Emerging Technologies for the Circular Economy

Lecture 5a: Internet of Things Communications

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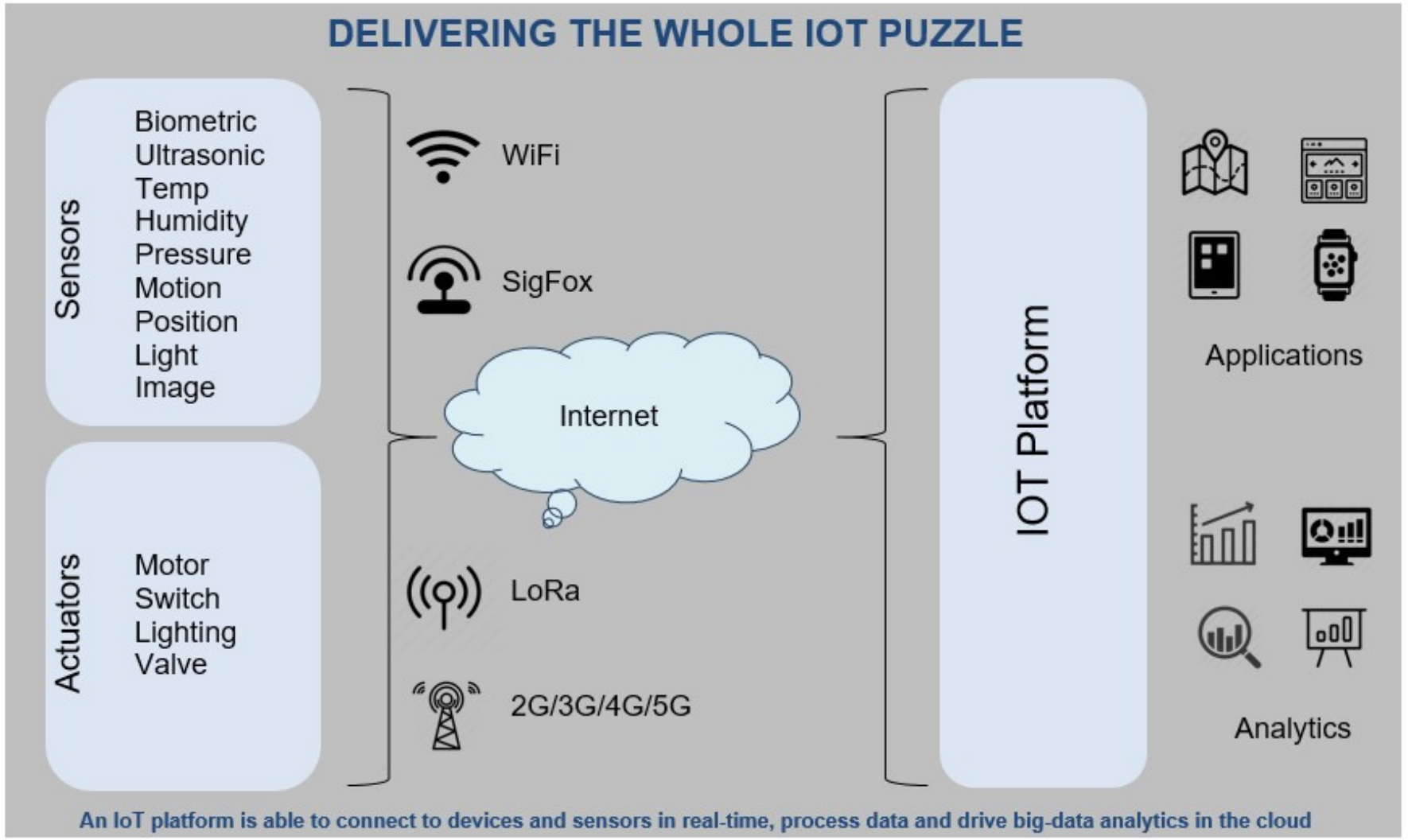
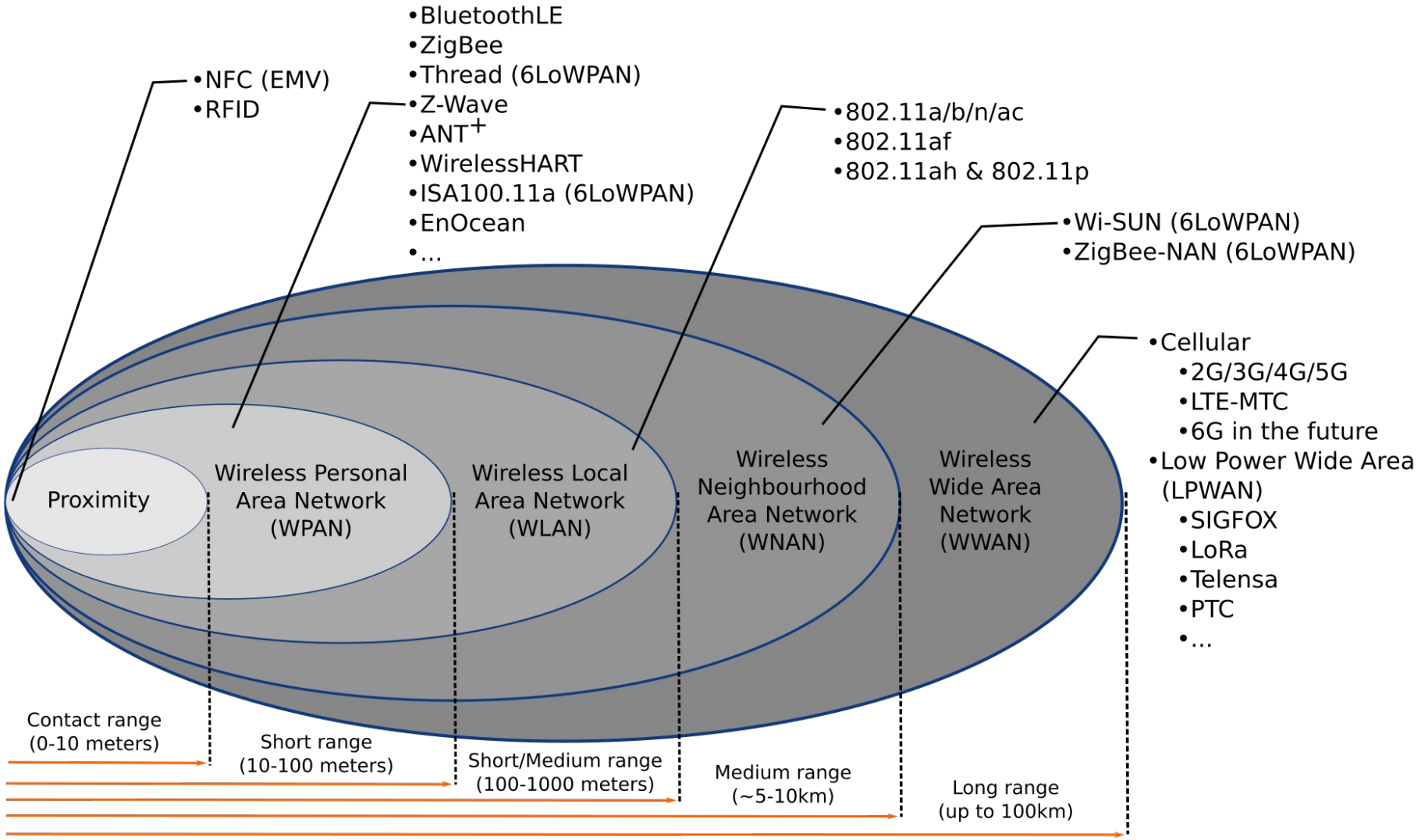
IOT COMMUNICATIONS

Overview


DELIVERING THE WHOLE IOT PUZZLE
Sensors
Biometric
Ultrasonic
Temp
Humidity
Pressure
Motion
Position
Light
Image
Actuators
Motor
Switch
Lighting
Valve
WiFi
SigFox
Internet
LoRa
2G/3G/4G/5G
IOT Platform
Applications
Analytics
An IoT platform is able to connect to devices and sensors in real-time, process data and drive big-data analytics in the cloud

Different ranges, different standards



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WPAN

Wireless Personal Area Network

IP based

- 6LoWPAN (IPv6 over Low-Power Wireless Personal Area Networks)
- IEEE 802.11p (V2V)
- RuBee (IEEE standard 1902.1)

- Not IP based

- Bluetooth
- ZigBee (IEEE 802.15.4-based)
- IrDA (Infrared Data Association)
- Z-Wave

And more.

Bluetooth

Pros
- Low power requirements
- Resilient against interference

Cons
- Low bandwidth
- Limited range
- Limited number of participants in network

Applications
- Beacons
- Fitness trackers, smart watches
- Medical applications
- Smart homes
- Smart cars
- Earbuds, headsets etc.

Classes for different applications with different ranges/power usages.

Zigbee

Pros
- Low power requirements
- Scales to large network sizes (~6500 nodes)

Cons
- Low range
- Low bandwidth
- Security issues (fixed, known fallback keys in at least one profile)

Applications
- Wireless sensor networks (WSN)
- Industrial automation
- Smart homes

6LoWPAN

Pros
- IPv6 based
- Built-in security
- Scalability
- Interoperability

Cons
- Higher minimum requirements due to IPv6 minimum complexity
- Not as popular as ZigBee

Applications
- Wireless sensor networks (WSN)
- Internet of Things
- Industrial Internet of Things

IEEE 802.11p

Vehicular network optimized

- Vehicle to vehicle (V2V)
- Vehicle to infrastructure (V2I) such as road side units (RSU)
- Built in time synchronization

Applications

- Vehicular networks

WAN

Wide Area Network

- Service/subscription model based
- Service provider runs infrastructure such as base stations and radio towers

- Examples:
- Cellular networks (UMTS/LTE/5G)
- LoRa (**Lo**ng **Ra**nge, physical layer), LoRaWAN (MAC layer)
- Sigfox

Cellular network architecture

- Grid of cell towers
- Overlapping cells
- Requires handover for mobile stations between cells

- Network planning
- Space division multiple access
- Minimize interference
- Avoid allocating overlapping spectrum on nearby cells

5G

- New radio communication techniques and spectrum
- Support for device to device communications (D2D)
- Improved performance
  - Theoretical latency in single digit ms
  - Bandwidth in gbps range
  - Ability to provide connectivity in fast moving vehicles
  - Enables more dense connectivity and scalability (more devices)

LoRa/LoRaWAN

- Uses unlicensed spectrum
- Low number of base stations (Gateways) covers wide area
  - 7 are enough to cover Belgium
- Only produced by a single company (Simtech)
- High latency, no realtime applications
- Subscription based
- Misses some common features from LTE networks
  - Only physical and MAC layers are covered => Higher OSI layers have to be implemented on top

Sigfox

- Uses unlicensed spectrum
- Uplink
  - 100bps
  - 12B payloads
  - Maximum of 6 messages per device and hour (140 per day)
- Downlink
  - 600bps
  - 8B payloads
  - Maximum of 4 messages per day
- Open hardware
- Network subscription based

ROUTER AND GATEWAYS

Router and Gateways

Router

- Bridges two networks
- Can translate between protocols
- Routes data
- Port forwarding and network address translation (mainly end user or carrier grade)
- VNETs

Gateways (not in the routing sense)

- Bridges wireless network and internet
- Can translate between protocols
- Edge/Fog computing capabilities (see next lecture)
- Routers can be gateways

Gateway example

- Wireless sensor nodes running Contiki RPL with Ipv6
- Node attached to gateway over USB acts as gateway
- IPv6 connectivity between networks provided through SLIP (Serial Line Internet Protocol)

Questions?