



**M.A.R.S**  
**Military Asset Reporting System**

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# **Presentation Outline:**

- 1. Motivation & Background: 10 min**
- 2. Subsystem Development: 15 min + 10 min Q&A (each)**
  - a. Power Scavenging Team**
  - b. Tag Development Team**
  - c. Node Development Team**
  - d. User Interface / Server Development Team**
- 3. Integration, Testing, and Conclusions: 10 minutes + Q&A**
- 4. Functional Demonstration**

# Introduction

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# Motivation

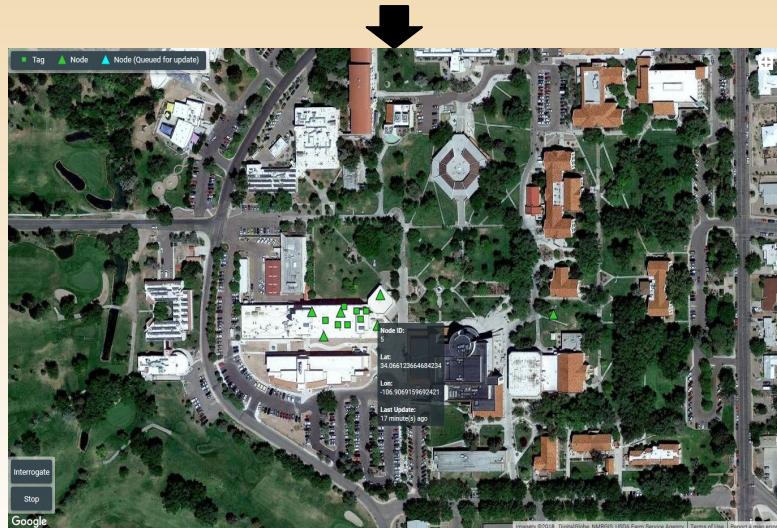
Current military asset inventory procedures are...

- Infrequent
- Manually performed & recorded
  - Slow
  - Wasteful

Automated solutions exist for COTS retailers:

- Static, or high maintenance installation
- Critically vulnerable to attack

Neither are suited to Battlefield conditions



# Motivation

**GOAL:** An automated system to collect, receive, and interpret battlefield asset data

Required capabilities:

- High mobility, scalability, and resilience on battlefield
- Monitor at higher ranges than conventional RFID
- Deliver asset position & time-of-measurement
- Low maintenance and deployment cost

Desired capabilities:

- Deliver information on other “local conditions”
- Provide queryable user interface for specific assets

# Design Challenges

- Data integrity
- Limited power availability
- Long-range communications
- Long operational lifetime
- Device size limitations
- Rapid response (Emergency)

Considerations omitted from this study:

- Military systems, frequencies, or encryption

# What is M.A.R.S.

A feasibility prototype of a **Military Asset Reporting System**, which will collect, interpret, and deliver battlefield asset data to the end-user.

Or...

A Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system composed of a self-powered distributed data collection and sensor network

# What is M.A.R.S.

A distributed sensor network approach is well suited to this application:

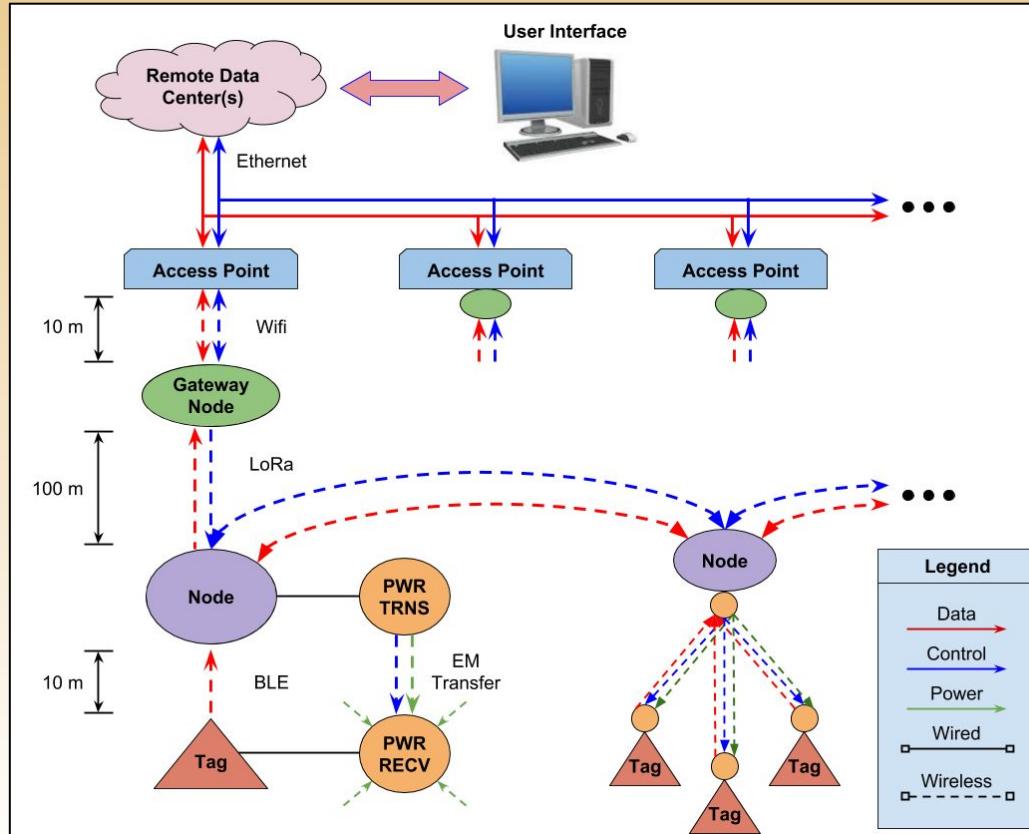
- **Distributed monitor hardware promotes:**

- Resilience to environmental damage
- High scalability
- Gradual deployment & low maintenance
- Lower energy requirements

- **Automated database promotes:**

- High data integrity
- Easy access from end-user

# Design Overview: Subsystem Breakdown



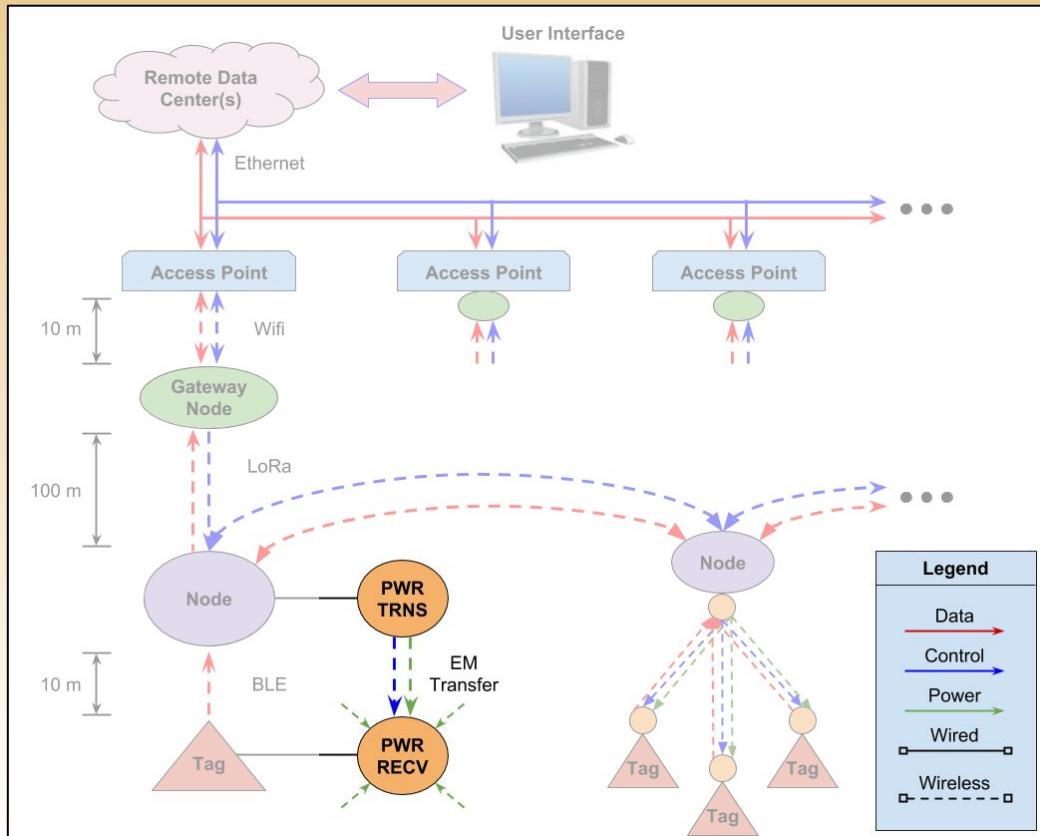
# Design Overview: Design Teams





## Power Team

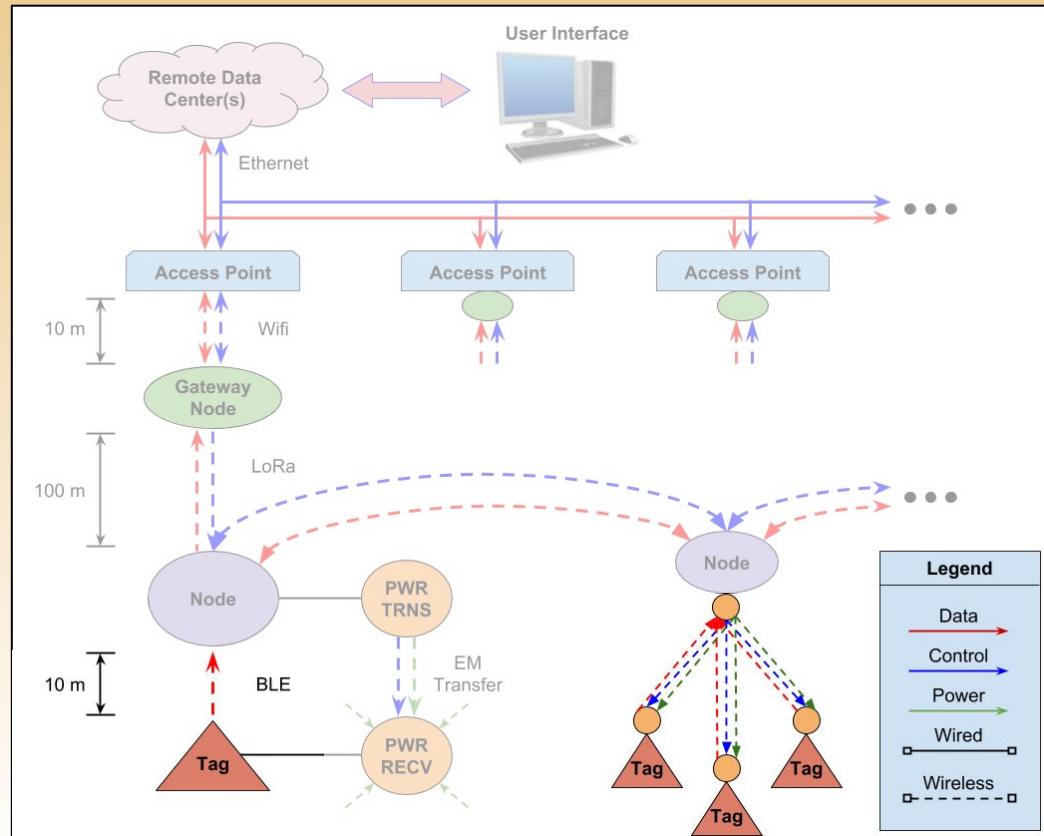
- 1) Power asset Tags
- 2) Offer means of Node interrogation





## Tag Team

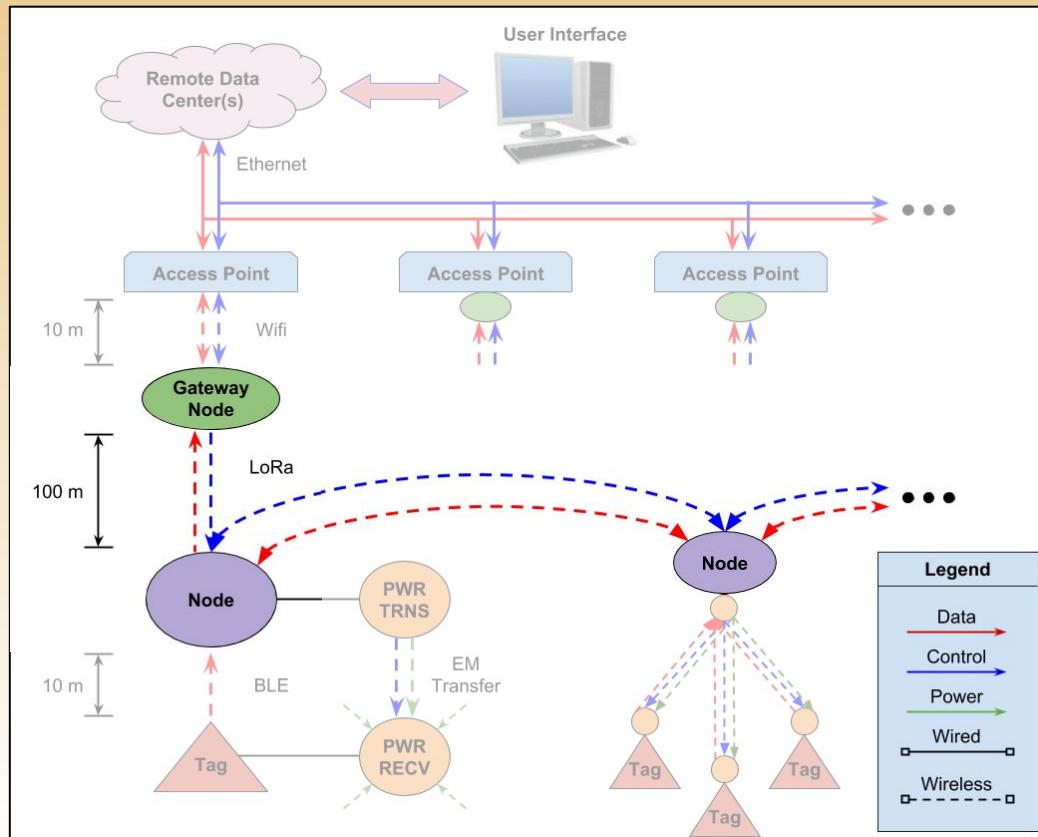
- 1) Gather sensor data from tagged assets
- 2) Prep data for Node transmission





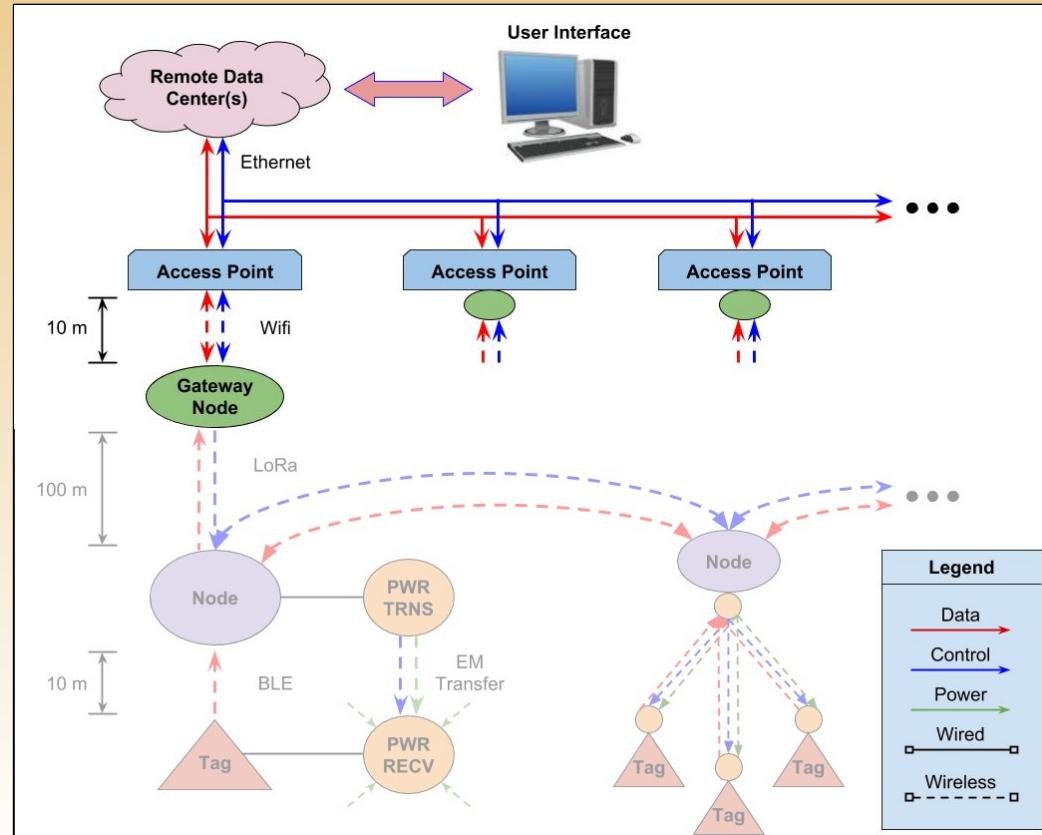
## Node Team

- 1) Gather tag data
- 2) Add asset location and time
- 3) Packetize for network

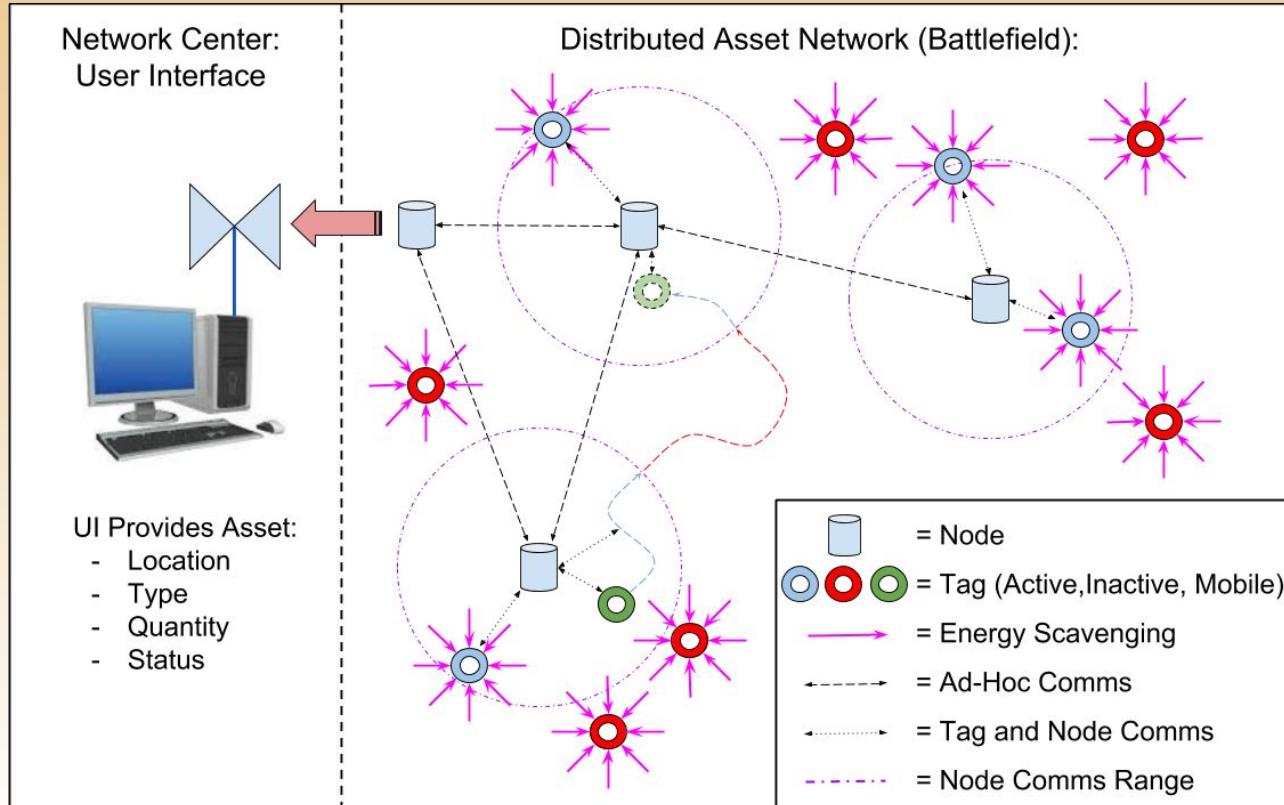


## UI/Server Team

- 1) Provide means of communication across nodes
- 2) Update server with data from network
- 3) Display information and initiate interrogation from UI



# MARS Concept of Operation: Active Tag RFID



# Application Specifications

Specification	Value	Description
Communications Range	To Tags: 10 m To Nodes: 100 m To Gateway: 100 m	Minimum operating range
Maintenance Period	Tags: > 1 year Nodes: > 1 shift	Minimum time before Node/Tag recharge
Monitor Update Period	Normal: 1 hr Emergency: 5 min	Minimum inventory update period
Scalability	100 Tags & Nodes	Minimum number of connections per Node
Server Scalability	100 Tags per Node 100 Nodes	Minimum number of connected devices server can handle
Positioning Error	< 10 m	Minimum location error for monitored assets

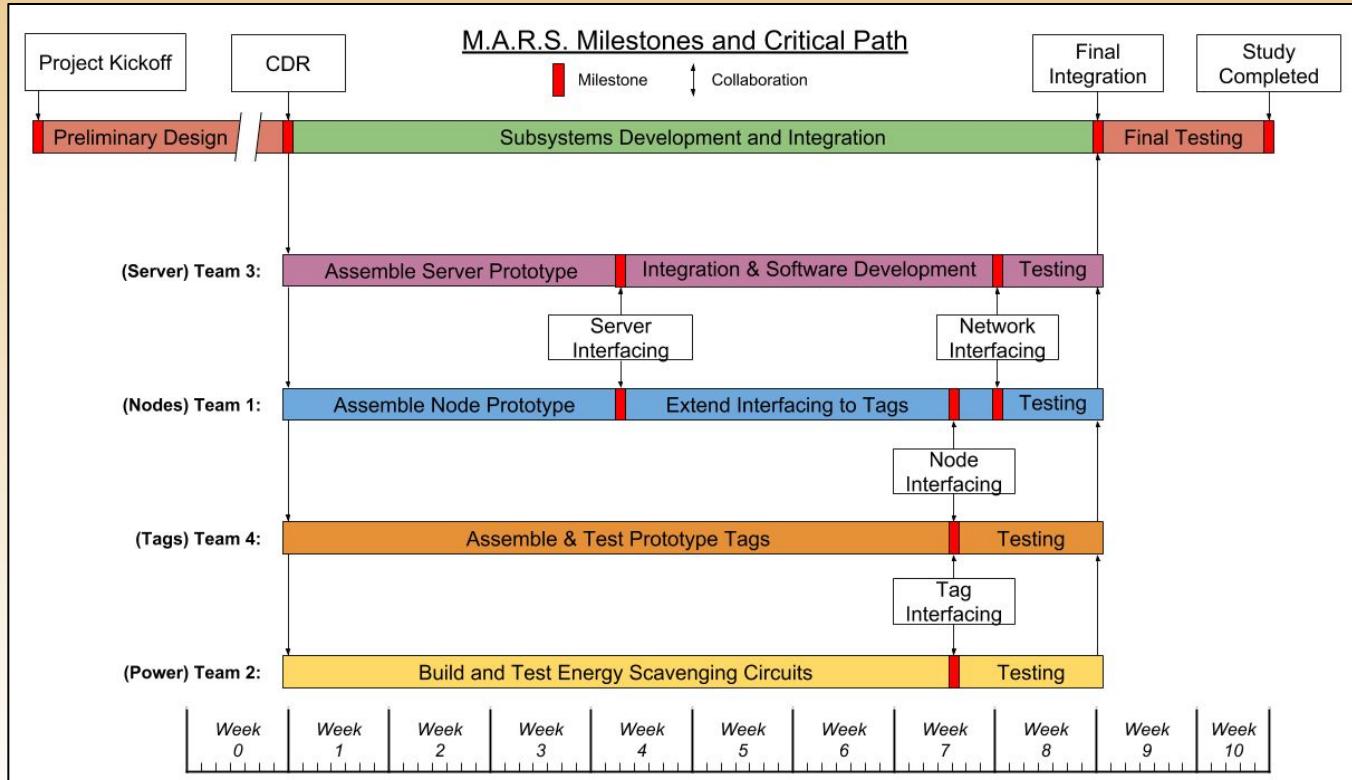
# Timeline & Budget

## Project Timeline:

1. Design Phase  
(14 Weeks)
2. Prototype Phase  
(11 Weeks)

## Hardware Budget:

\$4000



# Power Team

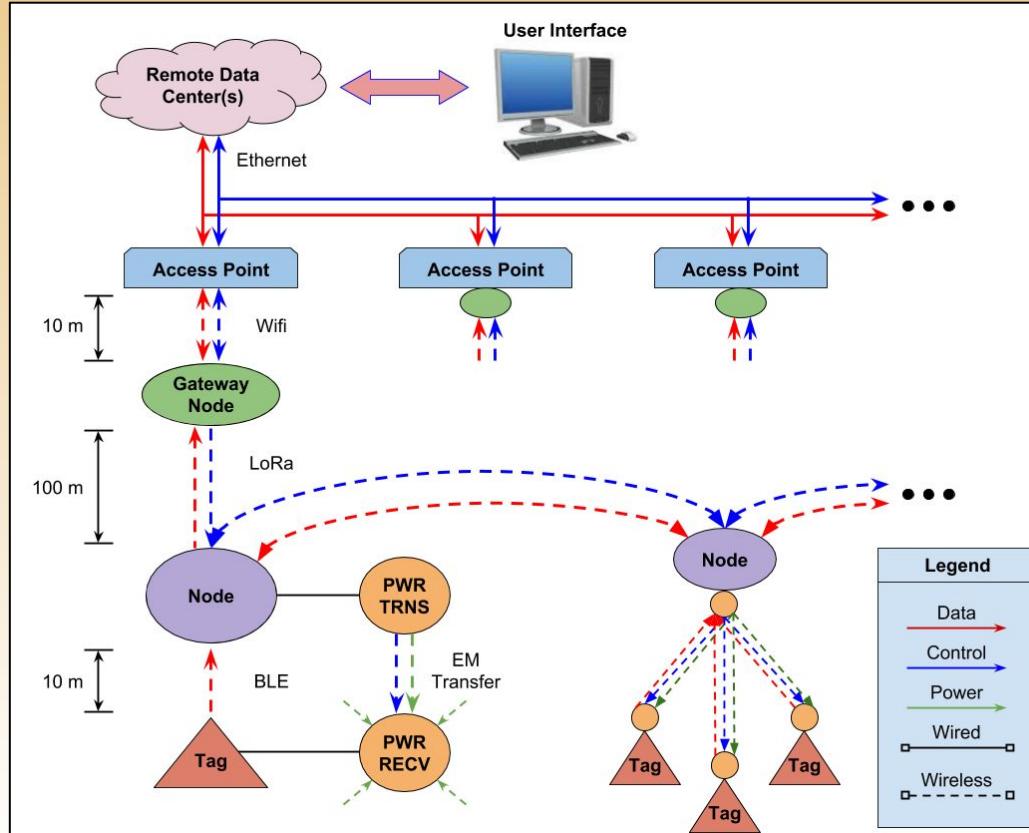
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# Subsystem Introduction: Power Scavenging

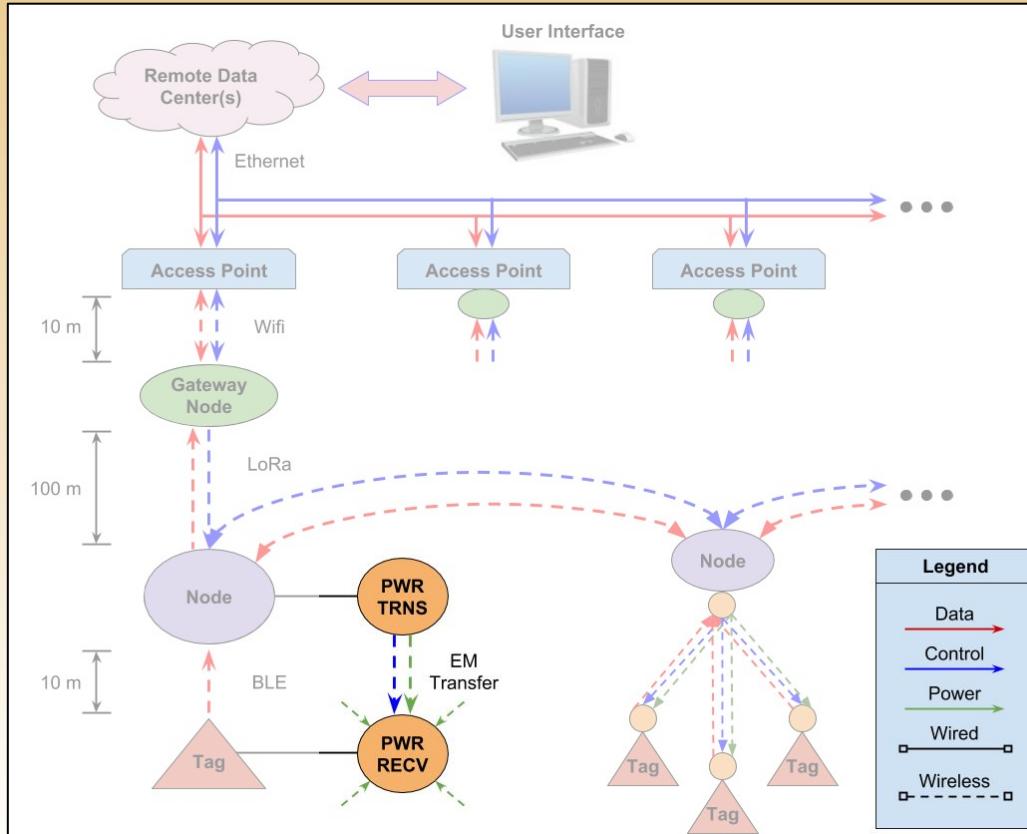
**MARS** is a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system composed of a self-powered distributed data collection and sensor network.

The **Power Subsystem** uses energy scavenging to provide power to the tags.

# Full System Model



# Power Subsystem



# Subsystem Specifications

Specification	Value	Description
<b>Power Transfer Range</b>	<b>&gt; 10 m</b>	<b>Minimum</b> requirement to supplement node to tag comms
<b>Average Power</b>	<b>&gt; 4.8 uW</b>	<b>Minimum</b> average power to keep tags operational indefinitely

# Power Sources Decision Matrix

Power Source	Environmental Versatility Rating	Power Production Vs. Size of Unit	Feasibility for Tag Integration	Total
EM Scavenging	7	8	9	91
Thermal Energy Harvesting Unit	2	4	3	32
Piezoelectric	4	8	9	80
Inductive Coupling	1	8	1	33
Magnetic Resonance	2	8	1	35
Solar	6	10	7	88
Weight (1-5)	5	3	4	

# Power Storage Unit Decision Matrix

Storage Type	Size	Storage Capacity	Lifetime	Maintenance Rating	Total
None	10	0	0	0	10
Capacitor	9	1	10	2	88
Rechargeable Battery	6	10	5	8	109
Non-Rechargeable Battery	6	10	0	5	78
Weight (1-5)	3	5	5	2	

# Engineering Standards & Ethical Considerations

## FCC Regulations on ISM Communication Bands

Frequency	Maximum Transmitter Output Power	Antenna Gain	Effective Isotropic Radiated Power (EIRP)
<b>902 - 928 MHz</b>	30 dBm (1 W)	6 dBi	36 dBm (4 W)
<b>2.400 - 2.4835 GHz</b>	30 dBm (1 W)	6 dBi	36 dBm (4 W)
<b>5.725 - 5.875 GHz</b>	30 dBm (1 W)	6 dBi	36 dBm (4 W)

# Engineering Standards & Ethical Considerations

## Safety Concerns: FCC Limits for Maximum Permissible Exposure

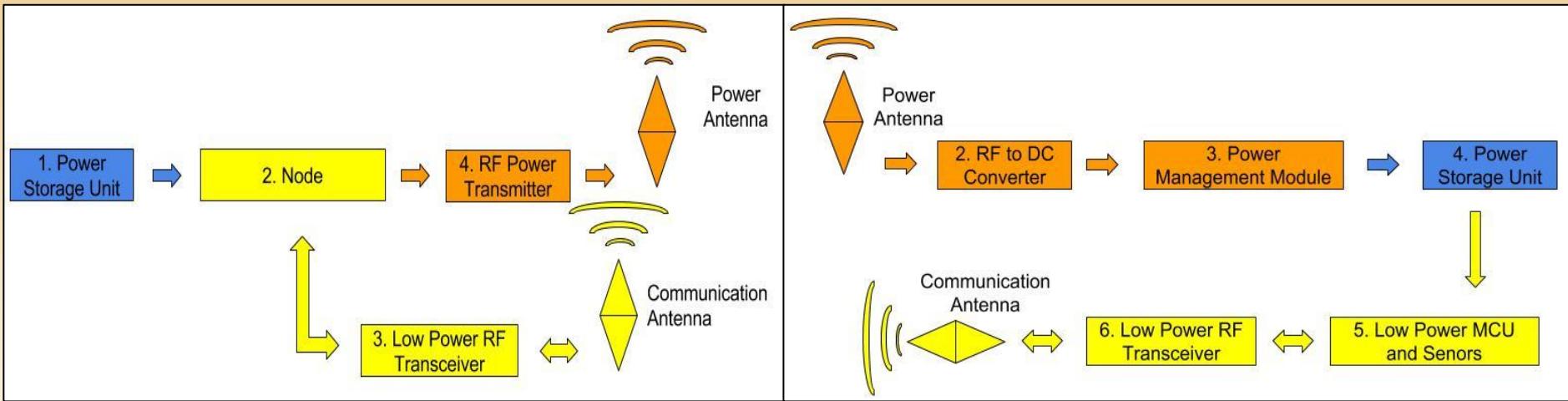
Limits for Exposure	Power Density @ 900 Mhz (S = mW/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Average Exposure Time
Occupational/Controlled	S = 3	6 Minutes
General Population/Uncontrolled	S = 0.6	30 Minutes

Our Parameters:

Transmitted Power - 1 Watt at 30dBm

Antenna Gain - 5dBi

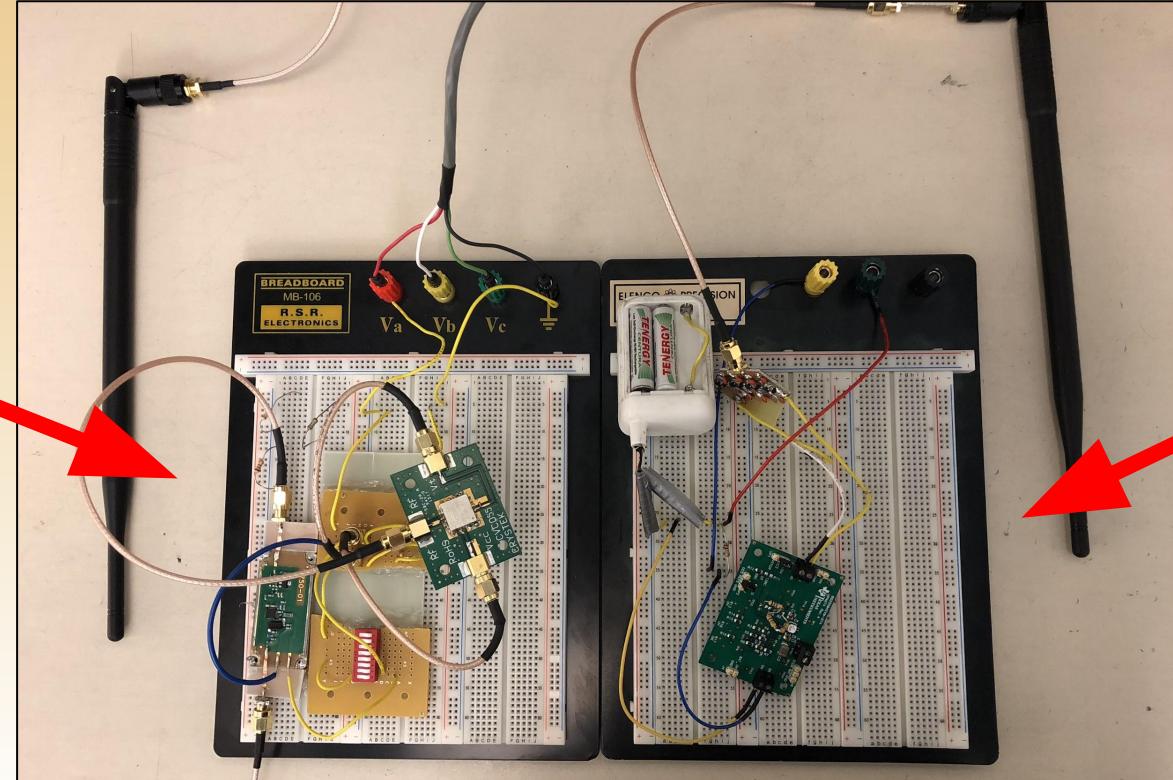
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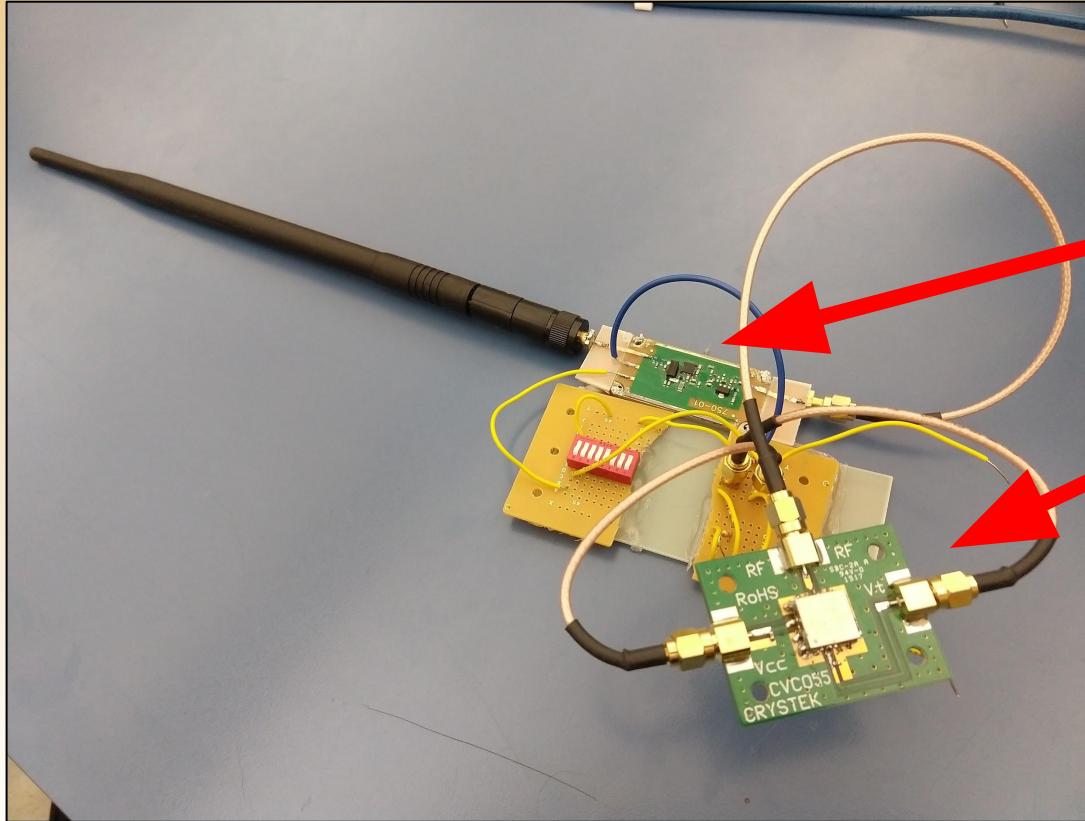
# Power Transmission Circuitry

Transmitter

Receiver



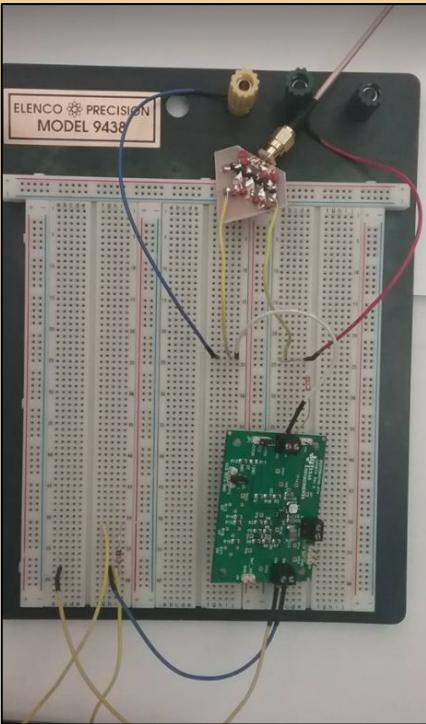
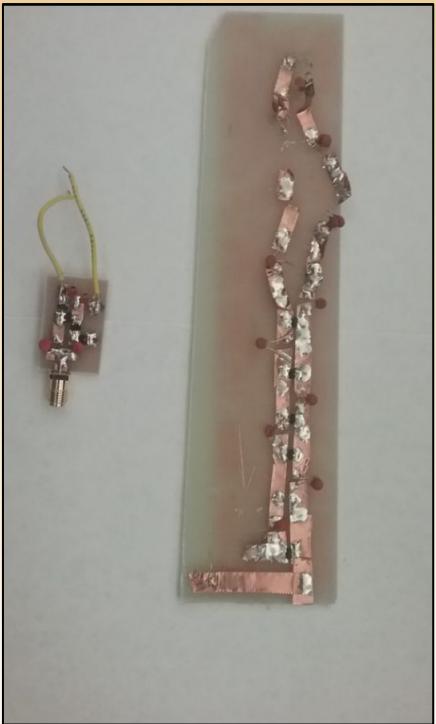
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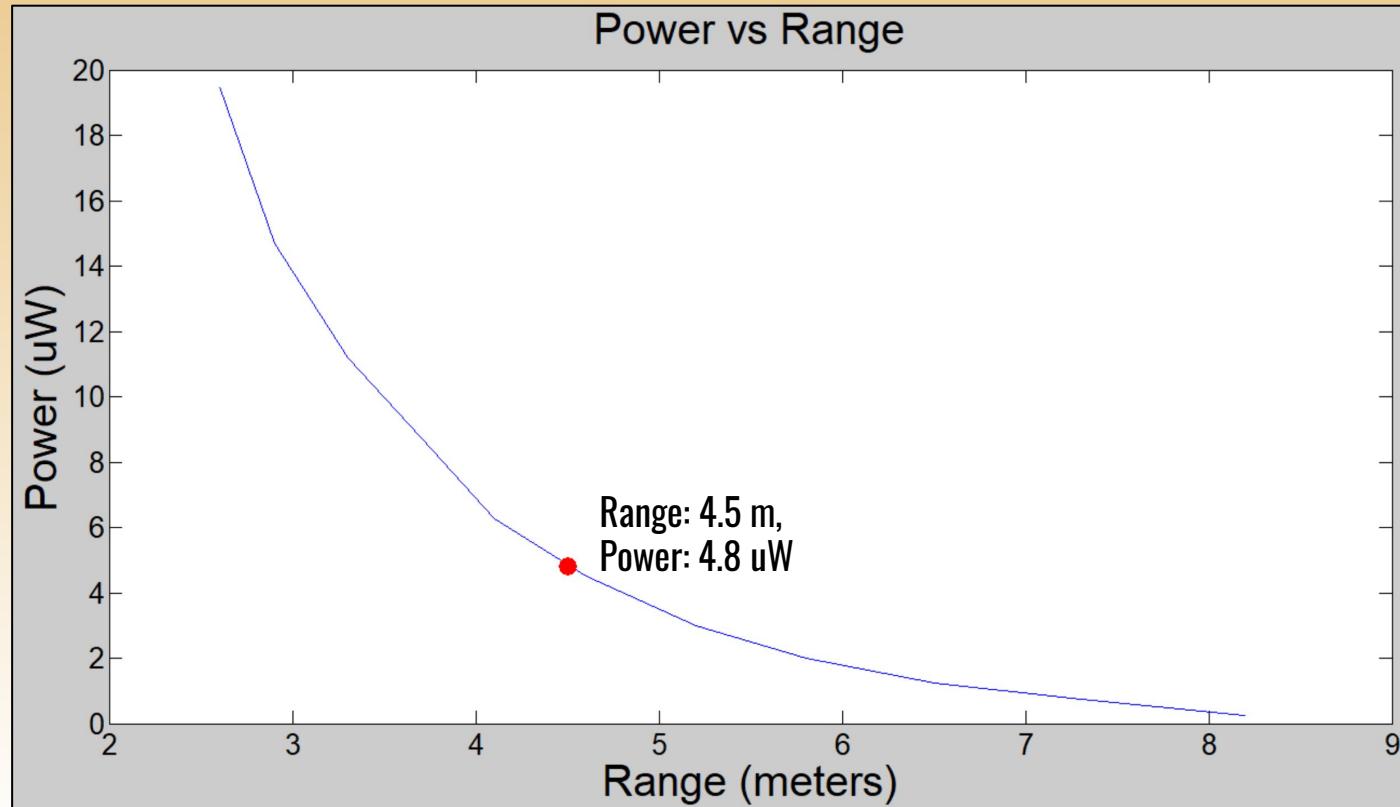
Amplifier

Voltage controlled oscillator

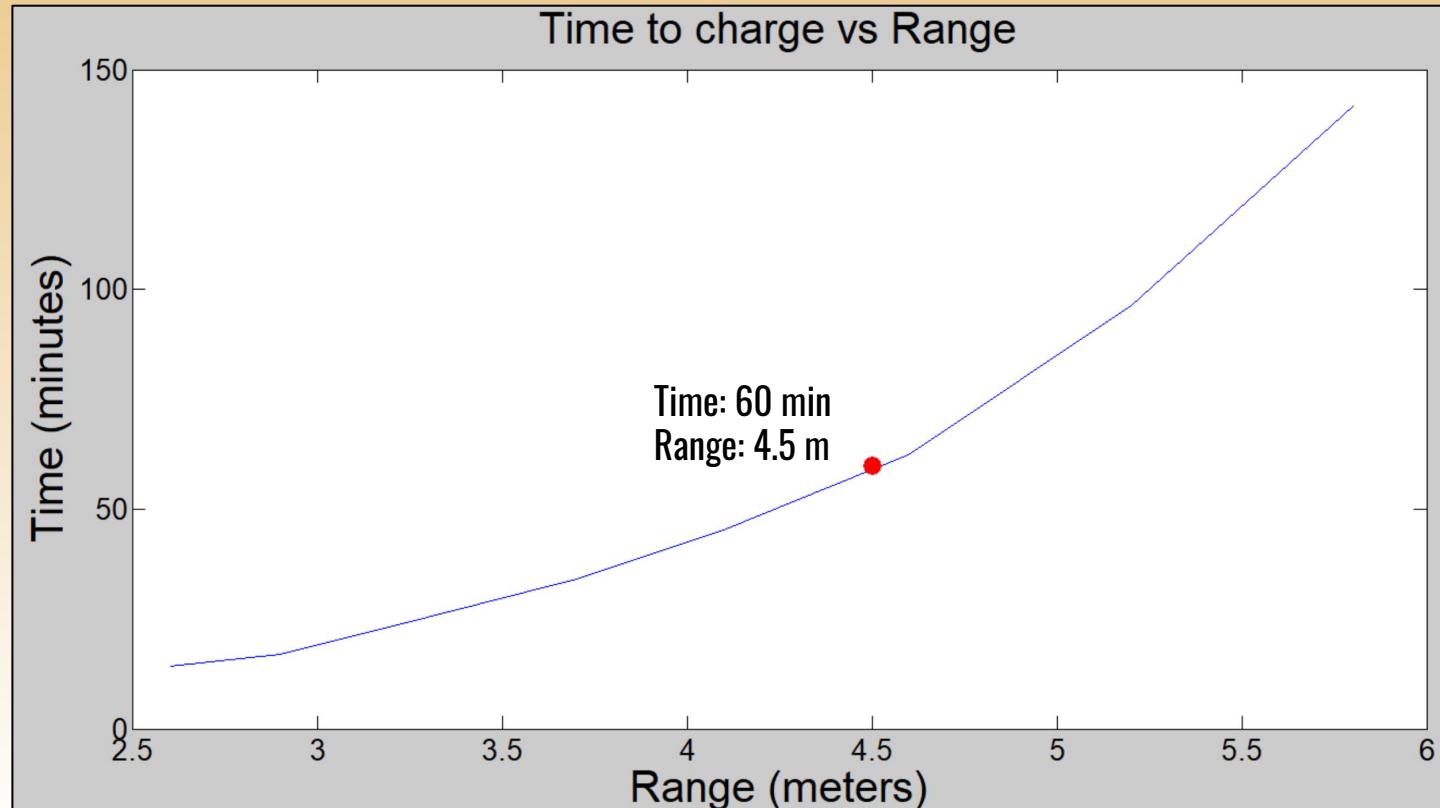
# Power Receiver Circuitry



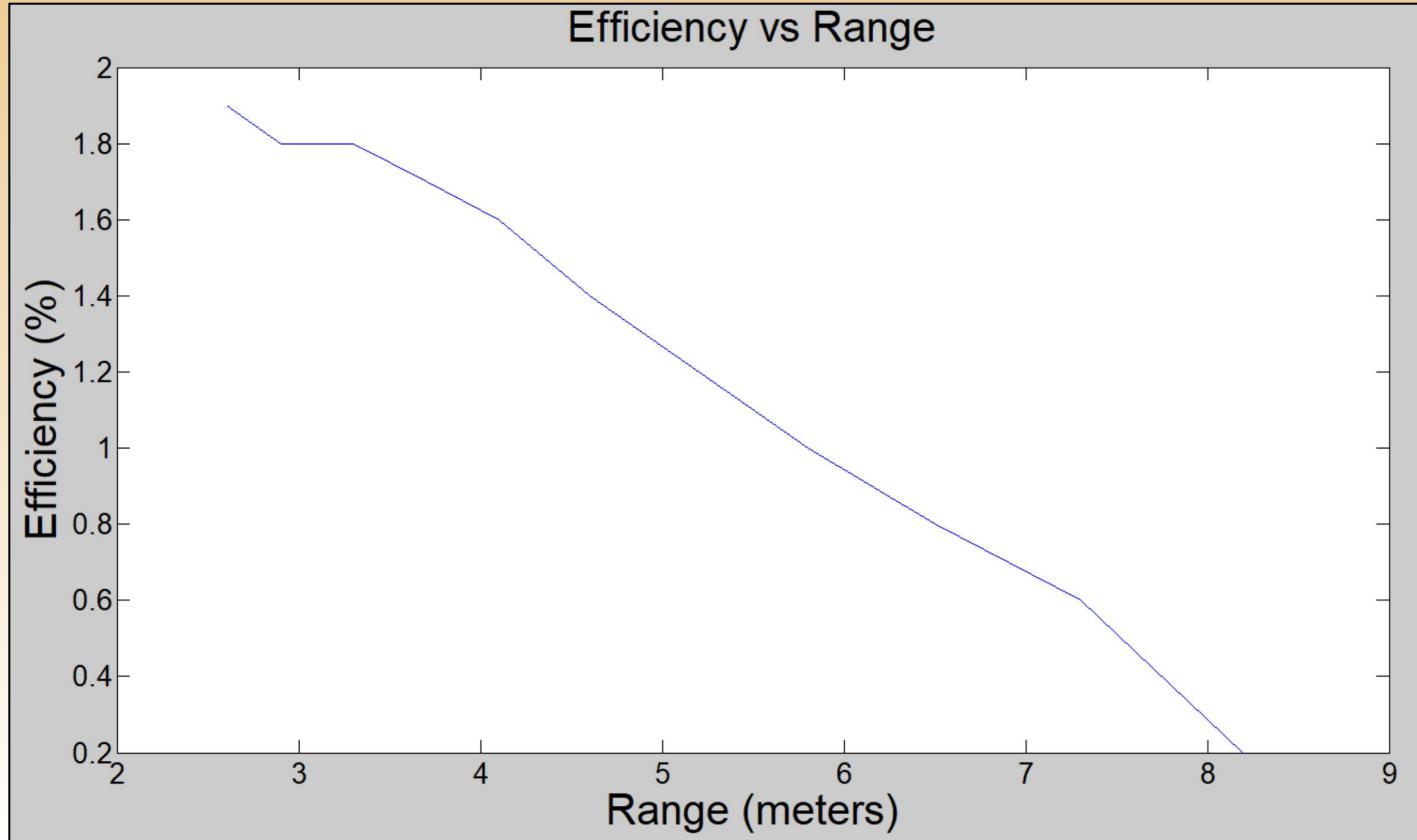
# Results: Power vs. Range



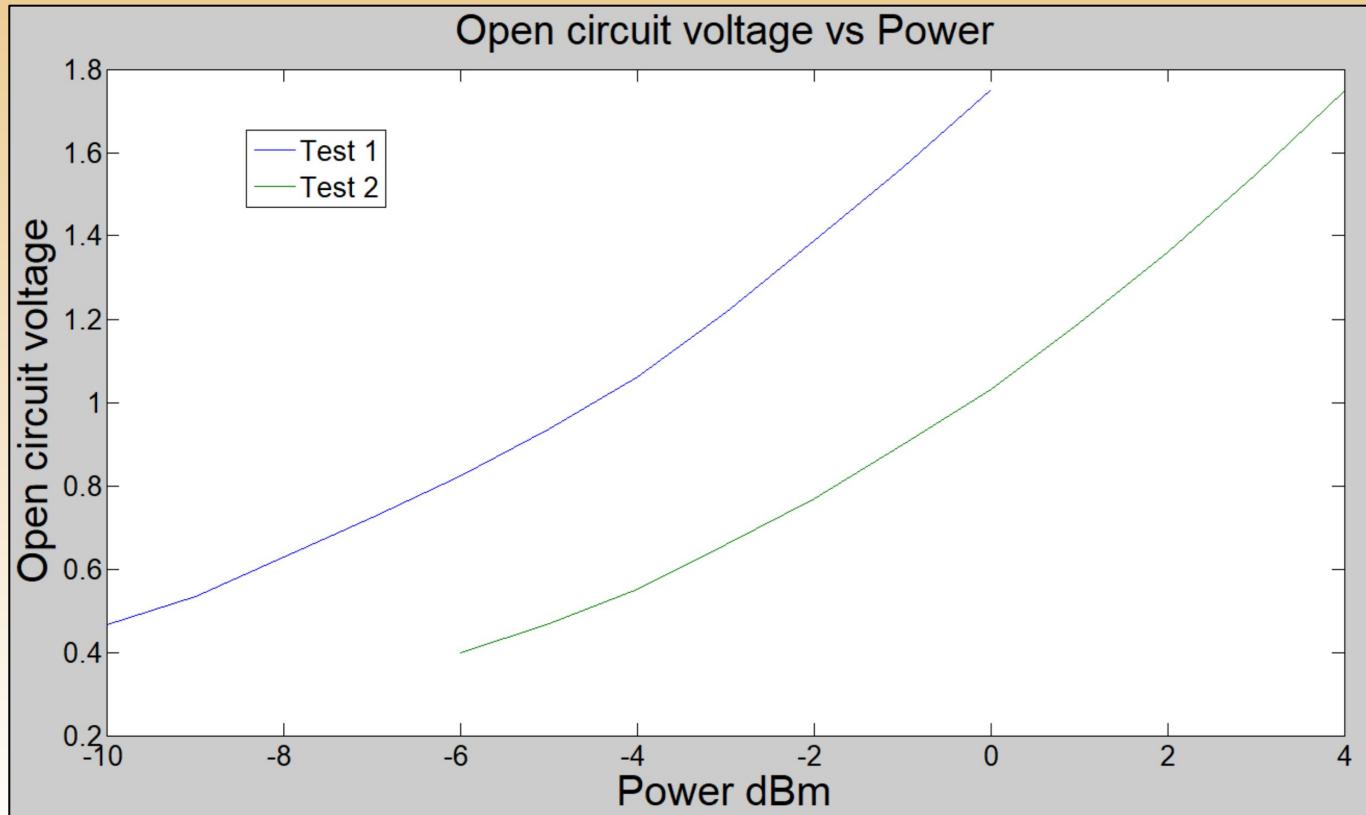
# Results: Distance vs. Time to Replace 17 mJ



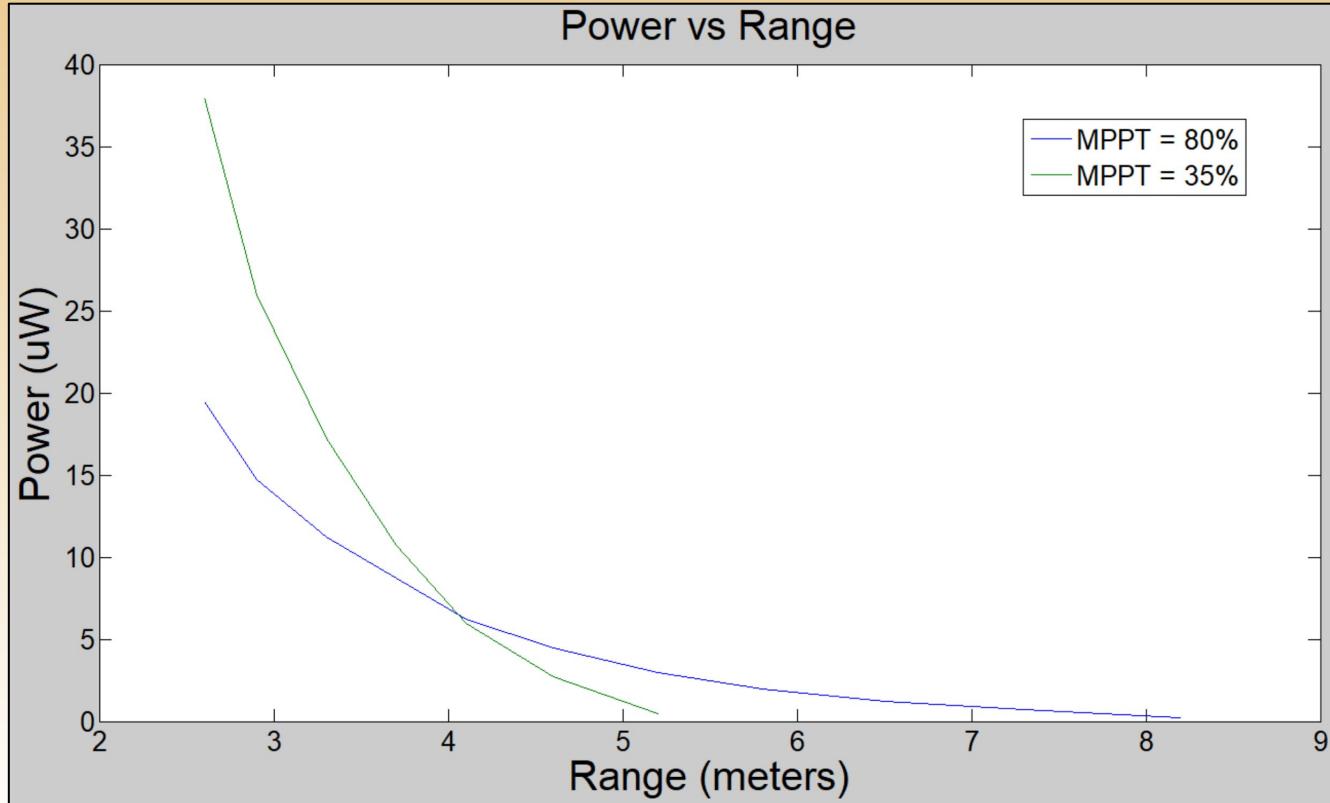
# Results: Efficiency vs. Range



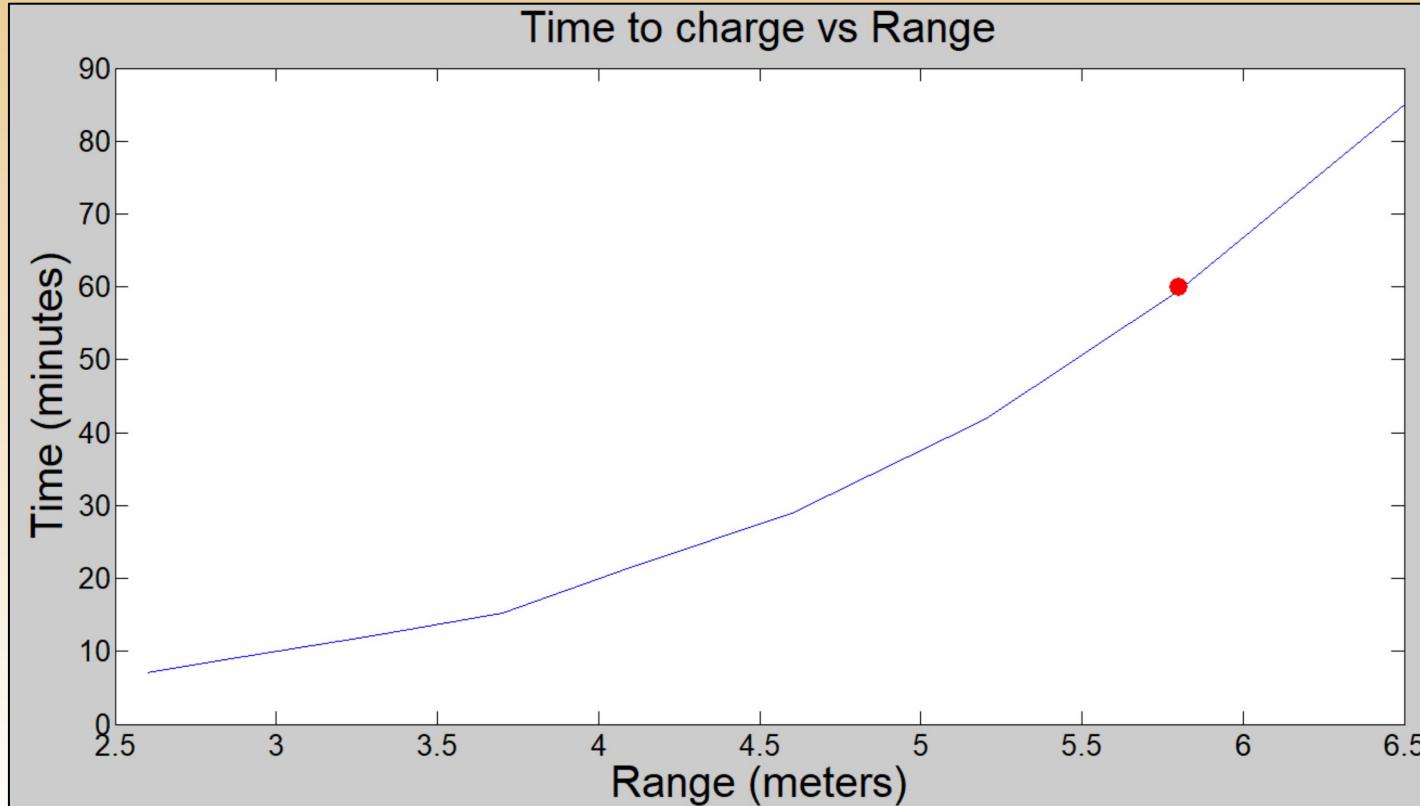
# Results: Open Circuit Voltage vs. Power



# Results: Improved Power vs. Range



# Results: Charging Time vs. Range



# Results: Efficiency

	<b>Measured Section Losses</b>	<b>Total Power Delivered after each Stage (Overall Efficiency)</b>
<b>Reflection</b>	10%	90%
<b>Cable losses</b>	10%	81%
<b>Multiplier</b>	95%	4%
<b>Battery management</b>	50%	2%

# Results: Simulation vs. Measured

- Transmitted Power:
  - 30 dBm
  - < 0.6 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>
- Power Transfer Efficiency:
  - Replenish TX Power Usage (17 mJ) < 60 min
  - Maximum Range: 4.5 meters
- Problems:
  - Multiplier circuit requires new diodes
  - Efficiency issues due to cheap construction
- Resolutions:
  - Rebuild multiplier circuit with new diodes
  - Integrate new multiplier circuit with MPPT
  - More accurate capacitor values

# Skills and Technical Innovations

## Skills Developed

- Iterative Design
- Multisim Simulations
- High Frequency Circuit Fabrication
- RF Test Equipment: Spectrum Analyzer, Vector Network Analyzer
- Etching a PCB

## Innovations Implemented

- RF power transfer with 3 volt minimum threshold
- Inexpensive solution to RF power transfer

# Questions?

# Tag Team

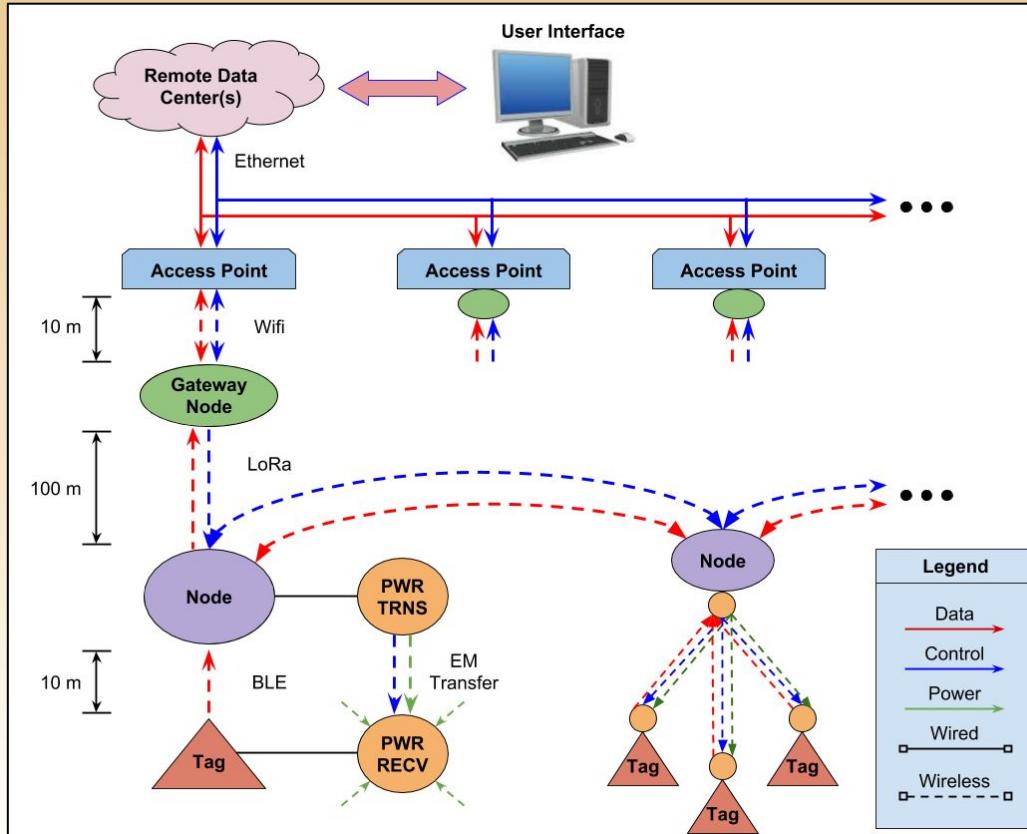
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# Subsystem Introduction: Tags

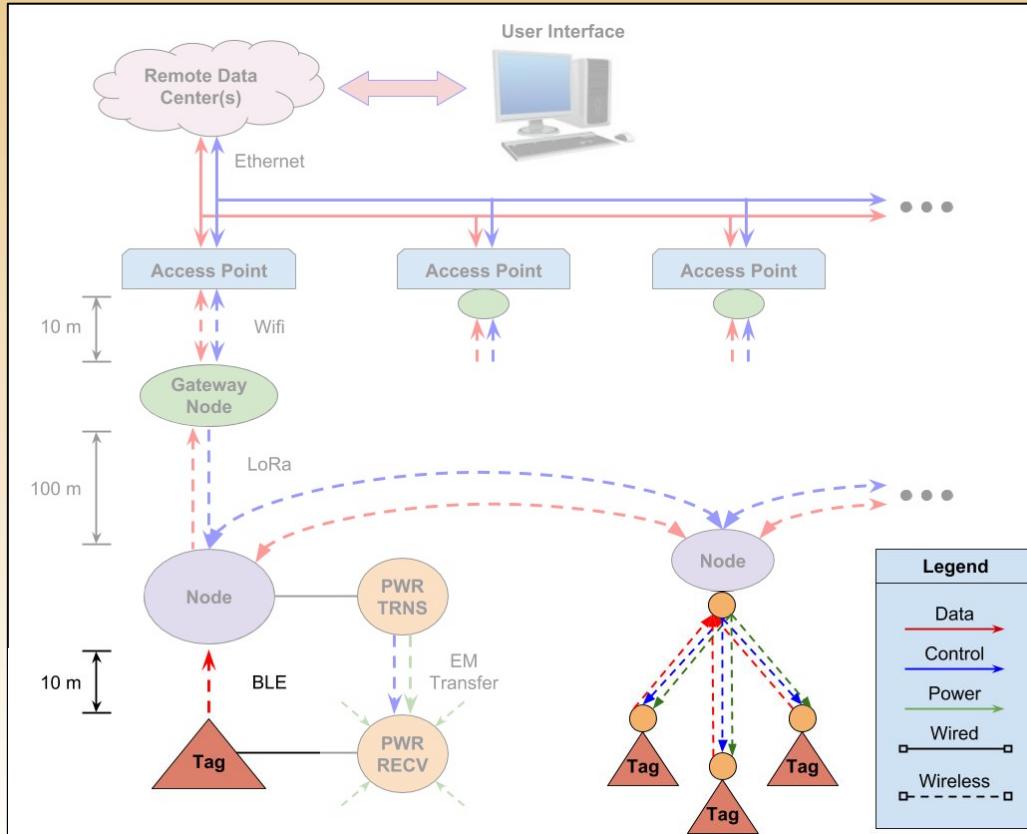
**MARS** is a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system composed of a self-powered distributed data collection and sensor network.

**Tags** are attached to valuable military assets, provide identification and sensor data at least 10 meters from nodes, and respond to asset interrogation signals.

# Subsystem as Part of Overall System



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# Subsystem Specifications

Specification	Value	Description
Communication Range	> 10 m	Minimum tag-to-node operating range
Power	< 5 $\mu$ W	Maximum average power usage
Scalability	> 100 tags	Minimum tags each node can gather data from
Emergency Interrogation Signal	< 5 min	Maximum interrogation response time

# Decision Matrix: Communication Type

	Range	Practicality	Interference	Total
<b>Radio Frequency</b>	9	10	5	100
<b>Light</b>	5	7	8	77
<b>Wired Connection</b>	6	4	9	73
<b>QR</b>	3	7	8	67
<b>Sound</b>	3	2	3	32
<b>Weight (1-5)</b>	5	4	3	

# Decision Matrix: Communication Protocol

	Power	Range	Max Connections	Availability	Total
<b>Bluetooth Low Energy</b>	10	7	8	10	126
<b>Zigbee</b>	9	8	9	8	121
<b>Dash 7</b>	8	9	10	3	107
<b>ANT</b>	9	7	9	4	107
<b>Wifi</b>	4	10	7	9	95
<b>Thread</b>	7	7	7	4	89
<b>LoRaWan</b>	7	10	6	3	88
<b>Weight (1-5)</b>	5	2	4	3	

# Decision Matrix: Microcontroller

	Required Current	Required Voltage	Availability	Price	Total
<b>PIC16F1708</b>	10	10	5	10	150
<b>ATTiny84</b>	6	10	10	8	144
<b>PIC16F877</b>	2	5	5	7	76
<b>Weight (1-5)</b>	5	5	4	3	

# Engineering Standards & Ethical Considerations

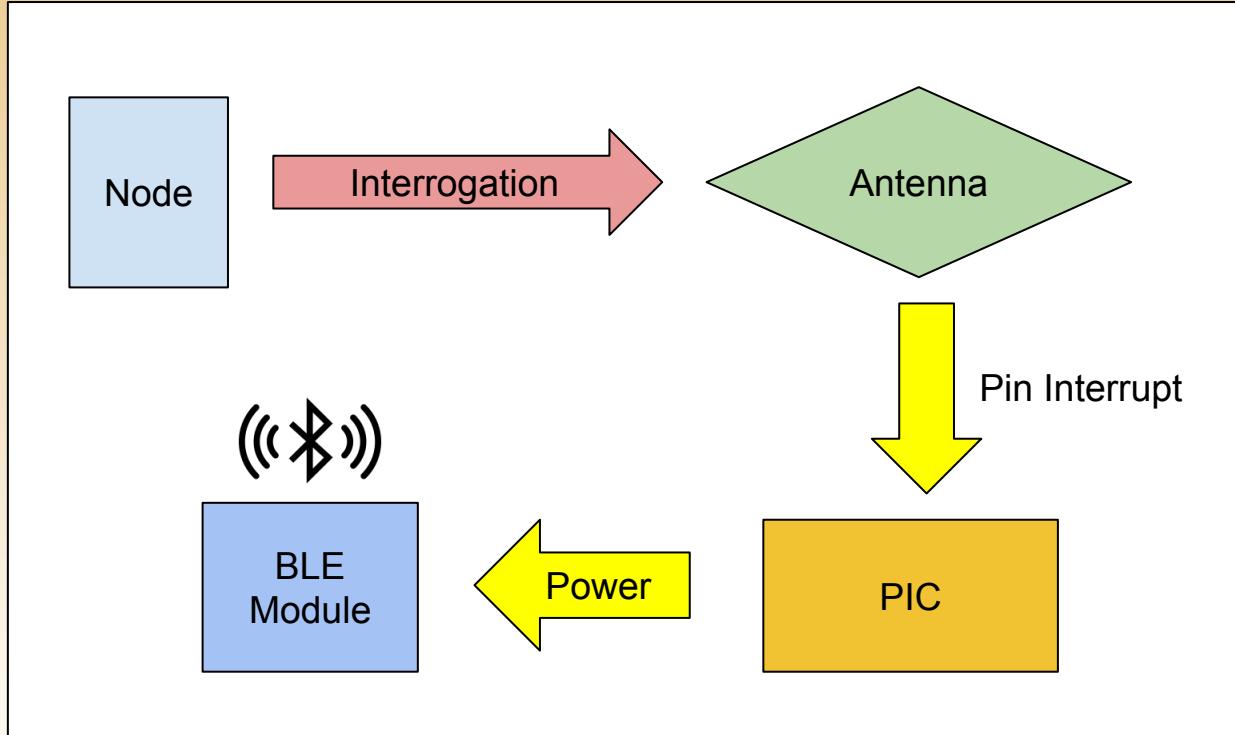
## Communications Protocols:

- Bluetooth standards (IEEE 802.15.1)

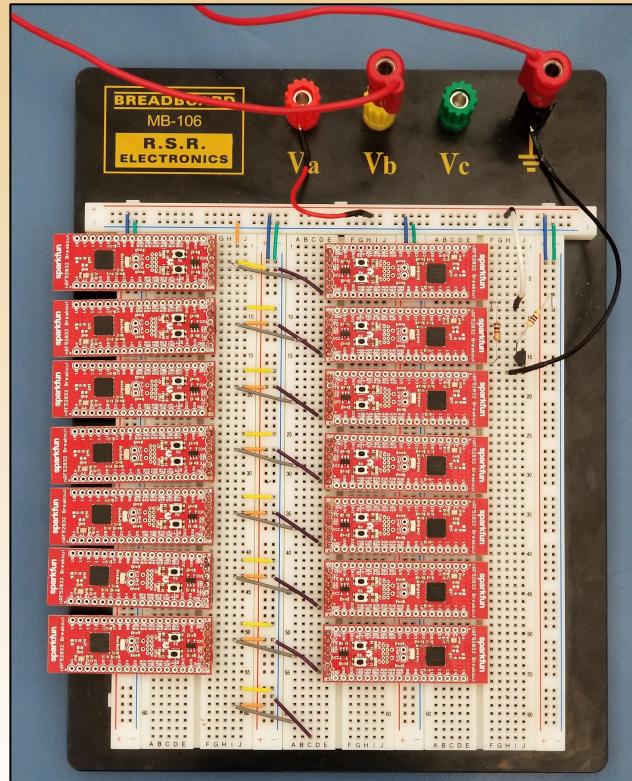
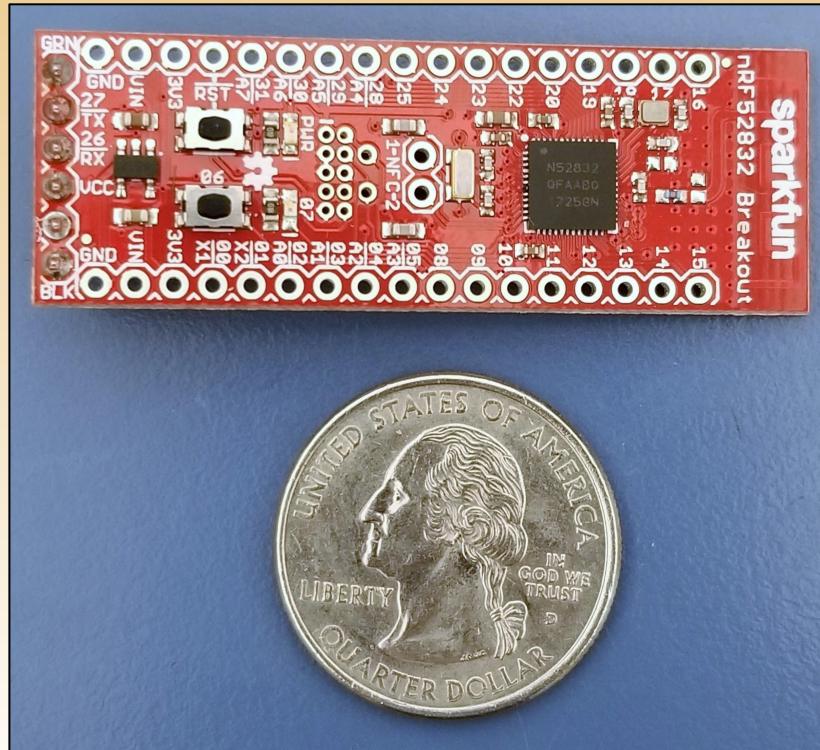
## Emissions Safety Regulations:

- WBAN compliant (IEEE 802.15.6)
- FCC frequencies and power

# Tag Design Approach



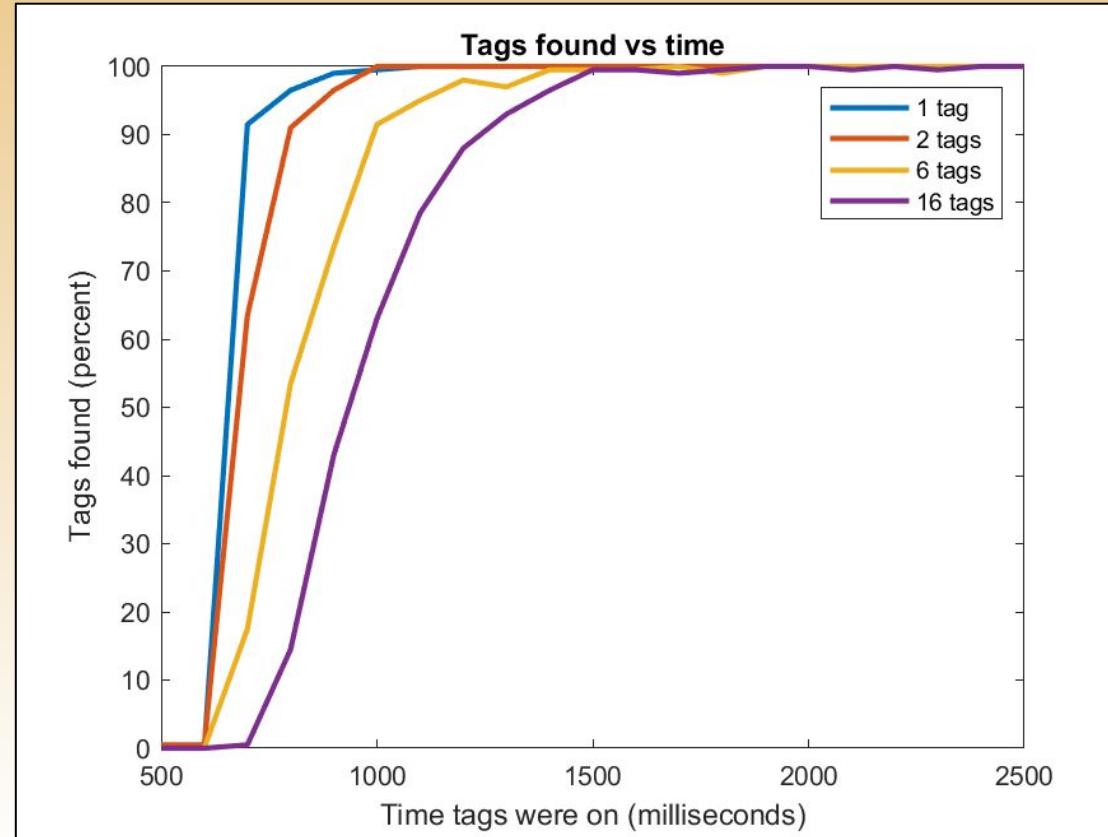
# Tags Testing Setup



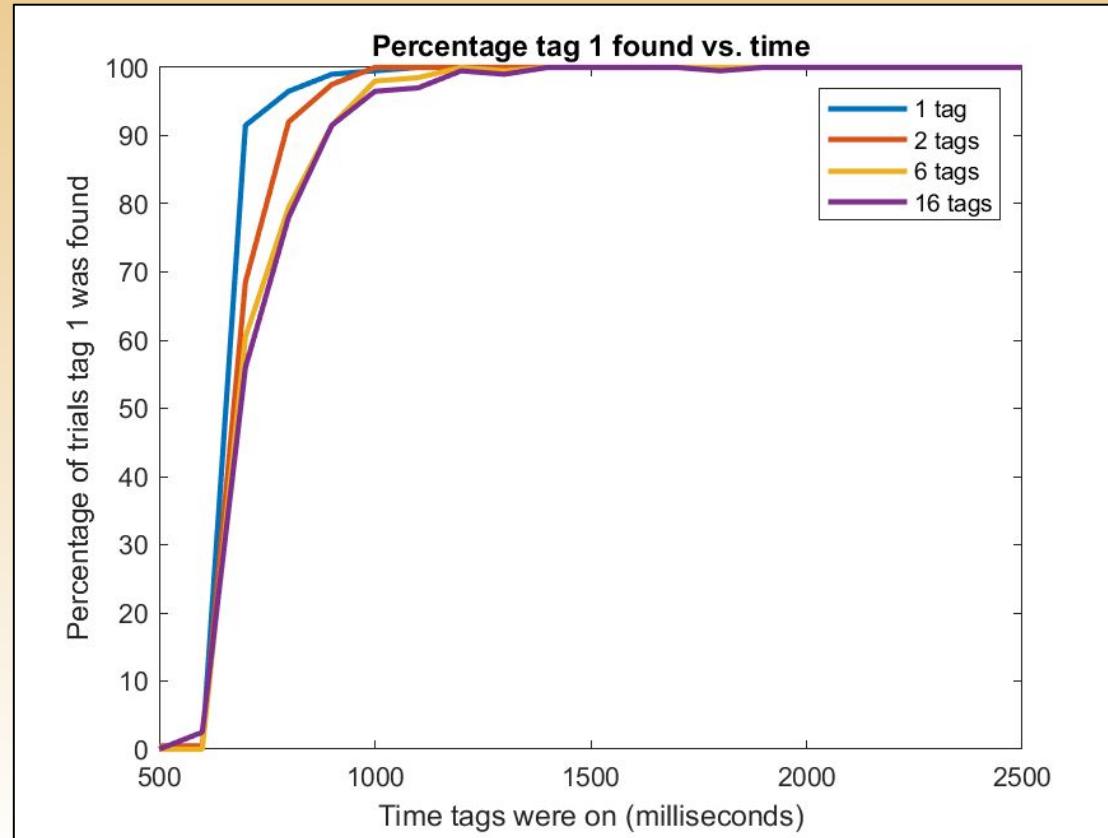
# Power Budget

Power	Activity	Datasheet	Measured
nRF (Bluetooth)	Active	13 mW	16 mW
PIC	Sleep	1 $\mu$ W	65 $\mu$ W
	Active	0.5 mW	1.5 mW
Tag average power	Active 1 sec/hour	4.8 $\mu$ W	68 $\mu$ W
	Active 2 sec/hour	8.5 $\mu$ W	73 $\mu$ W
Battery life with 800mAh alone	Active	6 days	5 days
	Active 2 sec/hour	26 years	3 years

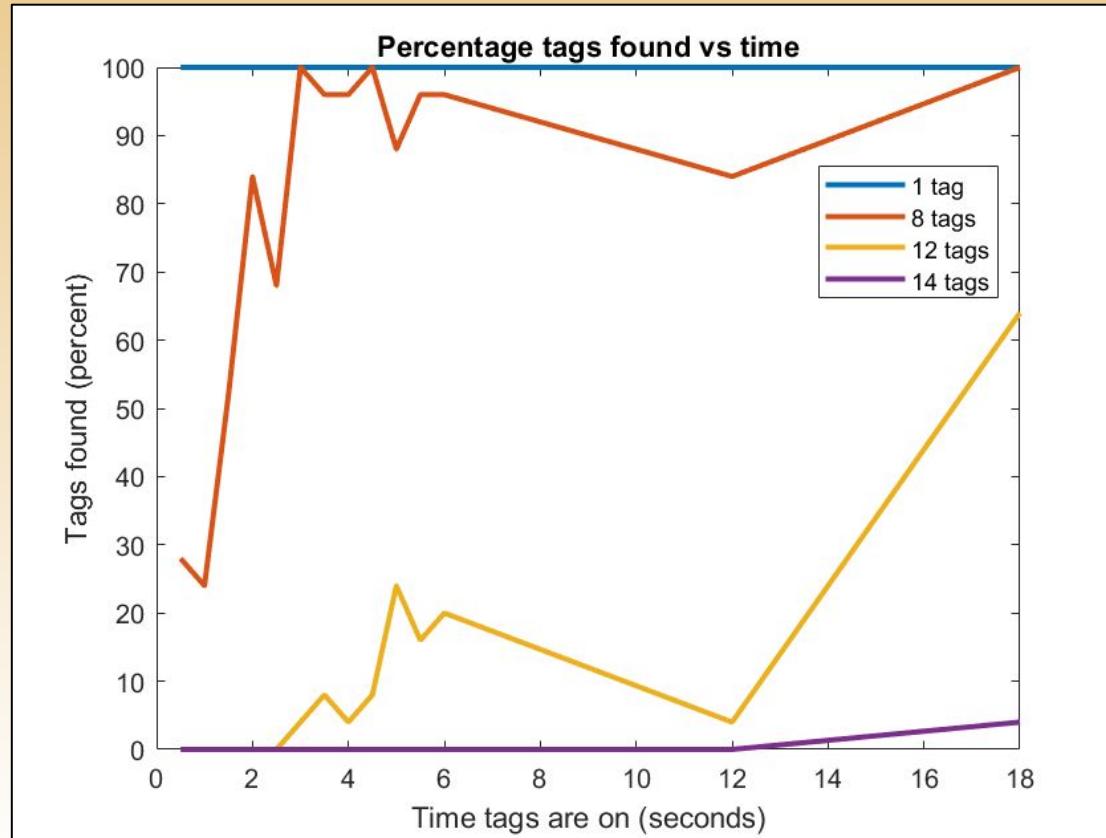
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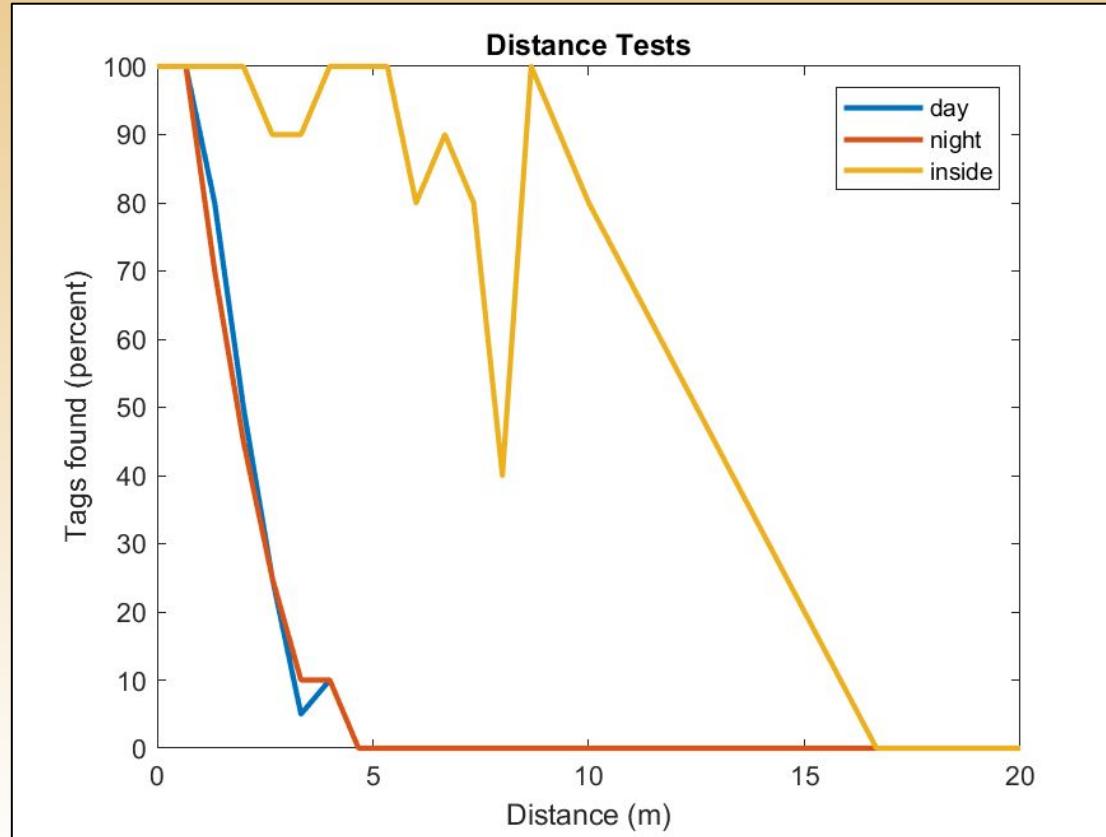
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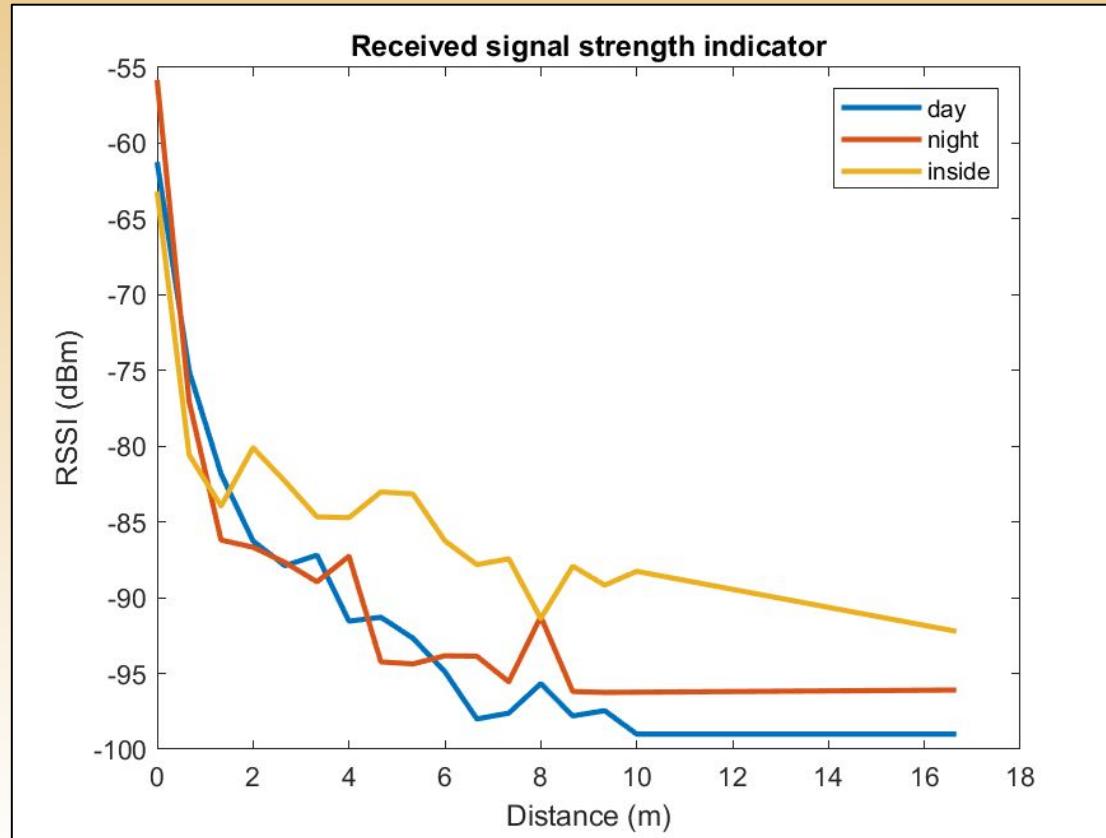
# Communication Results: Time Tests (10 meters)



# Communication Results: Distance Tests (6 tags)



# Communication Results: Distance Tests (6 tags)



# Communication Results: Summary

Can gather 100% of tag data at 15 meters indoors

The percentage quickly drops off outside

Longer scan times improve the percentage

Average RSSI:

- 0 meters: -50dBm to -60 dBm
- 10 meters: -90dBm to -100 dBm

Obstacle Test:

- Lowers Distance
- Metal Studs

Solutions:

- Better receiving antenna
- Stronger Signal

# PIC Results

Sleep mode: low power and watchdog timer

External interrupt: wireless pin interrupt

- Most time in sleep
- Average sleep power:       $65 \mu\text{W}$
- Average awake power:       $1.5 \text{ mW}$

# Results: Summary

- **Problems:**
  - PIC uses more power than expected
  - Tags need longer transmitting time
  - Background noise outside is interferes more with the signal than expected
- **Resolutions:**
  - Optimize program for PIC
  - Stronger Signal
  - Better Receiving Antenna on nodes
  - Design SOC with desired communication

# Overall Results In Comparison to Specs

Specification	Ideal	Measured
Communications Range	Tag to Nodes: 10 m	15 m (indoors) 13 m (outdoors)
Power Usage	< 5 $\mu$ W	73 $\mu$ W
Scalability	100 Tags per node	>150 tags
Emergency Interrogation Signal	< 5 min	3 min 25 seconds @ 3 meters

# Skills Learned and Innovation

## Skills Learned

- Design
- Programming with MPLab-X IDE
- Experience with BLE
- Power saving methods

## Innovation

- Scanning device IDs rather than device-to-device connections
- Wireless pin interrupt

# Questions?

# Node Team

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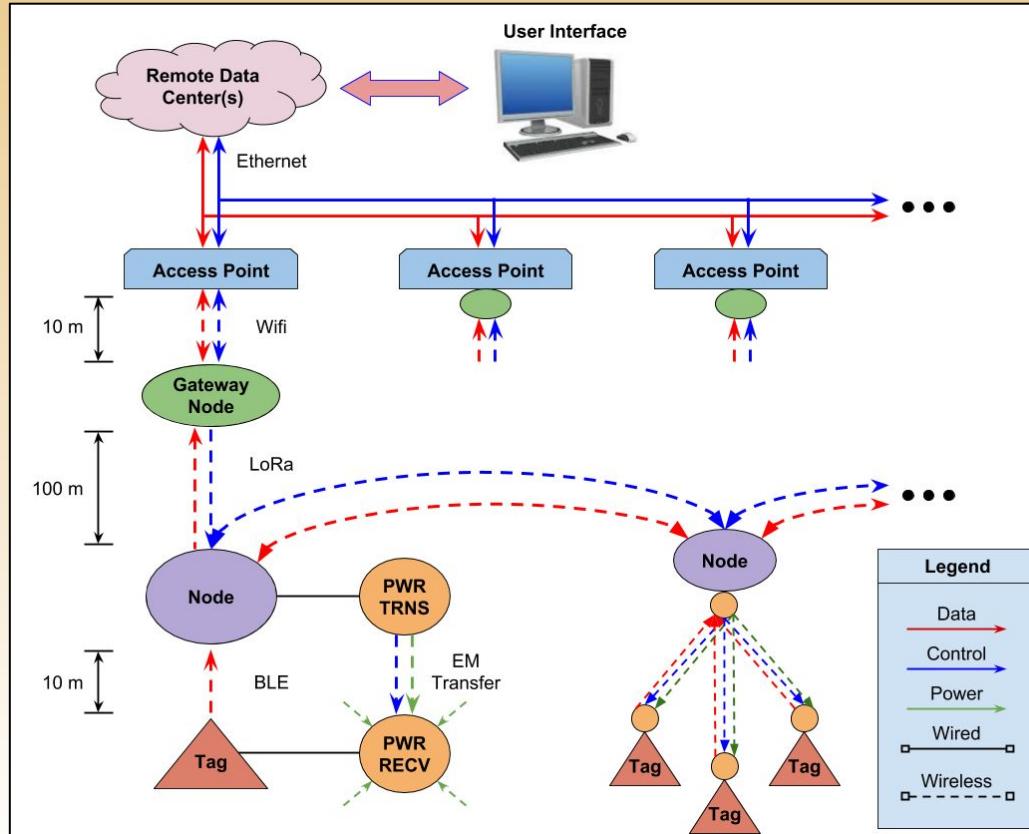
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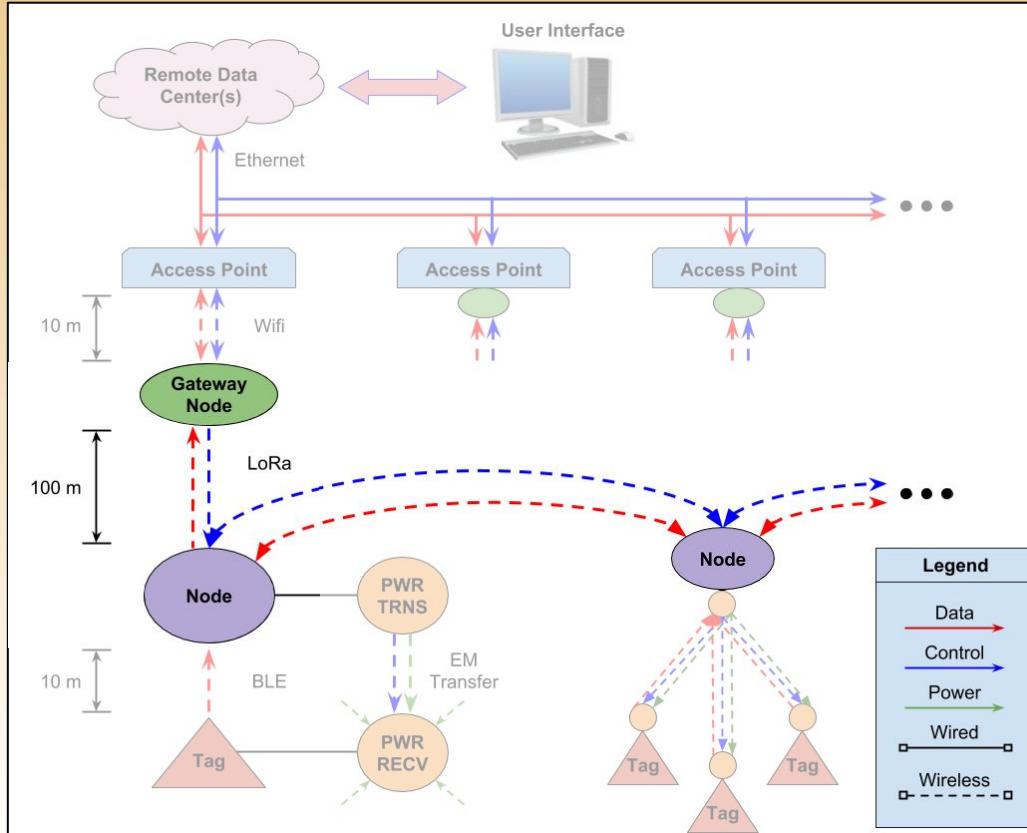
**NODES** are mobile, mesh-networked sensors which...

- Collect local tag inventories (type and location)
- Report local inventory to UI server
- Coordinate packets from other Nodes
- Provide power to asset Tags

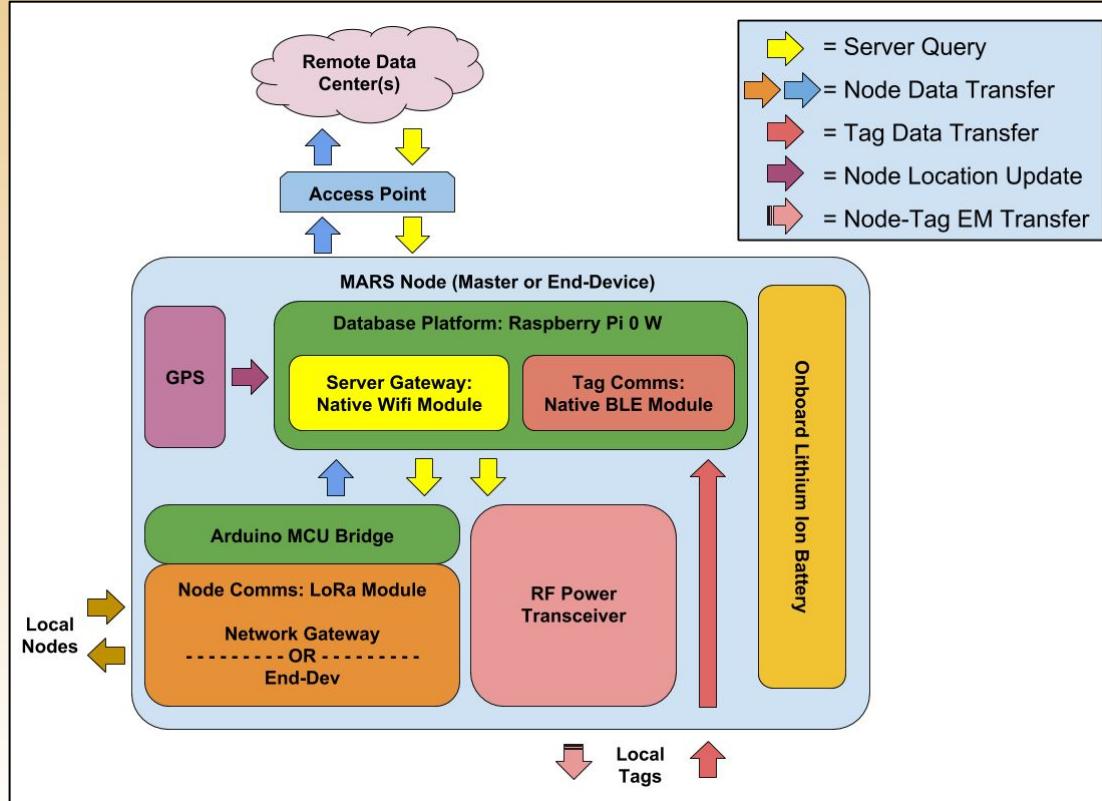
# Full System Model



# Node Subsystem



# Subsystem Overview



# Subsystem Specifications

Specification	Value	Description
Communications Range	To Tags: 10 m To Nodes: 100 m To Gateway: 100 m	Minimum operating range
Positioning Error	< 10 m	Minimum location error
Runtime	18 Hours	Minimum uptime <i>between charges</i> at 100% load
Tag Update Period	5 min	Minimum inventory update period
Scalability	100 Tags & Nodes	Minimum number of connections per Node
Mobility	Volume: < 300 cm <sup>3</sup> Weight: < 250 g	Maximum dimensions/mass to easily carried/worn

# Decision Matrix: Hardware Development Platform

Platform	INSTR/s	Memory	Power Usage (Idle)	Max Power Usage	Software Availability	Total
Raspberry Pi 3	10	10	1	1	10	130
Raspberry Pi Zero W	9	9	8	8	9	188
Beaglebone Black	9	9	4	5	8	149
ESP32	5	7	10	10	4	164
Arduino 101	6	5	10	10	3	156
Arduino Uno	3	3	7	9	3	116
Weight (1-5)	4	4	5	5	4	

# Decision Matrix: Location & Timing Services

Location & Timing Service	Price	Update Rate	Accuracy	Weight	Total
RB-EAG-11	1	1	5	9	48
Quadrino GPS i2c Module	4	10	5	1	65
Ublox NEO-M8N GPS	10	1	8	2	67
MT3329 GPS Module	10	1	1	6	40
Adafruit 66 Channel v3	9	10	10	10	118
Weight (1-5)	2	3	5	2	

# Decision Matrix: Power Subsystem

Part Name	Capacity	Volume	Interface	Price	Total
PowerCore 13000	10	9	10	8	101
PowerCore 10000	9	10	9	9	104
KMASHI 10000mAh Portable Power Bank	9	8	10	10	97
Weight (1-5)	3	5	1	2	

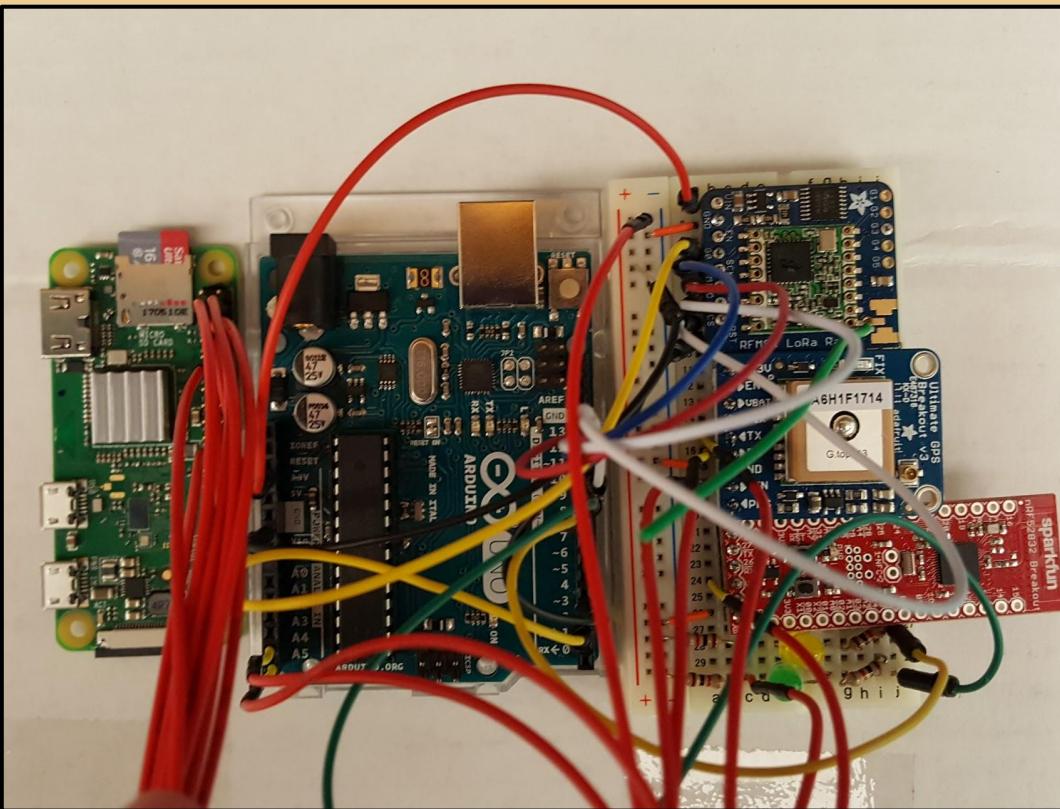
# Collaborative Design Decisions

- Communications protocols:
  - Node-Tag: Bluetooth Low Energy
  - Node-Node-Gateway: LoRa
- Software development platform: Node.js

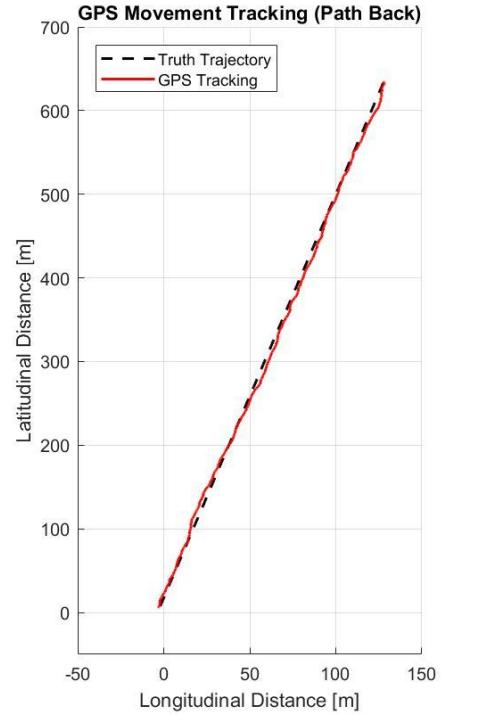
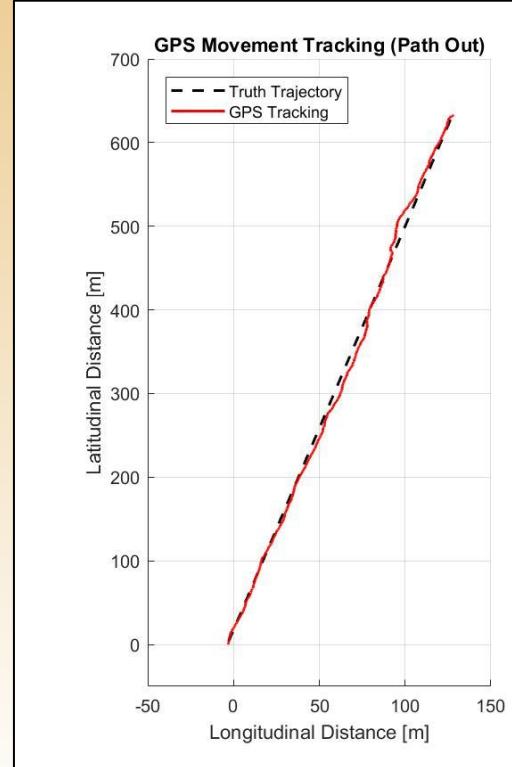
# Engineering Standards & Ethical Considerations

- Communications Protocols:
  - Bluetooth (IEEE 802.15.1)
  - LoRa-WPAN (IEEE 802.15.4)
- Emission Safety Regulations:
  - Unlicensed RF emissions (FCC Title 47)
  - Usage and interference in ISM bands (IEEE 802.11)
  - Safety for on-body WBAN devices (IEEE 802.15.6)
- Information Standards:
  - Geographic location (ISO 6709)
  - Standardized date and time (ISO 8601)
- Standards for Deployment (Phase 2):
  - Military testing regulations (MIL-STD-810)

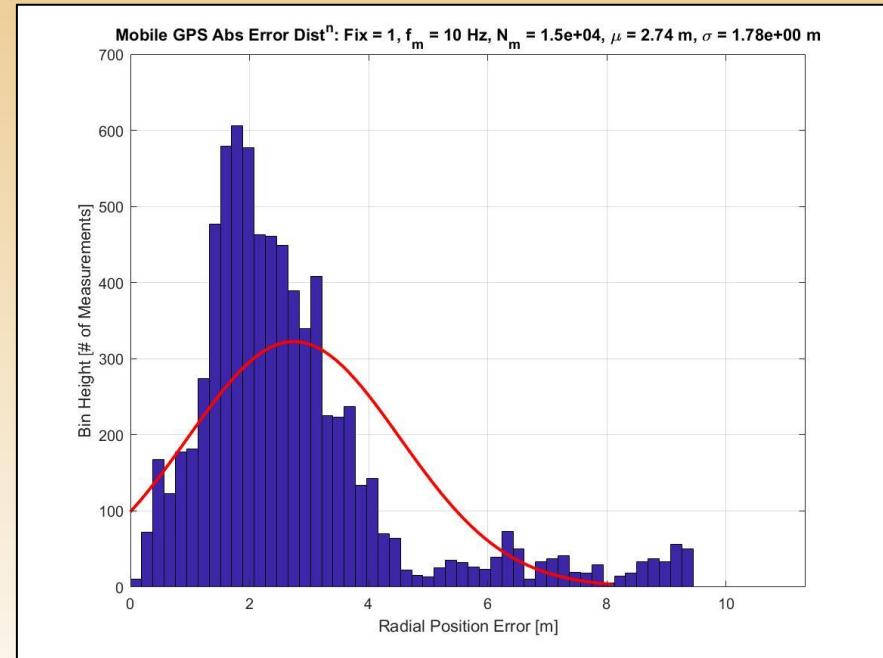
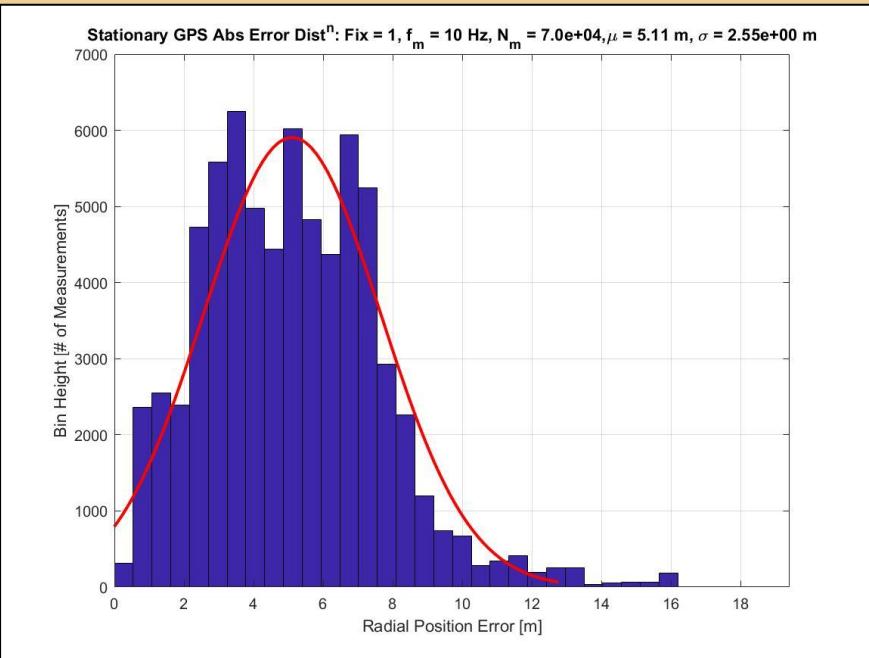
# Results: Node Prototype



# Results: GPS Characterization Tests



# Results: GPS Tracking Error



# Results: GPS Tracking Error

- Stationary Positioning Error ( $N_{\text{sat}} = 7$ ):
    - Low FOV
    - Mean Error: 5.1 m < 10 m
    - 95% CI Range: 10.2 m (2%) > 10 m
  - Mobile Positioning Error ( $N_{\text{sat}} = 10$ ):
    - High FOV
    - Mean Error: 2.7 m < 10 m
    - 95% CI Range: 6.3 m < 10 m
  - Using ISO 6709/8601 for reporting
- Problems:
    - Error tolerance varies with  $N_{\text{sat}}$
    - Estimate is a minimum value
  - Resolutions:
    - Aiding antenna used to increase  $N_{\text{sat}}$
    - Require  $N_{\text{sat}} \geq 10$  on fix
    - Enabled tag triangulation

# Results: Runtime

- 18 H runtime on 10,000 mAH battery
    - 2.78 W Max
  - Per-element maximal power usage:
    - Pi Zero (CPU Max): 1.25 W
    - Arduino Uno (Max): 0.40 W
    - GPS (Fixed): 0.07 W
    - BT & LoRa TRX: 0.73 W
    - RF Transmitter: 6.50 W
  - Current runtime at 7.6 h < 18 h
    - 45 h w/o transmitter
- Measured  
1.1 W

○ Pi Zero (CPU Max):	1.25 W	}	Measured	1.1 W
○ Arduino Uno (Max):	0.40 W			
○ GPS (Fixed):	0.07 W			
○ BT & LoRa TRX:	0.73 W			
○ RF Transmitter:	6.50 W			
- Problems:
    - RF transmitter is inefficient
  - Resolutions:
    - Improve efficiency of power transfer
    - Establish battery charging rotation
    - Single board / MCU solution

# Results: Communications Ranges

- Node-Tag: BLE
  - Indoor LOS: > 15 m 0% Loss
  - Outdoor LOS: > 13 m 0% Loss
- Node-Node-Server: LoRa
  - Indoor LOS: < 50 m 0% Loss
  - Indoor OBS: < 50 m 0% Loss
  - Outdoor LOS: <120 m 0% Loss  
                        >230 m 35% Loss
  - Outdoor OBS: Obstruction dependent
- Problems:
  - Tags transmission distance outside
  - LoRa blocked by large buildings
- Resolutions:
  - Add external receiving antenna
  - Determine building size / construction and consider in deployment

# Results: Asset Update Period, Scalability, & Mobility

- Asset ID / location update time
  - Routing length: 10 Nodes
  - 1-Node routing time: 411 ms
  - Max routing delay: 4.11 s << 1 hr
- Functional Req. of 100 Nodes / Gateway
  - 120 Nodes / Gateway at 10% Net loss
- Prototype Size & Weight
  - Size: 270 cm<sup>3</sup> < 300 cm<sup>3</sup>
  - Weight: 247 g < 250 g

# Results: Summary

Specification	Ideal Value	Measured
Communications Range	To Tags: 10 m To Nodes: 100 m To Gateway: 100 m	13 m 120 m 120 m
Positioning Error	10 m	6.5 m
Runtime	18 hrs	7.6 hrs
Tag Update Period	5 min	4 s
Scalability	Tags: 100 Nodes: 100	100 120
Mobility	Volume: 300 cm <sup>3</sup> Weight: 250 g	270 cm <sup>3</sup> 247 g

# Skills and Technical Innovations

- Skills Developed:
  - Iterative Design
  - Project management and leadership
  - Development of a functional Ad-Hoc mesh sensor network
  - Development of a GPS accuracy characterization protocol
  - Protocols: JSON, LoRa, and BLE
  
- Innovative Design Element:
  - LoRa Mesh Network (Coop with UI/Server Team)

# Questions?

# UI/Server Team

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# Subsystem Introduction: UI/Server

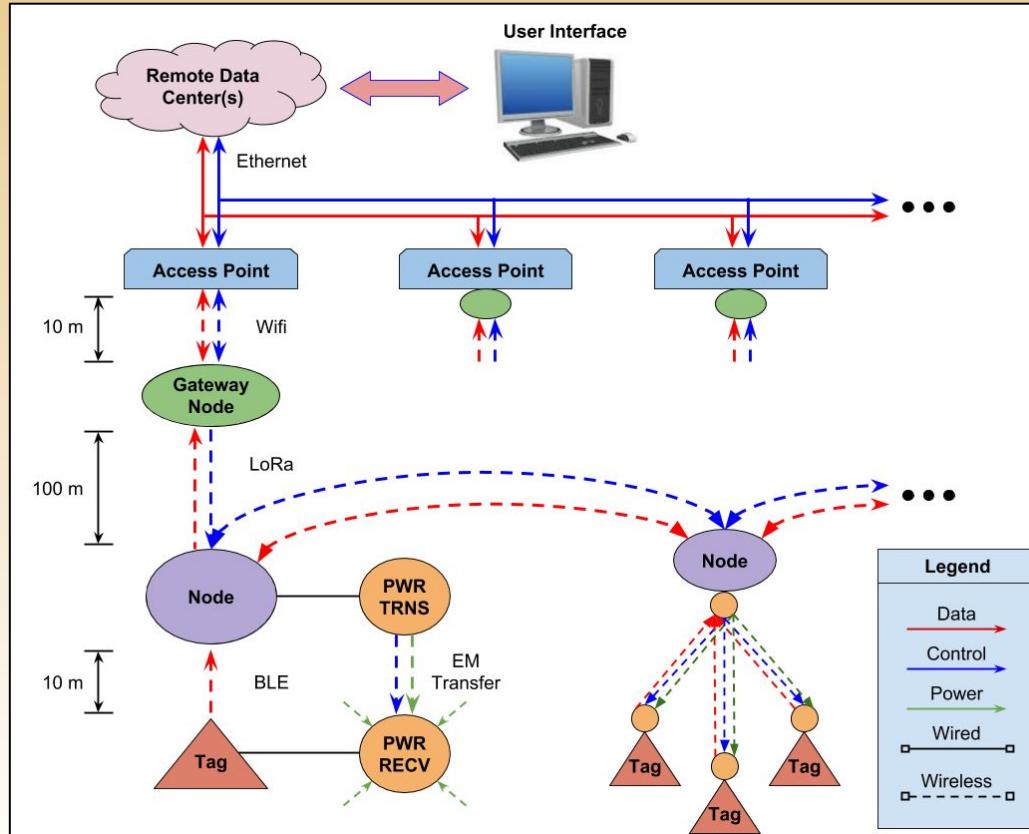
**MARS** is a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system composed of a self-powered distributed data collection and sensor network.

The **User Interface and Server** is an interactive interface which sends and receives information throughout MARS and allows the user to access specific and systemwide data.

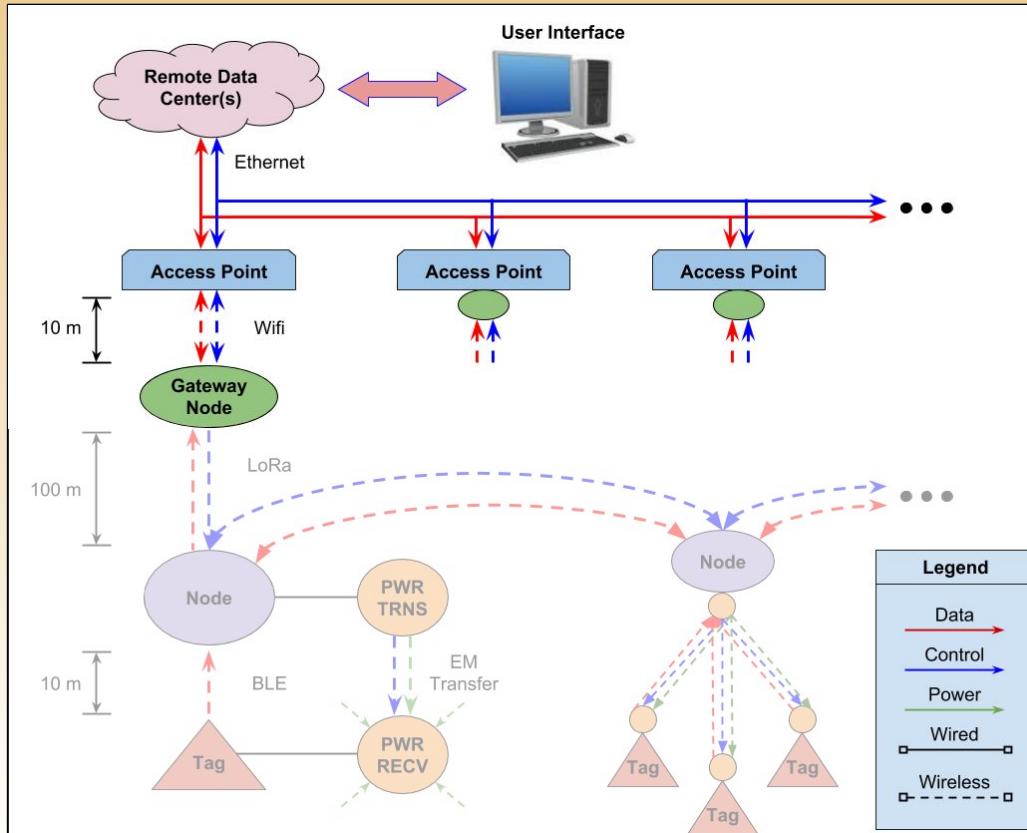
# Design Goals

- Robust server to collect and store information
- Organize display for easy asset discovery
- Reliable communication to battlefield
- Resilient network structure
- Optimize data packetization

# Full System Model



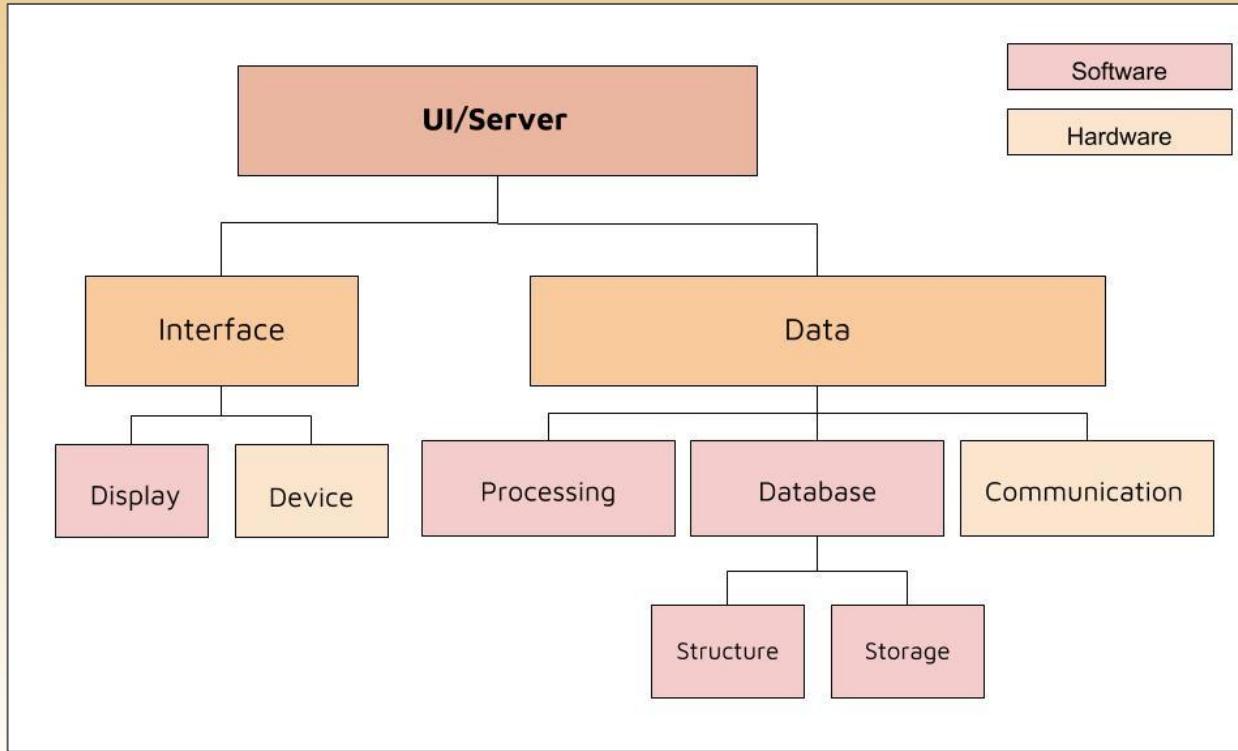
# Server Subsystem



# Subsystem Specifications

Specification	Value	Description
Communications Range	To Nodes: 100 m To Gateway: 100 m	Minimum operating range for protocol
Positioning Error	< 10 m	Minimum location service error for tag triangulation
Hardware Scalability	100 Nodes w/ 100 Tags	Minimum number of connected devices per Node
Server Scalability	100 Nodes w/ 100 Tags each	Minimum number of connected devices server can handle
Throughput	10 kbps	Minimum network load
UI Functions	Tag Triangulation Interrogation Signal	Minimum functional applications on UI

# Design Breakdown



# Decision Matrix: Server to Node Communication

	UI	Performance	Modularity	Reactivity	Feasibility	Total
<b>HTTP</b>	2	8	2	6	2	90
<b>Golang</b>	2	10	4	6	6	118
<b>NodeJS</b>	10	6	10	10	10	180
<b>Qt</b>	2	10	10	2	6	116
<b>Vert.x</b>	6	6	8	10	8	152
<b>Weights (1-5)</b>	4	5	3	5	3	

# Decision Matrix: Gateway Node to Node Communication

	Range	Data Rate	Network Size	Power	Total
Zigbee	3	5	9	8	88
6LoWPAN	3	5	2	9	79
Z-Wave	4	3	8	7	80
LoRa	10	1	7	5	92
Ethernet	5	10	1	1	62
Weights (1-5)	5	3	2	5	

# Decision Matrix: Data Management and Storage

	Structure	Accessibility	Feasibility	Total
<b>Text File</b>	2	3	10	77
<b>SQL</b>	6	10	7	91
<b>MongoDB</b>	9	10	10	115
<b>Weights (1-5)</b>	5	4	3	

# Engineering Standards & Ethical Considerations

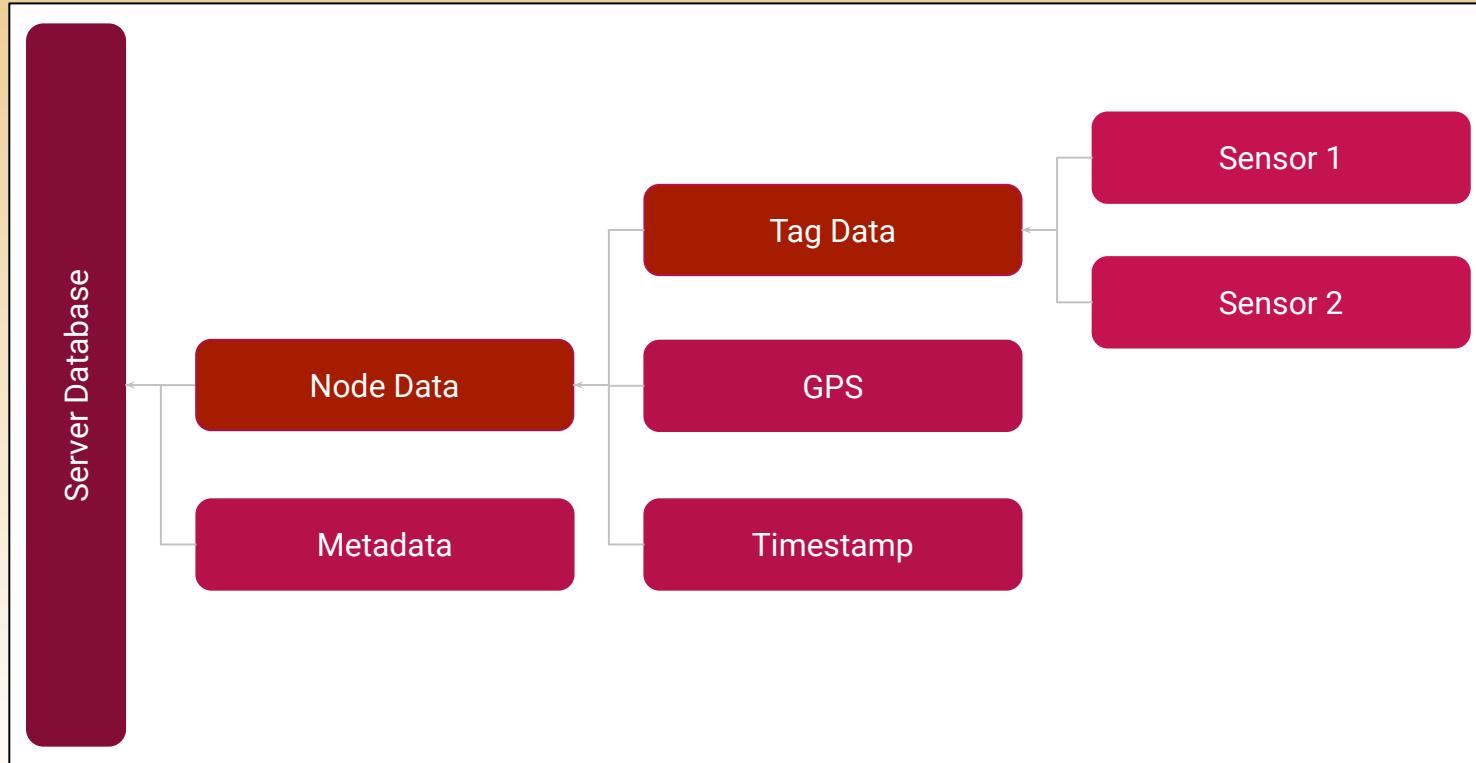
## Emissions and Communications Protocols:

- Unlicensed RF emissions (FCC Title 47)
- LoRa-WPAN (IEEE 802.15.4)
- Usage and interference in ISM band (IEEE 802.11)

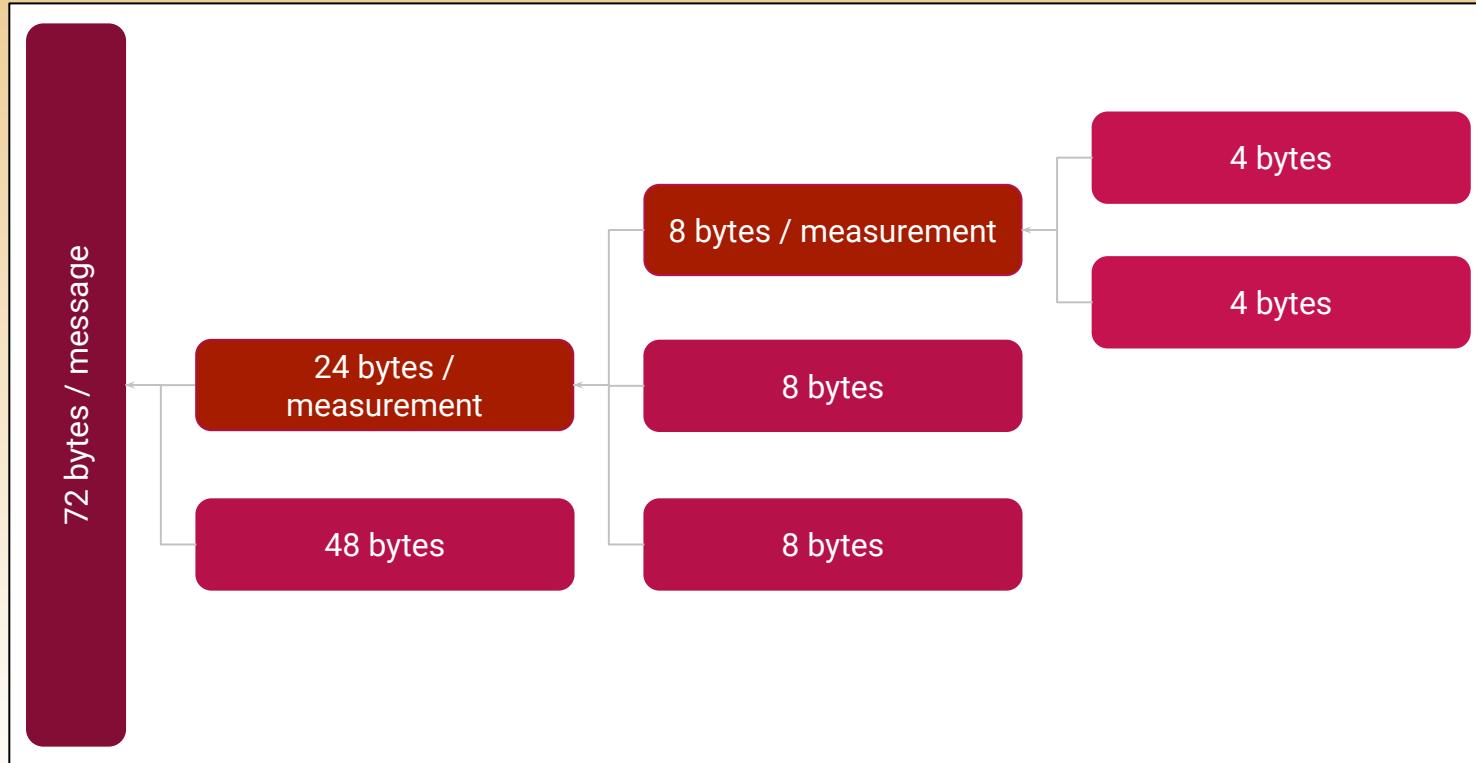
## Information Standards:

- GPS Location (ISO 6709)
- Time and Date (ISO 8601)

# Data Flow Diagram

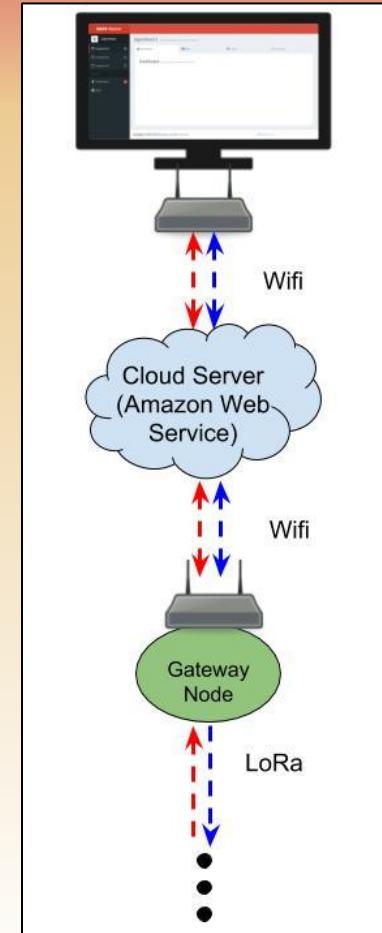


# Data Flow Diagram



# Communication Results: Server to Node

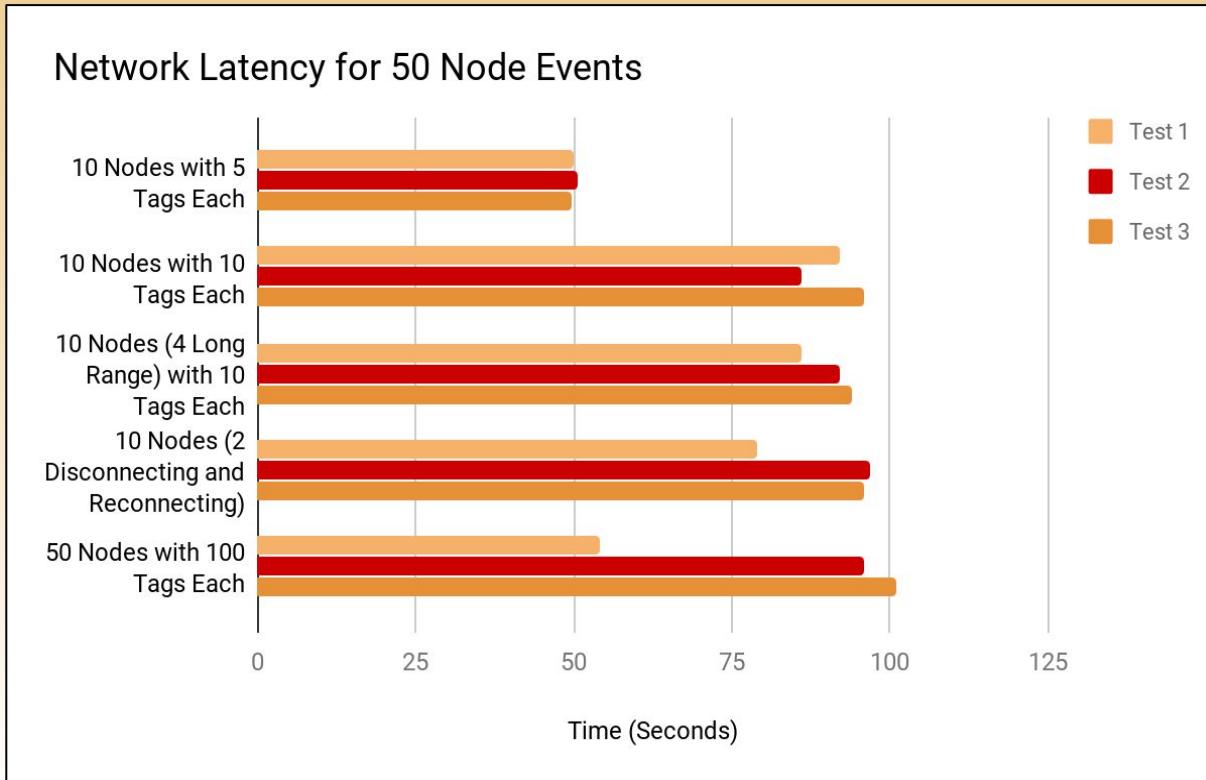
- Server running on specific computer
- Interrogation signals initiate on UI through server
- Data is collected and updates the database from the network
- Network is constantly ready to receive data



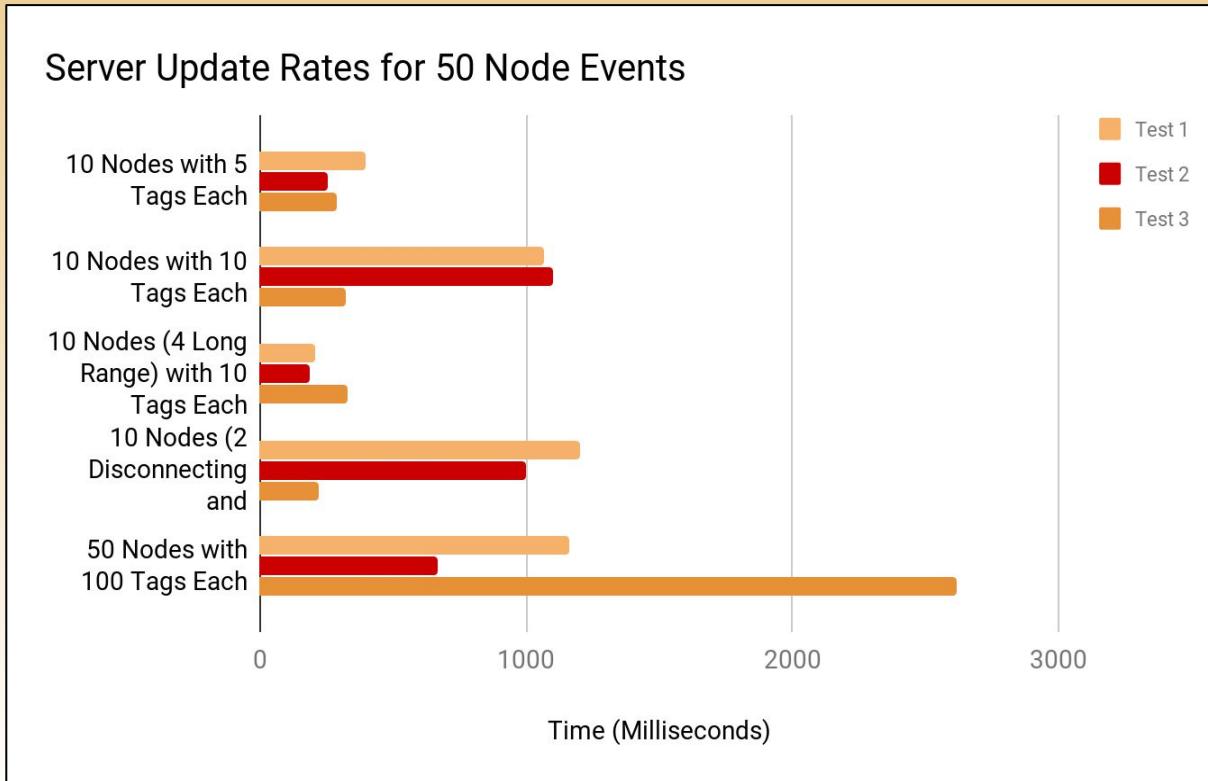
# Communication Results: Node to Node

- LoRa mesh network
- Nodes propagate interrogation signals to correct node address
- Nodes alternate between receiving and transmitting for data relay
- Stop signal to end transmissions

# Data Management Results: Network Collection Time



# Data Management Results: Server Update Rate



# User Interface Results

The screenshot displays the MARS Watcher application interface, specifically the Event Log section for Experiment 1. The interface is divided into several panels:

- Dashboard:** Shows summary information for five experiments: Node ID 3, Node ID 2, Tag ID 3, Tag ID 4, and Tag ID 5. Each entry includes the node/tag ID, a status icon, and the last update time.
- MARS Watcher Sidebar:** A dark sidebar containing links for Experiments (Experiment 1, Experiment 2, Experiment 3), Notifications (with 3 notifications), and Maps.
- Experiment 1 Overview:** A panel showing a short description of the simulation, a dashboard link, and an event log link.
- Event Log Panel:** The main focus, showing a detailed list of events for Experiment 1. Each event entry includes a timestamp, latitude, and longitude. The most recent event (4/26/2018 5:49:59 pm) is highlighted with a gray background.
- Buttons:** On the right side of the event log panel, there are two blue "Interrogate" buttons. Below the event log panel, there are three additional empty event log panels, each with its own "Interrogate" button.
- Page Footer:** Includes copyright information ("Copyright © 2018 MARS Systems. All rights reserved."), a GitHub link ("Github v1.2.0"), and a page number ("103").

# Results

- **UI/ Server**
  - Server can reliably handle ~80 nodes and 100 tags per node
  - UI updates reactively to changes in the server database
- **Communication**
  - Gateway nodes are able to packetize and send data from other nodes and tags in the network
  - Server is able to parse and sort packets received by gateway nodes
- **Problems:**
  - UI latency increases significantly for large numbers of incoming data packets.
  - Extra signal propagation between nodes
- **Resolutions:**
  - More robust server for increased network size
  - Stop signal to end signal “bouncing”

# Results Summary

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Communications Range	To Nodes: 100 m To Gateway: 100 m	120 m 120 m
Positioning Error	10 m	6.5 m
Hardware Scalability	Tags: 100 Nodes: 100	100 120
Server Scalability	Tags: 100 / Node Nodes: 100 / Gateway	100 Tags per Node < 81 Nodes
Throughput	10 kbps	> 10 kbps
UI Functions	Tag Triangulation Interrogation Signal	Functional Functional

# Skills Learned and Innovation

- Skills Learned

- Project Design
- Interacting with Google Maps and Web design
- Developed packetization scheme for gateway to server communication
- Implementation of NodeJS and MongoDB
- Developed functional Ad-Hoc mesh sensor network
- Work with LoRa
- Languages: Javascript, HTML, Python, and C

- Innovations:

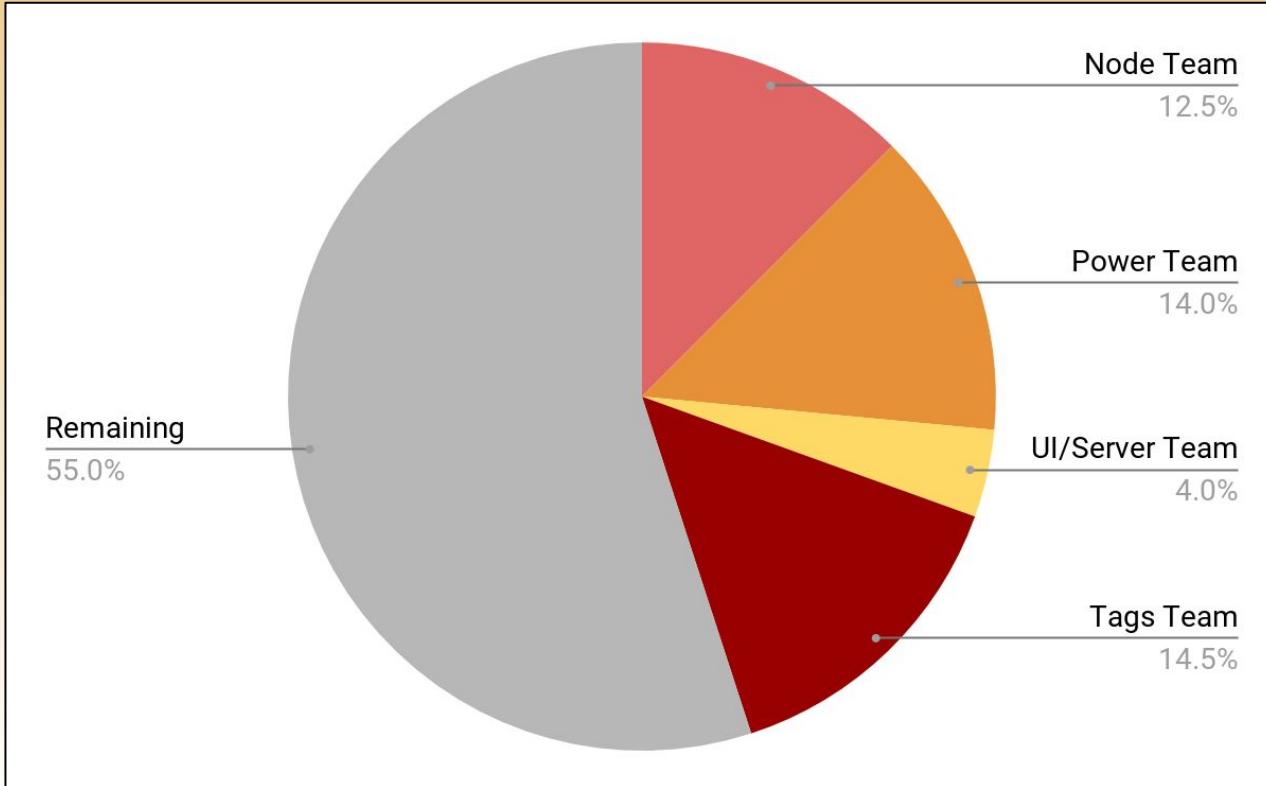
- LoRa Mesh network for Node to Node communication (Co-op with Node Team)
- Interrogation scheme from UI

# Questions?

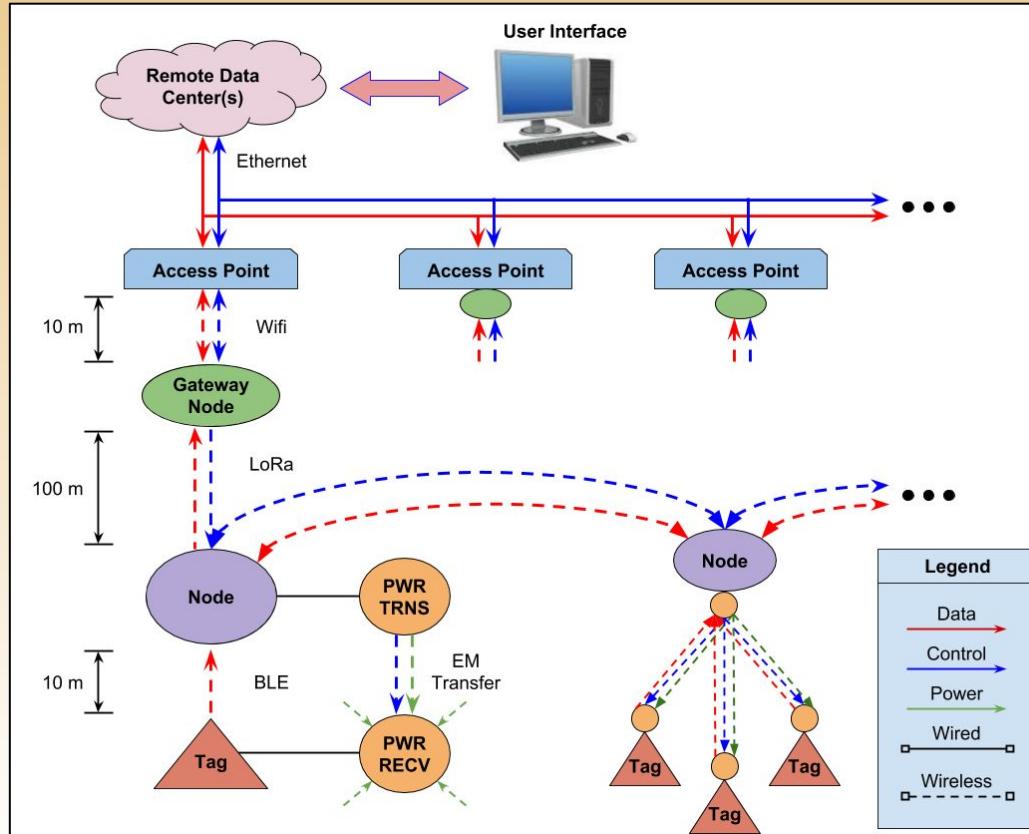
# Results

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# Budget: Used \$1800 / \$4000



# Operation/Implementation



# MARS Performance Summary

Specification	Desired Value	Measured
Communications Range	To Tags: 10 m To Nodes: 100 m To Gateway: 100 m	13 m 120 m 120 m
Maintenance Period	Tags: > 1 year Nodes: > 18 hours	3 years 7.6 hours
Monitor Update Period	Normal: 1 hr Emergency: 5 min	Configurable 4 min @ 3 m
Node Scalability	100 Tags & Nodes	100 Tags, 120 Nodes
Server Scalability	Tags: 100 / Node Nodes: 100 / Gateway	100 Tags per Node < 81 Nodes
Positioning Error	< 10 m	6.5 m

# Full System Test & Functional Demonstration

## Network Demonstration

- 1 Gateway Node
- 3 Nodes
- 2 Interrogation Tags
- 4 Moving/routine update Tags

## Power Scavenging Demonstration

- Power scavenging to charge battery

# Project Achievements

**Successful** implementation of a Distributed Sensor Network

**Scalable** system prototype for 1000+ Tags and 80+ Nodes

**Successful** RF scavenging system to supplement Tag lifetime

**Met** design criteria for implementation in Battlefield environment

Final conclusion: MARS concept is an **Outstanding Success**

# Other MARS Applications

- Commercial inventory applications (Warehouses)
- Mail tracking
- Smart inventory system
- Mobile sensor network

# Questions?

# Demonstration