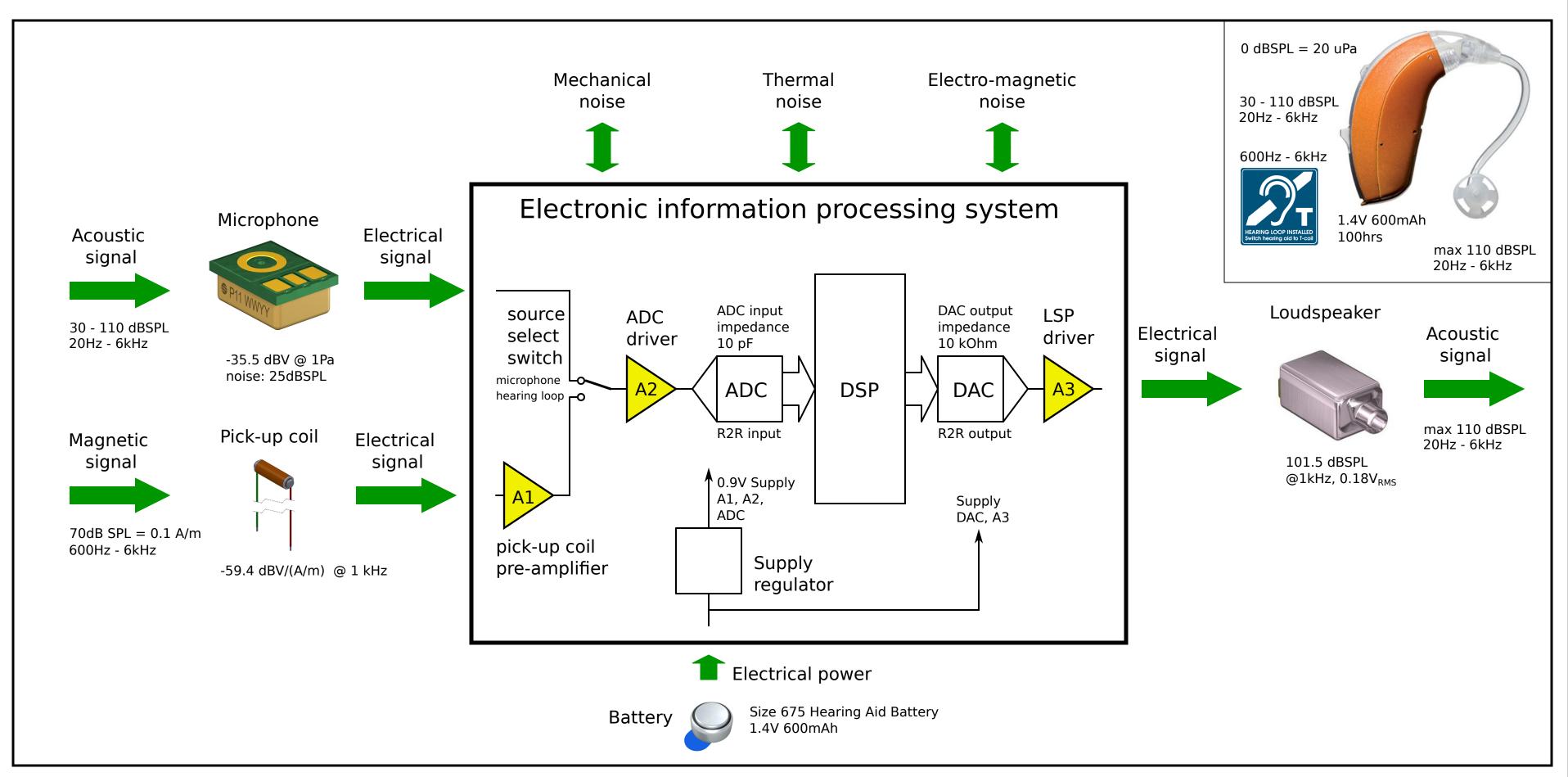
Structured Electronic Design

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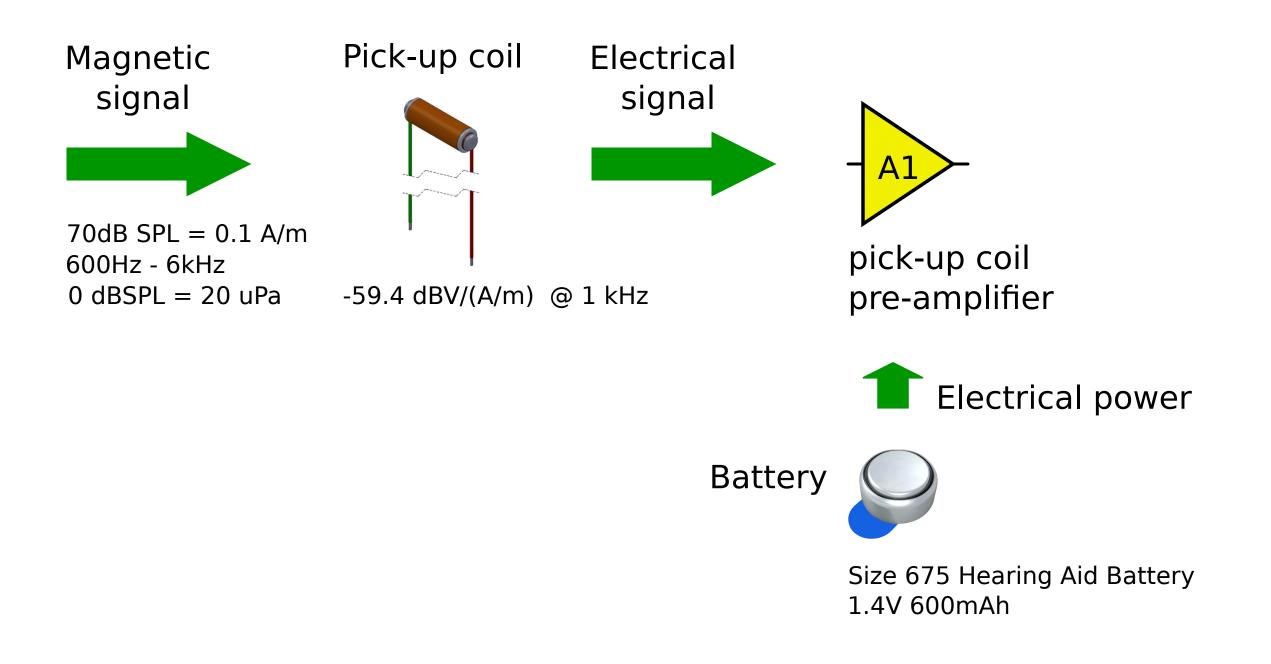
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Hearing Aid



Course EE4109: design of application-specific negative feedback amplifiers in CMOS

Application: Hearing Aid pick-up coil preamplifier



Systems engineering design approach



How do engineers design complex products?



They divide them is less complex parts that can be designed separately



How do engineers divide them into less complex parts?



They assign different functions to different parts
They assign performance and costs budgets to these parts
They define interfaces between these parts



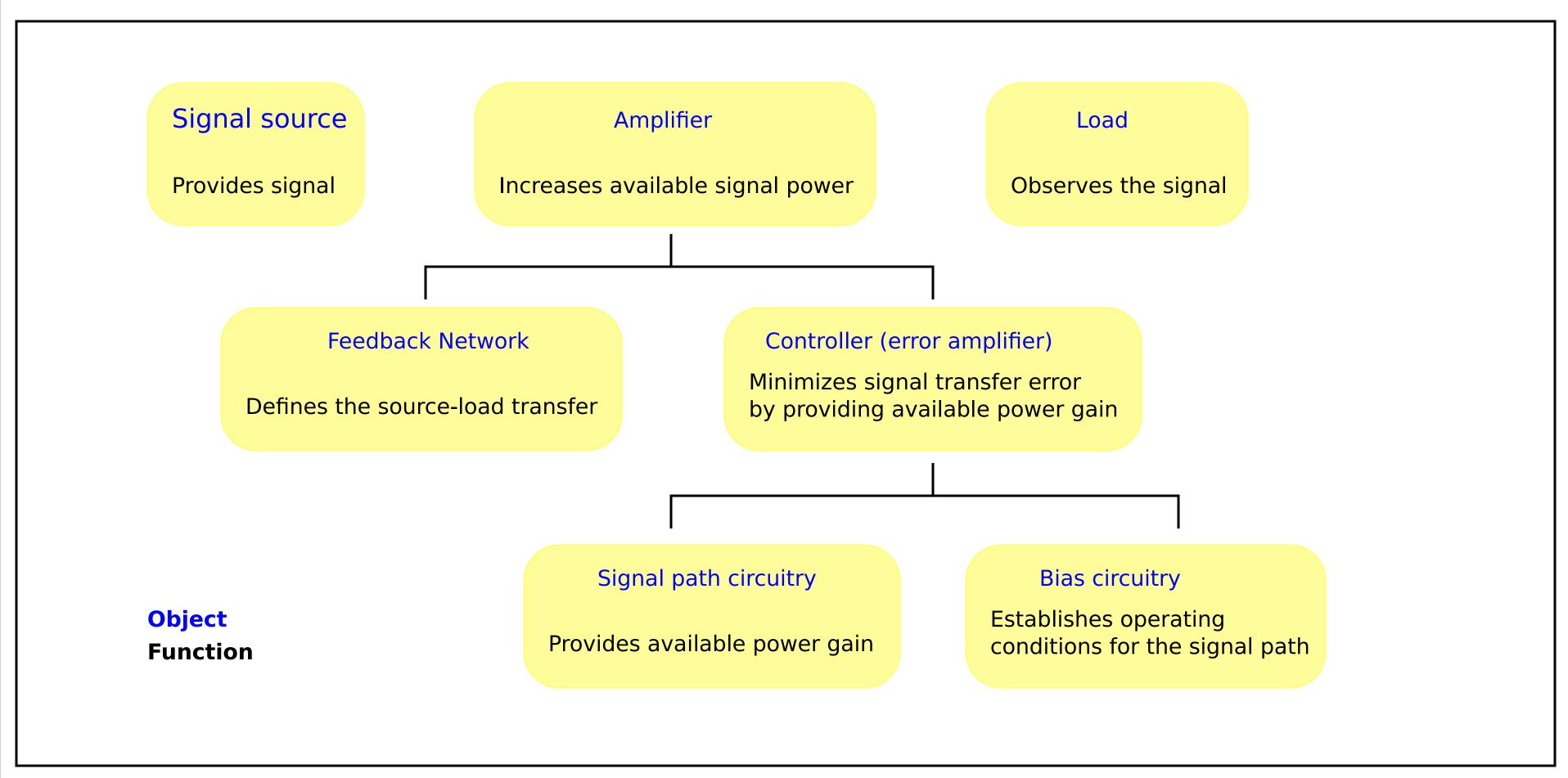
How do enineers materialize functions?



They apply known physical effects
They apply design techniques to improve their performance/cost ratio

This all is done in an hierarchically structured way

Hierarchical breakdown of a feedback amplifier application



Group exercise

Signal source	Load	Feedback network	Error amplifier signal path	Error amplifier biasing	Performance or cost aspect
					Power dissipation
					Bandwidth
					Frequency response
					Weak nonlinearity
					Accuracy
					Noise
					Drive capability
					Transfer, input / output impedance
					Operating point temperature stability
					Chip area

Complete this matrix:

- Put a marker in a field if the row performance aspect or cost factor is a key factor in the design of the column part; motivate your answer.
- For each marker formulate a design question and put it on a separate sticky note.
- Create a design sequence by ordering the sticky notes.