

# ECEN 5823-001

## Internet of Things Embedded Firmware

Lecture #6  
13 September 2018

# Agenda

- Class Announcements
- Managing Energy Modes Rubric
- I2C Load Management Assignment
- I2C Peripheral
- Writing your own I2C routine
- Scheduling
- Bluetooth Classic

# Class Announcements

- Quiz #3 is due at 11:59 on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- Homework #1: Managing Energy Modes is due on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, at 11:59pm
- Homework #2: I2C Load Management Assignment is due on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 11:59pm

# Letimer0 prescaler calculation

- What variables do you require to calculate the prescaler?
- Is the LETIMER0 prescaler linear or exponential to the power of 2?
- What formula to calculate the prescaler?
- What is the formula to calculate the COMP0 count?

## Managing Energy Modes Rubric

# Managing Energy Modes Rubric

1. Total points for this exercise is 10 points
  - a. 5.0 pts for the questions
  - b. 5.0 pts of the code
2. Question scoring. Max score is 5.0 pts.
  - a. Question 1: EM0
    - i. Period average current: 4.5 – 5.2mA (0.4 pts)
    - ii. Current LED off: 4.4 – 5.1mA (0.4 pts)
    - iii. Current LED on: current in (ii) plus 0.40 to 0.55mA (0.2pts)
  - b. Question 2: EM1
    - i. Period average current: 3.0 – 3.9mA (0.4 pts)
    - ii. Current LED off: 3.2 – 3.8ma (0.4 pts)
    - iii. Current LED on: current in (ii) plus 0.40 to 0.55mA (0.2 pts)



# I2C Load Management Assignment

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Si7021 and Load Power Management  
Fall 2018

**Objective:** Adding the Si7021 temp/humidity via the I2C bus and enabling / disabling the Si7021 to implement load power management.

**Note:** This assignment will begin with the completed Managing Energy Mode Assignment

**Due:** Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

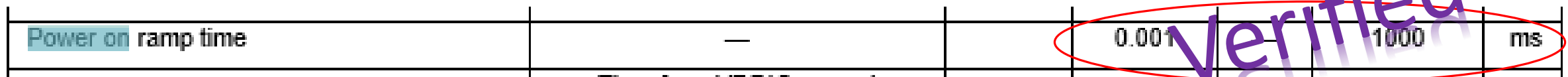
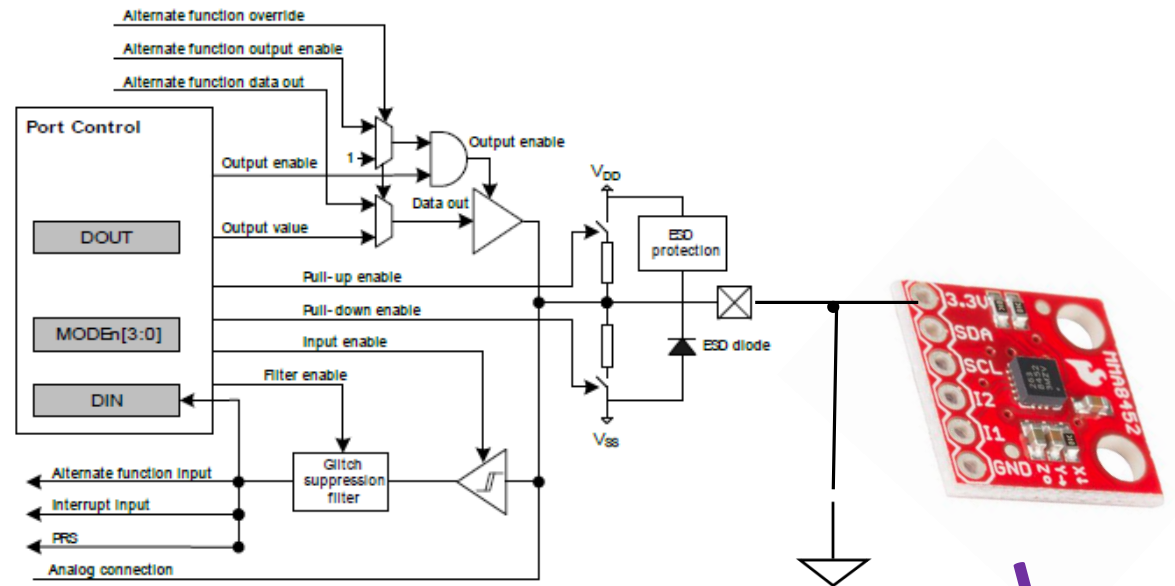
Instructions:

1. Make any changes required to the Managing Energy Mode Assignment
2. LETIMER0 should be set to the following conditions at startup / reset.
  - a. Period = 3.0 seconds
  - b. **No LED heart beat requirement**
  - c. During the LETIMER0 period interrupt

# Load Power Management via GPIO pin

- How long will it take the power line to stabilize
  - Using the recommended decoupling capacitance, 4.7uF
  - Calculate time to achieve VDD
    - $i = C \frac{dV}{dT}$
    - $dT = C \frac{dV}{i}, 4.7\mu F \frac{3.3V}{6mA}$
    - $dT = 2.59mS$
  - Verify that the power ramp meets the specifications of the external device

Figure 32.1. Pin Configuration



# Load Power Management via GPIO pin

## Enabling the external device pseudo code

- Turn power onto the external device
  - Set GPIO Power pin to 1
- Wait for power to stabilize + external boot time
  - For the MMA8452Q
    - 2.59mS + 500uS
    - 3.09mS

Boot time	Time from VDDIO on and VDD > VDD min until I <sup>2</sup> C is ready for operation, Cbyp = 100 nF	Tbt	—	350	500	μs
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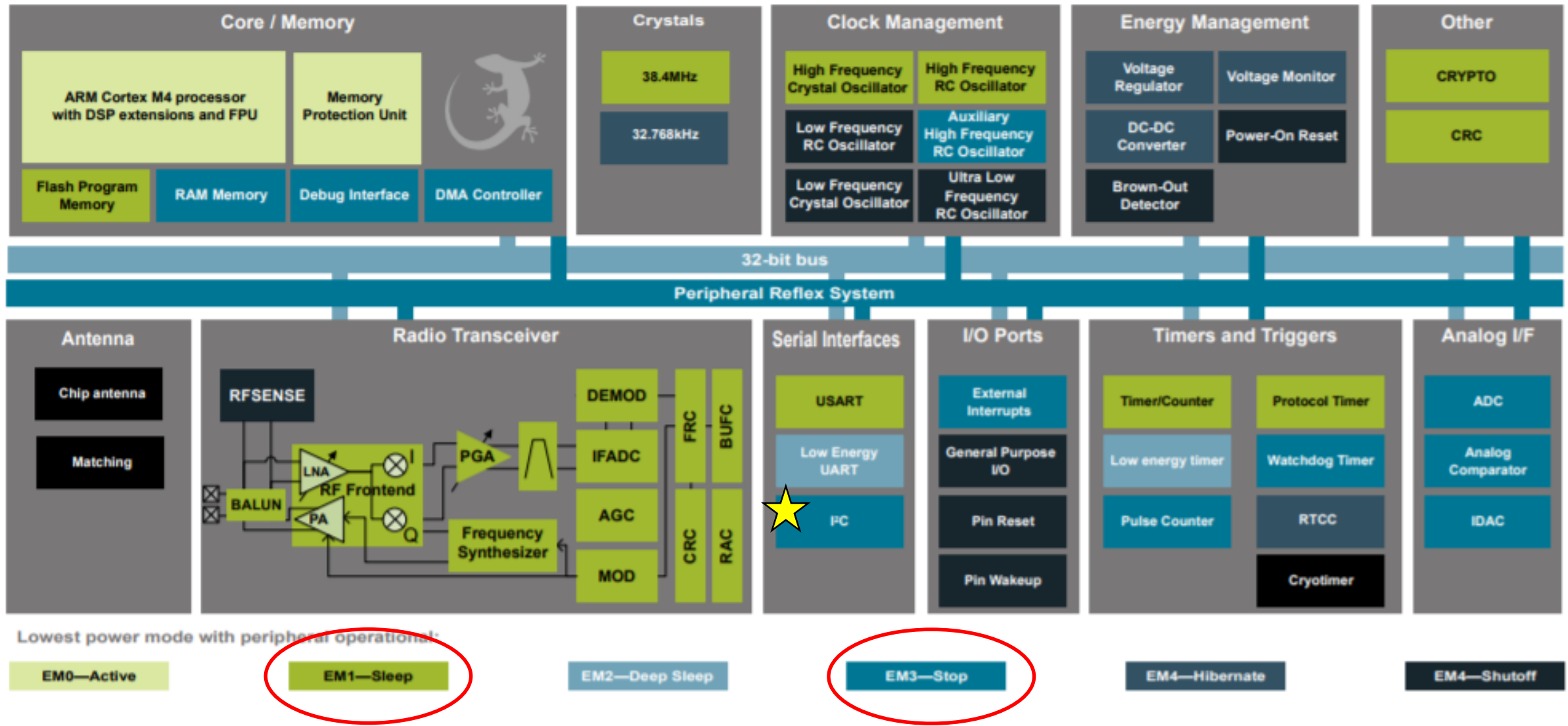
- Enable GPIO I/O pins, such as SCL and SDA for I2C, on the MCU after peripheral to protect ESD diodes
- **Initialize the device for operation**
- Enable Interrupts if required
- Device is ready to be used!



# Load Power Management via GPIO pin

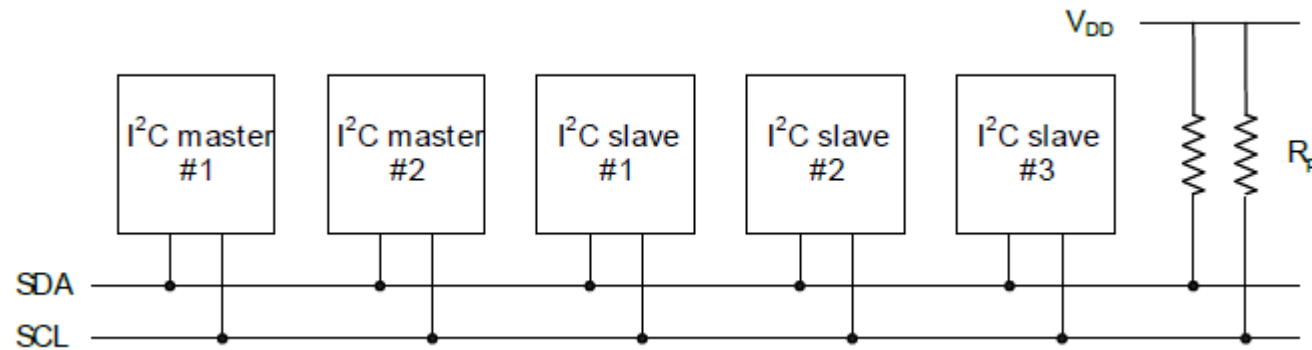
- Disabling the external device pseudo code
  - Disable Interrupts if used
  - Disable GPIO I/O pins, such as SCL and SDA for I2C, to protect ESD diodes
  - Turn off power to the GPIO Power pin by clearing the pin
    - Do not disable, but clear the pin to 0
  - Device is now deactivated and you are saving energy!





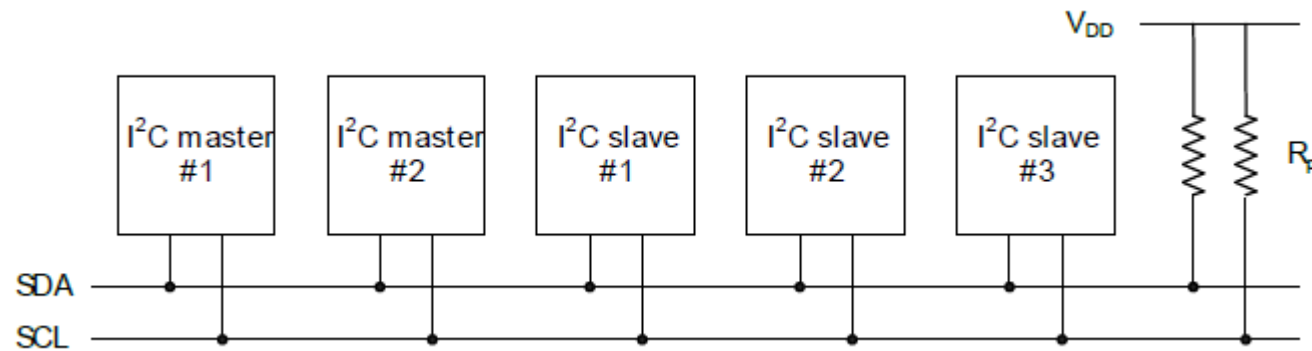
# What is I2C?

- The I2C-bus uses two wires for communication
  - A serial data line (SDA)
  - A serial clock line (SCL)
- It is a true multi-master bus that includes collision detection
- Arbitration to resolve situations where multiple masters transmit data at the same time without data loss.

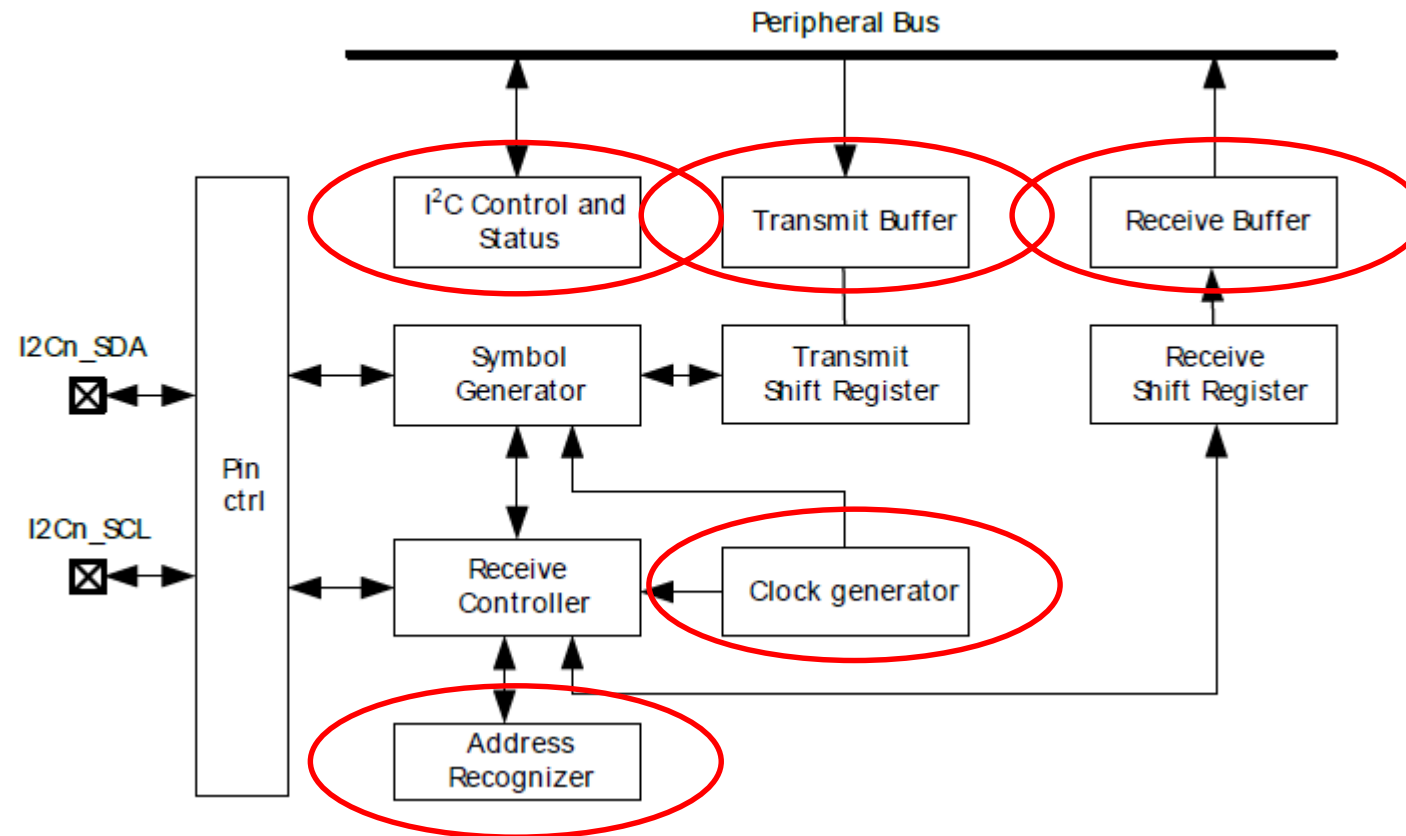


# What is I2C?

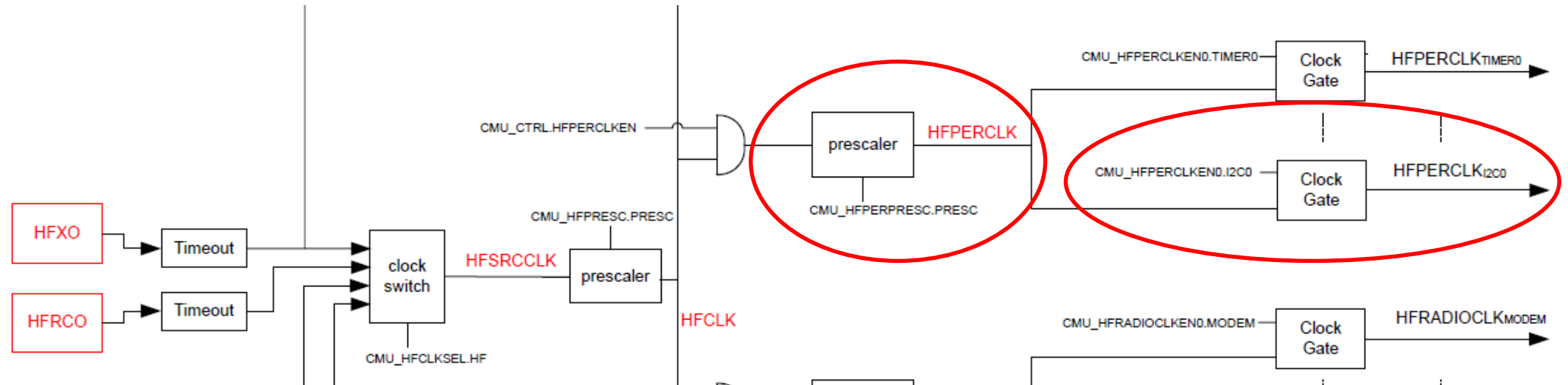
- Each device on the bus is addressable by a unique address
- The I2C master can address all the devices on the bus, including other masters
- Both the bus lines are open-drain. The maximum value of the pull-up resistor can be calculated as a function of the maximal rise-time  $t_r$  for the given bus speed
- The maximal rise times for 100 kHz, 400 kHz and 1 MHz I2C are 1  $\mu$ s, 300 ns and 120 ns respectively.



# I2Cn peripheral block diagram



# I2C



If the I2C clock input is the HPERCLK, how can it work down into EM3?

# Setting up the I2C

- What is the first thing we do to set up the I2C peripheral?
- First, the clock tree to the I2C must be established
  - Without establishing the clock tree, all writes to the I2Cn registers will not occur
  - I2Cn clock source is the HFPERCLK, so no oscillator enable is required, but the HFPERCLK needs to be enabled using [CMU\\_ClockEnable](#)
  - Pseudo code in the CMU setup routine to enable the I2Cn clock tree:
    - Lastly, enable the I2C clocking using the [CMU\\_ClockEnable](#) for the I2Cn

# Setting up the I2C

- After the clock tree has been established, what is the next step in setting up the I2C peripheral?
- Program the peripheral
  - Specify SCL and SDA pins of the I2Cn peripheral
    - Recommend using the GPIO pin mode set up emlib routines
    - Silicon Labs' I2C application note, [AN0011](#), software examples is available resource to insure the GPIO pins are set up correctly



# I2Cn routing information

Table 6.1. CSP43 2.4 GHz Device Pinout

CSP Pin# and Name		Pin Alternate Functionality / Description				
Pin #	Pin Name	Analog	Timers	Communication	Radio	Other
A1	VREGSW	DCDC regulator switching node				
A2	VREGVDD	Voltage regulator VDD input				
A3	DECOUPLE	Decouple output for on-chip voltage regulator. An external decoupling capacitor is required at this pin.				
A4	IOVDD	Digital IO power supply.				
A6	PF0	BUSAX BUSBY	TIM0_CC0 #24 TIM0_CC1 #23 TIM0_CC2 #22 TIM0_CDTI0 #21 TIM0_CDTI1 #20 TIM0_CDTI2 #19 TIM1_CC0 #24 TIM1_CC1 #23 TIM1_CC2 #22 TIM1_CC3 #21 LE- TIM0_OUT0 #24 LETIM0_OUT1 #23 PCNT0_S0IN #24 PCNT0_S1IN #23	US0_TX #24 US0_RX #23 US0_CLK #22 US0_CS #21 US0_CTS #20 US0_RTS #19 US1_TX #24 US1_RX #23 US1_CLK #22 US1_CS #21 US1_CTS #20 US1_RTS #19 LEU0_TX #24 LEU0_RX #23 I2C0_SDA #24 I2C0_SCL #23	FRC_DCLK #24 FRC_DOUT #23 FRC_DFRAME #22 MODEM_DCLK #24 MODEM_DIN #23 MODEM_DOUT #22 MODEM_ANT0 #21 MODEM_ANT1 #20	PRS_CH0 #0 PRS_CH1 #7 PRS_CH2 #6 PRS_CH3 #5 ACMP0_O #24 ACMP1_O #24 DBG_SWCLKTCK #0
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# Helpful I2C hints from AN0011SW application note

```
/* Initializing I2Cn */  
/* Output value must be set to 1 to not drive lines low... We set  
*/  
/* SCL first, to ensure it is high before changing SDA. */  
GPIO_PinModeSet(I2Cn_SCL_Port, I2Cn_SCL_Pin, gpioModeWiredAnd, 1);  
GPIO_PinModeSet(I2Cn_SDA_Port, I2Cn_SDA_Pin, gpioModeWiredAnd, 1);
```

Why are the pins set to WiredAnd and not PushPull?

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/* Toggle I2C SCL 9 times to reset any I2C slave that may require
it */
for (int i=0;i<9;i++) {
    GPIO_PinOutClear(I2C1_SCL_Port, I2C1_SCL_Pin);
    GPIO_PinOutSet(I2C1_SCL_Port, I2C1_SCL_Pin);
}
```

# Setting up the I2C

- Second, the I2C must be set up
  - Specify SCL and SDA pins of the I2Cn peripheral
    - Recommend using the GPIO pin mode set up emlib routines
    - Silicon Labs' I2C application note, AN0011, software examples is available resource to insure the GPIO pins are set up correctly
  - Must route the I2C pins to the I2Cn peripheral
    - This can be accomplished by writing the correct location register into `I2Cn->ROUTE`
  - Need to specify the I2C init Type\_Def
    - `I2C_Init(I2Cn, &init_Type_Def);`

# Setting up the I2C

- Third, I2Cn bus must be reset
  - Upon setting up the I2C bus, the bus and its peripherals may be out of synch
  - To reset the I2C bus, the following procedure should be executed:

```
/* Exit the busy state. The I2Cn will be in this state out of RESET */  
if (I2Cn->STATE & I2C_STATE_BUSY){  
    I2Cn->CMD = I2C_CMD_ABORT;  
}
```

# Setting up the I2C

- With the I2C peripheral is set up, what is next?
- The I2C interrupts must be enabled if needed
  - Clear all interrupts from the I2C to remove any interrupts that may have been set up inadvertently by accessing the `I2Cn->IFC` register or the emlib routine
  - Enable the desired interrupts by setting the appropriate bits in `I2Cn->IEN`
  - Set `BlockSleep` mode to the desired Energy Mode
    - Call BlockSleep mode right before accessing the I2C bus
    - The Blue Gecko can be an I2C Master in EM0 & EM1
    - The Blue Gecko can detect its I2C Slave address down into EM3 since the clock is generated from the I2C bus clock SCL
  - Enable interrupts to the CPU by enabling the I2Cn in the Nested Vector Interrupt Control register using `NVIC_EnableIRQ(I2Cn_IRQn);`

# Setting up the I2C

- With the interrupts set up, what is the last step in setting up the I2C peripheral?
- The I2Cn interrupt handler must be included
  - Routine name must match the vector table name:  
`Void I2Cn_IRQHandler(void) {  
 }  
}`
  - Inside this routine, you add the functionality that is desired for the I2Cn interrupts

# Writing your own I2C driver

- The I2C standard appears to be more of a physical bus standard than a bus protocol
  - Bus protocol in this usage is a defined sequence of operations that could be taken from one device to another with simple port to the specific devices specifications
  - I have found that many I2C devices use the I2C physical bus protocol, but do not easily fit into a standard I2C library

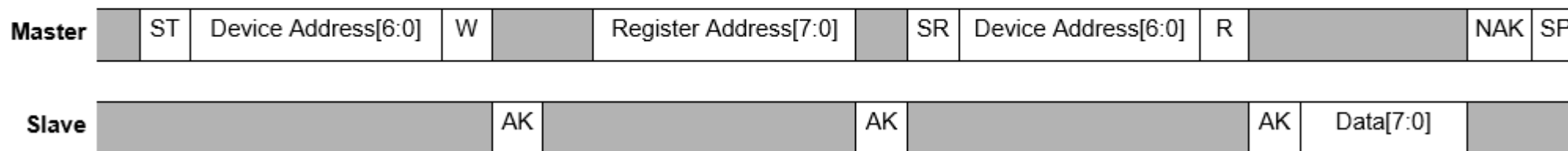


# Writing your own I2C driver

- Where to start?
  - Go to the I2C slave's data sheet and find their I2C bus sequence of events diagram

## I<sup>2</sup>C data sequence diagrams

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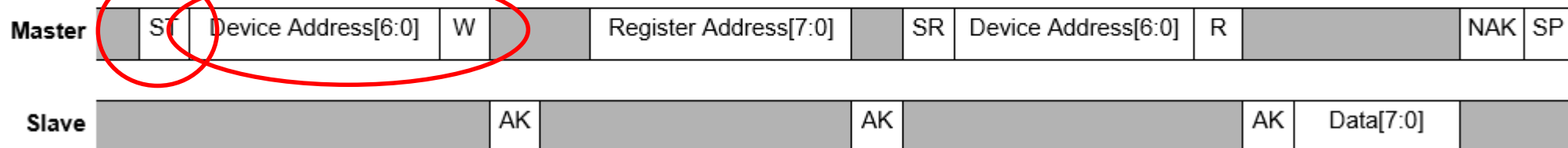


# Writing your own I2C driver

- Now, convert the visual diagram into a driver
- Prime the TX Buffer for the Start Command
  - $I2Cn \rightarrow TXDATA = (I2C\_device\_addr \ll 1) \mid R/W \text{ bit} = 0$  signifying write of address to the slave;
- Now send the Start Bit
  - $I2Cn \rightarrow CMD = I2Cn\_CMD\_START;$

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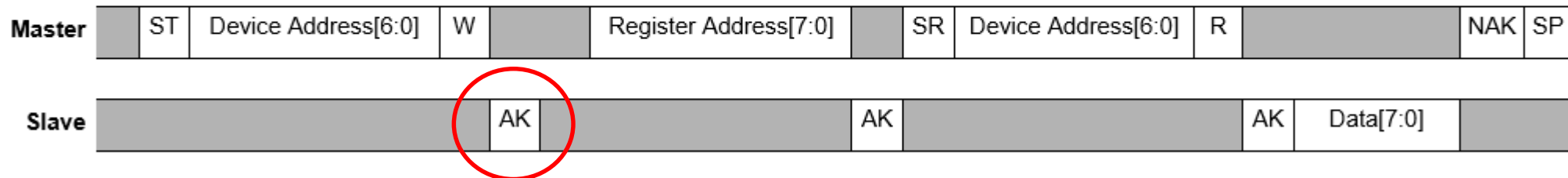


# Writing your own I2C driver

- Now, wait for the slave to respond
  - While ((I2Cn->IF & I2Cn\_IF\_ACK) == 0);
  - After the ACK has been received, it must be cleared from the IF reg
  - I2Cn->IFC = I2Cn\_IFC\_ACK;

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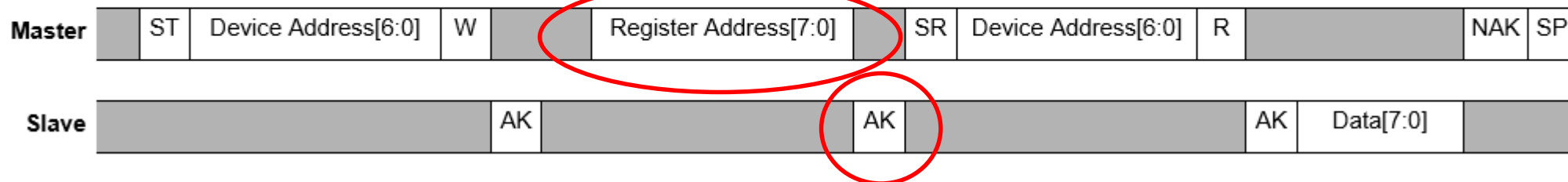


# Writing your own I2C driver

- Now, send the I2C device register address
  - `I2C->TXDATA = I2C_device_reg_add;`
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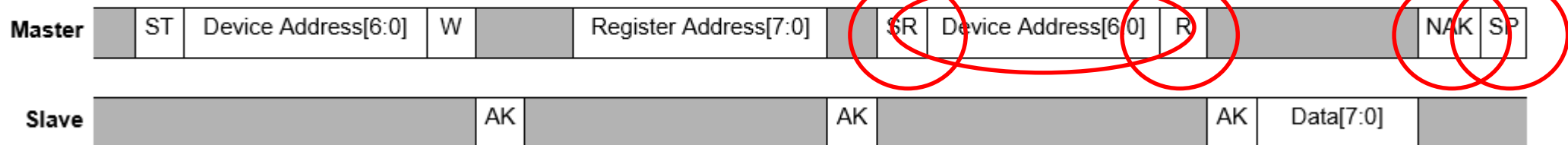


# Writing your own I2C driver

- Your driver continues down through out the visual diagram
  - Device Address
  - SR = Start Repeat
  - R = Read/Write bit set to 1 for Read Operation
  - NAK = NACK
  - SP = STOP

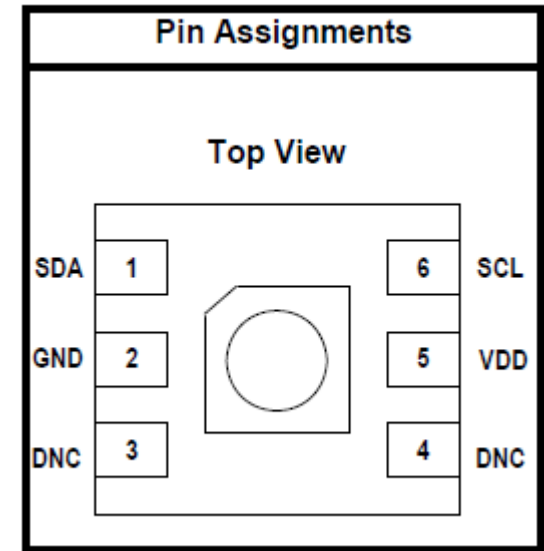
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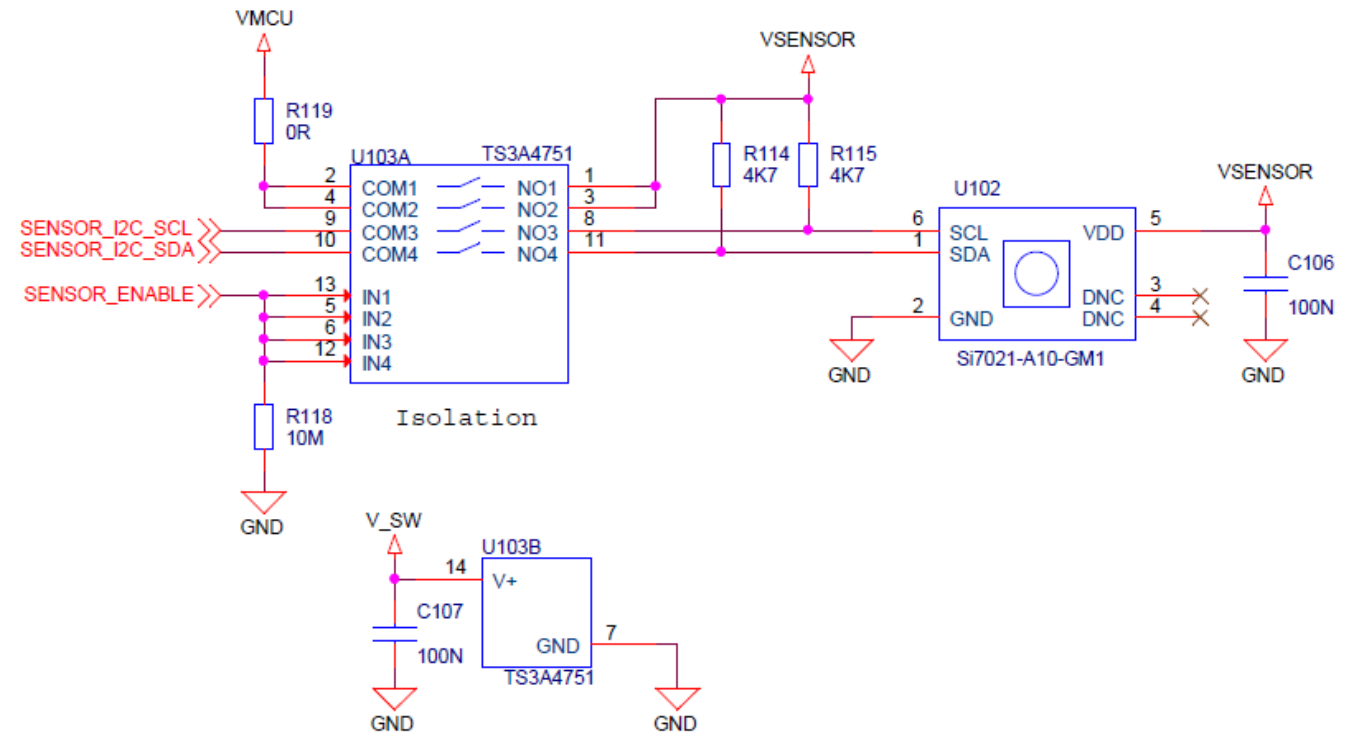
- What is missing from the package pin assignments?
- With no interrupt, how does the lack of an interrupt change the use of this device in a low energy environment?



# Si7021 and Load Power Management

- What does this schematic tell us about Load Power Management?

Relative Humidity & Temperature Sensor



# Scheduling

- This assignment and moving forward will require the use of a scheduler
- Main's while(1) loop will become:

```
while (1) {  
    if (schedule_event == 0) sleep();  
    if (schedule_event & event_1) {  
        code servicing event 1;  
        schedule_event &= ~event_1; }  
    if (schedule_event & event_2) {  
        code servicing event 2;  
        schedule_event &= ~event_2;}  
    ...  
}
```

Should you be handling  
these lines of code special?

Schedule\_event is a global  
variable and to remove the  
possibility of a concurrency bug,  
accessing this global variable  
should be made atomic



# Scheduling

- If we are servicing the interrupt in main's while(1) loop, what should the interrupt handler comprise of?

- ```
Void Peripheral_IRQHandler(void){  
    int int_flag;  
    disable_interrupts;  
    int_flag = Peripheral->IF;  
    Peripheral->IFC = int_flag  
    If (int_flag & interrupt_1){  
        Schedule_event |= peripheral_interrupt_1;}  
    if (int_flag & interrupt_2){  
        Schedule_event |= peripheral_interrupt_2;}  
    enable_interrupts;  
}
```

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        code servicing event 2;  
        schedule_event &= ~event_2;}  
    ...  
}
```

Why don't we use an  
elseif for the scheduler?

# Si7021 and Load Power Management

- Load Power Management Turning ON sequence
  - Enable power to the Si7021 via the GPIO Sensor\_Enable pin
  - Wait for the Si7021 to complete its Power On Rest, POR, and/or SCL and SDA pull ups to ramp up to “high” which ever is the longest period of time
  - Set the SCL and SDA gpio pins to “WiredAND”
  - Sequence SCL 9 times to reset all I2C peripherals on the bus
  - If the Blue Gecko I2C peripheral is busy, abort the operation to reset the I2C peripheral
  - Initialize the Si7021 to match the functionality required
  - Enable the function to request a Si7021 temperature measurement

# Si7021 and Load Power Management

- Load Power Management Turning OFF sequence
  - Disable the application function to request a Si7021 temperature measurement
  - Take SCL and SDA off the I2C bus by placing the pins in “Disable” mode
    - Only good practice if there is no other I2C device on the bus. If there was another I2C, the application may still want to access this other I2C device
  - Set to “0” or clear the “Sensor\_Enable” pin to turn off power to the I2C pullups and Si7021

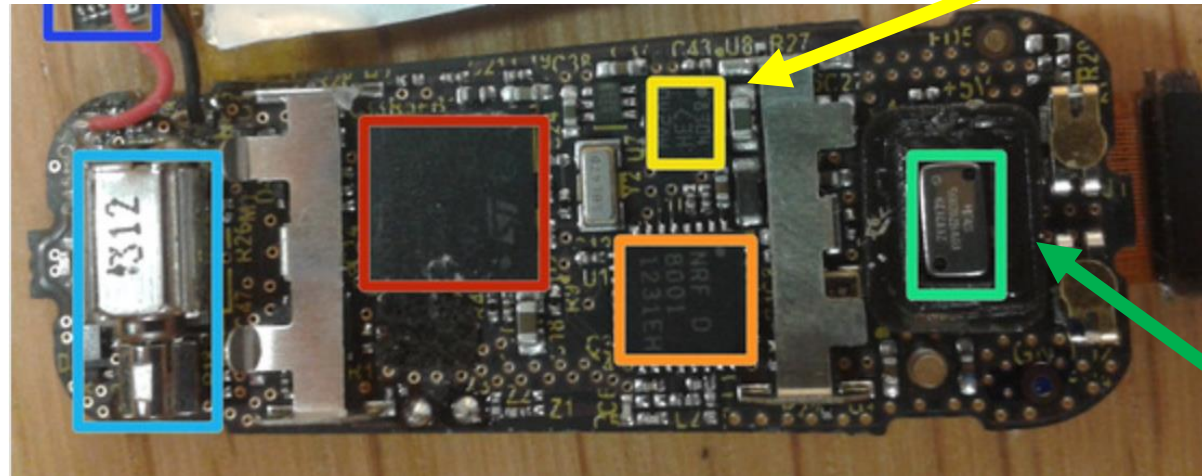
# Sensors – For the low energy market

- Key Factors in a mobile sensor selection
  - End Product Features
    - What is the desired user experience?
    - What sensor features are required?
    - What is the energy budget for the product?
  - System considerations
    - What microcontroller interfaces available?
      - Analog IN
      - I2C
      - SPI
      - In what power mode?
    - What is the energy budget for the sensor?

# Sensors – End Product Features

- What is the desired user experience?
  - What sensors are required to provide the user experience?
    - Example: Fitbit Odometer – Measures steps and staircases climbed
      - Sensors – Accelerometer and Altimeter

Accelerometer labelled 8304 AE D42 oW



Picture and p/ns from iFixIt

Measurement specialties MS5607-02BA03 altimeter

# Sensors – End Product Features

- What sensor features are required?
  - To achieve the desired features, what are the required sensor specifications for the application?
  - Example: Accelerometer
    - Number of axis: 2, 3, etc.
    - Resolution: 10-bits, 12-bits, 14-bits, 16-bits, etc.
    - Range: +-2g, +-4g, +-8g, +-16g, etc.
    - Update rate: 1.25Hz, 5Hz, 10Hz, 20Hz, 40Hz, 400Hz, etc.

## Freemove MMA8452Q, 3-Axis, 12-bit/8-bit Digital Accelerometer Features

- 1.95V to 3.6V supply voltage
- 1.6V to 3.6V interface voltage
- $\pm 2g/\pm 4g/\pm 8g$  dynamically selectable full-scale
- Output Data Rates (ODR) from 1.56 Hz to 800 Hz
- $99 \mu g/\sqrt{Hz}$  noise
- 12-bit and 8-bit digital output
- I<sup>2</sup>C digital output interface
- Two programmable interrupt pins for six interrupt sources
- Three embedded channels of motion detection
  - Freefall or Motion Detection: 1 channel
  - Pulse Detection: 1 channel
  - Transient Detection: 1 channel
    - Orientation (Portrait/Landscape) detection with set hysteresis
    - Automatic ODR change for Auto-WAKE and return to SLEEP
    - High-Pass Filter Data available real-time
    - Self-Test
    - RoHS compliant
    - Current Consumption: 6  $\mu A$  to 165  $\mu A$



# Sensors – End Product Features

- What is the energy budget for the product?
  - Example: Fitbit Surge Watch
    - Battery life: last up to 7 days
    - GPS Battery life: last up to 10 hours
    - Battery type: Lithium-polymer
    - Charge time: One to two hours





# Sensors – System considerations

- What is the energy budget for the sensor?
  - Can drive the decision between active and passive sensor

**Table 5. DC Characteristics**

(Typical Operating Circuit,  $V_{DD}$  and  $V_{REG} = 1.8V$ ,  $T_A = 25^\circ C$ , unless otherwise noted.)

| Parameter                             | Symbol    | Conditions                      | Min  | Typ | Max  | Units   |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|------|-----|------|---------|
| High Supply Voltage                   | $V_{DD}$  |                                 | 2.0  | 3.3 | 3.6  | V       |
| Low Supply Voltage                    | $V_{REG}$ |                                 | 1.71 | 1.8 | 2.75 | V       |
| Average Supply Current <sup>(1)</sup> | $I_{DD}$  | Run Mode @ 1 ms sample period   |      | 393 |      | $\mu A$ |
|                                       |           | Run Mode @ 2 ms sample period   |      | 199 |      | $\mu A$ |
|                                       |           | Run Mode @ 4 ms sample period   |      | 102 |      | $\mu A$ |
|                                       |           | Run Mode @ 8 ms sample period   |      | 54  |      | $\mu A$ |
|                                       |           | Run Mode @ 16 ms sample period  |      | 29  |      | $\mu A$ |
|                                       |           | Run Mode @ 32 ms sample period  |      | 17  |      | $\mu A$ |
|                                       |           | Run Mode @ 64 ms sample period  |      | 11  |      | $\mu A$ |
|                                       |           | Run Mode @ 128 ms sample period |      | 8   |      | $\mu A$ |
| Measurement Supply Current            | $I_{DD}$  | Peak of measurement duty cycle  |      | 1   |      | mA      |
| Idle Supply Current                   | $I_{DD}$  | Stop Mode                       |      | 3   |      | $\mu A$ |

# Sensors – System considerations

- What microcontroller interfaces available?
  - Most common sensor interfaces
    - Analog In for passive sensors
      - LESENSE interface
    - Analog In for some active sensors such as audio and ambient light sensors
  - Active Sensors
    - I2C
    - SPI
    - UART

- **Communication interfaces**
  - 3x Universal Synchronous/Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter
  - UART/SPI/SmartCard (ISO 7816)/IrDA/I2S
  - 2x Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter
  - 2x Low Energy UART
    - Autonomous operation with DMA in Deep Sleep Mode
  - 2x I<sup>2</sup>C Interface with SMBus support
    - Address recognition in Stop Mode
  - Universal Serial Bus (USB) with Host & OTG support
    - Fully USB 2.0 compliant
    - On-chip PHY and embedded 5V to 3.3V regulator
- **Ultra low power precision analog peripherals**
  - 12-bit 1 Msamples/s Analog to Digital Converter
    - 8 single ended channels/4 differential channels
    - On-chip temperature sensor
  - 12-bit 500 ksamples/s Digital to Analog Converter
  - 2x Analog Comparator
    - Capacitive sensing with up to 16 inputs
  - 3x Operational Amplifier
    - 6.1 MHz GBW, Rail-to-rail, Programmable Gain
  - Supply Voltage Comparator
- **Low Energy Sensor Interface (LESENSE)**
  - Autonomous sensor monitoring in Deep Sleep Mode
  - Wide range of sensors supported, including LC sensors and capacitive buttons

# What Digital Serial Bus is the lowest energy?

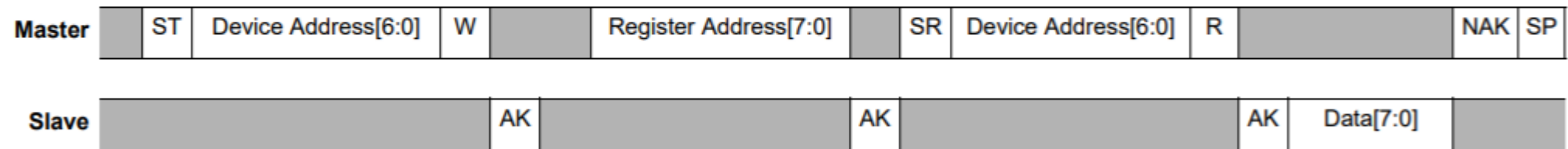
- The most common sensor buses are:
  - I2C
  - SPI
  - UART
- $\text{Energy} = \text{Power} \times \text{Time}$

# Comparing the Time of a single byte transfer

- I2C

I<sup>2</sup>C data sequence diagrams

< Single-byte read >



- A total of 40 cycles required for a single read transfer
- Time required:
  - 400KHz I2C = 100uS
  - 1,000KHz I2C = 40uS

# Comparing the Time of a single byte transfer

- SPI
- 16 total cycles require for a single read transfer
- Time required:
  - 10,000 KHz = 1.6uS

The basic read operation waveform for 4-wire configuration is depicted in figure 15:

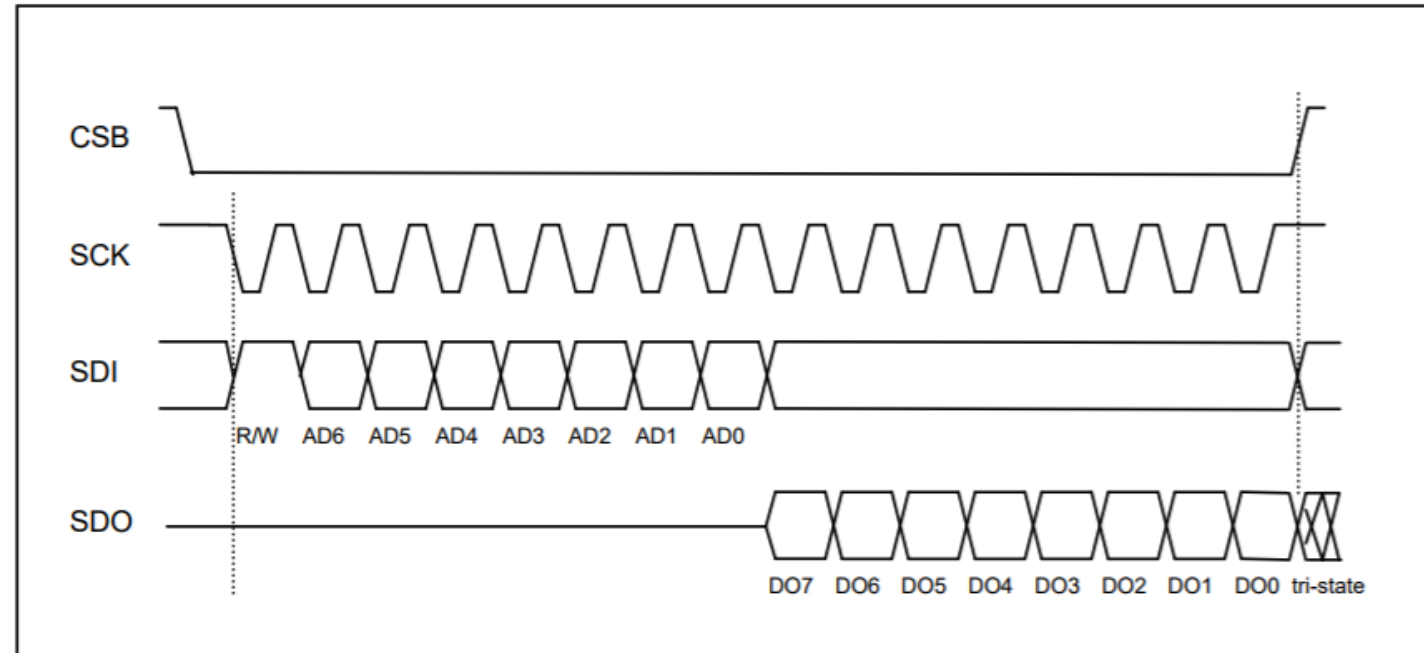


Figure 15: 4-wire basic SPI read sequence (mode '11')

# Comparing the Time of a single byte transfer

- UART

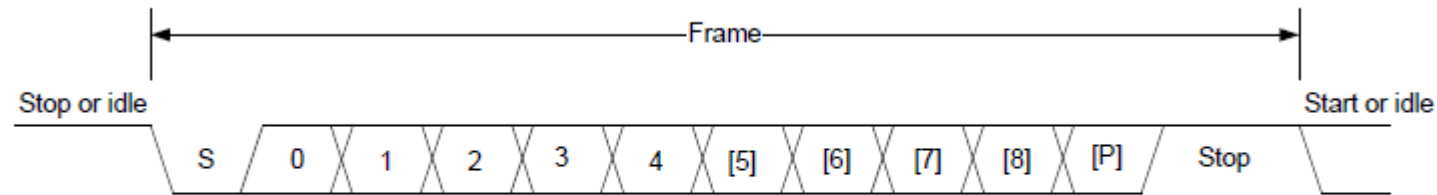


Figure 18.2. USART Asynchronous Frame Format

- A total of 11 cycles required for a single read transfer
- Time required:
  - 32.768KHz UART = 336uS
  - 115.2KHz UART = 95.5uS

# Comparing the Power of a single byte transfer

- We will use the Silicon Labs Blue Gecko as a reference micro-controller due to its low energy design
- I2C can run as low as EM1 with DMA

|                                                                        |           |                               |   |     |     |                          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|---|-----|-----|--------------------------|
| Current consumption in EM1<br>Sleep mode with all peripherals disabled | $I_{EM1}$ | 38.4 MHz crystal <sup>1</sup> | — | 65  | —   | $\mu\text{A}/\text{MHz}$ |
|                                                                        |           | 38 MHz HFRCO                  | — | 35  | 38  | $\mu\text{A}/\text{MHz}$ |
|                                                                        |           | 26 MHz HFRCO                  | — | 37  | 41  | $\mu\text{A}/\text{MHz}$ |
|                                                                        |           | 1 MHz HFRCO                   | — | 157 | 275 | $\mu\text{A}/\text{MHz}$ |

- Standard HFXO crystal = 38.4MHz
  - Power =  $65\mu\text{A} * 38.4 = 2.5\text{mA}$
- Assume 50% of the time the pull ups are active (2 pull-ups: SCL and SDA)
  - $2 * 0.50 * (3.3\text{v} / 10\text{Kohm}) = 0.330\text{mA}$
- Total current:
  - EM1 + Pull ups = 2.83mA
- Total Power:
  - $V * I = 3.3 * 2.83\text{mA} = 9.34\text{mW}$

# Comparing the Power of a single byte transfer

- We will use the Silicon Labs Blue Gecko as a reference micro-controller due to its low energy design
- SPI can run as low as EM1 with DMA

|                                                                        |                  |                               |   |     |     |        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|---|-----|-----|--------|
| Current consumption in EM1<br>Sleep mode with all peripherals disabled | I <sub>EM1</sub> | 38.4 MHz crystal <sup>1</sup> | — | 65  | —   | μA/MHz |
|                                                                        |                  | 38 MHz HFRCO                  | — | 35  | 38  | μA/MHz |
|                                                                        |                  | 26 MHz HFRCO                  | — | 37  | 41  | μA/MHz |
|                                                                        |                  | 1 MHz HFRCO                   | — | 157 | 275 | μA/MHz |

- Standard HFXO crystal = 38.4MHz
  - Power = 65uA \* 38.4 = 2.5mA
- Total current
  - EM1 = 2.5mA
- Total power
  - $V * I = 3.3 * 2.5\text{mA} = 8.25\text{mW}$



# Comparing the Power of a single byte transfer

- We will use the Silicon Labs Blue Gecko as a reference micro-controller due to its low energy design
- LEUART can run as low as EM2 with DMA

|                                                |                  |                                                   |   |     |     |    |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---|-----|-----|----|
| Current consumption in EM2<br>Deep Sleep mode. | I <sub>EM2</sub> | Full RAM retention and RTCC<br>running from LFXO  | — | 3.3 | —   | μA |
|                                                |                  | 4 kB RAM retention and RTCC<br>running from LFRCO | — | 3   | 6.3 | μA |

- HFXO oscillator has been turned off
- Total current
  - EM1 = 2.5mA
  - EM2 = 6.3uA
- Total Power
  - EM1 = 3.3v \* 2.5mA = 8.25mW
  - EM2 = 3.3v \* 0.0063mA = 0.02mW

# What is the lowest Energy digital serial interface?

| Digital Serial Interface | Power  | Time   | Energy |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| I2C @ 400KHz             | 9.34mW | 100uS  | 934nJ  |
| I2C @ 1,000KHz           | 9.34mW | 40uS   | 374J   |
| SPI @ 10,000KHz          | 8.25mW | 1.6uS  | 13nJ   |
| UART @ 115.2KHz          | 8.25mW | 95.5uS | 788nJ  |
| LEUART @ 32.768KHz       | 0.02mW | 336uS  | 7nJ    |

# Other Digital Serial Bus Considerations

- I2C
  - Advantage: Addressable address bus up to 128 devices
    - Supports multiple sensors without increasing GPIO pin utilization or additional MCU resources
- SPI
  - Disadvantage: Requires additional GPIO pin for Chip Select for each additional addressable device
- UART
  - Disadvantage: Requires additional UART resource and GPIO pins for each device