NiPS Summer School 2017 Energy Harvesting: models and applications

• Lecture 9: IoT and the powering of autonomous devices (Sensor networks, autonomous sensors and actuators, energy budget for complex devices)

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### Outline

- Introduction
  - The IoT landscape
  - General architectures
- Power consumption sources in IoT
  - Communication
  - Computation
  - Sensing and actuation

### What is the IoT?

- What is the IoT?
- A global infrastructure for the information society, enabling advanced services by interconnecting things based on existing and evolving interoperable information and communication technologies [1].
- The Internet of Things (IoT) is a robust network of devices, all embedded with electronics, software, and sensors that enable them to exchange and analyze data [2].
- The Internet of Things (IoT) is a new paradigm that combines aspects and technologies coming from different approaches. Ubiquitous computing, pervasive computing, Internet Protocol, sensing technologies, communication technologies, and embedded devices are merged together in order to form a system where the real and digital worlds meet and are continuously in symbiotic interaction [3].
- [1] ITU-T Recommendation Y.2060. Overview of the Internet of Things. 2012
- [2] Intel: https://www.intel.com/content/www/us/en/internet-of-things/overview.html
- [3] Borgia, E.: The Internet of Things vision: Key features, applications and open issues , Computer Communications, 2014

### What is the IoT

- 2 billion objects in 2006
- Intel estimates will be 200 billions in 2020
- 500 billions in 2030 according to Cisco
- Forecasts agree on enormous growth  $\ge$
- Market expected to have global economic impact 2.5-11 T\$



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#### The IoT world: a complex landscape



source: L. Thiele (ETH) Design for IoT trustable things (DATE 17) keynote speech

#### The smart world



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# Smart things

- Physical objects digitally augmented with one or more of the following:
  - Sensors (temperature, light, motion, etc.)
  - Actuators (displays, sound, motors, etc.)
  - Computation capabilities
  - Communication interfaces
- Physical/biological and cyber(digital) worlds are blended

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- Cloud computing & data analytics
  - smart object data combined to provide insight and recommendations

## IoT landscape





#### The IoT reference architecture



### The IoT architecture



Fig. 1.1 A simplified architecture of the IoT

source: M. Alioto (University of Singapore) Enabling the Internet of Things, Springer 2017

### The IoT architecture



Untethered, ubiquitous, miniaturized —> very low power budget

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#### Communication technologies



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### Power consumption

- Nodes power consumption distribution across:
  - Communication
  - Computation
  - Sensing/actuation

#### Power consumption: communication

$$P_{radio} = N_{tx} [P_{tx}(T_{on-tx} + T_{st}) + P_{out}T_{on-tx}] + N_{rx} [P_{rx}(T_{on-rx} + T_{st})]$$

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- $P_{tx/rx}$  is the power consumption of the transmitter/receiver
- $P_{out}$  is the output transmit power
- $T_{on-tx/rx}$  is the transmit/receive on-time (actual data transmission/reception time)
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- $N_{tx/rx}$  will largely depend on the application scenario and the mediaaccess control (MAC) protocol being used
- $T_{on-tx/rx} = L/R$ , where L is the packet size in bits and R is the data rate in bits per second
- In this radio model the power amplifier is on only when communication occurs. During the startup time, no data can be sent or received by the transceiver
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# Idle listening

- The power consumption of "short range" (i.e., lowpower) wireless communications devices is roughly the same whether the radio is transmitting, receiving, or simply ON, "listening" for potential reception
- Radio must be ON (listening) in order receive anything.
  - Transmission is infrequent.
  - Listening (potentially) happens all the time
- Total energy consumption dominated by idle listening

source: M. Cesana (Politecnico Milano) Internet of Things course lectures

# Idle listening

- A significant fraction of energy budget is consumed for listening the channel for incoming packets
- A problem, especially in low data rates applications
- Solutions: protocols that power off radios as often and as long as possible —> rendez-vous problem
  - Synchronous (time slot synchronization): difficult in multi-hop ad-hoc, possibly resulting into power overhead
  - Pseudo-asynchronous: nodes powered off and on periodically. Beaconing is used for expressing willingness to communicate
  - Purely asynchronous: nodes have the capability to wake-up one another on demand (requires extra-hardware, i.e. ultra-low-power wakeup-receivers)

#### Power consumption: computation

$$P = 0.5V_{DD}^{2} f_{clock} C_{L} E_{sw} + \frac{t_{sc} V_{DD} I_{peak} f_{0 \to 1}}{V_{DD} I_{peak} f_{0 \to 1}} + \frac{V_{DD} I_{l}}{V_{DD} I_{l}}$$

#### • Switching (or dynamic) PC

- $E_{sw}$ : probability to make a transition at each clock cycle
- C<sub>L</sub>: switching CMOS capacitance

#### • Short circuit PC

• short circuit path between supply rails during switching

#### • Leakage (or stand-by) PC

- leaking diodes and transistors
- becomes one of the major factors due to shrinking feature sizes in semiconductor technology (35-50% of power budget at 90nm)

# Multiple power consumption

- Multiple modes (possible "Deeper"sleep modes)
- Strongly dependent on hardware
  - TI MSP 430: four different sleep modes
  - Atmel ATMega: six different modes
- Not only microcontroller have different power profiles
  - TI CC2520: two different low power modes

#### Power consumption: sensing/ actuation

- Lack of a single cohesive framework (multifaceted and fragmented field)
- Broad array of low-power micro-devices:
  - Temperature, light, proximity, magnetic field, acceleration, etc.
- Many interfaces
  - Analog
  - Digital (SPI,  $I^2C$ , etc.)

- Physical constraints
  - nodes have to be untethered —> energy autonomous —> battery operated/ energy harvester
  - Small form factor (e.g. wearables)
  - Size dominated by energy sources (power consumption sets the volume of IoT nodes)

- On board capabilities
  - Sensing, computation, wireless communication
- Meeting power budgets of few microW is feasible only if aggressive duty cycle is performed



**Fig. 1.8** ADC power consumption under sampling rate associated with the datarate in Fig. 1.7, assuming an energy/ conversion step of 30 fJ

source: M. Alioto (University of Singapore) Enabling the Internet of Things, Springer 2017

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**Fig. 1.7** Datarate range required by various sensors, and wireless power required to continuously transmit data (energy/bit assumed to be 5 nJ/bit)

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 Computation offloading (sending raw data to cloud) is not an option

 Computation/ communication
 tradeoff

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# Computation communication tradeoff



**Fig. 1.17** Average wireless power  $P_{wireless,raw}$  required by sensors in Fig. 1.7, assuming best-in-class 5-nJ/bit radio and comparison with power budget imposed by

LR44 battery under 20-year lifetime target. IoT nodes above the black dashed line need on-board intelligence to reduce the amount of wireless data communication

# IoT nodes energy budget

Processors and	MCUs (Freq =	= 8 MH	z)	Wireless S	Sensors						
Product	Architecture	Cur	rent	Standard	Current			Sensor	Product	Current	
	Family	Active	e Sleep	(Product)	Τx	Rx	Sleep	Densor	Tioduct	Active	Sleep
		(mA)	$(\mu A)$		(mA)	(mA)	$(\mu A)$			$(\mu A)$	$(\mu A)$
MSP430F5438A	MSP430	1.84	0.1					Temperature	TMP102	85	0.5
STM32L051x6	ARM CM0+	1.55	0.29	WiFi (TI CC3200)	229	59	4	Humidity	SHT21	300	0.15
STM32L100C6	ARM CM3	2.16	0.3	IEEE 802.15.4 (Atmel AT86RF231)	14	12.3	0.02	Accelerometer	ADXL362	13	0.01
SAM4S	ARM CM4	4.5	1.8	(				Light	ISL29033	65	0.01
PIC24FJ128GC010	PIC	1.5	0.075	Bluetooth Smart (Nordic nRF8001)	12.7	14.6	0.5	Proximity	AD7150	100	1

Table 1: Power consumption of a few representative hardware components used in IoT devices (sourced from datasheets).

Jayakumar, H., Lee, K., Lee, W.S., Raha, A., Kim, Y., and Raghunathan, V.

#### **Powering the Internet of Things**

Proceedings of the 2014 International Symposium on Low Power Electronics and Design ISLPED'14

# Multiple power cons













- Lowest power mode + RAM + RTC: 0.6 μA
- 32-bit ARM Cortex-M3 at 32 MHz
- From 32 to 512 Kbytes of Flash
- Lowest power mode + RAM + RTC: 1.2 μA
- 32-bit ARM Cortex-M0+ at 32 MHz
- From 8 to 192 Kbytes of Flash
- Lowest power mode + RAM + RTC: 0.8 μA
- 8-bit STM8 core at 16 MHz
- From 2 to 64 Kbytes of Flash
- Lowest power mode + RAM +RTC: 0.5  $\mu$ A

#### source: STMicroelectronics

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### Multiple power consumption

#### STM32L Cortex-M3 power profile





#### Digital output barometer

Part number	Package (mm)	Pressure range (hPa)	Relative accuracy (hPa)	Absolute accuracy (hPa)	Noise	ODR (Hz)	Current consumption	Highshock survivability (g)	Advanced digital features	Reliability
LPS25HB	HLGA-10L, 2.5 x 2.5 x 0.76 Full-molded	260 to 1260	±0.1	±0.2	3 Pa RMS (without embedded filter) 1 Pa RMS (with embedded filter)	1, 10, 25	25 μA @ 1 Hz 4 μA @ 1 Hz (low res)	10.000	FIFO for Pressure Sensor data Programmable Interrupt/Data ready	<ul> <li>Improved moisture resistance</li> <li>Improved shock/</li> </ul>
LPS22HB	HLGA-10L, 2 x 2 x 0.76 Full-molded	260 to 1260	±0.05	±0.1	1 Pa RMS (without embedded filter) 0.5 Pa RMS (with embedded filter)	1, 10, 25, 50, 75	15 μA @ 1 Hz (high resolution mode) 4 μA @ 1 Hz ow power mode)	22.000	FIFO for Pressure and Temperature Sensor data Programmable Interrupt/Data ready	vibration suppression • Proven experience: 250 Mpcs in the market

MEMS microph	nones							
Part number	Sensitivity (dBV)	SNR (dB)	Je (V)	Supply current (µA)	kage (mm)			
MP23AB02B	-38±3	64	125 1.6-3.6	150	- xHLGA metal cap 2.5 x 3.35 x 0.98			

#### Temperature sensors

Part number	Package	General description	I/O Interface	Operating voltage min-max (V)	Standby current (µA typ)	Operating current (µA typ)
STTS751	UDFN-6L (2 x 2 mm)	2.25 V low-voltage local digital temperature sensor	SMBus/I <sup>2</sup> C compatible	2.25-3.6	3	15
STLM20	UDFN-4L (1 x 1.30 mm)	Ultra-low current 2.4 V precision analog temperature sensor	-	2.4-5.5	-	4.8

source: MEMS and Sensors/wearable (STMicroelectronics brochures)

## Sub-GHz communication

#### Spirit1 low-power transceiver



#### **Key Features**

- Frequency bands: 150-174 MHz, 300-348 MHz, 387-470 MHz, and 779-956 MHz
- Modulation schemes: FSK, GFSK, MSK, OOK and ASK
- Air data rate from 1 to 500 kbit/s
- Programmable output power: from -30 dBm to +16 dBm (Boost mode)
- RX sensitivity: -122 dBm
- Low current consumption:
- Shutdown: 2.5 nA
- Standby: 650 nA
- Sleep: 950 nA
- RX: 9 mA
- TX: 21 mA @ +11 dBm
- Programmable channel spacing (12.5 kHz minimum).
- Frequency hopping, antenna diversity algorithm
- 128-bit AES encryption co-processor
- Automatic acknowledgement, retransmission, and timeout protocol engine

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source: Wireless connectivity for IoT applications (STMicroelectronics brochure)

#### IoT actuators

#### A Solar Energy Powered Autonomous Wireless Actuator Node for Irrigation Systems

Lajara, R., Alberola, J. and Pelegrí-Sebastiá, J.

Sensors 2011, 11(1), 329-340



wEcoValve mote avg current consumption = 836.76 μA

#### IoT actuators

#### A Prosthetic Hand Body Area Controller Based on Efficient Pattern Recognition Control Strategies

Benatti, S. ,Milosevic, B., Farella E., Gruppioni, E. and Benini, L.

Sensors **2017**, 17(4), 869



Block diagram of the interface between the MCU and the DC motor driver (**left**) and example motor current absorption curves (**right**)

#### IoT actuators

#### • A smart lock application



**Current Consumption versus Time During** *Bluetooth*<sup>®</sup> **low energy Connections** 

source: Smart Lock Reference Design Enabling More Than Five Years of Life on Four AA Batteries, Texas Instruments

21%

Motor Drive 22%

# Energy budget



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Boost: 3 V to 5 V

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- Firestorm (UC Berkeley)
- Brings together: mobile, wearable, maker and WSN technologies
- Built around the Storm module:
  - 32 bit MCU
  - ARM Cortex-M4 that achieves  $2.3\mu$ A idle current with a  $1.5\mu$ S wake up time.



	Table 4: A small sample of available Cortex-M4 processors											
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#### Table 8: Benchmark power comparison results. The bold line indicates the anticipated common configuration

Device	Supply (V)	CFG	Freq (Mhz)	Run time ( $\mu$ S)	Current (mA)	Energy (µJ)	Percentage
TelosB	3.3	-	4	712.7	2.29	5.386	100%
Storm	3.3	LDO	4	393.0	1.049	1.360	25%
Storm	3.3	BUCK	4	393.5	0.501	0.651	12%
Storm	1.8	LDO	4	393.7	0.896	0.634	11%
Storm	3.3	LDO	48	32.8	13.625	1.479	27%
Storm	3.3	BUCK	48	32.9	8.602	0.934	17%
Storm	1.8	LDO	48	32.9	13.124	0.777	14%

- OpenMOTE
- TI CC2538 SoC
- Industrial IoT target
- Low power synchronous communication (IEEE 802.15.4-2015 TCSH (Time synchronised channel hopping) MAC)
- IPv6 connectivity support
- 32-bit ARM Cortex-M3 micro-controller
- 32 kB of RAM memory and 512 kB of flash memory
- Radio transceiver compliant with the IEEE802.15.4 standard (-97 dBm sensitivity level, transmit power up to +7 dBm, current consumption 20 mA in receive mode, transmit current is 24 mA at 0 dBm )

Vilajosana, X., Tuset, P., Watteyne, T., and Pister, K. "OpenMote: Open-Source Prototyping Platform for the Industrial IoT", International Conference on Ad Hoc Networks, 2015.



**Fig. 2.** The OpenMote hardware ecosystem: (from left to right) OpenMote-CC2538, OpenBattery, OpenBase, OpenUSB.

## Low power WSN platforms

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  - Ultra low power platform
  - Ideal for energy harvesting WSNs
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  - 14.67 $\mu$ W (standby), 25ms transition time to active
  - $1.32\mu$ W (sleep), 25ms transition time to active
  - 0.36µW (hibernation), 500ms transition time to active

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## IoT nodes energy budget



Lifetime vs. average power consumption for different batteries

 Selfleakage and ageing neglected

source: M. Alioto (University of Singapore) Enabling the Internet of Things, Springer 2017

# IoT nodes energy budget



Power breakdown of commercial motes (on the left) and MCUs (on the right)

source: M. Alioto (University of Singapore) Enabling the Internet of Things, Springer 2017



#### echnology, ETH Zürich



source: Gomez, A., Benini, L., and Thiele, L., Designing the Batteryless IoT, Proc. IEEE DATE conference, 2017

#### Energy consumption reduction

- The target of reducing energy consumption of IoT devices can be achieved at different levels
  - Novel hardware low power solutions (leakage reduction, power gating, hierarchical methods, etc.)
  - Dynamic voltage and frequency scaling
  - Dynamic power management —> low power states (event based wake-up in distributed embedded systems)
  - Data compression/reduction (computation vs. communication)

#### Energy consumption reduction

- Communication is (often) the most power hungry component
- How can we deal with it?
  - Ultra low power devices
  - novel (network stack) solutions (MAC, routing, etc.)
  - design smarter algorithms that reduce communication requirements

### Conclusions

- IoT is a emerging technology with increasing potential applications
- Many opportunities to be taken and challenges to be faced
- Energy efficiency is one of the most important
- Issues and challenges must be tackled at many levels

#### Conclusions

- Thank you for the attention
- Any question?