NRENs and Internet-of-Things



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NRENs and the Internet of Things

SURFnet activities on IoT (LoRaWAN),

what can we do in the future (together)...

- Kind of IoT/sensor-networks
- LPWAN, LoRaWAN
- Architecture
- Where does the NREN fit in



Sensor networks, Things



A mesh network is impractical: low range, passing on data costs energy, coordination

When Bluetooth, BLE, WiFi, NFC, Zigbee limited range, and M2M 2-4G too costly...



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Global ISM bands



LoRa, LoRaWAN, LPWAN...?

- LPWAN name for Low Power WAN
 - Star topology
 - Long range
 - Low bandwidth

- Unlicensed spectrum under 1 GHz, range! (433, 868, 915 MHz)
- Multiple solutions, LoRa(WAN) extra interesting:







Frequencies, bw, duty-cycle, power

band	frequenties	max. power	duty cycle
433	433.175 433.375 433.575	10 dBm (10 mW)	0,1% (3,6 sec/hour)
867, g	867.1 867.3 867.5 867.7 867.9	14 dBm (25 mW)	1% (36 sec/hour)
868, g1	868.1 868.3 868.5	14 dBm (25 mW)	1%
869, g3	869.5	27 dBm (500 mW)	10% (6 min/hour)



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LoRa (PHY, modulation technique)

- Chirp Spread Spectrum: bandwidth, decodable under noise-level, even with interference and fading
- Lower speed when higher speeds don't work





LoRa speeds



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LoRaWAN classes: we use A

Three classes:

Class A: transmit from a node, transmit window (~52 bytes), 2 receive windows (ACK, evt. data, ~10 bytes)

(**Class B**: besides A also receive windows on set intervals, time-synchronisation beacons - in development)

Class C: continuous receive window (except while sending), if there is sufficient power (and low latency is required)



Typical LoRaWAN network



SURFnet demo-portal

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	SURFnet LoRaW	/AN			WELCOME, PAUL. CHANGE PASSW	ORD / LOG OUT
	Home - Things - Sessions -	Add session				
	Add session					
	Device Address:	010bd039				
	Device EUI:	\$				
	Created:	-				
	Enabled					
	Network session key:	7a0771ef49b449eea16571056b0c2e24				
	Application session key:	f9ce31d3b58085005b8e12000edfd98c				
	Frame count up:	0				
				Save and add another	Save and continue editing	SAVE
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The Things Network (staging) portal



The Things Network

 Global community LoRaWAN network crowdsourced (think eduroam)

No "single point of control"



End-to-end encryption

Can be combined with private LoRaWAN

No country borders



The Things Network, Architecture

Community network, no centralised infrastructure:

we can be part of this infrastructure!















Measuring coverage gateway

Gateways

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21d + Reply

Today i did some Predicted vs Realtime calculations ..

Remarkable how well the prediction comes close to the real-time measurements.

The original contains pixels of 50 by 50 meters.

For example, on the bridge at Zaltbommel there is indeed, albeit limited, coverage.

It is also clear to see that there is less eastward coverage. That's because of the hills. (Utrecht Ridge)

The same prediction made on the basis of my antenna setup ... Antenna 7 meters, urban canyon. That was a big disappointment compared to Utrecht setup 📀

Gateway AA555A00080605B7 'De Uithof' Utrecht, The Netherlands

Green > -112dBm Yellow > -127dBm < -112 dBm

ook metingen in Eindhoven...;-)

Applications? The network is there...

vacuum pump environmental, air-quality, noise asset-management CO2 in lecture rooms dikes cleaning-cart digital seal trash-containers earthquakes smart meters maintenance bridges track OV-bike usage (maintenance) traffic overstroming fridge researchers building mgmt trains streetlights parking spots leakage water plants track wildlife

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'Things' online

We are constantly surrounded by things; as far as I am concerned, there is no need for them to be online all the time – although I wouldn't have minded if my fridge had let me know there was still some old bread in the freezer compartment. Come to think of it, quite a few things in life might be better if they were online: just take a walk through the city and you'll see full waste containers, half submerged boats, parking spaces, bicycles, lantern posts. The air quality in some places also seems a bit suspect, and could certainly do with the odd measurement. I also keep running into more amusing and useful 'Internet-of-things' applications developed by LoRa users, such as beehive monitoring systems.

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- Collaborate with The Things Network
 - create infrastructure connected to eduGAIN / SURFconext
 - collaborate with open courseware (future MOOC)

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- Workshops, share knowledge, collaborate
- Gateways at certain institutions: applications and coverage on campuses, challenge use
- eduroam monitoring sensor, report via LoRaWAN
- Strong authentication, not connected 2nd factor
- How do we help researchers, lecturers, students, ...?

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