

001. Why Analog?

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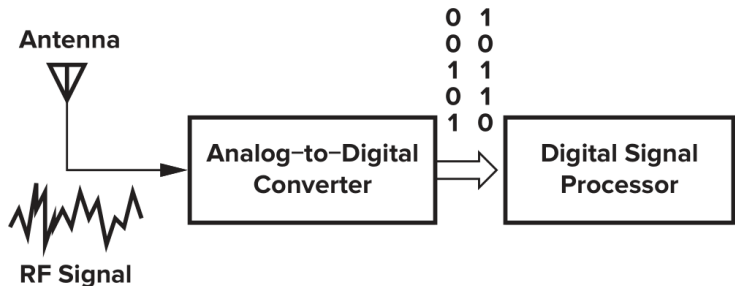
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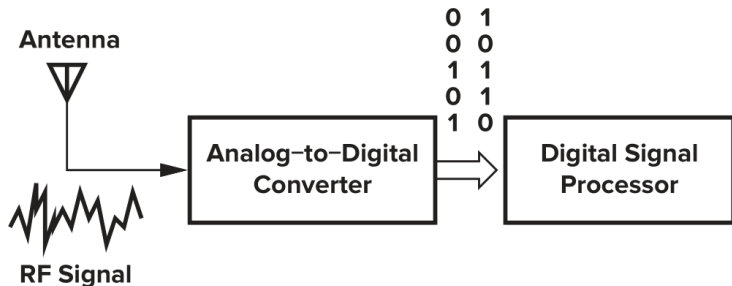
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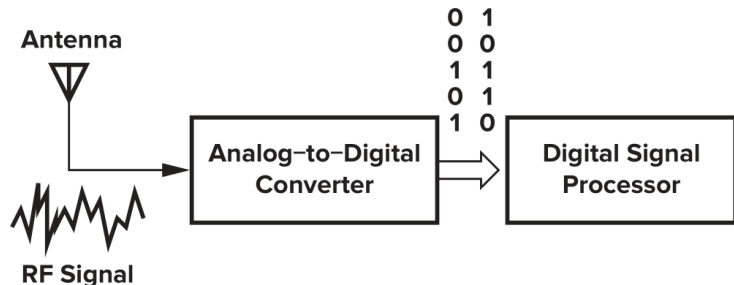
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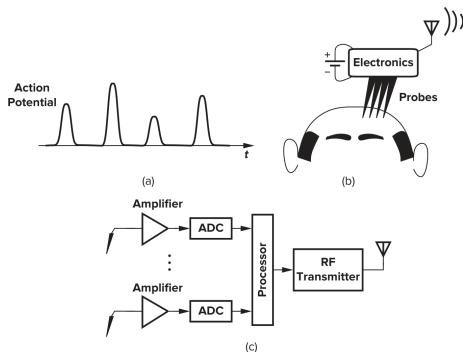
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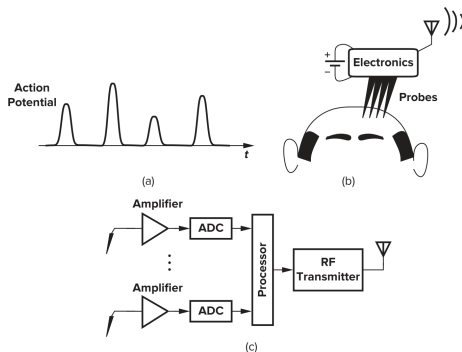
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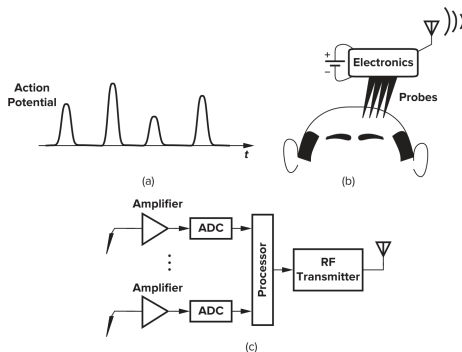
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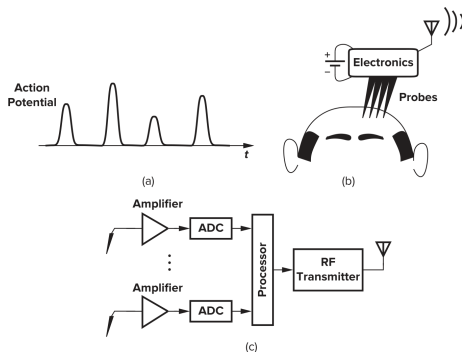


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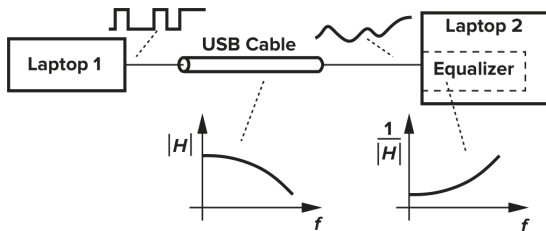
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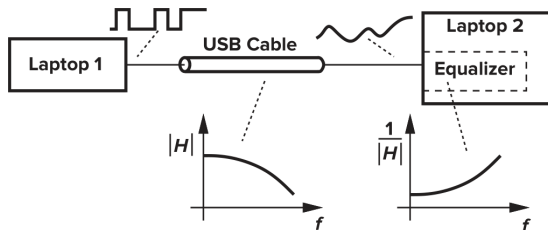
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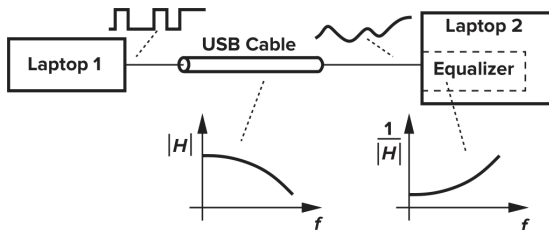
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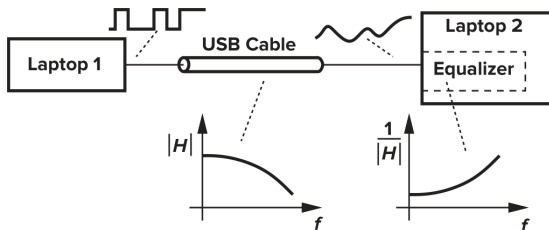
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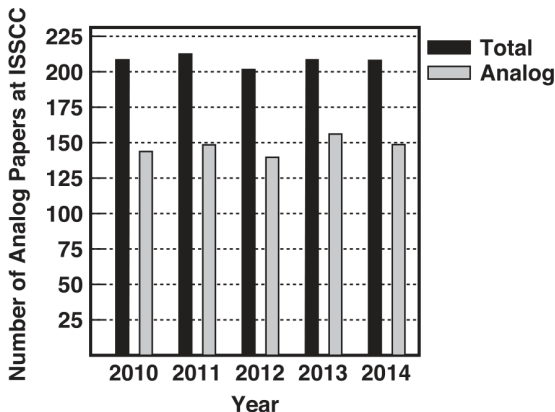
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However, starting an analog design will encounter with lots of problems causing by the scaling down in modern technology.

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