Tutorial on hardware & software for low-cost long-range IoT

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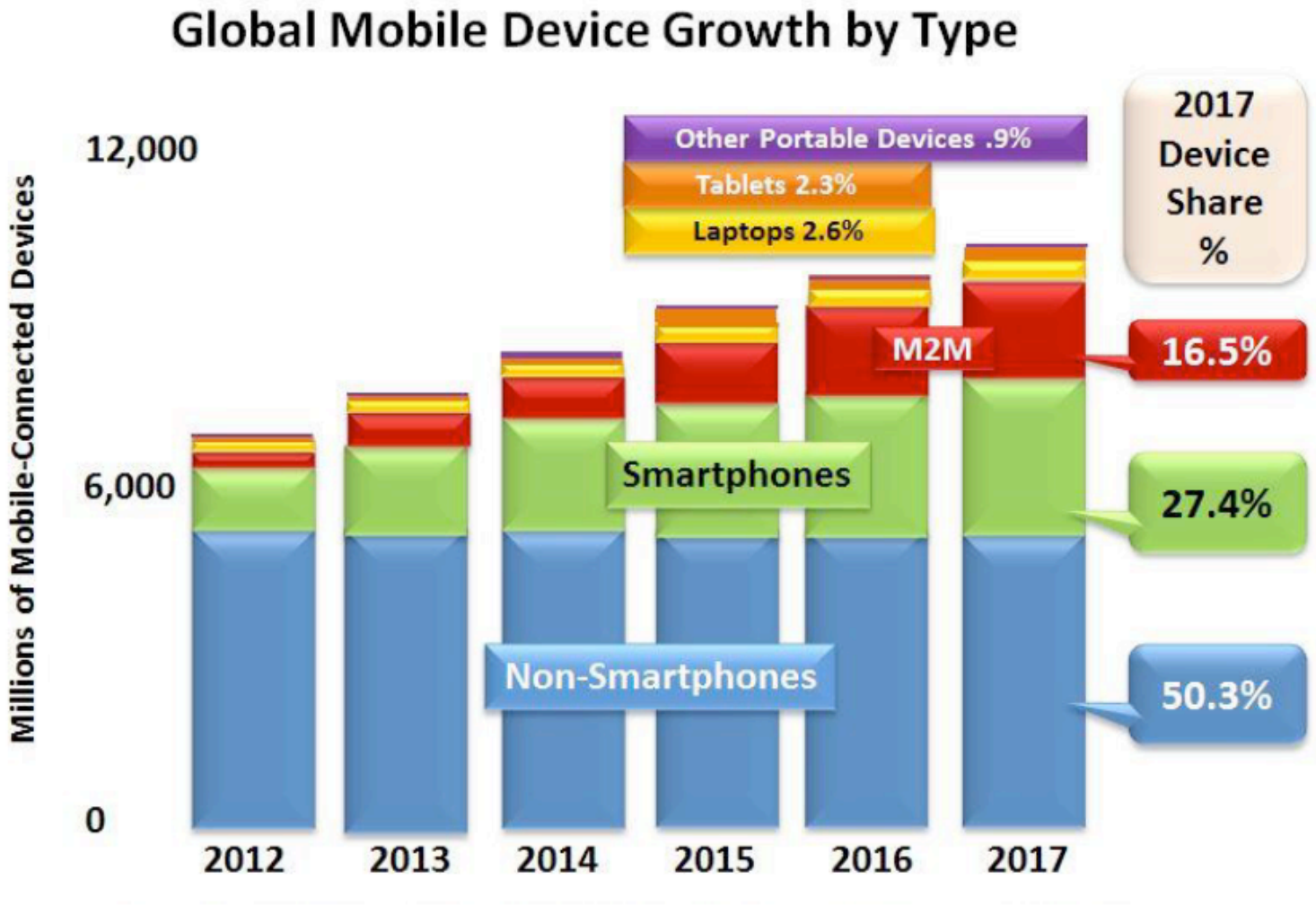
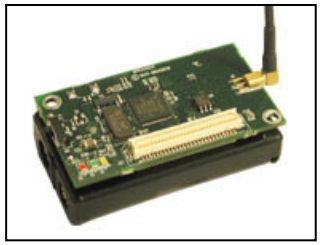
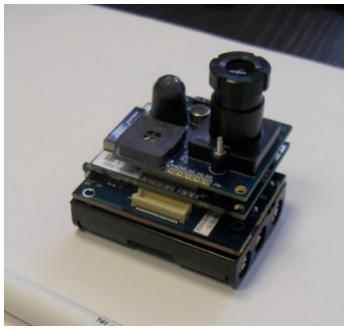
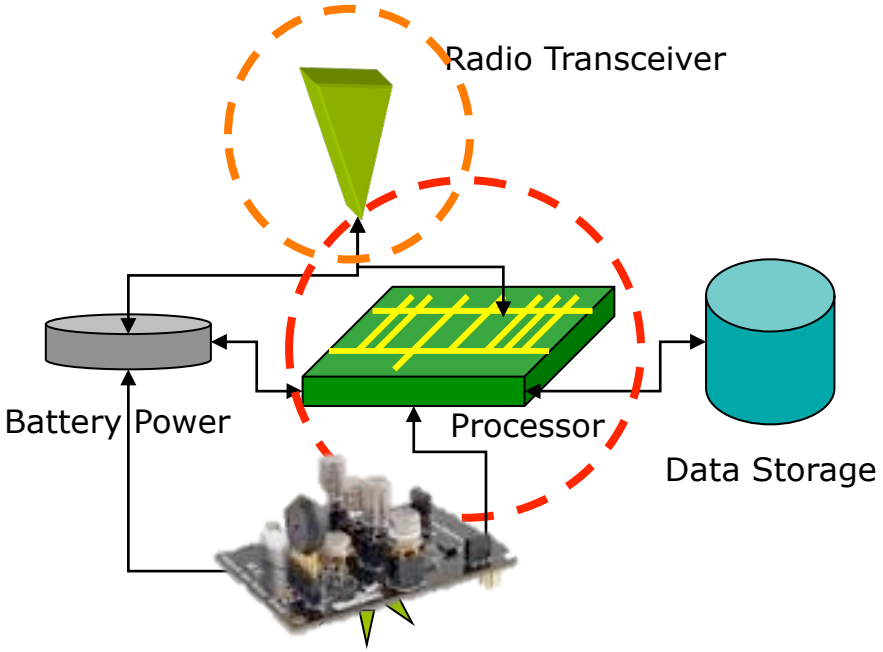


WHAT'S BEFORE IoT?

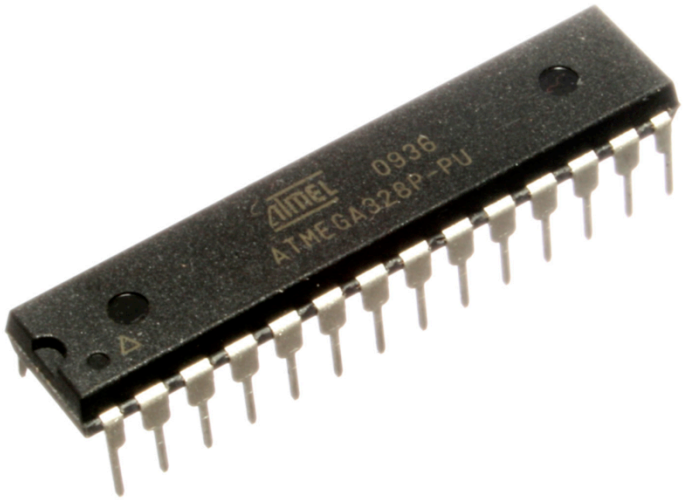
- Wireless Sensor Nodes/Networks
- Physical sensor + on-board processing

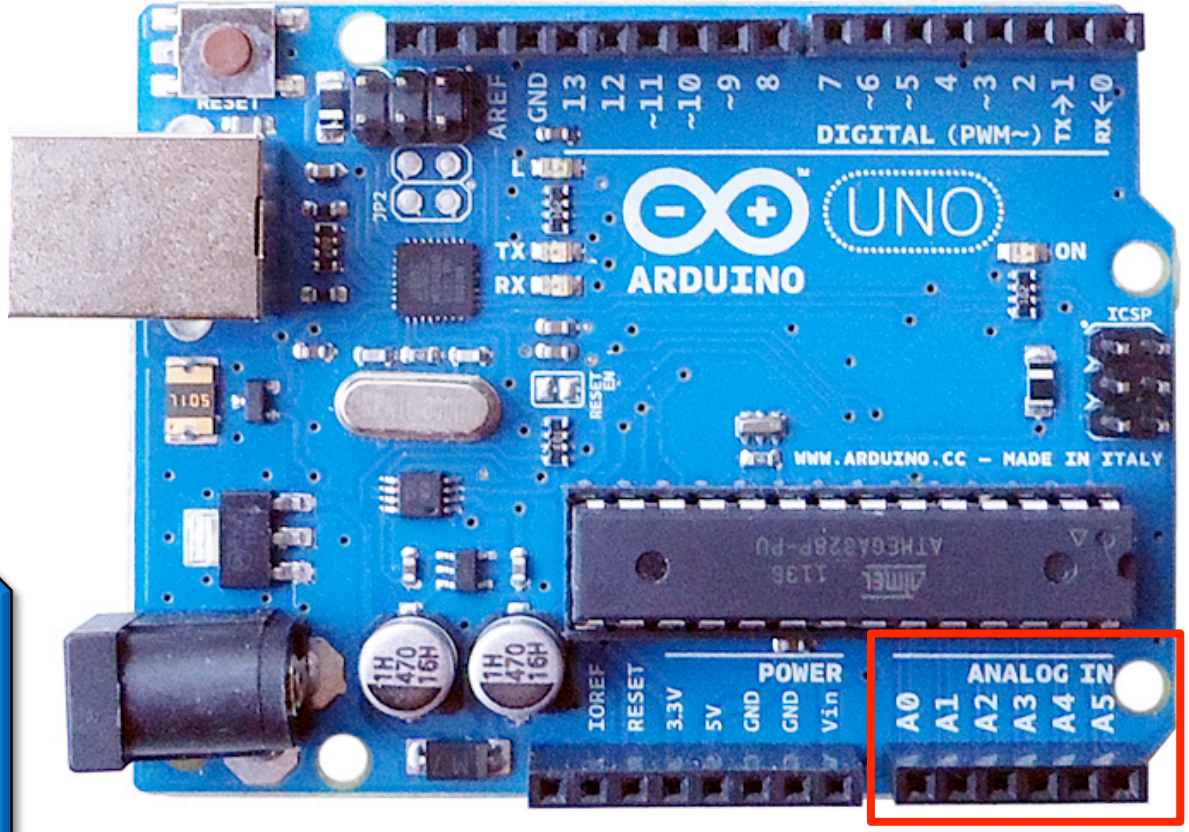






Powerfull micro-controller boards...



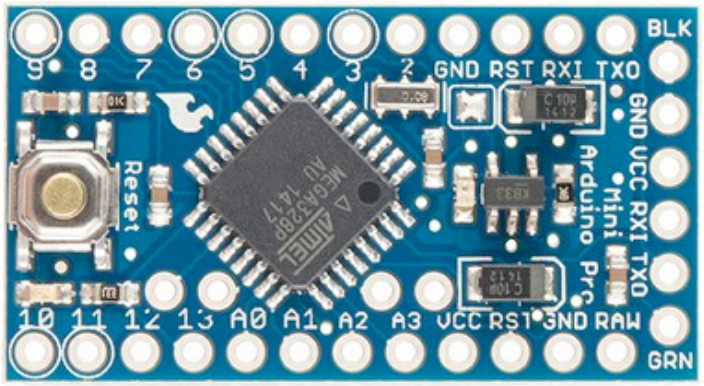


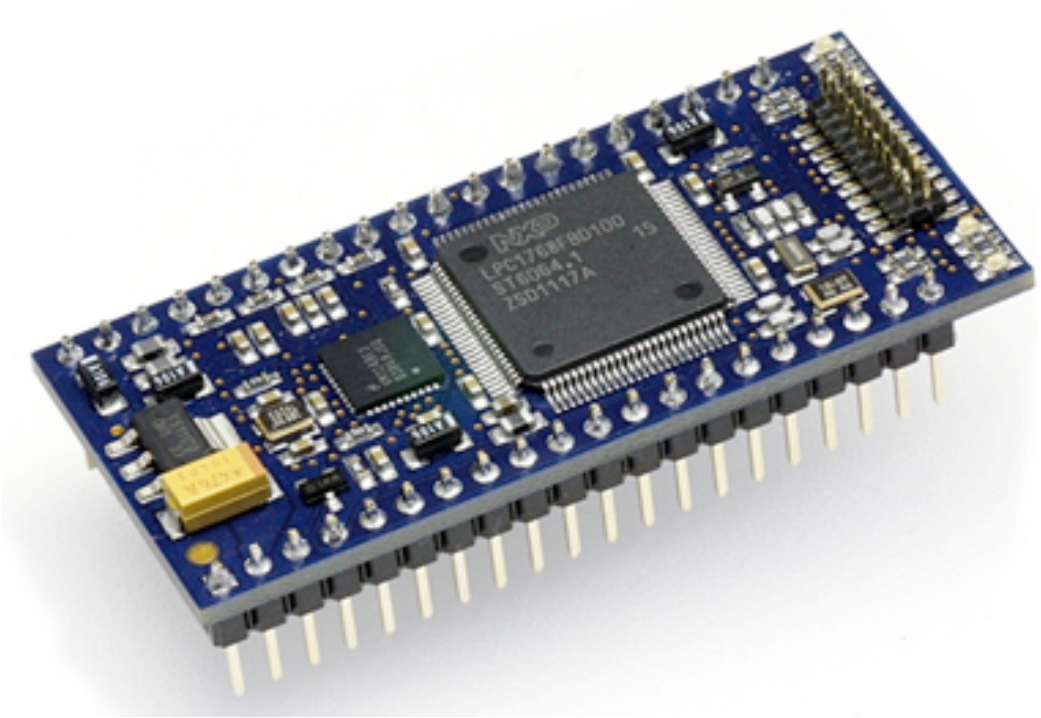
Analog pins

Come with build-in analog-to-digital converter (ADC) which usually have 10-bit resolution:

0V means 0
3.3V or 5V means 1024 = 2^{10}

...GETTING SMALLER AND SMALLER !!





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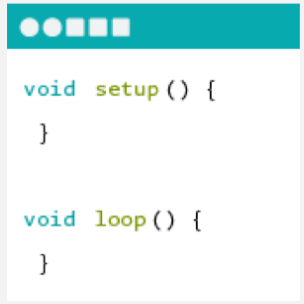
ARDUINO

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.



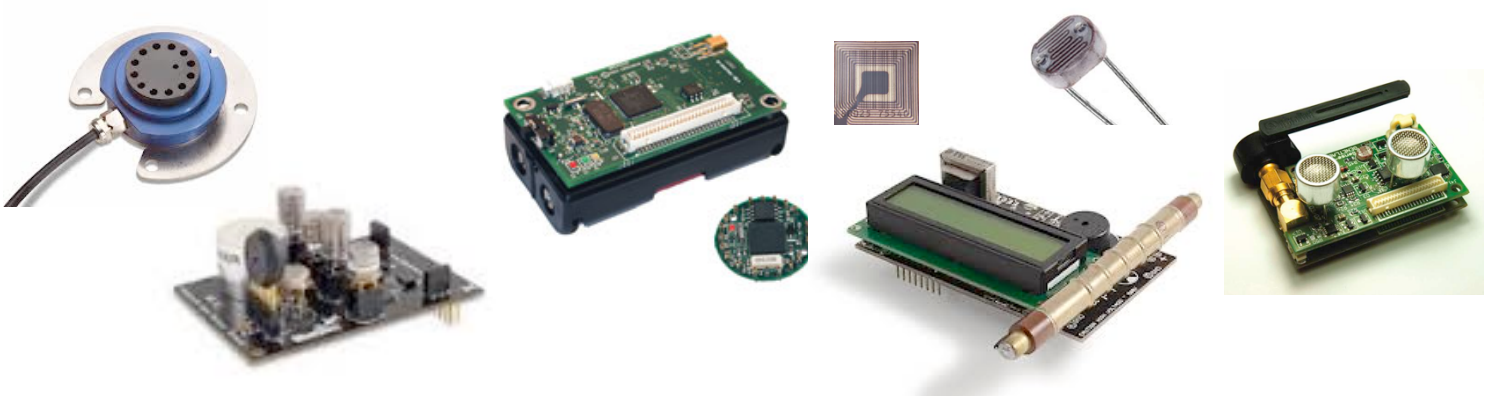
ARDUINO SOFTWARE

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

- In WAZIUP, Arduino-like boards are main development platforms for IoT because they are open, cheap and easy to use
- In addition, there are huge developer communities for these boards

Step 1: measuring the physical world

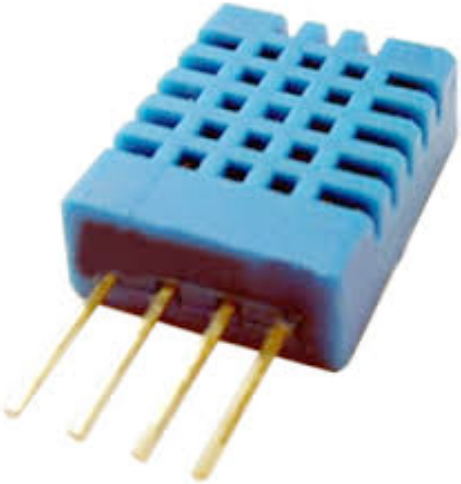
Sensing



Using physical sensor

- Example: an analog temperature sensor

Sensor diversity

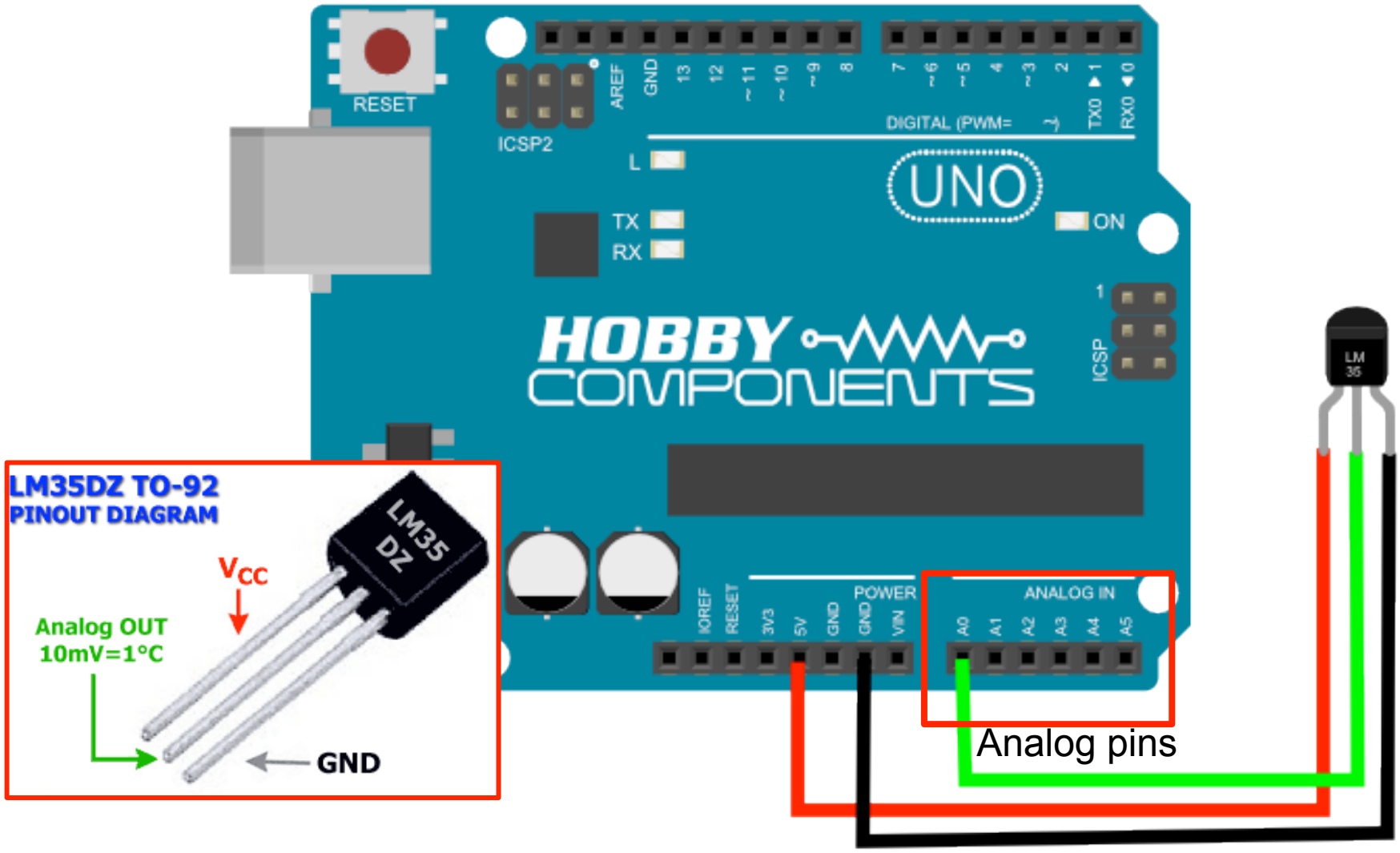


Step 2: store, process

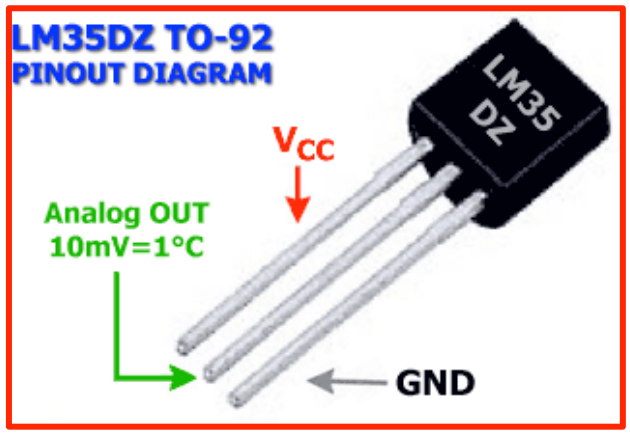
Pervasive Systems

Sensing

Connect the sensor

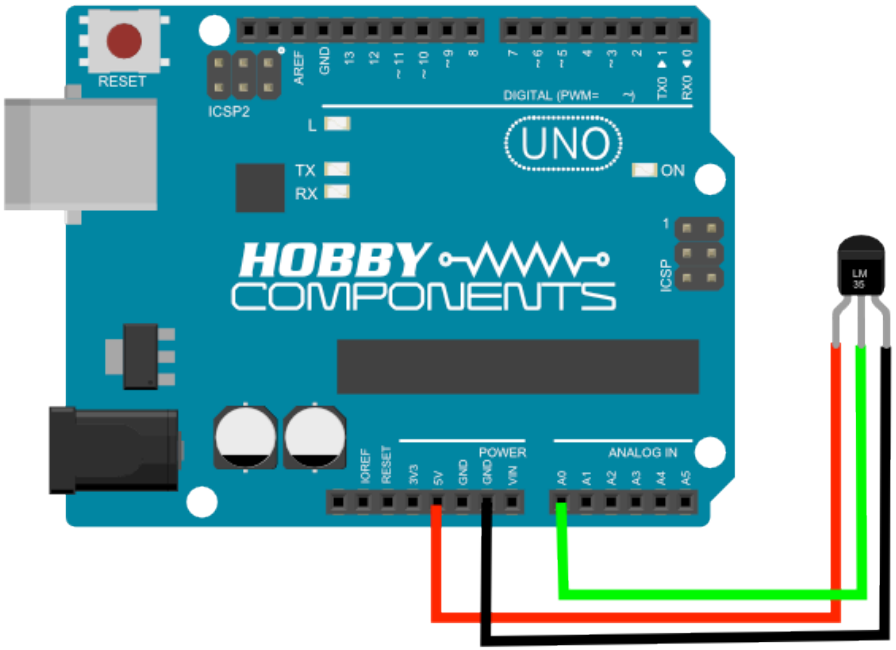


Temperature & analog output



- Vcc is 5V
- If 0 means 0V and 1024 means 5000mV (10-bit resolution) then 5000mV/1024=4.88mV is the granularity of the measure
- A digital value of 100 means 100*4.88mV=488mV
- If the sensor output is 10mV/1°C then the physical temperature is 488mV/10mV=48.8°C

READING ANALOG PIN VALUE

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// sensor output connected to A0 analog pin

value = analogRead(A0);

// now need to convert to Celcius degree
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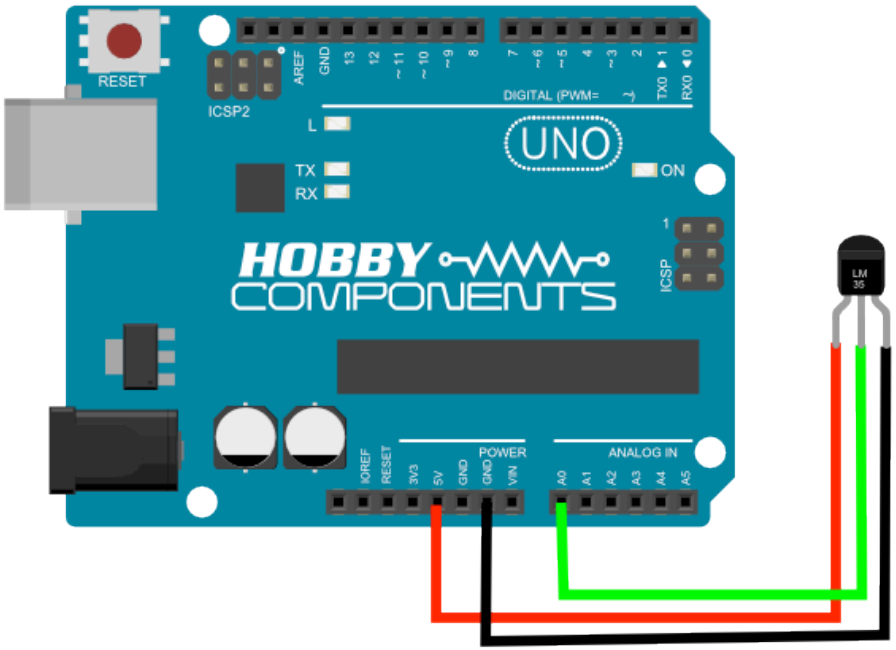
Converting into Celcius

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value = analogRead(A0);

Temp = value * 5000.0/1024.0;     // 5000/1024=4.88

Temp = Temp / 10;                 // 10mV means 1°C

// now process and transmit the data
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Generalization

- Depending on the sensor type, getting the physical measure from the analog/digital value follows a specific function provided by the sensor's manufacturer
- Depending on the microcontroller board, the number of I/O pins and the operating voltage may differ
- However the process is always the same:
  - Connect the sensor to the microcontroller board
  - Read analog or digital pin
  - Convert read value into meaningful physical measure
  - Then process and/or transmit

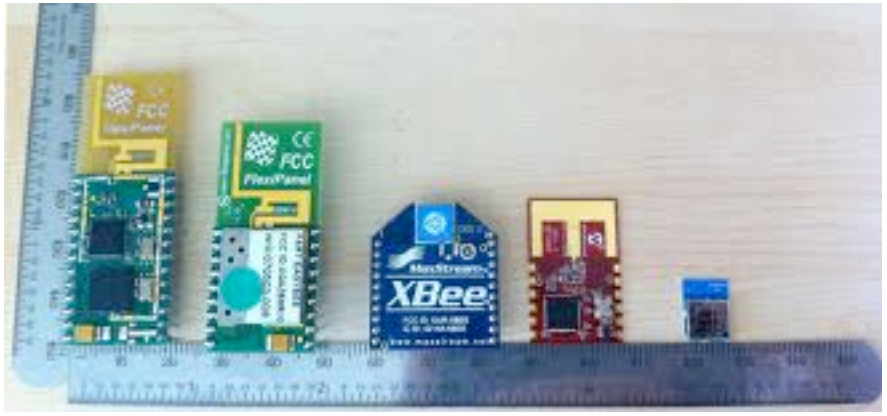
Step 3: connect, interact

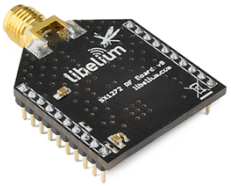
Pervasive Systems

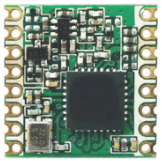
Sensing

PEOPLES, INFRASTRUCTURES, BUILDINGS, VEHICULES,...

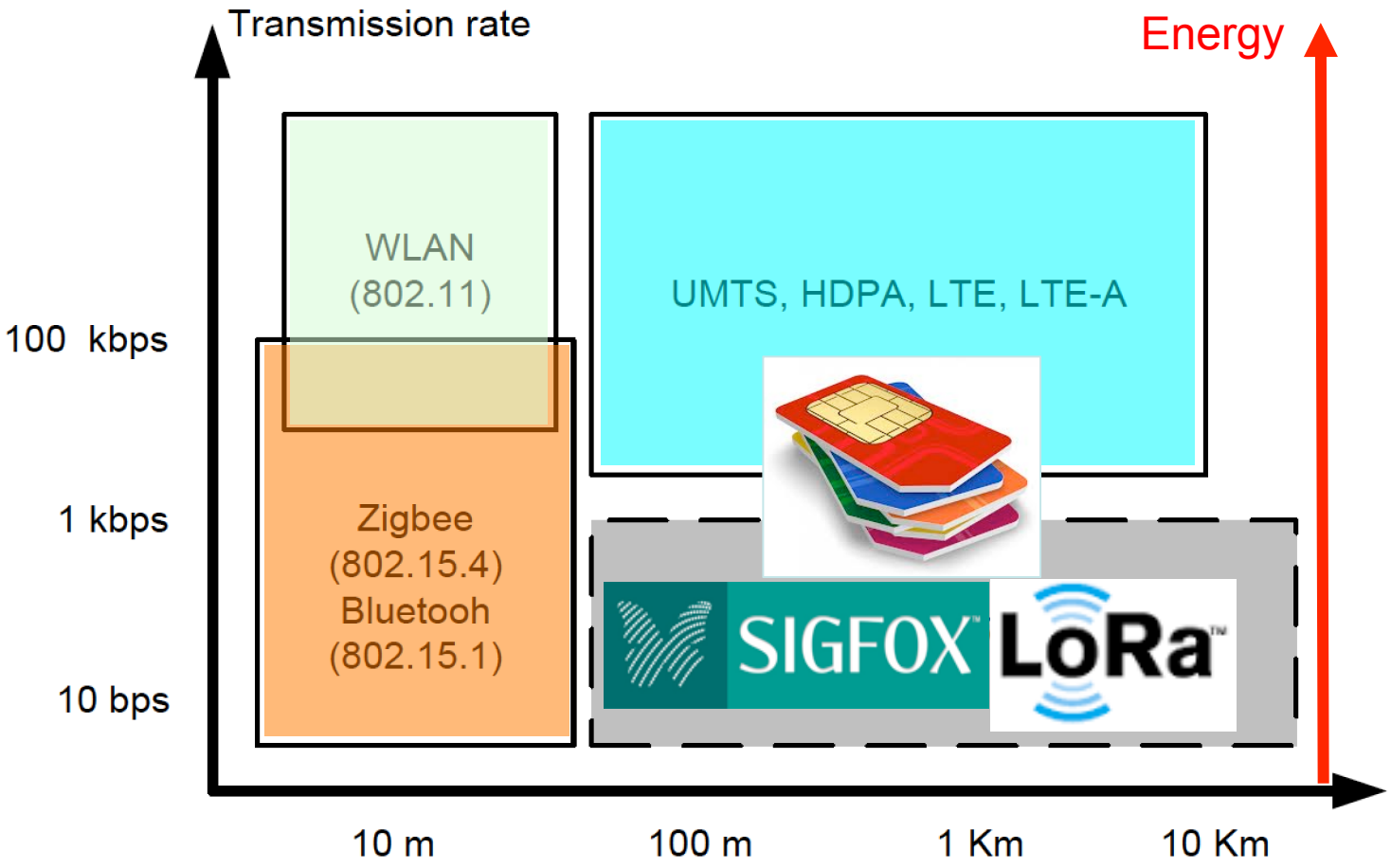
Wireless Communication made easy







Low-power and long-range?



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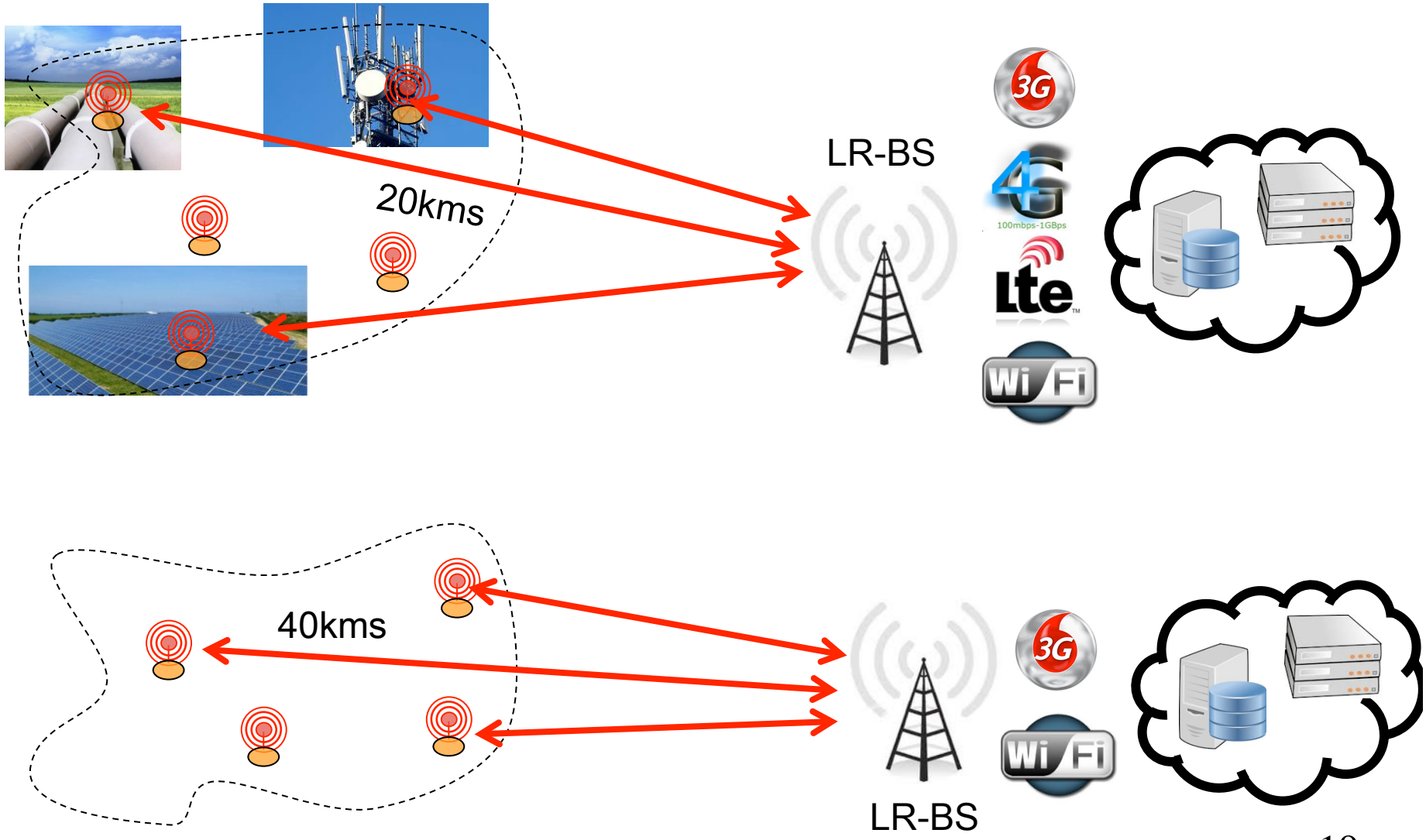
IoT DEPLOYMENT MADE EASIER IN SINGLE-HOP MODEL



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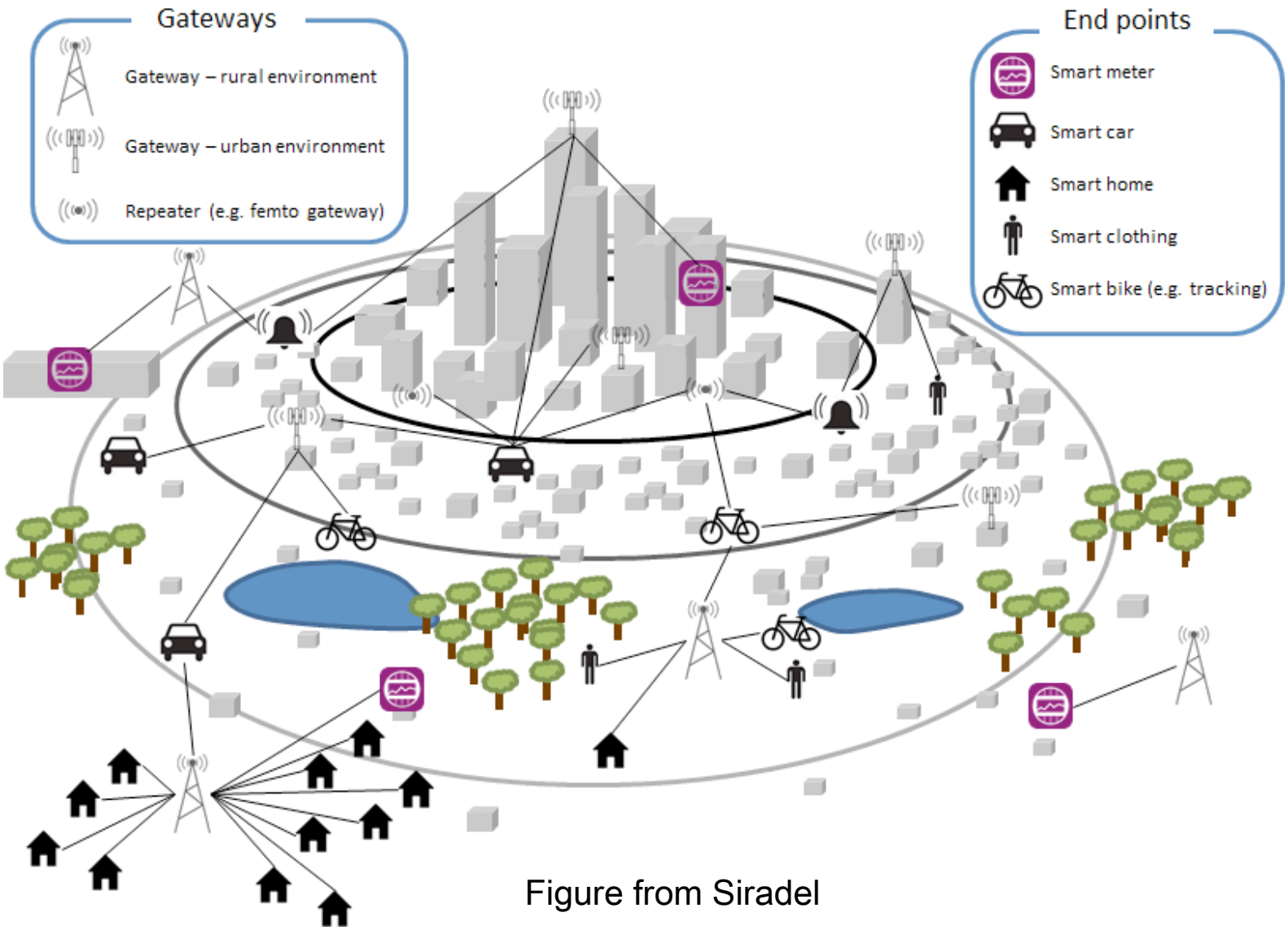

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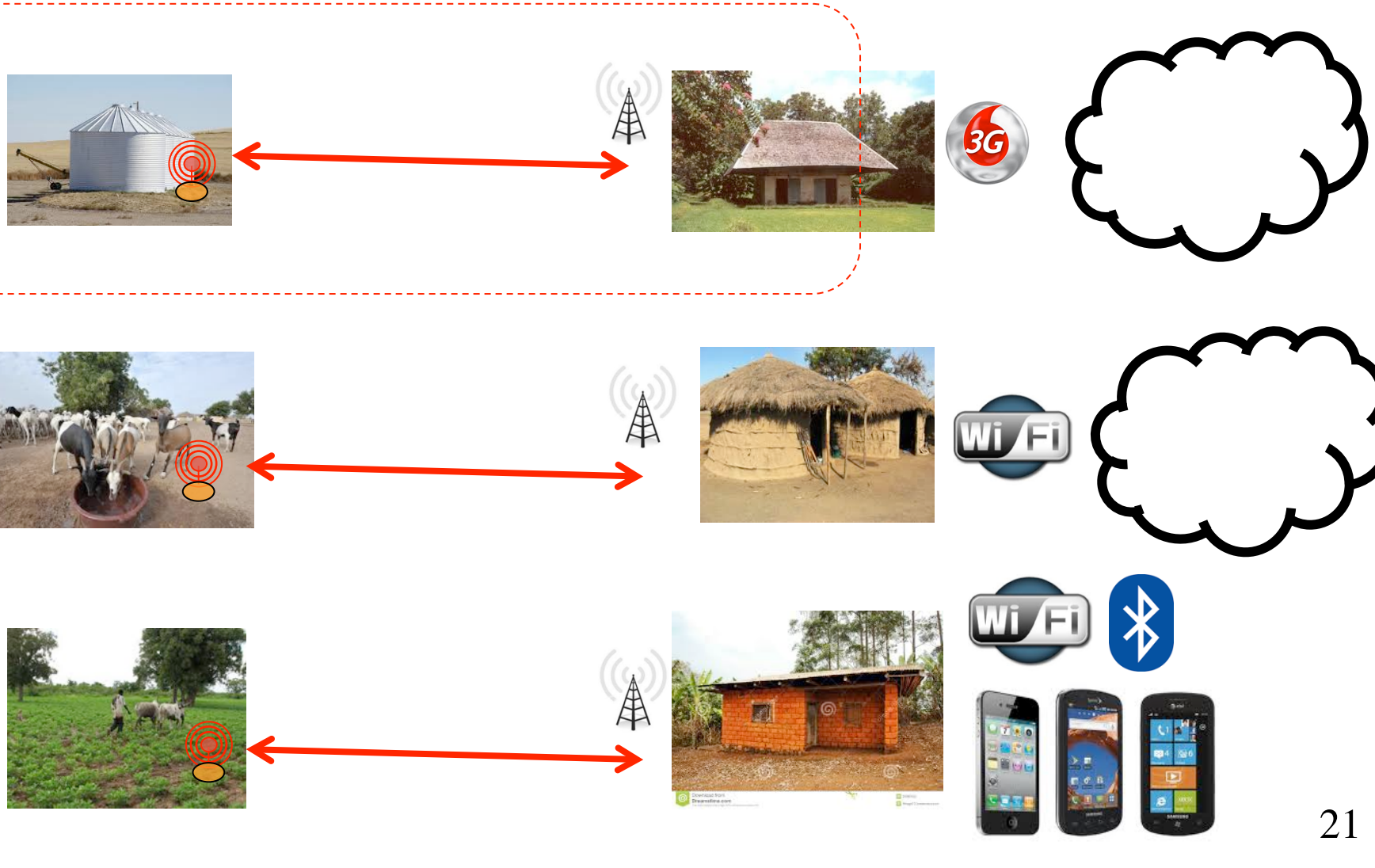
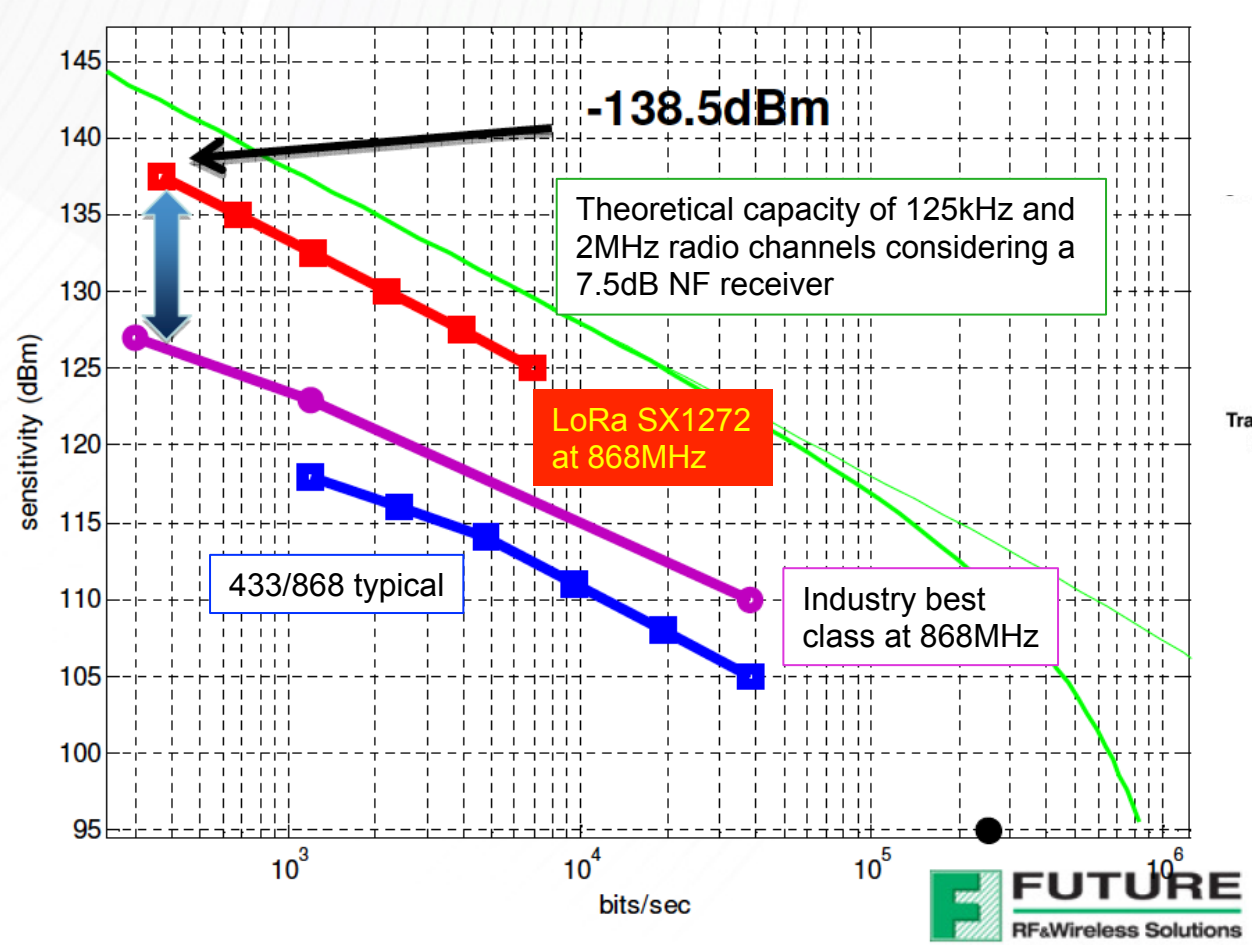
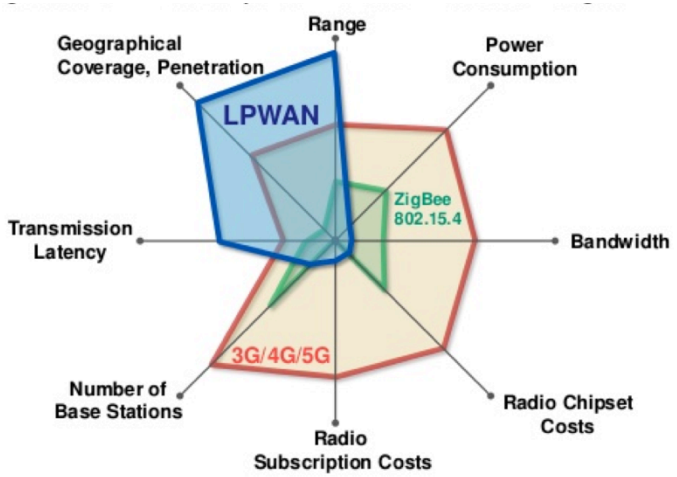


THE LOW POWER WAN (LPWAN) REVOLUTION





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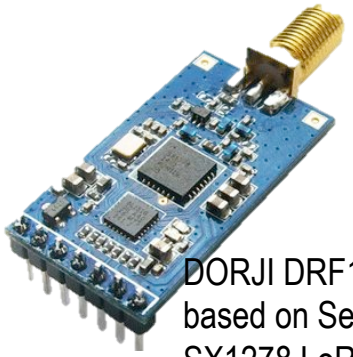
The lower the receiver sensitivity, the longer is the range!

LoRa modules from Semtech's SX127x chips



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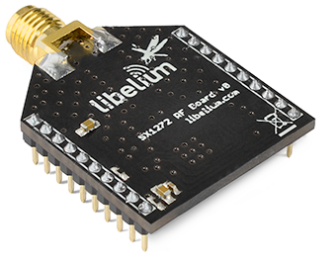
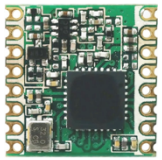


Libelium LoRa is based on Semtech SX1272 LoRa 863-870 MHz for Europe

inAir9 based on SX1276

Froggy Factory LoRa module (Arduino)



HopeRF RFM series

HopeRF HM-TRLR-D

LinkLabs Symphony module

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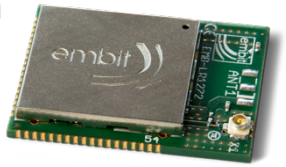

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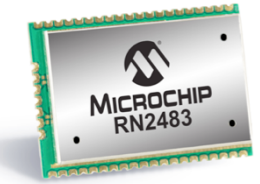

LoRa™ Long-Range Sub-GHz Module (Part # RN2483)

Microship RN2483

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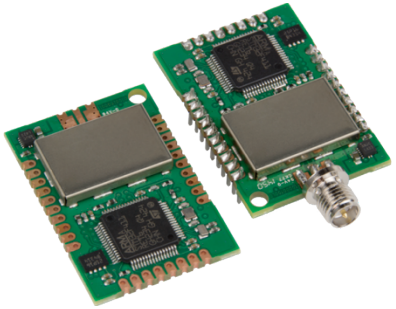

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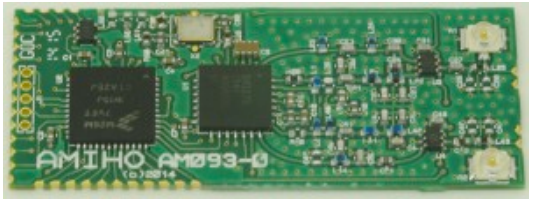
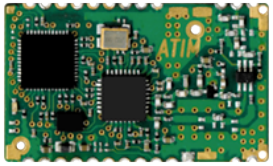
AMIHO AM093





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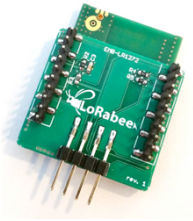

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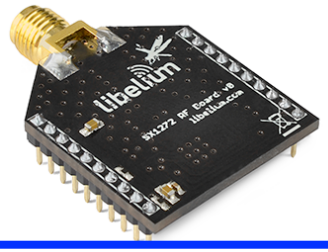

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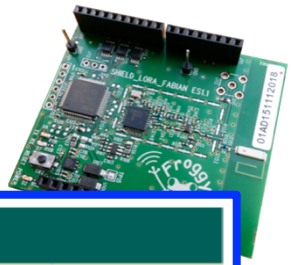

LoRa® Transceivers

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
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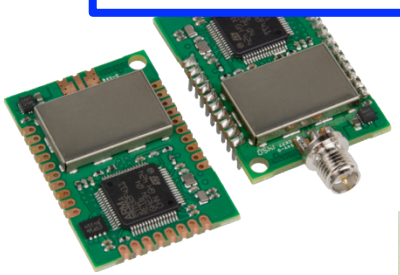

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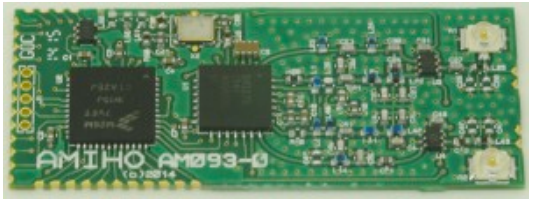

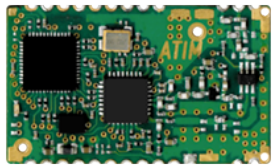

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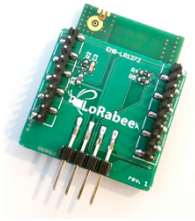

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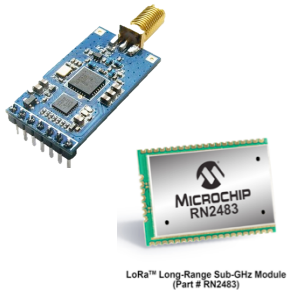
Building private long-range networks

Add LoRa radio module to your preferred dev platform

Install a LoRa gateway and start collecting data



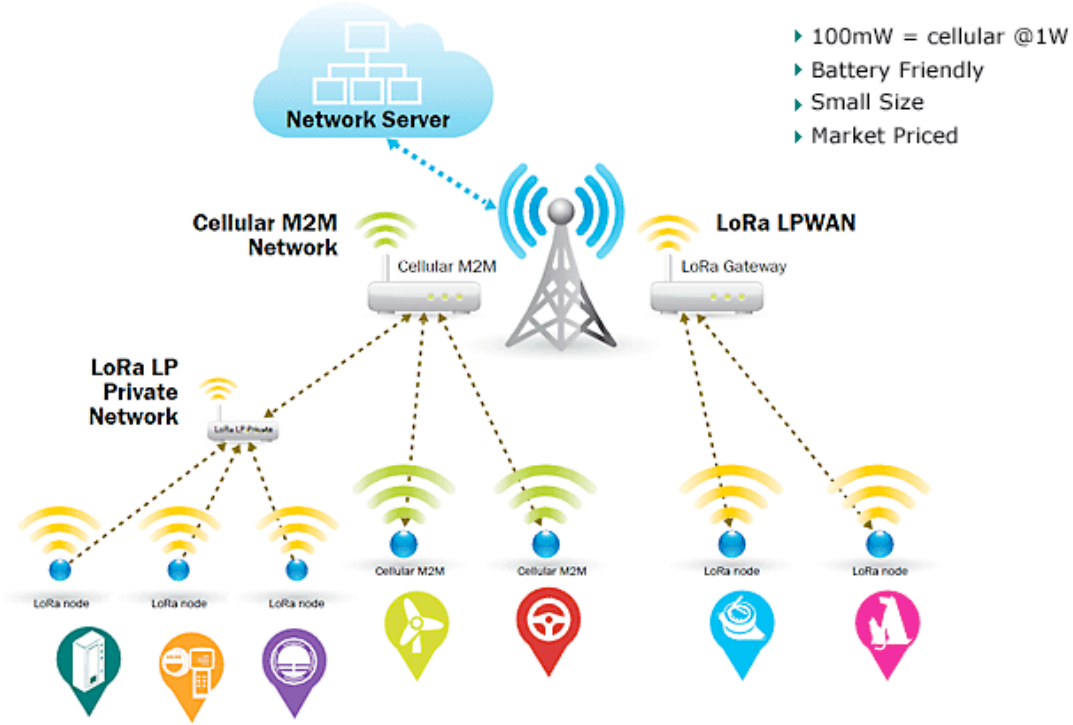


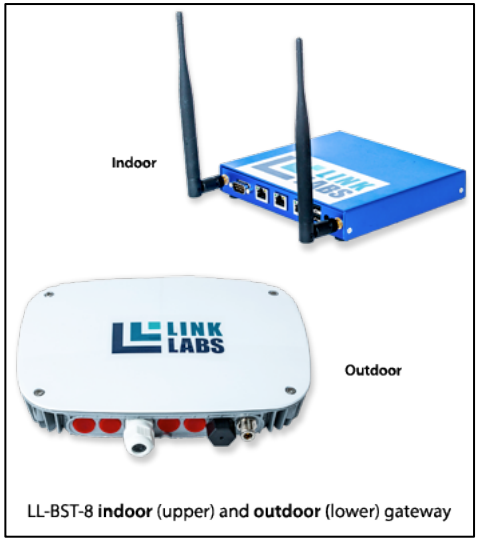
Figure from Semtech

LoRa Gateways
(non exhaustive list)

Multi-Tech Conduit

Embedded Planet
EP-M2M-LORA

Ideetron Lorank 8



LinkLabs Symphony

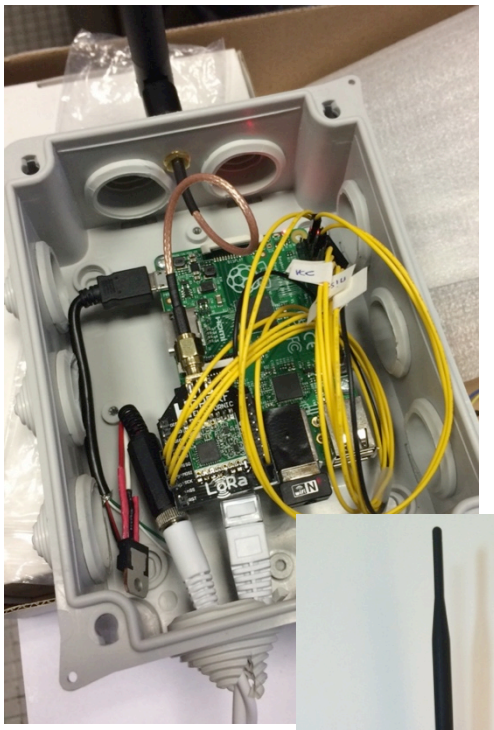
Kerlink IoT Station

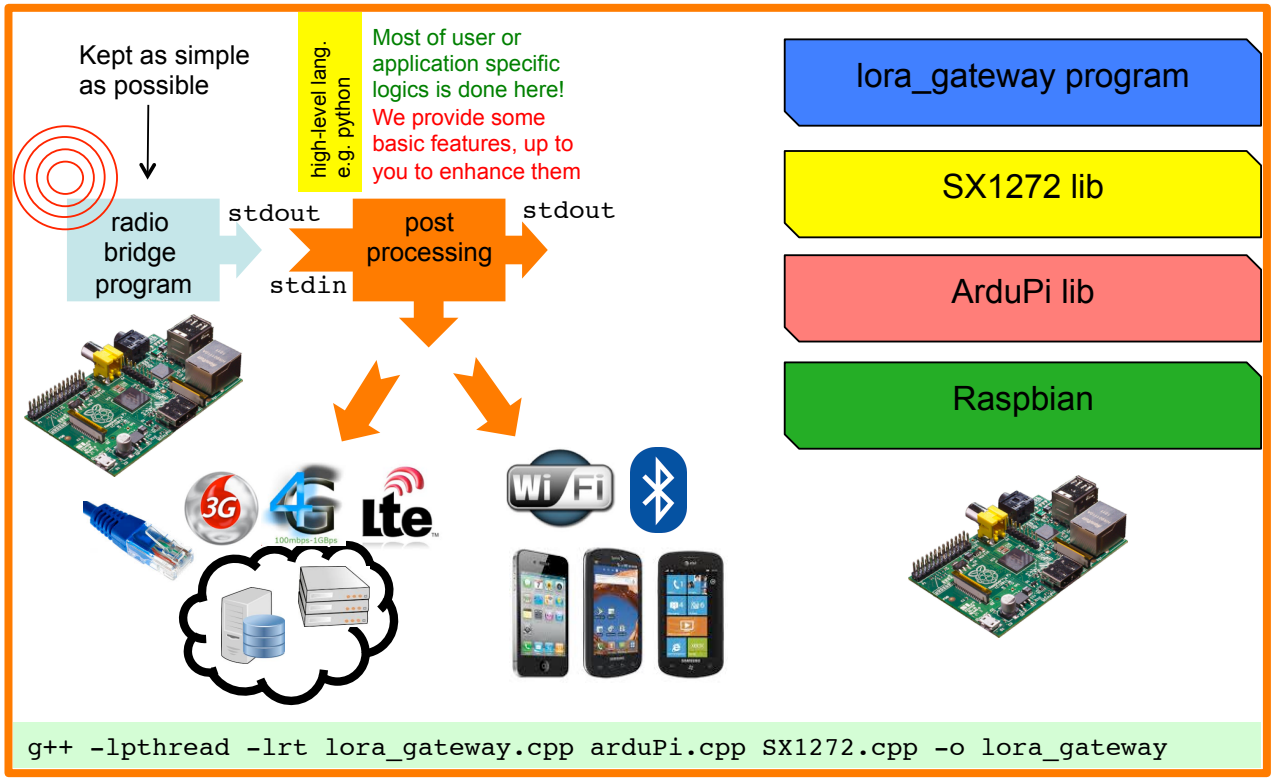
PicoWAN from
Archos

TheThingNetwork

Or build your own one:
Arduino, Rasperry PI, …

Our low-cost LoRa gateway: less than 50€





Step 4: control, optimize & instrument !

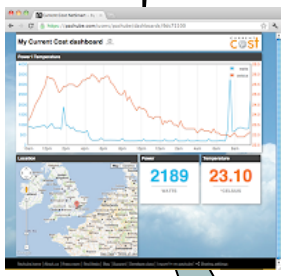
DATA ANALYSIS, OPTIMIZATION & CONTROL

PERVASIVE SYSTEMS

SENSING

PEOPLES, INFRASTRUCTURES, BUILDINGS, VEHICULES

LINK WITH BIG DATA!



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IoT cloud?


Dropbox


Firebase


FIWARE


Axēda®


ioBridge®
Connect things.


ThingSpeak


GroveStreams


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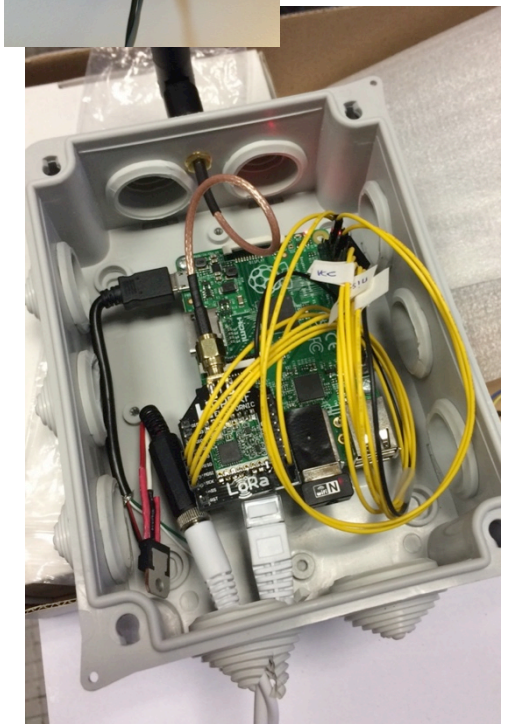
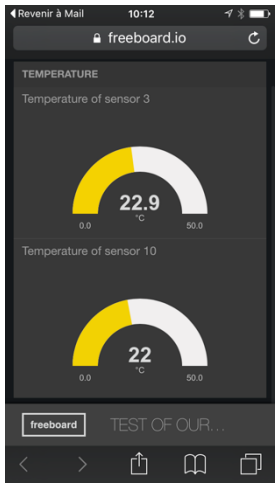
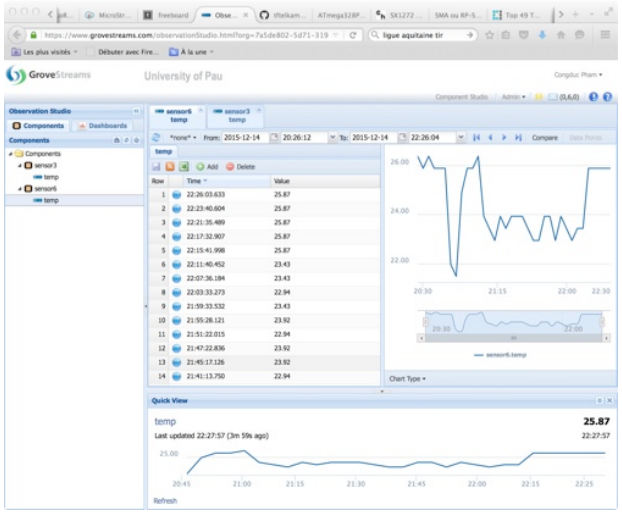
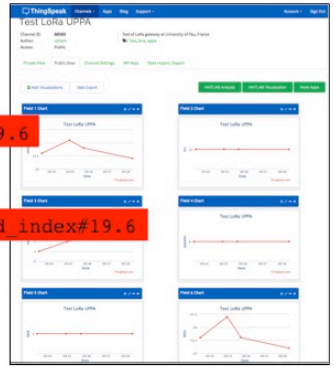
Our low-cost LoRa gateway can push data to any cloud







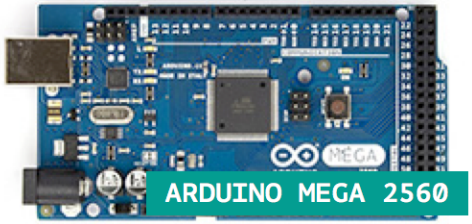


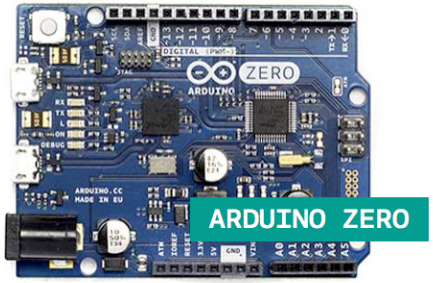
EU H2020 WAZIUP

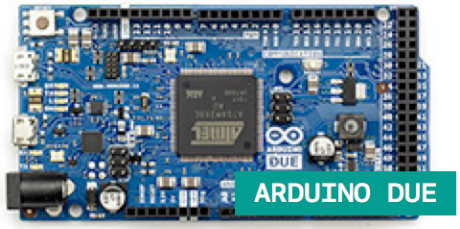
WAZIUP
Open up for innovation

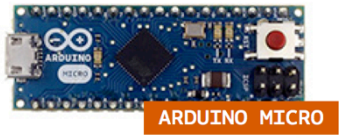
- The WAZIUP project is a collaborative research project using cutting edge technology applying IoT and Big Data to improve the working conditions in the rural ecosystem of Sub-Saharan Africa
- WAZIUP has support from multiple African stakeholders with the aim of defining new innovation space to advance the African Rural Economy
- WAZIUP will deliver a communication and big data application platform and generate locally the know how by training by use case and examples

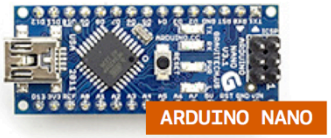
SW/HW BUILDING BLOCKS











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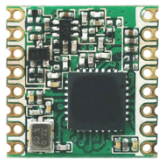


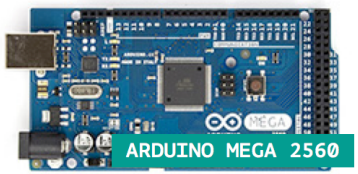
HopeRF RFM95W

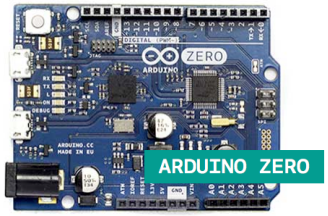
Libelium LoRa

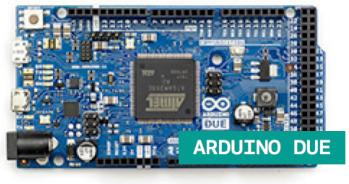
Modtronix inAir9/9B

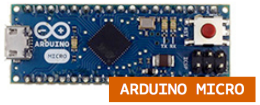
Long-Range communication library
(mostly sending functions)

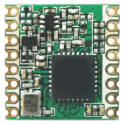
COMMUNICATION TO GATEWAY IS STRAIGHTFORWARD FOR DEVELOPERS











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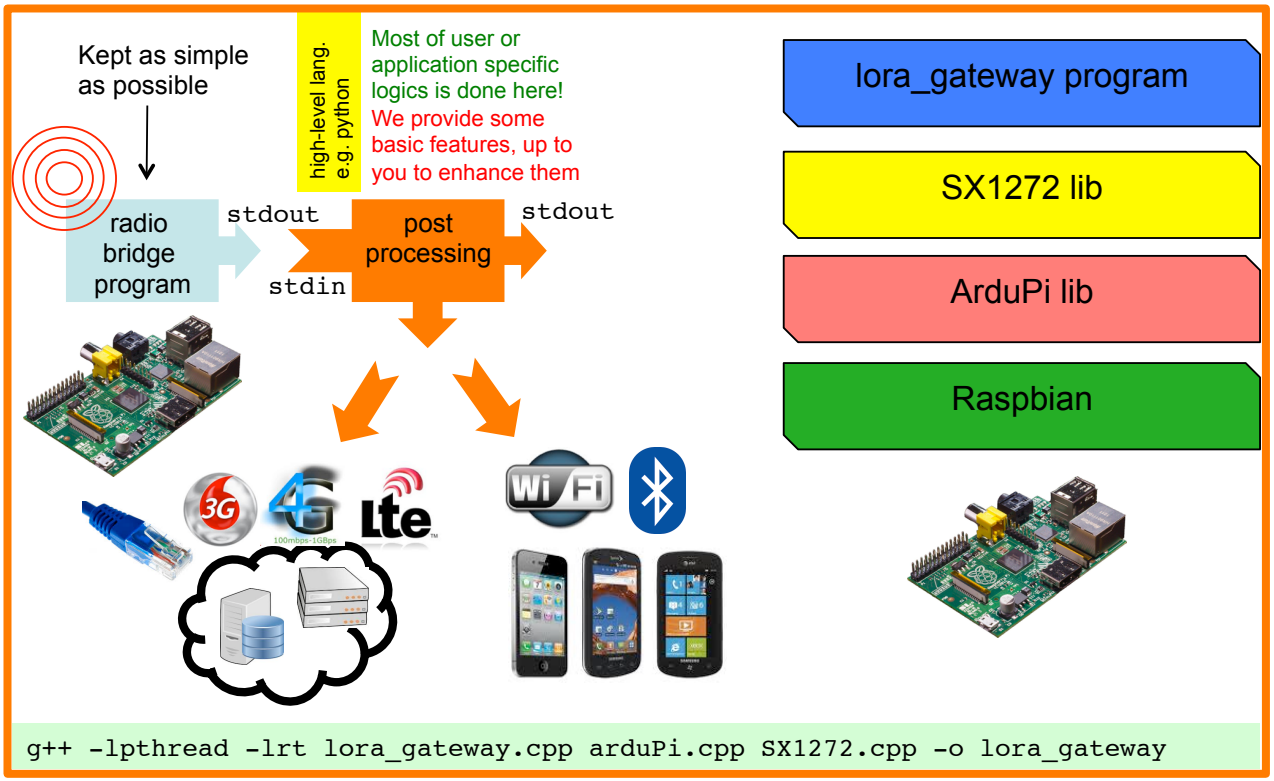
LoRa™

```
sendPacketTimeout(1, "18.5", 4);
// 1: sends to gateway
// 18.5 : temperature message
// 4 : message size
```

1 send function!

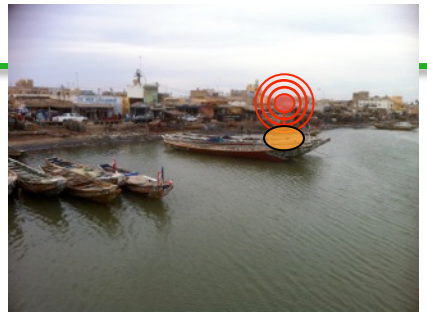
From GW to Cloud platforms

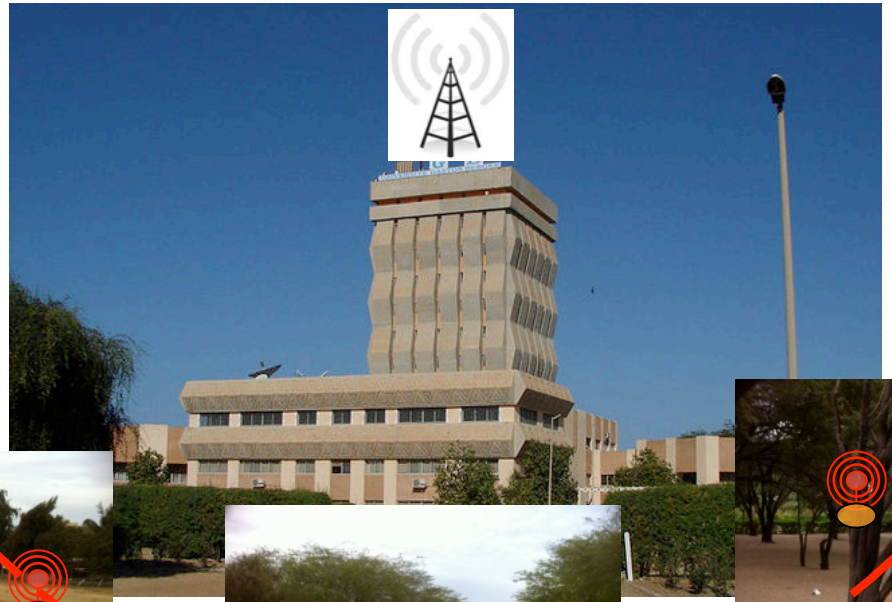
Once data is received at gateway, traditional Internet tools can be used to push data to cloud



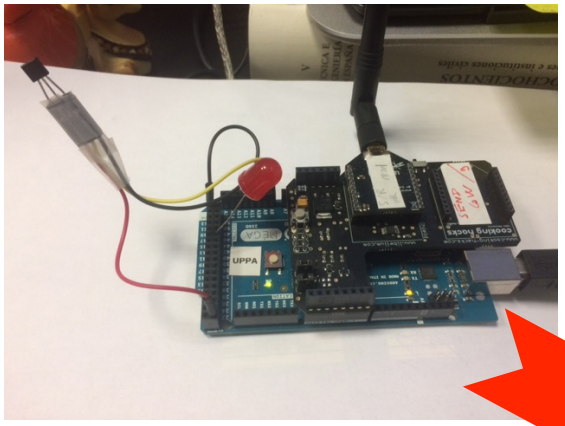
- High-level scripting language provides connectivity to any cloud platforms depending on end-user needs

LONG-RANGE TEST-BED & BENCHMARK





FULL EXAMPLE IS PROVIDED



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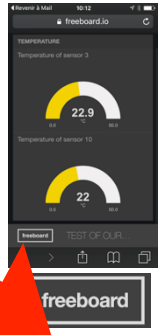
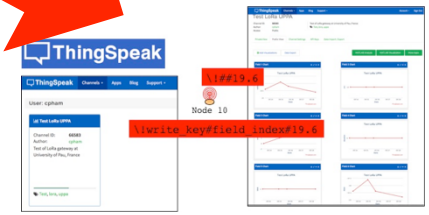
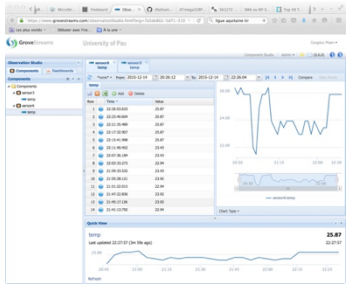
Python scripts available







GroveStreams

SensorCloud™

https://github.com/CongducPham/LowCostLoRaGw

WHAT A USE CASE SURVEY SHOULD PROVIDE?

- For each use case, it is important to know
  - What physical measures are needed (e.g. temperature and humidity)?
  - What is the frequency of these measures: min, max, avg (e.g. 1 every 10mins)?
  - How many point of measure (e.g. 15)?
  - What is the typical environment where measures should be captured (e.g. near the ground, in the water,…)?
  - Typical deployment size (e.g. 5km circular area)?
  - Is power available somewhere on site (e.g. yes, at farmer's premise)?
  - Is Internet access available (e.g. yes, at farmer's premise)?
  - How end-users want to get/visualize their data (e.g. on cloud and on a smartphone)?

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

- Arduino tutorials
  - Check the web: « arduino tutorial » in Google. There are plenty of nice tutorials!
  - Example: http://blog.hobbycomponents.com/?p=89
- LoRa technology survey
  - http://cpham.perso.univ-pau.fr/Paper/Talk-Rescom-16-LPWAN-review.pdf
    - Also available on WAZIUP Redmine
    - Documents/Project Meetings/KOM/Workshop and other presentation
- Our low-cost LoRa gateway
  - http://cpham.perso.univ-pau.fr/LORA/RPIgateway.html
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- Building your LoRa end-devices
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- Source code
  - https://github.com/CongducPham/LowCostLoRaGw