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## EEL 4744

## Flash (Simultaneous) A/D

## Converters

- Technique & components: Uses a tapped resistor to divide a reference voltage into 2<sup>n</sup> equal parts, 2<sup>n</sup> voltage comparators (to compare the input voltage against each of the tap voltages, and a priority encoder (2<sup>n</sup> inputs and n-bit coded output) to output the digital signal
- **High points:** Accuracy very good if use high precision resistors; very fast (fastest); speed depends only on propagation delays (mostly in the encoder)
- Low points: Requires a tremendous amount of circuitry

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