

# BIPOLAR TRANSISTOR BIASING AND BETA DEPENDENCE

- BETA CAN VARY A LOT
- DEVICE TO DEVICE
  - VS.  $I_C$
  - VS.  $V_{CE}$
  - VS. TEMPERATURE

BETA : 3 TRANSISTORS

NOMINAL : 180

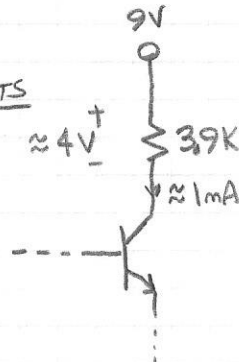
LOW : 115

HIGH : 275

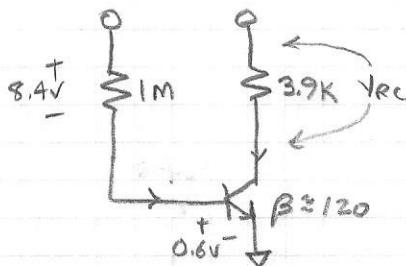
## EXAMPLE REQUIREMENTS

OPERATING POINT  
QUIESCENT POINT  
Q-POINT  
BIAS POINT

$V_{CC} = 9V$   
 $R_L = 3.9K\Omega$   
 $V_{RL} \approx 4V$   
 $I_C \approx 1mA$



### FIXED BASE BIAS

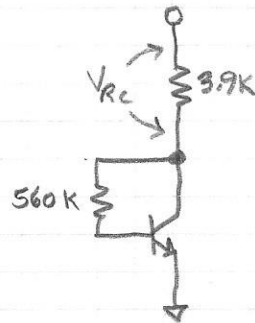


RELIES ON  
BETA

$V_{RC}$

NOMINAL : 4.02  
LOW : 2.98  
HIGH : 7.69

### COLLECTOR FEEDBACK BIAS

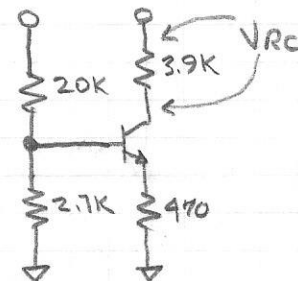


FEEDBACK HELPS  
STABILIZE Q-POINT

$V_{RC}$

NOMINAL : 3.86  
LOW : 3.28  
HIGH : 5.50

### VOLTAGE DIVIDER BIAS

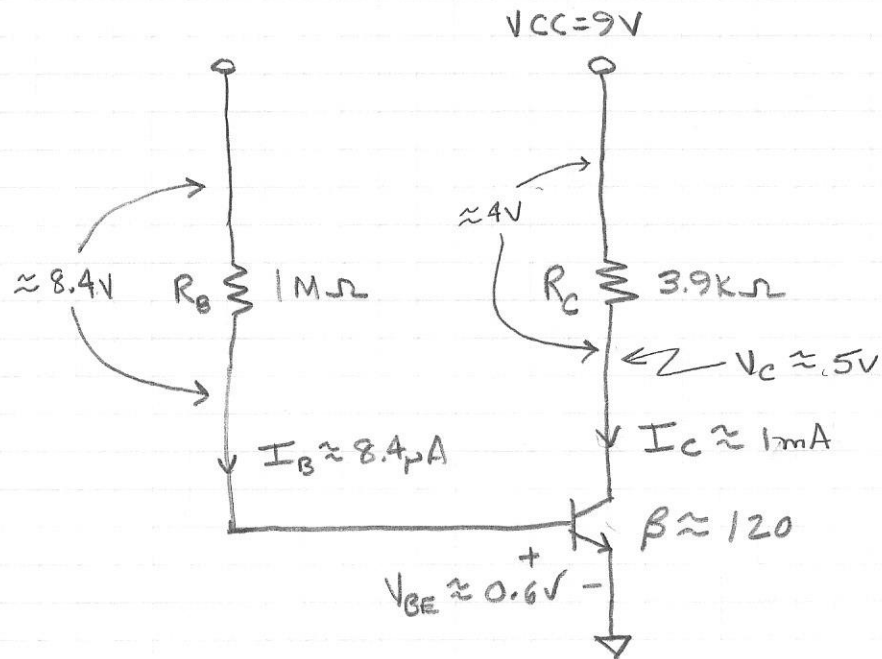


- USE RESISTORS TO  
SETUP BIAS VOLTAGES  
- MAKE  $I_B$  INSIGNIFICANT

$V_{RC}$

NOMINAL : 3.79  
LOW : 3.67  
HIGH : 3.98V

## BASE BIAS



$$I_B = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{BE}}{R_B}$$

$$I_C = \beta \cdot I_B$$

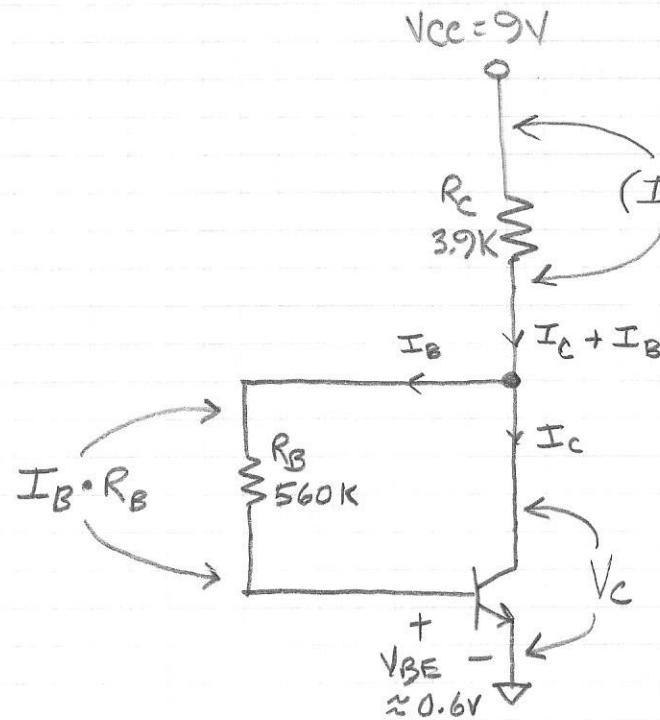
$$V_C = V_{CC} - I_C \cdot R_C$$

$$V_C = V_{CC} - \beta \cdot I_B \cdot R_C$$

$$V_{RC} = \beta \cdot I_B \cdot R_C$$

↑  
 ← DIRECT DEPENDENCE ON  $\beta$

## COLLECTOR FEEDBACK BIAS



$$(I_C + I_B) \cdot R_C = (\beta + 1) \cdot I_B \cdot R_C$$

$$V_{CC} = V_{BE} + I_B \cdot R_B + (\beta + 1) \cdot I_B \cdot R_C$$

$$I_B = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{BE}}{R_B + (\beta + 1)R_C} \quad I_C = \frac{\beta \cdot (V_{CC} - V_{BE})}{R_B + (\beta + 1)R_C}$$

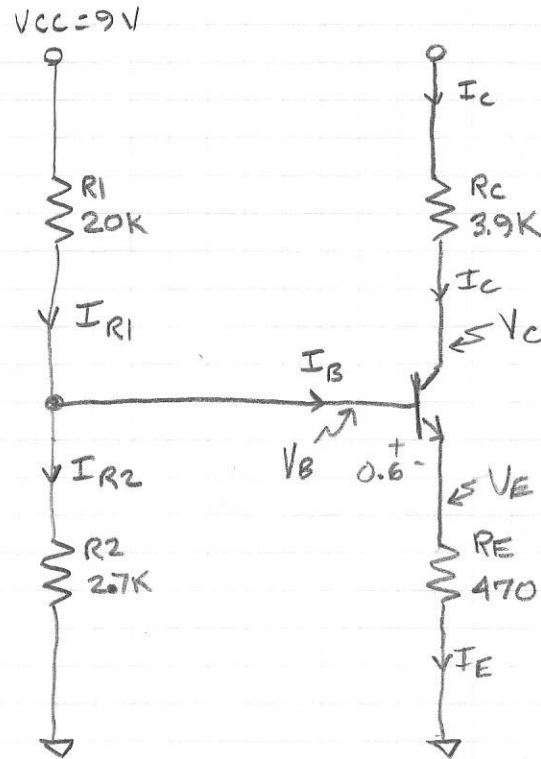
$$V_{RC} = R_C \cdot (\beta + 1) \cdot I_B$$

$$V_{RC} = R_C \cdot \frac{(\beta + 1) \cdot (V_{CC} - V_{BE})}{R_B + (\beta + 1)R_C}$$

$$V_C = V_{CC} - V_{RC}$$

$\beta$  DEPENDENCE IS  
REDUCED AS  $(\beta + 1)R_C$   
IS MADE LARGE WITH  
RESPECT TO  $R_B$

# VOLTAGE DIVIDER BIAS (TAKES $I_B$ OUT OF EQUATION)



- MAKE  $I_{R1} \gg I_B$  ( $\approx 50x$ )

- QUICK APPROXIMATIONS:

$$I_C \approx I_E \quad I_{R1} \approx I_{R2} \quad (\beta > 100)$$

- SET UP BIAS USING  $V_E / R_E$

- PICK  $V_E \approx 500mV$

- FOR  $I_E \approx 1mA$ ,  $R_E \approx 500\Omega$

(470 IS CLOSEST VALUE I HAD IN MY STASH)

$$\therefore V_B \approx V_{BE} + V_E = 1.1V$$

- PICK  $I_{R1} \approx 50x \cdot I_B$   $\left[ \frac{V_{CC}}{R_1 + R_2} \right]$

- CHOOSE  $R_1 + R_2$  TO RESULT IN  $V_B \approx 1.1V$