Low Power IoT Architectures

“Mesures et analyse des consommations énergétiques d’une architecture IoT très faible puissance”

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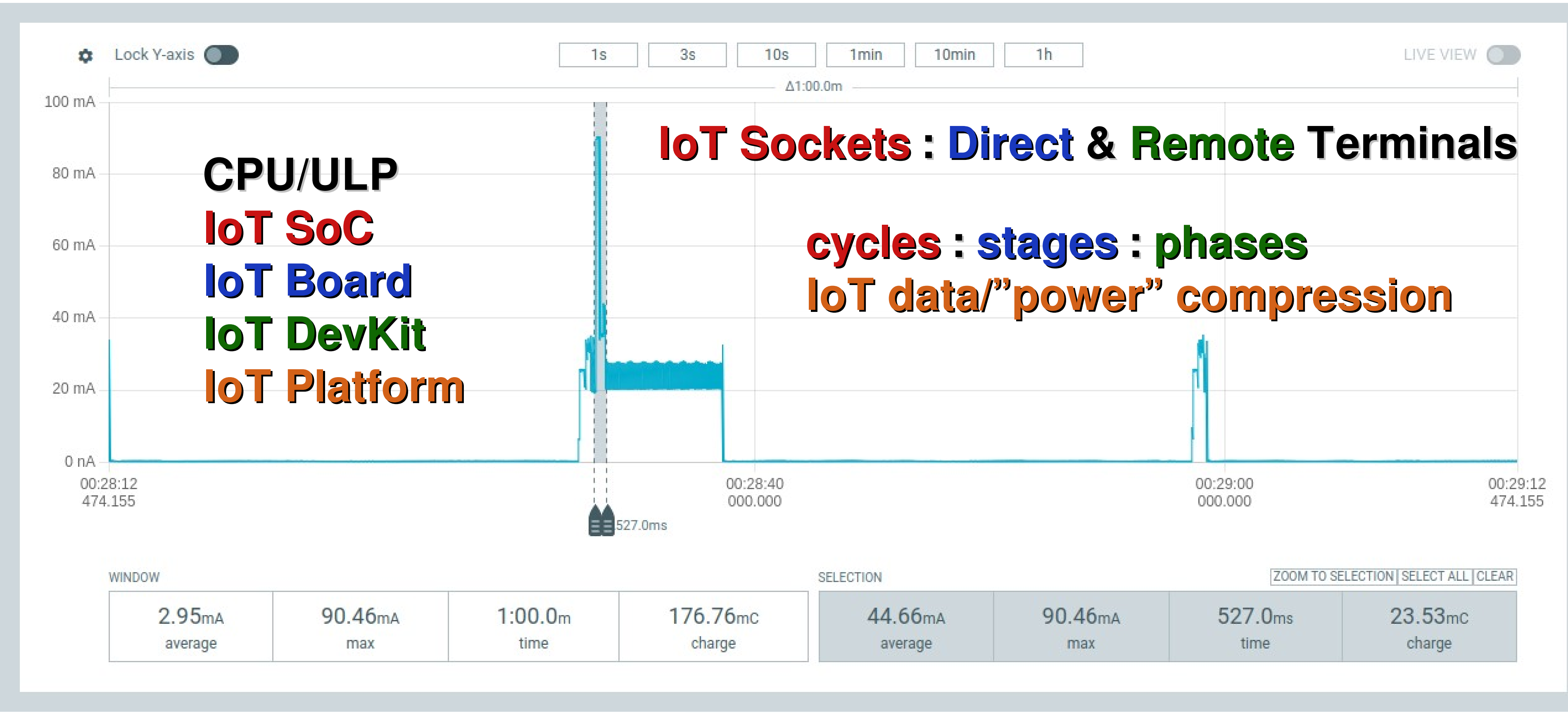

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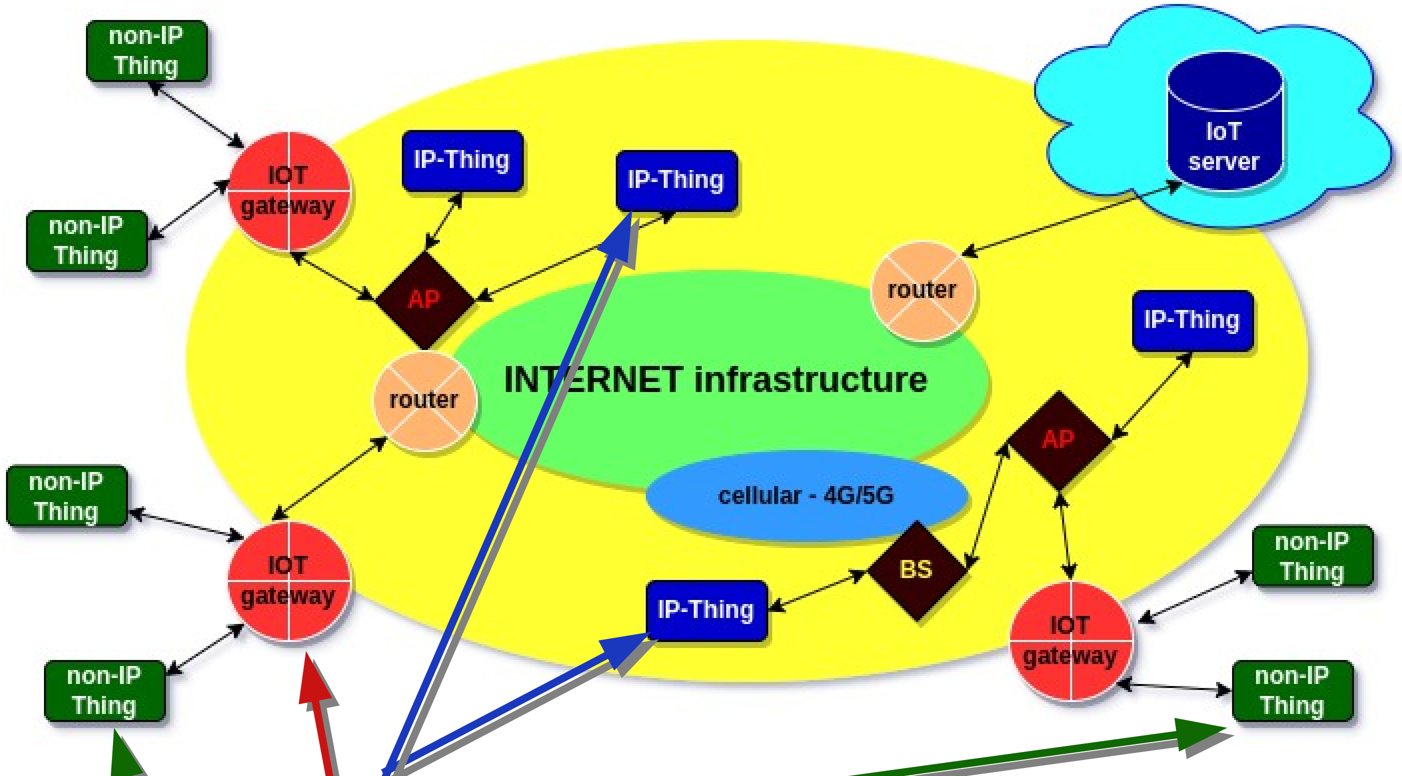
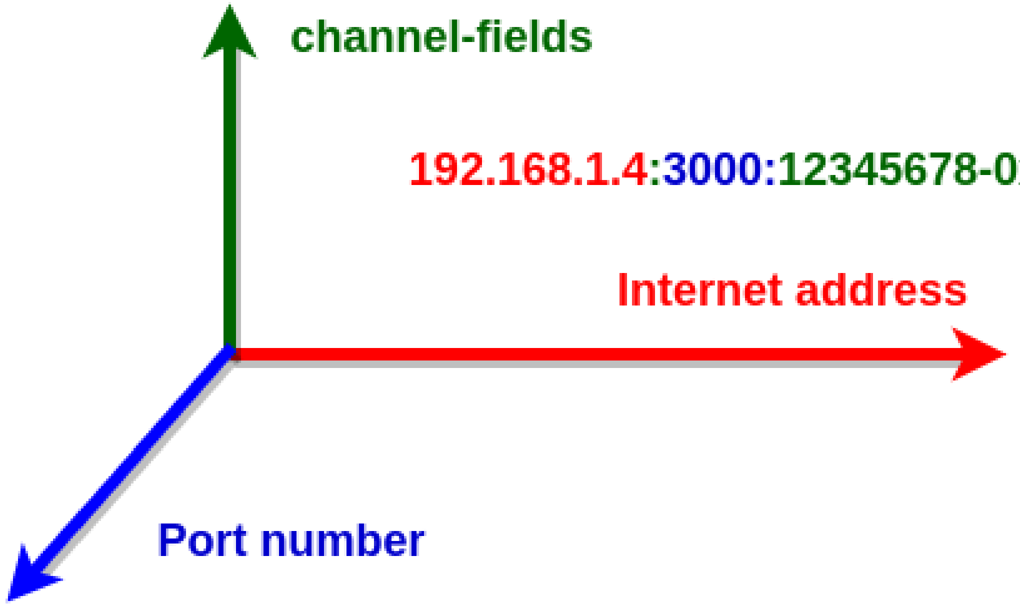
IoT : Direct & Remote Terminals



IP-Thing : **Direct Terminal** connected to INET via **WiFi**/4G/5G link

non-IP-Thing : **Remote Terminal** connected to INET via **LoRa** link and **IoT gateway**

IoT Sockets : @IP:port:channel



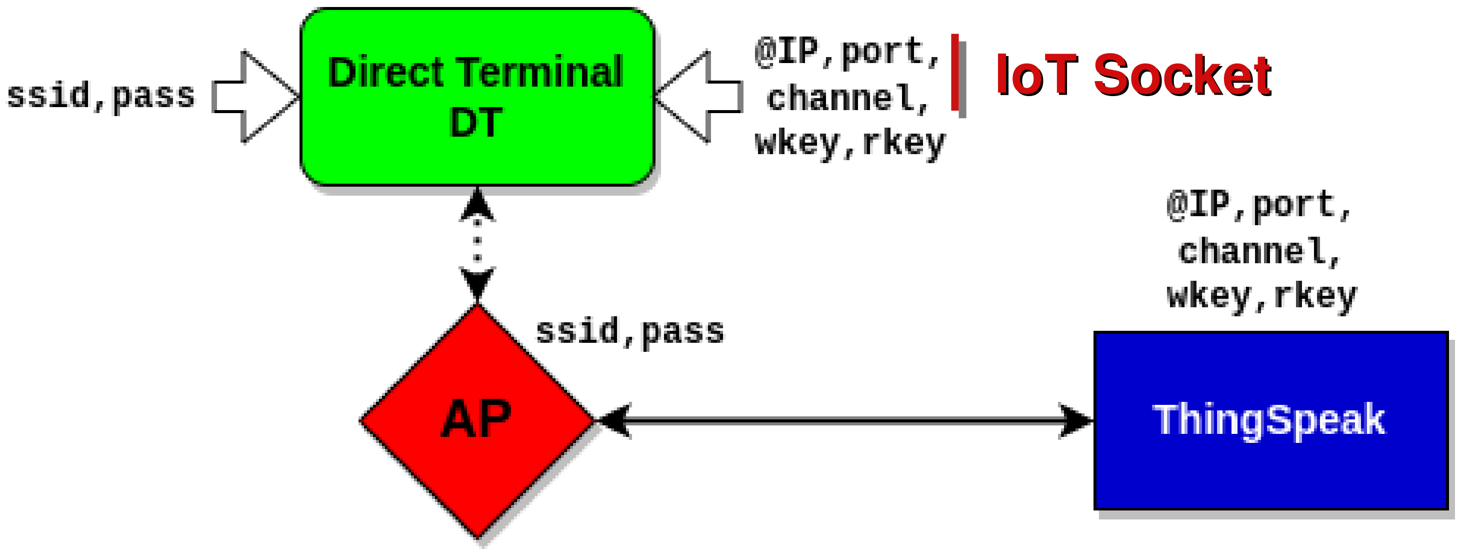
IoT socket => IP address: Service port:Channel number-fields

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

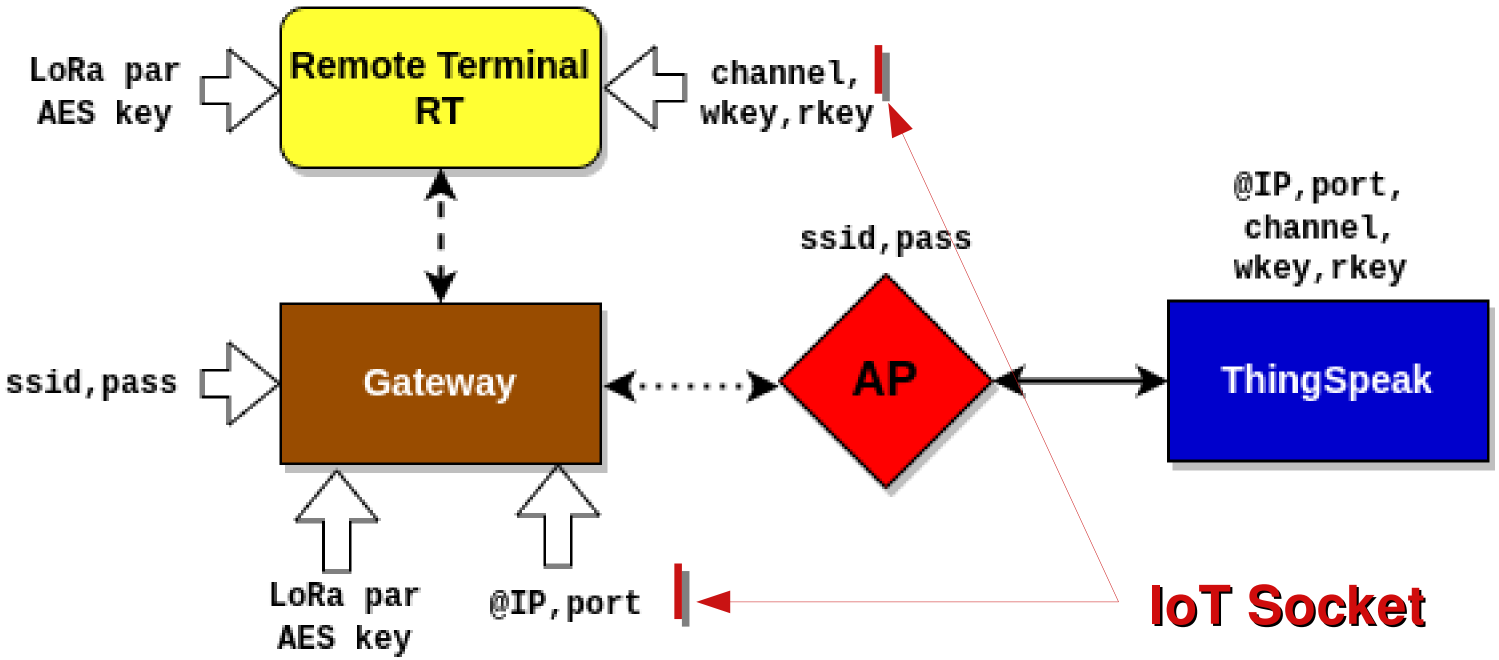


Direct Terminals know: IP address:Service port:Channel number

plus: write and optionally read key

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

Remote Terminals and IoT Sockets



Gateways know IP address : Service port

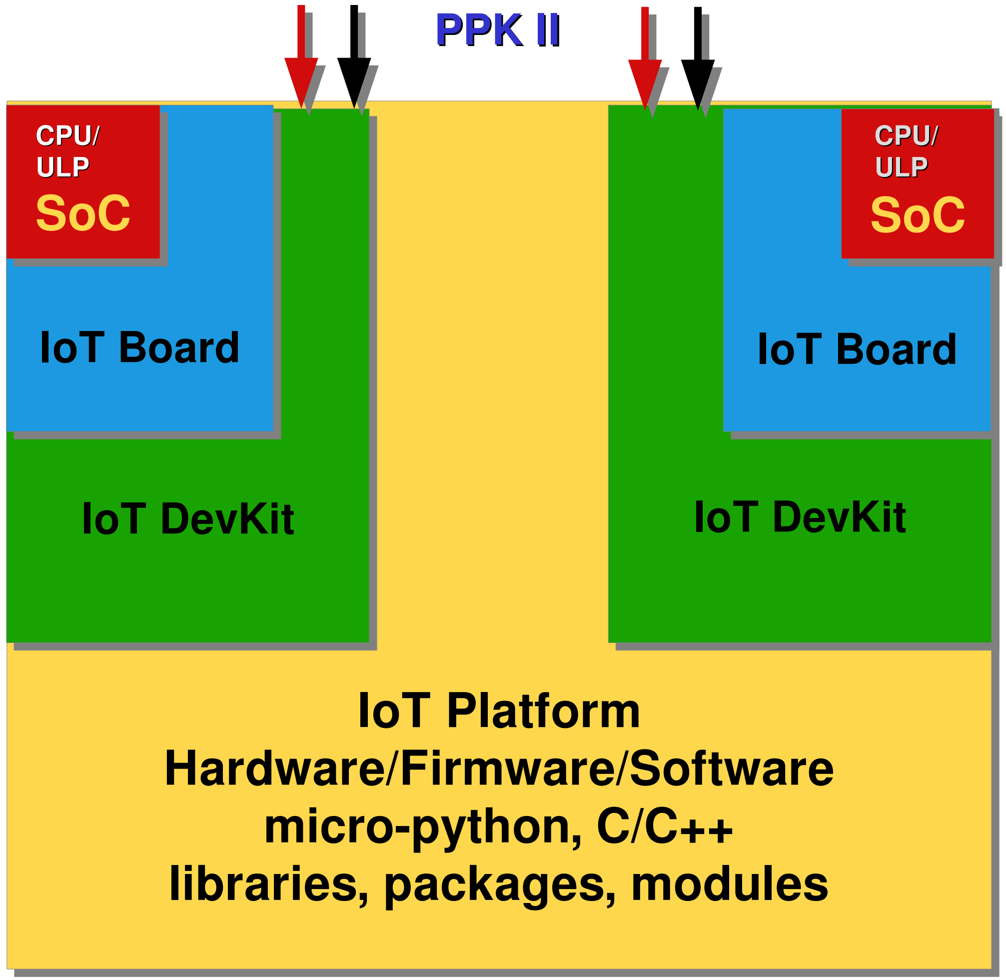
Remote Terminals know only Channel number (identifier)

From IoT SoC to IoT Platform

ARM-M0
SX1262
Bus I/O,..

EEPROM
USB, solar
Converters,
Bus I/O, ..

UART,I2C,SPI
sensors/actuators
solar panel, battery
supercapacitors, ..



RISC-V,Xtensa:
LX6,LX7
ESP32C3
ESP32C6
ESP32S6
WiFi/BLE
Bus I/O,..

EEPROM
USB,
Converters,
Bus I/O, ..

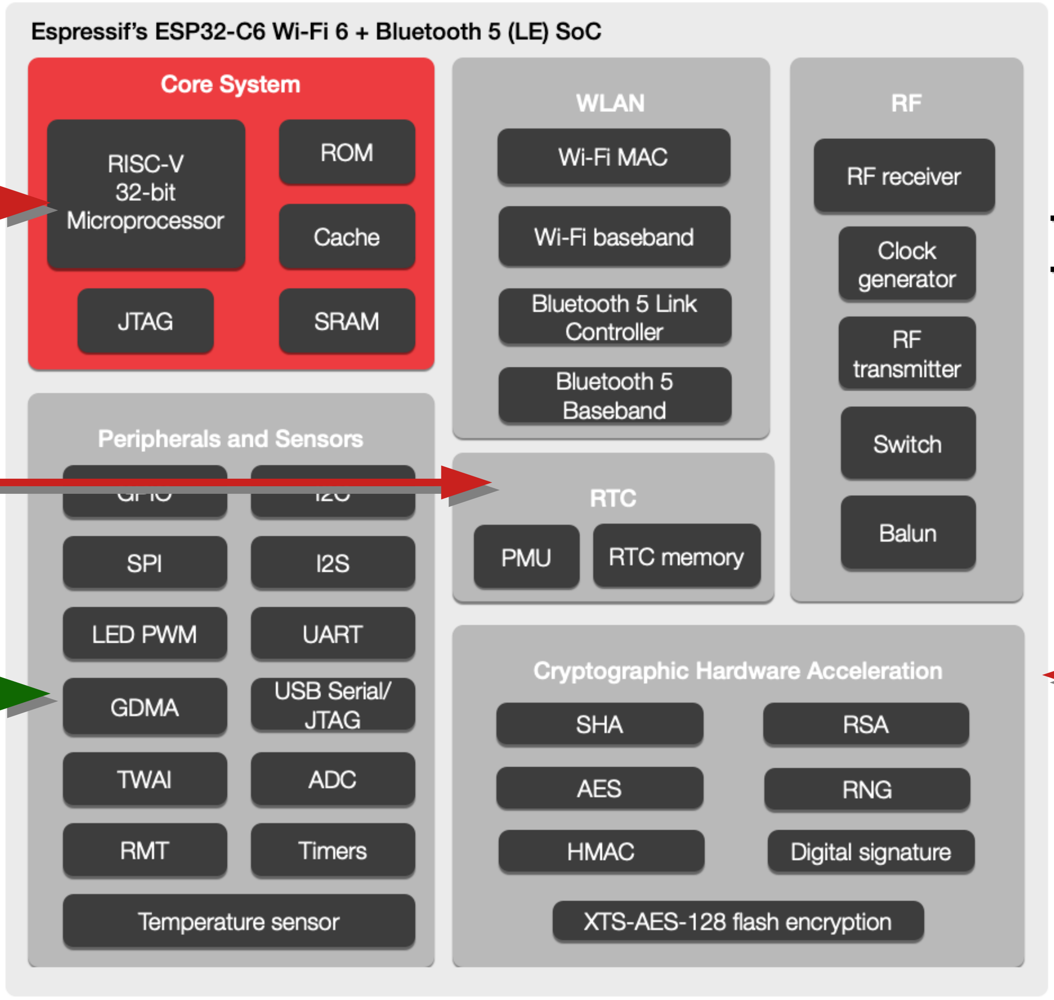
UART,I2C,SPI
sensors/actuators,
modems, solar
panel, battery
supercapacitors, ..

IoT SoC ESP32C6: low power features

RISC-V: RV32
5 stages pipeline

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

Buses including
Low Power
(I2C,UART)

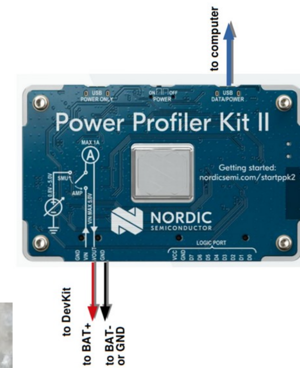


WiFi6 with TWT - Target Wake Time

Crypto and Security

IoT SoC / Board / DevKiT / Platform

Firmware/Software - µPython/C,C++

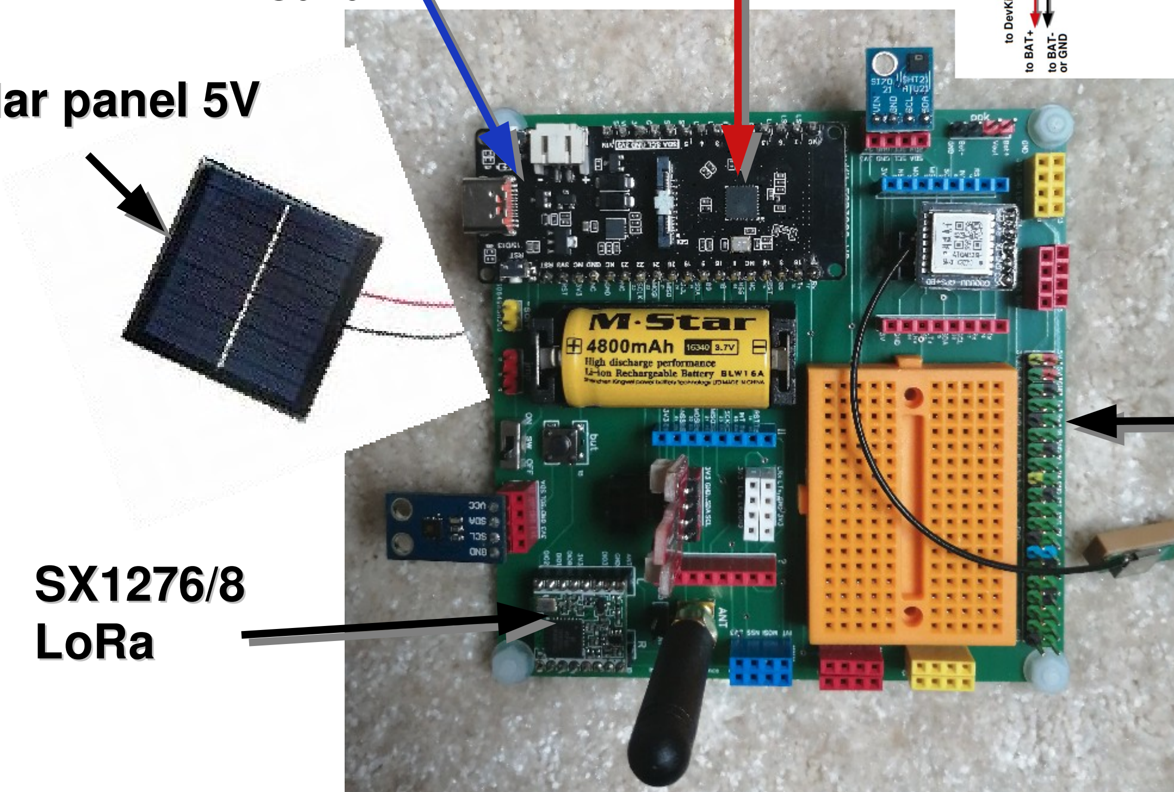


Nordic PPK II

IoT Board

ESP32C6 SoC

mini solar panel 5V



GPIO

SX1276/8 LoRa

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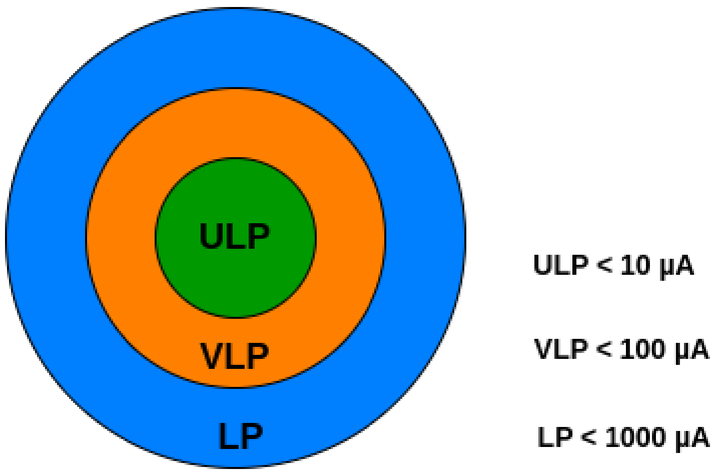
Low and Very Low Power consumption



Example of average current (power) consumption:
deepsleep mode for `low_power` stage : 10µA and 100s
normal mode for `high_power` stage : 40mA and 0.5s

`low_power` charge + `high_power` charge= 10µA*100s + 40 000µA*0.5s = 1000µC+20000µC= 21mC

average_current = charge/time = 21mC/100.5s = 0.21mA = 210µA (LP)

Let us calculate the same for `low_power` stage duration of 600s.

average_current = charge/time = 26mC/600.5s = 0.043mA = 43µA (VLP)

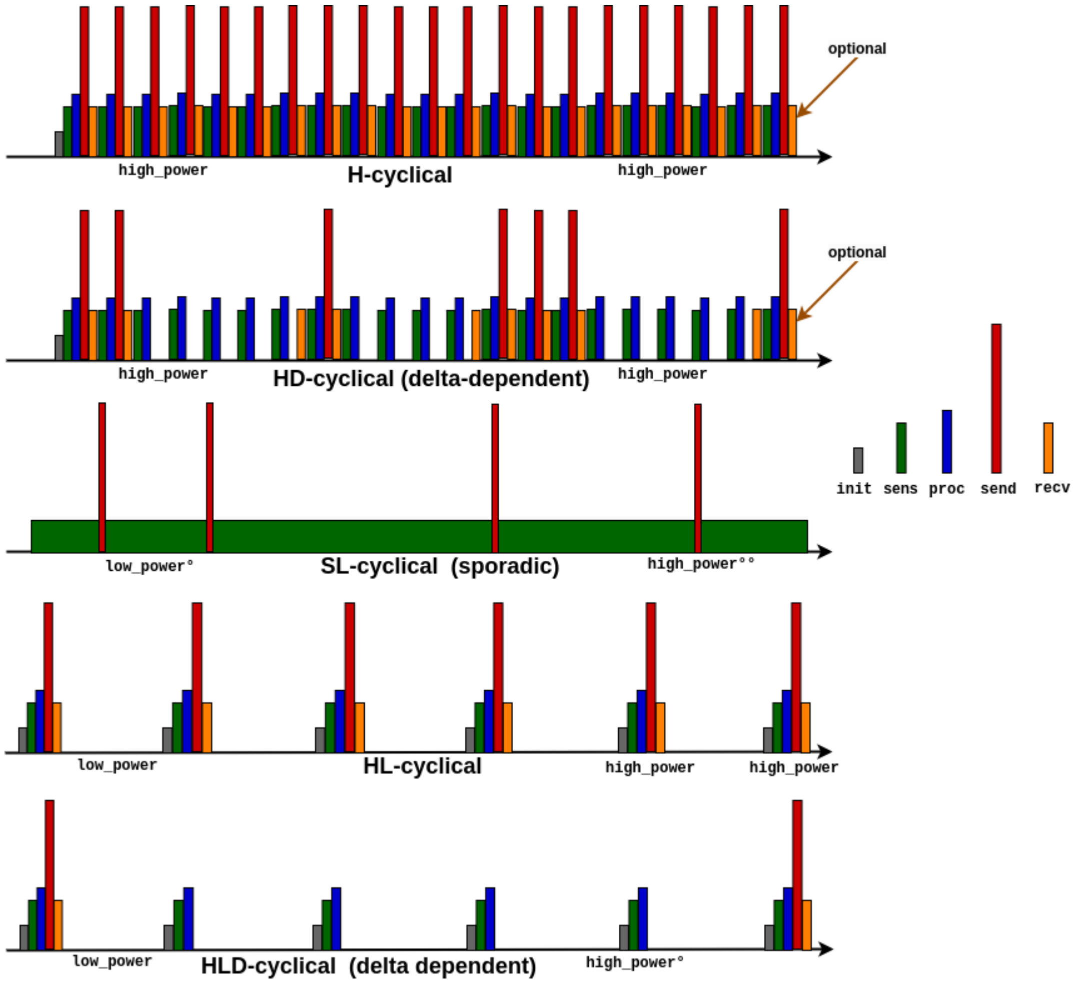
Terminals: Operational modes

high average current

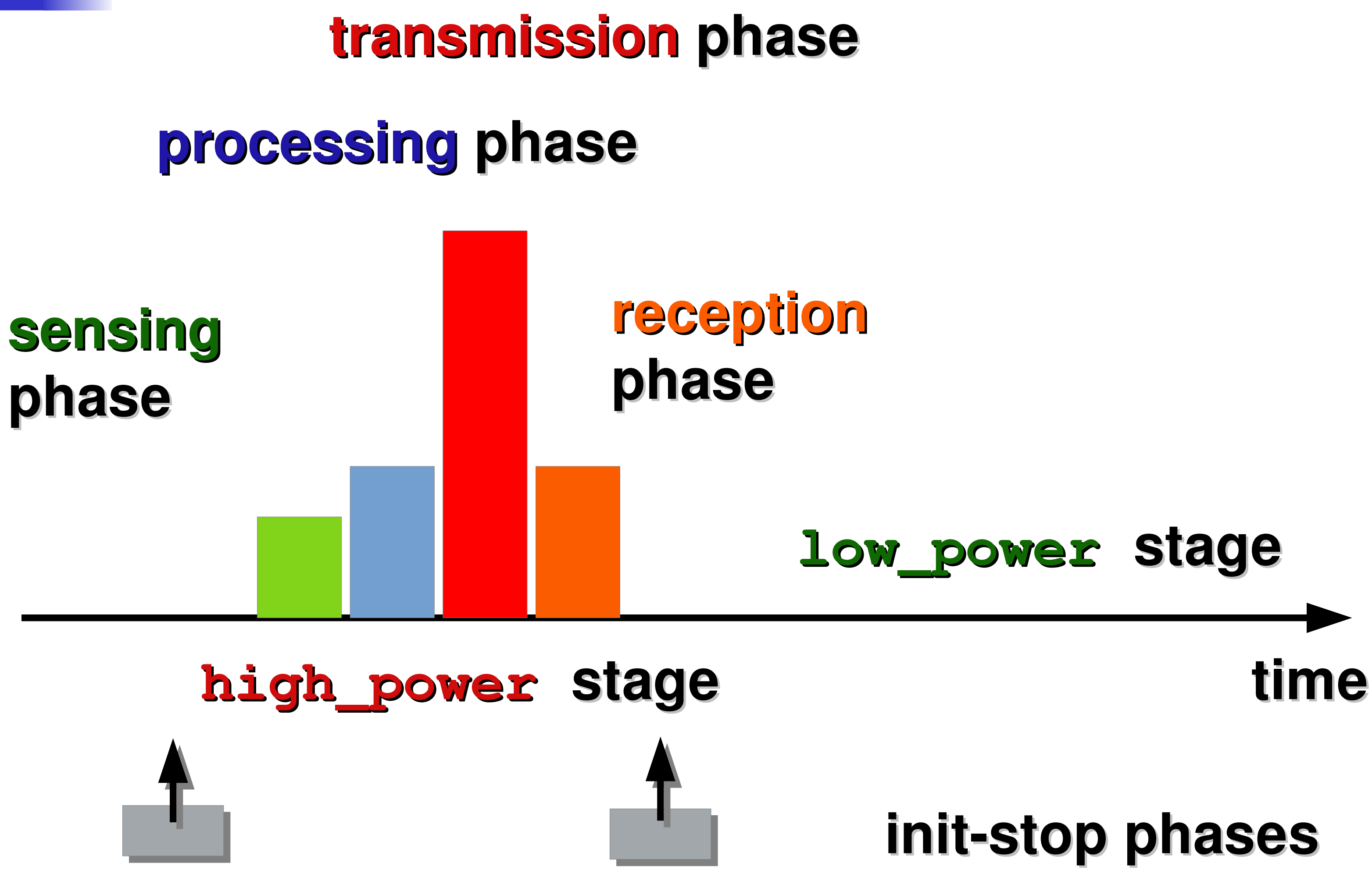
`delta` (δ) parameter defines required precision-difference

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

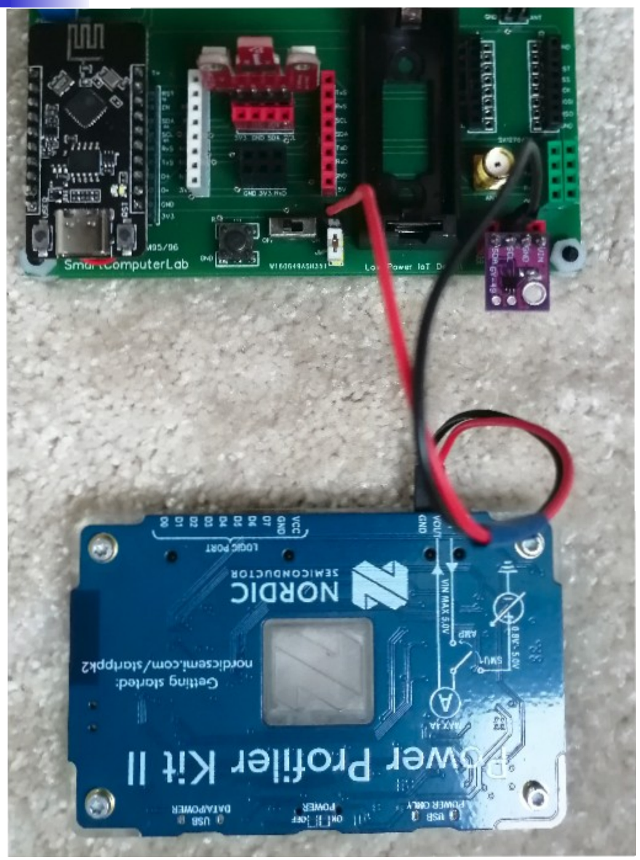
low average current

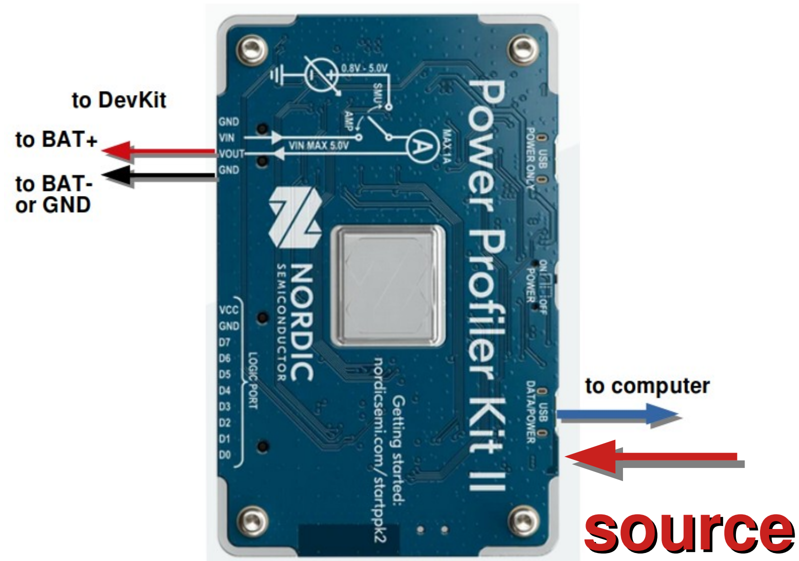


high_power stage - phases



Power Profiler Kit II : connection



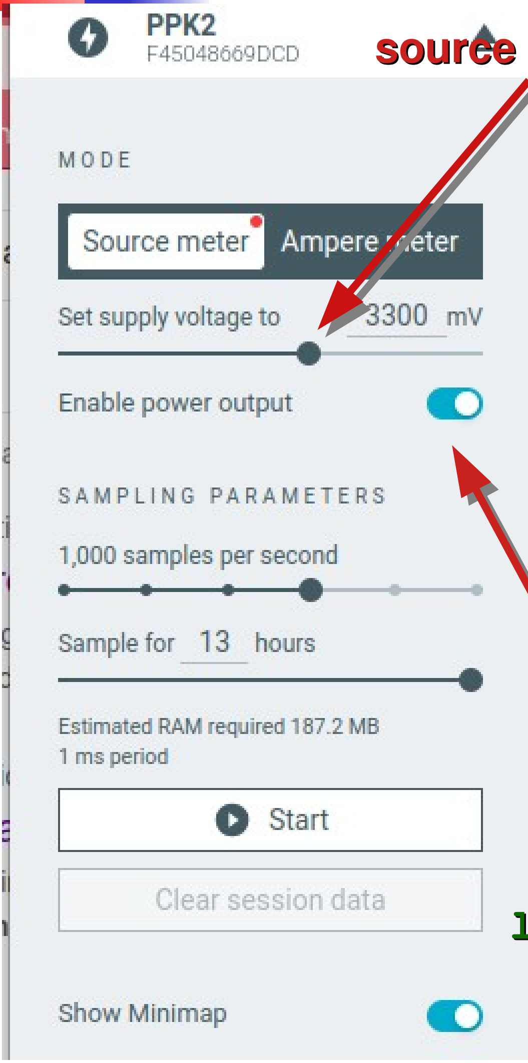


Power Profiler with source mode

Power Profiler Kit II - windows

source voltage

main window



source mode

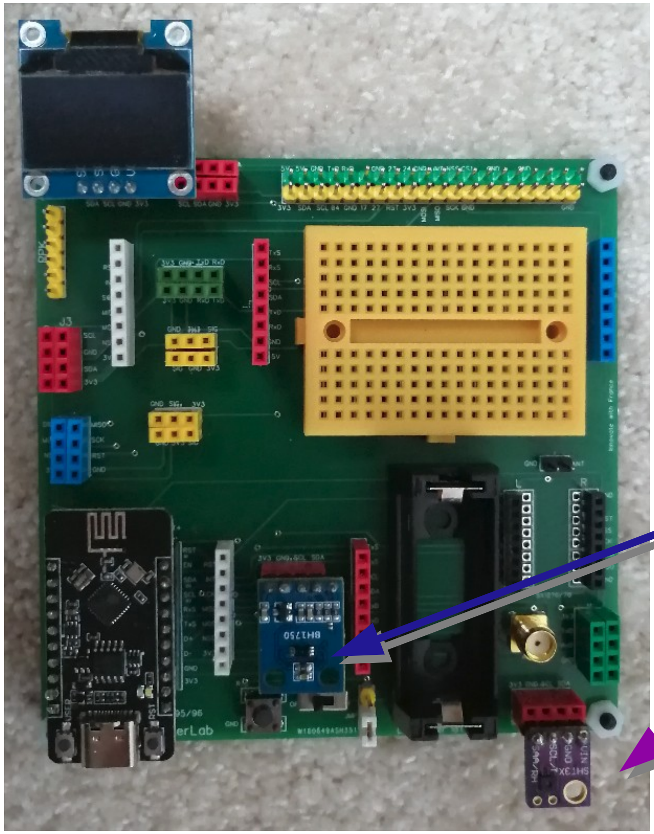
`high_power` stage

charge consumption (10.44µC)

`low_power` stage

average current consumption in `low_power` stage (10.39µA)

DevKit : HL cycle operation with sensors



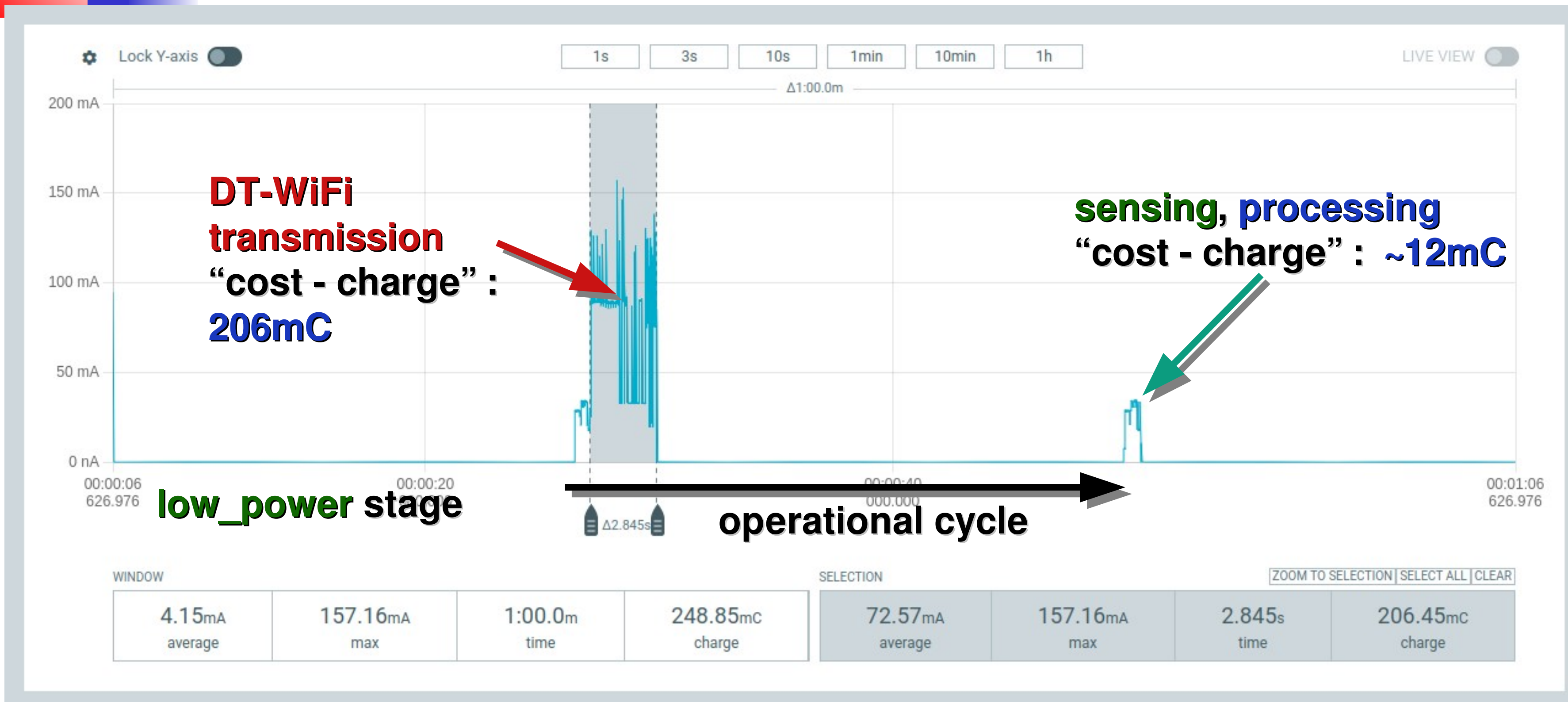
two sensors to capture
the **`temperature`**,
the **`humidity`**, and
the **`luminosity`** or **brightness**
values:

BH1750 (L) - luminosity

SHT31 (T/H) – temperature/humidity

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

HL cycle operation : sensors, WiFi, delta



delta : the max **difference** between the last sent and current sensor value

high_power stage time << **low_power** stage time

delta as big as possible : example 0.01C° => 1.0C°

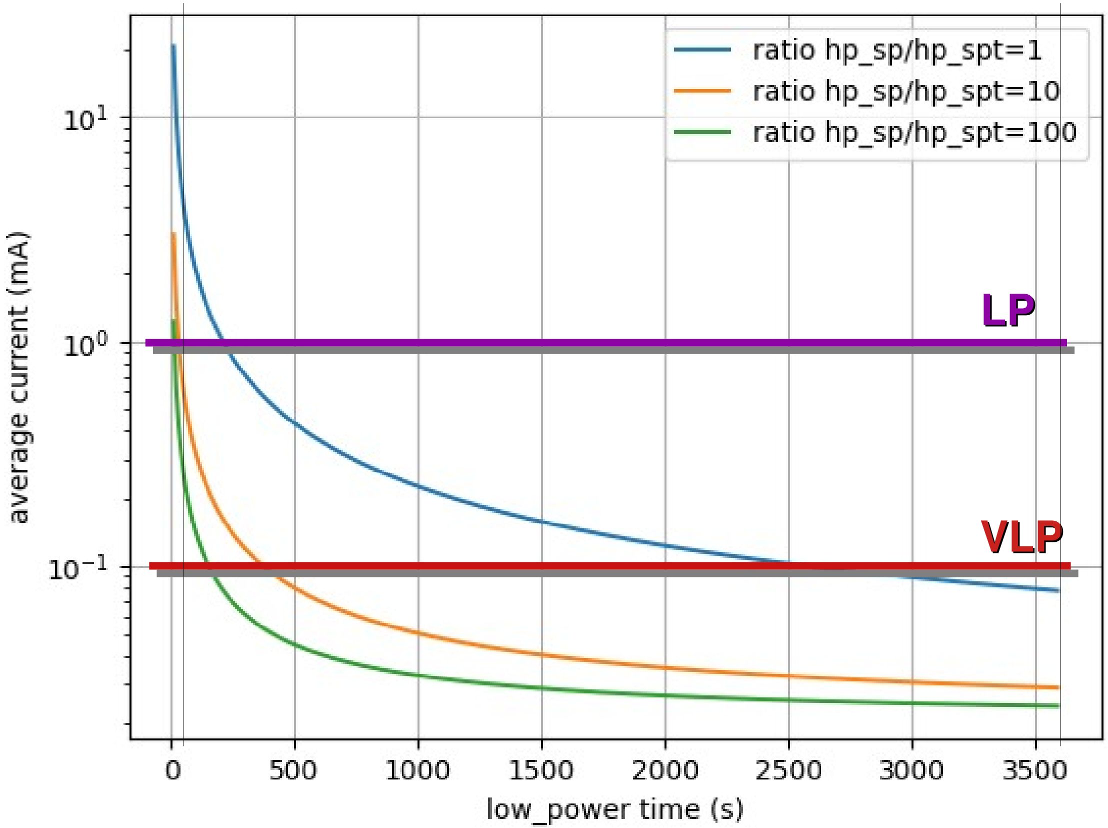
operational cycle frequency (16.6 mHz) >> transmission cycle frequency (278 µHz)

HL cycle operation : sensors, WiFi, delta

operational cycle frequency

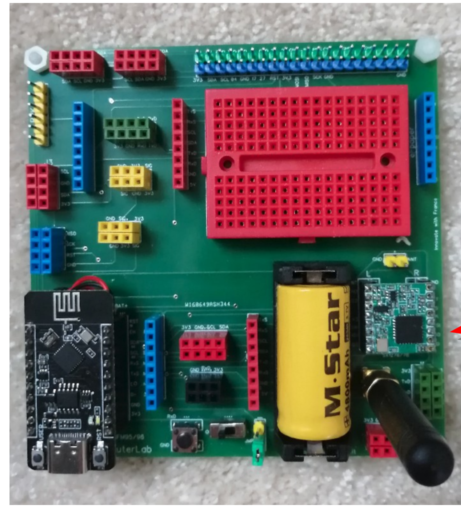
(16.6 mHz) (278 µHz)

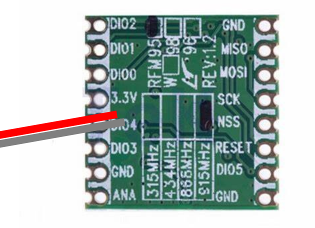
Ratio `hp_sp/hp_spt` :
the number of `high_power` cycles **without transmission**
to
the number of `high_power` cycles **with transmission**



The use of **delta** parameter may be considered as "**IoT data temporal compression**"

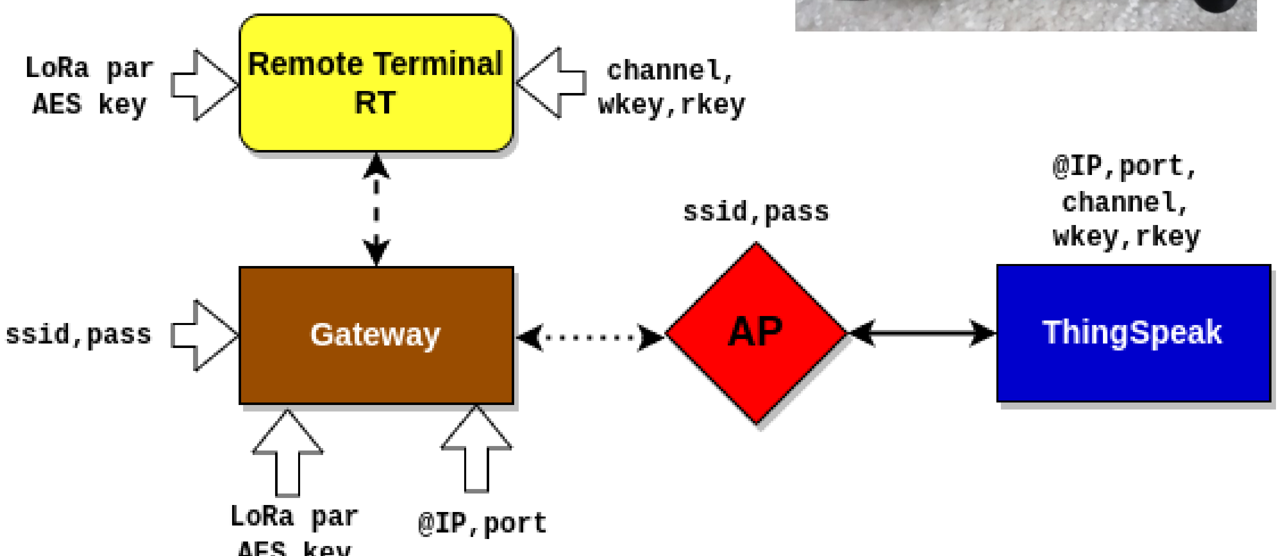
Long Range (LoRa) & Remote Terminals



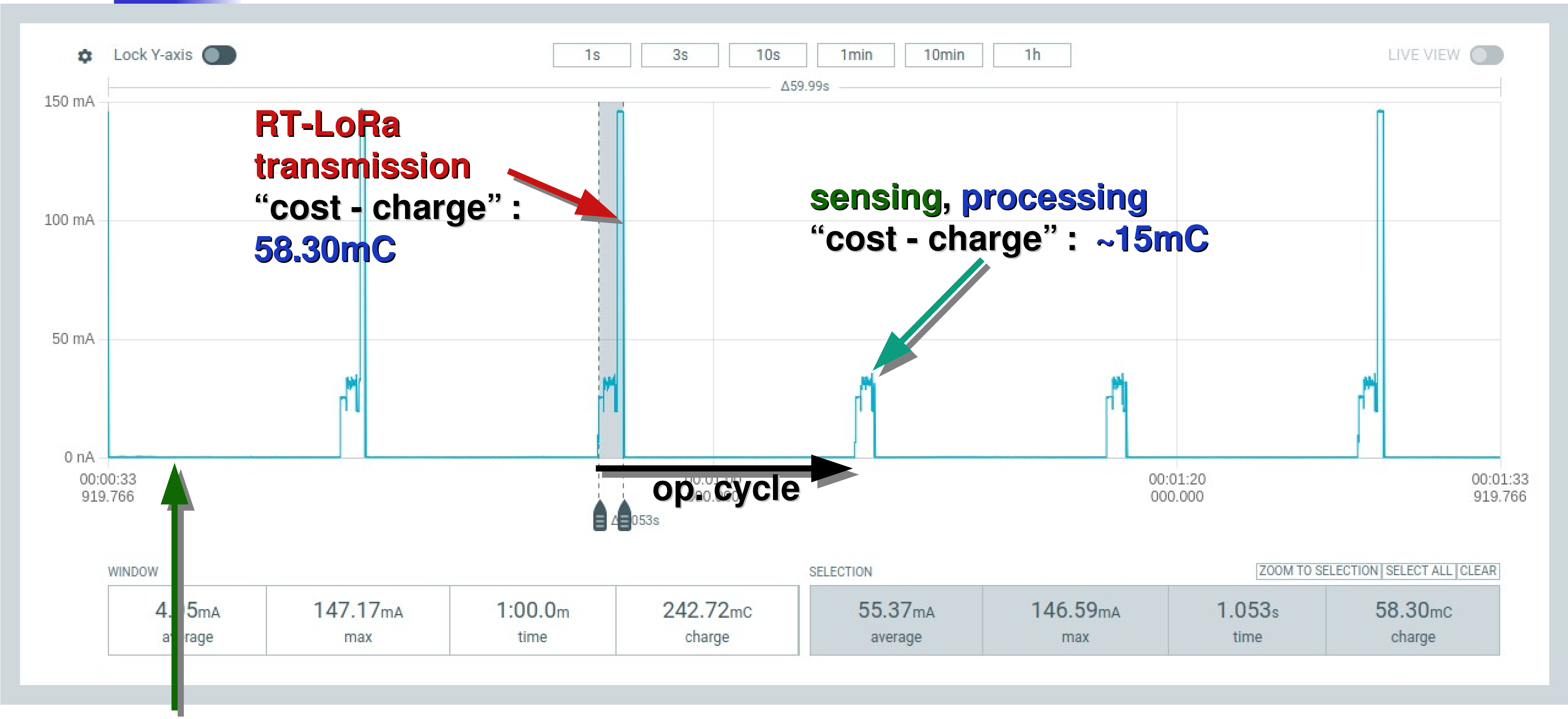


Remote Terminals or Lora-WiFi Gateway

RFM95 – SX1278



RT - Power consumption with LoRa link



`low_power` stage – 146.05µA

transmission time: SF=9, CR=4/8, BW=125KHz => 314 ms
transmission charge (avc.145mA) =>45mC

Power consumption with LoRa link : 146µA ?

Ratio hp_sp/hp_spt :
the number of `high_power`
cycles without transmission
to
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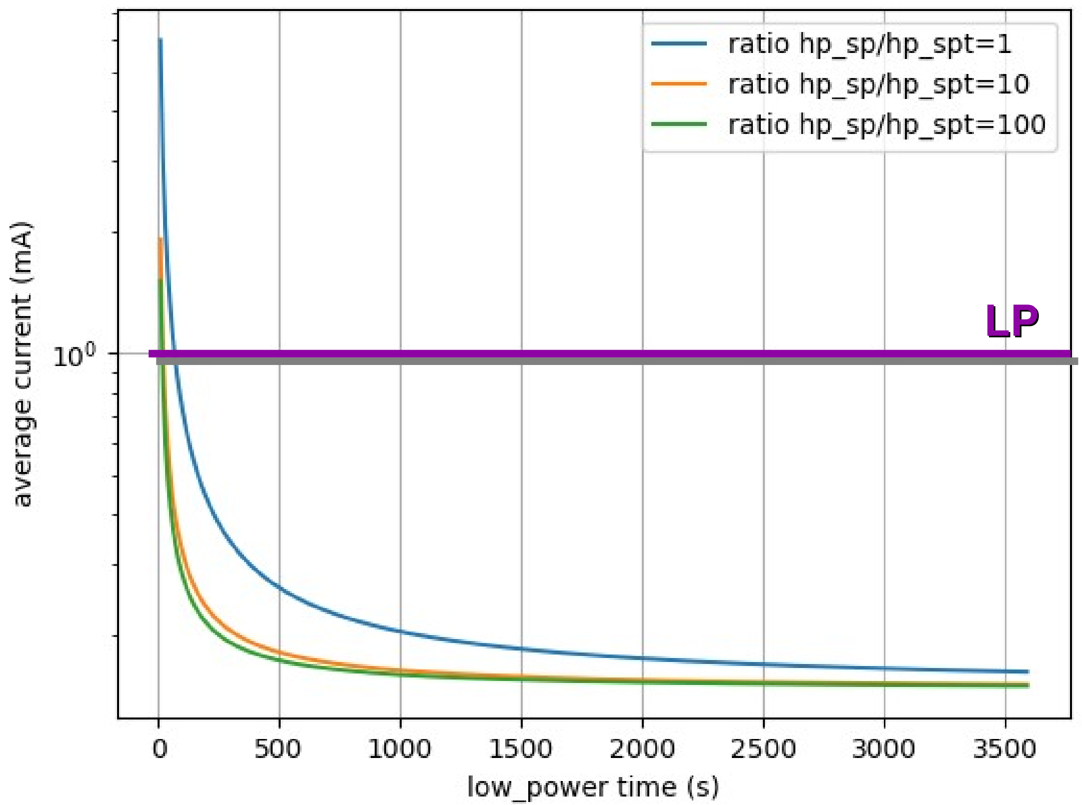
cycles with transmission

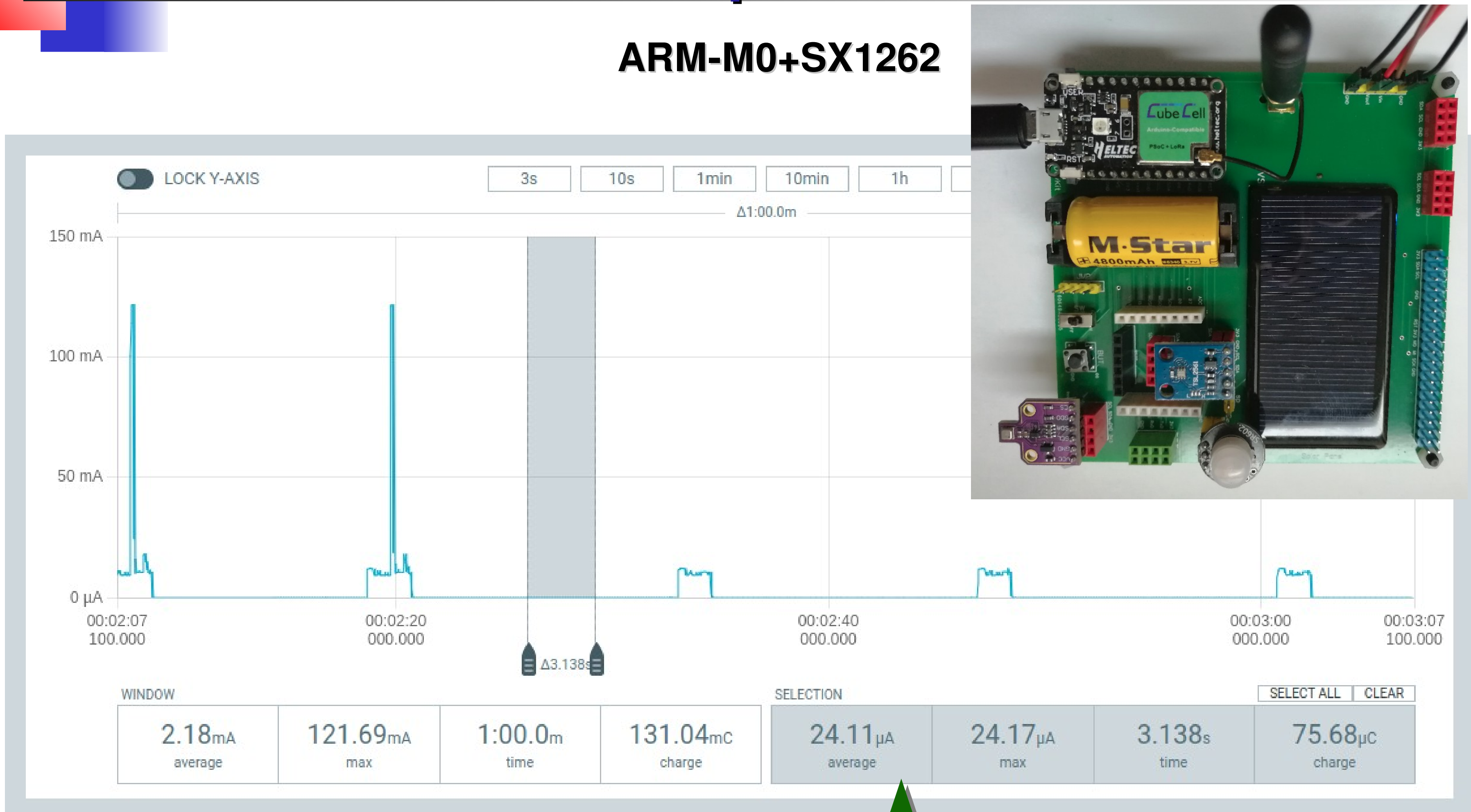


No VLP solution !
(for this board !)

Problem: `low_power` stage – 146.05µA (much to high !)

RT - Power consumption with LoRa link

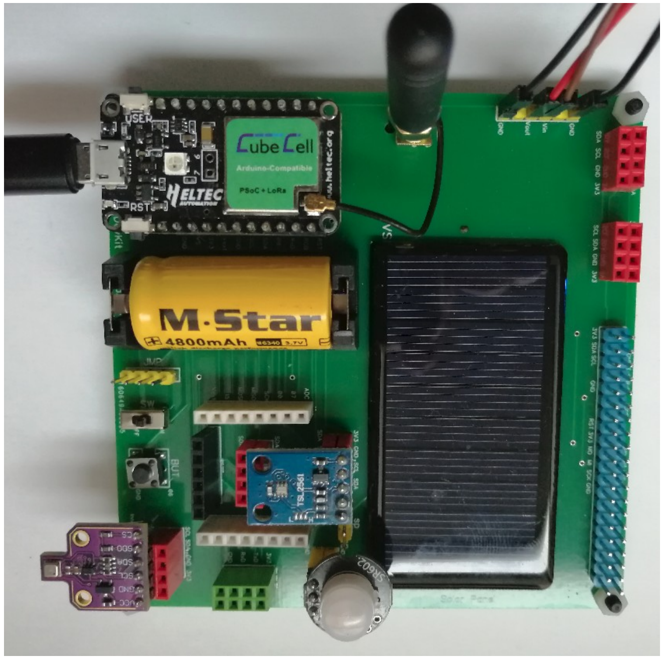
ARM-M0+SX1262



low_power stage = 24µA

RT - Power consumption with LoRa link

CubeCell



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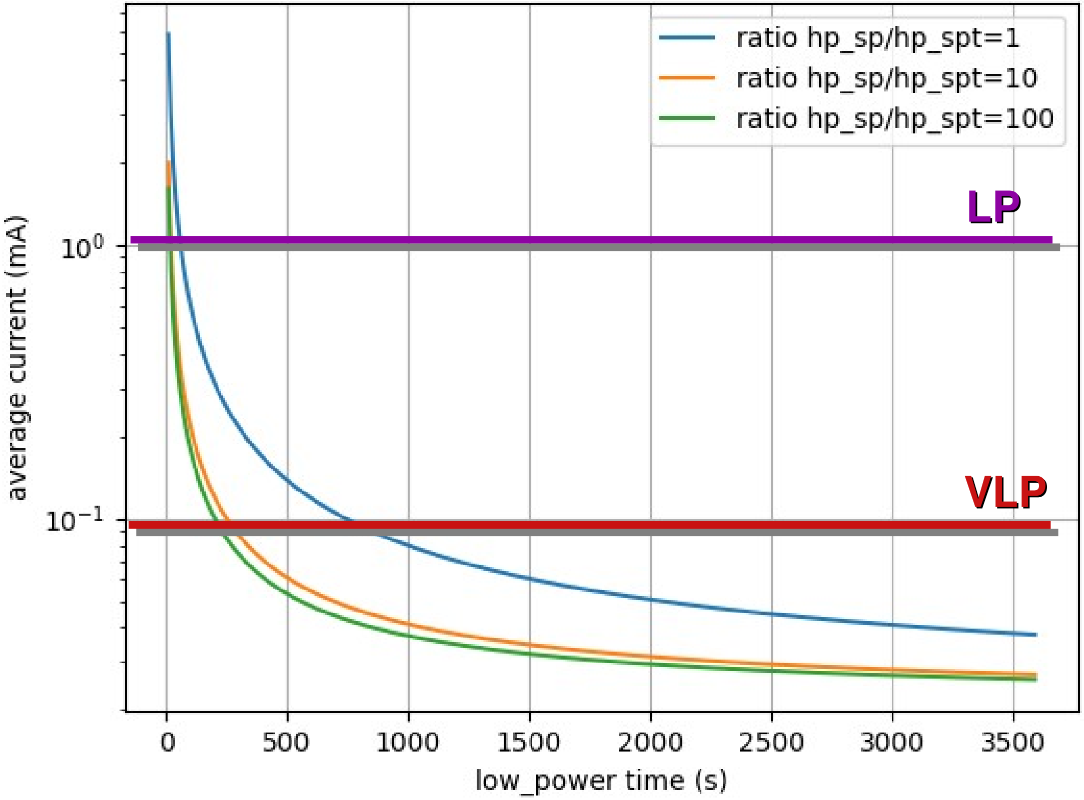
low_power stage = 32µA



Some conclusions

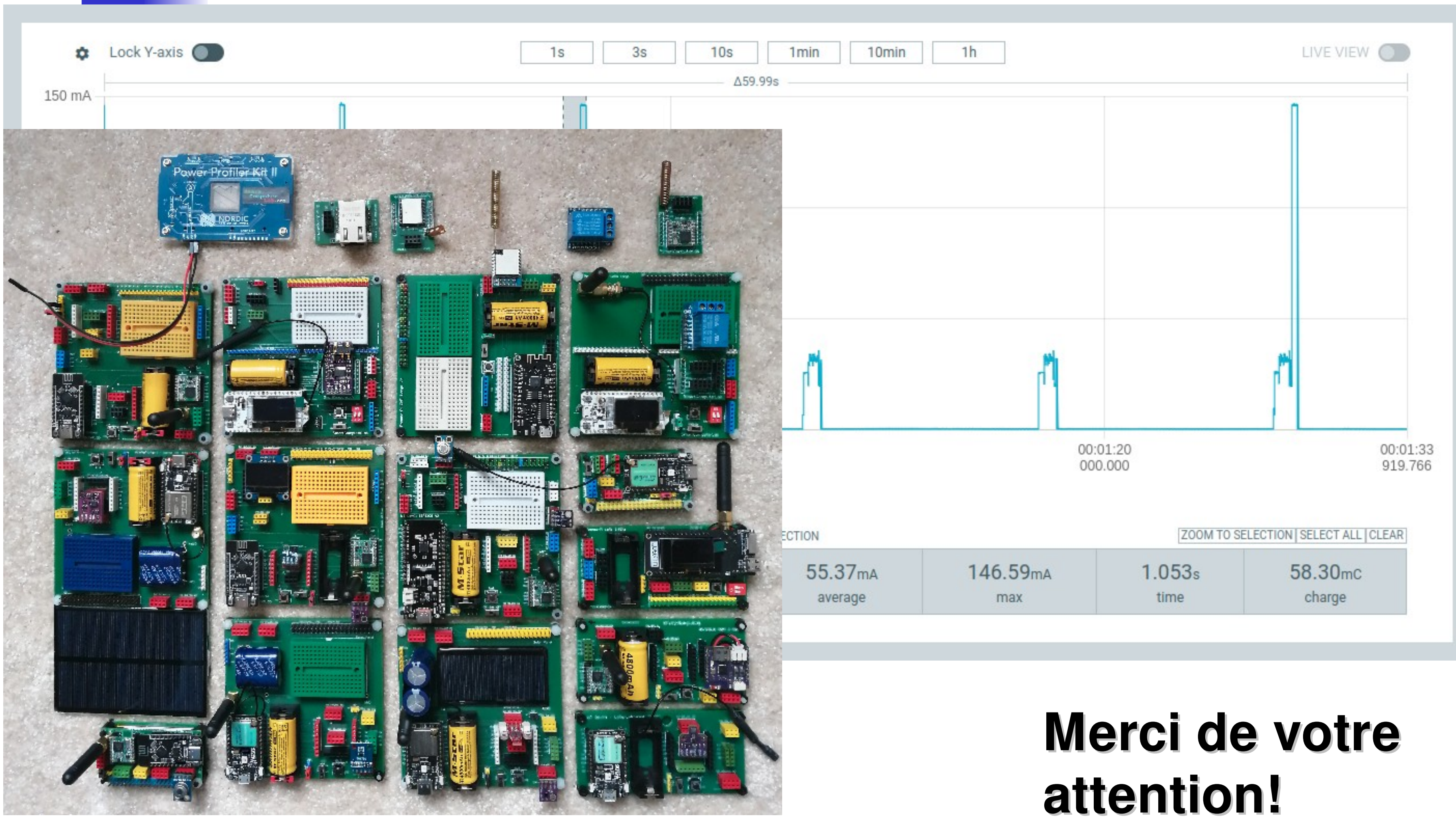
Direct Terminals - WiFi

Very High transmission "cost" (variable: ~150-300mC)
Usage of `delta` parameter ("compression") very efficient

Remote Terminals – LoRa

High transmission "cost" (fixed: ~60mC)
Usage of `delta` parameter ("compression") quite efficient

Implementation & test platform (s)



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