## SHT4xI-Analog

4<sup>th</sup> Generation, High-Accuracy, 5V, Industrial Grade Relative Humidity and Temperature Analog Sensor Platform





### Features

- Accuracies  $\Delta RH = \pm 2.5$  %RH,  $\Delta T = \pm 0.3$  °C
- Supply voltage VDD = 4.5 V...5.5 V
- Average current: 520 µA
- Analog voltage output 10-90%VDD
- Multiple output characteristics available
- Operating range: 0...100 %RH, -40...125 °C Patented protection options
- NIST traceable
- Fully functional in condensing environment
- Variable power heater
- Mature technology from global market leader
- High driver strength •

## **General Description**

Sensors from the SHT4xI-Analog sensor family, currently represented by the SHT40I-Analog, deliver an analog voltage output with several available output characteristics. An optional periodic variable power heater allows for operation in highly demanding environments, such as constant high humidity and condensing atmospheres. The four-pin dual-flat-no-leads package is suitable for surface mount technology (SMT) processing. Options equipped with patented filter membranes and protective covers, enable operation in harshest environments and advanced production processes.

### **Device Overview**

Products	Details
SHT40I-HD1B	base RH&T accur., standard ratiometric output characteristic, available in distribution.
SHT40I-HD1F	SHT40I-HD1B with PTFE membrane
SHT40I-HD1P	SHT40I-HD1P with protective cover
SHT40I-xD1B	x: Placeholder for a family of products with base RH&T accur. and customer specific output characteristic
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**Functional Block Diagram** 





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### 1 Humidity and Temperature Sensor Specifications

Every SHT40I-Analog is individually tested, calibrated, and identifiable. For the calibration, Sensirion uses transfer standards, which are subject to a scheduled calibration procedure. The calibration of the reference, used for the calibration of the transfer standards, is NIST traceable through an ISO/IEC 17025 accredited laboratory.

#### 1.1 Relative Humidity

Parameter	Conditions	Value	Units
SHT401 BH appurpant	typ.	±2.5	%RH
SHT40I <i>RH</i> accuracy <sup>1</sup>	max.	see Figure 1	-
Repeatability <sup>2</sup>	typ.	0.5	%RH
Resolution <sup>3</sup>	-	0.01	%RH
Hysteresis	At 25°C	±0.8	%RH
Specified range <sup>4</sup>	extended <sup>5</sup>	0 to 100	%RH
Response time <sup>6</sup>	T63%	4	S
Long-term drift <sup>7</sup>	typ.	<0.2	%RH/y
Sensitivity (RH range: 0 100%)	VDD = 5.0 V	40	mV/%RH

Table 1. General relative humidity sensor specifications.



Figure 1. SHT40I-Analog typical and maximal relative humidity accuracy at 25 °C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For definition of typ. and max. accuracy, please refer to the document "Sensirion Humidity Sensor Specification Statement".

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  The stated repeatability is three times the standard deviation (3 $\sigma$ ) of multiple consecutive measurement values at constant conditions and is a measure for the noise on the physical sensor output.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Resolution of A/D converter.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Specified range refers to the range for which the humidity or temperature sensor specification is guaranteed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> For details about recommended humidity and temperature operating range, please refer to section 1.3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Time for achieving 63% of a humidity step function, measured at 25 °C and 1 m/s airflow. Humidity response time in the application depends on the design-in of the sensor.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Typical value for operation in normal RH/T operating range. Value may be higher in environments with vaporized solvents, out-gassing tapes, adhesives, packaging materials, etc. For more details please refer to Handling Instructions.

#### 1.2 Temperature

Parameter	Conditions	Value	Units
SHT40I T Accuracy <sup>1</sup>	typ.	±0.3	°C
STIT4017 Acculacy	max.	see Figure 2	-
Repeatability <sup>2</sup>	typ.	0.1	°C
Resolution <sup>3</sup>	-	0.01	°C
Specified range <sup>4</sup>	-	-40 to +125	°C
Response time <sup>8</sup>	T63%	2	S
Long-term drift	typ.	<0.03	°C/y
Sensitivity	VDD = 5.0 V	23	mV/°C

**Table 2.** General temperature sensor specifications.



Figure 2. SHT40I analog typical and maximal temperature accuracy.

#### **1.3 Recommended Operating Conditions**

The sensor shows best performance when operated within the recommended normal temperature and humidity range of 5 °C ... 60 °C and 20 %RH ... 80 %RH, respectively. Long term exposure to conditions outside recommended normal range, especially at high relative humidity, may temporarily offset the RH signal (*e.g.* +3 %RH after 60 h at >80 %RH). After returning into the recommended normal temperature and humidity range the sensor will recover to within specifications by itself. Prolonged exposure to extreme conditions may accelerate ageing.

To ensure stable operation of the humidity sensor, the conditions described in the Sensirion Handling Instructions [1] regarding exposure to volatile organic compounds have to be met. Please note as well that this does apply not only to transportation and manufacturing, but also to operation of the SHT40I.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Temperature response time depends on heat conductivity of sensor substrate and design-in of sensor in application.



## **2 Electrical Specifications**

Valid for all electrical specifications: Typical values correspond to  $V_{DD} = 5$  V and T = 25 °C. Min. and max. values are valid in the full temperature range -40 °C ... 125 °C, at declared  $V_{DD}$  levels and are based on characterization.

#### 2.1 Electrical Characteristics

Parameter	Symbol	Conditions	Min	Тур.	Max	Units	Comments
Supply voltage	V <sub>DD</sub>		4.5	5	5.5	V	-
Power-up/down level	Vpor	Static power supply	0.75	0.9	1.0	V	Above: Communication possible, but measurement value not guaranteed to be in specs (compare supply voltage). Below: System resets completely
Slew rate change of the supply voltage	VDD, slew		-	-	20	V/ms	Voltage changes on the VDD line between VDD, min and VDD, max should be slower than the maximum slew rate; faster slew rates may lead to reset
Supply current		Measurement	-	520	850	μA	At resistive load 1 MOhm
Resistive load to VSS			1	-	-	kOhm	
Capacitive load			-	-	100	nF	

**Table 3.** Electrical specifications.

### 2.2 Timings

Parameter	Symbol	Conditions	Min.	Тур.	Max.	Units	Comments
Power-up time	<i>t</i> ₽U	After hard reset, $V_{DD} \ge V_{POR}$	-	7	15	ms	Time between V <sub>DD</sub> reaching V <sub>POR</sub> and sensor entering idle state
Analog out settling time				200		ms	Dependent on band width of the reference path; Value for default setting of BW = 0 (10 Hz)
Measurement interval	<b>t</b> MeasInt	Heater disabled.		0.5		S	With enabled heater refer to <b>Table 6</b> .

Table 4. System timing specifications.



#### 2.3 Absolute Maximum Ratings

Stress levels beyond those listed in **Table 5** may cause permanent damage or affect the reliability of the device. These are stress ratings only and functional operation of the device at these conditions is not guaranteed. Ratings are only tested each at a time.

Parameter	Rating
Max. voltage on any pin	V <sub>SS</sub> - 0.3 V V <sub>DD</sub> + 0.3 V
VDD	6 V
Operating temperature range	−40 °C … 125 °C
Storage temperature range <sup>9</sup>	−40 °C … 150 °C
ESD HBM	2 kV
ESD CDM	750 V
Latch up, JESD78 Class II, 125°C	±100 mA

**Table 5.** Absolute maximum ratings.

### **3 Sensor Operation**

#### 3.1 Startup

The sensor automatically starts up after reaching the power-up threshold voltage VPOR specified in **Table 3**. After reaching this threshold voltage the sensor needs the time tPU until the first measurement signal is available as voltage output on the respective output pins. During that time the temperature and humidity pins have an undefined state.

After sensor startup, the standard measurement interval is 0.5 s (see also Table 4 and Table 6).

#### **3.2 Conversion of the Signal Output**

The physical values as measured by the sensor are mapped to a voltage output (VT, VRH as maximum 10 to 90% of VDD).

Prior to conversion into a voltage signal, the physical values are linearized and compensated for temperature and supply voltage effects by the sensor. Additionally, the voltage output is calibrated for each sensor. Hence the relationship between temperature and humidity and the voltage output is the same for each sensor with respect to the output characteristic type, within the limits given by the accuracy (**Table 1** and **Table 2**).

This allows to describe the relationship between physical values (RH and T) and the voltage output for temperature and humidity (VT, VRH) through the formula given in section 3.3.

Please note that some of the RH conversion formulae allow values outside of the range of 0 %RH ... 100 %RH. Relative humidity values which are smaller than 0 %RH and larger than 100 %RH are non-physical, however these "uncropped" values might be found beneficial in some cases (*e.g.* when the distribution of the sensors at the measurement boundaries are of interest). For all users who do not want to engage in evaluation of these non-physical values, cropping of the RH signal to the range of 0 %RH ... 100 %RH is advised.

For more information about different output characteristics, please get in touch with info@sensrion.com.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> The recommended storage temperature range is 10-50 °C. Please consult the document "SHTxx Handling Instructions" [1] for more information.

### 3.3 Standard Output Characteristic SHT40I-HD1B

(1) 
$$RH = \left(-12.5 + 125 \cdot \frac{V_{\rm RH}}{V_{\rm DD}}\right) \% \text{RH} = -\frac{10}{0.8} + \frac{100}{0.8} \cdot \frac{V_{\rm RH}}{V_{\rm DD}} \% \text{RH}$$

(2) 
$$T = \left(-66.875 + 218.75 \cdot \frac{V_{\rm T}}{V_{\rm DD}}\right)^{\circ}{\rm C} = -45 - \frac{17.5}{0.8} + \frac{175}{0.8} \cdot \frac{V_{\rm T}}{V_{\rm DD}}^{\circ}{\rm C}$$
 See Figure 3

(3) 
$$T = \left(-88.375 + 393.75 \cdot \frac{V_{\rm T}}{V_{\rm DD}}\right) \circ {\rm C} = -49 - \frac{31.5}{0.8} + \frac{315}{0.8} \cdot \frac{V_{\rm T}}{V_{\rm DD}} \circ {\rm F}$$

100 Relative Humidity (%) Temperature (°C) 251 Temperature (°F) 115 80 201 75 151 60 101 35 40 51 -5 20 1 0 -45 -49 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100% 40% 60% 100% 0% 20% 80% Voltage out (V<sub>RH</sub>/V<sub>DD</sub>) Voltage out (V<sub>T</sub>/V<sub>DD</sub>)

**Figure 3.** Relationship between the analog voltage output and the measured relative humidity and temperature corresponding to equations 1, 2, and 3 for the SHT40I-HD1B.



#### 3.4 Heater Operation for Anti-Creep Functionality in Highly Demanding Environments

Operation of any humidity sensor in high humidity or condensing environments for extended periods of time and/or at high temperature, increases the risk for gradual incorporation of excess water into the sensor element, which in turn leads to overestimated humidity, commonly denoted as sensor creep. Sensirion's SHT4x generation is already the most creep-resistant sensor on the market, due to extensive research and material optimization. However, creep can never be fully suppressed due to physico-chemical material limitations of all known polymers. In order to circumvent this issue, the SHT4x generation features a powerful integrated on-chip heater, that allows for creep reduction by removing excess water, when necessary.

While the digital models of the SHT4x family feature user-selectable heating modes, the analog version comprises an optional factory-set periodical heater, keeping the sensor element in mint state during all, no matter how demanding, operation modes. The periodic heating-measurement cycle proceeds according to the following steps:

- 1. The heater is enabled with pre-defined power (up to 200 mW) and timer (up to 2 s) according to **Table 6**. The timers for the measurement interval ( $t_{MeasInt}$ ) and the heater-on duration ( $t_{Heat}$ ) are started.
- 2. After the heater is turned off, the sensor remains in idle mode for  $t_{\text{MeasInt}} t_{\text{Heat}}$ . When defining the timing specifications, customers must ensure to not select combinations where  $t_{\text{MeasInt}} < t_{\text{Heat}}$ , which would result in impaired measurements.
- 3. After  $t_{\text{MeasInt}}$  is reached, a humidity and temperature measurement is started and the cycle starts from the beginning.

The heater configuration is a factory setting and can be ordered with the following parameters:

Parameter	Selectable Values
Heater Power	0 (=off), 100, 150, 200 mW
Heater-on Duration ( <i>t</i> <sub>Heat</sub> )	0.1, 0.5, 1, 2 s ±15%
Measurement Interval ( $t_{MeasInt}$ ), if heater is enabled,	0.5, 15, 30, 45, 60,
otherwise: 0.5 s)	75, 90 s ±15%

**Table 6.** Available heater parameters.

#### Possible Heater Use Cases

There will be dedicated Sensirion application notes elaborating on various use cases of the heater. In general, the applications of the on-chip heater comprise:

- 1. Removal of condensed / spray water on the sensor surface. Although condensed water is not a reliability / quality problem to the sensor, it might make the sensor non-responsive to RH changes in the air as long as there is liquid water on the surface.
- 2. Creep-free operation in high humid environments. Periodic heating pulses allow for creepfree high-humidity measurements for extended times.

### **4 Physical Specification**

#### 4.1 Package Description

SHT40I is provided in an open-cavity dual flat no lead (DFN) package. The humidity sensor opening is centered on the top side of the package. The sensor chip is made of silicon, hosted on a copper lead frame and overmolded by an epoxy-based mold compound. Exposed bottom side of the leadframe with the metallic contacts is Ni/Pd/Au coated, side walls are bare copper.

Moisture sensitivity level (MSL) of 1 according to IPC/JEDEC J-STD-020 is achieved. It is recommended to process the sensors within one year after date of delivery.

#### 4.2 Package Outline



**Figure 4.** Dimensional drawing of SHT40I analog including package tolerances (units mm), where the H (here highlighted in green for better identification) serves as indicator for the standard analog interface. Other letters alphabetically after the letter H, indicate other versions of the analog interface



Figure 5. Dimensional drawing of SHT4xI-analog with filter membrane, including package tolerances (units mm)



#### 4.3 Land Pattern

The land pattern is recommended to be designed according to the used PCB and soldering process together with the physical outer dimensions of the sensor. For reference, the land pattern used with Sensirion's PCBs and soldering processes is given in **Figure 6**.

Soldering of the central die pad is optional. Sensirion recommends to not solder the central die pad because the sensor can reach higher temperatures upon heater activation.



**Figure 6.** Recommended land pattern (in mm). Details can vary and depend on used PCBs and solder processes. There shall be no copper under the sensor other than at the pin pads.

Pin	Name	Comments	□ 1 ° <b>SH4x</b>
1	AOUT-RH	Analog Out RH	
2	AOUT-T	Analog Out T	
3	VDD	Supply voltage	
4	VSS	Ground	
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4.4 Pin Assignment & Laser Marking

**Figure 7.** Pin assignment (transparent top view). Dashed lines are only visible if sensor is viewed from below. The die pad is not directly connected to any pin. The laser marking consists of two lines, indicated in **Figure 4** and **Figure 7**. In the first line a filled circle serves as pin-1 indicator and is followed by "SH4". The fourth character will indicate the accuracy class of this product (here "x" serves as place holder). Lastly, "I" indicates the industrial grade. In the second line, the first three characters specify the product characteristics according to positions 7, 8 and 9 of **Table 8**. The second three characters serve as internal batch tracking code.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Please note, there will be no change in the laser marking for the protective option (filter membrane and protective coverl).



#### 4.5 Thermal Information

Symbol	Description	Heater off, die pad soldered (K/W)	Heater on, die pad soldered (K/W)	Heater off, <b>die</b> pad not soldered (K/W)	Heater on, <b>die</b> pad not soldered (K/W)
$R_{\theta JA}$	Junction-to-ambient thermal resistance	246	308	297	357
$R_{\theta JC}$	Junction-to-case thermal resistance	189	255	191	257
$R_{\theta JB}$	Junction-to-board thermal resistance	159	225	193	258
$\Psi_{JB}$	Junction-to-board characterization param.	159	223	191	254
$\Psi_{JT}$	Junction-to-top characterization param.	38	105	44	112

**Table 7.** Typical values for thermal metrics. In the "heater on" columns a heater power of 200 mW was assumed. Soldering of the die pad is not recommended, therefore the two right hand side columns are bold. Values are based on simulation.

### **5** Quality and Material Contents

Qualification of SHT40I is performed based on the JEDEC JESD47 qualification test method. Qualification pending. The device is fully RoHS and WEEE compliant, *e.g.* free of Pb, Cd, and Hg. For general remarks of best practice in processing humidity sensor please refer to the handling instructions [1].

### **6 Protection Options**

#### 6.1 Membrane Option

The filter membrane option for SHT4xl family members inherently provides an additional barrier for all pollutants to enter the sensor opening, thus lowering negative influences on the sensing element. Mostly designed to keep particles and dust from accumulating and reducing the response time, the membrane also enables more efficient and easy cleaning, as it helps to reduce liquid intrusion into the sensor opening. Even though not selectively filtering, in general, physical barriers allow to reduce the amount of unwanted chemical contamination and help to remove potentially harmful components by facilitating wiping (flat sensor surface).

The integrated SHT4xl PTFE membrane provides additional protection, from particles, and enables sensor operation in harsh conditions. The membrane has a thickness of 100  $\mu$ m offering a filtration efficiency of >99.99% for particles of 200 nm size and larger. Owing to the high permeability and the small volume between sensing element and membrane, the specified response time of the RH sensor is unaltered.



**Figure 8.** SHT4xI-Analog with integrated PTFE membrane, highlighting the beneficial flat geometry of the SHT4xI-Analog

To ensure full functionality of the sensor and avoid damaging its integrated filter membrane, when mounting the sensor, follow the reflow soldering process as described in the Handling Instructions [1]. Furthermore the therein described care regarding board wash and cleaning still apply.

#### 6.2 Protective Cover

The SHT4xl-Analog will be available with a second protective option, a removable protective cover to protect the sensing element during sensor installation. The sensor will be delivered with the protective cover attached such that the sensor opening is completely covered and sealed. This enables cost-effective brush-over and spray-over application procedures of conformal coating material. Such coating is often required in highly corrosive environments to protect solder joints. In this process the protective cover prevents the sensor opening to be sealed by any coating and to it, the foil can be pulled off with tweezers at the designated non-sticking flap.

The protective cover is made of polyimide making it highly resistant to chemicals and elevated temperatures<sup>11</sup>. To ensure full functionality of the cover, when mounting the sensor, follow the reflow soldering process as described in the Handling Instruction [1].



Figure 9. Sketch of the SHT4xI with attached polyimide foil.<sup>12</sup>

<sup>11</sup>Up to 260 °C

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> This a preliminary sketch only and might be subject to change.

## 7 Tape and Reel Packaging

All specifications for the tape and reel packaging can be found in Figure 10. Reel diameters are 13 inch and 8 inch, for the 10k and the 2.5k packaging sizes, respectively.



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Figure 10. Tape and reel specifications including sensor orientation in pocket (see indication of two sensors on the right side of the tape).

Ko = 0.81 ±0.05







### **8 Product Nomenclature**

Position	Value(s)	Explanation				
1	S	Sensirion				
2	Н	Humidity Signal				
3	Т	Temperature Signal				
4	4	Fourth product generation				
5	0	Base accuracy				
6	I	Industrial version				
7	-	Delimiter				
8 Н		Standard ARP analog output characteristic				
0		custom/application specific output characteristic				
9	D	DFN package				
10	1	Reserved				
	В	Blank package				
11	F	Package with integrated, patented PTFE membrane				
	Р	Package with removable protective cover for conformal coating (coming soon)				
12	-	Delimiter				
13	R	Tape on reel packaging				
14	2	Packaging article contains 2'500 pieces				
14	3	Packaging article contains 10'000 pieces				

 Table 8. SHT4xI-Analog product nomenclature.

### **9 Ordering Information**

Material Description	Material Number	Details	Quantity (pcs)
SHT40I-HD1B-R2	3.000.636	base RH&T accuracy, standard ARP analog output characteristic	2'500
SHT40I-HD1F-R2	3.000.889	base RH&T accuracy, standard ARP analog output characteristic including patented PTFE membrane	2'500
SHT40I-HD1P-R2	tbd	base RH&T accuracy, standard ARP analog output characteristic including removable protective cover	2'500
SHT40I-HD1B-R3	Upon request	base RH&T accuracy, standard ARP analog output characteristic	10'000
SHT40I-xD1B-R3	Upon request	base RH&T accuracy, application specific analog output characteristic	10'000

 Table 9. SHT40I analog ordering options.

Sensor evaluation kits are only available for SHT40I-HD1B. Please note that the Sensirion Sensor Bridge only allows read-out of the RH parameter, since it only features one analog pin.

## 10 Bibliography

[1] Sensirion, "Handling Instructions for Humidity Sensors," 2020. [Online]. Available: www.sensirion.com.

## **11 Revision History**

Date	Version	Page(s)	Changes
September 2021	0.1	all	First preliminary version
December 2021	0.2	1, 6-10	Added multiple output characteristics
		5	Adapted electrical specifications and timings
		3, 4	Added accuracy plots
		12, 13	Updated package outline and land pattern
		13	Added pin assignment information
		15, 16	Extended product nomenclature and ordering information
September 2022	1	all	Updated accuracy plots, article numbers, and wording
			changes.
December 2022	2	1	Updated Device Overview with membrane options
		1	Added Feedback QR code
		6	Corrected typo in ESD HBM
		9	Inserted Figure 5 about filter membrane dimensions
		10	Footnote 10: No change in laser marking of protective options
		12	Added Section 6 on protective options
		13	Inserted Figure 11. tape/reel specs of membrane option
		14	Updated ordering information in Table 9
		all	Reviewed font size, typos, references & general formatting
		all	Removed multiple output characteristics and made individual
			Datasheets for each

## **Important Notices**

#### Warning, Personal Injury

Do not use this product as safety or emergency stop devices or in any other application where failure of the product could result in personal injury. Do not use this product for applications other than its intended and authorized use. Before installing, handling, using or servicing this product, please consult the data sheet and application notes. Failure to comply with these instructions could result in death or serious injury.

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#### **ESD** Precautions

The inherent design of this component causes it to be sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD). To prevent ESD-induced damage and/or degradation, take customary and statutory ESD precautions when handling this product. See application note "ESD, Latchup and EMC" for more information.

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