

Fundamentals of Electronic Circuits and Systems I

Introduction & Basic Concept

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 - “[Basic Engineering Circuit Analysis](#)” by J. D. Irwin & R. M. Nelms
 - “[Microelectronic Circuits](#)” by A. S. Sedra & K. C. Smith

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Calendar

Week 1 / Feb 26	Lecture 1: Introduction & Basic Concept
Week 2 / Mar 5	Lecture 2: Resistive Circuits
Week 3 / Mar 12	Lecture 3: Circuit Analysis Techniques
Week 4	Tutorial 1: HW 1-3 (optional)
Week 5 / Mar 26	Lecture 4: Capacitors & Inductors
Week 6 / Apr 2	Lecture 5: Transient circuit analysis
Week 7	Tutorial 2: HW 4-5 (optional)
Week 8 / Apr 16	Midterm Exam
Week 9 / Apr 23	Lecture 6: AC steady-state analysis
Week 11 / May 7	Lecture 7: Frequency domain analysis
Week 12	Tutorial 3: HW 6-7 (optional)
Week 13 / May 21	Lecture 8: Two-port network
Week 14 / May 28	Lecture 9: Operational amplifier & Feedback
Week 15 / Jun 4	Wrap up
Week 16	Tutorial 4: HW 8-9 (optional)

3 classes per lecture session

Attendance & Quiz

- Attendance
 - Optional
 - Slides posted online
- Quiz
 - 5-10min Quiz by the end of **every** lecture session
 - Lowest 3 quizzes dropped in final grading

**Review the slides RIGHT AFTER every lecture
DO NOT wait until one week before the exams**

Homework

- Assigned every week after lecture
- Due one week afterwards
- HW submission after due can get 50% score
- Discussion between classmates are encouraged
- Zero tolerance to cheating/plagiarism. Penalty for cheating/plagiarism is **failure** of the course, and will be turned over to the department

Grading

- Homework & Quiz – 20%
- Middle exam – 35%
 - No makeup
 - Absences: 0
- Final exam – 45%

General philosophy

- Practice makes master

- Circuit is difficult
- The only way to get good is by practicing

- Self learning is important

- Not everything you need for homework is covered by my lecture
- Your teacher is a guide, not a spoon feeder

- You get what you put into this course

- I have no desire to force you to study

Who study circuit and systems?

Fundamentals of Electronic Circuits and Systems

CAS



**IEEE Circuit and
System Society**



**IEEE Solid-State
Circuit Society**

International societies are where you find your peers



The Prologue of CAS History

Fundamentals of **Electronic** Circuits and Systems



A. Volta

1800

Invention of
Voltaic Pile

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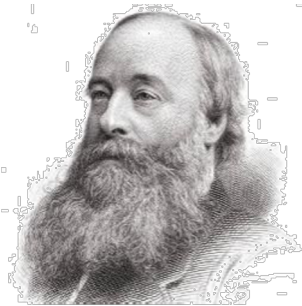


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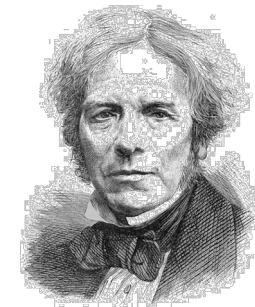
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The Golden Epoch

Late 1800s to 1900s

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1870s
2nd industrial
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Course Objectives

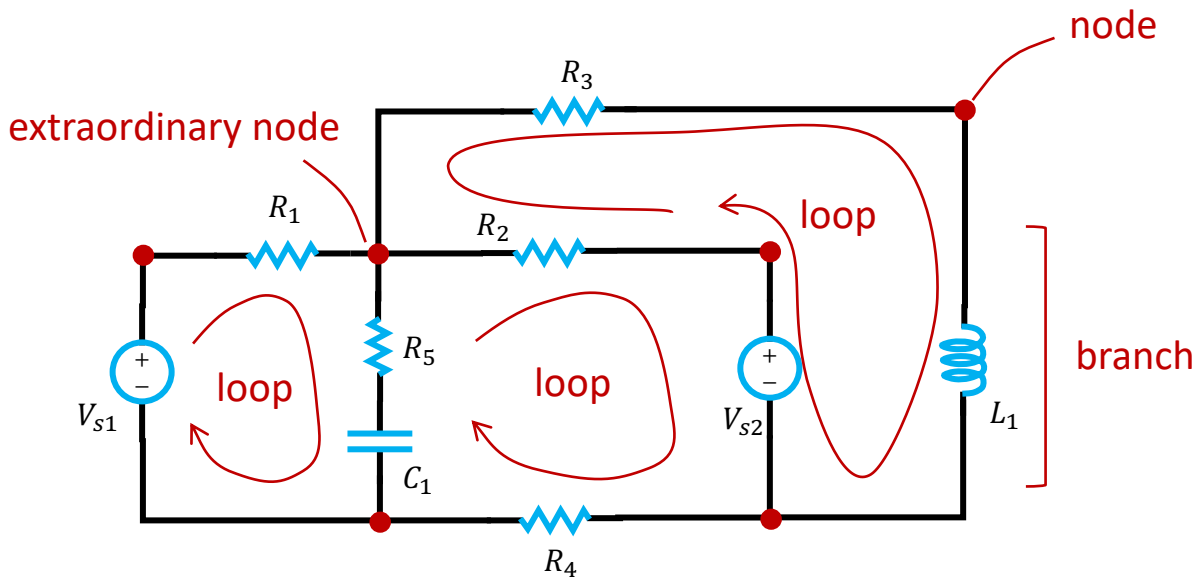
Fundamentals of Electronic Circuits and Systems

- **Devices:** Individual circuit elements
 - R/L/C/Diode/Transistors
 - Well understand and use the **I-V relationship**
- **Circuits:** can be considered as subsystems
 - Know the **function** of some classical circuits
 - Well understand the **analysis skill**
- **Systems**
 - Know some important systems

**To learn how to analyze the I-V relationship of
a device / a circuit / a system**

Circuit Topology

- **Branch**: signal element, such as a resistor or source
- **Node**: connection point between two or more branches
- **Extraordinary node**: connection point between at least 3 branches
- **Loop**: closed path in a circuit

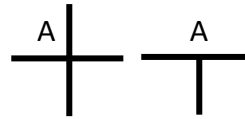


Common circuit elements

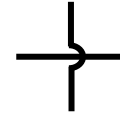
Connections



Conductor



Two conductors
electrically
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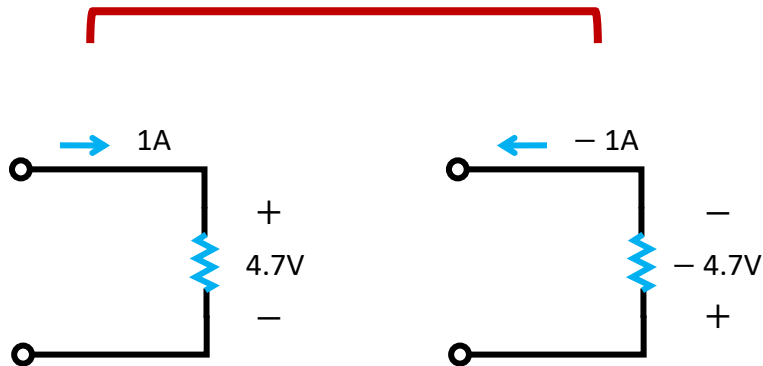
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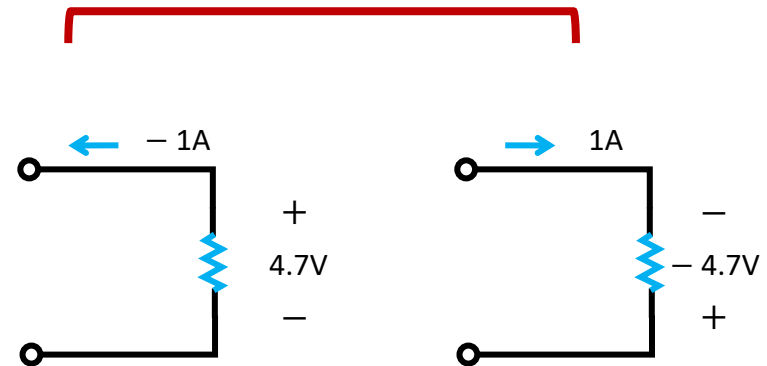
Switch

Associated variables convention

Positive current flow



Negative current flow



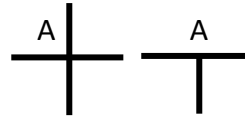
Associated Variables Convention define current to flow in at the device terminal assigned to be positive in voltage

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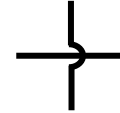
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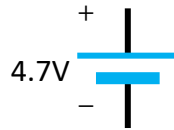


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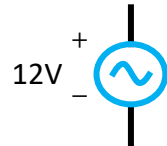


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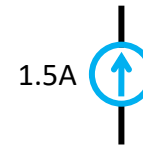
Supplies



4.7V DC



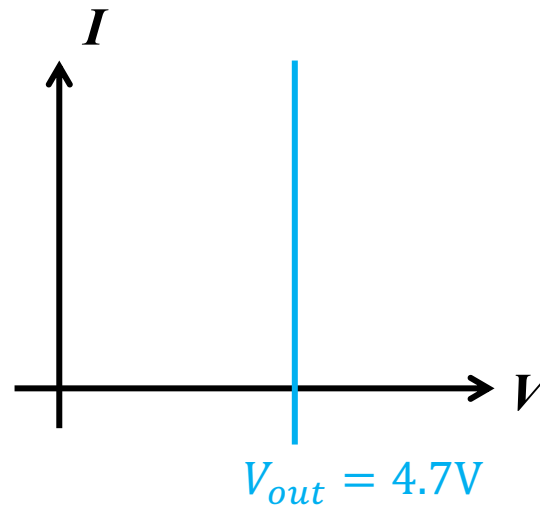
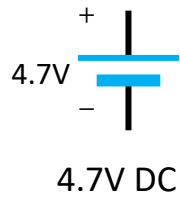
12V AC



1.5A current

I-V relationships of a voltage source

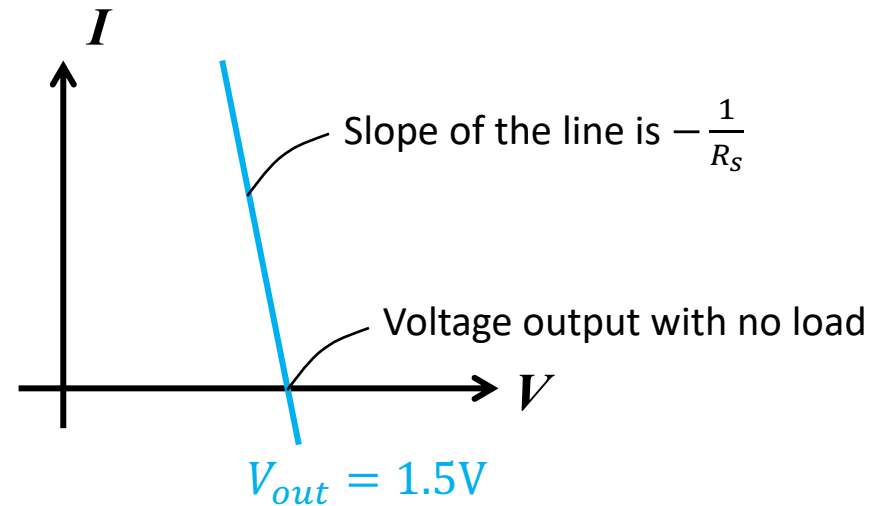
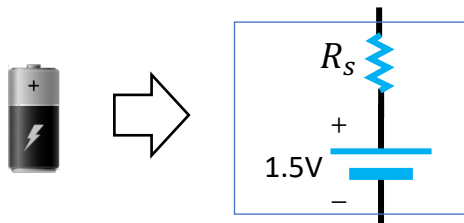
Ideal linear independent voltage source



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- Provide **UNLIMITED** current output

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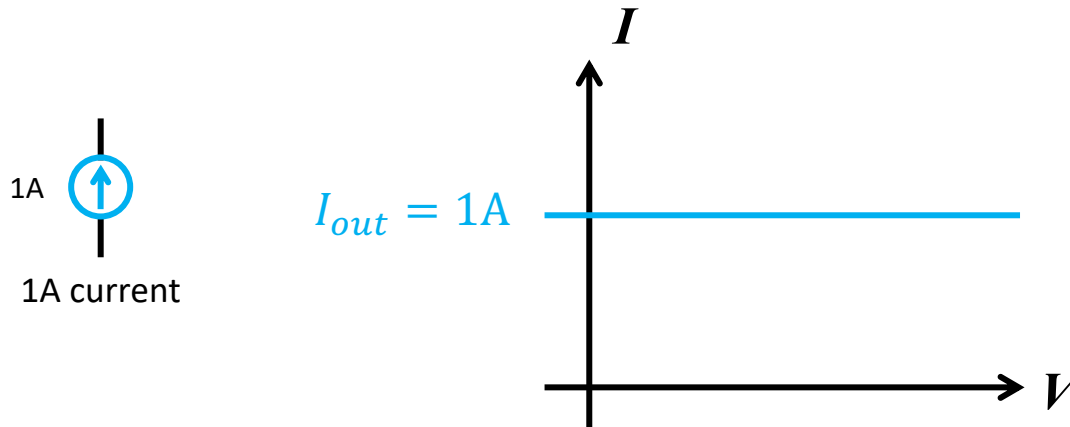
Practical voltage source



- Can **NOT** Provide a fixed voltage output
- There is an **internal resistance** in the model

I-V relationships of a current source

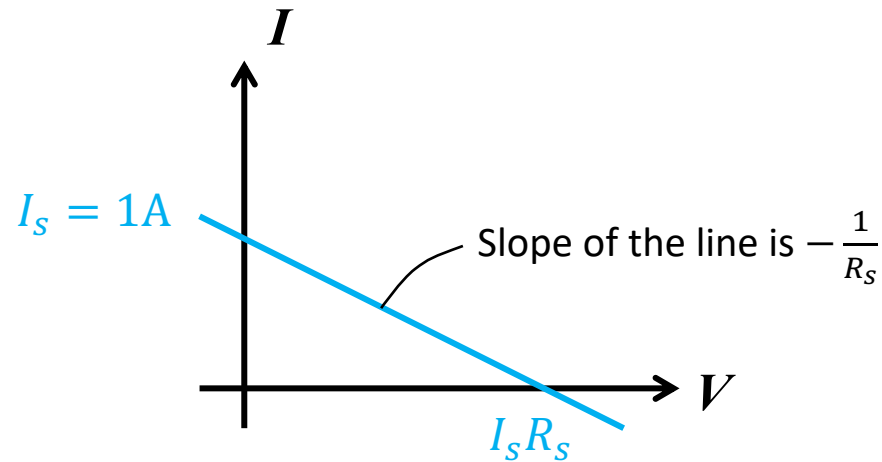
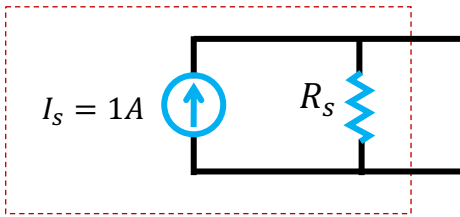
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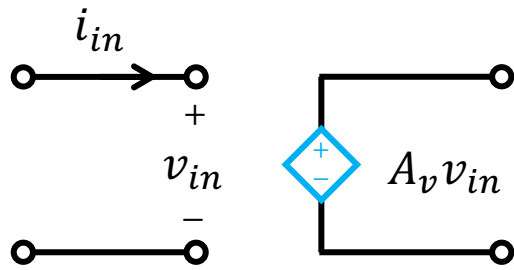
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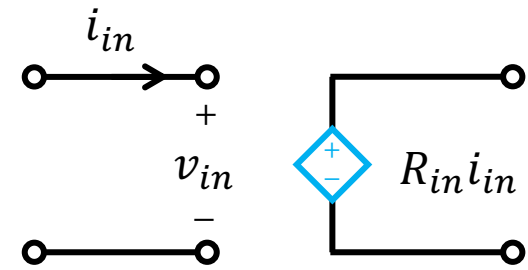


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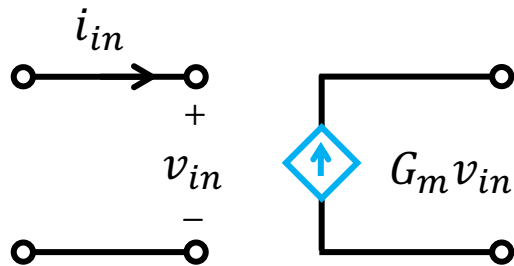
Linear dependent sources



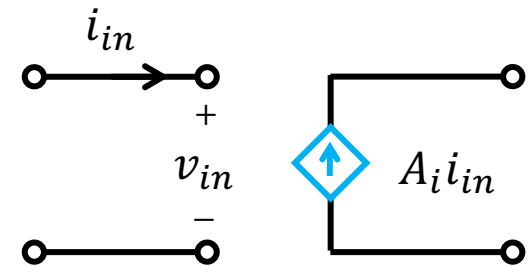
Voltage-controlled voltage source (VCVS)



Current-controlled voltage source (CCVS)



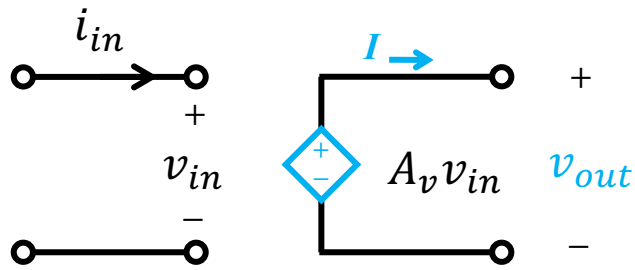
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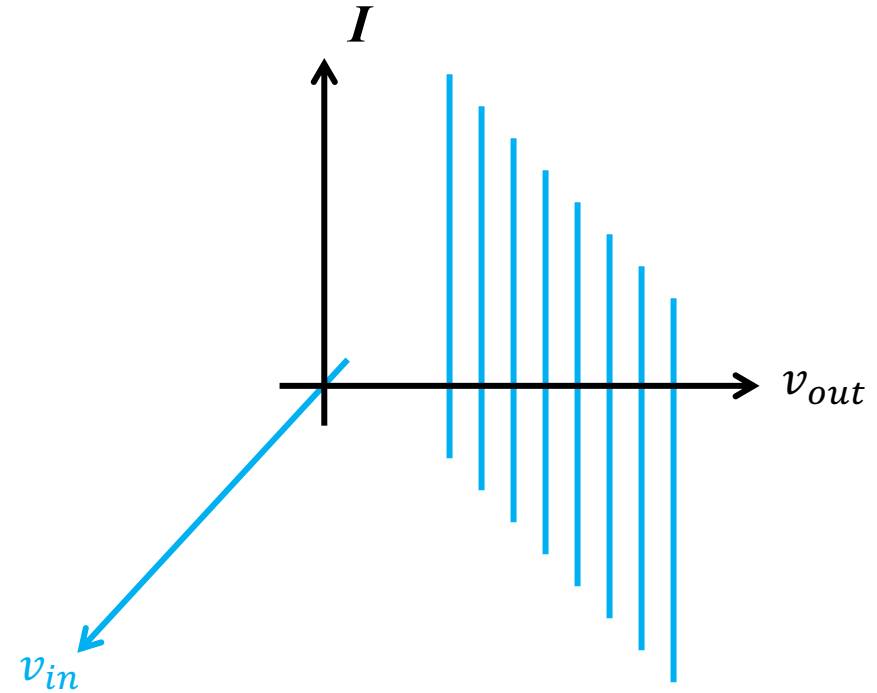
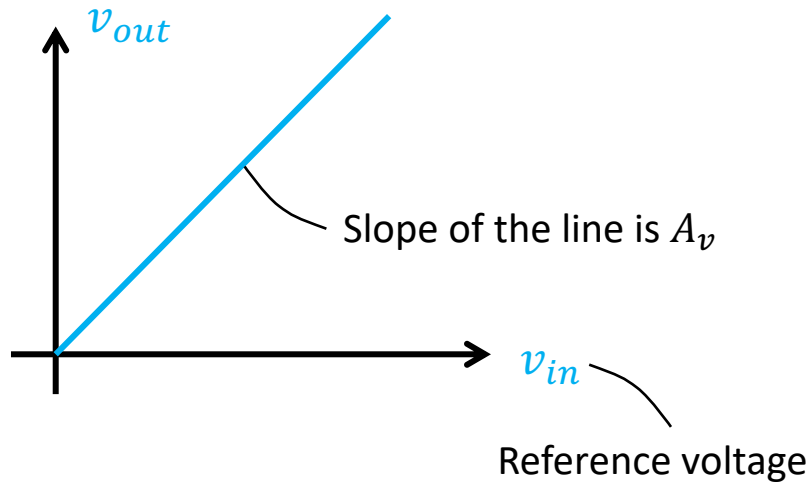
Current-controlled current source (CCCS)

The source voltage/current **DEPENDS** on a voltage/current elsewhere in the circuit

I-V relationship of dependent source



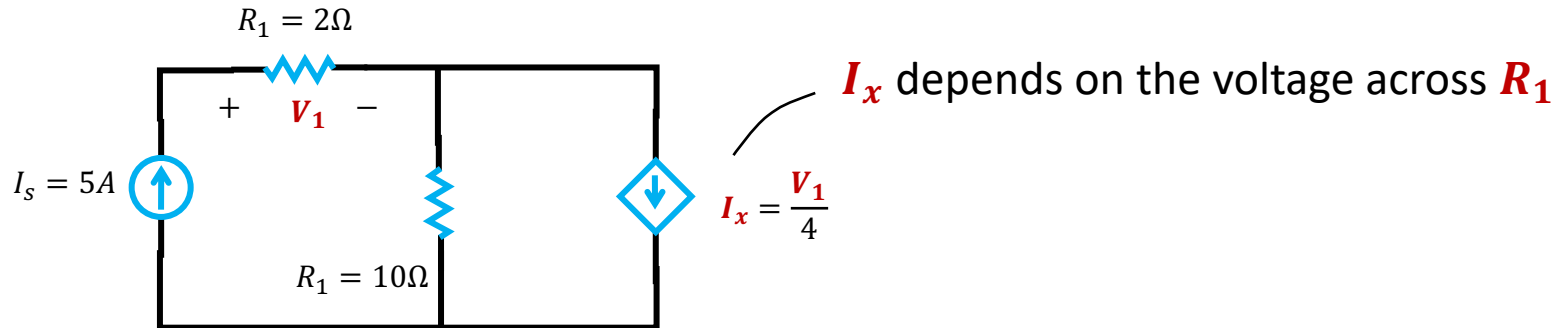
Voltage-controlled voltage source (VCVS)



Dependent source output varies with the reference voltage/current

Example 1

QUESTION: Find I_x in the circuit below:



SOLUTION:

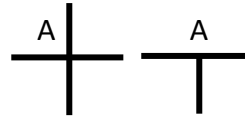
- According to **Ohm's Law** $V_1 = I_s R_1 = 10V$
- $I_x = \frac{V_1}{4} = \mathbf{2.5A}$

Common circuit elements

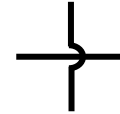
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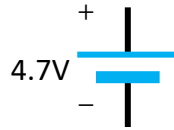


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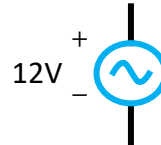
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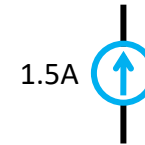
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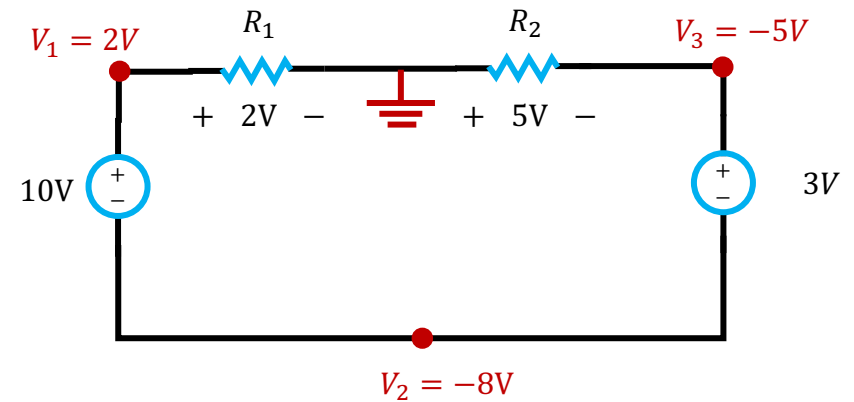
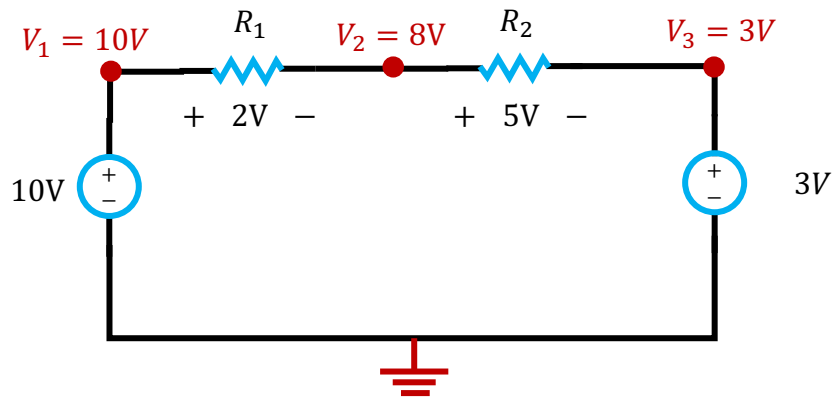
1.5A

1.5A current



Voltage reference (ground)

Reference / Ground



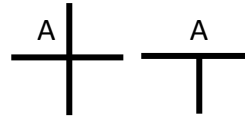
- Choose **REFERENCE** point for all the potentials
- Assign the potential at reference equals **0**, called **GROUND**
- All potentials are relative to ground terminal

Common circuit elements

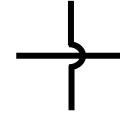
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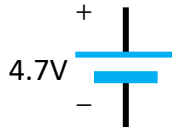


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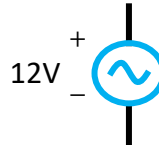
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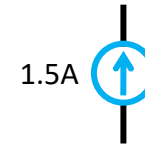
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Passive devices



Fixed value resistor



Variable resistor



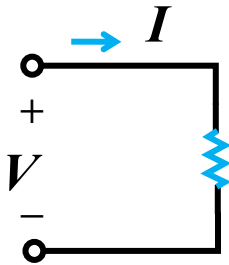
Capacitor



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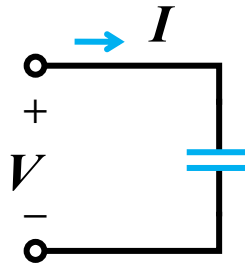
I-V relationship of passive devices

Resistor



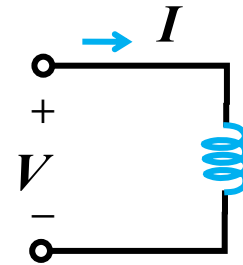
$$v(t) = R \cdot i(t)$$

Capacitor



$$i(t) = C \cdot \frac{dv(t)}{dt}$$

Inductor



$$v(t) = L \cdot \frac{di(t)}{dt}$$

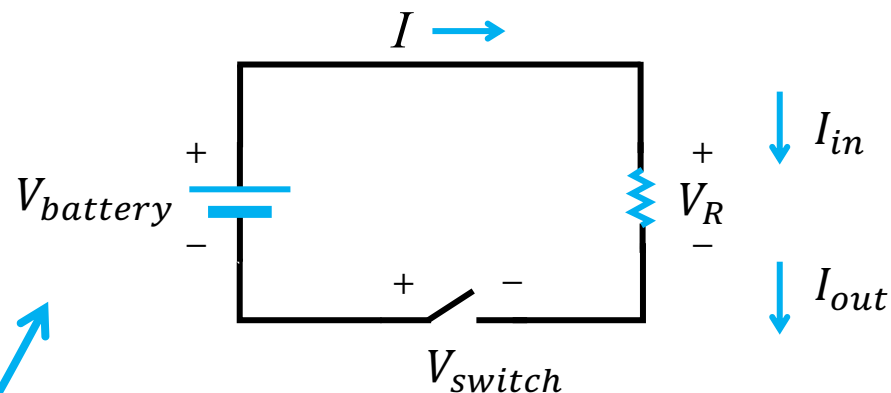
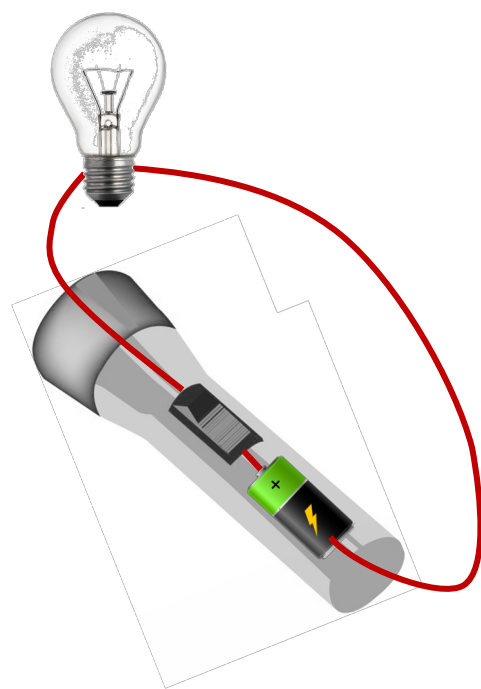
More details will be introduced in this semester

Outlines

- Welcome & course logistics/policies
- Course objectives
 - To learn how to analyze the **I-V relationship**
- Common **circuit elements**
 - A quick review
 - Dependent voltage/current sources
 - I-V relationship of voltage/current sources
 - I-V relationship of passive devices
- **An example of circuit**



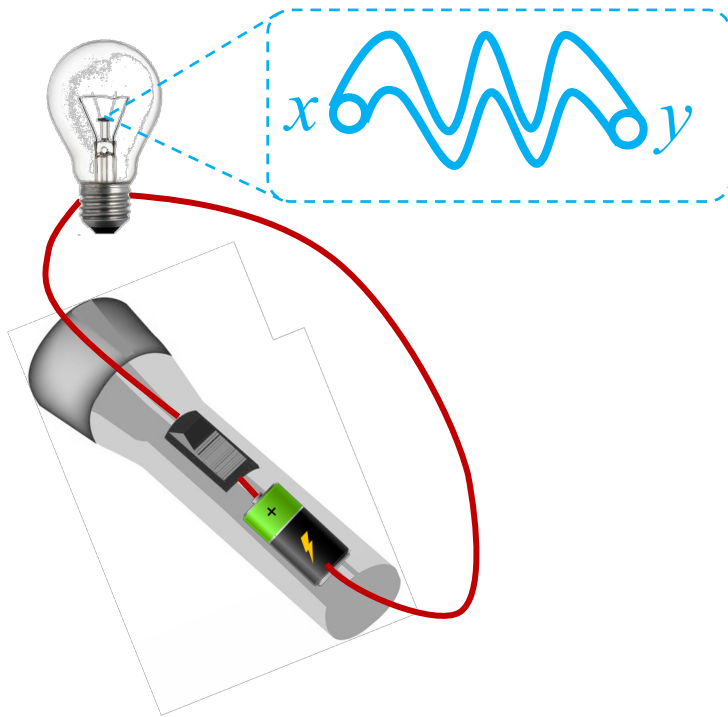
An example of circuit



What is the relationship between I and V_R ?

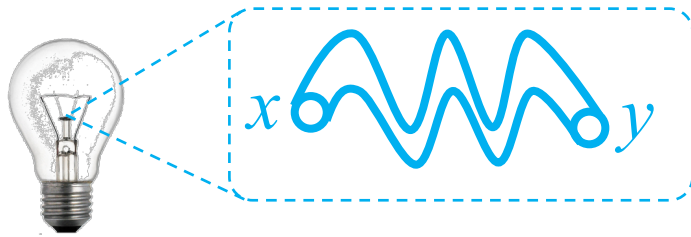
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} V_R = IR \\ V_R + V_{switch} = V_{battery} \\ I_{in} = I_{out} \end{array} \right.$$

According to Maxwell's equations



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \int_{S_x} J \cdot dS - \int_{S_y} J \cdot dS = \frac{\partial q}{\partial t} \\ \oint E \cdot dl = -\frac{\partial \Phi_B}{\partial t} \end{array} \right.$$

Lumped circuit elements



Real world scenario



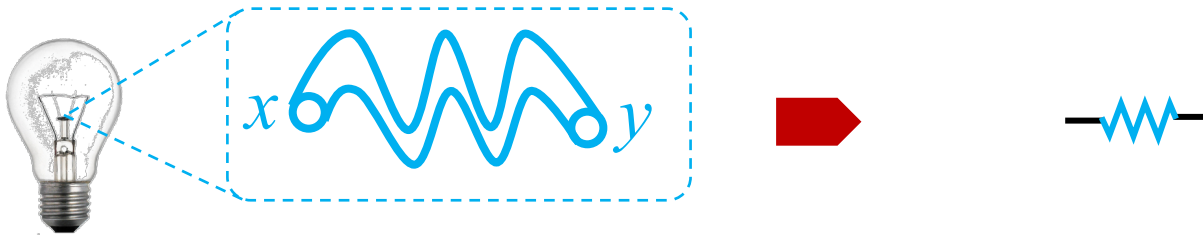
Lumped circuit elements

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Are they the same?

Lumped Matter Discipline (LMD)



- The rate of change of magnetic flux linked with any portion of the circuit must be zero for all time.

$$\oint E \cdot dl = -\frac{\partial \Phi_B}{\partial t} = 0$$



$$V_R + V_{switch} = V_{battery}$$

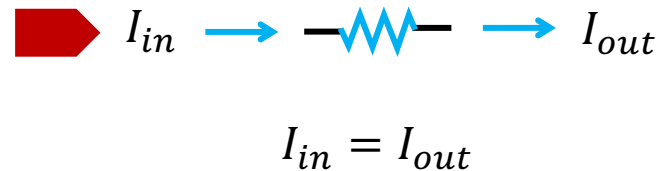
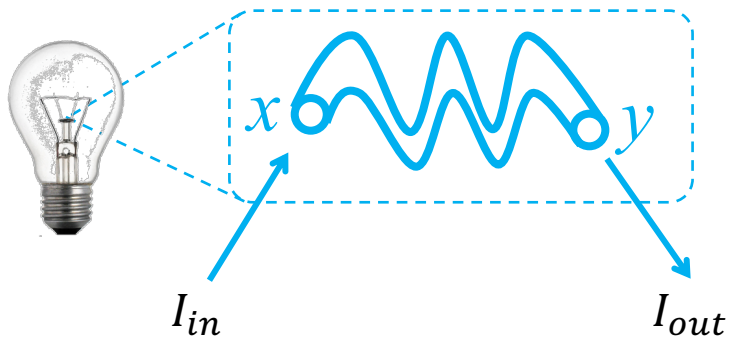
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$$I_{in} = I_{out}$$

Size issue



$$I_{in}(t) \quad \neq \quad I_{out}(t + \Delta t)$$

- What if the wire is very long?
- What if Δt is very large?

The signal timescales must be much larger than the propagation delay of electromagnetic waves through the circuit.

Examples of size issue

- @60Hz

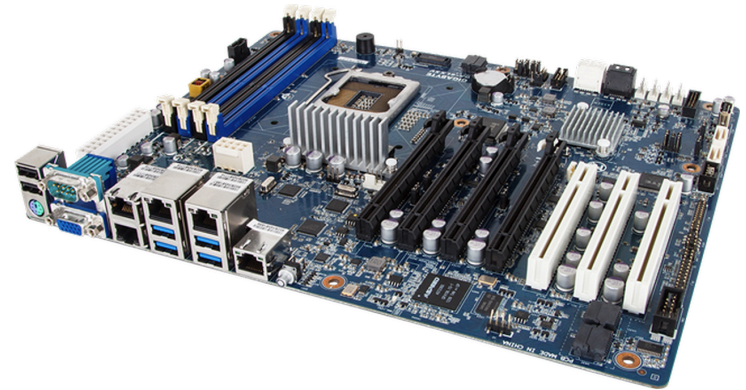
$$\lambda = \frac{c}{f} = \frac{3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{60 \text{ Hz}} = 5000 \text{ km}$$



The resistance on the power line cannot be ignored

- @1GHz

$$\lambda = \frac{c}{f} = \frac{3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{1 \text{ GHz}} = 300 \text{ mm}$$



LMD cannot be simply applied for 30cm motherboard with 1GHz frequency

Examples of size issue

4004	8008	8080	8085	8086	80286	Intel386	Intel486
108kHz	200kHz	2MHz	2MHz	10MHz	12MHz	33MHz	50MHz
10um	10um	6um	3um	3um	1.5um	1.5um	1um
2.3kT	3.5kT	6kT	6.5kT	29kT	134kT	275kT	1.2MT
1971	72	74	76	78	82	85	89
	93	98	99		02	04	06
	Pentium	P-II	P-III		P-4	P-M	P-D
	66MHz	266MHz	1GHz		1.7GHz	2.13GHz	3.40GHz
	0.8um	0.25um	0.18um		0.13um	90nm	65nm
	3.1MT	7.5MT	28MT		55MT	140MT	376MT

$$\lambda = \frac{c}{f} = \frac{3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{108 \text{ kHz}} = 2.78 \text{ km}$$



$$\lambda = \frac{c}{f} = \frac{3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{3.4 \text{ GHz}} = 88.2 \text{ mm}$$

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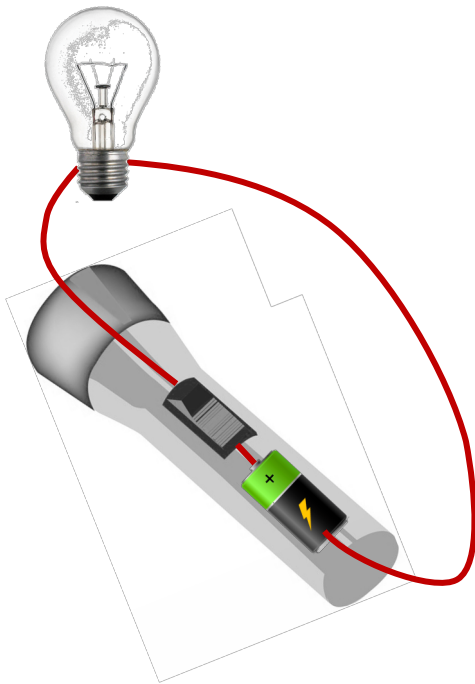
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WHY LMD?



- According to Maxwell's equations

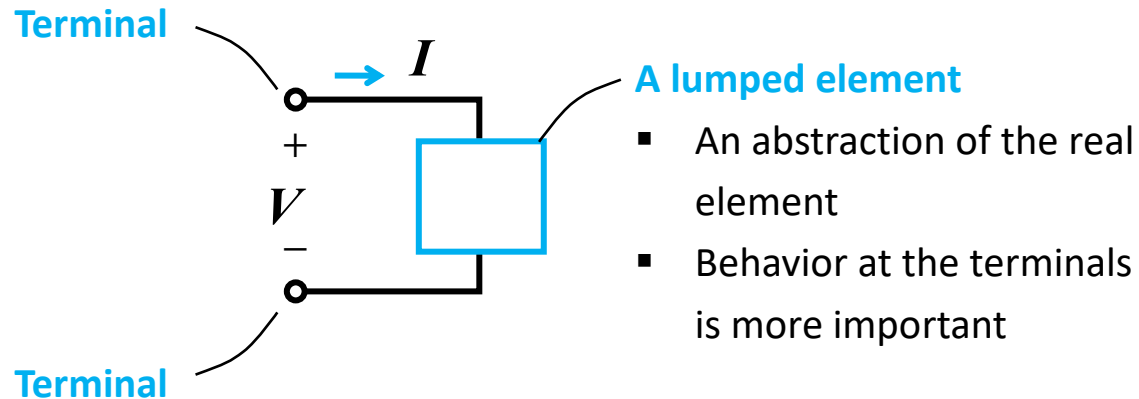
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- After applying LMD

$$\begin{cases} I_{in} = I_{out} \\ V_R + V_{switch} = V_{battery} \end{cases}$$

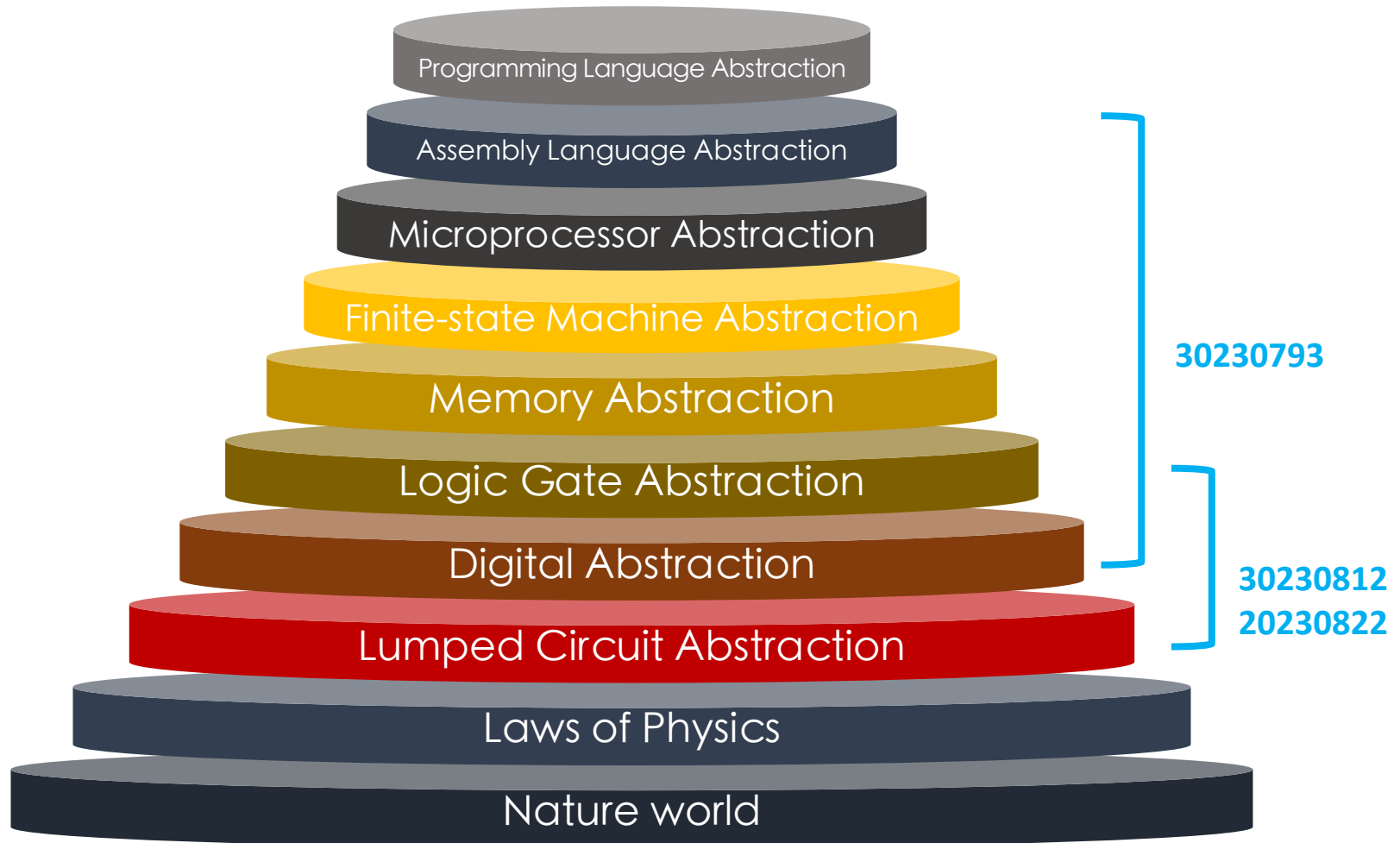
A dramatic reduction on computational load

Lumped circuit abstraction



The lumped circuit abstraction capped a set of lumped elements that obey the lumped matter discipline (LMD) using **ideal wires** to form an assembly that performs a specific function results in the lumped circuit abstraction.

Why Abstraction?

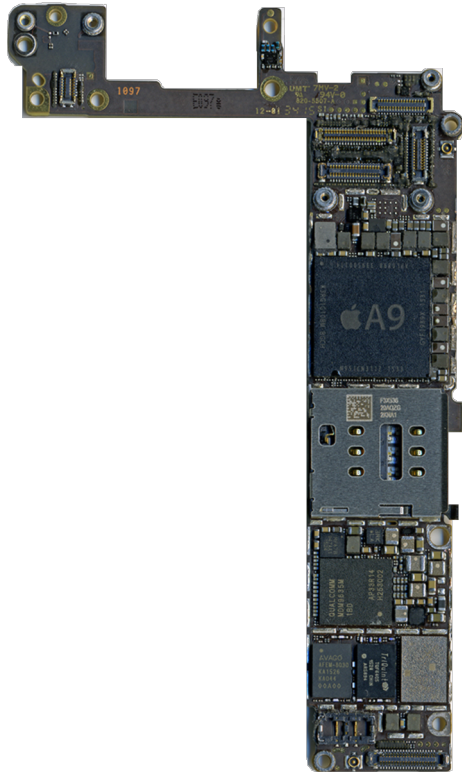


Abstraction is a pathway from the real world to engineering world

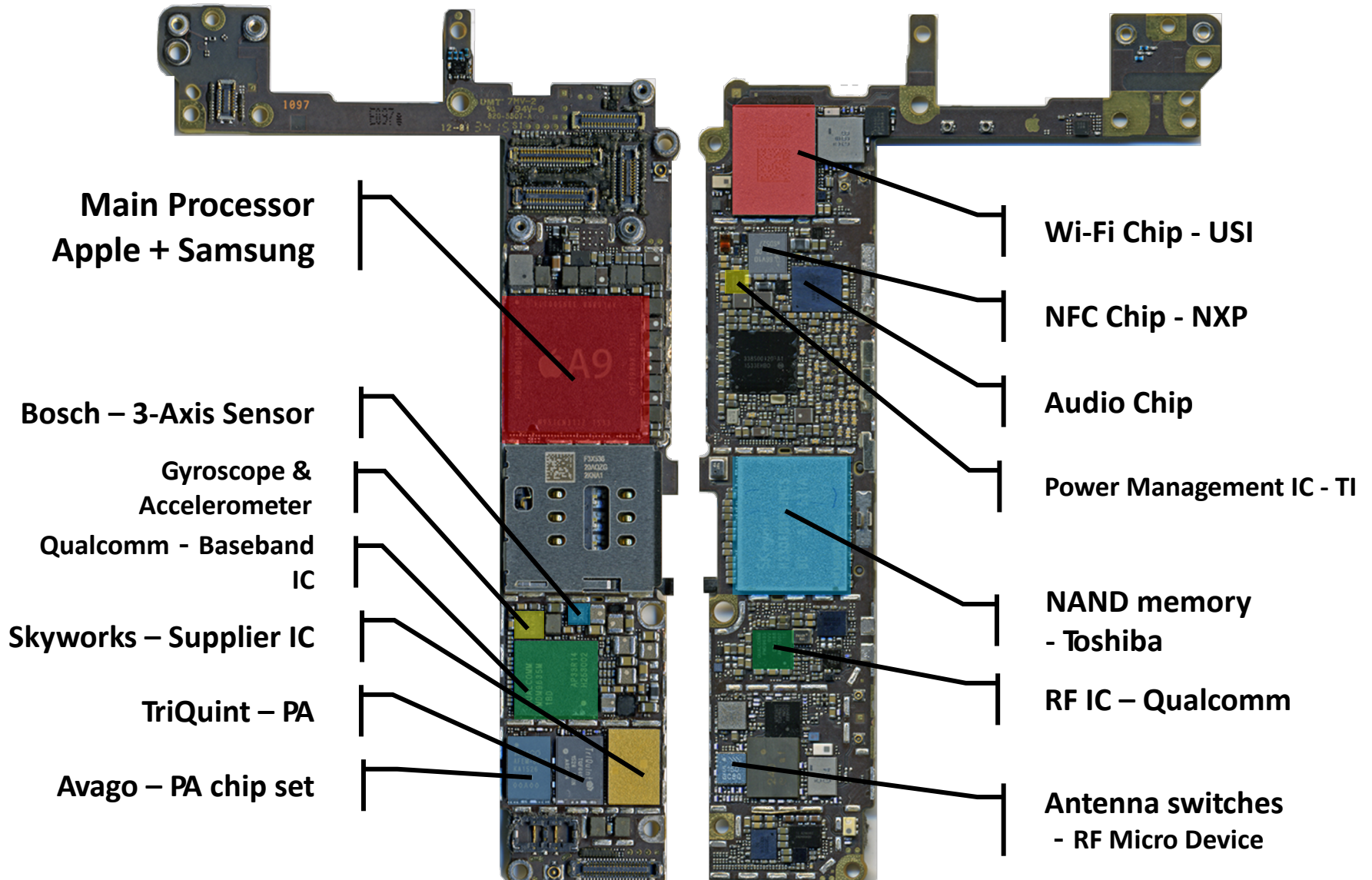
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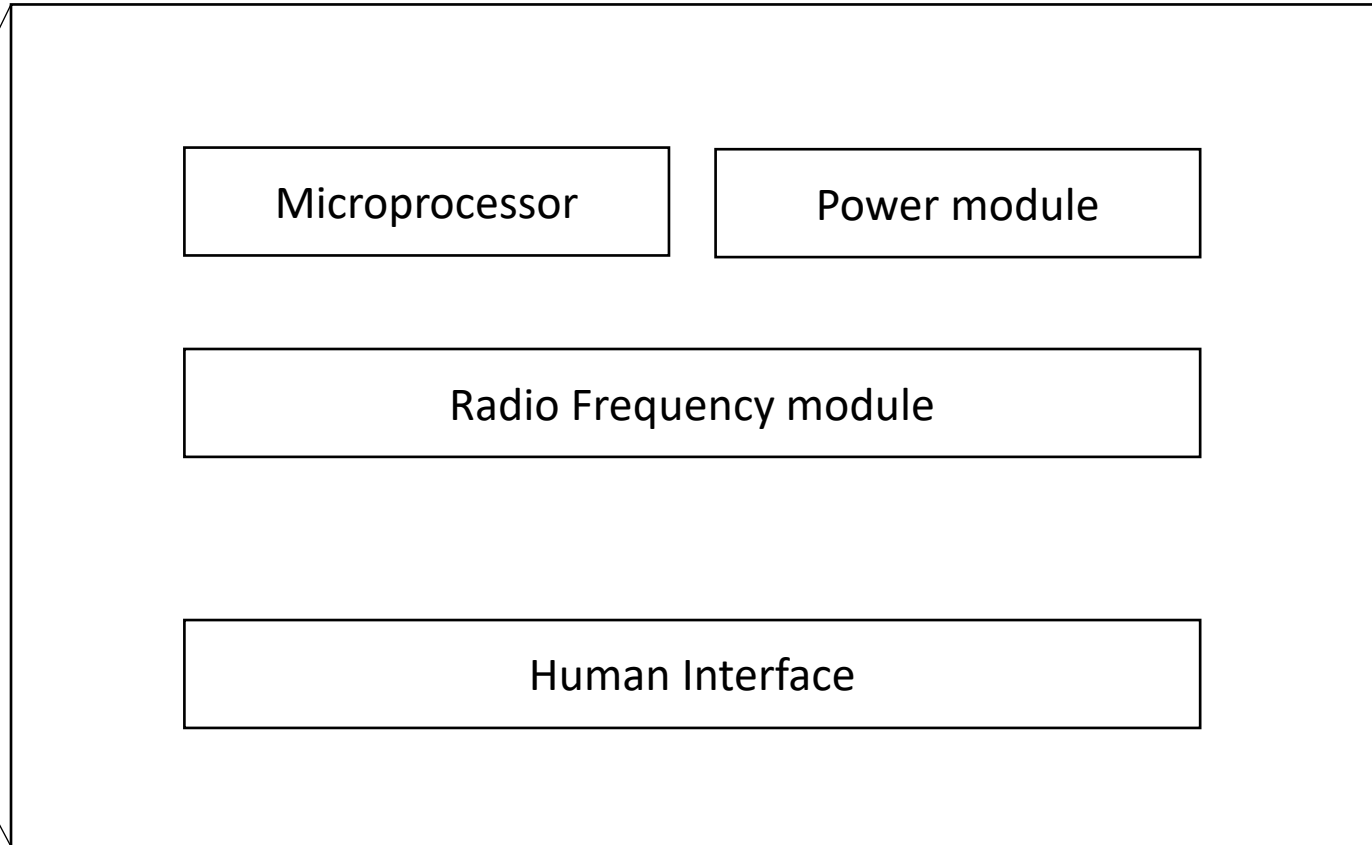
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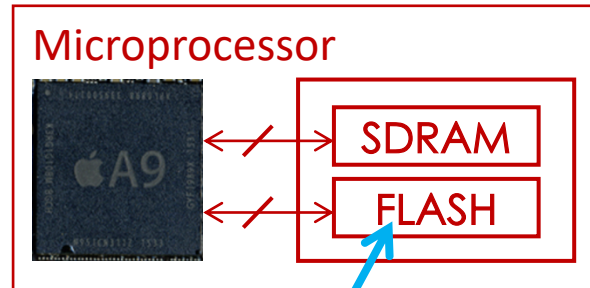
iPhone system



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iPhone 6s Plus

SIM-free

Silver

Capacity

Now choose your capacity.

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\$649.00

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128GB¹

\$749.00

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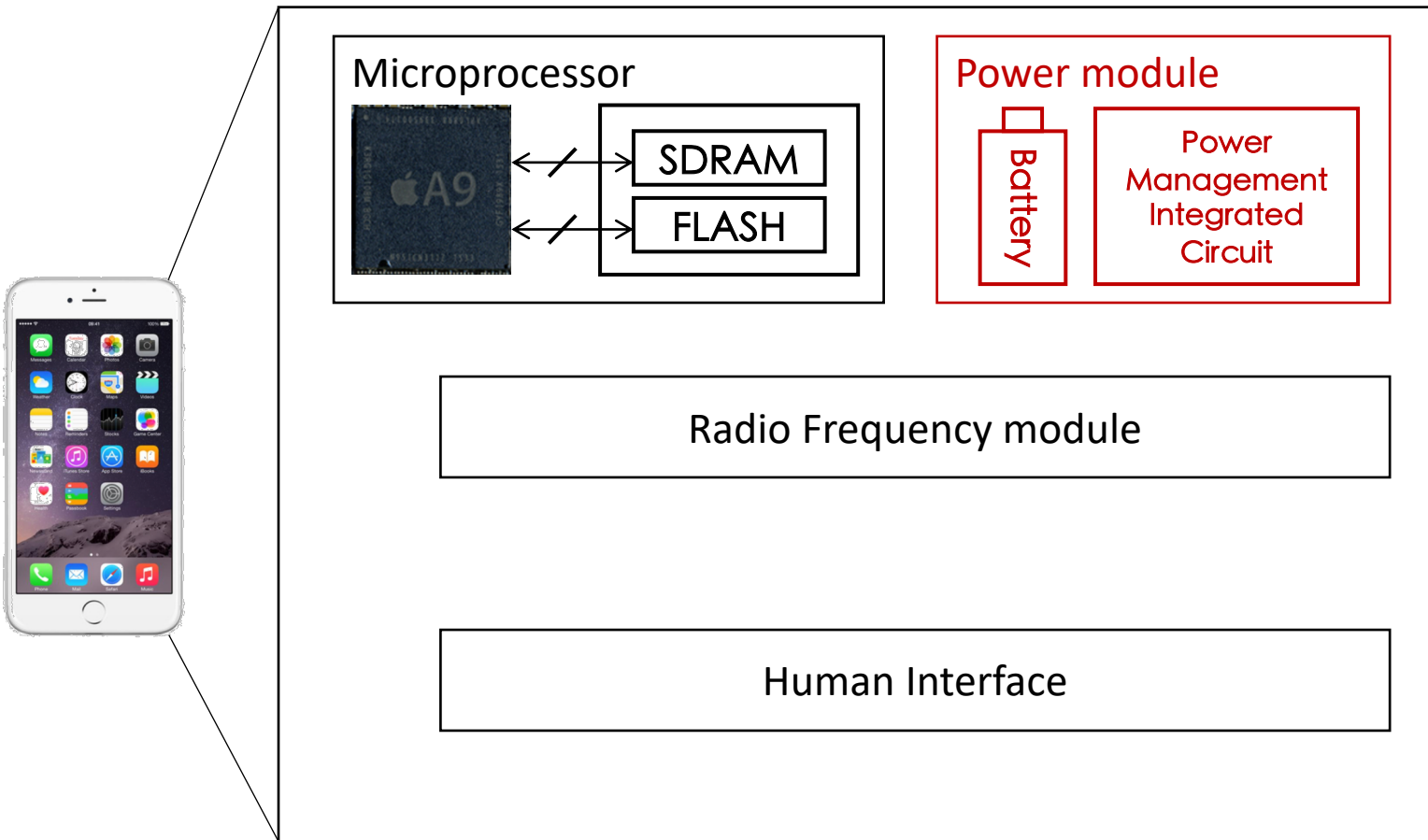
■ SDRAM

- i.e. DDR

■ Flash

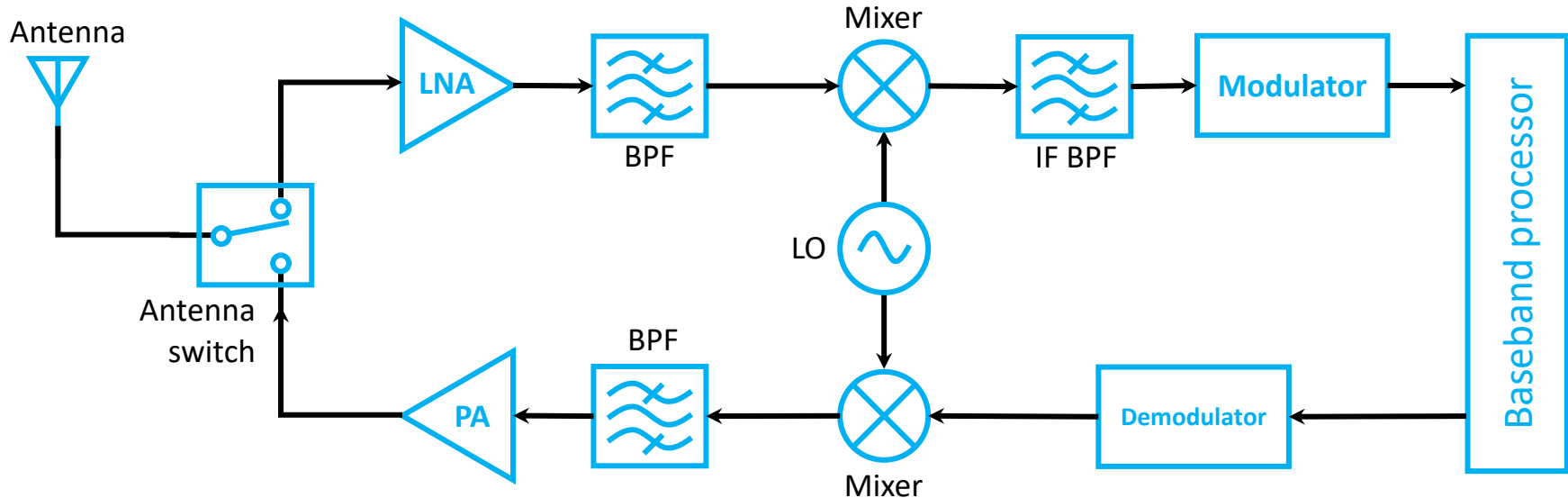
- EPROM, EEPROM
- NOR Flash, NAND Flash

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Radio Frequency Module

Why we transfer signal at such a high frequency?



Human vocal speech frequency: 300Hz – 3.4kHz

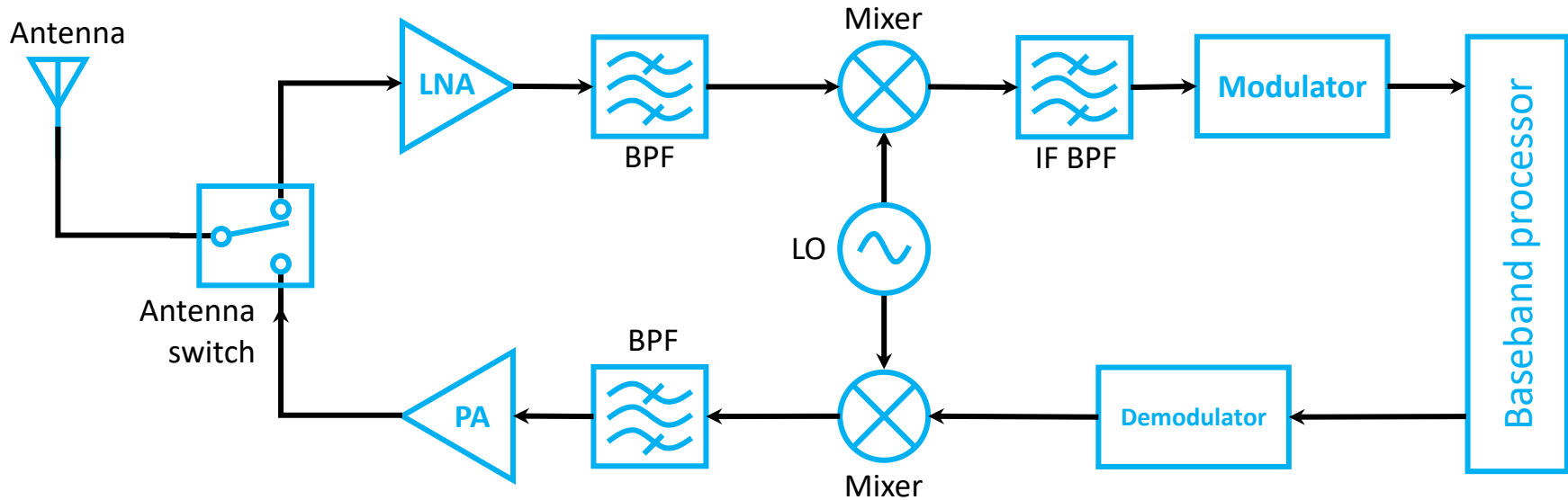
Frequency band for 4G

- China Mobile TDD-LTE: 2575MHz – 2635MHz
- China Unicom TDD-LTE: 2300MHz – 2320MHz
- China Telecom TDD-LTE: 2635MHz – 2655MHz
- China Unicom FDD-LTE: 1755 – 1765 / 1850 – 1860 MHz
- China Telecom FDD-LTE: 1765 – 1780 / 1860 – 1870 MHz

RF	Radio Frequency
BPF	Bandpass Filter
LNA	Low Noise Amplifier
PA	Power Amplifier
LO	Local Oscillator
Mixer	Frequency Up/Down Converter
IF	Intermediate Frequency
LTE	Telecommunication
TDD	Time Division Duplex
FDD	Frequency Division Duplex

Radio Frequency Module

Antenna size: $\frac{\lambda}{4}$

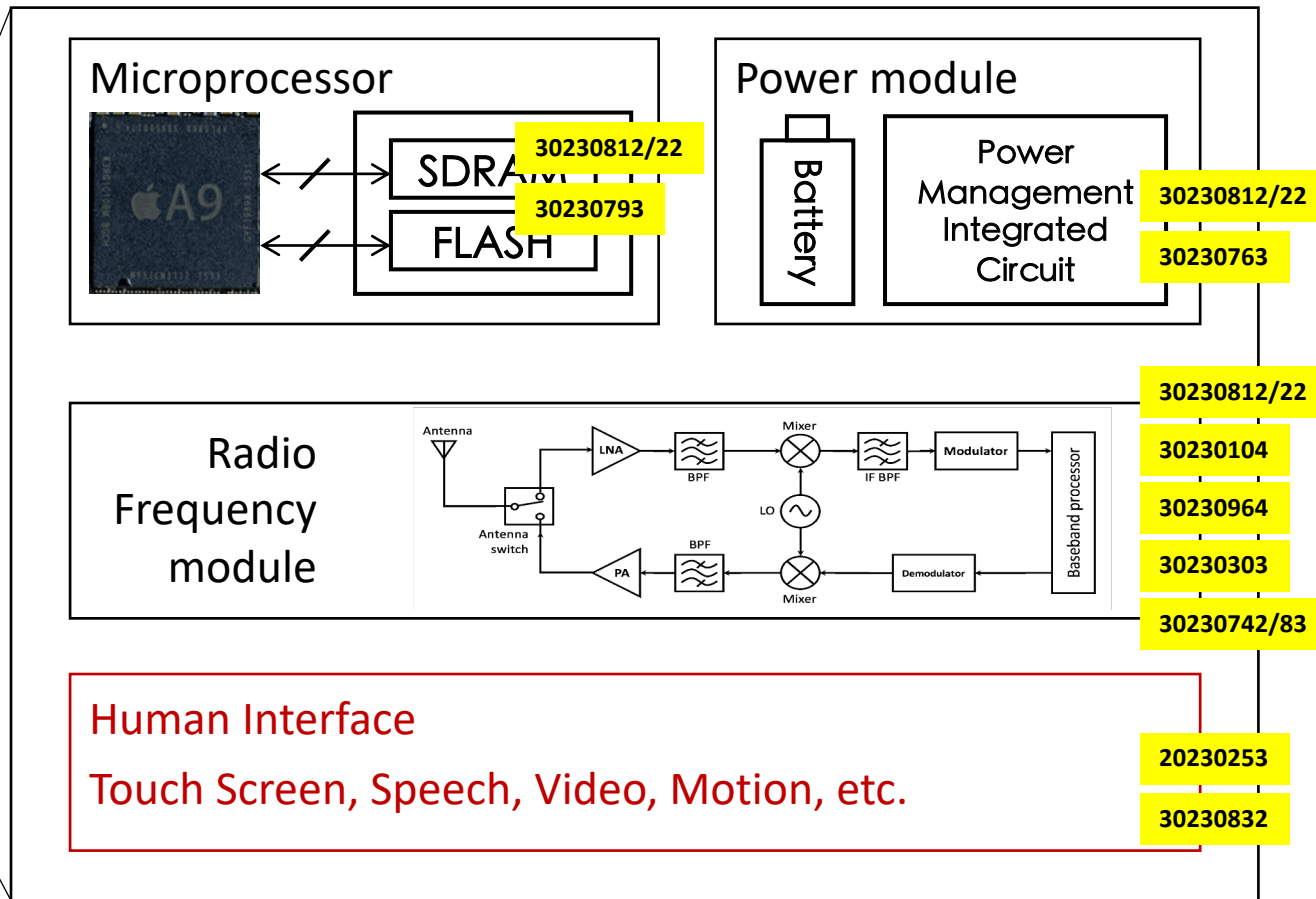


Wavelength of 1kHz Human vocal speech: $\lambda = \frac{c}{f} = \frac{3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{1 \text{ kHz}} = 300 \text{ km}$

Wavelength of 2600MHz RF: $\lambda = \frac{c}{f} = \frac{3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{2600 \text{ MHz}} = 11 \text{ cm}$

The RF module “moves” baseband signal to high frequency

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Reading tasks & learning goals

■ Reading tasks

- Basic Engineering Circuit Analysis
 - Chapter 1
- Foundations of Analog and Digital Electronic Circuits
 - Chapter 1 (optional)

■ Learning goals

- Understand the key of this course: **I/V relationship**
- Known the I/V relationship of the **power sources**
 - I/V relationship of the ideal linear independent voltage/current source
 - I/V relationship of the Practical voltage/current source
- Understand the Lumped Matter Discipline (LMD)
- Understand the lumped circuit abstraction