

# Lecture 13

## Transistors

# Agenda

- Bipolar Junction Transistors
- MOSFET and output drivers
- BJT vs MOSFET

# Stuff

- Waldo submission due date. Move to Tuesday night.
  - Extra credit for record/play.
- Submit to files to one Piazza link.
- Etching is okay but better not to "raster"

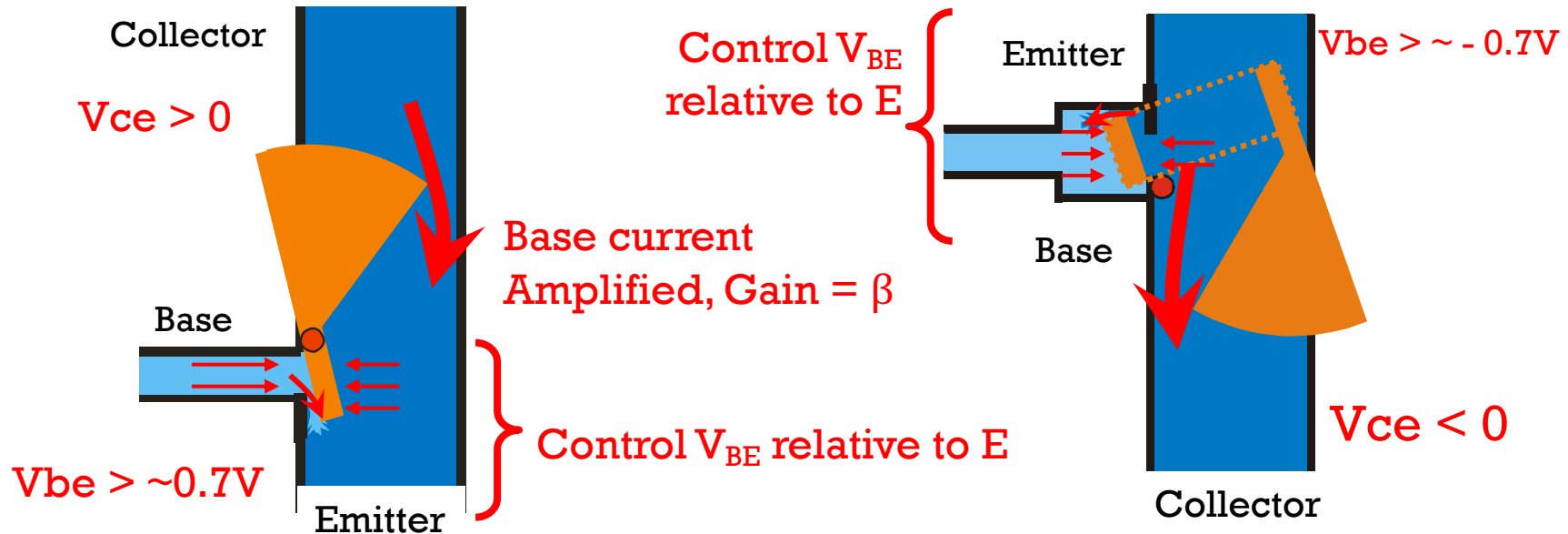
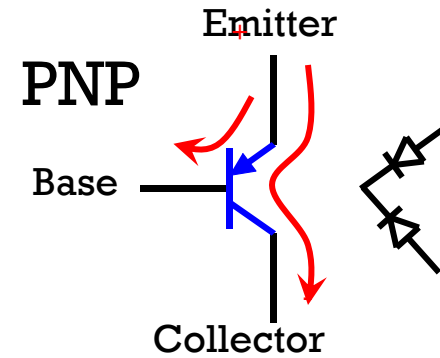
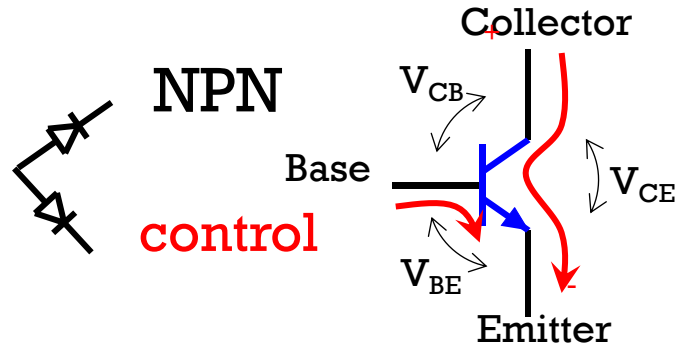
# Driving Large Current Devices

- What do we do if we want to turn on a motor that needs 500mA? (Teensy outputs can only drive 40mA)
- Or make 100 LED's blink together?
- Or one really bright LED that takes 1A?
- We can use transistors as large current drivers

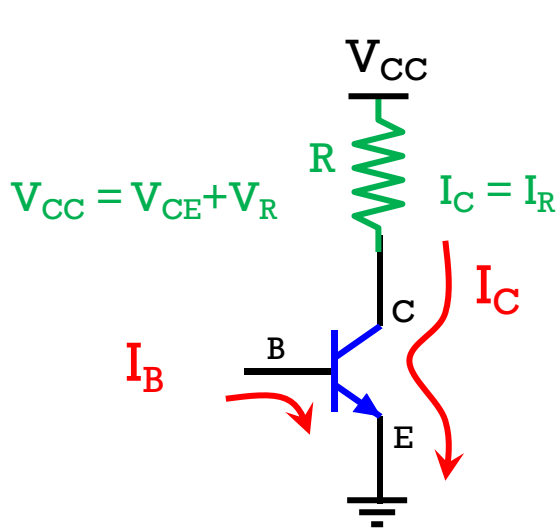
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# Bipolar Junction Transistors (BJT)

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# Example BJT Transistor behavior (recall phototransistor)



$$I_C = \frac{V_{CC}}{R_{load}} I_R$$

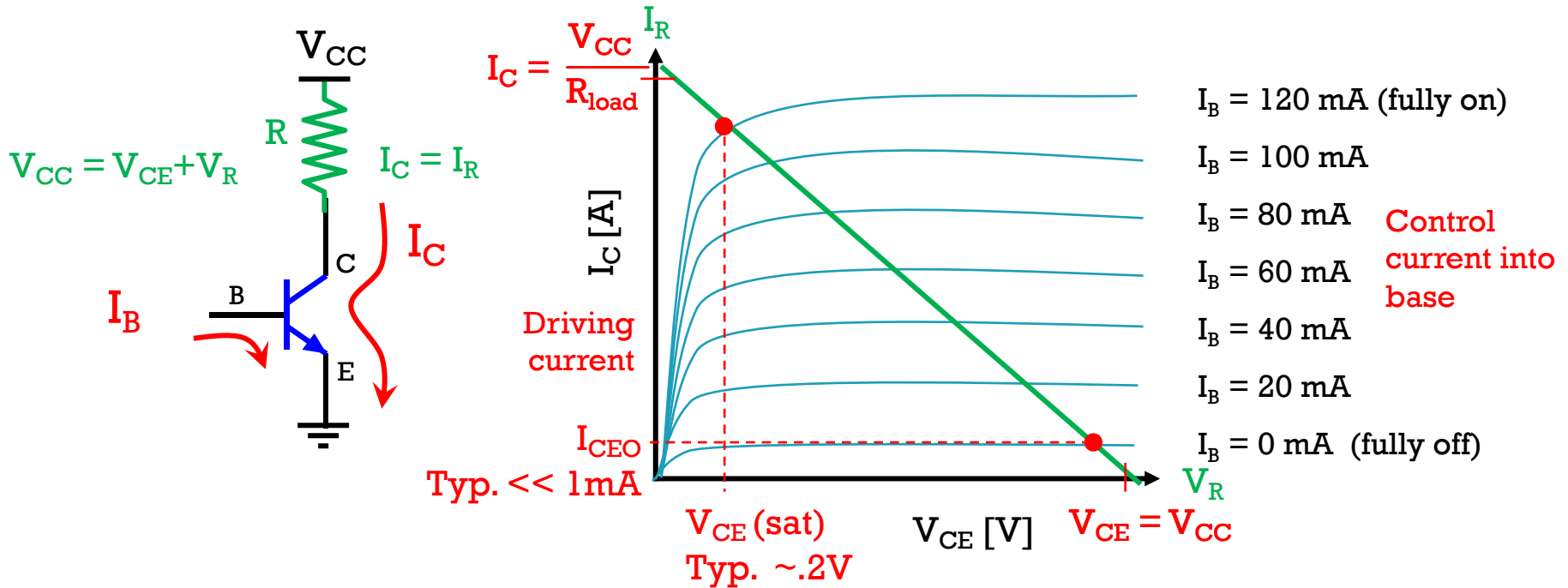
Q1 Draw & hold the current vs voltage  $V_R$  curve for a resistor ( $I_R$  vs  $V_R$ )

$V_{CE} = V_{CC}$

$V_R$

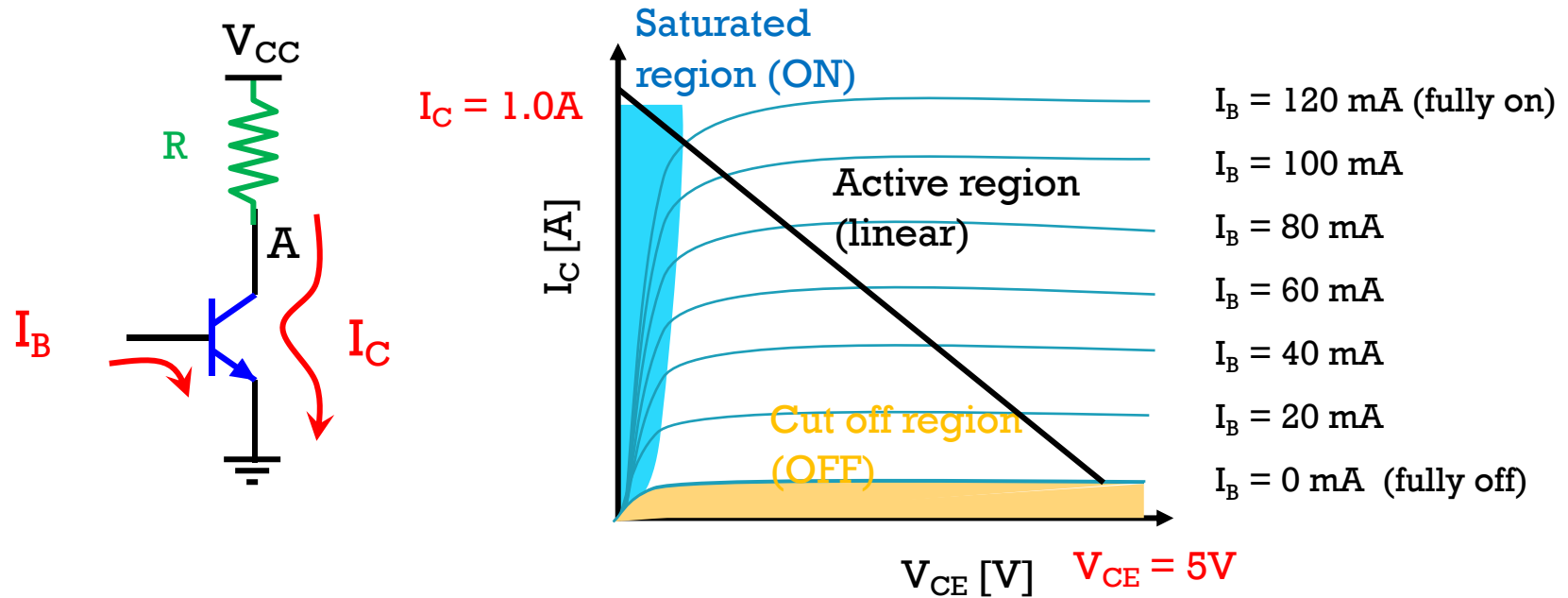
Q2 Draw & hold the current vs voltage curve for the ( $I_R$  vs  $V_{CE}$ ) where  $V_{CC}$  is constant and we vary  $V_{CE}$

# Example BJT Transistor behavior (recall phototransistor)

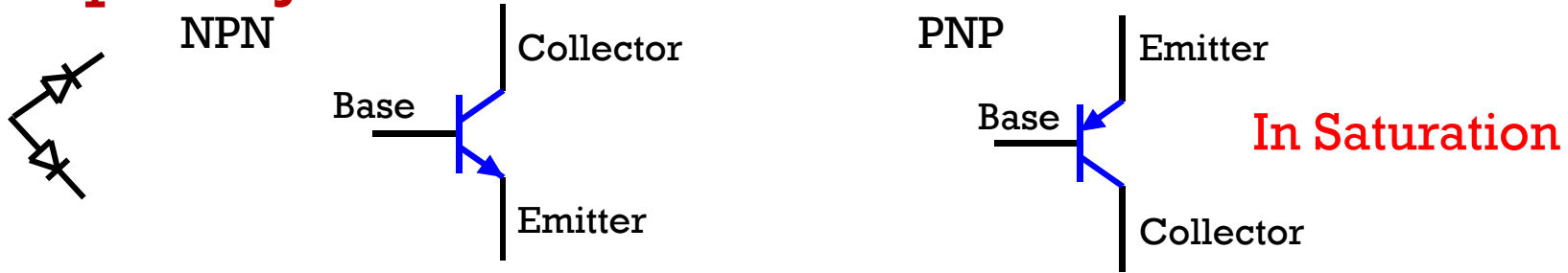




# BJT Transistor as a switch



# Bipolar Junction Transistors used as switches



How do we get them turned on?

Forward bias the Base:Emitter Junction

$$V_{BE} > \sim 0.7V$$

Supply current to base

How much current?

*In saturation, gain  $\sim 10$   
(different than  $\beta$ )*

$\sim 1/10$ th as much as desired Collector:Emitter current

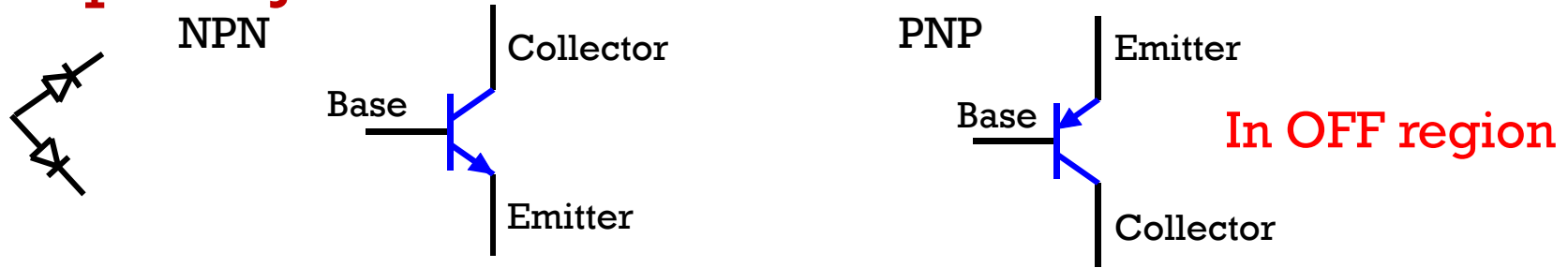
How do we know if transistor is in saturation?

$V_{CE}$  will drop to about 0.2V

*If nothing else limits voltage*

Thus Base:Collector junction also forward biased

# Bipolar Junction Transistors used as switches



How do we get them turned OFF?

Reverse bias the Base:Emitter Junction

$$V_{BE} < \sim 0.7V$$

(e.g. set  $V_{Base} = V_{Emitter} = 0V$ )

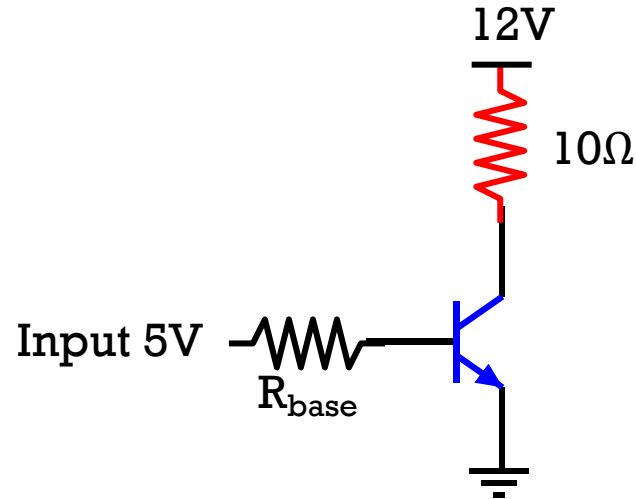
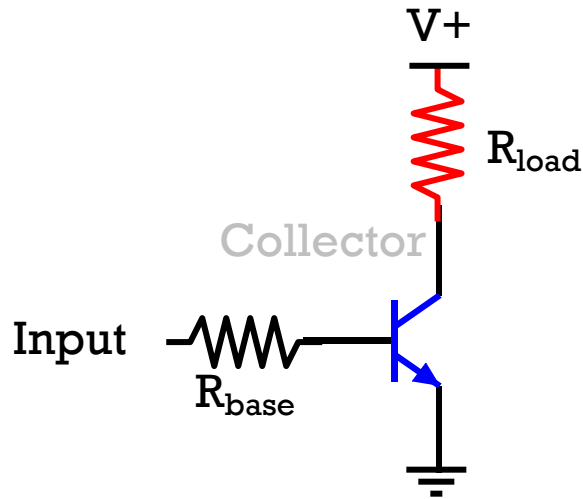
No current will flow ( $I_C = 0$ )

How do we know if transistor is OFF?

$V_{CE}$  will act as open switch infinite resistance

# Example NPN

- Open collector (simplest switching transistor configuration)



For TIP31C:  
Typical

$$V_{CE(sat)} = 0.1V$$

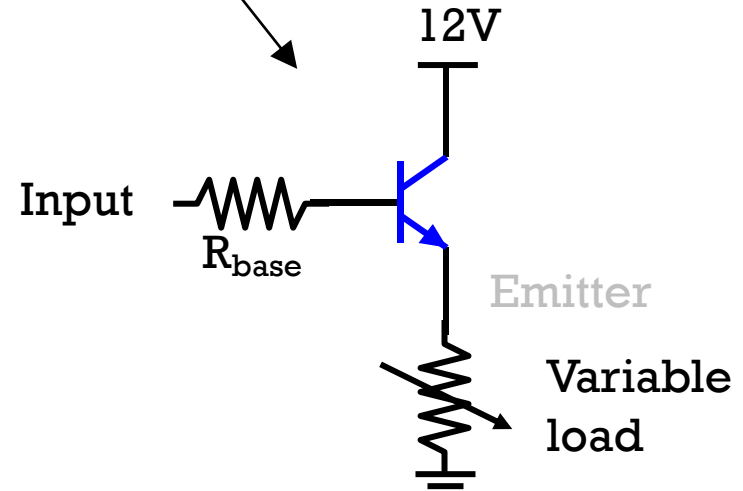
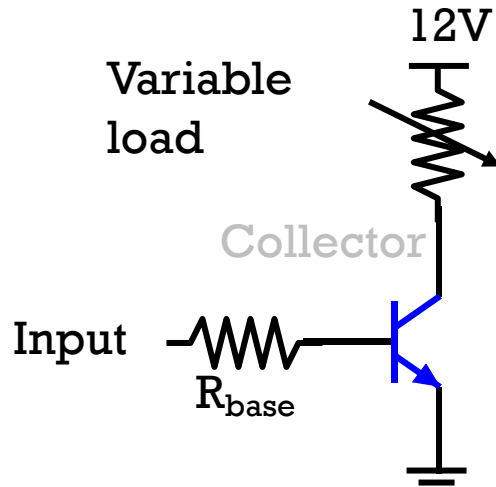
$$V_{BE(sat)} = 0.7V$$

Q3 Find the value for  $R_{base}$  that will ensure the transistor is ON

Q4 If we don't have that value. Do we want slightly larger or slightly smaller  $\Omega$ ?

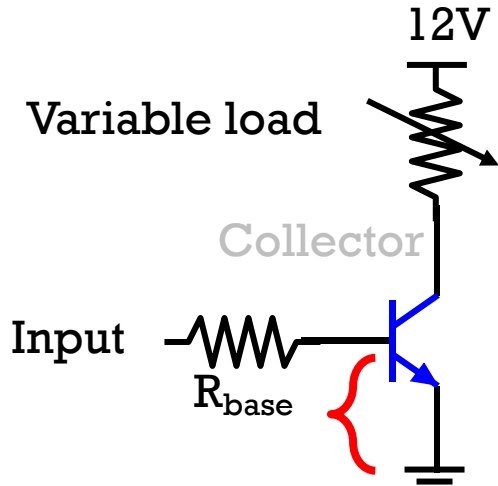
# $V_{BE}$ emitter reference

Q5 to everyone in chat: What is the disadvantage of using the open emitter configuration?

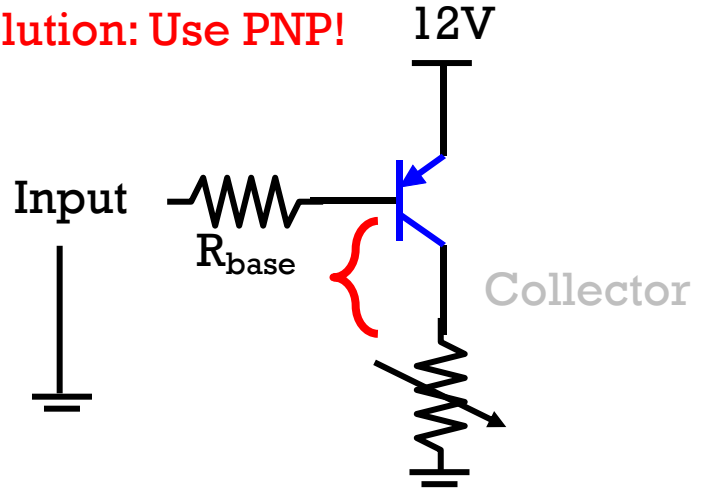


# $V_{BE}$ emitter reference

- What is the disadvantage of using the open emitter configuration?



If you need to need a **high side drive**, use PNP  
Solution: Use PNP!



$V_{BE}$  better if relative to same reference as input voltage (e.g. ground)

# Darlington Pair

## High gain outputs

Logic outputs typically drive  $<10\text{mA}$   
(though Atmega and ESP32 drive 20-40mA)

$V_{be} = ?$

$\sim 1.4\text{V}$

$1\text{mA } B$

$\times \sim 10$

$10\text{mA}$

$\sim 0.7\text{V}$

$\sim 0.2\text{V}$

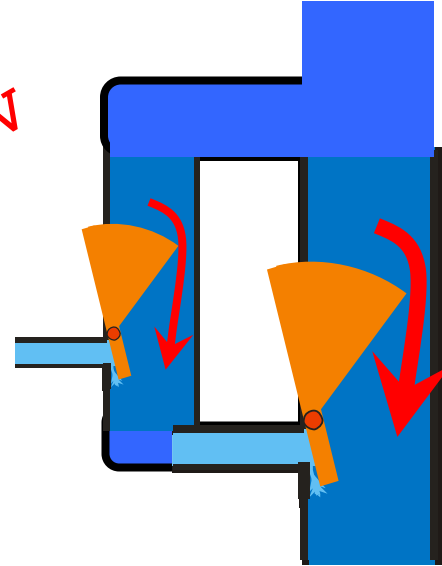
$V_{ce} = \sim .9\text{V}$

$\times \sim 10$

$\sim 100\text{mA}$

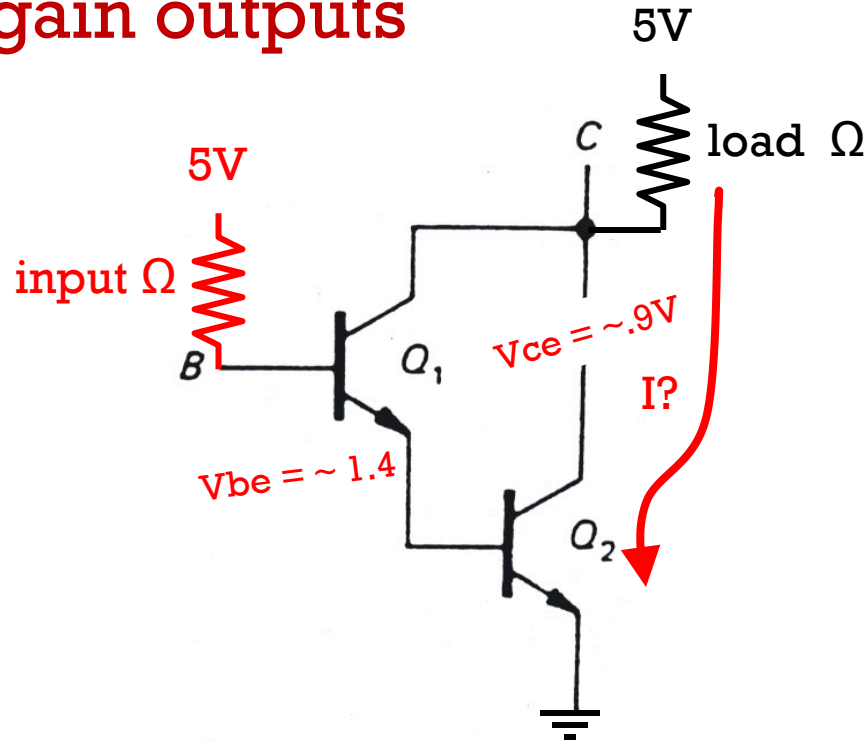
Typ. Gain in saturation  $>100$

note:  $V_{ce}$  may increase with  $I_C$

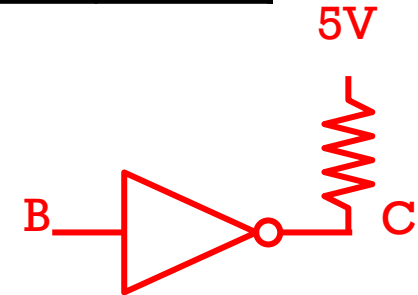


# High gain outputs

## The Darlington



$V_B$	$V_C?$
5V	
0V	



Think of it like an  
O.C inverter, except output  
doesn't go down to 0V



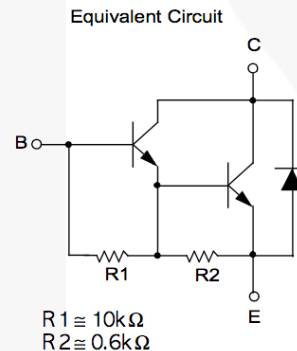
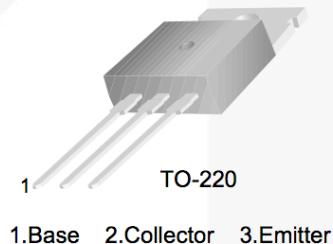


## TIP102

### NPN Epitaxial Silicon Darlington Transistor

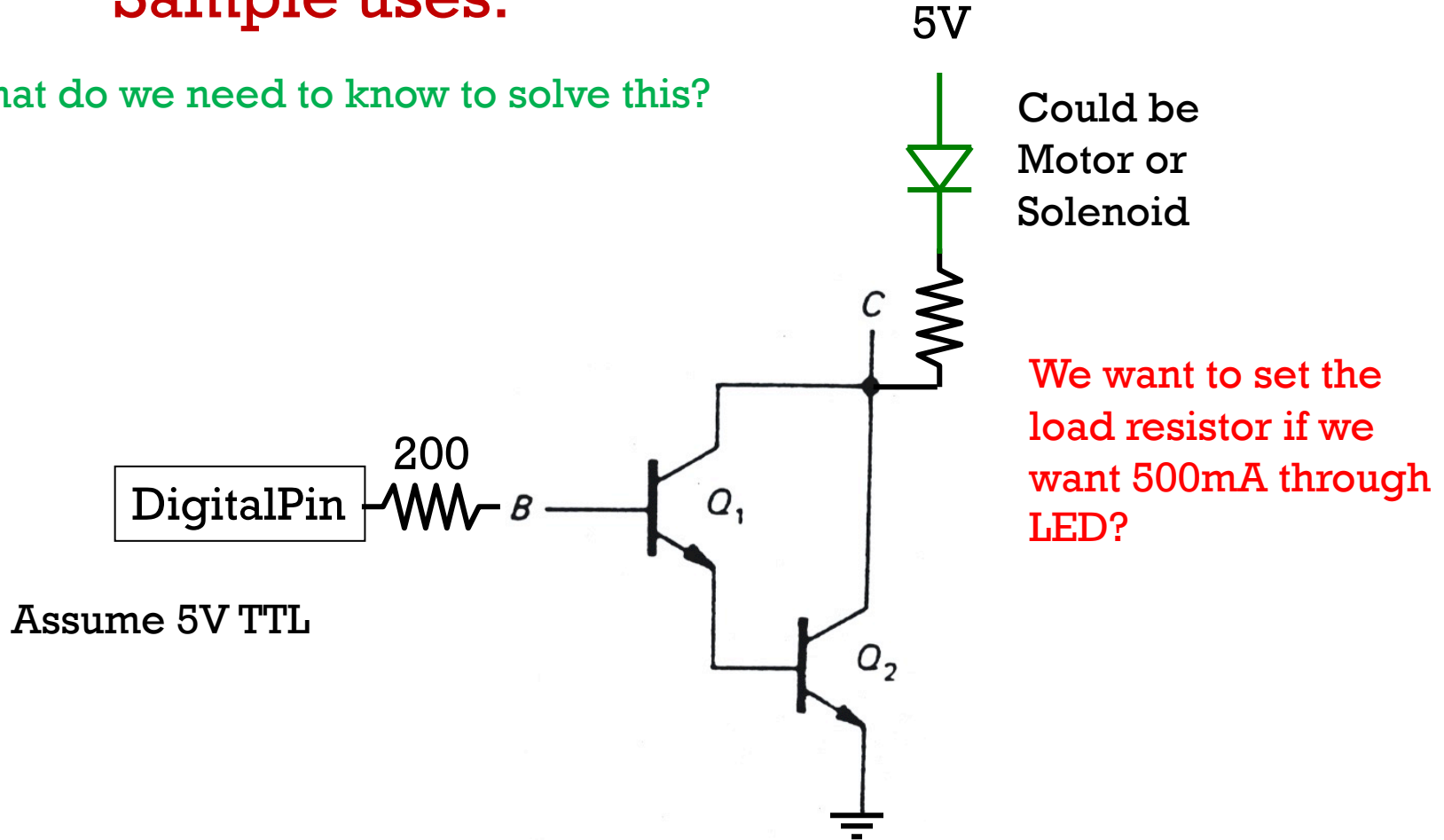
#### Features

- Monolithic Construction with Built-in Base-Emitter Shunt Resistors
- High DC Current Gain:  $h_{FE} = 1000$  @  $V_{CE} = 4$  V,  $I_C = 3$  A (Minimum)
- Collector-Emitter Sustaining Voltage
- Low Collector-Emitter Saturation Voltage
- Industrial Use
- Complementary to TIP107



# Sample uses:

Q7 What do we need to know to solve this?



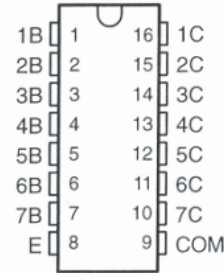
# ULN2001A THRU ULN2004A DARLINGTON TRANSISTOR ARRAYS

SLRS027 – D2624, DECEMBER 1976 – REVISED APRIL 1993

## HIGH-VOLTAGE HIGH-CURRENT DARLINGTON TRANSISTOR ARRAYS

- 500-mA Rated Collector Current (Single Output)
- High Voltage Outputs . . . 50 V
- Output Clamp Diodes
- Inputs Compatible With Various Types of Logic
- Relay Driver Applications
- Designed to Be Interchangeable With Sprague ULN2001A Series

D OR N PACKAGE  
(TOP VIEW)



7 Darlingtons

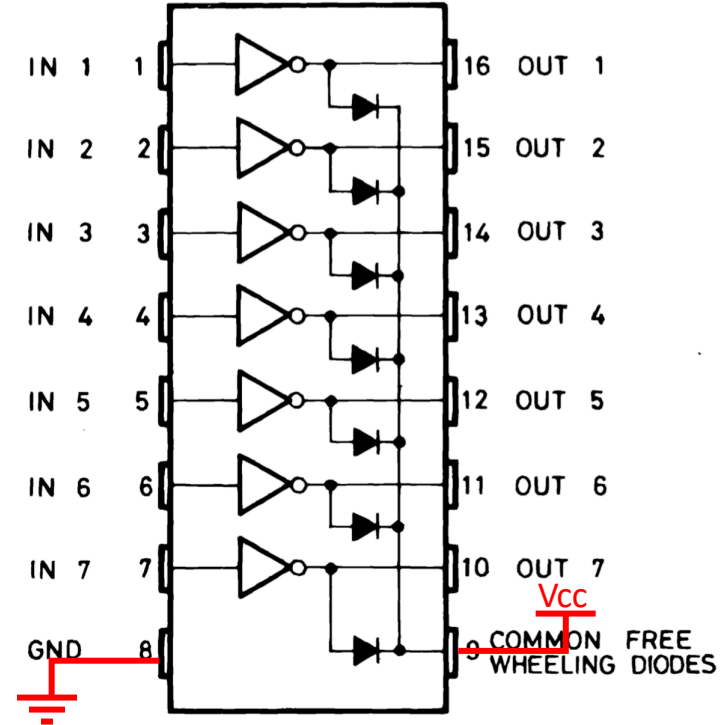
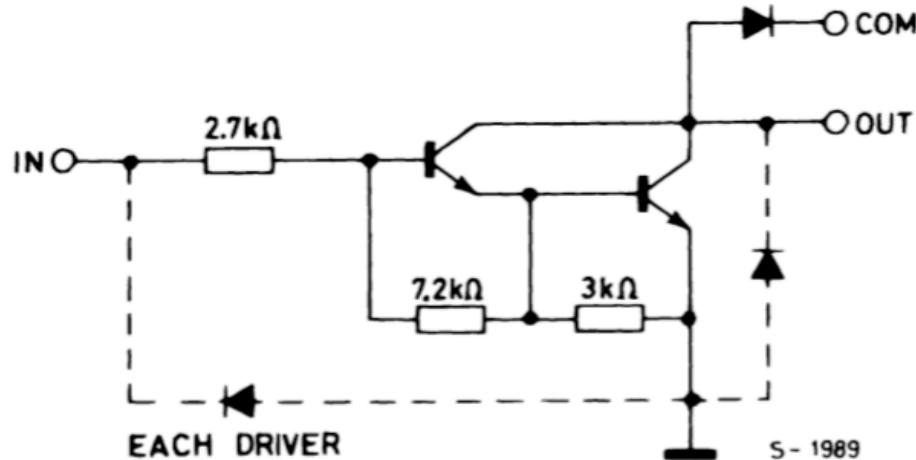
### description

The ULN2001A, ULN2002A, ULN2003A, and ULN2004A are monolithic high-voltage, high-current Darlington transistor arrays. Each consists of seven npn Darlington pairs that feature high-voltage outputs with common-cathode clamp diodes for switching inductive loads. The collector-current rating of a single Darlington pair is 500 mA. The Darlington pairs may be paralleled for higher current capability. Applications include relay drivers, hammer drivers, lamp drivers, display drivers (LED and gas discharge), line drivers, and logic buffers. For 100-V (otherwise interchangeable) versions, see the SN75465 through SN75469.

The ULN2001A is a general-purpose array and can be used with TTL, P-MOS, CMOS, and other MOS technologies. The ULN2002A is specifically designed for use with 14- to 25-V P-MOS devices. Each input of this device has a zener diode and resistor in series to control the input current to a safe limit. The ULN2003A has a 2.7-k $\Omega$  series base resistor for each Darlington pair for operation directly with TTL or 5-V CMOS devices. The ULN2004A has a 10.5-k $\Omega$  series base resistor to allow its operation directly from CMOS or P-MOS devices that use supply voltages of 6 to 15 V. The required input current of the ULN2004A is below that of the ULN2003A, and the required voltage is less than that required by the ULN2002A.

# ULN2003A (you have one in your kid)

- We can choose  $V_{cc}$  (e.g., 5 or 12V)
- You can drive inputs with TTL (e.g., 5V)
- Open collector outputs (COM) is optional for protection – need pullup on output



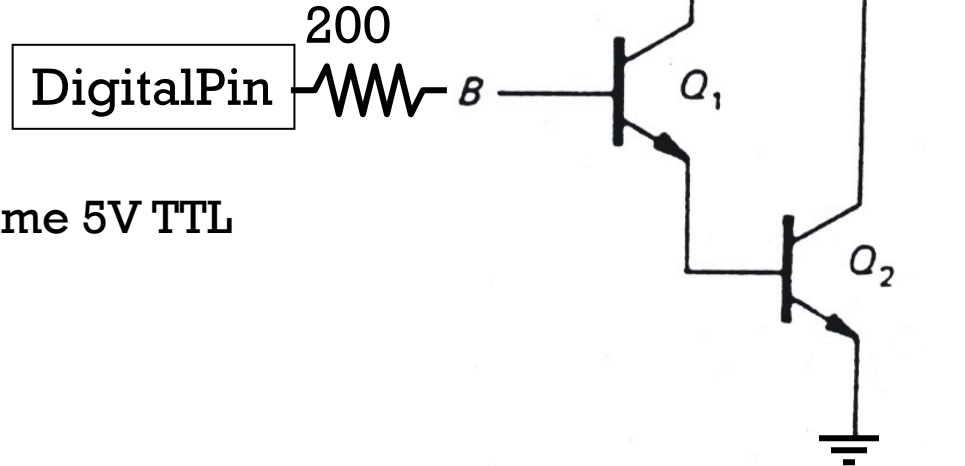
# Sample use with ULN2003A:

Q9 What values do we use from the datasheet?

<https://www.ti.com/lit/ds/symlink/uln2003a.pdf>

Q9a What resistor would we use if LED  $V_f = 2V$ ?

Assume 5V TTL



5V



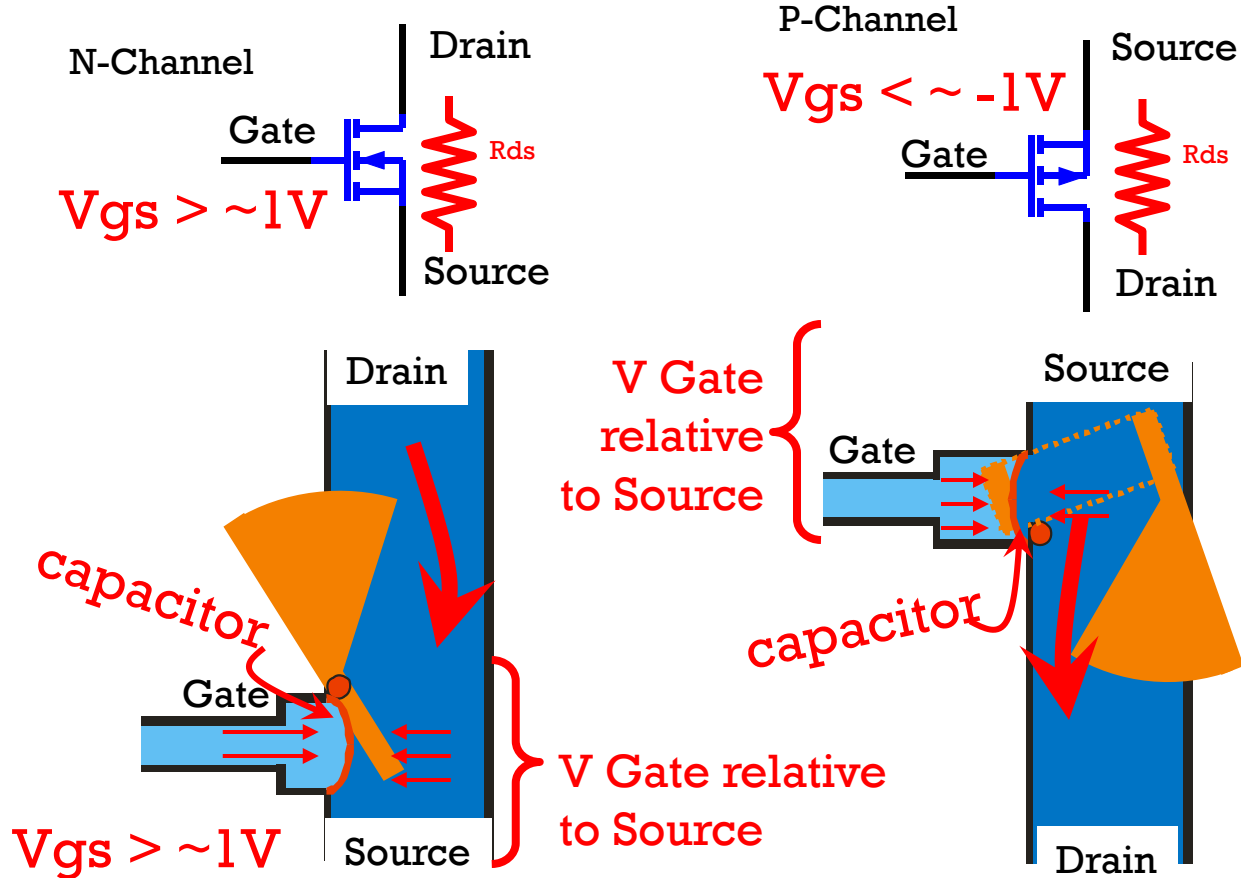
Could be  
Motor or  
Solenoid

We want to set the  
load resistor if we  
want 500mA through  
LED?

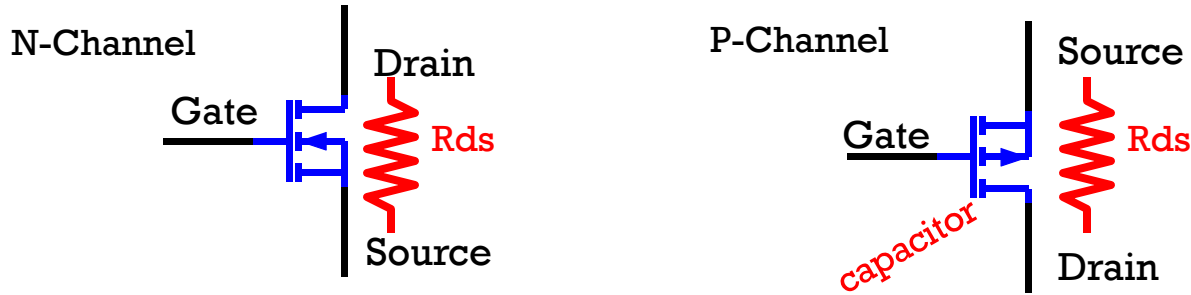
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# MOSFET and output drivers

# MOSFETs (Metal Oxide Semiconductor Field Effect Transistor) (enhancement mode)



# MOSFETs (Metal Oxide Semiconductor Field Effect Transistor) used as Switches



How do we get them turned on?

*Ranges 1-8V*

$|V_{GS}| > \text{Threshold}$  N-Channel:  $G > S$ , P-Channel  $G < S$

*Note, very little current flows through the gate, but capacitance at gate must be charged (or drained) which takes time*

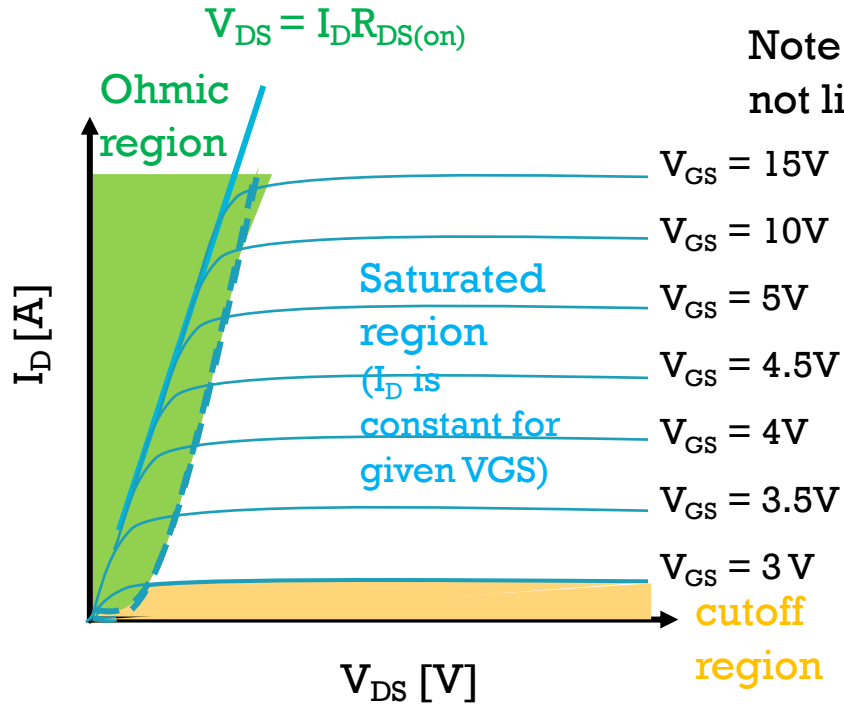
How do we know if we have been successful?

$R_{DS}$  will drop to a low value

*Can be  $\ll 1 \text{ ohm}$*

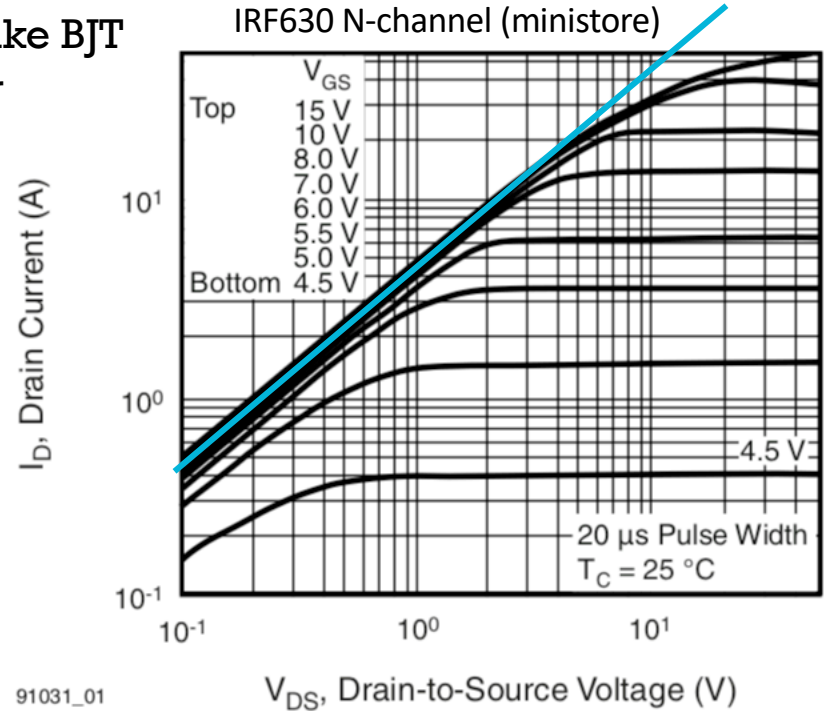


# N-Channel MOSFET I-V behavior

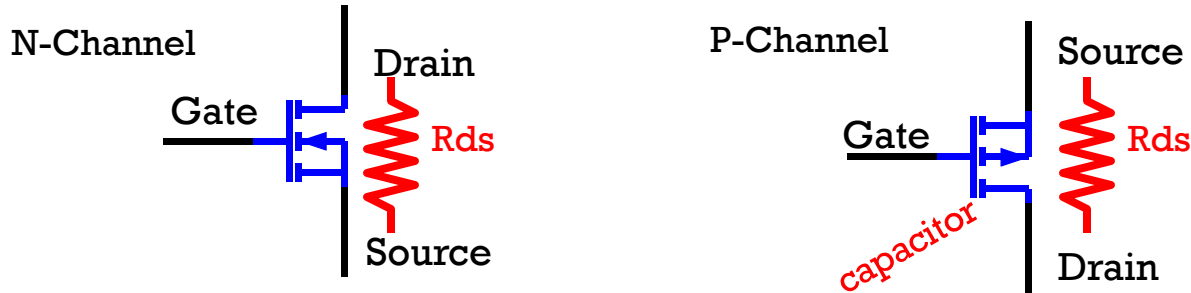


Note: unlike BJT  
not linear

$$V_{DS} = I_D R_{DS(on)}$$



# MOSFETs (Metal Oxide Semiconductor Field Effect Transistor) used as Switches



How do we get them turned OFF?

$|V_{GS}| < \text{Threshold}$  e.g. N-Channel:  $G = S$ , P-Channel  $G = S$

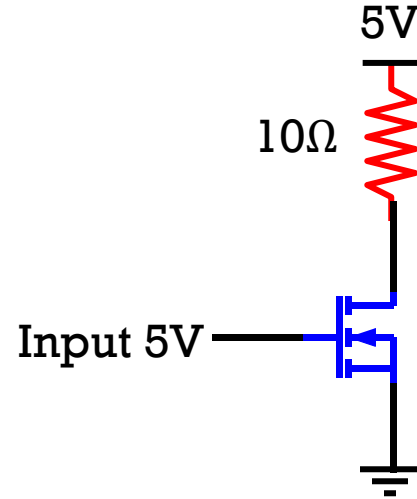
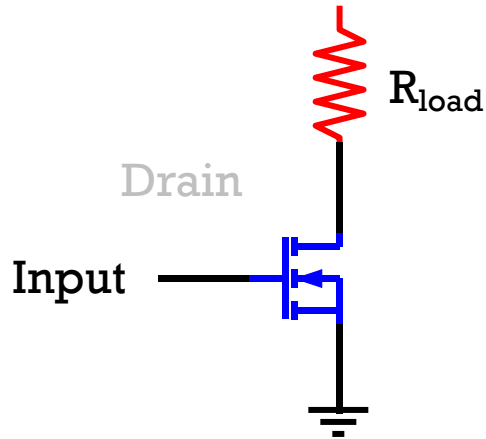
$R_{DS(off)}$  very high  $\rightarrow$  open circuit

How do we know if we have been successful?

$R_{DS}$  will be like open circuit

# Example MOSFET

- Open collector (simplest switching transistor configuration)



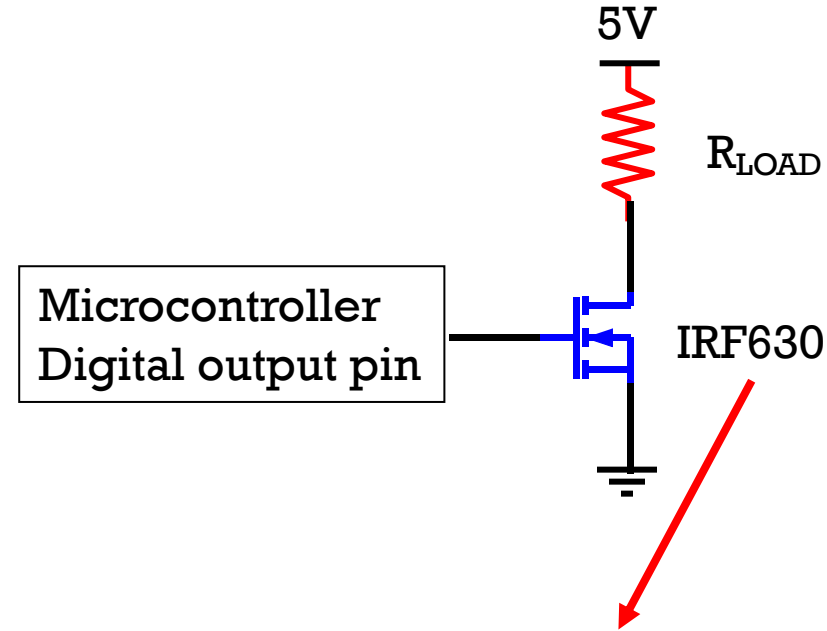
Q10: Why don't we need a resistor on the input as we did on BJT?

# Interfacing with microcontrollers

Q11: (yes/no) Will this circuit work with a microcontroller that has

- A) 3.3V logic like the ESP32
- B) HCT logic like the Teensy
- C) TTL logic

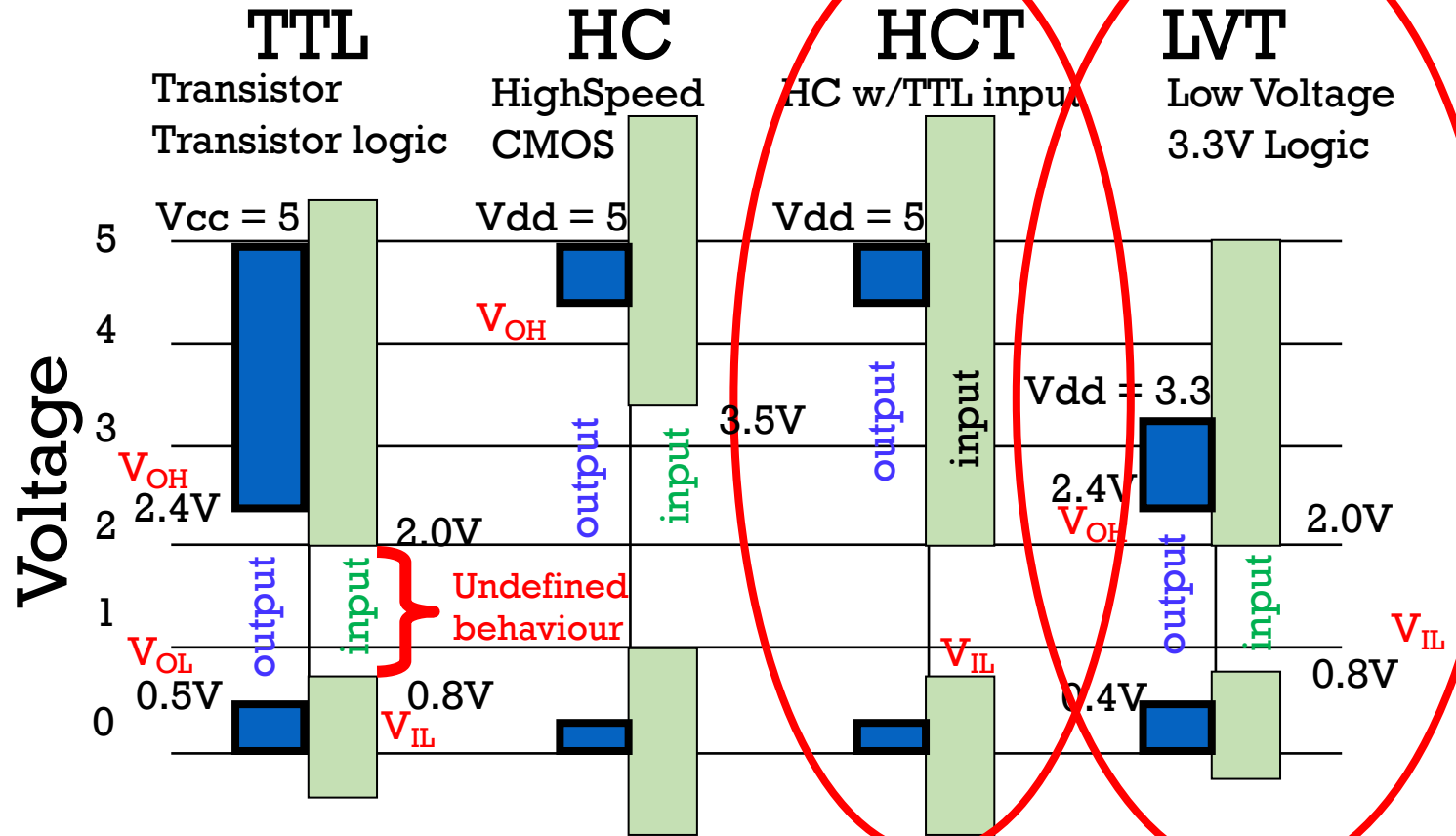
Q12: What is the smallest value for  $R_{LOAD}$  that can safely be used for the IRF630? (with good heat sink)



# From Lecture 4 Logic Levels

Valid Output  
Levels

Valid  
Recognized  
Input Levels



Teensy @ 5V is LVTTTL  
close to this

ESP32

# Positive $R_{DS(on)}$ Temperature Coefficient

- As Temperature goes up, what happens to  $R_{DS(on)}$  ?
- The main failure mode for drivers is getting too hot.

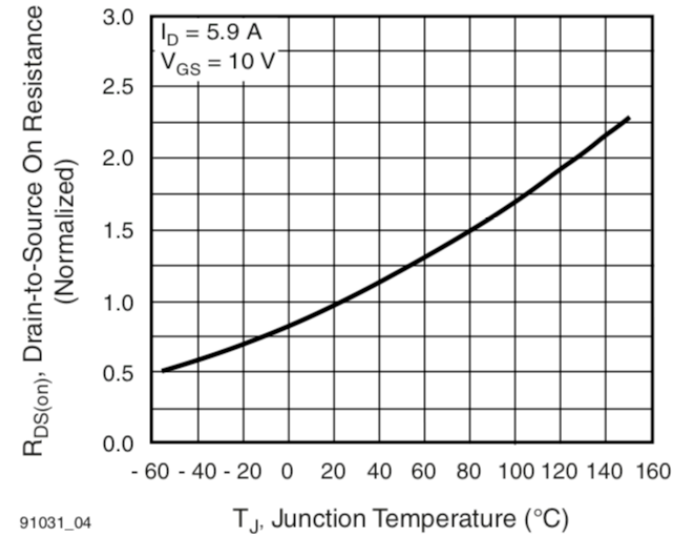
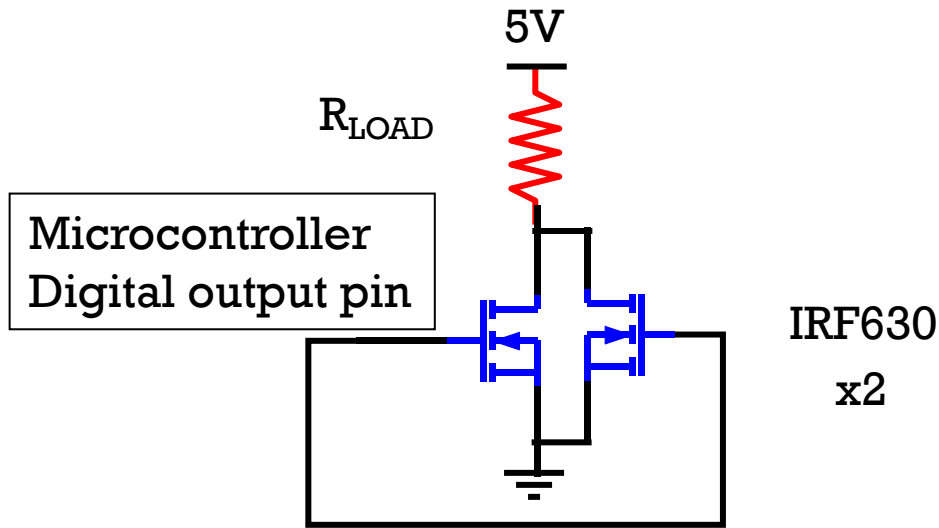


Fig. 4 - Normalized On-Resistance vs. Temperature

# Caveat, not true for low $V_{GS}$ , Depends on MOSFET

For IRF630, @  $V_{GS}=4.5V$ , Temp coeff is negative!

For  $V_{GS}=8, 10, 15V$ ,  $I_D$  falls with higher temp, but  $V_{GS}=4.5$  and  $5V$   $I_D$  goes UP!

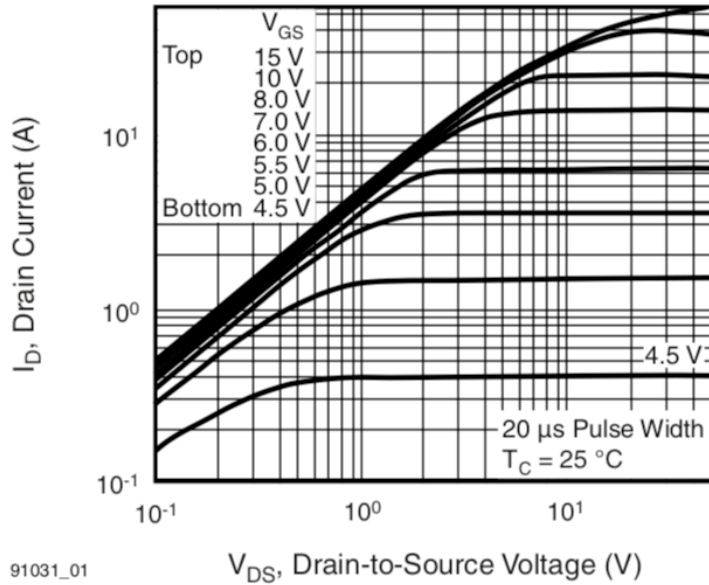


Fig. 1 - Typical Output Characteristics,  $T_C = 25^\circ C$

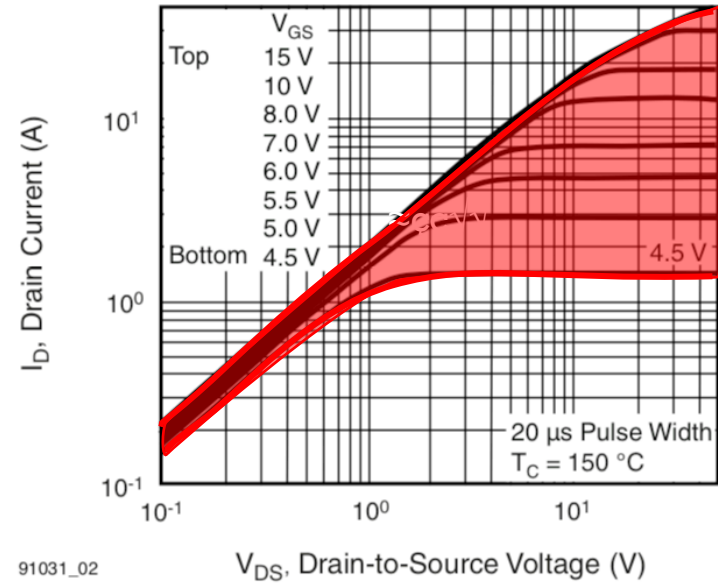


Fig. 2 - Typical Output Characteristics,  $T_C = 150^\circ C$

# Ministore MOSFETs

IRLB8721	25A	N-channel MOSFET
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IRF9520	6.8A	P-Channel MOSFET
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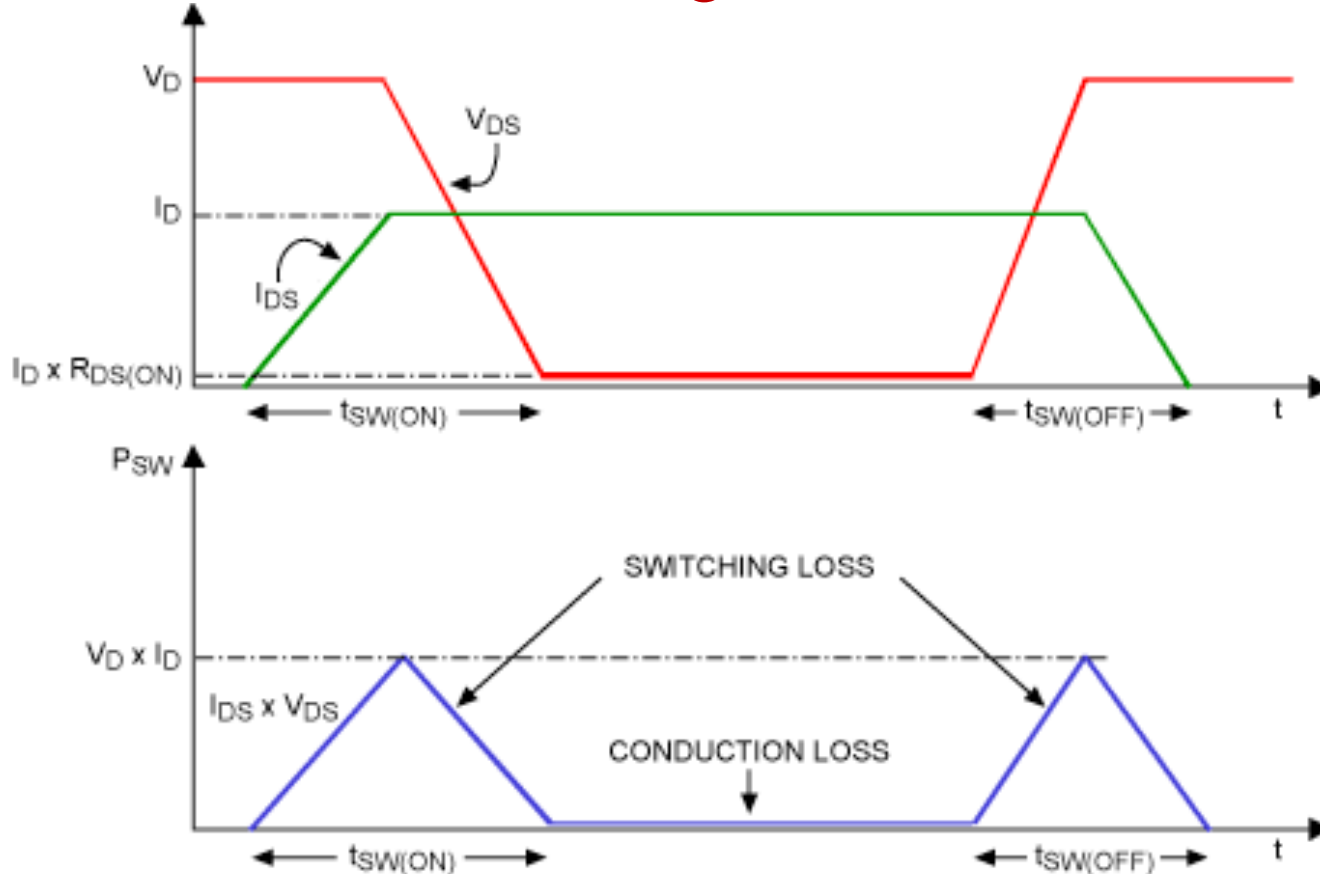
FQP8P10	4A	P-Channel MOSFET
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2N7000	75mA	N-Channel MOSFET
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IRF630	5.9A	N-Channel MOSFET
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# Power lost to heat through MOSFET



# Choosing MOSFET drivers (for this class)

## Output Specifications

- $R_{DS(ON)}$  sets current capability (assuming you can heatsink device)
  - Can also look at continuous drain current

## Driving Specifications

- $V_{GS}$  Voltage required to turn on.
  - Older power MOSFETS require voltages larger than micro's normally supply > 5V (not compatible)
- $Q_G$  Total Gate Charge, don't want this to be too large otherwise may run into heating issues when using PWM
  - e.g., <20nC may be ok for this class (use slower PWM freq)

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MOSFET vs BJT

# BJT vs MOSFET

## Driving

- BJT's are driven by current in base
- BJT's require  $V_{be} \sim 0.7V$  to start conducting
- MOSFETS require  $V_{GS(th)}$  to start (varies: 1-8V)
- MOSFETS are driven by voltage,  $V_{gs}$

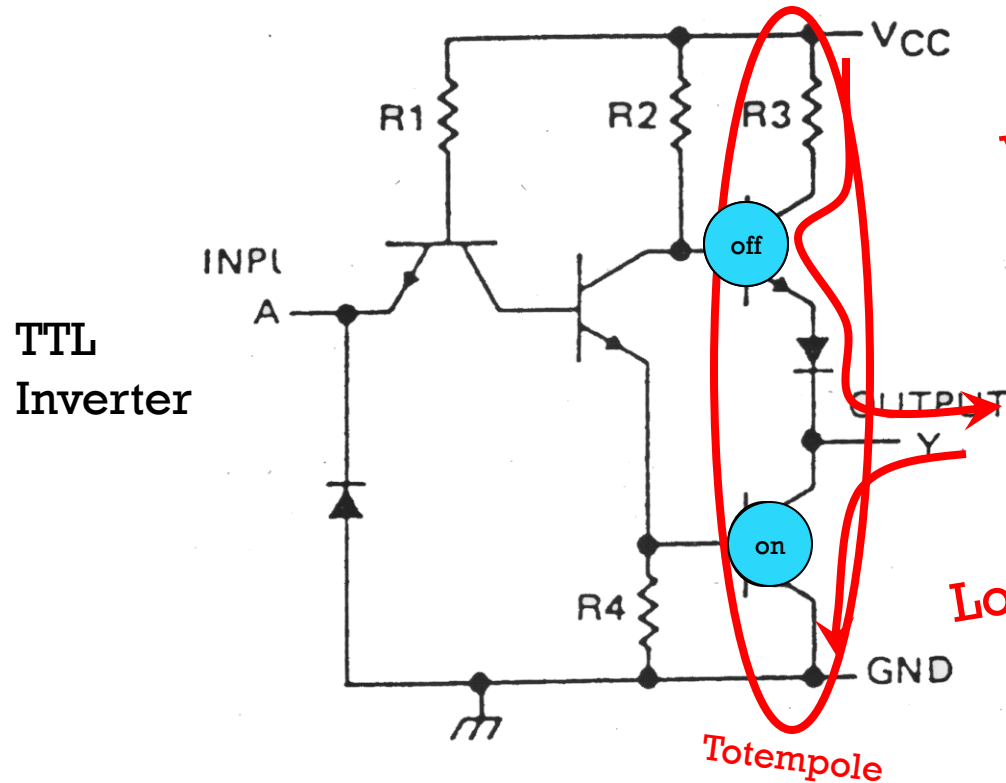
## Outputs

- BJT limited by  $V_{ce}$
- MOSFETS limited by  $R_{ds\_on}$
- MOSFETS can combine in parallel

## Costs

- BJT's are cheaper for switching small currents e.g.,  $I_C \sim 200mA$
- MOSFETS are smaller and cheaper more efficient for switching larger currents e.g.,  $I_D > \sim 5A$

# Digital Logic: Bipolar TTL output



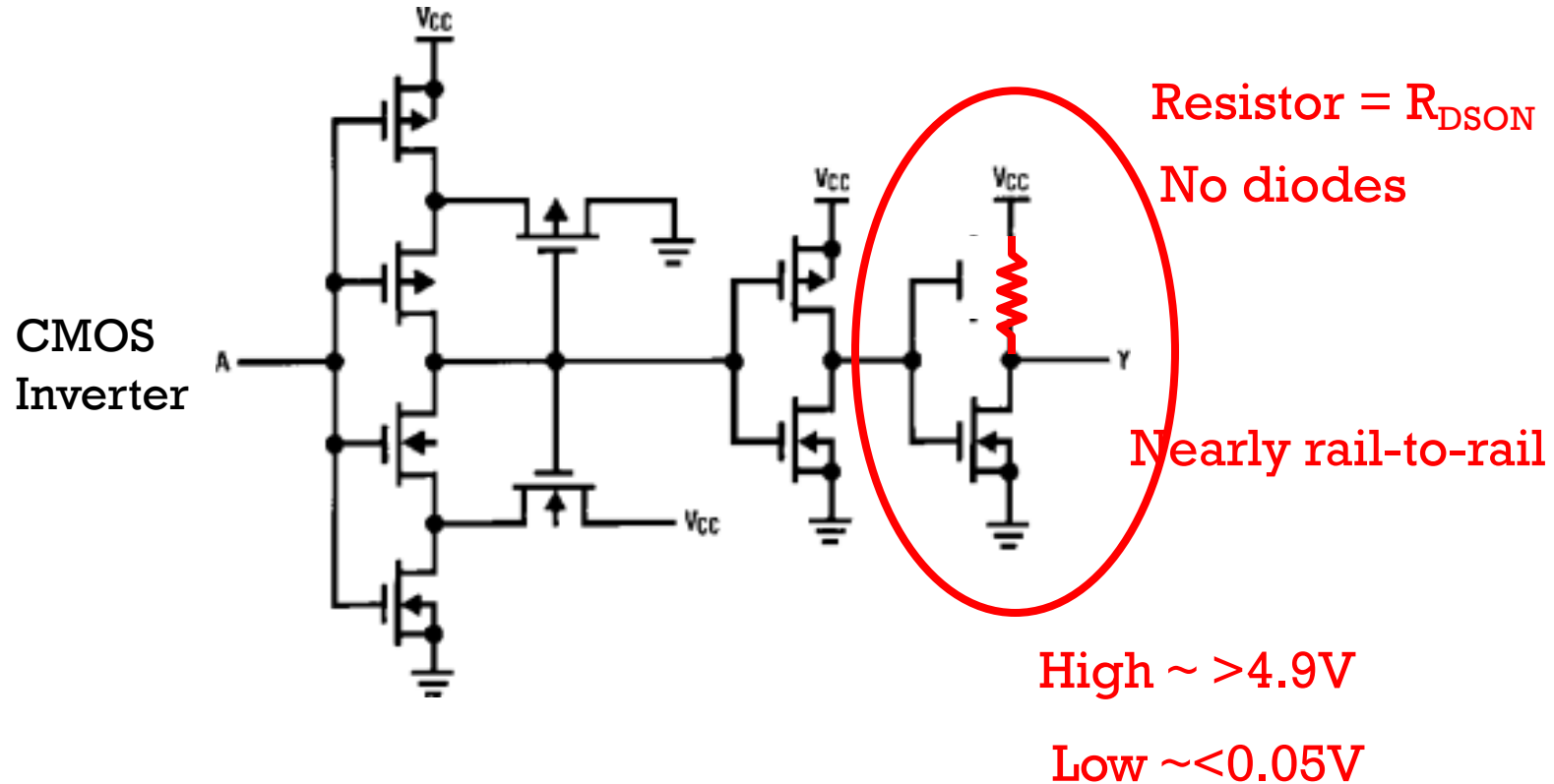
What is typical voltage at Y when ON?

High voltage is  $V_{CC} - V_F - V_{CE(sat)} - V_{\text{resistor}}$

Low is  $V_{\text{sat}}$  from gnd

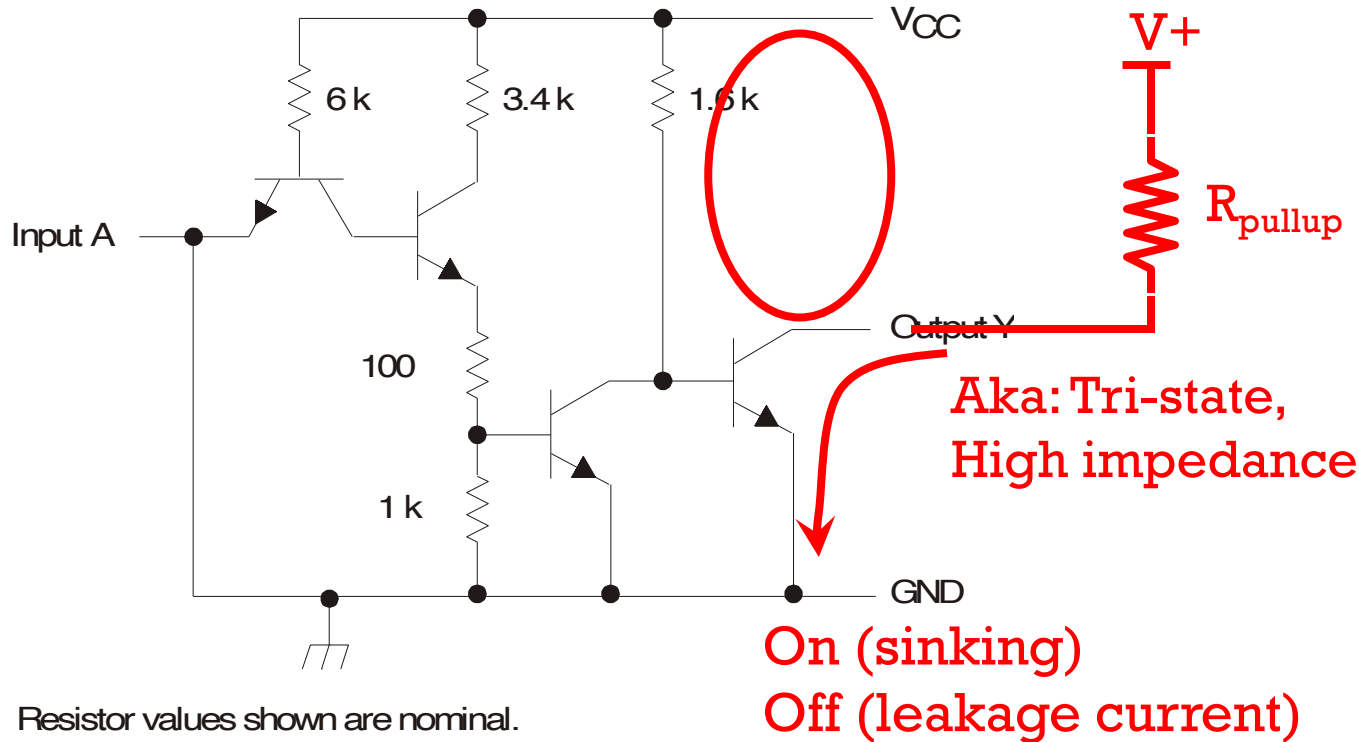
What is typical voltage at Y when OFF?

# Digital Logic: CMOS totem pole



# Digital Logic: Open Collector

(Open drain for CMOS)



# Summary

- BJT are current controlled (ULN2003 is Darlington pair of BJT's)
- MOSFETs are voltage controlled
- MOSFETs are the trend for large current control
- Be sure to understand  $V_{GS}$  characteristics of MOSFETs for your application



04 (if time)

Extra stuff

## Aside – on coding (all valid);

Which is better?

A:

```
int steps=1, bumpedflag=FALSE;
```

or

B:

```
int steps=1, bumpedflag;
```

or

C:

```
int steps=1;
```

```
bool bumpedflag;
```

Global variables are all initialized to 0 (not true for local variables). But explicitly assigning to 0 doesn't hurt and indicates intention

To use `bool` you must `#include <stdbool.h>`

# Answer in Chat

Answer how you feel about each topic below with:

1. I don't understand this topic at all
2. I don't know now, but know what to do to get by
3. I understand some, but expect to get the rest later
4. I understand completely already

- A. Multiple ADC programming
- B. Multiple Servo Driving
- C. Transistors (BJT / MOSFET)

## Aside – on coding;

Which is better?

```
TCCR1B = (1<<CS10) | (1<<CS12);
```

Slightly faster and shorter

(smart compiler will join into one command)

vs

```
set(TCCRIB,CS10);
```

```
set(TCCRIB,CS12);
```

Is a little clearer,

(won't get confused with | or &)

## Aside – on coding 2;

From /usr/local/CrossPack-AVR/avr/include/**avr/sfr\_defs.h** (on mac)

```
#define bit_is_set(sfr, bit) (_SFR_BYTE(sfr) & _BV(bit))
#define _BV(bit) (1 << (bit))
#define _SFR_BYTE(sfr) _MMIO_BYTE(_SFR_ADDR(sfr))
#define _MMIO_BYTE(mem_addr) (*(volatile uint8_t *)(mem_addr))
->
bit_is_set(sfr, bit)    ((* (volatile uint8_t *) (sfr)) & (1 << (bit)))
[mostly, skipping the part about casting the address pointer]
```

```
#define bit_is_set(sfr, bit) (_SFR_BYTE(sfr) & _BV(bit))
#define bit_is_clear(sfr, bit) (!(_SFR_BYTE(sfr) & _BV(bit)))
#define loop_until_bit_is_set(sfr, bit) do { } while (bit_is_clear(sfr, bit))
#define loop_until_bit_is_clear(sfr, bit) do { } while (bit_is_set(sfr, bit))
```

For C Casting tutorial see [https://www.tutorialspoint.com/cprogramming/c\\_type\\_casting.htm](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/cprogramming/c_type_casting.htm)