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# The evolution of IoT, AIoT, and BIoT in light of Mark Weiser's vision of Ubiquitous Computing.

The link between the past and the future of a new group  
of interconnected innovative technologies.

**Keynote Lecture:**  
**A Review and critical outlook**

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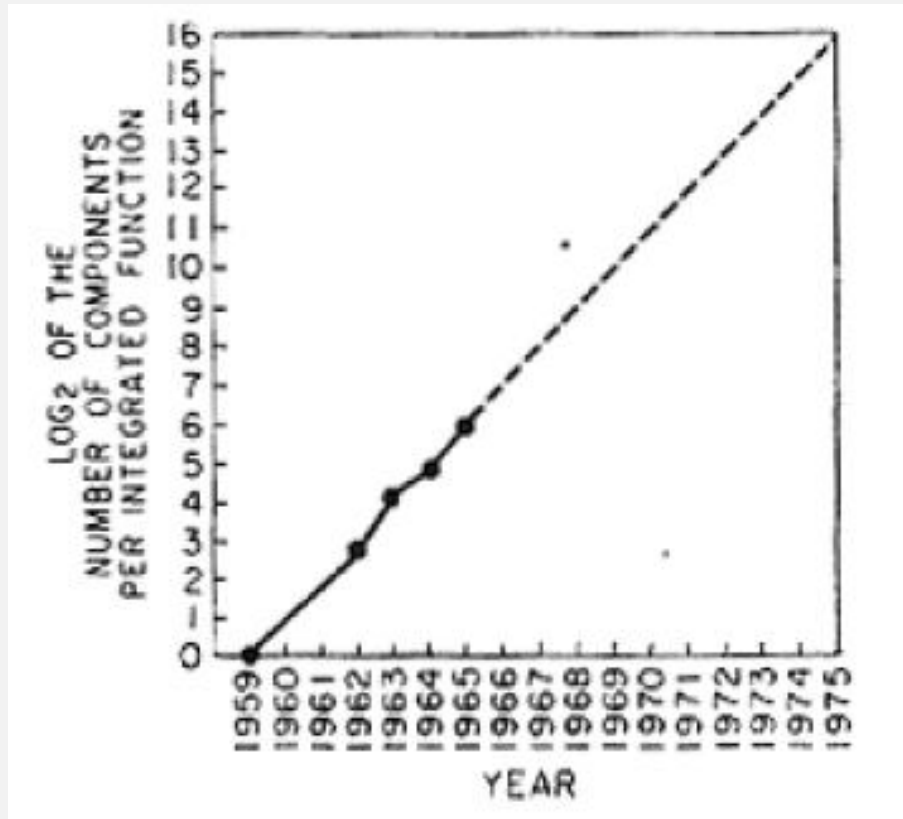
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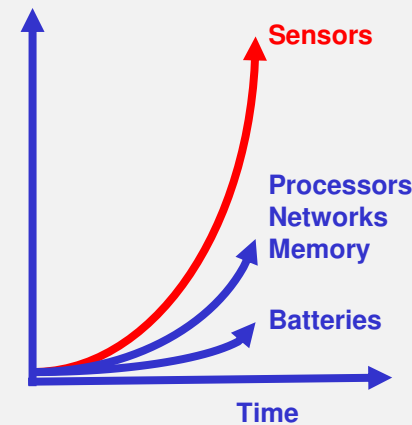


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## Moore's Law (early version)



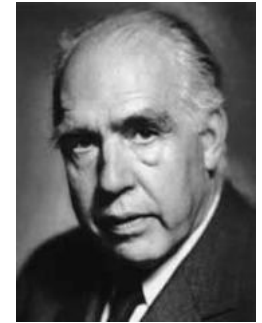
**Gordon Moore**  
Co-founder of Intel in 1968.



Ref.: <http://www.intel.com/research/silicon/mooreslaw.htm>

“Prediction is very difficult, especially about the future”

(?) Niels Bohr (1885-1962)



## Predictions

“I think there is a world market for maybe five computers”

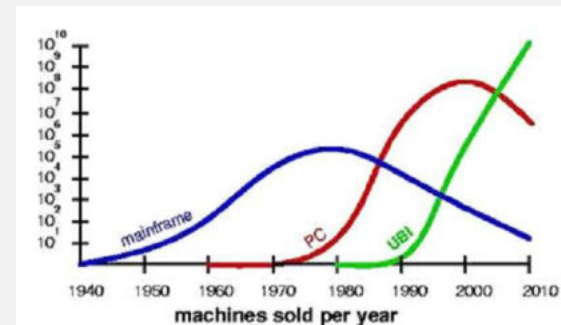
Thomas Watson, CEO IBM, **1943**



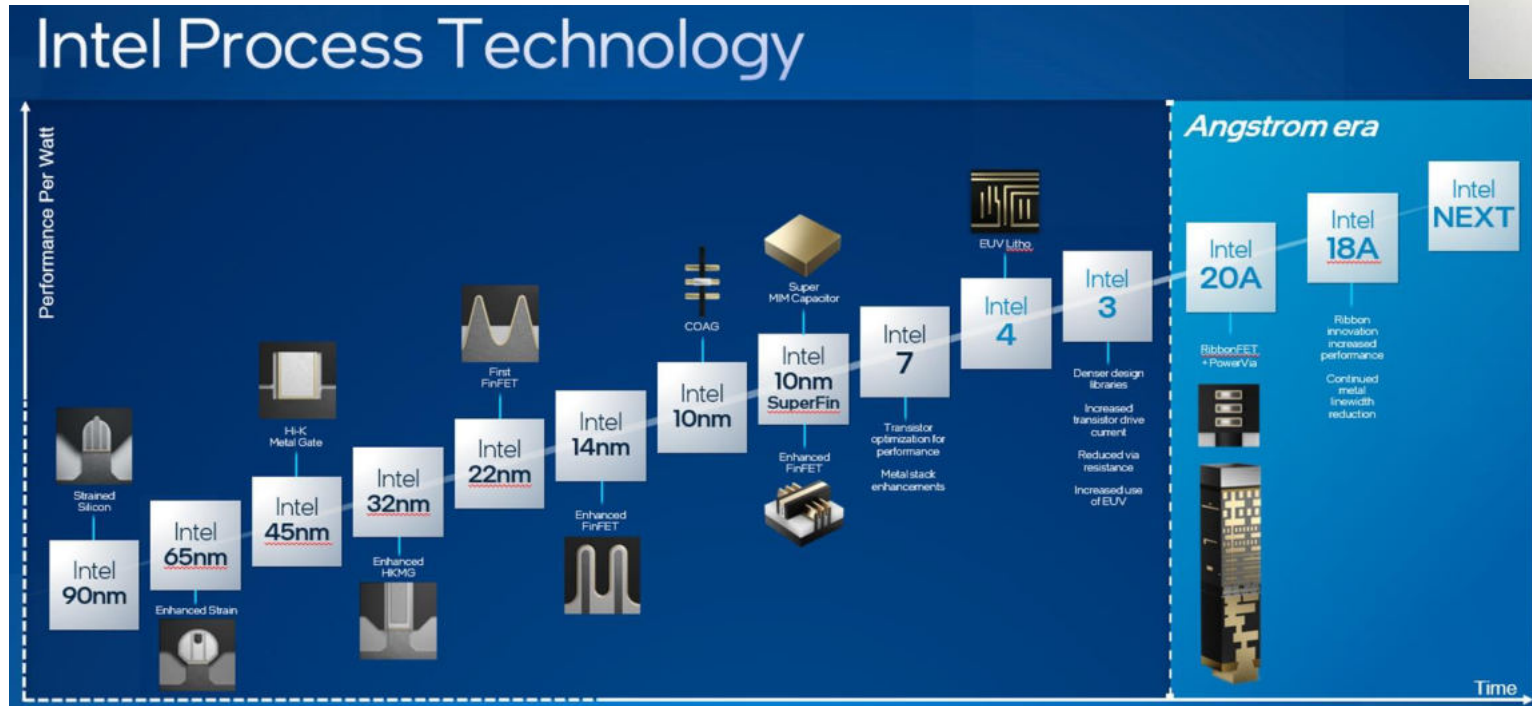
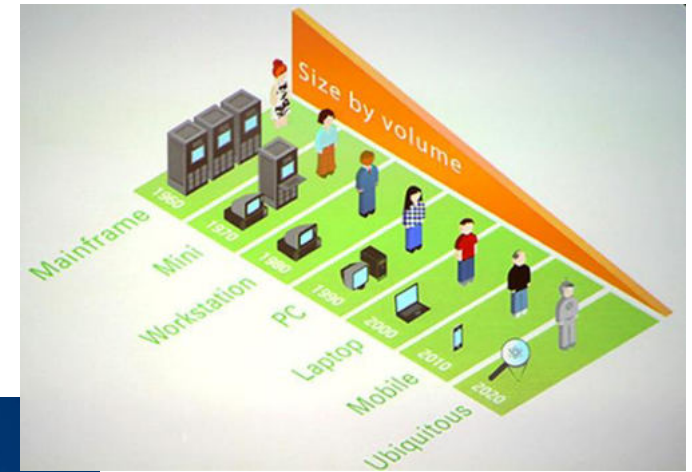
“Picture a day when a billion people will interact with a million e-businesses via a trillion interconnected, intelligent devices”

Louis V. Gerstner Jr., CEO IBM, **2005**

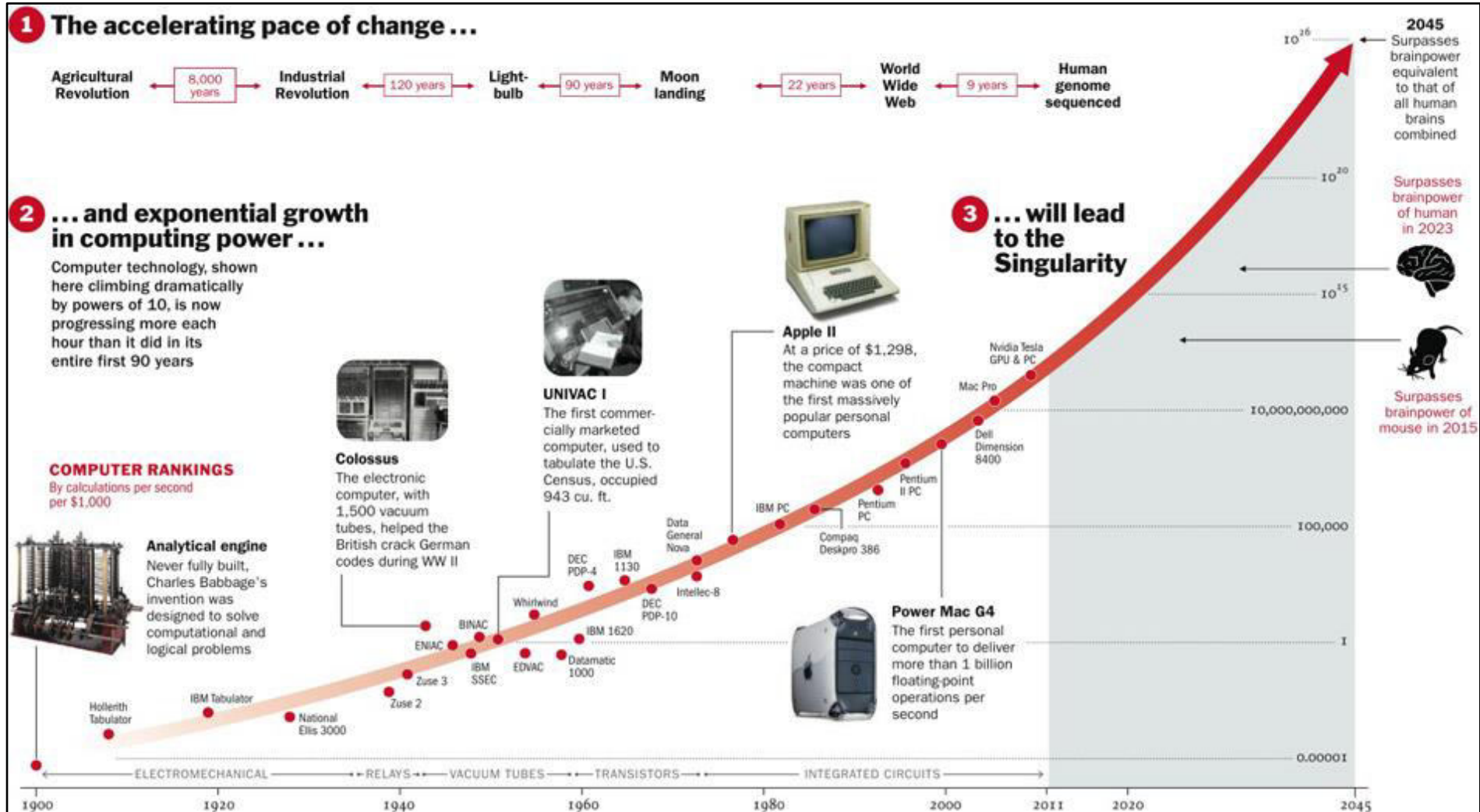
## Early Reality (2010)



**Intel:**  
**Compute moves to zero**



Ref.: Brian David Johnson, Intel, 2012



Ref.: TIME USA 2019 - <http://content.time.com/time/interactive/0,31813,2048601,00.html>



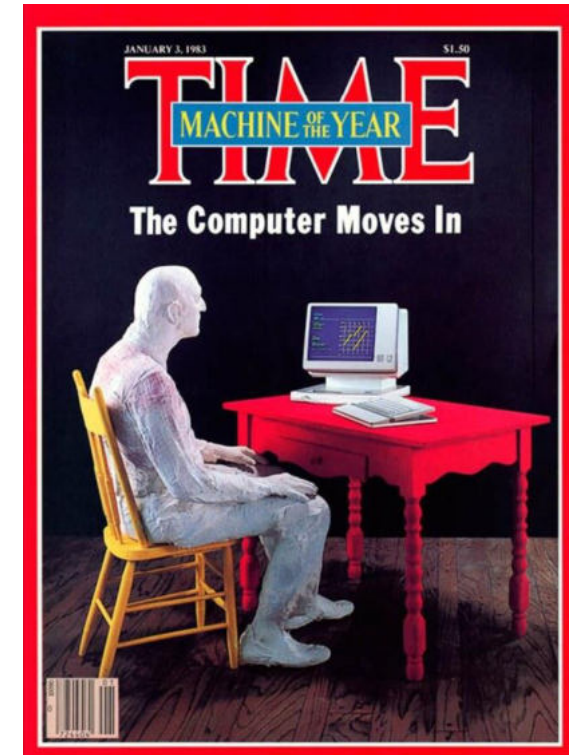
**Exactly 40 Years ago:  
A big step for mankind?**

**The computer is named Time's person of the year.**

**TIME MAGAZINE**

**1982**

**MACHINE OF THE YEAR  
THE COMPUTER**



**Comparison:**

**1982: 621,000 home computers in the U.S.**

**40 years later:**

**2021: 621,000 computers sold in the U.S. every 3 days.**

Ref.:  
Time Magazine

# Ubiquitous Computing: The Roots



The idea of ubiquitous computing as invisible computation was first articulated by **Mark Weiser** in 1988 at the **Computer Science Lab at Xerox PARC.**

**Mark Weiser**

**July 23, 1952 - April 27, 1999**

Xerox PARC:

*"Palo Alto Research Center"*

(now *"Palo Alto Research Center Incorporated"*)

<http://www.parc.xerox.com/>



"Ubiquitous computing names the third wave in computing, just now beginning. First were mainframes, each shared by lots of people. Now we are in the personal computing era, person and machine staring uneasily at each other across the desktop. Next comes ubiquitous computing, or the age of calm technology, when **technology recedes into the background of our lives.**"



**Calm Technology**

"Ubiquitous Computing is fundamentally characterized by the connection of things in the world with computation"

Ref.:

<http://www.ubiq.com/hypertext/weiser/weiser.html>

## Scientific American Ubicomp Paper

SCIENTIFIC  
AMERICAN.COM

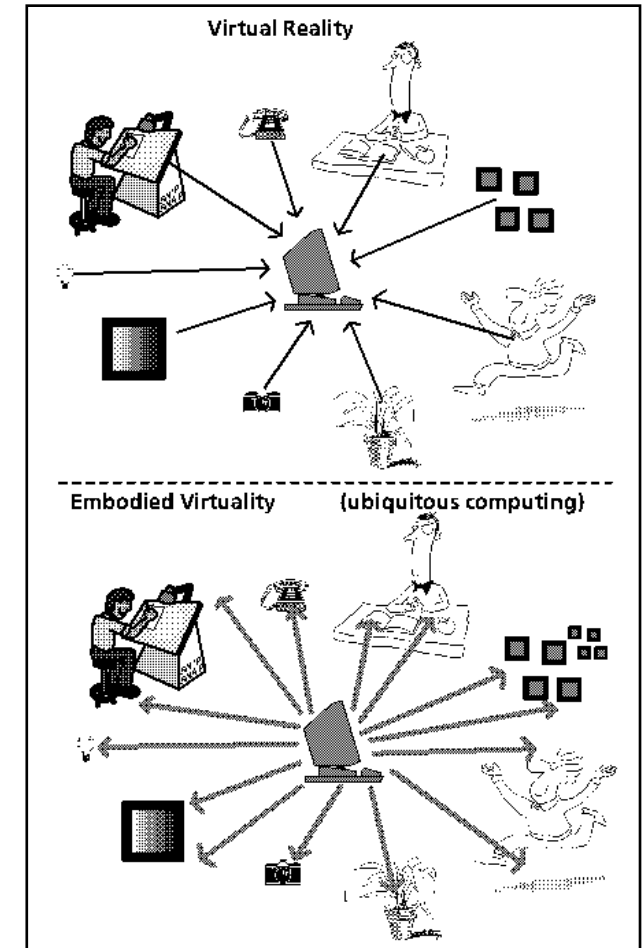
Mark Weiser:

The Computer for the 21st Century,  
Sci. Amer., 265 (3), 94-104, September 1991

**"The most profound technologies are those that disappear. They weave themselves into the fabric of everyday life until they are indistinguishable from it."**

Mark Weiser, March 23, 1993

**"Ubiquitous computing is the method of enhancing computer use by making many computers available throughout the physical environment, but making them effectively invisible to the user."**



**Ubiquitous Computing:  
Virtual Reality vs. Embodied Virtuality**



### Mark Weiser: The Computer for the 21st Century

*"Most important, ubiquitous computers will help overcome the problem of information overload."*

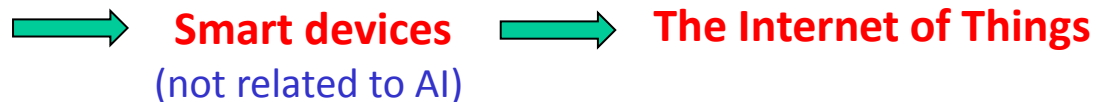
*"There is more information available at our fingertips during a walk in the woods than in any computer system, yet people find a walk among trees relaxing and computers frustrating. Machines that fit the human environment, instead of forcing humans to enter theirs, will make using a computer as refreshing as taking a walk in the woods."*

→ We will come back to this.

# Trends in Computing: persons involved and new paradigms



<p>Nicholas Negroponte, 1995 MIT Media Labs</p>	<p>"Things that think want to link" "Things That Think also includes Things That Link" This is the doctrine on which pervasive computing is based!</p>
<p>David Culler, 1999 University of California Berkeley</p>	<p>"New eras of computing start when the previous era is so strong it is hard to imagine that things could be different"</p>
<p>Neil Gershenfeld, 1999 MIT's Media Lab., Things That Think consortium.</p>	<p>"When things start to think" Hardware-architecture definition of "Smart Devices" BILL of Things' rights (Things have right to): Have an identity, Access other objects Detect the nature of their environment.</p>
<p>Adam Greenfield, 2006</p>	<p>"Everyware"</p>



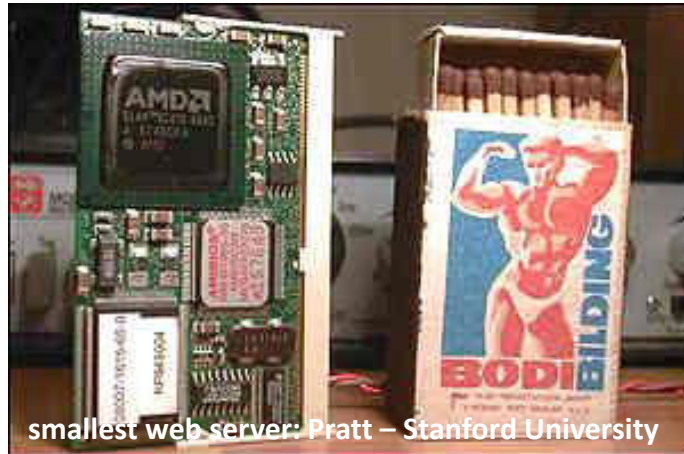
**Smart device:**

A physical object with an embedded processor, memory, sensors and/or actuators, and a network connection.



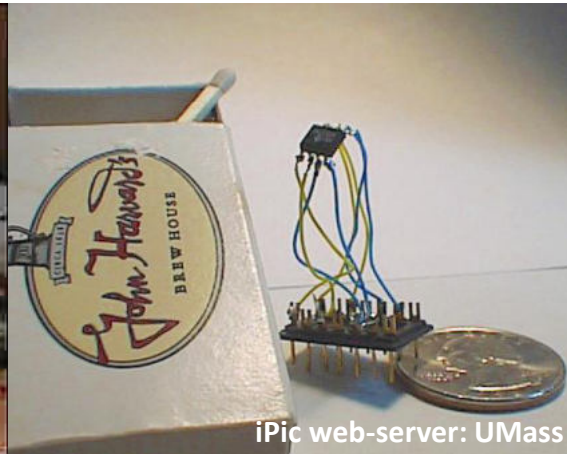
Ref. Photo Negroponte: Spiegel.de; Photo Culler, Gershenfeld, Greenfield: wikimedia.org

# Smart Devices and basic technologies: Early entries (1999+)



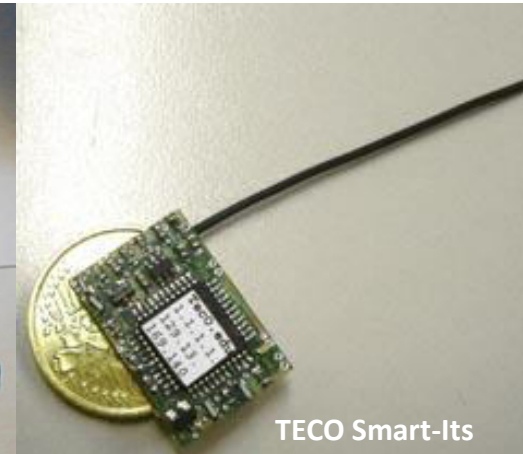
smallest web server: Pratt – Stanford University

Ref. <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/276762.stm>



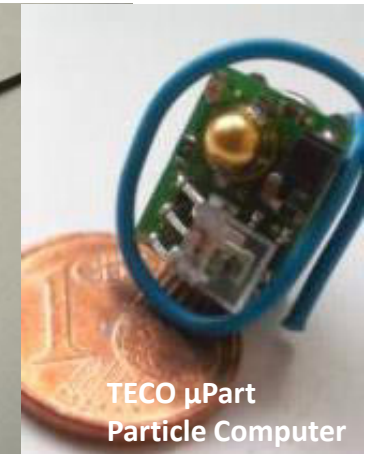
iPic web-server: UMass

Ref.: <http://www-ccs.cs.umass.edu/~shri/iPic.html>



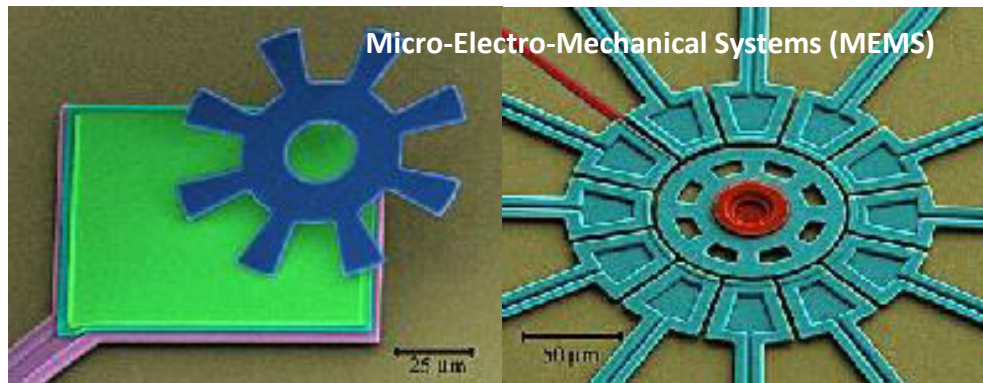
TECO Smart-Its

Ref.: <http://particle.teco.edu/>, <http://www.smart-its.org/>



TECO  $\mu$ Part  
Particle Computer

→ European initiative “The Disappearing Computer”



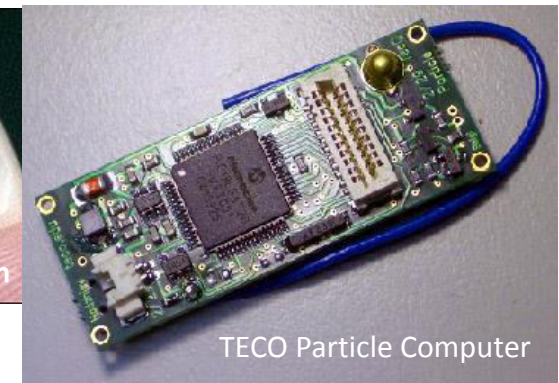
Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems (MEMS)

Ref.: <http://www.mems-exchange.org/>



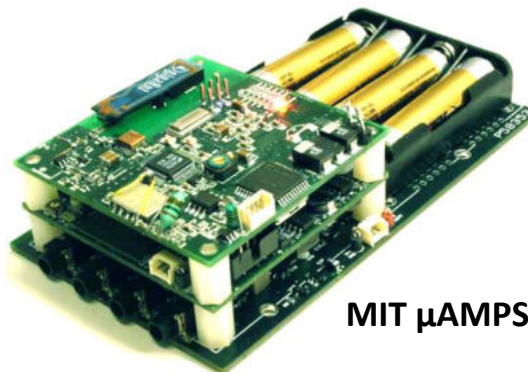
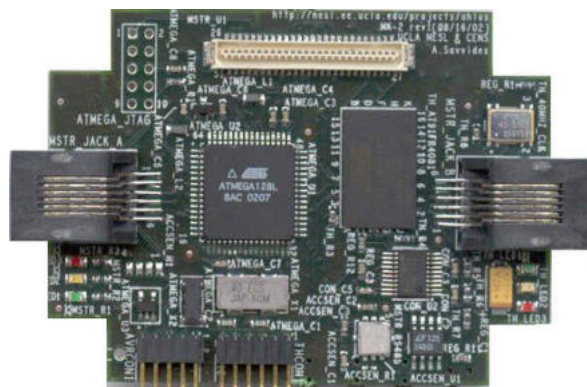
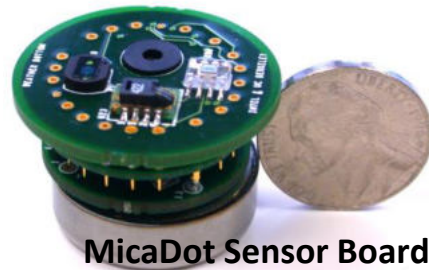
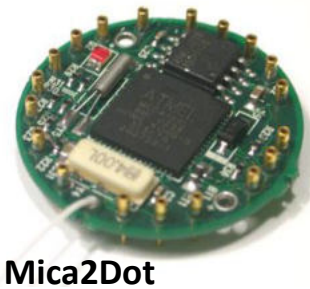
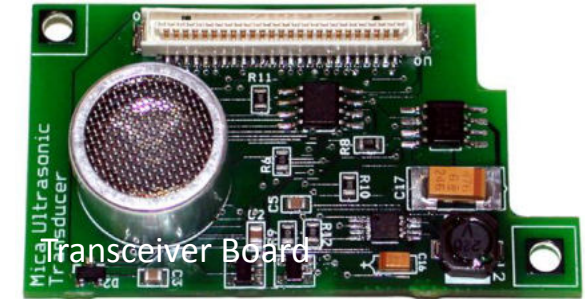
RFID

Identity Badge (VeriChip); [psidcorp.com](http://psidcorp.com)

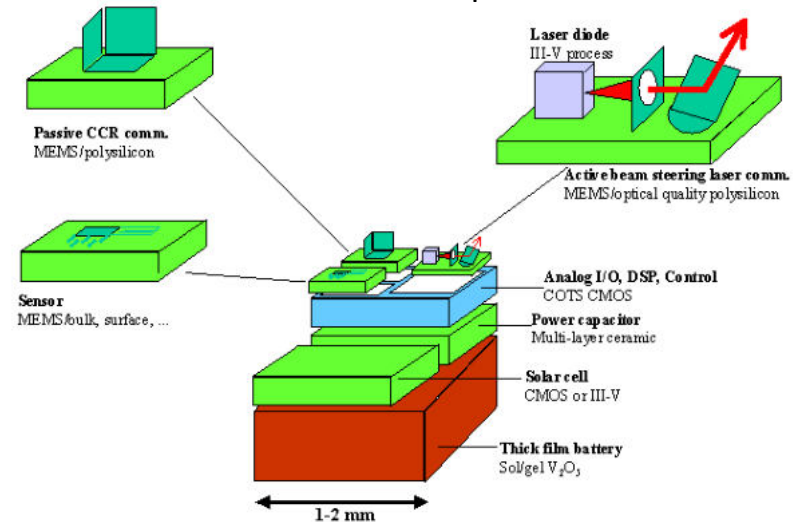


TECO Particle Computer

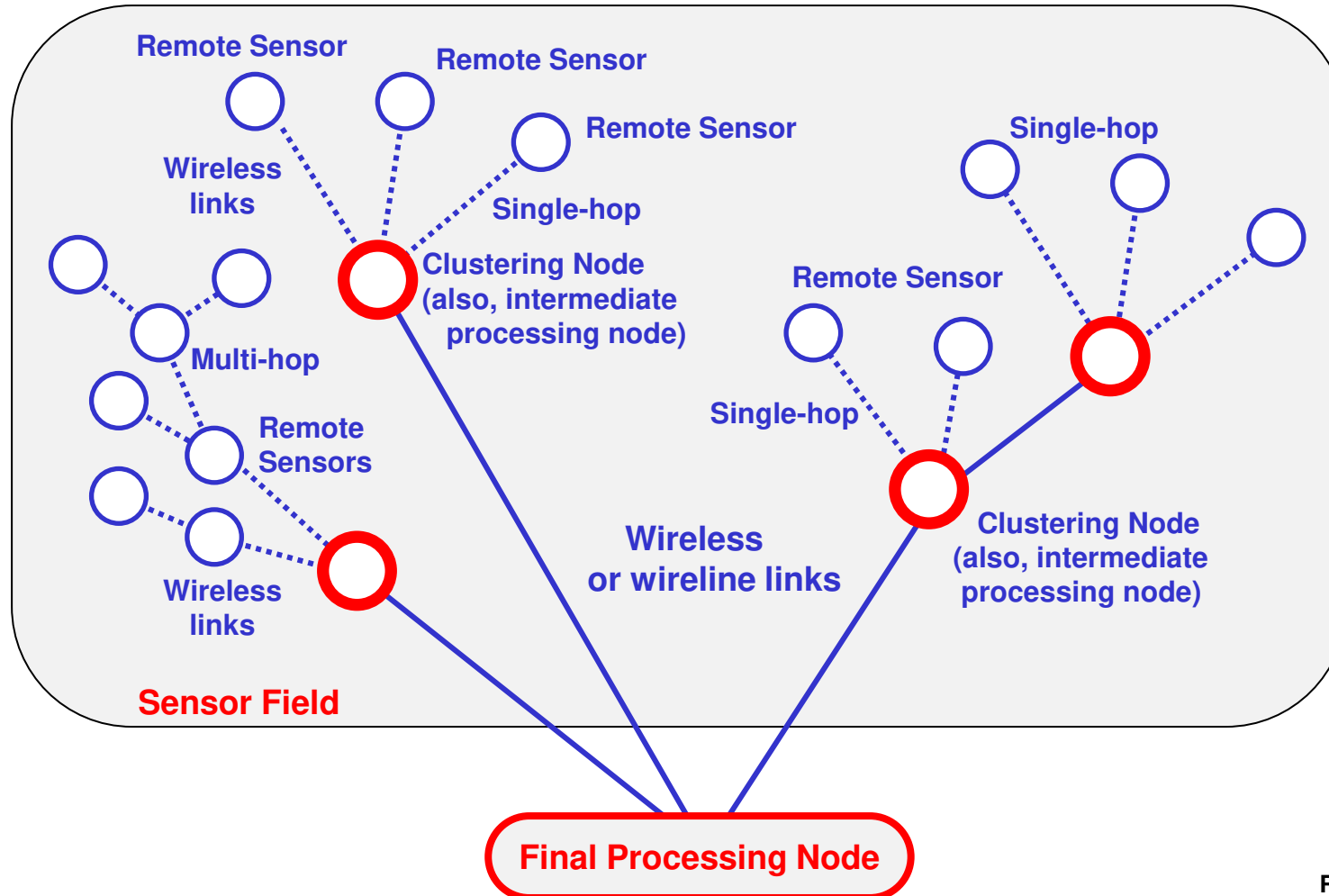
# New computing concept: Motes, Smart Dust, Sensor Networks



## Smart Dust Components



# Typical sensor network arrangement



Ref.: adopted from  
Kazem Sohraby, Daniel Minoli, Taieb Znati.  
"Wireless sensor networks", 2007

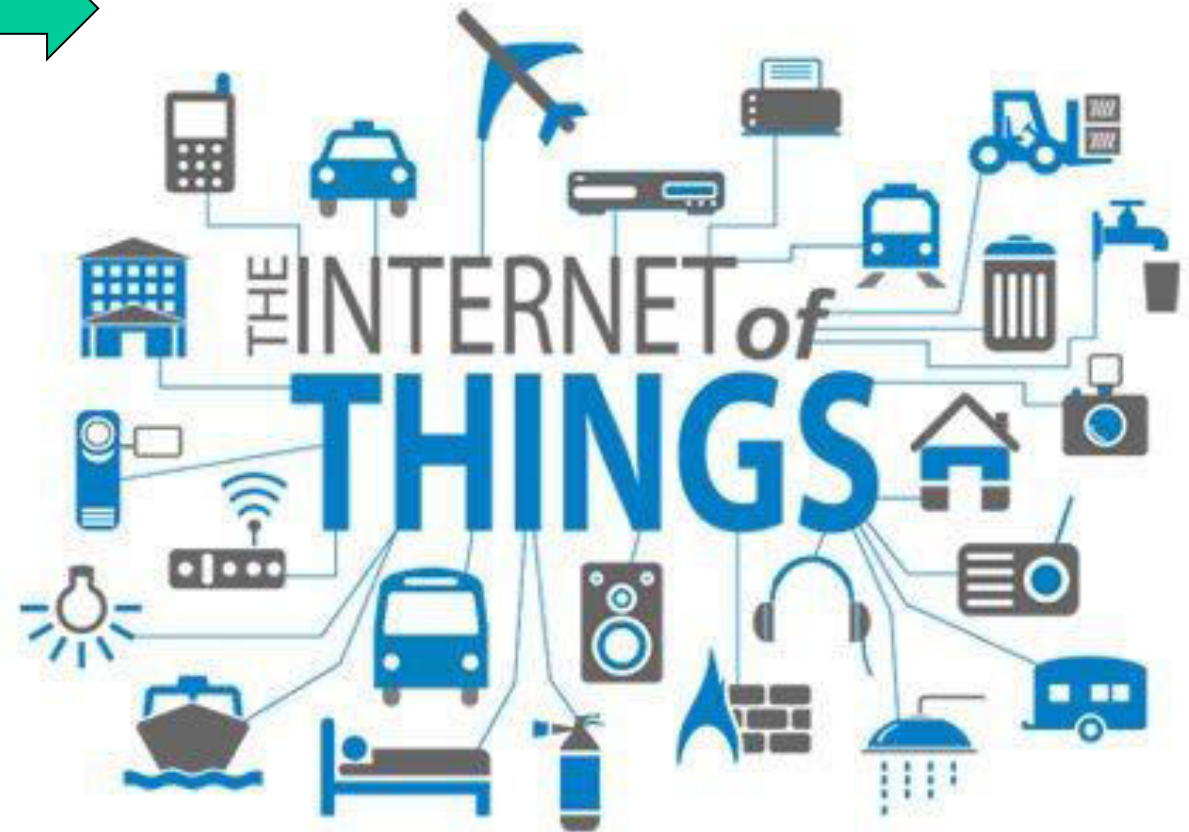




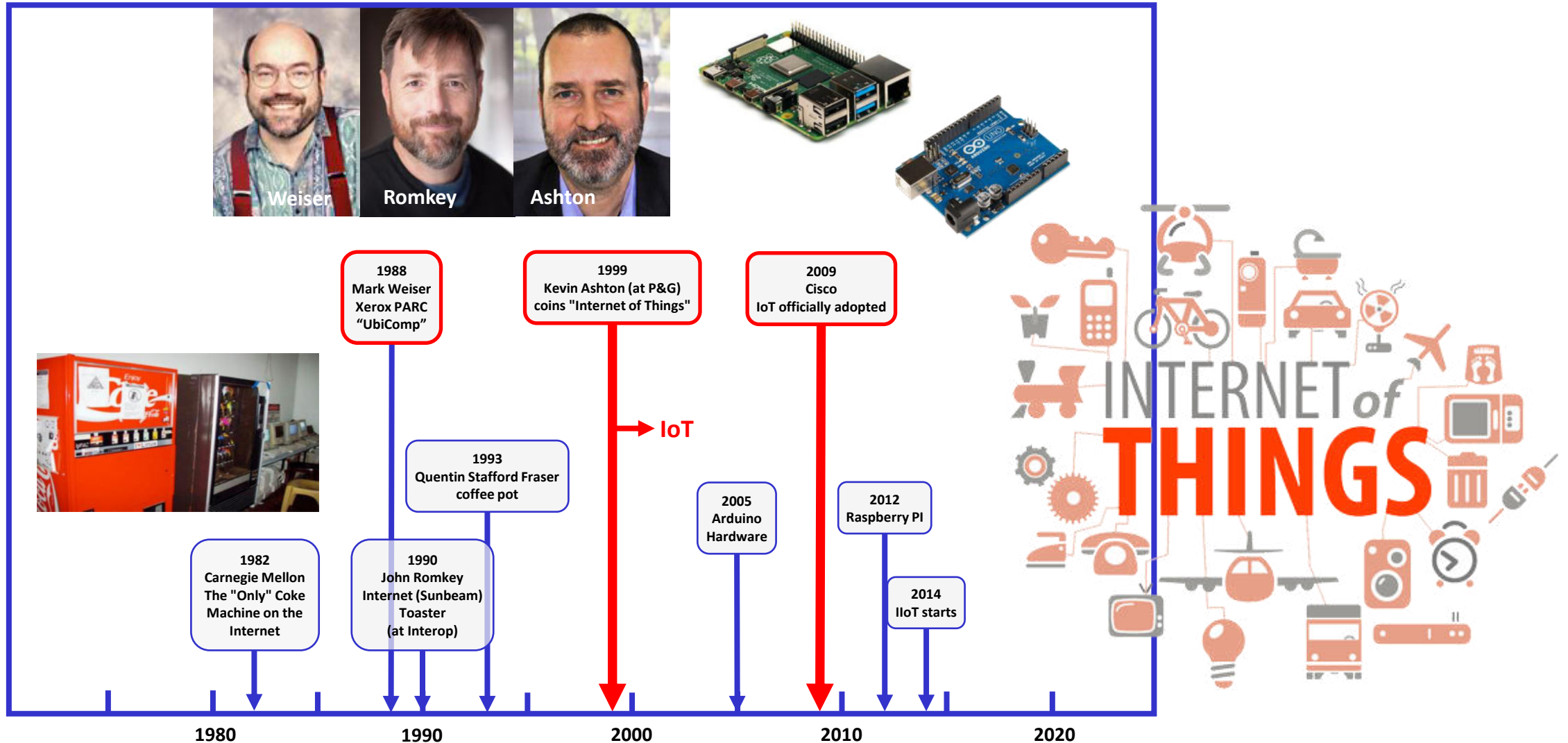
# The Internet of Things - IoT

## Future Computing – Today Innovation Terminology

- Post-PC Era
- Disappearing Computer
- Ubiquitous Computing (UbiComp)
- Pervasive Computing
- Nomadic Computing
- Proactive Computing
- Mobile Computing
- Wearables
- Ambient Intelligence (AmI)
- Embedded Systems
- Wireless (Sensor/Actuator) Networks
- Physical Computing
- Tangible Media
- Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS)
- Smart Dust, Smart Devices, Smart Appliances
- Cloud Computing
- Big Data
- Industry 4.0

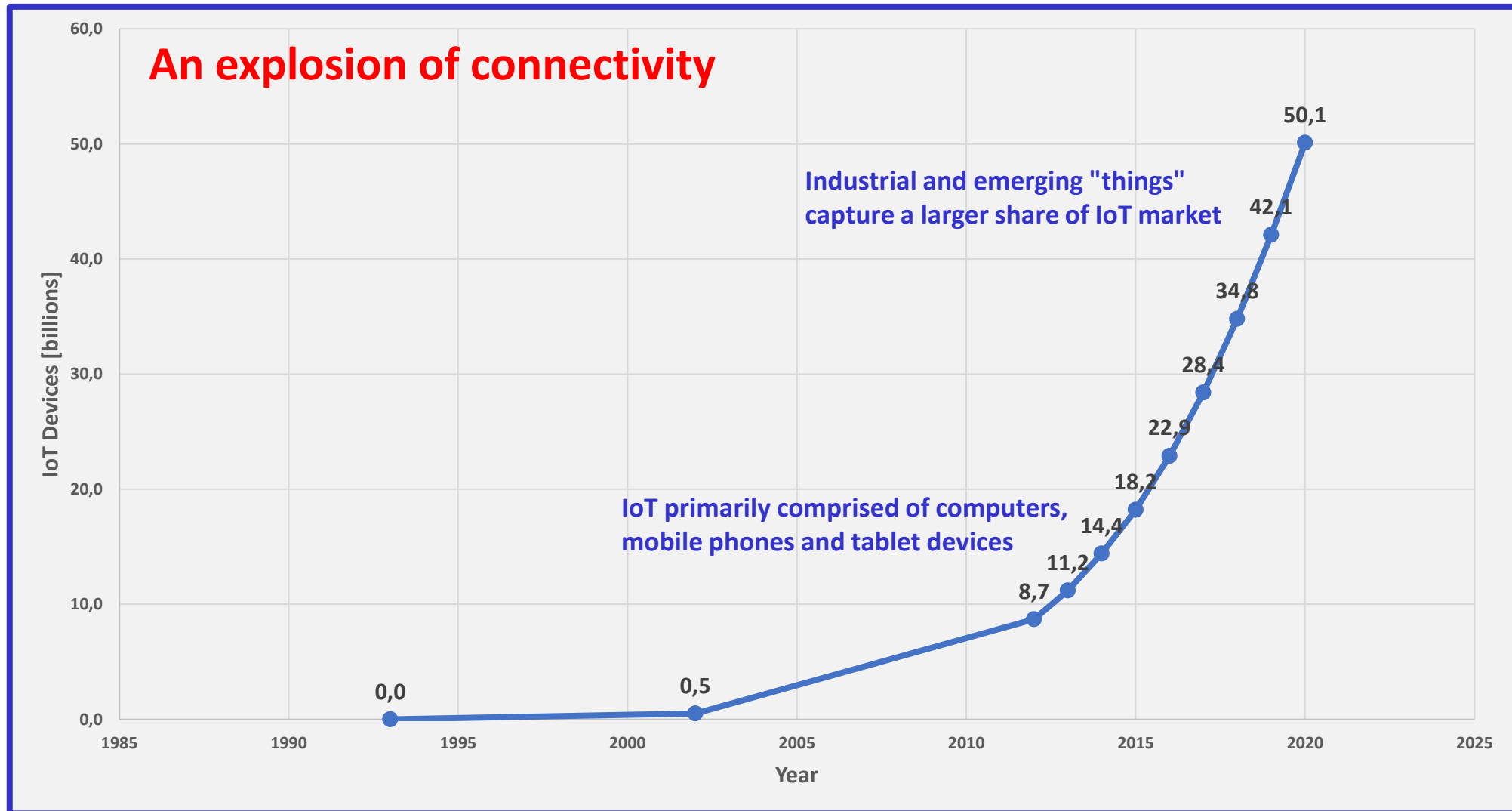


# Development of the Internet of Things (IoT)



Ref.: Mark Weiser photo: <https://alchetron.com/Mark-Weiser>; Kevin Ashton photo: Larry D. Moore, [CC BY-SA 4.0](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Kevin_Ashton.jpg), Wikimedia Commons; John Romkey photo: [romkey.com](http://romkey.com)

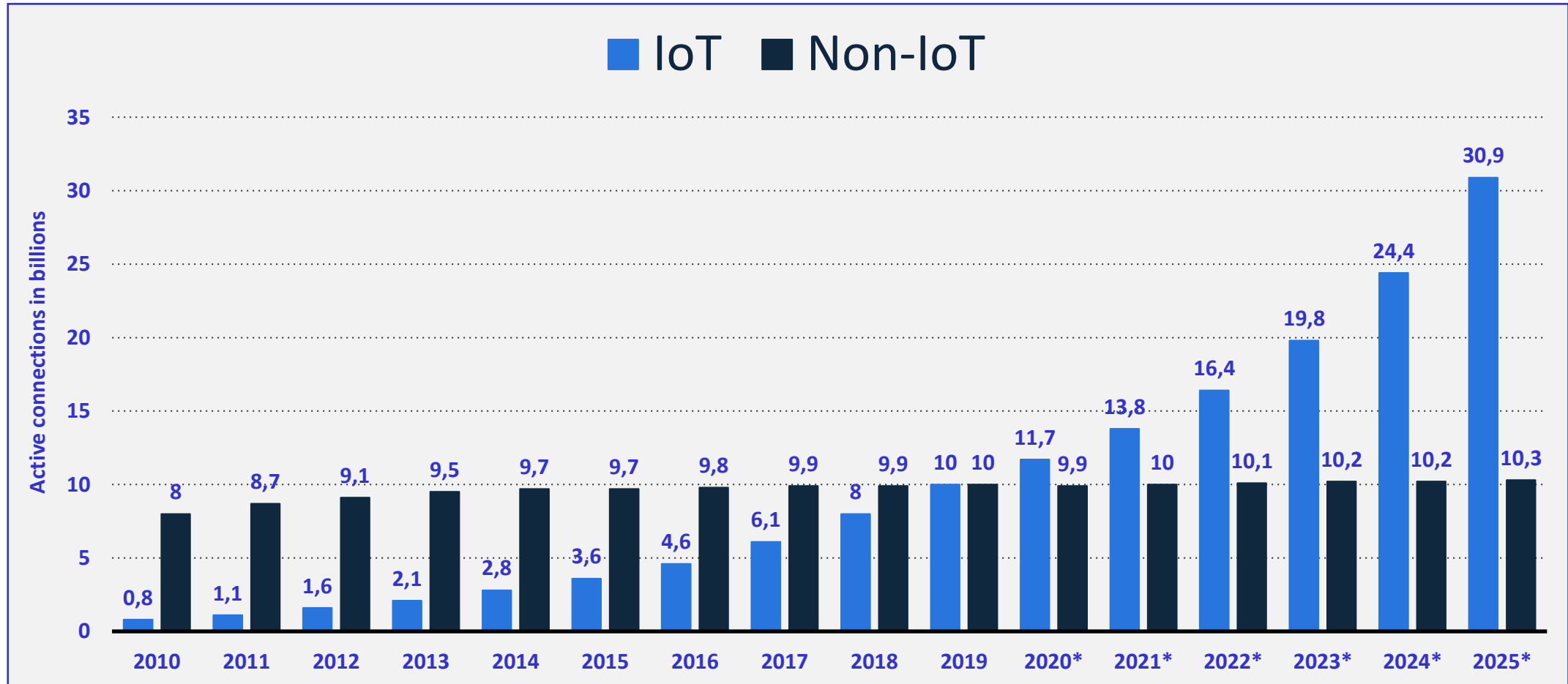
# Electronic Devices – global development \*



\* including projected data

Ref.: IHS, Forbes

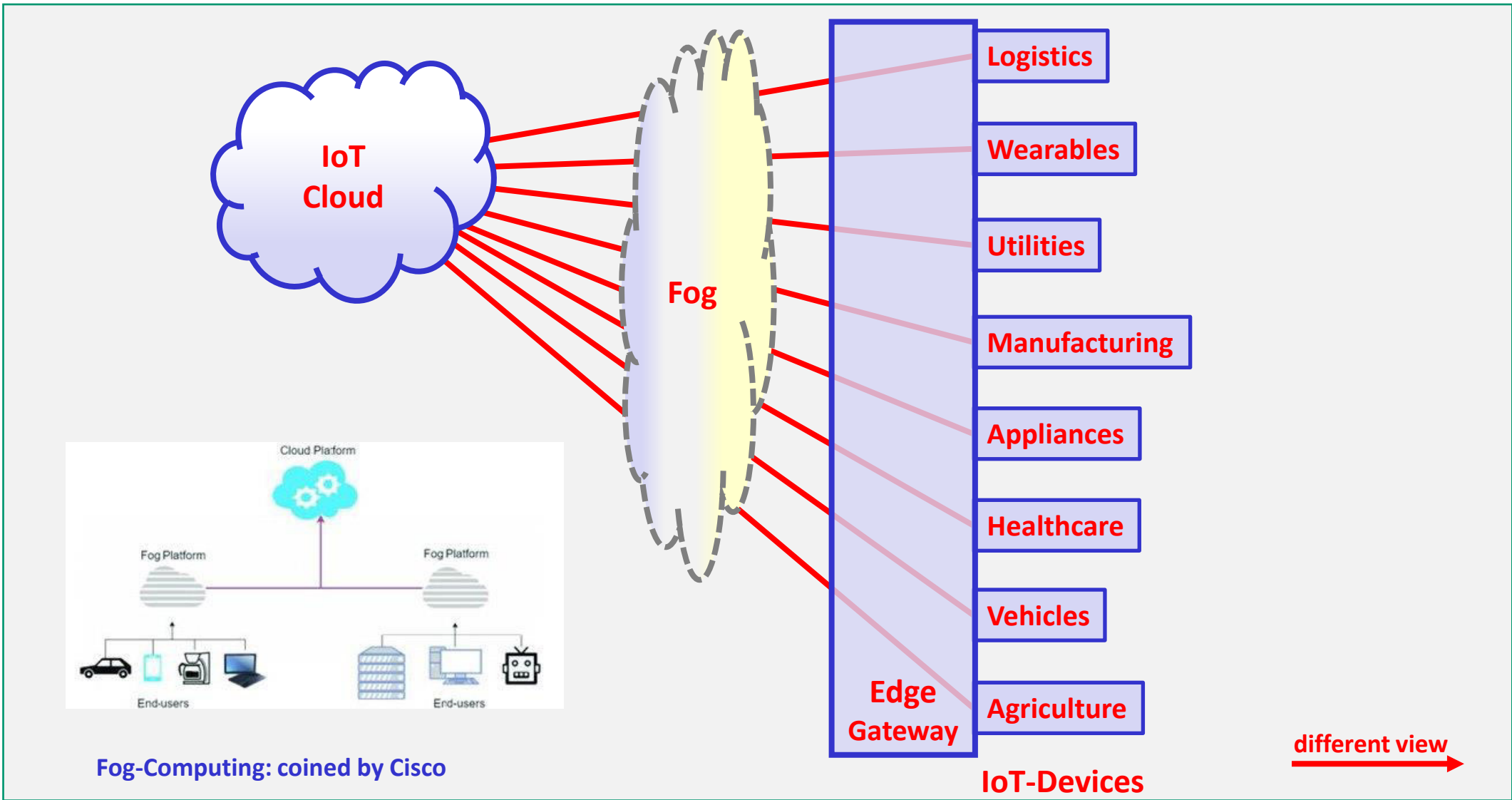
# Internet of Things (IoT) and non-IoT smart (consumer) appliances active device connections worldwide from 2010 to 2025 (in billions)



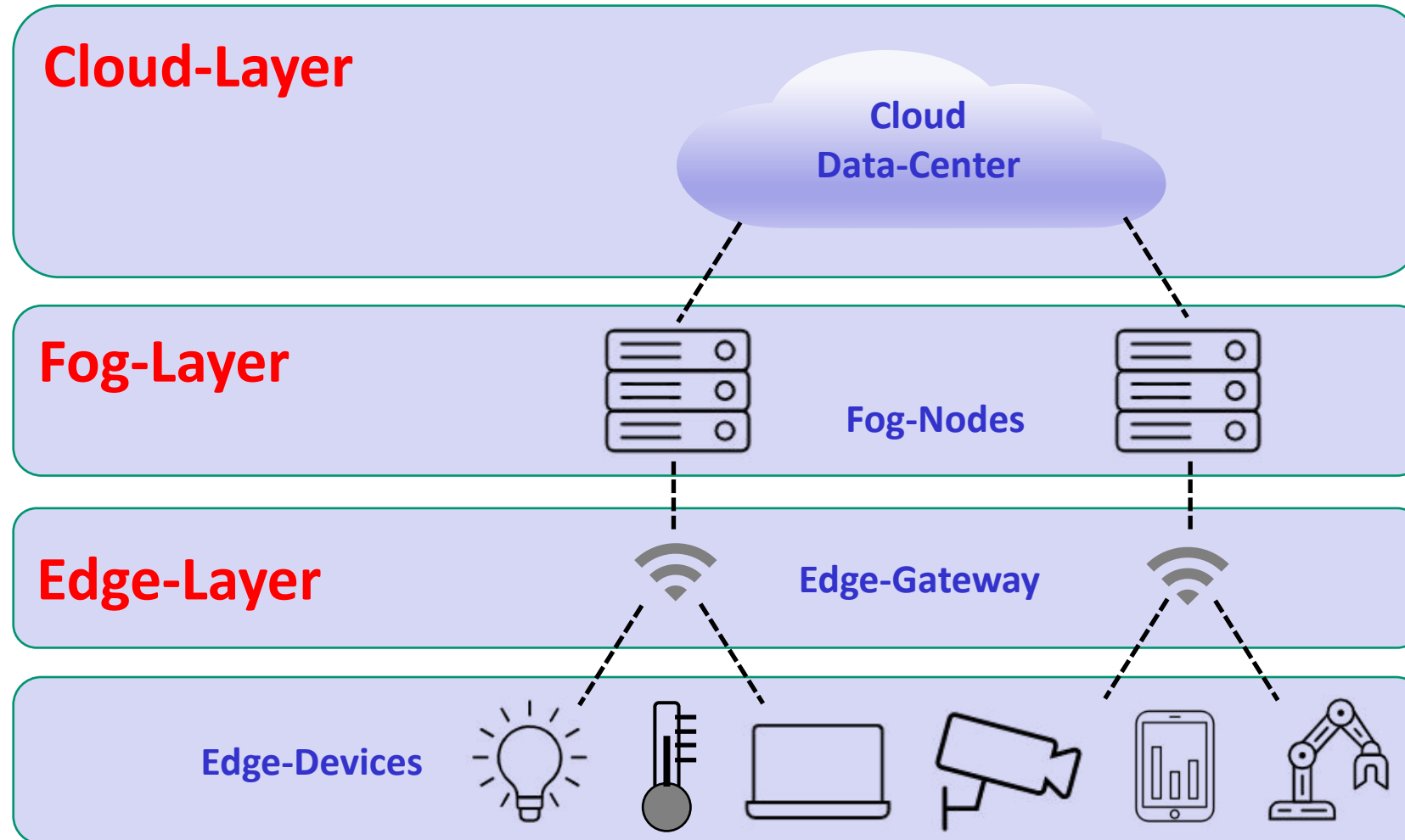
**Description:** The total installed base of Internet of Things (IoT) connected devices worldwide is projected to amount to 30.9 billion units by 2025, a sharp jump from the 13.8 billion units that are expected in 2021. [Read more](#)  
**Note(s):** Worldwide; 2015 to 2019; \* Estimate. According to the source, non-IoT includes mobile phones, tablets, PCs, laptops, and fixed line phones. IoT includes all B2B and consumer devices connected. [Read more](#)  
**Source(s):** IoT Analytics



# Typical IoT Architecture (current status)

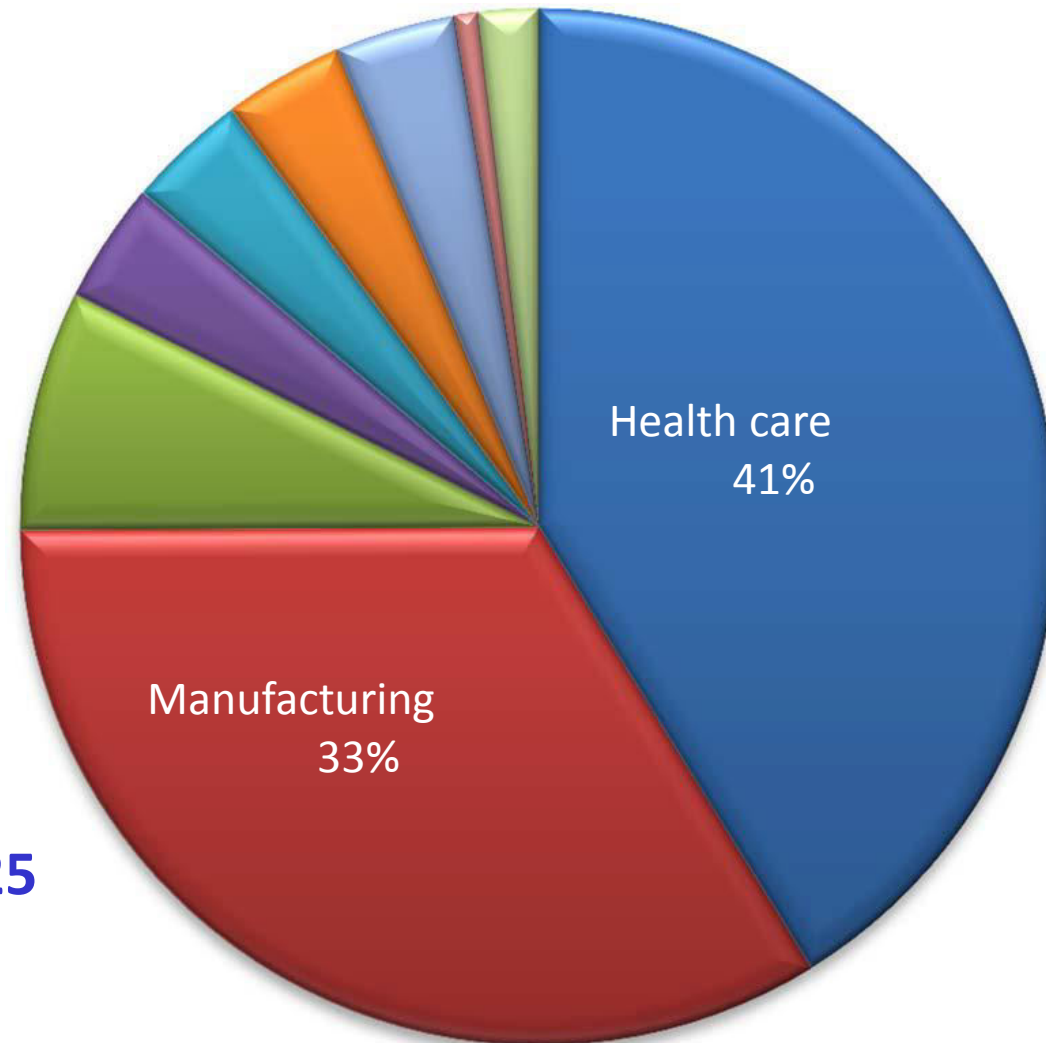


# Typical IoT Architecture (current status)



- Edge-Devices:
- energy efficient
  - supporting AI/ML/DL
  - low latency
  - green technology
  - ...

# Potential Economic Impact of Sized IoT Applications



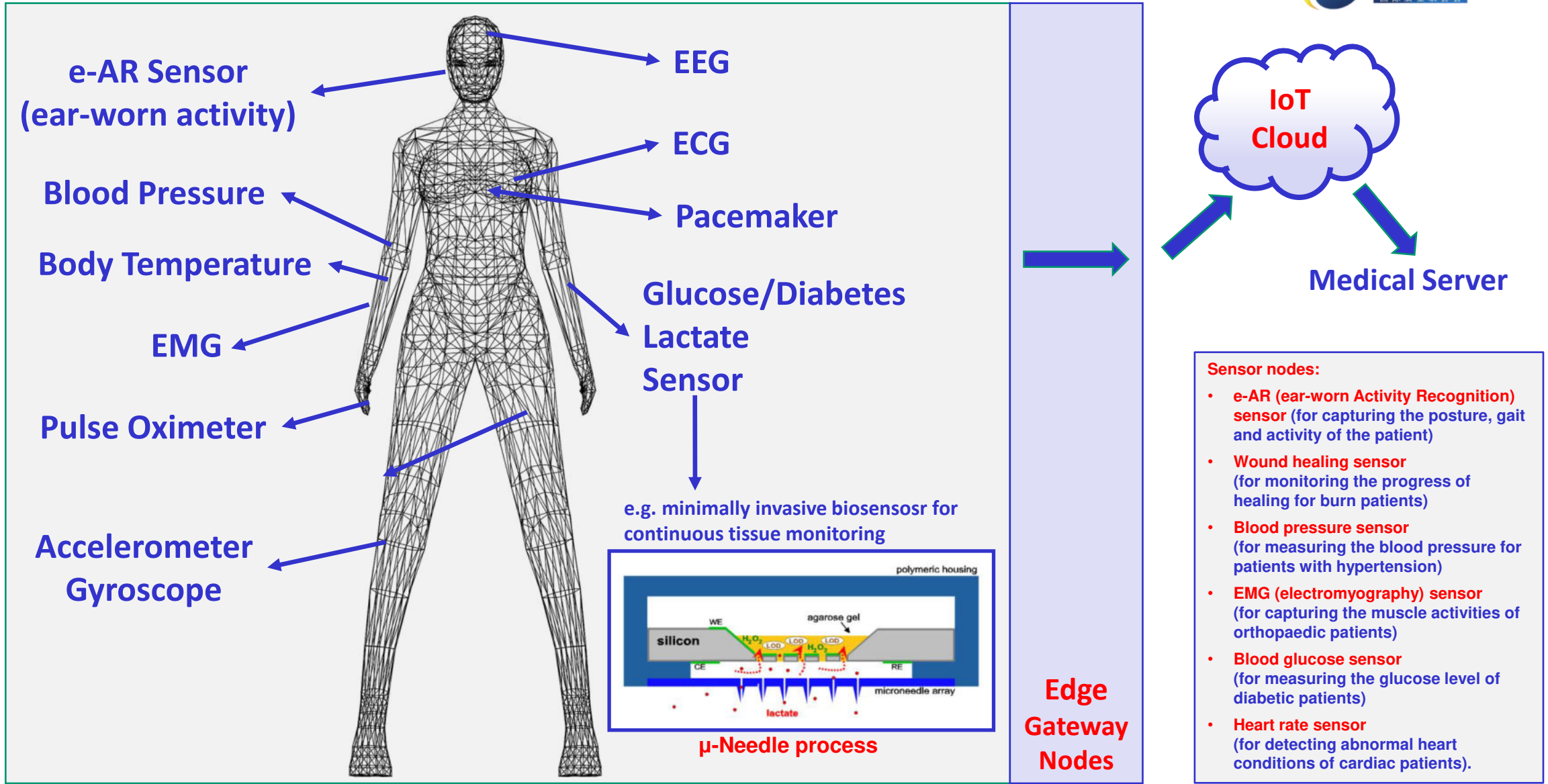
Projected market of IoT by 2025

Case Study →

Ref.: Ala Al-Fuqaha et al., Internet of Things: A Survey on Enabling Technologies, Protocols, and Applications



# Case Study: IoT – BAN/BSN

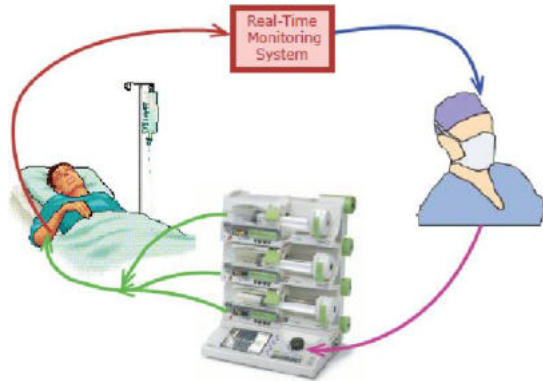


# Case Study: IoT and Telemedicine for anesthesia practices \*

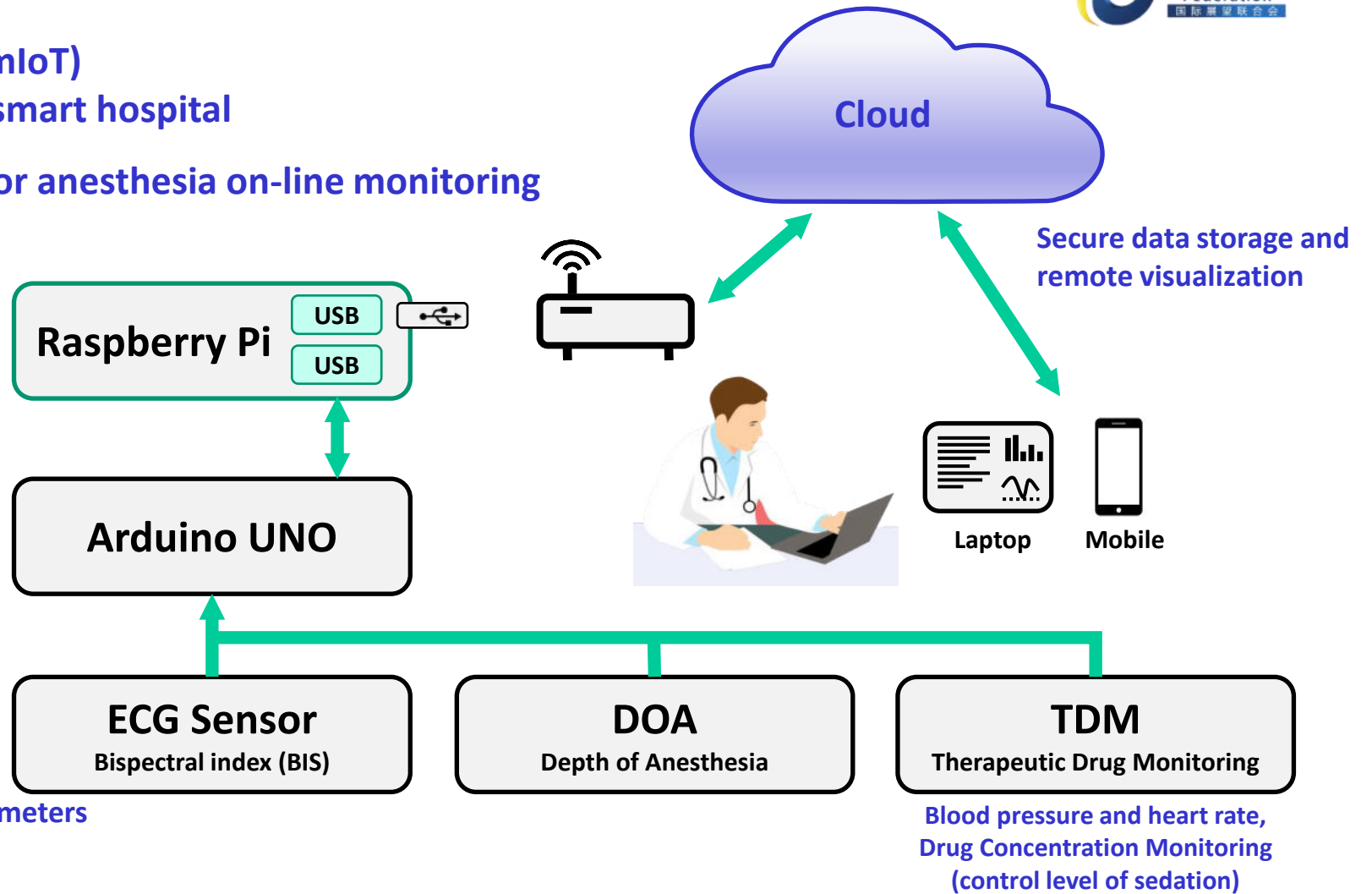
Medical Internet of Things (mIoT)  
From remote monitoring to smart hospital

MIoT cloud-based network for anesthesia on-line monitoring

Application:  
Continuous Monitoring in Anesthesia



Simultaneously monitoring  
different physiological parameters



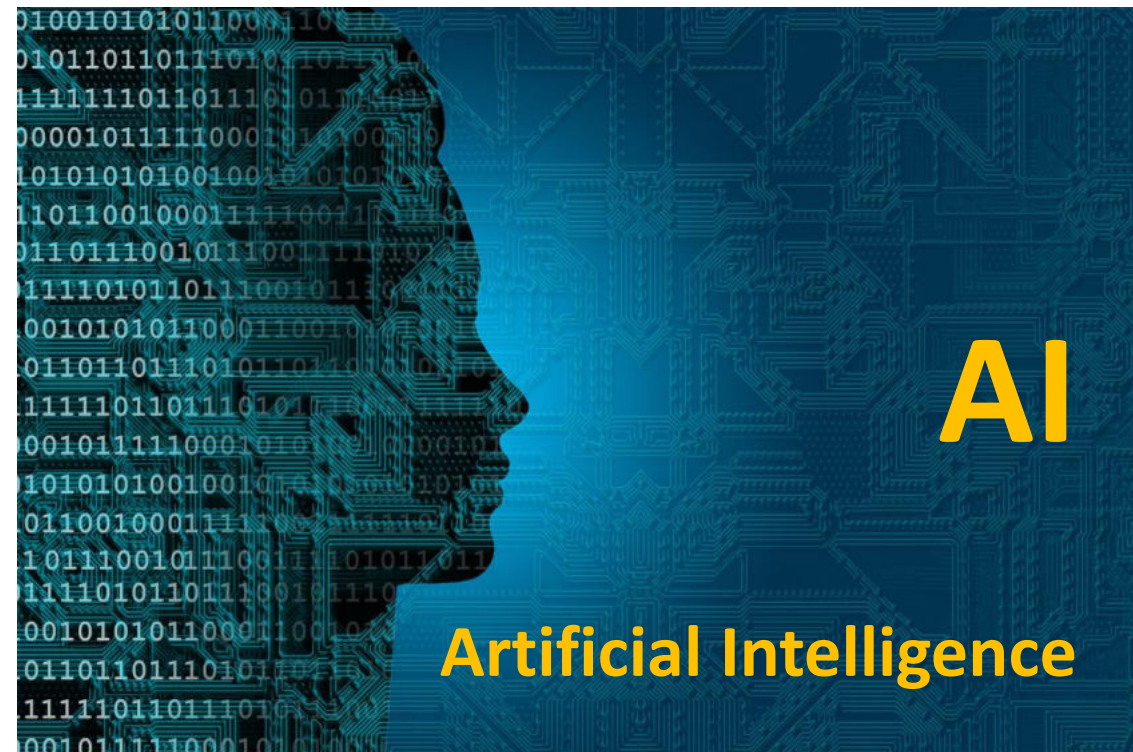
Block Diagram: based on proposal for distant ECG monitoring IoT architecture by P. Singh and A. Jasuja, IoT Based Low-Cost Distant Patient ECG Monitoring System, 2017 International Conference on Computing, Communication and Automation (ICCCA)

\* Ref.: Nadia Tamburrano, IoT and Telemedicine for anesthesia practices enabled by an Android application with cloud integration, Master Thesis, Polytechnic of Turin, 2018

## Going beyond Internet of Things

Already before and parallel to the development of Ubiquitous Computing (UbiComp) and finally the Internet of Things (IoT), another very important innovation has taken place:

### The development of



Picture Ref.: Plixabay

## Thinking about Mark Weiser's dream

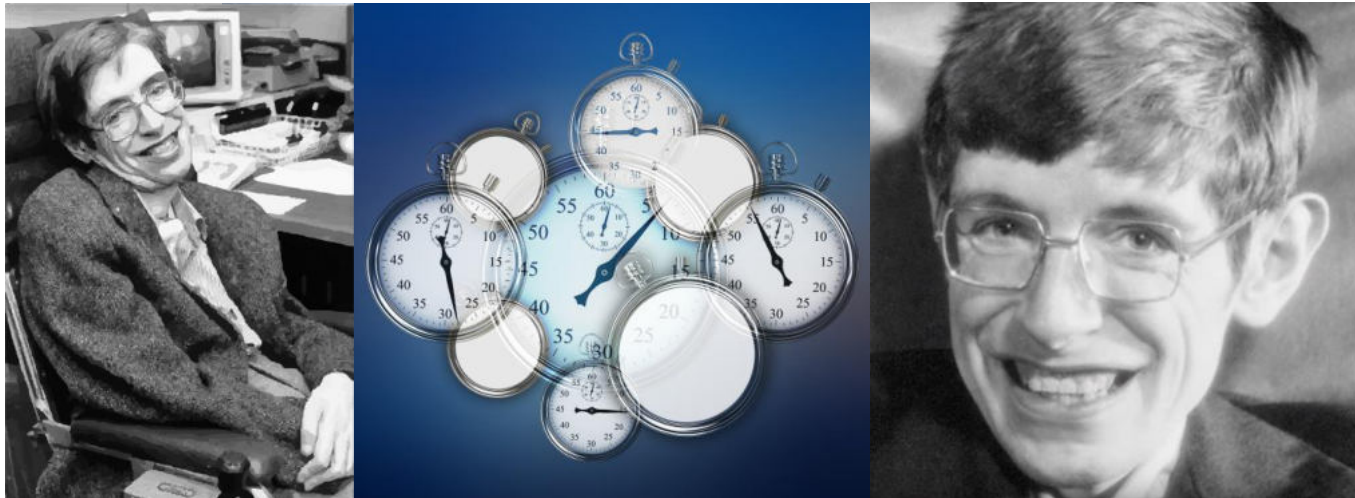
### Some remarks of Stephen Hawking:

**“The development of full artificial intelligence could spell the end of the human race ... It would take off on its own, and re-design itself at an ever-increasing rate. Humans, who are limited by slow biological evolution, couldn't compete and would be superseded.”**

From an interview with the BBC, December 2014

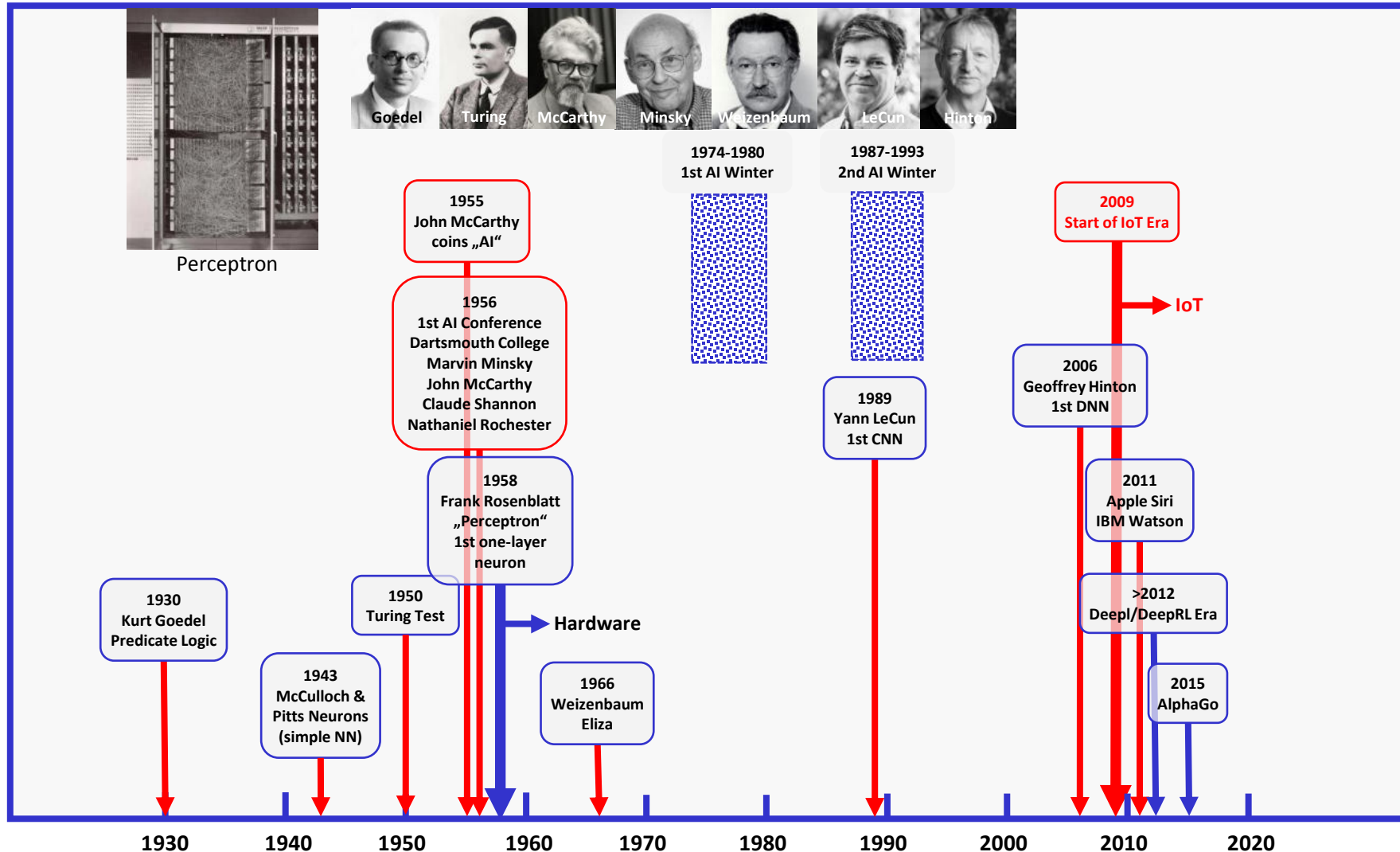
**AI will be 'either best or worst thing' for humanity.**

The Guardian, October 2016



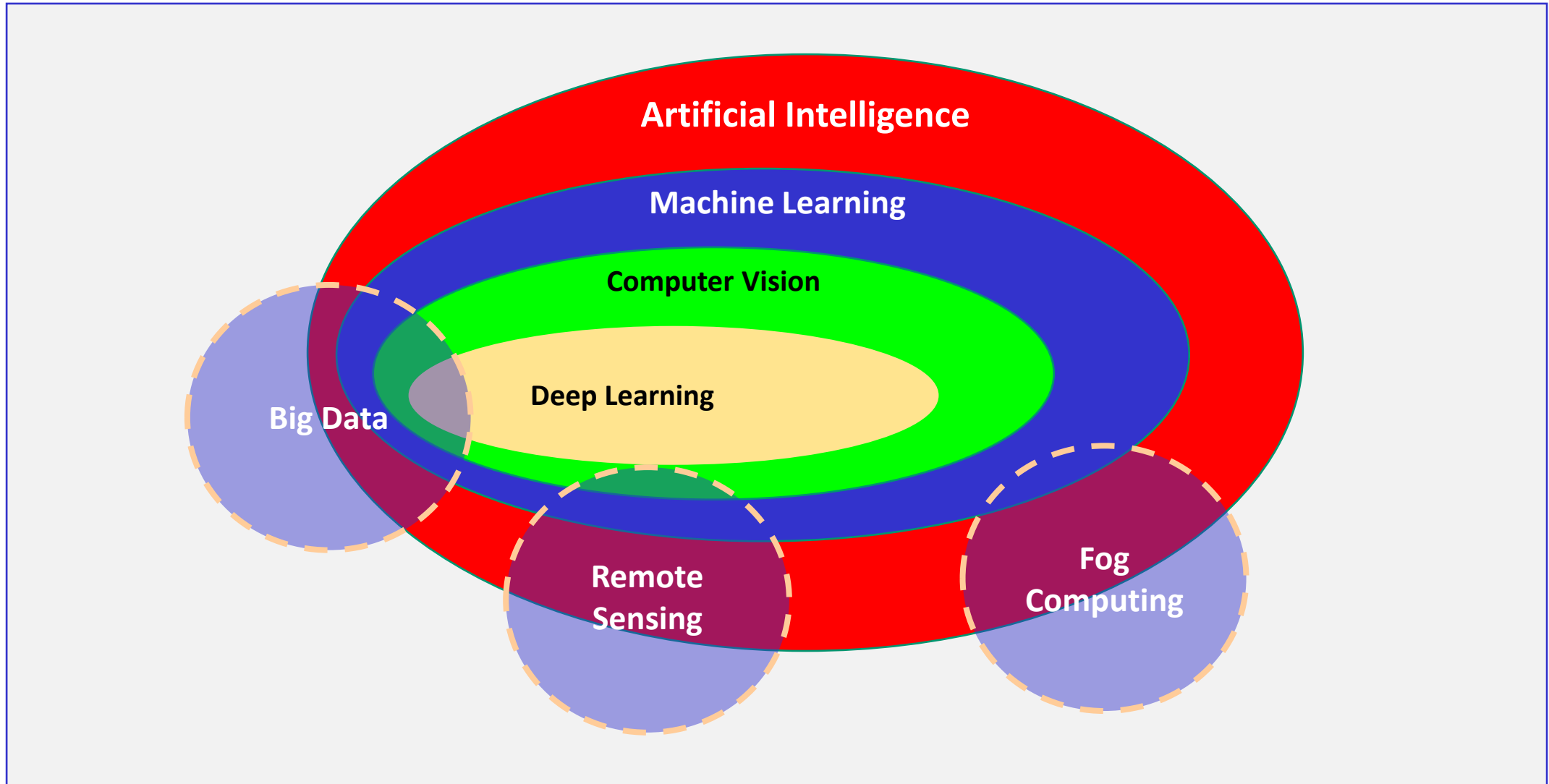
Ref.:  
Stern.de

# Development of Artificial Intelligence (AI)



Ref.: Goedel-Wikipedia.org, Turing-National Portrait Gallery, John McCarthy-The Franklin Institute, Minsky-Royal Society of Chemistry, Weizenbaum-MIT, Yann LeCun-TED.com, Geoffrey Hinton-acm.org

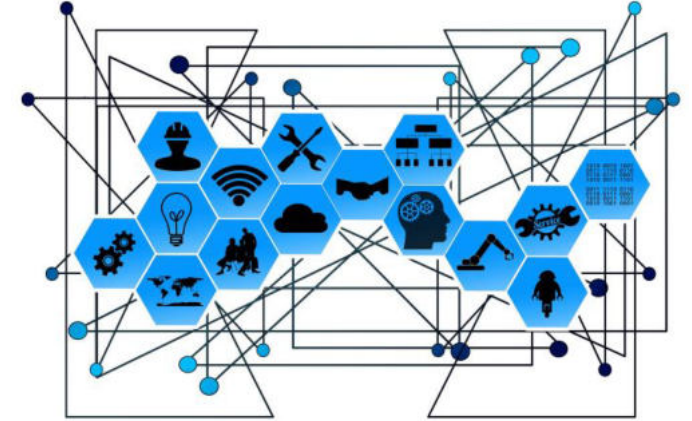
# Hierarchies of Artificial Intelligence



**Two worlds united, two have waited for each other.**

**A co-evolution and perfect symbiosis: the combination of IoT and AI**

→ **Result: The Artificial Intelligence of Things:  
AIoT**



**Why symbiosis?**

**AI needs IoT:**

an important prerequisite for AI (and its subsection Machine Learning) is the availability of (big) data. Big data has applications in every business: industry, manufacturing, agriculture, healthcare, government, financial services. Data is the Lifeblood of AI.

**but also:**

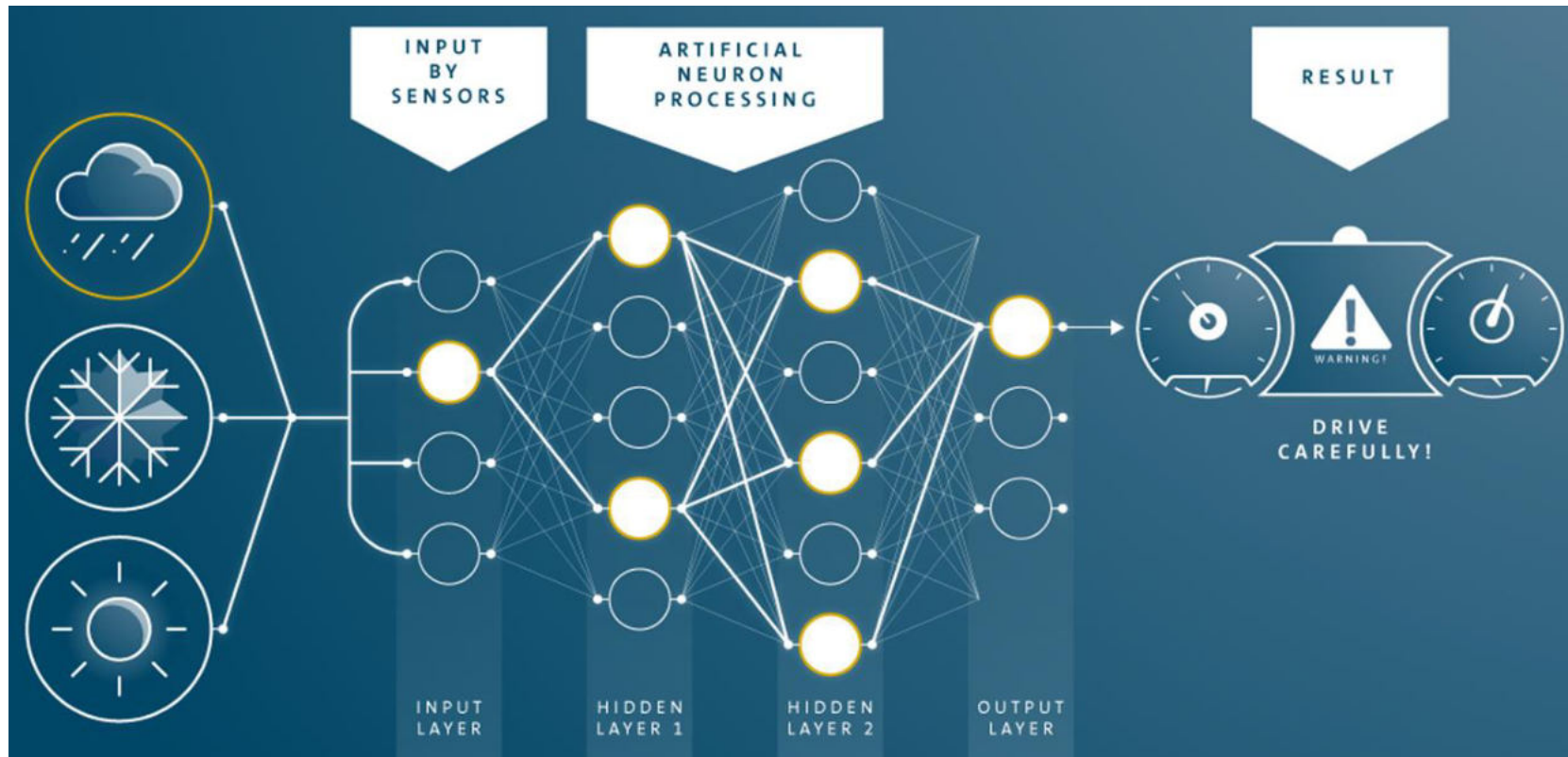
**IoT needs AI:**

The Internet of Things started with few sensor nodes, but comprises nowadays a very high number of connected and collaborating multimodal (smart) elements. A manual analysis is not possible anymore, IoT needs cloud services to work efficiently. AI is the ideal partner technology for a comprehensive system evaluation. Data-driven decision making.

Picture Ref.: Pixabay

# Case Study - Application Example: Internet of Things and Artificial Neural Network (ANN)

## Volkswagen Neural Networks (Cooperation Volkswagen-Stanford University)



**IoT Sensor Input  
(weather data)**

**Artificial Intelligence  
(data processing)**

**AIoT Output  
(driver information)**

**Application Area: Development of autonomous and assisted driving, in this case especially the detection of slippery roads.**

Ref.: <https://www.volkswagenag.com>



# IoT and AI: Frameworks for AI application



Many (open-source) frameworks and libraries available for AI Machine Learning and Deep Learning are based on **Python**.

- TensorFlow (Google Brain)
- PyTorch (Facebook AI)
- Keras
- Orange3 (originally C++)
- NumPy - Numerical Python
- SciPy
- Scikit-Learn (based on SciPy)
- Pandas
- Matplotlib
- Theano (MILA, University of Montreal)
- Spark MLlib (Apache)
- MXNet
- NLTK - Natural Language ToolKit
- NeuroLab
- ffnet (feedforward neural network)
- Lasagne
- pyrenn (recurrent neural network)



## AlfES - Artificial Intelligence for Embedded Systems

Embedded AI – Artificial Intelligence for microcontrollers and embedded systems

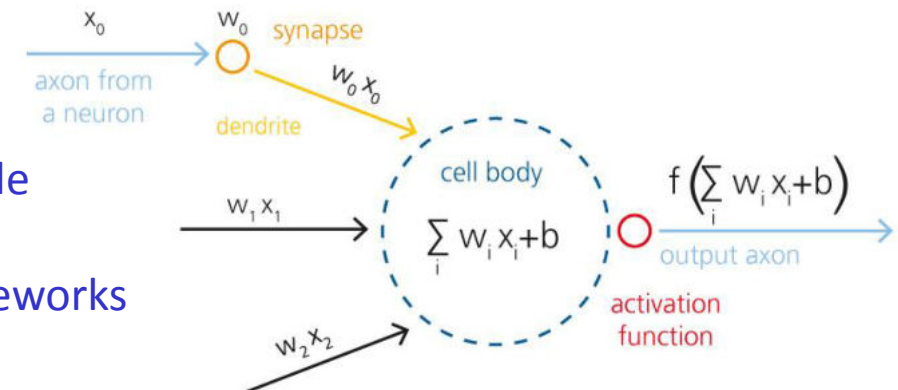
AlfES comprises a platform-independent machine learning library implementing a fully configurable Feedforward Neural Network (FNN).

### The artificial neuronal network in AlfES:

AlfES includes a Feedforward Neural Network (FNN), which is configurable in almost all parameters and also allows deep network structures. The network structure can be individually adapted to the actual technical task.

### Features:

- Number of inputs and outputs are freely definable
- Number of hidden-layer and neurons per layer are configurable
- Different activation-functions with additional parameters
- Prepared to import already trained FNNs from other ML frameworks



Legal issues for using AlfES :

- Free of charge: Private projects or developers of Free Open Source Software (FOSS) under the GNU Affero General Public License (AGPL) version 3.
- Commercial without distribution under GNU AGPL V3: license agreement required with Fraunhofer IMS

Ref.: <https://www.ims.fraunhofer.de/en.html>

## **AlfES - Artificial Intelligence for Embedded Systems**

### **Selected platforms and microcontrollers supported by AlfES :**

- **Windows (DLL)**
- **Raspberry Pi with Raspbian**
- **Arduino UNO**
- **Arduino Nano 33 BLE Sense**
- **Arduino Portenta H7**
- **ATMega32U4**
- **STM32 F4 Series (ARM Cortex-M4)**

Intermediate Thoughts (or Questions):

What happened to Mark Weiser's "walk in the woods"?

Calm technology should recede into the background of our lives. Using computers should be as refreshing as taking a walk in the woods.

Today we are not just walking in a calm IoT world. IoT and AIoT/BIoT have entered our environment, our nature, our forests.

Two example projects show how well this symbiosis is working today:

1. The "Beewise/Beehome" project (and others)
2. The "Tree Projects 4.0 (Baum 4.0)" (and others)

# "Walk in the woods"

On the way to Mark Weiser's forest dream: Taking care of our bees

## The Forests:

- Habitats for our bees and wild bees
- More than 20.000 bee species mapped worldwide
- Problem:  
every year 30 to 40% of the bees are disappearing \*

## Solution:

AIoT/BIoT entering our environment, our nature, our forests.

❖ Abnormally high die-offs (30–70% of hives) of honey bee colonies in North America ("colony collapse disorder" - CCD)



... in order to prevent

## A WORLD WITHOUT BEES

**TIME Magazine**  
**2013**



Ref.: TIME Magazine A World Without Bees, Aug. 19, 2013

## Case Study IoT: IoBee

### Beehive health IoT application to fight Honey Bee Colony Mortality



EU Project 2017 to 2020

Funded under Horizon 2020 Framework Programme

<https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/760342>

#### Purpose:

Development of in-hive and in-field monitoring and implementation of satellite imagery and Spatial Decision Support Systems (SDSS).



## The consortium

The consortium has the complementary business capabilities, commercial networks and research expertise to guarantee a quick route to market for the technology, driven by: IRIDEON expert in IoT Sensor Applications, Avia-GIS expert in Insect Spatial Decision Support Systems and Arnia expert in smart beehive systems. These will be supported by TEIC, expert in Insect Bioacoustics, Pattern Recognition and Acoustic Surveillance, and Bee Life European Beekeeping Coordination.



IRIDEON SL (Coordinator) – Spain  
Spanish-German company



BeeLife  
European Beekeeping Coordination

Bee Life European Beekeeping  
Coordination – Belgium



Avia-GIS BVBA – Belgium



Hellenic Mediterranean University  
Greece



Canetis – Italy

Ref.: <https://io-bee.eu/>





**Purpose: explain why bee populations are crashing.**

**Two novel superior environmental sensors help fill in the knowledge gaps, monitoring environmental threats to bees.**

**1. Sensor placed in beehives: Bee Counter**

**Beehive sensor installed at the hive entrance counts bees entering and leaving the hive in real time.**

**Determines mortality rates in the field, and identifies deviations in flight duration and nectar availability.**

**The sensor can also identify types of bees and hive pests.**

**One way the sensor does so is via a technique called light extinction, which measures the size of an insect's shadow. The sensor also measures light scattering in various colour bands, identifying species by colouration.**

**2. Sensor placed in nearby fields:**

**Optoelectronic sensor counts and identifies insects flying outside the hive (density and diversity of pollinators in the field). As insects fly through the sensor field, the sensor automatically identifies their flight pattern and matches it with species in the database. So insects can be efficiently identified without need for trapping and manual counting.**

**Together, the sensors monitor environmental changes and provide early warnings of threats.**

Ref.: <https://io-bee.eu/>



Automatically count bees entering / exiting the hive, with higher accuracy.



Profile bees' bioacoustic fingerprint as normal (healthy) or abnormal (unhealthy) and assess the potential risk of abnormal mortality.



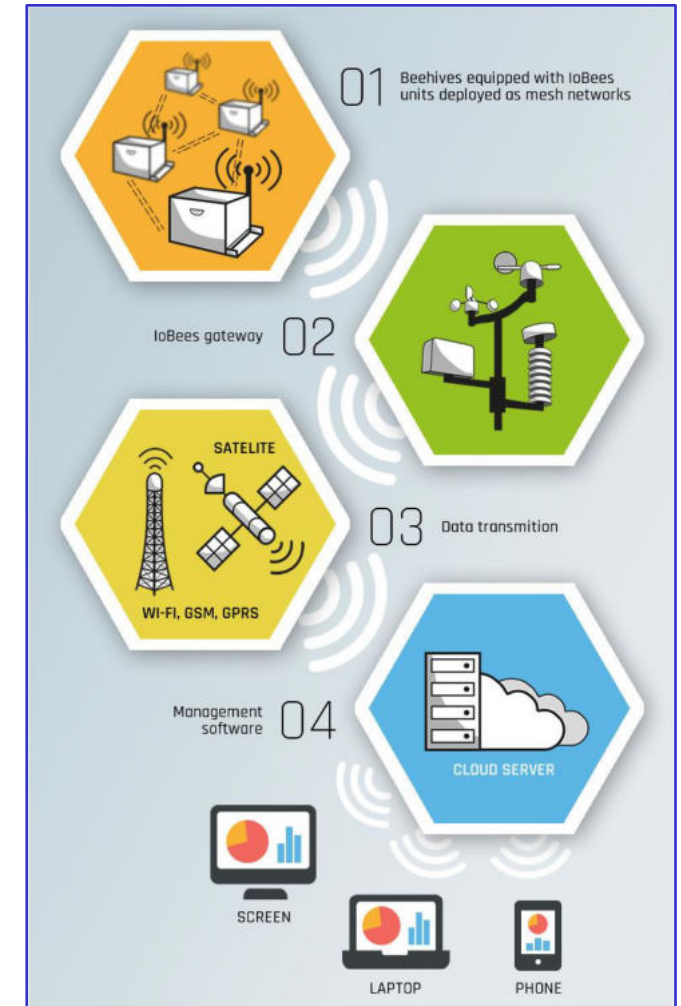
Automatically detect the potential presence of invasive species (wasps, moths, flies, beetles, Africanized bees, etc.) that may harm the colony or bring diseases.



Collect, share data and analyze information of importance, and simulate the spread of infectious bee diseases / pests.



Provide a space-time information system that integrates data in one information environment for planning and decision.



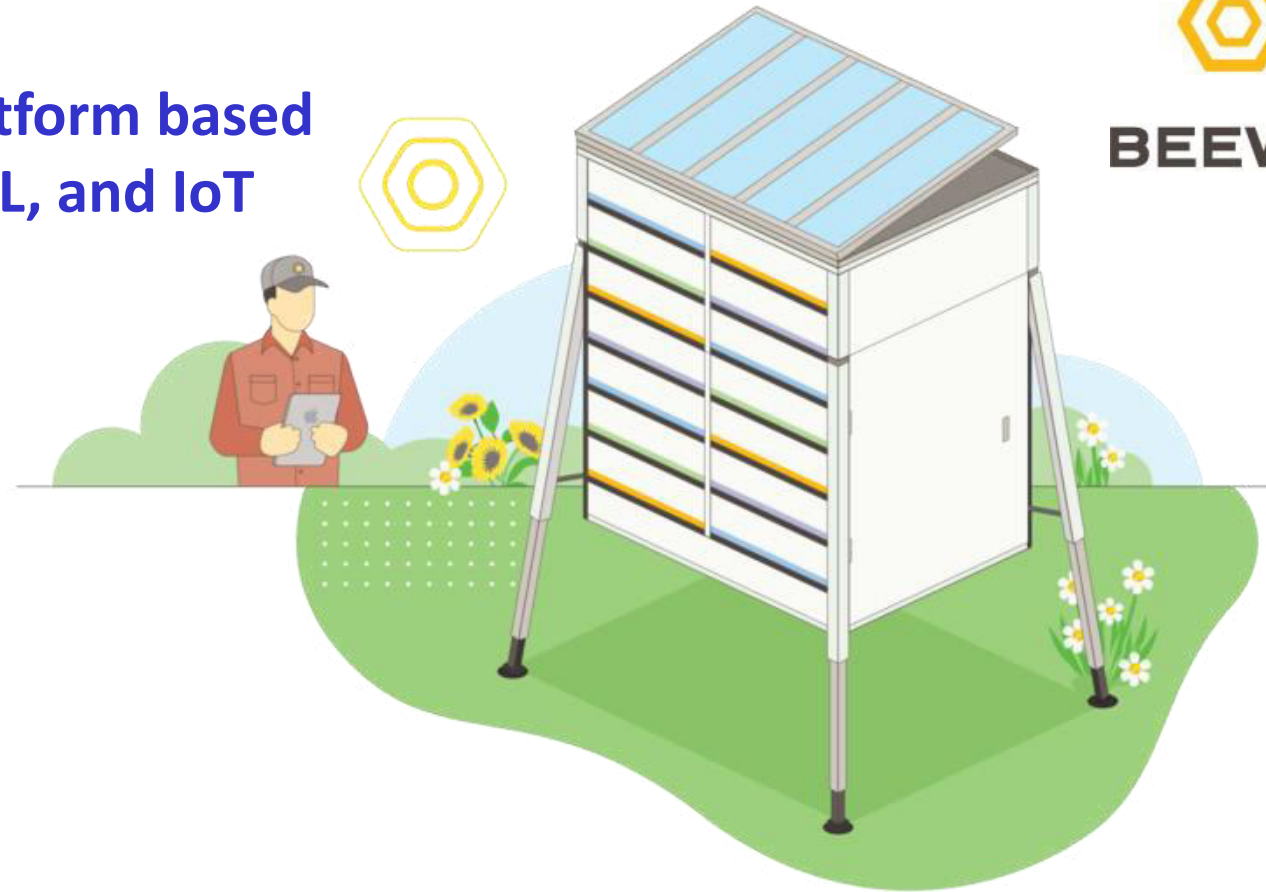
Ref.: <https://io-bee.eu/>

# Case Study AIoT: BEEWISE (Beehome) Earth's first robotic beehive



**BEEWISE**

Automated beekeeping platform based  
on precision robotics, AI/ML, and IoT



Ref.:

Ms. Netaly (Zelcer) Harari, Beewise: Automated Beekeeping, Tel Aviv University, Israel

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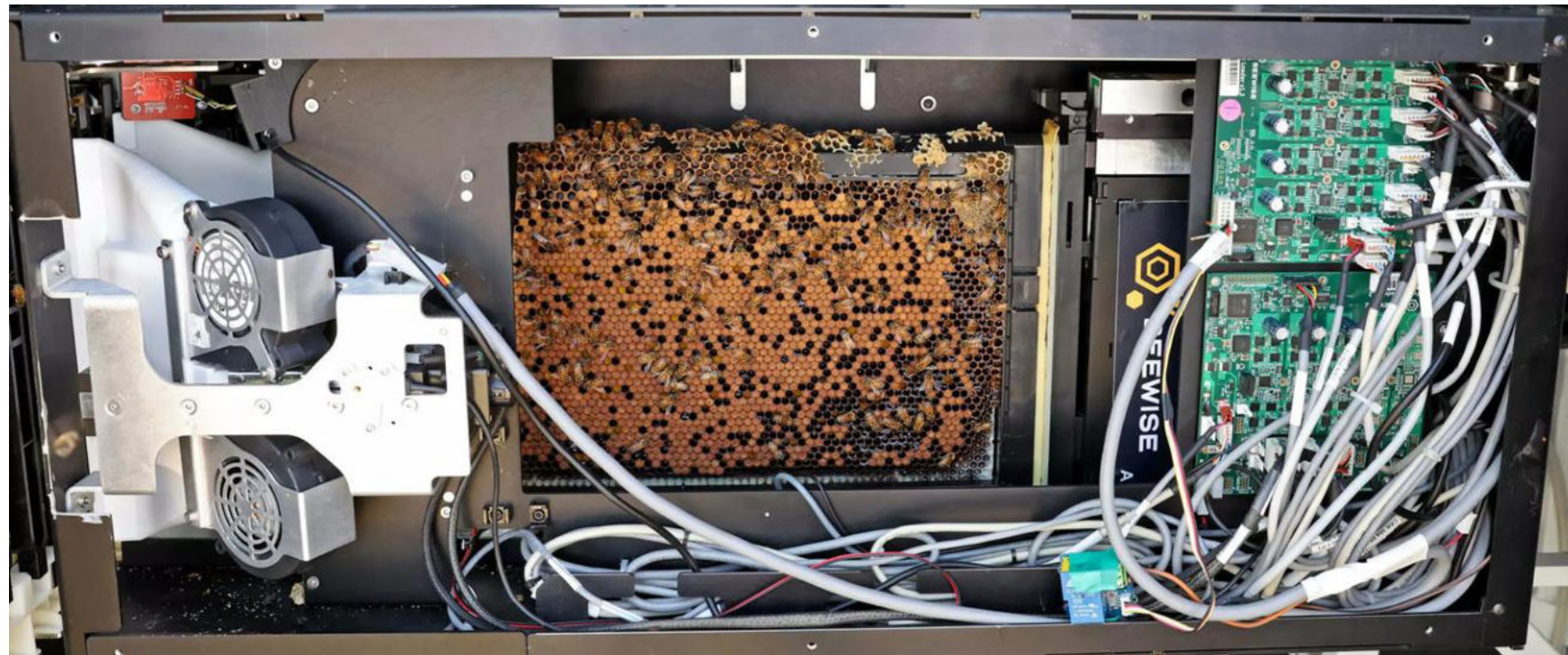


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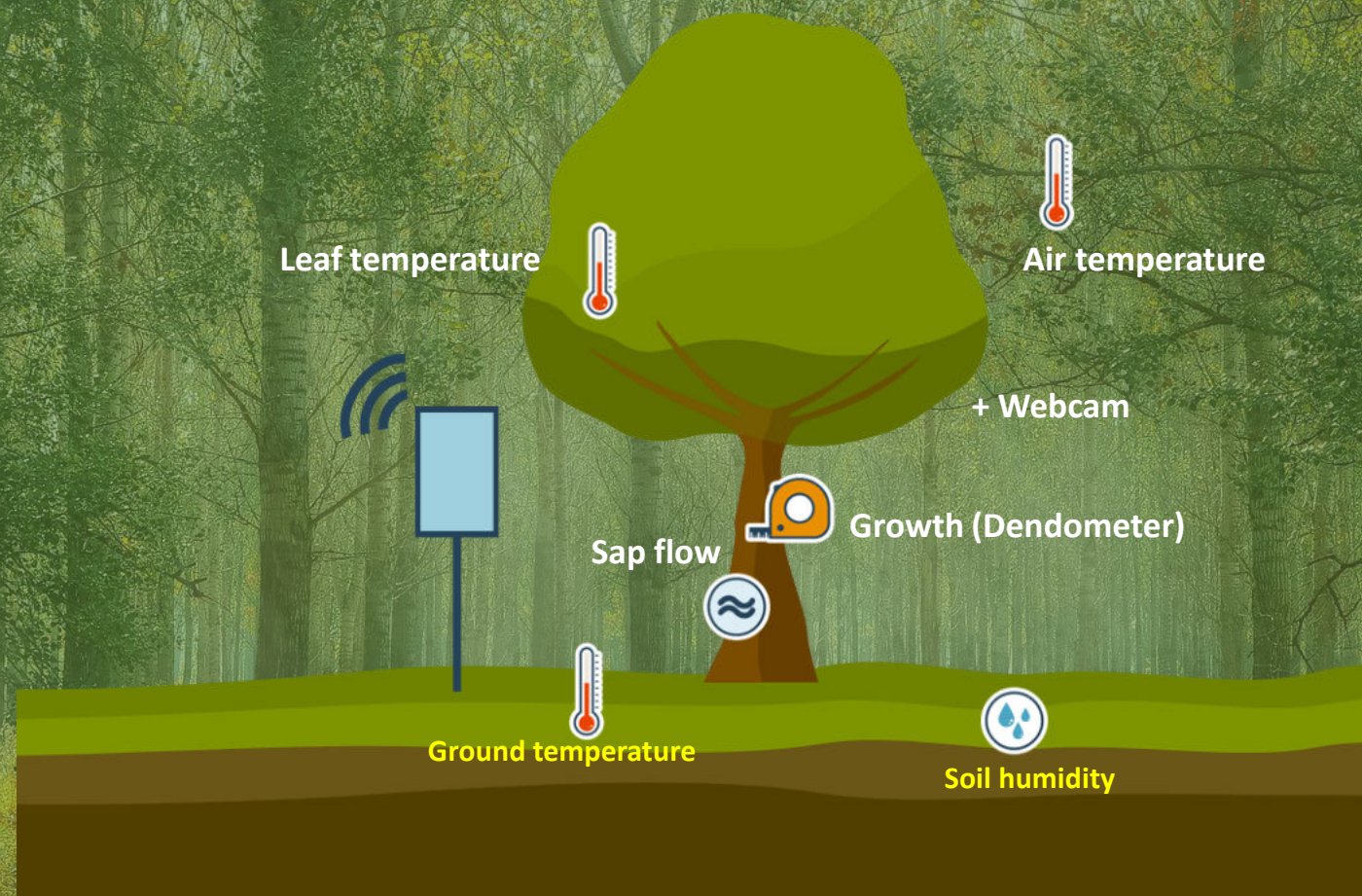
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**Mark Weiser**



# Walking in the Woods

# Case Study: IoT Tree Example Application 1: Tree Projects 4.0 (Baum 4.0) – The Talking Tree

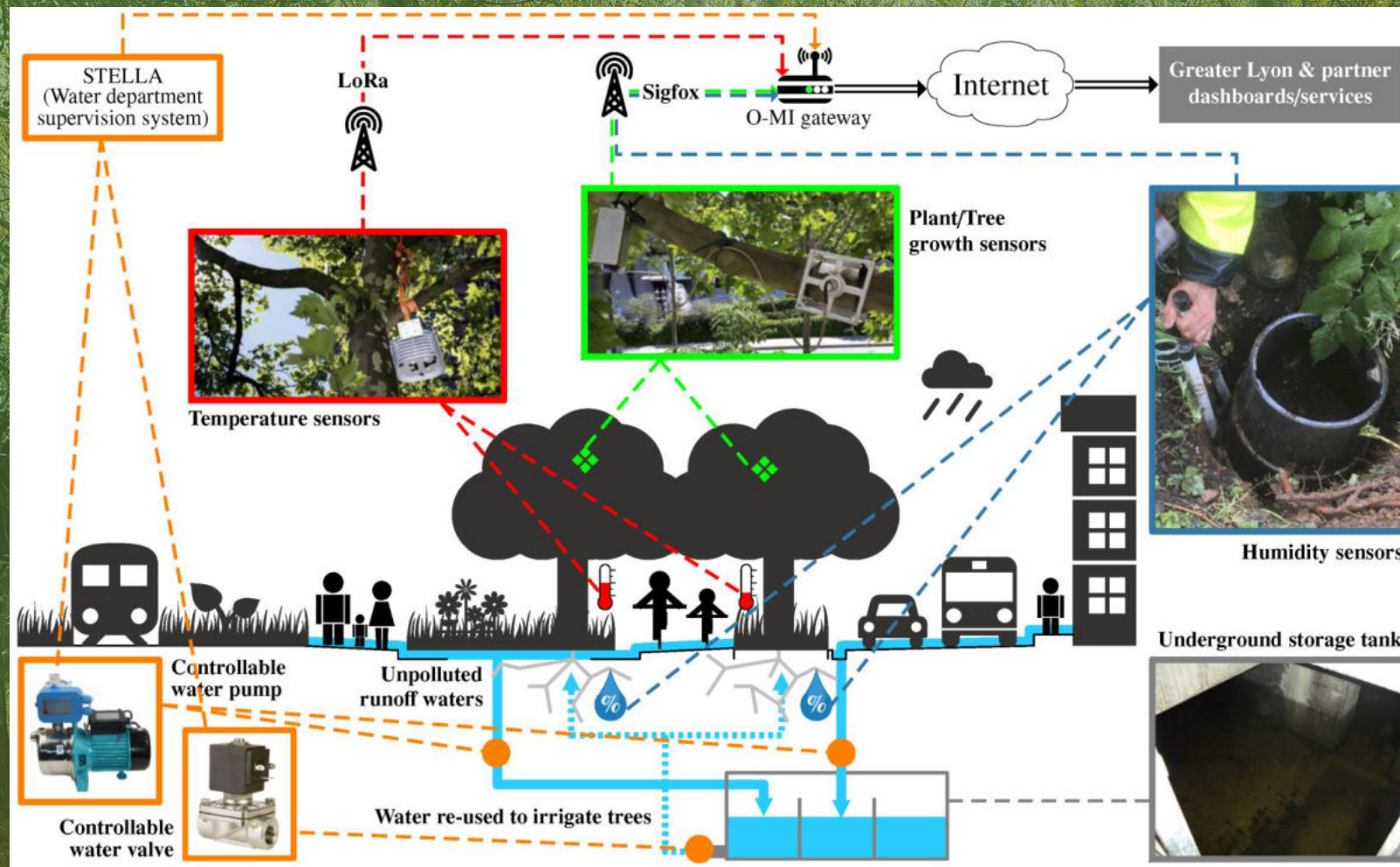


Ref.: Technical University Munich (TUM), Eichstätt-Ingolstadt (KU)  
Project coordinated by Prof. Dr. Annette Menzel (TUM),  
Dr. Marvin Lüpke, M.Sc. (TUM), and Prof. Dr. Susanne Jochner-Oette (KU)

<https://www.portal.baysics.de/wiki/baum40story/>  
Live data: <https://www.baysics.de/Baum4/trees.html>

# Case Study: IoT Tree Example Application 1: Smart Métropole de Lyon

## Reducing urban heat-island (UHI) effects: by increased the planting of new



Ref.:Jérémy Robert et al., Open IoT Ecosystem for Enhanced Interoperability in Smart Cities—Example of Métropole De Lyon, Sensors 2017

## Further development after IoT and AI



### The introduction and integration of the Blockchain Technology \*

Blockchain IoT (BLoT):

Foundation of high-trust computing (distributed trusted information technology)

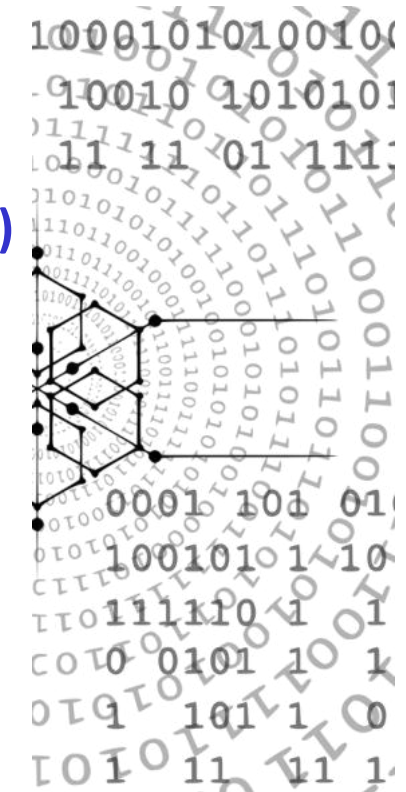
A New Direction for Solving Internet of Things Security and Trust Issues.

Benefits of BLoT:

1. Publication/duplication of sensors data in public and distributed ledgers
2. Time stamping by the blockchain infrastructure
3. Data authentication
4. Non repudiation.

A blockchain uses a distributed peer-to-peer (P2P) network to keep an unalterable record of every exchange.

Consequence: no need for trusted, third-party intermediaries in digital transactions.

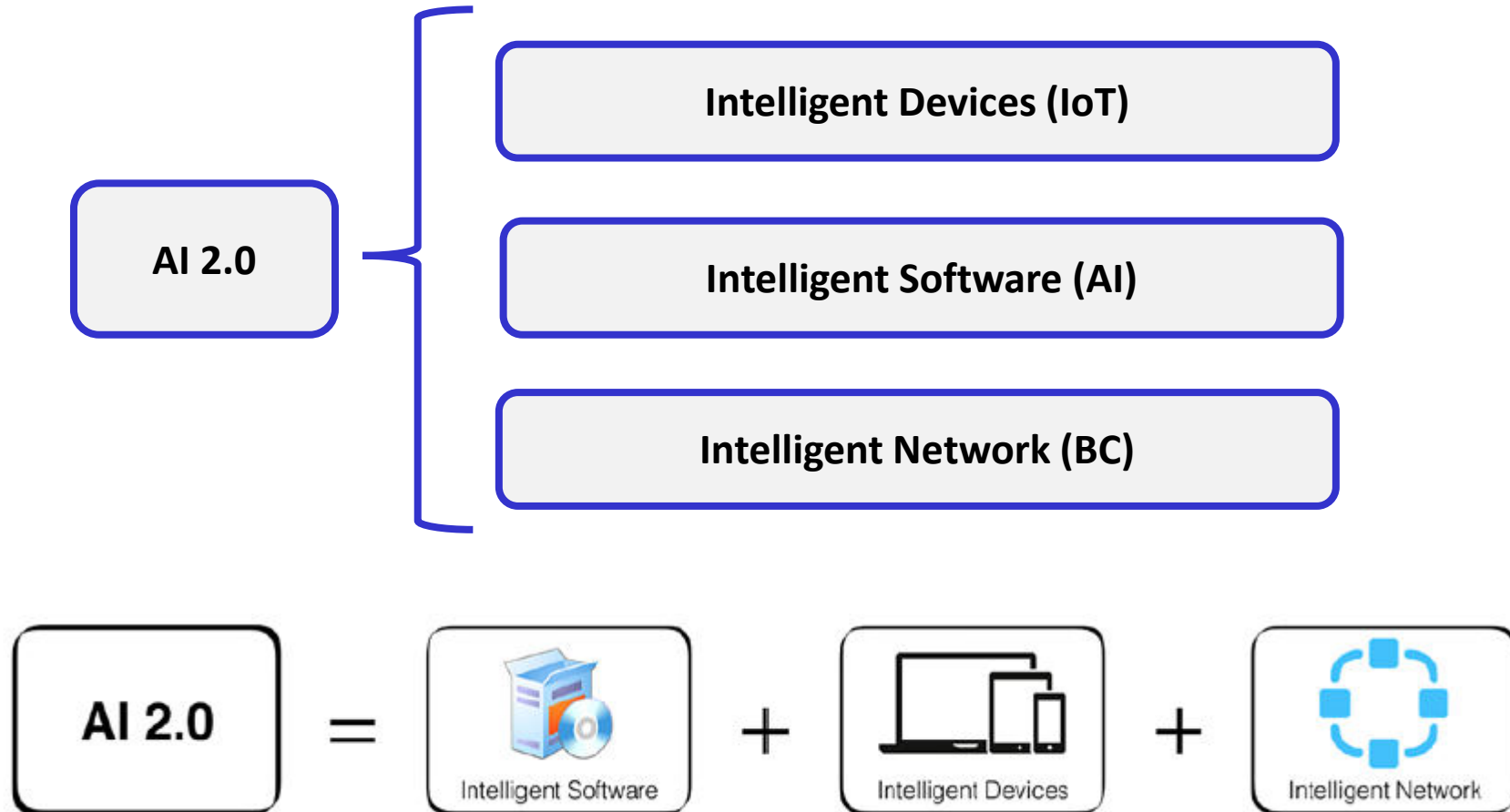


\* well known from Bitcoins, but much more



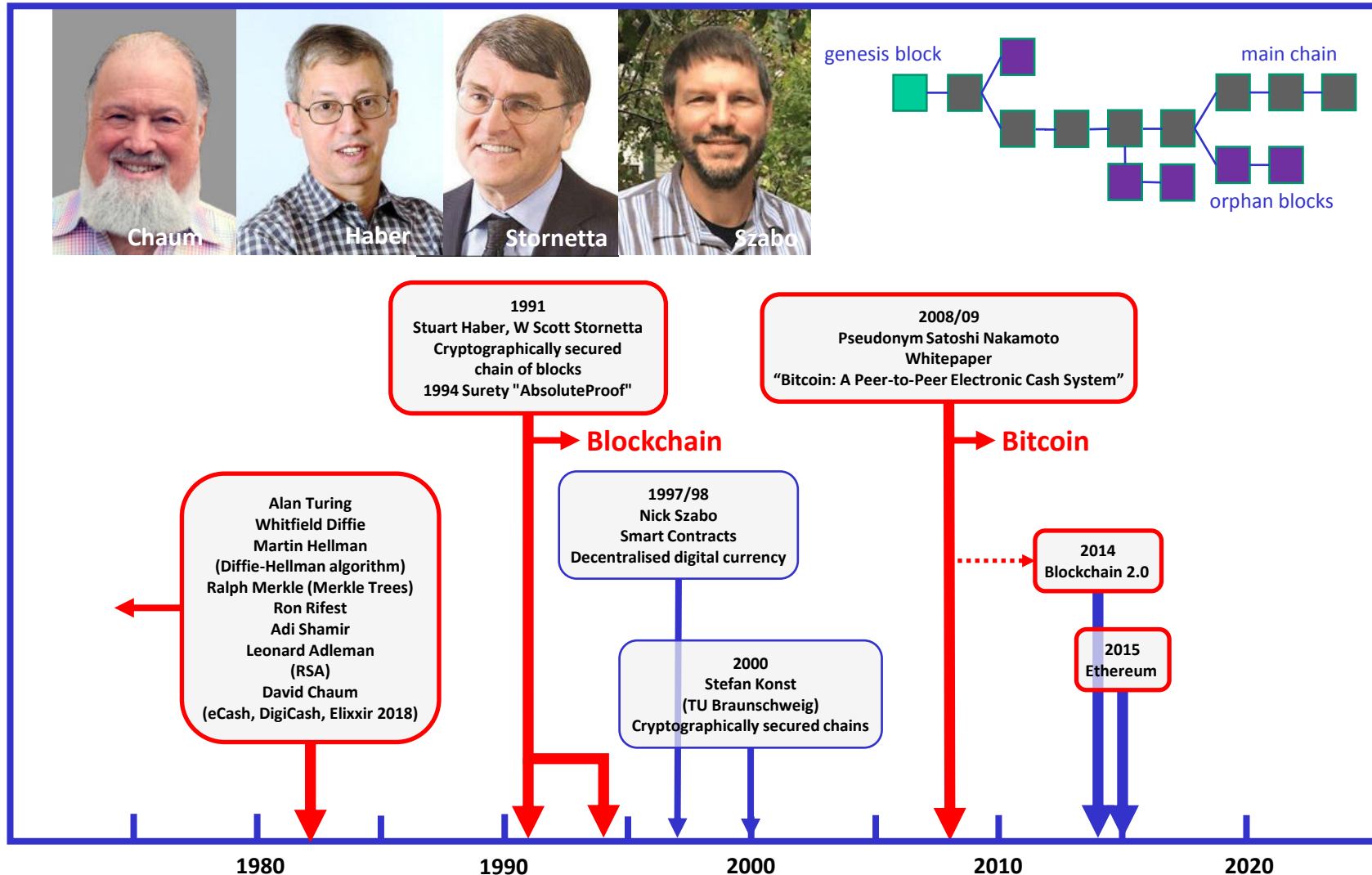
# AI 2.0

## Combination of AI, IoT, and Blockchain



Ref.: [Apress.IoT.AI.and.Blockchain.for.NET.www.EBooksWorld.ir](http://Apress.IoT.AI.and.Blockchain.for.NET.www.EBooksWorld.ir)

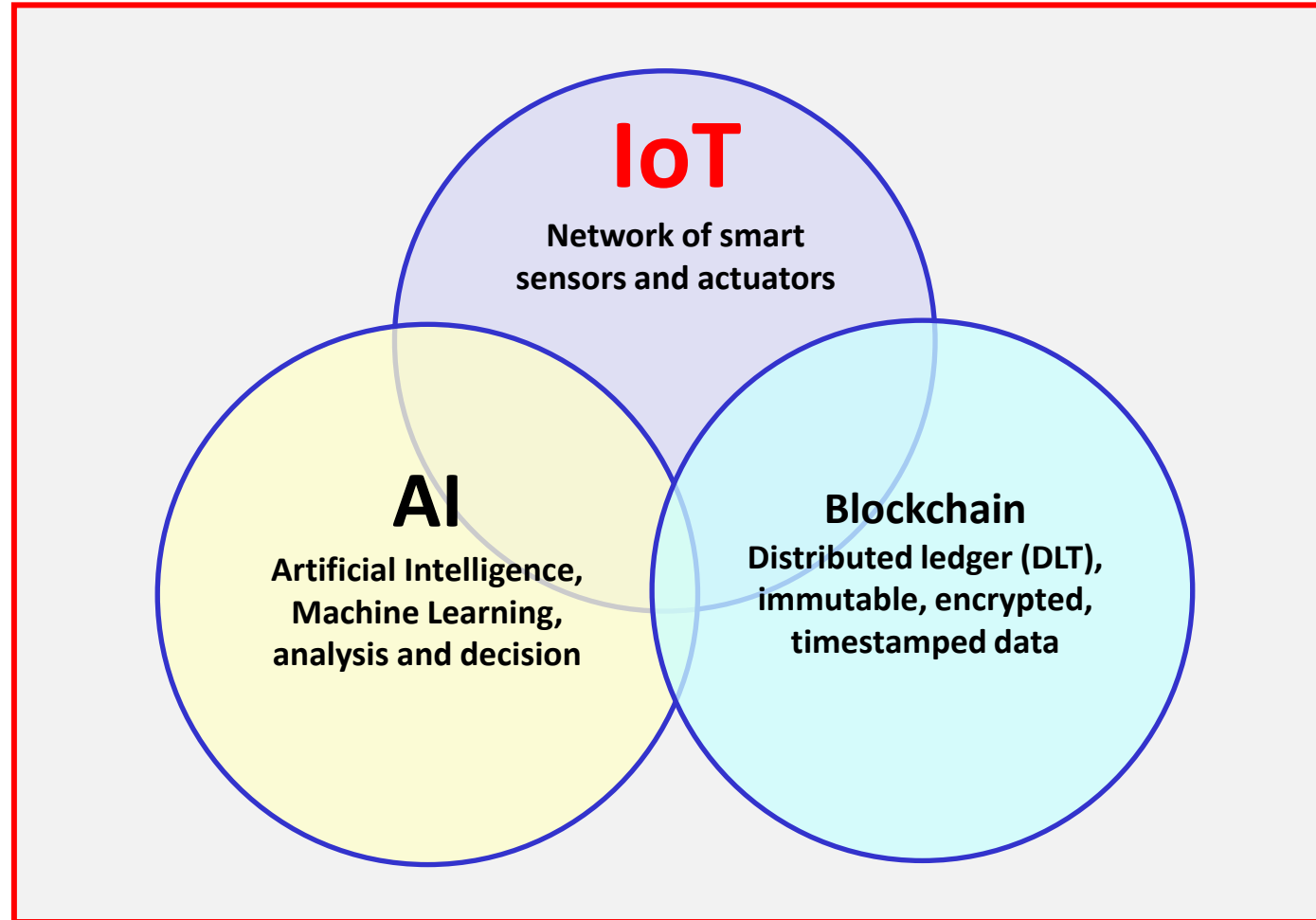
# Development of the Blockchain Technology



1982 Cryptographer David Chaum: proposed a blockchain-like protocol in his dissertation "Computer Systems Established, Maintained, and Trusted by Mutually Suspicious Groups."

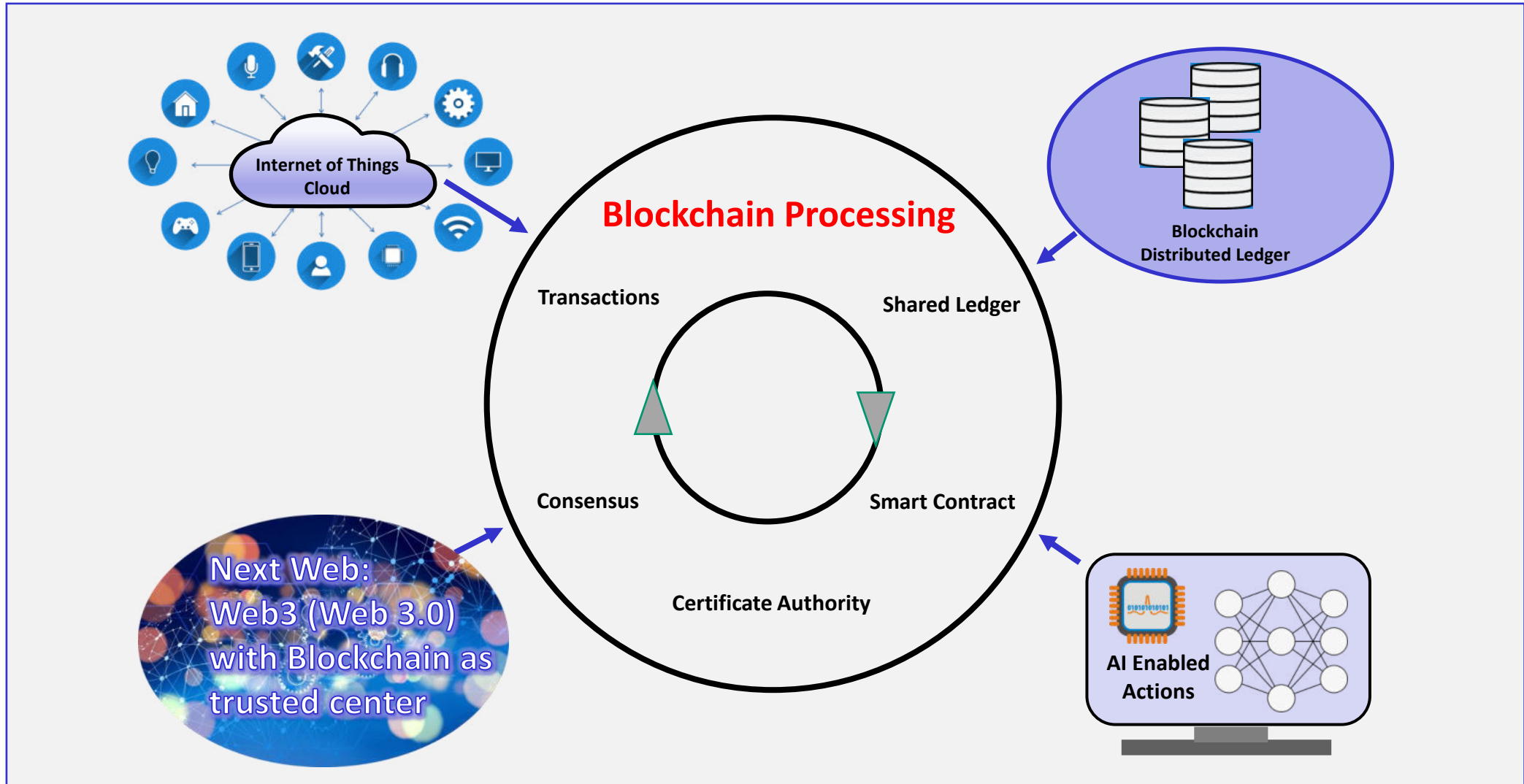
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# Merging IoT, AI and BC



**IoT feels, and AI thinks. Blockchain remembers and protects.**

# IoT, AI and Blockchain integrated



# The Internet of Things: Data Flow

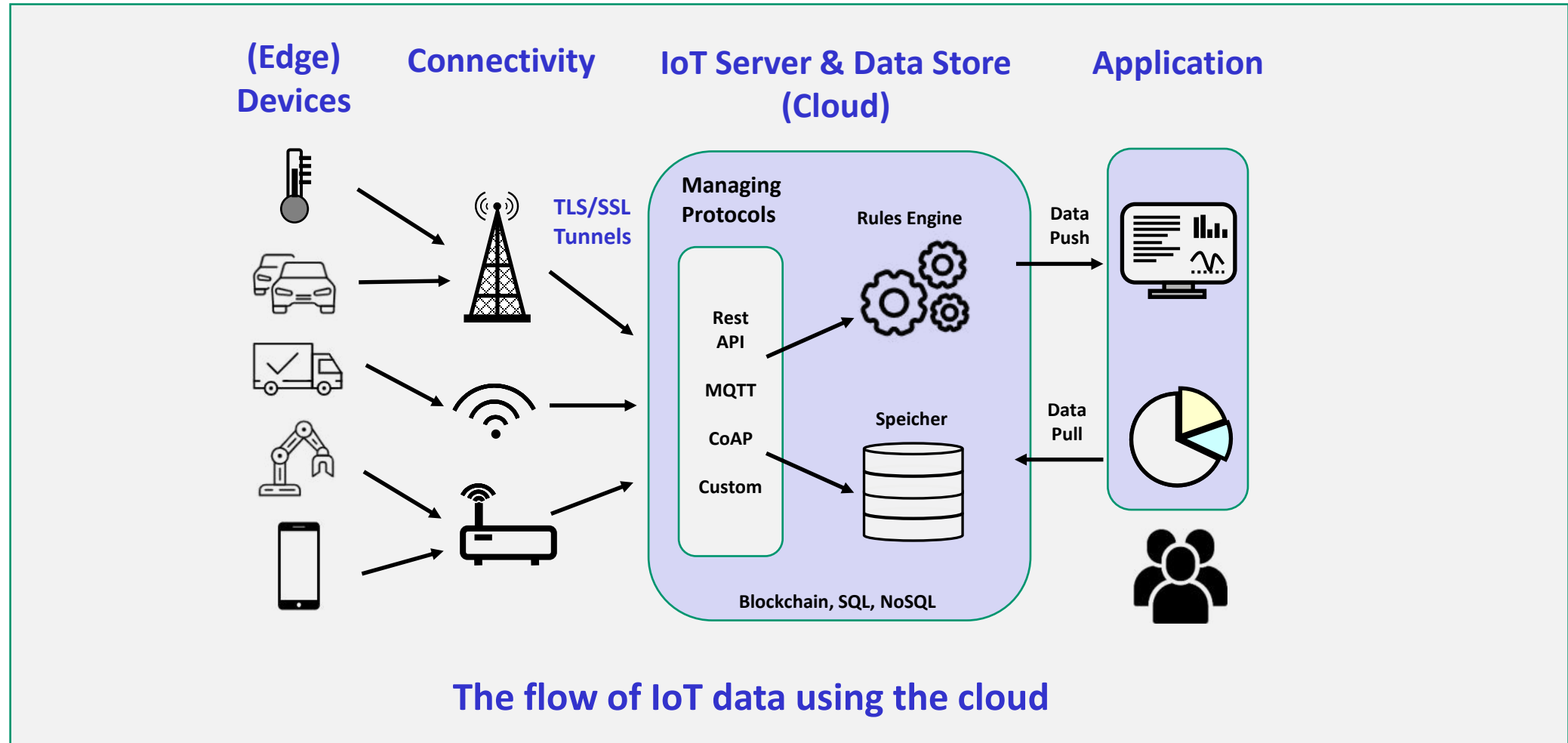
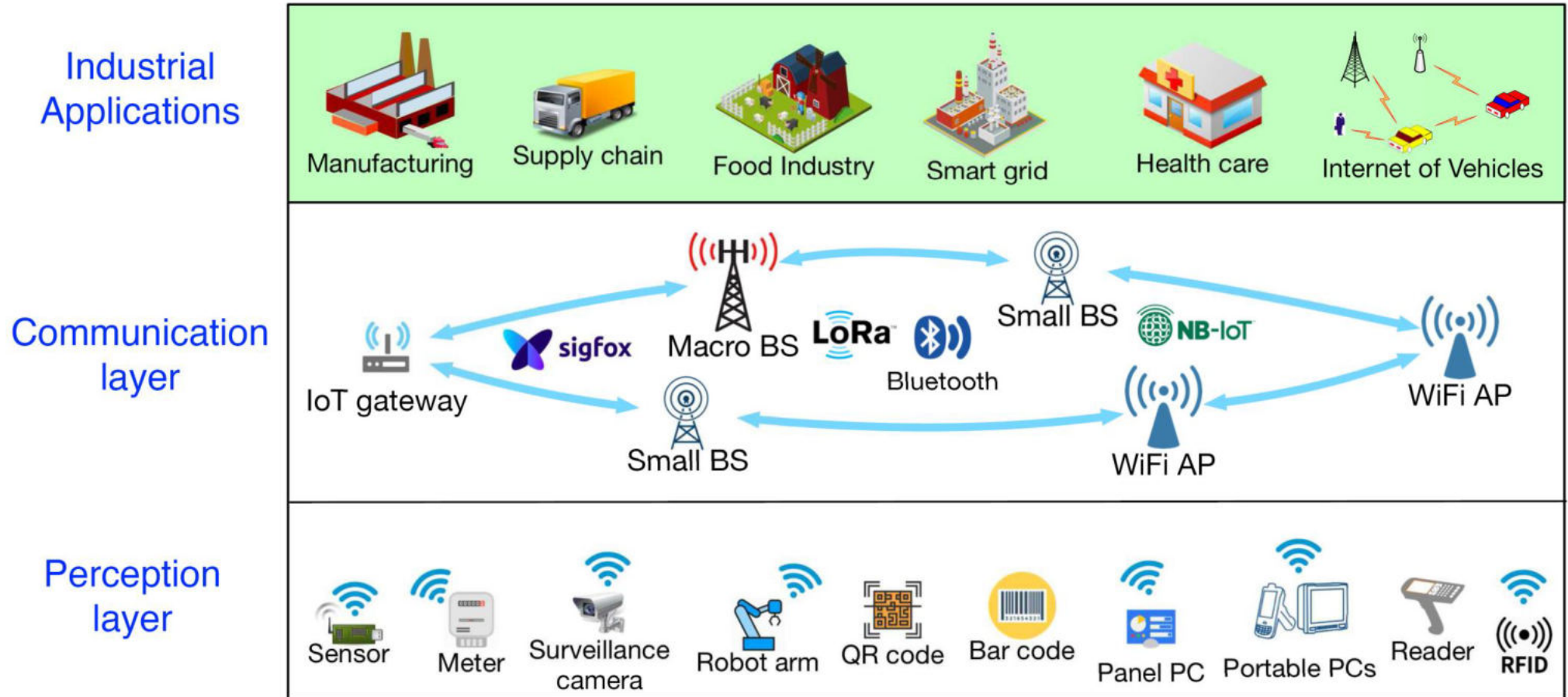


Figure based on: AI, IoT and the Blockchain

# Architecture of Internet of Things - IoT

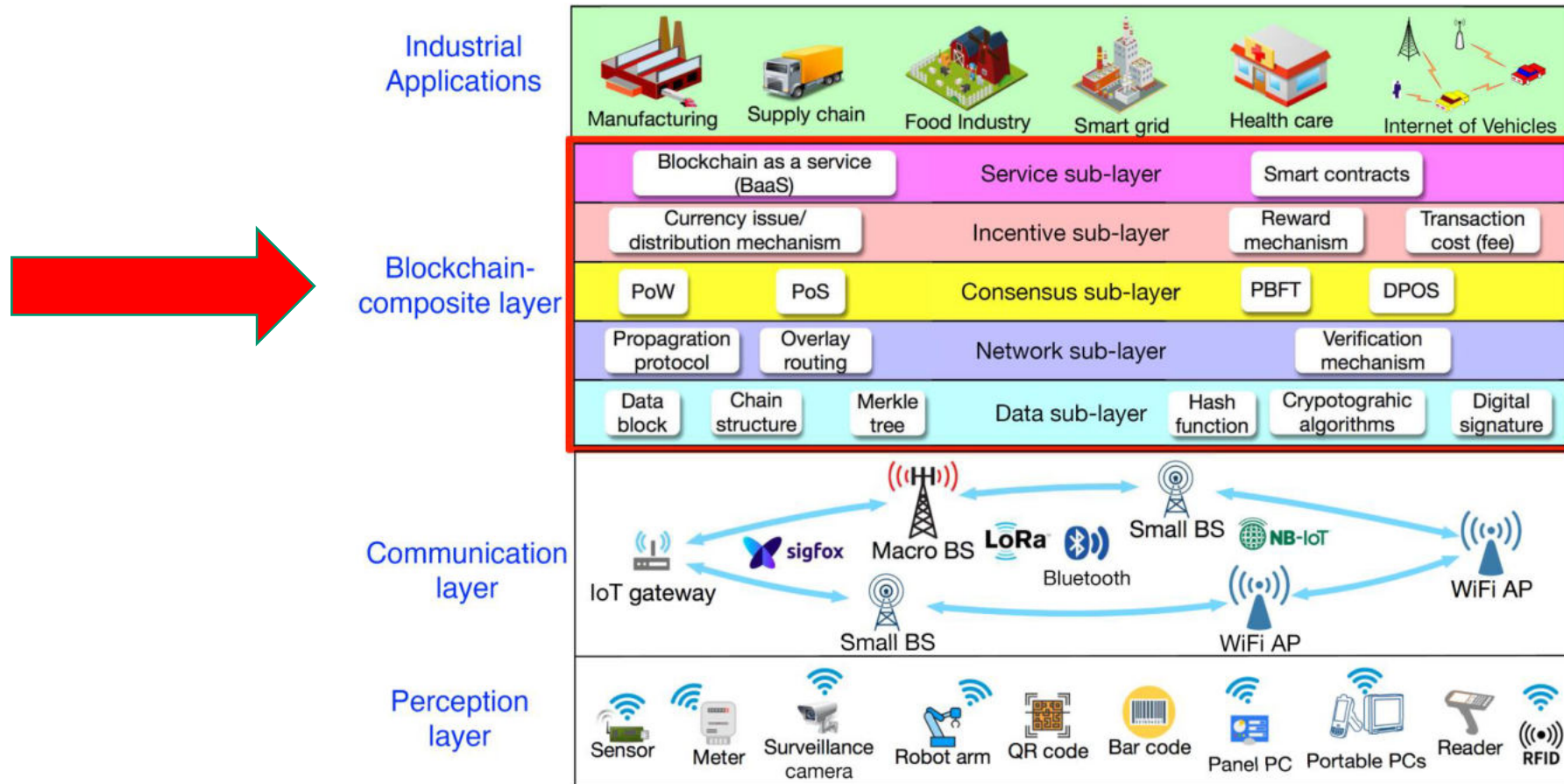


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# Architecture of Blockchain of Things - BCoT

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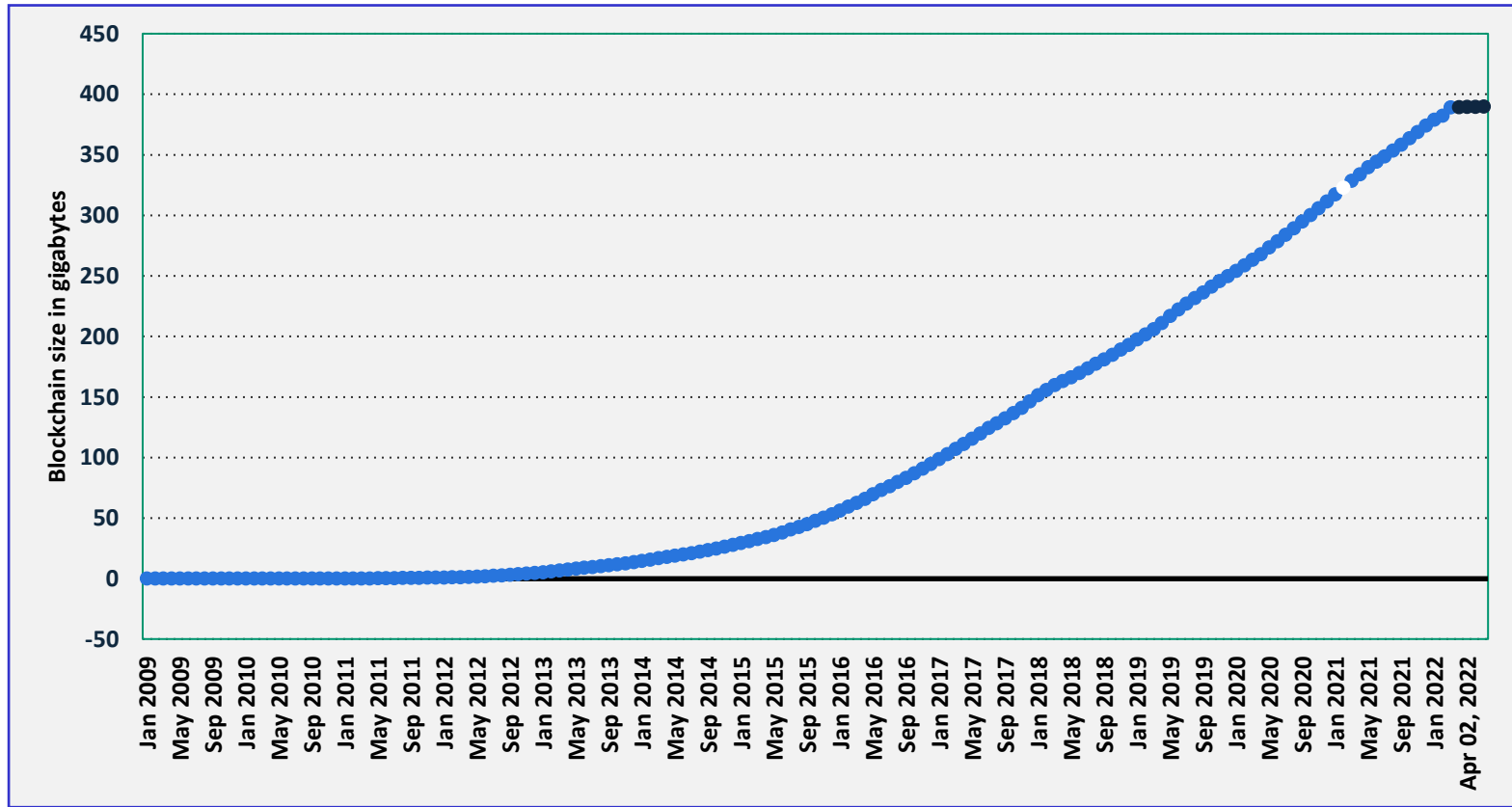


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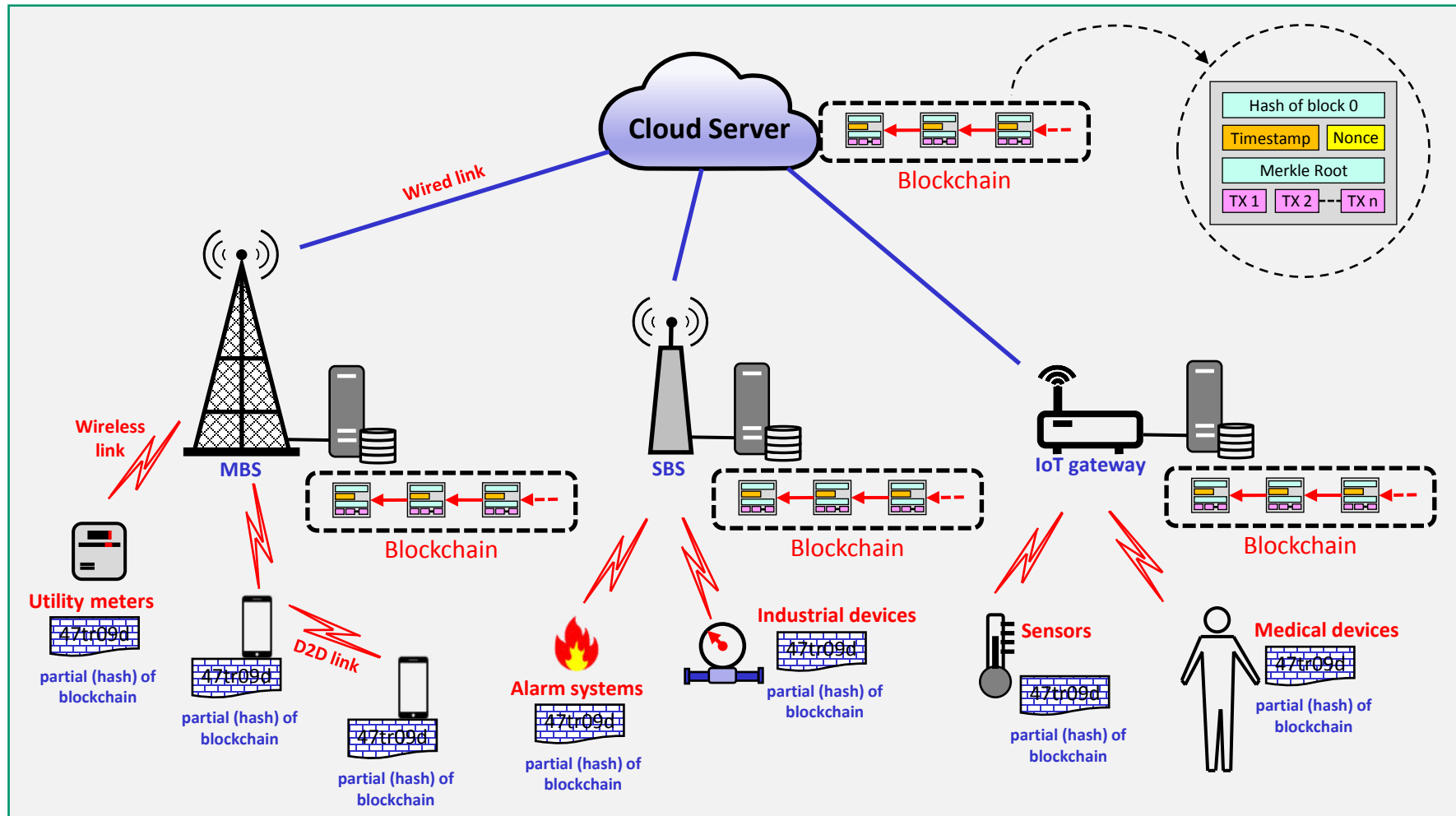
## Blockchain Example

Size of the Bitcoin blockchain from January 2009 to April 4, 2022  
(in gigabytes).





# Blockchain Example



**MEC-Server (Multi-access edge computing)**

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# The IoT World of Definitions and Akronyms (a selection)



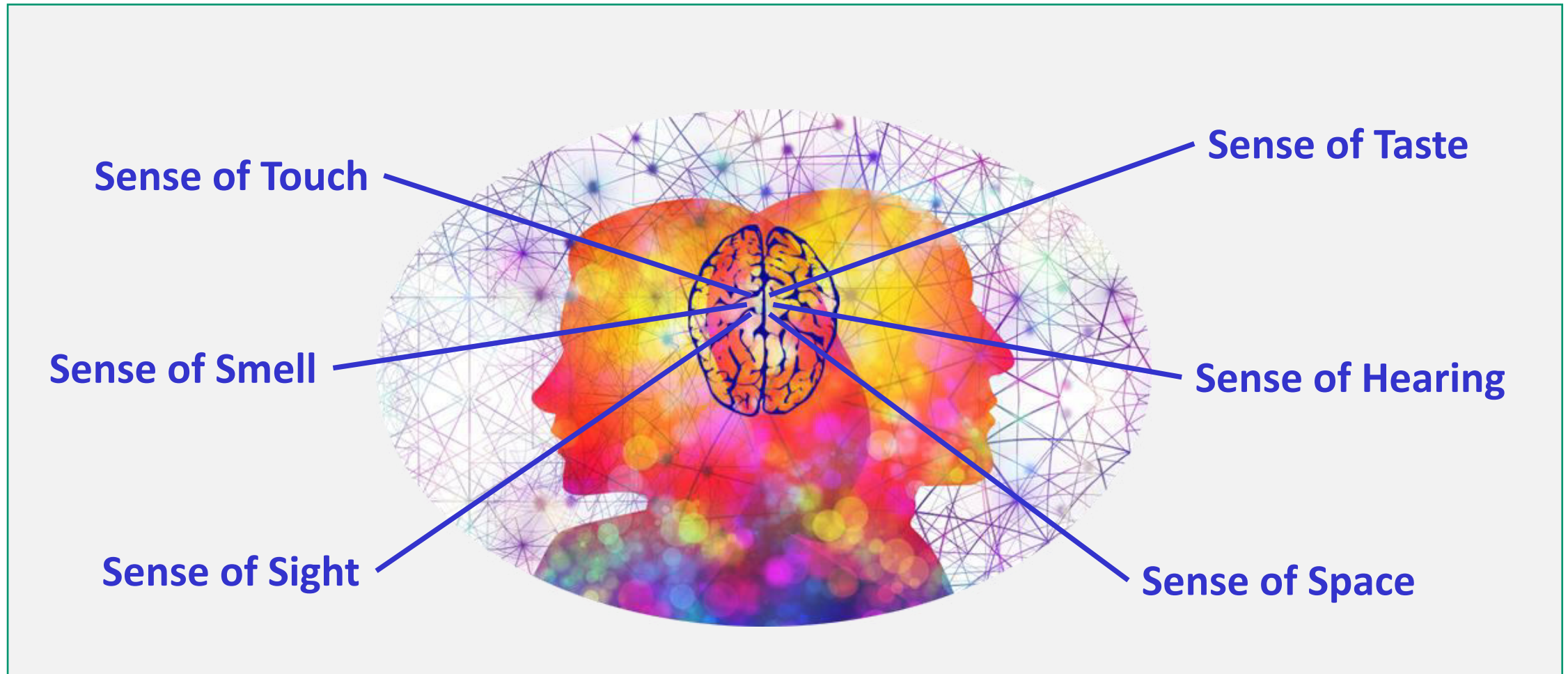
## IoT Main groups

IoT	Internet of Things (2G-3G-4G)
IIoT	Intelligent / Industrial Internet of Things (5G)
IoIT	Intelligent Internet of Intelligent Things (6G)
IoT 2.0	Intelligence of Things (or simply IoT)
XIoT	Extended Internet of Things
AIoT	Artificial Intelligence of Things
BIoT	Blockchain IoT (other meanings exist)
BCoT	Blockchain of Things
CIoT	Cloudification of the Internet of Things

## IoT subgroups (examples)

IoTS	Internet of Things Senses
TIIoT/TIIIoT	Tactile IoT/IIoT

# Internet of Things Senses (IoTS) overview



Ref.: Editors: Ovidiu Vermesan, Joël Bacquet, 2020

Internet of Things – The Call of the Edge, Everything Intelligent Everywhere

based on:

Ovidiu Vermesan et al. (incl. George Kornaros), New Waves of IoT Technologies Research – Transcending Intelligence and Senses at the Edge to Create Multi Experience Environments

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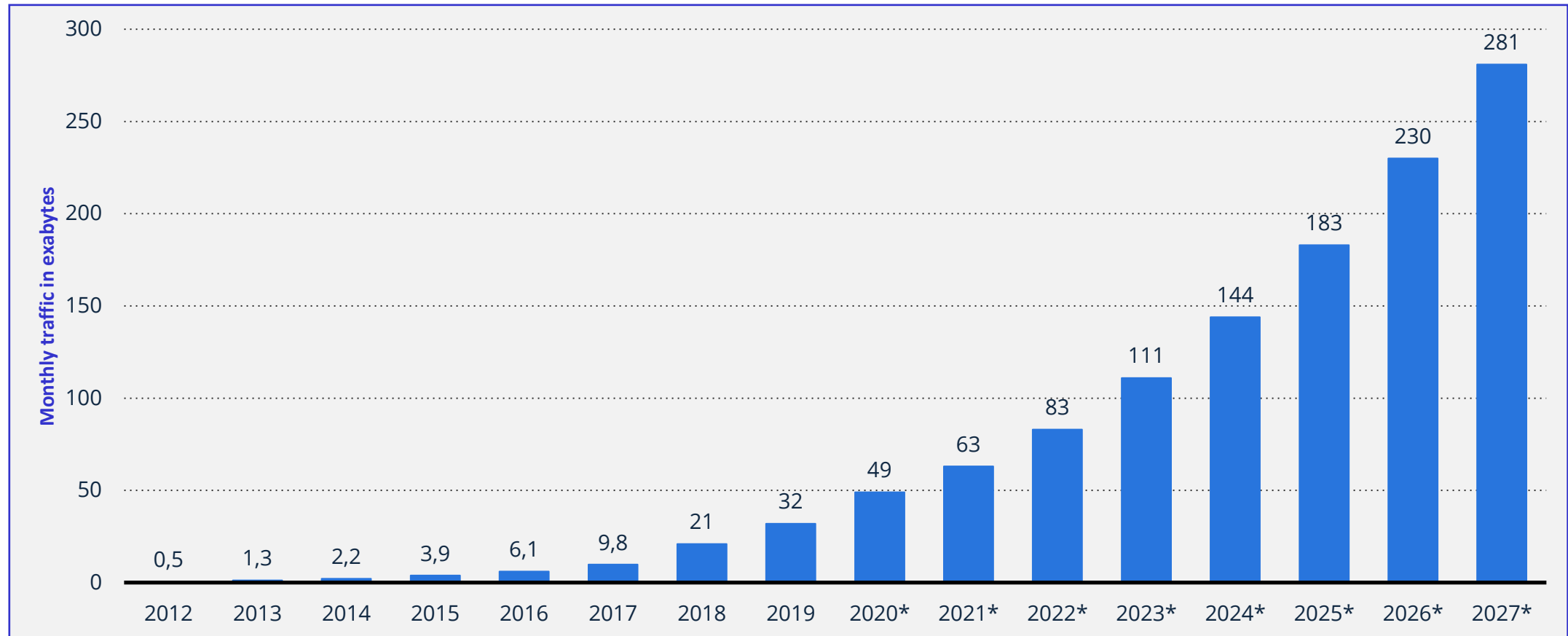


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## Example of Calm Technology

### Average monthly smartphone traffic worldwide from 2015 to 2027 (in exabytes - $10^{18}$ )



**Description:** The forecast illustrates the average monthly smartphone traffic worldwide from 2012 to 2027. By 2027, the average monthly data traffic from smartphone devices worldwide is projected to amount to 281 exabytes. [Read more](#)

**Note(s):** Worldwide; 2015 to 2021; \* Forecast. [Read more](#)

**Source(s):** Ericsson

A collage of hands holding various smartphones and tablets, arranged in a circular pattern around the text. The background is a lush green forest with tall trees and sunlight filtering through the leaves. The devices are in various orientations, some held horizontally and some vertically. The hands are of different skin tones, suggesting a diverse group of people. The overall composition is centered around the text, which is written in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.

Final critical remark (anonymous citation):

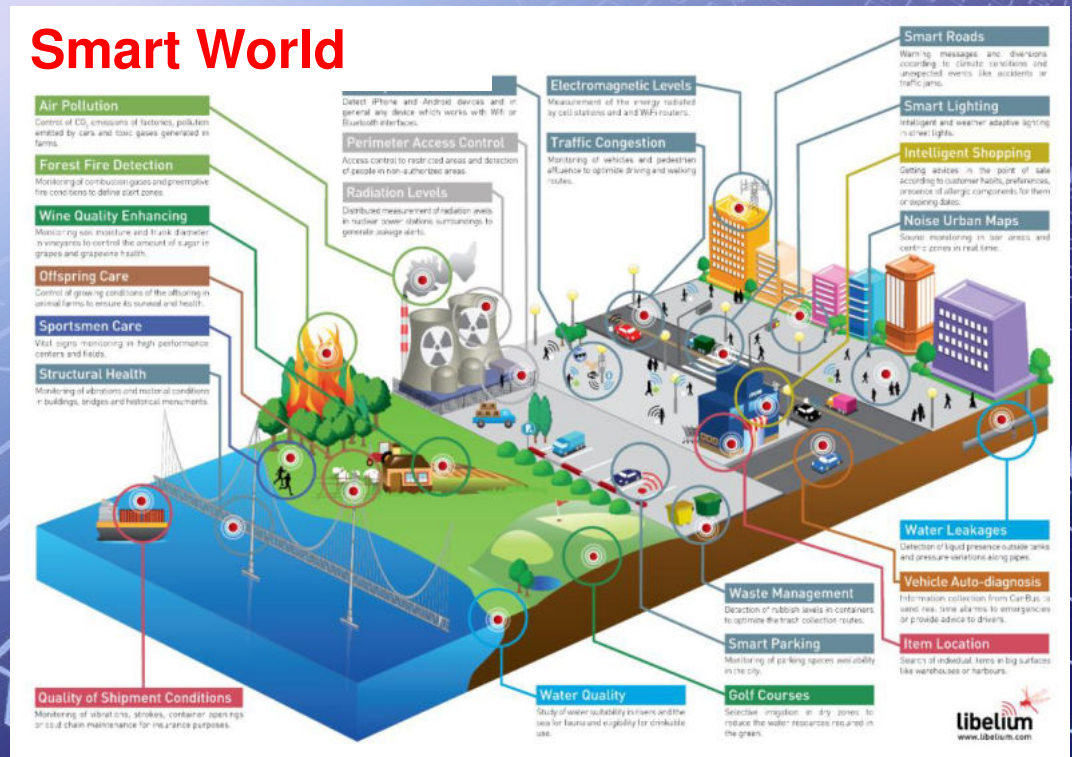
The **STONE AGE** was marked by man's clever use of crude tools;  
the **INFORMATION AGE**, to date, has been marked by man's crude use of clever tools.

# The Future

## What comes next?

### Convergence into Smart City (with 5G and/or 6G)?

## Not enough!



## Maybe Smart World.

## But that needs more than just intelligent technologies!



## The Future



**And how would Mark Weiser judge the current development and see the future?**

**Obviously, the computer is not being used the way he envisioned and hoped for.**

**Will he accept the state-of-the-art or will he use the words that Ted Nelson used when he compared the Internet with his ambitious Xanadu Project: "I do not buy in! "?**

**Very likely:**

**Mark Weiser would approve and be surprised how far his idea of Ubiquitous Computing has advanced us.**

**→ Technology Assessment**

**Let us go back to the beginning:**



**Back to Kiel**

## Back to Kiel and Schleswig-Holstein



Kiel: Traditional Maritime City



## Kiel Sailing City (Kiel Week, Olympic Games)

## Universities and Research Institutes (selected, limited to the city of Kiel):

- University of Kiel
- Kiel University of Applied Sciences
- GEOMAR Helmholtz-Centre for Ocean Research Kiel
- Leibniz Institute for Science and Mathematics Education – IPN
- Faculty of Engineering of the Kiel University (CAU)
- University Medical Center Schleswig-Holstein (UKSH)
- ZBW – Leibniz Information Centre for Economics
- Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW)
- Max Rubner Institute (Consumer health protection in the nutrition sector)
- Science Center - Wissenschaftszentrum Kiel

## Strong background Research, education and knowledge transfer

- Internet and Internet of Things, Data Science Research and Development, Embedded Systems, Renewable Energies, Wind Engineering, Naval/Maritime Engineering
- Technology Transfer Universities-Industry
- International Cooperations and Exchange Programs

# Outlook and Collaboration (State of Schleswig-Holstein)



## Important Business Sectors:

- **Digital economy**

Comprises the areas of information technology (IT), telecommunications (TC), ICT hardware, ICT trade, e-commerce, media-related areas and media, with a clear focus on the areas of information technology with software development, media-related areas and e-commerce.

- **Renewable energies**

Export country for clean green electricity. Around 2,981 wind turbines rotate here on land with a total output of 6,916 megawatts (MW).

- **Life sciences**

Approximately 110,000 people in about 260 companies in the fields of medicine and medical technology

- **Maritime economy**

The maritime economy includes research, development and production activities related to the sea. In terms of turnover and employment, shipbuilding and its suppliers form the core of the industry. With an annual turnover of around 8.5 billion Euros, this sector of the economy has a 12 percent share of Schleswig-Holstein's gross domestic product. 15 educational and research institutions are active in the maritime sector in the state and more than 2,100 companies employ around 40,000 people.

- **Mechanical Engineering**

Companies in the mechanical have an above-average export share of around 64 percent. World market leaders: Sauer-Danfoss and Vossloh, Caterpillar and Jungheinrich benefit, among others.

- **Tourism/Hospitality industry**

With 1,190 kilometres of coastline and countless beaches on two seas, around 300 lakes, 32,000 kilometres of rivers, Schleswig-Holstein is a true holiday paradise. Sports: sailing, surfing or rowing, riding or golfing, cycling or hiking. International cultural offers: Kiel Week, Wacken Open Air, Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival

Ref: <https://wtsh.de/en/schleswig-holstein-strong-industries>



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**Obviously there are plenty of opportunities in  
Germany, Schleswig-Holstein, and Kiel.**

**You are always welcome to visit us!**



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