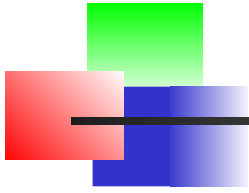


# Low Power IoT Architectures

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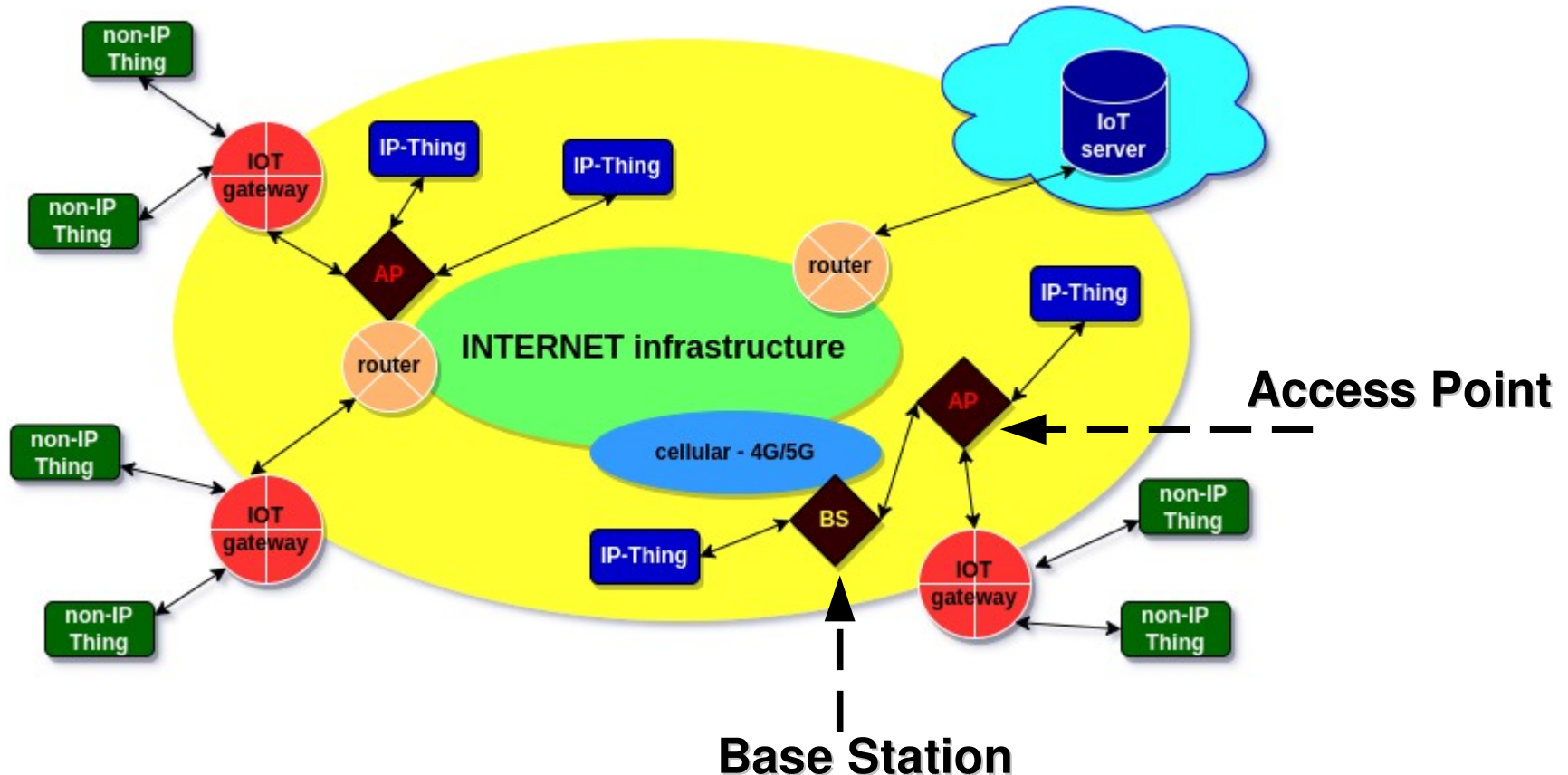


# Low Power IoT Architectures

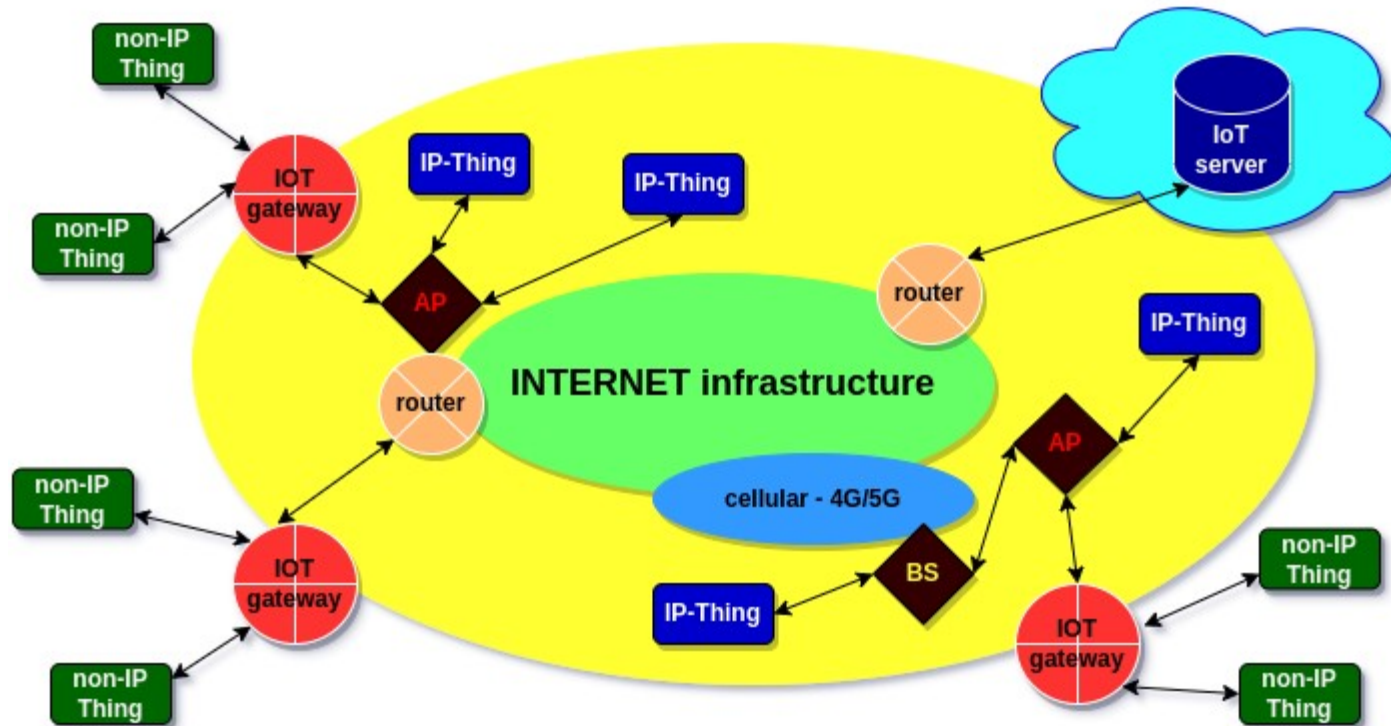
Low power IoT architectures are crucial for ensuring that IoT devices can operate efficiently with **minimal energy consumption**, especially in applications where devices are expected to function for extended periods on battery power or energy harvesting.

By focusing on **energy-efficient components**, **communication protocols**, and design practices, it is possible to develop IoT systems that meet the demands of modern applications while **minimizing their environmental impact**.

# IoT Architectures



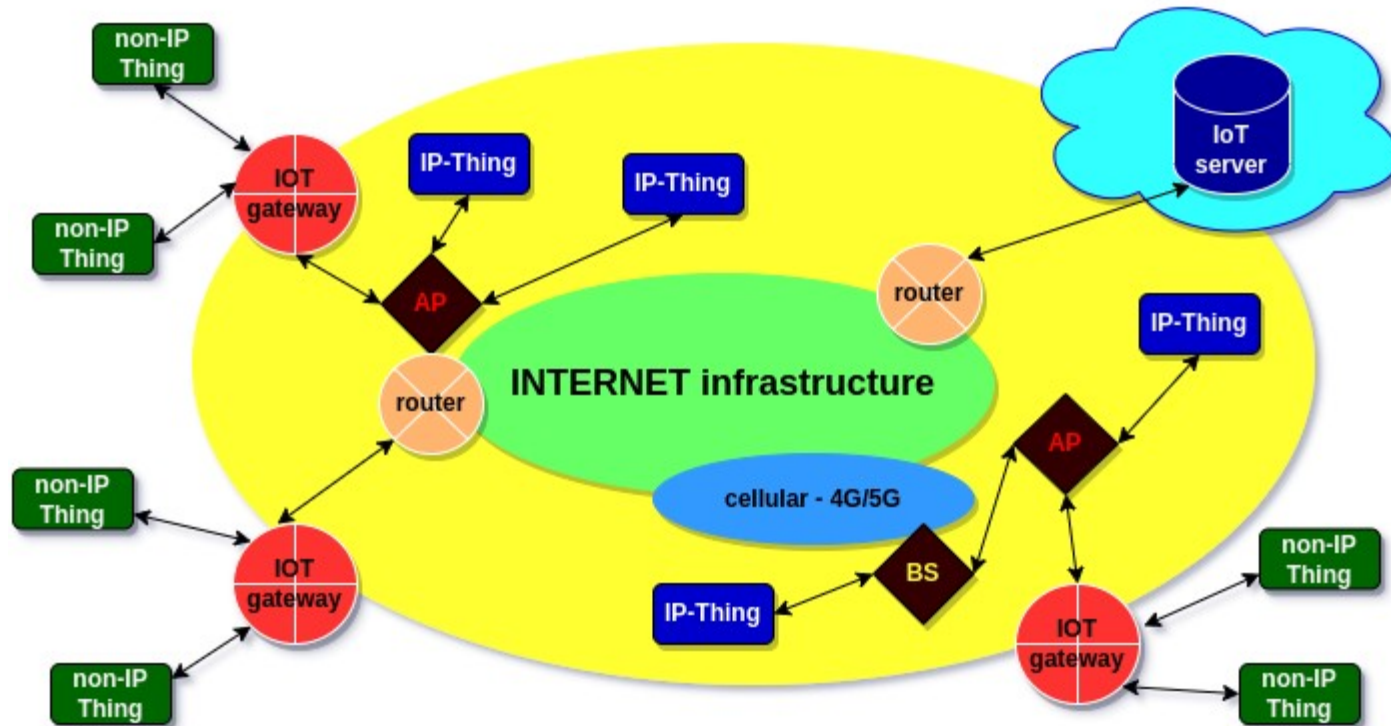
# IoT Architectures



**IP-Thing** : Direct Terminal connected to Inet via WiFi/Ethernet link

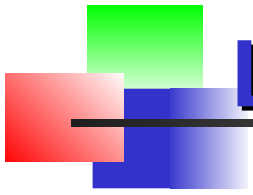
**non-IP-Thing** : Remote Terminal connected to Inet via LoRa link

# IoT Architectures



**IoT-Gateway** : ex. LoRa – WiFi gateway

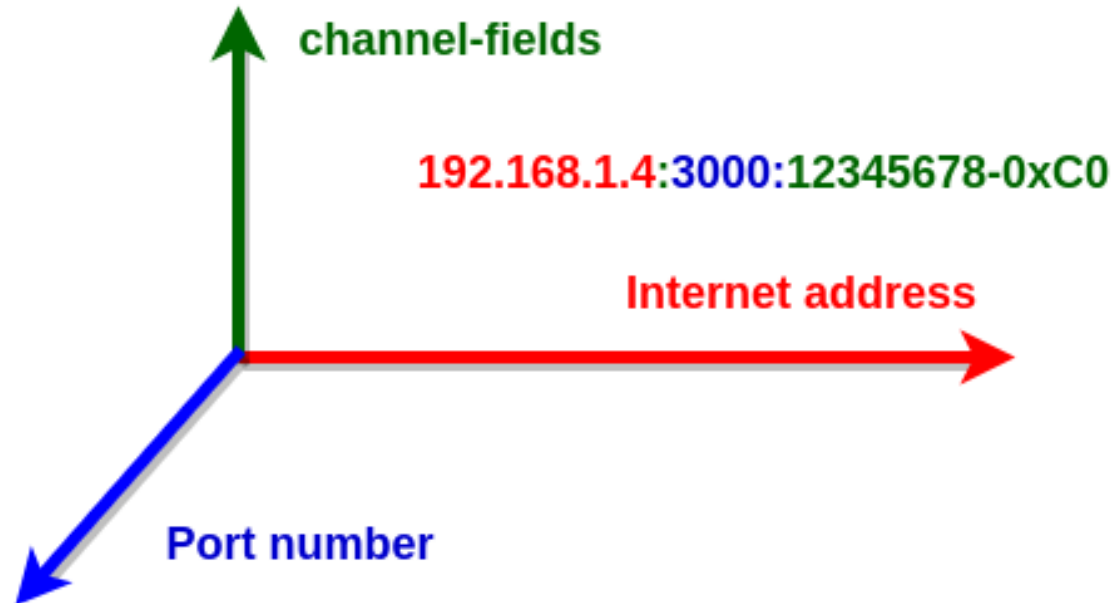
**IoT-Server** : ex. ThingSpeak



# Low Power IoT Architectures

- IP Terminals (DT) and Non-IP Terminals (RT)
- **low\_power** and **high\_power** stages and **phases**
- Power consumption analysis of IP Terminals (DT)
- Power consumption analysis of Non-IP Terminals (RT)
- Complete IoT – Architectures :  
with IoT Terminals – **Gateways** - **Servers**

# Global IoT space and IoT Sockets



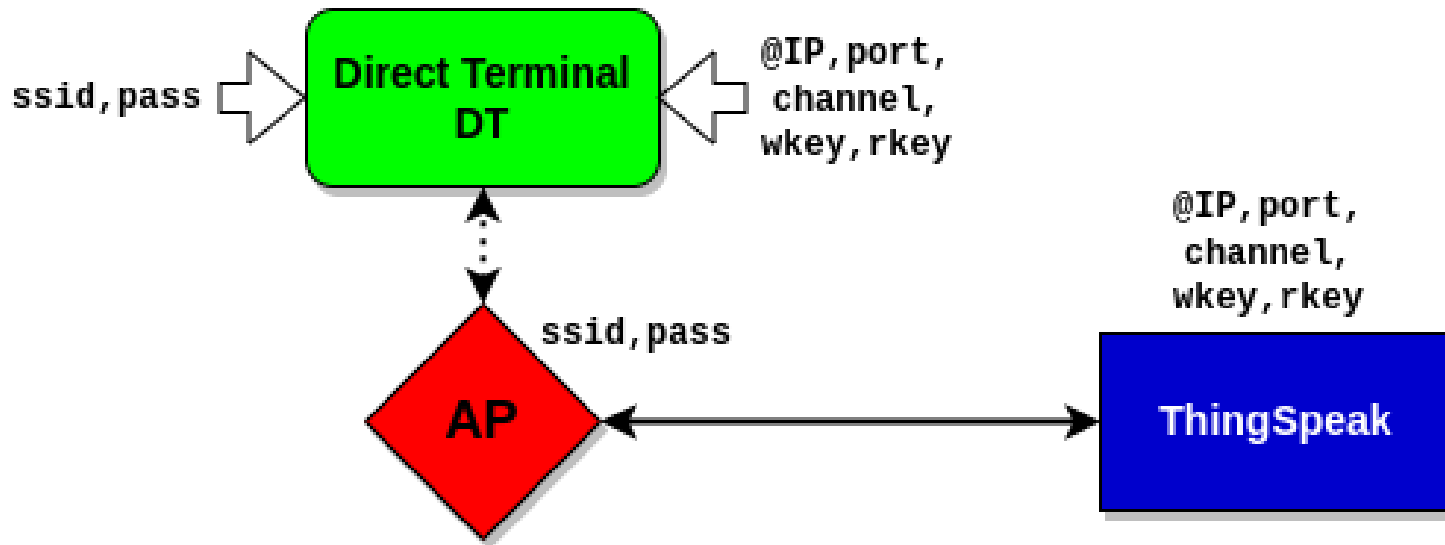
IoT socket => **IP address**: **Service port**: **Channel number-fields**

Direct Terminals know **IP address**: **Service port**: **Channel number**

Gateways know **IP address**: **Service port**

Remote Terminals know only **Channel number** (identifier)

# Direct Terminals and IoT Sockets

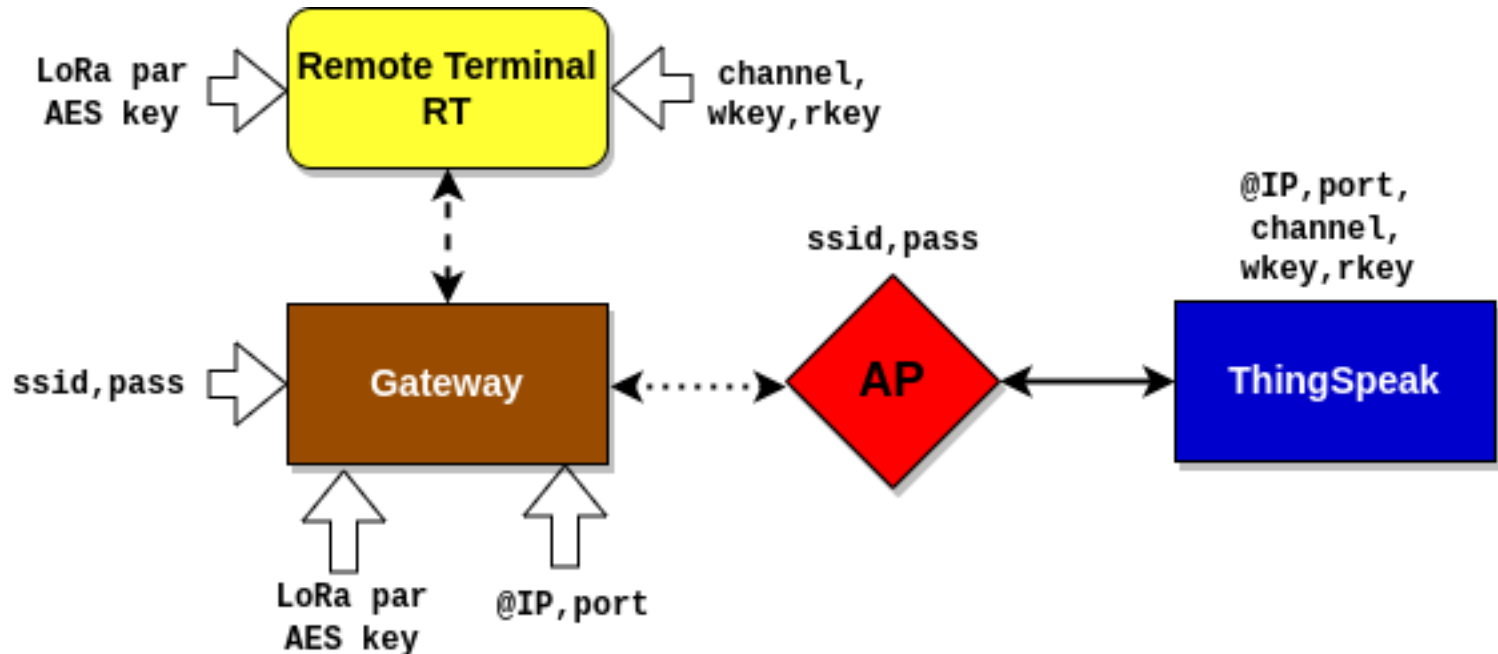


Direct Terminals know **IP address:Service port:Channel number**  
plus: write and optionally read key

A channel contains fields (max.8) that may be interpreted as **IoT data streams**.



# Global IoT space and IoT Sockets

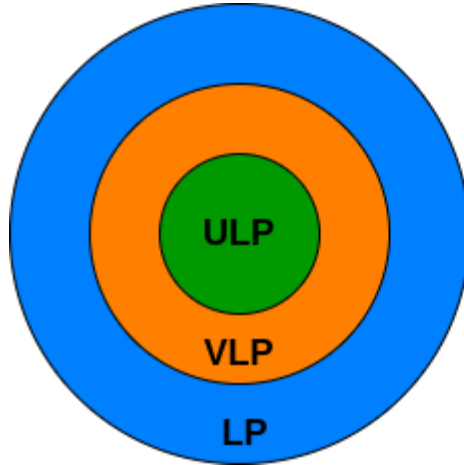


Gateways know **IP address:Service port**

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plus: write and optionally read key

# Low and Very Low Power consumption IoT Architectures



ULP < 10  $\mu$ A

VLP < 100  $\mu$ A

LP < 1000  $\mu$ A

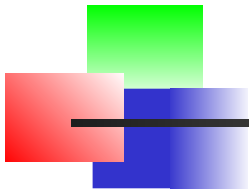
**Example** of average current (power) consumption:  
**deepsleep** mode for **low\_power** stage = 10 $\mu$ A and 100s  
**normal mode** for **high\_power** stage = 40mA and 0.5s

**low\_power** charge + **high\_power** charge =  $10\mu\text{A} \cdot 100\text{s} + 40\,000\mu\text{A} \cdot 0.5\text{s} = 1000\mu\text{C} + 20000\mu\text{C} = 21\text{mC}$

$\text{average\_current} = \text{charge/time} = 21\text{mC}/100.5\text{s} = 0.21\text{mA} = 210\mu\text{A}$

**To do:**

Calculate the same for **low\_power** stage duration of 600s.



# Terminals: Operational modes

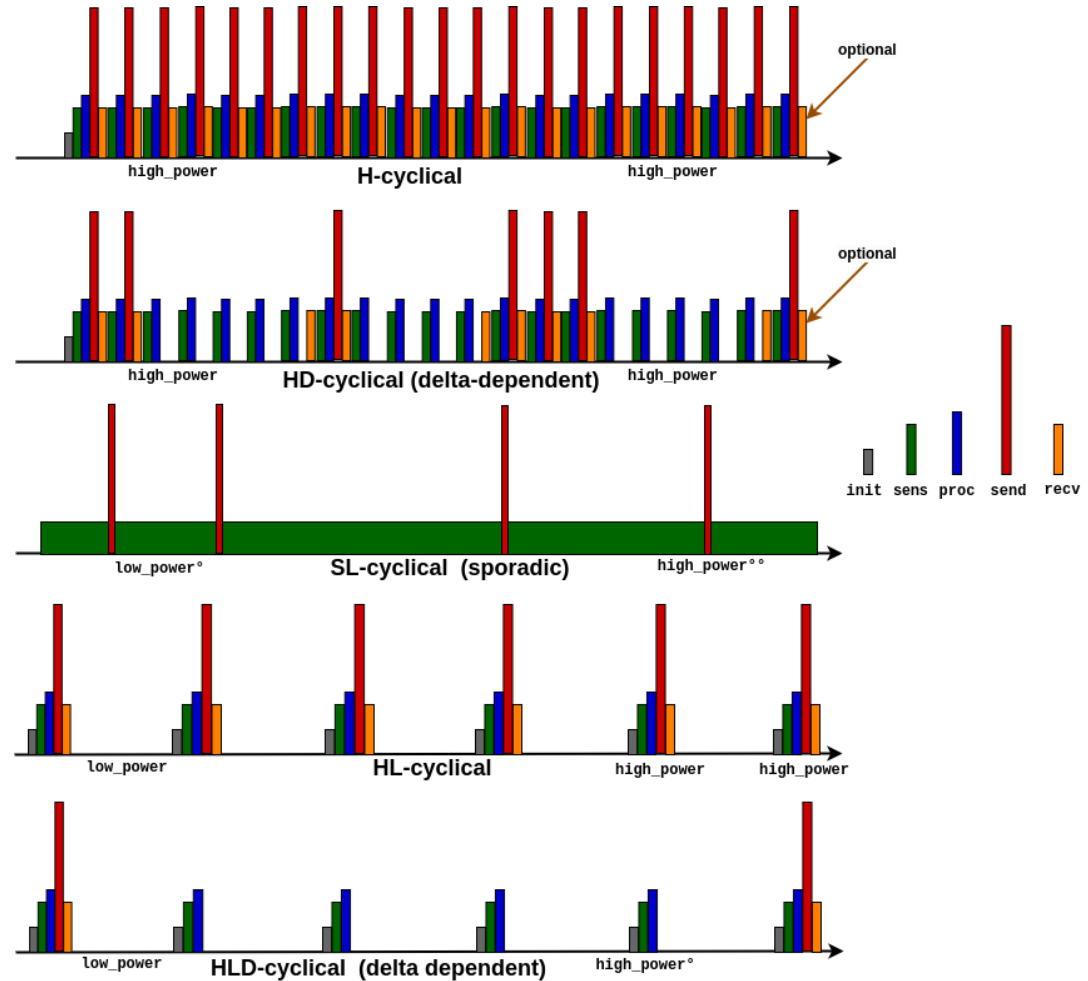
high average current

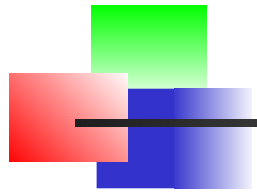


delta ( $\delta$ ) parameter  
defines required  
precision-difference

“sporadic cycle” –  
activated by an  
interruption (level  
change) signal

low average current





# high\_power stage - phases

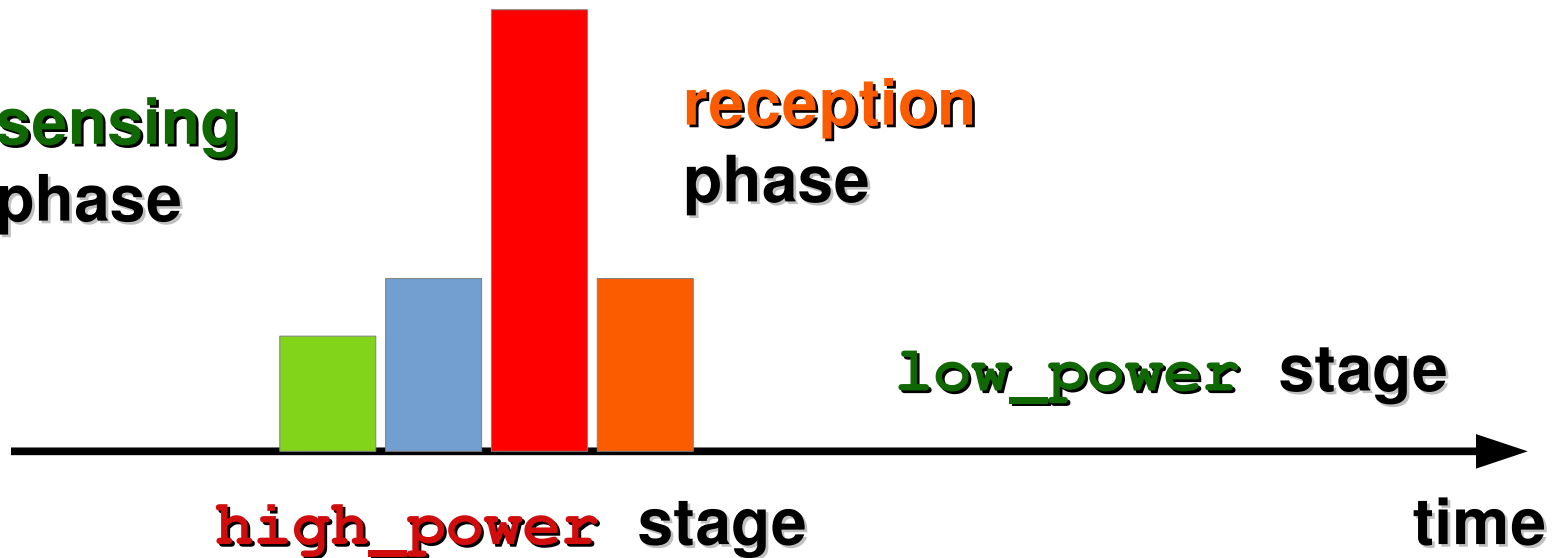
transmission phase

processing phase

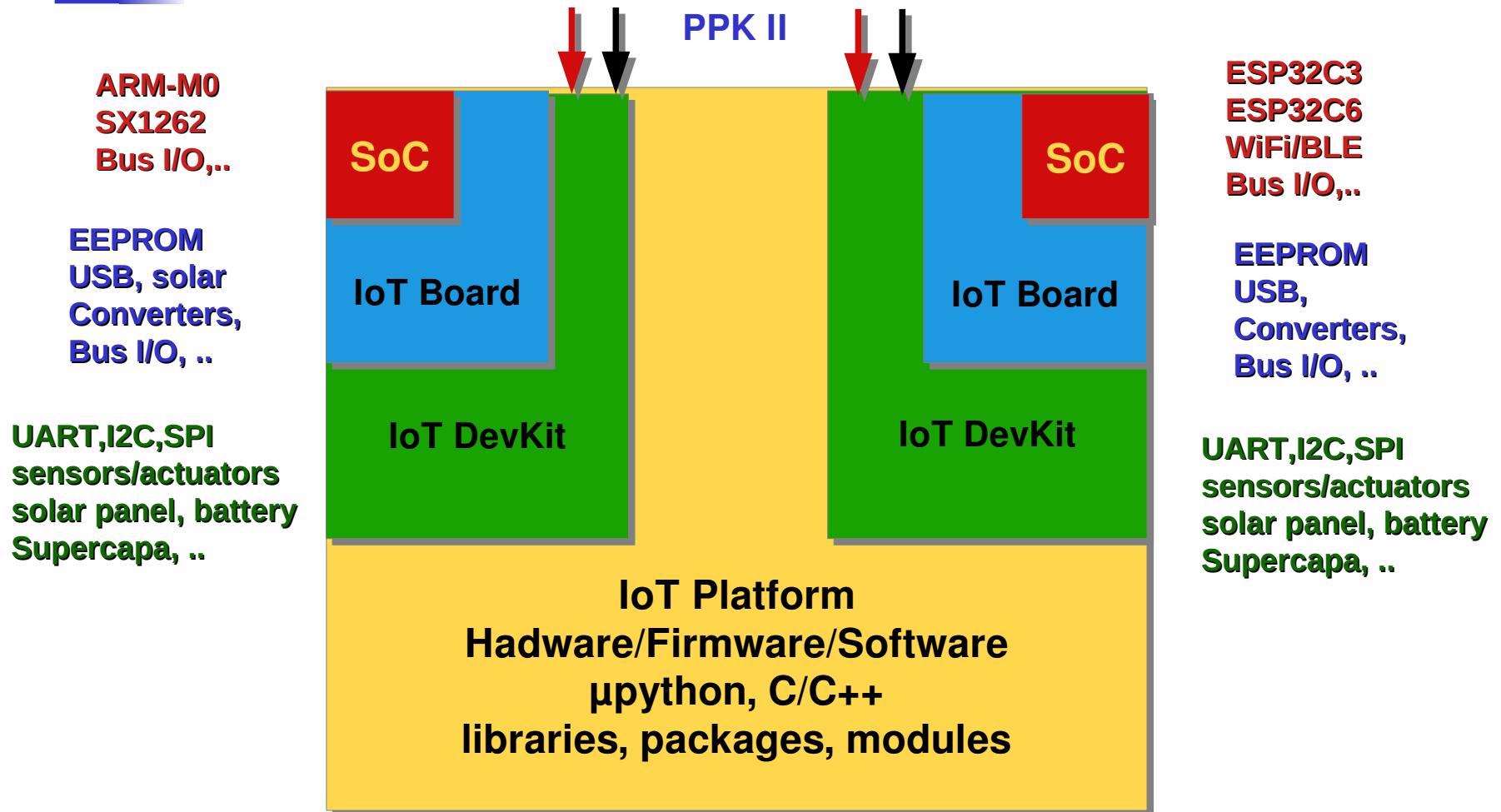
sensing phase

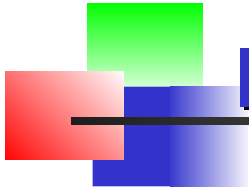
reception phase

low\_power stage



# From IoT SoC to IoT Platform



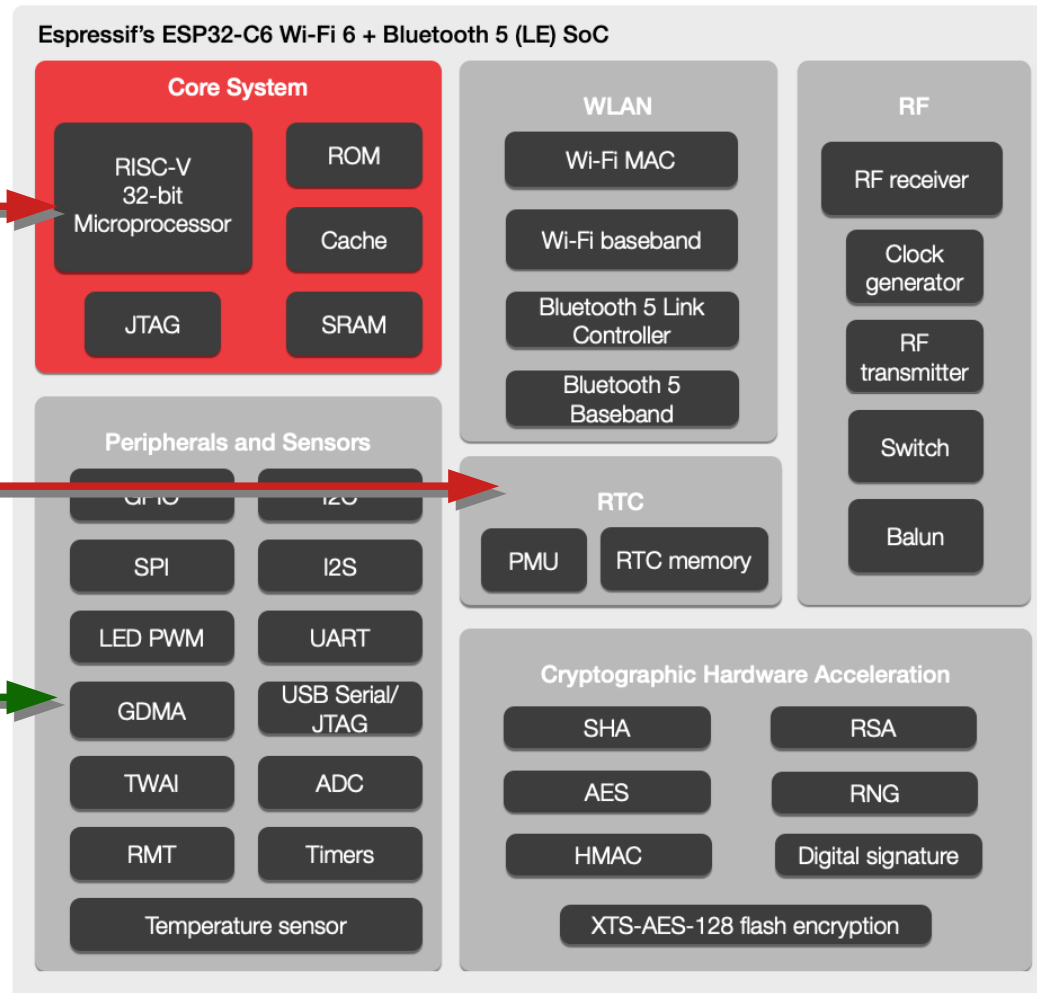


# IoT SoC ESP32C6: low power features

**RISC-V: RV32**  
**5 stages pipeline**

**Low Power (2mA)**  
**RISC-V: RV32**  
**2 stages pipeline**

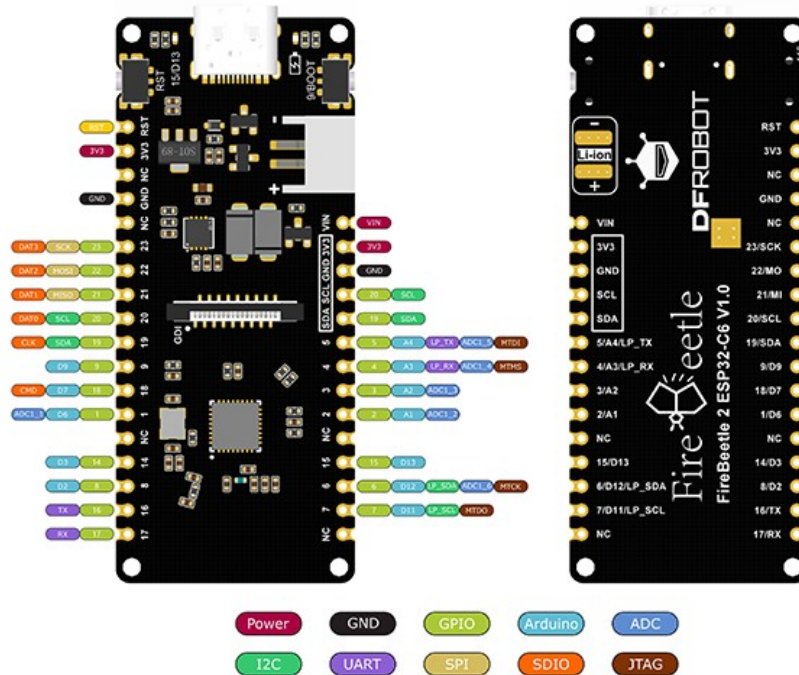
**Buses including**  
**Low Power**  
**(I2C,UART)**



**WiFi6 with TWT -**  
**Target Wake Time**

**Crypto and**  
**Security**

# IoT Board (Direct Terminal)



**IoT Board: DFRobot FireBeetle2 (ESP32C3)** : EEPROM, battery, solar converters, USB bus, I2C, UART, SPI, .. (low/high power)



# SmartComputerLab IoT DevKits

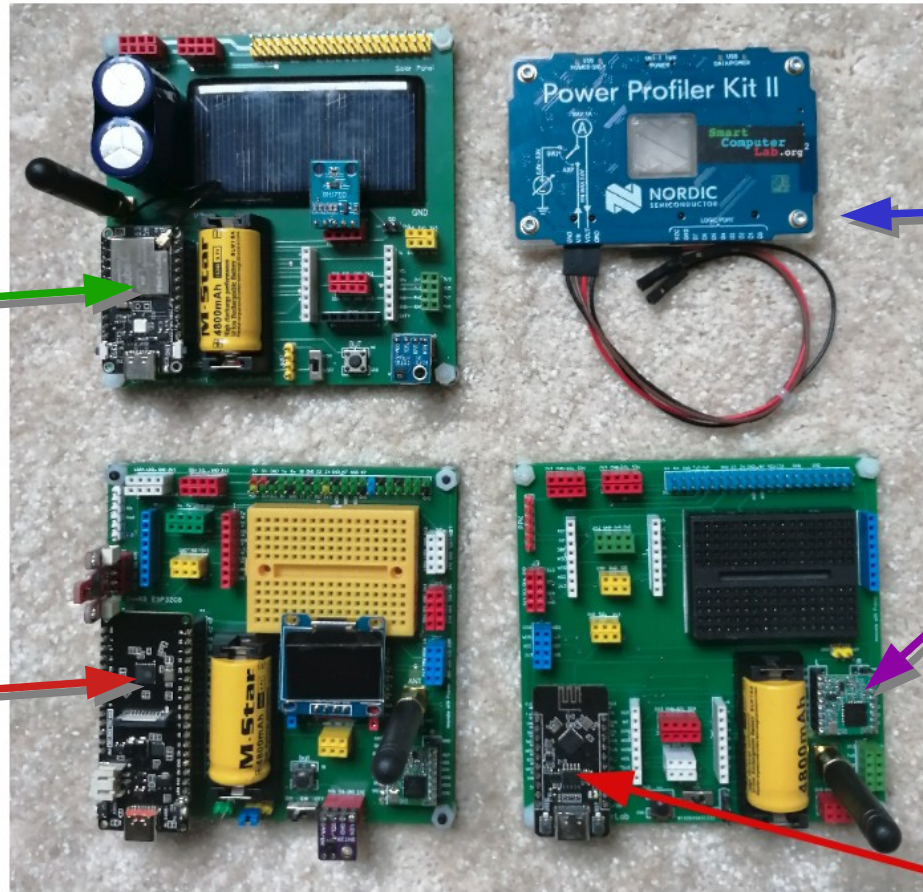
Heltec CubeCell  
(ASR6501)

RFRobot  
FireBeetle 2  
(ESP32C6)

Nordic PPK II  
(power  
profiler kit)

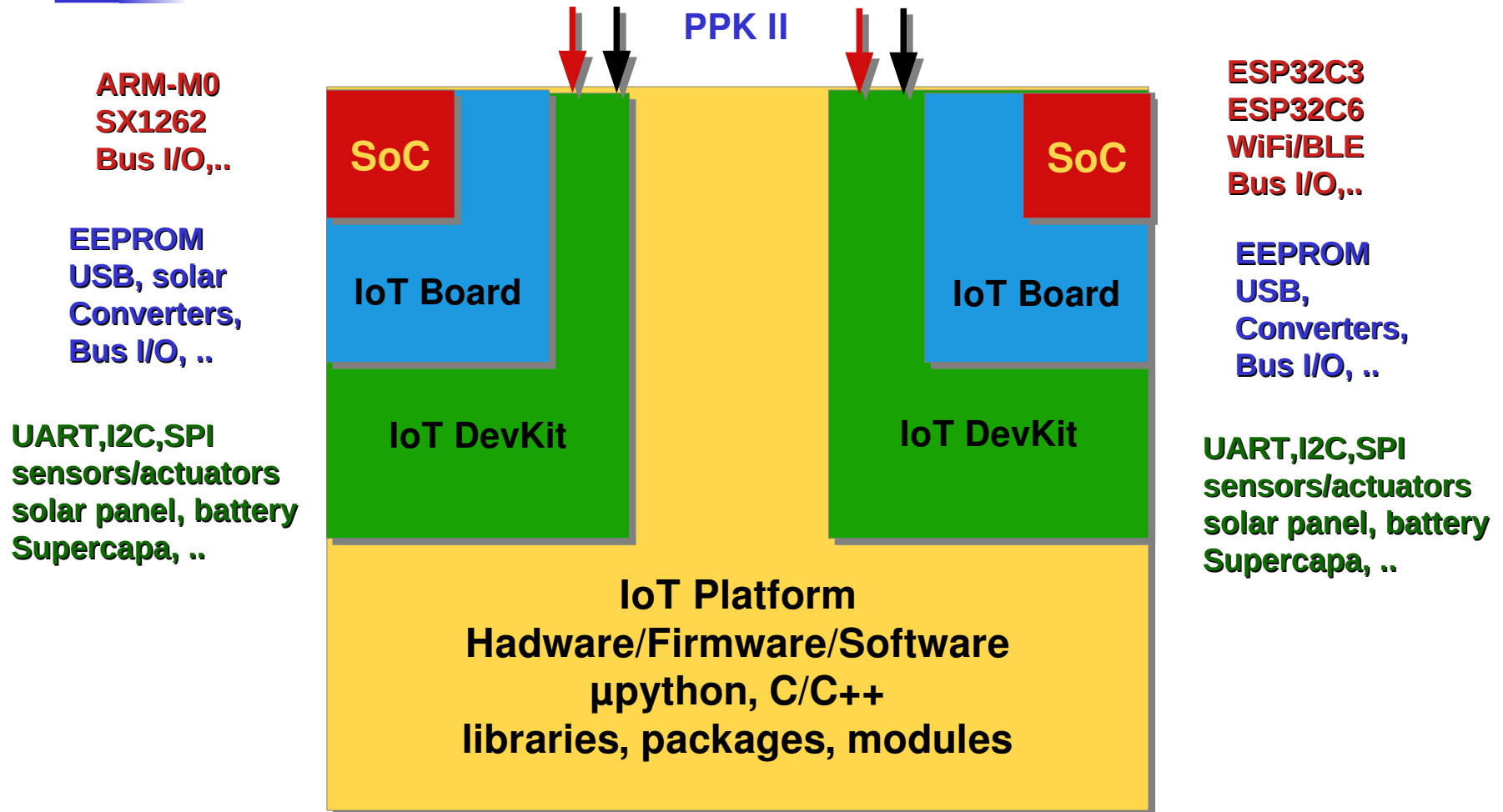
SX1276 (LoRa  
modem)

Heltec (ESP32-C3)

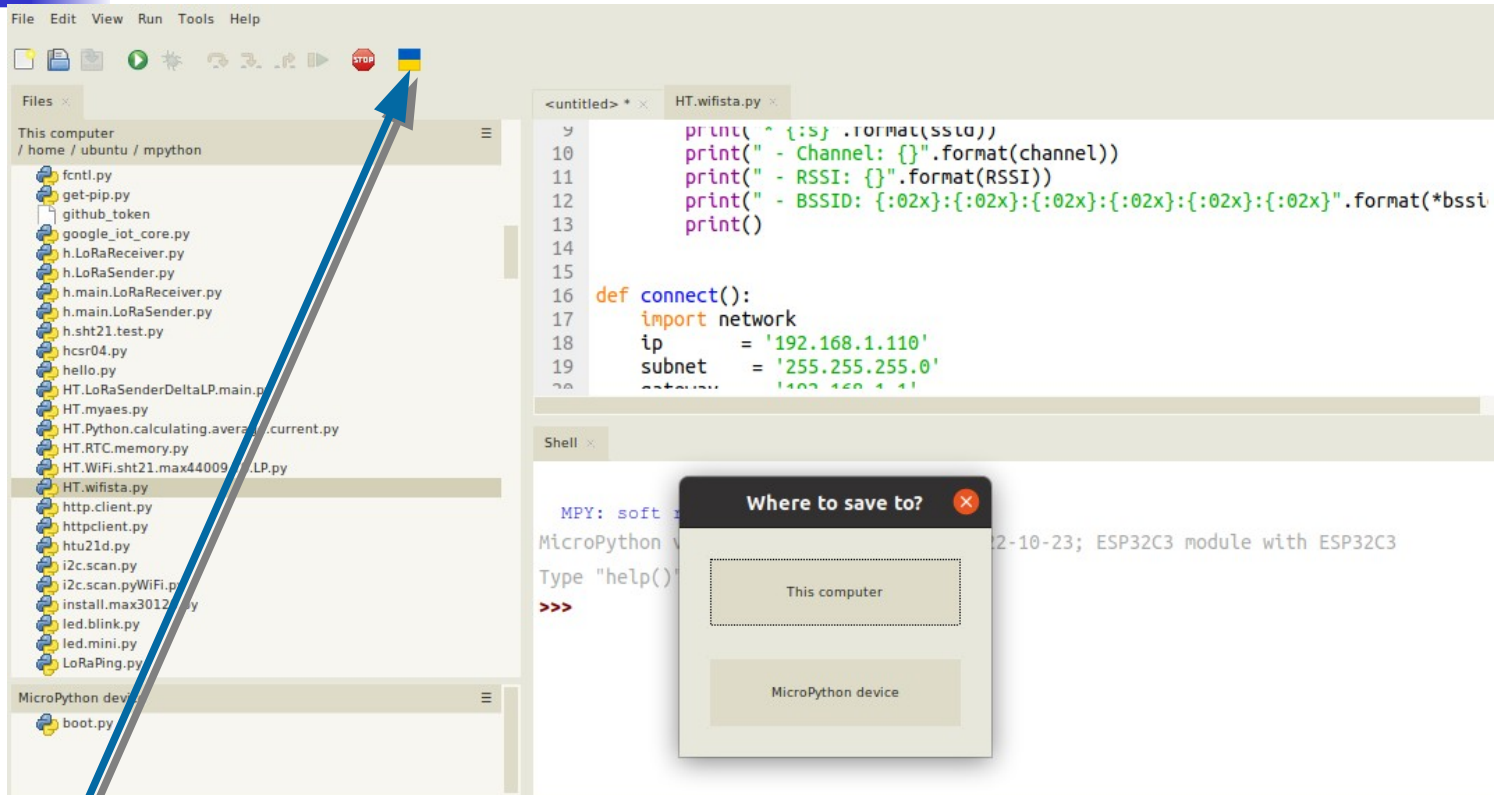




# From IoT SoC to IoT Platform



# Thonny : IoT Platform -μPython



IoT Platform (examples):  
**Thonny IDE: microPython**  
**Jupyter: microPython**

# Thonny : IoT Platform -µPython

Thonny - MicroPython device :: /main.py @ 20:1

File Edit View Run Tools Help

Files

This computer  
/ home / bako / mpython

- main.mqtt.py
- main.mqtt.thingspeak.py
- main.oled.data.py
- main.oled.py
- main.pir.sr602.py
- main.pub.MQTT.TS.py
- main.py
- main.rad.RCWL-0516.py
- main.rgb.led.py
- main.SGP30.py

MicroPython device

- boot.py
- deepsleep.sht21.max44.oled.py
- deepsleep.sht21.oled.py
- main.max44009.py
- main.py
- sht4x.py
- test.max44009.py
- test.sht21.oled.py
- test.sht41.py

```
<untitled> x [ main.py ] x
1 from machine import deepsleep
2 from machine import Pin
3 from time import sleep
4
5 led = Pin (18, Pin.OUT)
6 #blink LED
7 led.value(1)
```

Shell

MicroPython v1.19.1-528-gb8982ec5f on 2022-10-23; ESP32C3 module with ESP32C3  
Type "help()" for more information.

```
>>> help('modules')
```

|                                    |             |                  |               |
|------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|
| CCS811                             | hcsr04      | sht31            | umachine      |
| VL53L0X                            | htu21d      | ssd1306          | umqtt/robust  |
| __main__                           | inisetup    | st7789           | umqtt/simple  |
| _boot                              | math        | sx127x           | uos           |
| _onewire                           | max30100    | tsl2561          | uplatform     |
| _thread                            | max30102    | uSGP30           | upysh         |
| _uasyncio                          | max30120    | uarray           | urandom       |
| _webrepl                           | max44009    | uasyncio/_init__ | ure           |
| apa106                             | max7219     | uasyncio/core    | urequests     |
| bh1750                             | mcp9808     | uasyncio/event   | uselect       |
| bme280                             | mfr522      | uasyncio/funcs   | usocket       |
| bmp180                             | micropyGPS  | uasyncio/lock    | usnmp         |
| bmp280                             | micropython | uasyncio/stream  | ustruct       |
| btree                              | mip         | ubinascii        | utime         |
| builtins                           | mpu6050     | ubluetooth       | utimeq        |
| cmath                              | neopixel    | ucollections     | uwebsocket    |
| dht                                | network     | ucryptolib       | uzlib         |
| ds18x20                            | nrf24l01    | uctypes          | vl531lx       |
| esp                                | ntptime     | uerrno           | webrepl       |
| esp32                              | onewire     | uhashlib         | webrepl_setup |
| flashbdev                          | paj7620     | uheapq           |               |
| framebuf                           | sgp30       | uio              |               |
| gc                                 | sht21       | ujson            |               |
| Plus any modules on the filesystem |             |                  |               |

```
>>>
```

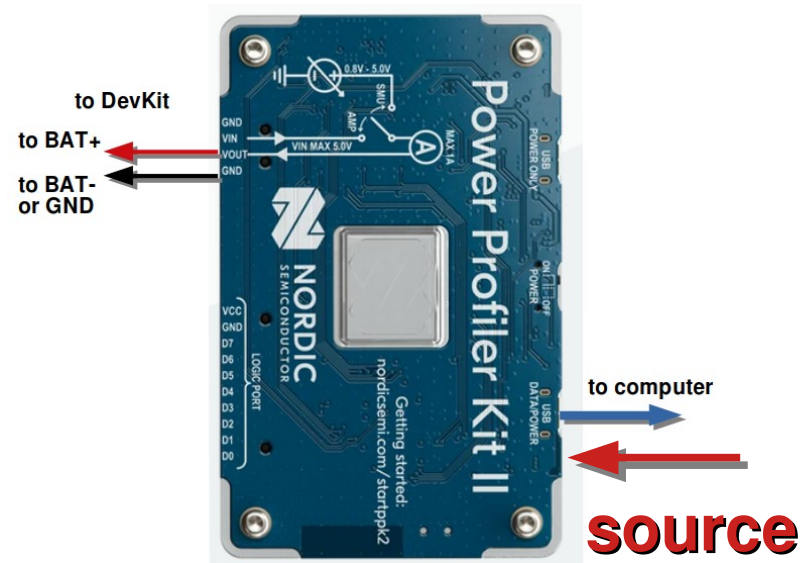
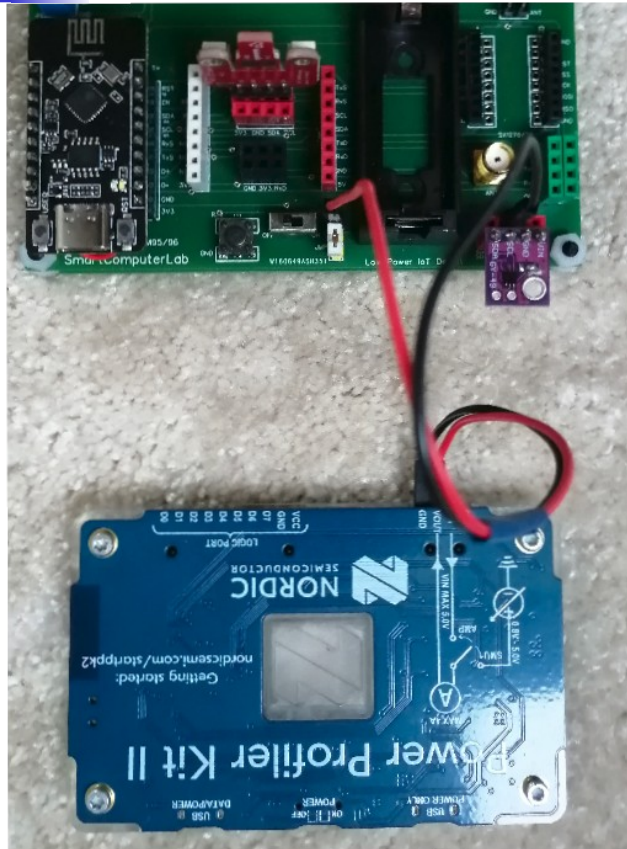
µpython interpreter and  
integrated (cold) modules:  
(bh1750.py with BH1750  
class)

sensor driver

modem driver

(sx127x.py with SX127x class)

# Power Profiler Kit II : connection



Power Profiler with **source** mode

# Power Profiler Kit II - IDE

PPK2  
F45048669DCD

MODE

Source meter **Ampere meter**

Set supply voltage to 3300 mV

Enable power output ☒

SAMPLING PARAMETERS

1,000 samples per second

Sample for 13 hours

Estimated RAM required 187.2 MB  
1 ms period

**Start**

Clear session data

Show Minimap ☒

## main window



**source  
mode**

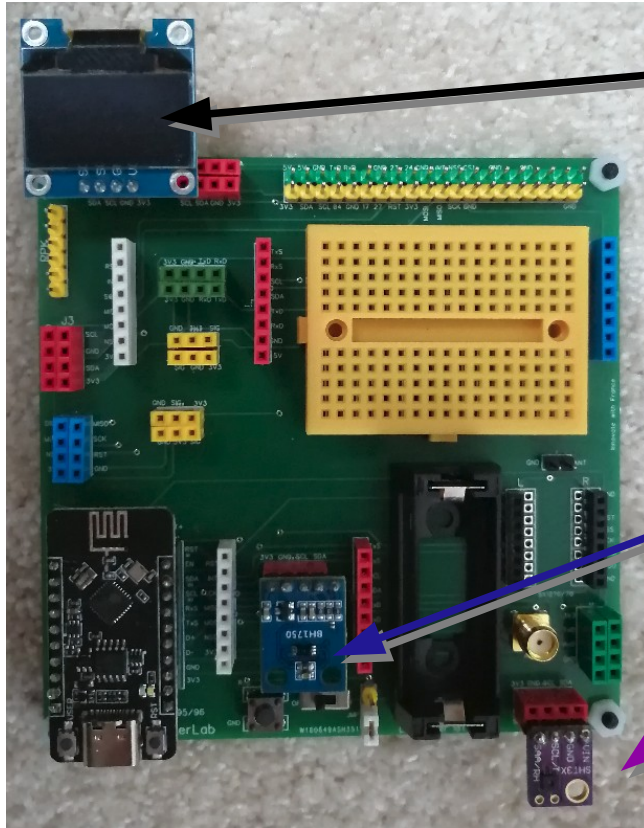
**low\_power stage**

**high\_power stage**

**Average current consumption in  
low\_power stage (10.39µA)**



## Example: HL cycle operation with sensors and OLED display



OLED display – **sdd1306**,  
two sensors to capture  
the **temperature**,  
the **humidity**, and  
the **luminosity** or **brightness**  
values:

**BH1750 (L)** - luminosity

**SHT31 (T/H)** – temperature/humidity

**Attention:**

All these components  
communicate over the same  
(shared) I2C bus !



## Example: **HL** cycle operation with sensors and OLED display

```
from machine import deepsleep
from machine import Pin, SoftI2C
from time import sleep
```

```
import ssd1306
import bh1750
import sht31
```

**Preparing buses,  
drivers and sleep  
operators**



## Example: HL cycle operation with sensors and OLED display

```
def disp(p1,p2,p3):  
    oled = ssd1306.SSD1306_I2C(128, 64, i2c, 0x3c)  
    oled.fill(0)  
    oled.text("SmartComputerLab",0,0)    # column 0 and line 0  
    oled.text(p1,0,16)  
    oled.text(p2,0,32)  
    oled.text(p3,0,48)  
    oled.show()  
    sleep(5)  
    oled.poweroff()    # disconnects the OLED power lines
```

**Defining display function to show the data during 5 seconds and disconnect**

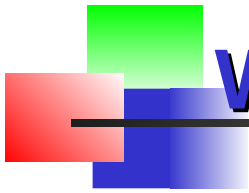


## Example: HL cycle operation with sensors and OLED display



PPK diagram for the above example with two sensors and OLED screen operating with HL mode (high\_power stage+low\_power stage).

Note the current consumption in low\_power stage – 20.42μA with three sensors/actuators attached.



# What is ThingSpeak (.com)?

**ThingSpeak** is an **open-source software** written in **Ruby** which allows users to communicate with **internet enabled devices**.

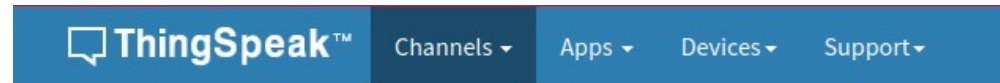
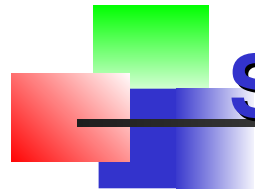
It facilitates data access, retrieval and **logging of data** by providing an API to both the devices and social network websites.

**ThingSpeak** was originally launched by **ioBridge** in 2010 as a service in support of IoT applications.

**ThingSpeak** has integrated support from the numerical computing software **MATLAB** from **MathWorks**, allowing **ThingSpeak.com** users to **store**, **analyze** and **visualize** uploaded data using MATLAB **without requiring the purchase of a MATLAB license from MathWorks**.

**Attention: Free account** on **ThingSpeak.com** is limited to last **256 records** (storage) and **usage frequency** of **max. 50 mHz** (communication).

# Sending data to ThingSpeak



## My Channels

New Channel

Search by tag

**ThingSpeak.com – free account**

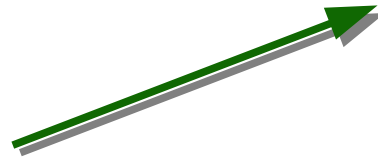
- **max. 10 channels**
- **max. 256 last records per channel**
- **max frequency ~50mHz**

| Name ↕  | Created ↕  |
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# Sending data to ThingSpeak

**TS Channel ID**  
it will be **your device identifier**

**TS Channel Fields → IoT data streams**  
are the places to store the received data  
max 8 fields per channel  
one field (**stream**) per sensor



ThingSpeak™ Channels Apps Devices Support

## Smart IoT 1

Channel ID: 1538804  
Author: mwa0000024358098  
Access: Public

This channel is prepared DevKits identified by cha with LoRa-TS protocol.  
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Private View Public View Channel Settings Sharing API Keys

### Channel Settings

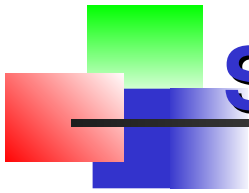
Percentage complete 70%

Channel ID 1538804

Name Smart IoT 1

Description This channel is prepared to use with Smart IoT DevKits identified by channel number. It operates

|         |               |                                     |
|---------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| Field 1 | Temperature   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Field 2 | Humidity      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Field 3 | Luminosity    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Field 4 | Battery state | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |



# Sending data to ThingSpeak



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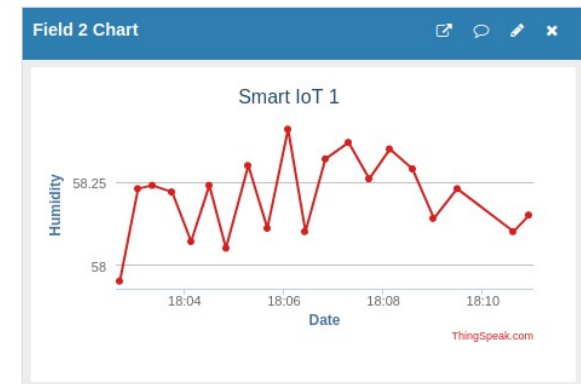
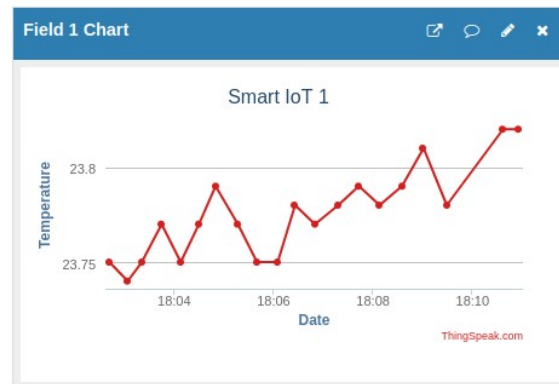
[MATLAB Analysis](#)

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Channel 1 of

## Channel Stats

Created: [2 years ago](#)  
Last entry: [3 months ago](#)  
Entries: 714



**Channel ID**  
it will be your  
device identifier

**One field (stream)**  
per sensor:

- **Temperature**
- **Humidity**
- **Luminosity**

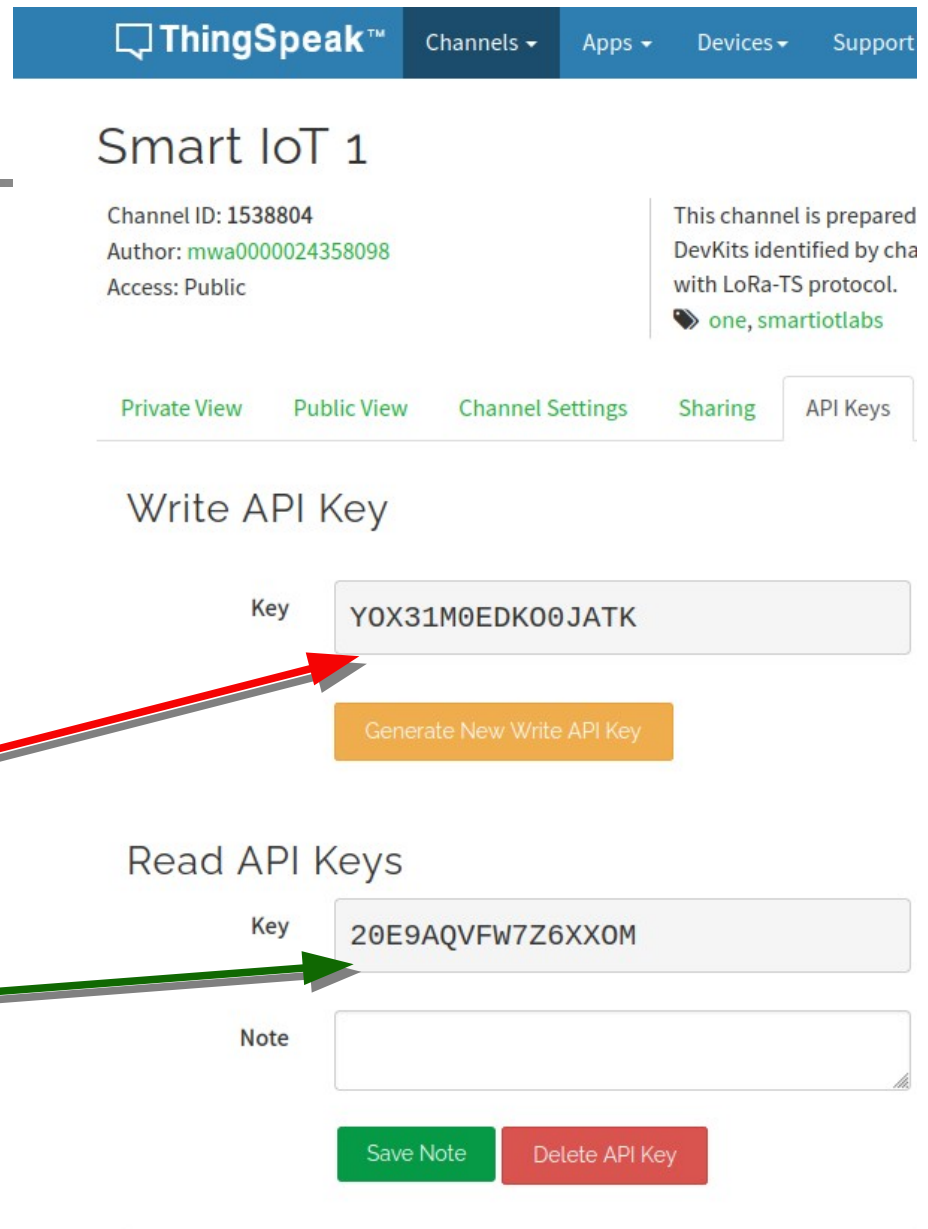
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# Sending data to ThingSpeak

**Channel ID**  
it will be your device identifier

**Write Key**

**Read Key**



The screenshot shows the ThingSpeak interface for a channel named "Smart IoT 1". The channel ID is 1538804, the author is mwa0000024358098, and the access is public. A note mentions that the channel is prepared for DevKits identified by "one, smartiotlabs". Below this, there are tabs for "Private View", "Public View", "Channel Settings", "Sharing", and "API Keys". The "API Keys" tab is selected, showing the "Write API Key" section with a key "Y0X31M0EDK00JATK" and a "Generate New Write API Key" button. The "Read API Keys" section shows a key "20E9AQVFW7Z6XX0M" and a "Note" field. At the bottom of the Read API Keys section are "Save Note" and "Delete API Key" buttons.

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Private View Public View Channel Settings Sharing API Keys

### Write API Key

Key Y0X31M0EDK00JATK

Generate New Write API Key

### Read API Keys

Key 20E9AQVFW7Z6XX0M

Note

Save Note Delete API Key



## Example: sending sensor data to ThingSpeak via WiFi

```
def connect() :
    import network
    ssid      = "PhoneAP"
    password  = "smartcomputerlab"
    station = network.WLAN(network.STA_IF)
    if station.isconnected() == True:
        print("Already connected")
        return station

    station.active(True)
    station.connect(ssid,password)
    station.config(txpower=8.5)
    while station.isconnected() == False:
        pass
    print("Connection successful")
    print(station.ifconfig())
    return station

def disconnect() :
    import network
    station = network.WLAN(network.STA_IF)
    station.disconnect()
    station.active(False)

#disconnect()
#connect()
```

```
# to be uncommented for test
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```

Preparing module  
**wifista.py** for  
communication via WiFi  
– with personal AP





## Example: sending sensor data to ThingSpeak via WiFi

```
import machine
from machine import deepsleep, Pin, SoftI2C
import max44009
import sht21
import wifista
import thingspeak
from thingspeak import ThingSpeakAPI, Channel, ProtoHTTP

i2c = SoftI2C(scl=Pin(9), sda=Pin(8), freq=100000)
sensor = max44009.MAX44009(i2c)
luminosity=sensor.lux
temperature = sht21.SHT21_TEMPERATURE(i2c)
humidity = sht21.SHT21_HUMIDITE(i2c)
print("current temperature: " +str(temperature))
```

Reading data from sensors : **sensing** phase





## Example: sending sensor data to ThingSpeak via WiFi

```
print("current temperature: " +str(temperature))
rtc = machine.RTC()
stfloat=0.0
r=rtc.memory()
print('woken with value',r)    # testing the last temp value
if(r!=b' '):                    # skiping first empty value
    stfloat=float(r)
    print(stfloat)

if (temperature>(stfloat+0.2) or temperature<(stfloat-0.2)):
# delta in °C ex. 0.2 °C
```

processing data from sensors : **processing** phase with **delta** parameter. Comparing with previously sent data.

**Attention:** requires the use of RTC memory



## Example: sending sensor data to ThingSpeak via WiFi

```
if (temperature>(stfloat+0.2) or temperature<(stfloat-0.2)):
    rtc.memory(str(temperature))
    channel_living_room = "1538804"
    field_temperature = "Temperature"
    field_humidity = "Humidity"
    field_luminosity = "Luminosity"
    active_channel = channel_living_room
    thing_speak = ThingSpeakAPI([
        Channel(channel_living_room , 'YOX31M0EDKO0JATK',[field_temperature,
            field_humidity, field_luminosity])),protocol_class=ProtoHTTP,log=True)
    wifista.connect()
    thing_speak.send(active_channel, { field_temperature: temperature,
        field_humidity: humidity, field_luminosity: luminosity })
    print('send to TS')
    wifista.disconnect()

deepsleep(20000) # or thing_speak.free_api_delay
```

**Sending data to ThingSpeak via WiFi  
connection: **transmission** phase**

# Example: sending sensor data to ThingSpeak via WiFi

Connection successful

('192.168.43.36', '255.255.255.0', '192.168.43.1', '192.168.43.1')

current temperature: 22.73444

woken with value b'22.82024'

22.82024

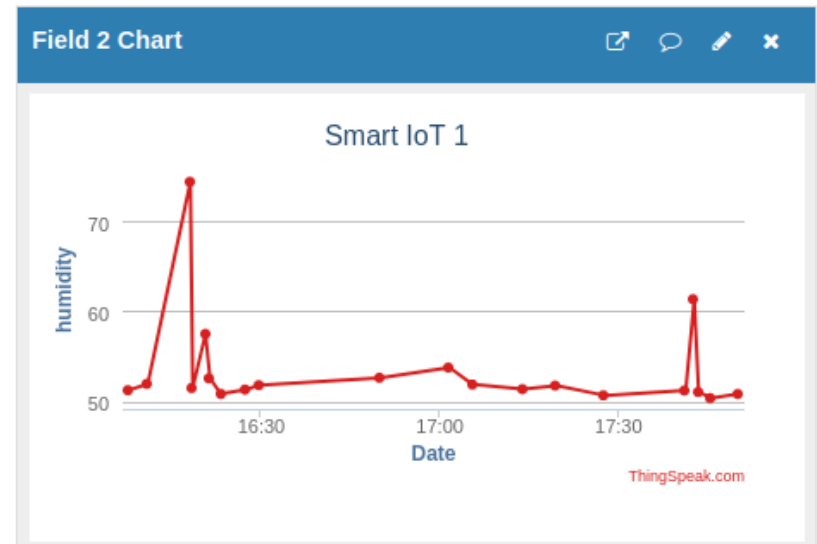
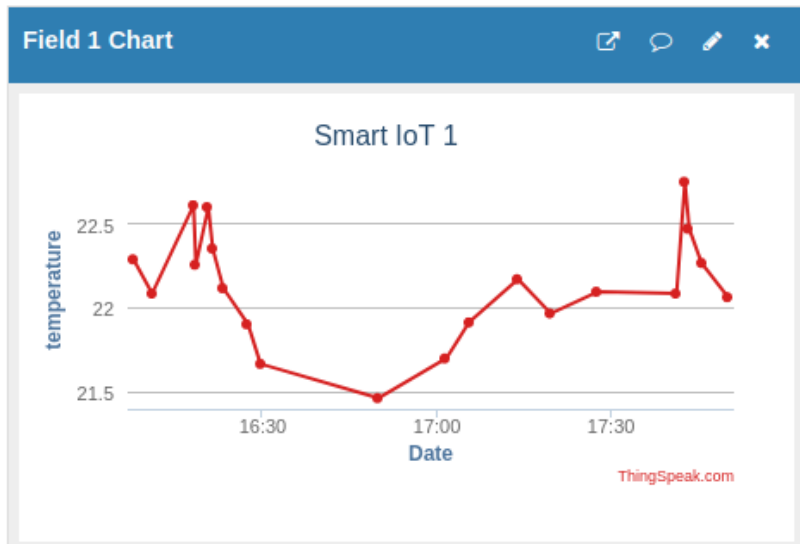
new value to rtc memory b'22.73444'

Already connected

ThingSpeak at 52.201.163.117:80

1538804 {'Luminosity': 348.48, 'Temperature': 22.73444, 'Humidity':

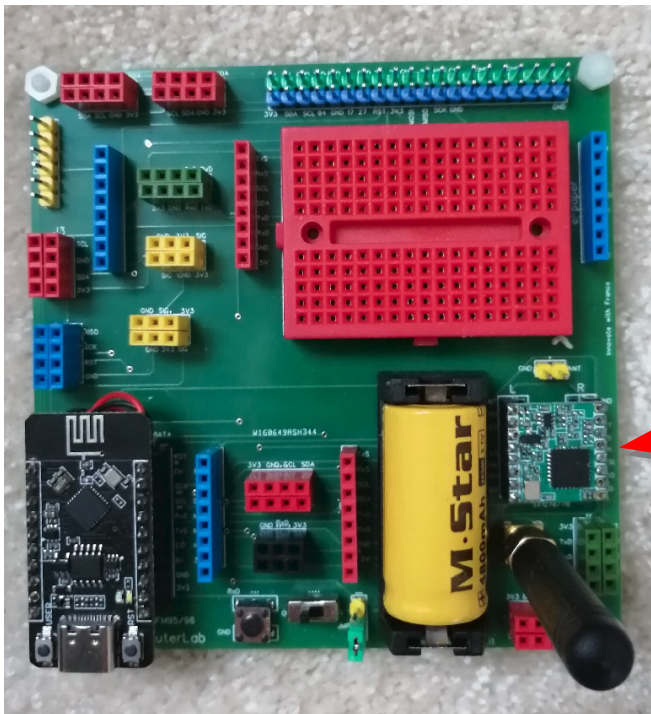
49.95398} #31, took 1.16s, next in 14.84s



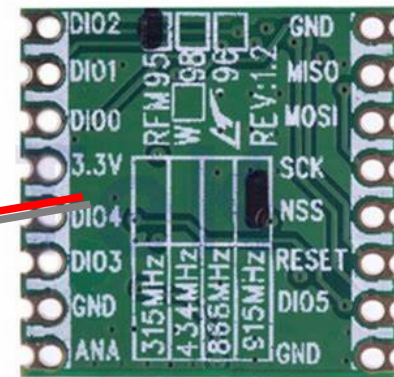
## Part II: Long Range (LoRa) & Remote Terminals

Remote Terminals communicate with the IoT servers via the dedicated Gateways that relay the LoRa packets to the WiFi packets to be sent to IoT server.

To build a simple IoT architecture with Remote Terminals (at least one) we need to enlarge/enhance our initial Direct Terminal to a LoRa-WiFi Gateway.

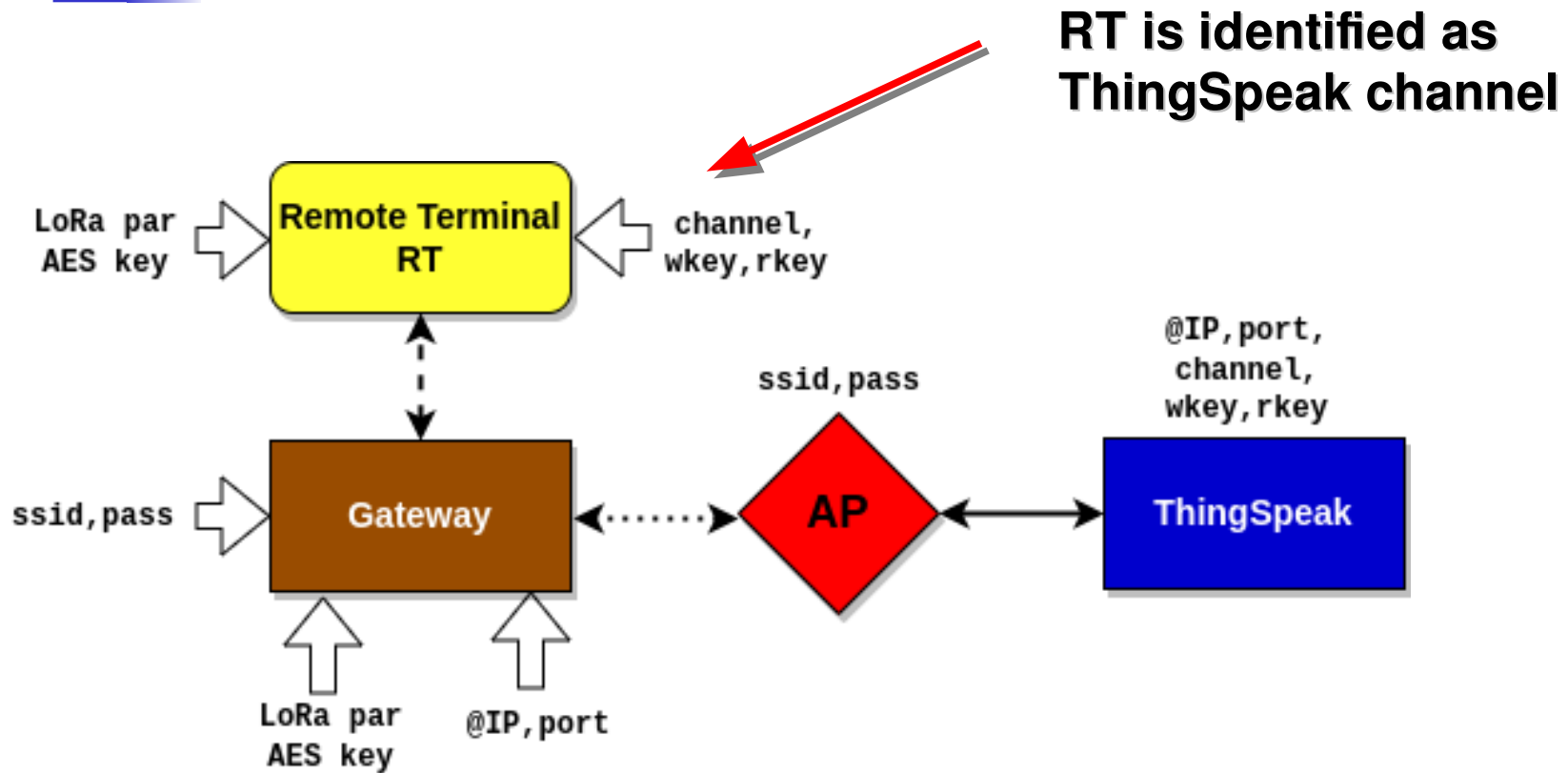


Remote Terminals or  
Lora-WiFi Gateway



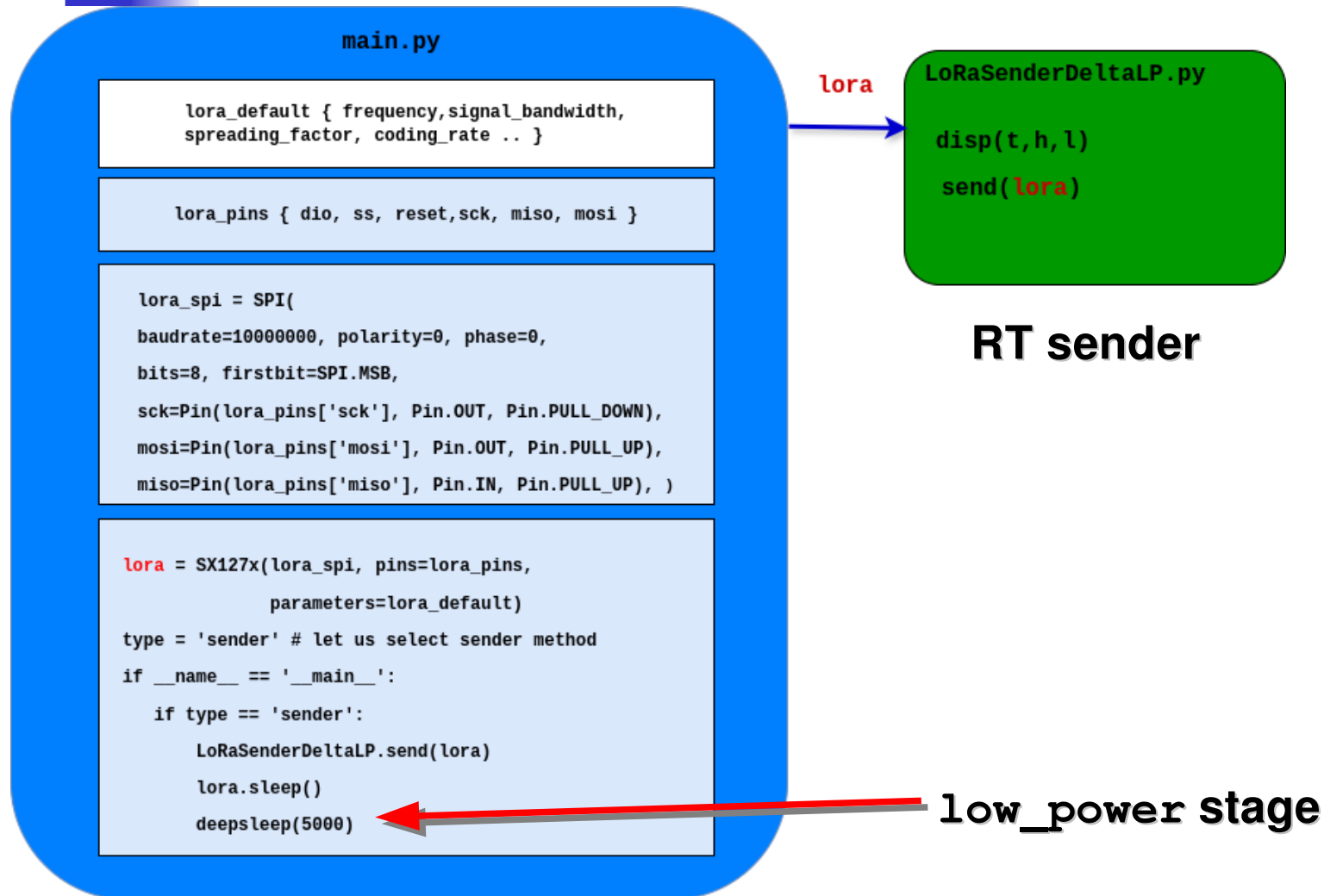
RFM95 – SX1278 LoRa  
modem with SPI bus

# Remote Terminal & Gateway (LoRa)



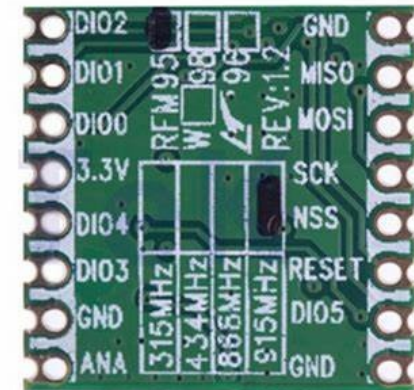
**Complete IoT architecture with RT, GW and SV (ThingSpeak)**

# RT – LoRa SPI and radio parameters



# RT – main and sender modules

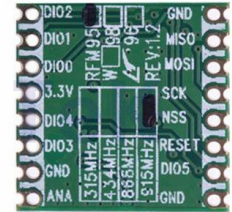
```
from machine import Pin, SPI
from sx127x import SX127x
from time import sleep
import LoRaSenderDelatLP
```



```
lora_pins = {
    'dio_0':2,          # interrupt signal - useful for callback
    'ss':4,             # 16 on SPI-LoRa ext. card
    'reset':10,         # necessary to start
    'sck':6,            # SPI bus clock signal
    'miso':5,           # SPI bus - master-in-slave-out
    'mosi':7,           # SPI bus - master-out-slave-in
}
```

## Defining SPI connection lines to RFM95/SX1278 LoRa modem

# RT – main and sender modules



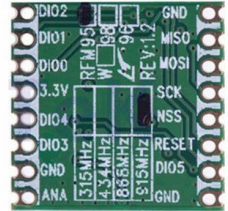
```
lora_default = {  
    'frequency': 869e6,                # base frequency: 8695e5,435e6, ..  
    'frequency_offset': 0,              # max 100mW  
    'tx_power_level': 14,               # modulation frequency band: 250e3,500e3  
    'signal_bandwidth': 125e3,          # spreading factor: 7,...,11  
    'spreading_factor': 9,              # coding rate: 5,...,8 (5/4,...,8/4)  
    'coding_rate': 5,                   #  
    'preamble_length': 8,               #  
    'implicitHeader': False,            # examples: 0x12 private, 0x34 public, ..  
    'sync_word': 0x12,                  #  
    'enable_CRC': False,                # normal: up-chirp, inverted: down-chirp  
    'invert_IQ': False,                  #  
    'debug': False,  
}
```

## LoRa radio – default parameters



**deepsleep**    **MCU enters low\_power stage**

# RT – main and sender modules



```
rtc = machine.RTC()
stfloat=0.0
r=rtc.memory()
print('woken with value',r)
if(r!=b'') :
    stfloat=float(r)
    print(stfloat)
# testing the last temp value
# skipping first empty value
```

```
chan =12345
wkey="abcdefghijklmnop"
lumsensor = max44009.MAX44009(i2c)
luminosity=lumsensor.lux
temperature = sht21.SHT21_TEMPERATURE(i2c)
humidity = sht21.SHT21_HUMIDITE(i2c)
```

**high\_power** stage – **sensing** phase

# Building packet structure and sending packet

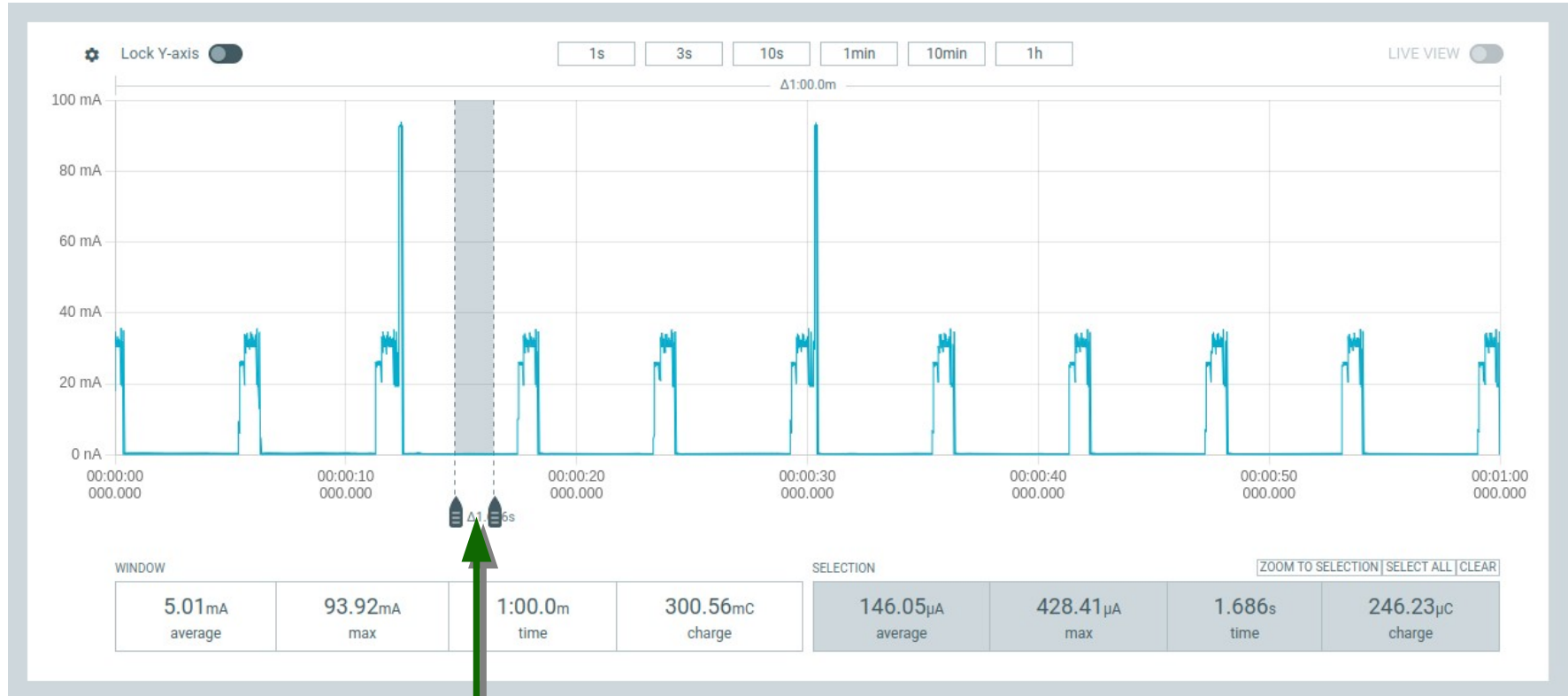
```
if (temperature>(stfloat+0.01) or temperature<(stfloat-0.01)) :
    led = Pin (18, Pin.OUT)
    led.value(1)
    rtc.memory(str(temperature))
    print('new value to rtc memory',rtc.memory()) # test of the stored value
    print("LoRa Sender")
    counter=0.0
    data=ustruct.pack('i16s4f',chan,wkey,
                        temperature,humidity,luminosity,counter)
    print("datalen: " + str(len(data)))
    lora.beginPacket()
    lora.write(data)
    lora.endPacket()
    sleep(1)
    led.value(0)
    disp(temperature,humidity,luminosity)
```



i                      16s                                      4f

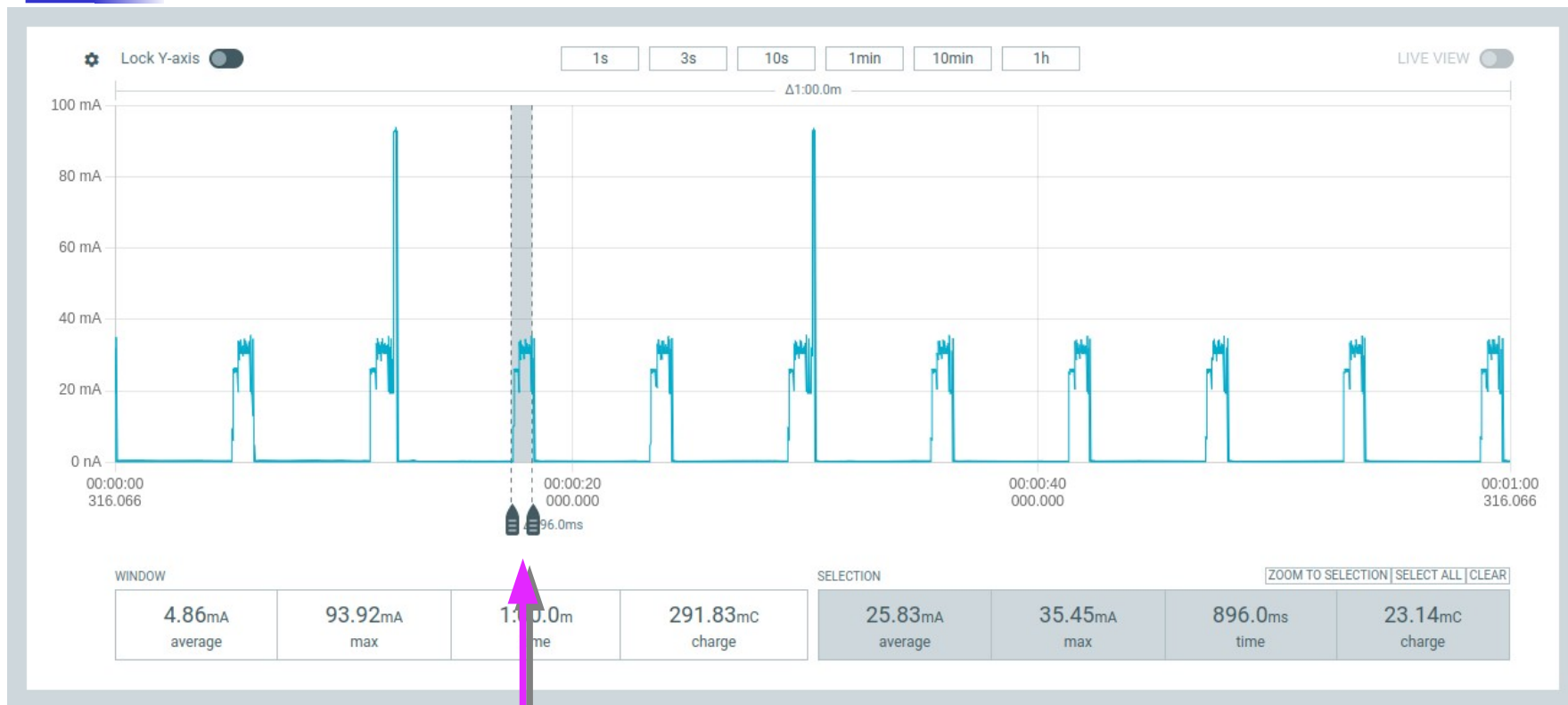
int chan                      char wkey[16]                      float temp,humi,lumi,count

# RT - Power consumption with LoRa link



**low\_power stage – 146.05μA**

# RT - Power consumption with LoRa link



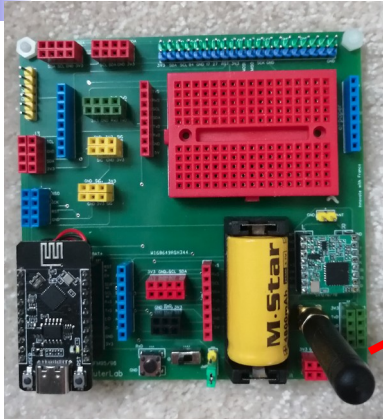
**high\_power** stage sensing/processing phases only – 23.14mC

# RT - Power consumption with LoRa link

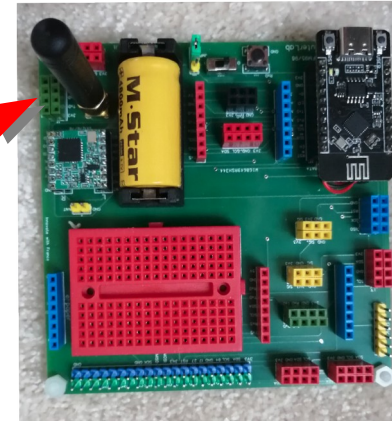


**high\_power** stage sensing, processing, transmission phases –  
39.67mC

# LoRa-WiFi Gateway



LoRa



WiFi

| chan | wkey | temp | humi | lumi | count |
|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
|------|------|------|------|------|-------|

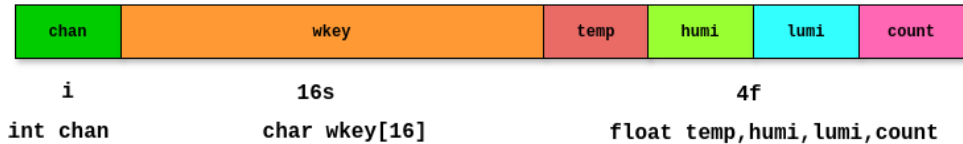
i                      16s                                      4f  
int chan                      char wkey[16]                      float temp,humi,lumi,count

```
lora = SX127x(lora_spi, pins=lora_pins, parameters=lora_default)
type = 'receiver_gateway'            # let us select sender method
```

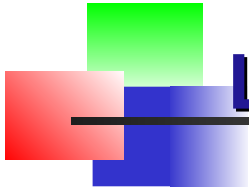
```
if __name__ == '__main__':
    if type == 'sender':
        LoRaSenderDeltaTS.send(lora)
    if type == 'receiver':
        LoRaReceiver.receive(lora)
    if type == 'receiver_gateway':
        LoRaReceiverWiFiTS.receive(lora)
```

# LoRa receive and WiFi-TS send

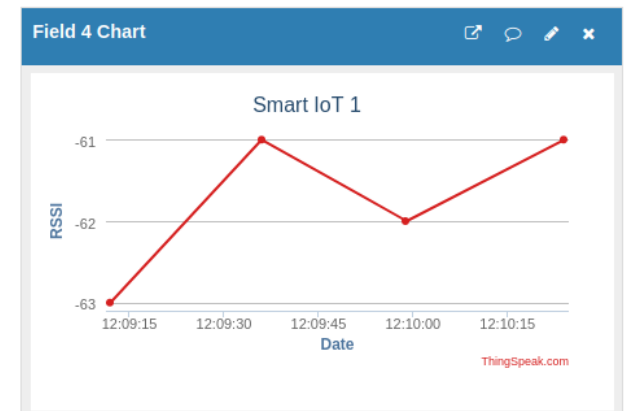
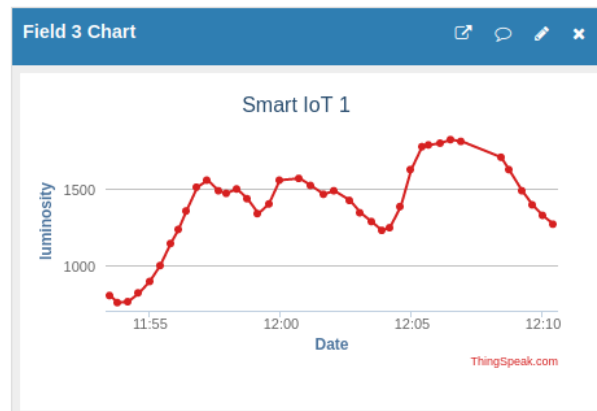
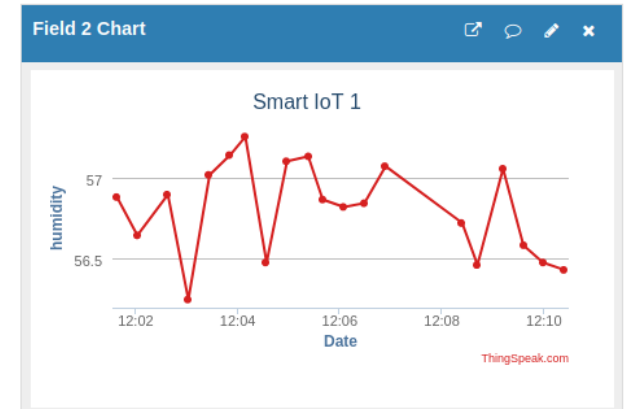
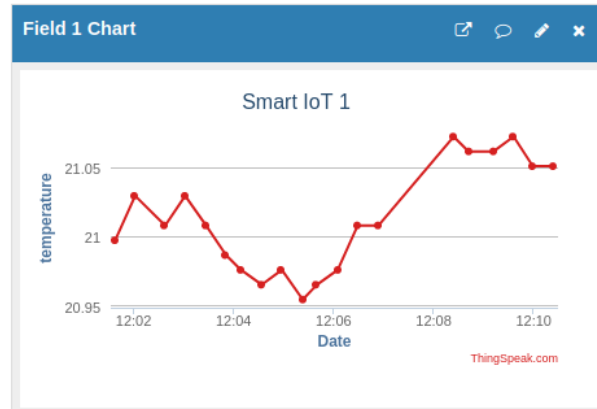
```
def receive(lora):
    print("LoRa Receiver and WiFi Gateway")
    wifista.connect()
    while True:
        if lora.receivedPacket():
            try:
                data = lora.readPayload()
                rssi = float(lora.packetRssi())
                chan, wkey, temp, humi, lumi, count = ustruct.unpack('i16s4f', data)
                disp(temp, humi, lumi, rssi)
                channel_living_room = chan
                active_channel = channel_living_room
                field_temp = "Temperature"
                field_humi = "Humidity"
                field_lumi = "Luminosity"
                field_rssi = "RSSI"
                thing_speak = ThingSpeakAPI([
                    Channel(channel_living_room, wkey, [field_temp, field_humi, field_lumi,
                                                            field_rssi])],
                    protocol_class=ProtoHTTP, log=True)
                thing_speak.send(active_channel, {field_temp: temp,
                                                  field_humi: humi, field_lumi: lumi, field_rssi: rssi})
            except Exception as e:
                print(e)
```







# LoRa-WiFi Gateway

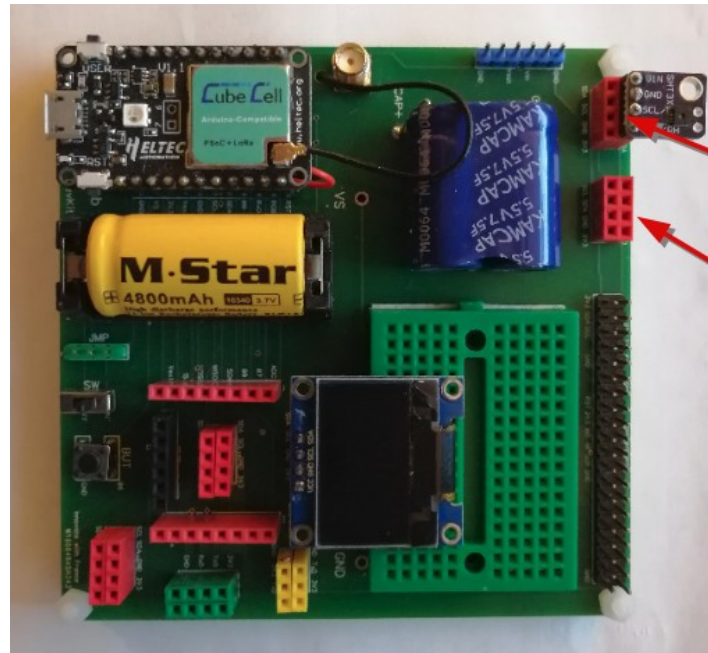


## Part III : Long Range (LoRa) with CubeCell

The Remote Terminal on our HT board (RISC-V,WiFi,+LoRa modem) can operate in `low_power` mode that consumes about **150 $\mu$ A**. This value may be acceptable for **Low Power** solutions, however is too high for **Very Low Power** consumption. We need here different board specifically designed for LoRa communication such as CubeCell.

CubeCell is based on ARM-M0+**SX1262** LoRa modem

CubeCell **cannot be programmed with  $\mu$ Python** – no space and no sufficient processing power



|     |  |     |
|-----|--|-----|
| SDA |  | 3V3 |
| SCL |  | GND |
| GND |  | SCL |
| 3V3 |  | SDA |

|     |  |     |
|-----|--|-----|
| SCL |  | 3V3 |
| SDA |  | SCL |
| GND |  | SDA |
| 3V3 |  | GND |

**Attention !**  
The bus lines may be in different order !



# CubeCell : Arduino IDE

Legacy IDE (1.8.X)



The screenshot shows the Arduino IDE 1.8.19 download page. On the left, there's a section with the Arduino logo, the version number '1.8.19', a description of the IDE as open-source software for writing and uploading code to Arduino boards, a reference to the 'Arduino IDE 1.x documentation' for installation instructions, a 'SOURCE CODE' link, and information about the software being hosted by GitHub with links to 'building the code' and 'this gpg key'. On the right, a teal sidebar titled 'DOWNLOAD OPTIONS' lists download links for Windows (Win 7 and newer, Win 8.1 or 10 with a 'Get' button), Linux (32 bits, 64 bits, ARM 32 bits, ARM 64 bits), and Mac OS X (10.10 or newer). It also includes links for 'Release Notes' and 'Checksums (sha512)'.

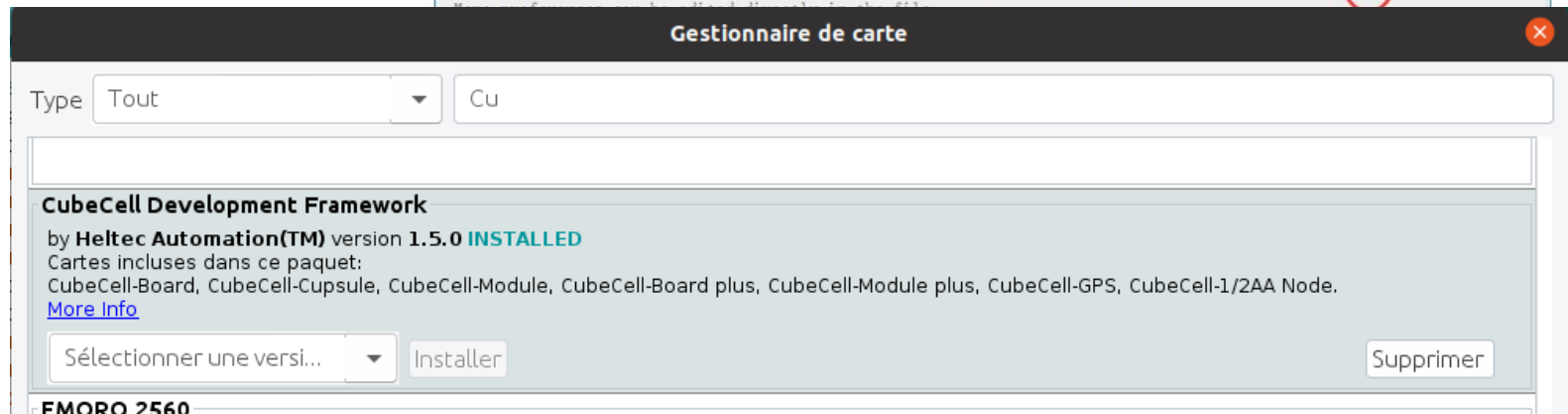
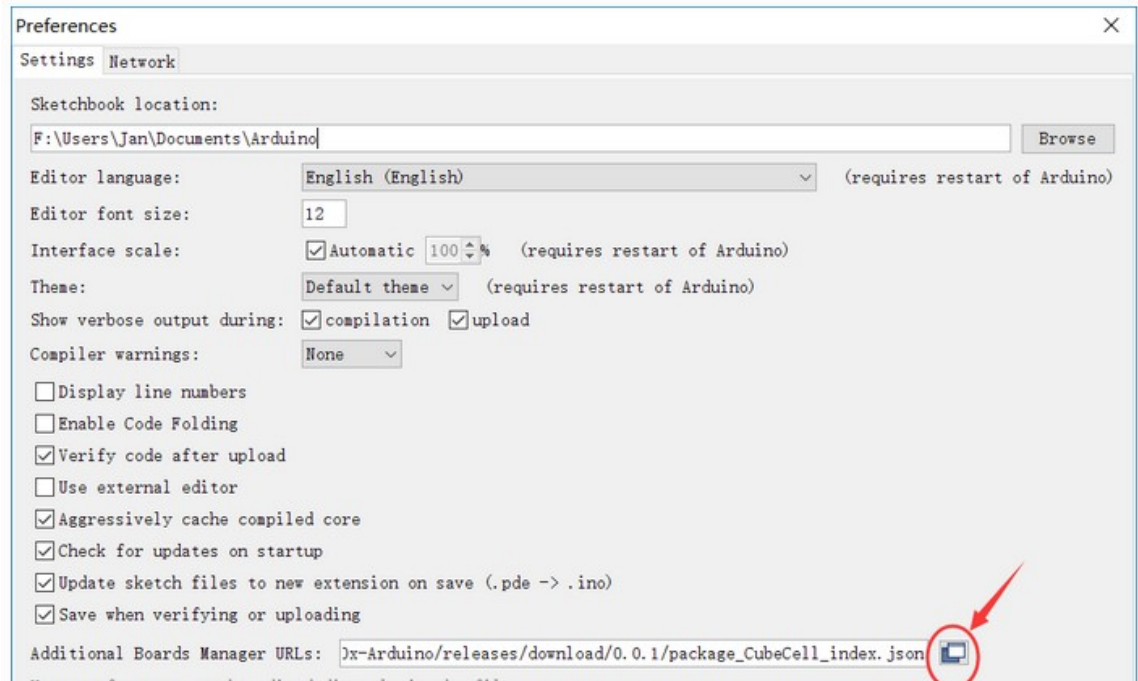
**After the installation of the Arduino IDE we have to add the architectural platform to work with CubeCell boards.**

**This needs the addition of JSON link in the preferences of IDE:**

[https://github.com/HeITecAutomation/CubeCell-Arduino/releases/download/V1.5.0/package\\_CubeCell\\_index.json](https://github.com/HeITecAutomation/CubeCell-Arduino/releases/download/V1.5.0/package_CubeCell_index.json)

# CubeCell tools : (crossscompiler,loader)

After the preparation of the link to the CubeCell tools and libraries we can download them via the Board Manager as follows.





## CubeCell : headers & events

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The Arduino C/C++ code is compiled (cross-compiled) and loaded into flash memory of the board.

The initial section includes a number of libraries required to run the code for the SoM and the associated sensors.

```
#include "LoRaWan_APP.h"
#include "Arduino.h"
#include <Wire.h>
#include "Adafruit_SHT4x.h"
Adafruit_SHT4x sht4 = Adafruit_SHT4x();
#include "Max44009.h"
Max44009 myLux(0x4A);

#define RX_TIMEOUT_VALUE 1000
static RadioEvents_t RadioEvents;
float txNumber;
bool lora_idle=true;
```

**LoRaWan\_APP.h** is a complete library with the functions to operate with the basic LoRa transmissions as well as the LoRaWAN protocol.

As we use two sensors: SHT41 and Max44009 we need the corresponding libraries.

The operational timing of the LoRa modem (SX1262) is controlled via **RadioEvents** with timeout value.



## CubeCell: low\_power stage

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The terminal is identified by the channel number associated to the ThingSpeak server. To write/read the data into/from this channel we need to provide read/write keys of 16-byte length.

Next code section defines the timer operations to put into sleep and to wakeup the processor.

```
unsigned long myChannelNumber =1626377; // put here your channel number
const char *myWriteAPIKey="3IN09682SQX3PT4Z" ;
const char *myReadAPIKey="9JVTP8ZHVTB9G4TT" ;
TimerEvent_t sleepTimer;
bool sleepTimerExpired; //Records whether our sleep/low power timer expired

static void wakeUp()
{
    sleepTimerExpired=true;
}

static void lowPowerSleep(uint32_t sleeptime) // corresponds to low_power stage
{
    sleepTimerExpired=false;
    TimerInit( &sleepTimer, &wakeUp );
    TimerSetValue( &sleepTimer, sleeptime );
    TimerStart( &sleepTimer );
    while (!sleepTimerExpired) lowPowerHandler();
    TimerStop( &sleepTimer );
}
```



## CubeCell: LoRa parameters

LoRa modem radio parameters are registered in the structure `par`; . We have here the essential LoRa modulation parameters such as:

base frequency – `freq`,  
spreading factor – `sf`,  
signal modulation bandwidth – `bw`,  
and code rate - `cr`.

```
typedef union
{
    uint8_t buff[28];
    struct
    {
        uint32_t  freq;           // GW - link frequency
        uint8_t   power;         // GW - emission power
        uint8_t   sf;            // GW - link spreading factor
        uint32_t  bw;            // GW - link signal bandwidth: [125E3, 250E3, 500E3]
        uint8_t   cr;            // GW - link coding rate: [5,6,7,8] in function
        uint8_t   aeskey[16];    // GW - AES key
        uint8_t   pad;
    } par;
} rt_lora_t;           // type definition
rt_lora_t rtlora;     // declaration
```





## CubeCell: LoRa packet

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LoRa packet sent to the receiver/gateway is structured as follows. Its format corresponds to the **μPython** structure declared as:

```
chan, wkey, temp, humi, lumi, count=struct.unpack('i16s4f', data)
```

where: `i` → `uint32_t`, `16s` → `char[16]`, `4f` → `float[4]`

```
typedef union
{
    uint8_t frame[36];
    struct
    {
        uint32_t    channel;           // channel number
        char        wkey[16];         // TS write key
        float       sens[4];          // temp, humi, lumi, count
    } pay;
} pack_t;
pack_t sdp; // packet to send
```



## CubeCell: reading sensors – sensing phase

The following declarations allows us to keep some values alive during the deep-sleep stage. They are declared as **static**.

```
static uint16_t counter=0;
static float stemp=0.0, shumi=0.0, slumi=0.0;

float temp=0.0, humi=0.0, lumi=0.0;
```

There are two functions to read separately the values of temperature-humidity and luminosity sensors.

```
void readSHT41(float *tem, float *hum){ .. }
and
void readMAX44009(float *lux) { .. }
```

Note that both functions take the pointers to the variables used to return the sensor values.



## CubeCell: setup () function

**setup ()** section contains all necessary initialization to run the sender code. First we prepare the LoRa radio parameters via **setLoRaPar ()** function. Then we prepare the events to capture the end of data transmission without (**OnTxDone**) or with an error (**OnTxTimeout**). The prepared LoRa radio parameters are activated via **SetChannel ()** and **SetTxConfig ()** methods.

```
void setup() {  
    Serial.begin(9600); delay(300);  
    setLoRaPar(); // read lora parameters and TS  
parameters  
..  
    txNumber=0;  
    RadioEvents.TxDone = OnTxDone;  
    RadioEvents.TxTimeout = OnTxTimeout;  
    Radio.Init( &RadioEvents );  
    Radio.SetChannel( rtlora.par.freq );  
    Radio.SetTxConfig( MODEM_LORA, rtlora.par.power, 0, rtlora.par.bw,  
        rtlora.par.sf, rtlora.par.cr, 8, false,  
        true, 0, 0, false, 3000 );  
}
```



## CubeCell: loop () function

loop () section runs in **two stages** : the entry into **low\_power stage** is activated by:  
`lowPowerSleep (ttsleep) ;`

```
void loop()
{
  turnOffRGB(); counter++; digitalWrite(Vext, HIGH); delay(100);
  lowPowerSleep(ttsleep); // lora_idle = true;
  float ntemp, nhumi, nlumi, lux;
  readSHT41(&ntemp, &nhumi); readMAX44009(&nlumi);
  if(sent_valid(stemp, ntemp, 0.05))
  {
    if(lora_idle == true) // is true when TX is done !
    {
      stemp=ntemp; shumi=nhumi; slumi=nlumi;
      sdp.pay.channel=myChannelNumber;
      strncpy(sdp.pay.wkey, myWriteAPIKey, 16);
      sdp.pay.sens[0]=ntemp; sdp.pay.sens[1]=nhumi; sdp.pay.sens[2]=nlumi;
      Radio.Send( (uint8_t *)sdp.frame, 36 ); //send the package out
      lora_idle = false; delay(100);
      turnOnRGB(COLOR_SEND, 0); counter++; delay(100); digitalWrite(Vext, HIGH);
    }
  }
}
```

# Power consumption : low\_power stage



**low\_power stage – 10.27μA**

# Power consumption : full **high\_power** stage



full **high\_power** stage – 20.19mC

# Power consumption : reduced **high\_power** stage

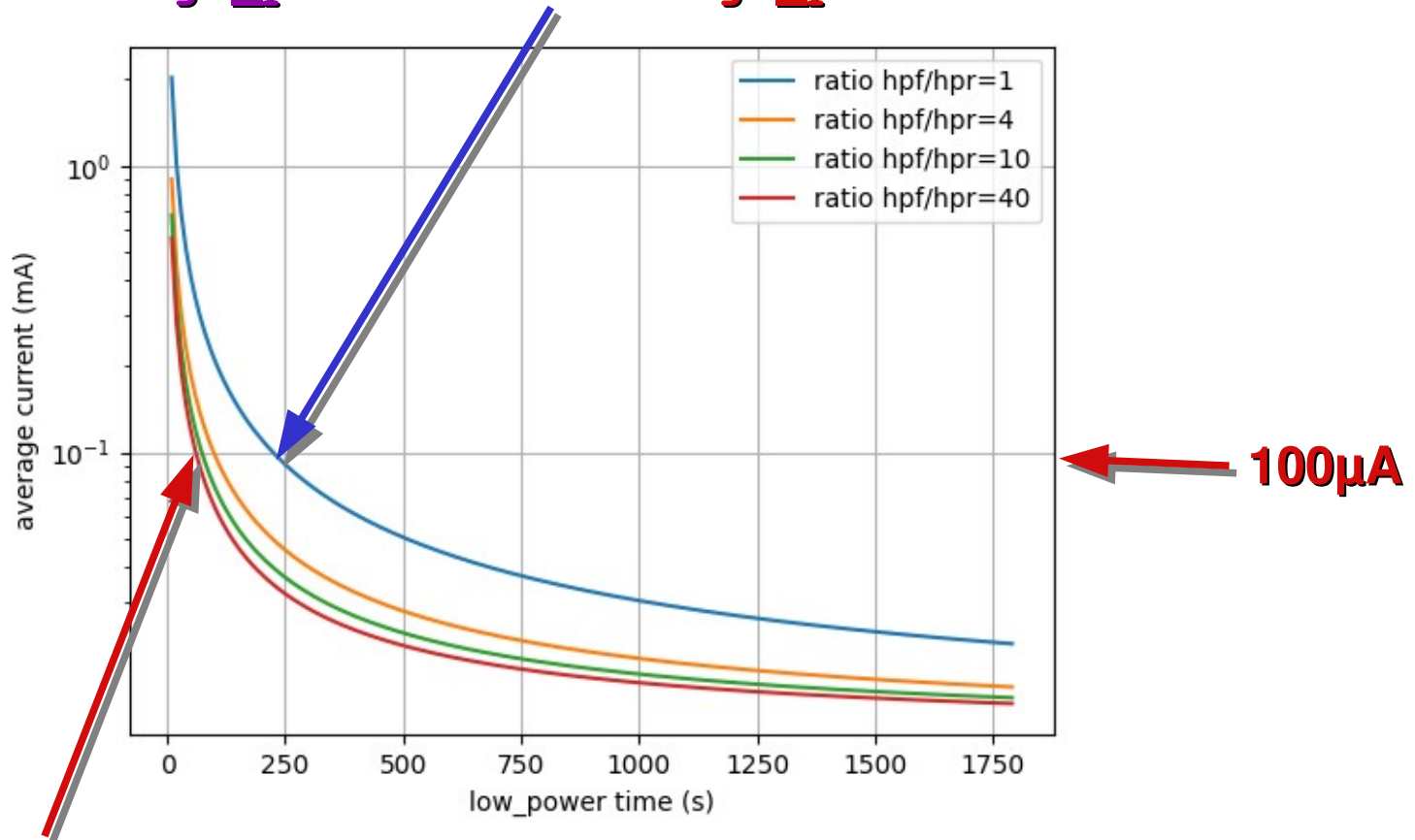


reduced **high\_power** stage – 5.11mC



# Average current function of low\_power stage time

high\_power reduced/high\_power full = 1  $\Rightarrow$  240s



high\_power reduced/high\_power full = 100  $\Rightarrow$  60s

# Summary

## IoT infrastructure & Devices

IoT devices identification:

@IP: port\_n: channel\_id

## Low Power modes: stages & phases

**Direct Terminals - WiFi** (HT: RISC-V )

Power consumption on Direct Terminals

**Remote Terminals – Lora** (HT: RISC-V ) , (CC: ARM-M0)

Power consumption on Remote Terminals

## LoRa-WiFi Gateways & Complete IoT Architectures

