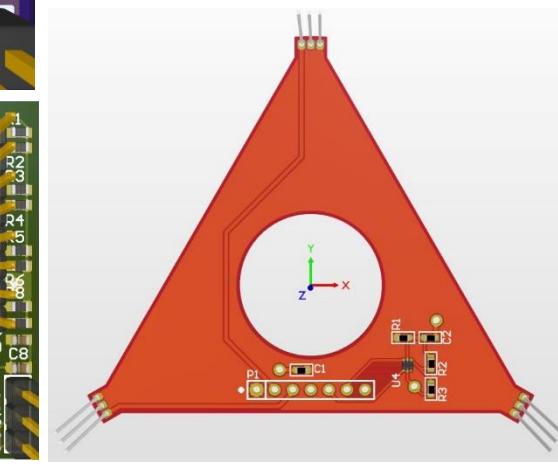
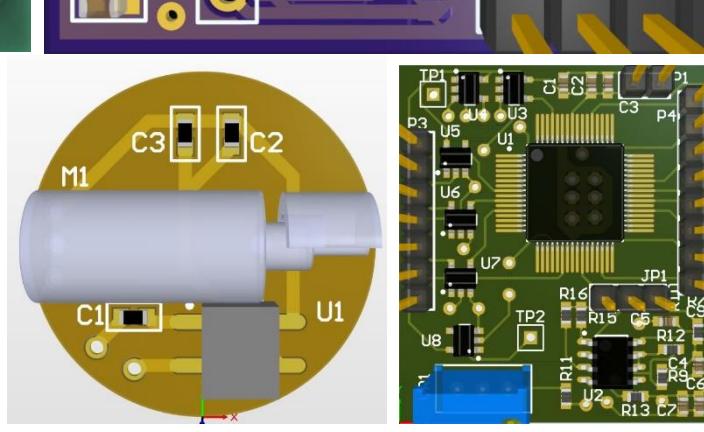
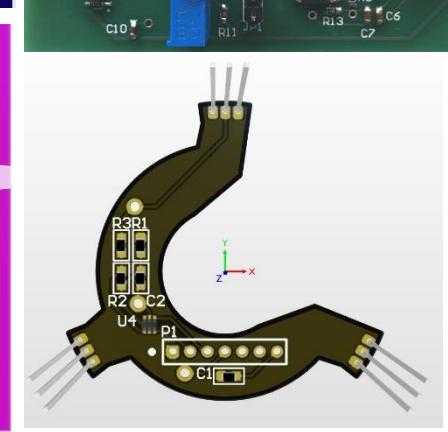
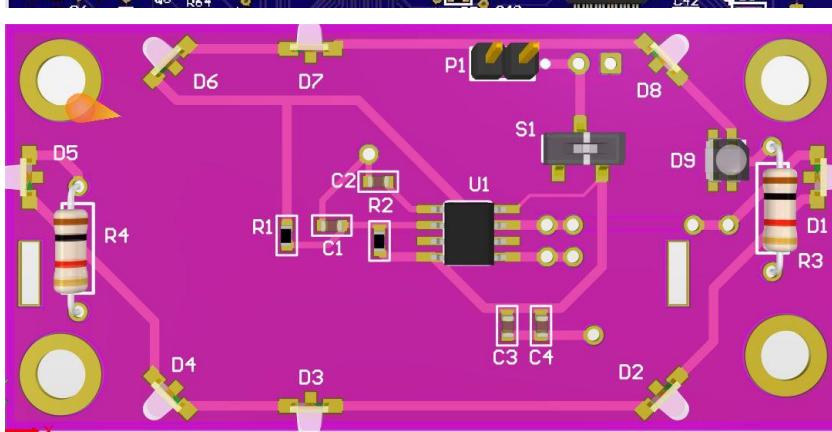
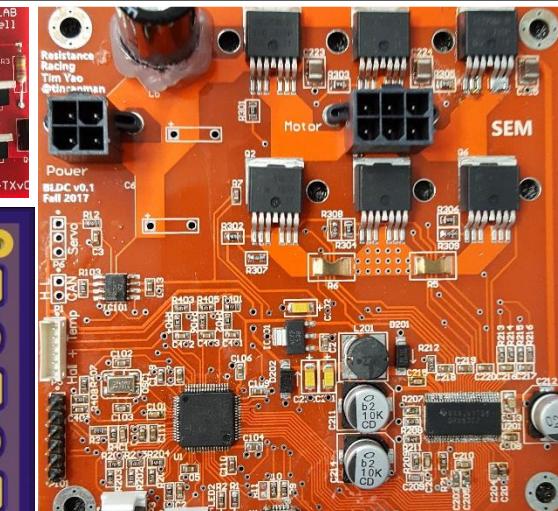
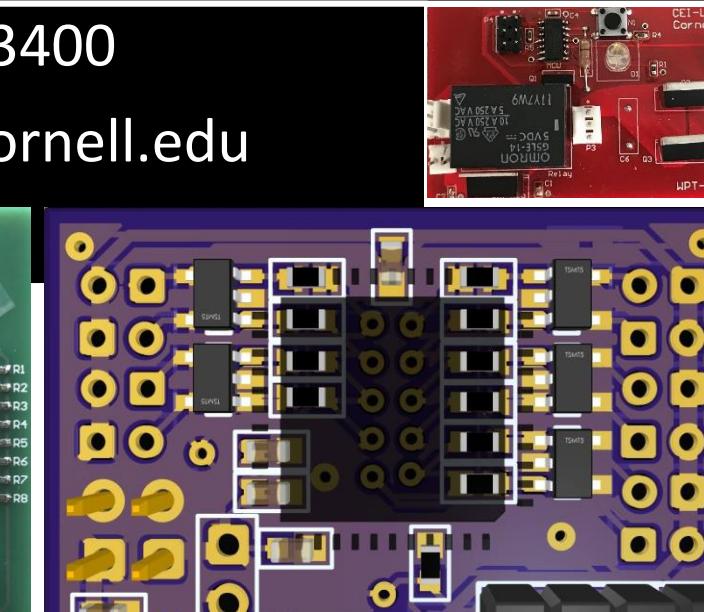
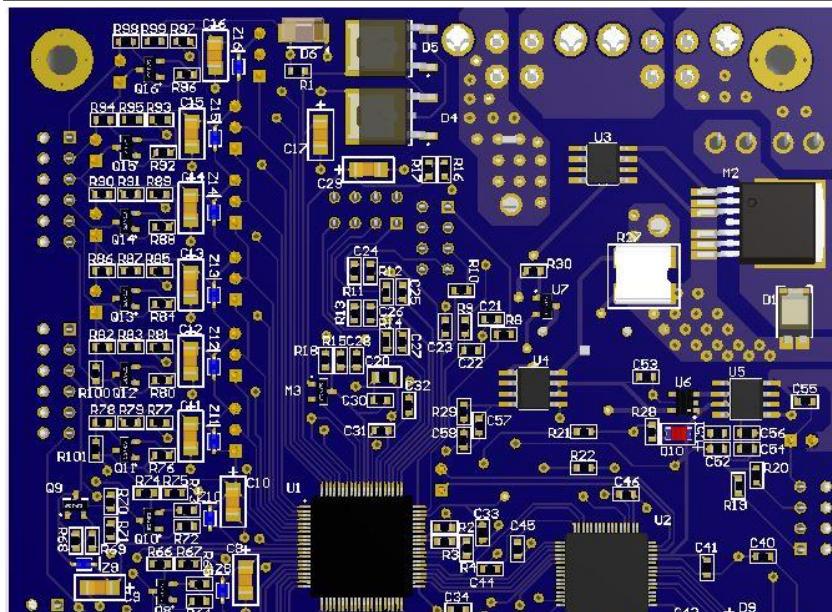


Printed Circuit Board Design



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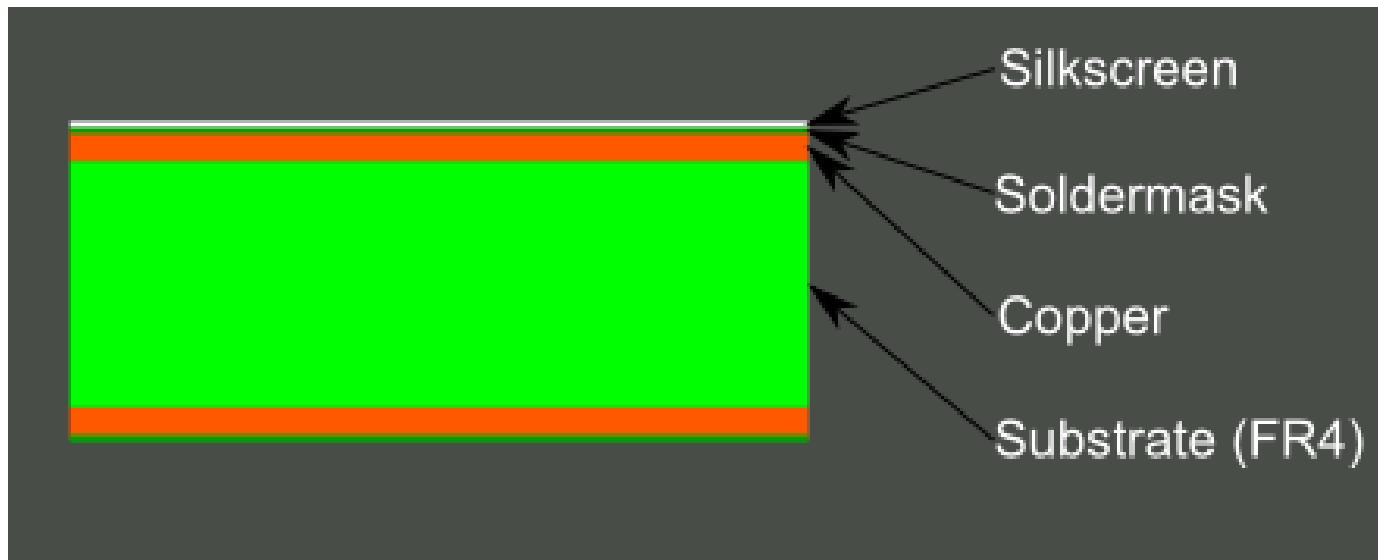
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Agenda

- What is a PCB? Should I use a PCB?
- Design example
 - Component selection
 - Schematic design
 - Layout basics
- Layout Considerations
 - Trace Width, Pours, Thermals
 - Grounding
 - Decoupling
 - High-Frequency considerations
 - 3D Modelling
 - Testing
 - Mistakes
 - Other
- Eagle demo if time

What is a PCB?

- Interleaved layers of copper and insulator
- Number of layers = number of copper layers



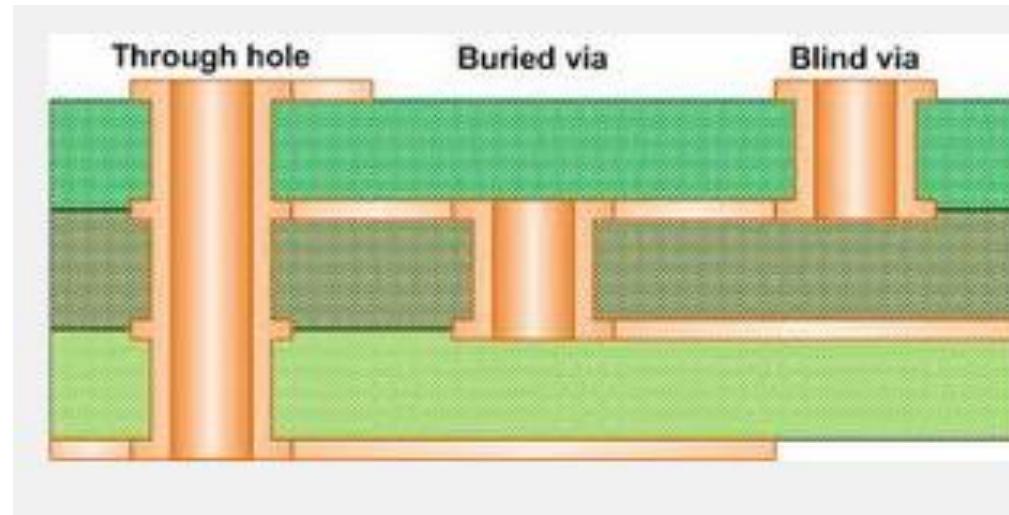
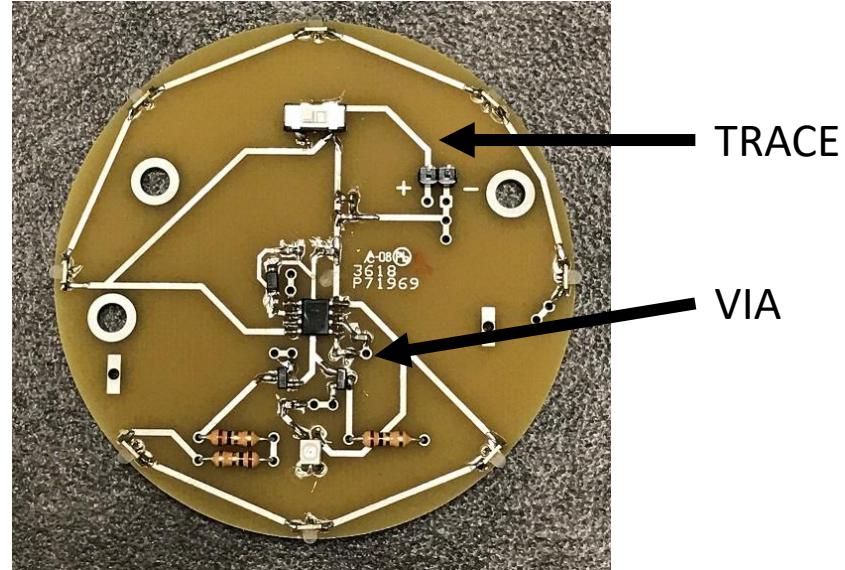
Useful Terms

Trace

Copper path (equivalent of wire)

Via

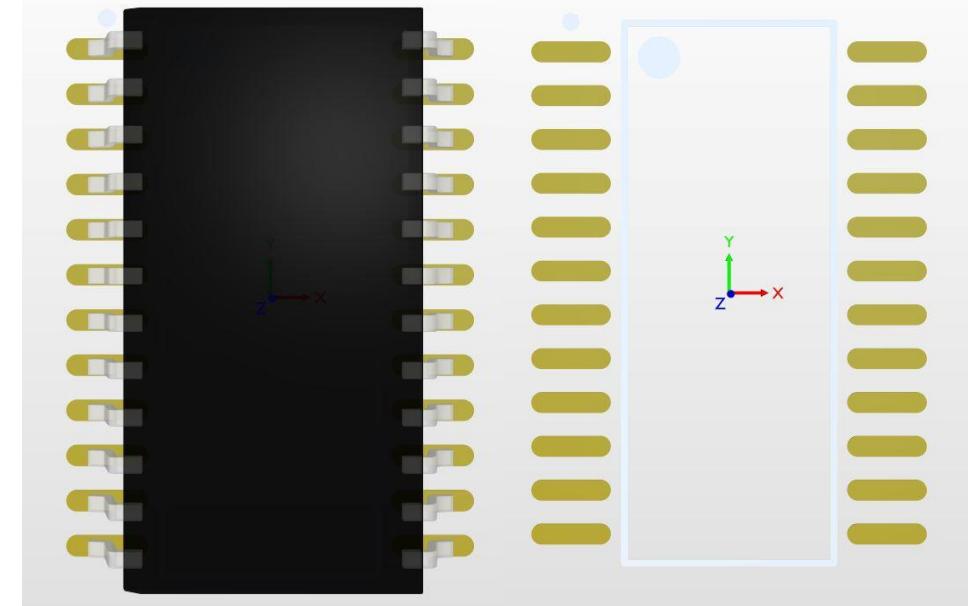
Hole in board with connection
between layers



Useful Terms

Pad

Exposed copper for component placement



SMD Package

Pads

Package

Casing for a component with metal leads coming out.
Usually black plastic.



Surface Mount (SMT/SMD)

Components that can be soldered onto pads, not through-holes

PCB Tradeoffs

Pros

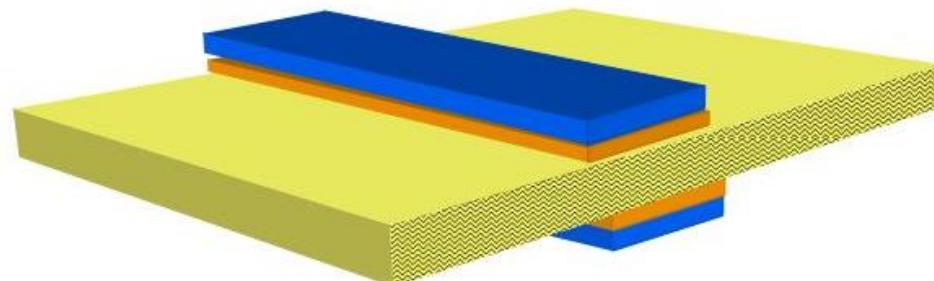
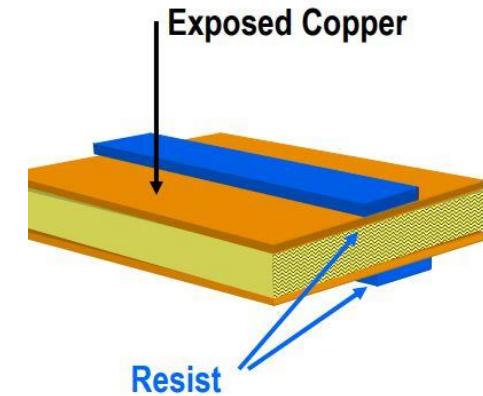
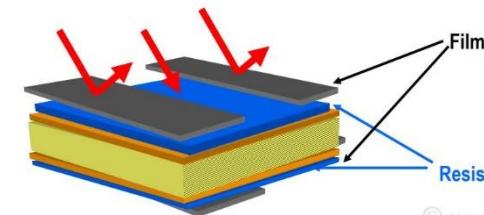
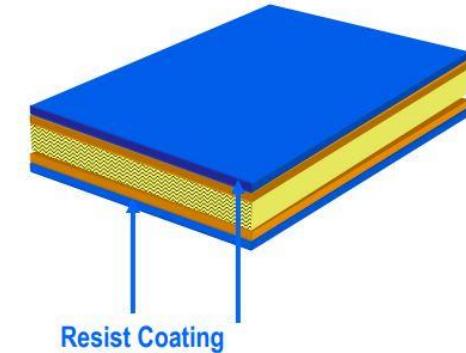
- Permanence/Reliability
- **Space-Savings**
- **Simple to Manufacture**
- Immune to movement
- Better grounding

Cons

- **Permanence**
- Lead-Time
- Isolation
- High-Frequency Effects
- Testability
- Thermal Management

PCB Manufacturing

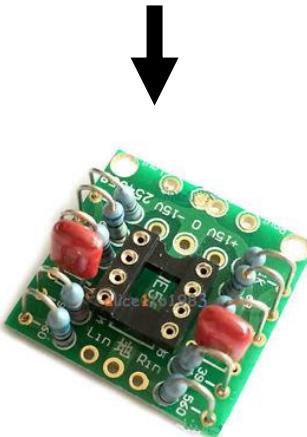
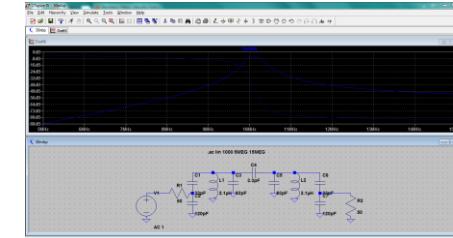
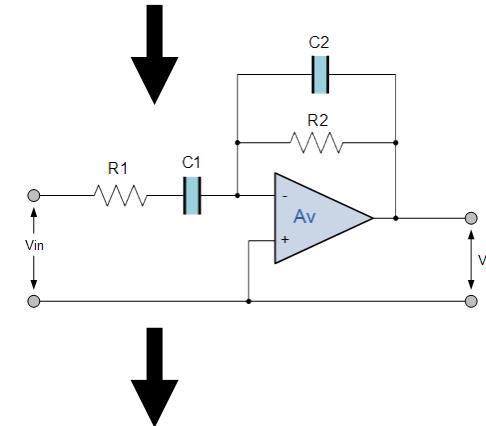
- Etching – Primarily used in industry, best tolerances
- Milling – Drill/Cut undesired copper
- Printing – Specialized conductive nano-inks
- Direct Plating
- Direct Cutting



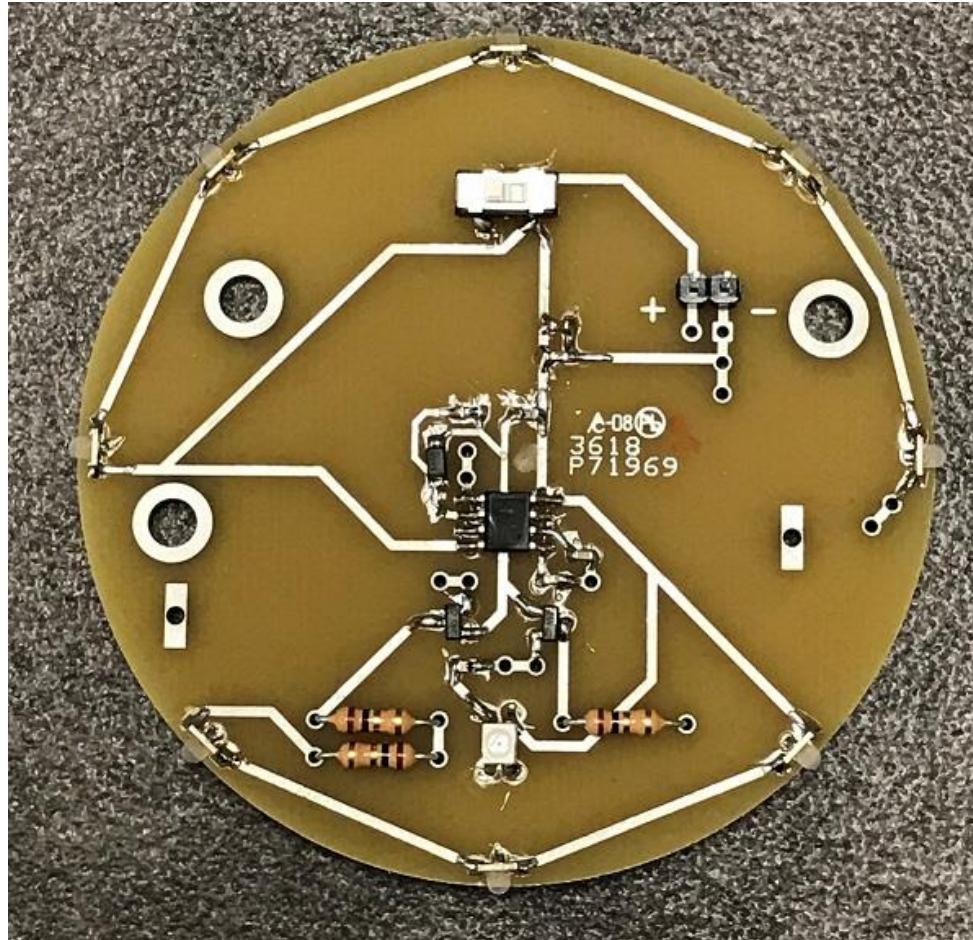
Design Process

- 1) Specifications
- 2) Topology & Component Selection
- 3) Schematic
- 4) Simulation
- 5) Layout
- 6) Print 1:1 on paper and check
- 7) Export Gerbers and Order
- 8) Solder
- 9) Testing/Verification
- 10) Use

- 2 points: Working amplifier (or active filter) circuit for audio



Design Example – IR Hat



1) Specifications

What should it do? How well? In what conditions?

Given: Make a PCB which emits IR at ~10kHz

- Powered by 9V
- Mounts to robot chassis
- Should be detectable from 2 feet away without amplification
- Cheap

Open:

- Board dimensions
- Frequency accuracy
- Consistency between boards
- Harmonic content
- Protection mechanisms
- Everything else...

2) Topology Selection

At a high level, what will I use to meet the specifications?

- Microcontroller-Based? FPGA-Based? Timer-Based? Oscillator-Based?
- Waveform filtering? Duty cycle?
- Protection?
 - Fuses
 - Diode protection (Real diodes or ideal diode?)

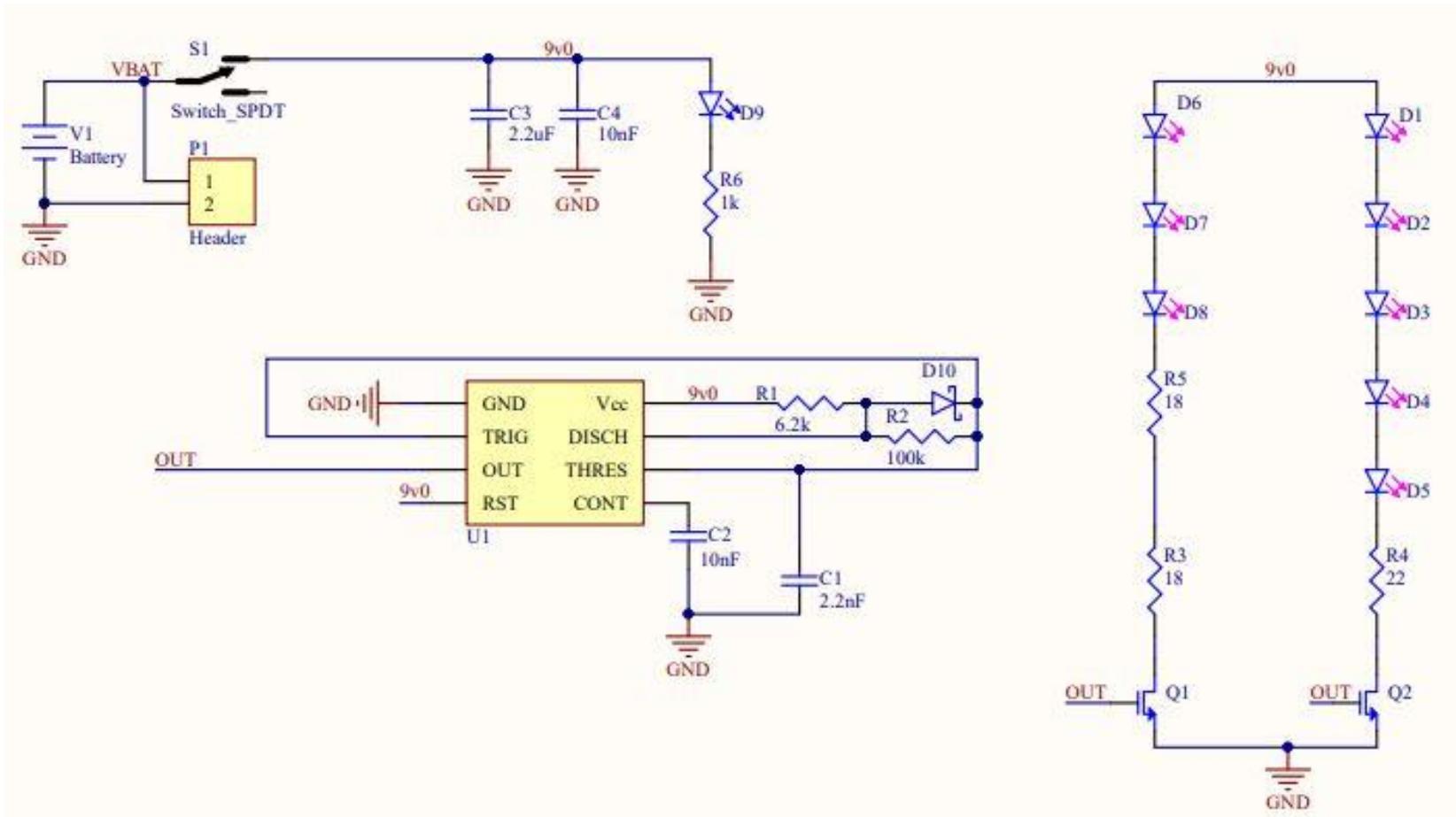
2) Component Selection

Look on Digikey, Mouser, Ebay, Alibaba, etc.

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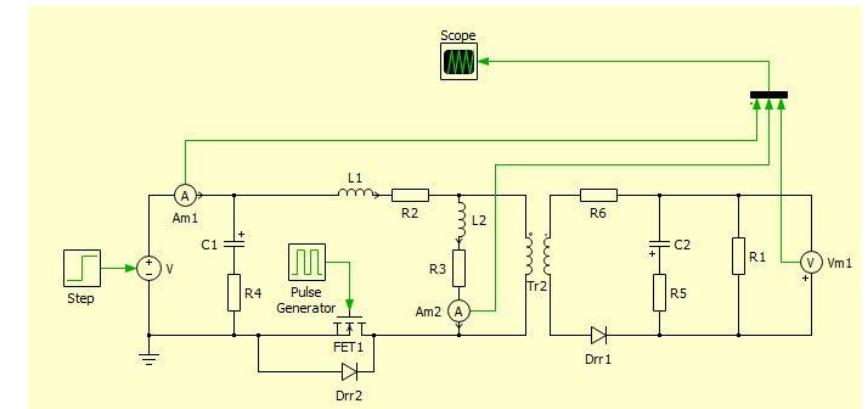
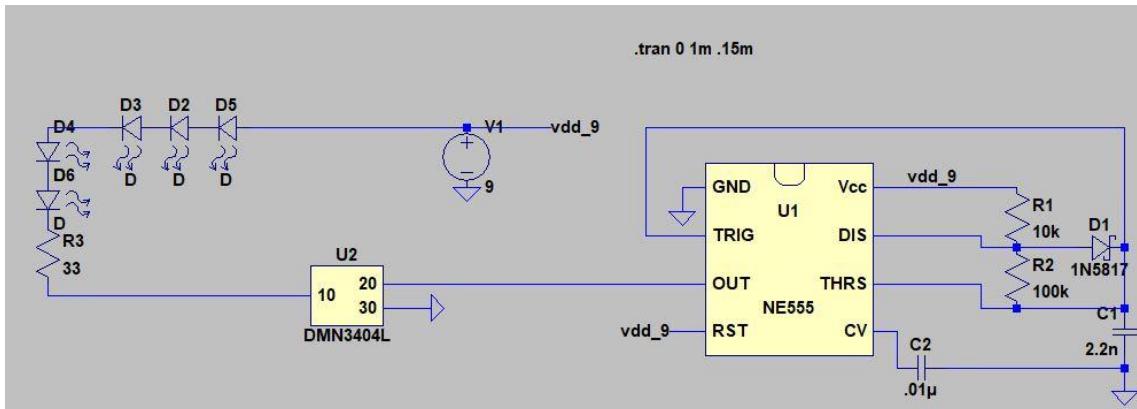
Always make a bill of materials (BOM)

3) Schematic Design

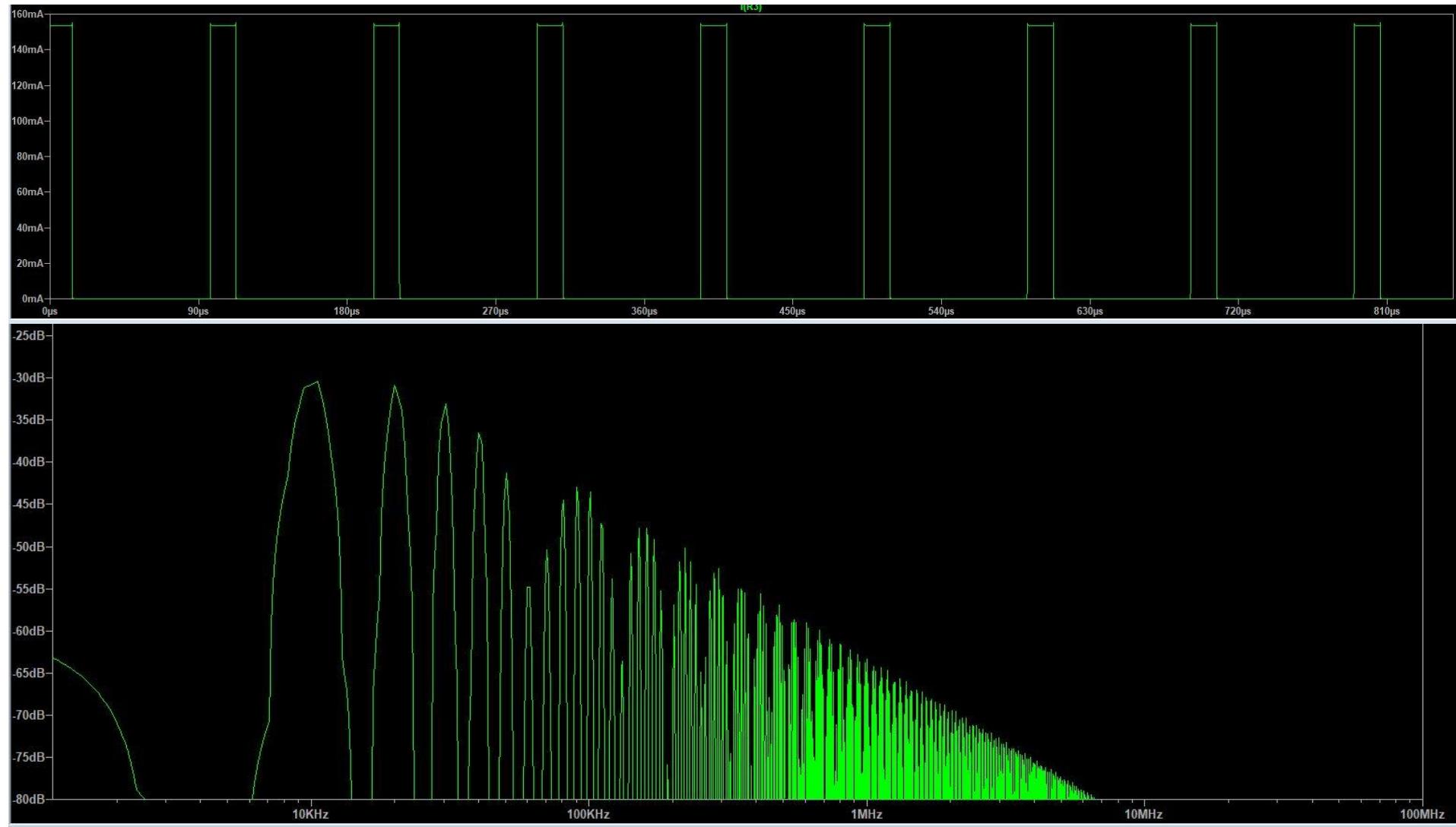


4) Simulation

- Can verify analog functionality and simple digital
- Recommend LTSpice due to real component models but many options... (Pspice, PartSim, PLECCS, EasyEDA, Autodesk Circuits, etc.)

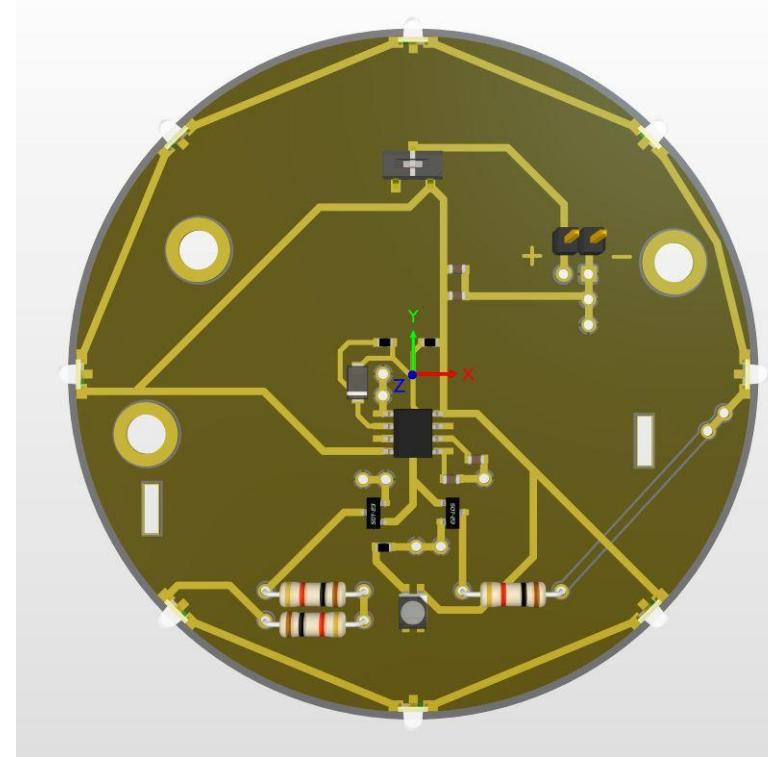
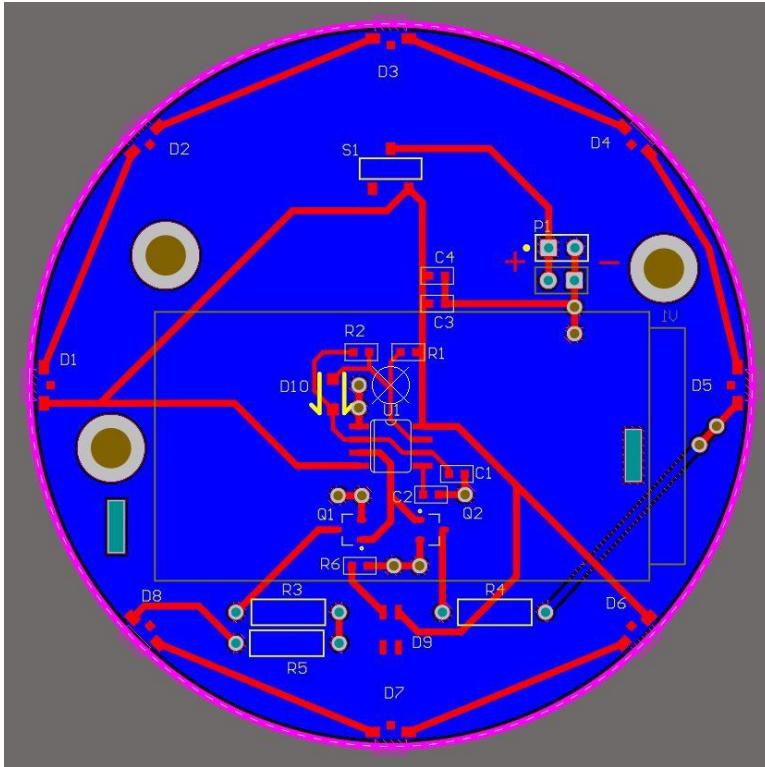


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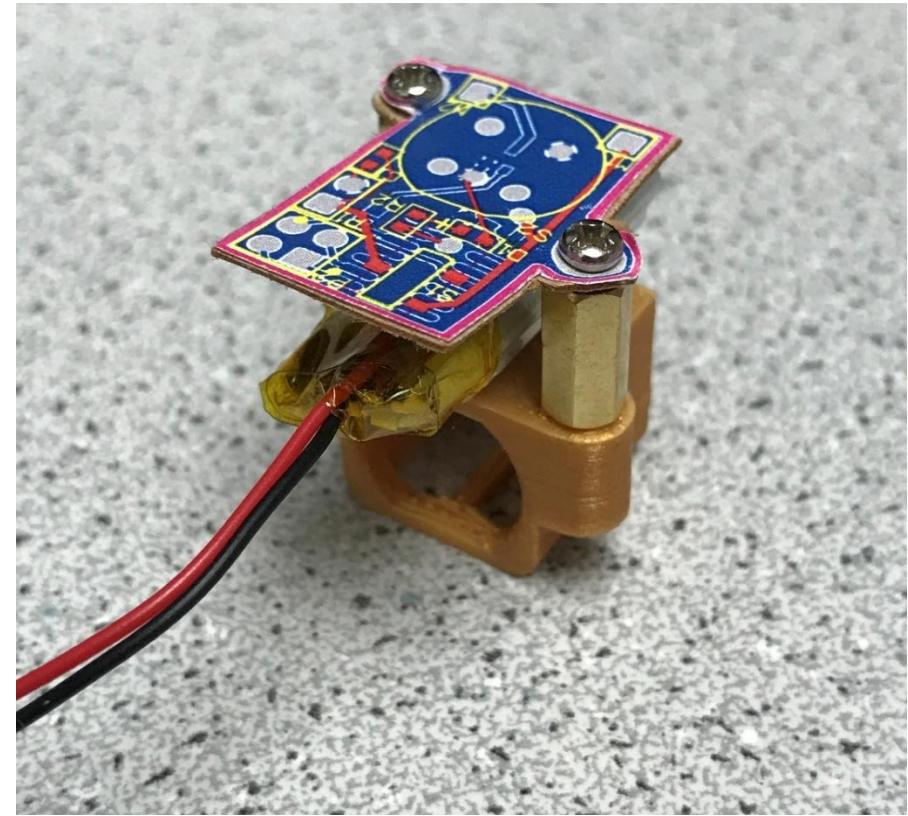
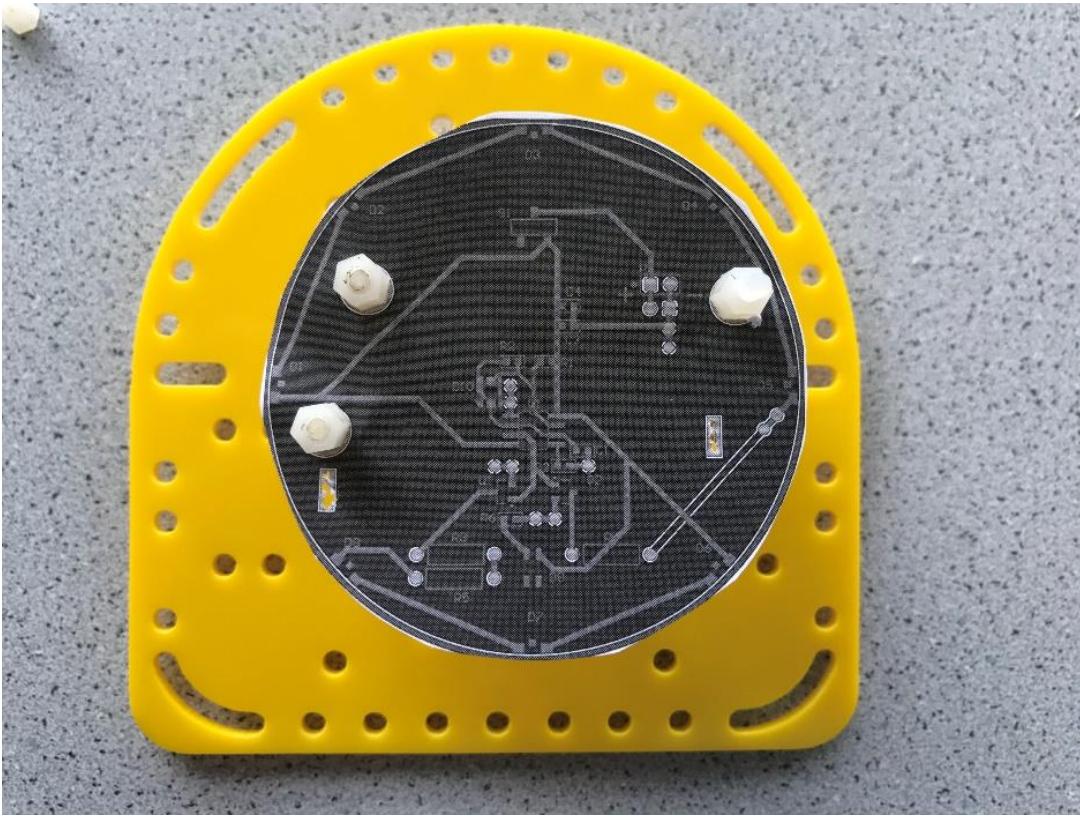


5) Layout

How do I want to physically place my components?



6) Print and Check



7) Export Gerbers

Gerber files are what the fabrication house uses to make the board.

- Generate Gerbers
- Create zipped folder
- Check that they are correct (<http://www.gerber-viewer.com/>)
- Upload to website

7) Order

Advanced Circuits, Seeedstudio, Oshpark, PCB Minions,

The screenshot shows the Seeed Fusion PCB ordering interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Bazaar, Fusion, Services, Community, and a search bar. Below the navigation is a main form for creating a PCB. The form includes a large green button labeled "Add Gerber Files". Below this, there's a note about file types and size, and a link to "How to generate Gerber files". A note also states that Gerber files cannot be changed after order confirmation.

The form contains several input fields:

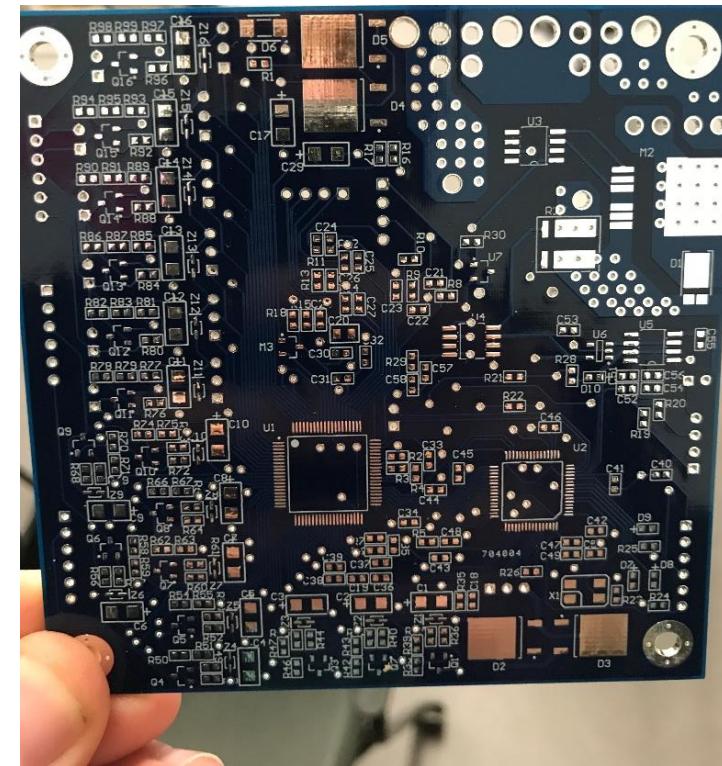
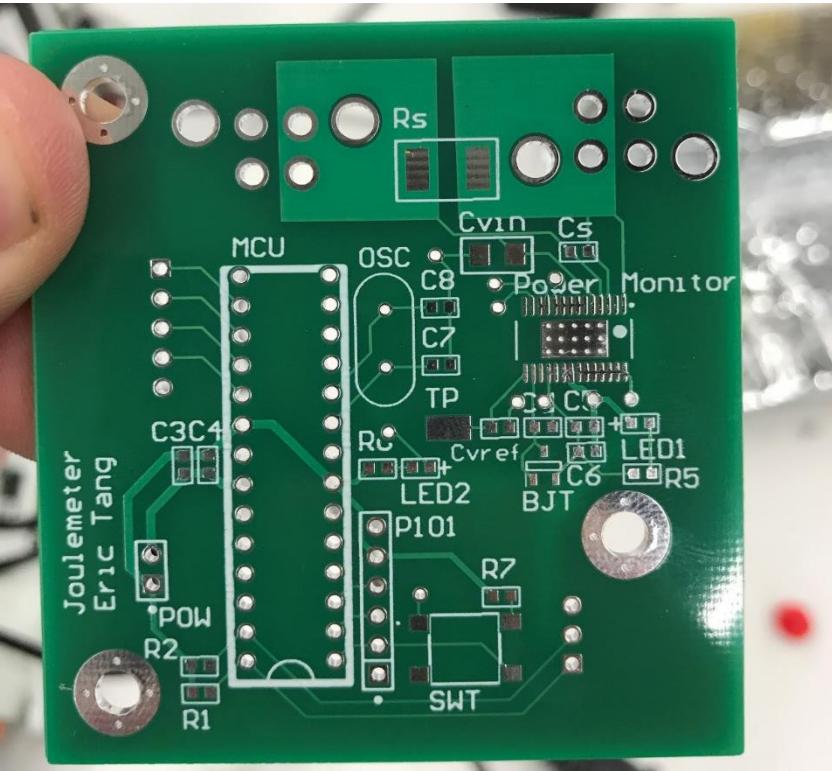
- Base Material: FR-4 TG130 (selected)
- No. of Layers: 2 layers (selected)
- PCB Dimensions: 100mm * 100mm
- PCB Quantity: 10
- No. of Different Designs: 1
- PCB Thickness: 1.6mm
- PCB Color: Green
- Surface Finish: HASL
- Minimum Solder Mask Dam: 0.4mm†
- Copper Weight: 1oz.
- Minimum Drill Hole Size: 0.3mm
- Trace Width / Spacing: 6/6 mil
- Blind or Buried Vias: No
- Plated Half-holes / Castellated Holes: No
- Impedance Control: No

On the right side, a summary table shows the "PCB Cost" as USD\$4.90, listing all the selected parameters. The "Sub-Total" is also listed as USD\$4.90. At the bottom right of the form is a green "Add to Cart" button.

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8) Solder

Your board looks like this when you get it back



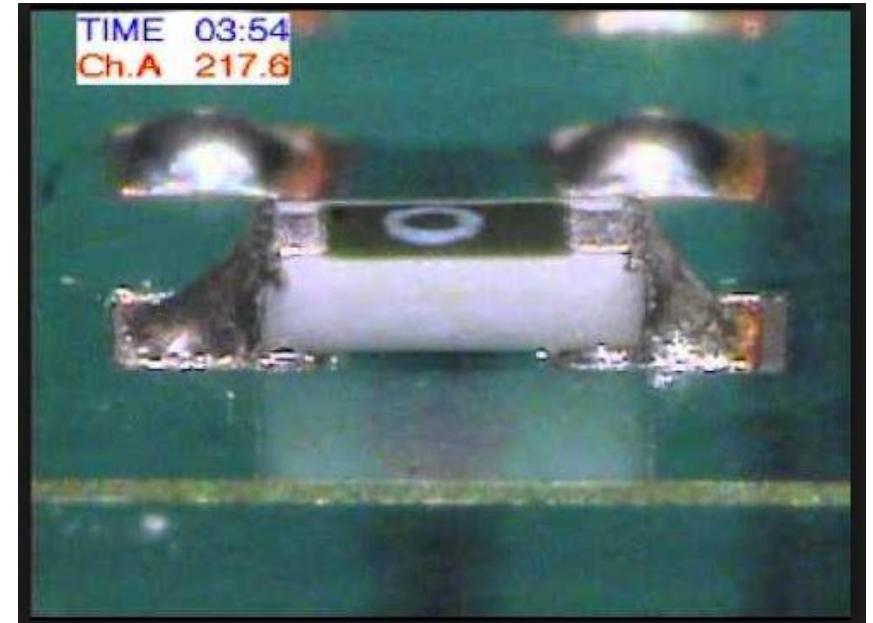
8) Solder

- Always do SMD components first!
- Usually smaller → bigger, IC's first then resistors/caps
- Once finished with SMD, shortest → tallest thru-hole components
- Can solder and test incrementally
- Need to see a proper fillet!



BAD

GOOD



8) Solder

Methods

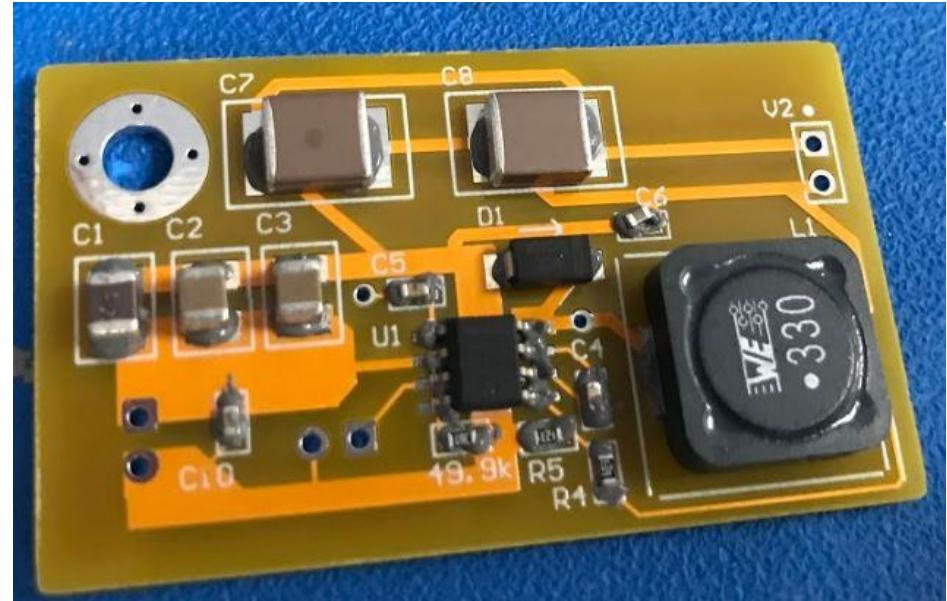
Soldering Iron

- Melt solder onto pad
- Add flux (optional)
- Pick component with tweezers and hold lead against pad
- Re-melt solder so that it joins lead and pad

(Multiple other techniques)

Solder Paste

- Place paste on all pads (can use stencil)
- Place components onto paste
- Cook



9) Testing & Verification

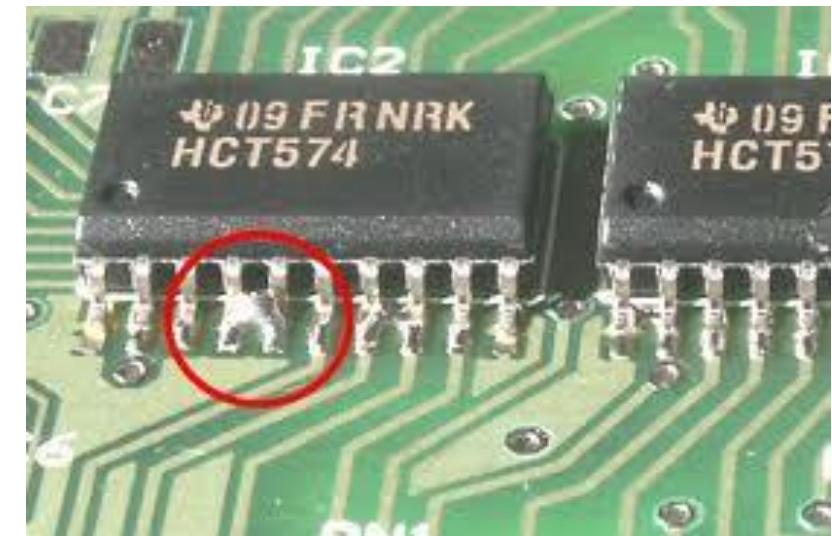
1) Using your eyes and a multimeter you should:

- Visually inspect all solder joints
- Check continuity between each lead and pad (Should be <1ohm)
- Check discontinuity between adjacent leads (Should be infinite resistance)

2) Do an initial power-on test

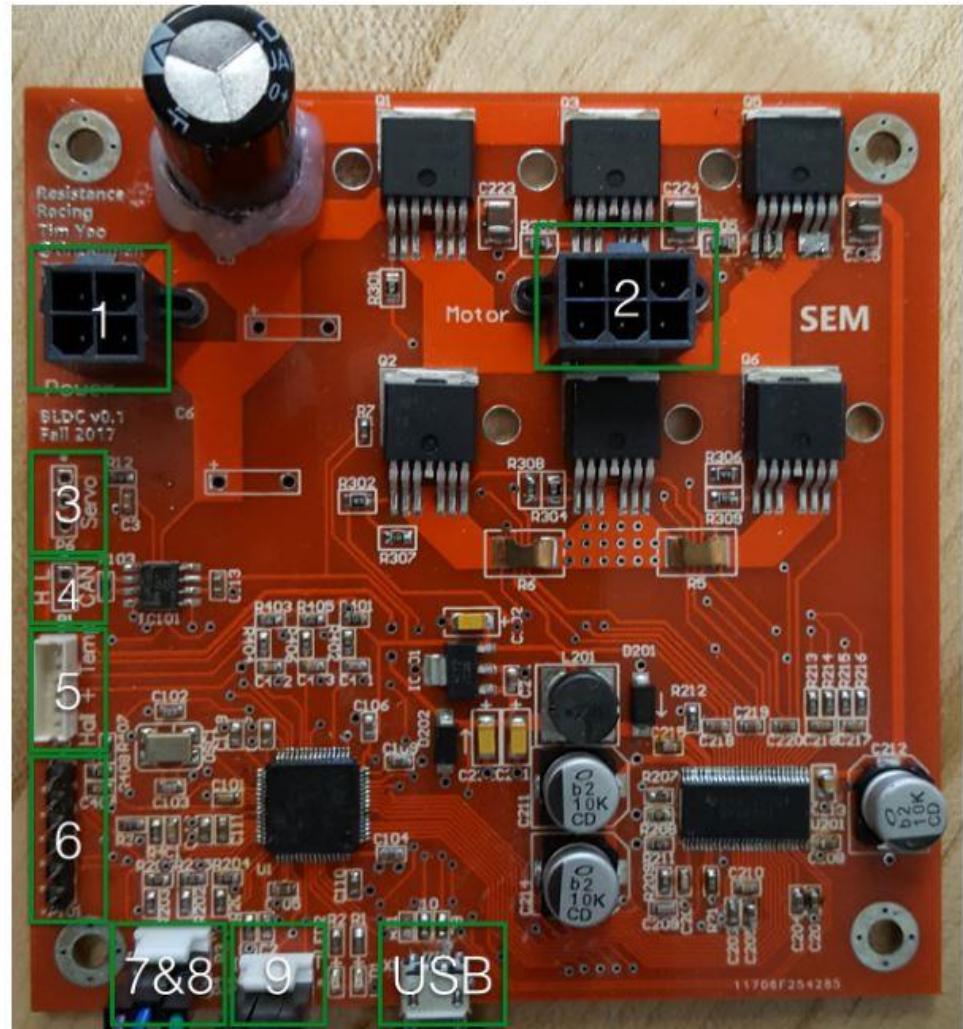
- Use a regulated voltage source!
- If voltage varies or current is high, turn it off!
- Check voltage of test-points and rails

3) Test functionality incrementally



10) Use

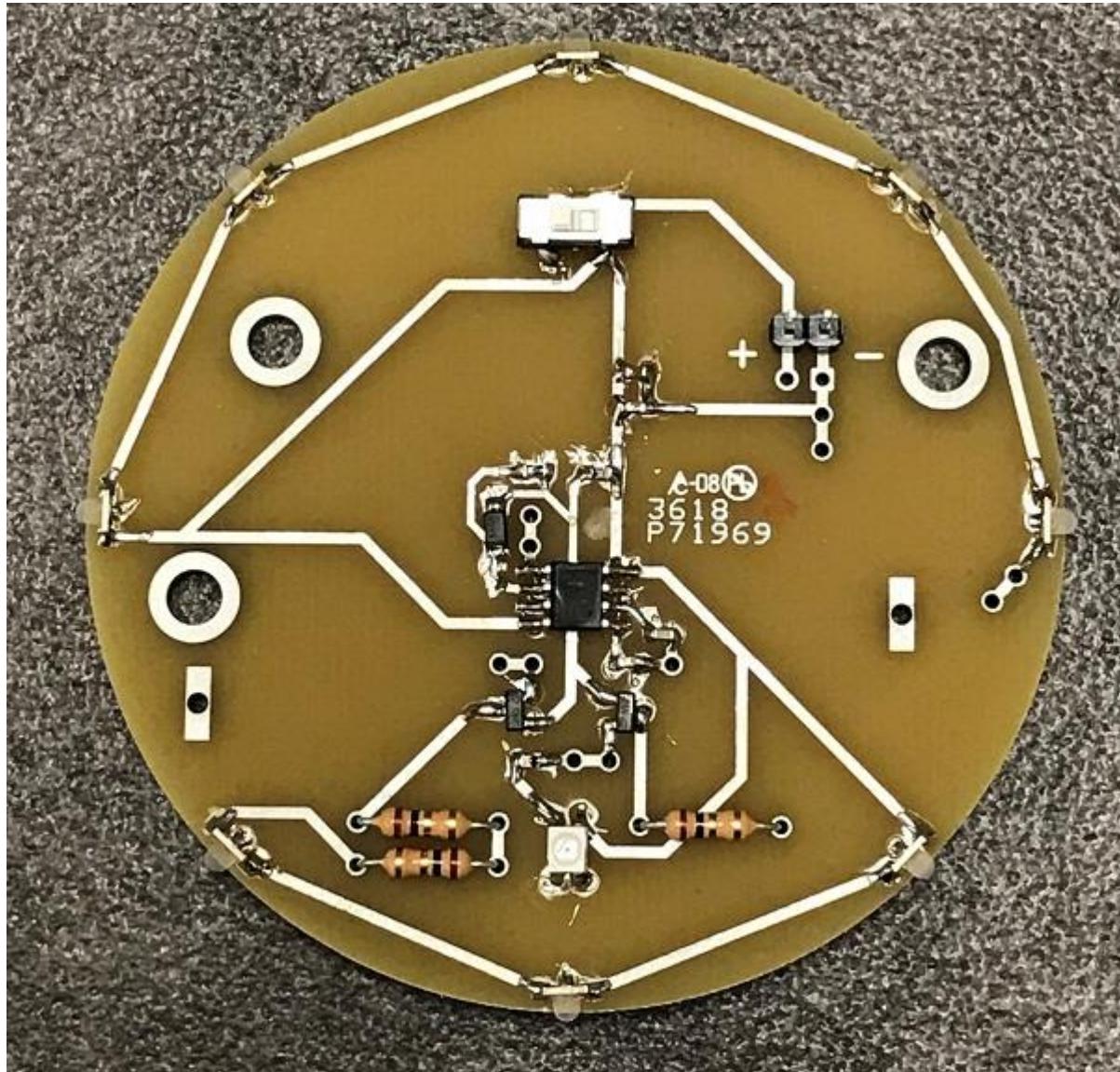
- Diagram your board for ease of use
- Follow ESD guidelines
- Use plastic mounting screws
- Avoid bending board



11) Reflect

Problems with design...

- No protection
- Inaccurate frequency
- Harmonic content
- Fab house mistake
- What else?



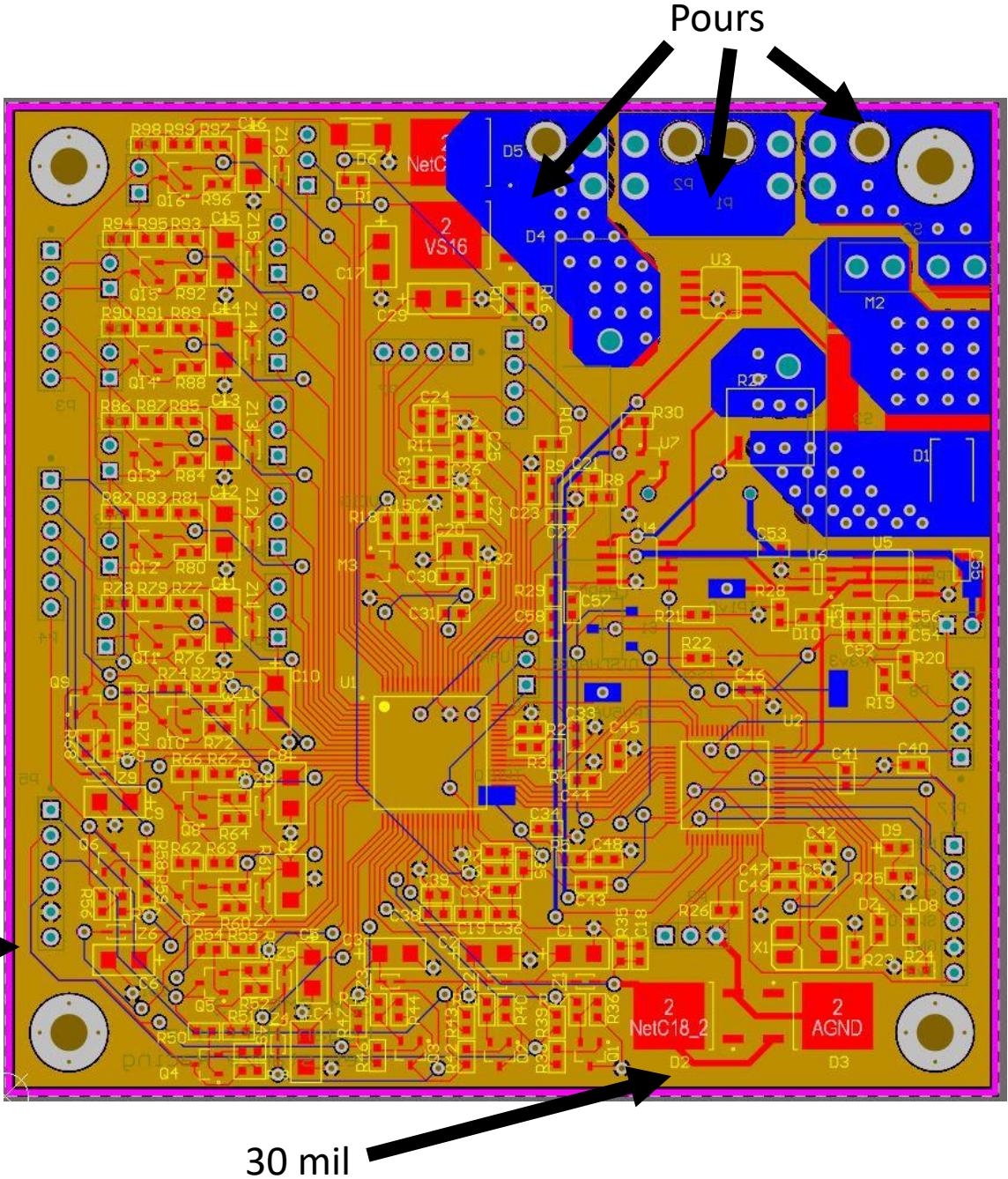
Layout Considerations

- Trace Width, Pours, Thermals
- Grounding
- Digital vs. Analog
- Decoupling
- High-Frequency considerations
- 3D Modelling
- Mistakes
- Other

Trace Width, Pours

- Usually start at 10mil
- Thicker traces for higher power
(<https://www.4pcb.com/trace-width-calculator.html>)
- Use pours when possible for greater than ~500mA

10 mil →



Thermals - Simple

FET has on-resistance of 1ohm. Average current is 1A. → Power dissipation is 1W

Too much power? Check Datasheet:

Yes. Add heat-sink.

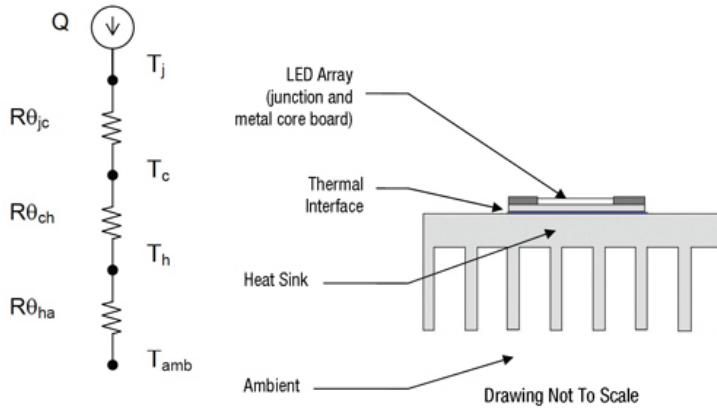
● Absolute maximum ratings ($T_a = 25^\circ\text{C}$)

<It is the same ratings for the Tr.1 and Tr.2>

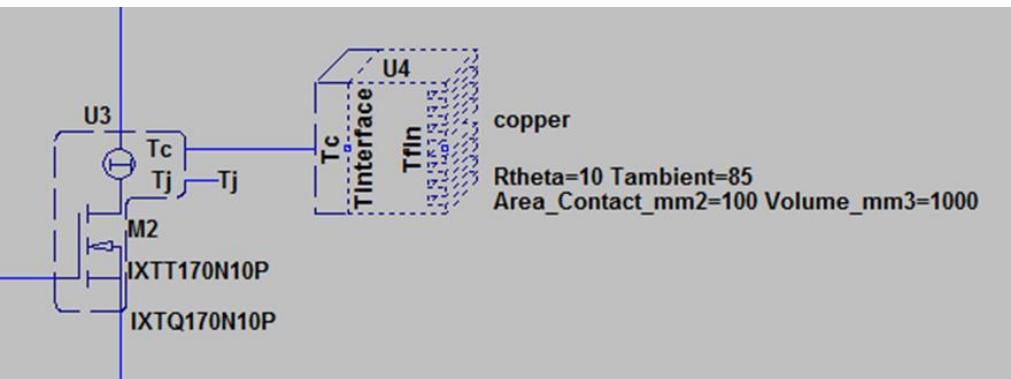
Parameter	Symbol	Limits	Unit
Collector-base voltage	V_{CBO}	30	V
Collector-emitter voltage	V_{CEO}	30	V
Emitter-base voltage	V_{EBO}	6	V
Collector current	DC	I_C	A
	Pulsed	I_{CP}^{*1}	6
Power dissipation		P_D^{*2}	0.5 W/Total
		P_D^{*3}	1.25 W/Total
		P_D^{*3}	0.9 W/Element
Junction temperature	T_j	150	$^\circ\text{C}$
Range of storage temperature	T_{stg}	-55 to 150	$^\circ\text{C}$

Thermals - Detailed

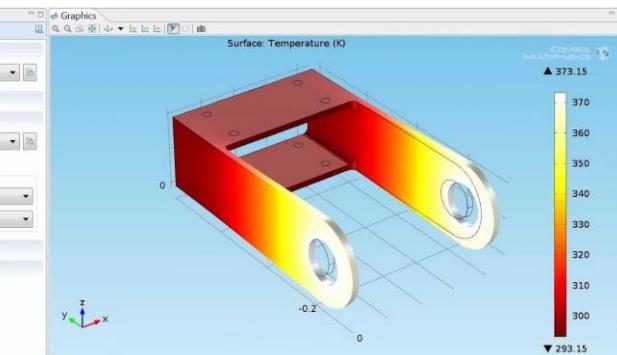
Hand Calculations:



LTS spice Thermals:



FEA Models:

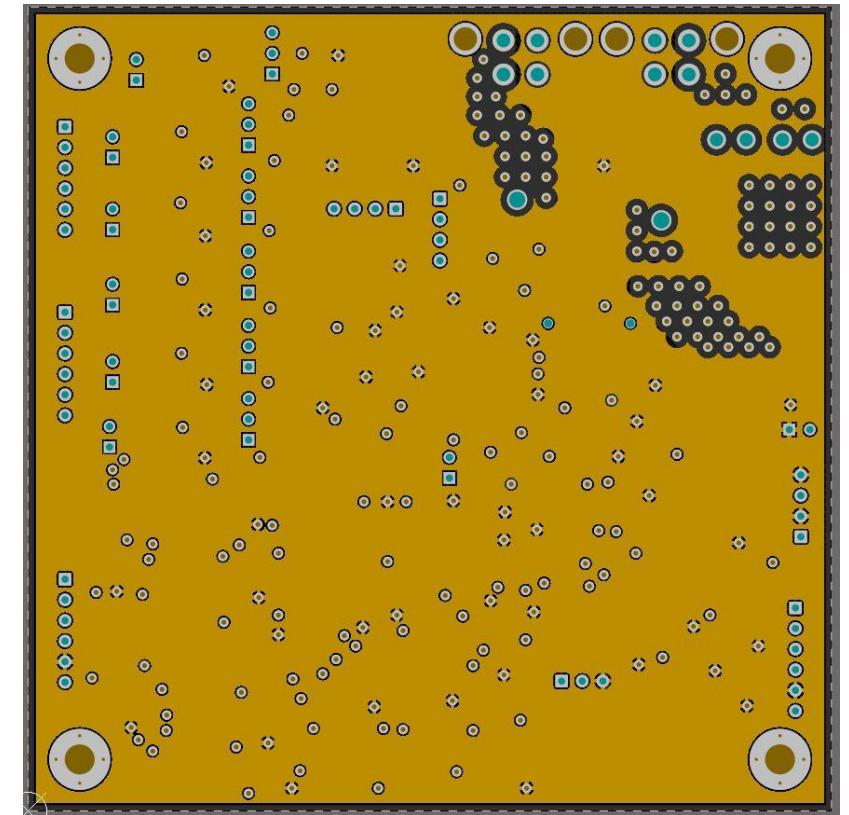
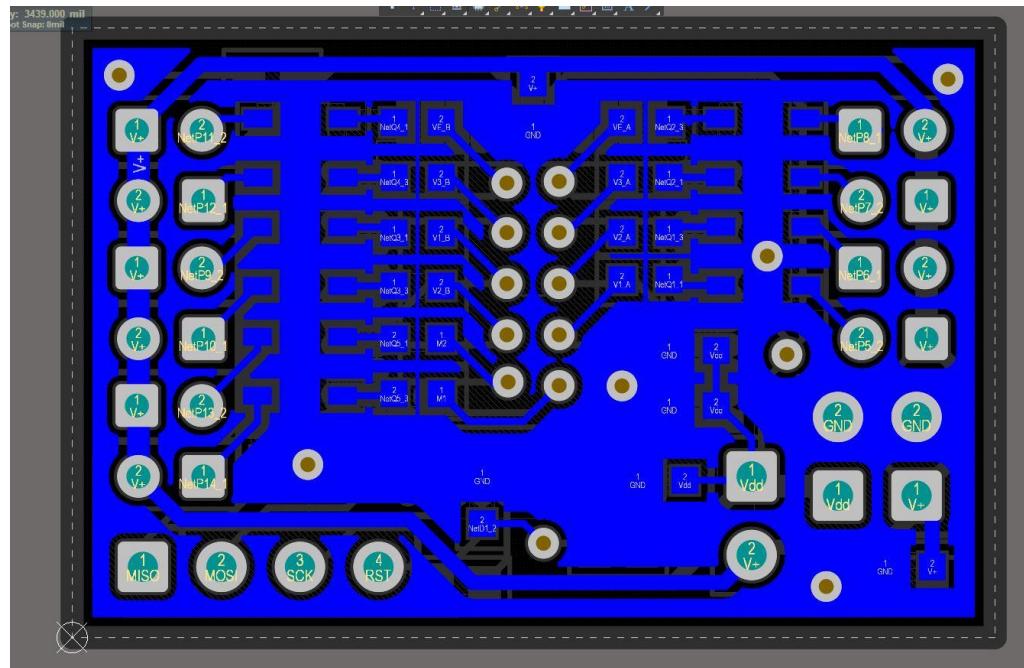


Increasing
Accuracy &
Complexity

Grounding

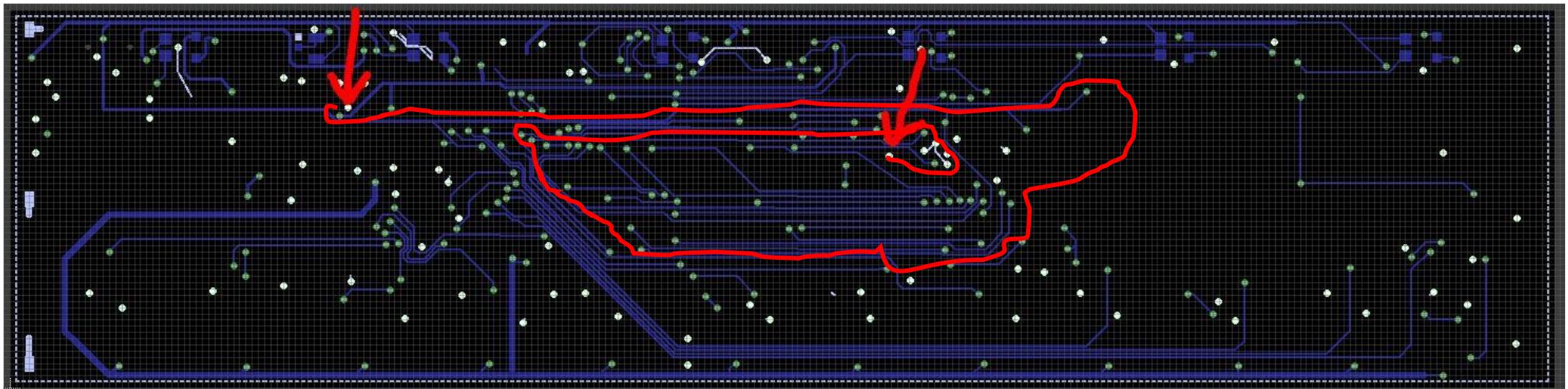
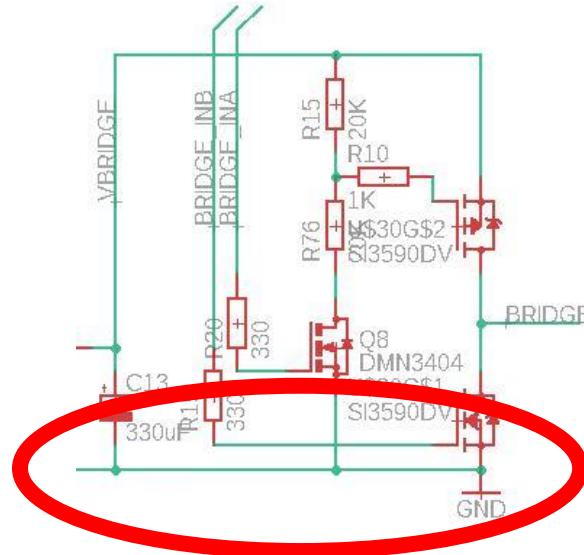
Make one layer a complete ground plane if possible!

Otherwise be very careful with connections



Grounding

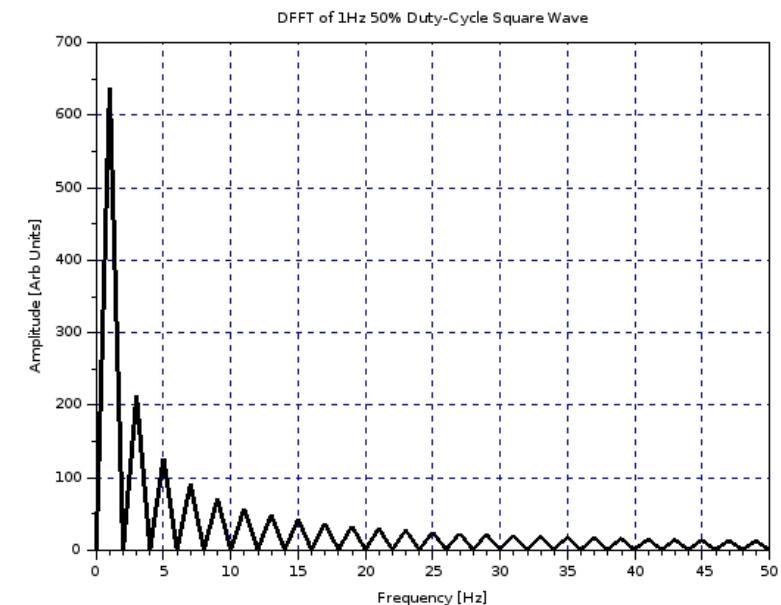
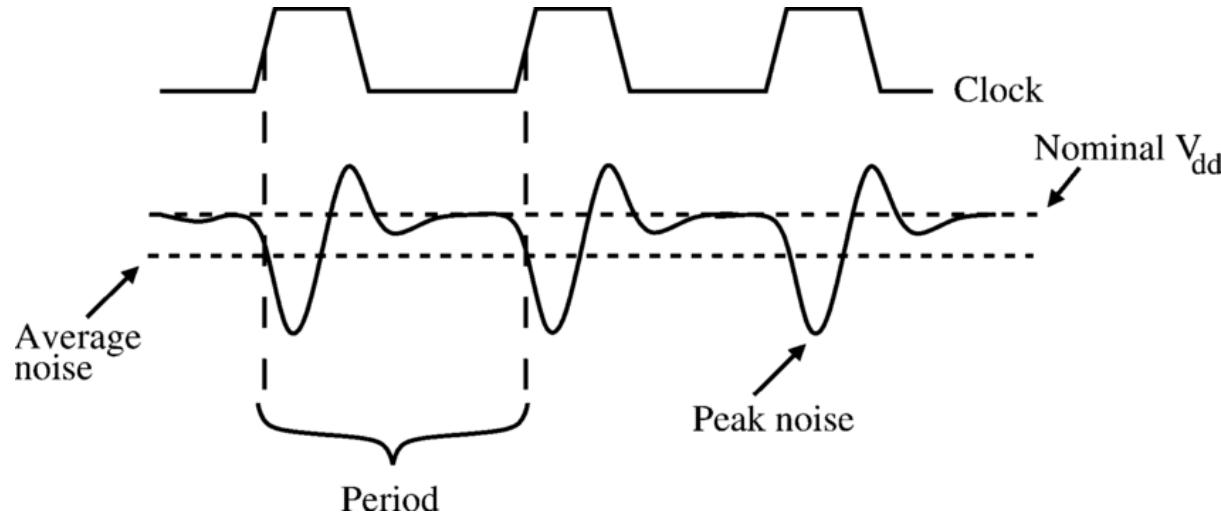
Common mistake...



Digital vs. Analog

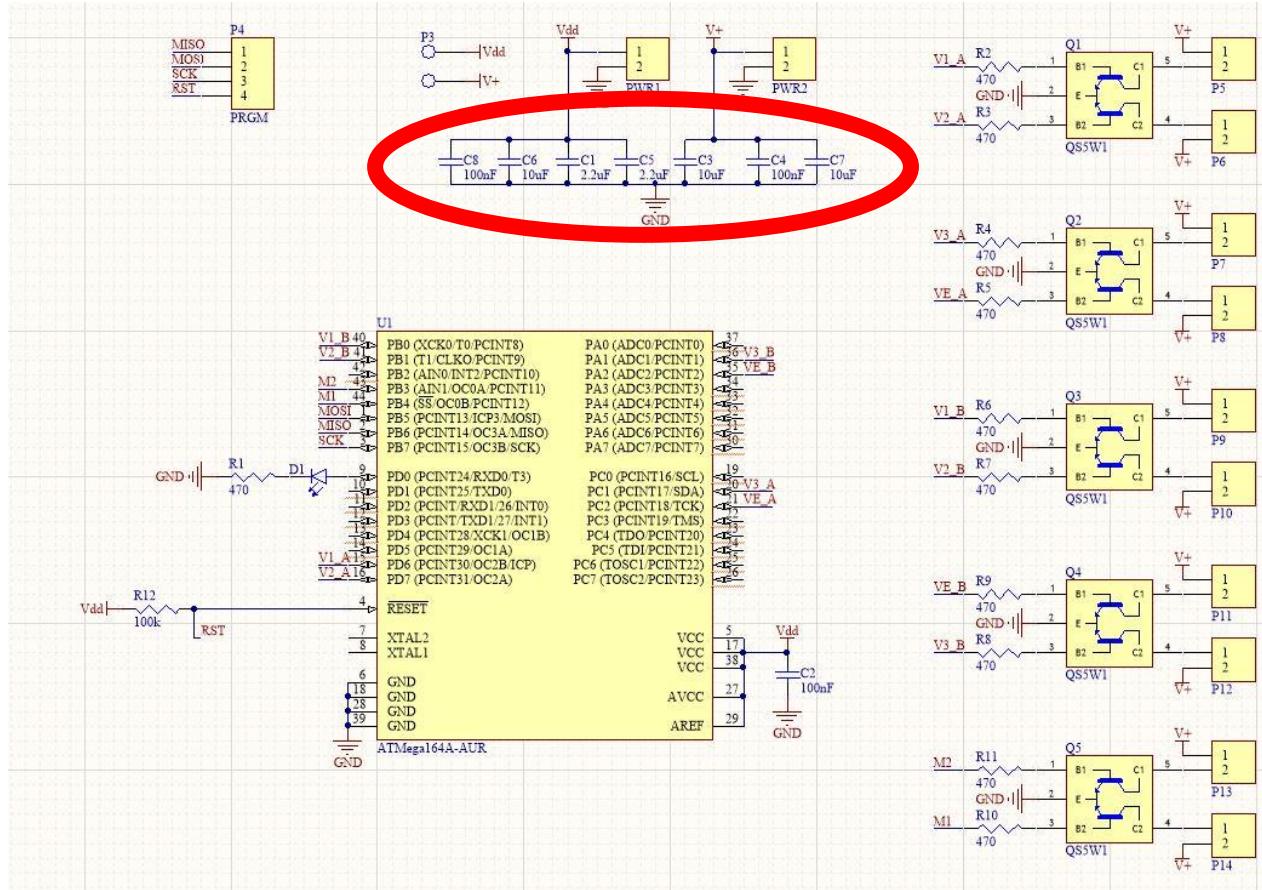
Digital: High-frequency, high-harmonic-content waveforms

Analog: Sensitive to ground & Vdd references



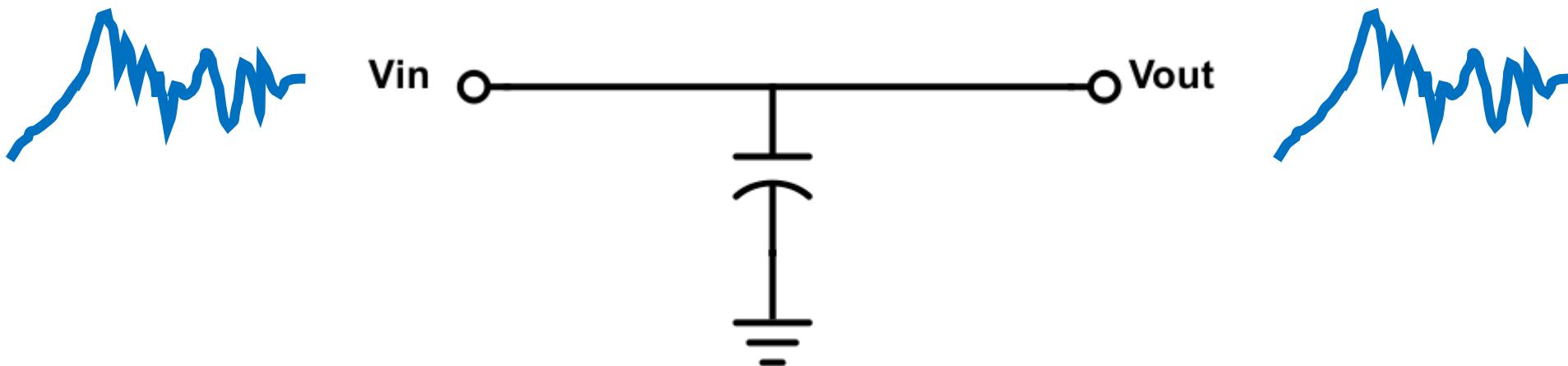
Decoupling

Why does every board have so many caps?



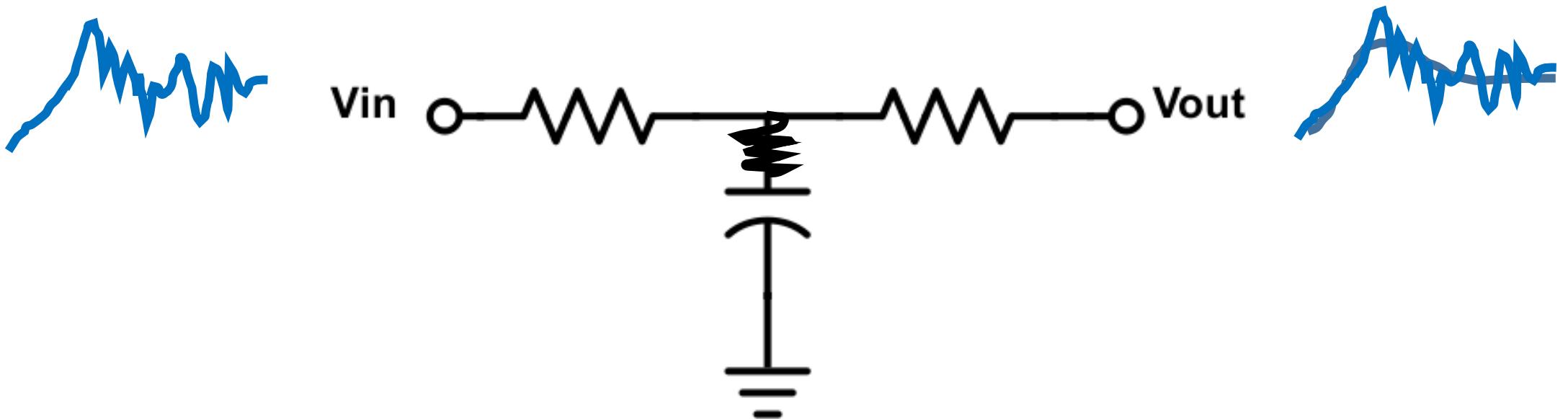
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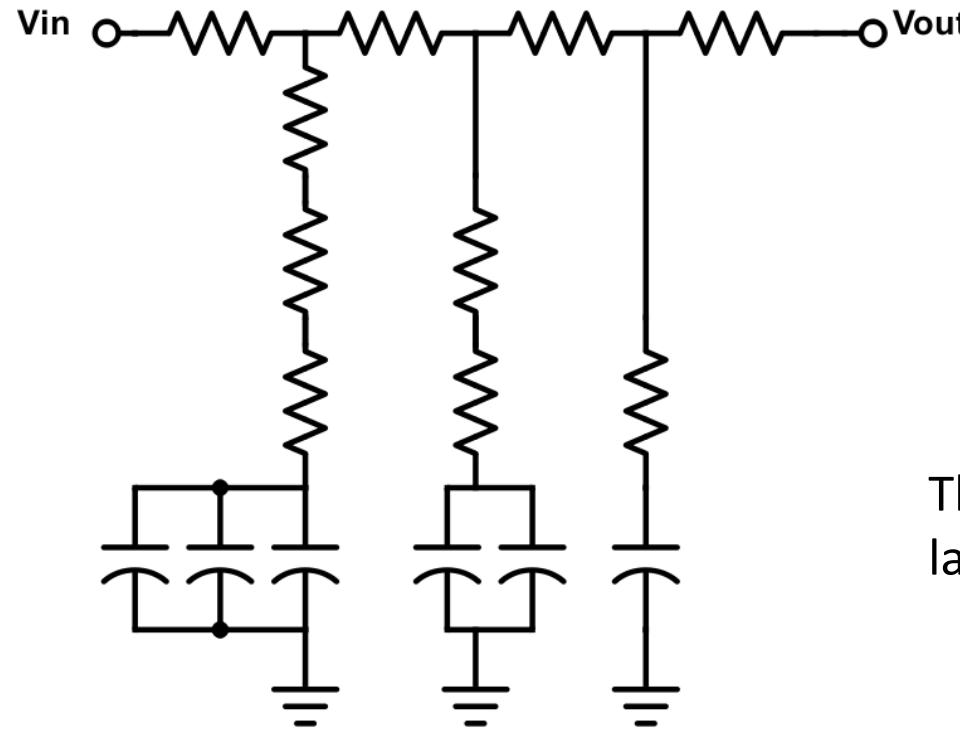
Decoupling

What is the transfer function?



Decoupling

What is the transfer function?



The bigger the capacitor, the larger the time constant.

Decoupling

What is the point of large capacitors?

$$Q = CV$$
$$V = \frac{1}{C} \int i \, dt$$

The bigger the capacitor, the smaller the voltage rise.

Decoupling

In summary:

- Place at least one capacitor between every analog voltage and ground
- Place larger capacitors near power input pins
- Place smaller capacitors next to IC
- Good rules of thumb
 - 2.2-10uF next to power input or IC power rail
 - 100nF-1uF along long traces
 - 10nF-100nF next to IC

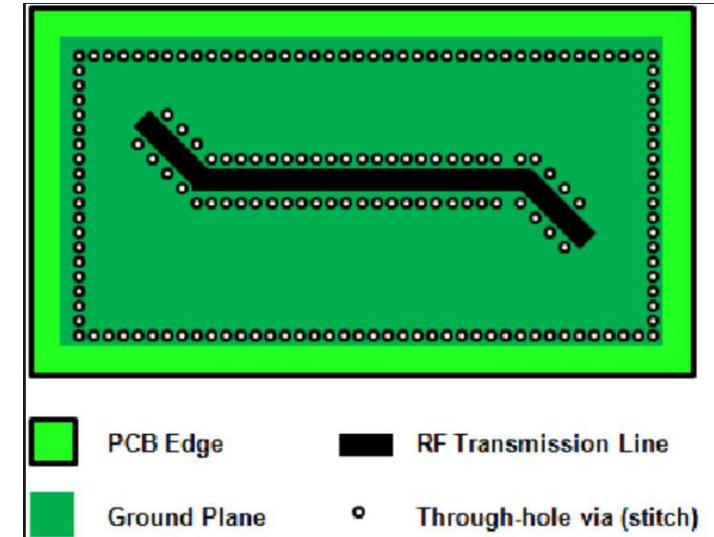


High-Frequency Considerations

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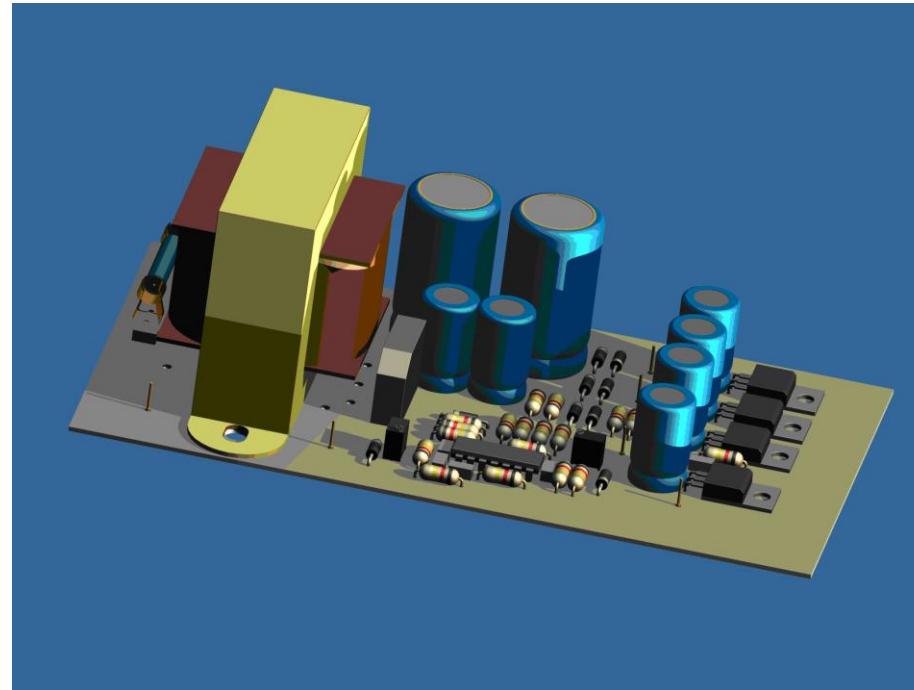
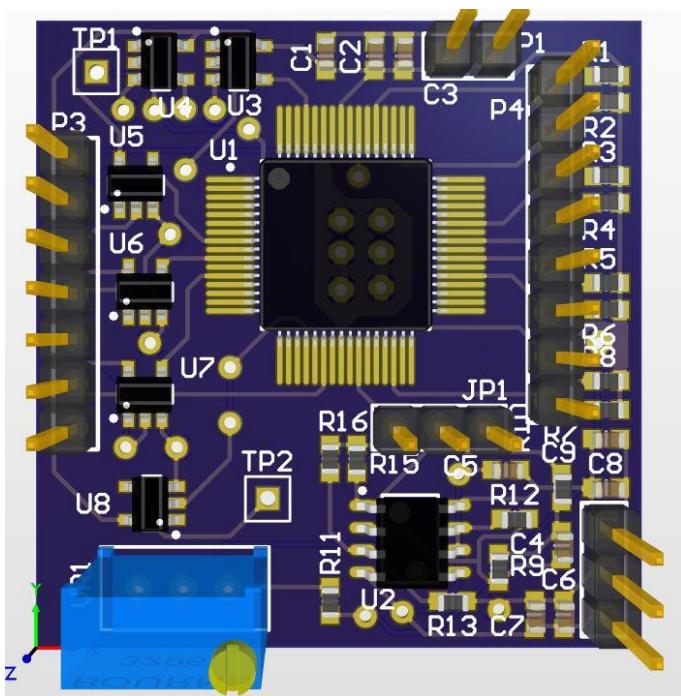
Until then ...

- Keep traces short
- Avoid vias
- Can via-stitch grounds alongside
- Impedance matching is important – sets trace width
- Keep sensitive analog and high-frequency digital apart!



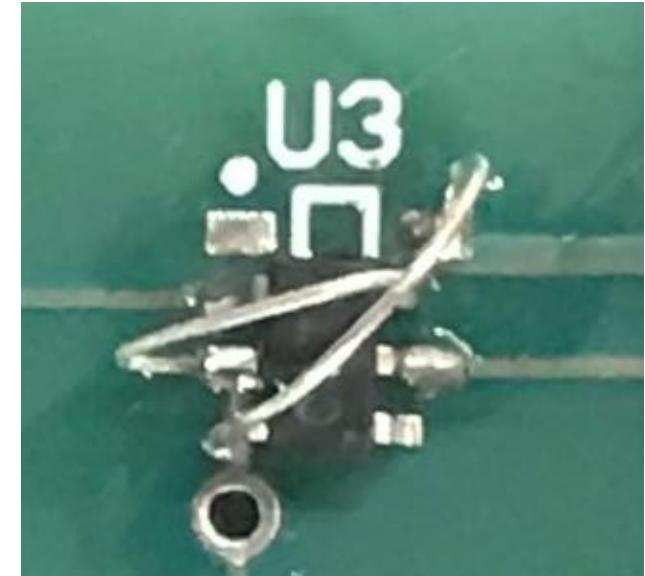
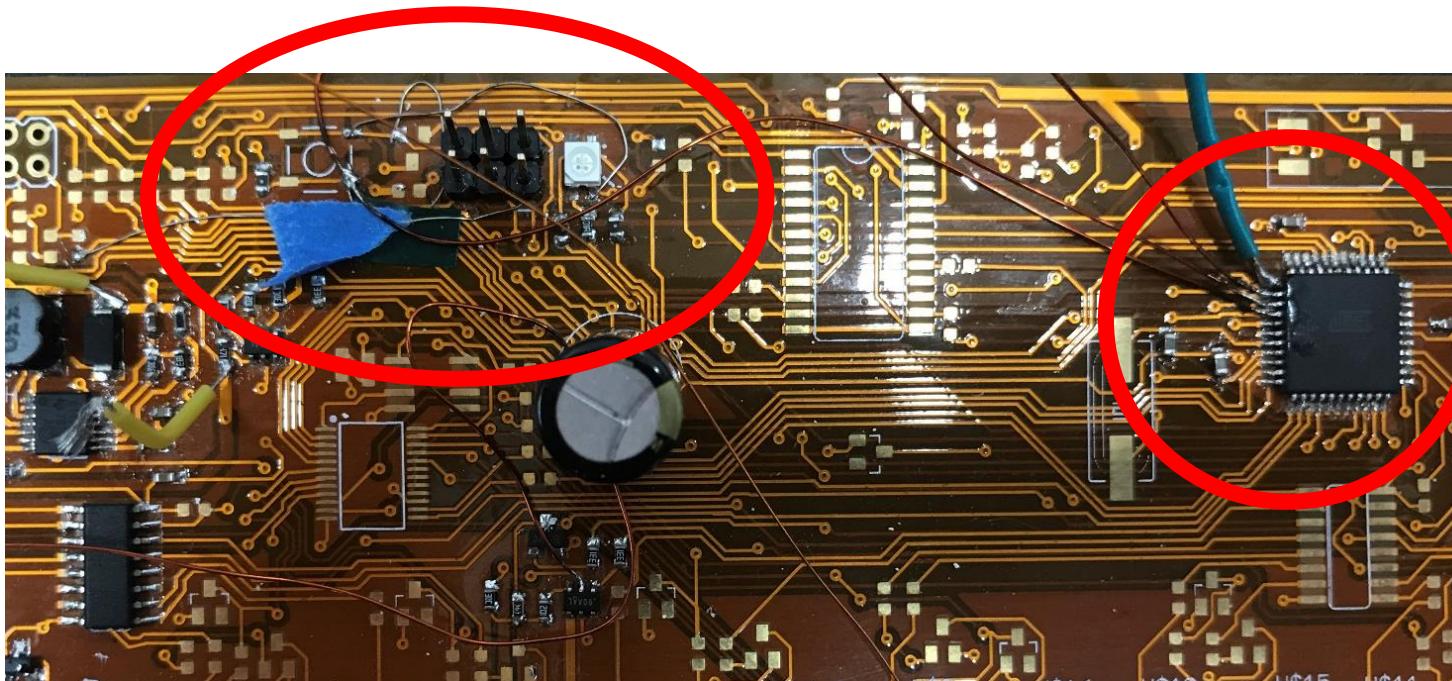
3D Modelling

- Can find or make 3D models for every component.
- Can export entire board into solidworks/inventor

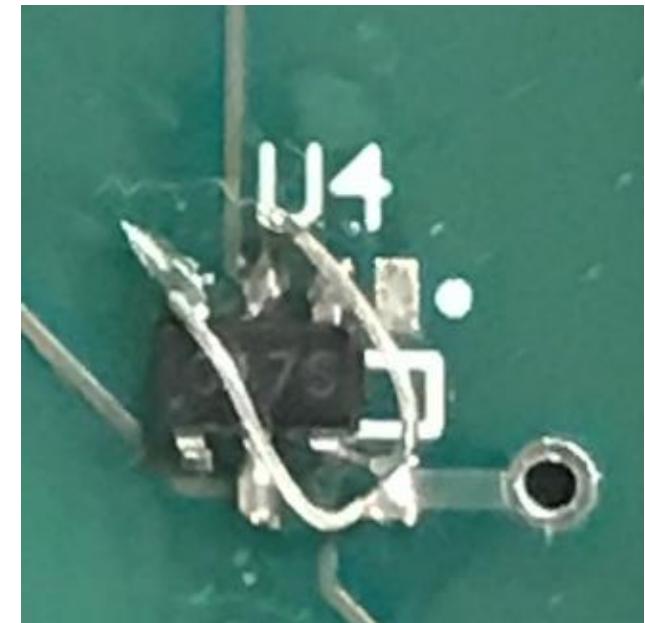


Dealing With Mistakes

- Solder wires onto pins
- “Floating components”
- Cut traces or pins

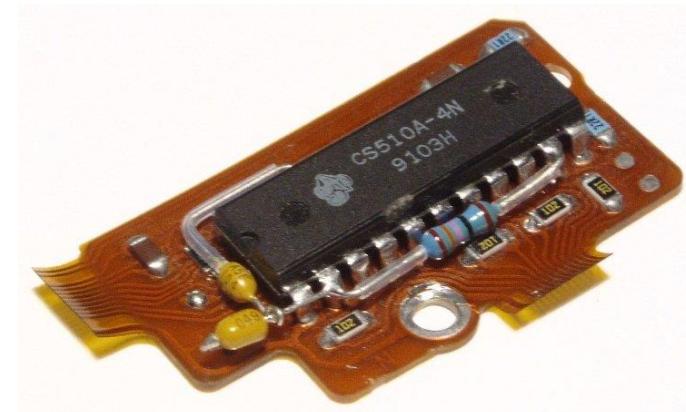
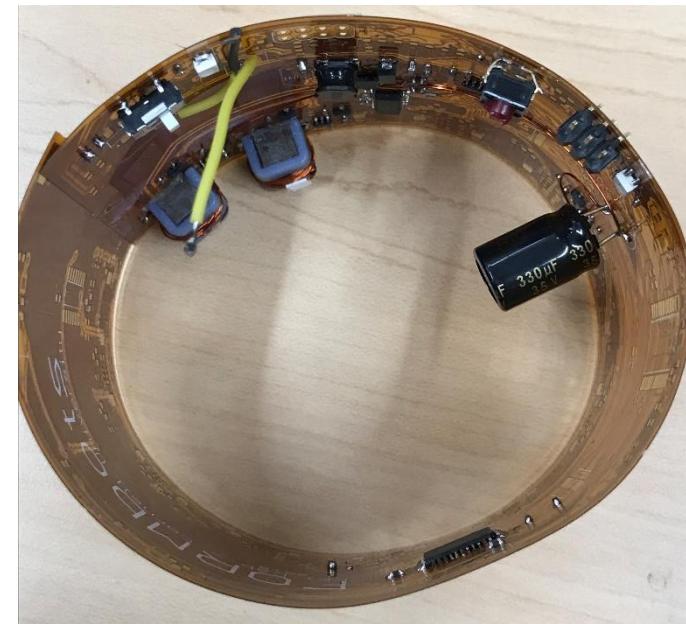
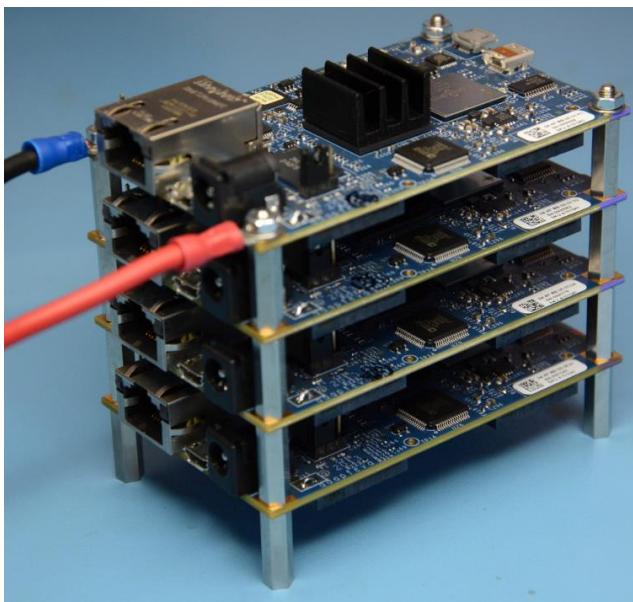
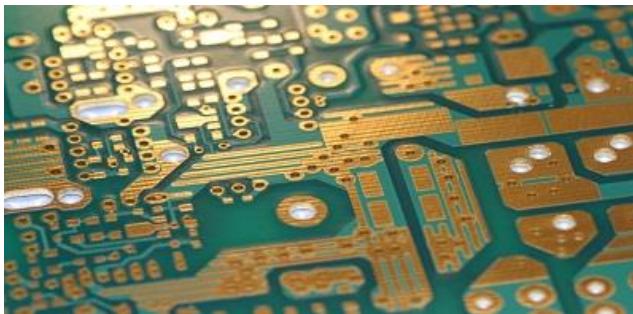


Floating Components



Miscellani

- Gold substrates
- Flexible boards
- Stacked boards
- IC Specifics
- Process Variation
- Many-Layer
- And more...



How can you use a PCB on your robot?

- Amplifier/filter for your microphone circuit
- Amplifier for your treasure circuit
- A tidy base station voltage divider
- The whole thing...?

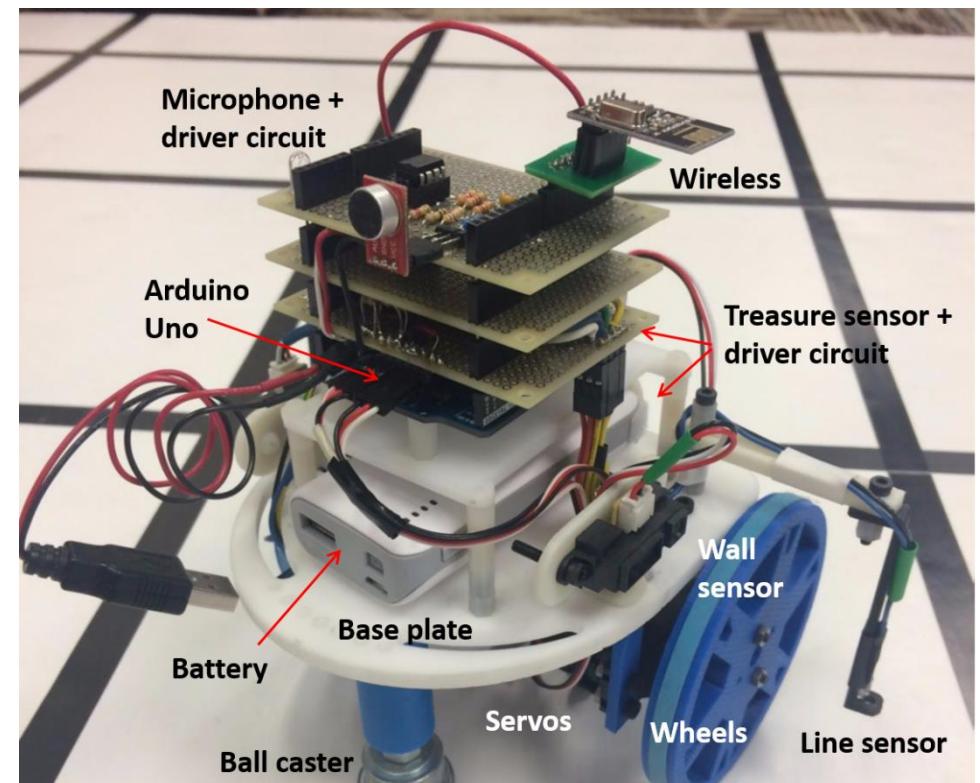
Grading of System Design and Documentation

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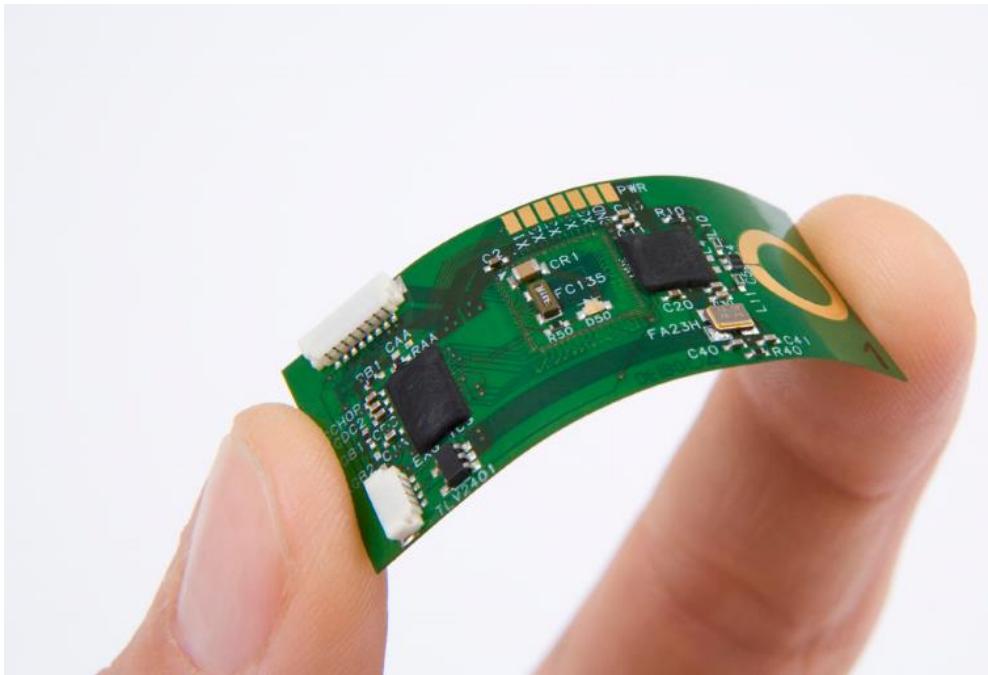
The TAs will award up to 25 points for good system design.

All members on a team will not necessarily be awarded the same number of points.

To earn these points you can for example implement electronic circuits that improve the accuracy of the maze mapping, efficient search strategies, nice FPGA implementation and a great screen display, or new mechanical components to make the robot faster or easier to maintain. If you have tons of spare time, consider using two cooperative robots to map the maze. The sky's the limit!



Happy PCB-ing!



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Burn List

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