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An experimental test bed for the evaluation of the hidden terminal problems on the IEEE 802.15.5 standard

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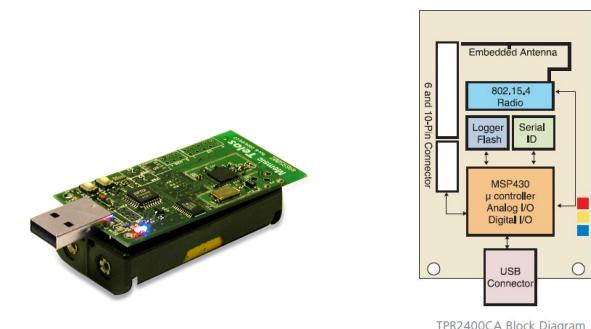
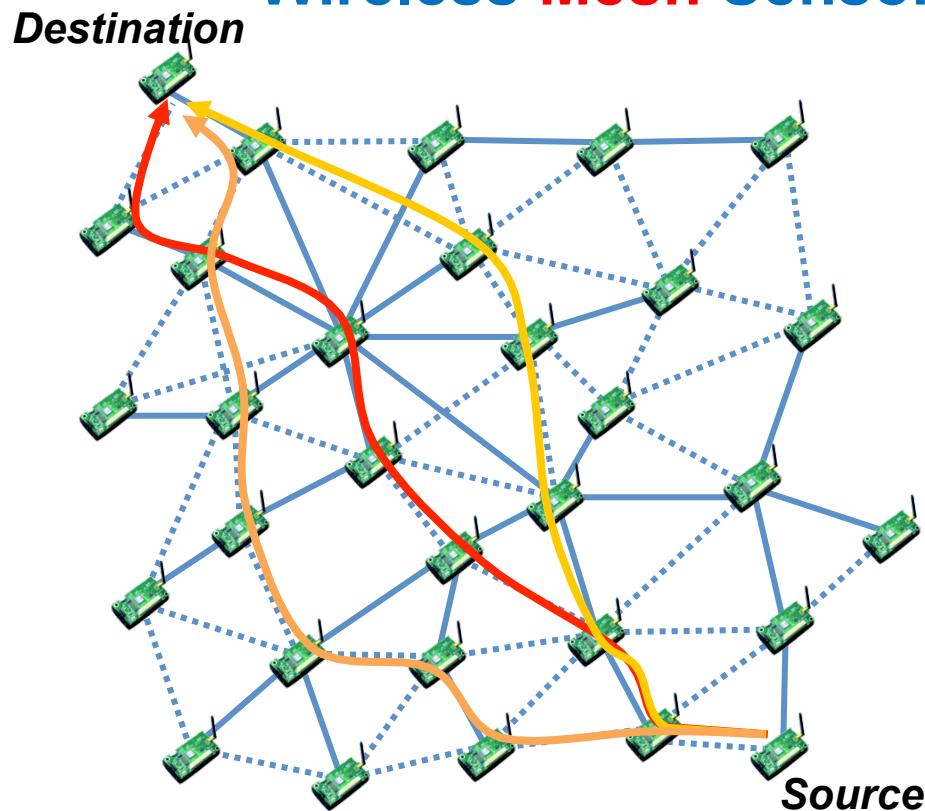
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Motivation

Wireless Mesh Sensor Networks (WMSNs)

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Wireless sensor platform: TelosB
device provided by MEMSIC Inc.

Mesh capability

- Energy efficiency
- Link reliability
- Scalability
- Self-organization
- Interoperability
- Robustness
- Security
- ...
- Multi-hop mesh routing

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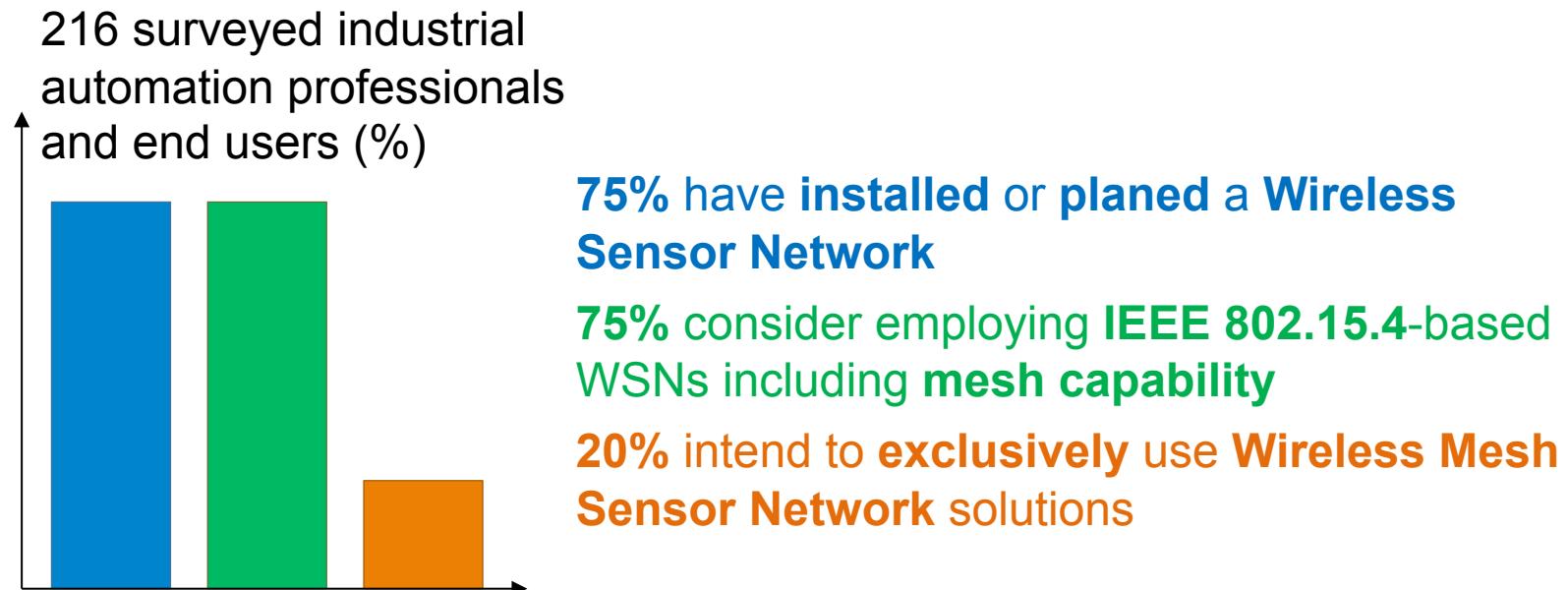


Fig. 1.3. Trend shown by the industrial automation market in the last few years. On World (Hatler et al., 2012)

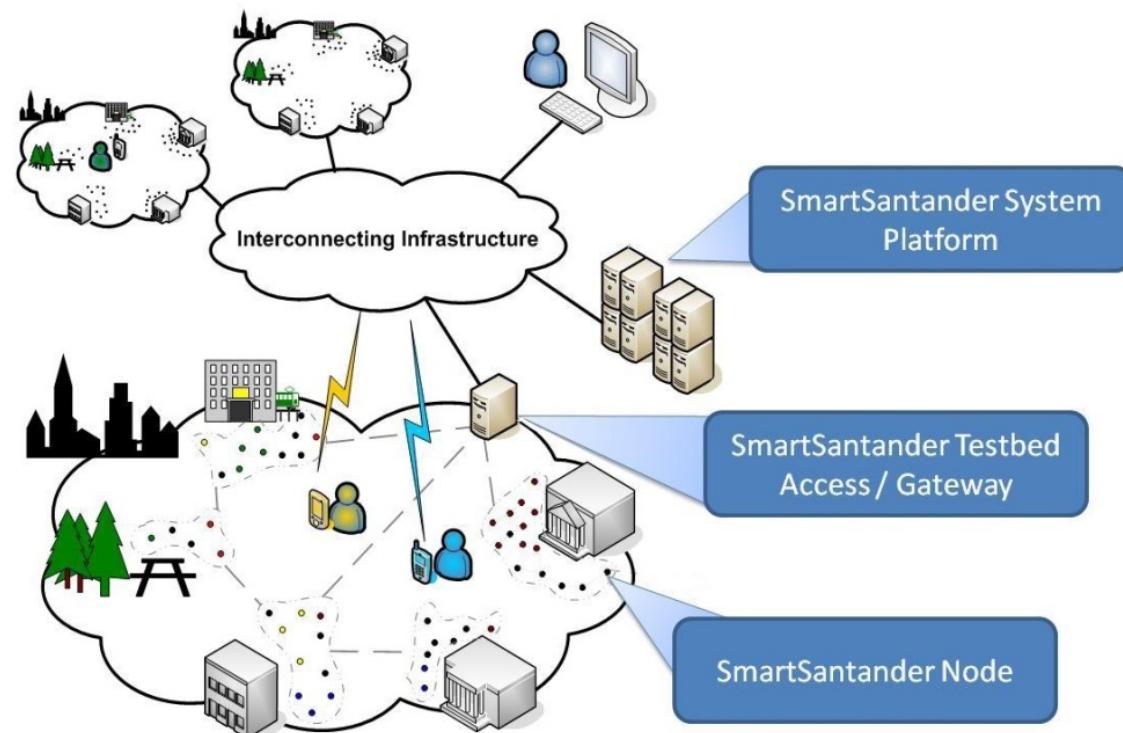
By 2016, 39% applications and services will be uniquely enabled by Low-Rate Wireless Personal Area Mesh Networks (LR-WPAN Mesh) (Hatler et al., 2012)

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Smart Santander City

Up to 12.000 nodes deployed in Santander (Spain) to create a Smart City

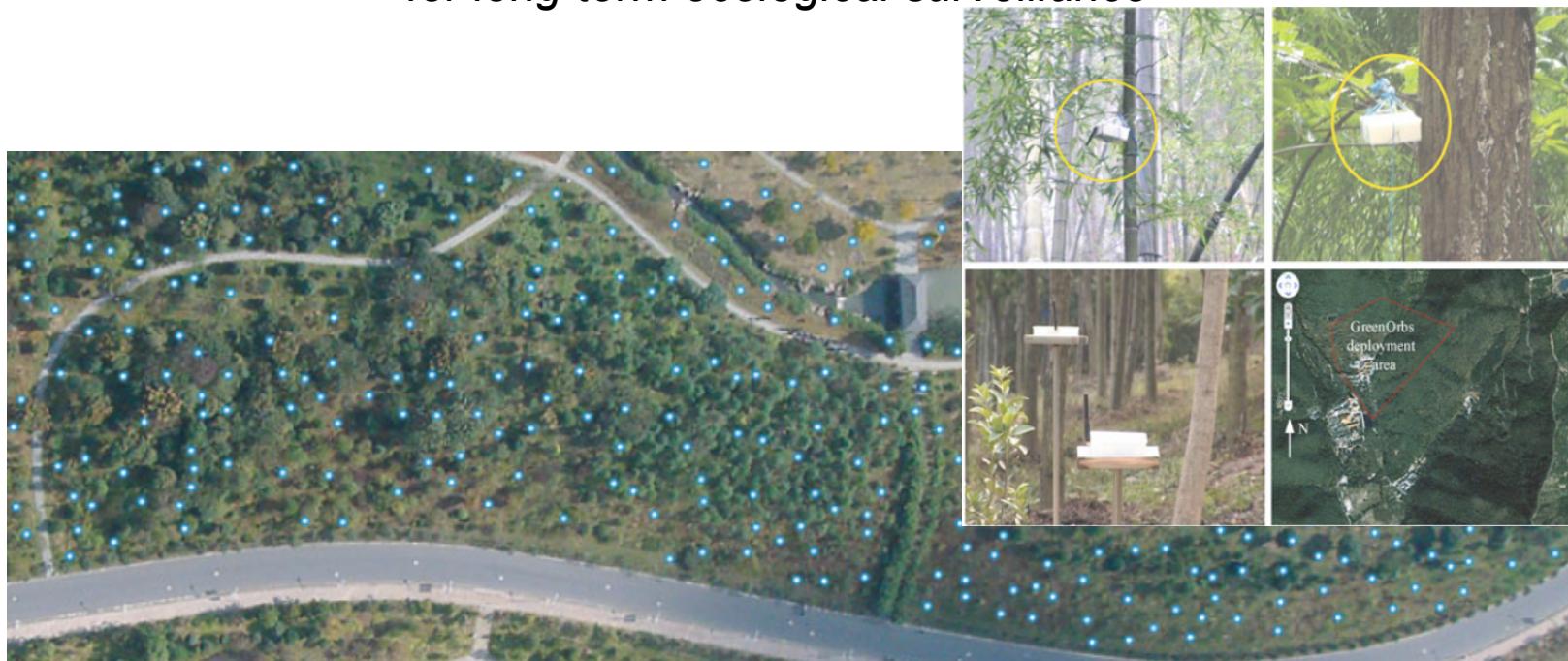


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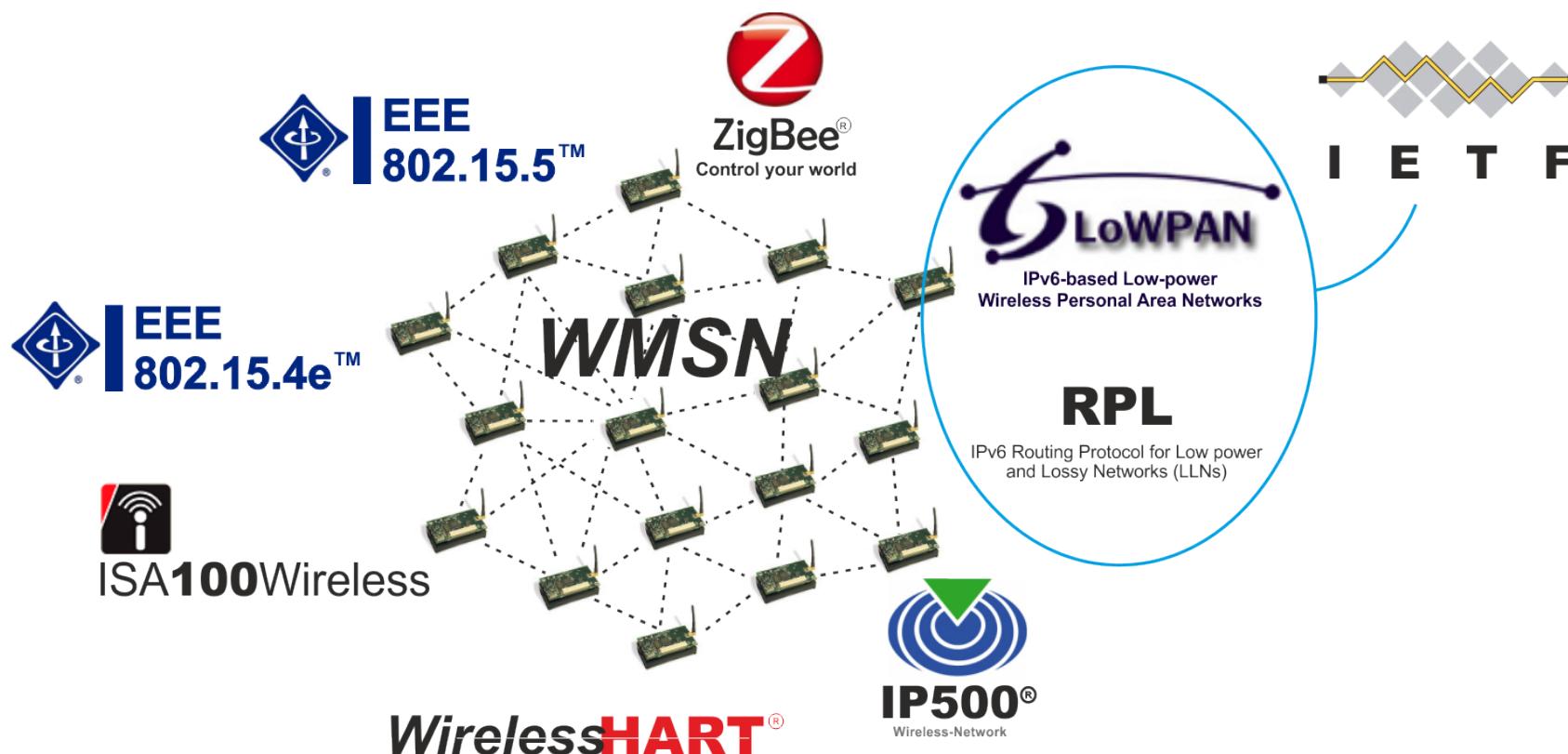
GreenOrbs

*More than 1000 nodes deployed in TianMu Mountain, Zhejiang (China),
for long-term ecological surveillance*



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Feature	ZigBee® Control your world	LoWPAN IPv6-based Low-power Wireless Personal Area Networks	RPL IPv6 Routing Protocol for Low power and Lossy Networks (LLNs)	IP500e Wireless-Network	IEEE 802.15.4e™	WirelessHART®	ISA100Wireless	IEEE 802.15.5™
Multi-hop mesh routing	✓	✗	NA	NA	✗	✗	✓	
Scalability	✗	✗	NA	NA	✓	✓	✓	
Energy efficiency	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Link reliability	✗	✗	NA	✓	✗	✓	✓	
End-to-end reliability	✗	✗	NA	NA	✓	✓	✓	✗
Robustness	✗	✗	NA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Interoperability	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	
Self-organization	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Security	✓	✗	NA	NA	✓	✓	✓	NA
Mobility support	✓	✓	NA	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Use of IPv6	✗	✓	✓	Compatible	✗	✓	Compatible	
In-network addressing scheme	16-bit	128-bit	16-bit	16-bit	16-bit	16-bit	16-bit	16-bit
Available source code	✓	✓	✗	Open issue	✗	✗	✗	Open issue
Free-payment contributions	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓
Memory and CPU usage	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Cost	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓
Flexibility	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓
Large-scale networks	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Energy-saving support	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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- The IEEE released in 2009 the IEEE 802.15.5 standard to extend traditional Low-Rate Wireless Personal Area Networks (LR-WPANs) to scalable, robust, energy-efficient and interoperable WMSNs
- Despite the sought after features already offered by this standard, there is still very few experimental work accessing the performance of IEEE 802.15.5 networks
- Lack of an open-source implementation available to the scientific and development communities

The IEEE 802.15.5 LR-WPAN Mesh standard

Anatomy of the current communication stack

OSI Reference
Model



LR-WPAN Mesh Application

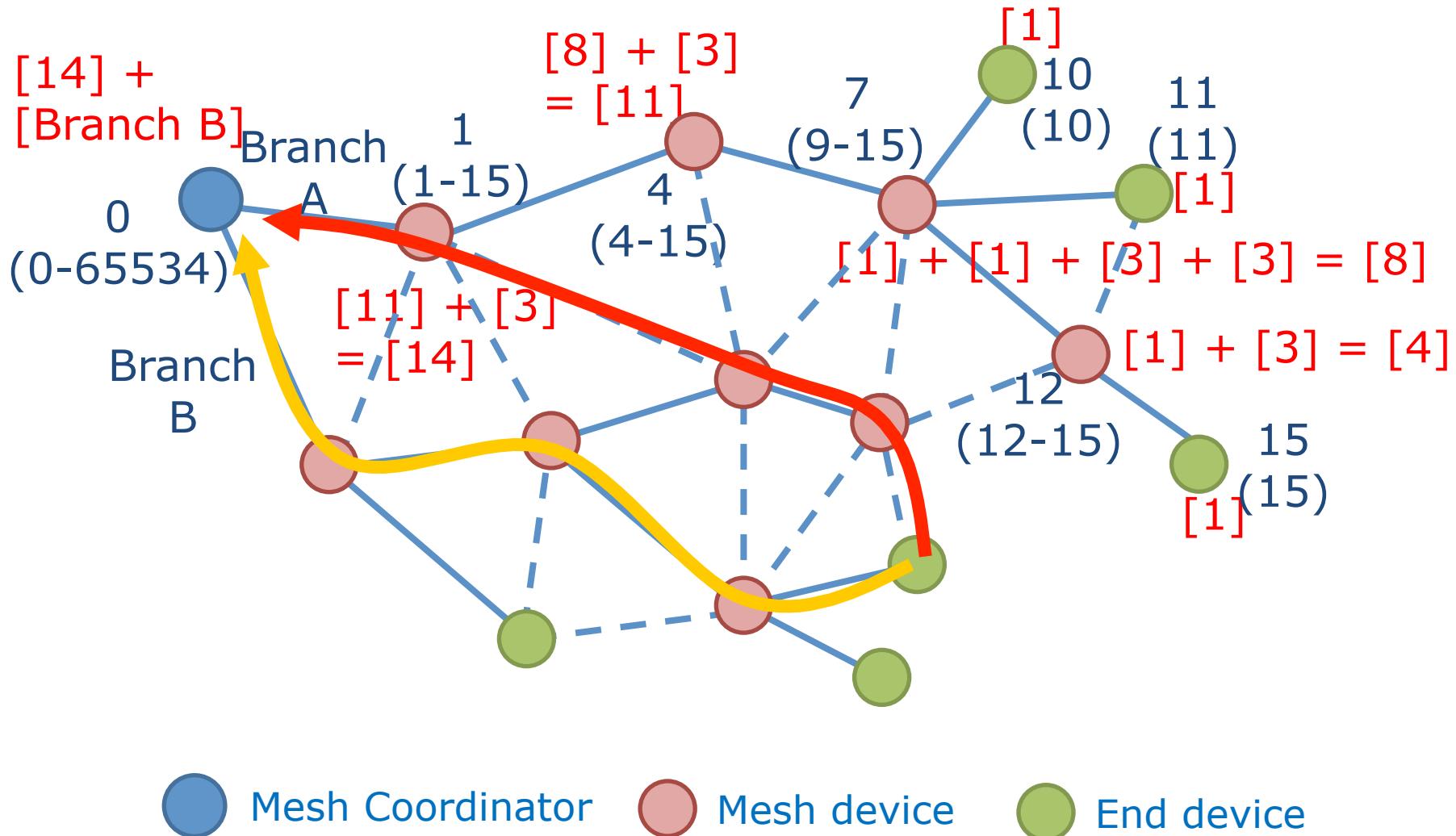
**IEEE 802.15.5 Low-Rate Wireless
Personal Area Network Mesh
layer**

IEEE 802.15.4-2006
Medium Access Control (MAC) layer

IEEE 802.15.4-2006
Physical (PHY) layer

The IEEE 802.15.5 LR-WPAN Mesh standard

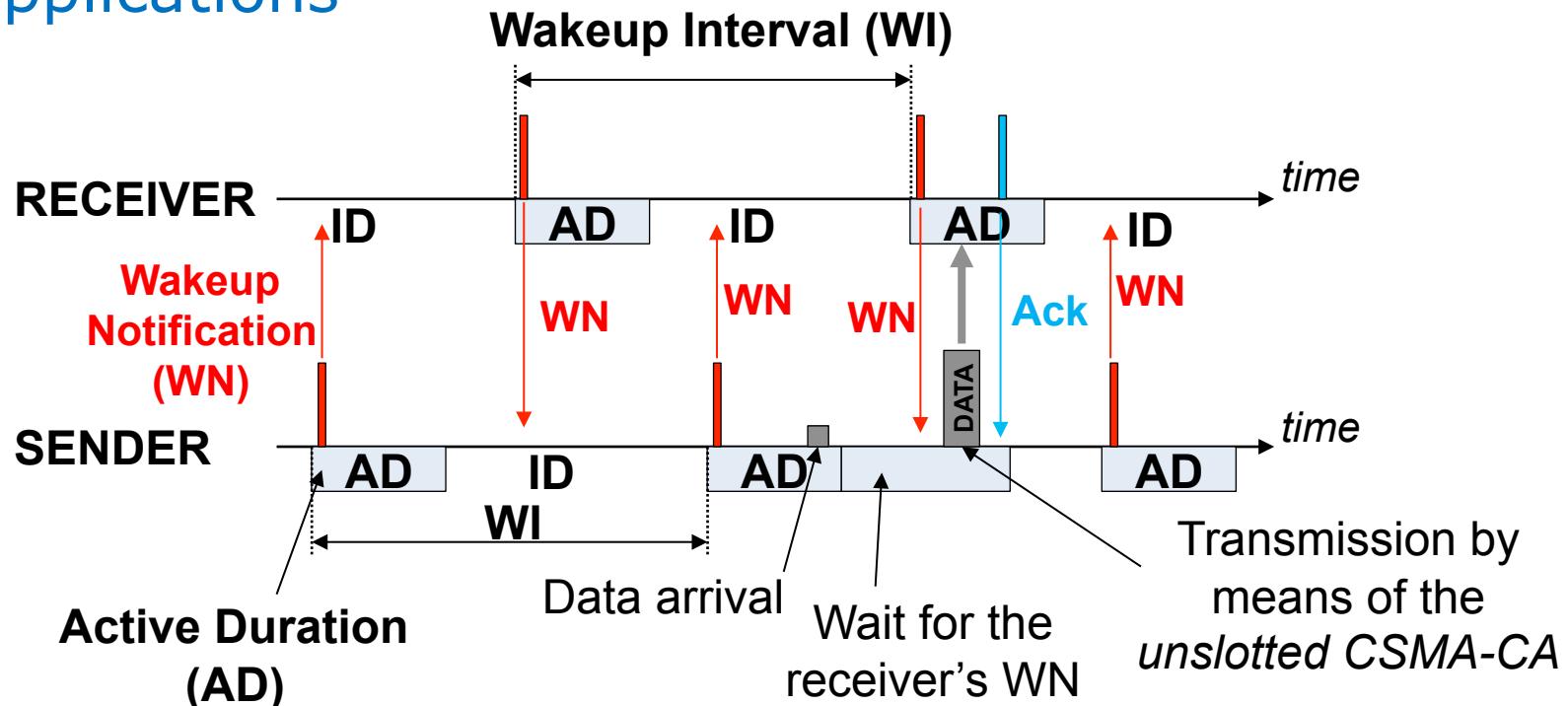
Mesh network formation



The IEEE 802.15.5 LR-WPAN Mesh standard

Asynchronous Energy Saving (ASES) mode

- Conceived for the majority of traditional WSN applications

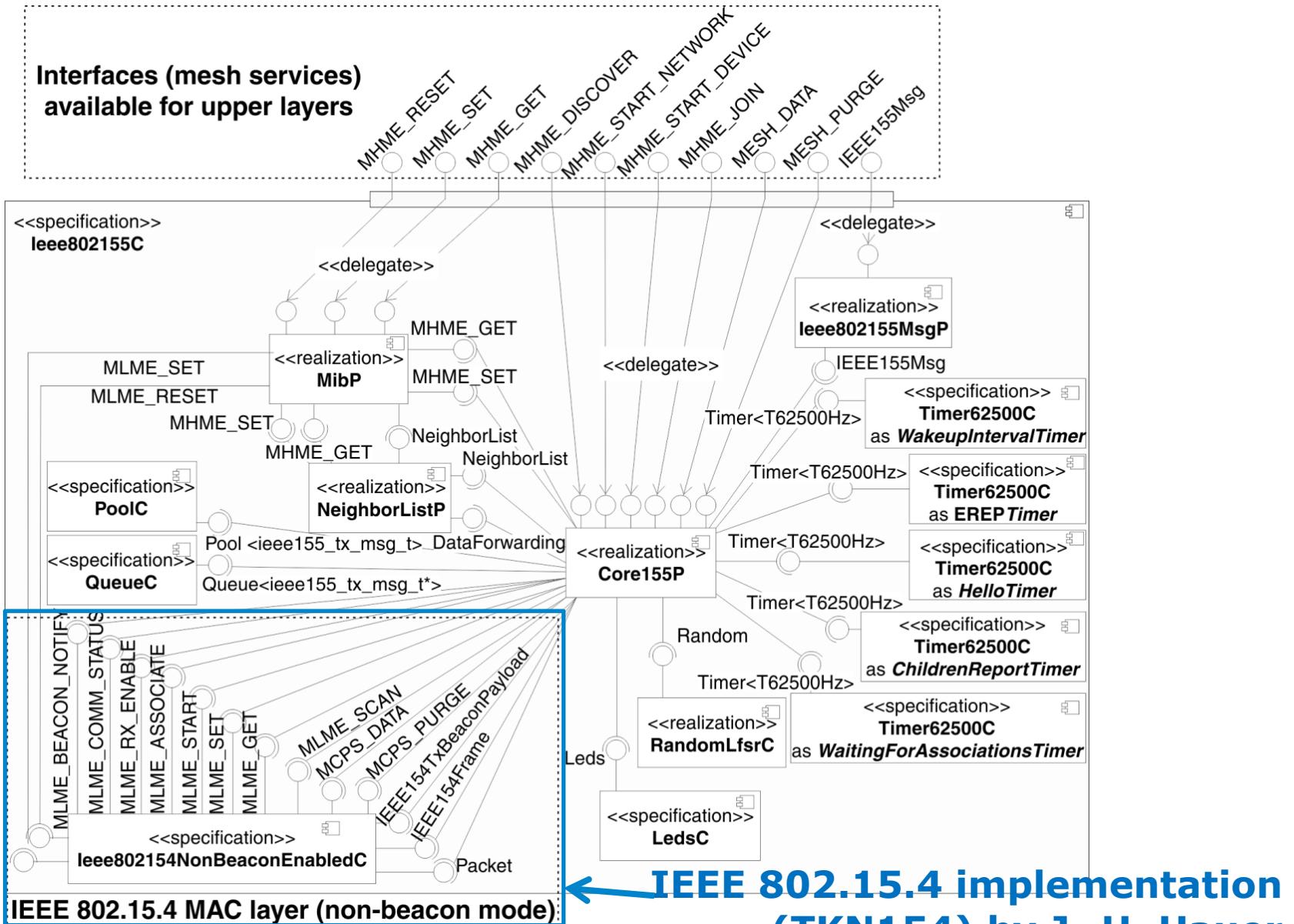


$$WI = \text{meshBaseActiveDuration} \cdot 2^{WO} \text{ [ms]}$$

$$AD = \text{meshBaseActiveDuration} \cdot 2^{AO} \text{ [ms]}$$

$$0 \leq \text{Active Order (AO)} \leq \text{Wakeup Order (WO)} \leq 14$$

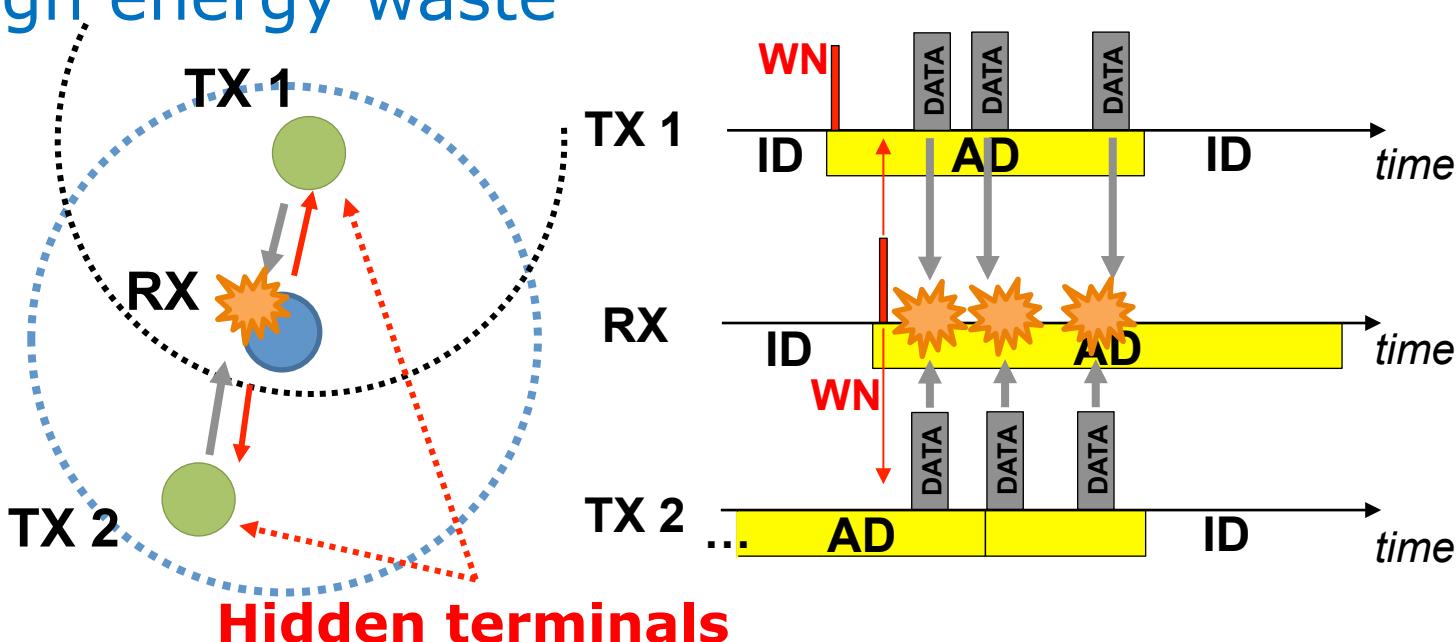
IEEE 802.15.5 Architecture for TinyOS



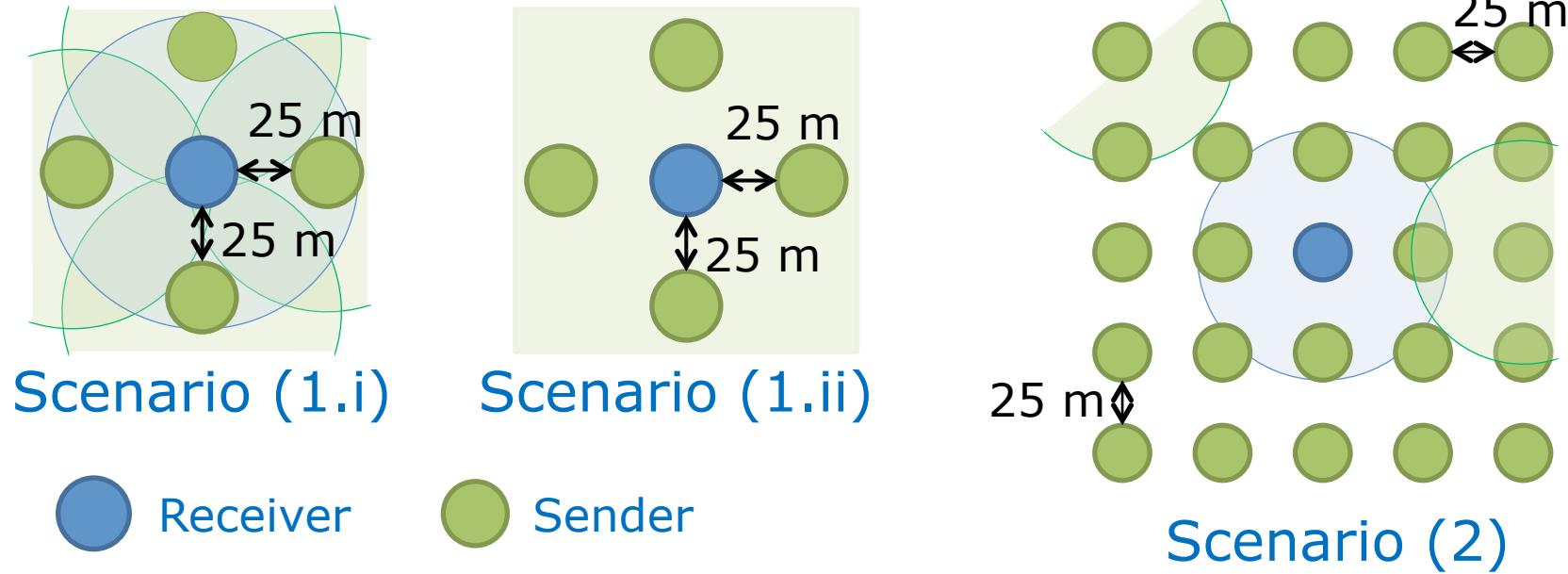
Performance Evaluation

The hidden terminal problem

- The HT problem gives rise to message collisions, leading to further retransmissions and messages lost
- High energy waste

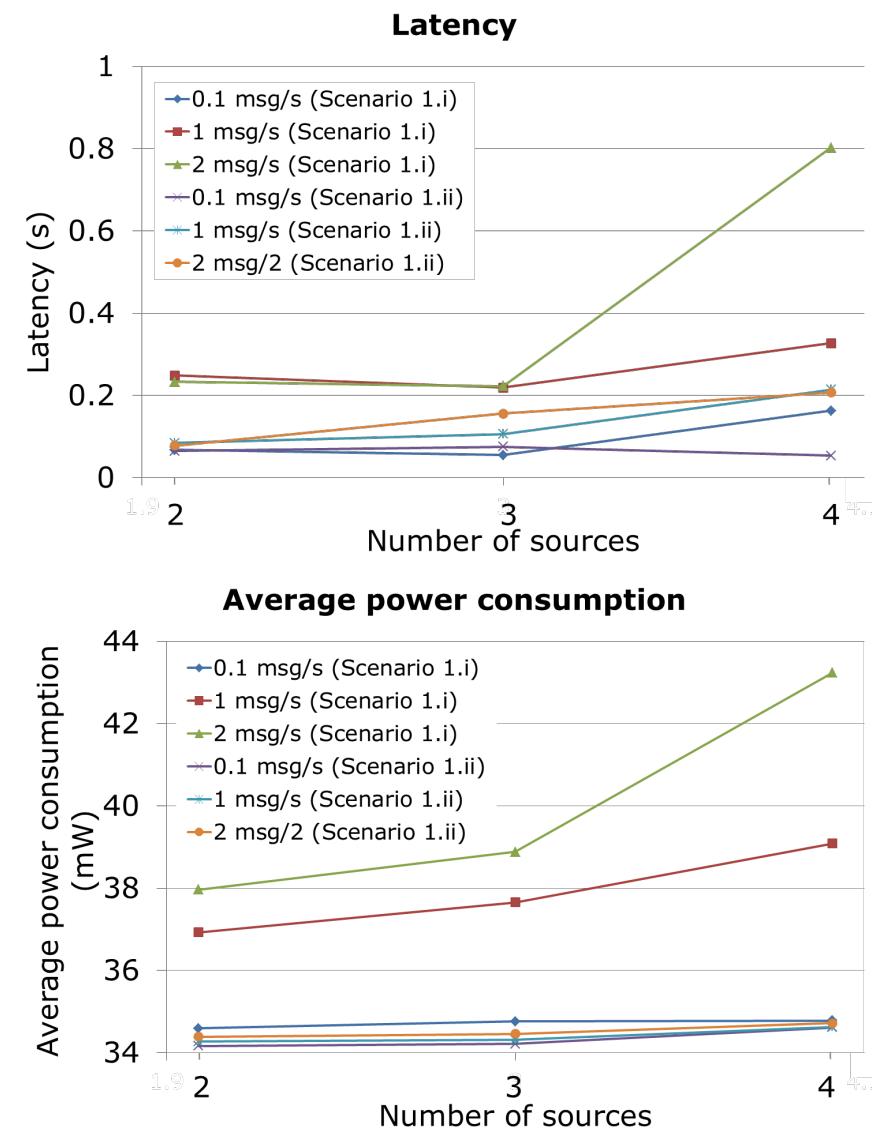
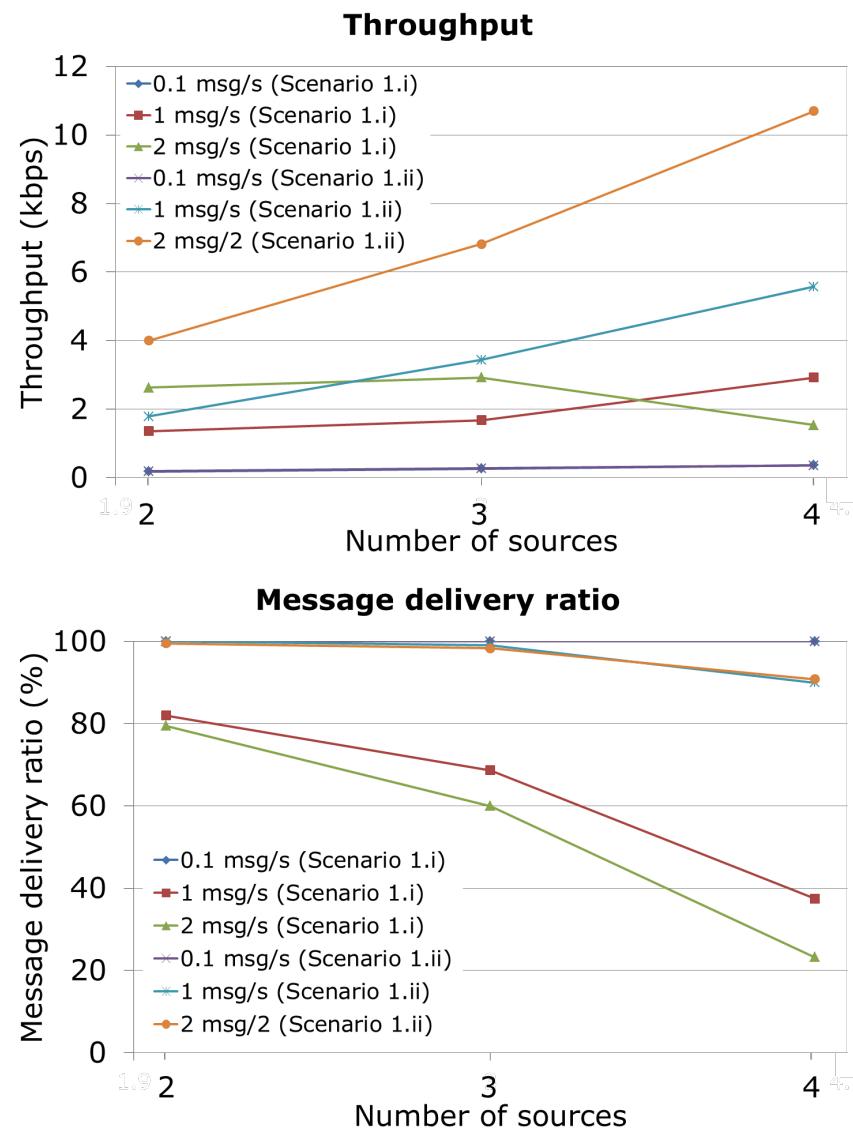


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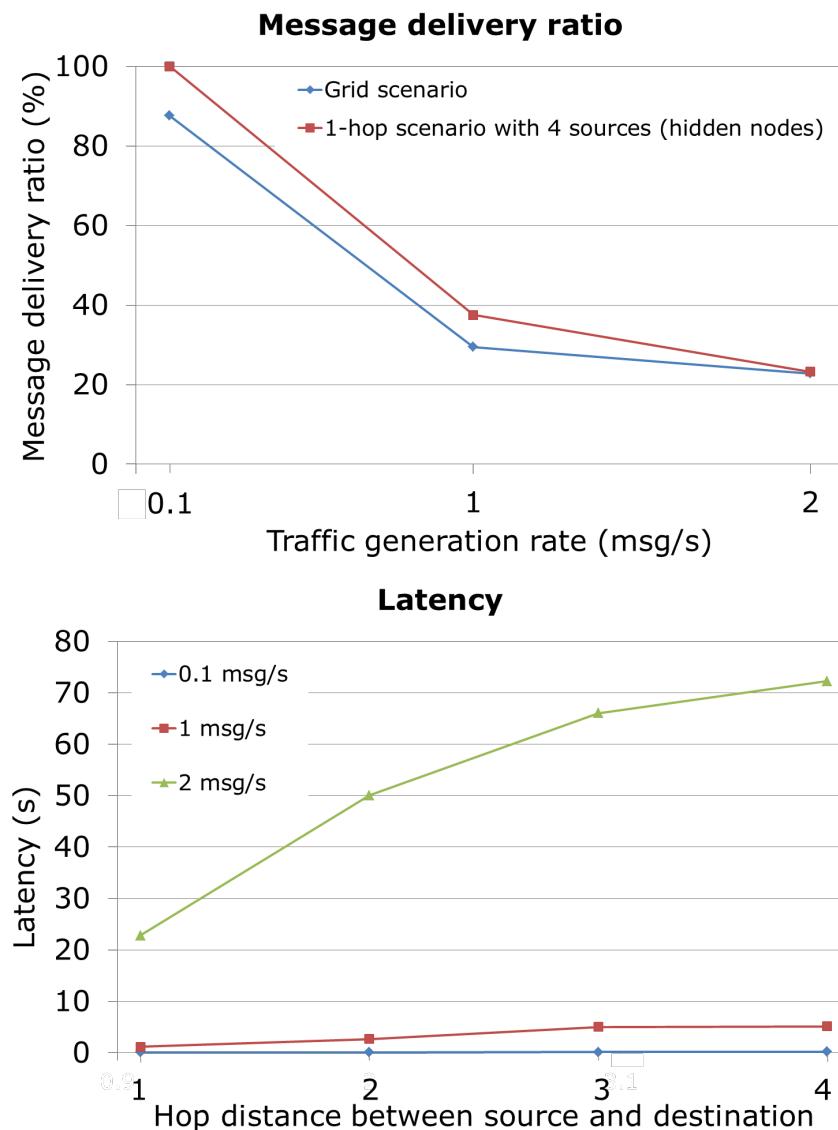
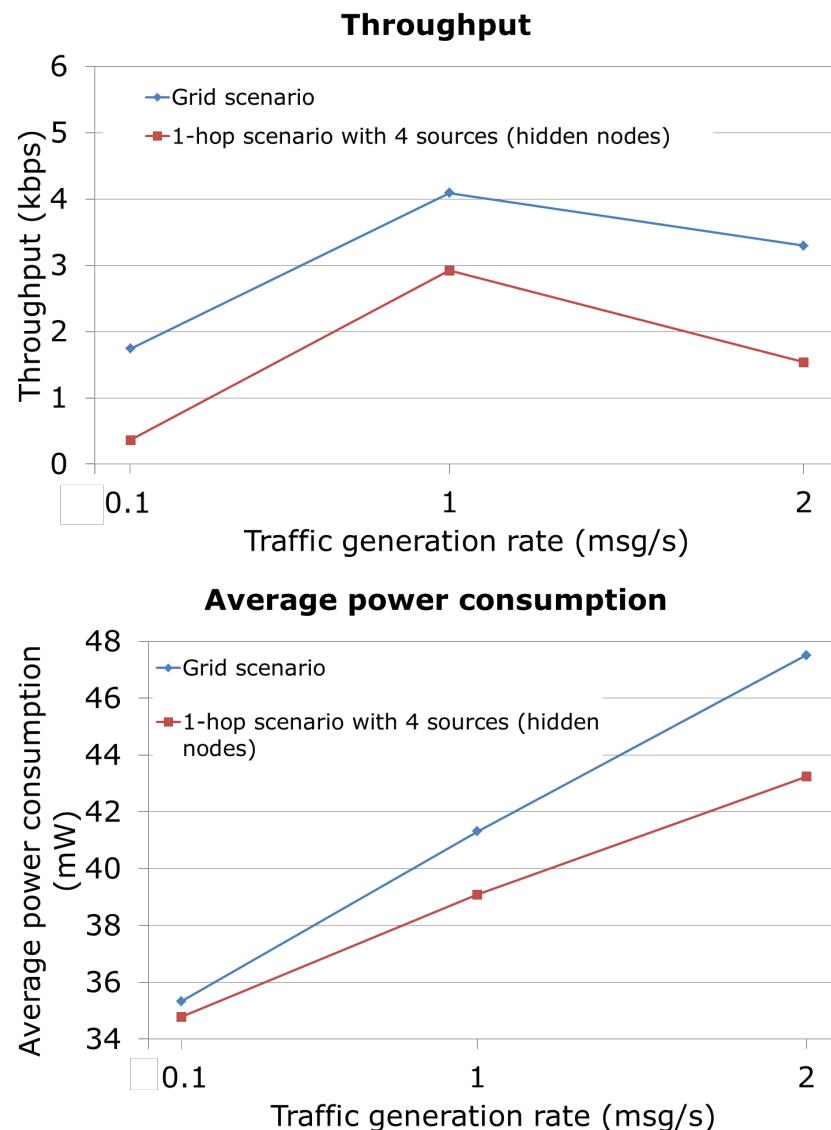


- Deployed TelosB devices in an indoor scenario
- Traffic generation rate: 0.1, 1 and 2 messages per second (127 bytes at the IEEE 802.15.4 PHY layer)
- All nodes configured with $WO = 4$ ($WI = 80$ ms) and $AO = 3$ ($AD = 40$ ms)

Results: Single-hop scenario



Results: Mesh scenario



Conclusions and Future Work

- Developed first open-source implementation of the IEEE 802.15.5 LR-WPAN Mesh standard for TinyOS
 - Assessed WMSN operation considering HT problems
 - HT problems degrade significantly the WMSN performance
- Complete the implementation of the IEEE 802.15.5 standard
 - Investigate and evaluate solutions to alleviate the HT problems in an IEEE 802.15.5 networks

The complete software can be found in the following repository:
<https://github.com/upct/mesh802155.git>

Thanks!

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