## The Internet of Things

- An Industrial Perspective -

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## **Consumer Benefits of Wireless Sensor Networks**

## Lifestyle:

Wireless sensors can enrich consumer experiences and can enable safety and privacy in the digital society



## **Consumer Benefits of Wireless Sensor Networks**

Health:

Wireless body sensors enable pro-active healthcare



## **Consumer Benefits of Wireless Sensor Networks**

Mobility:

Wireless sensors enable safer and more efficient driving



## **Consumer Benefits of Wireless Sensor Networks**

Sustainability:

Wireless sensors enable better environmental conditions



## Internet of Things

- Significantly more devices than current networks
- Severely limited code and ram space (e.g., highly desirable to fit the required code--MAC, IP and anything else needed to execute the embedded application-- in, for example, 32K of flash memory, using 8-bit microprocessors)
- Unobtrusive but very different user interface for configuration (e.g., using gestures or interactions involving the physical world)
- Robustness and simplicity in routing or network fabric

## Overview

- Trends related to pervasive networking
  - Consumers
  - Economy
  - Applications
  - Technology
- Networking application requirements
  - Home
  - Health
  - Mobility
- Challenges of pervasive networks
  - Application
  - Network
  - Sensor nodes

## Trends: European Consumers

- Individualization
- Mobility
- Lifestyle of Health and Sustainability
- Digital Society
  - -E-Commerce
  - -E-Health
  - -E-Services, incl. E-Government

## Trends: Economy

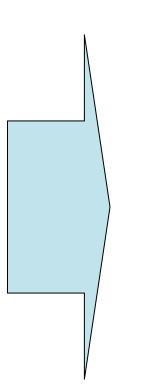
- Driven by high convenience services
- Consumer market transparency
- Anticipation of consumer needs
- Memetical war for consumer attention

## Trends: New application paradigms

- Personal lifestyle management
  - Attention
  - Time
  - Involvement
  - Safety
  - Energy consumption
- Personal healthcare
  - Wellness and beauty
  - Fitness
  - Risks
  - Diseases
- Cooperative driving
  - Preventive safety
  - Driver-centric convenience

## Trends: Technology Re-Defined

- Systems
- Passive Tags
- Information Internet
- High Tech
- Features & Options
- Always-On
- Exposure



- Software-based services
- Wireless sensors
- Experience Internet
- Trusted Tech
- Experienced Sense & Simplicity
- Always-Responsive
- Privacy

## Networked Lifestyle Requirements

- Example: Light Management
- Requirements:
  - Adaptive lighting atmospheres
  - Wireless control of lighting atmosphere of entire buildings
  - System scalability
  - Network responsiveness
  - Security
  - Integration with light sources

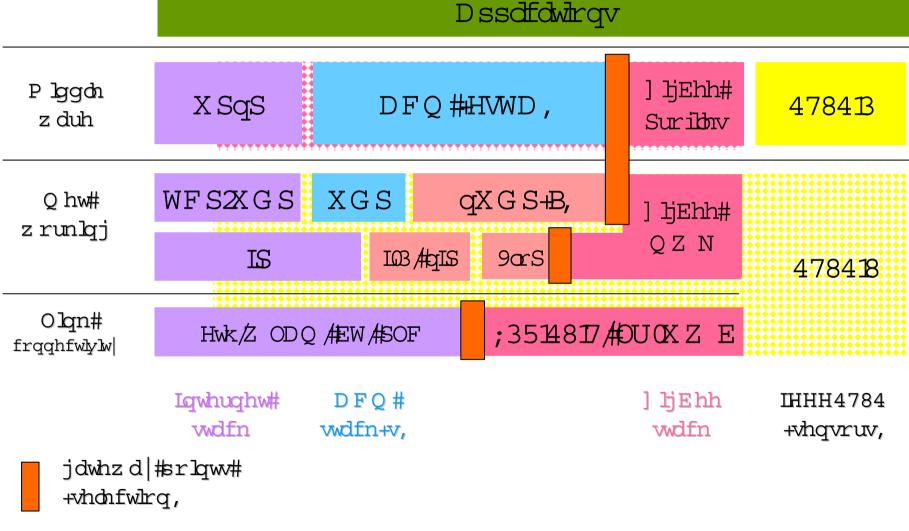
## Networked Health Requirements

- Example: Connected senior with multiple-diseases health risk
- Requirements:
  - Continuous monitoring of multiple vital parameters for preventive healthcare
  - Local signal processing and data fusion and storage
  - Best connect wireless networking across BAN, PAN, LAN, WAN
  - Agile radio
  - Application robustness with respect to radio interference
  - Location awareness
  - Ultra low power
  - Wearable
  - Privacy and security

## Networked Car Requirements

- Example: Cooperative driver
- Requirements:
  - Monitoring of driver condition with ambient electronics , e.g. stress and drowsiness
  - Traffic monitoring for preventive safety, incl.
    - car-to-car
    - car-to-roadsite communication
    - cooperative sensing
  - Security and privacy of car/driver information

## Challenge: Interoperability in the Internet of Things



## Research Agenda: Marriage of Internet and Control

- IP adaptation/Packet Formats and interoperability
- Addressing schemes and address management
- Network management
- Routing in dynamically adaptive topologies
- Security, including set-up and maintenance
- Application programming interface
- Discovery (of devices, of services, etc)
- Implementation considerations
  - Gateway or all-IP (e.g. 6lowpan)

## Application-Driven Challenge: Distribution of Intelligence

## Scalability problem:

As the number of sensors grows, network and server get overloaded

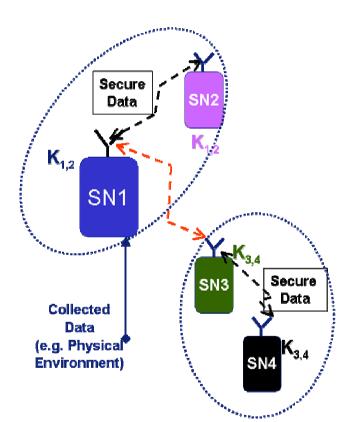
### **Possible solution:**

- -Distribute application processing
- –Move aggregation and filtering functions (data fusion) to the network edge
- -Code distribution and management

## Application-Driven Challenge: Security in Autonomous WSN

- Problem: Absence of security infrastructure
  - WSN security relies on autonomous sensors
  - no centralized online certification authorities
  - no previous trust
- Challenges
  - Security models (appropriate for each application)
    - Previous trust, no previous trust
  - Secure group formation and management
    - Location context
    - Efficient and resilient group management
  - Key distribution (static and dynamic)
    - Server-based, Pre-distribution (Random, Deterministic)





## **Networking Challenge: Self-Organizing Networks**

#### Objective

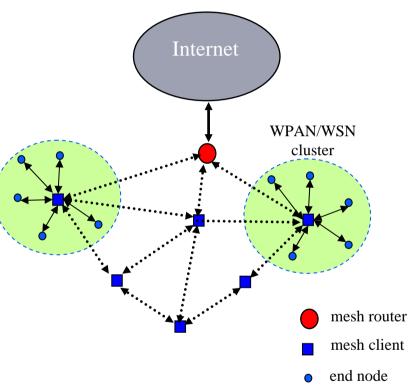
• Wireless multi-hop network with short range and very low-cost devices to cover a large area

#### **Mesh Network Advantages**

- extends network coverage without increasing
  - TX power / RX sensitivity
  - less interference
- enhances transmission reliability via multiple routes
- self-configuration of network
- · dynamically adapts to changing environment
- long battery life time

#### **Mesh Network Challenges**

- ad-hoc networking with mobility support
- distributed vs. centralized control
- cross layer design: MAC / network layer
- scalability
- QoS support for delay sensitive applications
- power efficiency



#### **Applications / Usage Scenarios**

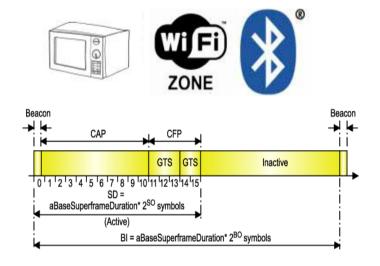
- home/building automation
- asset management
- monitoring and control

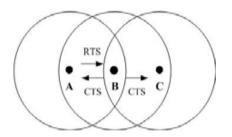
## **Networking Challenge: Limitations of wireless networks**

- Robustness
  - ! Interference with other RF networks operating in same frequency band
    - > Interference mitigation mechanisms
- Real-time communication
  - ! No sufficient QoS support
    - Multi-hop GTS mechanism
- Reliability
  - ! Hidden terminal problem
    - Design virtual handshake mechanism
  - ! Systematic collisions possible
    - Improved randomized back-off algorithm
- Stack size
  - ! ZigBee stack (>48KB) too complex for tiny sensors
    - ZigBee "light"



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## **Additional Challenges**

- Application challenges
  - Data mining algorithms
  - Time-line for the future of WSNs and applications
  - Value creation and business models for new applications
- Network challenges
  - Light-weight protocols and middleware scalability
  - Robustness in dirty contexts
  - Availability
- Challenges for wireless sensor nodes
  - Dirty radio technology
  - Energy scavenging devices
  - From nodes to SAND to dust