Low-power, long-range radio technologies for Internet-of-Things

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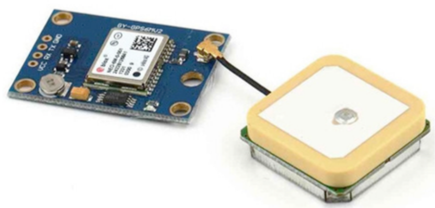
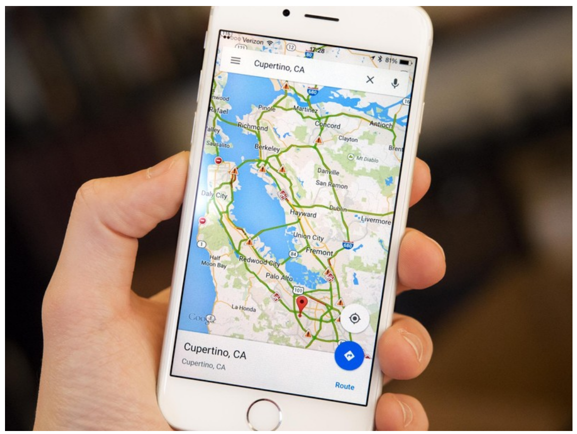
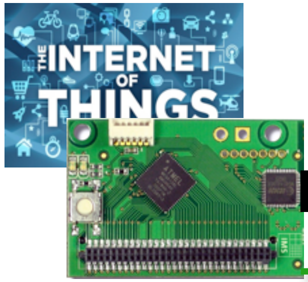
IoT & physical world







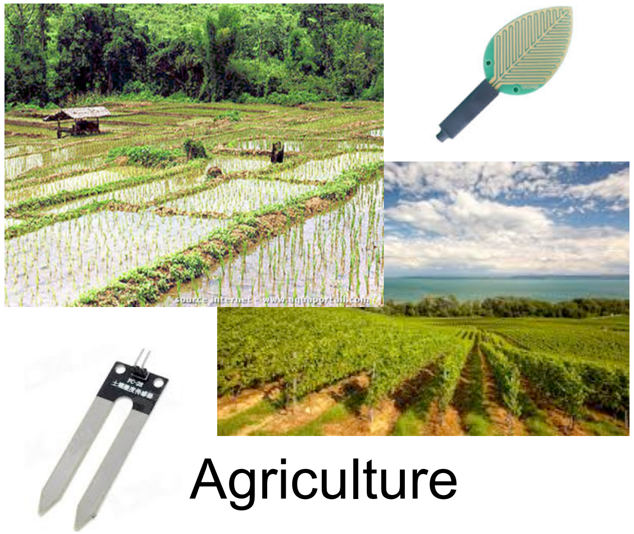
IoT4D
DEVELOPMENT FOR RURAL AREAS

Irrigation

Livestock farming

Fish farming & aquaculture

Storage & logistic

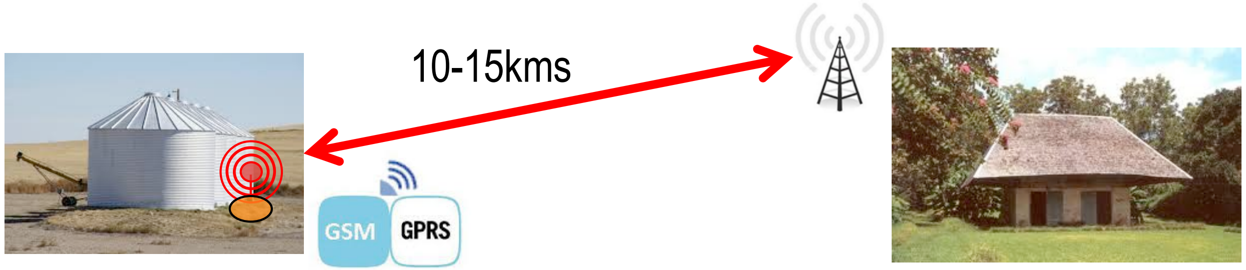


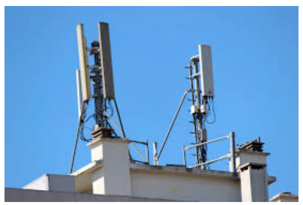
Agriculture

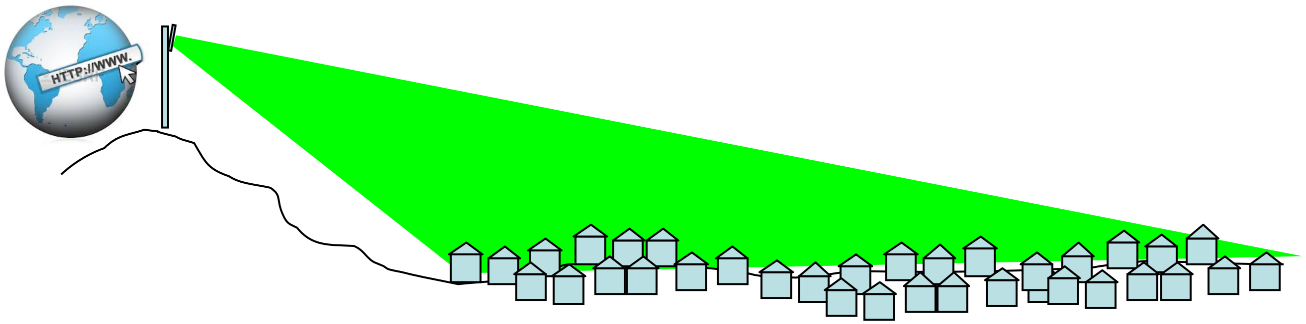
Environment

Telemetry and Transmission cost

Moisture/
Temperature of
storage areas







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Range (I=Indoor, O=Outdoor)	N/A	N/A	O: 300m I: 30m
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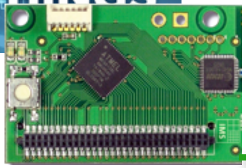
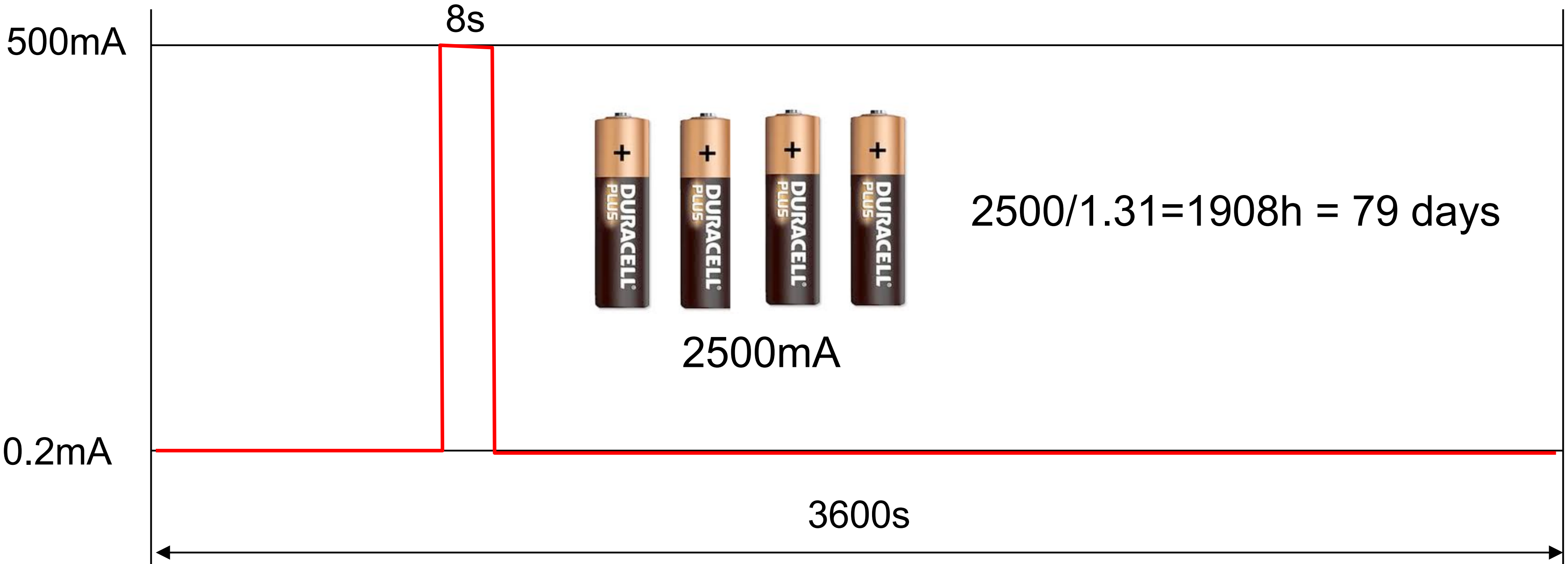
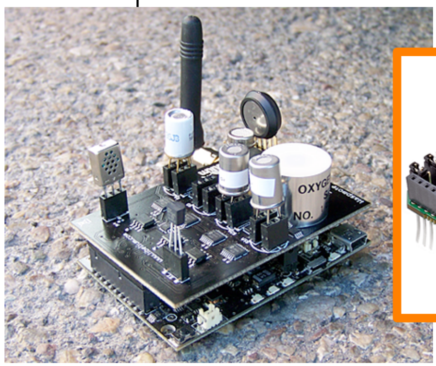
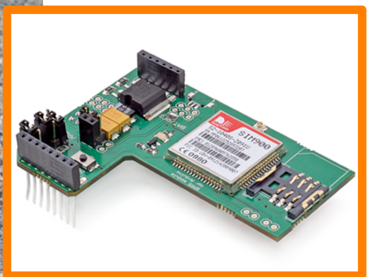


Energy consideration

TX power: 500mA. Mean consumption: (8x500+3592x0.2)/3600=1.31mA







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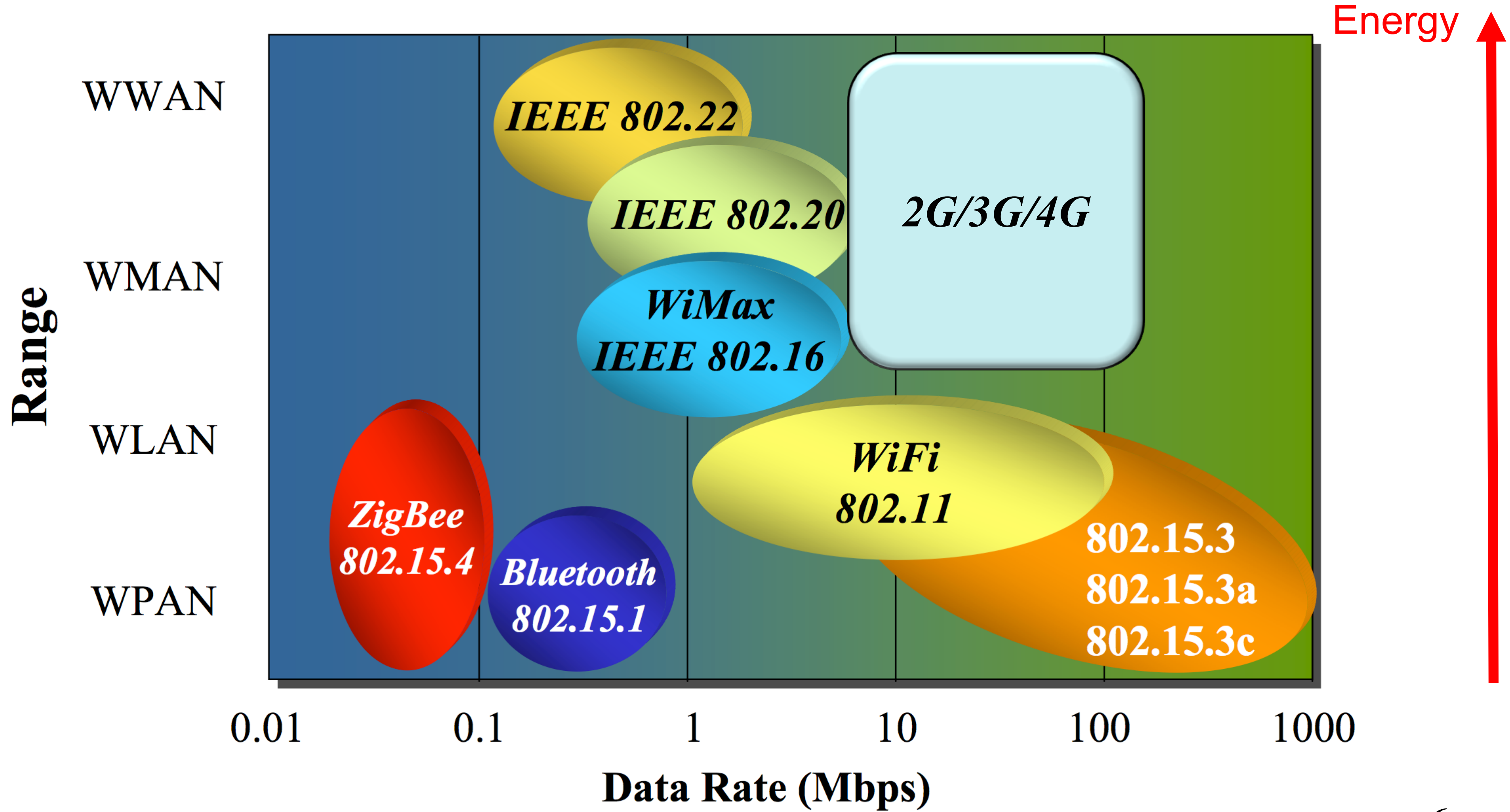
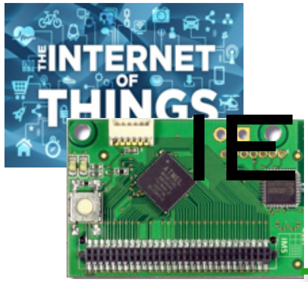
The wireless space

Energy-Range dilemma





IEEE 802.15.4 in ISM 2.4GHz

- Low-power radio in the 2.4GHz band offering 250kbps throughput at physical layer
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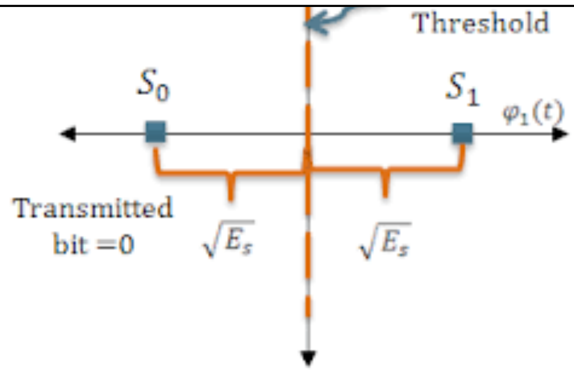
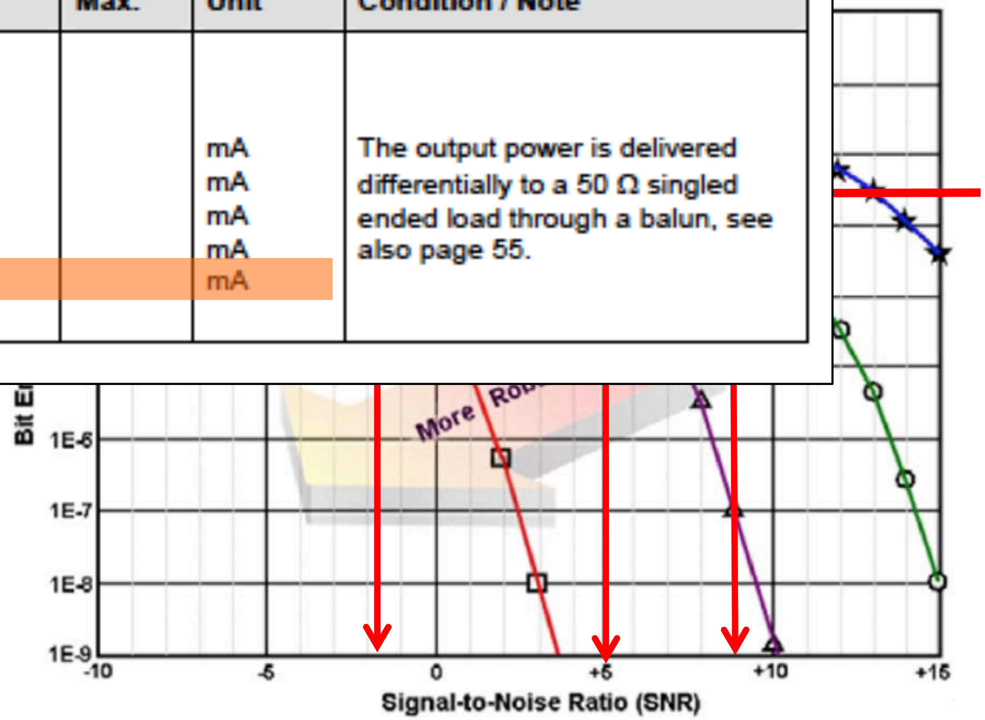
Chipcon Products from Texas Instruments

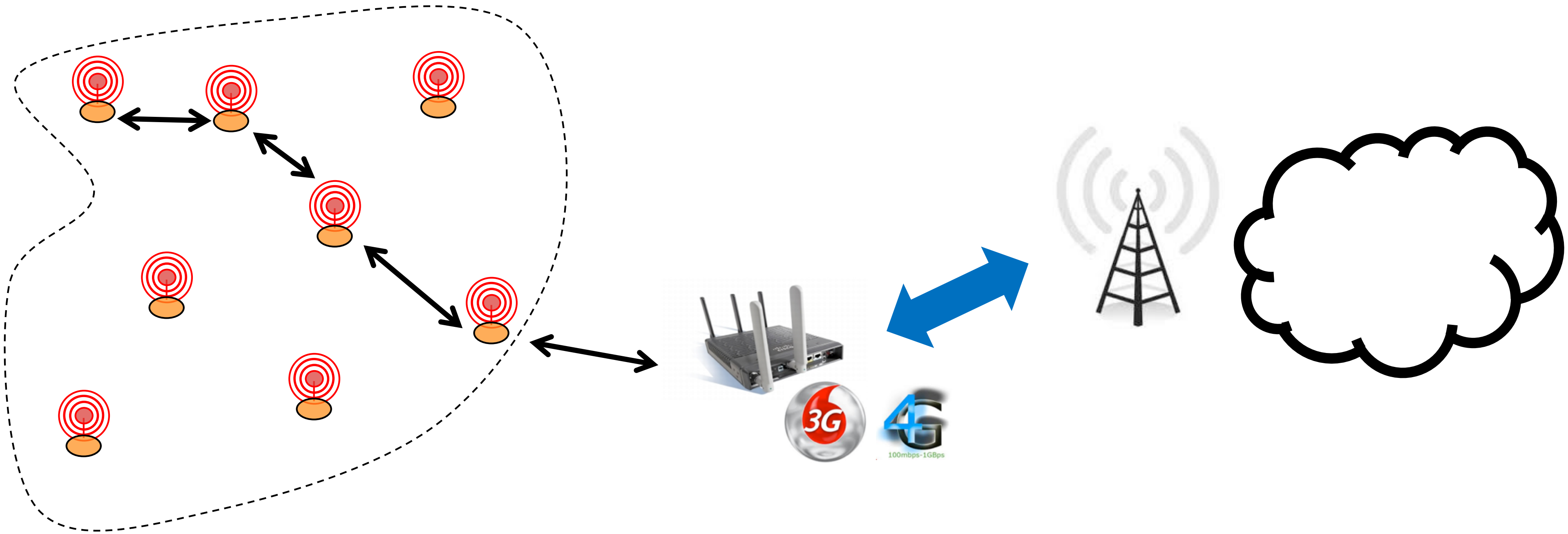
CC2420

Parameter	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Unit	Condition / Note
Current Consumption, transmit mode:					The output power is delivered differentially to a 50 Ω singled ended load through a balun, see also page 55.
P = -25 dBm		8.5		mA	
P = -15 dBm		9.9		mA	
P = -10 dBm		11		mA	
P = −5 dBm		14		mA	
P = 0 dBm		17.4		mA	





Lower energy means shorter range!

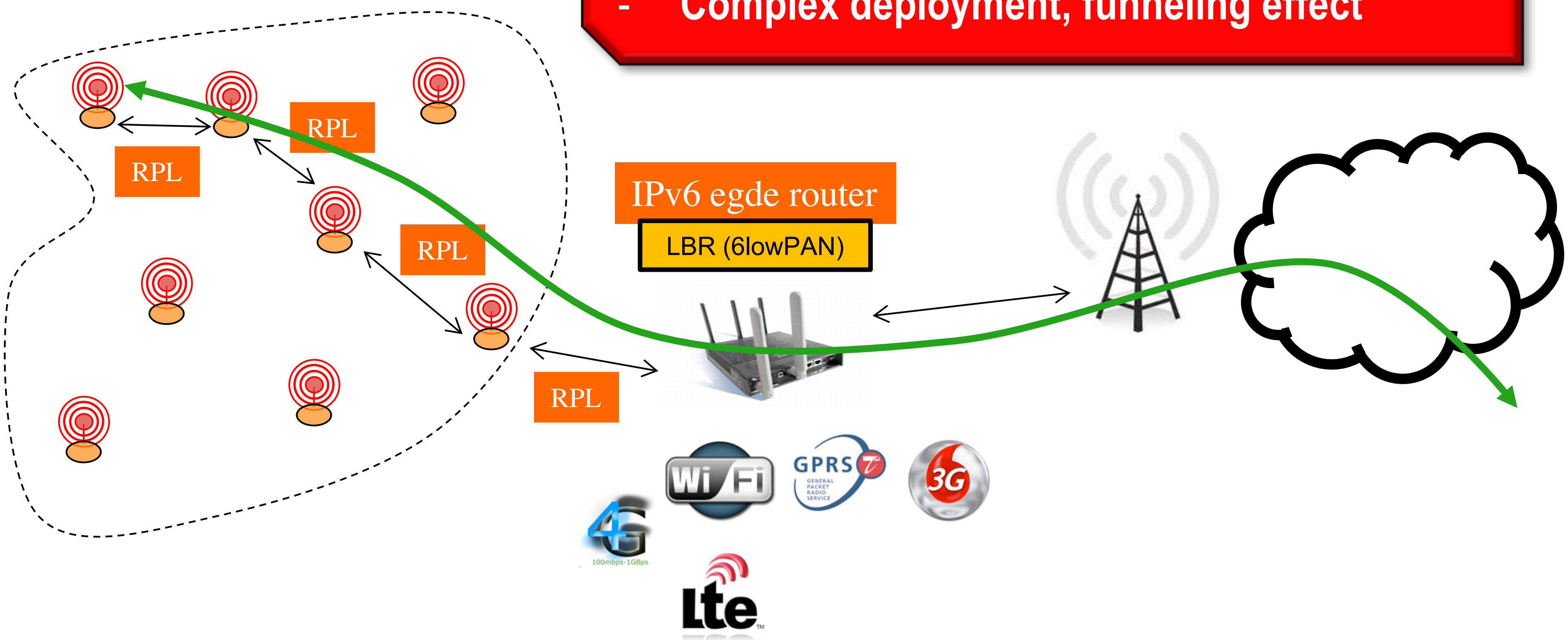


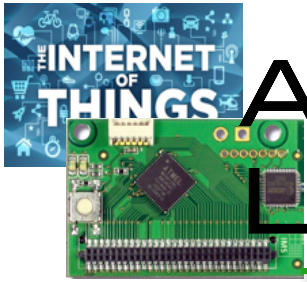
How bad is multi-hop routing?

- Increases packet loss rate
- Increases end-to-end delivery time
- Consumes more energy as intermediate nodes must relay packets
- Limits energy saving mechanism benefits as both sender and intermediate node must be somehow synchronized
- Is impacted by intermediate node failure

15 YEARS OF MULTI-HOP ROUTING?

- High packet loss rates
- Needs synchonization when duty-cycling
- Complex deployment, funneling effect

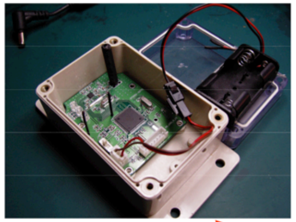


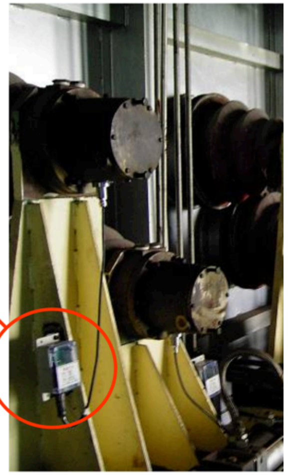


Academics vs Industries
Let's go back to reality!

Millions of sensors, self-organizing, self-configuring, with QoS-based multi-path routing, mobility, and …

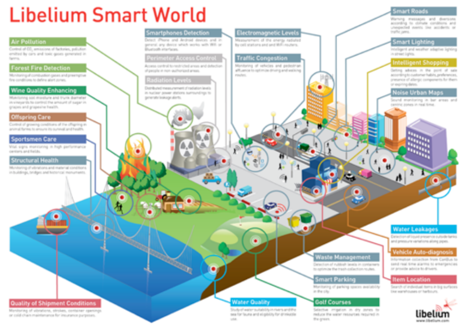
500 sensors, STATIC deployment, but need to have RELIABILITY, GUARANTEED LATENCY for monitoring and alerting. MUST run for 3 YEARS. No fancy stuff! CAN I HAVE IT?





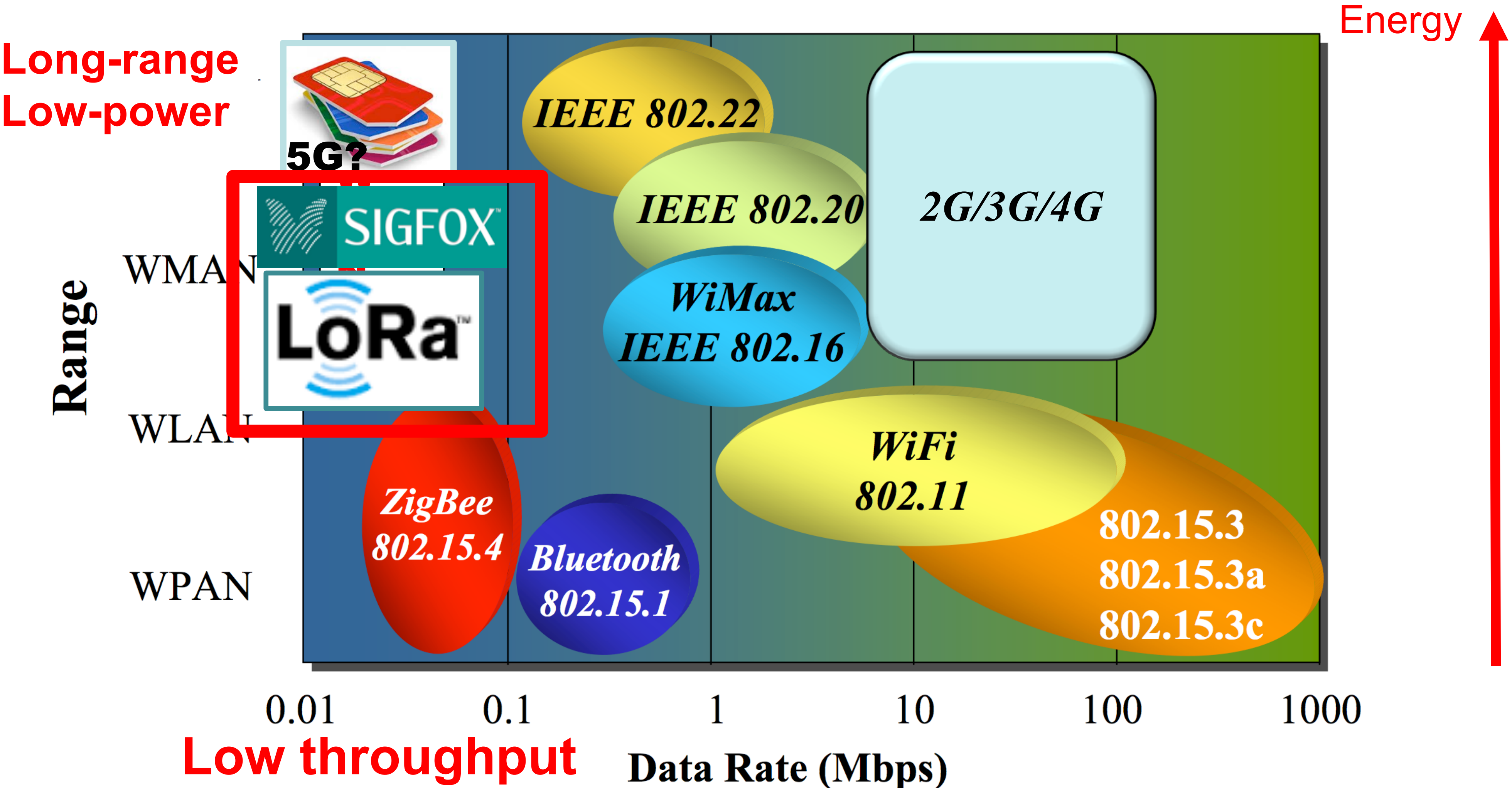
- Placement constraints
- Lifetime constraints

From Peng Zeng & Qin Wang



Low-power & Long-range Radio Technologies

Energy-Range dilemma



Link budget of LPWAN

$$P_{RX} = P_{TX} + G_{TX} - L_{TX} -$$

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- LoRa™ Modem
- 157 dB maximum link budget
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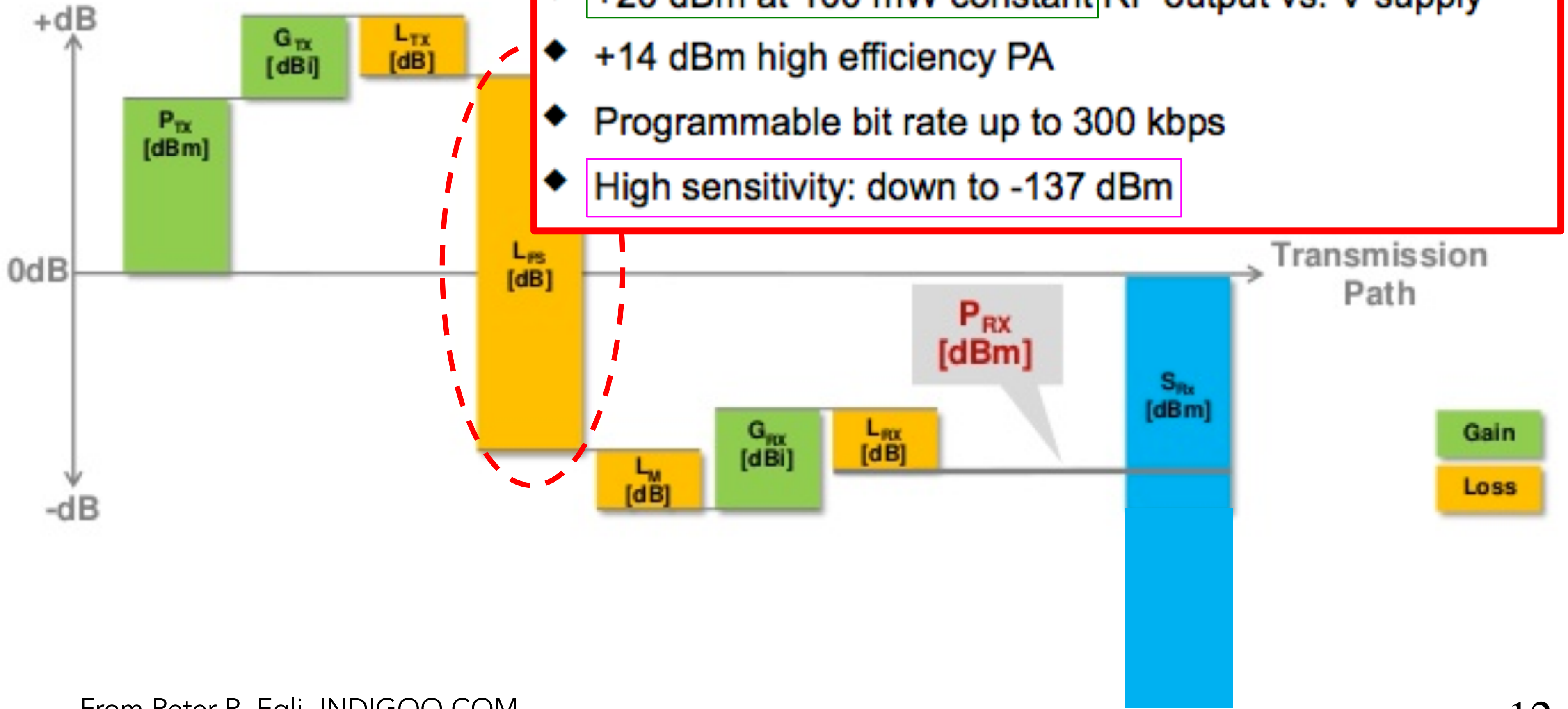
- +14 dBm high efficiency PA
- Programmable bit rate up to 300 kbps
- High sensitivity: down to -137 dBm



Simple loss in signal strength model

$$FSPL = \left(\frac{4\pi d}{\lambda}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{4\pi d f}{c}\right)^2$$

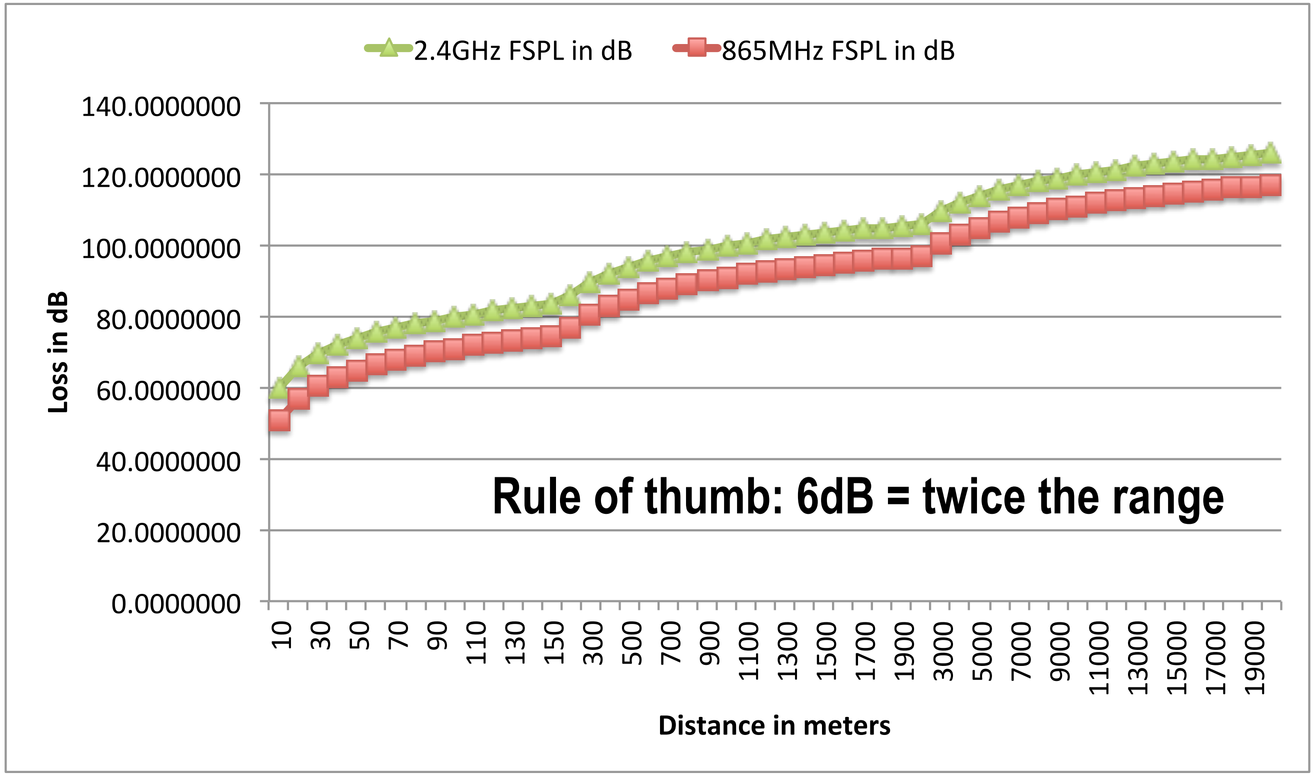
$$FSPL = \frac{P_t}{P_r} G_t G_r$$

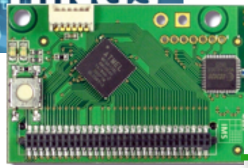
- Free Space Path Loss model

FSPL assume Gt=Gr=1

$$L_{(dB)} = 10\log\left(\frac{P_t}{P_r}\right) = 20\log\left(\frac{4\pi d}{\lambda}\right) = 20\log\left(\frac{4\pi f d}{c}\right)$$

$$L_{(dB)} = 20\log(f) + 20\log(d) - 147{,}55\ dB$$





Link budget example

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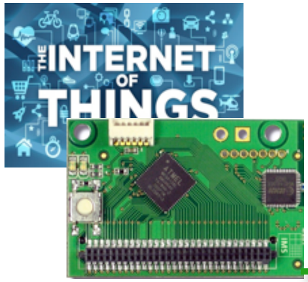
- Example
  - Transmitted power is +14dBm (25mw)
  - Losses is 120dB
  - Then Receiver Power (dBm) is -106dBm
- If you have a receiver sensitivity of -137dBm you can handle FSPL up to 151dB!
- Rewriting the equation
  - Losses (dB) = Transmitted Power (dBm) - Received Power (dBm)
  - Losses = link budget & Received Power = max receiver sensitivity
  - Link budget = Transmitted Power - max receiver sensitivity
  - **151dB=14dBm - (-137dBm)**

dBm – **power referred to 1 mW,**

P_{dBm}**=10log(P/1mW)**



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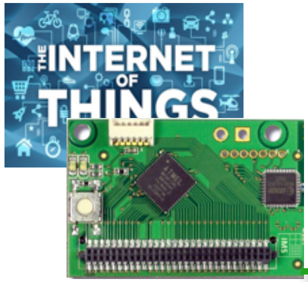
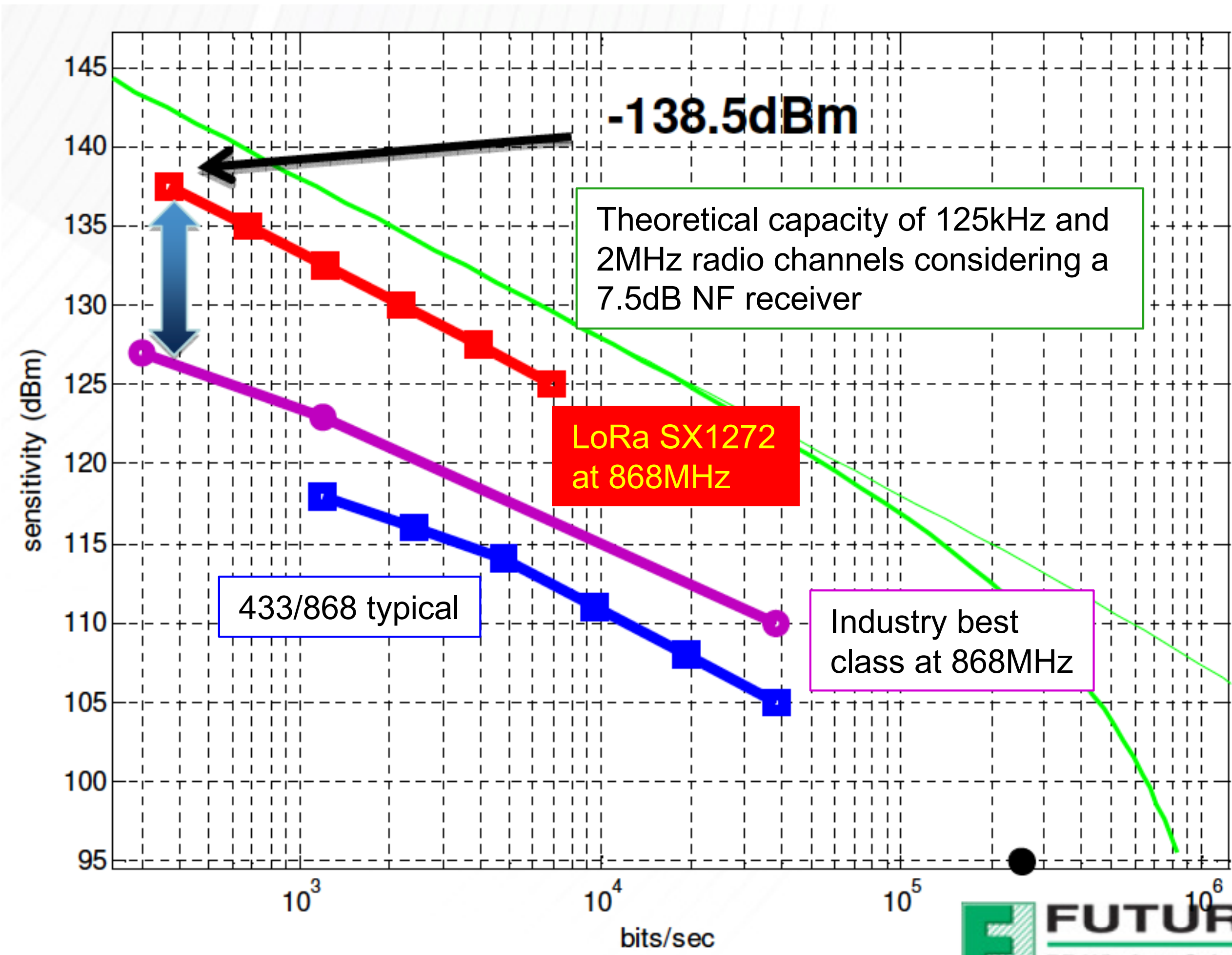
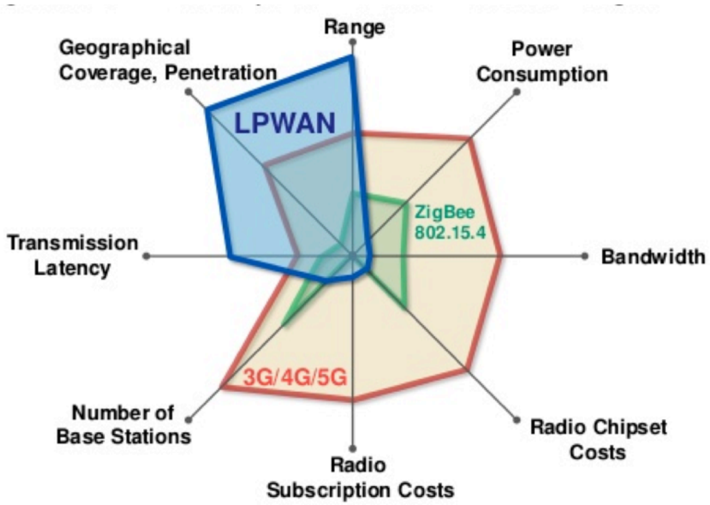


The long-range revolution

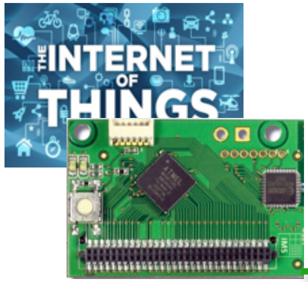
Sensitivity: lowest input power with acceptable link quality, typically 1% PER





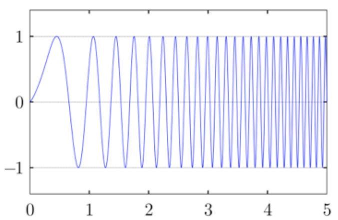
From Peter R. Egli, INDIGOO.COM

The lower the receiver sensitivity, the longer is the range!

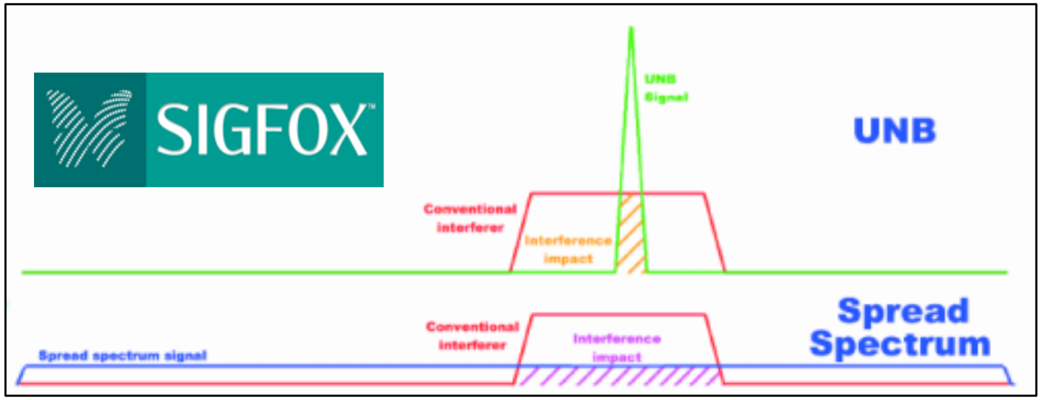


Increasing range?

- Generally, robustness and sensitivity can be increased when transmitting (much) slower
- A[Sigfox message is sent relatively slowly in a very narrow band of spectrum (hence ultra-narrow-band) using Gaussian Frequency-Shift Keying modulation]. Max throughput=~100bps
- LoRa also increases time-on-air when maximum range is needed. But LoRa uses spread spectrum instead of UNB.
  300bps-37.5kbps



LoRa™



Versatile LPWAN!

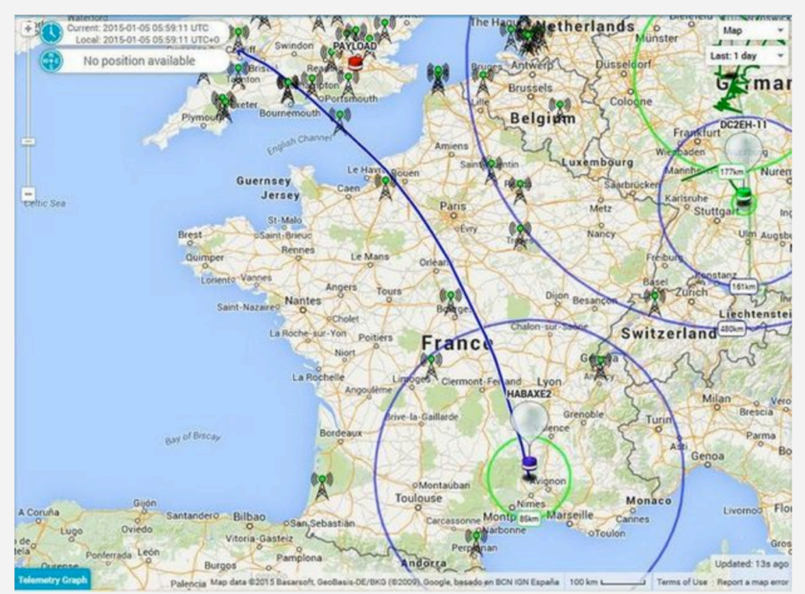
Dense urban areas

Rural areas

Indoor

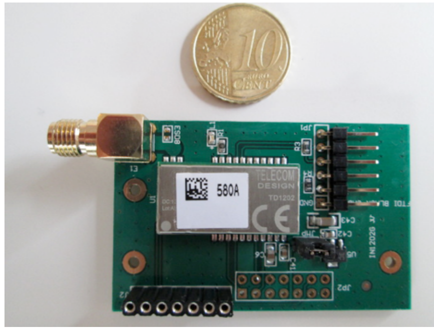

Underground

The higher the better!



UK HAB (High Altitude Ballooning) trials gave 2 way LoRa™ coverage at up to 240 km. Lowering the data rate from 1000bps to 100bps should allow coverage all the way to the radio horizon, which is perhaps 600 km at the typical 6000-8000m soaring altitude of these balloons. Balloon tracking can be made

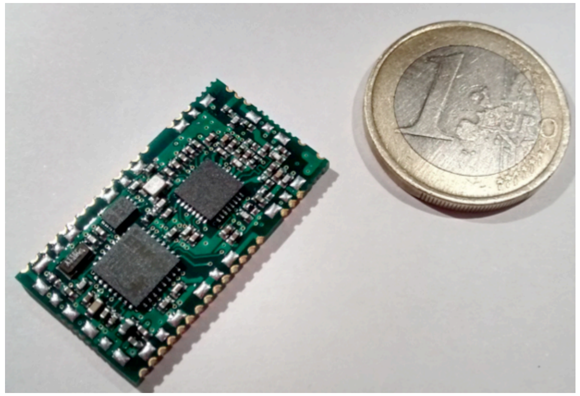
Some SigFox radio modules



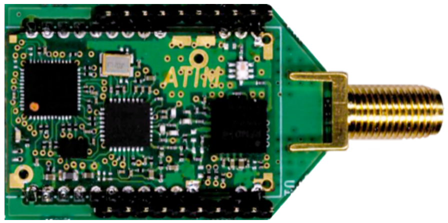
TD120x serie from Telecom Design

SigFox module from CookingHack (Libelium)

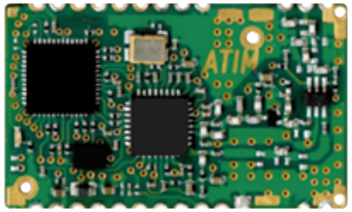
Adeunis SI868



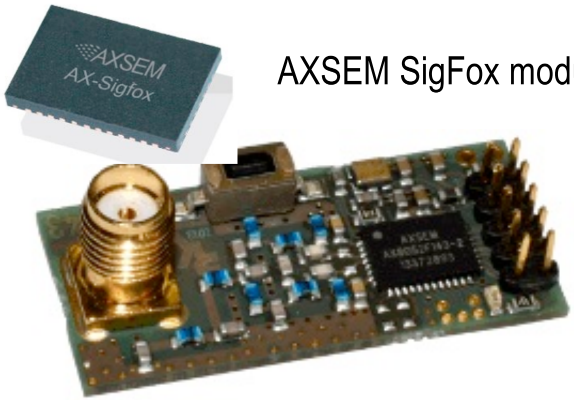
SIGT002 from CG-Wireless



SigBee module from ATIM

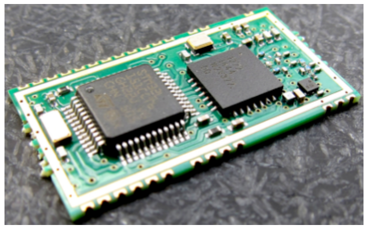


ARM-Nano N8 SigFox module from ATIM



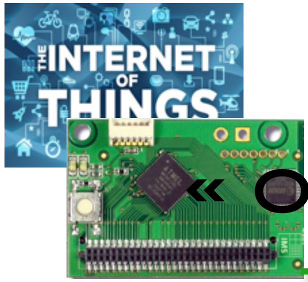
AXSEM SigFox module

SigFox module from Snoc

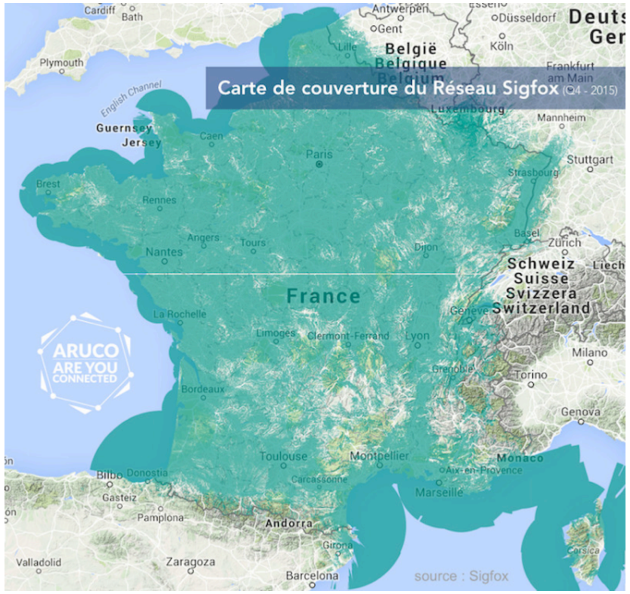


Nemeus MM002-LS-EU LoRa/SigFox

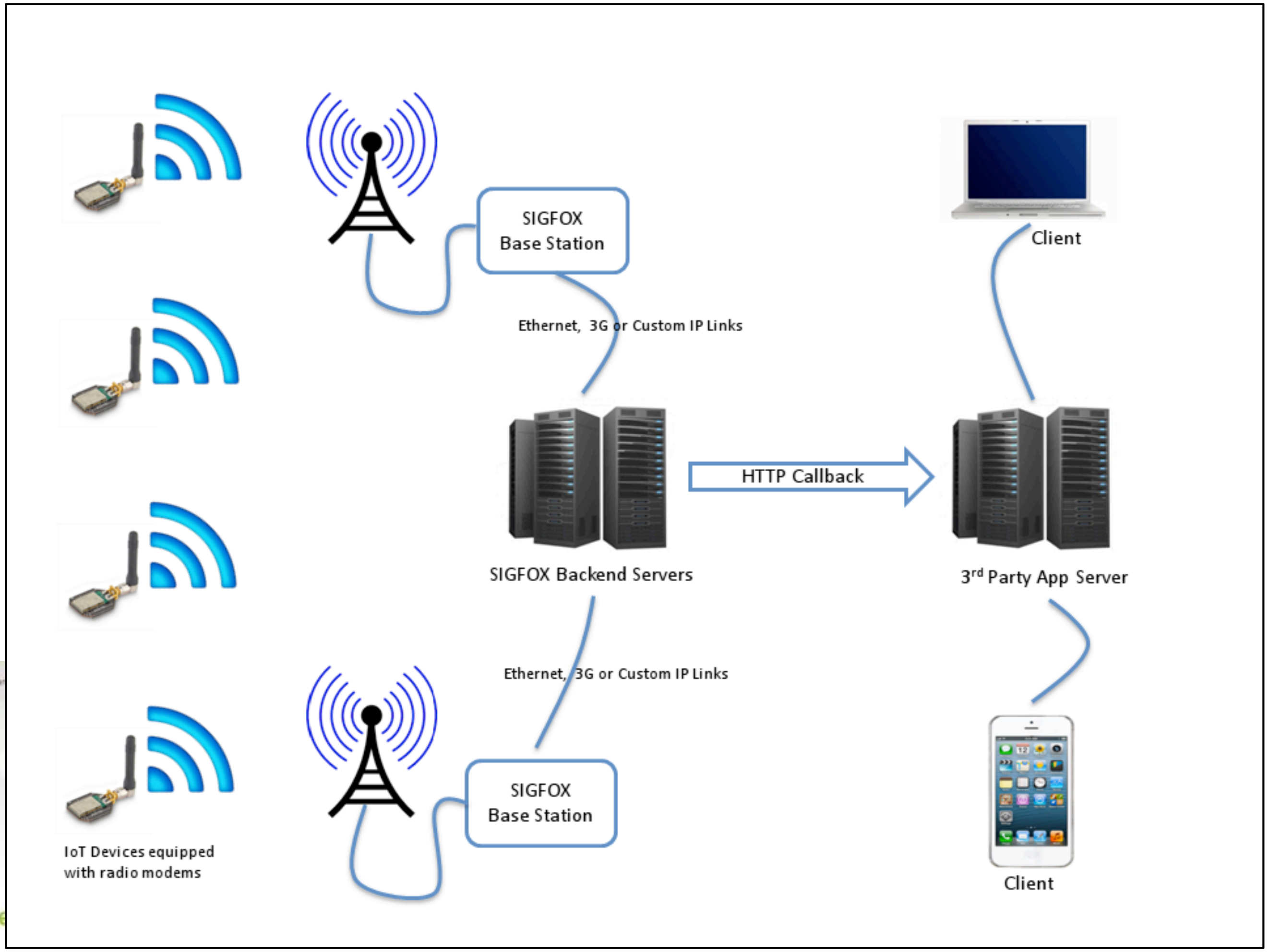
RC1682-SIG from RadioCraft



SIGFOX'S MODEL FOR M2M: THE « OPERATOR » (ALL-IN-ONE) APPROACH



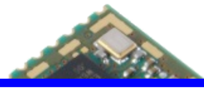
Figures from SigFox

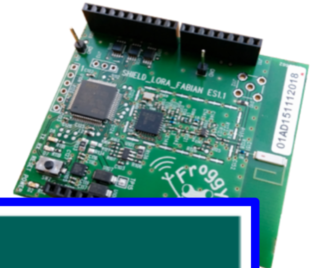


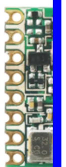
http://www.scoop.it/t/toulouse-networks/?tag=SigFox

LoRa modules from Semtech's SX127x chips

Libelium LoRa is based on Semtech SX1272 LoRa 863-870 MHz for Europe







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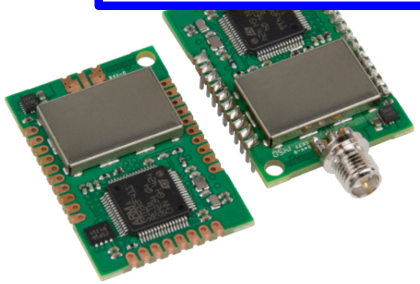
LoRa® Transceivers

Part Number	Frequency Range (MHz)	Link Budget (dB)	Rx Current (mA)	FSK max DR (kbps)	LoRa DR (kbps)	Max Sensitivity (dBm)	Tx Power (dBm)
SX1272	860 – 1020	158	10	300	0.3 – 37.5	-137	+ 20
SX1273	860 – 1020	150	10	300	1.7 – 37.5	-130	+ 20
SX1276	137 – 1020	168	9.9	300	0.018 – 37.5	-148	+ 20
SX1277	137 – 1020	158	9.9	300	1.7 – 37.5	-139	+ 20
SX1278	137 – 525	168	9.9	300	0.018 – 37.5	-148	+ 20

Adeunis ARF8030AA- Lo868

Microship RN2483



Multi-Tech MultiConnect mDot

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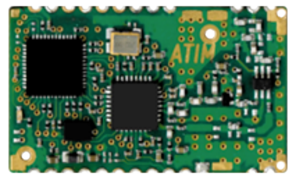
AMIHO AM093



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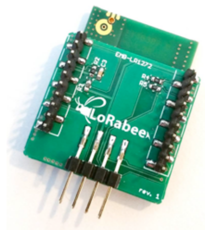

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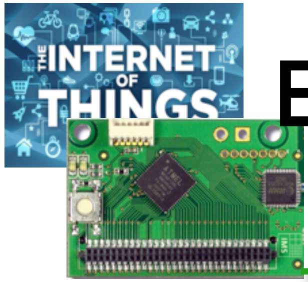
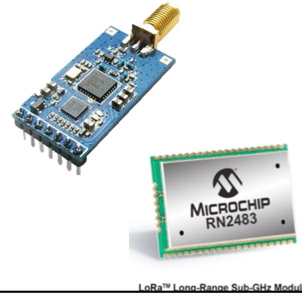
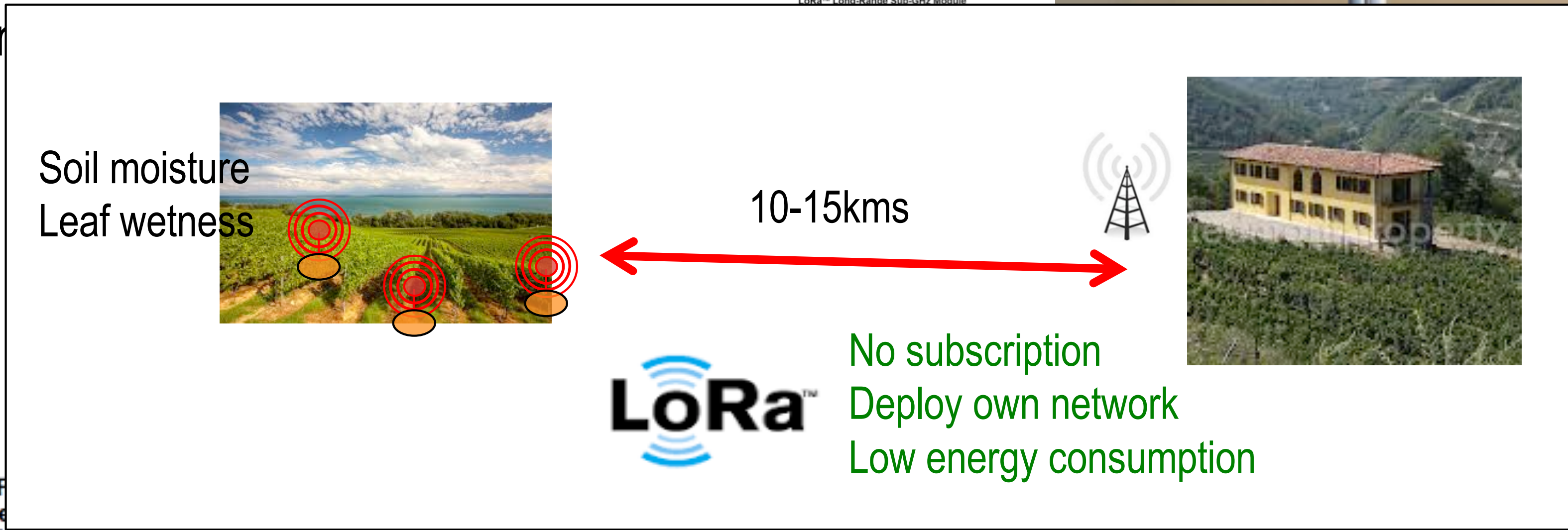
Build your own private LoRa LPWAN



Add LoRa radio module to your preferred dev platform



Install a LoRa gateway and start collecti



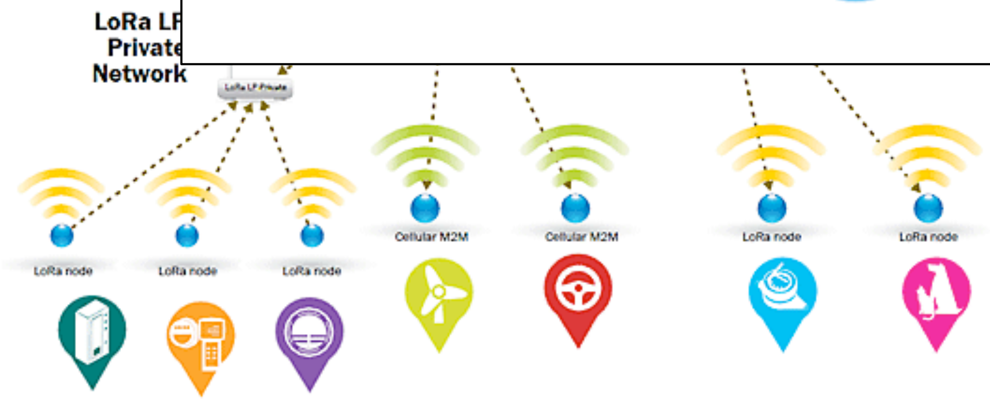


Figure from Semtech

Main LoRa parameters

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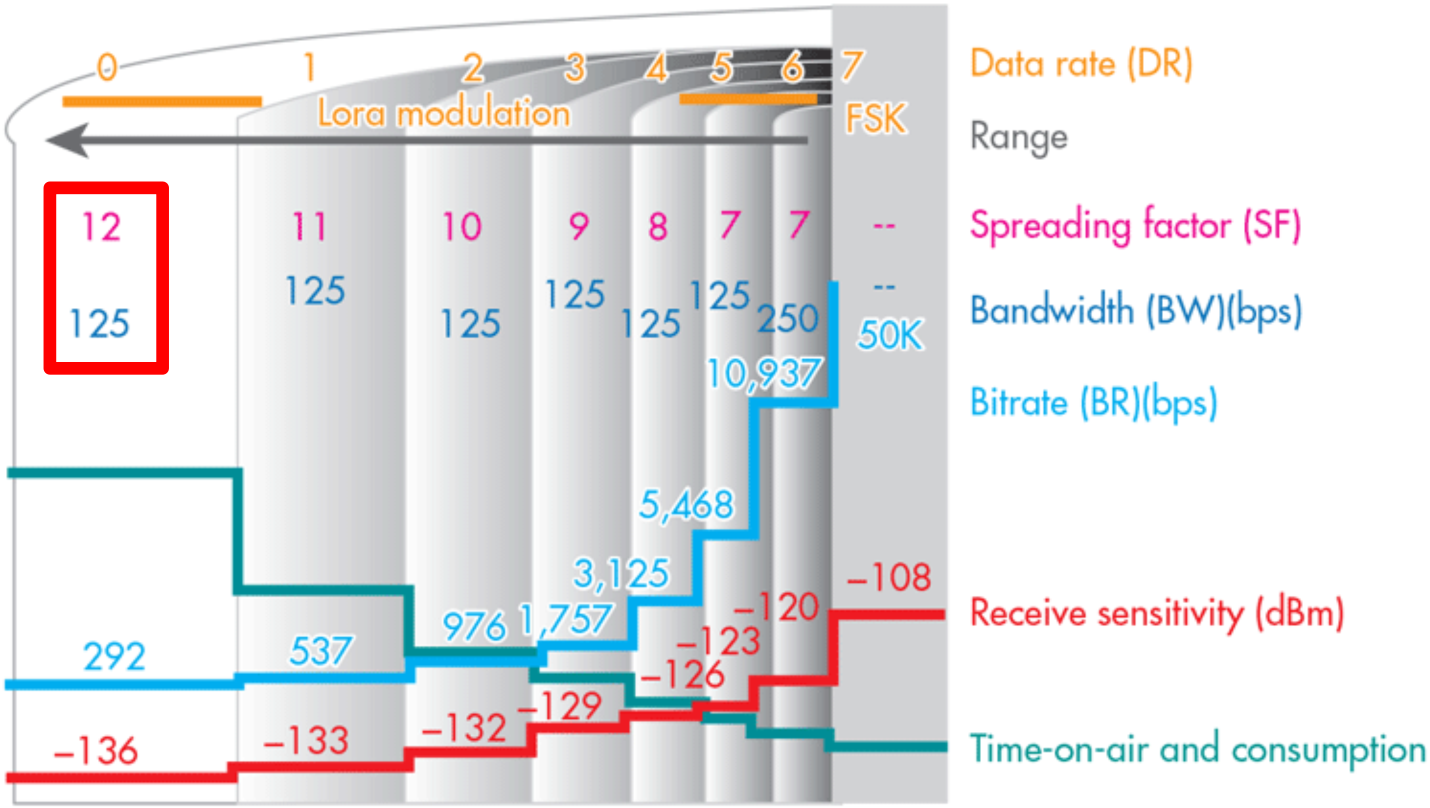
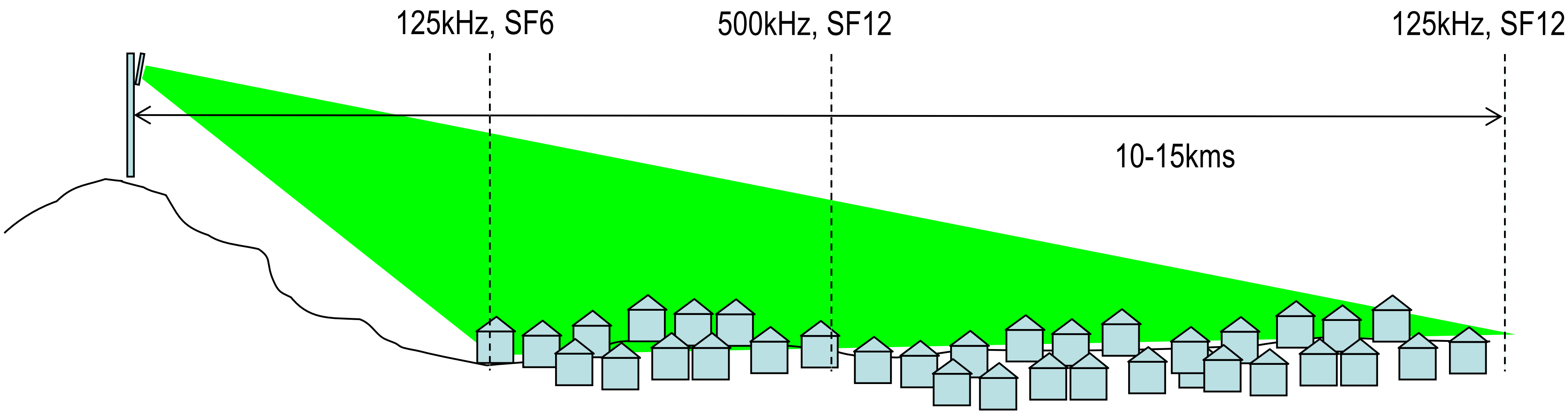
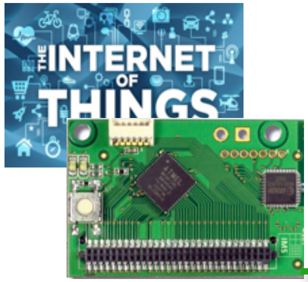
  - Bandwidth: 62.5kHz, 125kHz, 250kHz, 500kHz
  - Spreading factor: 6 to 12



Relation to range



Bandwidth (kHz)	Spreading Factor	Coding rate	Nominal Rb (bps)	Sensitivity (dBm)
125	12	4/5	293	-136
250	12	4/5	586	-133
500	12	4/5	1172	-130



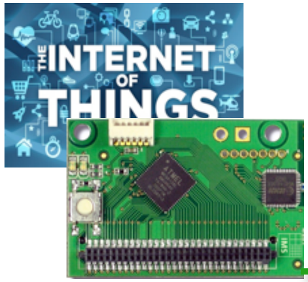
The price to pay!

Very low throughput
Transmission time can be several seconds

Range

Throughput

				time on air in second for payload size of						
LoRa mode	BW	CR	SF	5 bytes	55 bytes	105 bytes	155 Bytes	205 Bytes	255 Bytes	max thr. for 255B in bps
1	125	4/5	12	0.95846	2.59686	4.23526	5.87366	7.51206	9.15046	223
2	250	4/5	12	0.47923	1.21651	1.87187	2.52723	3.26451	3.91987	520
3	125	4/5	10	0.28058	0.69018	1.09978	1.50938	1.91898	2.32858	876
4	500	4/5	12	0.23962	0.60826	0.93594	1.26362	1.63226	1.95994	1041
5	250	4/5	10	0.14029	0.34509	0.54989	0.75469	0.95949	1.16429	1752
6	500	4/5	11	0.11981	0.30413	0.50893	0.69325	0.87757	1.06189	1921
7	250	4/5	9	0.07014	0.18278	0.29542	0.40806	0.5207	0.63334	3221
8	500	4/5	9	0.03507	0.09139	0.14771	0.20403	0.26035	0.31667	6442
9	500	4/5	8	0.01754	0.05082	0.08154	0.11482	0.14554	0.17882	11408
10	500	4/5	7	0.00877	0.02797	0.04589	0.06381	0.08301	0.10093	20212



Energy consumption comparaison

Tables from Semtech

Technology	2G	3G	LAN	ZigBee	Lo Power WAN
Range (I=Indoor, O=Outdoor)	N/A	N/A	O: 300m I: 30m	O: 90m I: 30m	Same as 2G/3G
Tx current consumption	200-500mA	500-1000mA	100-300mA	18mA	18mA-40mA
Standby current	2.3mA	3.5mA	NC	0.003mA	0.001mA
Energy harvesting (solar, other)	No	No	No	Possible	Possible
Battery 2000mAh (LR6 battery)	4-8 hours(com) 36 days(idle)	2-4 hours(com) X hours(idle)	50 hours(com) X hours(idle)	60hours (com)	120 hours(com) 10 year(idle)

TX power: 30mA. Mean consumption: (8x30+3592x0.2)/3600=0.266mA

2500/0.266=9398h = 391 days = 13 months

Typical scenarios

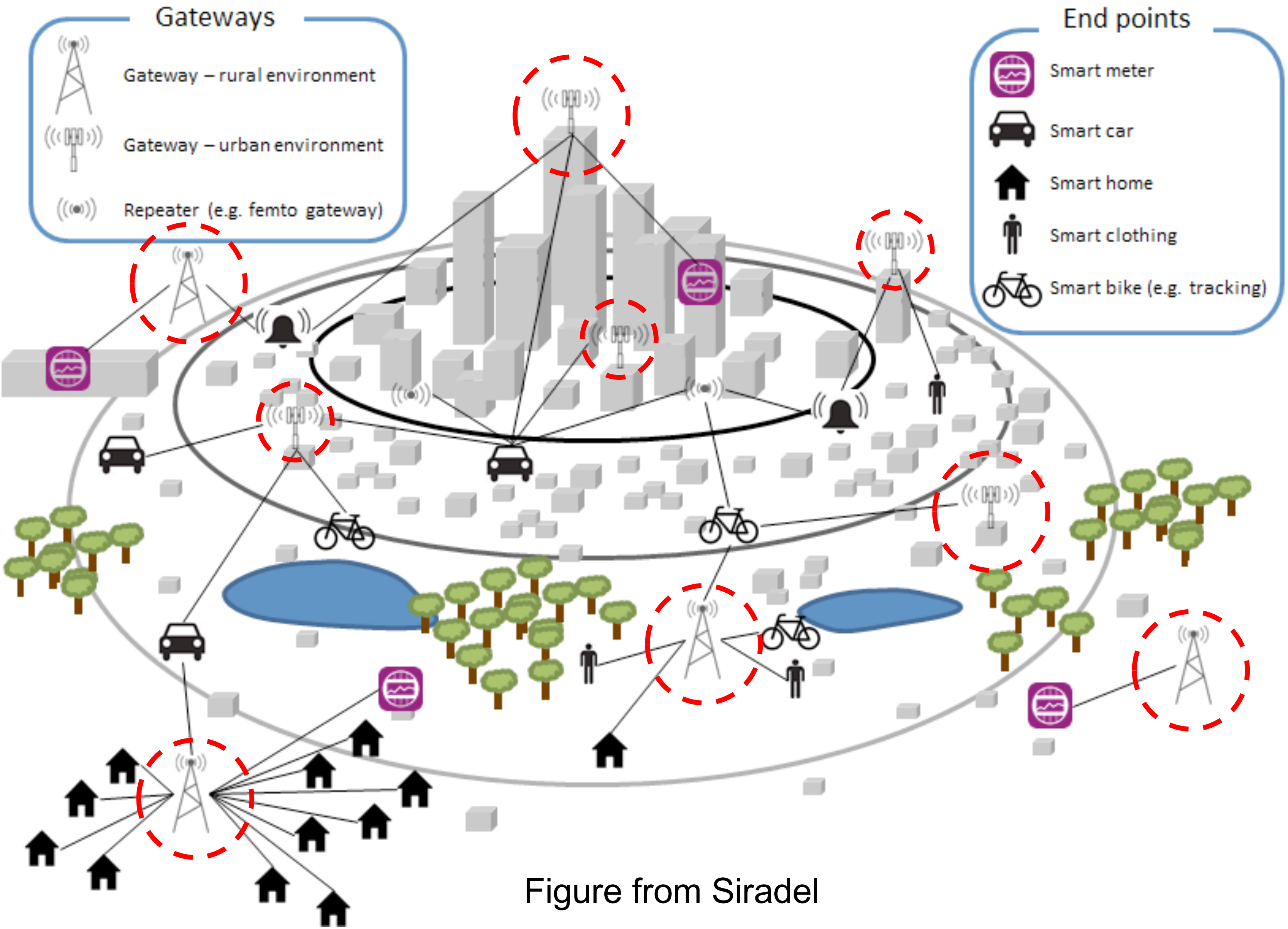


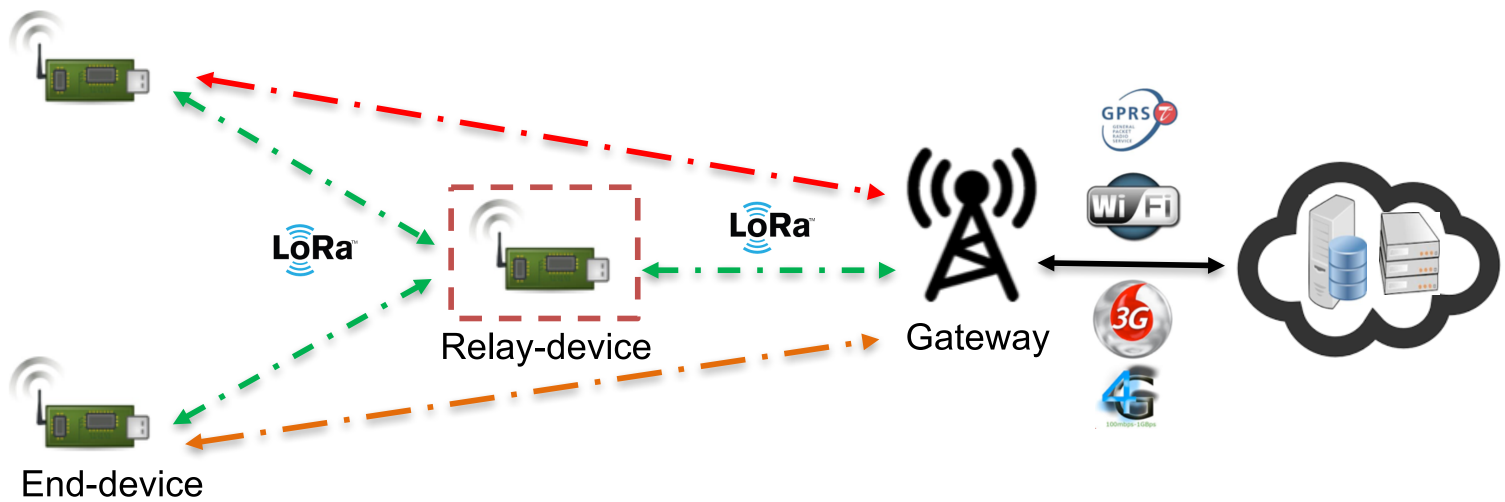
Figure from Siradel

Real-world deployment

- Provides 2-hop LoRa to solve some connectivity issues in real-world deployment scenario

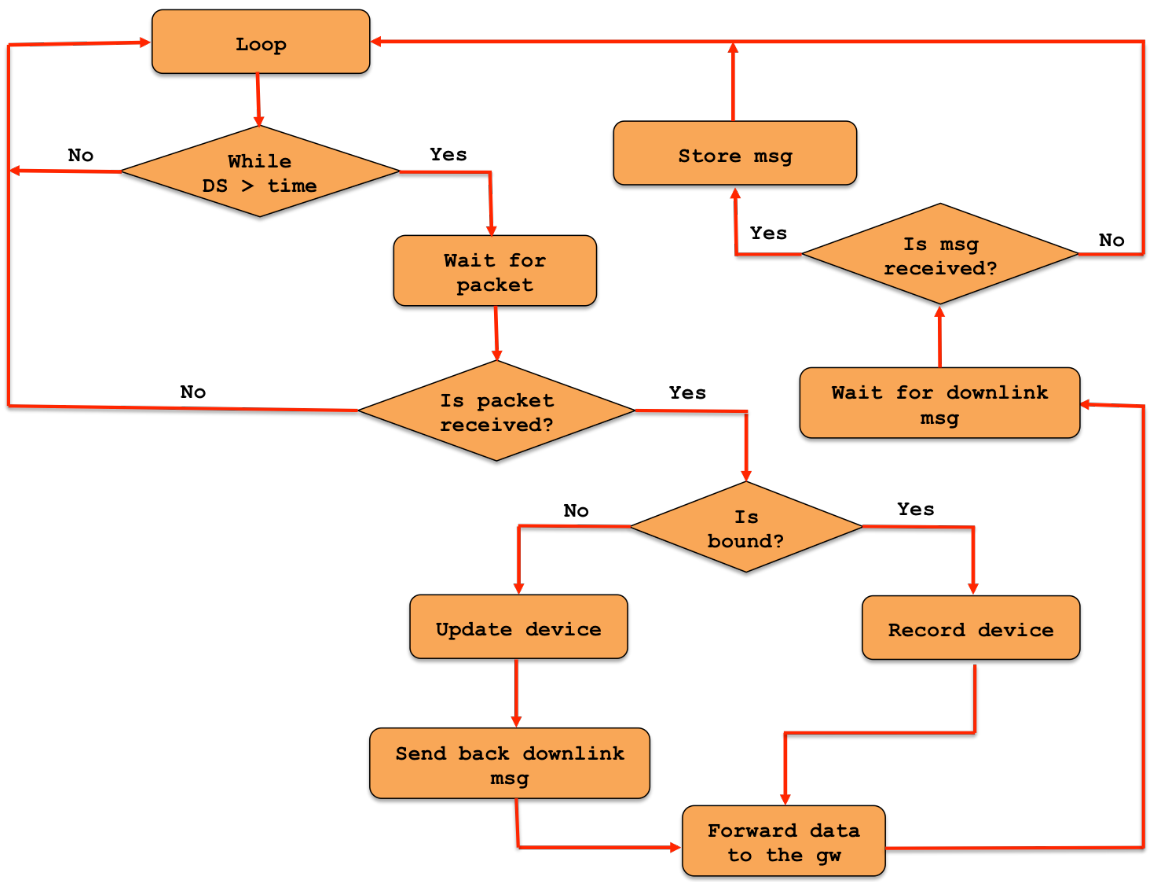
2-hop LoRa approach

- ❑ Objective is to have a **smart, transparent** relay node that can be inserted at anytime between end-devices and gateway



Smart relay device learning on-the-fly

- On-the-fly learning of incoming traffic from end-devices: the observation phase



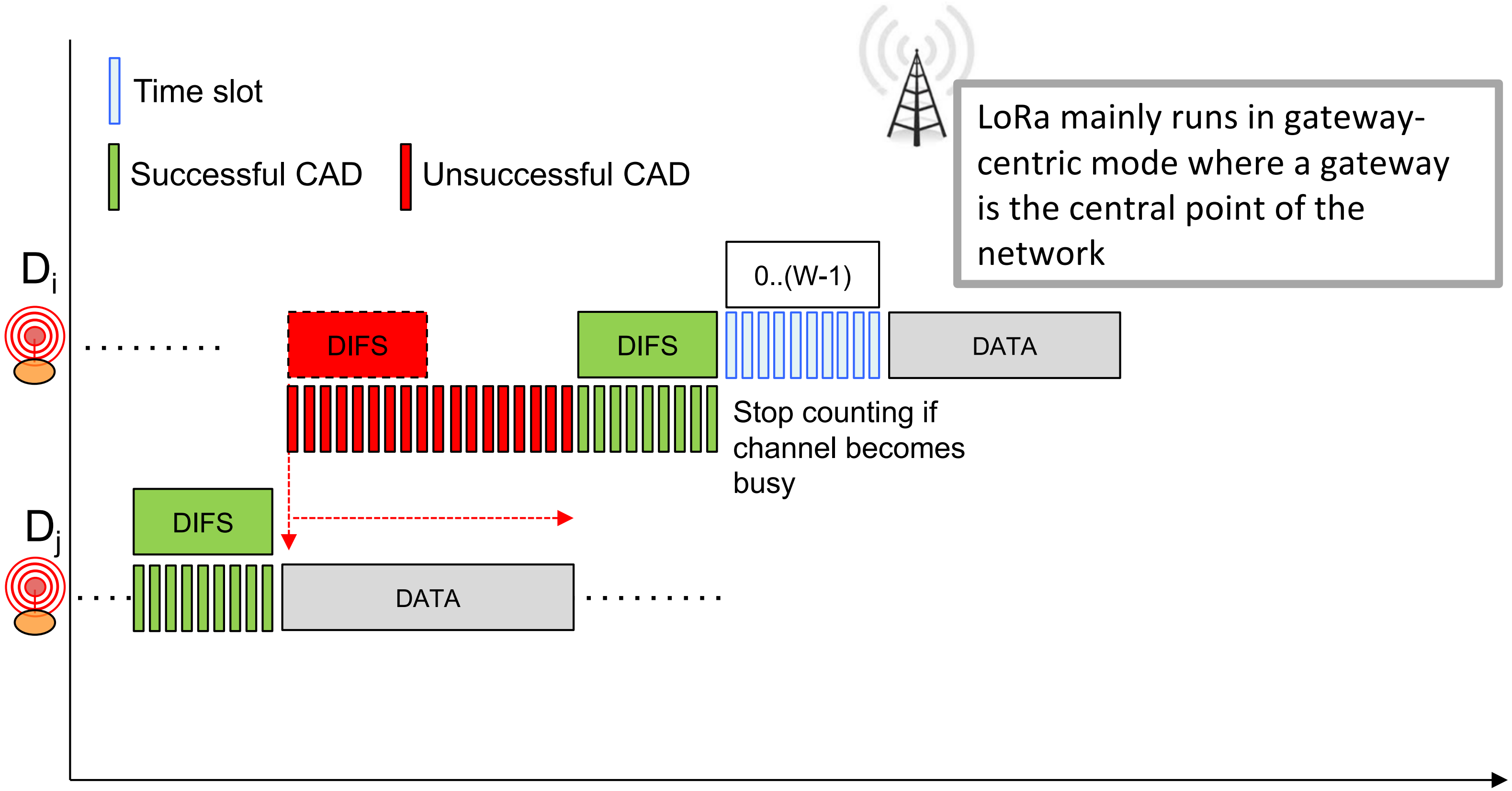
Robust channel access mechanisms

- With densier LoRa networks and more heterogeneous traffic (traditional+image sensors) it is necessary to provide a more robust channel access mechanism
- Objectives are to reduce packet collisions, thus reducing delivery latency, and reduce power consumption due to unsuccessfull transmissions

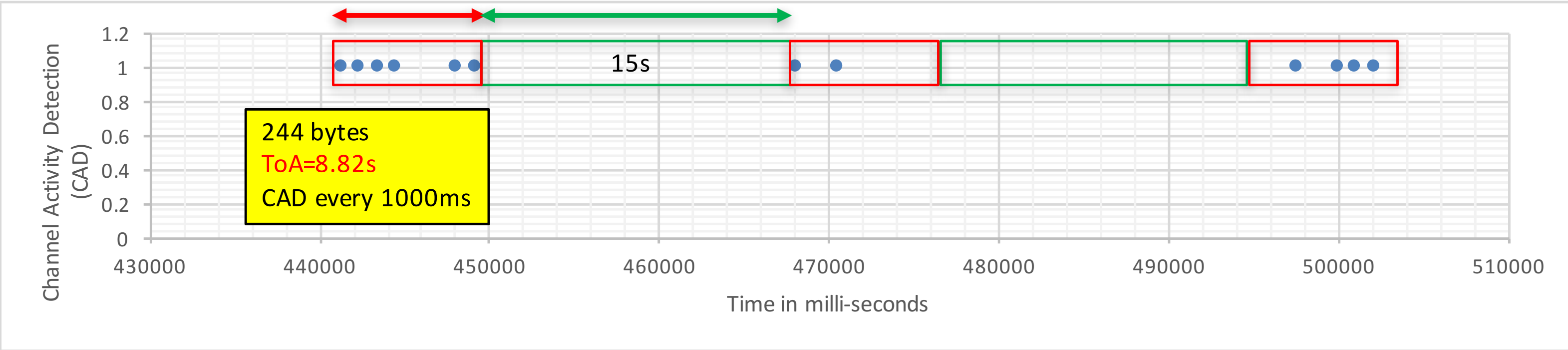
C. Pham, "Investigating and Experimenting CSMA Channel Access Mechanisms for LoRa IoT Networks", IEEE WCNC'2018.

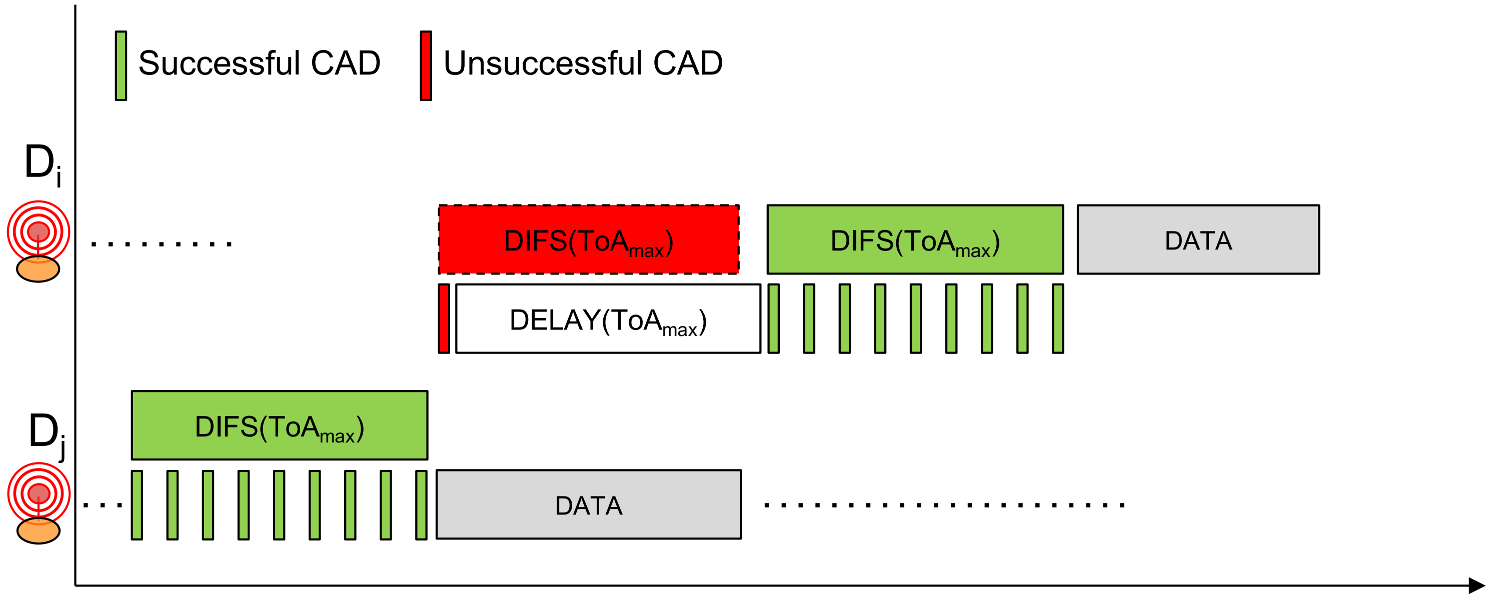
C. Pham, "Robust CSMA for Long-Range LoRa Transmissions with Image Sensing Devices", IEEE WD'2018.

CSMA-based derived from 802.11

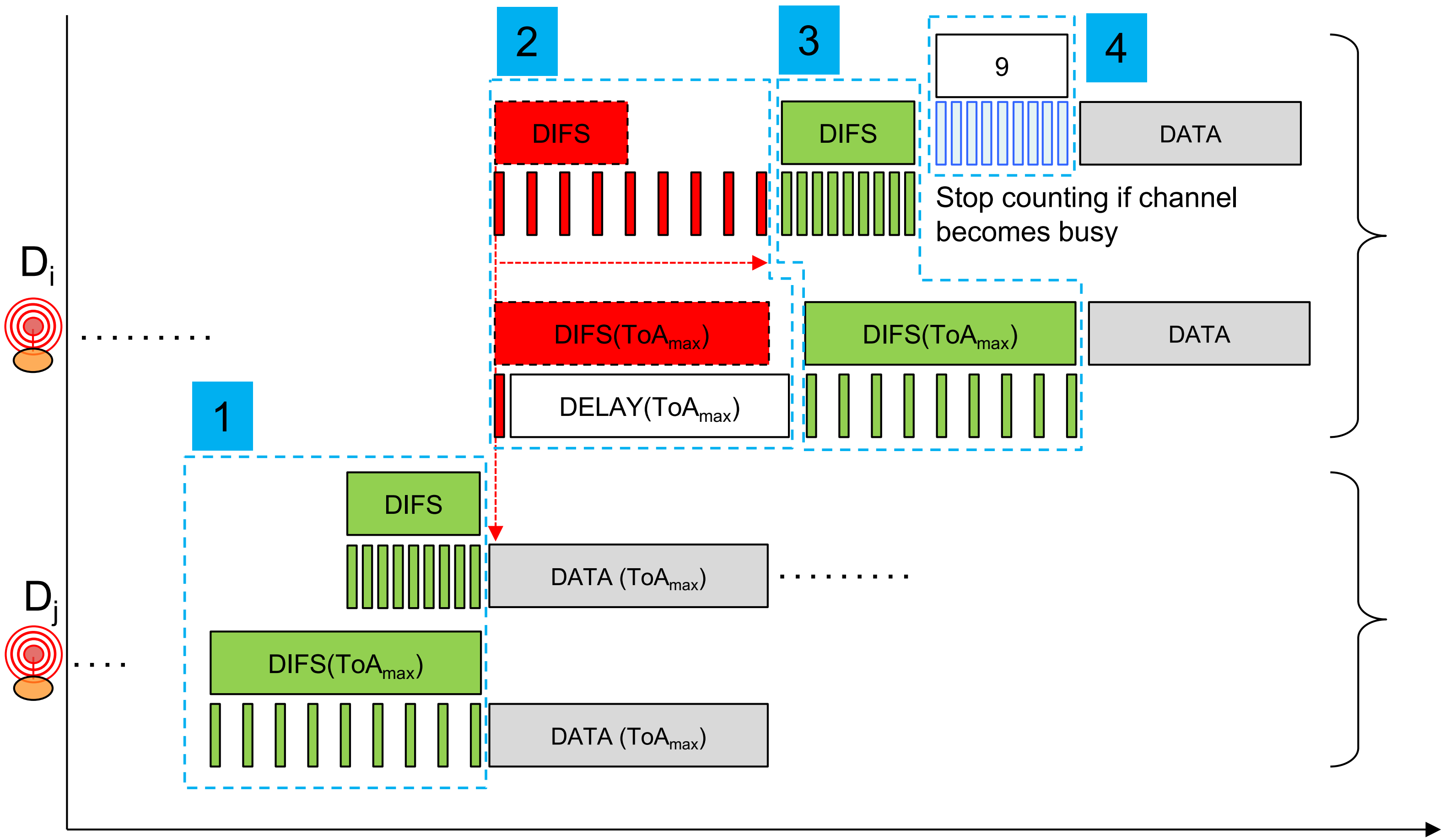


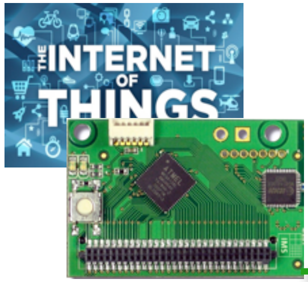
CSMA-based adapted to longer msg





CSMA alternatives & comparison





Quality of Service

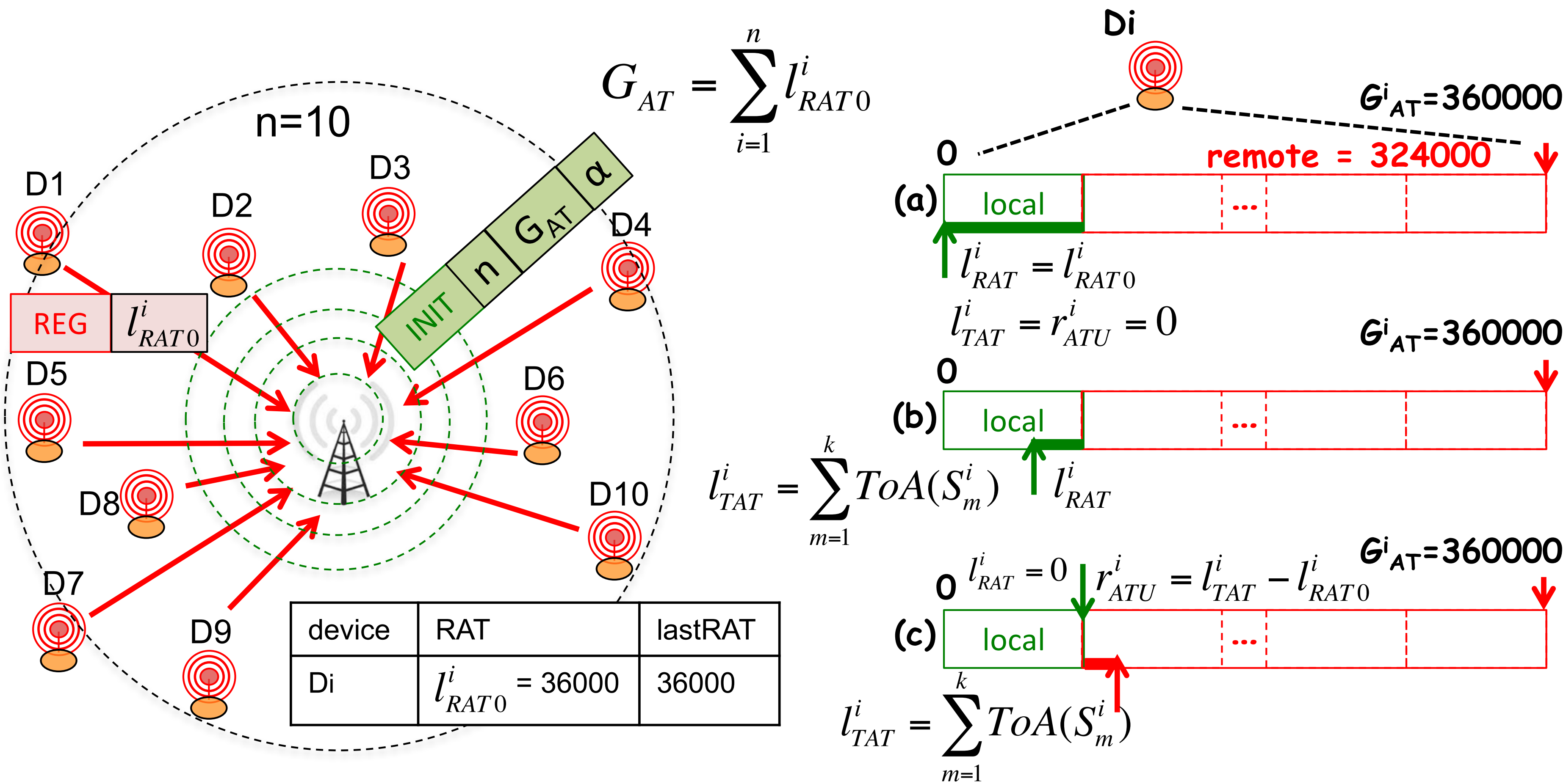
- Regulations stipulate that radio activity duty-cycle should be enforced at devices.
- LoRaWAN specification from LoRa Alliance is a first attempt to standardize LoRa networks but no issues on quality of service.
- Proposition of a Long-range Activity Sharing (LAS) mechanism when running under duty-cycle regulations
- Allow a device to be able to send critical data without having to wait for the next cycle

C. Pham, "Deploying a Pool of Long-Range Wireless Image Sensor with Shared Activity Time". Proceedings of the 11th IEEE WiMob'2015, October 19-21, 2015, Abu Dhabi, UAE.

C. Pham, "Towards Quality of Service for Long-range IoT in Unlicensed Radio Spectrum". IEEE Wireless Days (WD'2016), Toulouse, France, March 2016.

C. Pham, "QoS for Long-Range Wireless Sensors under Duty-Cycle Regulations with Shared Activity Time Usage". ACM Transactions on Sensor Networks, Vol. 12(4), 2016.

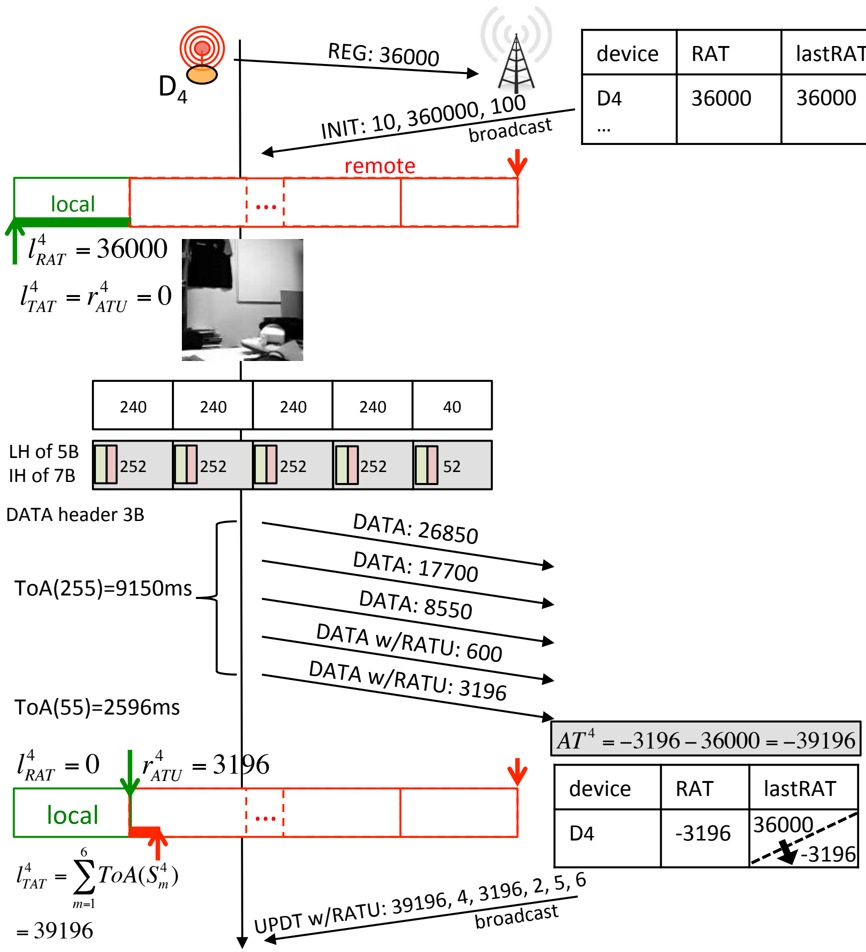
Long-range Activity Sharing (LAS)

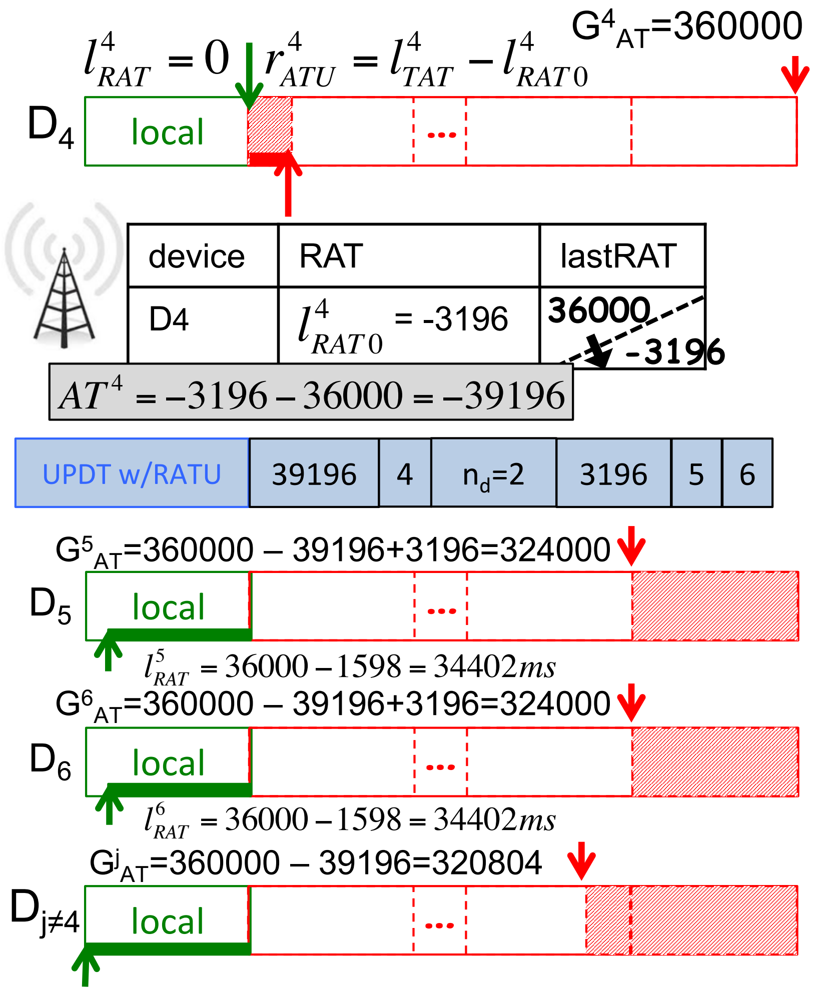


device	RAT	lastRAT
Di	l^i_{RAT0} = 36000	36000

A device can transmit more if needed, provided that other devices will decrease their radio activity time accordingly.

Distributing Remote Activity Time Usage





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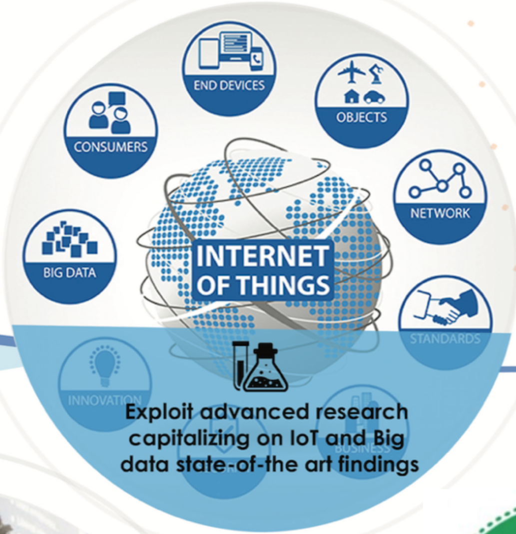

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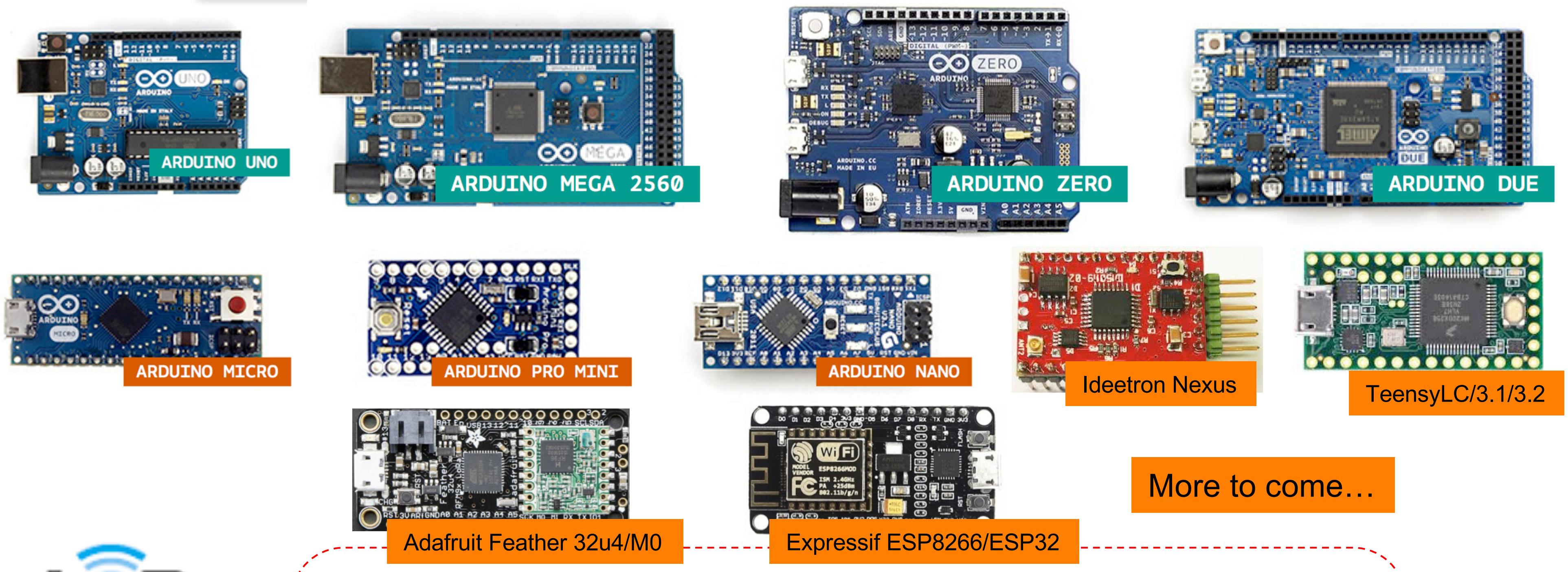
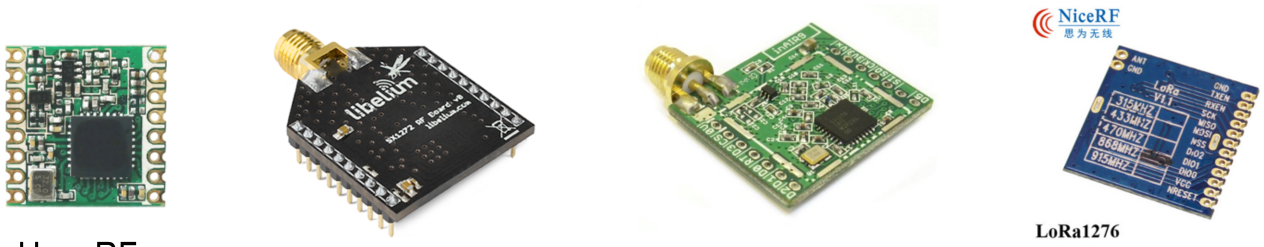


More to come…

LoRa radios that our library already supports



HopeRF RFM92W/95W

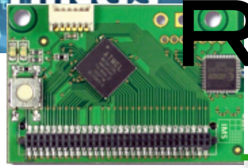
Libelium LoRa

Modtronix inAir9/9B

NiceRF LoRa1276

Long-Range communication library

Ready-to-use templates



Moisture/ Temperature of storage areas

10-15kms

Physical sensor

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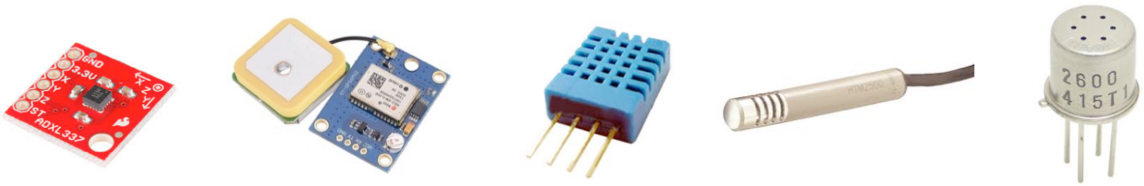
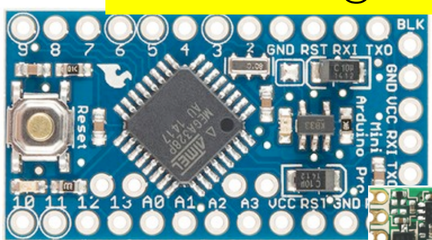
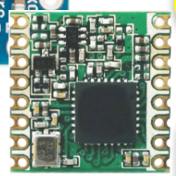


Arduino Pro Mini @3.3V





Physical sensor mgmt

VERY IMPORTANT

Activity duty-cycle, low power

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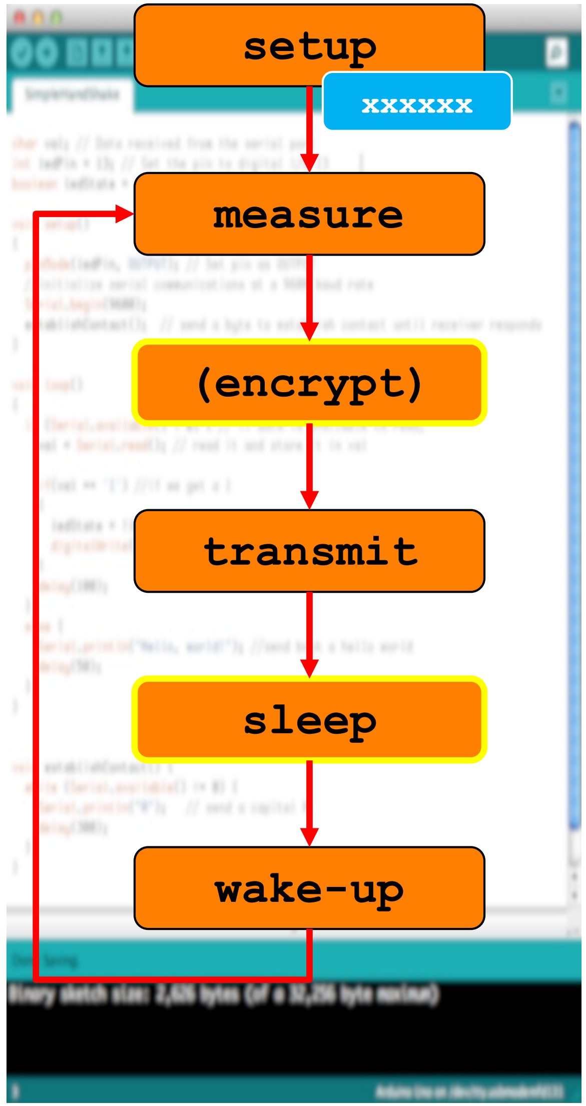
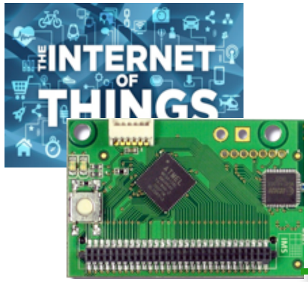
AES encryption

Long-range transmission

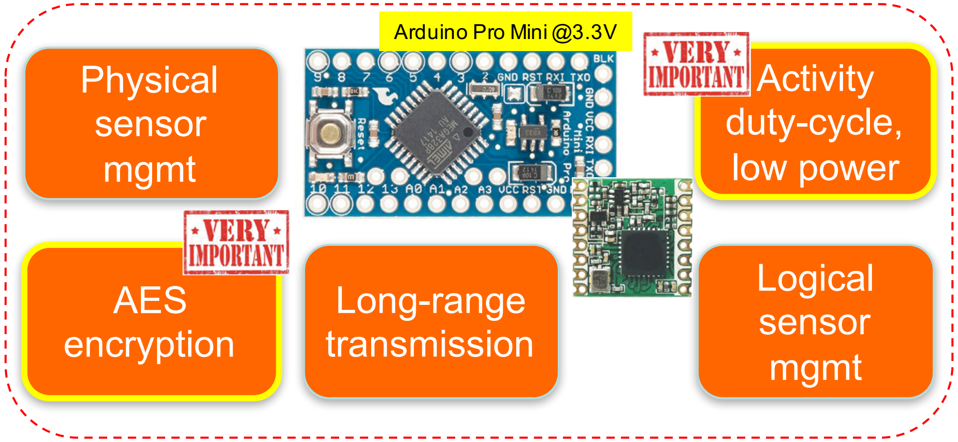
Logical sensor mgmt

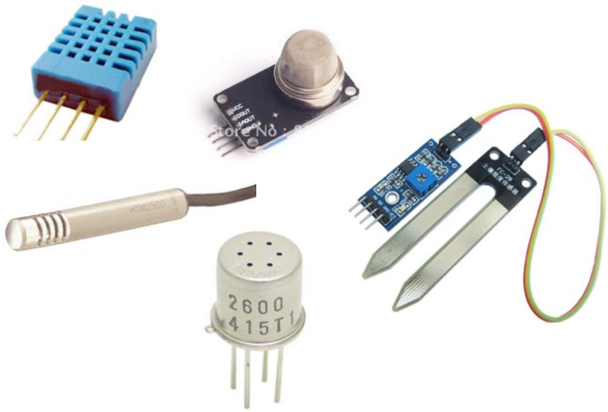




Generic sensing IoT device vs Highly specialized

- Build low-cost, low-power, **long-range** enabled generic platform
- Methodology for low-cost platform design
- Technology transfers to user communities, economic actors, stakeholders,…





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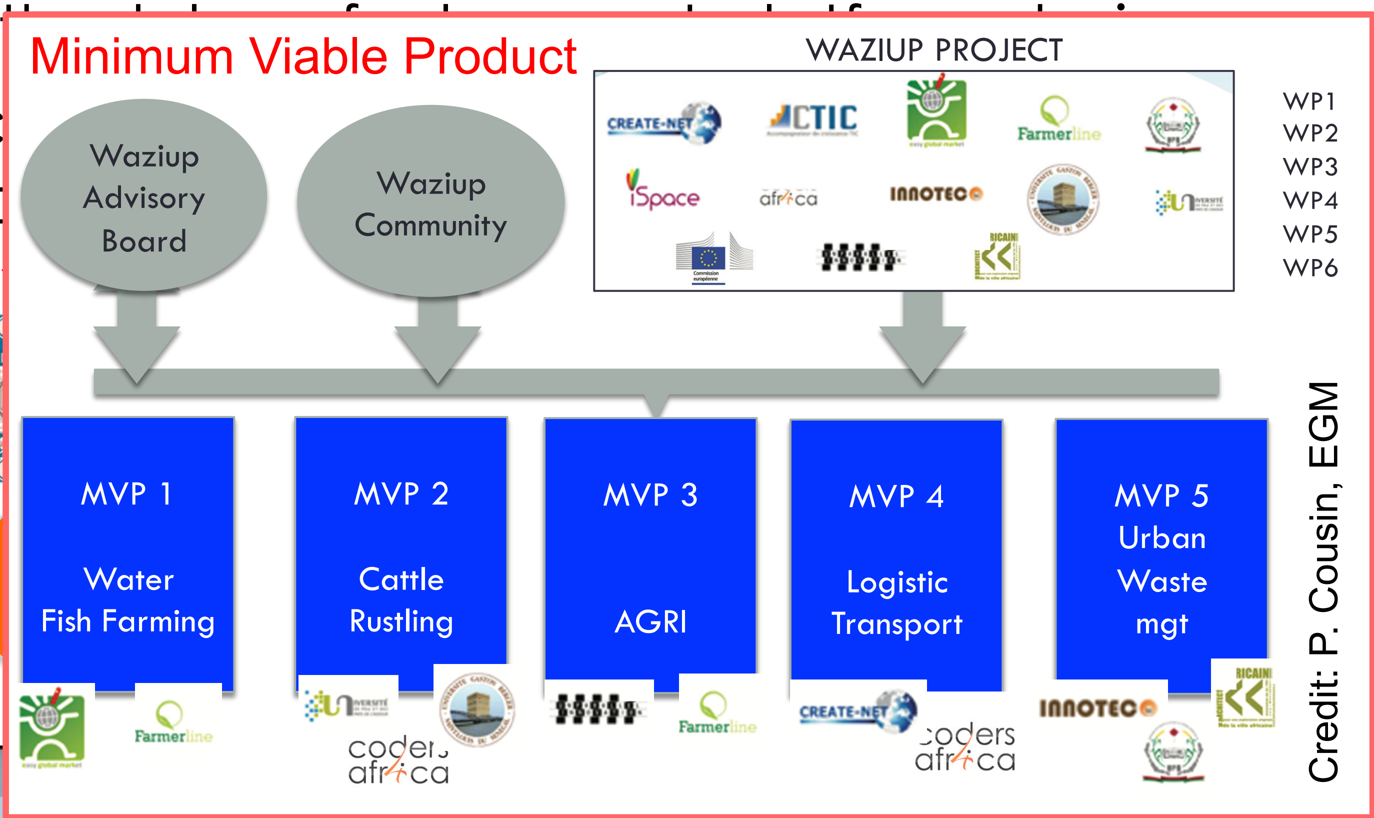

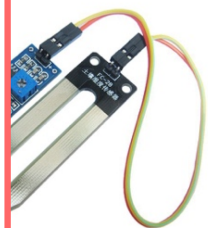

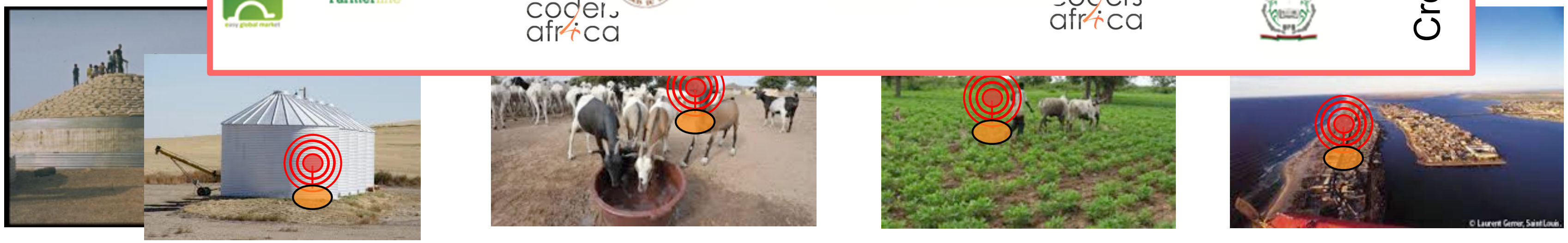

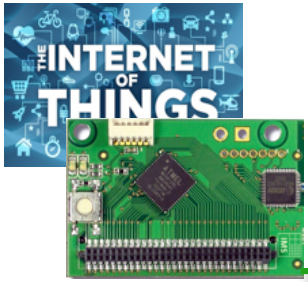

Conclusions

- Low-power, long-range (LR) transmission is a break-through technology for IoT and large-scale deployment of wireless (sensor) devices
- With a large variety of applications, products & actors the low-power WAN (LPWAN) eco-system is becoming mature
- New technologies will certainly emerge but the LPWAN « philosophy » is now settled firmly: out-of-the-box connectivity is now the standard and multi-hop scenarios based on short-range technologies is questionable.