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## 6LoWPAN IPv6 for Wireless Sensor Network

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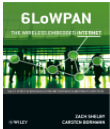
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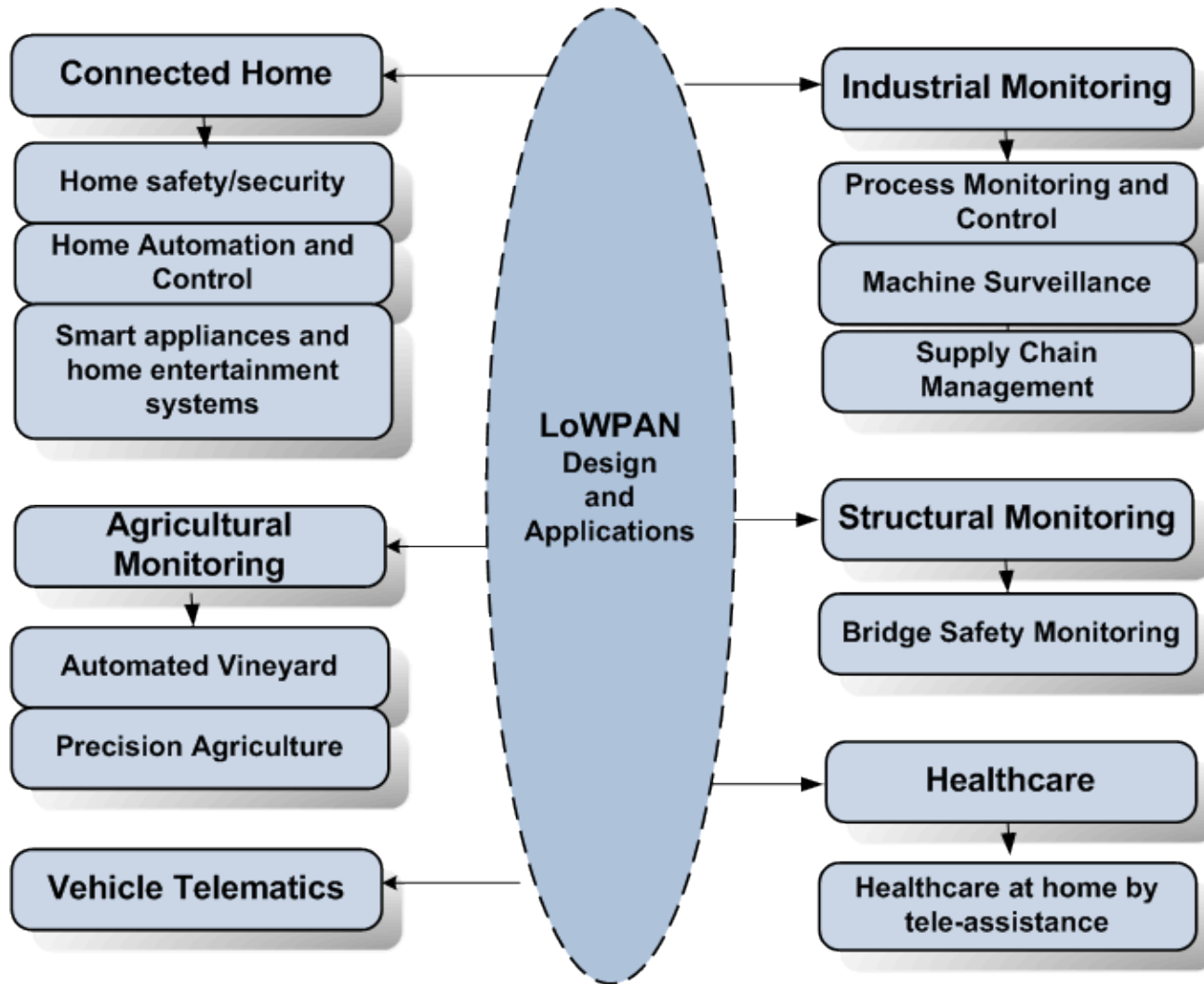


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# Internet of Things



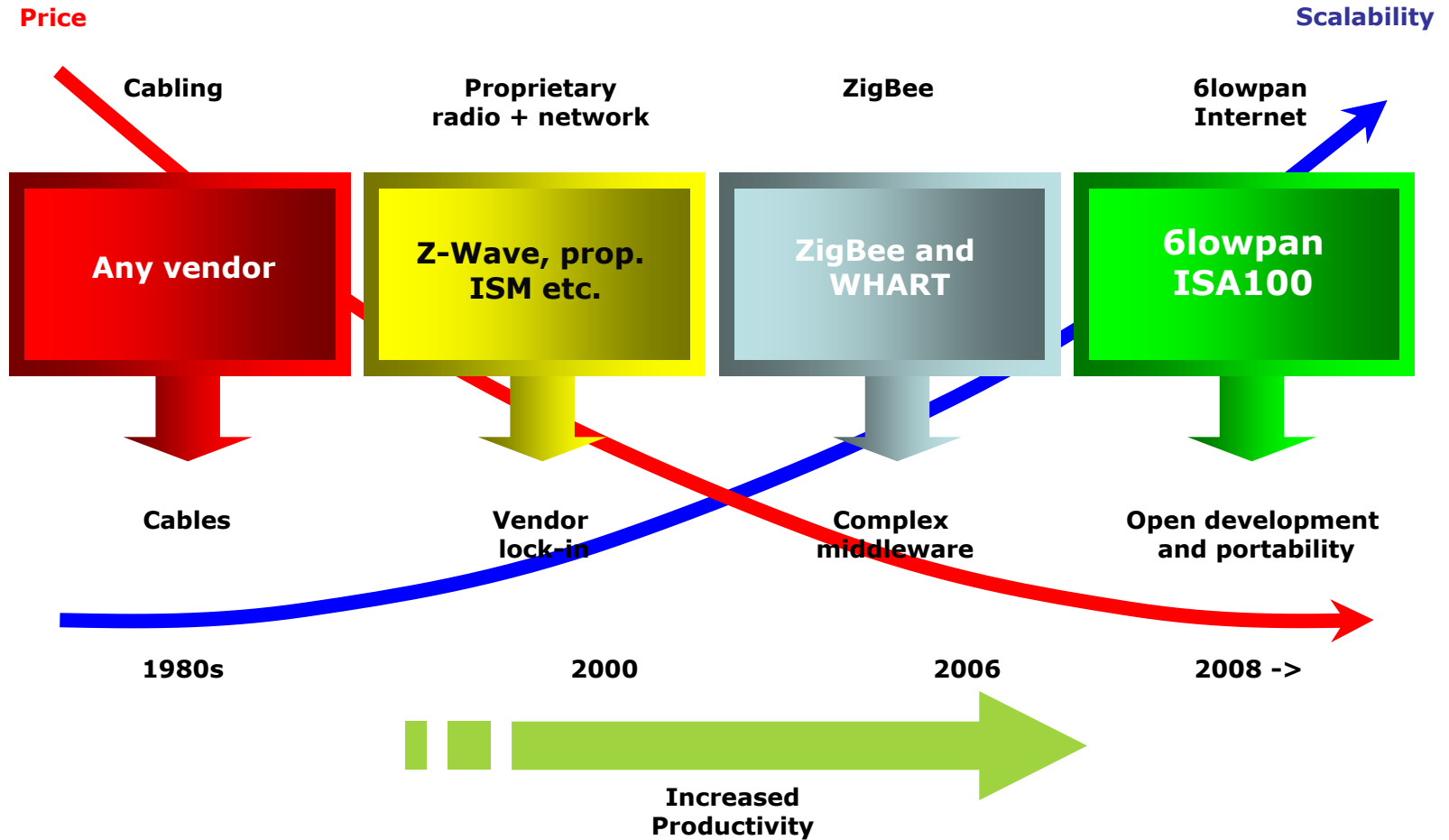
# Benefits of 6LoWPAN Technology

## IPv6 over Low-Power Wireless Personal Area Networks

- Low-power RF + IPv6 =  
The Wireless Embedded Internet
- 6LoWPAN makes this possible
- The benefits of 6LoWPAN include:
  - Open, long-lived, reliable **standards**
  - **Easy** learning-curve
  - Transparent **Internet** integration
  - Network **maintainability**
  - Global **scalability**
  - **End-to-end** data flows

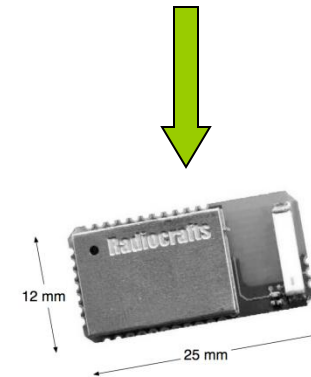
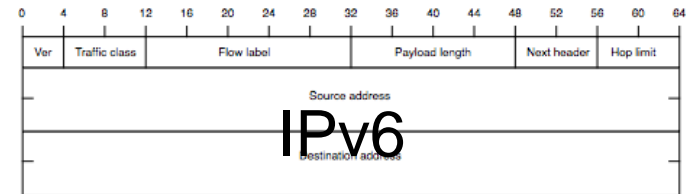


# Evolution of Wireless Sensor Networks

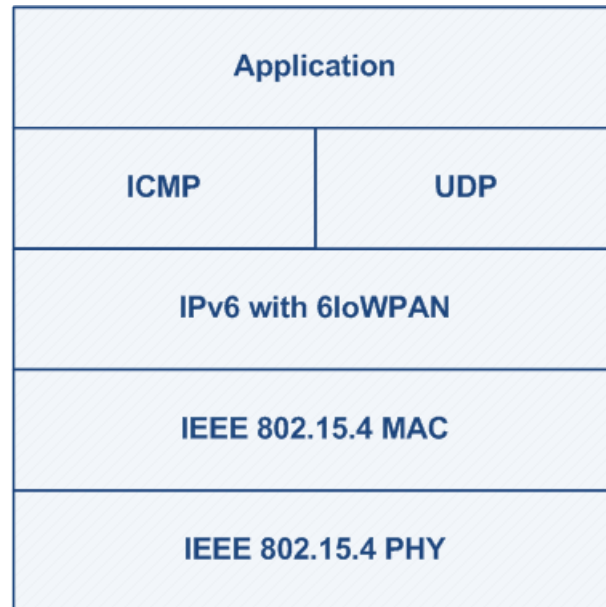


# What is 6LoWPAN?

- IPv6 over Low-Power wireless Area Networks
- Defined by IETF standards
  - RFC 4919, 4944
  - draft-ietf-6lowpan-hc and -nd
  - draft-ietf-roll-rpl
- Stateless header compression
- Enables a standard socket API
- Minimal use of code and memory
- Direct end-to-end Internet integration
  - Multiple topology options



# Protocol Stack

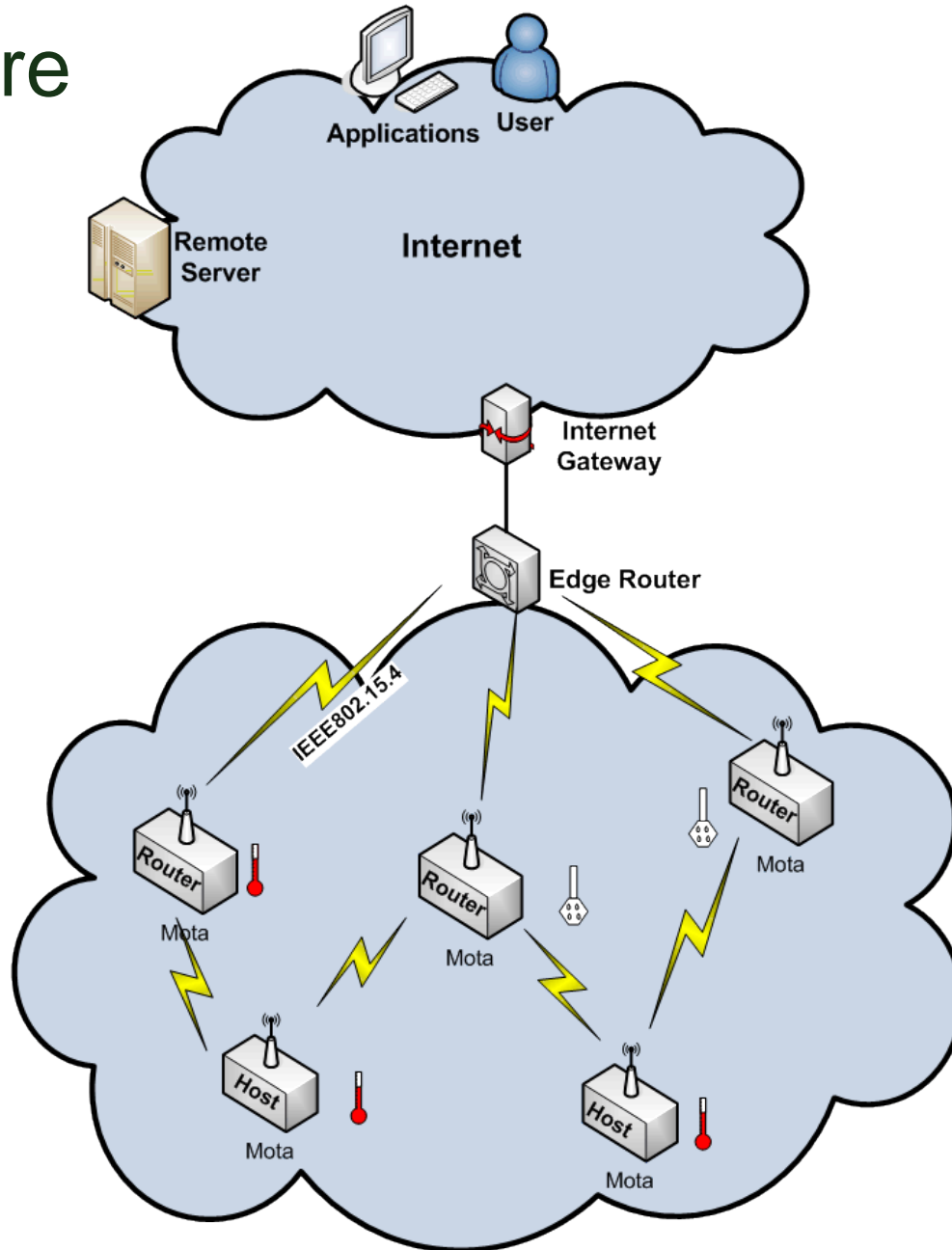


6LoWPAN Protocol Stack

# Features

- Support for e.g. 64-bit and 16-bit 802.15.4 addressing
- Useful with low-power link layers such as IEEE 802.15.4, narrowband ISM and power-line communications
- Efficient header compression
  - IPv6 base and extension headers, UDP header
- Network autoconfiguration using neighbor discovery
- Unicast, multicast and broadcast support
  - Multicast is compressed and mapped to broadcast
- Fragmentation
  - 1280 byte IPv6 MTU -> 127 byte 802.15.4 frames
- Support for IP routing (e.g. IETF RPL)
- Support for use of link-layer mesh (e.g. 802.15.5)

# Architecture



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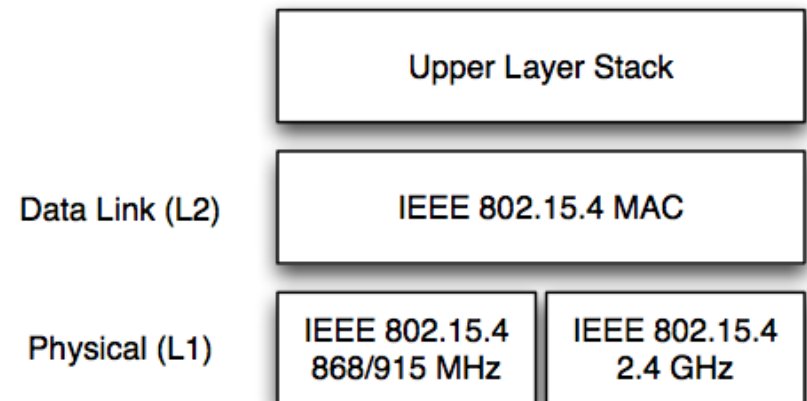
- LoWPANs are stub networks
- Simple LoWPAN
  - Single Edge Router
- Extended LoWPAN
  - Multiple Edge Routers with common backbone link
- Ad-hoc LoWPAN
  - No route outside the LoWPAN
- Internet Integration issues
  - Maximum transmission unit
  - Application protocols
  - IPv4 interconnectivity
  - Firewalls and NATs
  - Security

IPv6	
Ethernet MAC	LoWPAN Adaptation
	IEEE 802.15.4 MAC
Ethernet PHY	IEEE 802.15.4 PHY

IPv6-LoWPAN Router Stack

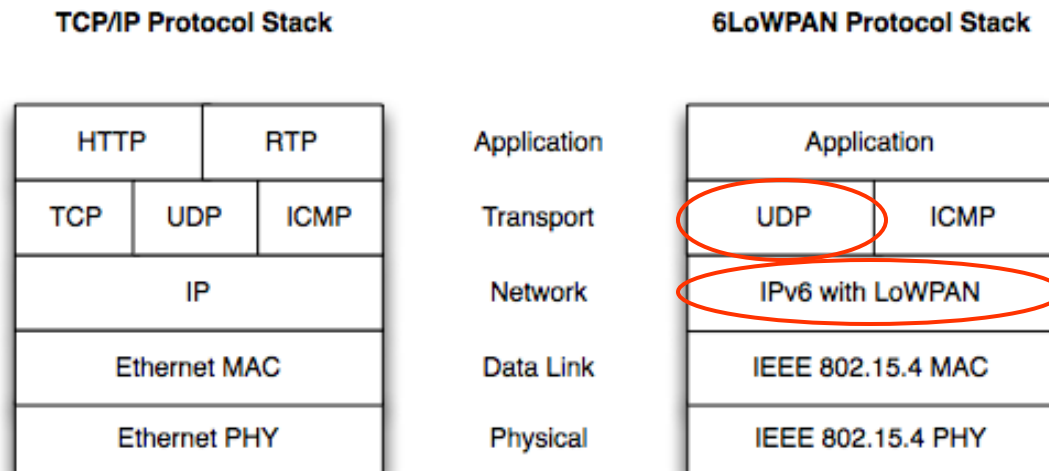
# IEEE 802.15.4

- Important standard for home networking, industrial control and building automation
- Three PHY modes
  - 20 kbps at 868 MHz
  - 40 kbps at 915 MHz
  - 250 kbps at 2.4 GHz (DSSS)
- Beaconless mode
  - Simple CSMA algorithm
- Beacon mode with superframe
  - Hybrid TDMA-CSMA algorithm
- Up to 64k nodes with 16-bit addresses
- Extensions to the standard
  - IEEE 802.15.4a, 802.15.4e, 802.15.5



# The 6LoWPAN Format

- 6LoWPAN is an adaptation header format
  - Enables the use of IPv6 over low-power wireless links
  - IPv6 header compression
  - UDP header compression
- Format initially defined in RFC4944
- Updated by draft-ietf-6lowpan-hc (work in progress)

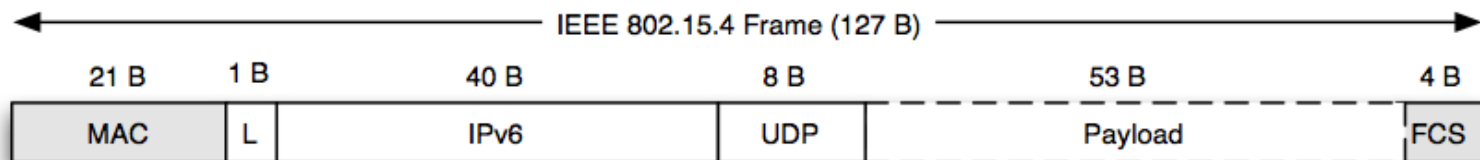


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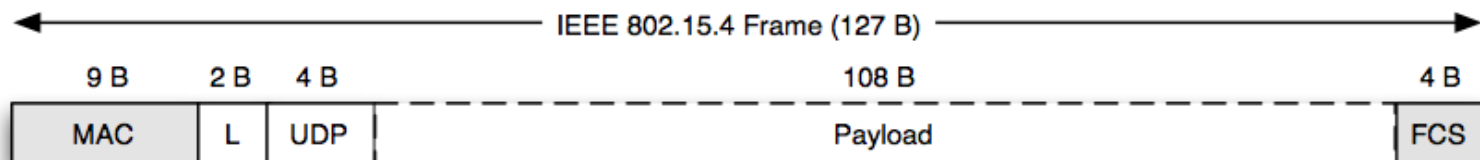
- 6LoWPAN makes use of IPv6 address compression
- RFC4944 Features:
  - Basic LoWPAN header format
  - HC1 (IPv6 header) and HC2 (UDP header) compression formats
  - Fragmentation & reassembly
  - Mesh header feature (depreciation planned)
  - Multicast mapping to 16-bit address space
- draft-ietf-6lowpan-hc Features:
  - New HC (IPv6 header) and NHC (Next-header) compression
  - Support for global address compression (with contexts)
  - Support for IPv6 option header compression
  - Support for compact multicast address compression

# 6LoWPAN Headers

- Orthogonal header format for efficiency
- Stateless header compression



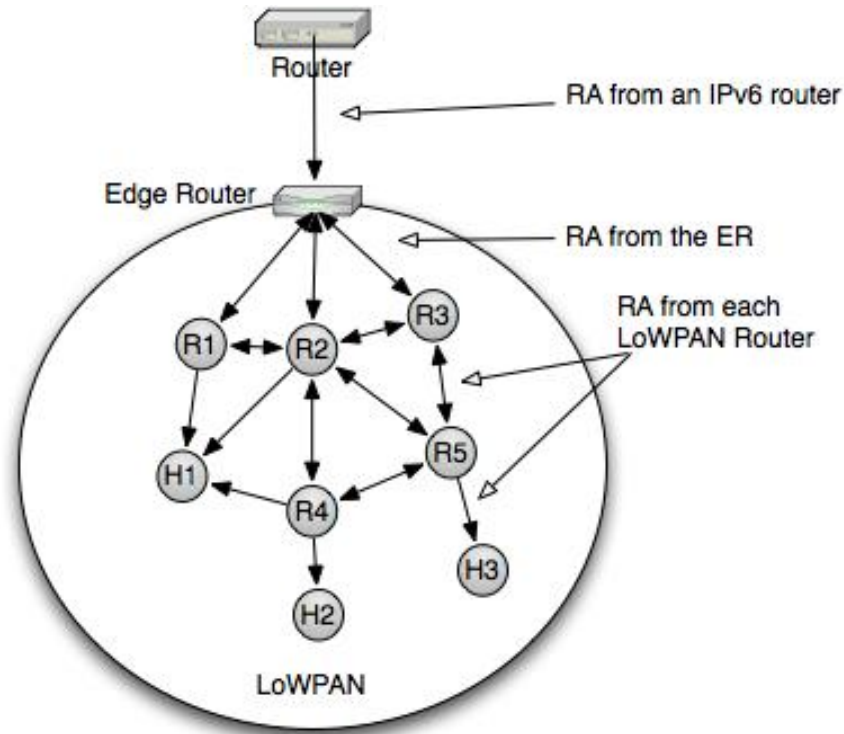
**Full UDP/IPv6 (64-bit addressing)**



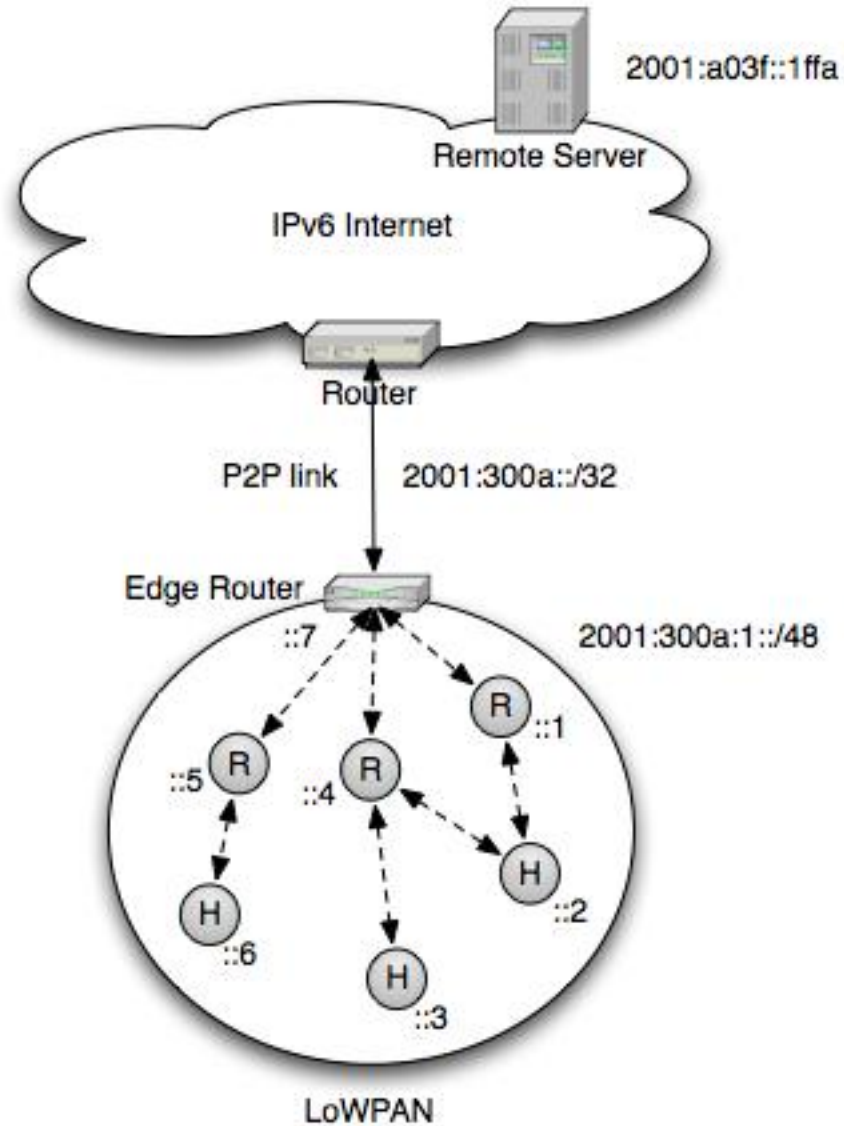
**Minimal UDP/6LoWPAN (16-bit addressing)**

# Prefix Dissemination

- In normal IPv6 networks RAs are sent to a link based on the information (prefix etc.) configured for that router interface
- In ND for 6LoWPAN RAs are also used to automatically disseminate router information across multiple hops

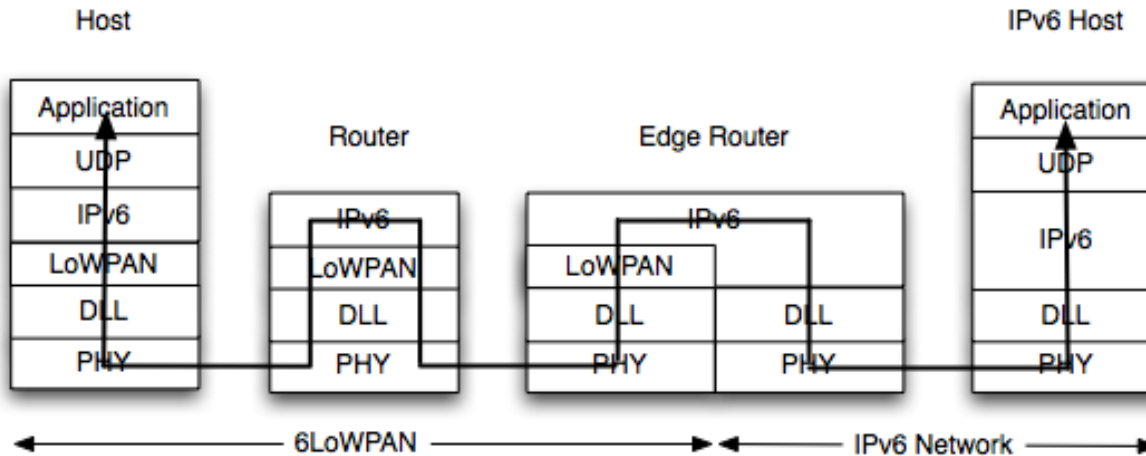
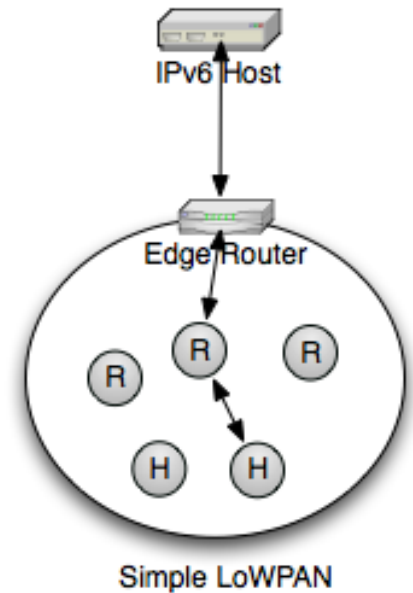


# Addressing Example



# 6LoWPAN Routing

- Here we consider IP routing (at layer 3)
- Routing in a LoWPAN
  - Single-interface routing
  - Flat address space (exact-match)
  - Stub network (no transit routing)



# IETF ROLL

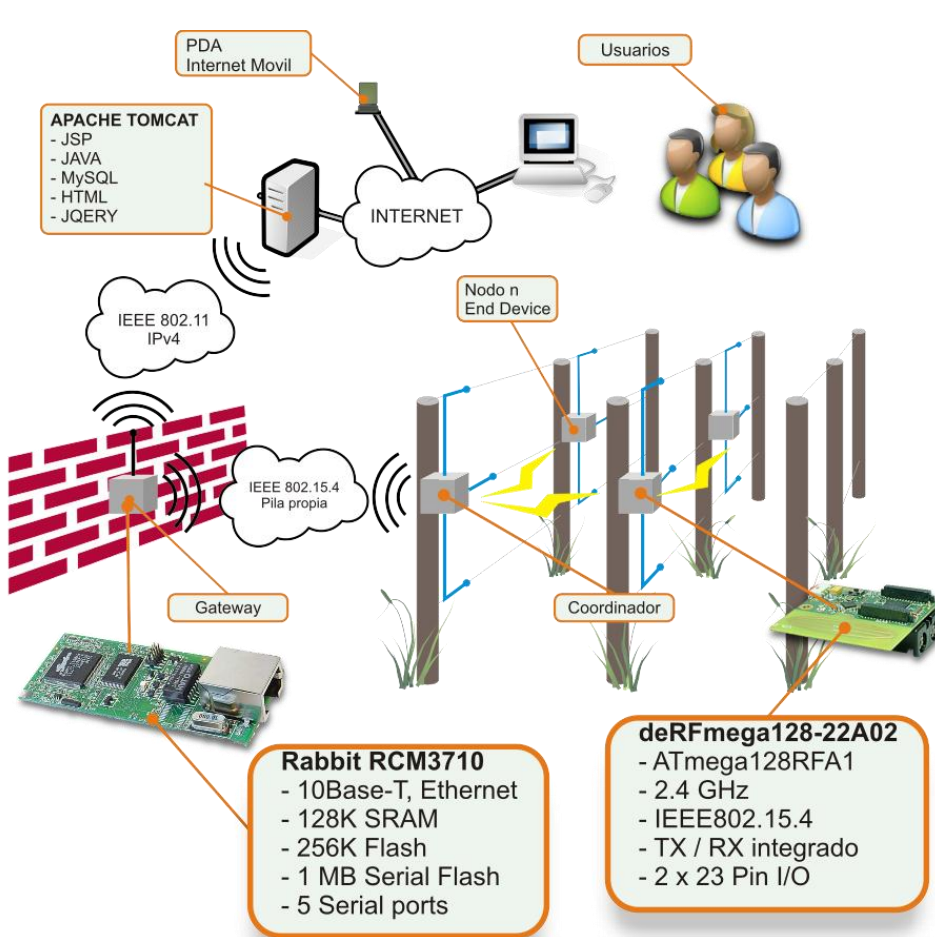
- Routing Over Low power and Lossy networks (ROLL)
  - Working group at the IETF
- Standardizing a routing algorithm for embedded apps
- Application specific requirements
  - Home automation
  - Commercial building automation
  - Industrial automation
  - Urban environments
- Analyzed all existing protocols
- Solution must work over IPv6 and 6LoWPAN
- Protocol in-progress called RPL “Ripple”
  - Proactive distance-vector approach
  - See draft-ietf-roll-rpl for detailed information

# Protocols Stacks

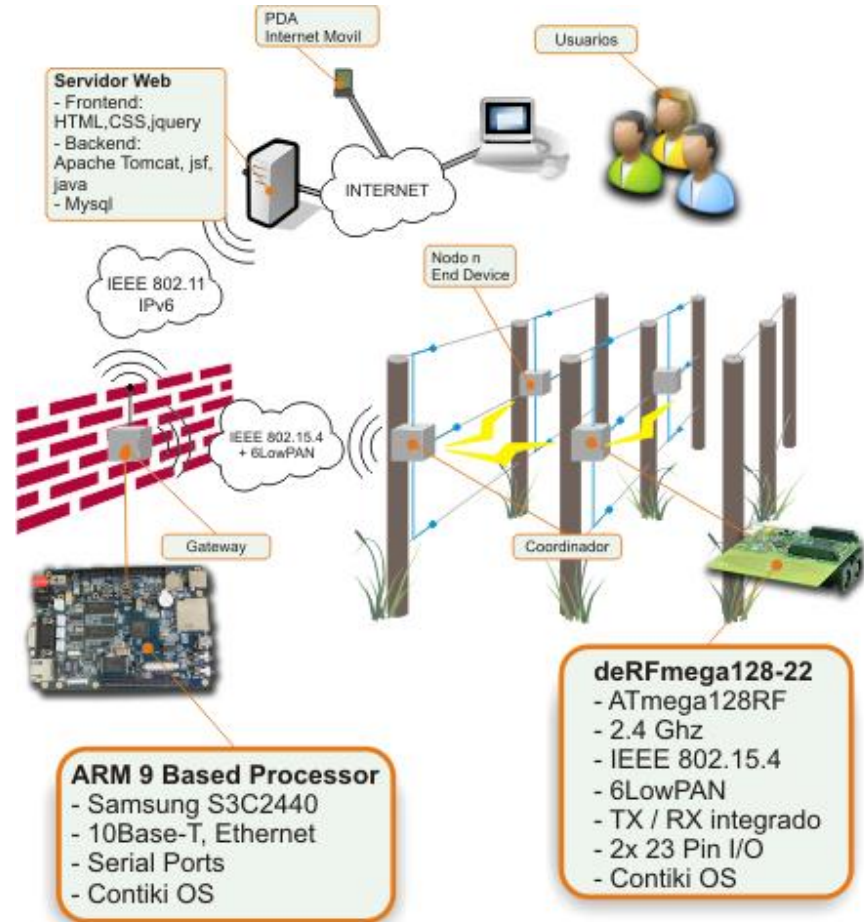
- **Contiki**
  - Low-Power IPv6/RPL Network
- **Tiny OS**
  - BLIP, the Berkeley Low-power IP stack
  - IPv6 Ready
- **Nano Stack** (Sensinode)
  - Nano Stack, Nano Router, Nano Service
  - Nano Sensor
- **Jennic 6LoWPAN** (Jennic)
  - JN5139 Wireless Microcontroller
  - Jenie API, SNAP, JenNet

# SIPIA Net

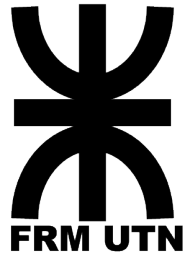
## Wireless Sensor Network for Agronomical Research



**SIPIA Net**  
Proprietary STACK (gridTiCS)



**SIPIA6 Net**  
6LoWPAN STACK



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