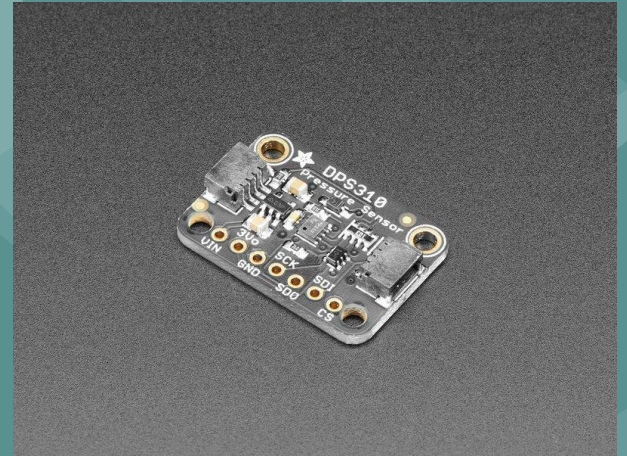


DPS 310 (Digital Pressure Sensor)

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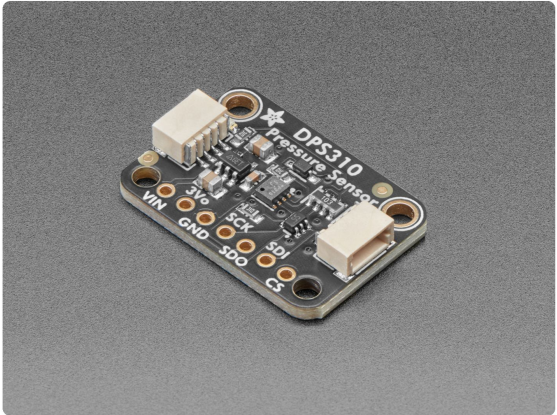
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What is DPS310?

- A high-precision digital barometric pressure sensor
- Designed to measure barometric pressure and temperature with very high accuracy
- That means you can know your absolute altitude with 1 meter accuracy when you set the sea-level pressure, and measure changes in altitude with up to 2 cm precision

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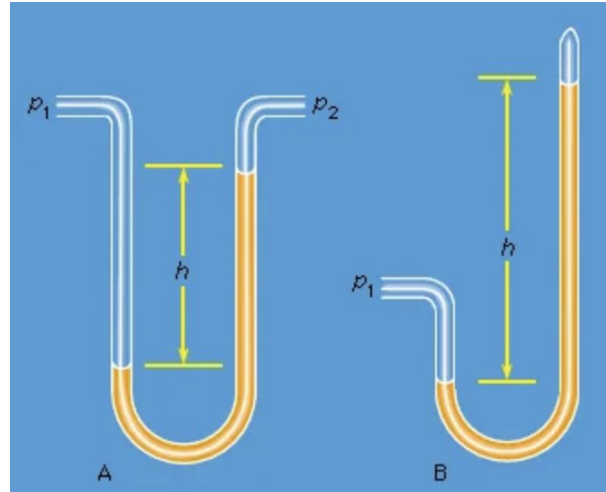




Specification

- I2C and SPI compatible
- High-precision barometric sensor,
 - with ± 0.002 hPa precision
 - ± 1 hPa absolute accuracy
- The temperature built in has a $\pm 0.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ accuracy
- 300 to 1200 hPa
- Temperature range: -40 to 85 $^{\circ}\text{C}$

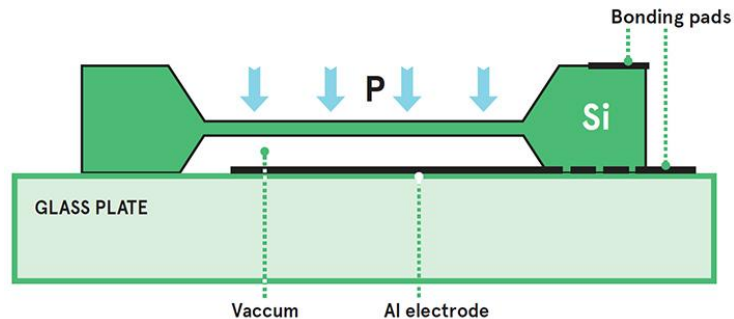
How does a barometric pressure sensor work?



Works through balancing a column of mercury and measures the height of the mercury column (mmHG)

Modern-day barometric pressure sensors

- No longer require liquid for sensing, resulting in better accuracy
- Contains a diaphragm that's formed through one capacitive plate that's in contact with the atmosphere
- Atmospheric pressure is detected through how much the diaphragm is deformed due to resulting pressure



How DPS310 can be used as altimeter?

- The barometric equation shows that as altitude increases, atmospheric pressure decreases exponentially. This is because there is less air above a given point as you move higher in the atmosphere, and therefore less weight pressing down on that point.
- The DPS310 in our lab would help us identify the altitude difference compare to each sensor and get to know their relative position.

The diagram illustrates the barometric equation and its components. It features a blue background with a white cloud and a grey mountain range. A vertical arrow labeled h indicates the altitude from a base point P_0 to a higher point P_h . The equation $P_h = P_0 e^{-mgh/kT}$ is shown, with definitions for the variables: n = number of moles, N_A = Avogadro's number, m = mass of one molecule, k = Boltzmann's constant, and R = gas constant. The equation $\rho = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{volume}} = \frac{nN_A m}{nRT/P}$ is also shown, along with $\frac{R}{N_A} = k$.

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h

P_0

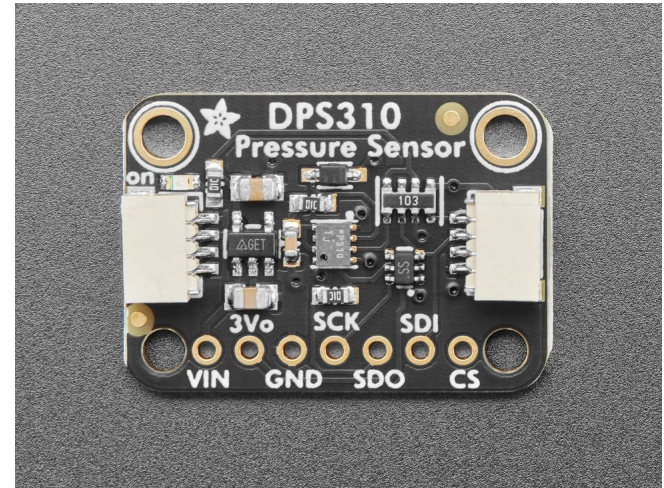
Power pins

- **Vin** - Power pin. Since the sensor chip uses 3 VDC, we have included a voltage regulator on board that will take 3-5VDC and safely convert it down.
- **3Vo** - 3.3V output from the voltage regulator
- **GND** - Common ground for power and logic



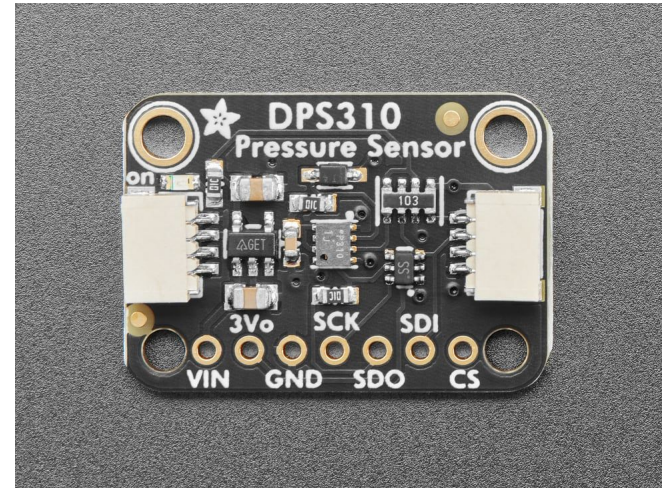
I2C Logic Pins:

- **SCK** - Also the I2C clock pin SCL, connect to your microcontroller I2C clock line. This pin is level shifted, and has a 10K pullup.
- **SDI** - Also the I2C data pin SDA, connect to your microcontroller I2C data line. This pin is level shifted, and has a 10K pullup.
- **SDO** - Also the I2C address pin ADR. Pulling this pin low to GND or bridging the solder jumper on the back will change the I2C address from 0x77 to 0x76
- **STEMMA QT** - These connectors allow you to connect to dev boards with STEMMA QT connectors or to other things with various associated accessories



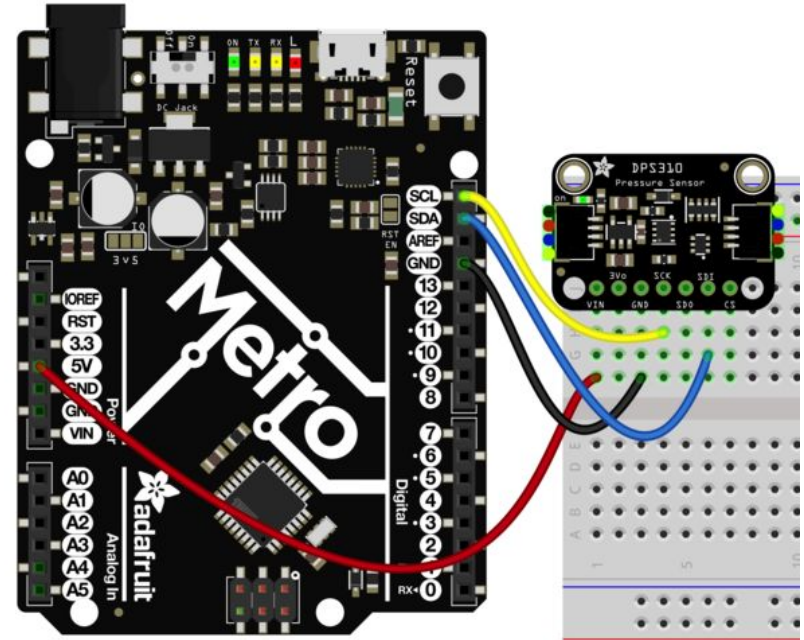
SPI Logic pins:

- **SCK** - SPI Clock pin, an input to the chip
- **SDO** - Serial Data Out / Microcontroller In
Sensor Out, for data sent from the DPS310 to processor.
- **SDI** - Serial Data In / Microcontroller Out
Sensor In pin, for data sent from processor to the DPS310
- **CS** - Chip Select pin, drop it low to start an SPI transaction.



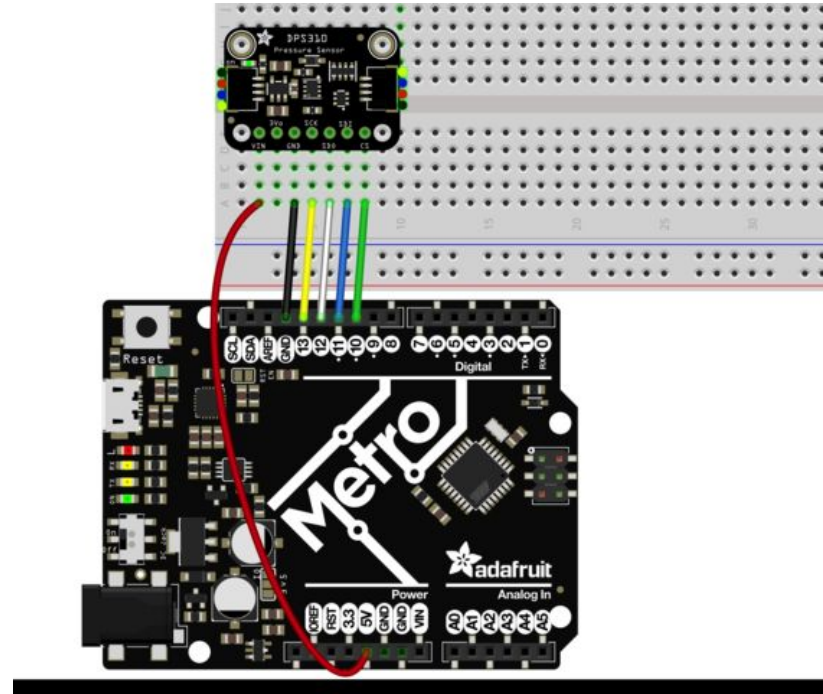
Arduino connection-I2C

- Vin -> 3V or 5V
- GND -> Arduino GND
- SCL -> Arduino SCL
- SDA -> Arduino SDA



Arduino connection-SPI

- **Vin** -> 3V or 5V
- **GND** -> common power/data ground
- **SCK** -> Digital #13
- **SDO** -> Digital #12
- **SDI** -> Digital #11
- **CS** -> Digital #10





Code setup

```
// This example shows how to read temperature/pressure

#include <Adafruit_DPS310.h>

Adafruit_DPS310 dps;

// Can also use SPI!
#define DPS310_CS 10

void setup() {
  Serial.begin(115200);
  while (!Serial) delay(10);

  Serial.println("DPS310");
  if (! dps.begin_I2C()) {           // Can pass in I2C address here
    //if (! dps.begin_SPI(DPS310_CS)) { // If you want to use SPI
      Serial.println("Failed to find DPS");
      while (1) yield();
    }
  }
  Serial.println("DPS OK!");

  dps.configurePressure(DPS310_64HZ, DPS310_64SAMPLES);
  dps.configureTemperature(DPS310_64HZ, DPS310_64SAMPLES);
}
```

```
void loop() {
  sensors_event_t temp_event, pressure_event;

  while (!dps.temperatureAvailable() || !dps.pressureAvailable()) {
    return; // wait until there's something to read
  }

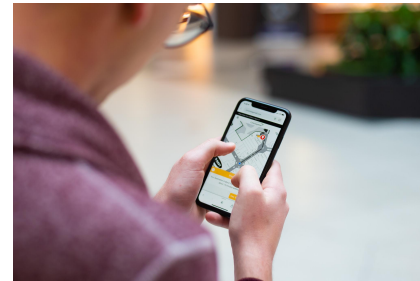
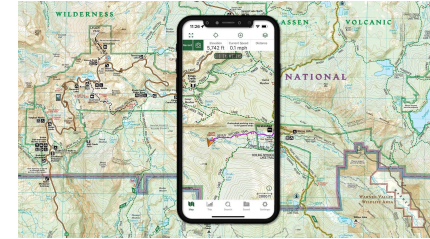
  dps.getEvents(&temp_event, &pressure_event);
  Serial.print(F("Temperature = "));
  Serial.print(temp_event.temperature);
  Serial.println(" *C");

  Serial.print(F("Pressure = "));
  Serial.print(pressure_event.pressure);
  Serial.println(" hPa");

  Serial.println();
}
```

Application of the sensor

- **Drone**
 - flight stability and height control)
- **Indoor Navigation**
 - Floor detection e.g. in shopping malls, parking garages
- **Outdoor Navigation**
 - GPS start-up time and accuracy improvement, dead-reckoning e.g. in tunnels
- **Weather Station**
 - 'Micro-weather' and local forecasts
- **HVAC control**
 - DPS310 can be used in heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems to measure atmospheric pressure and adjust fan speeds and airflows accordingly.





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