

U-do-it: to illustrate the value of a physical model, electronic components "stand-in" for the bacterial photography system's biological ones

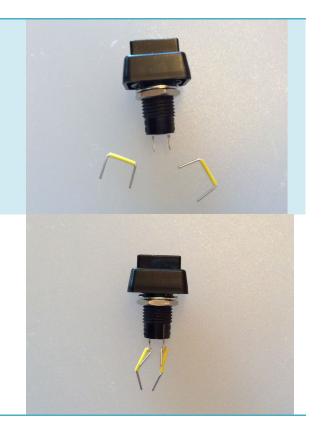
Electronics kit

PART Catalog # breadboard 64 B4383H5 - Chicago Miniature / IDI LED **Push Button Switch** 54-390 NTE **Compensated OpAmp** Jim-Pak LM741CN-6 Jumper wires JW-70 20K ohm resistor HW320 9V battery leads 090-805 9V battery

IN ADVANCE

(1) Unpack switch and two small wires from the jumper kit

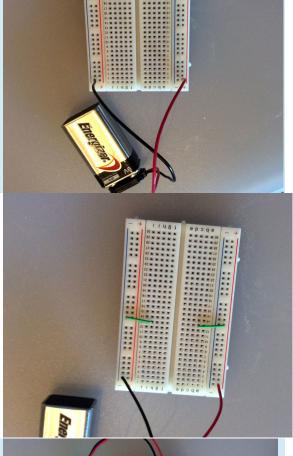
(2) Thread wires through the posts at base of the switch. Connect them so the metal portion of the wires is in direct contact with the metal posts on switch.



WARM UP ACTIVITY

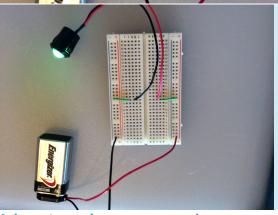
(1) Power the breadboard by connecting ground from a 9V battery to the blue (-) rail of the breadboard and connecting the plus side of the battery to the red (+) rail on the opposite side of the breadboard

(2) Run power to the central portions of the breadboard using two small wires



(3) Power the LED

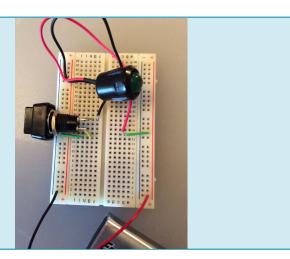
Besides unplugging things, is there a way to turn the light on/off?



(4) Add the switch to the circuit so that (photo is on the next page—but you the LED can be turned on and off

should try it first!)

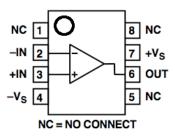
(4) Add the switch to the circuit so that the LED can be turned on and off

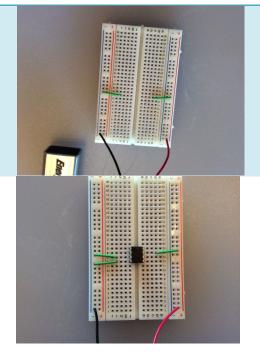


MODELING THE BACTERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY GENETIC CIRCUIT WITH ELECTRONICS

(1) Start as you did in the warm up activity

(2) Add an Op Amp across the trench so pins 3 and 4 are to ground (you'll need one more wire) and pin 7 is to power.

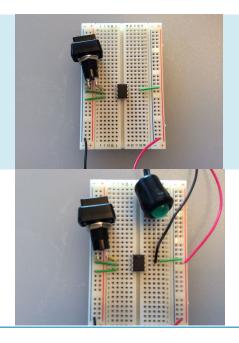




(3) Connect the switch to the ground and to pin 2 on the Op Amp

(4) Connect the LED to pin 6 on the Op Amp and to the power

Does the LED turn on/off with the switch?

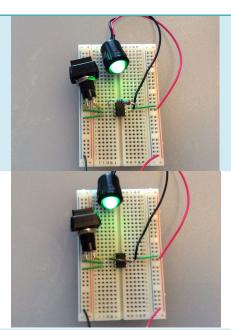


(5) Connect a 20K Ohm resistor across the Op Amp from pin 2 to pin 6

Does the LED turn on/off with the switch?

(6) Connect the Op Amp's pin 2 and pin 6 with a wire instead of the resistor

Does the LED turn on/off with the switch?



Use the behavior you've observed in this electronic model to think about the genetic circuitry and the flow of information through it