Principles of Wireless Sensor Networks

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Lecture 1

Introduction to WSNs

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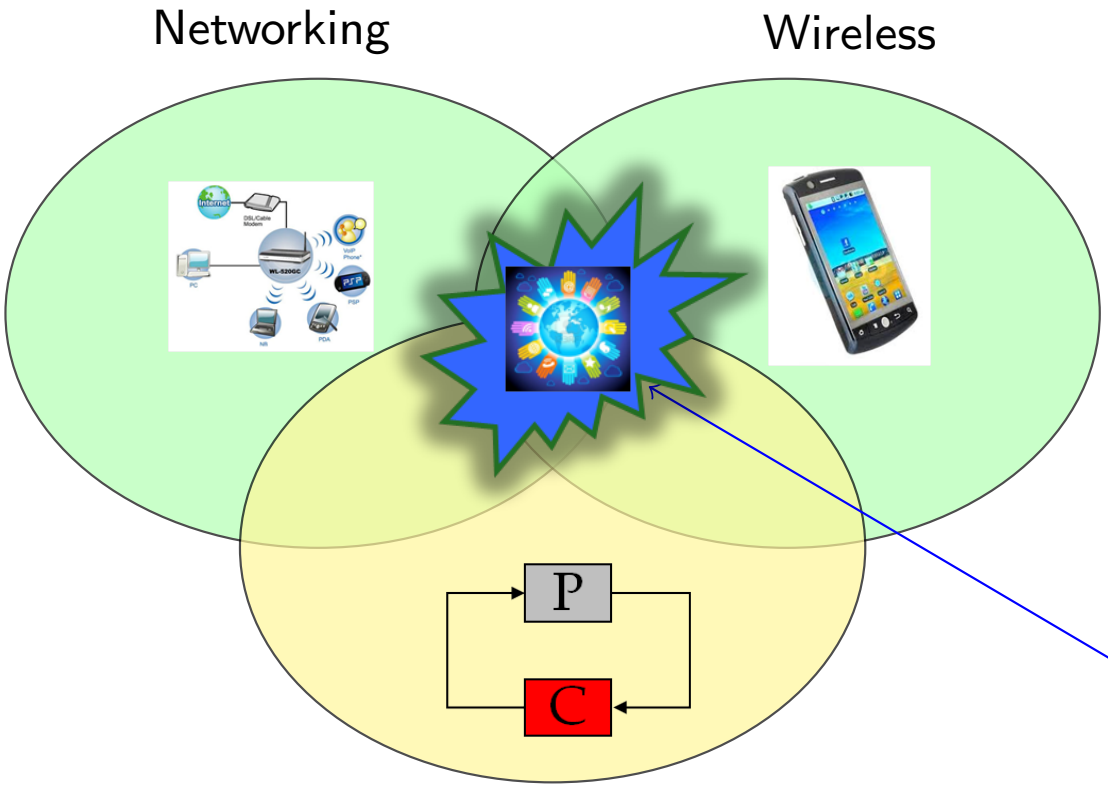
Course goal

After finishing the course, you will know the essential control, networking, programming, and signal processing tools to cope with Wireless Sensor Networks (WSNs)

You will understand the design issues of WSNs and will be able to develop WSNs applications

Wireless Sensor Networks



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- Disposition
  - 7.5 credits
  - 13 lectures, 14 exercise sessions, 3 homework, 1 project
- Instructors
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Course content

- Part 1
  - Lec 1: Introduction to WSNs
  - Lec 2: Introduction to Programming WSNs
- Part 2
  - Lec 3: Wireless Channel
  - Lec 4: Physical Layer
  - Lec 5: Medium Access Control Layer
  - Lec 6: Routing
- Part 3
  - Lec 7: Distributed Detection
  - Lec 8: Static Distributed Estimation
  - Lec 9: Dynamic Distributed Estimation
  - Lec 10: Positioning and Localization
  - Lec 11: Time Synchronization
- Part 4
  - Lec 12: Wireless Sensor Network Control Systems 1
  - Lec 13: Wireless Sensor Network Control Systems 2

Course material

- **Book:** lectures will be based on various chapters from
  - C. Fischione, "An Introduction to Wireless Sensor Networks", 2015, draft book, online. The book will be updated during the course from time to time
  - **Solution manual:** exercise solutions available online
  - everything available online `https://www.kth.se/social/course/EL2745/subgroup/ht-2015-50187/page/course-information-30/`
- **Additional useful books:** some chapters of these books might be useful but they are not necessary:
  - G.J. Pottie and W.J. Kaiser "Principles of Embedded Networked Systems Design", Cambridge, 2005
  - W. Dargie and C. Poellabauer, "Fundamentals of Wireless Sensor Network", Wiley, 2010
- **Lecture slides:** available online before the lecture, see the Schedule section on the course's webpages
- **Homework:** 3 exercises to hand in. First deadline, September 18
- **Software:** TinyOS and (occasionally) Matlab

Practical Information

Office: Osquldas väg 10, floor 6

Office Timings: Whenever you like, by appointment, e-mail to carlofi@kth.se to book the time. Welcome!

Prerequisites: The course is self-contained, only familiarity with linear algebra and analysis

Grades: A,B,C,D,E based on

1. Homework admits to exam: pass/fail
2. Project admits to the exam: up to 10 points
3. Exam: up to 50 points
   Example: you get A by 10 project's credit + 40 exam's credit

Project

- Form groups of 2 (preferred) or 3 students each
- Every group gives first and second preference for two topics below:
  - The wireless channel: how the wireless channel behaves?
  - Physical layer: how to shape signals to transmit information?
  - Mac layer: how to access the wireless channel to transmit messages?
  - Routing: how to route messages over the network?
  - Topology control: how to design the topology of a network?
  - Distributed detection: how to detect phenomena?
  - Distributed estimation: how to estimate signals corrupted by noises?
  - Positioning and localization: how to estimate the position of nodes?
  - Time synchronization: how to synchronize nodes?
  - WSNs control systems: how to close the control loop over WSNs?
- To choose the topic, give a glance to the topic's description in the draft book "An Introduction to Wireless Sensor Networks"

Project

- The project is a 10-15 pages double column written report. 5 pages per student. 2 students group = 10 pages
- Must contain experimental results of your proposal
- Time line:
  1. Sept 4: Every group communicates to carlofi@kth.se the preferences on the topic
  2. Sept 9: Carlo sends out the study material with detailed instructions
  3. Sept 9: The groups start working on the writing and experiments
  4. Sept 17: Every group e-mails to carlofi@kth.se the proposal for report table of content
  5. Sept 18: Carlo sends feedback on the table of content of the proposal
  6. Sept 9 - Oct 13: Groups work and ask feedback if needed to the teaching assistants and Carlo
  7. Oct 14: Every group submits the final project report

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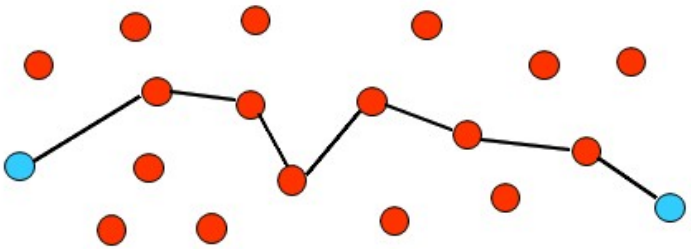
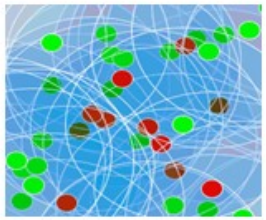
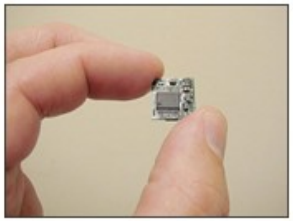
Today's learning outcome

- What are typical applications of a WSN?
- What are the components of a WSN?
- What are protocols?

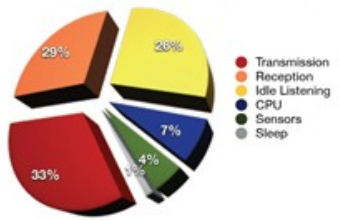
WSNs







- Wireless sensor networks (WSNs) make Internet of Things possible
- Computing, transmitting and receiving nodes, wirelessly networked together for communication, control, sensing and actuation purposes
- Characteristics of WSNs
  - Battery-operated nodes
  - Limited wireless communication
  - Mobility of nodes
  - No/limited central manager



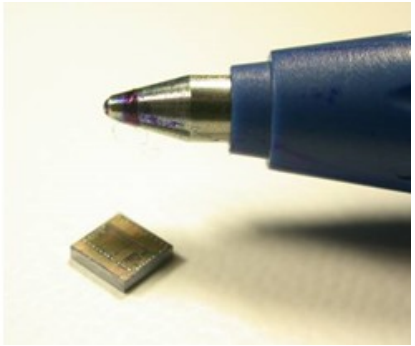
Typical power consumption of a node

Applications of WSNs

- Let us now see some applications of WSNs

History of WSNs

DARPA DSN node, 1960



Tmote-sky, 2003

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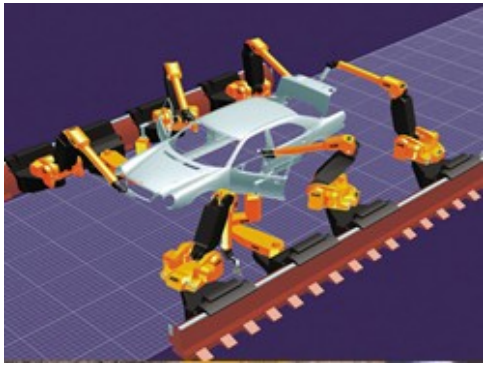
Smart Dust

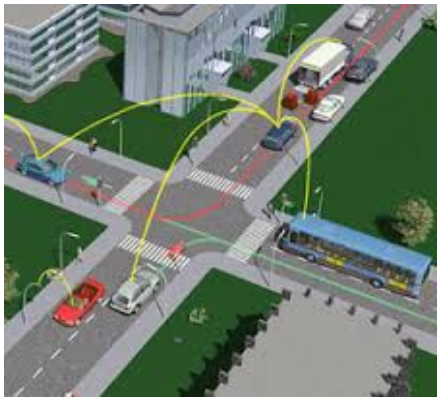
Applications of WSNs

Environmental Monitoring

Industrial Control



Autonomous Cars



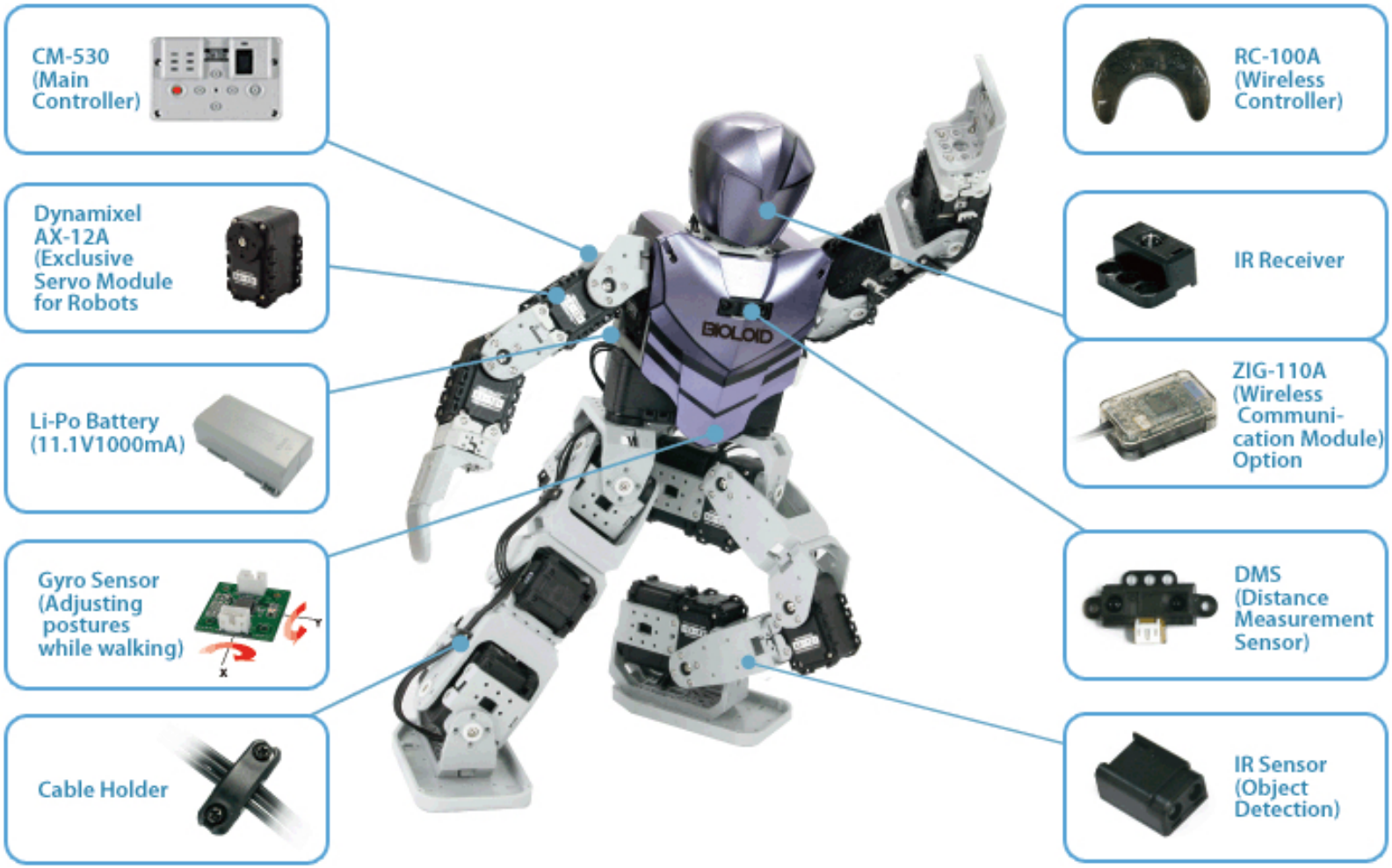
Wearable sensors

Wearable Sensors

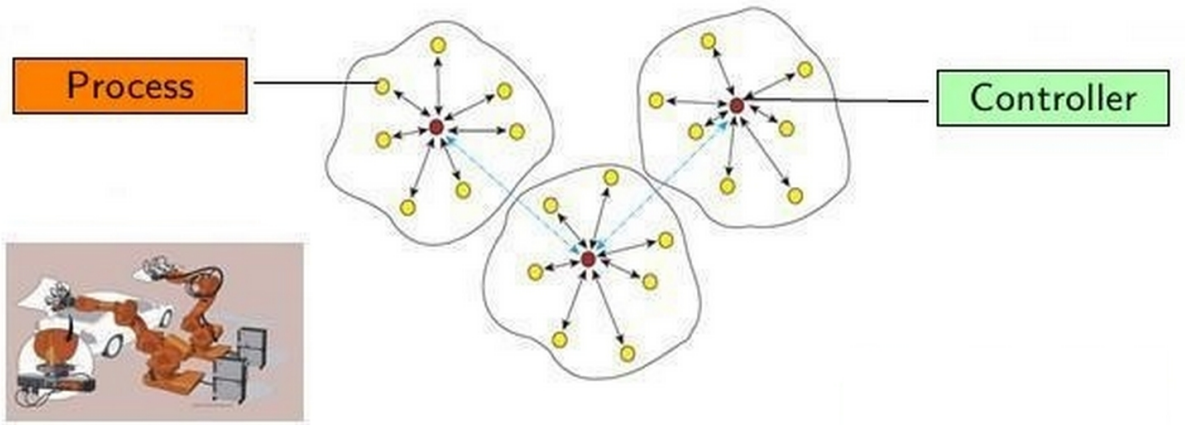
- Smart watches and phones have many sensors onboard

Autonomous Robots

- Sensors to make it possible autonomous robots



WSNs in Industrial Automation



- Added flexibility
  - Sensor and actuator nodes can be placed more appropriately
  - Less restrictive maneuvers and control actions
  - More powerful control through distributed computations
- Reduced installation and maintenance costs
  - Less cabling
  - More efficient monitoring and diagnosis

Smart Buildings

- WSNs for controlling temperature, light, air and humidity, doors, alarms
- E.g., in Stockholm, one of the most technological urban districts in the world with hundreds of Smart Buildings

Smart Energy Grids

source: http://deviceace.com/

- Sensors to activate home appliances when energy costs are reduced

Water Pollution

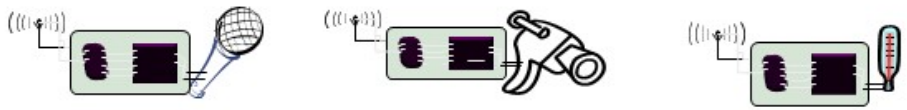
- The pollution level can be estimated by sensors on the water pipes
- Robotic sensors flowing underground in the water distribution lines
- The estimates are reported centrally only when needed

Components of a WSN

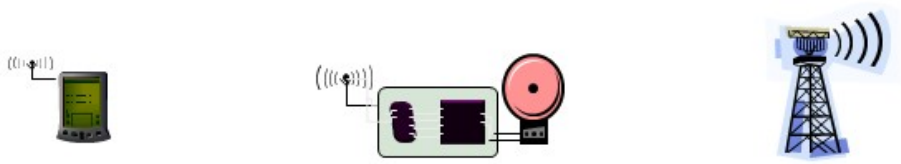
- What are the participants and how is a node of a WSN?

Participants in a WSN

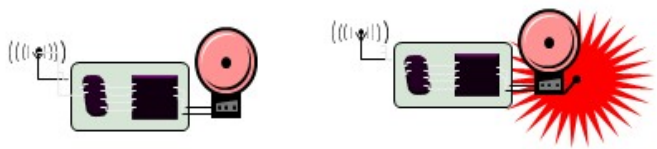
- **Sources** of data: Measure data, report them "somewhere"
  - Typically equip with different kind of actual sensors



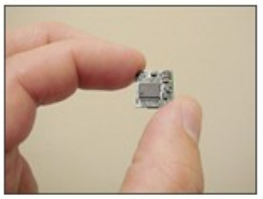
- **Sinks** of data: Interested in receiving data from WSN
  - May be part of the WSN or external entity, PDA, gateway,...

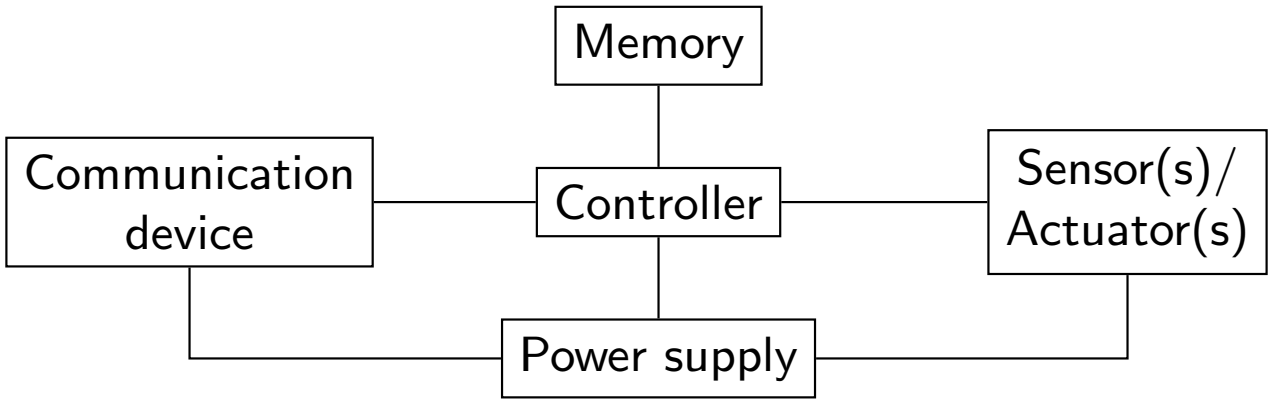


- **Actuators**: Control some device based on data, usually also a sink



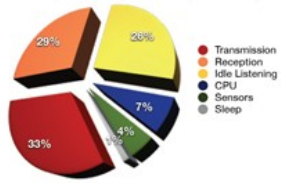
WSN node components





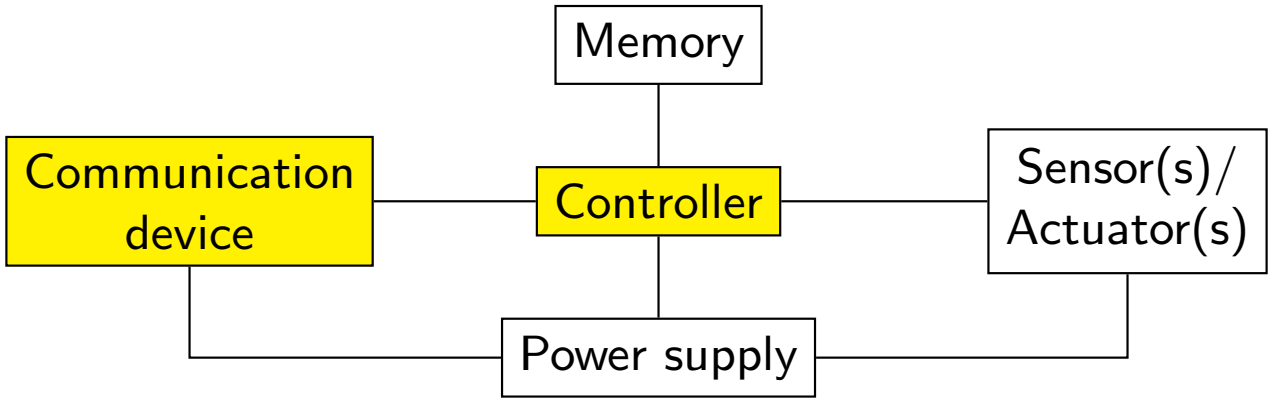
1. Controller
2. Communication device(s)
3. Sensors/actuators
4. Memory
5. Power supply

Transceiver states



- Transceivers can be put into different operational **states** typically:
  - **Transmit**
  - **Receive**
  - **Idle**: ready to receive, but not doing so
    - Some functions in hardware can be switched off, reducing energy consumption a little
  - **Sleep**: significant parts of the transceiver are switched off
    - Not able to immediately receive something
    - **Recovery time** and **startup energy** to leave sleep state can be significant

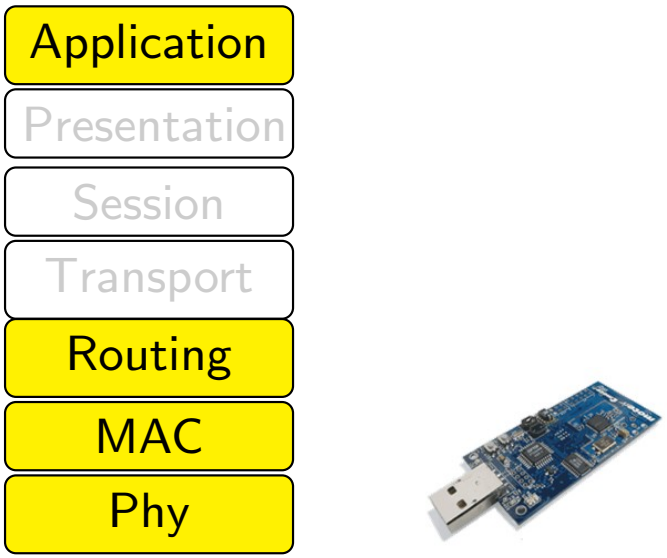
Components in a wireless node



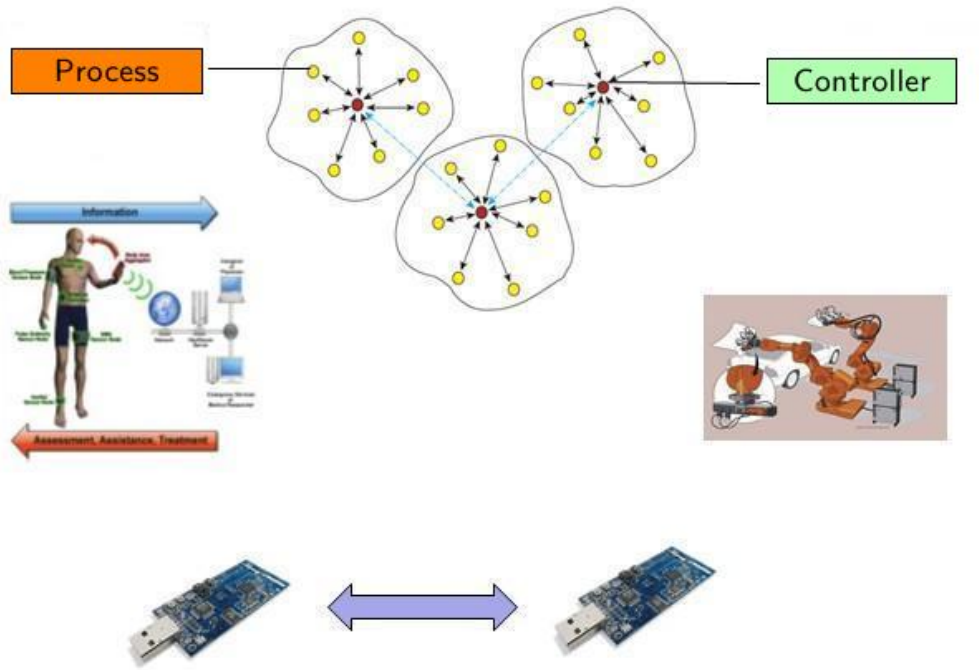
Let's now focus on the protocols that are followed at the communication device

WSN Protocols, the ISO-OSI stack

- The behavior of a node is specified by a set of protocols, or set of rules with which the node operate

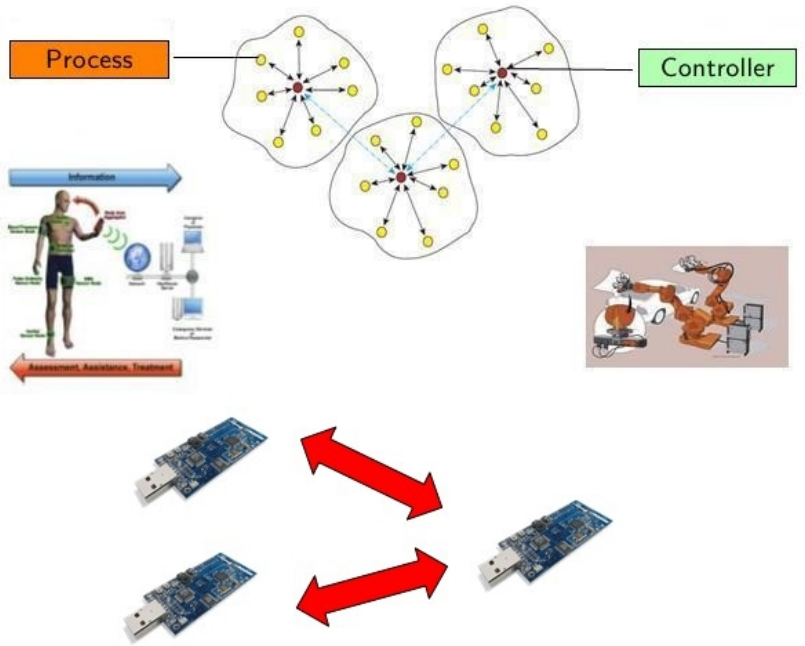


The Physical Layer



- How messages are successfully transmitted and received over the wireless channel?
- Aim: mathematically modelling the probability to successfully receive messages as function of the wireless channel characteristics and available design parameters (e.g., transmit radio power)

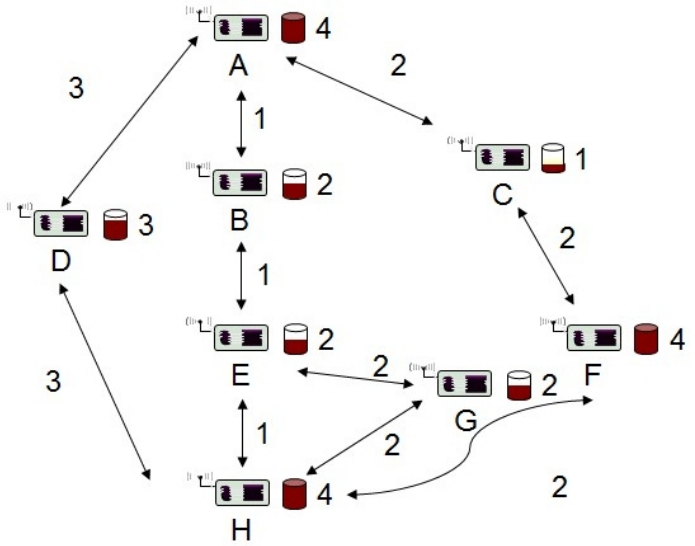
Medium Access Control (MAC)

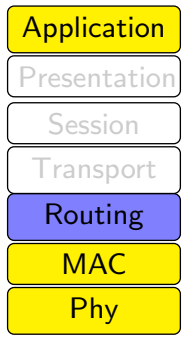


- When a node gets the right to transmit messages?
- What is the mechanism to get such a right?
- How to model mathematically such a behaviour as function of the relevant design parameters (e.g., transmit radio power, time available)?

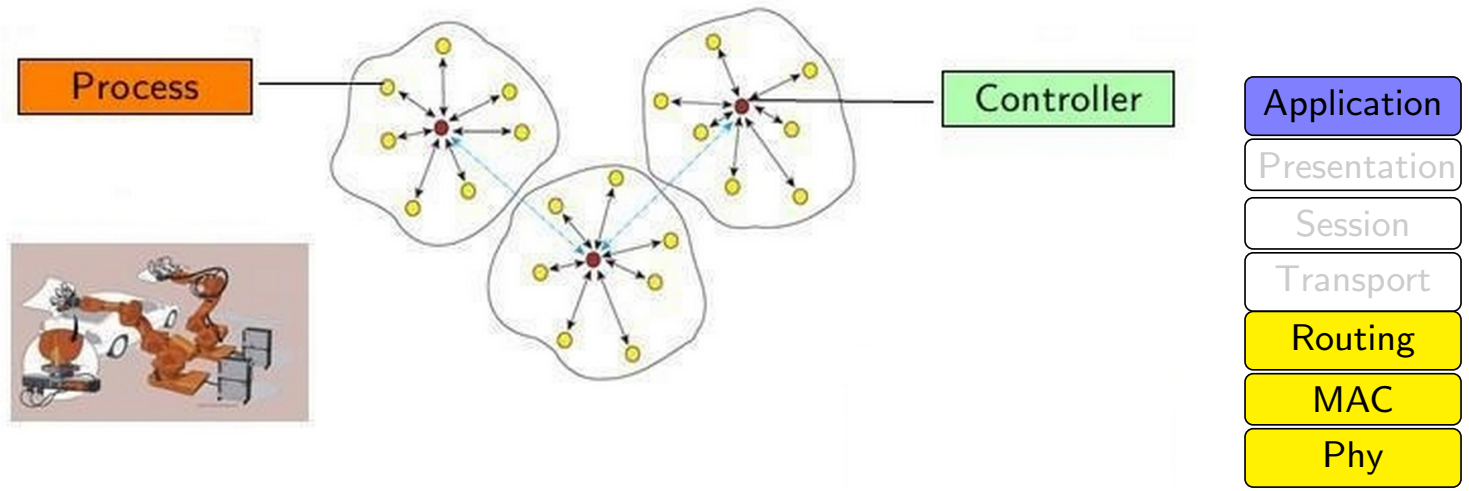
Routing: how to choose paths

- Maximum total available battery capacity
  - Path metric: Sum of battery levels
  - Example: A-C-F-H
- Minimum battery cost routing
  - Path metric: Sum of reciprocal battery levels
  - Example: A-D-H
- Conditional max-min battery capacity routing
  - Only take battery level into account when below a given level
- Minimum total transmission power





Detection/Estimation/Control over WSNs



- The state of a process is sensed by wireless nodes
- State information may reach the detector/estimator/controller via multi-hop routing
- How the protocols and the detector/estimator/controller interact?

Useful Links

Blogs:
http://www.wsnblog.com/

Industries:
http://www.dustnetworks.com/
http://www.sensinode.com/
http://www.libelium.com/
http://www.xbow.com/
http://www.siemens.com/
http://www.abb.com/

University courses:
http://www.cs.berkeley.edu/~culler/eecs194/
http://bwrc.eecs.berkeley.edu/Research/energy_efficient_systems.htm
http://wsnl.stanford.edu/
http://courses.csail.mit.edu/6.885/spring06/readings.html
http://www.eecs.harvard.edu/~mdw/course/cs263/fa04/
http://www3.cs.stonybrook.edu/~jgao/CSE590-spring11/

Useful Links

WSNs Standard:

http://www.hartcomm.org/
http://www.ieee802.org/15/pub/TG4.html
http://www.ietf.org/dyn/wg/charter/roll-charter.html
http://www.ipso-alliance.org/Pages/Front.php
http://www.isa.org/
http://www.tinyos.net/
http://www.sics.se/contiki/
http://www.zigbee.org/

Summary

- We have seen the key aspects of WSNs
  - Applications
  - Protocols
- Reading material: Chapter 1 of "Introduction to WSNs"
- Next Lecture, Tuesday Sept 1: Introduction to WSN Programming
  - You have to install TinyOS on your laptop before the lecture
  - Download instructions on Week 37 of Schedule in `https://www.kth.se/social/course/EL2745/`