

Internet of Things

Introduction

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Scope of this Course

Lectures

- Intro / System design / Architecture
- Embedded systems & programming
- Sensing
- Networking I & II
General → LPWANs
- Data stacks & analysis
- ML basics
Edge computing, TinyML
- Energy
- Industry Guest Talks
- Security
- Societal/Ethics Issues
- Space & Satellite IoT

Exercises

- Hardware
- Embedded programming
- Networks
- Sensors
- Data backends
- Data Analytics / ML

Scope of this Course

Intended Learning Outcomes

- Describe the architecture of IoT systems
- Design, implement and evaluate networked embedded systems
- Evaluate and compare a range of IoT networking technologies
- Analyse the energy consumption of networked embedded systems
- Analyse security issues associated with IoT systems
- Design, implement and evaluate an IoT system
- Reason about the societal impact of IoT systems

Recent aspects

- IoT & Sustainability ("recent")
- TinyML
- Space IoT

Warning & promise



IoT is physical computing and it is ... well, [physical](#).

**It is not always binary, it is not always clean,
It is sometimes muddy or under water,
It gets stolen, and runs out of battery.**

Warning & promise



**IoT is one of the most challenging areas of IT.
It is also one of the most interesting (i think).**

We offer a variety of approaches - from low level to high level, physical to digital.

Skills & Discussions



"quick ... bring in the temperature sensors ..."

**We aim at learning all the necessary skillsets,
while also offering
space for reflection on our data practices.**

A bit of personal background

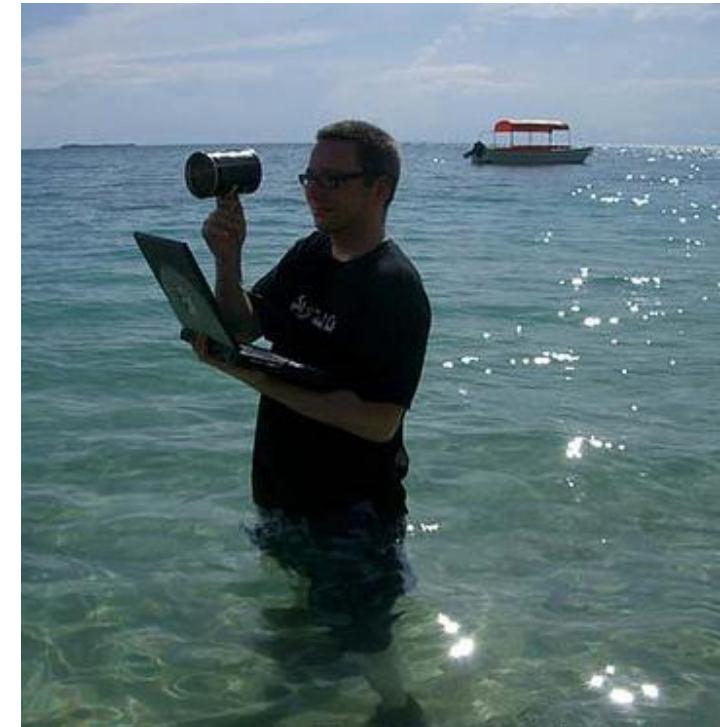
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PhD in Physics 1995

28 years professional in IT

20 years in global ICTs for development

ITU since 2010, Research Lab Manager



A bit of personal background

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ICTP

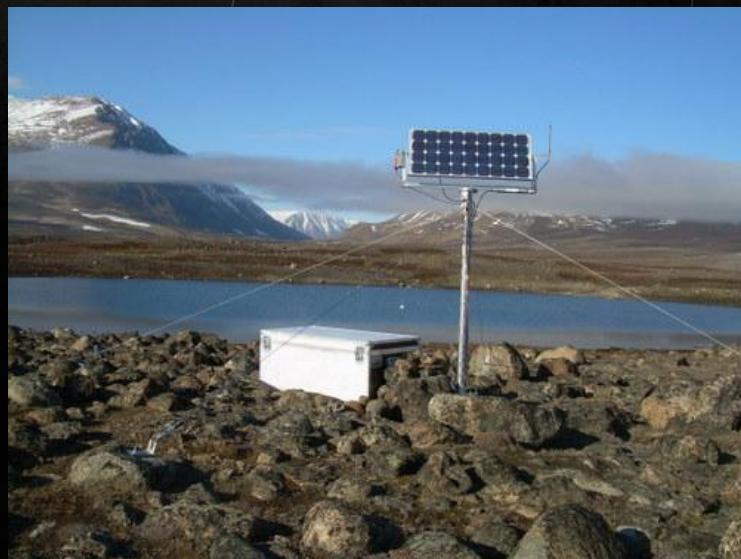
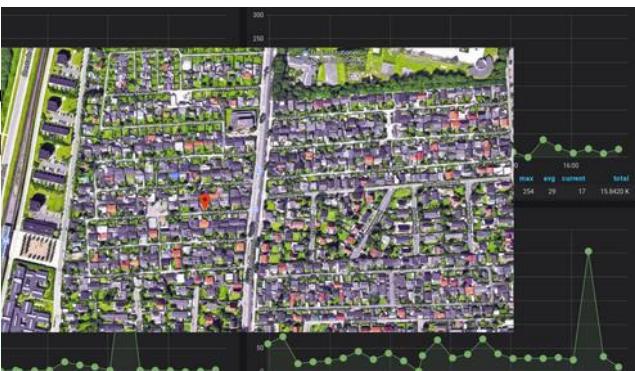
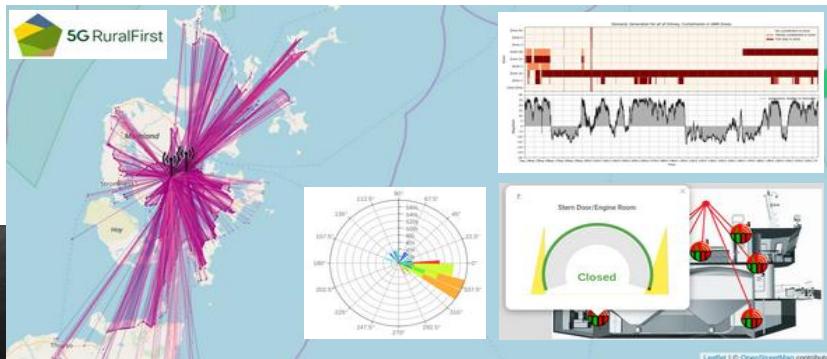
Network Startup Resource Center (NSRC)
University of Oregon

Internet Infrastructure Development and Technical Assistance



*From 1992 to March 2017, the NSRC has facilitated the distribution of more than 650 tons of network equipment and technical reference books to engineering and computer science departments, university libraries, teaching hospitals, research facilities, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and Internet training facilities in more than 120 countries around the world. Contributing sponsors and supporters are acknowledged at <https://nsrc.org/supporters>.

IoT projects



Orkney

SEA-HAZEMON@TEIN Workshop on Internet of Things and Air Pollution Monitoring

16 - 20 September 2019, intERLab, AIT, Thailand



IOT

Internet of Things

Terminology / History

Terminology changes with time ...

**cultures change,
trends/hypes come and go ...**

IoT has a history and a pre-history

Ubiquitous computing, Pervasive Computing (1980s .. 90s ...)

- Focus on Interaction, applications, HCI

Wireless Sensor Networks, Cyber-Physical Systems (1990s ... 2000s ...)

- Focus on System issues (**hardware, OS, network, network embedded programming, network protocols, energy**)

IoT - Internet of Things (2010s and on)

- Focus on **back-end (cloud-based) data platforms, privacy, security, business models, societal issues.**

Pre-History



"When wireless* is perfectly applied the whole earth will be converted into a huge brain, which in fact it is, all things being particles of a real and rhythmic whole.....and the instruments through which we shall be able to do this will be amazingly simple compared with our present telephone. A man will be able to carry one in his vest pocket."

1926 - Nikola Tesla

History / Coke vending machine

1982

Coke vending machine
at Carnegie Mellon University
becoming the
first Internet-connected appliance

https://www.cs.cmu.edu/~coke/history_long.txt



The "Only" Coke Machine on the Internet

Hi, I'm the CMU CS Department Coke Machine. A lot of folks have written a quite a bit about me in the last couple of years, and most of them can tell you more about the history of me and my family than I can. Before I worked here, my Mom, and I think her Pop (heh heh :-) used to sell sodas to the folks in the Computer Science Department. In fact, my family has been here longer than most of the students, and even a lot of the faculty. We moved to the third floor of the computer science building (Wean Hall) in the 70's. I still sell Coke in bottles, but they're big 20 oz plastic things these days. They go for 50 cents each, which I guess isn't too bad considering inflation. And at least they don't break inside me any more like the glass ones used to. What a mess...

Tom Lane had the following to say about us:

> Since time immemorial (well, maybe 1970) the Carnegie-Mellon CS
> department has maintained a departmental Coke machine which sells
> bottles of Coke for a dime or so less than other vending machines
> around campus. As no Real Programmer can function without caffeine,
> the machine is very popular. (I recall hearing that it had the highest
> sales volume of any Coke machine in the Pittsburgh area.) The machine
> is loaded on a rather erratic schedule by grad student volunteers.
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> In the mid-seventies expansion of the department caused people's
> offices to be located ever further away from the main terminal room
> where the Coke machine stood. It got rather annoying to traipse down
> to the third floor only to find the machine empty - or worse, to shell
> out hard-earned cash to receive a recently loaded, still-warm Coke.
> One day a couple of people got together to devise a solution.
>
> They installed micro-switches in the Coke machine to sense how many
> bottles were present in each of its six columns of bottles. The
> switches were hooked up to CMUA, the PDP-10 that was then the main
> departmental computer. A server program was written to keep tabs on
> the Coke machine's state, including how long each bottle had been in
> the machine. When you ran the companion status inquiry program, you'd
> get a display that might look like this:
>
> EMPTY EMPTY 1h 3m
> COLD COLD 1h 4m
>

History / Mark Weiser's Vision

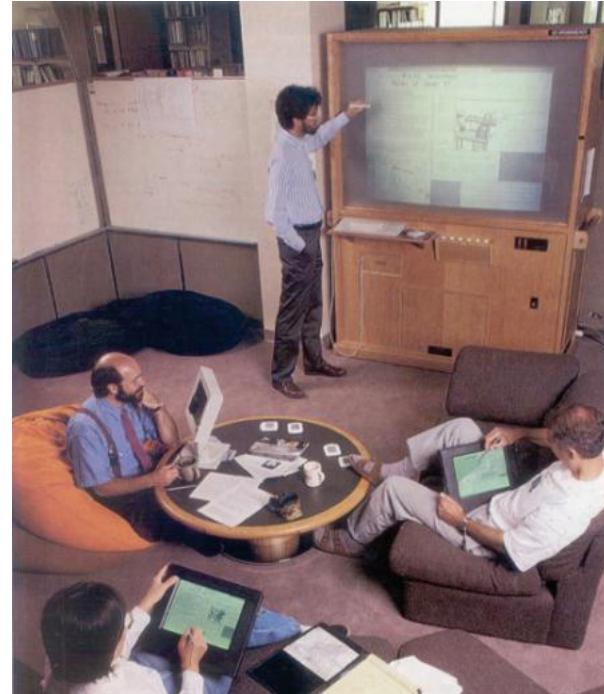
1991

Mark Weiser's paper on
ubiquitous computing,
"The Computer of the 21st
Century"

→ PerCom, UbiComp
Xerox PARC

**"The most profound
technologies are those that
disappear. They weave
themselves into the fabric of
everyday life until they are
indistinguishable from it."**

3 seminal papers:
The computing of the 21st Century;
Some Computer Science Issues in Ubiquitous Computing;
The Coming Age of Calm Technology.



*Specialized elements of hardware and software,
connected by wires, radio waves and infrared, will be
so ubiquitous that no one will notice their presence*

by Mark Weiser

History / Smart Dust

The concepts for **Smart Dust** emerged from a workshop at RAND in **1992** and a series of DARPA ISAT studies in the mid-1990s due to the potential military applications of the technology.

The work was strongly influenced by work at UCLA and the University of Michigan during that period, as well as **science fiction** authors Stanislaw Lem (in novels *The Invincible*, in 1964 and *Peace on Earth* (novel), in 1985), Neal Stephenson and Vernor Vinge. The first public presentation of the concept by that name was at the American Vacuum Society meeting in Anaheim in 1996.

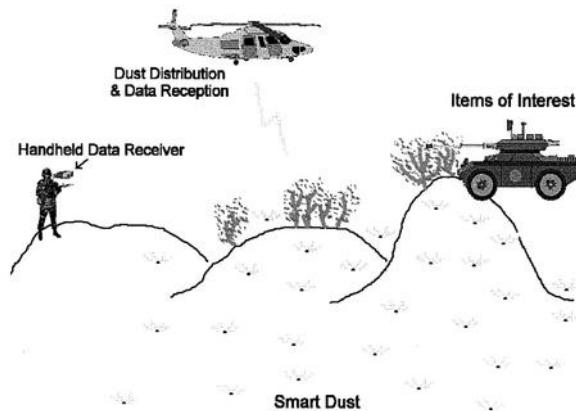


Figure 1: Primary deliverable: a battlefield sensor network. Thousands of sensor nodes covering square kilometers are delivered by autonomous helicopter. They track motion of vehicles for hours/days, and report information superimposed on live video when interrogated by hand-held receiver or helicopter borne receiver.

History / Smart Dust

A **Smart Dust research proposal** was presented to DARPA written by Kristofer S. J. Pister, Joe Kahn, and Bernhard Boser, all from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1997. The proposal, to build wireless sensor nodes with a volume of one cubic millimeter, was selected for **funding in 1998**. The project led to a working mote smaller than a grain of rice, and larger "COTS Dust" devices kicked off the TinyOS effort at Berkeley.

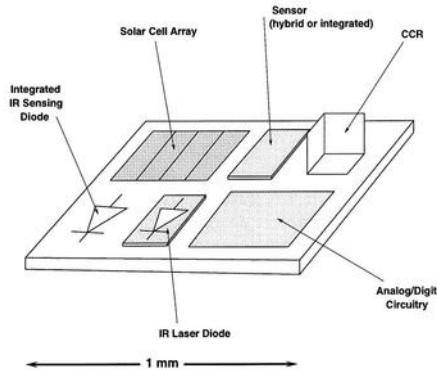


Figure 2: A solar powered dust mote is a completely autonomous sensing and bidirectional communication platform. Other versions will incorporate a cubic millimeter rechargeable thick film battery, and/or a zinc-air hearing aid battery.

<https://people.eecs.berkeley.edu/~pister/SmartDust/>

An interesting read - the forecast for 2010:

<https://people.eecs.berkeley.edu/~pister/SmartDust/in2010>

History / Smart Dust: Forecast 2010

Radios for \$ 0.10

3 color laser projection systems, size of grain of rice, and < \$1

Stealing cars, furniture, stereos, or other valuables will be unusual, because any of your valuables that leave your house will check in on their way out the door

Your house and office will be aware of your presence

A speck of dust on each of your fingernails will continuously transmit fingertip motion to your computer

You won't have to hunt for a parking space

[Warfare] will consist of firing up a web browser and proving your authorization.

No unanticipated illness.

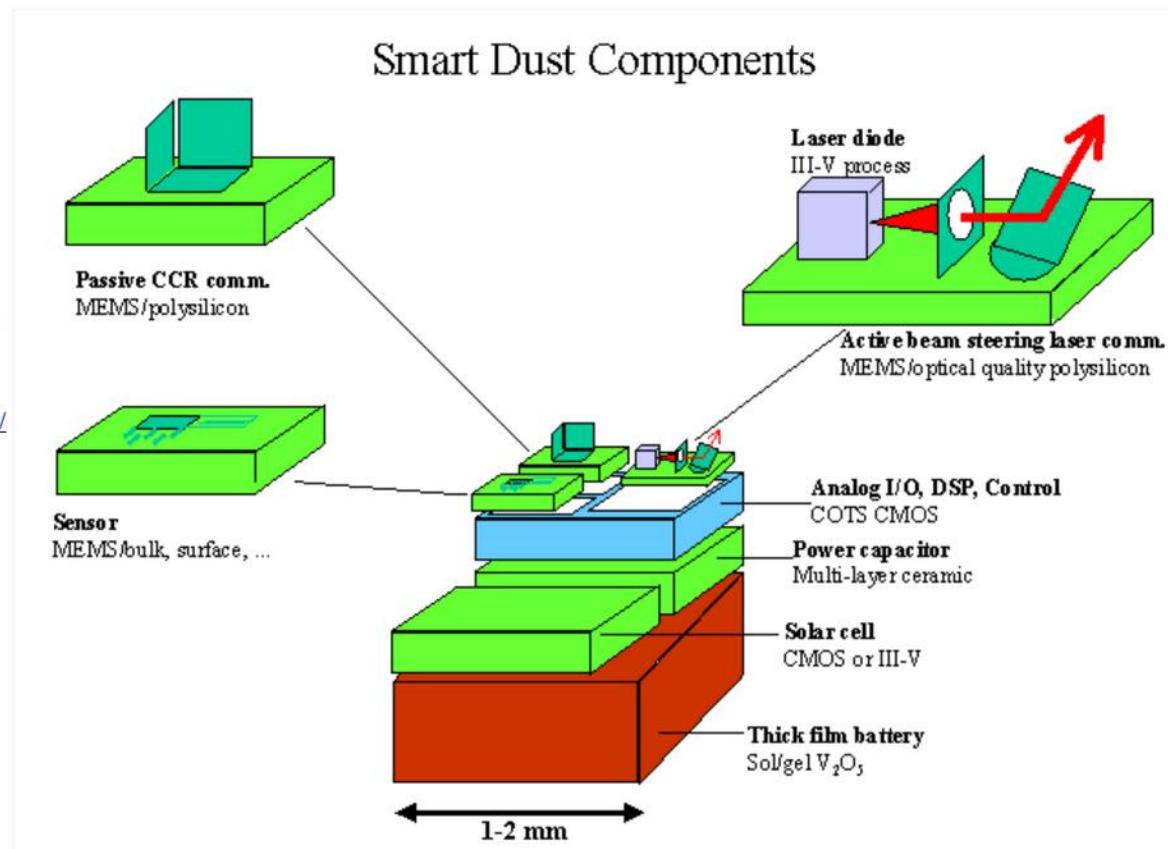
History / Smart Dust

History: SmartDust 1998 – 2001

“Goal: a cubic millimeter device with a sensor, power supply, analog circuitry, bidirectional optical communication, and a programmable microprocessor.”

Reached:
a (currently) non-functional mote with a volume of about 100 cubic millimeters.”

source: <http://robotics.eecs.berkeley.edu/~pister/SmartDust/>



History / 1990s - 2000s

1994, Reza Raji described the concept in IEEE Spectrum as "[moving] small packets of data to a large set of nodes, so as to integrate and automate everything from home appliances to entire factories".

1993 -1997, several companies proposed solutions like **Microsoft's at Work** or **Novell's NEST**.

Bill Joy (SUN) envisioned device-to-device communication as a part of his "Six Webs" framework, presented at the World Economic Forum at Davos in **1999**.

The term "**Internet of things**" was likely coined by **Kevin Ashton** of Procter & Gamble, later **MIT's Auto-ID Center**, in 1999 though he prefers the phrase "Internet for things". At that point **RFID** seen as essential to the Internet of things

Seen as "simply the point in time **when more 'things or objects' were connected to the Internet than people**", Cisco Systems estimated that the **IoT was "born" between 2008 and 2009**, with the things/people ratio growing from 0.08 in 2003 to 1.84 in 2010.

History / Term

The integration of people, processes and technology with connectable devices and sensors to enable remote monitoring, status, manipulation and evaluation of trends of such devices

Peter T. Lewis, 1985

(disputed)



Zanzibar 2005

The days of the Cantenna

Wi-Fi
as
low cost
Infrastructure



Wireless Sensor Networks

2012 School

Antoine
Bagula
(UCT SA)

I. Why Use WSNs ?

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Predictive Maintenance



Energy Saving
Smart Grid



High-Confidence
Transport and
Asset Tracking



Improve
Productivity



Enable New
Knowledge



Intelligent
Buildings



Enhanced Safety &
Security



Improve Food
and H₂O

Healthcare



✓ Interesting Applications



Smart Home

WSN applications – February 2012

Around 2010, a comeback for IoT

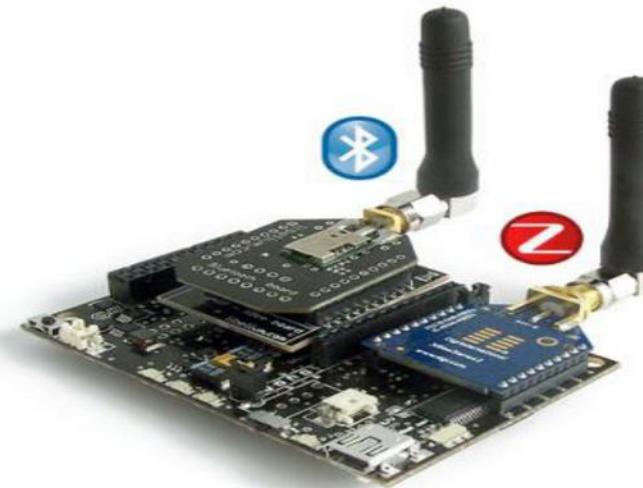
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WSN application examples

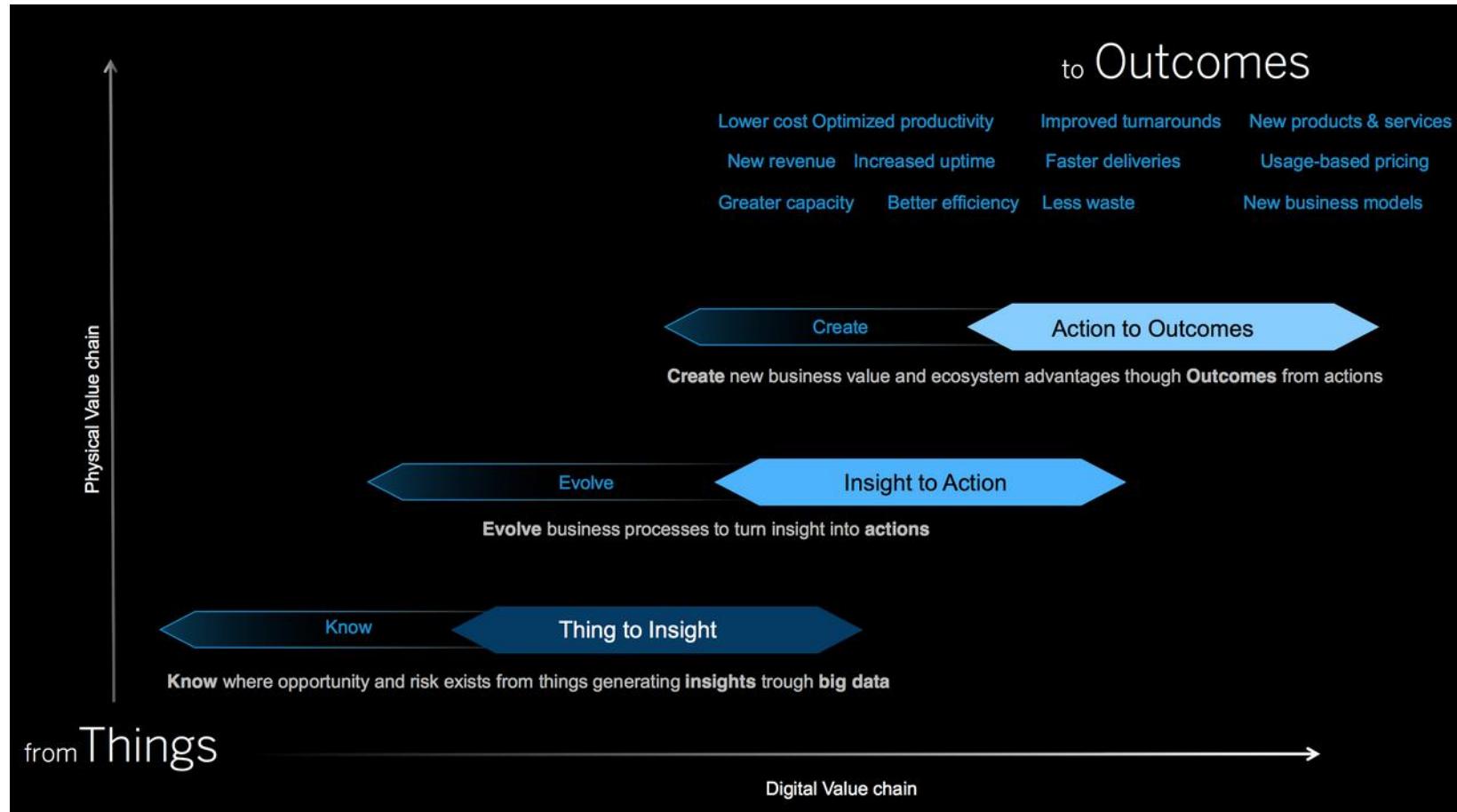
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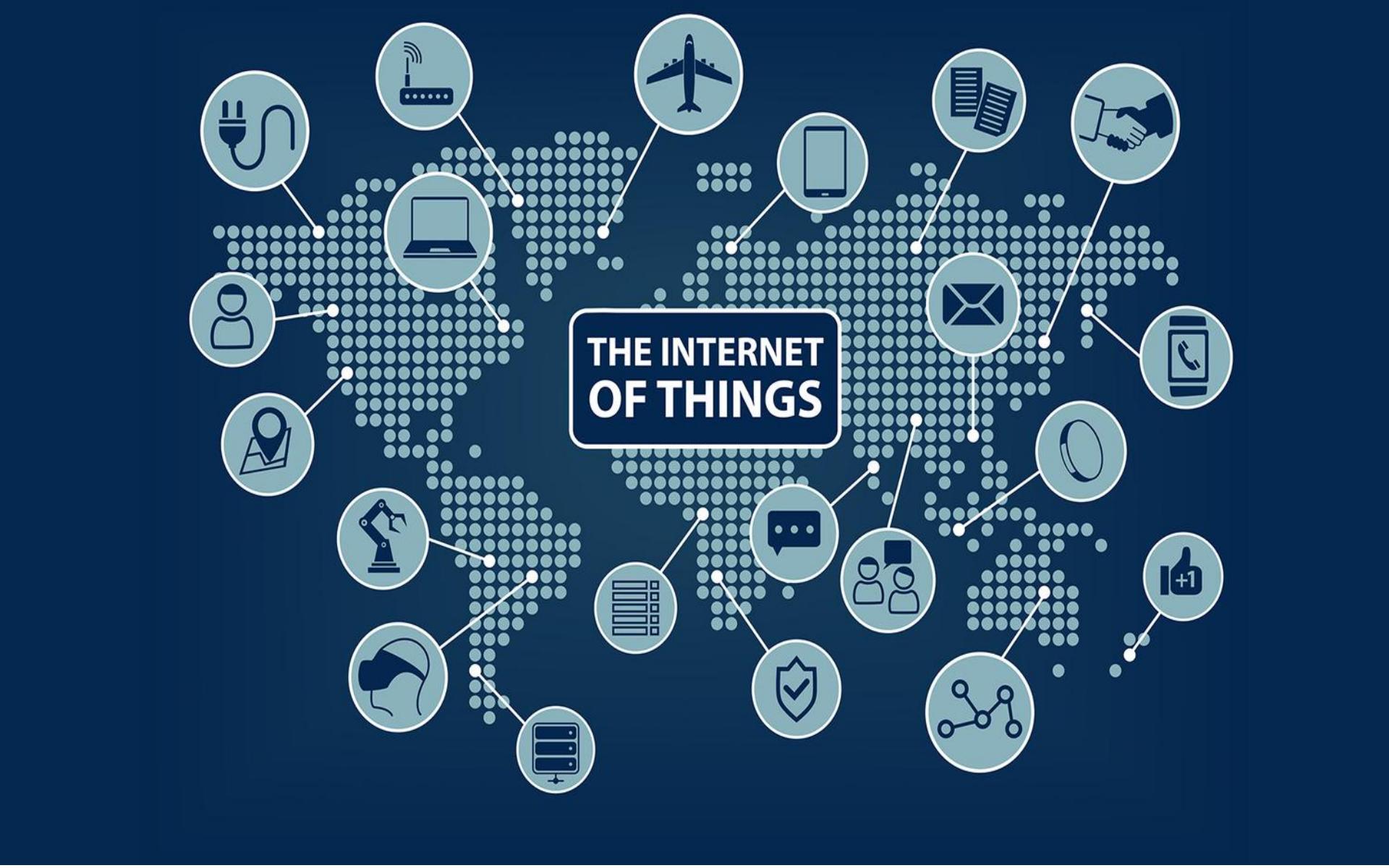


Two different types of radio are connected at the same time: a **Bluetooth** radio is used as a sensor to make inquiries and detect nearby devices, while the **ZigBee** radio sends the information collected using its multi-hop capabilities.

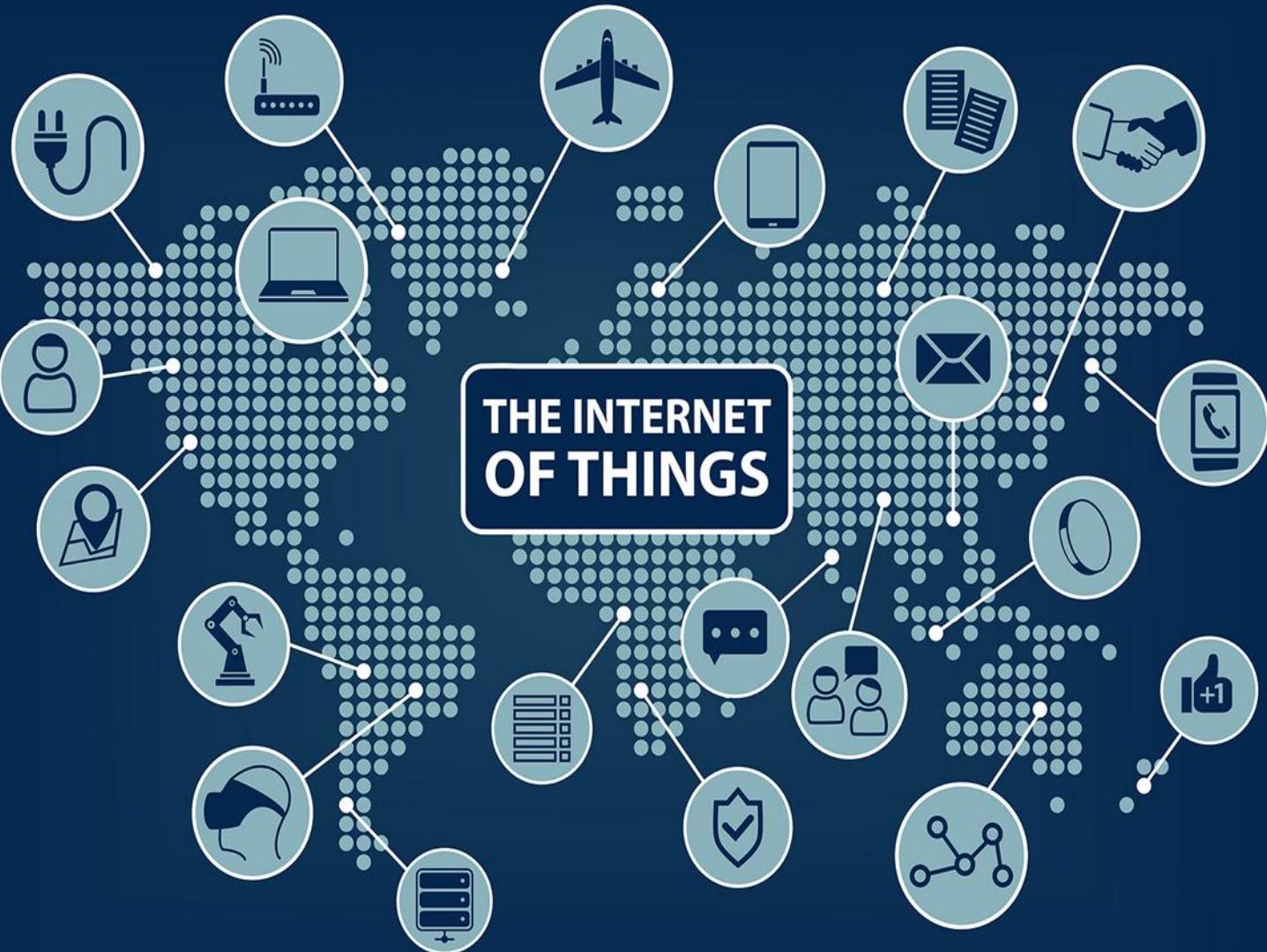
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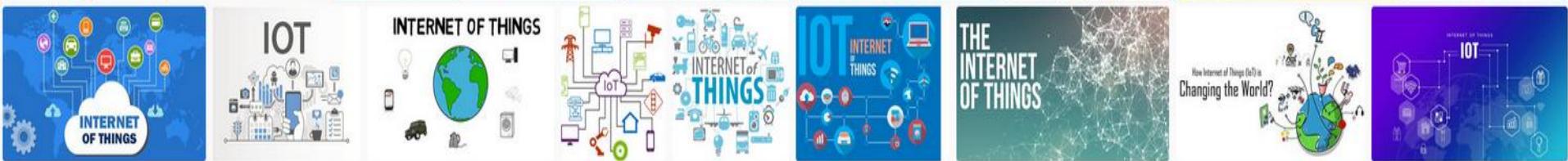
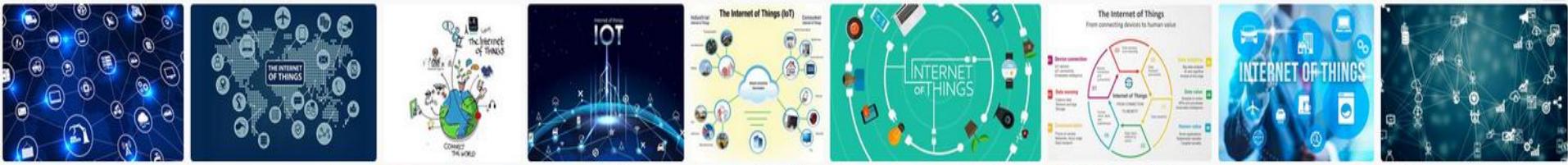
Different networks, similar approach



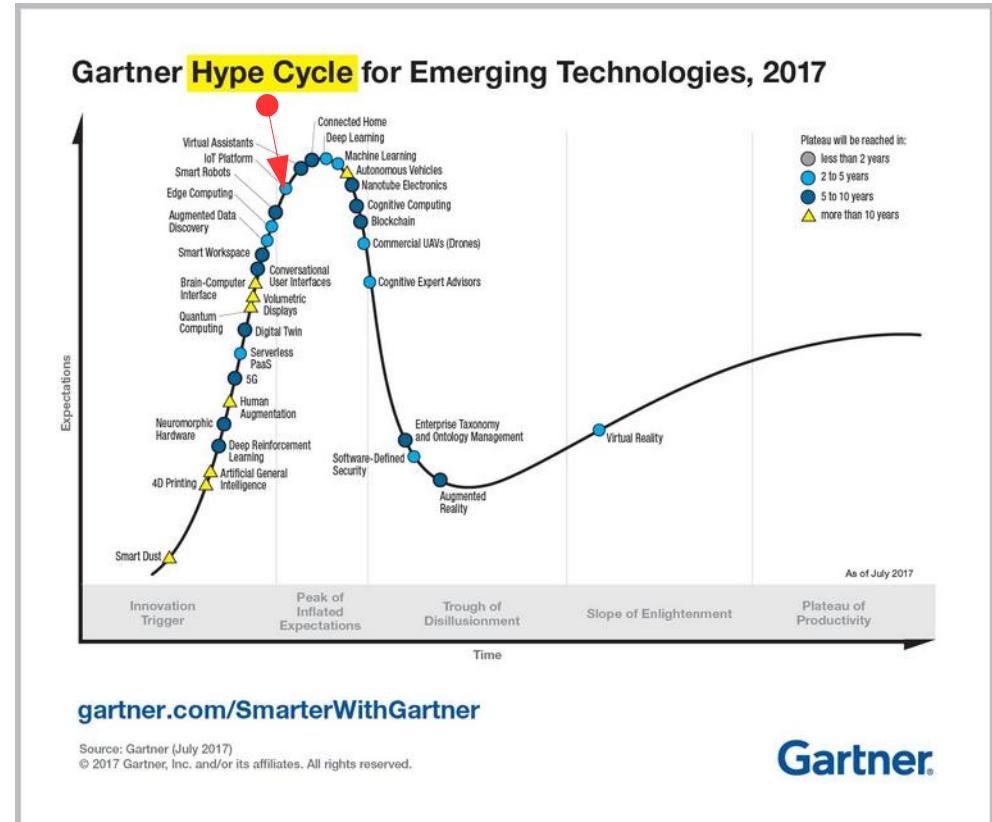


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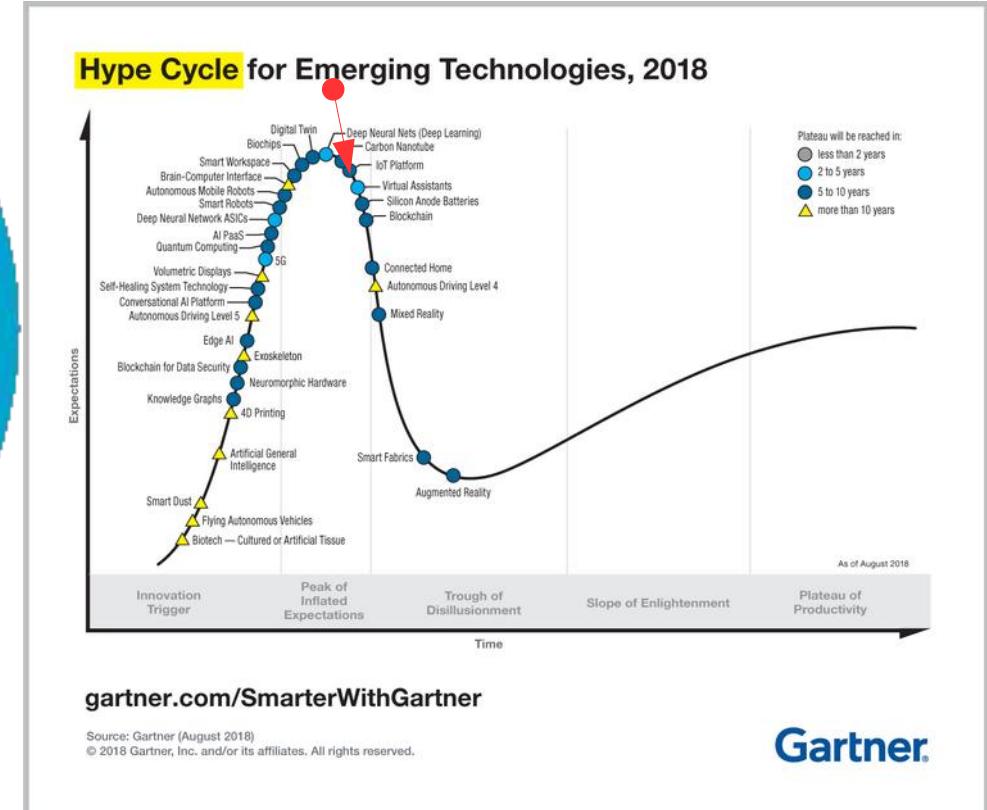




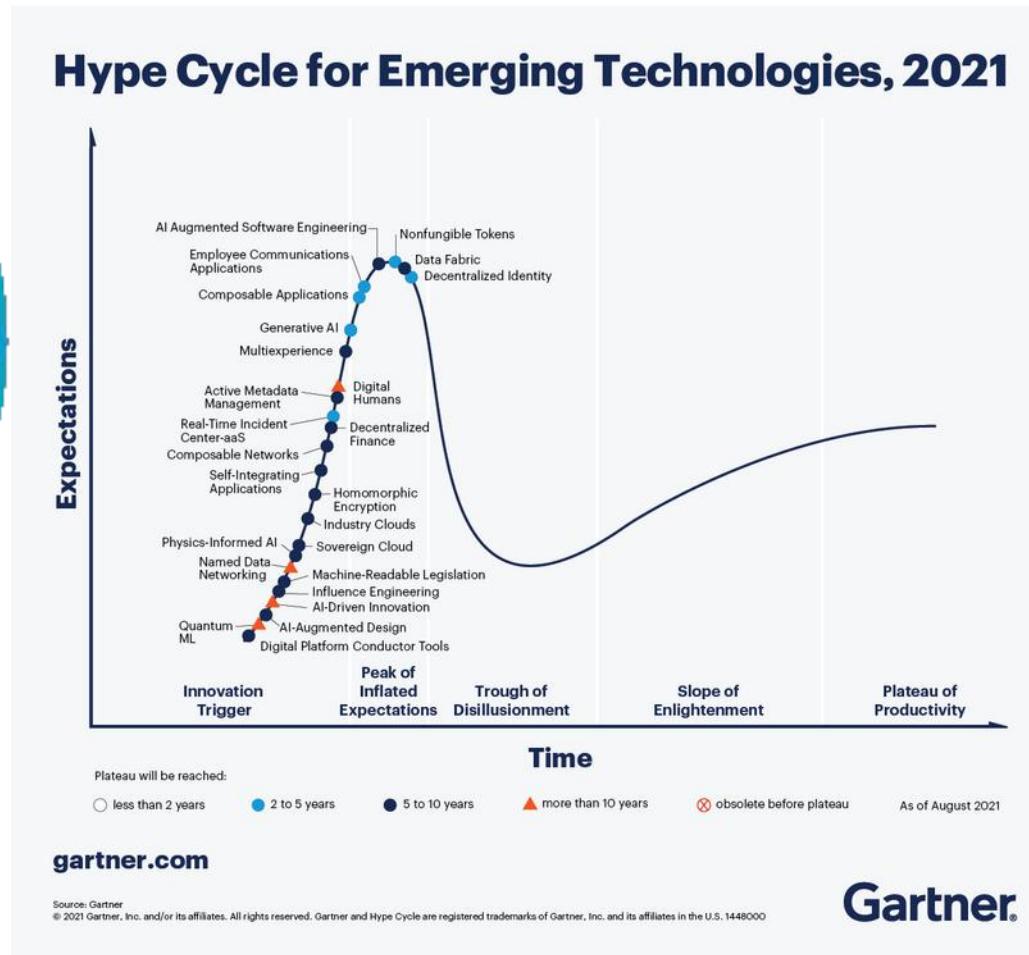
IoT Hype 2017



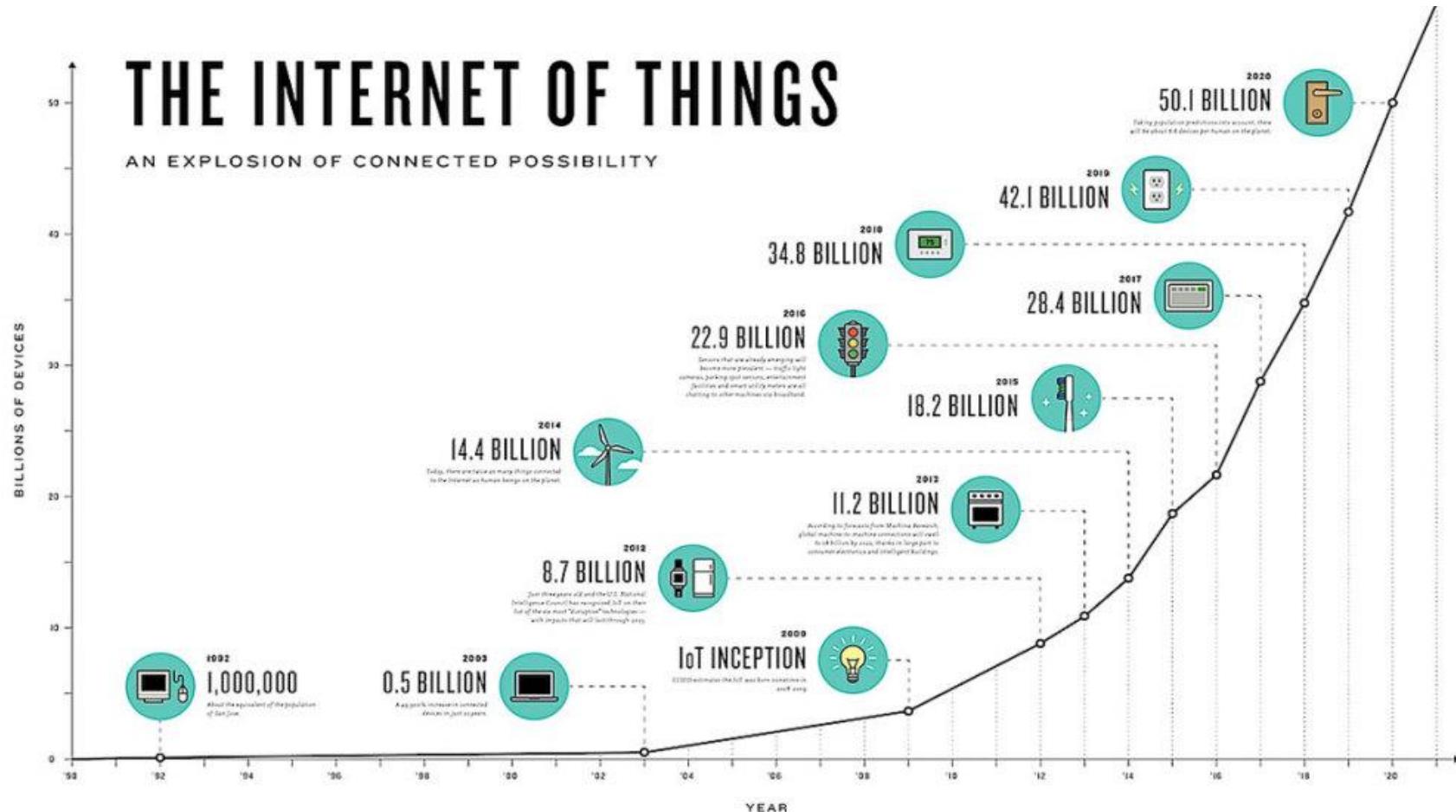
IoT Hype 2018



IoT Hype 2021 - gone ...



Number of things



On counting Things ...

A few things we have learnt about estimates:

They are always wrong.

People will gladly just forget them and make new ones.

It is impossible to count the number of things on the net - lacking a definition of both "things" and "being on the internet".

ITU-T Y.2060 says:

3.2.2 **Internet of things (IoT)**: A **global infrastructure** for the information society, enabling advanced **services** by **interconnecting (physical and virtual) things** based on existing and evolving interoperable information and **communication technologies**.

NOTE 1 – Through the exploitation of identification, data capture, processing and communication capabilities, the IoT makes full use of things to offer services to all kinds of applications, whilst ensuring that security and privacy requirements are fulfilled.

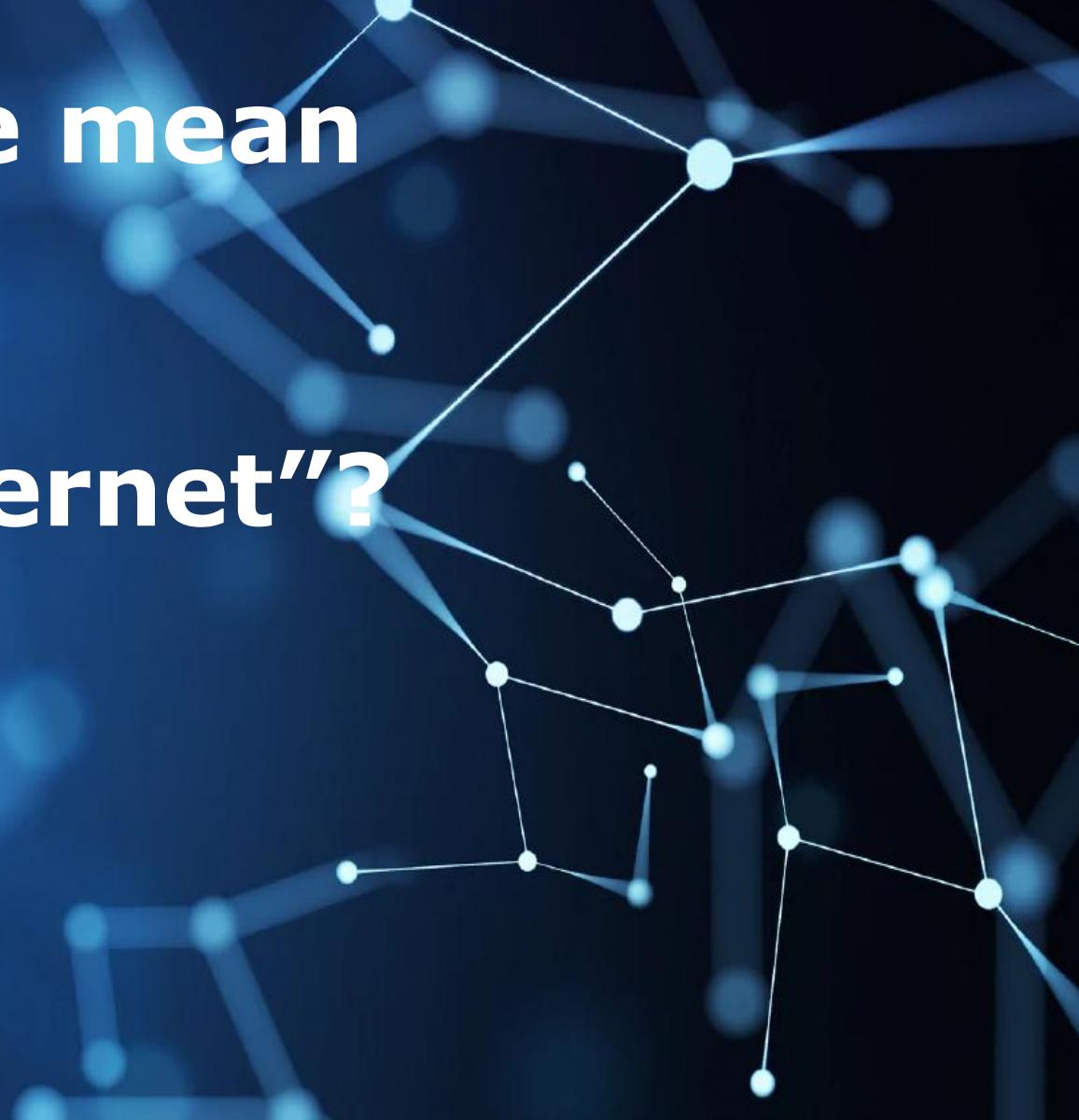
NOTE 2 – From a broader perspective, the IoT can be perceived as a vision with technological and societal implications.

Two truths:

**Most Things in IoT are not on
the Internet**

**We do not really know what
we mean by “Thing”.**

What do we mean by “on the Internet”?



What do we mean by "Thing"?



ITU-T Y.2060 says:

3.2.3 thing:

With regard to the Internet of things, this is an object of the physical world (physical things) or the information world (virtual things), which is capable of being identified and integrated into communication networks.

This is a very very wide definition.

ITU-T Y.2060 says:

3.2.1 device: With regard to the Internet of things, this is a piece of equipment with the mandatory capabilities of communication and the optional capabilities of sensing, actuation, datacapture, data storage and data processing.

This, too, is a rather wide definition.

Along which properties might we classify things?

Which might be relevant for IoT work?

...

**Reminder: We have a bias in “Things”!
Depending on our affiliations, interests,
dislikes, ...**

Terms / Classification of Things

Along lines of e.g.

Mobility

Power

Size

Data rates

Autonomy

Human connection / Modality

Terms / How do we describe ...

Cars? Along lines of e.g.

Webcams? Mobility
Power

Mobile phones? Size
Data rates
Autonomy

Human connection / Modality

Lots of alternative names for “devices”:

Node

Mote

Dust mote

Sensor (no! - but people use it a lot!)

Here's the top 100 IoT platforms ... or so ...

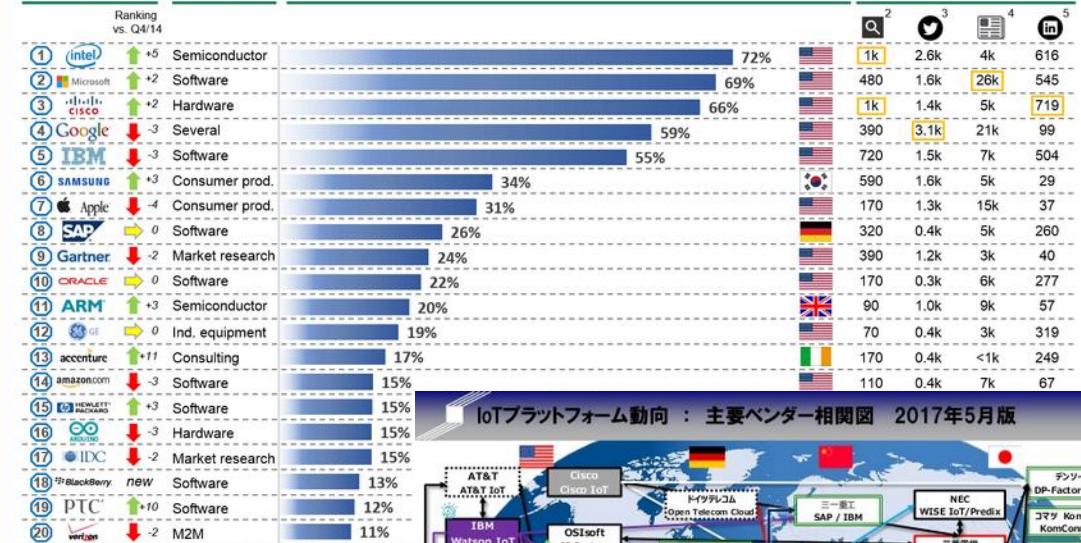
Category	Company	Ranking vs. Q4/14	Overall rank ¹	Scores
Semiconductor	1 intel	+5	72%	1k 2.6k 4k 616
Software	2 Microsoft	+2	69%	480 1.6k 26k 545
Hardware	3 CISCO	+2	66%	1k 1.4k 5k 719
Several	4 Google	-3	59%	390 3.1k 21k 99
Software	5 IBM	-3	55%	720 1.5k 7k 504
Consumer prod.	6 SAMSUNG	+3	34%	590 1.6k 5k 29
Consumer prod.	7 Apple	-4	31%	170 1.3k 15k 37
Software	8 SAP	0	26%	320 0.4k 5k 260
Market research	9 Gartner	-2	24%	390 1.2k 3k 40
Software	10 ORACLE	0	22%	170 0.3k 6k 277
Semiconductor	11 ARM	+3	20%	90 1.0k 9k 57
Ind. equipment	12 GE	0	19%	70 0.4k 3k 319
Consulting	13 accenture	+11	17%	170 0.4k <1k 249
Software	14 amazon.com	0	15%	110 0.4k 7k 67
Software	15 HENKEL	+3	15%	
Hardware	16 DODGE	-3	15%	
Market research	17 IDC	-2	15%	
Software	18 BlackBerry	new	13%	
Software	19 PTC	+10	12%	
M2M	20 vertiv	-2	11%	

IoT Analytics - Quantifying the connected world

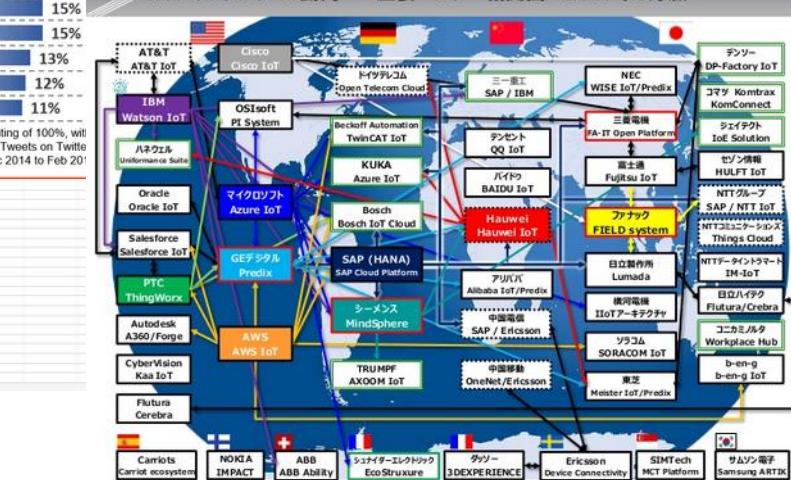
Company Category

Overall rank¹

Scores

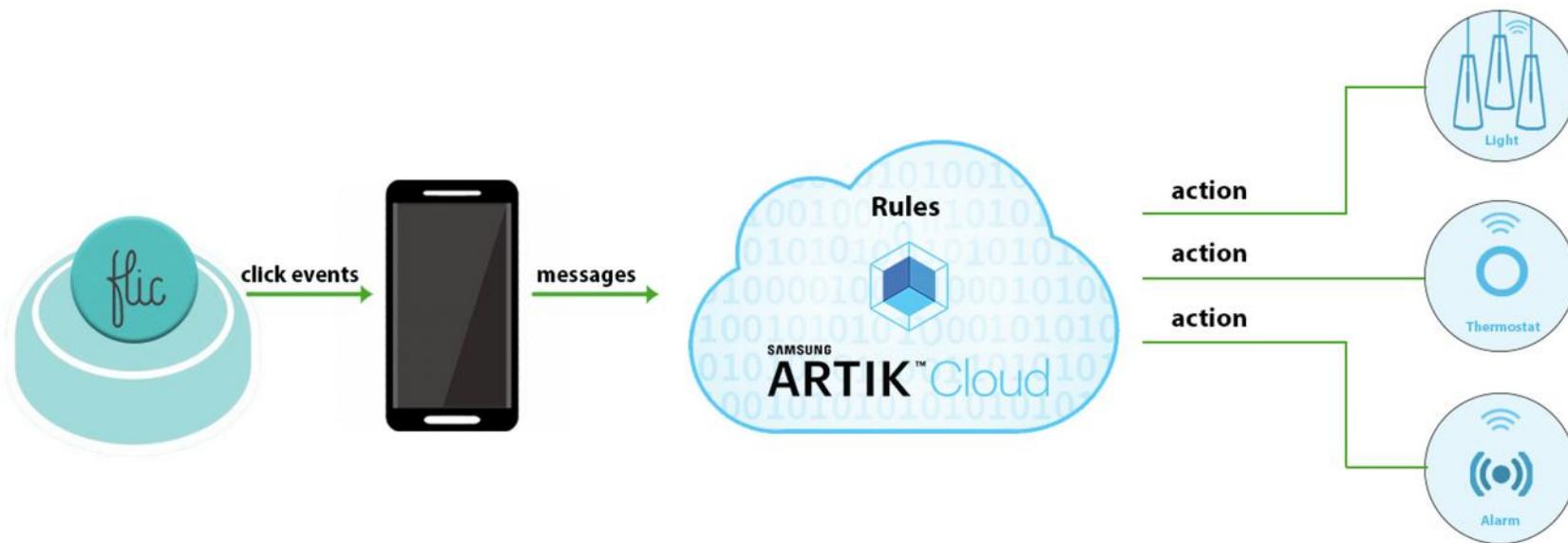


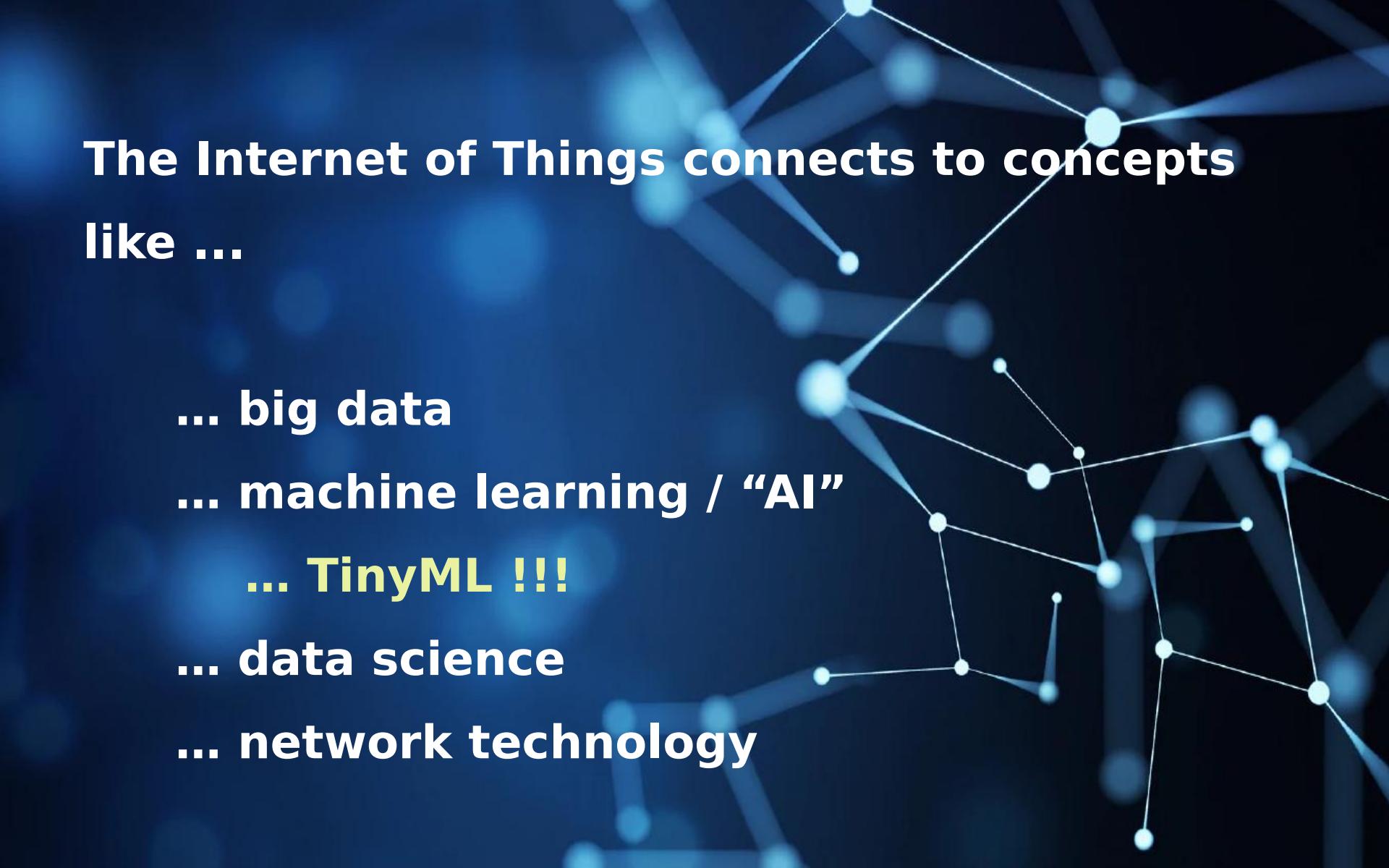
IoTプラットフォーム動向：主要ベンダー相関図 2017年5月版



Commercial IoT platforms

Azure, IBM, Amazon AWS, Cisco, Intel, OVH...





**The Internet of Things connects to concepts
like ...**

... big data

... machine learning / “AI”

... TinyML !!!

... data science

... network technology

Take-Aways

- **Definitions, Terms**
- **Some history
and an understanding of the various
concepts**
- **Classification of Things**

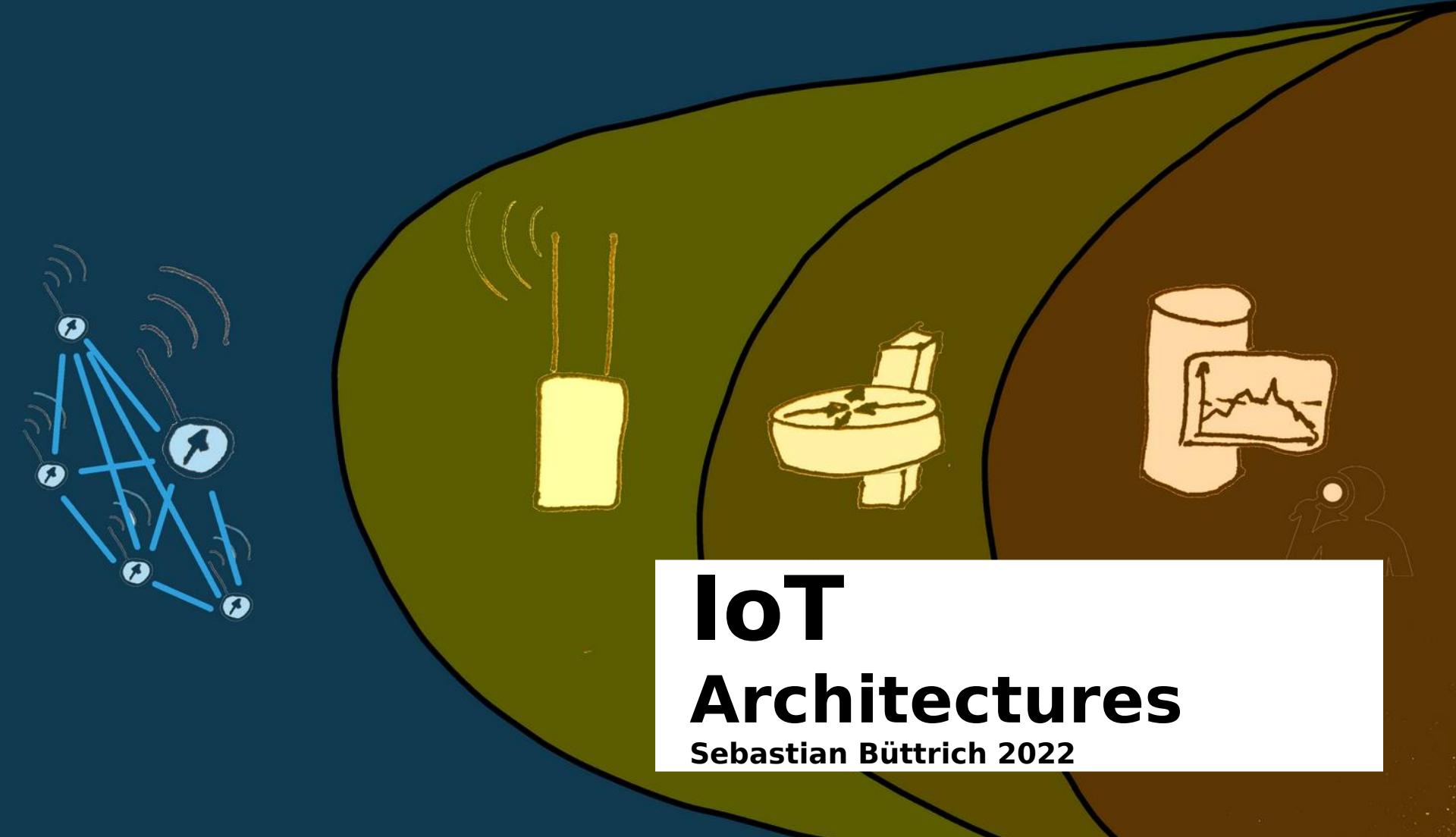
Terms / Things

Whiteboard interlude:

**Write down keywords,
things that come to your mind when saying**

Internet of Things:

A Mindmap of IoT.



IoT Architectures

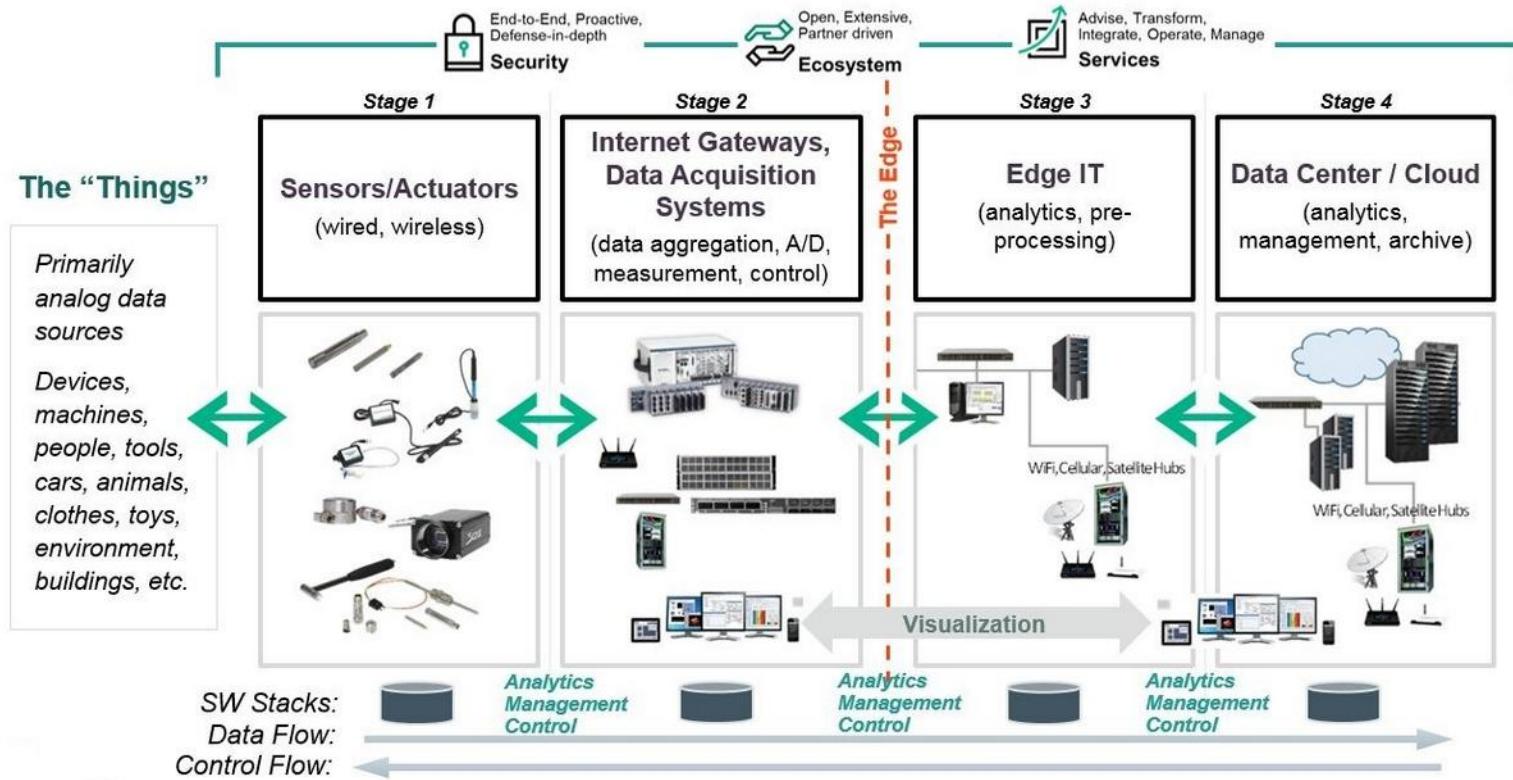
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IoT / context

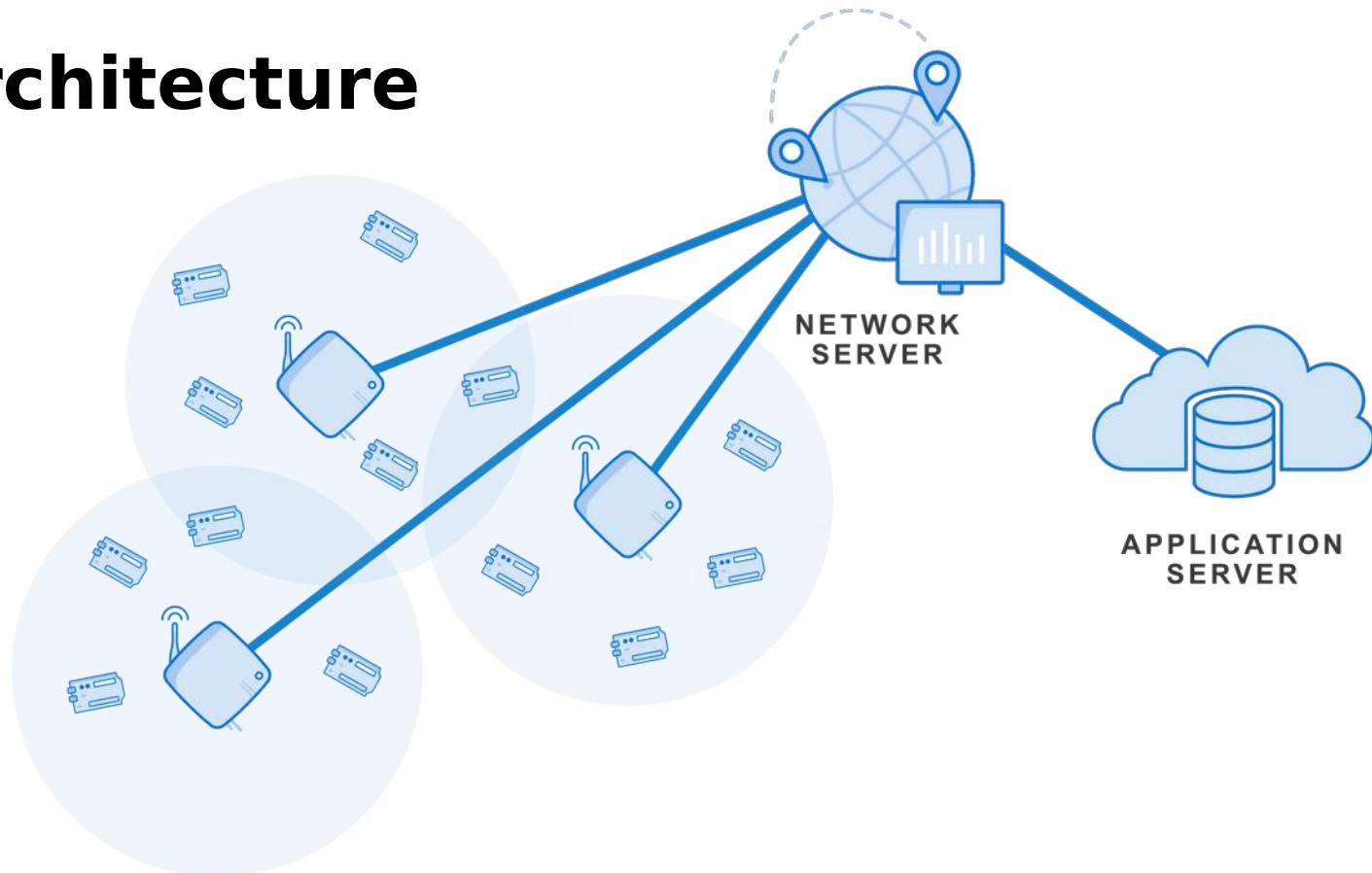
		Raspberry Pi	Phones
refridgerators			
Home monitoring systems - lights etc	Bluetooth	Possibility for prevention of catastrophes	Connectivity
Data gathering	Hue	Bicycle helmets	Satellites
Smart devices. Cars, Lights		Small devices	Phillips Hue Doorbells
"smart" tv's	Batteries!	"Smart cities"	Objects
Audio equipment		toys	Networking
Embedded systems	Arduino	Appliances	Chrome cast
information monitorin	surveillance	Security hazards	Too many security vulnerabilities :(
Sensors			
Data analytics	Teslas	Environmental observation	Botnets
people not securing their data - default		Ease of use	Home assistans

IoT Architecture / context

The 4 Stage IoT Solutions Architecture



IoT Architecture

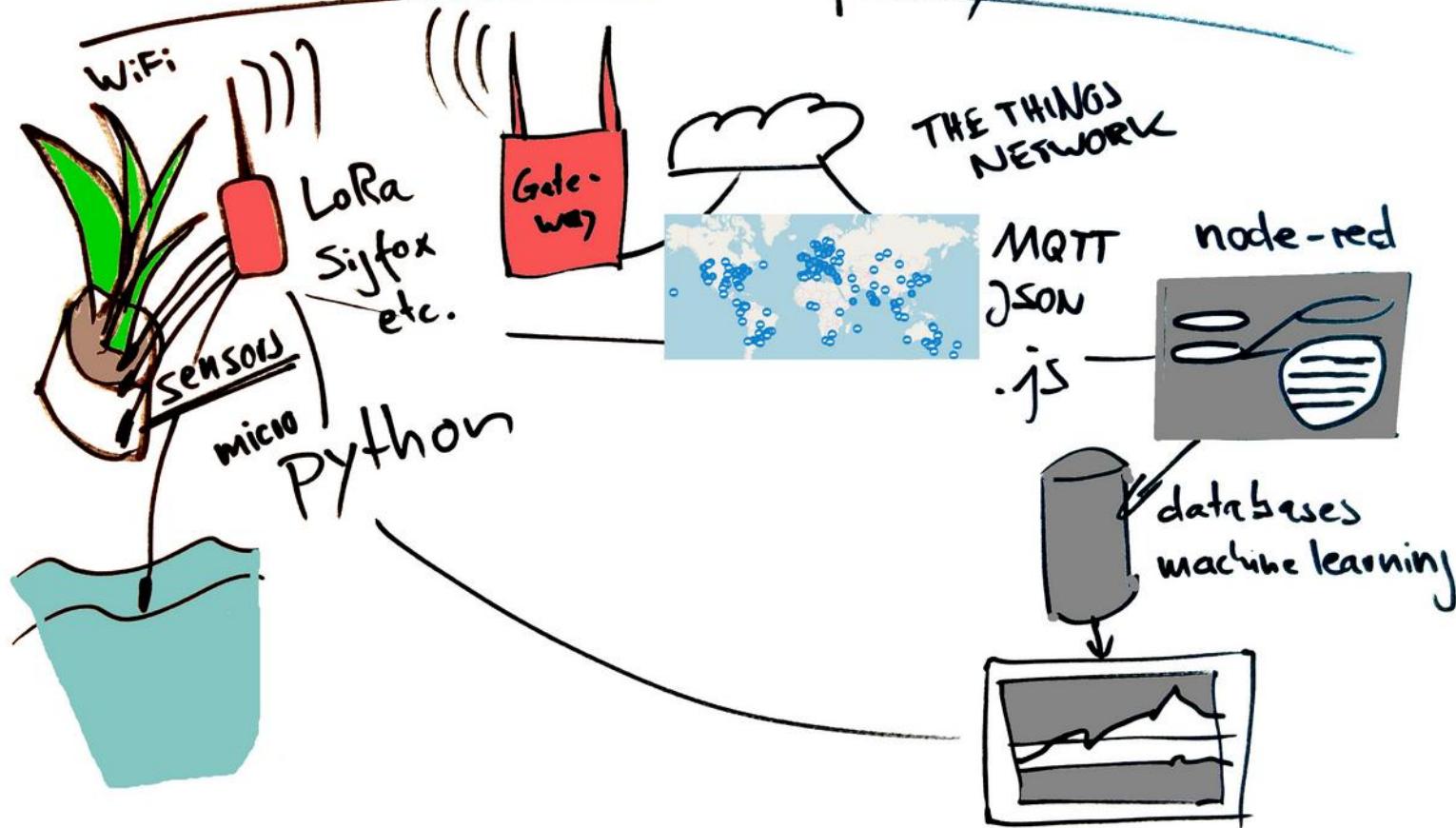


“Things”

Networks/Gateways

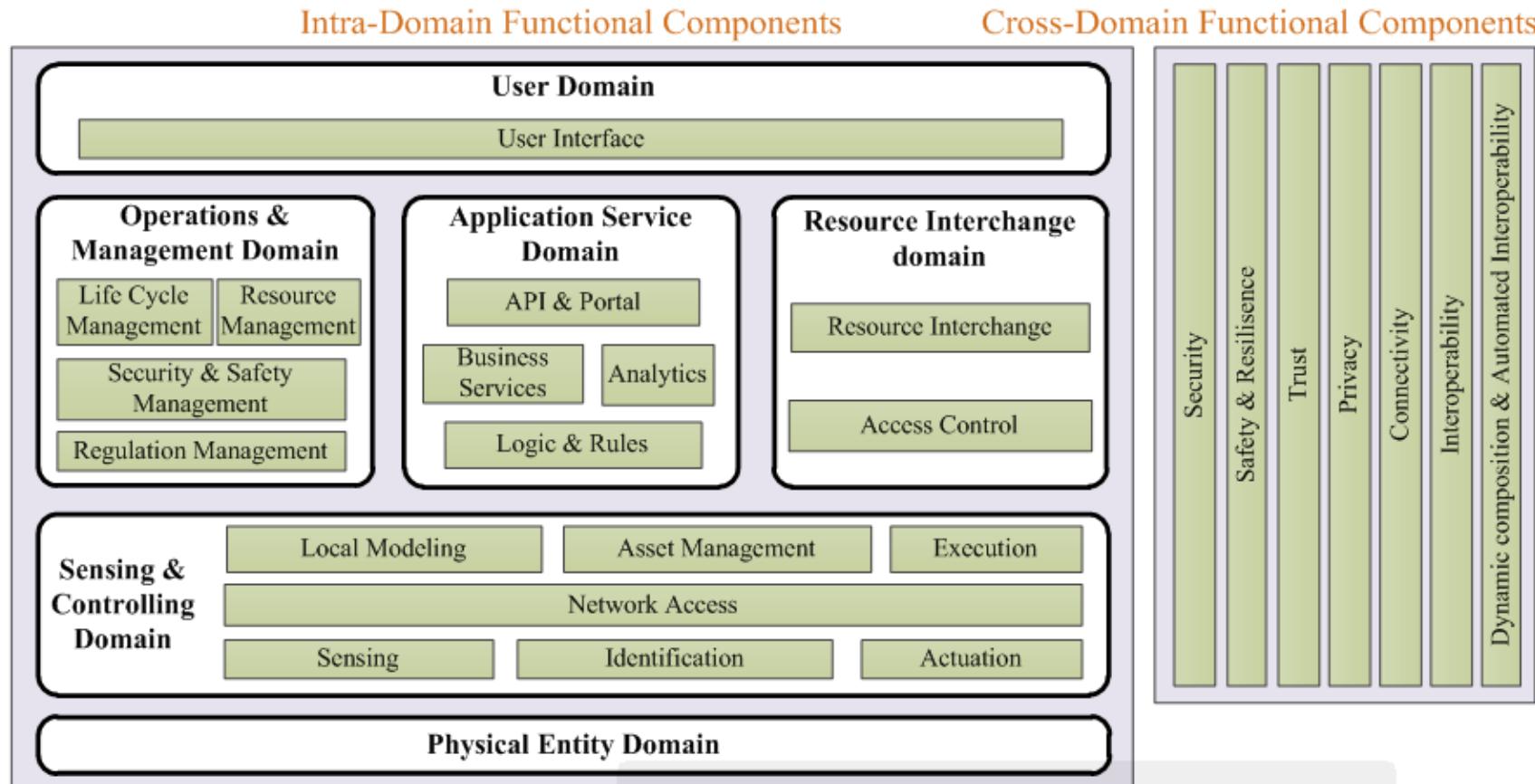
Servers/Cloud

IOT data lifecycles



IoT Reference Architectures

Example: ISO/IEC CD 30141: Internet of Things Reference Architecture (IoT RA)



Importance of knowing where you are

**Regardless of
whether you speak of
four or five tiers or layers or realms -**

it is crucial in the design process

to know where you are operating!

**What are your conditions, constraints,
modes?**

Ambiguous term, could be

- **Overall IoT architecture -**
 - **framework for “the whole”**
- Software architecture, Stacks
- Hardware architecture

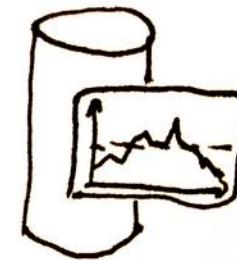
Bare minimum



Things
Devices
Nodes



Gateways
Concentrators
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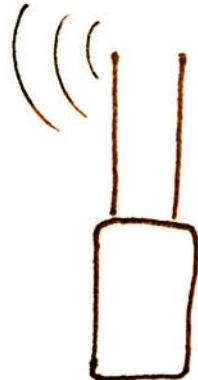
Data backends
Storage
Analytics

Something is missing

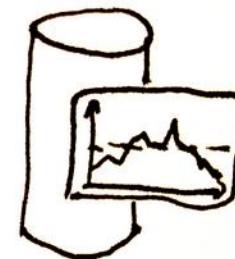
Management, Organization, Scale, Security, Access?



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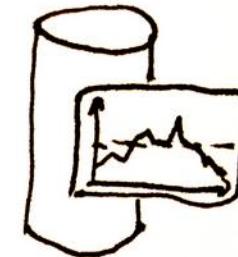
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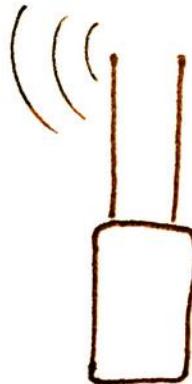


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Another missing factor: the human



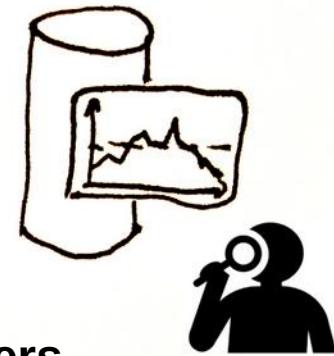
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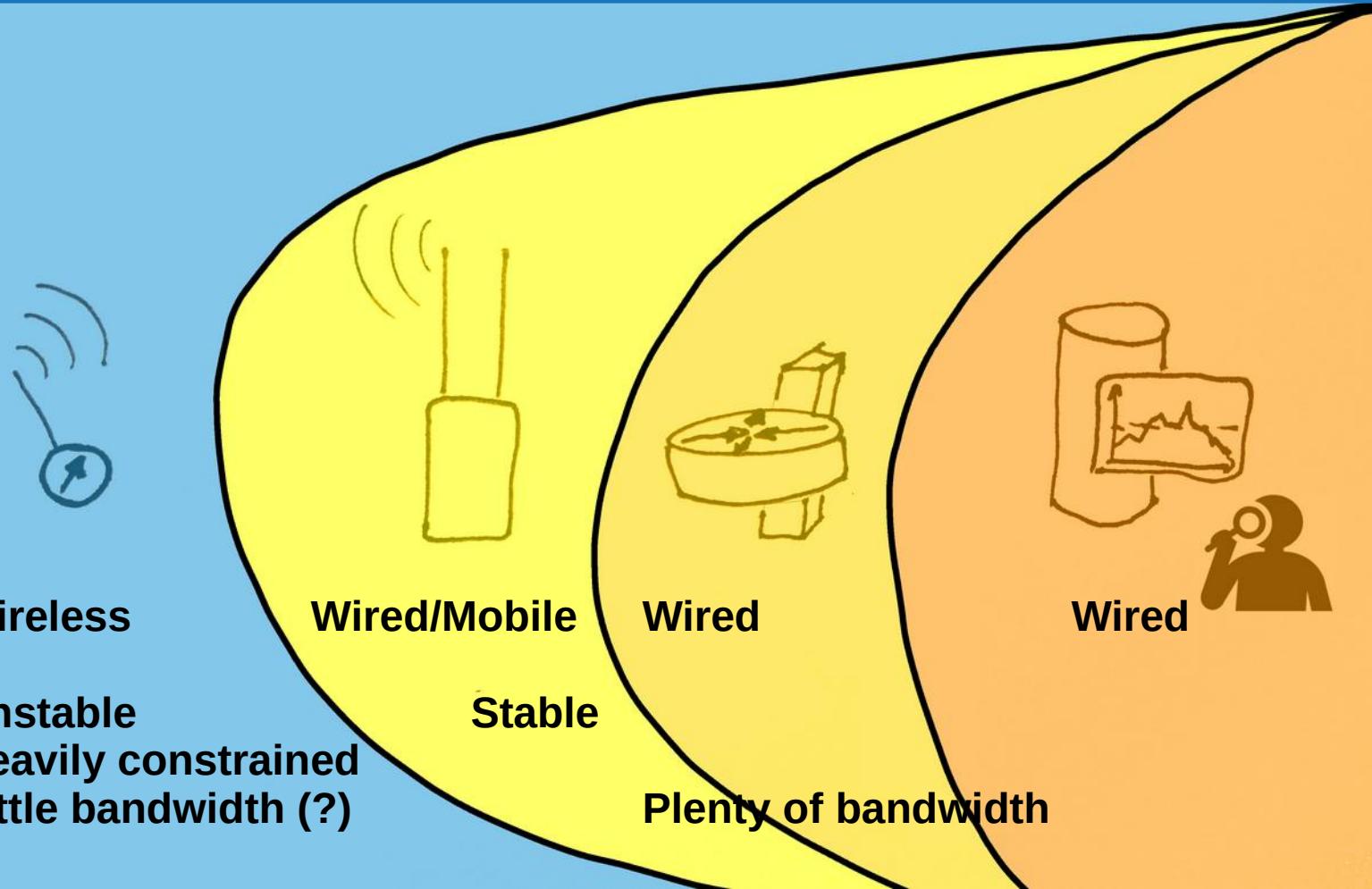


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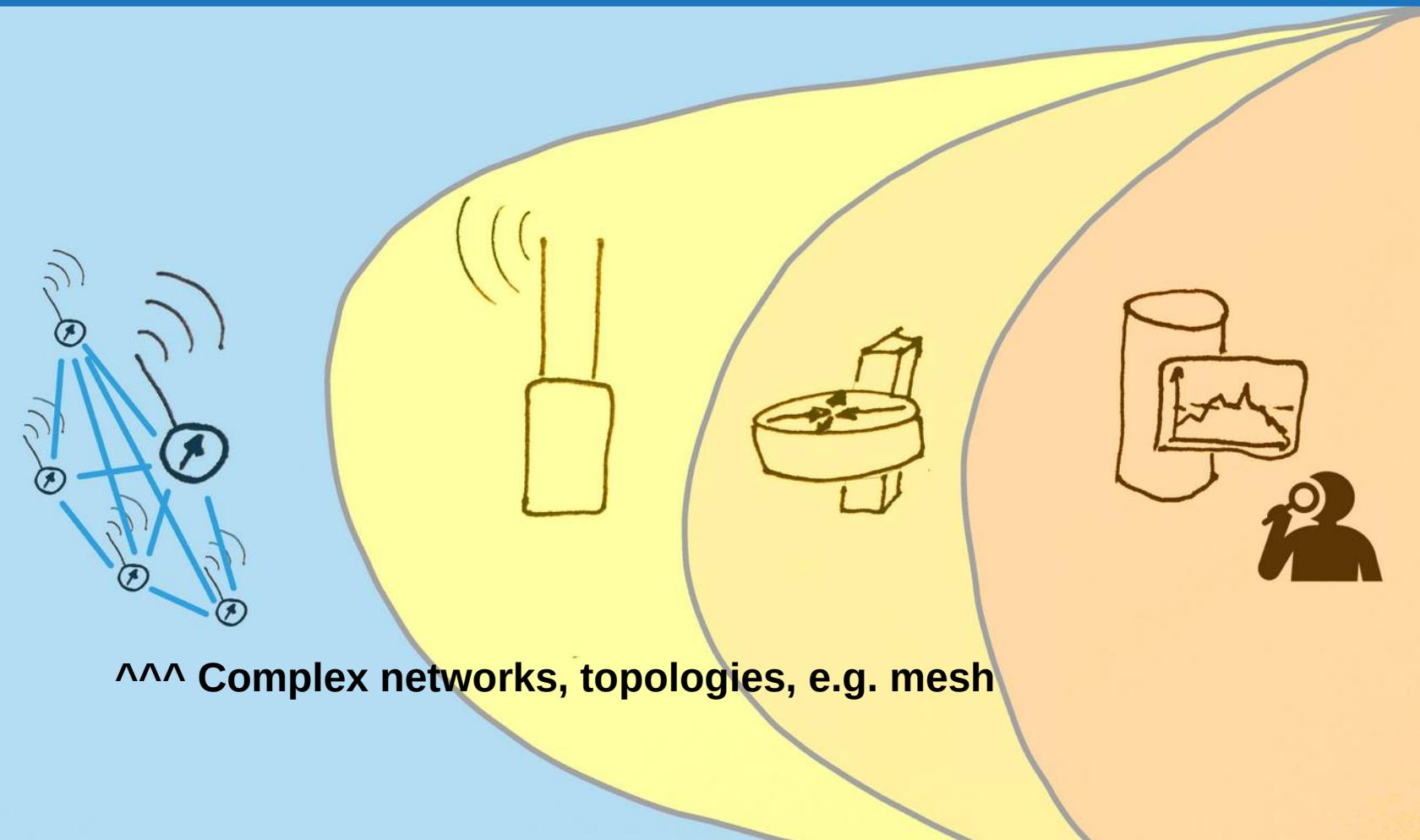


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Network centric view

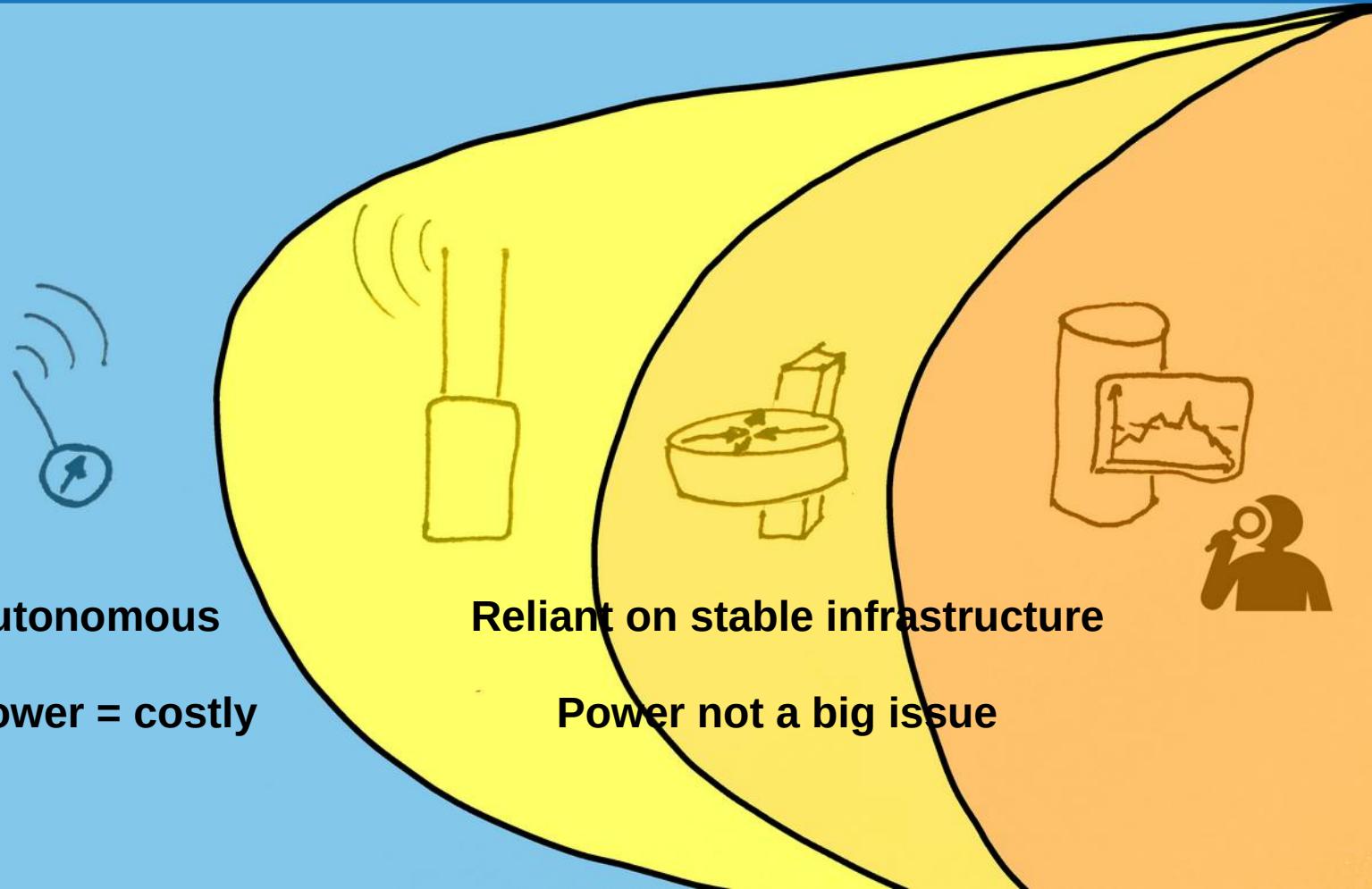


Things - complex networks



^▲ Complex networks, topologies, e.g. mesh

Power centric view



Autonomous

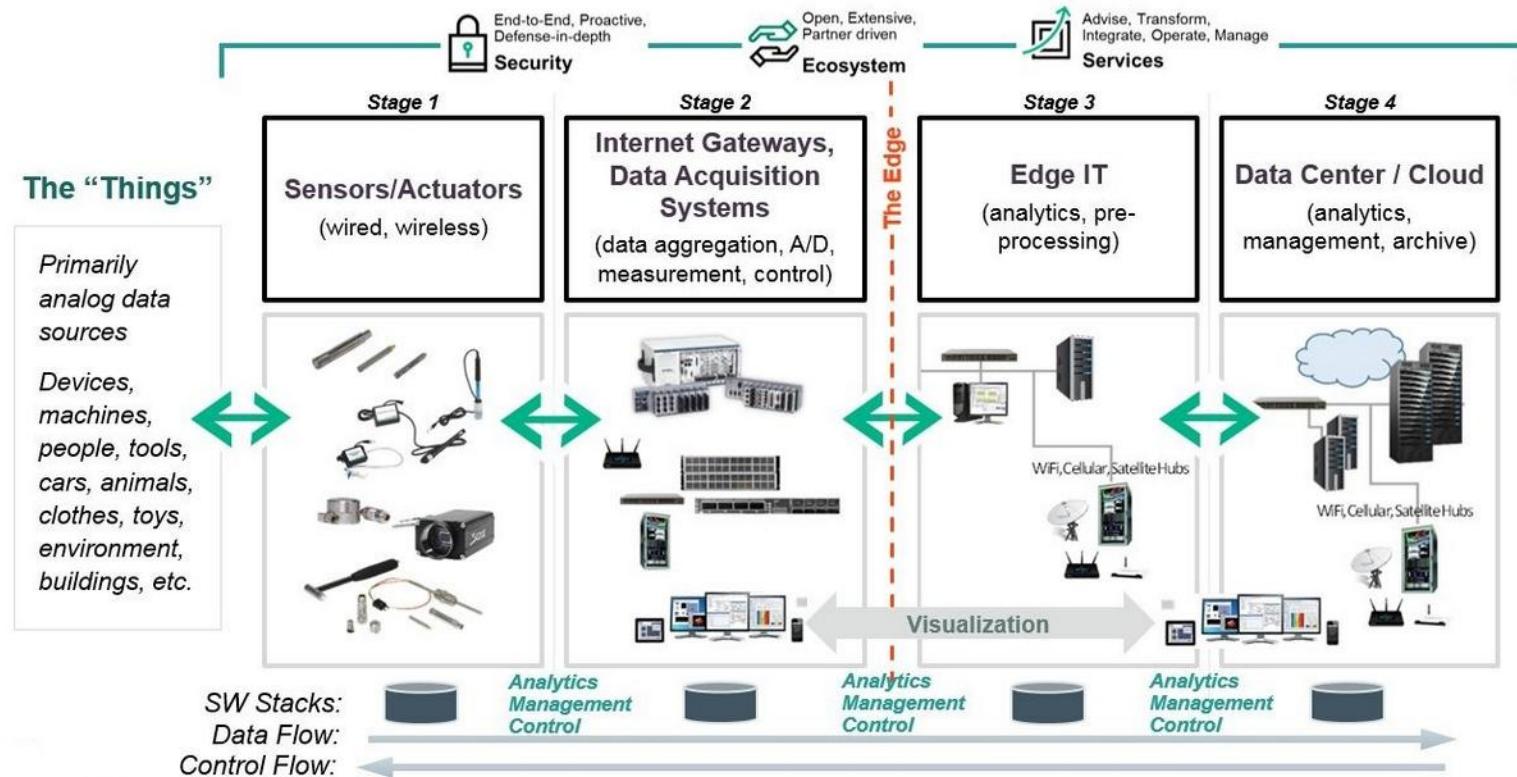
Power = costly

Reliant on stable infrastructure

Power not a big issue

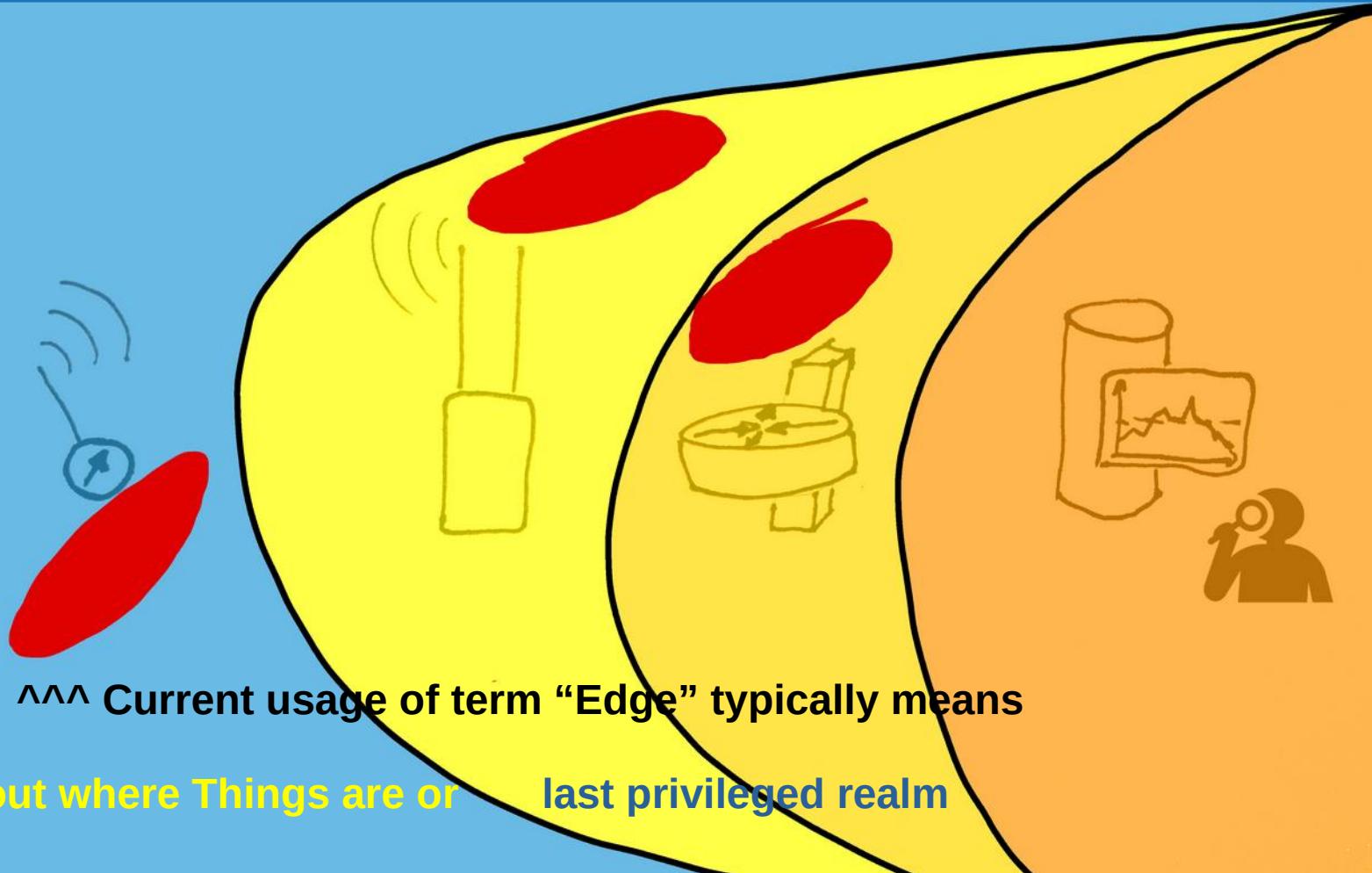
Where is the "edge"?

The 4 Stage IoT Solutions Architecture



The location of *Edge* depends on your viewpoint – the *Edge* of what?

Where is the "edge"?





TU Berlin, collab with DASYA ITU

NebulaStream - Data Management for the Internet of Things

NebulaStream is a general purpose, end-to-end data management system for the IoT. It provides an out-of-the box experience with rich data processing functionalities and a high ease-of-use.

Zeuch, S., Chaudhary, A., Del Monte, B., Gavriilidis, H., Giouroukis, D., Grulich, P. M., ... & Markl, V. (2019). The nebulastream platform: Data and application management for the internet of things. arXiv preprint arXiv:1910.07867.

https://www.nebula.stream/paper/zeuch_cidr20.pdf



An example of a different terminology: fog, queries, engines ...

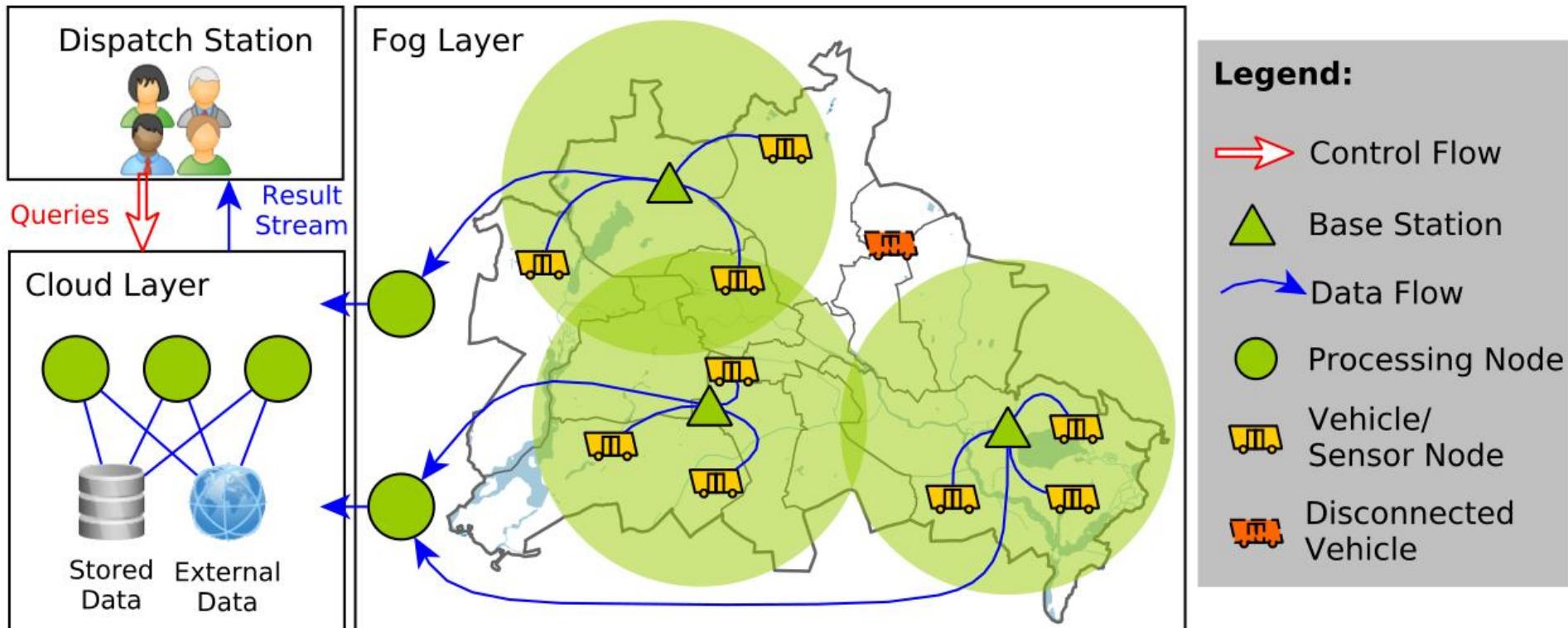


Figure 2: IoT application scenario.



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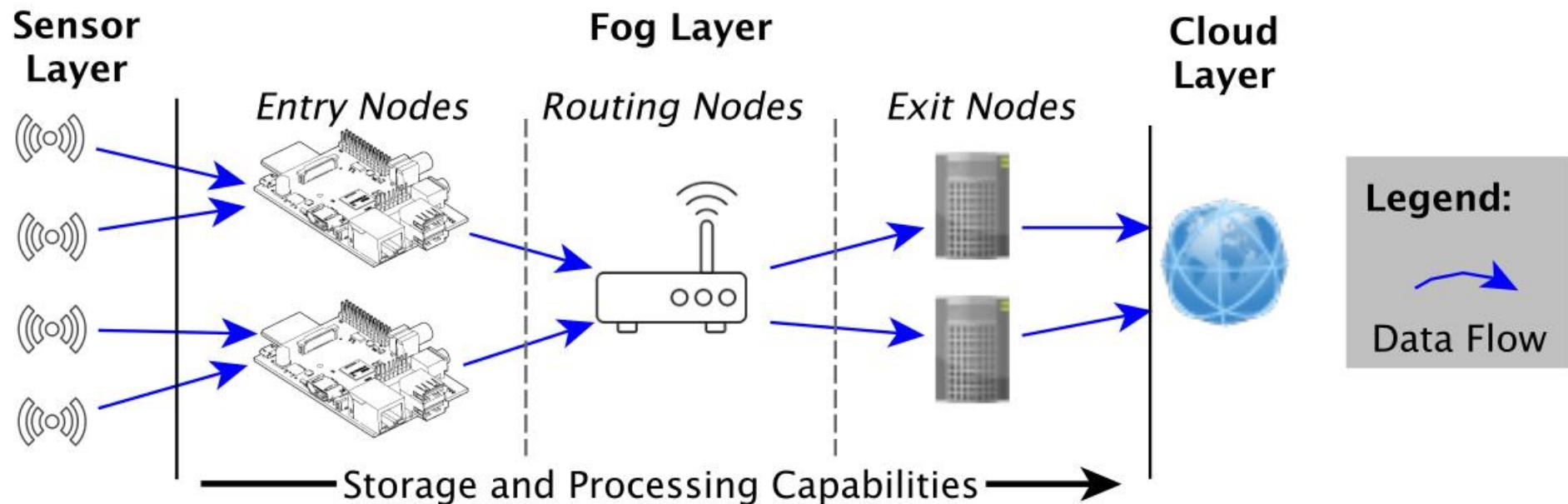


Figure 3: Multi-layer NES Topology.



An example of a different terminology: fog, queries, engines ...

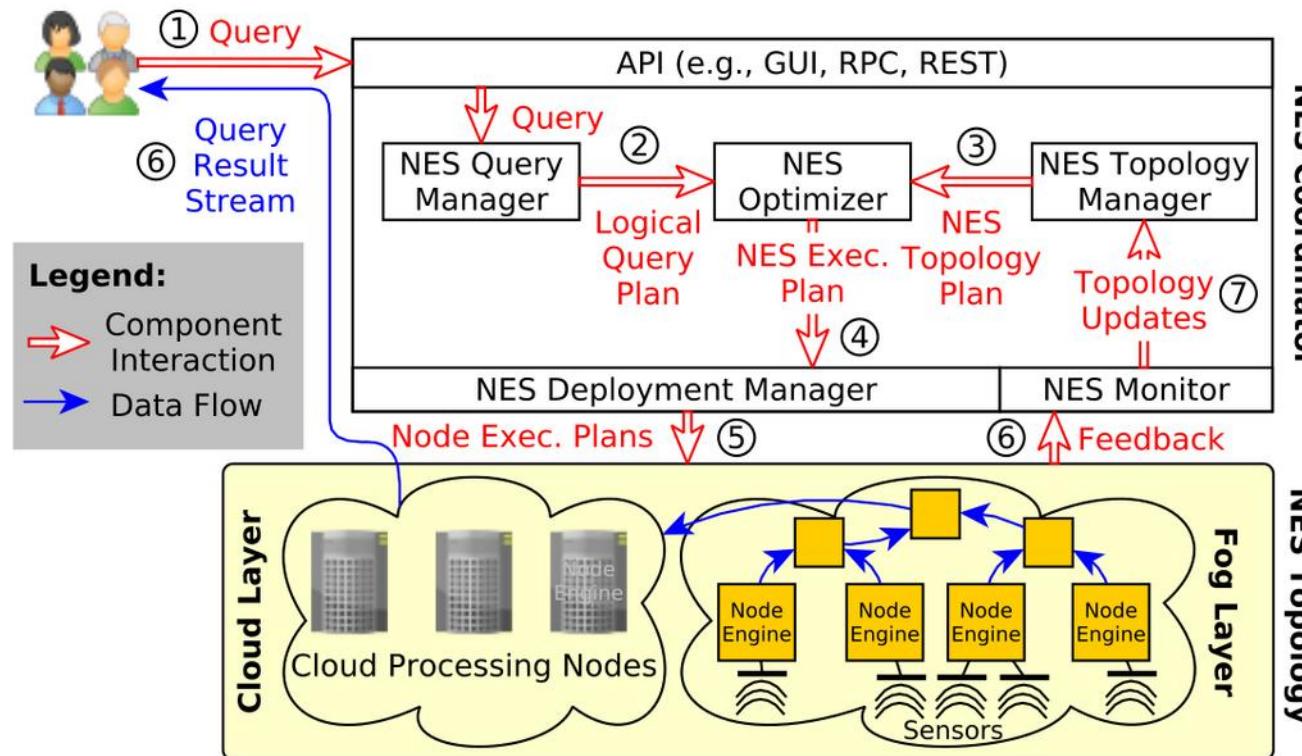


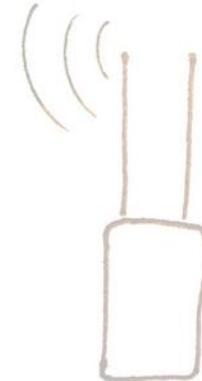
Figure 4: NES architecture overview.

Examples

Smart home



Home power



Wi-Fi?
Bluetooth



Local



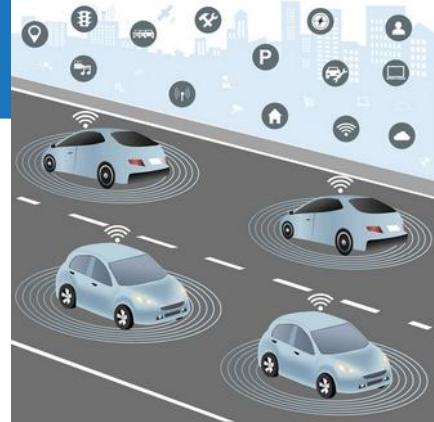
Vendor clouds

or



Examples

Smart cars



Mobile
embedded SIM
or
phone?
Car-powered



3G/4G/5G



Vendor middleware and backends



Examples

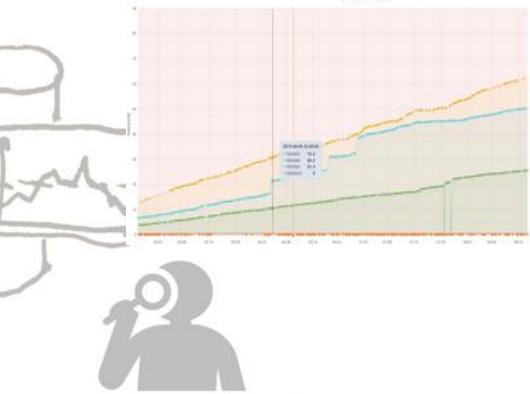
Small smart city – Haveforening Sundbyvester



Battery-driven sensors
LoRaWAN

Local gateways

The Things Network



ITU
&
Commercial

Mana (2008/2011)

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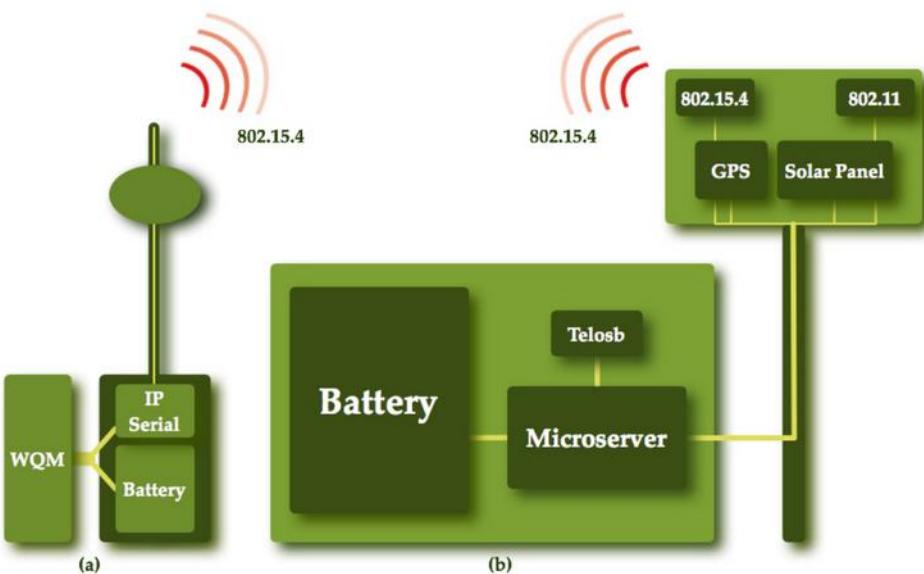


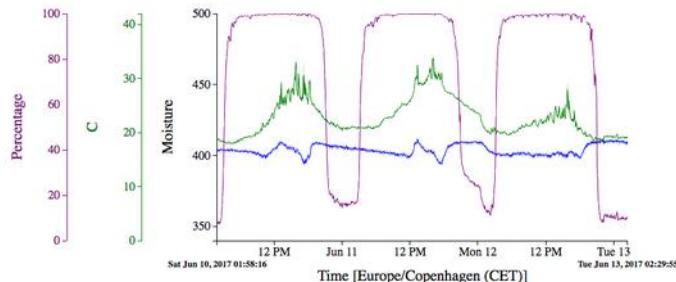
Figure 1: Schematics of the (a) Capoh Buoy and (b) Base Station

Student Projects: Urban Gardening



Watering System

“Human-Plant Interaction”



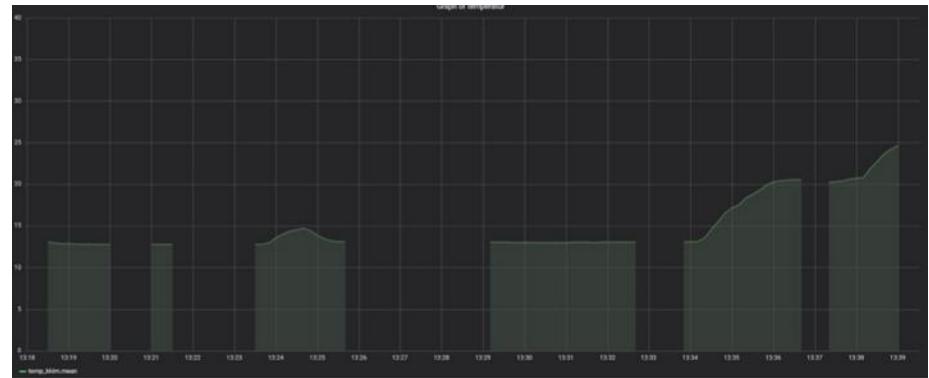
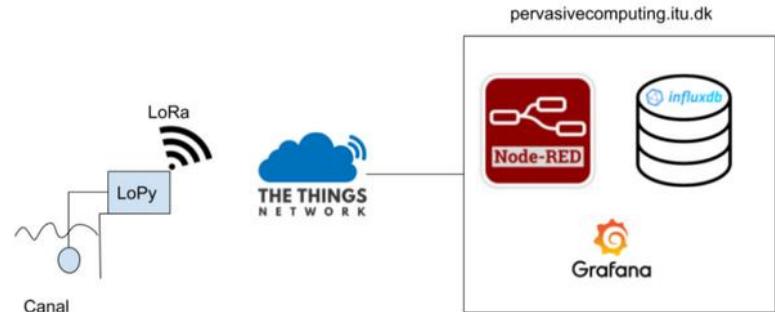
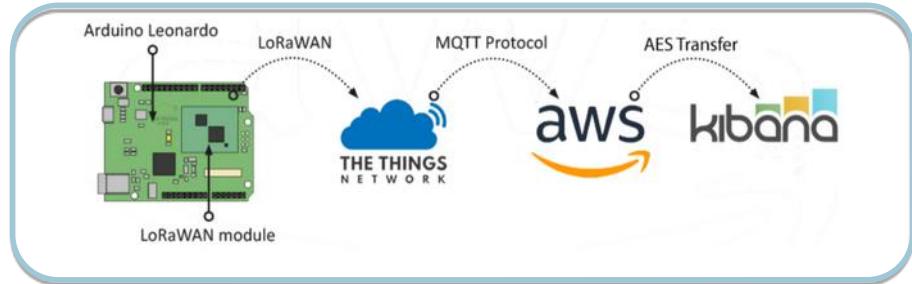
Data Analytics



Social Media



Student Projects: ITU Canal Temperature



Hardware: node architectures

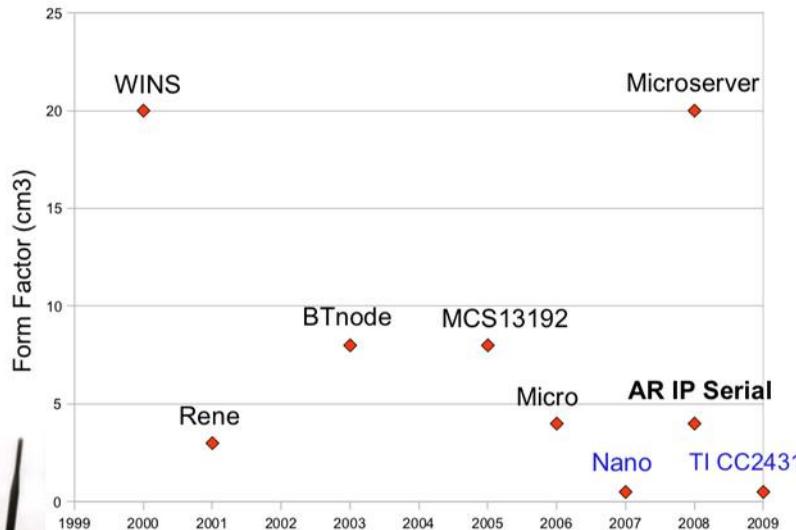
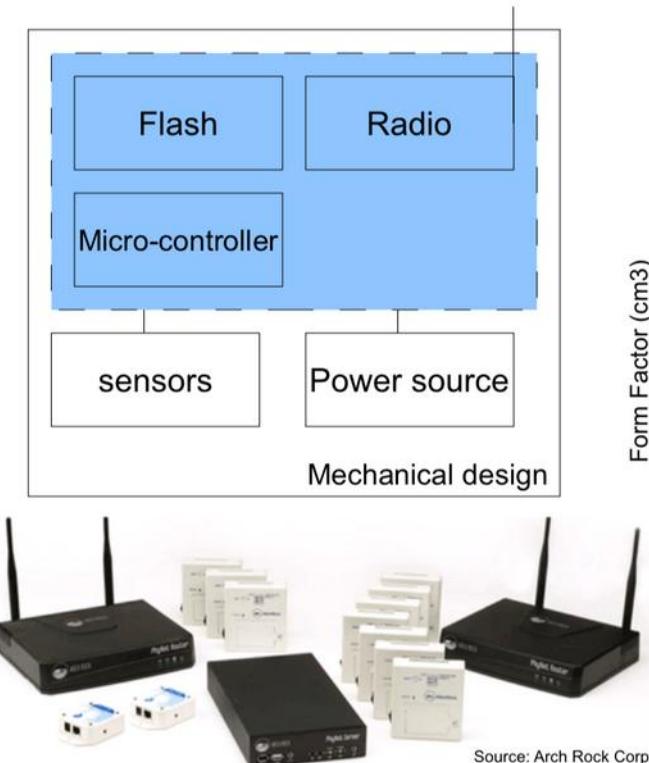
- Overview over IoT hardware (node) architectures
- Developed over the past ~10 years, this is already a historical overview
- With IoT Development and prototyping becoming mainstream, the field has been and is developing extremely fast
- Largely industry-driven
- We will talk about this in detail, in Lecture

Embedded devices, systems and programming

New options for IoT platforms

- Distinct differences between **prototyping/research** and **production/deployment** systems, but ...
- Proof that production/scalable IoT systems can be based on such prototyping platforms
- Popular affordable options: e.g.
 - Arduino (in many variations!)
 - Raspberry Pi
 - micropython devices
- **These all are relatively new (10 years) ... a little look back in time ...**

Mote-Based Instrumentation



System challenges: (1) Prototyping tomorrow's platforms
(2) Exploring the boundaries of today's platforms

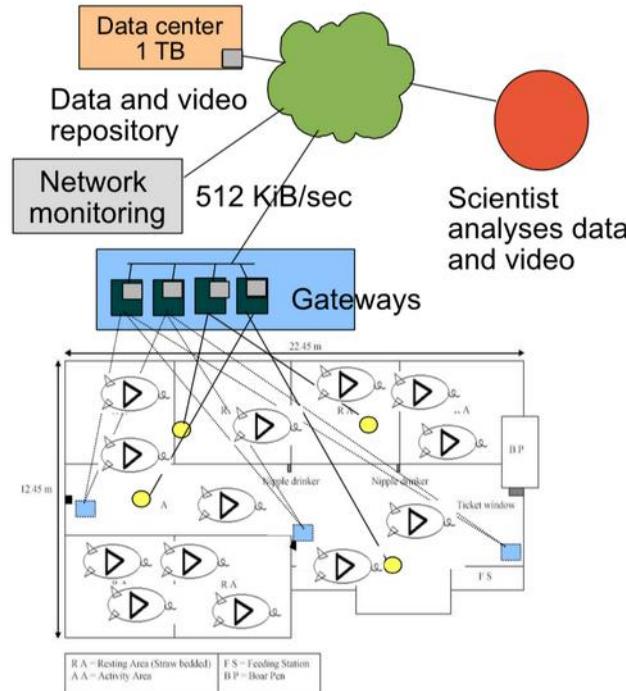
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Hogthrob (2005/2008)



Deployment #2

- Approach:
 - Sensinode micro running TinyOS
 - 802.154 radio
 - 512 KiB flash
 - Accelerometer board
 - 2 NiMH cells (1.25V, 2400mA)
 - Compression
 - Control loops over sample, compress, store, send
 - Access points with external antennas



Hogthrob (2005/2008)

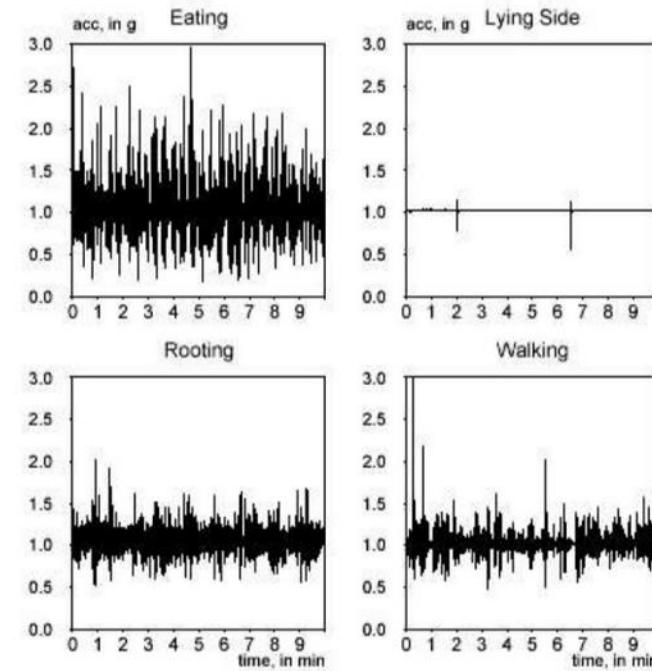
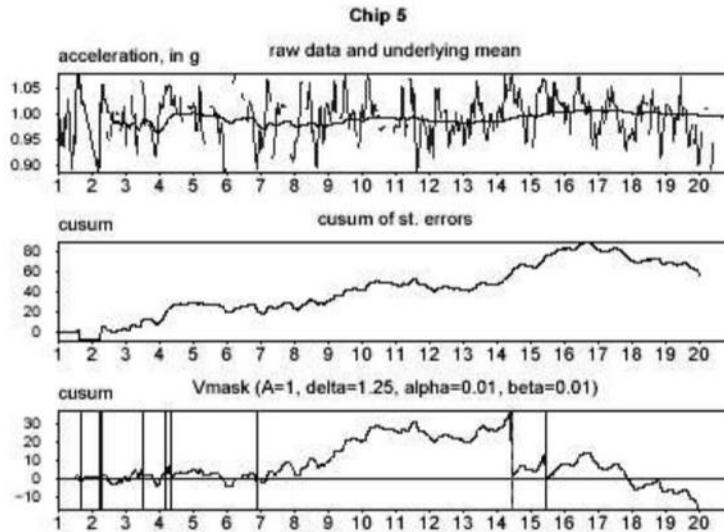
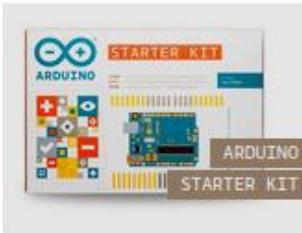


Figure courtesy of Cecile Cornou

Arduinos

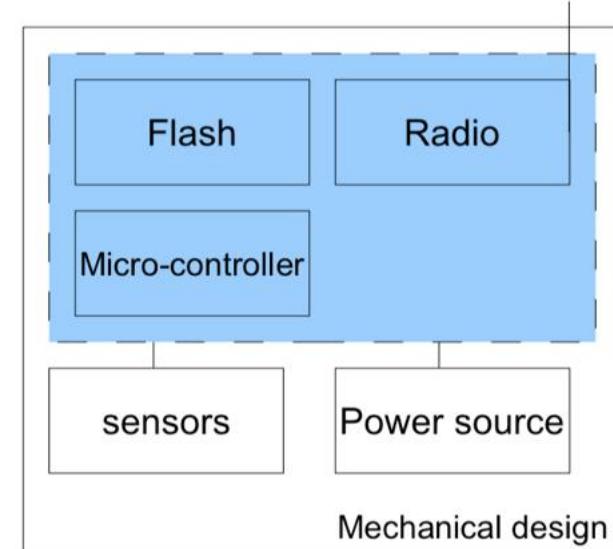


**Much more than a hardware platform –
an ecosystem of hardware, software
... and a social movement**

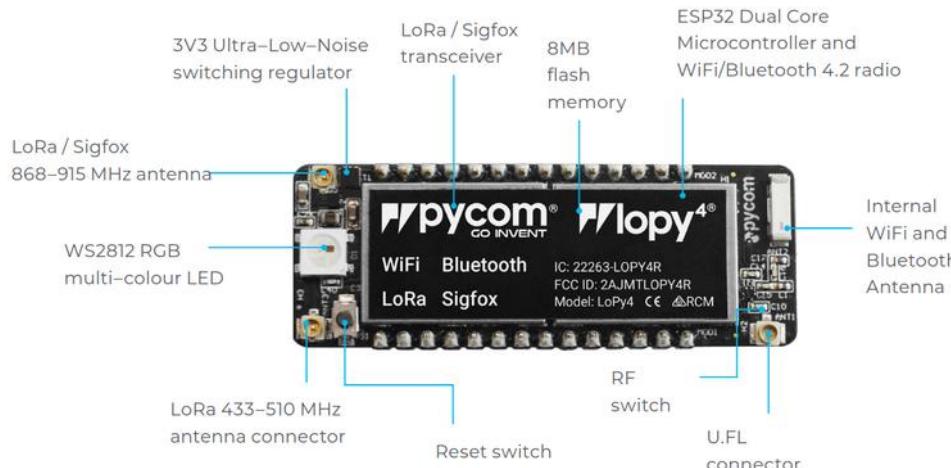


(pycom was our platform of choice at ITU
... until 2023

They went bankrupt in 2022 ...)



LoPy4 - some specs



Four networks:

Wi-Fi

Bluetooth

LoRa

Sigfox (also bankrupt)

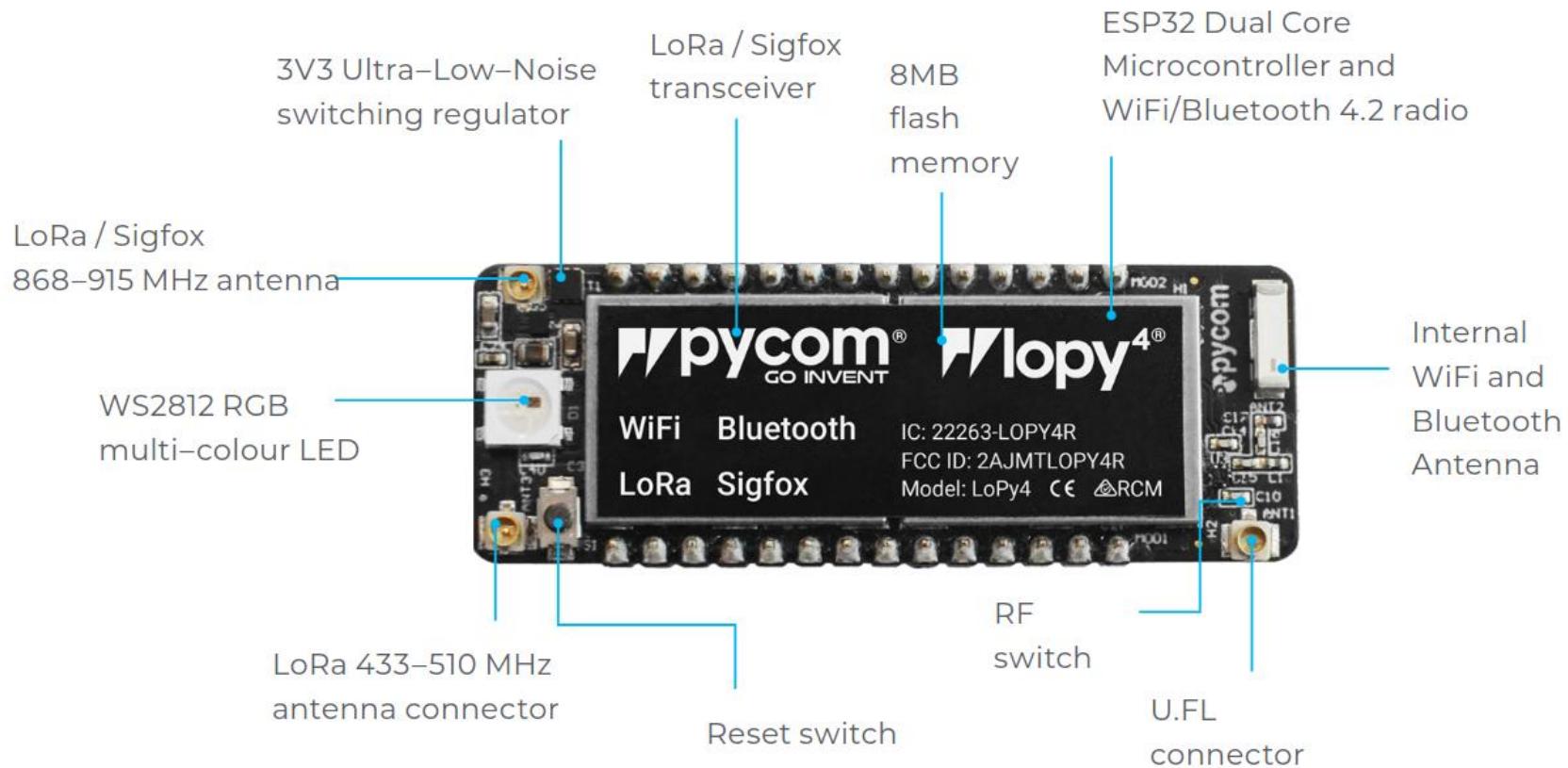
(+ LTE onboard: FiPy)

RAM: 4MB

Flash: 8 MB

lots of analog/digital I/O

LoPy4 - some specs



MCU: ESP32



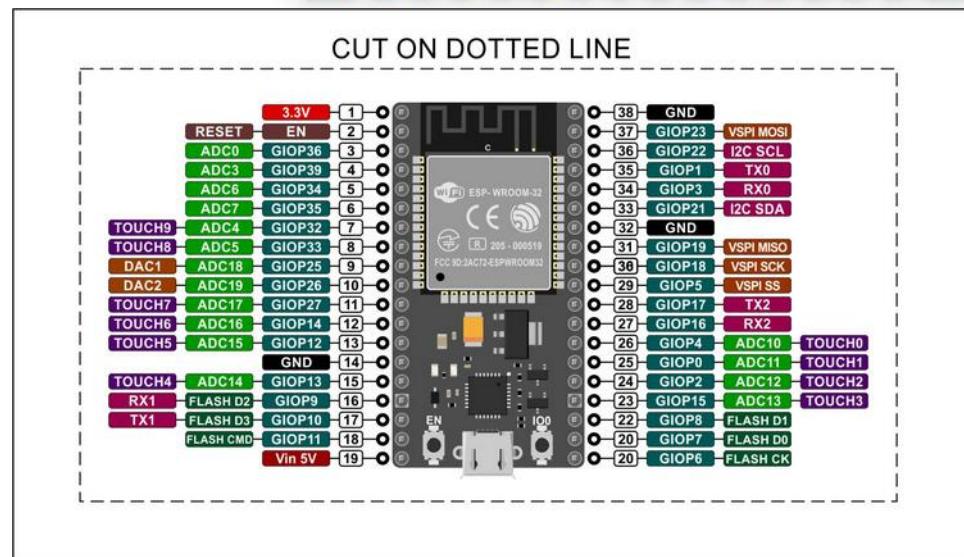
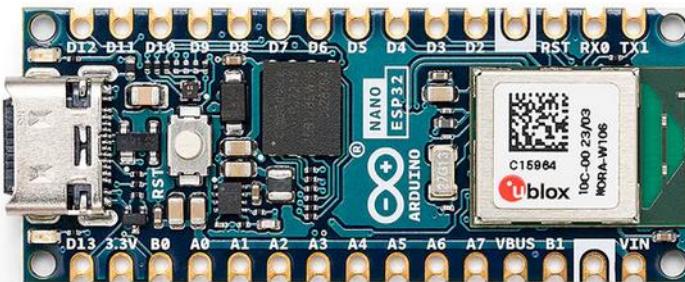
TTGO T-Beam & other ESP32 boards

But there are many other ESP32 based boards:

Arduino Nano ESP32

Wroom

TTGO – T-Beam



TTGO T-Beam

Our current choice - TTGO – T-Beam

Reasons:

C/Arduino or micropython

Multi-network – Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, LoRa

Integrated GPS

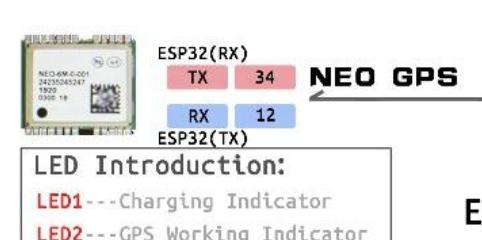
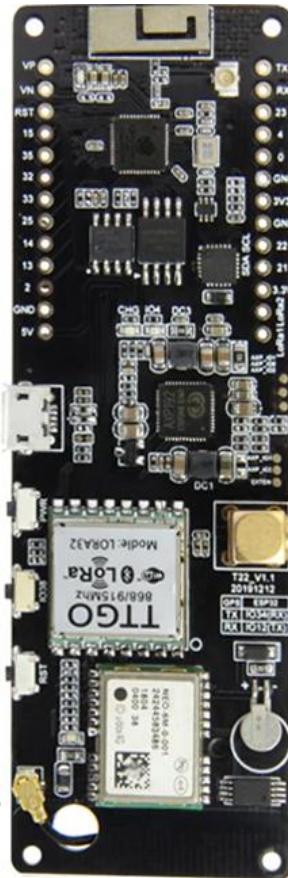
Battery holder and charger

Screen option

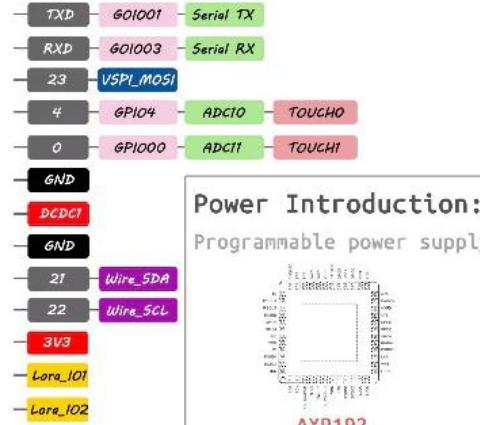
Price



TTGO T-Beam



ESP32 TTGO T-Beam V1.1



18650 Battery

Name	BAT
GND	ADC
GPIO	DAC
I2C	SPI
Other	Touch

Take-Aways

- **Ambiguity of terms - IoT, “Architecture” System, Software, Hardware, ...**
- **4-tier architectures (but it might be 3 or 5)**
- **Identify main elements and be aware of their constraints**
- **Discuss terms like thing, node, fog, edge, cloud, backend, application ...**