# Low Power and Wide Area Network Technologies for Internet of Things

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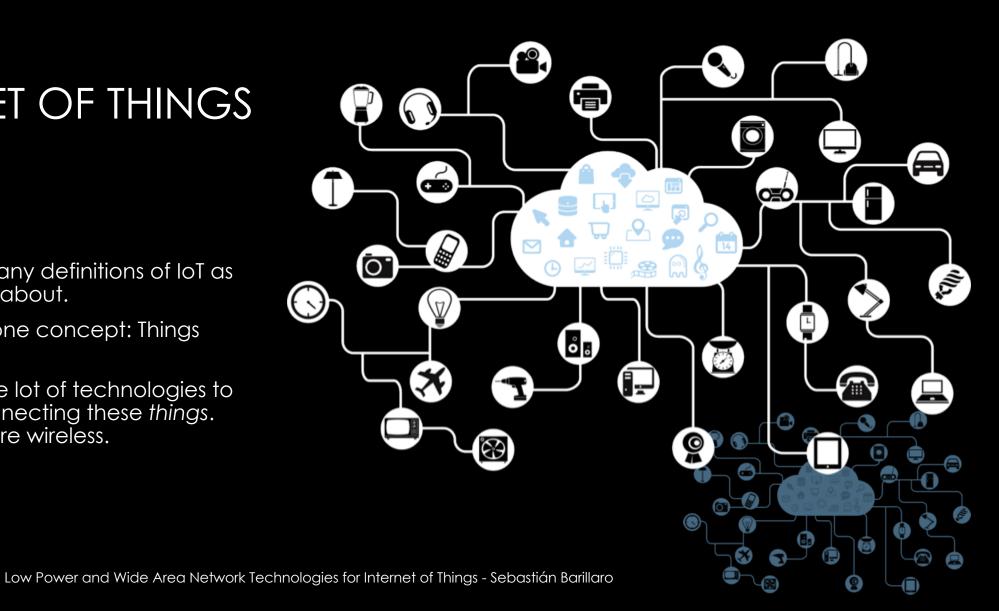


# INTERNET OF THINGS

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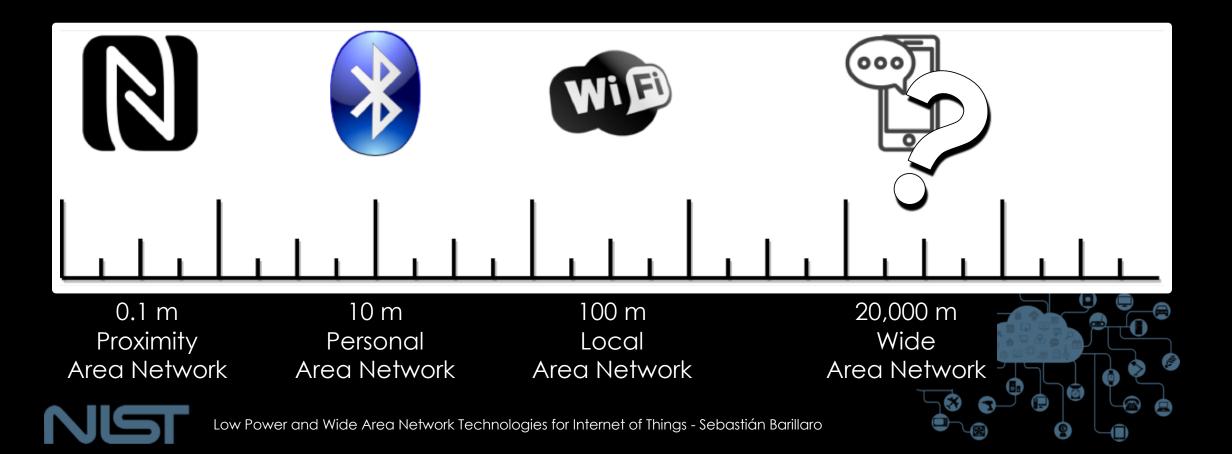
Let's agree in one concept: Things connected.

Again, we have lot of technologies to choose for connecting these things. Most of them are wireless.



• There are well defined technologies for most common network requirements.

#### How we connect All those Things?



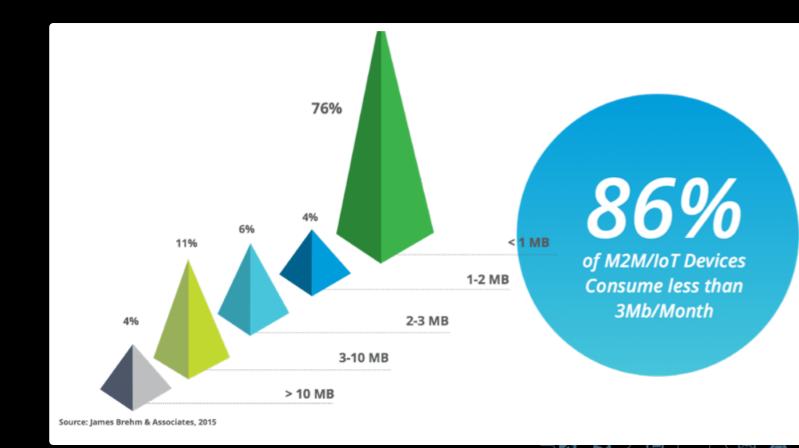
#### WIDE AREA NETWORK

- Cellphone network is the most adopted technology
- It works in a licensed frequency
- High power consumption
- High data rate
- Telecommunication companies decide where to deploy



DO WE NEED MORE SAME TECHNOLOGY?

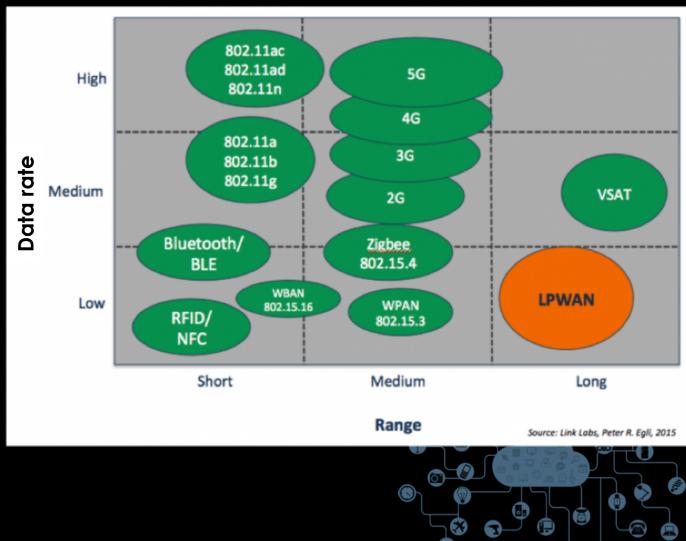
- Users never owns the network
- Users depend on 3<sup>rd</sup> party
- Users have to pay a fee
- Battery drains quickly





### RANGE VS DATA RATE

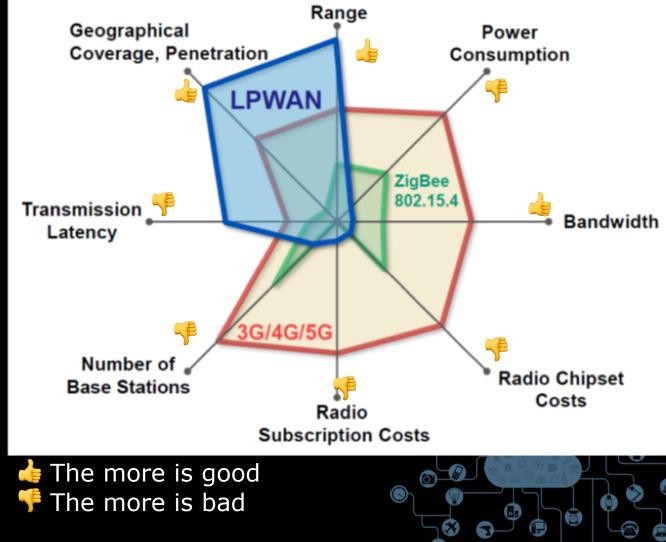
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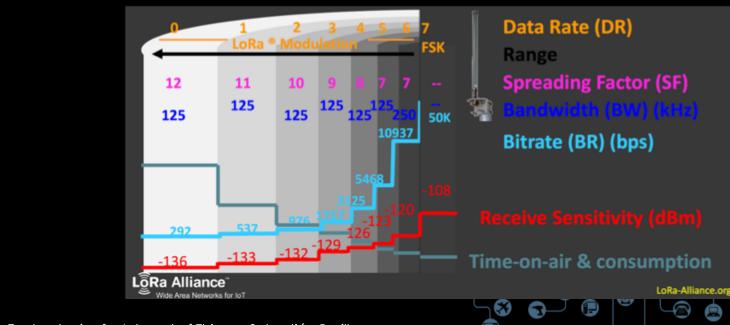
#### LoRa + LoRaWAN

- LoRa is a patented (EP2763321 from 2013 and US7791415 from 2008) technology developed by Cycleo (Grenoble, France) and acquired by Semtech in 2012.
- LoRaWAN is a media access control layer protocol for managing communication between LPWAN gateways and end-node devices, maintained by the LoRa Alliance. Version 1.0 of the LoRaWAN specification was released in June 2015. Version 1.1 released October 2017.



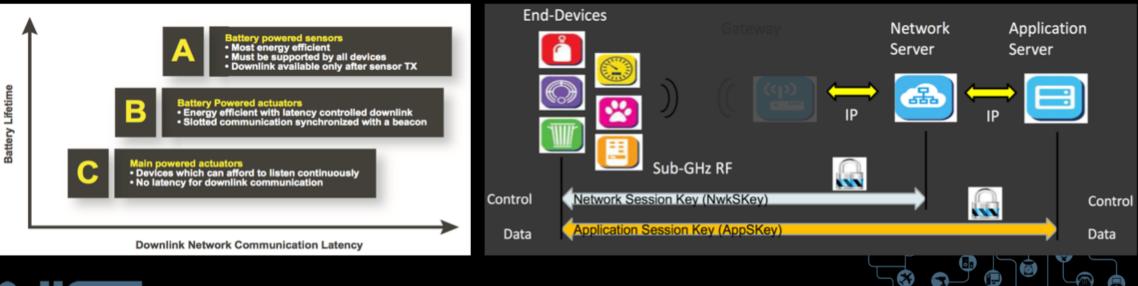
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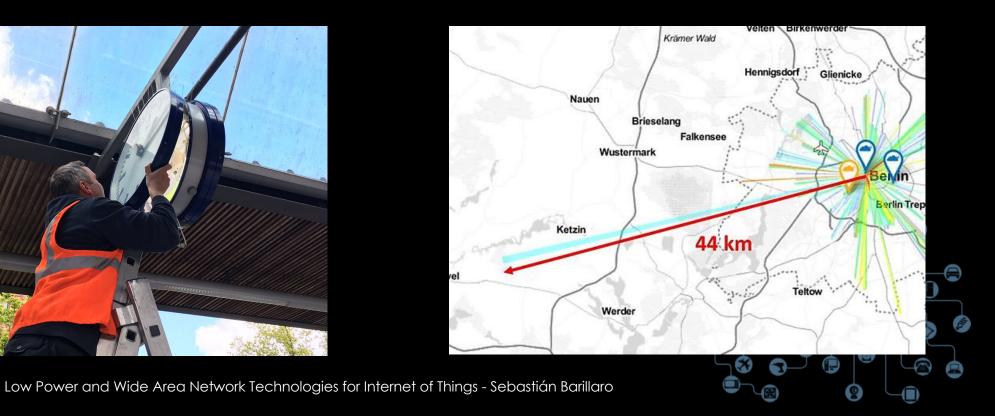




#### Remote MONITORING OF STATION CLOCKS

Deutsche Bahn (DB) is currently conducting several pilot studies on remote monitoring of station clocks using LoRaWAN <sup>™</sup>. On the one hand runs a trial with 50 watches, which were retrofitted with a surveillance solution. Two other watches were equipped with sensor technology in cooperation with the Berlin tech startup Relayr, which will be tested at the Berlin S-Bahn stations Bellevue and Jannowitzbrücke. Finally, on a third clock with the software startup GreyRook, a new approach to the time synchronization of station clocks is being developed.

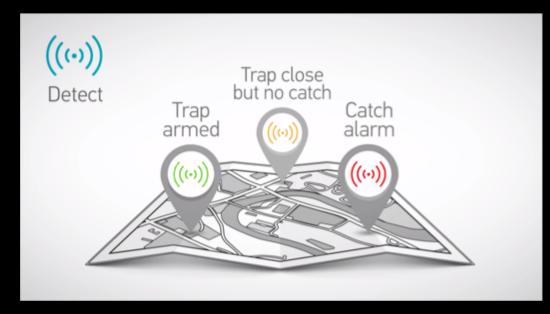


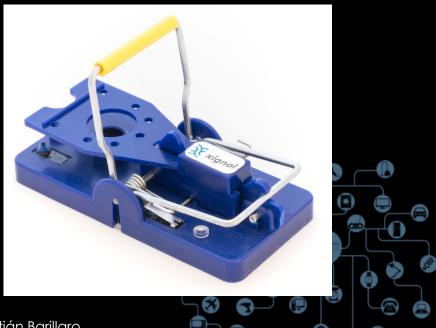


#### XIGNAL

#### Xignal is the solution for now and the future. Intelligent and sustainable pest control.

Xignal detects the status of the mouse and rat trap: armed, unarmed or unarmed with catch. With the advanced LoRa technology the communication runs via your private or public network. By a push notification on your mobile or tablet you get online 24/7 reports about rodent activities. So you can directly respond and control the activities of rodents.



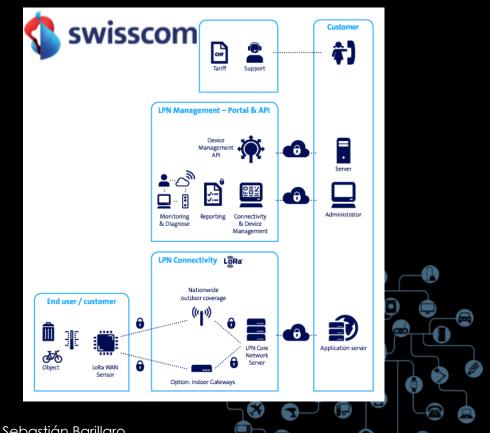


Swisscom Low Power Network Connectivity powered by LoRa

#### **Zurich City Police: M2M Solution**

To ensure that the roads are cleaned on schedule and released for traffic again, the world's largest technoparty relies on tight organisation. Zurich City Police relies on an M2M solution from Swisscom for this, allowing them to inform Love Mobiles that fall out of line and throw the sequence into confusion in real time and control them accordingly.

The Swisscom Low Power Network powered by LoRa<sup>™</sup> is a complementary network designed to meet the unique needs of IoT based applications that require the communication of only small amounts of data



# MachineQ

MachineQ, Comcast's Enterprise Internet of Things Service.

Comcast today (July 18<sup>th</sup>) announced plans to expand its enterprise Internet of Things (IoT) service, machineQ<sup>™</sup>, to 12 major U.S. markets. MachineQ is an IoT network service and platform that uses Low Power Wide Area Network (LPWAN) technology based on the globally-adopted LoRaWAN<sup>™</sup> protocol to build and deploy solutions for businesses and municipal organizations. The service is rolling out in Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Denver, Detroit, Indianapolis, Miami, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Oakland, Pittsburgh, Seattle, and Washington D.C.

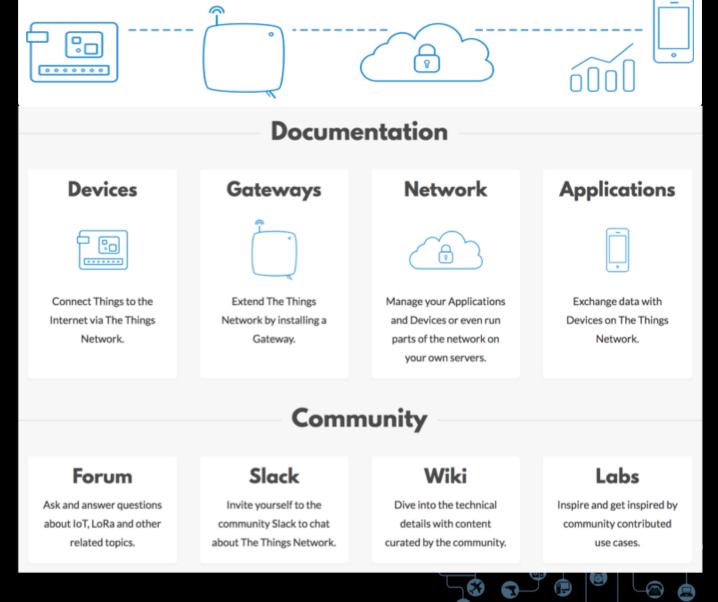






# The Things Network

The Things Network is about enabling low power <u>Devices</u> to use long range <u>Gateways</u> to connect to an opensource, decentralized <u>Network</u> to exchange data with <u>Applications</u> and <u>Platforms</u>.

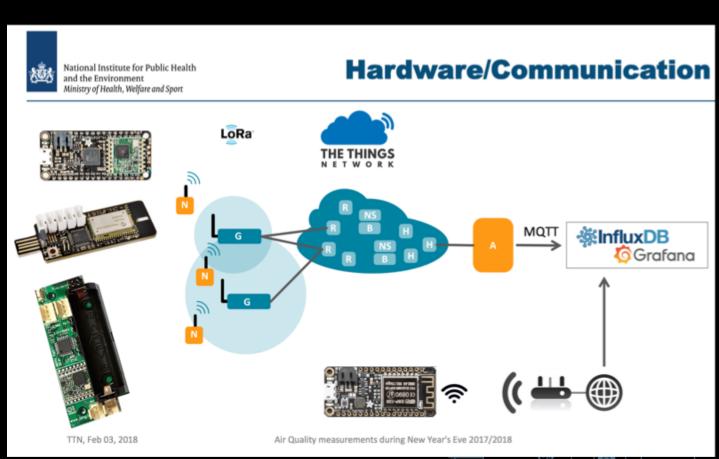




#### National Institute for Public Health and the Enviroment.

# AIR QUALITY (RIVM)

- A number of sensor kits was prepared by RIVM for assembly by interested citizens.
- The kits were distributed during a symposium on citizen science and during workshops in the cities of Amsterdam and Amersfoort.
- Measurements were also organized by several groups of people and the data was shared with RIVM.
  - Apeldoorn
  - Venlo
  - Several individuals
- Most sensors connected to the internet using WiFi, some 25% communicated using LoRa.





### Gale A. Brewer, Manhattan Borough President



...We can build an IoT network that embodies the values of responsible tech, and has **empathy, openness, and public service** at its core...

...Each LoRa gateway powered by "The Things Network" that goes on-line in my borough will quickly become essential to our thousands of not-forprofit organizations, and startup incubators and accelerators...

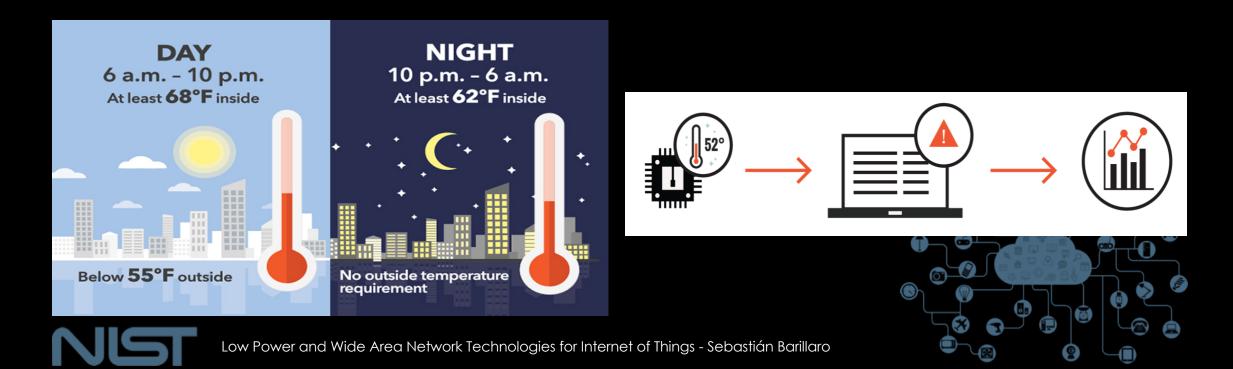
... To help expand the network, I'm installing two MultiTech Gateways, one for our Harlem storefront office on West 125thStreet and one for our downtown office next to the Brooklyn Bridge and City Hall...



# Heat Seek

At Heat Seek its our mission to make the city a safer, warmer place to live for all New Yorkers.

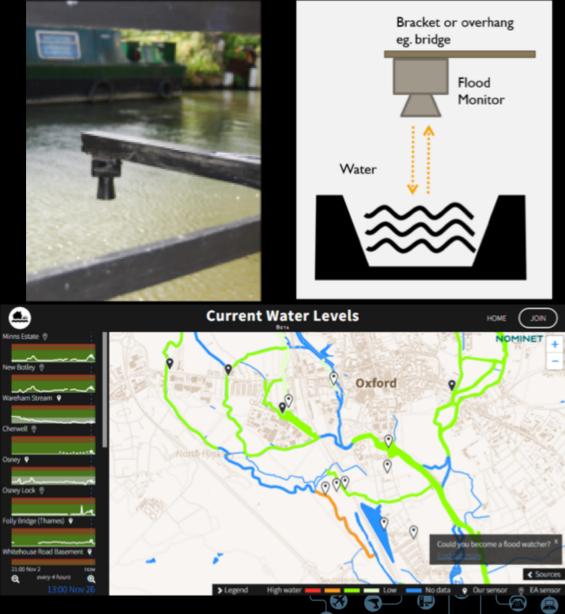
Heat Seek helps tenants resolve their home heating issues by providing the **objective**, **reliable temperature data** they need to expose the problem and hold their landlords accountable. Working closely with tenants, tenant organizers, public interest attorneys, and city officials, we install proprietary temperature sensors and offer technical expertise to assist tenants in documenting when their landlords fail to provide adequate heat during the wintertime.



# FLOOD NETWORK

**Install a Flood Sensor**- Using brand new LPWAN technology you can collect data on water levels in nearby streams via the Internet. Our low-cost wireless sensors harness the power of the *Internet of Things* to give you updates about waterways, rivers, ditches and even groundwater. They are powered by battery and can connect wirelessly to a gateway which instantly sends the data to show on your map.

With a subscription you and a group of members can be alerted by SMS or email as water levels change. You can manage your data and devices more closely and analyse the data, choosing whether to publish as open data.





Low-cost, simple and reliable global connections to sensors and mobile equipment. It just works everywhere, and all the time, so you can focus on using your data.

# LACUNA SPACE



#### How does it work?

 The signals use a longrange wide area network protocol called LoRaWAN<sup>™</sup> that is specially designed to conserve battery power

 Existing, low-cost, batterypowered sensors transmit a

satellite

signal directly to a passing



- 3. The satellites are low-cost cubesats (about the size of a shoe-box) and fly in a 500km
  orbit, circling the Earth fourteen times each day.
  - The satellites store the messages for a short period of time until they pass over our network of ground stations
- Data can be relayed to you own application on a terrestrial network, or it can be viewed on our web based application.



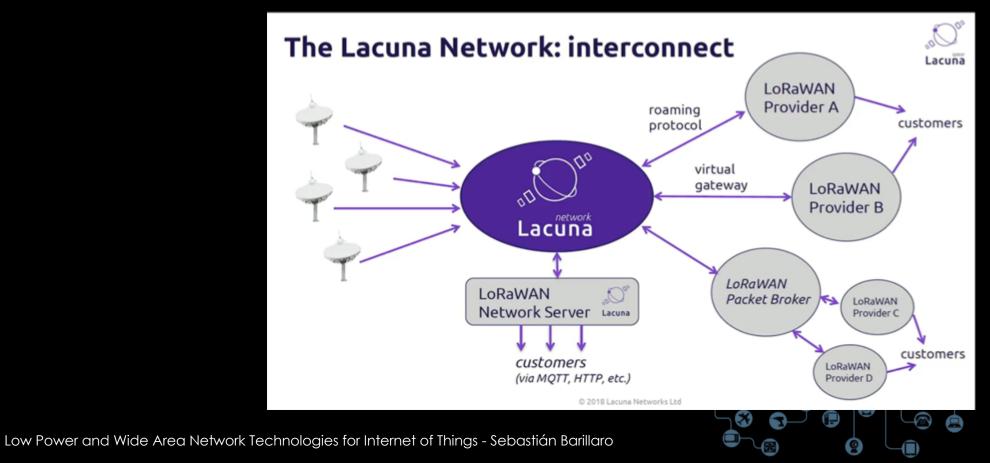
 The messages are relayed automatically from the ground station to our cloud platform.

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## LACUNA SPACE

Lacuna Space is currently based out of the European Space Agency's Business Incubation Centre on the Harwell Campus – at the heart of the UK's space applications development community – and we also have an office in the Netherlands where we work closely with The Things Network in Amsterdam. We also have developers and collaborators working in France and Switzerland ... its a growing company with ambitions out of this world, *literally* ...



### INTERNET OF LIFE



#### The Smart Parks solution provides National Parks with a new tool to protect wild life and to improve park management.

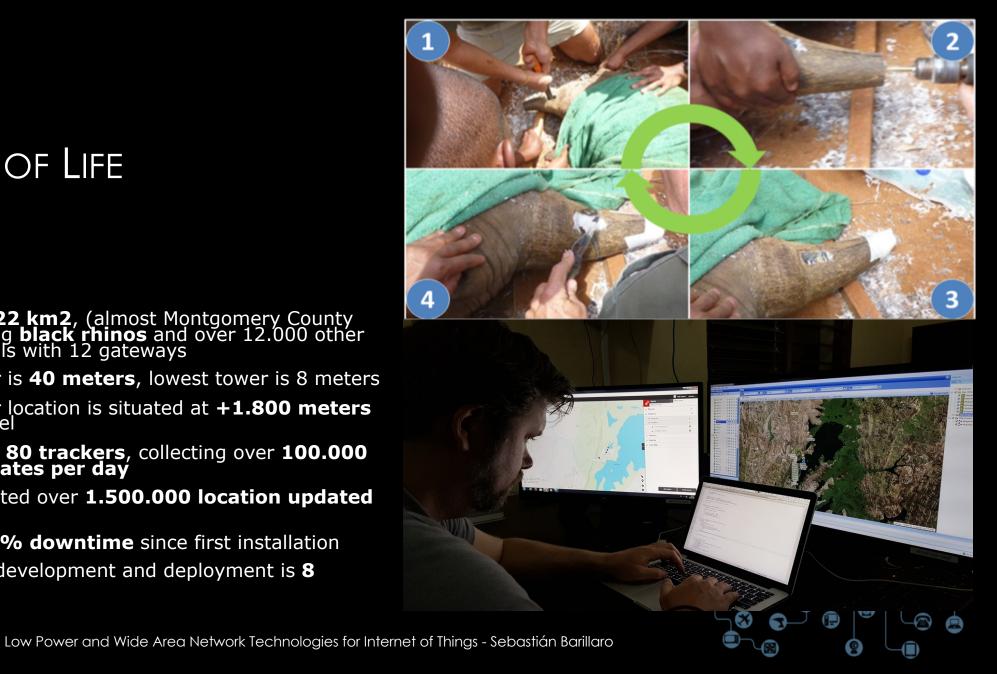
Since most National Parks have no basic 3G or 4G internet coverage, we start by covering the conservation area with a state of the art communication network to collect data from sensors we distribute across the park. We provide sensors to securely track wild life and to protect the area with gate sensors. The data is processed and presented in an easy to use web application. This is called Situational Awareness and is very important in modern wildlife conservation.



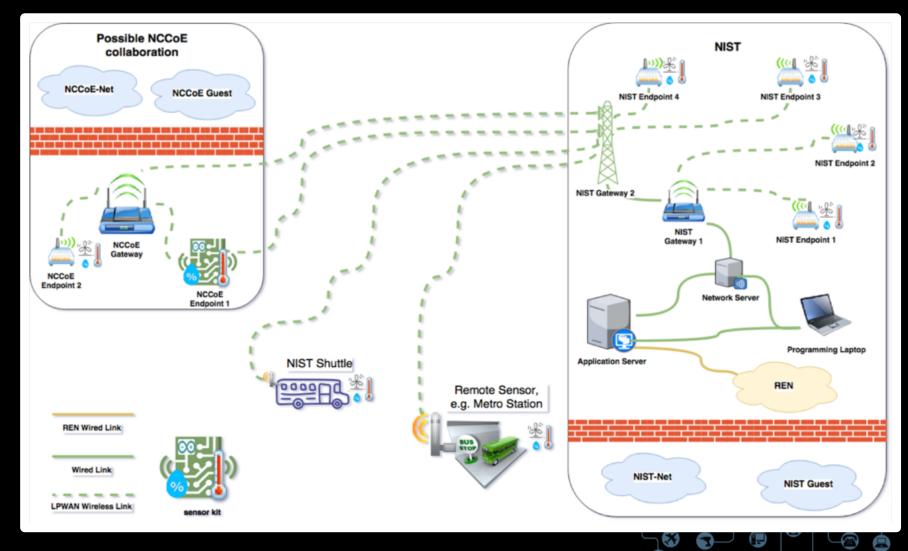


### INTERNET OF LIFE

- Covering **1.122 km2**, (almost Montgomery County Area) including **black rhinos** and over 12.000 other large mammals with 12 gateways
- Highest tower is 40 meters, lowest tower is 8 meters  $\circ$
- Highest tower location is situated at +1.800 meters above sea level
- Installed over **80 trackers**, collecting over **100.000 location updates per day** •
- Already collected over **1.500.000 location updated** in 3 months •
- System has **0% downtime** since first installation •
- Total time of development and deployment is **8 months** only •



#### NIST IOT-LPWAN LABORATORY PROJECT

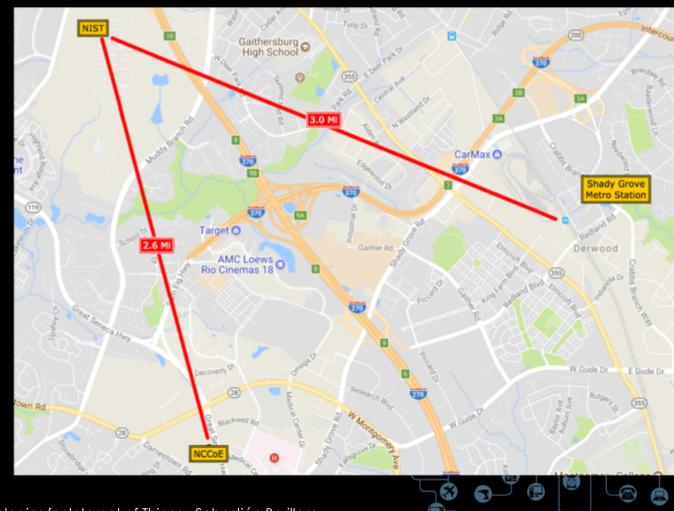


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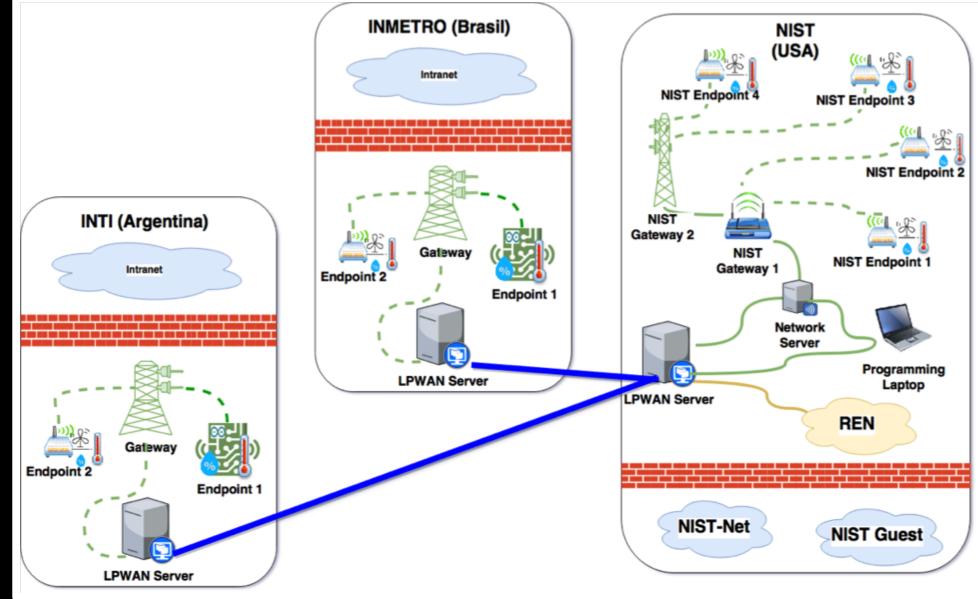
A real wide laboratory does not fit in a room.







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#### BRAINSTORMING TIME!

• How will you use LPWAN?







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