# Getting Started in LoRaWAN Hands On

# Class 2: Introduction to LoRa and LoRaWAN

November 28, 2017

Charles J. Lord, PE
President, Consultant, Trainer
Blue Ridge Advanced Design and Automation







# This Week's Agenda

- 11/27 An Overview of Low-Power IoT Technologies
- 11/28 Introduction to LoRa and LoRaWAN
- 11/29 The design of a LoRaWAN node, hands-on
- 11/30 No Service? No Problem!

Building your own LoRaWAN server

12/1 Testing Our LoRaWAN design







# This Week's Agenda

- 11/27 An Overview of Low-Power IoT Technologies
- 11/28 Introduction to LoRa and LoRaWAN
- 11/29 The design of a LoRaWAN node, hands-on
- 11/30 No Service? No Problem!

Building your own LoRaWAN server

12/1 Testing Our LoRaWAN design

Asheville, North Carolina

Blue Ridge Advanced Design and Automation







### What Do IoT Users NEED?

### Applications drive requirements

- Licensed versus unlicensed RF Bands
  - ISM 2.4 or 5 Ghz vs sub-Ghz
- Short versus long range
- Fixed or moving objects
- Powered or battery operated
- Bytes not MB's
- Private versus Public

Question 1 - Are you working on battery-powered nodes?







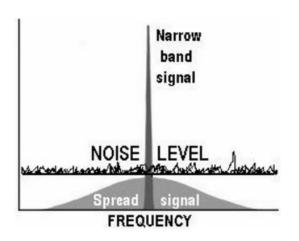
### What is LoRa®?

LoRa is a spread spectrum modulation scheme that that uses wideband linear frequency modulated pulses whose frequency increases or decreases over a certain amount of time to encode information.

#### Advantages:

- 1. A substantial increase in receiver sensitivity due to the processing gain of the spread spectrum technique
- A high tolerance to frequency misalignment between receiver and transmitter (narrowband disadvantage).

Asheville, North Carolina



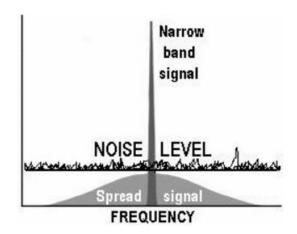
The following slides are from SEMTECH and the LoRa Alliance-Used with Permission and are ©2017 by respective parties





### LoRa® Advantages

- 1. Highly Robust LoRa signal is very resistant to both in-band and out-of-band interference mechanisms due to a BT > 1 and fully asynchronous nature.
- 2. Multipath / fading Resistant, the chirp pulse is relatively broadband and thus LoRa offers immunity to multipath and fading, making it ideal for use in urban and suburban environments, where both mechanisms dominate.
- 3. Long Range Capability, for a fixed output power and throughput, the link budget of LoRa exceeds that of conventional FSK.
- 4. Doppler Resistant, Doppler shift introduces a negligible shift in the time axis of the baseband signal.
- 5. Enhanced Network Capacity, orthogonal spreading factors enables multiple transmissions at the same time and on the same channel.
- 6. Ranging / Localization, inherent property of LoRa is the ability to linearly discriminate between frequency and time errors
- 7. Constant Envelope Mod Scheme, same low-cost and low-power high-efficiency FSK PA stages can be re-used without modification.

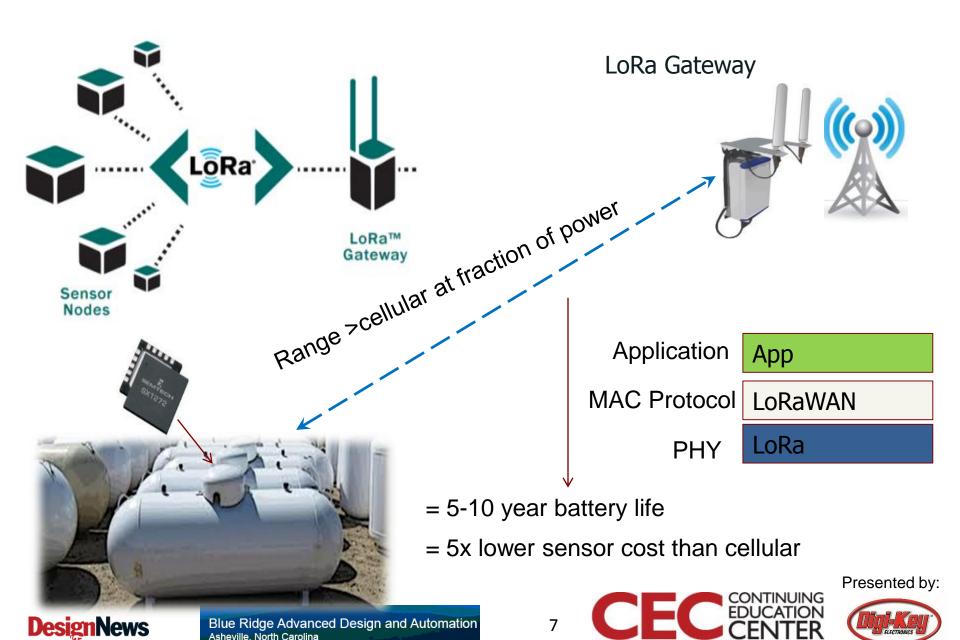


App
LoRaWAN
LoRa





### What is LoRaWAN?



### Where does LPWAN Fit?

LPWAN = (Low Power Wide Area Network)

#### Local Area Network Short Range Communication

30%

Well established standards In building

Battery lifetime Provisioning Network cost & dependencies





Low Power WAN (LPWAN) **Internet of Things** 

55%

Low power consumption Low cost Positionina

High data rate Emerging standards



#### **Cellular Network Traditional** M2M

**15%** 

Existing coverage High data rate

Battery lifetime Total cost of ownership















Presented by:



\*

### Example: Long Range Star - Silicon Valley Network

Three LoRaWAN towers deployed in Silicon Valley

Example coverage map from three towers



Tower 1: Clay St, SFO

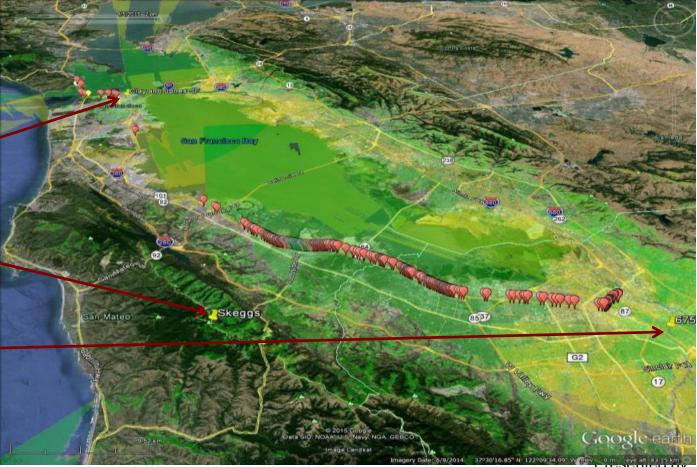


Tower: 2 Skeggs Peak



Tower 3: \_\_\_\_ North 1<sup>st</sup>, SJC

Silicon Valley Gateways Provided by Senet







# LoRa® - Brief history

2013 • Launch of first LoRa radio by Semtech

2014 • First mobile network operator trials

• Launch of LoRa Alliance: 130 members in 6 months

- · Multiple sensors, gateways, modules available
- · Public, private, viral network deployments worldwide
- Over 440 LoRa Alliance members today
- Old The Control of the Control of
  - · Low power geolocation available
  - Comcast announces US LoRaWAN network





















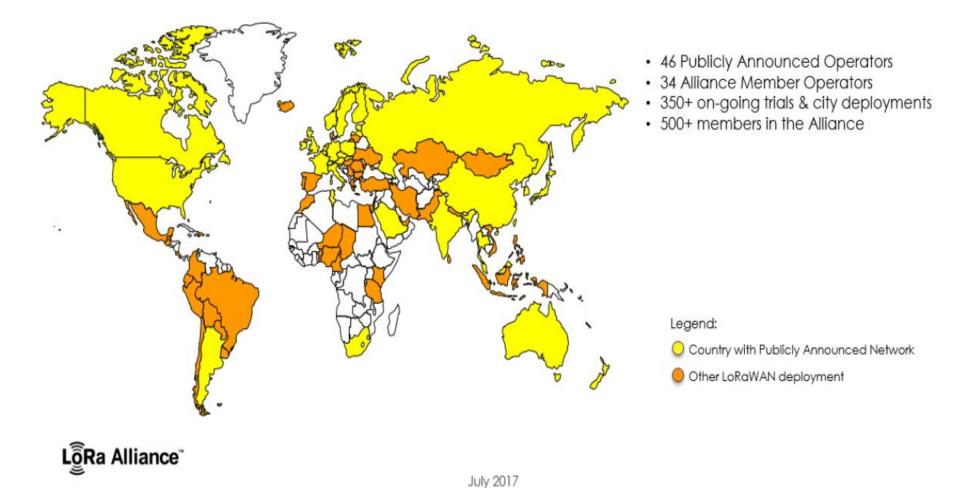












All information contained herein is current at time of publishing - LoRa Alliance is not responsible for the accuracy of information presented





# LoRa Open Networks

#### POC's:

- Mainly driven by partners
- > 35 ongoing

















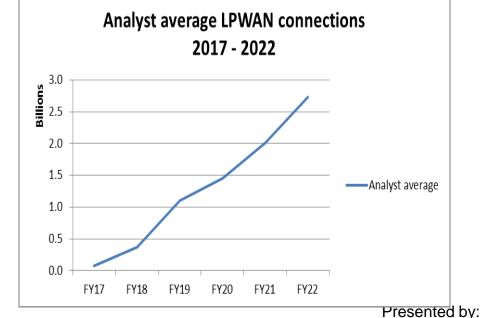






- TTN in > 100 cities
- Loriot in > 75 countries





IHS, Machina/Gartn 12

MGONATINUSING ason



### Comcast's machineQ expands **LoRaWAN** to 15 major US markets









# Senet (senetco.com)

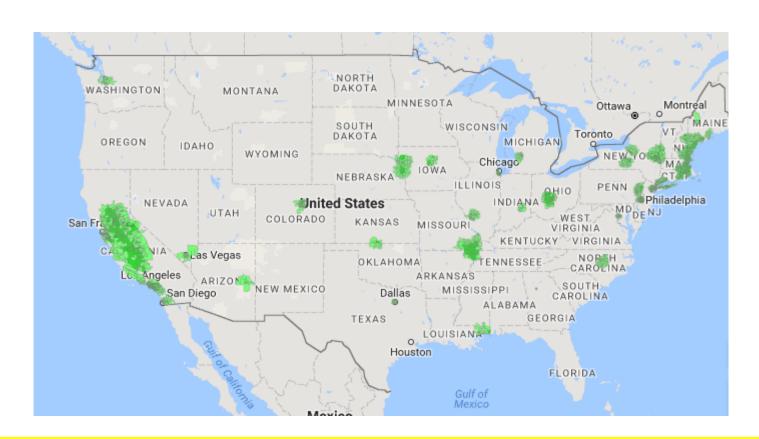
- A leading global provider of cloud-based software and services platforms to enable network connectivity build-out and management for the Internet of Things (IoT)
  - Senet owns and operates the largest public, carrier-grade LoRa™ network in North America
  - Senet builds, deploys and operates a Cloud-based LoRaWAN™
     Network Operating System used to speed LPWAN commercialization world wide
  - A contributing member of the LoRa Alliance™, Senet is focused on accelerating the commercialization of LoRaWAN applications and devices through an open partner and developer ecosystem







# **Current Senet Coverage**



Question 2 - Are you (or customers) in one of the current coverage areas?

Blue Ridge Advanced Design and Automation

Asheville, North Carolina





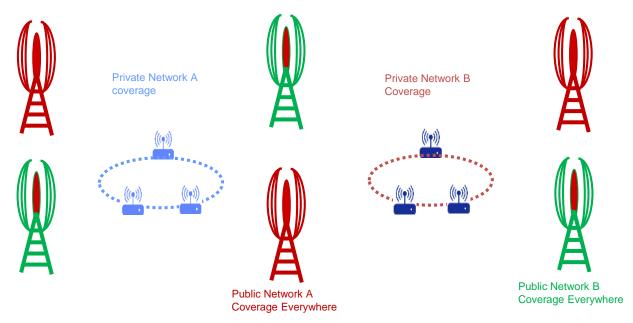
### LoRaWAN supports all network options

- LoRaWAN supports all forms of network deployments Private, Managed and Public
  - Public LPWAN fully deployed and operated by a network operator.
  - Managed a network deployed for a specific customer, but fully or partially managed by a partner.
  - Private a network fully deployed and managed by a private company or individual.

Blue Ridge Advanced Design and Automation

Asheville, North Carolina

Private, Managed and Public LoRaWAN Networks co-exist.

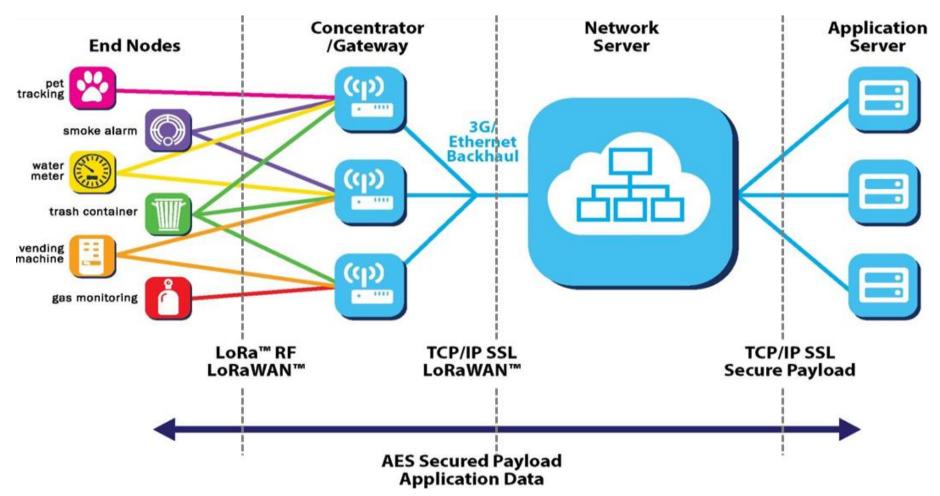








### LoRa and LoRaWAN







### Device Classes & Examples





Class B: Irrigation
Report moisture, a few times per day
Turn valves on or off
with a few minutes latency
Very low-energy,
which depends on latency



Maintenance and index info a few times per day

Class A: Smart City
Report status a few times per day
No planned actuation required
Extremely low energy



For low-latency actuation

**Class C: Smart Lighting** 

Constantly listens for network «ping»

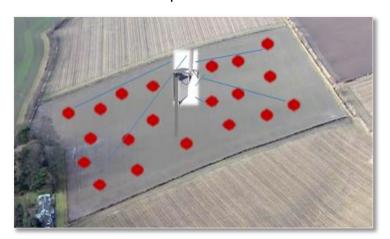
## Agriculture - Irrigation

**Current Solutions** 

LoRa® & LoRaWAN

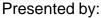
No. of fields	1	900
Coverage Area	0.5 mile radius / 0.75 Sq. miles	15 mile radius / 706 Sq. miles
Solution Cost	High	Low
Ease of use	Complex	Out of the box
Battery longevity	1-2 years	> 5 years

0.5 MILE Radius / 0.75 sq. miles /20 sensors



15 mile radius / 706 sq. miles /18k sensors

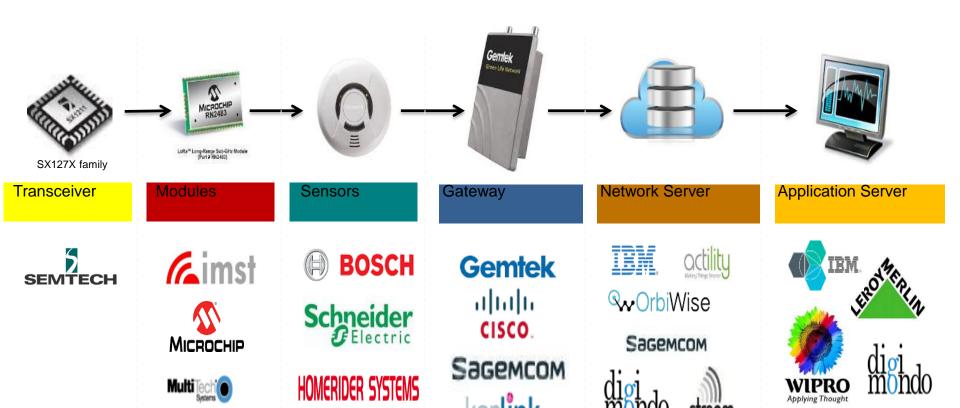








# Multiple Sourcing On Every Level



MultiTech Systems



**FOXCONN** 



LORIO T

amazon

webservices™

### LoRa® – Long Range Node IC's









Advanced metering infrastructure

Set top box to devices

Machine to machine

Internet of things (IOT)

Part Number	Frequency Range (MHz)	Link Budget (dB)	Rx Current (mA)	FSK max DR (kbps)	LoRa DR (kbps)	Max Sensitivity (dBm)	Tx Power (dBm)
SX1272	860 - 1020	158	10	300	0.3 – 37.5	-137	+ 20
SX1273	860 - 1020	150	10	300	1.7 - 37.5	-130	+ 20
SX1276	137 – 1020	168	9.9	300	0.018 - 37.5	-148	+ 20
SX1277	137 – 1020	158	9.9	300	1.7 - 37.5	-139	+ 20
SX1278	137 - 525	168	9.9	300	0.018 - 37.5	-148	+ 20

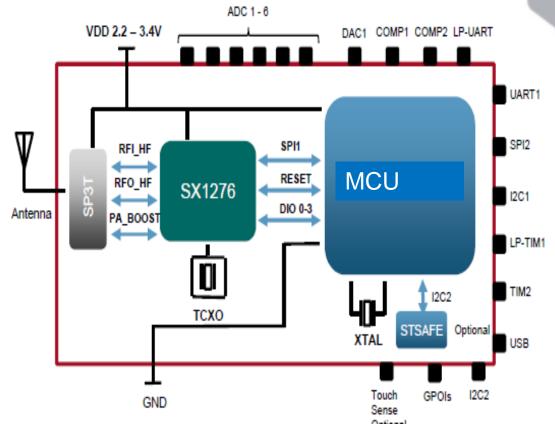






## LoRaWAN End Point / Module Example

- SX1272 or SX1276 Radio
- MCU
- TCXO
- RF Switch
- RF Matching components



(Example End point LoRaWAN Module Shown)







### Range of LoRaWAN Gateway Options

#### **Picocell Gateway**



Features		
Price	\$50-100	
Backhaul	Ethernet only	
Options	minimal	

#### **Industrial Gateway**



Features		
Price	\$250-400	
Backhaul	Eth, cellular, WiFi	
Options	configurable	

#### **Tower-top Gateway**



Features		
Price	\$1000-2000	
Backhaul	Eth, cell, sat, fiber	
Options	IP 67/68, lighting, batt	

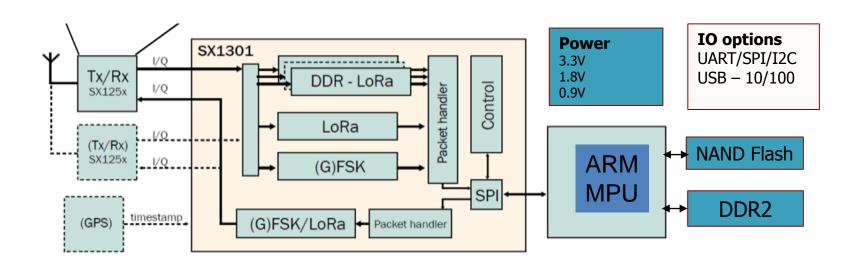
Question 3 - Will you be building a gateway?







# Linux LoRaWAN Gateway Example



SX130x LoRa Modem IC enables superior network solution vs. FHSS solutions

- Always listening on all 8 LoRaWAN channels simultaneously
- Simultaneously receives different datarates on the same channel
- Enables more robust and predictable battery life end points since they can truly be ALOHA
- Enables superior network capacity









# LoRa® Network Features











#### Long Range

- Greater than cellular
- Deep indoor coverage
- Star topology

#### Max Lifetime

- Low power optimized
- □ 10-20yr lifetime
- □ >10x vs cellular M2M

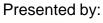
#### Multi Usage

- High capacity
- Multi-tenant
- Public network

#### **Low Cost**

- Minimal infrastructure
- Low cost end-node
- Open SW









### LoRaWAN - Differentiators & Benefits



#### **True Location**

- In/out door
- Accurate
- No Battery Impact



#### **Bidirectional**

- Acknowledge
- Scalable Capacity
- Broadcast



#### **LoRaWAN**

- Global Standard
- True Mobility
- Seamless
- Roaming



#### Security

- Unique ID
- Application
- Network







### LoRa Website, Community and Microsite



What is LoRa? | LoRa Applications | Join Community

IoT Connects Our World. LoRa Makes It Smart.

Connect Data Intelligently



Connecting virtually all things—sensors, gateways, machines, devices, animals, people—LoRa Technology makes it possible to connect to the Cloud, enabling sound decisions and making people's lives better.

http://www.semtech.com/wireless-rf/internet-of-things/

https://semtech.force.com/lora







# This Week's Agenda

- 11/27 An Overview of Low-Power IoT Technologies
- 11/28 Introduction to LoRa and LoRaWAN
- 11/29 The design of a LoRaWAN node, hands-on
- 11/30 No Service? No Problem!
  - Building your own LoRaWAN server
- 12/1 Testing Our LoRaWAN design







# Please stick around as I answer your questions!

- Please give me a moment to scroll back through the chat window to find your questions
- I will stay on chat as long as it takes to answer!
- I am available to answer simple questions or to consult (or offer in-house training for your company) c.j.lord@ieee.org

http://www.blueridgetechnc.com

http://www.linkedin.com/in/charleslord

Twitter: @charleslord

https://www.github.com/bradatraining





