

A background image of a mangrove landscape. In the foreground, there are mangrove trees with their characteristic prop roots extending into the water. The water is calm and reflects the sky. In the background, there are more mangrove trees and a small white building or structure on the right side. The sky is blue with some white clouds.

# **OCN 390: Field Methods**

Week 4

Principles of Operation and  
Schematics

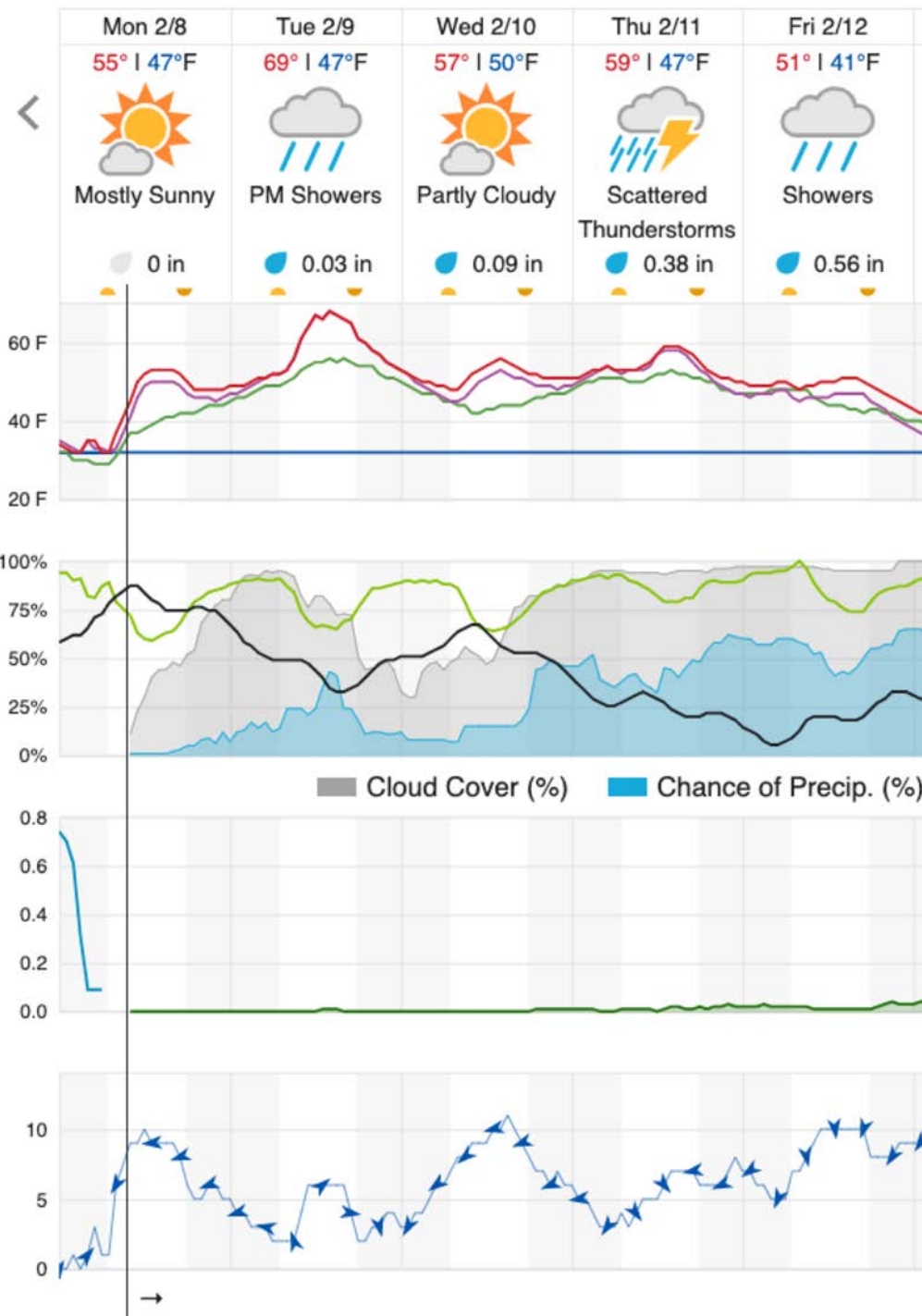


# Today's plan

- Collegiate Recovery Community video
- Group discussion of principles of operation
- Lecture on sensor metrics and schematics
- Lecture by Sciences Librarian, Peter Fritzler
- Work on next assignment









# Uploading images to Canvas 3<sup>rd</sup> time's the charm?

- Last time that photos that aren't visible in discussion thread will get credit. Please reach out to me prior to noon on Friday for additional assistance if you need any!



A background image of a mangrove forest. In the foreground, the dense, dark, and complex root system of mangrove trees is visible, extending into a body of water. The water is a light, milky blue-green color. In the mid-ground, there are several mangrove trees with lush green foliage. The sky above is a pale blue with soft, white clouds. The overall scene is a natural, coastal environment.

# **Principles of Operation Discussion**



# Important Metrics



A



B



C



D



# Important Metrics

- Accuracy, precision



<https://manoa.hawaii.edu/exploringourfluidearth/physical/world-ocean/map-distortion/practices-science-precision-vs-accuracy>



# Important Metrics

- Accuracy, precision, **stability**



t = 0 min

B



t = 10 min



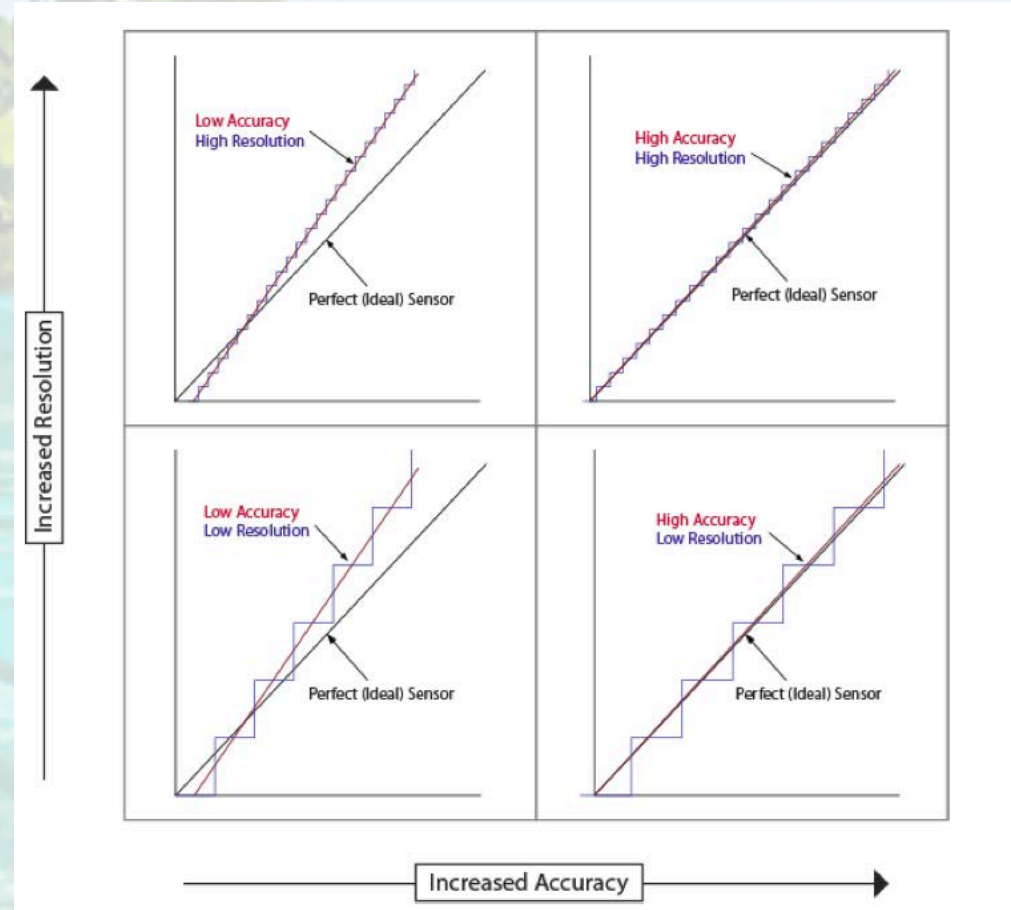
t = 20 min

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# Important Metrics

- Accuracy, precision, stability, resolution

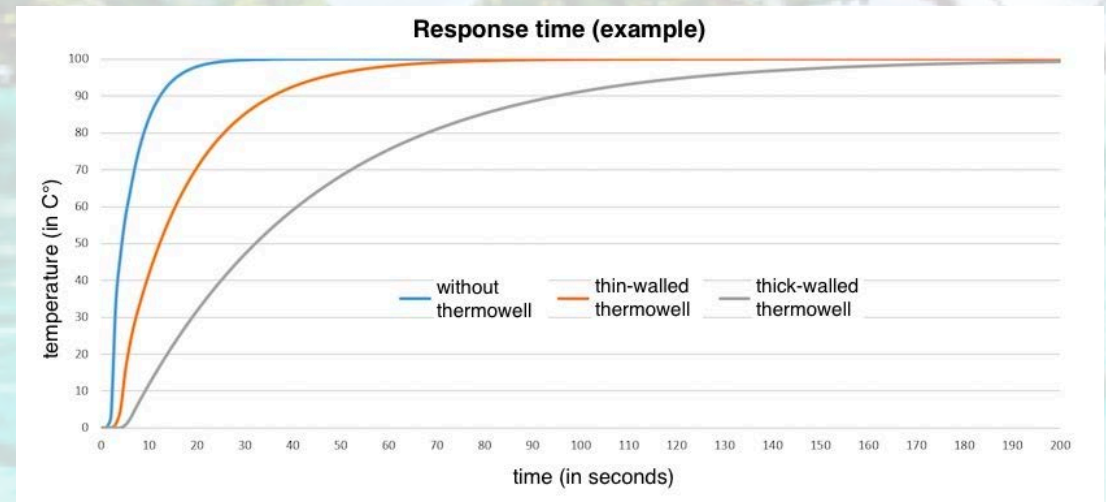


<https://www.allsensors.com/engineering-resources/white-papers/accuracy-and-precision-for-mems-pressure-sensors>



# Important Metrics

- Accuracy/precision/stability/resolution
- Response time (imagine you move a thermometer from an icewater bucket to a pot of boiling water; how long will it take for the thermometer to change temps?)



<https://blog.wika.us/products/temperature-products/temperature-sensors-thermowells-and-response-times/>



# Important Metrics

SPECS	VARIATIONS	DOCUMENTS	ACCESSORIES
Product Number	030-8-0006		
Measurement range CO <sub>2</sub>	0 to 5,000 ppm / 0 to 3%vol		
Accuracy	±30 ppm ±3% of reading		
Dimensions	51 mm x 58 mm x 12 mm		
Operation temperature range	0 to 50 °C		
Power supply	4.5 to 14.0 V DC		
Communication	Uart ( Modbus)		
Outputs			
OUT <sub>1</sub> linear output	0 to 4 V DC = 0 to 2,000 ppm		
OUT <sub>2</sub> linear output	1 to 5 V DC = 0 to 2,000 ppm		
OUT <sub>3</sub> digital output	700/800 ppm		
OUT <sub>4</sub> digital output	900/1,000 ppm		

- What is accuracy @ current atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>?
- Just because it works over a range of temp, pressure, salinity, etc. doesn't mean it performs the same!



# Your Study Design

- Describe how you will account for (in)accuracy, (im)precision, (in)stability, (poor) resolution, (slow) sensor response time, etc.
- In every field or laboratory study, these things matter immensely!
- Also critical: how much do you trust the manufacturer's specifications? They have incentives to make them look as good as possible...



# NDIR/IRGA

- Non-dispersive infrared or infrared gas analysis

**Development of a Low-Cost Wireless Sensor Network for Passive  
*in situ* Measurement of Soil Greenhouse Gas Emissions**

**By**

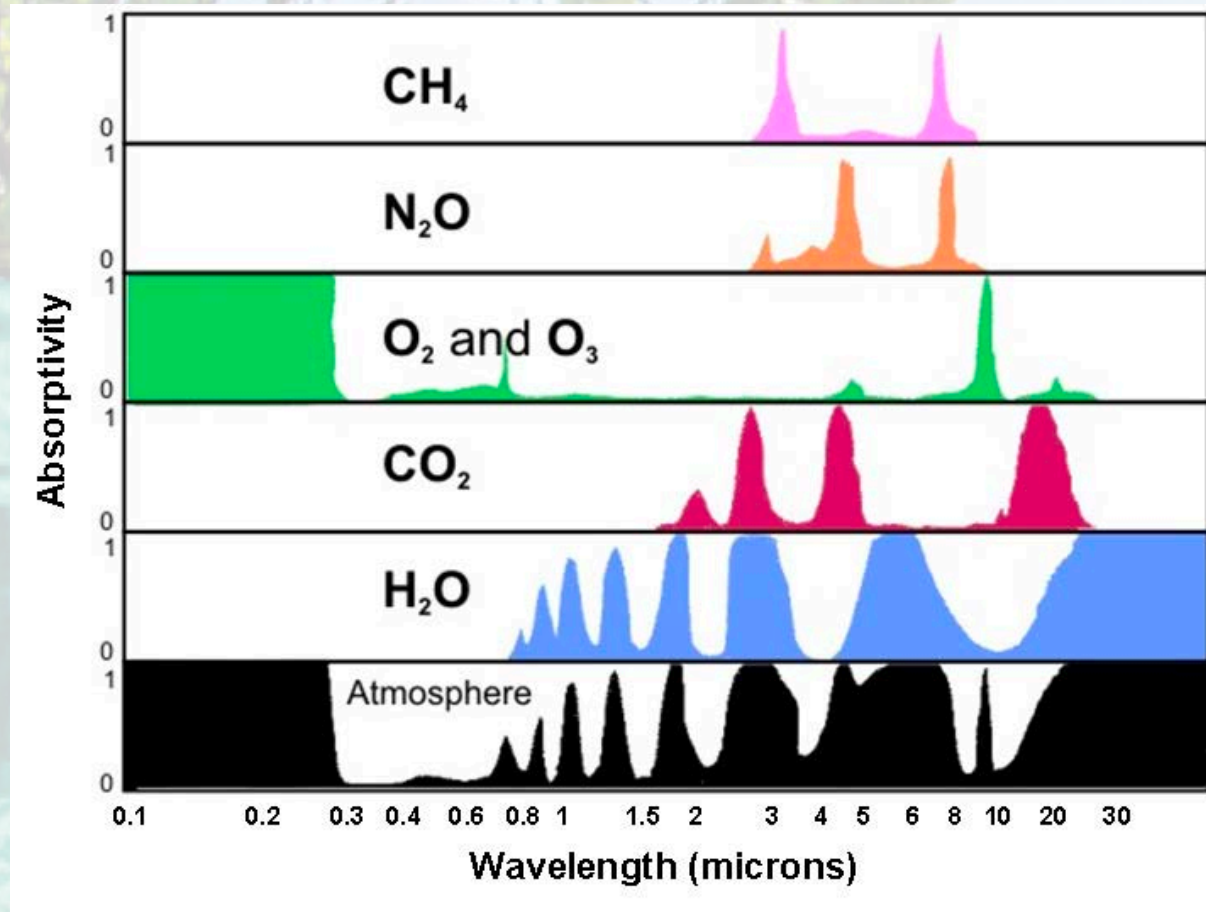
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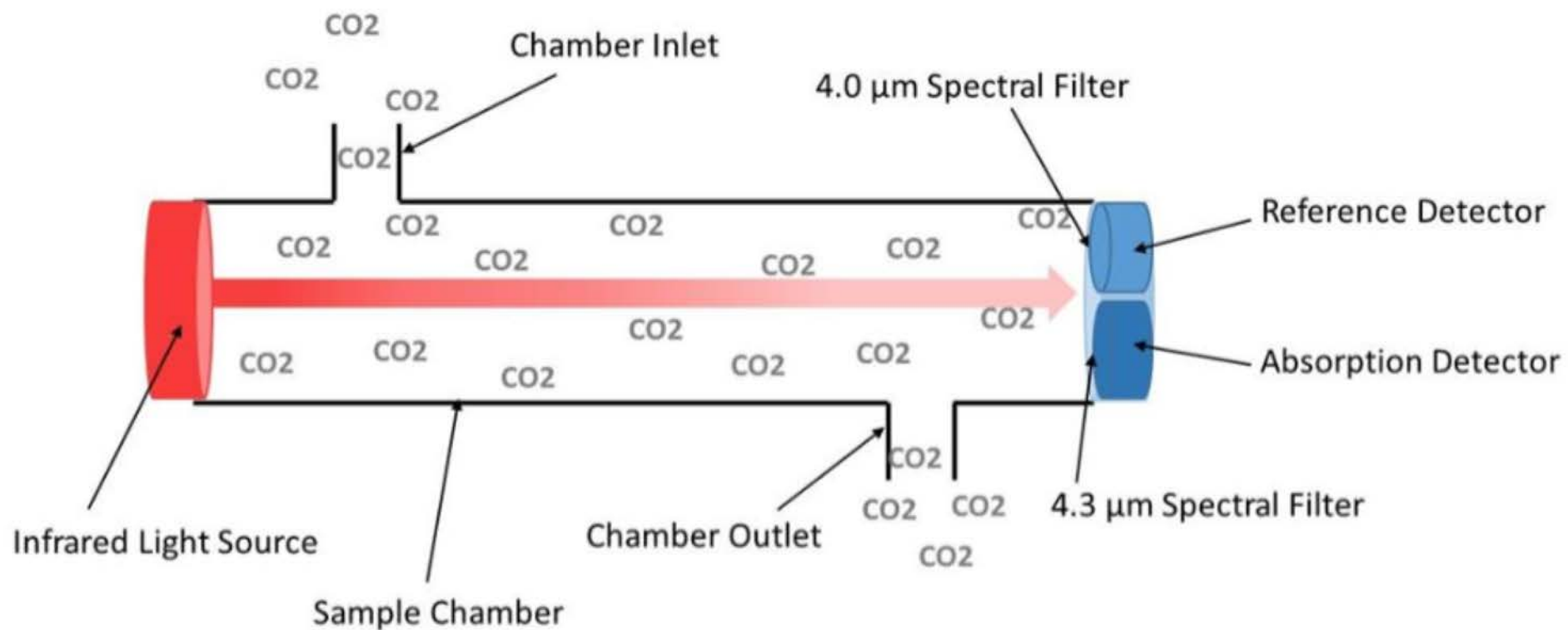


# CO<sub>2</sub> via NDIR





# CO<sub>2</sub> via NDIR





# CO<sub>2</sub> sensors

- LI-COR 830, 850, 7000  
(thousands to tens of \$K)



- Picarro (different tech)  
(tens of \$K)



- K-30, Telaire, COZIR  
(tens to hundreds of \$)

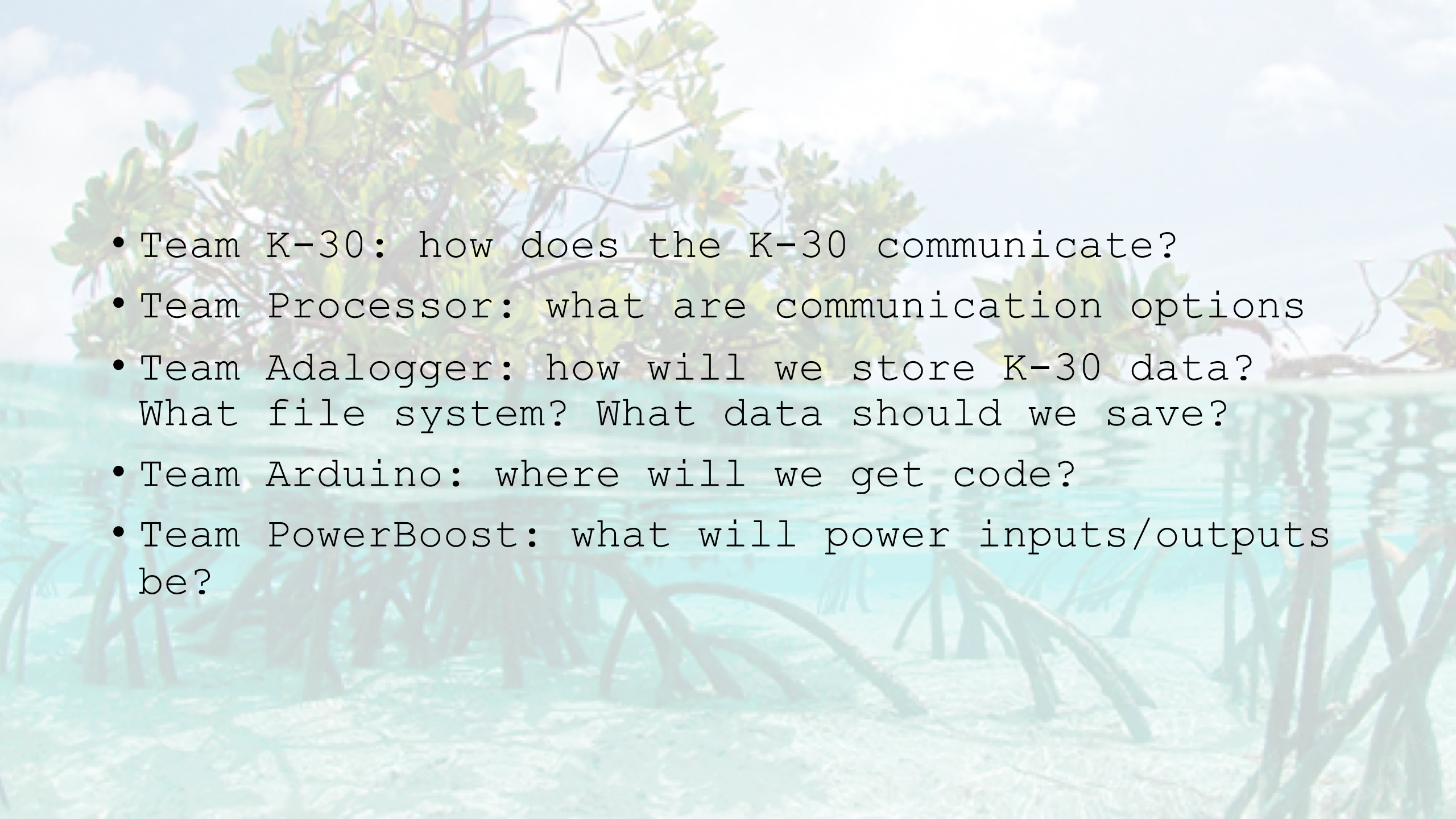




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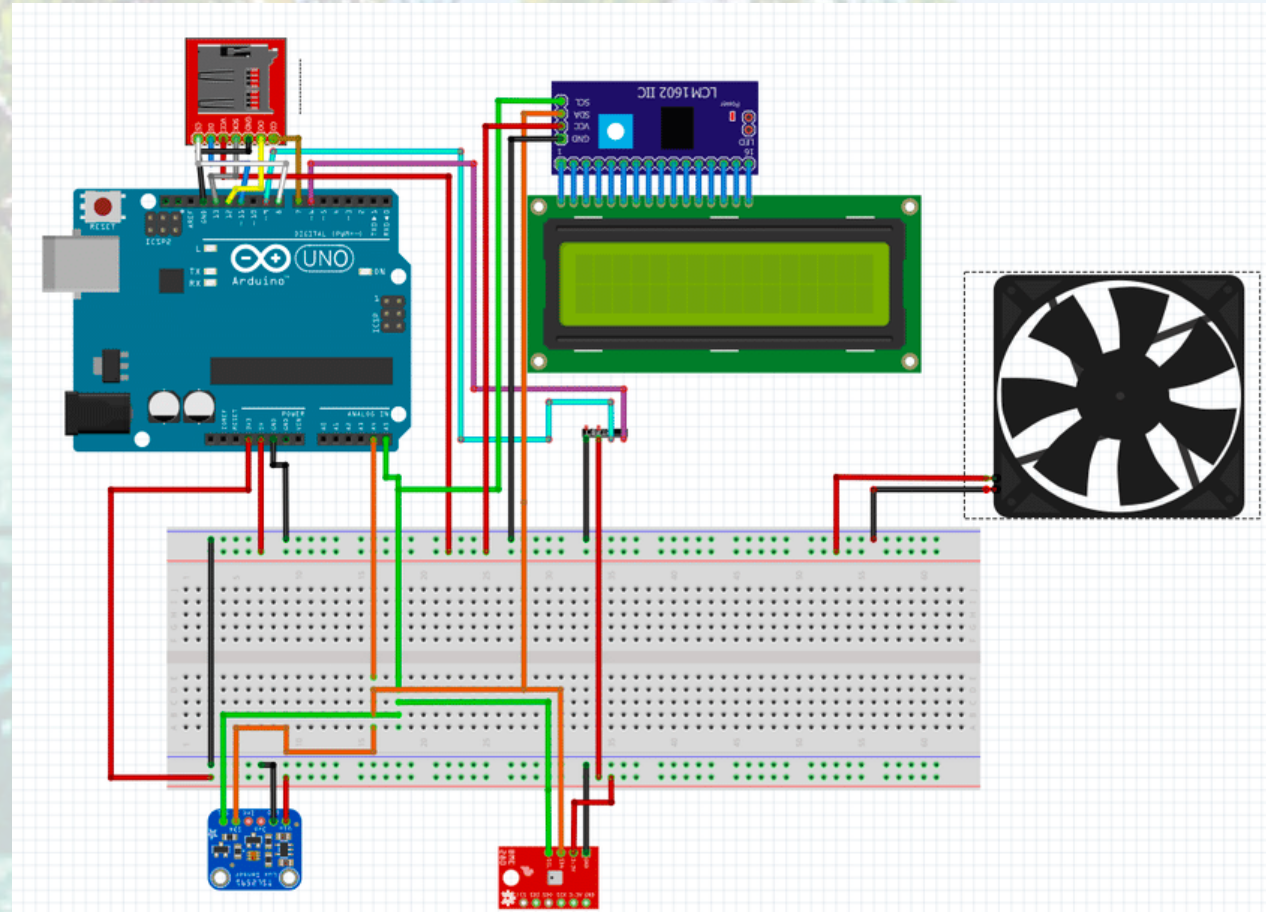
# Schematics/Wiring



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- Team K-30: how does the K-30 communicate?
  - Team Processor: what are communication options
  - Team Adalogger: how will we store K-30 data?  
What file system? What data should we save?
  - Team Arduino: where will we get code?
  - Team PowerBoost: what will power inputs/outputs be?



# Wiring



[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/335970481\\_CO24U\\_Low\\_Cost\\_Carbon\\_Uptake\\_Remote\\_Sensing\\_System](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/335970481_CO24U_Low_Cost_Carbon_Uptake_Remote_Sensing_System)

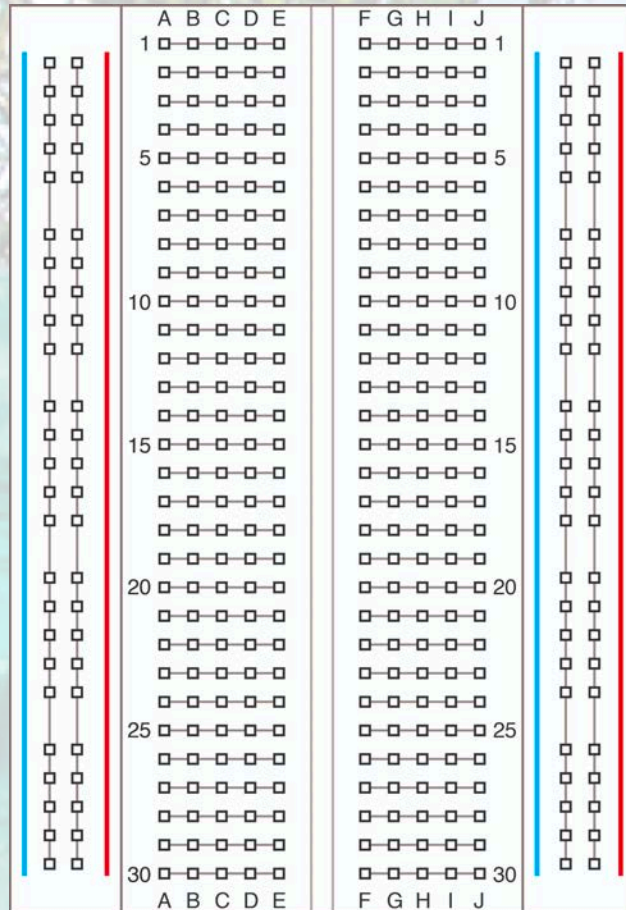


# Stages of Development

- Prototyping (breadboard, protoboard)
- Proof of concept (custom printed circuit board (PCB))
- Pilot testing (more PCBs)
- Commercial product



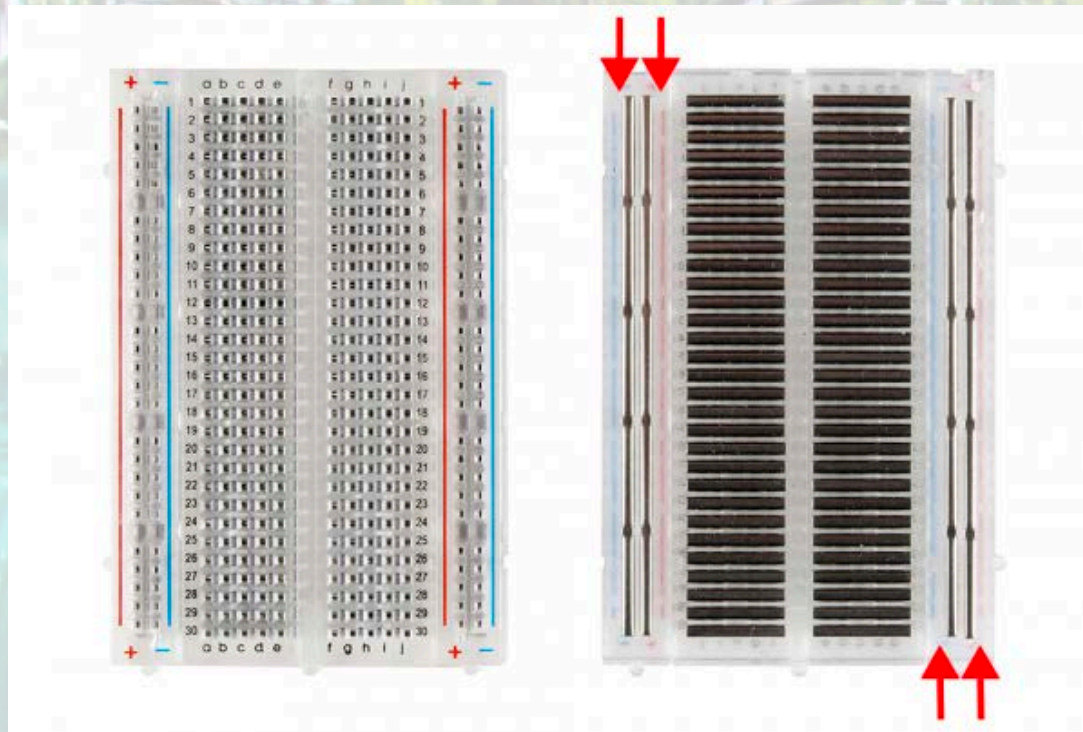
# Breadboard



- Which way are rows/columns connected?

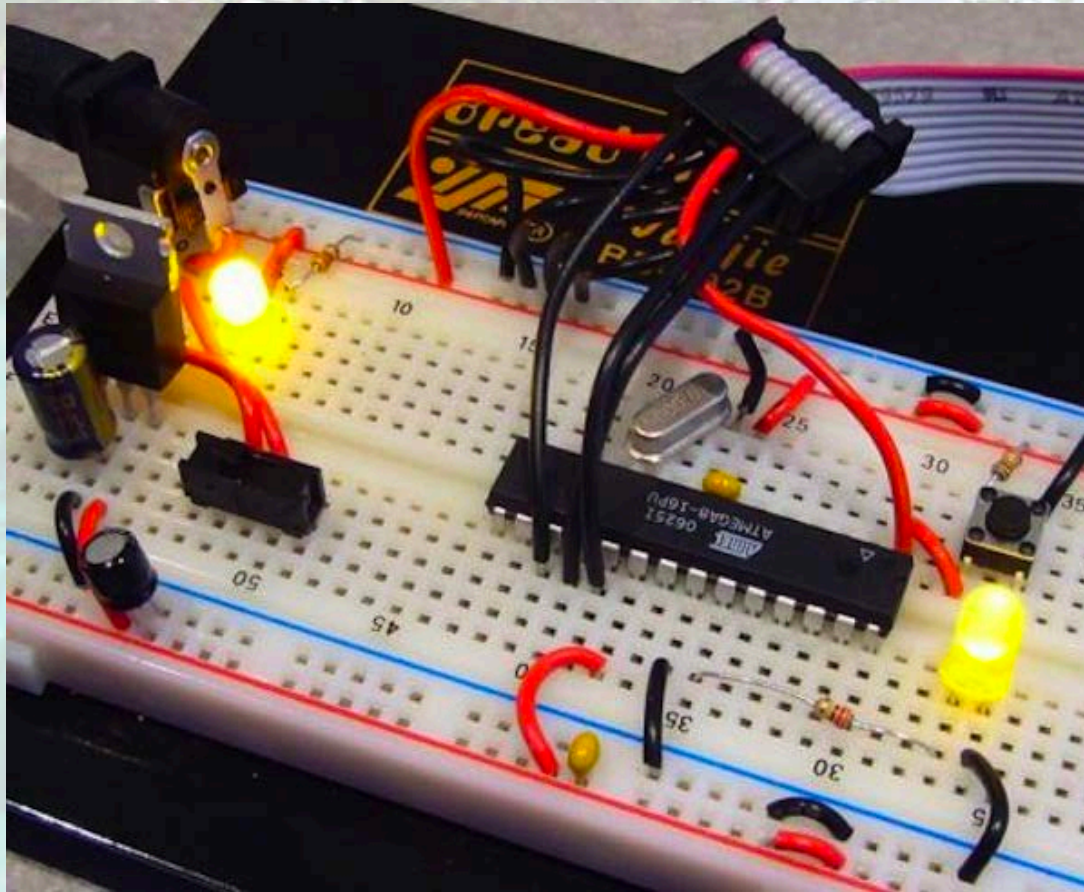


# Power rails and terminal strips



- Rows in middle are electrically connected
- Columns (power rails) on edge are electrically connected





- <https://learn.sparkfun.com/tutorials/how-to-use-a-breadboard/all>



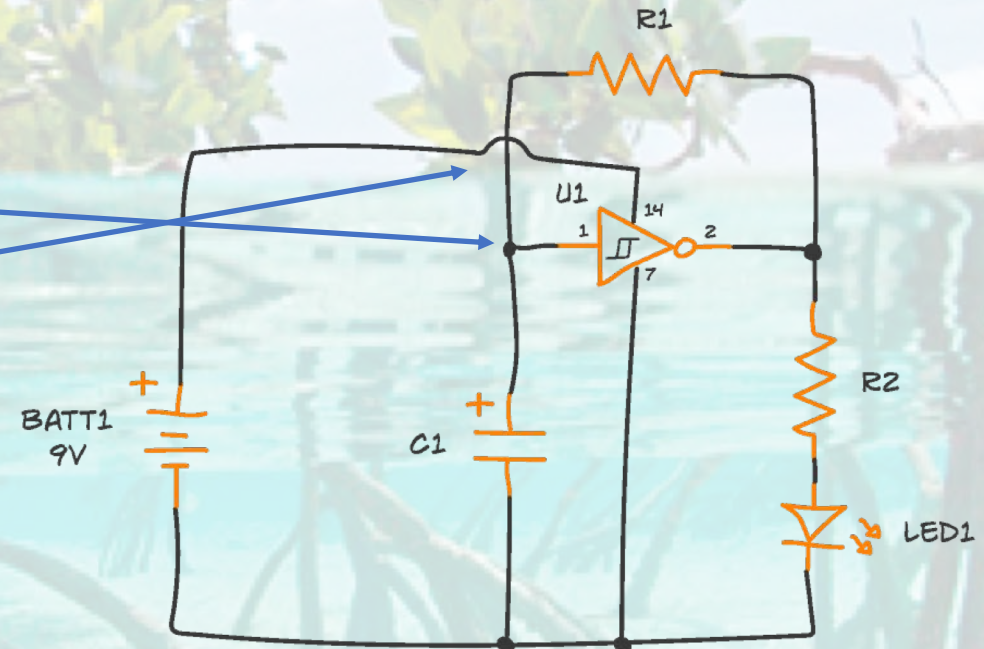
# Assignment for Friday

- 1: Nature journal
- 2: Hand (or CAD (e.g., Fritzing)) draw a block diagram circuit showing how you think parts should be connected
  - Focus on power and communication (**UART** = TX/RX)
  - Use <https://www.instructables.com/Track-CO2-Carbon-Dioxide-Levels-With-Ardunio-and-C/> as a guide for K-30 to Arduino (Adalogger) but note that we are using a different board
  - More advanced (not required this week): Fritzing



# Grading and Symbolology

- I will be looking for:
  - All correct connections
  - Connected wires shown with dot
  - Not connected wires shown with swoop

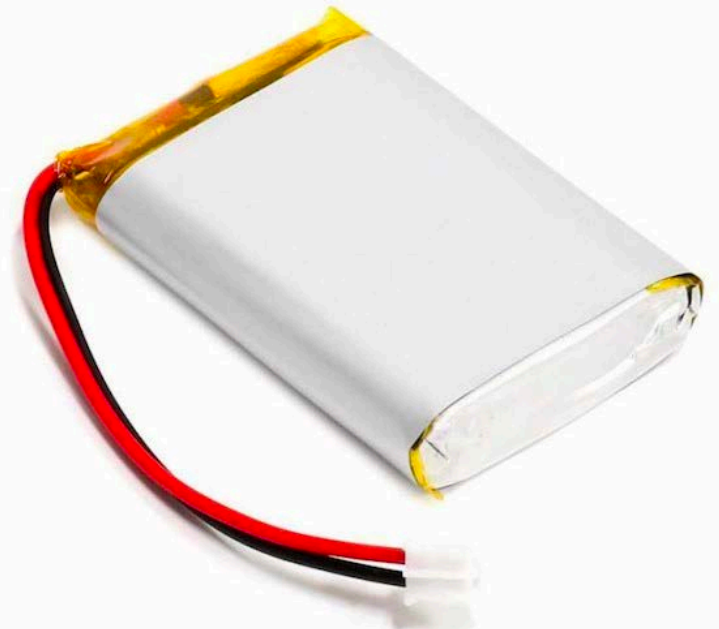
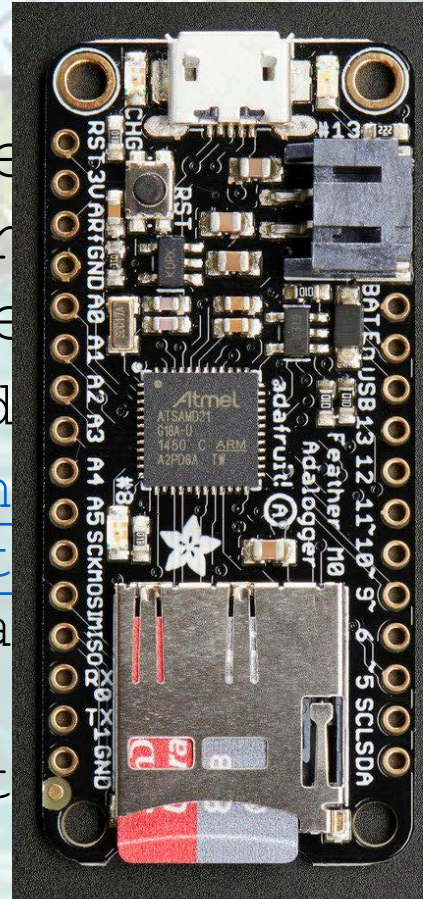
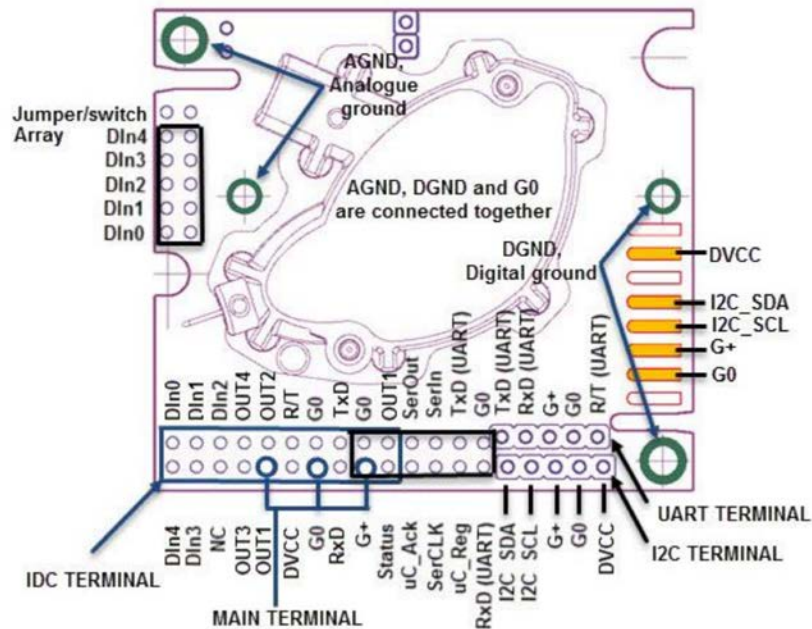




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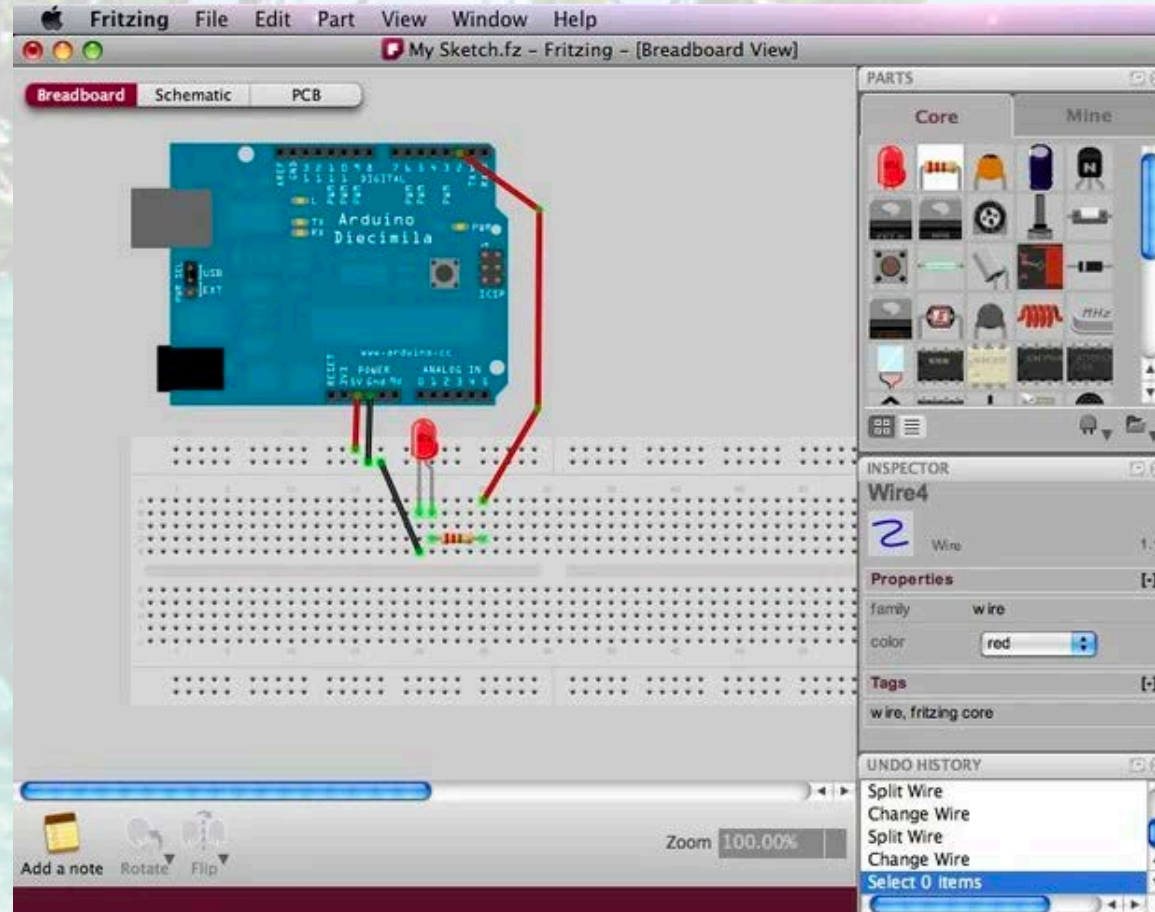
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## PCB overview





# Fritzing free circuit design software



<https://fritzing.org/>



# New Teams (Splitting Team Arduino)

- Team K-30 (<https://senseair.com/products/flexibility-counts/k30/>)
  - 1-Evan
  - 2-Stephen
  - 3-Devan
  - 4-Madison
- Team PowerBoost (<https://learn.adafruit.com/adafruit-powerboost-500-plus-charger>)
  - 1-Nick
  - 2-Zac
  - 3-Summer
- Team Processor (<https://www.microchip.com/wwwproducts/en/ATsamd21g18>)
  - 1-Billy
  - 2-Anna
  - 3-Holland
- Team Adalogger (<https://learn.adafruit.com/adafruit-feather-m0-adalogger>)
  - 1-Liam
  - 2-Hannah
  - 3-Danielle
  - 4-Michael
- Team Arduino software/firmware (<https://www.arduino.cc/en/software>)





# **Zoom with Peter Fritzler, Sciences Librarian**

<https://uncw.zoom.us/j/81587579319?pwd=ZUxhUmtTRXMzOTEyeE5ic1EzdXBndz09>