

EYES project overview

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Energy efficient sensor networks



Overview

EYES:

a research project, addressing selected topics hardly understood in Europe when EYES started!

General goal:

Develop architecture and technologies for building self-organizing, collaborative, and mobile wireless sensor networks



Facts & Figures

Some facts

- Duration: 3 years; started 1-3-2002
- Budget: 4.730 MEuro
- Number of person/years: 39 fte

Partners

- University of Twente / CTIT (coordinator)
- Nedap N.V., Groenlo
- Consorzio Nazionale Interuniversitario per le Telecomunicazioni (CNIT), Italy
- Rome University "La Sapienza", Italy
- Technical University of Berlin, Germany
- Infineon Technologies, Austria



Areas of Interest

Large-scale prototypes

EYES research areas:

- Network protocols:
 - MAC
 - Routing, transport protocols
- Enabling mechanisms:
 - Iocalization
 - synchronization
 - clustering
- Security



"in network" distributed services/algorithms within sensor networks





• Localization and time synchronization



Application example (1) Farming, e.g. cows

Using smart sensors attached to the cow, milking equipment, and feeding points

- Monitor milk while milking
 - Detect illness
 - Monitor quality
- Monitor movement of cows
 - Detect illness
 - Detect right period for insemination
 - Only few days per month
 - A miss costs 30 euro!
- Feed the cow towards its specific needs





Application example (2)

Distributed access control systems

- Using small smart sensors in door locks & accessories
 - Several year unattended operation without battery changes
 - Auto-configure, scalable & reliable
 - Localization contributes to ease of installation and tracing

Building automation

- Using small smart sensors to monitor environmental conditions (temperature, humidity, light)
 - Several year unattended operation without battery changes
 - Auto-configure, scalable & reliable
 - Semantic addressing and service discovery

How can you benefit from the results obtained in EYES?

Two hardware platforms are available, based on

- an MSP430 processor with
- RFM1001 radio (nedap), or
- Infineon radio (Infineon): available as development kit, including TinyOS

Ambient Systems B.V.

- a spin-off company from the University of Twente and the EYES project
- Offers tiny embedded networking platforms, energy efficient protocol suite, and a real-time OS
- www.ambient-systems.net



Operating systems

AmbientRT

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MSP430 platform is now supported in TinyOS

Most research results are publically available!



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