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Wireless Communication Essentials

Understanding radio & LoRa technologies in IoT

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IoT – from idea to reality
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Wireless networks: WiFi

Wireless networks: 2G/3G/4G/5G/…

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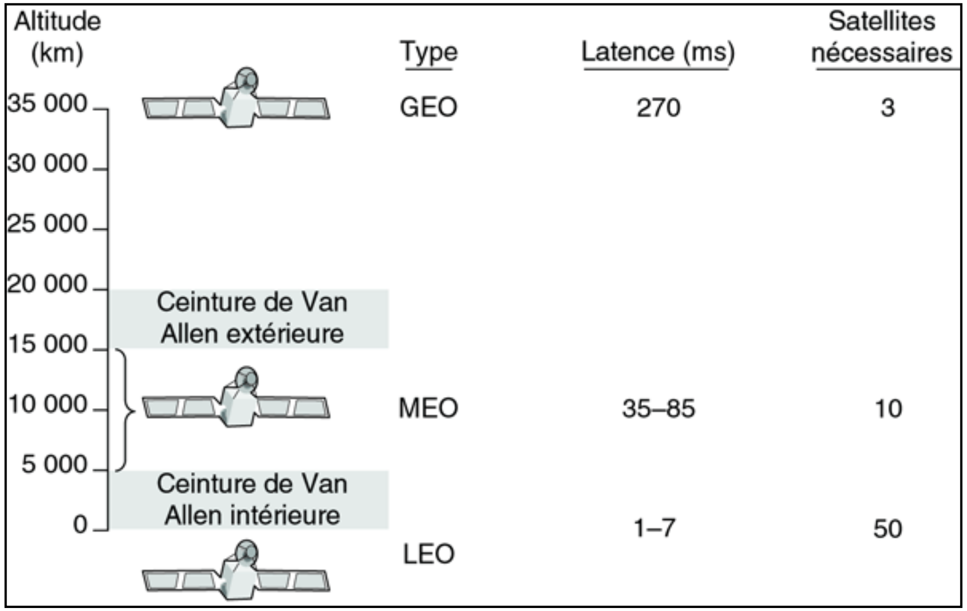
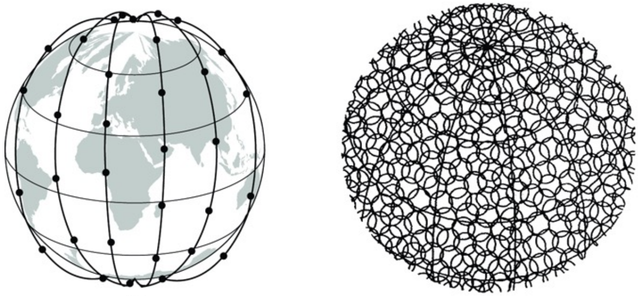
Wireless networks: Bluetooth

Wireless networks: Satellites

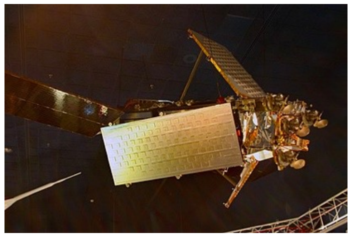


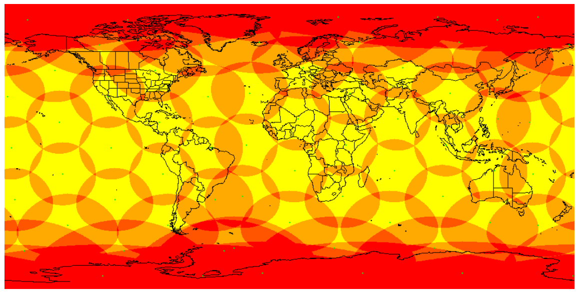


(a) (b)

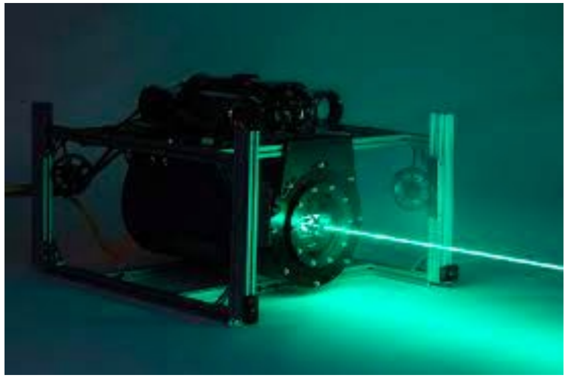
Iridium, 66 satellites

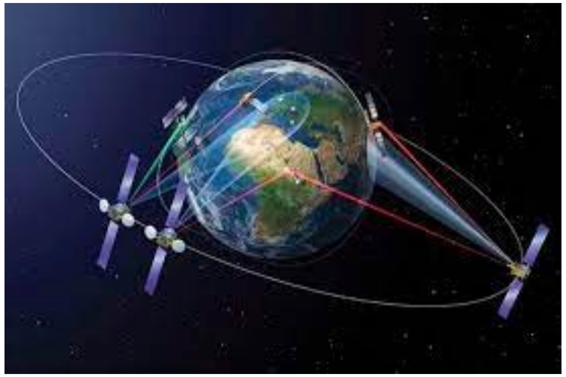
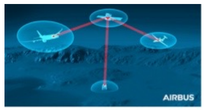
Initially 77





Wireless networks: Laser/Optical

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Wireless networks: Visible Light

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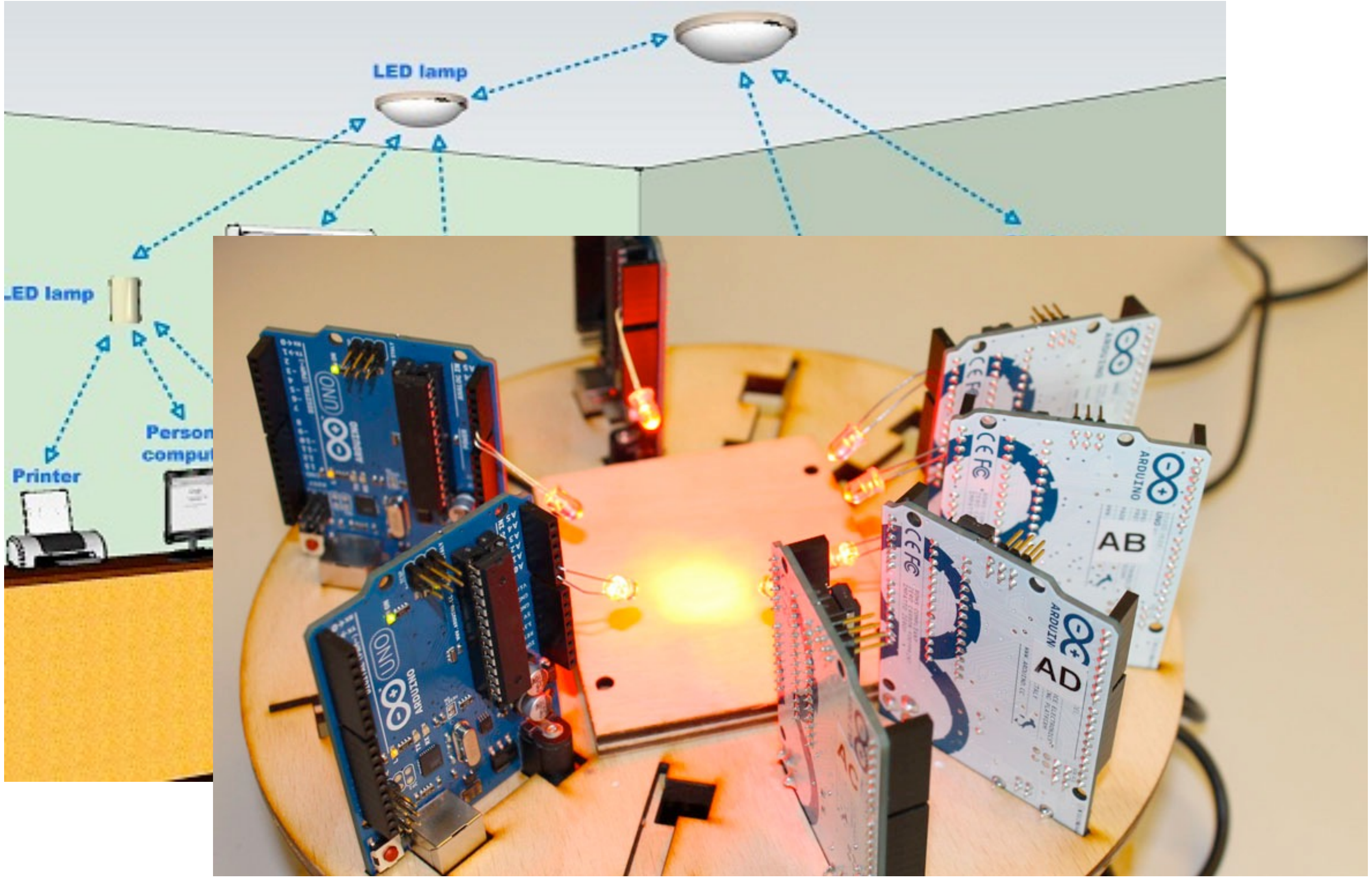
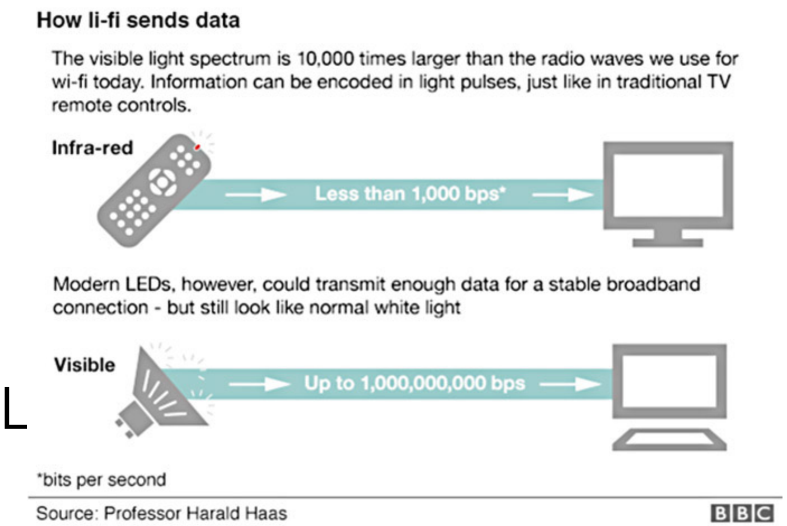
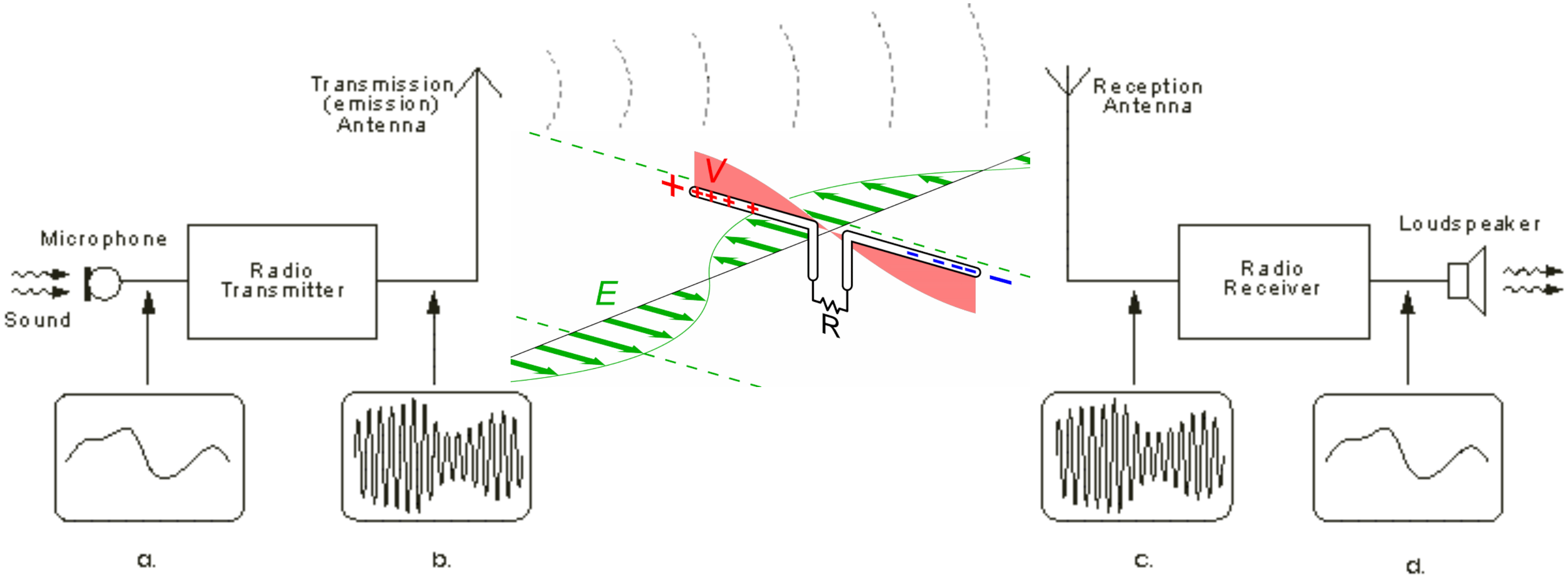


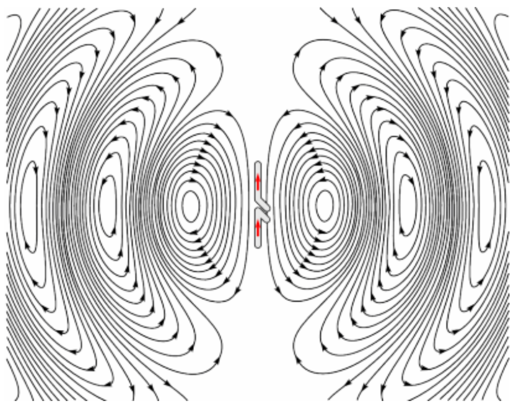
Visible Light Communications, con't

- High throughput is "easy"
- Bi-directionality is still an issue
- VR is a perfect application for VL

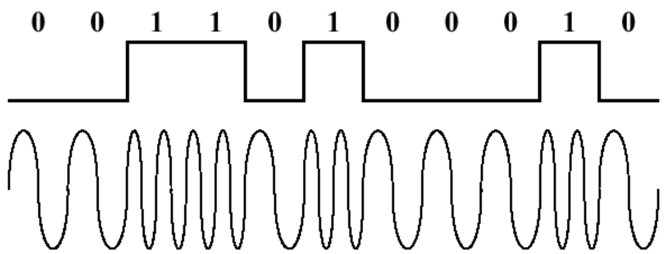


Wireless radio transmission basics



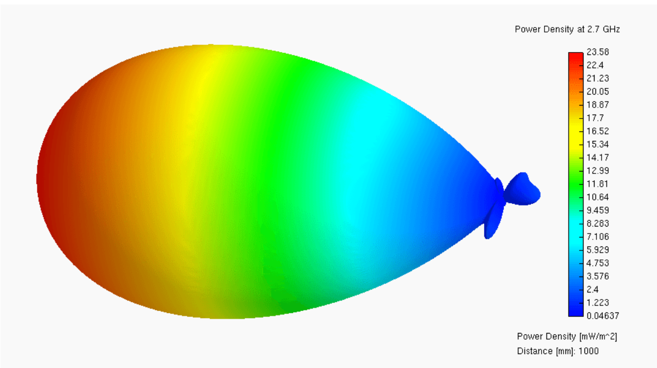


datal modulation



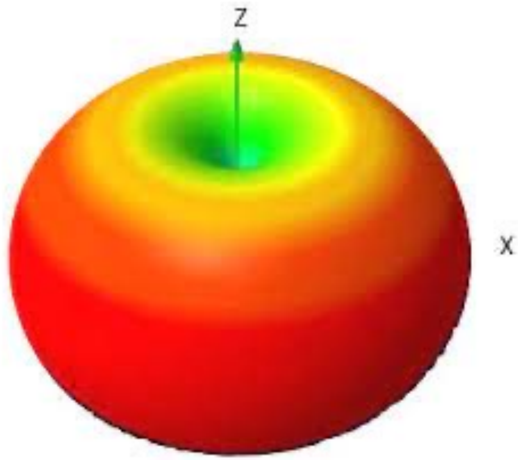
(b) Frequency-shift keying

Antenna types

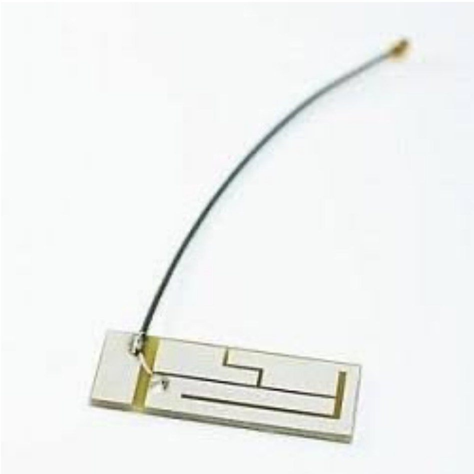


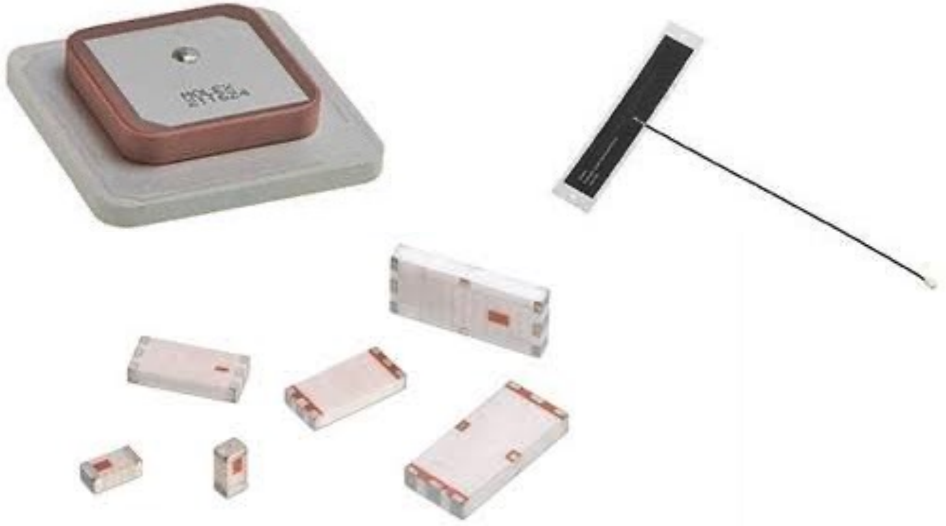
Directional antenna

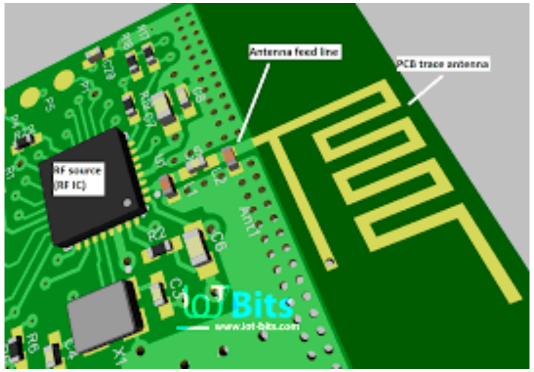
Omni-directional antennas

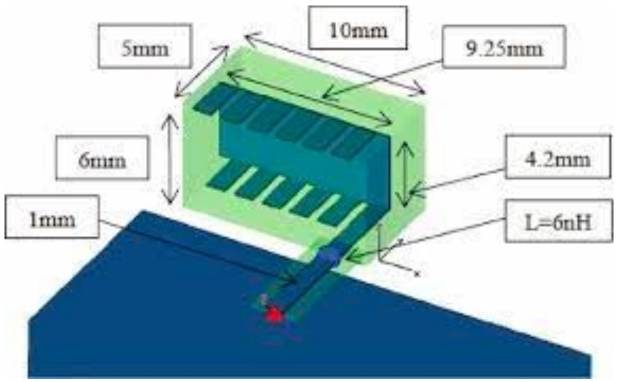


PCB, patch, ceramic,…









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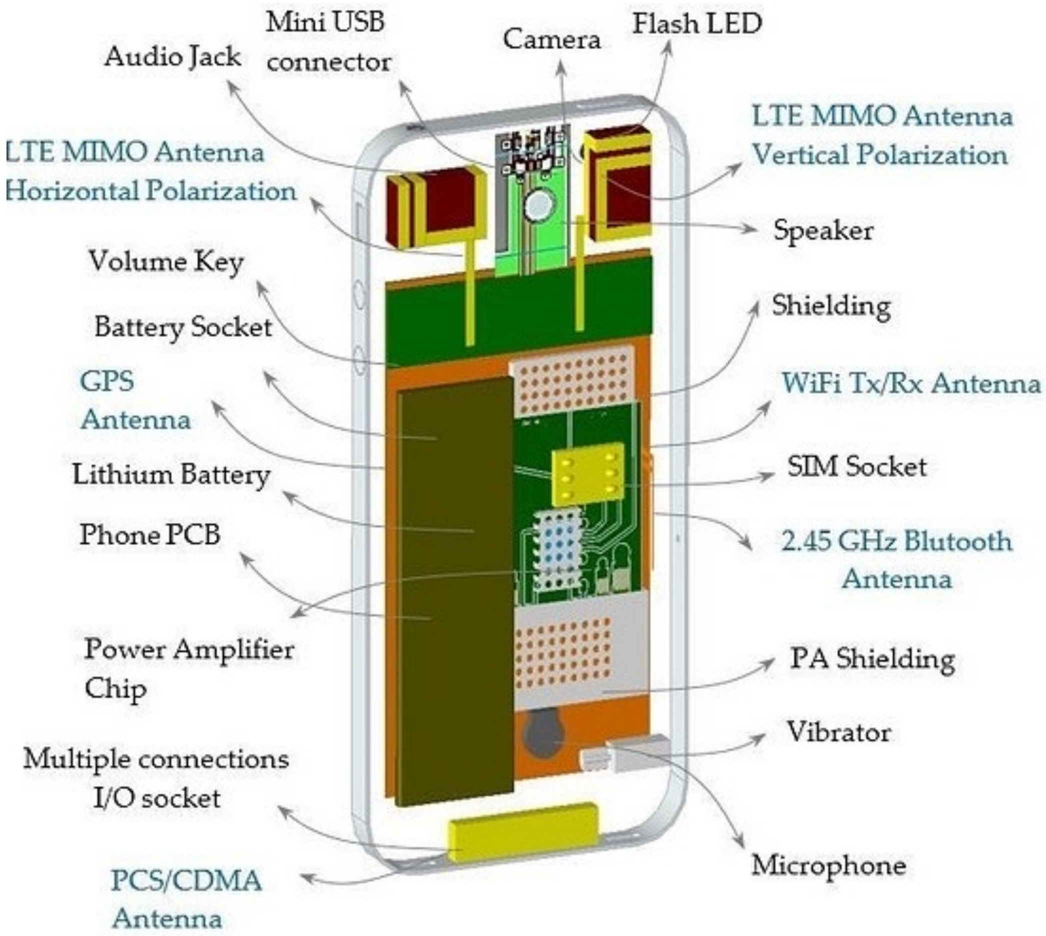
Antennas in a smartphones!



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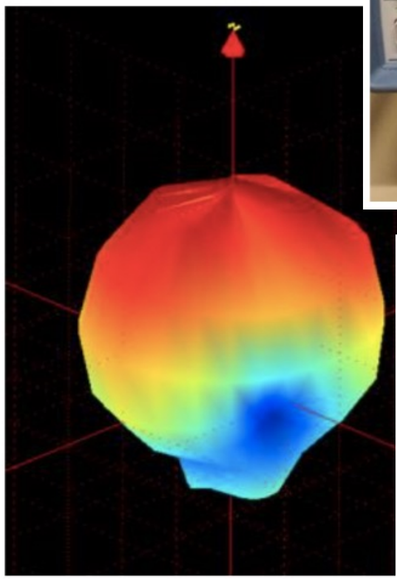
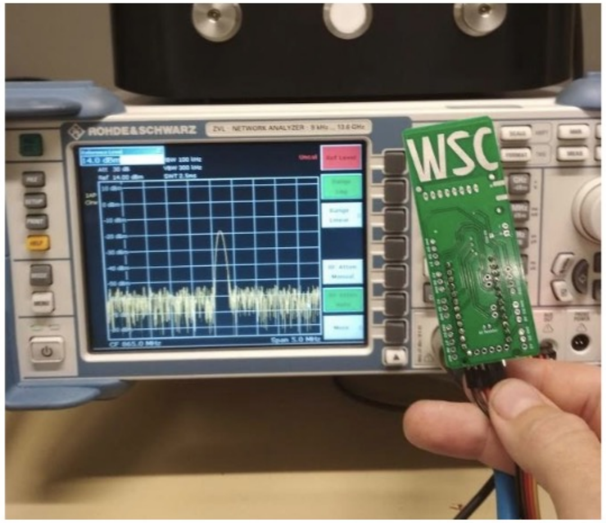
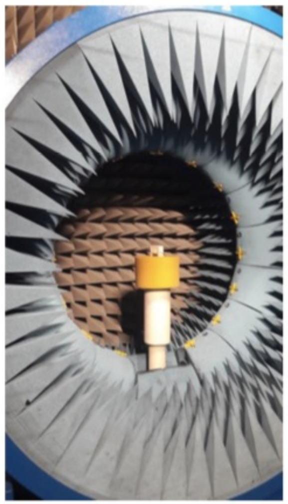
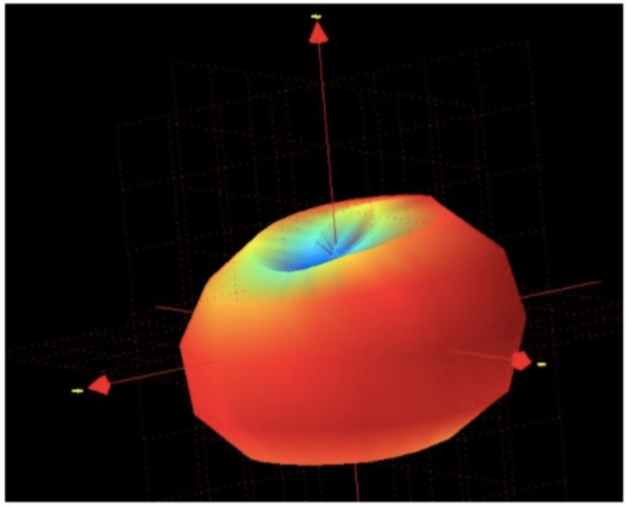
Testing antennas

- Source: F. Ferrero, University of Nice



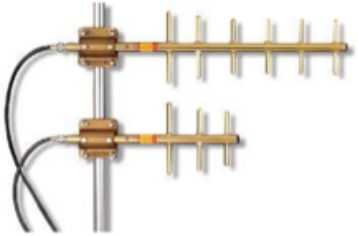


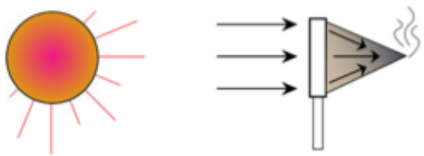




Antenna gain (1)

- Antenna gain
  - Directional antennas FOCUS energy: they DO NOT ADD energy





- Antenna Gain
  - Omni-directional antennas FOCUS energy: they DO NOT ADD energy

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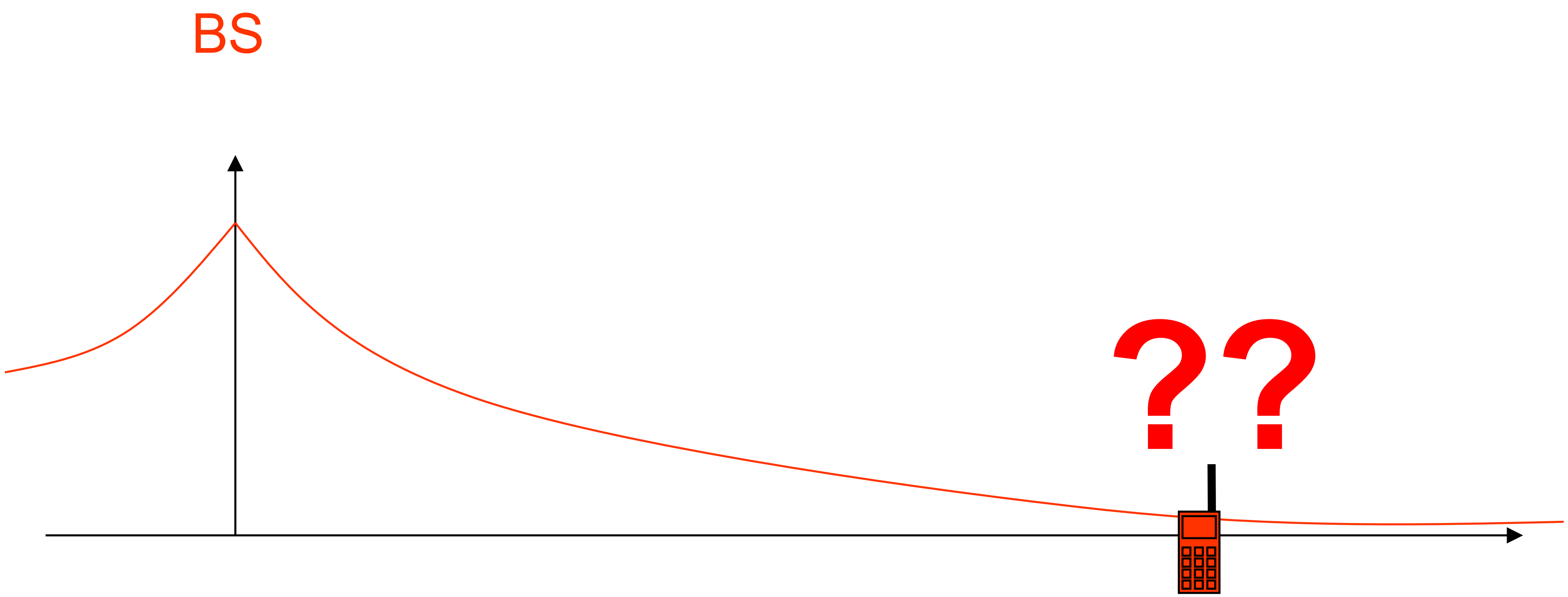
Antenna gain (2)

- Antenna gain and its effective surface

$$G = \frac{4\pi A_e}{\lambda^2} = \frac{4\pi f A_e}{c^2}$$

- with
  - G = gain
  - A_e= effective surface
  - f = signal frequency
  - c = light speed in space 3.10^8 m/s
  - λ= wave length of the signal=c/f

1st challenge: signal attenuation



Attenuation limits the range!

- Attenuation depends mainly on distance

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

- with :
  - P_e = transmitted power
  - P_r = received power
  - d = distance between antennas
  - α from 2 to 4

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Attenuation in practice

- For an ideal antenna (theoretic)

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

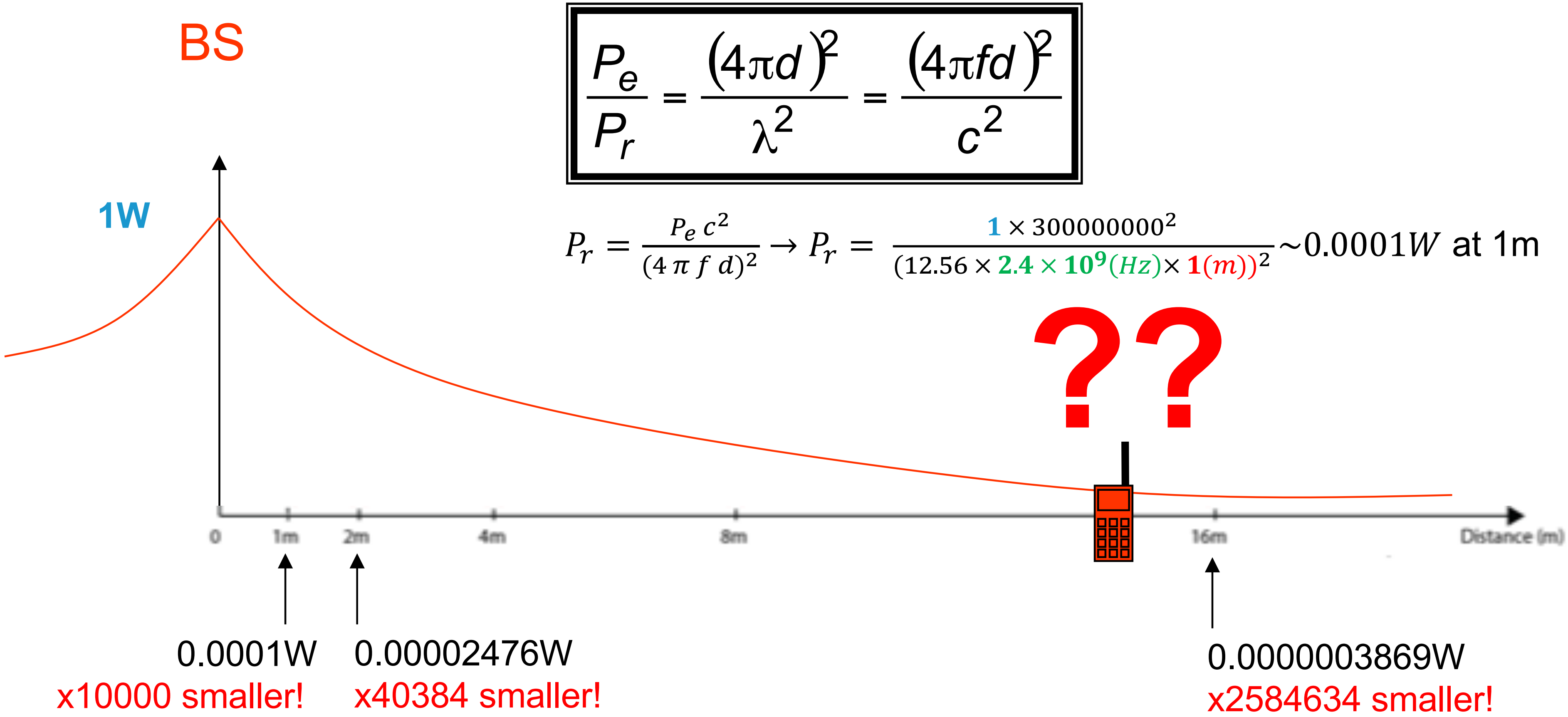
- P_e = transmitted power
- P_r = received power
- P_e / P_r is high when P_r is small → high attenuation
- d = distance between antennas
- c = light speed in space 3.10^8 m/s
- λ= wave length of the signal=c/f
- Higher frequencies f means higher attenuation!

Attenuation, values in watts

- Free Space Path Loss model

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

$$P_r = \frac{P_e\, c^2}{(4\,\pi\, f\, d)^2} \rightarrow P_r = \frac{1 \times 300000000^2}{(12.56 \times 2.4 \times 10^9(Hz) \times 1(m))^2} \sim 0.0001W \text{ at 1m}$$



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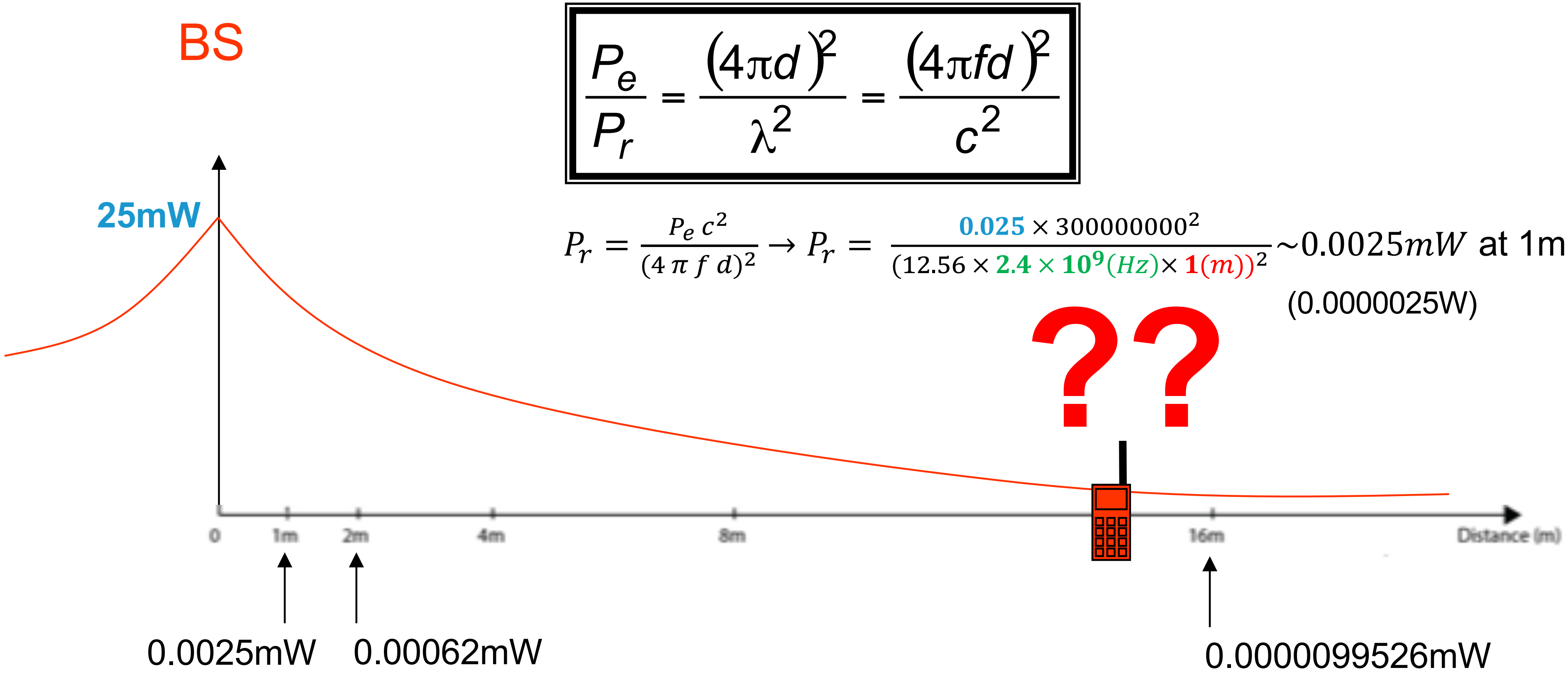
(0.0000025W)

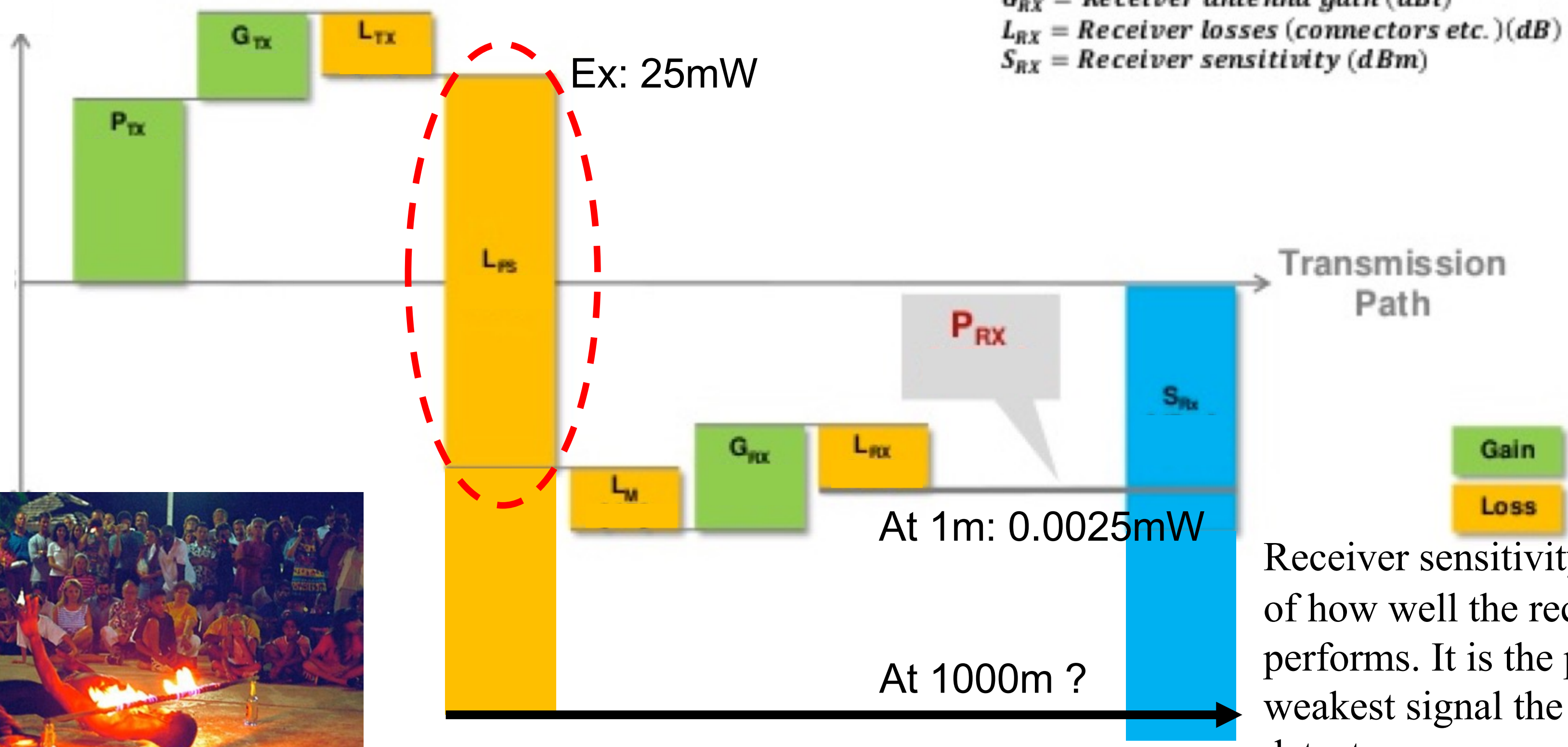


Link budget in wireless system – (simplified)

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

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)*

Adapted from Peter R. Egli, INDIGOO.COM

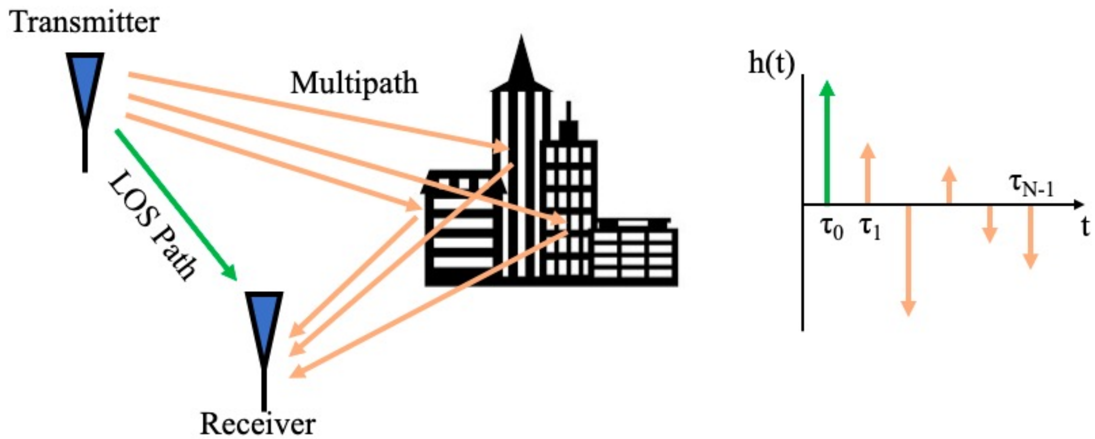


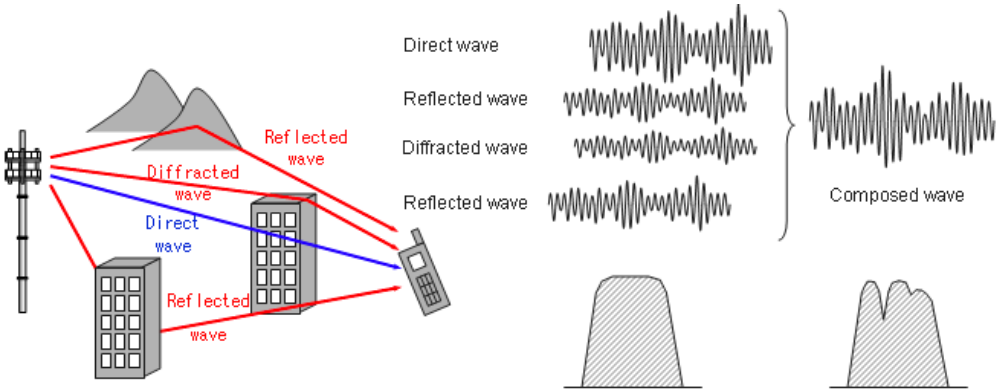
Receiver sensitivity is a measure of how well the receiver performs. It is the power of the weakest signal the receiver can detect

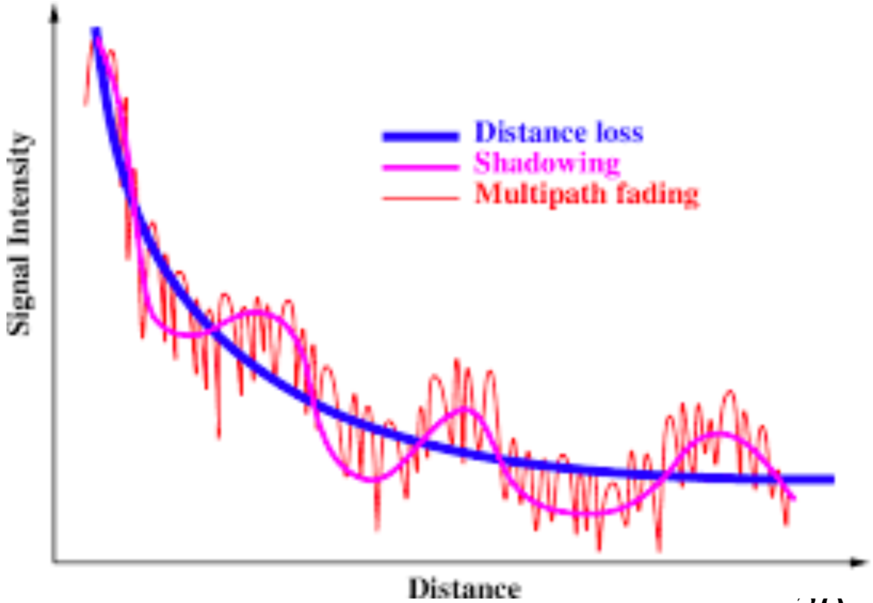
How low can you go?

Shadow fading & Multi-path fading

- Things are getting even worse!
- Shadow fading by obstacles
- Multi-path fading
- …

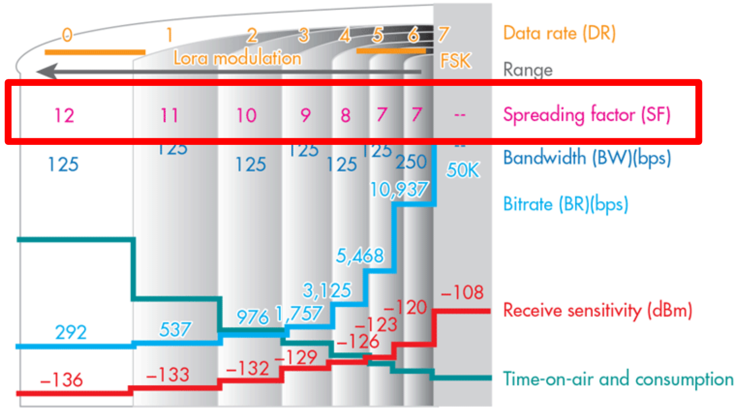






How can we increase range?

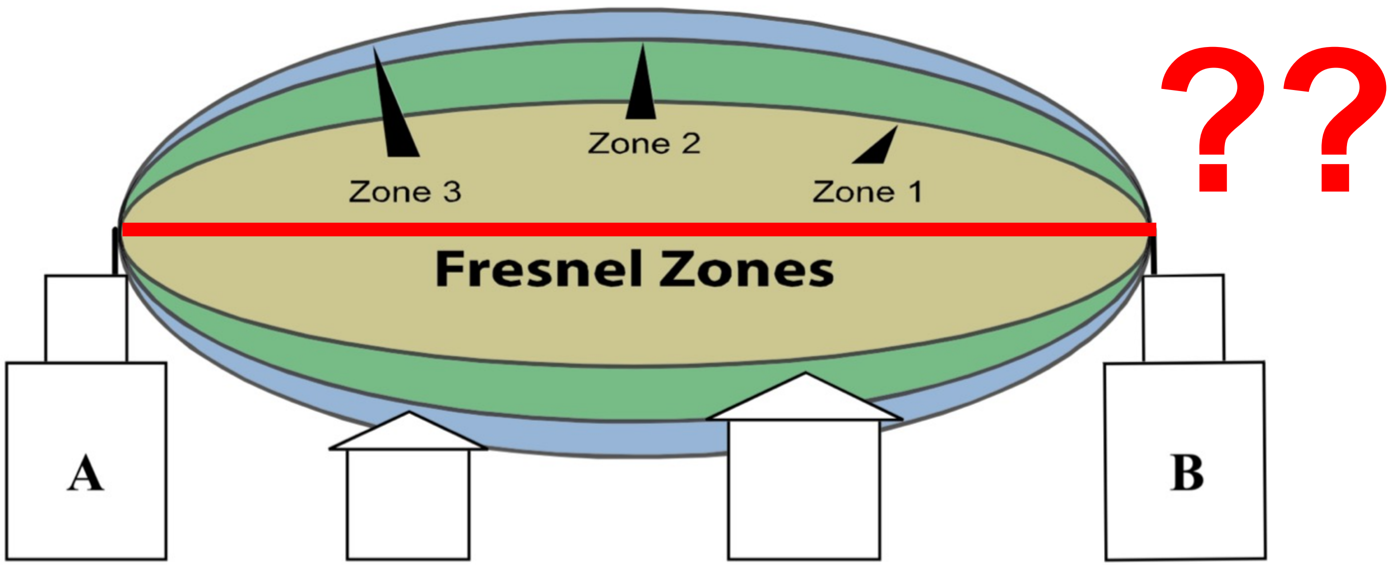
- Increase TX power and/or improve RX sensitivity
- Generally, RX sensitivity (~robustness) can be increased when transmitting (much) slower (like speaking slower!)
- LoRa uses spread spectrum approach to increase RX sensitivity
  - Spreading Factor defines how many chips will be used to code a symbol. 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: 20,000,000bps/200bps=100000!

Line-of-Sight & Fresnel zone

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



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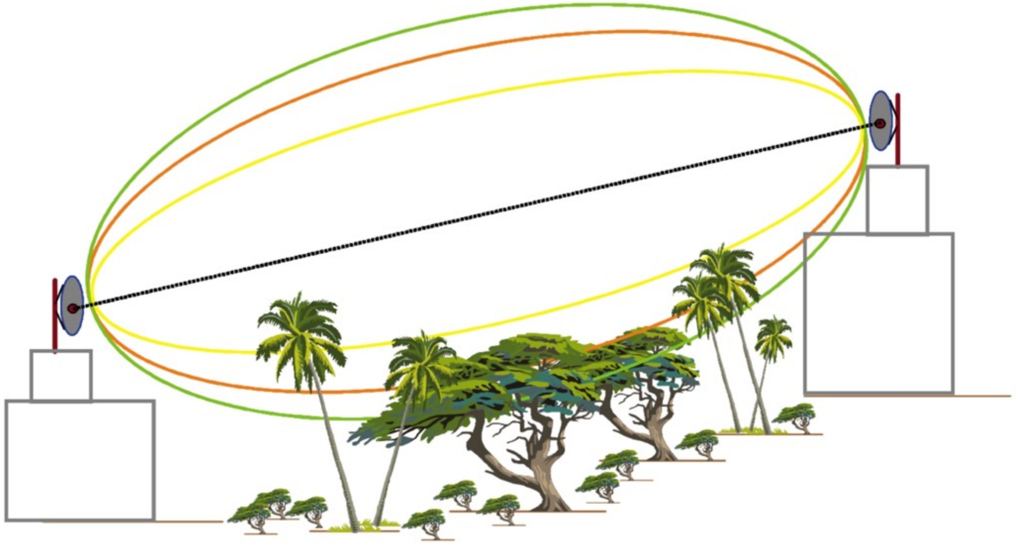
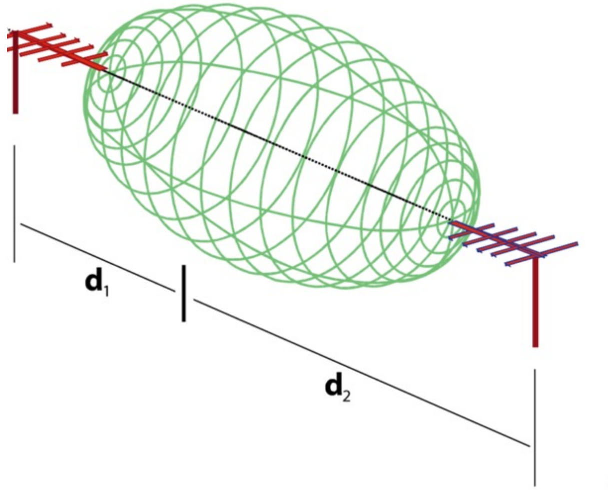
In real environment!

Clearing the Fresnel zone? Raise antennas!



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



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)

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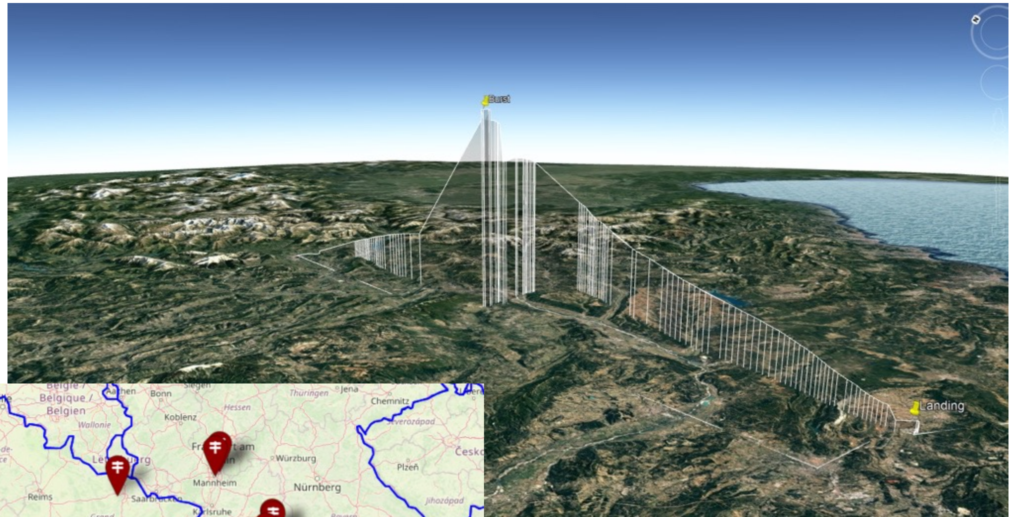
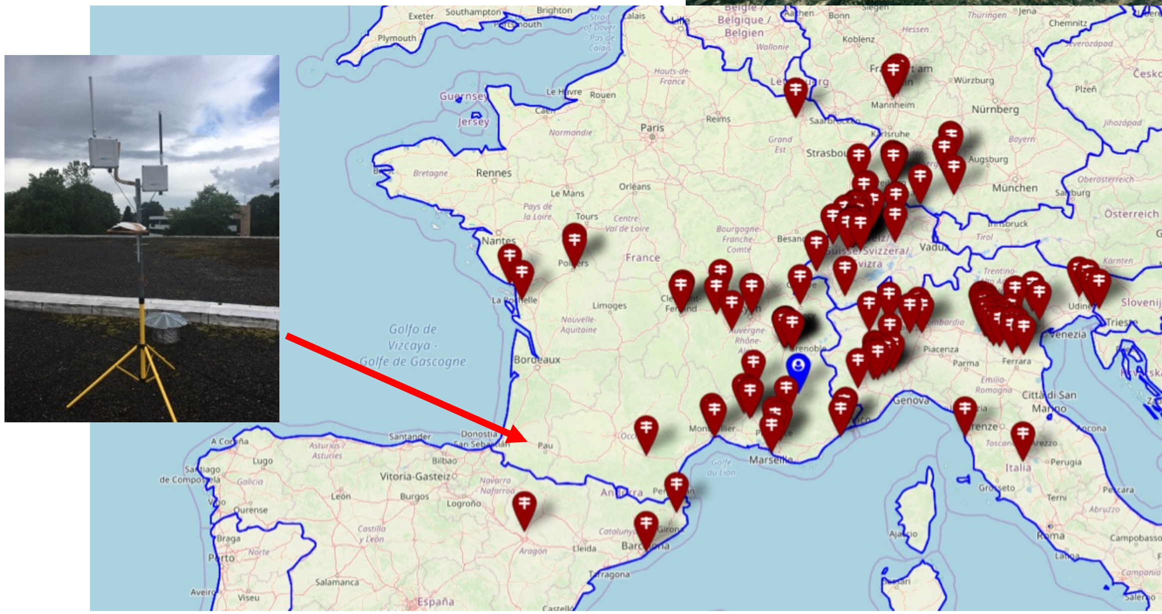
Coverage test by Fabien Ferrero on March 21-22, 2019

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

Coverage test by Fabien Ferrero on June 11th, 2019

- High Altitude Ballon





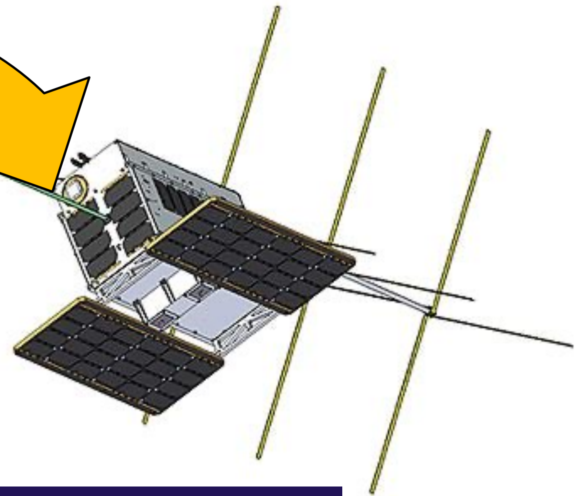
- 31kms high
- Reception at 642km (Udine, Italy)!
- Current record at 702km with balloon at 38kms

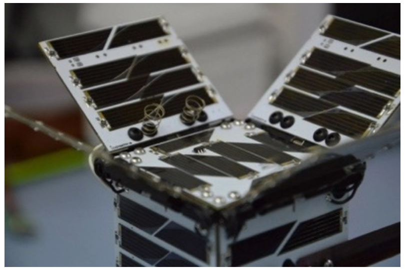
https://github.com/FabienFerrero/HAB_Relay_STM32Contest

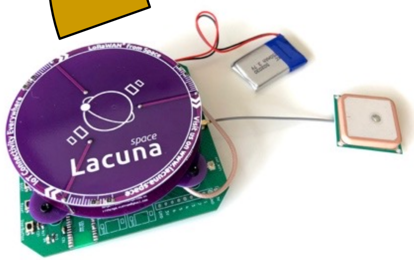
Clearing the Fresnel zone? Let's use satellite!

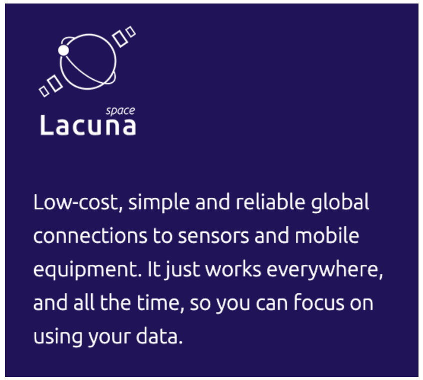
- Low-orbit, low-cost; compact satellite for global coverage

LoRa over 1200kms!



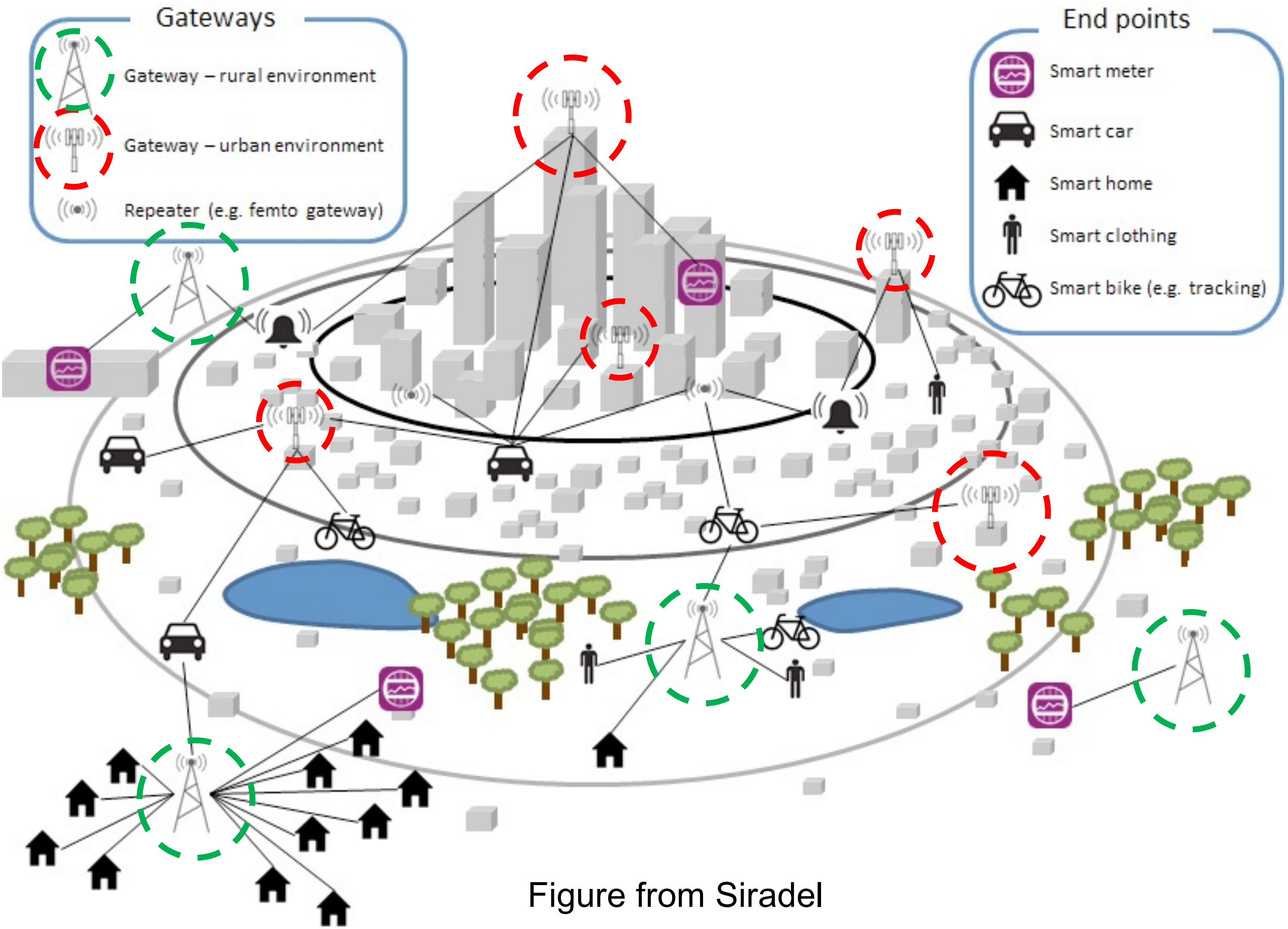






https://lacuna.space/first-successful-lacunasat-launch-in-2021/

LPWAN=star topology, gateway centric



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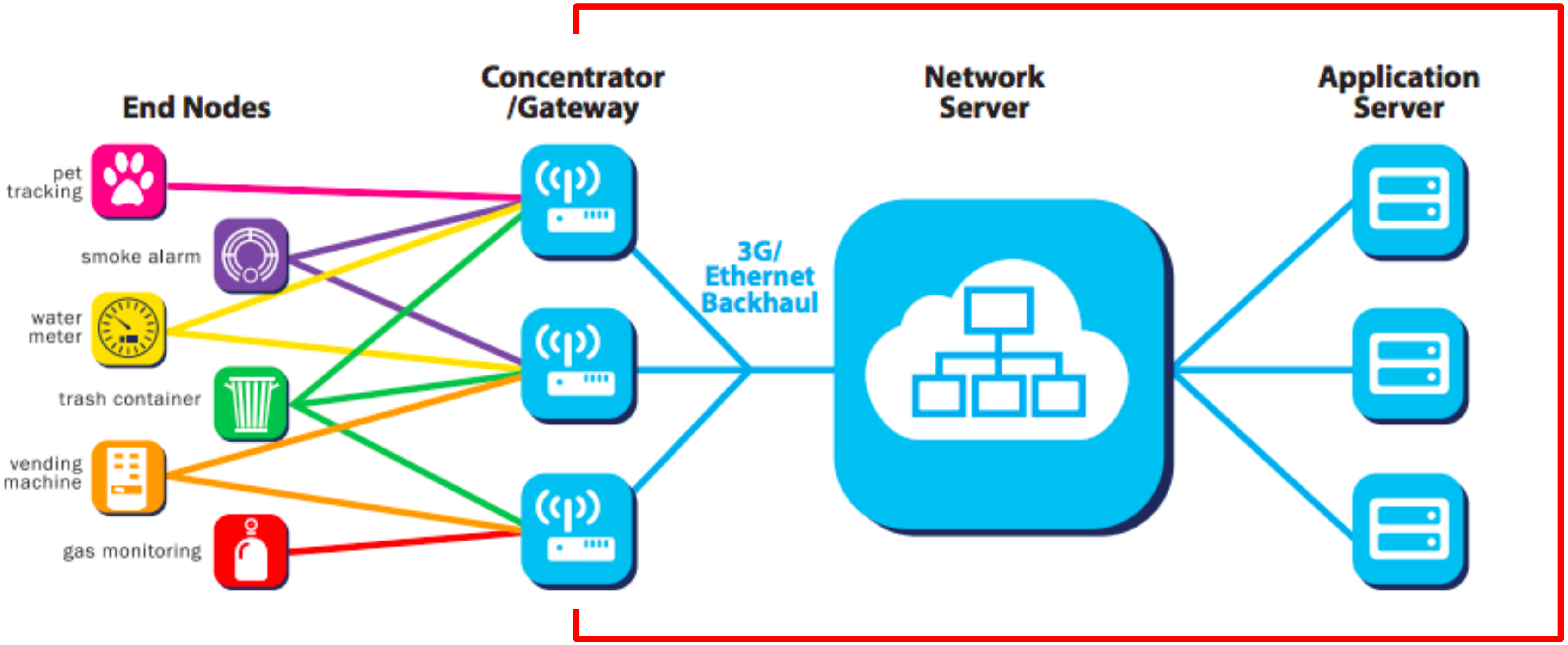
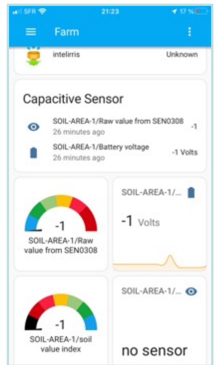
LoRaWAN IoT networks

- 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



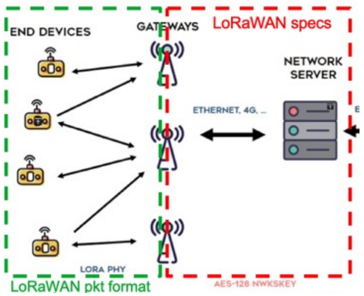


ThingsBoard

Undestanding LoRa vs LoRaWAN

- The physical layer, thus the long-range radio technology, is called LoRa
- A so-called 1-byte sync word is used to add a "filtering" level
- You can decide to transmit using only the LoRa physical layer and then define our own packet format
- With pure LoRa you can transmit from any device to any other device with same LoRa datarate, frequency and sync word
- LoRaWAN uses LoRa physical layer but defines its own packet format and uses sync word of 0x34 (public LoRaWAN)
- "In LoRaWAN, a gateway applies I/Q inversion on TX, and nodes do the same on RX. This ensures that gateways can talk to nodes and vice-versa, but gateways will not hear other gateways and nodes will not hear other nodes" [LMIC Arduino]

LoRaWAN gateway



- A full LoRaWAN gateway should be able to listen on multiple channels and spreading factors

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Uplink:

1. 868.1 - SF7BW125 to SF12BW125
2. 868.3 - SF7BW125 to SF12BW125
3. 868.5 - SF7BW125 to SF12BW125
4. 867.1 - SF7BW125 to SF12BW125
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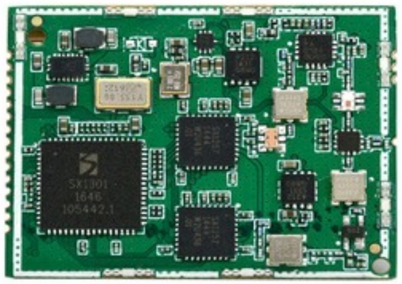
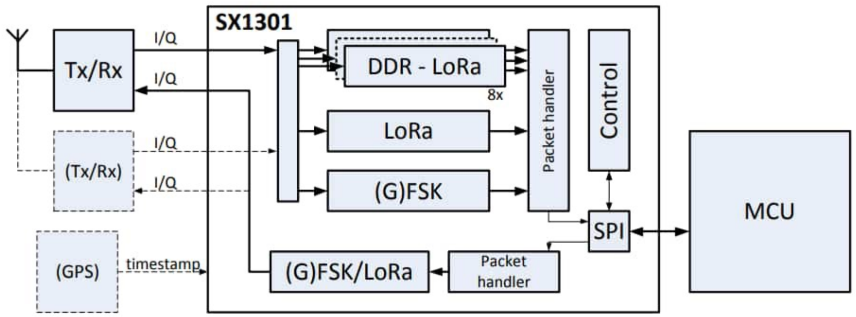
9. 868.8 - FSK

- They are mostly based on the Semtech SX1301 radio concentrator





LoRaWAN gateway software

- Most of LoRaWAN gateways run the following software
  - the Semtech's concentrator gateway at the lowest level (https://github.com/Lora-net/lora_gateway)
  - The Semtech's LoRa packet forwarder on top of the low-level concentrator gateway (https://github.com/Lora-net/packet_forwarder)
- "*A LoRa packet forwarder is a program running on the host of a LoRa gateway that forwards RF packets receive by the concentrator to a server through a IP/UDP link, and emits RF packets that are sent by the server.*"
- The server is the so-called LoRaWAN Network Server (LNS) as described in the next slides
- The Network Server is usually linked to the Application Server which can be seen as a LoRaWAN cloud

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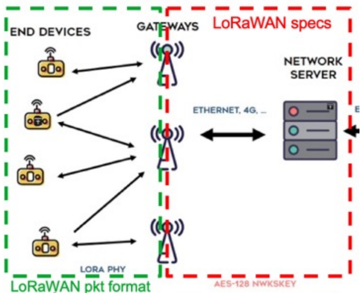
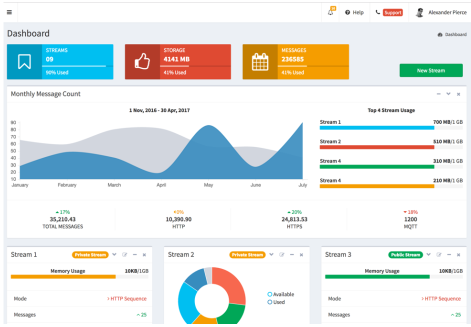
LoRaWAN Network Server (LNS)

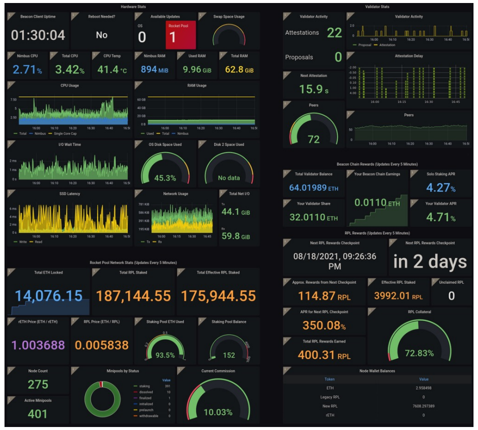


- LNS manages the state of the network, has knowledge of devices active on the network and is able to handle over-the-air-activation procedure (OTAA)
- When data is received by multiple gateways, the LNS can also de-duplicate this data
- When a message needs to be sent back to a device, the LNS forwards it to one of the gateways
- Currently, each LoRaWAN network provider will have their own LNS
  - The Packet Forwarder run on deployed gateways needs to identify an LNS
  - Therefore users need to be "bounded" to a particular LoRa network provider because end-devices need to be registered

TheThingNetwork (TTN)

- Popular LoRa Network Provider
- Provides the TTN Network Server





- Community-based deployment of LoRa gateways
  - User A can buy a LoRa gateway, register it and deploy it
  - User B then creates an account on TTN to register its devices
  - Messages from registered devices received by a TTN gateway will be made available for users on the TTN console

TTN user console