

# IOT\_1: Understanding IoT technologies

sensors, radios, clouds,...



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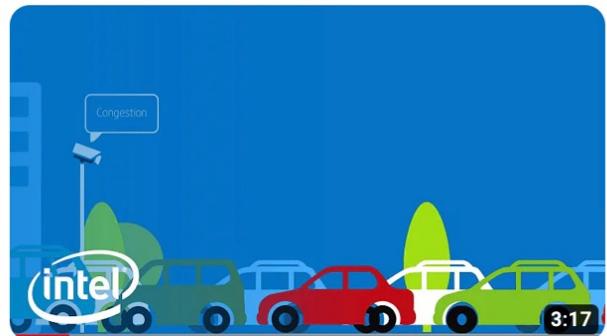
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# ...shows communicating objects



# Also on YouTube: IoT teaser & tutorial videos



Intel IoT – What Does The Internet of Things Mean?

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Fun, animated video answers: What does the Internet of Things mean? The Internet of Things (IoT) is an evolution of mobile, home ...



Intro | What is IoT | Transform our lives | Big picture | Example | Big Possibilities | Intelligent Traffic |... 9 chapitres ▾



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# All communicating objects?

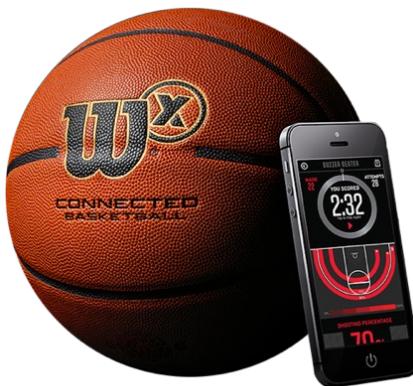


# IoT=interactions with physical world



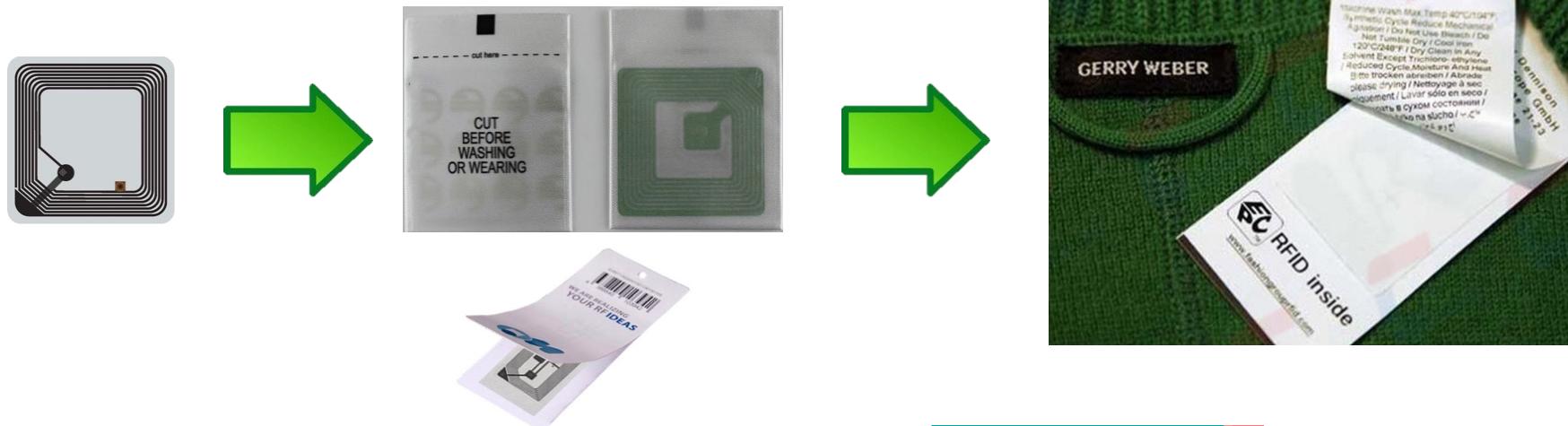
**Q: Interactions? How?**

# Interaction: Sensors



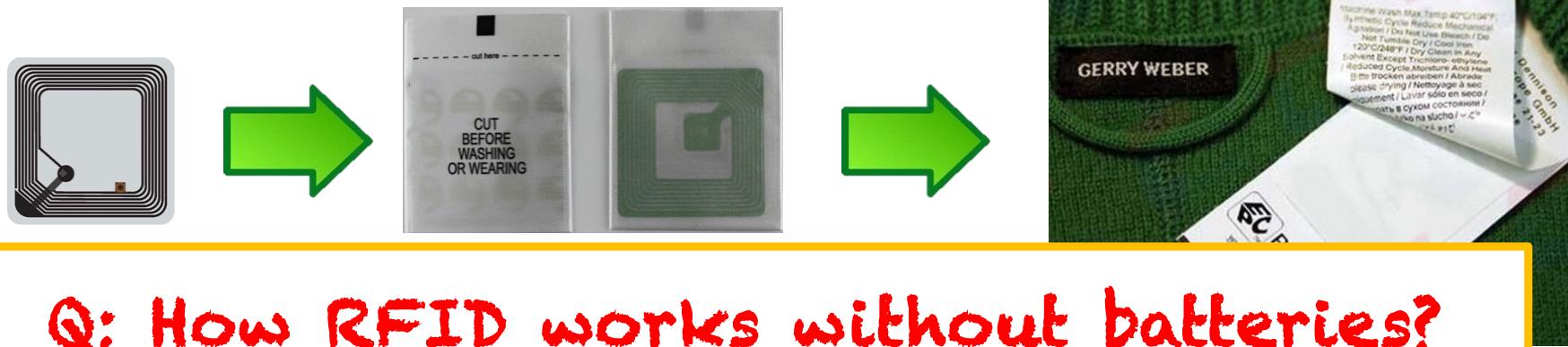
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- Near Field Contact (NFC)

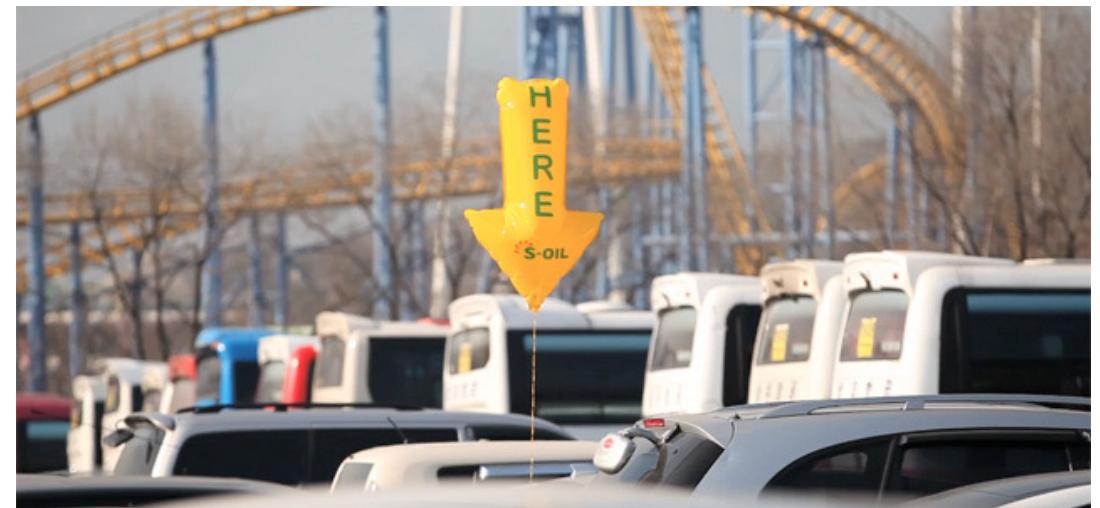
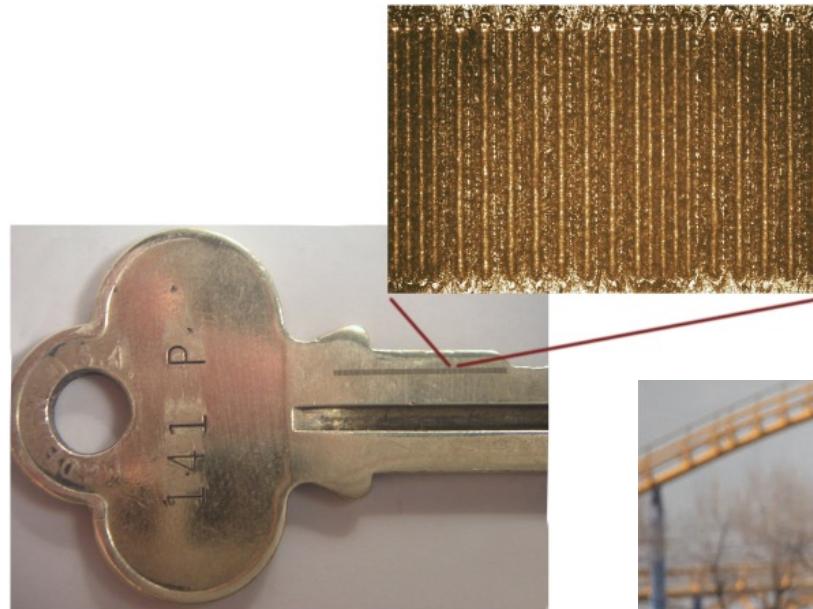
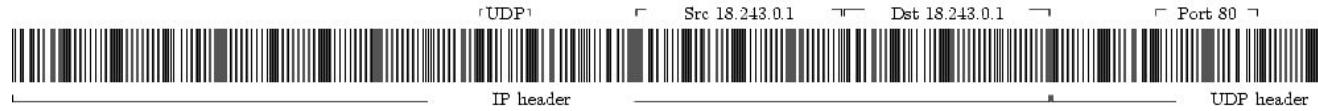


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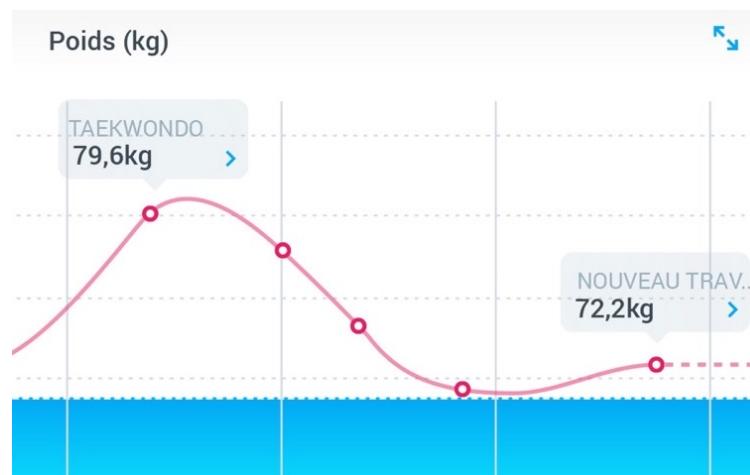
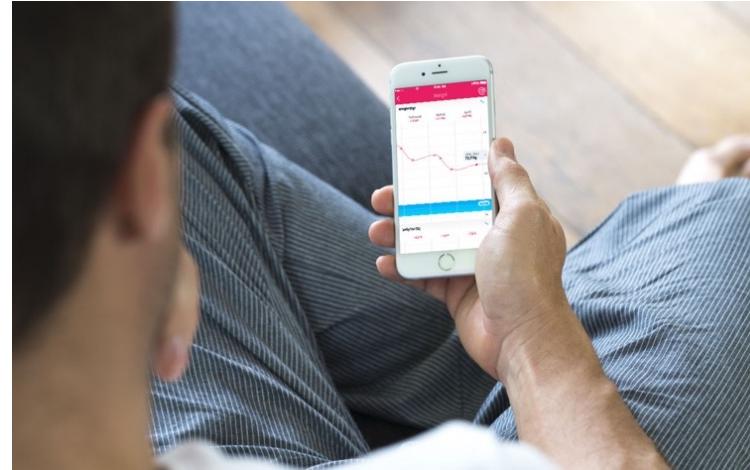
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# Interaction: always complex?

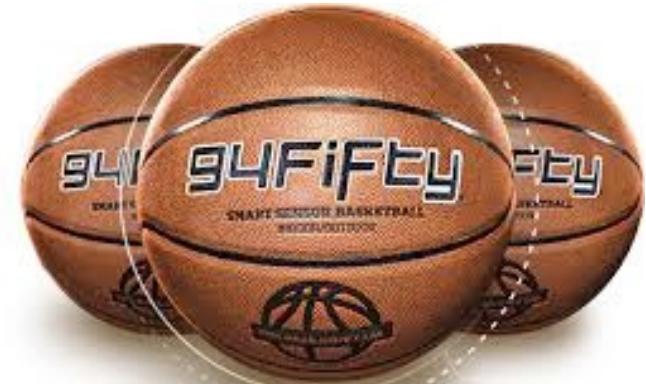
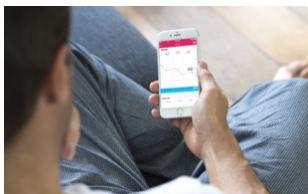


# Home/consumer IoT products



Pictures from Withings, <https://www.withings.com/eu/fr/products/body>

# Local interaction is possible...



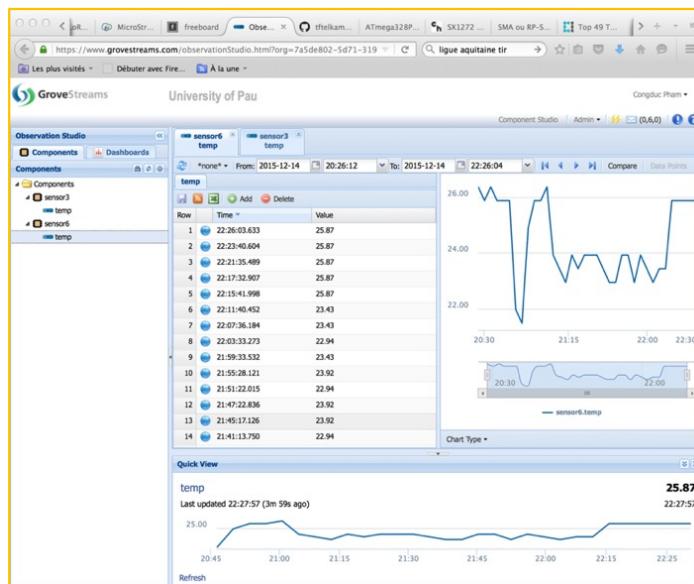
...but IoT added-values come from interactions & linked data!



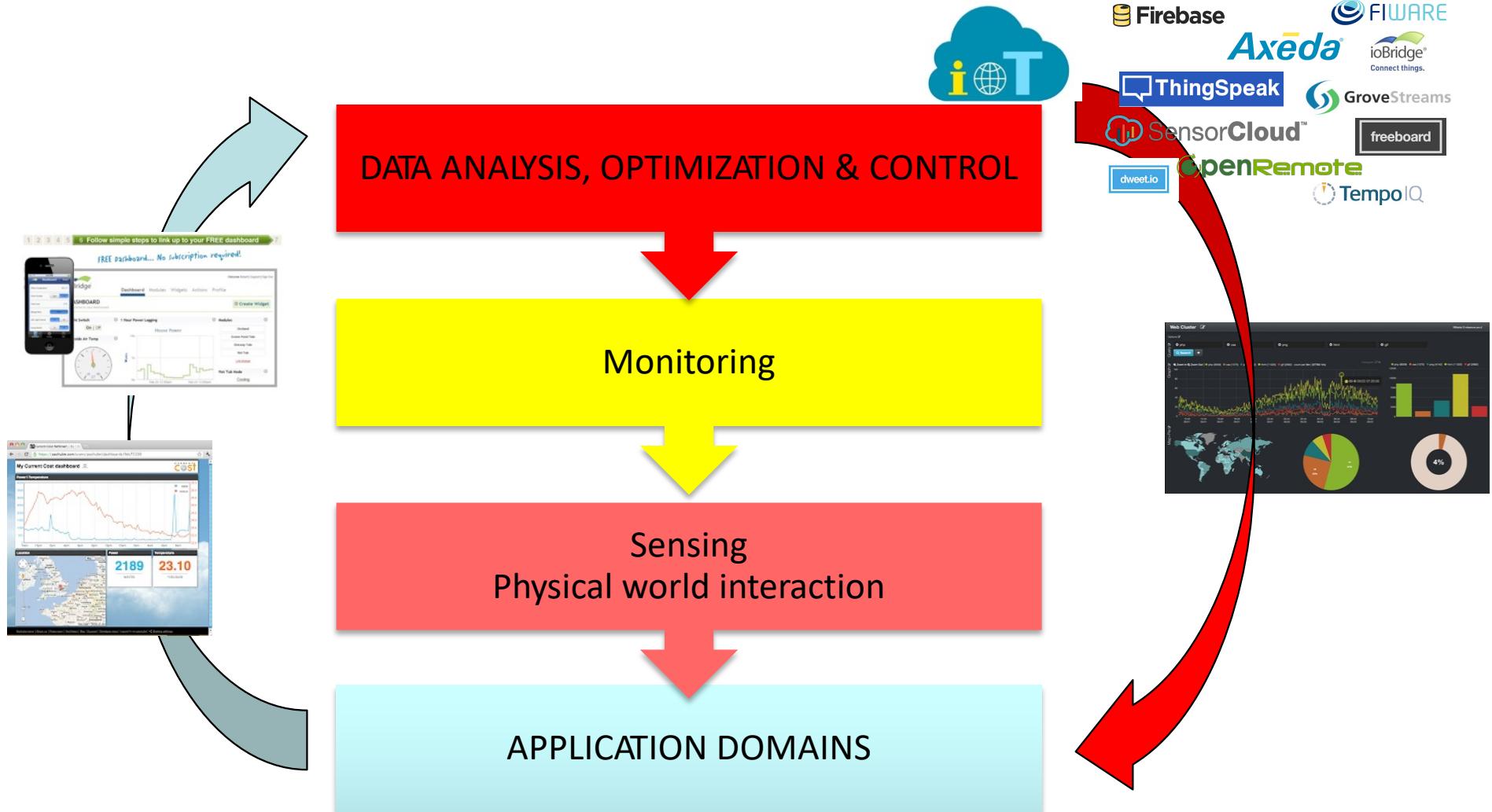
# Clouds for IoT



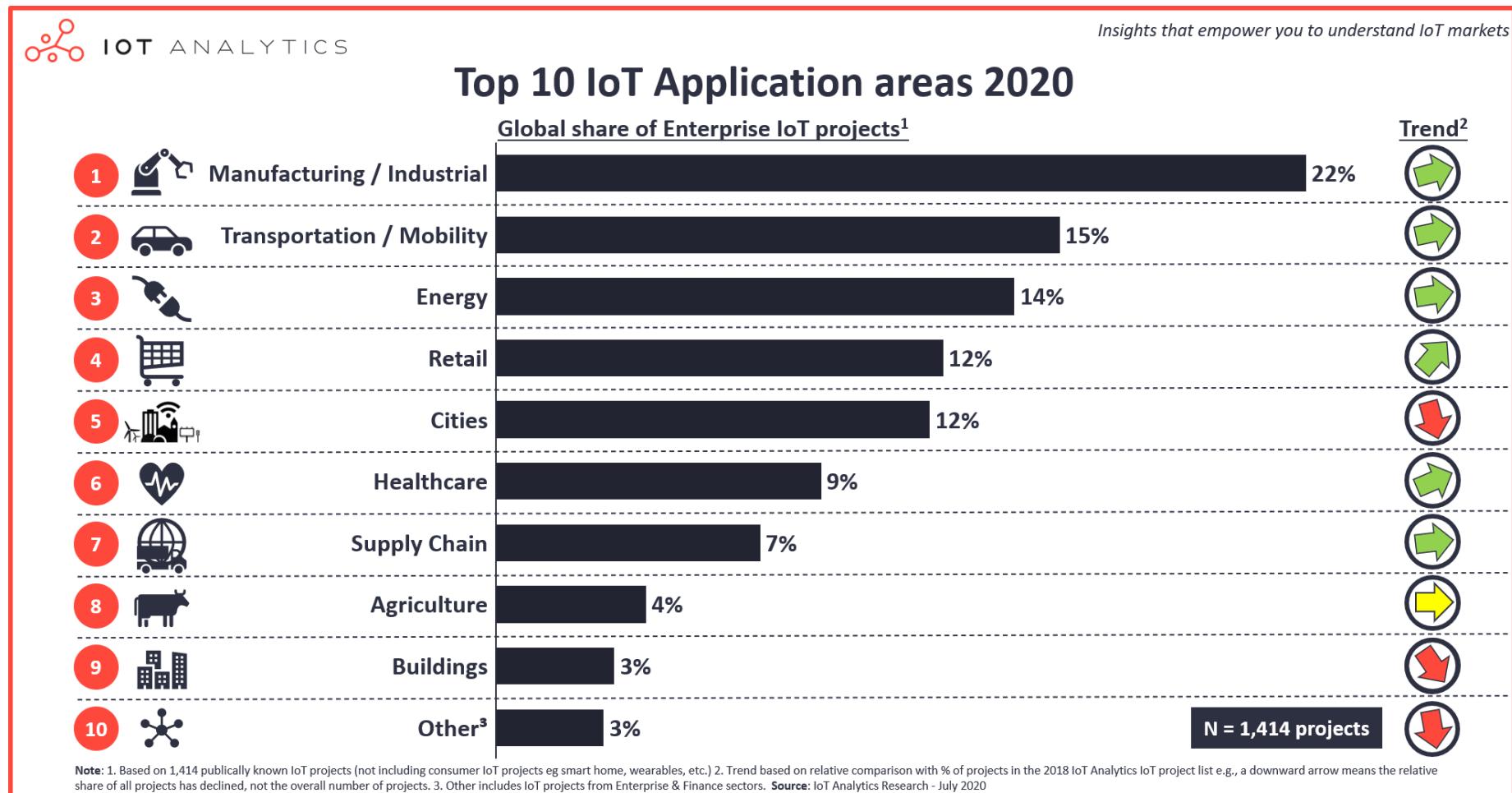
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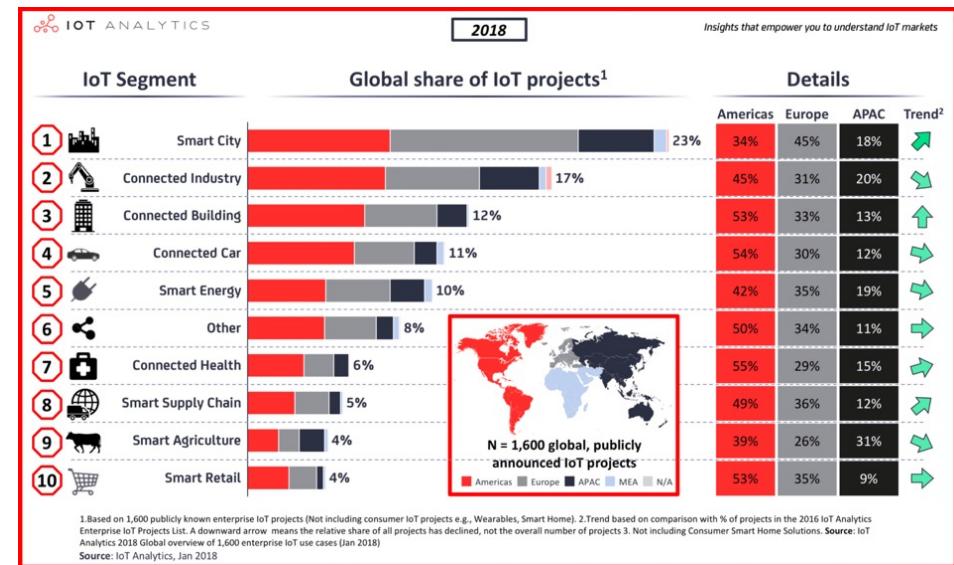
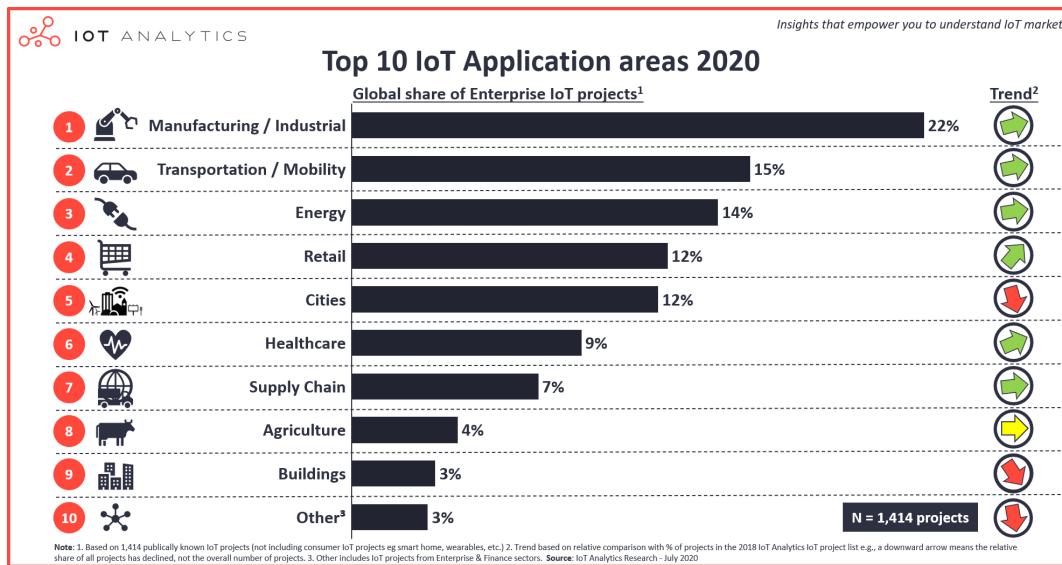
# Sense, Monitor, Optimize & Control



# Top IoT applications, 2020



# IoT: 2020 vs 2018



# Q: What happen to Smart City?

# IoT in industry

- Infrastructure monitoring, Security & Safety
- Continuous process improvement, Process automation, Process optimization
- Smart logistics management, remote management, tracking,
- Connectivity to back-end system, integration of smart tools, Interoperability
- Data analysis, Supply Chain Optimization, Predictive maintenance



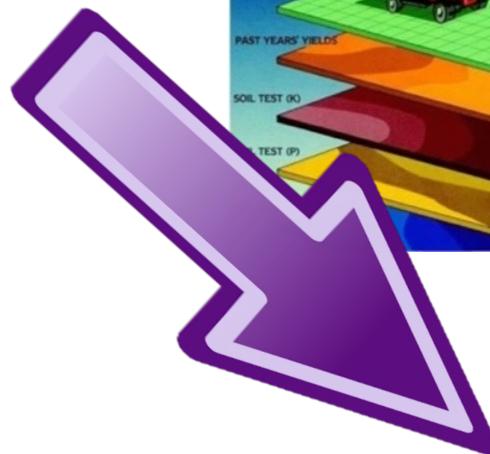
## Industrial Internet of Things



# IoT for Smart Agriculture



**Soil Monitoring**



**Connected Agriculture**



# Is IoT the solution for your problem?

**Q: How get real-time position of all city buses?**

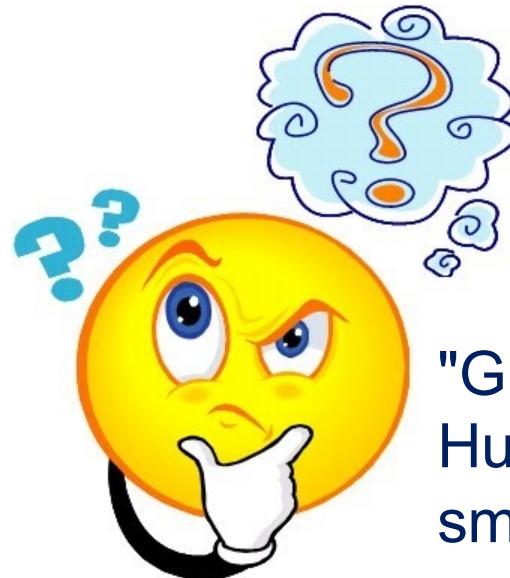


**A: Install a GPS + 4G electronic box in each bus to turn the bus into a connected bus!**

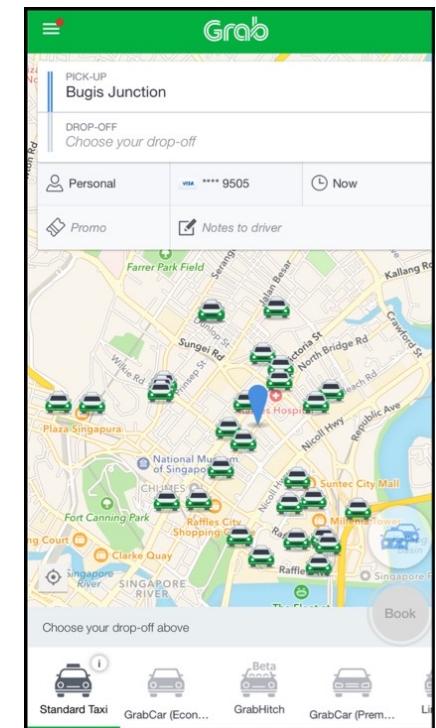
**Q: Is it cost-effective?**

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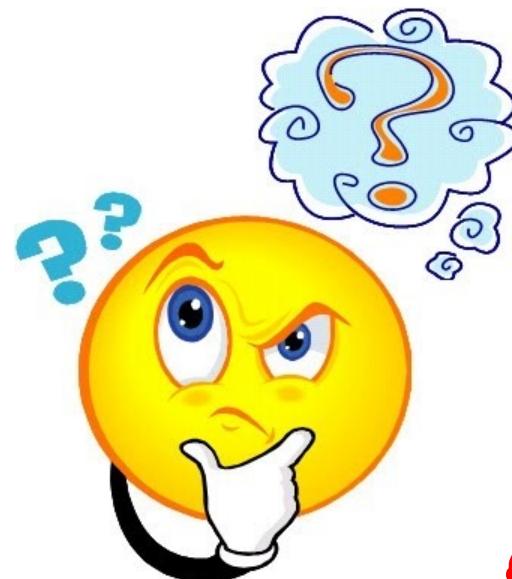


"GPS + 4G"  
Hum, looks like a smartphone...



# Is IoT the solution for your problem?

**Q: How to enable municipal street sweepers to report illegal dumping, leaking pipes and emergencies?**



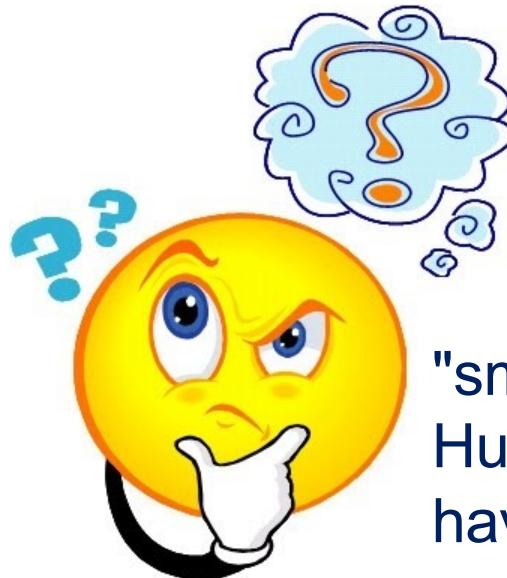
**I know! I know !**

**A: Give them a smartphone and they can use it for reporting!**

**Q: Is it efficient?**

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"smartphone"  
Hum, they only  
have 2 hands...



ITU Telecom World 2018  
Phathwa Senene at MTN booth

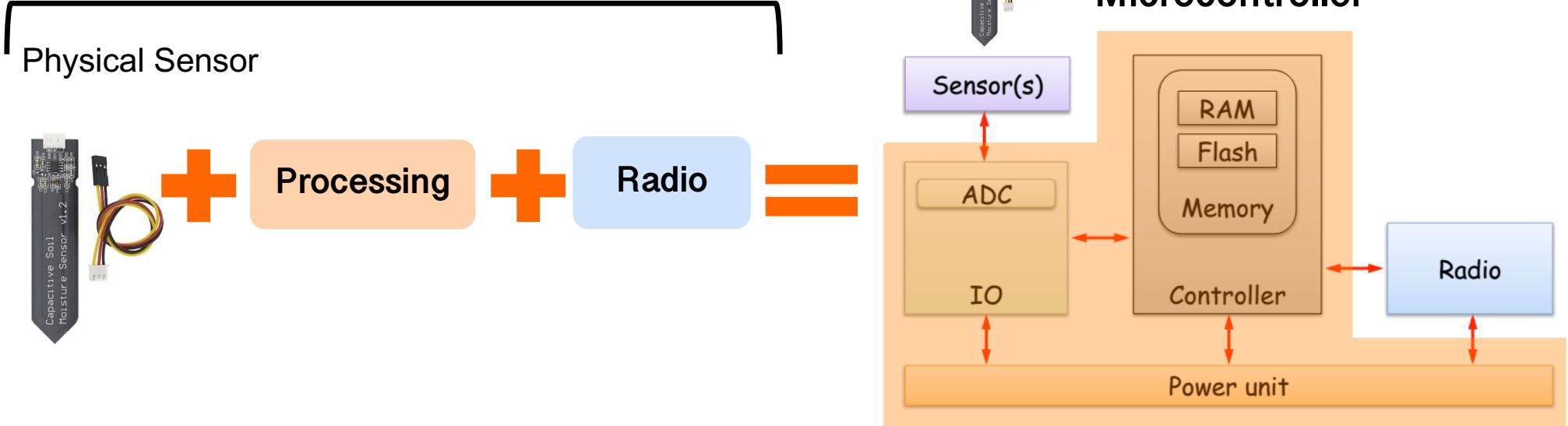




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TECHNOLOGY ?  
CONCEPT ?

# Typical IoT device

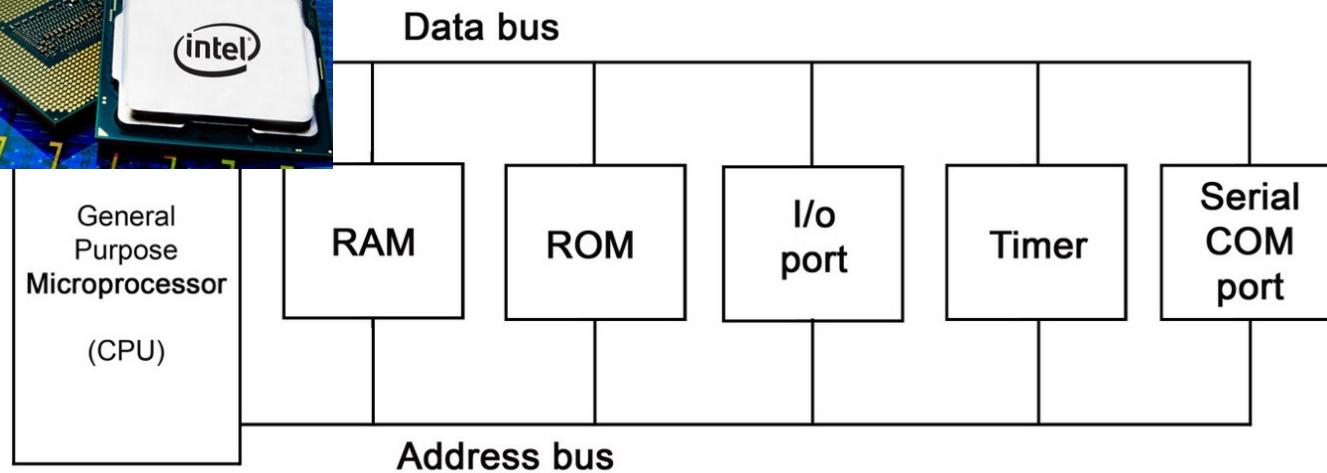
- IoT device can be viewed as a simple Embedded System



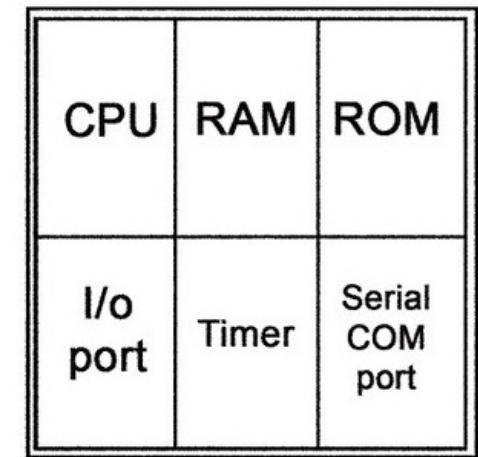
**Q: uprocessor vs ucontroller?**

# Microprocessors & Microcontrollers

- A microprocessor unit (MPU) is a processor on one silicon chip
- A microcontroller unit (MCU) is a microprocessor with some added circuitry on one silicon chip
- Microcontrollers are used in embedded computing and **most IoT devices are based on microcontrollers**

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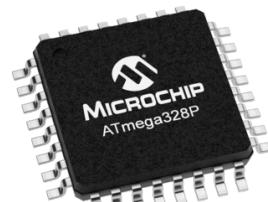
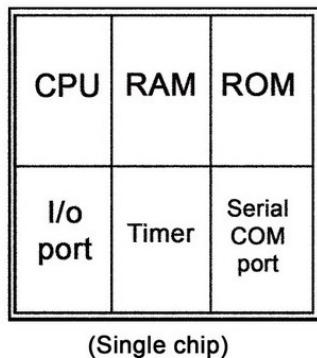


From "An Embedded System Overview" by Dr. Eng. Amr T. Abdel-Hamid

(Single chip)

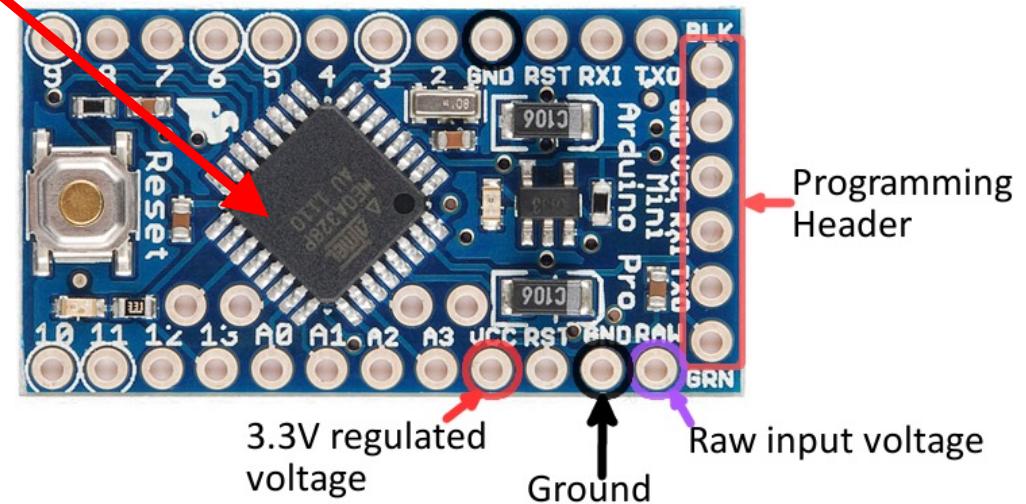
# From µcontroller to µcontroller board

- A µcontroller can be standalone...



- But, it is usually mounted on a board with additional electronics parts

- Leds, Voltage regulators
- Easy access to pins
- Reset button
- Serial-USB interface



# Arduino's success story starting in 2005



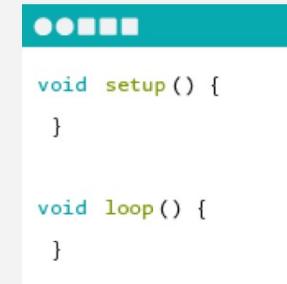
## WHAT IS ARDUINO?

Arduino is an open-source electronics platform based on easy-to-use hardware and software. It's intended for anyone making interactive projects.



## ARDUINO BOARD

Arduino senses the environment by receiving inputs from many sensors, and affects its surroundings by controlling lights, motors, and other actuators.

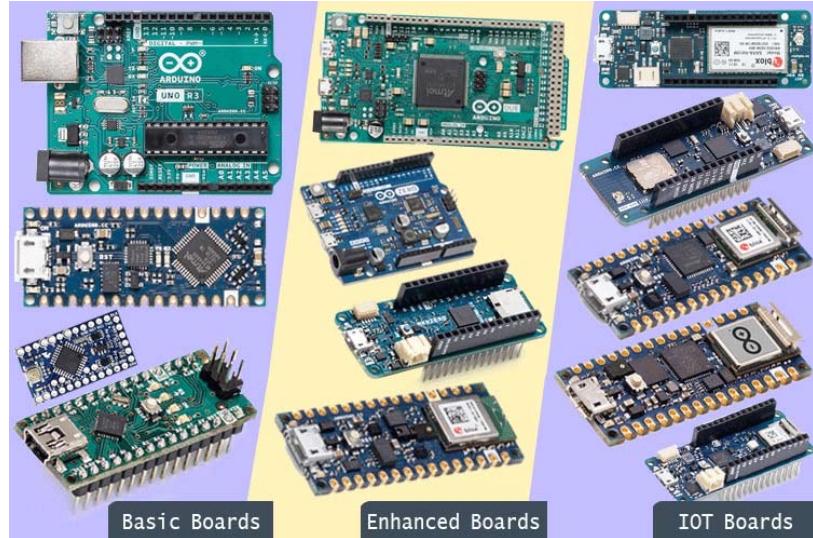


## ARDUINO SOFTWARE

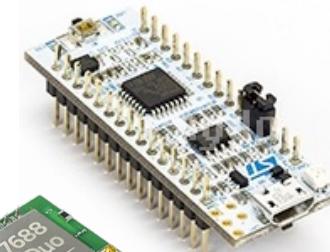
You can tell your Arduino what to do by writing code in the Arduino programming language and using the Arduino development environment.



# 17 years later: the incredibly large microcontroller board ecosystem!



STM32 Nucleo-32



Teensy 3.2



LinkIt Smart7688 duo



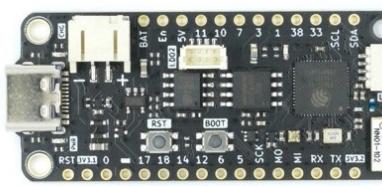
Adafruit Feather



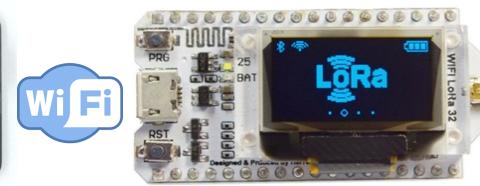
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FeatherS3 – ESP32-S3



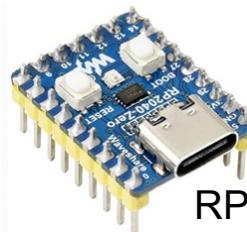
Heltec WiFi LoRa 32



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Arduino Nicla Sense ME



RP2040 zero



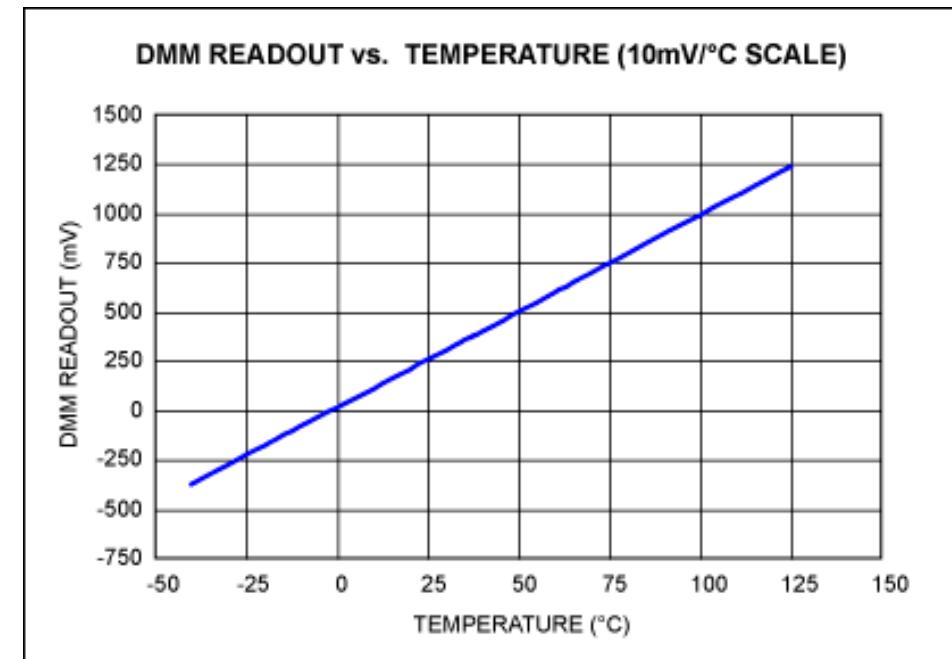
DFRobot Beetle



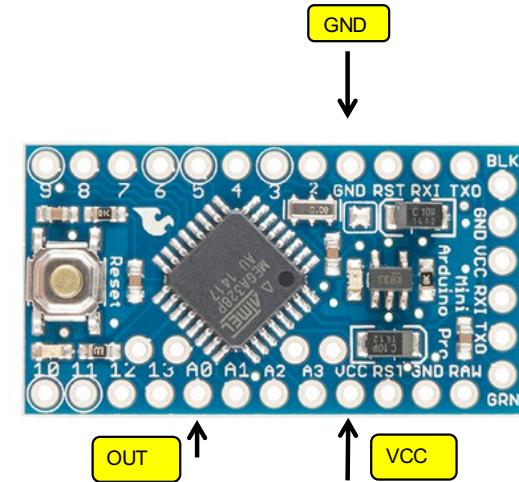
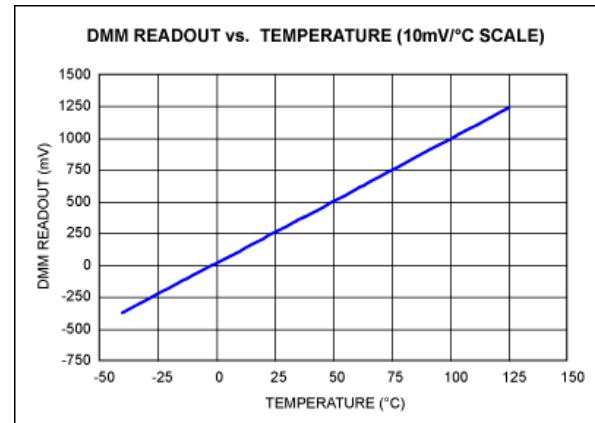
QT Py ESP32-C3

# Interacting with the real world?

- Taking the simple analog sensors example
- Analog sensors provides a voltage output that varies according to a physical parameter, e.g. temperature, humidity, luminosity,...



# Digitalizing the physical world!



Microcontrollers have Analog/Digital (A/D) converter to map a voltage to a numerical value. **A/D with 10-bit resolution give numerical values in  $[0, 2^{10}-1] = [0, 1023]$**

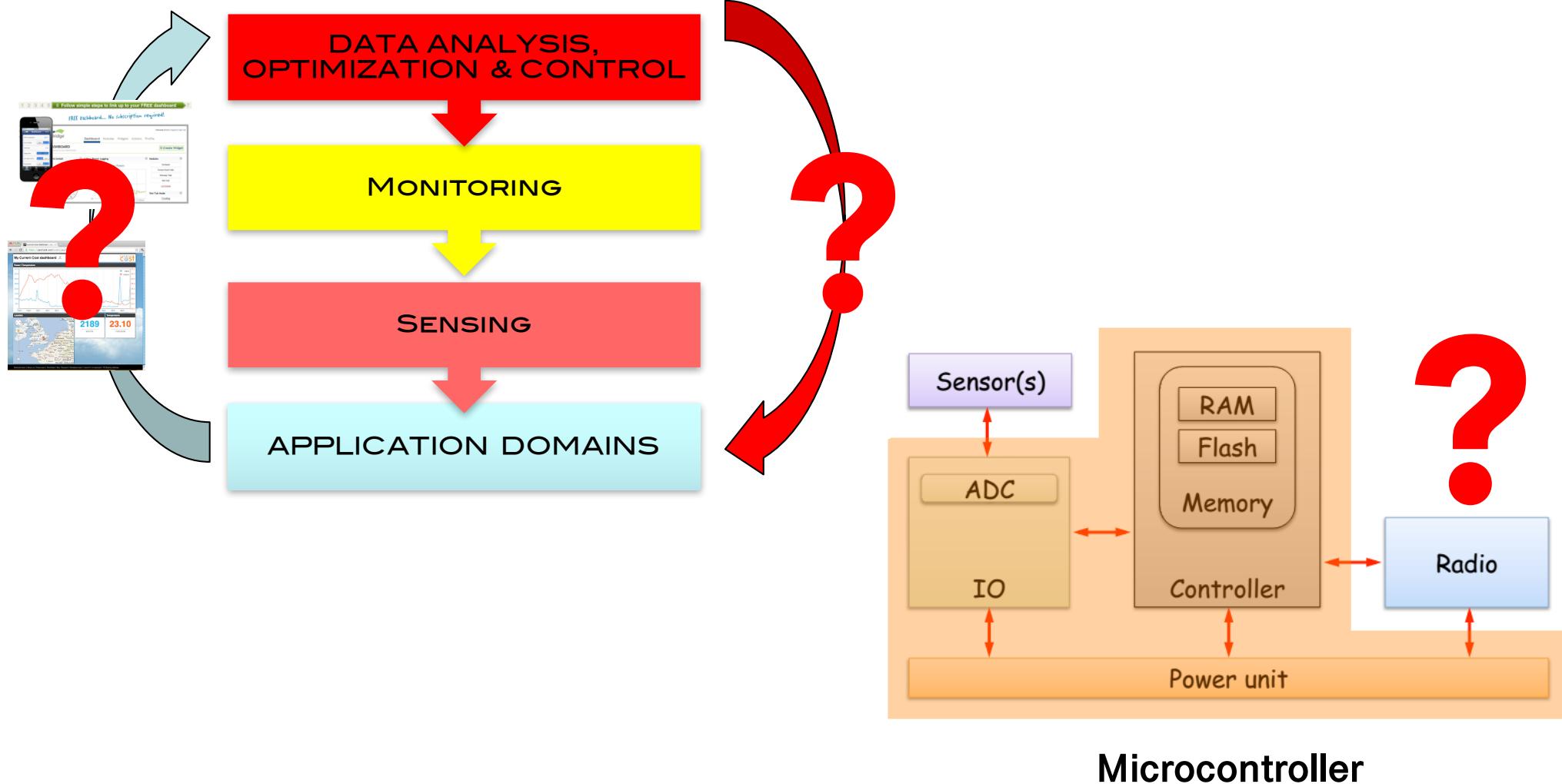
Vcc usually refers to the operating voltage of a given microcontroller. Vcc is typically 3.3V.

If  $0=0V$  and  $1023=3300mV$  then  **$3300mV/1024=3.22mV$  is the granularity of the measure**

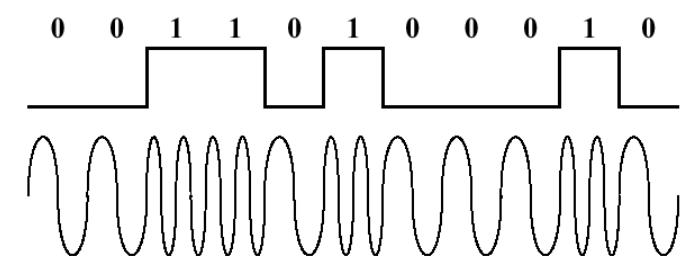
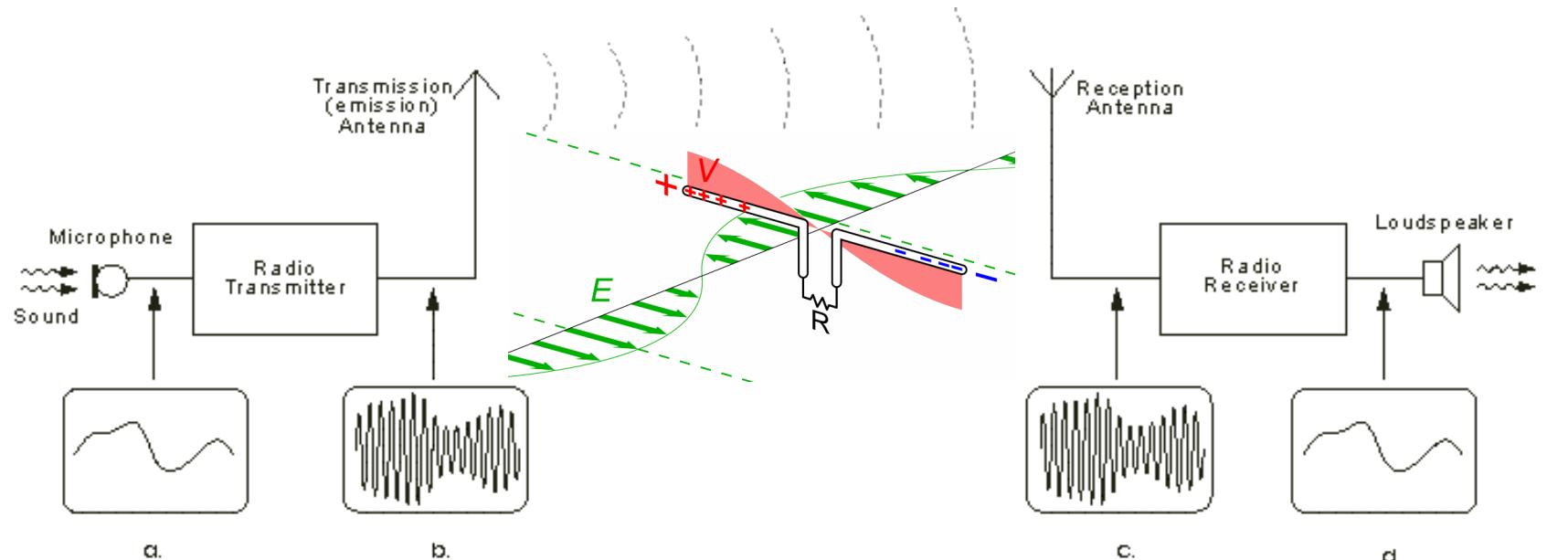
Reading a digital value of 100 means  $100 \cdot 3.22mV = 322mV$

**If the sensor output is  $10mV/1°C$  then the physical temperature is  $322mV/10mV=32.2°C$**

# How to collect data?



# Wireless (radio) transmission basics



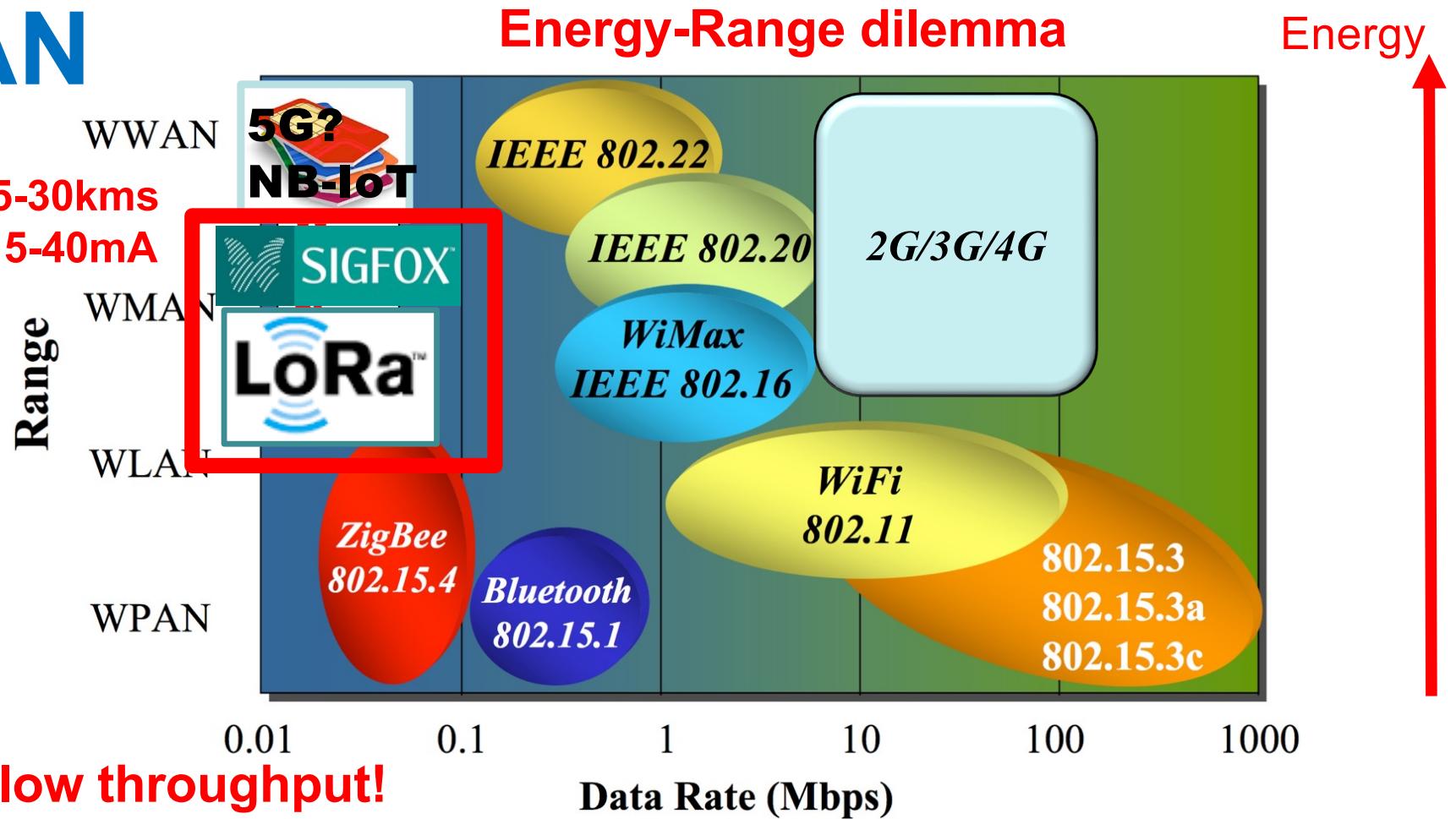
(b) Frequency-shift keying

Q: Can we have Gbps in wireless? <sup>34</sup>

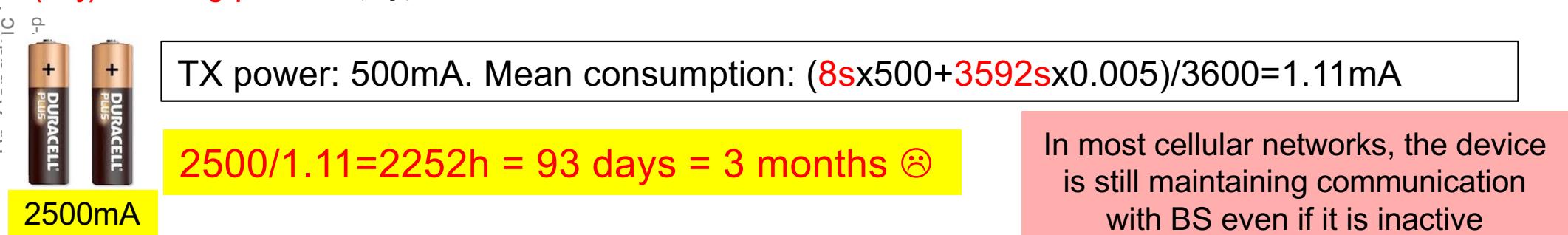
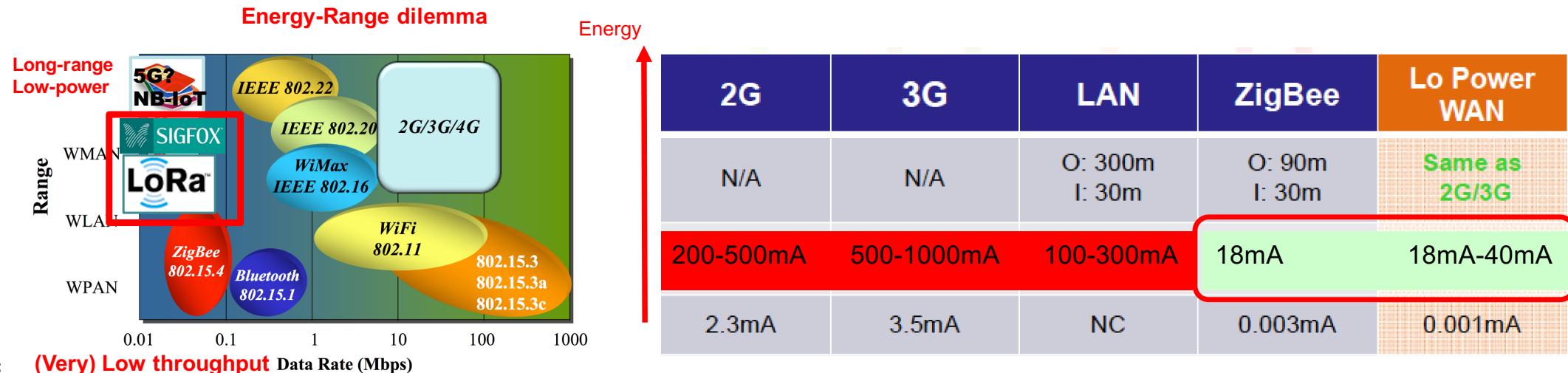
# Low-power & long-range radios

## LPWAN

**Long-range: 5-30kms**  
**Low-power: 15-40mA**



# Energy consumption comparison

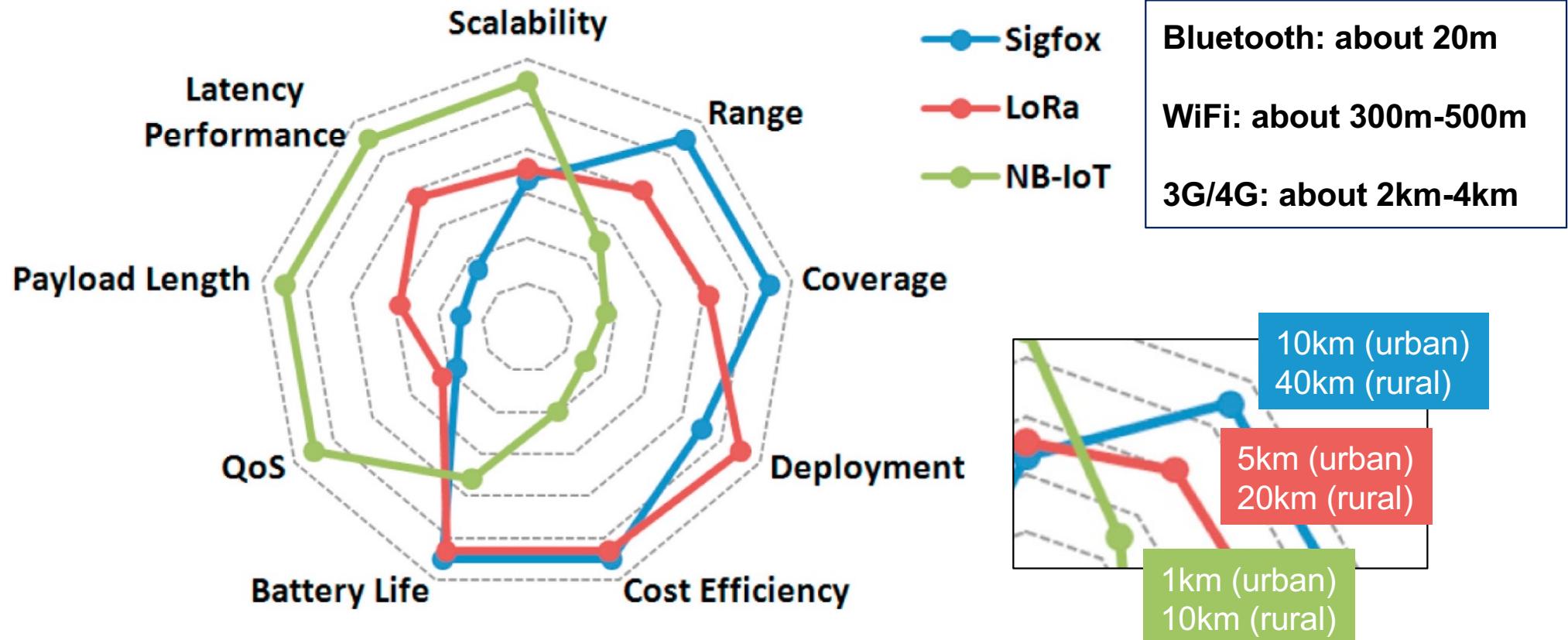


**TX power: 40mA. Mean consumption:  $(2s \times 40 + 3598s \times 0.005)/3600 = 0.027mA$**

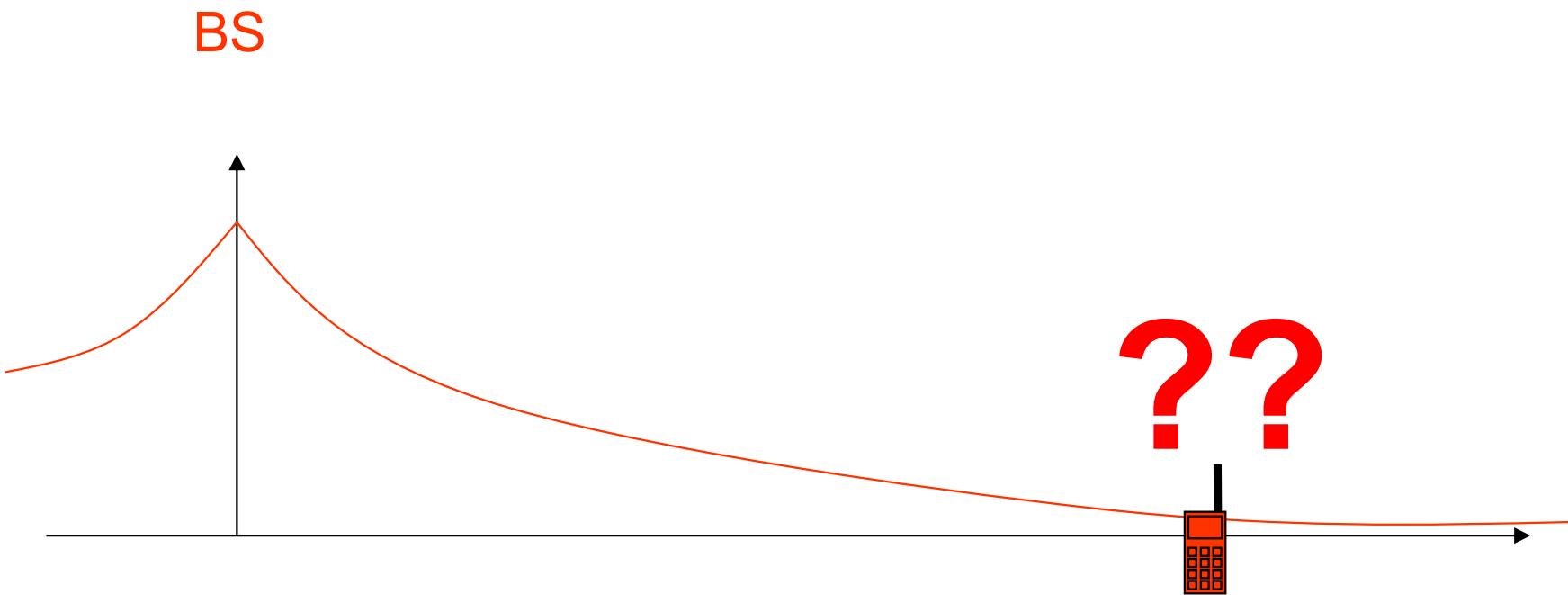
**2500/0.027=92592h = 3858 days = 10 y. ☺**

LPWAN does not need to maintain connection if not in used

# LPWAN expected range?



# 1st challenge: signal attenuation



# Attenuation limits the range!

- Depends mainly on distance

$$P_r = P_e d^{-\alpha}$$

- with :

- $P_e$  = transmitted power
- $P_r$  = received power
- $d$  = distance between antennas
- $\alpha$  from 2 to 4

# Attenuation in practice

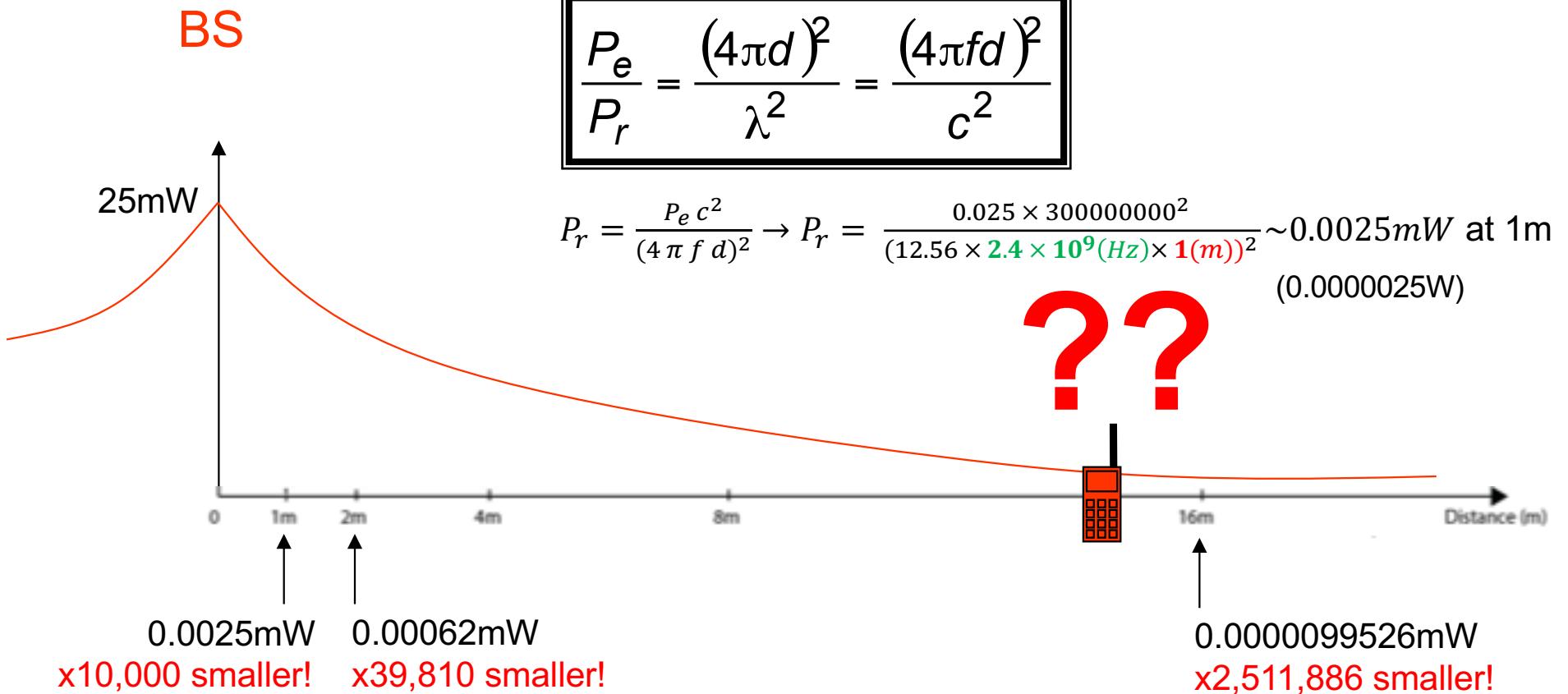
- For an ideal antenna (theoretic)

$$\frac{P_e}{P_r} = \frac{(4\pi d)^2}{\lambda^2} = \frac{(4\pi f d)^2}{c^2}$$

- $P_e$  = transmitted power
- $P_r$  = received power
- $P_e / P_r$  is high when  $P_r$  is small → high attenuation
- $d$  = distance between antennas
- $c$  = light speed in space  $3.10^8$  m/s
- $\lambda$  = wave length of the signal =  $c/f$
- Higher frequencies  $f$  means higher attenuation!

# Attenuation, values in watts

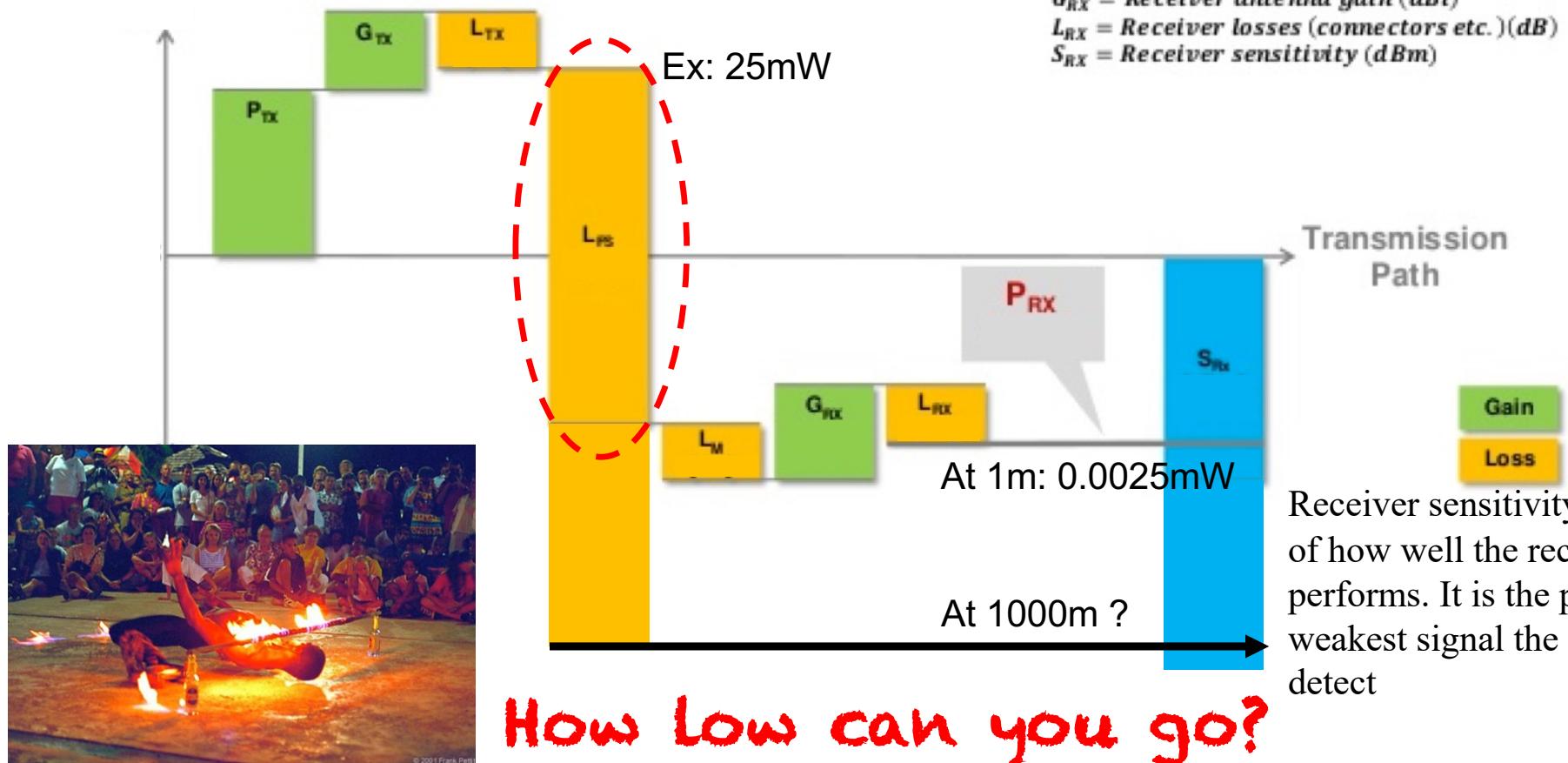
- Free Space Path Loss model



# Link budget in wireless system – (simplified)

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

Adapted from Peter R. Egli, INDIGOOCOM



$P_{RX}$  = Received power (dBm)

$P_{TX}$  = Sender output power (dBm)

$G_{TX}$  = Sender antenna gain (dBi)

$L_{TX}$  = Sender losses (connectors etc.) (dB)

$L_{FS}$  = Free space loss (dB)

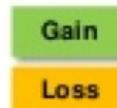
$L_M$  = Misc. losses (multipath etc.) (dB)

$G_{RX}$  = Receiver antenna gain (dBi)

$L_{RX}$  = Receiver losses (connectors etc.) (dB)

$S_{RX}$  = Receiver sensitivity (dBm)

Transmission Path

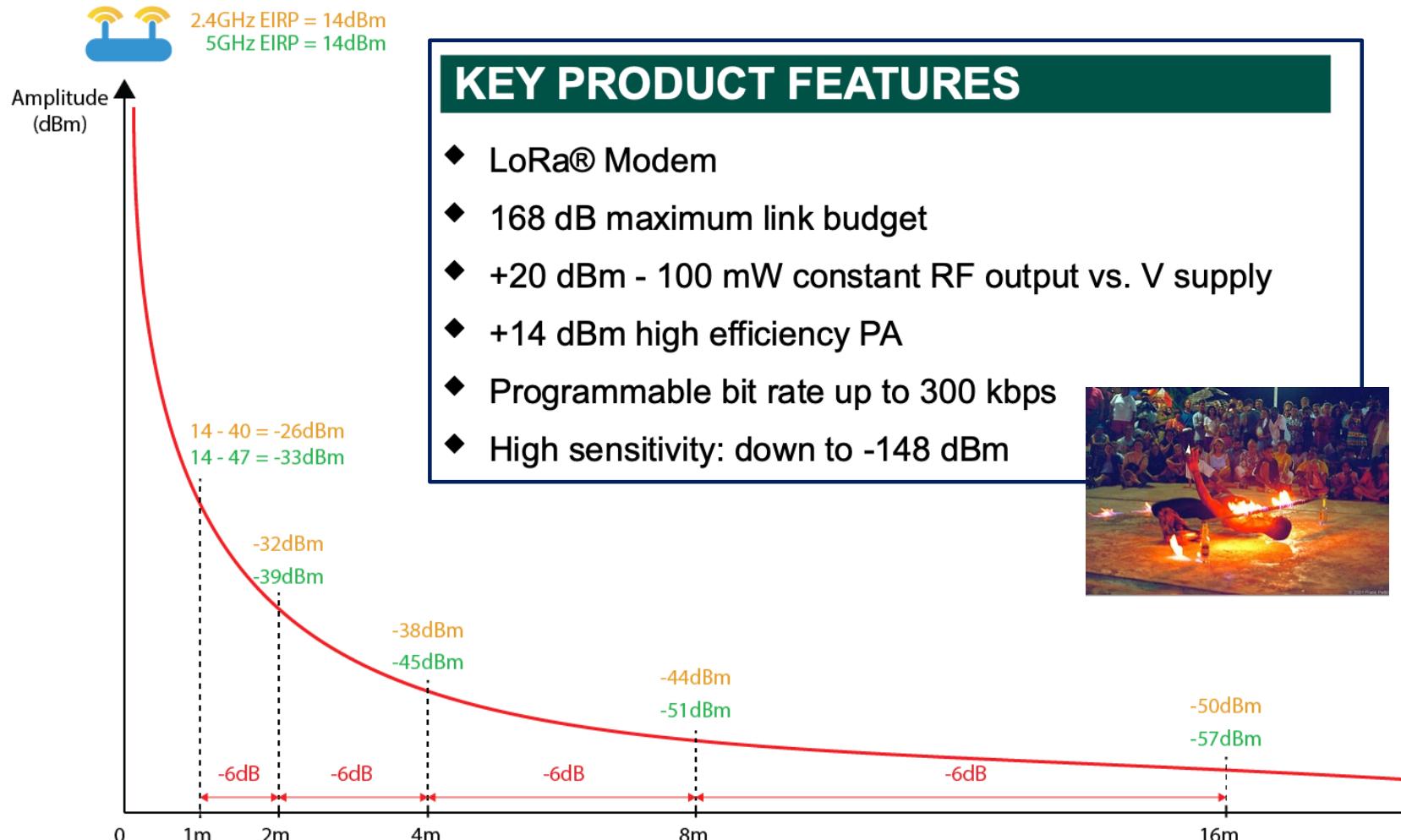


Receiver sensitivity is a measure of how well the receiver performs. It is the power of the weakest signal the receiver can detect

# Attenuation, in decibel (dB)

- Since attenuation is high, received power  $P_r$  is very small compared to transmitted power  $P_t$ : from 25mW to 0.0025mW
- **Decibel uses logarithmic scale** to express attenuation in a more "simple" way:  $P_t/P_r = 10^{\text{dB}/10}$
- An attenuation of 40dB means  $P_t/P_r = 10^{40/10} = 10,000$
- To simplify even more it would be great to easily add or subtract transmitted power with attenuation= 25mW – 40dB?
- We need to also **express transmitted power in logarithmic scale**. We use dBm to express power relatively to 1mW
- $P(\text{mW}) = 10^{\text{dBm}/10}$
- A transmit power of 14dBm means  $P_t = 10^{14/10} \sim 25\text{mW}$
- Now, we can do  $14\text{dBm}-40\text{dB}=-26\text{dBm} \rightarrow P_r = 10^{-26/10} = 0.0025\text{mW}$

# Attenuation and how far can we go?



-26	1
-32	2
-38	4
-44	8
-50	16
-56	32
-62	64
-68	128
-74	256
-80	512
-86	1024
-92	2048
-98	4096
-104	8192
-110	16384
-116	32768
-122	65536
-128	131072
-134	262144
-140	524288
-146	1048576
-152	2097152

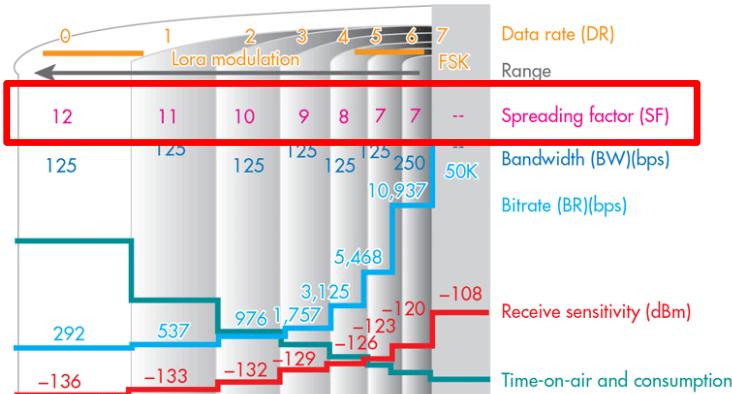
# How can we increase range?



I'm not fluent in idiot  
could you please speak

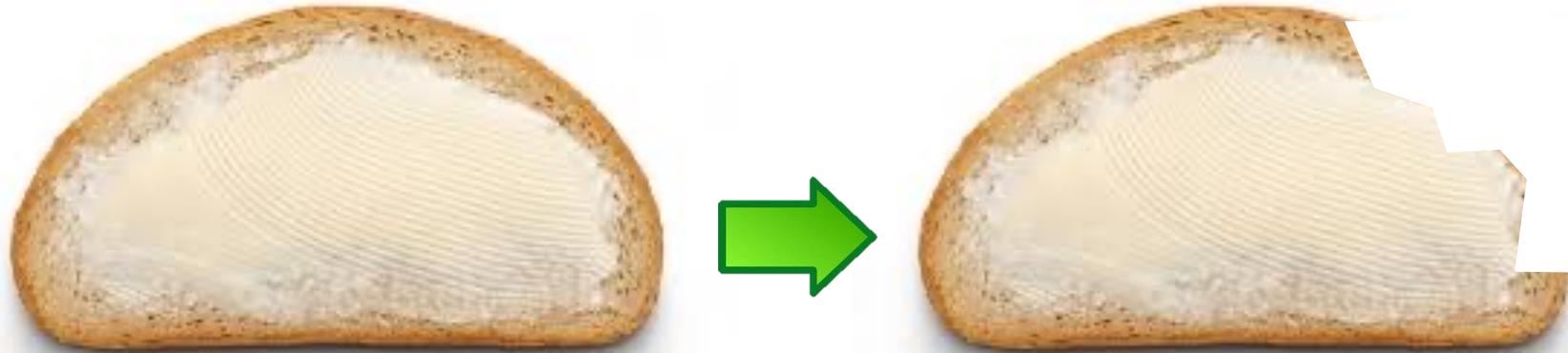


- Increase TX power and/or improve RX sensitivity
- Generally, RX sensitivity (~robustness) can be increased when transmitting (much) slower (**like speaking slower!**)
- LoRa uses spread spectrum approach to increase RX sensitivity
  - Spreading Factor defines how many chips will be used to code a symbol.  
More chip/symbol=longer transmission time ➡ more robustness
- **The price to pay for LPWAN**
  - LoRa has **very low** throughput: 200bps-37500bps (0.2-37.5kbps)



- WiFi 802.11n: 450 000 000 bps (450Mbps)
- WiFi 802.11g: 54 000 000 bps (54Mbps)
- Bluetooth3&4: 25 000 000 bps (25Mbps)
- Bluetooth BLE: 2 000 000 bps (2Mbps)
- 3G/4G : 20Mbps-200Mbps
- **LoRa**: 200bps-37500bps (0.0002-0.0375Mbps)
- **3G/LoRa ratio:**  $20,000,000 \text{bps} / 200 \text{bps} = 100000$ !

# The buttered toast example



- Assuming you could get back ALL your butter, how much butter did you loose?
- This is the idea behind "spread spectrum" techniques: the more you "spread", the more it is robust to interferences

# LoRa modules with Semtech's SX12xx



DORJI DRF1278DM is based on Semtech SX1278 LoRa 433MHz



EBYTE  
E22



RAK Wireless 3172



inAir9 based on SX1276



Froggy Factory LoRa module (Arduino)



HopeRF  
RFM  
series



HopeRF HM-  
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LinkLabs  
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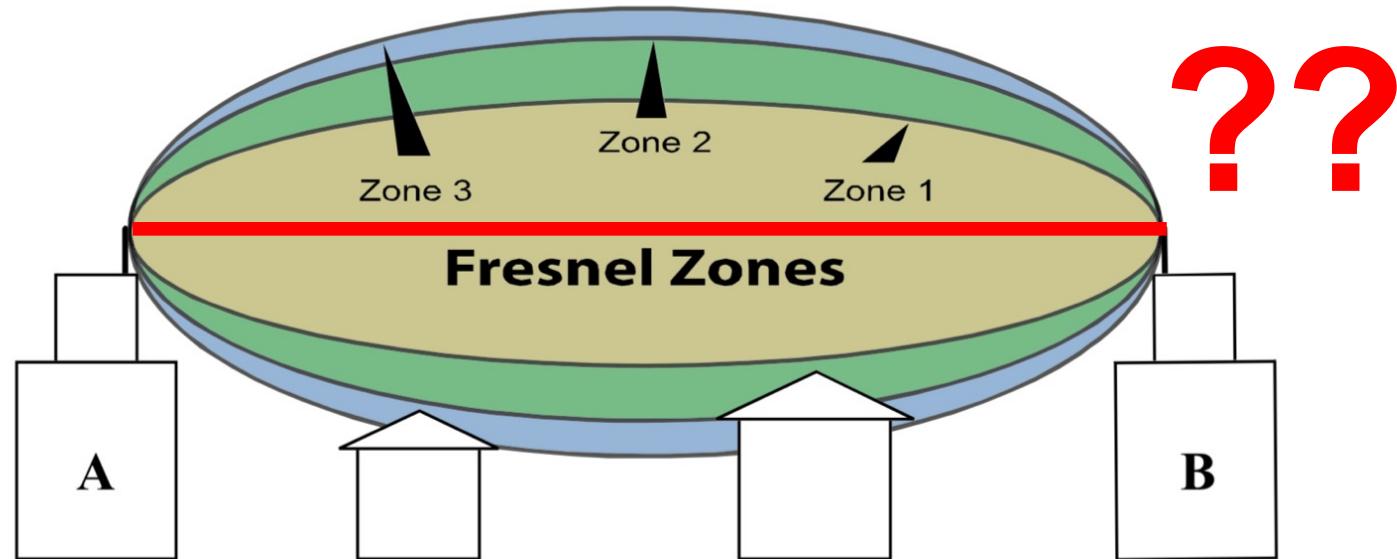
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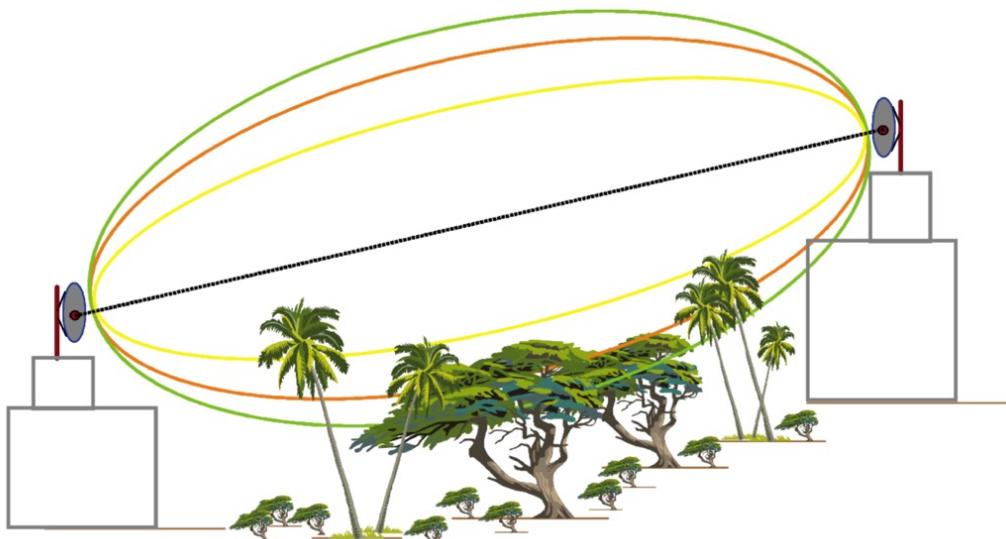
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# Line-of-Sight & Fresnel zone

- LoS means clear Fresnel zone
- Football (american) shape
- Acceptable = 60% of zone 1 + 3m

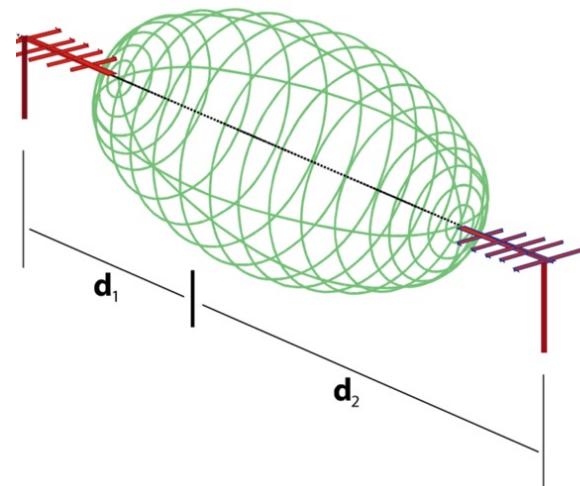


# Clearing the Fresnel zone? Raise antennas!



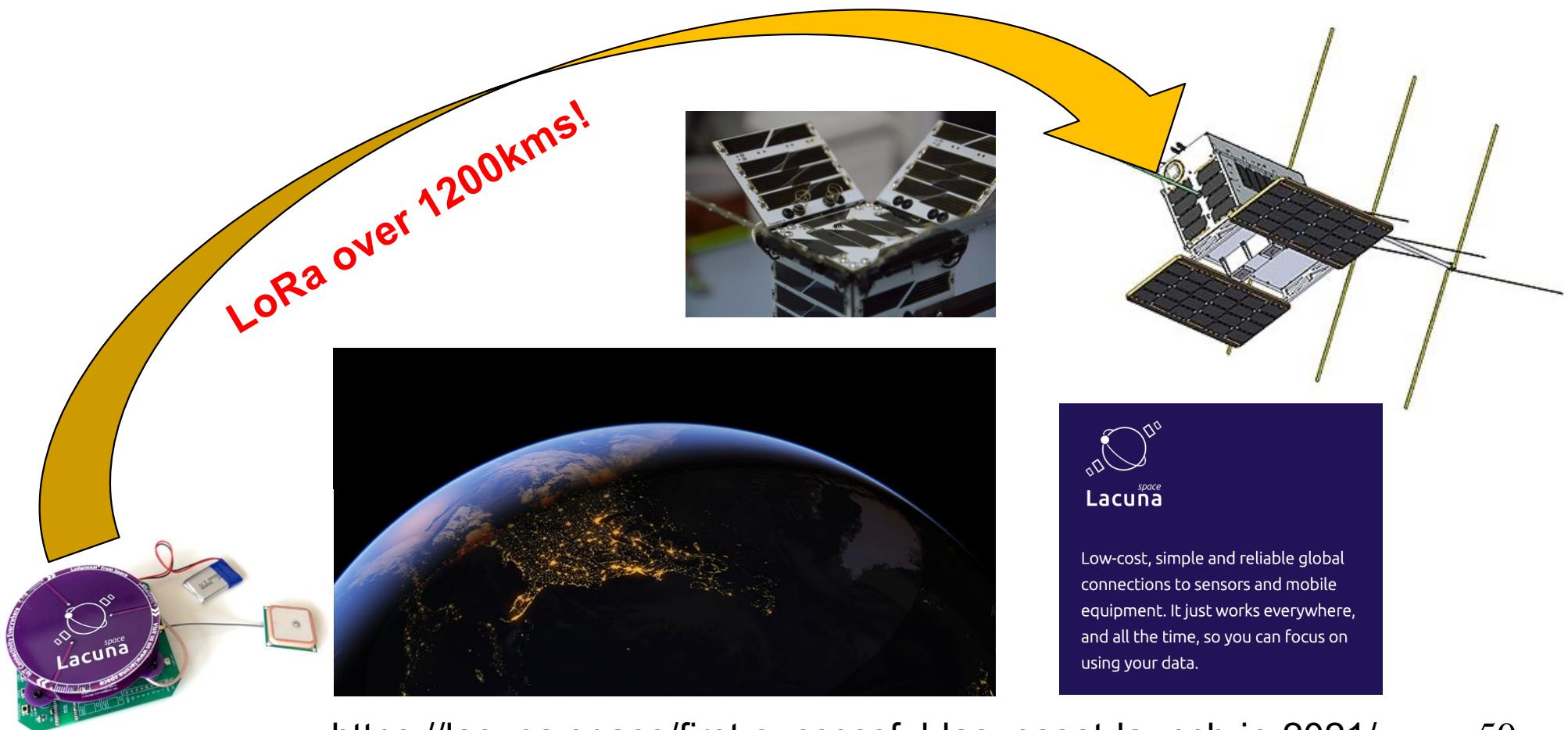
$$r_n = \sqrt{\frac{d_1 d_2}{d_1 + d_2}}$$

Range Distance	900 MHz Modems Required Fresnel Zone Diameter	2.4 GHz Modems Required Fresnel Zone Diameter
1000 ft. (300 m)	16 ft. (5 m)	11 ft. (3.4 m)
1 Mile (1.6 km)	32 ft. (10 m)	21 ft. (6.4 m)
5 Miles (8 km)	68 ft. (21 m)	43 ft. (13 m)
10 Miles (16 km)	95 ft. (29 m)	59 ft. (18 m)



# Clearing the Fresnel zone? Let's use satellite!

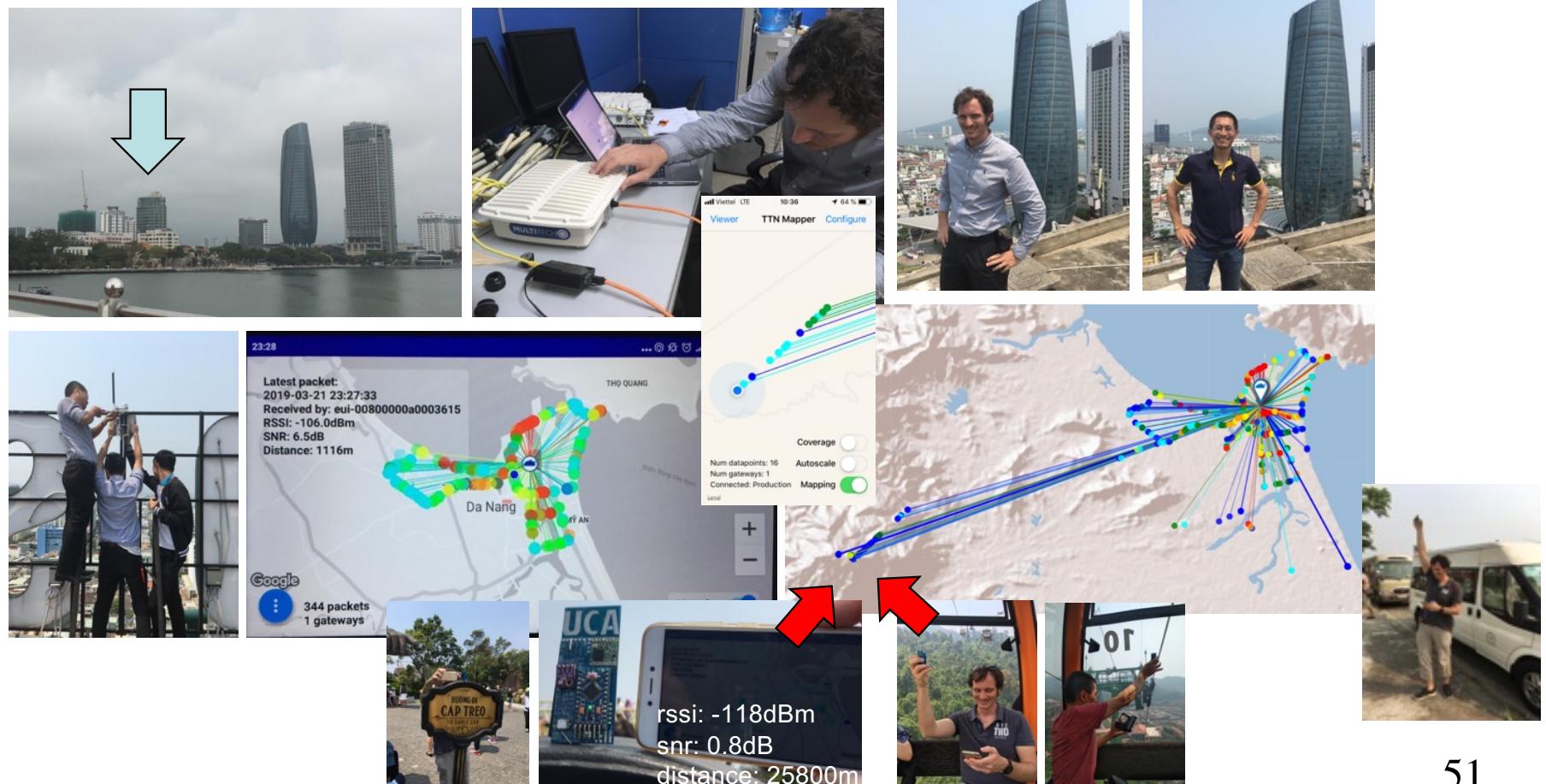
- Low-orbit, low-cost; compact satellite for global coverage



<https://lacuna.space/first-successful-lacunasat-launch-in-2021/>

# Coverage test by Fabien Ferrero on March 21-22, 2019

- LoRaWAN gateway on top of Danang's DSP building by Fabien, U. Danang and DSP team. Almost 26kms! Congrats Fabien!



# LPWAN=star topology, gateway centric

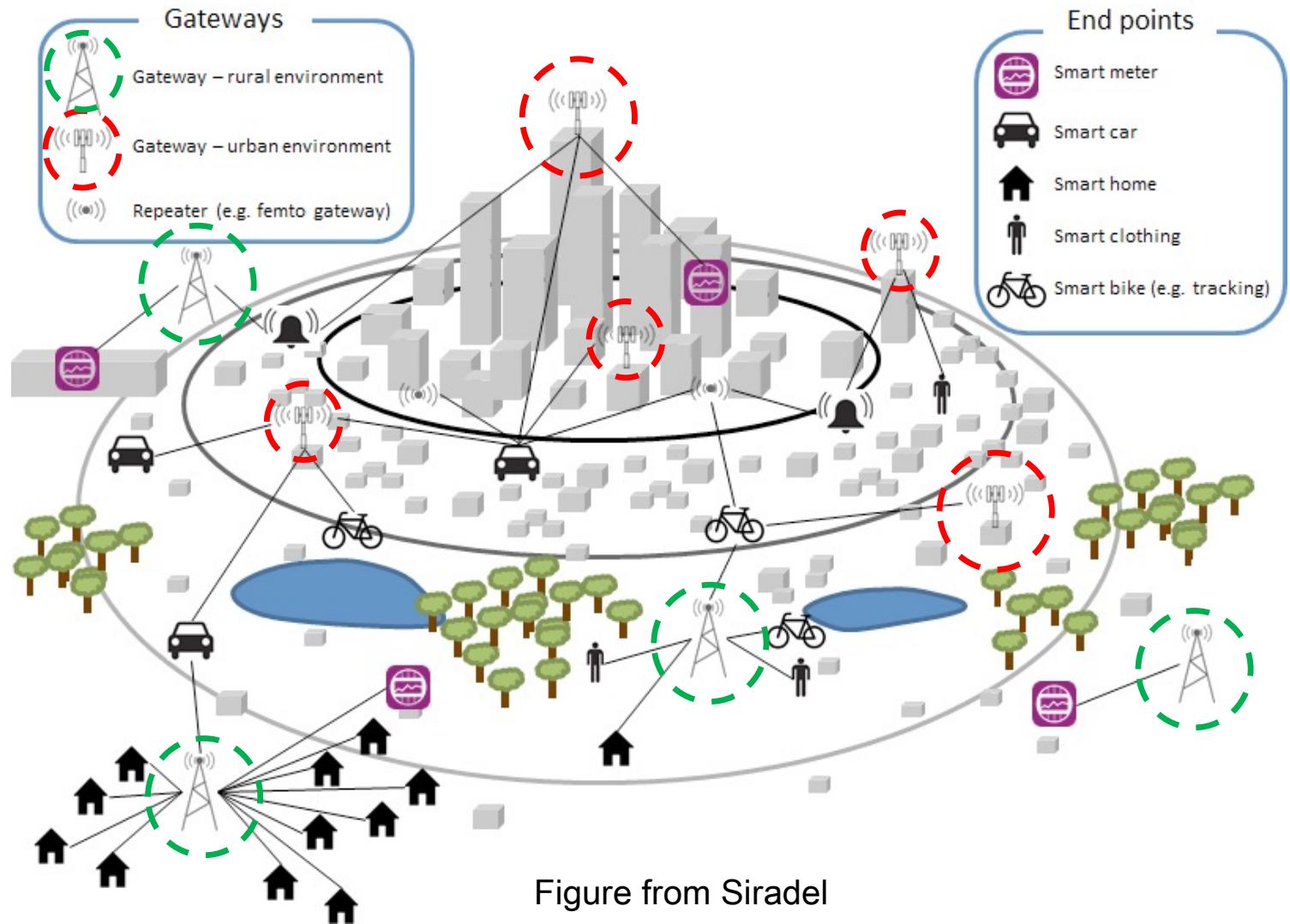
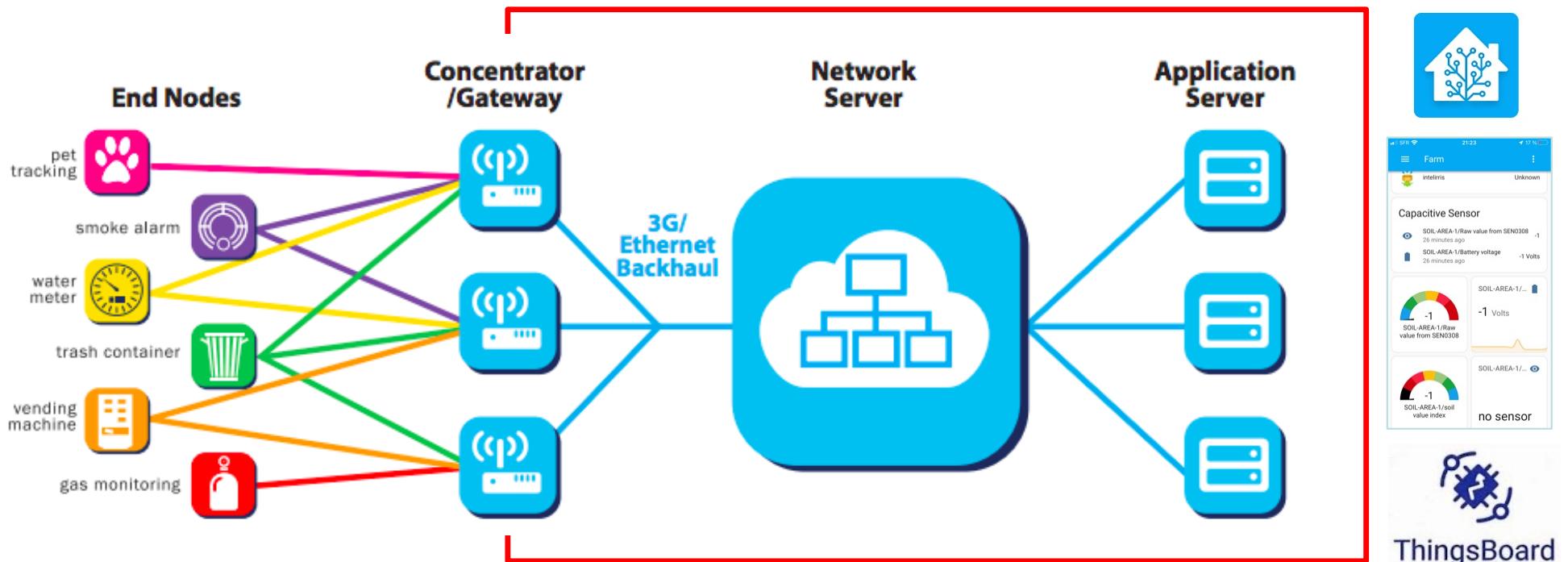


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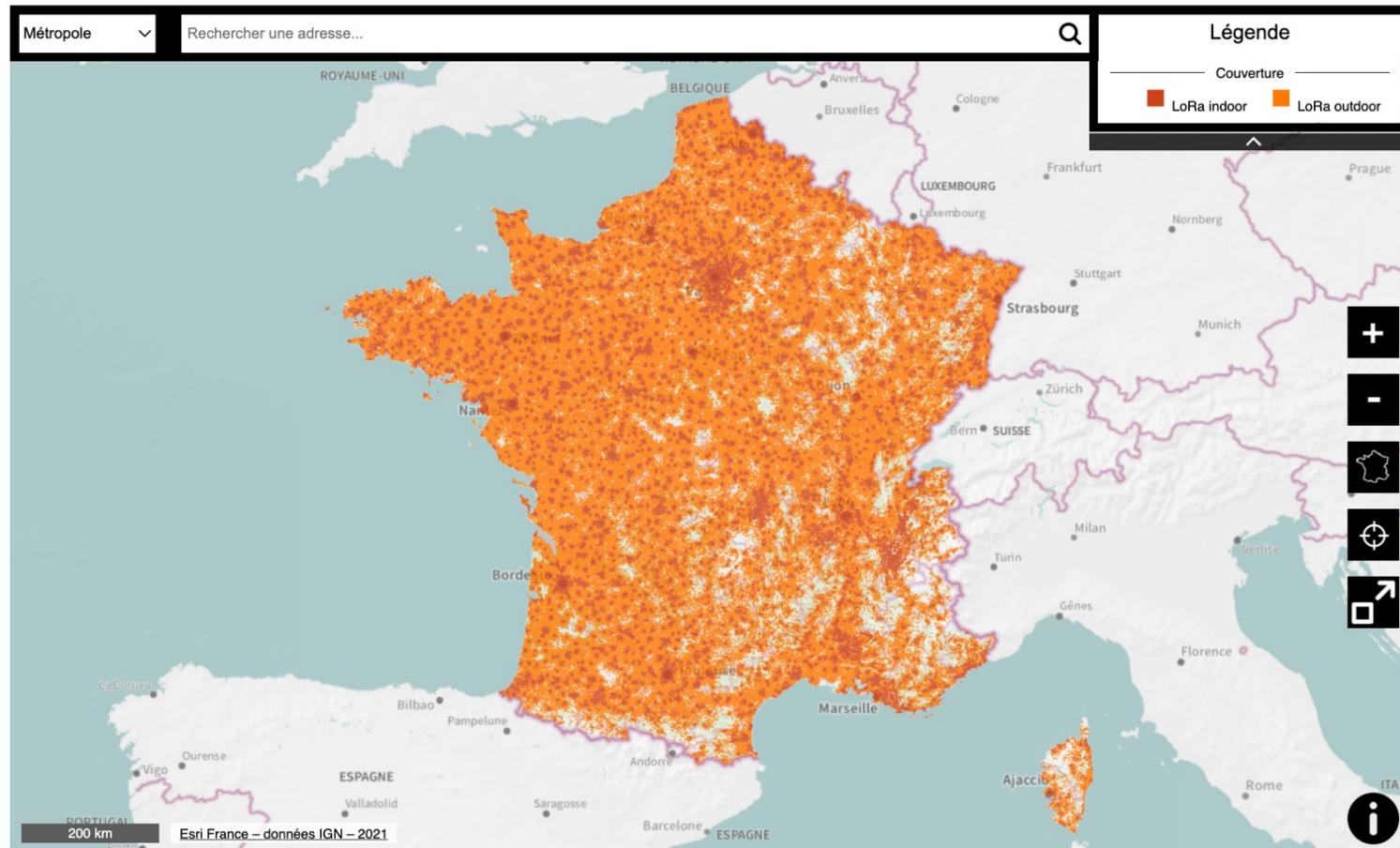
# LoRaWAN IoT networks

- LoRaWAN specifications/protocols run on top of LoRa physical networks. It is defined and managed by the [LoRa Alliance](#)
- Make possible to run large-scale, public LoRa networks



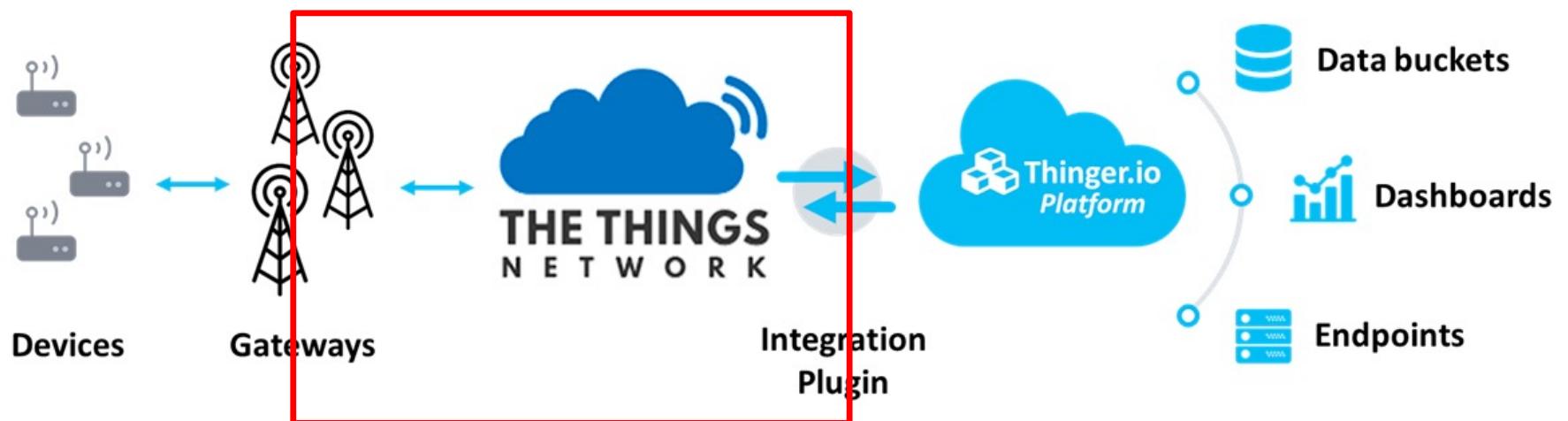
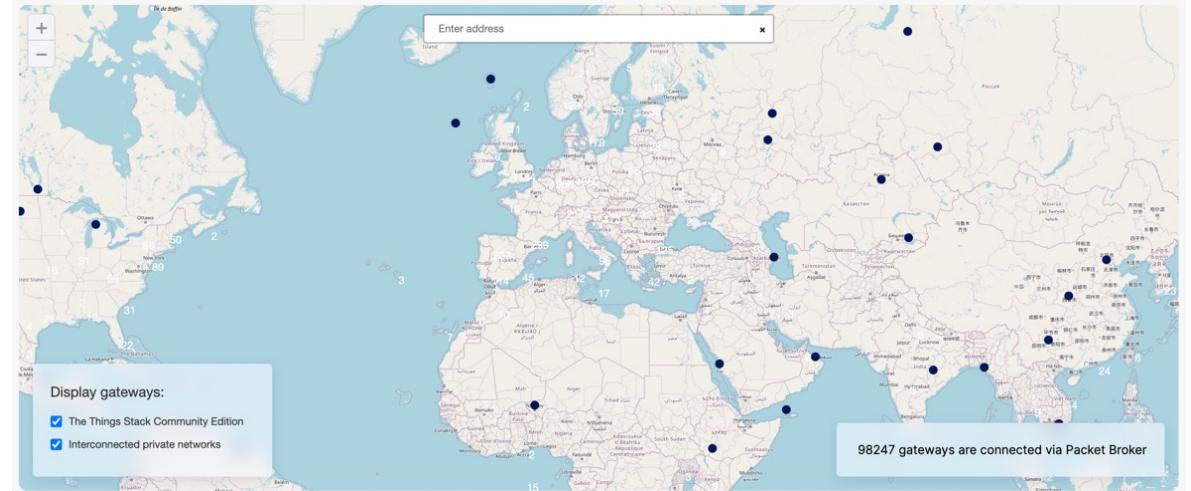
# LoRaWAN in France

## Couverture LoRa® Orange



# TheThingNetwork network

- Community-based,  
more than 98000 gw



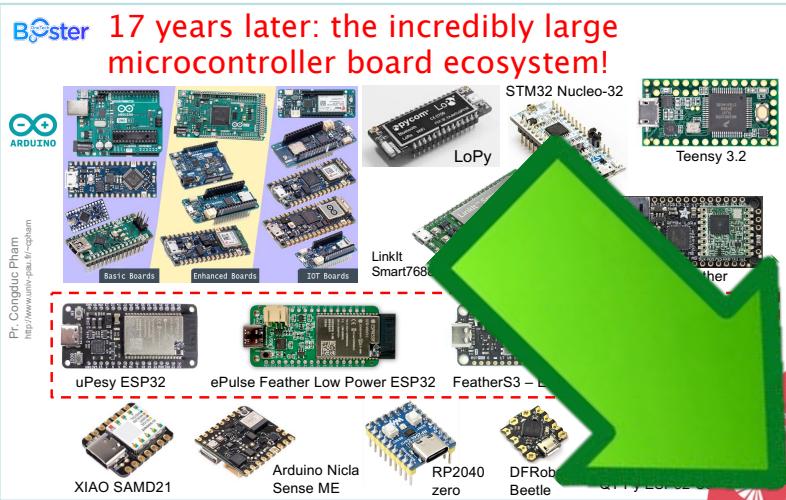
# LoRaWAN coverage from Semtech

## Today's LoRaWAN® Coverage Availability

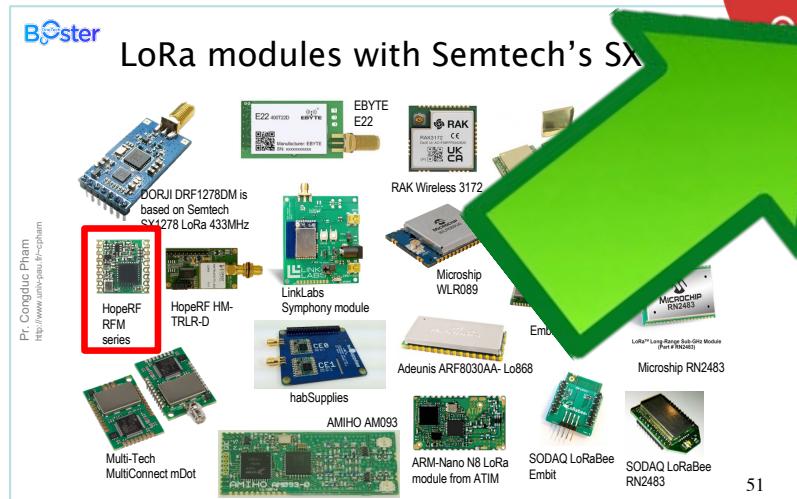


- 113+ LoRaWAN network operators
- 74 countries with LoRaWAN networks
- 300K deployed LoRa®-based gateways
- 97M deployed LoRa-based endpoints

# IoT becomes reality!



The  
**INTERNET  
of THINGS**



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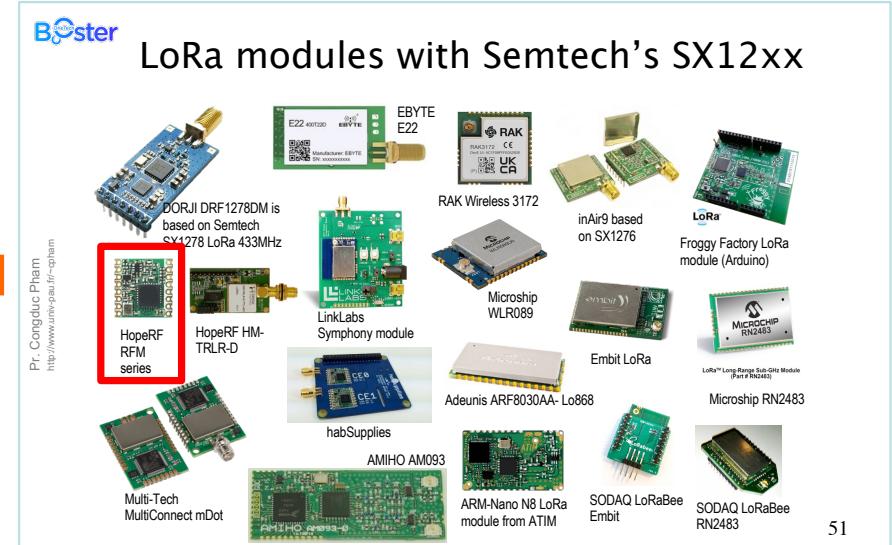
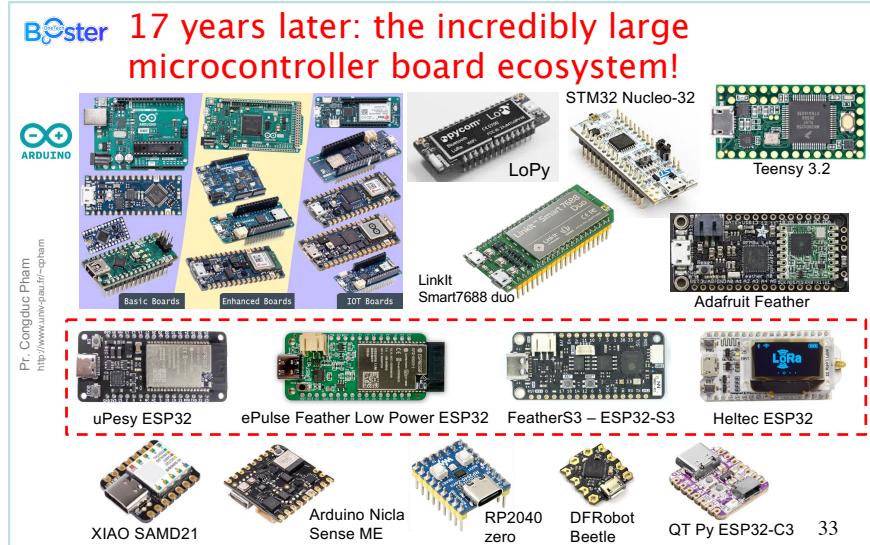


# IoT for everybody?



Too expensive  
Too integrated  
Highly specialized  
Difficult to customize  
Difficult to upgrade

# Convergence of technologies



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Do-It-Yourself (DIY) IoT  
Off-the-shelves parts  
Generic platform  
Open-source  
Modular design

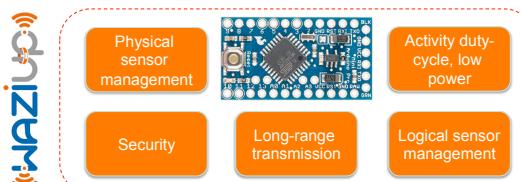
# WAZIUP : Low-cost IoT since 2016!



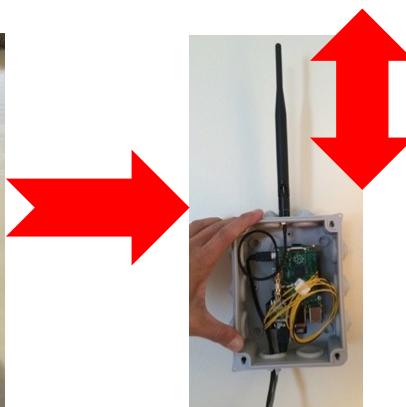
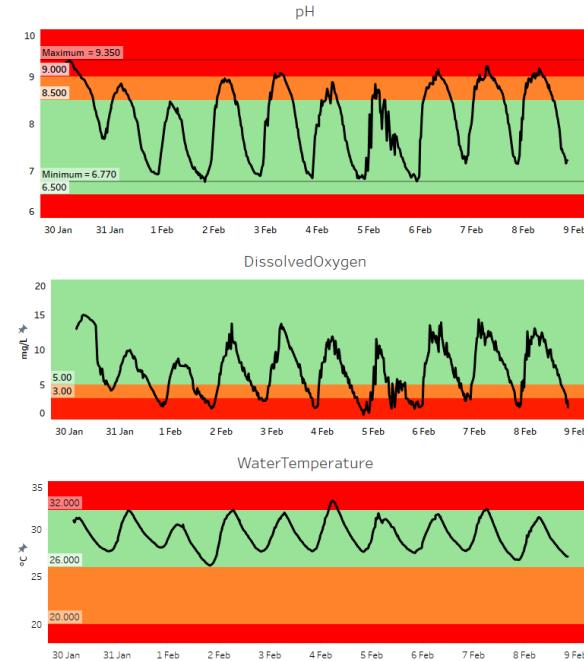
# Low-cost buoy for fish farming MVP



Physical sensor reading



Credit: EGM



### HATCHERY EXPERIMENT, BURKINA FASO

- Laboratory named Laboratoire d'Études des Ressources Naturelles et des Sciences de l'Environnement (LERNSE)
- NAZI BONI University in a small village of Bobo-Dioulasso city
- Sensors are placed in a hatchery and the box is placed outside of the building



### LOW-COST BUOY FOR FISH FARMING



In Sub-Saharan Africa, the volume of natural captured fish doesn't meet half of the population demand

Increasing production of aquaculture will help reduce the quantity of imported fishes in Africa

The aim is to monitor in real-time different parameters to control water quality and prevent some diseases that could affect fish in order to improve the quality and quantity of the production



### KUMAH FARM, GHANA

- The Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST)
- Located on the campus of the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Kumasi, Ghana.
- The farm comprises 30 constructed fish ponds, a farm house, a recirculating aquaculture system (RAS) laboratory and store houses.

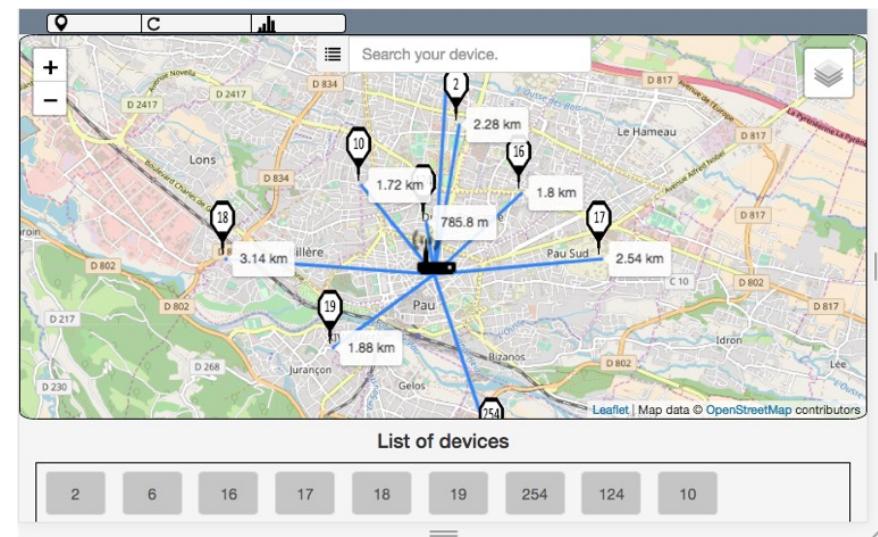
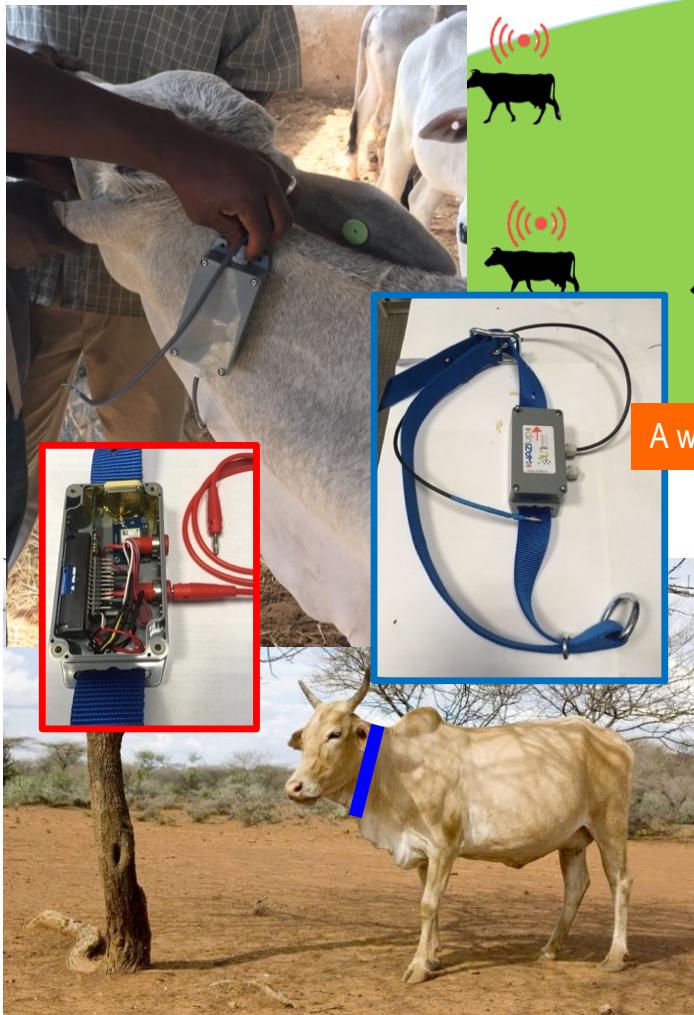


### SANAR FARM, SENEGAL

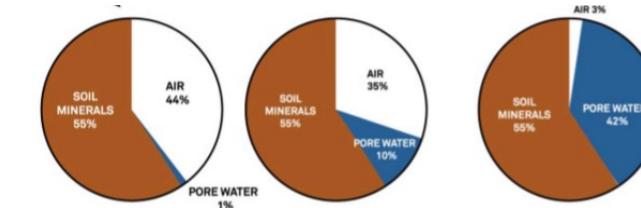
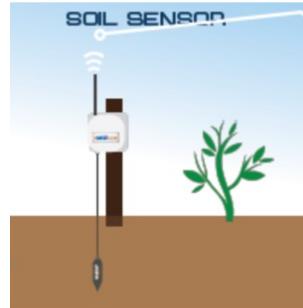
- Farm located at less than 2 km from UGB.
- One pond is dedicated for the Waziup application : 50x25m, average depth of 0.5 meters, populated by 4000 individuals of saltwater tilapia.
- The basin is irrigated via a water supply system fed by a river in proximity.
- The water in the pond is changed every 10 days



# Collar for Cattle Rustling MVP



## Intelligent Irrigation System for Low-cost Autonomous Water Control in Small-scale Agriculture



# INTEL-IRRIS starter-kit

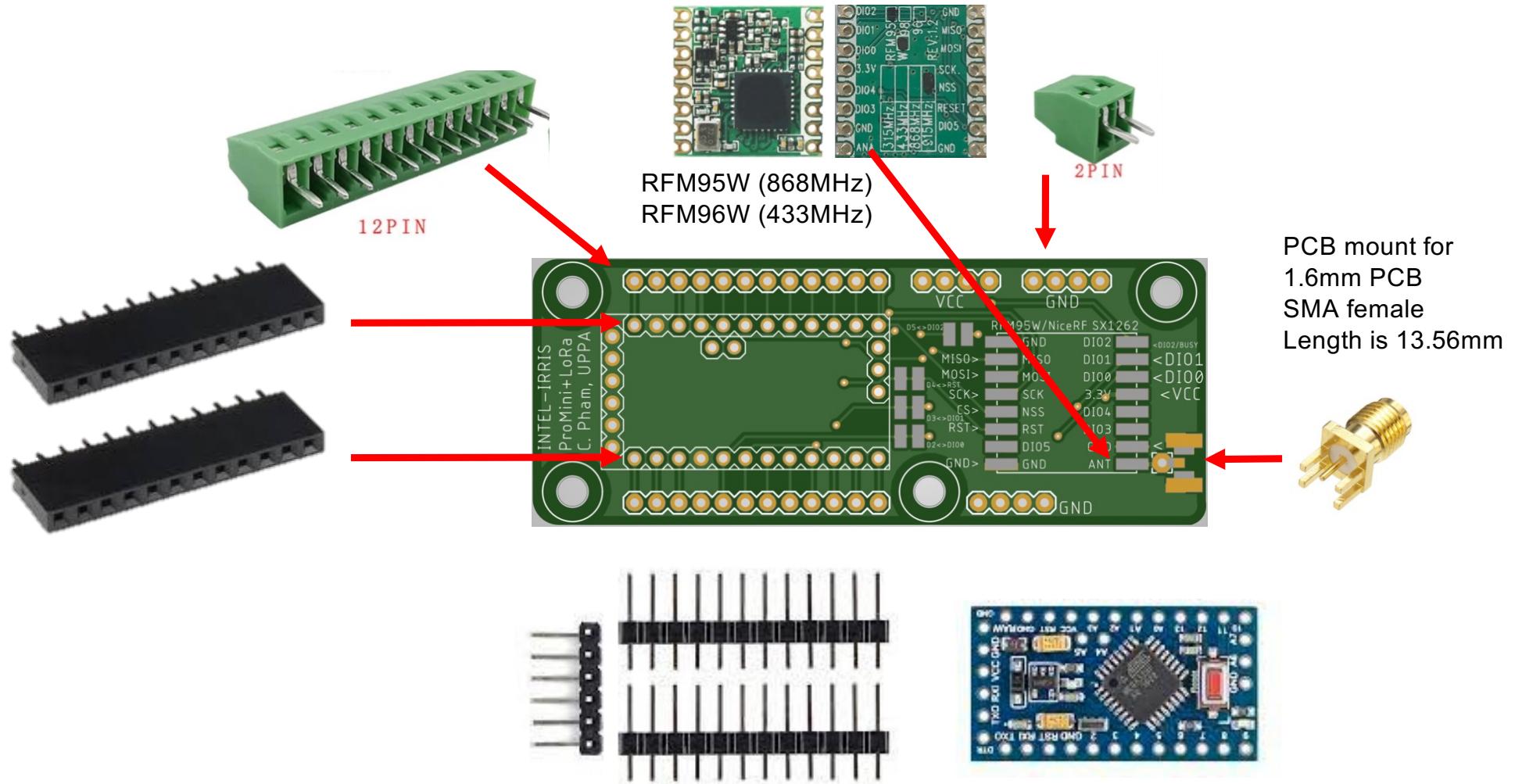
- "Intelligent Irrigation in-the-box", "plug-&-sense", fully autonomous
- From idea to reality!



< 90€

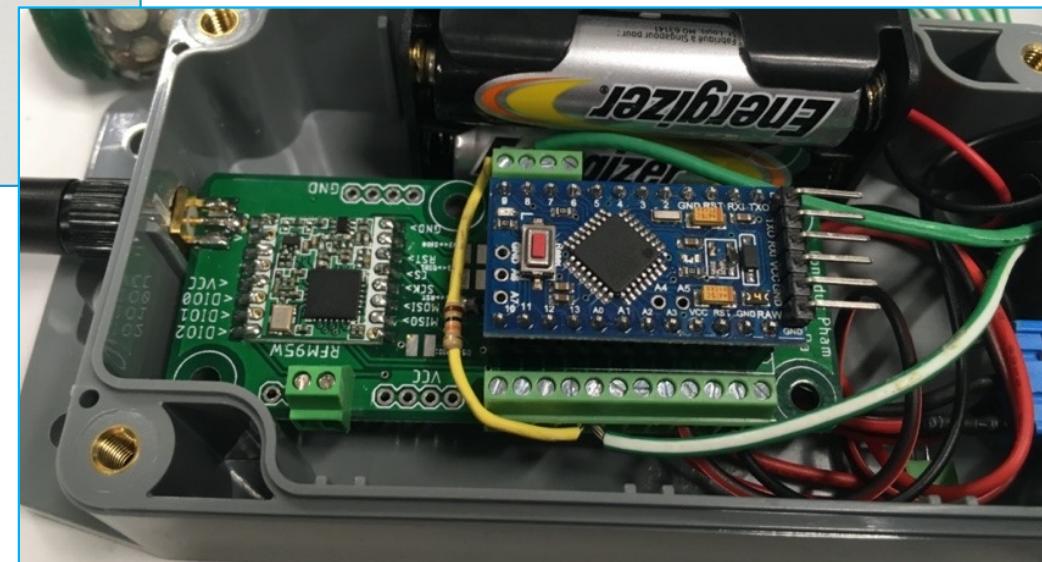
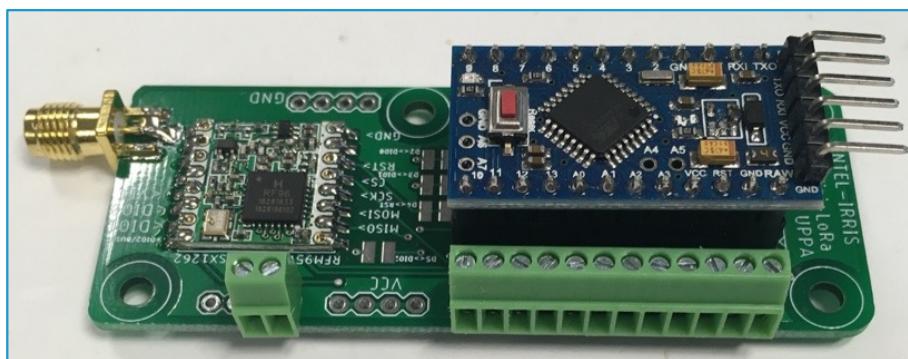
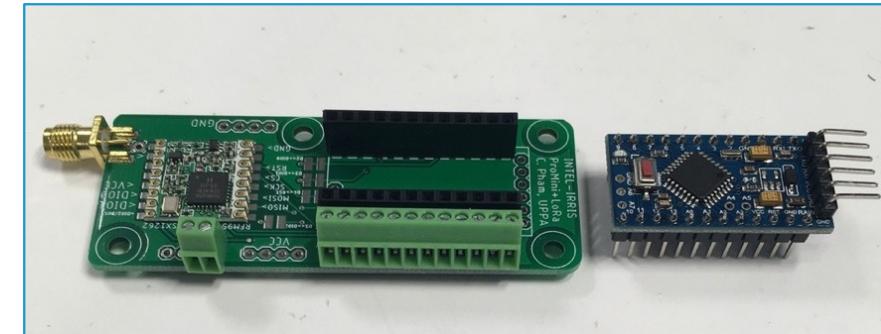
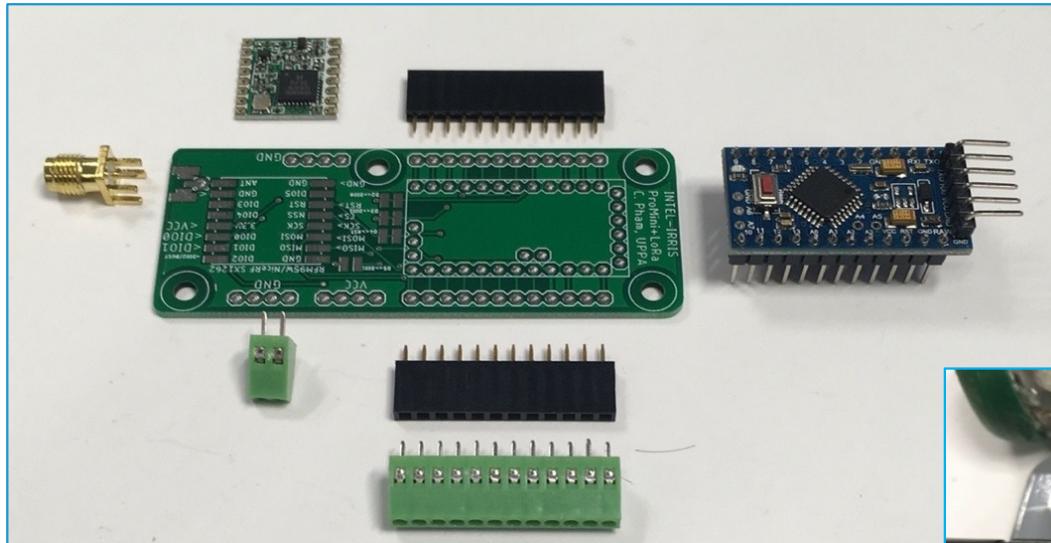


# Soil sensor: electronic parts starter-kit version



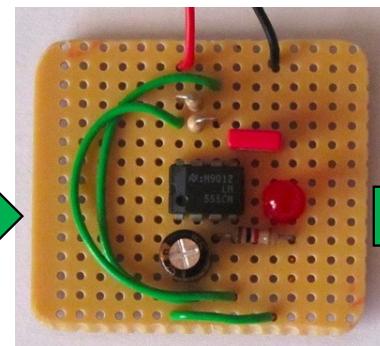
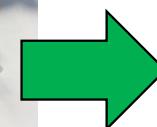
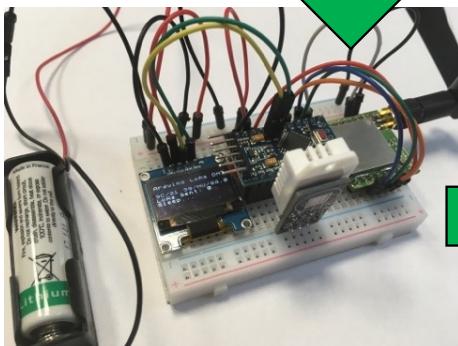
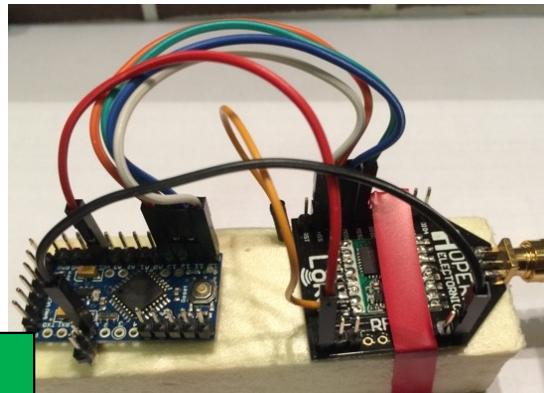
# Simple & Modular design

- Simple integration on PCB of off-the-shelves components



# What is a PCB?

- PCB=Printed Circuit Board
- Copper paths replace Dupont wires

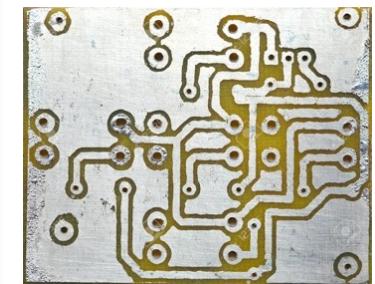


Breadboard

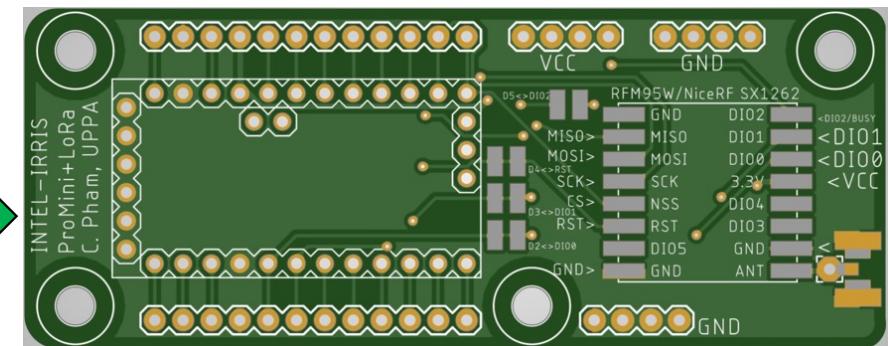
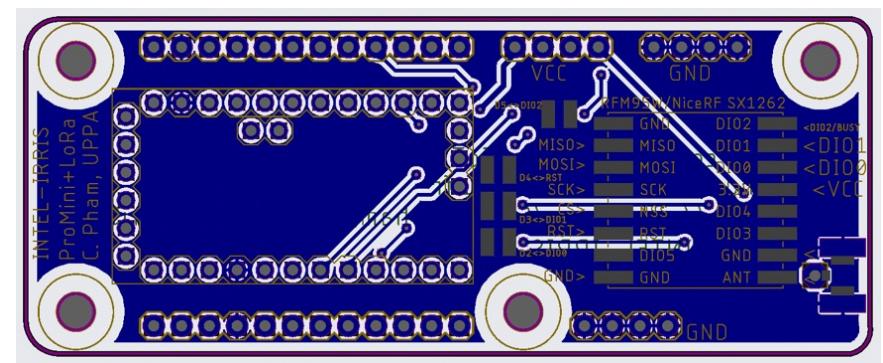
Stripboard



Raw PCB copper board



Removing copper to create wire path

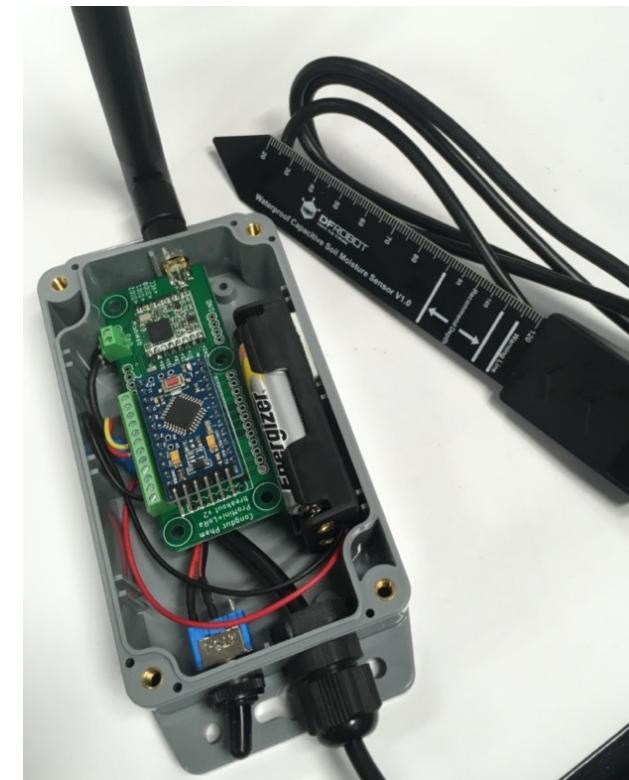
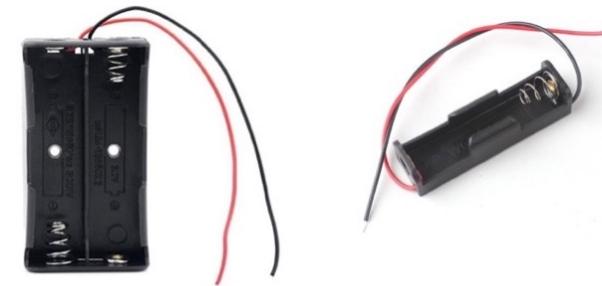


# A generic sensor platform

- Low-cost: < 20€
- Off-the-shelves composants
- Easily duplicated
- Assembling by local partners
- Can connect several sensors
- Can be adapted by local partners
- Can be improved by local entrepreneurs
- Can increase capacity-building for local innovation



# Final integration – DIY

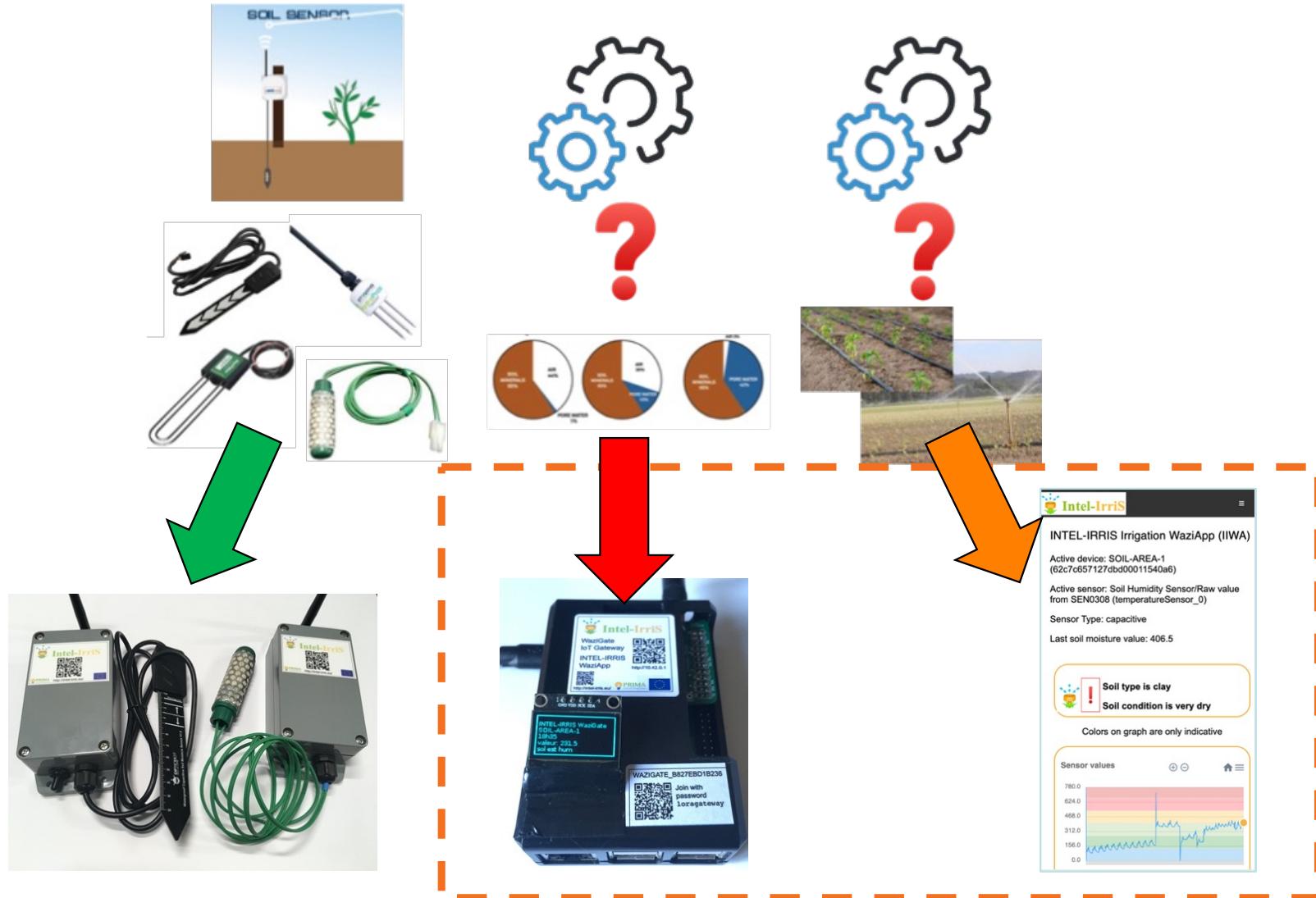


# Low-cost soil moisture device



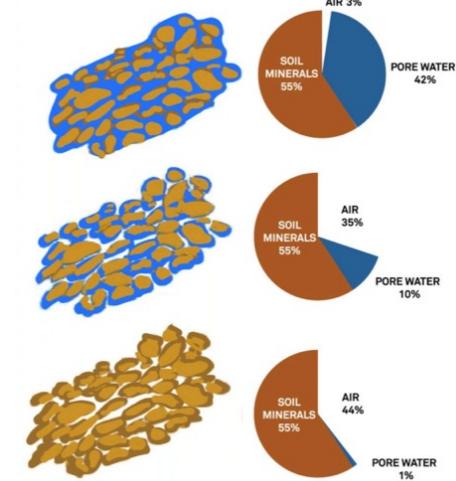
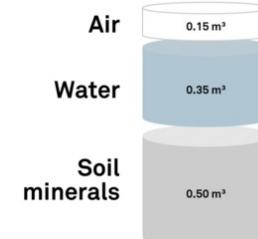
A soil temperature sensor can be added

# INTEL-IRRIS intelligence part



# Capacitive sensor

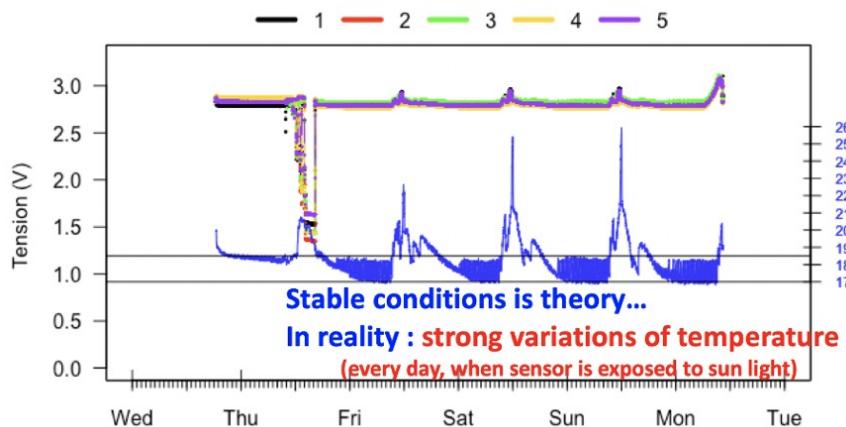
- Capacitive soil moisture sensors usually measure volumetric water content
- Soil density & soil texture are important parameters



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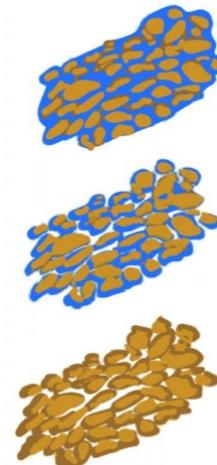
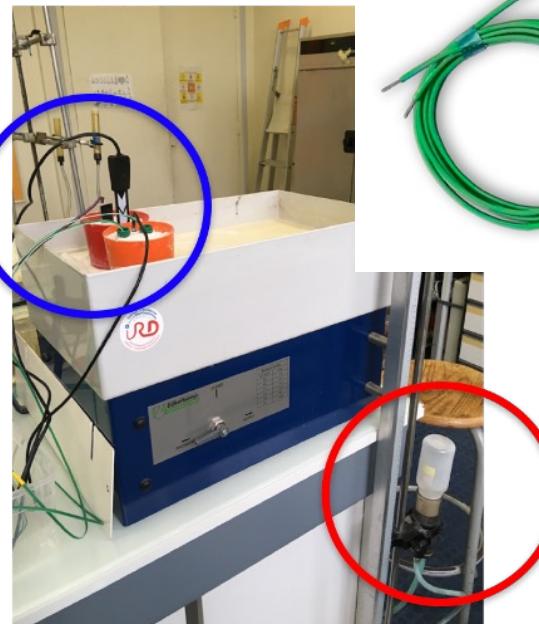
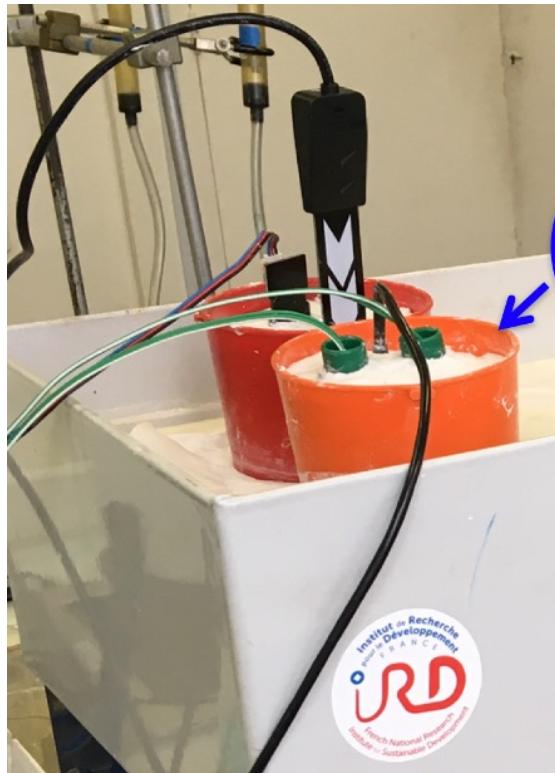
5 sensors are placed in a sand tank at constant water content



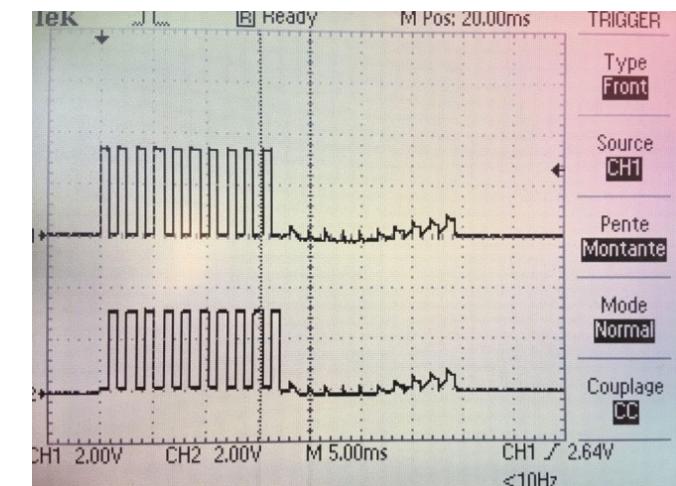
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# Water tension sensor

- Water tension sensor measures the amount of force required to extract water from soil's pores



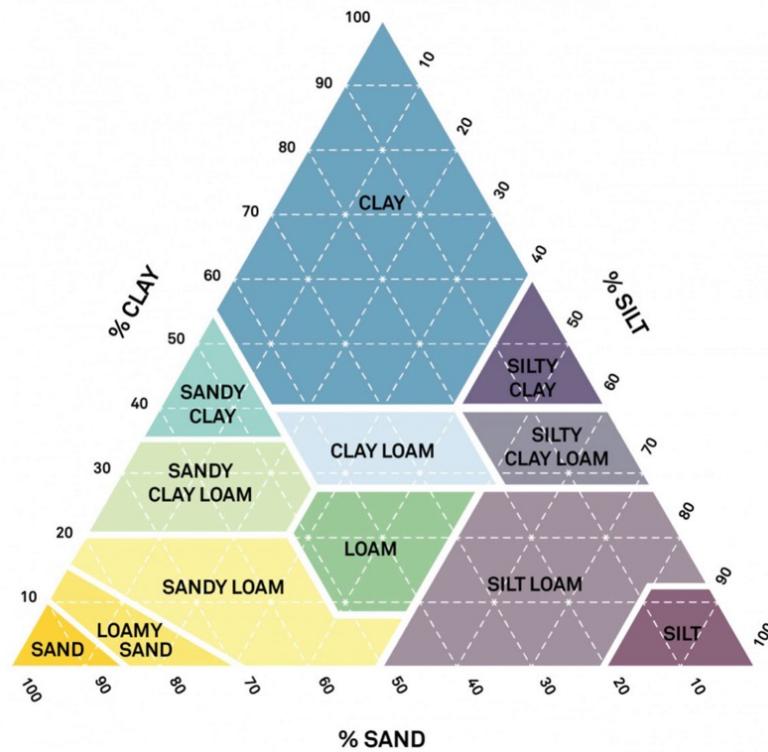
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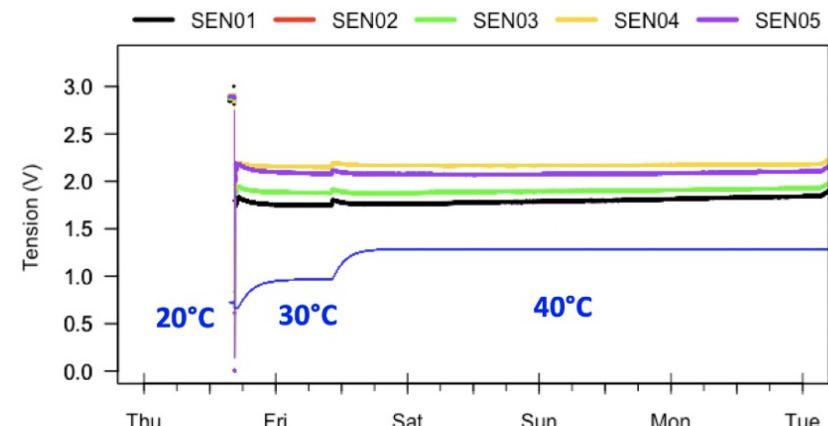
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# Calibration

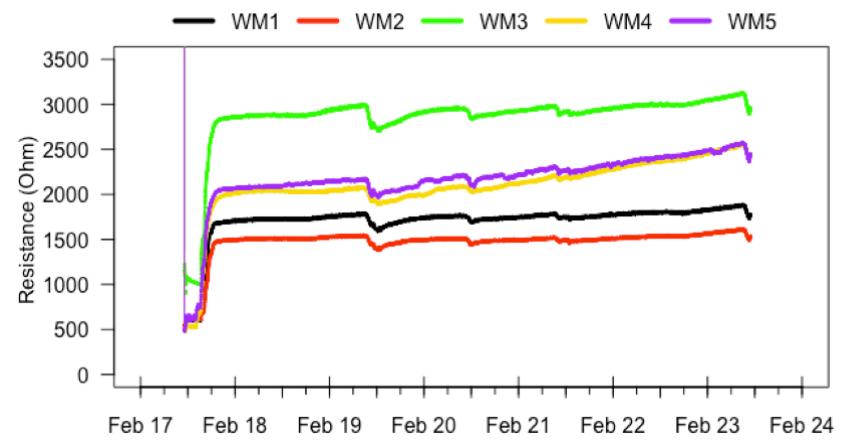
- Soil-specific calibration
- Impact of external "noise"



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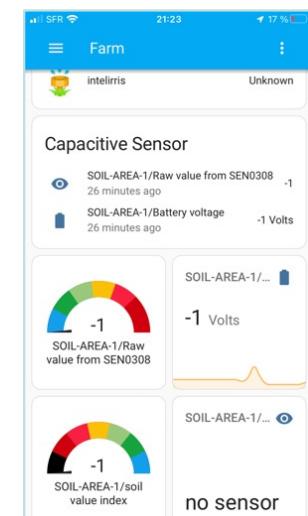
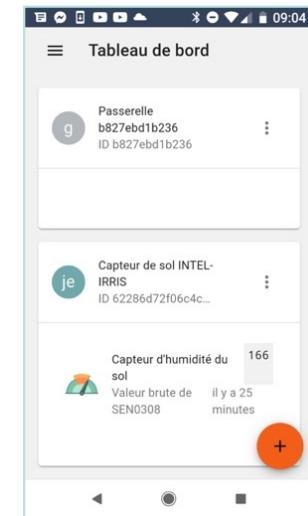


Ambient air emperature has low impact, except...



# Adapt the solution to end-user

- "Intelligent Irrigation in-the-box"
- User interface is critical for smallholders
- Visual components for summarizing important parameters
- Translation when possible



# Conclusions

- Internet-of-Things provides the unique feature to make things "talk" to us: localisation, surrounding environmental conditions, particular events, ...
  - Next gen sensors such as cameras, spectrometers, hyperspectral cameras,... will provide possibilities to further optimize a number of complex processes

# Now what?



# IOT\_2: Unleash the power of IoT data !

# So, IoT: Technology or Concept?

# IOT\_2: Unleash the power of IoT data

protocols, analysis, artificial intelligence, machine learning,...



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