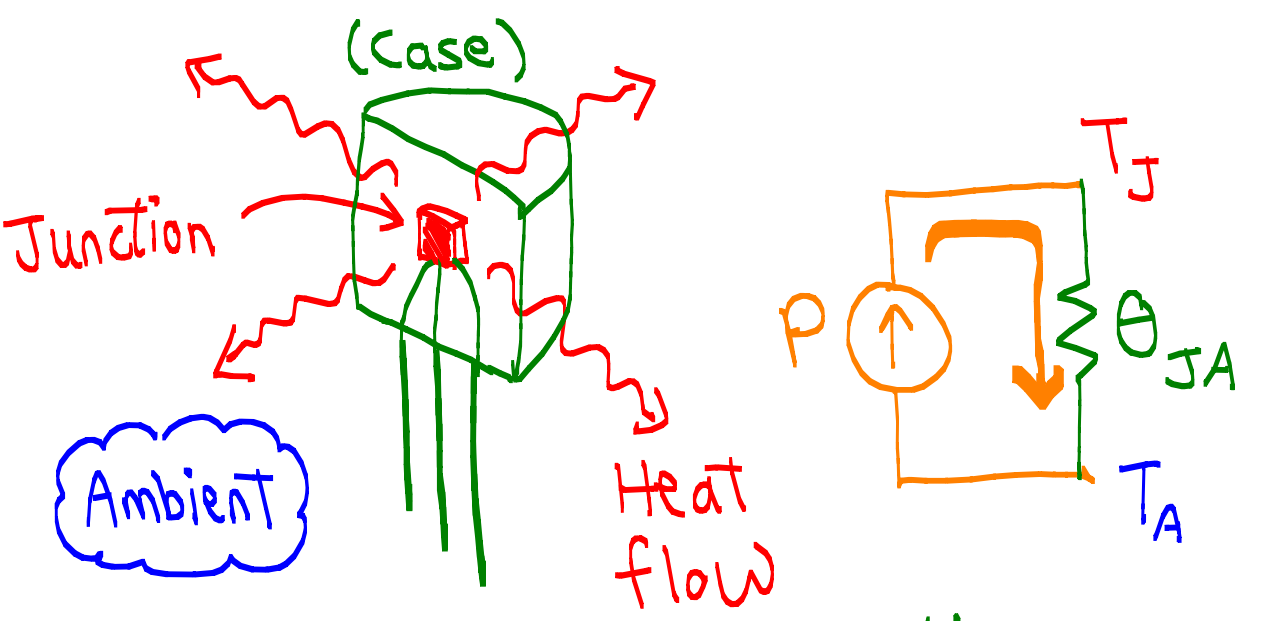
nnp can handle higher currents than pnp



Called "Complementary" or "Sziklai" Pair

# Appendix #4 Heat sink formulas

## • NO heat sink



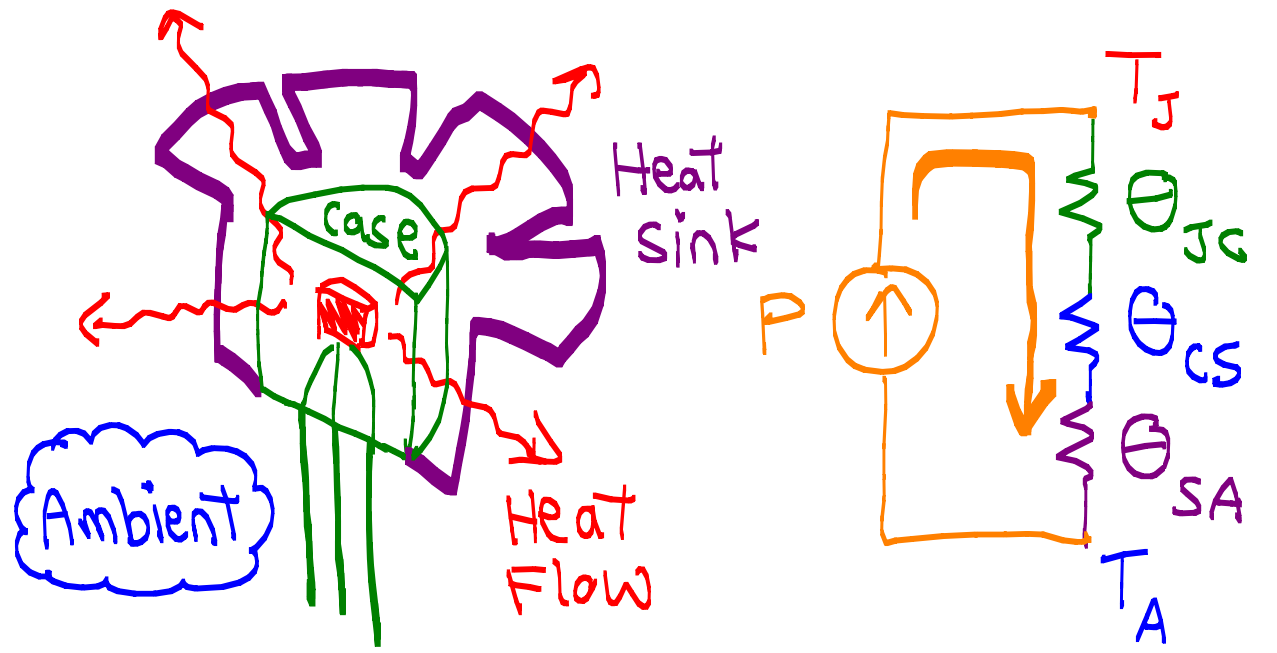
$$T_J = T_A + P \times \Theta_{JA}$$

← Junction to Ambient

$$= T_A + P \times [\Theta_{JC} + \Theta_{CA}]$$

↑ Junction to case      ↑ Case to Ambient

## • WITH heat sink



$$T_J = T_A + P \times [\Theta_{JC} + \Theta_{CS} + \Theta_{SA}]$$

↑ Junction to case      ↑ Case to sink      ↑ sink to Ambient

"new"  $\Theta_{JA}$