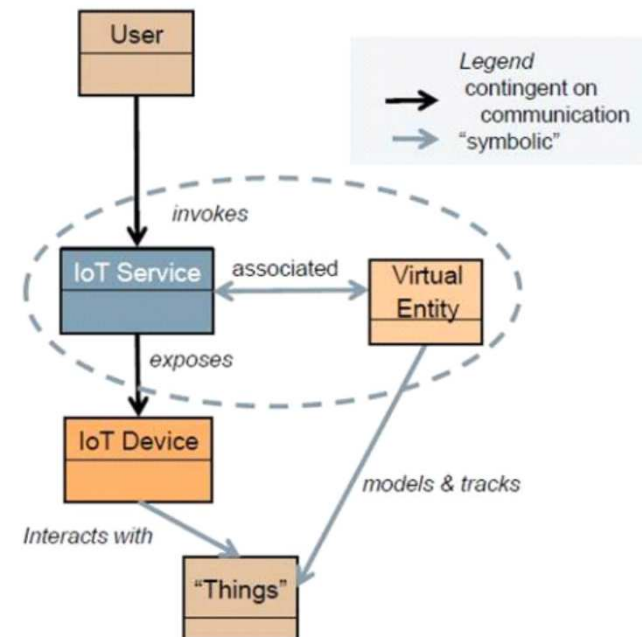
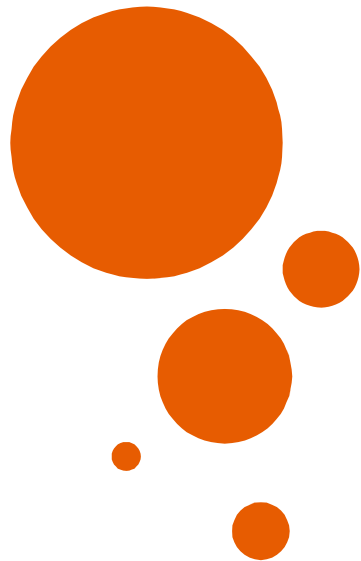


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Energy

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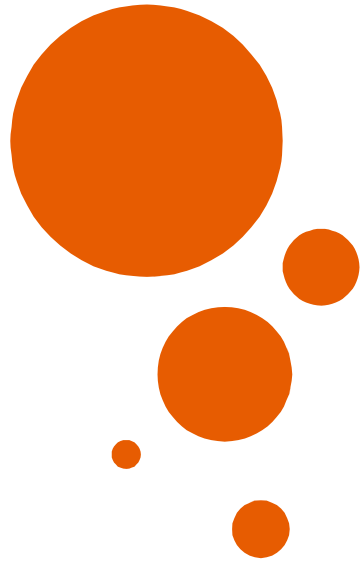
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This lecture

- Electrical energy: background
- Sources of energy for IoT nodes
- Energy consumption levels in IoT nodes
- How to reduce energy consumption in IoT nodes

Electrical energy: background



Electrical energy: background

- Electrical energy is energy that electrical current delivers to electrical load doing work ...

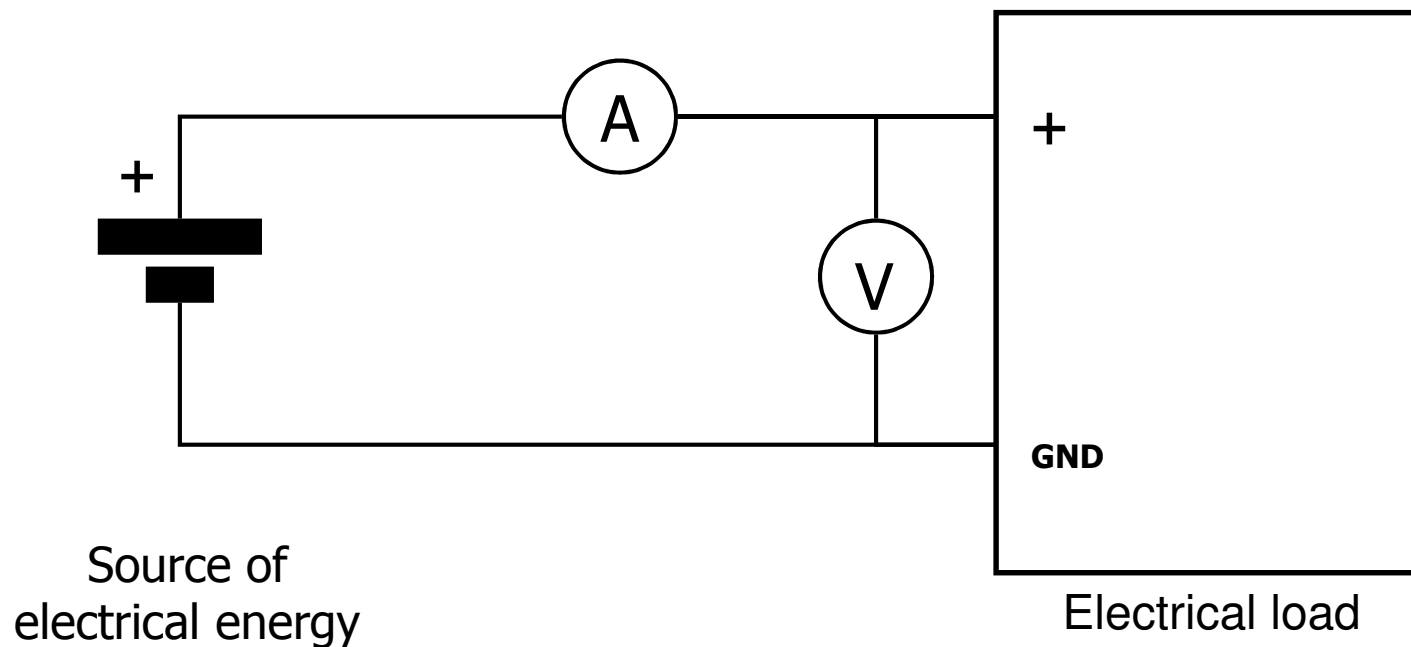
$$E_{\text{electrical}} = I * U * t$$

where

- I – current flowing through the electrical load [A]
 - U – voltage at the load [V]
 - t – time (how long the current flows) [s]
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- Thus units of $E_{\text{electrical}}$ are (all are allowed)
 - A*V*s or
 - W*s or
 - (more often) Wh or
 - kWh

Electrical energy: background

- How to measure electrical energy: „textbook approach”



Electrical energy: background

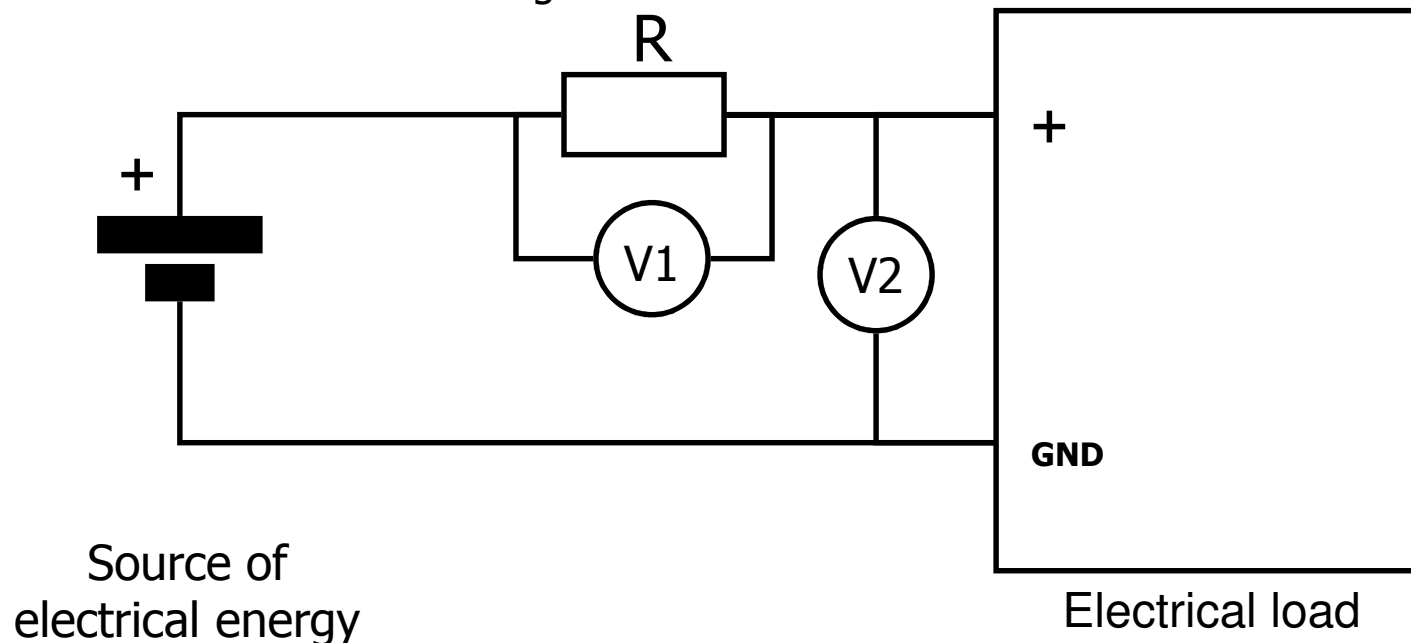
- How to measure electrical energy: practical approach

- find the current based on voltage drop

$$E_{\text{electrical}} = I * V2 * t = (V1 / R) * V2 * t$$

- cons:

- voltage drop across R amounts to losing energy
- the voltage meter V1 is connected to non-ground terminals, which makes the entire meter hard to integrate



Electrical energy: background

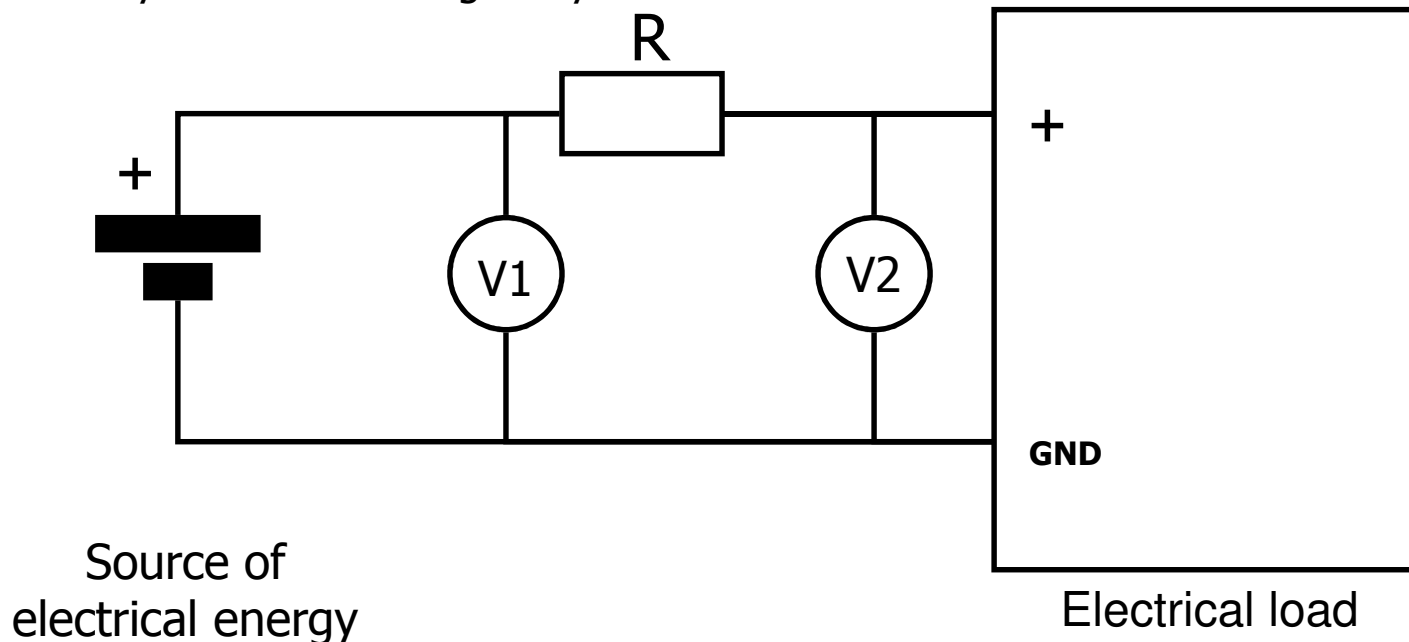
- How to measure electrical energy: practical approach modified

- find the current based on voltage drop

$$E_{\text{electrical}} = (V1 - V2) / R * V2 * t$$

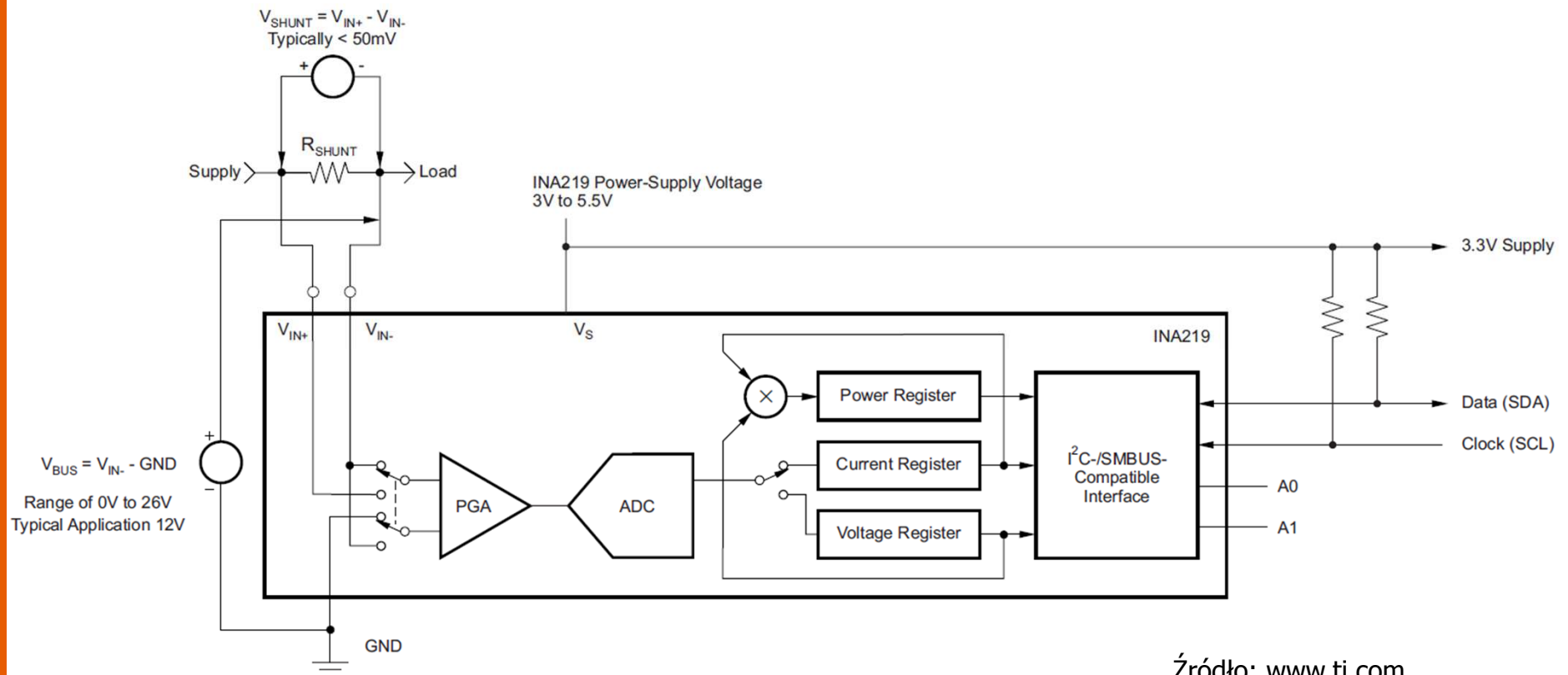
- cons:

- voltage drop across R amounts to losing energy
- the voltage difference $V1 - V2$ is hard to measure without an error, which cannot be easily eliminated in digital systems



Electrical energy: background

- How to measure electrical energy: practical approach modified
 - find the current based on voltage drop
 - example: **INA219** IC („power monitor”)
 - ADC: 12bit, 1LSB, conversion time <586us



Electrical energy: background

- Handling a power monitor in software
 - example: INA219 (Adafruit library for Arduino, $R_{\text{SHUNT}}=0.1\Omega$)

```
#include <Wire.h>
```

```
#include <Adafruit_INA219.h>
```

```
Adafruit_INA219 ina219;
```

```
ina219.begin();           //init. for range up to: 32V/2A
```

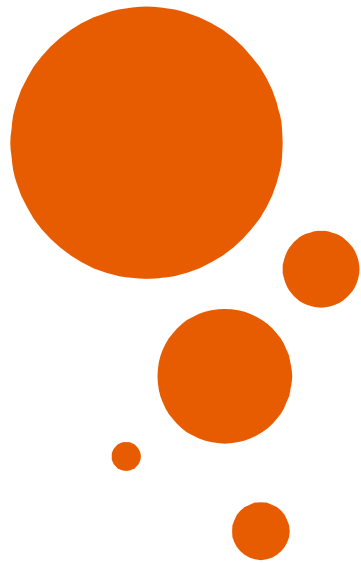
```
shuntvoltage=ina219.getShuntVoltage_mV();
```

```
busvoltage=ina219.getBusVoltage_V();
```

```
current_mA=ina219.getCurrent_mA();
```

```
power_mW=ina219.getPower_mW();
```

Sources of energy for IoT nodes



Sources of energy: battery cells

- Electricity-related features
 - nominal voltage
 - unit: volt [V]
 - the voltage that is measured, for a given current, at the cell's terminals
 - in reality, voltage drops, as the battery is discharged
 - capacity
 - unit: ampere hour [Ah] and related ones: [As], [mAh]
 - 1Ah is electric charge of 3600 coulombs [C]
 - specifies how long you can draw energy from the cell
 - often one uses the term „10h current“, e.g., for the capacity of 330mAh, you can draw, for 10 hours, the current of 33mA
 - internal resistance
 - unit: ohm [Ω]
 - resistance „in series“
 - affects how much current you can draw for a short period of time
 - resistance „in parallel“
 - affects the current flowing without any load (self-discharge)

Sources of energy: battery cells

- Physical features
 - reaction to low temperatures
 - in reaction to low temperatures (even those close to 0°C), cells tend to reduce their current capacity
 - they appear as if they discharged faster
 - connectors, size, weight
 - standardizing casing and the position of terminals
 - examples: AA, AAA or LR6, LR3
 - technology applied to produce a cell determines how much electrical charge one can „package“ in a given volume

Sources of energy: battery cells

- Chemical features
 - cells can be classified based on chemical compounds used to make them
 - zinc-carbon, nickel-zinc, zinc-chloride
 - lithium, lithium-ion, lithium-polymer
 - alkaline
 - ecology
 - being harmful to the environment
 - e.g., cadmium-free are less harmful
 - cost of utilization
 - low battery capacity means that you need to replace the battery more often, and that increases the negative impact on the environment
 - some technologies make it easier to utilize (consider the toxicity of lead used to manufacture lead-acid accumulators)
 - On the Earth, the elements needed to build cells (eg Lithium) are become running out

Sources of energy

- Classification by way of using
 - primary cells (non-rechargeable)
 - charged at production time
 - problems with utilization
 - elements that can store energy produced during „runtime“, e.g., supercapacitors
 - often used in energy harvesting systems, like solar cells, thermal energy sources, wind turbines, etc.
 - secondary cells (rechargeable)
 - can be charged multiple times

Sources of energy: accumulators

- Accumulators can be charged multiple times
 - in the process of charging, electrical energy is converted to chemical energy
 - in discharging, chemical energy is converted to electrical energy
 - charging/discharging cycle is possible multiple times, which makes accumulators different from primary cells
 - process of charging is designed so as to be easy under virtually any conditions
 - charging an accumulator should take less time than using it
 - currently, the replacement of electrolyte or electrodes is considered difficult, and, in new designs, the user does need to do these things

Sources of energy: accumulators

- Accumulator technologies
 - Lead-acid (1,2V)
 - electrodes made of lead (Pb), electrolyte: sulfuric acid (H_2SO_4)
 - currently, electrolyte is mostly gel (used, e.g., in UPS's)
 - no dangerous liquid electrolyte
 - NiCd (1,2V) [nickel oxide hydroxide]
 - electrodes made of nickel $\text{NiO}(\text{OH})$ and cadmium (Cd)
 - NiMh (1,2V) [nickel metal hydride]
 - very similar to those made of NiCd, but exhibit less significant memory effect, and are more environment-friendly
 - Li-Ion (3,6V) [lithium-ion]
 - positive electrode made of carbon, negative electrode made of metal oxide
 - electrolyte: lithium salt dissolved in organic solvent
 - Li-Poly (3,6V) [lithium-ion polymer]
 - lithium-polymer, similar to Li-Ion, electrolyte: organic polymer (Polyacrylonitrile)

Sources of energy: accumulators

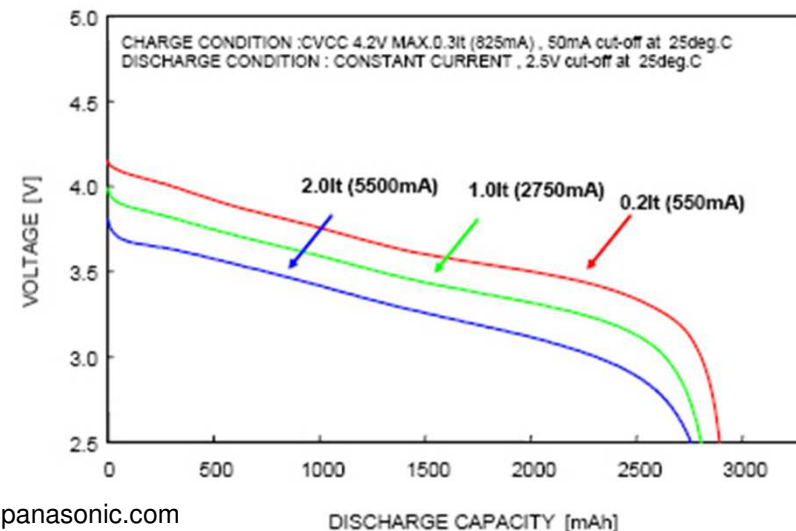
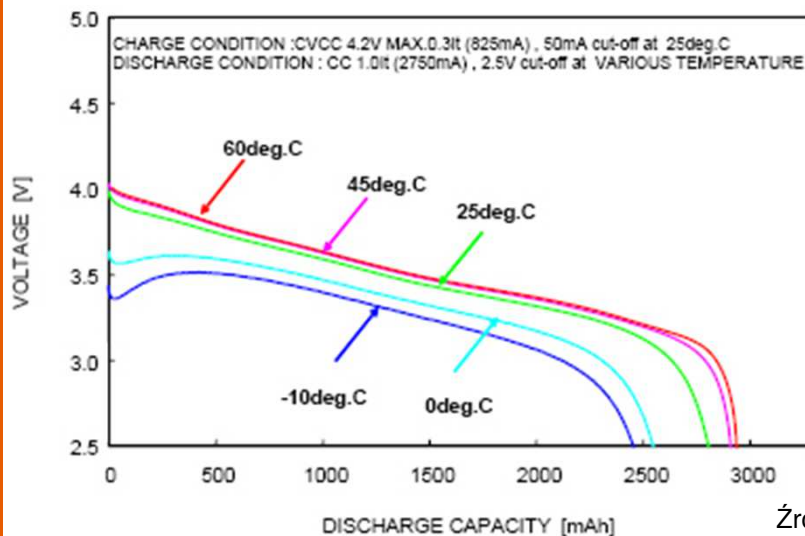
- What can go wrong during usage
 - mechanical damage
 - may be due to incorrect usage (e.g., a wrong position),
 - design may be faulty (e.g., electrolyte may evaporate via leaks)
 - memory effect
 - inability to fully charge (when you try charge an accumulator, say NiCd, that is not fully discharged)
 - capacity reduction
 - when you charge (and discharge) multiple times, you may not be able to charge to the nominal capacity
 - over-discharge
 - affects Li-Ion accumulators and similar ones; these may require charging and discharging controllers (e.g., cutting off the load at a high level of discharging)

Sources of energy: accumulators

- Charging methods
 - regular: during period of 10h using a ten-hour current (1/10 of capacity)
 - fast ("intelligent"): charging with pulse current, with monitoring the accumulator's voltage, current, and temperature (!)
 - exceeding the temperature of the cell may cause self-ignition

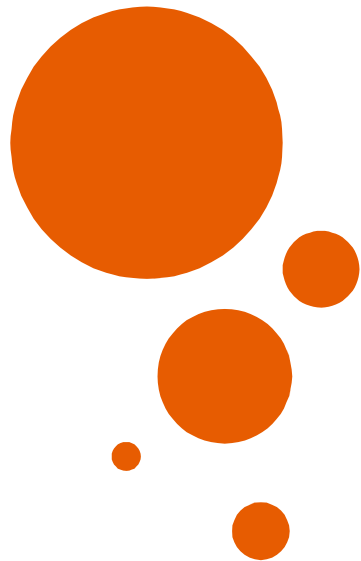
Sources of energy: accumulators

- Accumulator's condition vs. device's working time
 - may try to estimate the working time based on the accumulator's voltage
 - need to know the accumulator's discharging characteristics
 - doesn't work well when discharging characteristics is flat (e.g., Li-Ion)
 - may try to estimate the working time based on the charge in the accumulator
 - better results, but requires continuous monitoring of charging and discharging currents
 - special purpose circuits supporting this
 - INA219 : monitors the current and its direction
 - DS2438: calculates the amount of the inflowing and outflowing charge



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Energy consumption levels in IoT nodes



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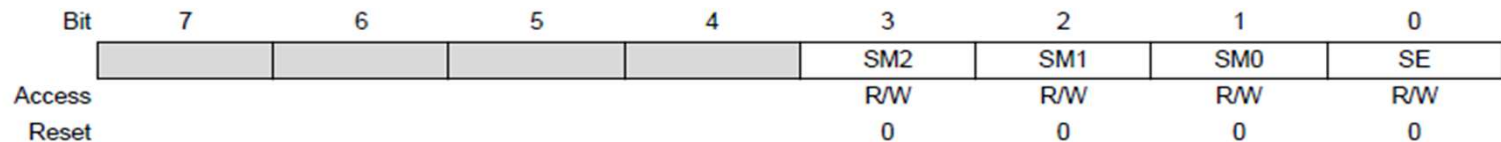
- CPUs/MCUs: ATmega328p
 - active mode: CPU executes programs
 - entire Arduino UNO with 16MHz clock draws <49mA [www.peterbeard.co]
 - alone AVR ATmega328p with 8MHz clock draws <9mA
 - sleep modes
 - you go to a sleep mode by executing the assembly language instruction SLEEP
 - before that you need to select the sleep mode
 - SMCR (Sleep Mode Control Register) register: bits SM2/1/0 select the mode, bit SE makes it possible to go to a sleep mode
 - in C you may use avr-libc functions; include "avr/sleep.h"

...

```
set_sleep_mode(SLEEP_MODE_POWER_DOWN);
```

```
sleep_mode();
```

...



Energy consumption levels in IoT nodes

- CPUs/MCUs: ATmega328p
 - available sleep modes
 - Idle (similar to „ADC Noise Reduction Mode”) [SMCR: 000 and 001]
 - CPU stopped
 - all peripherals and oscillators work as usual
 - leaving the mode (wake-up) is possible via RESET and interrupts (including Watchdog)
 - MCU draws: <2.7mA (5V, 8MHz)
 - Power-Down [SMCR: 010]
 - CPU, timers/counters and external oscillator stopped
 - interrupt detection circuits and TWI work as usual
 - leaving the mode is possible via RESET, interrupts (including Watchdog); FUSE bits (SUT i CKSEL) determine the start-up time (how long the level of a level triggered interrupt must be held)
 - MCU draws: ~15uA (3.3V), if WDT is not active: ~2uA (3.3V)

Energy consumption levels in IoT nodes

- CPUs/MCUs: ATmega328p
 - available sleep modes (cont.)
 - Power-Save [SMCR: 011]
 - just like Power-Down, except that Timer/Counter2 may be working, and it may wake up the MCU after some specified time
 - MCU draws $\sim 0.9\text{mA}$ (3.3V, frequency for Timer/Counter2 TOSC = 32786Hz)
 - Standby [SMCR: 110] and External Standby [SMCR: 111]
 - just like Power-Down, except that the external oscillator does work (to enable faster wake-up, which in this mode takes six clock periods only – but normally it consumes 0.5ms)

Energy consumption levels in IoT nodes

- Handling sleep modes in software
 - LowPower/Rocketscream library for Arduino (ATMega328p)
 - The LowPower library takes care of many operations related to limiting energy consumption

- entering idle mode for 0.5 s., with all the peripherals stopped and off

```
#include "LowPower.h"
LowPower.idle(SLEEP_500MS, ADC_OFF, TIMER2_OFF, TIMER1_OFF,
              TIMER0_OFF, SPI_OFF, USART0_OFF, TWI_OFF);
```

- entering the power down mode for 8 s. (limit for WDT), with ADC and BOD stopped

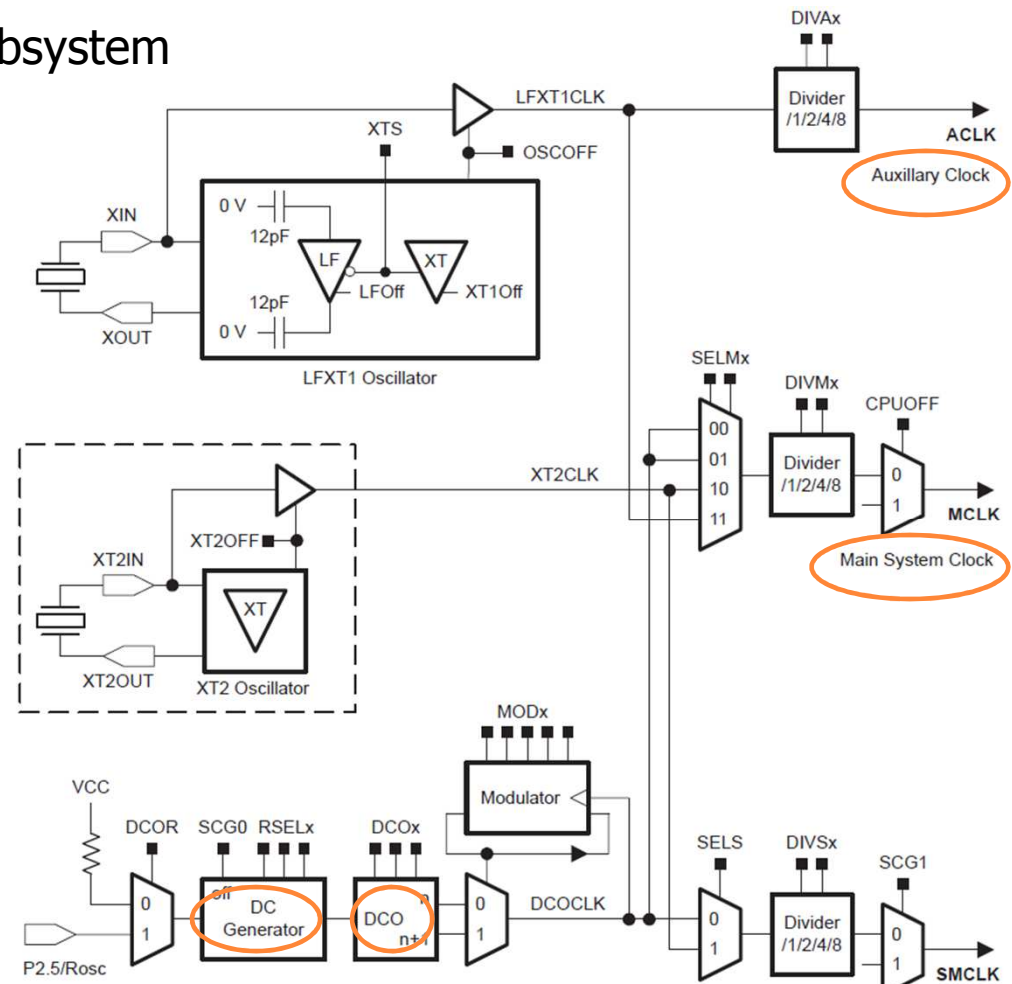
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#include "LowPower.h"
LowPower.powerDown(SLEEP_8S, ADC_OFF, BOD_OFF);
```

- entering the power down mode (forever), but this time only RESET and INT0/1 interrupts can wake the MCU up

```
#include "LowPower.h"
LowPower.powerDown(SLEEP_FOREVER, ADC_OFF, BOD_OFF);
```


Energy consumption levels in IoT nodes

- CPUs/MCUs: MSP430
 - Includes an extensive clock subsystem
 - Main System Clock (MCLK)
 - Sub System Clock (SMCLK)
 - Auxiliary Clock (ACLK)
 - Digitally controlled oscillator (DCO)
 - DC Generator (an external clock source)



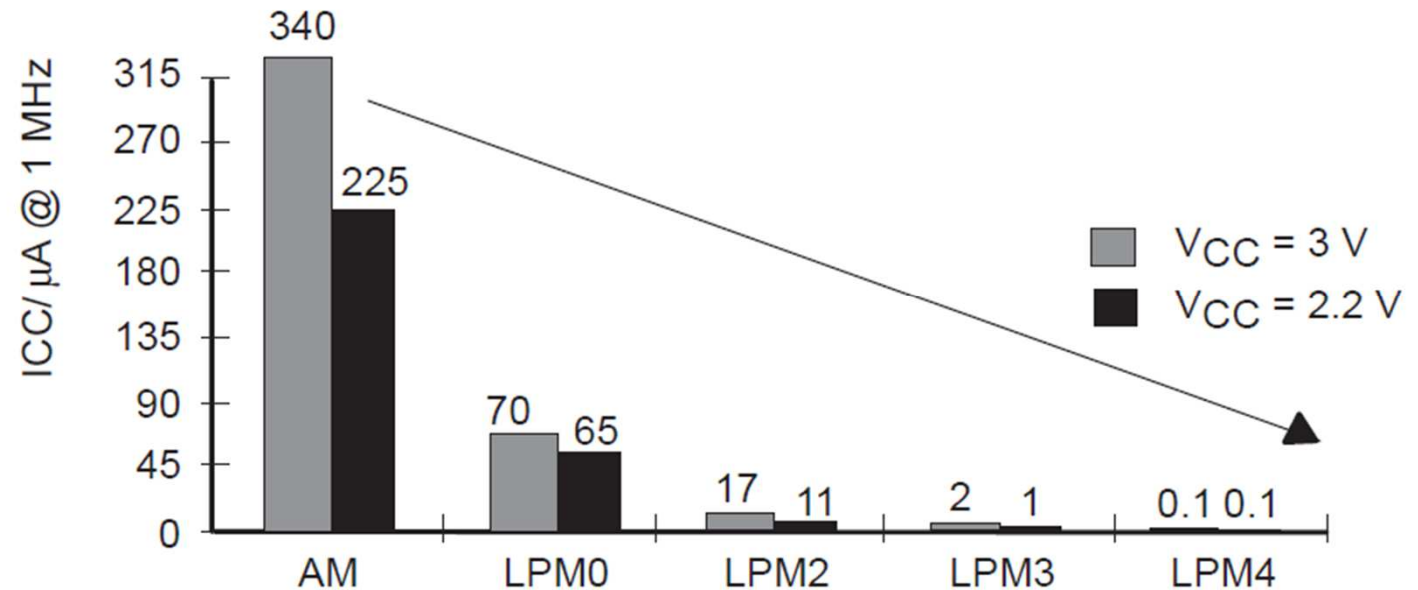
Energy consumption levels in IoT nodes

- CPUs/MCUs: MSP430
 - Active Mode
 - CPU and all the clocks active
 - LPM0
 - CPU, MCLK (Main System Clock) are disabled
 - SMCLK(Sub System Clock), ACLK(Auxiliary Clock) are active
 - LPM1
 - CPU, MCLK, DCO oscillator (Digitally controlled oscillator) are disabled, DC generator is disabled
 - SMCLK , ACLK are active
 - LPM2
 - CPU, MCLK, SMCLK, DCO oscillator are disabled
 - DC generator remains enabled, ACLK is active
 - LPM3
 - CPU, MCLK, SMCLK, DCO oscillator are disabled, DC generator is disabled
 - ACLK is active
 - LPM4
 - CPU and all clocks are disabled

Energy consumption levels in IoT nodes

- CPUs/MCUs: MSP430

- Modes



- Energy IDE (counterpart of Arduino IDE/API)

- sleep()/sleepSeconds() causes the MCU to enter LPM3, reduces energy consumption from 3mW to 100uW
 - suspend() causes the MCU to enter LPM4, only an external interrupt can wake the device up
 - to successfully wake up the device you need to invoke wakeup() in the interrupt service routine

Energy consumption levels in IoT nodes

- Ethernet networking modules: **ENC28J60**
 - Power supply voltage: 3.1...3.6V
 - Power supply current
 - active
 - when transmitting : 180mA
 - when listening: 120mA
 - sleep mode: 2mA
- Ethernet networking modules: **W5100**
 - Power supply voltage: 3.1...3.6V
 - Power supply current
 - active
 - when transmitting: 183mA
 - in other modes: no data
 - Power supply current depends on the Ethernet version: is it 10Base-T or 100Base-T

Energy consumption levels in IoT nodes

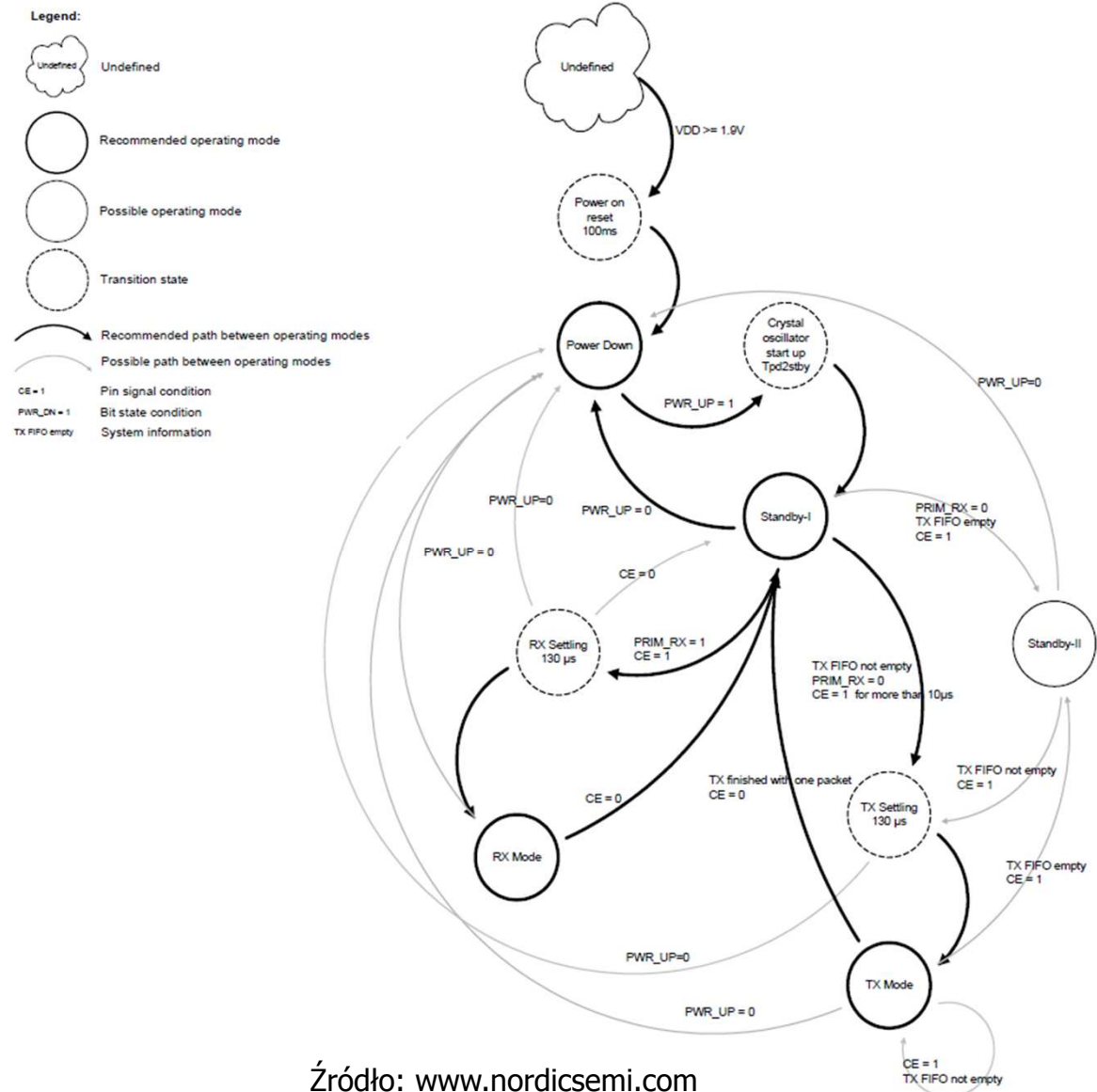
- Wireless transceivers: **CC2420 (802.15.4)**
 - Power supply voltage: 2.1...3.6V
 - can work with voltage as low as 1.6V with an external power supply (it features a built-in DC/DC converter, which needs to be powered)
 - Power supply current
 - active
 - receiving and listening: $\sim 18.8\text{mA}$
 - transmitting (depends on output power, which affects the range): from $\sim 8.5\text{mA}(-25\text{dBm})$ to $\sim 17.4\text{mA}(0\text{dBm})$
 - low power modes
 - oscillator and voltage regulator off: $\sim 0.02\mu\text{A}(!)$
 - idle mode (ready to work, but without transmitting or listening): $\sim 426\mu\text{A}$

Energy consumption levels in IoT nodes

- Wireless transceivers: **nRF24L01+ (ISM, non standard)**
 - Power supply voltage: 1.9...3.6V
 - Power supply current
 - active mode
 - listening: 8.9mA (listening is required for services like acknowledgements)
 - receiving: 12.6mA (250Kbps)...13.5mA (2Mbps)
 - transmitting (depends on output power, which affects the range): from 7mA (-18dBm) to 11.3mA(0dBm)
 - deep sleep mode
 - can configure to consume only 900nA(!)
 - in standby modes (standby-I i standby-II): 26...320uA
 - while starting the oscillator: 400uA (can last up to 1.5ms)

Energy consumption levels in IoT nodes

- Wireless transceivers:
nRF24L01+
 - State diagram



Źródło: www.nordicsemi.com

Energy consumption levels in IoT nodes

- Wireless transceivers: **RFM95 (LoRa)**
 - Power supply voltage: 1.8...3.7V
 - Power supply current
 - active mode
 - receiving and listening: from 10.8mA (LNA amplifier disabled) to 11.5mA (LNA amplifier enabled)
 - transmitting (depends on output power, which affects the range) : from 20mA (+7Bm) to 120mA (+20dBm)!
 - sleeping mode
 - 1.5uA (RC oscillator active)
 - 1.8mA (main oscillator active)
 - 5.8mA (synthesizer mode)

Energy consumption levels in IoT nodes

- Wireless transceivers: **CC3000 (Wifi)**
 - Power supply voltage: 3.6V
 - Power supply current
 - active mode
 - receiving and listening: <103mA
 - transmitting: (depends on output power, which affects the range): from 207mA (Po=14dBm, 54Mbps) to 275mA (Po=18dBm, 11Mbps)
 - sleeping mode: 5uA



How to reduce energy consumption IoT nodes

How to reduce energy consumption IoT nodes

- Major directions
 - lowering the clock frequency
 - at design time – choose the frequency that corresponds to your system's actual need for processing power
 - at runtime – adjust the frequency according to the processing power that the currently executing code requires
 - e.g., you may adjust the MCU clock frequency with a configurable PLL circuit
 - lowering the power supply voltage
 - lowering the voltage for entire sub-systems
 - the problem of compatibility with devices powered at different voltages
 - too little difference between the voltages for the logic levels „0” i „1” may lead to errors – noise may cause wrong interpretation of logic states
 - lowering the voltage for the CPU core only, without changing the voltages used to communicate with other modules (to preserve logic level compatibility)
 - a complex solution

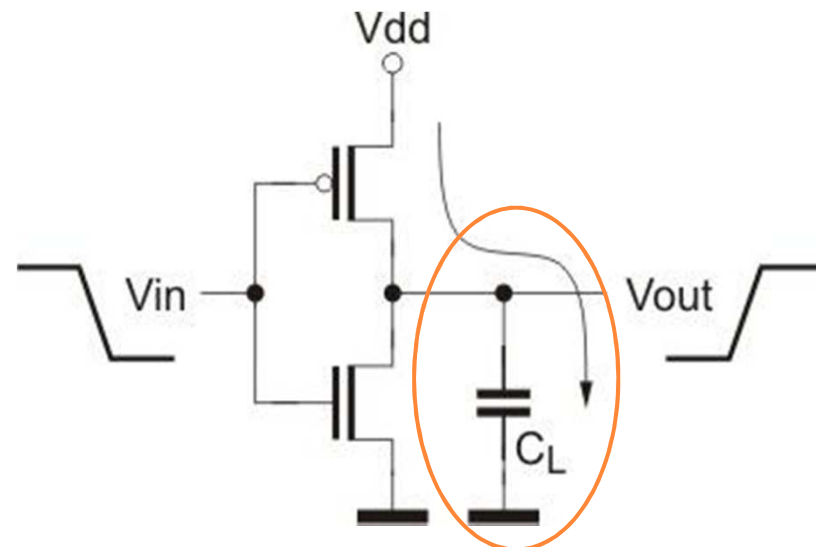
How to reduce energy consumption IoT nodes

- Selected problems exemplified by the CMOS technology
 - how is energy lost: steady states
 - leakage current
 - parasitic diodes, present in silicon, allow leakage current to flow
 - if the Gate-Source voltage gets close to the threshold voltage (V_t) sub-threshold current becomes dominant
 - the trend to reduce the size of transistors leads to a reduction of the threshold voltage

How to reduce energy consumption IoT nodes

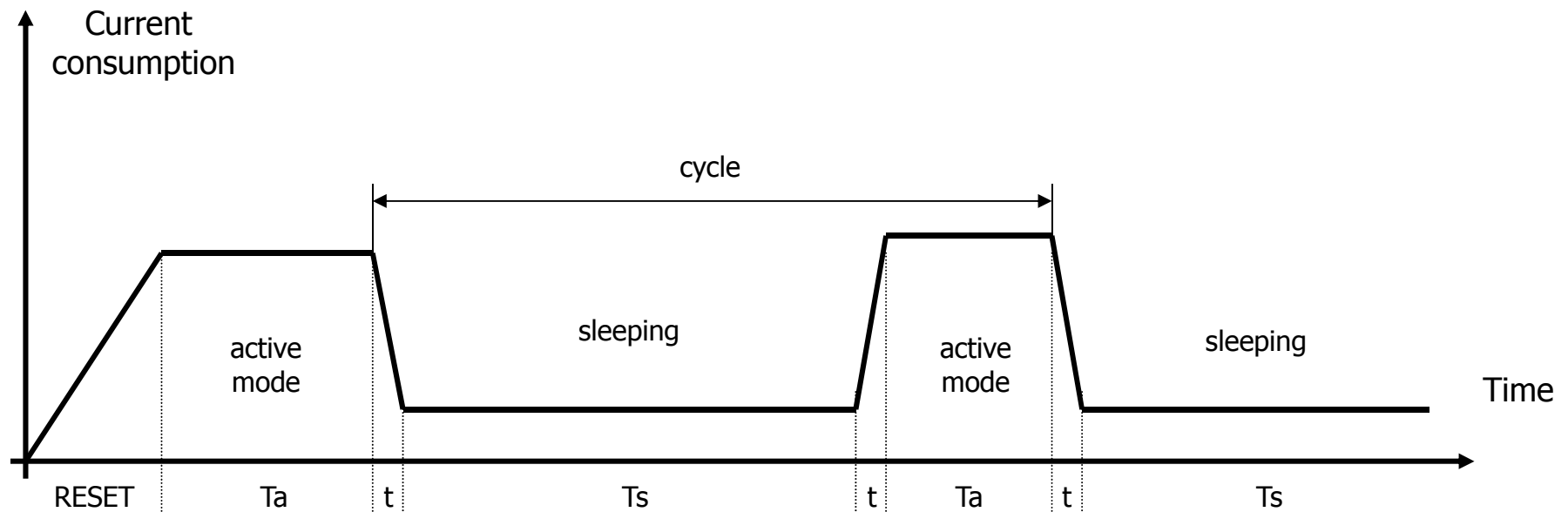
- elected problems exemplified by the CMOS technology (cont.)
 - how is energy lost: dynamic phenomena
 - gate switching frequency
 - asymmetry of build the two transistors (P-MOS i N-MOS) output of the CMOS gate causes short-circuit current during transition between „0” and „1”, as well as „1” and „0”
 - losses due to charging the load capacitor C_L , with power supply voltage V_{dd} and frequency F_{CLK} (the load capacitance C_L could be the capacitance of the gate of the connected MOS transistor)

$$P = f(C_L * V_{dd}^2 * F_{CLK})$$



How to reduce energy consumption IoT nodes

- Method: periodic sleeping
 - the programmer makes the MCU/system periodically switch between the active mode and sleeping



How to reduce energy consumption IoT nodes

- Method: periodic sleeping (cont.)
 - power supply current for active mode and power-down* mode for selected CPUs/MCUs

	Active mode	Power-down
AT89C51	20mA	40..100uA
ATmega8L	6...15mA	30uA
ATmega128L	5..20mA	40uA
PIC18Lxxx	0.03...50mA	1..2uA
MSP430F149	7...560uA	0.5...70uA
AT91RM9200	15..48mA	1.7mA

* not taking into account the impact of temperature, power supply voltage, clock frequency, and with WDT active (in CPUs/MCUs with built-in WDT)

How to reduce energy consumption IoT nodes

- Method: periodic sleeping (cont.)
 - power supply current for selected sensors and actuators*

	Active mode	Sleeping mode
▪ Passive elements		
• Thermistor (YSI 44006)	16.5...323uA	-
• Photoresistor (Clairex CL94L)	0.3...275uA	-
▪ Active elements		
• Intelligent photodiode (TSL2550)	0.35mA	10uA
• Humidity meter (SHT11)	0.55mA	0.3uA
• Acceleration meter (ADXL202)	0.6mA	-
• Pressure meter (MS5534A)	1mA	2.5uA
• GPS (Leadtek9546)	60mA	-

* These are rough data, and they do not include the power consumption of the CPU/MCU controlling the sensors/actuators.

How to reduce energy consumption IoT nodes

- How long can a periodically sleeping system work

- Notation:

- T_a – time when MCU is in active mode [s]
 - I_a – current consumed while in active mode [A]
 - T_s – time when MCU is in deep sleep mode [s]
 - I_s – current consumed while in deep sleep mode [A]

- Ratio (Duty cycle*) $[^1 / _1]$

$$N = T_s / T_a$$

- Battery capacity [Ah]

$$Q = I * T$$

*) - in papers that is related function

How to reduce energy consumption IoT nodes

- How long can a periodically sleeping system work (cont.)
 - Below, the time spent in-between states is neglected

$$Q = I_a * T_a + I_s * T_s$$

- so

$$Q = I_a * T / (1 + N) + I_s * T * N / (1 + N)$$

- which yields

$$Q = T * (I_a + I_s * N) / (1 + N)$$

- ultimately, the working time is given by

$$T = Q * \frac{1 + N}{(I_a + I_s * N)}$$

How to reduce energy consumption IoT nodes

- How long can a periodically sleeping system work (cont.)
 - estimated MCU working time with selected batteries (unit: 24h)
 - battery capacities taken from respective data sheets
 - remember about self-discharge of batteries(!)

	N	CR2032 (225mAh)				LR3-Alkaline (1.25Ah)				LR6-NiMh (2.5Ah)			
		0	100	1K	10k	0	100	1K	10k	0	100	1K	10k
AT89C51		0.5	31	78	92	2.6	175	434	510	5.2	350	868	1021
ATMega8L		0.6	52	208	297	3.5	292	1158	1653	7	584	2317	3307
ATMega128L		0.4	39	156	223	2.6	219	868	1240	5.2	438	1737	2480
PIC18Lxxxx		0.2	18	180	1400	1.0	104	1002	<u>7441</u>	2.0	210	2005	<u>14882</u>
MSP430F149		16.7	125	133	133	93	696	738	743	186	1392	1478	1487
AT91RM9200*		0.6	5.1	5.4	5.5	3.5	28	30	31	7	56.8	60.8	61.2

* all built-in peripherals disabled

Thank you!

