#### **Electronics for IoT**

#### **Power Management**

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### **Power ESP32 from Solar Cell**







## Challenges

- Solar cell only deliver ~ 30mA
  - $\sim 100$ mA in full sun
- ESP32 consumes up to 200mA
- No sun at night
- How connect solar cell to ESP32?
- ESP32 needs 3.3V
- Solar cell generates up to 5V

## Huzzah32 Power Supply

- USB is 5 Volts
- ESP32 needs 3.3 V
- How does the Huzzah32 generate 3.3 V from 5 V?



#### **Power Regulators**





## **Types of Regulators**



#### **Power Regulator Efficiency**



## Huzzah32 Power Regulator



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#### Huzzah32 Power Supply





## AP2112 600mA Regulator





#### AP2112

#### 600mA CMOS LDO REGULATOR WITH ENABLE

#### Description

The AP2112 is CMOS process low dropout linear regulator with enable function, the regulator delivers a guaranteed 600mA (min.) continuous load current.

The AP2112 is available with a fixed output voltage of 1.2V, 1.8V, 2.5V, 2.6V, or 3.3V. The LDO has an output accuracy of ±1.5% and a very fast loop response providing excellent performance for dealing with line and load transients. The AP2112 includes an auto discharge function which connects the output to ground via  $60\Omega$  of resistance when the device is disabled.

The regulator features low power consumption, and provides SOT25, SOT89-5, and SO-8 packages. Previously SOT-23-5, SOT-89-5 and SOIC-8 packages were respectively identified as SOT23-5, SOT89-5 and SO-8 but have been renamed to match the latest Diodes Incorporated's nomenclature.

#### Features

- Output Voltage Accuracy: ±1.5%
- Output Current: 600mA (Min.)
- Foldback Short Current Protection: 50mA
- Enable Function to Turn ON/OFF VOUT

#### **Pin Assignments**

2

GND

3

ΕN

1

NC



2

GND

3

NC

1

EN

## AP2112



## AP2112

#### Absolute Maximum Ratings (Note 5)

Symbol	Parameter	Rating	Unit
Vcc	Power Supply Voltage	6.5	V
TJ	Operating Junction Temperature Range	+150	°C
T <sub>STG</sub>	Storage Temperature Range	-65 to +150	°C
T <sub>LEAD</sub>	Lead Temperature (Soldering, 10 Seconds)	+260	°C

#### **Recommended Operating Conditions**

Symbol	Parameter	Min	Мах	Unit
VIN	Supply Voltage	2.5	6.0	V
T <sub>A</sub>	Ambient Operation Temperature Range	-40	+85	°C



#### **Power Huzzah32 from Solar Cell**







#### Huzzah32 Current





#### **Solar Power**



## **Running Huzzah32 from Solar Cell**



## **Solar Powered Weather Station**

- Design plan:
  - 1) Reduce Huzzah32 power requirement
  - 2) Add battery for nights, cloudy days
- Let's address first (1), then (2) ...



#### **Weather Station Requirements**



## **ESP32 Current Consumption**



#### **ESP32 Deepsleep**



#### **ESP32 Average Current - Example**



#### No so fast ...



## Not so Fast

- Lots of stuff on Huzzah32 board
- Not just ESP32!
- How much current do the other circuits consume?
- How can we find out?
- Hmm, lots of datasheets
   to consult ...





# Measure Huzzah32 Supply Current

- No need for USB
  - Do not power it!
- Connect supply to battery
- But how make the connection?



## Lab Supply



#### **Power from Lab Supply**







## Huzzah32 Current Consumption

- Just processor on
- Processor & WiFi on
- Deepsleep

43 mA 120 ... 200 mA 420 μA

- Hmm, a bit more than 10  $\mu$ A
- Are we still ok?
- What if not

#### **ESP32 Average Current - Example**

ESP32

Huzzah32



## Battery





#### **Battery only Run-Time**





## **Energy vs Ah**



## **Minimum Battery Capacity**



#### **LiPo Batteries for Huzzah32**





#### **Solar Power at Night**





# Putting Everything Together ...

- Huzzah32
  - Peak current
  - Average current
- Solar cell
  - Peak current
  - Average current
- Battery
  - Max run time
  - Average current
  - Capacity
- Are we good?

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## What is Deepsleep?

- Processor off
- RTC still running
   Can wake up the processor
- What is this good for?



## 10mA → 200mA

- Keep ESP32 in deepsleep most of the time
- Wake up every 10min or so to take measurements
   Send results to cloud
- E.g.
  - 6 measurements per hour
    - 10 seconds @ 200mA
  - Deepsleep for rest of time
    - 3600 60 sec @ 10μA
  - Average current



# **Putting Everything Together**

- Solar cell
- Huzzah32 with ESP32
- INA219 (why?)
- Weather sensors

• Firmware



### Deepsleep

- Processor, WiFi OFF
- Only functions still power
  - RTC, including deepsleep wakeup timer
  - Small amount of memory
  - Few peripherals
- After deepsleep, processor restarts
  - Executes boot.py, main.py
  - WiFi disconnected (reconnect if needed)
  - RTC still has correct time

#### **Enter Deepsleep**

from machine import deepsleep
# sleep for x milli seconds
milli\_seconds = 20000
deepsleep(milli\_seconds)

- Processor restarts after milli\_seconds delay
- Optional: wake from external pin (later)

## **Deepsleep Memory**

- RTC memory
  - 64 integers (32 bits), pos 0 ... 63
  - One string, up to 2048 characters
  - Retained during deepsleep
- Syntax:

```
from machine import RTC
rtc = RTC()
# read and write RTC memory
rtc.write(0, 123)
print(rtc.read(0))
rtc.write_string("hello world")
print(rtc.read_string())
```

## **Keeping Track of Measurements**



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## Skeleton boot.py for Solar Weather Station



# Summary

- Low power operation
  - Turn power off (most of the time)
  - Deepsleep
  - Average current << peak current</li>
  - Duty cycle
- Beware of other circuits that consume power
  - Sensors?
  - Sleep/power down modes?
  - Check datasheets and/or measure
- Test!