

# Lecture 6



## BJT BIASING

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## Biasing Circuit OF CE BJT Transistors



## دارات الانحياز لترانزستورات BJT

The DC voltages applied to a transistor in order to turn it on so that it can amplify the AC signal.

### The Three States of Operation:

- **Active or Linear Region Operation**

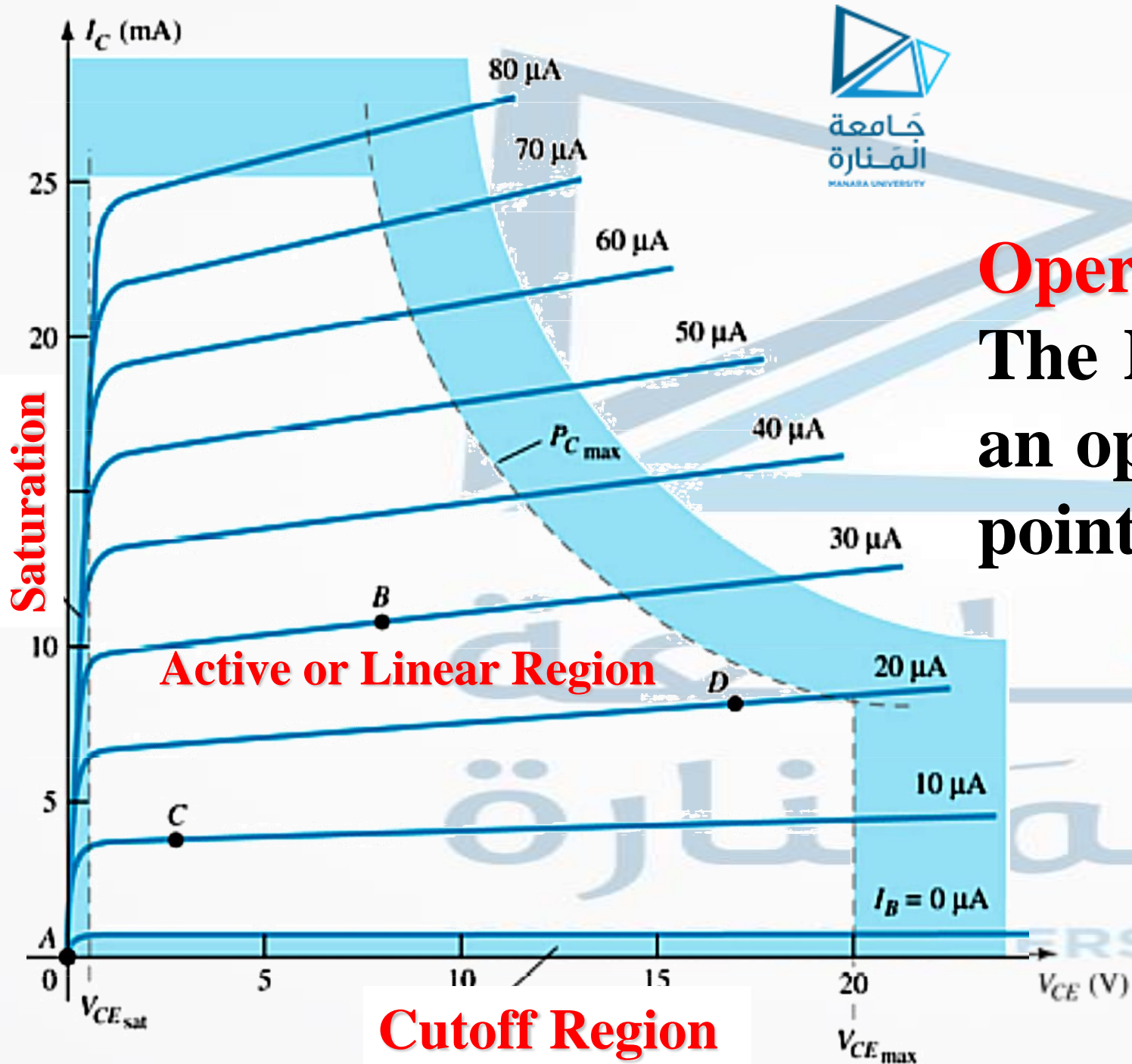
Base–Emitter junction is forward biased Base–Collector junction is reverse biased.

- **Cutoff Region Operation**

Base–Emitter junction is reverse biased.

- **Saturation Region Operation**

Base–Emitter junction is forward biased Base–Collector junction is forward biased.



## Operating Point

The DC input establishes an operating or quiescent point called the **Q-point**.

## DC Biasing Circuits



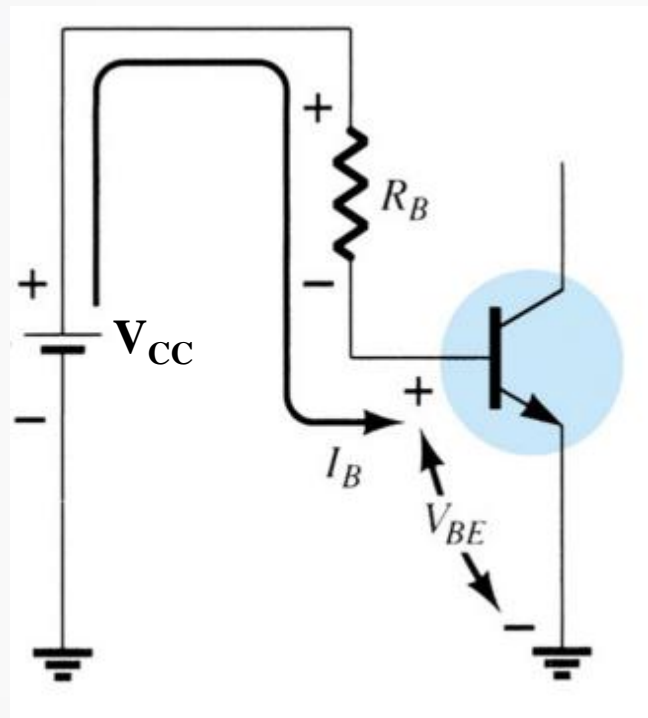
## دارات الانحياز

- Fixed-bias circuit **دارة الانحياز الثابت**
- Emitter-stabilized bias circuit **دارة انحياز الباعث المستقر**
- Collector-emitter loop **دارة الانحياز لحلقة الباعث المجمع**
- Voltage divider bias circuit **دارة انحياز مجزئ الجهد**
- DC bias with voltage feedback **دارة الانحياز بتغذية عكسية**

# Fixed Bias Circuit

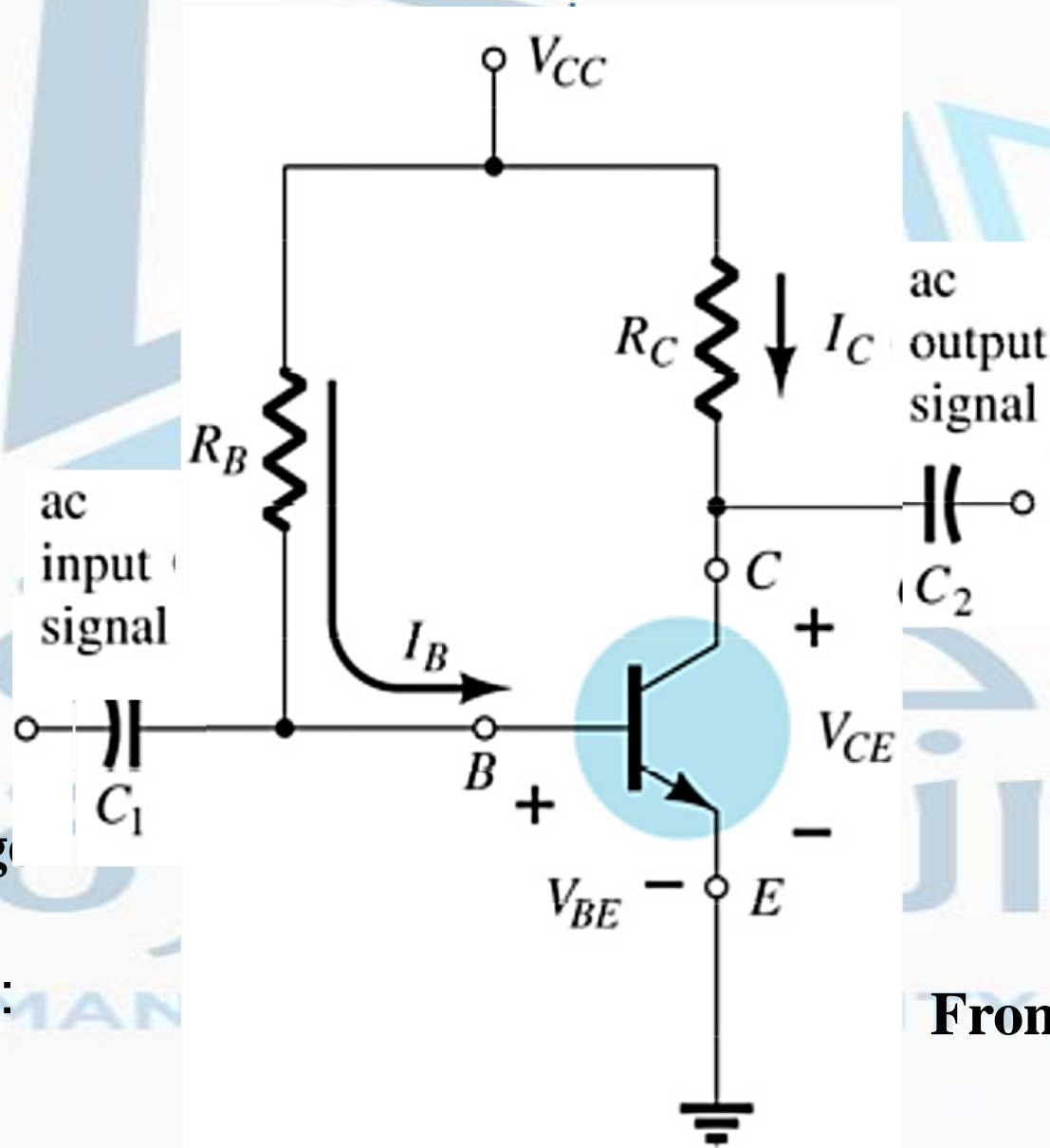


## The Base-Emitter Loop

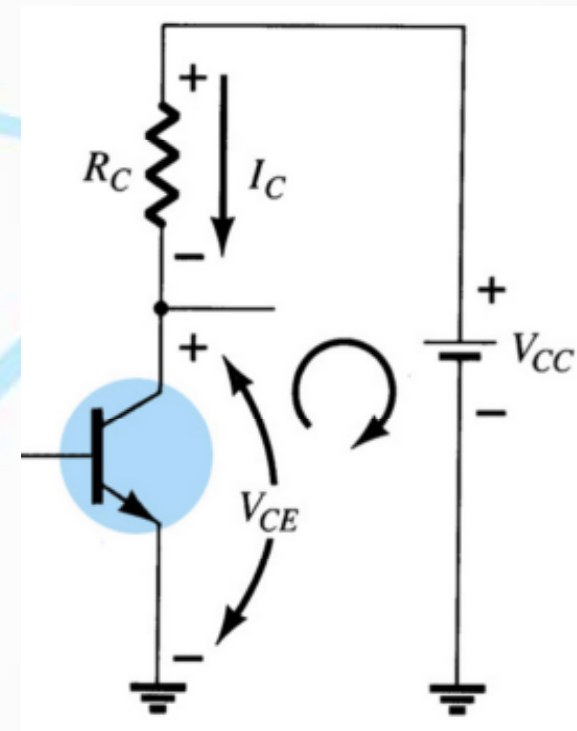


From Kirchhoff's voltage law:  
 $+V_{CC} - I_B R_B - V_{BE} = 0$   
 Solving for base current:

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



## Collector-Emitter Loop



Collector current:

$$I_C = \beta I_B$$

From Kirchhoff's voltage law:

$$V_{CE} = V_{CC} - I_C R_C$$

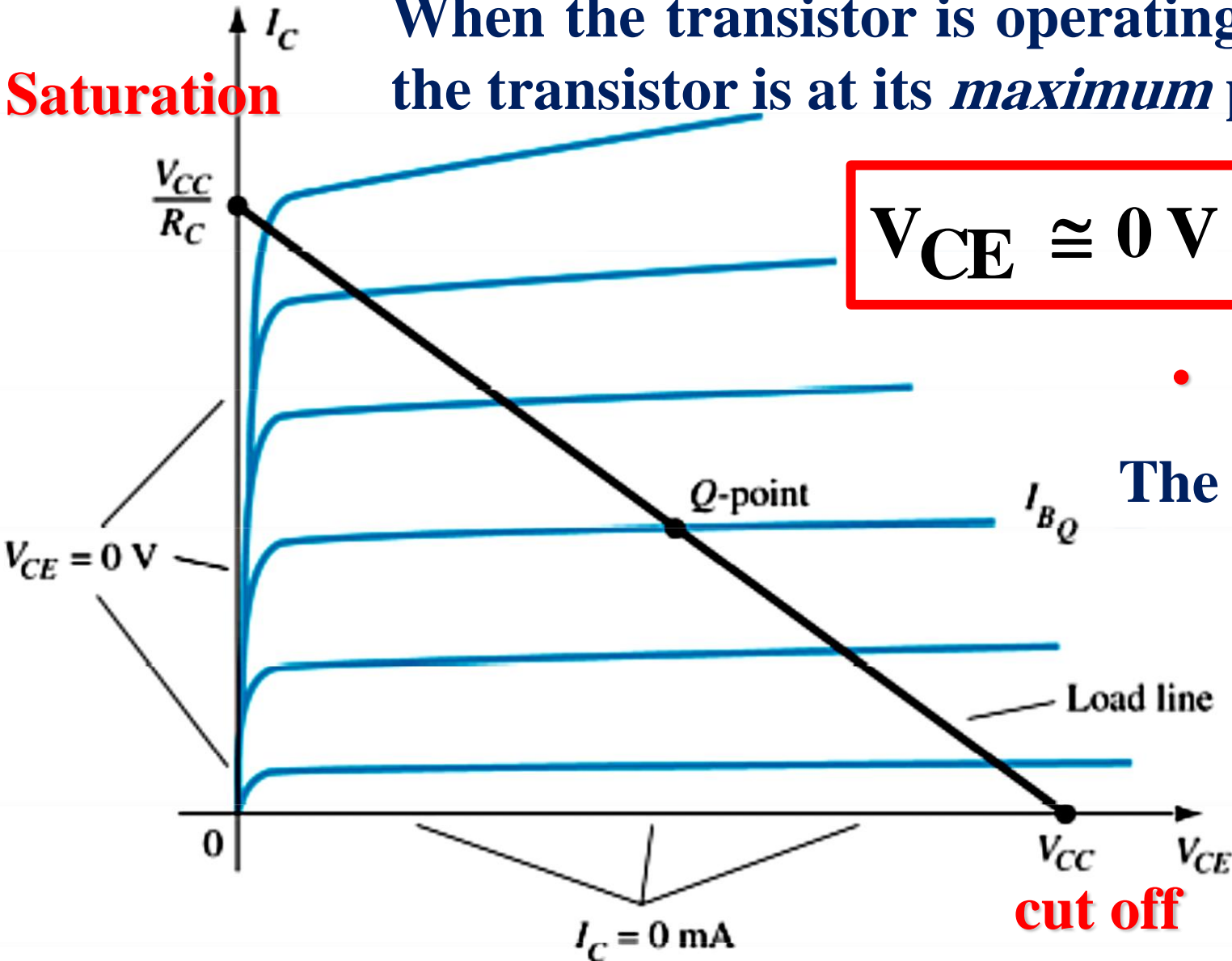
# Load Line Analysis



- **Saturation**

When the transistor is operating in saturation, current through the transistor is at its *maximum* possible value.

## Saturation



$$V_{CE} \cong 0 \text{ V}$$

$$I_{C\text{sat}} = \frac{V_{CC}}{R_C}$$

- **Active or Linear Region**

The **Q-point** is the operating point:

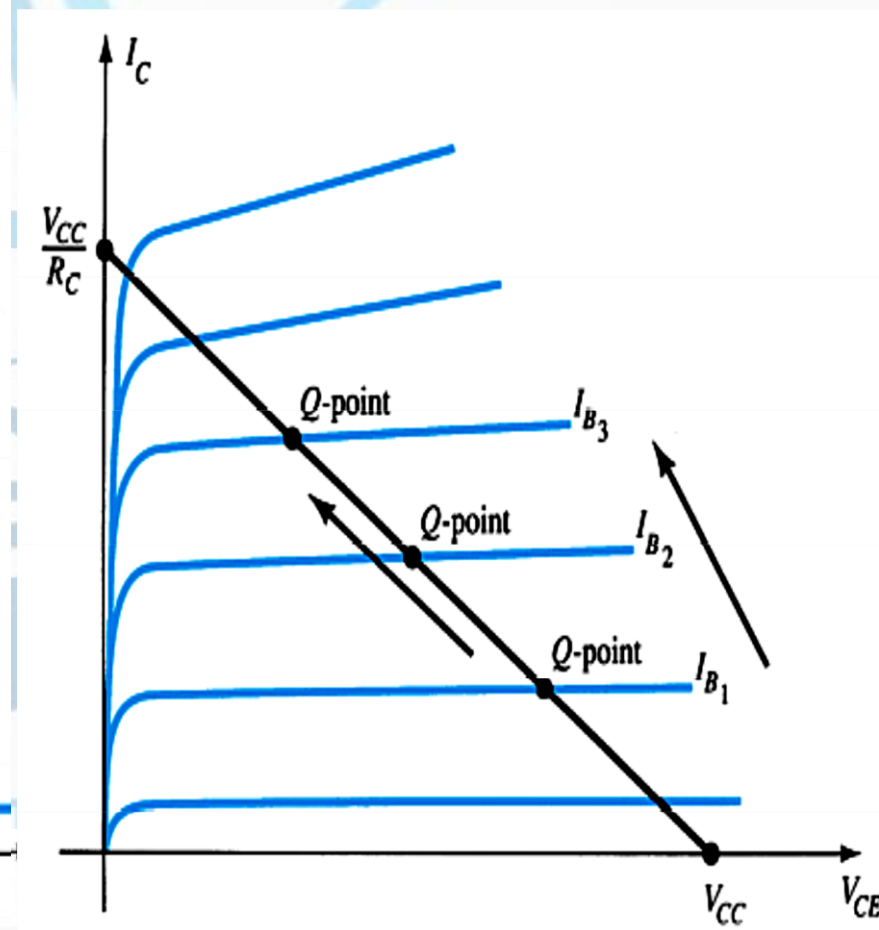
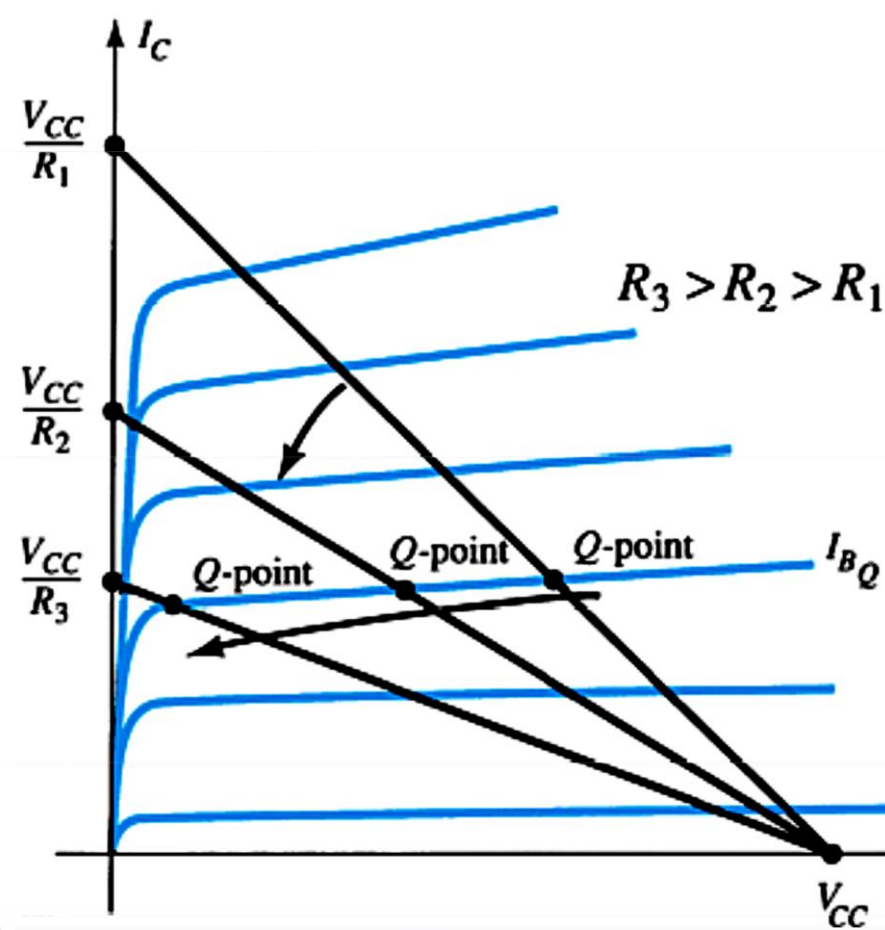
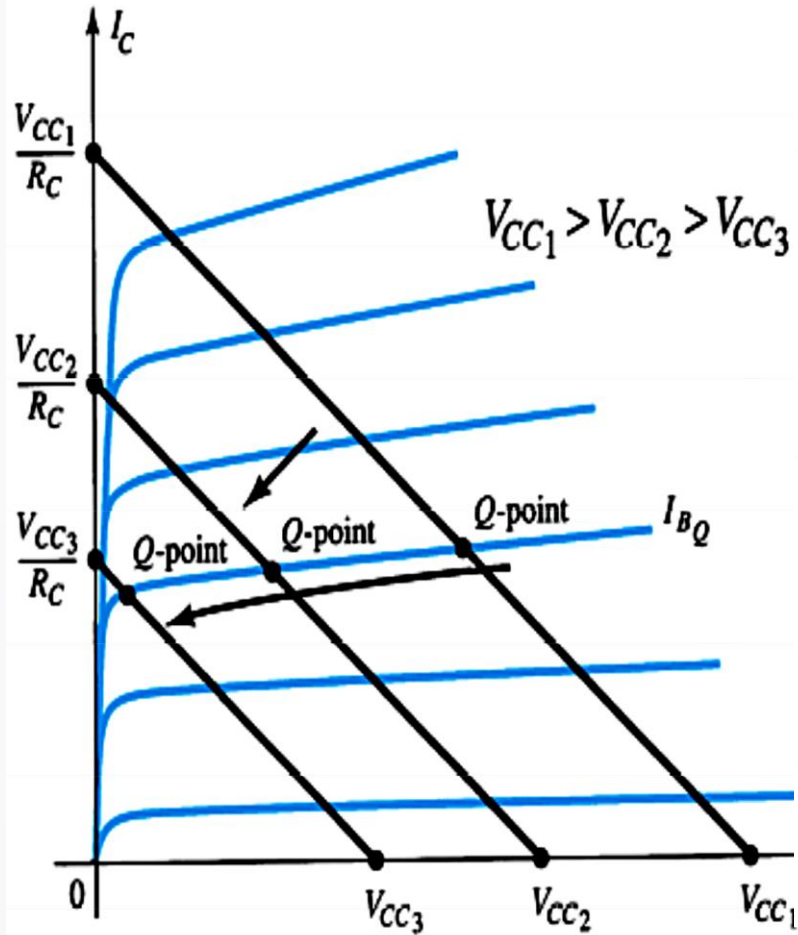
- where the value of  $R_B$  sets the value of  $I_B$
- that sets the values of  $V_{CE}$  and  $I_C$

# Circuit Values Affect the Q-Point

$V_{CC}$  Variable

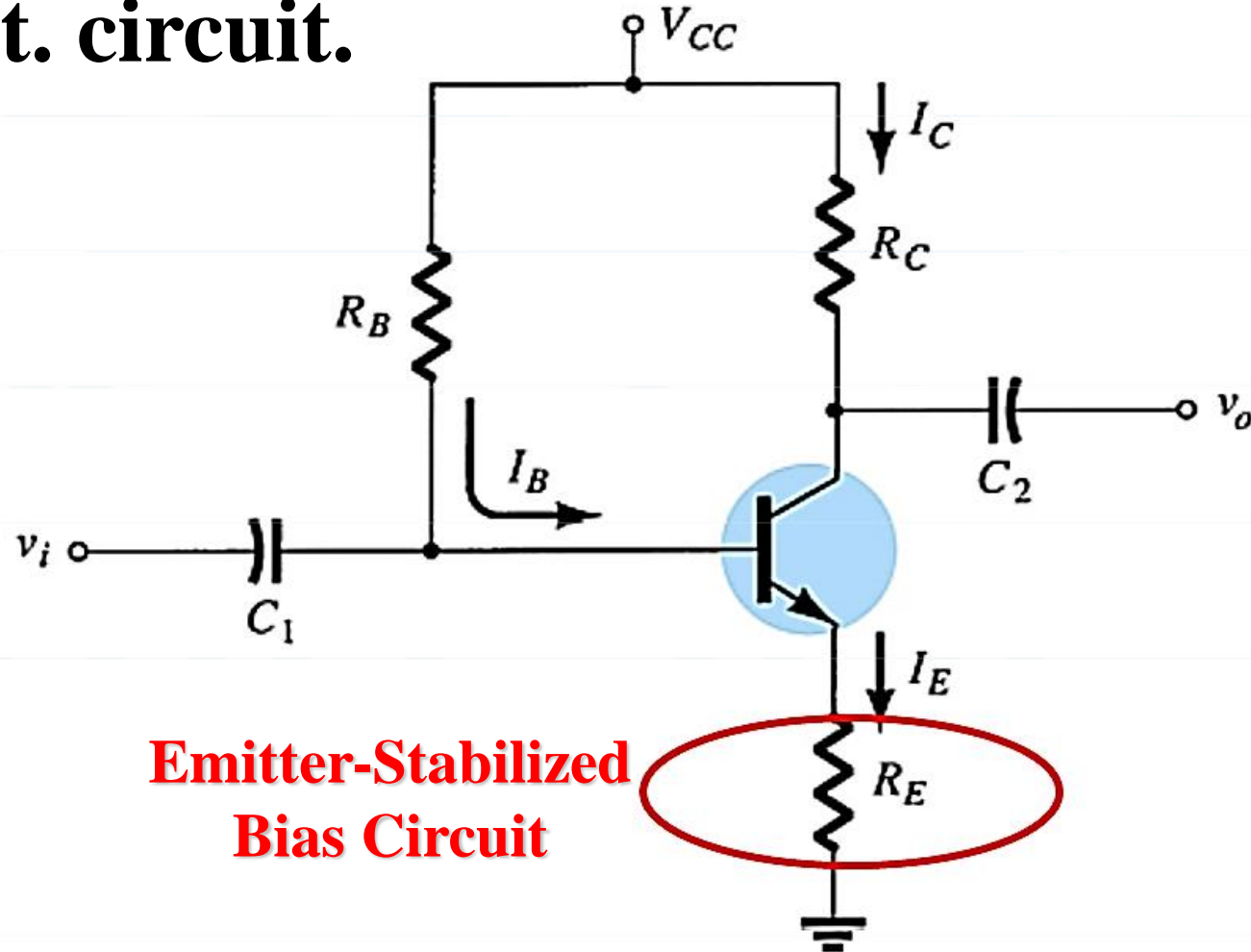
$R_C$  Variable

$I_B$  Variable



## Emitter-Stabilized Bias Circuit

Adding a resistor ( $R_E$ ) to the emitter circuit stabilizes the bias circuit.



**Emitter-Stabilized  
Bias Circuit**



# Emitter-Stabilized Bias Circuit



## Base-Emitter Loop

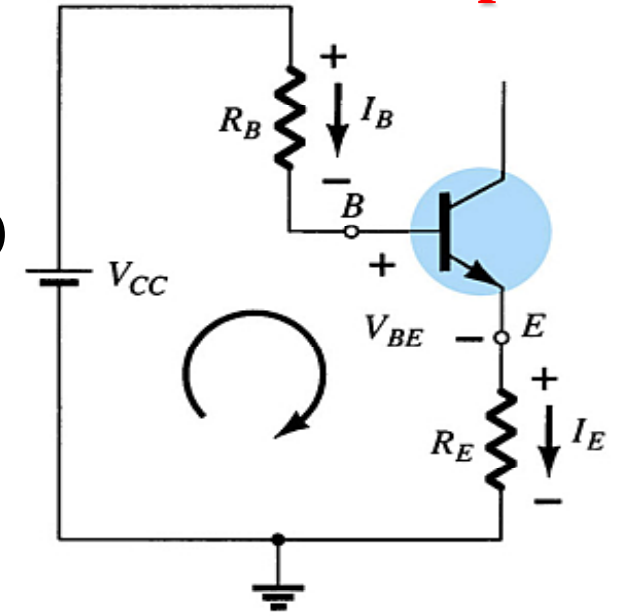
From Kirchhoff's voltage law:  $+V_{CC} - I_E R_E - V_{BE} - I_E R_E = 0$

Since  $I_E = (\beta + 1)I_B$ :  $V_{CC} - I_B R_B - (\beta + 1)I_B R_E = 0$

Solving for  $I_B$ :

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

## Base-Emitter Loop



## Collector-Emitter Loop

From Kirchhoff's voltage law:  $I_E R_E + V_{CE} + I_C R_C - V_{CC} = 0$

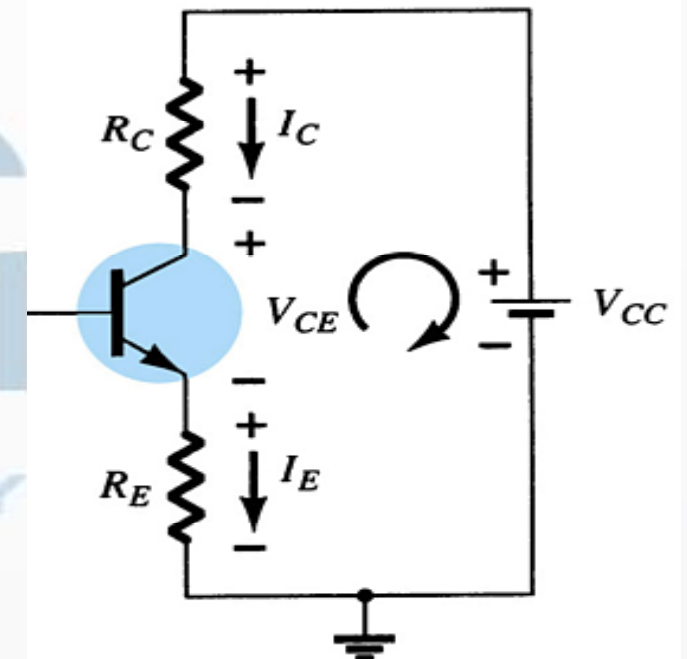
Since  $I_E \cong I_C$ :  $V_{CE} = V_{CC} - I_C (R_C + R_E)$

$$V_E = I_E R_E$$

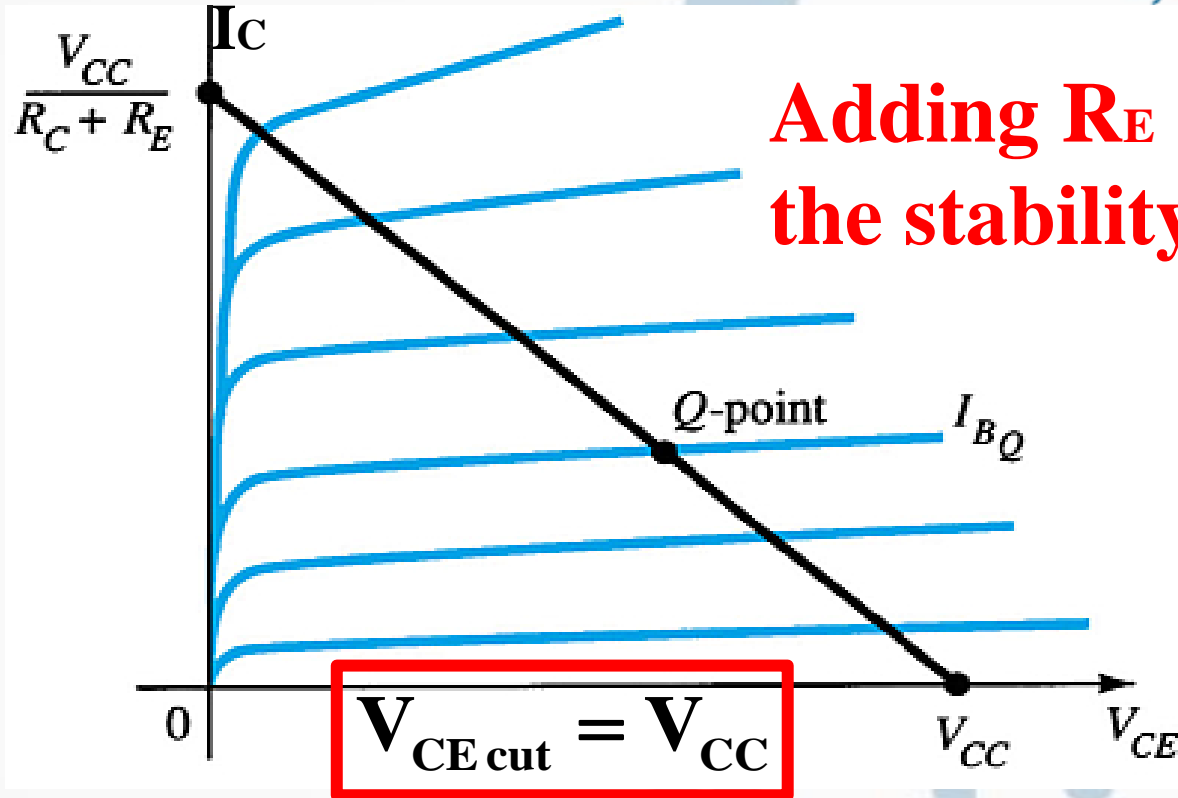
Also:  $V_C = V_{CE} + V_E = V_{CC} - I_C R_C$

$$V_B = V_{CC} - I_B R_B = V_{BE} + V_E$$

## Collector-Emitter Loop

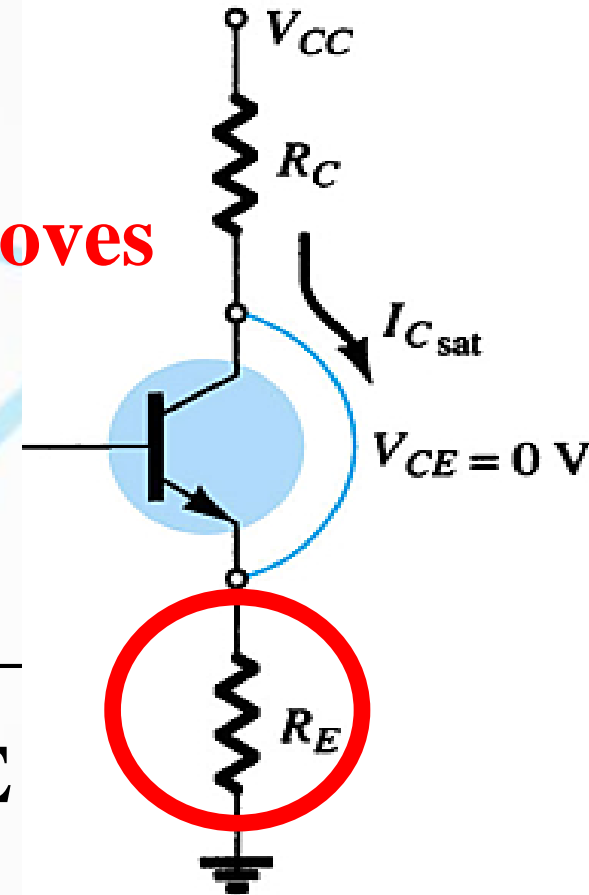


# Improved Biased Stability



Adding  $R_E$  to the emitter improves the stability of a transistor.

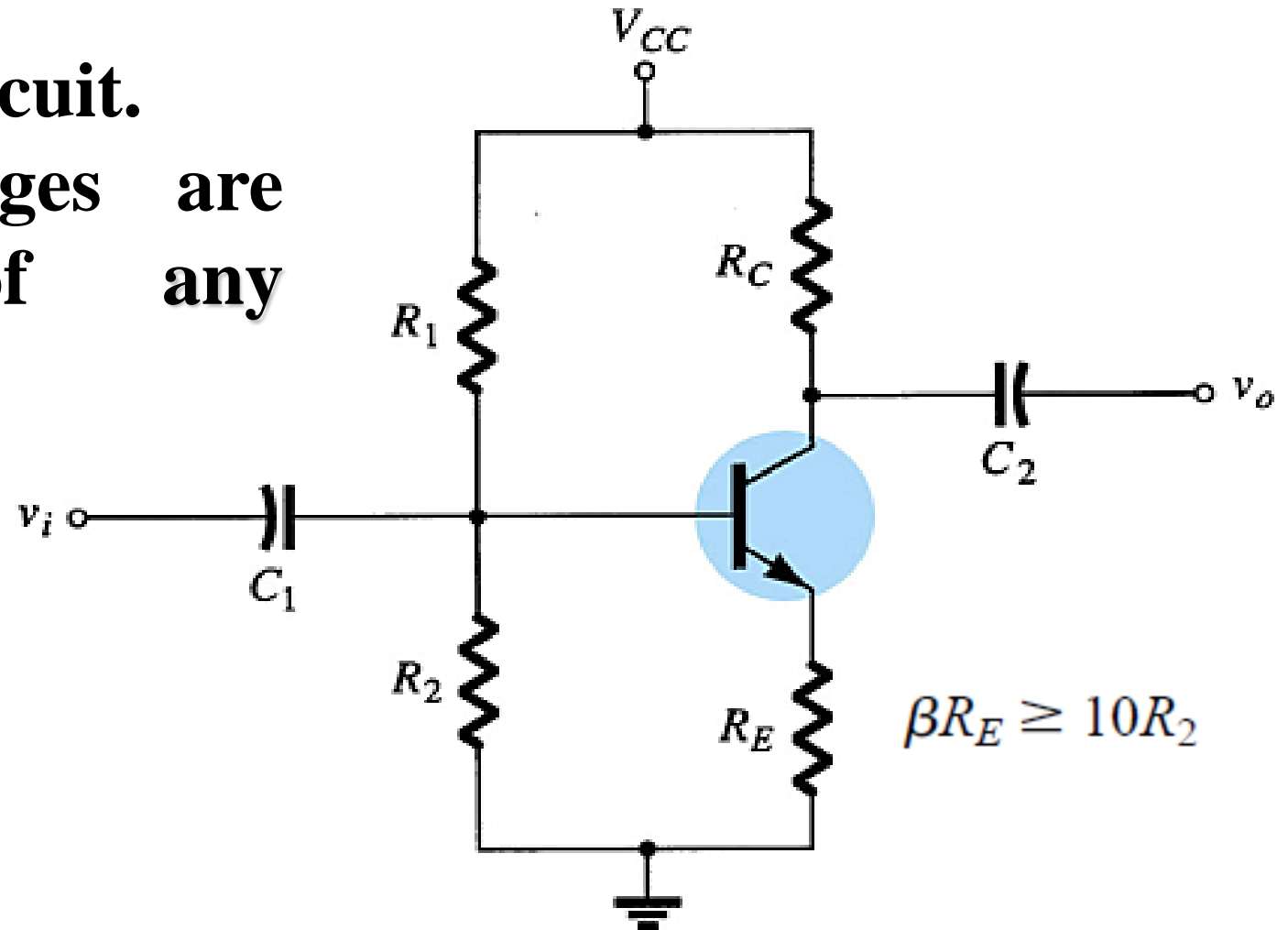
$$I_{C\text{ sat}} = \frac{V_{CC}}{R_C + R_E}$$



*Stability* refers to a circuit condition in which the currents and voltages will remain fairly constant over a wide range of temperatures and transistor Beta ( $\beta$ ) values.

## Voltage Divider Bias

This is a very stable bias circuit.  
The currents and voltages are nearly independent of any variations in  $\beta$ .



# Voltage Divider Bias

## Approximate Analysis

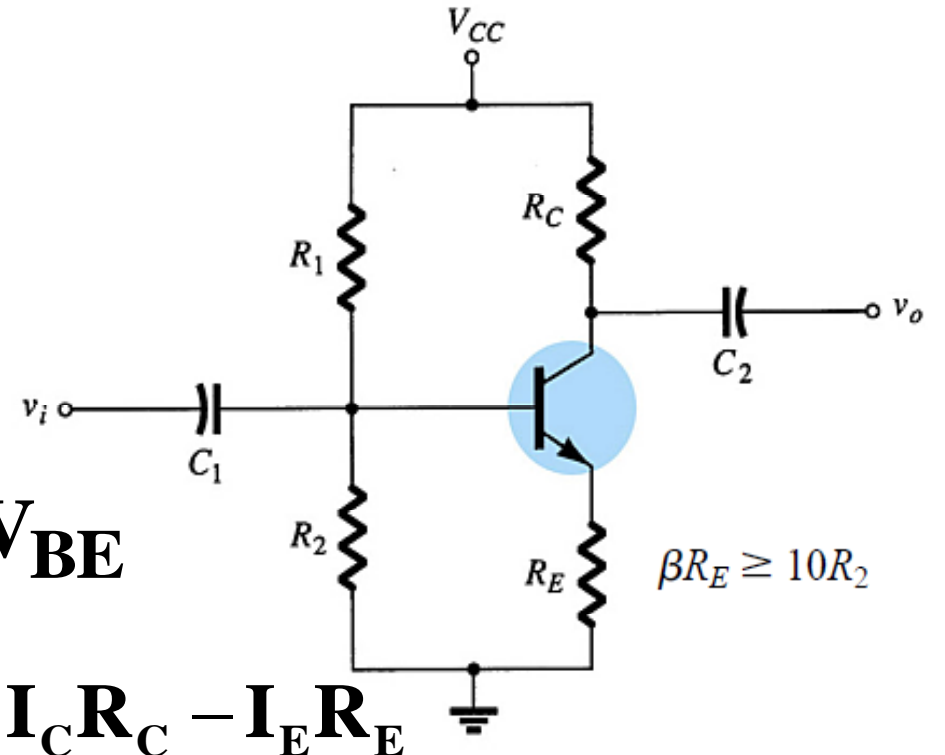
Where  $I_B \ll I_1$  and  $I_1 \cong I_2$ :

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

Where  $\beta R_E > 10R_2$ :

$$I_E = \frac{V_E}{R_E}$$

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



From Kirchhoff's voltage law:

$$V_{CE} = V_{CC} - I_C R_C - I_E R_E$$

Transistor Saturation Level

$$I_{C\text{sat}} = I_{C\text{max}} = \frac{V_{CC}}{R_C + R_E}$$

Load Line Analysis

$$I_E \cong I_C \quad V_{CE} = V_{CC} - I_C (R_C + R_E)$$

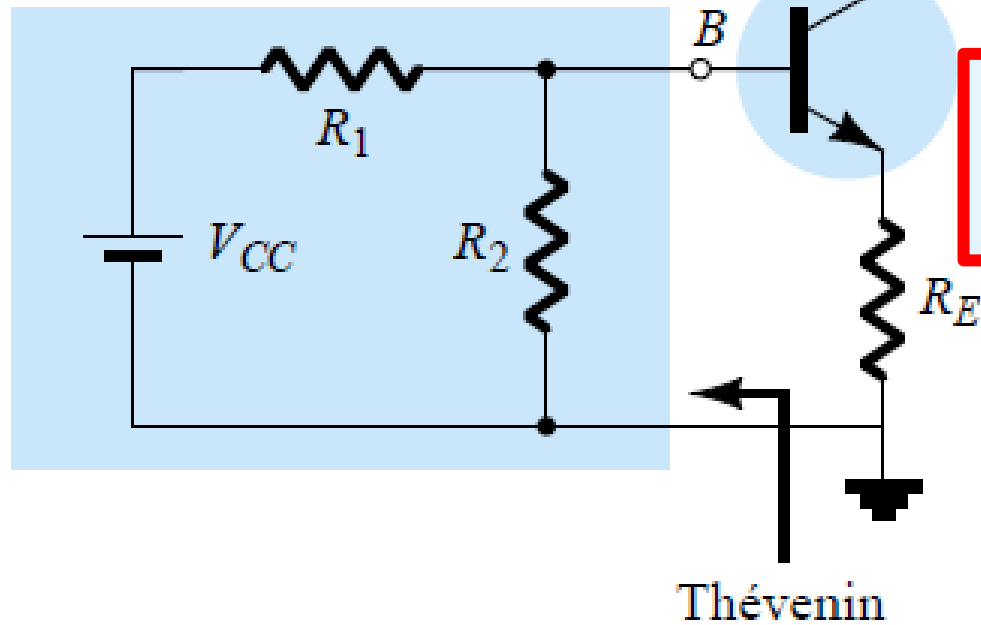
Cutoff:

$$V_{CE} = V_{CC}$$
$$I_C = 0\text{mA}$$

Saturation:

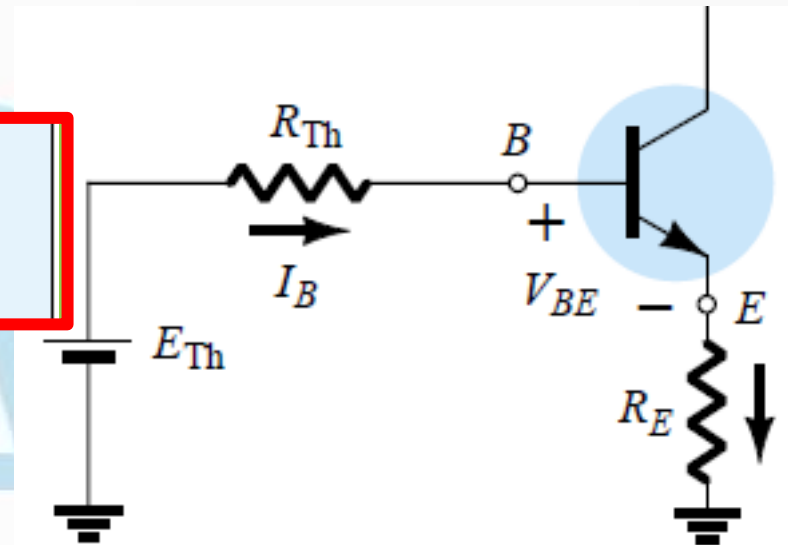
$$I_C = \frac{V_{CC}}{R_C + R_E}$$

$$V_{CE} = 0\text{V}$$



$$E_{Th} = V_{R_2} = \frac{R_2 V_{CC}}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$R_{Th} = R_1 || R_2$$

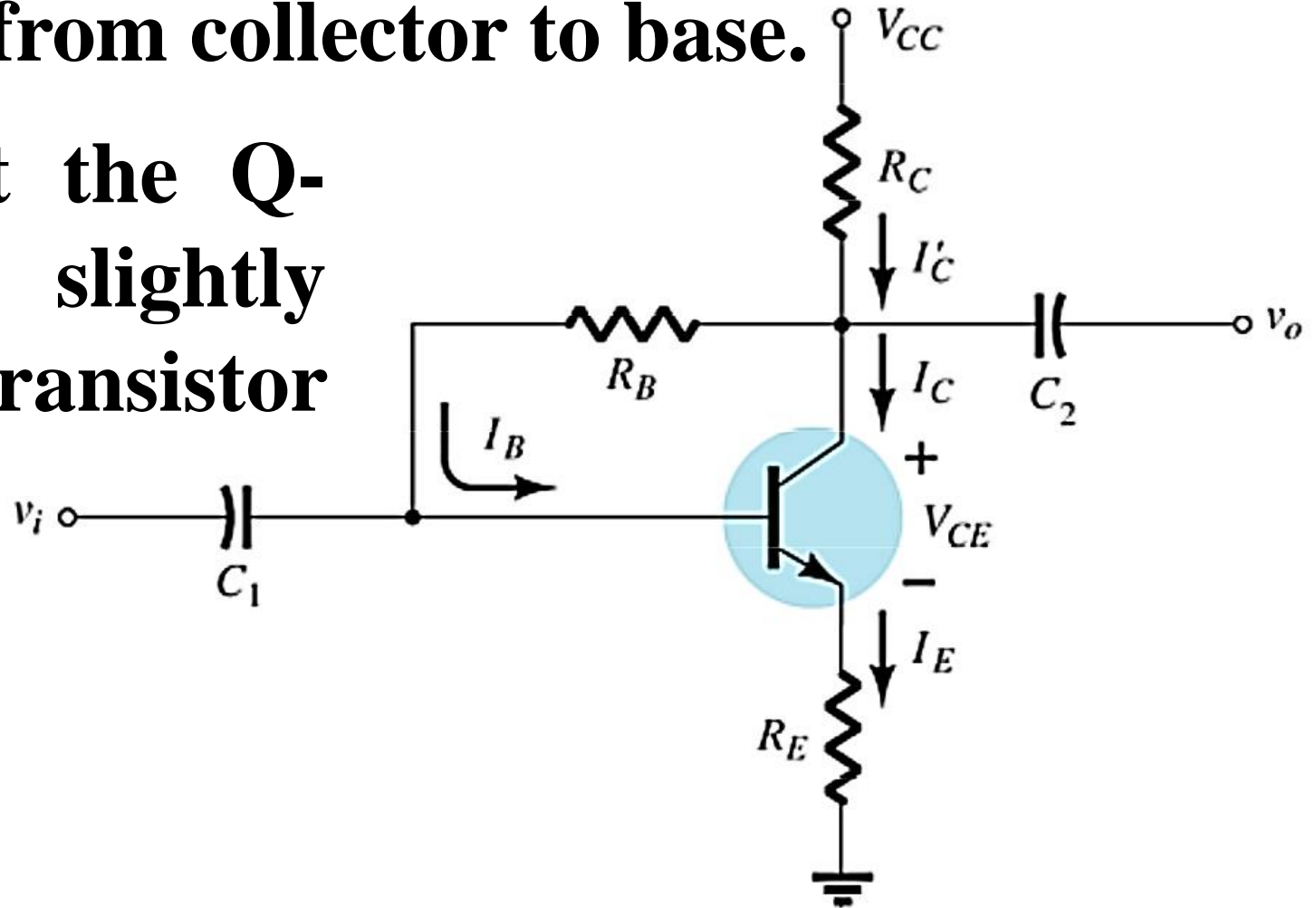


$$I_B = \frac{E_{Th} - V_{BE}}{R_{Th} + (\beta + 1)R_E}$$

$$V_{CE} = V_{CC} - I_C(R_C + R_E)$$

# DC Bias with Voltage Feedback

- Another way to improve the stability of a bias circuit is to add a feedback path from collector to base.
- In this bias circuit the Q-point is only slightly dependent on the transistor beta,  $\beta$ .



# DC Bias with Voltage Feedback

## Base-Emitter Loop

From Kirchhoff's voltage law:

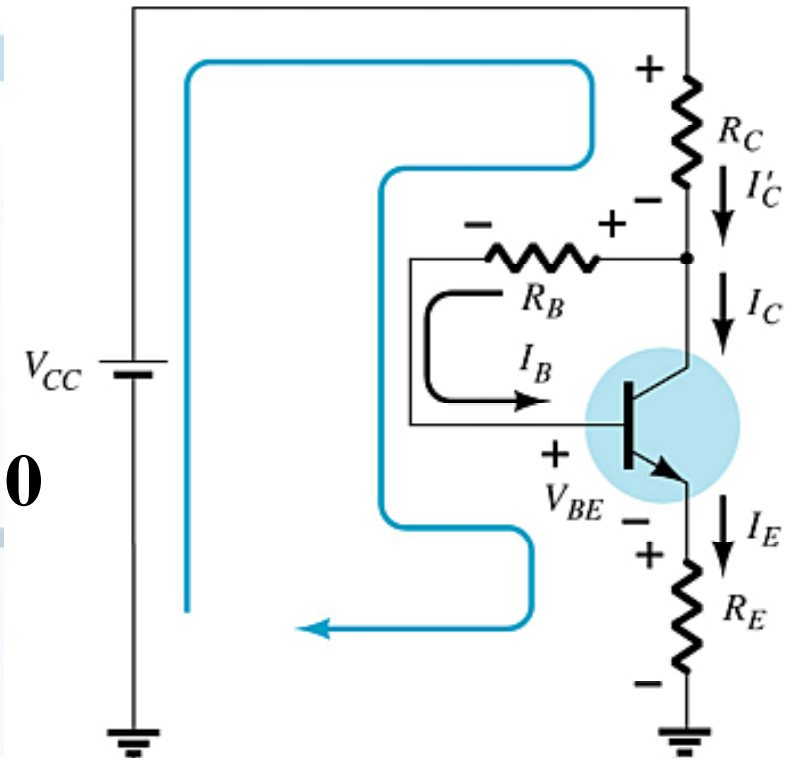
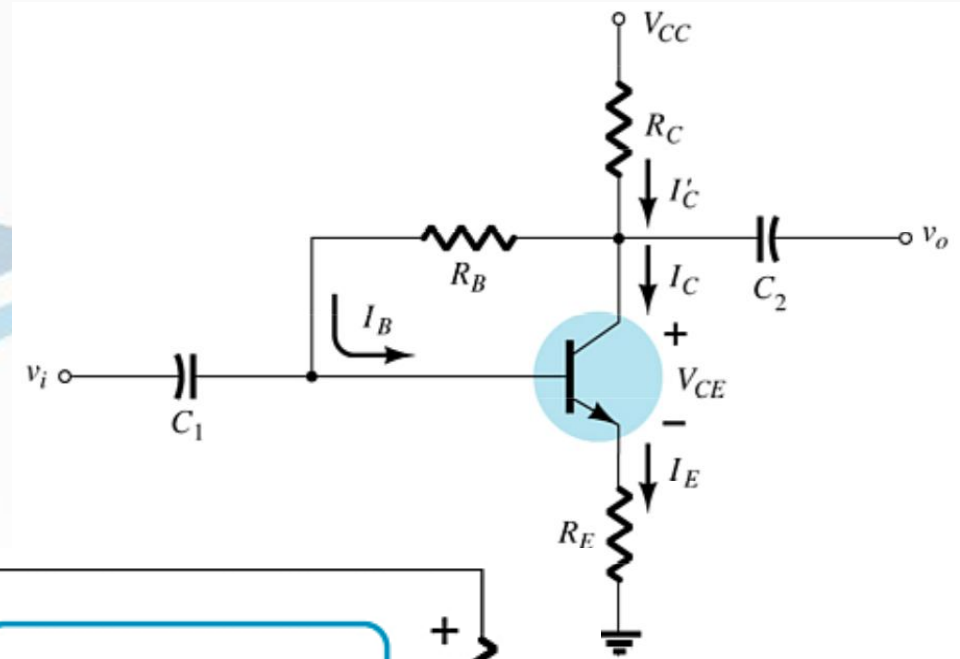
$$V_{CC} - I'_C R_C - I_B R_B - V_{BE} - I_E R_E = 0$$

Where  $I_B \ll I_C$ :  $I'_C = I_C + I_B \cong I_C$

Knowing  $I_C = \beta I_B$  and  $I_E \cong I_C$ , the loop equation becomes:

$$V_{CC} - \beta I_B R_C - I_B R_B - V_{BE} - \beta I_B R_E = 0$$

Solving for  $I_B$ : 
$$I_B = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{BE}}{R_B + \beta(R_C + R_E)}$$



# Collector-Emitter Loop



Applying Kirchoff's voltage law:

$$I_E + V_{CE} + I'_C R_C - V_{CC} = 0$$

Since  $I'_C \cong I_C$  and  $I_C = \beta I_B$ :

$$I_C(R_C + R_E) + V_{CE} - V_{CC} = 0$$

Solving for  $V_{CE}$ :

$$V_{CE} = V_{CC} - I_C(R_C + R_E)$$

Transistor Saturation Level

$$I_{C\text{sat}} = I_{C\text{max}} = \frac{V_{CC}}{R_C + R_E}$$

Load Line Analysis

Cutoff:

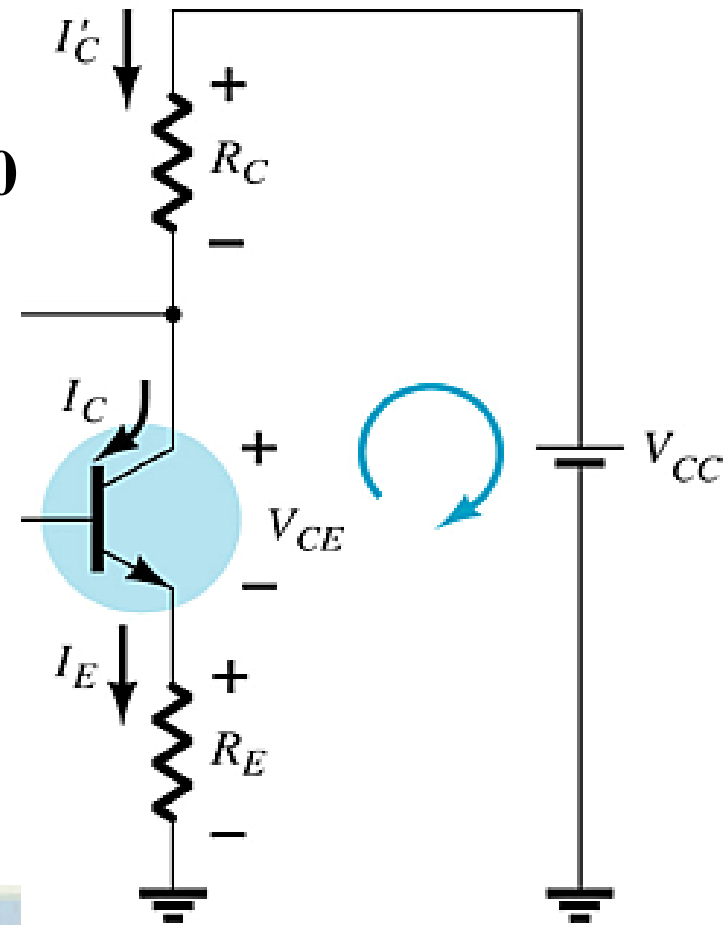
$$V_{CE} = V_{CC}$$

$$I_C = 0 \text{ mA}$$

Saturation:

$$I_C = \frac{V_{CC}}{R_C + R_E}$$

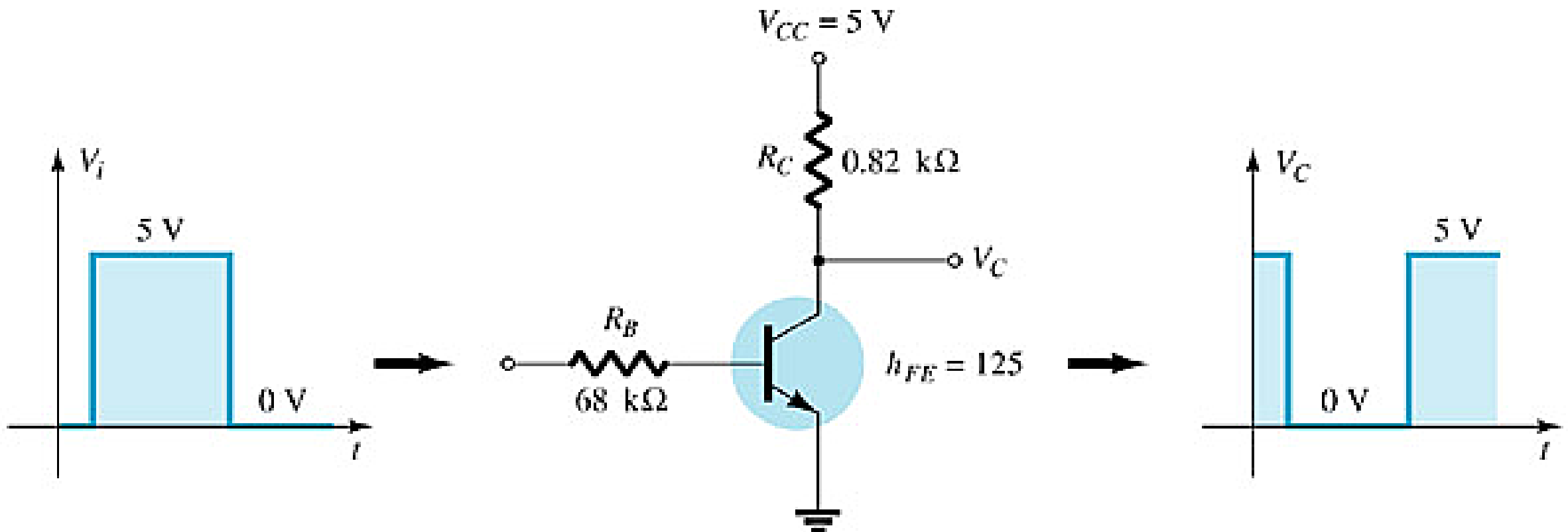
$$V_{CE} = 0 \text{ V}$$





# Transistor Switching Networks

Transistors with only the DC source applied can be used as electronic switches.



# Switching Circuit Calculations



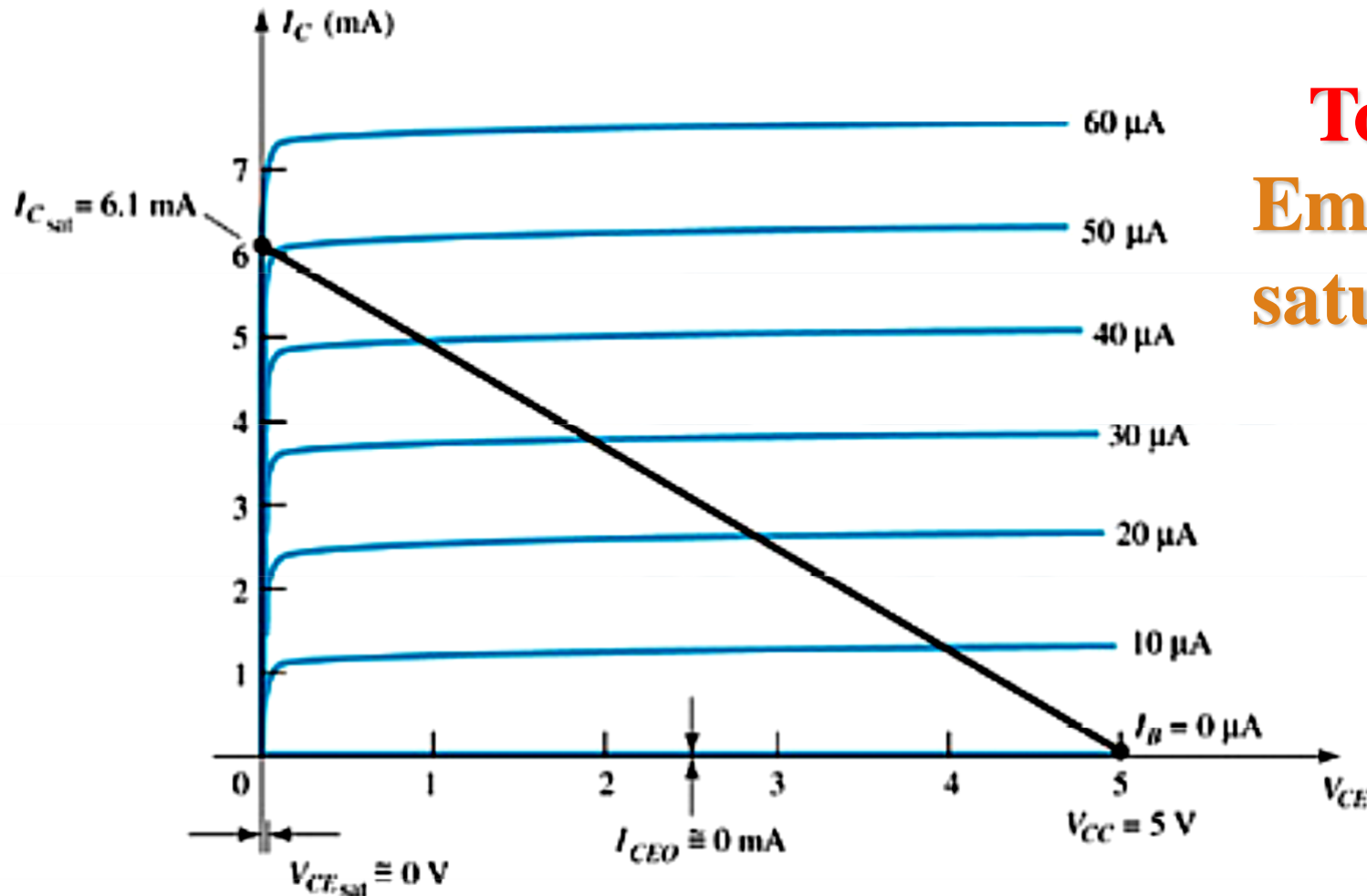
Saturation current:

$$I_{C\text{sat}} = \frac{V_{CC}}{R_C} \quad I_B > \frac{I_{C\text{sat}}}{\beta_{dc}}$$

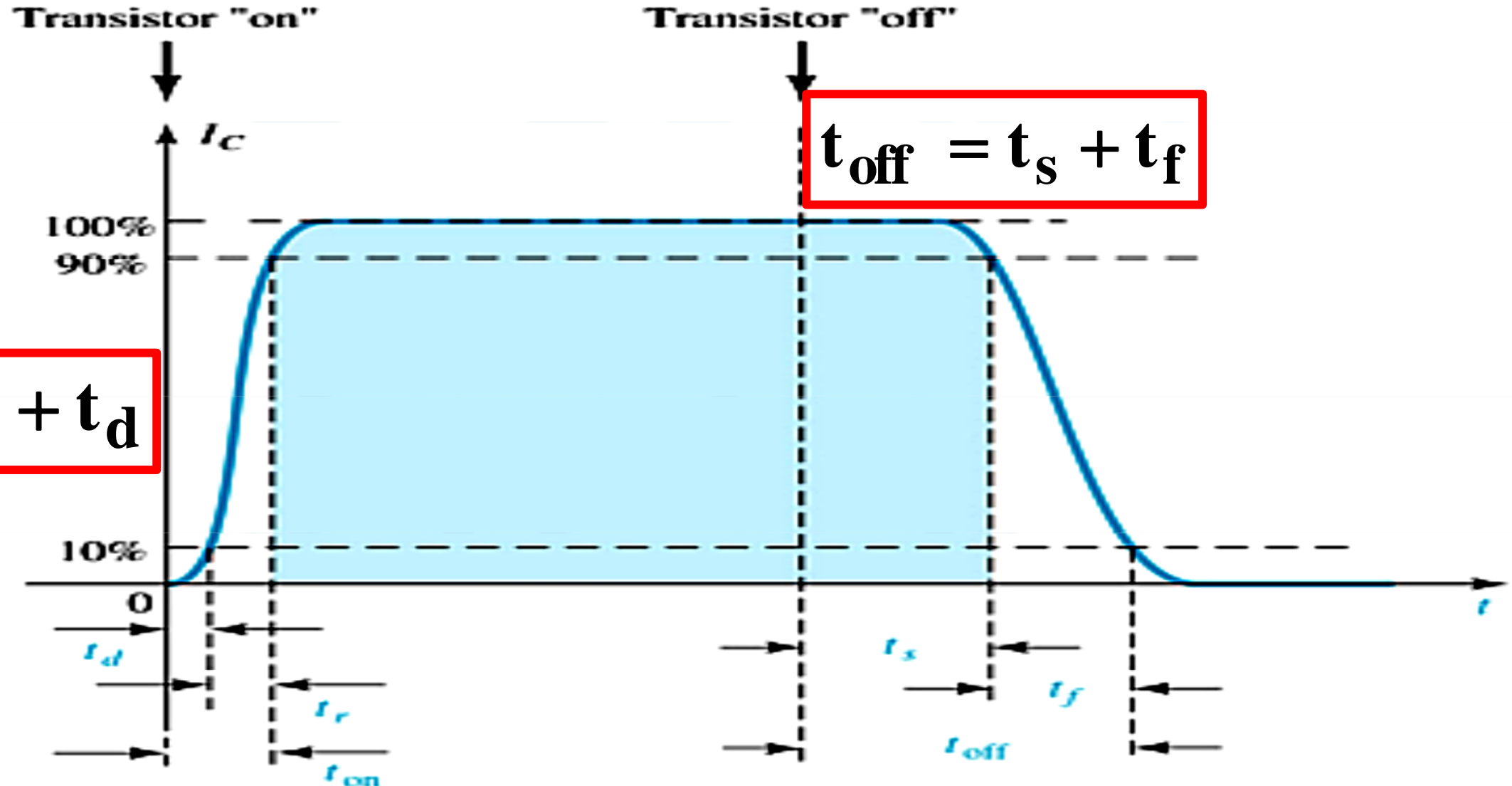
To ensure saturation:  
Emitter-collector resistance at saturation and cutoff:

$$R_{\text{sat}} = \frac{V_{CE\text{sat}}}{I_{C\text{sat}}}$$

$$R_{\text{cutoff}} = \frac{V_{CC}}{I_{CEO}}$$



# Transistor switching times:



$$t_{off} = t_s + t_f$$

$$t_{on} = t_r + t_d$$

# PNP Transistors

The analysis for *pn*p transistor biasing circuits is the same as that for *np*n transistor circuits. The only difference is that the currents are flowing in the opposite direction.