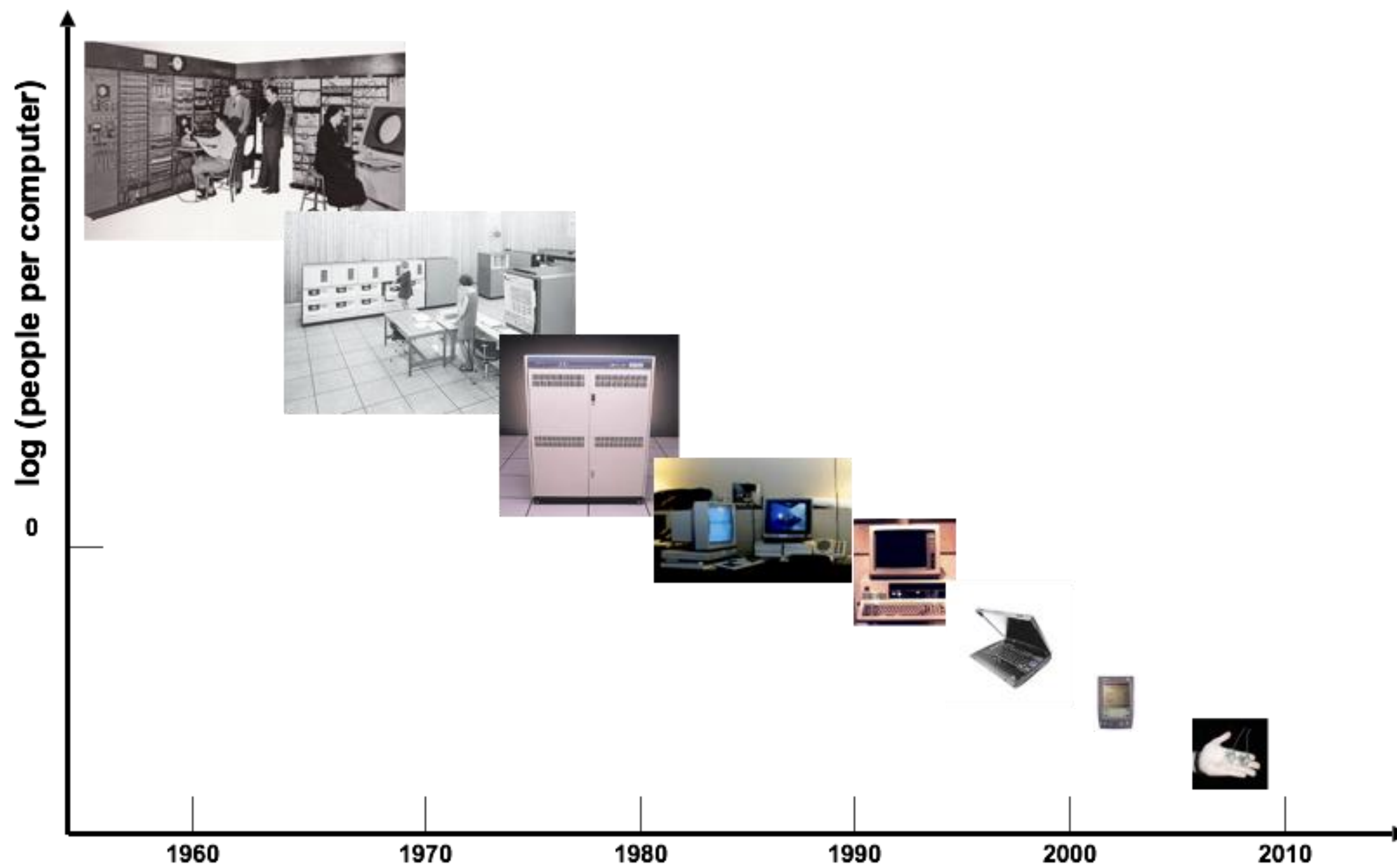


# INTRODUCTION TO INTERNET OF THINGS FOR SDGS

Marco Zennaro, PhD

The Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics — Trieste, Italy

# IOT VISION



[Culler:2004]

# Internet of Things (IoT)

"Internet-connected computers, with sensors and actuators." — [@tamberg](#)

"Physical objects with a Web API." — [@hansamann](#)

IoT: "Global network of computers, sensors and actuators, connected through Internet protocols."

*Web* of Things: "RESTful Web services that measure or manipulate physical properties." — [@gsiot](#)

# Internet of Things (IoT)

“The IoT can be viewed as a global **infrastructure** for the information society, enabling advanced services by interconnecting (**physical** and **virtual**) things based on existing and evolving interoperable information and communication technologies (ICT).” — [Recommendation](#)

[ITU-T Y.2060](#)



# History of IoT (not new!)

The first telemetry system was rolled out in Chicago way back in **1912**. It is said to have used **telephone lines** to monitor data from power plants.

Telemetry expanded to weather monitoring in the **1930s**, when a device known as a **radiosonde** became widely used to monitor weather conditions from balloons.



# History of IoT (not new!)

Broad adoption of M2M technology began in the 1980s with wired connections for **SCADA** (supervisory control and data acquisition) on the factory floor.

In the 1990s ADEMCO built their own **private radio network** because cellular connectivity was too expensive.

In 1995, Siemens introduced the **first cellular module** built for M2M.

# History of IoT (not new!)

“Machine to Machine” (M2M)  
(~1970s +)



Internet of Things Beginnings



Carnegie Mellon Internet  
Coke Machine (1982, 1990)



Internet Toaster  
(1990)



Trojan Room Coffee  
Pot  
(first webcam)  
(1991)

# Drivers of IoT

Small, inexpensive, low power computers.

Small, inexpensive, low power sensors.

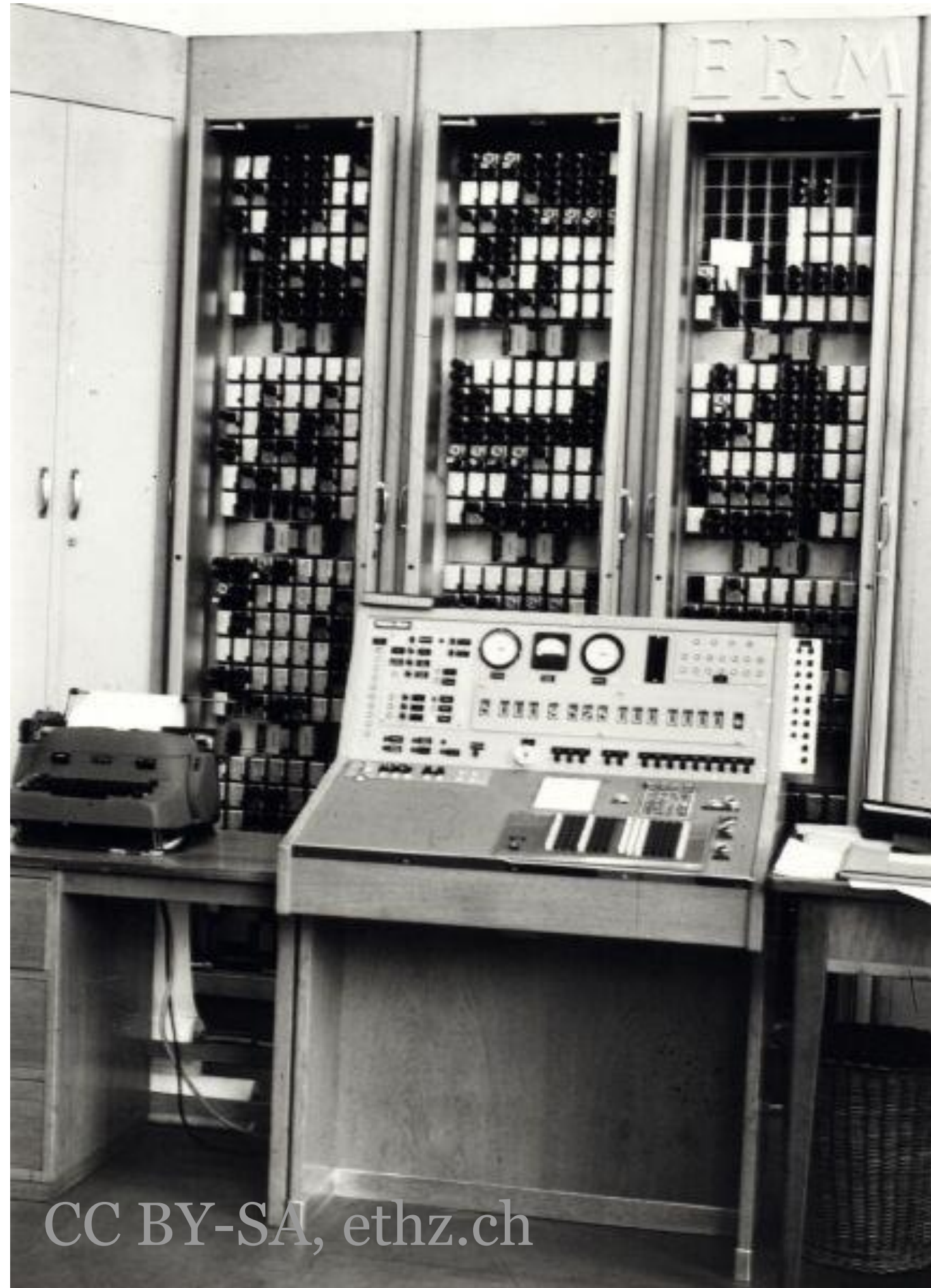
Short and long range connectivity.

Cloud computing and storage.

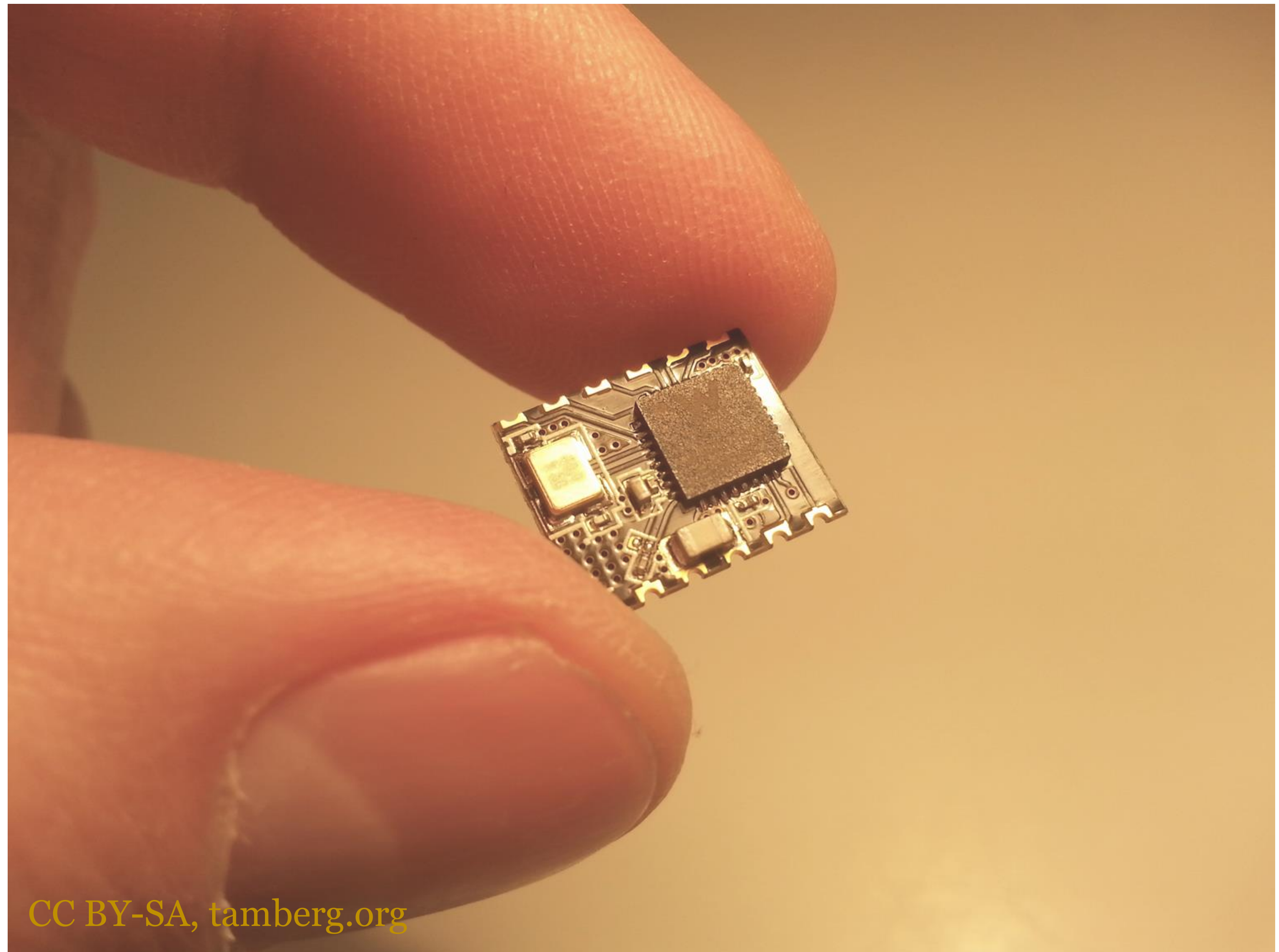
Standard (IoT) protocols.



# Moore's law



CC BY-SA, ethz.ch



CC BY-SA, tamberg.org

# RPi zero: \$5



## Device — ITU definition

“A device is a piece of equipment with the **mandatory capabilities of communication** and optional capabilities of sensing, actuation, data capture, data storage and data processing. Some devices also execute operations based on information received from the information and communication networks.” — Recommendation **ITU-T Y.2060**

# Fundamental characteristics — ITU

**Interconnectivity:** With regard to the IoT, anything can be interconnected with the global information and communication infrastructure.

**Heterogeneity:** The devices in the IoT are heterogeneous as based on different hardware platforms and networks. They can interact with other devices or service platforms through different networks.

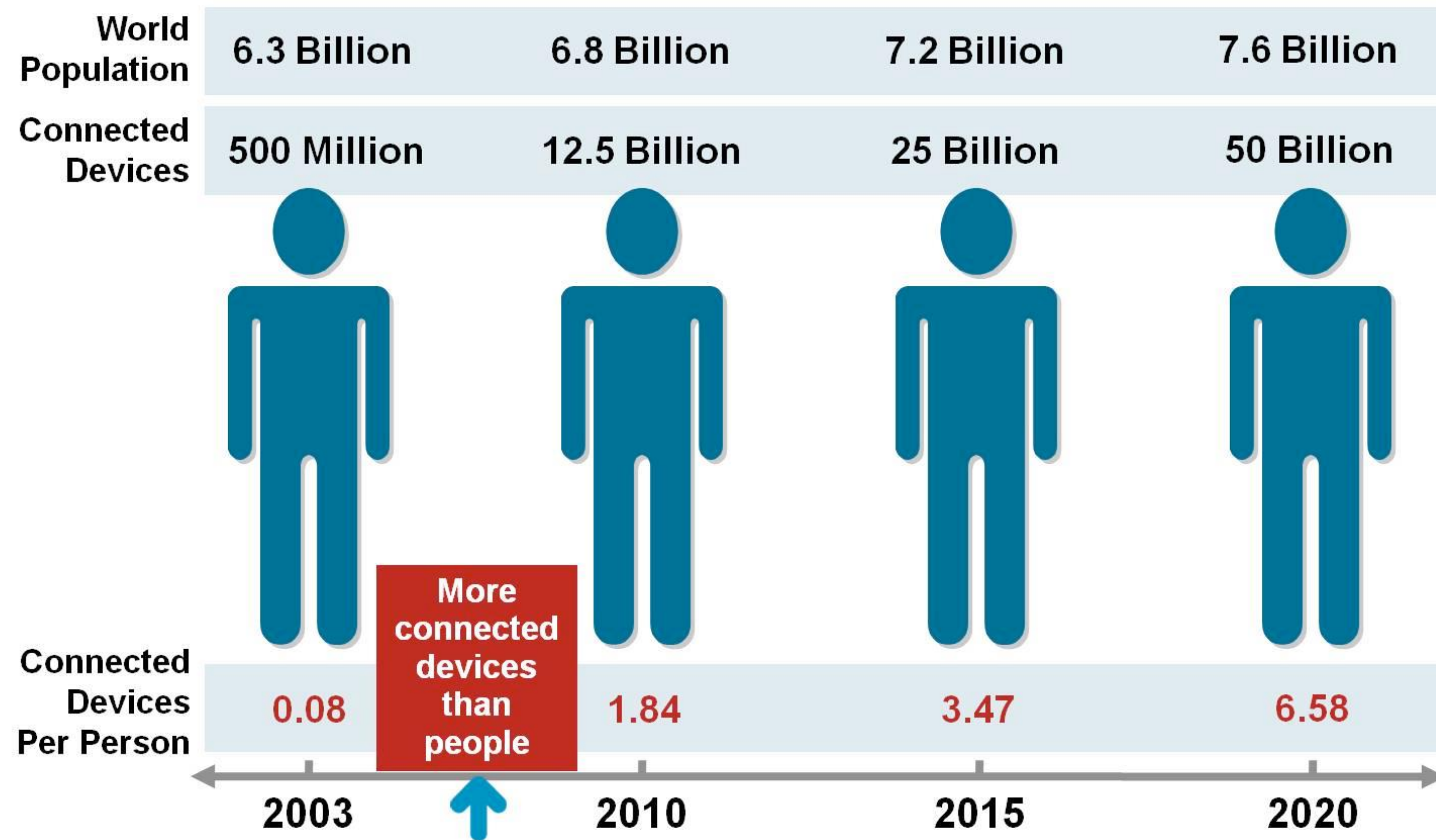
# Fundamental characteristics — ITU

**Dynamic changes:** The state of devices change dynamically, e.g., sleeping and waking up, connected and/or disconnected as well as the context of devices including location and speed. Moreover, the number of devices can change dynamically.

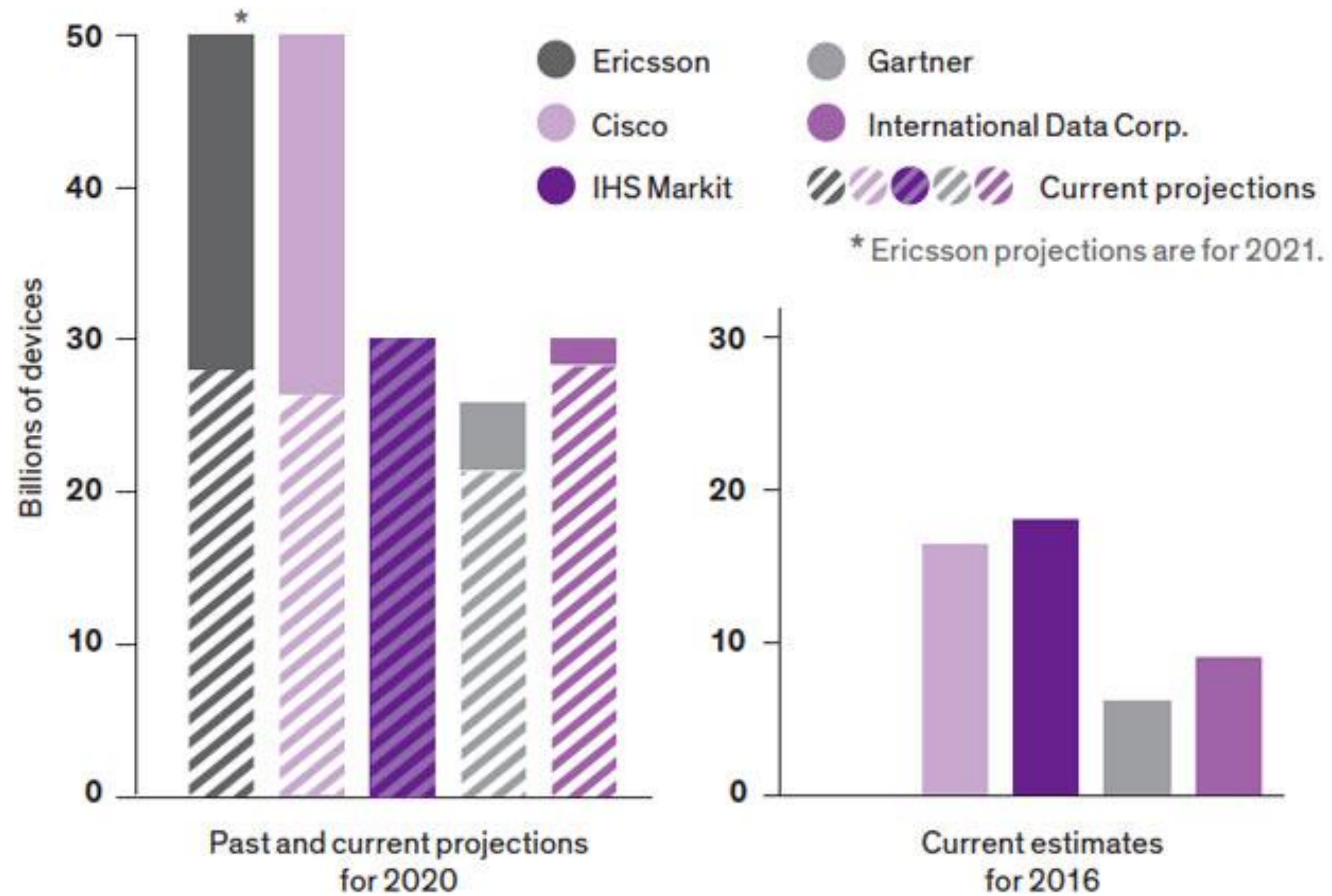
## Fundamental characteristics — ITU

**Enormous scale:** The number of devices that need to be managed and that communicate with each other will be at least an order of magnitude larger than the devices connected to the current Internet. The ratio of communication triggered by devices as compared to communication triggered by humans will noticeably shift towards device-triggered communication.

# PREDICTIONS



# NEW PREDICTIONS





# NEW PREDICTIONS

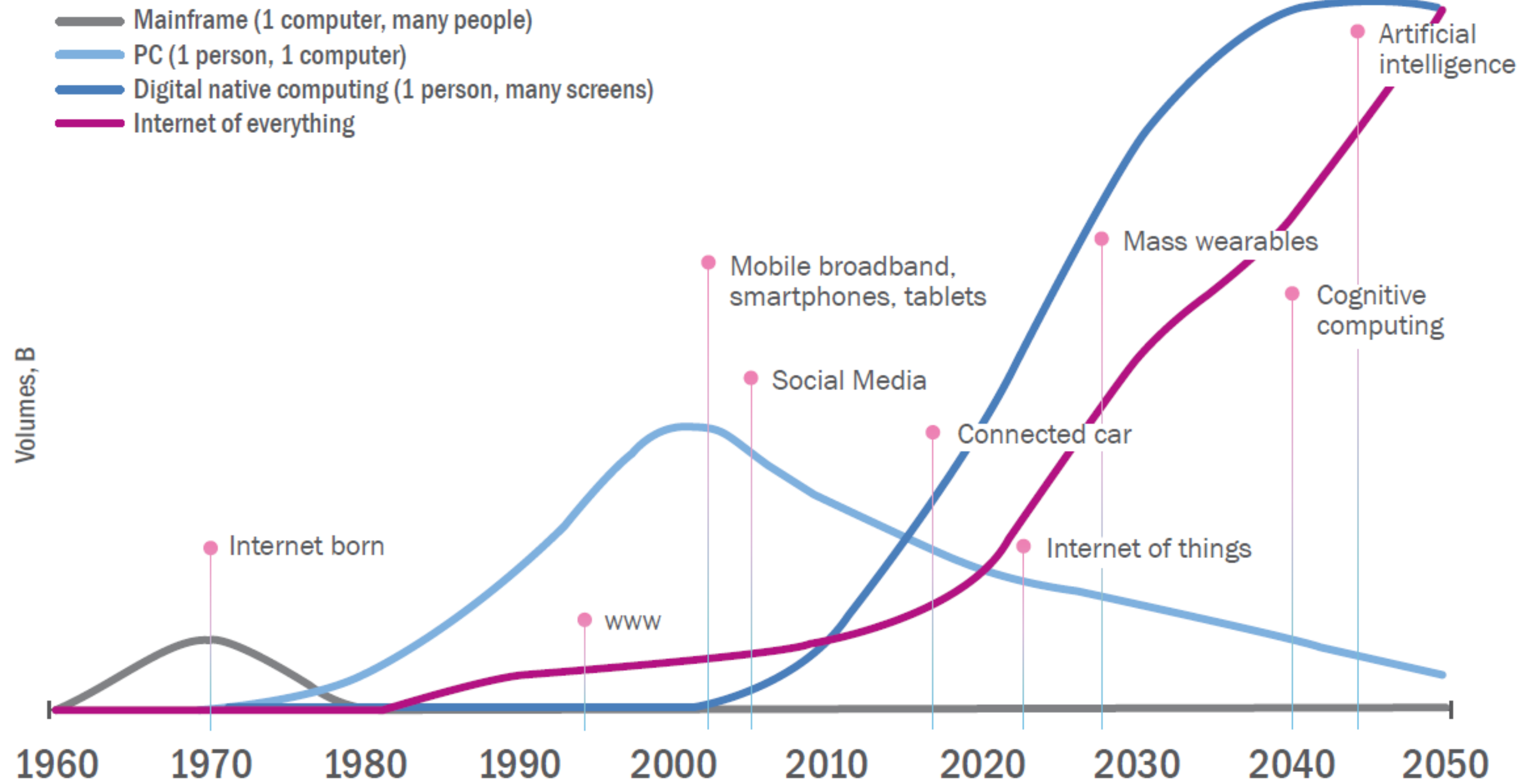
## Internet of Things

### Connected Means Informed

According to Cisco, 500 billion devices are expected to be connected to the Internet by 2030. Each device includes sensors that collect data, interact with the environment, and communicate over a network. The Internet of Things (IoT) is the network of these connected devices. These smart, connected devices generate data that IoT applications use to aggregate, analyze, and deliver insight, which helps drive more informed decisions and actions.

# History of the future

## One to many to any: ICTs from happy few to the masses



# Connectivity

Ability to communicate with another device.

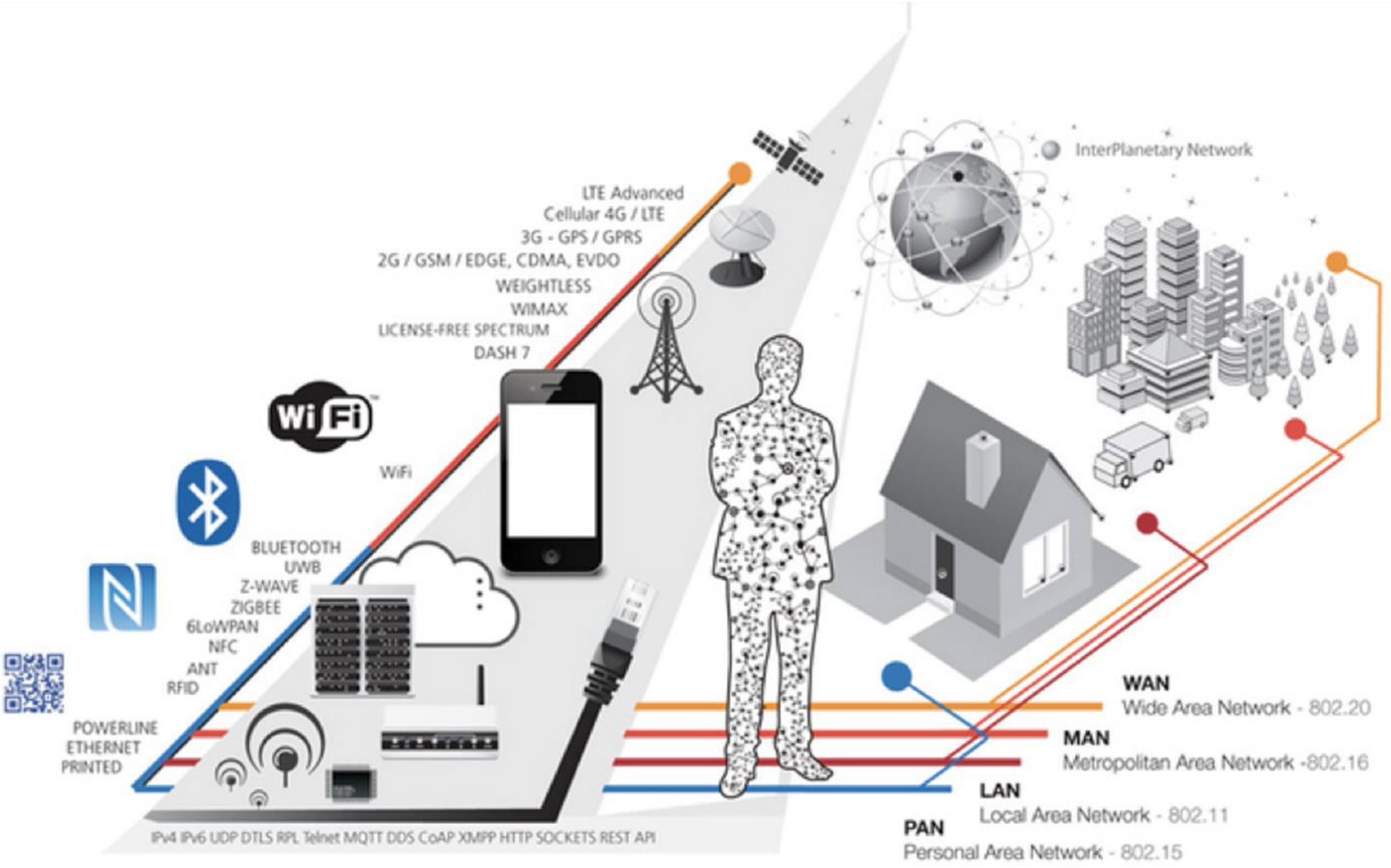
Personal area network (PAN, e.g. BLE, Zigbee).

Local area networks (LAN, e.g. Ethernet, Wi-Fi).

Wide area networks (WAN, e.g. 3/4G, LoRaWAN).

The range grows from "room" to "building" to "city"  
(e.g. BLE, 30m; Wi-Fi, 100m; LoRaWAN, 2-15km).

# Connectivity



# Device

Embedded computer with sensors and actuators.

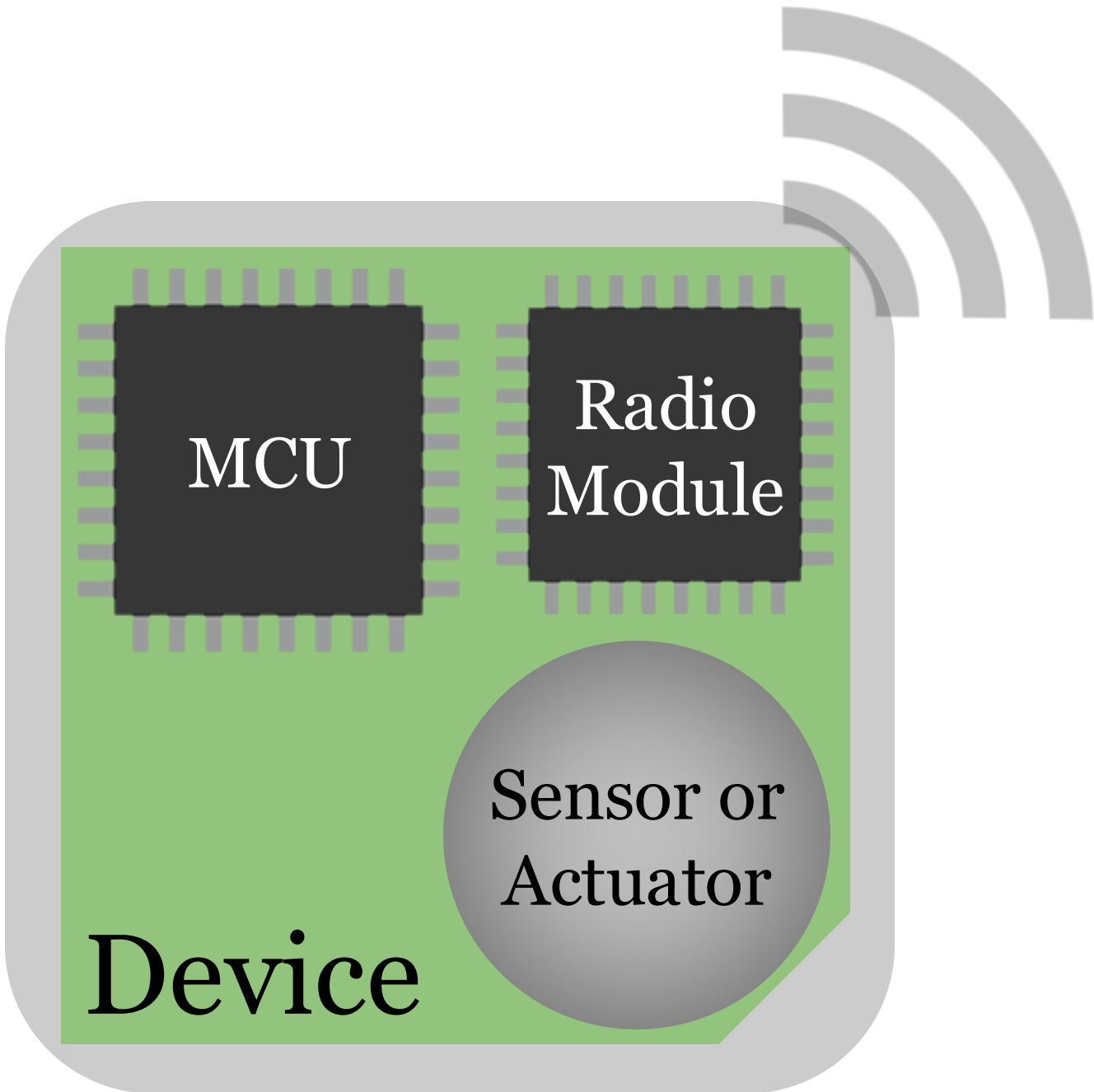
Connectivity on the chip or as an external module.

Microcontroller (MCU) with constrained resources.

Small, slow processor, limited memory, low power.

Often battery powered or harvesting energy.

# Device

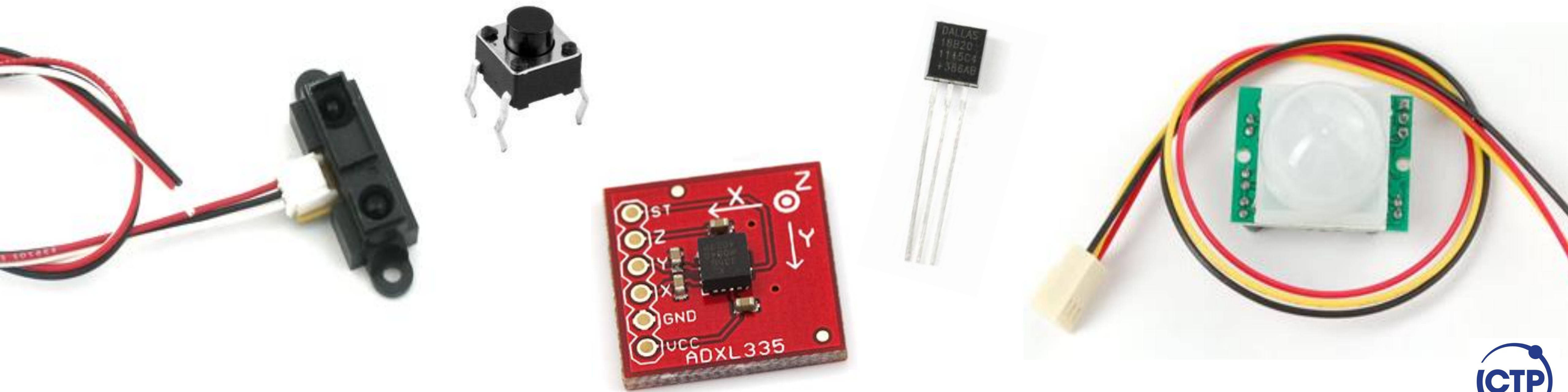


CC BY-SA, tamberg.org

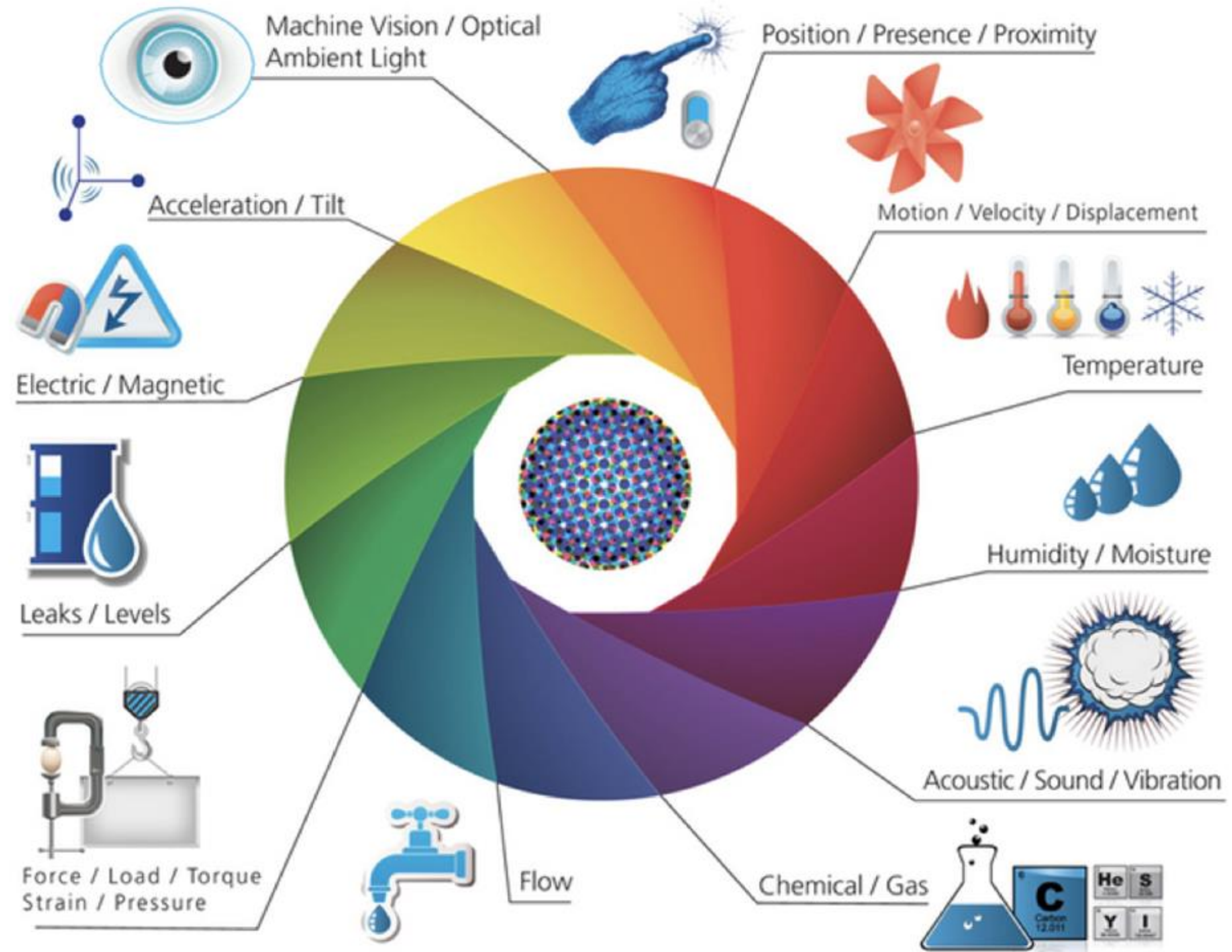
# Sensors

Convert physical properties to electrical signals.

E.g. temperature, sound, light, distance, flow.



# Sensors





# Actuators

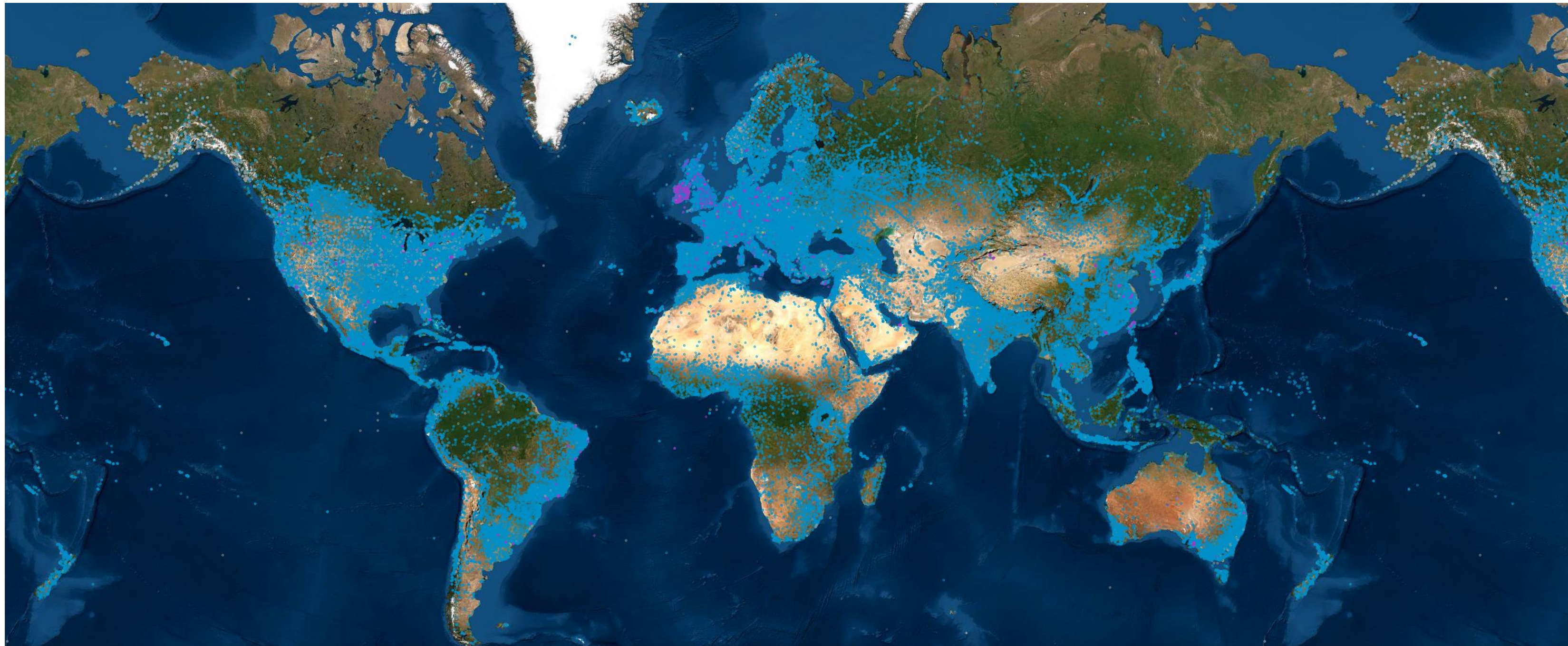
Convert electrical signals to physical properties.

E.g. light, movement, sound, heat, current.

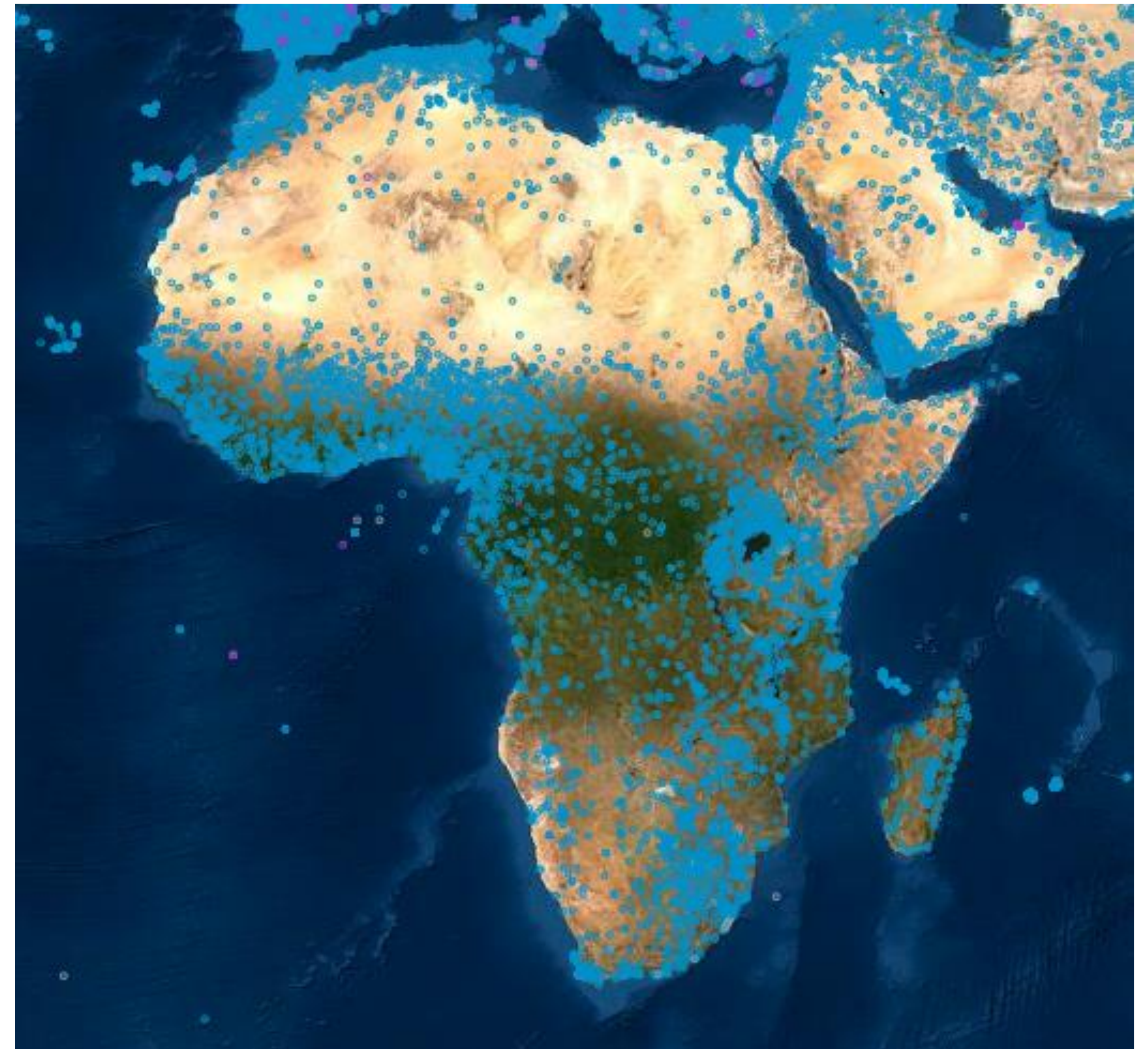
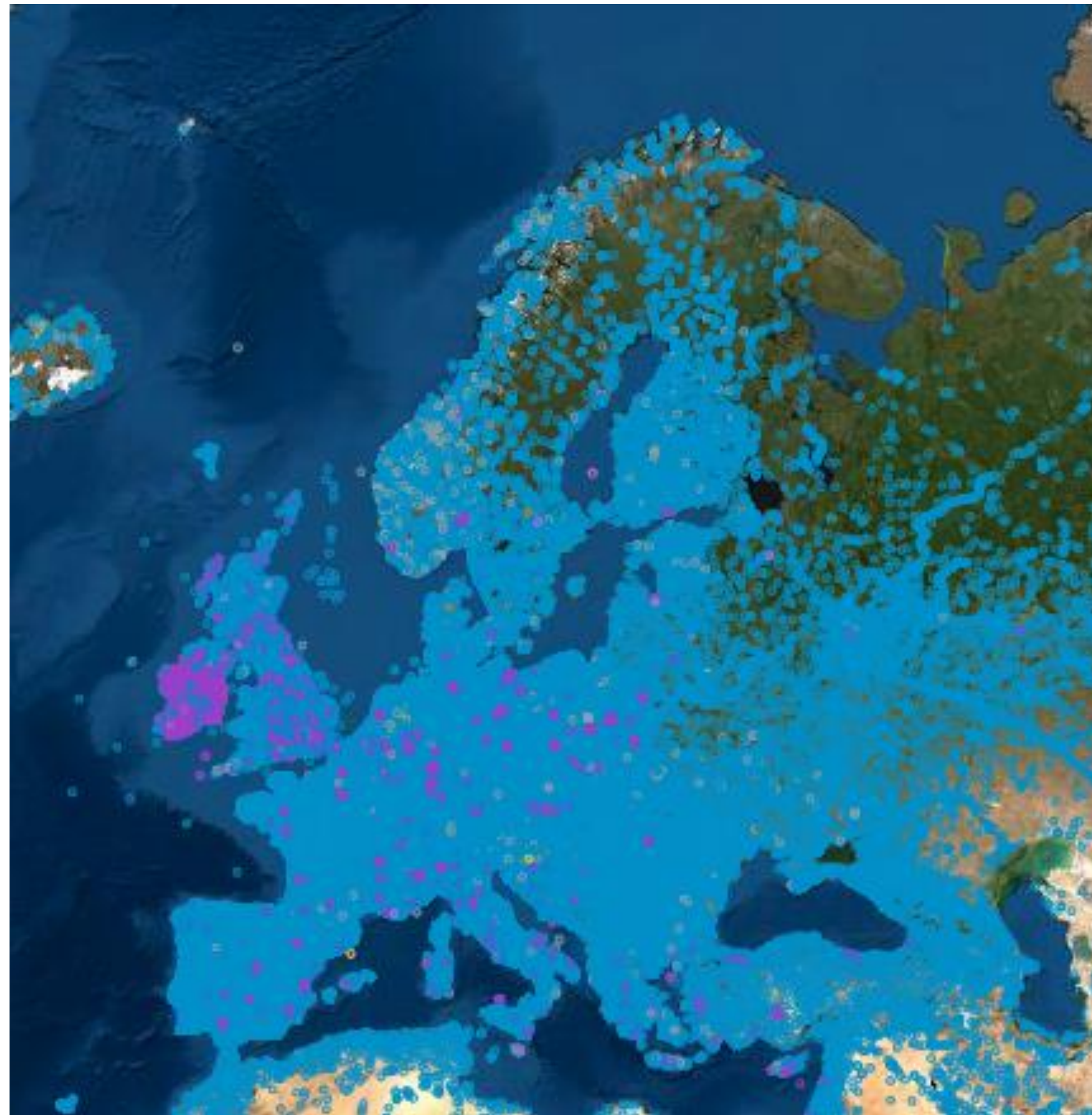


# IOT AND DEVELOPMENT

Credit: <https://www.thingful.net>



# IOT AND DEVELOPMENT



# IOT AND DEVELOPMENT

CLIMATE CHANGE

## 54% of Africa's surface weather stations can't capture data properly

With extreme weather events becoming the new normal, forecasting has become more important than ever. It's time African nations invest in observation networks

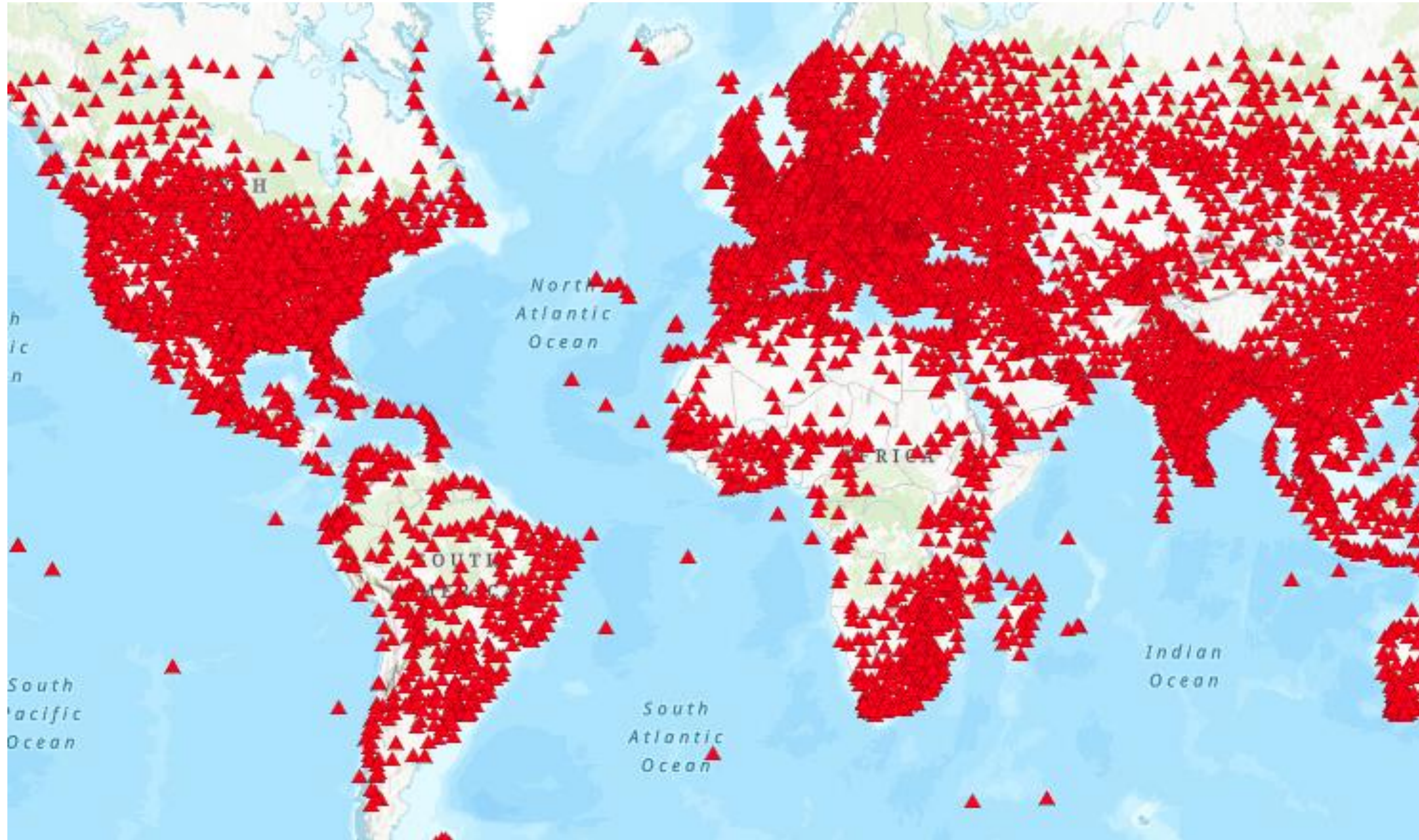


NEXT NEWS >

By Maina Waruru  
Last Updated: Tuesday 29 May 2018



# IOT AND DEVELOPMENT



# Antarctic seals recruited to measure effects of climate change

*Deep-diving animals collected data that could be used to sharpen projections of rising seas.*

Alex Fox



## RELATED ARTICLES

**Rescued radar maps reveal  
past**

**Antarctica's sleeping ice  
wake soon**

**Antarctic coast meltdown  
ice-sheet collapse**

## SUBJECTS

Applied physics

Climate

# IOT AND SDG



# IOT AND SDG

## ► SDG 2: ZERO HUNGER:

An estimated 821 million people were undernourished in 2017. Annual cereal production will need to rise to about 3 billion tonnes and annual meat production will need to rise by over 200 million tonnes to reach 470 million tonnes to feed 9.1 billion people by 2050.

## ► SDG 3: GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING:

3 billion people worldwide lack access to basic sanitation. Noncommunicable diseases alone will cost low- and middle-income countries more than \$7 trillion in the next 15 years.





# IOT4D AND ICT4D

There is a good paper on the use of ICT in Developing Countries:

**The case for Technology in developing regions, E.Brewer et al., IEEE Pervasive Computing, 2005**

The World Bank's infoDev site catalogs hundreds of ICT projects (<http://www.infodev.org>), albeit not all successful. Most of these projects use existing off-the-shelf technology designed for the industrialized world.





# IOT4D AND ICT4D

The paper claims that there are **four technological requirements** for an ICT4D project to be successful:

**Autonomous Connectivity**

**Low-cost equipment**

**Power resilience**

**Appropriate User Interface**



# IOT4D AND ICT4D

The paper claims that there are **four technological requirements** for an ICT4D project to be successful:

**Autonomous Connectivity**

**Low-cost equipment**

**Power resilience**

**Appropriate User Interface**


**Who owns the data?**

**Who benefits?**

**Risk of e-waste**

**Risk of “install and forget”**

**Not high in the agenda**



# THANK YOU!

Marco Zennaro, PhD  
**mzennaro@ictp.it**

