

# LoRaWAN Day 2019

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# Schedule

- LoRaWAN theory
- The Things Network
- Hands-on DIY LoRaWAN Node based on Arduino
- Hands-on DIY LoRaWAN Gateway
- Official launch of the first gateway

# LoRaWAN Theory

# Wireless network classifications

## ■ Short-range wireless communication

- ☐ NFC/RFID
- ☐ ZigBee
- ☐ Bluetooth / BLE
- ☐ WiFi

## ■ Cellular communications

- ☐ 2G
- ☐ 3G
- ☐ 4G
- ☐ 5G

## ■ Low Power Wide Area Network (LPWAN)

- ☐ **LoRa**
- ☐ Sigfox
- ☐ Narrow Band IoT (NB-IoT)

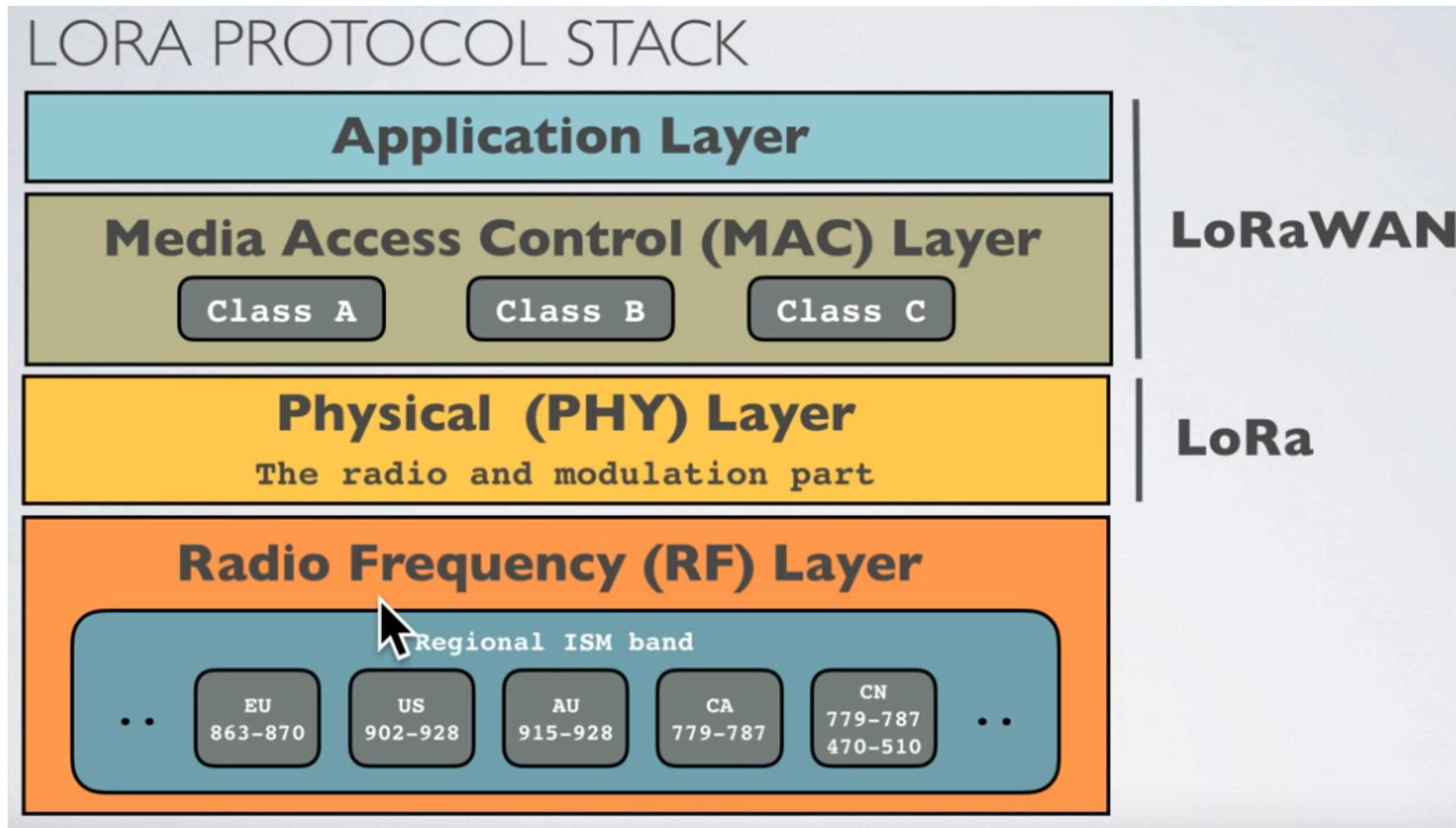
## LoRa IP and licensing

- LoRa is developed by Cycleo, France
- in 2012, Cycleo acquired by Semtech Corporation
- Semtech licensed LoRa to chip manufacturers: HopeRF, Microchip, Dorji, etc...
- LoRa is a Trademark of Semtech Corporation filed 2015

## LoRa Specs

- LoRa = Long Range
- Transfer rate: 0.3 - 5.5 kbps
- Tx power ~20 mW
- Range:
  - Urban: ~ 2-5 km
  - Countryside: ~ 5-15 km
  - Direct line of sight: > 15km

# LoRa vs. LoRaWAN



<https://lorareadthedocs.io/en/latest/>

## LoRaWAN

- Developed by LoRa Alliance
- Non-Profit, 500+ memebers



## LoRaWAN Network

- Star topology
- Gateways, Nodes
- BiDi comm between Gateway and Nodes
  - ☐ uplink: from node to gateway
  - ☐ downlink: from gateway to node
- no direct Node-Node communication

## LoRaWAN how does it work?

- Broadcast from Nodes to every Gateway
- Gateways forward packet to Network Server
- Network Server de-duplicates packets, finds nearest Gateways
- Network Server routes packet to Application Server
- (optional) Application server sends response
- (optional) Network Server routes to nearest Gateway
- (optional) Gateway broadcasts the response

## LoRa Regulations

- unlicensed radio band (863-870MHz in EU)
- maximum uplink transmission power limited to 25mW (14 dBm)
- maximum downlink transmission power limited to 500mW (27 dBm)
- duty cycle: 0.1% or 1.0% depending on channel

# The Things Network



Building a global open LoRaWAN™ network.

<https://www.thethingsnetwork.org/>

## TTN Details

- Build world-wide network
- Open for everyone
- Free to use (Gateways and Nodes)
- Fair use:
  - ☐ uplink: 30 sec / day / node
  - ☐ downlink: 10 messages / day / node
- Integrations for own applications

# Global Network



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## MEMBERS

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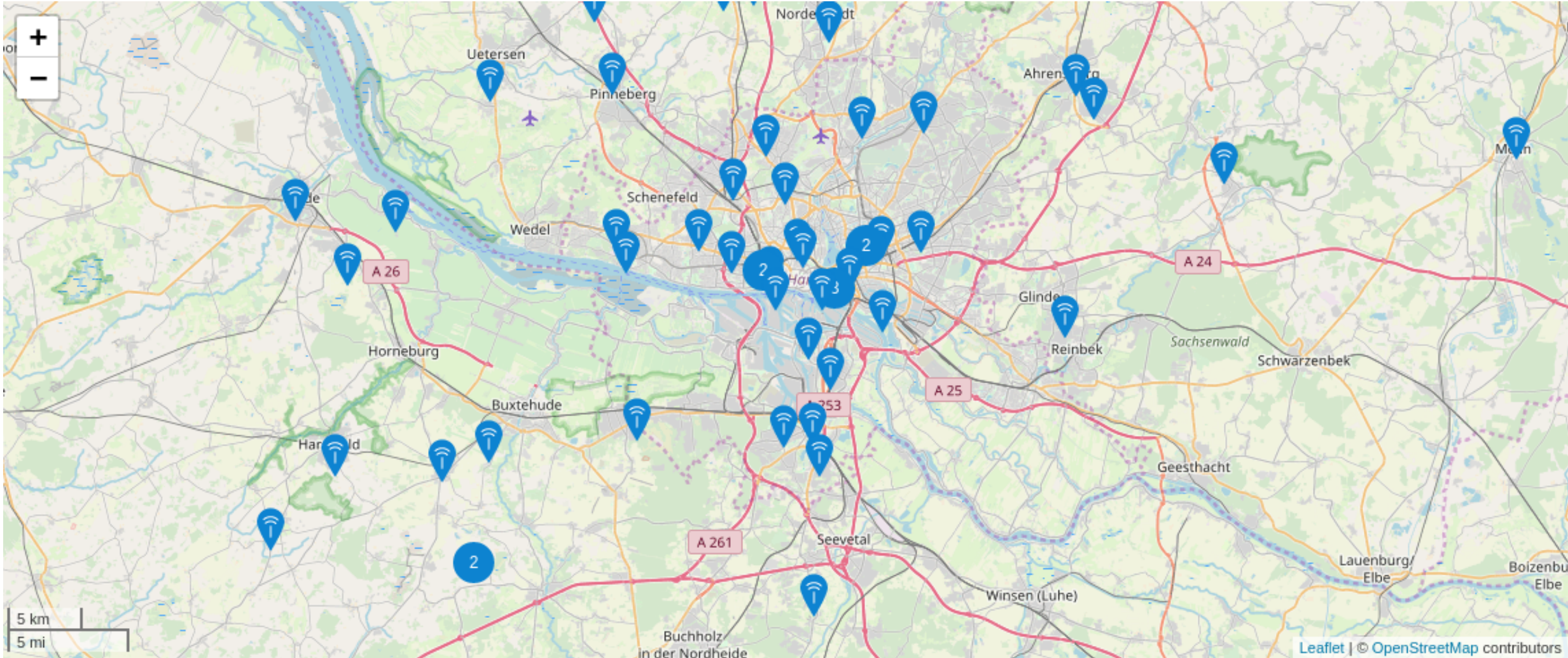
## GATEWAYS

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## COUNTRIES



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# TTN Overview



- Devices
- Gateways
- Network
- Applications

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## TTN | Devices

- also End Node, LoRa End Node, LoRa Node
- Device
  - ☐ Microcontroller (e.g. Arduino, ATmega, ATtiny)
  - ☐ LoRa radio module (e.g. RFM95B)
  - ☐ (optional) Sensors

## TTN Device Activation

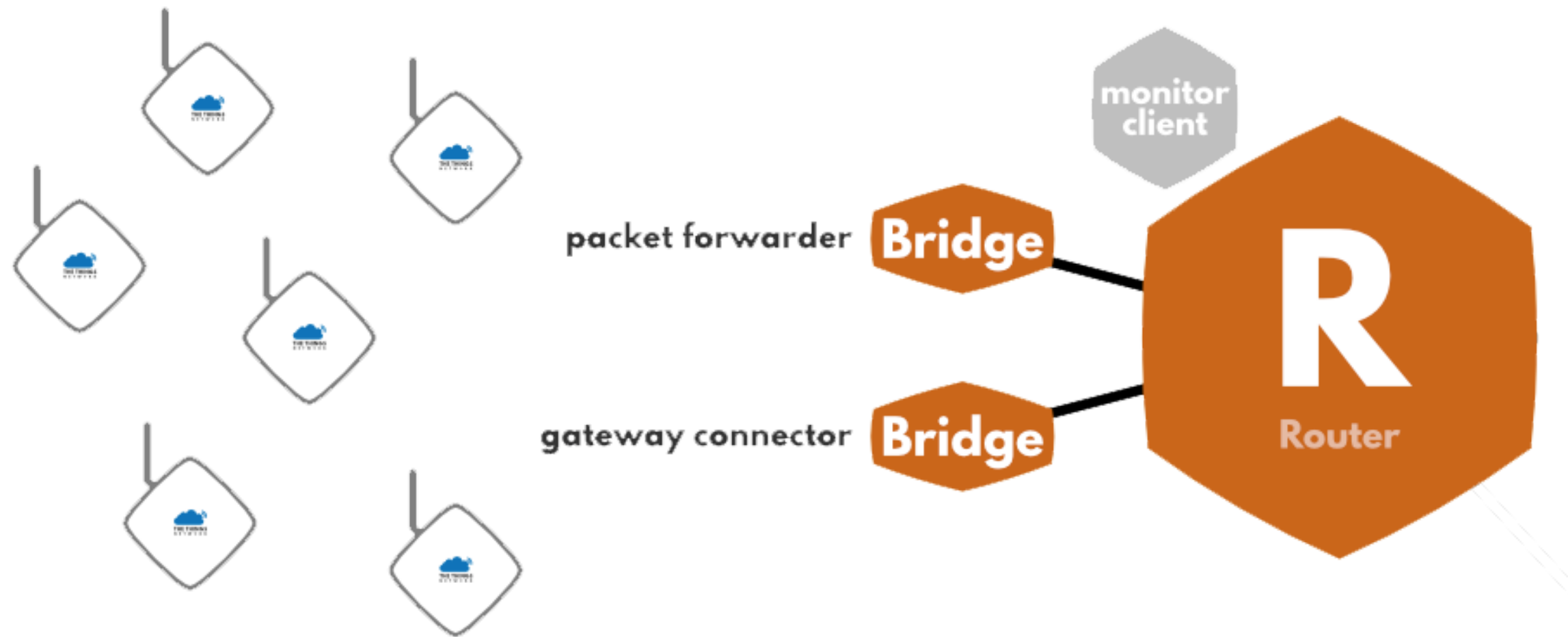
### ■ Over The Air Activation (OTAA)

- ☐ More secure, ready for production
- ☐ Requires a downlink window to confirm activation

### ■ Activation by Personalization (ABP)

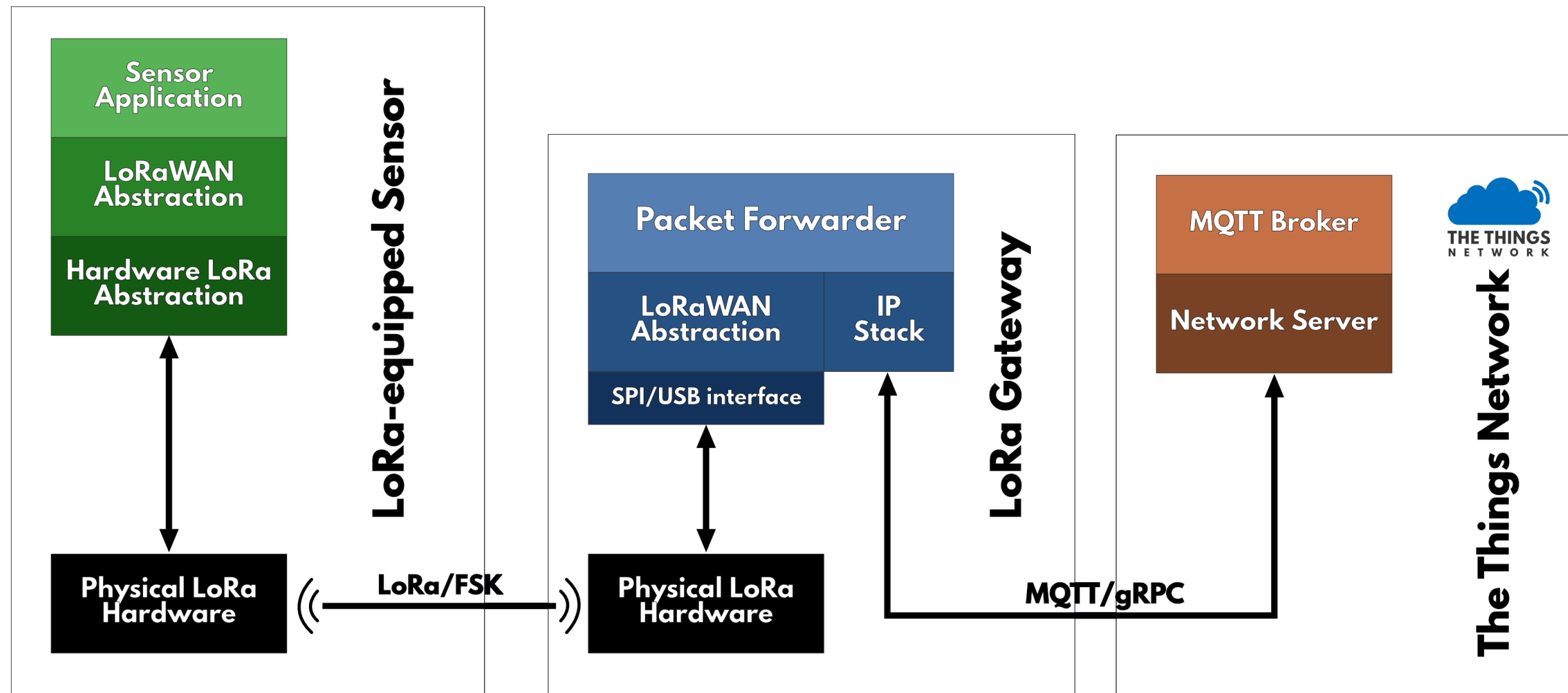
- ☐ Pre-configures keys, suitable for workshops and demos
- ☐ Faster

# TTN | Gateways | Overview



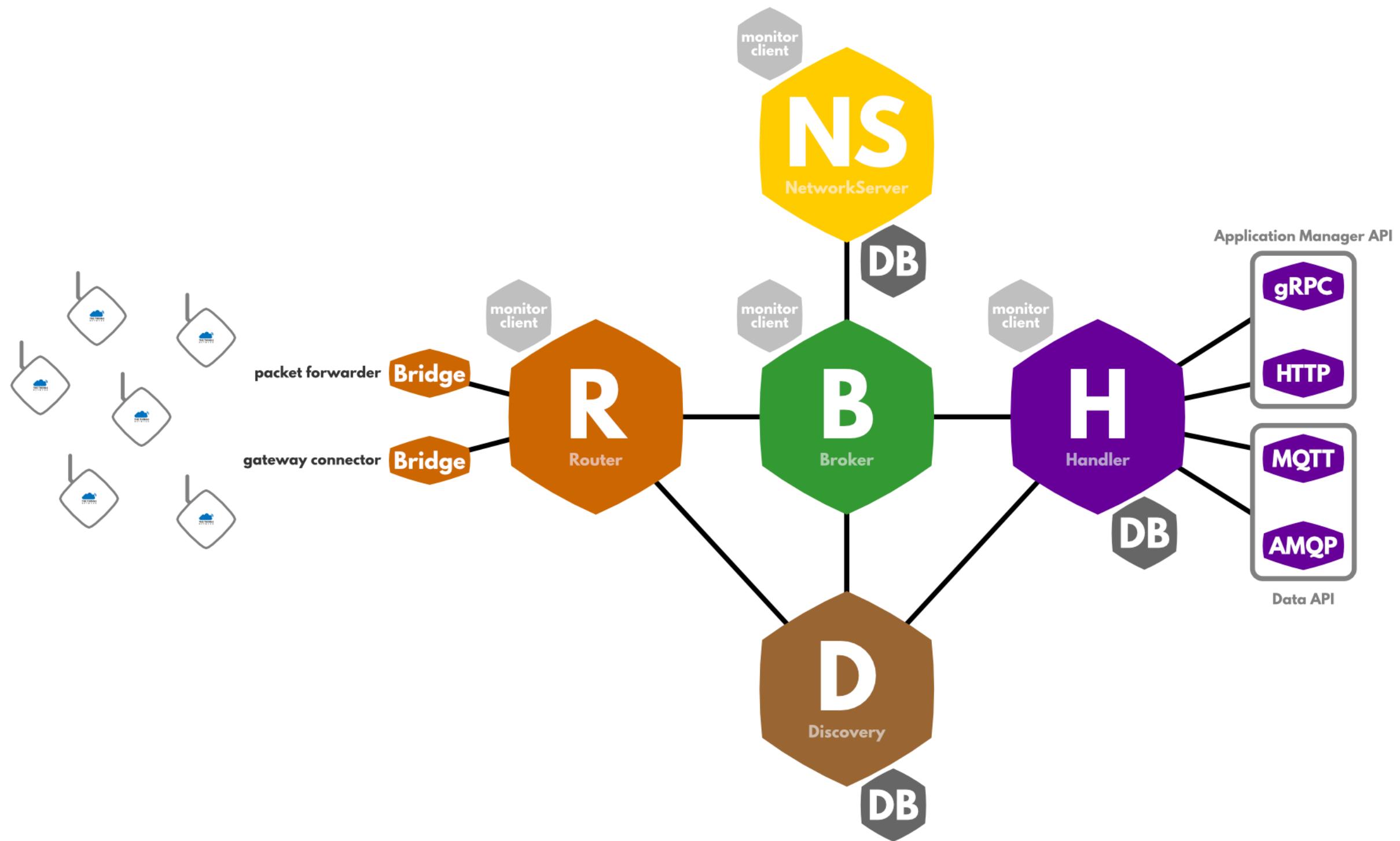
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# TTN | Gateways | Packet Forwarding



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# TTN | Network | Overview



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## TTN | Applications

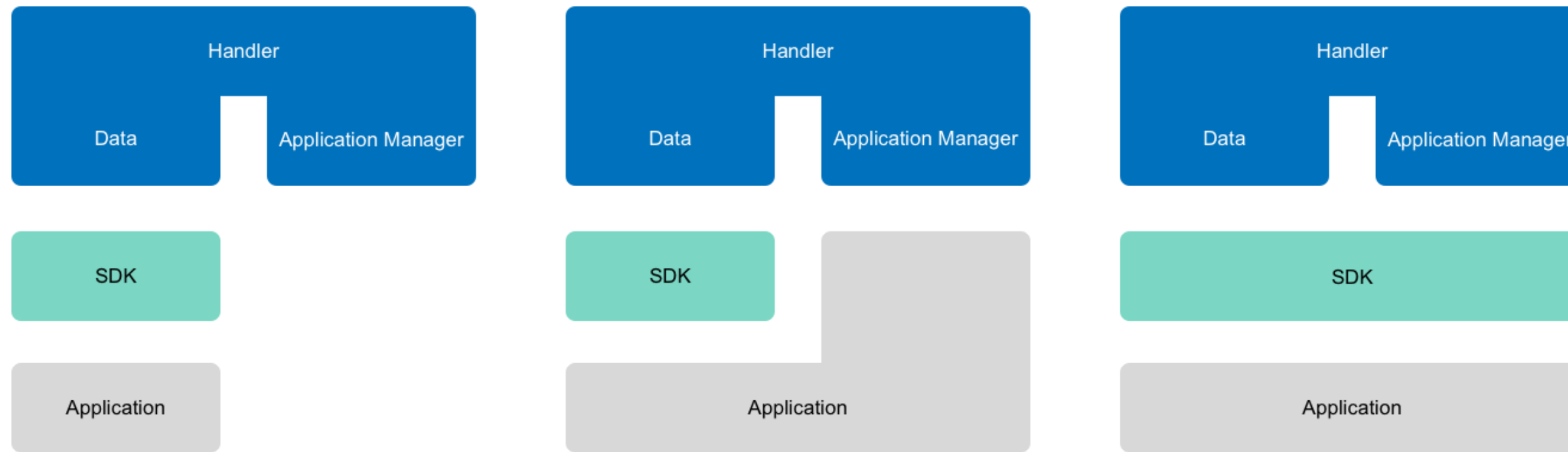
### ■ Application Manager API

- ☐ manage applications
- ☐ manage devices

### ■ Data API

- ☐ receive data (downlink)
- ☐ send data (uplink)

# TTN | Applications | SDK Options



- Go
- Java
- Node-RED
- Node.js
- Python

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# TTN | Applications | Integration Options




# TTN | Applications | HTTP Options

# TTN Application Integration


- Data Integration API
  - ☐ read data via REST (native)
  - ☐ use TTN library
- HTTP Integration API
  - ☐ get informed via REST (POST)

# TTN DHT22 Demo Application

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Applications >  holisticon\_arduino\_dht22

OverviewDevicesPayload FormatsIntegrationsDataSettings

**APPLICATION OVERVIEW**

Application ID

holisticon\_arduino\_dht22

documentation

Description

Demo DHT-22 Temperature / Humidity Running Arduino Uno

Created


7 days ago

Handler

ttn-handler-eu (current handler)

link

# TTN DHT22 Demo Console

 **swagger**

Authorize Explore

## The Things Network Data Storage

Stores data and makes it available using a REST API

Created by The Things Industries B.V.

See more at <https://www.thethingsindustries.com>

[Contact the developer](#)

### devices

Show/Hide | List Operations | Expand Operations

|     |                 |  |
|-----|-----------------|--|
| GET | /api/v2/devices | Query the devices for which data has been stored |
|-----|-----------------|--|

### query

Show/Hide | List Operations | Expand Operations

|     |               |            |
|-----|---------------|------------|
| GET | /api/v2/query | Query data |
|-----|---------------|------------|

### query/{device\_id}

Show/Hide | List Operations | Expand Operations

link

## TTN Data Integration Example (ttn)

```
var ttn = require("ttn")
var appID = "" // app id
var accessKey = "" // app access key

ttn.data(appID, accessKey)
  .then(function (client) {
    client.on("uplink", function (devID, payload) {
      console.log("Received uplink from ", devID)
      console.log(payload)
    })
  })
  .catch(function (error) {
    console.error("Error", error)
    process.exit(1)
  });
```

## TTN Data Integration Example (REST)

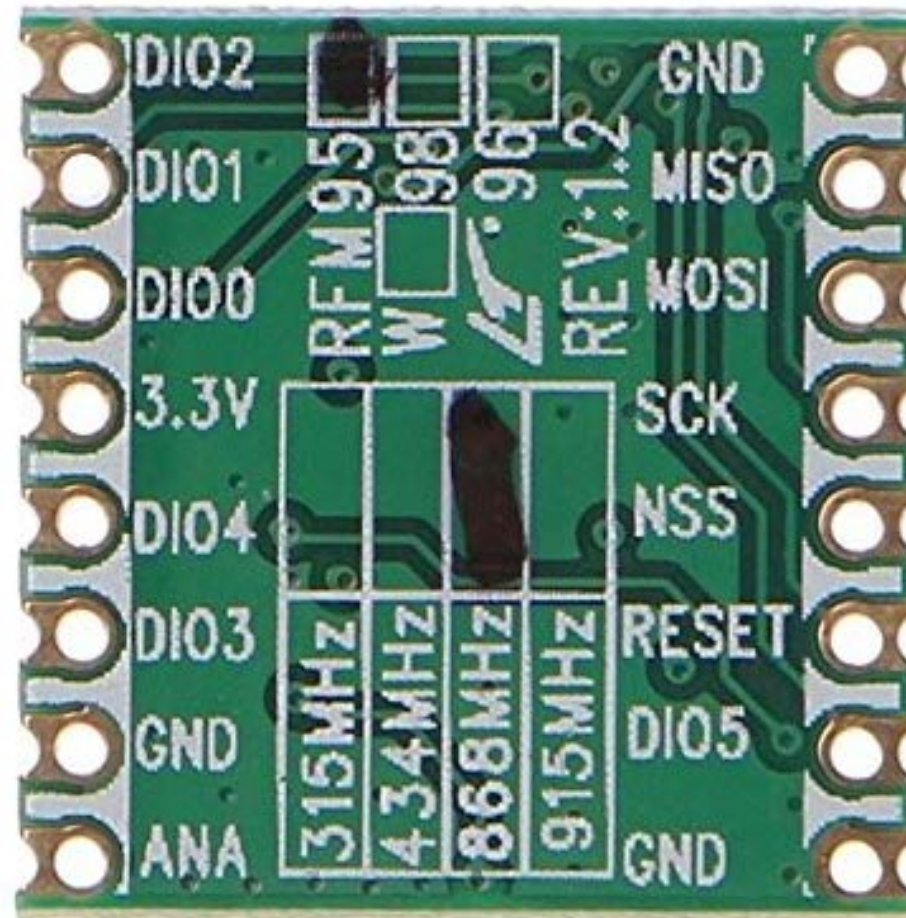
```
const express = require('express')
const https = require('https');
const cors = require('cors');
const app = express()
app.use(cors());
app.get('/data', function (req, res) {
  https.get({
    hostname: 'holisticon_arduino_dht22.data.thethingsnetwork.org',
    port: 443,
    path: '/api/v2/query',
    headers: {
      Accept: 'application/json', Authorization: 'key ....' // auth key
    }
  }, (resp) => {
    let data = '';
    resp.on('data', (chunk) => { data += chunk; });
    resp.on('end', () => { res.send(JSON.parse(data)); });
  }).on("error", (err) => { res.send(err); }
);
```

# LoRaWAN Hello World Node



# Hardware

- Arduino Uno
- RFM-95B (SX1276)



<https://www.antratek.de/rfm95-lora-module>

# Wiring plan

Radio connection plan

| HopeRF<br>RFM95 | Arduino<br>Uno | HopeRF<br>RFM95 | Arduino<br>Uno |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| ANT             | -              | GND             | -              |
| GND             | GND            | DIO5            | -              |
| DIO3            | -              | RESET           | 5              |
| DIO4            | -              | NSS             | 10             |
| 3.3V            | 3.3V           | SCK             | 13             |
| DIO0            | 2              | MOSI            | 11             |
| DIO1            | 3              | MISO            | 12             |
| DIO2            | -              | GND             | -              |

## Development

- Install Arduino IDE
- Install IBM LMIC Framework  
(<https://github.com/matthijskooijman/arduino-lmic>)
- Configure LMIC
- Customize ttn-abp
- Flush, Run..

## Configure LMIC

~/Arduino/libraries/arduino-lmic-1.5.0-arduino-2/src/lmic/config.h

```
// If you live in Europe, set frequency.
#define CFG_eu868 1

// If you use a HopeRF RFM95 module, set chip model.
#define CFG_sx1276_radio 1

// If you want logging in the serial monitor, set log level.
#define LMIC_DEBUG_LEVEL 2

#define LMIC_FAILURE_TO Serial

// Disable this feature. It is not needed and space is freed up.
#define DISABLE_PING

// Disable this feature. It is not needed and space is freed up.
#define DISABLE_BEACONS
```

## Register TTN application

- Open Console
- Create application
- Create device (activation = ABP)
- Configure decoder function (in Payload Formats)

```
function Decoder(bytes, port) {  
  var result = "";  
  for (var i = 0; i < bytes.length; i++) {  
    result += (String.fromCharCode(bytes[i]));  
  }  
  return {text: result};  
}
```

# Configure TTN parameters and pins

- Open ttn-abp
- Change code below
- Select Tools > Board > Arduino Uno
- Select Tools > Port
- Compile, Flash, Restart Arduino
- Open Serial Monitor

```
// Network Session key (MSB)
static const PROGMEM u1_t NWKSKEY[16] = { 0x.. };

// Application Session Key (MSB)
static const u1_t PROGMEM APPSKEY[16] = { 0x.. };

// Device Address
static const u4_t DEVADDR = 0x.... ;

// Pin mapping
const lmic_pinmap lmic_pins = {
    .nss = 10,
    .rxtx = LMIC_UNUSED_PIN,
    .rst = 5,
    .dio = {2, 3, LMIC_UNUSED_PIN},
};
```

## How does it work?

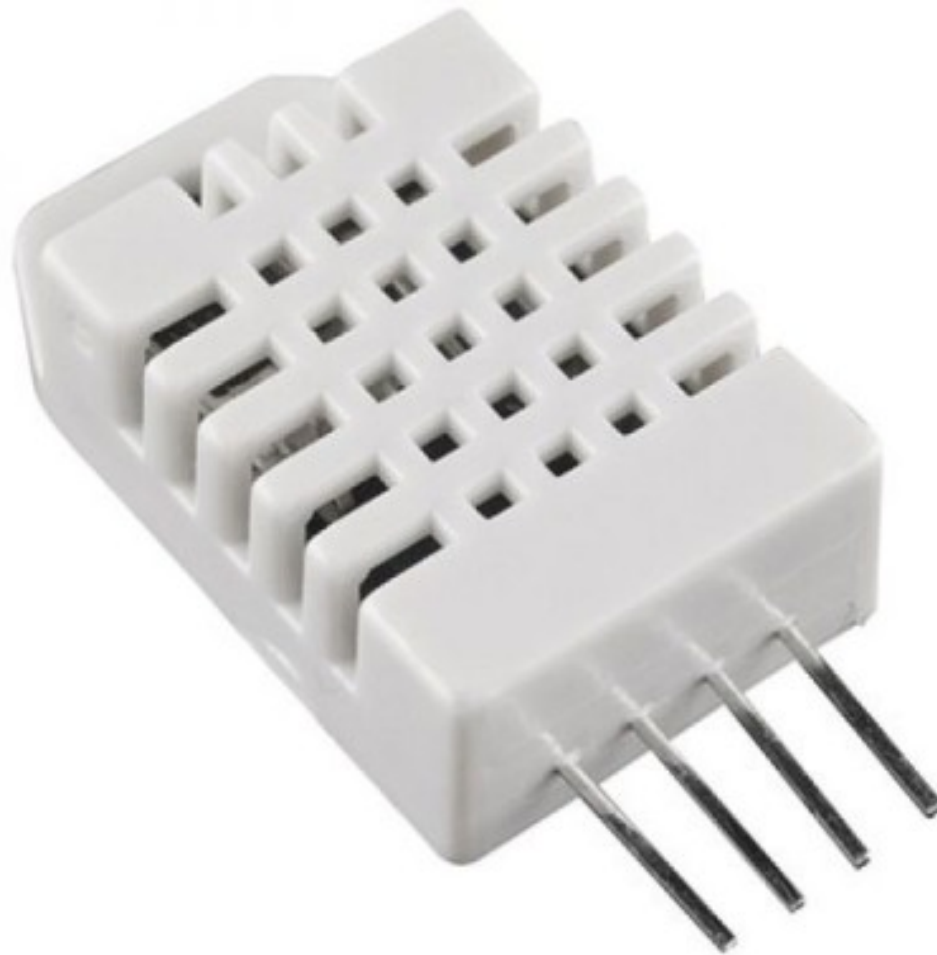
```
/**
 * Schedules send callback to every 60 seconds
 */
void onEvent (ev_t ev)
/**
 * Send callback, sends "hello world" string
 */
void do_send(osjob_t* j)
/**
 * Init LMIC, setting connection parameters
 */
void setup()
/**
 * Starts the loop
 */
void loop()
```



# **LoRaWAN DHT22 Node (incremental)**

# Hardware

- Arduino Uno
- RFM-95B (SX1276)
- DHT-22 (AM2302)



<https://tronixlabs.com.au/sensors/humidity/dht22-temperature-and-humidity-sensor-australia/>

# Wiring plan

# DHT22 connection plan

| DHT22 | Arduino Uno |
|-------|-------------|
| VCC   | 3.3V        |
| DATA  | 7           |
| -     | -           |
| GND   | GND         |

## **Additional installation**

- Install Arduino DHT Sensor library

## Configure TTN

- Create application
- Create device (activation = ABP)
- Create decoder function (in Payload Formats)

```
function Decoder(bytes, port) {  
    if(bytes.length == 4) {  
        var humidity = (bytes[0]<<8) | bytes[1];  
        var temperature = (bytes[2]<<8) | bytes[3];  
        return {  
            'humidity': humidity/ 100,  
            'temperature': temperature/100  
        }  
    } else {  
        return {  
            'error': 'payload unknown'  
        }  
    }  
}
```

# Configure TTN parameters and pins

- Open ttn-abp-dht22
- Change code below
- Compile, Flash, Restart Arduino
- Open Serial Monitor

```
/*
 * Define data pin of DHT sensor
 */
#define DHTPIN 7

/*
 * DHT11 or DHT22
 */
#define DHTTYPE DHT22
DHT dht(DHTPIN, DHTTYPE);

// Network Session key (MSB)
static const PROGMEM u1_t NWKSKEY[16] = { 0x.. };

// Application Session Key (MSB)
static const u1_t PROGMEM APPSKEY[16] = { 0x.. };

// Device Address
static const u4_t DEVADDR = 0x.... ;
```

## How does it work?

```
/**
 * Schedules send callback
 */
void onEvent (ev_t ev)
/**
 * Send callback -> send temp and humidity
 */
void do_send(osjob_t* j)
/**
 * Init LMIC,
 * init DHT
 */
void setup()
void loop()
```



# LoRaWAN Gateway

## Hardware

- iC880A-SPI concentrator board
- Pigtail for antenna
- Raspberry Pi 3B
- Antenna
- Power Supply 2.5A with micro USB
- MicroSD Card
- RPi to iC880a interface (backplane from tindie)

# ic880A-SPI

# ic880A-SPI to PI wiring

| iC880a pin | Description | PI pin |
|------------|-------------|--------|
| 21         | Supply 5V   | 2      |
| 22         | GND         | 6      |
| 13         | Reset       | 22     |
| 14         | SPI CLK     | 23     |
| 15         | MISO        | 21     |
| 16         | MOSI        | 19     |
| 17         | NSS         | 24     |

# Preparation of PI

## ■ Install Raspbian

## ■ Enable SPI

- ☐ `sudo raspi-config`
- ☐ Interfacing options -> P4 SPI
- ☐ Advanced options -> A1 Expand filesystem

## ■ Configure Timezone and Locale

- ☐ `sudo dpkg-reconfigure locales`
- ☐ `sudo dpkg-reconfigure tzdata`

## ■ Get updates and get git

- ☐ `sudo apt-get update`
- ☐ `sudo apt-get upgrade`
- ☐ `sudo apt-get install git`

## Installation on PI

### ■ Create ttn user

- ☐ `sudo adduser ttn`
- ☐ `sudo adduser ttn sudo`

### ■ Get installer

- ☐ `git clone -b spi https://github.com/ttn-zh/ic880a-gateway.git ~/ic880a-gateway`
- ☐ `cd ~/ic880a-gateway`
- ☐ `sudo ./install.sh spi`

### ■ Write down the Gateway EUI

## Gateway configuration on TTN

- Login to Console
- Register new gateway
- Enable legacy packet forwarder
- Enter Gateway EUI (printed by installer)
- Select EU (868MHz)
- Confirm

## Links

- <https://github.com/ttn-zh/ic880a-gateway/wiki>



# References

## MobileFish Tutorials

- [https://www.mobilefish.com/download/lora/lora\\_partX.pdf](https://www.mobilefish.com/download/lora/lora_partX.pdf)  
(where  $X = [1..36]$ )
- Quick guide

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