



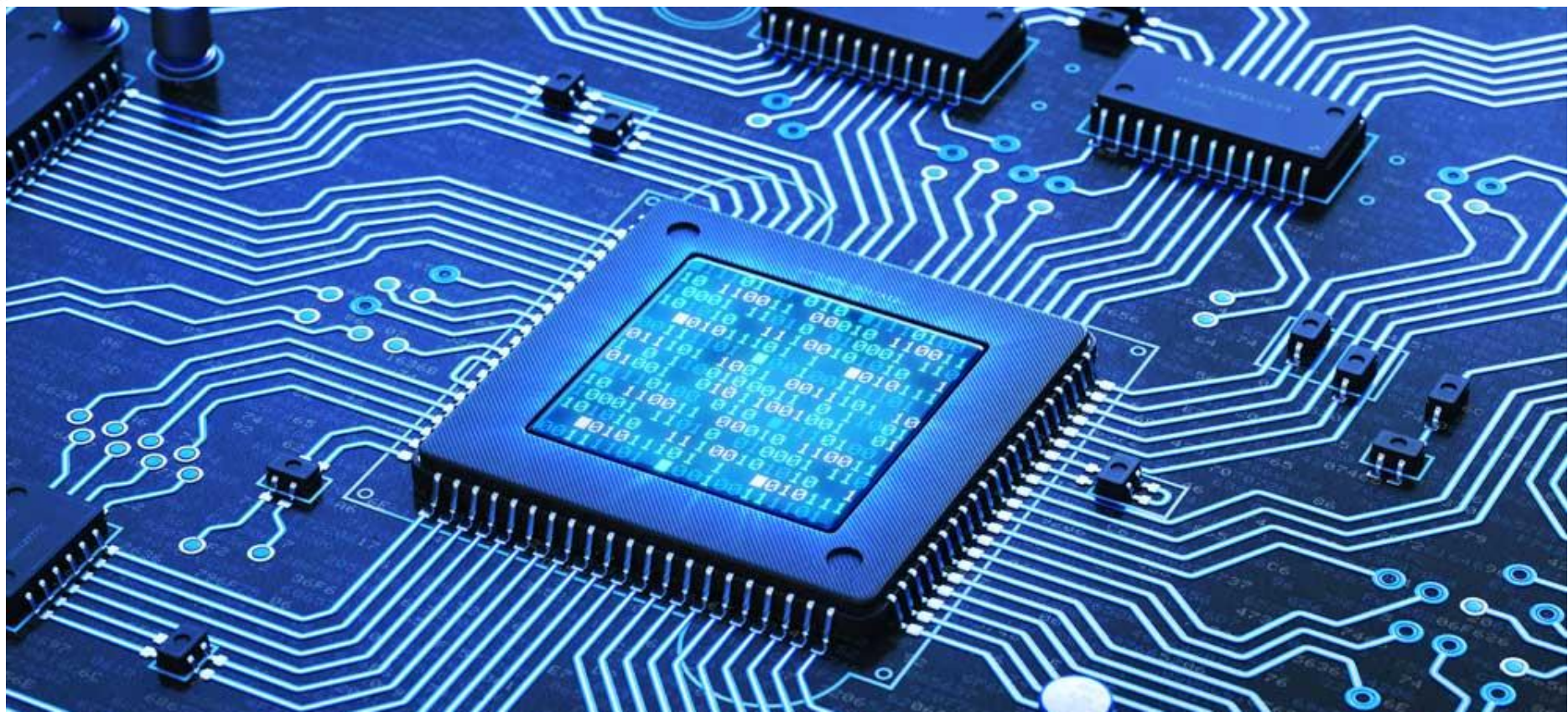
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Session 1.4

Module 1a: Capacitors and Inductors

Session 1.4: Focus

- Introduction to Capacitors
- Capacitance Value
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- Construction of Inductors
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- Use of Capacitors and Inductors



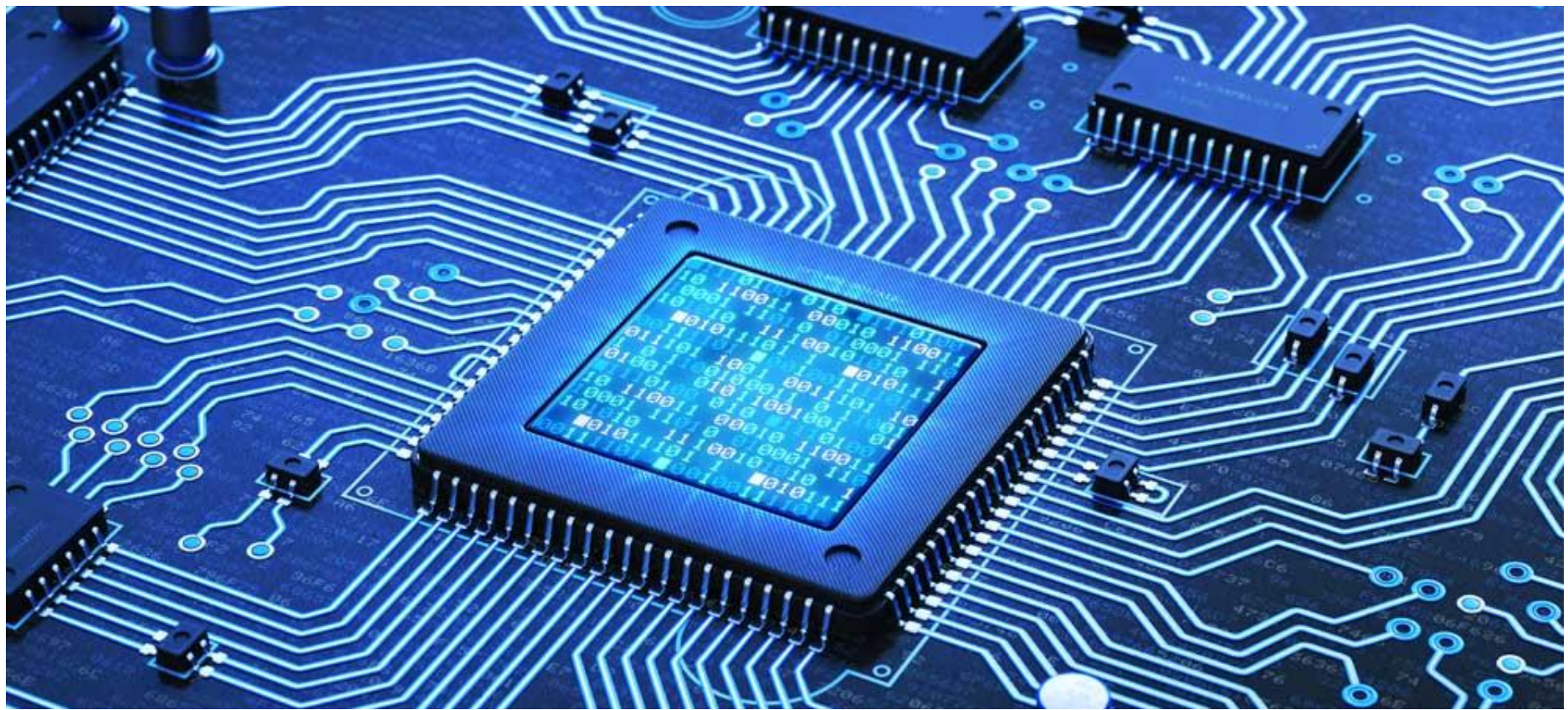
Introduction to Capacitors

Capacitors



What is a Capacitor?

- **Capacitors** (sometimes known as **condensers**) are **energy-storing devices** that are used widely in various products.
 - Television, Radios, electronic equipment, etc.
 - To construct Filters (frequency based)
- **Tune a radio** into a station, **take a flash photo** with a digital camera, you're making **use of capacitors**.
- **Capacitors** have the **ability** to both **store** and **deliver** *finite amounts of energy*.
- They **differ** from **ideal voltage sources** because Capacitors **cannot** sustain a **finite average power** flow over an **infinite time interval**.



Nature's Huge Capacitors

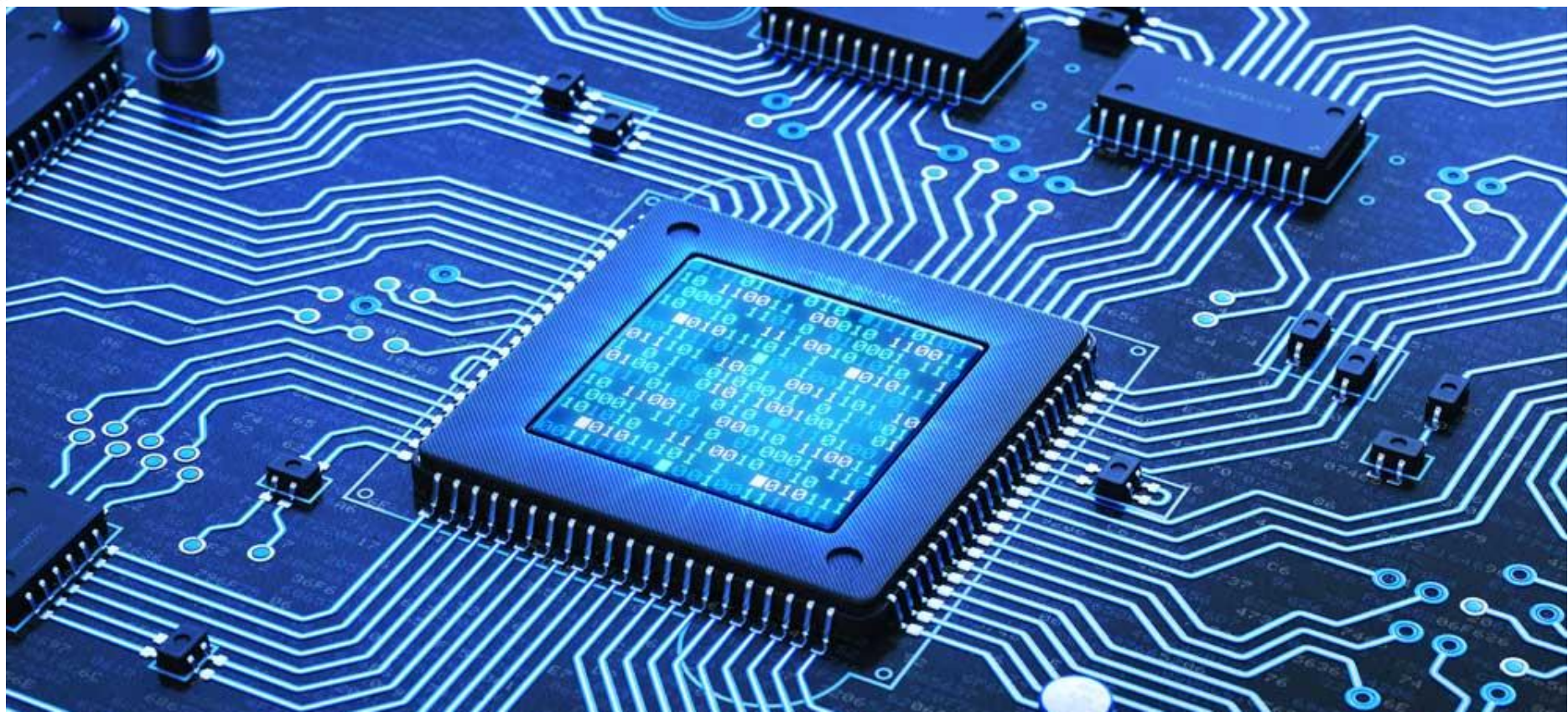
Huge Capacitors in Nature!!!



**Clouds are the
floating
Huge Capacitors!!!**



**Discharging of
Nature's
Huge Capacitors
is Lightning!!**

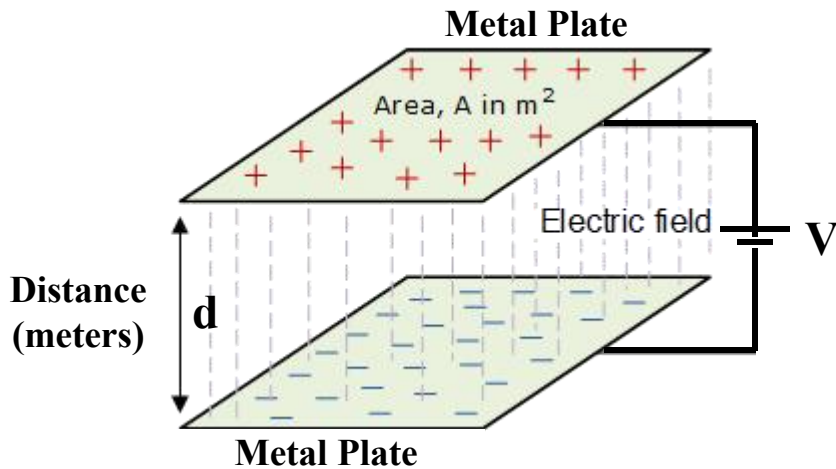


Construction of Capacitors

Definition of a Capacitor

- **Capacitor** is a **component** which has the **ability** or “**capacity**” to **store energy** in the **form** of an **electrical energy** producing a **potential difference (static voltage)** across its **plates**, much like a **small rechargeable battery**.

Construction of a Capacitor



- Two electrical plates are **separated** with an **insulator**.
 - Which is a **dielectric material** that doesn't allow electricity to flow through it very well.
 - A **capacitor** is made!!
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- Capacitor is capable of **storing electrical energy**.
 - There are basically two operations that can be done on a Capacitor:
 - Adding **electrical energy** to a **capacitor** is called as **charging**;
 - Releasing the **energy** from a **capacitor** is known as **discharging**.

Unit of Capacitor (Farad)

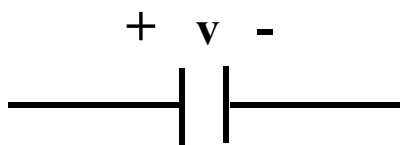
- **Capacitance** is the **electrical property** of a **capacitor**.
- It is a **measure** of a capacitor's **ability** to store **electrical energy** onto its **two plates**.
- The **unit of capacitance** is the **Farad** (abbreviated to **F**) named after the **British physicist Michael Faraday**.
- A **capacitor** has the capacitance of **One Farad** when **electrical energy equivalent** to **One Coulomb of charge** stored in it by a voltage of **One volt**.

$$C = Q/V$$

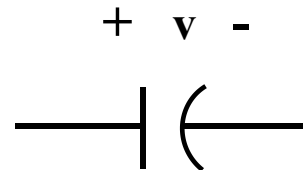
Unit of Capacitor and Symbols

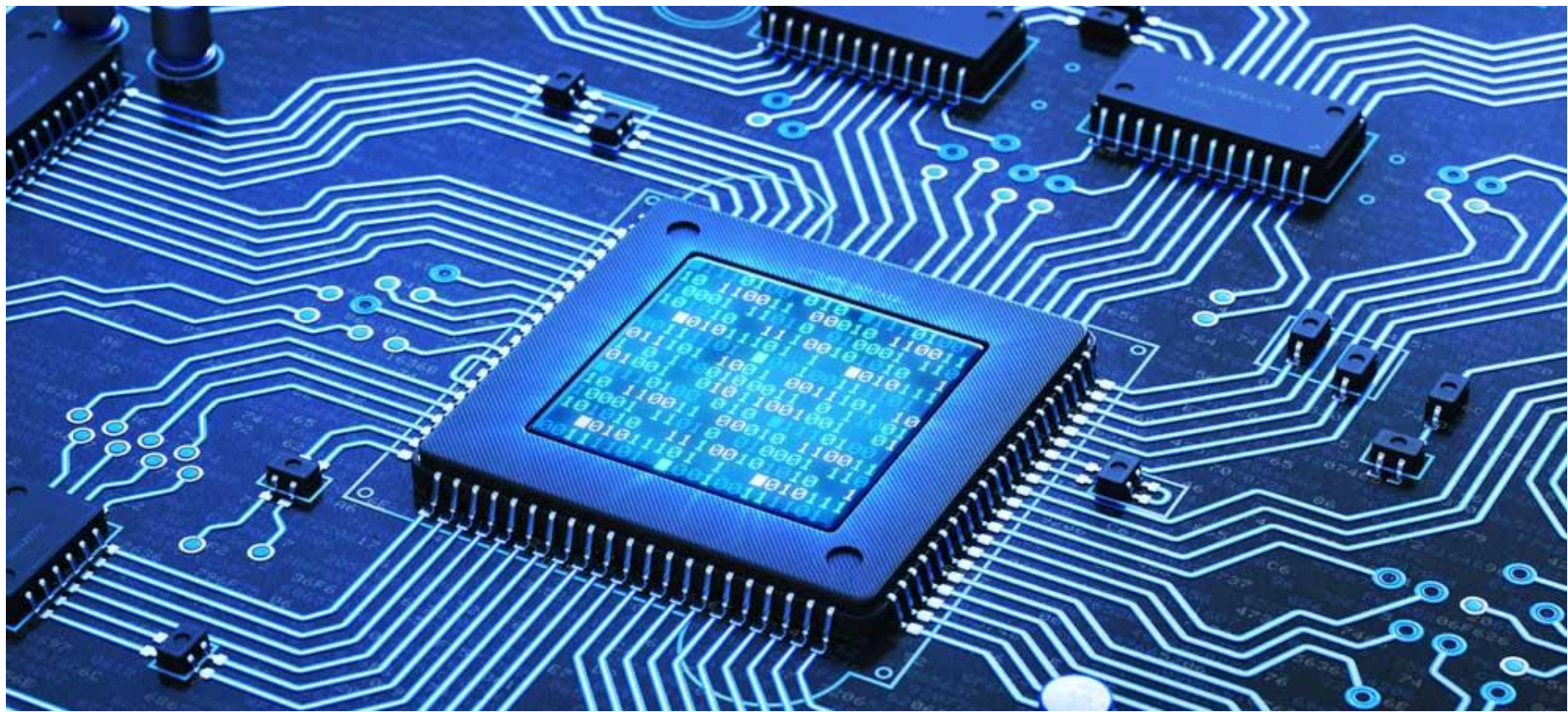
- Capacitance, **C** is **always positive** and has no negative units.
- However, **Farad** is a **very large unit of measurement** to use.
 - **One Coulomb of charge = 6.25×10^{18} electrons.**
- So, **sub-multiples** of the **Farad** are generally **used**, such as:
 - **1 micro-farads (μF) = 10^{-6} F**
 - **1 nano-farads (nF) = 10^{-9} F**
 - **1 pico-farads (pF) = 10^{-12} F**

Capacitor Symbols



Commonly Used

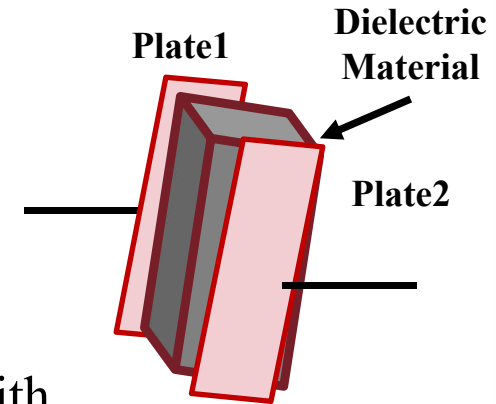




Capacitance Value

Capacitance Value

- $C = \frac{\epsilon A}{d}$
 - ϵ : Dielectric constant of dielectric material used
 - A : Area of metallic plates
 - d : Distance between the plates
- If **Area** of the plates is **large**, more **charge (Q)** imbalance can be **created** within the **capacitor**.
- If **d** is **smaller**, the **attractive force** between the **plates** (with opposite charges) **help** in **holding** more **charges of the same sign** on each plates, thus **improving** the **capacitance**.
- ϵ represents the **absolute permittivity** of the **dielectric material** used, in between the **plates**.



Capacitor Types (Different Dielectrics)

- **Electrolytic Capacitors (Aluminium/Tantalum)**

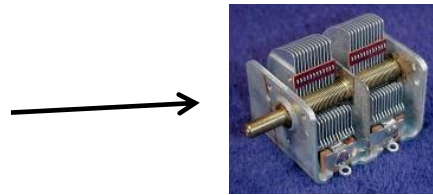
- Large capacitance ($\sim 10\mu\text{F}$ with smaller size)
- Polarized (has +v & -ve terminals)
- Permanently damaged, if connected incorrectly



- **Mylar capacitors**



- **Gang capacitors**



← Air as dielectric

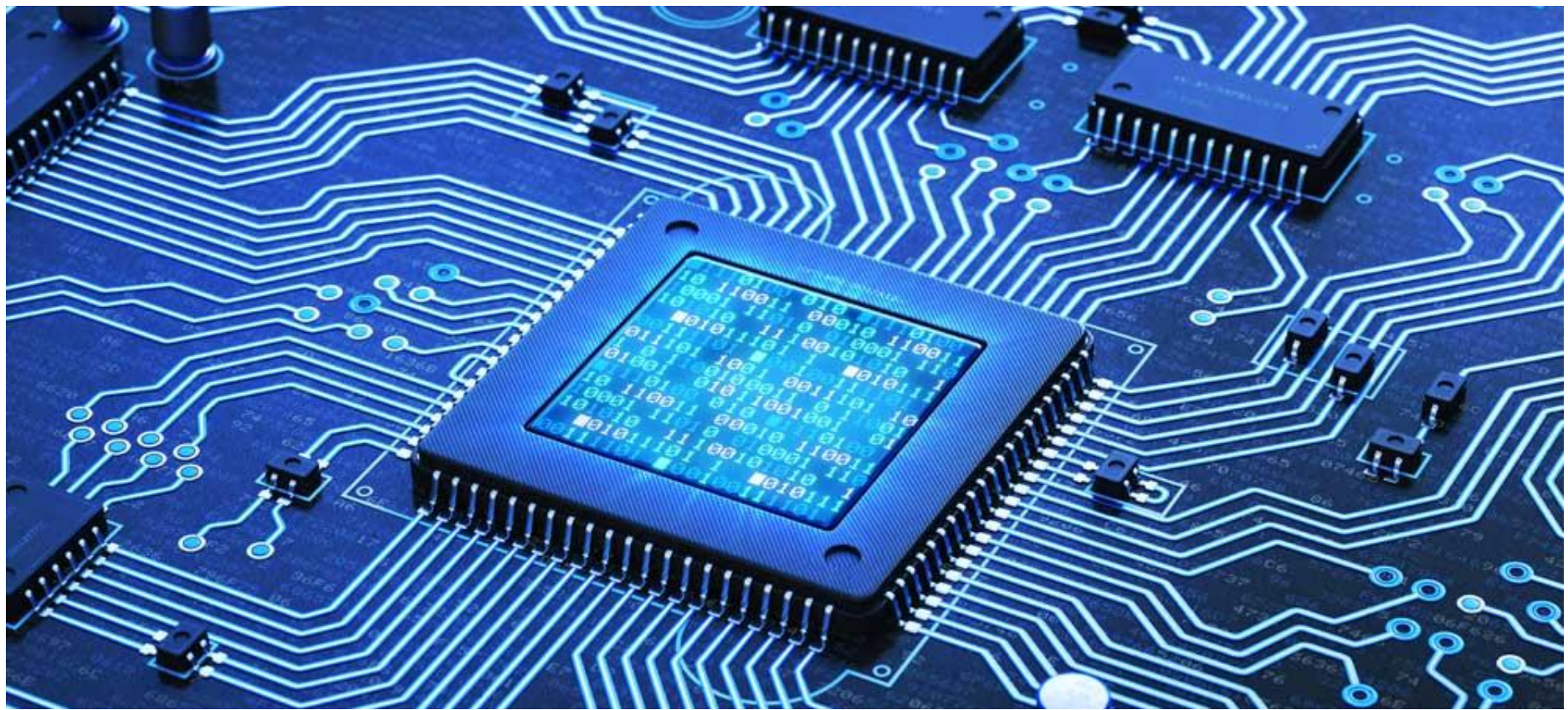
- **Paper Capacitors**



- **Ceramic Capacitors:**

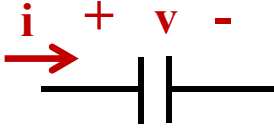
- A few pF to 1 or 2 μF





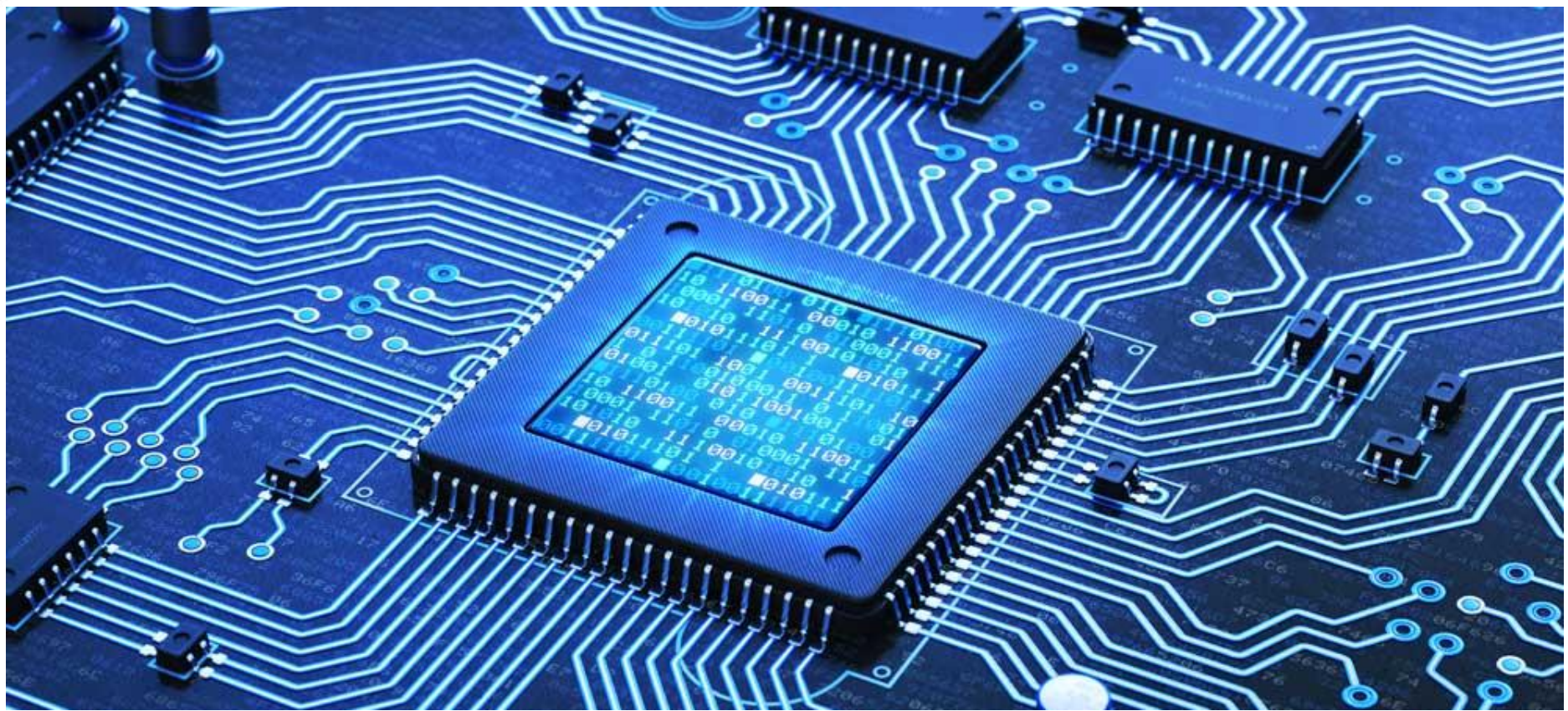
V-I Relationship

V-I Relationship of a Capacitor

- Capacitor Symbol:  **Note the signs of potential across C**
- C satisfies the conventions for a passive element.**
- Voltage-Current Relationship:**

$$i = C \frac{dv}{dt}$$

- This equation tells us that when the **voltage doesn't change across the capacitor, current doesn't flow**;
- To **have a current flow** through the capacitor, the **voltage must change**.
- For a constant **DC voltage source**, **capacitors** act as **open-circuit** because there is no change in the voltage, thus **no current can flow** though it.

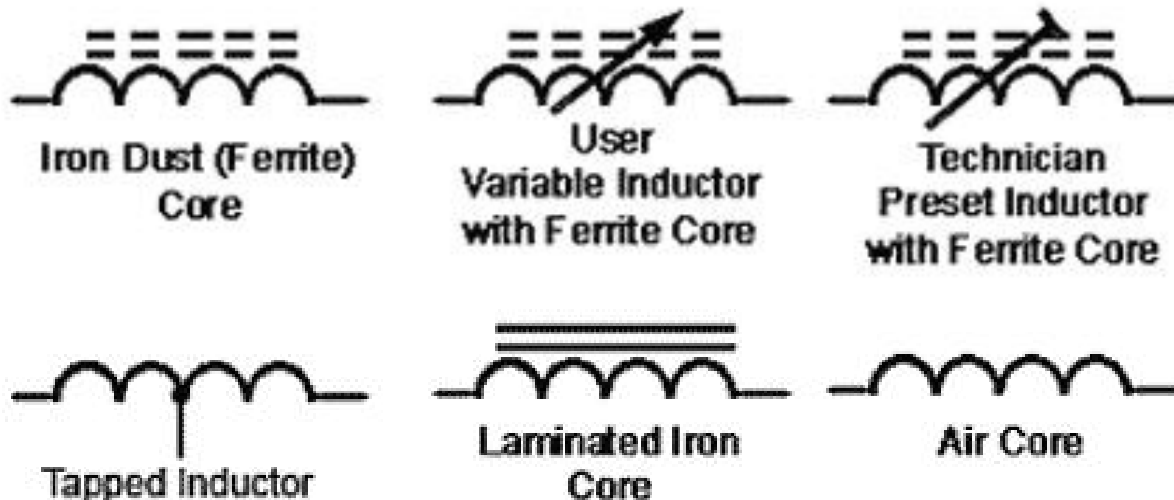


Inductors

What is Inductance?

- **Inductance** is the **property** whereby an inductor exhibits **opposition** to the **change of current** flowing through it, measured in **henrys (H)**.

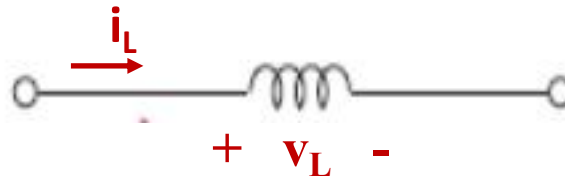
Inductor Symbols



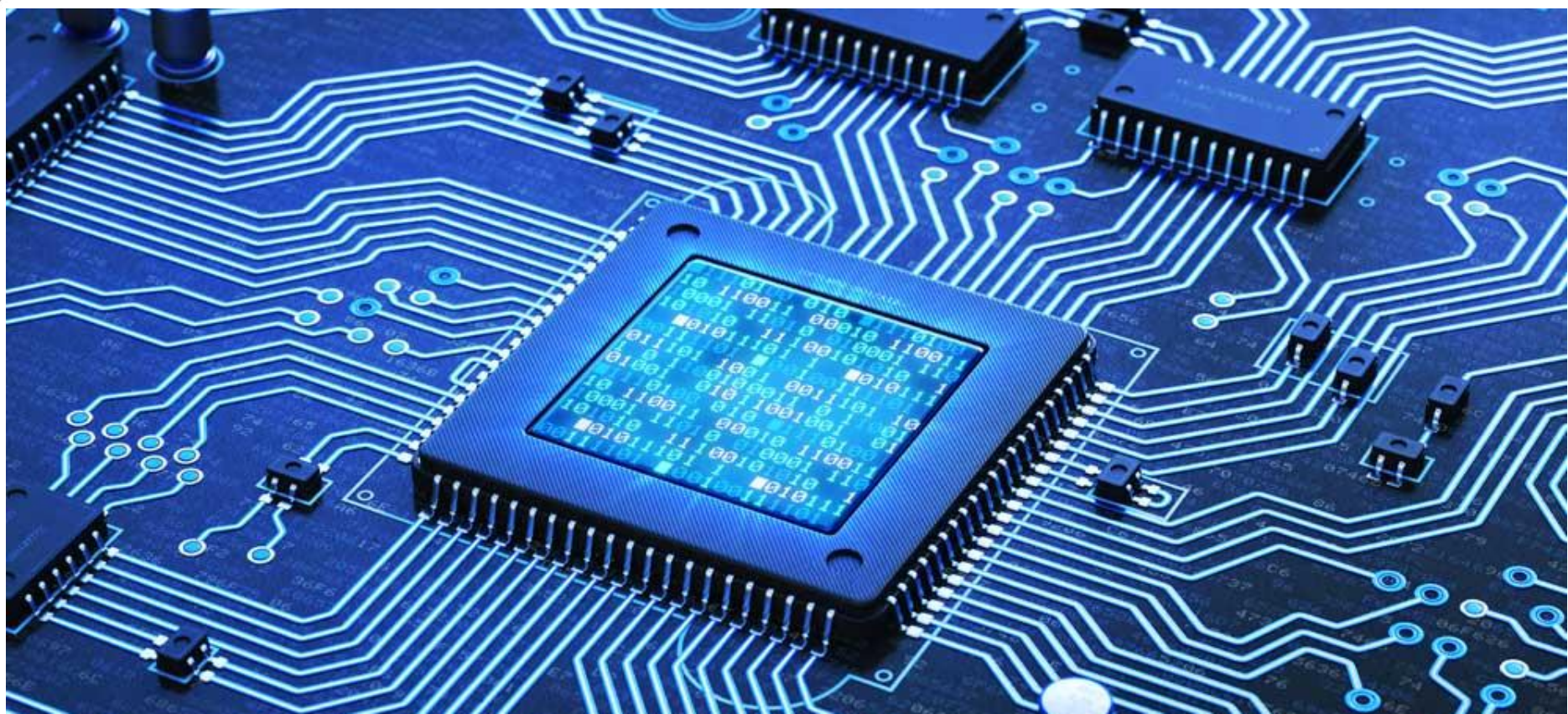
Inductors: Invention

- **Michael Faraday** and **Joseph Henry** discovered almost simultaneously that a **changing** magnetic field could **induce** a **voltage** in a **neighbouring circuit**.
- The **voltage** induced is **proportional** to the **time rate of change** of the **current producing** the **magnetic field**.
- The **constant of proportionality** is what we call the **inductance**, symbolized by **L**, and therefore

$$v = L \frac{di}{dt}$$



- The **unit** in which **inductance** is measured is the **henry (H)**
- Equation shows that **henry** is just a **shorter expression** for a **volt-second per ampere**.

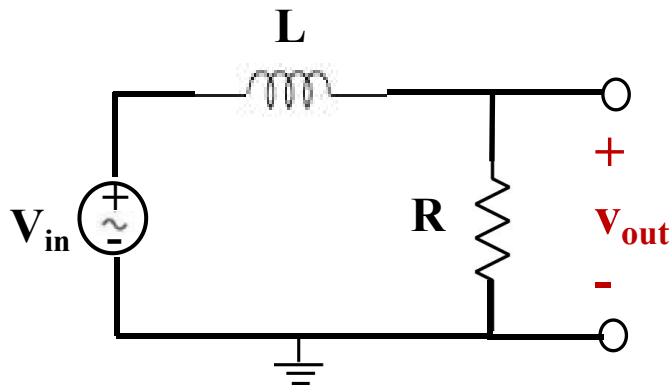
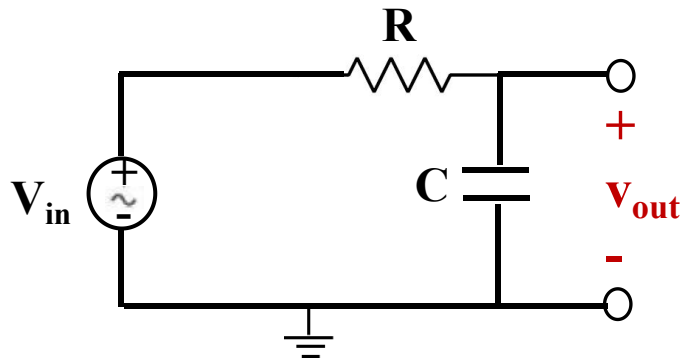


Capacitors and Inductors in AC Circuits

Passive Filters

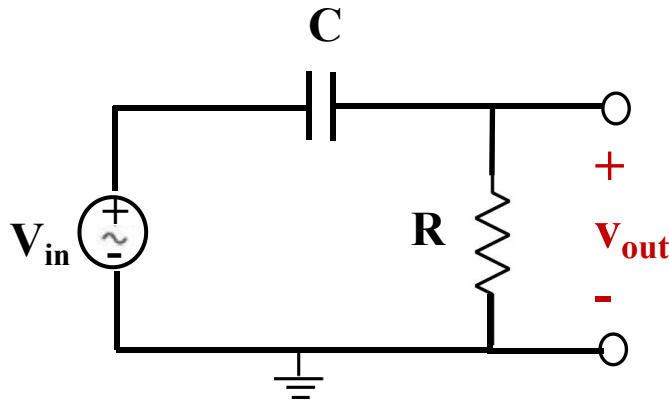
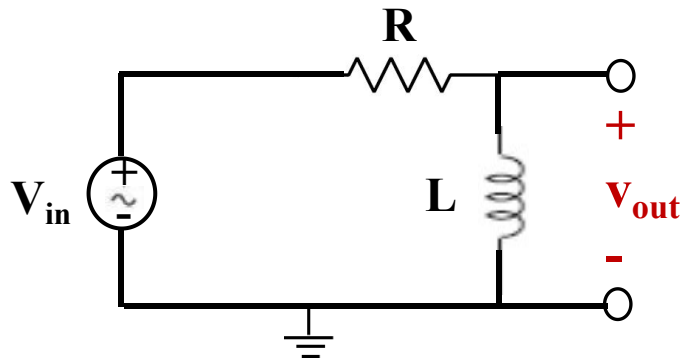
- Filters are circuits which allow certain input frequency signals to pass through or to get blocked before reaching the output of the circuit.
- Filters which are built only with passive components (Resistors, Capacitors, Inductors) are called passive filters.
- Frequency of the signals is the rate of change of signal amplitude with time.
- What we normally see in real-life are sinusoidal voltages which will be covered shortly.

Low Pass Filter (LPF): AC

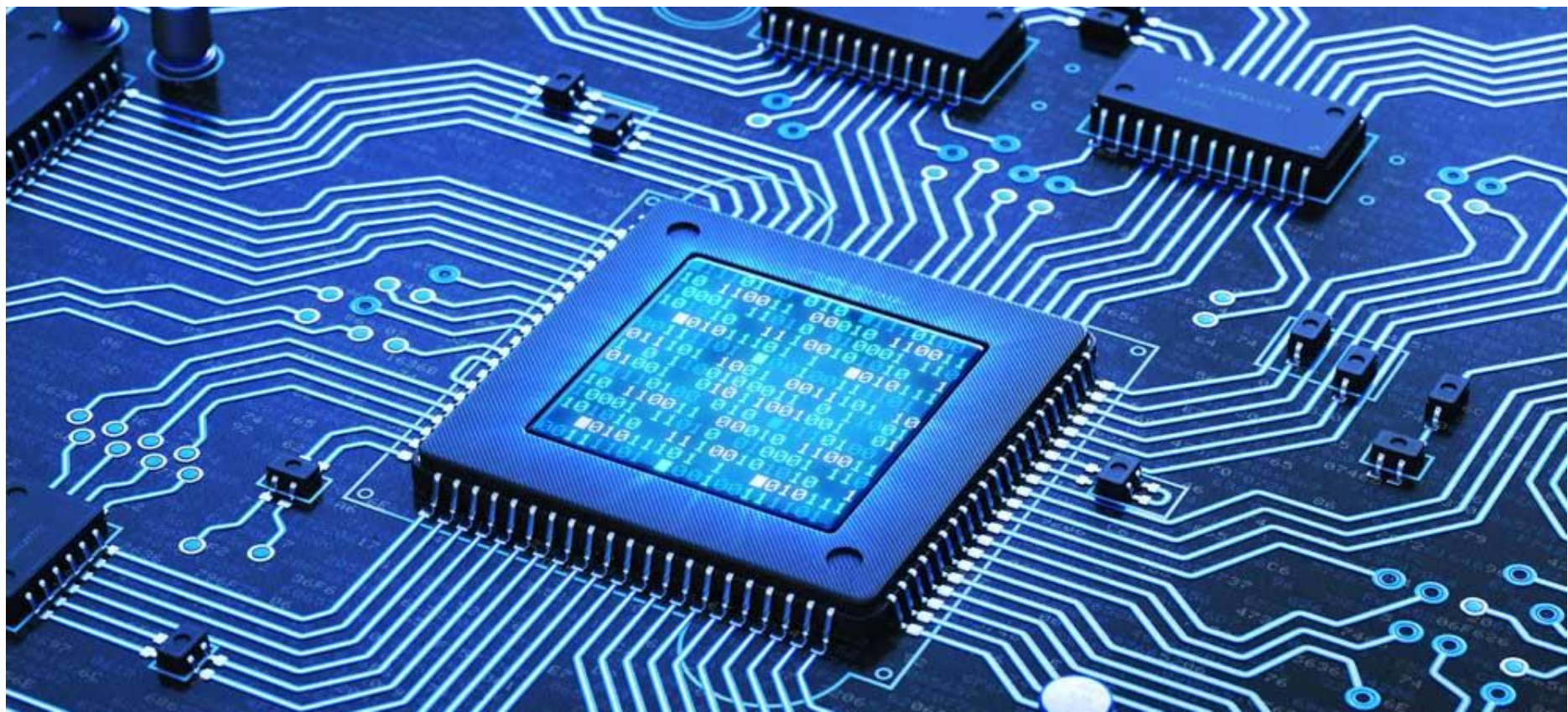


- At lower frequencies the capacitive reactance of the circuit will be higher, having higher voltage drop across the capacitor, where the output is taken.
 - $X_C = \frac{1}{\omega C} = \frac{1}{2\pi f C}$
- At higher frequencies reactance of the capacitor becomes very low that no output can be seen at V_{out} .
- In the lower circuit with inductor, lower frequency signals are allowed because of inductive reactance being low.
 - $X_L = \omega L = 2\pi f L$
- At higher frequencies, due to higher X_L no output can be seen at V_{out} .

High Pass Filter (HPF): AC



- At higher frequencies the inductive reactance of the circuit will be higher, having higher voltage drop across the inductor, where the output is taken.
 - $X_L = \omega L = 2\pi fL$
- At lower frequencies reactance of the inductor becomes very low that no output can be seen at V_{out} .
- In the lower circuit with capacitor, higher frequency signals are allowed because of capacitive reactance being low.
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Use of Capacitors and Inductors

Use of Capacitors and Inductors

- Inductors, combined with capacitors and resistors, are used extensively to create **filters** for analogue circuits and in-signal processing.
- **Induction motors** change the electrical energy into mechanical energy.
- Inductors that share the magnetic path are combined together and form a **transformer**.
- Inductors can be used for energy storage.
- Unlike capacitors, they do not store energy for a long time.
- In the case of inductors, energy is stored in the form of the magnetic field; however, this fails when there is no power supply.
- Capacitors act as an insulator for DC circuits.

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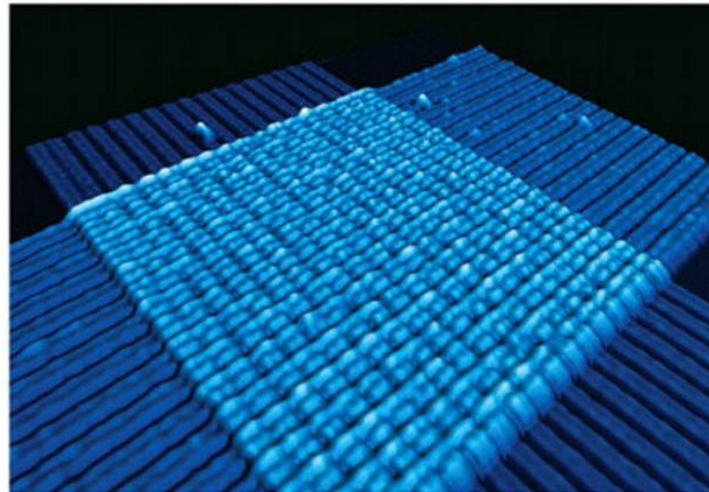
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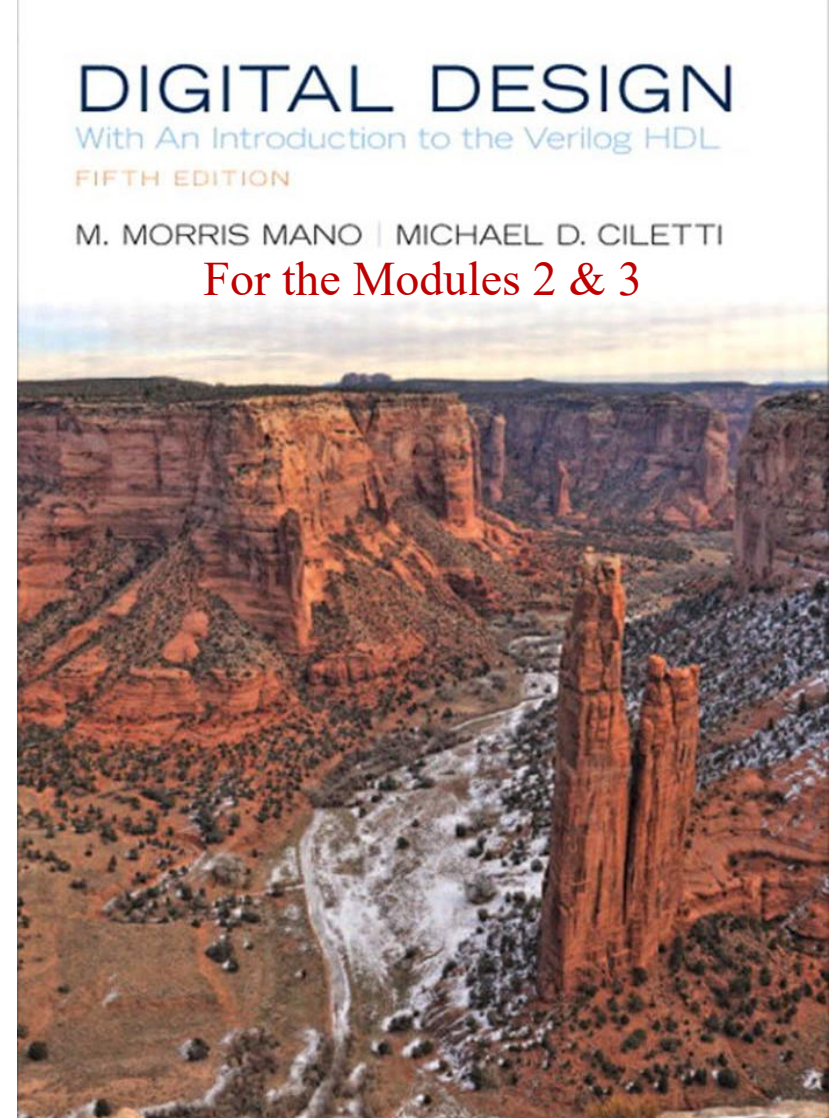
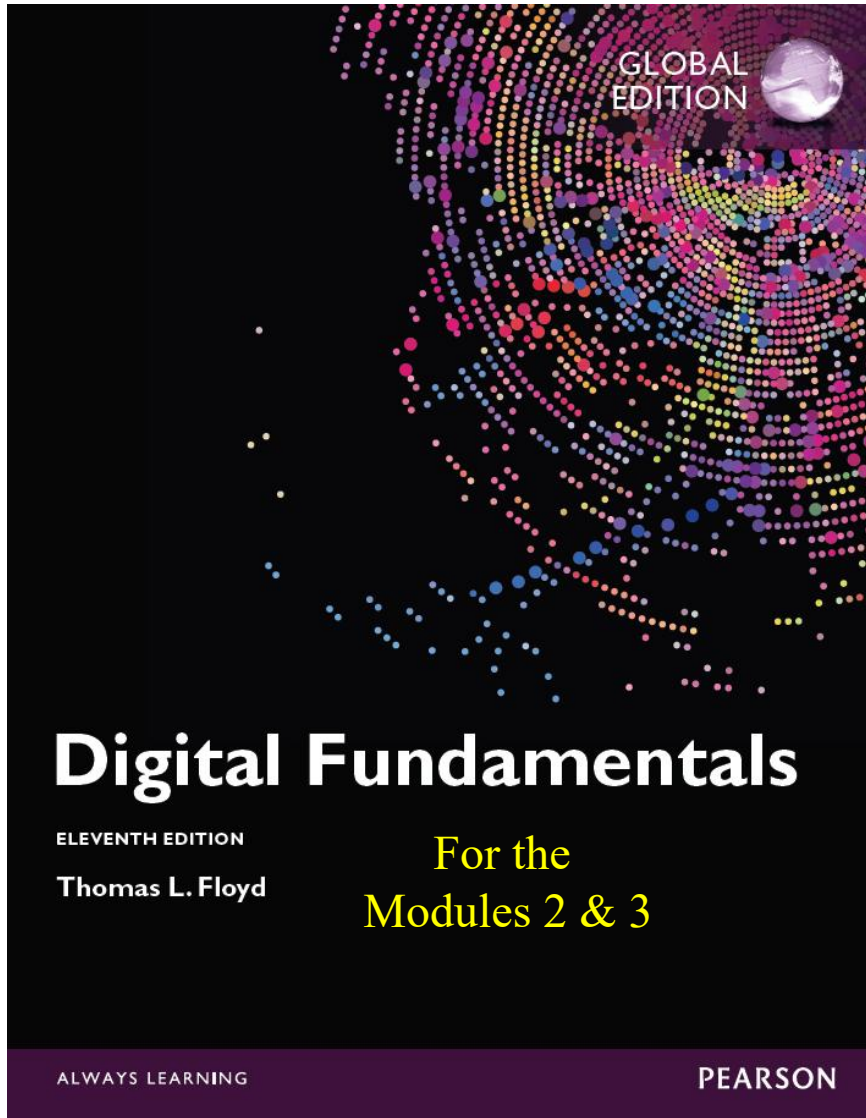
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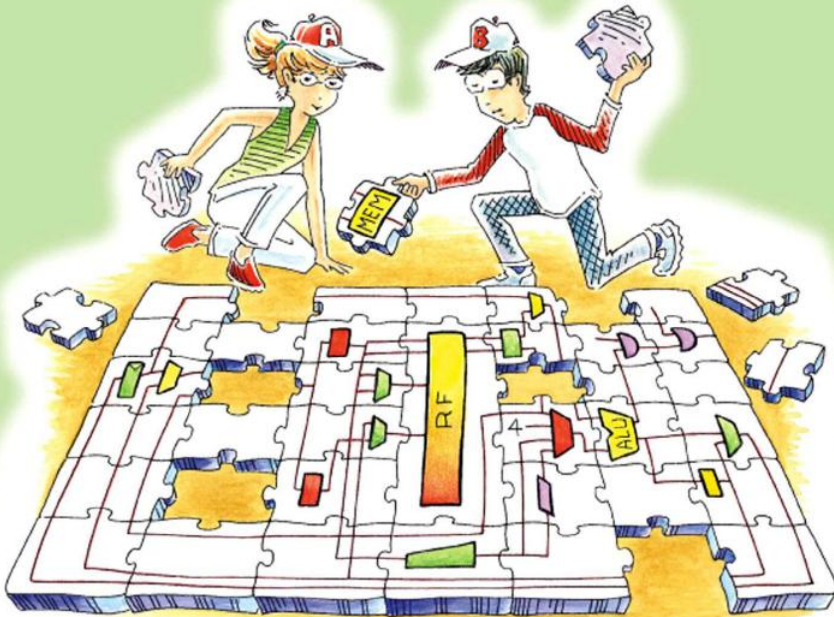
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