

# **Design and Deployment of IoT Devices: from Edge to Data Centers**

Asian Regional Workshop  
on SciTinyML:  
Scientific Use of  
Machine Learning on  
Low-Power Devices

6 - 10 June 2022  
Online

ICTP

Further information:  
<http://indico.ictp.it/event/9800/>  
[smr3715@ictp.it](mailto:smr3715@ictp.it)



**Reginald Juan Magpantay Mercado**  
Electronics Engineer  
Proprietor and R&D Chief, GTek Research  
Valenzuela City, Philippines  
[gtek\\_research@yahoo.com](mailto:gtek_research@yahoo.com)

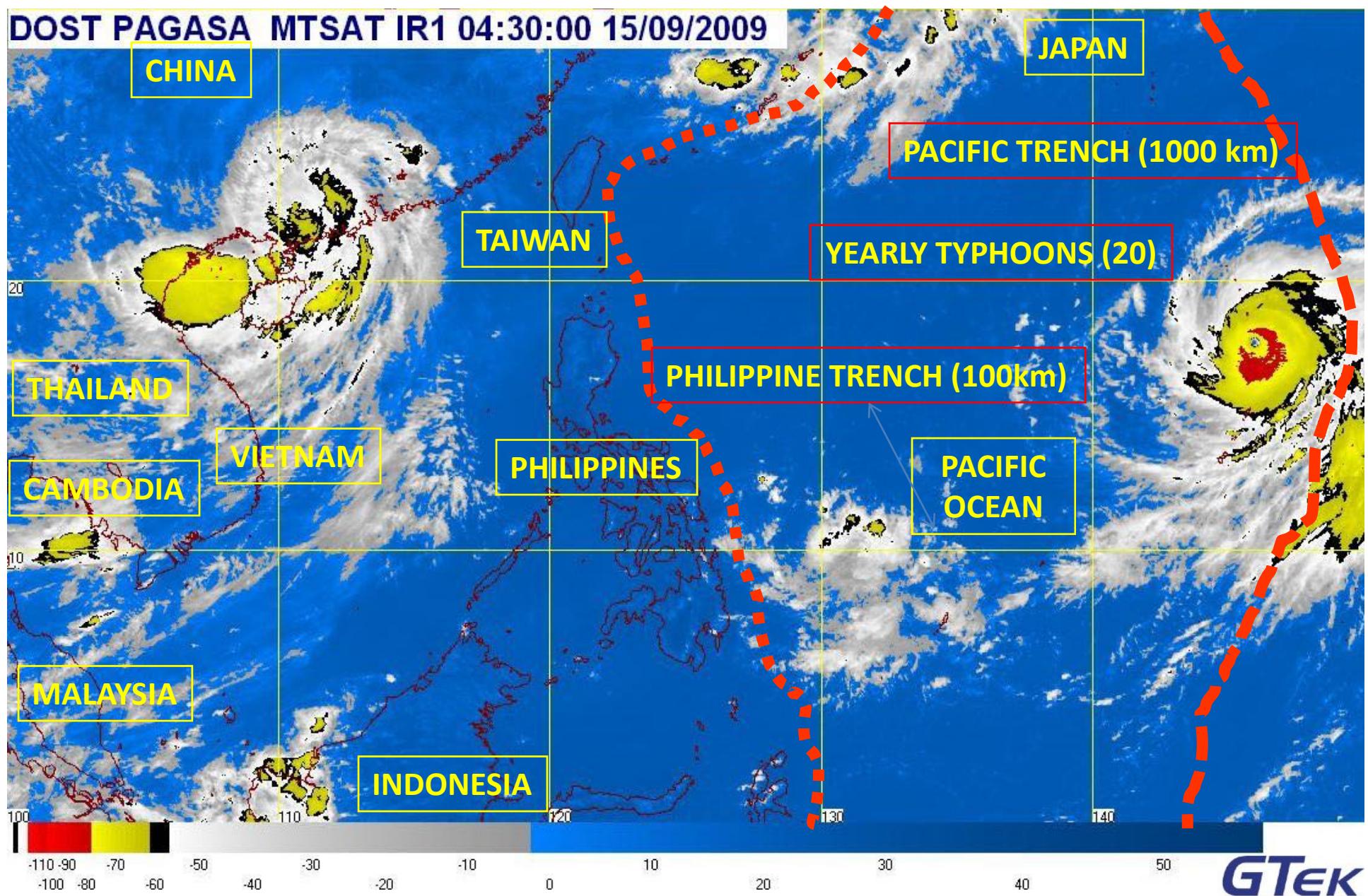
# Outline

**1. IoT Motivations: Real-world Applications**

**2. Design and Deployment of Wireless Sensor Networks + IoT**

**3. Design and Deployment of IoT+TinyML**

# Motivations: Real-world Applications



# NATURAL DISASTERS... WAITING TO HAPPEN.

Flood / Flashflood



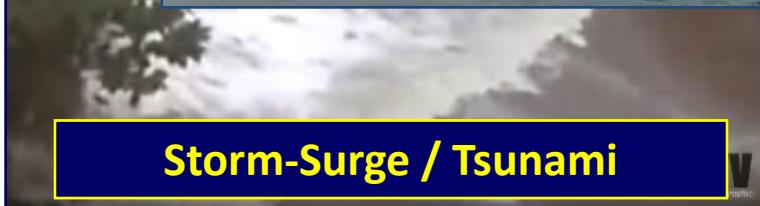
Rain-induced Landslide



Volcanic Eruption



Storm-Surge / Tsunami



Earthquake



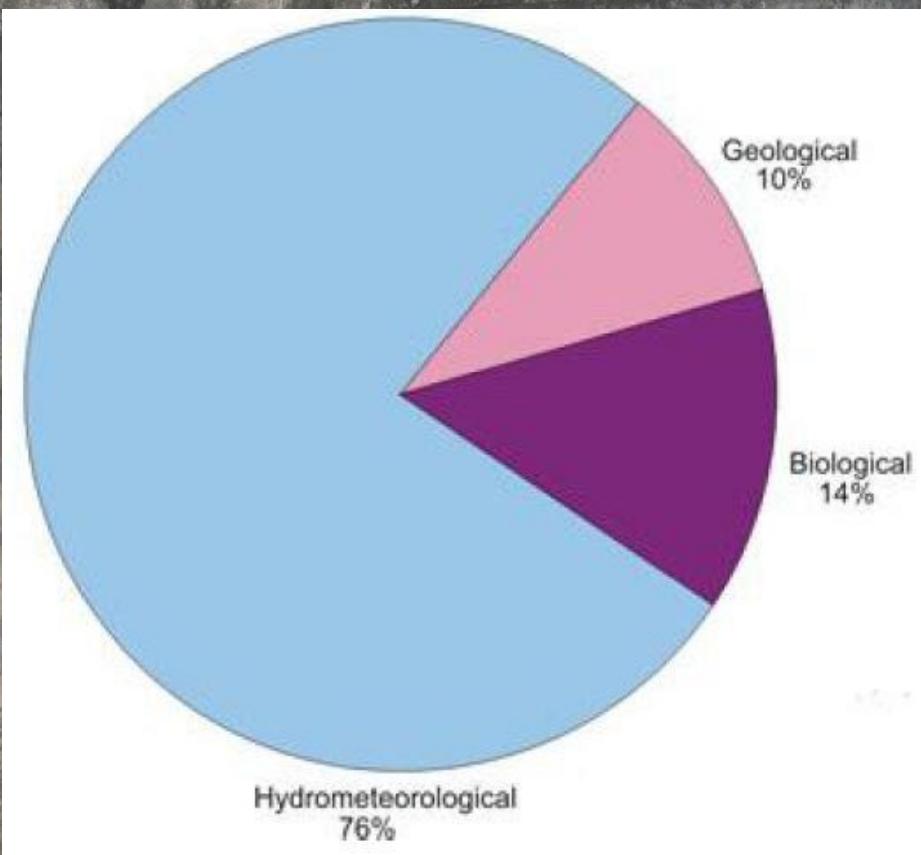
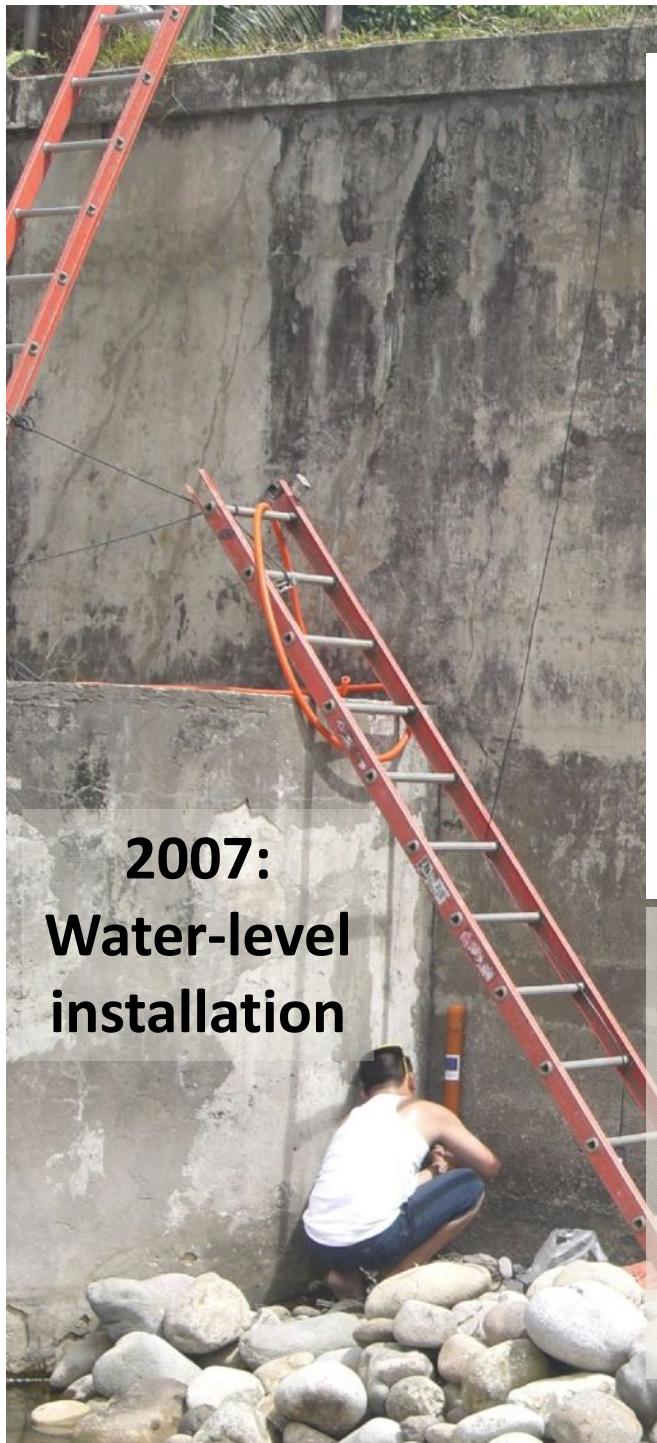
BAGUIO MIDLAND COURIER

The grim devastation wrought by the catastrophic flashflood in Ormoc, Leyte, Philippines. In November 1991, more than 5000 people perished in this single tragedy. Unusually heavy, continuous rains (580.5 millimeters in 24 hours) brought by tropical storm Uring caused landslides at the steep slope of a river system leading to the city of Ormoc.



A massive mudslide occurred in Saint Bernard on February 17, 2006, in the Philippine province of Southern Leyte that caused widespread damage and loss of life. The deadly landslide followed a ten-day period of heavy rains and a minor earthquake of magnitude 2.6 on the Richter scale. The official death toll stands at 1,126.





**Close to 90% of all natural disasters in the last 10 years has been the result of hydro-meteorological hazards.**



**Anyone could be a victim of a disaster!**  
**= Unaware + Unprepared**



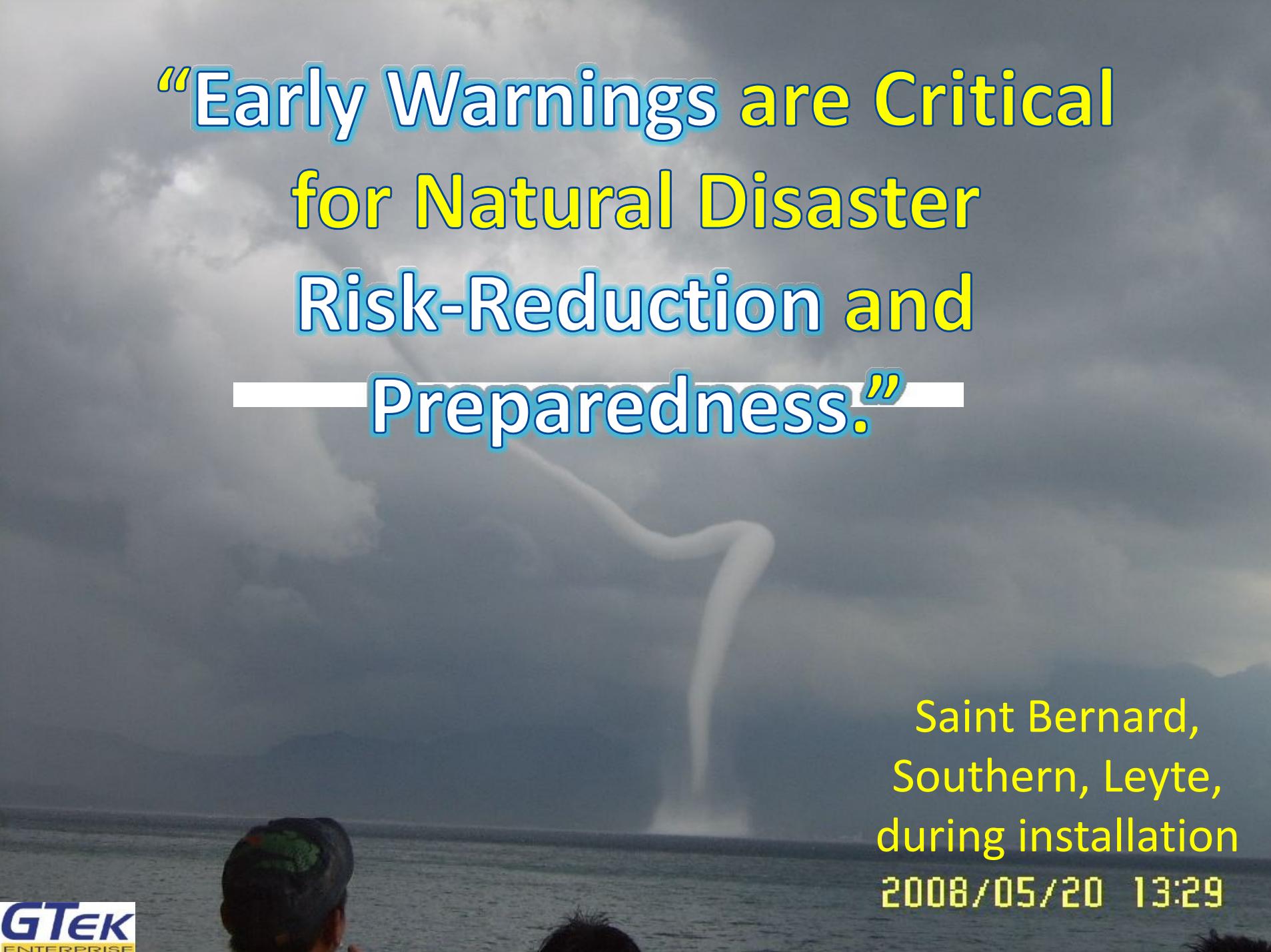
**Guinsaugon Landslide**  
**Death Toll: 1,126**

**To Protect Yourself =  
(Right Information + Right Plan ) x (Enough Lead-time)**



**Feb 2007: Eastern Samar Landslide,  
during installation**





**“Early Warnings are Critical  
for Natural Disaster  
Risk-Reduction and  
Preparedness.”**

Saint Bernard,  
Southern, Leyte,  
during installation  
2008/05/20 13:29



Citizens' Interviews



Radio Propagation Survey

Solution:

# Community-Based Disaster Early Warning System

Rainfall Gauge



Water-level Gauge



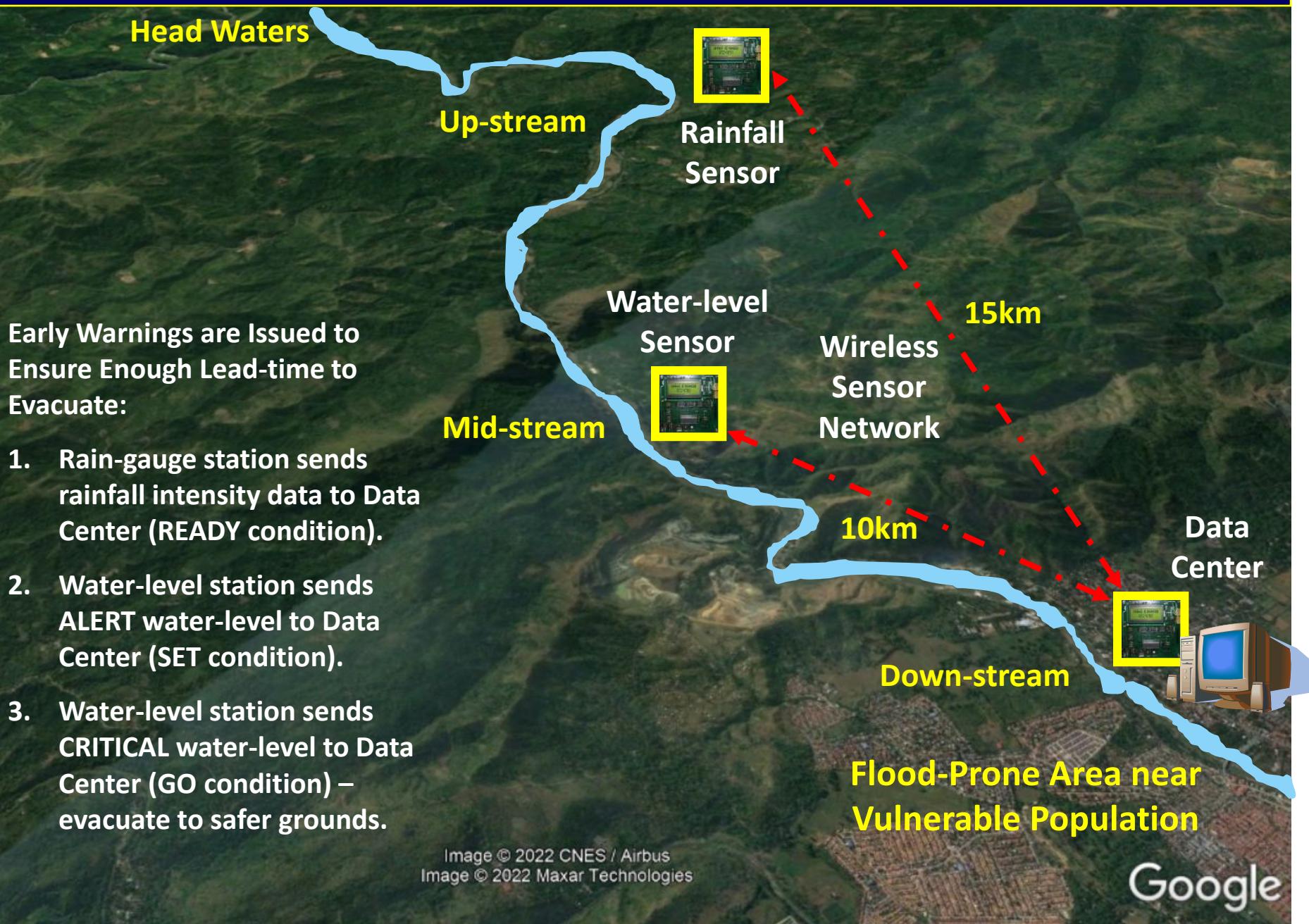
**GTEK**  
ENTERPRISE

## **There is a need to Implement Hydro-Meteorological Data Monitoring and early Warning System**

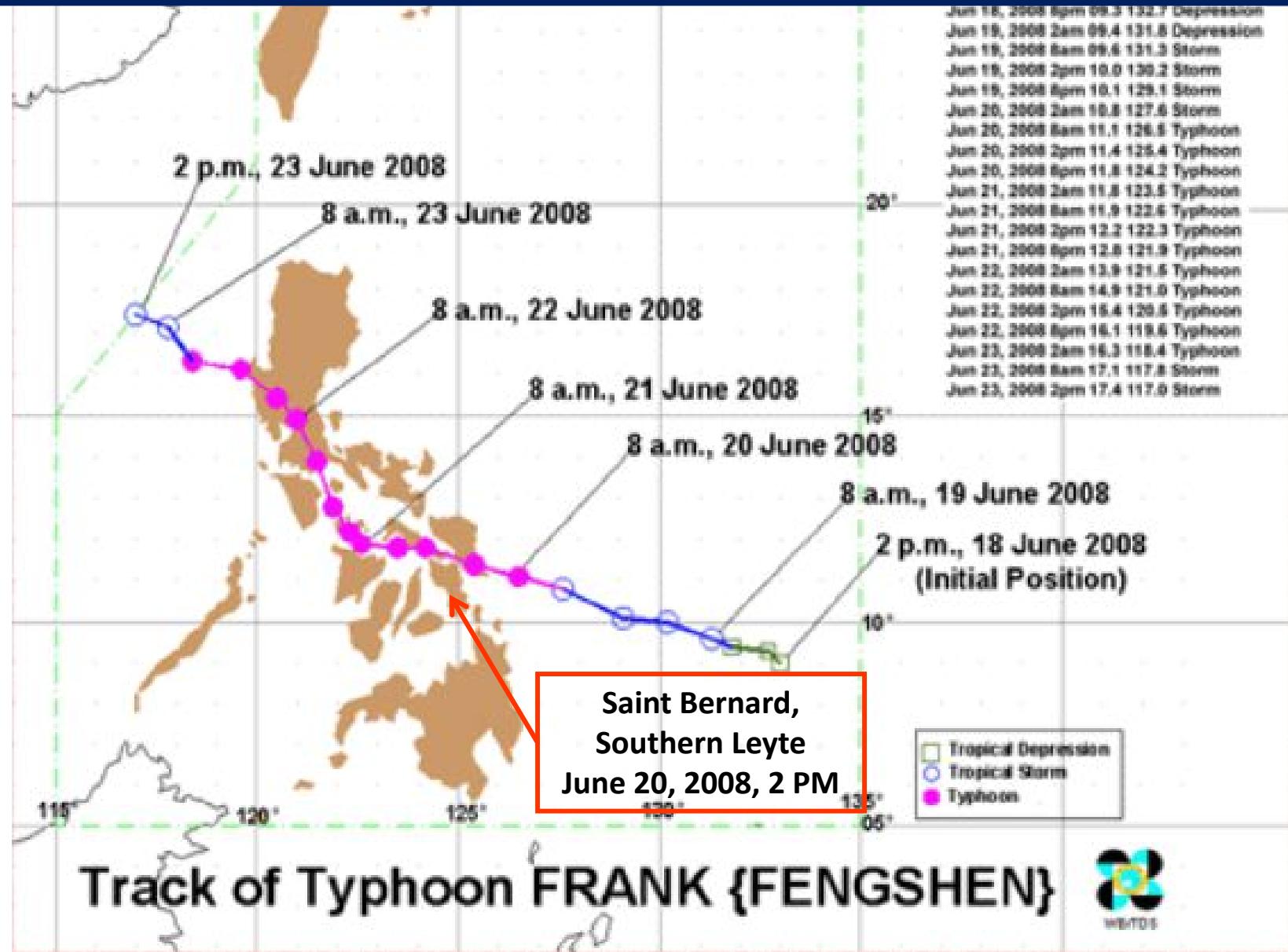
### **Objectives:**

- 1. To warn the authorities and vulnerable population ahead of time of any threat of flood/flashflood and landslide.**
- 2. To provide enough lead-time between a critical warning and completion of evacuation of lives and properties to safer grounds.**
- 3. To collect data about river system characteristics (rainfall intensity and water-level) for research and creating mathematical models of the river system.**

# Community Based Flood Early Warning System (CBFEWS) Model



## The Real Test for my Early Warning System was in June 20, 2008



**SAVED 474 PEOPLE**

**ABOUT 100 FAMILIES WERE PROTECTED  
FROM A DEVASTATING FLASHFLOOD CAUSED  
BY TYPHOON FRANK ON JUNE 20, 2008.**

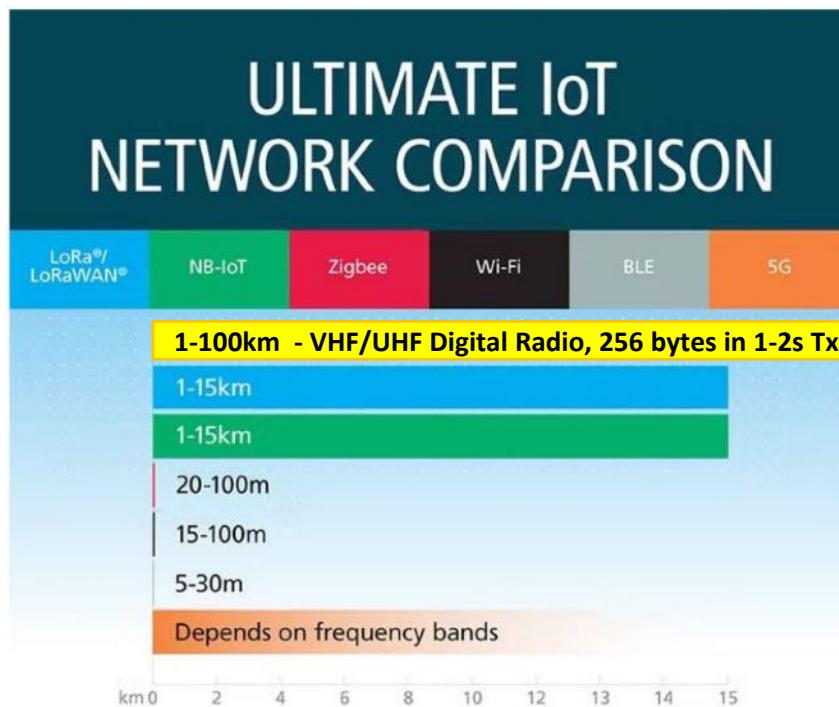


**GTEK**  
ENTERPRISE

# Design of IoT Devices and Networks

Choose the best wireless technology for your application:

**Best for IoT = Low\_Power + Long\_Range + Small**

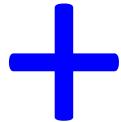


Comparing the power usage between six IoT network technologies.

NB-IoT: <https://www.gsma.com/iot/narrow-band-internet-of-things-nb-iot/>



# Design with PSoC + Dual Core Controllers + LoRA



**PSoC 5 LP: 1-Core  
ARM Cortex -M3 (80 MHz)**

**PSoC 6: 2-Cores  
ARM Cortex -M4 (150 MHz) +  
ARM Cortex -M0+ (100 MHz)**



## RN2483 LoRa Module

- On-board LoRaWAN protocol stack
- ASCII command interface over UART
- Output Power (dBm), 14.00
- Dual band 433 MHz, 868 MHz
- Rx Input Sensitivity (dB), -148
- Current: Tx = 40mA, Rx = 14.2mA
- Single Operating Voltage: 2.1V to 3.6V

**IoT (Internet-of-Things) + TinyML Solution**

# **Benefits of Designing your Own IoT Device**

## **Benefits of Designing your own HW:**

- **Customized = Optimized Functions**
- **System-on-Chip / Dual Core = Do more with less (1 chip) = Lower HW Cost**

## **Benefits of Coding your own SW Protocols:**

- **Reprogrammability = Flexibility**
- **Adding Specialized SW functions = Lower Overall System's Cost**

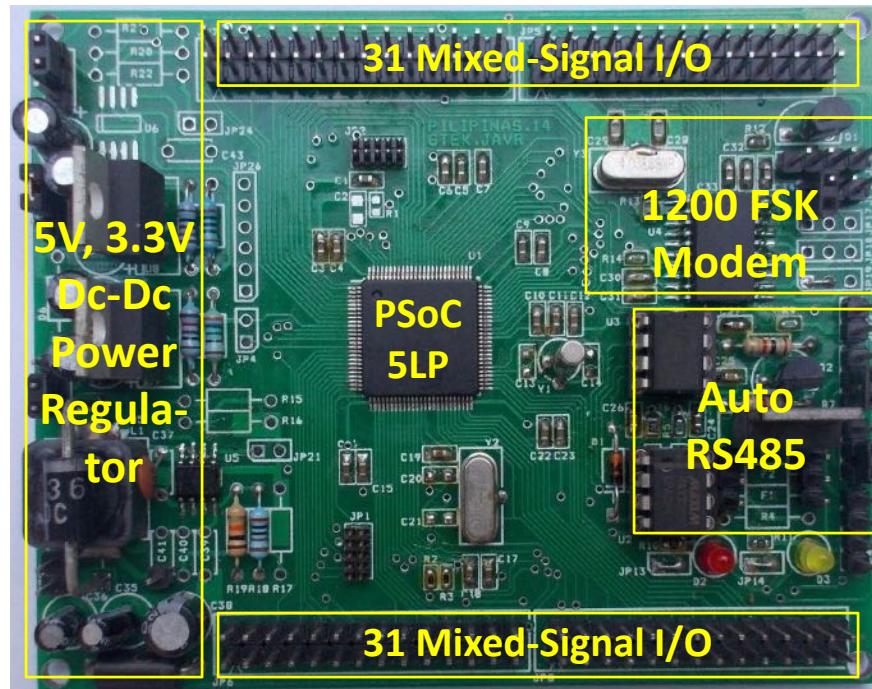
## **Combined Benefits:**

- **Reliability, Maintainability, Sustainability = Longer System's Useful Life**

# Embedded PSoC-Based Controller (2014)

## SENSORS:

- WATER LEVEL
- RAINFALL INTENSITY
- TEMPERATURE & HUMIDITY
- PRESSURE / ALTITUDE
- PROXIMITY / MAGNETIC
- AUTOMATIC WEATHER STATION (AWS)
- VOLTAGE, CURRENT, & POWER
- LIGHT INTENSITY
- ACCELERATION / EARTHQUAKE
- INCLINATION / TILT
- TOXIC GAS / CHEMICAL
- LIGHTNING INTENSITY & RANGE



## DATA TRANSCEIVERS:

- VHF / UHF
- LoRa
- SMS-GSM
- ISM (SUB 1-GHZ BANDS)

## DESIGNED FOR MULTI-HAZARD EWS APPLICATIONS:

- FLOOD EWS (FEWS)
- LANDSLIDE EWS (LEWS)
- TSUNAMI & STORM SURGE EWS (TSSEWS)

## INTERFACES:

- COMPUTER
- ETHERNET , WIFI
- GPS, BLUETOOTH
- ZIGBEE

## POWER SOURCES:

- SOLAR
- WIND
- BATTERY / DC
- AC

## NON-VOLATILE MEMORIES:

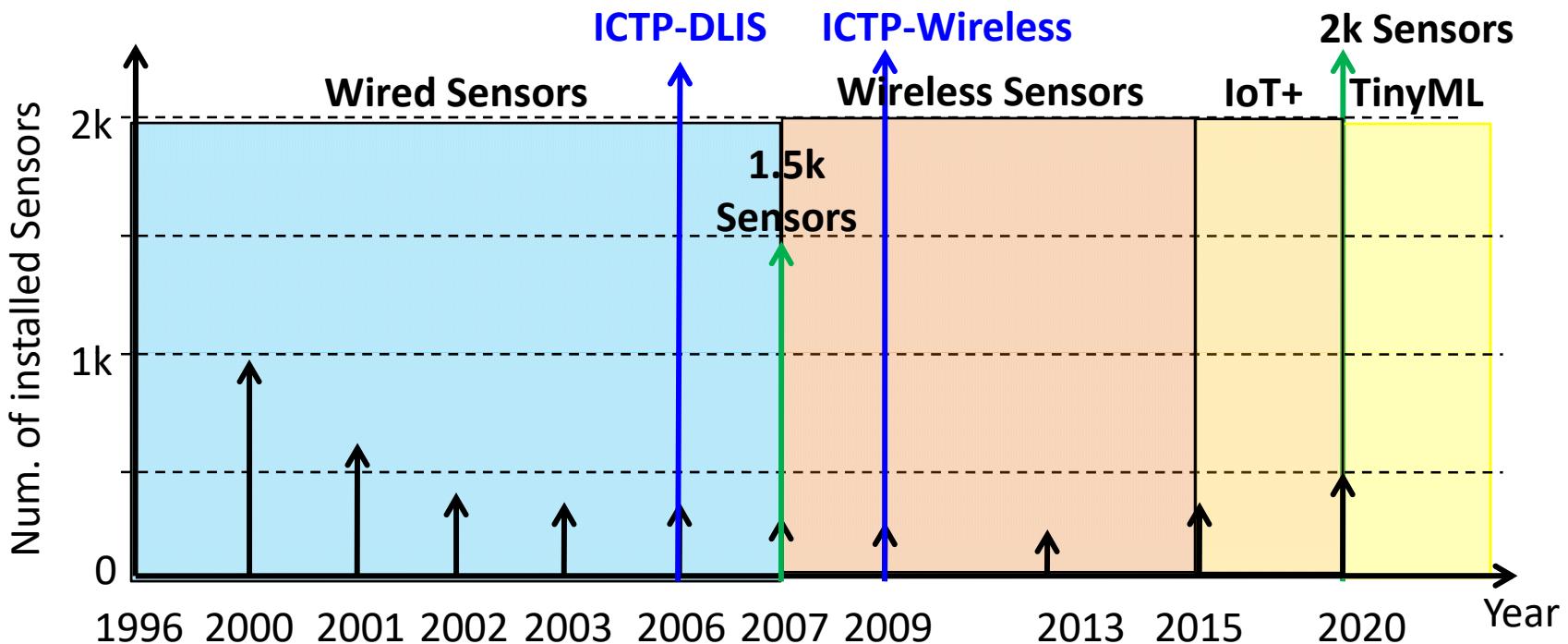
- SD CARD
- FLASH / EEPROM
- DATA LOGGER

## WARNING INDICATORS:

- SIREN / BUZZER
- BEACON LIGHT
- LCD / LED

Single HW design for many applications

# Deployment: From Wired Sensor Networks to IoT + TinyML Networks

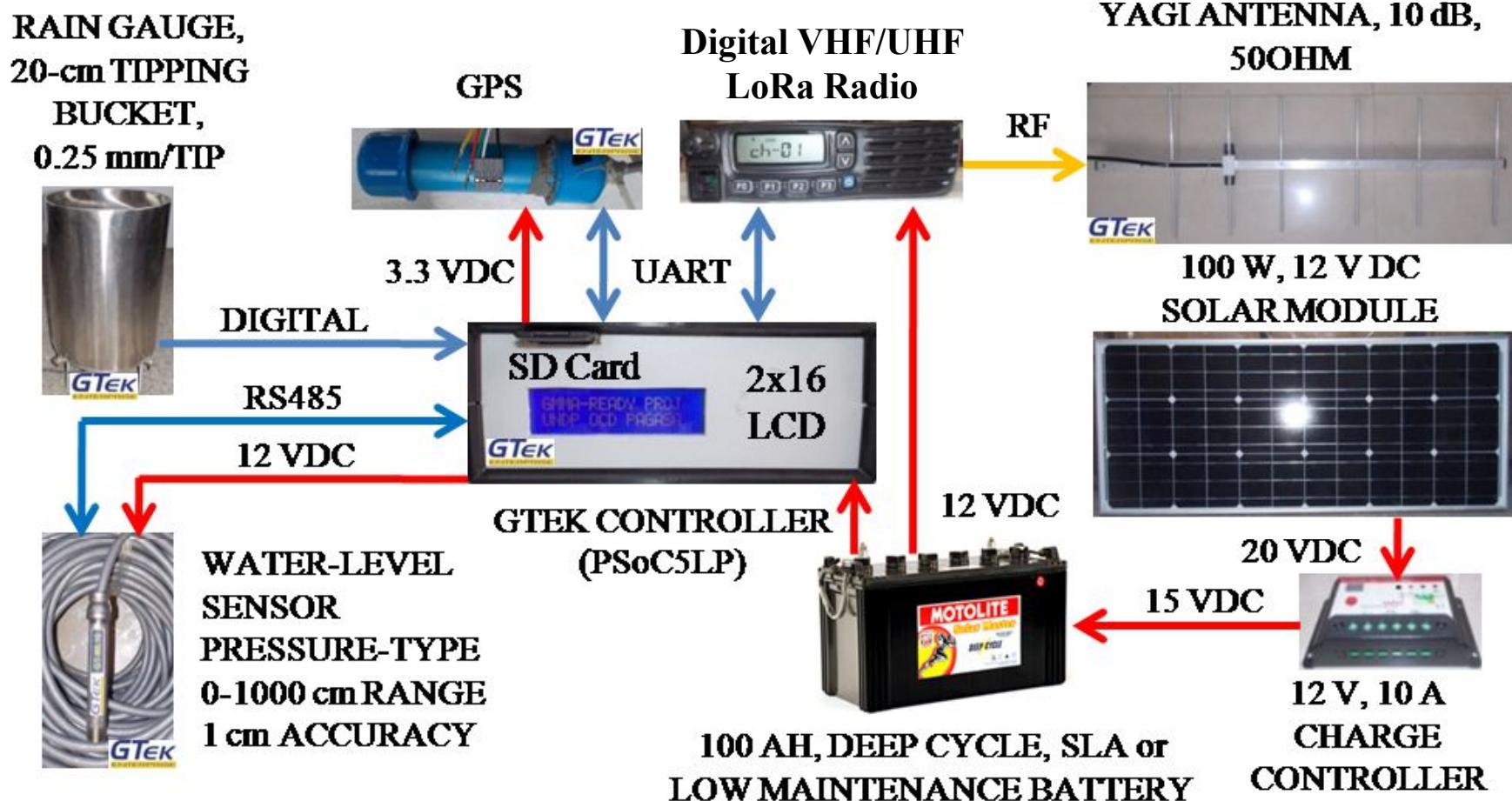


## Projects:

**Semiconductor and Electronics Manufacturing, and Automated Test Industries:**  
Pacific Semi, Philips Semi, Intel, Cypress Semi, Data General, Acbel Polytech, Amkor-Anam

**Disaster Mitigation, Environmental, and Research Applications:** Philippine Weather Agency, National Power Corporation, National Water Resources Board, German International Cooperation, World Vision, Action Against Hunger, UNDP, ASEAN IVO

# Community-Based Flood Early Warning System Station



CBFEWS Station Equipment Design.

# Deployment of Community-Based Flood EW System



Fig. 4. Rain-gauge Installation (a) on frame and (b) on building rooftop.

## Rain Gauge Station



## Data Center Station



Fig. 5. Water-level Station Installation (a) on frame and (b) sensor inside a protection metal pipe bolted on bridge column.

## Water-level Station



Fig. 6. Data Center integrates an (a) instrument box, a (b) solar module, and a (c) data collection computer.

# Greater Metro Manila Ready Project (GMMA READY)

## Sponsored by the UNDP (2015)

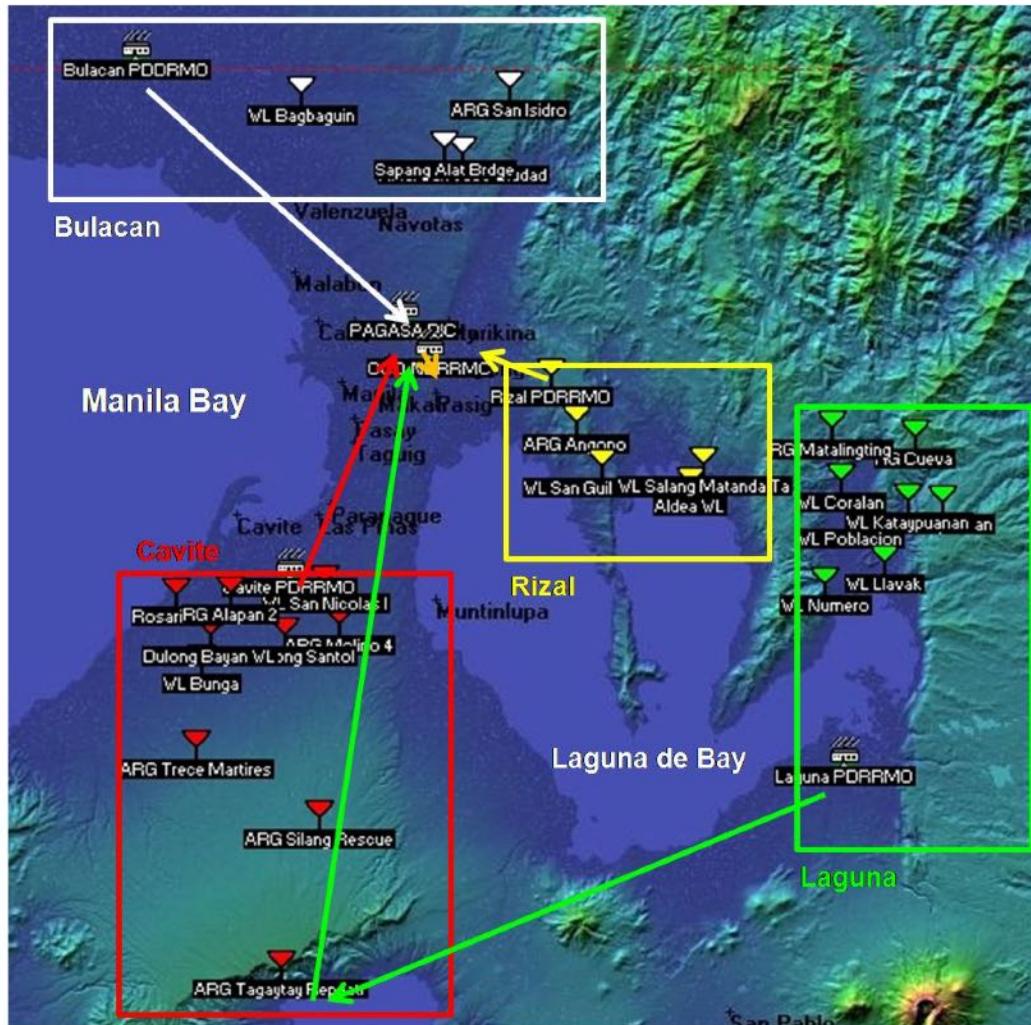
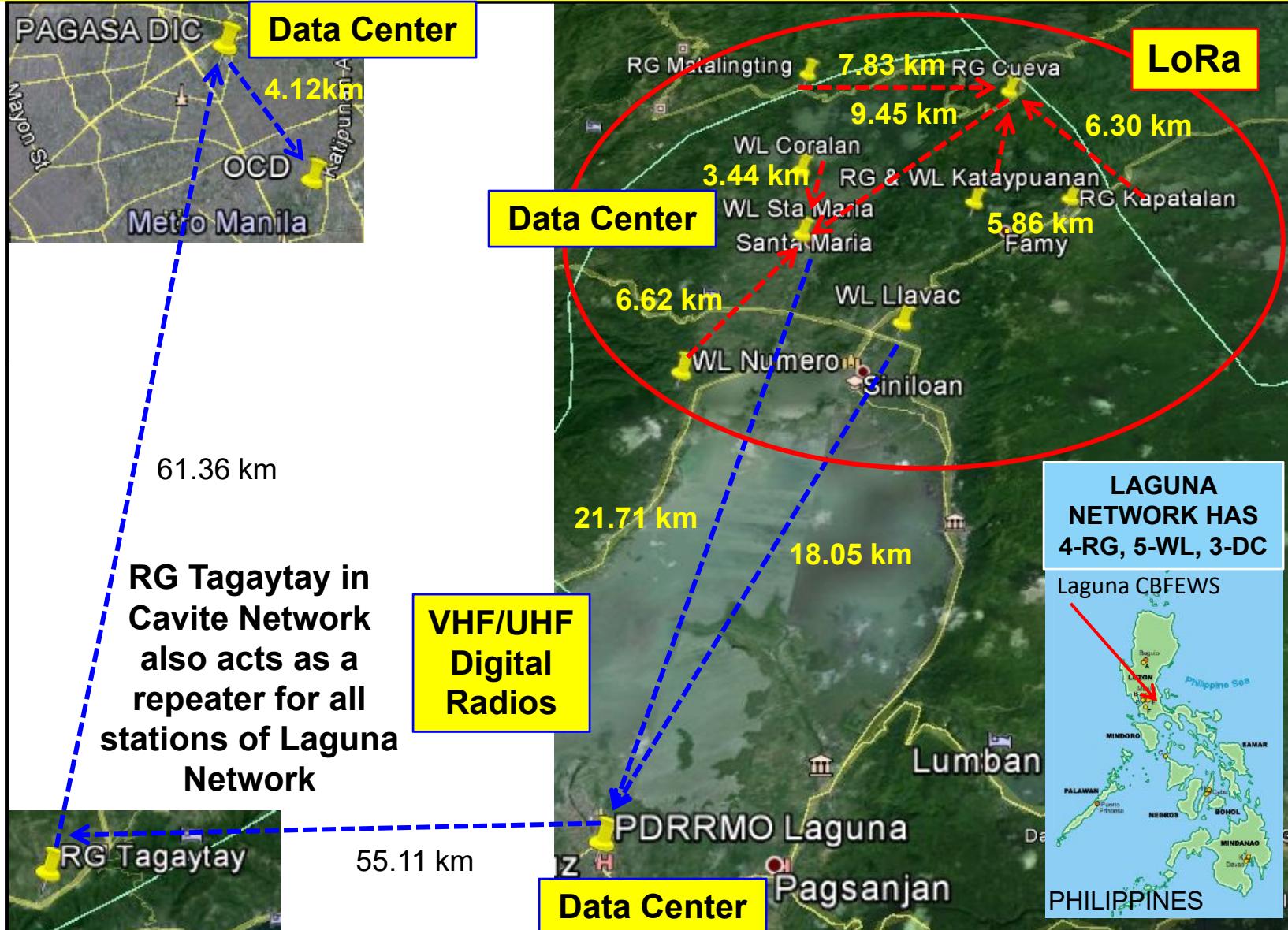


Fig. 7. GMMA-READY CBFEWS Network covers four provinces surrounding Manila, has 34 stations: 15 WL, 13 RG, and 6 DC.

# Laguna CBFEWS IoT Network



# Data Thresholds and Charts for Early Warning

The image displays two screenshots of a flood early warning system interface. The top screenshot shows data panels for Rain Gauge Stations and Water-level Stations in Laguna. The bottom screenshot shows rainfall and water-level charts for various stations in Cavite.

**Data Panel - LAGUNA (Top Screenshot):**

RAIN GAUGE STATION	DATE & TIME	10-MIN	1-HR	24-HR
RG_CUEVA	2016-01-27 08:21:11	0	0	0
RG_KATAYPUANAN	2016-01-27 08:21:31	0	0	0
RG_KAPATALAN	2016-01-27 08:21:51	0	0	0
RG_MATALINGTING	2016-01-27 08:22:11	0	0	0

WATER-LEVEL STATION	DATE & TIME	WLmsl	ALERT	ALARM	CRITICAL
WL_POBLACION	2016-01-27 08:20:11	5.07	8.7	9.5	9.95
WL_CORALAN	2016-01-27 08:20:31	16.94	18.85	20	21.15
WL_NUMERO	2016-01-27 08:20:51	30.49	31.9	32.5	33.15
WL_LLAVAK	2016-01-27 08:22:31	2.15	3.65	4.45	5.2
WL_KATAYPUANAN	2016-01-27 08:21:31	42.95	42.6	42.9	43.2

**Actual water-level measurements taken every 10 minutes** (points to the WLmsl column)

**No Rain** (points to the 0 values in the Rainfall chart)

**Early Warning Thresholds** (points to the ALERT, ALARM, and CRITICAL columns)

**Data Panel - CAVITE (Bottom Screenshot):**

**Rainfall Charts:**

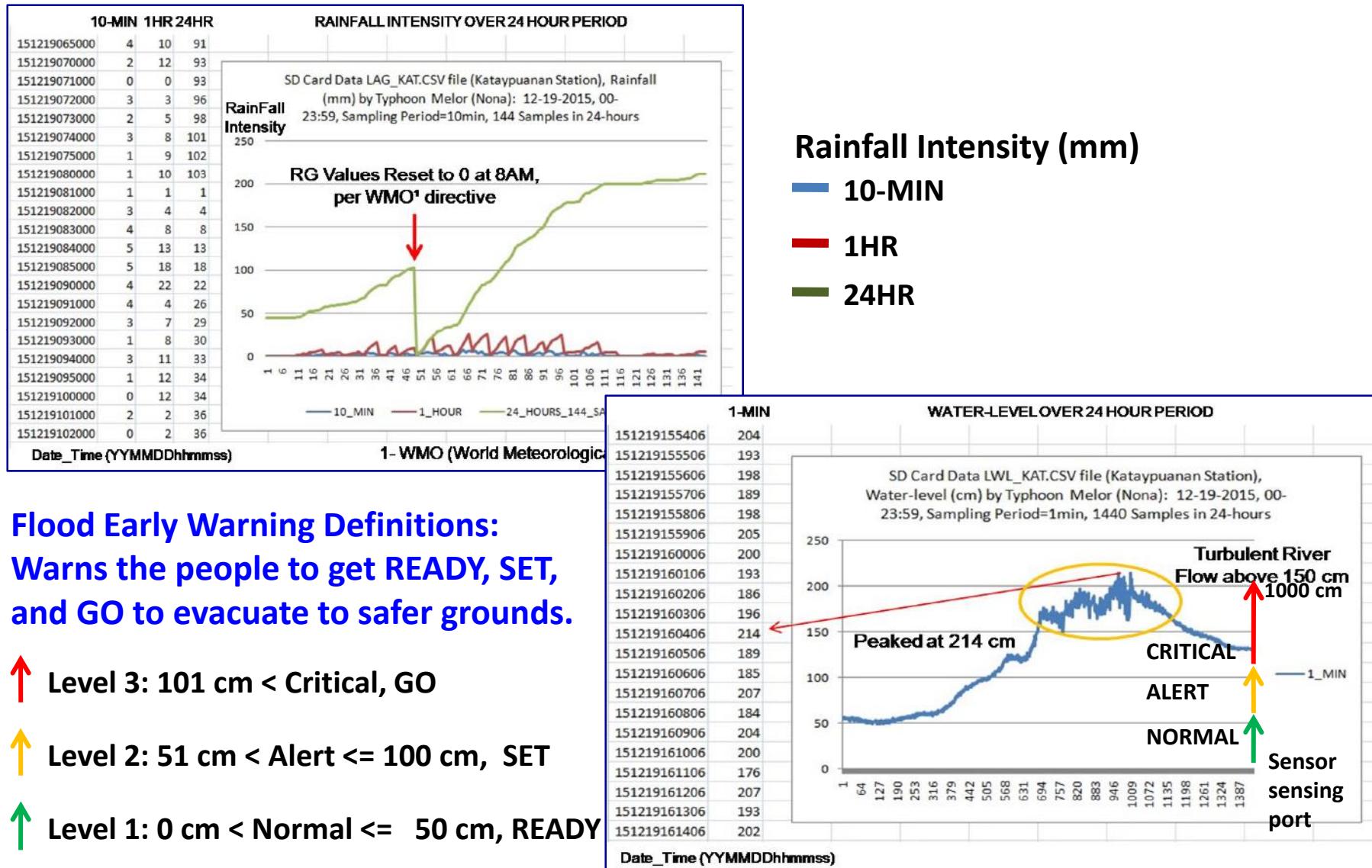
- RG\_ALAPAN
- RG\_MOLINO
- RG\_THECE
- RG\_SIANG
- RG\_TAGAVTAY

**Water-level Charts:**

- WL\_SOLDIENS
- WL\_ROSARIO
- WL\_PASONG\_SANTOL
- WL\_DULONG\_BAYAN
- WL\_BUNGA

**GTEK ENTERPRISE**

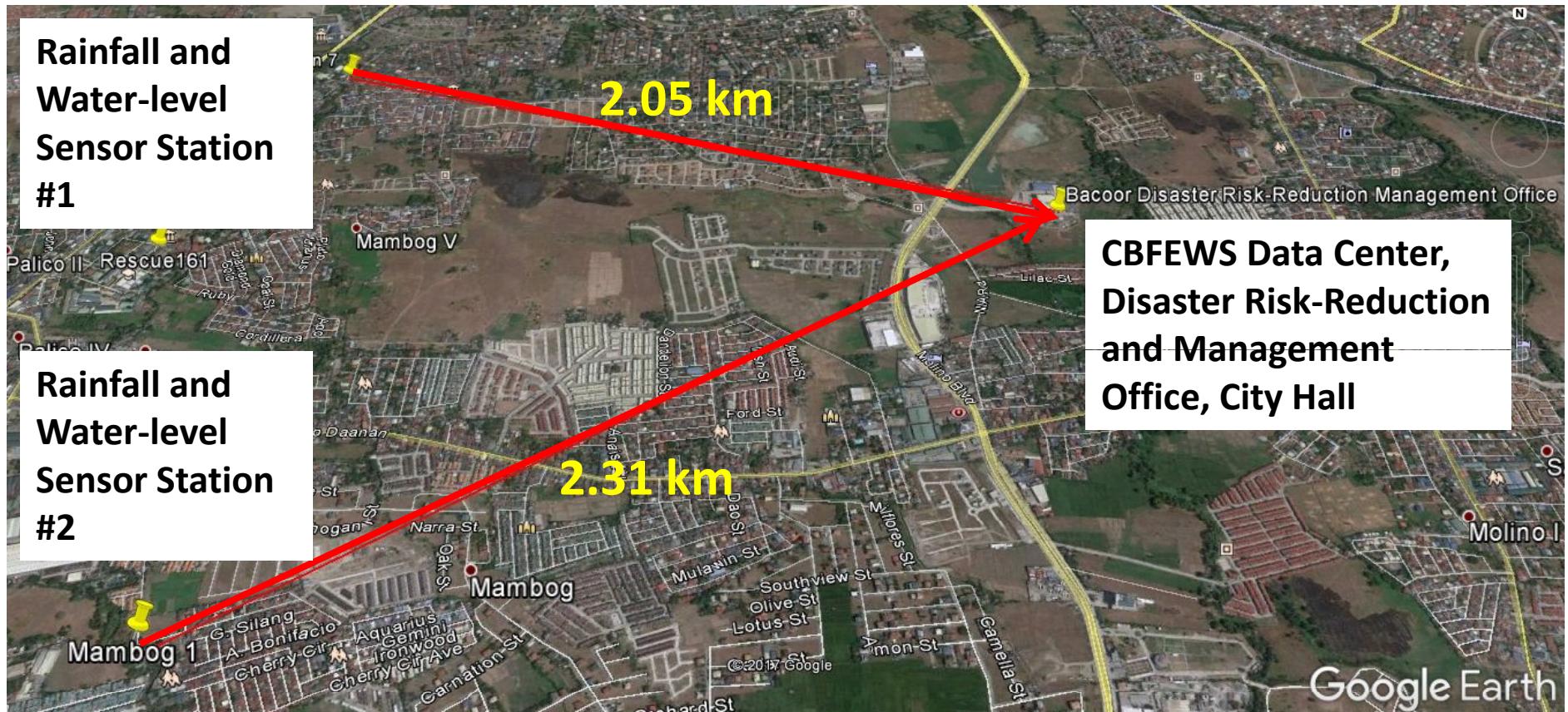
# Laguna CBFEWS Telemetry Network: Data Collection



**Flood Early Warning Definitions:**  
**Warns the people to get READY, SET, and GO to evacuate to safer grounds.**

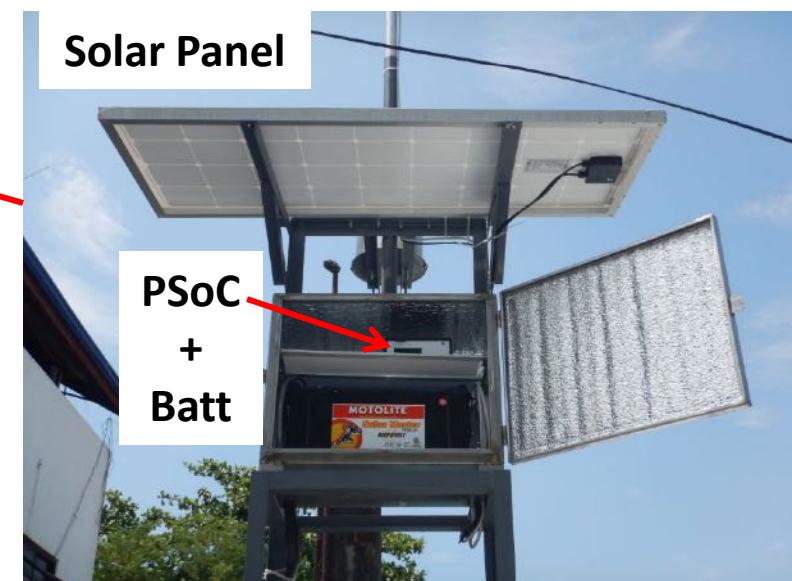
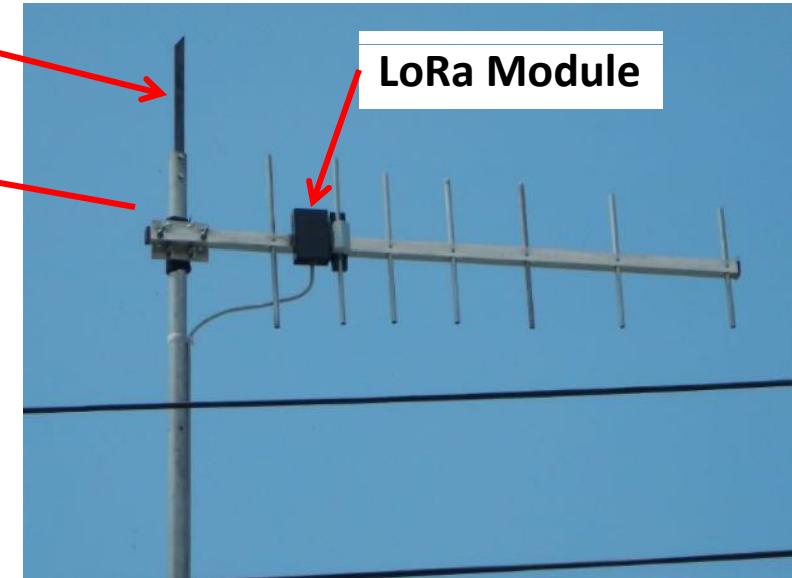
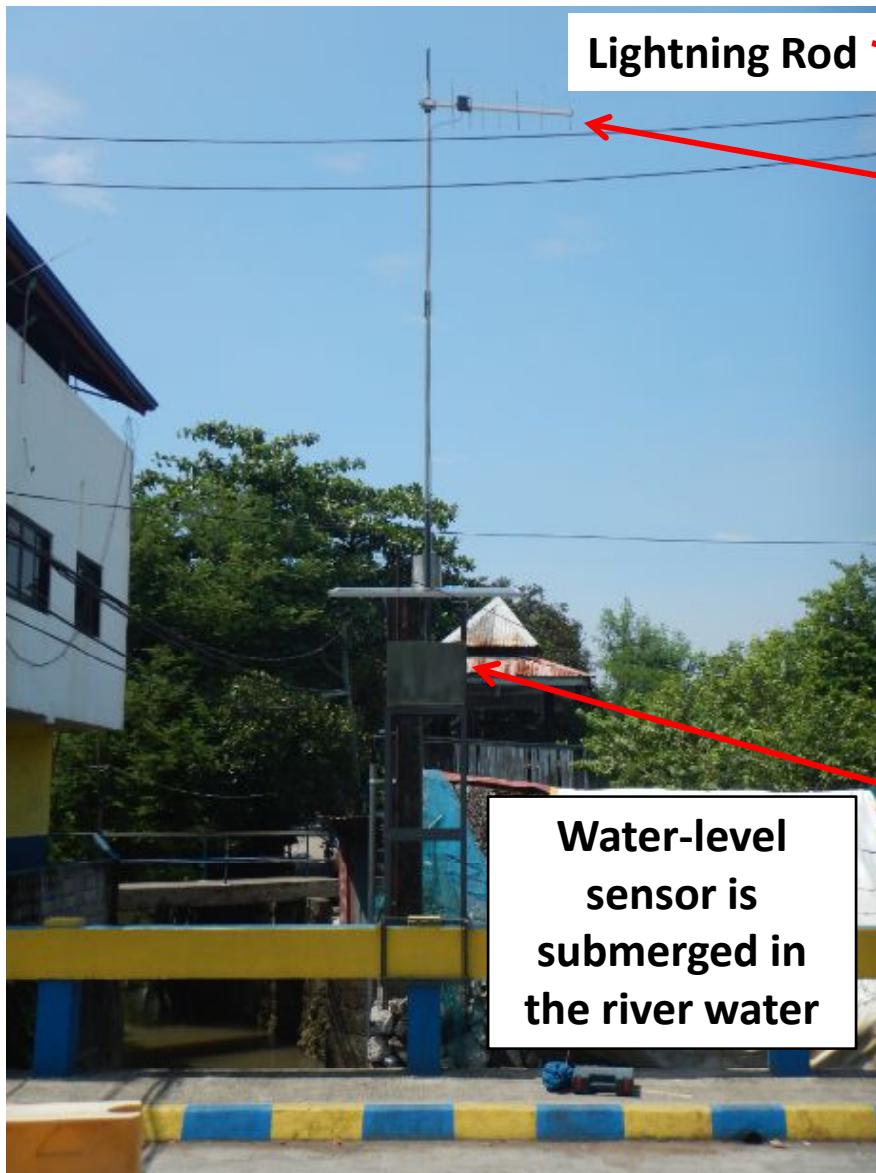
- ↑ Level 3: 101 cm < Critical, GO
- ↑ Level 2: 51 cm < Alert <= 100 cm, SET
- ↑ Level 1: 0 cm < Normal <= 50 cm, READY

# 2017: PSoC + LoRa-Based Flood Early Warning System, Bacoor City, Cavite Philippines

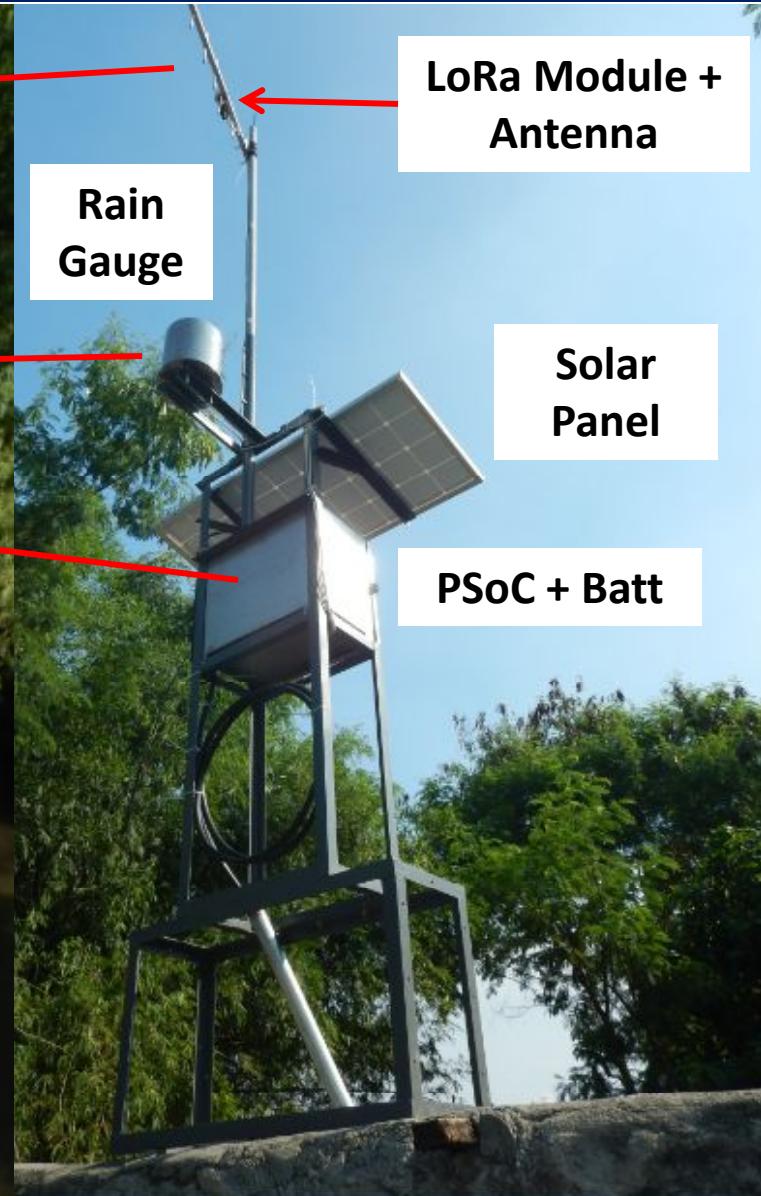
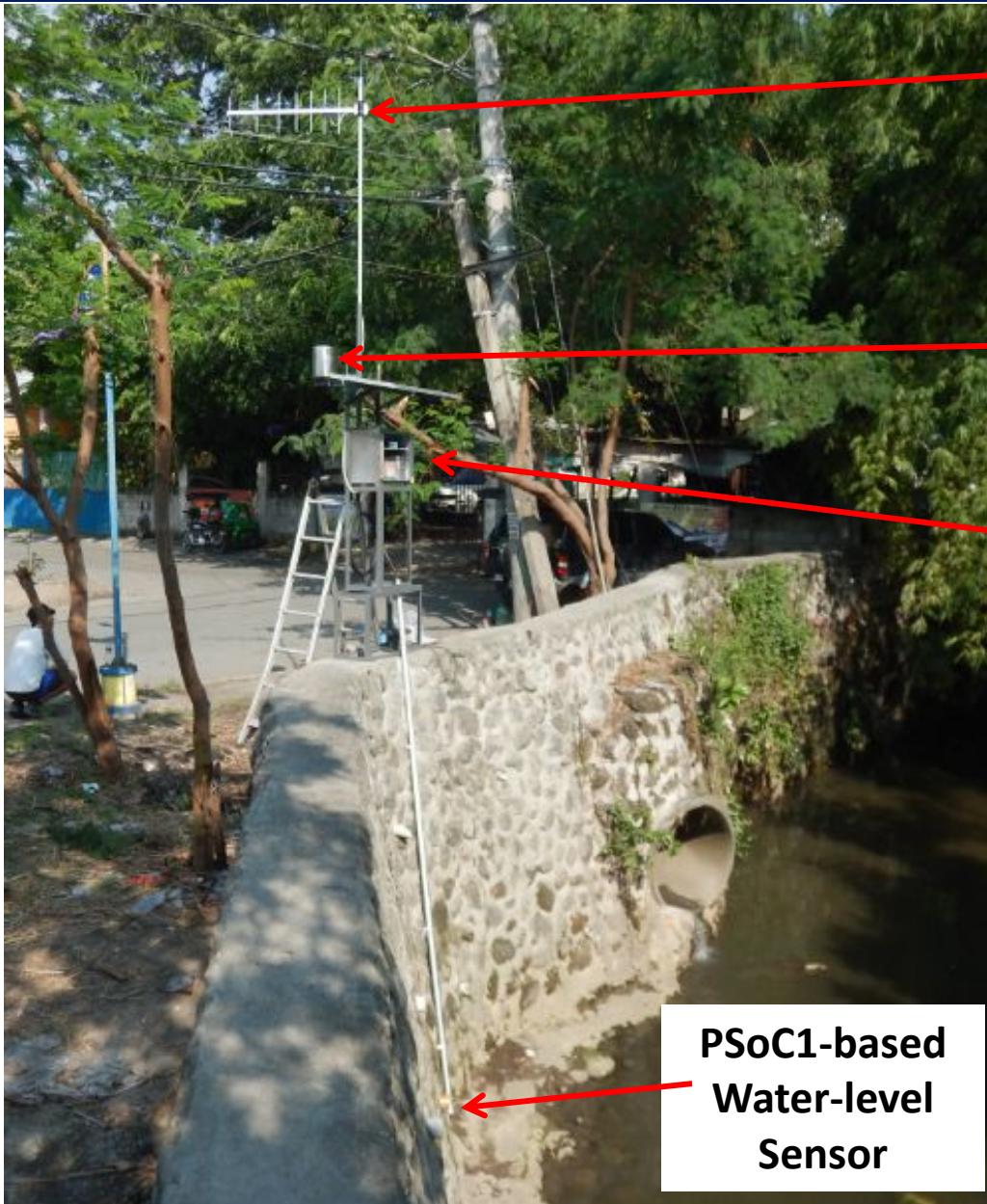


- PSoC + LoRa.
- LoRaWAN is operating at 433MHz, 10mW Tx power.
- A GPS synchronizes the 10-minute data transmission.
- Early warnings are issued based on set thresholds.

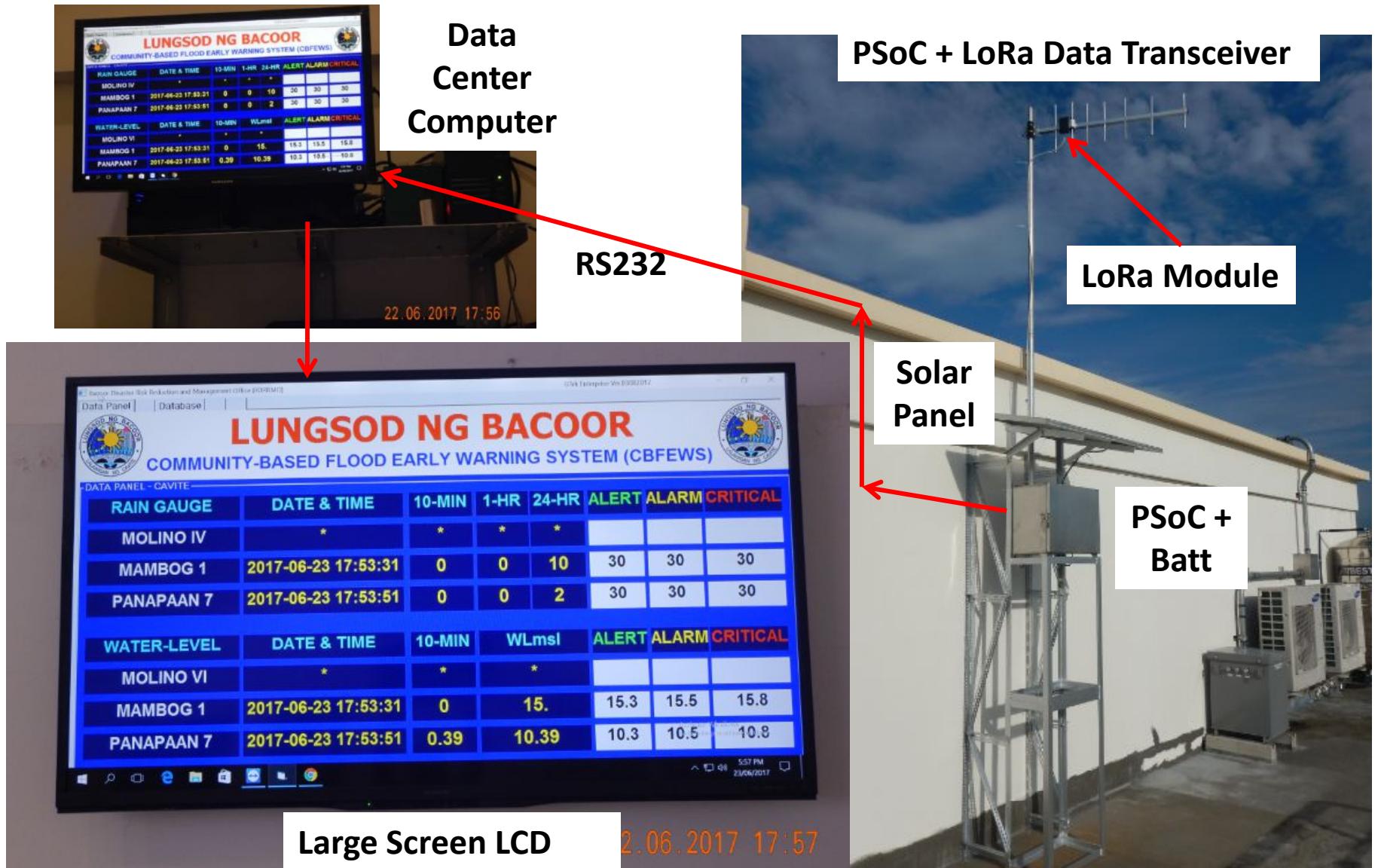
# Panapaan 7 Rainfall and Water-Level Gauging Station



# Mambog 1 Rainfall and Water-Level Gauging Station

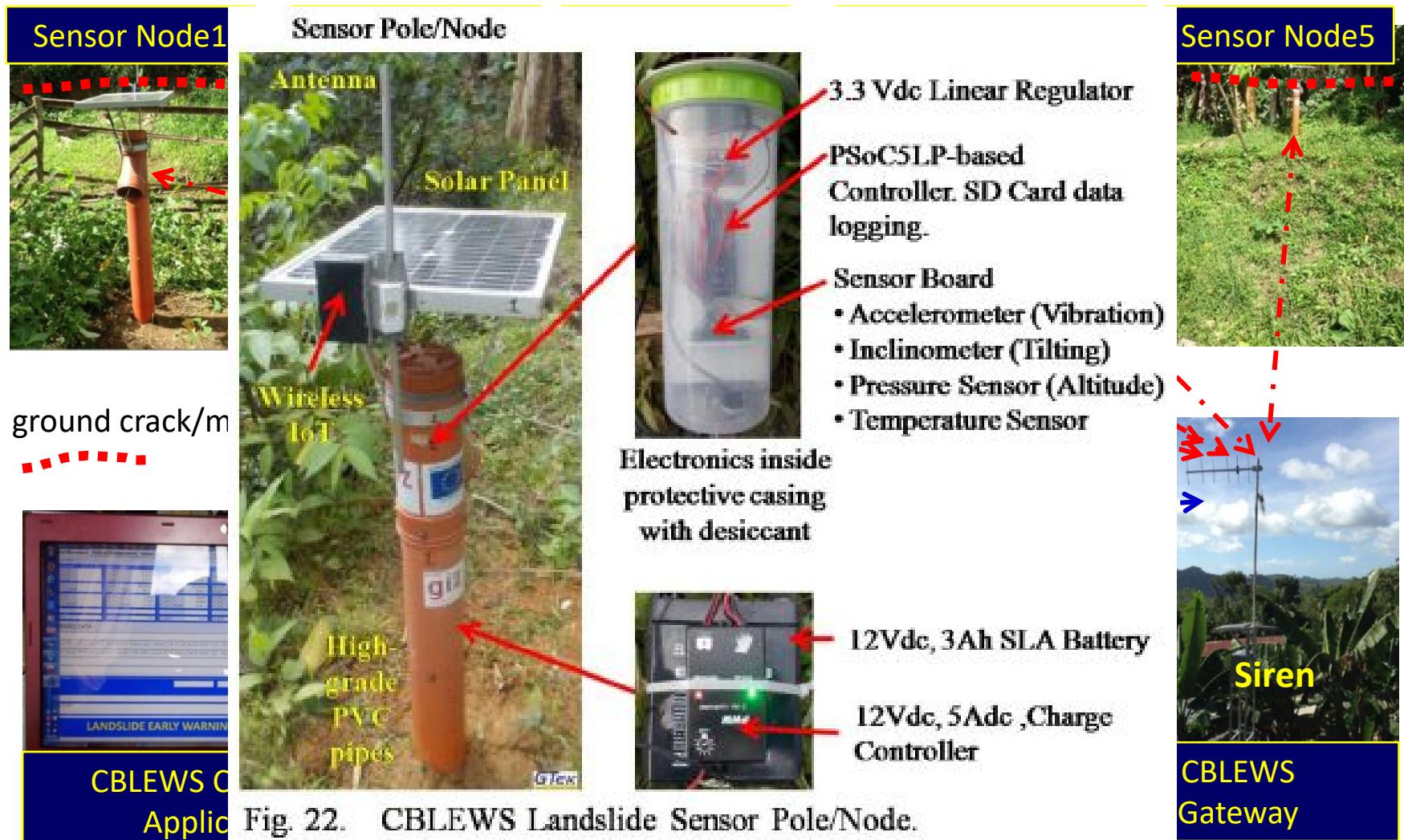


# Bacoor Data Center, Disaster Risk-Reduction & Management Office



# 2014: Community-Based Landslide Early Warning System (event driven), Maasin City, Southern Leyte, Philippines

## Sponsored by the German International Cooperation



## 2014: Saving Lives and Properties Through an IoT Network Sponsored by the German International Cooperation

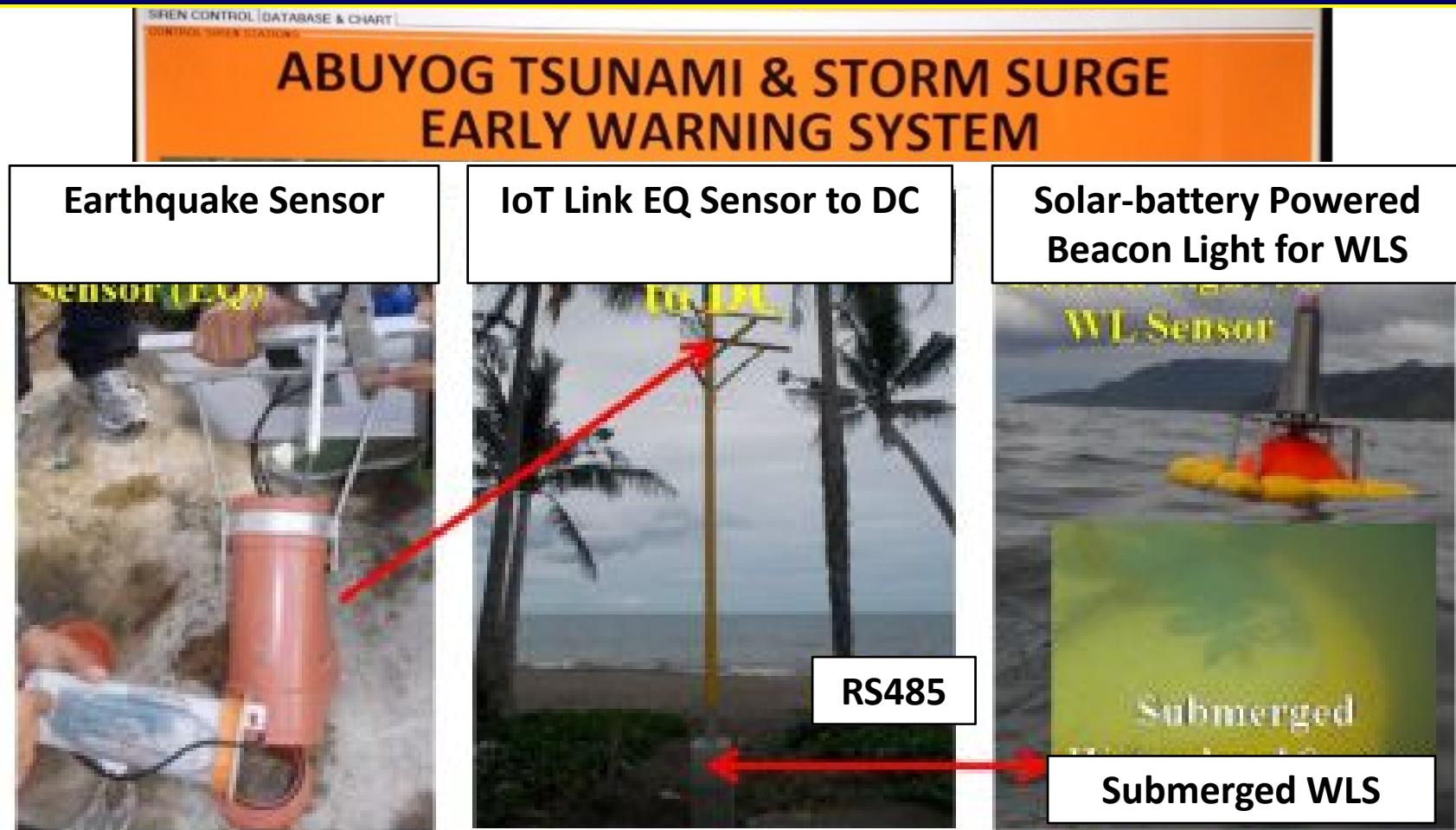


Fig. 26. Integrated Storm-Surge, Earthquake, and Tsunami Sensor



# **San Sebastian Basilica**

## **Environmental Monitoring System (SSB EMS)**

### **Design, Development, and Implementation of Wireless Sensor Networks Utilising PSoC, LoRa, GPS, and Sensors (Temperature, Humidity, Wind Speed, Wind Direction, and Rainfall Intensity Sensors) for Heritage Conservation**

**Funded by The Order of the Augustinian Recollects,  
United States Department of State through the Ambassador's Fund  
for Cultural Preservation, and The US Embassy Manila**

**for  
San Sebastian Basilica Conservation and Development Foundation, Inc.**

**Designed and Developed by  
GTek Research  
January 2019 - March 2019  
Manila**

## The San Sebastian Basilica,

Plaza Del Carmen, Quiapo, Manila, Philippines

An all steel Gothic church completed in 1891, the metals are the same with the ones used with the Eiffel Tower, Paris, which was completed two years earlier in 1889.



## The San Sebastian Basilica,

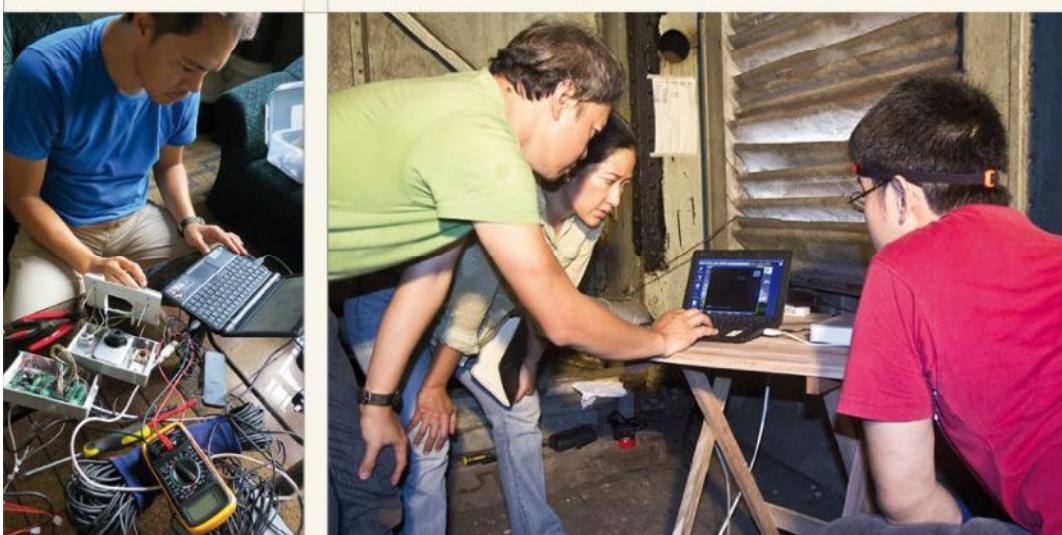
Plaza Del Carmen, Quiapo, Manila, Philippines

<https://sketchfab.com/3d-models/san-sebastian-basilica-philippines-d7e29a61d8f842e682aed2e6e9fce5dd>

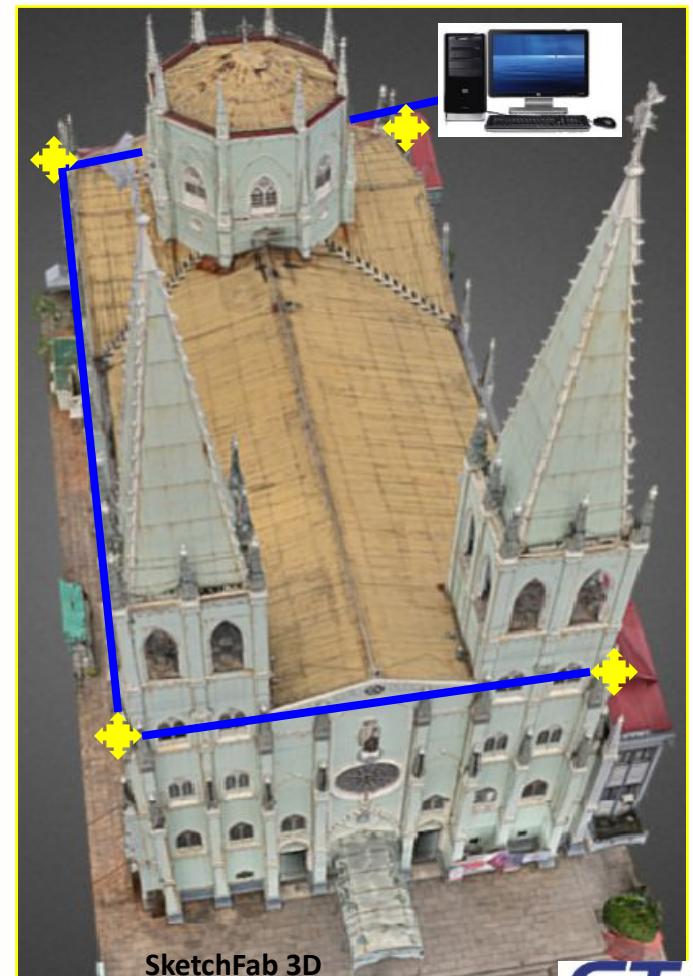


# 2012 Projects with San Sebastian Basilica:

Remote-controlled drop-down (30-meters)  
8MPixel Point-and Shoot Camera System.  
Using PSoC, RS485 network, and a laptop.



Walls inclination remote-monitoring using PSoC, precision dual-axis inclination sensors, RS485 network, and a computer



## **2019 Project with San Sebastian Basilica**

### **EMS Objectives:**

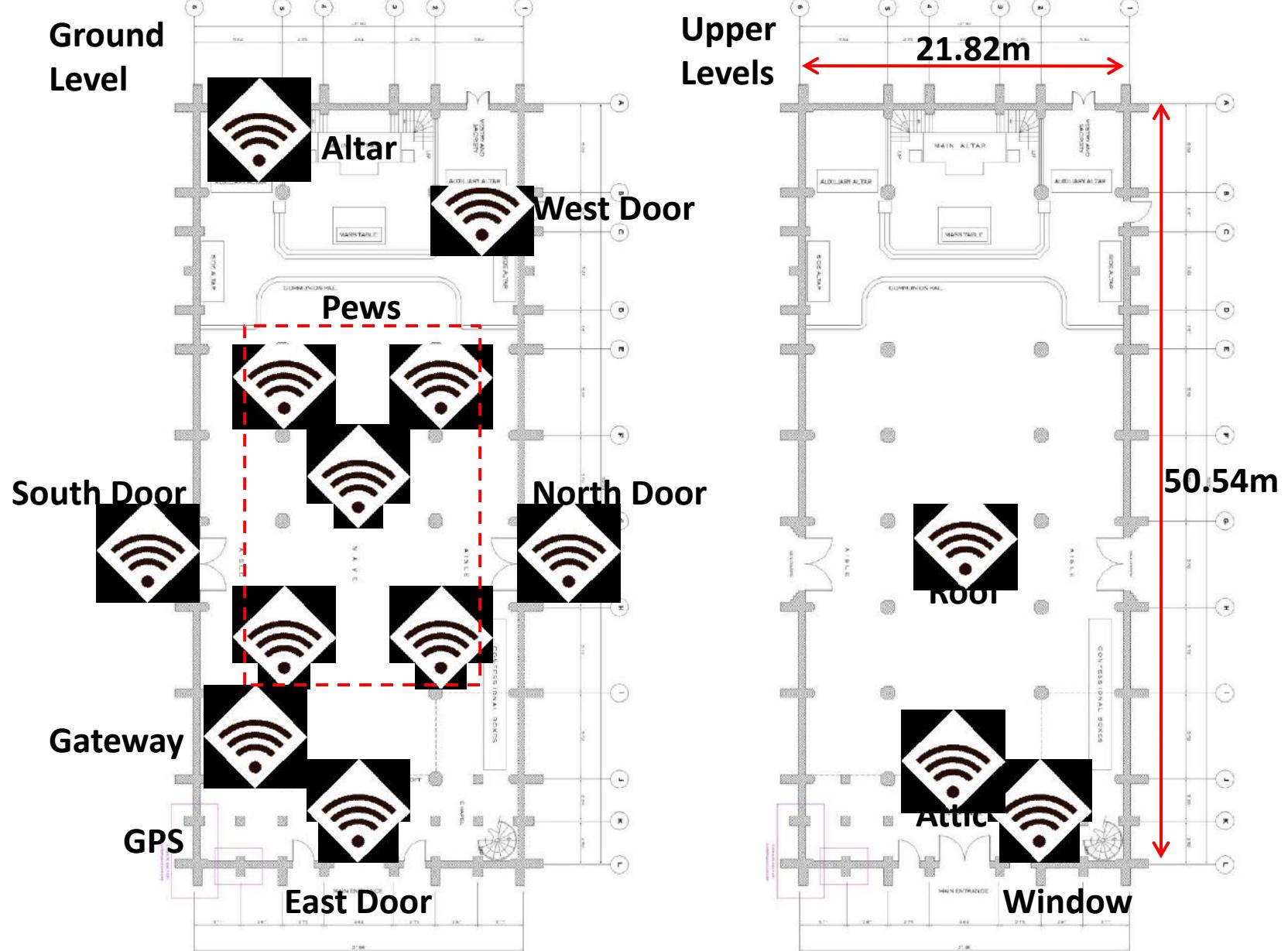
To monitor the Basilica's environmental characteristics in relation to **temperature, humidity, rain- induced water, and ambient air/wind.**

The collected data will be utilized by a team of mechanical engineers to generate thermal modelling in order to determine whether passive or active cooling method is required.

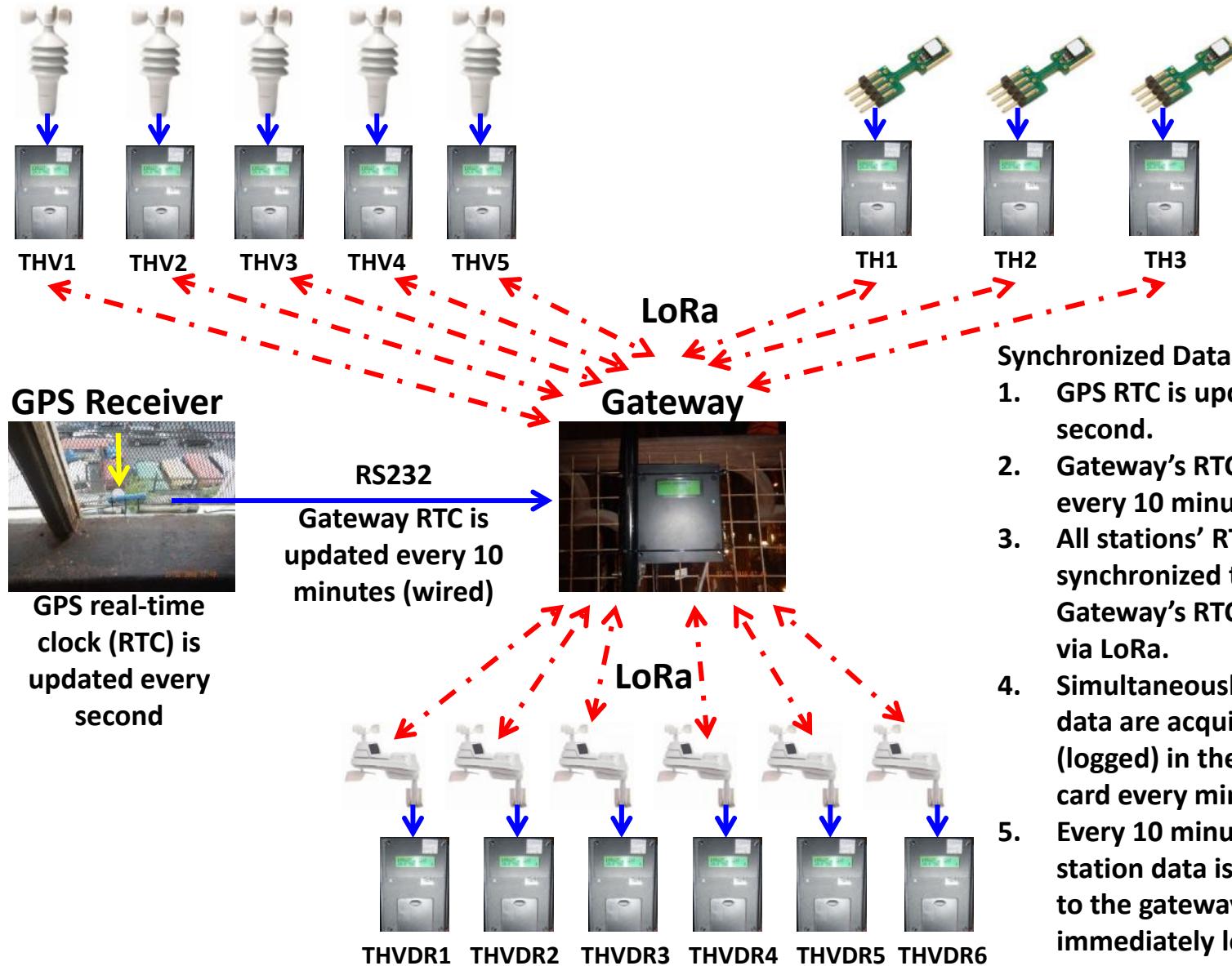
Leading to:

- 1) controlling the Basilica's internal temperature and humidity (agents of metal corrosion), and**
  
- 2) finding the appropriate method to provide cooling effect for church visitors.**

# San Sebastian Basilica IoT Network Layout



# SSB Environmental Monitoring System Operation



# SSBEMS IoT Device Installation

Temperature and Humidity , SHT85, (THx) WSN Setup

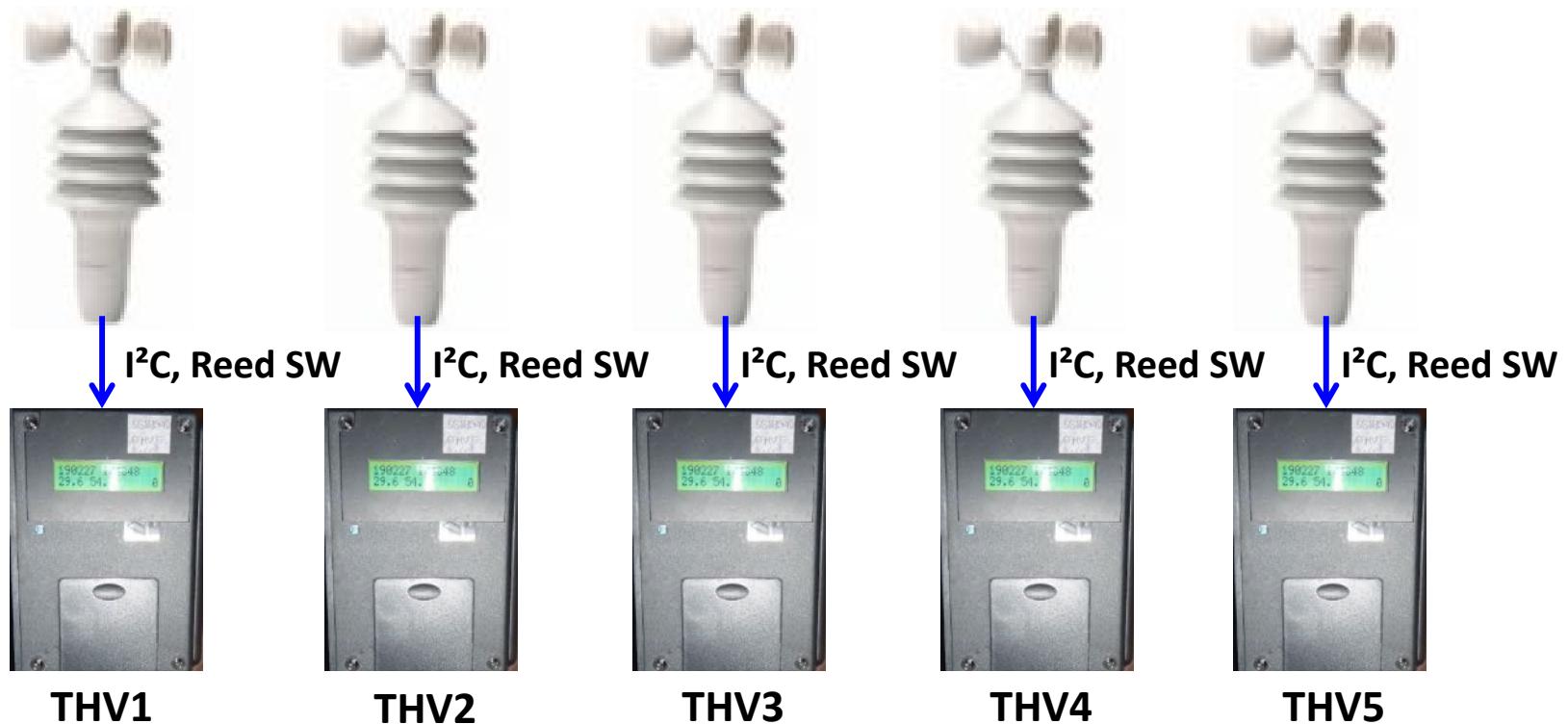


# SSBEMS IoT to Sensor Connection Layout

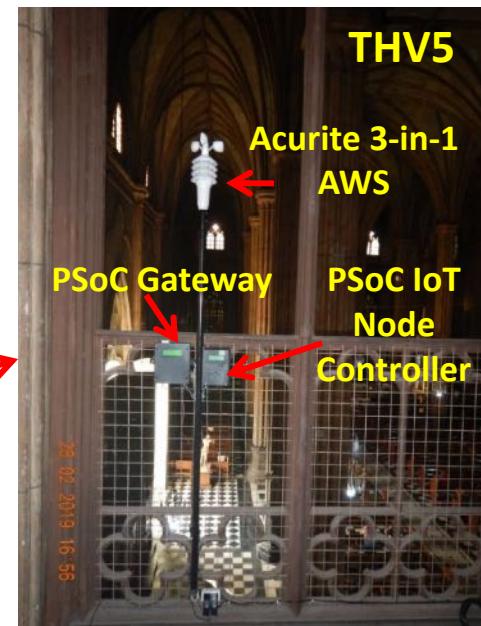
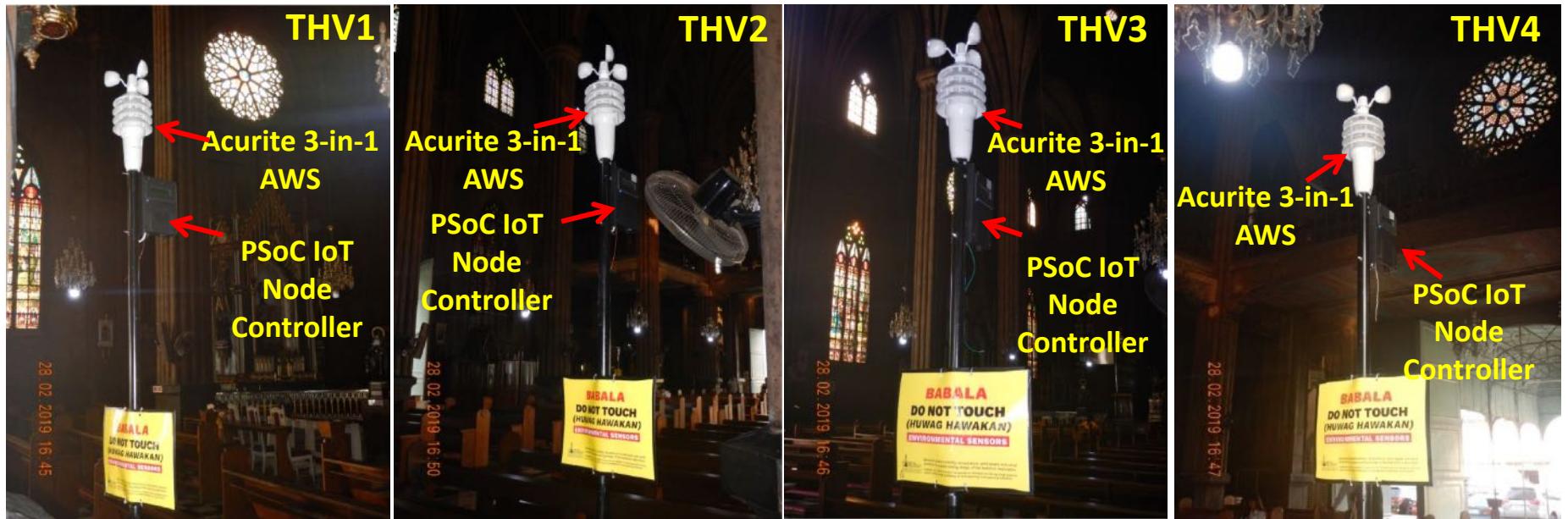
Acurite 3-in-1 Weather Stations

WSN Setup:

Temperature, Humidity, wind Velocity (THVx)

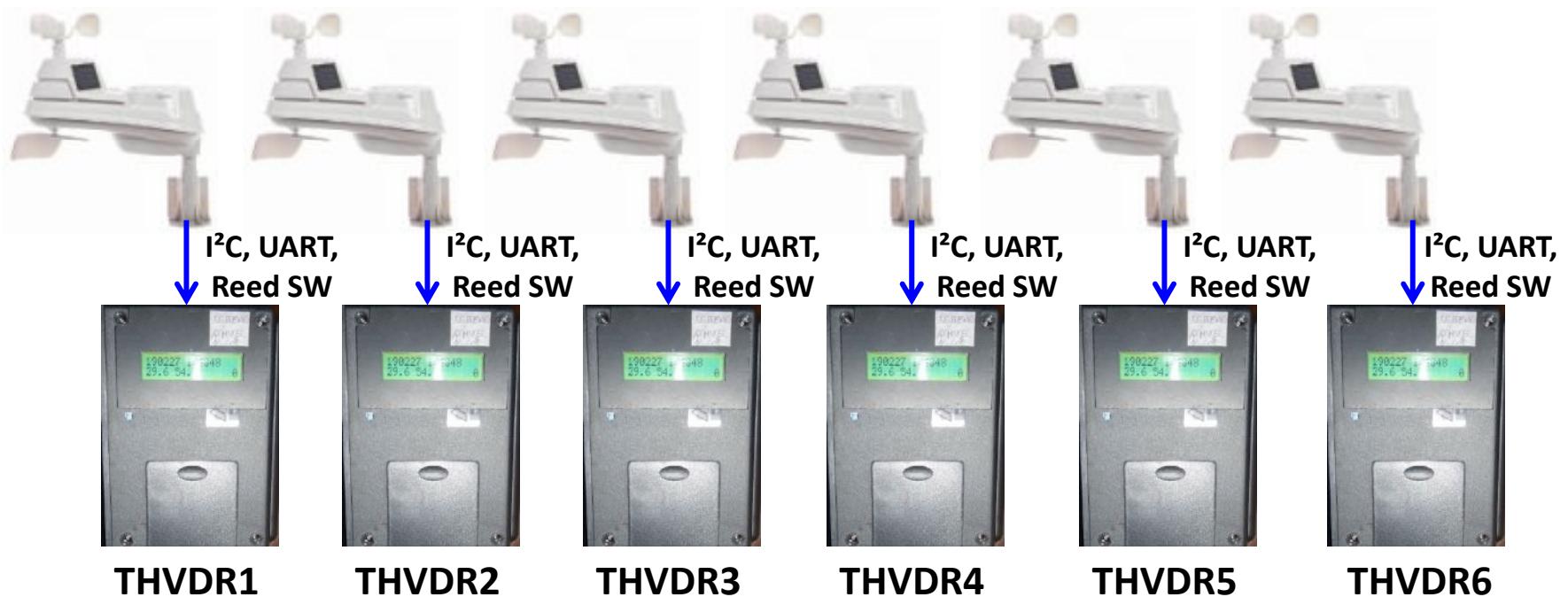


# SSBEMS IoT Device Installation



# SSBEMS IoT to Sensor Connection Layout

Acurite 5-in-1 Weather Stations  
WSN Setup:  
Temperature, Humidity, wind Velocity, wind Direction, Rainfall (THVDRx)

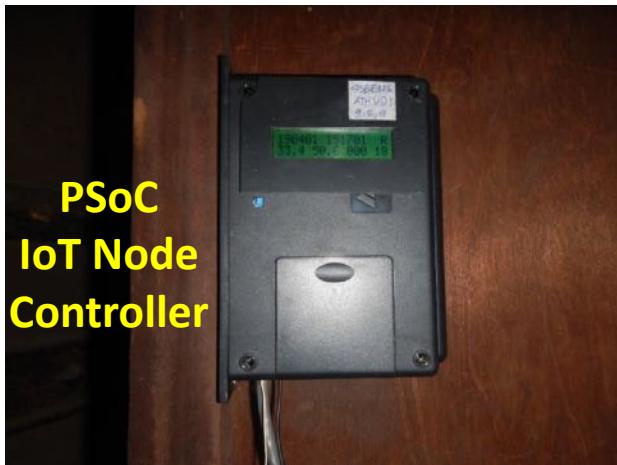


# SSBEMS IoT Device Installation

THVDR1 – Basilica's East Side Door



THVDR2 – Basilica's West Side



# SSBEMS IoT Device Installation

THVDR5 – Basilica's Front Door



THVDR3 – Basilica's East Side Front Door



PSoC IoT Node Controllers



PSoC IoT Node  
Controller

# SSBEMS IoT Device Installation

THVDR4 – Basilica's Right Tower, 1 Level  
Below Bell Tower



THVDR6 – Basilica's Roof



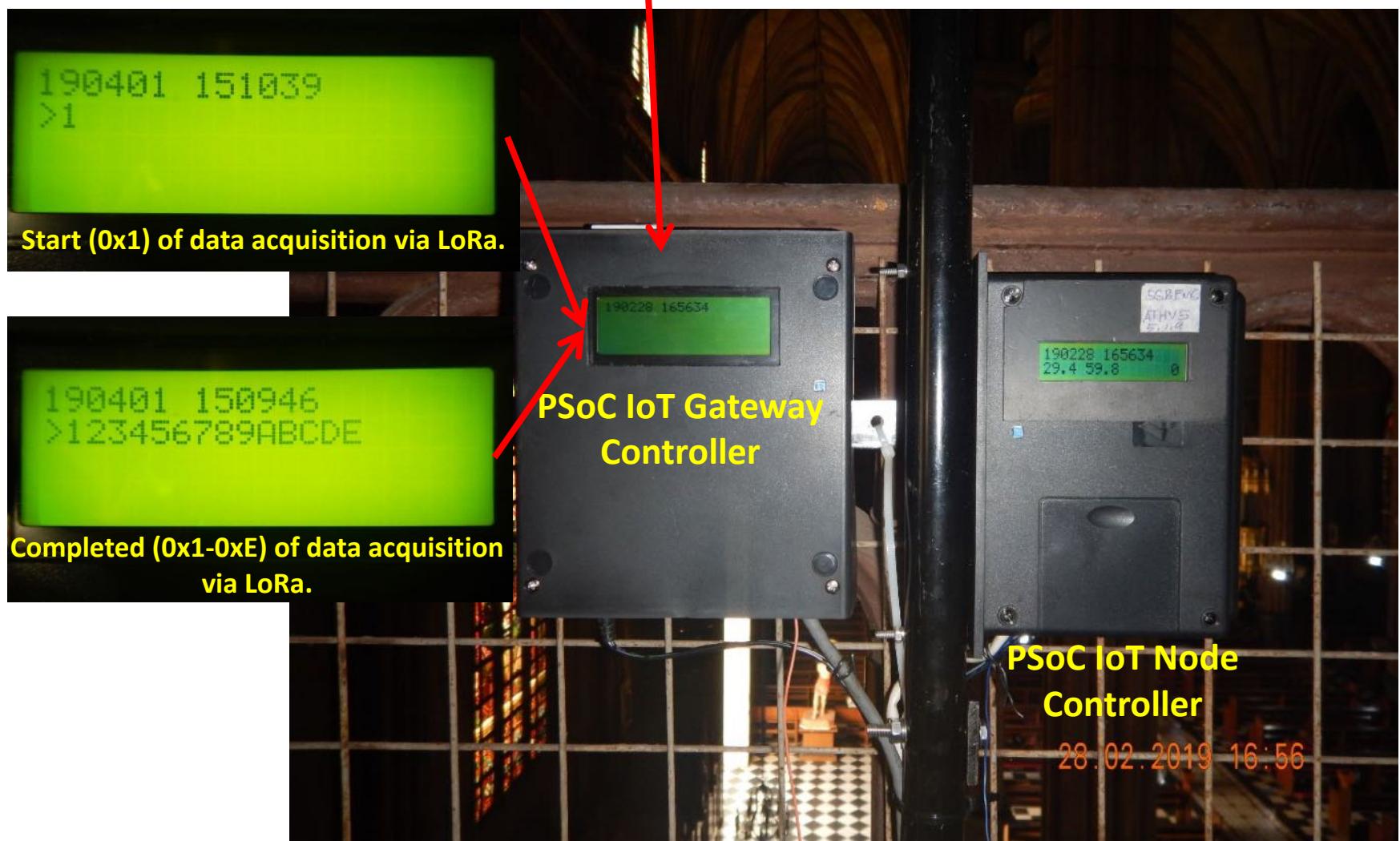
PSoC IoT Node  
Controllers



PSoC IoT Node  
Controllers

# IoT Gateway

## PSoC Gateway – Choir Loft



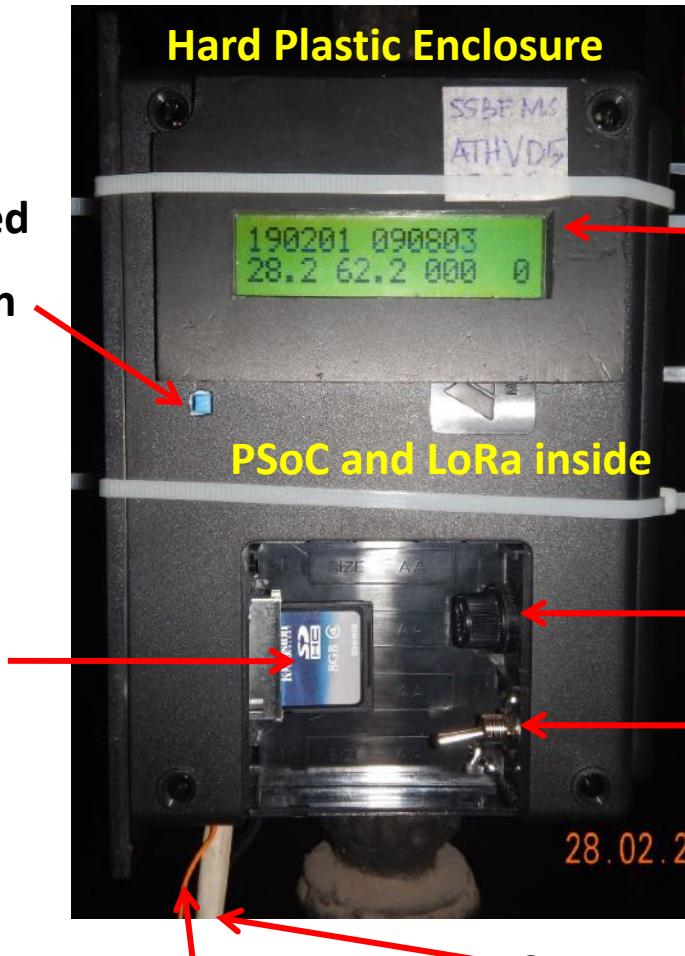
# Node Controller: Power, Data Display, and Data Logger



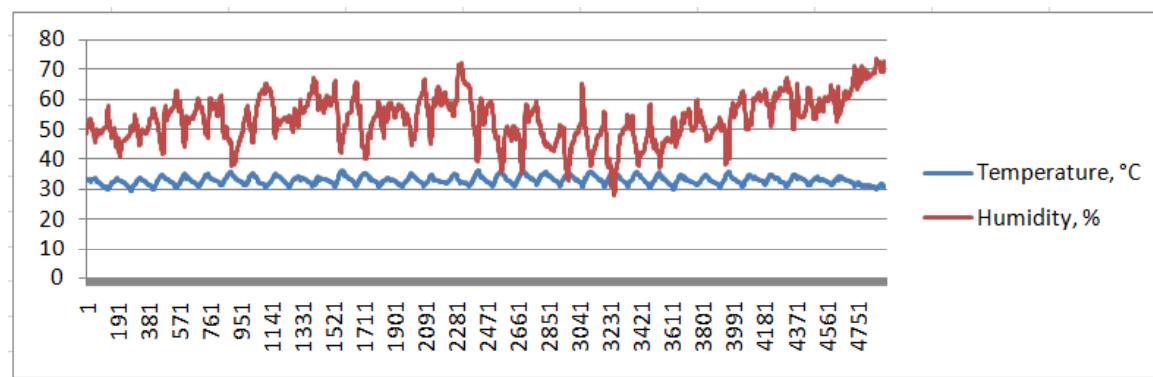
SD/uSD Card Data Logger  
(4GB/8GB/16GB)

How to manually copy the CSV file:  
Recommended copy time is  
between 5th min to 8th min of the  
10-min cycle.

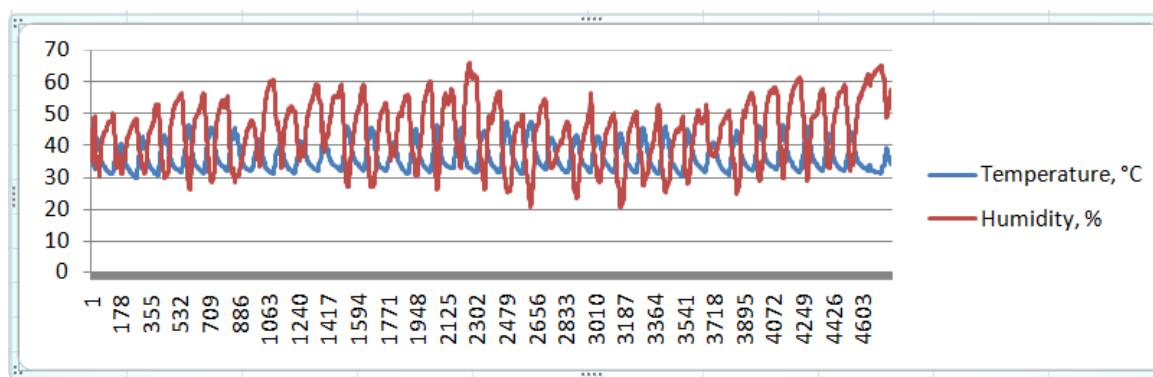
1. Turn-off 12VDC Power Switch.
2. Take-out SD card from port.
3. Copy CSV file using your computer.
4. Re-insert SD card.
5. Turn-on 12VDC Power Switch.
6. Station should operate normally.



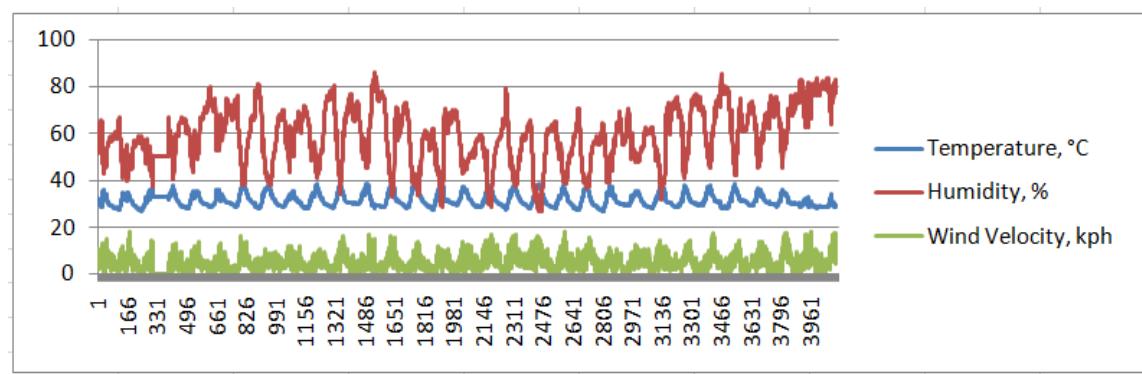
# Actual Data Charts, March 29 to May 7, 2019



**TH3 – Altar, Left Side**

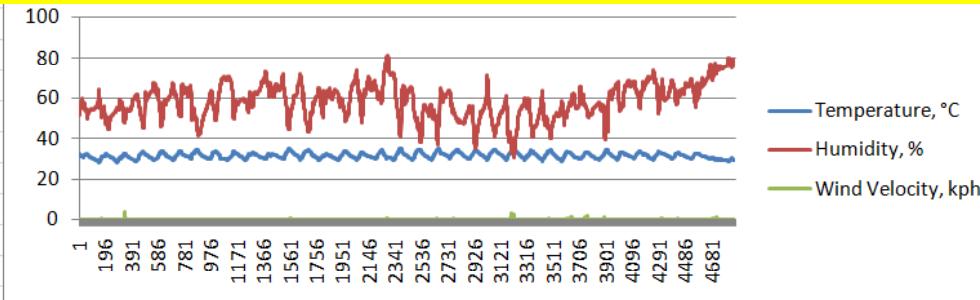


**TH1 – Attic**

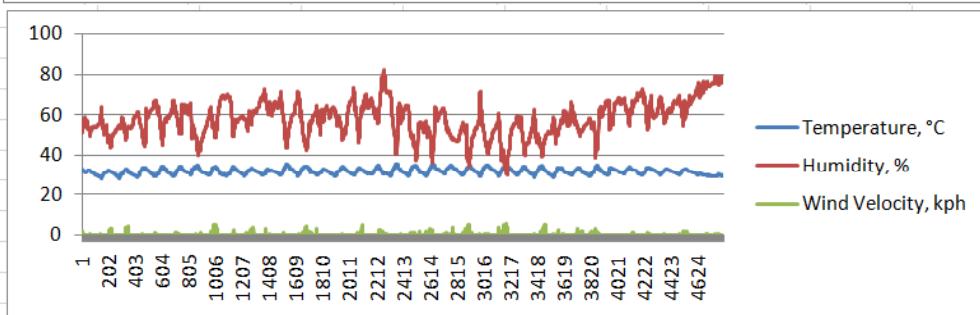


**THVDR6 – Basilica's Roof**

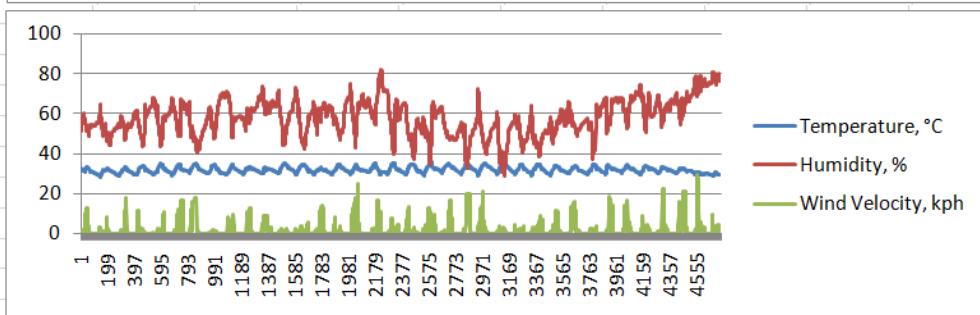
# Actual Data Charts, March 29 to May 7, 2019



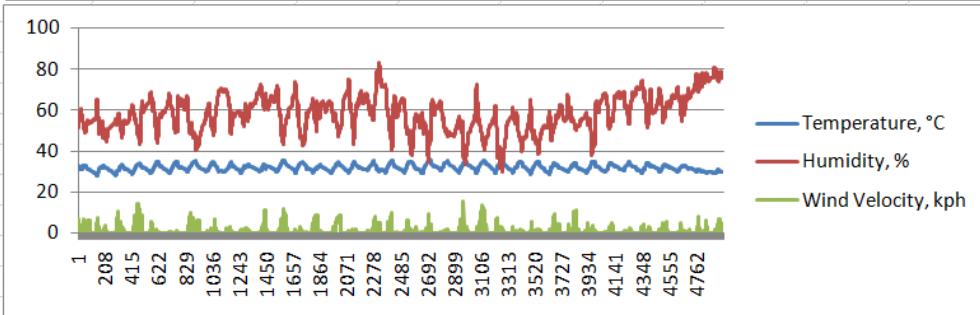
**THV1 – Pew**



**THV2 – Pew**



**THV3 – Pew**



**THV4 – Pew**

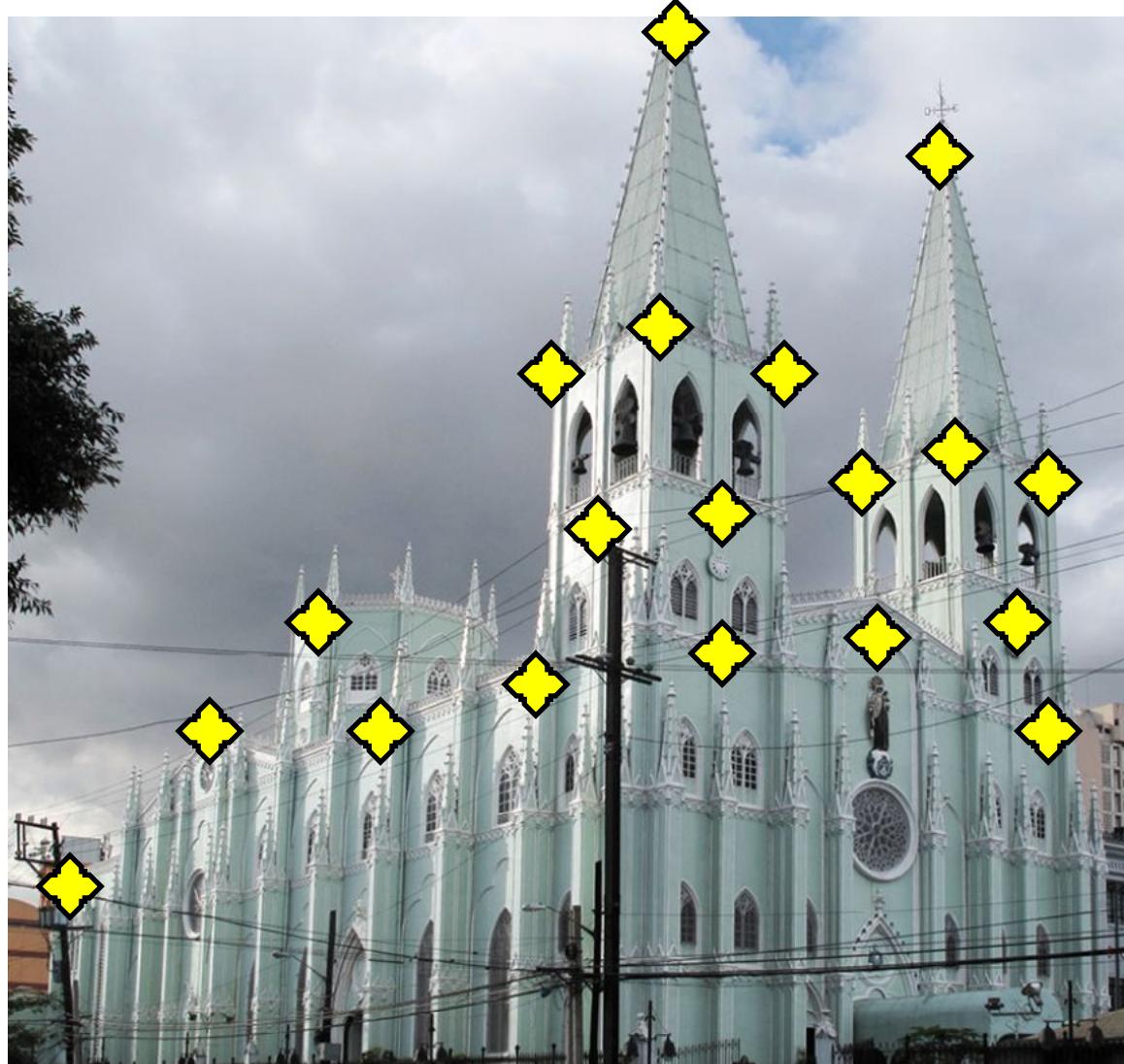
## **Next IoT Project: Structural Health Monitoring (SHM)**

### **– for structural integrity monitoring**

#### **Project Objectives:**

- 1. To provide continuous real-time (24-7) monitoring of parts (walls, decorations, etc) of the church which are susceptible to abrupt or creeping movements (inclination or vibration) due to decaying material joints, seismic ground movements, and massive vibrations from nearby sources or construction.**
- 2. To automatically inform (via internet, SMS, or localized light indicators) the conservation team if church's parts (walls, decorations, etc) are in critical positions, and if there is impending danger of falling-off from its point of attachment. This would help prevent accidents due to falling debris.**

# Structural Health Monitoring (SHM), Proposed Dec 2019



IoT Solution:

Solar-battery powered WSN  
using PSoC, LoRa, and  
precision MEMS sensors.

To collect real-time  
data from:

1. XYZ Inclination
2. XYZ Vibration

To be utilized by structural  
and metallurgical  
engineers.

# ASEAN IVO 2022 Research Project 03:

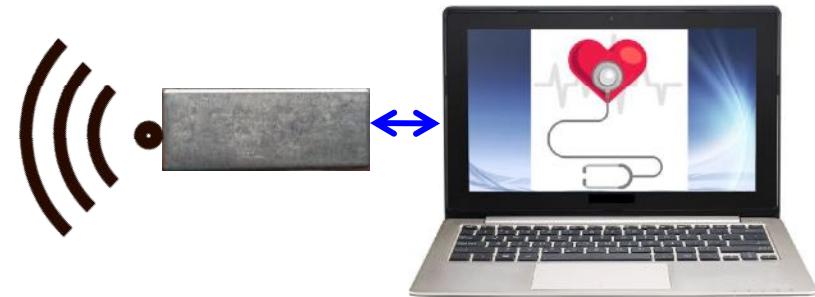
## P2EI-WEALTH (Physiological and Psychological Edge Intelligence WEArable LoRa HealTH) System for Remote Indigenous Community and Disaster Recovery Operations

Wearable IoT+ML Device



LoRa

Remote Data Center



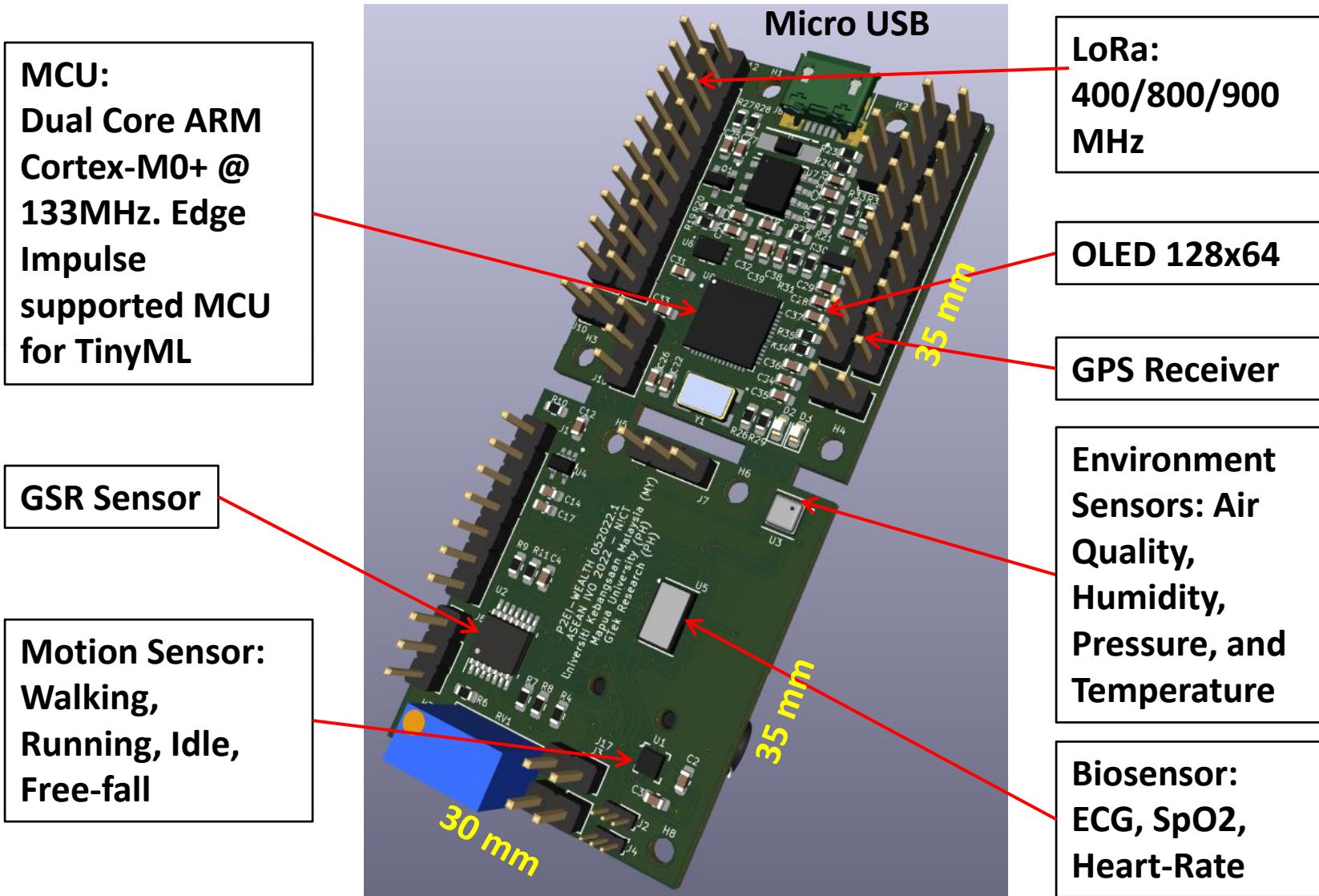
Provides Data to Data Center about:

- Physiological: HR, SpO2, ECG, Temp
- Psychological: Galvanic Skin Response, GSR
- Motion: Walking, Running, Idle, Free-fall, Single/Double Tap
- Environmental : Temp, Humidity, Air-Quality, and Baro. Pressure
- Location: GPS Location Coordinates, Date and Time

Benefits: This real-time remote patient monitoring method will provide medical doctors, who are remotely located in the city, the needed medical data while a patient is still in the danger zone. This timely information would be helpful in assessing the health conditions and the preparation for the proper medical treatment for a victim.

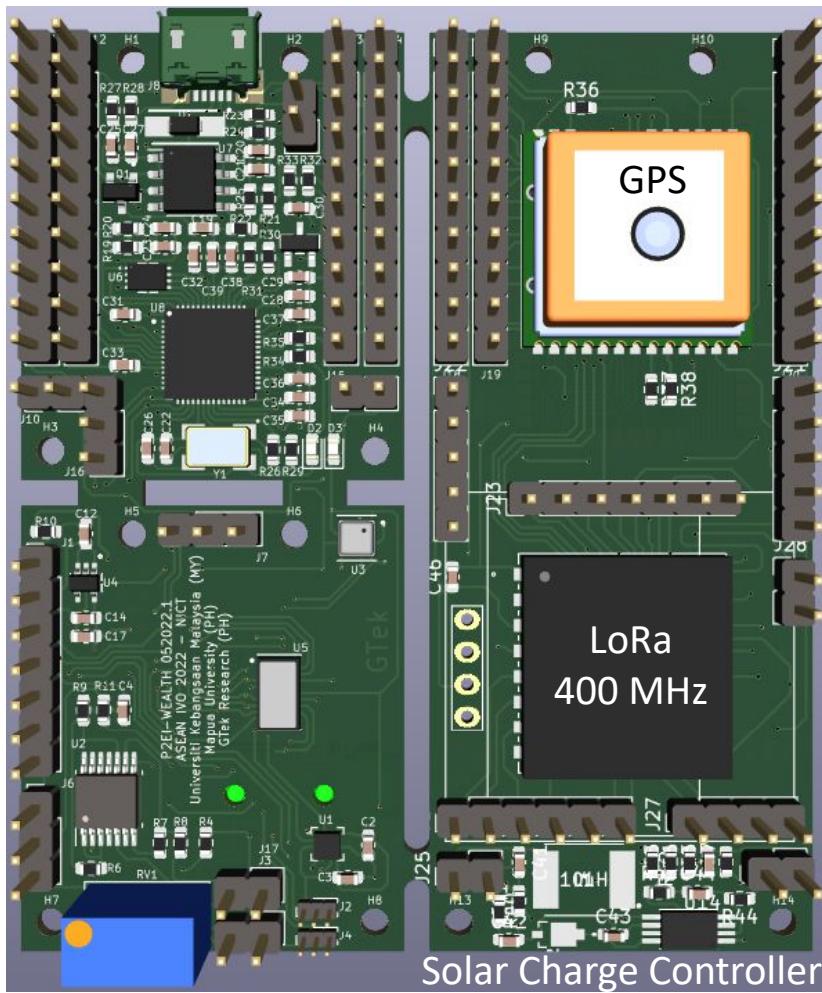
[https://www.nict.go.jp/en/asean\\_ivo/ASEANIVO\\_2022\\_Project03.html](https://www.nict.go.jp/en/asean_ivo/ASEANIVO_2022_Project03.html)

# P2EI-WEALTH Wearable IoT + TinyML Device



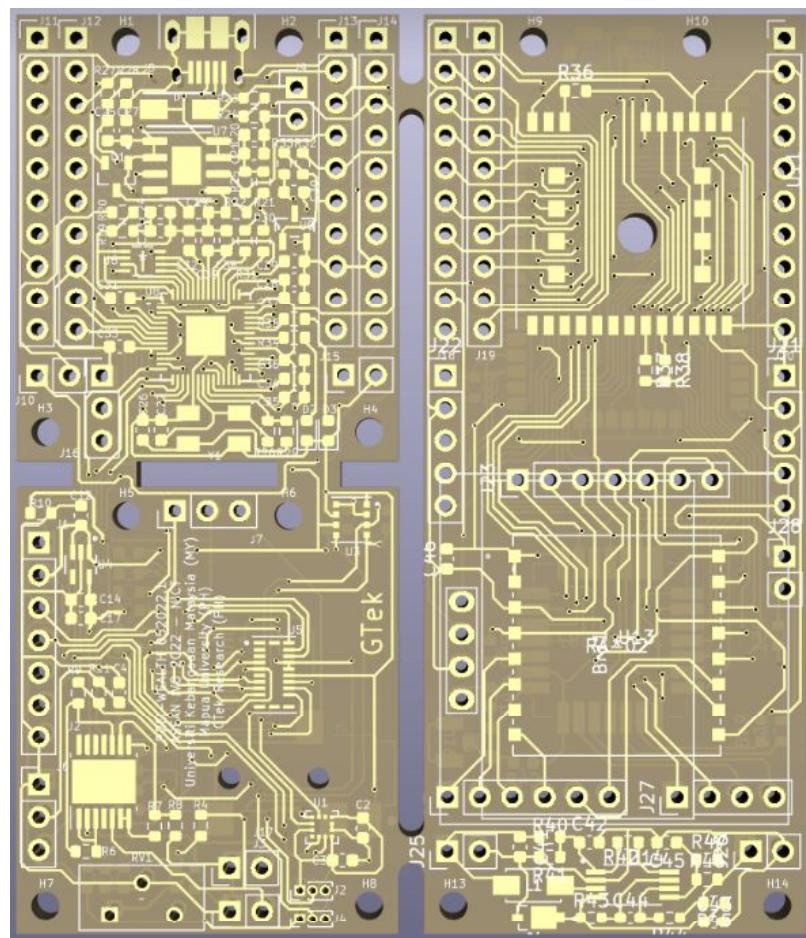
# P2EI-WEALTH Wearable IoT + TinyML Device

MCU + Sensors - Front



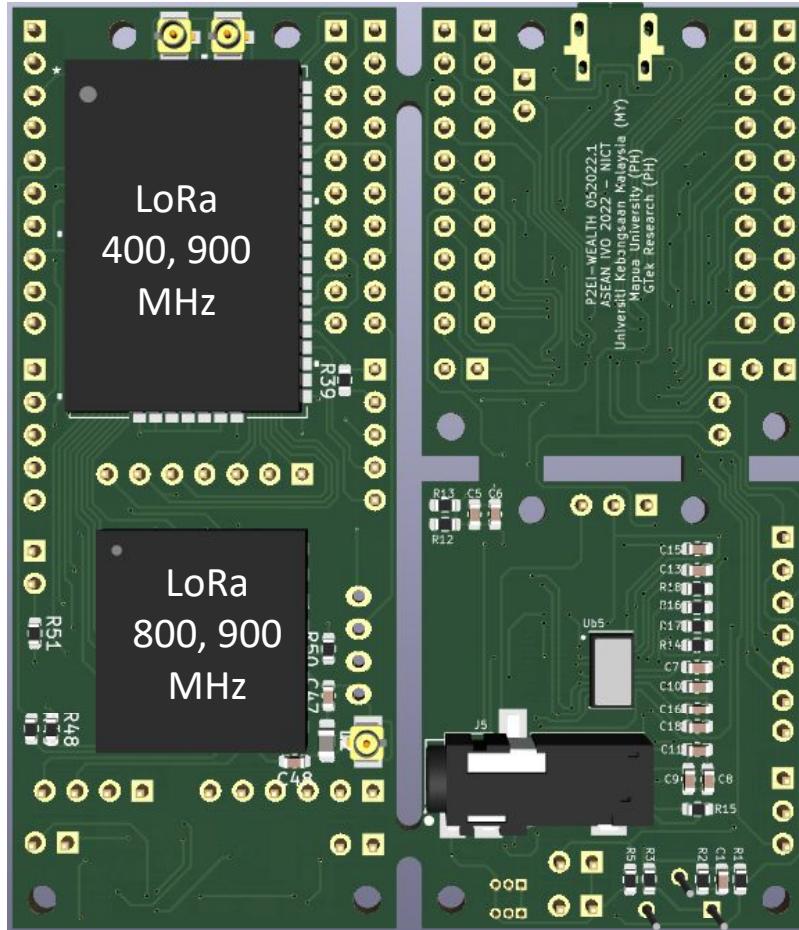
Comm - Front

Front PCB Layout

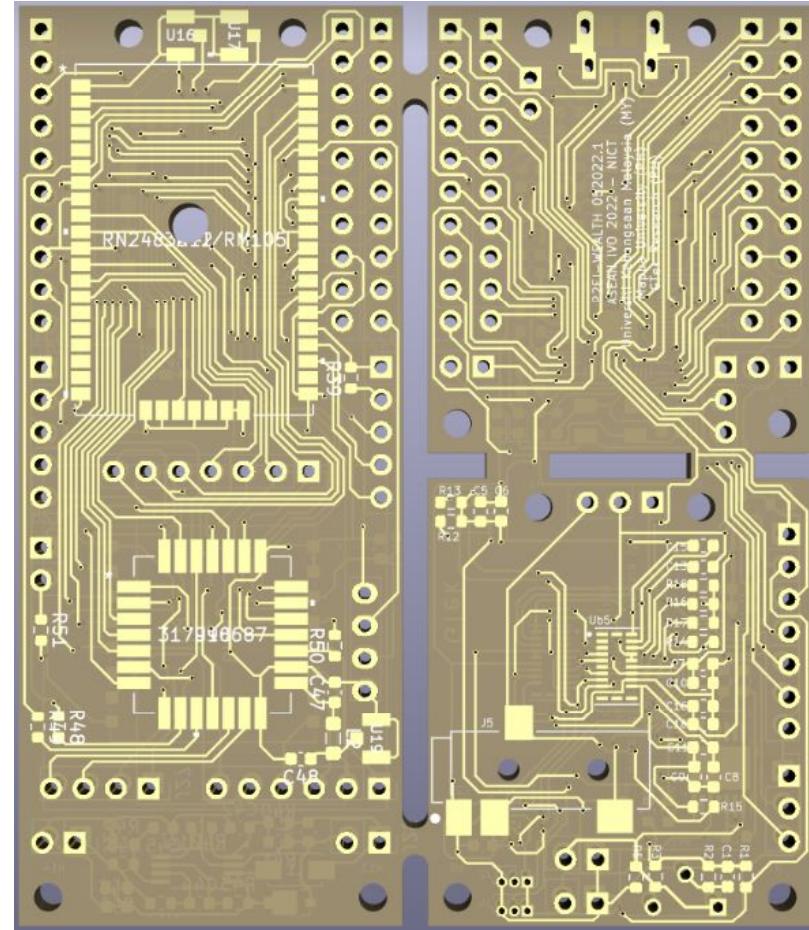


# P2EI-WEALTH Wearable IoT + TinyML Device

# Comm - Back

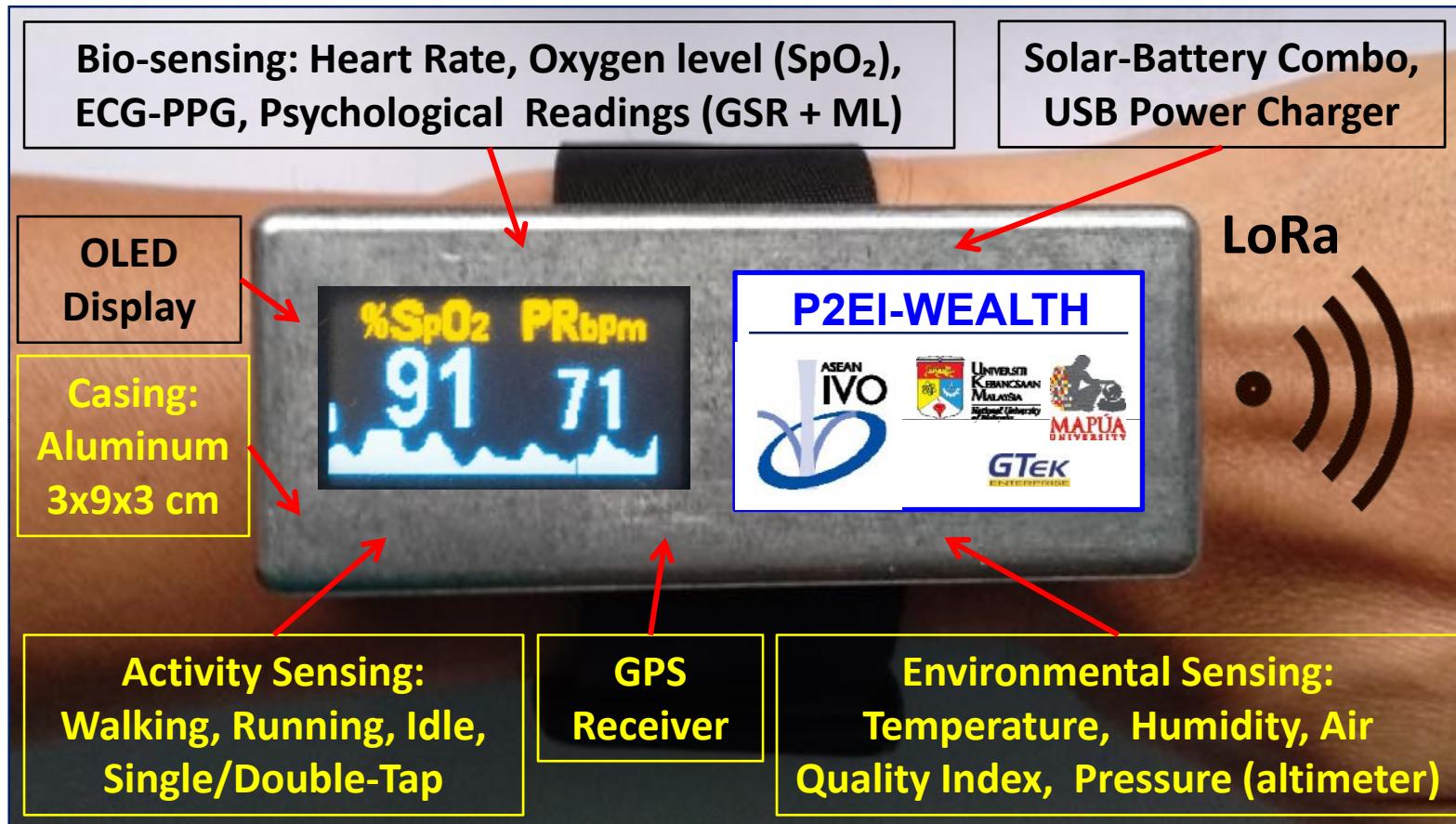


## MCU + Sensors - Back



# Back PCB Layout

# P2EI-WEALTH Wearable IoT + TinyML Device



# P2EI-WEALTH Remote Indigenous Community Operations at Chini Lake

Elderly, Pregnant, Sick, and Injured Patients Benefit from the P2EI-WEALTH Solution



A Data Center in the city collects in near real-time the health conditions (psychological (mind), physiological (body)), environmental, and location of a person wearing the P2EI-WEALTH.

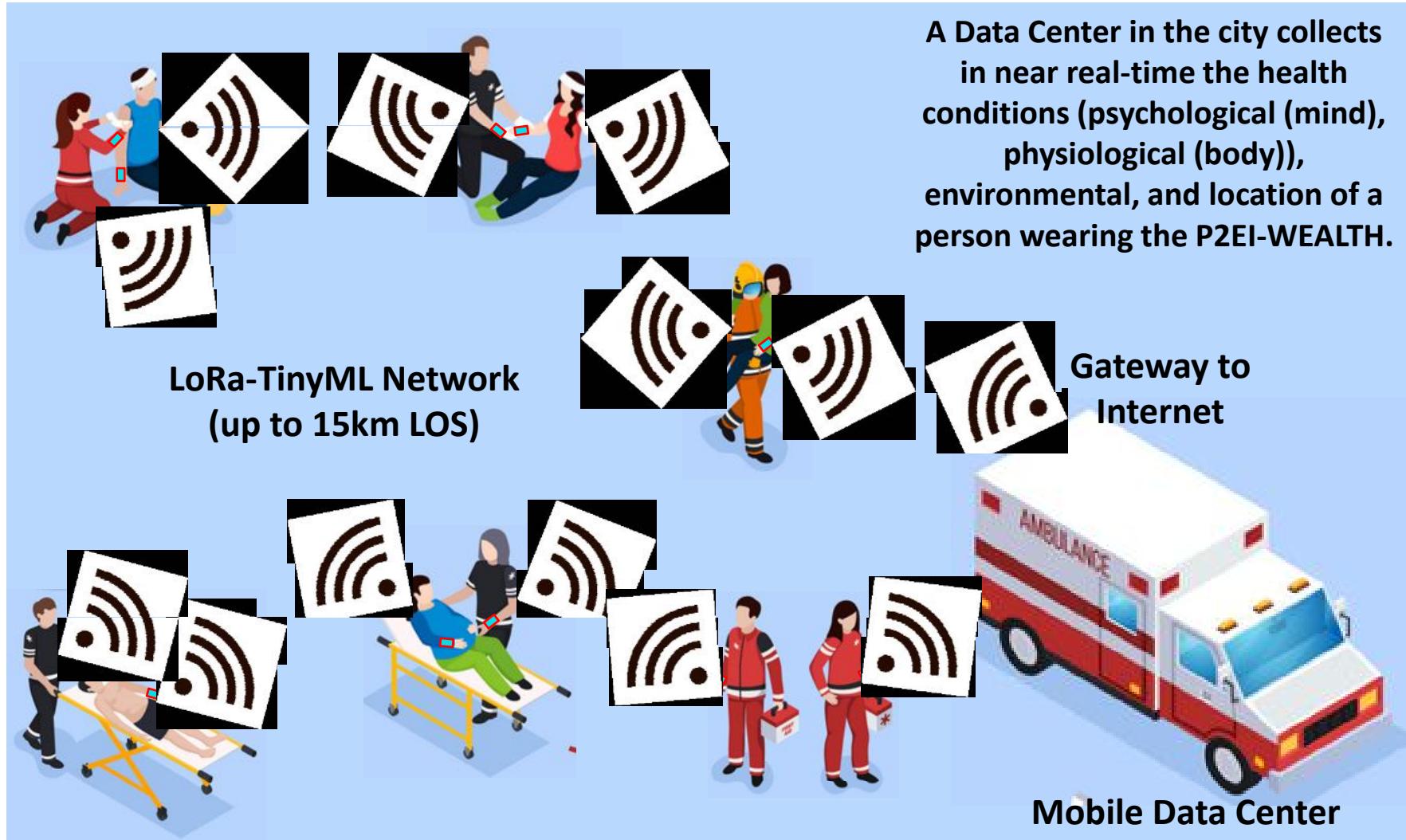


LoRa-TinyML Network (up to 15km LOS)



# P2EI-WEALTH Remote Disaster Recovery Operations

Disaster Victims and Emergency Rescuers Benefit from the P2EI-WEALTH Solution



**Thank you ICTP friends.  
Stay safe.**