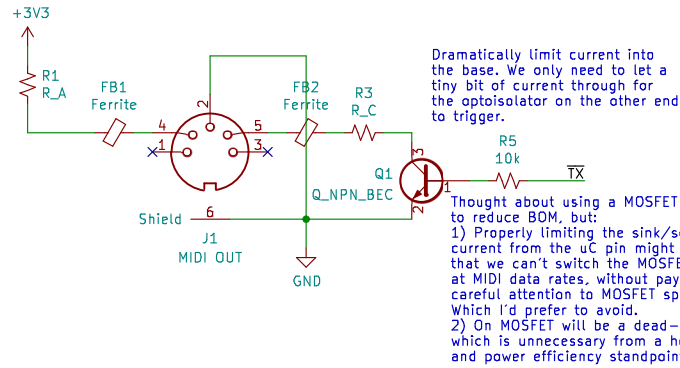


MIDI specs talk about the ferrite bead specs, but we're not really sensitive to them. The signal is extremely low frequency, so the more the beads cut out the better. I don't think you could possibly use beads that are "too strong".



Thought about using a MOSFET here, to reduce BOM, but:  
1) Properly limiting the sink/source current from the uC pin might mean that we can't switch the MOSFET at MIDI data rates, without paying careful attention to MOSFET specs. Which I'd prefer to avoid.  
2) On MOSFET will be a dead-short, which is unnecessary from a heat and power efficiency standpoint.

D1 is RP protection for the optoisolator. Technically optional. If you're going to install it, pick one with a  $V_f$  less than the reverse breakdown of the optoisolator, which will be -5V.

