

# Battery Draining Fast Fix



my battery keeps dropping  
7% in 5 minutes

Here are possible reasons why your battery is draining fast (7% in 5 mins is **very high**) and what you can do:

## Possible Causes:

### 1. Background Processes:

- Too many background apps or processes (e.g., systemd services, Snap daemons, flatpak updates).

### 2. High CPU Usage:

- Something may be maxing out your CPU (check using: `top` or `htop`).

### 3. Dedicated GPU Usage:

- The Nvidia GPU may be active **even when not needed** (common in laptops).
- Check with:

```
bash
nvidia-smi
```

- If it's running on battery, this kills battery life.

### 4. Screen Brightness:

- High brightness = high power drain.

### 5. Faulty Battery:

- If your battery health is degraded, it will discharge rapidly.
- Check battery wear level:

```
bash
upower -i /org/freedesktop/UPower/devices/battery_BAT0
```

or

```
bash
cat /sys/class/power_supply/BAT0/capacity
cat /sys/class/power_supply/BAT0/charge_full
```

```
cat /sys/class/power_supply/BAT0/charge_full_design
```

- If "charge\_full" is much less than "charge\_full\_design" — your battery is worn.

## 6. Peripherals:

- Connected devices (mouse, external HDD, etc.) draw extra power.

## 7. Kernel Bugs / Misconfig:

- Wrong power management settings.
- Example: On Arch Linux, `tlp` or `powertop` misconfigured.

## ✓ What You Can Do:

### 1. Limit Background Services:

```
bash

systemctl --user list-units --type=service
```

Disable unnecessary ones.

### 2. Install & Use `tlp`:

```
bash

sudo pacman -S tlp
sudo systemctl enable --now tlp
```

It helps save power.

### 3. Enable Nvidia Power Saving:

- For hybrid laptops:

```
bash

sudo prime-select intel
```

or

```
bash

optimus-manager --switch integrated
```

- Or BIOS switch to "integrated only" (safer).

### 4. Check CPU Usage:

- Find and kill high-CPU tasks.

```
bash

top
```

### 5. Reduce Brightness:

```
bash

brightnessctl set 30%
```

## 6. Unplug Unnecessary Devices.

## 7. Update Kernel / Drivers:

- Some old kernels don't handle power saving well.

## 8. Check Battery Health:

Share your output for:

```
bash

upower -i /org/freedesktop/UPower/devices/battery_BAT0
```

I can tell you the health %.

If you want, I can guide you **step by step** to fix this properly.  
Would you like to check your battery health or running services first?



```
0s •  0 0
•  sudo prime-select intel

[sudo] password for darshan:
sudo: prime-select: command not found
```

Ah — you're on **Arch Linux**, right?

**prime-select** is an Ubuntu tool.

On **Arch-based distros**, you should use **optimus-manager** or **nvidia-prime** instead.

## ✓ Here's what you can do:

### 1. Check if Optimus Manager is installed:

```
bash

pacman -Qs optimus-manager
```

If not installed:

```
bash

sudo pacman -S optimus-manager
```

Then enable its service:

```
bash

sudo systemctl enable optimus-manager.service
sudo systemctl start optimus-manager.service
```

## 2. Switch to Intel GPU (power-saving mode):

```
bash

optimus-manager --switch integrated
```

⚠ This will log you out — save all work before running this.

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## 3. Verify GPU Status:

After switching and re-logging in:

```
bash

nvidia-smi
```

If it says "**no devices found**" — good. Nvidia GPU is off.

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## 4. Check battery status again:

```
bash

upower -i /org/freedesktop/UPower/devices/battery_BAT0
```

If you paste the output here, I can tell you your battery's health.

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💡 **Optional: Use powertop to tune further:**

```
bash

sudo pacman -S powertop
sudo powertop --auto-tune
```

If you want, I can guide you to make this permanent for battery mode (so Nvidia stays off on battery always).

Want that?



i already use nvidia-prime tho

Great — since you use **nvidia-prime**, here's what you should know:

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### ✓ Check which GPU is active:

```
bash

prime-run glxinfo | grep "OpenGL renderer"
```

And also:

```
bash

glxinfo | grep "OpenGL renderer"
```

- If the first one shows **NVIDIA** and the second one shows **Intel**, then by default your system uses Intel (good for battery), and **prime-run** triggers NVIDIA only when needed.
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### ✓ Make sure you're NOT accidentally running everything on NVIDIA:

If you launch apps or games like this:

```
bash

prime-run appname
```

...they will use the NVIDIA GPU — so **avoid this unless gaming**.

Also, confirm your X config:

```
bash

cat /etc/X11/xorg.conf.d/10-prime.conf
```

The correct Intel config should look like:

```
bash

Section "ServerLayout"
    Identifier "layout"
    Screen 0 "iGPU"
EndSection

Section "Device"
    Identifier "iGPU"
    Driver "modesetting"
EndSection

Section "Screen"
    Identifier "iGPU"
    Device "iGPU"
EndSection
```

If the **NVIDIA device is missing here**, the system defaults to Intel.

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## ✓ Confirm NVIDIA is asleep:

```
bash

cat /proc/acpi/bbswitch
```

You want:

```
makefile

0000:01:00.0 OFF
```

Or check via:

```
bash

nvidia-smi
```

If this errors or shows nothing — good, NVIDIA is off.

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## ⚠ Possible cause of drain even on Intel:

### 1. NVIDIA card not fully powered down:

- BBSwitch may not be working right.

### 2. Bad power management:

Try:

```
bash

sudo powertop --auto-tune
```

### 3. TLP/Power-profiles-daemon conflict:

Use **either** TLP or **power-profiles-daemon**, not both.

Check:

```
bash

systemctl status tlp
systemctl status power-profiles-daemon
```

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## 🔋 Check battery health (share this please):

```
bash

upower -i /org/freedesktop/UPower/devices/battery_BAT0
```

I can tell you if your battery itself is dying.

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Want me to guide you to make NVIDIA fully power off when idle for max battery life?  
Or check if your battery is damaged?



can i use both optimus and prime?

Excellent question. Here's the truth, direct and clear:

**✗ You should NOT use both optimus-manager and nvidia-prime together.**

They are **two different methods** to manage hybrid graphics — and they conflict.

### Difference:

Optimus Manager	nvidia-prime
Dynamic GPU switching (via config & X restart)	Uses Intel by default, NVIDIA only via <b>prime-run app</b>
Requires a full session restart to switch	No restart needed; uses <b>prime-run</b> to run specific apps on NVIDIA
More flexible but slightly unstable on Wayland	Very stable, official NVIDIA solution
Can fully power down NVIDIA card with BBSwitch or <b>nvidia-suspend</b>	NVIDIA card may stay semi-active depending on kernel and drivers

### 🔍 If you install both:

- They can **conflict badly**, breaking GPU switching or causing black screens, driver failures, or battery drain.
- Example: **optimus-manager** manages X config files, which **nvidia-prime** also touches.

### Verdict:

✓ **Use only one.**

If you already have **nvidia-prime** working — **stick to it**, unless you want to switch entirely to **optimus-manager**.

### ? So, which to pick?

- **For simplicity + battery saving + fewer issues:**
  - 👉 Stick with **nvidia-prime**.
- **If you want true runtime switching + manual control:**
  - 👉 Use **optimus-manager** (but uninstall all prime-related config).

If you want, I can help you:

- Remove `optimus-manager` cleanly,
- Or switch completely to it (but you must remove `nvidia-prime`), depending on what you prefer.

**What do you want? Stick to prime or switch fully to optimus?**



when i'm not connected to AC power can i make it turn of nvidia

Yes — you can **automatically power off the NVIDIA GPU when on battery** using `nvidia-prime` and some tweaks.

By default, **`nvidia-prime` does NOT fully turn off the NVIDIA card**, unless you configure it.

Here's how to make NVIDIA shut off completely when you're not on AC power (to save battery massively):

## ✓ Option 1: Use `bbswitch` (simplest method)

### 1. Install `bbswitch`:

```
bash
sudo pacman -S bbswitch
```

### 2. Enable NVIDIA off on battery (via TLP):

Install **TLP** if not already:

```
bash
sudo pacman -S tlp
```

Check if it is active:

```
bash
systemctl status tlp
```

Then edit:

```
bash
sudo nano /etc/tlp.conf
```

Uncomment or add these:



```
ini

# Turn off NVIDIA when on battery
RUNTIME_PM_BLACKLIST=""

# Enable PCIe runtime power management
RUNTIME_PM_ON_AC=on
RUNTIME_PM_ON_BAT=auto

# NVIDIA power saving
PCIE_ASPM_ON_BAT=powersupersave
```

Save & restart TLP:

```
bash

sudo systemctl restart tlp
```

✓ Now, when on **battery**, NVIDIA will be powered down by **bbswitch** + TLP.

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## ✓ Option 2: Manual Control (No TLP, Pure BBSwitch)

You can also manually switch NVIDIA off:

```
bash

echo OFF | sudo tee /proc/acpi/bbswitch
```

To turn back ON when needed:

```
bash

echo ON | sudo tee /proc/acpi/bbswitch
```

You can put this in a script to automate based on AC/battery status.

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## ✓ Option 3: Use `nvidia-suspend.service` (for PRIME setups)

Install:

```
bash

sudo pacman -S nvidia-prime
```

Then enable these:

```
bash

sudo systemctl enable nvidia-suspend.service
sudo systemctl enable nvidia-hibernate.service
sudo systemctl enable nvidia-resume.service
```

This helps Nvidia fully power down during sleep/hibernate and resume properly — saves battery too.

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## ⚠ Caution:

- If you also use **optimus-manager** — uninstall it before doing this.
- **Wayland** sessions are tricky — these work best on **X11**.
- Newer kernels (6.7+) sometimes handle NVIDIA offloading better without bbswitch.

## 🎯 To summarize for you:

Option	Battery Savings	Effort	Recommended for you?
<b>TLP + BBSwitch</b> (Auto)	✅ Best	Easy	✅ Yes (safe)
<b>Manual BBSwitch toggle</b>	✅ Best	Manual	Maybe
<b>Optimus-manager</b> (auto off)	✅ Great	Medium	No (you use nvidia-prime)
<b>nvidia-suspend.service</b>	⚠ Only saves during sleep	Minimal	✅ Yes (good addon)

If you want, I can write you a **custom Arch-ready script to turn off NVIDIA on battery automatically**.

Want this script, or go with TLP?



TLP + BBSwitch (Auto)

should i uninstall nvidia-prime before doing this?

❌ **No — you don't need to uninstall nvidia-prime.**

In fact, you can safely **keep nvidia-prime installed** for Intel/NVIDIA offloading via **prime-run**.

## Why?

- **nvidia-prime** helps for **manual offloading** (**prime-run**) and keeps your setup clean.
- **bbswitch** + **TLP** handles the **power management layer** — turning the NVIDIA GPU off when not needed.
- They serve **different purposes**, and **do not conflict**.

## ✅ So the final safe combo for you:

Component	Purpose
<b>nvidia-prime</b>	Lets you run apps on NVIDIA via <b>prime-run</b> when AC power is available.
<b>bbswitch</b> + <b>TLP</b>	Turns off NVIDIA GPU on battery automatically to save power.

✅ They work **together perfectly** on Arch — no removal needed.

## 🔧 Setup steps:

## 1. Install bbswitch + TLP:

```
bash

sudo pacman -S bbswitch tlp
```

## 2. Enable TLP:

```
bash

sudo systemctl enable tlp
sudo systemctl start tlp
```

## 3. Configure TLP:

```
bash

sudo nano /etc/tlp.conf
```

Add or uncomment:

```
ini

RUNTIME_PM_ON_BAT=auto
RUNTIME_PM_ON_AC=on
PCIE_ASPM_ON_BAT=powersupersave
```

And make sure bbswitch is not blacklisted (leave this as-is):

```
ini

RUNTIME_PM_BLACKLIST=""
```

## 4. Reboot your system.

## 5. Verify NVIDIA powers off on battery:

On battery, run:

```
bash

cat /proc/acpi/bbswitch
```

If it says:

```
makefile

0000:01:00.0 OFF
```

🎉 Then it's working — NVIDIA is off.

## Optional Check:

After plugging in AC power:

```
bash
cat /proc/acpi/bbswitch
```

Should switch to:

```
graphql
0000:01:00.0 ON
```

(If you run `prime-run something`.)

**⚠ You only need to remove `optimus-manager`, if it's installed — because that can break this setup.**

```
bash
sudo pacman -Rns optimus-manager
```

✓ But `nvidia-prime` **stays** — no problem.

Want me to generate a full working `/etc/tlp.conf` for you based on this setup?



```
•❏❏ echo OFF | sudo tee /proc/acpi/bbswitch
tee: /proc/acpi/bbswitch: No such file or directory
OFF
```

Good catch — this shows that **bbswitch is not loaded or not working**.

**🔍 Possible reasons:**

1. **bbswitch kernel module not loaded:**

Check:

```
bash
lsmod | grep bbswitch
```

If nothing shows, load it:

```
bash

sudo modprobe bbswitch
```

Then check again:

```
bash

ls /proc/acpi/bbswitch
```

If it appears — great.

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## 2. Your system uses `simpldrm` or `nvidia_drm`, which can block `bbswitch`.

Check:

```
bash

lsmod | grep nvidia
```

If `nvidia_drm` is loaded — `bbswitch` might not work (because `nvidia_drm` claims the GPU before `bbswitch` can).

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## 3. Secure Boot or Kernel 6.8+ issue:

Some new kernels or Secure Boot setups **break** `bbswitch`.

Check kernel version:

```
bash

uname -r
```

If you're running 6.8.x or later, `bbswitch` may not work reliably.

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## ✓ If BBSwitch can't work — good alternative: Use `nvidia-suspend.service`:

Arch officially suggests **NVIDIA's built-in power management**:

```
bash

sudo systemctl enable nvidia-suspend.service nvidia-resume.service nvidia-hibernate.service
```

Also edit `/etc/modprobe.d/nvidia.conf`:

```
bash

options nvidia NVreg_DynamicPowerManagement=0x02
```

Enable **dynamic power management** (NVIDIA GPU will power off when idle).

## In short:

Solution	Status	Note
<b>BBSwitch</b>	✗ Not working	Likely blocked by NVIDIA DRM or kernel
<b>nvidia-prime</b> + TLP	✓ OK	But doesn't auto power-down NVIDIA fully
<b>nvidia-suspend.service</b> + <b>Dynamic PM</b>	✓ Best alt	Official NVIDIA solution for power saving

## Do you want me to guide you to set up NVIDIA's official dynamic power-saving instead?

(This is the best method for modern kernels — and you won't need bbswitch.)



```

•❏❏ echo OFF | sudo tee /proc/acpi/bbswitch

tee: /proc/acpi/bbswitch: No such file or directory
OFF
❏❏ 0s❏ •❏❏❏❏
•❏❏ lsmod | grep bbswitch

❏❏ 0s❏ •❏❏❏❏
•❏❏ sudo modprobe bbswitch

❏❏ 1s❏ •❏❏❏❏
•❏❏ ls /proc/acpi/bbswitch

/proc/acpi/bbswitch
❏❏ 0s❏ •❏❏❏❏
•❏❏ lsmod | grep nvidia

nvidia_drm      143360 9
nvidia_uvm      3874816 0
nvidia_modeset  1843200 5 nvidia_drm
nvidia          112218112 73 nvidia_uvm,nvidia_modeset
drm_ttm_helper  16384 2 nvidia_drm,xe
video           81920 3 xe,i915,nvidia_modeset
❏❏ 0s❏ •❏❏❏❏
•❏❏ lsmod | grep bbswitch

bbswitch        24576 0
❏❏ 0s❏ •❏❏❏❏
•❏❏

```

Good — now **bbswitch is loaded** and `/proc/acpi/bbswitch` exists.

Let's check the NVIDIA power state:

```
bash

cat /proc/acpi/bbswitch
```

It will show either:

```
graphql

0000:01:00.0 ON
```

or

```
makefile

0000:01:00.0 OFF
```

If it shows **ON**, try powering NVIDIA off manually again:

```
bash

echo OFF | sudo tee /proc/acpi/bbswitch
```

Then check again:

```
bash

cat /proc/acpi/bbswitch
```

## ! Possible problem:

Since you loaded **nvidia\_drm**, **nvidia\_modeset**, **nvidia\_uvm**, the NVIDIA kernel modules are **active and holding the GPU**, so **bbswitch cannot power it off** yet.

To properly power off NVIDIA, you must:

### 1. Unload the NVIDIA modules:

```
bash

sudo rmmod nvidia_drm nvidia_uvm nvidia_modeset nvidia
```

(You might get "module is in use" — in that case, you may need to stop X / log into a tty to do this.)

### 2. Then:

```
bash

echo OFF | sudo tee /proc/acpi/bbswitch
```

⚠ But this is not practical to do manually every time.

## ✓ Automatic way using TLP + BBSwitch:

- In `/etc/tlp.conf`, make sure this is enabled:

```
bash

NVIDIA_SWITCH_POWER_ON_AC=1
NVIDIA_SWITCH_POWER_ON_BAT=0
```

Or in Arch, use:

```
bash

sudo nano /etc/modprobe.d/bbswitch.conf
```

Add:

```
nginx

options bbswitch load_state=0 unload_state=1
```

This auto powers down NVIDIA on module unload.

Then run:

```
bash

sudo systemctl restart tlp
```

**But again — if you use `nvidia-prime`, its modules may prevent unloading — unless you reboot on battery only to Intel.**

## Final Clean Solution for You:

If you want reliable auto NVIDIA off on battery without manual steps:

✓ Use **NVIDIA Dynamic Power Management** — official way — no bbswitch needed — fully auto.

Let me know — I'll guide you to set it up perfectly (1 time config — works forever).

Do you want this instead?

(Easier, modern, no bbswitch struggle, works on your setup with `nvidia-prime`).



give final solution with step



Perfect. Here's the **final, stable, modern solution** to auto-turn off NVIDIA GPU when not in use — no bbswitch, no hassle — **official NVIDIA Dynamic Power Management (DPM)** method.

## Why this method?

- ✓ Fully supported by NVIDIA driver (since v435+).
- ✓ Works on modern kernels, no need for bbswitch.
- ✓ Auto powers off NVIDIA GPU when unused.
- ✓ Minimal configuration — fits perfectly with `nvidia-prime`.
- ✓ No rebooting, no switching sessions, no crashes.

## Final Solution: NVIDIA Dynamic Power Management (DPM)

### 1. Remove bbswitch (since you don't need it):

```
bash

sudo pacman -Rns bbswitch
```

### 2. Enable Dynamic Power Management:

Create or edit this file:

```
bash

sudo nano /etc/modprobe.d/nvidia.conf
```

Add:

```
nginx

options nvidia NVreg_DynamicPowerManagement=0x02
```

(0x02 = DPM fully enabled)

### 3. Enable NVIDIA Power Services:

Run:

```
bash

sudo systemctl enable nvidia-suspend.service nvidia-resume.service nvidia-hibernate.service
```

### 4. Check if it's working:

After reboot, check NVIDIA power status:

```
bash

cat /proc/driver/nvidia/gpus/0000:01:00.0/power
```

If idle, you should see:

```
java

Runtime D3 (power saving)
```

✓ This means NVIDIA GPU is **powered off when not needed**, auto.

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## 5. Use prime-run only when needed:

For games or GPU tasks:

```
bash

prime-run <app>
```

Otherwise, the system uses Intel and NVIDIA stays off, saving battery.

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## 6. (Optional but Recommended) Disable TLP control of NVIDIA:

In `/etc/tlp.conf`, **comment out NVIDIA-related lines** like:

```
bash

#NVIDIA_SWITCH_POWER_ON_AC=1
#NVIDIA_SWITCH_POWER_ON_BAT=0
```

Let **only NVIDIA's DPM** handle power — simpler, conflict-free.

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## 7. Reboot and enjoy low battery drain:

```
bash

sudo reboot
```

## 8. Verify again after reboot:

```
bash

cat /proc/driver/nvidia/gpus/0000:01:00.0/power
```

✓ Runtime D3 (power saving) = working perfectly.

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## 🎉 Result:

- ☒ **NVIDIA turns off automatically when unused.**
- ☒ No need to manually switch GPUs.
- ☒ You can use `prime-run` when NVIDIA is needed.
- ☒ **Maximum battery life.**
- ☒ Fully compatible with `nvidia-prime`.

## ⚠️ Things you should NOT do now:

- ☒ Do not install/use `optimus-manager` or `bbswitch`.
- ☒ Do not manually echo OFF to `/proc/acpi/bbswitch`.
- ☒ Do not tweak TLP to interfere with NVIDIA.

## 👍 Want me to generate these config files for you, ready to copy-paste?



i already had this, it was draining too much battery

Good catch. If you **already had NVIDIA DPM set up but the battery was draining fast**, here's why — and the honest truth:

## ⚠️ Problem:

With `nvidia-prime` + **DPM**, even though NVIDIA claims to power down, in practice:

- **NVIDIA driver modules remain loaded in RAM** (`nvidia_drm`, `nvidia_modeset`, etc.).
- This **prevents Intel iGPU from full low-power C-states**, increasing idle power usage (even if the NVIDIA card says `Runtime D3`).
- Some laptops (like HP Victus) do **not cut power physically to NVIDIA GPU**, unless hard-off via `bbswitch` or ACPI.

Result:

💥 **NVIDIA DPM is not enough for "real" battery saving on many Optimus laptops.**

## 🎯 The Best Battery Saving Solution (If You Want True Low Power on Battery):

✓ **Disable NVIDIA GPU entirely on battery and run Intel-only** (true saving).

## How to do this: (Intel only on battery, NVIDIA only on AC)

### 1. Install Optimus Manager (Best for this mode):

```
bash

sudo pacman -S optimus-manager
```

### 2. Remove NVIDIA Prime:

```
bash

sudo pacman -Rns nvidia-prime
```

(Otherwise conflict — Optimus Manager manages everything itself.)

### 3. Configure for auto Intel on battery, NVIDIA on AC:

Edit:

```
bash

sudo nano /etc/optimus-manager/optimus-manager.conf
```

Set:

```
ini

startup_mode=intel
```

(optional: dynamic switching — but buggy on Wayland)

### 4. Reboot to Intel-only mode:

```
bash

optimus-manager --switch intel
```

✓ Now NVIDIA GPU is fully powered OFF — battery drain drops massively (just like Windows Hybrid mode).

## Switch to NVIDIA manually (for gaming on AC):

```
bash

optimus-manager --switch nvidia
```

✓ NVIDIA fully active only when you explicitly want — no battery drain on battery.

## ✓ With this setup:

State	GPU Active	Battery Drain
On battery	Intel ONLY (NVIDIA OFF)	✓ Low
On AC (manual switch)	NVIDIA	✗ High (as expected)

## Important notes:

- ✗ `nvidia-prime` and `optimus-manager` cannot coexist — you MUST pick one.
- Optimus Manager = **best battery life**, but needs session restart for GPU switch.
- Dynamic switching is buggy on Wayland — works best on **X11**.

## ⚠ Summary for you:

Solution	Battery saving	Ease	Notes
<b>NVIDIA DPM (what you have)</b>	Medium	Easy	NVIDIA never fully powers down
<b>Optimus Manager (Intel-only on battery)</b>	✓ Best	Medium	Fully OFF, but session restart needed
<b>bbswitch + TLP</b>	Broken on new kernels	Complex	Unreliable now

## 🎯 Recommendation:

- ✓ If **battery life is top priority** → switch to **Optimus Manager + Intel mode on battery**.
- ✓ If convenience matters more → accept NVIDIA DPM + slightly worse battery.

Do you want **Optimus Manager fully set up guide**, clean + safe (no conflicts) — custom for your Arch system?



✗ `nvidia-prime` and `optimus-manager` cannot coexist — you MUST pick one.

should i uninstall nvidia-prime?

✓ **Yes — if you want to switch to `optimus-manager`, you must uninstall `nvidia-prime`.**

## ! Why?

- `nvidia-prime` is for **manual offloading (via `prime-run`)** — keeps both Intel and NVIDIA drivers loaded at all times.

- **optimus-manager** is for **full GPU switching** — either **Intel-only (NVIDIA fully powered off)** or **NVIDIA-only (full dGPU mode)** — they conflict.

Keeping both causes unstable behavior — weird power states, crashes, high battery drain.


## **\*\*If you want the best battery life solution (Intel-only on battery, NVIDIA only when you want):**

✓ Remove `nvidia-prime`:


```
bash

sudo pacman -Rns nvidia-prime
```


✓ Then **install and set up** `optimus-manager` properly.

 **But if you want the simpler NVIDIA DPM (always on but easier) — then keep `nvidia-prime` and ignore `optimus-manager`.**

## **TL;DR:**

Do you want:	Action
 <b>Best Battery Life (Intel-only on battery)</b>	Uninstall <code>nvidia-prime</code> , use <code>optimus-manager</code> .
 <b>Convenience (no session restart, simple offloading)</b>	Keep <code>nvidia-prime</code> , ignore <code>optimus-manager</code> .

What do you want to go with?

 I can guide you for either path — safe and complete.



```
❏ 1s • ❏ ❏
• ❏ sudo pacman -S optimus-manager

error: target not found: optimus-manager
```

Ah — Arch removed `optimus-manager` **from the official repos** recently because it's no longer actively maintained (and can cause issues with Wayland and newer kernels).

But no worry — you can still install it via the **AUR (Arch User Repository)**.

## ✓ **To install `optimus-manager` (AUR method):**

**1. Install an AUR helper like `yay` (if you don't have it):**

```
bash

sudo pacman -S --needed base-devel
git clone https://aur.archlinux.org/yay.git
cd yay
makepkg -si
```

## 2. Install optimus-manager via yay:

```
bash

yay -S optimus-manager
```

✓ This pulls it from the AUR.

## 3. (Optional but recommended) Install tray applet:

```
bash

yay -S optimus-manager-qt
```

✓ Lets you switch GPU from the system tray.

## 4. Remove nvidia-prime (since they conflict):

```
bash

sudo pacman -R
```

✓ Honest answer:

**BBSwitch is no longer actively maintained and is broken/unreliable on modern kernels (6.6+).**

You saw this yourself — even when you tried `echo 0FF > /proc/acpi/bbswitch`, the NVIDIA driver modules were still loaded (`nvidia_drm`, etc.) — so **BBSwitch cannot fully power off NVIDIA anymore unless you unload modules manually, which is painful and risky.**

## Why BBSwitch is not a good idea in 2025:

Problem	Explanation
✗ Not maintained	Last commit: 2020 (dead upstream).
✗ Broken on new kernels (6.6+)	Kernel changes prevent it from owning GPU power.
✗ Conflicts with NVIDIA DRM modeset	NVIDIA modules must be unloaded first (messy).
✗ No dynamic switch	Requires you to reboot / unload everything.

Even **TLP + BBSwitch** combo fails on most modern laptops (like yours — HP Victus + RTX 4050).

## ✓ What is maintained, stable, and working in 2025?

Method	Maintained	Battery Saving	User Effort
🟦 NVIDIA Dynamic Power Management (DPM)	✅ Official (built-in)	Medium	Easiest — what you currently use
🟢 Manual Intel-only boot (via GRUB or kernel param)	✅ Simple	<b>Best</b>	Requires reboot to switch
🔴 BBSwitch	❌ Dead	Theoretical Best (but broken)	Messy, unreliable
🟠 Optimus Manager (AUR)	⚠️ Semi-maintained	Best	Requires session restarts; X11 only

## 🎯 Best actively maintained method TODAY:

### ✅ Intel-only boot (manual but guaranteed battery saving)

Want *real, true NVIDIA power off*? Here's the most reliable, simplest, and modern way:

## ✅ Set Intel-only mode on battery via GRUB:

### 1. Set Intel-only mode (for battery life):

Edit your **GRUB config**:

```
bash
sudo nano /etc/default/grub
```

Find this line:

```
ini
GRUB_CMDLINE_LINUX_DEFAULT="quiet splash"
```

Add this:

```
ini
GRUB_CMDLINE_LINUX_DEFAULT="quiet splash
modprobe.blacklist=nvidia,nvidia_drm,nvidia_modeset,nvidia_uvm"
```

✅ This will fully block NVIDIA at boot — no modules loaded — GPU off — **maximum battery saved**.

### 2. Update GRUB:

```
bash
sudo grub-mkconfig -o /boot/grub/grub.cfg
```

### 3. Reboot:



```
bash

sudo reboot
```

✓ Now **only Intel is active**, NVIDIA completely off — guaranteed low battery drain.

## When you want NVIDIA (for gaming, etc):

1. Remove the blacklist:

```
bash

sudo nano /etc/default/grub
```

Delete the `modprobe.blacklist=...` part.

2. Rebuild GRUB:

```
bash

sudo grub-mkconfig -o /boot/grub/grub.cfg
```

3. Reboot — NVIDIA available again.

## ✓ Summary of Choices:

Method	Maintained	Easy?	Battery Saving	Needs Reboot?
Intel-only via GRUB (this way)	✓ Yes	★★★★★	✓✓✓✓ (Best)	✓ Yes (to switch)
NVIDIA DPM (what you use)	✓ Yes	★★★★★★	✓✓ (medium)	✗ No
BBSwitch	✗ Dead	★	✗ (unreliable)	⚠ Manual unload hell
Optimus Manager (AUR)	⚠ Old, unmaintained	★★★	✓✓✓✓ (good)	✓ Yes (session restart)

## 🎯 My honest recommendation:

👉 If battery life is your top priority — use the **GRUB Intel-only method** above (actively maintained, perfect battery, zero conflict).

👉 Otherwise — stay with **NVIDIA DPM** (lazy but higher drain).

Want me to give you exact copy-paste commands for this GRUB Intel-only method?



i want hybrid -with nvidia powered down and enabled only when i need it

Great — thanks for the clarity.

What you want is called "**Reverse PRIME Offloading**" or "**Manual Hybrid Mode**", and it's absolutely possible — but here's the honest reality:

## ✅ Modern Hybrid Solution: NVIDIA DPM + Prime Offloading (Best for your goal)

- ✓ **Intel runs everything by default** — battery-friendly.
- ✓ **NVIDIA powered down via Dynamic Power Management (DPM)** when unused.
- ✓ **NVIDIA only powers up when you run specific apps** (e.g., games, Blender, etc.) with:

```
bash

prime-run <app>
```

- ✓ **NO full switching needed, NO reboot needed, NO bbswitch, NO optimus-manager.**

### 🔍 Why is this the best for you?

- This is what you are *already close to using* with `nvidia-prime` + **DPM**.
- But your NVIDIA may **still not fully power down** because some process (like Wayland/X11 or a background service) is keeping the driver active.

## 🎯 Make it perfect (Hybrid Mode with NVIDIA truly off when not used):

### 1. Configure NVIDIA for Full DPM (Hybrid Mode):

Edit (or create):

```
bash

sudo nano /etc/modprobe.d/nvidia.conf
```

Add:

```
nginx

options nvidia NVreg_DynamicPowerManagement=0x02
```

- ✓ Ensures **NVIDIA turns off when idle**.

## 2. Disable unnecessary NVIDIA services on boot:

If you are NOT using suspend/hibernate features:

```
bash

sudo systemctl disable nvidia-suspend.service nvidia-resume.service nvidia-hibernate.service
```

✓ These services sometimes keep NVIDIA "awake".

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## 3. Check and kill NVIDIA users:

Sometimes, compositors or background apps use the NVIDIA card.

Check:

```
bash

sudo lsof /dev/nvidia*
```

If any process is listed (except your intended app), it's holding the GPU.

✓ Example fix: If running Wayland (Xwayland) — some apps keep the card alive.

---

## 4. Check NVIDIA Power Status:

```
bash

cat /proc/driver/nvidia/gpus/0000:01:00.0/power
```

✓ It should show:

```
java

Runtime D3 (power saving)
```

---

## 5. When you need NVIDIA:

Run:

```
bash

prime-run <your_program>
```

✓ NVIDIA powers up **only for that process**, then powers down after.

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✓ **Optional — Use `nvidia-smi` to monitor:**

```
bash

watch -n 1 nvidia-smi
```

✓ If NVIDIA is truly off, you'll see:

```
pgsql

No devices were found
```

✓ When you run `prime-run glxgears` (or other GPU apps), it will show activity.

## Summary: Your exact need = already officially supported via DPM Hybrid Offloading.

Feature	Status
Intel-only by default	✓
NVIDIA off when idle	✓ (if D3 Runtime active)
NVIDIA on-demand	✓ via <b>prime-run</b>
Auto battery save	✓
Reboot/switch needed?	✗ No

## ⚠ Possible reason why battery still drains (fixable):

- Some Wayland/X apps may still hold NVIDIA.
- Run `sudo lsof /dev/nvidia*` — kill any process keeping GPU alive.
- Consider switching to pure Intel-only session if battery life is mission-critical when on battery.

## 🎯 Final Honest Advice:

- ✓ You **do not need** `bbswitch` or `optimus-manager`.
- ✓ You're already on the **best Hybrid method** — just make sure **NVIDIA DPM is working fully (Runtime D3)**.

? Want me to make you a one-shot final checklist or script to apply all these fixes cleanly?



it has just consumed 14% in 20 mins

```
•❏❏ sudo lsof /dev/nvidia*
```

```
ls: WARNING: can't stat() fuse.gvfsd-fuse file system /run/user/1000/gvfs
Output information may be incomplete.
ls: WARNING: can't stat() fuse.portal file system /run/user/1000/doc
Output information may be incomplete.
```

COMMAND	PID	USER	FD	TYPE	DEVICE	SIZE/OFF	NODE	NAME
Xorg	697	root	mem	CHR	195,255	1016		/dev/nvdiactl
Xorg	697	root	mem	CHR	195,0	1019		/dev/nvidia0
Xorg	697	root	9u	CHR	195,255	0t0	1016	/dev/nvdiactl
Xorg	697	root	16u	CHR	195,254	0t0	1023	/dev/nvidia-modeset
Xorg	697	root	17u	CHR	195,255	0t0	1016	/dev/nvdiactl
Xorg	697	root	24u	CHR	195,0	0t0	1019	/dev/nvidia0
Xorg	697	root	25u	CHR	195,0	0t0	1019	/dev/nvidia0
Xorg	697	root	26u	CHR	195,0	0t0	1019	/dev/nvidia0
Xorg	697	root	27u	CHR	195,254	0t0	1023	/dev/nvidia-modeset
Xorg	697	root	32u	CHR	195,0	0t0	1019	/dev/nvidia0
Xorg	697	root	33u	CHR	195,0	0t0	1019	/dev/nvidia0
Xorg	697	root	35u	CHR	195,0	0t0	1019	/dev/nvidia0
Xorg	697	root	36u	CHR	195,0	0t0	1019	/dev/nvidia0
Xorg	697	root	37u	CHR	195,0	0t0	1019	/dev/nvidia0
Xorg	697	root	56u	CHR	195,0	0t0	1019	/dev/nvidia0
Xorg	697	root	57u	CHR	195,0	0t0	1019	/dev/nvidia0
Xorg	697	root	58u	CHR	195,255	0t0	1016	/dev/nvdiactl
Hyprland	792	darshan	mem	CHR	195,255	1016		/dev/nvdiactl
Hyprland	792	darshan	mem	CHR	195,0	1019		/dev/nvidia0
Hyprland	792	darshan	42u	CHR	195,255	0t0	1016	/dev/nvdiactl
Hyprland	792	darshan	43u	CHR	195,0	0t0	1019	/dev/nvidia0
Hyprland	792	darshan	44u	CHR	195,0	0t0	1019	/dev/nvidia0
Hyprland	792	darshan	45u	CHR	195,0	0t0	1019	/dev/nvidia0
Hyprland	792	darshan	46u	CHR	195,255	0t0	1016	/dev/nvdiactl
Hyprland	792	darshan	47u	CHR	195,0	0t0	1019	/dev/nvidia0
Hyprland	792	darshan	49u	CHR	195,0	0t0	1019	/dev/nvidia0
Hyprland	792	darshan	50u	CHR	195,255	0t0	1016	/dev/nvdiactl
Hyprland	792	darshan	51u	CHR	195,254	0t0	1023	/dev/nvidia-modeset
Hyprland	792	darshan	52u	CHR	195,0	0t0	1019	/dev/nvidia0
Hyprland	792	darshan	53u	CHR	195,0	0t0	1019	/dev/nvidia0
Hyprland	792	darshan	55u	CHR	195,255	0t0	1016	/dev/nvdiactl
Hyprland	792	darshan	57u	CHR	195,0	0t0	1019	/dev/nvidia0
Hyprland	792	darshan	58u	CHR	195,0	0t0	1019	/dev/nvidia0
Hyprland	792	darshan	59u	CHR	195,0	0t0	1019	/dev/nvidia0
Hyprland	792	darshan	60u	CHR	195,0	0t0	1019	/dev/nvidia0
Hyprland	792	darshan	61u	CHR	195,0	0t0	1019	/dev/nvidia0
Hyprland	792	darshan	62u	CHR	195,254	0t0	1023	/dev/nvidia-modeset
vivaldi-b	1307	darshan	31u	CHR	195,255	0t0	1016	/dev/nvdiactl
electron	5974	darshan	29u	CHR	195,255	0t0	1016	/dev/nvdiactl
code	6986	darshan	30u	CHR	195,255	0t0	1016	/dev/nvdiactl

also idk why xorg is showing up

Great — you caught the **exact reason why your battery is draining fast even on Hybrid mode.**

## What's happening:

Process	Holding NVIDIA GPU Active
Xorg	Yes — keeping NVIDIA busy (blocking DPM power-off)
Hyprrland	Yes — using NVIDIA
vivaldi	Yes — using NVIDIA (Chromium/Electron browsers do this often)
electron	Yes — using NVIDIA (maybe Discord?)
code (VSCode)	Yes — using NVIDIA

✓ **Result:** NVIDIA card **never goes to low-power D3 state** because **everything is forcing it awake** — battery drain inevitable.

## Why Xorg appears even though you're on Hyprrland?

- Hyprrland (Wayland) **still spawns an Xwayland process** to support X11 apps.
- That Xwayland instance or Hyprrland itself **may auto-detect NVIDIA** and use it for acceleration — blocking NVIDIA power down.
- **Electron apps (VSCode, Vivaldi, Discord)** love forcing NVIDIA for rendering unless told otherwise.

## ✓ How to fix (make NVIDIA truly idle until you want it):

### 1. Force Hyprrland + Xwayland to use Intel only:

Edit `/etc/environment` or your shell config (`~/.bashrc`, `~/.zshrc`):

```
bash
export __GLX_VENDOR_LIBRARY_NAME="mesa"
```

✓ Forces Intel iGPU for OpenGL rendering.

### 2. For Electron/Chromium apps (Vivaldi, VSCode, Discord):

Launch them with this flag to **block NVIDIA use**:

```
bash
--use-gl=egl --ozone-platform=wayland
```

Example:

```
bash
vivaldi --use-gl=egl --ozone-platform=wayland
code --use-gl=egl --ozone-platform=wayland
```

✓ Makes them run on Intel via Wayland EGL.

### 3. Check Hyprland config:

In your `~/.config/hypr/hyprland.conf`:

```
ini

device {
    name=intel
}
```

✓ Ensures Hyprland prefers Intel.

### 4. Restart session.

```
bash

sudo systemctl restart display-manager
```

or log out + log in.

### 5. Recheck GPU users:

```
bash

sudo lsof /dev/nvidia*
```

✓ Should return **empty** unless you run `prime-run <app>`.

### 6. Optional: Run NVIDIA apps on demand only:

```
bash

prime-run blender
prime-run steam
```

## ✓ Final Summary:

Problem	Fix
Xorg/Xwayland using NVIDIA	Force Mesa ( <code>__GLX_VENDOR_LIBRARY_NAME="mesa"</code> )
Electron/Chromium apps (Vivaldi, VSCode, Discord)	Launch with <code>--use-gl=egl --ozone-platform=wayland</code>
Hyprland compositor	Prefer Intel GPU in config
NVIDIA DPM not kicking in	Fix the above, check D3 state

## To check if fix worked:

```
bash

cat /proc/driver/nvidia/gpus/0000:01:00.0/power
```

✓ If shows **Runtime D3 (power saving)** — NVIDIA is OFF.

✗ If still in D0 — something still using it.

## ? Want me to make you a ready-to-copy script or exact configs for this fix?

I can prepare a personal solution tailored to your setup.



```
export __GLX_VENDOR_LIBRARY_NAME="mesa"
```

the `grep gl | Open gx` returns mesa itself

Good — this means **OpenGL is indeed using Mesa (Intel)** — but that **alone is not enough** because the following processes are *still opening /dev/nvidia\** directly:

1. **Hyprland**
2. **Xorg (likely Xwayland)**
3. **Vivaldi**
4. **VSCode**
5. **Electron apps**

Even if `glxinfo | grep "OpenGL renderer"` returns Intel/Mesa, these apps **still access the NVIDIA kernel driver directly via Vulkan, DRM, or CUDA paths** — keeping NVIDIA awake.

## Confirm why NVIDIA is awake (you can run this anytime):

```
bash

cat /proc/driver/nvidia/gpus/0000:01:00.0/power
```

If it says:

```
yaml

Active State: D0
```

NVIDIA is **awake** and burning battery.



# Full Working Solution (Cleanest Method Now):

## 1. Electron/Chromium apps (Vivaldi, VSCode, Discord):

Force to **use Intel fully**:

```
bash

vivaldi --use-gl=egl --ozone-platform=wayland
code --use-gl=egl --ozone-platform=wayland
discord --use-gl=egl --ozone-platform=wayland
```

✓ These flags stop them from touching NVIDIA.

## 2. Hyprland/Xwayland issue:

Even on Wayland, **Xwayland can sneak NVIDIA access** unless blocked.

In **Hyprland config** (~/.config/hypr/hyprland.conf):

```
ini

env = LIBVA_DRIVER_NAME,iHD
env = GBM_BACKEND,nouveau
env = __GLX_VENDOR_LIBRARY_NAME,mesa
```

✓ **GBM\_BACKEND=nouveau** tricks the environment away from NVIDIA.

## 3. (Important) Temporarily disable NVIDIA kernel driver to see the difference:

To **test full NVIDIA unload**:

```
bash

sudo rmmod nvidia_drm nvidia_modeset nvidia_uvm nvidia
```

✓ Now recheck battery drain — is it way less?

(If this works — we can make it automatic on boot/battery.)

## 4. Long-Term Proper Solution: Use `nvidia-suspend.service` to unload when on battery:

Create:

```
bash

sudo nano /etc/systemd/system/nvidia-power-save.service
```

Content:

```
ini

[Unit]
Description=Disable NVIDIA when on battery
ConditionACPower=false

[Service]
Type=oneshot
ExecStart=/usr/bin/r
```

This is a great sign — your NVIDIA GPU is in **Runtime D3 (power-saving state)** — which means:

- ✓ The GPU is powered down when idle.
- ✓ No battery drain from NVIDIA right now.

But... remember this:

- The `lsuf /dev/nvidia*` output you posted earlier shows that **Xorg, Hyprland, Vivaldi, Electron apps** are keeping the NVIDIA driver **open**.
- Yet here, the kernel says **Runtime D3 is fine-grained and Video Memory is Off** — so NVIDIA is **at least partially asleep** (good).

## Why is battery still draining fast then?

1. **Intel iGPU may be under heavy load** (e.g. Wayland, high refresh rate display, browser tabs).
2. **Your background apps (like Electron apps) are heavy.**
3. Your **power settings (like TLP) are maybe not optimized yet.**
4. **NVIDIA's "fine-grained D3" still consumes some power — not a true "full OFF" state unless unloaded by bbswitch or rmmmod.**

## What you can do to improve this further:

1. **Kill Electron apps when on battery** (Discord, VSCode, Vivaldi — they eat power even on Intel):

```
bash

pkill vivaldi
pkill code
pkill electron
```

2. **Lower Screen Refresh Rate on battery:**

If running 144Hz or 165Hz:

```
bash

xrandr --output eDP-1 --mode 1920x1080 --rate 60
```

(Adjust **eDP-1** if needed)

### 3. Use TLP and powertop:

```
bash

sudo tlp start
sudo powertop --auto-tune
```

### 4. Use bbswitch or modprobe -r nvidia when on battery:



If you really want NVIDIA to fully turn off:

```
bash

sudo modprobe -r nvidia_drm nvidia_modeset nvidia_uvm nvidia
```

(But then you can't use prime-run until reboot or reloading the modules).

### Summary for you (current situation):

 You did this well	 What you can still fix
Runtime D3 active on NVIDIA	Electron/Chromium apps still open NVIDIA (even if idle)
TLP installed	Maybe optimize refresh rate / TLP settings
Mesa is active for GLX	High idle usage by user apps (code, vivaldi)

## Want me to make you a custom, battery-saving Hyprland + TLP + NVIDIA setup script for this laptop?

It can:

- ✓ Auto-unload NVIDIA when on battery
- ✓ Drop refresh rate when unplugged
- ✓ Tune TLP
- ✓ Auto-kill electron/VSCode if you want

Let me know — I can generate a full working solution tailored for you.



```
sudo powertop --auto-tune
```

Error: TLP's power saving will not apply on boot because tlp.service is not enabled --> Invoke 'systemctl enable tlp.service' to ensure the full functionality of TLP.

TLP started in battery mode (auto).  
sudo: powertop: command not found

You're almost there. Here's exactly what to fix:

## ✓ 1. Install Powertop (since it's missing):

On Arch-based distros:

```
bash

sudo pacman -S powertop
```

## ✓ 2. Enable and start TLP properly:

Run these to make TLP actually apply its settings at boot:

```
bash

sudo systemctl enable tlp.service
sudo systemctl start tlp.service
```

✓ Now TLP will **auto-manage power every boot**, including auto GPU power-saving, PCIe ASPM, etc.

## ✓ 3. Auto-tune Powertop (for runtime tuning):

After installing Powertop:

```
bash

sudo powertop --auto-tune
```

Or, to permanently apply powertop tunings at boot (recommended):

```
bash

sudo systemctl enable powertop.service
sudo systemctl start powertop.service
```

## ✓ (Optional) Quick battery health check:

```
bash

upower -i /org/freedesktop/UPower/devices/battery_BAT0
```

or

```
bash

cat /sys/class/power_supply/BAT0/capacity
```

## 🔋 Final Tip for Best Battery:

1. Install and enable TLP.
2. Install and run Powertop.
3. Lower refresh rate on battery (60Hz).
4. Kill Electron apps (they still drain even on Intel).
5. Only load NVIDIA via `prime-run` when needed.

Want me to generate a **custom Arch Linux battery-optimized script** for you?  
 (One that auto-tunes everything + unloads NVIDIA on battery?)  
 Just say "yes".



```

0s • 
• sudo systemctl enable powertop.service
  sudo systemctl start powertop.service

Failed to enable unit: Unit powertop.service does not exist
Failed to start powertop.service: Unit powertop.service not found.

i alr installed it
  
```

Good catch — and you're absolutely right.

👉 **`powertop.service` does not exist by default.**

Powertop is a manual tuning tool — it does **not provide its own systemd service**.

## ✓ Correct way to apply Powertop's "auto-tune" at boot:

You can make your own simple service:

### 1. Create the service file:

```

bash

sudo nano /etc/systemd/system/powertop-autotune.service
  
```

Paste this:

```

ini

[Unit]
Description=Powertop auto-tune
After=multi-user.target

[Service]
Type=oneshot
ExecStart=/usr/bin/powertop --auto-tune
  
```

```
[Install]
WantedBy=multi-user.target
```

## 2. Enable & start it:

```
bash

sudo systemctl enable powertop-autotune.service
sudo systemctl start powertop-autotune.service
```

✓ Now **Powertop** auto-tune will apply at every boot automatically.

## ✓ TLP is still your main power manager.

Powertop auto-tune is an additional tuning layer — both can (and should) coexist.

## To verify:

```
bash

sudo systemctl status powertop-autotune.service
```

✓ If "active (exited)", all good.

Let me know if you want me to generate a **full battery-optimized setup script (TLP + Powertop + NVIDIA offloading)** — I can make it ready for your Arch + Hyprland setup.



what to do after this?

Great — once you've set up **powertop-autotune.service**, here's what you should do next to fully optimize battery life (especially on laptops like yours with hybrid NVIDIA):

## ✓ 1. Make Sure TLP is Enabled and Working:

```
bash

sudo systemctl enable tlp.service
sudo systemctl start tlp.service
```

To verify:

```
bash

tlp-stat -s
```

It should show something like:

```
java

+++ TLP Status
State      = enabled
Last run   = <timestamp>
Mode       = battery
```

---

## ✓ 2. Optimize NVIDIA GPU Handling:

Your NVIDIA GPU is already in **Runtime D3 (power saving)**, but if you want:

✓ **Unload NVIDIA modules when on battery to save even more:**

```
bash

sudo modprobe -r nvidia_drm nvidia_modeset nvidia_uvm nvidia
```

⚠ Note: You can't use **prime-run** after this until you reload or reboot.

**To re-enable:**

```
bash

sudo modprobe nvidia nvidia_uvm nvidia_modeset nvidia_drm
```

---

## ✓ 3. Lower Display Refresh Rate When on Battery (optional, but saves a LOT):

For example, to set to 60Hz:

```
bash

xrandr --output eDP-1 --mode 1920x1080 --rate 60
```

Check your exact output name with:

```
bash

xrandr | grep " connected"
```

---

## ✓ 4. Close Battery-Hungry Apps (Electron/Chromium/Discord/VSCode)

Even if Intel GPU is active, these apps drain CPU power.

## ✓ 5. Reboot and Check Everything:

```
bash
sudo reboot
```

After reboot:

- `tlp-stat -s` → Should say **enabled + battery mode**.
- `powertop --auto-tune` runs via systemd (you can verify via `systemctl status powertop-autotune.service`).
- NVIDIA should stay in **Runtime D3** unless you explicitly load it.

## Optional (Automation on Battery/AC Switching):

Want me to generate a **udev rule or script** to:

- ✓ Unload NVIDIA + drop refresh rate automatically when unplugged
- ✓ Reload NVIDIA + restore refresh when AC is plugged?

It's fully possible — saves battery *without you touching anything*.

Just say: “**yes, make auto NVIDIA unload + refresh rate switch**” — I'll do it.



```
--- TLP 1.8.0 -----

+++ System Info
System      = HP Victus by HP Gaming Laptop 15-fa1xxx
BIOS        = F.18
EC Firmware  = 63.43
OS Release   = Arch Linux
Kernel      = 6.15.2-arch1-1 #1 SMP PREEMPT_DYNAMIC Tue, 10 Jun 2025 21:32:33 +0000 x86_64
/proc/cmdline = initrd=\intel-ucode.img initrd=\initramfs-linux.img root=UUID=93810c81-ea26-459b-8ee5-768f176af24a rw quiet splash nvidia_drm.modeset=1 i915.enable_psr=0
resume=UUID=e149ba30-2b8d-479a-998a-e0a3a8764815
Init system   = systemd
Boot mode     = UEFI
Suspend mode  = [s2idle]

+++ TLP Status
State        = enabled
RDW state     = not installed
Last run     = 10:18:48 PM, 67 sec(s) ago
Mode         = battery
Power source  = battery
```

Perfect — this shows **TLP is working as expected** ✓:



- ✓ **TLP is enabled and active.**
- ✓ **Mode: battery.**
- ✓ Kernel boot params for NVIDIA (`nvidia_drm.modeset=1`) and Intel PSR (`i915.enable_psr=0`) are good.
- ✓ **Suspend: s2idle** — best for modern laptops.

## Next steps (if you want absolute battery efficiency):

### ✓ 1. Confirm Powertop Auto-Tune Working:

```
bash

sudo systemctl status powertop-autotune.service
```

Look for:

```
makefile

Active: active (exited)
```

✓ If yes — you are getting Intel CPU auto power-saving.

### ✓ 2. Check NVIDIA Power State:

```
bash

cat /sys/bus/pci/devices/0000:01:00.0/power/runtime_status
```

Should return:

```
nginx

suspended
```

If it says **"active"**, some process is keeping NVIDIA alive.

To check what:

```
bash

sudo lsof /dev/nvidia*
```

If **Xorg**, **Hyprland**, or **Vivaldi** show up — NVIDIA is still in use.

### ✓ 3. If NVIDIA is still active & you want full shutdown:

Unload NVIDIA modules manually:

```
bash

sudo modprobe -r nvidia_drm nvidia_modeset nvidia_uvm nvidia
```

⚠ This will fully power down NVIDIA until reboot or until you load again.

## ✓ 4. Automate NVIDIA full shutdown on battery? (Optional but Recommended)

I can give you a **script+udev rule to auto-disable NVIDIA & lower refresh rate when unplugged from AC** — no manual action ever again.

**Want this?**

Reply: **"Yes, make auto NVIDIA unload + refresh switch"** — I'll generate the exact working files for your Arch+Hyprland.



✓ Kernel boot params for NVIDIA (`nvidia_drm.modeset=1`) and Intel PSR (`i915.enable_psr=0`) are good.

what are these tho?

how about you unload all modules? from modprobe

Great question. Let's break this down simply:

## 🔍 1. What are these kernel boot parameters?

### ✓ `nvidia_drm.modeset=1`

- Enables **NVIDIA DRM (Direct Rendering Manager) Kernel Mode Setting (KMS)**.
- Needed for **PRIME offloading**, Wayland, and proper NVIDIA integration in Hyprland/Wayland.
- Without this: NVIDIA won't initialize properly in Wayland environments like Hyprland.
- **Good for you. Leave it.**

### ✓ `i915.enable_psr=0`

- Disables **Panel Self Refresh (PSR)** for Intel iGPU.
- PSR saves battery by letting the display refresh itself without GPU activity.

- BUT: On some systems (especially hybrid graphics laptops like yours), PSR causes **screen flickering, freezes, or glitches**.
- Arch Wiki and TLP recommend disabling it on hybrid/NVIDIA laptops.
- **Good for stability. Leave it.**


## 2. Unloading ALL NVIDIA Modules?

You can unload NVIDIA modules to completely shut off the dGPU when not needed:

```
bash

sudo modprobe -r nvidia_drm nvidia_modeset nvidia_uvm nvidia
```

This fully powers off the NVIDIA GPU.

 But after this:

- **No CUDA/Prime-Run or apps can use the dGPU** until you reload:

```
bash

sudo modprobe nvidia nvidia_uvm nvidia_modeset nvidia_drm
```

- Also: some desktop environments (like Xorg or Hyprland) might "wake up" NVIDIA again — check via:

```
bash

sudo lsof /dev/nvidia*
```

## Want to automatically unload these when on battery?

I can give you an **udev rule** or **systemd service** that does this automatically whenever you unplug the charger — no typing needed.

## Final Thought:

- Your current config is solid.
- Manual `modprobe -r` is fine — but can be made **automatic per battery/AC status**.
- Those kernel params are good — no need to change.

 **Want the auto-unload & reload setup (clean, safe, Arch-specific)?**

Just say:

**"Yes, make NVIDIA unload/reload auto when on battery/AC"** — I'll generate the exact files for you.



```
•❏ sudo modprobe -r nvidia_drm nvidia_modeset nvidia_uvm nvidia
```

```
modprobe: FATAL: Module nvidia_drm is in use.
```

Good catch. This happens because something is **still using the NVIDIA driver** — typically your Wayland session (Hyprrland) or Xorg.

Let's break this down clearly:

## Why "nvidia\_drm is in use"?

- **nvidia\_drm** module is needed by display servers (like Xorg or Hyprrland) if you launched them with NVIDIA active.
- In your case: You likely booted **Hyprrland using NVIDIA** (even if you later want Intel-only).

Thus, NVIDIA modules can't unload without **quitting your graphical session** first.

## To unload all NVIDIA modules cleanly:

**You must:**

1. **Switch to TTY** (a non-graphical console):

```
bash
```

```
Ctrl + Alt + F3 (or F4/F5)
```

2. Login as your user.

3. **Stop your graphical session:**

If you use a display manager:

```
bash
```

```
sudo systemctl stop display-manager
```

or (if you start Hyprrland manually):

```
bash
```

```
killall Hyprrland
```

4. Now unload NVIDIA modules:

```
bash

sudo modprobe -r nvidia_drm nvidia_modeset nvidia_uvm nvidia
```

✓ This will succeed — because no process (like Xorg or Hyprland) is holding NVIDIA.

## ✓ Verify NVIDIA is fully off:

```
bash

cat /sys/bus/pci/devices/0000:01:00.0/power/runtime_status
```

Should return:

```
nginx

suspended
```

## ⚠ Note:

- After this, **you can't use NVIDIA without reloading modules or rebooting.**
- When you reboot — NVIDIA modules reload automatically unless you blacklist them (which you likely don't want permanently).

## 🔥 Want a fully automatic system where NVIDIA powers off on battery and powers on when charging?

Say:

**"Yes, make auto NVIDIA off-on based on AC power"** — and I'll generate a working setup (udev/systemd) for your HP Victus + Hyprland + Arch Linux.  
No manual unloading ever again.



just create a script, called toggle nvidia.sh

Perfect. Here's a clean script called **toggle-nvidia.sh** that **toggles** the NVIDIA GPU **on or off** by loading or unloading the kernel modules.

## ✓ Script: toggle-nvidia.sh

```
bash

#!/bin/bash

# toggle-nvidia.sh - manually enable/disable NVIDIA GPU

NVIDIA_MODULES=(nvidia_drm nvidia_modeset nvidia_uvm nvidia)
STATUS_FILE="/sys/module/nvidia_drm/initstate"

function is_nvidia_loaded {
    [[ -e "$STATUS_FILE" ]]
}

function unload_nvidia {
    echo "[INFO] Unloading NVIDIA modules..."
    for mod in "${NVIDIA_MODULES[@]}; do
        sudo modprobe -r "$mod" 2>/dev/null || echo "[WARN] $mod could not be unloaded (in use?)"
    done
}

function load_nvidia {
    echo "[INFO] Loading NVIDIA modules..."
    for mod in "${NVIDIA_MODULES[@]}; do
        sudo modprobe "$mod" || echo "[WARN] Failed to load $mod"
    done
}

if is_nvidia_loaded; then
    echo "NVIDIA is currently loaded - attempting to unload."
    unload_nvidia
else
    echo "NVIDIA is currently not loaded - attempting to load."
    load_nvidia
fi
```

## Setup Instructions

### 1. Save the script:

```
bash

nano ~/toggle-nvidia.sh
```

Paste the above contents, then **Ctrl+O**, **Enter**, and **Ctrl+X**.

### 2. Make it executable:

```
bash

chmod +x ~/toggle-nvidia.sh
```

### 3. Run it anytime to toggle:

```
bash

./toggle-nvidia.sh
```

## Notes

- To **successfully unload**, you **must not be using NVIDIA** at that moment (e.g., Hyprland must be using iGPU).
- Works best **after switching to Intel-only mode (DRI\_PRIME=0)** and restarting your session.
- You may combine it with `prime-run` or `DRI_PRIME=1` launchers when you want to re-enable.

Want an indicator (e.g. `hyprland` notification), auto toggle on battery, or system tray toggle? I can add those too.



```
#!/bin/bash

# toggle-nvidia.sh — manually enable/disable NVIDIA GPU

NVIDIA_MODULES=(nvidia_drm nvidia_modeset nvidia_uvm nvidia)
STATUS_FILE="/sys/module/nvidia_drm/initstate"

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  done
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if is_nvidia_loaded; then
  echo "NVIDIA is currently loaded — attempting to unload."
  unload_nvidia
else
  echo "NVIDIA is currently not loaded — attempting to load."
  load_nvidia
fi

i'm going to use this
```

✓ Looks perfect. Clean and functional.

A few **final tips** before you start using it:

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## Remember: this needs sudo

To avoid typing password every time:

```
bash

sudo visudo
```

Add this line at the end:

```
sql

darshan ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD: /sbin/modprobe
```

Or more strictly (only allow modprobe in your script):

```
sql

darshan ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD: /usr/bin/modprobe
```

## Test before GUI starts (safe mode)

Switch to TTY (Ctrl+Alt+F3) and run:

```
bash

./toggle-nvidia.sh
```

So you won't crash Hyprland by unloading modules in use.

 **Note: If NVIDIA is active in your current Hyprland/Xorg session, unloading will fail.**

If you really want to unload while GUI is running, you must:

```
bash

sudo systemctl stop display-manager
```

**Then run the script.**

Or automate this in the script itself if you want.

## Want notifications in Hyprland?

I can make it show `notify-send "NVIDIA Disabled"` when toggling, if you want.

Just ask:

**"Add notifications to toggle-nvidia.sh"** — and I'll adjust it.



You're all set. 🤖



```
darshan ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD: /sbin/modprobe
Or more strictly (only allow modprobe in your script):
```

```
sql
Copy
Edit
darshan ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD: /usr/bin/modprobe
```

what does this do

Great question.

Let's break this down simply and clearly:

### ✅ What this line does in sudoers file:

```
sql

darshan ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD: /usr/bin/modprobe
```

This means:

- **darshan** — your username.
- **ALL=(ALL)** — you can run this as any user on any host.
- **NOPASSWD:** — **no password required** for the next command.
- **/usr/bin/modprobe** — but **only for this exact command (modprobe)**.

### 🎯 In other words:

✓ You can run:

```
bash

sudo /usr/bin/modprobe <args>
```

**without typing your password.**

✗ You **cannot run any other sudo command without a password** (like `sudo rm`, `sudo nano`, etc.).

### 💡 Why use this?

So that your script:

```
bash

sudo modprobe -r nvidia_drm
```

works **without asking for a password every time**, but you remain safe because only `modprobe` is passwordless — not everything else.

## 🛡 Security benefit:

- ✓ You don't fully unlock `sudo` — only `modprobe` can be run password-free.
- ✓ If malware or mistake happens — it can't `sudo rm -rf /`, because **only `modprobe` is allowed without password**.

## ! Check actual modprobe path:

```
bash

which modprobe
```

If it returns `/usr/bin/modprobe`, use:

```
sql

darshan ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD: /usr/bin/modprobe
```

If `/sbin/modprobe`, then:

```
sql

darshan ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD: /sbin/modprobe
```

Want me to write the full **safe visudo edit instructions**?

This happens because **you don't have `vi` installed** or set as the default editor.

No worries — here's how to fix it quickly:

## ✅ Option 1: Use nano (simplest)

Set nano as the editor:

```
bash

sudo EDITOR=nano visudo
```

Then scroll down and add at the end:

```
sql

darshan ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD: /usr/bin/modprobe
```

(Replace `/usr/bin/modprobe` with correct path if different — check with `which modprobe`.)

## ✓ Option 2: Install `vi` (if you prefer `vi`)

```
bash

sudo pacman -S vi
```

Then just run:

```
bash

sudo visudo
```

 **IMPORTANT: Always use `visudo` for safety — it checks syntax before saving to avoid system lockouts.**

Let me know if you want the exact copy-paste line for your system!

✓ **Perfect placement and syntax.**

What you wrote:

```
bash

## Uncomment to allow members of group wheel to execute any command
%wheel ALL=(ALL:ALL) ALL
darshan ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD: /usr/bin/modprobe
```

✓ Means:


1. Members of the `wheel` group (if allowed) can run **any sudo command** (if `%wheel` line is uncommented).
2. The user `darshan` can run **only** `/usr/bin/modprobe` **without password** — but all other sudo commands will still require a password.

 **Double-check the `modprobe` path:**

```
bash

which modprobe
```

If the output is `/usr/bin/modprobe` — then your line is 100% correct.

 **You're now safe to run your `toggle-nvidia.sh` script without sudo password prompts when it calls `modprobe`.**

## ⚠ Optional but useful:

If you also want to allow unloading (`modprobe -r`) without password (which you do), this line is enough — no extra change needed, as `modprobe -r` is the same binary.

✓ You're good to go. Want me to automate **your full NVIDIA toggle setup + desktop notification?**



but do i have to switch to tty everytime?, can i not just do it when i remove AC

Excellent point.

By default — **yes**, if you try to unload NVIDIA drivers while using Wayland/Xorg (like Hyprland or Xorg), it won't let you because the GPU is in use — hence why you needed TTY.

## 🎯 But here's the truth: You CAN automate this (to some extent) without switching to TTY manually:

1. **Unload on AC disconnect? Possible, but risky while GUI is running** because:

- NVIDIA modules are still locked by Xorg / Hyprland / Wayland sessions.
- You'll get:

```
vbnet
modprobe: FATAL: Module nvidia_drm is in use.
```

(Just like you did earlier).

2. **The reason:** Your GUI compositor itself (Hyprland) or apps (like Electron, Vivaldi, VSCode) are using NVIDIA — you can't remove the driver live without crashing them.

## ✓ Proper safe ways (no manual TTY switching):

### Option 1: Auto-switch at boot or logout/login

When AC is unplugged, you **reboot or logout-login into Intel mode automatically** via:

- **TLP + BBSwitch** (but you said you had issues with that)
- **Optimus Manager** (but not for Wayland/Hyprland properly)
- or **your own script + systemd services** to do this on boot.

### Option 2: Use "Dynamic Power Management" (dGPU idle/off while on battery)

For example:

```
bash

options nvidia NVreg_DynamicPowerManagement=0x02
```

in `/etc/modprobe.d/nvidia.conf`

✓ **When no app uses NVIDIA, it will power down by itself.**

But in your case — Hyprland, Xorg, or Electron apps are always *using* it — so it never goes idle.

### Option 3: Use Reverse PRIME / Render Offload (Recommended)

- Boot Intel-only.
- **Use NVIDIA ONLY when requested**, like:

```
bash

__NV_PRIME_RENDER_OFFLOAD=1 __GLX_VENDOR_LIBRARY_NAME=nvidia <app>
```

✓ **This is the cleanest way** to ensure NVIDIA is off by default, and only wakes when you *ask for it*.

### ✗ So to answer directly:

- No, **you can't unload NVIDIA live from GUI without problems.**
- Without TTY (or restart), **the GPU is in use** by Xorg/Wayland — unloading it risks breaking GUI.
- Best solution: **Reverse PRIME mode** — Intel runs everything, NVIDIA off — you manually turn it on for games/Blender/etc.

### Do you want me to help you:

✓ Configure **Reverse PRIME properly on Hyprland (Wayland)** — so NVIDIA stays OFF by default, ON only for select apps?

✓ Or set a **boot-time profile switcher (AC/Battery auto-switch)?**

Let me know — I'll give a clean step-by-step just for your setup.



it isnt a reliable solution

You're 100% right — and honestly, great that you caught this.

✓ **Reverse PRIME / Offload / DynamicPM — all sound good on paper** but in practice (especially on Arch + Wayland + Hyprland), they are either:

- **Unreliable** (apps still wake up NVIDIA for no reason — Electron, VSCode, even some parts of Hyprland/XWayland do this),
- **Or incomplete** (since NVIDIA's power management on Linux is still messy, especially without Optimus Manager — which doesn't work well on Wayland).

## Here's the brutally honest situation:

Method	Battery Life	Reliability	Effort	Notes
Optimus Manager (Xorg only)	Excellent	Reliable	Easy	✗ Not usable on Wayland (Hyprrland).
TLP + BBSwitch	Best	Mostly reliable	Tricky setup	✗ BBSwitch often breaks on modern laptops (like your HP Victus RTX 4050).
Reverse PRIME + Manual Offload	Decent	Somewhat unreliable	Complex	! XWayland/Electron apps can <i>still</i> wake dGPU.
Manual modprobe toggle (Your script)	Potentially good	✗ GUI crash risk unless TTY	Annoying (need TTY)	✓ Works, but not practical.
System suspend + reboot method	Good	100% Reliable	Easy	😊 You can "switch" modes per reboot.
NVIDIA DynamicPowerManagement (0x02)	Poor	Unreliable	Minimal	⚠ GPU still sometimes "wakes" from Wayland/Xwayland use.

## ✓ So your realistic "reliable" choices are:

### ♦ 1. Xorg + Optimus Manager: BEST for battery (but no Hyprrland).

- ✓ Perfect switching
- ✓ Auto OFF dGPU when not needed
- ✗ But you said you want Wayland (Hyprrland).

### ♦ 2. Stay on Hyprrland + Always ON dGPU (bad battery) or Always Intel (good battery).

- Pick Intel for daily use (NVIDIA fully OFF via `modprobe -r` after switching to TTY/reboot).
- Reboot into NVIDIA if you want gaming/Blender.

👉 Clean, reliable — no half-solutions.

### ♦ 3. Wait for NVIDIA to fix their Wayland drivers (2026+).

- Honestly — NVIDIA Wayland offloading/power management is **not production-ready today**.
- Even Fedora & Ubuntu recommend Xorg if battery life matters.

## 🎯 Best Solution TODAY (for you):

### Option 2 — Clean Boot Profile Switching (Intel/NVIDIA):

## 1. Boot with Intel only:

`/etc/modprobe.d/blacklist-nvidia.conf`

```
bash

blacklist nvidia
blacklist nvidia_drm
blacklist nvidia_modeset
blacklist nvidia_uvm
```

✅ Battery life great, NVIDIA fully OFF.

## 2. Want NVIDIA? Reboot into a grub profile:

- Select **NVIDIA Mode** at GRUB — no blacklists — NVIDIA ON.

✅ **Fully reliable, no crashes, no surprise wake-ups, no hacks.**

❌ But yes — reboot to switch.

## Want this boot-profile setup made for you?

I can write **custom** `/etc/default/grub` **profiles + hooks** — no more TTY, no guessing, full control.

**Or** if you want to risk a "live switcher" (but unreliable), I can script that too.

Your call — what feels right for you?



i'll just it on AC, if i switch to battery tell me how to switch to intel only mode, shali just create another entry in systemd boot menu for intelonly mode?

✅ **Perfect — that's the cleanest and most reliable way.**

**Yes — creating a separate "Intel Only" boot entry in your systemd-boot menu is the right solution.**

No more messy module unloading, no TTY switching, no scripts, no crashes.

## Here's exactly how to make an Intel-Only Mode boot entry in systemd-boot:

### 1. Edit your loader config:

```
bash

sudo nano /boot/loader/entries/arch-intel.conf
```

Put this:

```
ini

title Arch Linux (Intel Only)
linux /vmlinuz-linux
```

```
initrd /intel-ucode.img
initrd /initramfs-linux.img
options root=UUID=93810c81-ea26-459b-8ee5-768f176af24a rw quiet splash i915.enable_psr=0
modprobe.blacklist=nvidia,nvidia_drm,nvidia_modeset,nvidia_uvm
```

## 2. Existing normal (NVIDIA + Intel Hybrid) entry will remain as is:

```
bash

sudo nano /boot/loader/entries/arch.conf
```

This keeps NVIDIA working normally when you want AC + NVIDIA power.

## 3. Update the bootloader (if needed):

```
bash

sudo kernel-install add $(uname -r) /lib/modules/$(uname -r)/vmlinuz
```

But usually **systemd-boot** reads **/boot** directly — no need to update manually.

## 4. Reboot — You'll see this at boot:

```
java

Arch Linux
Arch Linux (Intel Only)
```

- ✓ Pick "Intel Only" when on battery — **NVIDIA fully powered off** (no drain).
- ✓ Pick normal Arch when gaming or using AC/NVIDIA.

## ⚠ Bonus (TLP battery tweak):

In "Intel Only" mode, you can also let TLP handle deeper battery saving without worrying about dGPU waking up.

## This method is:

✓ Clean	✓ Fast	✓ Reliable	✓ No crashes
No modprobe	No system hacks	No TTY switching	No risk

If you want, I can generate the exact config files for you (with UUIDs and paths ready).  
Want me to?





```

title Arch Linux (Intel Only)
linux /vmlinuz-linux
initrd /intel-ucode.img
initrd /initramfs-linux.img
options root=UUID=93810c81-ea26-459b-8ee5-768f176af24a rw quiet splash i915.enable_psr=0
modprobe.blacklist=nvidia,nvidia_drm,nvidia_modeset,nvidia_uvm

```

nouveau too?

Great question. Here's the truth:

**If you use NVIDIA proprietary drivers (as you do), nouveau is usually not loaded — unless you've installed the open-source nouveau package.**

But **for 100% safety**, especially to avoid any accidental load or kernel confusion:

✓ **Yes — blacklist nouveau too.**

### Final Intel-Only entry (recommended version):

```

ini

title Arch Linux (Intel Only)
linux /vmlinuz-linux
initrd /intel-ucode.img
initrd /initramfs-linux.img
options root=UUID=93810c81-ea26-459b-8ee5-768f176af24a rw quiet splash i915.enable_psr=0
modprobe.blacklist=nvidia,nvidia_drm,nvidia_modeset,nvidia_uvm,nouveau

```

### ✓ What this does:

- Blocks: **NVIDIA modules**.
- Blocks: **nouveau open driver** (just in case).
- Leaves **only Intel iGPU** active.
- **Fully disables dGPU power usage**.

### Summary:

Driver	Blacklisted?
nvidia	✓
nvidia_drm	✓
nvidia_modeset	✓
nvidia_uvm	✓
nouveau	✓ (recommended!)

If you want, I can generate **both your full Arch and Intel-only boot entries** as a ready-to-paste config. Want that?



```
title Arch Linux
linux /vmlinuz-linux
initrd /intel-ucode.img
initrd /initramfs-linux.img
options root=UUID=93810c81-ea26-459b-8ee5-768f176af24a rw quiet splash nvidia_drm.modeset=1
i915.enable_psr=0 resume=UUID=e149ba30-2b8d-479a-998a-e0a3a8764815
```

this is my normal

Perfect — here's **your full dual-entry systemd-boot config** based on what you want:

## 1. Normal (Hybrid / NVIDIA + Intel) — your default:

```
ini

title Arch Linux
linux /vmlinuz-linux
initrd /intel-ucode.img
initrd /initramfs-linux.img
options root=UUID=93810c81-ea26-459b-8ee5-768f176af24a rw quiet splash nvidia_drm.modeset=1
i915.enable_psr=0 resume=UUID=e149ba30-2b8d-479a-998a-e0a3a8764815
```

## 2. Intel-Only (NVIDIA fully powered off) — for battery mode:

```
ini

title Arch Linux (Intel Only)
linux /vmlinuz-linux
initrd /intel-ucode.img
initrd /initramfs-linux.img
options root=UUID=93810c81-ea26-459b-8ee5-768f176af24a rw quiet splash i915.enable_psr=0
modprobe.blacklist=nvidia,nvidia_drm,nvidia_modeset,nvidia_uvm,nouveau resume=UUID=e149ba30-
2b8d-479a-998a-e0a3a8764815
```

### ✓ What's different in Intel Only:

Option	Normal (Hybrid)	Intel Only
NVIDIA Enabled	Yes ( <code>nvidia_drm.modeset=1</code> )	✗ Fully Blacklisted
Intel PSR Disabled	Yes ( <code>i915.enable_psr=0</code> )	Yes
Nouveau Blocked	No	✓ (Blocked)
dGPU Power Draw	Possible	✗ Disabled
Resume UUID (hibernation/suspend)	Kept	Kept

## ⚠ Important Note:

- In **Intel Only mode**, your NVIDIA GPU will be completely powered down and unreachable.
- You can switch to this mode by selecting it from the **systemd-boot menu at startup**.

If you want, I can also help you make a **menu entry selector at boot (auto-choose if AC/battery)** — but that's a more advanced setup.

Let me know if you want that too.



```
uninstall tlp and powertop smtg
```

Here's how to **cleanly uninstall TLP and Powertop** from Arch Linux:

### 1. Disable the services first (to prevent errors on boot):

```
bash

sudo systemctl disable tlp.service
sudo systemctl disable tlp-sleep.service
```

If you enabled powertop service (you didn't earlier because it didn't exist), you can skip this — but if unsure:

```
bash

sudo systemctl disable powertop.service
```

### 2. Uninstall the packages:

```
bash

sudo pacman -Rns tlp powertop
```

The **-Rns** flag will:

- **R**: Remove
- **n**: Remove unused config files
- **s**: Remove unneeded dependencies

### 3. Optional: Remove any leftover config files in your home:

```
bash

rm -rf ~/.config/tlp
rm -rf ~/.config/powertop
```

## 4. Check if anything TLP-related is still running:

```
bash

systemctl list-units | grep tlp
```

If nothing shows — clean.

That's it — no more TLP or Powertop.

Want help setting up another battery-saving method (like auto GPU off when on battery) instead?

Yes — earlier I suggested this **custom systemd service for Powertop** (because `powertop.service` does not exist by default):

```
bash

# /etc/systemd/system/powertop-autotune.service
[Unit]
Description=Powertop auto-tune
After=multi-user.target

[Service]
Type=oneshot
ExecStart=/usr/bin/powertop --auto-tune

[Install]
WantedBy=multi-user.target
```

## To remove this custom service fully:

### 1. Disable the service (if enabled):

```
bash

sudo systemctl disable powertop-autotune.service
```

### 2. Delete the service file:

```
bash

sudo rm /etc/systemd/system/powertop-autotune.service
```

### 3. Reload systemd:

```
bash

sudo systemctl daemon-reload
```

## You're now fully clean of Powertop services, TLP, and custom tweaks.

✓ No battery tools interfering anymore.

Let me know if you want to set up something lightweight like `auto-cpu-freq` or kernel cmdline-only tweaks instead.



in intel, nvidia seems to be active but nvidia-smi doesnt show any process used

Good catch — this is a classic **Optimus/Hybrid mode quirk** on Linux.

### Why this happens:

When in "Intel" mode (like with `prime-select intel` or `modprobe.blacklist=nvidia`):

- **nvidia-smi still works** because the NVIDIA kernel modules are loaded.
- But no process uses the GPU, because rendering is done via Intel iGPU.
- However: **Xorg/Wayland (like Hyprland)** may open NVIDIA device nodes (`/dev/nvidia*`) just by existing — even if the card is not actually powered on.

So:

- **nvidia-smi says "no process using" — correct.**
- But **modules stay loaded in RAM.**
- Sometimes the card is not fully powered down unless you explicitly unload the modules (or use `bbswitch/rtw`).

### How to truly verify if the NVIDIA GPU is *really OFF*:

#### 1. Check card power state:

```
bash

cat /proc/acpi/bbswitch
```

or

```
bash

cat /sys/bus/pci/devices/0000\:01\:00.0/power/runtime_status
```

Replace `0000:01:00.0` with your actual NVIDIA PCI ID (find via `lspci | grep VGA`).

- If **output** = `suspended` or `auto` — **GPU is OFF or power-saving.**
- If **active** — some part of the system is still using it (possibly Xorg/Hyprland).

## 2. Check modules:

```
bash

lsmod | grep nvidia
```

If you see modules, they are loaded — but maybe not actively used.

## Solution (if you want to truly OFF NVIDIA in Intel mode):

### 1. Blacklist NVIDIA kernel modules in Intel boot entry:

```
bash

options ... modprobe.blacklist=nvidia,nvidia_drm,nvidia_modeset,nvidia_uvm
```

### 2. Or use `bbswitch` or `acpi_call` (if supported by your laptop) to turn the card off after boot. For example:

```
bash

echo OFF | sudo tee /proc/acpi/bbswitch
```

### But note:

- Hyprland or Xorg may re-load or keep NVIDIA open if not blacklisted fully.
- That's why your **dual systemd-boot entry setup (Intel/NVIDIA)** is the *cleanest* solution.

## TL;DR:

- ✓ `nvidia-smi` not showing usage = good (not used)
- ✓ `/proc/acpi/bbswitch` or `PCI runtime_status = true` check if card is really OFF
- ✗ Modules being loaded = harmless unless you care for RAM/power deeply (fixable via blacklist)

Want me to give you a ready blacklist + kernel cmdline or confirm your GPU PCI ID for this?



```
nvidia_modeset 1843200 0
```

```
nvidia_uvm      3874816 0
nvidia         112218112 7 nvidia_uvm,nvidia_modeset
video          81920 3 xe,i915,nvidia_modeset
```

just check my cmd line once

Sure — here's the **kernel cmdline** you shared earlier for Intel-only mode:

```
pgsql

options root=UUID=93810c81-ea26-459b-8ee5-768f176af24a rw quiet splash i915.enable_psr=0
modprobe.blacklist=nvidia,nvidia_drm,nvidia_modeset,nvidia_uvm
```

✓ This **correctly blacklists** all NVIDIA modules:

- **nvidia**
- **nvidia\_drm**
- **nvidia\_modeset**
- **nvidia\_uvm**

So these **should NOT load** at boot.

But your output shows these modules are still loaded — meaning either:

1. You didn't boot into the

To **verify your current kernel command line at runtime**, use this:

```
bash

cat /proc/cmdline
```

Check if this output contains:

```
ini

modprobe.blacklist=nvidia,nvidia_drm,nvidia_modeset,nvidia_uvm
```

If it does **not show the blacklist**, then you have probably booted into the wrong entry.

To confirm which systemd-boot entry was used:

```
bash

bootctl status
```

It will show you the **current boot entry**.

If you want to **manually blacklist NVIDIA now without reboot** (temporary, until next reboot):

```
bash

sudo modprobe -r nvidia_drm nvidia_modeset nvidia_uvm nvidia
```

If this fails with "module in use", then some process (like Xorg or Hyprland) is locking it — you'll have to switch to a TTY or boot into proper "Intel-only" mode.

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For **permanent Intel-only mode**, double-check:

```
swift

/boot/loader/entries/intel.conf
```

Contains this line:

```
pgsql

options root=UUID=93810c81-ea26-459b-8ee5-768f176af24a rw quiet splash i915.enable_psr=0
modprobe.blacklist=nvidia,nvidia_drm,nvidia_modeset,nvidia_uvm
```

After any change to boot entries:

```
bash

sudo bootctl update
```

Then reboot.

---

**\*\*TL;DR**

Your kernel command line **is correct** — the NVIDIA modules are blacklisted properly:

```
ini

modprobe.blacklist=nvidia,nvidia_drm,nvidia_modeset,nvidia_uvm,nouveau
```

Yet **they are still loaded**, which suggests:

## Possible reasons why NVIDIA modules are loading despite blacklist:

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### 1. Your initramfs does not reflect the blacklist

You likely need to regenerate the initramfs:

```
bash

sudo mkinitcpio -P
```

This updates your initramfs and applies the blacklist at boot.

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## 2. Something explicitly loads NVIDIA modules very early (before blacklist takes effect)

Some hooks or systemd services (like NVIDIA persisted or DRM) might be forcing it.  
Check:

```
bash

ls /etc/modules-load.d/
ls /usr/lib/modules-load.d/
```

Ensure no file here tries to load `nvidia` early.

---

## 3. Dracut or mkinitcpio misconfiguration

If you use `dracut`, you need to add blacklists properly in its config. For `mkinitcpio`, check `/etc/mkinitcpio.conf`:

```
yaml

MODULES=(!nvidia !nvidia_drm !nvidia_modeset !nvidia_uvm !nouveau)
```

Then rebuild:

```
bash

sudo mkinitcpio -P
```

---

## 4. Boot entry mismatch

Maybe you booted into the **wrong systemd-boot entry**?

Check:

```
bash

bootctl status
```

See which loader entry you actually used.

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## 5. Something loads NVIDIA in your Hyprland/Xorg session (like `libgl` or other GLX packages).

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# What to do now:

### 1. Rebuild initramfs:

```
bash

sudo mkinitcpio -P
```

### 2. Reboot and check again:

```
bash

lsmod | grep nvidia
```

If it still loads, I can guide you step-by-step on finding what force-loads it.

Want me to?



```
0s •  0 0
•  ls /etc/modules-load.d/
   ls /usr/lib/modules-load.d/

gnutls.conf i2c-dev.conf
bluez.conf  ddcutil.conf nvidia-utils.conf
```

Good catch.

This file is suspicious:

```
swift

/usr/lib/modules-load.d/nvidia-utils.conf
```

Check its contents:

```
bash

cat /usr/lib/modules-load.d/nvidia-utils.conf
```

If it contains something like:

```
nginx

nvidia
nvidia_modeset
nvidia_uvm
nvidia_drm
```

Then **this file explicitly loads NVIDIA modules at boot**, ignoring your kernel blacklist.

## ✓ To fix this:

Either:

1. **Mask this file** so it won't load:

```
bash

sudo mv /usr/lib/modules-load.d/nvidia-utils.conf /usr/lib/modules-load.d/nvidia-utils.conf.bak
```

Or

2. Remove its contents:

```
bash

sudo truncate -s 0 /usr/lib/modules-load.d/nvidia-utils.conf
```

Or safer:

```
bash

sudo rm /usr/lib/modules-load.d/nvidia-utils.conf
```

(It's a pacman-managed file, so it may reappear after updates — masking or backing up is safer.)

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**Then:**

```
bash

sudo mkinitcpio -P
```

Reboot and check:

```
bash

lsmod | grep nvidia
```

✓ Now NVIDIA should be fully disabled in Intel-only mode.

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Want me to write the exact commands tailored for you?



i dont wanna do this shit everytime i switch mkinicpio and all

You're absolutely right — **you shouldn't need to run `mkinitcpio -P` every time you switch GPU modes.** Here's a clean way to make switching simple and *permanent per boot option* without post-boot effort:

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## 🔥 Final Clean Solution (Recommended for you):

**1. Two Boot Entries (Like You Planned):**

✓ **Normal Hybrid Mode (NVIDIA usable):**

```
bash

title Arch Linux (Hybrid)
linux /vmlinuz-linux
```

```
initrd /intel-ucode.img
initrd /initramfs-linux.img
options root=UUID=93810c81-ea26-459b-8ee5-768f176af24a rw quiet splash nvidia_drm.modeset=1
i915.enable_psr=0 resume=UUID=e149ba30-2b8d-479a-998a-e0a3a8764815
```

### ✓ Intel-Only (NVIDIA fully OFF, no battery drain):

```
bash

title Arch Linux (Intel Only)
linux /vmlinuz-linux
initrd /intel-ucode.img
initrd /initramfs-linux.img
options root=UUID=93810c81-ea26-459b-8ee5-768f176af24a rw quiet splash i915.enable_psr=0
modprobe.blacklist=nvidia,nvidia_drm,nvidia_modeset,nvidia_uvm,nouveau
```

No more manual mkinitcpio or TTY nonsense. ✓

You pick from systemd-boot menu.

## 2. Disable Forced NVIDIA Load at Boot (once forever):

Since `/usr/lib/modules-load.d/nvidia-utils.conf` overrides kernel blacklists:

```
bash

sudo mv /usr/lib/modules-load.d/nvidia-utils.conf /usr/lib/modules-load.d/nvidia-utils.conf.bak
```

or:

```
bash

sudo rm /usr/lib/modules-load.d/nvidia-utils.conf
```

✓ Now blacklists in `options modprobe.blacklist=...` will actually work as you intended.

## 3. No mkinitcpio needed anymore

(because module-loading by `initramfs` isn't your problem — this is post-boot `modprobe`).

- ✓ No rebuilding `initramfs`.
- ✓ No `systemctl` junk.
- ✓ No `tty` switching.

## 4. Check after reboot into Intel-Only:

```
bash

lsmod | grep nvidia
```

✓ Should show **nothing**.

## 5. If later you want NVIDIA for gaming (AC mode) — boot into "Hybrid" entry.

### Summary:

Mode	How to switch?	NVIDIA state
Intel Only	Boot "Intel Only" from systemd-boot	NVIDIA fully off (no drain)
Hybrid	Boot "Hybrid" from systemd-boot	NVIDIA usable

💡 You only do this setup once.

After that — **pick from boot menu. That's it. Done.**

Do you want me to generate the exact `loader/entries/*.conf` files for your `/boot/loader/entries`?



darshan

Hey Darshan! 😊

What do you want to do next?

Do you want me to:

- Make your **systemd-boot menu entries perfectly ready?**
- Write a **simple switching guide for you?**
- Or explain anything else?

Tell me, bro.



```
❏ lsmod | grep nvidia
```

```
nvidia_uvm      3874816  0
nvidia         112218112  6 nvidia_uvm
```

still same

Yep—this means **NVIDIA kernel modules are still loaded**, even in Intel-only mode (or when you expected them not to be).

Possible reasons why `nvidia` is still in `lsmod`:

### 1. Your kernel cmdline is missing proper blacklist (or ineffective)

You earlier posted this Intel-only config:

```
nginx
```

```
options root=UUID=... rw quiet splash i915.enable_psr=0
modprobe.blacklist=nvidia,nvidia_drm,nvidia_modeset,nvidia_uvm
```

But this only **prevents** `modprobe` from loading the modules via `udev` or `initramfs`, not if *other configs or services* load it *after boot*.

Also: `mkinitcpio` must be rebuilt (`mkinitcpio -P`) if any NVIDIA drivers get pulled during `initrd`.

## 2. Some config is forcing NVIDIA to load after boot:


Check:

```
bash

grep -r nvidia /etc/modprobe.d/
/etc/modules-load.d/
/usr/lib/modules-load.d/
```

For example:

`/usr/lib/modules-load.d/nvidia-utils.conf` — this file loads NVIDIA modules always.

 **Delete or move this file if you don't want NVIDIA auto-loaded.**

## 3. Your display manager/Wayland/Xorg/Hyprland auto-loads NVIDIA

Check Hyprland config or its dependencies:

Some Wayland/Xorg setups auto-load NVIDIA drivers regardless of blacklist.

## 4. nvidia-persistenced or leftover services running?

Check:

```
bash

systemctl list-units | grep nvidia
```

## 5. Rebuild mkinitcpio?

If you change blacklist or kernel options, you *must* run:

```
bash

sudo mkinitcpio -P
```

## Cleanest Intel-only mode (No NVIDIA loaded at all):

### 1. Boot entry:

```
nginx
```

```
options root=UUID=... rw quiet splash i915.enable_psr=0
modprobe.blacklist=nvidia,nvidia_drm,nvidia_modeset,nvidia_uvm nouveau
```

## 2. Remove NVIDIA module loading triggers:

```
bash
```

```
sudo rm /usr/lib/modules-load.d/nvidia-utils.conf
```

## 3. Rebuild initramfs:

```
bash
```

```
sudo mkinitcpio -P
```

## 4. Reboot into **Intel-only boot entry**.

After reboot, check:

```
bash
```

```
lsmod | grep nvidia
```

✓ Should be **empty**.

Let me know if you want me to generate your *full exact steps* based on this. No more confusion. 😊

✗ **No, you do *not* have to run `mkinitcpio -P` every time you switch boot entries.**

## Here's why:

- `mkinitcpio -P` is only required **when you change the initramfs content itself**, such as:
  - Adding/removing modules in `/etc/mkinitcpio.conf`
  - Changing hook orders
  - Kernel updates

But when you switch boot entries (via `systemd-boot`), like:

### 1. Normal mode (NVIDIA active)

### 2. Intel-only mode (NVIDIA blacklisted via kernel cmdline)

... the **initramfs stays the same**, you're only changing **kernel parameters** using `options` in the boot entry.

✓ So if your initramfs **already has no NVIDIA modules hard-baked into it** (most Arch setups don't), then simply changing the boot entry is enough.

## ! You only need `mkinitcpio -P` when:

- You add/remove module configs in:
  - `/etc/mkinitcpio.conf`
- You rebuild kernel or drivers
- You change initramfs-generating hooks

**You do not need it for switching systemd-boot entries with differing `options=` lines.**

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## ✓ Your case (switching between Intel/NVIDIA via systemd-boot):

1. You build initramfs once (`mkinitcpio -P`) after blacklisting NVIDIA in Intel-only boot entry.
  2. After that, **you can freely switch entries in systemd-boot without rebuilding again.**
- 

So you're fine. ✓

No need to run `mkinitcpio -P` each time.

Want a full confirmed guide for your dual boot entries? 😊



the funny thing is, in normal boot. it uses 26 MiB of gpu by default, but in the intel only boot, it uses 1MiB

😂 Yep, this is actually **expected and kind of funny** in hybrid laptops.

Here's what's happening:

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## Why NVIDIA still shows ~1MiB in Intel-only mode:

Even when you blacklist all NVIDIA modules in your Intel-only boot:

- **The PCI device is still physically present** on the motherboard.
- The kernel sees the NVIDIA card as a **PCI device**, but because no driver (`nvidia`, `nouveau`, etc.) is bound to it, it stays in an uninitialized (power-gated) state.
- The kernel PCI subsystem or ACPI might assign a tiny "stub" memory mapping for its PCI config space — this shows up as **~1 MiB of "reserved" VRAM**, but the GPU itself is off.

✓ **So this 1 MiB does NOT mean the GPU is powered or draining battery** — this is normal for Intel-only modes.

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## In contrast, in your "normal" boot:

- The `nvidia` kernel modules load fully.
- The driver initializes the card, allocates a proper VRAM chunk for context, DMA, framebuffers, etc.



- That's why it uses **26+ MiB VRAM**, even if no app runs on NVIDIA.

TL;DR:

Mode	VRAM Used	Power State	Notes
Intel Only Boot	~1 MiB	PCI visible but powered down	Perfectly normal — card disabled.
NVIDIA Boot	~26 MiB+	NVIDIA driver fully loaded	Card initialized & ready for use.

- ✓ You're doing everything right.
- ✓ GPU is likely **off & not draining battery** in Intel-only mode.

Want me to show how to fully confirm NVIDIA is *power-gated/off* at hardware level (via `/sys/bus/pci/devices/.../power_state`)?

😂 Exactly bro — that's the funny part.

Even in **Intel-only boot**, since the NVIDIA card is still physically sitting on the PCI bus (just driverless and idle), tools like `lspci`, and even OpenCL via `prime-run`, might still see the device — but when you actually try to **run anything** (like OpenCL, CUDA, Vulkan, etc.), it will fail or fallback because **no driver is handling it**.

So if you do:

```
bash

prime-run glxinfo | grep "OpenGL renderer"
```

in **Intel-only boot**, it will probably either:

- Fail,
- Or fallback to Mesa/iGPU.

But the PCI **device will always be listed** — you can't make it vanish unless you physically remove the GPU (which laptops obviously can't do).

TL;DR (for real):

Boot Mode	GPU visible to system?	Driver loaded?	Power draw	Usable via prime-run?
Intel-only	Yes ( <code>lspci</code> )	✗ (Blacklisted)	Negligible (off/powergated)	✗ (fails or fallback Mesa)
NVIDIA/Hybrid	Yes	✓	Idle (~26 MiB VRAM)	✓

💡 You're safe, chill. The 1 MiB is normal PCI residue. Actual card is sleeping like a baby.



0s •

```
•❏❏ prime-run glxinfo | grep "OpenGL renderer"
```

```
OpenGL renderer string: NVIDIA GeForce RTX 4050 Laptop GPU/PCIe/SSE2
```

```
❏❏ 0s❏ •❏❏❏❏
```

```
•❏❏
```

```
joke
```

🗡️ Bro your Intel-only boot just pulled a **"Plot Twist"** — *"You thought I was gone? Nope, NVIDIA still here baby!"*

Looks like something (maybe your **initramfs** or **kernel modules**) still sneaked NVIDIA in, even in Intel-only boot.

It's like:

```
vbnet
```

```
NVIDIA: You can blacklist me...
```

```
NVIDIA: ...but you can't ignore me 🐱
```

Even when you say:

```
ini
```

```
modprobe.blacklist=nvidia,nvidia_drm,nvidia_modeset,nvidia_uvm,nouveau
```

Your system says:

🐱 "Haha nice try... I'll load it from initramfs anyway."

## Solution?

Probably need to:

1. **Rebuild initramfs** after blacklisting:

```
bash
```

```
sudo mkinitcpio -P
```

2. Or simply check:

```
bash
```

```
lsinitcpio /boot/initramfs-linux.img | grep nvidia
```

If NVIDIA crap is in there — your Intel-only boot still includes these drivers.

😄 It's like trying to kick someone out of a party but they sneaked in through the window.

Want me to guide you to make *the cleanest Intel-only boot* for real? (100% NVIDIA free, no drama)

Yeah, if you want the Nvidia GPU actually disabled or off in the Intel-only boot, **just removing** the `nvidia_drm.modeset=1` (or setting it to 0) *alone* won't completely stop the Nvidia kernel modules from loading — but it can help.

## What does `nvidia_drm.modeset=1` do?

- It enables DRM/KMS modesetting for Nvidia DRM driver — necessary for smooth GPU switching and proper display support.
- Setting it to 0 disables modesetting but doesn't fully blacklist or unload Nvidia modules.

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## So, if you want a clean Intel-only boot with minimal Nvidia involvement:

1. Remove or set `nvidia_drm.modeset=0` (or just remove the param)
2. Keep the kernel module blacklist:

```
ini

modprobe.blacklist=nvidia,nvidia_drm,nvidia_modeset,nvidia_uvm,nouveau
```

3. Rebuild initramfs:

```
bash

sudo mkinitcpio -P
```

4. Reboot into Intel-only boot entry.

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## Why?

- Blacklisting prevents the Nvidia kernel modules from loading at all.
- Modeset parameter controls how DRM driver behaves but is not enough to fully disable the Nvidia GPU or driver.
- Rebuilding initramfs ensures blacklist and kernel params apply early during boot.

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## TL;DR

- Just removing `nvidia_drm.modeset=1` and putting 0 is not enough.
- You **should blacklist Nvidia modules** in Intel-only boot.
- Then rebuild initramfs.
- Then reboot to have clean Intel-only mode with Nvidia modules unloaded.

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If you want I can help draft the Intel-only boot entry again with exact recommended params?



what is drms kms

Great question! Here's a simple explanation of **DRM** and **KMS** in the Linux graphics context:

## DRM — Direct Rendering Manager

- **What it is:** A Linux kernel subsystem that manages graphics rendering and provides an interface for user-space programs (like your desktop environment or games) to talk to the GPU.
- **Role:** It handles tasks like buffer management, memory allocation, and sending commands to the GPU safely and efficiently.
- It supports both Intel, AMD, Nvidia, and other GPUs, acting as a unified way to handle GPU hardware in the kernel.

## KMS — Kernel Mode Setting

- **What it is:** A part of DRM responsible for setting display resolution, color depth, and refresh rate **at the kernel level** instead of user-space.
- **Why important:** Before KMS, mode setting (resolution, refresh rate) was handled by X server or user-space drivers, causing flickers or delays during boot or switching displays.
- With KMS, the kernel configures the display mode early, providing smooth and flicker-free boot, fast VT (virtual terminal) switching, and better multi-monitor support.

## How do they work together?

- DRM provides the overall GPU management framework.
- KMS is a feature within DRM that handles **display mode setting** in the kernel.

## In your case — Nvidia's `nvidia_drm.modeset=1`

- This enables KMS for Nvidia's DRM driver, letting the kernel control display modes and improving things like smooth boot, switching between GPUs, and rendering.
- Without it, Nvidia's modesetting is off and display handling might be worse or rely more on legacy user-space drivers.

## Summary:

Term	What it does	Why it matters
DRM	Kernel subsystem for GPU control	Safe, efficient GPU access & rendering
KMS	Kernel-level display mode setting	Smooth boot, fast VT switching, multi-monitor

If you want, I can also explain why these matter for hybrid graphics setups like yours!



eh i'm gonna use the normal one itself, just gonna keep it plugged in ig

Makes sense! Keeping it plugged in while using the full Nvidia GPU is often the simplest and most stable setup, especially if battery life isn't your main concern right now.

If later you want to experiment with switching to Intel-only for better battery, or toggling GPU usage on the fly, I can help you set that up more smoothly.

For now, enjoy the power and performance without hassle! Anything else you wanna tweak or check?



battery life is concern tho

Got it — battery life *is* important, but switching GPU modes on the fly in Linux laptops with Nvidia Optimus is still kinda rough sometimes.

If you want **better battery life** without rebooting or black magic, here are some practical tips you can try *without* fully disabling Nvidia:

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## 1. Use `prime-run` only when you need Nvidia GPU apps

By default, run everything on Intel GPU. Only prefix commands that need Nvidia with `prime-run`. This reduces Nvidia usage and saves power.

```
bash

prime-run <app>
```

Example:

```
bash

prime-run firefox
prime-run blender
```

---

## 2. Use TLP and power saving tweaks

Make sure TLP is enabled and configured properly for battery:

```
bash

sudo systemctl enable tlp.service
sudo systemctl start tlp.service
sudo tlp stat
```

Check its config in `/etc/tlp.conf` and enable runtime power management for PCI devices and USB autosuspend.

### 3. Unload Nvidia modules when on battery (manual toggle script)

You can use your script to unload Nvidia modules manually **when unplugging**. It's a bit manual but effective.

You can bind it to a systemd service or ACPI event for automation (advanced).

### 4. Use kernel boot params to disable Nvidia on battery (your Intel-only entry in boot menu)

Booting with `modprobe.blacklist=nvidia,nvidia_drm,nvidia_uvm,nvidia_modeset` disables Nvidia drivers entirely — great for max battery life, but you must reboot to switch.

### 5. Minimize background Nvidia usage

Sometimes desktop environments or compositors keep Nvidia GPU busy — try disabling desktop effects or using a compositor that respects prime-run usage.

### Summary for best battery use without constant reboot:

- Run normal boot with Nvidia, but use `prime-run` selectively
- Enable TLP and power management
- When serious battery life needed, reboot into Intel-only boot entry

If you want, I can help you automate unloading/loading Nvidia modules on AC power plug/unplug or help you optimize TLP config for your laptop. Battery on gaming laptops is always a balancing act — but this approach is the most practical right now.

Want me to help set up a systemd service for toggling on AC/battery?



i want windows like behaviour of nvidia

That's 100% fair — **Windows-style dynamic GPU switching** (aka "Nvidia Optimus" behavior) is what many Linux laptop users (especially on Arch) want — but sadly, Linux's support for this is still clunky compared to Windows.

Here's the honest situation and options:

### 🔍 Why Windows NVIDIA switching works better:

- **NVIDIA driver + Windows kernel + ACPI BIOS are made to cooperate tightly.**
- The GPU is *powered down completely* when unused.

- App requests are detected at runtime and the GPU is woken up only when needed.
- On Linux, the user space drivers (like `nvidia`, Xorg/Wayland compositors) aren't good at this seamless switching — yet.

## Closest Linux Options:

### 1. NVidia PRIME Render Offload (you are already using this)

- Intel runs everything unless you use `prime-run`.
- **Drawback:** The Nvidia kernel modules are always loaded and keep consuming a little power — that's why you see 1 MiB VRAM use in Intel mode.
- **Battery usage is better than full NVIDIA mode but worse than completely disabling NVIDIA.**

### 2. `bbswitch` or `vga_switcheroo`

- Can **power off Nvidia GPU fully** on Intel mode.
- Not reliable for **modern RTX GPUs** (like your RTX 4050).
- Often breaks suspend/resume or causes freezes.
- Deprecated by NVIDIA and ArchWiki suggests avoiding.

### 3. Dynamic runtime power management (experimental)

- Kernel 6.2+ supports **runtime PM for Nvidia dGPUs**.
- `nvidia` driver supports power gating via:

```
bash
cat /sys/bus/pci/devices/0000:01:00.0/power/control
```

Try:

```
bash
echo auto | sudo tee /sys/bus/pci/devices/0000:01:00.0/power/control
```

But **Nvidia official driver often ignores this**, or keeps GPU partially awake if any process touches it.

### 4. `optimus-manager` / `envycontrol` (you rejected this earlier)

- Offers "**auto**" **hybrid mode** — but **breaks on Wayland/Hyprland**, not recommended.
- On X11, you could switch GPU mode without reboot.
- Cons: Bugs, not compatible with your Hyprland setup.

## 5. Use Intel-only boot for battery, Nvidia-boot for gaming (what you configured)

- Needs reboot, but this gives **maximum battery life**.
- No risks.
- Reliable.

## 😞 Conclusion: Linux ≠ Windows GPU switching (yet)

No Linux solution (as of mid-2025) **matches Windows-level Optimus GPU switching** for RTX GPUs:

- ✓ No full auto-switching without some battery penalty.
- ✓ You can make Nvidia idle but never fully off unless unloaded or blacklisted.

## ✓ Best You Can Do:

Scenario	Recommended Action
Gaming / Heavy work on AC	Use Normal Boot (Nvidia + Intel), run <b>prime-run</b> apps
On Battery, Maximum Life	Boot Intel-only profile (with Nvidia blacklisted)
Casual use but no rebooting	Stay in Normal Boot, use <b>prime-run</b> only when needed + TLP

If you want, I can:

1. Create a **systemd service that unloads Nvidia modules when on battery** (partially automatic),
2. Or help you tweak **TLP or kernel runtime PM** for a bit more battery.

Would you like one of these?

I absolutely can — and I like this question.

Let's make a **systemd service to unload NVIDIA modules when you switch to battery**, and reload when AC is back — so no reboot or tty switch needed.

## 🎯 What You Want: "Windows-like" Auto-Switching Service

- ✓ On **battery** — unload **nvidia** modules (save power).
- ✓ On **AC** — reload **nvidia** modules (so you can use **prime-run**).
- ✓ **No reboot, no tty, no manual commands.**

## ⚠️ The Problem:

- You can't *remove NVIDIA modules while in Wayland (Hyprland) or Xorg is running*, because display servers depend on the driver.
- The **nvidia\_drm** module is **"in use" by the display server** — this is why `modprobe -r nvidia_drm` fails.



## ✗ Why Windows Can but Linux Can't (Yet):

Windows GPU switch-off is handled *below driver level* (by ACPI & BIOS) — Linux can't fully power it down if your session is using the driver (Wayland/Xorg needs it).

If you want **full NVIDIA unload**, you must either:

1. Be in **console (TTY)** — no display server,
2. Or **boot with NVIDIA blacklisted** (your Intel-only boot).

## ✓ What CAN be done (Safe Way):

### 1. On battery:

- Set NVIDIA to lowest power state (**persistence mode off**, **auto runtime PM**).
- Possibly reduce dGPU clocks/power use via **nvidia-smi**.

### 2. On AC:

- Re-enable normal power state.

## 📝 Sample Service (Auto-Toggle NVIDIA Power Saving):

```
bash

# /usr/local/bin/toggle-nvidia-power.sh
#!/bin/bash

# Check AC/Battery status
STATUS=$(cat /sys/class/power_supply/AC/online)

if [ "$STATUS" -eq 1 ]; then
    echo "[INFO] On AC: Setting NVIDIA to performance mode"
    nvidia-smi -pm 1      # Persistence mode on
    nvidia-smi -lgc 0     # Unlock GPU clocks
else
    echo "[INFO] On Battery: Setting NVIDIA to lowest power mode"
    nvidia-smi -pm 0      # Persistence mode off
    nvidia-smi -lgc 210,210 # (Example) Lock at 210 MHz core
fi
```

## 🔧 Systemd service example:

```
ini

# /etc/systemd/system/nvidia-power.service
[Unit]
Description=Toggle NVIDIA Power State based on AC/Battery
After=multi-user.target

[Service]
Type=oneshot
ExecStart=/usr/local/bin/toggle-nvidia-power.sh
```

```
[Install]
WantedBy=multi-user.target
```

To run on AC/Battery switch:

```
bash

sudo systemctl enable nvidia-power.service
```

To make it **trigger on AC/Battery change**, use **udev rules**.

## Udev Rule Example:

```
bash

# /etc/udev/rules.d/99-nvidia-power.rules
SUBSYSTEM=="power_supply", ATTR{online}=="0", RUN+="/usr/local/bin/toggle-nvidia-power.sh"
SUBSYSTEM=="power_supply", ATTR{online}=="1", RUN+="/usr/local/bin/toggle-nvidia-power.sh"
```

## Final Result:

- When AC is plugged/unplugged — script runs.
- Lowers NVIDIA power on battery.
- Restores full power on AC.
- **No need to reboot or switch TTY.**

## But Remember:

- ! NVIDIA modules still stay loaded — no way to fully unload without logging out/Xorg off.
- ! Best you can do is force minimal power state — **like Windows Idle NVIDIA**.

## Want this full setup as a ready-to-copy script + udev rule?

I can write the **entire working example** for your machine — just say **"yes"**.

Great catch, Darshan — and you're absolutely right to question this.

Here's the **truth about** `nvidia-smi -lgc`:

## What `nvidia-smi -lgc` Actually Does:

```
bash

nvidia-smi -lgc <min_MHz>,<max_MHz>
```

- It **locks the GPU core clock** between `<min_MHz>` and `<max_MHz>`.

- Example:

```
bash

nvidia-smi -lgc 210,210
```

Locks GPU **core clock to exactly 210 MHz** — not 1 MHz.

---

## ⚠ But Be Careful:

- **210 MHz** is typically **the *minimum idle clock* your GPU allows** — modern RTX cards rarely go lower.
- You can check what your GPU allows with:

```
bash

nvidia-smi -q -d CLOCK | grep "Graphics"
```

For example:

```
yaml

Graphics                : 210 MHz
```

So **210 MHz** is likely your card's minimum safe idle frequency.

---

## ! Why not "1 MHz"?

- You cannot lock to 1 MHz — GPUs **do not allow clocks that low**.
- Even in lowest idle state, **the firmware enforces a floor** (usually 210-300 MHz depending on the GPU).
- If you try something below the valid range, you'll get an error:

```
kotlin

Setting applications clocks is not supported for this GPU.
```

---

## 📝 So your command:

```
bash

nvidia-smi -lgc 210,210
```

- ✓ Locks core clock to **210 MHz** — **the lowest your GPU permits**.
  - ✗ Not 1 MHz — that's impossible.
-

## ✓ For battery saving:

This is as low as you can make the dGPU while staying loaded (without blacklisting).

## Want a full Nvidia battery saving script optimized for your RTX 4050?

I can generate one ready to use — let me know.

Nice — but let's carefully decode this because this output looks odd.

### What you ran:

```
bash

nvidia-smi -q -d CLOCK | grep "Graphics"
```

This shows **current and possible clock rates**, but you only filtered "Graphics" — without context.

To get the **full clarity**, run:

```
bash

nvidia-smi -q -d CLOCK
```

Look for these sections:

```
yaml

  Clocks
    Graphics           : XXX MHz  # <--- Current Clock
    SM                 : XXX MHz
    Memory              : XXX MHz
    Video              : XXX MHz

  Applications Clocks
    Graphics           : XXX MHz  # <--- If set by -lgc
    Memory              : XXX MHz

  Default Applications Clocks
    Graphics           : YYY MHz
    Memory              : YYY MHz

  Max Clocks
    Graphics           : ZZZ MHz
    SM                 : ZZZ MHz
    Memory              : ZZZ MHz
    Video              : ZZZ MHz
```

### Example Proper Output:

```
yaml

  Clocks
    Graphics           : 210 MHz      # Current Core Clock (Idle)
    SM                 : 210 MHz
```

Memory	: 405 MHz	
Video	: 555 MHz	
Applications Clocks		
Graphics	: 210 MHz	# If you set via nvidia-smi -lgc
Memory	: 405 MHz	
Default Applications Clocks		
Graphics	: 2130 MHz	# Normal Maximum
Memory	: 7000 MHz	
Max Clocks		
Graphics	: 3105 MHz	# Absolute max
SM	: 3105 MHz	
Memory	: 9001 MHz	

## What your grep accidentally did:

It mixed **Default Clocks**, **App Clocks**, **Max Clocks**, **Current Clocks** — so you got:

yaml		
Graphics	: 2130 MHz	# likely default clocks
Graphics	: N/A	
Graphics	: N/A	
Graphics	: 3105 MHz	# max possible
Graphics	: N/A	

## ✓ To see minimum possible (idle) clock:

bash		
nvidia-smi -q -d SUPPORTED_CLOCKS		

Example:

yaml		
Supported Clocks		
Graphics	: 210 MHz	
Graphics	: 420 MHz	
Graphics	: 960 MHz	
Graphics	: 2130 MHz	

So **210 MHz** is likely the lowest your GPU can go, and setting `nvidia-smi -lgc 210,210` enforces this.

## TL;DR:

- ✓ You can't go below 210 MHz.
- ✓ Even in battery mode — 210 MHz is probably the lowest idle NVIDIA allows.
- ✓ To confirm — run:

bash		
nvidia-smi -q -d SUPPORTED_CLOCKS		

Want me to generate a full **auto battery-saving NVIDIA script** for you?



okay its perfect now, give cmd to get cmd like params

Sure, Darshan — to view **your exact current kernel cmdline parameters**, just run:

```
bash
cat /proc/cmdline
```

✓ This shows exactly what the kernel booted with — including options like:

```
ini
initrd=\intel-ucode.img initrd=\initramfs-linux.img root=UUID=xxxx rw quiet splash
nvidia_drm.modeset=1 i915.enable_psr=0 resume=UUID=xxxx
```

### ♦ Alternative:

```
bash
dmesg | grep "Command line:"
```

Gives output like:

```
scss
[ 0.000000] Command line: BOOT_IMAGE=/vmlinuz-linux ...
```

Let me know if you want this exported to a file or compared between your **normal boot** and **intel-only boot**!



• cat /proc/cmdline

```
initrd=\intel-ucode.img initrd=\initramfs-linux.img root=UUID=93810c81-ea26-459b-8ee5-768f176af24a rw quiet splash i915.enable_psr=0
modprobe.blacklist=nvidia,nvidia_drm,nvidia_modeset,nvidia_uvm,nouveau
resume=UUID=e149ba30-2b8d-479a-998a-e0a3a8764815
```

in this i'm getting perfectio, now i want the same in normal thingy, shall i try by removing modset = 1 in that thingy?

Good catch, Darshan.

Let's carefully clarify this for you.

## Your Intel-only perfect boot is using this:

```
ini

i915.enable_psr=0 modprobe.blacklist=nvidia,nvidia_drm,nvidia_modeset,nvidia_uvm,nouveau
```

✓ This disables **NVIDIA and Nouveau fully** — clean Intel.

## Your normal (NVIDIA usable) boot currently uses:

```
ini

nvidia_drm.modeset=1 i915.enable_psr=0
```

✓ This *enables NVIDIA DRM KMS* for PRIME render offload etc.

## So your question:

Can I remove `nvidia_drm.modeset=1` from normal? Will that behave like Intel-only?

✗ No, because then NVIDIA will likely not load properly when you "prime-run" apps.  
That param is needed when you want **PRIME offloading** (Intel + NVIDIA on-demand like Windows).

✓ But if you want "Windows-like behavior" (Intel default, NVIDIA off until needed)  
— You already HAVE the closest thing working now.

- Your **normal boot** (with `nvidia_drm.modeset=1`) is **necessary** for PRIME to work properly.
- Your **Intel-only boot** **blacklists NVIDIA completely** (ideal for battery mode).

## So the ideal setup is:

Mode	What to do?
On Battery	Boot into <b>Intel-only (blacklist)</b> entry — no NVIDIA load at all, best battery.
On AC	Boot into <b>normal (nvidia_drm.modeset=1)</b> — PRIME offloading works like Windows (default Intel, NVIDIA when you <b>prime-run</b> ).

✓ This is the closest to "Windows behavior" on Linux.

✓ No mkinitcpio every time.

✓ No switching in session.

## ! If you remove `nvidia_drm.modeset=1` from normal, then:

- NVIDIA KMS may not work.
- PRIME offload (**prime-run**) may not work.

- You'll probably break hybrid GPU use.

So **don't remove it** from normal.

### Summary for you, Darshan:

Boot Entry	Parameters	Purpose
Arch Linux (Normal)	<code>nvidia_drm.modeset=1 i915.enable_psr=0 resume=UUID=...</code>	Hybrid mode (Windows-like, PRIME works)
Arch Linux (Intel-only)	<code>i915.enable_psr=0 modprobe.blacklist=nvidia,nvidia_drm,nvidia_modeset,nvidia_uvm,nouveau resume=UUID=...</code>	Full Intel, NVIDIA off, max battery

- ✓ You did everything perfectly.
- ✓ No need to change the normal entry.

If you want, I can write a **clean config snippet** for your `/boot/loader/entries/` for both. Just say.



```
❏ sudo nvidia-smi -lgc 210,210
```

is it carried across boot?

Good question, Darshan.

**✗ No, `nvidia-smi -lgc 210,210` is *not persistent across boots or reboots*.**

This command sets the **graphics clock lock (min/max) only for the current session** — once you reboot, it resets to default.

### 🔧 To make it permanent across boots:

You can:

#### 1. Create a simple systemd service:

```
bash

sudo nano /etc/systemd/system/nvidia-clock.service
```

Paste this:



```
ini

[Unit]
Description=Set NVIDIA GPU Clock
After=default.target

[Service]
Type=oneshot
ExecStart=/usr/bin/nvidia-smi -lgc 210,210

[Install]
WantedBy=default.target
```

Then enable it:

```
bash

sudo systemctl enable nvidia-clock.service
```

✓ This will lock your GPU clock on every boot.

2. Or you can run it manually every time (but that's annoying).

### Important Note:

- This only works when NVIDIA modules are loaded — so it won't do anything in your "Intel-only" boot.
- In your **normal hybrid boot**, this service will set clock limits fine.

Let me know if you want the **exact full working service config** — I can generate it polished for your system.



```
options root=UUID=93810c81-ea26-459b-8ee5-768f176af24a rw quiet splash nvidia_drm.modeset=1
i915.enable_psr=0 resume=UUID=e149ba30-2b8d-479a-998a-e0a3a8764815
```

i think this is the issue, in this it uses nvidia actively

You're absolutely right, Darshan — sharp catch.  
Here's why:

### ! Problem Explanation:

```
bash

nvidia_drm.modeset=1
```

✅ This **explicitly enables NVIDIA's DRM Kernel Mode Setting (KMS)** — this keeps the NVIDIA GPU *initialized and powered*, even if you're not running anything on it. That's why it's "active" even when you expect Intel to handle everything.

This is typically required when running **full PRIME offloading or Wayland (Hyprrland, GNOME Wayland)** but it **prevents NVIDIA from going into deep power save (D3cold)** when idle.

## ✅ Solution:

For "Intel-only feel" (Windows-like behavior when on battery):

- **Remove this param** in your "normal" boot if you want NVIDIA to stay off until explicitly called:

```
bash

options root=UUID=93810c81-ea26-459b-8ee5-768f176af24a rw quiet splash i915.enable_psr=0
resume=UUID=e149ba30-2b8d-479a-998a-e0a3a8764815
```

⬆️ Now, NVIDIA will stay off unless explicitly invoked by something like:

```
bash

prime-run glxinfo
```

## ! But:

- Some **Wayland compositors (like Hyprrland)** *require* `nvidia_drm.modeset=1`. If you remove it, make sure your compositor runs fine — if you see black screen or glitches, you *must* keep it.

For Xorg or Intel-only usage? ✅ You can safely remove it.

## 🔍 Optional: Check if Wayland needs it:

```
bash

loginctl show-session $(loginctl | grep $(whoami) | awk '{print $1}') -p Type
```

If it says `Type=wayland`, better to keep it on Wayland sessions.

## 💡 Summary:

Boot Mode	Should you keep <code>nvidia_drm.modeset=1</code> ?
Intel Only	❌ Remove it.
Battery Saving	❌ Remove it.
Wayland/Hyprrland	✅ Must keep for stability.
Xorg Normal	❌ Can remove.

Let me know your **main compositor (Wayland/Xorg)** — I'll give the exact best config for you.  
That's actually **great news**, Darshan.

This means **Hyprland on your system is happy to run purely on Intel without needing NVIDIA KMS enabled** — which is rare, but possible if you:


- ✓ Have proper `mesa` drivers.
- ✓ Booted with NVIDIA blacklisted (which you did).
- ✓ Use `dri3/iris` Intel rendering backend (default on Arch).

### So what this confirms:

In your **normal boot** (when you want Intel-only until you manually request NVIDIA), you can *safely remove* this:

```
bash


nvidia_drm.modeset=1
```

 And NVIDIA will stay powered off **unless you use `prime-run` or `__NV_PRIME_RENDER_OFFLOAD=1` manually** — just like Windows Hybrid GPU handling.

### Best boot param for your "normal" Intel-preferred setup:

```
bash

options root=UUID=93810c81-ea26-459b-8ee5-768f176af24a rw quiet splash i915.enable_psr=0
resume=UUID=e149ba30-2b8d-479a-998a-e0a3a8764815
```

 This way:

- Hyprland uses Intel.
- NVIDIA stays fully OFF (0% power) until *you explicitly invoke it*.
- Battery life = maximized.

### Only re-add `nvidia_drm.modeset=1` if:

- You run *all-NVIDIA* session (e.g., for gaming).
- You face any graphical glitches (unlikely since you tested and it works).

### Tip to confirm GPU activity anytime:

```
bash

cat /sys/bus/pci/devices/0000:01:00.0/power_state
```

If it says `D3cold` — NVIDIA is truly OFF.  
(Replace `0000:01:00.0` with your actual NVIDIA PCI ID.)

You're **very close to perfect hybrid setup now** — exactly like Windows' dynamic switching. 🎯  
 Want a finalized summary file or auto-toggle script?



```

00 0s •• 
• nvidia-smi
Mon Jun 16 23:17:35 2025

+-----+
| NVIDIA-SMI 575.57.08      Driver Version: 575.57.08   CUDA Version: 12.9   |
+-----+-----+-----+
| GPU Name          Persistence-M | Bus-Id        Disp.A | Volatile Uncorr. ECC |
| Fan  Temp  Perf    Pwr:Usage/Cap |      Memory-Usage | GPU-Util  Compute M. |
|               |              | MIG M. |
+=====+
=====|
|   0  NVIDIA GeForce RTX 4050 ...  Off | 00000000:01:00.0 Off |          N/A |
| N/A   38C    P4      12W / 30W |  15MiB / 6141MiB |   0%      Default |
|               |              | N/A |
+-----+-----+-----+

+-----+
| Processes:                                     |
| GPU  GI  CI           PID  Type  Process name                        GPU Memory |
|   ID ID              |           |              Usage              |
+=====+
=====|
|   0  N/A N/A           700   G   /usr/lib/Xorg                        4MiB |

its still running xorg now
  
```

Yep — good catch. You're currently running **Xorg**, not Wayland — that's why NVIDIA is still "semi-active" with **~15MiB VRAM used** by default, even though you *disabled modeset*.

## Why does this happen in Xorg?

- **Xorg detects all GPUs by default** — including NVIDIA — even if you don't want it to.
- When Xorg loads, it initializes the NVIDIA kernel module *just to query GPU info*, even if no app uses it.
- That's why `/usr/lib/Xorg` always consumes ~4MiB VRAM, and NVIDIA shows **12W idle power draw** — annoying, but normal under Xorg.

## How to stop this completely?

To get the *perfect* "Windows-like GPU off when not needed" behavior under Xorg:

## 1. Hard-blacklist NVIDIA in initramfs or kernel cmdline:

```
bash

modprobe.blacklist=nvidia,nvidia_drm,nvidia_modeset,nvidia_uvm
```

(as you did in Intel-only boot — this prevents Xorg from seeing the GPU at all)

## 2. Or, if you *don't want to blacklist* but want control:

Switch to **Wayland (like Hyprland or GNOME Wayland)** — only then can the NVIDIA module truly idle or power-off dynamically without blacklisting.

## 3. Another extreme option under Xorg:

Create an **Xorg config to ignore NVIDIA**, like:

**/etc/X11/xorg.conf.d/10-intel-only.conf:**

```
conf

Section "Device"
    Identifier "Intel Graphics"
    Driver "intel"
EndSection
```

But this sometimes causes problems with PRIME offloading later.

## TL;DR:

Option	Behavior	Ease	Best For
Kernel Blacklist (your intel-only boot)	NVIDIA truly off (D3cold)	✓ Easy	Battery life
Normal Xorg boot (like now)	NVIDIA semi-initialized (~15MiB)	⚠ Can't fully disable without blacklist	Performance when needed
Wayland (Hyprland)	Full dynamic offloading (can power off NVIDIA)	✓ Best	Battery + hybrid
Xorg config ignore	Might break PRIME	✗ Messy	Not recommended

✓ So: If you care about **perfect battery on battery mode**, boot your **Intel-only entry**.

✓ On AC / gaming / CUDA — use your normal entry.

Want an automatic script to switch boot entries depending on AC/Battery? I can write one.



add windows too systemd boot entry and disable auto entry in loader.conf

Here's exactly how to do it, clean and simple:

# 1. Add Windows Entry in systemd-boot

Create this file:

```
bash

sudo nano /boot/loader/entries/windows.conf
```

Contents (example for Windows on `/dev/nvme0n1p3`, adjust if different):

```
ini

title Windows 11
efi /EFI/Microsoft/Boot/bootmgfw.efi
```

To find your actual Windows EFI path (if unsure):

```
bash

ls /boot/EFI/Microsoft/Boot/bootmgfw.efi
```

If it's there, you're good.

---

# 2. Disable Auto-Default Boot in loader.conf

Edit this:

```
bash

sudo nano /boot/loader/loader.conf
```

Change (or add if missing):

```
ini

timeout 5
# default arch.conf    # <--- comment or remove this
```

or make it:

```
ini

timeout 0
```

so it shows the boot menu instantly — **no auto boot**.

---

**Final Example of `loader.conf`:**

```
ini

timeout 5
console-mode max
editor no
#default arch.conf # Disabled to stop auto-boot
```

## Now on boot:

✓ You'll get a clean **systemd-boot** menu:

- Arch Linux (Normal)
- Arch Linux (Intel Only)
- Windows 11

No entry is auto-selected unless you do it manually.

## ⚠ Optional: Remove silent fallback (optional)

Remove any fallback images (**\*fallback.conf**) in **/boot/loader/entries/** if you don't want to see them.

If you want me to generate **exact boot entry files for your Arch and Intel-only**, let me know — I can make all **.conf** files ready for you.

Ah, you're referring to:

```
ini

auto-entries 0
```

Yes — systemd-boot by default tries to **auto-detect Windows and other OSes** unless you turn it off.

To **fully control all entries manually (no auto-detect)**, add this to **/boot/loader/loader.conf**:

## Final /boot/loader/loader.conf:

```
ini

timeout 5
console-mode max
editor no
auto-entries 0
#default arch.conf # commented/removed so nothing is auto-selected
```

## What this does:

- ✓ Disables systemd-boot's automatic detection of other OS entries (like Windows).
- ✓ You now fully control what appears via your own **.conf** files in **/boot/loader/entries/**.
- ✓ Cleaner, manual boot menu.

**Reminder: Ensure you have manual `windows.conf` added like this:**

```
ini

title Windows 11
efi /EFI/Microsoft/Boot/bootmgfw.efi
```

or the Windows entry will not appear.

**Want me to generate your full final working set of boot menu `.conf` files (Arch + Intel-only + Windows)?**

I can provide everything — just ask.



```
# /usr/local/bin/toggle-nvidia-power.sh
#!/bin/bash
# Check AC/Battery status
STATUS=$(cat /sys/class/power_supply/AC/online)
if [ "$STATUS" -eq 1 ]; then
    echo "[INFO] On AC: Setting NVIDIA to performance mode"
    nvidia-smi -pm 1 # Persistence mode on
    nvidia-smi -lgc 0 # Unlock GPU clocks
else
    echo "[INFO] On Battery: Setting NVIDIA to lowest power mode"
    nvidia-smi -pm 0 # Persistence mode off
    nvidia-smi -lgc 210,210 # (Example) Lock at 210 MHz core
fi
```

create another manual toggle irrespective of battery

Sure — here's a **clean manual toggle script** that lets you manually switch NVIDIA between **performance mode and power-saving mode**, regardless of AC/battery status:



**`/usr/local/bin/manual-nvidia-toggle.sh`**

```
bash

#!/bin/bash
# Manual NVIDIA Performance / Power-Saving Mode Toggle

MODE=$1 # First argument: "performance" or "powersave"

if [ "$MODE" == "performance" ]; then
    echo "[INFO] Switching NVIDIA to Performance Mode"
    nvidia-smi -pm 1 # Enable Persistence Mode
    nvidia-smi -lgc 0 # Unlock clocks
elif [ "$MODE" == "powersave" ]; then
    echo "[INFO] Switching NVIDIA to Power-Saving Mode"
    nvidia-smi -pm 0 # Disable Persistence Mode
    nvidia-smi -lgc 210,210 # Example: Lock core clock to 210 MHz
else
```



```
echo "Usage: $0 [performance|powersave]"
exit 1
fi
```

## ✓ How to use:

### 1. Make executable:

```
bash

sudo chmod +x /usr/local/bin/manual-nvidia-toggle.sh
```

### 2. Run manually:

```
bash

manual-nvidia-toggle.sh performance
# or
manual-nvidia-toggle.sh powersave
```

## ! Sudo Note:

If you want this without typing password for `nvidia-smi`:

```
bash

sudo visudo
```

Add:

```
bash

darshan ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD: /usr/bin/nvidia-smi
```

Then the script runs without sudo prompts.

Let me know if you want a **systemd service/timer** for this too — to run automatically at login or on events.



```
•❏❏ sudo chmod +x ~/DLA/stuff/manual-toggle.sh
❏❏ 0s❏ •❏❏ /DLA/stuff❏
•❏❏ manual-nvidia-toggle.sh powersave
fish: Unknown command: manual-nvidia-toggle.sh
```

That's because Fish shell doesn't search `~/DLA/stuff/` by default.

You need to either:

### ✓ Option 1: Run with full path:

```
bash

~/DLA/stuff/manual-toggle.sh powersave
```

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### ✓ Option 2: Add to PATH (temp for session):

```
bash

set -U fish_user_paths $fish_user_paths ~/DLA/stuff
```

Then simply run:

```
bash

manual-toggle.sh powersave
```

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### ✓ Option 3 (Permanent):

Put this in your Fish config:

```
bash

echo 'set -U fish_user_paths $fish_user_paths ~/DLA/stuff' >> ~/.config/fish/config.fish
```

Then restart terminal or run:

```
bash

source ~/.config/fish/config.fish
```

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Let me know which method you prefer — I'll guide you step by step if needed.



can i just add alias?

Yes! You can simply add an **alias** in Fish — clean and easy.

### Example:

```
fish

alias toggle-nvidia '~/DLA/stuff/manual-toggle.sh'
```

This allows you to run:

```
fish

toggle-nvidia powersave
```

## To make it permanent, add the alias to your Fish config:

```
fish

echo "alias toggle-nvidia '~/DLA/stuff/manual-toggle.sh'" >> ~/.config/fish/config.fish
```

Then either reopen the terminal or run:

```
fish

source ~/.config/fish/config.fish
```

Done — now you can toggle anytime like:

```
fish

toggle-nvidia performance
toggle-nvidia powersave
```

✓ Simple. No PATH changes needed.



```
•  toggle-nvidia powersave
[INFO] Switching NVIDIA to Power-Saving Mode
Persistence mode is already Disabled for GPU 00000000:01:00.0.
All done.
The current user does not have permission to change clocks for GPU 00000000:01:00.0.
Terminating early due to previous errors.
  1s •  /DLA/stuff
```

This error happens because `nvidia-smi -lgc` **requires root privileges** to change GPU clocks.

Your toggle script runs as a normal user, so `nvidia-smi -pm 0` works (if permitted via udev rules or driver settings), but `nvidia-smi -lgc` **fails without sudo**.

## To fix this:

### 1. Allow `nvidia-smi` to run as root without password via `sudo`:

Edit sudoers via:

```
bash

sudo visudo
```

Add this line:

```
sql

darshan ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD: /usr/bin/nvidia-smi
```

Now modify your script to:

```
bash

sudo nvidia-smi -lgc 210,210
```

Example:

```
bash

sudo nvidia-smi -pm 0
sudo nvidia-smi -lgc 210,210
```

## 2. Or make the whole script run with sudo:

Just call:

```
fish

sudo togglenvidia powersave
```

## 3. Optional: fish alias with sudo:

```
fish

alias togglenvidia 'sudo ~/DLA/stuff/manual-toggle.sh'
```

## Summary:

✓ Needs sudo because **clock control is root-only**.

Without this, clock settings via `nvidia-smi -lgc` will always fail.

Want me to adjust your toggle script for this?



```
[Unit]
Description=Toggle NVIDIA Power State based on AC/Battery
After=multi-user.target
[Service]
Type=oneshot
ExecStart=/usr/local/bin/toggle-nvidia-power.sh
```

what does this do?

This is a **systemd service unit file** — it defines a service that runs the script `/usr/local/bin/toggle-nvidia-power.sh` **once during boot or when triggered**.

### Breakdown:

Section	Explanation
<b>[Unit]</b>	Meta information about the service
<b>Description=</b>	Human-readable description shown in <b>systemctl</b>
<b>After=multi-user.target</b>	Run after the system reaches <b>multi-user (non-GUI) mode</b> , i.e., after boot (similar to runlevel 3 on traditional distros)

| **[Service]** | Core configuration of the service |

| **Type=oneshot** | Runs the command **once and exits** (not a daemon) |

| **ExecStart=** | **The script to execute** (in this case `/usr/local/bin/toggle-nvidia-power.sh`) |

### What this does in real life:

- When enabled (via `systemctl enable yourservice.service`):
  1. On boot (after `multi-user.target` is reached), it will run the script **once**.
  2. The script checks AC/battery state and toggles NVIDIA's power settings accordingly.
  3. The service then **exits immediately**.

**To make it work on every AC/Battery change dynamically (not just on boot), you'd need to tie this to a udev rule or ACPI event — because this runs only once at boot or when manually started via systemctl.**

If you want, I can help make this event-driven (auto-trigger on AC unplug/plug) — would you like that?



nvm i dont want this, btw can i see the systemd service u made that time for nvidia-smi

Sure! Here's a simple **manual systemd service** example that runs an NVIDIA `nvidia-smi` based command (like setting clocks or persistence mode) **once at boot**:

### Example: `/etc/systemd/system/nvidia-smi.service`

```
ini

[Unit]
Description=Set NVIDIA GPU settings at boot
After=multi-user.target
```

```
[Service]
Type=oneshot
ExecStart=/usr/bin/nvidia-smi -lgc 210,210

[Install]
WantedBy=multi-user.target
```

## What this does:

- Runs the command:

```
bash

nvidia-smi -lgc 210,210
```

(locks GPU clocks to 210 MHz core)

- Executes **once at boot** after reaching the `multi-user.target` (when system is basically ready).
- Doesn't stay running; it just sets this and exits.

## To enable this service:

```
bash

sudo systemctl daemon-reload
sudo systemctl enable nvidia-smi.service
```

You can also **disable or remove** this anytime:

```
bash

sudo systemctl disable nvidia-smi.service
sudo rm /etc/systemd/system/nvidia-smi.service
sudo systemctl daemon-reload
```

Let me know if you want a version that handles **persistence mode or other custom GPU tweaks** too.



```
• cat /etc/systemd/system/nvidia-clock.service
[Unit]
Description=Set NVIDIA GPU Clock
After=default.target

[Service]
Type=oneshot
ExecStart=/usr/bin/nvidia-smi -lgc 210,210

[Install]
WantedBy=default.target
```

by default

This service you posted is **correct and functional**, but small note:

```
ini

After=default.target
...
WantedBy=default.target
```

### What this does:

- `default.target` is usually a *symlink* to either `graphical.target` (for GUI systems) or `multi-user.target` (for CLI-only servers).
- When you boot into normal GUI (like GNOME/KDE), `default.target` usually points to `graphical.target`.

So this is **totally fine** for setting the clock when your normal system boots to GUI.

### ✓ If you want it to run slightly earlier or in all boot cases (CLI and GUI):

Use this:

```
ini

[Unit]
Description=Set NVIDIA GPU Clock
After=multi-user.target

[Service]
Type=oneshot
ExecStart=/usr/bin/nvidia-smi -lgc 210,210

[Install]
WantedBy=multi-user.target
```

But if your `default.target` is **already graphical.target** (which is 99% true for desktop setups), your version is okay.

### Summary:

- ✓ Your `nvidia-clock.service` is **valid and will run at every boot**
- ✓ Ensures GPU clock is locked as you wanted (210,210)
- ✓ Runs once only (doesn't stay in memory)

Want me to generate a **persistence mode + clock + power mode combined service**?  
Let me know.