Internet of Things (IoT): An Introduction

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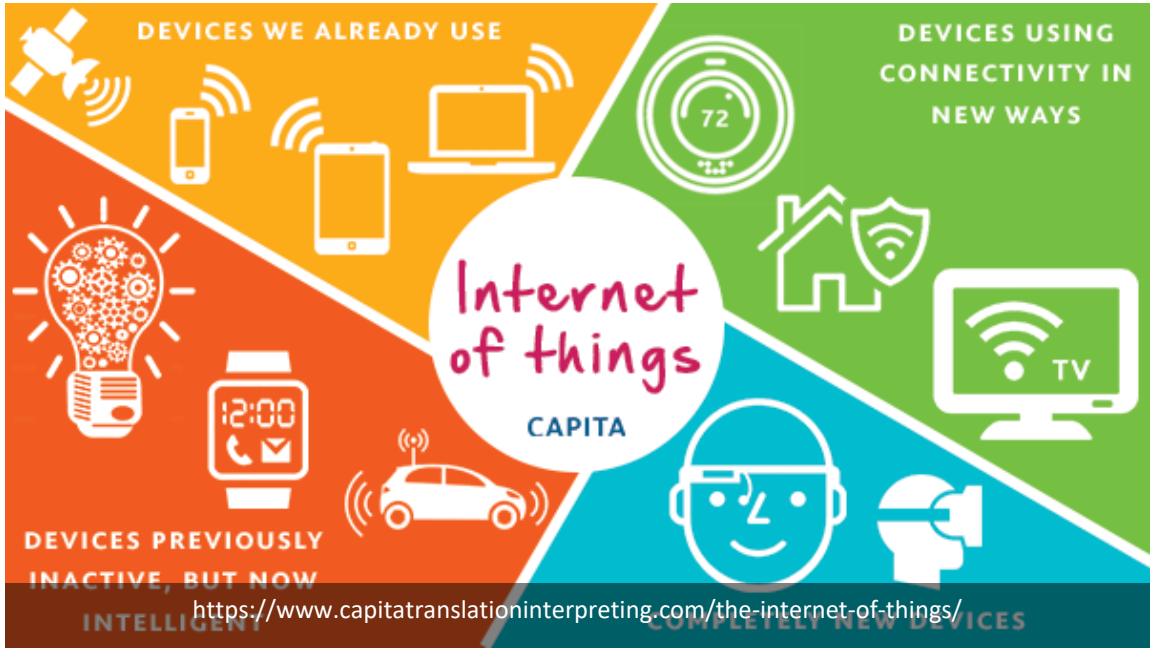
Definition

Internet → The worldwide network of interconnected computer networks, based on a standard communication protocol (TCP/IP).

Thing → An object not precisely identifiable.

Internet of Things (IoT) → A worldwide network of interconnected objects uniquely addressable, based on standard communication protocol.



Definition (cont.,)

- Extending the current Internet and providing connection, communication, and inter-networking between devices and physical objects, or "Things,".

Characteristics

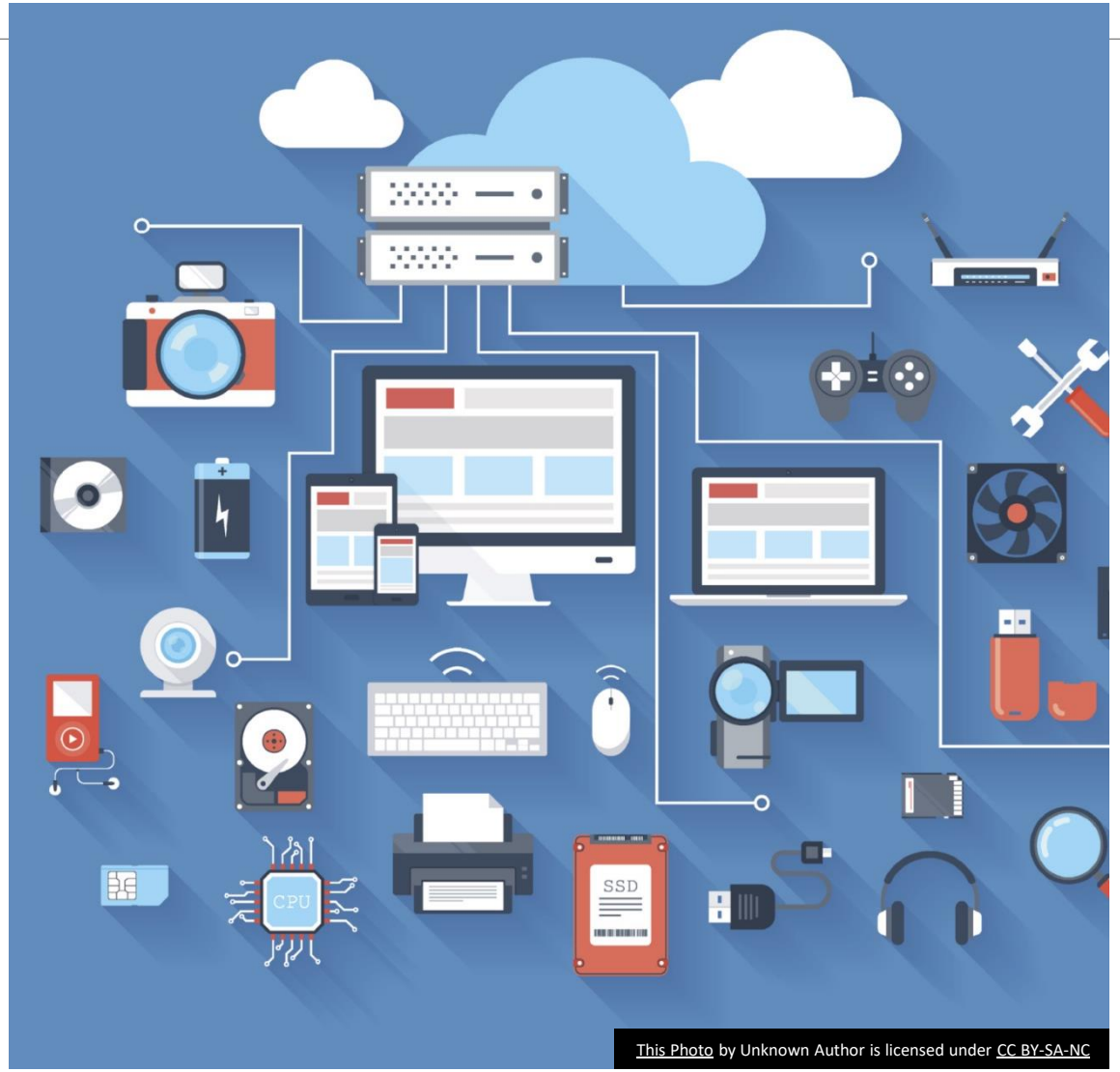
Everyday objects with embedded technology to sense, connect, and communicate.

Empowered by:

- Sensors, cheap and accessible compute power (microcontrollers), ubiquitous connectivity, networking and internet protocols.

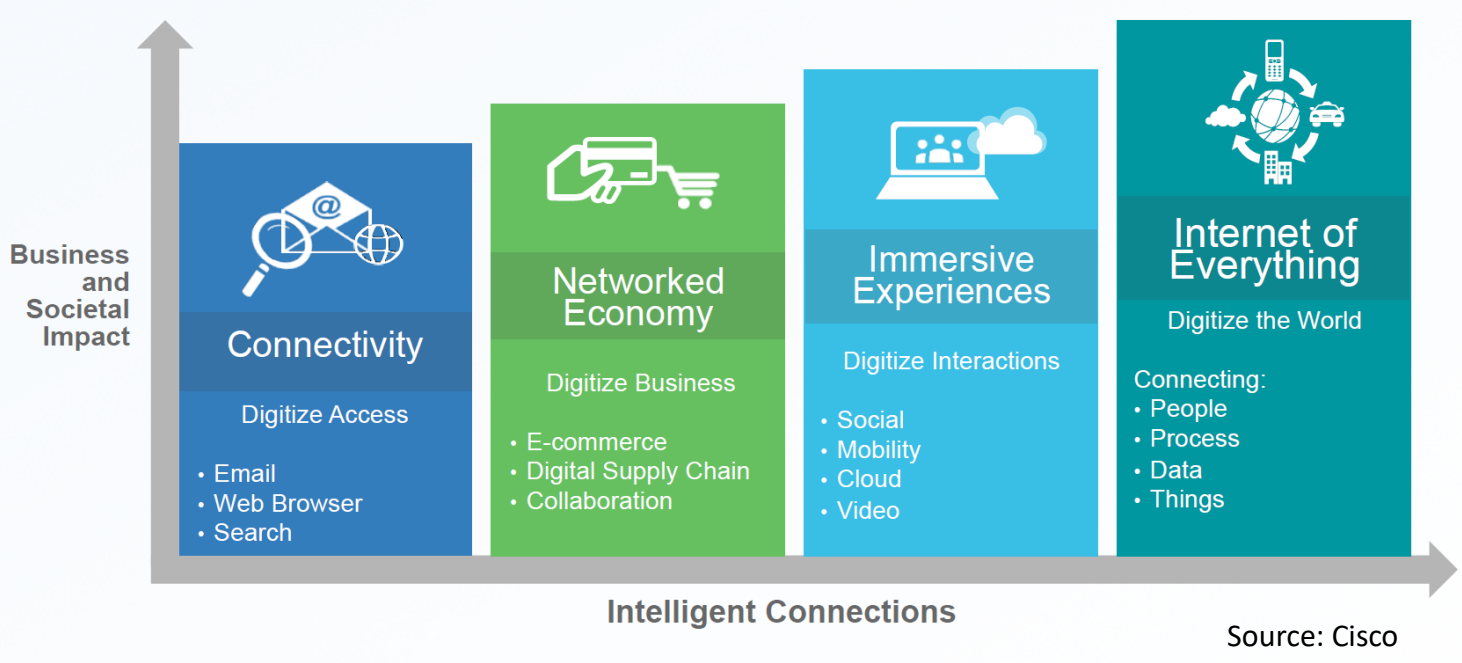
Transforms isolated, passive things to connected things with compute power.

Collaborate to enable ground breaking applications.



IoT Evolution

- Started with connectivity among people for sharing information.
- Led to a “flat-world” where everyone across the world is connected.
- Advancement in cloud computing and immersive experience led towards universal accessibility of data.
- Combination of immersive experiences, connectivity and advancement in electronics further leading to Internet of Everything (IoE)

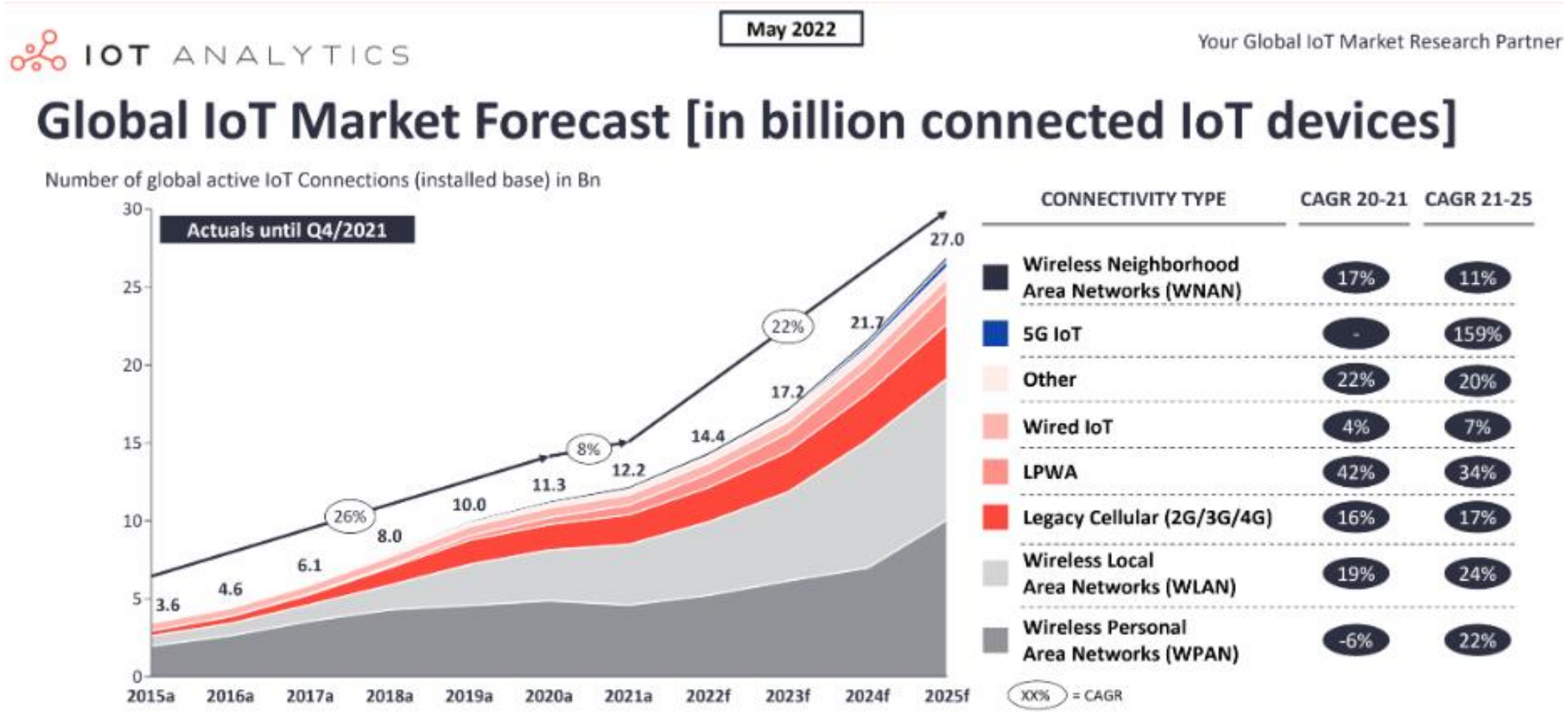


Source: Cisco

Current State of IoT

Number of connected IoT devices growing 18% to 14.4 billion globally

- Even with chip shortage.



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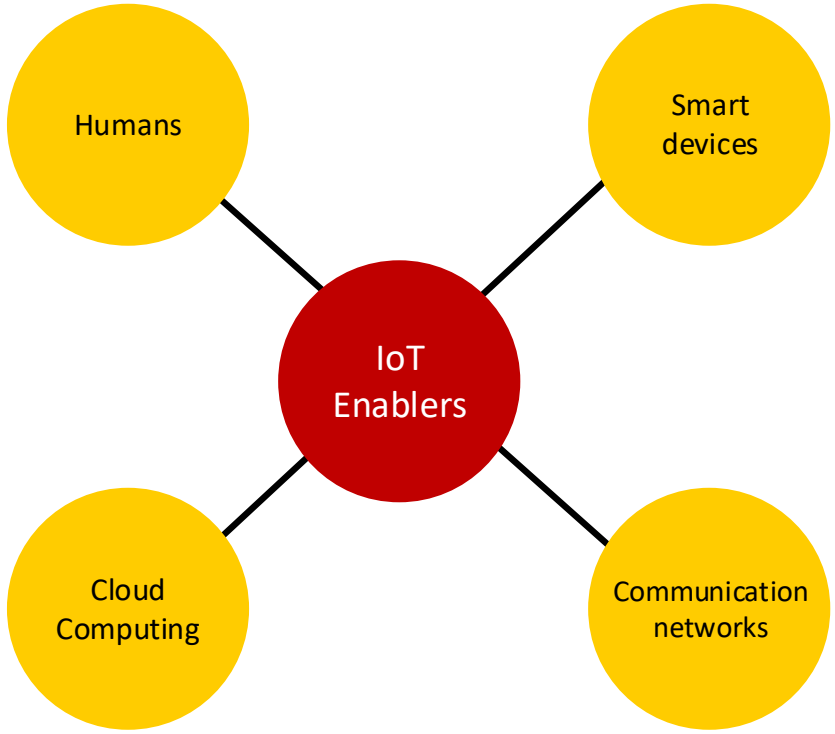
IoT Potential

- First public website went live at CERN in 1990.
  - It took 15 years to reach 1 billion people on earth over the internet.
  - IoT >4 billion connected devices per year.

- Economic impact
  - New revenue streams
  - Reducing costs
  - Reducing time to market
  - Improving supply chain
  - Reducing production loss
  - Increasing productivity

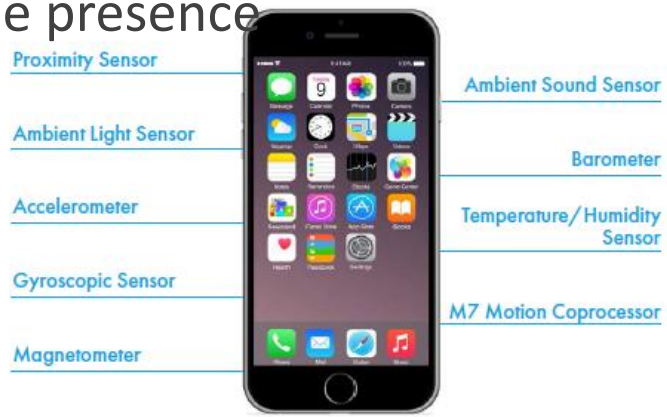
IoT Enablers

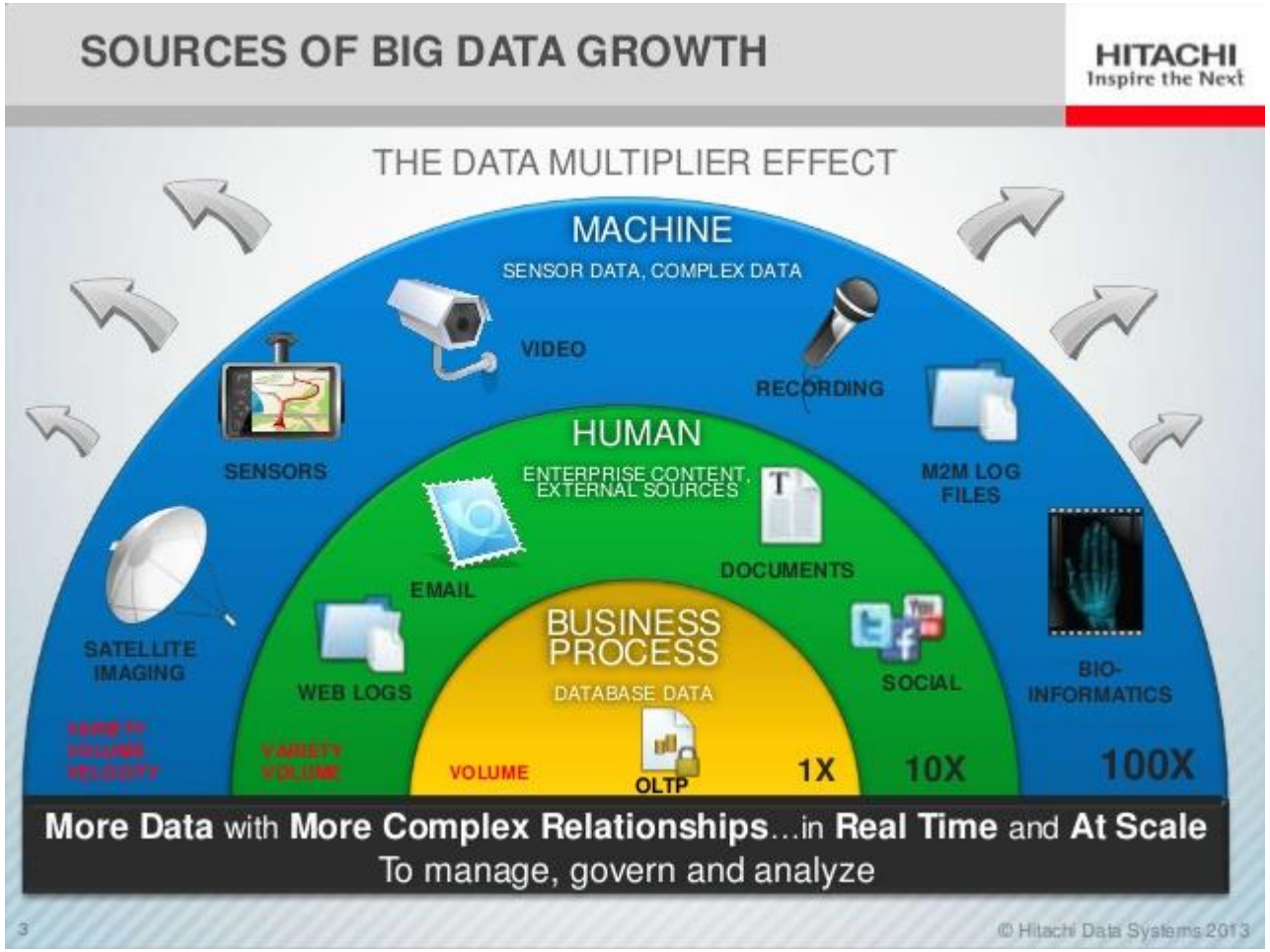
- Humans
  - They can act both as consumers and producers of data
- Smart devices
  - Technological advances and reduction in the cost of manufacturing has enabled widespread adoption of smart devices
- Communication Networks
  - Diverse method such as Wi-Fi, Bluetooth LE, Zigbee, ANT+, GPRS, 3G are the key denominator as they make a lot more options available to the IoT
- Cloud Computing
  - Scaling rapidly to meet the growing demand resulting from the IoT in terms of storage and computational power



Big Data - Enablers

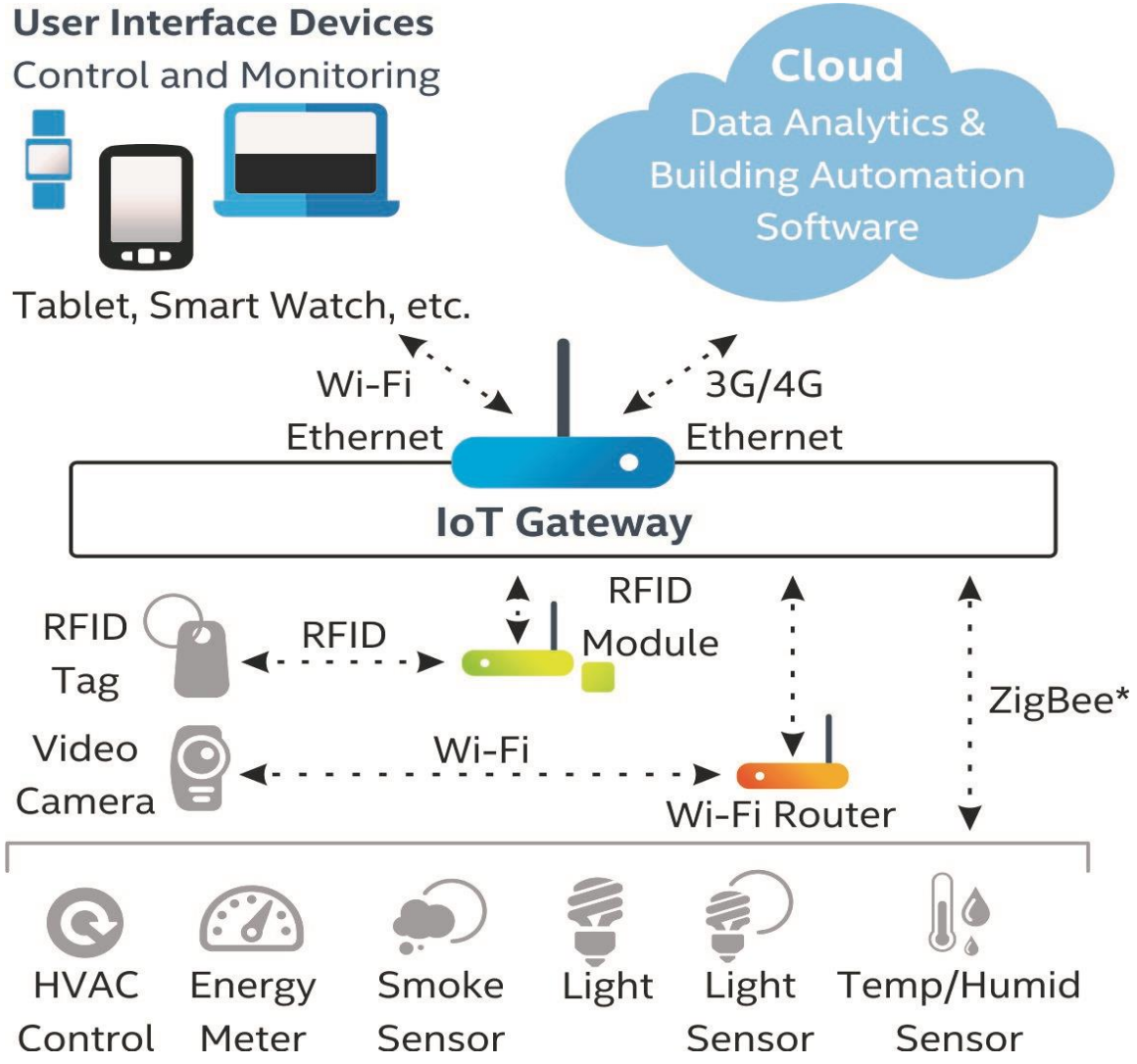
- 1.7MB of data was created every second by every person during 2020.
- 90% of the world's data has been created in last 2 year (https://techjury.net/blog/how-much-data-is-created-every-day/)
- Sources
  - Physical Environment
  - Smartphones & wearables
  - Online presence





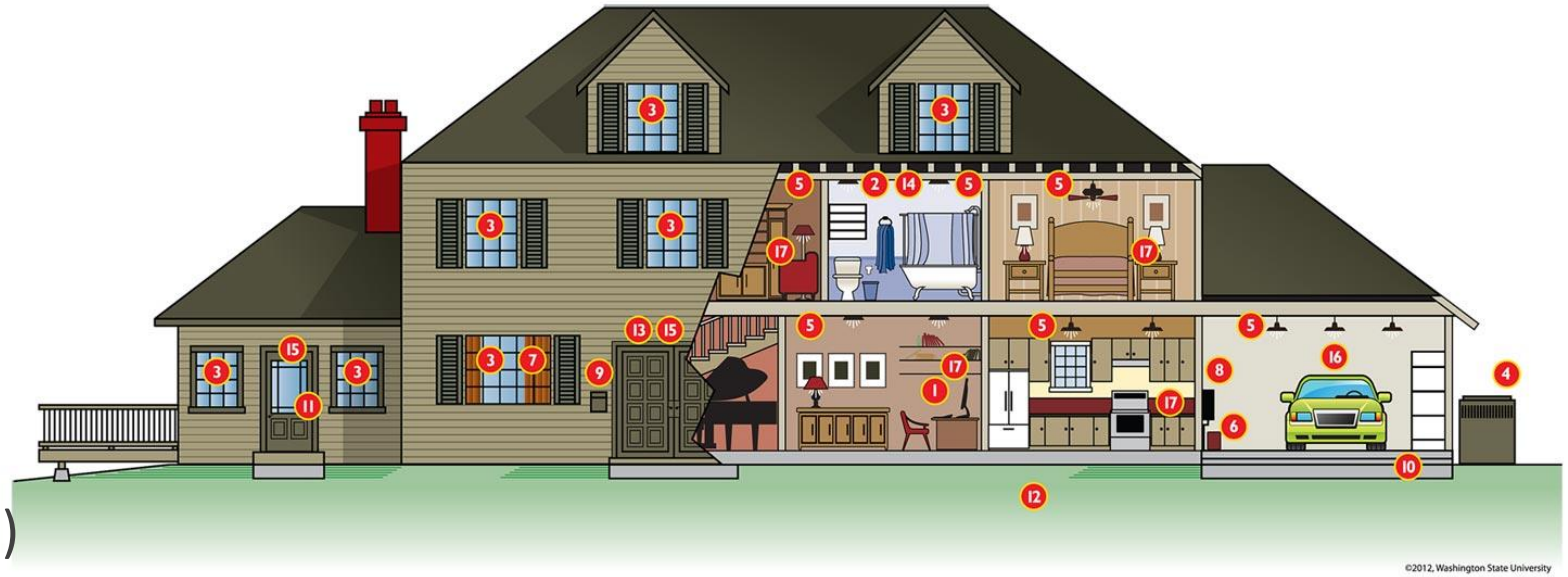
Building Blocks of an IoT System

- Sensing
- Connectivity
- Gateways
- Processing
- Software
- Power



Sensors – Healthy Independent Living

- They are mainly input components
- They sense and collect surrounding information
- Basically, three types:
  - Passive, omnidirectional (e.g. mic)
  - Passive, narrow-beam sensor (e.g. PIR)
  - Active sensors (e.g. sonar, radar, etc.)



1	Ambient Intelligence Agent (Aml) Control	6	Automatic Pet Feeder	12	Lawn Moisture Sensor
2	Light Sensor	7	Motorized Drapes	13	Face Recognition Sensor
3	Windows and Door Control	8	Automatic Watering	14	Motion Sensors
4	HVAC Control	9	Mailbox Sensor	15	Door Sensors
5	Lighting Control	10	Driveway Sensor	16	Aml Interface with Car
		11	Security System	17	Aml Interface with Smart Phone

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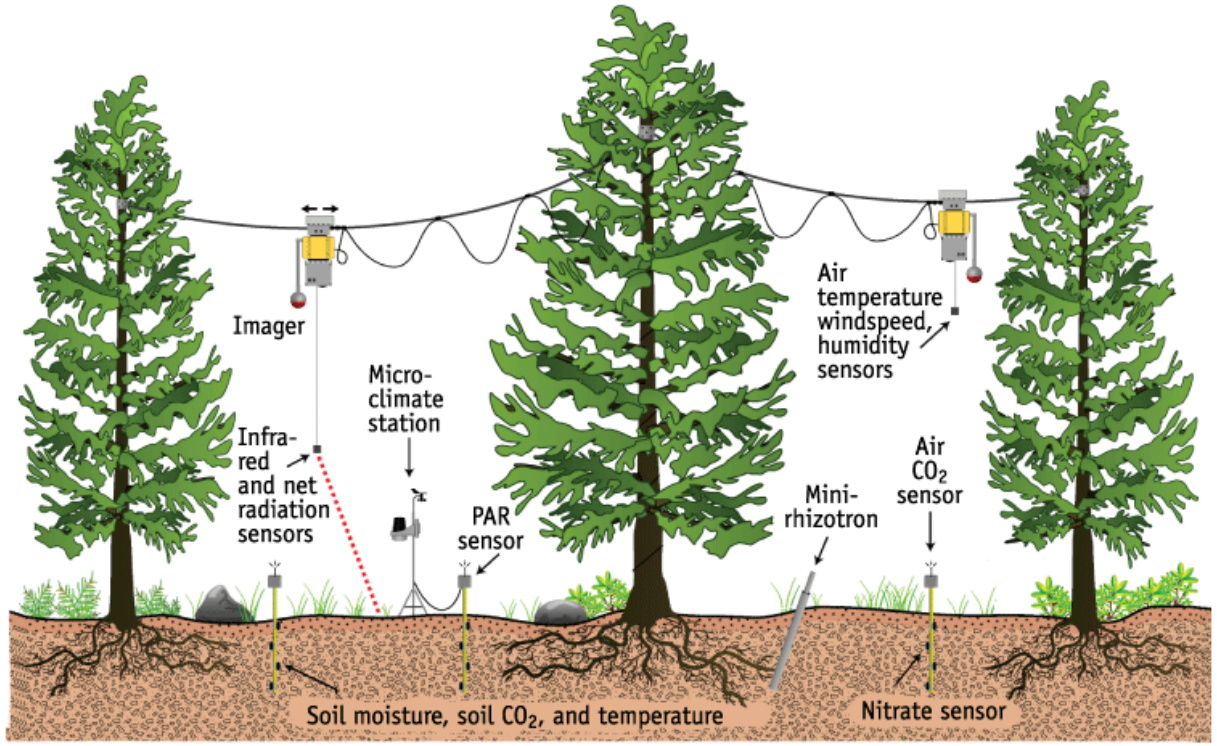
Sensors – Environmental Monitoring



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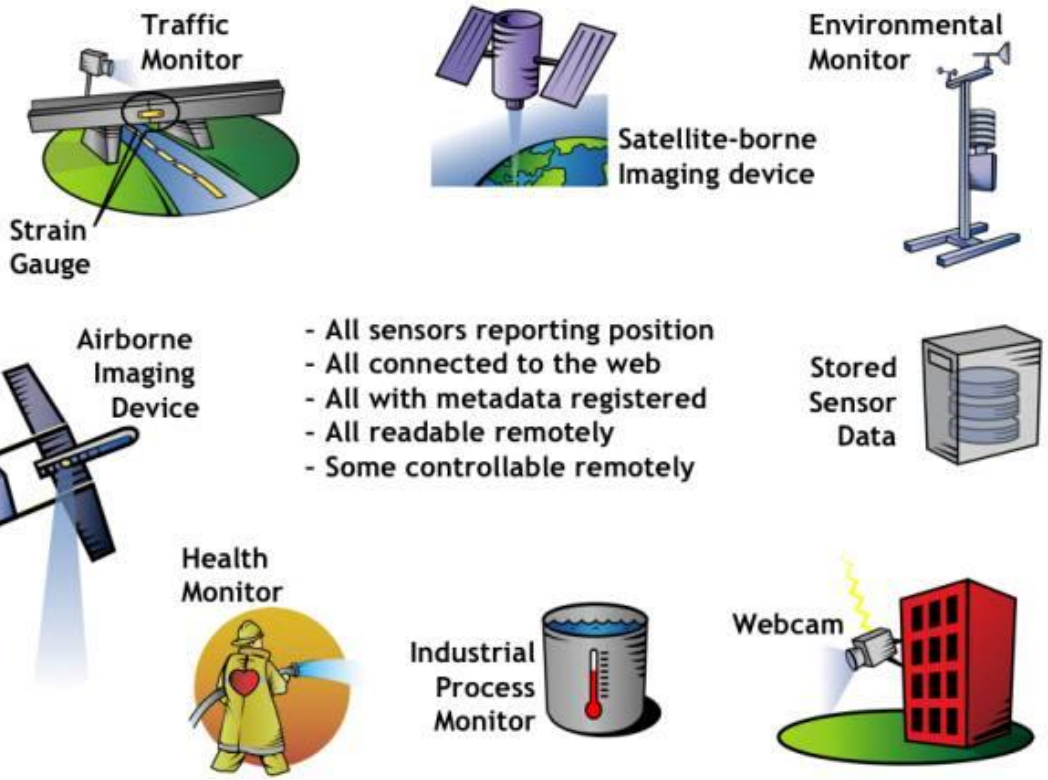

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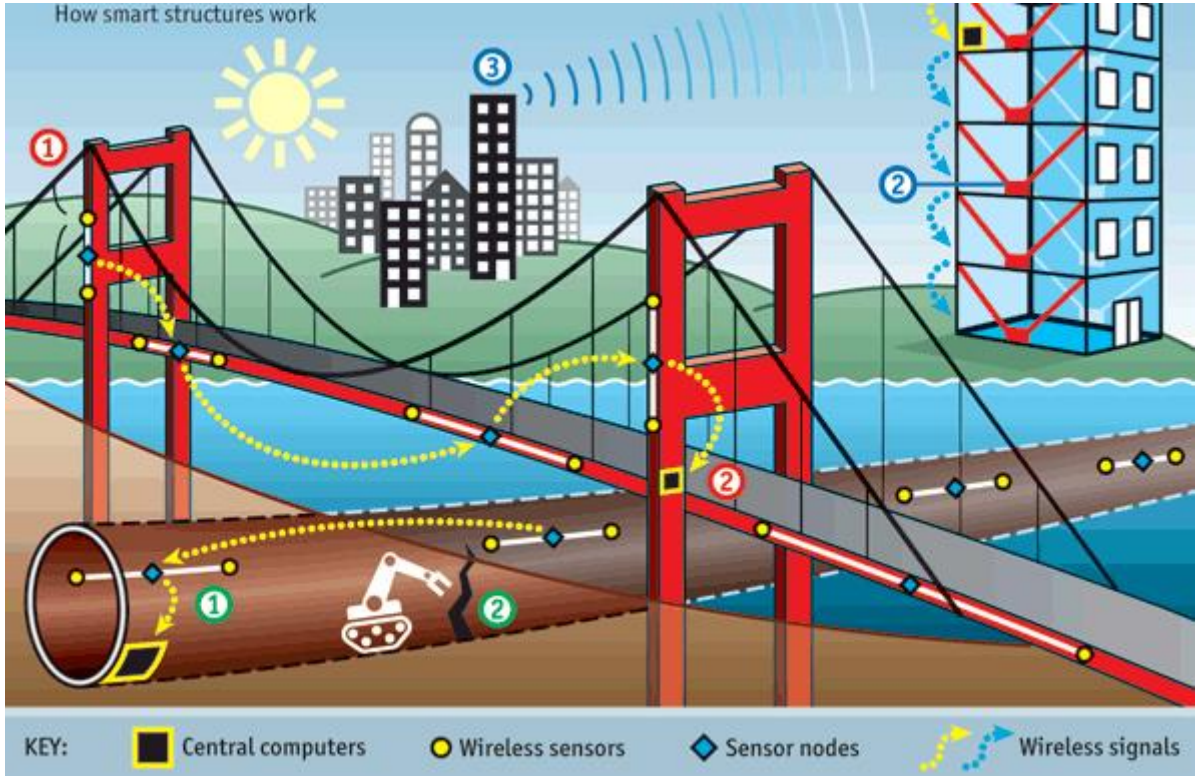
Sensors – Infrastructure Health Monitoring

- Smart Building
  - Sensor to detect strong wind or earthquake
  - Shock absorbers can react to minimize the damage
  - Building could warm other building to prepare for the event
- Smart Bridge
  - Sensors to monitor vibrations, displacement, and temperature
  - If problem is detected, a warming can be sent by SMS
- Smart Tunnel
  - Sensors to monitor humidity, displacement, and temperature
  - If problem is detected, appropriate maintenance can be carried out



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Embedded Processing Units

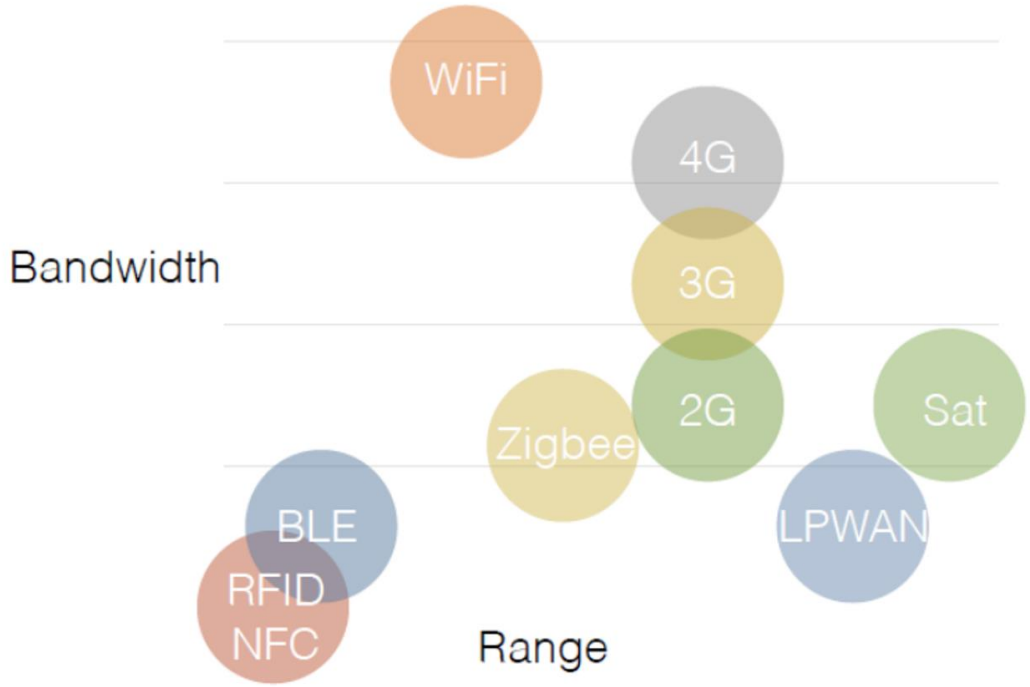
- Create cohesion between the physical and the technological realms.
- Used either to allow objects sense their surroundings, or exchange data with other systems, or interact with the cloud, they are integral in an IoT system.
- Given the changing nature of the landscape, microprocessors that are low power, cost-effective and leave a smaller imprint will be those that are favoured within the IoT.

Embedded Processing Units

- Selection Criteria
  - Physical size
  - Power management
  - Interface requirements
  - Performance requirements
  - Security needs
  - Safety and fault tolerance
  - Debugging capabilities
  - Cost
  - Architecture (x86, ARM, etc.,)
  - Feedback required

Communication Medium

- The Role of Communications
  - Providing a data link between two nodes
- Communication type:
  - Wireline (e.g. copper wires, optical fibers)
  - Wireless (e.g. RF, IR). RF-based communication is the most popular choice
- Popular RF-based communication solutions:
  - IEEE 802.11 (or Wi-Fi)
  - Bluetooth
  - Near Field Communication (NFC), e.g. RFID
  - Low Power Wide Area Networks (Sigfox)



Communications - Wireless Landscape

- Each protocol is targeted at different types of applications.
- In addition to these protocols, there are also a number of different license-free frequencies, such as 900 MHz, 2.4 GHz and 5.8 Ghz, used as the carriers for these signals.
- Each frequency has its advantages and challenges regarding distance and bandwidth

Networks

- The Roles of Networks
  - Managing nodes (discovery, join, leave, etc).
  - Relaying data packets from the source to the destination node in the network.
- Networks are a distributed system. All nodes need to perform networking related tasks.
- RF-based Network in IoT is usually a Wireless Multi-hop Network.
  - Wireless Sensor Networks (WSNs)
  - Mobile Wireless Ad hoc Networks (MANETs)
  - Wireless Mesh Networks (WMNs)
  - Vehicular Ad Hoc Networks (VANETs)
- Main concern: Reliability & Performance

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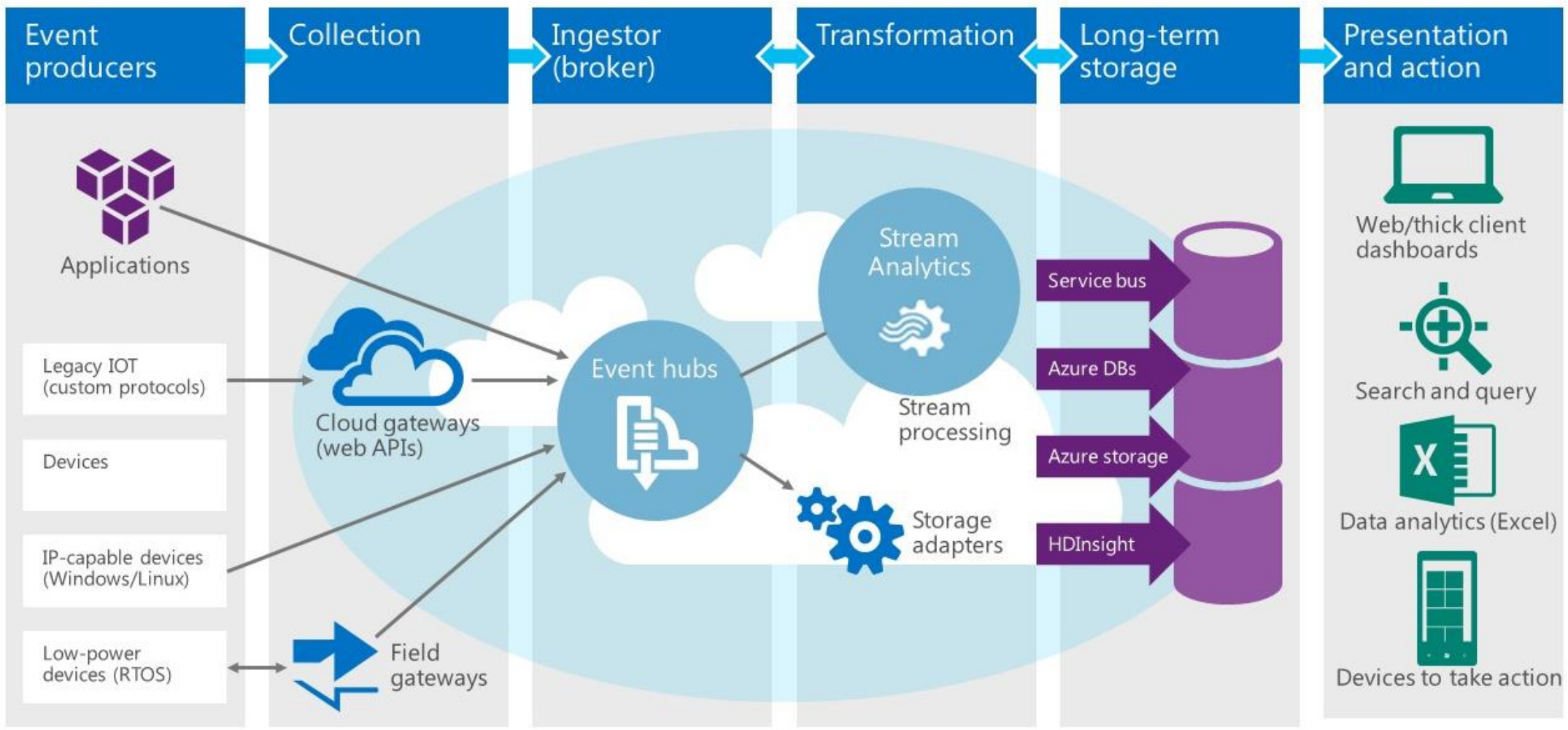
Microsoft Azure – IoT Sensor Data Platform



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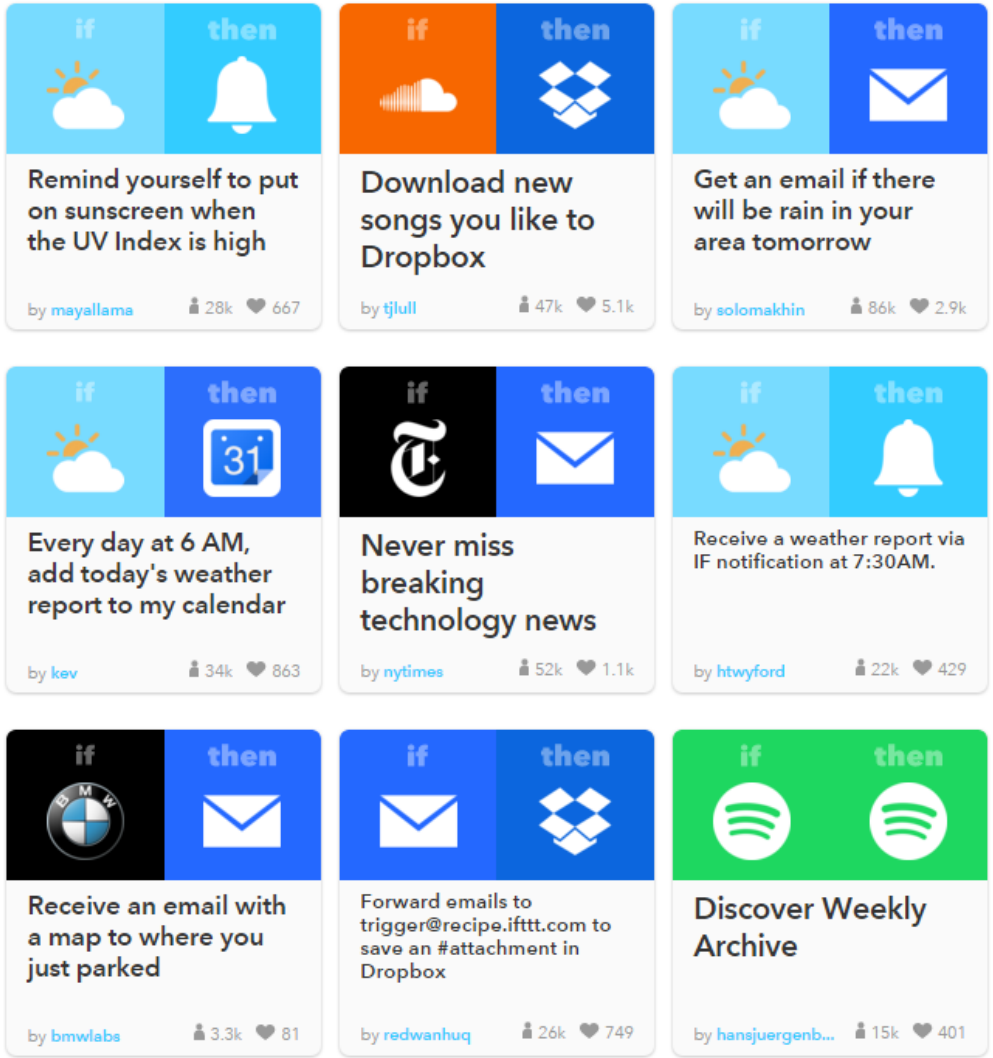
Services - IoT

- Web-based service that allows users to create chains of simple conditional statements.
- Example
  - Sending an email if a condition evaluates to true
  - Tweet using a certain hashtag
- Can integrate with diverse services
  - Blogging – Blogger, Tumblr, Weebly
  - Business – LinkedIn, Square, Stocks
  - Commerce – Craigslist, Home Depot
  - Connected Home – D-Link, Amazon Alexa, Nest Thermostat, Wemo devices (coffeemaker, heater, humidifier,)
  - Mobile – Android Phone call, photos, SMS
  - Productivity – Google Drive, Dropbox, OneNote, Evernote
- Easy to integrate with hardware devices



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IoT Challenges

- Data privacy, governance, and compliance issues
- Data complexity
- Integrating legacy system with big data technology
- Lack of skills (internally, or ability to hire)
- The cost of big data tools

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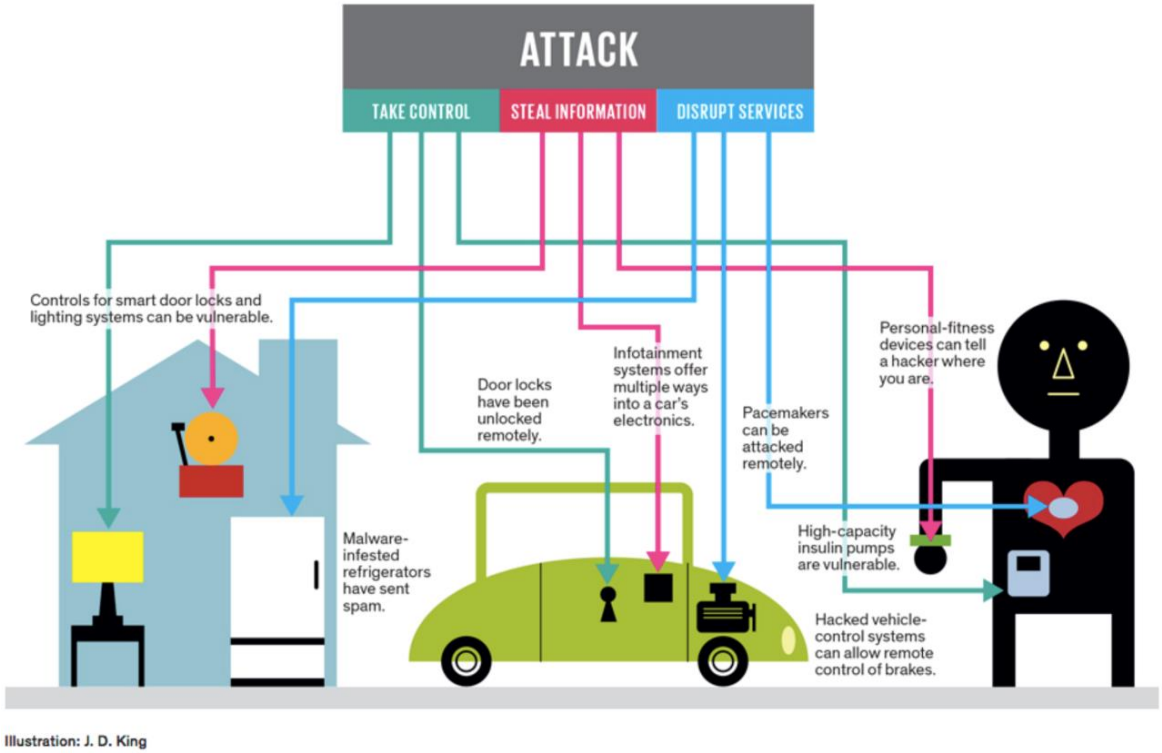
IoT Challenges - Security

- Usable Security
  - How do we make security solutions usable, scalable, manageable and non-intrusive?
- Privacy
  - How we do we make users feel comfortable using network services?
- Infrastructure & Service Protection
  - Technical security solutions for the networked society's "threat landscape"



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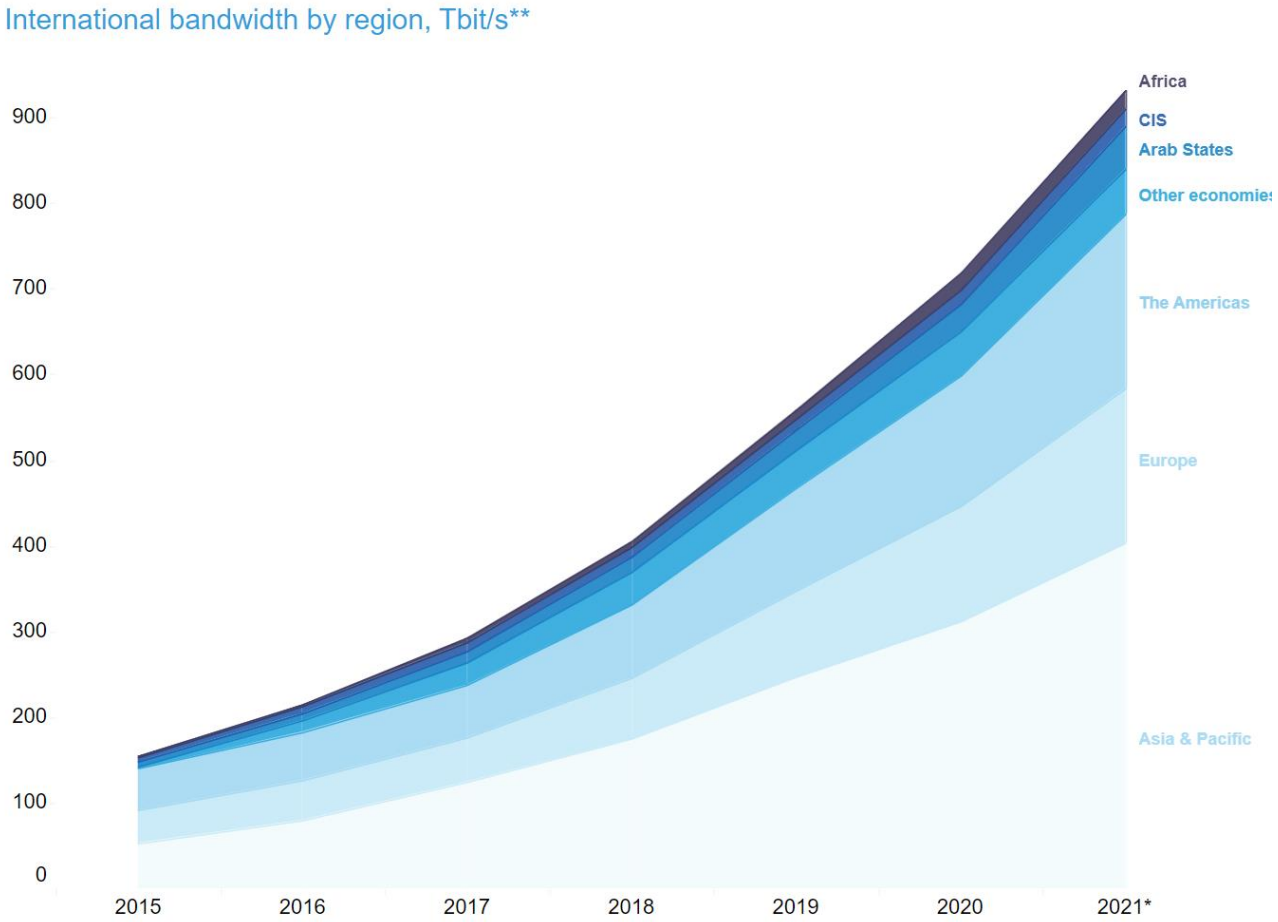
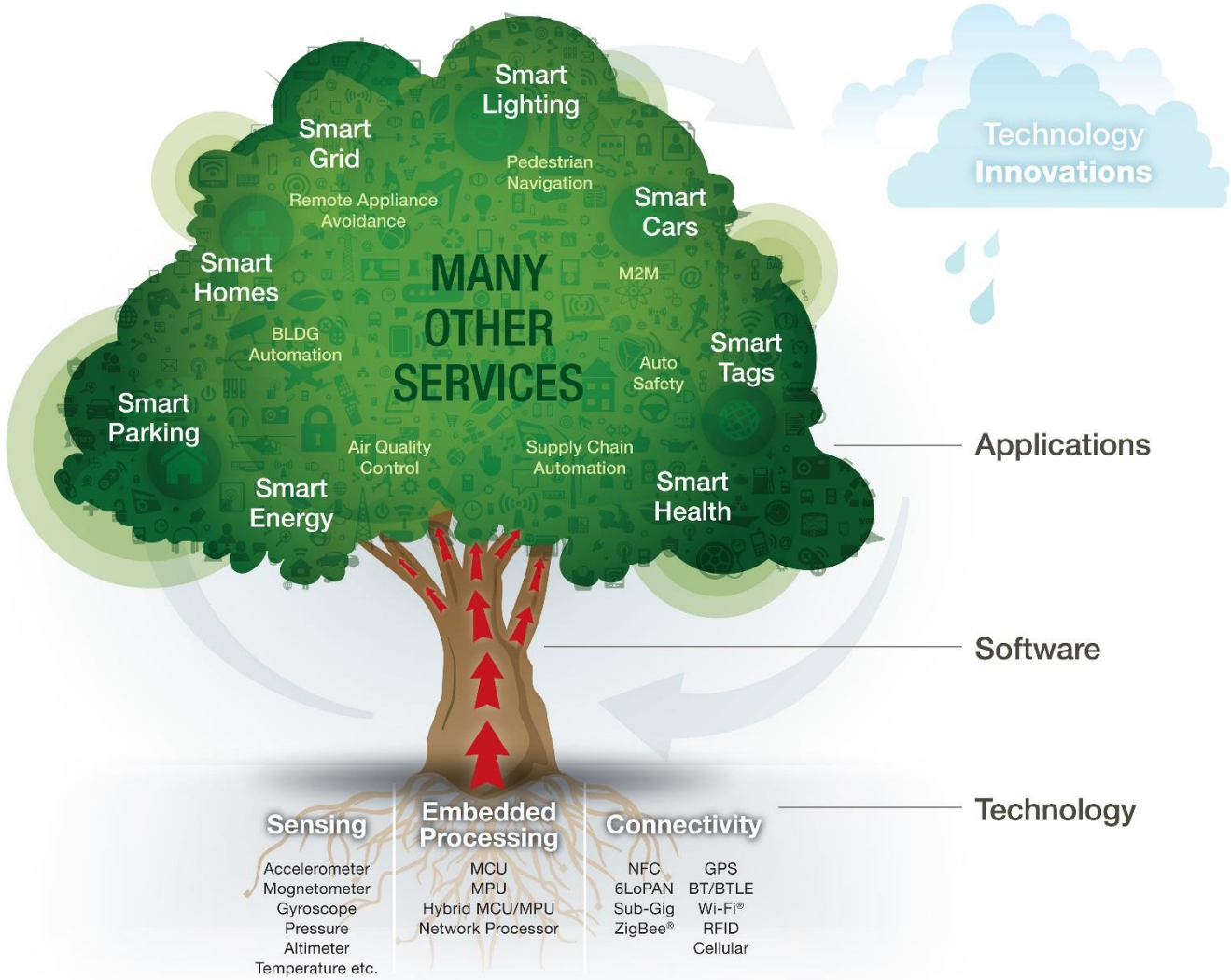
IoT Challenges – Bandwidth & Power Consumption

- International bandwidth availability has soared
- From 1.4 Tbps in 2002, it steadily climbed to 6.7 Tbps in 2006
- TeleGeography expects that number hit approx. 900 Tbps in 2021.



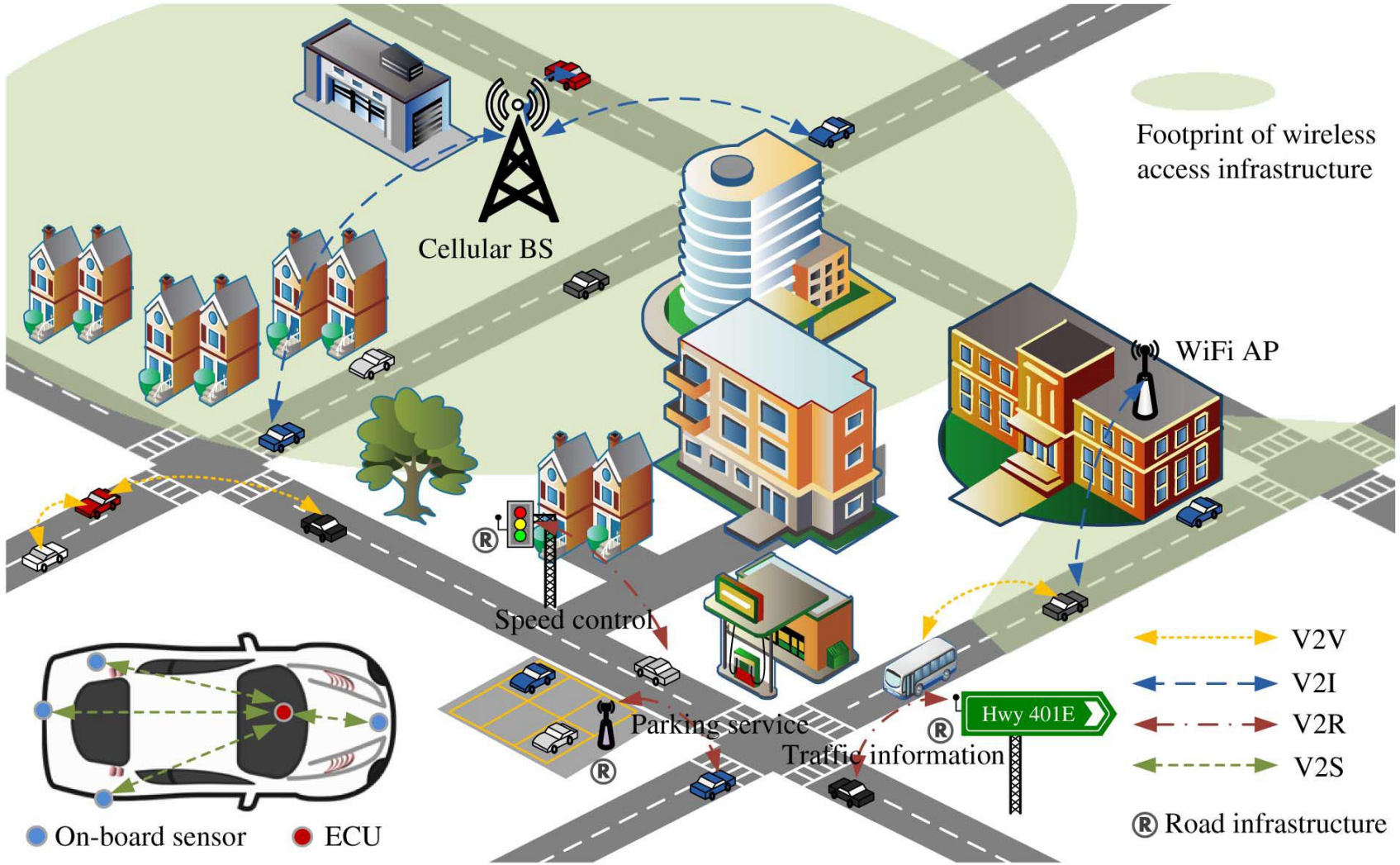
IoT - Opportunities



IoT Applications - Infrastructure

- Improving infrastructure
- Creating more efficient and cost effective municipal services
- Enhancing public transportation
- Reducing traffic congestion
- Keeping citizens safe and more engaged in the community.

IoT Applications – Connected Vehicles



Source: Connected Vehicles: Solutions and Challenges

IoT Applications - Healthcare

- Patient monitoring and diagnostics
- Information and data transfer, storage, and collaboration
- Intelligent healthcare devices and tools (smart wheelchair, RFID, sensors)
- Connected emergency units, response vehicles, and hospitals