





## Why are Smart Places Interesting to Academia?

- 93 % of urbanization is happening in developing countries
- By 2050, the developing world will have 5.3 million urban dwellers
- 63% of the urban population will reside in Asia alone i.e. 3.3 million

# Modern Challenges

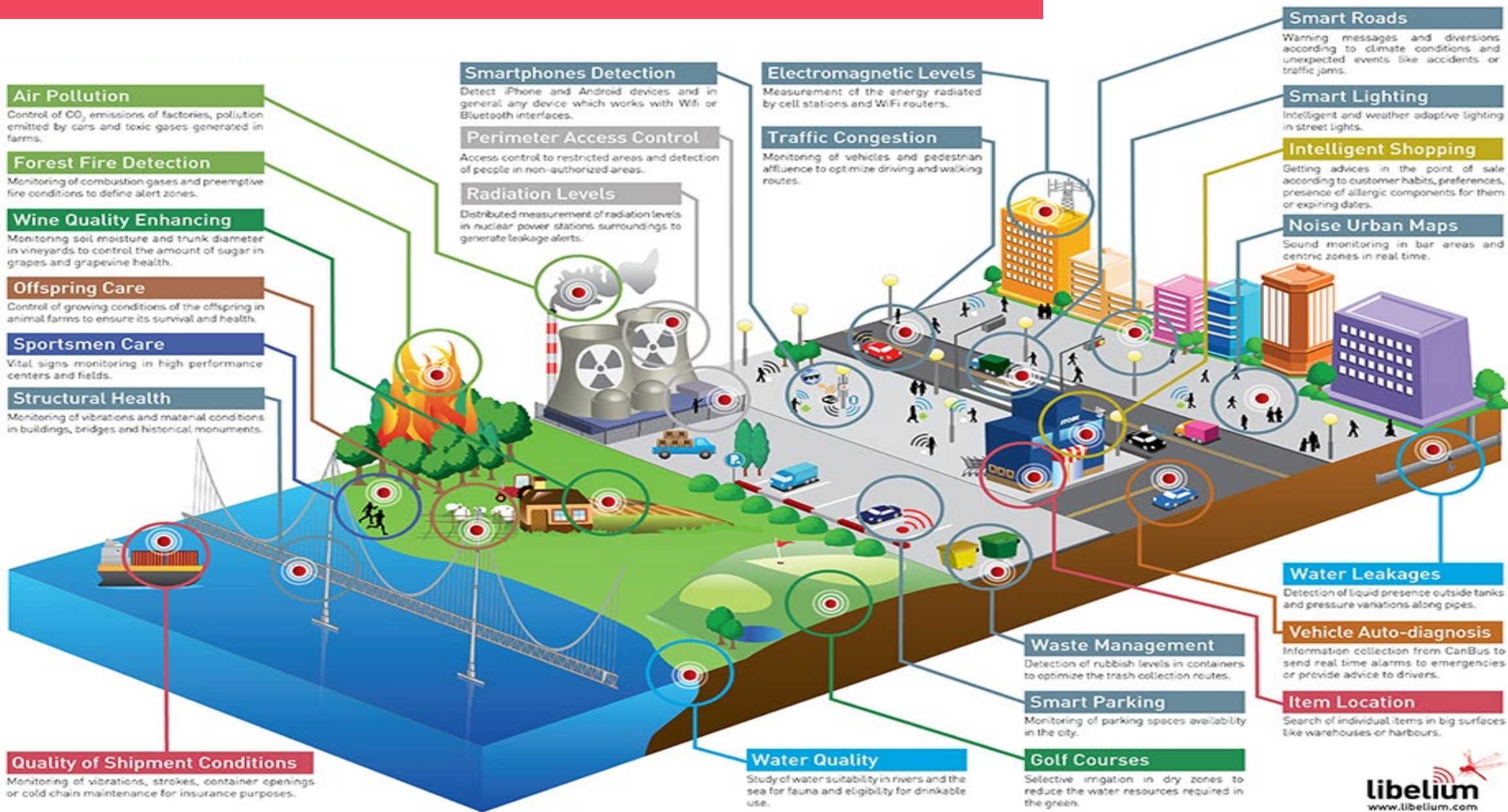
- Growth
- Climate Change
  - Resources getting tighter
  - Decisions and ability to adapt slower
  - Therefore Smart/Sustainable Cities

- Resource Optimisation
- Smart Fast Decision Making

IT can help

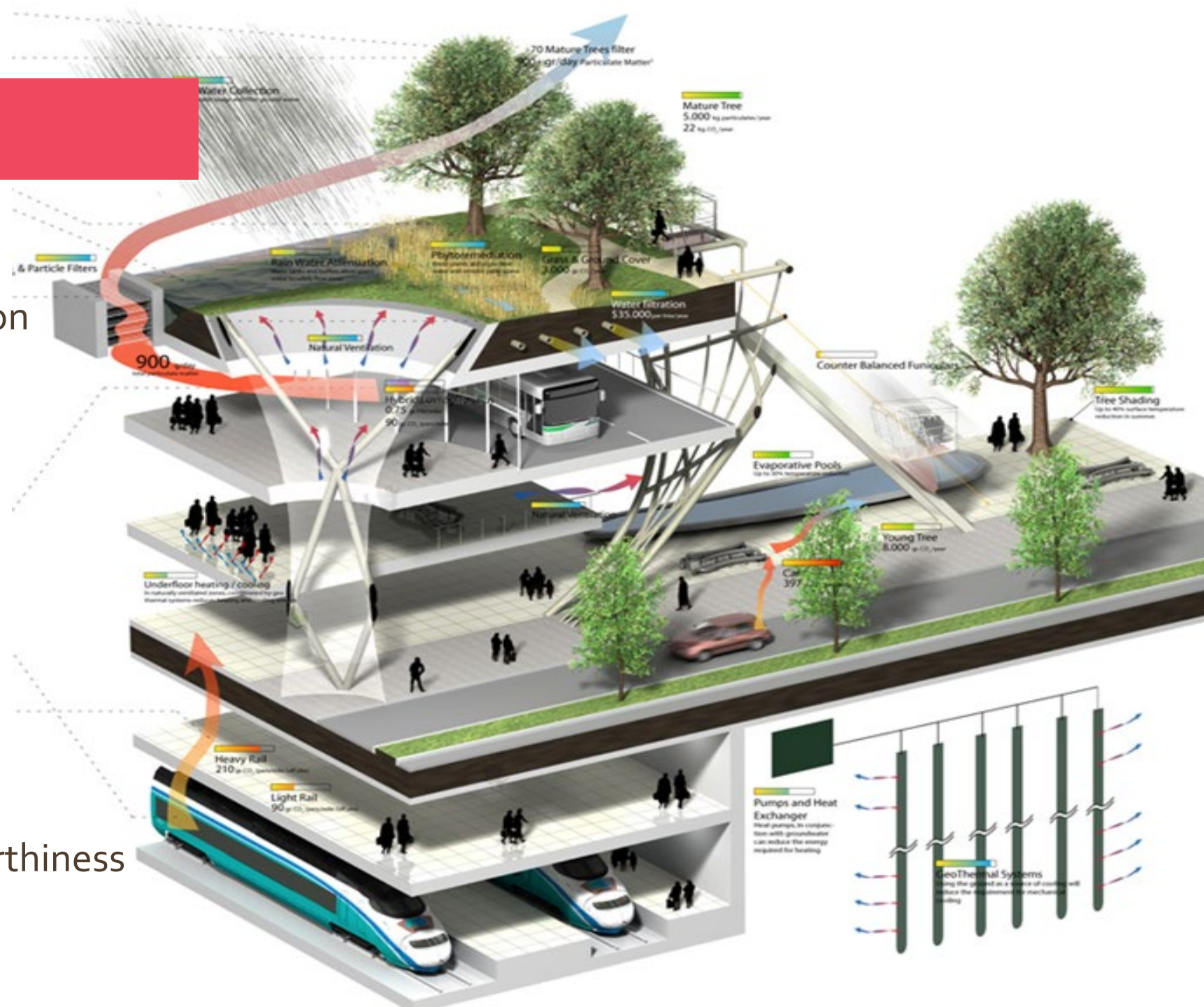


# Smart Sustainability is Everywhere!



# City IT Challenges

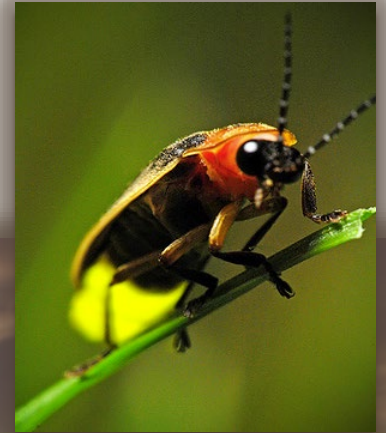
- Costs
  - Frugal systems augmentation
    - Low cost sensing
    - Participatory sensing
- Scale
  - Numbers of Things
  - Interconnections of Things
  - Network capacity
- Trust
  - Data provenance & trustworthiness
  - Agile decentralised systems



# Challenge – low resourced and flaky

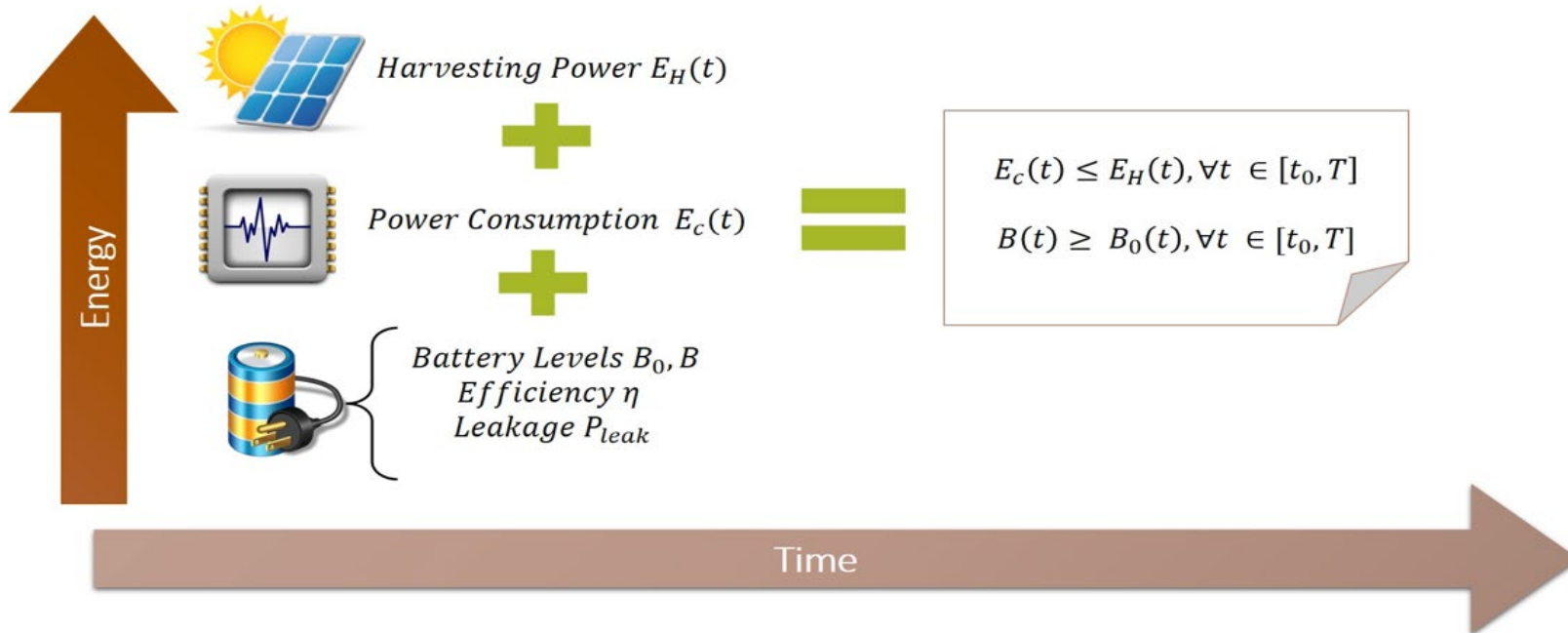
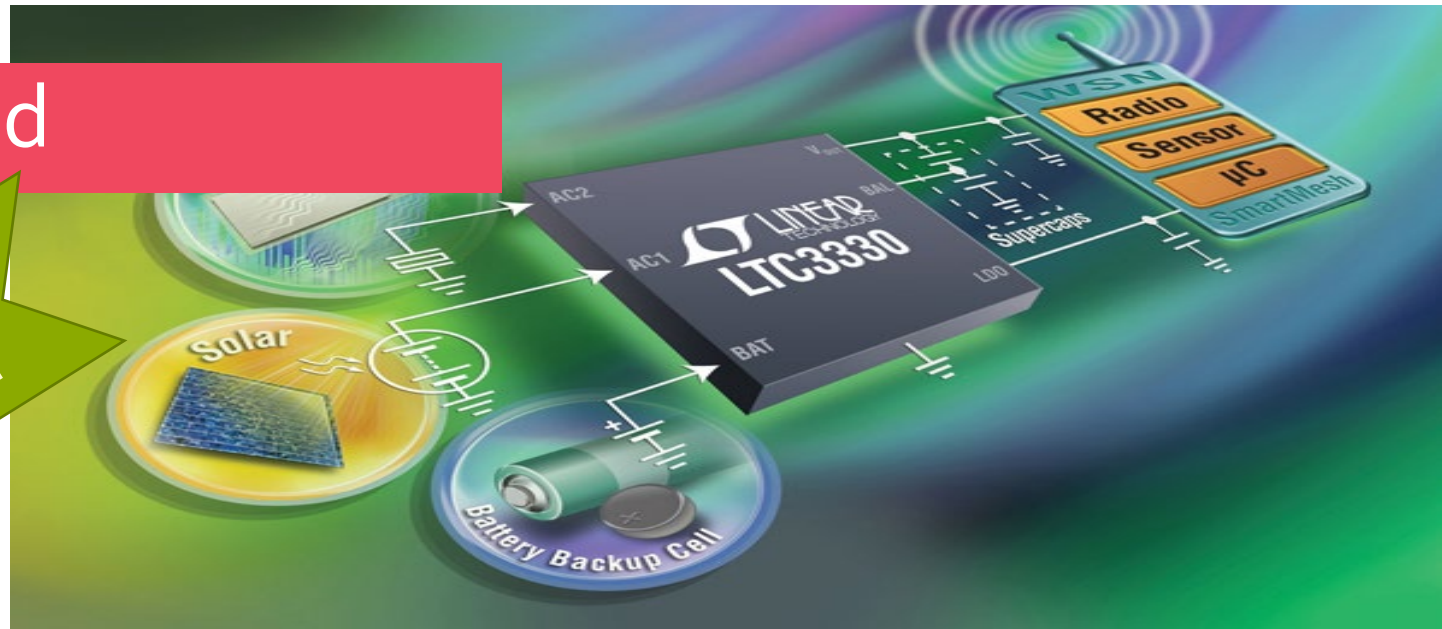
These are:

- noisy
- prone to decalibrate,
- may be misplaced,
- moved, compromised, degraded
- both individually and as a collective network.



# Challenge – can't eat food

Cyber-physical Interaction



Protocols to : ensure ENO +  
Lengthen the life-time of  
the device (years)



## Energy Neutral Operation (ENO)

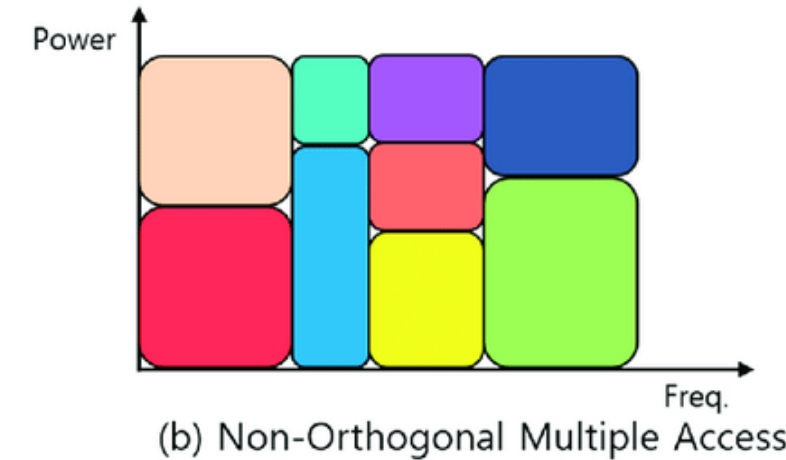
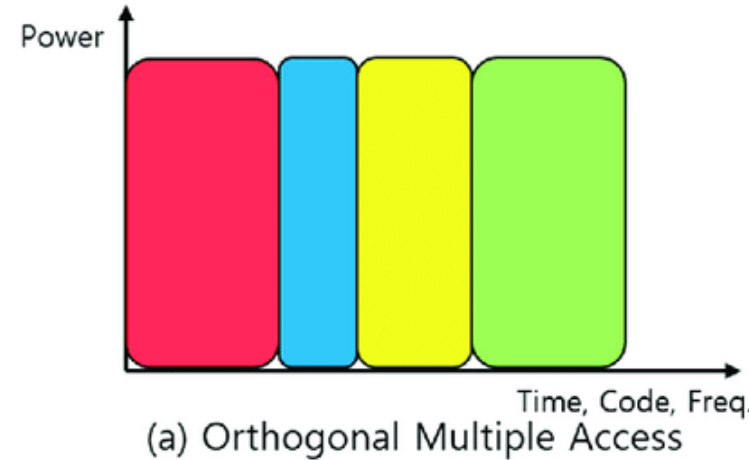
# Challenges – Sharing the Air



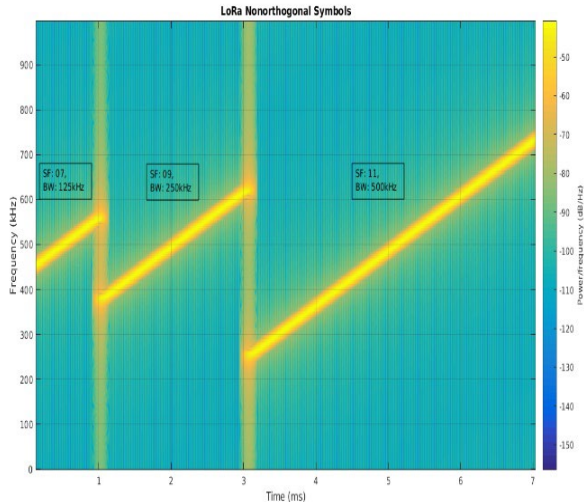
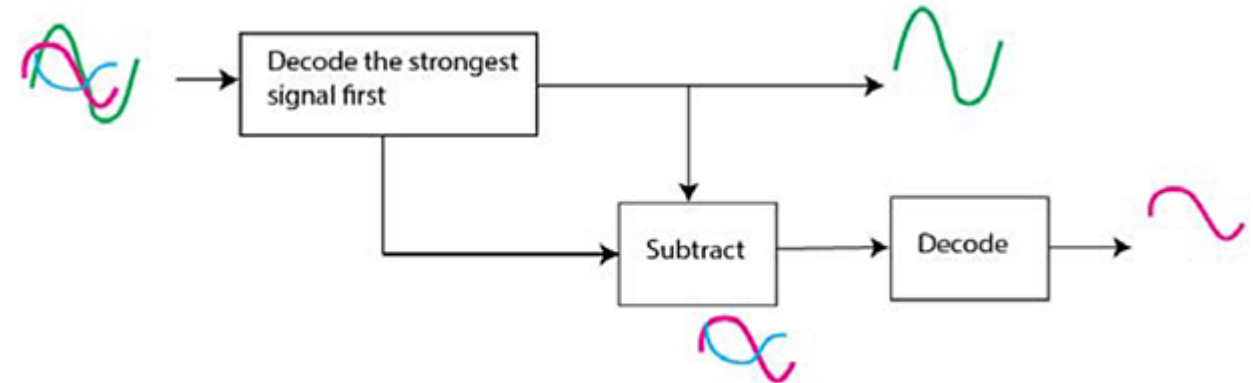
# Challenges – Network Capacity

New Communications Technologies brings new ways:

- Low-powered Wide area trades off power/distance with speed e.g. LORA
- Maximising Capacity in Dense Environments



## Non-orthogonal multiple access (NOMA)



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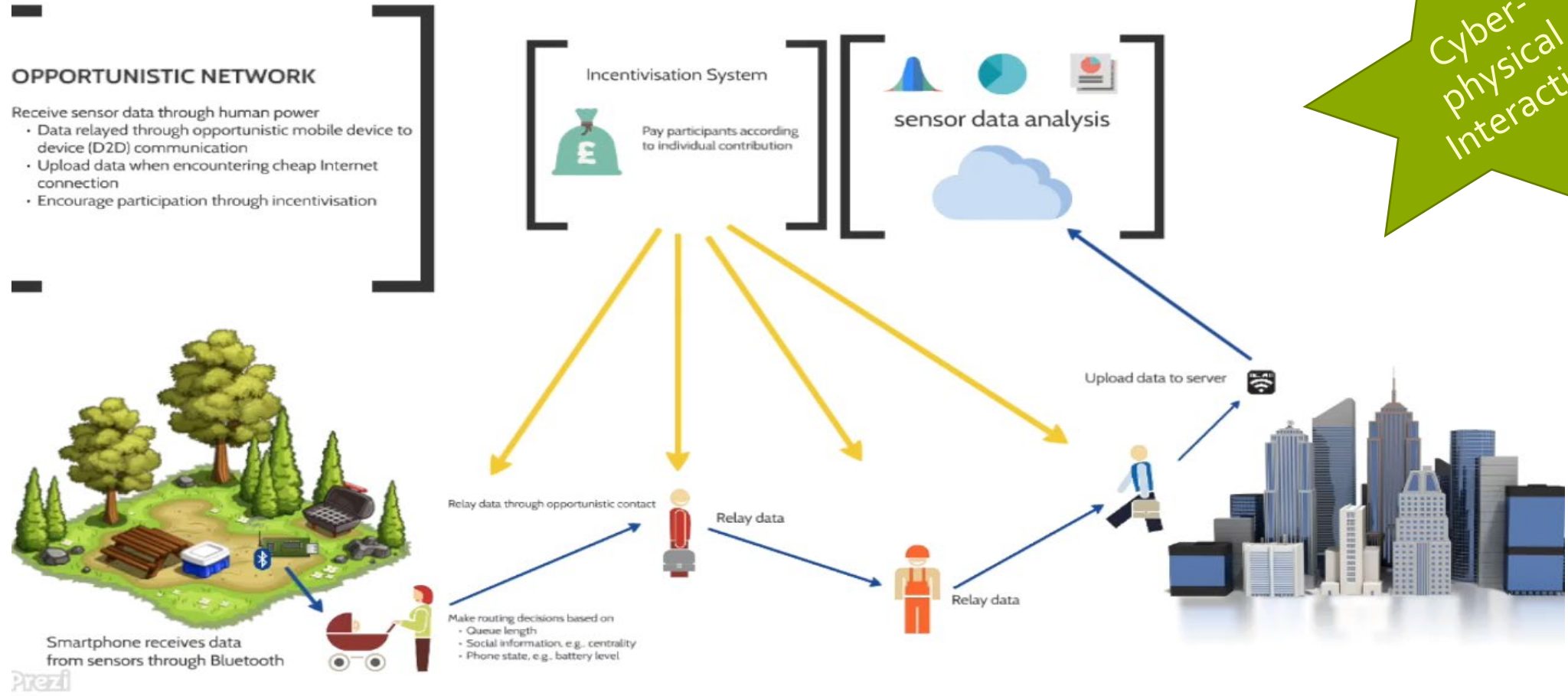
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# Challenges – Network Capacity

## OPPORTUNISTIC NETWORK

Receive sensor data through human power

- Data relayed through opportunistic mobile device to device (D2D) communication
- Upload data when encountering cheap Internet connection
- Encourage participation through incentivisation



Cyber-physical Interaction

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# Challenges – Sharing the City's infrastructure

Input: Resource requirements for all the tasks  
Set of applications  
Set of metrics  
Resource capacities for the current time slot

Function: *nextHopNeighbor* ( $j, t$ ) returns the next-hop neighbour in the multi-hop routing path for task  $j$ ,  
*Scaffold* ( $j, t$ ) returns the set of eligible nodes for the task  $j$

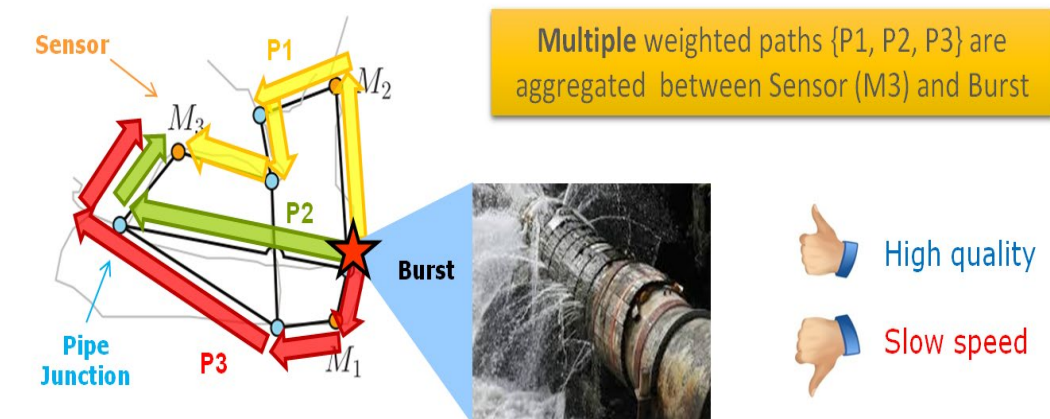
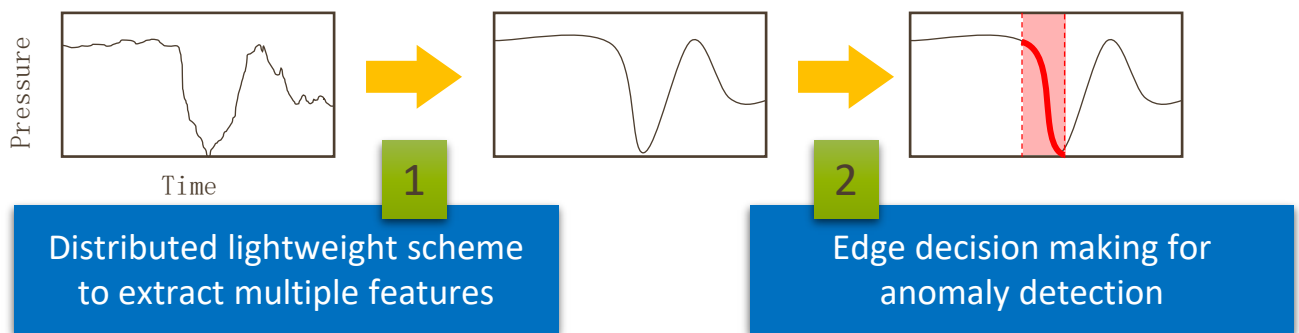
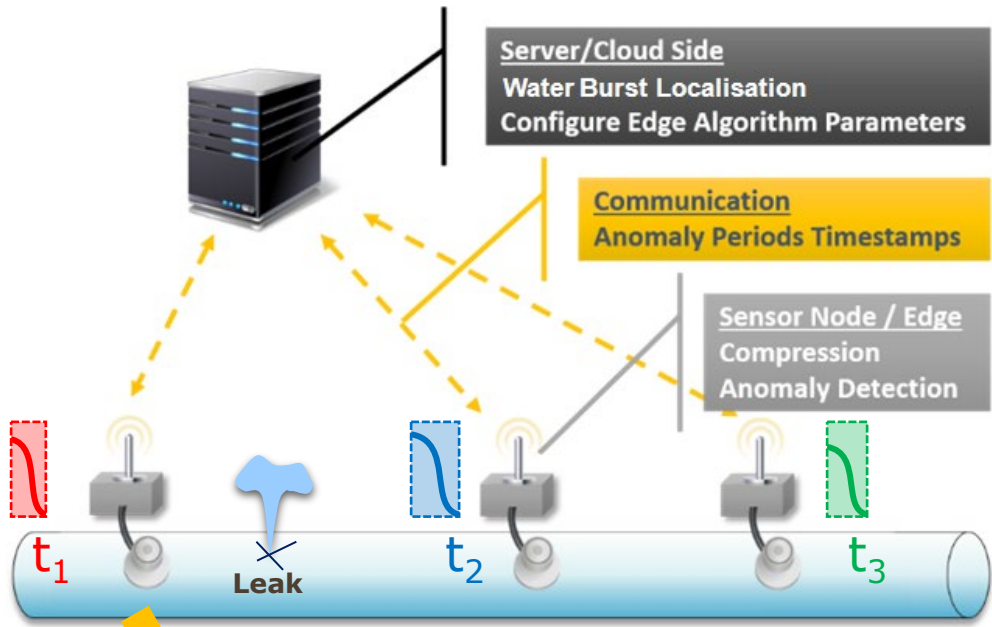
Output: Tasks allocation for all tasks

Implementation: On top of Contiki and its IPv6 stack



So what does this allow us to do?

# Water Leak Detection & Localisation



Burst Wave Travels along Multiple Paths

Weighted Average Distance Within L Hops

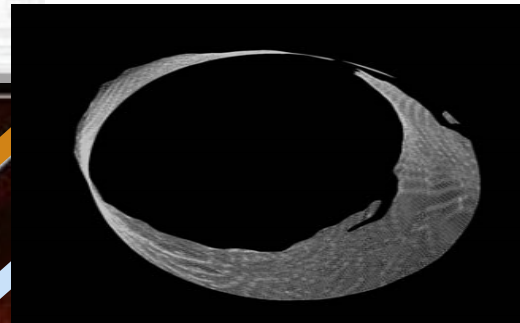
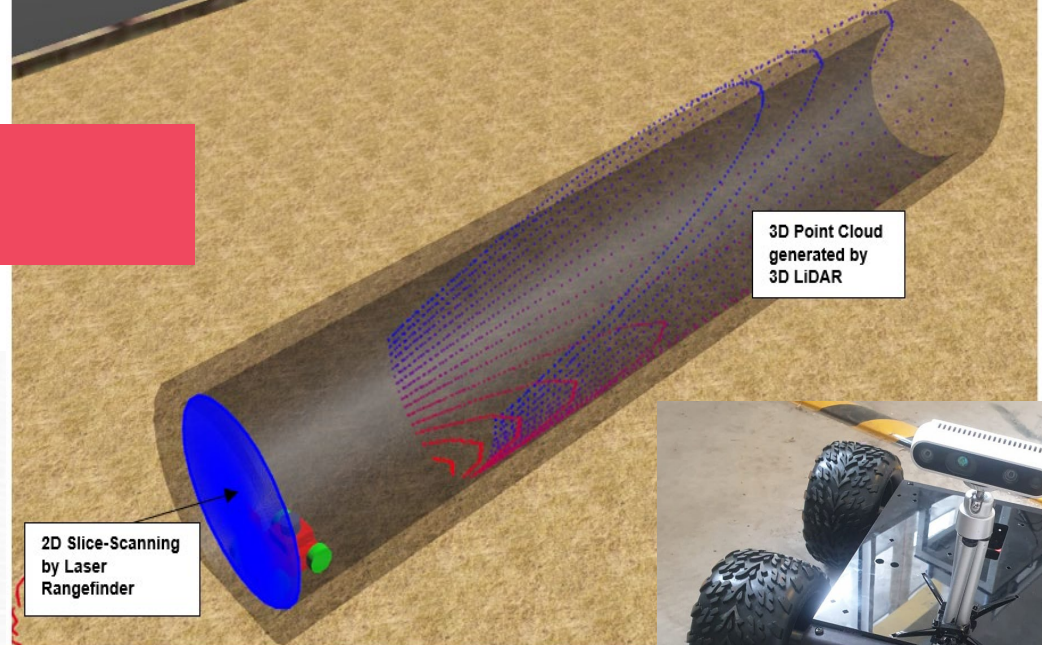
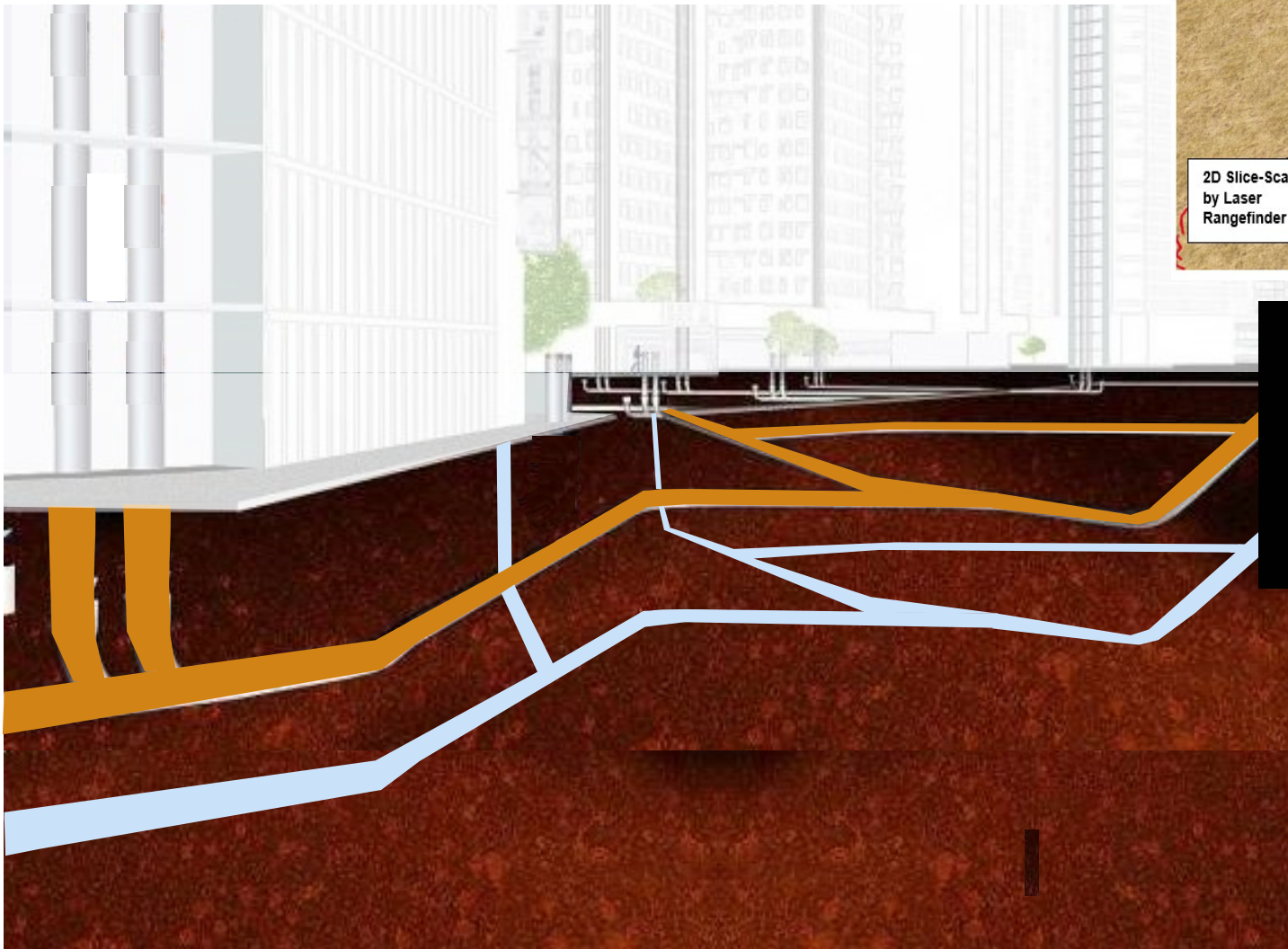
$$[S^{(L)}]_{(u,v)} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\beta} [\lambda D + \lambda^2 W^{(2)} + \dots + \lambda^L W^{(L)}]_{(u,v)}, & (u \neq v); \\ 0, & (u = v). \end{cases}$$

$\lambda \in (0,1)$  a decay factor

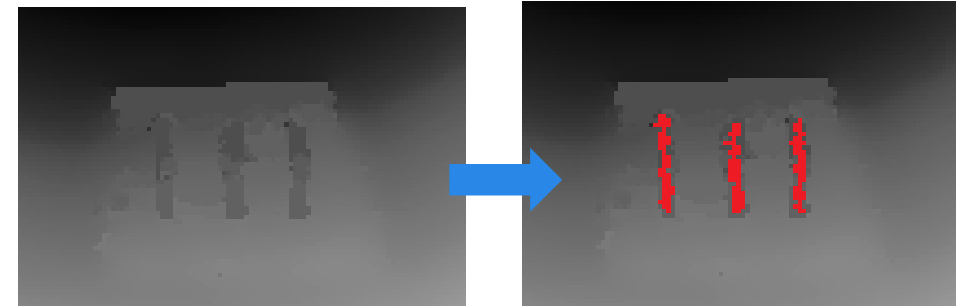
$$\beta = \sum_{i=1}^L \lambda^i \cdot \mathbf{1}_{\{[W^{(i)}]_{(u,v)} \neq 0\}}$$

Longer paths will have lower weights than shorter paths

# Waste Pipes (in Singapore)



DIFFERENT DEPTH VALUES IN A PIPELINE BY DEPTH CAMERA



# Machine learning helping control

use case: fine-grained  
rainfall nowcasting  
based on collaborative  
meta learning

## Adaptive learning in dynamic environments

- Data-driven understanding of real-world systems
- Multi-sourced big data support
- Portability and labor-saving
- **Challenge: learning efficiency & adaptability**
  - Sample insufficiency
  - Sample untimeliness
  - Model inadaptability
- **Solution: collaborative distributed learning**
  - Few-shot learning
  - On-line learning
  - Cross-task meta learning



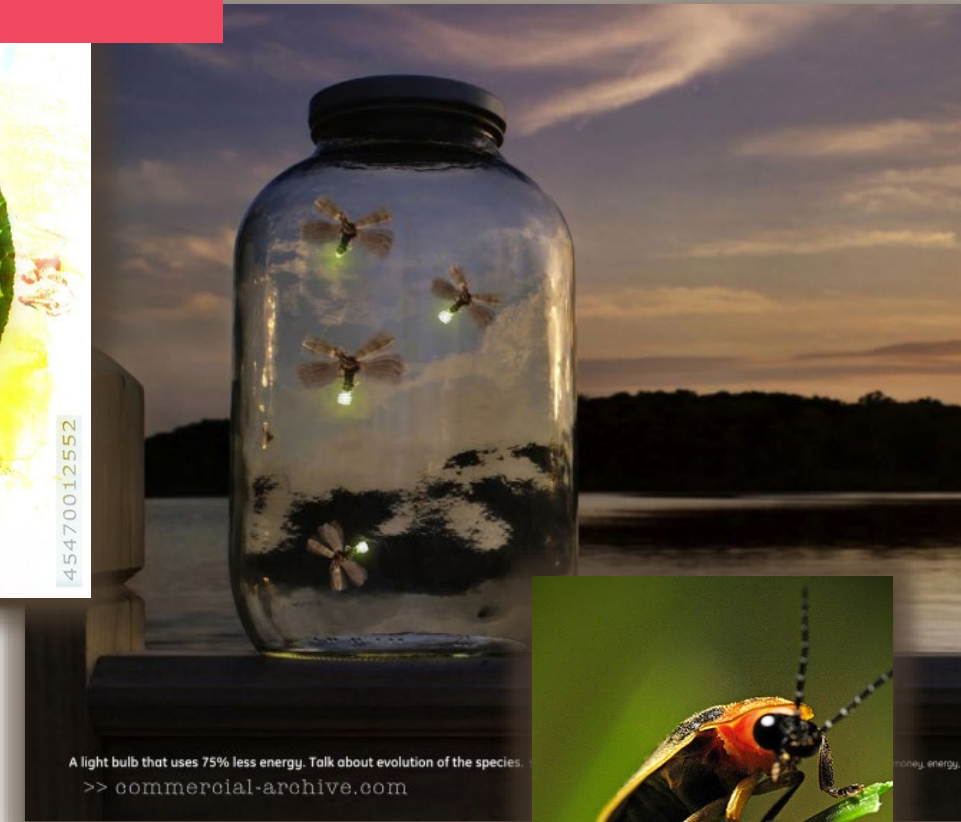
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# Challenges- Security

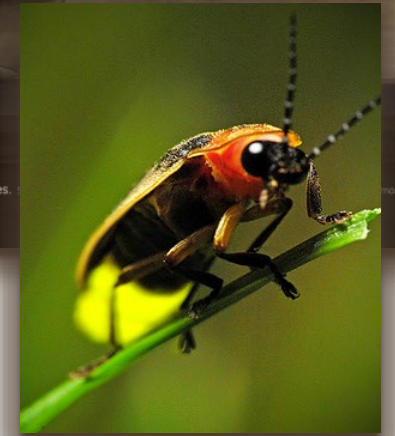


# Recall – low resourced and flaky

We used self-adaptive  
Techniques to make the  
System resilient?

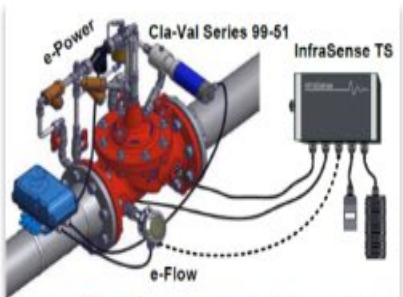


A light bulb that uses 75% less energy. Talk about evolution of the species.  
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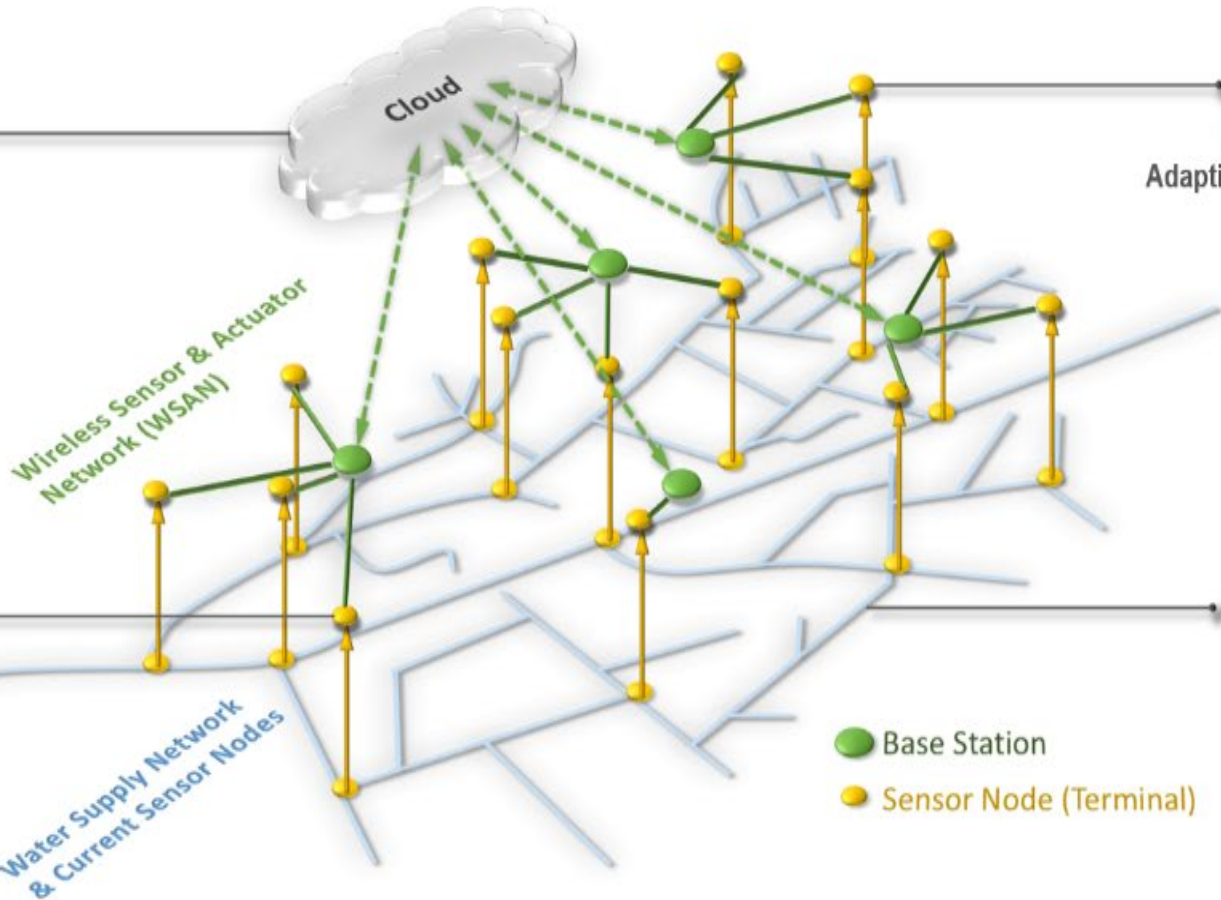


# Cyber-physical Interaction

NEC



Hardware Infrastructure

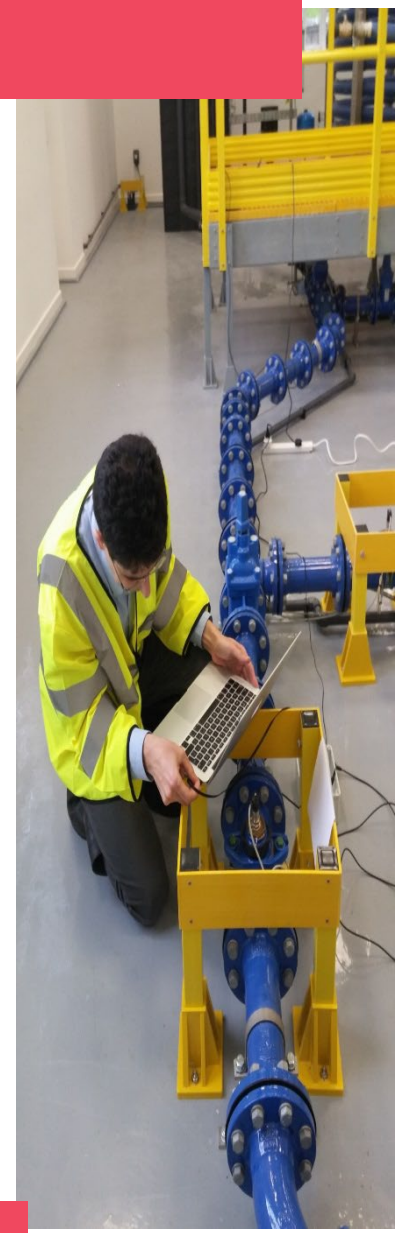


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# Internet of Water

# Some fun Futures

Sensors/Actuators  
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