

REAL-TIME DATA DASHBOARDS WITH PYTHON

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PYTHON FEATURES

FREE

- **Readable**
- **Simple**
- **Extensible**
- **Cross-platform**
- **Community**

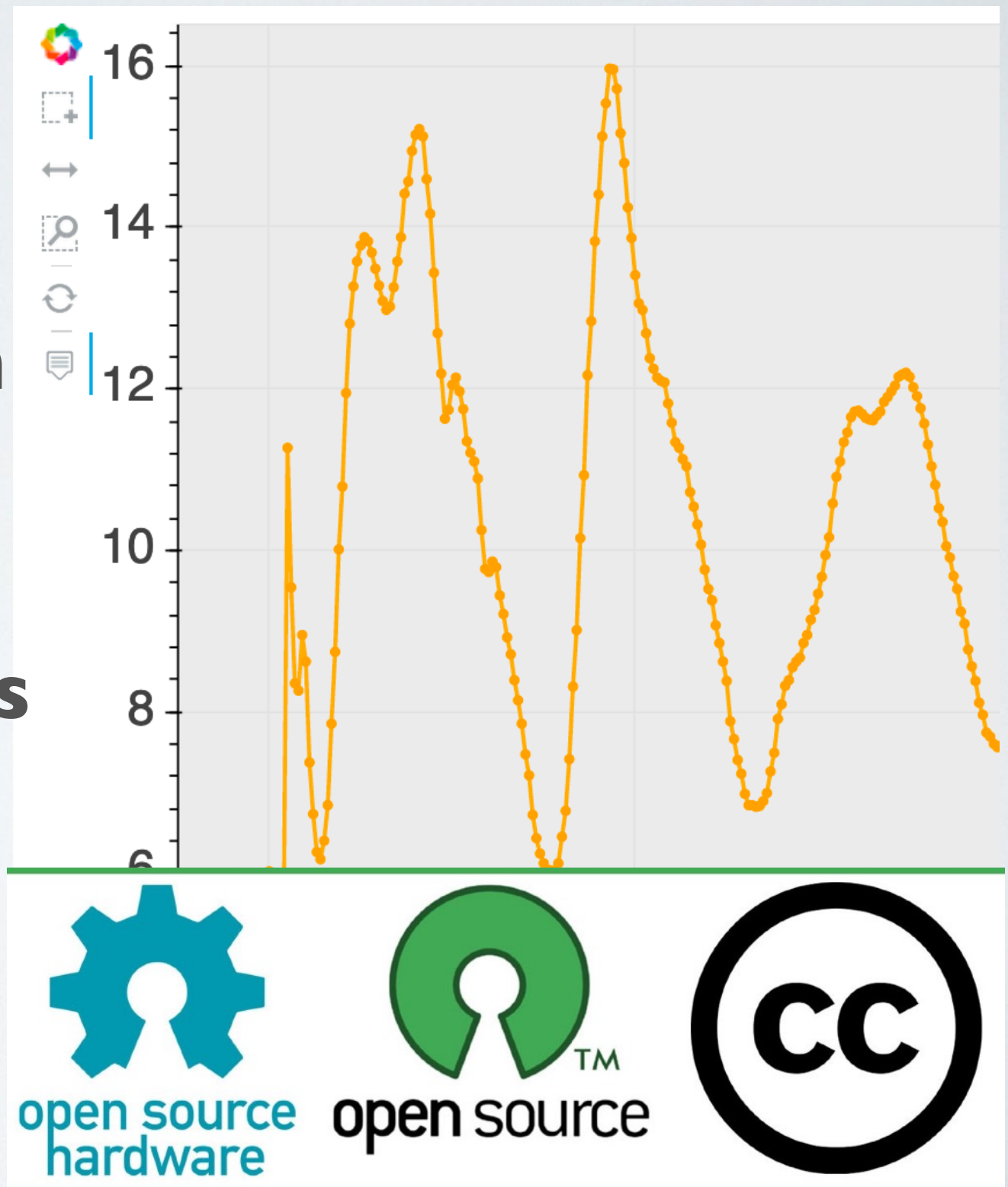


Enabling Tools!



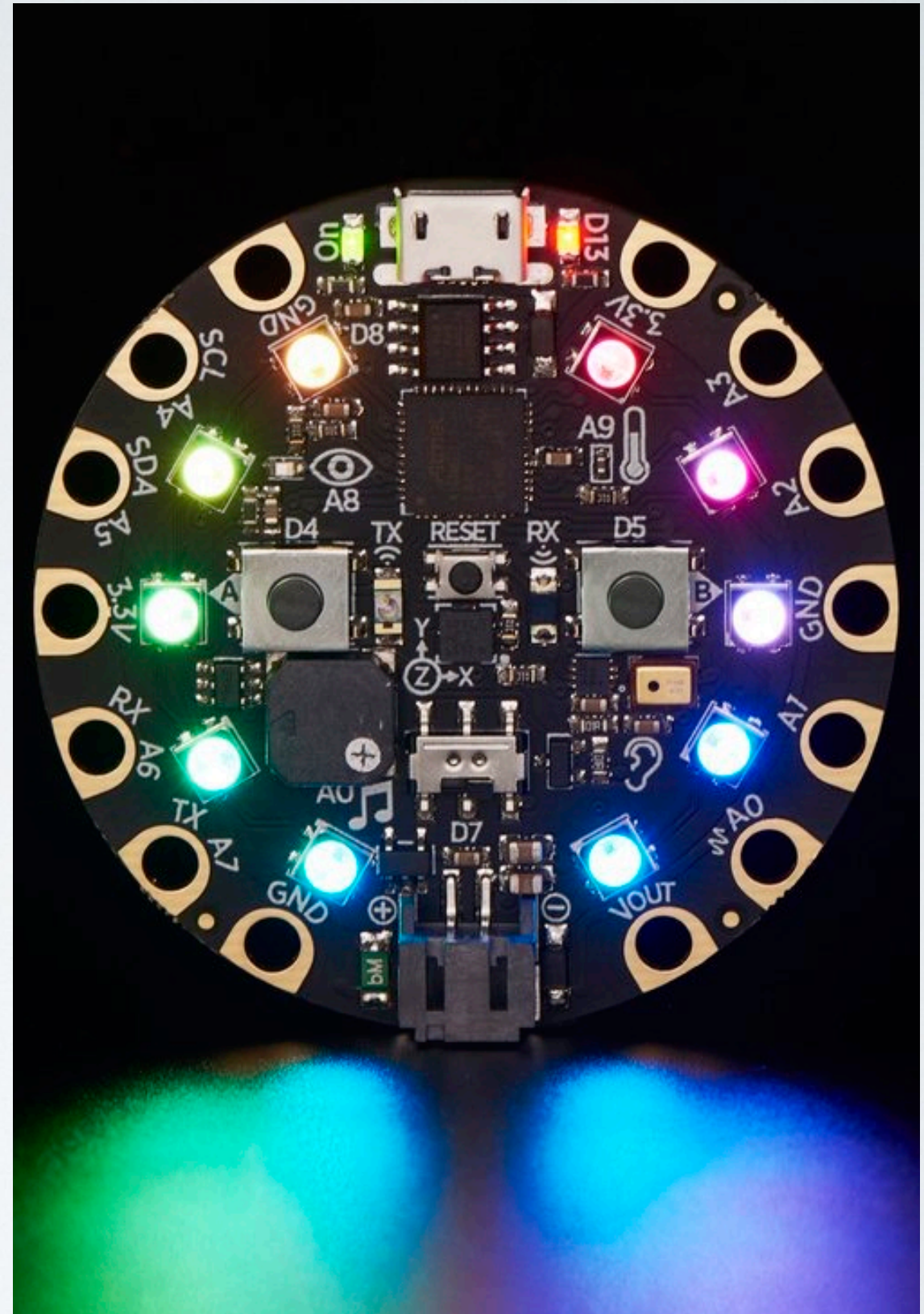
DATA DASHBOARDS

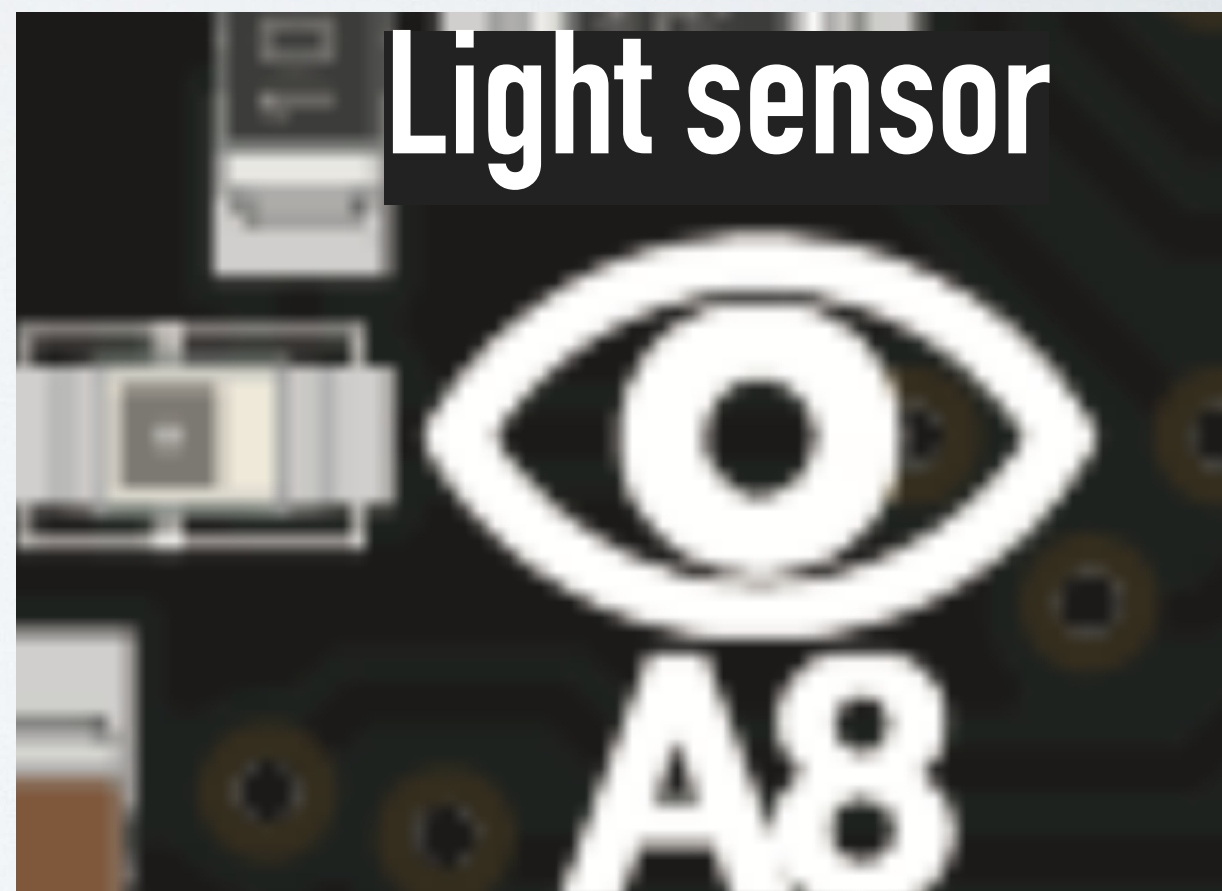
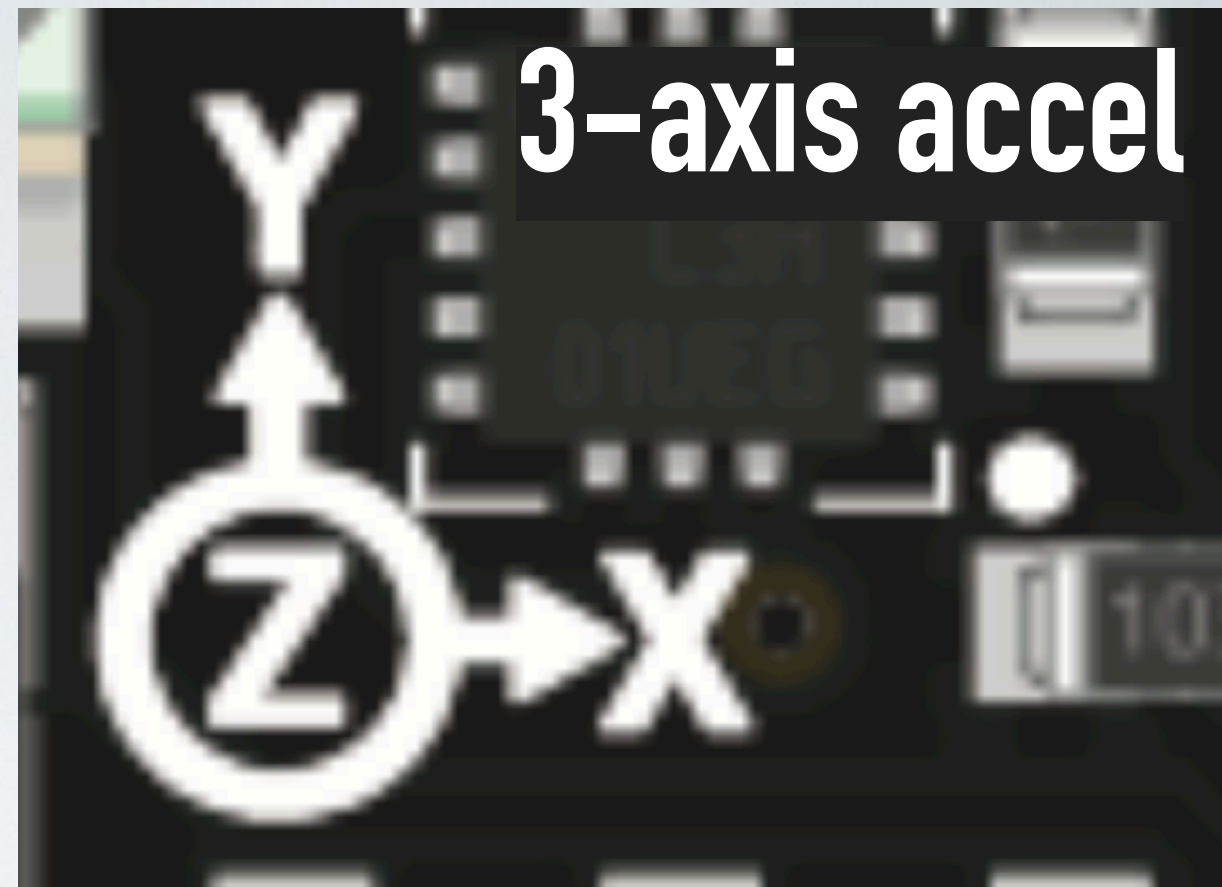
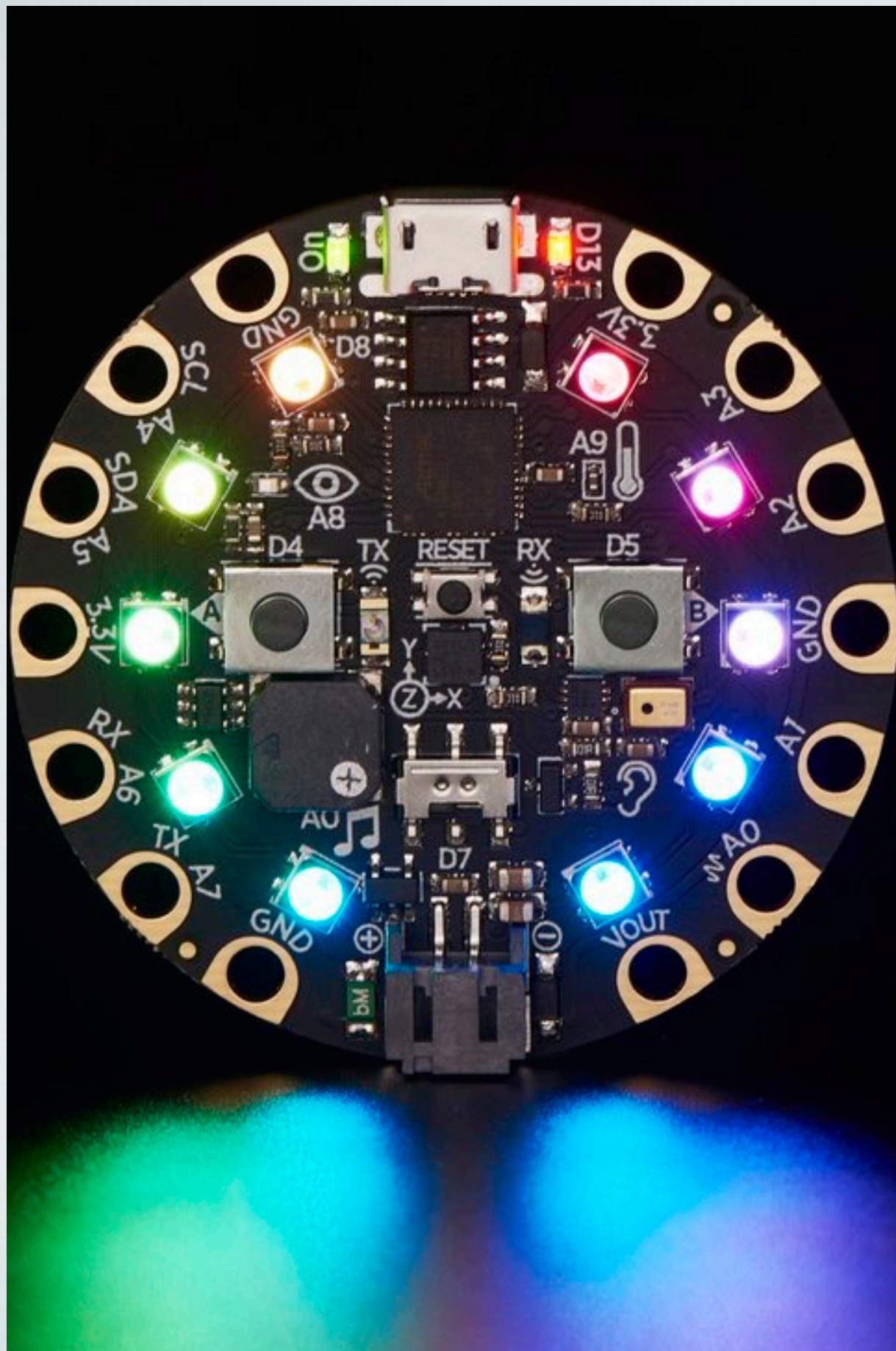
- **Display information**
- **Analyze results**
- **Generate reports**
- **Control instruments**
- **Open tools**



HARDWARE

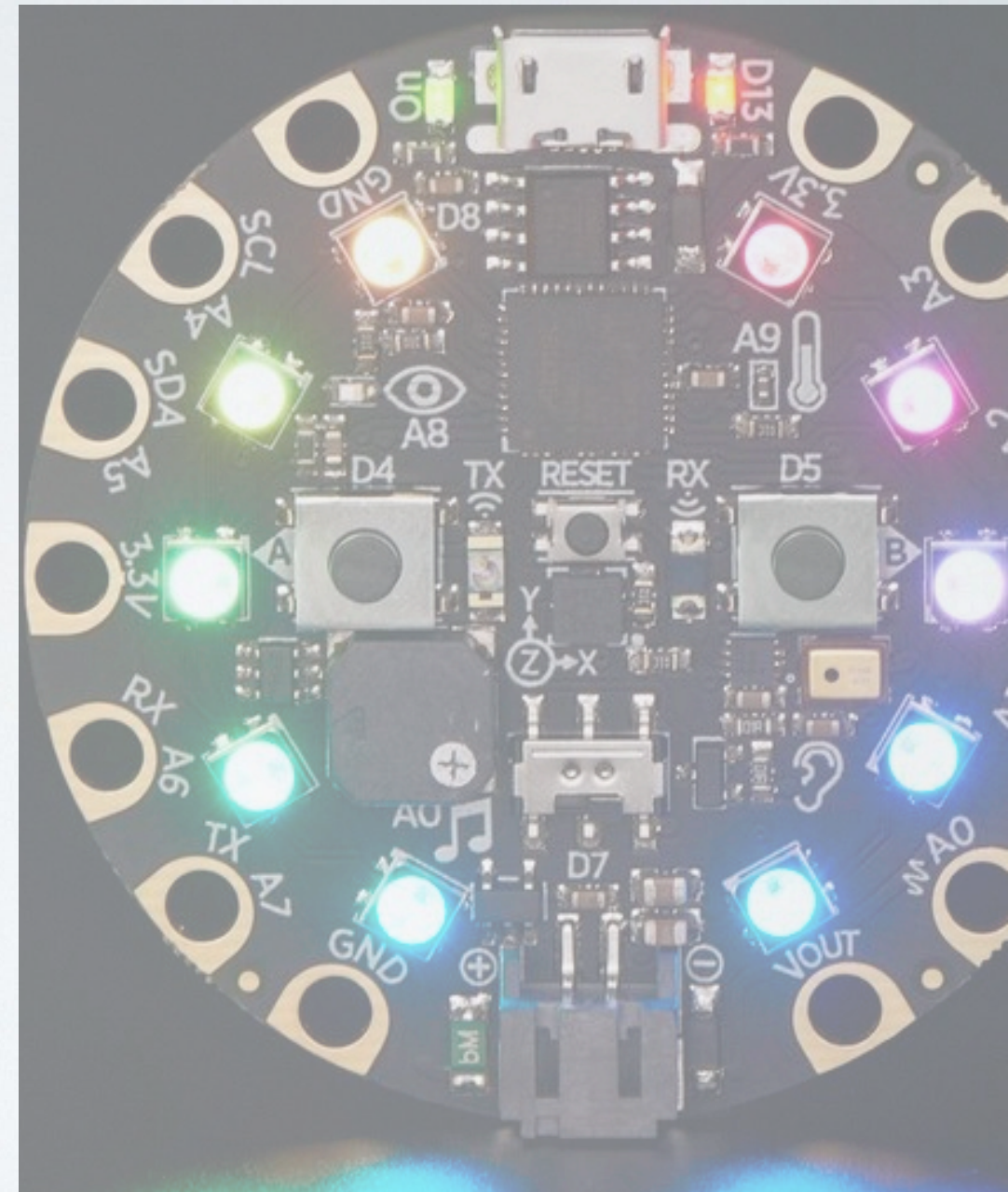
**Features and
specifications**





ADAFRUIT CIRCUIT PLAYGROUND EXPRESS (CPE)

- **Open source**
- **\$24.95**
- **Software options:**
 - **Arduino**
 - **CircuitPython**
 - **Microsoft MakeCode**





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1 / A7

I/O

NeoPixel

Speaker

Temp. Sensor

38 PB23 EINT⁷ S^{5:3}

3 PA02 EINT² DAC

14 PA09 EINT⁹ S^{2:1}

I2SMC AIN⁰

I2SF0 AIN¹⁹

I2SD1 AIN¹⁶

I2SCK AIN¹⁸

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A0

A9

A8

Button A

Button B

Slide Switch

IR TX

IR RX

41 PA28 EINT⁸ S^{5:3}

23 PA14 EINT¹⁴ S^{2:4:2}

24 PA15 EINT¹⁵ S^{2:4:3}

32 PA23 EINT⁷ S^{3:5:1} I2C S0F

21 PA12 EINT¹² S^{2:4:0} I2C

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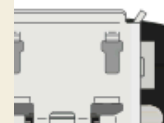
Temp. Sensor

Light Sensor

Sound Sensor



Connector
Micro Type B



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Slide Switch

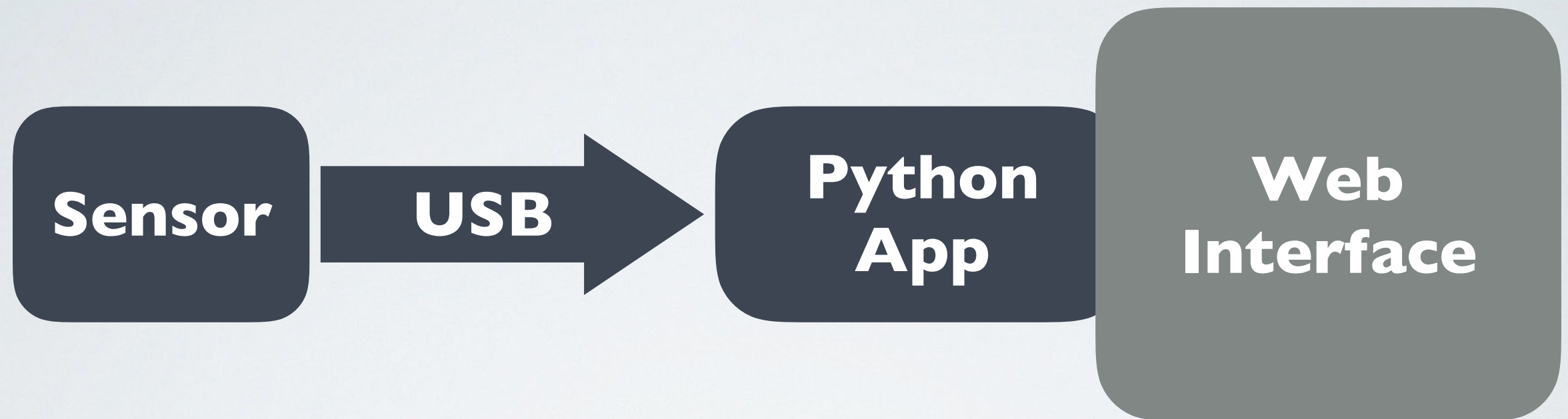
IR TX

IR RX

Accelerometer



GOAL



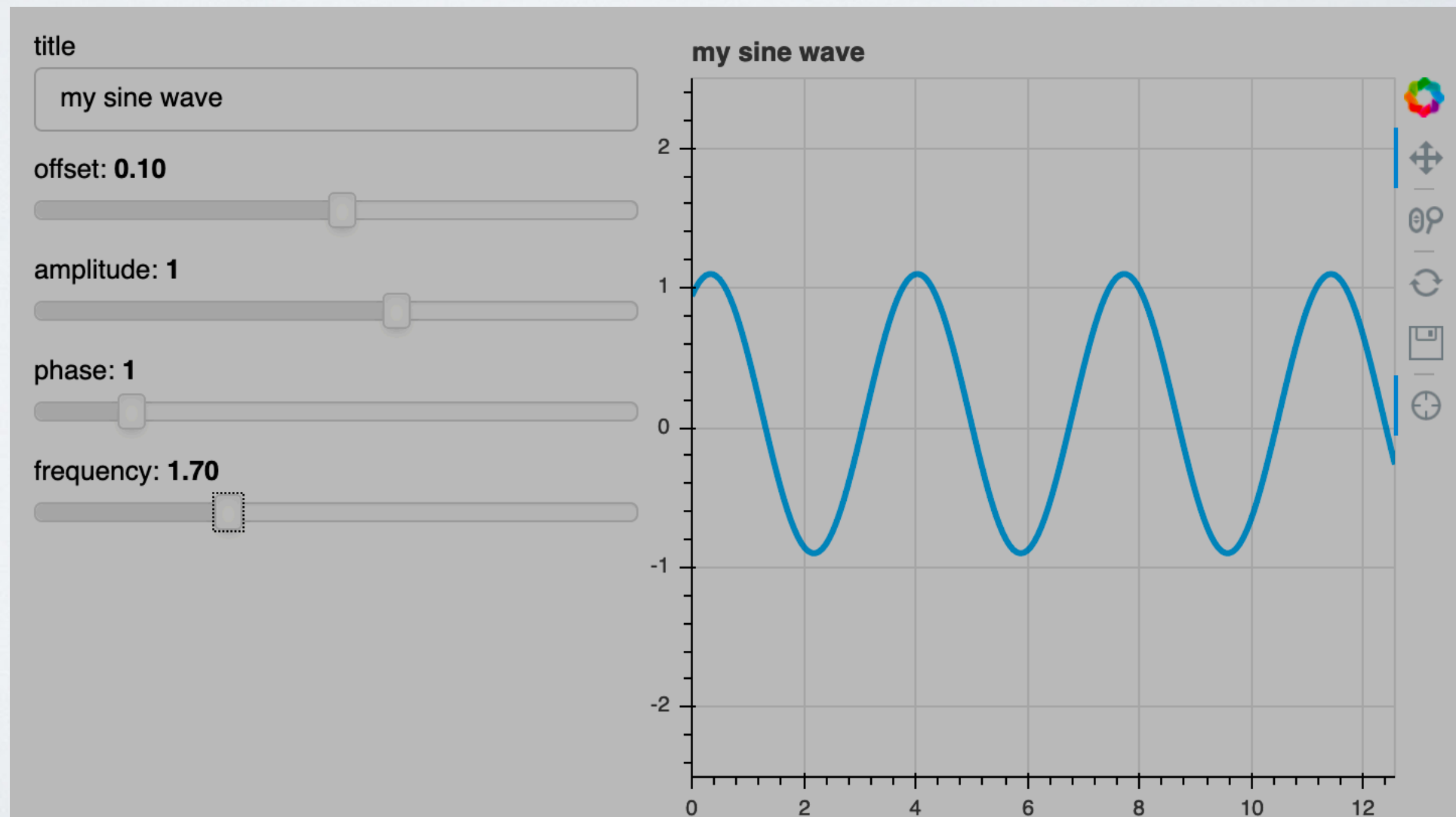
Why?

- **Good frameworks exist**
- **Custom graphs/interactions**
- **Narrow the student options**
- **Authentic experience for upper-div**

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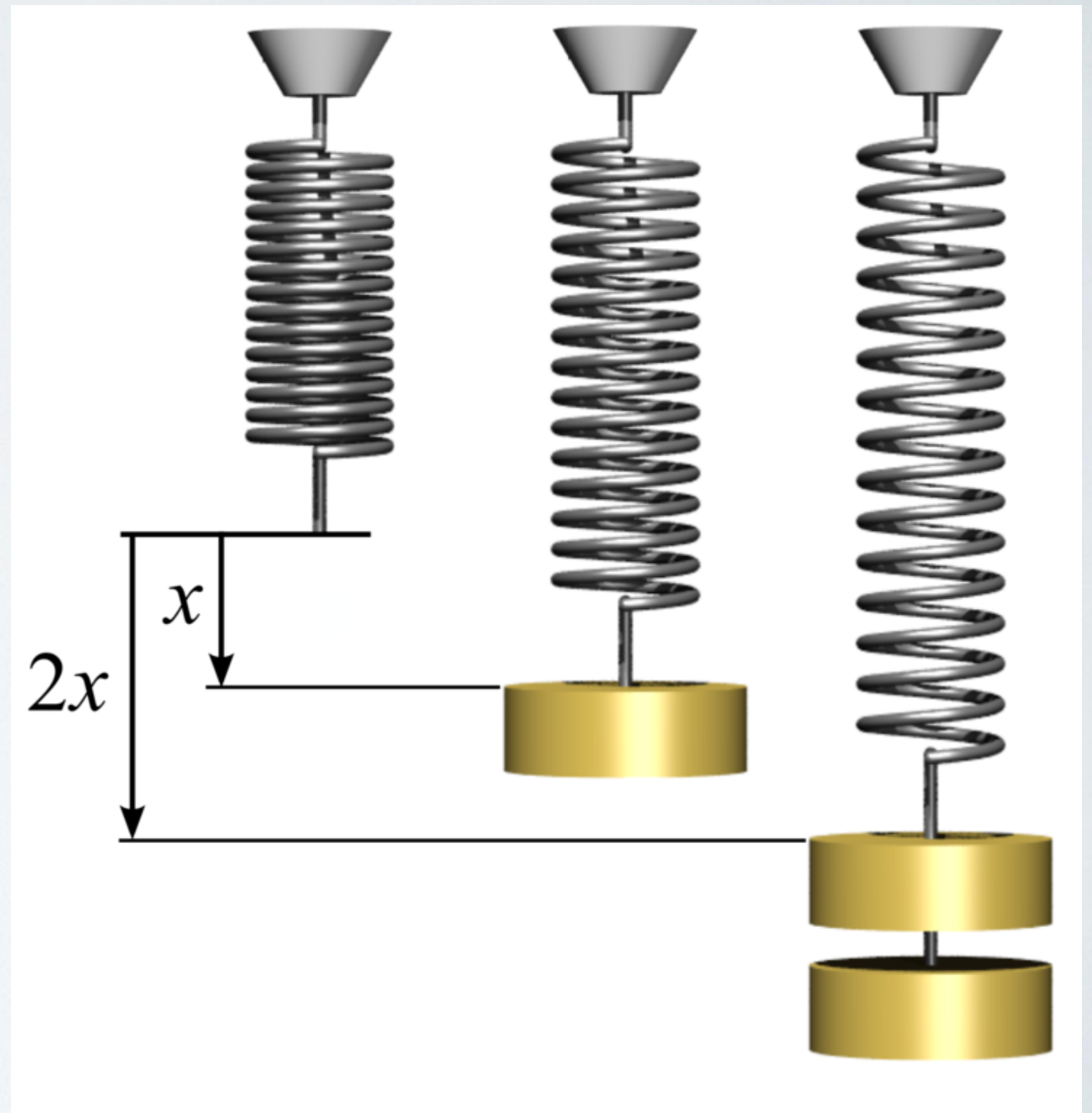
BOKEH

- **Python/R/Julia/Scala support**
- **Only advanced features require JavaScript**
- **App model server or notebook as output**



ACCELERATION DATA

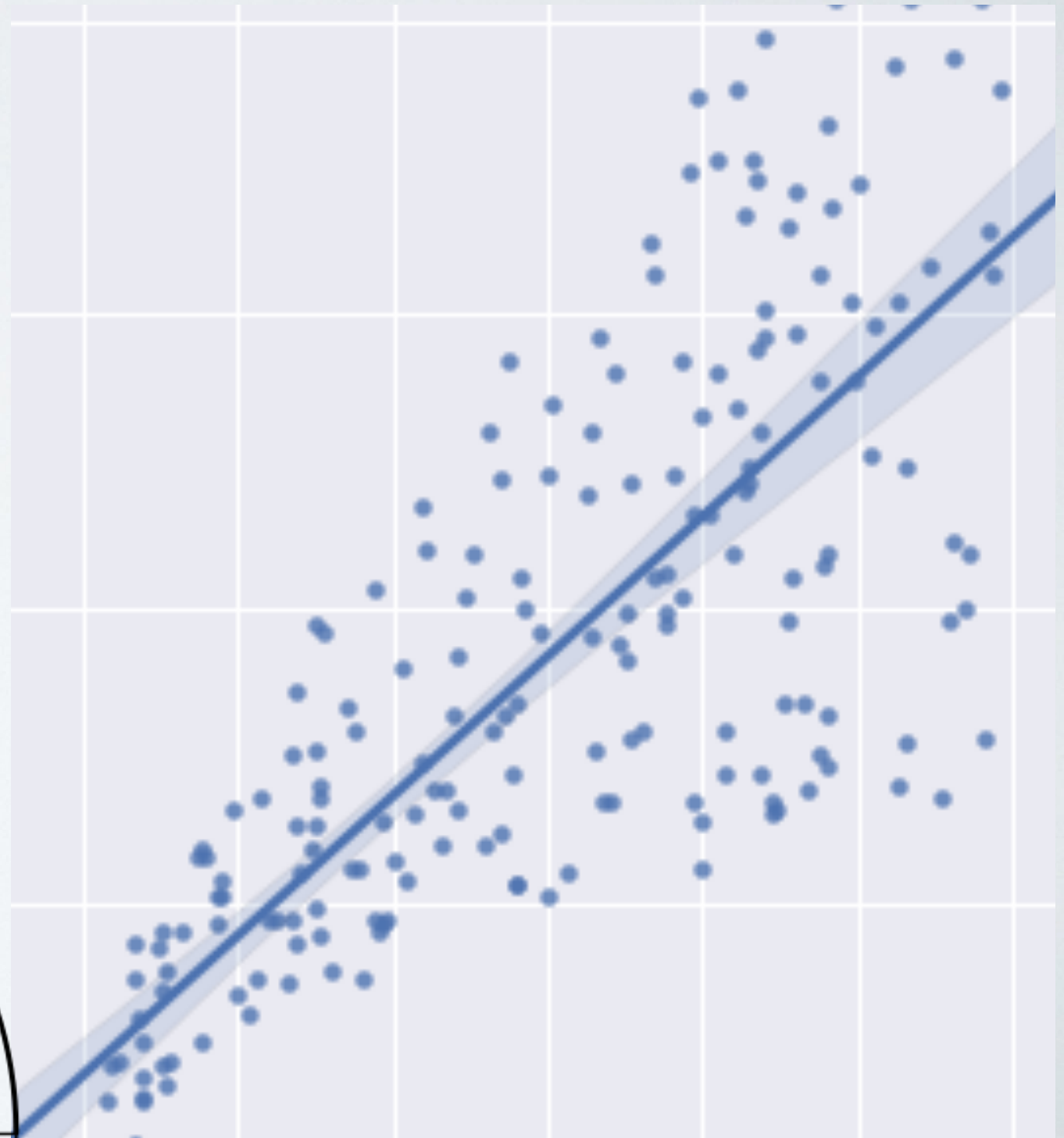
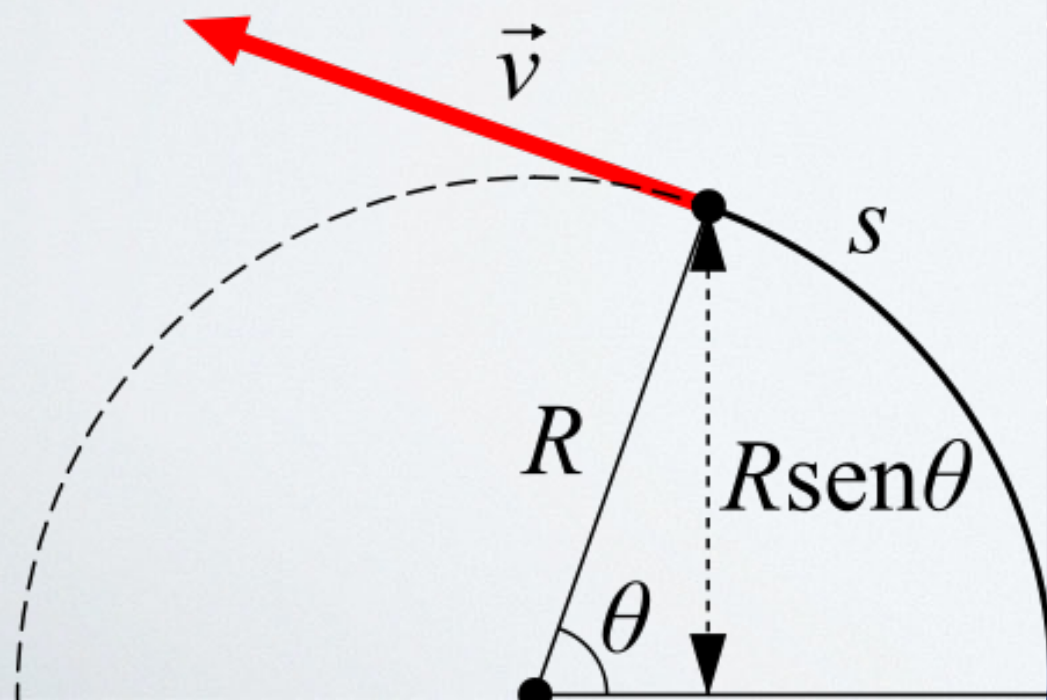
- **Data logger in Arduino:**
 - **Button 1: collect data**
 - **Button 2: download**
- **Drag-select period**
- **Display calculated result**



ACCELERATION DEMO

EXTENDING THE EXAMPLE

- **Additional calculations**
- **Curve fitting**
- **Couple with rotation sensor**

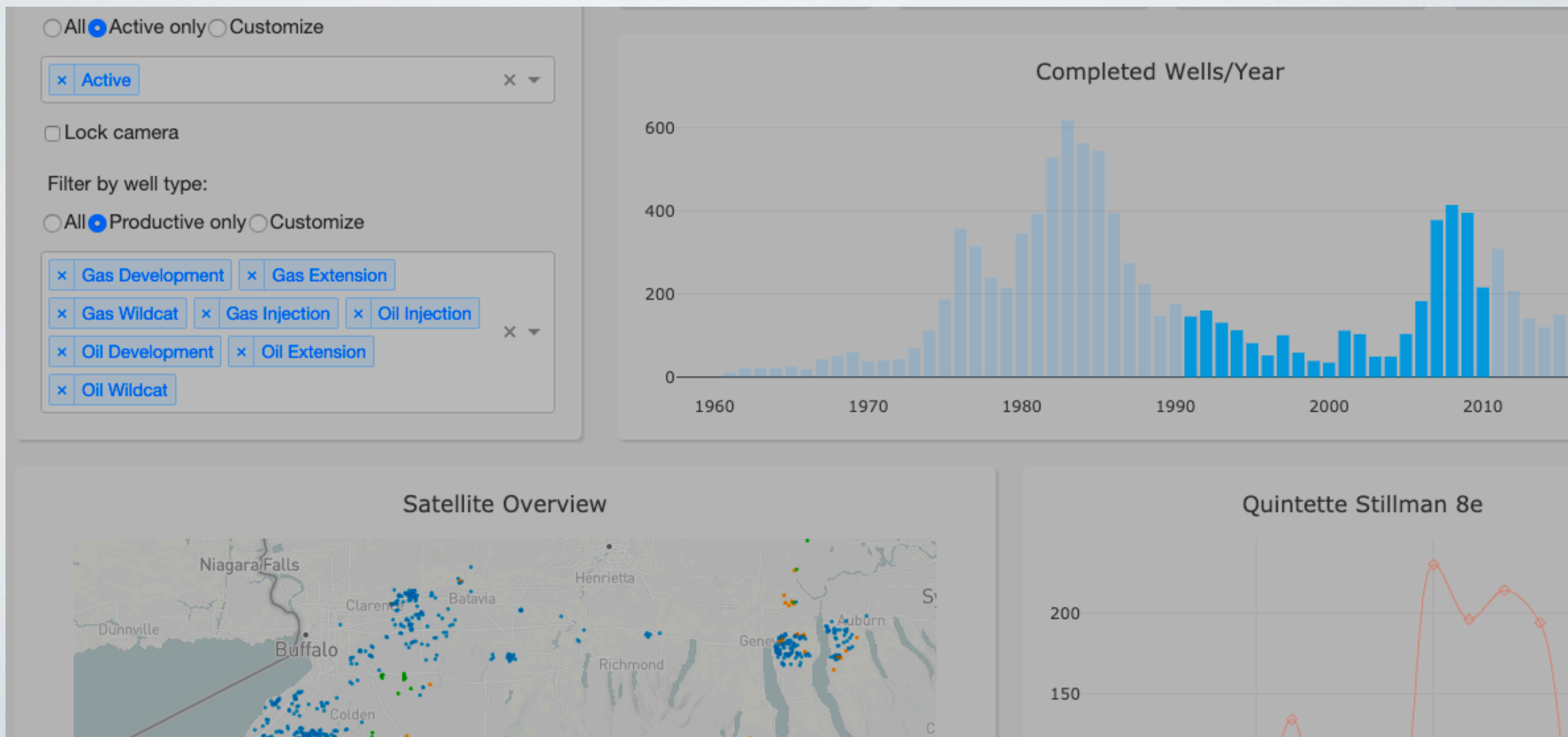




plotly

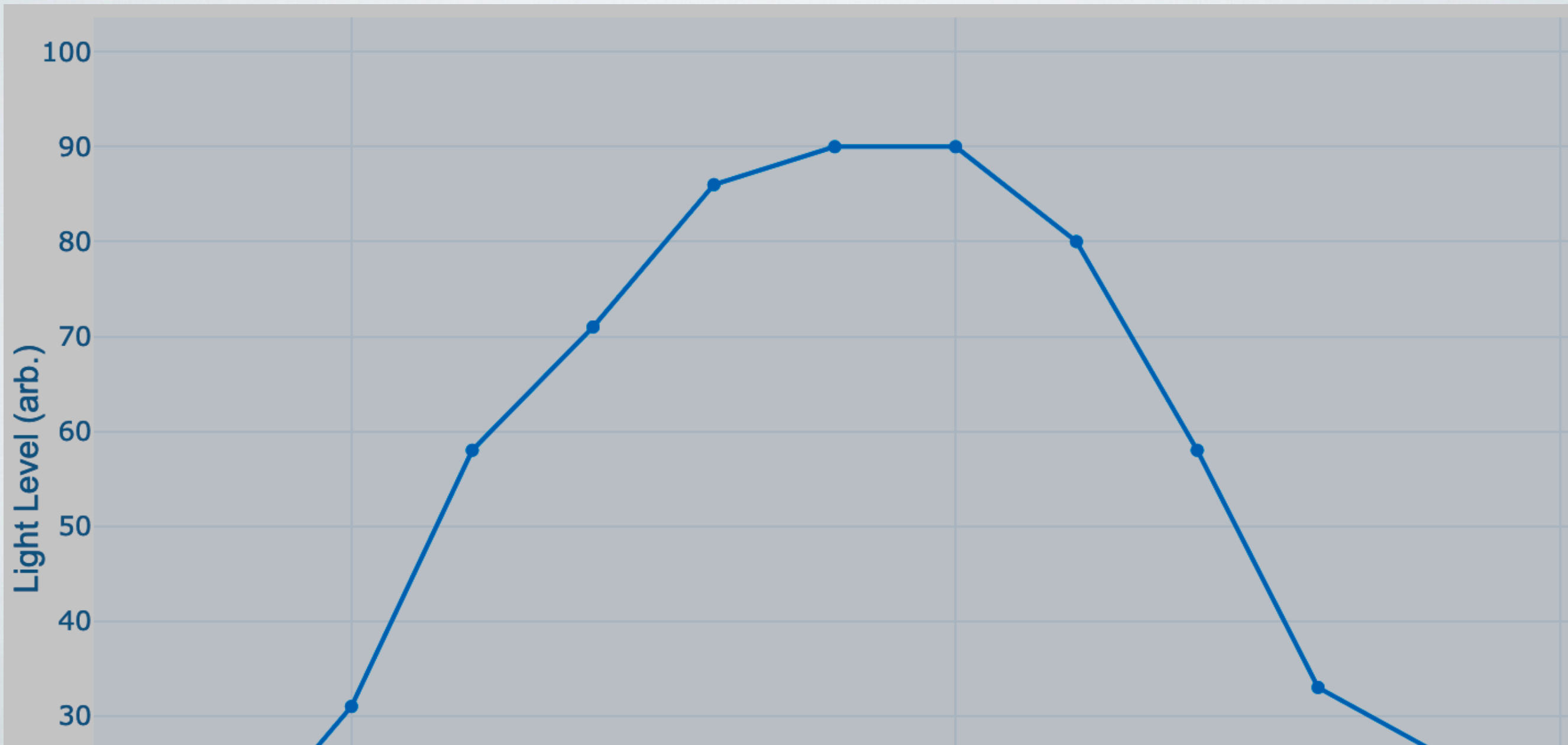
PLOTLY AND DASH

- **Pure Python (no HTML/JS)**
- **Server output only**
- **DashDAQ designed for instrument control**



OPTICS DATA

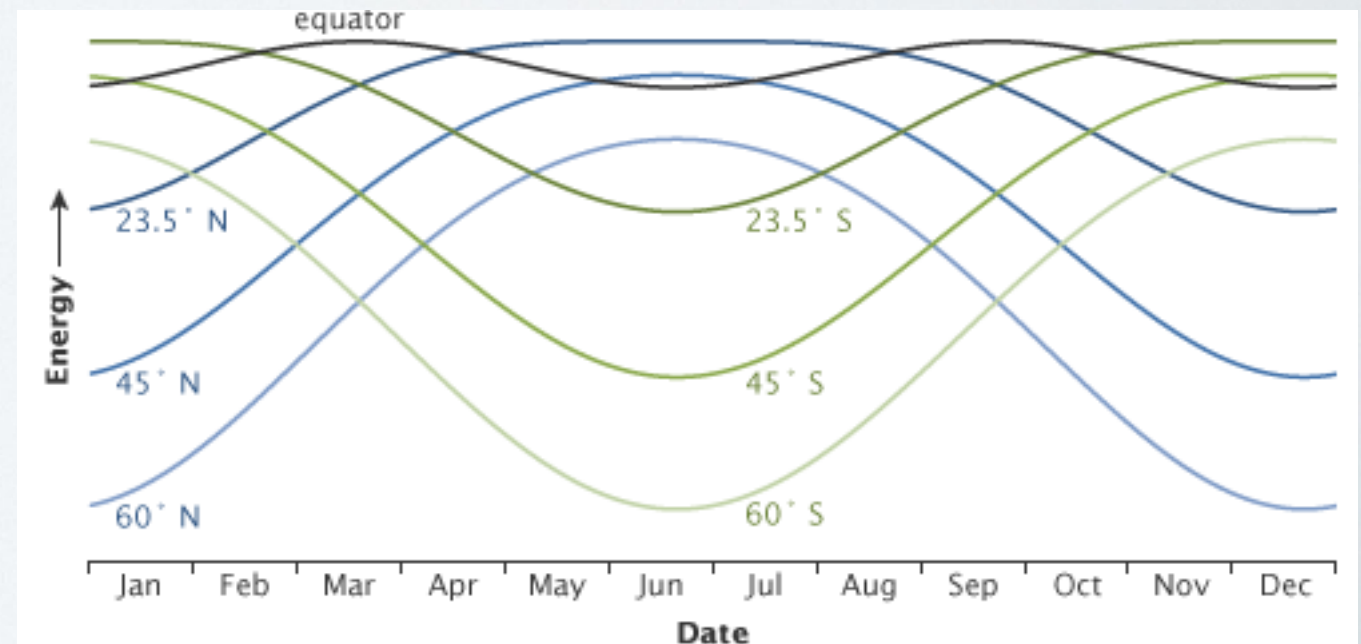
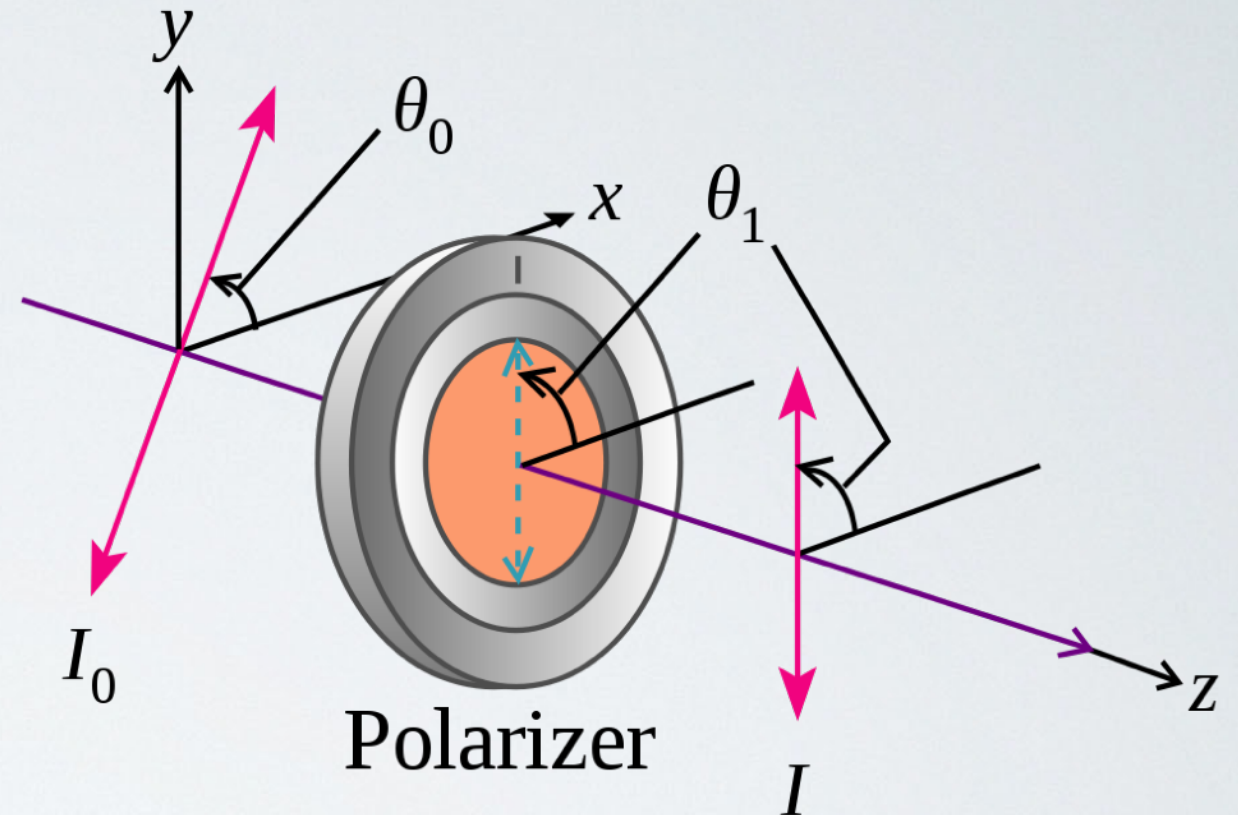
- **Realtime data from Arduino**
- **Scrolling chart display**
- **Sensor becomes a meter**



LIGHT SENSOR DEMO

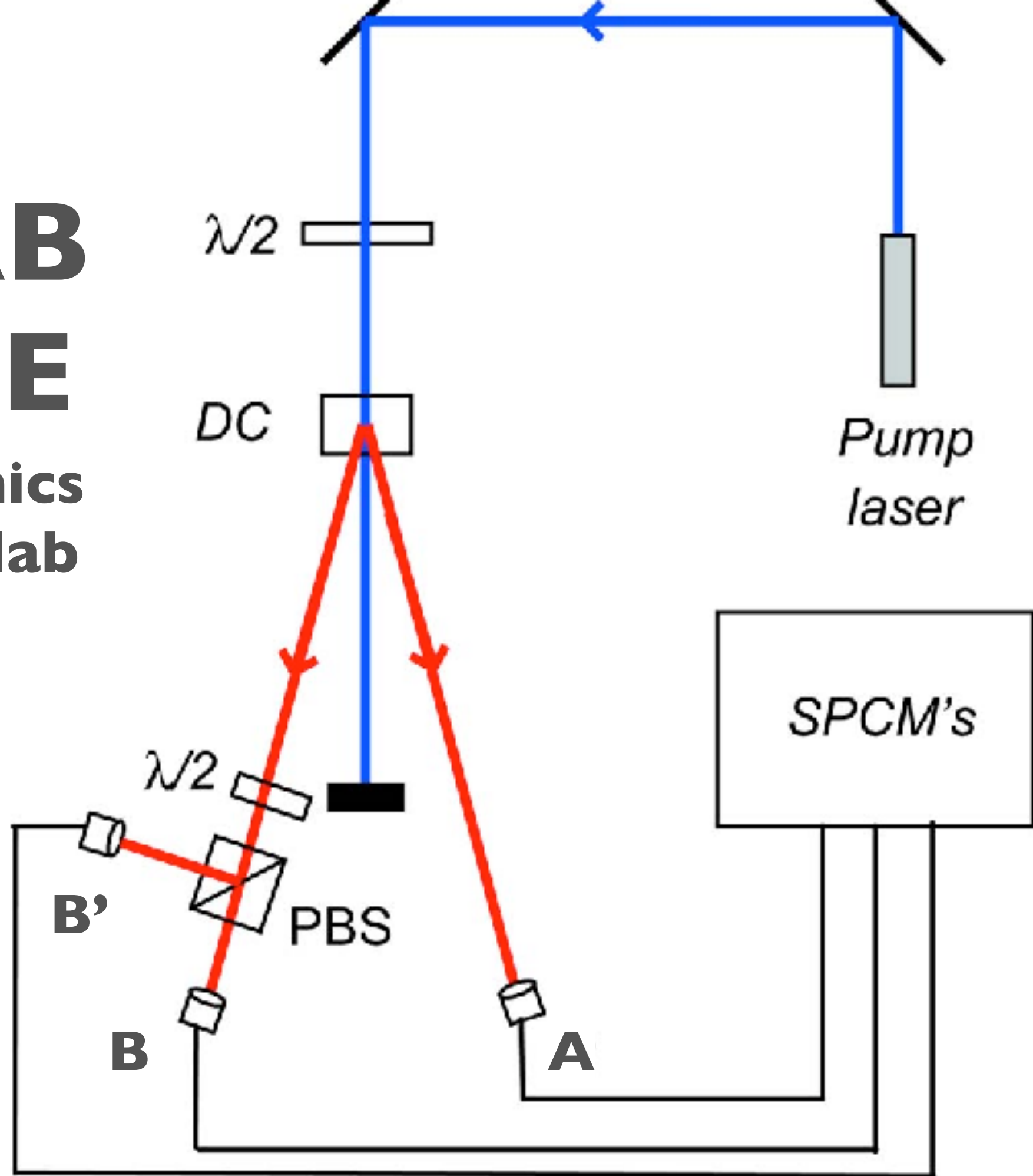
EXTENDING THE EXAMPLE

- **Coupled sensors:**
 - **Light vs. angle**
 - **Sunlight vs. time**



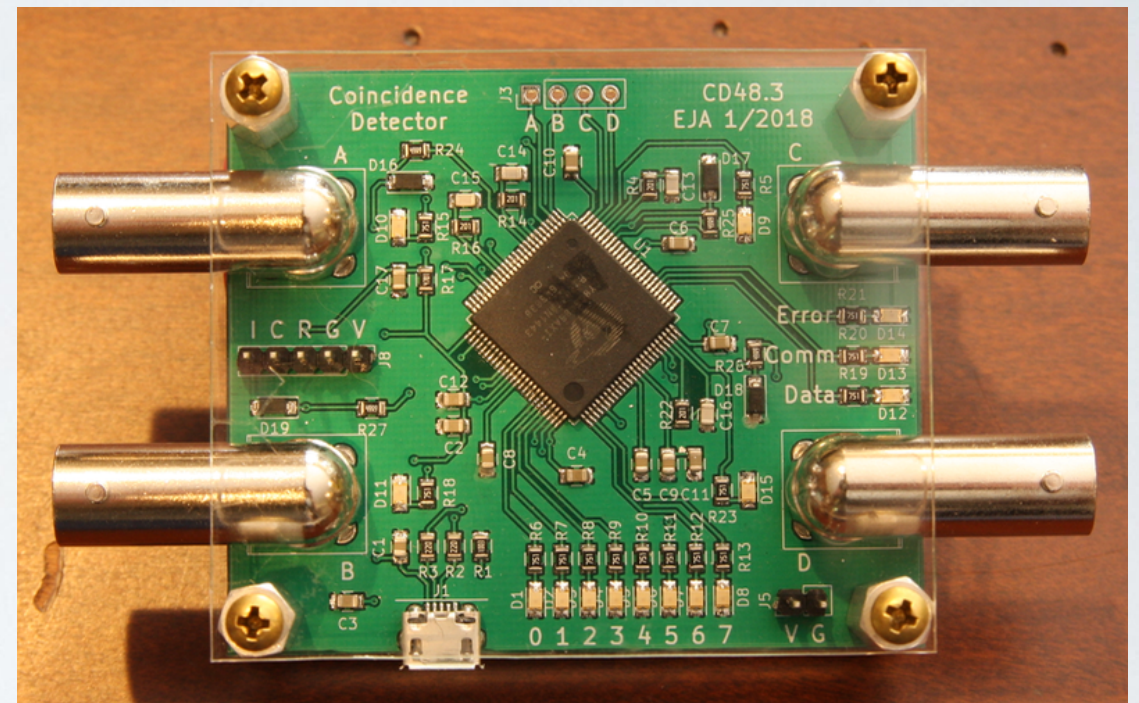
REAL-LAB EXAMPLE

Quantum Mechanics
photon counting lab



HARDWARE

- **Eric Ayars (Red Dog Physics)**
- **4-channel coincidence counter**
- **25 ns resolution**
- **8 counters**
- **USB-serial data readout**

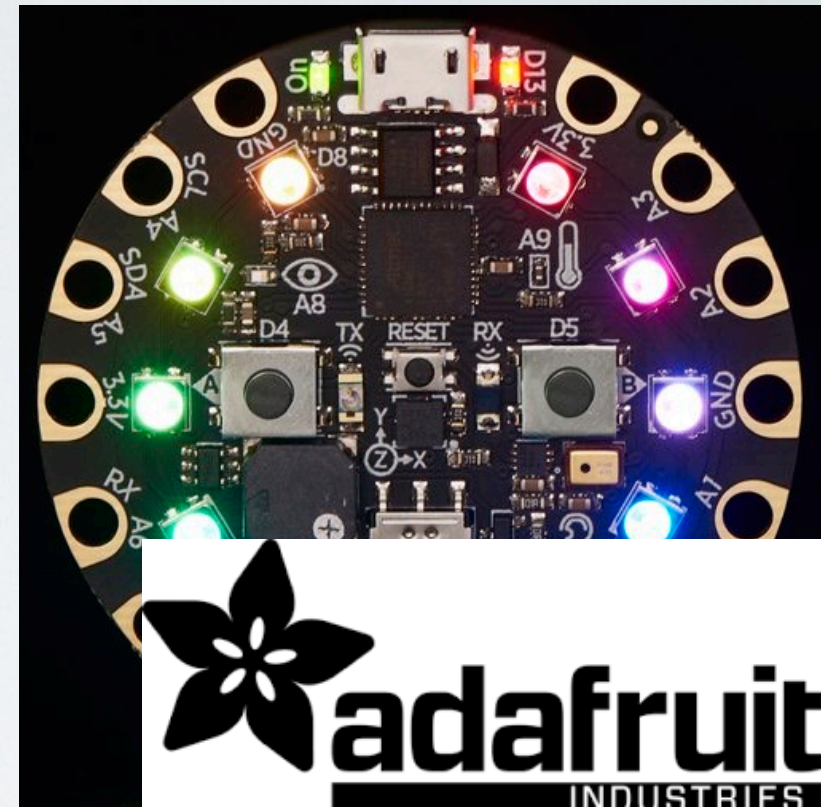


<http://reddogphysics.com/cd48.html>

PHOTON COUNTING DEMO

OPEN TOOLS IN THE PHYSICS CLASSROOM

- **Hardware and Software**
- **Free**
- **Authentic student projects (job skills!)**
- **Full control and customization**



Physics Dashboarding



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