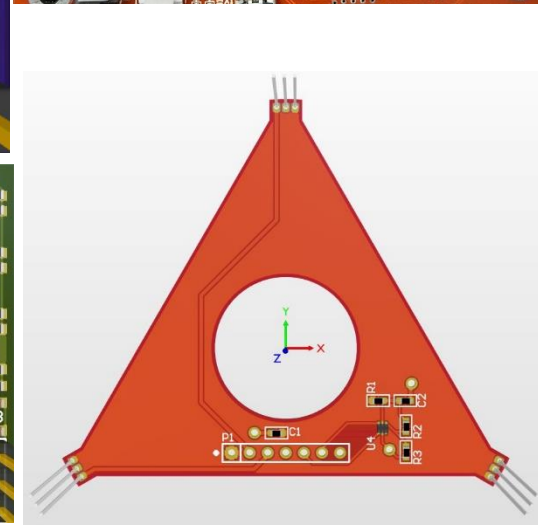
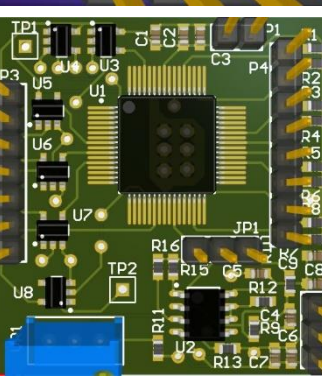
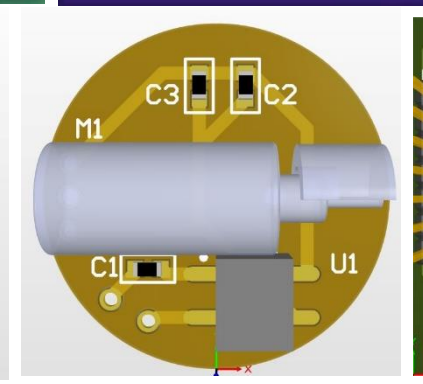
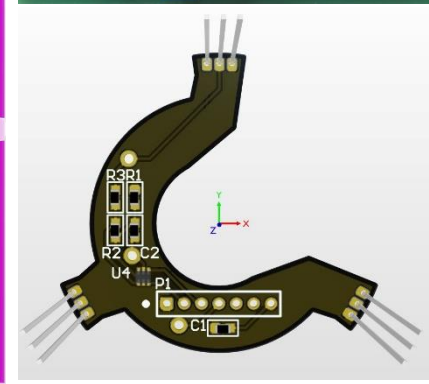
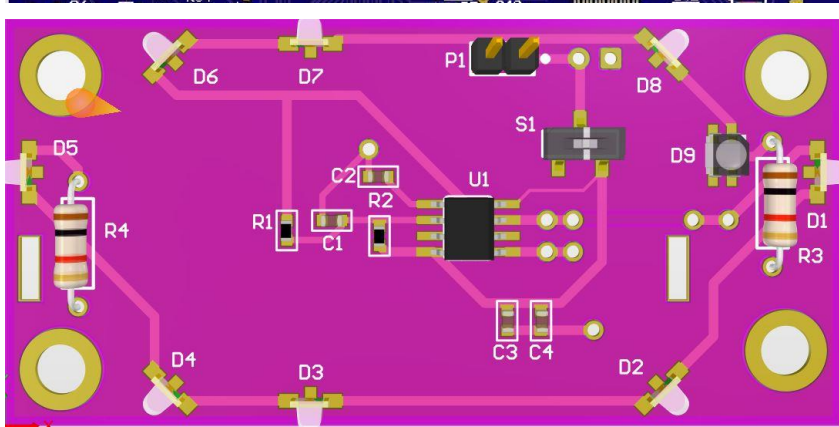
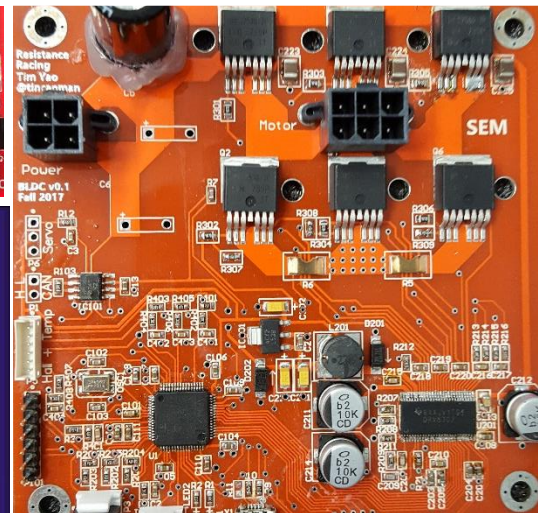
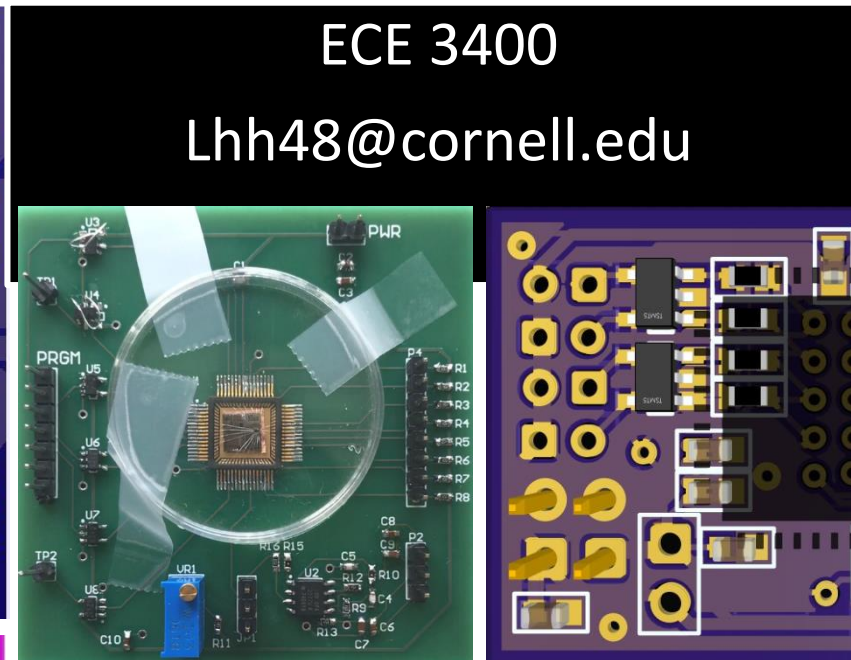
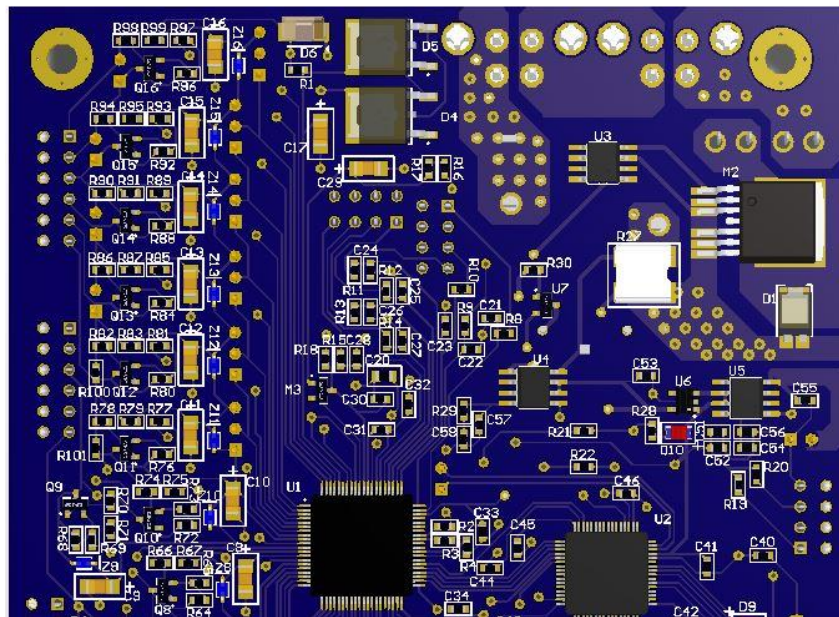


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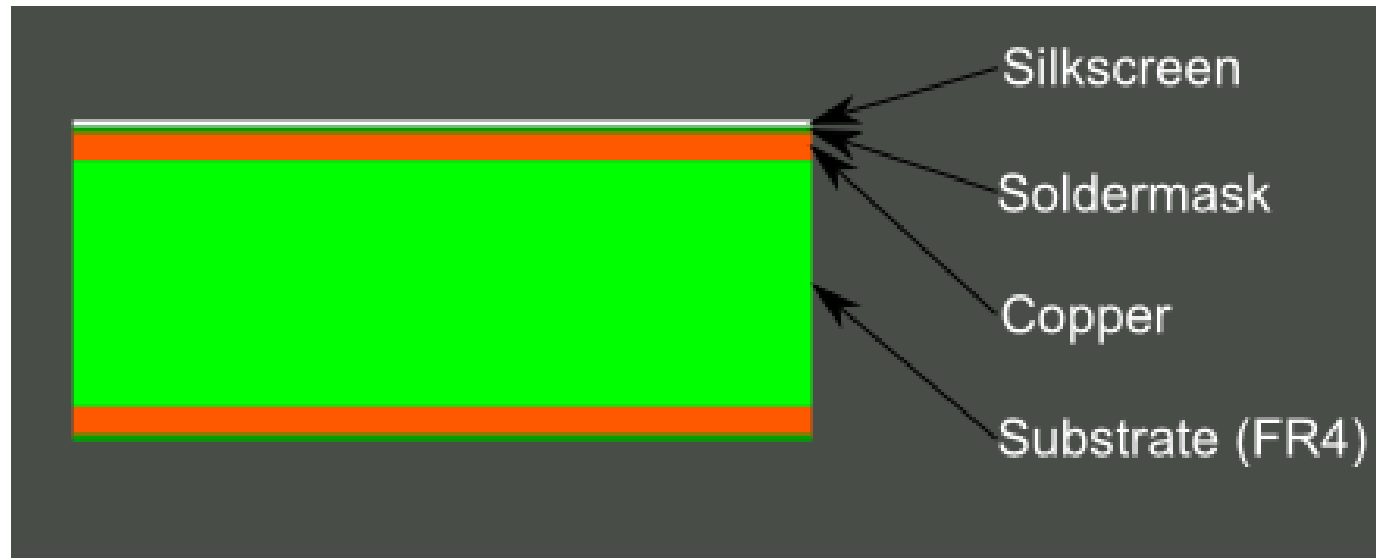


# Agenda

- 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



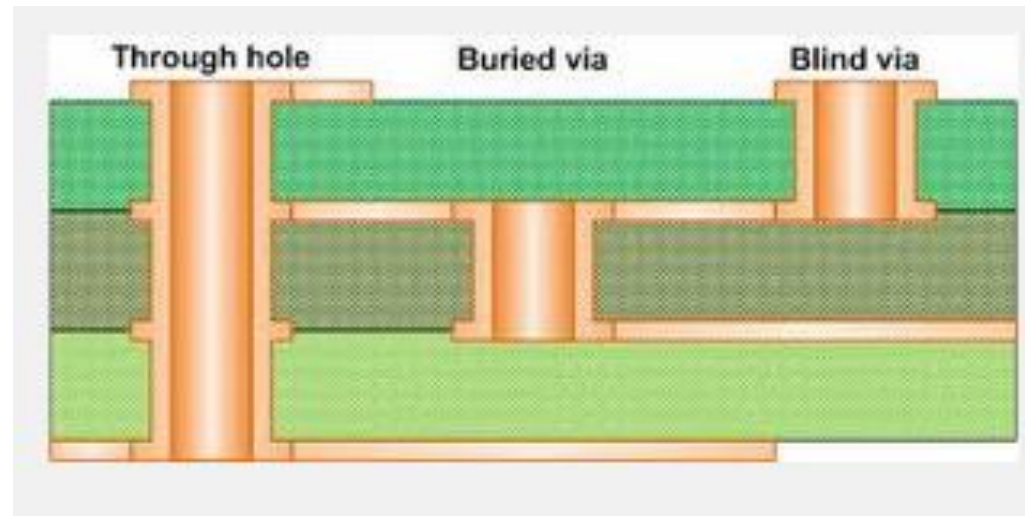
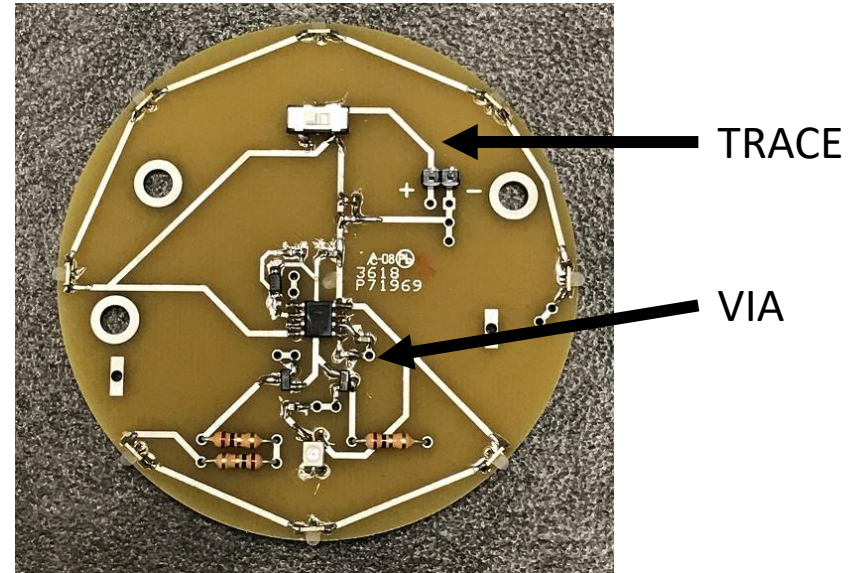
# Useful Terms

## Trace

Copper path (equivalent of wire)

## Via

Hole in board with connection between layers



# Useful Terms

## Pad

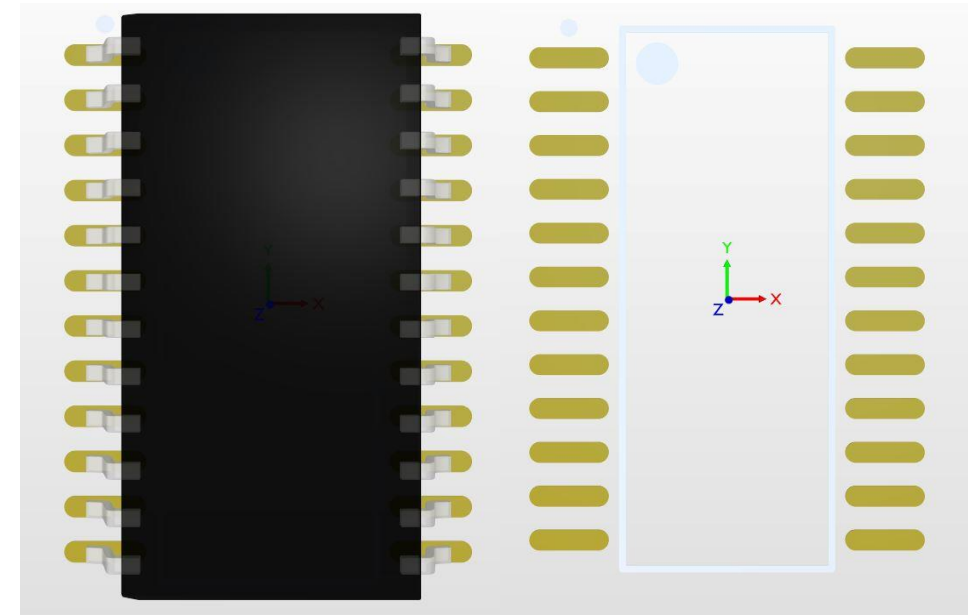
Exposed copper for component placement

## 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



SMD Package

Pads



Thru-Hole

# PCB Tradeoffs

## Pros

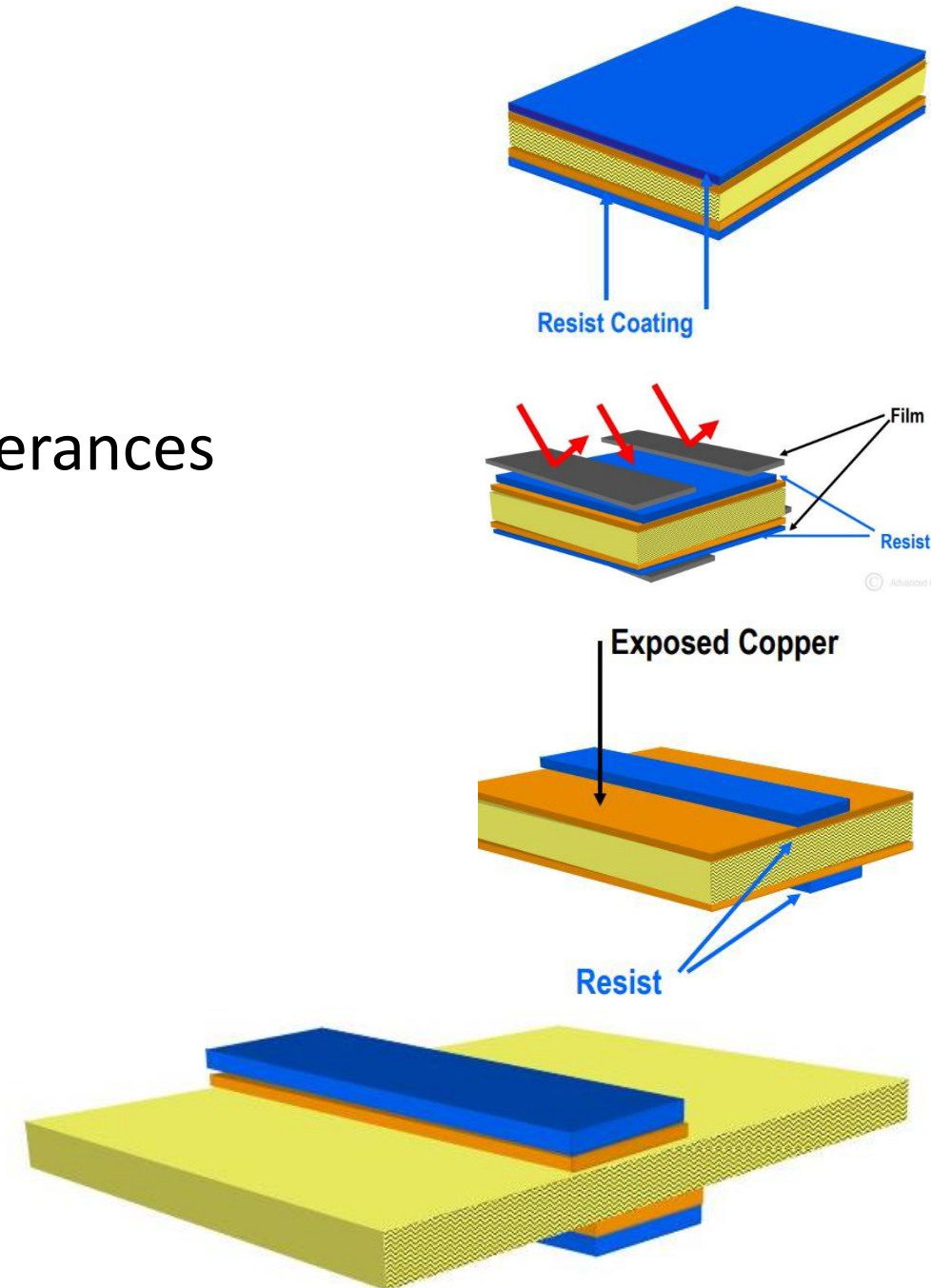
- Permanence/Reliability
- **Space-Savings**
- **Simple to Manufacture**
- Immune to movement
- Better grounding

## Cons

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

# PCB Manufacturing

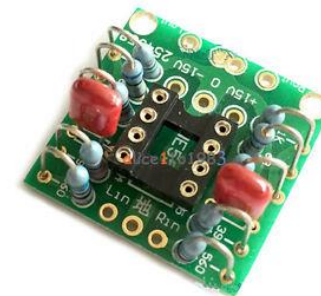
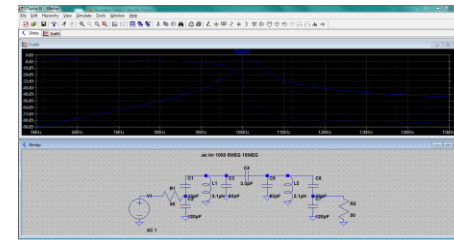
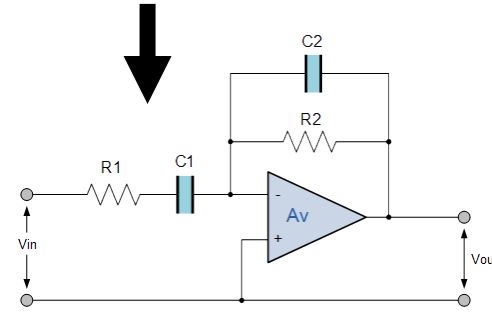
- Etching – Primarily used in industry, best tolerances
- **Milling** – Drill/Cut undesired copper
- Printing – Specialized conductive nano-inks
- Direct Plating
- Direct Cutting



# 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?)

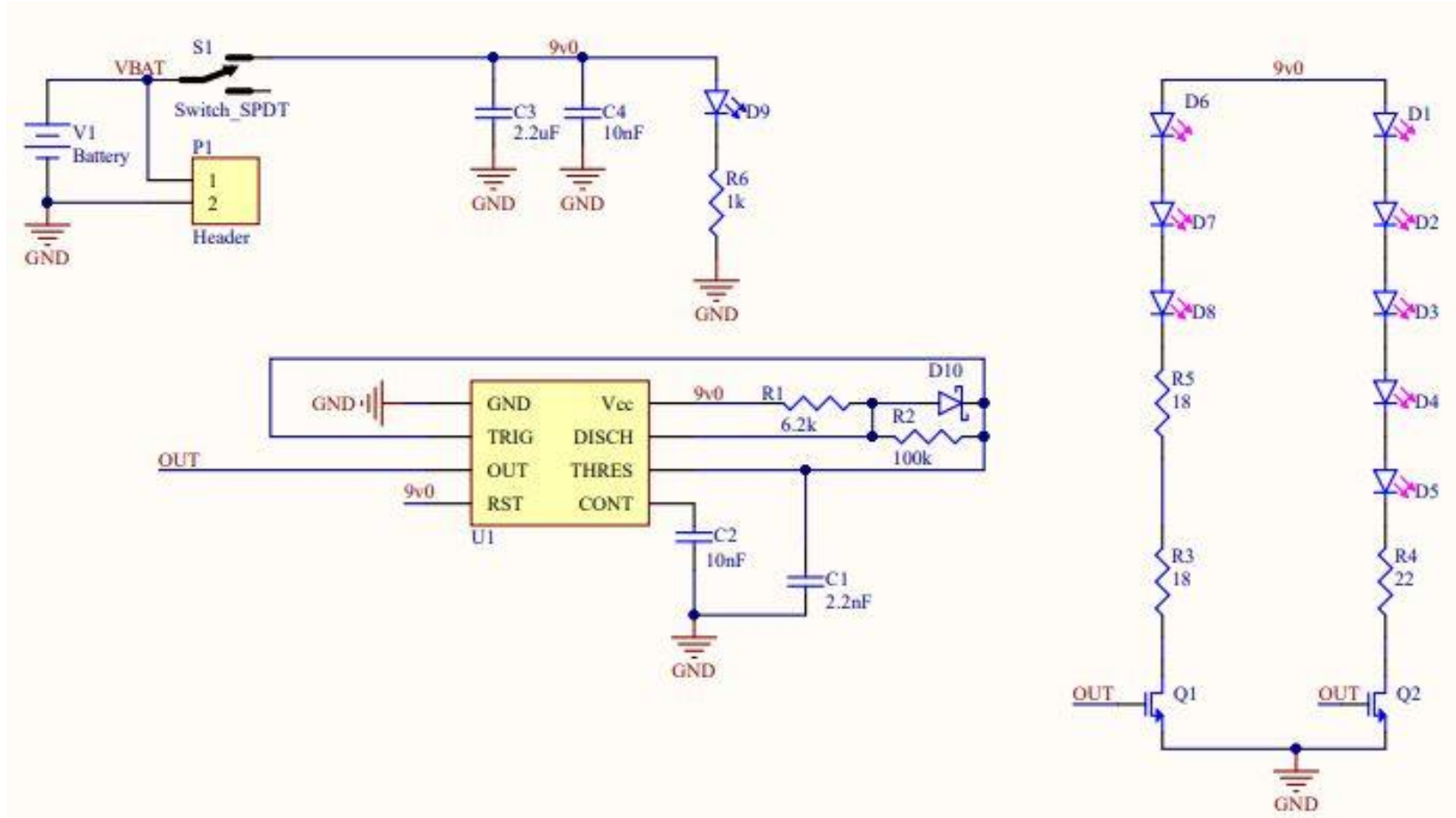


# 2) Component Selection

Always make a bill of materials (BOM)

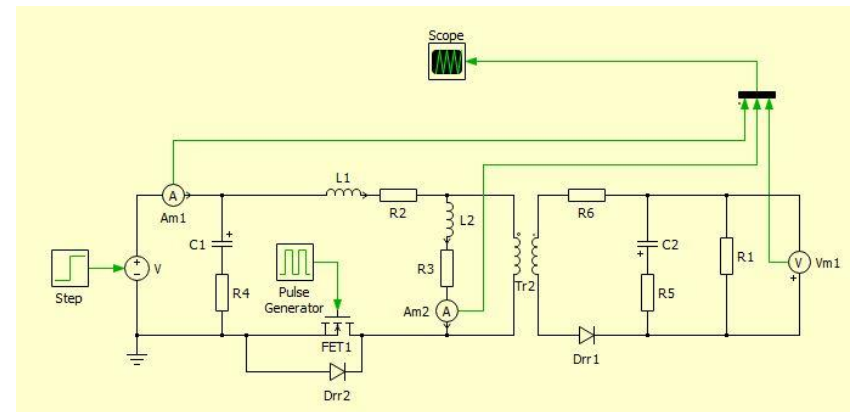
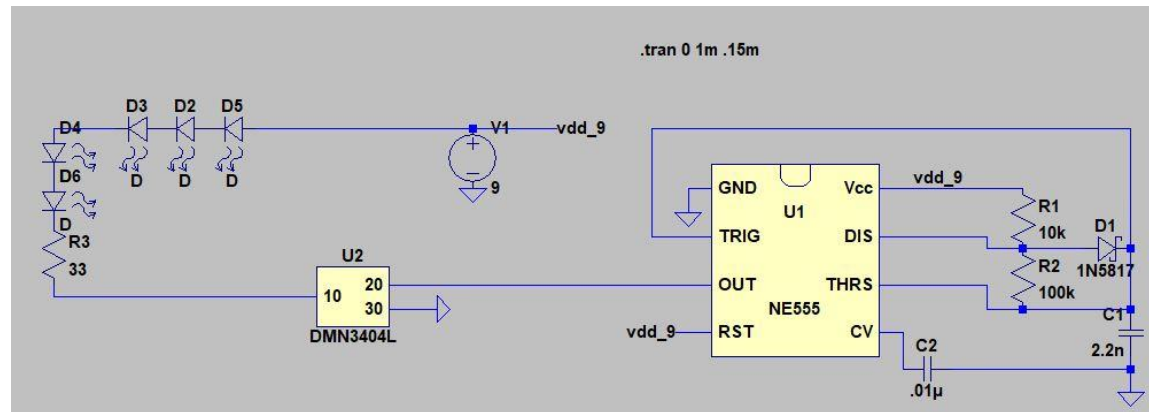
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# 3) Schematic Design

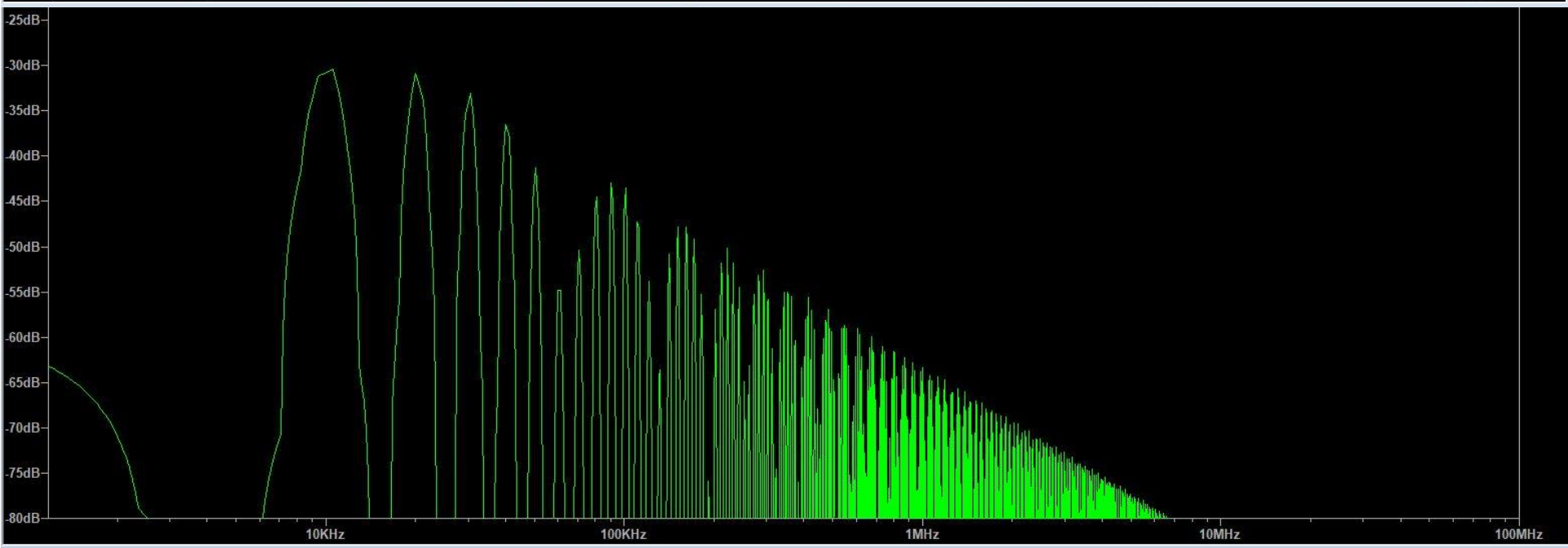
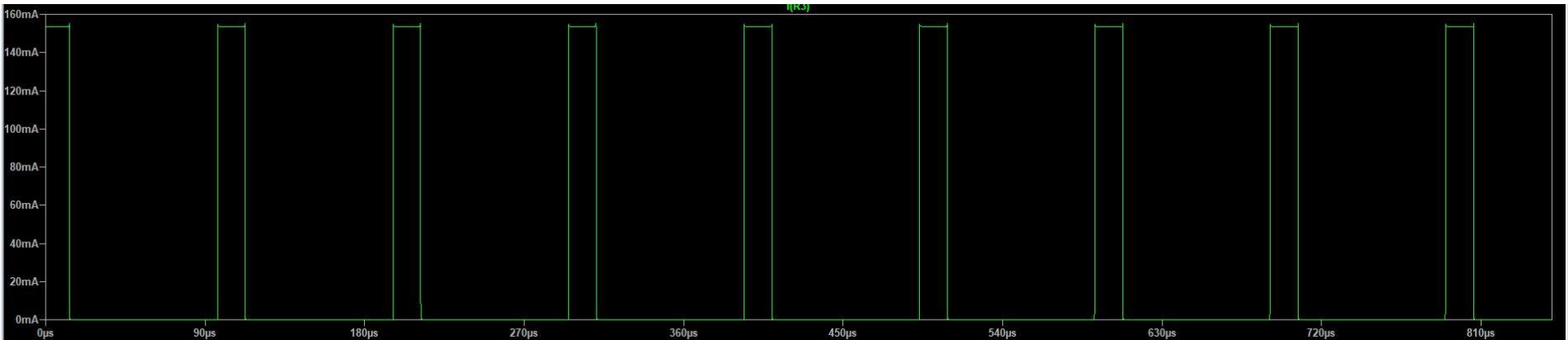


# 4) Simulation

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



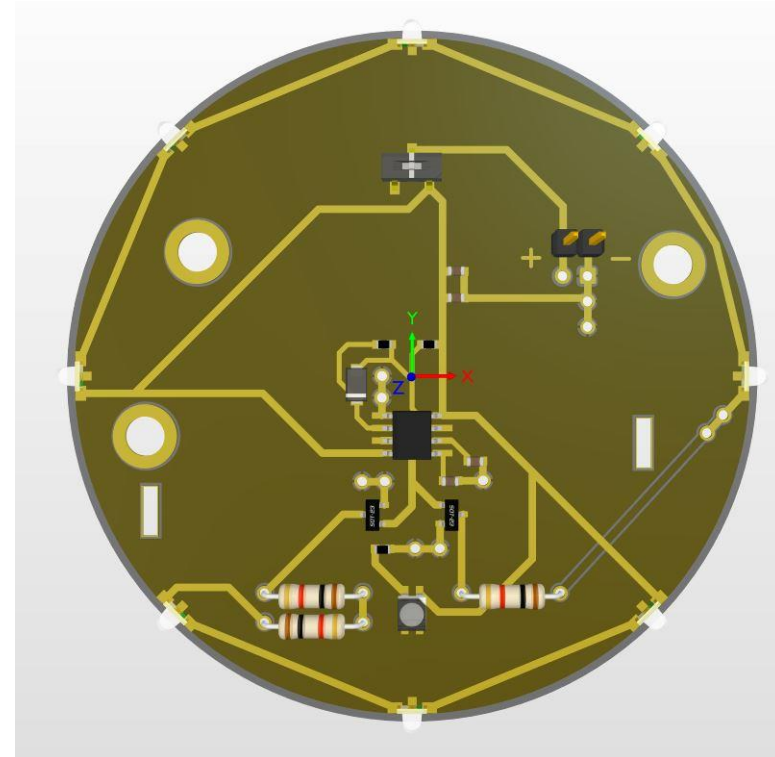
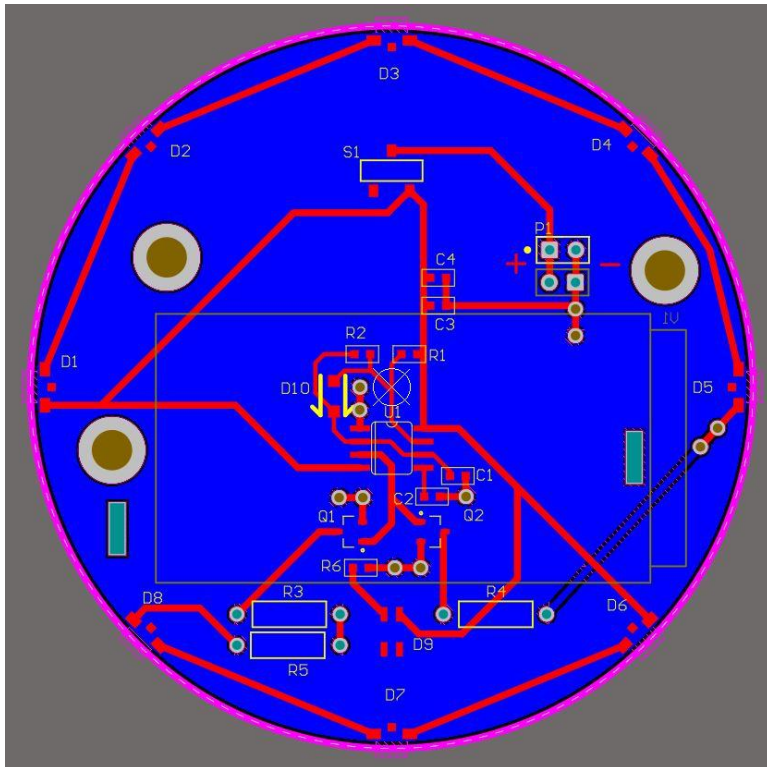
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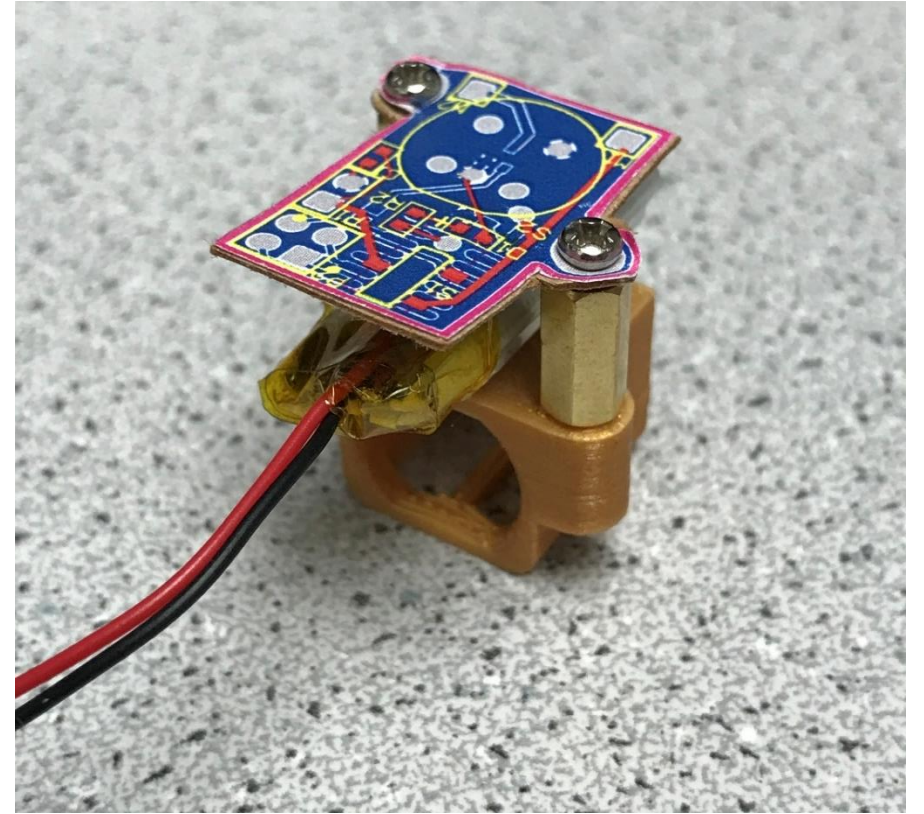
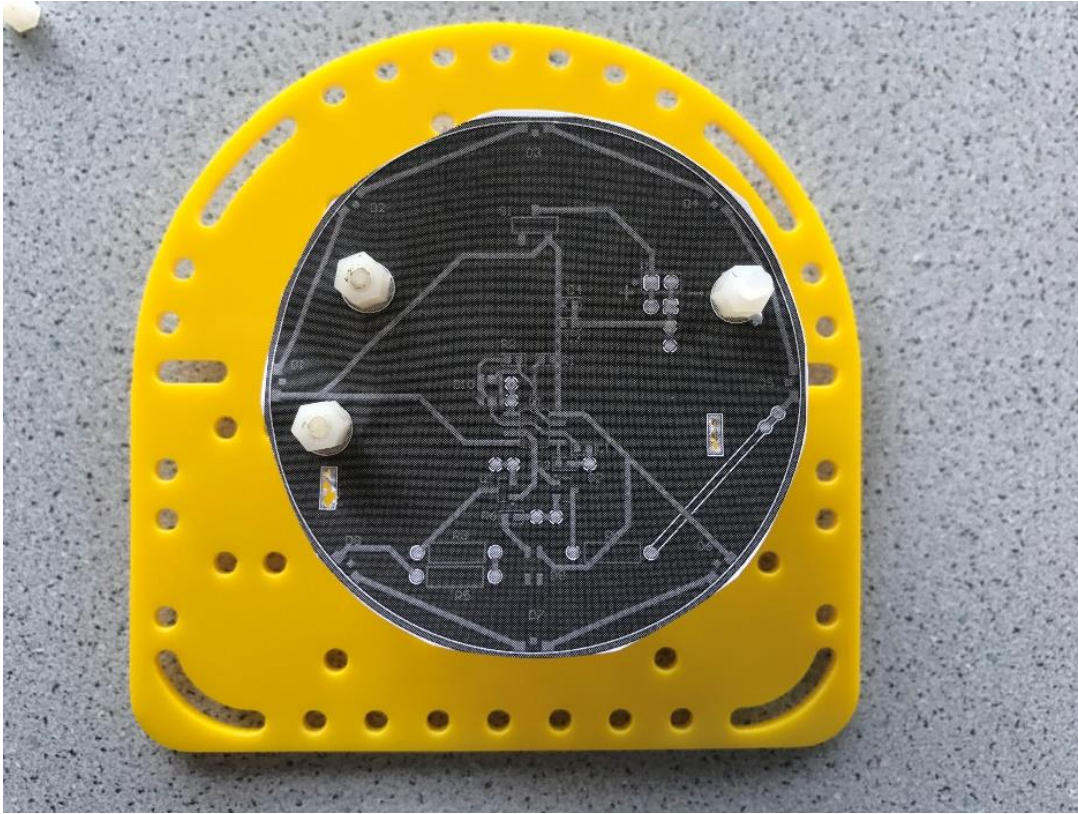


# 5) Layout

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, Seedstudio, Oshpark, PCB Minions, .....

The screenshot shows the Seeed PCB ordering interface. The top navigation bar includes the Seeed logo, menu items like Bazaar, Fusion, Services, and Community, a search bar, and links for Sign in and a shopping cart. A secondary green navigation bar lists categories: Fusion, PCB/PCBA, Premium PCB/PCBA, PCB Assembly, Stencil, 3D Printing, PCB Layout, Gallery, More, and English.

The main content area is titled "PCB" and features a central "Add Gerber Files" button. Below this, there is a text box with instructions: "Only ZIP or RAR files accepted. Maximum size 20MB." and a link to "How to generate Gerber files". A warning states: "Files CANNOT be changed after order confirmation. We will follow the Gerber files and order parameters directly. Please contact us first for special requirements. We may need to contact you regarding your order. Please ensure you are able to access your registered e-mail address and check it regularly."

The configuration section includes the following options:

- Base Material: FR-4 TG130 (selected), Aluminum, Flexible Boards
- No. of Layers: 1 layer, 2 layers (selected), 4 layers, 6 layers
- PCB Dimensions: 100 \* 100 (Units in mm)
- PCB Quantity: 10
- No. of Different Designs: 1 (selected), 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Example
- PCB Thickness: 0.6, 0.8, 1, 1.2, 1.6 (selected), 2, 2.5, 3 (Units in mm)
- PCB Color: Green (selected), Red, Yellow, Blue, White, Black
- Surface Finish: HASL (selected), HASL Lead Free, ENIG, Hard Gold
- Minimum Solder: (input field)

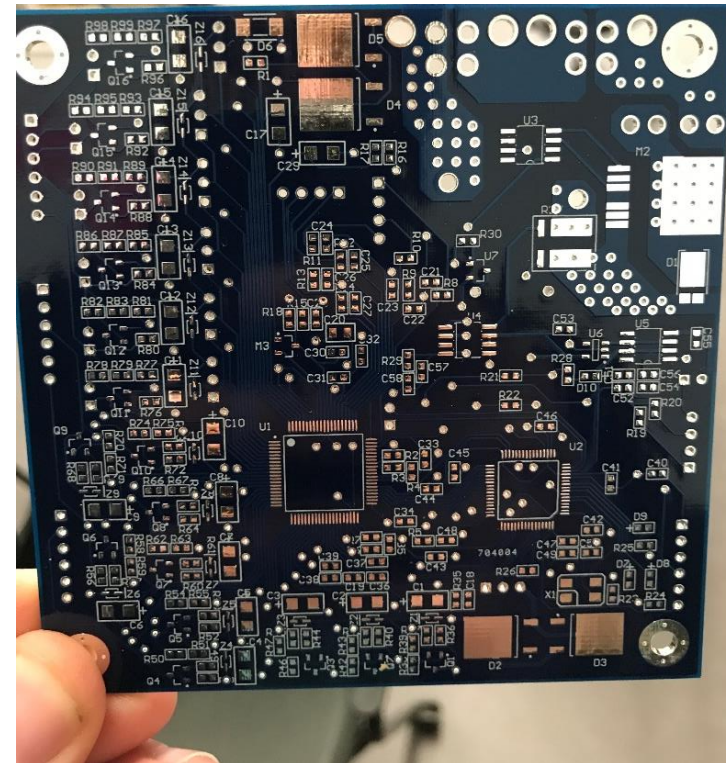
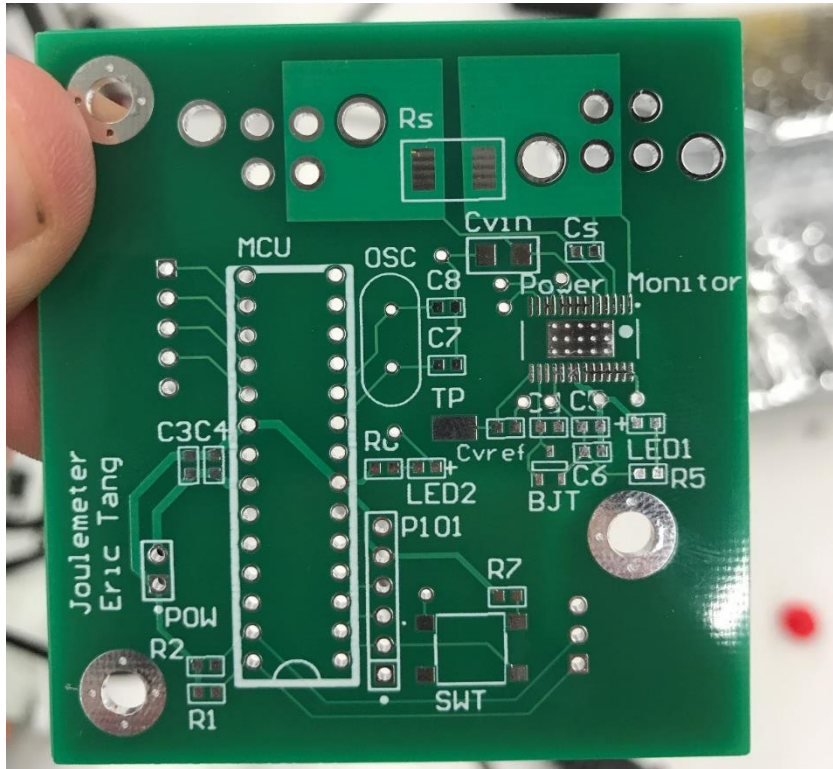
On the right side, a "PCB Cost" summary table is displayed:

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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
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>USD\$4.90</b>
Production Time	3 - 4 Working Days
Weight	0.32kg
Shipping	Calculated at Checkout

At the bottom right of the cost summary, there is an "Add to Cart" button.

# 8) Solder

Your board looks like this when you get it back



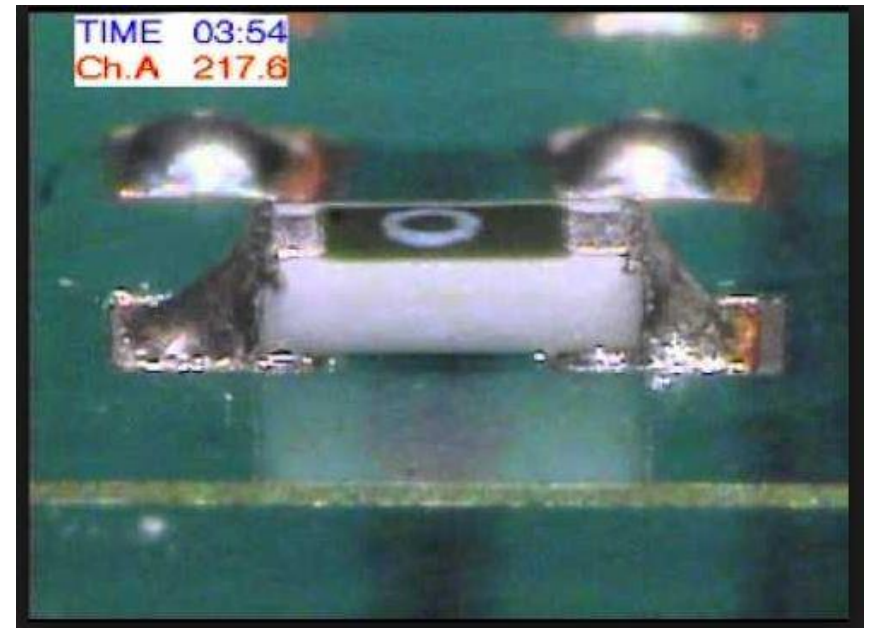
## 8) Solder

- 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

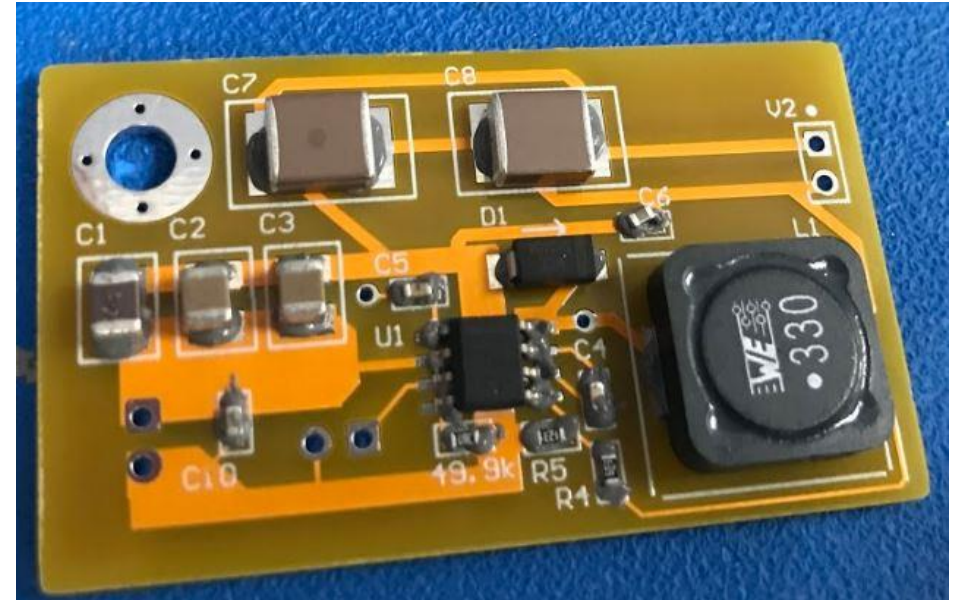
### Soldering Iron

- 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  $<1\text{ohm}$ )
- 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

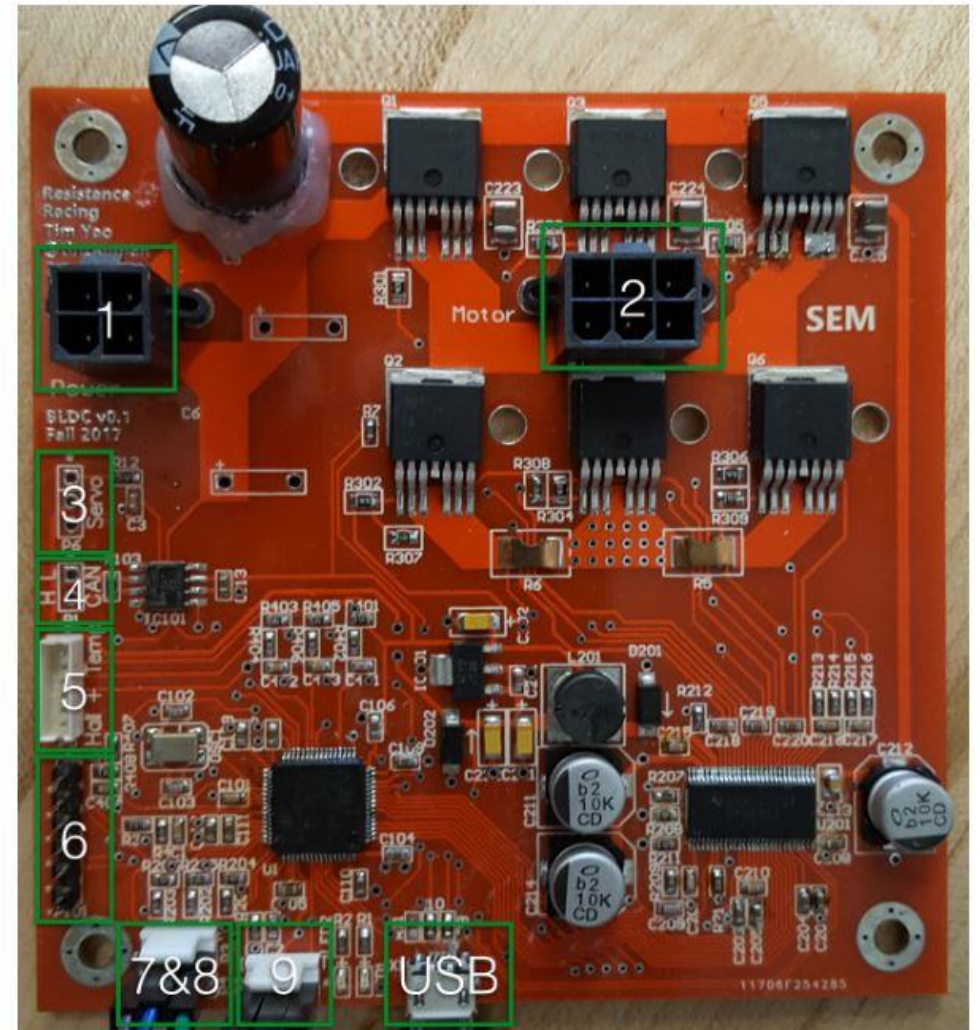
## 3) Test functionality incrementally





# 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?

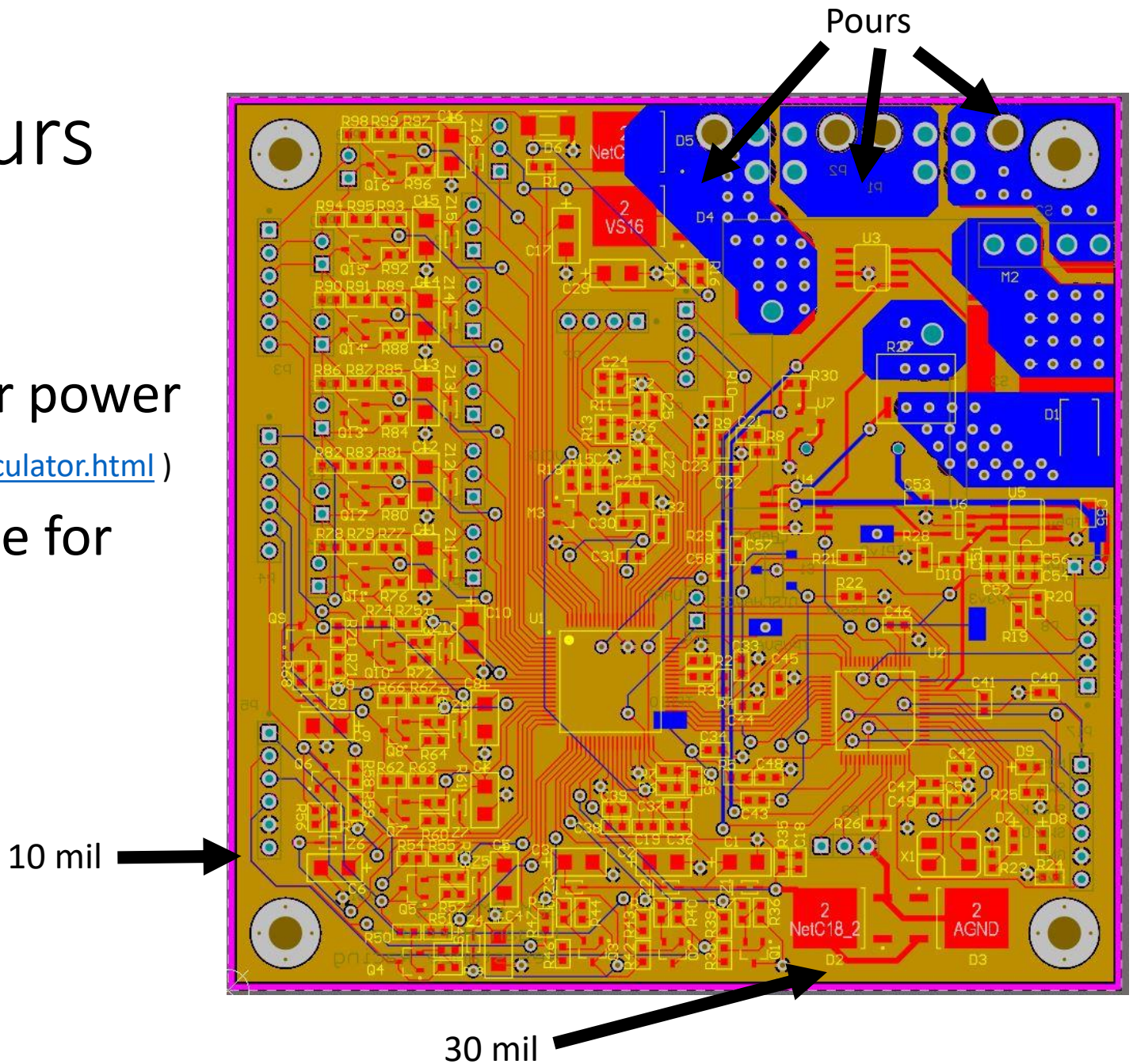


# Layout Considerations

- 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  $\sim 500\text{mA}$



# 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.

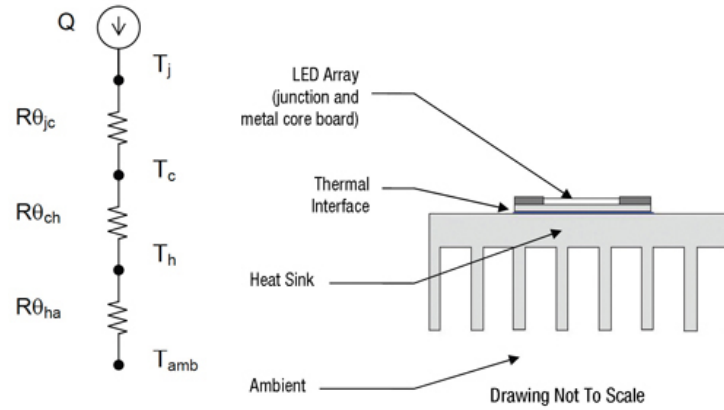
● **Absolute maximum ratings** (Ta = 25°C)

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

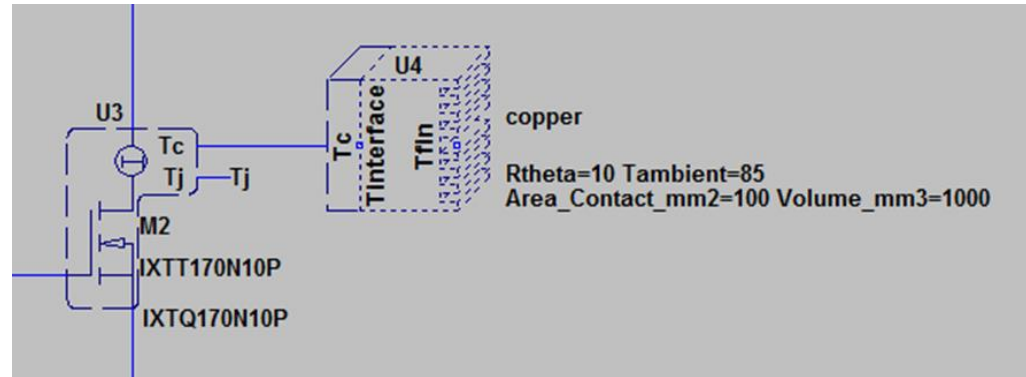
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Collector-emitter voltage	V <sub>CEO</sub>	30	V	
Emitter-base voltage	V <sub>EBO</sub>	6	V	
Collector current	DC	I <sub>C</sub>	3	A
	Pulsed	I <sub>CP</sub> *1	6	A
Power dissipation	P <sub>D</sub> *2	0.5	W/Total	
	P <sub>D</sub> *3	1.25	W/Total	
	P <sub>D</sub> *3	0.9	W/Element	
Junction temperature	T <sub>j</sub>	150	°C	
Range of storage temperature	T <sub>stg</sub>	-55 to 150	°C	

# Thermals - Detailed

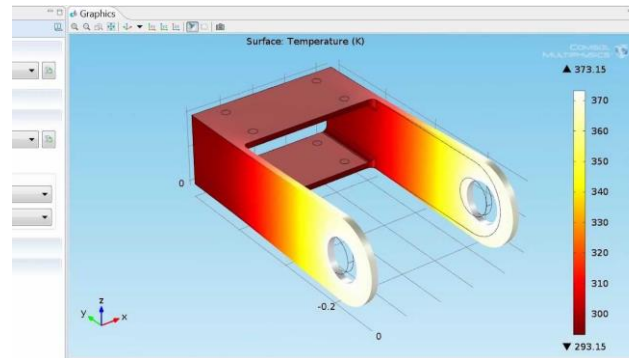
Hand Calculations:



LTSpice Thermals:



FEA Models:



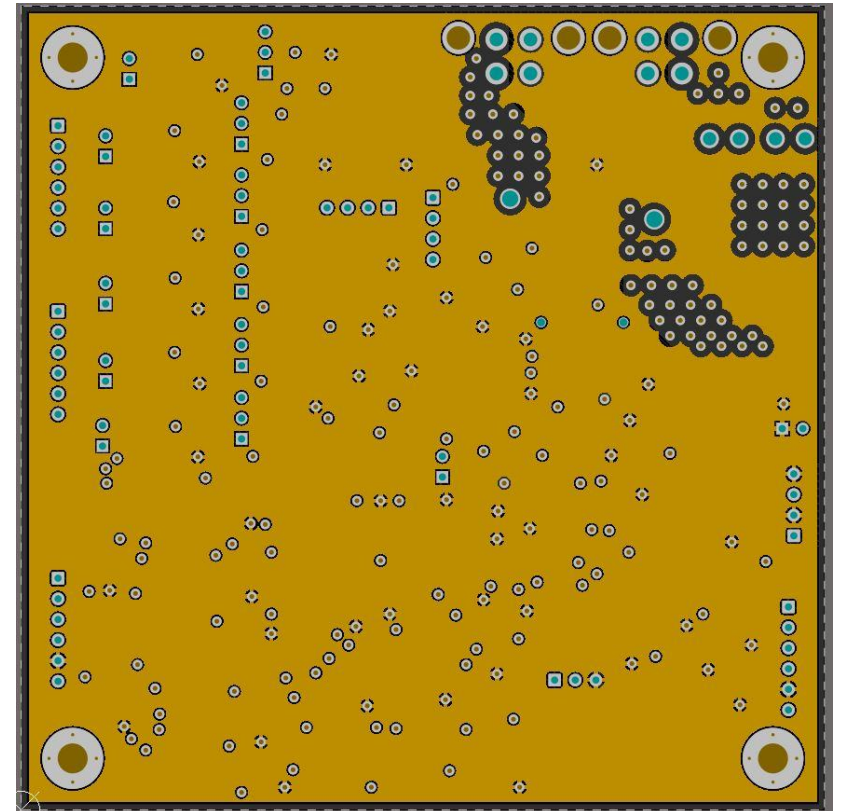
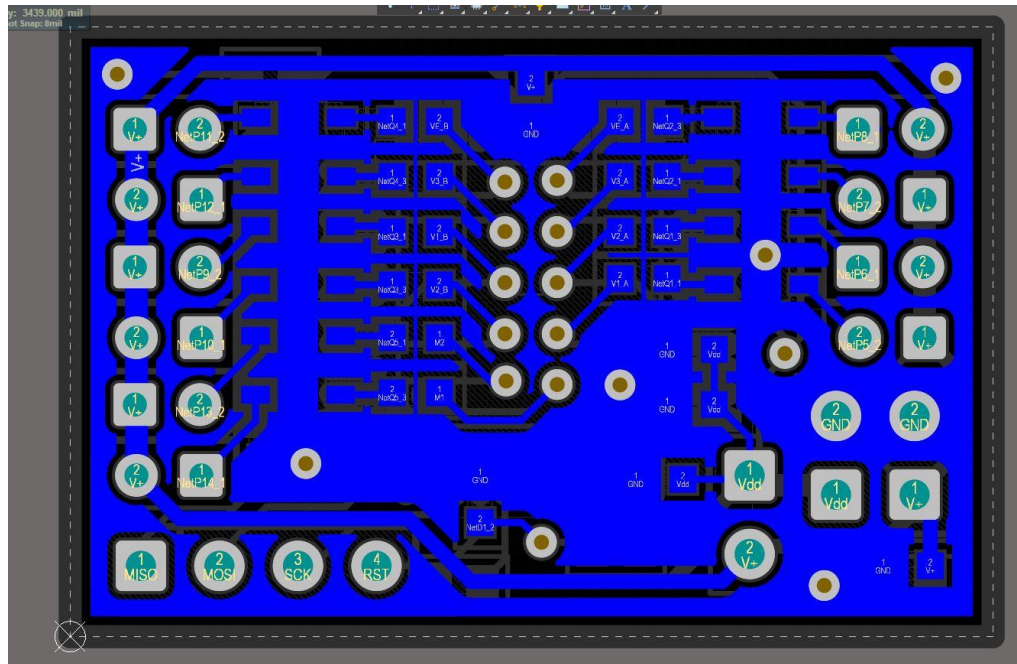
Increasing Accuracy & Complexity



# Grounding

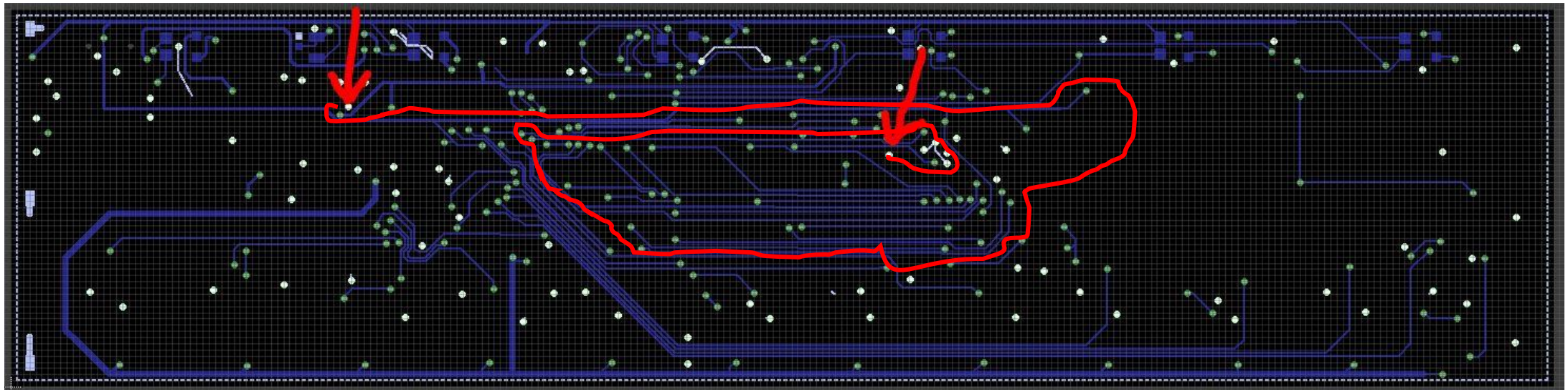
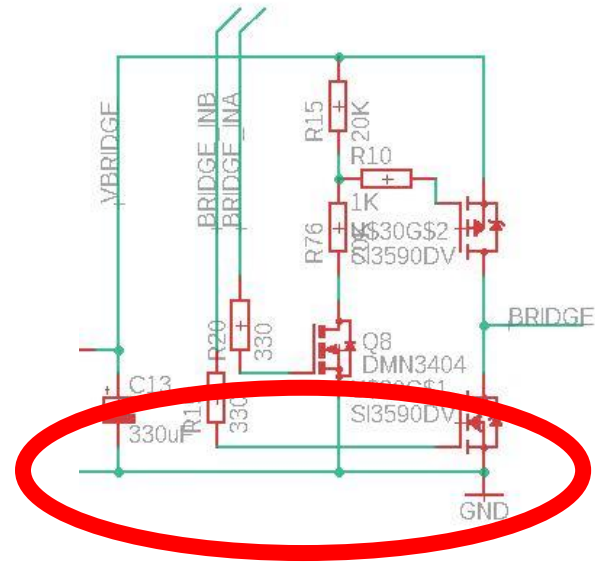
Make one layer a complete ground plane if possible!

Otherwise be very careful with connections



# Grounding

Common mistake...

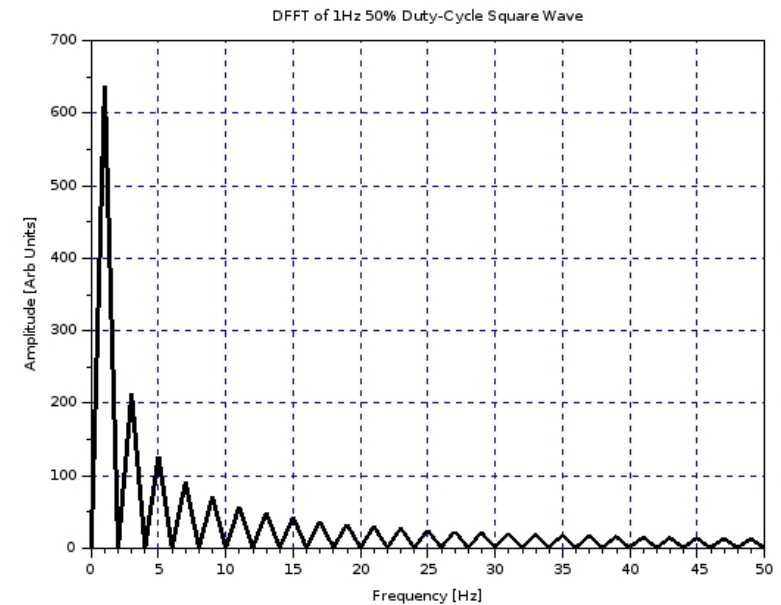
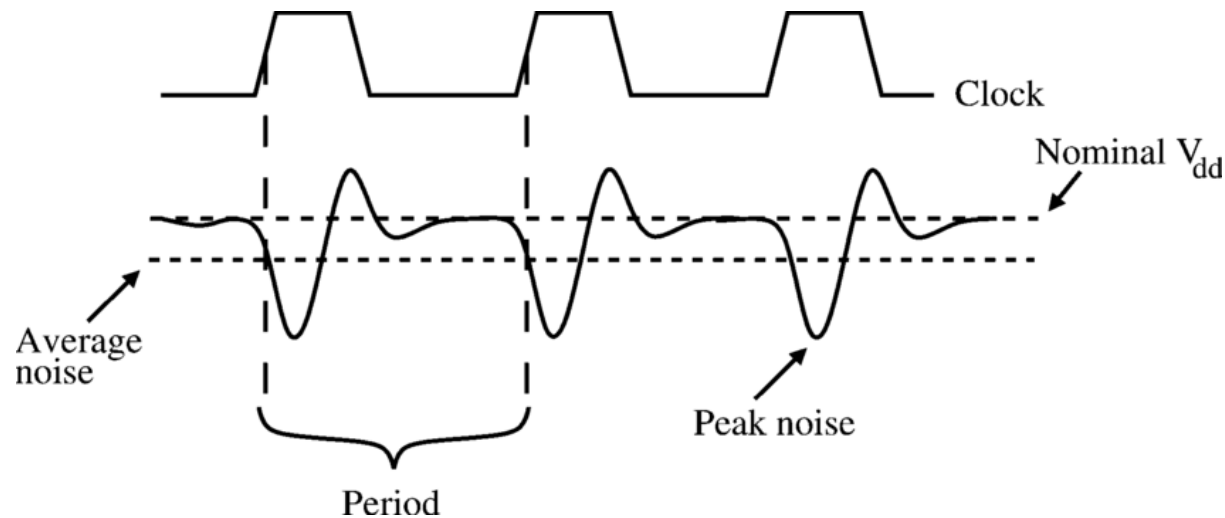




# Digital vs. Analog

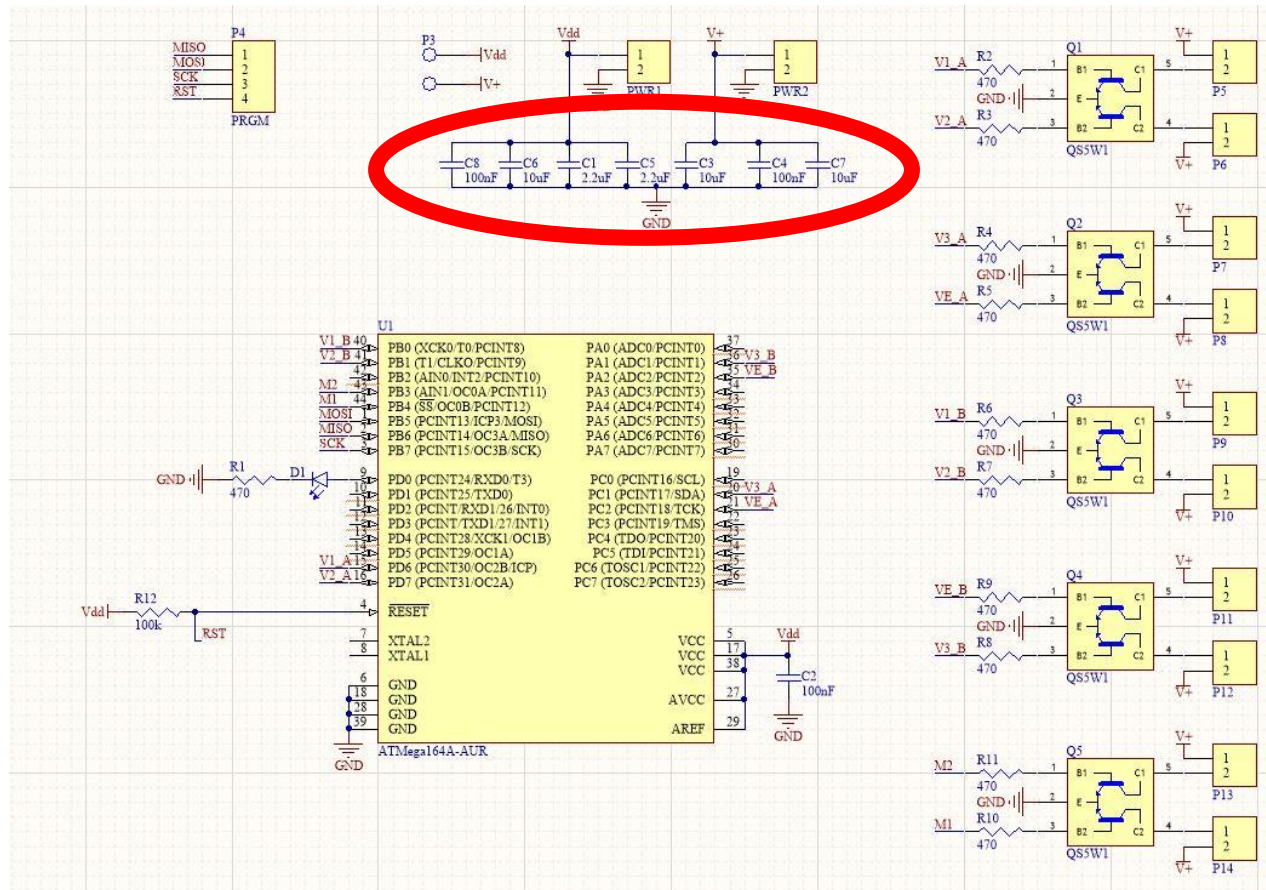
Digital: High-frequency, high-harmonic-content waveforms

Analog: Sensitive to ground & V<sub>dd</sub> references



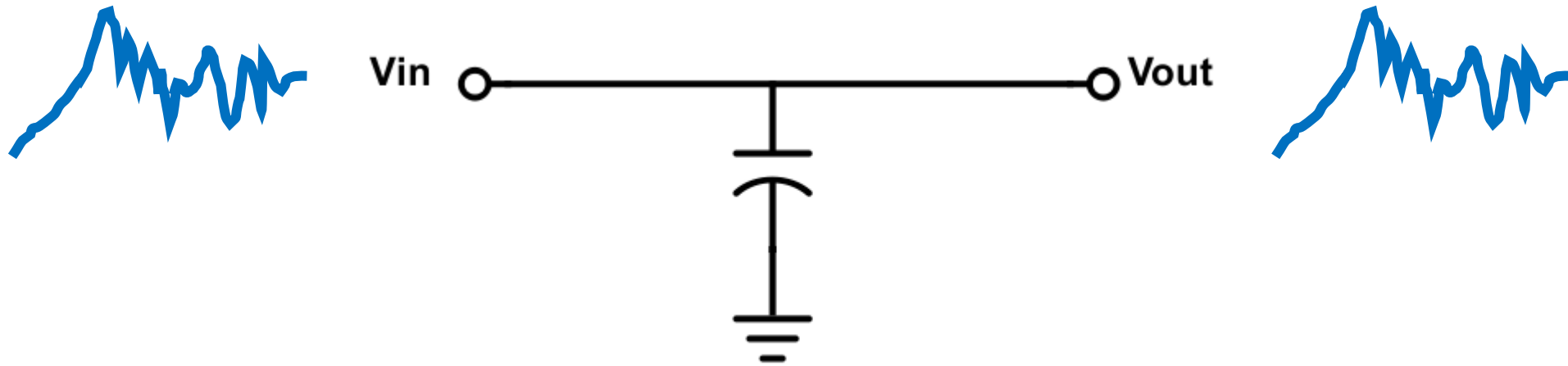
# Decoupling

Why does every board have so many caps?



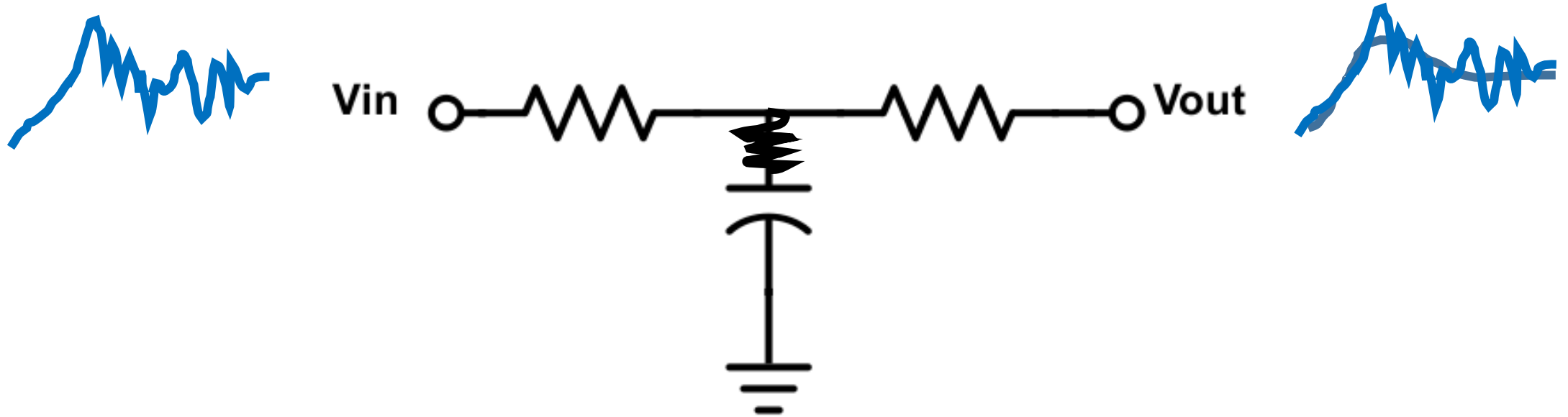
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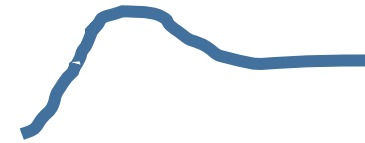
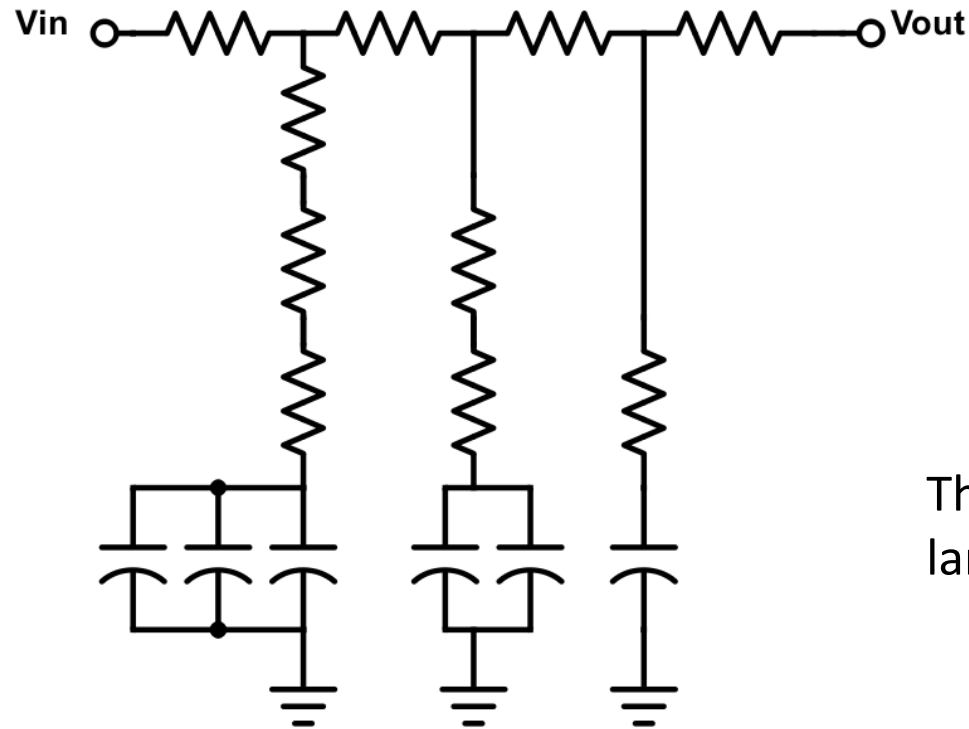
# Decoupling

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# 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
  - 2.2-10 $\mu$ F next to power input or IC power rail
  - 100nF-1 $\mu$ F along long traces
  - 10nF-100nF next to IC

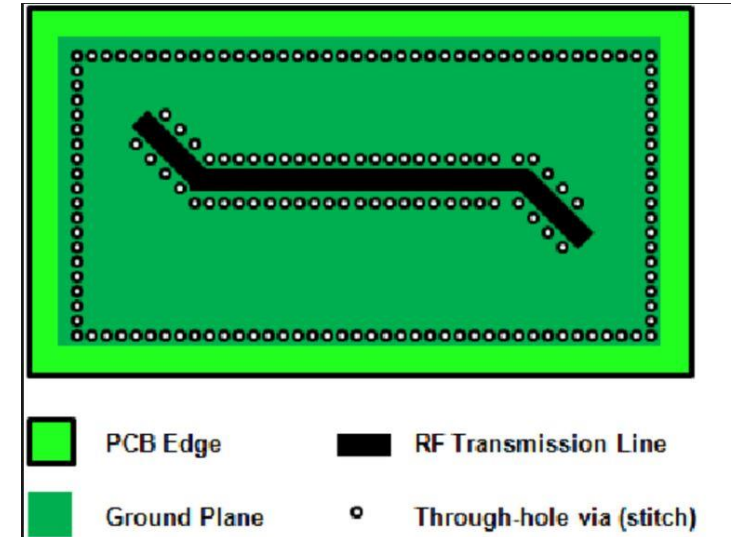


# High-Frequency Considerations

Take ECE 4330 – Intro to Microwave Engineering

Until then ...

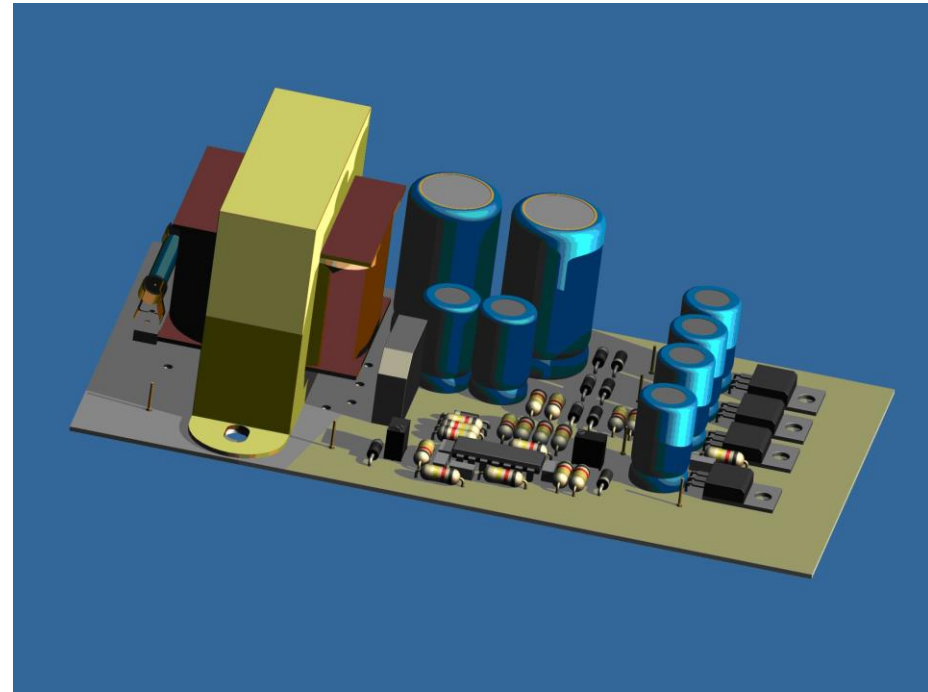
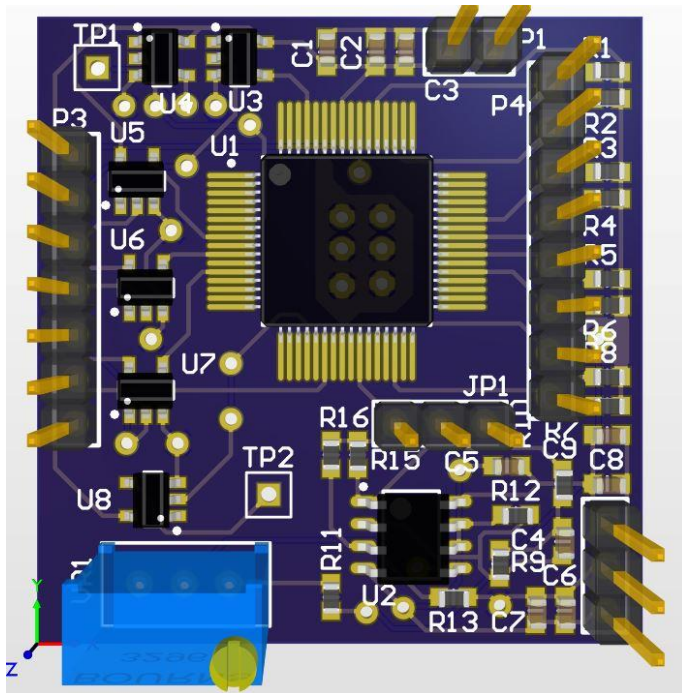
- Keep traces short
- Avoid vias
- Can via-stitch grounds alongside
- Impedance matching is important – sets trace width
- Keep sensitive analog and high-frequency digital apart!





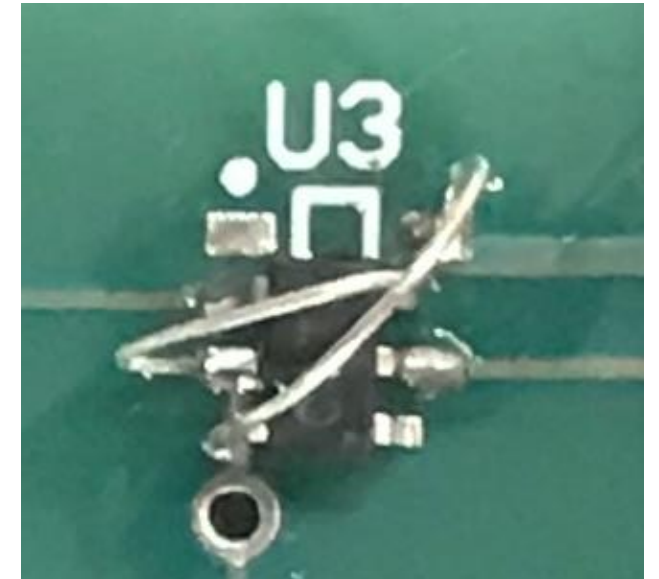
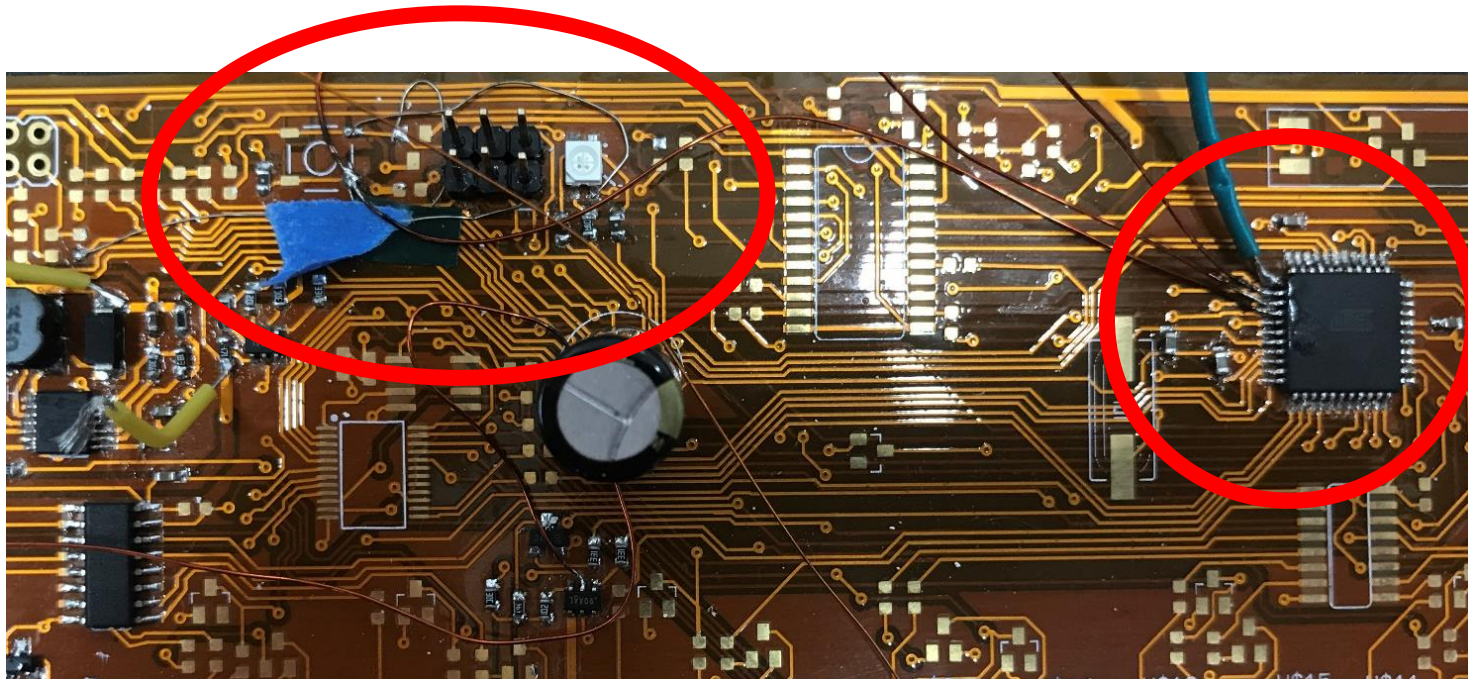
# 3D Modelling

- 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

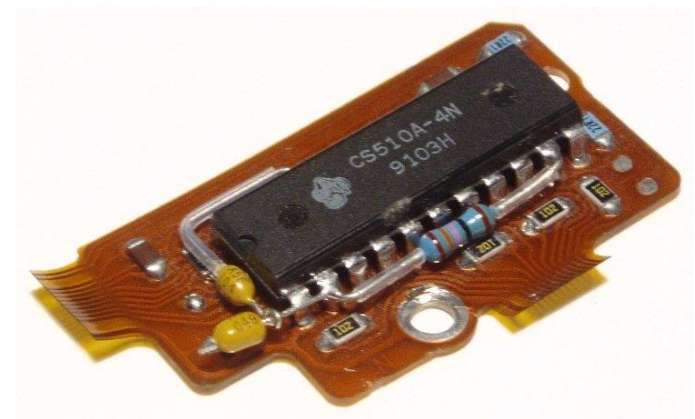
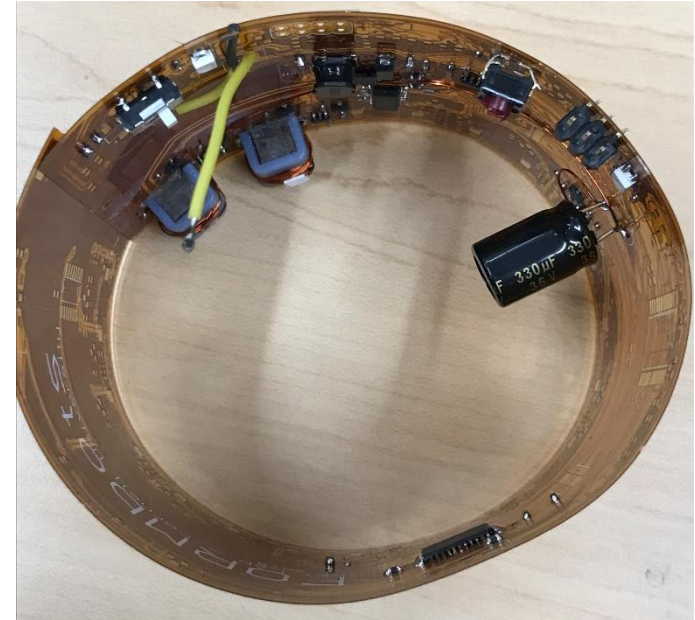
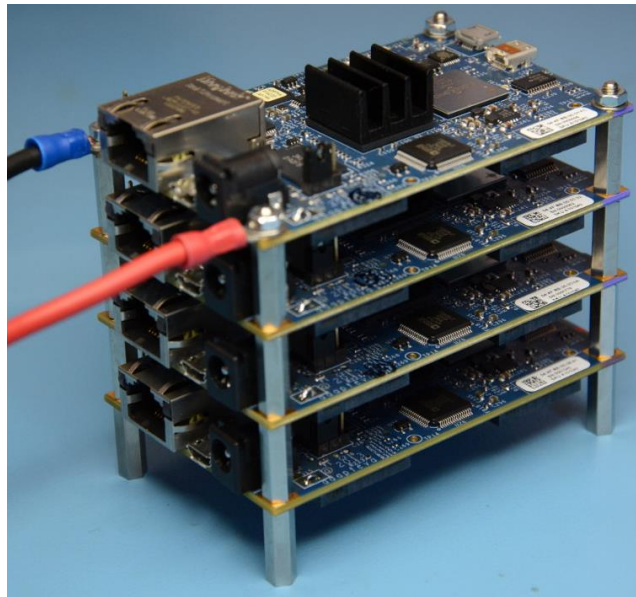
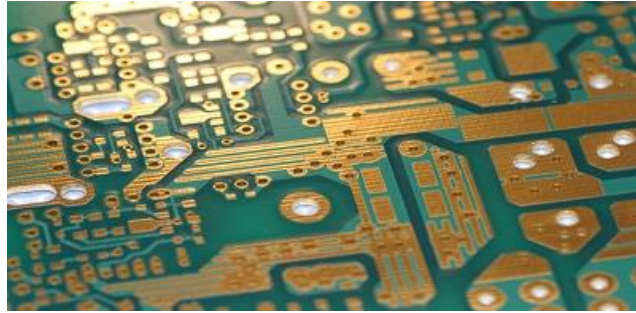


Floating Components



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- 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...?

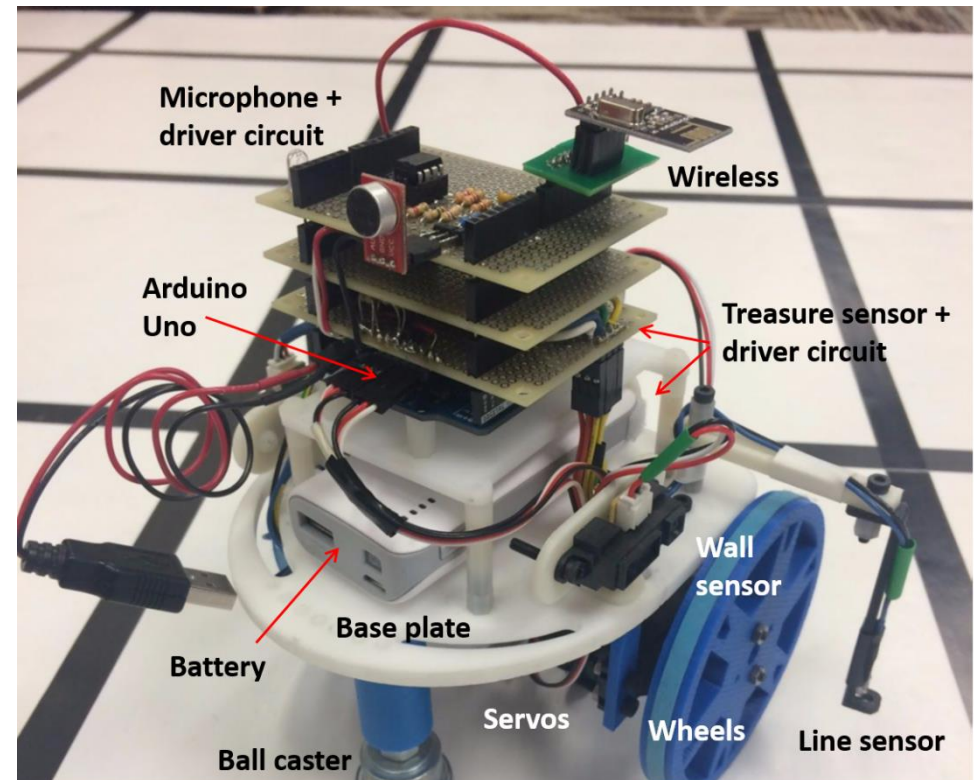
## Grading of System Design and Documentation

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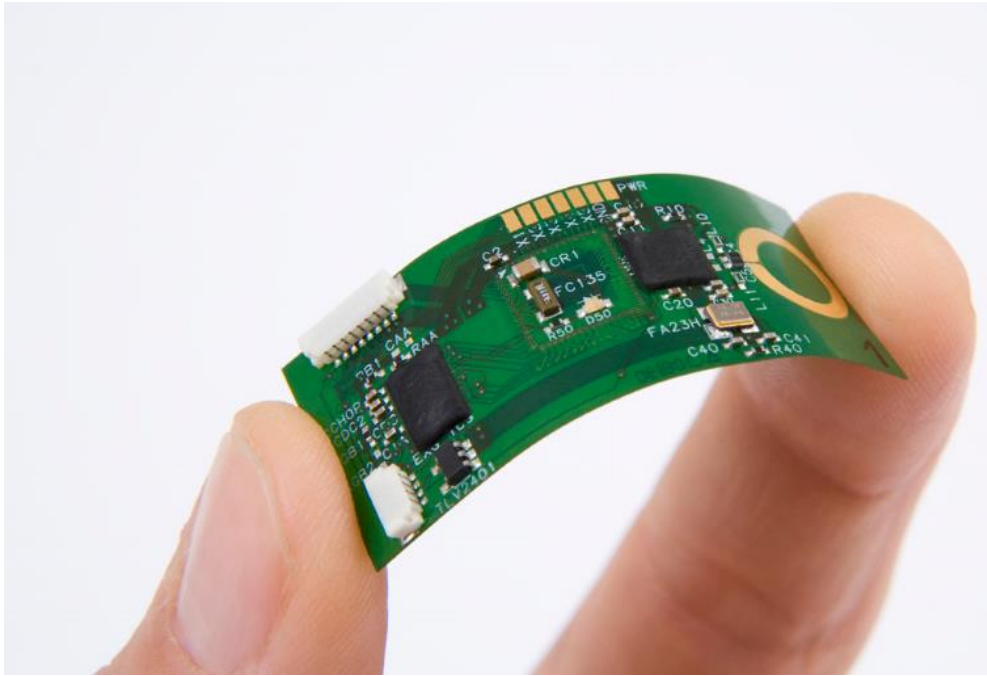
*The TA's will award up to 25 points for good system design.*

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!



# References

## Board Manufacturing

- <https://www.4pcb.com/media/presentation-how-to-build-pcb.pdf>

## Decoupling

<http://www.analog.com/en/analog-dialogue/articles/studentzone-april-2017.html>

## Soldering

- <https://www.build-electronic-circuits.com/smd-soldering/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3NN7UGWYmBY>
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# Class References

## Tutorials

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- <https://cei-lab.github.io/ece3400-2017/tutorials/PCB/>

## Burn List

- <https://cei-lab.github.io/ece3400-2017/tutorials/PCB/burnlist.html>