

Weather Station

A multi-sensor, self-sufficient, modular,
educational device

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1. Station overview : *Challenges*

10+2



Modular



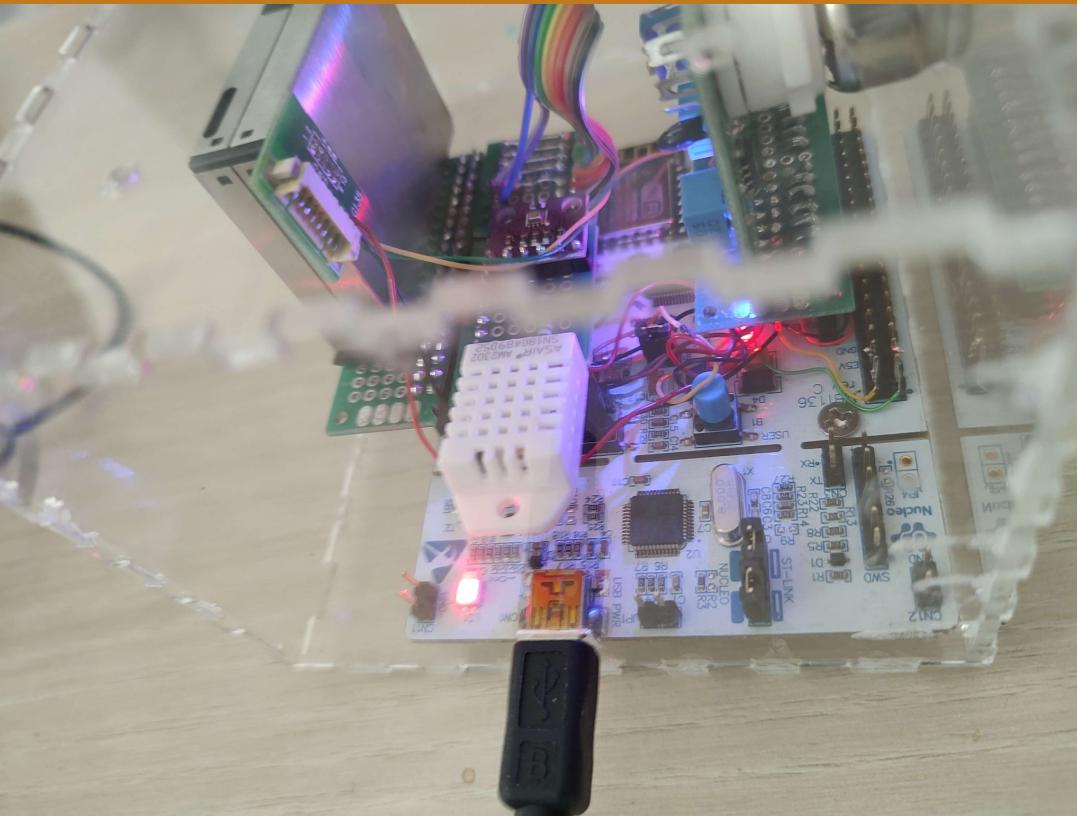
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Low Power



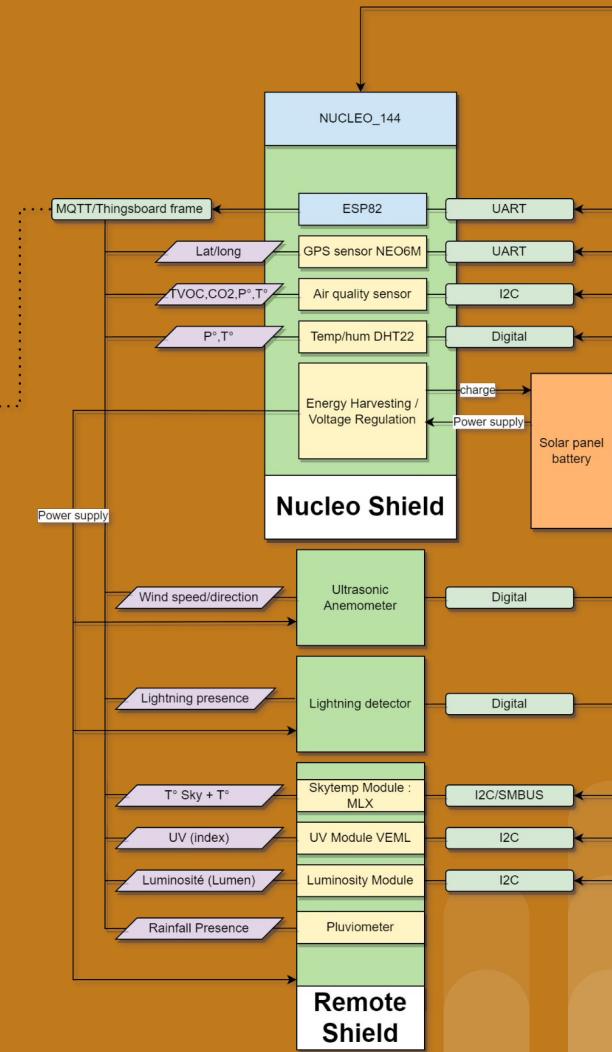
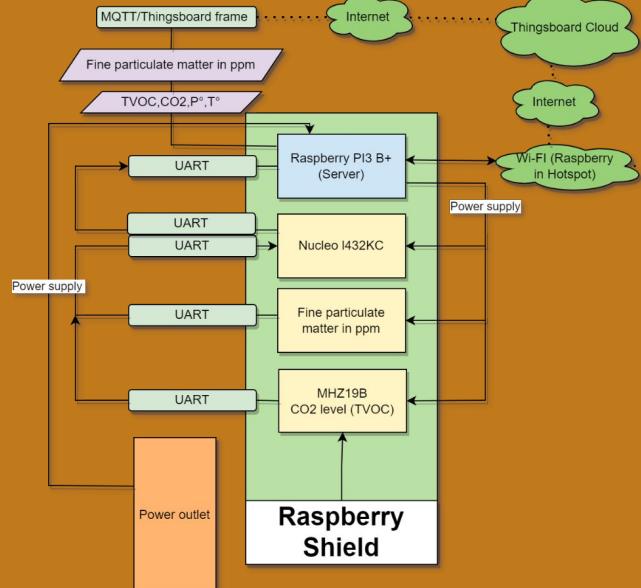
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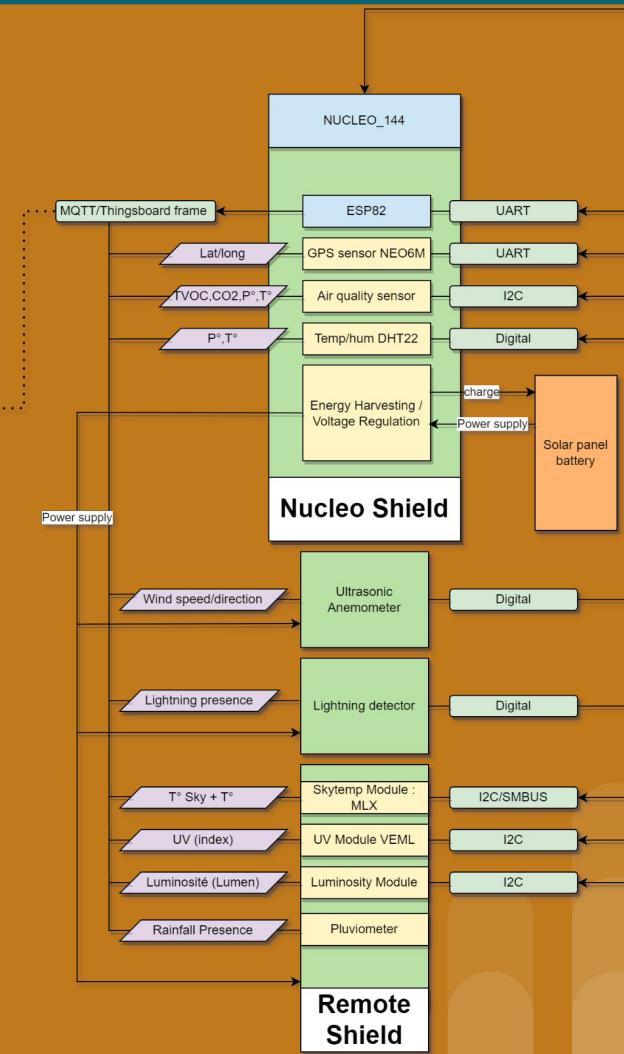
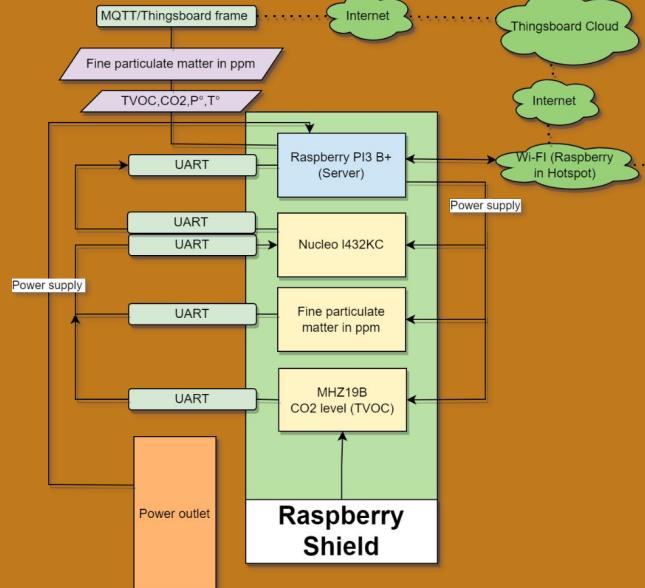


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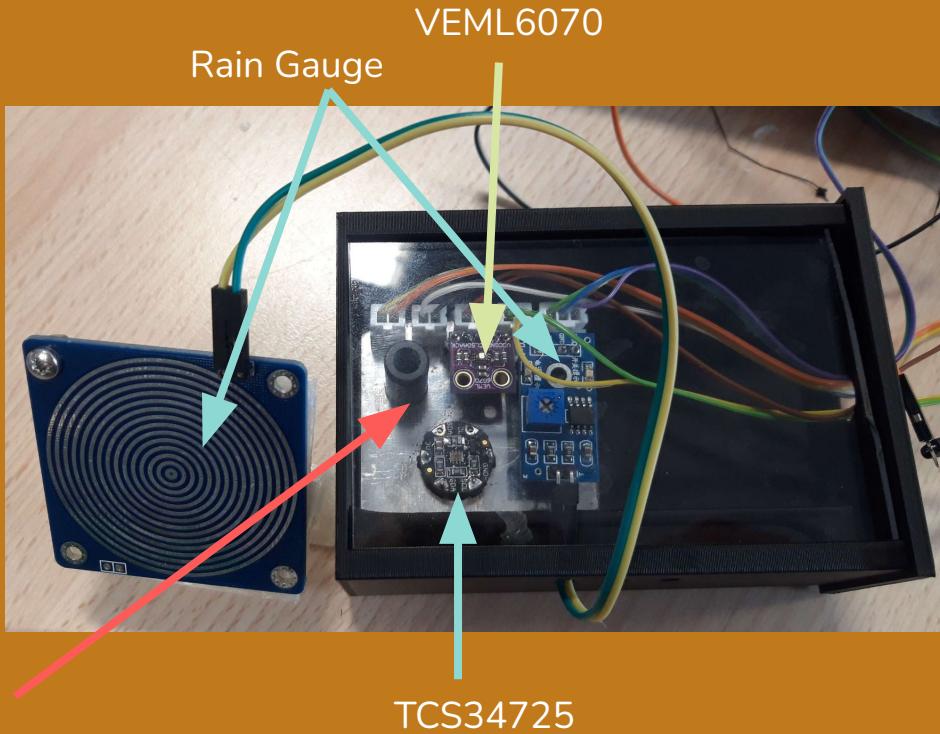
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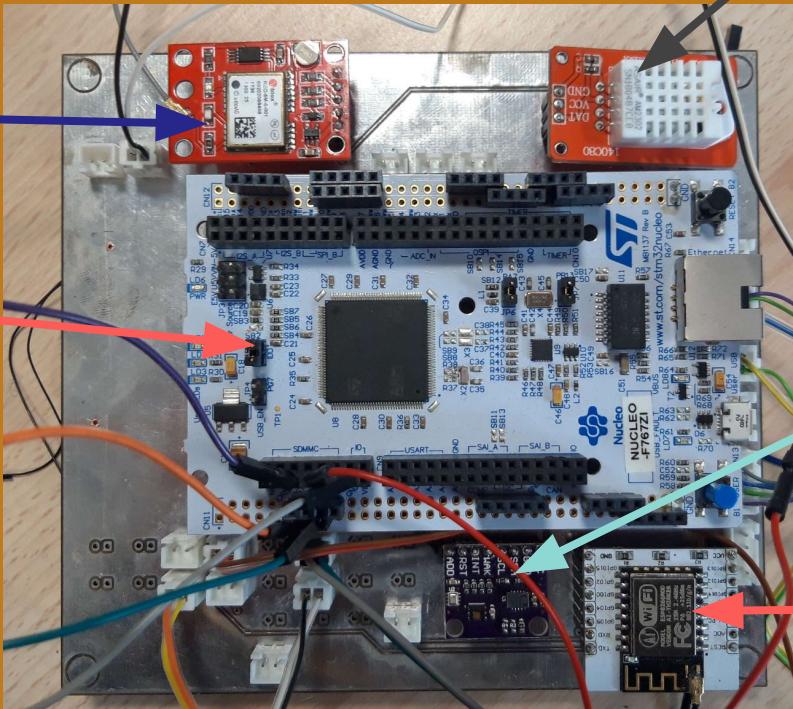
GPS Module

Main board
(STM3F767ZI)

DHT 22

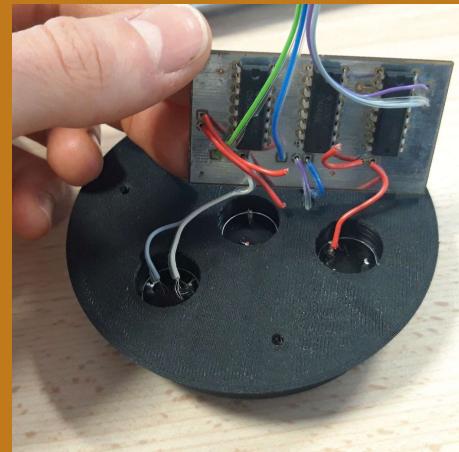
CSS811, BMP280,
HDC1080

ESP8266



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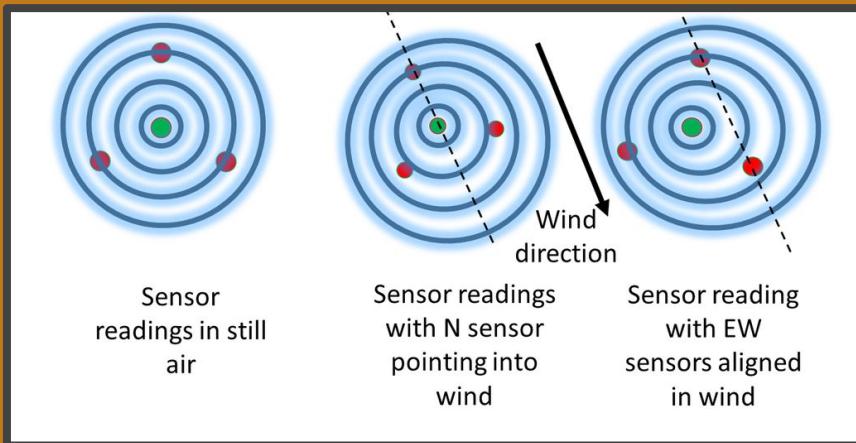
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Custom sensor: supersonic anemometer

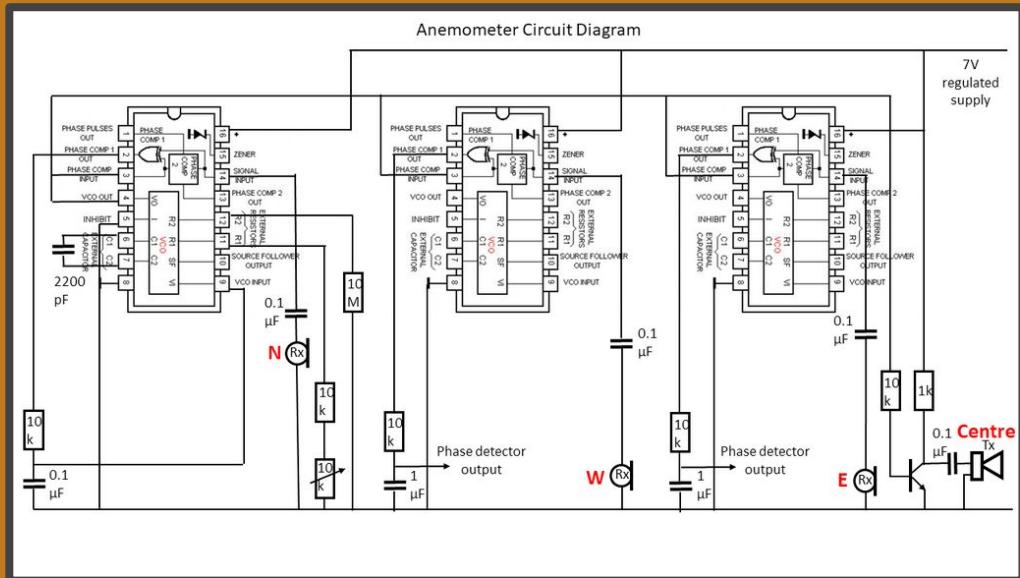
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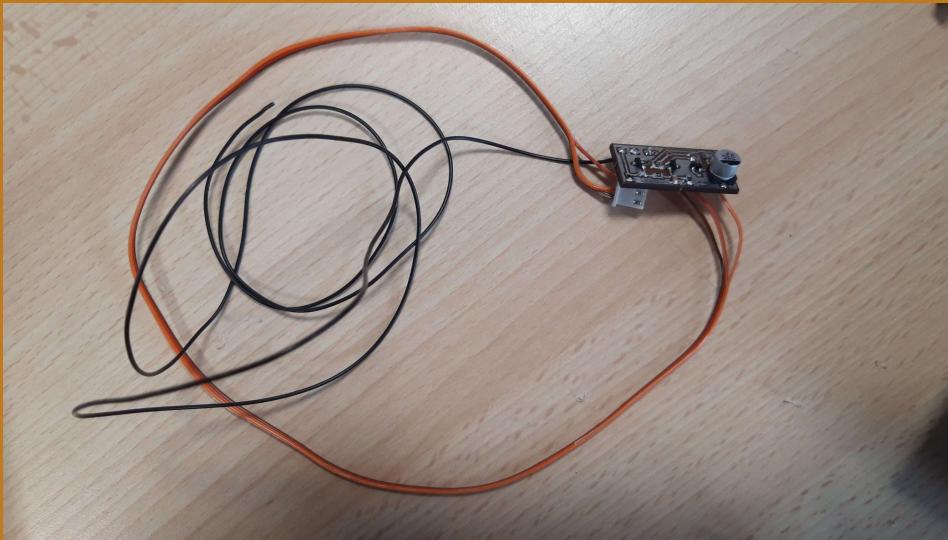
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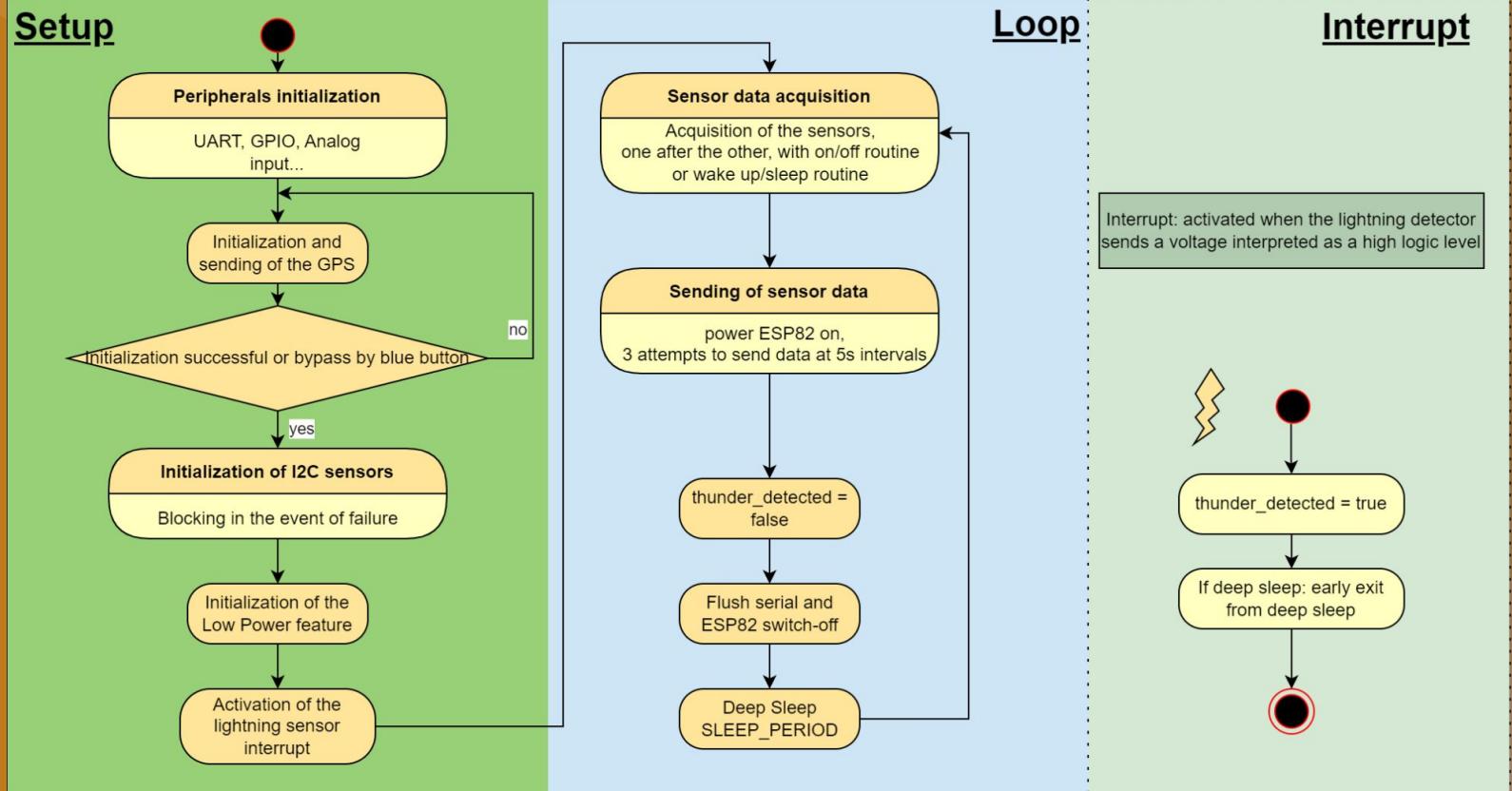
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Custom sensor: lightning detector

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b. Mode of operation and optimizations

i. Software

Clock speed reduction on main microcontroller

(Voltage regulator, overdrive mode)

Parameter	f_{HCLK} (MHz)	Typ	Max ⁽¹⁾			Unit
			$T_A = 25^\circ C$	$T_A = 85^\circ C$	$T_A = 105^\circ C$	
Supply current in RUN mode	216	92	104	150	-	mA
	200	86	97	143	170	
	180	76	85	119	140	
	168	67	75	107	126	
	144	52	58	84	101	
	60	23	28	54	71	
	25	11	15	42	56	

- F_{hclk} from 216MHz to 24MHz
- MCU current from 45mA to 15mA in RUN mode

2. Embedded system

b. Mode of operation and optimizations

i. Software

Use of STOP mode when idle with...

Table 35. Typical and maximum current consumptions in Stop mode

Symbol	Parameter	Conditions	Typ	Max ⁽¹⁾				Unit
				V _{DD} = 3.6 V				
			T _A = 25 °C	T _A = 25 °C	T _A = 85 °C	T _A = 105 °C		
I _{DD_STOP_NM} (normal mode)	Supply current in Stop mode, main regulator in Run mode	Flash memory in Stop mode, all oscillators OFF, no IWDG	0.55	3	18	27	mA	
		Flash memory in Deep power down mode, all oscillators OFF	0.5	3	18	27		
	Supply current in Stop mode, main regulator in Low-power mode	Flash memory in Stop mode, all oscillators OFF, no IWDG	0.42	2.5	15	24		
		Flash memory in Deep power down mode, all oscillators OFF, no IWDG	0.37	2.5	15	24		
I _{DD_STOP_UDM} (under-drive mode)	Supply current in Stop mode, main regulator in Low voltage and under-drive modes	Regulator in Run mode, Flash memory in Deep power down mode, all oscillators OFF, no IWDG	0.18	1.2	6	10		
		Regulator in Low-power mode, Flash memory in Deep power down mode, all oscillators OFF, no IWDG	0.13	1.1	6	10		

- RTC wakeup
- configured for low-power (LSI clock and LP voltage regulator)

→MCU and sensors current consumption down to ≈1mA

2. Embedded system

b. Mode of operation and optimizations ii. Hardware

Power supply of the sensors

- accessibility and energy self-sufficiency compromise
- delays
- improvements are possible

VEML6070	I2C-induced sleep
TCS34725	I2C-induced sleep
MLX90614	Transistor-driven supply
Rain Gauge	Transistor-driven supply
DHT 22	Transistor-driven supply
CCS811	Always on, low-power
BMP280	Always on
HDC1080	Always on
GPS	Transistor-driven supply
ESP8266	Transistor-driven supply
Anemometer	Transistor-driven supply
Lightning detector	Always on

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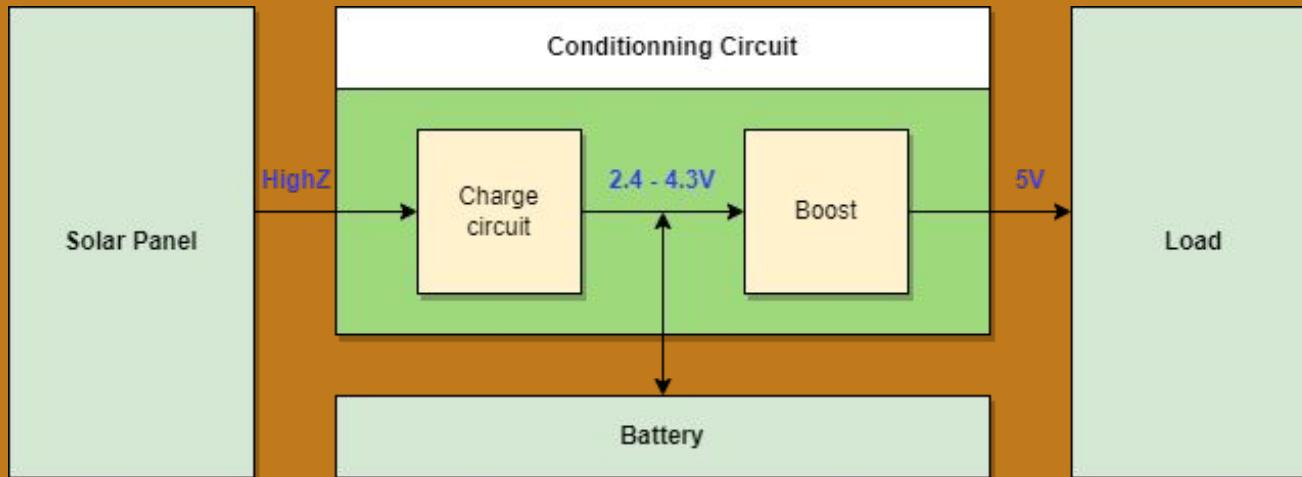
Nucleo board configuration

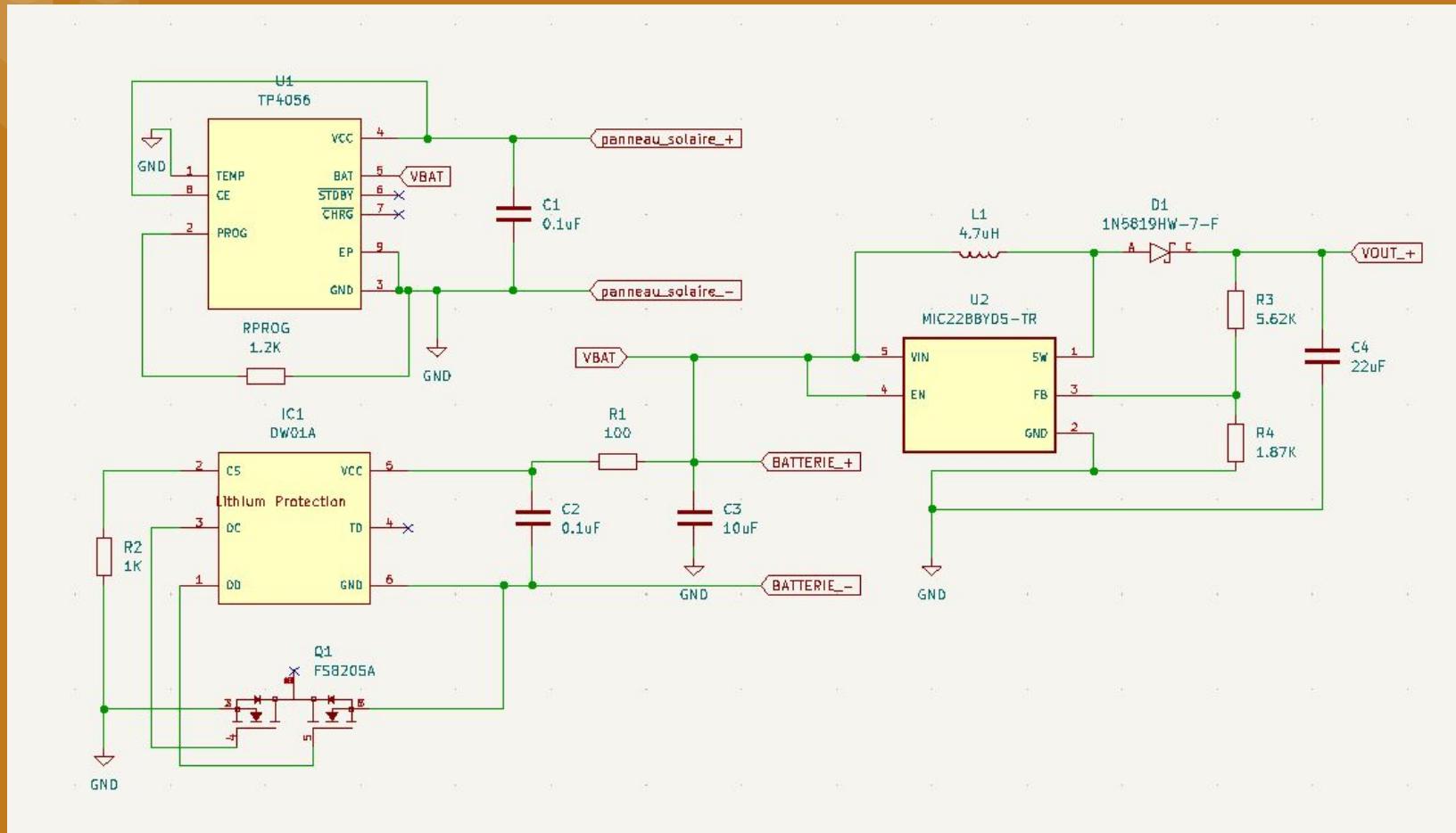
Modification	Gain	Loss/Comment
ST-Link cut	≈50mA	debug/programming are more complex
Ethernet module clock disabled	≈50mA	functionality disabled
3V3_PER power supply disabled (SB2)	≈60mA	ethernet module, on-board ST-Link, LEDs, buttons are disabled

→current fed to Nucleo w/o MCU from ≈160mA to 0mA

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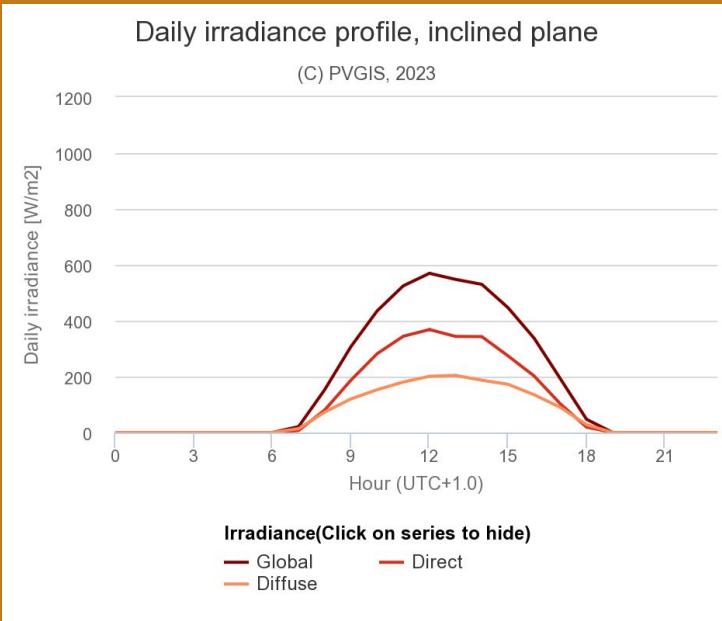
c. Energy harvesting circuit





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c. Energy balancing



Average empiric efficiency of the solar panel deduced from march average irradiance :

$$\eta_{Avg} \approx 11\%$$

Average available power in december
(before conditioning circuit consumption)

$$P_{PV,Avg,Dec} = 171mW$$

TP4056

SYMBOL	PARAMETER	CONDITIONS		MIN	TYP	MAX	UNITS	
V _{CC}	Input Supply Voltage		●	4.0	5	8.0	V	
I _{CC}	Input Supply Current	Charge Mode, R _{PROG} = 1.2k StandbyMode(Charge Terminated) Shutdown Mode (R _{PROG} Not Connected, V _{CC} < V _{BAT} , or V _{CC} < V _{UV})	● ● ●		150 55 55	500 100 100		μA μA μA

DW01A

PARAMETER	TEST CONDITIONS	SYMBOL	Min	Typ	Max	UNIT
Supply Current	V _{CC} =3.6V	I _{CC}		3.0	6.0	μA
Power-Down Current	V _{CC} =1.8V	I _{PD}			4	μA
OD Pin Output "H" Voltage		V _{DH}	V _{CC} -0.1	V _{CC} -0.02		V
OD Pin Output "L" Voltage		V _{DL}		0.1	0.5	V
OC Pin Output "H" Voltage		V _{CH}	V _{CC} -0.1	V _{CC} -0.02		V
OC Pin Output "L" Voltage		V _{CL}		0.1	0.5	V

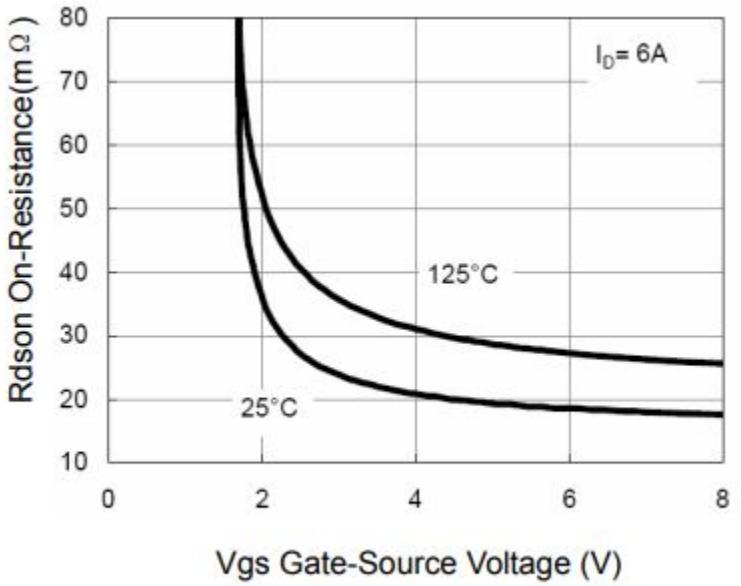
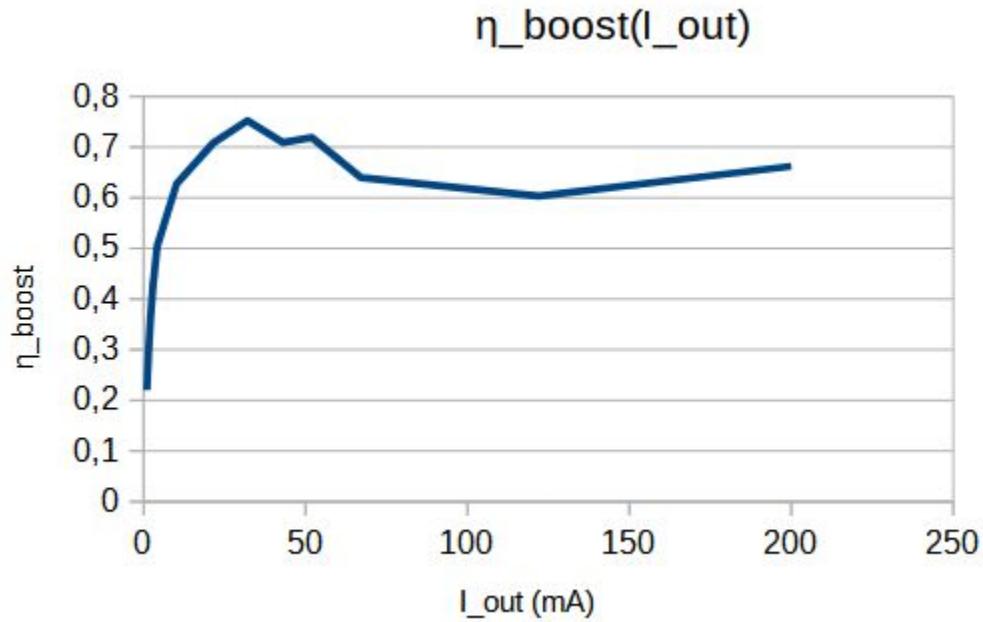


Figure 9 Rdson vs Vgs

$$P_{8205A} = R_{DS(ON)} \times \frac{|P_{PV} - P_{LOAD}|^2}{V_{BAT}^2}$$



Exact formula :

$$P_{Available} = \eta_{boost}(P_{PV} - P_{TP4056} - P_{DW01A} - P_{8205A})$$

Estimation :

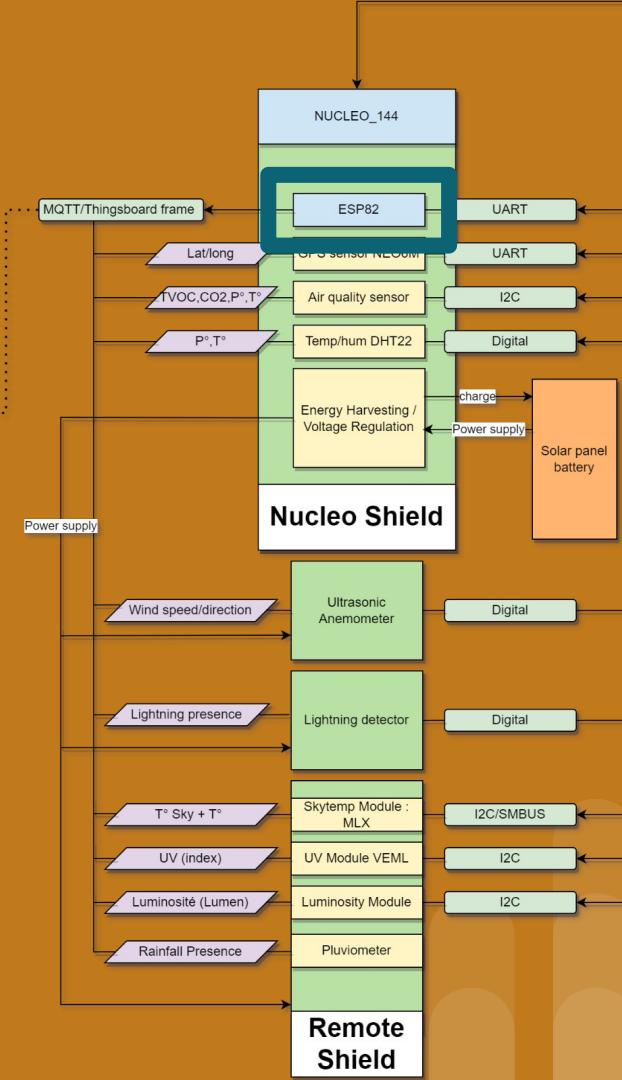
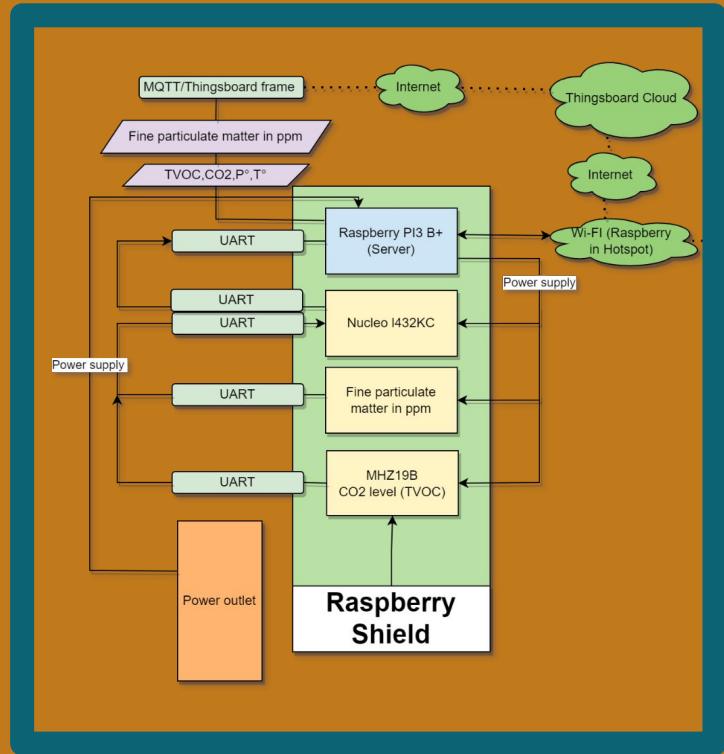
$$P_{Available,Avg} < P_{PV,Avg} - P_{TP4056,Avg} - P_{DW01A,Avg} \approx 168.9mW$$

Load consumption



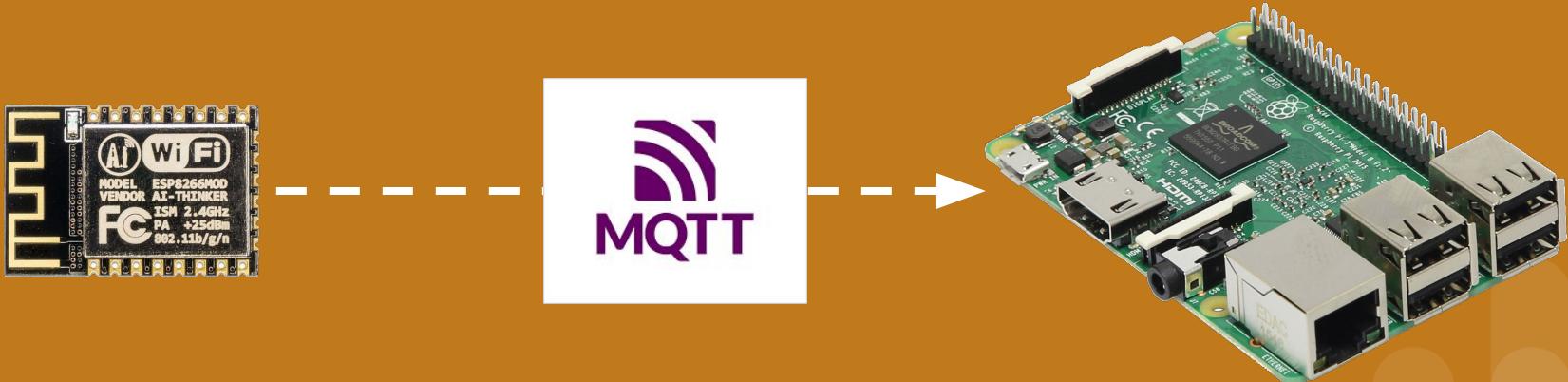
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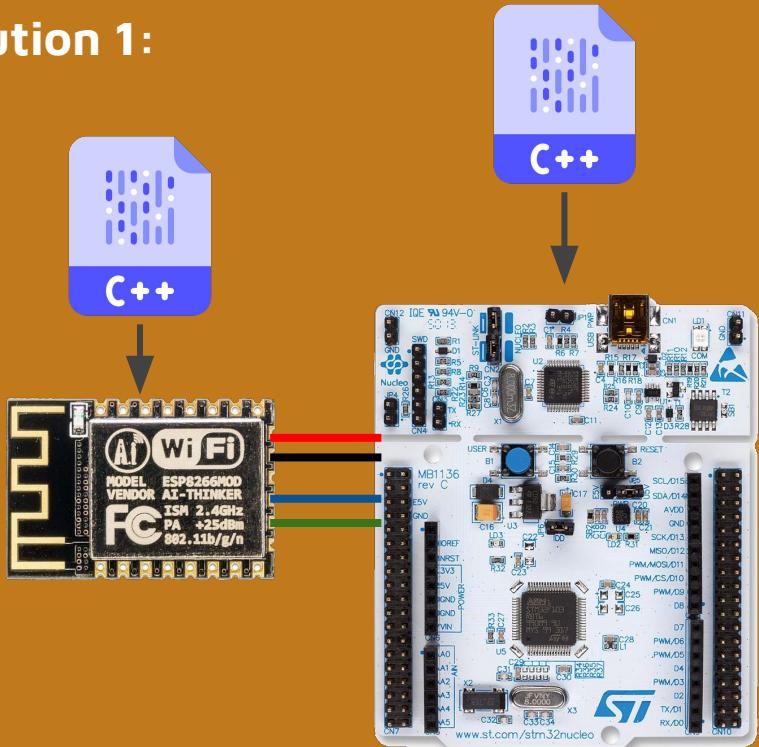
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Solution 1:



Pros:

- Shorter data frame
→ thus less power consumed

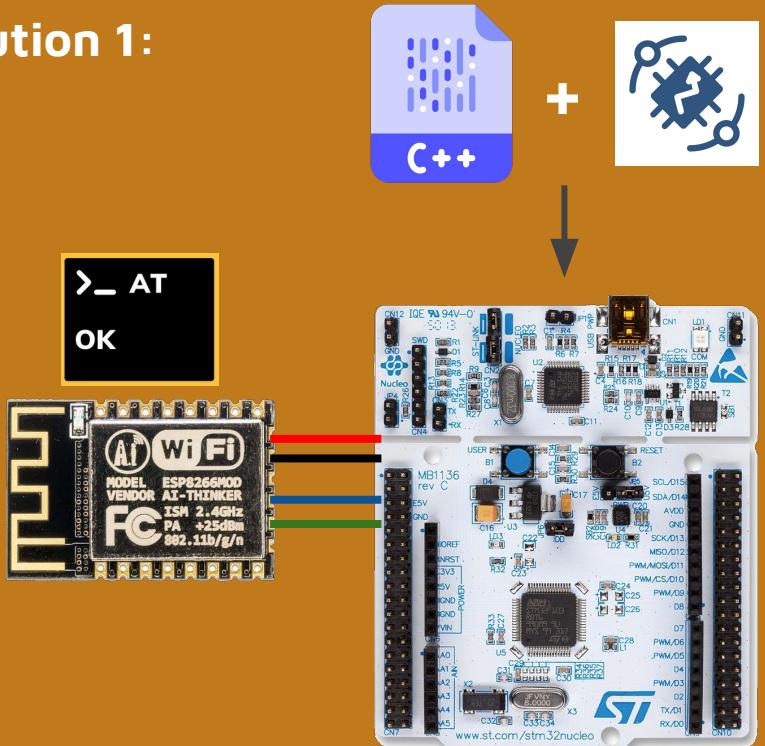
Cons:

- Must program both
- Adding a sensor is harder

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a. Wireless Communication

Solution 1:



Pros:

- Adding sensors is easy
- Only program the Nucleo

Cons:

- Longer data frame
- Higher consumption

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b. Sensors and measurements



- Air quality sensor
→ Particules count

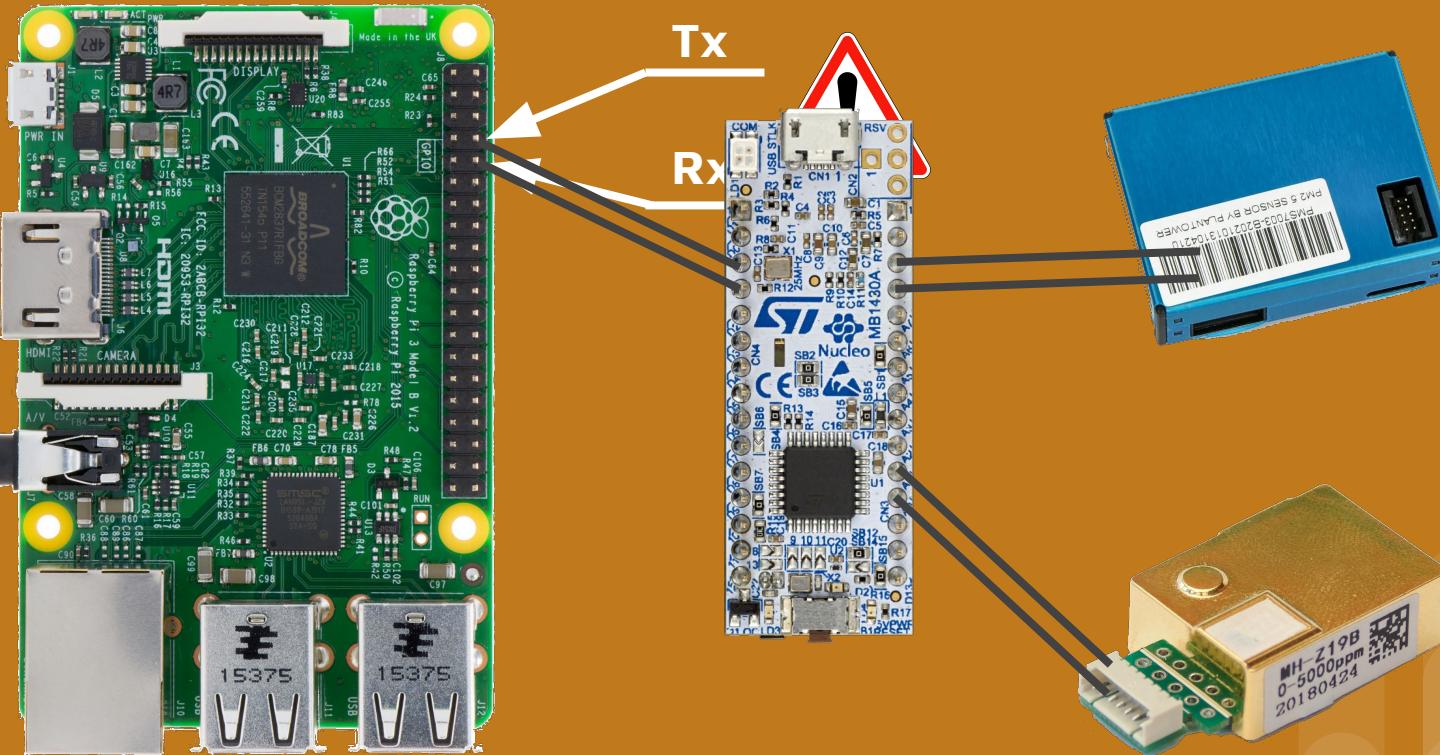
→ Both using UART



- CO2 sensor
→ rate in ppm

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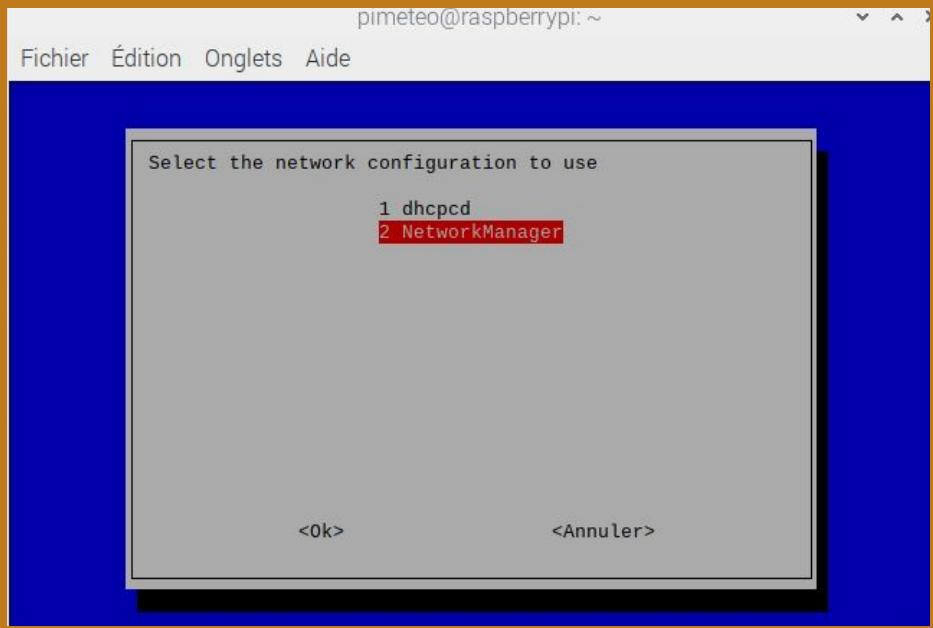


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b. Data and dashboard

1 - Configuration of the hot-spot

Enable NetworkManager with raspi-config



Configuration of the hot-spot

Connection Information

AP_Raspi_Meteo Connexion filaire 1	
Général	
Interface	Wi-Fi 802.11 (wlan0)
Adresse matérielle	B8:27:EB:6D:D7:39
Pilote	brcmfmac
Vitesse	Inconnue
Sécurité	WPA/WPA2
IPv4	
Adresse IP	10.42.0.1
Adresse de broadcast	10.42.0.255
Masque de sous-réseau	255.255.255.0
IPv6	
Adresse IP	fe80::fd97:5156:84aa:f253/64
Hotspot	
Réseau	AP_Raspi_Meteo
Mot de passe	stationmeteo13120

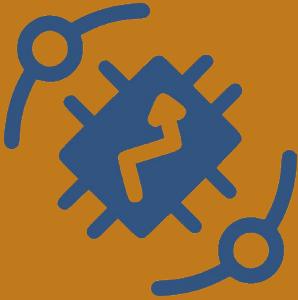
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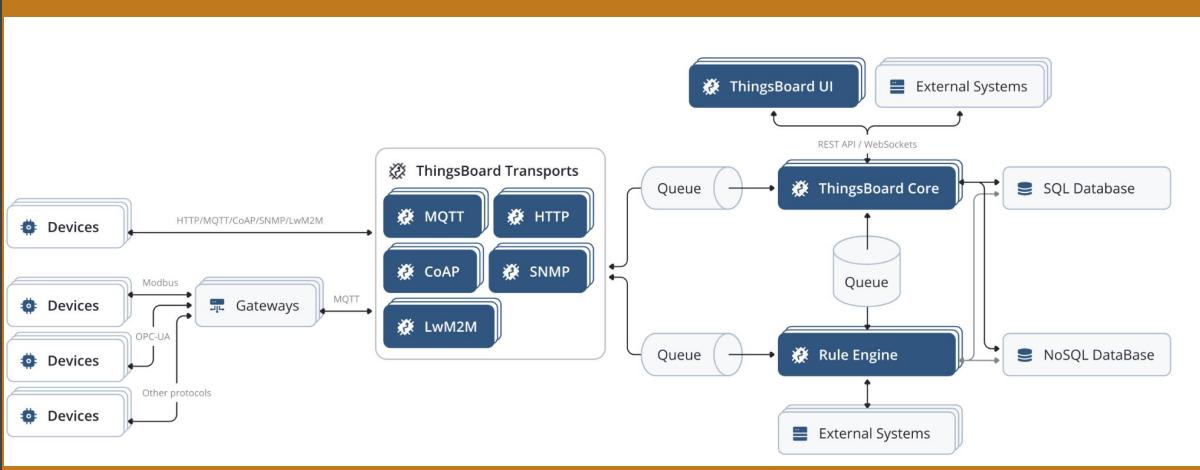
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2- ThingsBoard setup



Architecture supplied by Thingsboard



Create devices and tokens

RASPBERRY_DEVICE_METEO		
Détails du dispositif		
DÉTAILS	ATTRIBUTS	DERNIÈRE TÉLÉMETRIE
		Dernière mise à jour
		2023-09-27 14:27:20
		CO2_ppm
		477
		particules_03um
		93
		particules_05um
		29
		particules_100um
		0
		particules_10um
		1

NUCLEO144_DEVICE_METEO		
Détails du dispositif		
DÉTAILS	ATTRIBUTS	DERNIÈRE TÉLÉMETRIE
		Dernière mise à jour
		2023-09-27 11:22:11
		co2_ppm
		65021
		humidite_dht
		37.29999924
		humidite_ldc
		39.0625
		lux
		665
		pluie_gpio
		false

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3 - Database

Database creation

```
> sudo service postgresql start  
> sudo su - postgres  
>> psql -U postgres -d postgres -h 127.0.0.1 -W  
>> CREATE DATABASE thingsboard;
```



Schéma	Nom	Type	Propriétaire
public	admin_settings	table	postgres
public	alarm	table	postgres
public	asset	table	postgres
public	attribute_kv	table	postgres
public	audit_log	table	postgres
public	component_descriptor	table	postgres
public	customer	table	postgres
public	dashboard	table	postgres
public	device	table	postgres
public	device_credentials	table	postgres
public	entity_view	table	postgres
public	event	table	postgres
public	relation	table	postgres
public	rule_chain	table	postgres
public	rule_node	table	postgres
public	tb_user	table	postgres
public	tenant	table	postgres
public	ts_kv	table	postgres
public	ts_kv_latest	table	postgres
public	user_credentials	table	postgres
public	widget_type	table	postgres
public	widgets_bundle	table	postgres
(22 lignes)			

Add to Thingsboard's .conf file

```
# DB Configuration  
export DATABASE_TS_TYPE=mysql  
export SPRING_DATASOURCE_URL=jdbc:postgresql://localhost:5432/thingsboard  
export SPRING_DATASOURCE_USERNAME=postgres  
export SPRING_DATASOURCE_PASSWORD=PUT_YOUR_POSTGRESQL_PASSWORD_HERE  
# Specify partitioning size for timestamp key-value storage. Allowed values:  
# DAYS, MONTHS, YEARS, INDEFINITE.  
export SQL_POSTGRES_TS_KV_PARTITIONING=MONTHS
```

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3 - Database

```
> sudo service postgresql start  
> psql  
>> \c thingsboard  
>>> select * from ts_kv ;
```

entity_type	entity_id	key	ts	bool_v	str_v	long_v	dbl_v
DEVICE	1edca470f76b500ae6c7b0bf40c9c35	particles_25um	1679920040794			1	
DEVICE	1edca470f76b500ae6c7b0bf40c9c35	particles_50um	1679920040794			0	
DEVICE	1edca470f76b500ae6c7b0bf40c9c35	particles_100um	1679920040794			0	
DEVICE	1edca470f76b500ae6c7b0bf40c9c35	particles_05um	1679920040794			29	
DEVICE	1edca470f76b500ae6c7b0bf40c9c35	particles_10um	1679920040794			1	
DEVICE	1edca470f76b500ae6c7b0bf40c9c35	particles_03um	1679920040794			93	
DEVICE	1edca470f76b500ae6c7b0bf40c9c35	CO2_ppm	1679920040794			477	
DEVICE	1edca47320572a0ae6c7b0bf40c9c35	wind_speed	1679908928368			4942	
DEVICE	1edca47320572a0ae6c7b0bf40c9c35	wind_heading	1679908928579			180	
DEVICE	1edca47320572a0ae6c7b0bf40c9c35	temp_amb_sky	1679908928799				22.30999184
DEVICE	1edca47320572a0ae6c7b0bf40c9c35	temp_obj_sky	1679908929033				22.62999916
DEVICE	1edca47320572a0ae6c7b0bf40c9c35	humidite_hdc	1679908929238				39.0625
DEVICE	1edca47320572a0ae6c7b0bf40c9c35	temp_hdc	1679908929450				23.52661133
DEVICE	1edca47320572a0ae6c7b0bf40c9c35	humidite_dht	1679908929669				37.29999924
DEVICE	1edca47320572a0ae6c7b0bf40c9c35	temp_dht	1679908929885				21.20000076
DEVICE	1edca47320572a0ae6c7b0bf40c9c35	pluie_pourcent	1679908930104				0.3307693
DEVICE	1edca47320572a0ae6c7b0bf40c9c35	pression_bmp	1679908930324				99171.5625
DEVICE	1edca47320572a0ae6c7b0bf40c9c35	temp_bmp	1679908930546				24.32999992
DEVICE	1edca47320572a0ae6c7b0bf40c9c35	lux	1679908930743			665	
DEVICE	1edca47320572a0ae6c7b0bf40c9c35	uv_level	1679908930947			2	
DEVICE	1edca47320572a0ae6c7b0bf40c9c35	co2_ppm	1679908931158			65021	

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 [Data Sources / PostgreSQL-1](#)
Type: PostgreSQL

Settings

Alerting supported

Name PostgreSQL-1 Default

PostgreSQL Connection

Host	localhost:5432
Database	database name
User	user <input type="password"/> Password
TLS/SSL Mode	verify-full
TLS/SSL Method	File system path

TLS/SSL Auth Details

TLS/SSL Root Certificate	<input type="radio"/> TLS/SSL root cert file
TLS/SSL Client Certificate	<input type="radio"/> TLS/SSL client cert file
TLS/SSL Client Key	<input type="radio"/> TLS/SSL client key file

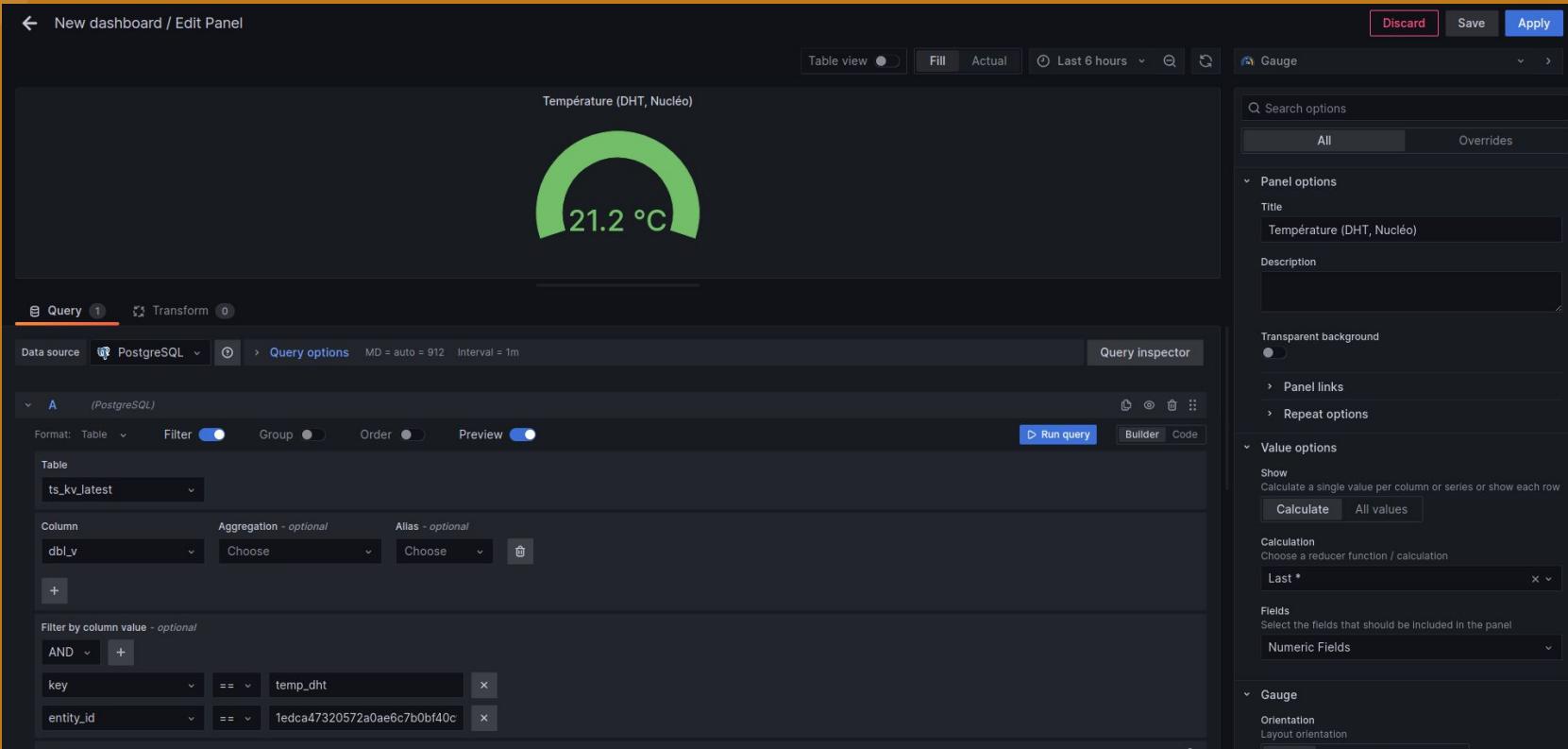
Connection limits

Max open	<input type="radio"/> unlimited
Max idle	<input type="radio"/> 2
Max lifetime	<input type="radio"/> 14400

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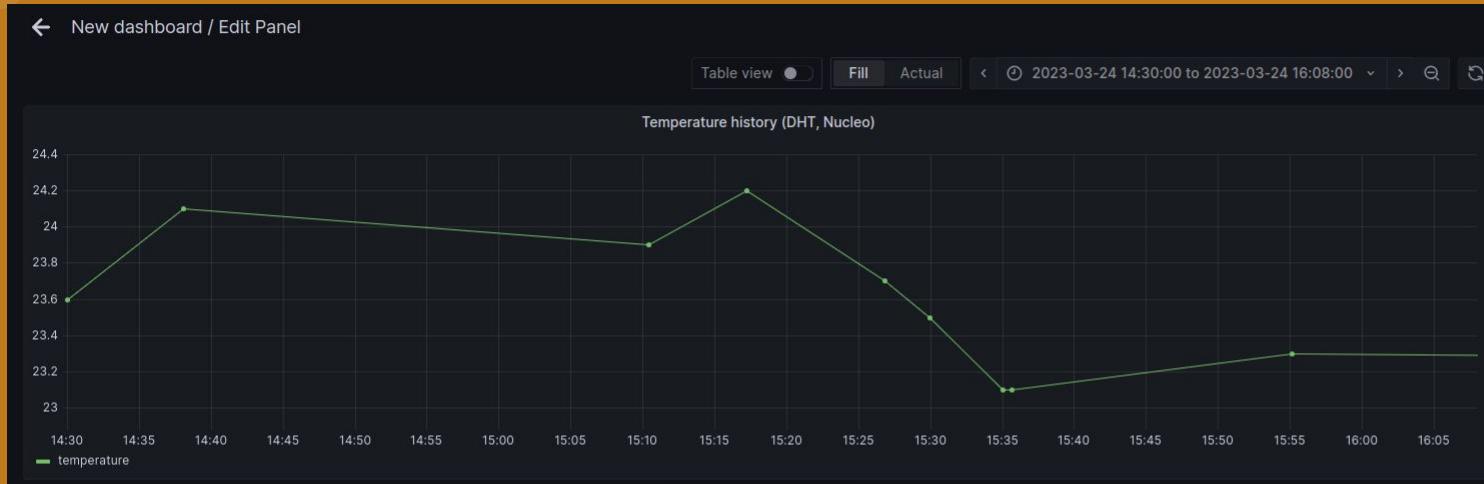
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```
SELECT ts as "time", dbl_v as "temperature"  
WHERE key = "temp_dht"
```

Conclusion

4. Troubleshooting

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TCS34725 sleep
mode hangs on
reset

Merge issue
with rain gauge

deepSleep and
debug Serial
shenanigans

Nucleo software

VEML6070 returns
0 but works

broken
ESP8266
example
code

GPS module and
satellite link

4. Troubleshooting

Burnt boost

Different
Reset voltages

Little copper
residue
between the
tracks

Poor via
quality
resulting in
unusable
I2C bus

Missing
MLX90614
pull-up resistors

MLX90614 and
CCS811
shadowing

Connecting the STLink for
debug

Nucleo hardware

4. Troubleshooting

Wrong Raspberry
footprint

School firewall

Raspberry PI

Nucleo power supply

Not enough UARTs

Wrong AT
instruction in
ESP8266 library

4. Troubleshooting

difficulty to produce test
PCBs to characterise
CMS components
separately

**impossibility to propose a
quantitative study of load
consumption**

**only a qualitative
conclusion regarding
self-sufficiency**

Energy Balance