
Wireless Monitoring Technology

From Smart Dust to Reliable Networks

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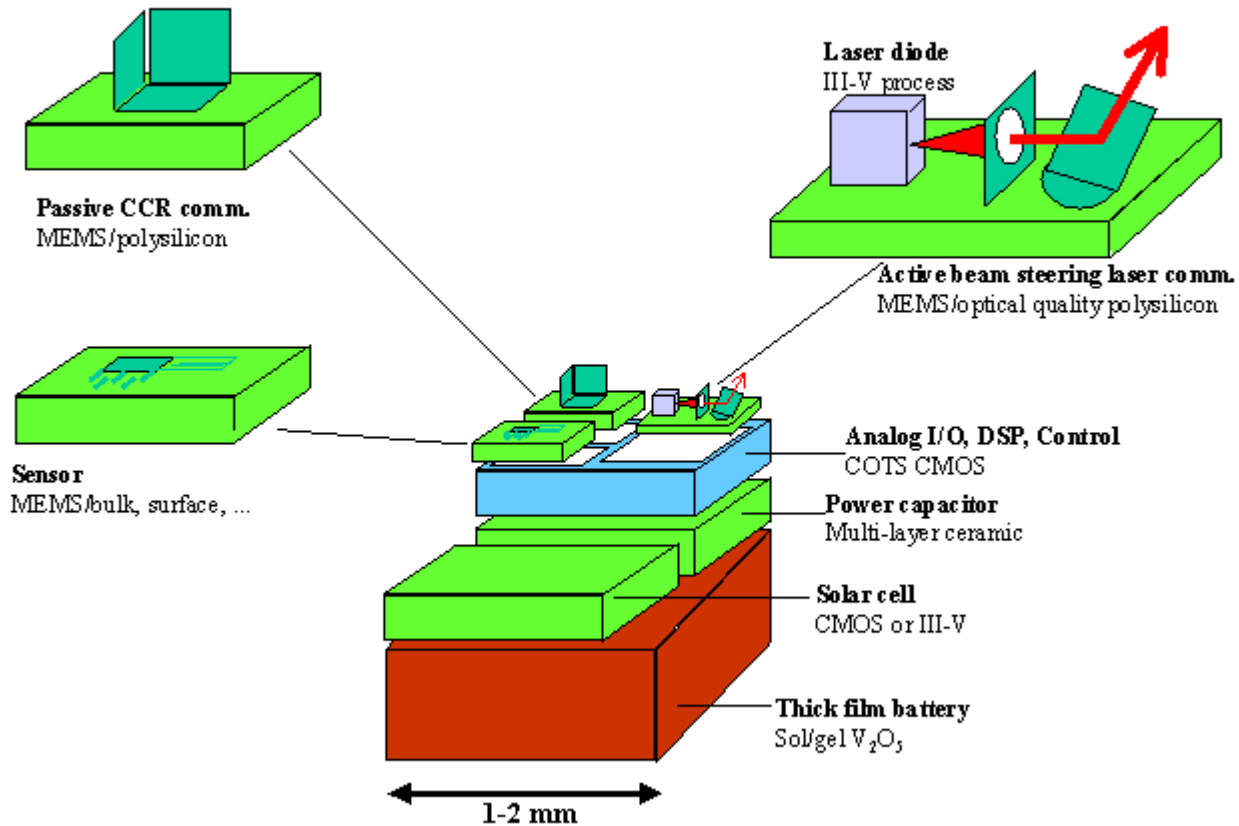
Outline

- History
- Academic research
- Commercial availability

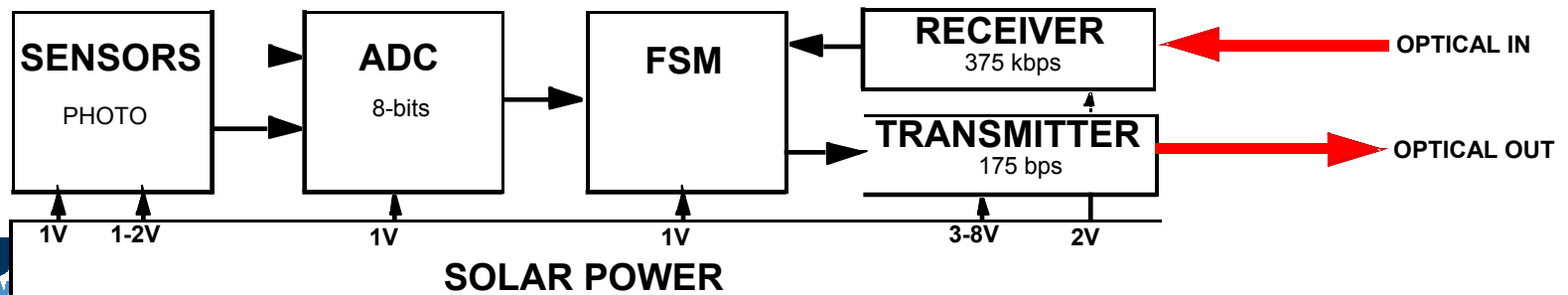
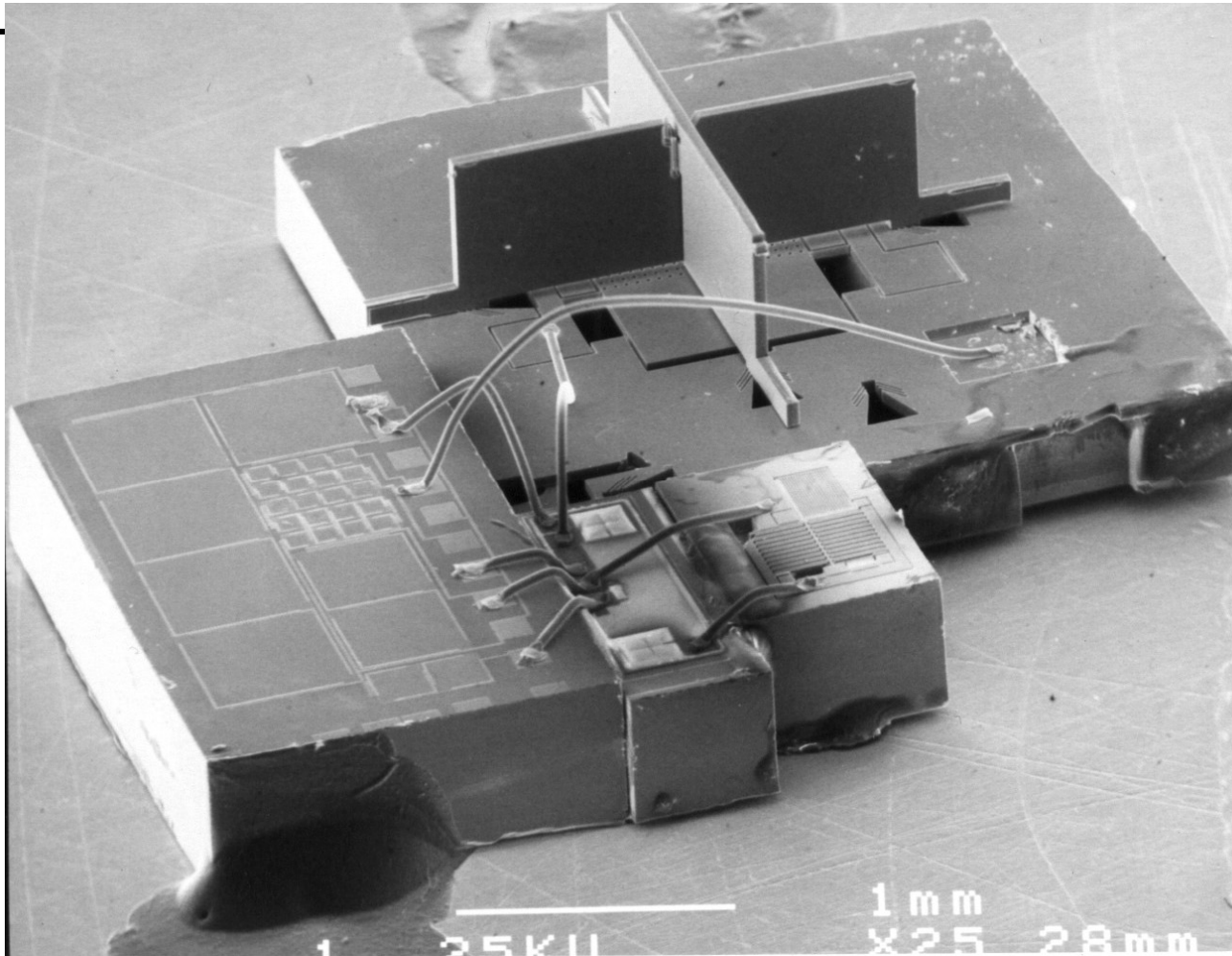
Smart Dust Goal

c. 1997

Smart Dust Components



Smart Dust, 2002



UCB “COTS Dust” Macro Motes

David Culler, UCB

Services

Networking

TinyOS

WeC 99
James McLurkin MS



Small microcontroller

- 8 kb code, 512 B data

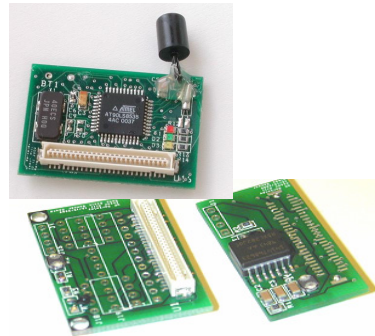
Simple, low-power radio

- 10 kbps

EEPROM storage (32 KB)

Simple sensors

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Designed for experimentation

-sensor boards

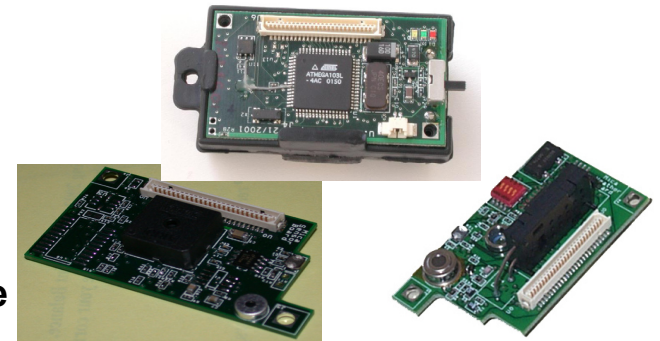
-power boards

Dot 01



Demonstrate scale

Mica 02



NEST open exp. platform

128 KB code, 4 KB data

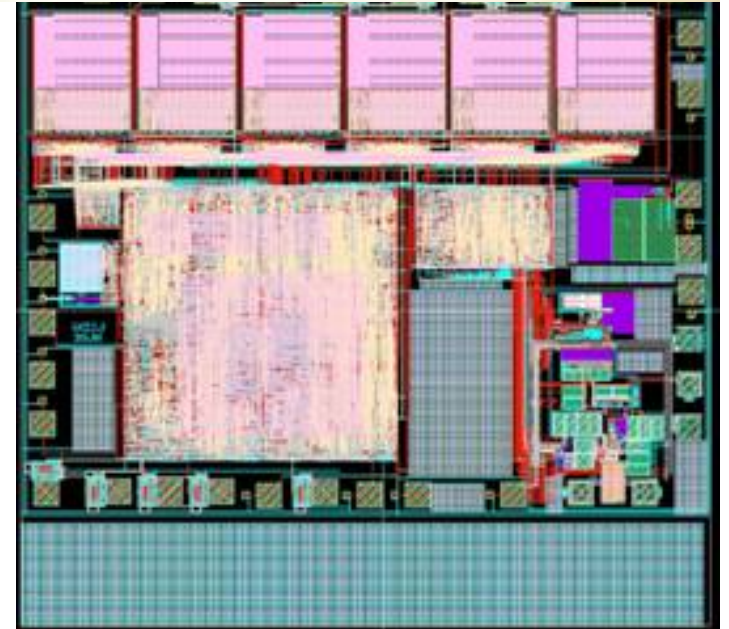
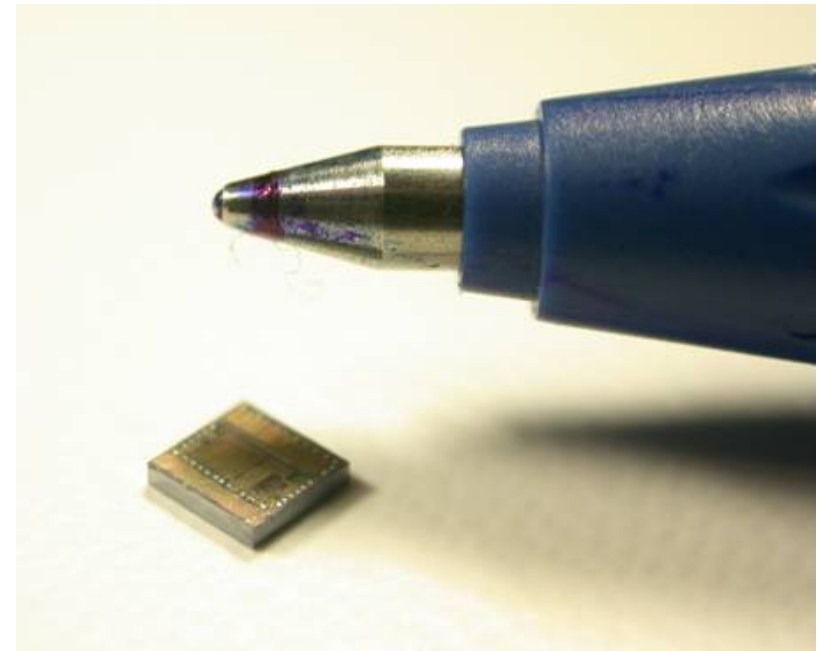
50 KB radio

512 KB Flash

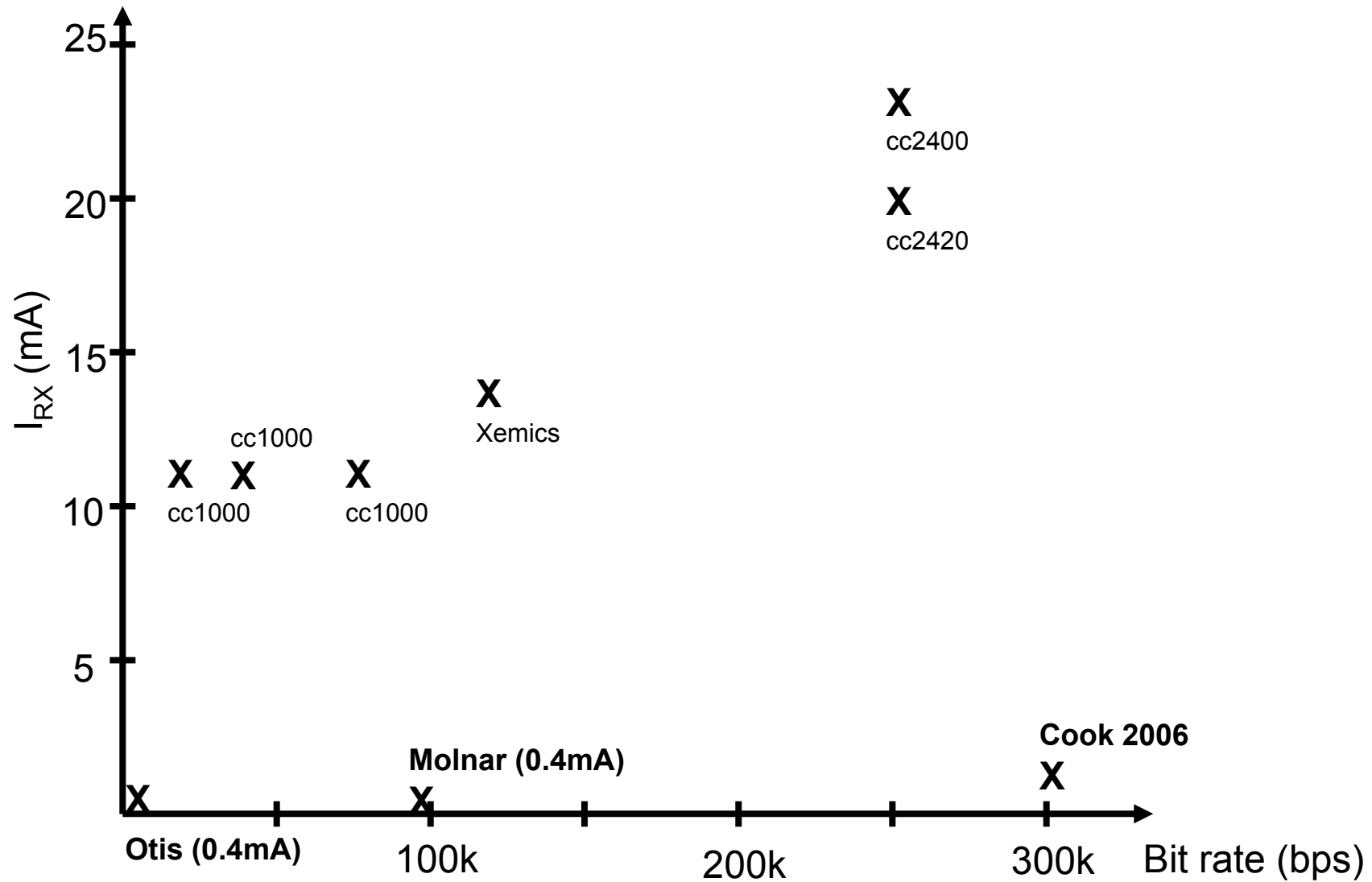
comm accelerators

UCB Hardware Results ~2003

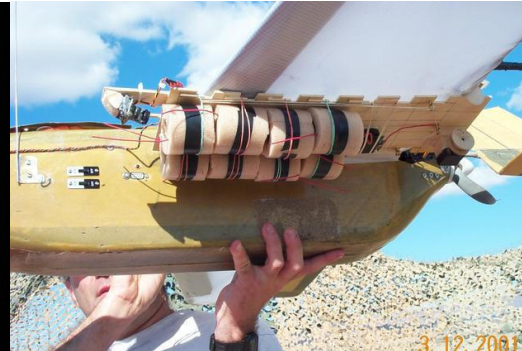
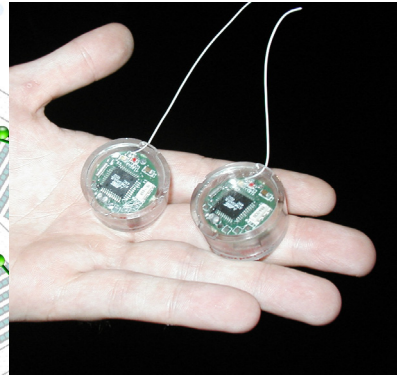
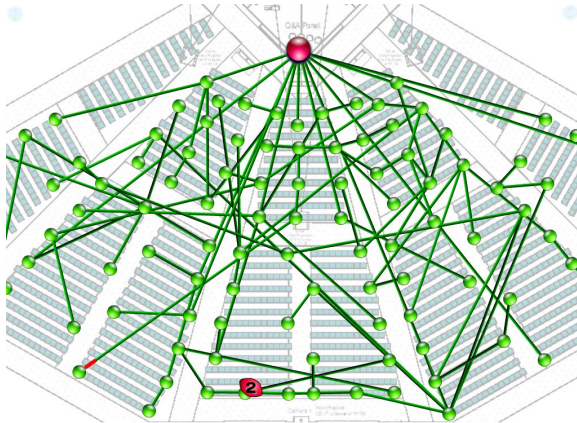
- 2 chips fabbed in 0.25um CMOS
 - “Mote on a chip” worked, missing radio RX
 - 900 MHz transceiver worked
- Records set for low power CMOS
 - ADC
 - 8 bits, 100kS/s
 - 2uA@1V
 - Microprocessor
 - 8 bits, 1MIP
 - 10uA@1V
 - 900 MHz radio
 - 100kbps, “bits in, bits out”
 - 20 m indoors
 - 0.4mA @ 3V



Radio Performance



University Demos – Results of 100 man-years of research



**Intel Developers Forum, live demo
800 motes, 8 level dynamic network,**

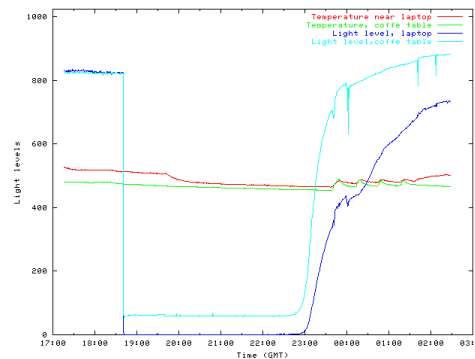
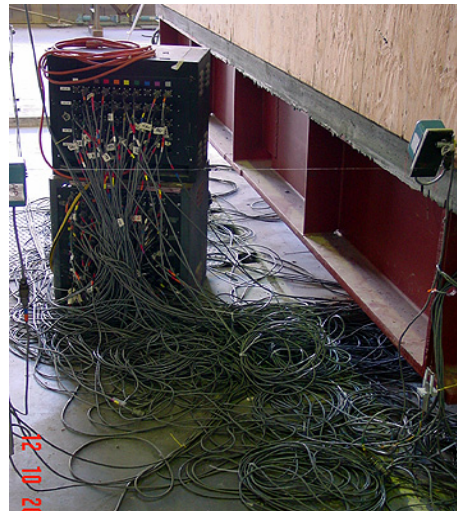
**Motes dropped from UAV, detect
vehicles, log and report direction
and velocity**

**Seismic testing demo: real-time
data acquisition, \$200 vs. \$5,000 per
node**

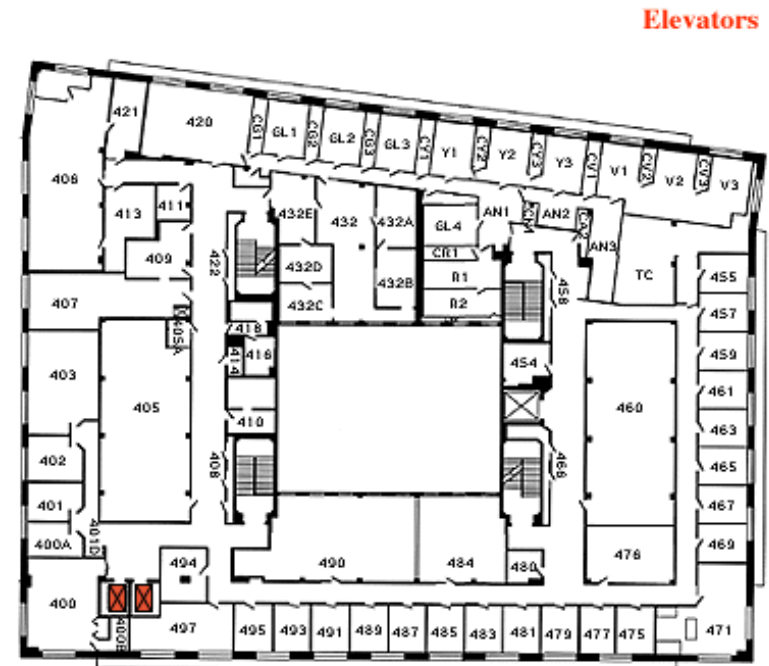
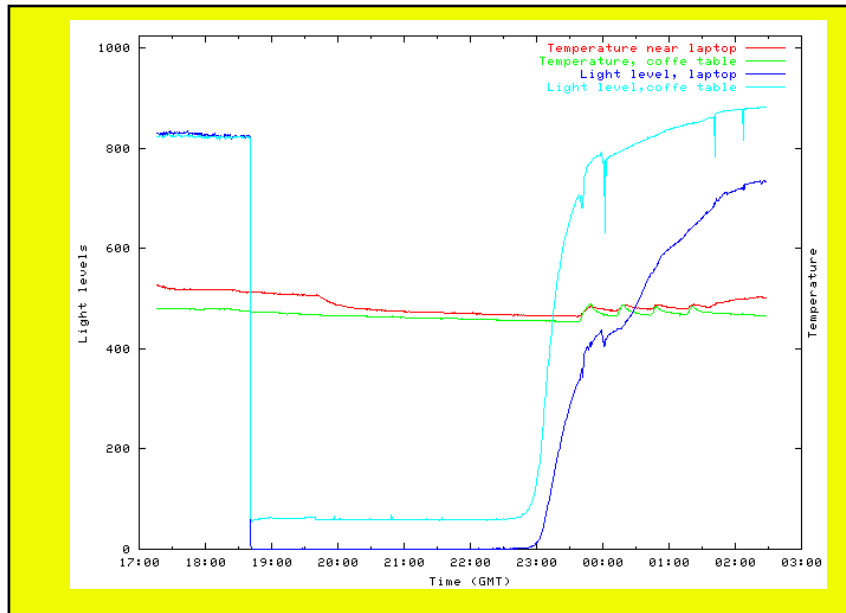
**50 temperature sensors for HVAC
deployed in 3 hours. \$100 vs. \$800
per node.**



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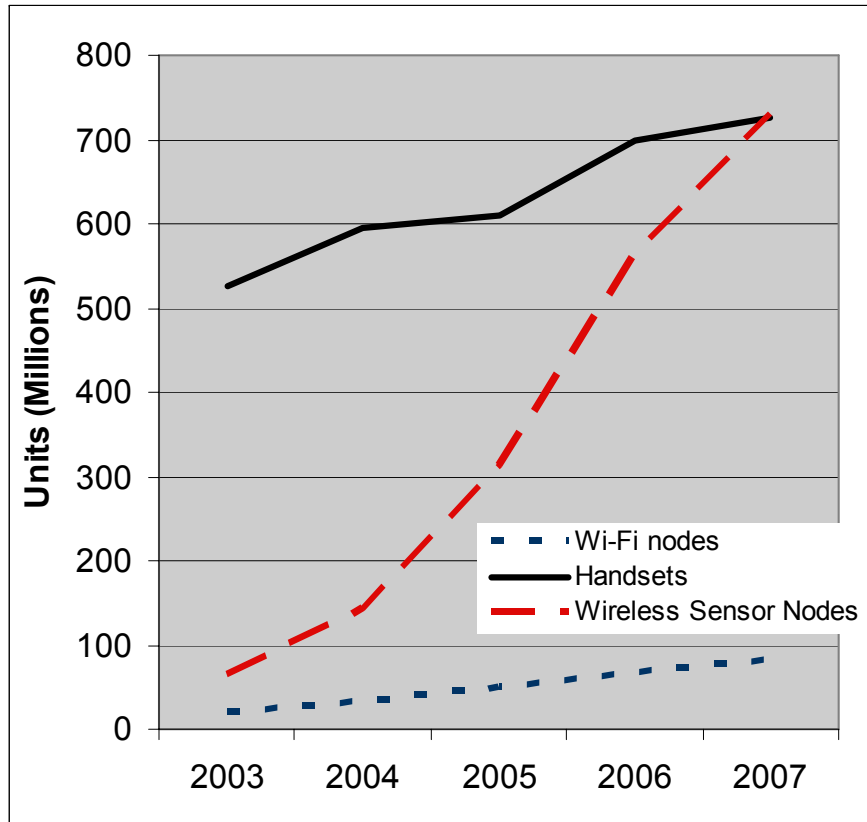
Building Energy System (ucb, 2001)



- 50 temperature sensors on 4th floor
- 5 electrical power monitors
- 1 relay controlling a Trane rooftop chiller

~~Sensor Networks Take Off!~~

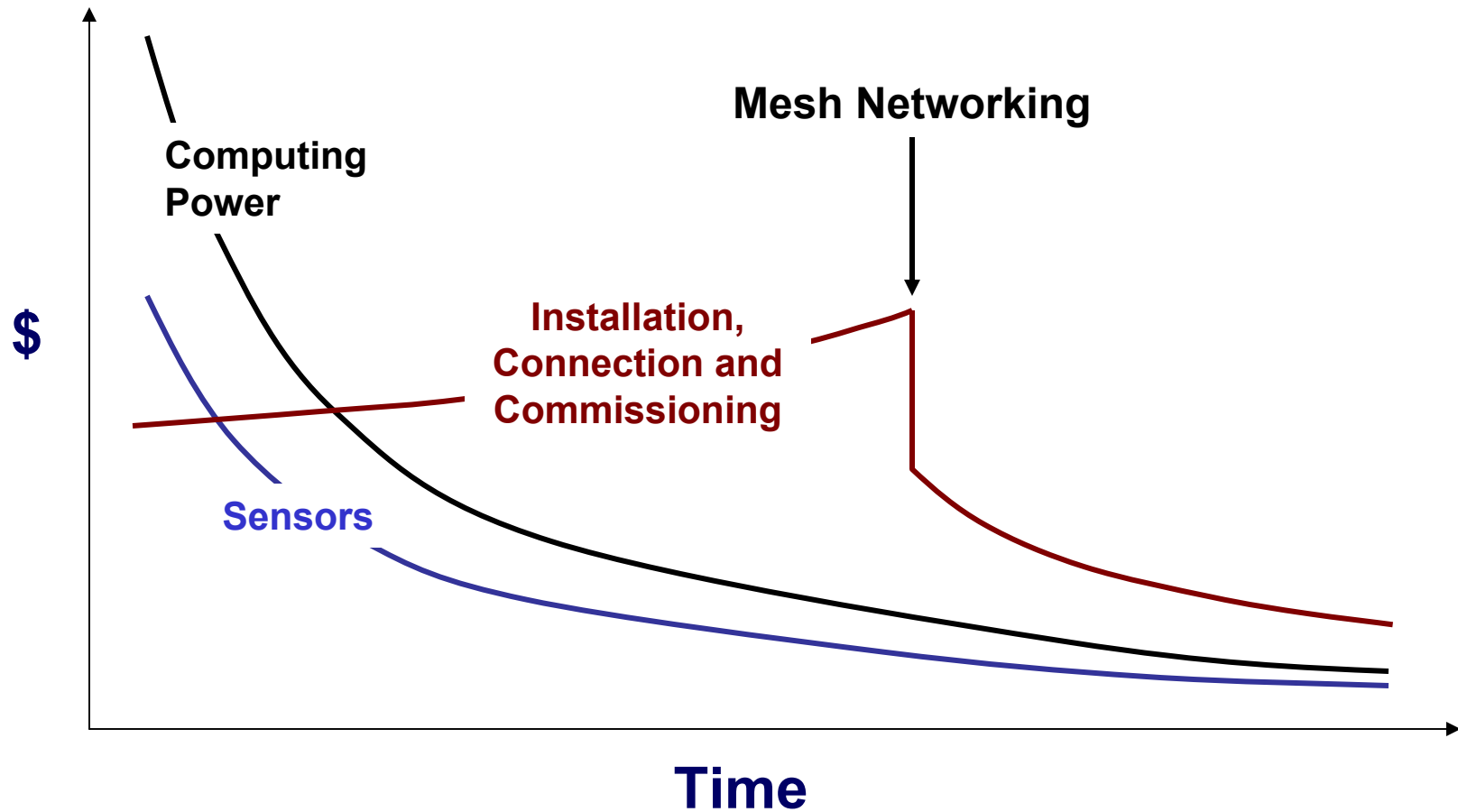
Industry Analysts Take Off!



**\$8.1B market for
Wireless Sensor
Networks in 2007**

Source: InStat/MDR 11/2003 (Wireless); Wireless Data Research Group 2003; InStat/MDR 7/2004 (Handsets)

Cost of Sensor Networks



What do OEMs and SIs want?

- Reliability
- Reliability
- Reliability
- Low installation and ownership costs
 - No wires; >5 year battery life
 - No network configuration
 - No network management
- Typically “trivial” data flow
 - Regular data collection
 - 1 sample/minute...1 sample/day?
 - Event detection
 - Threshold and alarm

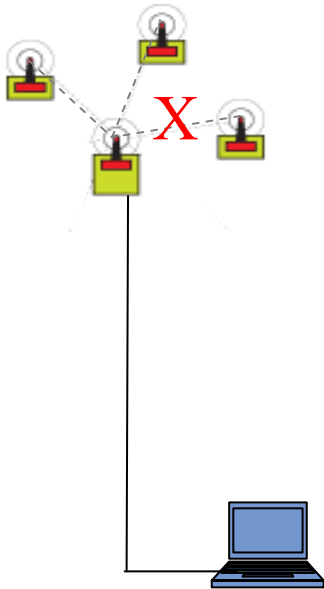
^ and scientists and and engineers
and startups and grad students and....

Reliability

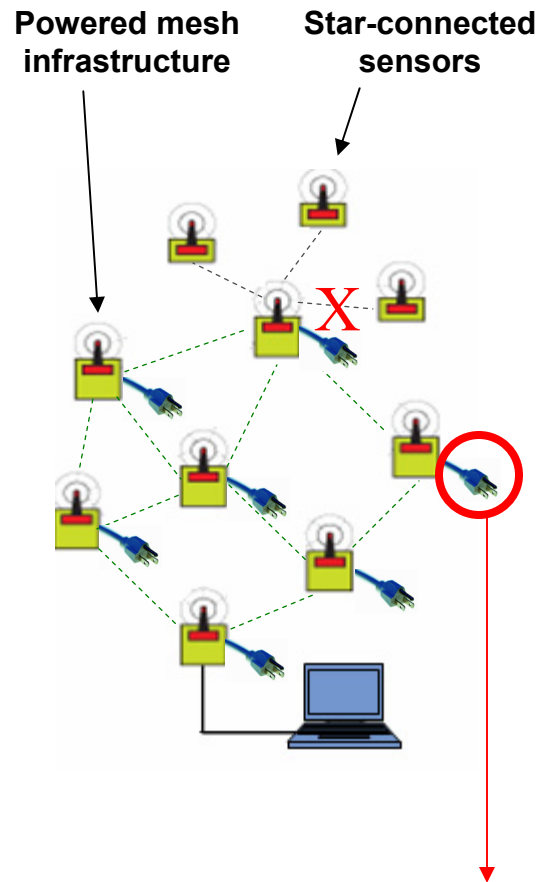
- Hardware
 - Temperature, humidity, shock
 - Aging
 - MTBF = 5 centuries
- Software
 - Linux yes (manager/gateway)
 - TinyOS no (motes)
- Networking
 - RF interference
 - RF variability

Network Types

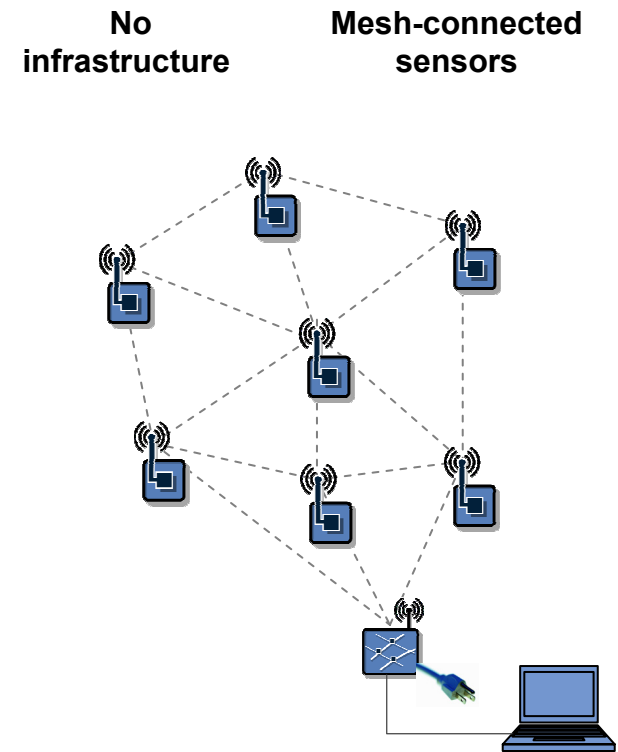
Star



Star-Mesh



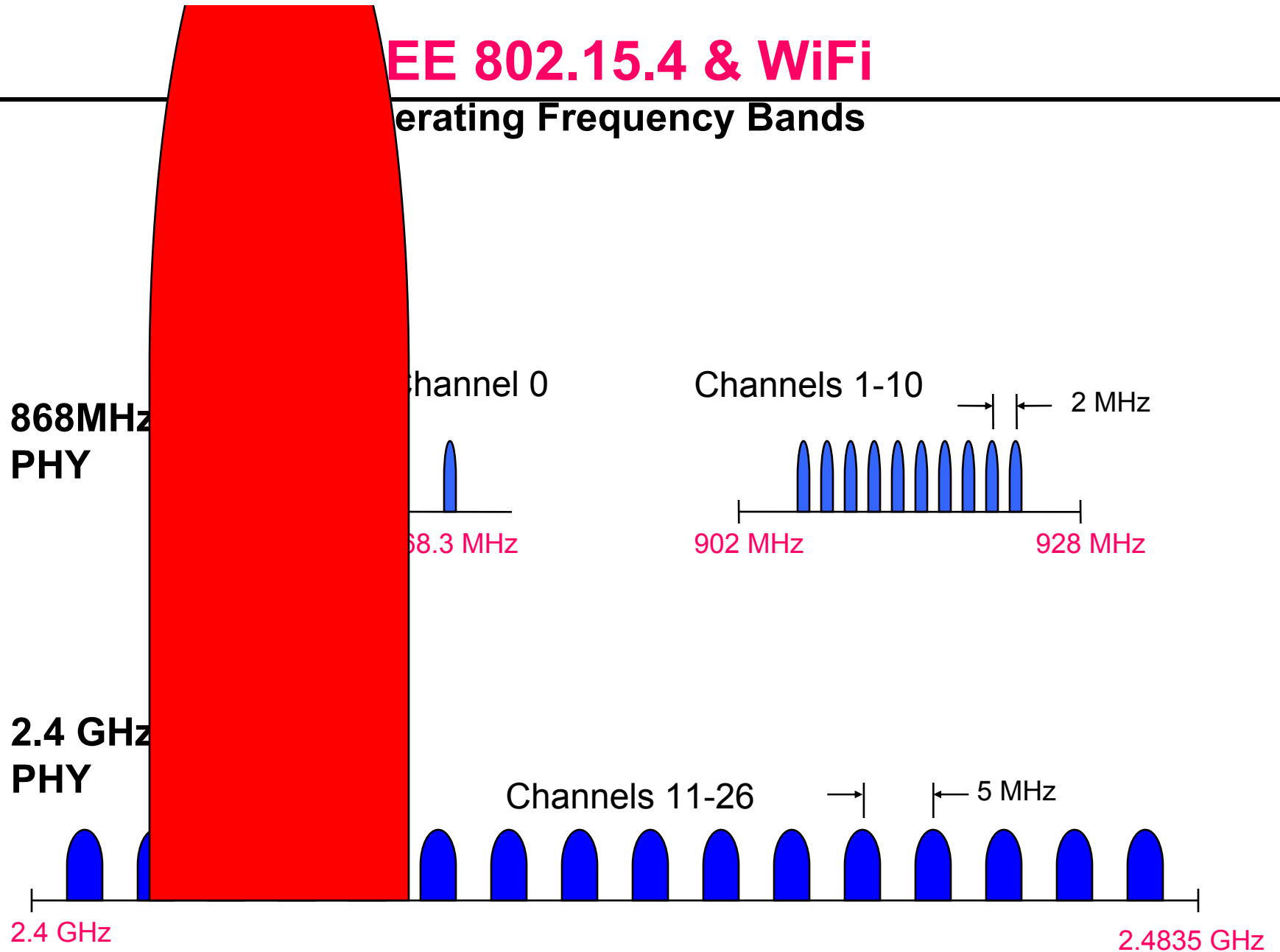
Full Mesh



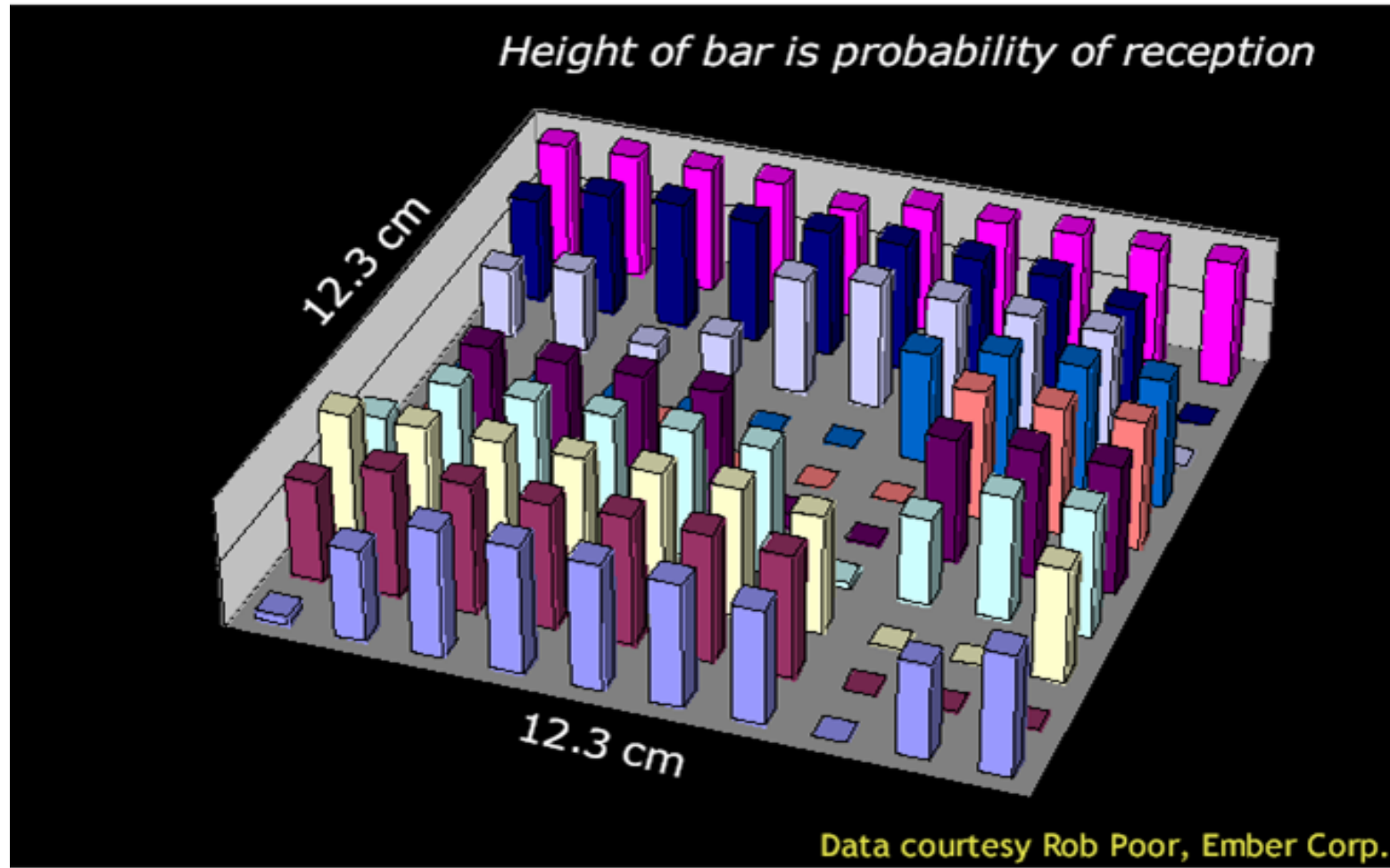
Why not use 802.11?

IEEE 802.15.4 & WiFi

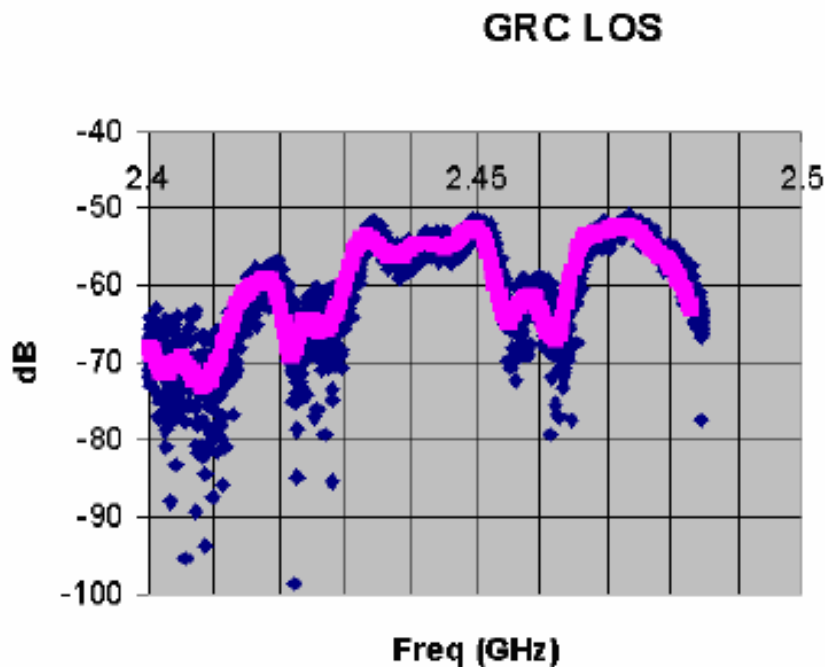
Operating Frequency Bands



Spatial effect of multipath

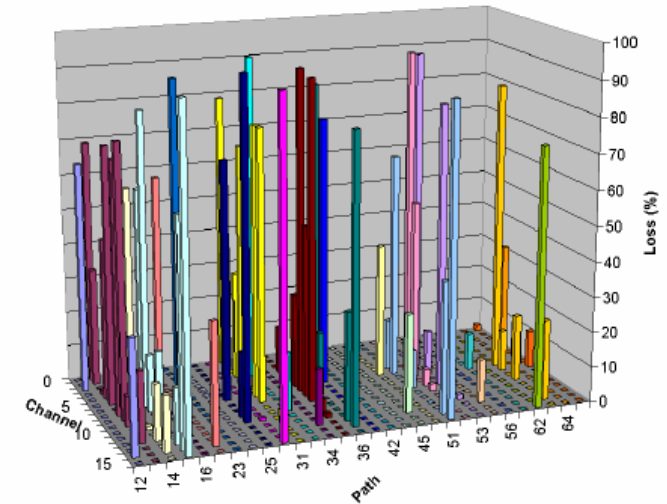


Frequency dependent fading and interference

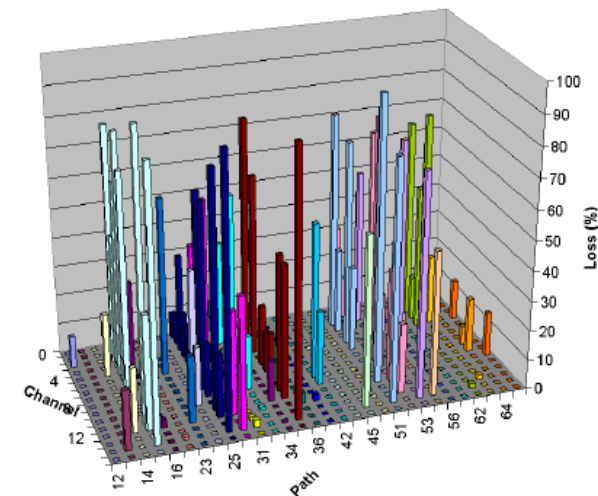


◆ GRC data, LOS
■ 2 MHz bandwidth

Loss Per Path Per Channel (Oct 15)(Basement)



Loss Per Path Per Channel (Oct 29)(Turbo Room)



From: Werb et al., "Improved Quality of Service in IEEE 802.15.4 Networks", Intl. Wkshp. On Wireless and Industrial Automation, San Francisco, March 7, 2005.

Commercialization

- DARPA
 - Over \$100M 1995--2005
- Venture Capital
 - Over \$200M since 2002
- Acquisitions
 - TI pays \$200M for Chipcon, 2006

Mesh Systems



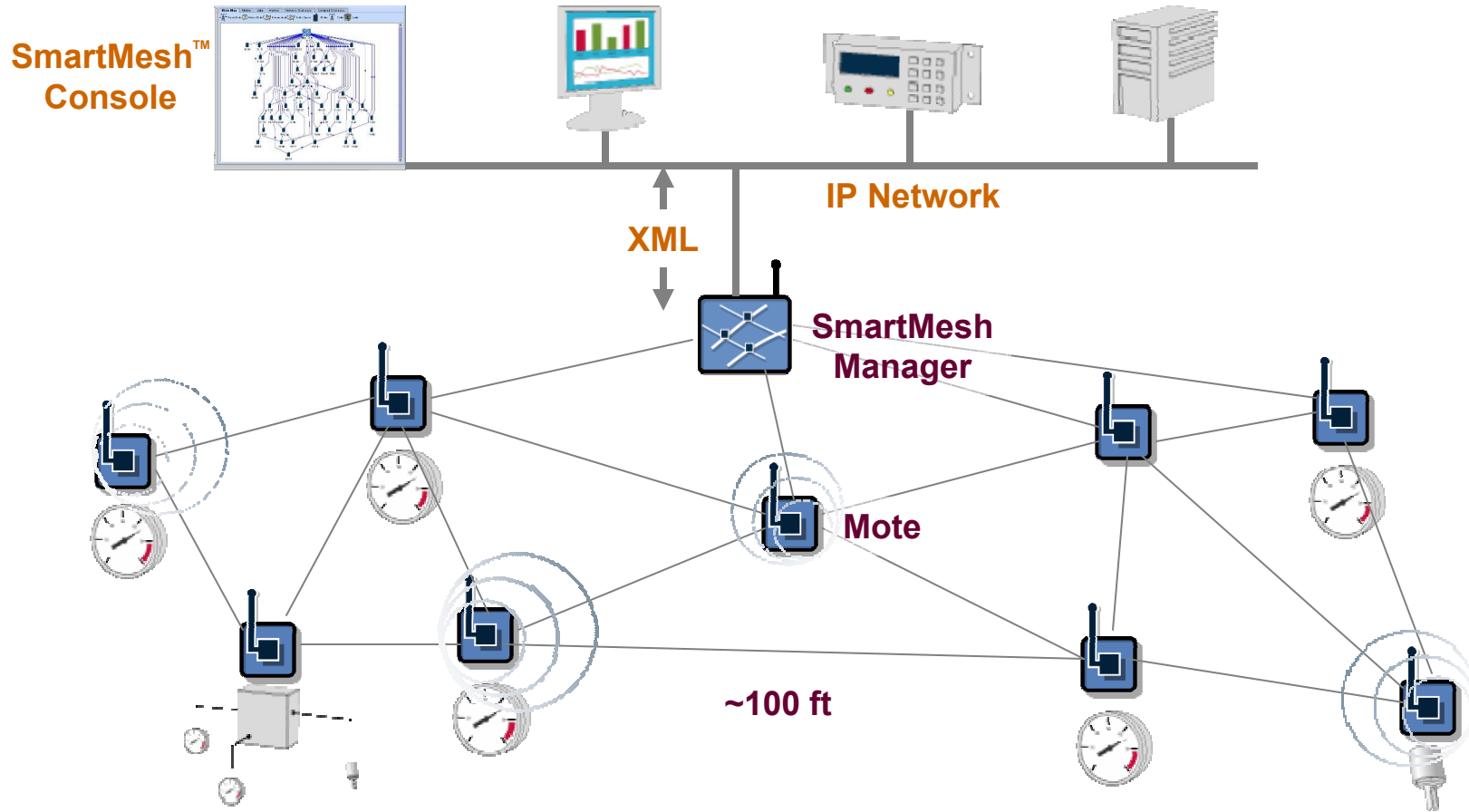
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CompXs



Configure, don't compile

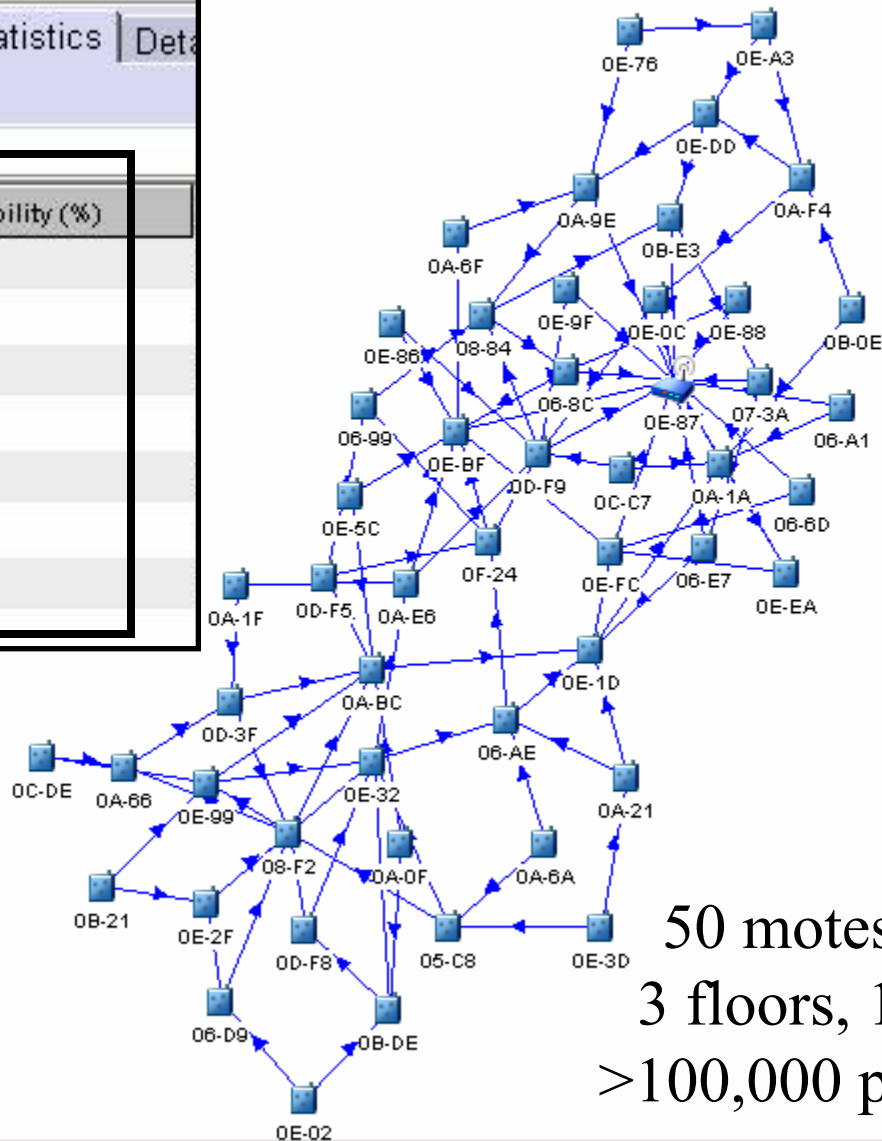


Reliability: 99.99%+

Power consumption: < 100uA average

Daily

Date	Data Reliability (%)	Path Stability (%)
08/04/2005	99.998	85.590
08/05/2005	100.000	80.620
08/06/2005	99.999	86.260
08/07/2005	100.000	88.560
08/08/2005	100.000	92.150
08/09/2005	100.000	90.230
08/10/2005	99.997	88.300



50 motes, 7 hops
 3 floors, 150,000sf
 >100,000 packets/day

Work Up Time : 6 Day(s), 21hrs 33min

Mote Count : 55

Alarm Count : 0

SmartMesh Console

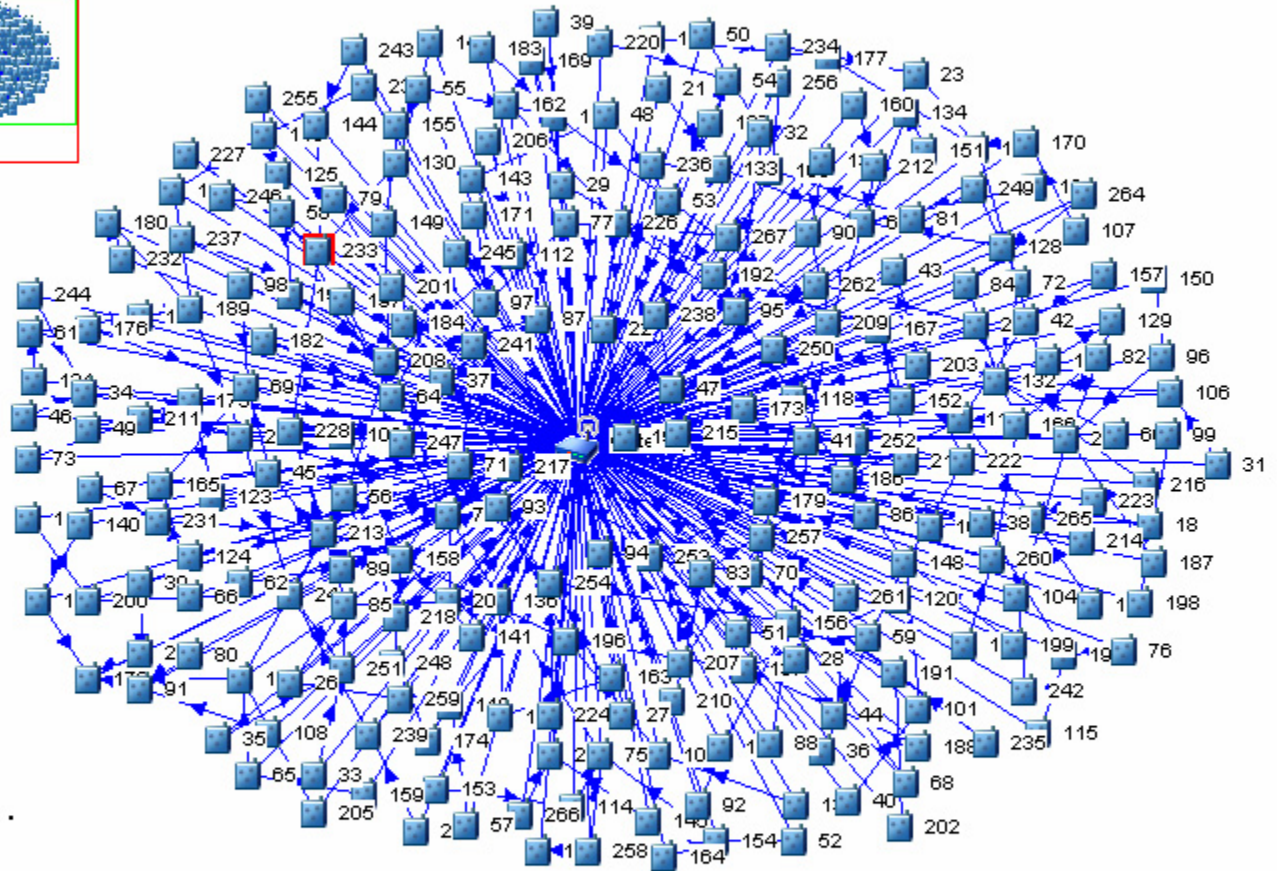
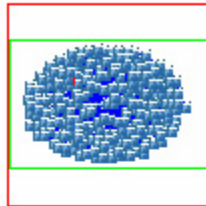
Console View Graphs Settings Actions Help

Managers

- 192.168.1.116\2.4 ampl
- 192.168.1.119\250 M24E
- 192.168.1.122\Dust
- 192.168.1.171\250 M24E
- 192.168.1.188\Holly 900
- 192.168.100.115
- 192.168.100.15
- 192.168.99.100

Map Notes Data Alarms Network Statistics Detailed Statistics

Hierarchical Radio Space Manual Notes Paths Zoom In Zoom Out TEST Tools



Up Time : 15 Day(s), 8hrs 21min

Notes : 250 (246 Live, 4 Unreachab

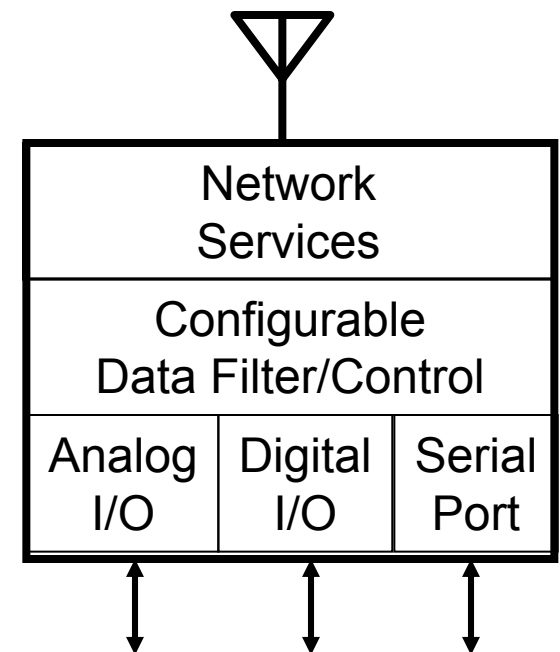
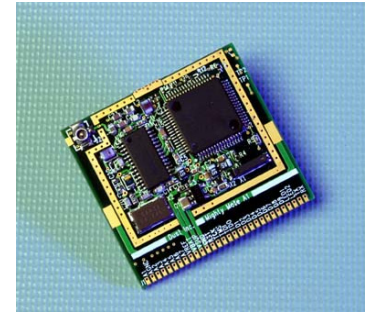
Alarms : 2

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Micro Network Interface Card

μ NIC

- No mote software development
- Variety of configurable data processing modules
- Integrators develop applications, not mesh networking protocols
- For compute-intensive applications, use an external processor/OS of your choice.



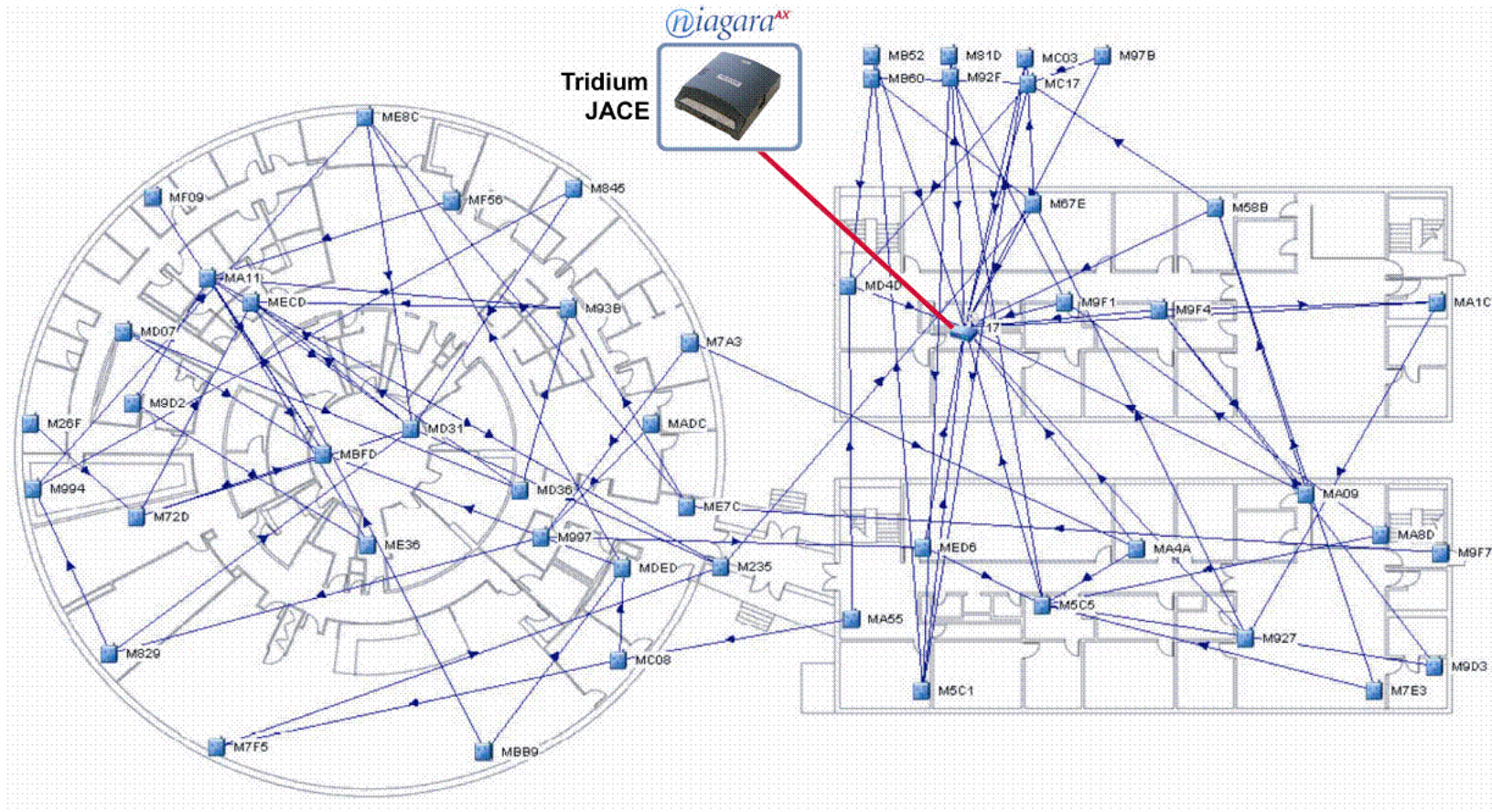
Energy Monitoring Pilot

Honeywell

- Honeywell Service: monitor, analyze and reduce power consumption
- Problem: >> \$100/sensor wiring cost
- Solution:
 - Entire network installed in 3 hours (vs. 3-4 days)
 - 9 min/sensor
 - Software developed in 2 weeks (XML interface to existing data system)
 - 15 months, 99.99%



Chicago Public Health – Dust, Tridium, Teng

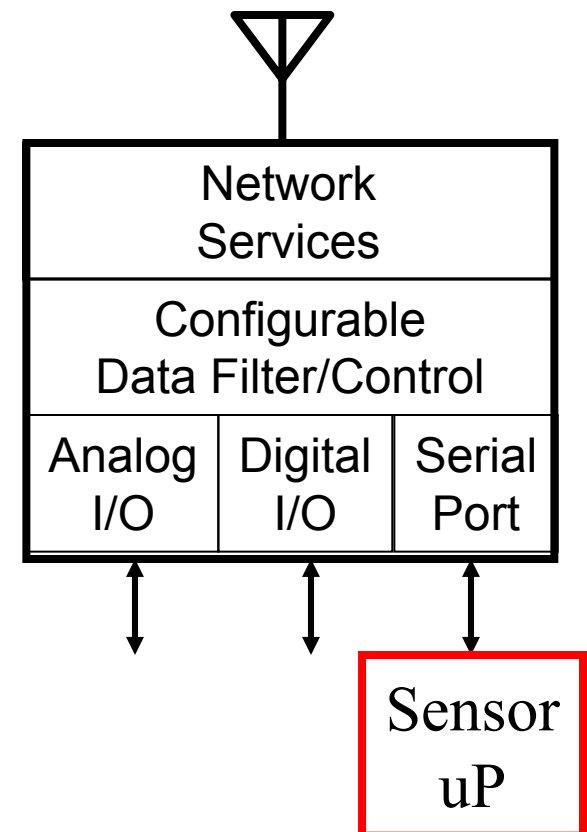
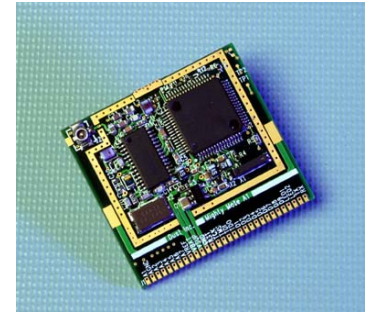


Temperature and power monitoring

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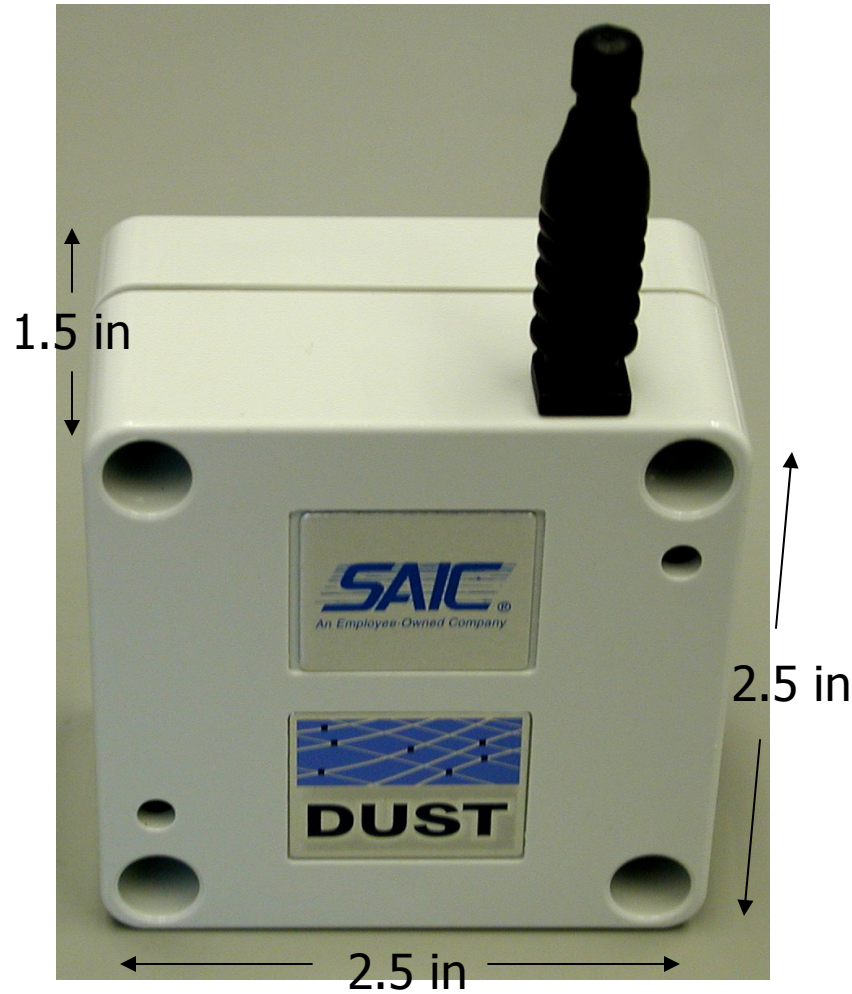
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Perimeter Security

Passive IR and Camera



Passive IR



MEMS and GPS



Standards

- IEEE 802.15.4
- Zigbee
- Wireless HART
- ISA/SP100

Conclusion

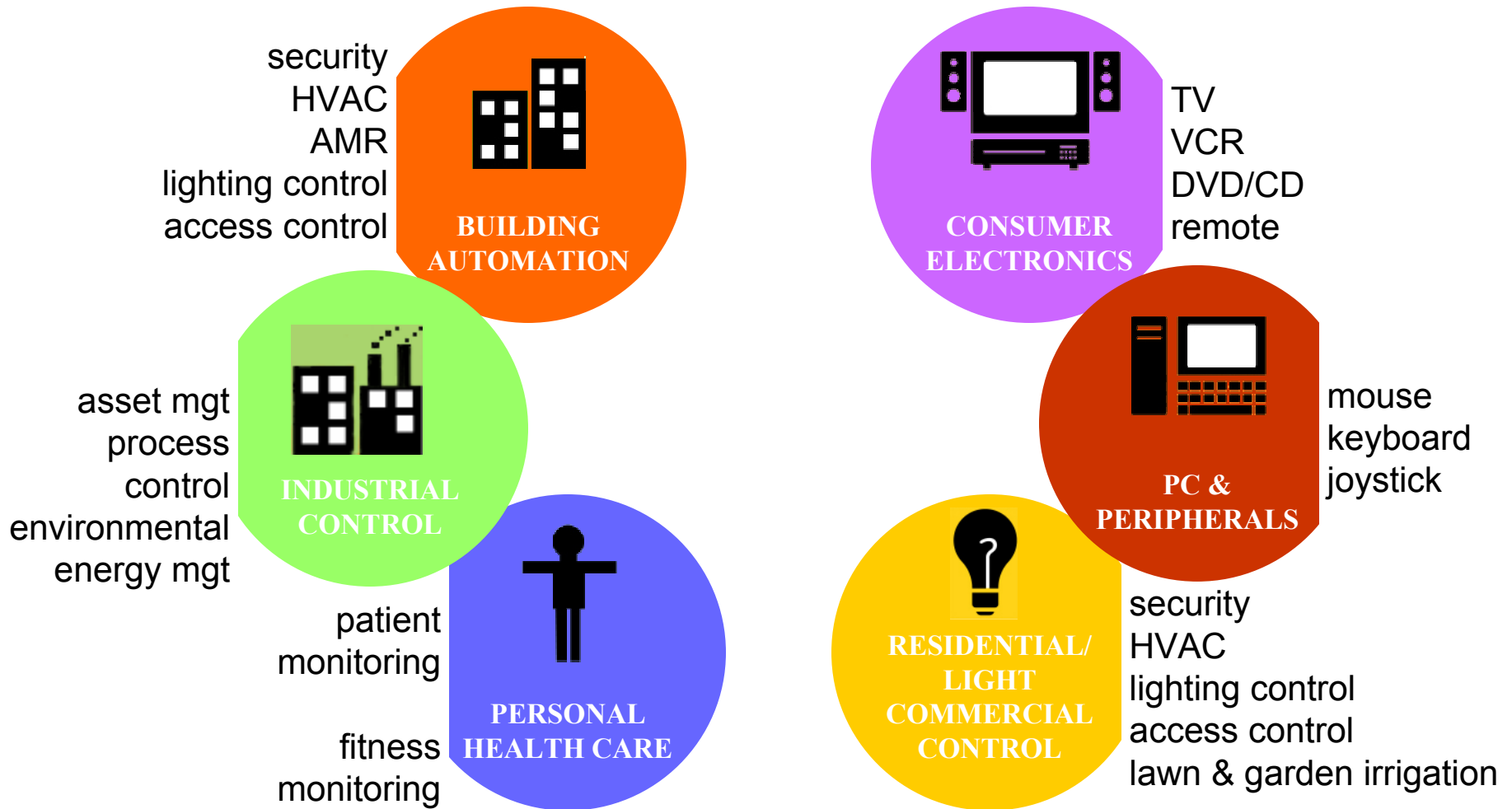
- The market is real
 - Industrial Automation, Building Automation
 - \$100M? in 2006, \$500M by 2010
- Adoption is gated by reliability and power
- Existing commercial solutions meet those requirements

UC Monitoring Ideas

- 10,000 points per campus
- Campus-wide submetering at 10kW level
- Every steam trap, every chiller, ...

Additional Slides

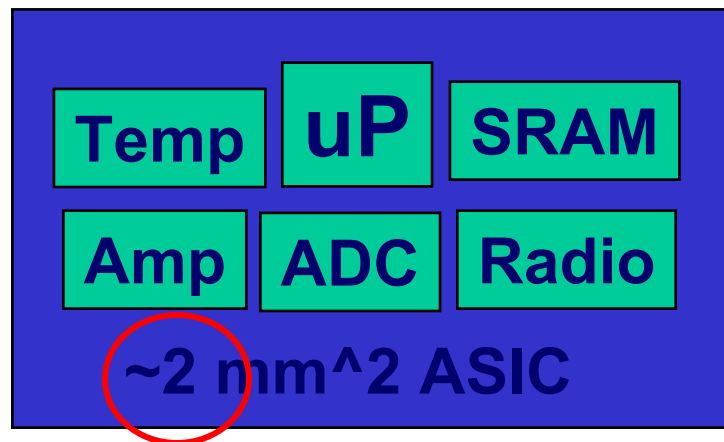
Low Data Rate WPAN Applications (Zigbee)



Mote on a Chip? (circa 2001)

- Goals:
 - Standard CMOS
 - Low power
 - Minimal external components

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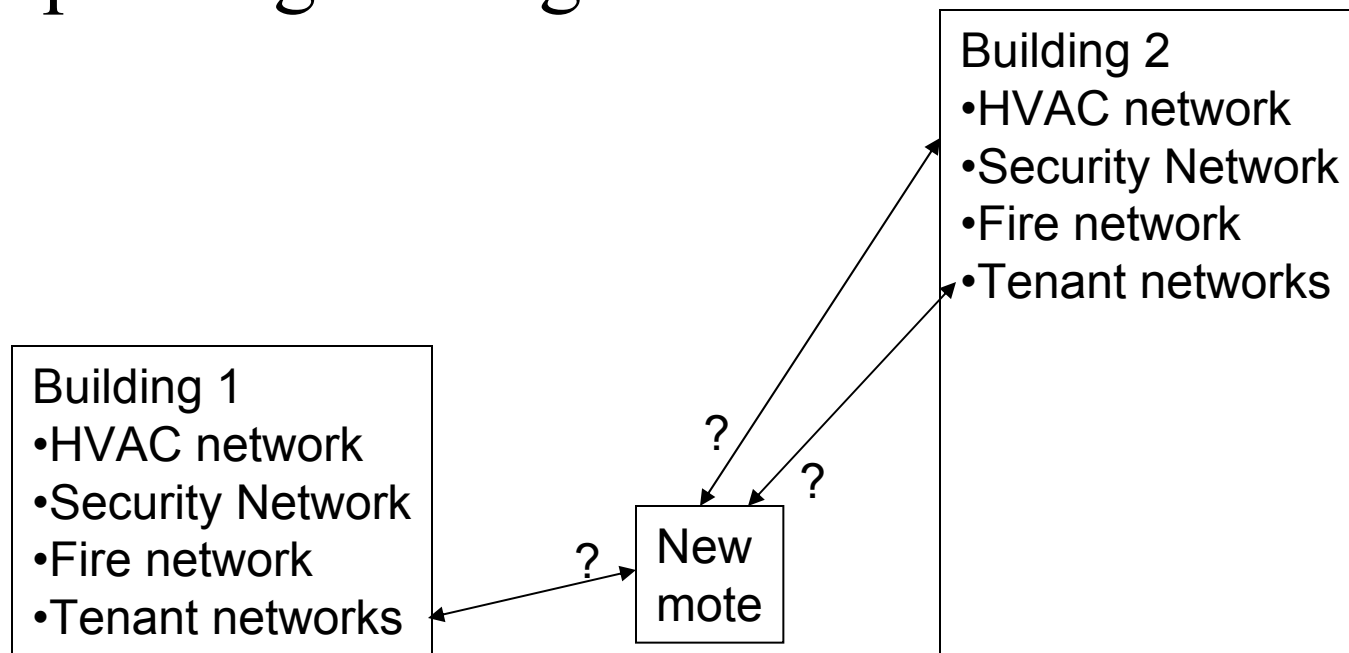
 inductor

 crystal

battery 

Use cases

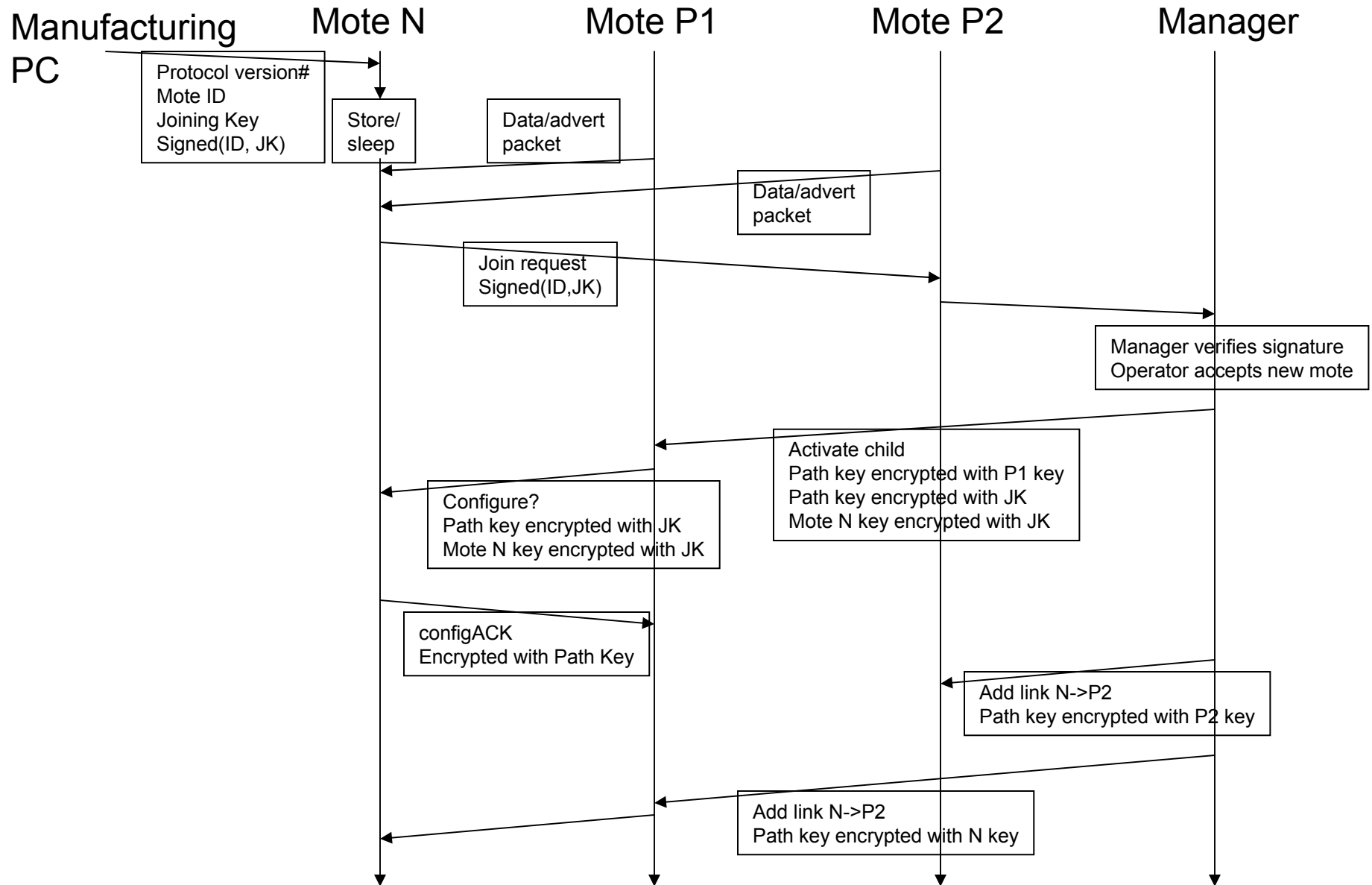
- One supplier/integrator
- One supplier, separate integrator
- Multiple suppliers, one integrator
- Multiple suppliers, multiple integrators, multiple neighboring customers



Security Goals

- Encryption
 - Make sure that no one can see the data
- Integrity
 - Make sure that no one can fake the data, fake control packets, screw up the network with replay of old packets, screw up the network with random packets
 - Make sure that random bit errors don't screw up the network
- Certification
 - Networks only accept trusted motes
 - Motes only join trusted networks
- Binding
 - Motes only join the right network

From manufacture to 3AM join



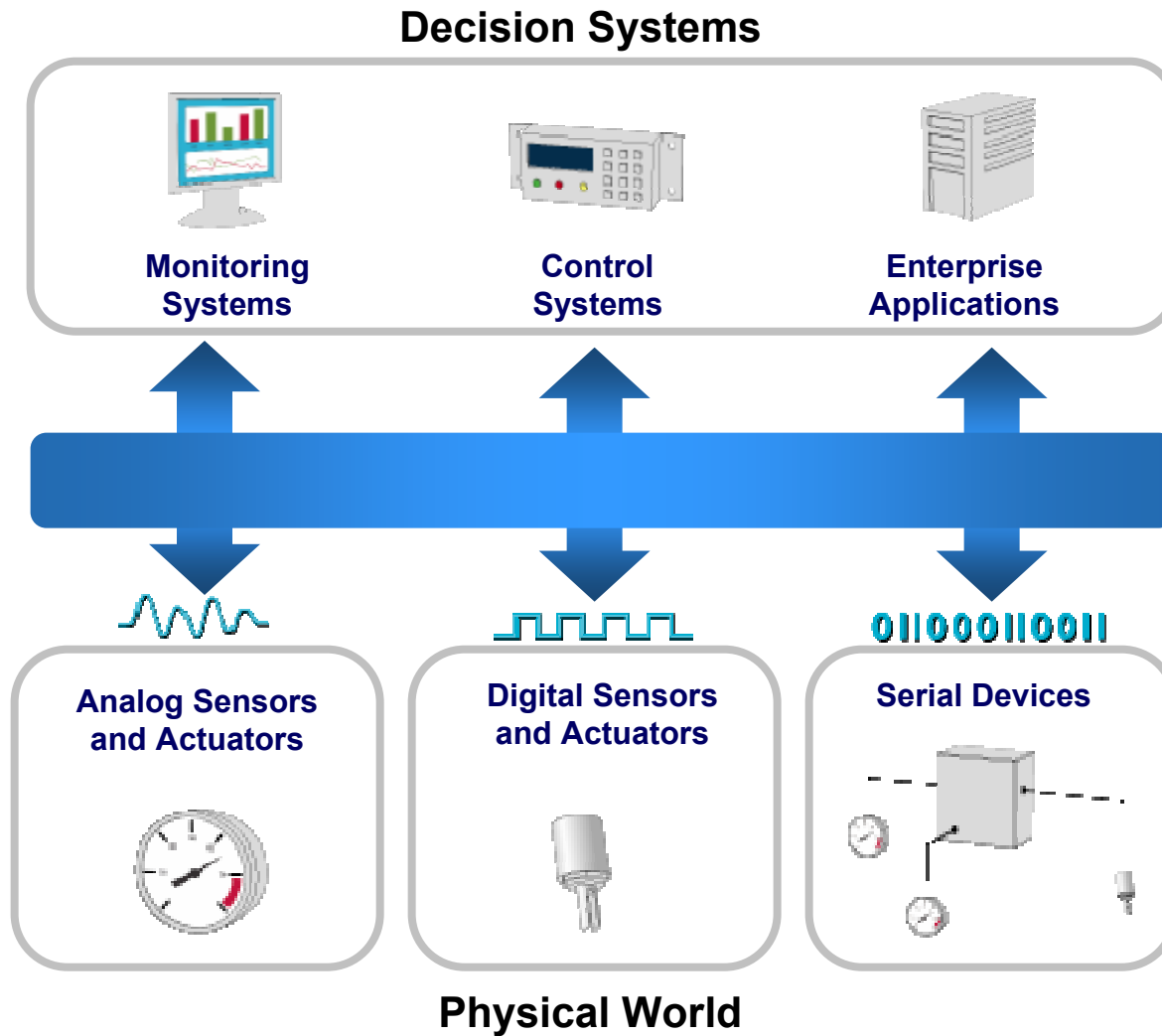
Radio Reliability in a Crowded Spectrum

- UWB?
 - Unclear potential for duty cycling
- DSSS doesn't cut it
 - Helpful, but only about 10dB
- +20 dBm doesn't cut it
 - Helpful, but expensive in batteries
 - 802.11 & cordless phones
- Must frequency hop
 - Time synchronization required...
 - ...but you probably needed that anyway.
 - Lots of channels, lots of bandwidth, better scaling, ...

Zigbee 1.0

- Single channel networks are built into standard. This will be fatal for reliability.
- Tree-based routing recommended by standard will likely not be adopted, especially given the single-channel radio.
- No definition of duty cycling routers
 - Assumes powered routers, battery powered leaf nodes
 - No explicit prevention of router duty cycling – Zigbee 2.0?

Wireless Sensor Networking



- Significant reduction in the cost of installing sensor networks
- Enables new class of services
- Increases sensor deployment

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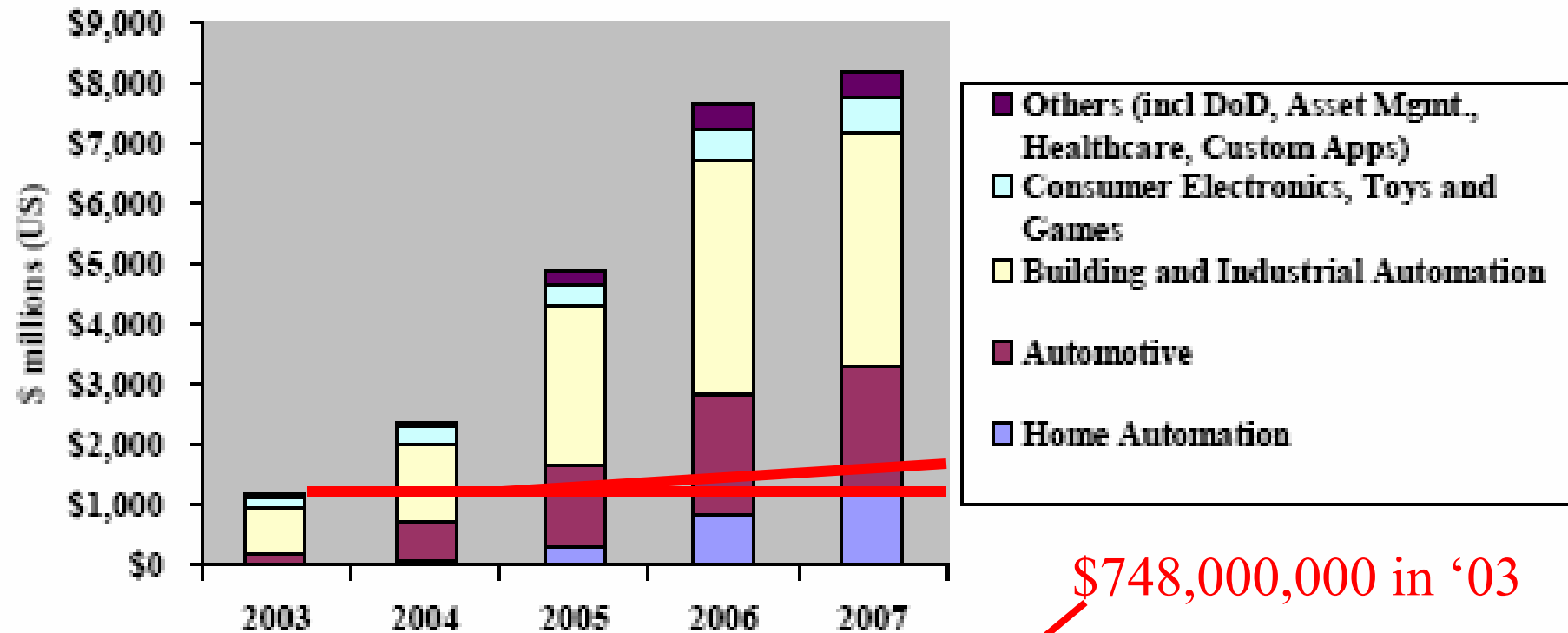
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conversation on their perception of value to sensor company: do they see it increasing the deployment of sensors ?

Joy Weiss, 10/4/2004

WW LR-WPAN Component Revenues by Industry

WDRG, 2003



(\$ US millions)

Industry	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	CAGR
Home Automation	\$ 39	\$ 79	\$ 321	\$ 821	\$ 1,273	101.0%
Automotive	\$ 192	\$ 615	\$ 1,345	\$ 2,022	\$ 2,033	60.4%
Building and Industrial Automation	\$ 748	\$ 1,333	\$ 2,648	\$ 3,910	\$ 3,873	38.9%
Consumer Electronics, Toys and Games	\$ 164	\$ 275	\$ 384	\$ 528	\$ 585	29.0%
Others (incl DoD, Asset Mgmt., Healthcare, Custom Apps)	\$ 33	\$ 74	\$ 216	\$ 377	\$ 419	65.8%
Total	\$ 1,176	\$ 2,377	\$ 4,914	\$ 7,659	\$ 8,183	47.4%

Dust Networks

- Founded July 2002
 - Angels, In-Q-Tel, ~\$1.5M
 - 28 employees in Jan 04
- Series A Feb 2004
 - Foundation
 - IVP
- Series B Feb 2005
 - Crescendo
 - Cargill