

Lab of EMIoT

Welcome!

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Objective and organization

- Logistics: In-class lab
 - 1 laptop per person
 - May be useful to bring portable multiple sockets
- Necessary software:
 - C
 - Any scripting language to do plots, data analytics, ...
E.g.,
 - Python
 - MATLAB (You can get a free student licence
https://www.areait.polito.it/supporto/risultato_serv.asp?serv=matlab&dettaglio=S&id_progetto_servizio=331)
 - Whatever you like...

LAB schedules

- 25% of the final score
 - 9 points maximum
- Assignments will be evaluated
 - Groups of **2 people**
 - 1 report per lab, per group
 - Any extension to the minimum assignment **may** lead to an increase in the evaluation
 - Make sure you meet all requirements
 - Do not go out of topic



LAB delivery

- Lab deadline is 23:59 on the last day of the winter exam session
 - **No exception**
 - Late delivery implies zero score for labs
- Format: **one archive**
 - File name = report.zip
 - One subfolder per lab (Lab1/ Lab2/ Lab3/)

You *MUST* respect
this format.



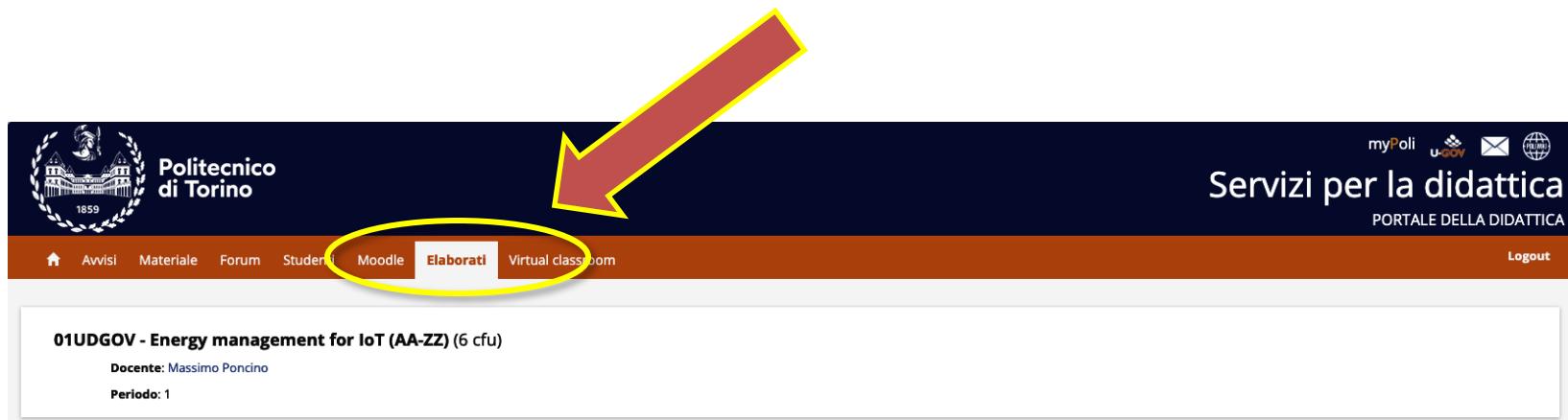
LAB delivery

- What to deliver for each lab:
 - Source code
 - All code you modified/added and consider necessary
 - Do not put files generated by the compiler.
 - Report
 - 5-10 pages per lab, depending on the depth of experiments
 - PDF format
 - **Analysis of results**
 - This is what gives you points!
 - Implementing the code is not enough!



LAB delivery

- How to deliver:
 - Through the didattica web site
 - «Elaborati/Homework» tab



Lab 1

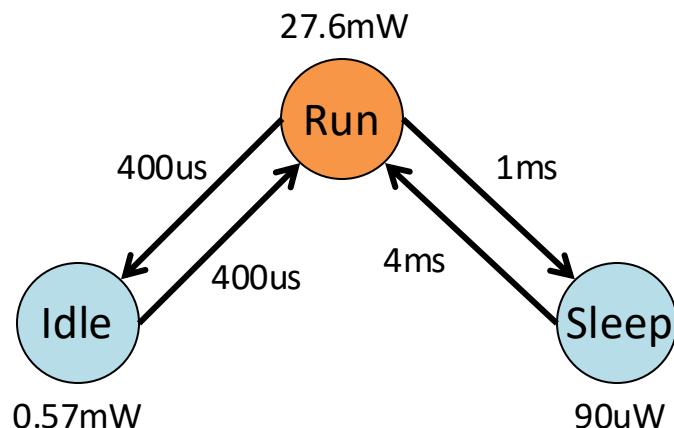
Dynamic Power Management

Objective and organization

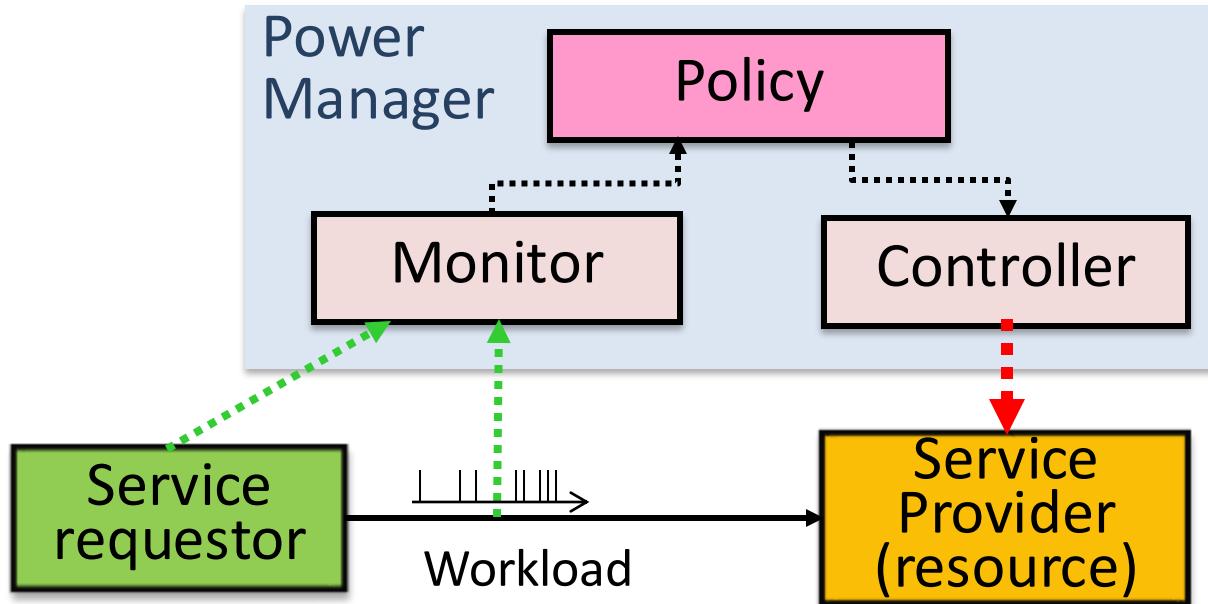
- Understanding of the basics of DPM
 - Use and modify a simple power state machine simulator in C
 - Evaluation of power management policies
- 1 report and 3 days

Recall

- Dynamic Power Management
 - Reduce energy by turning devices to low power states when peak performance is not needed
 - Devices abstracted as power state machines
 - Several internal states corresponding to modes of operation
 - Different power and service levels



Recall



- Power manager (PM)
 - Monitors requestor's activity and sets state of provider according to some **policy**
 - E.g., shuts down component after some inactivity time

Recall

- ***Optimization Problem:*** *Given a PSM and a workload, determine the optimal allocation of power states over time that minimizes total energy under performance constraints*
- Non-idealities make the problem non-trivial!
 - Transitions costs (time & energy) are not zero
 - Transitions must be amortized!
 - Length of inactivity periods often unknown

DPM simulator

- Goal of the lab:
 - Evaluate on a case study how energy saving changes as a function of
 - The applied DPM policies
 - The distribution of inactivity times
 - The PSM parameters
 - ...

DPM simulator

- C program with the following basic operations
 - Read a power model → a PSM
 - Read a workload profile
 - Simulate two power management policies
 - Timeout
 - History-based prediction

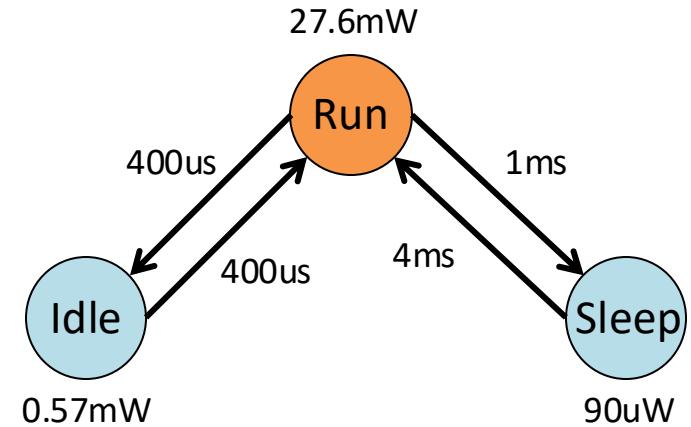
Code, PSM definition and workloads available on course web page

Format of the PSM

27.6	0.57	0.09
0/0	0.01/0.4	0.02/1
0.01/0.4	0/0	-1/-1
2/4	-1/-1	0/0

States power

Transitions costs
(energy/time)



Special values (non-existing transitions):

- 0/0: Self-loops (i.e., state does not transition to itself)
- -1/-1: There is no transition between states

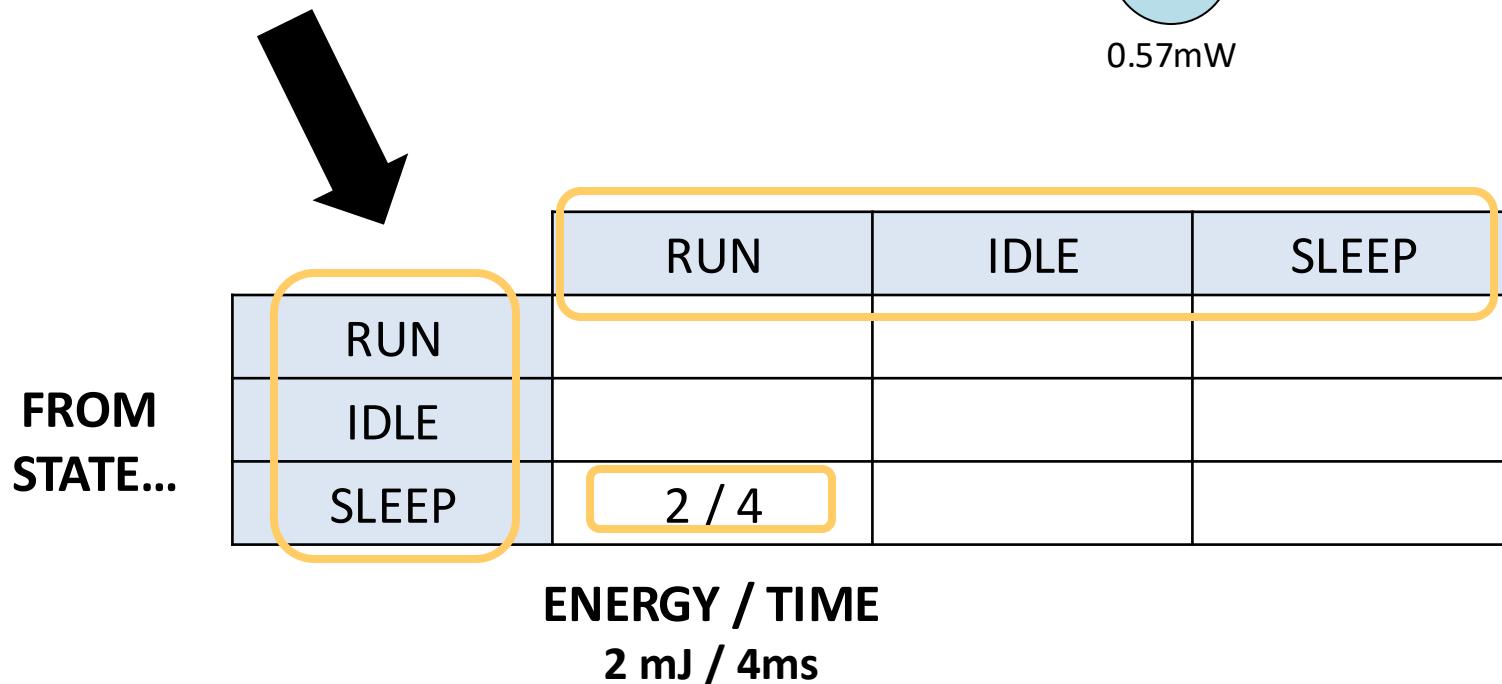
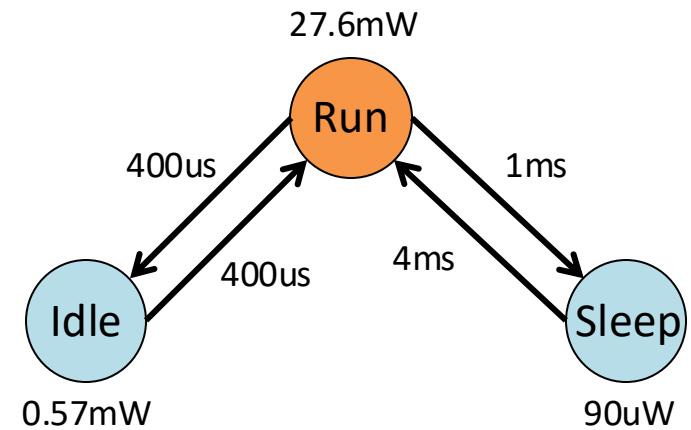
Default time, power, and energy units are: ms, mW and mJ

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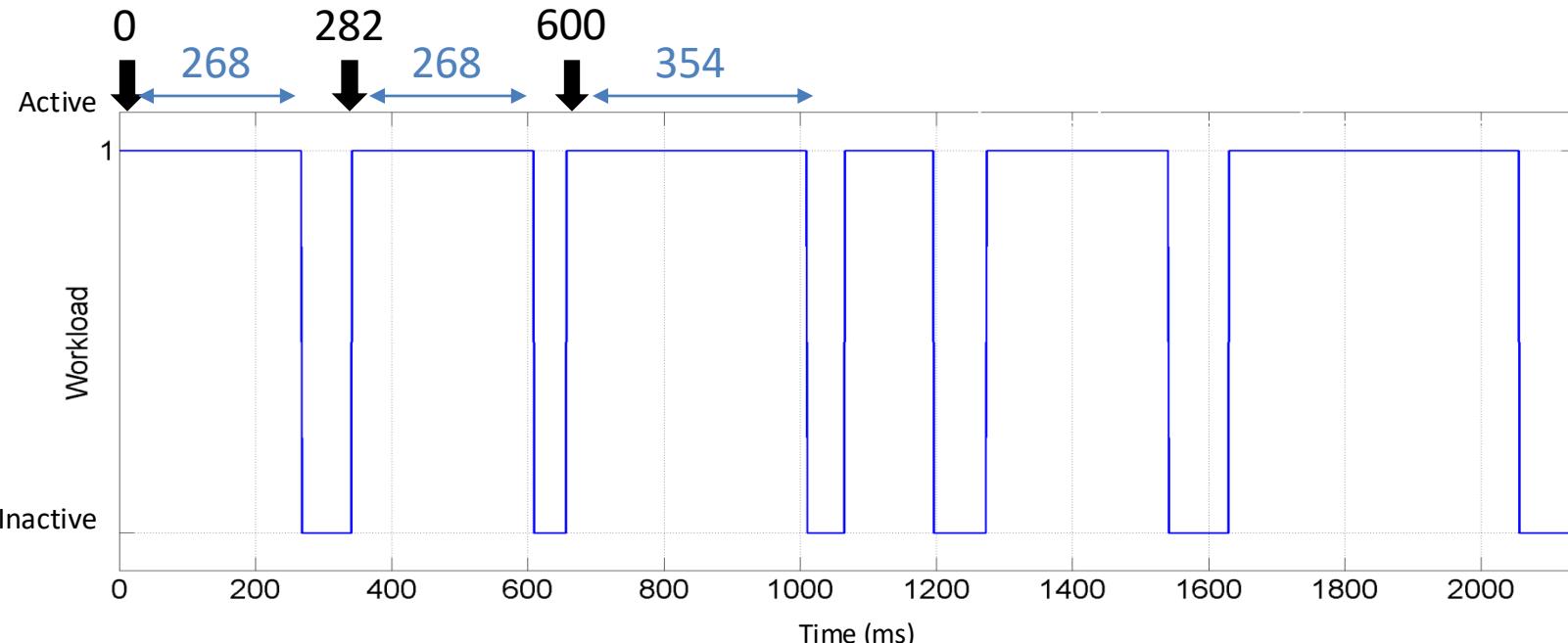
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Workload format

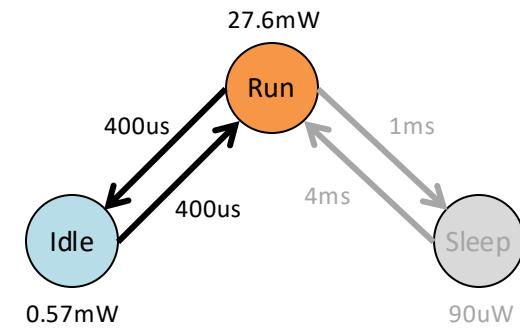
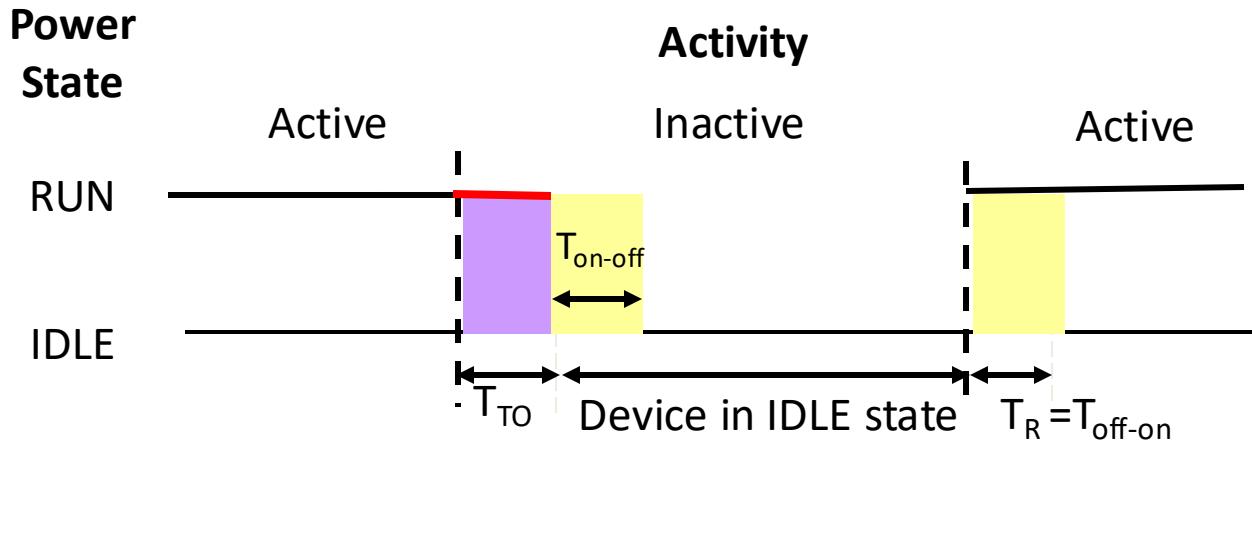
- The workload is given as a list of work items requested to the resource by the service requestor
 - Values are in **ms**

Arrival	Duration	
0	268	1st Work Item
282	268	2nd Work Item
600	354	3rd Work Item
...		...



DPM policies

- Timeout policy
 - Observe the first part of the current inactive period to predict the length of the remaining part
 - Put the device in IDLE state T_{TO} time units after it has become inactive



Compile and execute

- Compile (requires gcc):
`make`
- Generate Documentation (requires doxygen):
`make docs`
 - Generates «docs» folder with HTML documentation
- Execute:
`./dpm_simulator -t 20 -psm example/psm.txt –wl
example/wl.txt`
 - Timeout policy with timeout value 20ms

DPM simulator Interface

- `dpm_simulator [-help] [-t|-h] [-psm <psm file>] [-wl <wl file>]`
 - help:** prints command line instructions and returns
 - t <Timeout>:** use a *timeout* policy with <Timeout>
 - h <Value1> ...<ValueN>:** use a *history-based predictive policy*. <Value1-N> are additional policy parameters
 - psm <psm file>:** the name of the file describing the *power state machine* (PSM) of the resource
 - wl <wl file>:** the *workload* file name

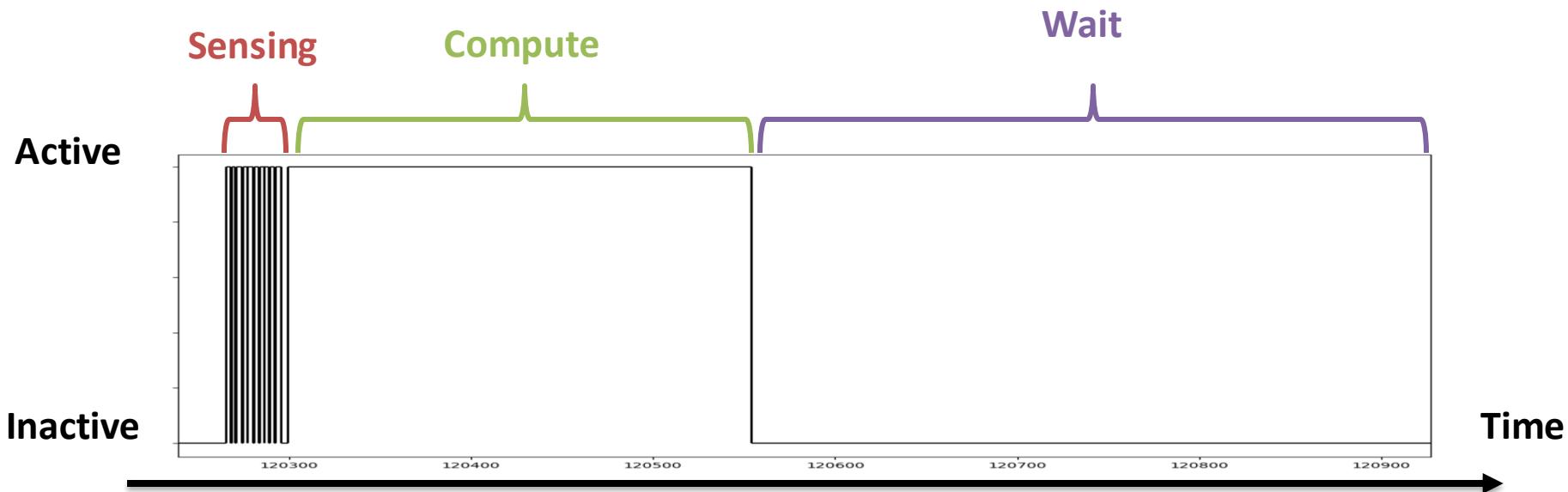
Compile and execute

```
→ dpm-simulator ./dpm_simulator -psm example/psm.txt -wl example/wl.txt -t 20
[psm] State Run: power = 27.6000mW
[psm] State Idle: power = 0.5700mW
[psm] State Sleep: power = 0.0900mW
[psm] Run -> Idle transition: energy = 0.0100mJ, time = 0.4000ms
[psm] Run -> Sleep transition: energy = 0.0200mJ, time = 1.0000ms
[psm] Idle -> Run transition: energy = 0.0100mJ, time = 0.4000ms
[psm] Sleep -> Run transition: energy = 2.0000mJ, time = 4.0000ms

[sim] Active time in profile = 300.130000s
[sim] Inactive time in profile = 243.921000s
[sim] Tot. Time w/o DPM = 544.051000s, Tot. Time w DPM = 544.051500s
[sim] Total time in state Run = 323.694200s
[sim] Total time in state Idle = 219.444500s
[sim] Total time in state Sleep = 0.000000s
[sim] Timeout waiting time = 23.564200s
[sim] Transitions time = 0.912800s
[sim] N. of transitions = 2282
[sim] Energy for transitions = 0.0228200000J
[sim] Tot. Energy w/o DPM = 15.0158076000J, Tot. Energy w DPM = 9.0818632852J
→ dpm-simulator █
```

Workloads

1. Two workloads provided on the course page
 - Similar structure (typical IoT workloads)
 - Read some data from sensors (waiting)
 - Elaborate the data (e.g., Neural Network inference)
 - Repeat every 2 minutes

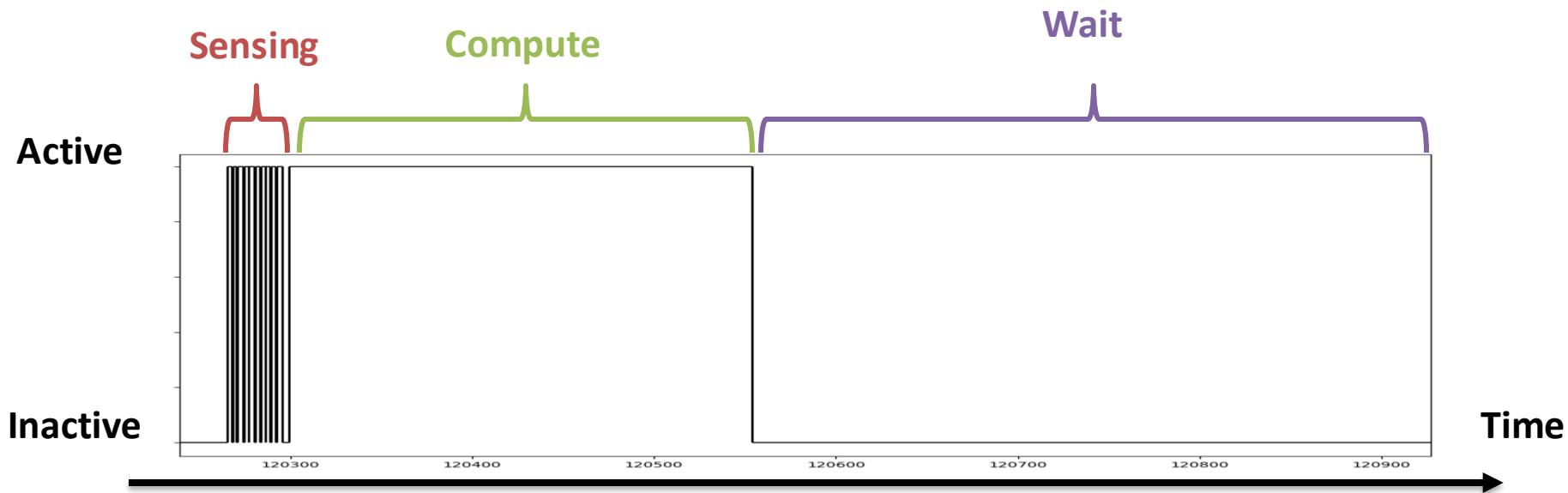


Workloads

1. Two workloads provided on the course page
 - Workloads generated using an embedded system simulator called JUMPER.
 - You **don't have** to use JUMPER directly for the lab, but you can (if you want) use it to generate additional workloads
 - Instructions and a basic simulation setup are provided on the course page.
 - Note that the “workload” generated by the provided Jumper code uses a different format (INACTIVE_START, INACTIVE_END) instead of (ACTIVE_START, ACTIVE_DURATION) but the conversion should be straight-forward.

Workloads

1. Two workloads provided on the course page
 - workload_1.txt: “fast” sensors → 4ms to return a value
 - workload_2.txt: “slow” sensors → 100ms to return a value
 - **Does this have an impact on DPM?** It’s your job to find it out

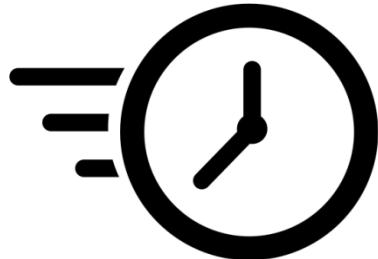


Part 1

Default Timeout Policy

Assignment 1 - Part 1

1. Compile the DPM simulator
2. Test it with the two workloads, using the default timeout policy
 - Only transitions between RUN and IDLE states
 - Try different timeout values and see what happens. Discuss in your report **why** it happens!



Part 2

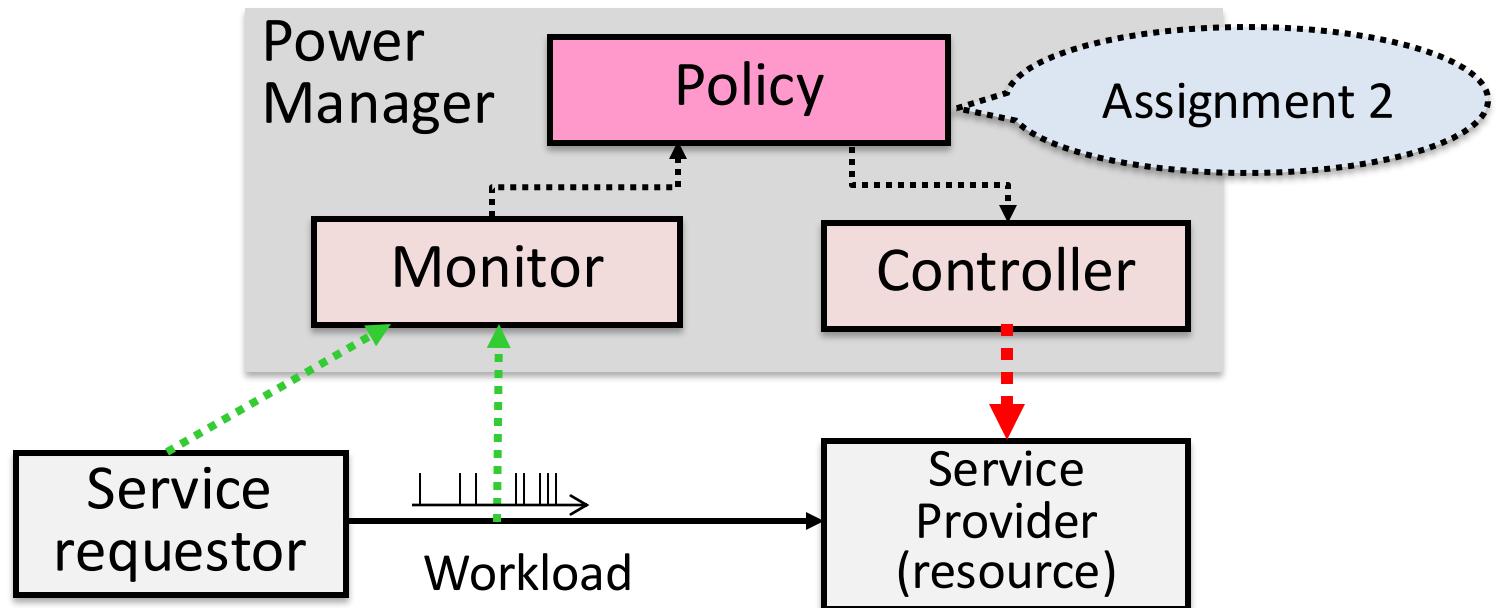
Extension of the timeout policy

DPM simulator

- The DPM simulator supports a timeout policy with transitions from RUN to IDLE
 - Never goes to SLEEP state
 - Moving to SLEEP may save even more energy...

```
[sim] Active time in profile = 300.130000s  
[sim] Inactive time in profile = 244.066000s  
[sim] Total time = 544.196000s  
[sim] Timeout waiting time = 24.679000s  
[sim] Total time in state Run = 324.809000s  
[sim] Total time in state Idle = 219.387000s  
[sim] Total time in state Sleep = 0.000000s  
[sim] Time overhead for transition = 0.910800s  
[sim] N. of transitions = 2277  
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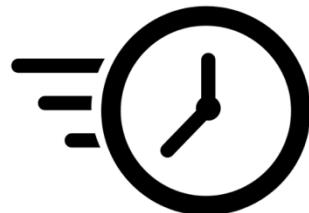
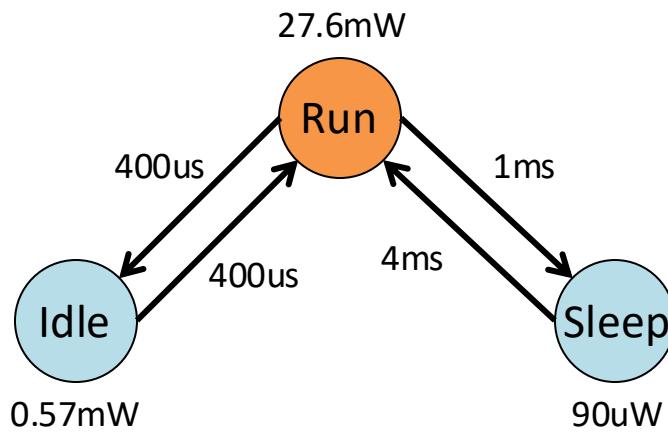
Recall



- Policy implementation
 - Modify the timeout-based policy

Assignment 1 - Part 2

- Modify the timeout policy to enable transitions also to SLEEP
 - Must modify the implementation of the DPM simulator

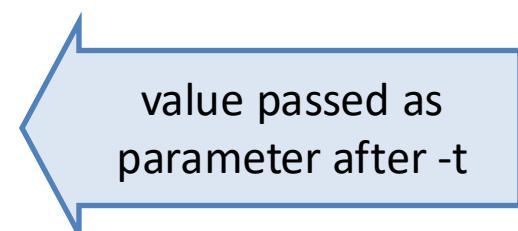


```
switch (policy) {  
    case DPM_TIMEOUT:  
        /* Day 2: EDIT */  
        if(curr_time > t_inactive_start + tparams.timeout) {  
            *next_state = PSM_STATE_IDLE;  
        } else {  
            *next_state = PSM_STATE_RUN;  
        }  
        break;
```

The DPM simulator

- **print_command_line()** (src/utilities.c)
 - Prints the command line to invoke the tool
- **parse_arg()** (src/utilities.c)
 - Parses the inputs you provide via command line
 - For the timeout policy:

```
*selected_policy = DPM_TIMEOUT;
tparams->timeout = atof(argv[++cur]);
```
 - May have to be modified, too



value passed as parameter after -t

The DPM simulator

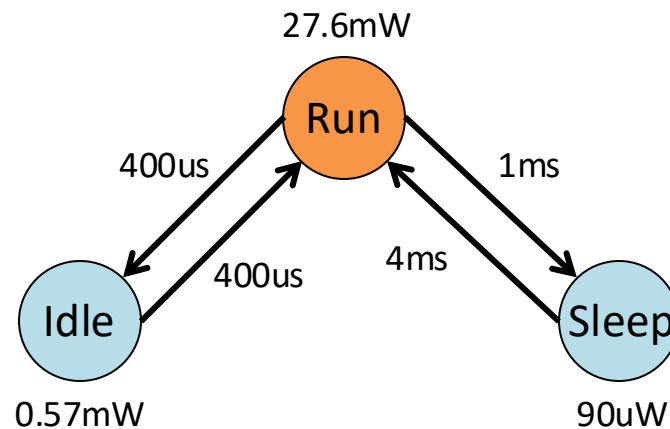
- `dpm_simulate()` (src/dpm_policies.c)
 - Emulates policy application to the PSM given the workload
 - Invokes `dpm_decide_state()` repeatedly, with a given time granularity, during inactivity periods, to apply the policy and determine state transitions
 - Computes time and energy statistics for the simulation
 - Compares with a no-DPM approach.
 - The code is quite straight-forward, have a look for yourself...

The DPM simulator

- **dpm_decide_state ()** (src/dpm_policies.c)
 - Determines the next Power State of the system **during inactivity times**, based on:
 - Current simulation time
 - Time in which the system became inactive
 - Previous state (not used and not necessarily needed)
 - History of previous inactivity periods (Used in Part 3)
 - Adopted policy (e.g., timeout vs predictive) and its parameters (e.g., T_{TO})

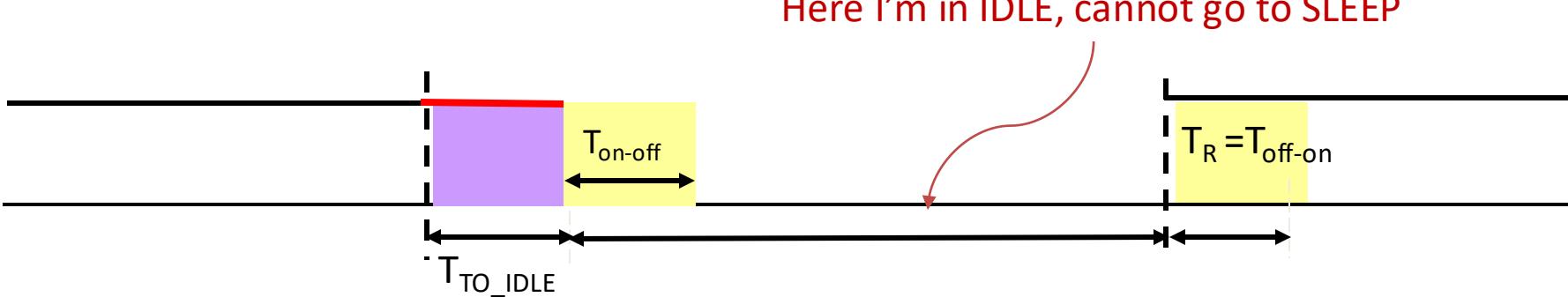
Power State Machine

- Note that there is **no transition** between IDLE and SLEEP in the PSM
 - This system can only go to IDLE **or** SLEEP **from the RUN state.**
 - With a timeout policy **only one of the two low-power states can be selected**
 - Different story if we use a predictive policy.

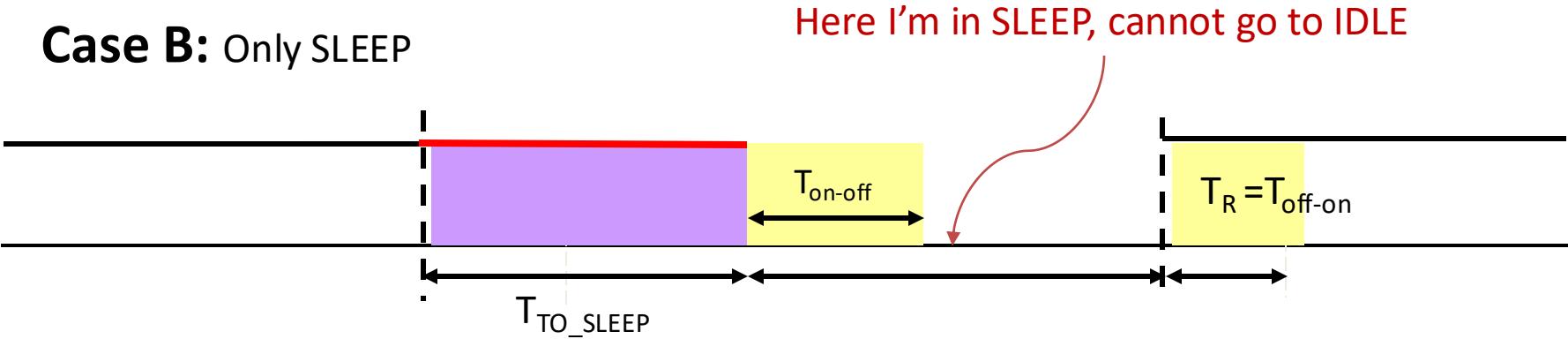


Timeout Policy

Case A: Only IDLE



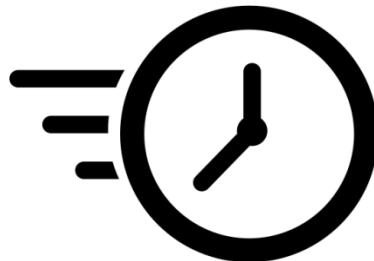
Case B: Only SLEEP



**NOTE: There is actually a way to use both low-power states.
Which one? [Possible Extra]**

Assignment 1 - Part 2

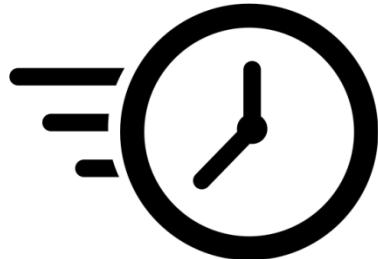
- Report assignment:
 - Comparison between RUN-> IDLE timeout policy and RUN->SLEEP timeout policy
 - What changes?
 - What's the **best T_{TO}** value in the two cases?
 - Which of the two results in the overall lower energy?
What changes for the two **workloads** provided?
 - **Why?**



This is the most important!!!

Assignment 1 - Part 2

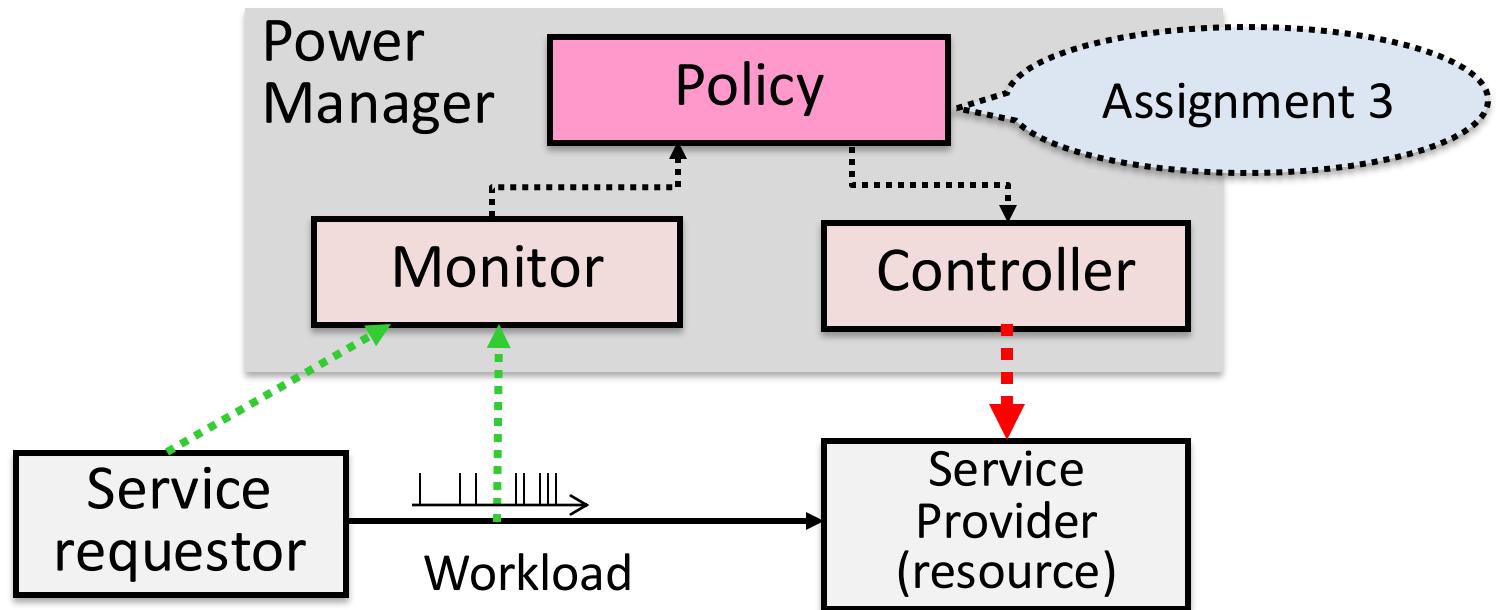
- Make your analysis **automatic** and **systematic**
 - Don't just try some “random” T_{TO} values
 - Compare things in a reasonable and meaningful way
 - Compare using nice visualizations



Part 3

Predictive Policy

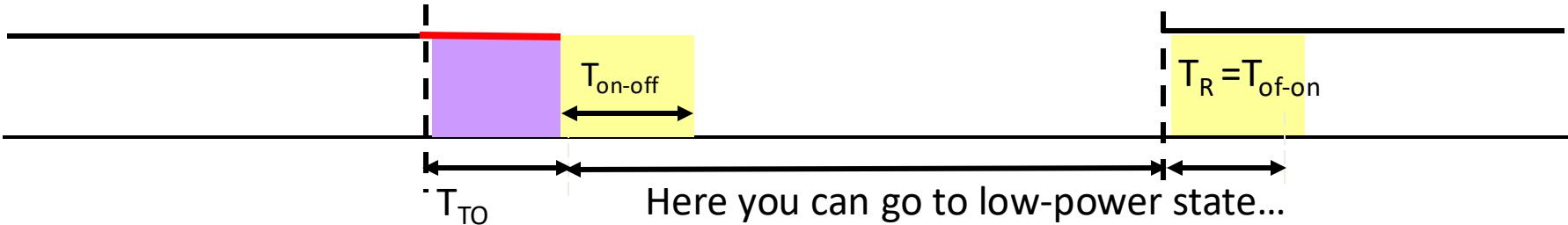
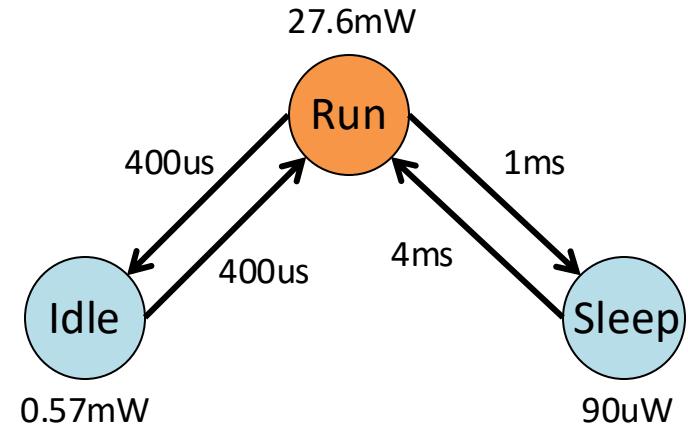
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- Policy implementation
 - Implement a predictive policy

Recall

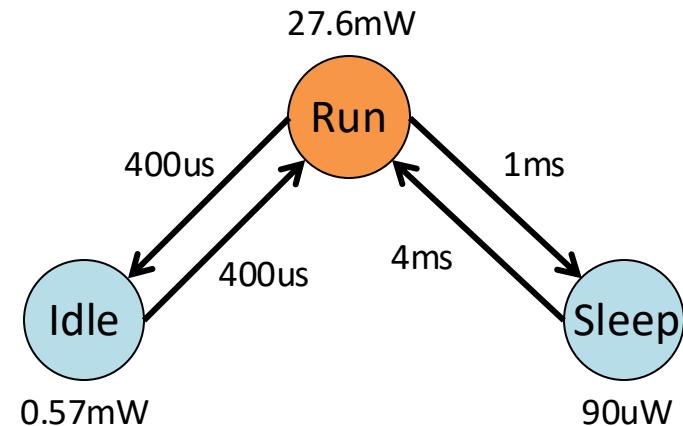
- So far, we worked with timeout policies...
 - Put the device in off state T_{TO} time units after it has become inactive



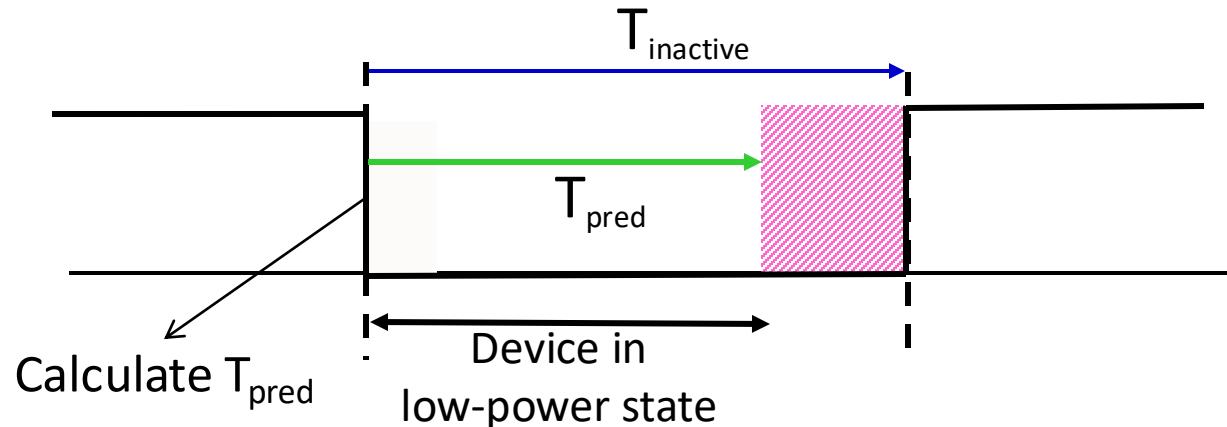
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- Put the device in off state T_{TO} time units after it has entered the idle state

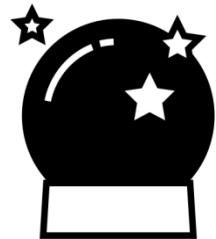


- Can we do better?



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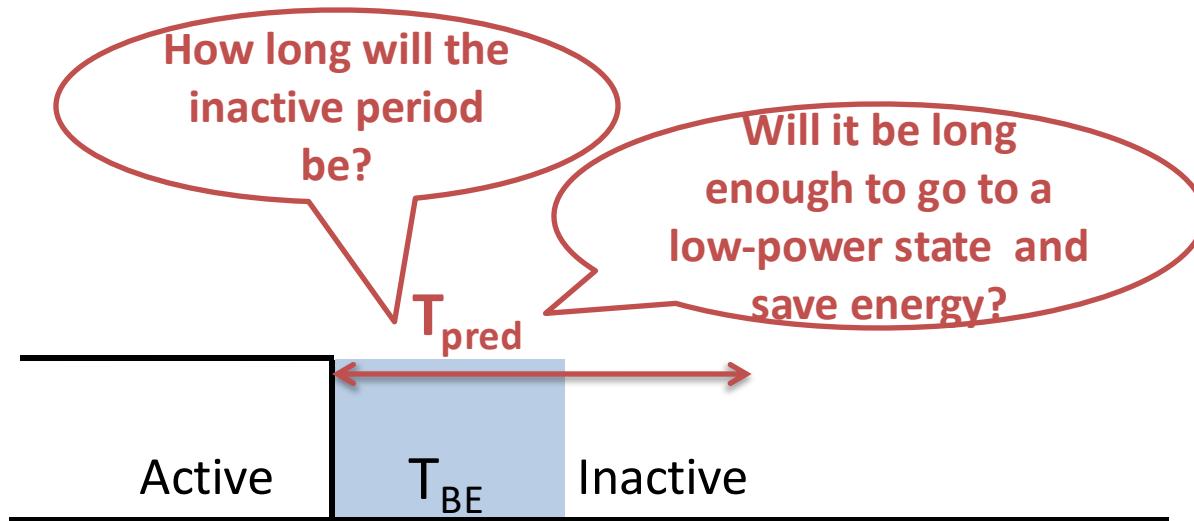
- Predictive policies
 - Predict inactive period $T_{\text{pred}} \sim T_{\text{inactive}}$
 - Go to low-power state if T_{pred} is long enough to amortize state transition cost
- History-based policies:
 - Predictive policies that use previous **history** of T_{active} **and/or** T_{inactive}
 - Example: regression equation



$$T_{\text{pred}}[i] = \mathbf{K} + \mathbf{K}_1 \cdot T_{\text{inactive}}[i-1] + \mathbf{K}_2 \cdot T_{\text{inactive}}[i-2] + \mathbf{K}_3 \cdot T_{\text{inactive}}[i-3]$$

Recall

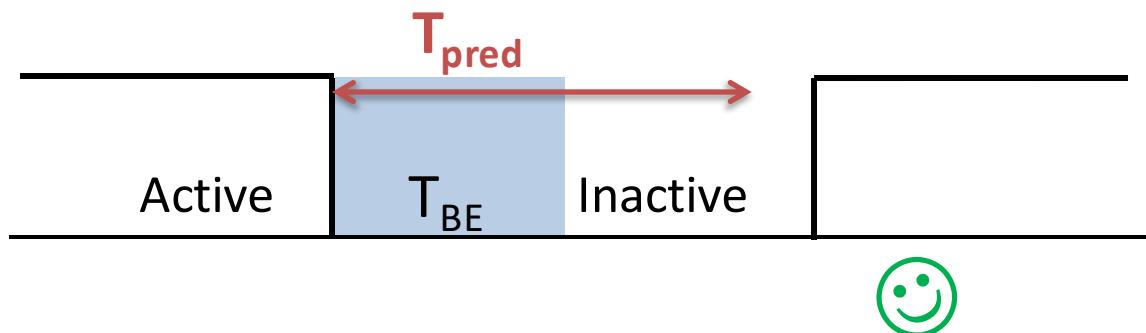
- Goal of predictive policies



Recall

- Drawback of predictive policies
 - Under-prediction

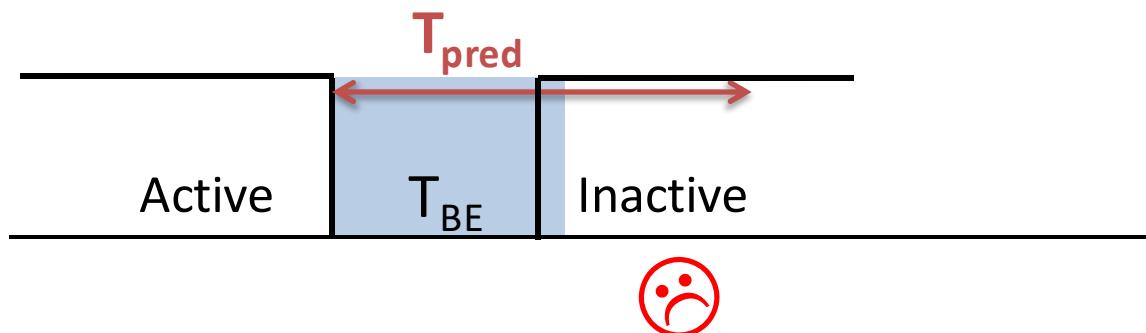
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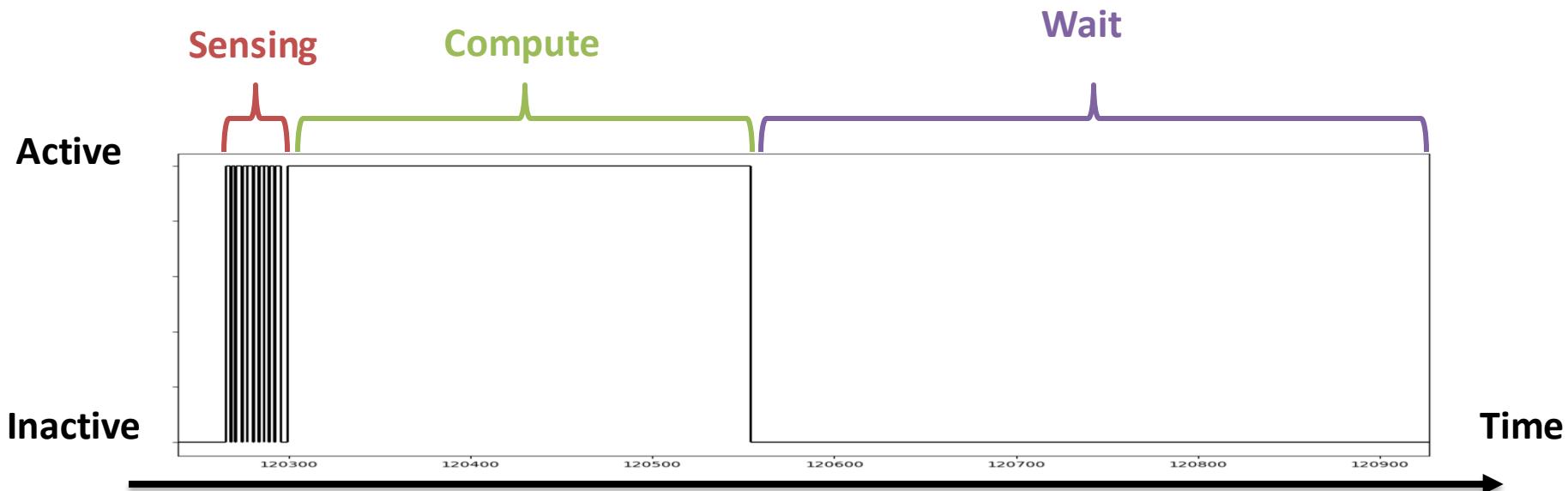
- Drawback of predictive policies
 - Over-prediction

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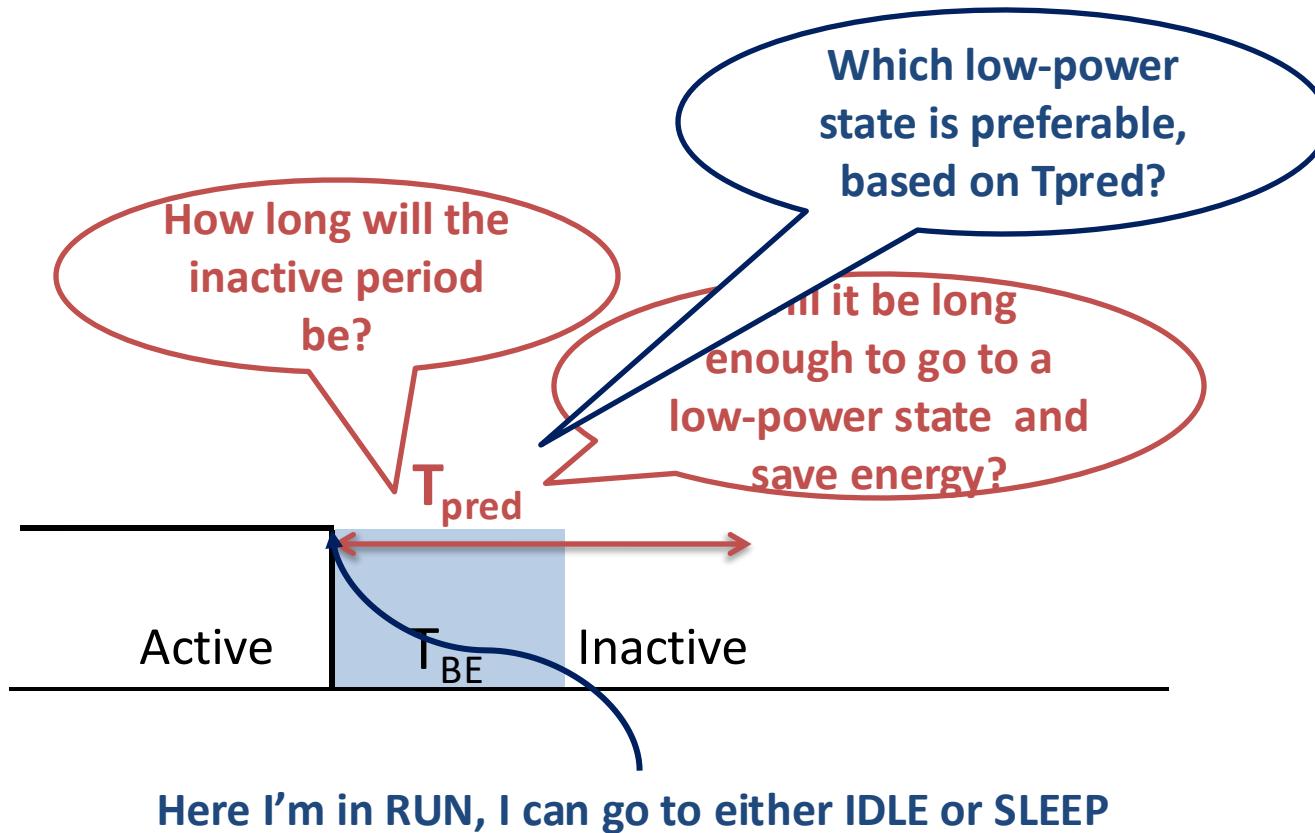
Recall

- But remember our workloads:
 - Pretty easy to predict (roughly) the duration of the next inactive phase.
 - How?



Recall

- A predictive policy also allows us to use both low-power states in the PSM:



The DPM Simulator

- Currently the simulator contains data structures and functions to implement a **regression-based** policy:
 - Something like:
$$T_{pred}[i] = \mathbf{K} + \mathbf{K}_1 \cdot T_{inactive}[i-1] + \mathbf{K}_2 \cdot T_{inactive}[i-2] + \mathbf{K}_3 \cdot T_{inactive}[i-3]$$
 - *Mainly for «historical reasons»*
 - **May not be the best type** of history-based policy to implement

The DPM Simulator

```
int parse_args(...) {  
    //...  
    if(strcmp(argv[cur], "-h") == 0) {  
        *selected_policy = DPM_HISTORY;  
        if(argc > cur + DPM_HIST_WIND_SIZE + 2){  
            int i;  
            for(i = 0; i < DPM_HIST_WIND_SIZE; i++) {  
                hparams->alpha[i] = atof(argv[+cur]);  
            }  
            hparams->threshold[0] = atof(argv[+cur]);  
            hparams->threshold[1] = atof(argv[+cur]);  
        } else return 0;  
    }  
}
```

To be modified (probably)



The DPM Simulator

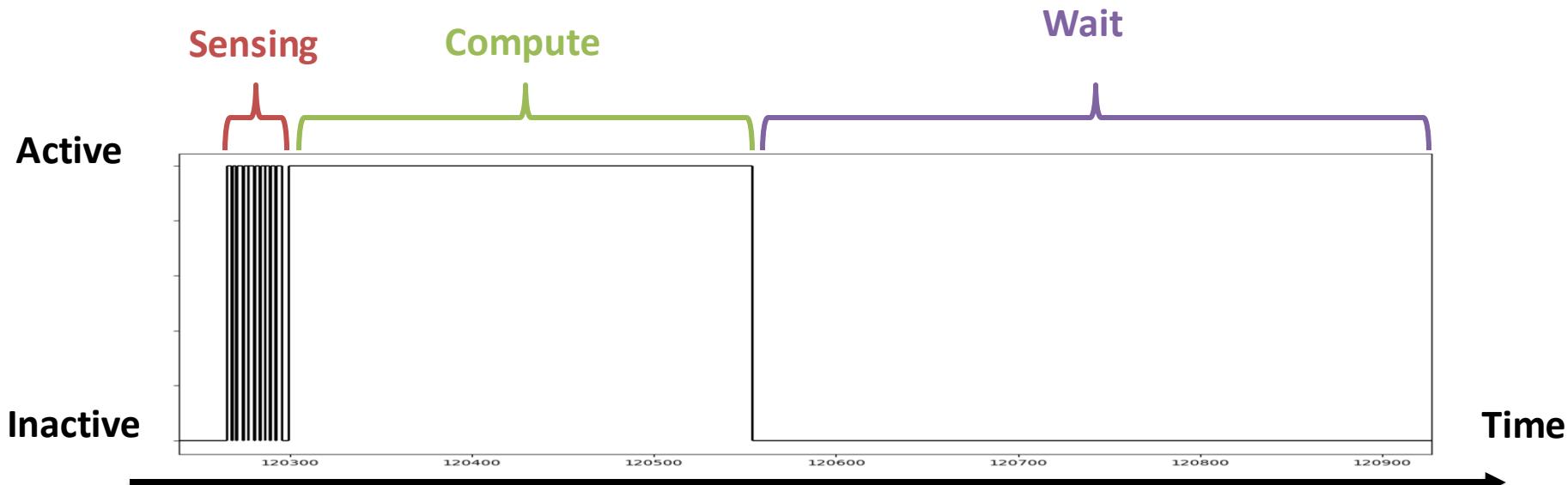
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/* update inactive time history */  
void dpm_update_history(...){  
    for (int i=0; i<DPM_HIST_WIND_SIZE-1; i++){  
        h[i] = h[i+1];  
    }  
    h[DPM_HIST_WIND_SIZE-1] = new_inactive;  
}
```

To be modified



The DPM Simulator

- Do we really need a polynomial?
- ...or can we make our decision simpler?
 - What determines if the next inactive period will be long or short?

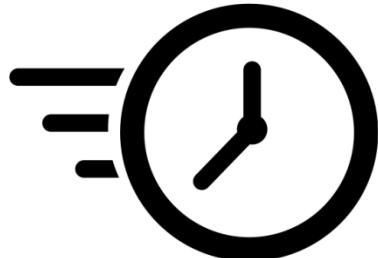


Assignment 1 - Part 3

- Modify the simulator to implement a *predictive policy*
 - It can be **of any kind**, you decide
 - Trying and comparing more than one policy is also good
 - Of course, motivate your choices.

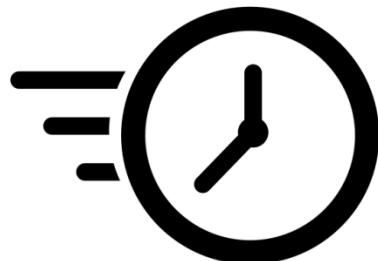
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case DPM_HISTORY:  
    /* Day 3: EDIT */  
    *next_state = PSM_STATE_RUN;  
    break;
```

To be modified



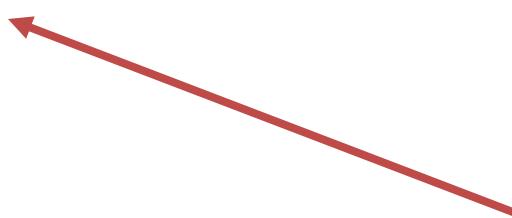
Assignment 1 – Part 3

- Report assignment
 - Description of implemented predictive policy
 - Result of implemented predictive policy with the workload profiles
 - Analysis on effect of policy parameters (if any)

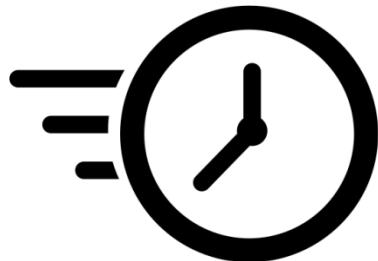


Assignment 1 - Part 3

- Report assignment:
 - Comparison between predictive policy and timeout policies
 - What changes?
 - Which approach is the best for the two workloads?
 - Why does a predictive approach work better/worse on one workload than the other (if it does)?
 - **Why?**

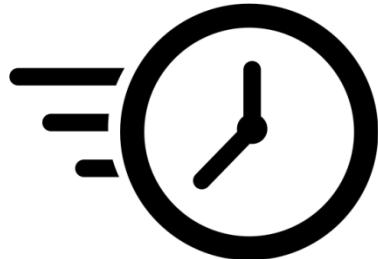


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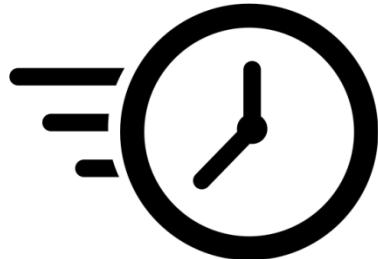
Assignment 1 - Part 3

- **Extras:**
 - Any extra analysis/experiment is well appreciated
 - Show your creativity and desire to explore the topic
 - Extras are **not** mandatory, but can give additional points:
 - If you only do the mandatory points of the previous slides, perfectly, you'll still get max score



Assignment 1 - Part 3

- **Extras: some suggestions**
 - Change the PSM (i.e., the target system)
 - Change the workload:
 - Generate new “synthetic” workloads using any tool of your choice (MATLAB, Python, etc).
 - You can simply generate the sequence of work items, but they should make sense.
 - Try other policies...
 - Etc.



End of Lab 1!

**Now you're ready to prepare
the first report...**

The deadline is 23:59 of the day before the 2nd exam