

Objectives:

- 1) Understanding different types of wireless networks

Readings:

# WIRELESS SENSOR NETWORKS AND VEHICULAR NETWORKS

# Outline



- A taxonomy of wireless networks
- Wireless sensor networks (WSN)
  - Hardware
  - Run time systems
  - Routing
  - Current standardization efforts
- Vehicular ad hoc networks (VANET)
  - 802.11p
  - Delay tolerant network routing

# A Taxonomy of Wireless Networks



## Classification:

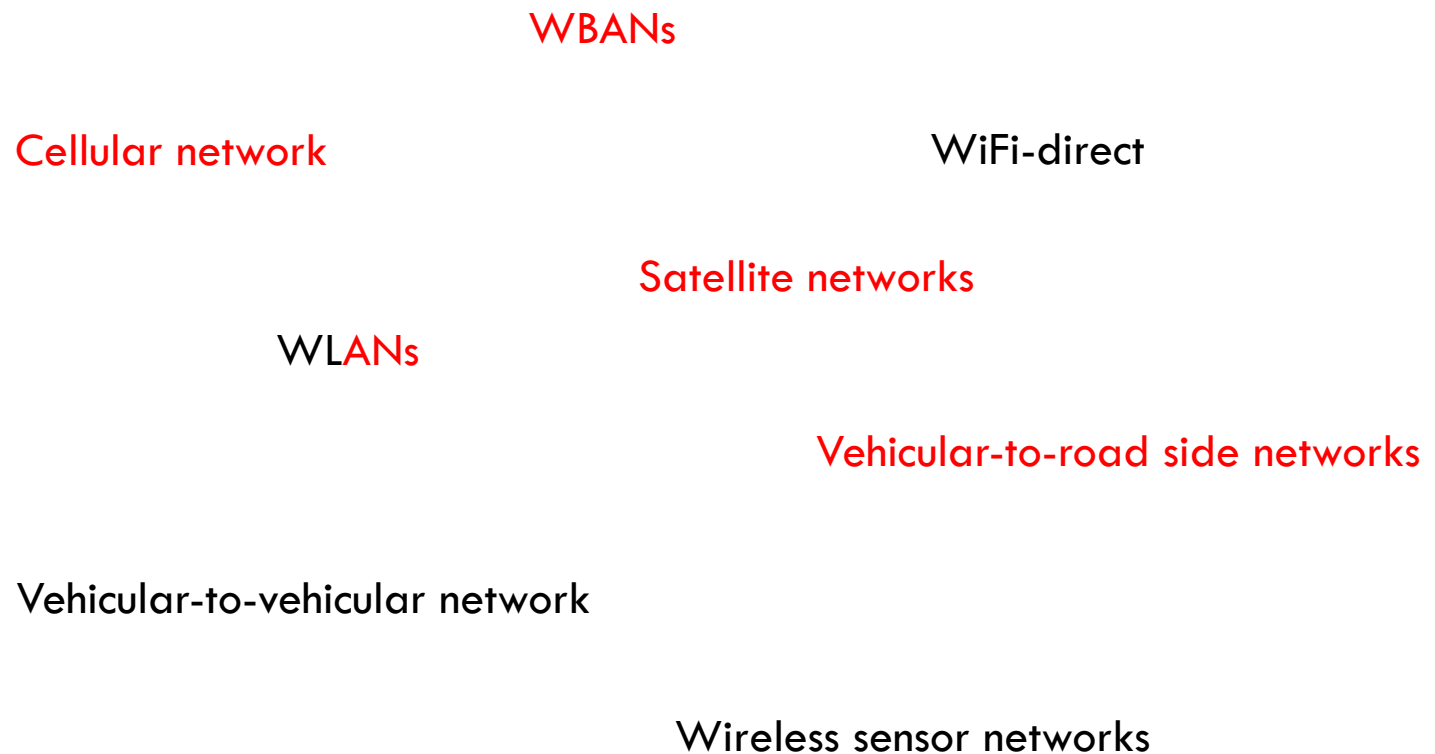
- ❑ Needs for central coordination
- ❑ Nodal mobility
- ❑ Continuous connectivity
- ❑ Relay needed?

## Design:

- ❑ Medium access control
- ❑ Routing
- ❑ Transport
- ❑ Service discovery, synchronization ...

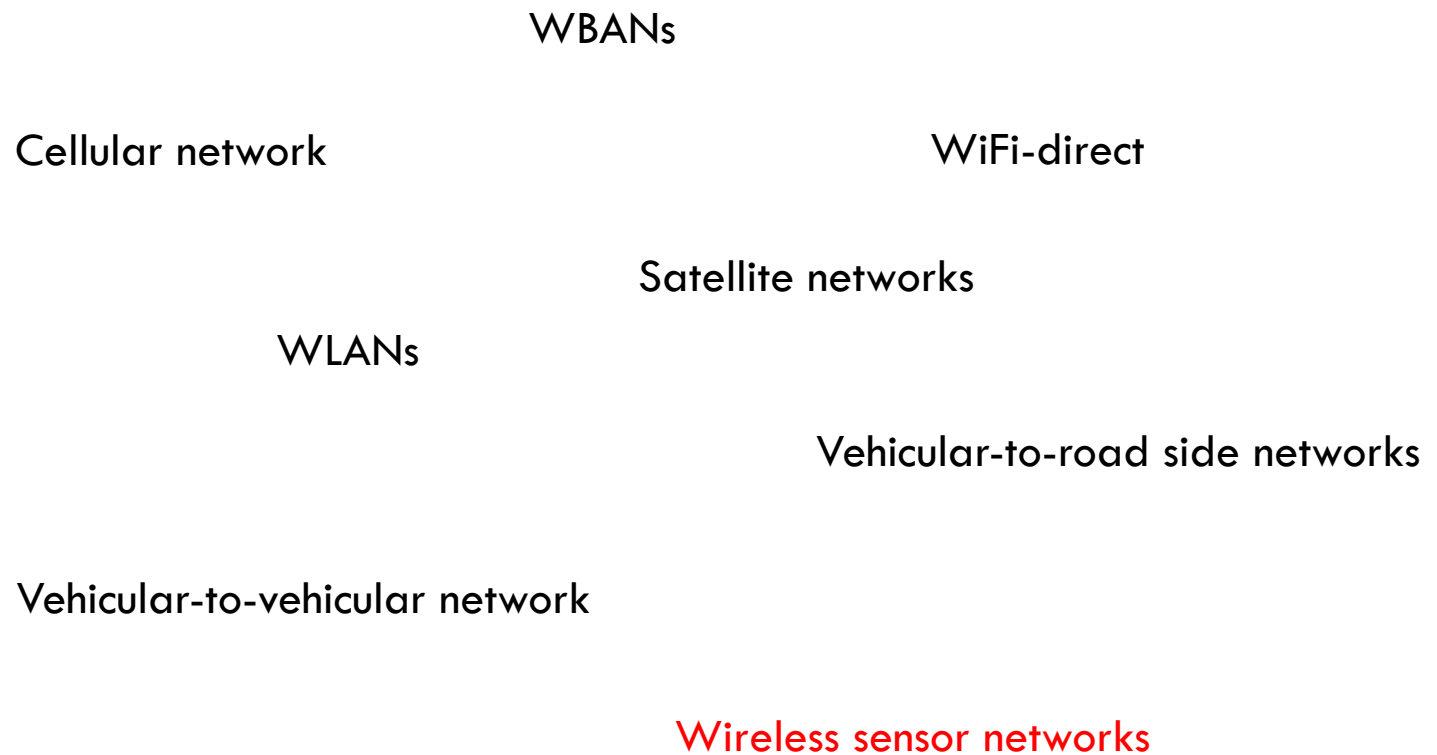
# Coordination

- Centralized controlled vs. peer-to-peer (ad hoc/ infrastructureless) networks



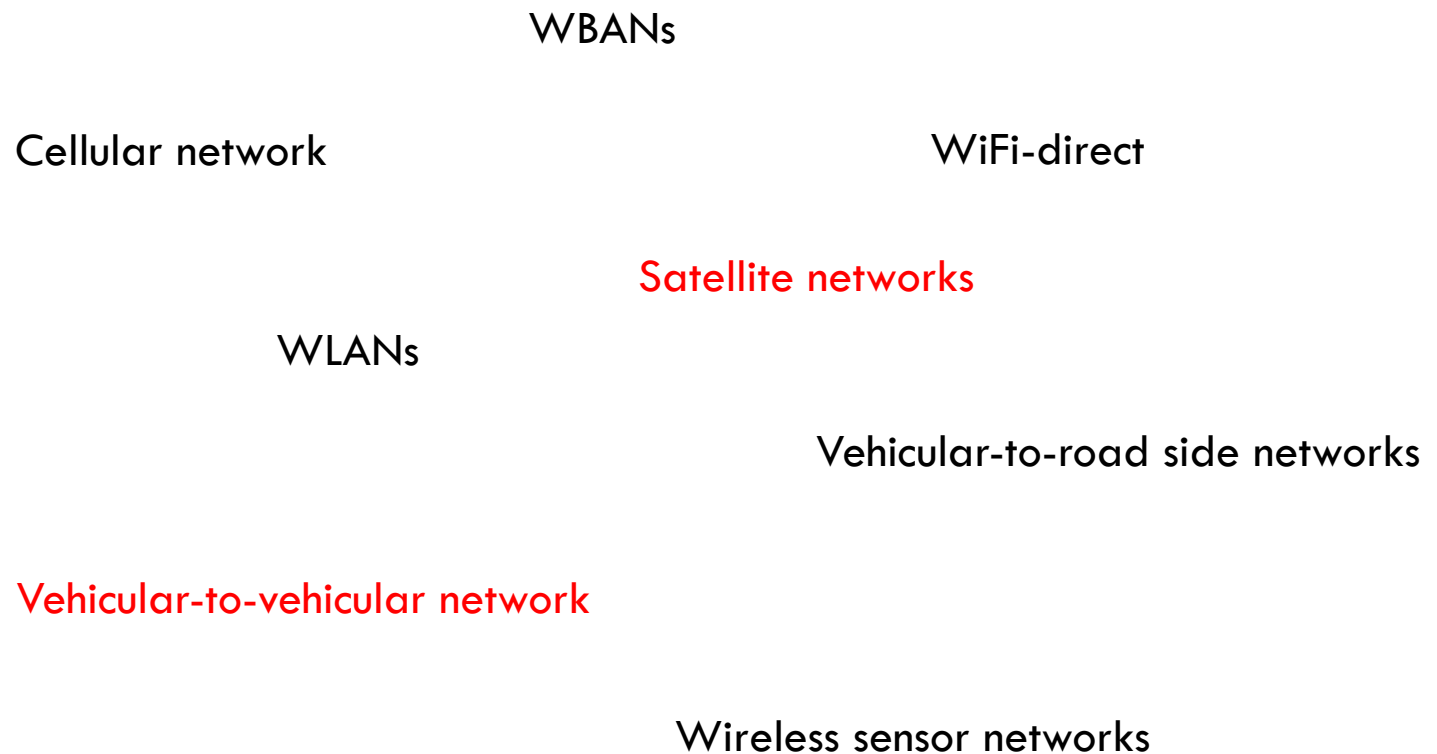
# Mobility

## □ Mobile vs stationary networks



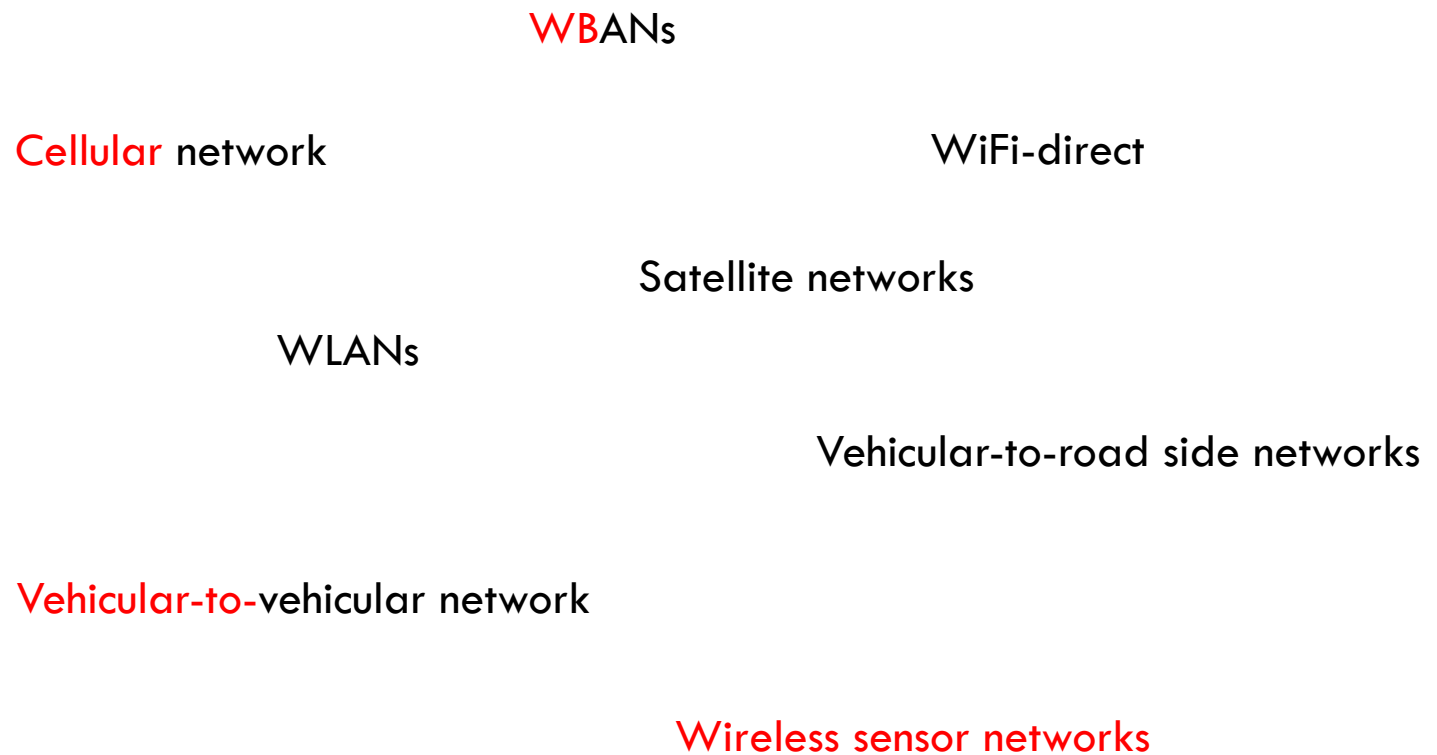
# Connectivity

- Continuous connectivity vs. intermittently connected



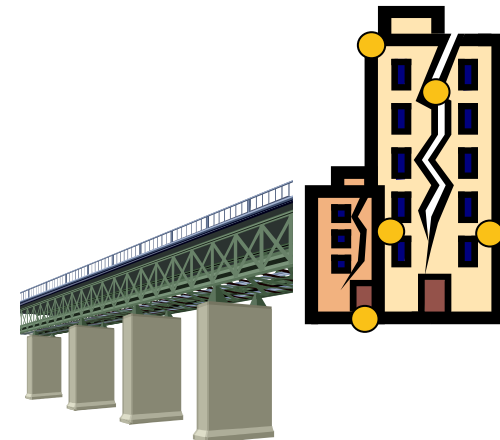
# Network diameter

- Single-hop vs multi-hop networks



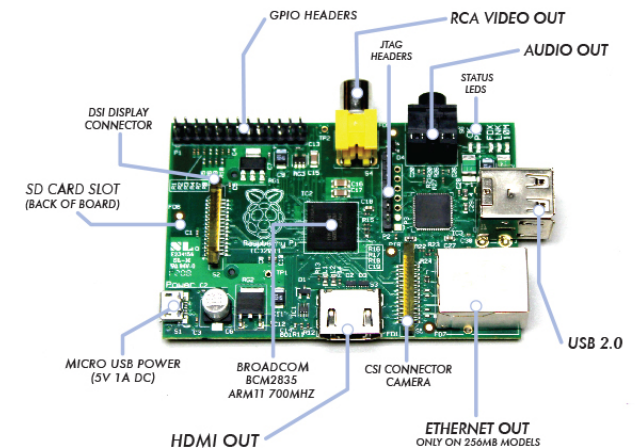
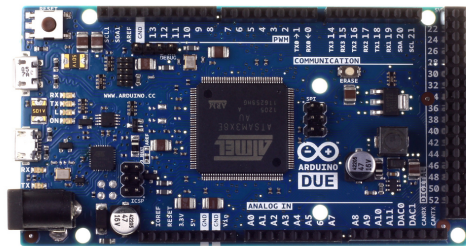
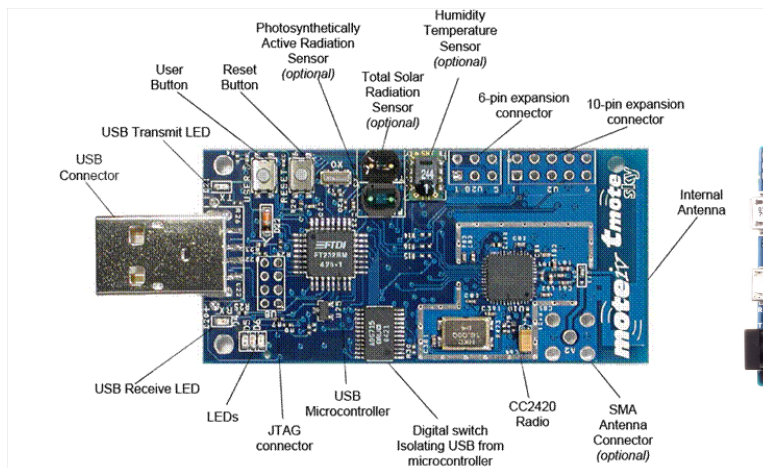
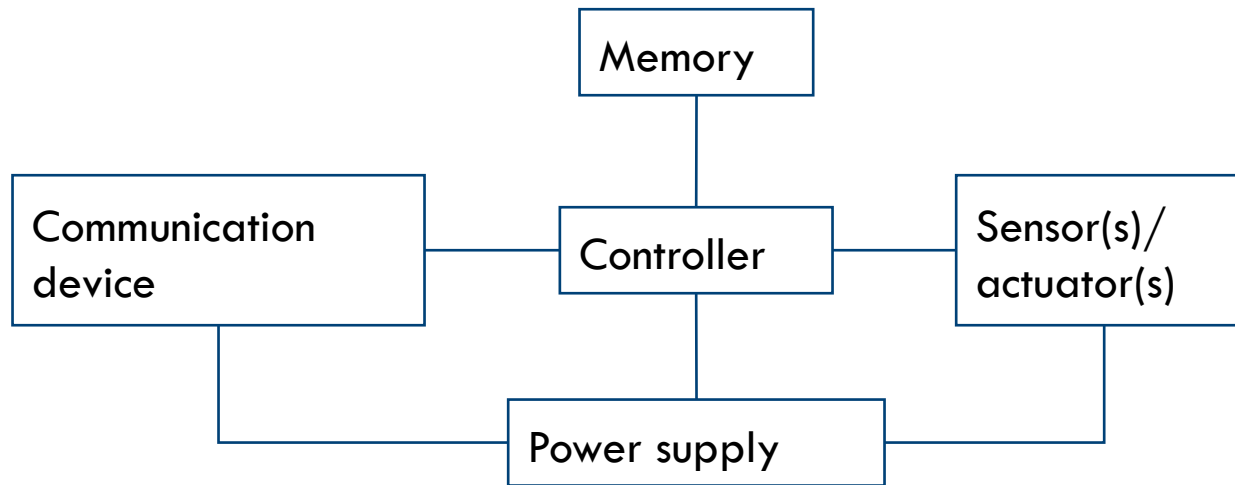
# Wireless sensor networks (WSN)

- “Stationary” + “continuous connectivity” + “multihop” + “infrastructureless” networks consisting of **sensors** and **actuators embedded into the environment**
  - ▣ Machine-to-machine communication
  - ▣ Data-centric
- Nodes are likely to be battery powered and have limited computation capability





# Sensor platform hardware



# Processor



- MSP430
  - ▣ 16-bit RISC core, up to 4 MHz, versions with 2-10 kbytes RAM, several DACs, RT clock
  - ▣ Deepest sleep mode 0.3  $\mu$ W
- Arduino Due
  - ▣ 32-bit Atmega AT91SAM3X8E, CPU clock@84MHz, 96KB SRAM
- Raspberry Pi
  - ▣ 32-bit ARM1176JZF-S processor, 700MHz, 512MB RAM

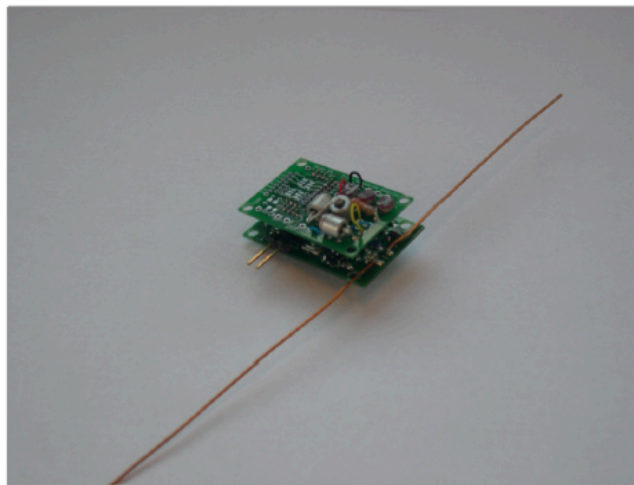
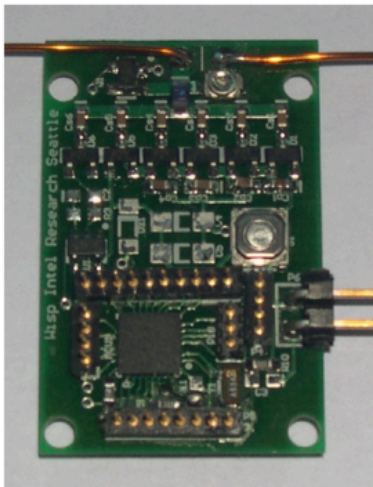
# Radio



- A variety of radios can be used
  - Chipcon CC1000
    - Range 300 to 1000 MHz, programmable in 250 Hz steps
    - FSK modulation
    - Provides RSSI
  - Chipcon CC 2400
    - Implements 802.15.4 (Zigbee)
    - 2.4 GHz, DSSS + QPSK modulation
    - 250 kbps
  - WiFi
  - ...

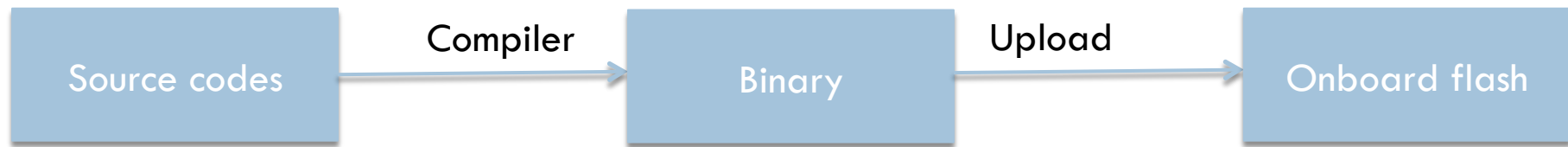
# Power supply

- Battery or wall powered
- Energy scavenging
  - ▣ Solar power
  - ▣ Vibration
  - ▣ Harvesting RF power



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# Run time environment

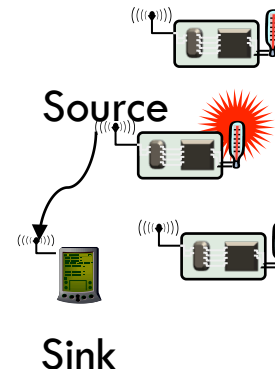
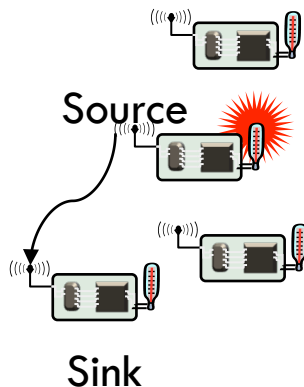


- Most sensor platforms are used for one single application
  - ▣ Customized run time environments, no OS
- Sensor network operating systems (OS):
  - ▣ TinyOS
  - ▣ Contiki OS
- Embedded Linux



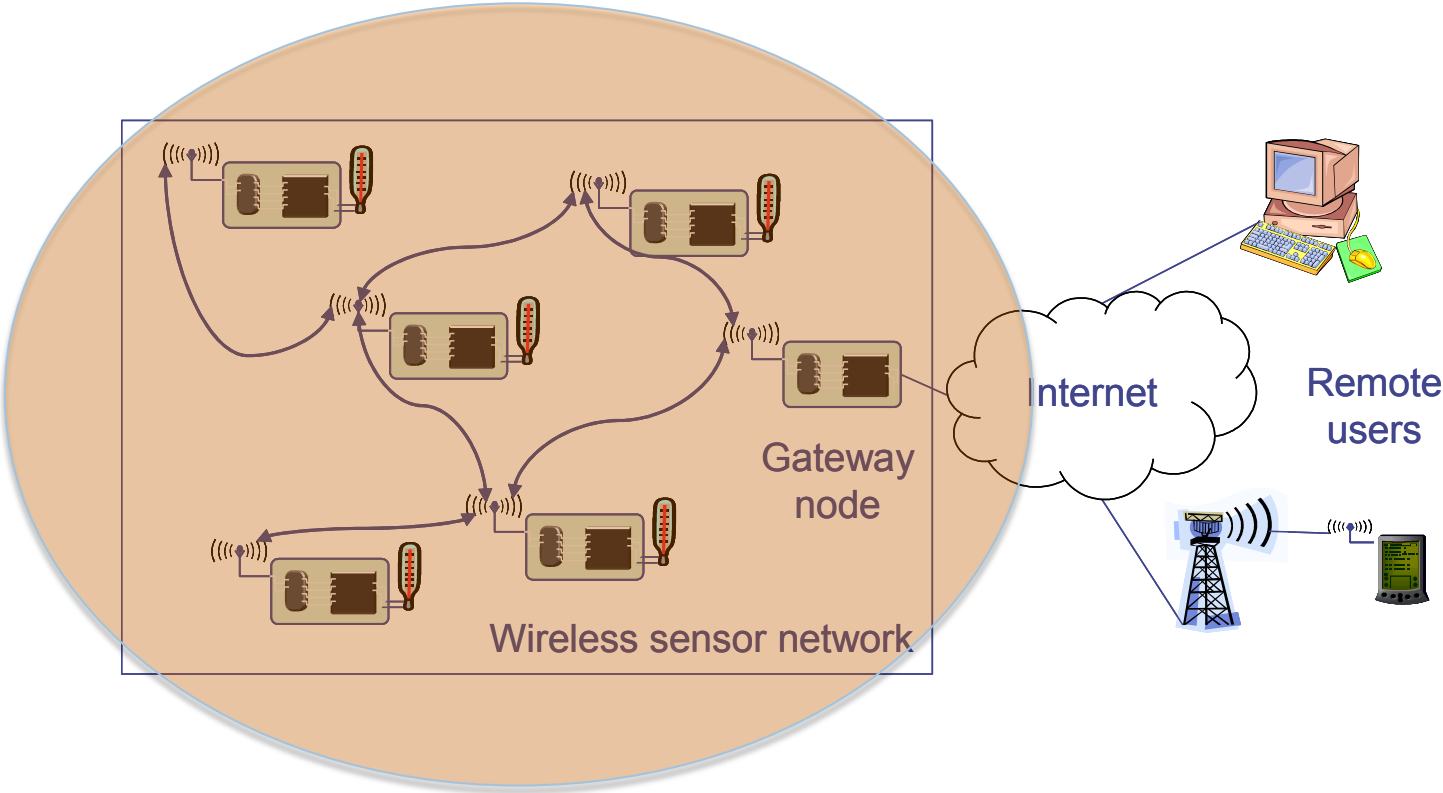
# Routing & transport layer in WSN

- Primarily broadcast (**one to many**) and converge-cast (**many to one**) with some one-to-one communication
  - Source: Any entity that provides data/measurements
  - Sink: Nodes that collect the data/measurements
- Types of traffic
  - Event based
  - Periodic (low-duty cycle) measurement
  - Command & control (one to one)



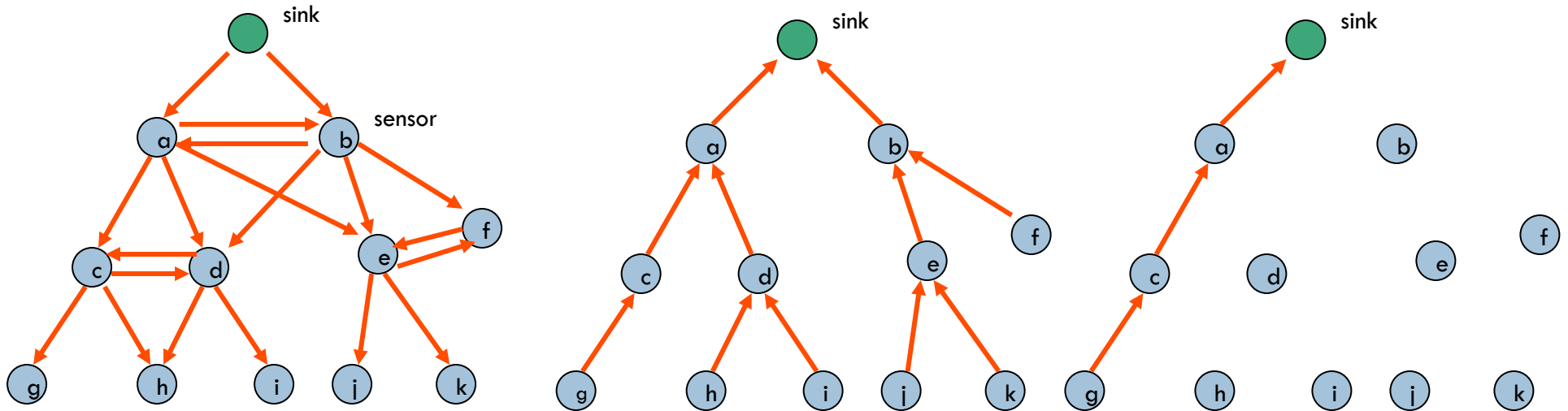
Sink may be mobile

# Interfacing WSN with the Internet



# Sink tree routing

- Suitable for periodic measurement gathering





# Direct diffusion



- Event driven query processing
  - ▣ Data subscriber expresses interests; data publishers response of interested data – *publisher-subscriber*
  - ▣ (interestingly, some folks are trying to extend this concept into Internet under “named data networking (NDN)”)

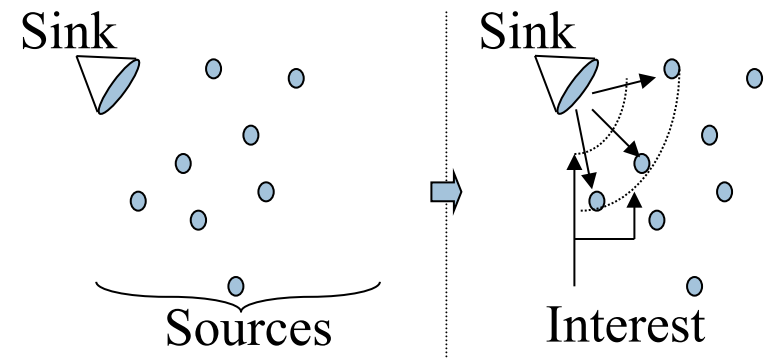
# Data Naming

- Expressing an interest
  - ▣ Using attribute-value pairs
  - ▣ E.g.,

```
Type = Wheeled vehicle // detect vehicle location
Interval = 20 ms // send events every 20ms
Duration = 10 s // Send for next 10 s
Field = [x1, y1, x2, y2] // from sensors in this area
```

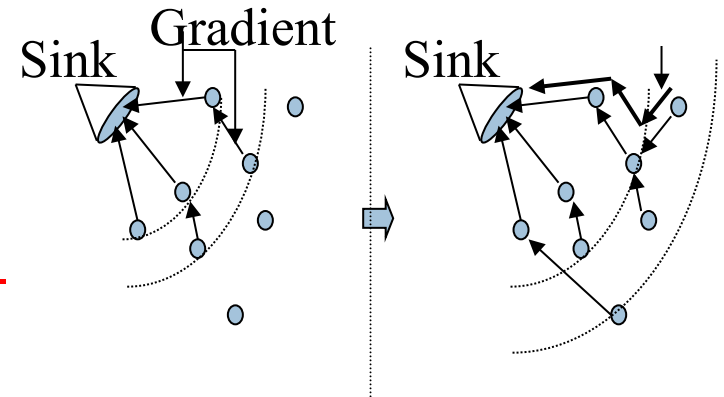
# Setting up gradient

- Inquirer (sink) broadcasts exploratory interest,  $i_1$ 
  - ▣ Intended to discover routes between source and sink
- Neighbors update interest-cache and forwards  $i_1$
- Gradient for  $i_1$  set up to upstream neighbor
  - ▣ No source routes
  - ▣ Gradient – a weighted reverse link
  - ▣ Low gradient  $\rightarrow$  Few packets per unit time needed
- Bidirectional gradient if interests are flooded

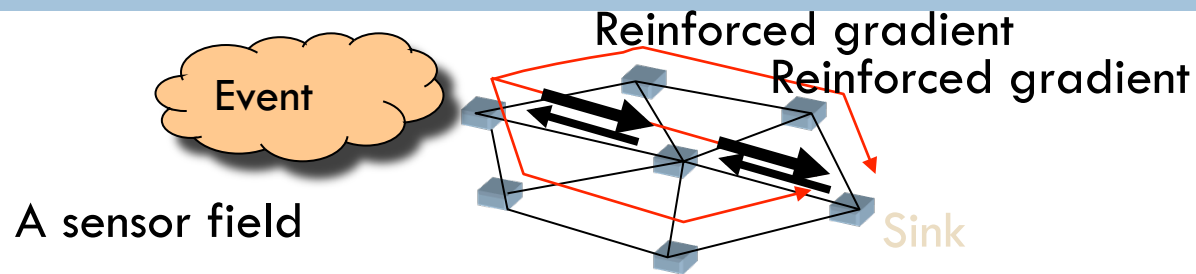


# Event-data propagation

- Event  $e_1$  occurs, matches  $i_1$  in sensor cache
  - ▣  $e_1$  identified based on waveform pattern matching
- Interest reply diffused down gradient (unicast)
  - ▣ Diffusion initially exploratory (low packet-rate)
- Cache filters suppress previously seen data
  - ▣ Problem of bidirectional gradient avoided



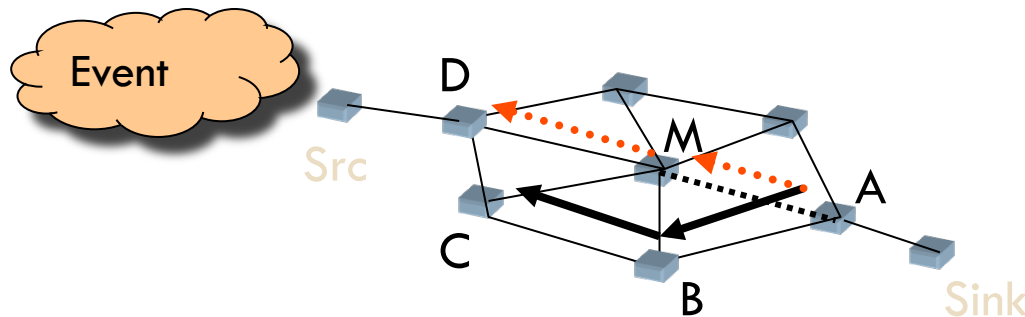
# Reinforcement



- From exploratory gradients, reinforce optimal path for high-rate data download → **Unicast**
  - ▣ e.g. pick the neighbor who sent the last-seen data
  - ▣ By requesting higher-rate- $i$ , on the optimal path
  - ▣ Exploratory gradients still exist – useful for faults

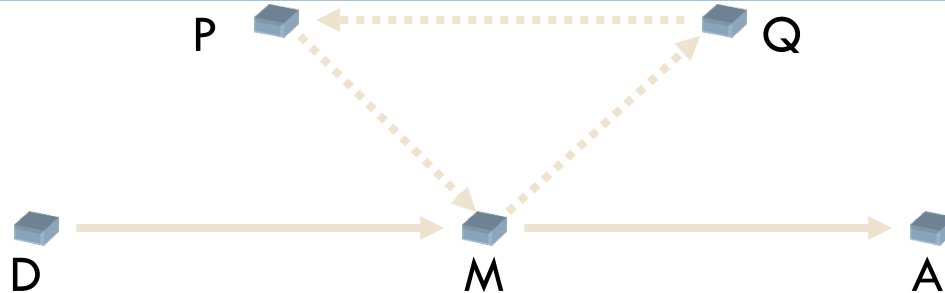
# Path Failure / Recovery

- Link failure detected by reduced rate, data loss
  - ▣ Choose next best link (i.e., compare links based on infrequent exploratory downloads)
- Negatively reinforce lossy link
  - ▣ Either send *il* with base (exploratory) data rate
  - ▣ Or, allow neighbor's cache to expire over time



Link A-M lossy  
A reinforces B  
B reinforces C ...  
D need not  
A (-) reinforces M  
M (-) reinforces D

# Loop Elimination



- M gets same data from both D and P, but P **always** delivers late due to looping
  - M negatively-reinforces (NR) P, P nr Q, Q nr M
  - Loop  $\{M \rightarrow Q \rightarrow P\}$  eliminated
- Conservative negative reinforcement useful for fault resilience

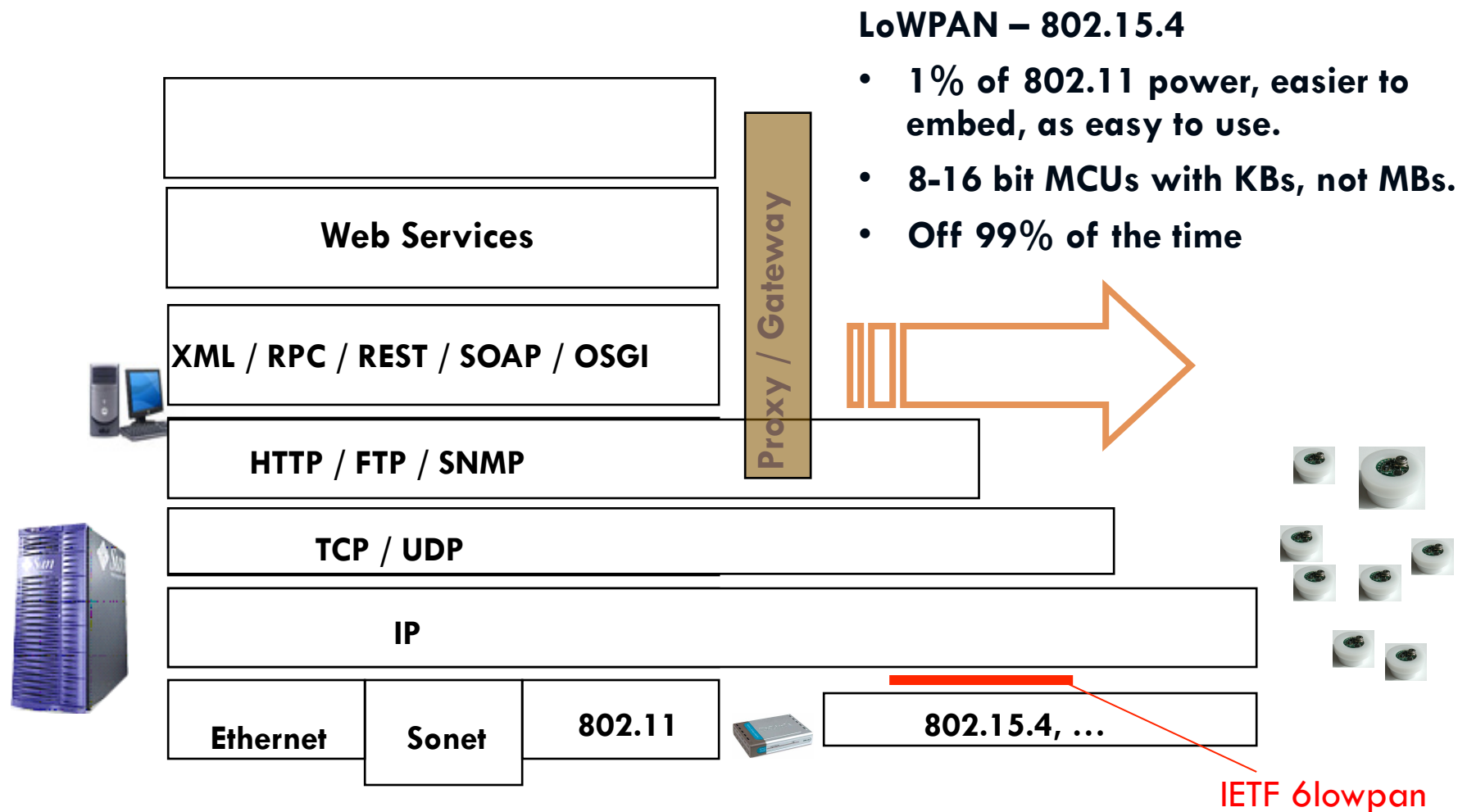
# 6LoWPAN



- Layer-2
- Supporting IPv6 over low power wireless personal area networks
  - ▣ Allow IPv6 packets to be sent & received over IEEE 802.15.4 based networks
  - ▣ Better interoperability



# Adaptation layer



# Challenges

## □ Header

- Standard IPv6 header is 40 bytes [RFC 2460]
- Entire 802.15.4 MTU is 127 bytes [IEEE ]
- Small data payload

## □ Fragmentation

- Interoperability means that applications need not know the constraints of physical links that might carry their packets
- IP packets may be large, compared to 802.15.4 max frame size
- IPv6 requires all links support 1280 byte packets [RFC 2460]

## □ Allow link-layer mesh routing under IP topology

- 802.15.4 subnets may utilize multiple radio hops per IP hop
- Similar to LAN switching within IP routing domain in Ethernet

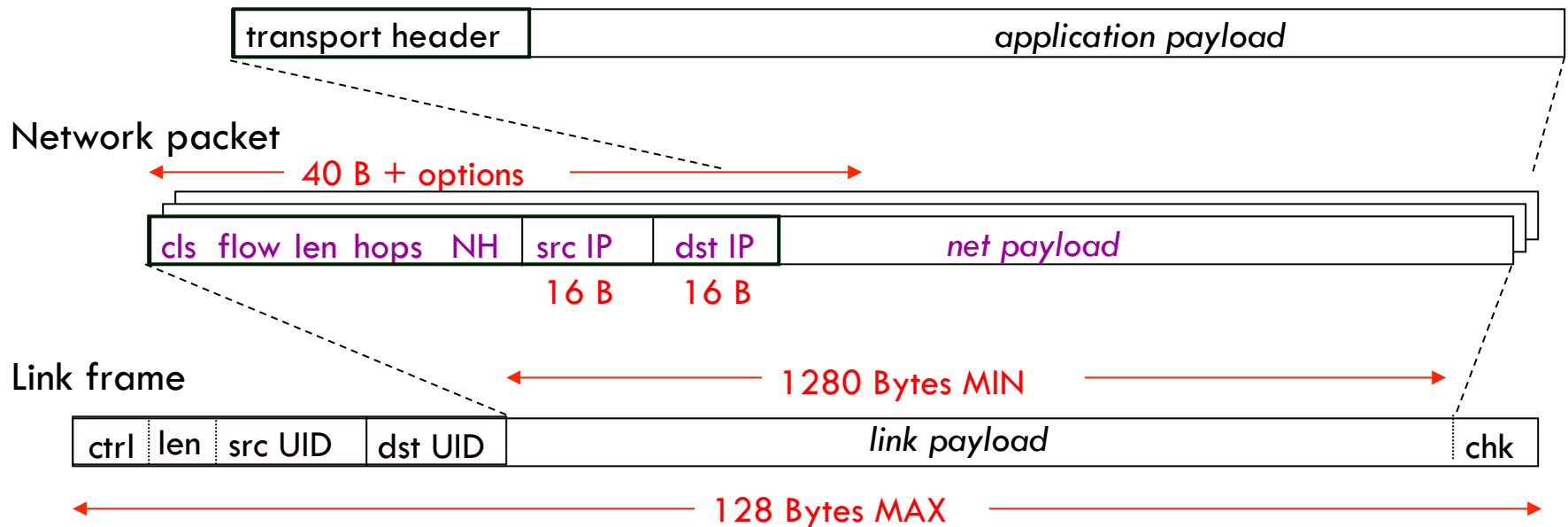
## □ Allow IP routing over a mesh of 802.15.4 nodes

- Options and capabilities already well-defined
- Various protocols to establish routing tables

# IP Header and payload

UDP datagram or  
TCP stream segment

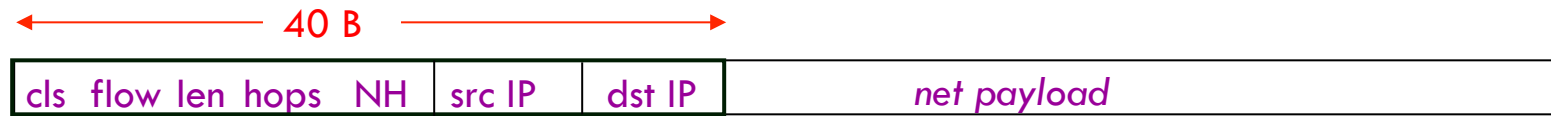
..., modbus, BacNET/IP, ... , HTML, XML, ..., ZCL



- Large IP Address & Header      => 16 bit short address / 64 bit EUID
- Minimum Transfer Unit          => Fragmentation
- Short range & Embedded        => Multiple Hops

# 6LoWPAN – IP Header Optimization

Network packet



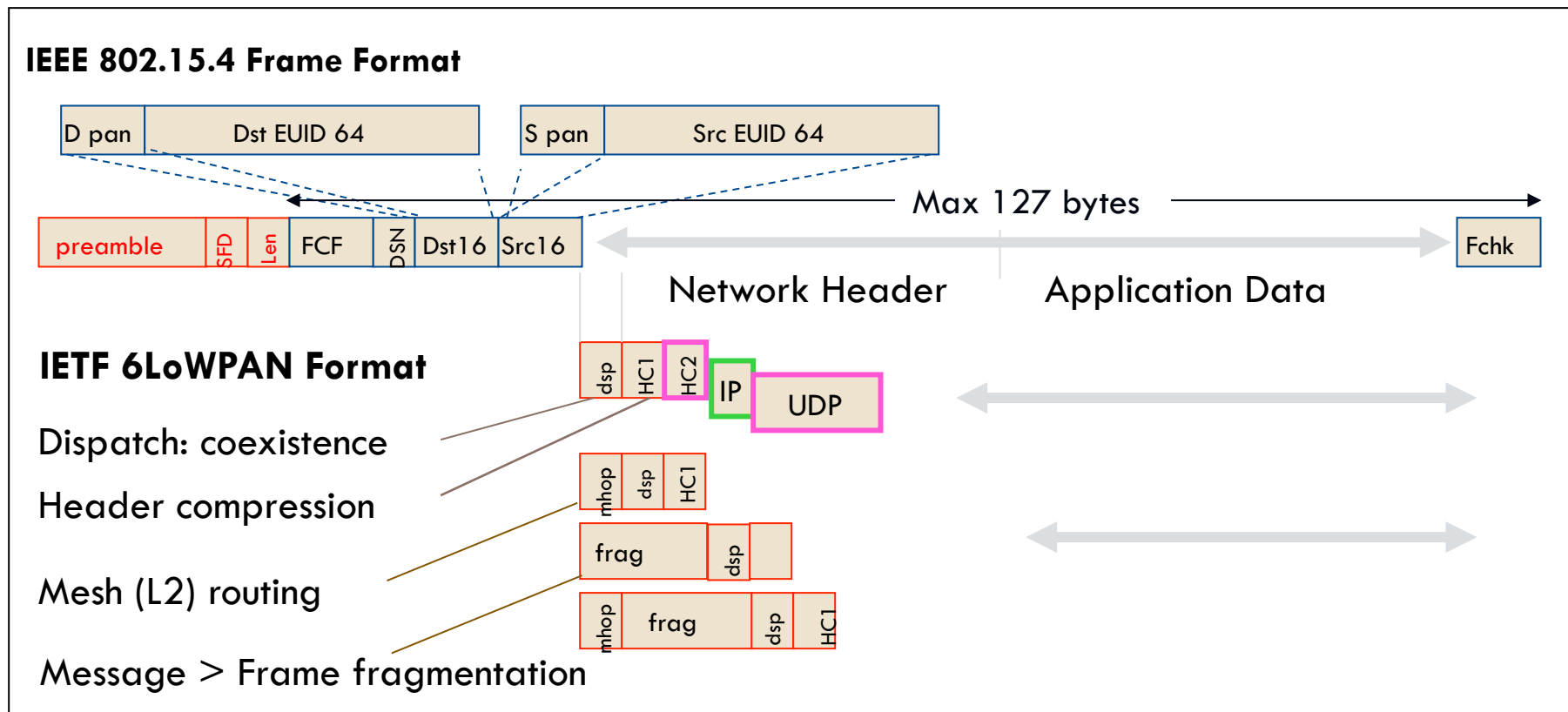
Link frame



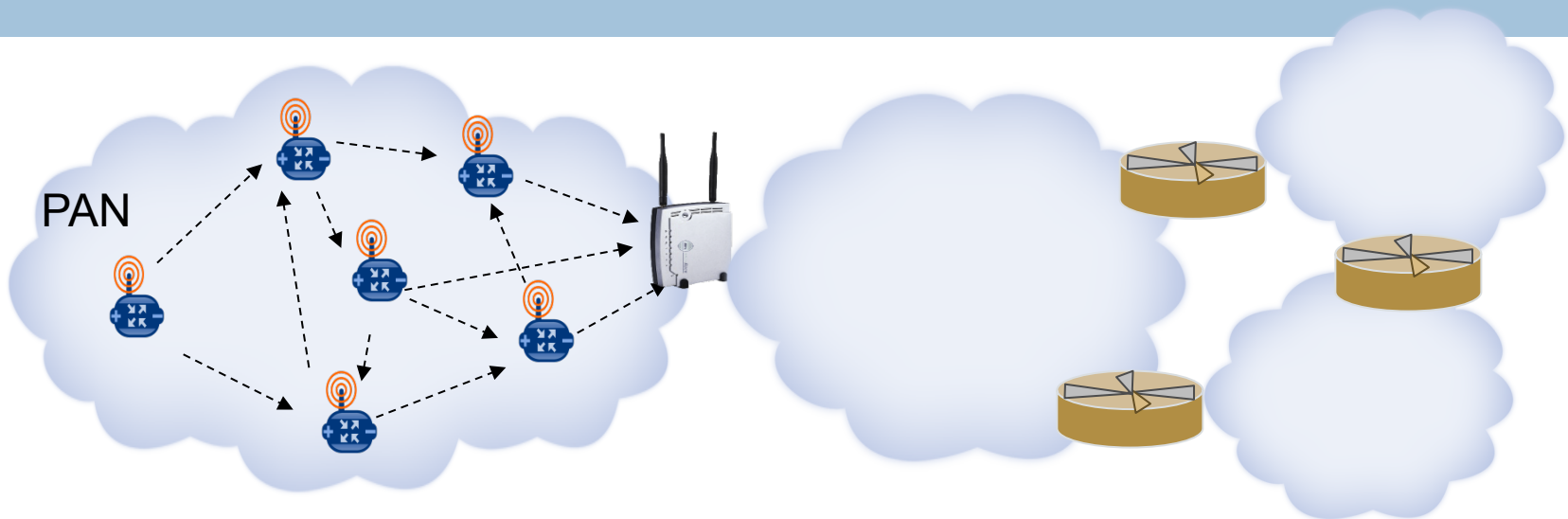
- Eliminate all fields in the IPv6 header that can be derived from the 802.15.4 header in the common case
  - Source address : derived from link address
  - Destination address : derived from link address
  - Length : derived from link frame length
  - Traffic Class & Flow Label : zero
  - Next header : UDP, TCP, or ICMP
- Additional IPv6 options follow as options

# 6LoWPAN Format Design

- Orthogonal stackable header format
- Almost no overhead for the ability to interoperate and scale.
- Pay for only what you use



# Multi-Hop Communication



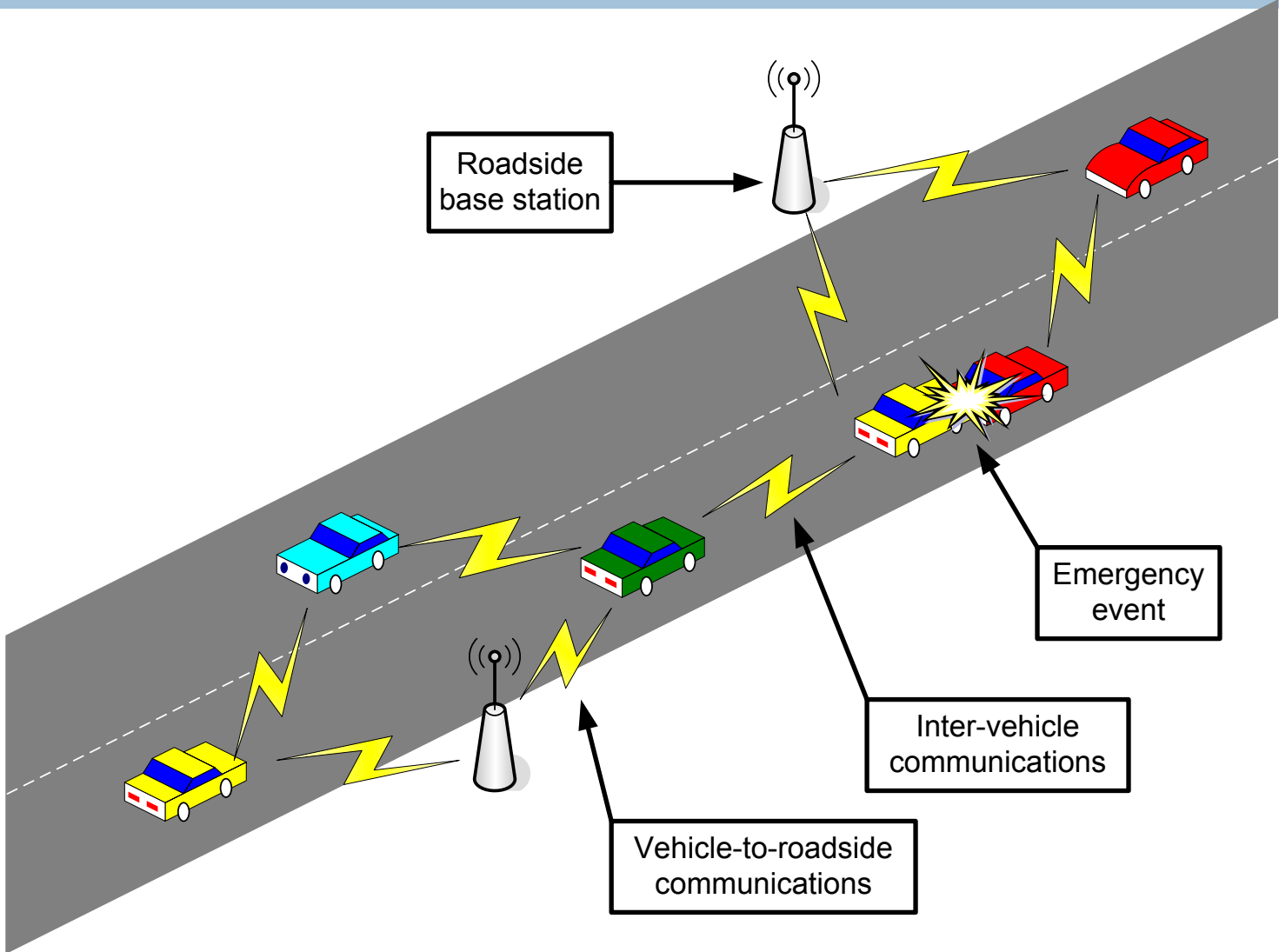
- Short-range radios & Obstructions => Multi-hop Communication is often required
  - i.e. Routing and Forwarding
  - That is what IP does!
- “Mesh-under”: multi-hop communication at the link layer
  - Still needs routing to other links or other PANs
- “Route-over”: IP routing within the PAN
- 6LoWPAN supports both

# Wireless Vehicular Networks

- Vehicular-to-vehicular (V2V): infrastructureless + multihop + mobile + “intermittent connectivity”
- Vehicular-to-roadside: infrastructure + single hop + mobile + “intermittent connectivity”



# Vehicular ad hoc networks (VANET)





# Applications



## □ V2V

- Single-hop notification: lane changing, automatic cruise control, collision warning
- Multi-vehicle: traffic monitoring and accident alert
- May be latency sensitive

## □ Vehicle-to-roadside

- Accident alerting, congestion, high-speed tolling, mobile infotainment, location based services
- (infrastructure not yet available)

# Challenges & characteristics



- Poor link quality (multipath, Doppler effects)
- Short-duration connectivity
  - ▣ Less so for traffic in the same direction
- **Confined mobility (along the road way)**
- Location dependent
  - ▣ Information pertain to a particular geographical area
- **Availability of location information & “infinite” power supply**

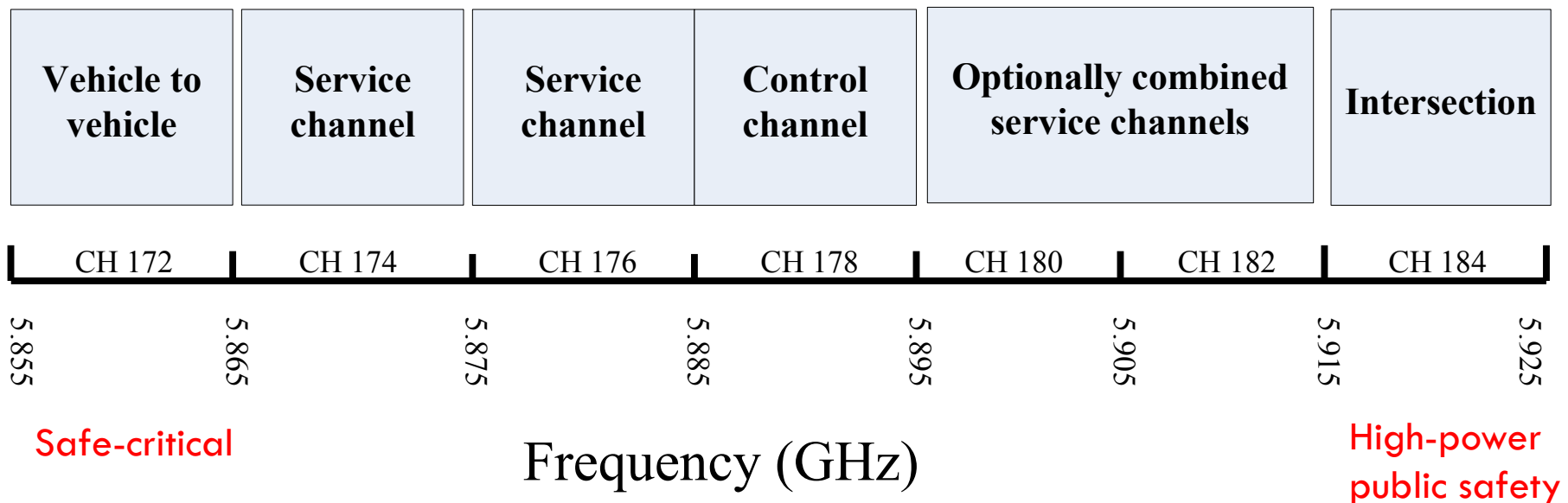
# VANET Protocols



- DSRC/802.11p
  - ▣ Dedicated Short Range Communication (DSRC) was released in 2002 by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM).
  - ▣ In 2003, the standardization moved to IEEE Forum and changed the name from DSRC to WAVE (Wireless Ability in Vehicular Environments), which was also known as 802.11p.

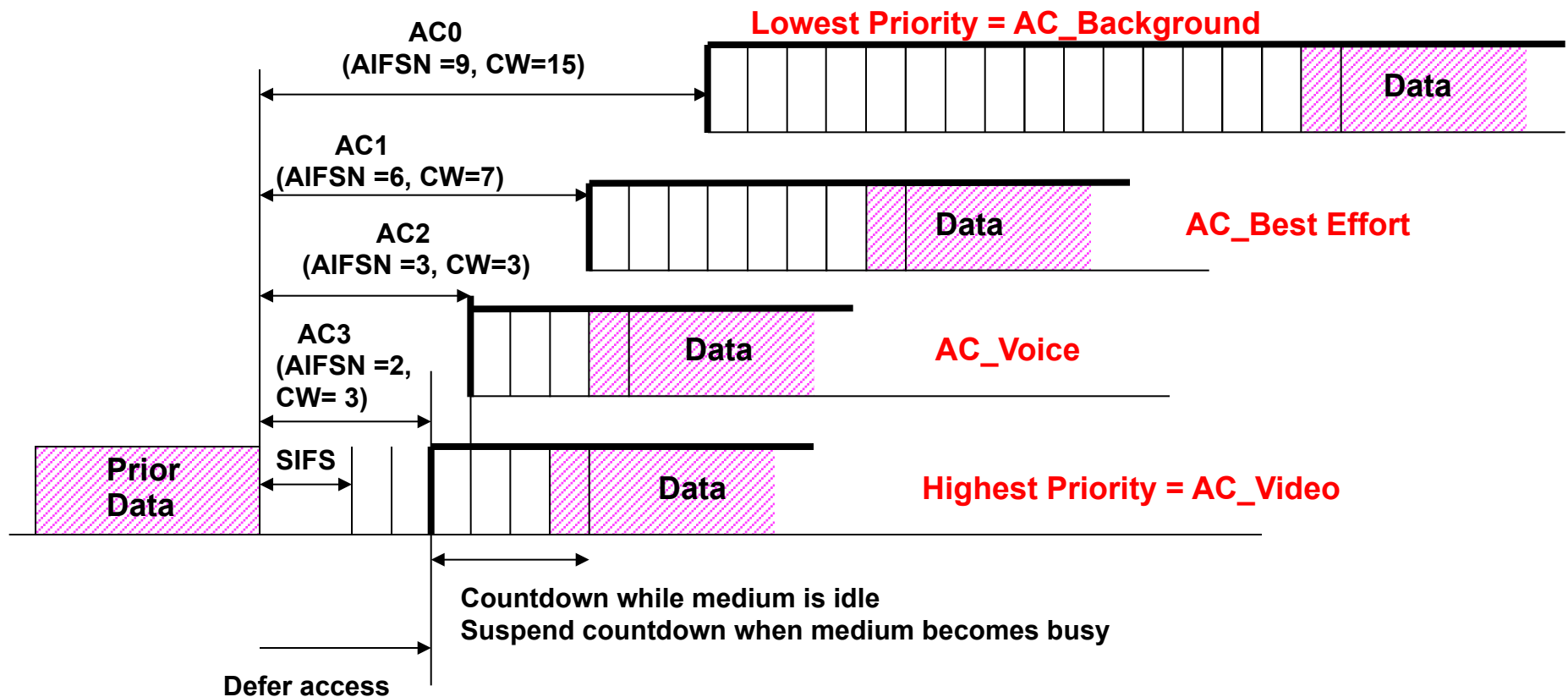
# 802.11p PHY

- The standard of 802.11p is based on IEEE 802.11a PHY layer and IEEE 802.11 MAC layer
  - ▣ A variation of OFDM modulation to combat multipath
  - ▣ Seven 10 MHz channels at 5.9GHz
  - ▣ one control channel and six service channels
  - ▣ Data rates are between 6 and 27 Mbps; up to 1000 meter range



# 802.11p MAC

- CSMA/CA with different contention windows for different types of traffic
  - ▣ BK – background traffic; BE – best effort; VI – Video traffic; VO – voice traffic
  - ▣ AIFSN: arbitration inter-frame space number

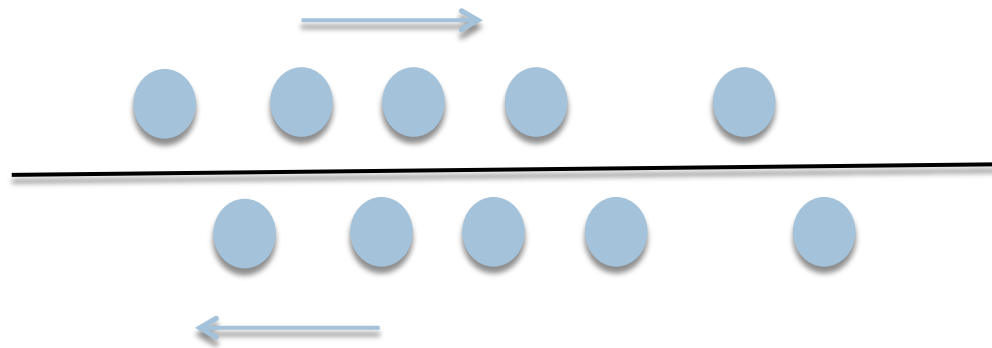


# Routing in multi-vehicle V2V

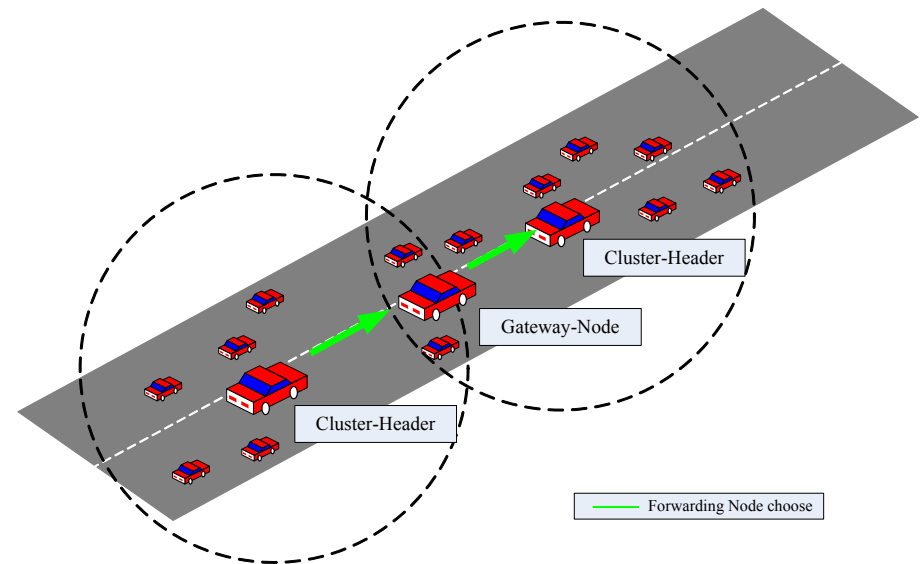


- Design consideration:
  - ▣ Lifetime of routes likely to be short
  - ▣ Route establishment needs to be fast
- Broadcasting based information dissemination (stateless)
  - ▣ Detour route
  - ▣ Accident alert
  - ▣ Construction warning
  - ▣ ...

# Wireless broadcast “storm”

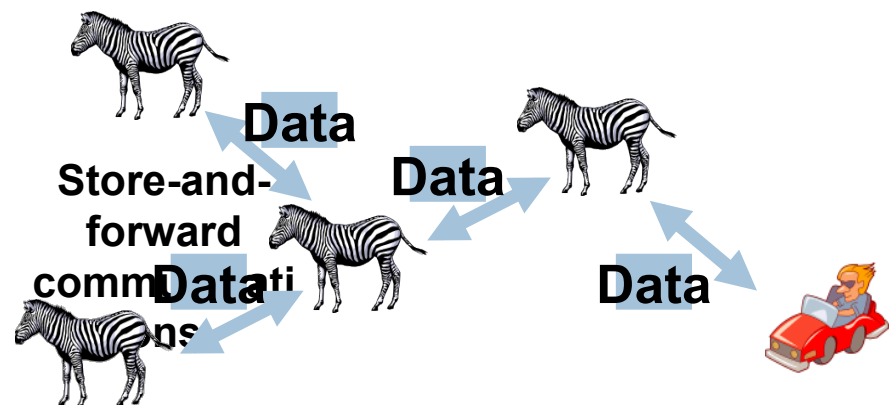
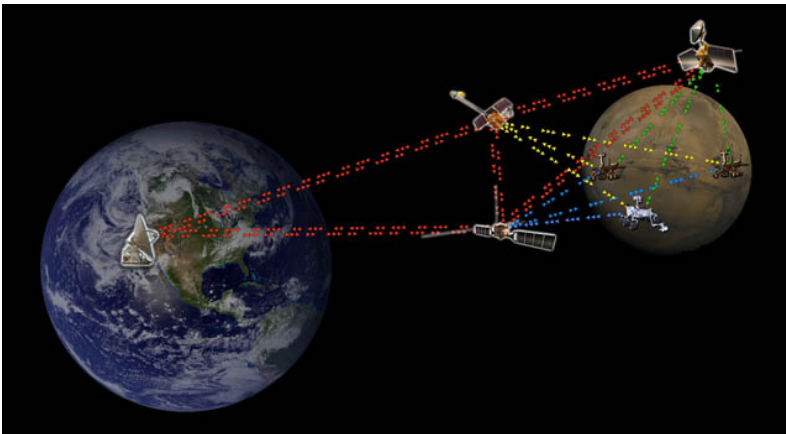


- Mitigation
  - Probabilistic forwarding
  - Location-based
  - Cluster-based



# Routing in delay-tolerant networks (DTNs)

- DTNs are networks with intermittent connectivity (due to mobility)
  - ▣ Sparse vehicular networks
  - ▣ UAV networks
  - ▣ Human, animal networks
  - ▣ Inter-planetary networks
- Store-and-forward becomes store-carry-and-forward (“Data mule”, “pocket switch networks”)





# DTN characteristics



- Opportunistic forwarding
- Long end-to-end latency
- Low end-to-end reliability
  - ▣ Some messages may never reach its destination
- “Topology” evolves over time as a function of mobility

# DTN routing



- Single copy of messages
  - ▣ Find the “routes”
  - ▣ Deliver the message
- Multiple copies of the messages
  - ▣ Remember the famous six-degree of separation experiments?
  - ▣ Questions:
    - How many copies?
    - Who are the forwarders?
    - Termination of the messages once they are delivered

# Some multi-copy based solutions

- **Epidemic Routing (flooding):** handover a copy to everyone
  - minimum delay under no contention
- **Randomized Flooding:** handover a copy w/ probability  $p$
- **Utility-based Flooding:** handover a copy to a node w/ utility at least  $U_{th}$  higher than current
- **Constrained Utility-based Flooding:** like previous, but may only forward a bounded number of copies of the same message

# Spray and wait

- Performance goals

- significantly reduce transmissions by bounding the total # of copies/transmissions per message
- under low traffic: minimal penalty on delay (close to optimal)
- under high traffic: reduce the delay of existing flooding- and utility-based schemes thanks to less contention

- 2 phases:

- “**Spray phase**”: spread  $L$  message copies to  $L$  distinct relays
- “**Wait phase**”: wait until one of the  $L$  relays finds the destination (i.e. use direct transmission)

# Spray and Wait Variations

- Source Spray and Wait
  - Source starts with L copies
  - whenever it encounters a new node, it hands one of the L copies
  - this is the slowest among all (opportunistic) spraying schemes
  
- Optimal Spray and Wait
  - source starts with L copies
  - whenever a node with  $n > 1$  copies finds a new node, it hands half of the copies that it carries
  - spreads the L copies faster than any other spraying scheme

# Summary



- Discussed several variations of wireless networks
  - ▣ The characteristics of the networks (energy, connectivity, traffic pattern, infrastructure vs infrastructure-less, etc.) dictate the design of the network protocols
- The most prevalent networks remain to be single-hop, infrastructure-based networks
- We see some emerging applications for multihop and/or infrastructureless networks for smart metering, building management, V2V safety applications
- Machine-to-machine communication is likely to be the driver of wireless networking down the road