

Micromite GPS LoRa MOTE

Micromite GPS LoRa MOTE is targeted to design engineers to quickly evaluate LoRaWAN and its sensor applications. Micromite is a PIC32MX170 microcontroller firmware that is based on Geoff Graham's MMBasic interpreter (<http://geoffg.net/micromite.html>) that allows very convenient application software development in BASIC language. Micromite through its serial console interface provides support for program editing, debugging plus communication with the BASIC application. This is an excellent environment for LoRaWAN applications because no other compiler, no other hardware debugger and programmer is required for software development. The console port of Micromite has built in USB-UART bridge (<http://www.microchip.com/MCP2221A>) that allows single USB connection to the free MM Edit integrated development environment (<http://www.c-com.com.au/MMedit.htm>). The USB connection is used also for charging the internal LiPo battery. The GPS Mode is intended to analyze how large is the geographic coverage of LoRaWAN even from a moving vehicle. The Sensor Mode is targeted for demonstration of fixed position sensor networks. Beside internal sensors the Micromite GPS LoRa MOTE has a peripheral connector for handling external sensors or actuators. This option is demonstrated by GSS COZIR CO2 sensors (<https://shop.chipcad.hu/Welcoming/Default.aspx?scenarioID=360&pid=1878>), however, users are encouraged to implement their own sensor support through two UART, one I2C and three digital/analog/PWM peripheral lines to discover LoRaWAN capabilities in their own Proof of Concept projects. The latest BASIC program version and full documentation of the MOTE can be downloaded from here: <http://www.chipcad.hu/letoltes/MMGPSMOTE.zip>

Operation modes and changing between modes

- Console mode
Purpose: MMBasic program development.
MMBasic application can be broken by "control C" on Console
MMBasic application can be restart again by "run" command.
See: Micromite User Manual <http://geoffg.net/Downloads/Micromite/Micromite%20Manual.pdf>
Micromite Kézikönyv <http://www.chipcad.hu/letoltes/MkII-magyar.pdf>
- Service mode: *See: Appendix D, Service Mode*
- GPS Mode: *See below*
- Sensor mode: *See below*
- C Class operation, Multicast Demo: *See below*

Micromite GPS LoRa MOTE has one push button and three LEDs. The yellow LED lights while battery is charged from micro USB connector. The yellow light stops when battery is fully charged (4.2V). The built in **MCP73831T-2ACI/OT** (<https://shop.chipcad.hu/Welcoming/Default.aspx?scenarioID=301&StockCode=MIC3875#TabControl-2>) battery charger circuit controls charging and during discharging it disconnects battery at 3.5V to avoid over discharge. The green and red LEDs are controlled by Micromite MMBasic application. While application is up and running, one of them is pulsing once in every second but both LEDs are dark during Micromite sleep. The green LED pulses during satellite acquisition and trace or sensor measurements then after valid values are captured red LED pulses till the end of LoRaWAN transmit. During satellite acquisition and trace Micromite monitors if push button is pressed. The program differentiates between short, long and very long button presses. The short press should last less than a second and the long one should last till the red LED lights or the very long till both LEDs light continuously. The short button press initiates one sensor measurement and transmit to LoRaWAN. The long button press changes operation mode from GPS to Sensor. The very long button press changes operation to Multicast

demo mode. In Sensor Mode the long button press can also be used to change mode back to GPS but because of long sleep times, the button should be pressed till green LED lights (not longer than a minute). Because of the long sleep times the short button press is not defined in Sensor Mode. From Multicast Demo mode the long button press can change back to GPS Mode also (maximum length of button press can be up to 15 seconds).

1. GPS Mode

[Micromite GPS LoRa MOTE](#) has a built in [SQ-SEN-200](#) motion sensor that allows GPS operation in GPS Mode. While motion is detected the MOTE searches GPS/GNSS satellites and if valid coordinates are captured then transmits them to LoRaWAN four times in every minute. After 6 minutes without motion the MOTE goes to sleep for unlimited time then only its [SQ-SEN-200](#) motion sensor can wake it up. In a moving vehicle Micromite GPS LoRa MOTE operates continuously and after stopping the MOTE automatically puts itself in low power consumption sleep mode. The frequency of coordinate broadcasts will strongly influence total power consumption. After each transmit the MOTE goes to sleep for **short sleep time** that is at least 5 seconds but it can be extended up to 260 seconds by downlink message. The downlink message can modify cycle time of coordinate broadcast from quarter minute to four minutes. The 4minute cycle time consumes 16 times less energy than ¼ minute cycle time so it extends battery life 16 times longer. See: *Appendix B: GPS Modes of operation*.

Micromite GPS LoRa MOTE can handle external sensors and as example an optional CO2 COZIR sensor can be connected to peripheral connector (<https://shop.chipcad.hu/Welcoming/Default.aspx?scenarioID=360&pid=1878>). When Micromite GPS LoRa MOTE is operated in a car and an optional CO2 sensor plus a buzzer is connected, the MOTE measures CO2 concentration before going to sleep. When CO2 value exceeds the programmable **CO2 concentration limit** an audible alert sound is generated to warn vehicle driver to switch on incoming fresh air inflow for avoiding drowsiness and finally prevent accidents. This danger is shown in BBC report with GSS. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bNXup6E7P1g>

Eight byte, “**Short payload**” uplink format in GPS Mode:

Seq #	Port	Payload
275	202	4370550d860b0083

Sequential number 275, port number 202

Payload:

latitude 24bit signed number, angle domain -90 to +90 degrees

longitude 24bit signed number, angle domain -180 to +180 degrees

altitude 16bit unsigned number, height domain 0 to 10000 meters

Minimum LoRaWAN transmit cycle time range: 15sec - 270sec

Eleven byte, “**Long payload**” uplink format in GPS Mode:

Seq #	Port	Payload
275	202	4370550d860b00830112ca

Sequential number 275, port number 202

Payload:

latitude 24bit signed number, angle domain -90 to +90 degrees

longitude 24bit signed number, angle domain -180 to +180 degrees

altitude 16bit unsigned number, height domain 0 to 10000 meters

HDOP accuracy of L86 GPS/GNSS receiver, ten times the Dilution of Precision

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dilution_of_precision_\(GPS\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dilution_of_precision_(GPS)), domain 1 to 250

Temperature 8bit signed number, internal temperature, domain -128 to 127 degrees

Battery voltage 8bit BCD number, percentage domain 1%-99%, relative charged voltage between 3.5V-4.2V

Minimum LoRaWAN transmit cycle time range: 25sec - 280sec

In GPS Mode the MOTE transmits with DR=0 and DR=6 data rates alternately. The default DR0:DR6 ratio is 1:1, one DR6 packet is inserted between each DR0 packets. The number of inserted DR6 packets can be set from 0 to 15. When this number is 0 the transmit duty cycle is 1% per channel at 15second transmit cycle time. When the number of inserted DR6 packets is 15, the transmit duty cycle is only 0.06% on Multi SF channels and only 0.025% on DR6 channel. The 17dB sensitivity difference between DR0:SF12/125kHz and DR6:SF7/250kHz can be significant in urban areas but it is usually compensated by the high density of gateways. If radio propagation is influenced by reflected radio waves then it is better to keep number of DR6 packets low. In case of airplanes or boats this number can be increased without increasing PER packet error rate. Using mainly DR6 avoids interference problems with fixed sensor networks and lowers interference with portable vehicles that are mainly using DR0. Users are encouraged to optimize tracking their moving applications by this parameter.

2. Sensor Mode

Sensor Mode is targeted to fixed position sensor applications. GPS/GNSS receiver is switched off, the MOTE uses internal and optional external sensors. The internal temperature and battery voltage sensors can be extended by external GSS COZIR sensors (<https://shop.chipcad.hu/Welcoming/Default.aspx?scenarioID=360&pid=1878>) or by any other sensor of users' choice. The MOTE periodically measures sensors then transmits their values to LoRaWAN. Between measurements Micromite switches off all peripherals and goes to sleep for **long sleep time** that is at least 1minute but it can be extended up to 256 minutes by downlink message. Extending the **long sleep time** will significantly lower power consumption. The application server can modify the CO2 measurement frequency to meet application requirements. For example, in outdoor citywide environment during nights the frequency can be lowered while in rush hours it can be increased to accurately measure pollution of vehicles in changing traffic environments.

The Mote uses adaptive data rate, automatically employs the highest bit rate for reliable LoRaWAN communication. See Appendix E

Though long sleep time can be extended up to 256 minutes Micromite wakes up once in every minute for a short while. If MOTE recognizes button press right after wakeup, then goes back to GPS Mode and a long green LED flash confirms the Mode change. The MOTE has an intelligent CO2 concentration measurement option to optimize power consumption. A CO2 concentration upper limit can be programmed by downlink message. If CO2 limit is not activated then it will measure sensors only at the end of long sleep time. If upper CO2 limit is activated, the CO2 concentration is measured once in every minute. If measured value is higher than upper limit the Mote transmits sensor data immediately whatever time is set for long sleep time. If measured value is less than the limit then MOTE goes back to sleep without transmitting it.

Uplink message in Sensor Mode:

Seq #	Port	Payload
275	209	12ca02ed01e91c

Sequential number 275, port number 209

The Payload length depends on external COZIR sensor. If it is not connected, then length is only 2bytes. If COZIR measures only CO2 concentration, then the payload is 4bytes long. If it measures humidity plus temperature, the payload becomes 7bytes long automatically.

Temperature 8bit signed number, temperature domain -128 to 127 degrees

Battery voltage 8bit BCD number, percentage domain 1%-99%, relative charge, voltage between 3.5V-4.2V

The battery voltage is updated at every wakeup from sleep. The battery voltage is also available for network server to request through packet header. The 3.5V-4.2V battery voltage domain is normalized to 1 to 254 single byte value. The network server can request this value at any time.

COZIR CO2 concentration 16bit unsigned number, ppm domain: 400 to 10000

COZIR relative humidity 16bit unsigned number, % domain: 0-1000

COZIR temperature 8bit signed number, temperature domain: -128 to 127 degrees

3. C-Class operation, Multicast Demo Mode

C-Class, Multicast Mode demonstrates how to use RN2483 LoRa module in C-Class and how to put several nodes into Multicast operation at the same time. The RN2483 module of the MOTE is preprogrammed with ABP keys in A-Class. During the demo the Micromite MMBasic program temporally changes the LoRa module keys (deveui, devaddr, nwkskey and appskey) to a dummy C-Class node's ABP key set then keeps open an RX2 window continuously. The application server can send command to the node any time and the node is capable to decode and execute the command. We use an RGB color LED connected directly to PWM 1 peripheral and control the colors by <http://www.mylora.hu/demo>.

Many nodes can receive and execute commands at the same time but this multicast mode is one way communication from the server towards multicast nodes. If confirmations were required we recommend to modify the Micromite program that after decoding and executing a command the node should change back to its A-Class mode then confirm the new state with an uplink message.

4. Downlink: Control from application server

Operation parameters can be modified from application server. The MOTE interprets five bytes long downlink commands that use port 209 exclusively. The first byte is the command number that has four byte parameters.

Port	Payload
209	00caed07d0

Port number 209

Control: 8bit unsigned number

00: Sets Short Sleep Time, Long Sleep Time and CO2 upper limit without other action.

Short Sleep Time: 8bit unsigned number. In GPS Mode the sleep time will be this parameter plus 5 seconds at short payload and 15 seconds at long payload formats. Time domain: 0 to 255 seconds

Long Sleep Time: 8bit unsigned number. In Sensor Mode sleep time will be this parameter plus 1 minute. Time domain: 0 to 255 minutes.

CO2 upper limit: 16bit unsigned number. Concentration domain: 0 to 65535 ppm or 6.5535%

01: Requests a sensor data. Same as short push button press in GPS Mode additionally sets Short Sleep Time, Long Sleep Time and CO2 upper limit.

02: Change Modes of operation. In GPS Mode changes to Sensor Mode and in Sensor Mode back to GPS Mode. Same as long push button press. Additionally, it sets Short Sleep Time, Long Sleep Time and CO2 upper limit.

03: Changes between short and long payload formats in GPS Mode. Additionally, it sets Short Sleep Time, Long Sleep Time and CO2 upper limit.

04: In GPS or Sensor Mode the first 04 command sets Group Filter then changes to C-Class Multicast Mode. In C-Class Multicast mode sets intensities of Red, Green and Blue color LEDs when command filter is identical to the group filter of the node. If Filter=00 the MOTE restarts in GPS Mode.

Port	Payload
209	0422101010

Port number 209

Filter: Two BCD digits. Filter domain: 0 to 99. Zero restarts in GPS Mode, 1-99 Group Filter.

Red LED: Two BCD digits. Intensity percentage domain: 0 to 99%.

Green LED: Two BCD digits. Intensity percentage domain: 0 to 99%.

Blue LED: Two BCD digits. Intensity percentage domain: 0 to 99%.

05: Sets BASIC variables and stores them in Flash memory.

Port	Payload
209	0523050613

Port number 209

GPSDeviceID: Hex digit. 0 walk, 1 bike, 2 car, 3 boat, 4 airplane, 5 balloon. ID domain: 0 to 15

OnePPSMin: The number of 1PPS pulses before GPS measurement. 1PPS domain 1 to 15

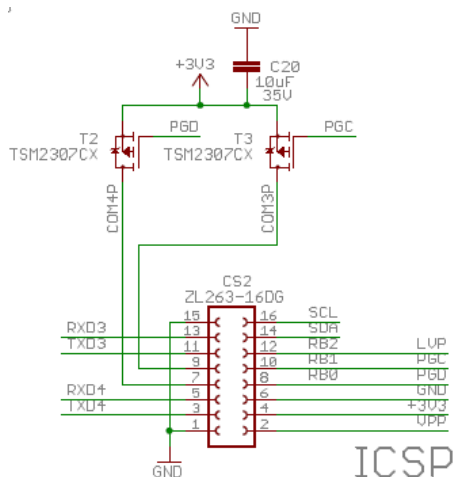
MaxTime: Inactive time in minutes in GPS Mode before sleep. MaxTime domain 1 to 255

GPSFullOperationTime: Full ON power time in minutes. GPSFullOperationTime domain 1 to 255

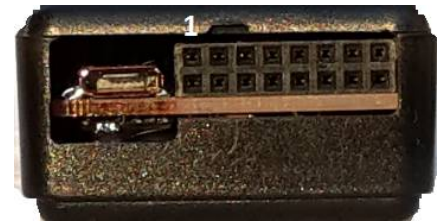
NRofDR6: Hex digit, number of DR6 between DR0 transmits in GPS Mode. NRofDR6 domain 0 to 15

NumberOfUncnflnSensorMode: ¼ the number of UNCNF transmits between CNF. Domain 1 to 15

5. Using external peripheral connector



Micromite GPS LoRa MOTE has a 16pin connector that is aimed for several purposes:



- **C2: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 ICSP pins** can accommodate a PICKit3 programmer for Micromite firmware update.

- **C2: 1, 2 reset pins.** Micromite GPS LoRa MOTE spends most of its time in sleep mode. Hardware reset may help to initiate Micromite console mode even from sleep. No reset button is provided but with an external wire jumper the MOTE can easily be reset.
- **C2: 9, 11, 13, 15 COM3 port.** COM3 sensor can be operated from switched COM3P 3.3V power supply to minimize its power consumption.
- **C2: 1, 3, 5, 7 COM4 port.** COM4 sensor can be operated from switched COM4P 3.3V power supply to minimize its power consumption.
- **C2: 14, 16 I2C bus.**
- **C2: 8, 10, 12 digital, analog I/O or three PWM channels** (for driving RGB LED).

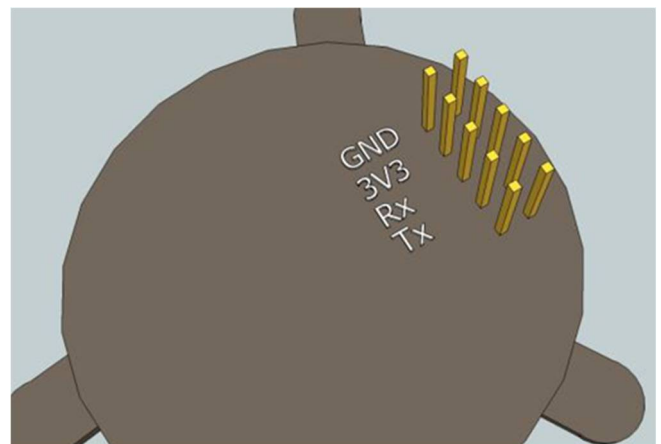
6. Connection of COZIR CO2 sensor and buzzer

COZIR CO2 sensors uses 9600 baud UART serial communication with 3.3V logical level that matches to Micromite. The Micromite GPS LoRa MOTE uses COM3 for COZIR sensor on its COM3 UART port:

C2:15 COZIR GND
C2:09 COZIR 3V3
C2:11 COZIR RX
C2:13 COZIR TX

Micromite can drive a buzzer in GPS mode when a COZIR CO2 sensor is connected. After sending GPS/GNSS coordinates to LoRaWAN the Micromite measures CO2 concentration and if it is higher than upper limit then drives a buzzer with one second warning signal. The buzzer frequency is equal in Hertz with the CO2 concentration in PPM value. Car drivers can easily test the effect of closing fresh air inflow to the car. The warning buzzer can be connected to C2 peripheral connector:

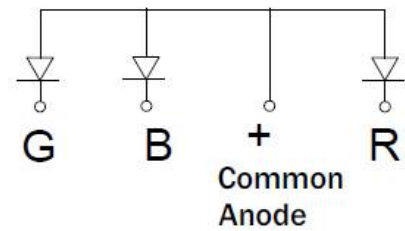
C2: 8 buzzer
C2:12 buzzer



7. Connection of RGB LED in Multicast Demo

We recommend a low power FYL-5019RBGW1C-CA RGB LED with serial cathode resistors to connect directly to MOTE's peripheral connector:

C2: 4	Common anode 3.3V
C2: 8	Red 130 Ohm
C2: 10	Blue 33 Ohm
C2: 12	Green 33 Ohm



8. Opening and closing plastic case of Micromite GPS LoRa MOTE



The Micromite GPS LoRa MOTE is housed in a black plastic case (78mm*40mm*22mm). The case has a base and a cover part and for the push button a plastic mechanical button extender. The case has no screw to fix the case but the PCB board is mechanically fixed among case part. The cased Micromite GPS LoRa MOTE can easily be moved to its locations and is resistive against environment stresses. However, the PCB is designed to meet additional requirements. The cased

device can accommodate a 750mAh LiPo battery but if longer duration is required the board can be powered by 2000mAh battery also but due to its larger size without case. In its case GPS/GNSS receiver uses its internal patch antenna but the PCB can accommodate external antenna also. For example, in bicycle tracking one of the main design challenges is how to hide electronics against sabotage. The external antenna connector of both GPS/GNSS and LoRa radios can support experiments with hidden electronics and antenna designs in such projects right away.

When the case is open the firmware of RN2483 module can be updated by a PICKit 3 programmer through ICSP pads beside the module. The measurement of power consumption is supported by a 10 Ohm Shunt resistor that is short circuit with a jumper. After opening the case the jumper can be removed and a [storage oscilloscope](#) can be connected instead.

The PCB and the 750mAh standard LiPo battery can easily be placed in the case but with one trick. Let's put an insulator strip, or rubber tape onto the outer surface of the upper case to fully cover the slot of push button. Insert the mechanical button extender in the inner side of the cover and push firmly to allow the tape to hold it. Place the PCB and battery into the case paying attention that the battery wires face to LoRa antenna position and wires come to upper side battery connector on the PCB. Place the cover case onto bottom case part and firmly push them together. In its normal position the push button can easily be pressed and the case holds the PCB properly.



9. Packing list of Micromite GPS LoRa MOTE package

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| - Micromite GPS LoRa MOTE (cased with 750mAh battery) | 1 piece |
| - ISM-868 SMA ant. + swivel 868MHz monopole antenna | 1 piece |
| - Reset wire | 1 piece |
| - micro USB cable | 1 piece |

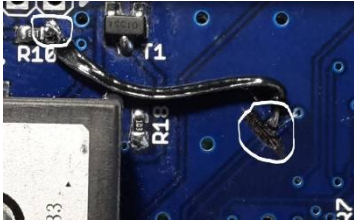
The Micromite GPS LoRa MOTE is activated and tested in ChipCAD LoRaWAN but later it can easily be moved to other networks.

Appendix

A: Micromite GPS LoRa Mote version history.

V1 was developed for [ChipCAD IoT Conference](#) June 6th 2016 but was never released to market, only used for demonstrations and in house experiments. It was exclusively designed as a LoRaWAN GPS tracker.

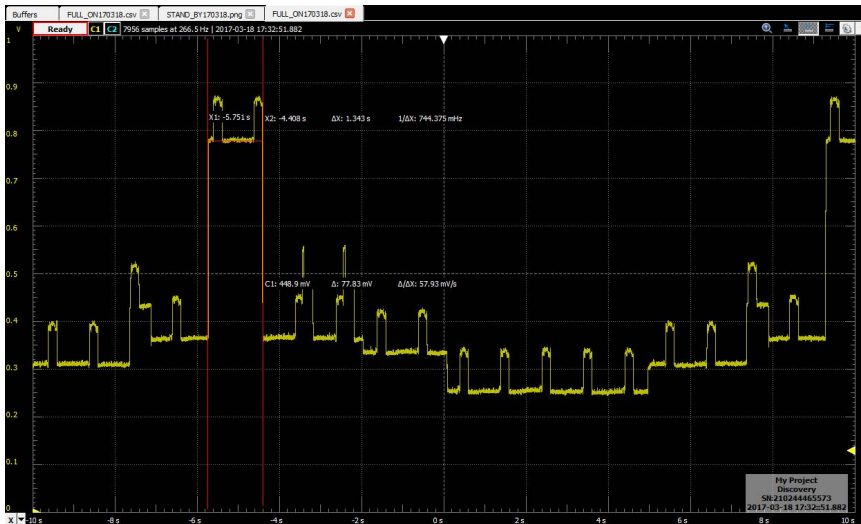
V2 combined LoRaWAN GP tracker with sensor functions, it was released to market on August 5 2016, MMTR-06A_SCH.pdf.



V3 released to market on March 22 2017, MMTR-07_SCH.pdf. Major software release improves GPS power management for accurate localization. It has minor hardware modification also: instead of CTS/RTS control, Micromite becomes able to reset RN2483 module. It is highly recommended to cut off RTS/CTS to RB13/RB12 and with a small piece of wire connect RB12 to 32, reset pin of RN2483. Micromite firmware should be 5.36 or higher.

V4 Redesigned PCB layout fixing all modification. Micromite firmware should be 5.4 lite version or higher.

B: GPS modes of operation. Removing jumper of R13 10 Ohm Shunt resistor, current consumption can be measured. The 100mV vertical scale of below scope diagrams corresponds to 10mA supply current. After waken up by motion sensor the GPS receiver gets continues power for 5 minutes in FULL ON mode. Then for saving battery power Micromite sends periodically GPS/GNSS receiver into standby after receiving valid coordinates:

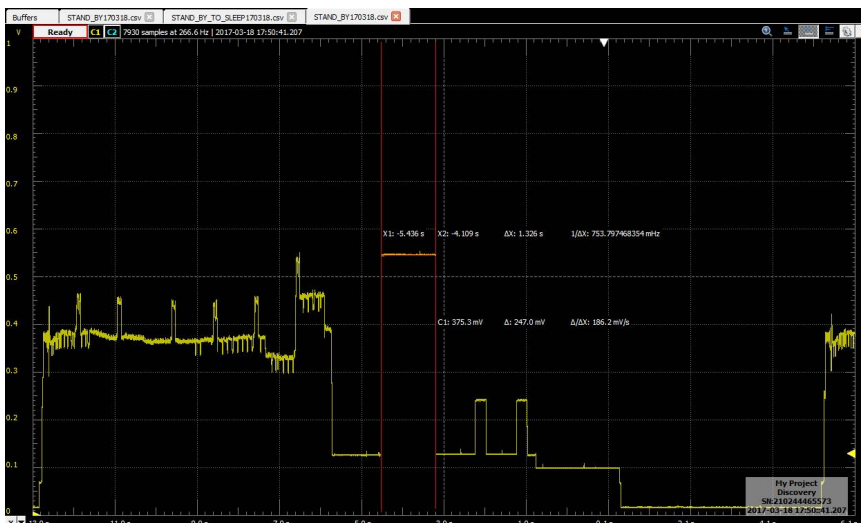


GPS power FULL ON.

While motion sensor senses continuous motion Micromite controls a periodic sequence:

1. sleeps for short sleep time
2. reads valid GPS/GNSS coordinates
3. sends coordinates to LoRaWAN
4. sends RN2483 to sleep mode
5. goes to sleep for sleep time

During this sequence GPS/GNSS gets continuous power for five minutes after waken up by motion sensor.

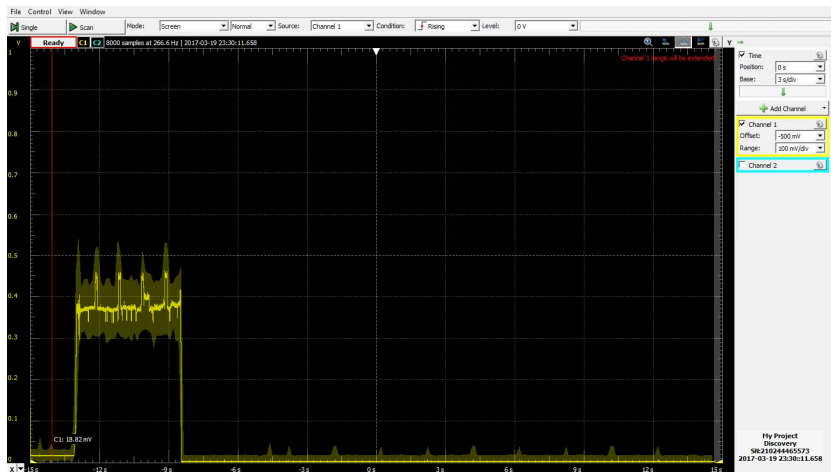


GPS Power STANDBY Mode.

While motion sensor senses continuous motion Micromite controls a periodic sequence:

1. sleeps for short sleep time
2. switches GPS/GNSS to FULL ON
3. reads valid GPS/GNSS coordinates
4. switches GPS/GNSS to STANDBY
5. sends coordinates to LoRaWAN
6. sends RN2483 to sleep mode

7. goes to sleep for sleep time



GPS sleep mode.

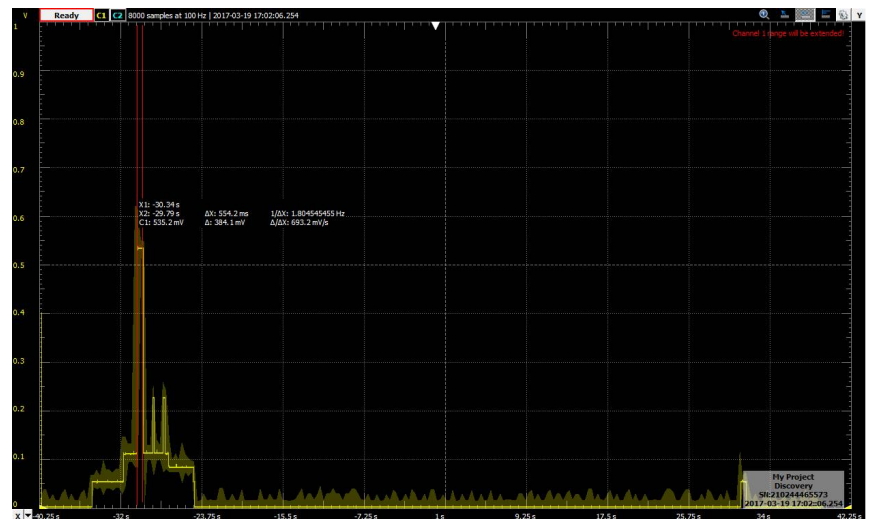
While Mote is moving its motion sensor restarts an inactivity motion timer. After stopping the motion sensor allows inactivity timer to reach its limit. After reaching maximum inactivity limit Micromite switches power off for all peripherals and goes to sleep for unlimited time. Only motion sensor can wake Micromite up again and the whole sequence starts again through FULL ON then STANDBY modes.

Quectel: L86 Hardware Design (Rev. L86_Hardware_Design_V1.0)

Quectel: L86 GNSS Protocol Specification (Rev. L86_GNSS_Protocol_Specification_V1.1)

C: Sensor modes of operation

In sensor mode Mote measures its internal and external sensors then sends results to LoRaWAN. Between measurement the Mote switches off its peripherals and goes to sleep for programmable long sleep time. The minimum sleep time is one minute but can be extended with 255 minutes by download message. Without connecting external CO2 sensor, the Mote sends two byte payload of internal temperature and battery charge. The channel transmission duty cycle is $0.55\text{sec}/60\text{sec}/8\text{channels}=0.1\%$ at SF11 and 0.02% at SF7.



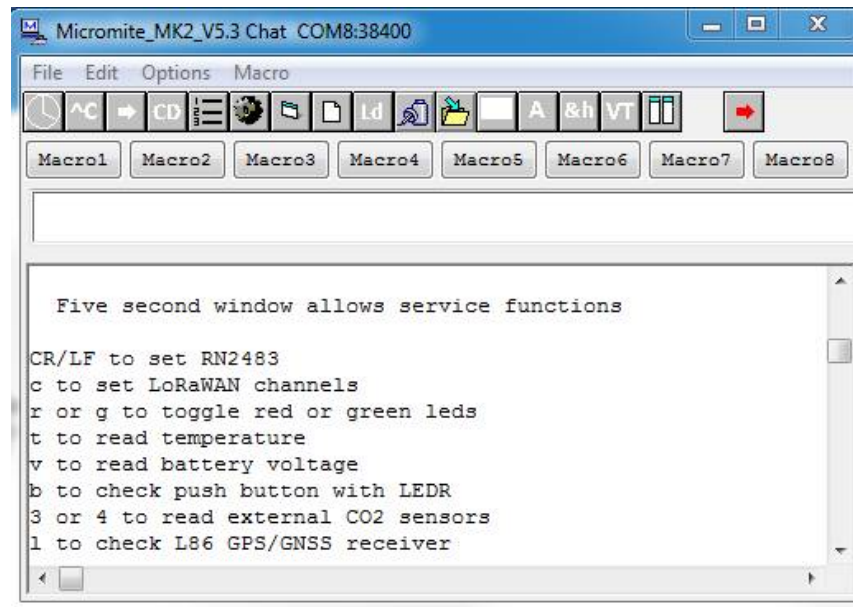
With external COZIR sensor the payload length is set automatically depending upon the sensor type. Beside CO2 concentration humidity and temperature values can be inserted automatically. The longest payload can be 7 bytes long. The channel transmission duty cycle is $0.83\text{sec}/60\text{sec}/8\text{channels}=0.18\%$ at SF11 and 0.015% at SF7. The Mote can be operated in smart sensor mode with automatic CO2 concentration upper limit monitoring. The long sleep time can be programmed up to 256 minutes






but at every minute Micromite checks its button if it is pressed and measure CO2 value if the upper limit is switched on, not 0ffffH. When the upper limit checking is allowed and the measured CO2 exceeds this limit, the Mote send sensor data whatever sleep time is programmed. In smart sensor mode the power consumption can be kept low while the network server is kept informed about too high sensor value limit.


D: Service mode

Service mode can be accessed after resetting Micromite. During five second service time window any of the service function can be initiated from console:



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|---|---|
| - CR/LF to set RN2483 | Allows manual control of RN2483. This service function can be finished by pressing ^C, or pressing  button of toolbar in Micromite Chat window. Then RUN the BASIC program again. |
| - c to set LoRaWAN channels | Configures 10 LoRaWAN channels according to Semtech EU868 standard. This service runs automatically then continues to GPS Mode . |
| - r or g to toggle red or green LEDs | This service function keeps for additional 5 second after pressing r or g. |
| - t to read temperature | This service function keeps for additional 5 second after pressing t. |
| - v to read battery voltage | This service function keeps for additional 5 second after pressing v. |
| - b to check push button with LEDR button | This service function can be finished by pressing ^C, or pressing  of toolbar in Micromite Chat window. Then RUN the BASIC program again. |
| - 3 or 4 to read external CO2 sensors | COZIR sensors can be tested on either COM3 or COM4. This service mode can be finished by pressing ^C, or pressing  button of toolbar in Micromite Chat window. Then RUN the BASIC program again. |

- I to check L86 GPS/GNSS receiver

After switching on GPS/GNSS receiver, its records are transferred to console port till pressing ^C, or pressing  button of toolbar in Micromite Chat window.

E: Adaptive Data Rate, ADR

Adaptive Data Rate is a nice feature of LoRaWAN. It assures reliable two-way communication between end device and network server in changing environments. The process allows adaption of LoRa modulation (bit rate, spreading factor, data rate) to different radio conditions and even to changing network topologies of gateways.

The ADR is a combined process of network server plus end device. In Lorient network server the process needs these steps:

- Network server account must be commercial. This is a must because of the need for downlink direction.
- The whole process can be enabled and disabled by the application of end device. The “mac set adr on” allows and “mac set adr off” command disables it. In GPS Mode adr is off and in Sensor Mode switched on.
- When adr is enabled, this information is transmitted in the header of every uplink message. Then Lorient network server checks radio reports of gateways and after receiving 12 uplink messages successfully it may increase the data rate of the end device by sending a downlink message. This decision calculates enough decoding margin to gateways. The mac layer of RN2483 understands this and will increase its data rate by one without the intervention of application. If application needs actual data rate information it should read it by a “mac get dr” command after each transmission.
- The opposite data rate correction is made by the mac layer of RN2483. Whenever an uplink message requires confirmation, the RN2483 repeats the message if it lacks confirmation. First the repeated message is using the same data rate but on a different channel. Then if the second message is not confirmed either, it lowers data rate by one and repeats. This process can iterate down till gets the reliable data rate for given conditions. Users should pay attention on the parameters of repetition, the number of available channels and transmission duty cycle control of the module and also, on the fact that when an end device gets confirmation in RX1 window, this downlink transmission disables reception of the gateway on other channels. The more it confirms the less it can listen! So do not use confirmation requests too frequently. Every 10th uplink may request confirmation if there is no important event behind. This number may depend on the number of end devices and the number of gateways, on the robustness of the whole LoRaWAN network.

The adr process is not very quick, slower than the adaptive capabilities of mobile devices of GSM network. But this limitation doesn't matter. Mobile LoRaWAN devices do not use adr and fix position end devices can enjoy adaptive data rate for slow changes in the radio conditions and network topologies.

Data rates of GPS Mode are DR=0 or DR=6, in Sensor Mode adaptive data rate process sets DR between 1 and 5. With this approach mobile devices will never interfere with fixed position sensor network in spite of their higher transmit duty cycle.