



Introduction to Sensors

JADS Course: Data-Driven Food Value Chain

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10:00 – 10:35 Steven Madern of 30Mhz talks about sensors in horticulture

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 12:30 Put theory into practice



Introduction to Sensors: Data and code repository



<https://github.com/robinvanemden/sensors>

Introduction to Sensors: Exercises in DropBox

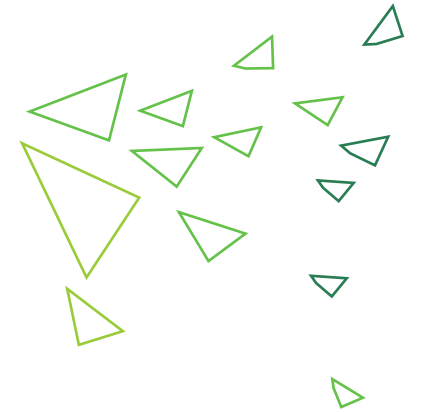


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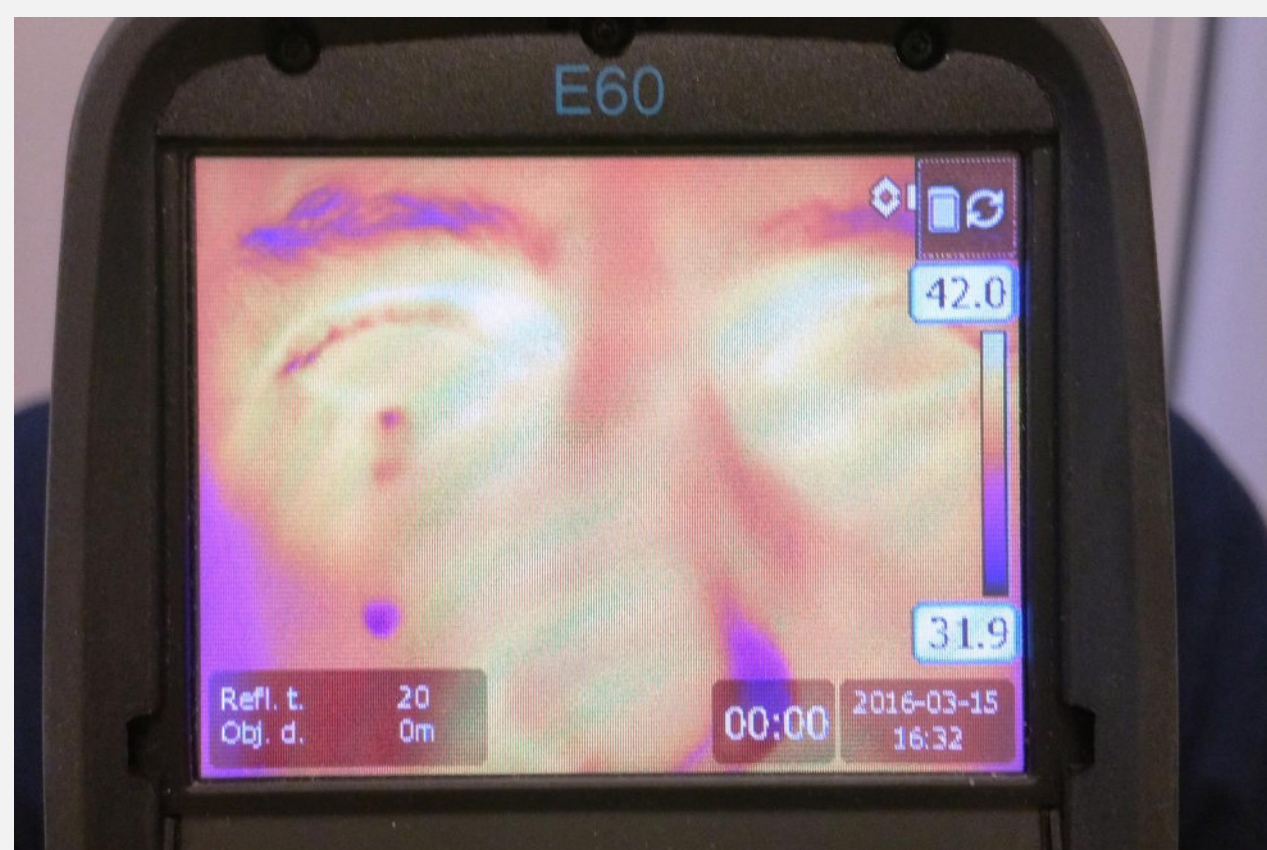
Robin van Emden
Research at JADS



Academic background

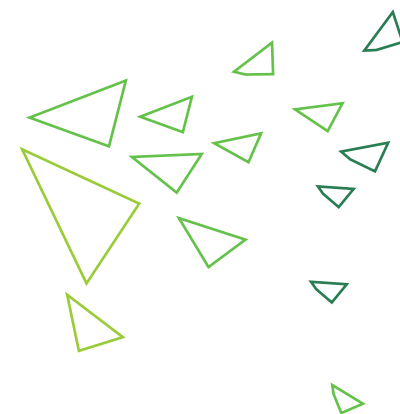
- Cognitive neuroscience
- Computer science

Research at JADS at prof M. Kaptein's
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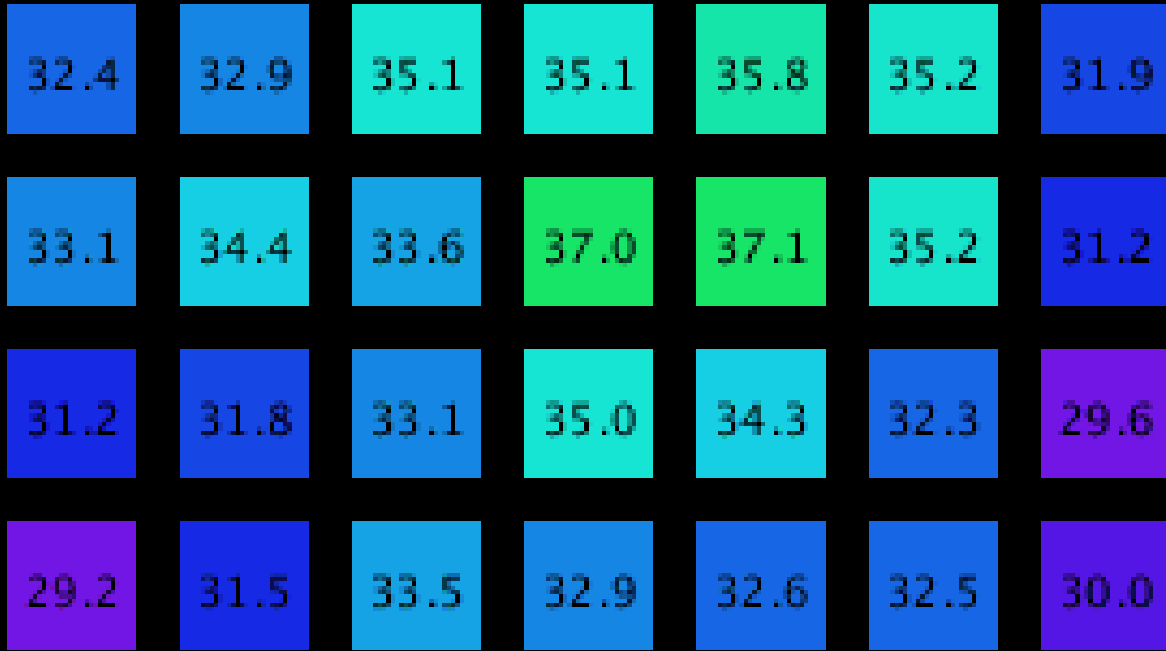
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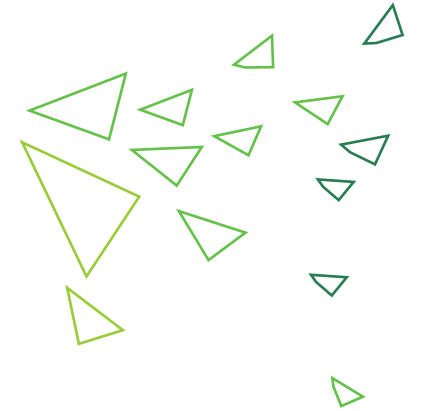
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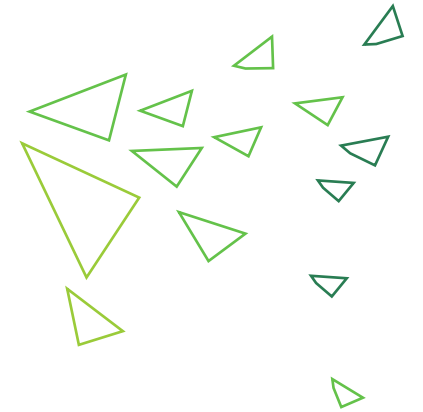
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For example...

Bird Solar Backpack

With: Max Planck Institute
Problem: Tracking migrating birds
Sensor: Bluetooth transceiver

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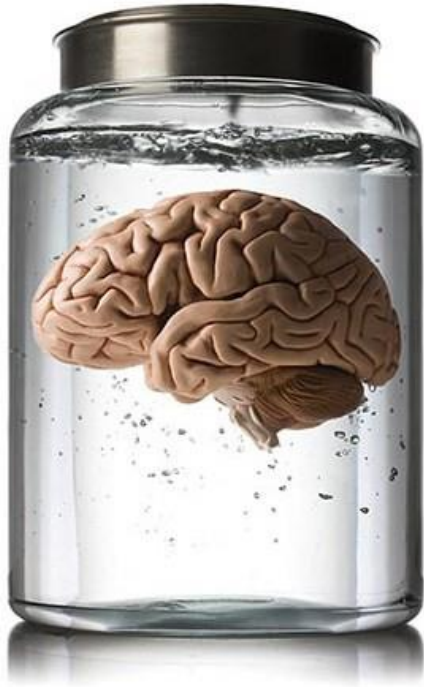
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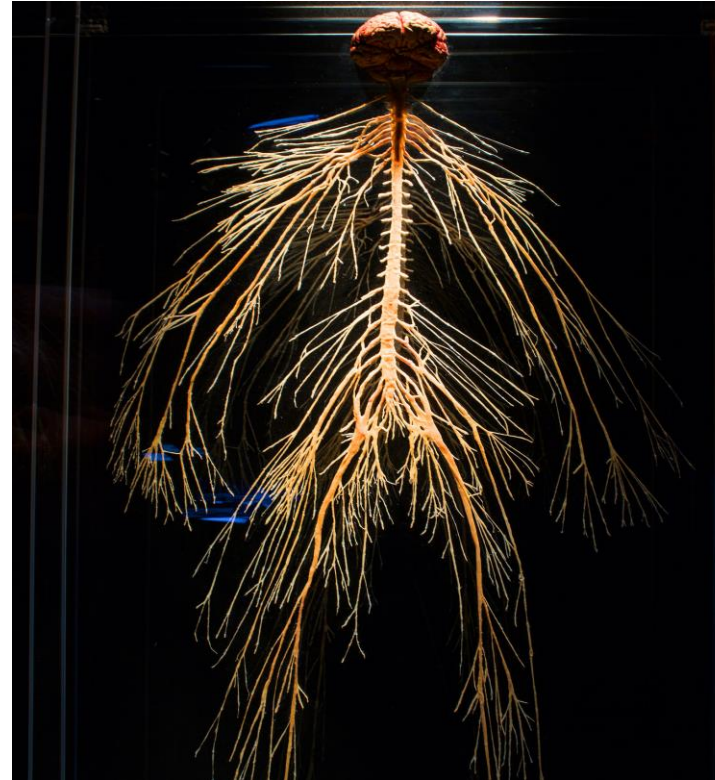
Usual data science perspective...



As a neuroscientist: we're not a brain in a vat...



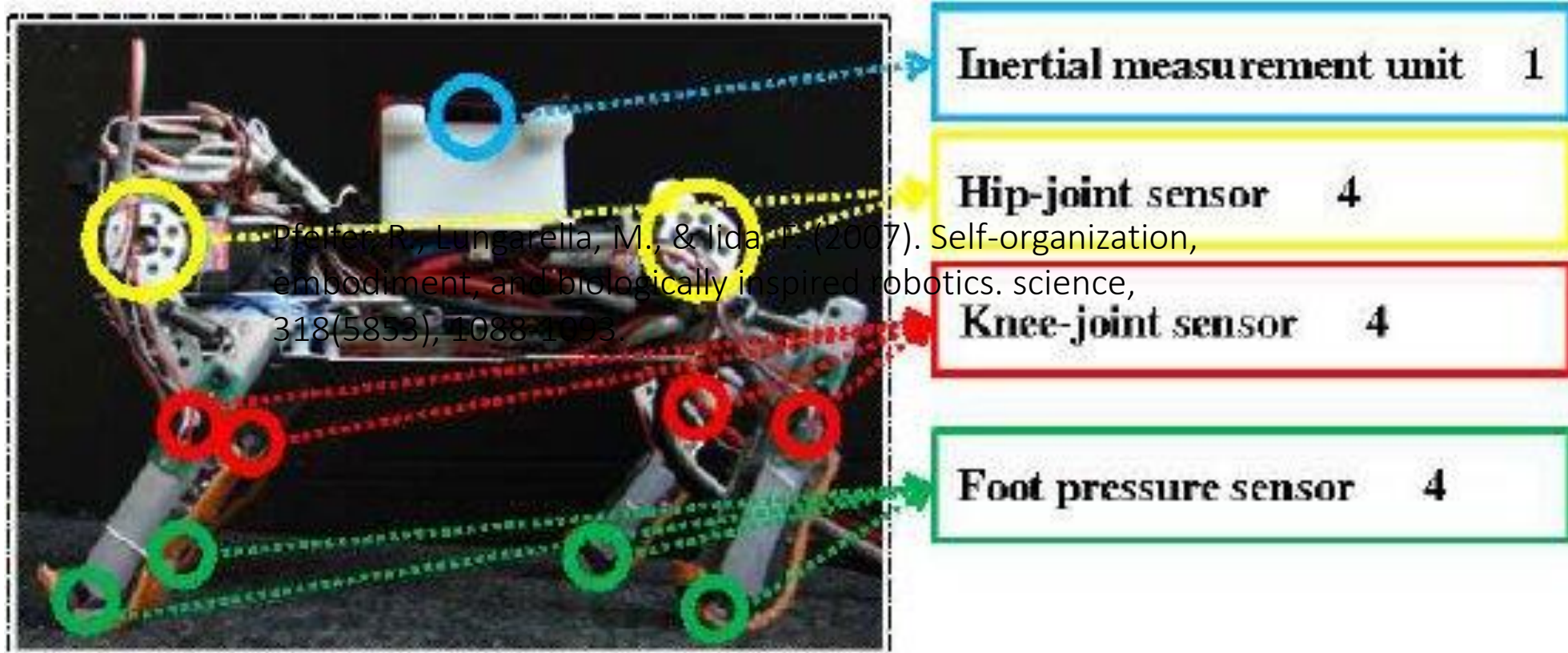
Brain in a vat



Nervous system

Shapiro, L. (2019). *Embodied cognition*. Routledge.

Embodied cognition as inspiration for new generation robots



Pfeifer, R., Lungarella, M., & Iida, F. (2007). Self-organization, embodiment, and biologically inspired robotics. *science*, 318(5853), 1088-1093.

Ever since robots took a more embodied approach...

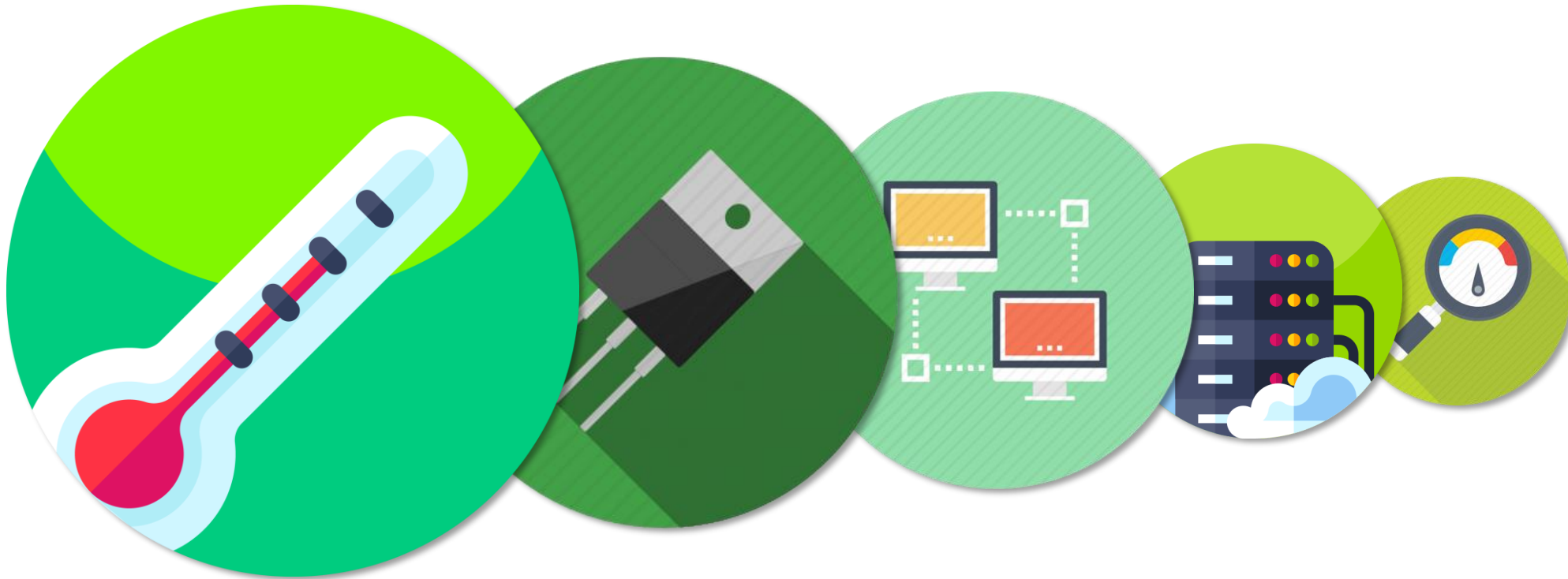


Honda Asimo



Boston Dynamics

So.. let's invert the perspective for today!

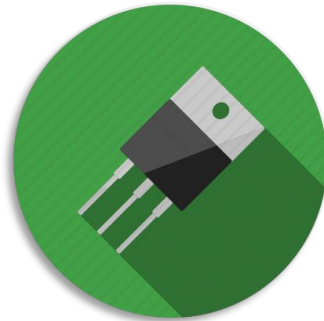


Sensor related projects involve the following area's:



Sensors

Generally, the most electronics focused part. A lot of uncharted area's here!



Microprocessors

The signal from the sensor needs to be converted into digital, most often by an MCU.



Communication protocols

The data needs to be transported from the MCU(s) to a data store.



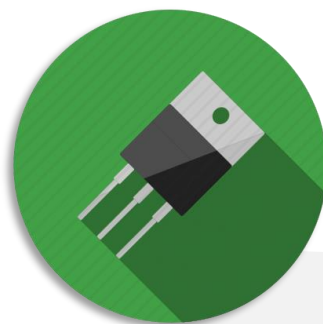
Data storage

The data needs to be aggregated or stored.



Data analysis, Data visualization

The data has to be shown to others.



From sensor to data

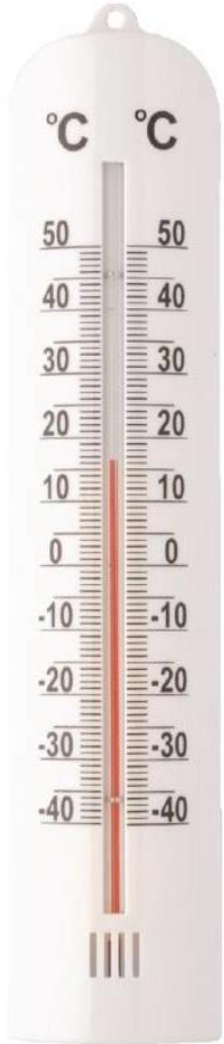
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Sensor data analysis

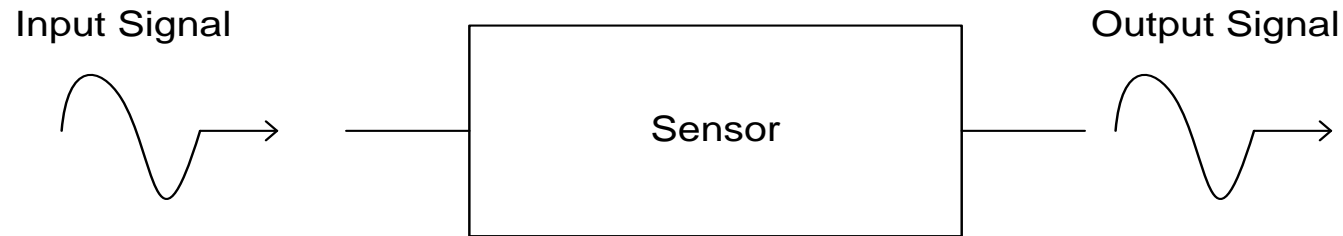
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From sensor to data: What is a sensor?



- American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Definition:

“A device which provides a usable output in response to a specified measurand”



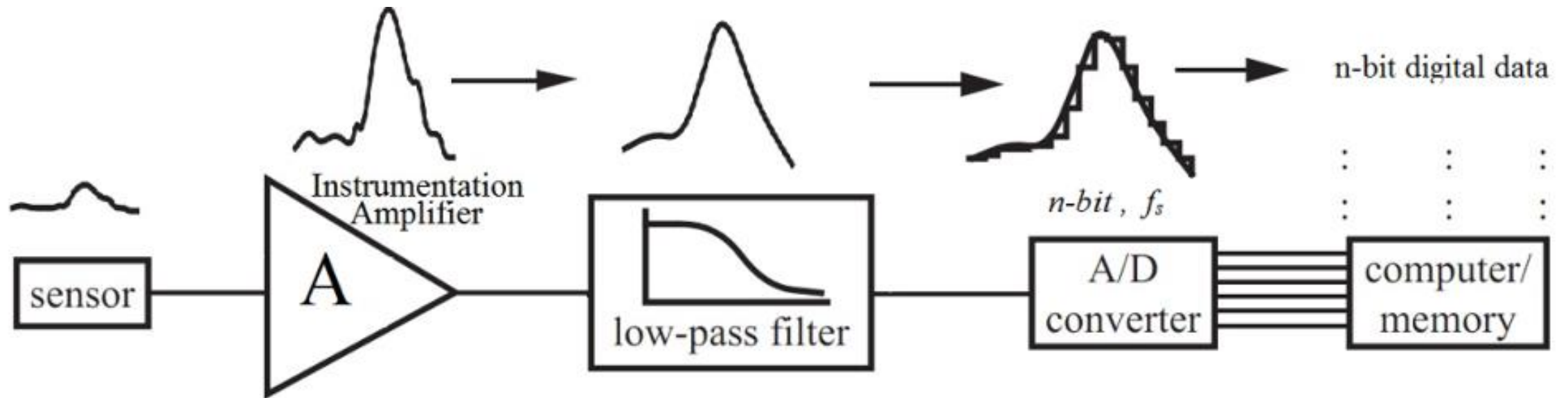
- General definition:

A sensor acquires a physical parameter and converts it into a signal suitable for processing (e.g. optical, electrical, mechanical)



From sensor to data: Measurement systems

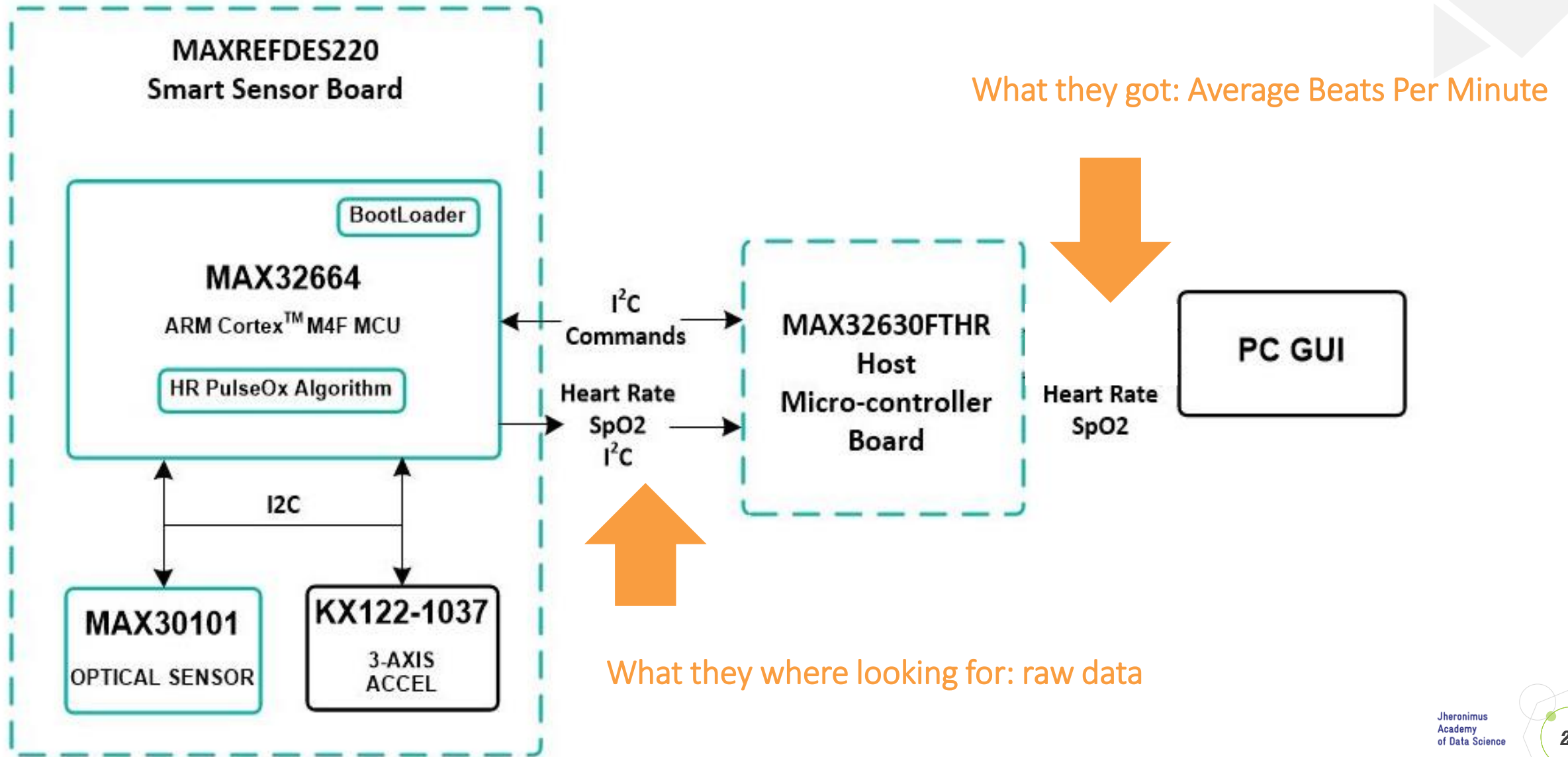
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From sensor to data: Careful! Premature filtering...

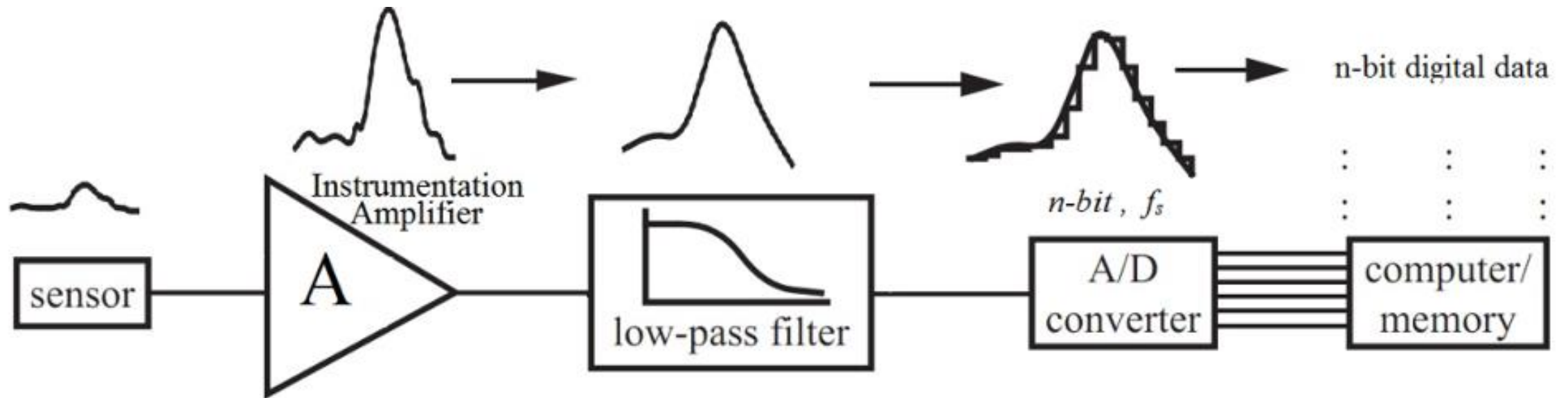


From sensor to data: ...can be a bad thing.

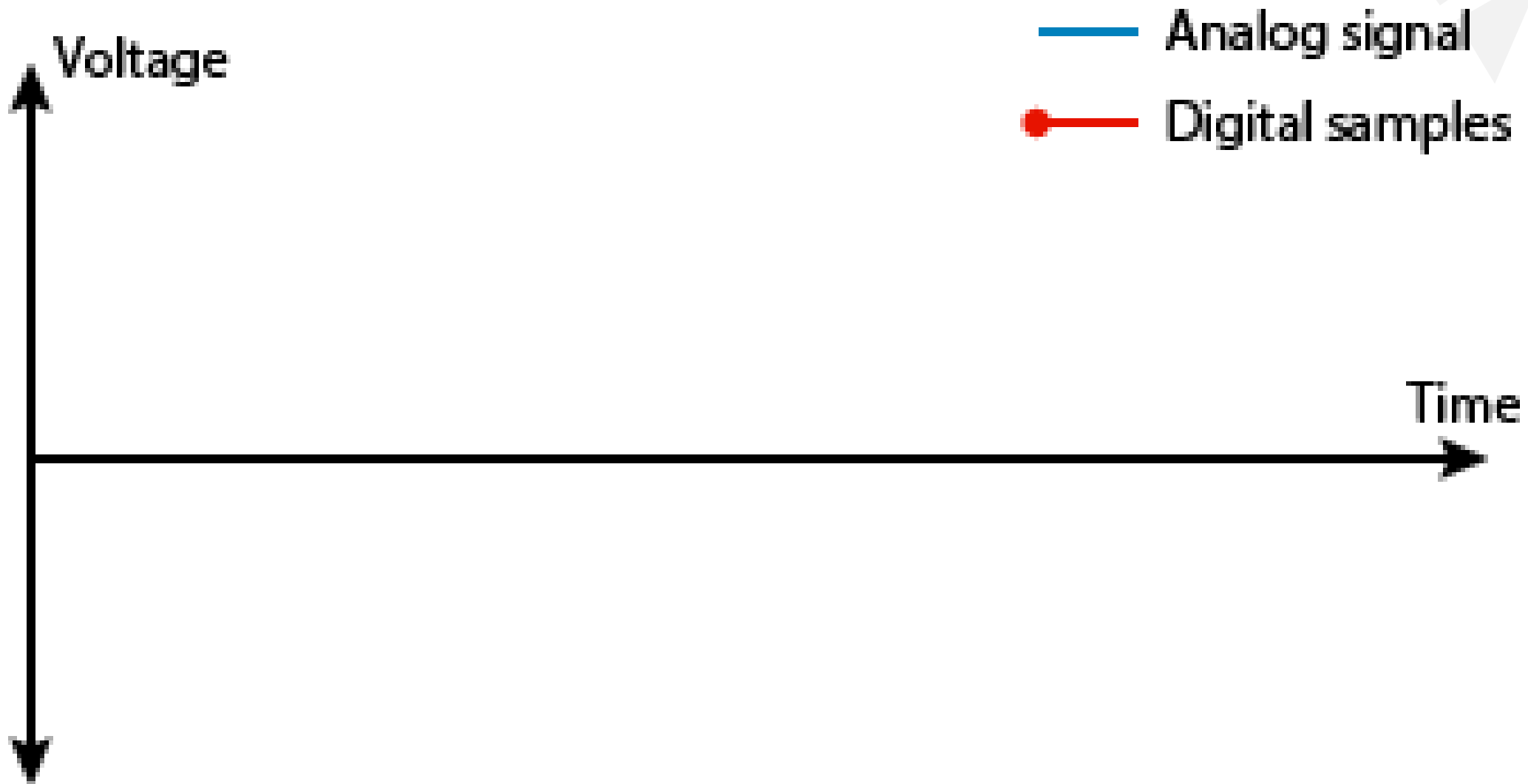


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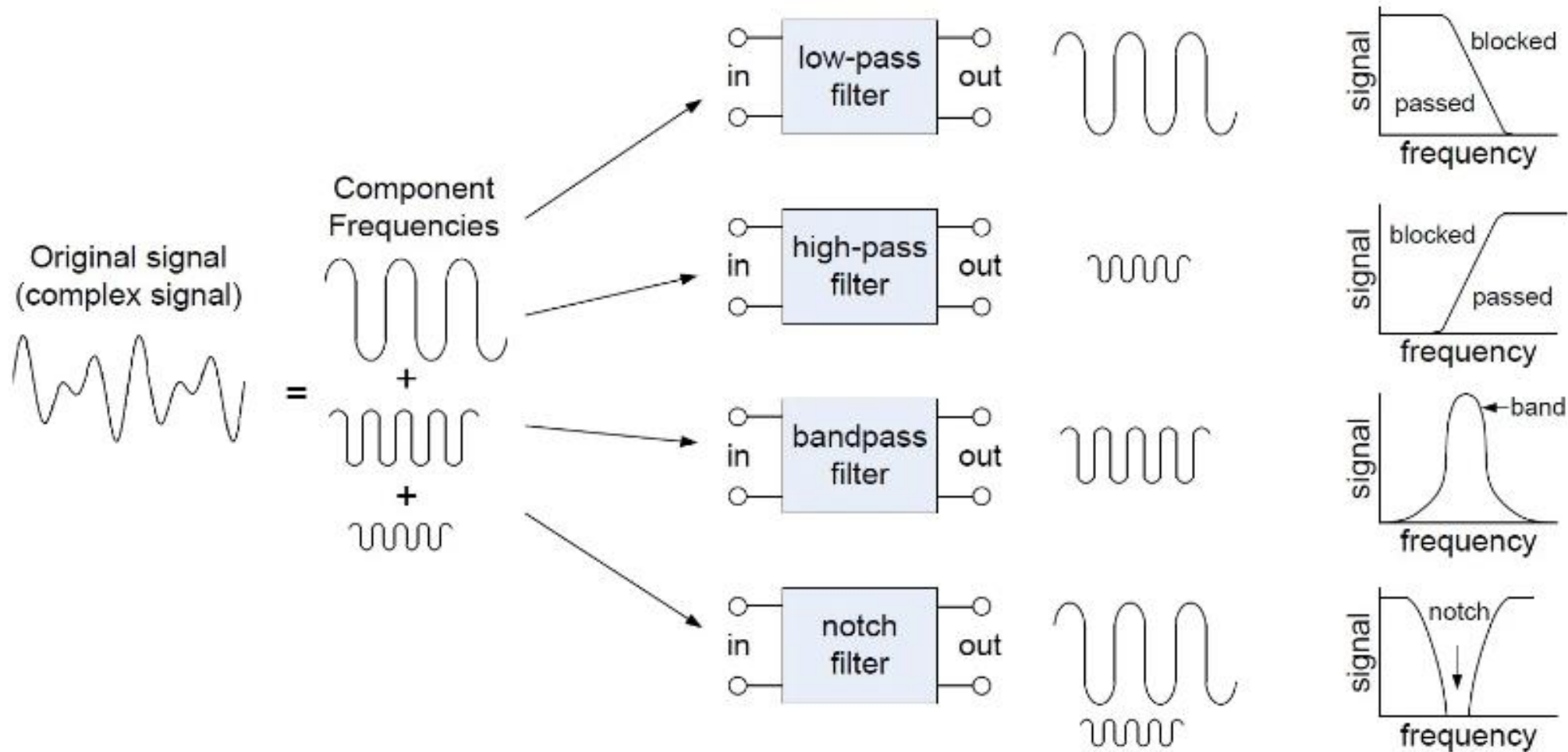
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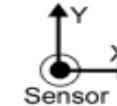
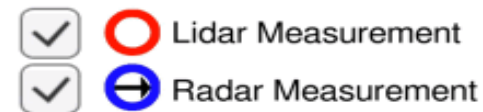
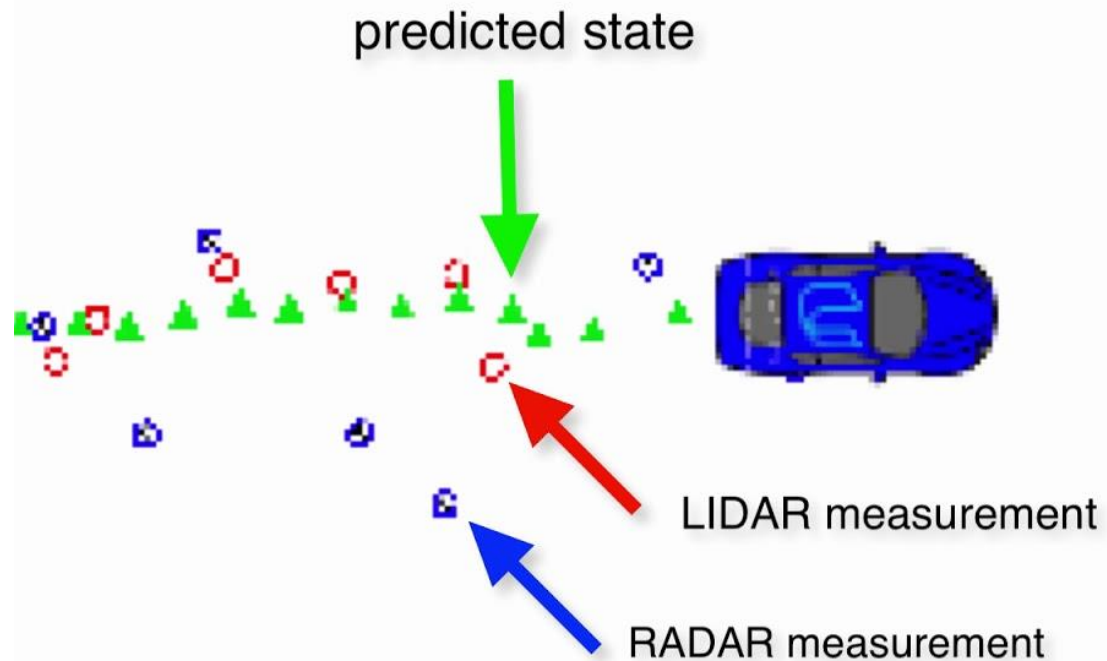
From sensor to data: DSP1 - Analog to Digital Converter



From sensor to data: DSP2 - Signal filtering



From sensor to data: DSP3 - sensor fusion (Kalman Filter)

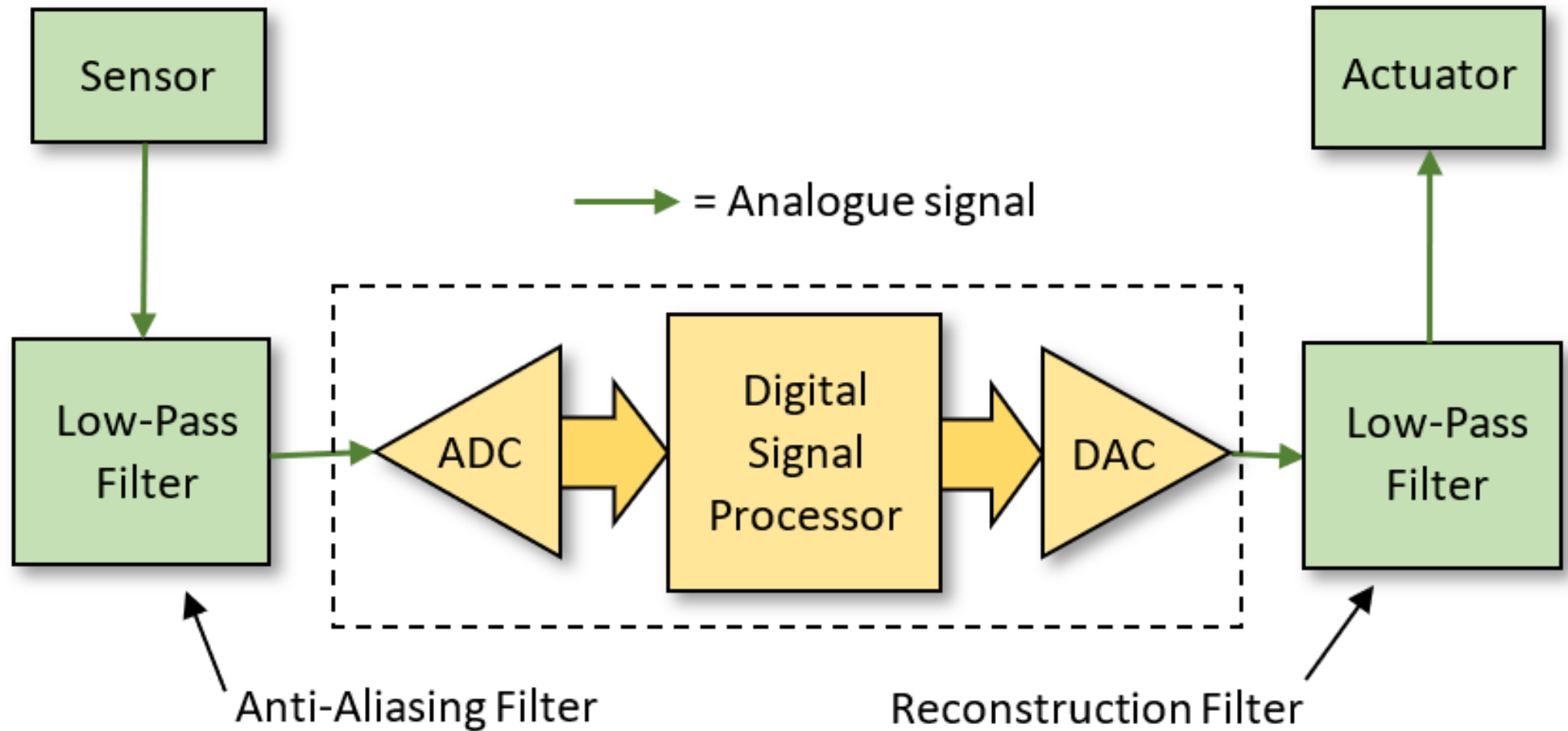


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X: 0.
Y: 0.
VX: 0.
VY: 0.

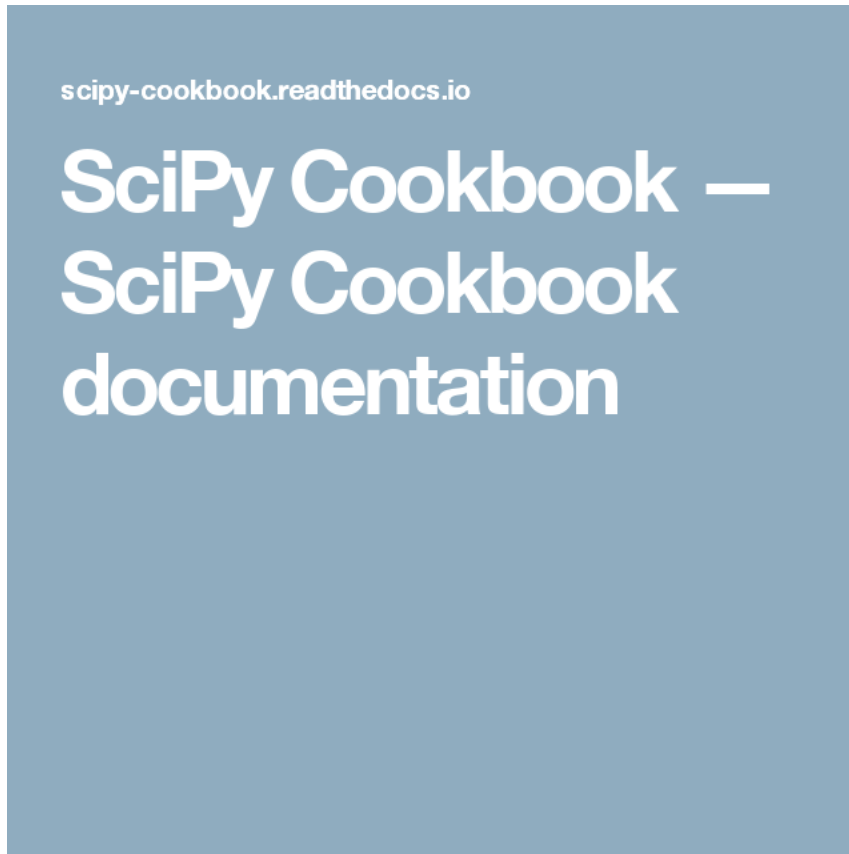


<https://junshengfu.github.io/tracking-with-Extended-Kalman-Filter/>

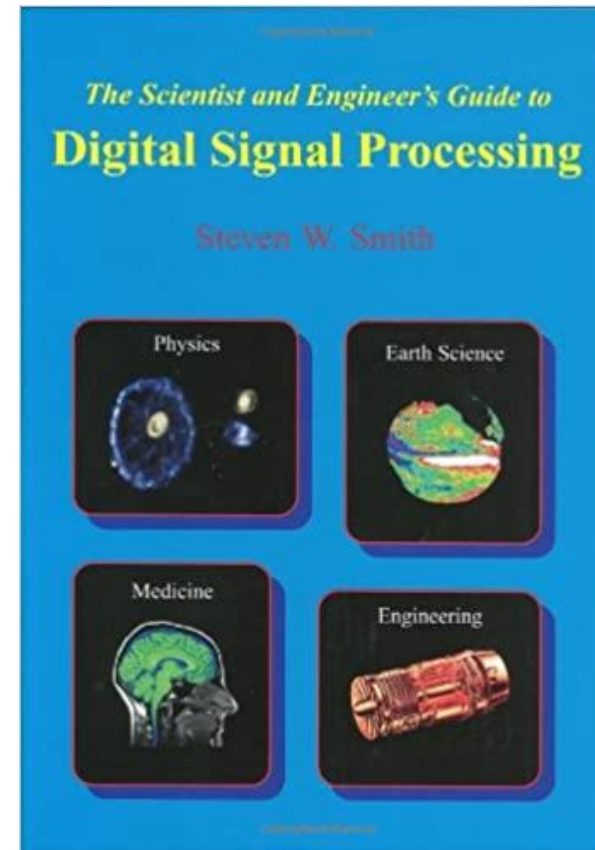
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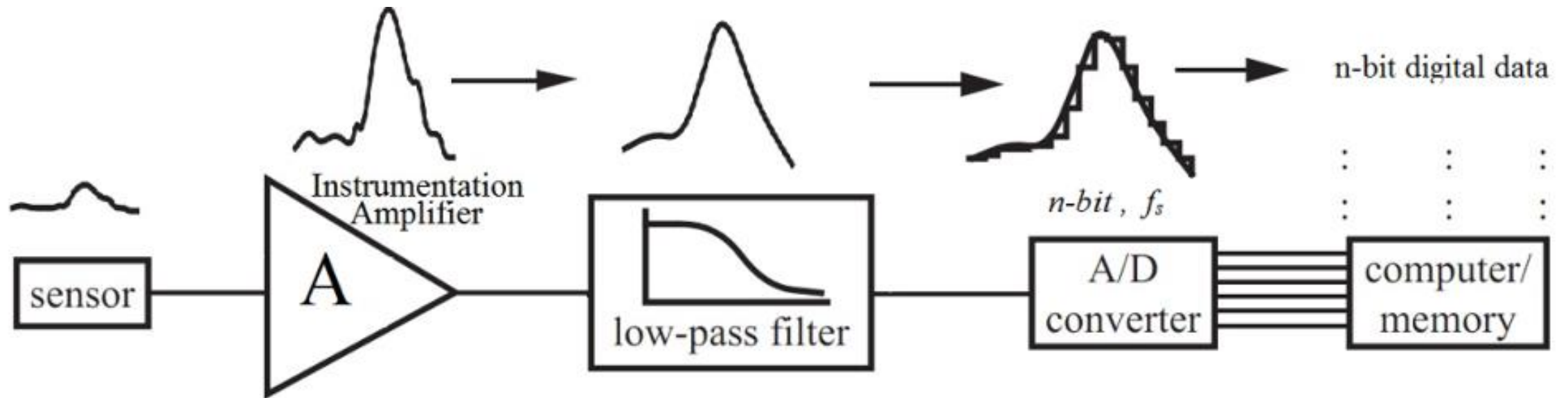
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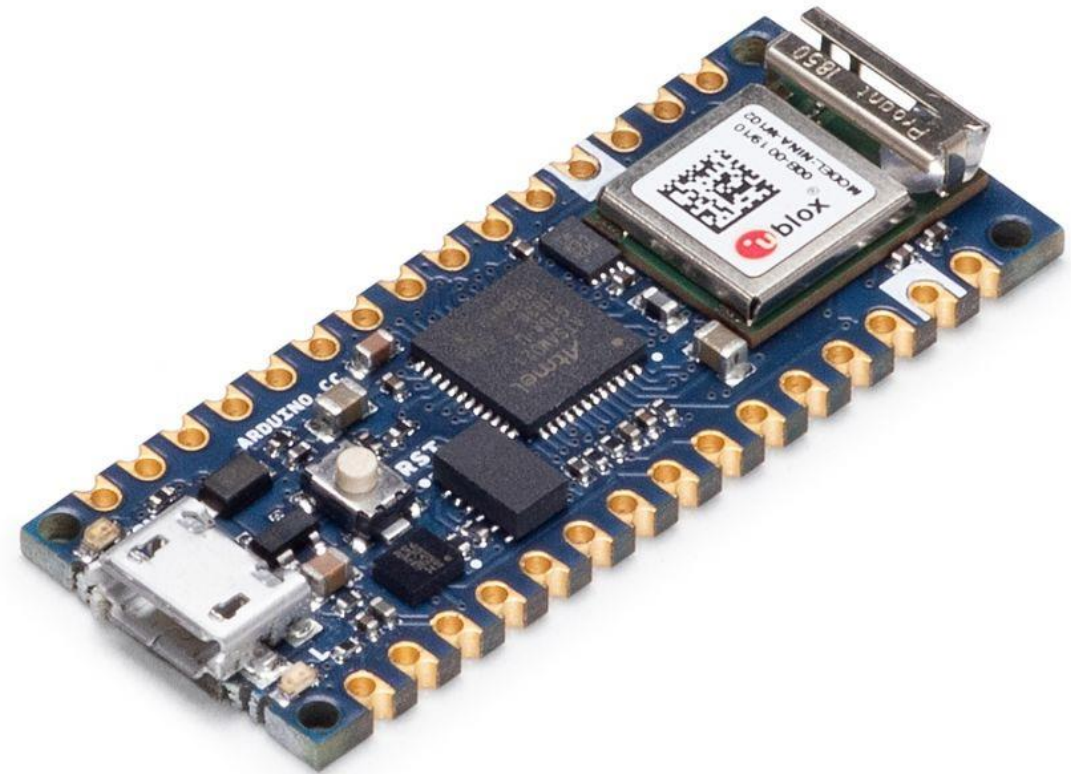
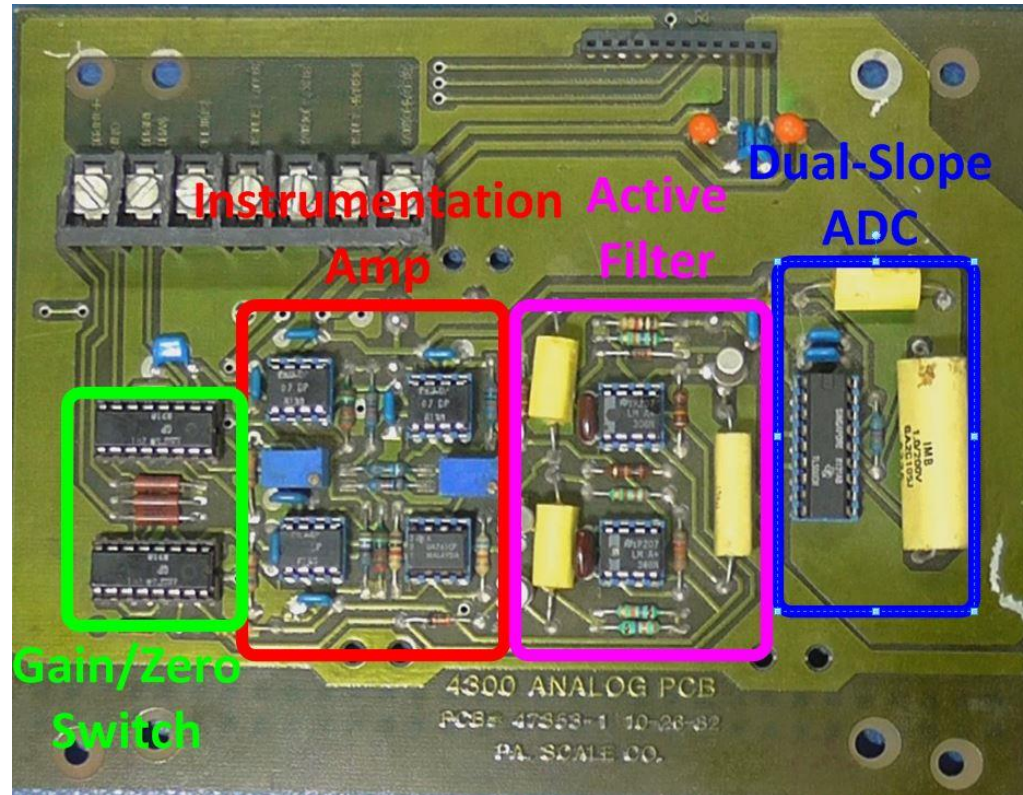
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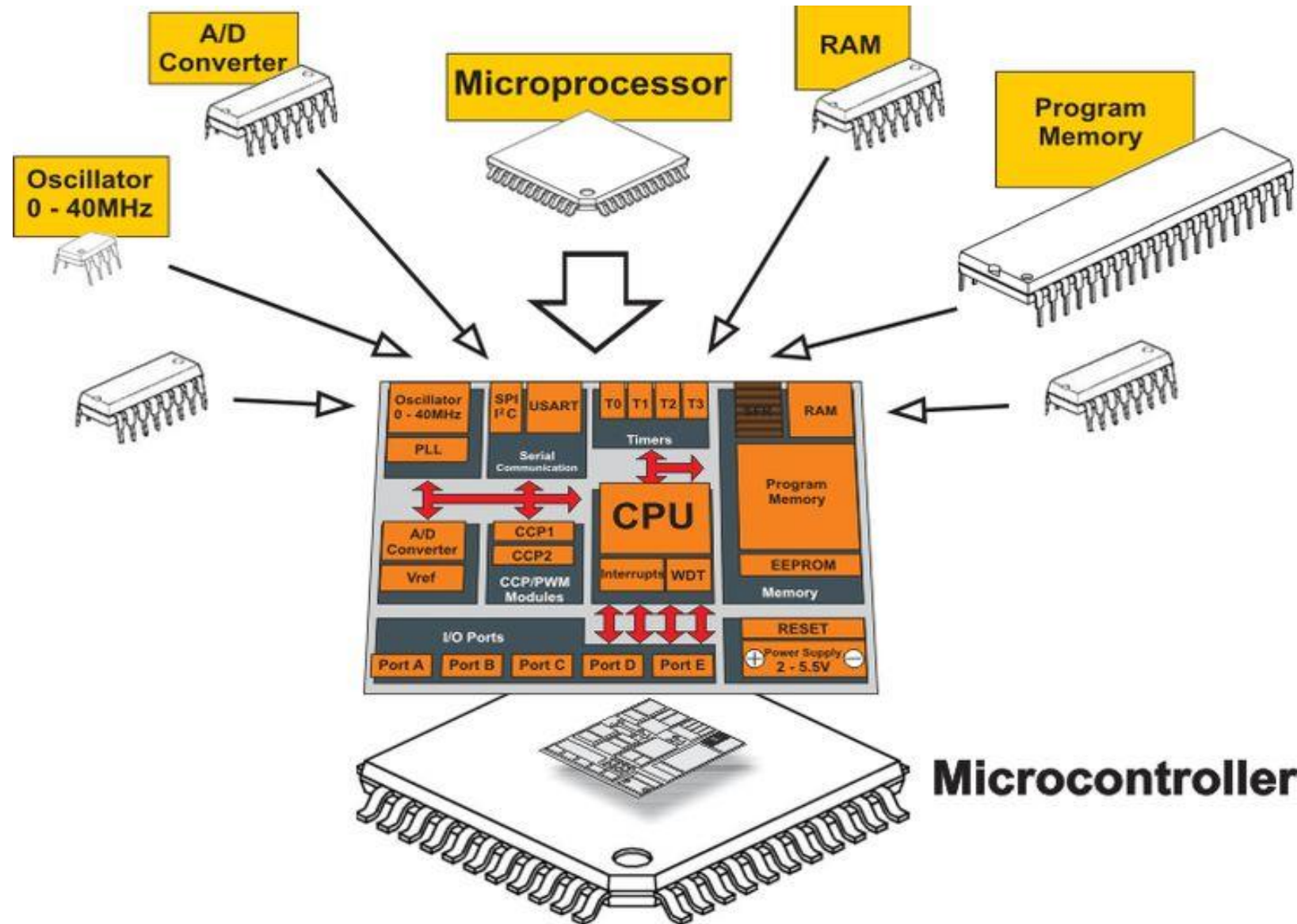


From sensor to data: Measurement systems

From hardwired to microprocessor-based measurement systems



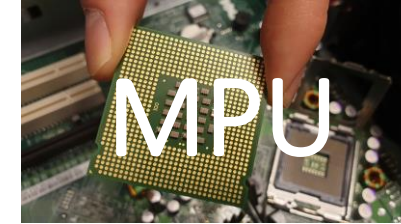
From sensor to data: What is a microcontroller



From sensor to data: Microcontroller vs Microprocessor



- CPU, RAM, ROM, I/O and Timer all on a single chip
- Fixed amount of on-chip RAM, ROM, IO ports
- For applications in which cost, power, and space are critical
- Single purpose
- Relatively slow, fewer resources



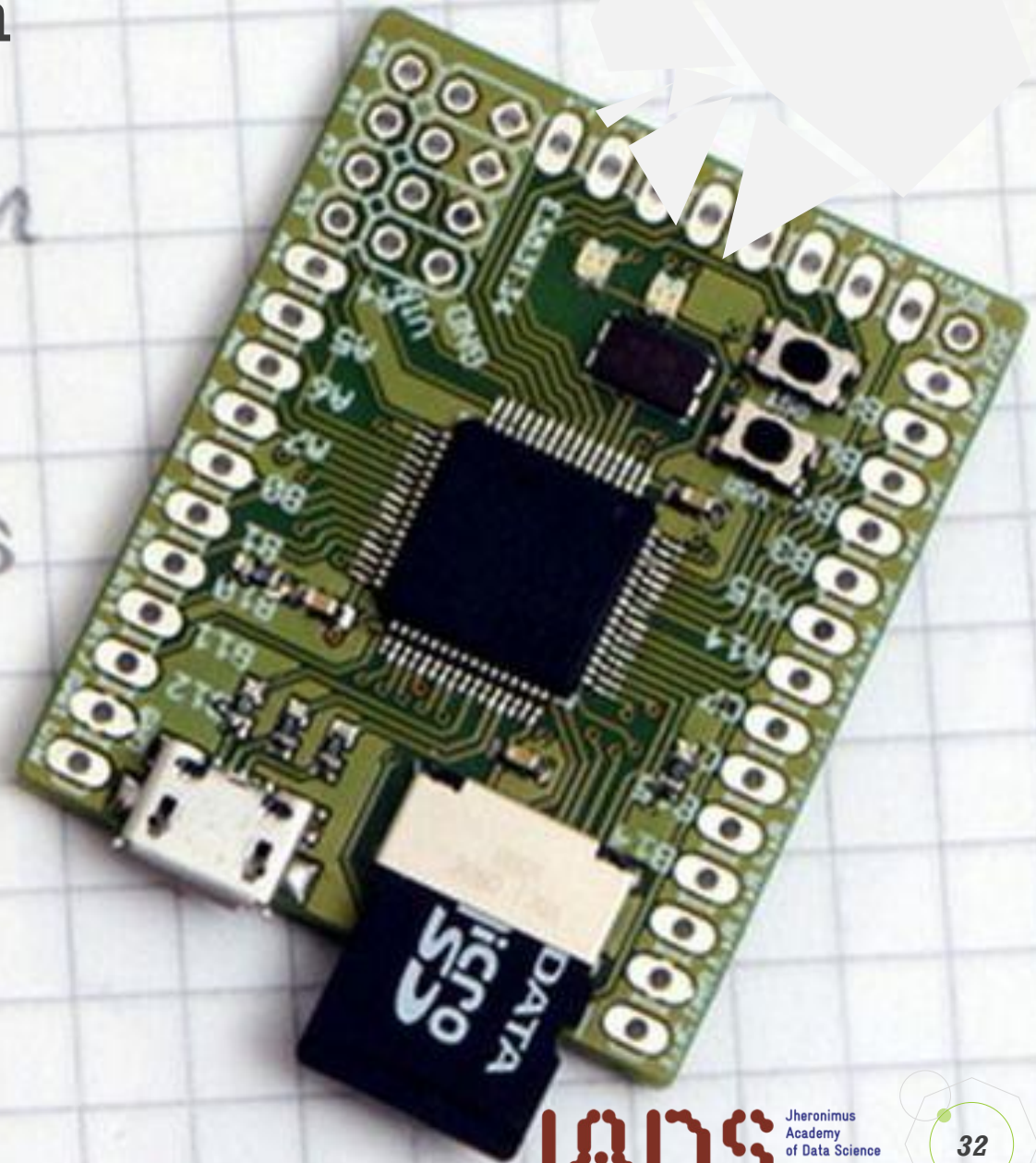
- CPU is standalone - RAM, ROM, I/O and timer are separate
- Designer can decide on amount of RAM, ROM, IO ports
- Versatile
- General purpose
- More expensive
- Faster, more resources

Choice
is yours:
Arduino or RTOS,
ESP32 or STM32 ...

From sensor to data: MicroPython

Micro Python

Python for
microcontrollers





```
MicroPython cd2f742 on 2017-11-29; unicorn with Cortex-M3
Type "help()" for more information.
>>>
```

```
1 # Welcome to MicroPython on Unicorn!
2
3 # The terminal beside this is no ordinary REPL.
4 # It utilizes the Unicorn CPU emulator converted
5 # to Javascript by Unicorn.js in order to run MicroPython
6 # "bare metal" on an ARM CPU emulation.
7
8 # MicroPython on Unicorn is completely open source so
9 # make sure to report bugs to the issue tracker!.
10
11 # Source: https://github.com/micropython/micropython-unicorn
12
13 # The user and reset buttons along with the LEDs and pins
14 # on the pyboard below are fully functional. Unfortunately
15 # that's not quite the case for the clock speed approximation
16 # when delayed.
17
18 # Try to write a script, paste some code or run a demo!
19
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BINARY : PYBOARD

RAM : 64KB

STACK : 8KB

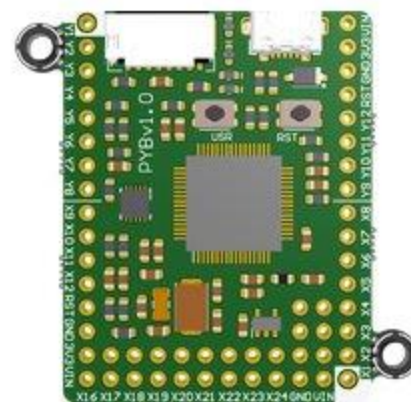
RESET

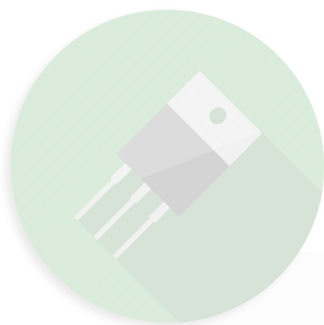
RUN SCRIPT

CHOOSE A DEMO...

CLOCK SPEED 0.00 MHz

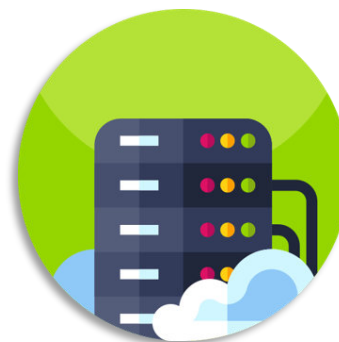
PERIPHERALS :

☐ LED ☐ I2C LCD☐ SERVO☐ ADC<https://micropython.org/unicorn/>



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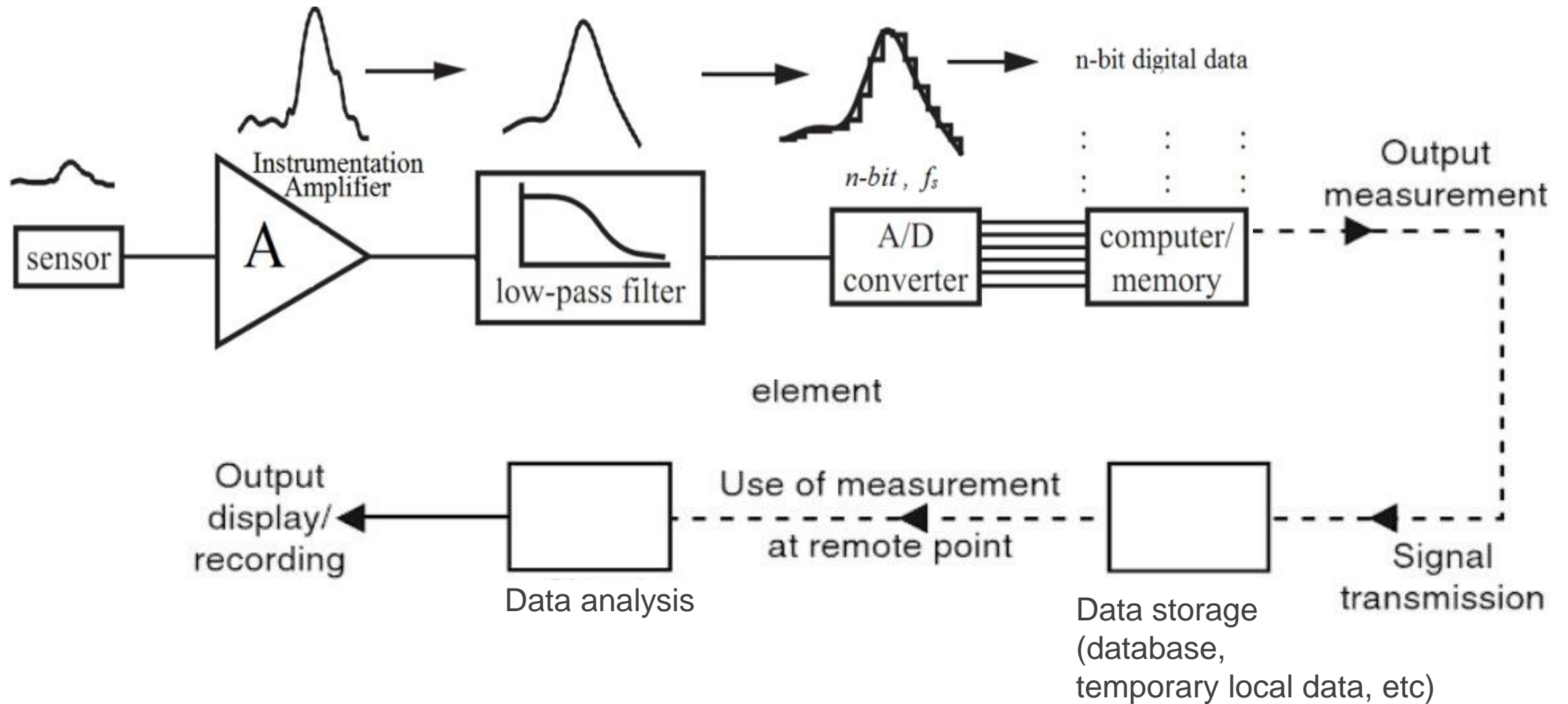
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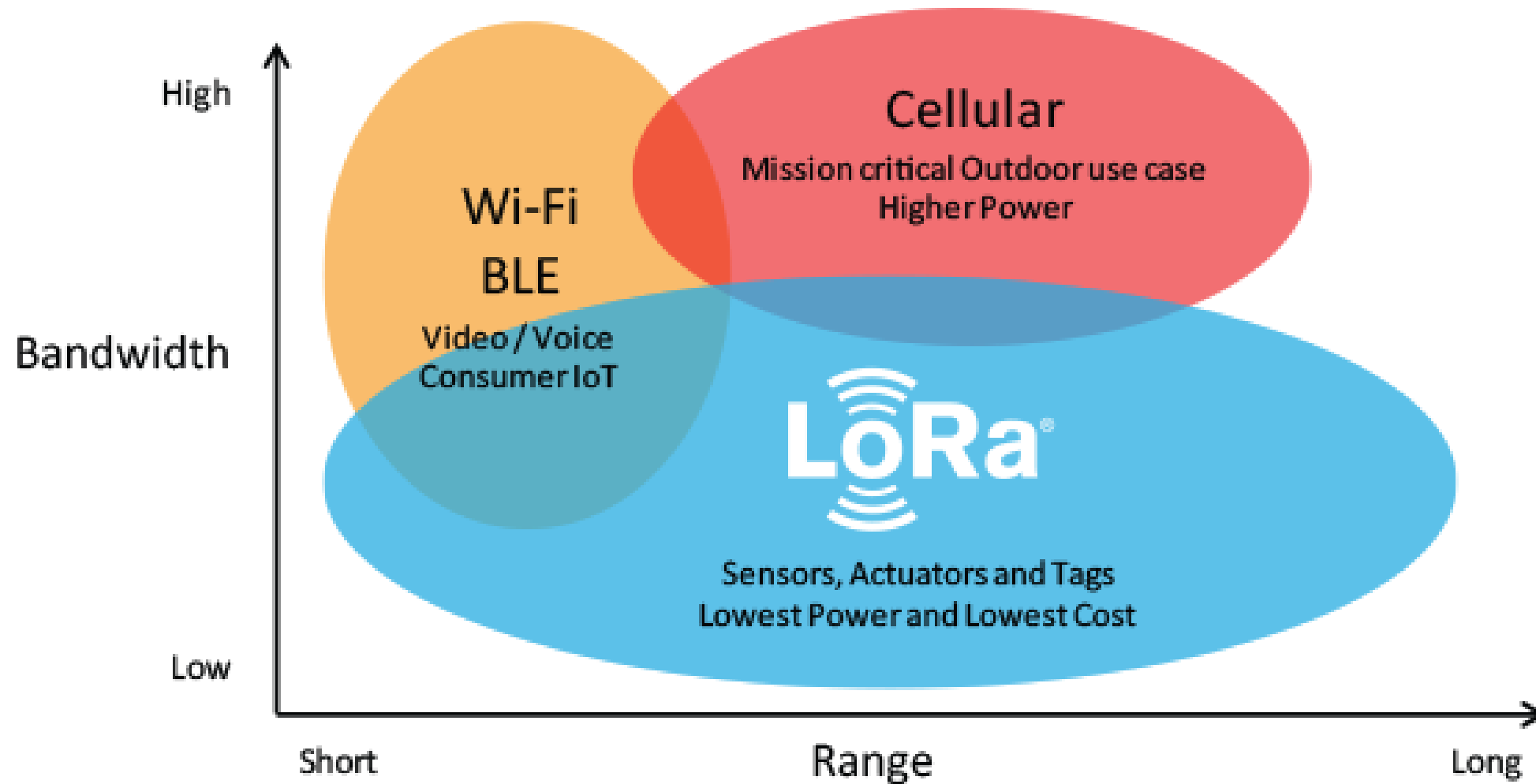
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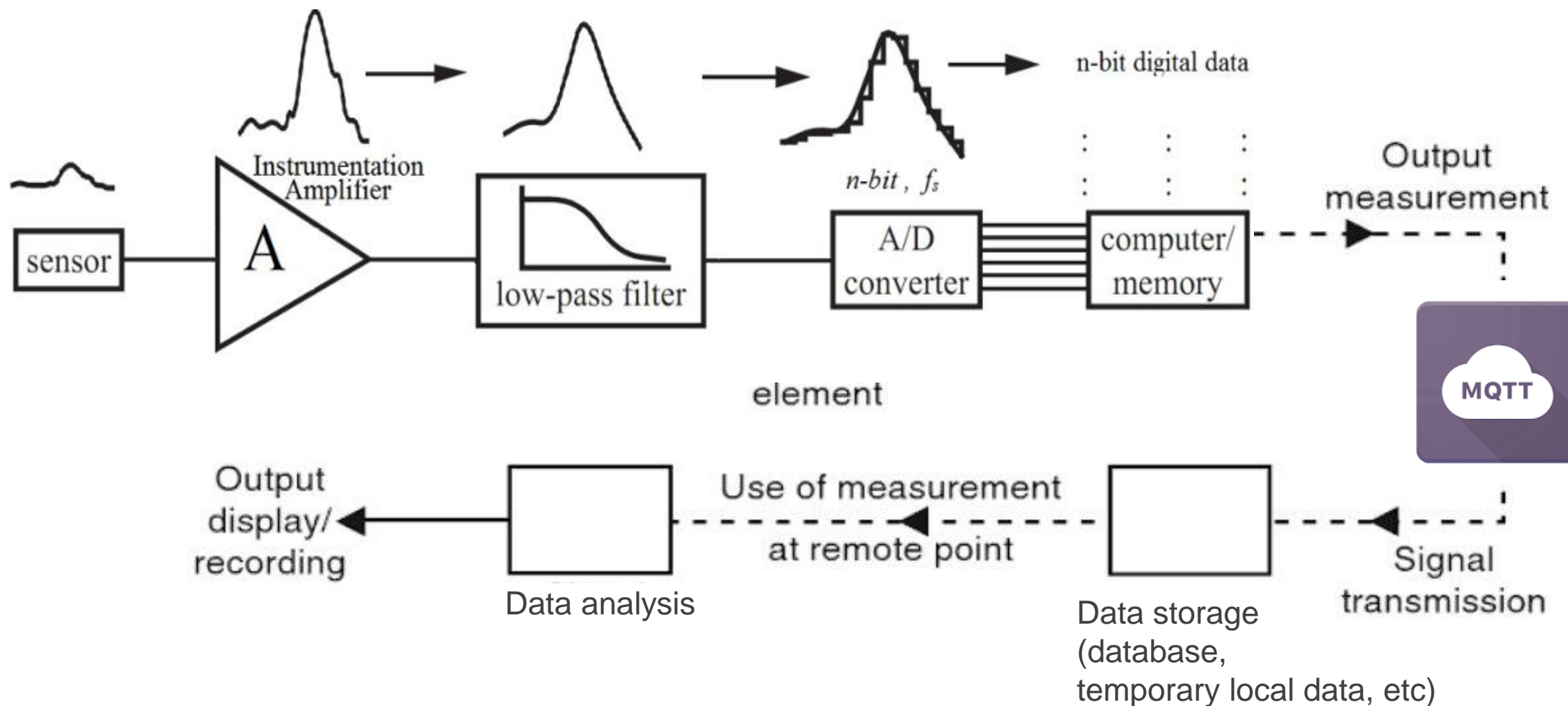
From data to analysis: From measurement system to analysis



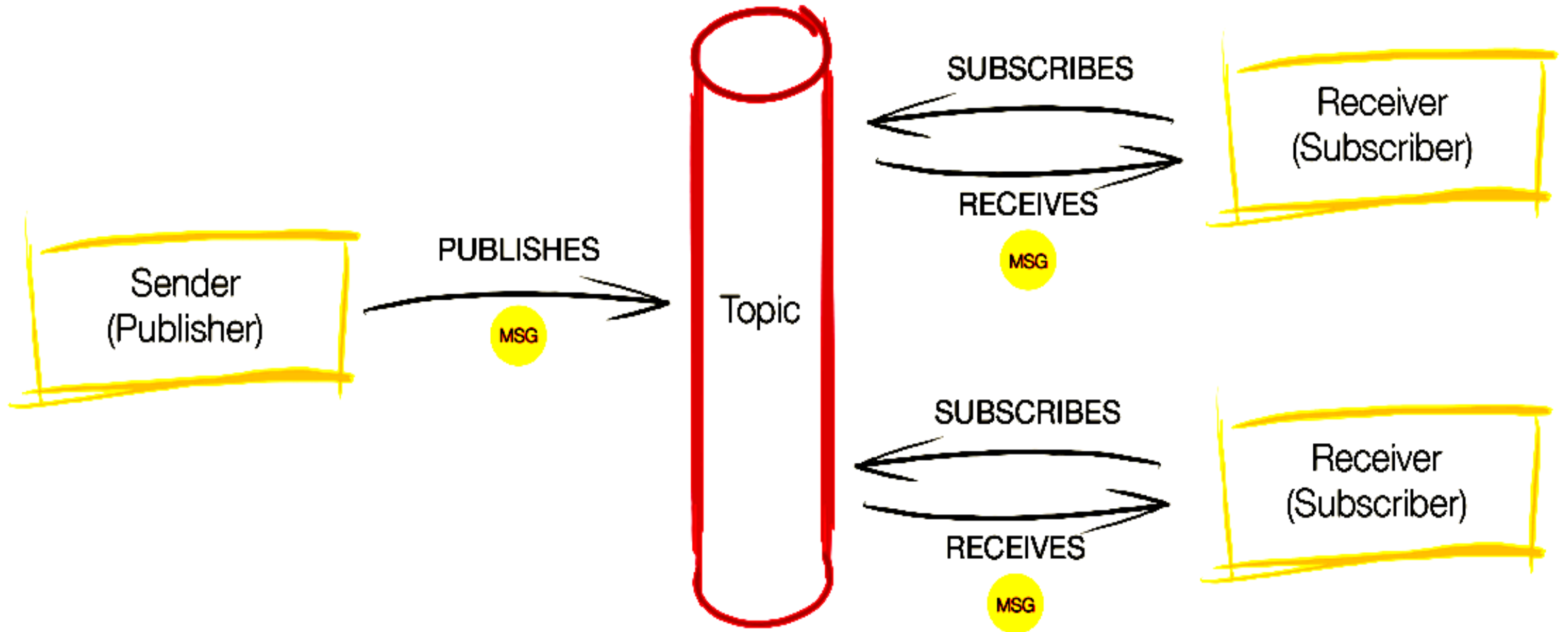
From sensor to data: Wireless protocols



From data to analysis: Network protocol



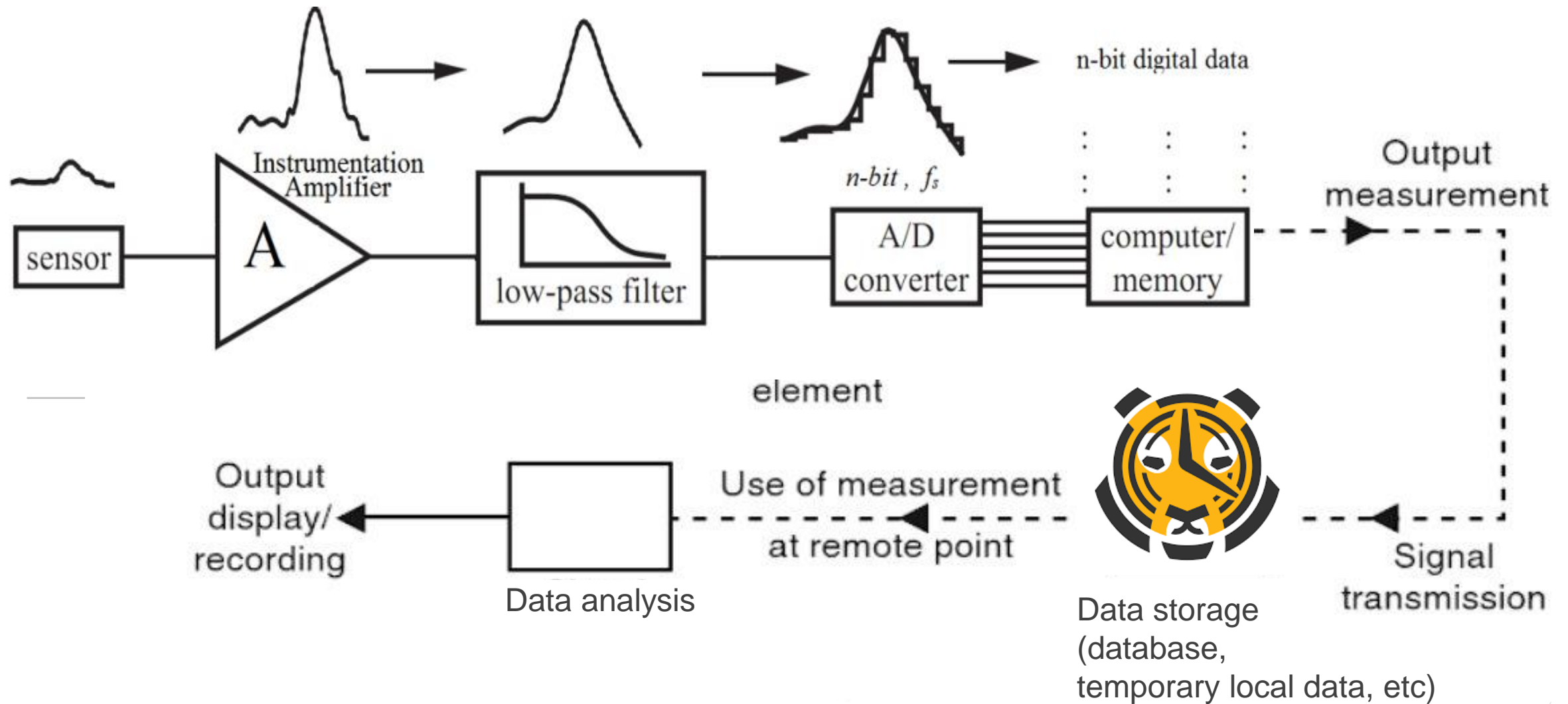
From data to analysis: MQTT Publish/Subscribe



<https://www.ev3dev.org/docs/tutorials/sending-and-receiving-messages-with-mqtt/>

<https://pypi.org/project/paho-mqtt/>

From data to analysis: Network protocol



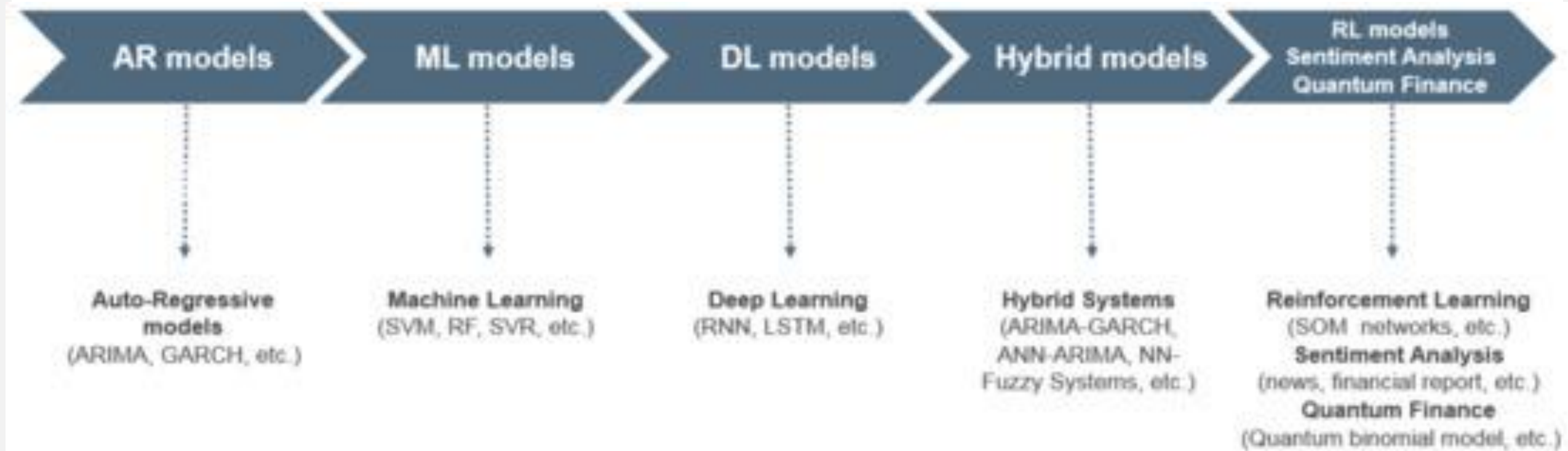
From data to analysis: Timeseries databases



<https://www.timescale.com/>

<https://www.influxdata.com/>

From data to analysis: Timeseries analysis





From sensor to data

TTGO HiGrow

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcerR17DqjP0DpjnG46QbSU0IGBpZmOJrJCPBP1OFRGTNkaTg/viewform>

From Sensor to data

LilyGo TTGO T-Higrow

TinyTronics.nl

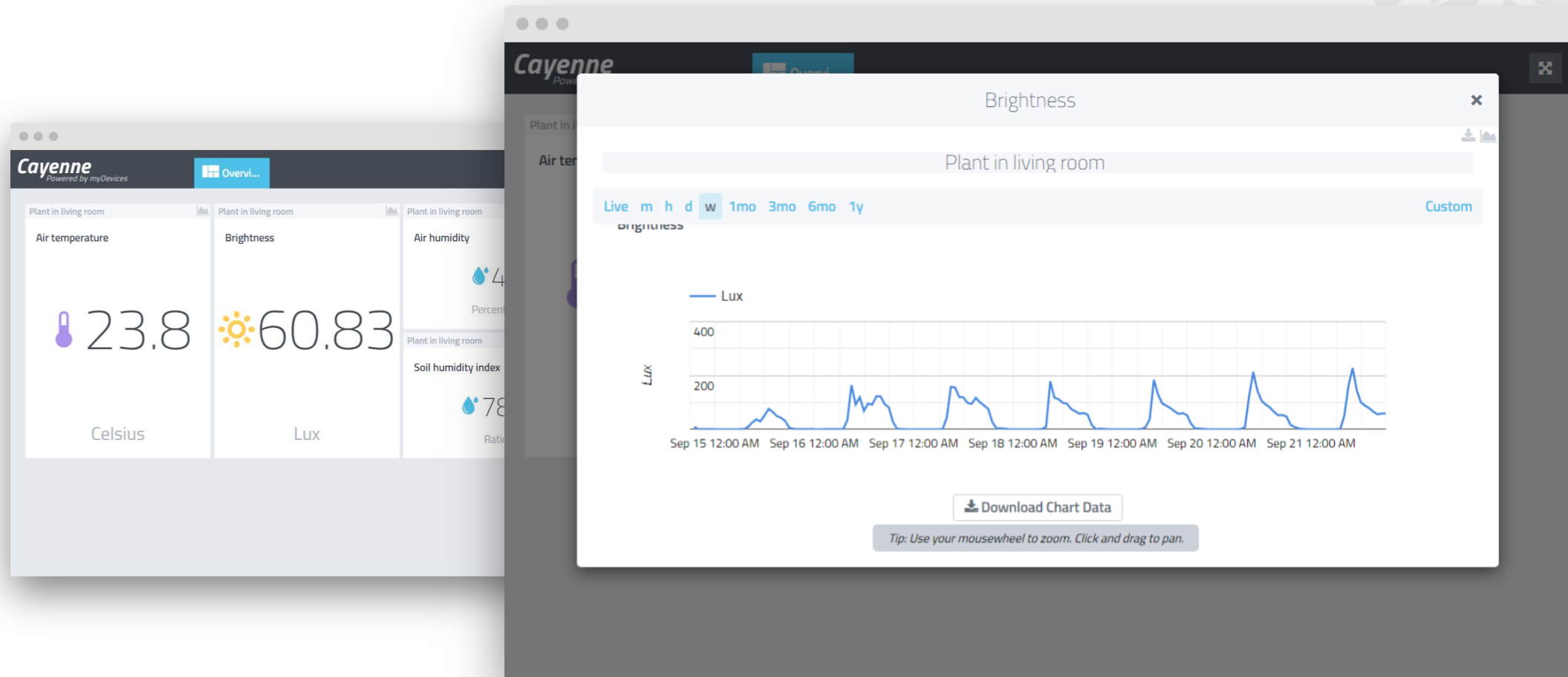
Sensors:

- Photometric
- Temperature
- Air humidity
- Soil humidity
- Electrolyte sensor

Microprocessor:

- ESP32

From data to analysis: Cayenne Dashboard



<https://cayenne.mydevices.com/shared/5f5d15c82130755bb2a55562/project/e9af04f1-b554-4317-b4fb-5e5d4d831b7d>

Make: Sensors

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Projects and Experiments to
Measure the World with
Arduino and Raspberry Pi

Tero Karvinen, Kimmo Karvinen
& Ville Valtokari

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Or build your own...

Start with:

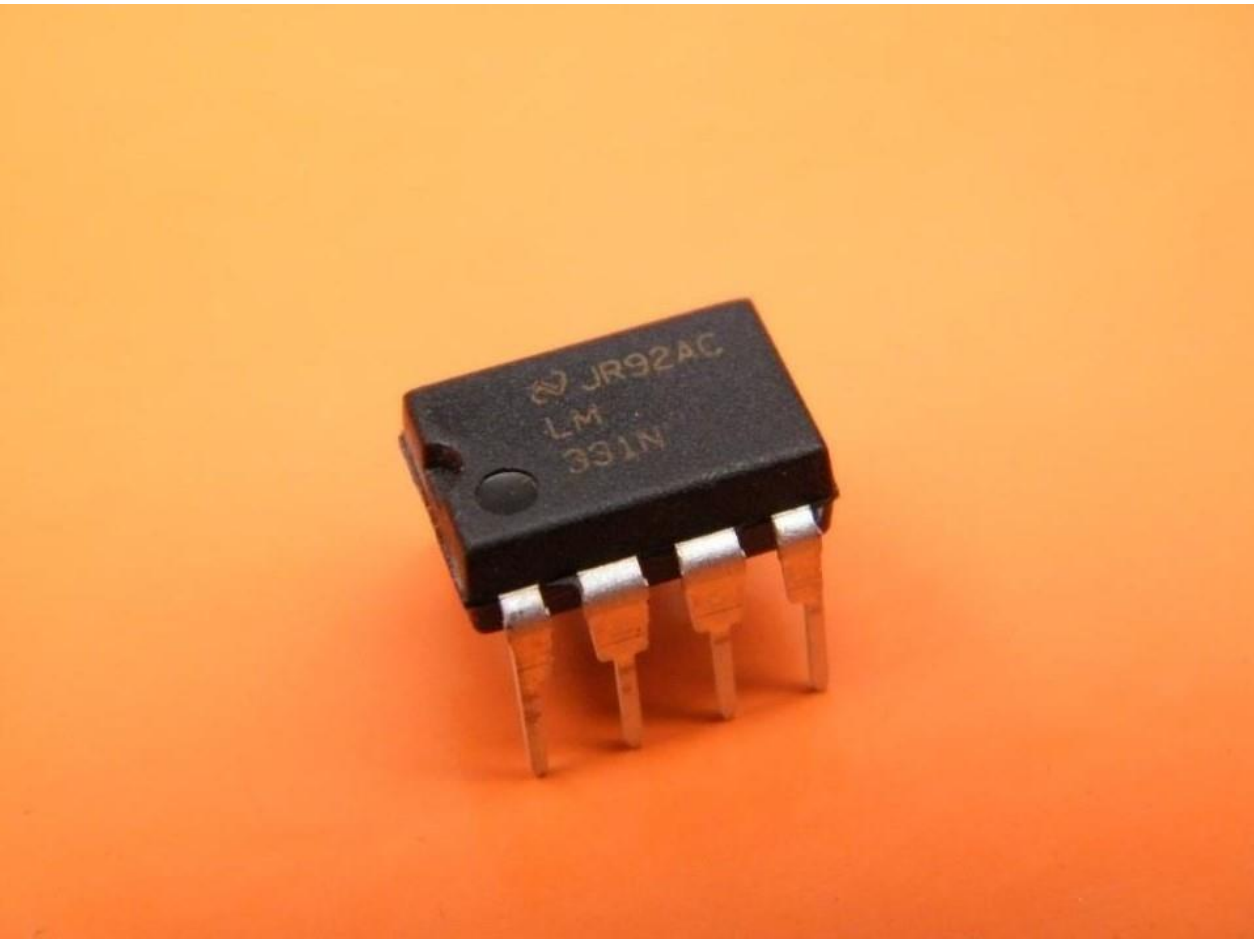
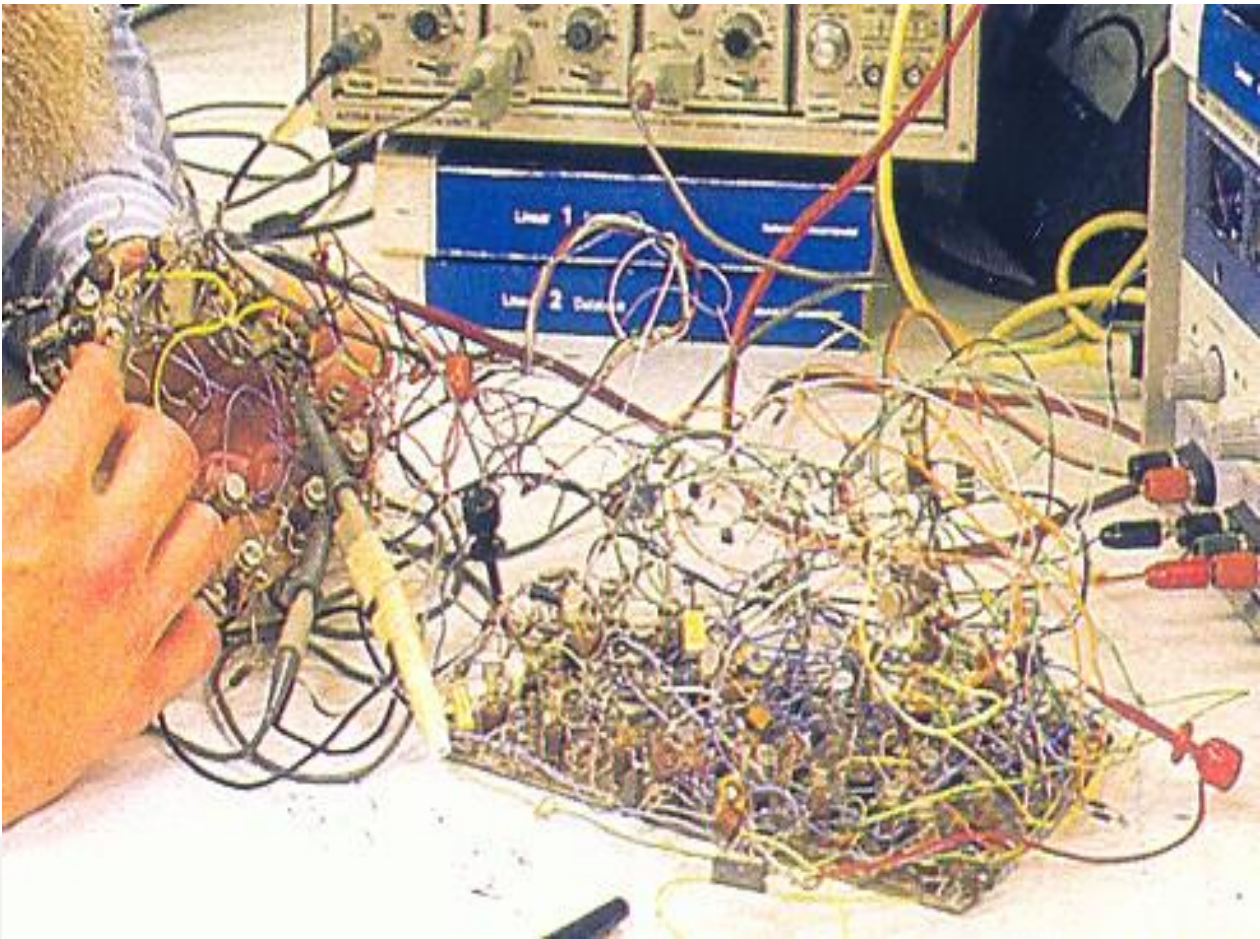
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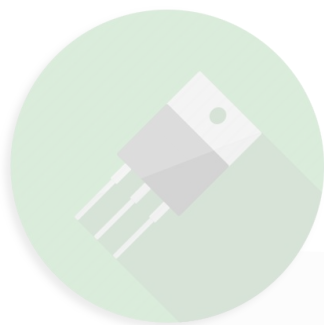
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...don't optimize early (left Bob Pease famous LM131 design)





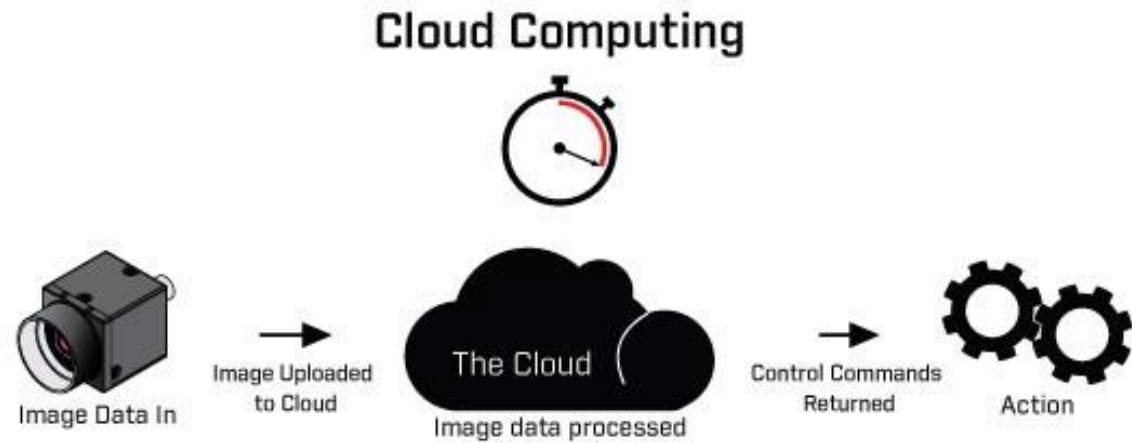
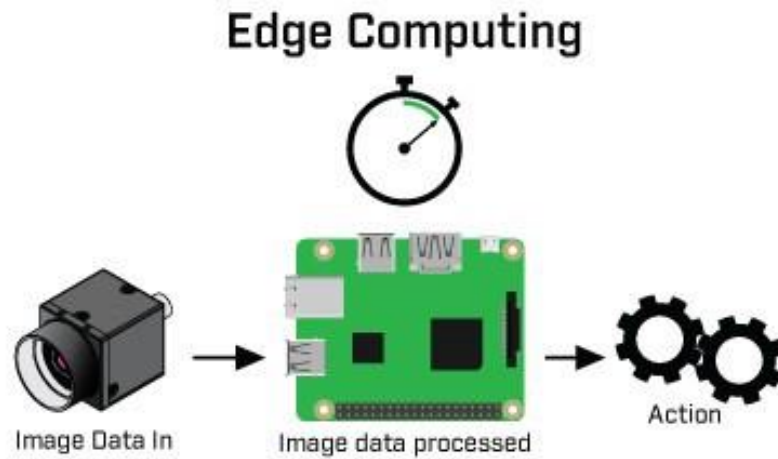
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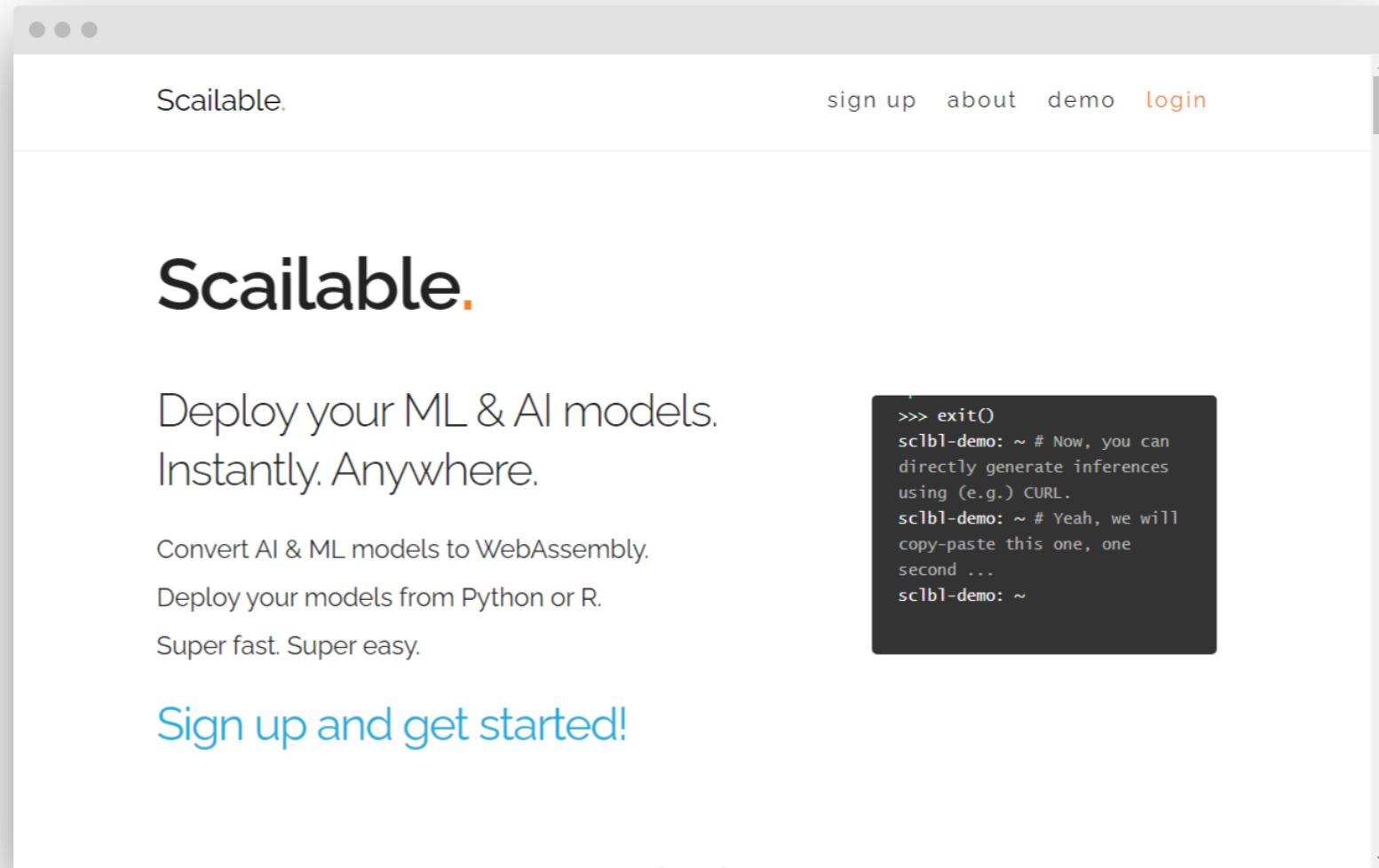


Edge Computing ...

From data to analysis: Edge Computing



From data to analysis: Edge Computing with Scailable

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```
>>> exit()
sc1bl-demo: ~ # Now, you can
directly generate inferences
using (e.g.) CURL.
sc1bl-demo: ~ # Yeah, we will
copy-paste this one, one
second ...
sc1bl-demo: ~
```




Thank You

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