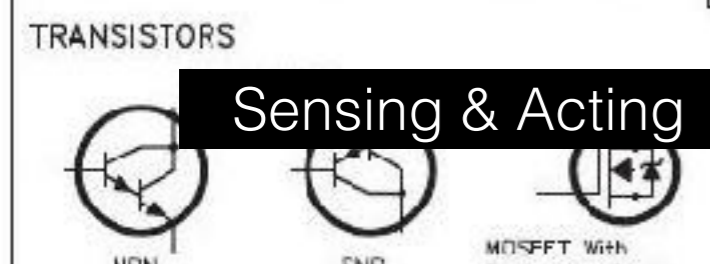
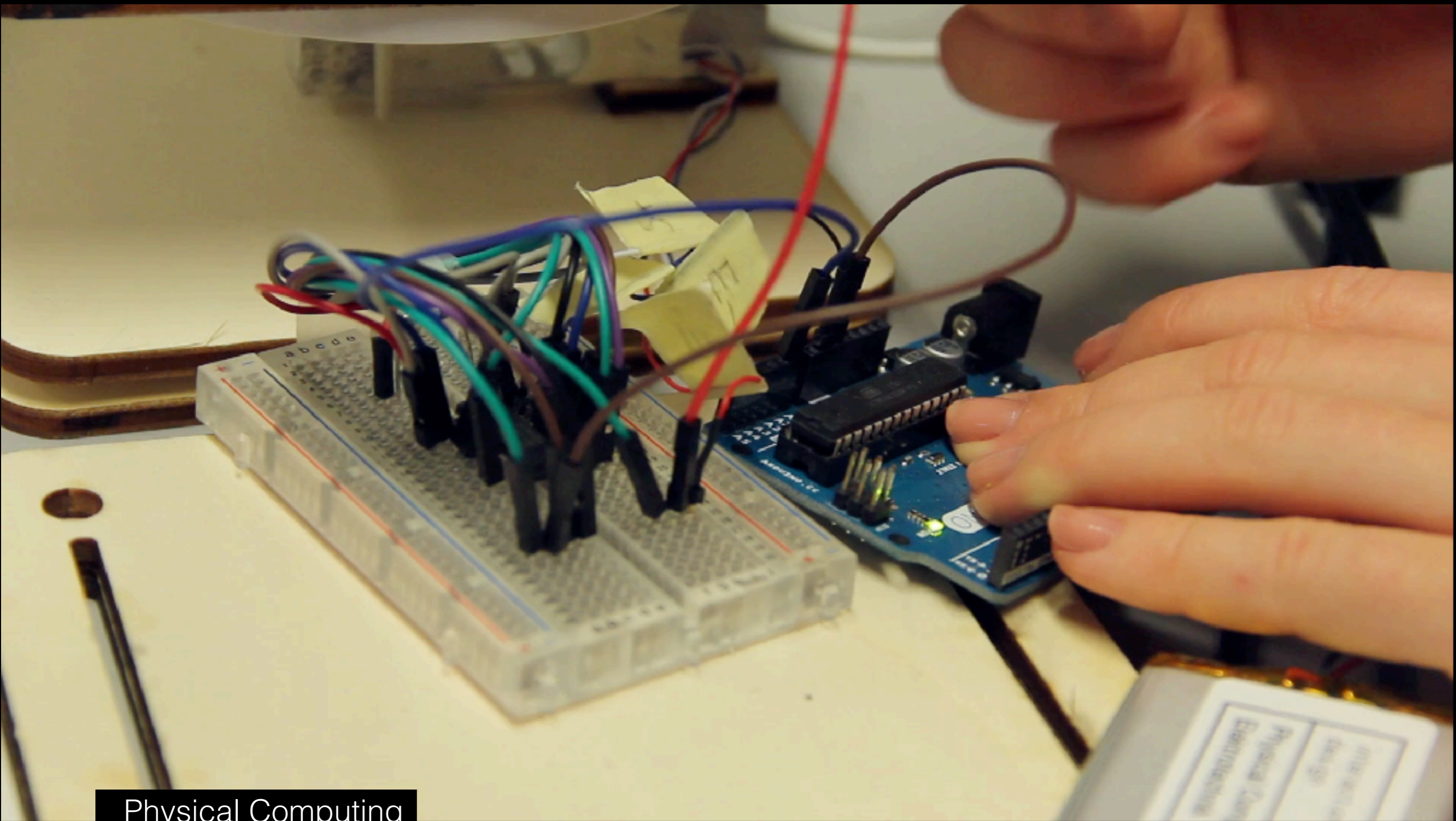


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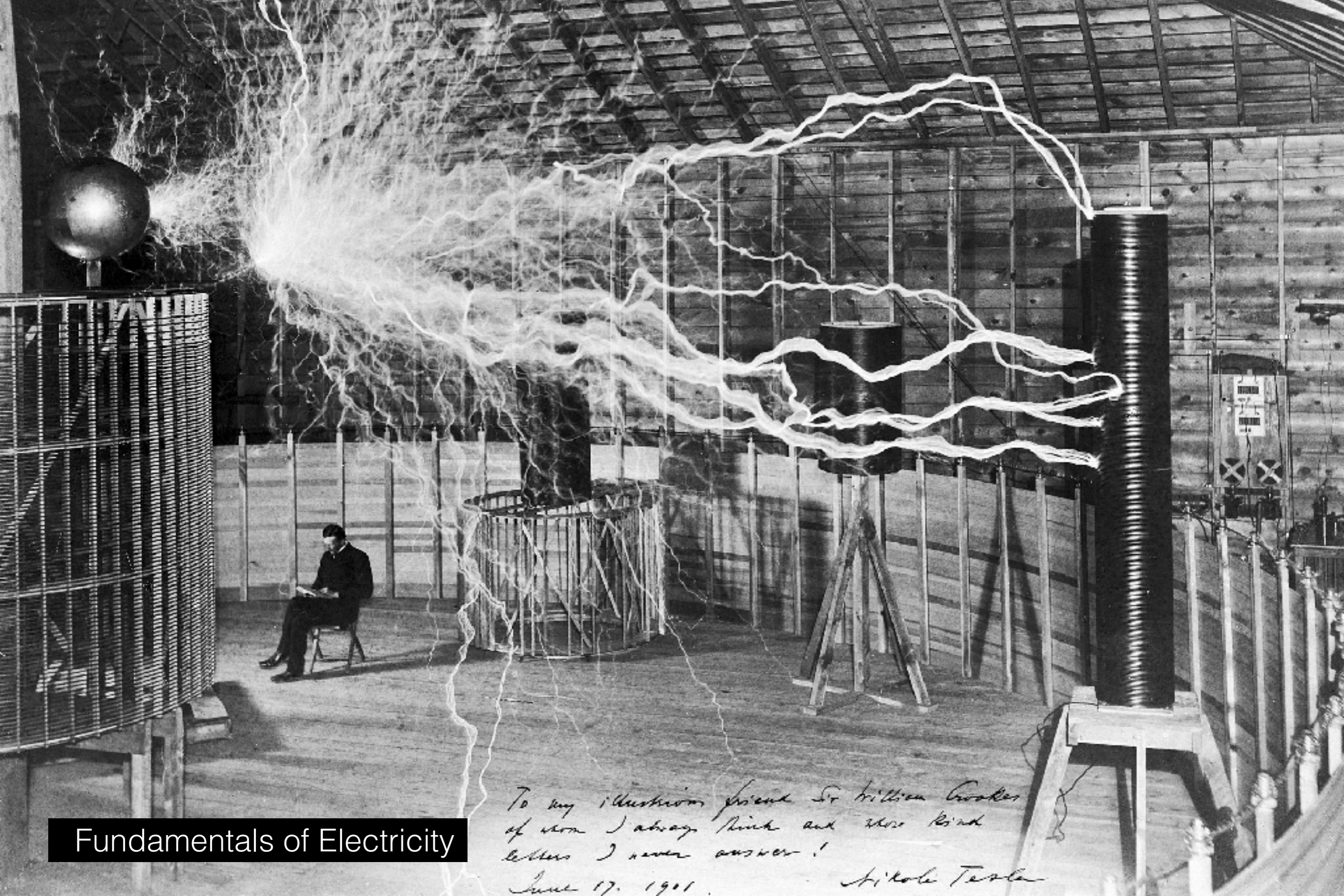




Physical Computing

*Physical computing: sensing and controlling the  
physical world with computers*

Dan O'Sullivan and Tom Igoe

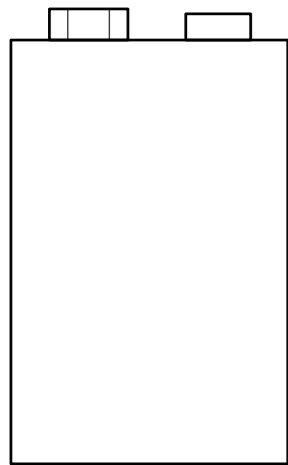


Fundamentals of Electricity

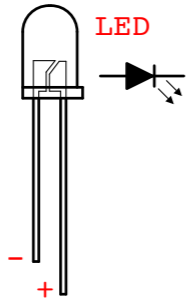
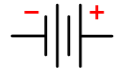
To my illustrious friend Dr William Crookes  
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June 17, 1901

Nikola Tesla



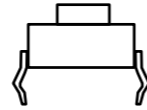
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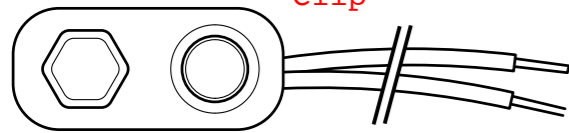
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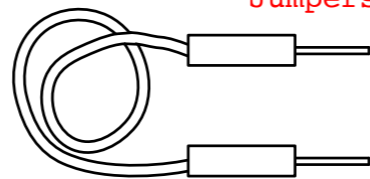
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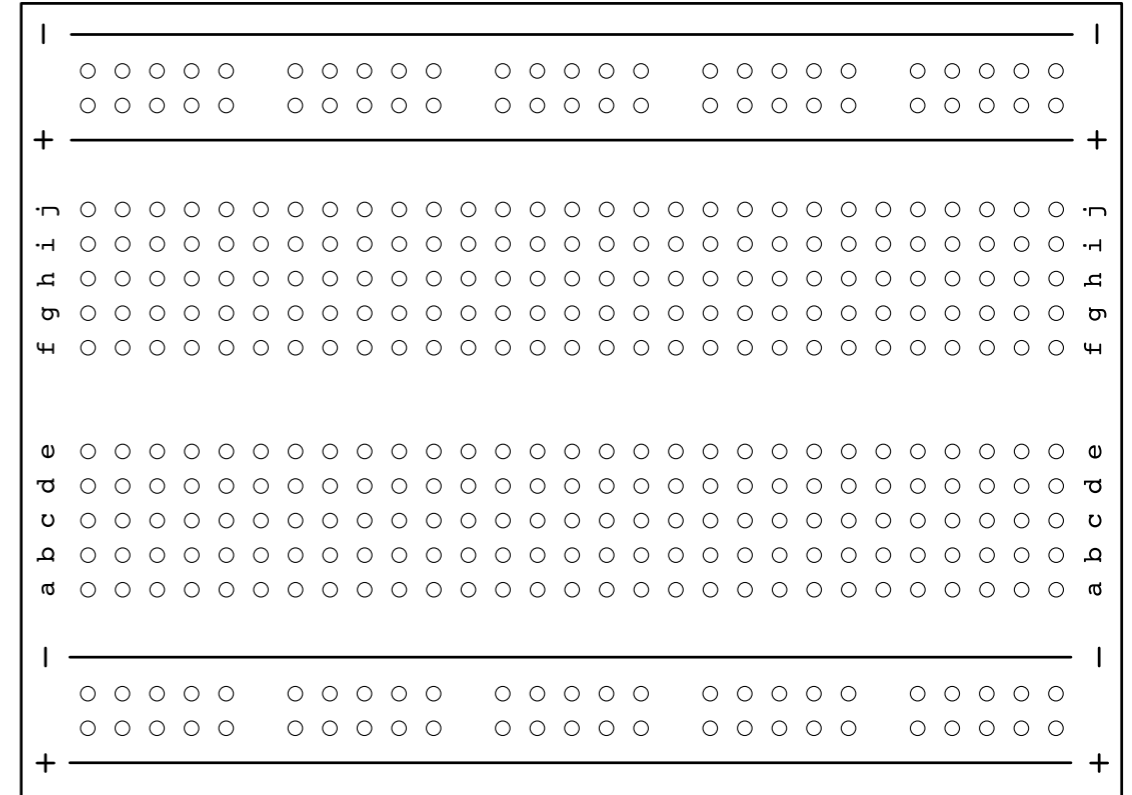


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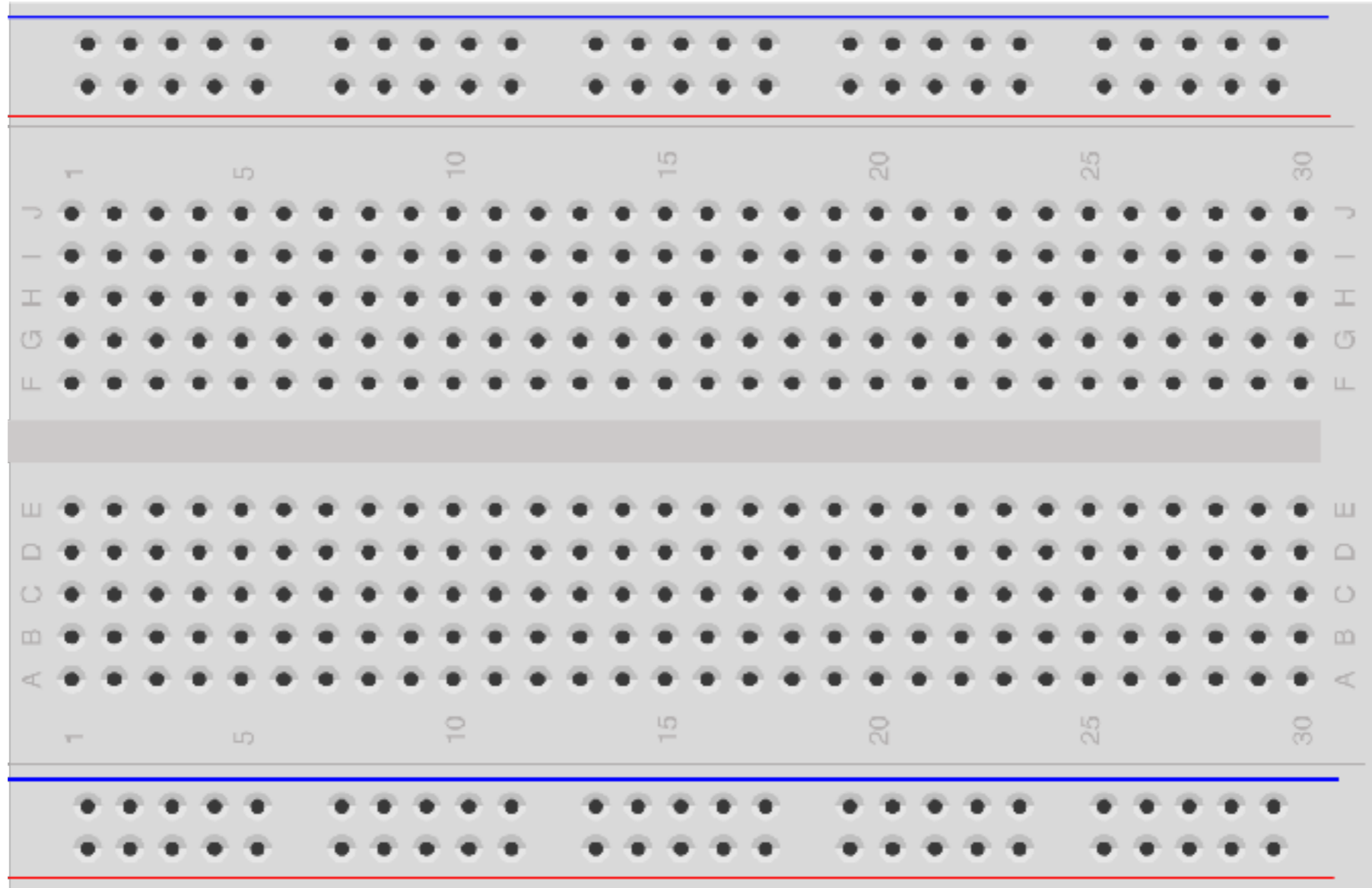
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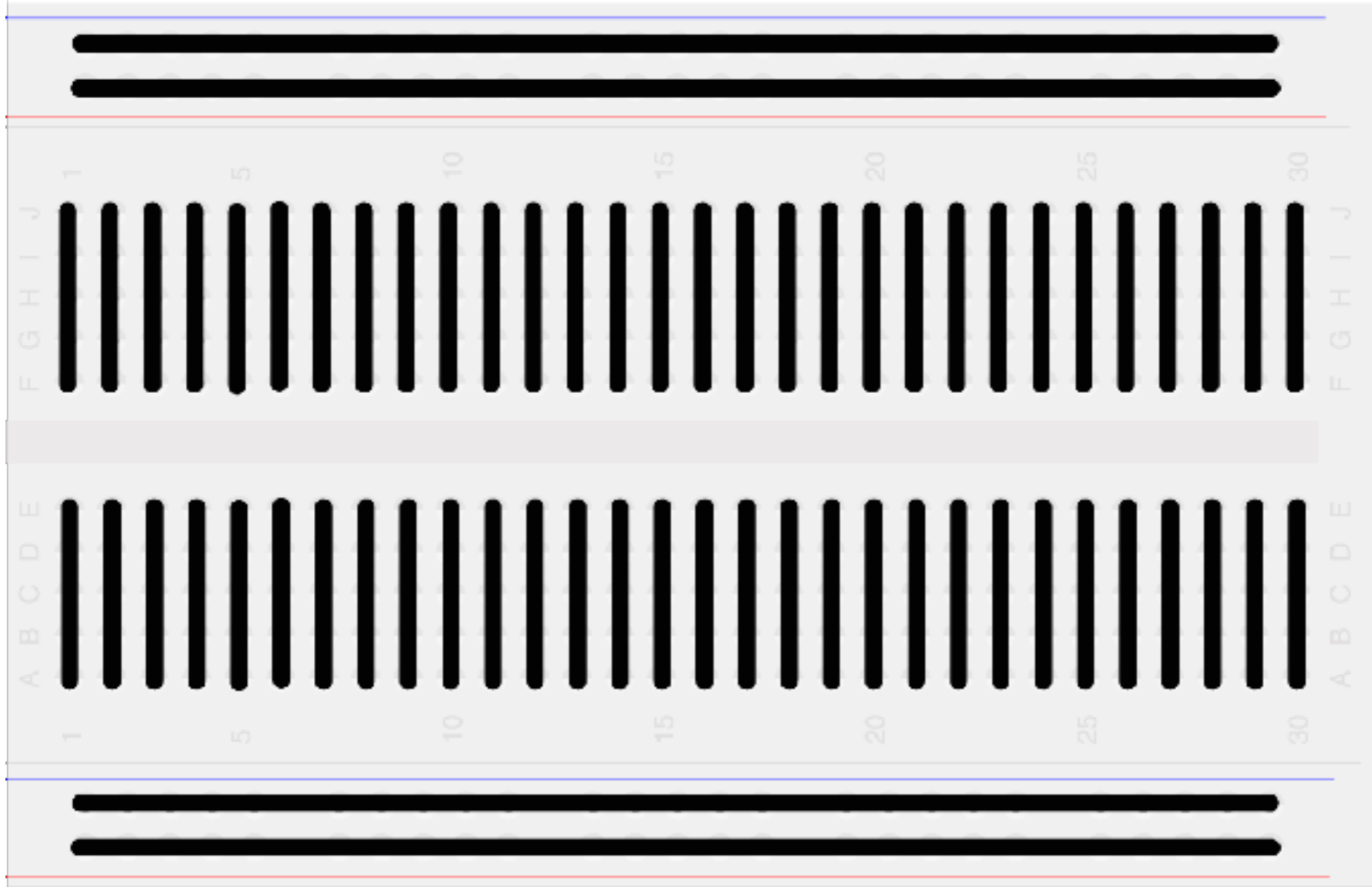


## Exercise 1: Electricity

Using the materials shown, create a circuit with an LED can be switched on and off.



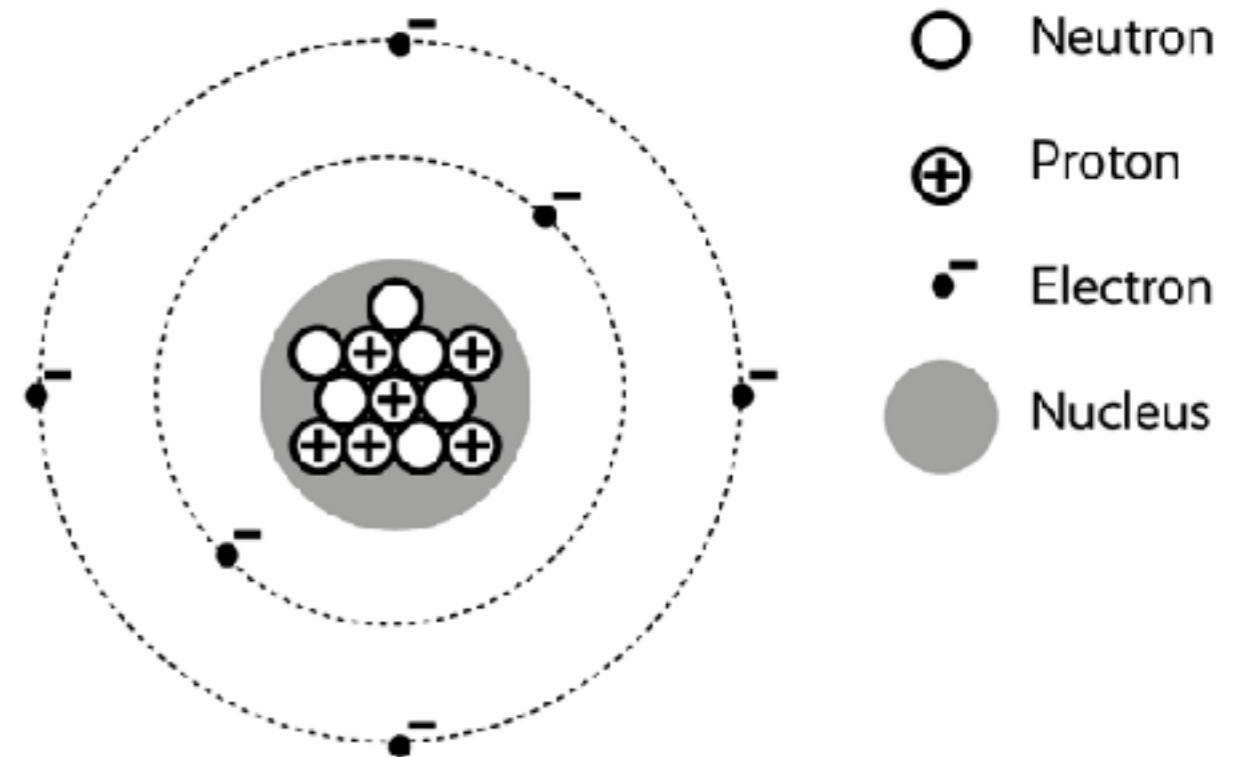
Bread Board



Bread Board

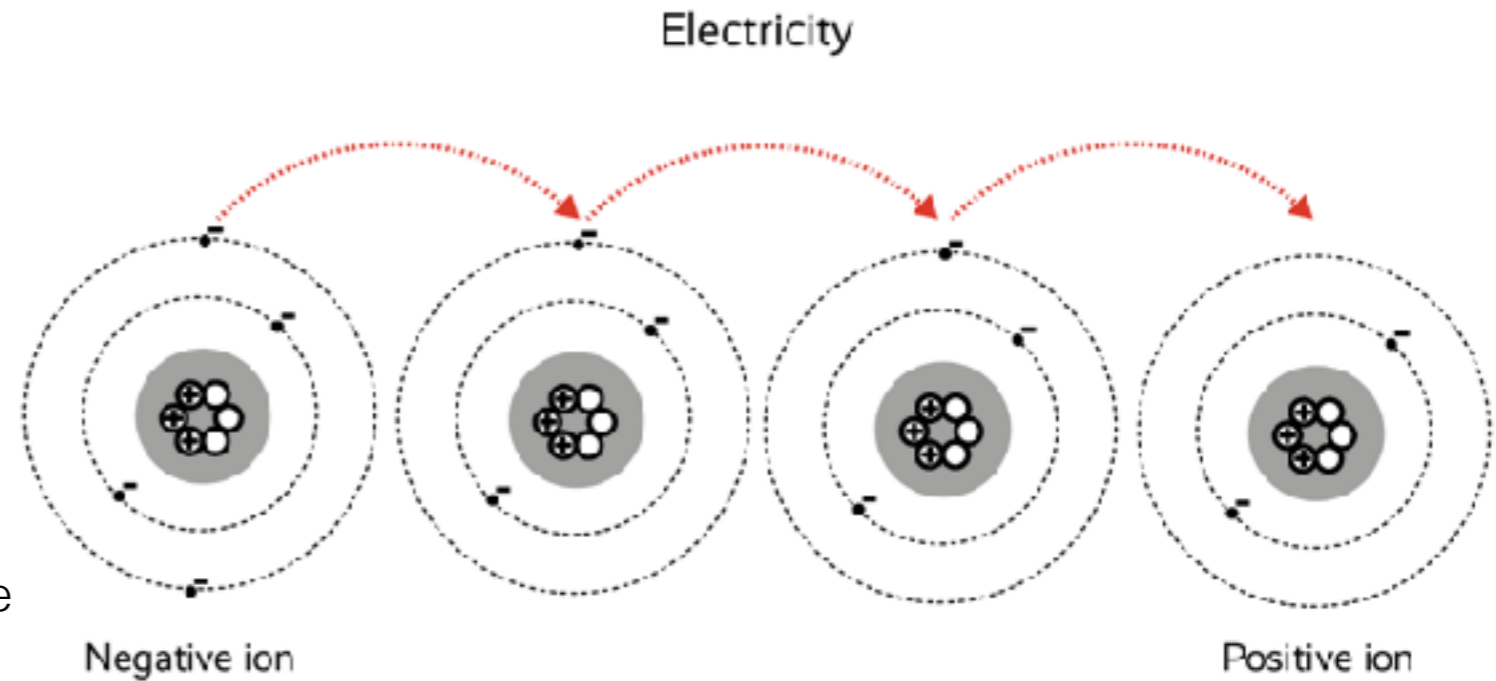
- Electricity is the interaction and movement of positive and negatively charged sub atomic particles.
- Negatively charged **Electrons** are attracted to positively charged **Protons** (electromagnetic force)
- Protons are strongly held in the nucleus of an atom, but electrons are more mobile.

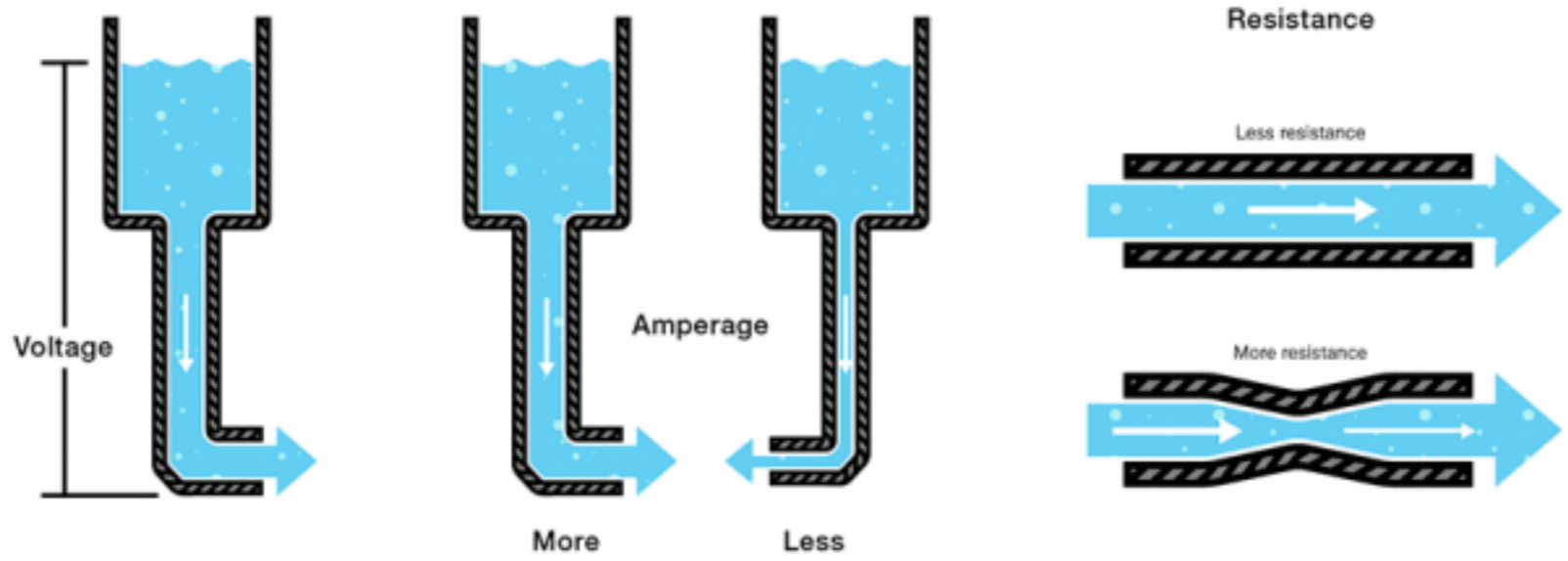
Carbon Atom





- The attraction (and repulsion) between subatomic particles can cause electrons to flow through conductive materials to reach positively charged atoms.
- The difference in charge left to right in this diagram can be measured in **volts**. The amount of electrons flowing can be measured in **amp** and the resistance to flow from the atoms can be measured in **ohms**.





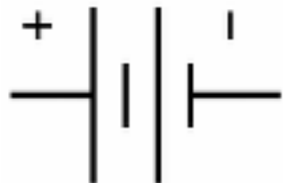
Water Analogy

## UNITS: Volt

(mili) mV	V	(kilo) kV
1000	1	0.001

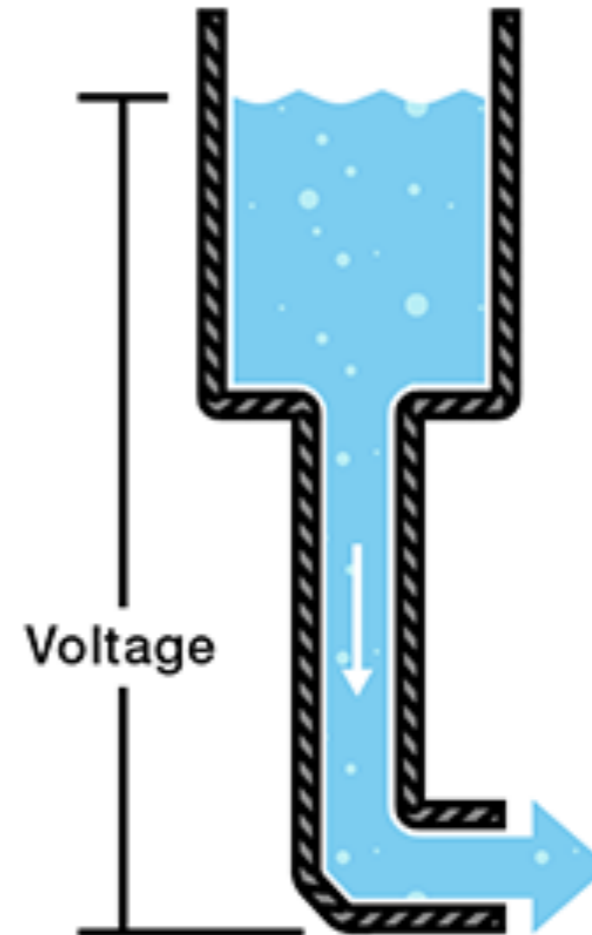
**Volts** are measure of difference in electrical charge between two points. Voltage can exists in a system even if there is no circuit, as it refers to **potential difference**.

### Power Supply Symbol



When current passes through a component, there is a **voltage drop**.

## Water Analogy: Pressure (or pressure difference)



Voltage (volts)

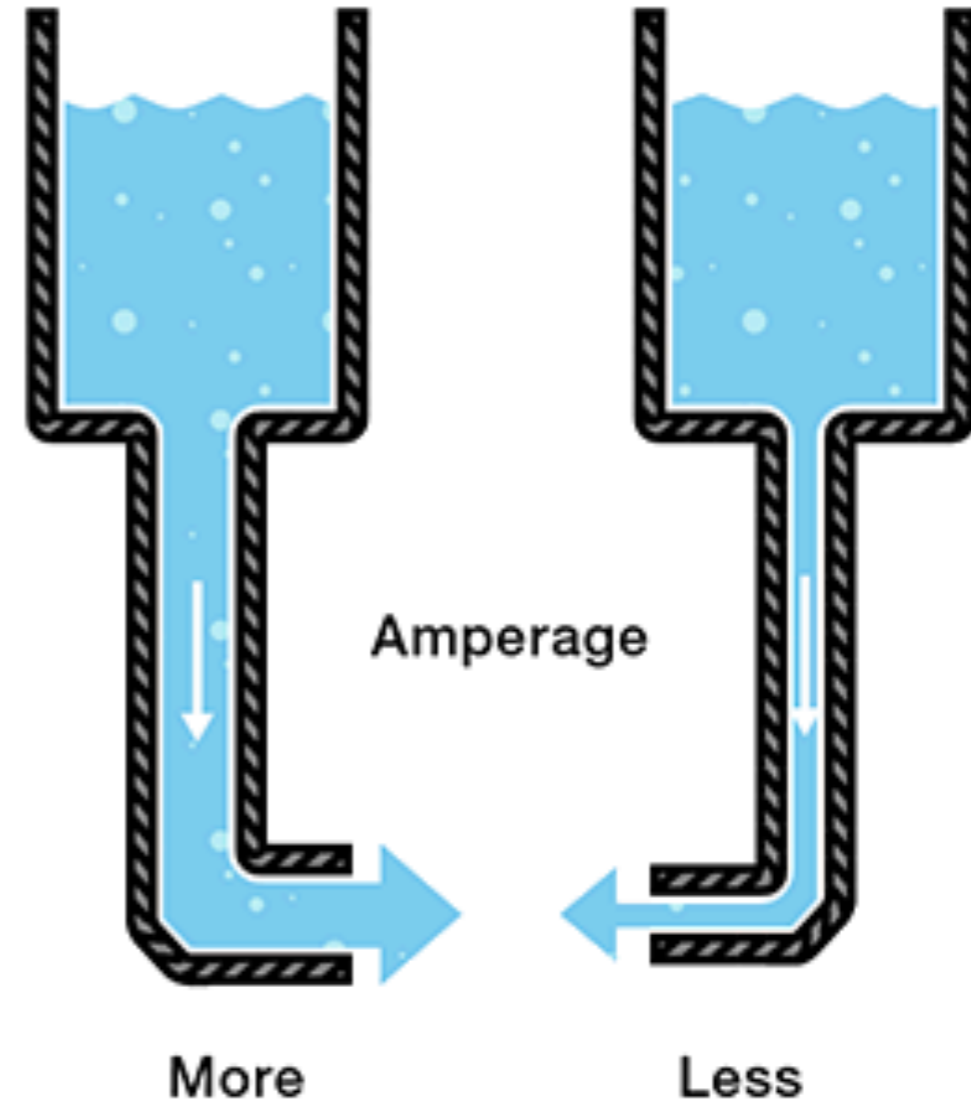
## UNITS: Amps

(micro) $\mu\text{A}$	(Mili) mA	A
10000	1000	1

Current is the amount of electrons moving through material per unit of time (flow). A circuit needs to be closed before electrons can flow, so we can only observe current in a working circuit.

In a simple circuit, same amount of current will be moving through every point (and every component).

## Water Analogy: Flow



Current (amps)

## UNITS: ohms ( $\Omega$ )

$\Omega$	(kilo) $k\Omega$	(mega) $m\Omega$
1	0.001	0.000001

Resistance is the measure of restriction in a material to the flow of electrons.

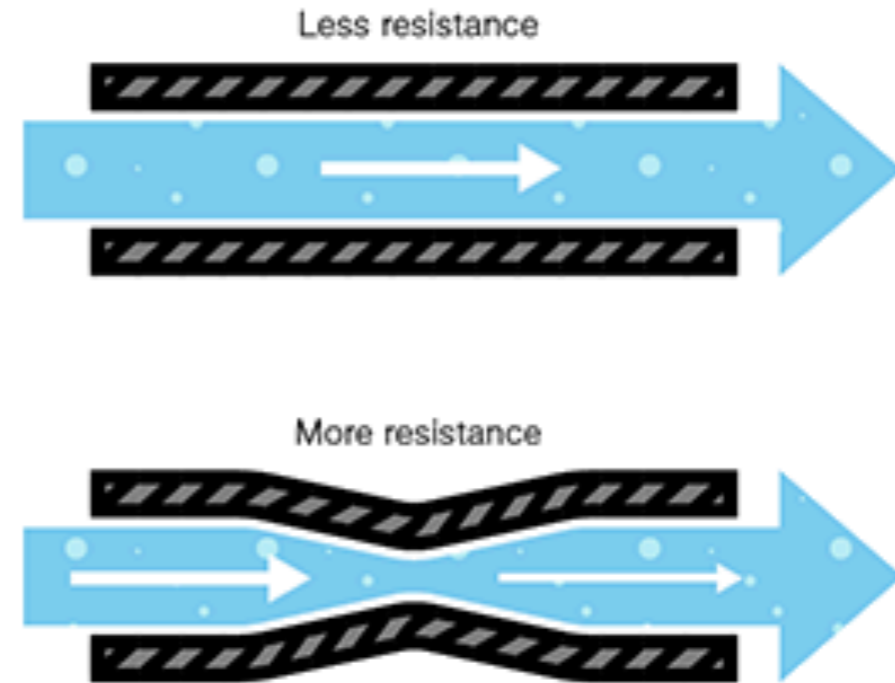
All electronic components (including wires and batteries) have a resistance. However we mostly control this explicitly with a component called a resistor.

### Symbol



Resistance (ohms)

## Water Analogy: Restriction of Flow



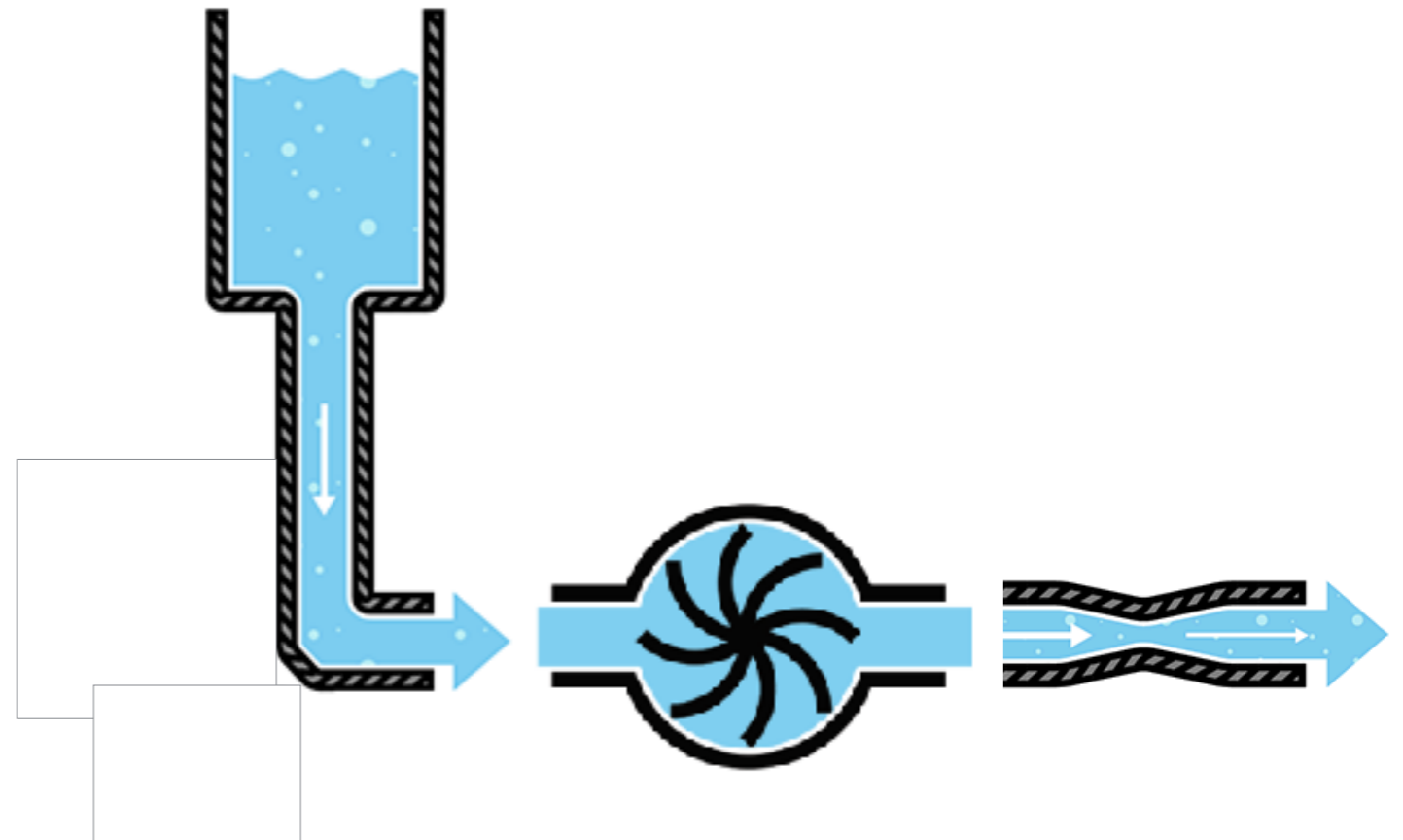
UNITS: Watt

(mili) mW	W	(Kilo) kW
1000	1	0.001

Watts are measure of power (or energy transfer)

Watts can be found by multiplying the current and the voltage in a circuit

**Water Analogy: The power of the water flow to move a load is both the pressure, and the rate of flow. Note how the restriction, here would limit the rate of flow even if it is after the water wheel!**

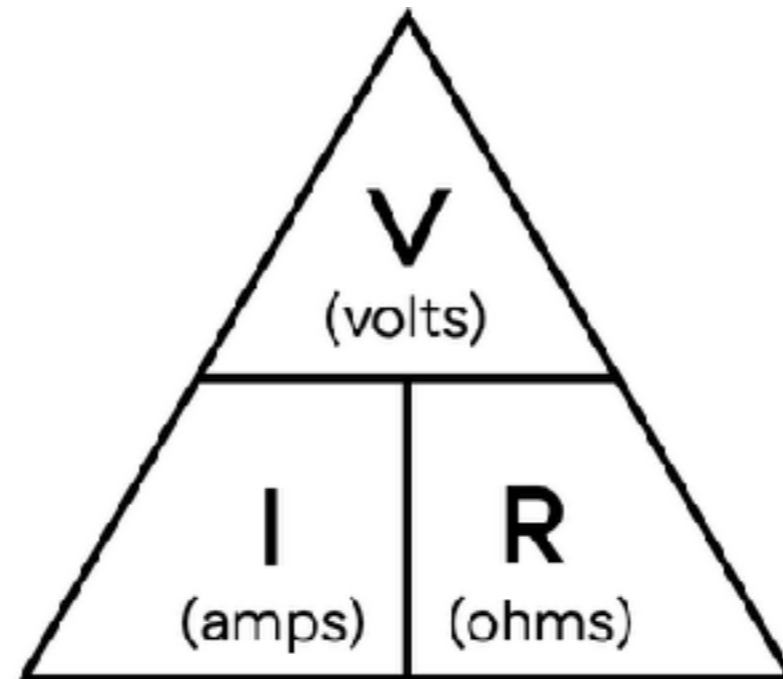


Power (watts)

$$\text{Watts} = V \text{ (volts)} \times I \text{ (amps)}$$

Power (watts)

There is an intrinsic relationship between voltage, current and resistance, expressed as ohms Law. We can use this formula to deduct the values in many situations



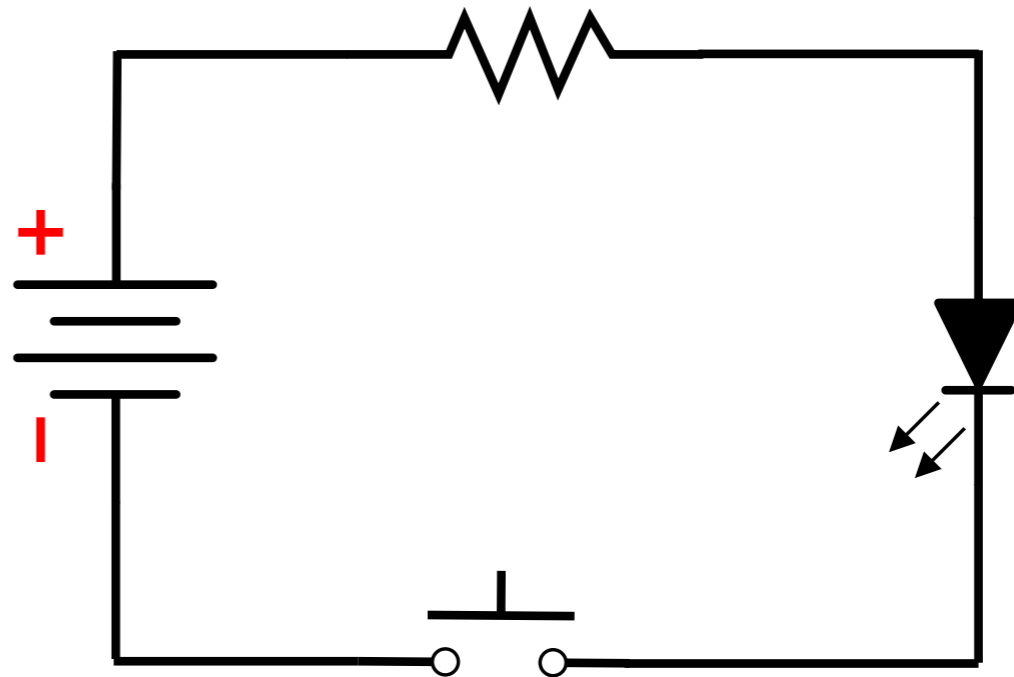
$$V = I \times R$$

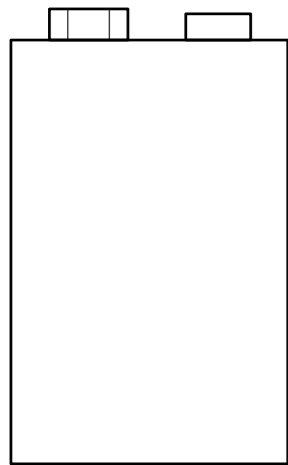
$$I = \frac{V}{R}$$

$$R = \frac{V}{I}$$

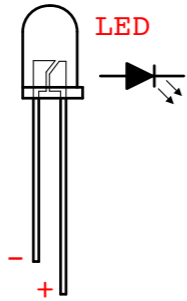
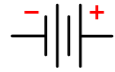


In a series circuit, the same current runs through all wires and components. Voltage can vary, depending on where we measure it in the circuit.





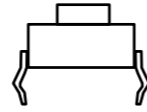
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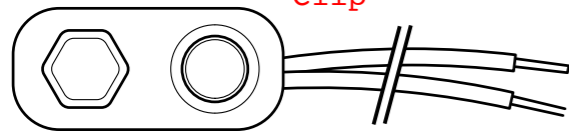
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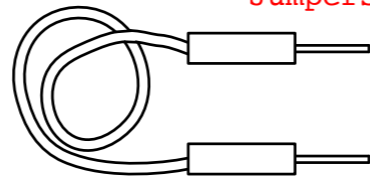
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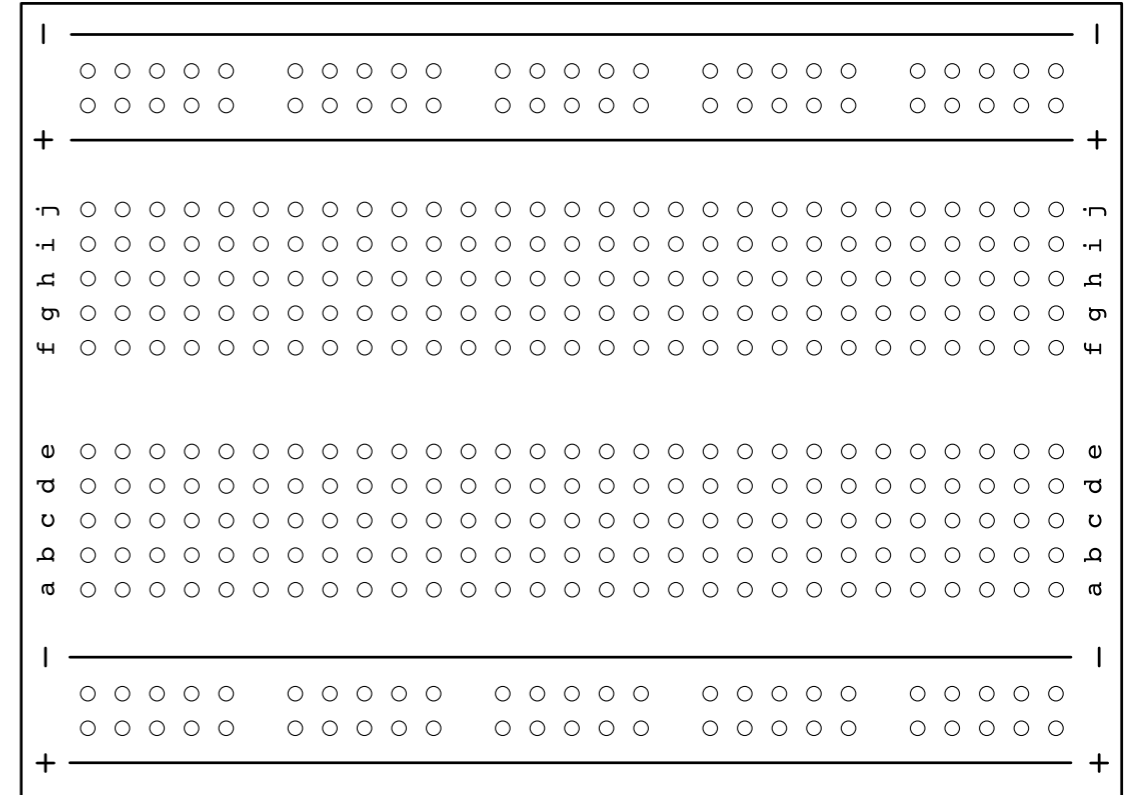


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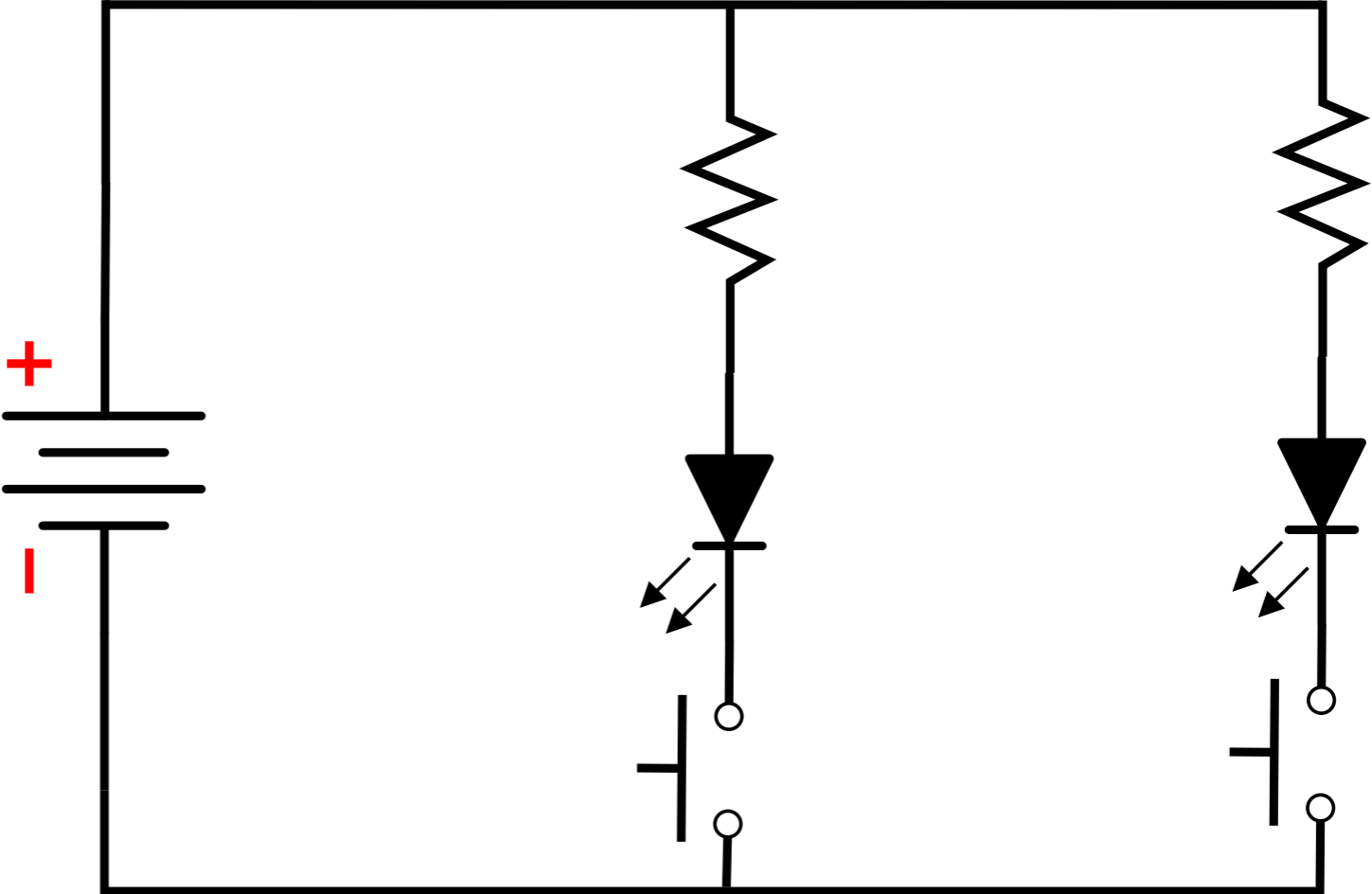
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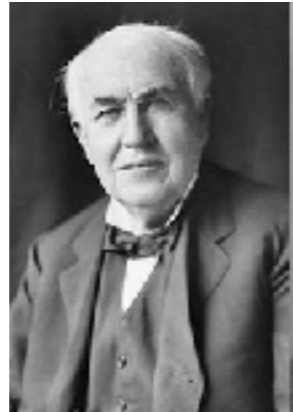
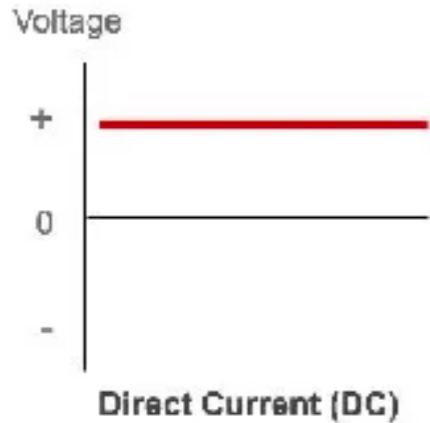
## Exercise 1.2: Electricity

Add **another LED** to your circuit, that can be controlled by it's **own button**.

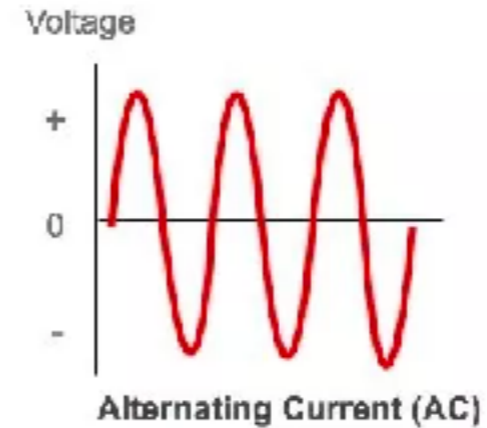
In a parallel circuit, the total current is the sum of each circuit.



Parallel Circuit



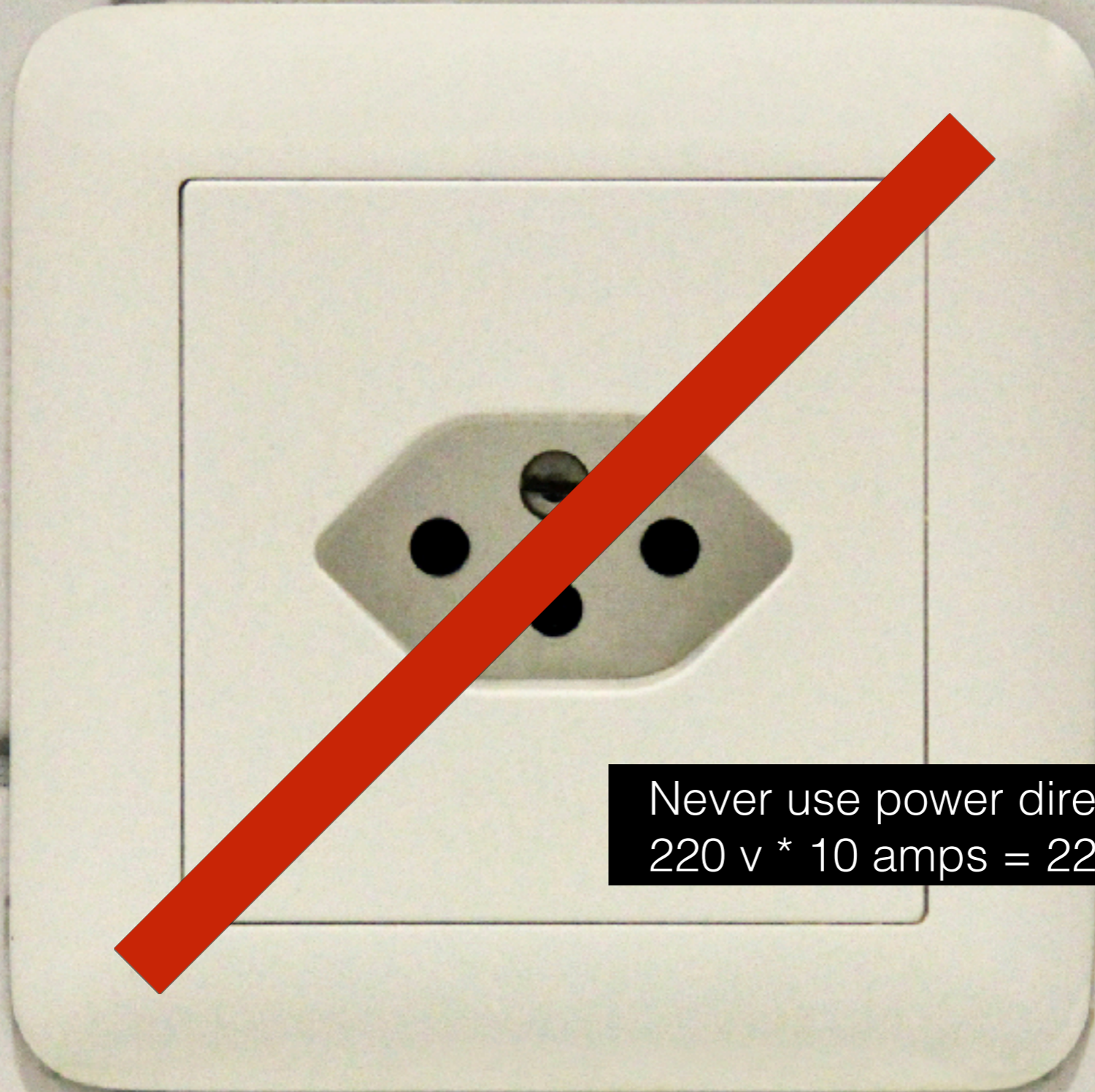
Thomas Edison



Nikola Tesla

- Direct current is easier to store (batteries and capacitors)
- DC is required for many components and devices (LEDs, Computers, Sensors)
- DC is easy to work with in low voltage applications

- Alternating current can be easily converted up or down in voltage
- Higher voltages can be transmitted with less energy loss over long distances, and easily converted down
- Many energy sources output AC
- Some devices can be driven directly by AC (motors, refrigerators, traditional lightbulbs)

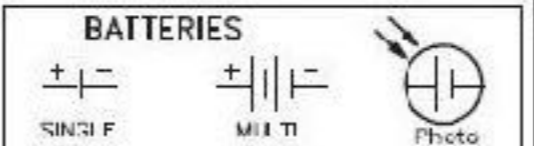
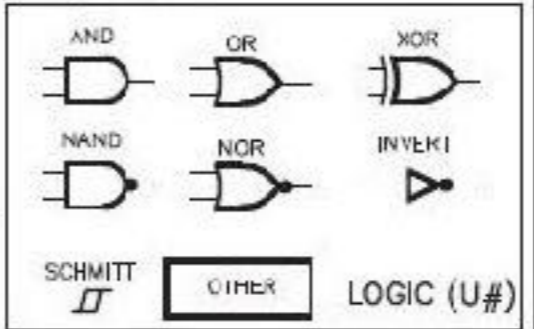
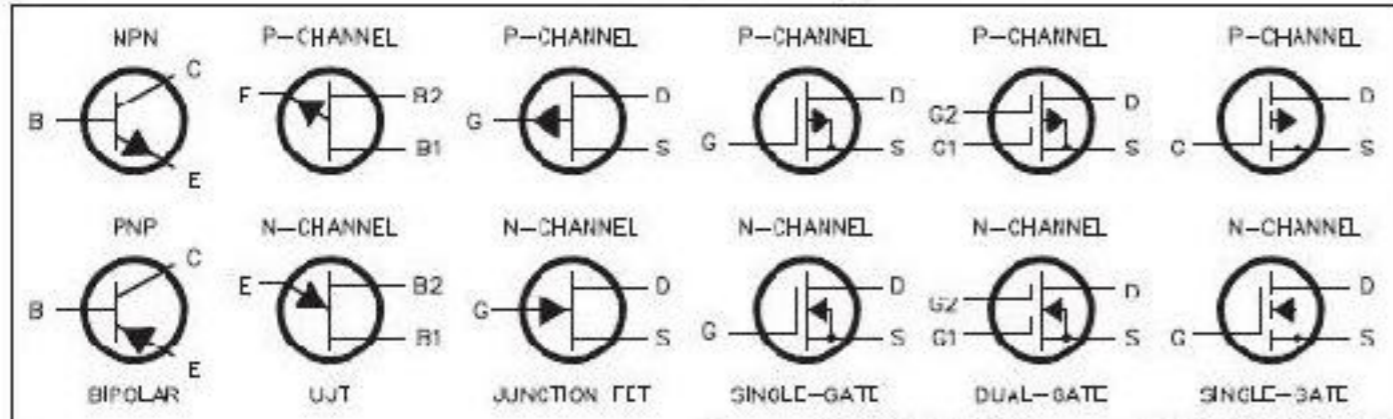
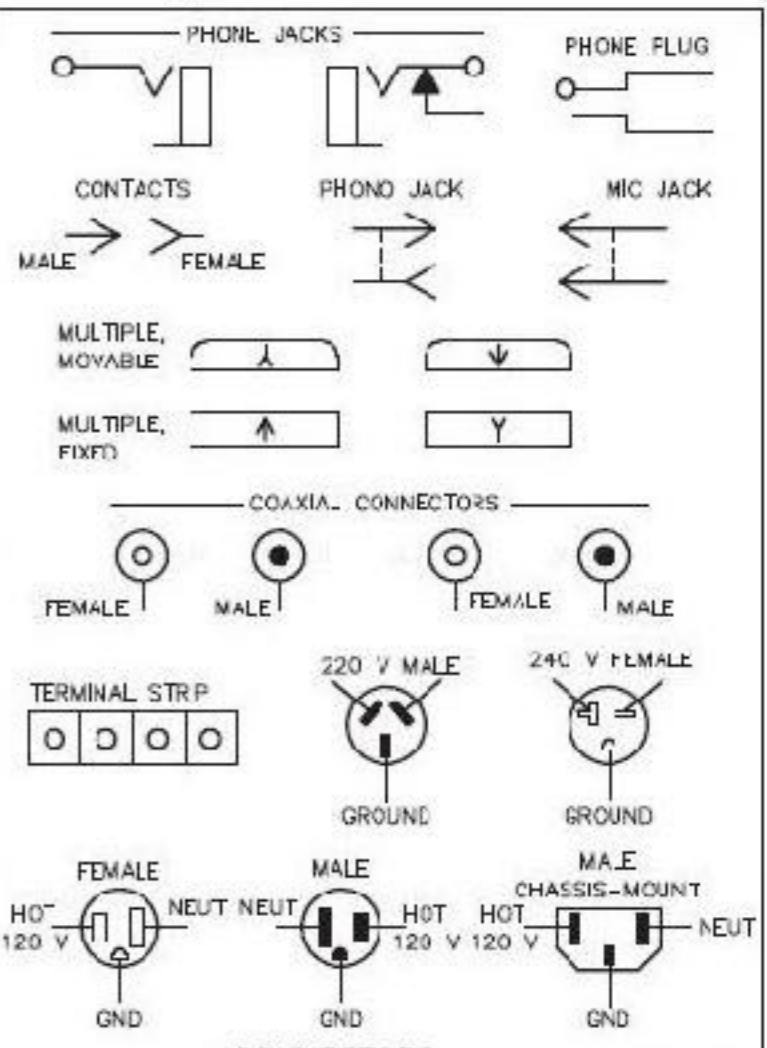
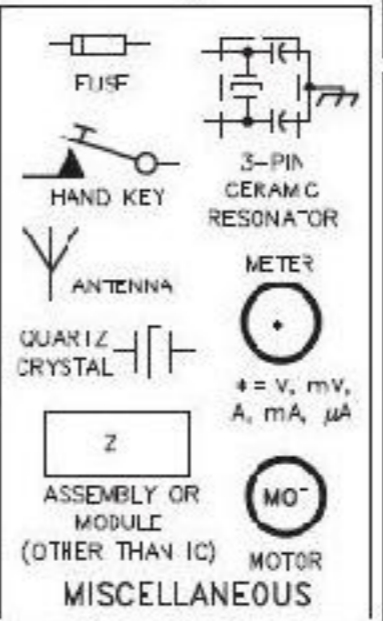
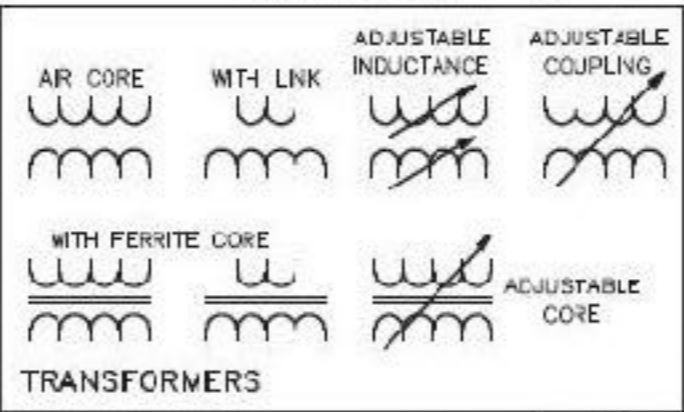
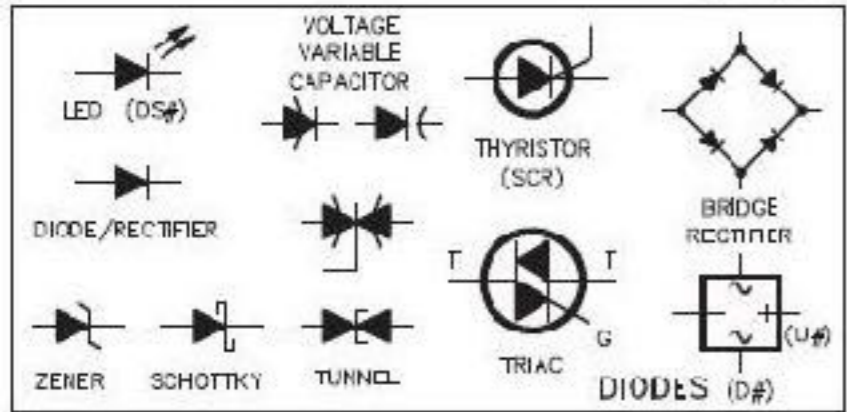
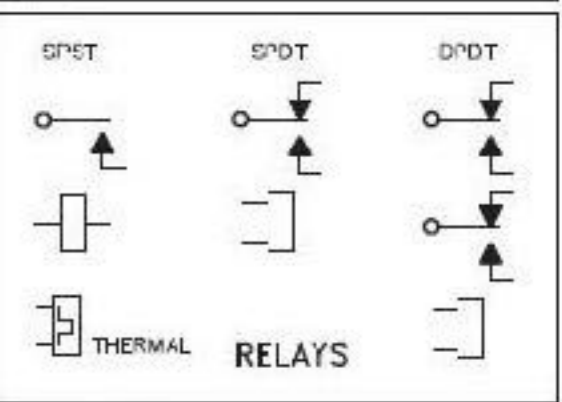
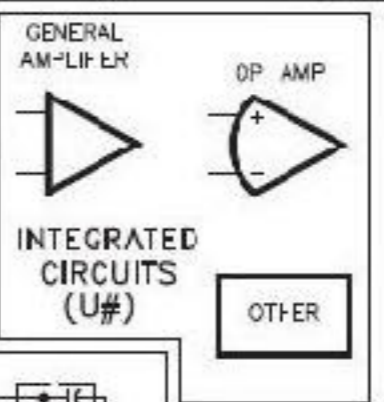
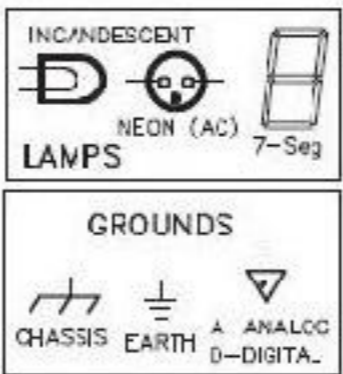
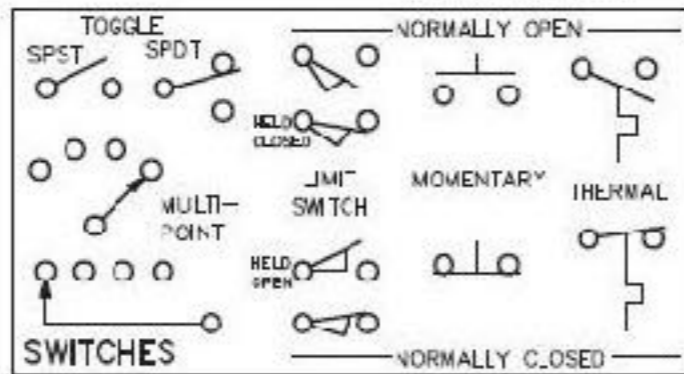
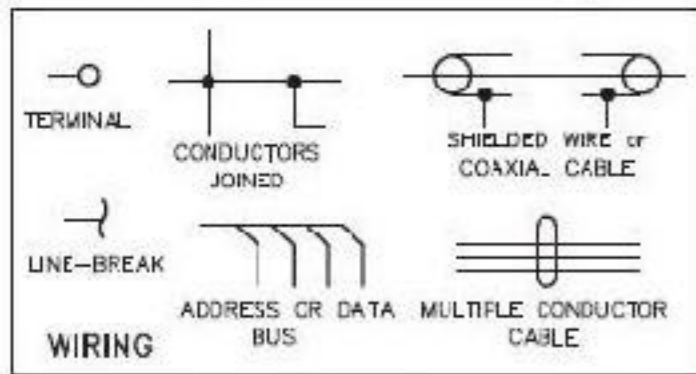
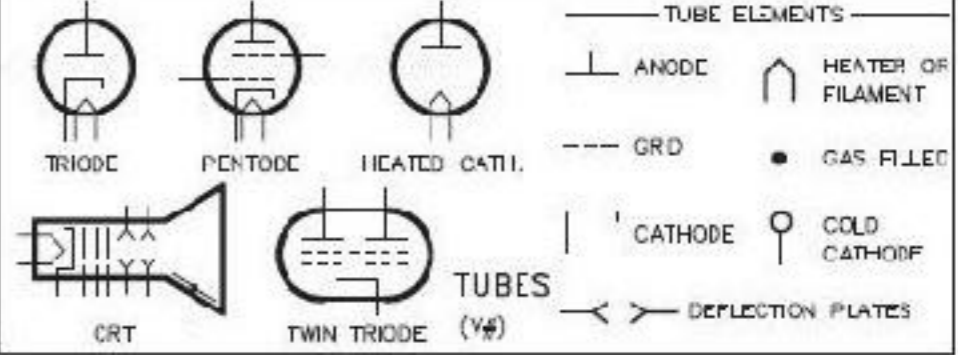
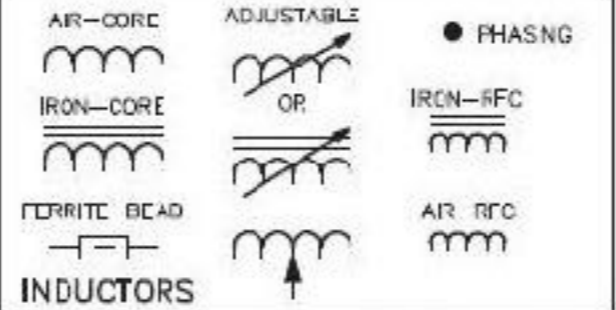
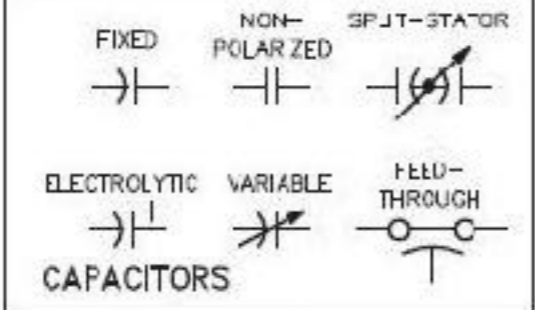
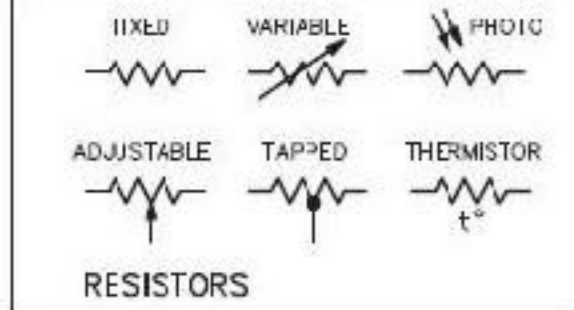


Never use power direct from the socket!  
 $220\text{ v} * 10\text{ amps} = 2200\text{ watts!}$

Hazards: AC vs DC



Hazards: LIPO Batteries



**Sensing & Acting**

