

Working with Sensors

Part II

Working with sensor data

Garbage in

Garbage out

What we've covered

**Garbage in / garbage out - the need to know
your sensor**

Calibration

Collecting sample data

What we'll cover

Know your sensor - Reading a data sheet

Smoothing and Noise

Algorithms for Data Sensemaking

Limits of a Photon

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Or how to read a data sheet and why you might want to

What is a data sheet

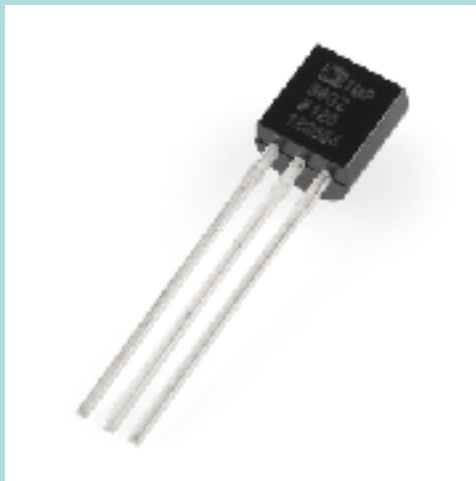
It's a manual for a component

**It tells you everything (often in too much detail)
you need to know**

- **device performance**
- **operation, requirements and characteristics**
- **tolerances and how to harm it**
- **suggested uses and hints**

Know your Sensor

Temperature Sensor - TMP36



Low Voltage Temperature Sensors

TMP35/TMP36/TMP37

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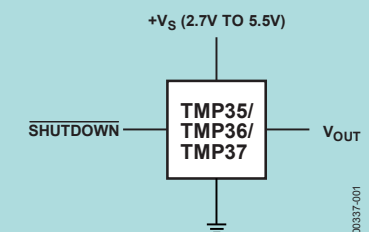


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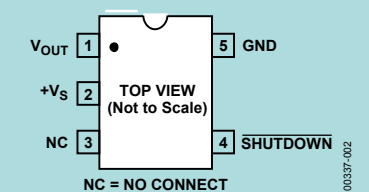


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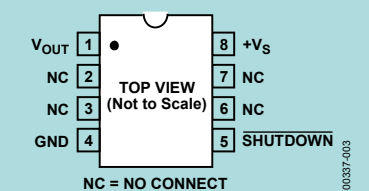
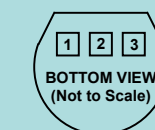


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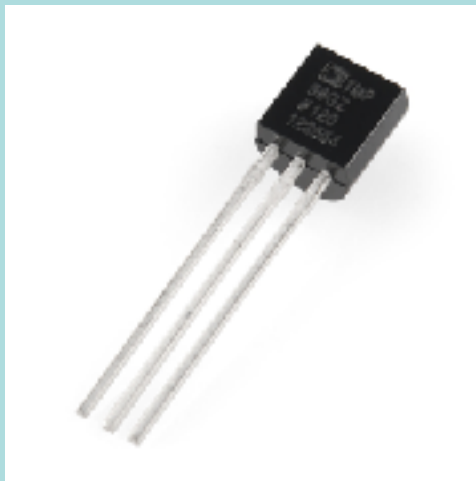
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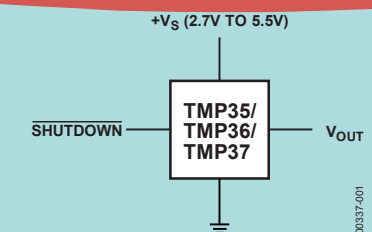


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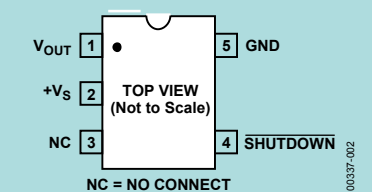


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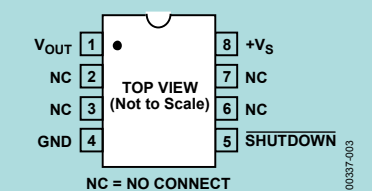
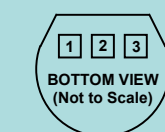


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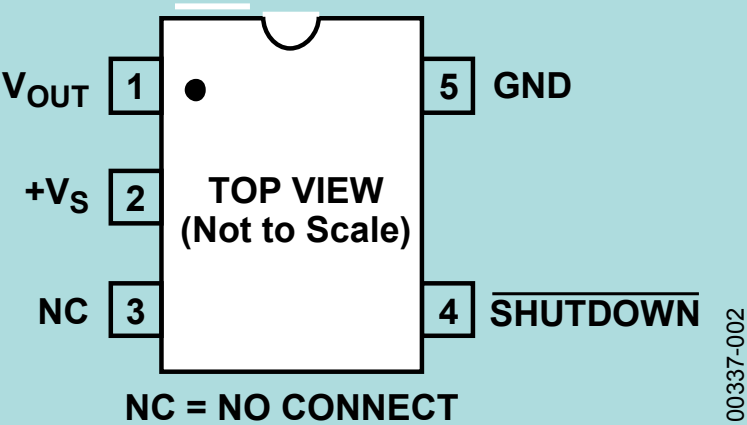


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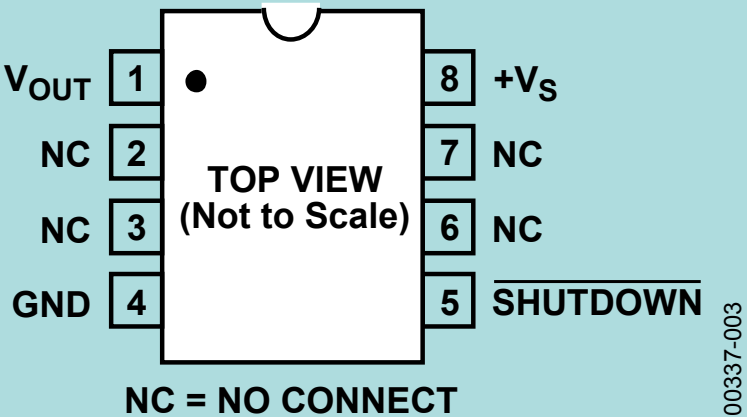
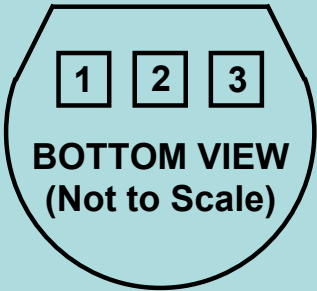


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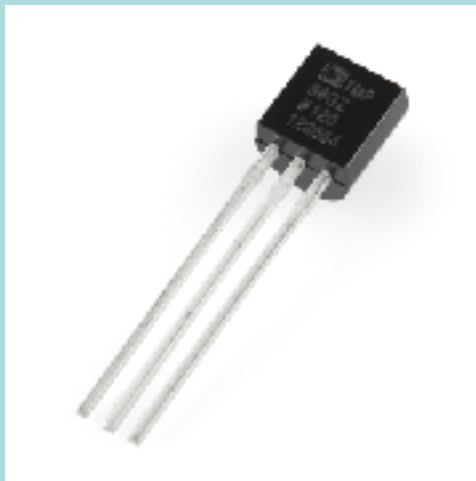
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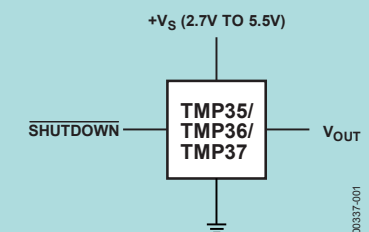


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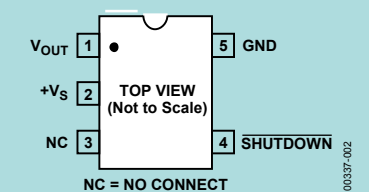


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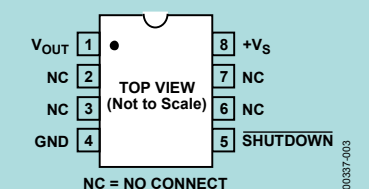
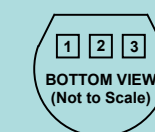


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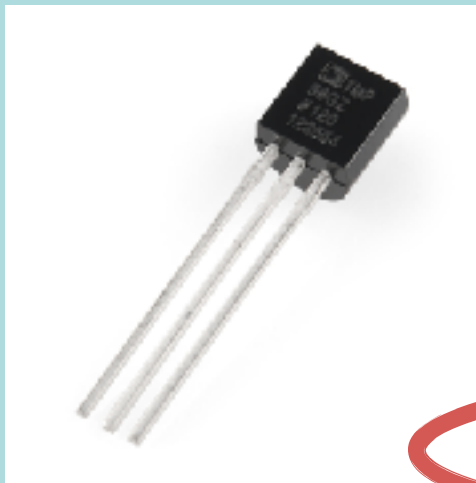


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ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Table 2.

Parameter ^{1, 2}	Rating
Supply Voltage	7 V
Shutdown Pin	$\text{GND} \leq \overline{\text{SHUTDOWN}} \leq +V_S$
Output Pin	$\text{GND} \leq V_{\text{OUT}} \leq +V_S$
Operating Temperature Range	–55°C to +150°C
Die Junction Temperature	175°C
Storage Temperature Range	–65°C to +160°C
IR Reflow Soldering	
Peak Temperature	220°C (0°C/5°C)
Time at Peak Temperature Range	10 sec to 20 sec
Ramp-Up Rate	3°C/sec
Ramp-Down Rate	–6°C/sec
Time 25°C to Peak Temperature	6 min
IR Reflow Soldering—Pb-Free Package	
Peak Temperature	260°C (0°C)
Time at Peak Temperature Range	20 sec to 40 sec
Ramp-Up Rate	3°C/sec
Ramp-Down Rate	–6°C/sec
Time 25°C to Peak Temperature	8 min

¹ Digital inputs are protected; however, permanent damage can occur on unprotected units from high energy electrostatic fields. Keep units in conductive foam or packaging at all times until ready to use. Use proper antistatic handling procedures.

² Remove power before inserting or removing units from their sockets.

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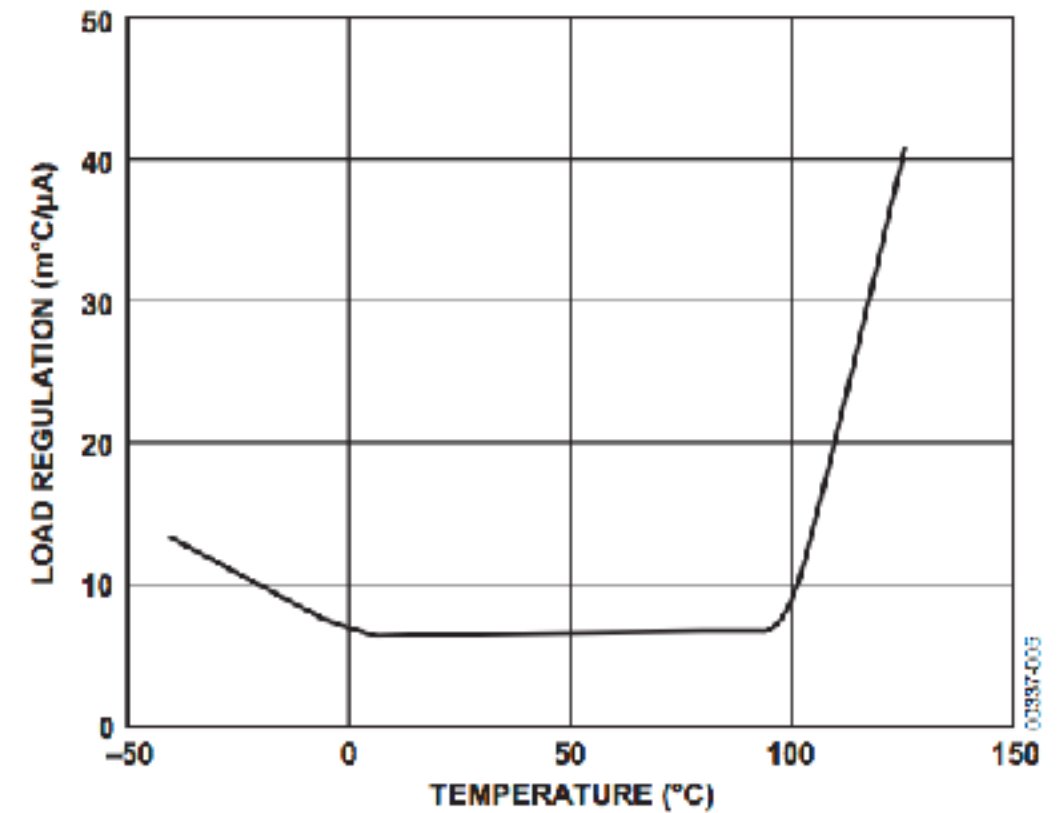


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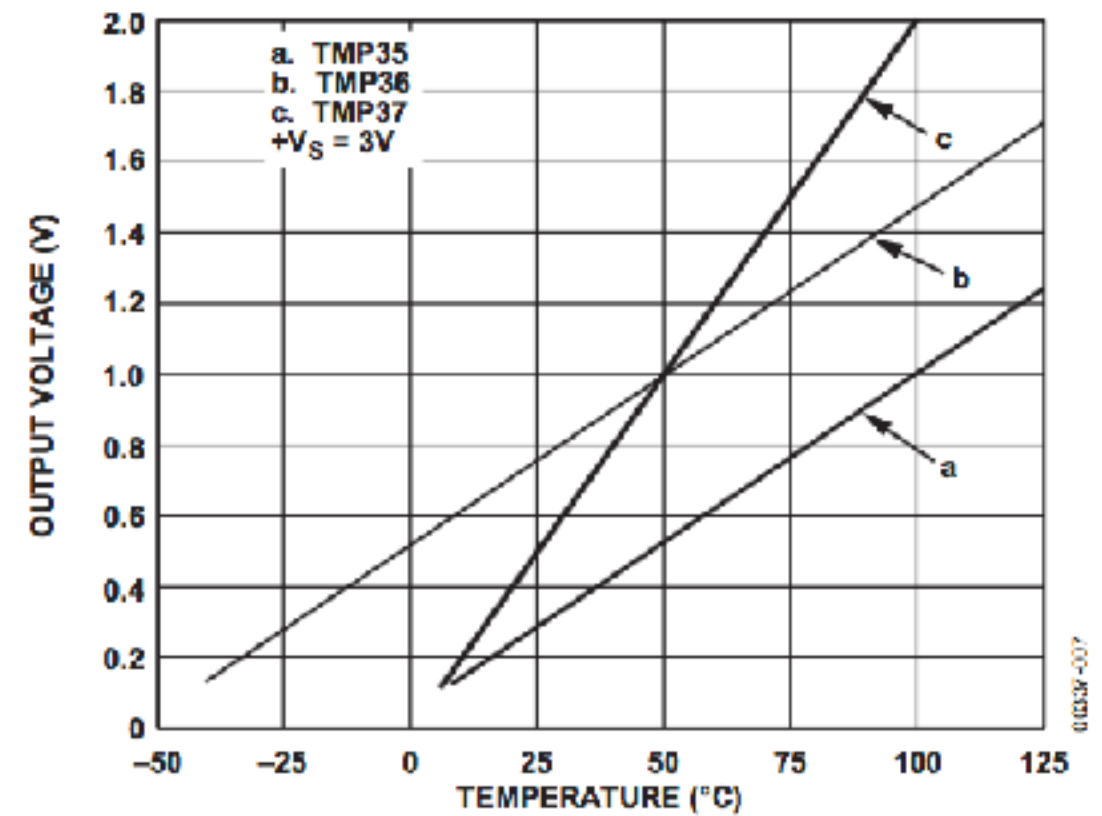


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void loop()
{
    // Keep reading the sensor value so when we make an API
    // call to read its value, we have the latest one
    int reading = analogRead(tempPin);

    // The returned value from the device is going to be in the range from 0 to 4095
    // Calculate the voltage from the sensor reading
    double voltage = (reading * 3.3) / 4095.0;

    // Calculate the temperature and update our static variable
    temperature = (voltage - 0.5) * 100;

    // Now convert to Farenheight
    temperatureF = ((temperature * 9.0) / 5.0) + 32.0;
}
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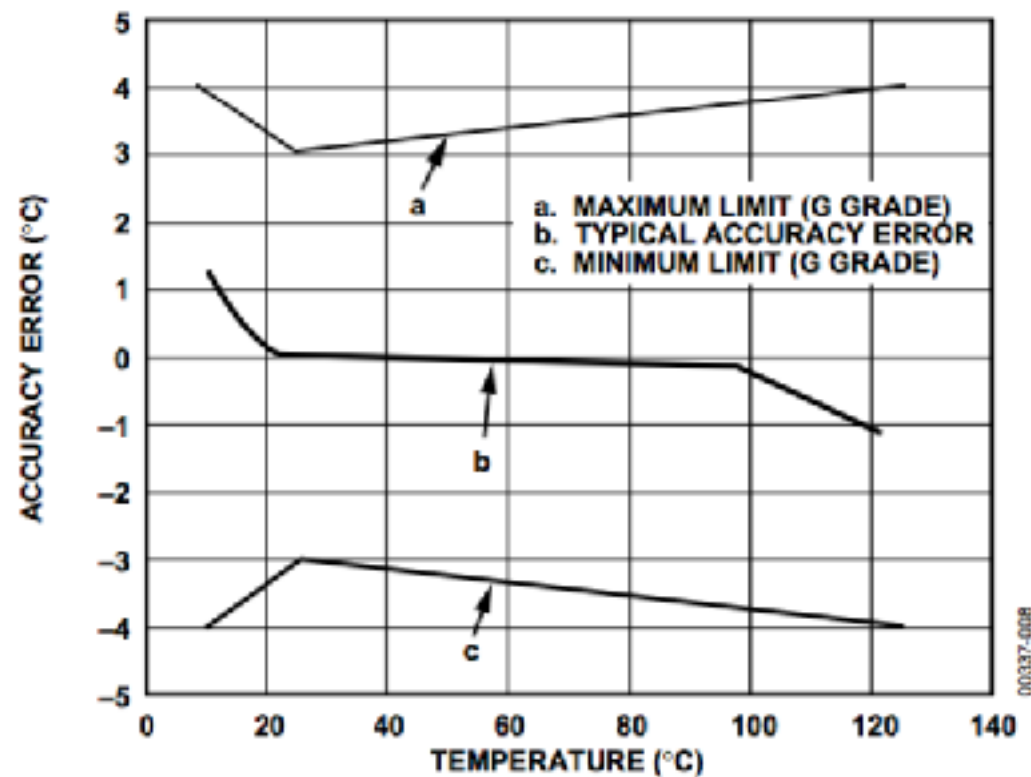


Figure 7. Accuracy Error vs. Temperature

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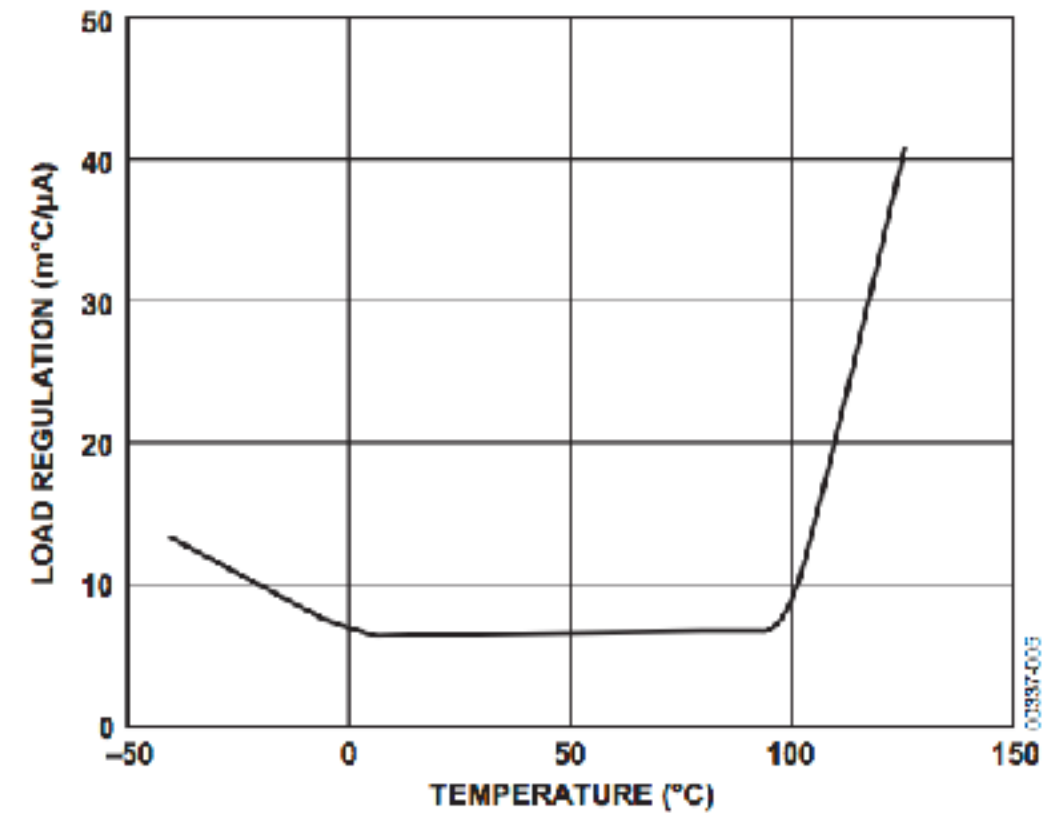


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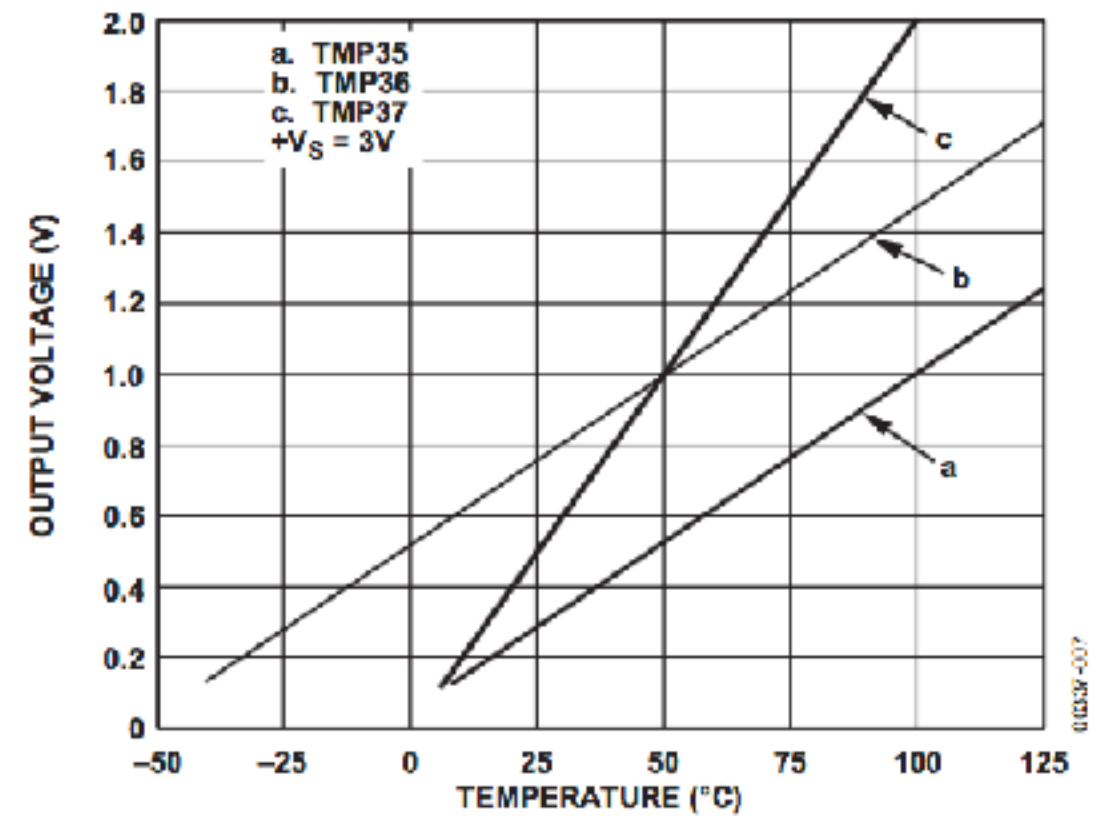


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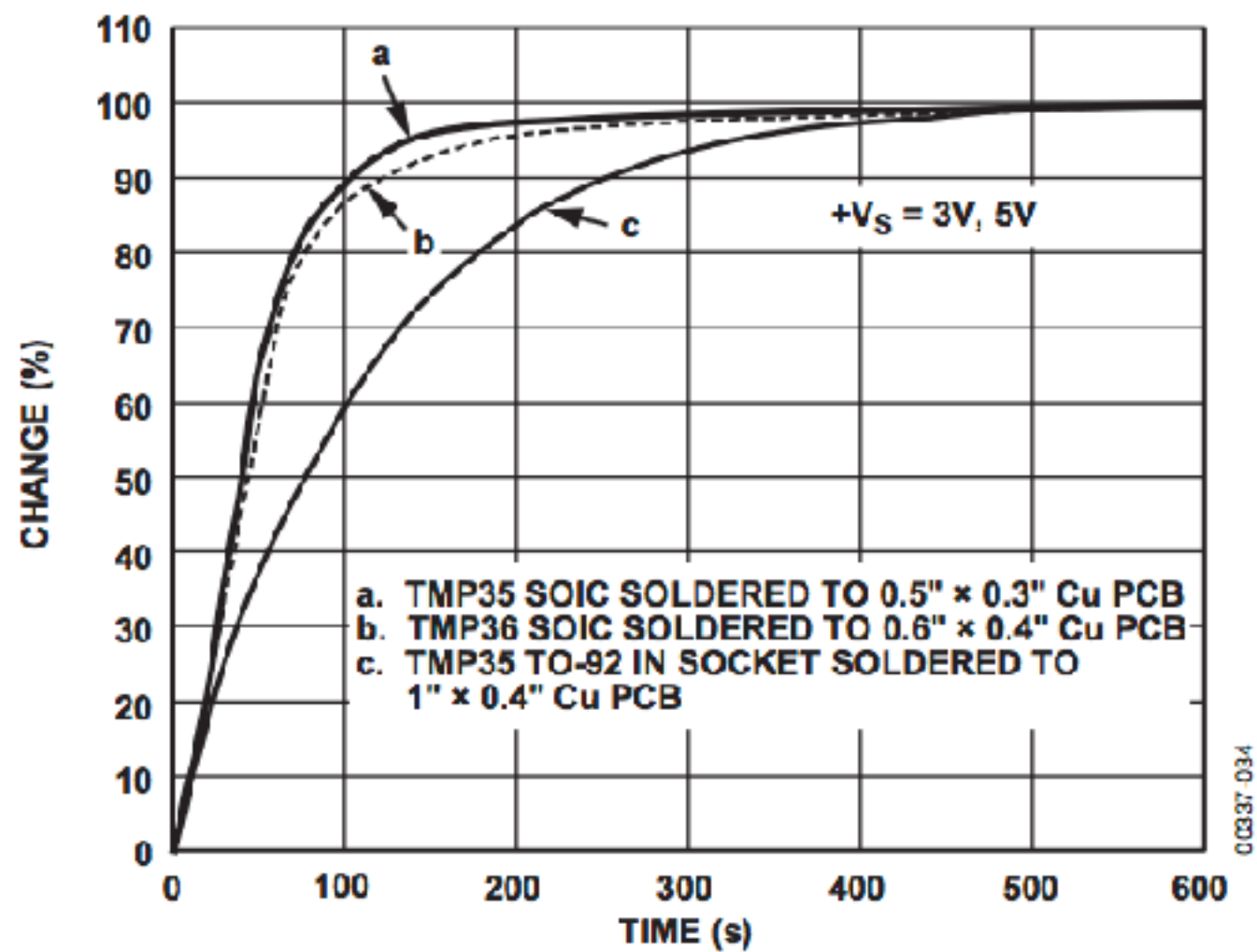
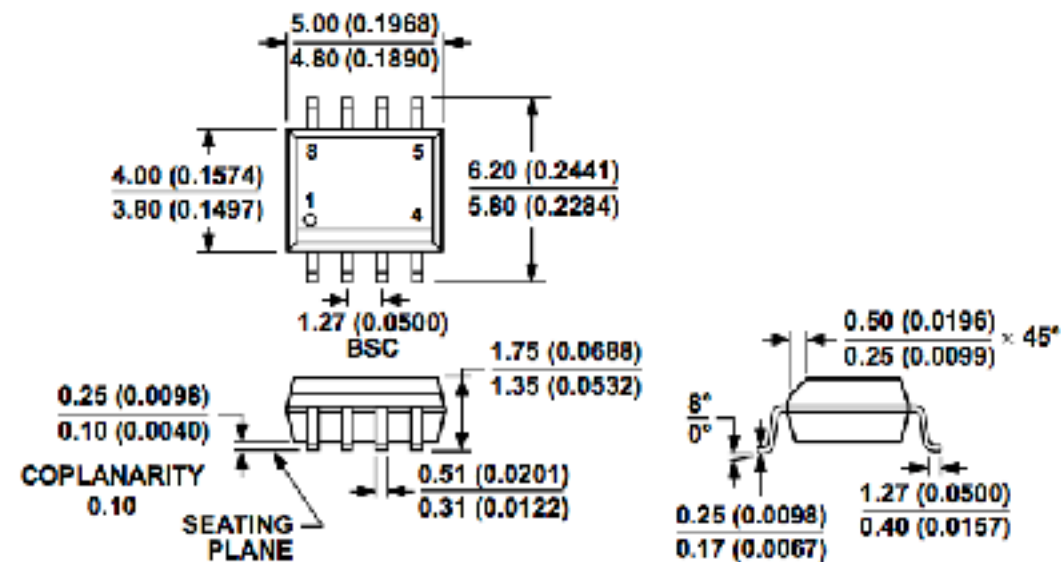


Figure 17. Thermal Response Time in Still Air

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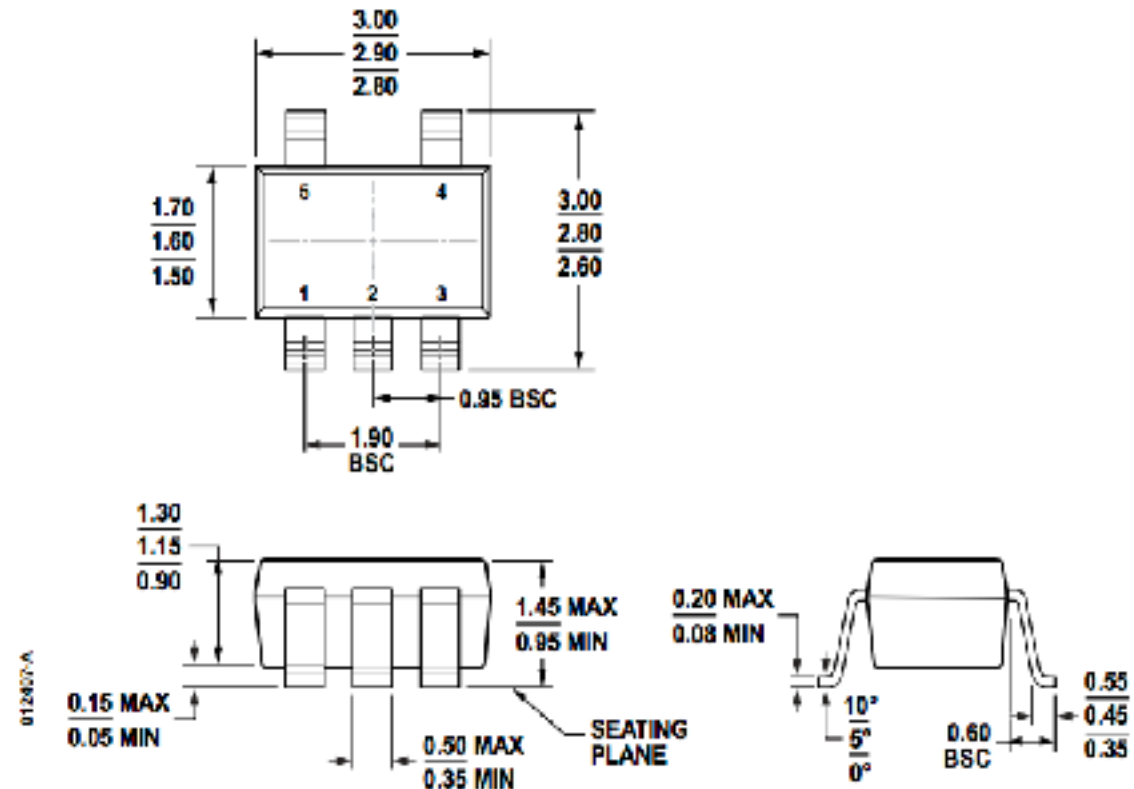
OUTLINE DIMENSIONS



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Figure 36. 8-Lead Standard Small Outline Package [SOIC_N]
Narrow Body
(R-8)

Dimensions shown in millimeters and (inches)



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Figure 37. 5-Lead Small Outline Transistor Package [SOT-23]
(RJ-5)

Dimensions shown in millimeters

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Datasheets

Only read what you need

90% of what's there you don't need. So don't read it

Skim it

Figure out what you need to know before looking

Check for special notes at the end

Check the version is current and the sheet matches your component

Better yet. Skip it. Search forums and guides online.

Datasheets

And don't forget Sparkfun and other sites pull out most of what you need to know.

The screenshot shows the SparkFun Electronics website. The main product is the Temperature Sensor - TMP36 (SEN-10988). The price is \$1.50. The description states: "This is the same temperature sensor that is included in our SparkFun Inventor's Kit. The TMP36 is a low voltage, precision centigrade temperature sensor. It provides a voltage output that is linearly proportional to the Celsius temperature. It also doesn't require any external calibration to provide typical accuracies of $\pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$ at $+25^{\circ}\text{C}$ and $\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ over the -40°C to $+125^{\circ}\text{C}$ temperature range. We like it because it's so easy to use: Just give the device a ground and 2.7 to 5.5 VDC and read the voltage on the Vout pin. The output voltage can be converted to temperature easily using the scale factor of 10 mV/ $^{\circ}\text{C}$."

Features:

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- $\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ accuracy over temperature
- $\pm 0.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ linearity
- Operating Range: -40°C to $+125^{\circ}\text{C}$

Documents:

- [Datasheet](#)

The sidebar on the left contains links to various product categories: New Products, Top Sellers, SparkFun Originals, Sale, Gift Certificates, Arduino, Audio, Books, Breakout Boards, Cables, Components, Development Tools, Dings and Dents, Educators, GPS, Intel Edison, IoT, Kits, LCDs, Prototyping, Raspberry Pi, and Robotics.

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Marvelous!

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We've written code (announcing an event) that's extremely sensitive to data quality.

Outliers and errors can easily trigger the outcome

This is especially problematic with low quality or imprecise sensors

e.g. PhotoCell

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Smoothing

Simply it shifts the values back into expected ranges.

If the change is sustained, the output of the smoothing algorithm will move towards the new upper bound. But it won't jump there

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i.e. don't do a window size of 2,000

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Generally speaking a windowed average is perfect for microcontrollers and most sensors.

It's fast, quick, simple to implement and improves data reliability massively

Simple Smoothing

```
const int numReadings = 10;

int readings[numReadings];      // the readings from the analog input
int readIndex = 0;              // the index of the current reading
int total = 0;                  // the running total
int average = 0;                // the average
int inputPin = A0;

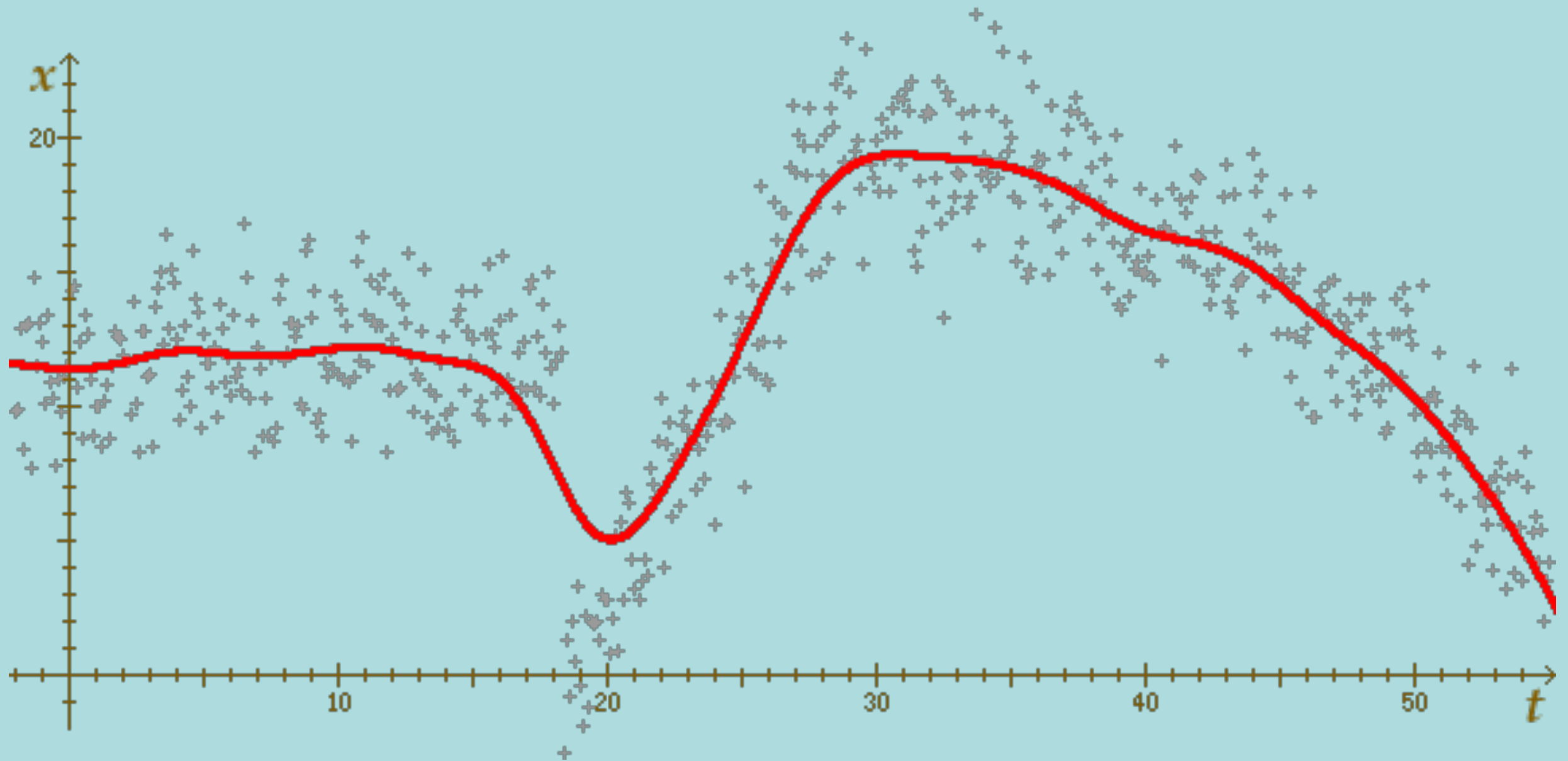
void setup() {
  Serial.begin(9600);
  for (int thisReading = 0; thisReading < numReadings; thisReading++) {
    readings[thisReading] = 0;
  }
}

void loop() {
  total = total - readings[readIndex]; // subtract the last reading:
  readings[readIndex] = analogRead(inputPin); // read from the sensor:
  total = total + readings[readIndex]; // add the reading to the total:
  readIndex = readIndex + 1; // advance to the next position in the array:

  if (readIndex >= numReadings) { // if we're at the end of the array...
    readIndex = 0; // ...wrap around to the beginning:
  }

  average = total / numReadings; // calculate the average:
  delay(50); // delay in between reads for stability
}
```

Simple Smoothing



Other Implementations

Low Pass filters (see Brandon's tutorial!)

Simple: Implementation See: <http://playground.arduino.cc/Main/DigitalSmooth>

+ Lots more...

Exponential Moving Average (EMA); Savitzky Golay Filter (SGA); Ramer Douglas Peucker Algorithm (RDP); Kolmogorov Zurbenko Algorithm (KZA)

+ Kalman (dealing with imprecise data and translating it into outcomes; predictive, statistical inference based on unknown variables, typically used in robotics scenarios)

What to remember:

Noisy data is bad. It'll happen with every sensor.

Some sensors are worse than others. Get to know which ones.

Don't rely on a single point if you need to do precise things.

Algorithms to know about

**General: Peak to Peak, Rate of Change,
Windowed Averages,**

**Accelerometer: Acceleration, Sudden Impact
Detection, Calculating Pitch, Yaw, Roll, Gesture
analysis, simple to complex.**

Sound: FFT,etc.

Algorithms to know about

There are lots of technical approaches to making your data useful.

Familiarize yourself with some possibilities.

Your job: Do some research

Arduino playground has years of contributions and most of the code works directly.

Avoid high tech unless you absolutely need to. Low tech often works better (for lots of reasons).

Limits of a Photon

Tiny storage

1MB flash, 128KB RAM

512KB just for firmware/operating

Exceptionally small programs ~128Kb


That includes libraries and other memory used

ARM Cortex M3 micro-controller













System clock (120 MHz)

Limits of a Ph

This ain't an iPhone



The screenshot shows the 'Storage' settings on an iPhone. At the top, the status bar displays 'AT&T', '10:13 AM', and '100%' battery. Below the status bar, there are two tabs: 'Usage' (selected) and 'Storage'. The 'Storage' section shows a summary of storage usage: 'Used' (48.8 GB) and 'Available' (65.4 GB). Below this, a list of apps is shown with their respective storage usage. The apps listed are: Photos & Camera (3.2 GB), Videos (3.1 GB), MC4 (2.0 GB), Real Racing 3 (2.0 GB), MC3 (1.8 GB), Asphalt8 (1.4 GB), Podcasts (1.3 GB), Spotify (1.3 GB), KitCam (1.2 GB), MC5 (913 MB), GarageBand (877 MB), and Vidometer (736 MB). Each app entry includes an icon, the app name, the storage usage, and a chevron icon to the right.

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We need to be smart about:

- **Computation** - we can't do intensive/expensive tasks
- **Performance** - additional computation slows things down
- **Information** - we should only use what we need
- **Storage** - we can't store much (even in arrays)

Limits of a Photon

What can we do or A lot with a little:

- **Prefiltering data**
 - **Peak to Peak**
- **Being smart and efficient.**
 - **Do we really need heavy computation or gestures?**
- **Offloading to online services (Azure, Google Cloud)**

Limits of a Photon

Reggies Problem: Recording a nights sleep.

If I sample every second:

28800000 readings

What can I do:

I can't record all of the data (accelerometer every 5s)

Limits of a Photon

Reggies Problem: Recording a nights sleep.

If I sample every second:

- **28800000 readings**
- **3 axes of accelerometer.**

w/ 4 bytes per int = 34 MB raw

We could sample less often; but we loose precision.

Limits of a Photon

But we're really only trying to find the right time range (in 20 minutes-ish blocks) to wake someone.

We can keep precision on new data

And store old data in simpler ways.

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Hold readings for past minute in a buffer

Get cumulative average for last minute,

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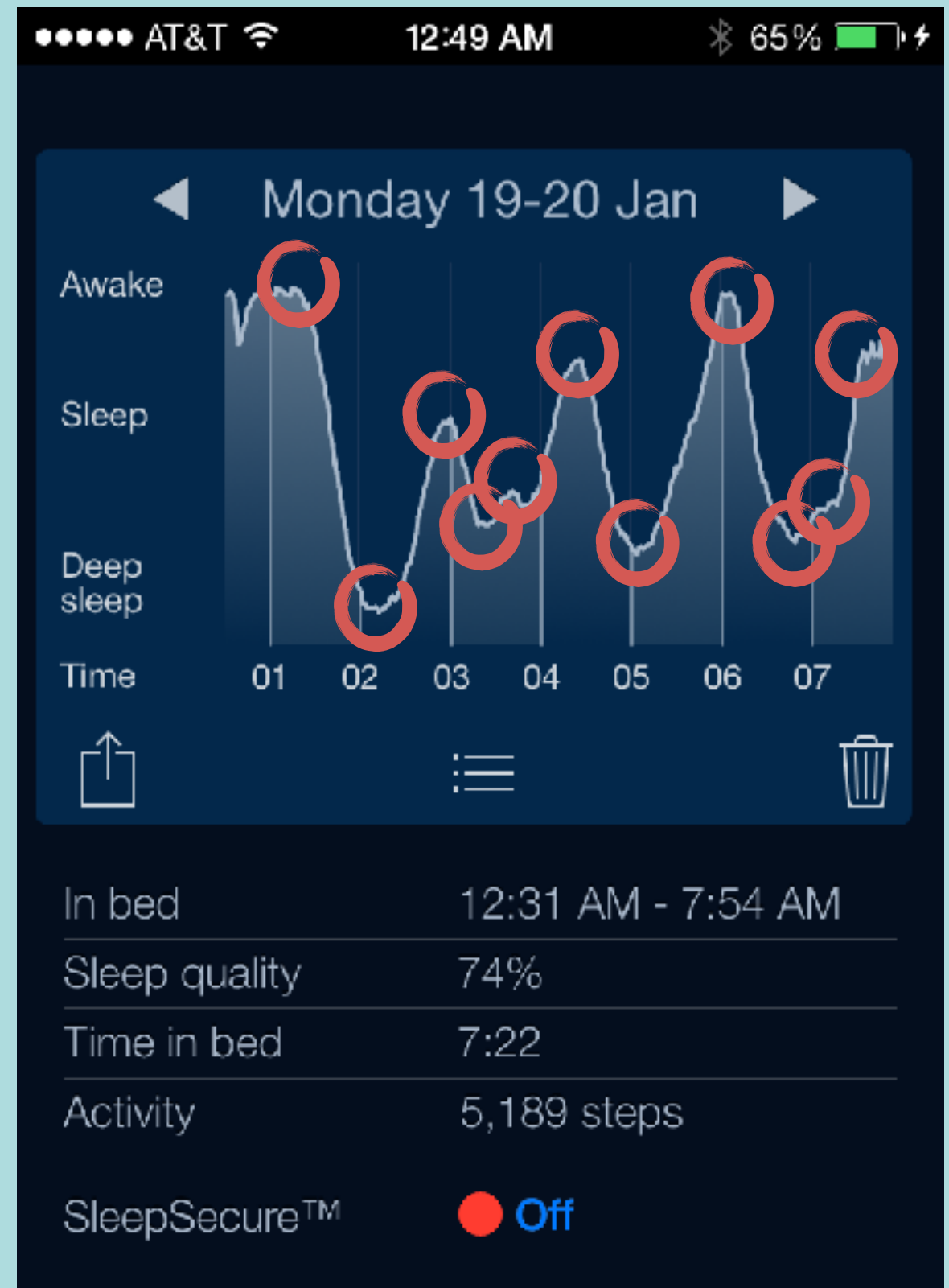


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So why hold the raw
movement?



Limits of a Photon

Strategy:

We're really only interested in

- 1. Peaks and Troughs**
- 2. The rate of change and time to change between them**

This tells us sleep quality

So calculate as we go



Limits of a Photon

```
// A binary search based function that returns index of a peak element
int findPeakUtil(int arr[], int low, int high, int n)
{
    // Find index of middle element
    int mid = low + (high - low)/2;  /* (low + high)/2 */

    // Compare middle element with its neighbours (if neighbours exist)
    if ((mid == 0 || arr[mid-1] <= arr[mid]) &&
        (mid == n-1 || arr[mid+1] <= arr[mid]))
        return mid;

    // If middle element is not peak and its left neighbour is greater
    // than it, then left half must have a peak element
    else if (mid > 0 && arr[mid-1] > arr[mid])
        return findPeakUtil(arr, low, (mid - 1), n);

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    else return findPeakUtil(arr, (mid + 1), high, n);
}

// A wrapper over recursive function findPeakUtil()
int findPeak(int arr[], int n)
{
    return findPeakUtil(arr, 0, n-1, n);
}
```

Limits of a Photon

```
String info[100];  
  
info[0] = "Peak,891,123445554"  
info[1] = "Trough,91,123545554"
```

Limits of a Photon

Greatly simplify, without losing what we need

Limits of a Photon

What can we do or A lot with a little:

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- **Prefiltering data**
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