



**Institute for the Wireless  
Internet of Things**

at Northeastern University

EECE 5155  
Wireless Sensor Networks  
(and the Internet of Things)

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# Course Content



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- We will cover design and modeling of architectures, communication protocols and algorithms for WSNs and the IoT
- The **first part of the class** will cover general aspects of wireless sensor networking, including protocol design, modeling, and simulation at all layers of the communication stack



# Course Content (2)

- The **second part** will cover **standards** such as Bluetooth, IEEE 802.15.4/Zigbee, and Sigfox/LoRa
  
- The **third part** will illustrate applications of sensor networks technology to many challenging problems of our times, including mobile crowdsensing, smart cities, and cyber-physical systems, AI+Wireless, O-RAN, and so on



# Course Management



# Canvas

- Everything will be handled through Canvas
  - Announcements
  - Group formation for research projects
  - Assignments (Midterms, Homework)
- Make sure you are receiving notifications for EECE 5155
  
- If you can, update your Canvas profile
- If comfortable, use the “**Introduce Yourself**” discussion in Canvas to tell a bit more about yourself!
- Use Canvas for asking questions about the course content, so others can also benefit



# Course Target



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- This course will provide you with:
  - Strong background on **established WSNs topics**
  - Knowledge of ongoing, cutting-edge **IoT research efforts**
  - **Hands-on experience** with WSNs (simulations)
- Emphasis is on developing **practical skills** that you can reuse in your research/professional life



# Required Background



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- Fundamentals of Networks (or equivalent class)
  - What is a network of computers?
  - What is a packet?
  - How do we make sure that information is transmitted from one host to another reliably?
- Basic/Intermediate C/C++ Programming
  - Variables, classes, structs,
  - Functions/methods, pointers
  - We will have a review of these concepts during class
  - **No** advanced knowledge of modern C++ required!
- You will write some C/C++ code during the assignments  
(more later...)



# Textbook



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- The class will be based on lecture slides from the instructor and on research papers. Suggested (but not required) textbooks are:
  - H. Karl, A. Willig, "*Protocols and Architectures for Wireless Sensor Networks*," Wiley, 2005
  - B. Krishnamachari, "*Networking Wireless Sensors*," Cambridge University Press
  - I. Akyildiz, M. Vuran, "*Wireless Sensor Networks*," Wiley, 2010.



# Grading



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- Grades will be assigned according to the following policy:
  - Attendance 5%
  - Homework Assignments (2) 35%
  - Midterms (2) 30%
  - Final Project 30%
- More weight on **hands-on activities** (65% of total grade)
- TA for EECE 5155:
  - Ms. Li Wang ([wang.li4@northeastern.edu](mailto:wang.li4@northeastern.edu))
- Office Hours: by appointment (Zoom)



# Attendance

- Attendance is measured at the **beginning** of each lesson
  - The Teaching Assistant (TA) is tasked to measure attendance
  - *Attendance* for a class session is defined as remaining in the classroom for the duration of the class.
  - Each student will receive a grade of “A” in the “Class Attendance” category if the percentage of attended classes will be **90%** or more at the end of the course, and “B” otherwise. Students may miss more than **10%** of the class meetings with valid excuse(s).
  - **Exceptions** to class attendance in East Village 002:
    - COE-approved remote students
    - Students attending remotely from other campuses



# Homework Assignments



# Assignments

- **Two** homework assignments based on OMNeT++
  - Performance evaluation of algorithms for WSNs based on existing research
  - Implement (a simplified version of) the proposed algorithm/protocol
  - Extract performance metrics (e.g., delay, energy consumption)
  - Analysis of results (i.e., why did I get those results?)
  - If you want, you can go ahead and familiarize yourself with OMNeT++ (we will do it in class anyway)
- **You will be guided throughout the assignments**
  - Dedicated lessons to understand algorithms and what to do
  - Walkthroughs during class
  - ...



# Midterms

- Set of questions regarding concepts explained in class
- First ~ **mid October** (tentative)
- Second ~**late November** (tentative)



# Interactive Lessons



# Interactive Lessons

- We live in very difficult times
- Still, we need to make the most out of it!
- Very interactive class
  - Ask a lot of questions during the class
  - **Don't feel intimidated** 😊
  - Your answers are **not graded**
  - Remote students can use the Zoom chat
  - We need to understand not only the topic...
    - but also **why** protocols/algorithms were designed in a certain way



# Research Project



# What is the Internet of Things?



# What are the “Things”?

- Things: Objects, not a computer
  - Phone, watches, thermostats, cars, Electric Meters, sensors, clothing, band-aids, TV, medical devices
  - Anything, Anywhere, Anytime, Anyway, Anyhow (5 A's)



Source: Raj Jain, [Internet of Things: Challenges and Issues](#)



# The Internet of Things

- Today, less than 1% of things around us is connected.  
Refrigerator, car, washing machine, heater, a/c, garage door, should all be connected but are not
- **From 10 Billion today to 22 Billion in 2025**
- Should include processes, data, things, and people
- IoT value: \$14 Trillion over 10 years
  - Third in the list of top 10 strategic technologies by Gartner  
(After Mobile devices, Mobile Apps, but before Clouds, ...)
- a.k.a. **Internet of Everything** by Cisco, **Smarter Planet** by IBM



# What is IoT?

The Internet of Things  
is a shorthand way  
of describing a  
globally  
interconnected continuum  
of devices and objects  
interacting with the  
physical environment,  
people and  
each other



# What is IoT?

- Combination of Technologies + Funding + Business Hype!
- IoT = Sensing + Communication + Computation
  - 1. **Micro-Sensors:** Temperature, Moisture, Pressure, air quality, ...
  - 2. **Tags:** Radio Frequency Id (RFID), Quick Response (QR) Codes, ...
  - 3. **Energy Efficient Communication:** Small or no batteries, Personal area communication (PAN), Bluetooth, ZigBee, ...
  - 4. **Micro-Computing:** Micro multi-core chips, Raspberry Pi, Intel Galileo, Arduino, ...
  - 5. **Cloud Computing:** Little or no local computing
  - 6. **Open/Small operating systems:** Linux

Ref: CTIA, "Mobile Cyber security and the Internet of Things."



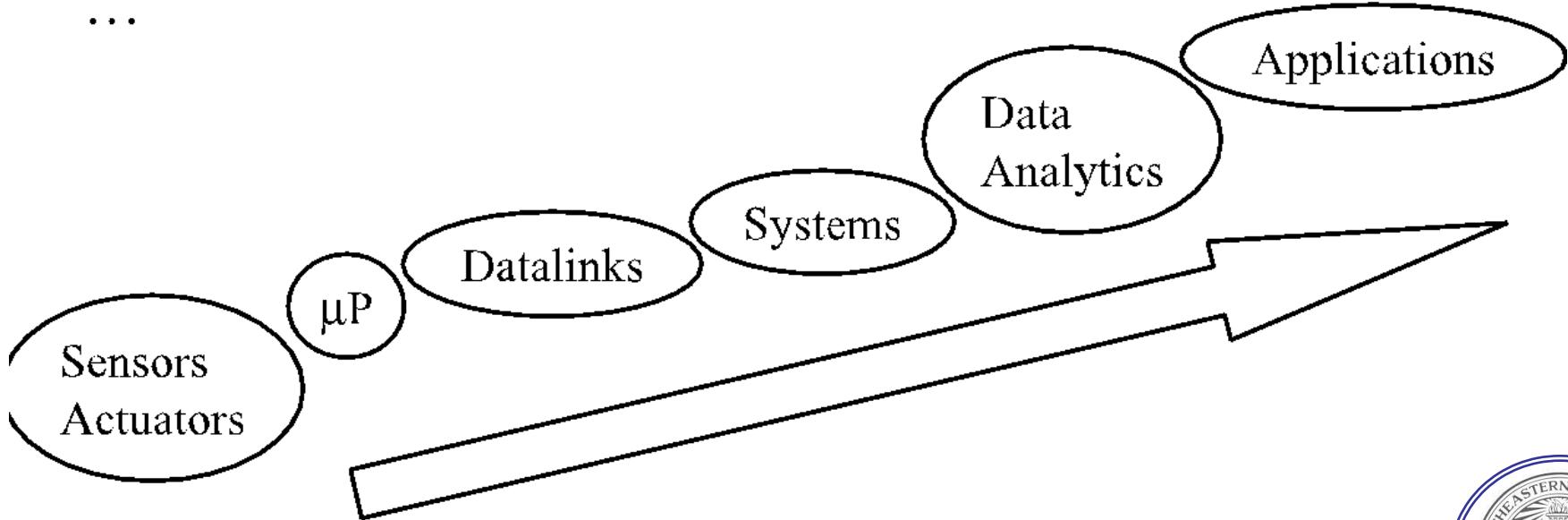
# Research Funding for IoT

- 70 M € in European Research program FP7 Internet of European Things
- Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD)
  - Group of 15 Federal agencies: NSF, NIH, NASA, DOE, DARPA, ONR, ...
  - Recommends supplement to the president's annual budget
- CPS is one of the areas recommended by NITRD
  - **Smart infrastructure:** Smart Grid, Smart Bridges, Smart Cars, tele-operational surgical robots, Smart Buildings
  - **March 2014:** £45M for IoT research in UK by David Cameron



# Business Opportunities

- Components: Sensors, wireless radios, protocols,
- Smart Objects: Smart TV, Camera, Watch, ...
- Systems: Buildings, Cars, Health, ...
- Network service providers: ISP
- Application Service Providers: Monitoring, Analytics, Apps,  
...

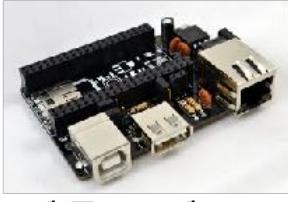
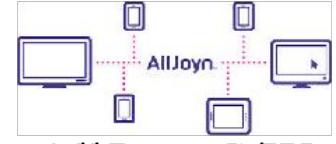


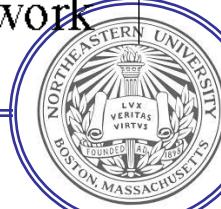
# Venture Activities

- \$1.1B invested in IoT startups by VCs in 153 deals in 2013
  - Quantified Self: Know your body and mind
  - Healthcare sensors: Wearable clock, sleep monitors
  - Energy management
  - Home Automation: Kitchenware, locks
  - Environmental monitoring: Air Quality sensors, personal weather stations
- January 2014: Google buys NEST for 3.3B
- May 2014: \$150M in VC investments in IoT by Cisco



# Recent IoT Products

	 <p>Corventis: Wireless Cardiac Monitor</p>	 <p>WEMO Remote</p>	 <p>Tractive Pet Tracker</p>
 <p>Ninja Blocks</p>	 <p>Revolve Home Automation</p>	 <p>ThingWorx Application Platform</p>	 <p>Lings Cloud Platform</p>
 <p>Mbed Development Platform</p>	 <p>Xively Remote Access API</p>	 <p>Intel Quark Processor</p>	 <p>AllJoyn S/W Framework</p>



# Research Challenges?



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- **Naming and Addressing:** Advertising, Searching and Discovery
- **Power/Energy/Efficient resource management.** Energy harvesting
- **Things to Cloud:** Computation and Communication Gateways
- **Miniaturization:** Sensors, CPU, network
- **Big Data Analytics:** By 2025, total data volume of connected IoT devices worldwide is forecast to reach XXX zettabytes (ZBs, 1000 TBs)
- **Semantic technologies:** Information and data models for interoperability
- **Virtualization:** Multiple sensors aggregated, or a sensor shared by multiple users
- **Privacy/Security/Trust/Identity/Anonymity** Target Pregnancy Prediction
- **Heterogeneity/Dynamics/Scale**



# Wireless Sensor Networks

## *PART 1 - Introduction*

- Infrastructureless wireless networks
- (Mobile) Ad Hoc Networks (MANET)
- Wireless Sensor Networks (WSN)
- Comparison

## *PART 2 - Applications*

- Applications of Wireless Sensor Networks
- Underground Sensor Networks
- Underwater Sensor Networks
- Wireless Sensor and Actor Networks
- Generalization: Wireless Multimedia Sensor Networks

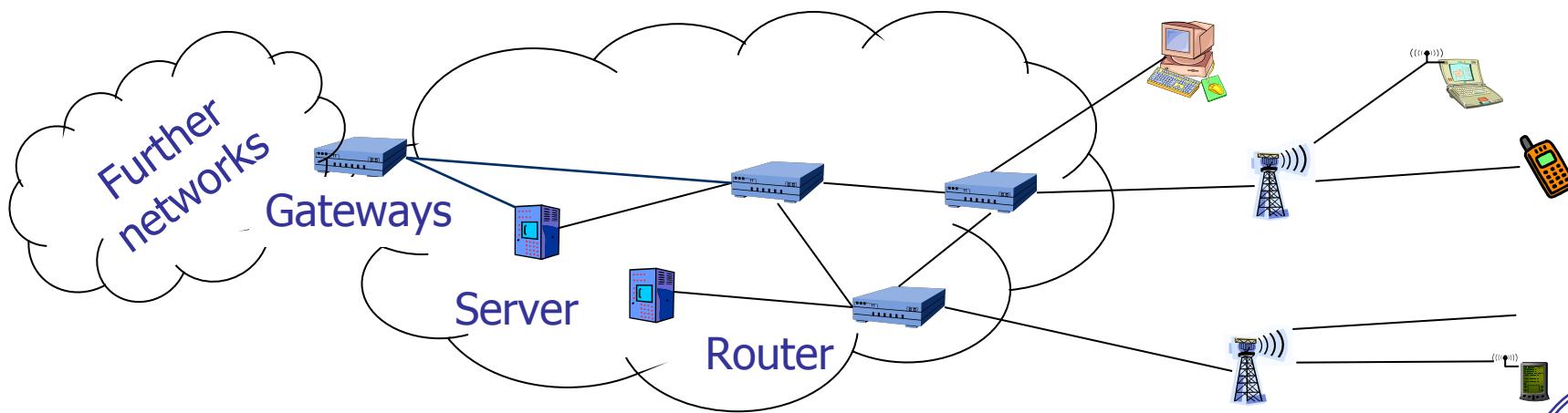


# Infrastructure-less Networks



# Infrastructure-based Wireless Networks

- Traditional wireless network: **based on infrastructure**
  - E.g., 4/5G Networks
  - **Base stations connected to a wired backbone network**
  - Mobile devices communicate wirelessly to these base stations
  - Traffic between different mobile entities is relayed by base stations and wired backbone
  - Mobility is supported by switching from one base station to another
  - Backbone infrastructure required for administrative tasks



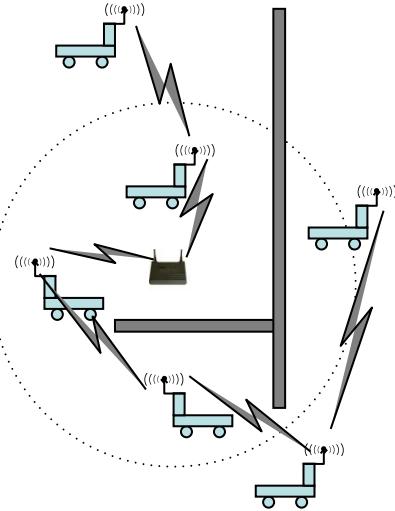
# Limits

- What if...
  - No infrastructure is available?
    - Disaster areas
  - It is too expensive/inconvenient to set up?
    - Remote, large construction sites
    - Houses
  - There is no time to set it up?
    - Military operations

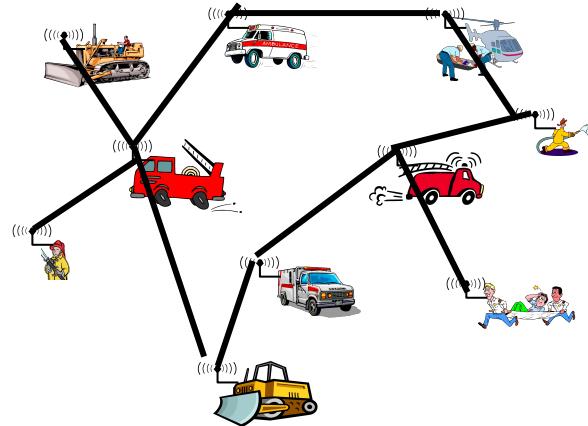


# Applications of Infrastructure-less Networks

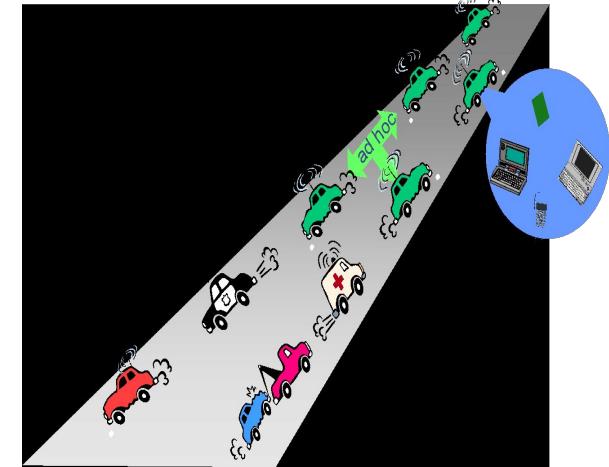
- Factory floor automation



- Disaster recovery



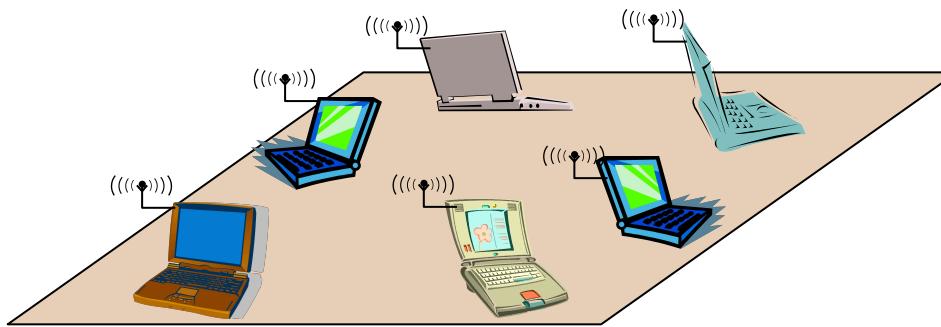
- Vehicular communication



- **Military networking:** Tanks, soldiers, ...
- Finding out **empty parking lots** in a city, without asking a server
- **Search-and-rescue** in an avalanche
- **Personal area networking** (watch, glasses, medical appliance, ...)

# Solution: Wireless Ad Hoc Networks

- Build a **network without infrastructure**, using networking abilities of the participants
  - *Ad hoc network* – a network constructed “for a special purpose”
- Example: Laptops in a conference room –  
a *single-hop ad hoc network*



# Challenges in Ad Hoc Networks

- Without a central infrastructure, things become much more difficult
- Think-Share!
- Problems are due to
  - Lack of central entity for organization available
  - Limited range of wireless communication
  - Mobility of participants
  - Battery-operated devices



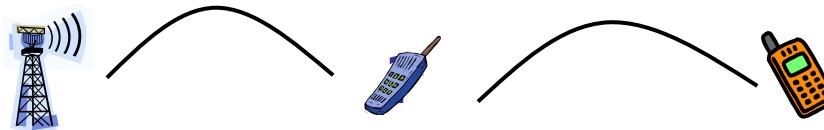
# Self-organization

- Without a central entity, participants must organize themselves into a network (*self-organization*)
- Challenges (among others):
  - Discovering the presence of neighboring devices
  - Medium access control – no base station can assign transmission resources, must be decided in a distributed fashion
  - Finding a route from one participant to another



# Multi-hop Wireless Networks

- For many scenarios, communication with **peers outside immediate communication range** is required
  - Direct communication limited because of distance, obstacles
  - Solution: *multi-hop network*

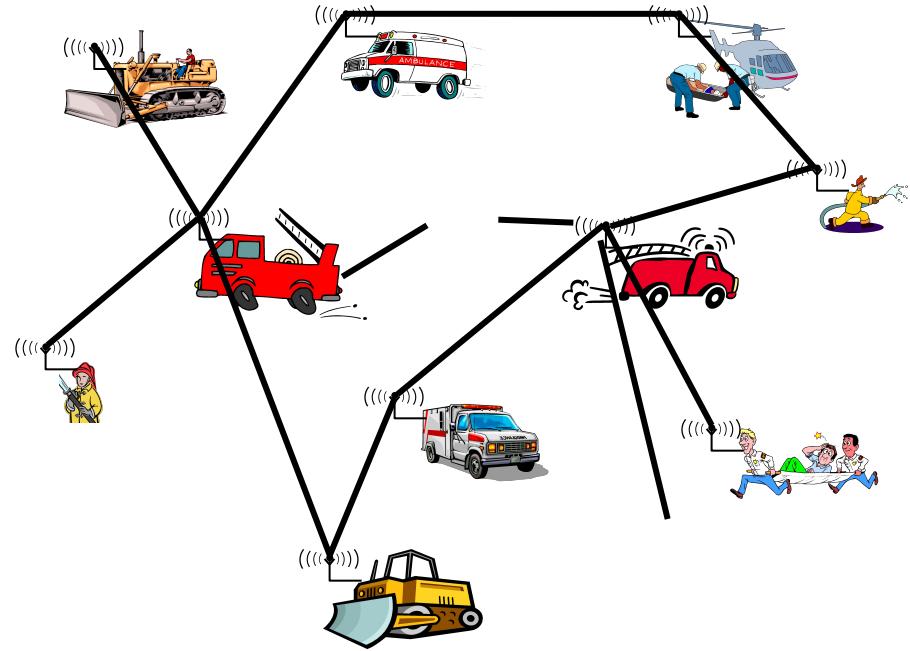


- Under some circumstances, **multi-hopping may help save energy**



# Adaptive Protocols

- In several ad hoc network applications, participants move around
  - In cellular network: simply hand over to another base station
- In *mobile ad hoc networks* (**MANET**):
  - Mobility changes neighborhood relationship
  - Routes must be reconfigured adaptively
- **Complicated by scale**
  - When the network size increases, reconfiguration becomes more difficult



# Energy-efficient Operation

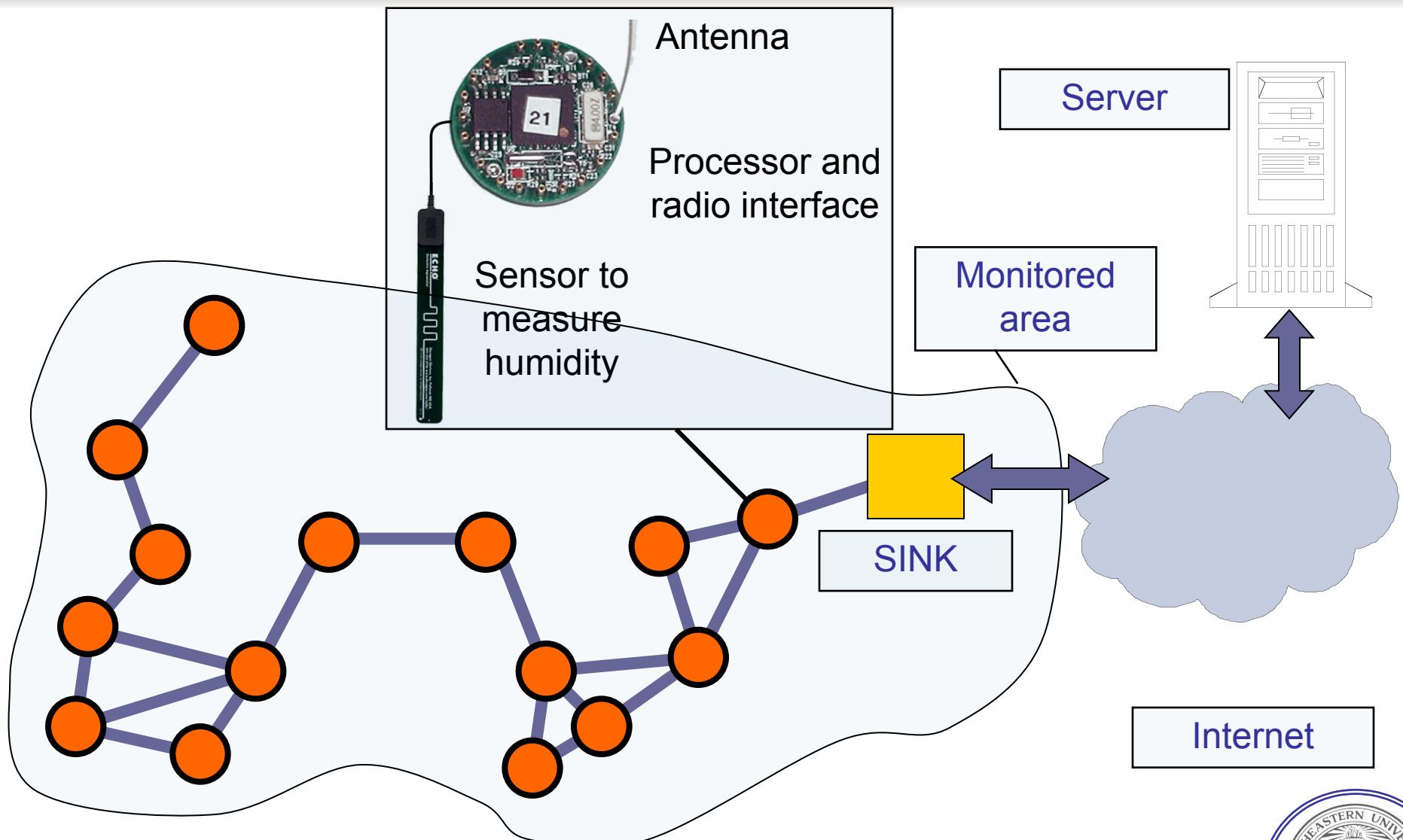
- Participants in an ad hoc network often draw energy from batteries
- We want **long lifetime** for
  - Individual devices
  - Network as a whole
- **Energy-efficient networking protocols**
  - E.g., use multi-hop routes with low energy consumption (energy/bit)
  - E.g., take available battery capacity of devices into account
  - How to resolve conflicts between different optimizations?



# Wireless Sensor Networks

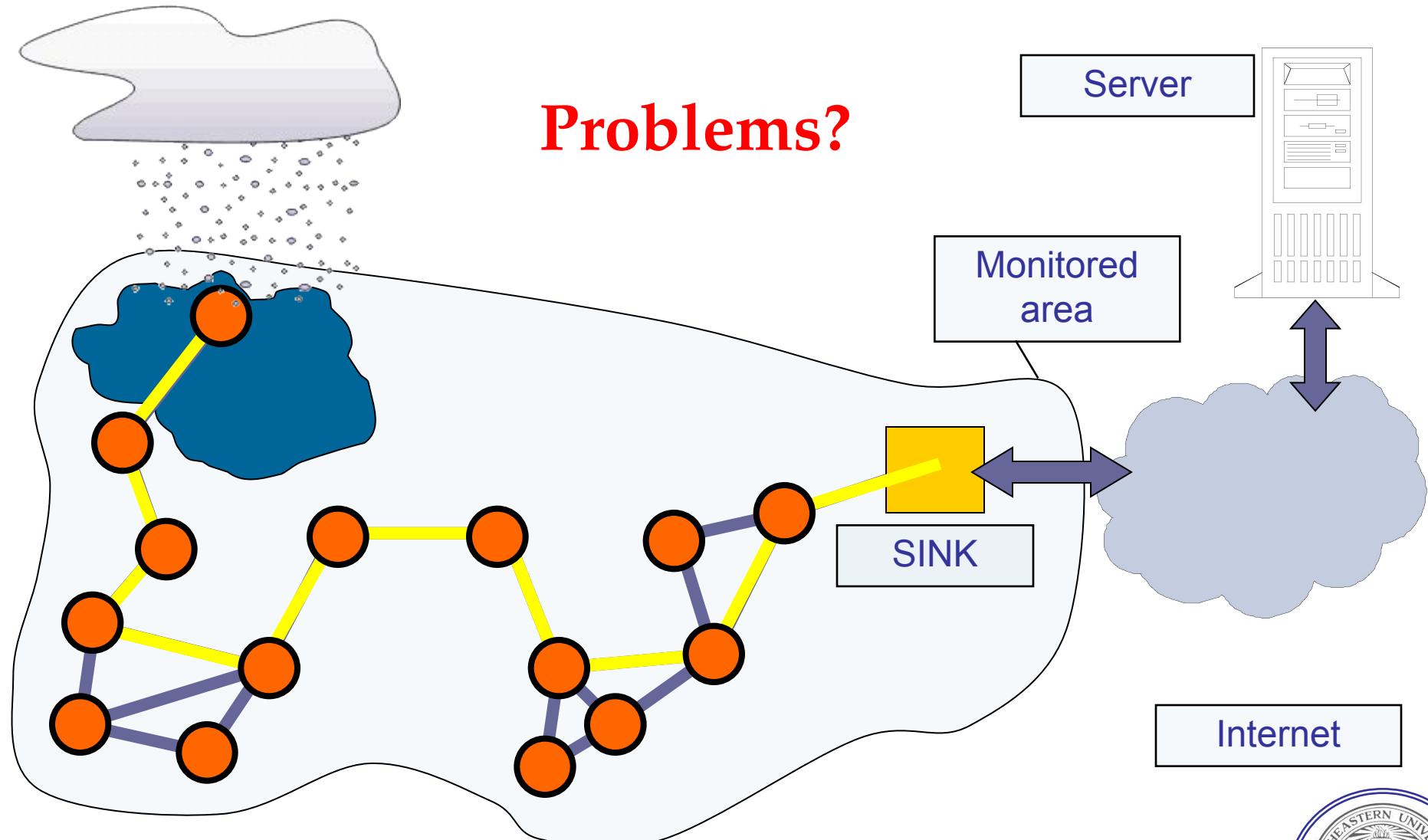


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## Problems?



# WSN Application Examples

## ➤ Disaster relief operations

- Drop sensor nodes from an aircraft over a wildfire
- Each node measures temperature
- Derive a “temperature map”



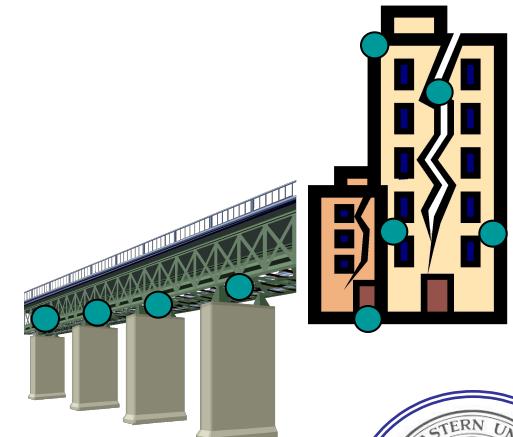
## ➤ Biodiversity mapping

- Use sensor nodes to observe wildlife



## ➤ Intelligent buildings (or bridges)

- Reduce energy wastage by proper humidity, ventilation, air conditioning (HVAC) control
- Needs measurements about room occupancy, temperature, air flow, ...
- Monitor mechanical stress after earthquakes



# WSN Application Scenarios

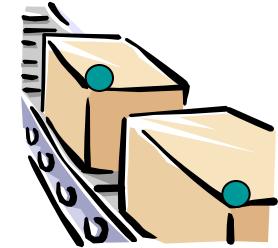
- Facility management
  - Intrusion detection into industrial sites
  - Control of leakages in chemical plants, ...
- Machine surveillance and preventive maintenance
  - Embed sensing/control functions into places no cable has gone before
  - E.g., tire pressure monitoring
- Precision agriculture
  - Bring out fertilizer/pesticides/irrigation only where needed
- Medicine and health care
  - Post-operative or intensive care
  - Long-term surveillance of chronically ill patients or the elderly



# WSN Application Scenarios

## ➤ Logistics

- Equip goods (parcels, containers) with a sensor node
- Track their whereabouts – *total asset management*
- Note: passive readout might suffice – compare RFIDs



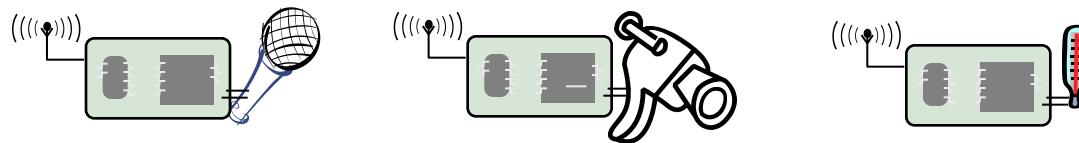
## ➤ Telematics

- Provide better traffic control by obtaining finer-grained information about traffic conditions
- *Intelligent roadside*
- Cars as the sensor nodes

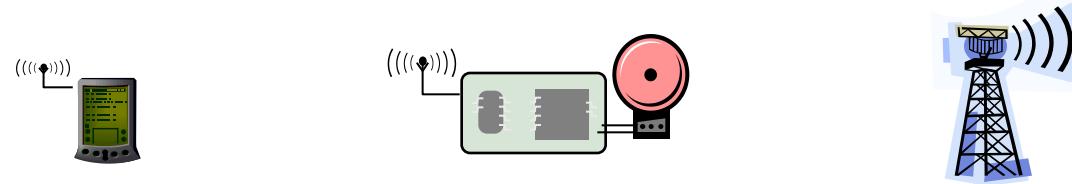


# Roles of Participants in WSN

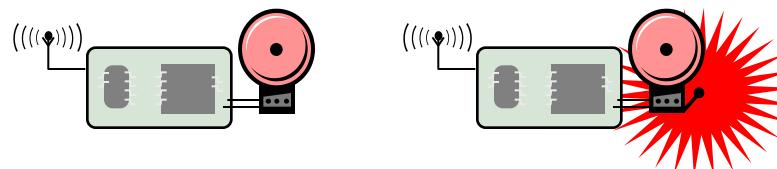
- **Sources of data:** Measure data, report them “somewhere”
  - Typically equip with different kinds of **multimedia sensors**



- **Sinks of data:** Interested in receiving data from WSN
  - May be part of the WSN or external entity, PDA, gateway, ...



- **Actors/actuators:** Control some device based on data, usually also a sink



# WSN application types

## ➤ *Event detection*

- Nodes locally detect events (maybe jointly with nearby neighbors), report these events to interested sinks

## ➤ *Event classification*

## ➤ *Periodic measurement*

## ➤ *Function approximation*

- Use sensor network to approximate a function of space and/or time (e.g., temperature map)

## ➤ *Edge detection*

- Find edges (or other structures) in such a function (e.g., where is the zero degree border line?)

## ➤ *Tracking*

- Report position of an observed object



# Deployment Options

## ➤ *Random deployment*

- Dropped from aircraft
- Usually uniform random distribution for nodes over finite area is assumed

## ➤ *Regular deployment*

- Well planned, fixed
- Not necessarily geometric structure, but that is often a convenient assumption

## ➤ *Mobile sensor nodes*

- Can move to compensate for deployment shortcomings
- Can be passively moved around by some external force (wind, water)
- Can actively seek out “interesting” areas
- Lesson and HW-2 dedicated to WSNs with Mobile Sinks





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# Characteristics of WSN

## ➤ Scalability

- Support large number of nodes
- Performance should not degrade with increasing number of nodes

## ➤ Wide range of densities

- Vast or small number of nodes per unit area, very application-dependent

## ➤ Limited resources for each device

- Low amount of energy
- Low cost, size, and weight per node
- Nodes may not have a global ID such as an IP address

## ➤ Mostly static topology



# Characteristics of WSNs

## ➤ **Service in WSN**

- Not simply moving bits like traditional networks
- In-network processing
  - Provide *answers* (not just numbers)
- Communication is triggered by queries or events
- Asymmetric flow of information

## ➤ **Quality of service**

- Traditional QoS metrics do not apply

## ➤ **Fault tolerance**

- Be robust against node failure
  - Running out of energy, physical destruction



# Characteristics of WSNs

## ➤ **Lifetime**

- The *network* should fulfill its task as long as possible – definition depends on application
- Lifetime of individual nodes relatively unimportant
- But often treated equivalently

## ➤ **Programmability**

- Re-programming of nodes in the field might be necessary, improve flexibility

## ➤ **Maintainability**

- WSN has to adapt to changes, self-monitoring, adapt operation
- Incorporate possible additional resources, e.g., newly deployed nodes



# Typical Adopted Mechanisms

- Multi-hop wireless communication
- Energy-efficient operation
  - Both for communication and computation, sensing, actuating
- Self-configuration
- Collaboration & in-network processing
  - Nodes in the network collaborate towards a joint goal
  - Preprocessing data in network (as opposed to at the edge) can greatly improve efficiency



# Mechanisms to Meet Requirements

## ➤ Data centric networking

- Focusing network design on *data*, not on *node identifiers* (id-centric networking)

## ➤ Locality

- Do things locally (on node or among nearby neighbors) as far as possible

## ➤ Exploit tradeoffs

- For example between invested energy and accuracy



# MANET vs. WSN

## ➤ *Applications, equipment:*

- MANETs more powerful equipment assumed, often “human in the loop”-type applications, higher data rates, more resources

## ➤ *Application-specific:*

- WSNs depend much stronger on application specifics

## ➤ *Scale:*

- WSN likely to be much larger

## ➤ *Energy:*

- WSN tighter requirements, maintenance issues

## ➤ *Dependability/QoS:*

- in WSN, individual node may be dispensable (network matters), QoS different because of different applications

## ➤ *Data centric vs. id-centric networking*

## ➤ *Mobility*



# Enabling technologies for WSN

## ➤ Cost reduction

- For wireless communication, simple microcontroller, sensing, batteries

## ➤ Miniaturization

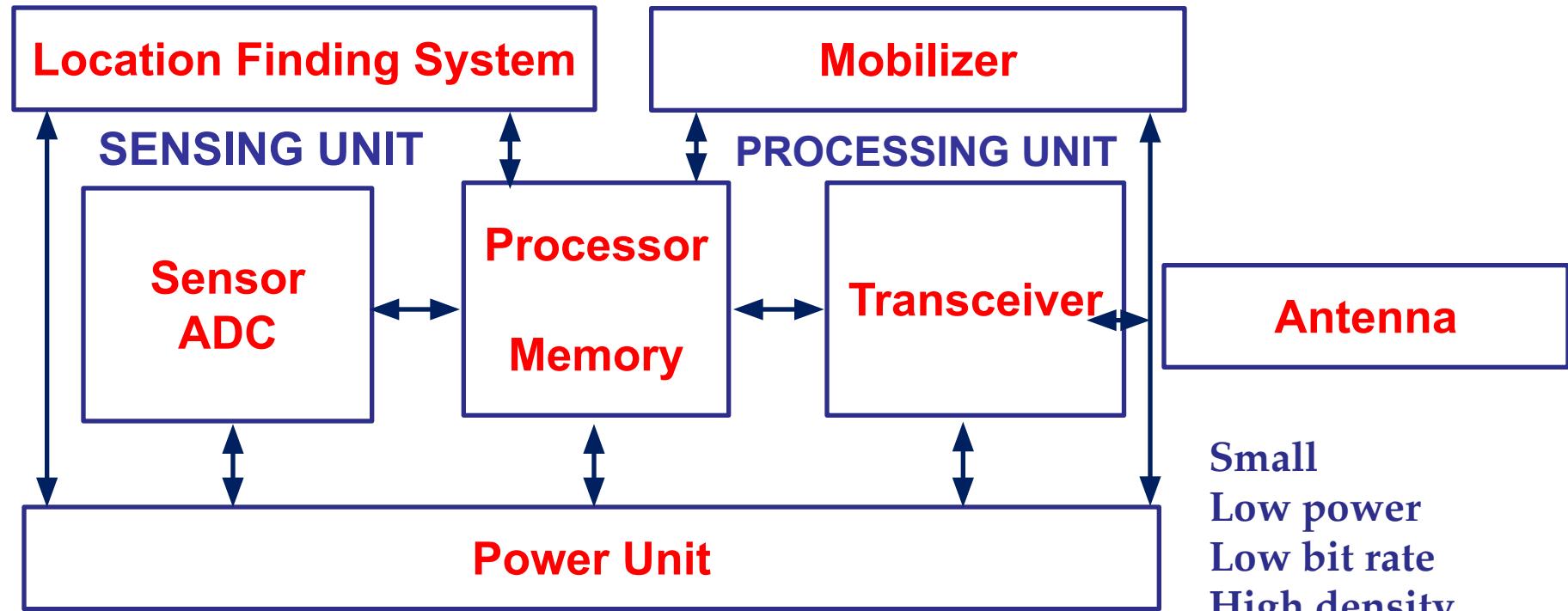
- Some applications demand small size
- “Smart dust” as the most extreme vision

## ➤ Energy scavenging

- Recharge batteries from ambient energy (light, vibration, ...)



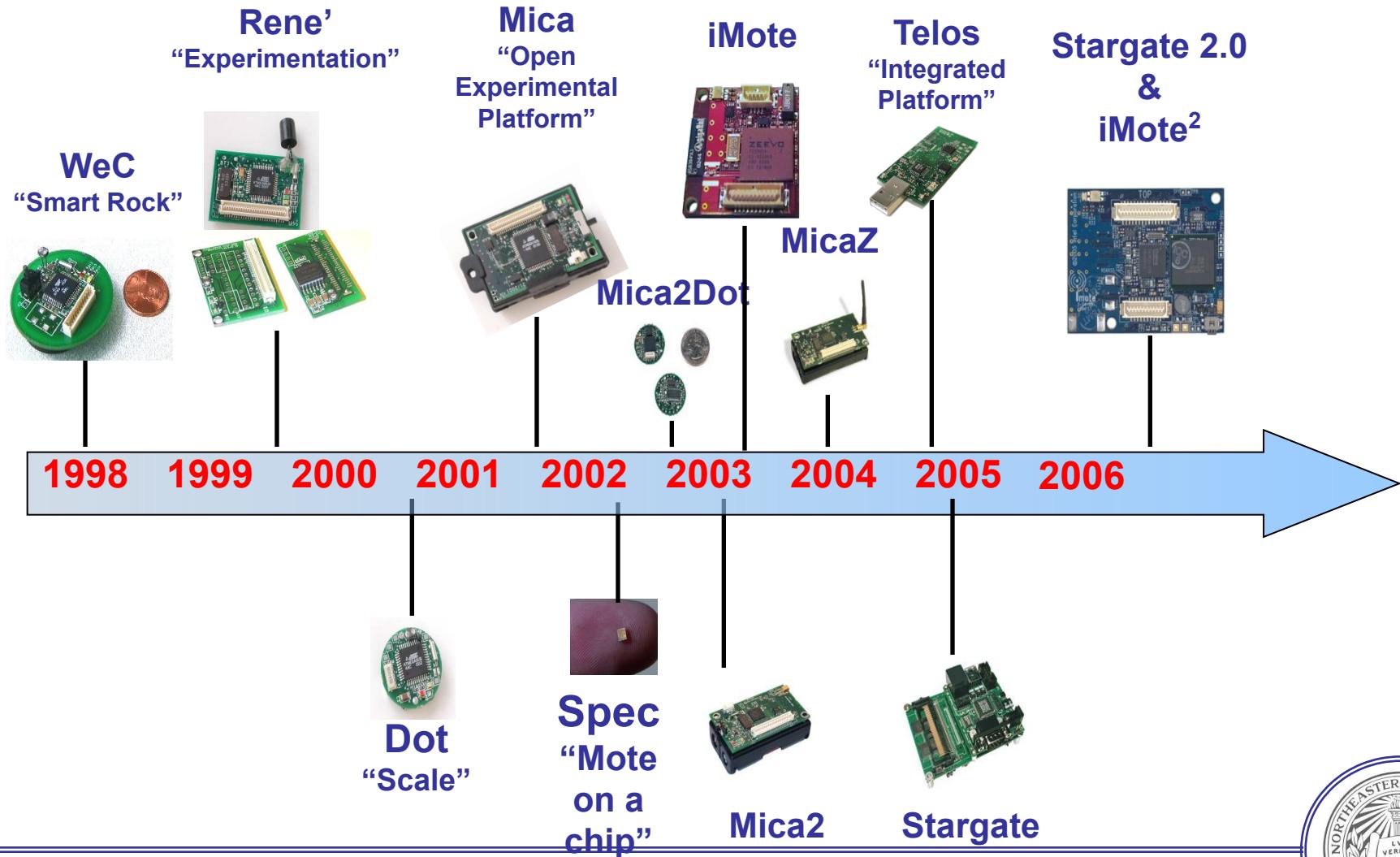
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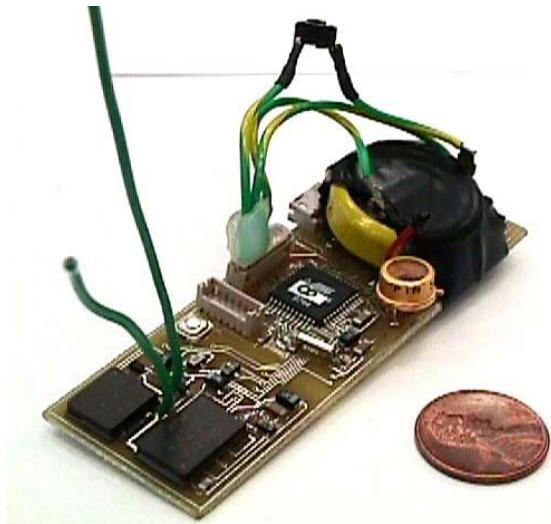
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Low cost (dispensable)  
Autonomous  
Adaptive



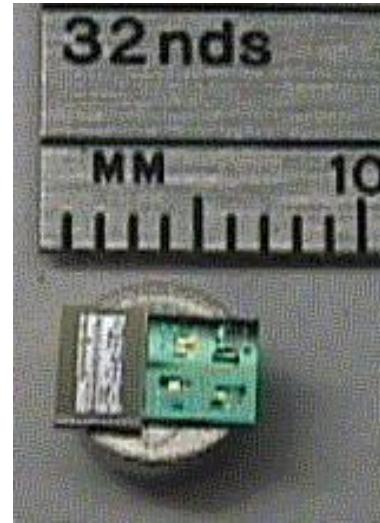
# Sensor Motes Timeline



# Examples of Sensor Devices



Dust



Smart Dust



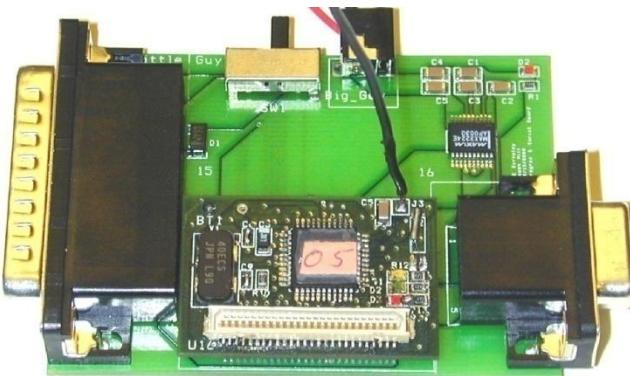
JPL Sensor



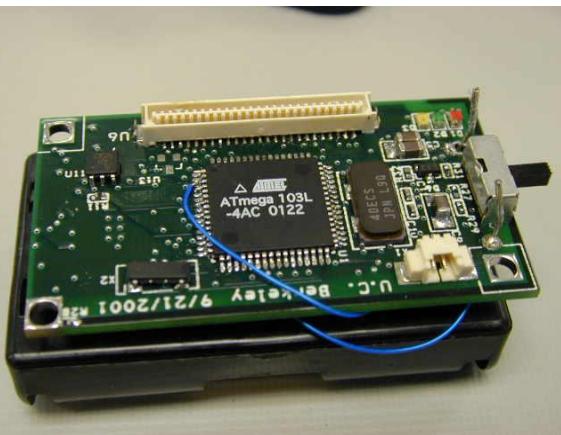
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# Examples of Sensor Devices

**Rene Mote**

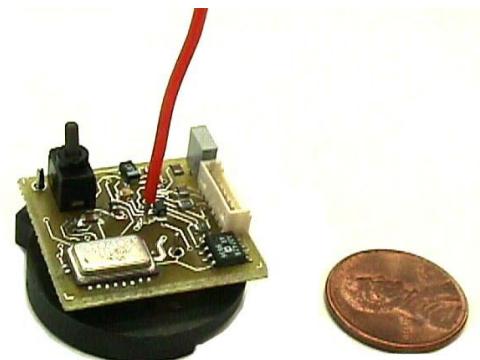


**Dot Mote**



**MICA Mote**

**weC Mote**



# Low-End

- Mica2DOT (2003)
  - 16Kb program memory
  - RFM TR1000 (CSMA/ASK)
  - Lightweight and small
- Mica2 & Cricket platform (2003)
  - 128Kb program memory
  - ChipconCC1000 (CSMA/FSK)
  - 40Khz Ultrasounders (Cricket only)
- MicaZ (2004) & Telos (2005)
  - 128Kb (MicaZ), 48Kb (Telos) program memory
  - 802.15.4/Zigbee stack
  - Spread Spectrum radio handles multipath better
  - Integrated antenna (Telos only)



# High-End

- Imote (2003) & Imote<sup>2</sup>
  - Higher processing power
  - Bluetooth (Imote, Imote<sup>2</sup>), 802.11 (Imote<sup>2</sup> only) capable
  
- Stargate (2005) & Stargate 2.0
  - Pentium class processor
  - Linux OS => easy development (C/C++)
  - More processing capabilities => energy intensive
  - 802.11 capable



# Sensor Node Features

Feature	Imote (2003)	Mica2 (2003)	MicaZ (2004)	Telos (2005)	Stargate (2005)	Imote <sup>2</sup>
Speed [MHz]	12	8	8	8	400	13-416*
Flash [kB] (Program)	512	128	128	48	32,000	32,000
Serial Flash [kB] (Measurement data)	N/A <sup>#</sup>	512	512	1024	N/A <sup>#</sup>	N/A <sup>#</sup>
SRAM / EEPROM / SDRAM <sup>†</sup> [kB] (Configuration)	64	4	4	10	64,000	256-32,000 <sup>◊</sup>

\*Multiple processor speed levels

#Imote, Stargate, and Imote<sup>2</sup> use a single Flash for program and measurement data

†Imote, Imote<sup>2</sup>, and Telos use SRAM; Mica2 and MicaZ use EEPROM; Stargate uses SDRAM

◊Imote<sup>2</sup> will have different versions, SRAM changes accordingly



# Sensor Node Features

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Radio Frequency	2.4 GHz	300-900MHz	2.4 GHz	2.4 GHz	2.4 GHz
DataRate [kb/s]	720	15	250	250	250 (720 <sup>Δ</sup> /11,000 <sup>◦</sup> )
Power CarrierSense/Rx./Tx. [mA]	15 / 24 / 24	8 / 10 / 27	8 / 20 / 18	1 / 20 / 18	40/20/18
PowerSleep [mA]	1-250 @	19	27	6	1-100 @
Radio Range	32 ft (10 m)	500 ft (150m)	300 ft (100m)	400 ft (125m)	Under dev.
Power source	AA Battery	2xAA	2xAA	2xAA	Under dev.

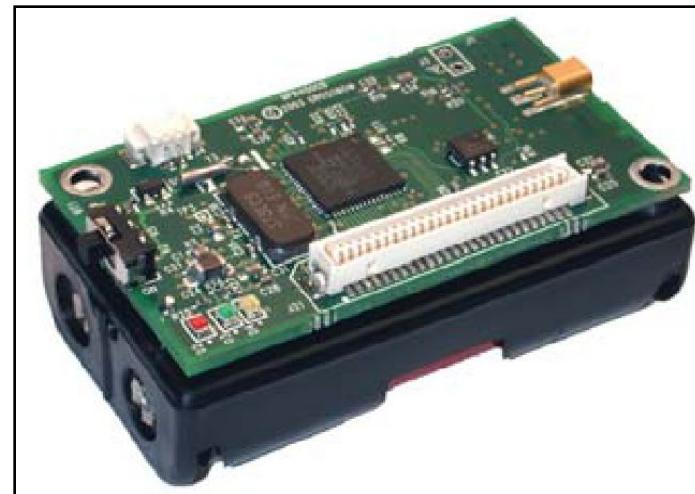
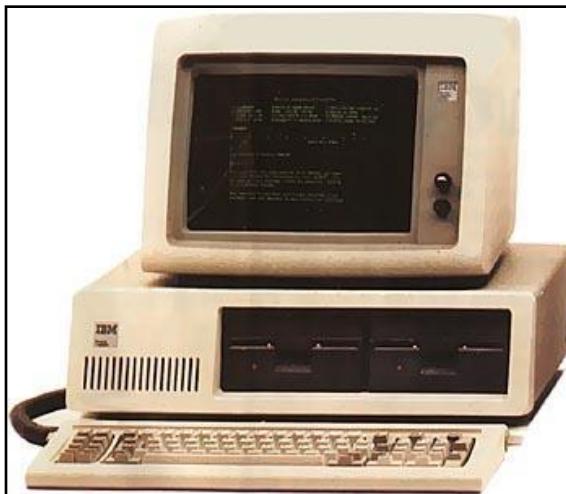
- Δ With external Bluetooth adapter
- With external WLAN adapter
- @ Different sleep levels

Stargate communication and power properties depend on the connected module (Mica2,MicaZsensors or WLAN)

Stargate powered by 5-6V DC or A/C adaptor



# MicaZ Motes



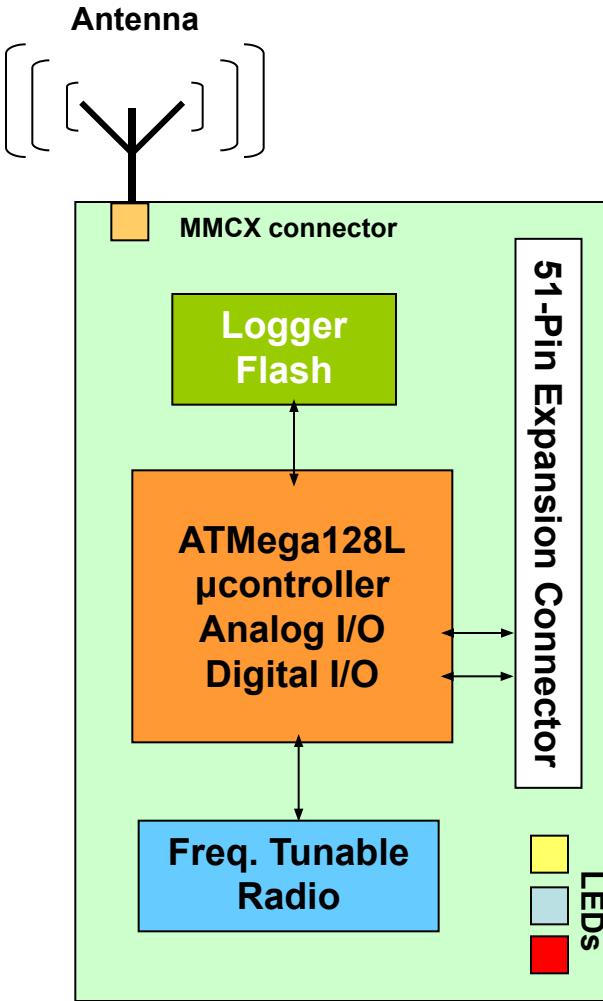
<i>Original IBM PC (1981)</i>	<i>MICAZ Mote (2005)</i>
4.77 MHz	8 MHz
16-256 KB RAM	128 KB RAM
160 KB Floppies	512 KB Flash
~ \$6K (today)	~ \$35
~ 64 W	~14 mW
25 lb, 19.5 x 5.5 x 16 inch	0.5 oz, 2.25 x 1.25 x 0.25 inch



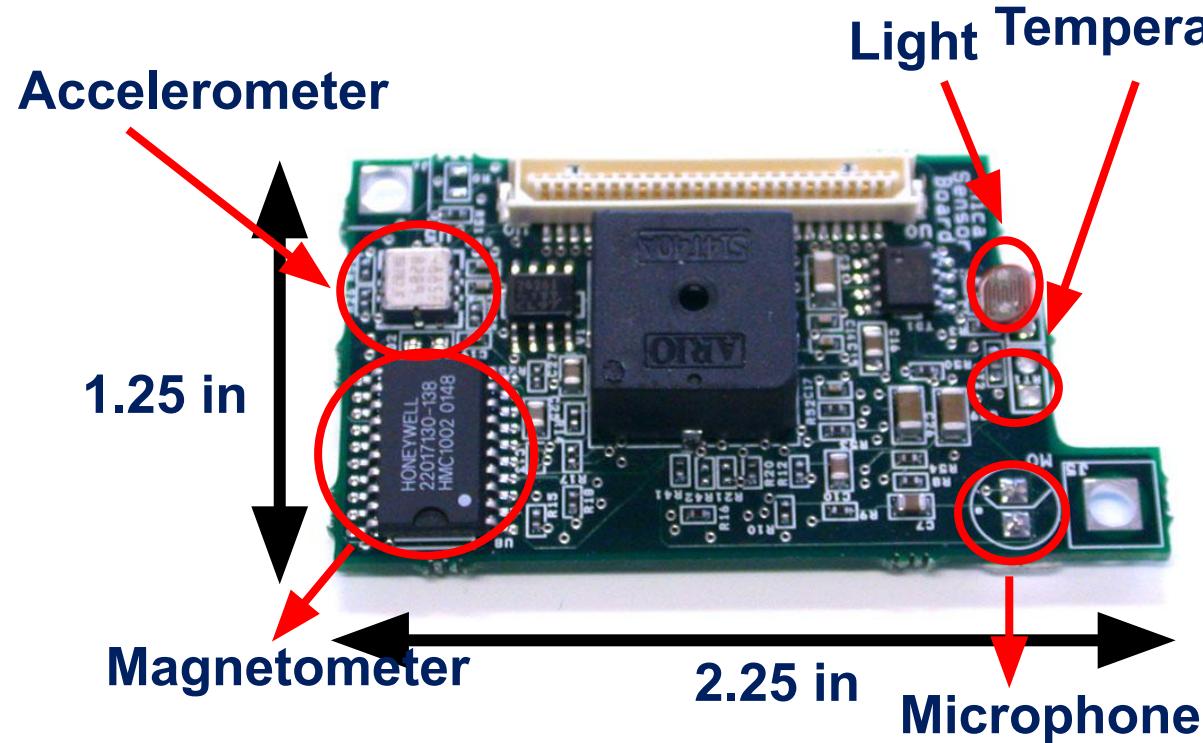
# MICAZ Platform

Now FCC/ARIB certified

- **Microprocessor:** Atmel ATmega128L
  - 7.3728 MHz clock
  - 128 kB of Flash for program memory
  - 4 kB of SRAM for data and variables
  - 2 UARTs (Universal Asynchronous Receive and Transmit)
  - Serial Port Interface (SPI) bus
  - Dedicated hardware I2C bus
- **Radio:** Chipcon's CC2420 (IEEE 802.15.4)
  - 250 kbit/s
- **External serial flash memory:** 512 Kb
  - xbow estimates > 100000 samples
- **51-pin expansion connector**
  - Eight 10-bit analog I/O
  - 21 general purpose digital I/O
- **User interface:** 3 programmable LEDs
- **JTAG port**
- **Powered by two AA batteries**
  - 1850 mAh capacity



# Mica Sensor Board

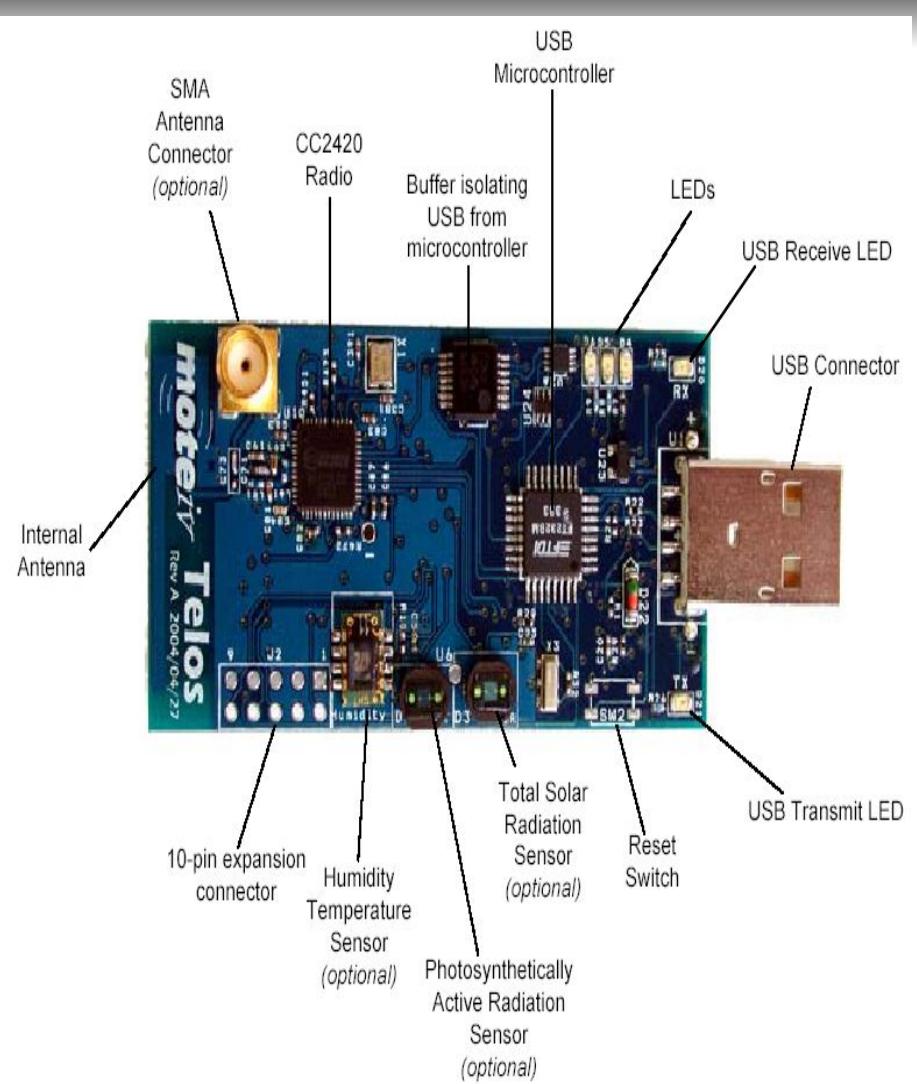


- Light (Photo)
- Temperature
- Acceleration
  - 2 axis
  - Resolution:  $\pm 2\text{mg}$
- Magnetometer
  - Resolution:  $134\mu\text{G}$
- Microphone
- Tone Detector
- Sounder
  - 4.5kHz



# Telos Platform

- Robust
  - USB interface
  - Integrated antenna (30m-125m)
  - External antenna capability (~500m)
- High Performance
  - 10kB RAM, 48 KB ROM
  - 12-bit ADC and DAC (200ksamples/sec)
  - Hardware link-layer encryption

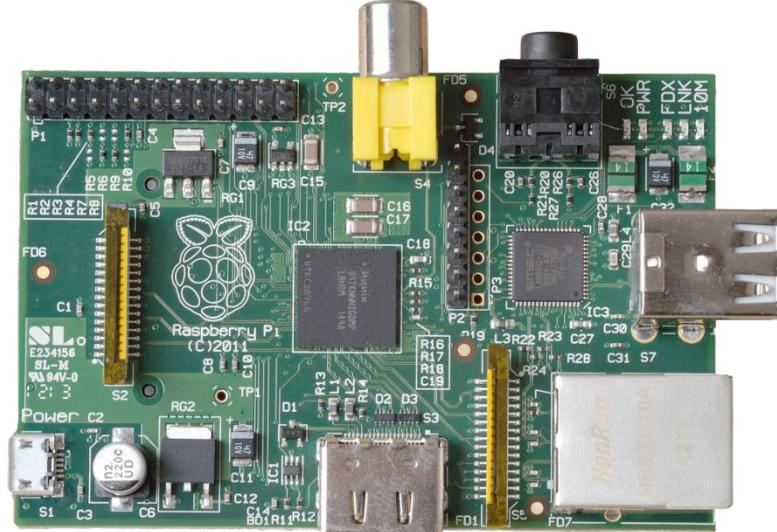
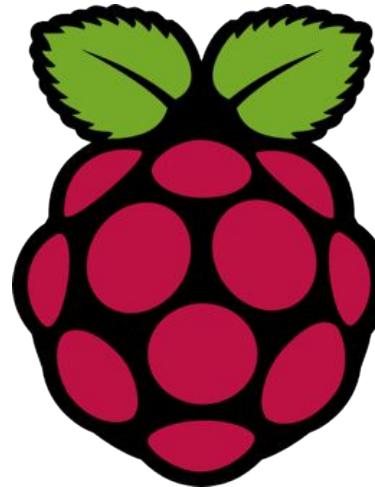


- **Single board philosophy**
  - Robustness, Ease of use, Lower Cost
  - Integrated Humidity & Temperature sensor
- **First platform to use 802.15.4**
  - CC2420 radio, 2.4 GHz, 250 kbps
- **Motorola HCS08 processor**
  - Lower power consumption, 1.8V operation, faster wakeup time
  - 40 MHz CPU clock, 10K RAM; 48K Flash
  - 50m indoor; 125m outdoor ranges



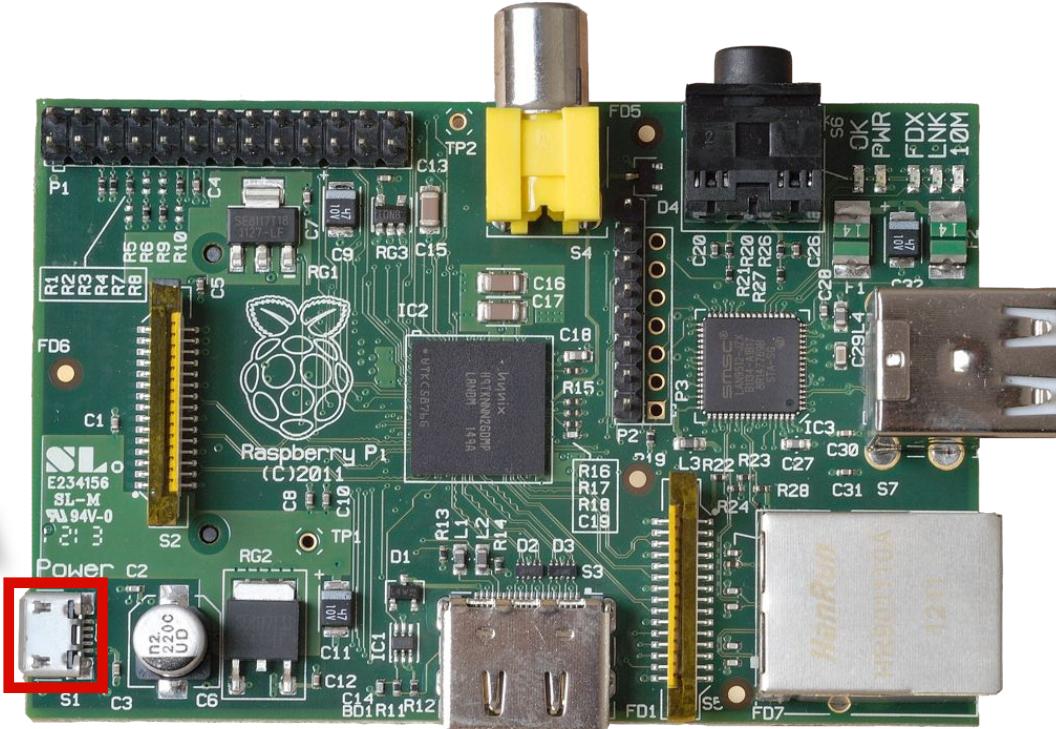
# Raspberry PI

- A credit card sized PC
- Plugs into a TV or monitor
- Inexpensive(ish) ~\$35
- Capability:
  - Programming
  - Electronic Projects
  - Office
  - Play HD Videos



# Power

5v micro  
USB connector

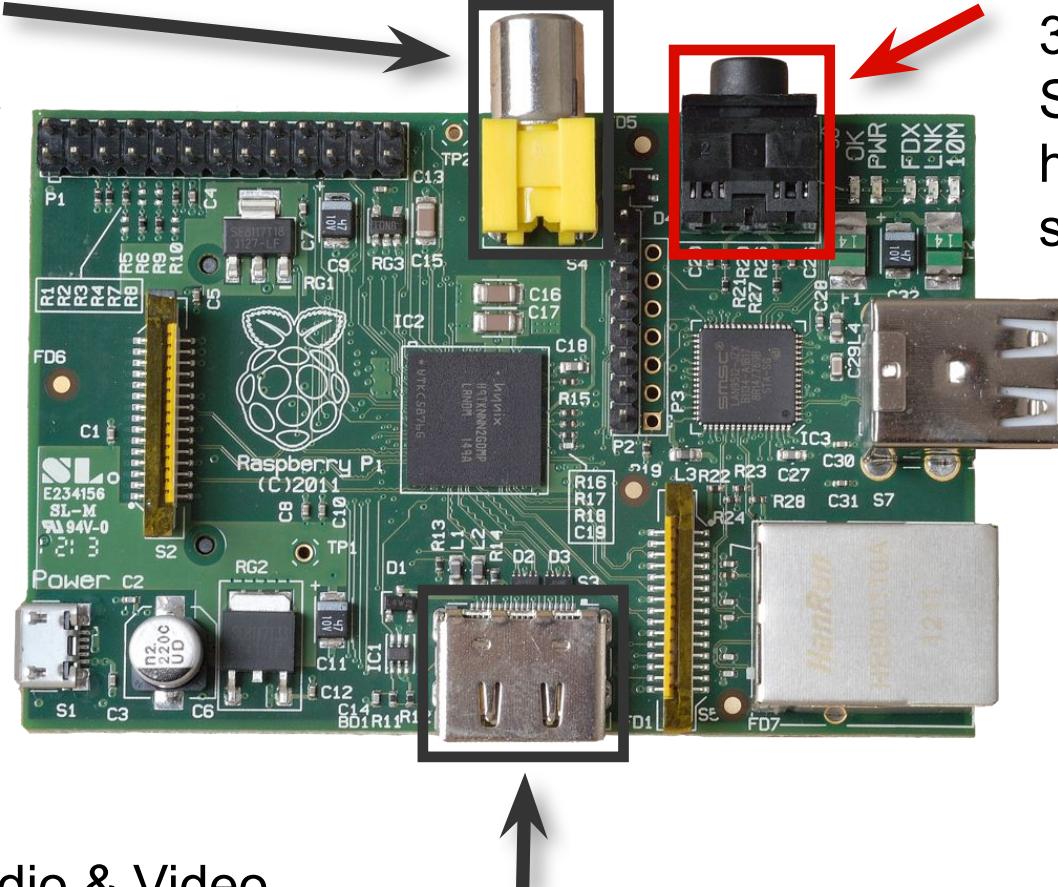


(Similar to the one on a lot of mobile phones!)



# A/V (Audio/Video)

RCA Video  
(works with most  
older TVs)



HDMI Audio & Video  
(works with modern TVs and DVI monitors)

3.5mm Audio  
Standard  
headphone  
socket



# Connectivity

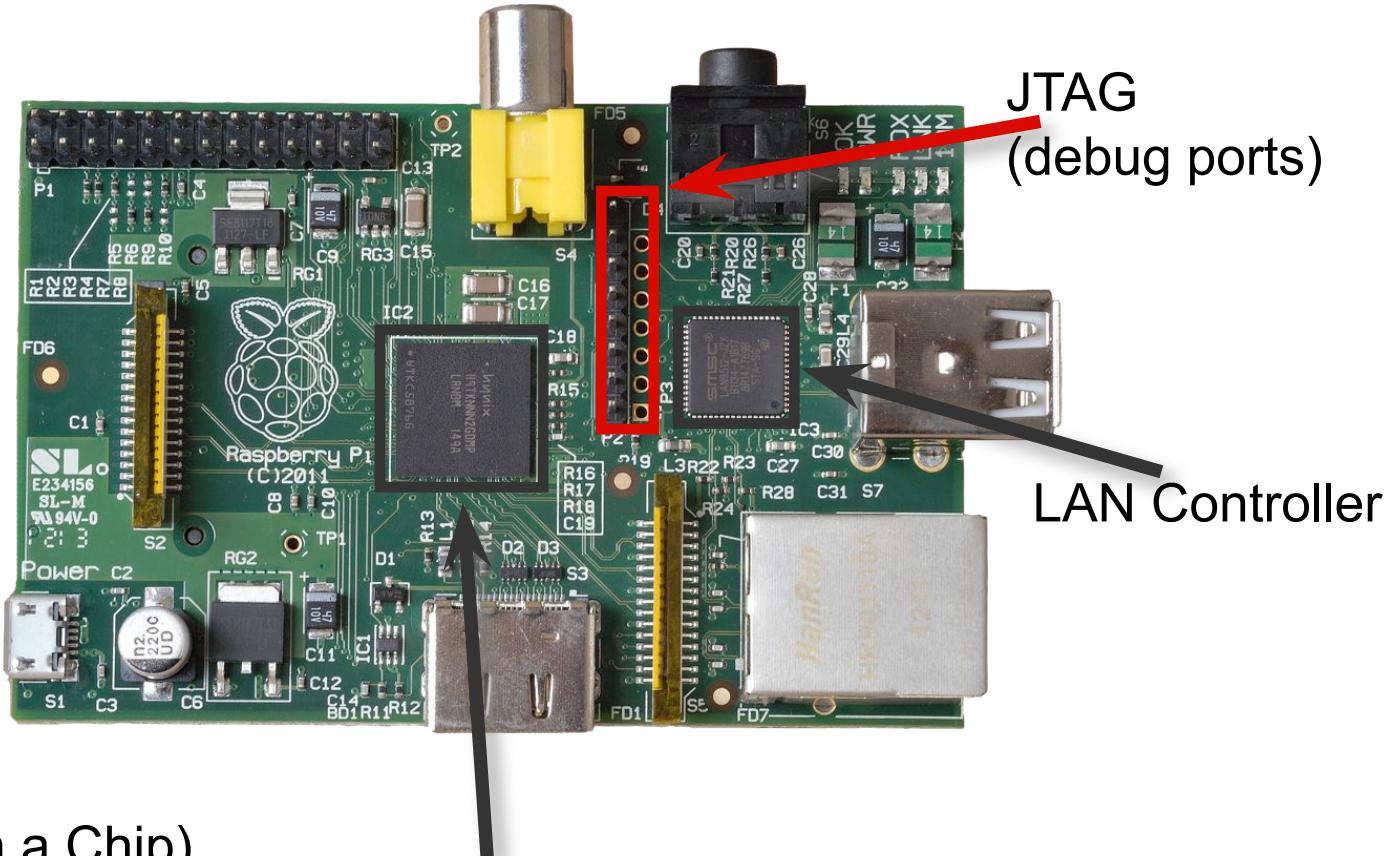
GPIO  
(General  
Purpose  
Input &  
Output)



2 x USB 2.0  
ports

10/100Mb  
Ethernet

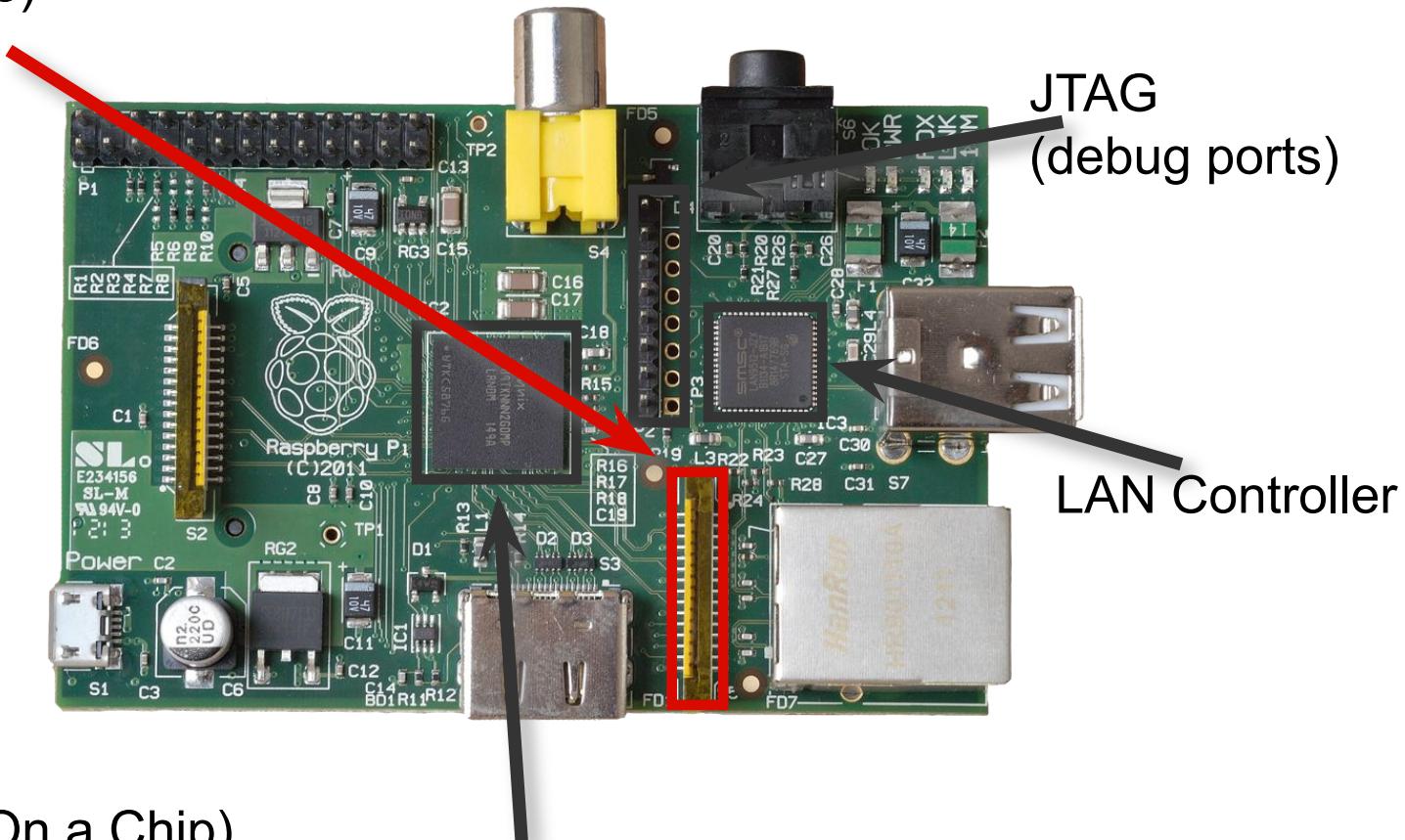
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SOC (System On a Chip)  
Broadcom BCM2835 700Mhz & 256Mb / 512Mb RAM

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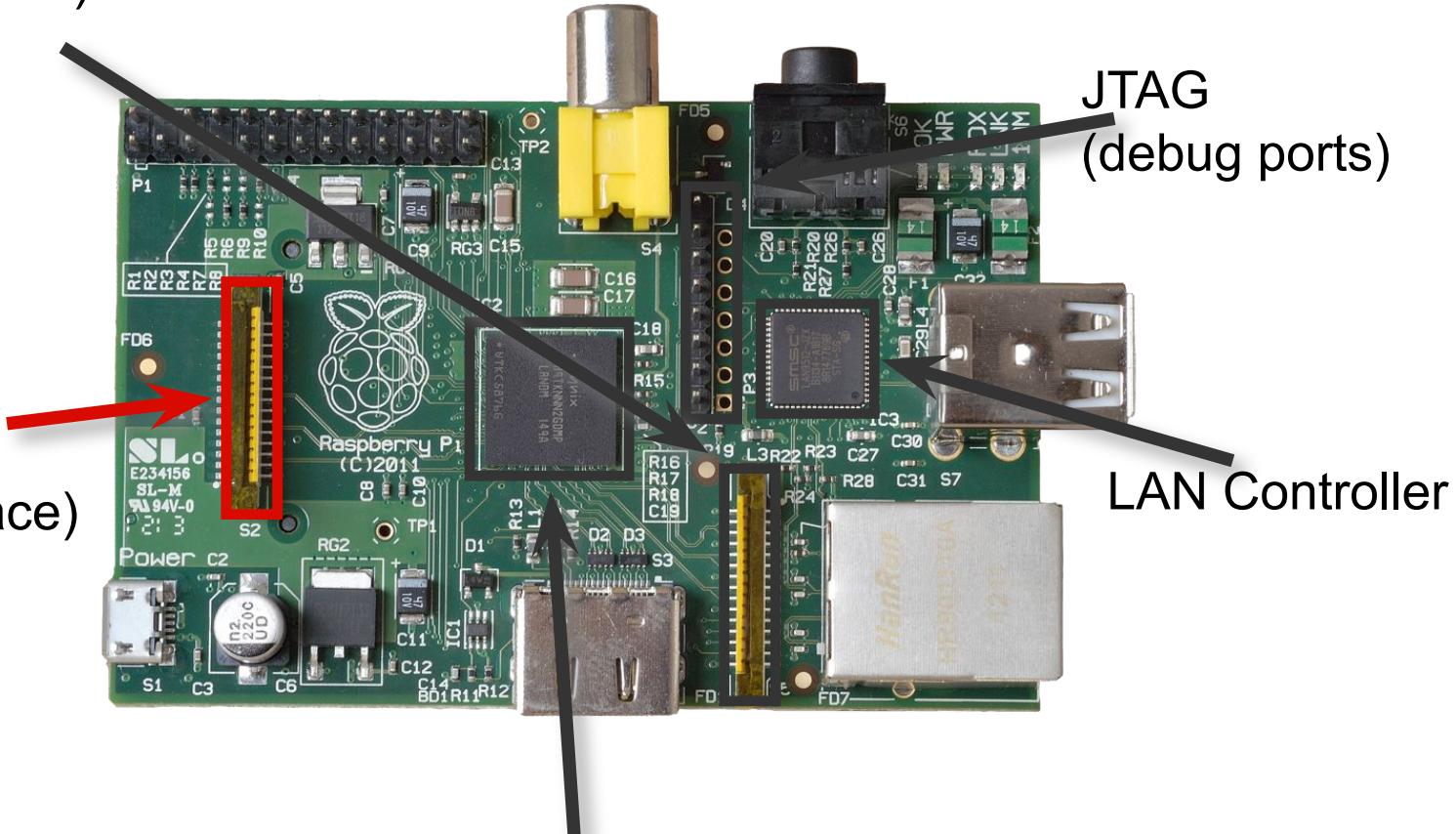
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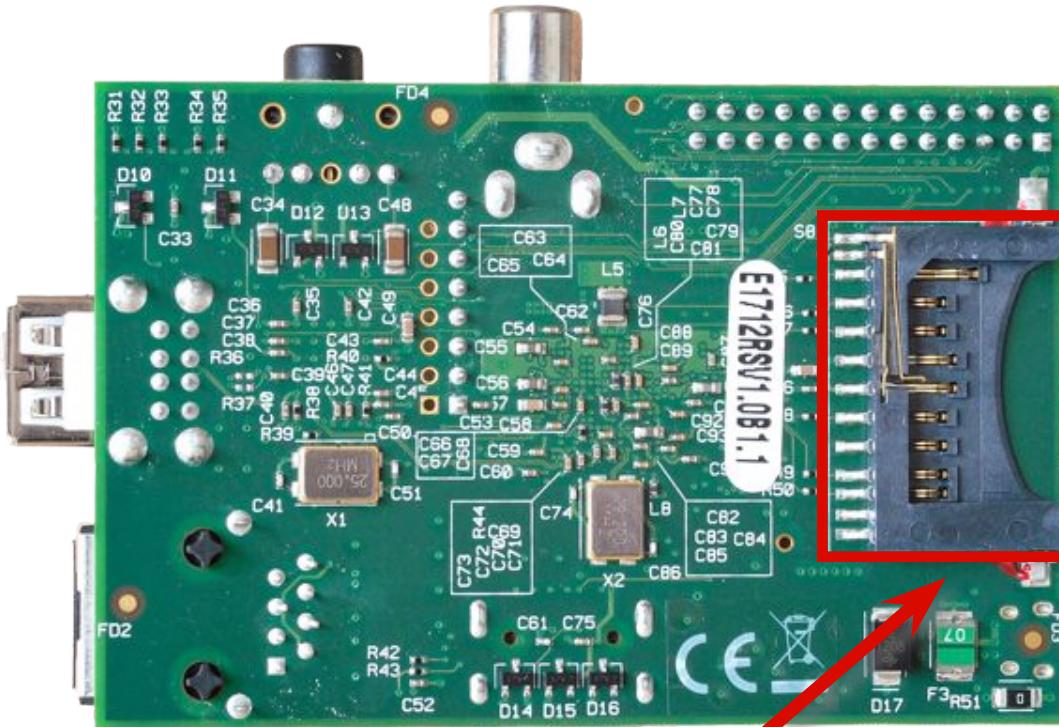
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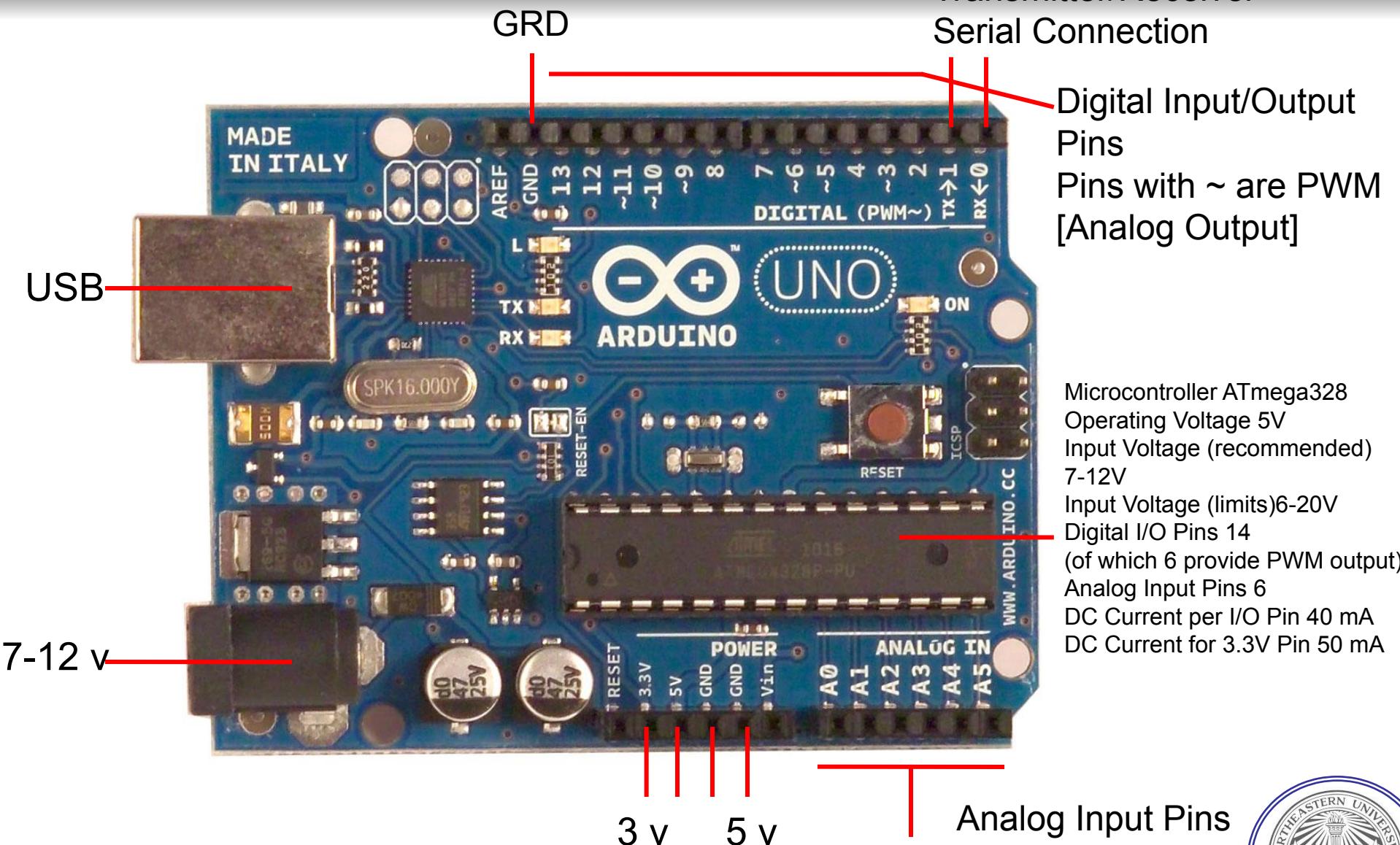
# Storage



SD Card Slot  
(supports SD cards up to 32GB)



# Arduino UNO

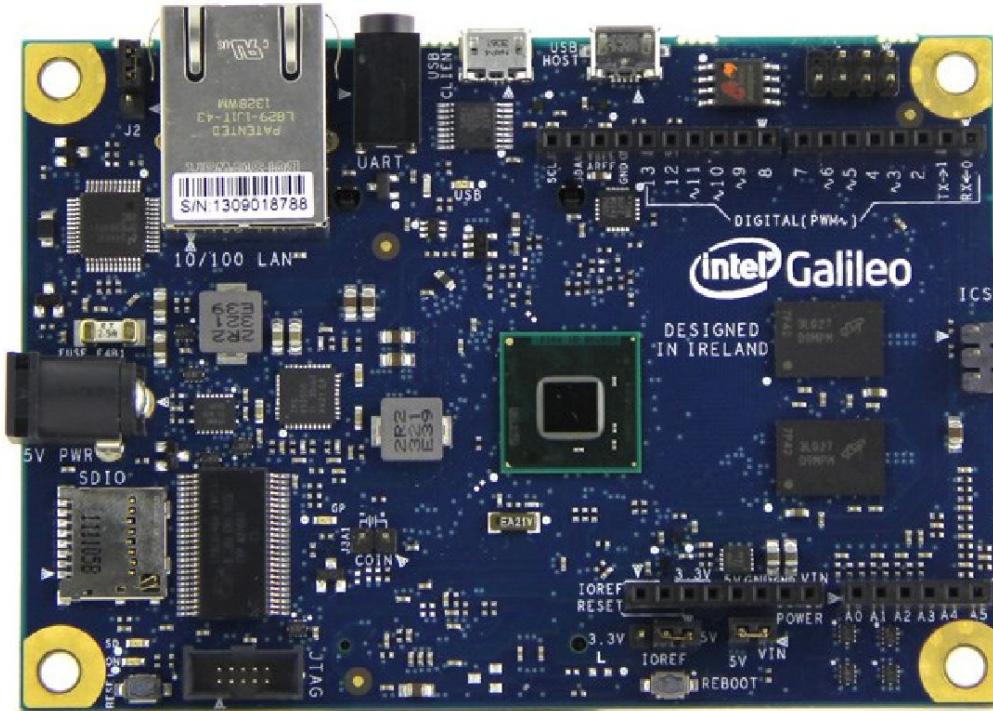


Microcontroller ATmega328  
Operating Voltage 5V  
Input Voltage (recommended) 7-12V  
Input Voltage (limits) 6-20V  
Digital I/O Pins 14  
(of which 6 provide PWM output)  
Analog Input Pins 6  
DC Current per I/O Pin 40 mA  
DC Current for 3.3V Pin 50 mA



# Intel Galileo

- An Arduino Board with an Intel Processor Inside
- Intel Quark Processor (SoC)
- 32 bit Core clocked at 400MHz



# Intel Edison

- SD-Card Size Platform with Quark Processor



# Applications of WSNs



# WSNs for Military Applications

- **Command, Control, Communications, Computing, Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance, Targeting (C4ISRT)**
  - Monitoring friendly forces, equipment and ammunition
  - Battlefield surveillance
  - Reconnaissance of opposing forces and terrain
  - Targeting
  - Battle damage assessment
  - Nuclear, Biological and Chemical (NBC) attack detection and reconnaissance



# Further Military Applications

- Intrusion detection (mine fields)
- Detection of firing gun (small arms) location
- Chemical (biological) attack detection
- Targeting and target tracking systems
- Enhanced navigation systems
- Battle damage assessment system
- Enhanced logistics systems



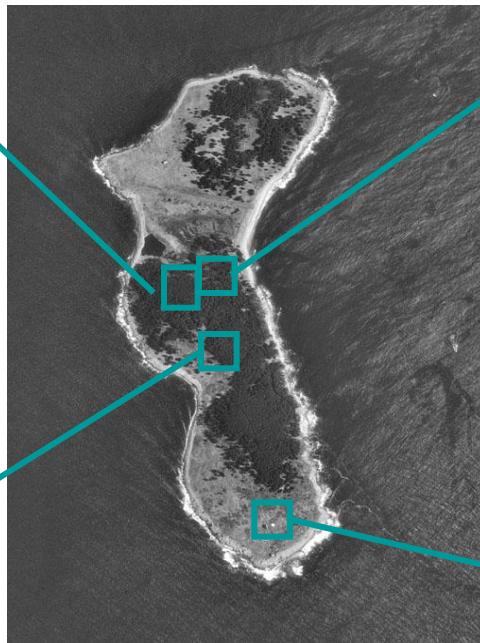
# WSNs for Environmental Applications

- Tracking the movements of birds, small animals, and insects
- Monitoring environmental conditions that affect crops and livestock
- Irrigation
- Earth monitoring and planetary exploration
- Chemical/biological detection
- Biological, Earth, and environmental monitoring in marine, soil, and atmospheric contexts
- Meteorological or geophysical research
- Pollution study
- Precision agriculture
- Biocomplexity mapping of the environment
- Flood detection, and forest fire detection



# Great Duck Island

<http://www.greatduckisland.net> Great Duck Island in Maine  
Beaming back raw data about conditions of burrows and island's microclimate



# Forest Fire Detection: Firebug

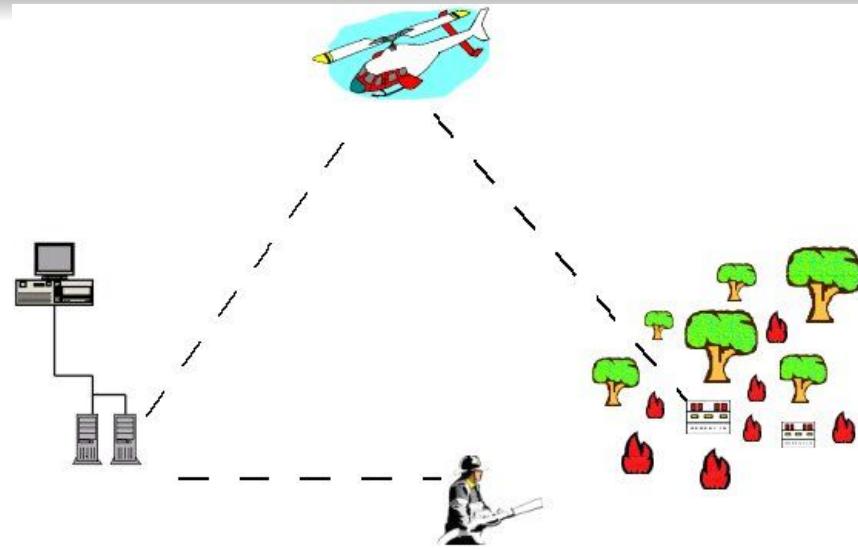
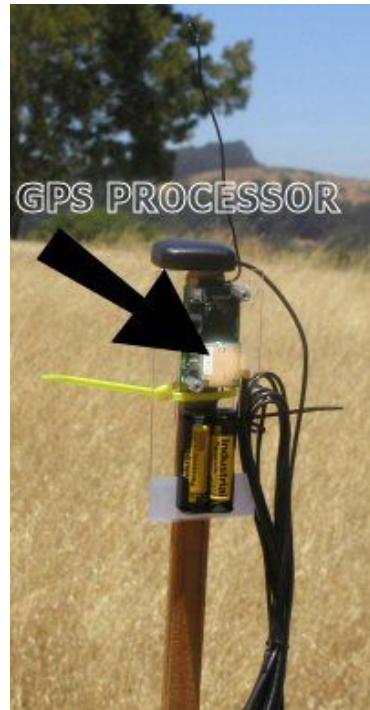
<http://firebug.sourceforge.net/>

- Design and Construction of a Wildfire Instrumentation System using Networked Sensors
- Network of GPS-enabled, wireless thermal sensors
- FireBug network self-organizes into edge-hub configurations
- Hub motes act as base stations



# Firebug

- Firebug - mote/fireboard pair
- Mote - Crossbow MICA board
- Fireboard - Crossbow MTS420CA
  - Temperature and humidity sensor
  - Barometric pressure sensor
  - GPS unit
  - Accelerometer
  - Light Intensity Sensor



# Observation and Forecasting System: Columbia River



# WSNs for Health Applications

- Providing interfaces for the disabled
- Integrated patient monitoring
- Diagnostics
- Telemonitoring of human physiological data
- Tracking and monitoring doctors and patients inside a hospital, and drug administration in hospitals



# CodeBlue: WSNs for Medical Care

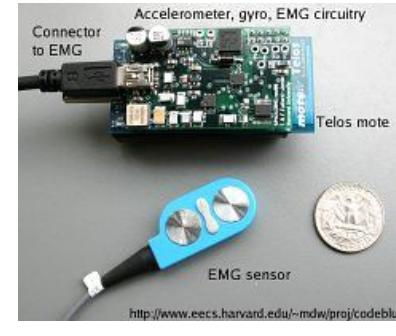
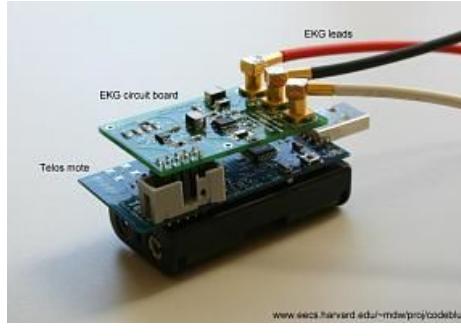
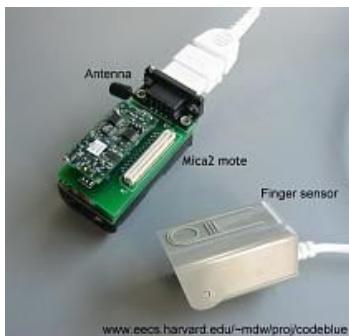
<http://www.eecs.harvard.edu/~mdw/proj/codeblue>

- NSF, NIH, U.S. Army, Sun Microsystems and Microsoft Corporation
- Motivation - Vital sign data poorly integrated with pre-hospital and hospital-based patient care records



# CodeBlue: WSNs for Medical Care

- Small wearable sensors
- Wireless pulse oximeter / 2-lead EKG
- Based on the Mica2, MicaZ, and Telos sensor node platforms
- Custom sensor board with pulse oximeter or EKG circuitry
- Pluto mote
  - scaled-down version of the Telos
  - rechargeable Li-ion battery
  - small USB connector
  - 3-axis accelerometer



# CodeBlue: WSNs for Medical Care

- *CodeBlue* - scalable software infrastructure for wireless medical devices
  - Routing, Naming, Discovery, and Security
  - MoteTrack - tracking the location of individual patient devices indoors and outdoors
- Heart rate (HR), oxygen saturation (SpO<sub>2</sub>), EKG data monitored
- Relayed over a short-range (100m)
- Receiving devices - PDAs, laptops, or ambulance-based terminals
- Data can be displayed in real time and integrated into the developing pre-hospital patient care record
- Can be programmed to process the vital sign data (and provide alerts)



<http://www.eecs.harvard.edu/~mdw/proj/codeblue>



# Further Applications

- Monitoring product quality
- Factory floor automation
- Constructing smart homes
- Constructing office spaces
- Interactive toys
- Monitor disaster areas
- Smart spaces
- Machine diagnosis
- Interactive museums
- Managing inventory control
- Environmental control in office buildings

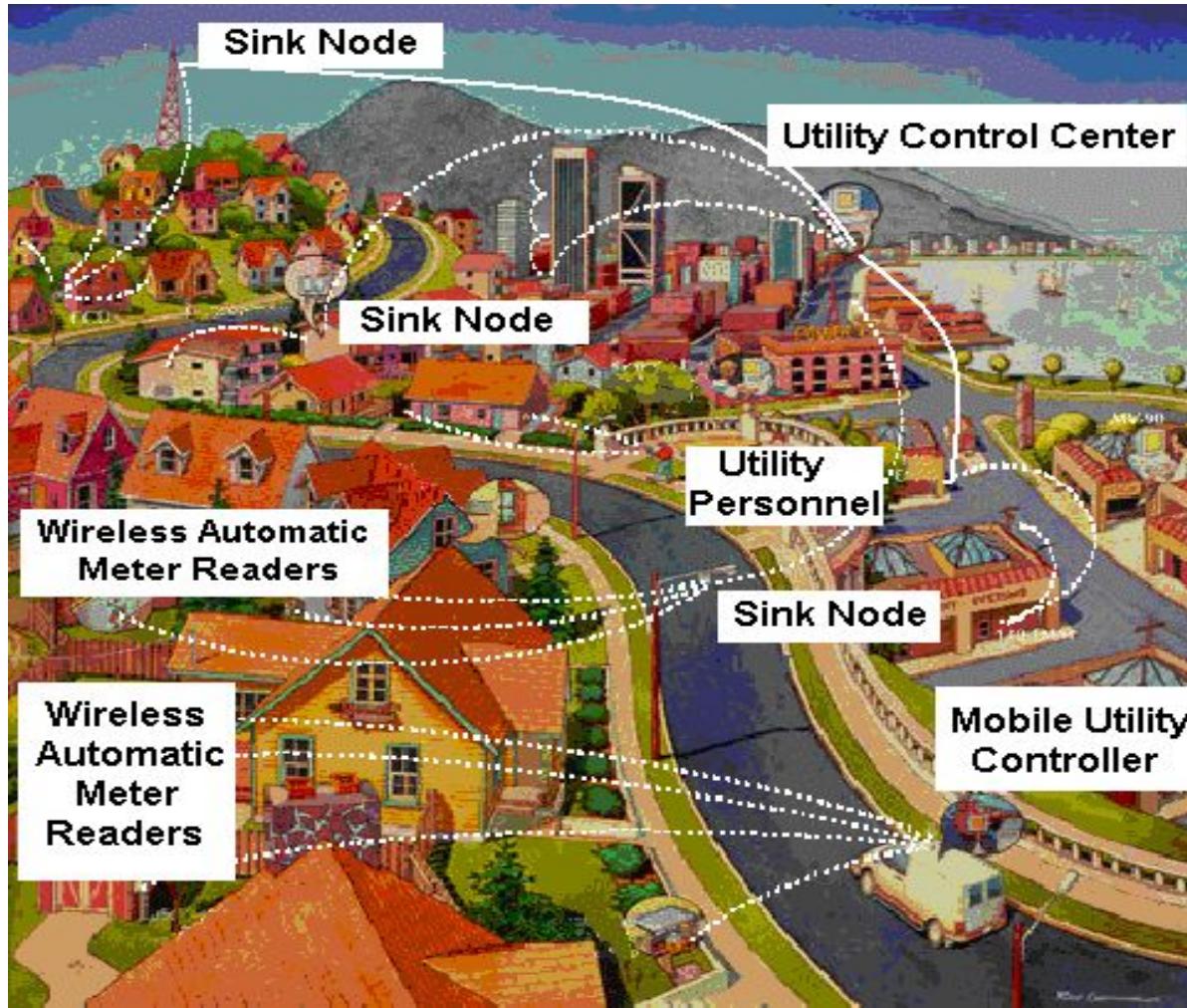


# Smart Roads

- Traffic monitoring, accident detection, recovery assistance
- Finding out empty parking lots in a city, without asking a server (car-to-car communication)
- Detecting, and monitoring car thefts
- Vehicle tracking and detection



# Wireless Automatic Meter Reading (WAMR)

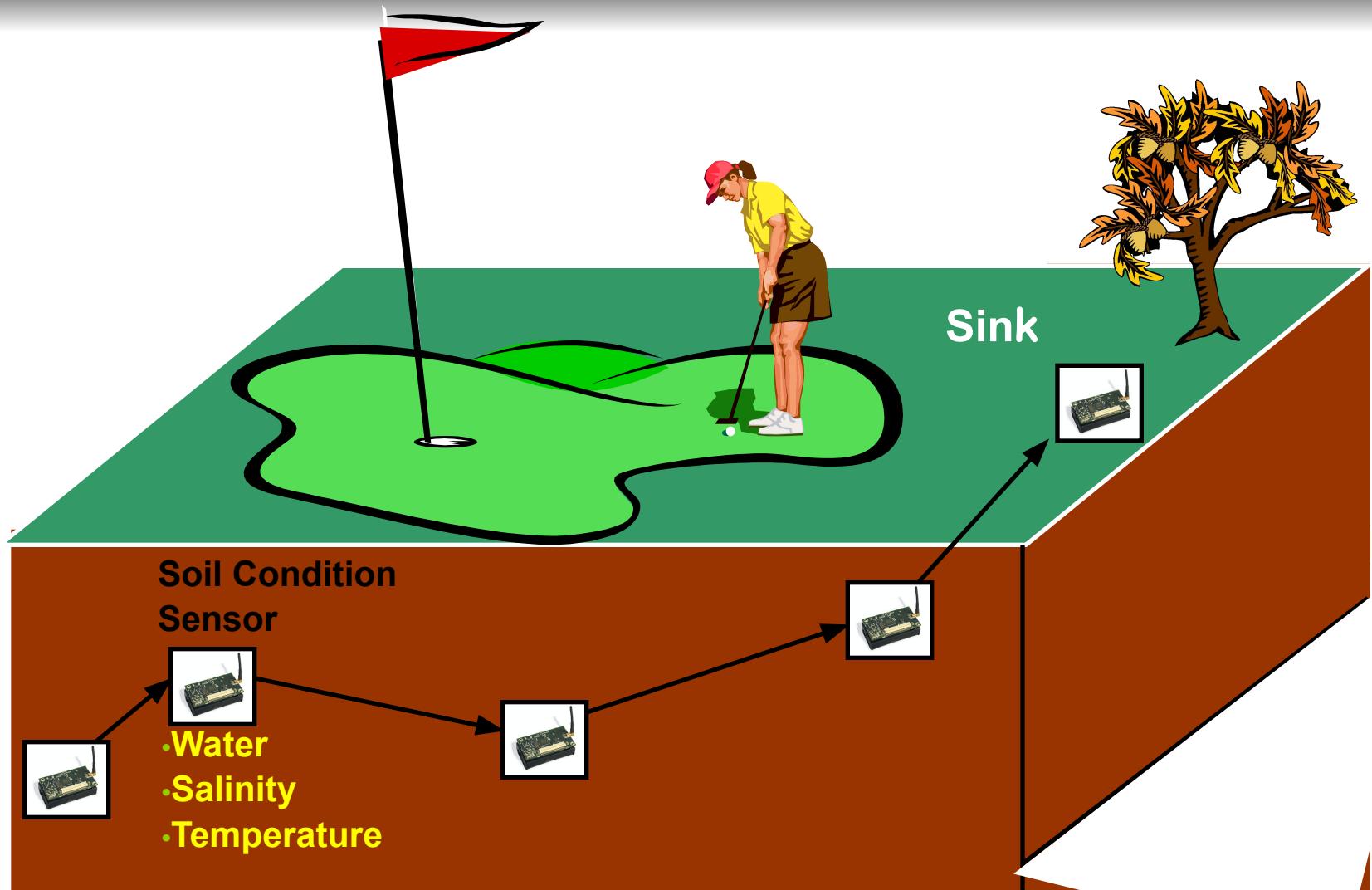


# More Applications

- Facility Management
  - Intrusion detection into industrial sites
  - Control of leakages in chemical plants, ...
- Machine surveillance and preventive maintenance
  - Embed sensing/control functions into places no cable has gone before
  - E.g., tire pressure monitoring



# Underground Wireless Sensor Networks



I.F. Akyildiz and Erich Stuntebeck, "Wireless Underground Wireless Sensor Networks: Research Challenges", Ad Hoc Networks (Elsevier) Journal, Nov 2006

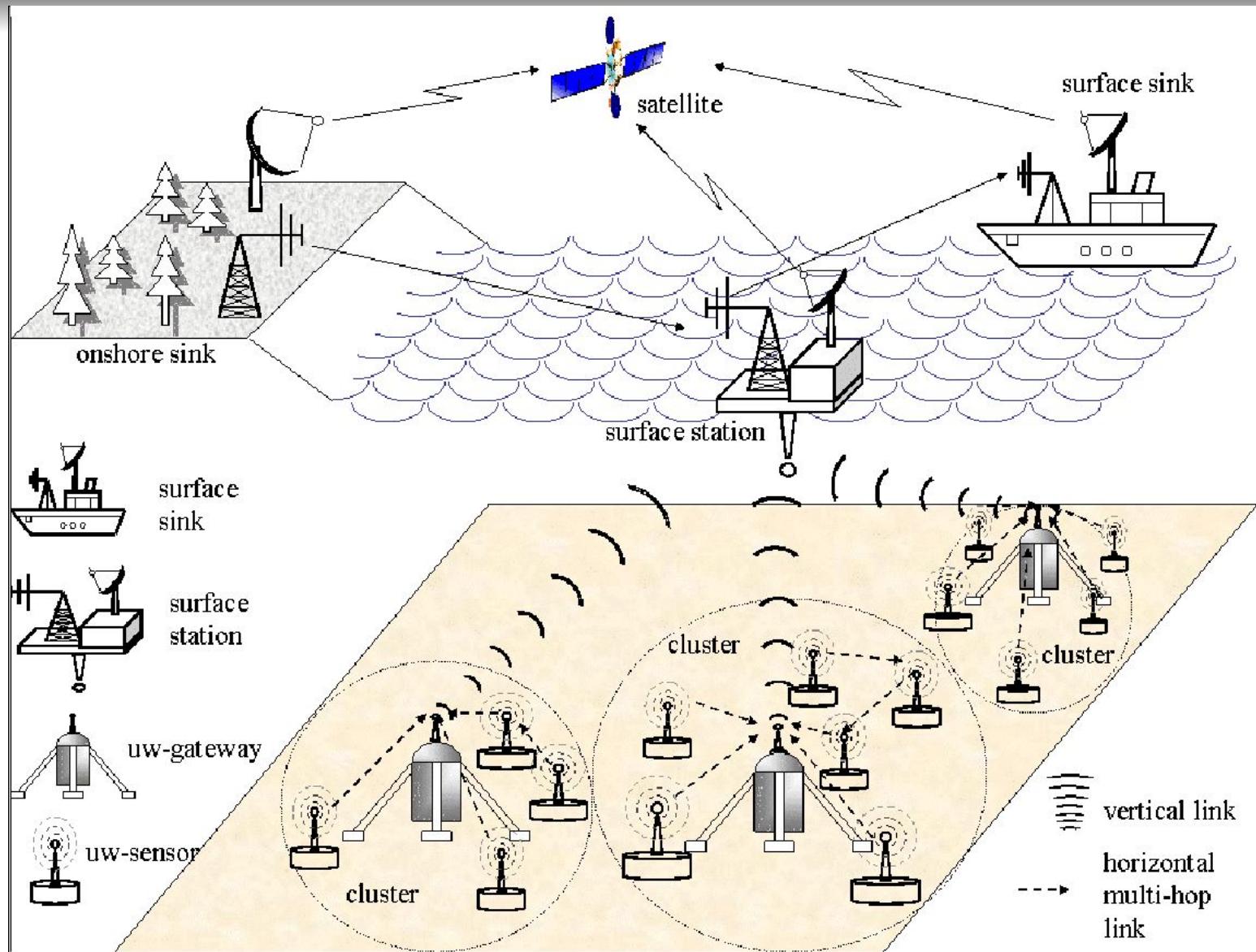


# UGSN Applications

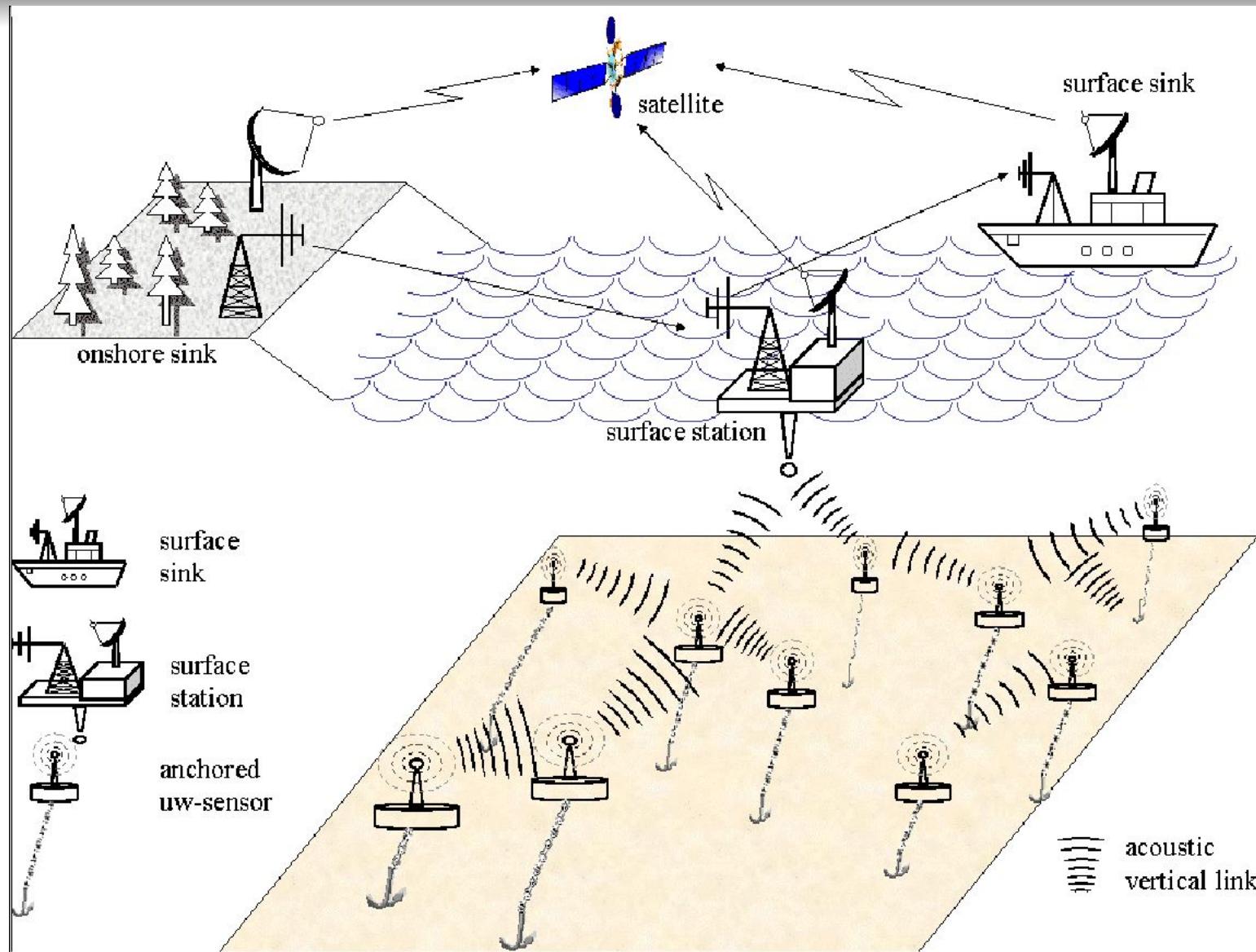
- Soil condition monitoring for agriculture, landscaping, and sports field maintenance
- Toxic substance monitoring near wells and aquifers
- Earthquake and landslide prediction and monitoring
- Security – underground pressure sensors can be used to detect intruders
- Coal Mines, Diamond Mining
- Golf Courts
- Locating people in a collapsed building
- Monitoring structural health (sensors within beams)



# Underwater Sensor Networks



# Three-dimensional Architecture



# Buoys (Surface Stations / Sinks)



Point measurements in upper water column 10 and 25 mi off Moss Landing  
<http://www.mbari.org/aosn/>

Drift buoy: Path followed by surface currents.  
<http://www.mbari.org/aosn/>

DART (Deep-ocean Assessment and reporting of Tsunamis)  
<http://nctr.pmel.noaa.gov/>



# Ocean Sampling Sensors



**Spread Spectrum Modem**  
<http://www.dspcomm.com/>

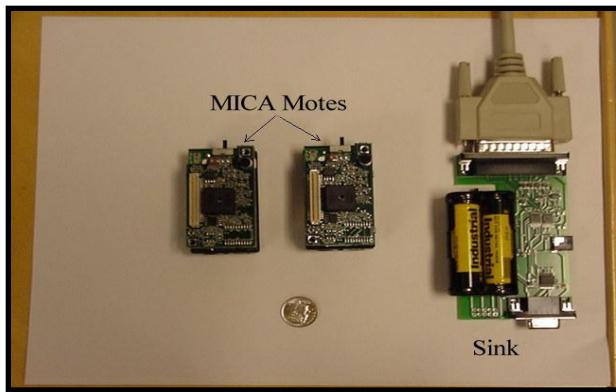
**Precision Marine Geodetic Systems**  
<http://www.link-quest.com/>

**Acoustic Transponders**  
<http://www.link-quest.com/>



# Terrestrial vs. Underwater Sensors

<u>Terrestrial Wireless Sensor</u>	<u>Mica Mote MPR300CB</u>	<u>Underwater Acoustic Modem</u>	<u>Short-range</u>	<u>Medium-range</u>
Speed	4 MHz	Acoustic Frequency	27- 45 kHz	54-89 kHz
Flash	128K bytes			
Radio Frequency	916MHz or 433MHz (ISM Bands)	Data Rate	7 kbps	14 kbps
Data Rate	40 kbps (max)	Transmit Power	1 W	6 W
Transmit Power	0.75 mW	Receive Power	0.75 W	1 W
Radio Range	100 feet	Sleep Power	8 mW	12 mW
Power	2 x AA batteries	Radio Range	1000 feet	3000 feet

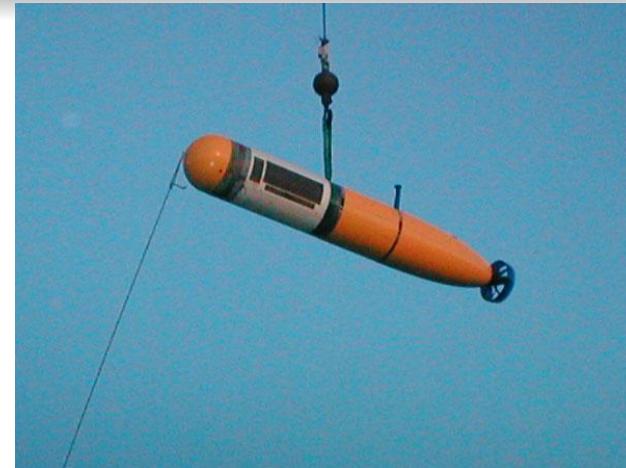


# Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (AUVs)



**Caribou**, by Bluefin Robotics Corporation, is equipped with state-of-the-art sensors (side-scan sonar and sub-bottom profiler), and can collect high-quality data for:

- archaeological remote sensing
- multi-static acoustic modeling
- fisheries resource studies
- development of concurrent mapping and localization techniques



Different sensors are integrated in the Bluefin AUV:

- Doppler Velocity Logs
- Acoustic Doppler Current Profilers
- Conductivity and Temperature
- Fluorometer
- Li-Cor PAR sensor
- Inertial Navigation Systems
- Attitude Heading Reference
- Marine Global Positioning Systems
- Depth Gauges

# UWSN Applications

- Ocean Sampling Networks
  - Networks of sensors and Acoustic Underwater Vehicles (AUV) for **cooperative adaptive sampling** of the ocean environment
- Pollution Monitoring and other environmental monitoring (chemical, biological)
  - Monitoring of ocean currents and winds, detecting **climate change**, understanding **human activities** on marine ecosystems
- Disaster Prevention
  - Sensor networks that **measure seismic activity** from remote locations and provide **tsunami warnings** to coastal areas
- Assisted Navigation
  - Sensors can be used to **locate dangerous rocks** or shoals in shallow waters, mooring positions, submerged wrecks
- Distributed Tactical Surveillance
  - AUVs and fixed underwater sensors can monitor areas for **surveillance, reconnaissance, targeting and intrusion detection**
- Mine Reconnaissance
  - Multiple AUVs with acoustic and optical sensors can perform rapid **environmental assessment** and detect mine like objects



# What are the challenges in Underwater WSNs and Underground WSNs?

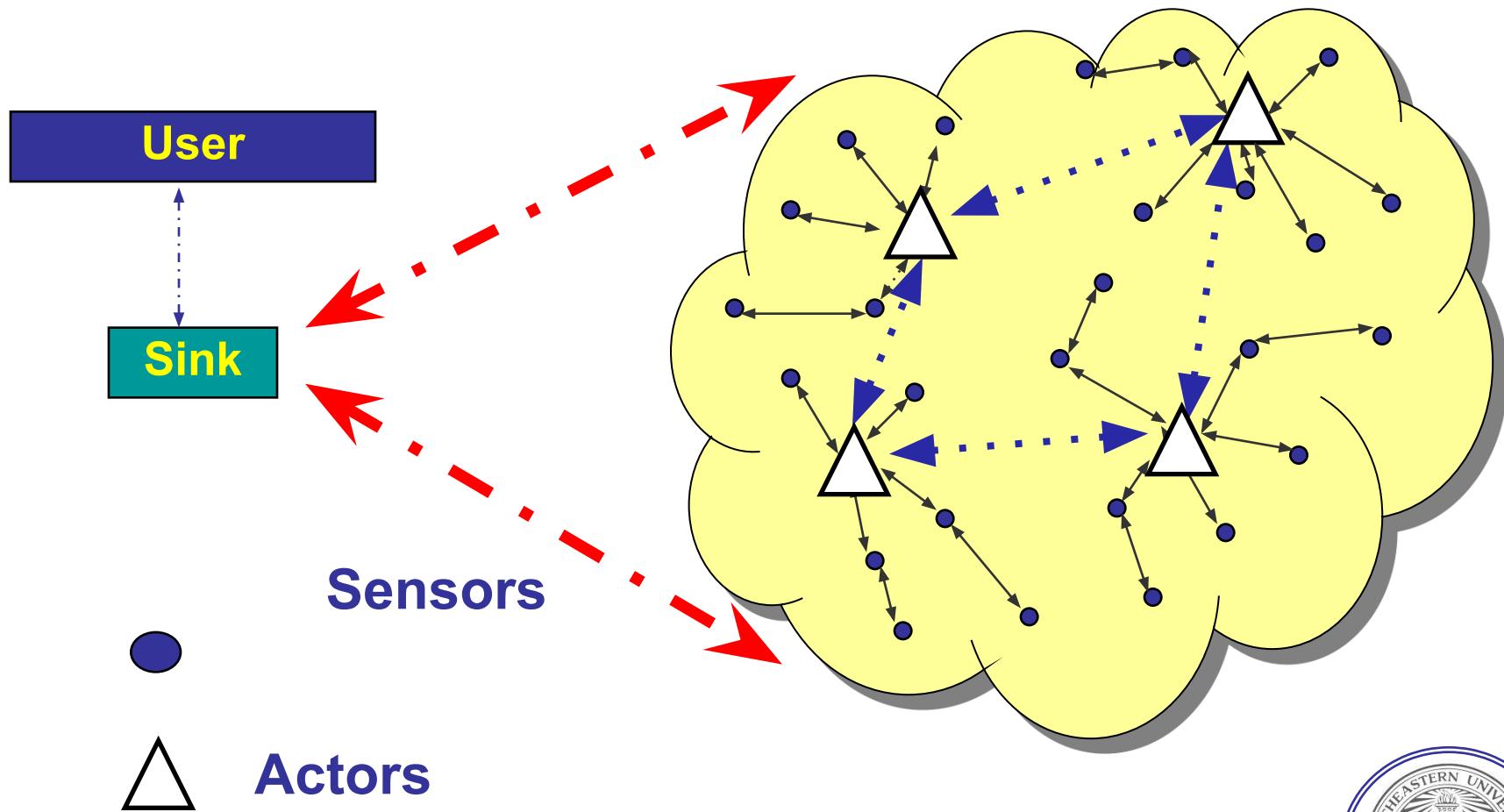


# Wireless Sensor and Actor Networks

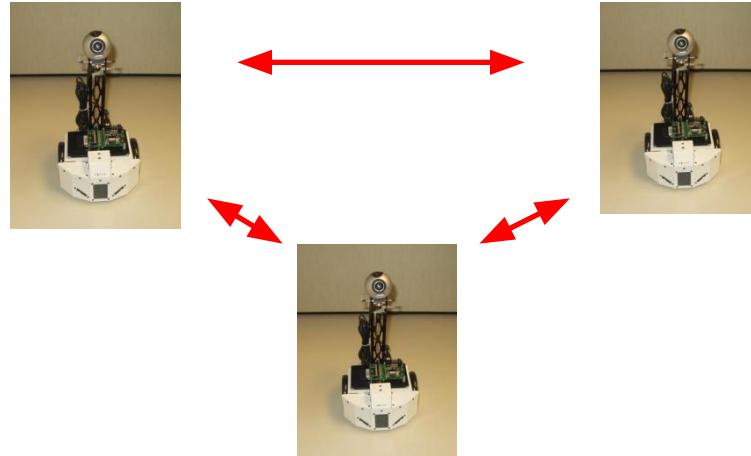


# Wireless Sensor and Actor Networks

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# Actors



Networked robots



pan/tilt cameras, water sprinklers,  
moving arms



Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (AUVs)



Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs)



# Wireless Sensor and Actor Networks (WSAN)

- Increased need for automation
  - Smart houses
  - Industrial environments
  - Surveillance
- Sensor-driven automated interaction with the environment

A wireless Internet of sensors and actors will surround our daily lives



- **Transport and parking solutions**
  - Optimizing vehicular flow in congested areas
  - Improve mobility in the urban area by finding free parking spots for drivers willing to park
- **Environmental Applications**
  - Detecting and extinguishing forest fire
- **Microclimate control in buildings**
  - Distributed heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC)



## ➤ Agricultural Applications

- Monitor the humidity of a terrain and control irrigation or chemical dispensers

## ➤ Distributed Robotics & Sensor Network

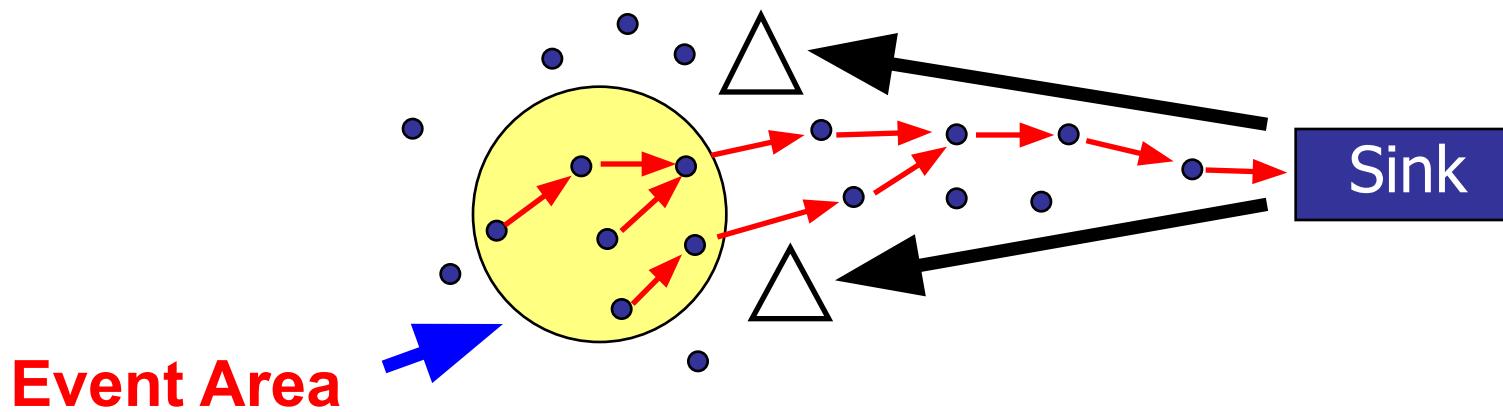
- (Mobile) robots dispersed throughout a sensor network
- Surveillance, monitoring, plume detection
- Pursuit-evasion game
- Rescue missions in disaster areas



- **Real-Time Requirements for Timely Actions**
  - Rapidly respond to sensor input (e.g., fire application)
  - To perform right actions, sensor data must be valid at the time of acting
- **Heterogeneous Node Deployment**
  - Sensors → *Densely deployed*
  - Actors → *Loosely deployed*
- **Coordination Requirements**
  - Sensor-Actor Coordination
  - Actor-Actor Coordination



## Semi-Automated Architecture

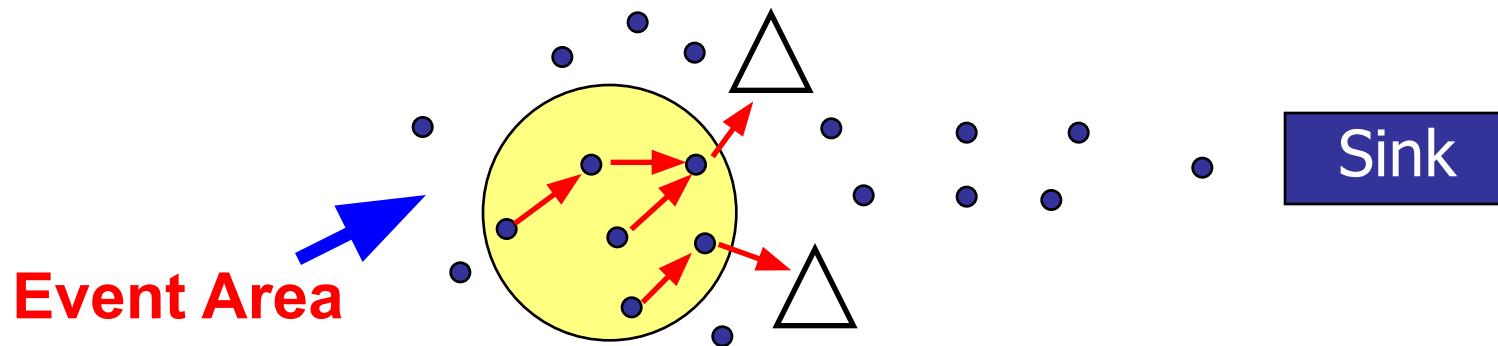


*Sensors → Sink → Actors*

- No sensor-actor and actor-actor coordination needed
- Similar to the conventional WSN architecture



## Automated Architecture



- *Sensors → Actors*
- Localized information exchange
- Low latency, energy consumption
- *Distributed sensor-actor and actor-actor coordination required*



# Wireless Multimedia Sensor Networks

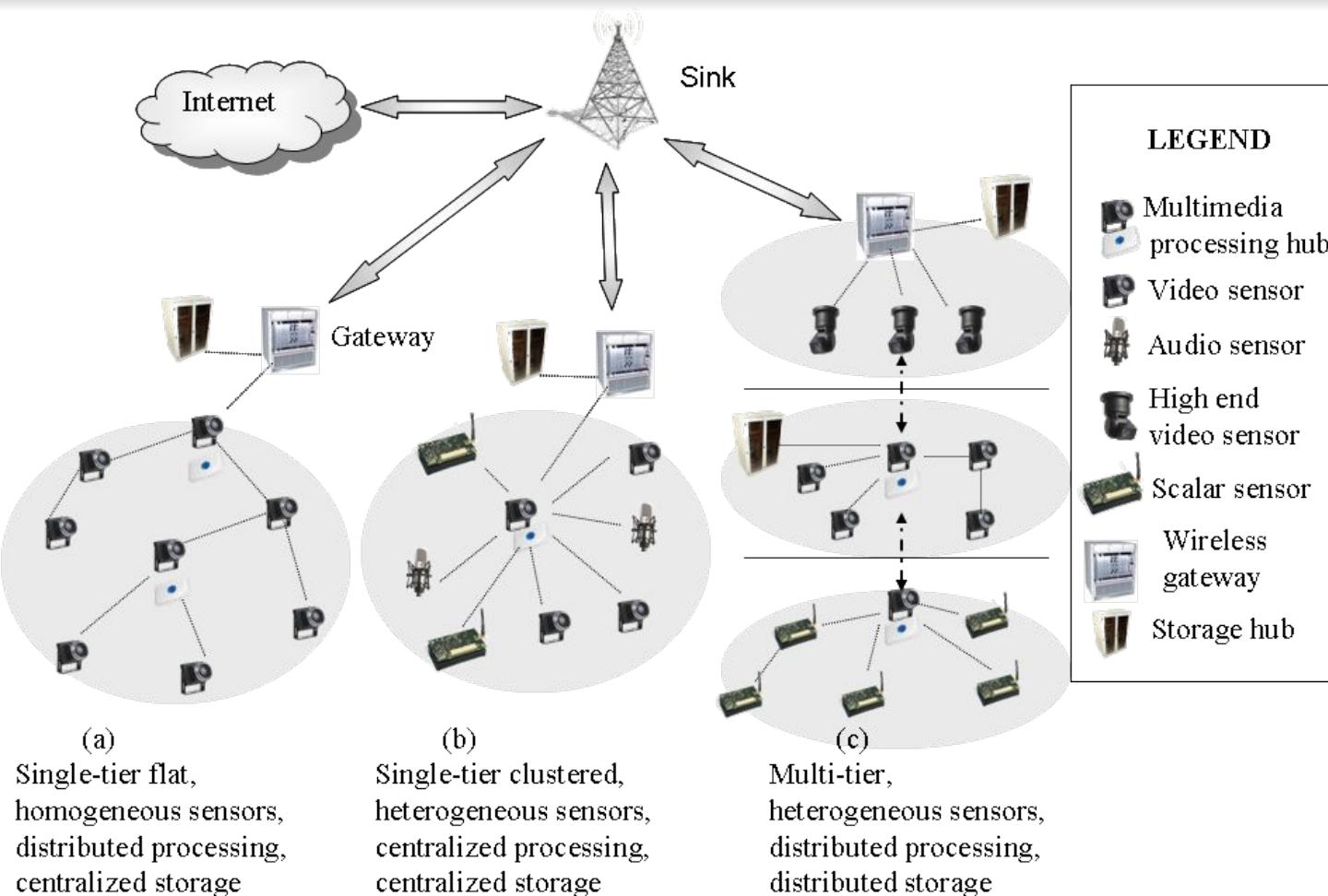


# Wireless Multimedia Sensor Networks

- Networks of wirelessly interconnected devices that allow retrieving video and audio streams, still images, and scalar sensor data
- Able to store, process in real-time, correlate and fuse multimedia data originated from heterogeneous sources



# Wireless Multimedia Sensor Networks



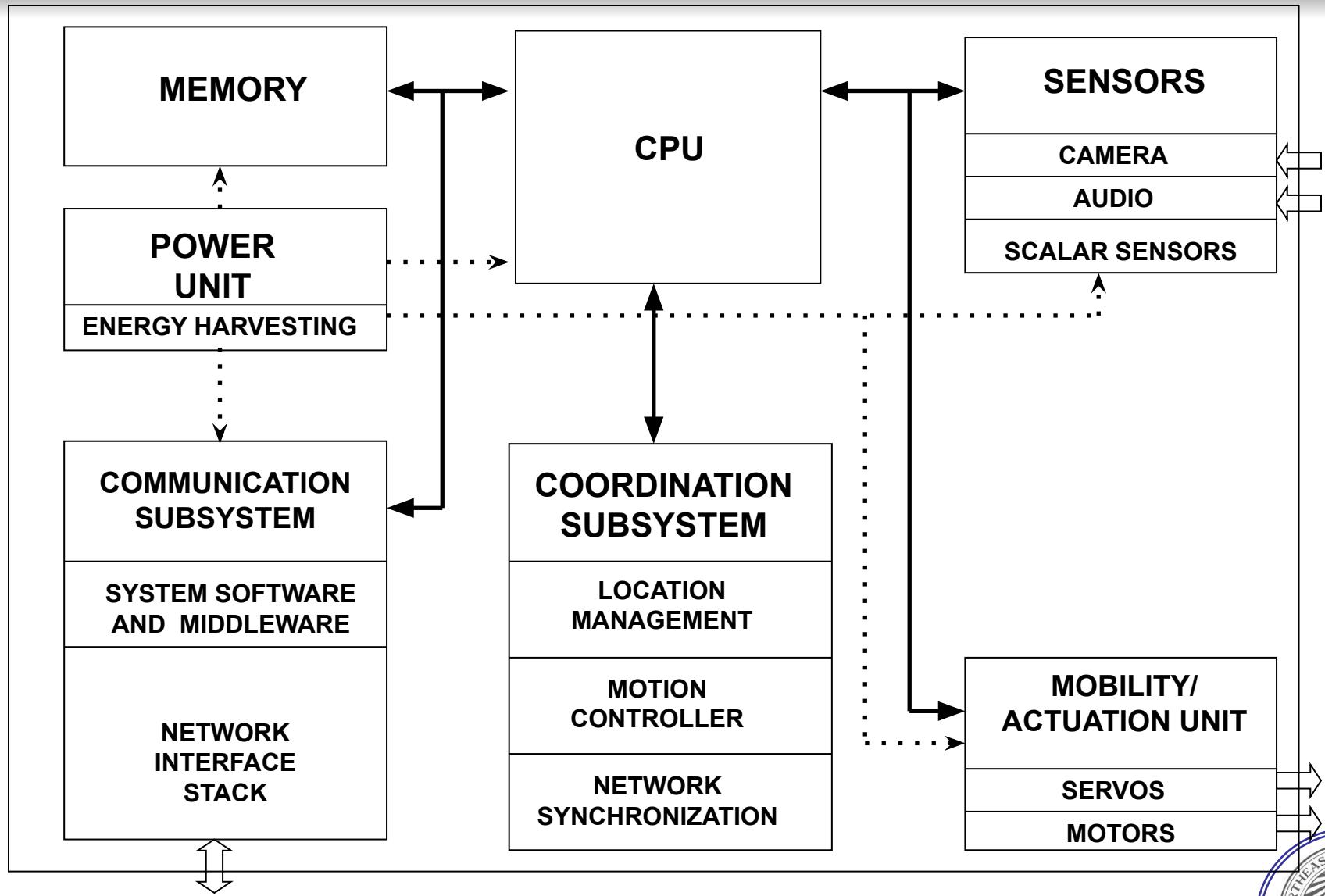
(a)  
Single-tier flat,  
homogeneous sensors,  
distributed processing,  
centralized storage

(b)  
Single-tier clustered,  
heterogeneous sensors,  
centralized processing,  
centralized storage

(c)  
Multi-tier,  
heterogeneous sensors,  
distributed processing,  
distributed storage

[7] I.F. Akyildiz, T. Melodia, K. Chowdhury, "A Survey on Wireless Multimedia Sensor Networks", Computer Networks (Elsevier), March 2007.

# Organization of a Multimedia Sensor



# Video Sensors

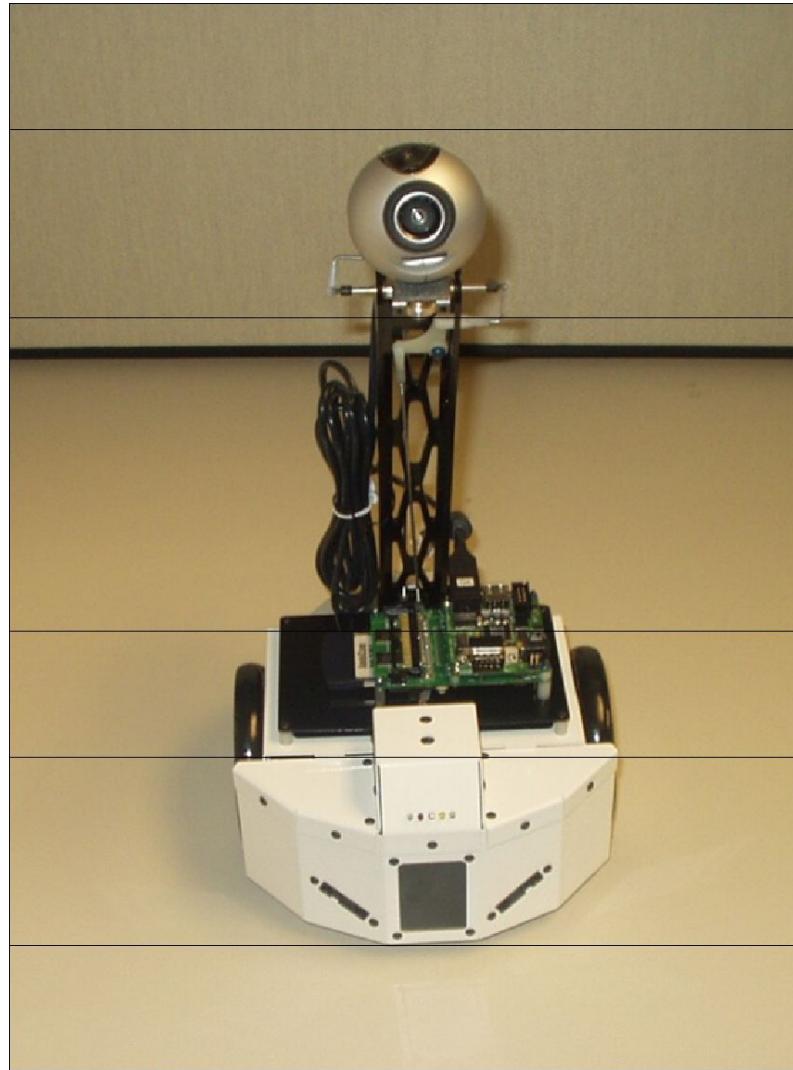
Stargate board interfaced  
with a medium  
resolution camera

Stargate hosts an 802.11  
card and a MICAz mote  
that functions as  
gateway to the sensor  
network



# Stargate + Garcia = Multimedia Actor

- Acroname GARCIA
- Mobile
- Controlled by a Stargate board
- Stargate also provides 802.11 as well as ZigBee interfaces
- Onboard IR Sensors
- Pan-tilt Camera
- Connects to a MICAz network
- Onboard Linux Operating System



# Multimedia Actor + Sensors

- GARCIA deployed on the sensor test-bed
- It acts as a mobile sink, and can move to the area of interest for closer visual inspection
- It can also coordinate with other actors and has built-in collision avoidance capability



# Slide Credits

- Most slides in this course are readapted from lecture slides from Prof. Melodia (NEU), Prof. Ian Akyildiz (Georgia Institute of Technology) and Prof. Holger Karl (University of Paderborn)



# Questions?

