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Challenges in Securing Internet of Things (IoT)

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History of Wireless Sensor Net

- 1999: Kahn, Katz, Pister: Vision for **Smart Dust**
- 2002 Sensys CFP: Wireless Sensor Network research as being composed of "*distributed systems of numerous smart sensors and actuators connecting computational capabilities to the physical world have the potential to revolutionise a wide array of application areas by providing an unprecedented density and fidelity of instrumentation*".



Environmental Monitoring



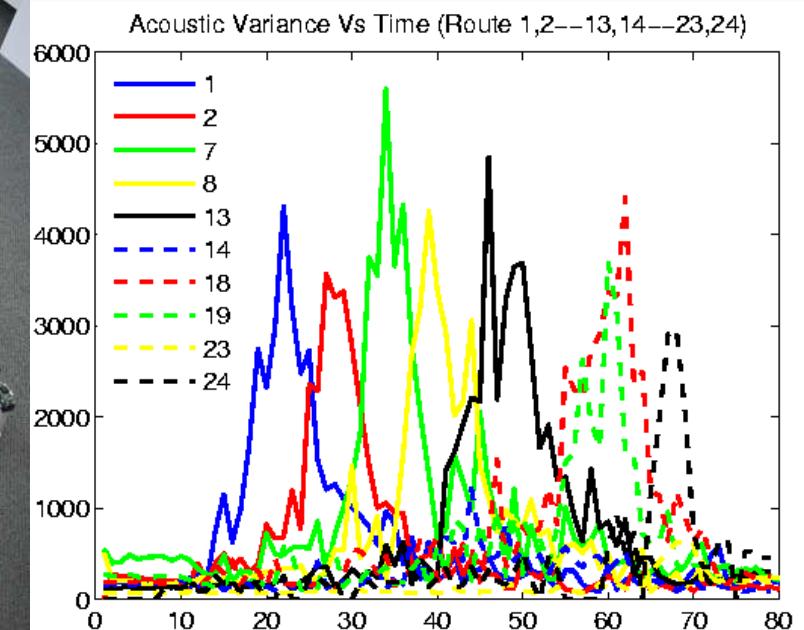
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Detection and Tracking



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"Detection and Tracking using Particle Filter Based Wireless Sensor Networks"
IEEE Transactions on Mobile Computing (TMC), vol. 9 (9), pp. 1332 – 1345, Sept 2010,

Quadracopter Prototype

- Various payload capacity (up to 500gm), flying time, motor, wings (hexacopter).
- Wireless Link Characterisation



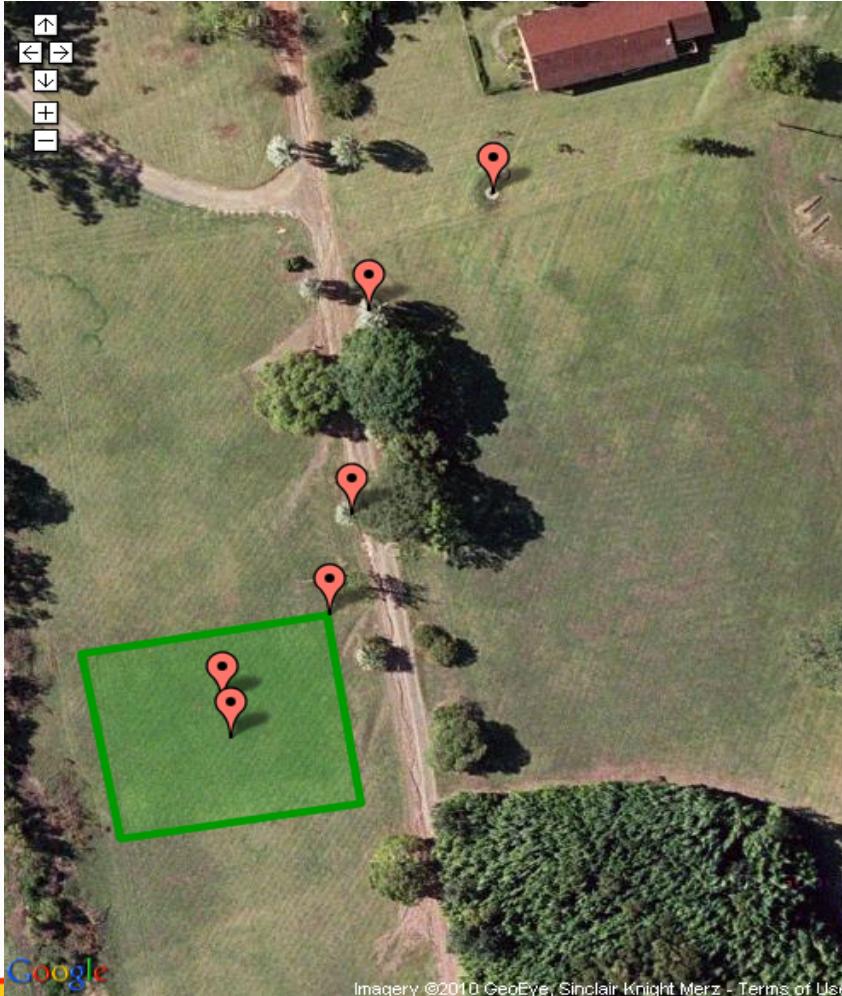
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Precision Agriculture: King's School Deployment



Prasant deploying Hop-2 Node



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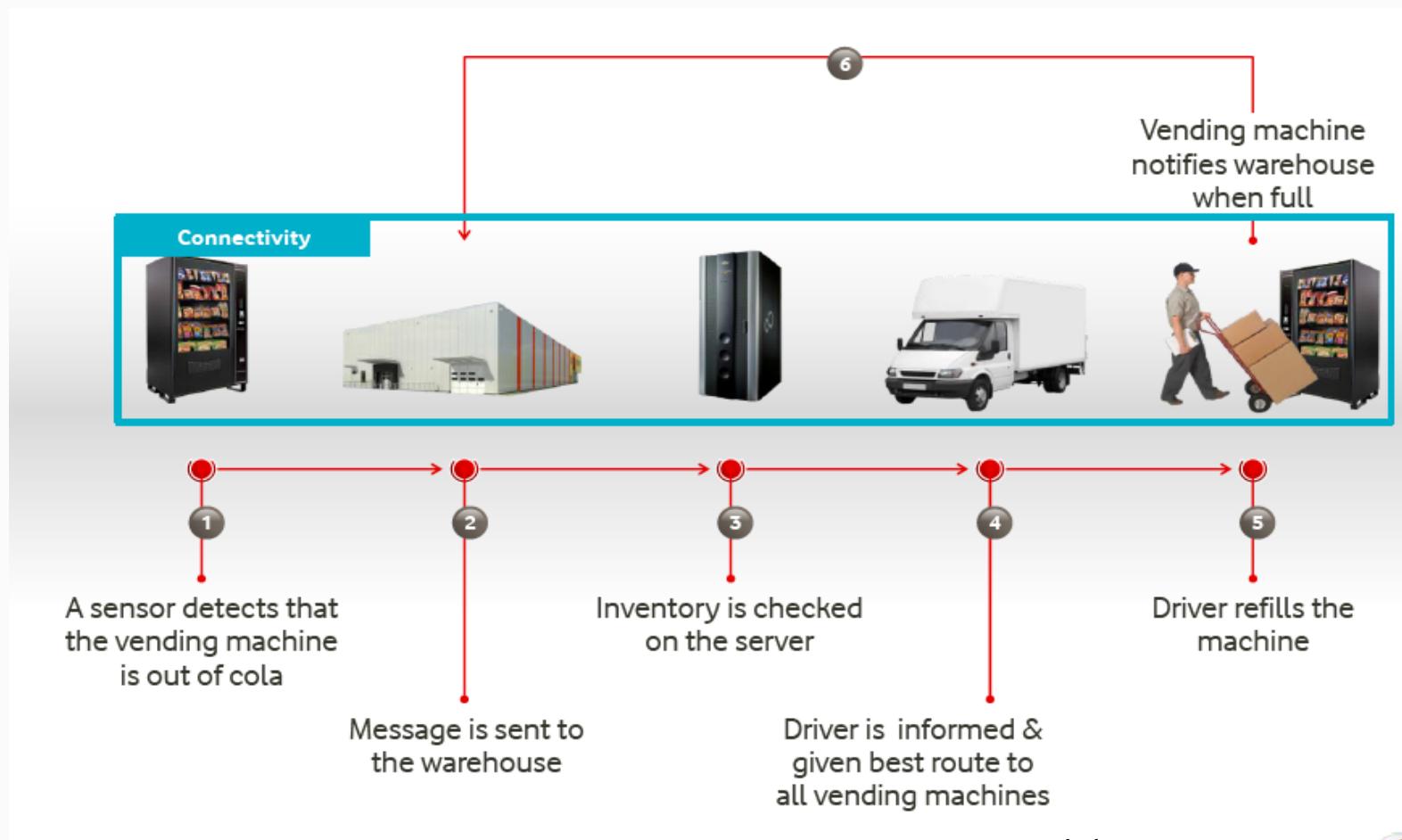
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History (IoT)

- Early 90s or prior: SCADA systems, Telemetry applications
- Late 90s- Products/services from mobile operators (Siemens) to connect devices via cellular network – Primarily automotive telematics
- Mid- 2000s – Many tailored products for logistics, fleet management, car safety, healthcare, and smart metering of electricity consumption
- Since 2010 – A large number of consortiums mushrooming up to bid for a large market share
 - ABI Projects US\$198M by 2018 (?)
 - Berg Insight US\$187M by 2014.....



Why Business interest in IoT?



Src: Vodafone Presentation



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Internet of Things

- Connected devices
- Smoke alarms,
light bulbs, power
switches, motion
sensors, door locks
etc.



IoT Enablers

- All IP Network
- Location Positioning Systems (GPS)
- Plethora of devices from sophisticated Wireless Sensor Actuators, tracking and tracing devices, RFID & CLOUD storage
- Ease of programming – Embedded Java
- Software and Service Architectures
- Data Analytics – Big Data (Sensor feed)



Research Challenges

- Heterogeneity
- Interoperability
- Scalability
- Affordable Coverage
- Software Architecture/Middleware
- Security and Trustworthiness
- Privacy
- Big Data - Data Analytics



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Heterogeneity: Standards

- Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE)
- 6LoWPAN
- LORA
- MQTT
- LTE Cat0
- IEEE 802.15.4
- Internet 0
- RFID
- Sigfox
- Smartdust
- Tera-play
- XBee
- Z-Wave



Heterogeneity: Hardware

Table I
CROSS-SECTION OF CURRENT MOTE PLATFORM SPECIFICATIONS

Device	MCU	Word Size	Clock
Imote 2 [12]	Intel PXA271	32 bit	104 MHz
INGA [13]	ATmega 1284p	8 bit	8 MHz
Mulle v5.2 [14]	Renesas M16C/62P	16 bit	10 MHz
SunSPOT v6 [15]	AT91SAM9G20	32 bit	400 MHz
TelosB [16]	TI MSP430F1611	16 bit	4 MHz
XM1000 [17]	TI MSP430F2618	16 bit	8 MHz



Heterogeneity: Platforms

- Arduino
- Contiki
- Electric Imp
- Gadgeteer
- ioBridge
- Raspberry Pi
- SensorTag
- TinyOS
- Wiring
- Xively
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Interoperability

- Devices and Software Services Function speak different language
- Trivial Example
 - Milk in the fridge going off – Sensor on carton
 - Sends TXT “drink milk” – Mobile Phone
 - Smart Phone adds milk to shopping list.
- milk carton, fridge, phone, app – all must communicate with each other seamless



Why IoT Security is Challenging?

- Diversity of devices, capabilities, standards, programming environment
- Lots of these devices store personal data – e.g. fitness/health, home security..
- Application driven field – innovation comes from non-tech people
 - First to market may mean no/little security
- Potential threats/attacks a guess work.



A Security Disaster

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Cyber-security

The internet of things (to be hacked)

Hooking up gadgets to the web promises huge benefits. But security must not be an afterthought

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By Fahmida Y. Rashid JULY 18, 2014 7:30 AM - Source: Tom's Guide US | 5 COMMENTS

Hacking the Fridge: Internet of Things Has Security Vulnerabilities

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Philips Hue LED smart lights hacked, home blacked out by security researcher

By Sal Cangeloso on August 15, 2013 at 11:45 am | 7 Comments

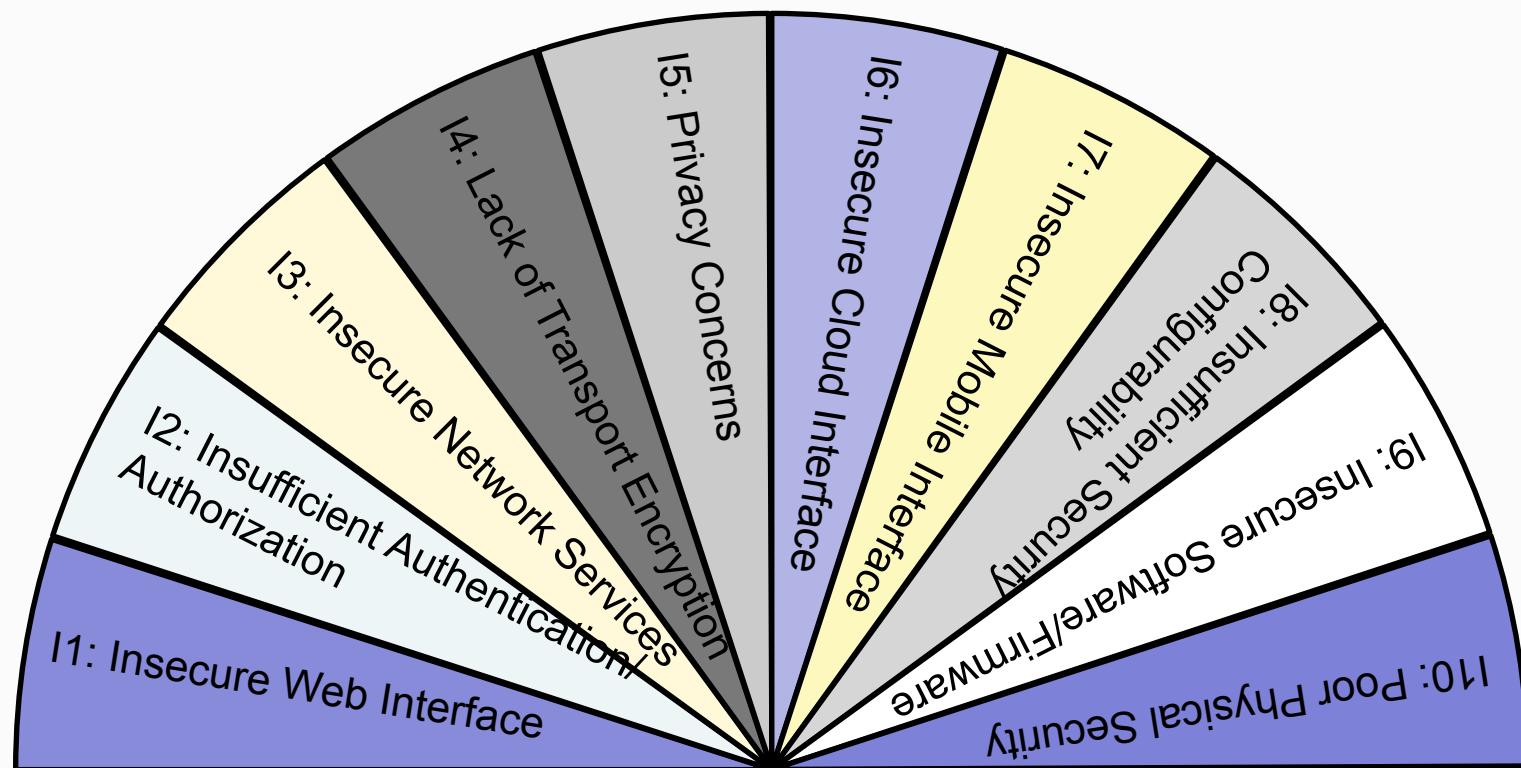
Secure Internet of Things

- HP conducted a security analysis of IoT devices¹
 - ▶ 80% had privacy concerns
 - ▶ 80% had poor passwords
 - ▶ 70% lacked encryption
 - ▶ 60% had vulnerabilities in UI
 - ▶ 60% had insecure updates

¹http://fortifyprotect.com/HP_IoT_Research_Study.pdf



OWASP: IoT Vulnerability Classes



Src: Junia Valente et al, "Security & Privacy in Smart Toys", IoT S&P@CCS 2017: 19-24

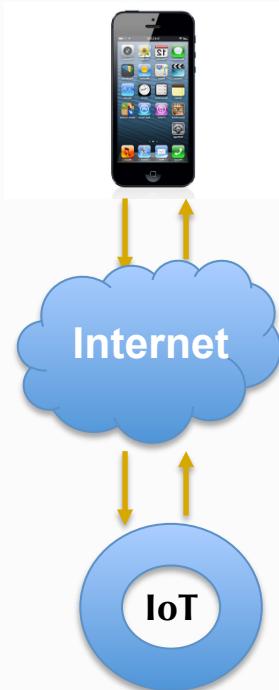


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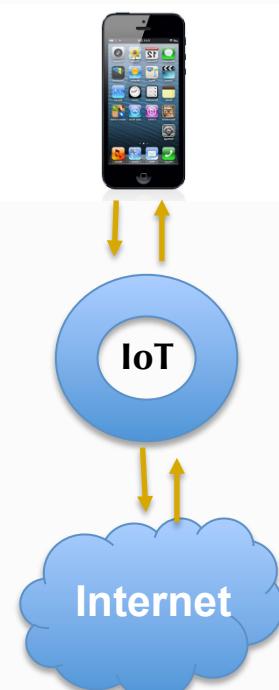
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Typical Operational Models

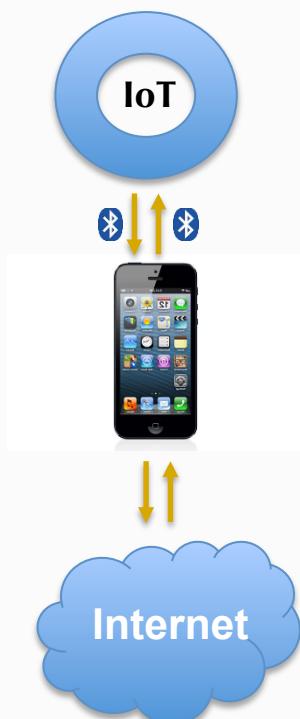
External Server



Direct Access



Transit



Eg: Nest Protect Alarm

Eg: Philips Hue Lamps

Eg: Fitbit Flex



Philips Hue Lamps

- One of the oldest IoT devices on the market (since 2011).
- Ability to control lights via a smartphone app.
- Highly Customizable and work with a lot of 3rd party services like IFTTT (eg: blink the light if someone sends me a message on facebook)

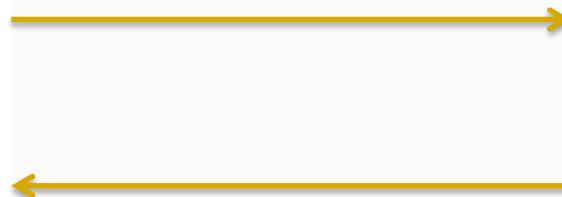


Communication Process

- ❑ Phone talks directly to the hue bridge and bridge then relays appropriate commands to the lights using zigbee.
- ❑ All Communications between the phone and the bridge are in plain text.



Philips Hue Attack



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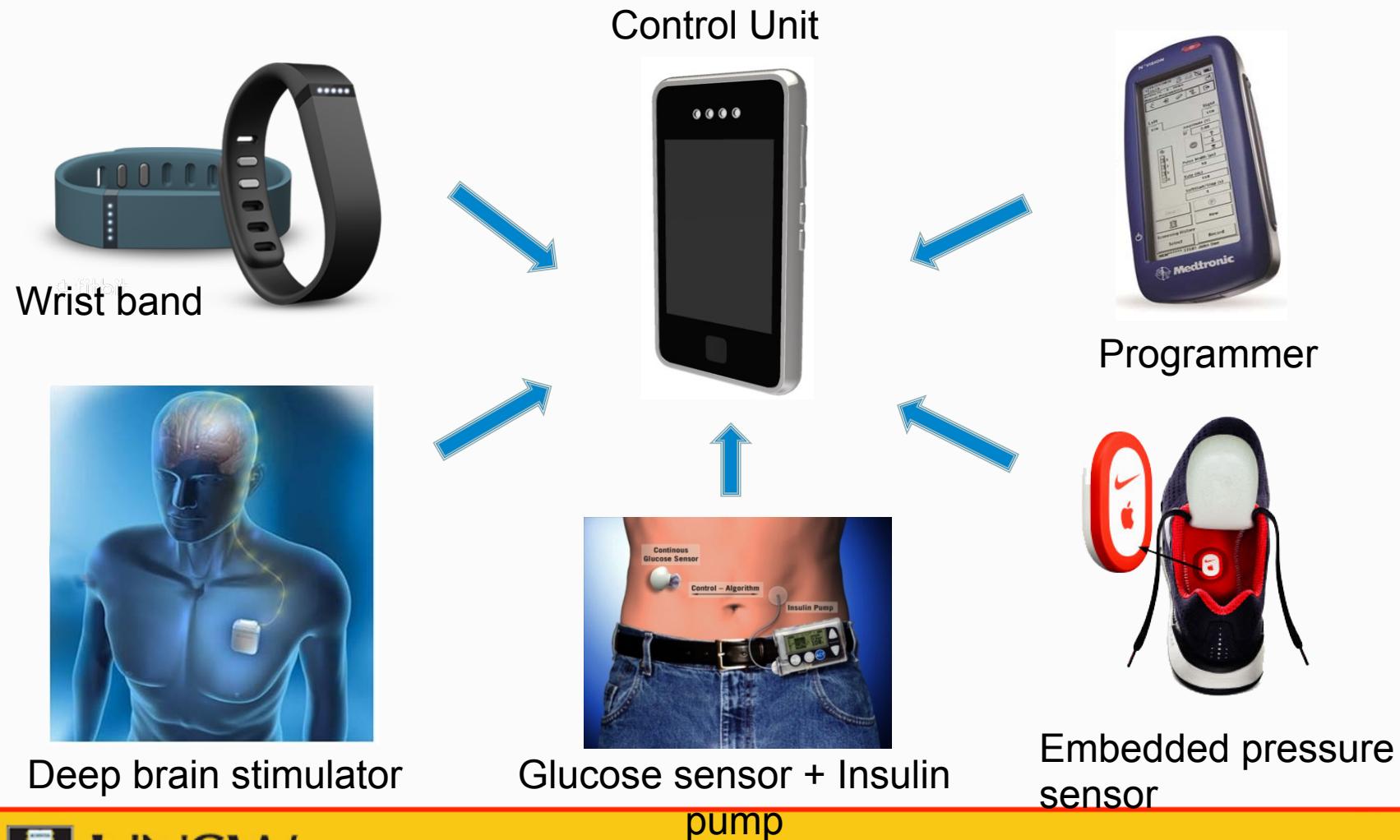
Philips Hue Attack (Demo Andrew Bennet former project student)



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E-Health Applications



Attacks

- Wireless medium vulnerable to threats
 - An intruder can gain access to WBAN
 - Tamper the physiological data
 - Inject false commands
- According to recently published FDA report :

“An RFID-deep brain stimulator had caused a ‘severe rebound tremor’ in a patient due to accidental reprogramming via interference from coexisting RFIDs”



Authentication/Data Origin

- Link Fingerprint – RSSI or phase unique between sensor device and a base-station
 - Hard to forge, provable session record
- Use standard security primitives (PKI) to secure this signature and data – as needed by applications.
- Optimize the fingerprinting process to reduce memory and transmission overheads



RSSI Demo: Girish Revadigar (former PhD student)



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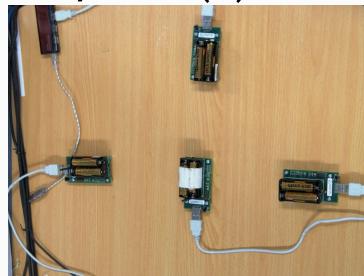
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Experimental Setup

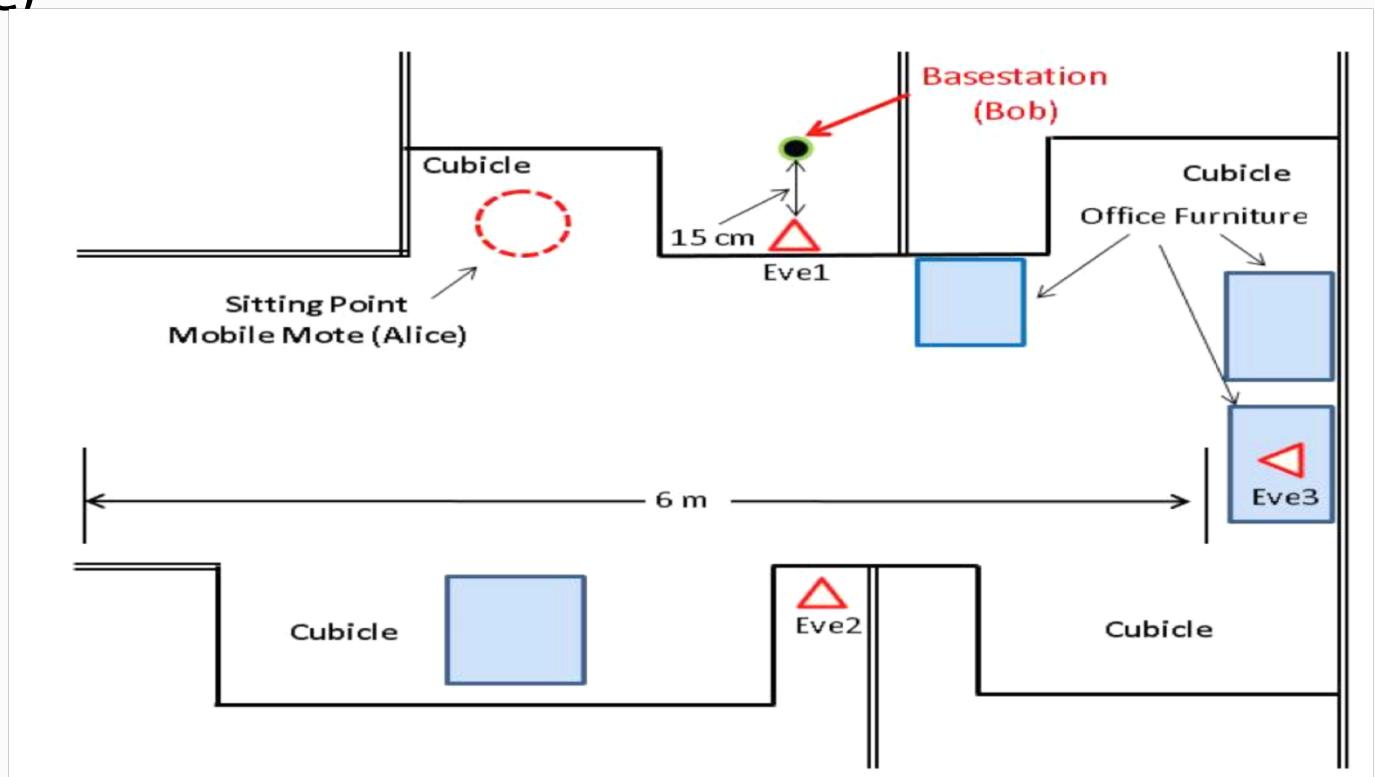
Bodyworn Device -Alice (MicaZ mote)



Basestation – Bob, Eve(s)



Indoor Office Environment



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RSSI Correlation

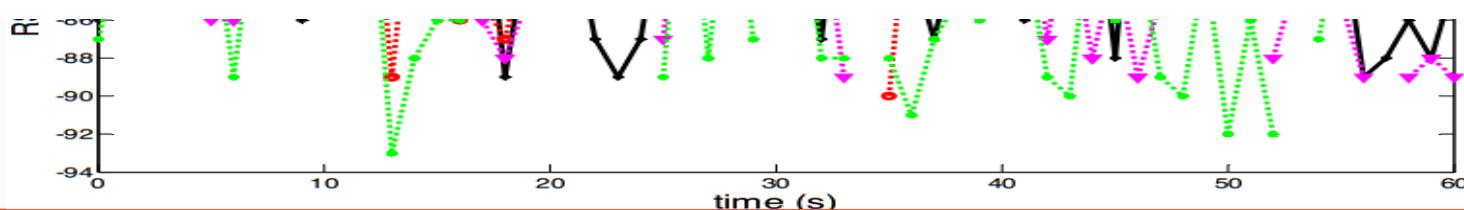
Alice
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¤ Variation in RSSI vs. time

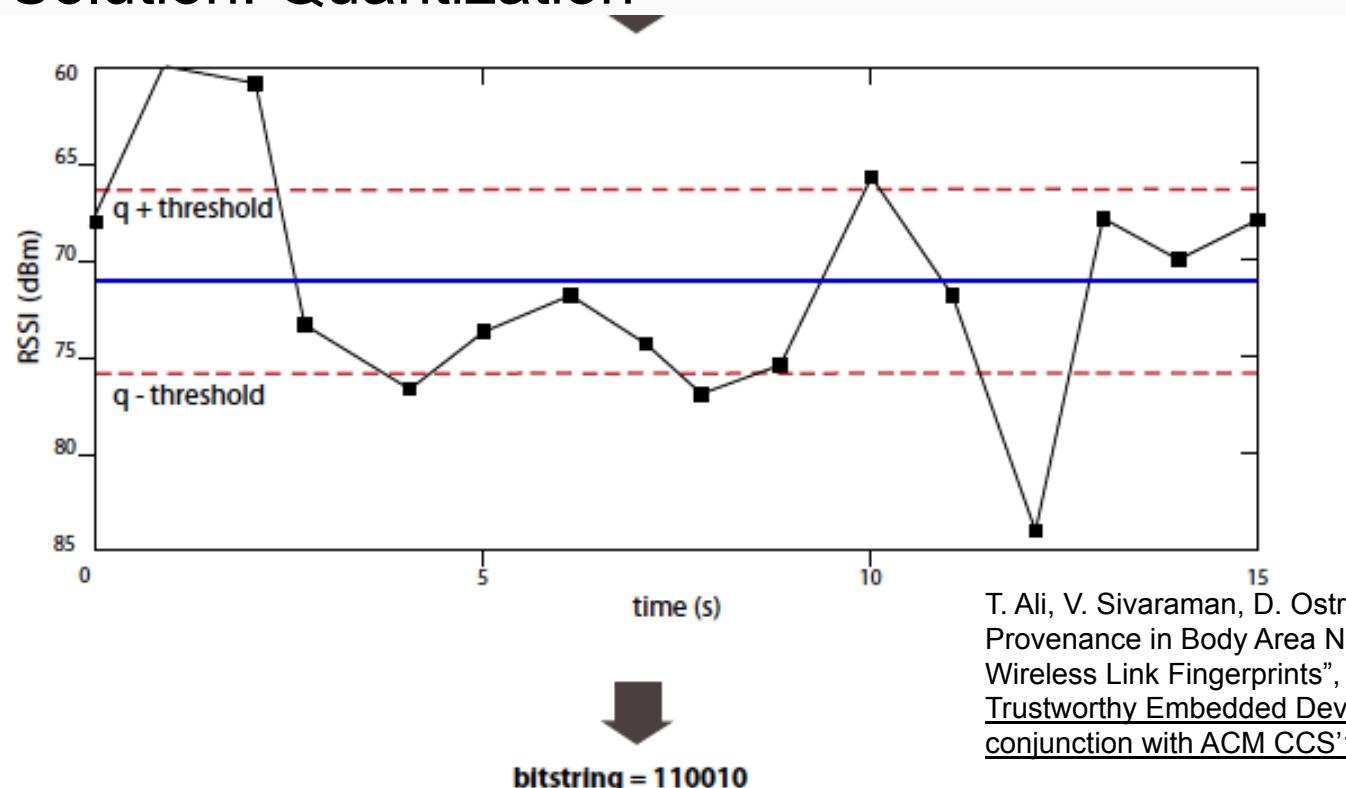
Table 1: Correlation coefficient (r) of RSSI measurements observed by various parties

Experiment	Alice-Bob (r)	Alice-Eve1	Alice-Eve2	Alice-Eve3
<i>High Activity</i>	0.974	0.197	0.088	0.038
<i>Low Activity</i>	0.950	0.129	0.102	0.158
<i>High Activity</i> (filtered)	0.986	0.281	0.118	0.065
<i>Low Activity</i> (filtered)	0.976	0.205	0.152	0.224



Memory Overhead

Store RSSI for every transactions – Memory overhead?
Solution: Quantization

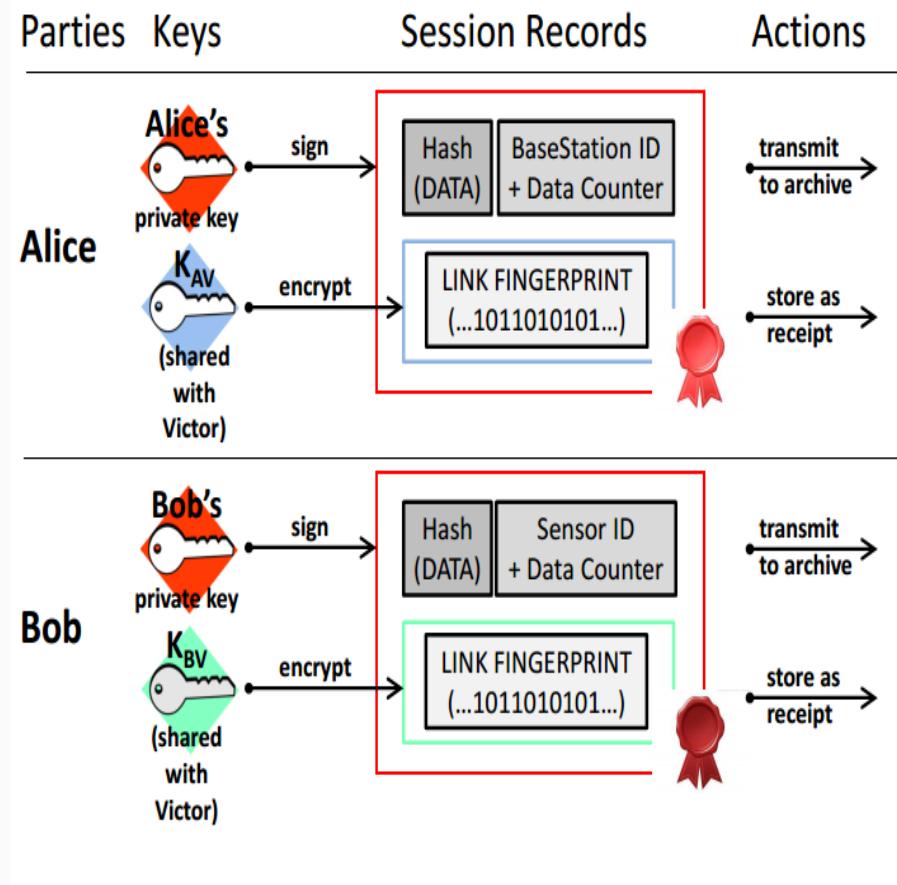


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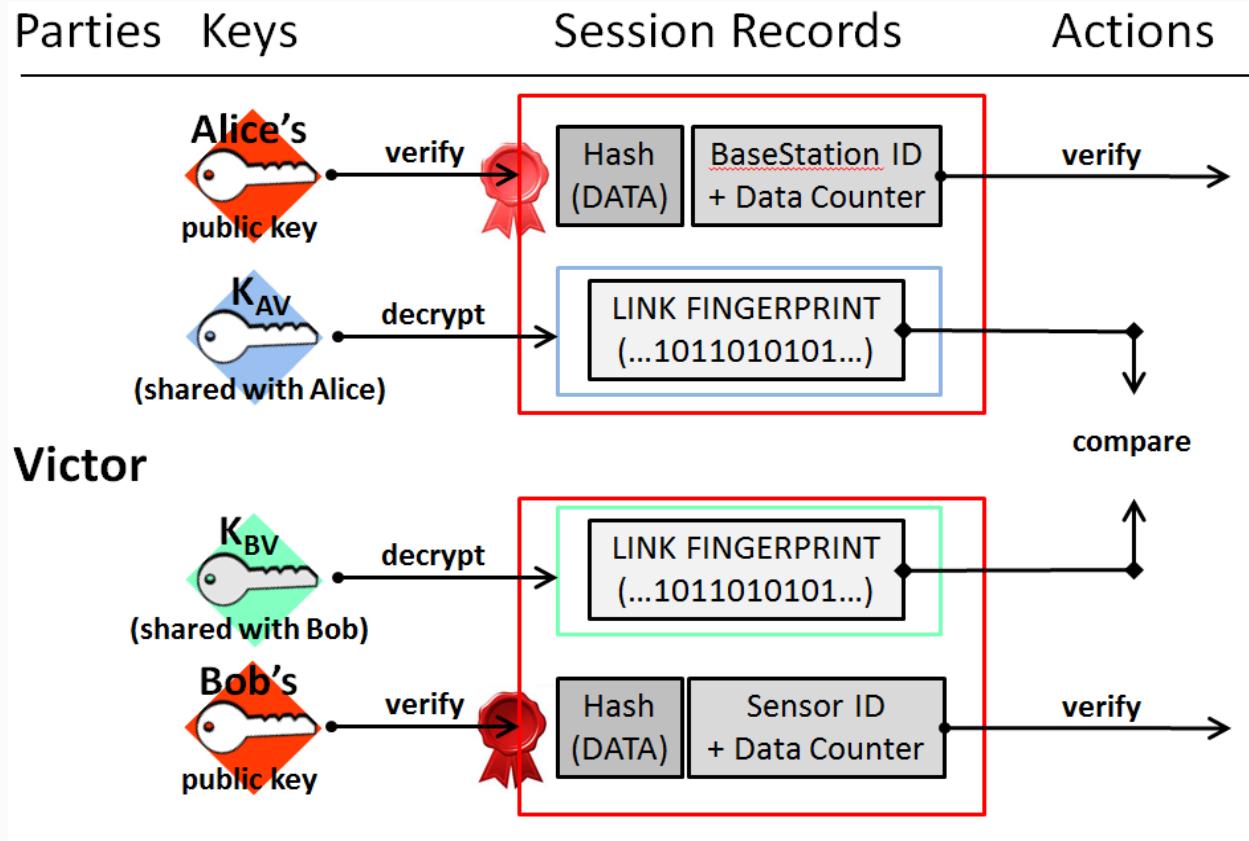
Figure 5: Level crossing quantization technique



Authentication Protocol



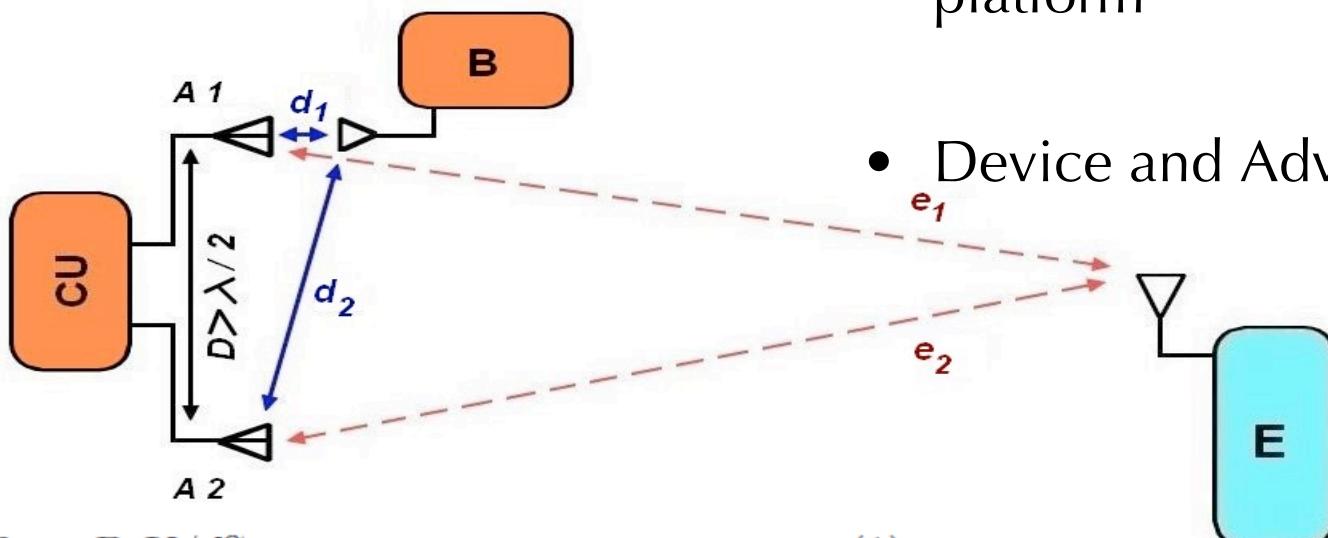
Verification Protocol



SeAK: Secure Pairing

Platforms

- Control Unit (CU) - Opal sensor platform
- Device and Adversary – Iris motes



$$P_r = P_s K / d_r^\alpha$$

(1)

$$\frac{P_{r1}}{P_{r2}} = \frac{P_s K / d_1^\alpha}{P_s K / d_2^\alpha}$$

(2)

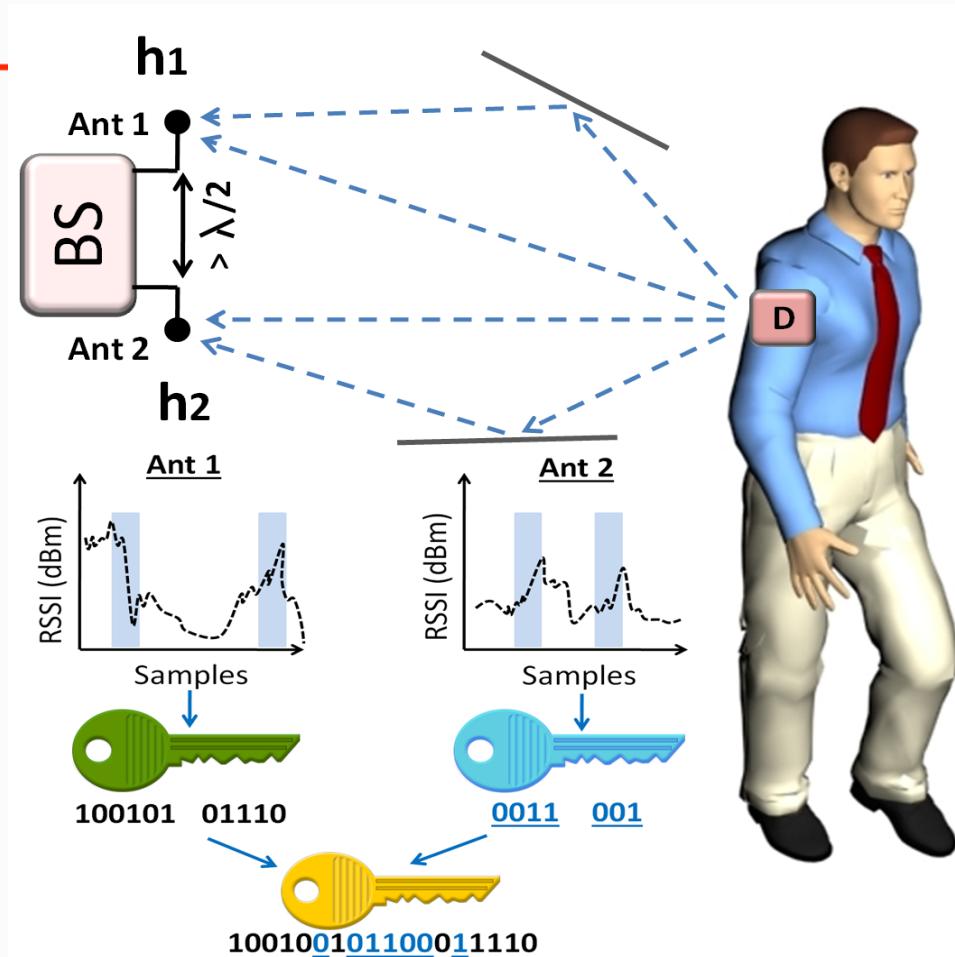
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DLINK: Dual Link based Radio



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Thread Group

(ARM, Consortium of Qualcomm, and Samsung ...)

- Adopts PKC for authentication
- AES Symmetric key for confidentiality
- IPv6 Low-power Wireless Personal Area Networks (6LoWPAN) to minimize the energy consumption from wireless communications
- How to build secure-over-air reprogramming for IoT Devices (heterogeneous)?



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Broadcast Security – for IoT

- Broadcast applications need security
 - Packet injection or eavesdropping is easy
- Security solutions for point-to-point communication not scalable for large deployments
- Broadcast challenges
 - Scale to large audiences
 - Dynamic membership
 - Low overhead (computation & communication)
 - Packet loss
 - How to achieve reliability in broadcasts?

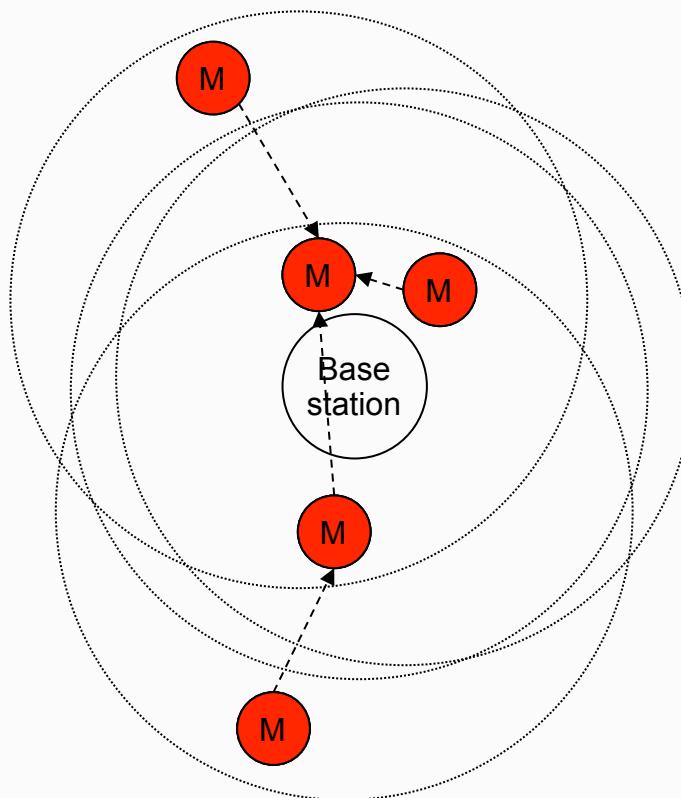


WSN Code Dissemination

- Assumes Homogenous Sensor Network
- Epidemic Communication Model
- Exploits spatial multiplexing
 - Parallel transmission in various parts of the network
- Node with the newer version program image becomes a sender and a node with an older version becomes the receiver
- Employ techniques: digital signature, Merkle hash tree, one-way hash functions , pairwise encryption.



WSN Secure Network Programming



H. Tan, D. Ostry, J. Zic and S. Jha, "Secure Multi-hop Network Programming With Multiple One-way Key Chains", IEEE Transactions on Mobile Computing (TMC), Vol 10(1), pp 16-31, Jan 2011



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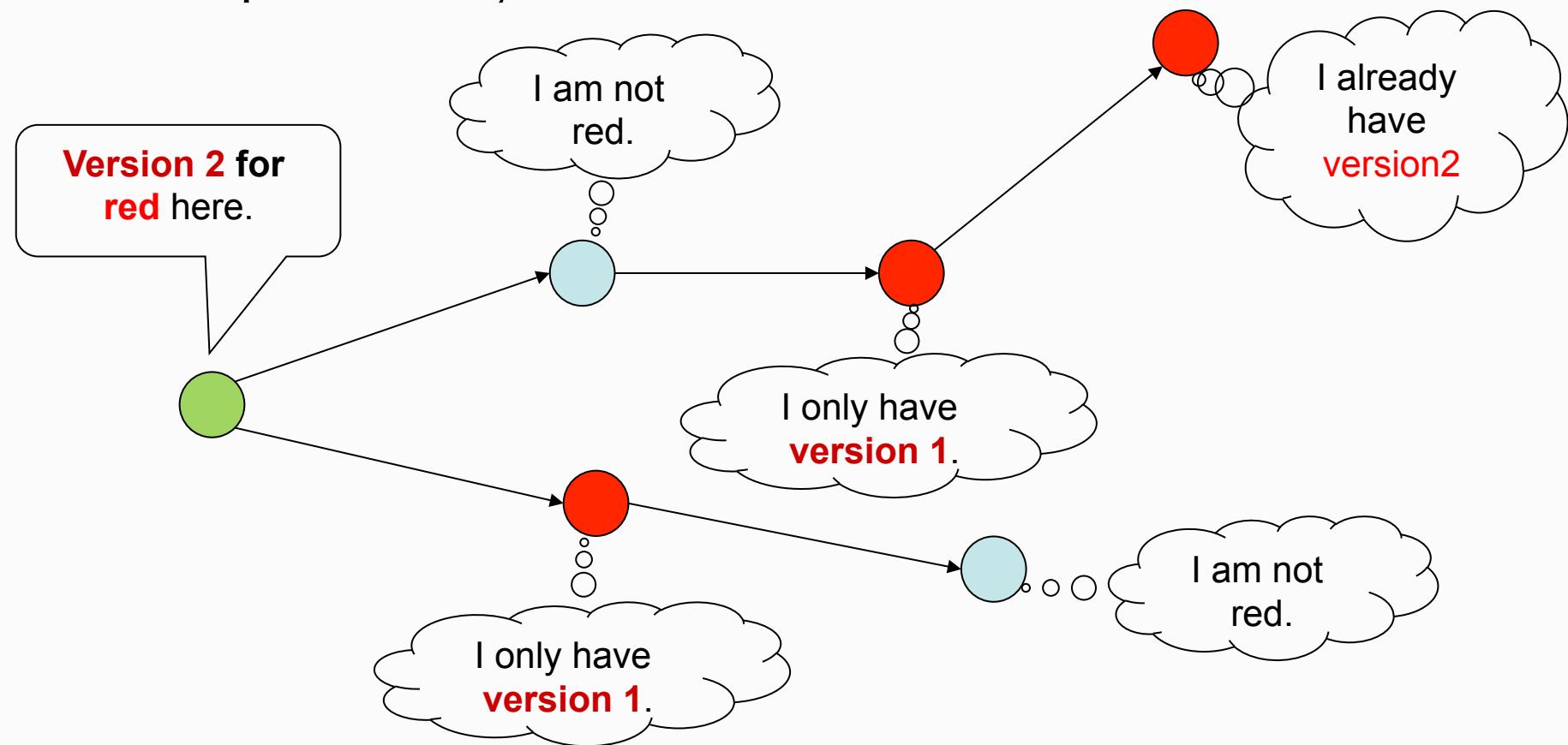
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SEDA: SEcure Over the air code Dissemination Arhitecture

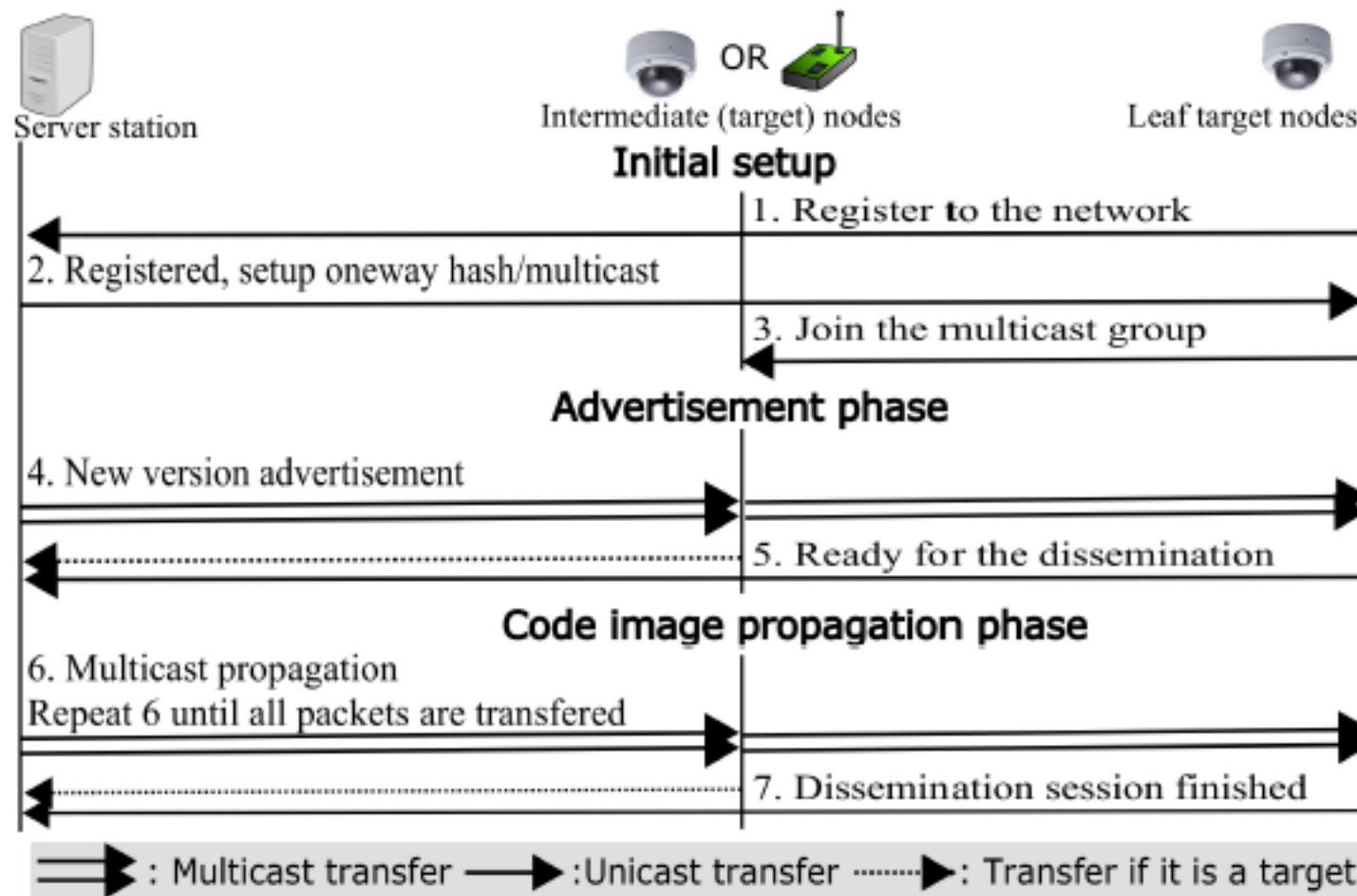
- Motivation: To produce experimental system which serves as a guideline for future deployment
- Use overlay multicast communication model for efficient dissemination and key distribution
- Public key cryptographic broadcast encryption scheme (BGWt) - for efficient group key distribution/management, and low decryption overhead.
- Identify potential security threats and defensive measures
- Experimentally validate the architecture and provide performance benchmark

Broadcast propagation

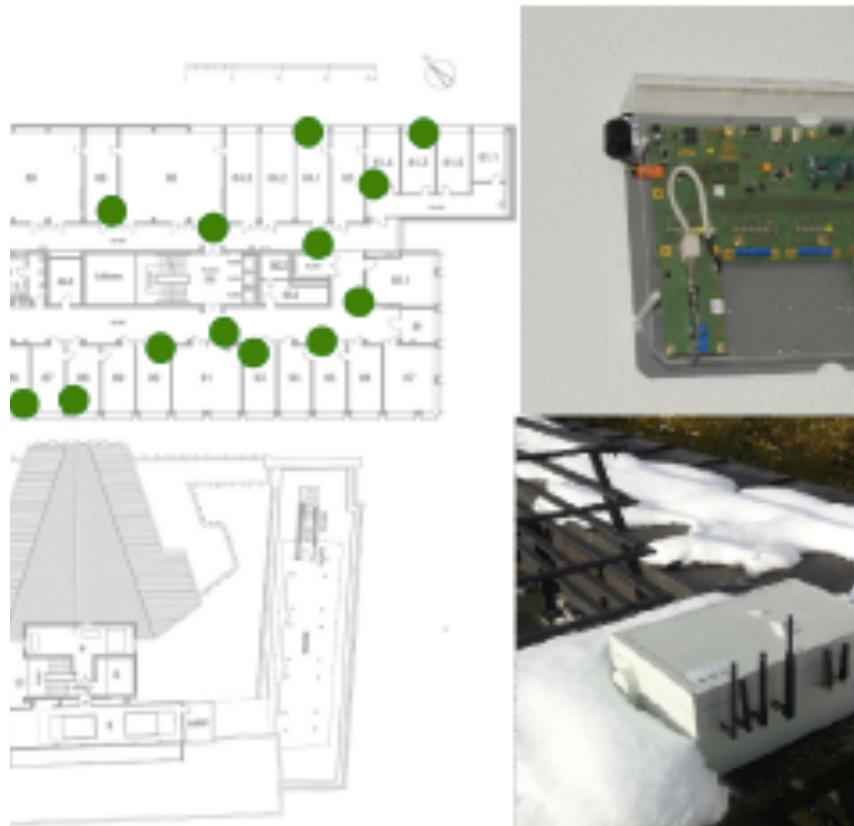
Server periodically broadcasts new version



SEDA Protocol Overview

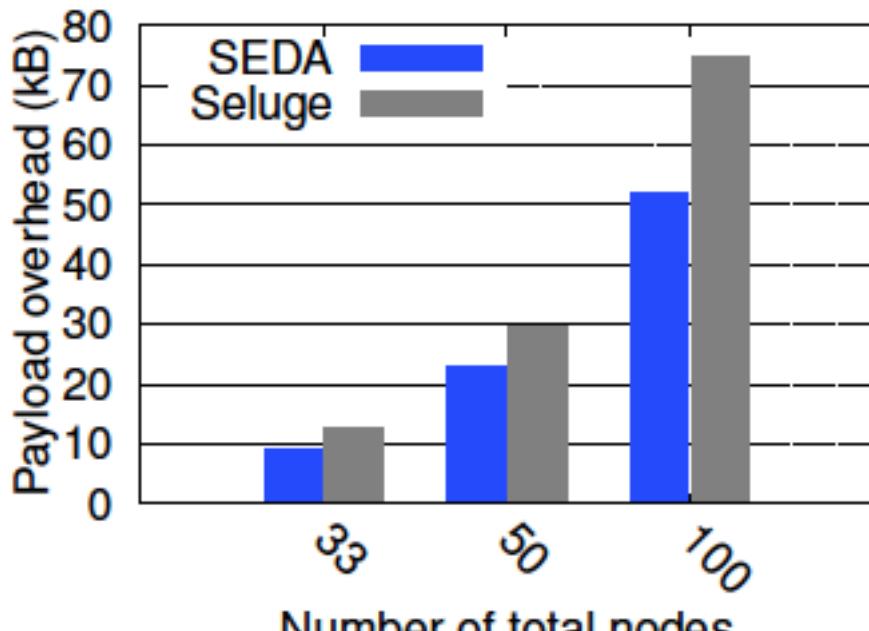


Flock Testbed and Cooja simulator

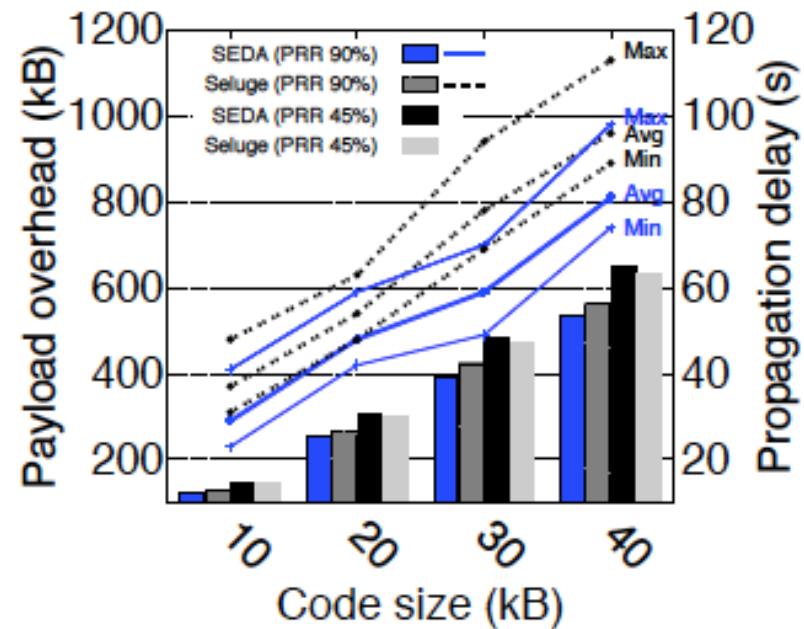


(c) Cooja simulator setting for a 100 node network.

Results



(a) Key establishment overhead comparison



(b) Propagation overhead (bar, left axis) and delay (line, right axis) comparison.

Research Contributions

- The selection and implementation of a public key cryptographic broadcast encryption scheme e.g. variation of BGW
- Experimentally validate through a prototype IoT platform and demonstrate the efficiency in practical settings
- Publicly release implementation as an open-source code



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Thank You



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