

# Introduction to Sensors

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# Mechatronic Systems

Sensor - powered  
transducer - unpowered

we treat same

Converts physical phenomena  
to another signal because we

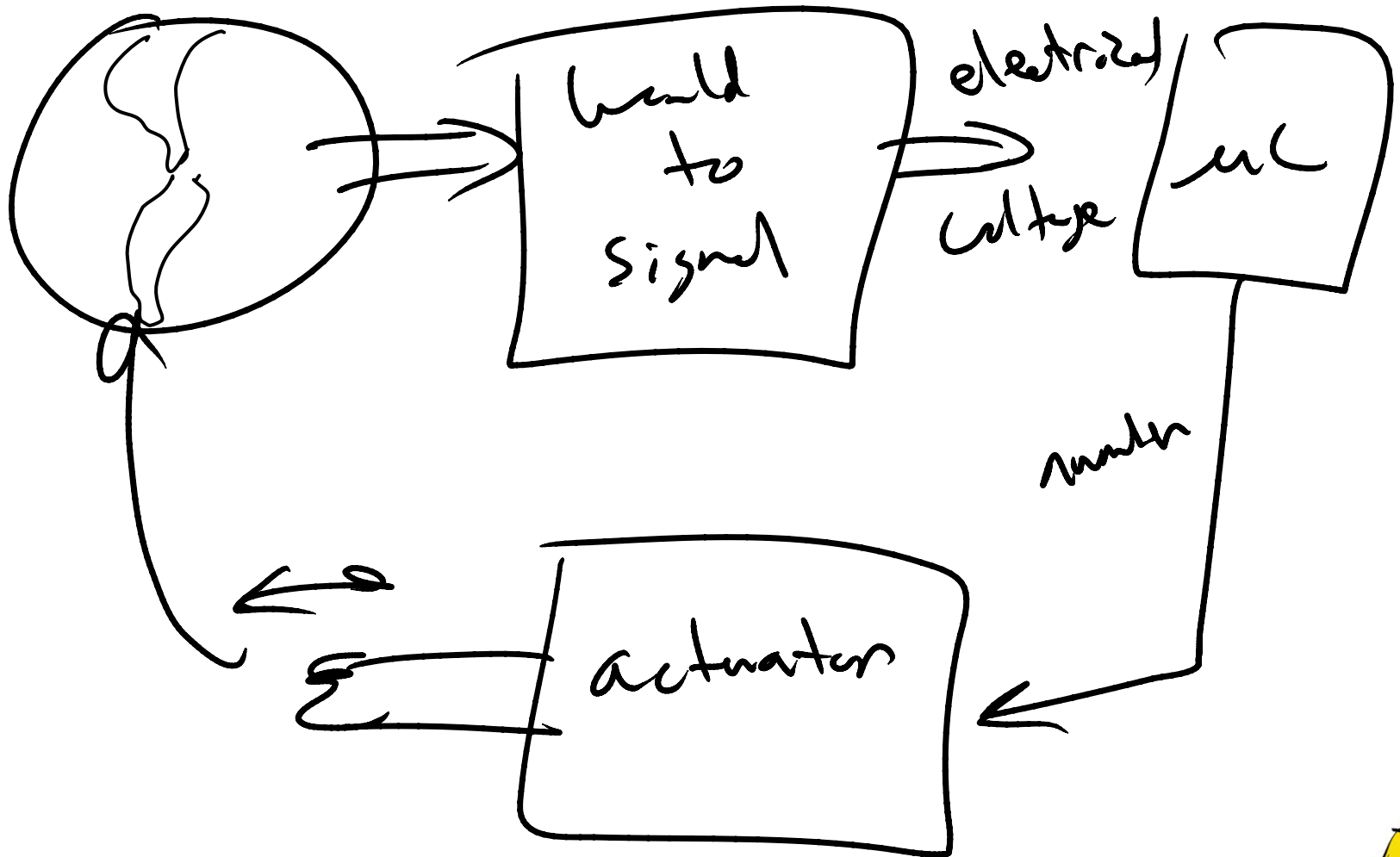
Signal Conditioning

1) noise

2) match sensor to output

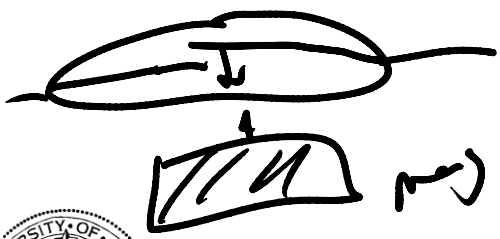
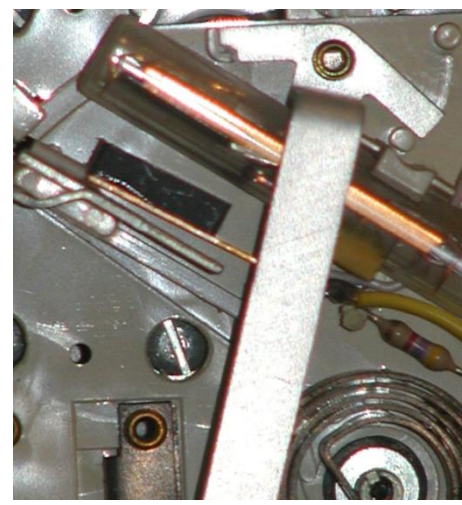
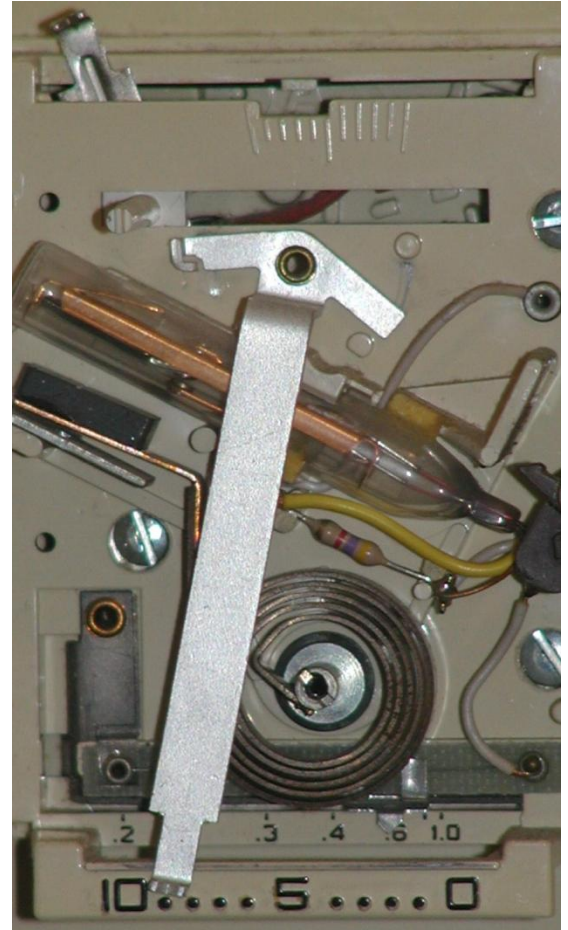


# World to Signal



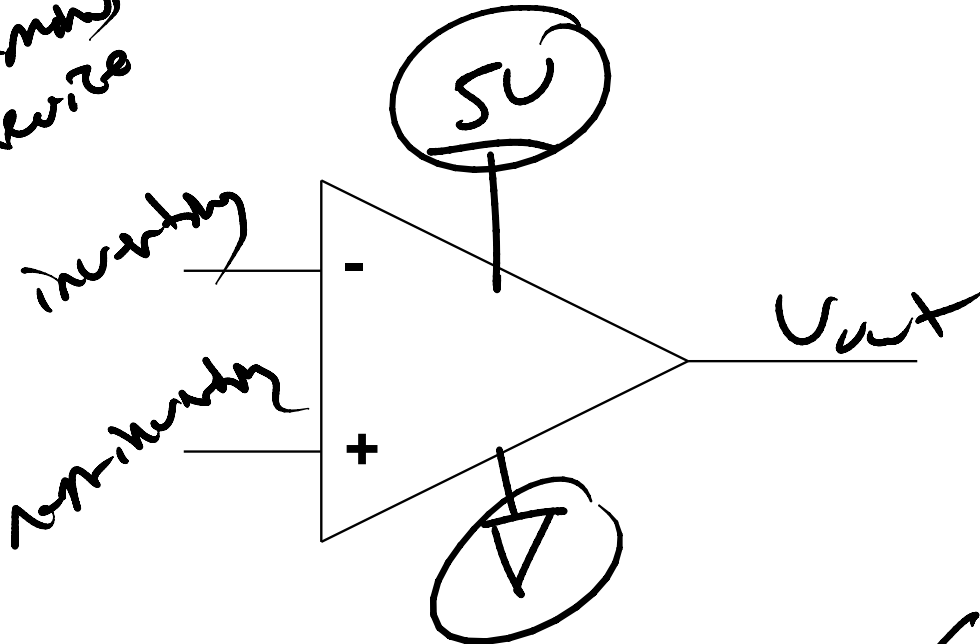
*Reset*

# Thermostat

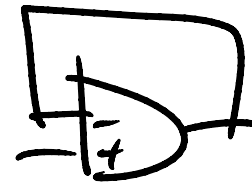


# The Operational Amplifier

5 terminal device



"ideal op-amp"  
 $V_{out} = G(V_+ - V_-)$

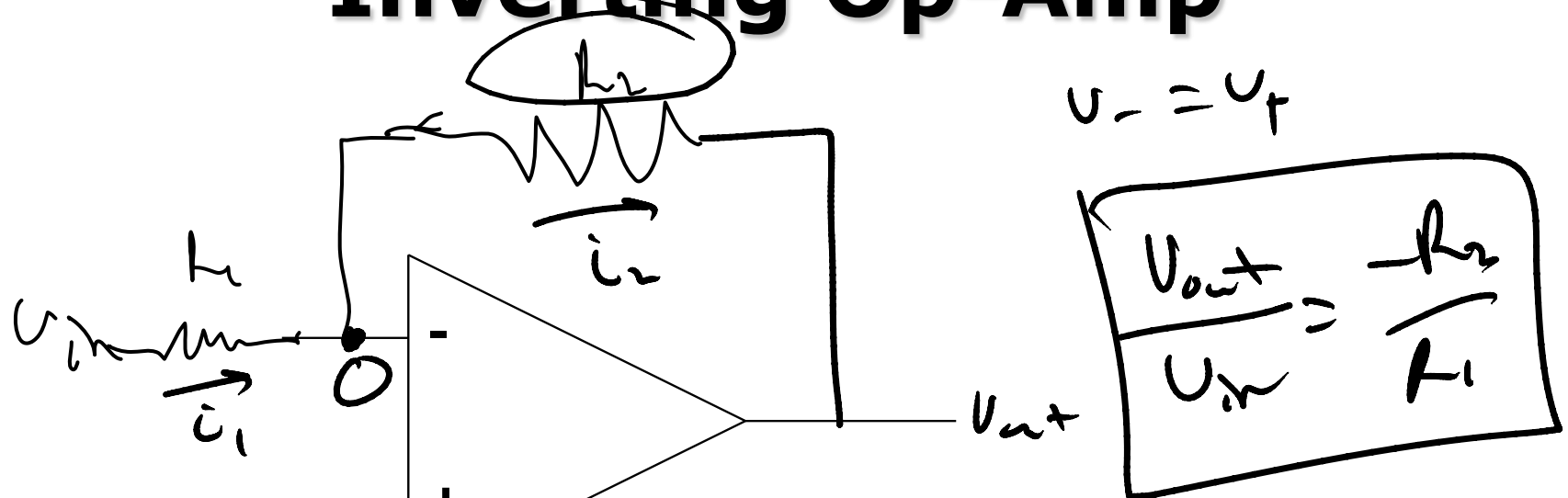


Ideal!  $G = \infty$  ( $\sim 10^5, 10^6$ )

$V_+ > V_-$        $V_{out} \uparrow$   
 $V_+ < V_-$        $V_{out} \downarrow$



# Inverting Op-Amp



Ohm's Law

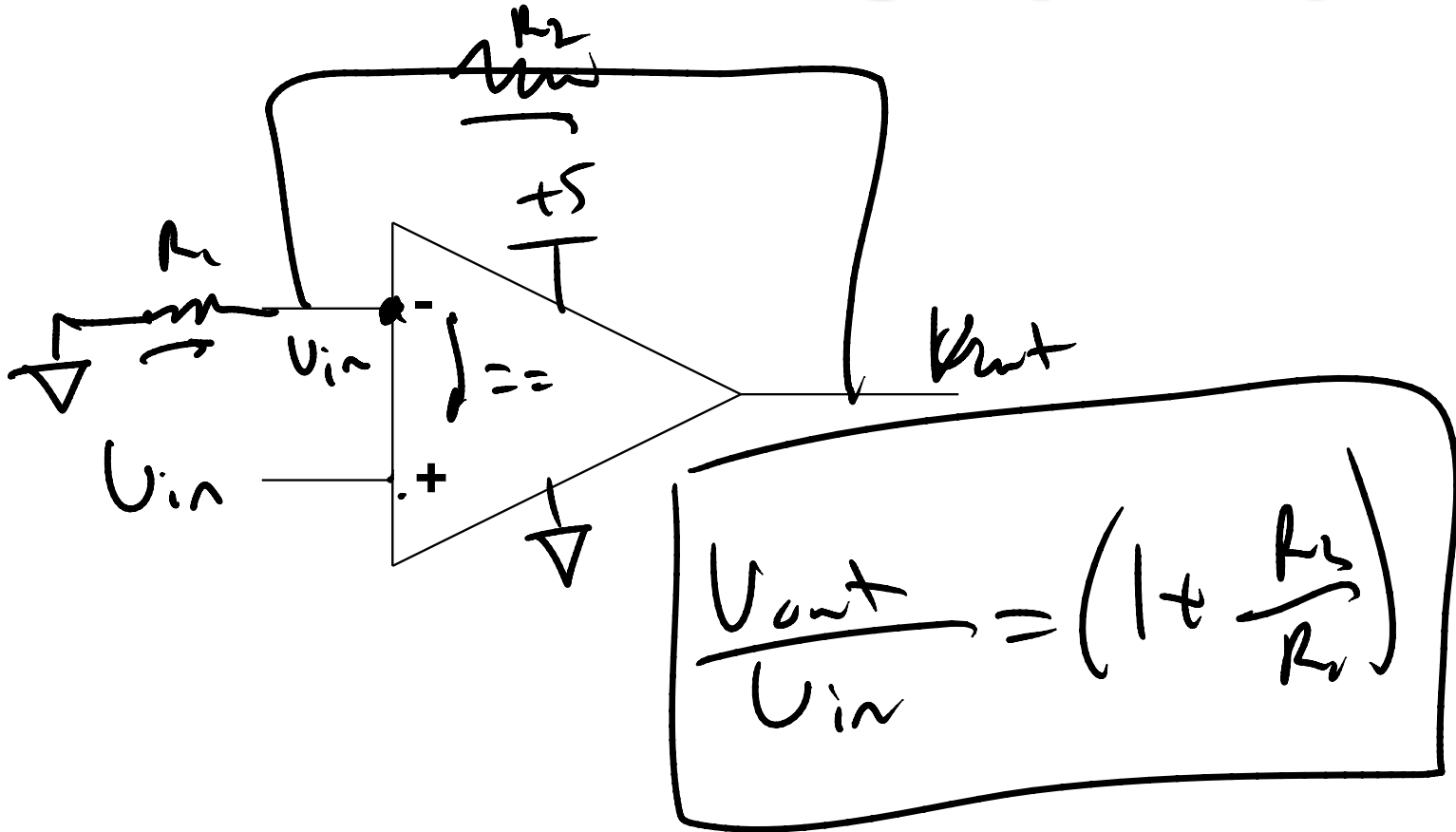
KCL

$$i_1 = \frac{V_{in} - 0}{R_1} \quad i_2 = \frac{0 - V_{out}}{R_2}$$

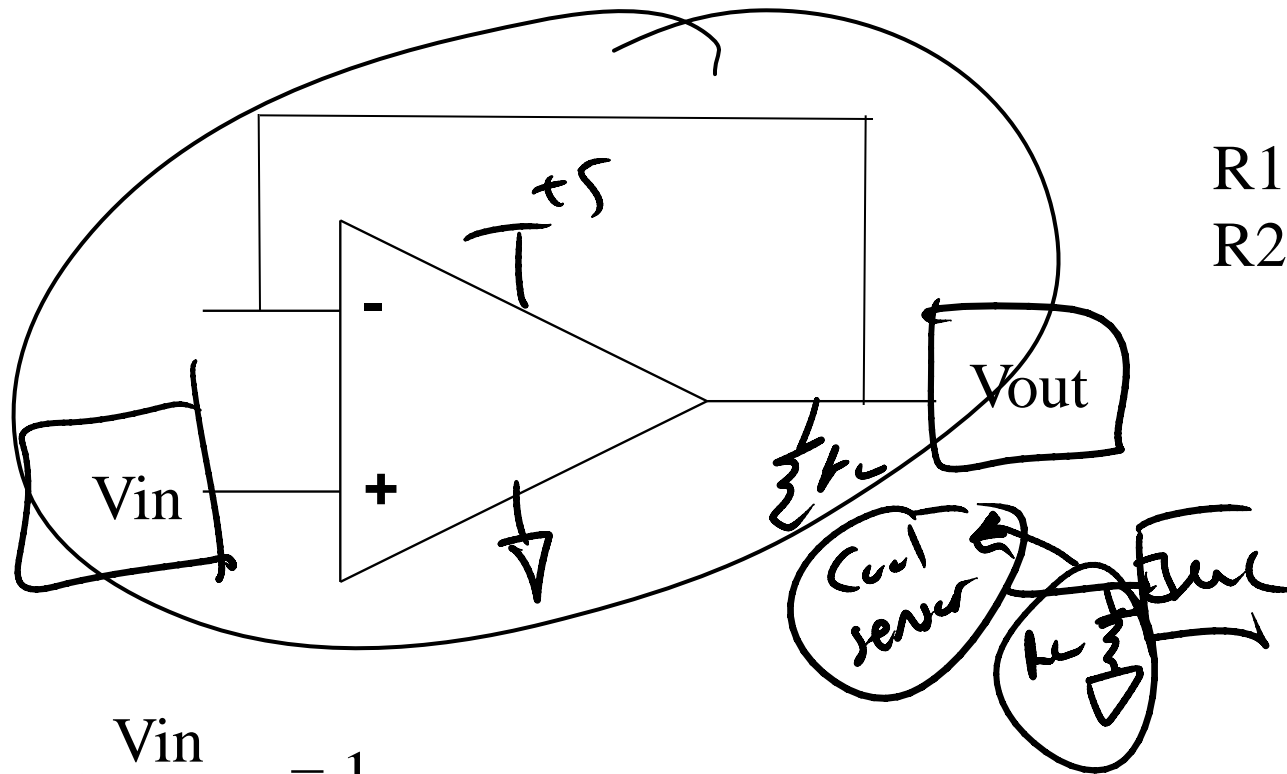
$$\frac{V_{in} - 0}{R_1} = \frac{0 - V_{out}}{R_2} \Rightarrow \frac{V_{in}}{R_1} = \frac{V_{out}}{R_2}$$



# Non-Inverting Op-Amp



# Buffer/Follower Mode



$R1 = \text{infinity}$

$R2 = 0$

$$\frac{V_{in}}{V_{out}} = 1$$

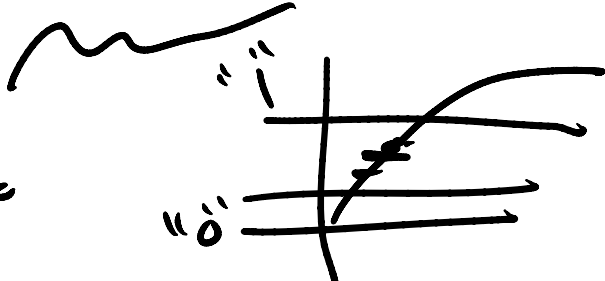




# What can the Microcontroller Measure?

\* Voltage

ADC  
high/low



\* Time

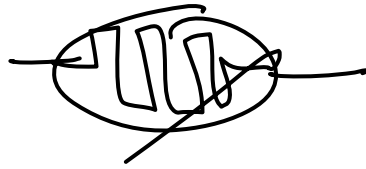
Counters/time

$$NOP = \frac{\# \text{ cycles}}{\text{clk freq}}$$



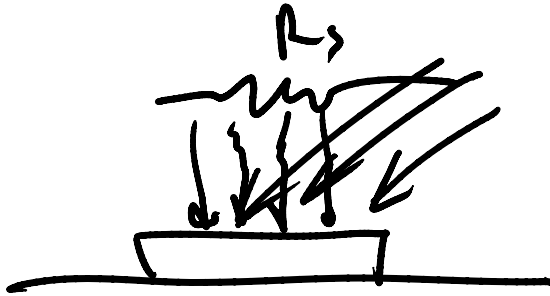
# Basic Sensors: Light

photo cell



cds -

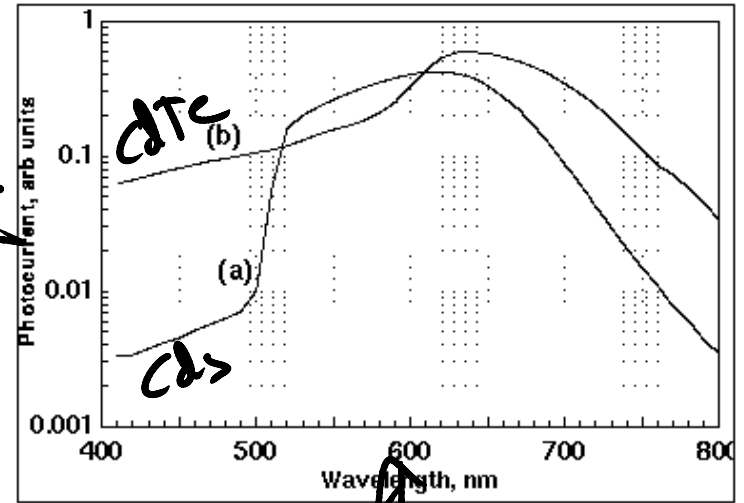
Spectral response  
- human range



dynamic response  
10's msec's

Power Rating

not - drift  
malfunction - burn out



# CdS Photocell Spec.'s



## Opto-semiconductors: CdS Photoconductive Cells

These cells have a spectral response close to the human eye.

| Type No. | Package (mm) |            | Peak Sensitivity Wavelength $\lambda_p$ (nm) | Resistance                                  |                                       | $\gamma_{100/10}^{*4}$ | Rise Time $t_r$ 0 to 63% 10 lx (ms) | Fall Time $t_f$ 100 to 37% 10 lx (ms) |
|----------|--------------|------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|          |              |            |  | 10 lx <sup>*2</sup> Min. Max. (k $\Omega$ ) | 0 lx <sup>*3</sup> Min. (M $\Omega$ ) |                        |                                     |                                       |
| P1114-04 |              | TO-18      | 570  | 15 to 45                                    | 10                                    | 0.80                   | 40                                  | 20                                    |
| P320     |              |            | 520  | 35 to 100                                   | 20                                    | 0.85                   | 60                                  | 20                                    |
| P559     | Metal        | $\phi 5.5$ | 540  | 2.9 to 8.5                                  | 0.1                                   | 0.60                   | 100                                 | 140                                   |
| P930     |              |            | 560  | 7 to 23                                     | 0.5                                   | 0.68                   | 60                                  | 90                                    |
| P1465    |              |            | 520  | 27 to 81                                    | 10                                    | 0.85                   |                                     | 20                                    |

$0 = 100 \text{ k}\Omega$

$10 = 2.9 \text{ k}\Omega$

$$R_A = R_0 \left( \frac{E_B}{E_A} \right)^{\gamma}$$

$$R_{100} = 2.9 \left( \frac{10}{100} \right)^{0.6}$$

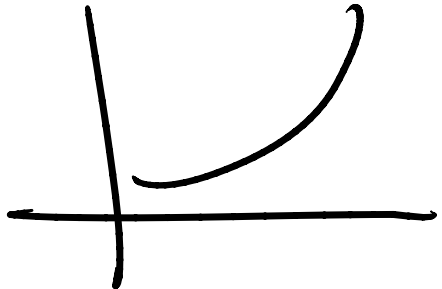
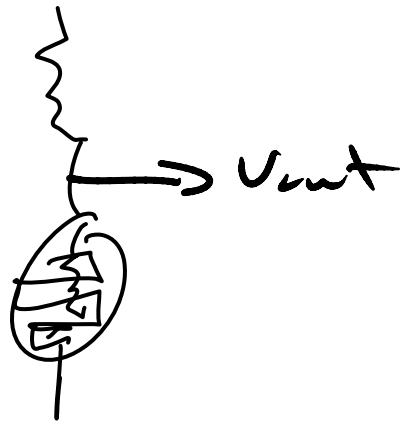
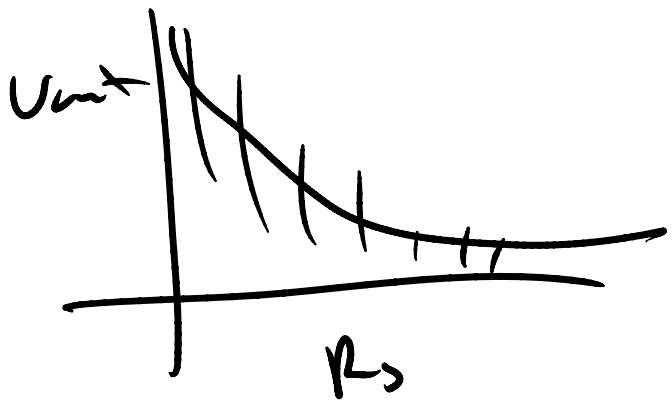
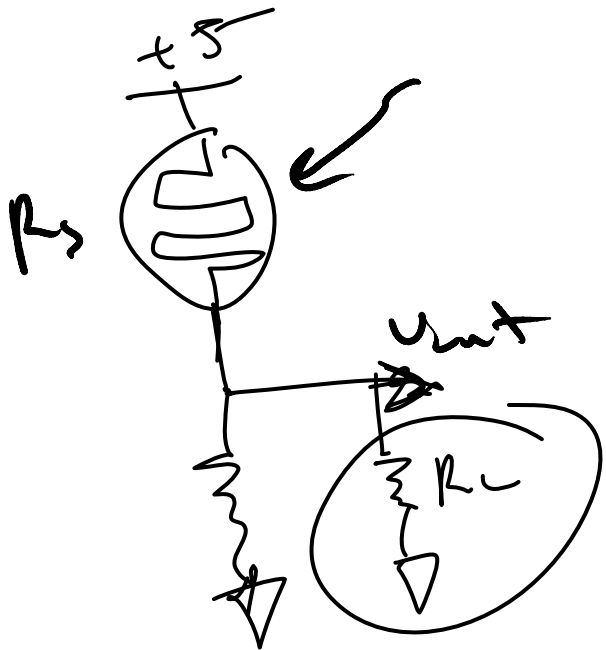
0 lux pure darkness  
 2-3 dark room  
 200 Lux office room  
 1000 Lux outside



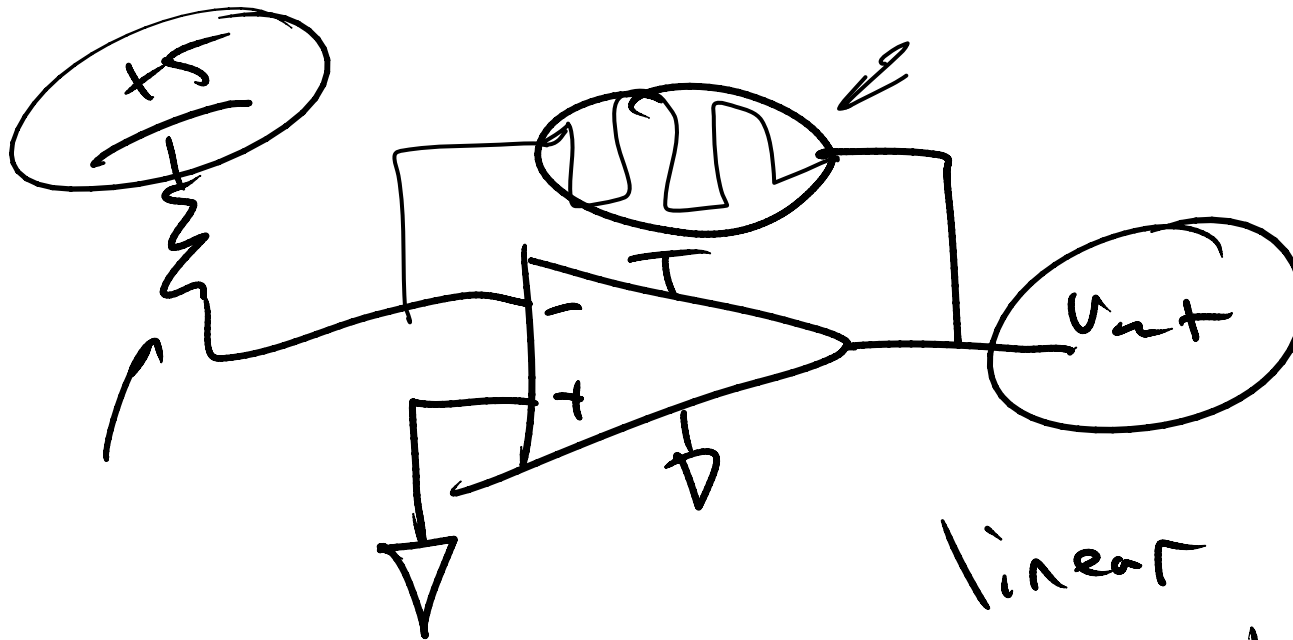
\*1: Dual element coating type. Listed data are for one element.  
 \*2: Measured with a tungsten lamp of 2856K.  
 \*3: Measured 10 seconds after removal of incident illumination of 10/x : Gamma characteristics between 10lx and 100lx.  
 \*4  $R_{10}, R_{100}$  Cell resistance values at 10lx and 100lx.  $\gamma_{100/10} = \frac{\log(R_{10}/R_{100})}{\log(100/10)}$  Gamma characteristics variations of 0.10.



# CdS Photocells: How do you use them?



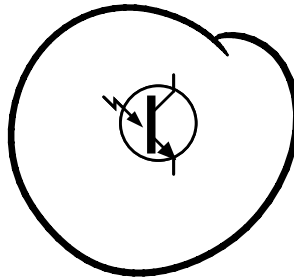
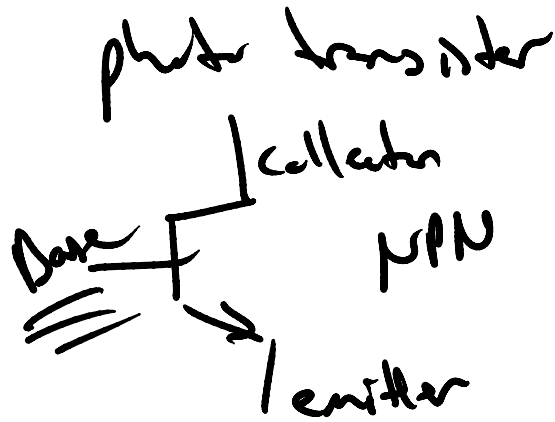
# How else could you use a Photocell?



linear output  
w/ resistance



# Basic Sensors: Light



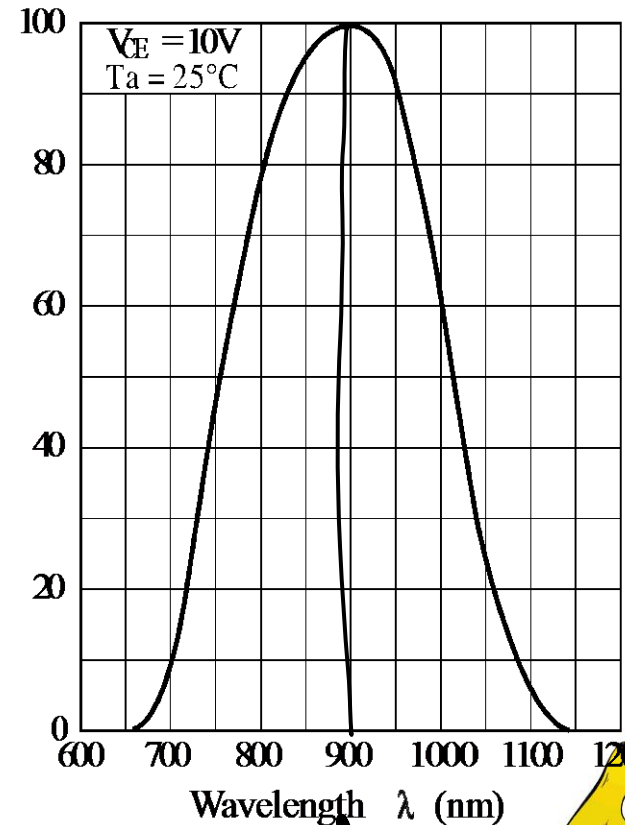
dynamic response

1-5  $\mu$ s

comes with a lens



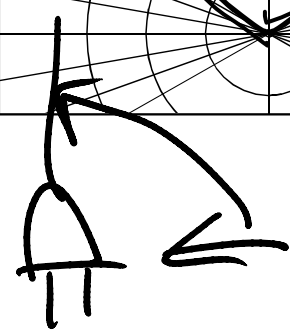
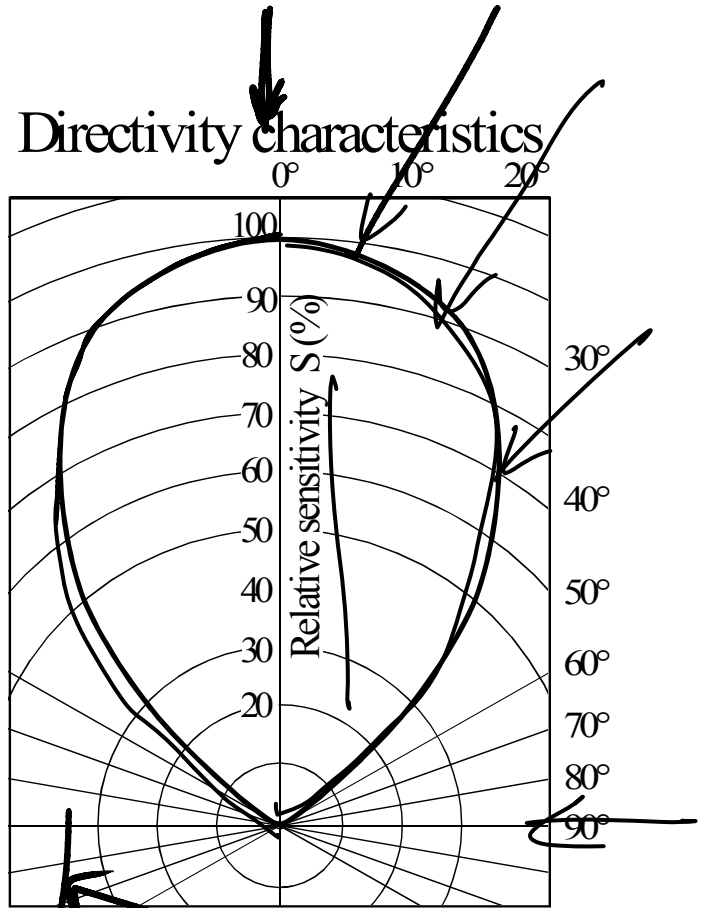
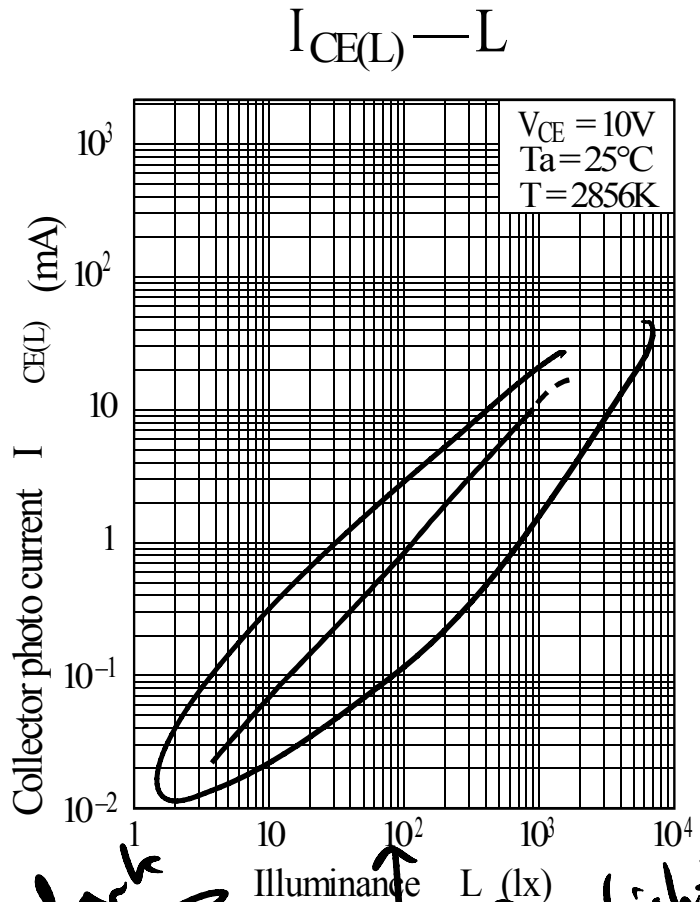
Spectral sensitivity characteristics



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# Photo-transistors



# LTR-3208-E Data Sheet (1.2)

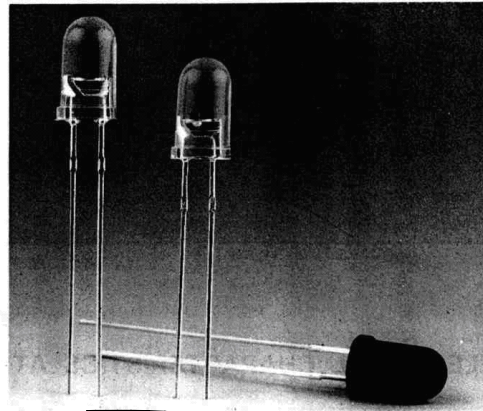
## FEATURES

- WIDE RANGE OF COLLECTOR CURRENTS.
- LENSED FOR HIGH SENSITIVITY.
- LOW COST PLASTIC PACKAGE.

## DESCRIPTION

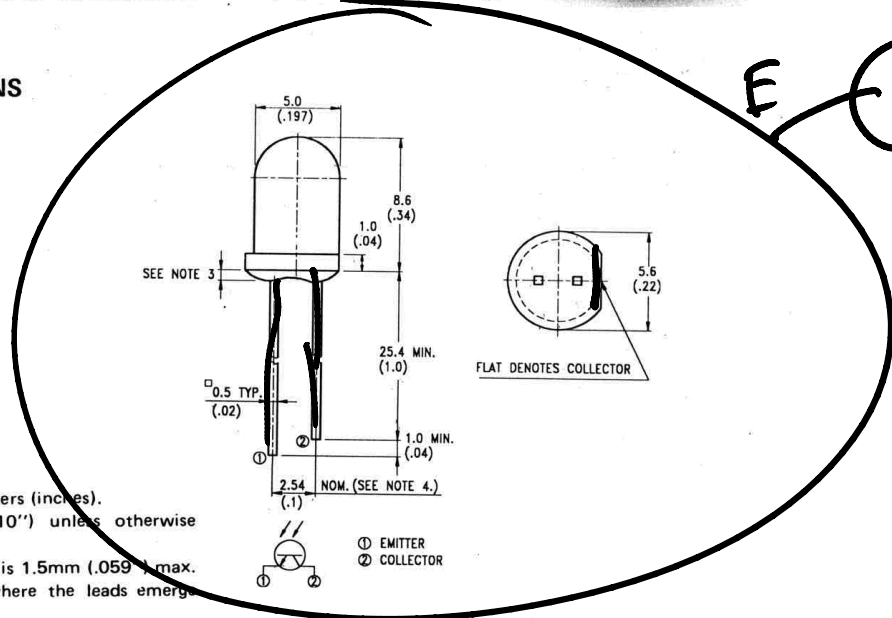
The LTR-3208 series consist of a NPN silicon phototransistor mounted in a lensed, clear plastic, end capping package. The lensing effect of the package allows an acceptance half angle of  $10^\circ$  measured from the optical axis to the half power point. This series is mechanically and spectrally matched to the LTE-4208 series of infrared emitting diodes.

The LTR-3208E is a special dark plastic package that is suitable for the detectors of visible light and infrared applications.



## PACKAGE DIMENSIONS

*Handwritten note:* HIGH SHTP



### NOTES:

- All dimensions are in millimeters (inches).
- Tolerance is  $\pm 0.25\text{mm}$  (.010") unless otherwise noted.
- Protruded resin under flange is 1.5mm (.059") max.
- Lead spacing is measured where the leads emerge from the package.
- Specifications are subject to change without notice.





**ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS AT  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$**

| PARAMETER   | MAXIMUM RATING       | UNIT |
|---|----------------------|------|
| Power Dissipation   | 100                  | mW   |
| Collector-Emitter Voltage                                 | 30                   | V    |
| Emitter-Collector Voltage                                 | 5                    | V    |
| Operating Temperature Range                               | -55 °C to + 100 °C   |      |
| Storage Temperature Range                                 | -55 °C to + 100 °C   |      |
| Lead Soldering Temperature<br>[1.6mm (0.063in) From Body] | 260 °C for 5.Seconds |      |

*useful*

# LTR-3208-E Data Sheet (2.2)

*useful*

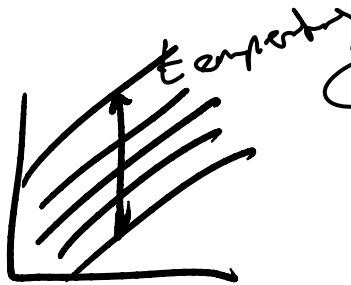
*operates*

**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS AT  $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$**

| PARAMETER                            | SYMBOL        | PART NO<br>LTR- | MIN | TYP | MAX | UNIT          | TEST<br>CONDITION  |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|---------------|--|
| Collector-Emitter Breakdown Voltage  | $V_{(BR)CEO}$ |                 | 30  |     |     | V             | $I_C = 1\text{ mA}$<br>$E_e = 0\text{ mW/cm}^2$                                |
| Emitter-Collector Breakdown Voltage  | $V_{(BR)ECO}$ |                 | 5   |     |     | V             | $I_E = 100\ \mu\text{A}$<br>$E_e = 0\text{ mW/cm}^2$                           |
| Collector Emitter Saturation Voltage | $V_{CE(SAT)}$ |                 |     |     | 0.4 | V             | $I_C = 0.5\text{ mA}$<br>$E_e = 0.5\text{ mW/cm}^2$                            |
| Rise Time                            | $T_r$         |                 |     | 10  |     | $\mu\text{S}$ | $V_{CC} = 30\text{ V}$<br>$I_C = 800\ \mu\text{A}$<br>$R_L = 1\text{ k}\Omega$ |
| Fall Time                            | $T_f$         |                 |     | 5   |     | $\mu\text{S}$ |  |
| Collector Dark Current               | $I_{CEO}$     |                 |     |     | 100 | nA            | $V_{CE} = 10\text{ V}$<br>$E_e = 0\text{ mW/cm}^2$                             |
| On State Collector Current           | $I_{C(ON)}$   | 3208            | 1   | 4   |     | mA            | $V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}$<br>$E_e = 1\text{ mW/cm}^2$                              |
|                                      |               | 3208E           | 1   | 2   |     | mA            | $\lambda = 940\text{ nm}$  |

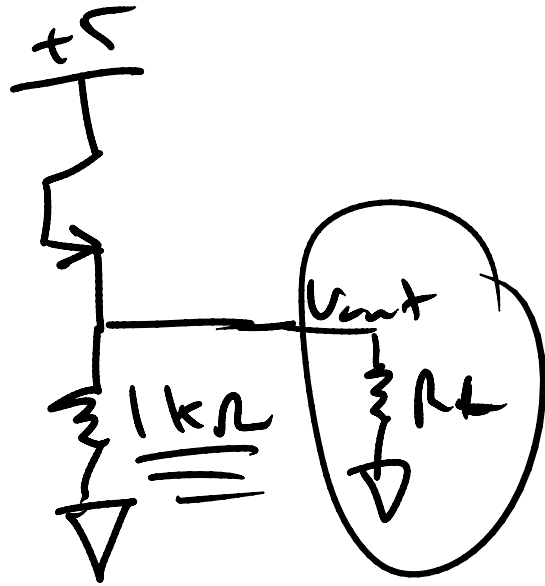
*Dark*  
*100 nA*

*1 mA/cm²*  
*Light*  
*1-2 mA*



# Phototransistors: How do you use them? (1.2)

"Source" config



Light ↑  
Voltage ↑

Dark

Not linear  
100nA  
Voltage Drop  
no light

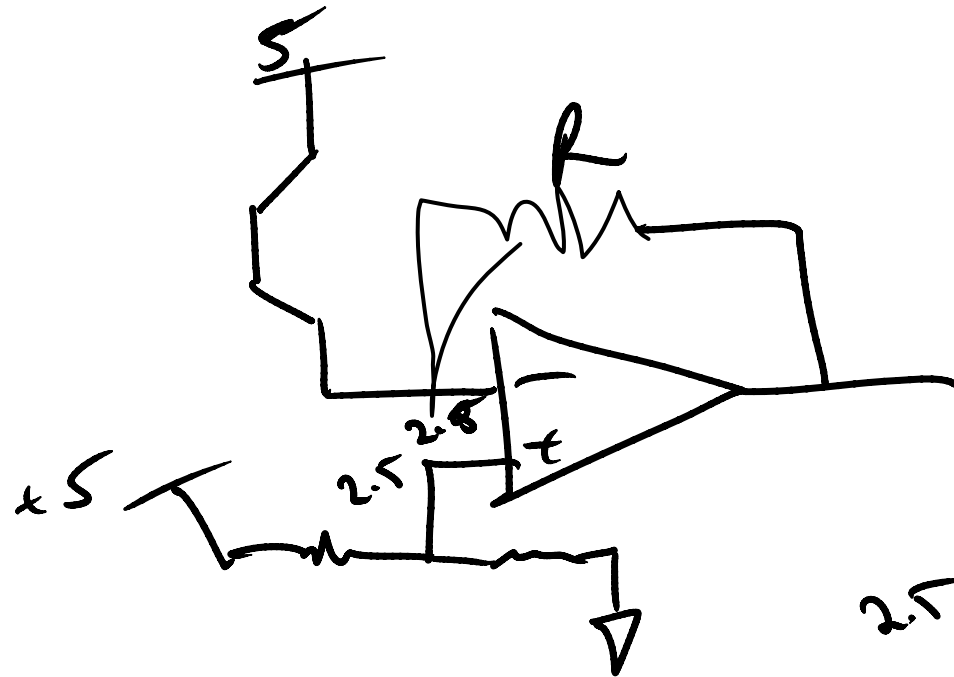
Light

1mA  
Voltage Drop

"Sink" config

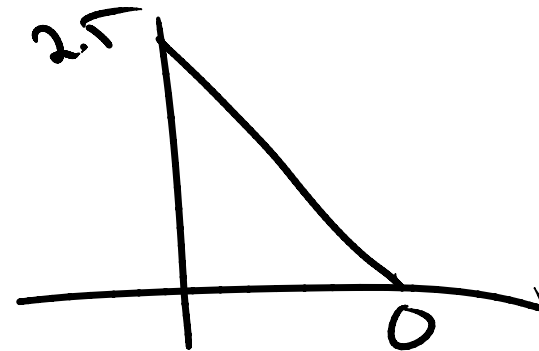


# Phototransistors: How do you use them? (2.2)

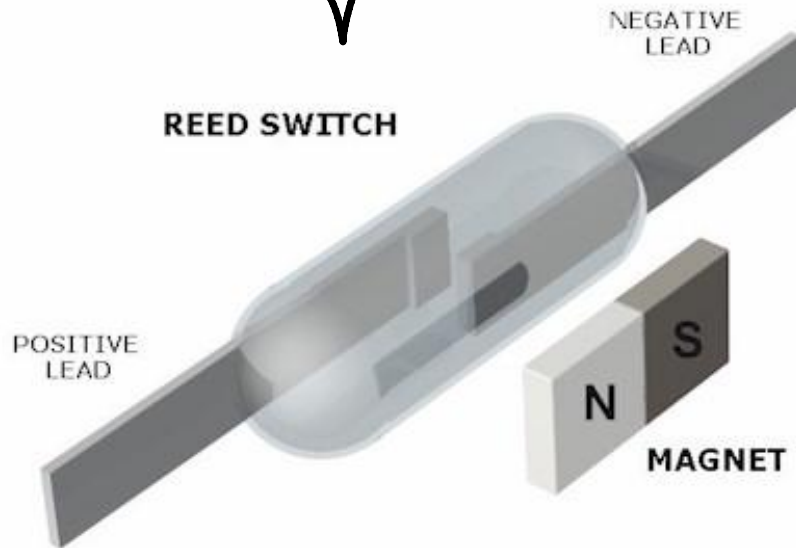
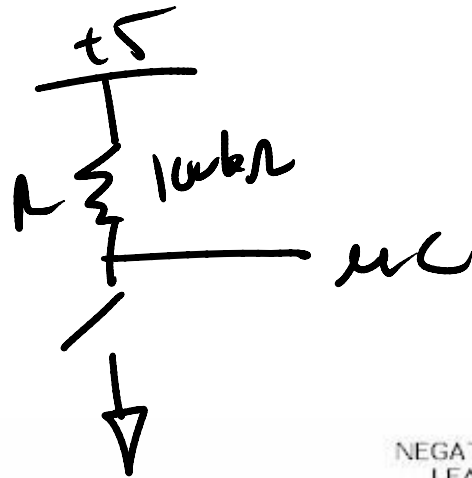


$$V_{out} = -i_{con} * R + 2.5$$

linear response



# Basic Sensors: Magnetic Field (1.4)



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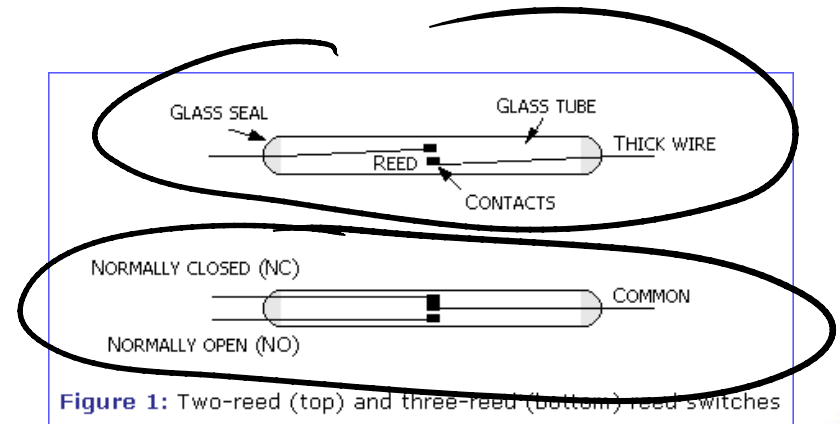


Figure 1: Two-reed (top) and three-reed (bottom) reed switches



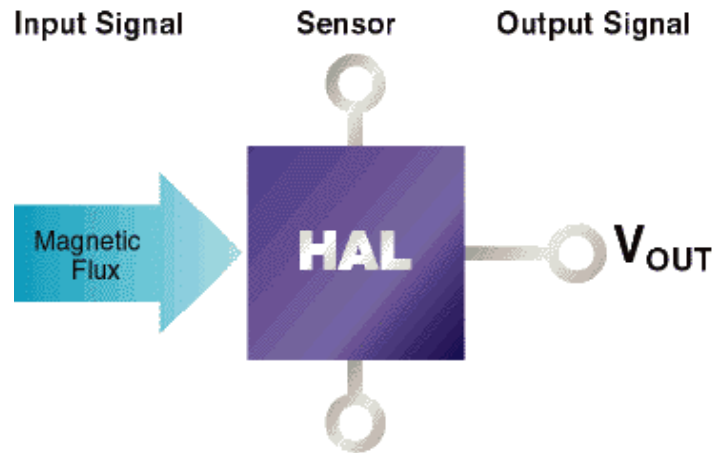
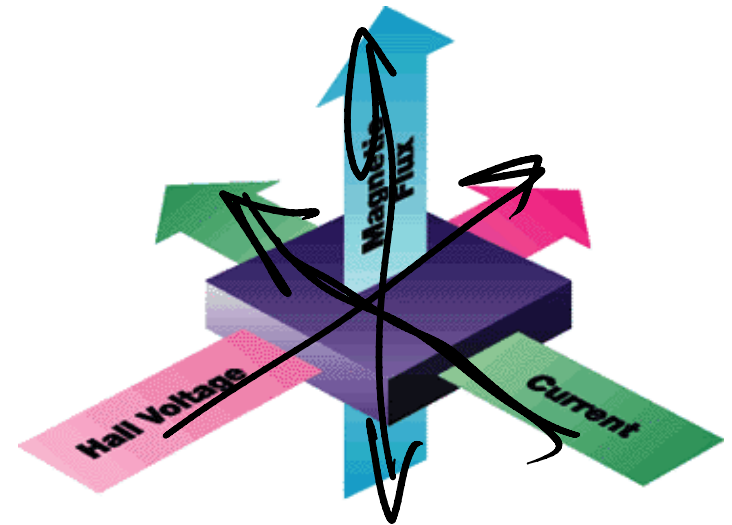
# Basic Sensors: Magnetic Field (2.4)

Hall effect  
semi conductor device

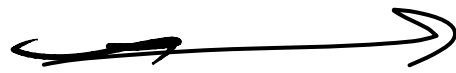
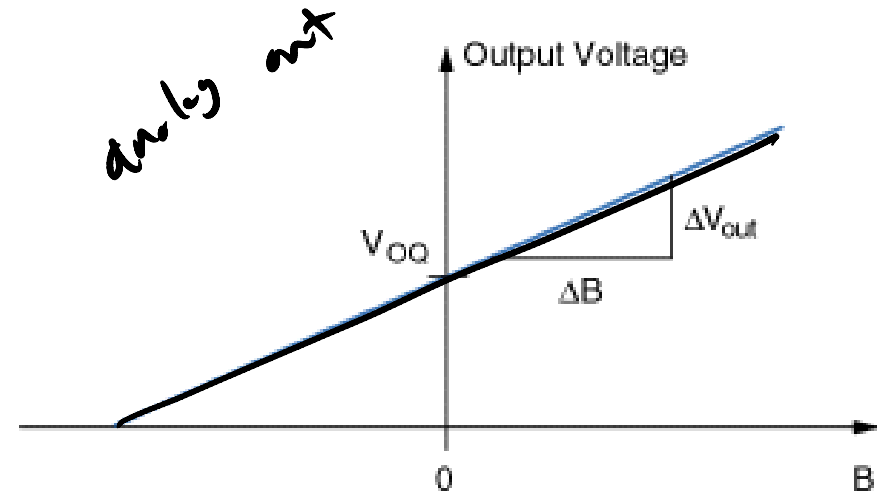
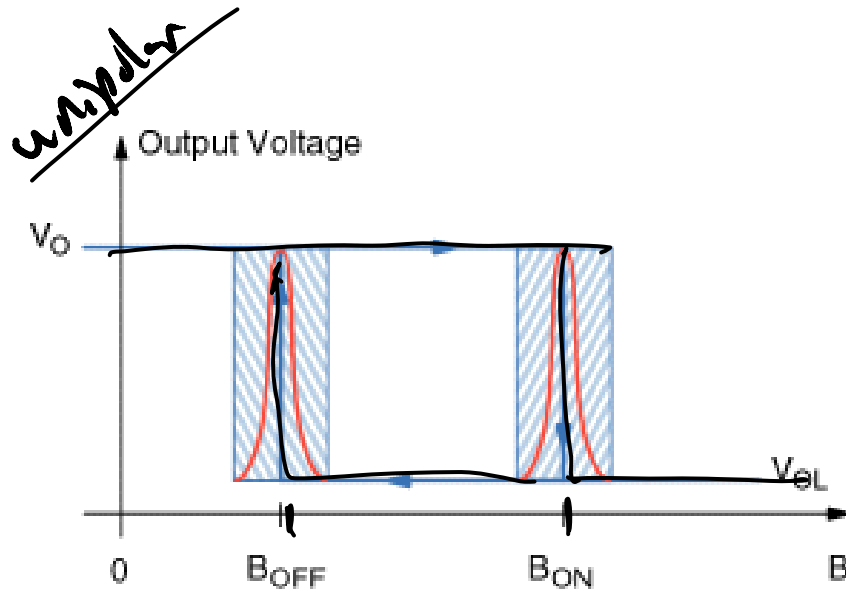
two types

+ ON/OFF switch (Reed)

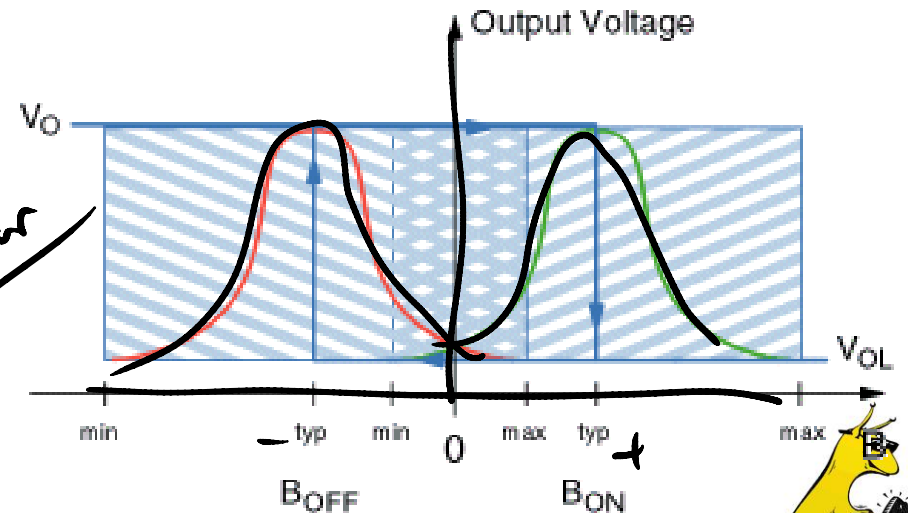
+ analog - gives strength of magnetic field



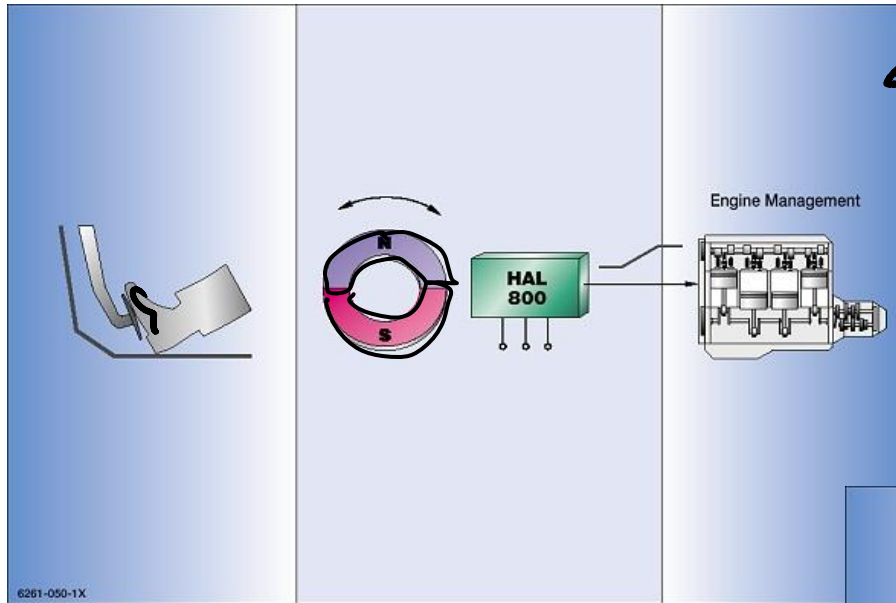
# Basic Sensors: Magnetic Field (3.4)



*bipolar*



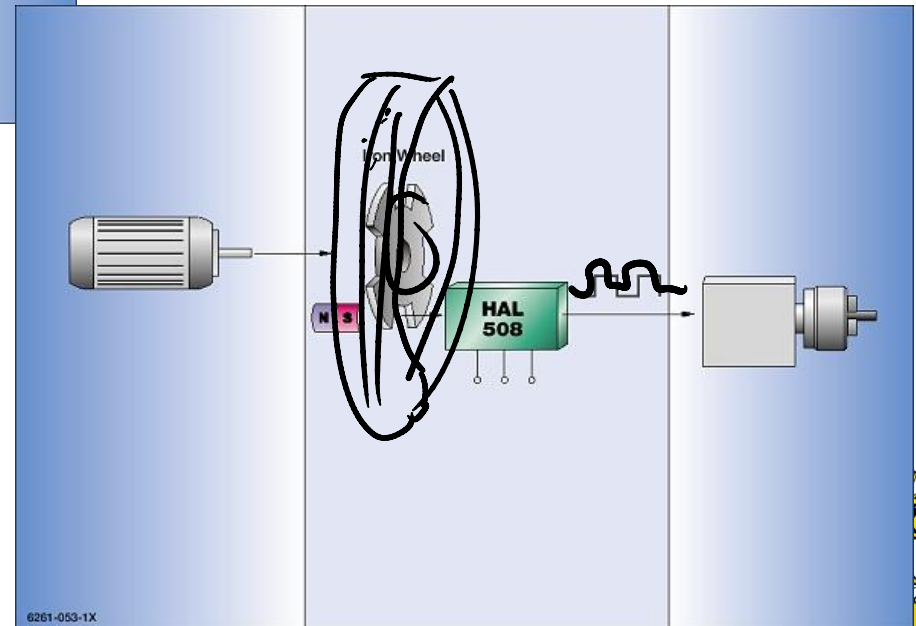
# Basic Sensors: Magnetic Field (4.4)



Rotation → magnetic field → voltage → engine ctrl.

rotation rate →  
 $f_{mag}$  →  
 time base

anti lock  
 breaks



# Measuring Position

Light  $\leftarrow$  (translates movement to voltage)  
Intensity - IR  
LIDAR  $\&\&\& :=$  student project

Sound - two way time of flight  
ultra sonic 1-2m

Subsidiary

velocity - motor as a generator

ext.  $\rightarrow$   $\int$  position

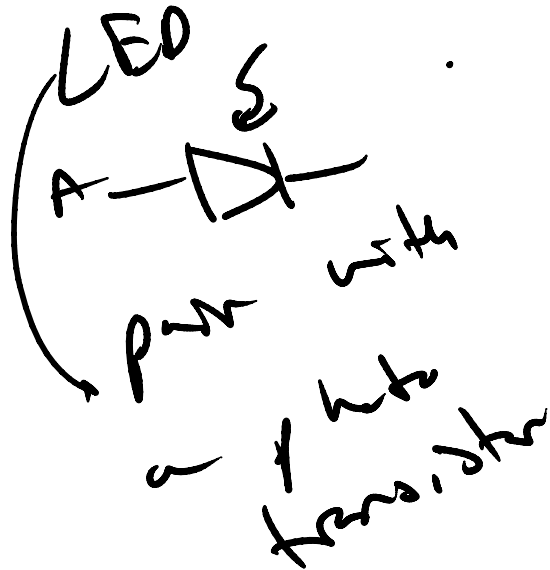
accelerometers - kits

~~kit~~





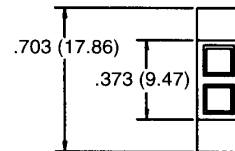
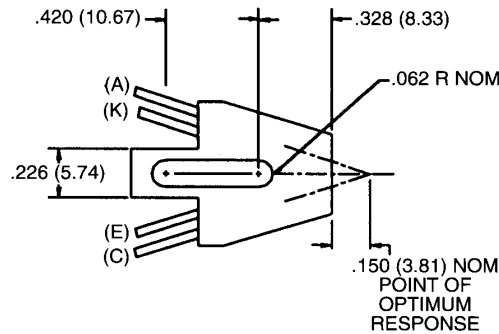
# Optical Sensors for Position (1.2)



REFLECTIVE OBJECT SENSORS

QRB1113/1114

## PACKAGE DIMENSIONS



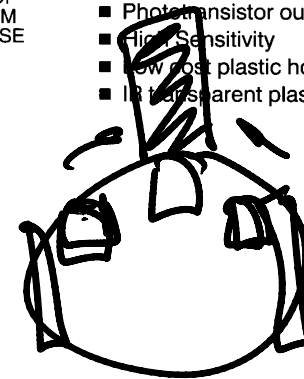
## DESCRIPTION

The QRB1113/1114 consists of an infrared emitting diode and an NPN silicon phototransistor mounted side by side on a converging optical axis in a black plastic housing. The phototransistor responds to radiation from the emitting diode only when a reflective object passes within its field of view. The area of the optimum response approximates a circle .200" in diameter.

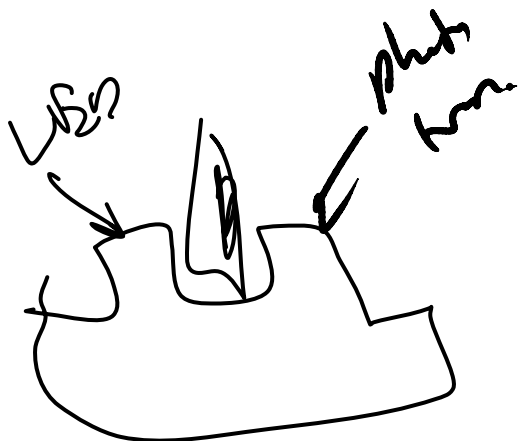
## FEATURES

- Phototransistor output
- High Sensitivity
- Low cost plastic housing
- IR transparent plastic covers for dust protection.

type 9  
All units



# Optical Sensors for Position (2.2)



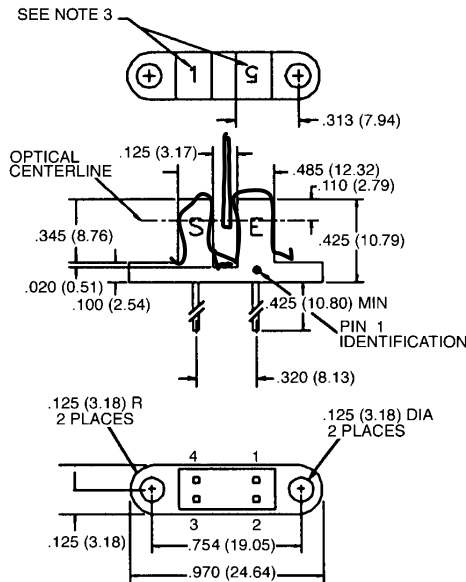
*5-4*  
*sensor*  
*Switch*



## SLOTTED OPTICAL SWITCH

### OPB860T11/OPB860T51/OPB860T55

#### PACKAGE DIMENSIONS



#### DESCRIPTION

The OPB860T series of switches is designed to allow the user maximum flexibility in applications. Each switch consists of an infrared emitting diode facing an NPN phototransistor across a .125" (3.18mm) gap. A unique housing design provides a smooth external surface to prevent dust build-up while molded internal apertures give precise positioning and also provide protection from ambient light interference.

#### FEATURES

- Fully enclosed design allows dust protection.
- Lead spacing at .320".
- .050" and .010" aperture options.
- PCB mountable.



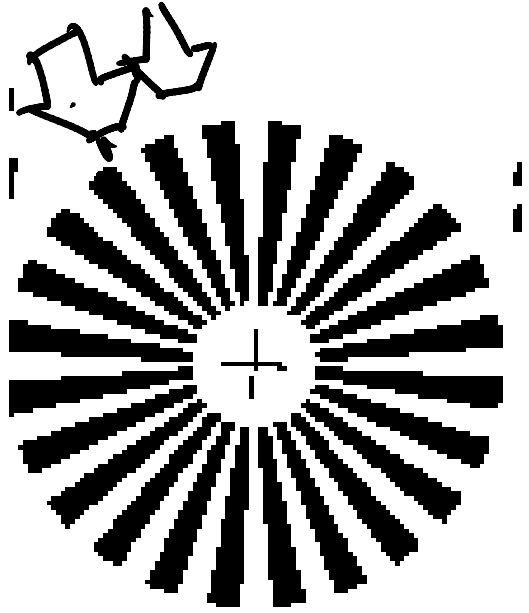
# Encoders for Position Sensing (1.2)

Absolute Encoder

006  
001  
010

Gray code

1/2 step ang



48 segments



10-25th

1-bit positioning

2-bit  
2-bit

exp. bit

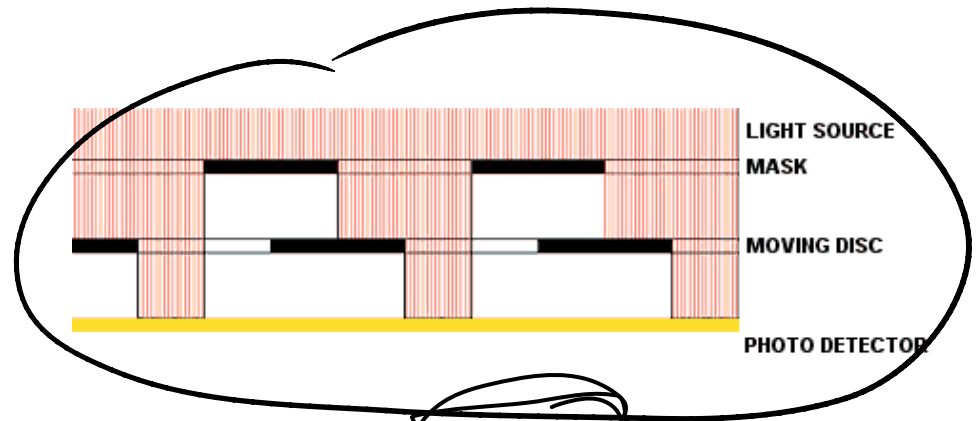
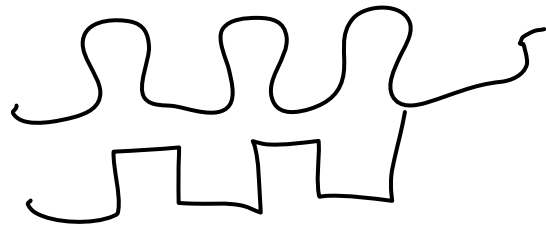


3k → 1 million



# Encoders for Position Sensing (2.2)

Q.R.E.



1 unit

1 light  
2 sensor

MC  
A-  
B-



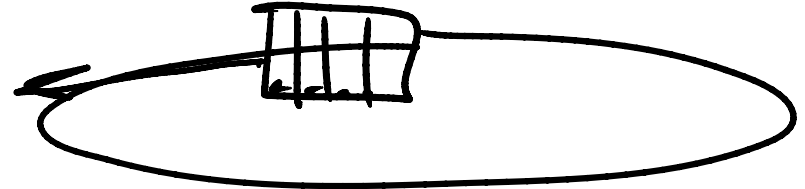
# Encoders: Where Do You Find Them?

Antenna

Printers - cheap

old ball mice

hard drives



EVERYWHERE  
+ cheap  
+ accurate



# Basic Sensors: Temperature (1.2)

Thermistors

• very temp dependent resistor

non-linear  
well defined

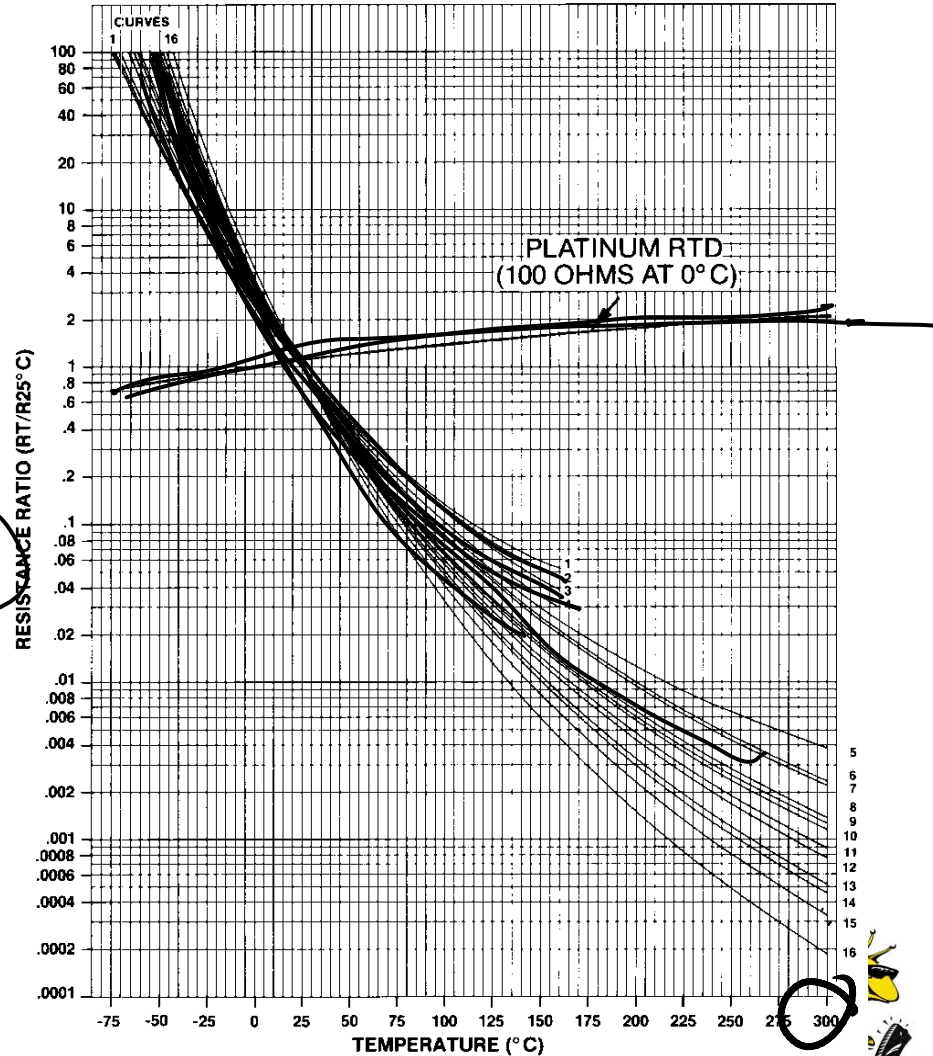
↑ T  
↓ R

top out 300°C

Large  $\Delta R$  for  $\Delta T$

① AKA the order poly.

RESISTANCE - TEMPERATURE CHARACTERISTICS



# Basic Sensors: Temperature (2.2)

R.T.D — made out of p latins  $\equiv$  \$\$\$

Pro

↳ High temp range

↳ very linear

↳ very stable  $\leftarrow$  repeatable

R ↑  
T ↑

Cons

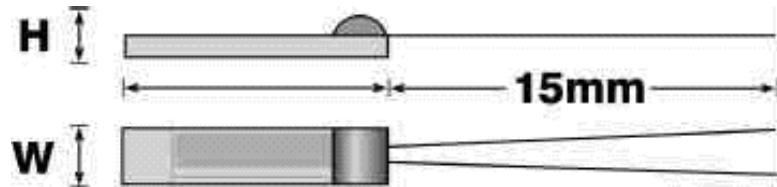
↳ Not as sensitive  
small  $\Delta R$  for  $\Delta T$

↳ pricey  $\rightarrow$  \$\$\$



# Sensor Scientific, inc.

## PLATINUM THIN FILM RTD ELEMENTS



- AVAILABLE IN 100, 500, 1000, AND 2000 OHM RESISTANCE VALUES
- STANDARD IEC 751, ASTM E1137 & NON-STANDARD TOLERANCES AVAILABLE
- WIDE CHOICE OF SIZES
- 2, 3, AND 4 WIRE EXTENSION LEADS AVAILABLE
- CUSTOM-ENGINEERED TEMPERATURE PROBE ASSEMBLIES

Sensor Scientific, Inc. Platinum Thin Film RTD Elements are fabricated using state-of-the-art thin film processing techniques, resulting in an element of exceptional quality and stability. The wide choice of resistance, tolerance, and size options allows for complete design flexibility.

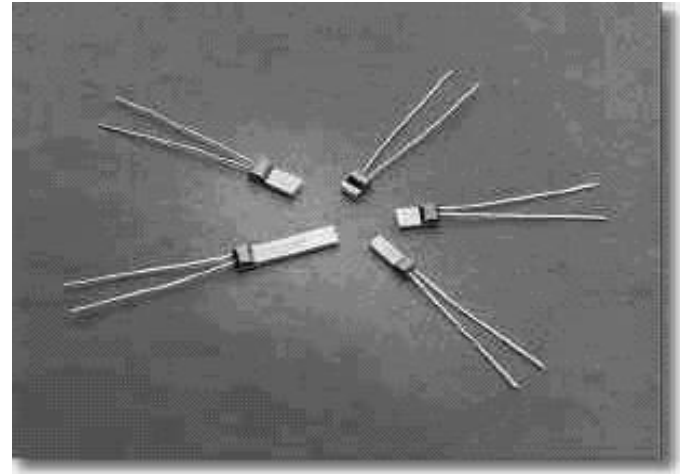
RTD elements are available with extension leads, and incorporated in complete temperature probe assemblies. Please contact Sensor Scientific for additional information.

### Assemblies:

Generally, thin film RTD elements are incorporated into some type of assembly for protection. Extension leads may be attached via soldering, crimping, brazing or welding. The attachment method must be capable of withstanding the intended maximum operating temperature.

The following precautions must be taken when incorporating the element into an assembly:

- 1) Avoid straining the element leads.
- 2) If extension leads are attached via soldering or brazing, all flux residue must be removed.
- 3) The resistance of extension leads must be taken into consideration. Resistance value at 0°C calibrated 1mm from end of lead wire.
- 4) If elements are encapsulated in a potting compound, insure that the compound will not induce pressure loads, resulting in a strain-gage effect.





# Platinum RTD Datasheet

| Resistance at 0 Deg. C. ohms | L Length mm  | W Width mm   | H Height mm  | Part Number |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| 100                          | 5.0 +/- 0.2  | 1.0 +/- 0.2  | 1.3 +/- 0.2  | P01 II n 1  |
| 100                          | 5.0 +/- 0.2  | 1.5 +/- 0.2  | 1.3 +/- 0.2  | P01 II n 2  |
| 100                          | 2.3 +/- 0.2  | 2.0 +/- 0.2  | 1.3 +/- 0.2  | P01 II n 3  |
| 100                          | 5.0 +/- 0.2  | 2.0 +/- 0.2  | 1.3 +/- 0.2  | P01 II n 4  |
| 100                          | 10.0 +/- 0.2 | 2.0 +/- 0.2  | 1.3 +/- 0.2  | P01 II n 5  |
| 100                          | 5.0 +/- 0.2  | 4.0 +/- 0.2  | 1.3 +/- 0.2  | P01 II n 6  |
| 100                          | 1.6 +/- 0.15 | 1.25 +/- 0.1 | 1.00 +/- 0.2 | P01 II M7   |
| 500                          | 5.0 +/- 0.2  | 2.0 +/- 0.2  | 1.3 +/- 0.2  | P05 II n 1  |
| 500                          | 10.0 +/- 0.2 | 2.0 +/- 0.2  | 1.3 +/- 0.2  | P05 II n 2  |
| 500                          | 5.0 +/- 0.2  | 4.0 +/- 0.2  | 1.3 +/- 0.2  | P05 II n 3  |
| 1000                         | 4.0 +/- 0.2  | 2.0 +/- 0.2  | 1.3 +/- 0.2  | P10 II n 1  |
| 1000                         | 10.0 +/- 0.2 | 2.0 +/- 0.2  | 1.3 +/- 0.2  | P10 II n 2  |
| 1000                         | 5.0 +/- 0.2  | 4.0 +/- 0.2  | 1.3 +/- 0.2  | P10 II n 3  |
| 1000                         | 1.6 +/- 0.15 | 1.25 +/- 0.1 | 1.00 +/- 0.2 | P10 II M4   |
| 2000                         | 10.0 +/- 0.2 | 2.0 +/- 0.2  | 1.3 +/- 0.2  | P20 II n 4  |

Resistance value at 0°C calibrated 1mm from end of lead wire. DIN = IEC751

II - Tolerance  
 01 = 1/10 DIN B at 0°C  
 02 = 1/5 DIN B at 0°C  
 03 = 1/4 DIN B at 0°C  
 04 = 1/3 DIN B at 0°C  
 0A = 1/2 DIN B (DIN A) at 0°C

OB = DIN B  
 05 = ASTM B  
 06 = 3/2 DIN B at 0°C  
 07 = 2 DIN B at 0°C  
 08 = 5 DIN B at 0°C  
 09 = 10 DIN B at 0°C

n - Temperature Range  
 L = -50 to + 400 Deg C  
 M = -50 to + 550 Deg C  
 H = -50 to + 600 Deg C

$$R_T = R_0 \left( \frac{T}{T_0} \right)^{\alpha}$$

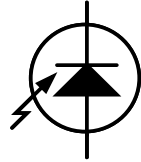
absolute temp



# Basic Sensors: Light (1.2)

photo diode

Silicon device  
near IR



Fast 5-10 nsec

used in common uses

Light sensitivity to IR  
photo transistor

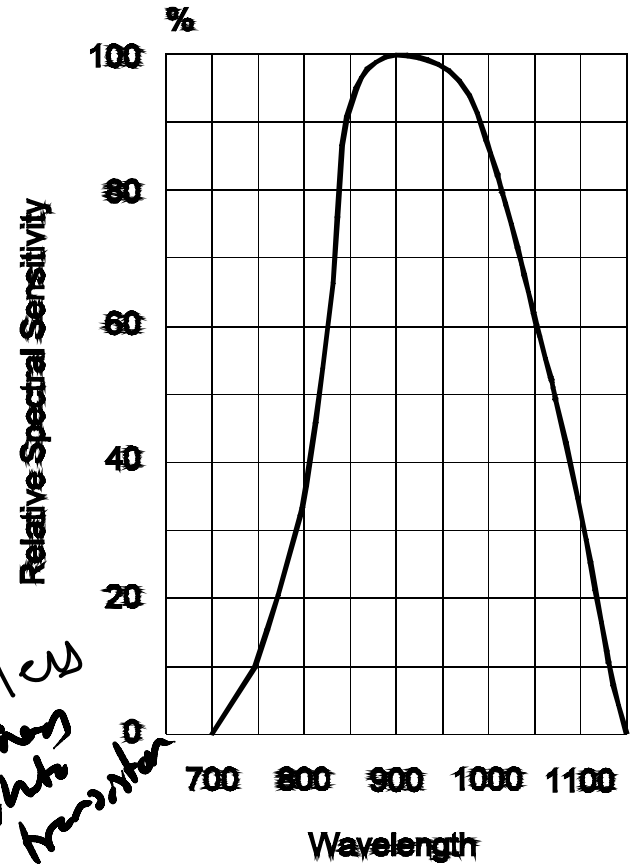
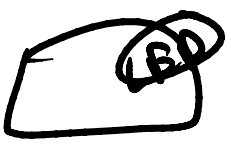


Fig.5 RELATIVE SPECTRAL SENSITIVITY VS WAVELENGTH

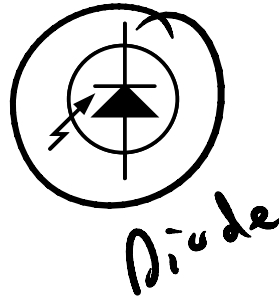


# Basic Sensors: Light (2.2)

why use?

large dynamic range

no saturation



more light  
current leak

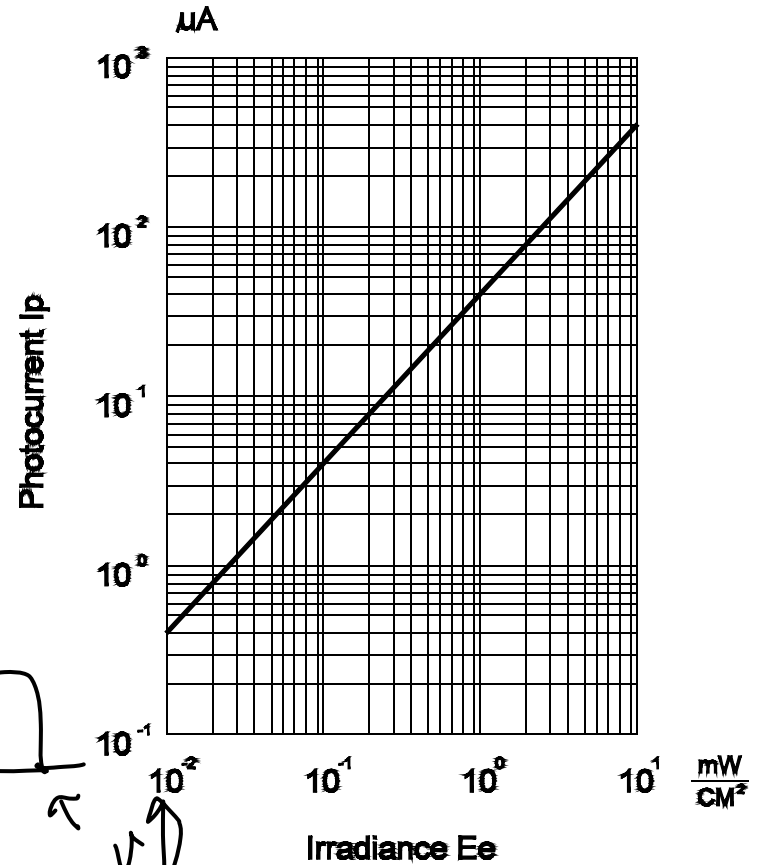
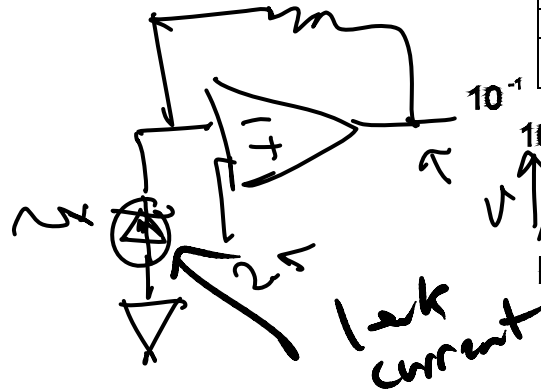


Fig.6 PHOTOCURRENT VS IRRADIANCE  $\lambda = 940 \text{ nm}$



# Photodiode Datasheet (1.2)



## Black Plastic Photodiode

LTR-516AD/LTR-526AD/LTR-536AD/LTR-546AD

### Features

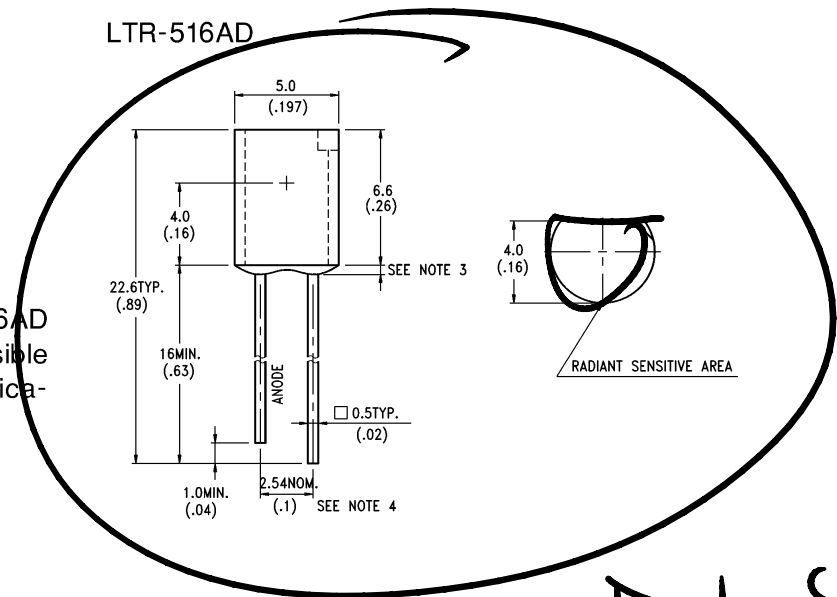
- High photo sensitivity. ↙ ↘
- Suitable for infrared radiation.
- Low junction capacitance.
- High cut-off frequency. ↗ ↘
- Fast switching time. ↗ ↘

### Description

The LTR-516AD/LTR-526AD/LTR-536AD/LTR-546AD are special dark plastic package that cut the visible light and suitable for the detectors of infrared applications.

### Package Dimensions

LTR-516AD



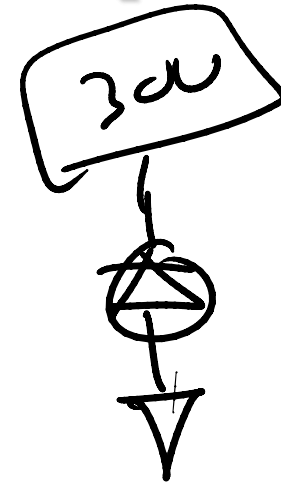
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# Photodiode Datasheet (2.2)

## Absolute Maximum Ratings at Ta=25 °C

| Parameter  | Maximum Rating       | Unit |
|--|----------------------|------|
| Power Dissipation  | 150                  | mW   |
| <u>Reverse Break Down Voltage</u>                          | 30                   | V    |
| Operating Temperature Range                                | -55 °C to + 100 °C   |      |
| Storage Temperature Range                                  | -55 °C to + 100 °C   |      |
| Lead Soldering Temperature<br>[1.6mm (.063 in.) from body] | 260 °C for 5 Seconds |      |



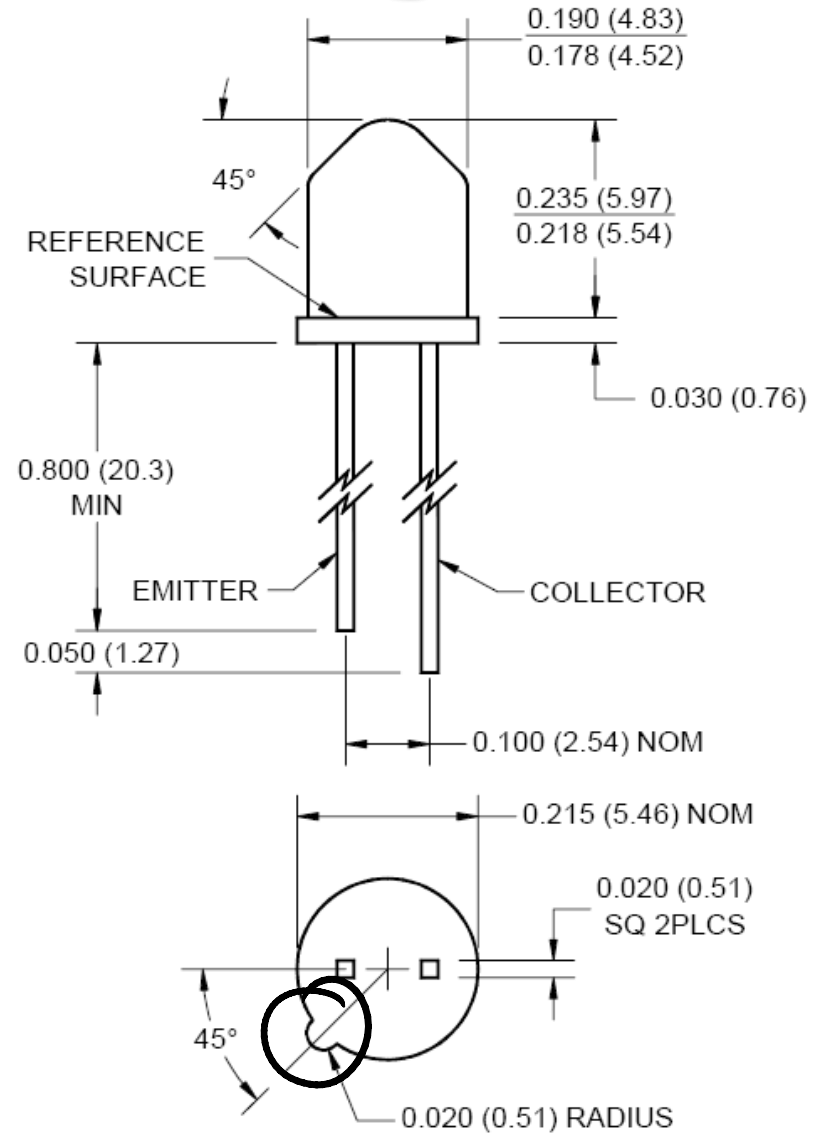
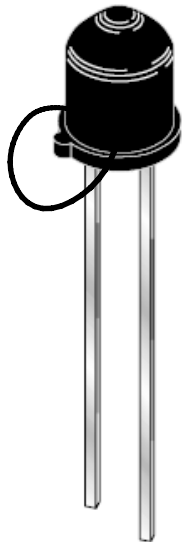
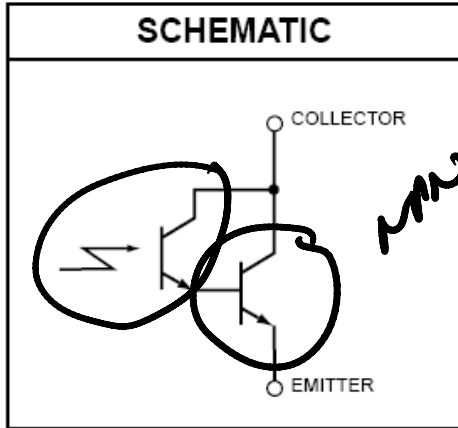
## Electrical Optical Characteristics at Ta=25 °C

| Parameter                         | Symbol | Min. | Typ. | Max. | Unit | Test Condition                                |
|-----------------------------------|--------|------|------|------|------|---|
| Reverse Break Down Voltage        | V(BR)R | 30   |      |      | V    | IR=100 μ A<br>Ee=0mW/cm <sup>2</sup>          |
| Reverse Dark Current              | ID(R)  |      |      | 30   | nA   | VR=10V<br>Ee=0mW/cm <sup>2</sup>              |
| Open Circuit Voltage              | Voc    |      | 350  |      | mV   | λ =940nm<br>Ee=0.5mW/cm <sup>2</sup>          |
| Rise Time                         | Tr     |      | 50   |      | nsec | VR=10V<br>λ =940nm                            |
| Fall Time                         | Tf     |      | 50   |      | nsec | RL=1K Ω                                       |
| Light Current                     | Is     | 1.7  | 2    |      | μ A  | VR=5V<br>λ =940nm<br>Ee=0.1mW/cm <sup>2</sup> |
| Total Capacitance                 | Ct     |      | 25   |      | pF   | R=3V<br>VF=1MHZ<br>Ee=0mW/cm <sup>2</sup>     |
| Wavelength of the Max Sensitivity | λ SMAX |      | 950  |      | nm   |   |

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# The Photo-Darlington



## ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS ( $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ unless otherwise specified)

| Parameter                                       | Symbol      | Rating         | Unit             |
|---|-------------|----------------|------------------|
| Operating Temperature                           | $T_{OPR}$   | -40 to +100    | $^\circ\text{C}$ |
| Storage Temperature                             | $T_{STG}$   | -40 to +100    | $^\circ\text{C}$ |
| Soldering Temperature (Iron) <sup>(2,3,4)</sup> | $T_{SOL-I}$ | 240 for 5 sec  | $^\circ\text{C}$ |
| Soldering Temperature (Flow) <sup>(2,3)</sup>   | $T_{SOL-F}$ | 260 for 10 sec | $^\circ\text{C}$ |
| Collector-Emitter Voltage                       | $V_{CE}$    | 30             | V                |
| Emitter-Collector Voltage                       | $V_{EC}$    | 5              | V                |
| Power Dissipation <sup>(1)</sup>                | $P_D$       | 100            | mW               |

## ELECTRICAL / OPTICAL CHARACTERISTICS ( $T_A = 25^\circ\text{C}$ )

| PARAMETER                                 | TEST CONDITIONS  | SYMBOL         | MIN | TYP      | MAX | UNITS         |
|---|--|----------------|-----|----------|-----|---------------|
| Peak Sensitivity Wavelength               |  | $\lambda_{PS}$ | —   | 880      | —   | nm            |
| Reception Angle                           |  | $\theta$       | —   | $\pm 20$ | —   | Deg.          |
| Collector-Emitter Dark Current            | $V_{CE} = 10\text{ V}, E_e = 0$                                | $I_{CEO}$      | —   | —        | 100 | nA            |
| Collector-Emitter Breakdown               | $I_C = 1\text{ mA}$  | $BV_{CEO}$     | 30  | —        | —   | V             |
| Emitter-Collector Breakdown               | $I_E = 100\ \mu\text{A}$                                       | $BV_{ECO}$     | 5   | —        | —   | V             |
| On-State Collector Current <sup>(5)</sup> | $E_e = 0.125\text{ mW/cm}^2, V_{CE} = 5\text{ V}$              | $I_{C(ON)}$    | 5.0 | —        | —   | mA            |
| Saturation Voltage <sup>(5)</sup>         | $E_e = 0.125\text{ mW/cm}^2, I_C = 2.0\text{ mA}$              | $V_{CE(sat)}$  | —   | —        | 1.0 | V             |
| Rise Time                                 | $V_{CC} = 5\text{ V}, R_L = 100\ \Omega, I_C = 0.15\text{ mA}$ | $t_r$          | —   | 20       | —   | $\mu\text{s}$ |
| Fall Time                                 |  | $t_f$          | —   | 50       | —   |               |

$R_T \sim 1\text{ mA}$



Figure 1. Light Current vs. Radiant Intensity

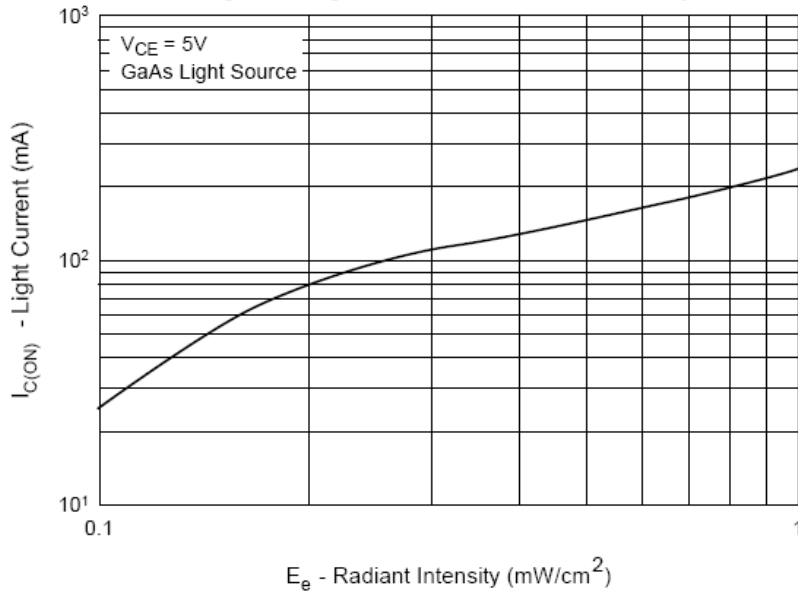


Figure 4. Light Current vs. Collector - Emitter Voltage

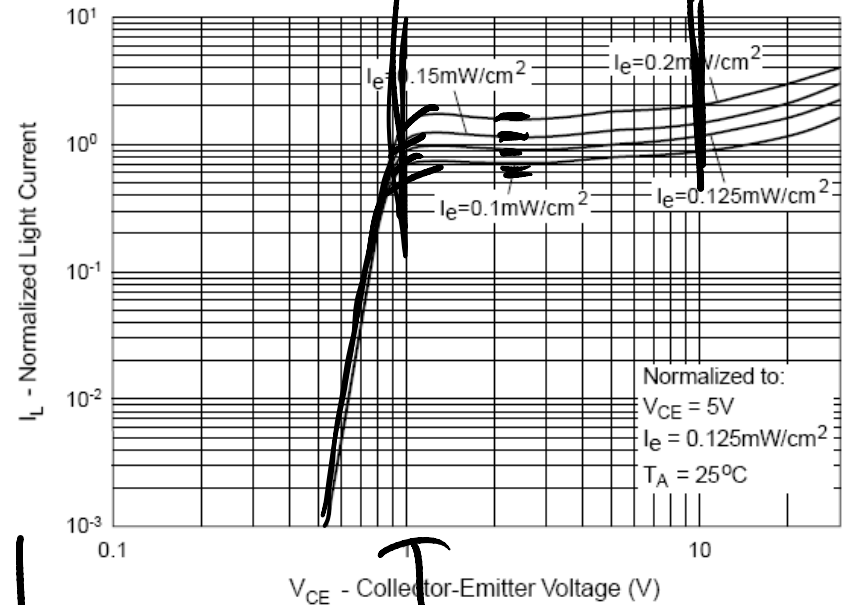


Figure 2. Angular Response Curve

