

### Concept overview

### A. Static vs. Dynamic Characteristics

Take a thermometer initially at room temperature, and immerse it in an ice bath. What does the response look like?



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# Data (raw)

E1 (REF in air at all times)





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E2 (REF in water at all times)



E1-E2 (with time) 15 15 10 10 Temperature (Celsius) -10 -5 -0 Temperature (Celsius) IIII -----2000 4000 6000 8000 12000 14000 16000 0.5 000 0 -1 -5 -10 -15 -20 -25 -25 -30 -30 Time (sec) mV E2-E1 vs. mV E2-E1 (with time) 30 30 25 25 Temperature (Celsius) 20 20 Temperature( Celsius) 15 15 10 10 5 ----0----0 0000 1.5 8000 -0.5 4000 6000 10000 12000 14000 16000 -5 -10 -10 -15 -15 mV Time (sec)

E1-E2 vs. mV









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Time (sec)

#### J1 - J2 (supposedly)



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• E2

• J2

#### YOUR PLOT SHOULD LOOK LIKE THIS! (DIFFERENT FROM PREVIOUS)



Timeseries of Referenced (Brown E2) and Calibrated (Purple J2) Thermocouples

Which are the Dynamic response intervals?

For what steps? (ice cold, tap col, tap hot)

+ Why are they still so different? Was it a successful calibration?

2. Estimate the time constant, τ, for each sensor (be careful with your units!): a. By eye using the graph. /4 b. Experimentally, using the method described in section (2.2.1) in the textbook /4



### Response Time $\tau$ (tau)

If response is exponential, then...

 τ is e-folding time, or time when relative value is 1/e = 0.368

(e is Euler's number = base of natural  $\ln = 2.71828...$ )



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#### Equation for thermometer response is:



(Eqn. 4 rearranged and with slightly. T<sub>a</sub> is T<sub>air</sub>)

- This is a **first-order** response (because it contains no higher than a first-order derivative)
- If  $T_a$  is constant, then  $T_s$  approaches  $T_a$  and steady (static) state is reached where  $\partial T_s / \partial t = 0$
- Similar first-order equations can be derived for many other meteorological sensors

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3. Your time constant for each thermocouple should be different. Which term(s) in the sensor time constant are different for your two sensors? /2

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4. List the assumptions we are making when determining T. If you got different answers for the step increase and decrease (for the same sensor), why do you think this is? /4

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5. In previous labs, we have recorded data at a maximum frequency of 1 second. Why did we record at a higher frequency for this lab? /1 Meteorological Measurements and Instrumentation – Harrison (2015)



Now, some of you recorded in 1s timesteps (instead of 10 Hz) 10 Hz => 1/f = 1/10 => 10 measurements per second

If this is the case,

Use a frequency of 0.1 Hz, in other words, average your data by 10 seconds, redo the previous steps, and observe the differences in your answers

Why did this happen?

Why we need a higher frequency?