Ubiquitous Sensing, Computing, and Communication

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Your personalized life interface





World in front of you, World behind you

The world is in front of you

- Intelligence within your reach
- Filtered by your personal profile
- Services ready to assist you
- Your own virtual self

The world is behind you

- Support from connected communities
- Multimodal communication (voice, images, video, haptic effects, gestures, ...)
- See-what-I-see, Hear-what-I-hear, Feel-what-I-feel
- Contextual virtual presence





Context aware mobile device





Mobile device as a wireless sensor network gateway







Nokia Remote Sensing Architecture



Technical Highlights

- Event-based architecture
 - Allows for collecting & aggregating local sensor data
 - Allows for local & remote sensing
 - Transfers only relevant data
- Moves intelligence close to sensors
 - Acquisition and aggregation done in gateways (e.g., ,mobile)
- Services on top of middleware
 - Re-usage of common functions
 - Abstracts from hardware details
 - Enables sharing of resources
- Support for access control implemented in future versions
- Allows for integrating local sensor networks
- Specific query & information model under development



Some key technological challenges

- "Sensor data challenge": how to make the high-volume sensor data useful
 - query/search problem
 - data management problem
- "Mobile adaptation challenge": self-configuration and adaptation
- "Integration challenge": how to integrate (two-way) WSN to Internet based services (create the "gateways")
- "Power challenge": even high-power mobile nodes are not enough





Market moving from innovator phase to early adopter phase

2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 <mark>2006</mark> 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012

Innovator phase

- ~10 university spin-offs developing technology
- R&D activities hardware focused
- Proprietary technologies
- First attempts to standardize
- Narrow verticals: Environmental and military

Early adopter phase

- Proof of technology
- Wireline replacement
- Traditional applications
- Emphasis on customer needs and applications
- Large technology companies more active

Commercialization phase

- Wide-scale deployment
- Many application areas,
- New consumer apps
- Technology standards
- Timing of market takeoff depending on large companies' activities



Some research questions

What are the leading business models?

Where will the consumercentric test laboratory be?

What about software and applications research?

How to store and scavenge energy?

How to make sense of highvolume sensor data?

Where are the standards for radio, messaging, and service discovery?

How to integrate WSN to other IT systems? What are the "gateways"?



Nokia Sensor Planet

Essence:

- Each SensorPlanet site is running an remote sensing environment with a local application server using Nokia MVNO
- Each site connects via Internet to Nokia data server in Nokia OpenLab

Global test platform for mobile-centric wireless sensor network research; Nokia hosting MVNO service for research community

