

# PANEL on ALLSENSORS

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Trends and Challenges in using Micro and Nano-technologies for (all)Sensors

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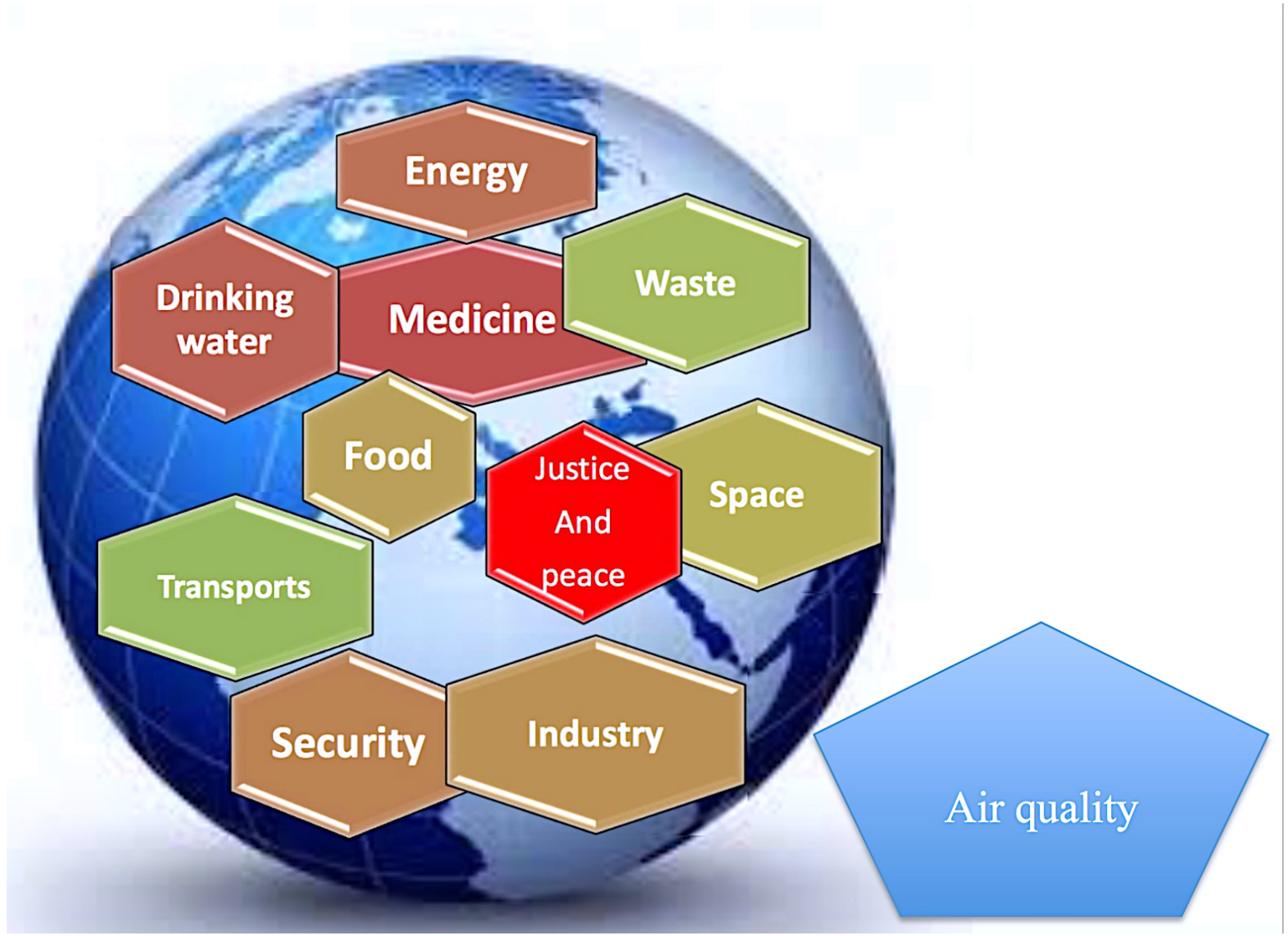
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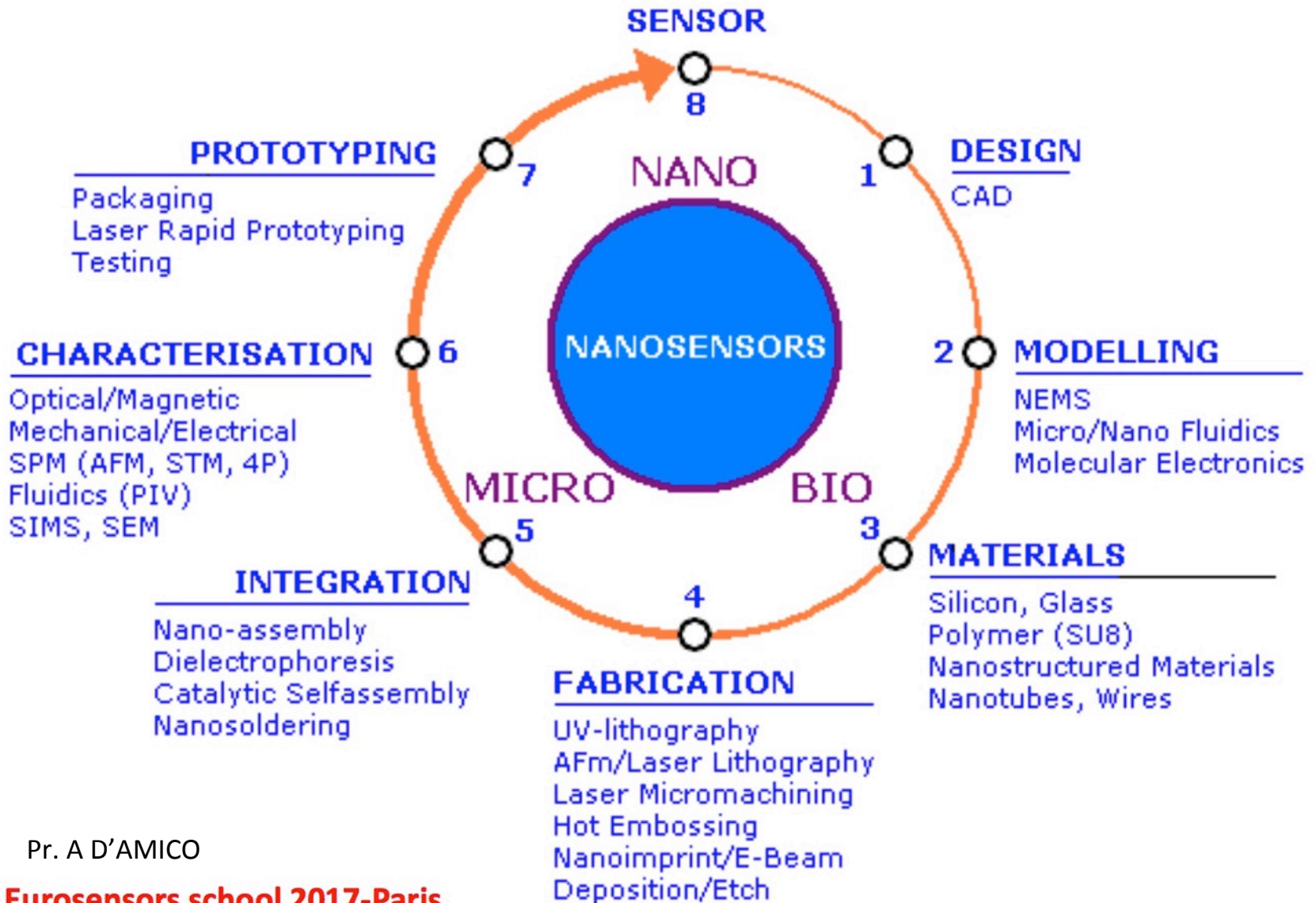
Sensors are solid state devices with the capacity of reading **the state** of the ambient inside and/or outside of a living body and its variations in time and space domain.

The scope is to dialogue with **the state** in order to get information, measure, store, process and communicate data

# Applications



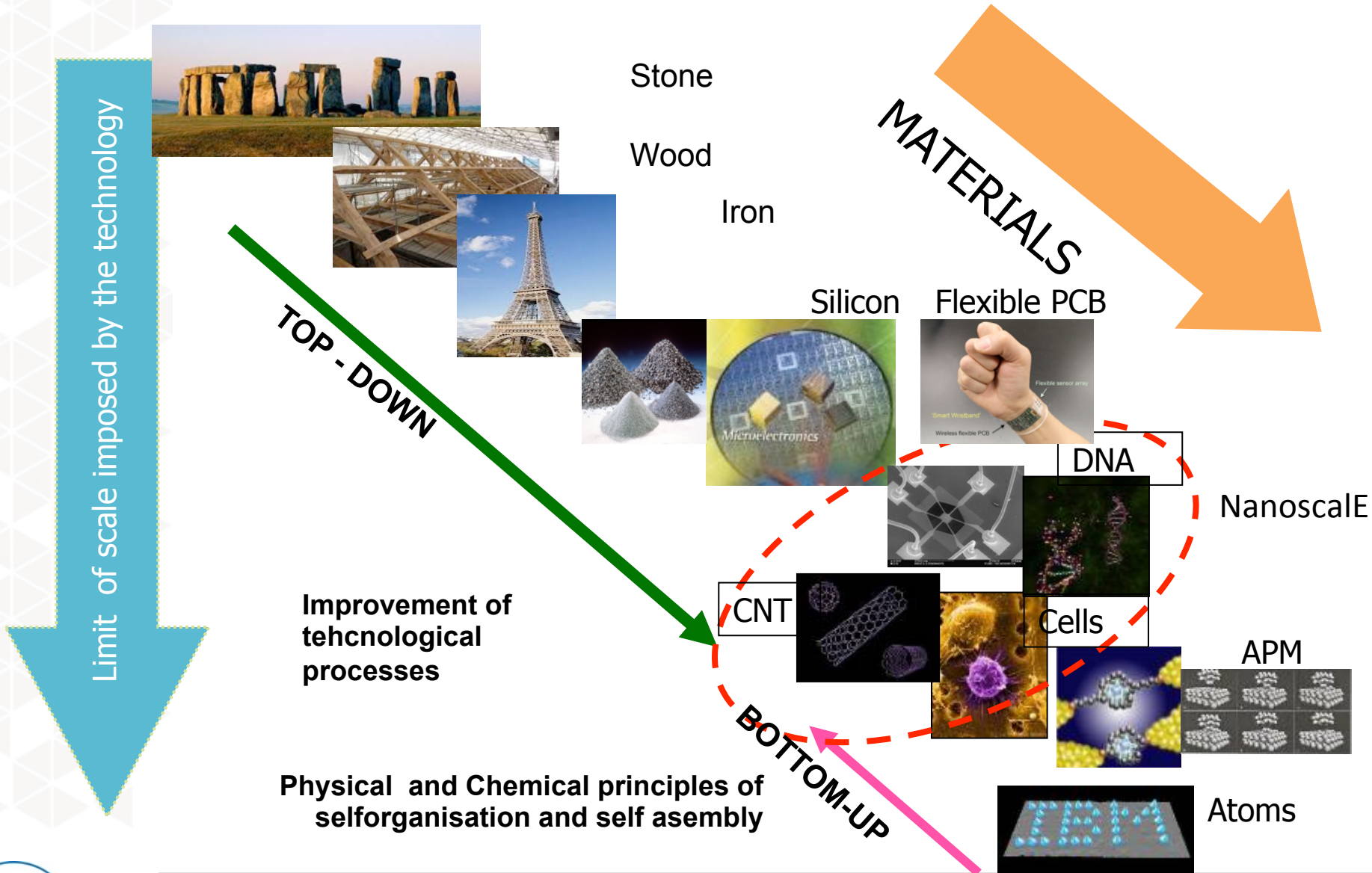
# Sensor fabrication steps



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**Eurosensors school 2017-Paris**

# The technology evolution



# Trends and challenges in using Micro and Nanotechnologies

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MOX Sensor Trends

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## MOX Sensor Trends

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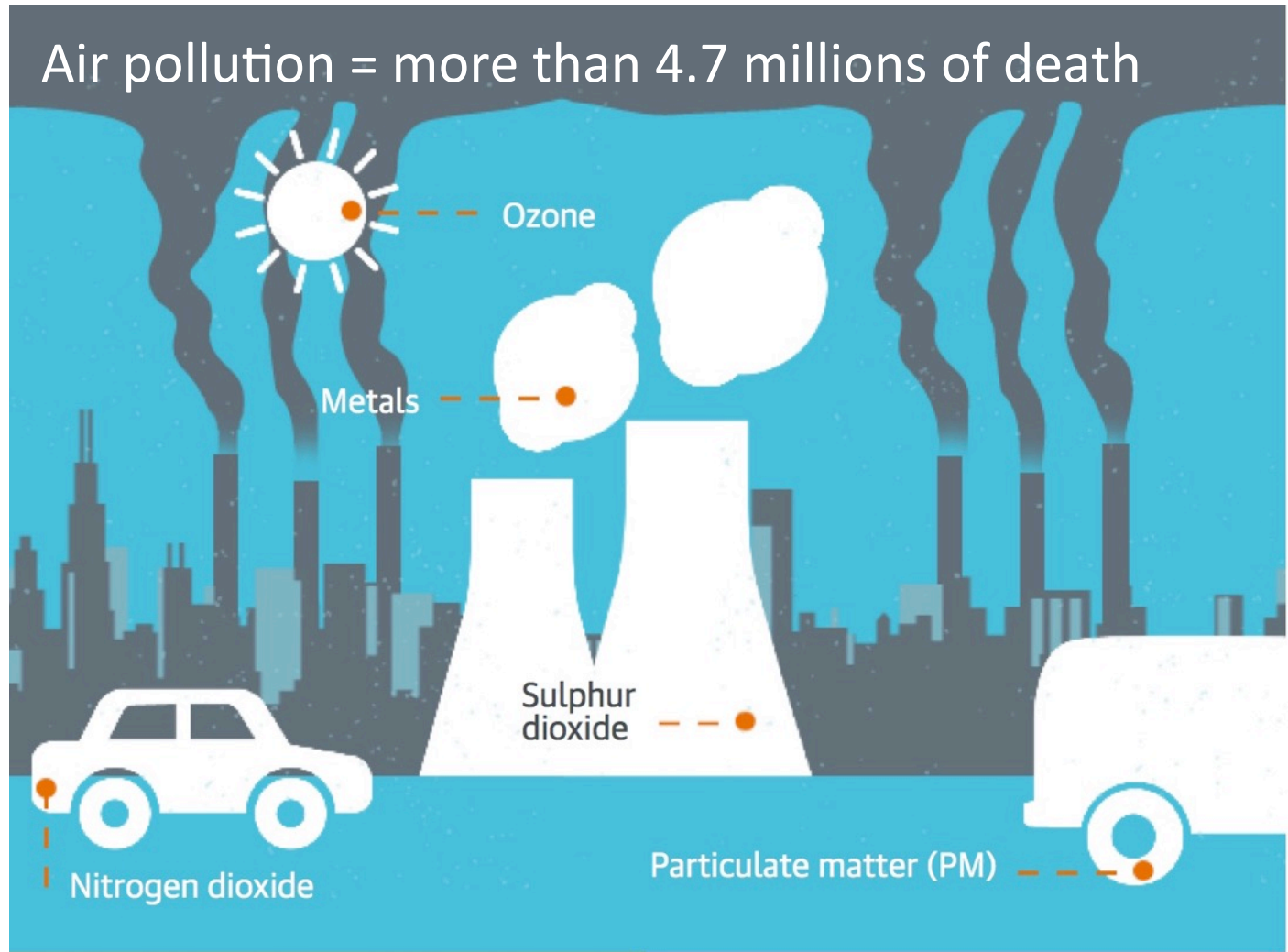
# OUTLINE

- Gas sensor Market
- Research trends



# Pollution

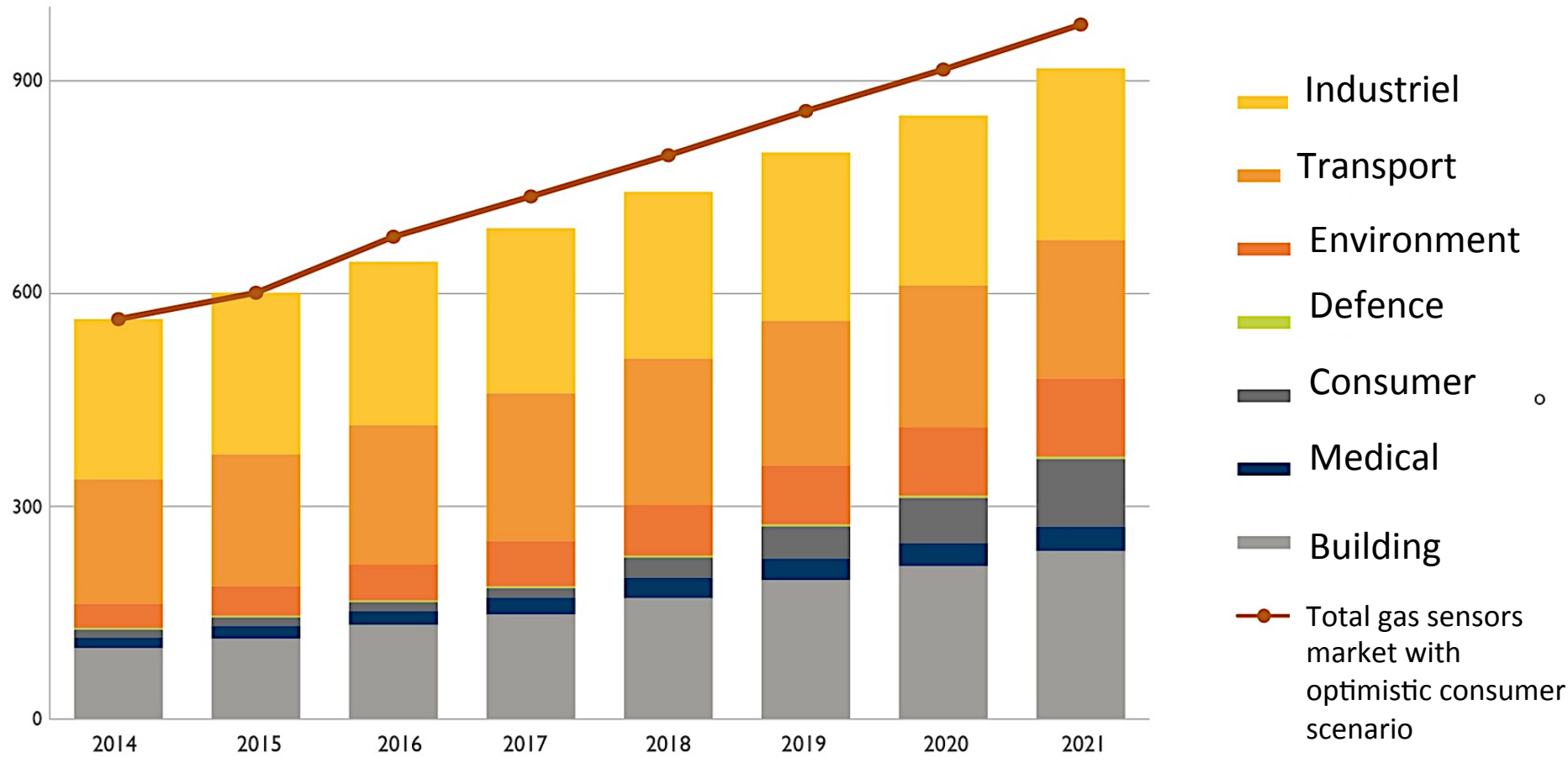
Air pollution = more than 4.7 millions of death



# Forecast

## 2014-2021 gas sensors forecast - In US\$ million value

(Source: Gas Sensor Technology and Market Report, February 2016, Yole Développement)



Most important markets : China, US, Germany

# Advantages of MicroSensors

## Traditional environmental monitoring methods:

- Are expensive (>\$15,000-50,000 per unit)
- Require trained personnel to interpret data
- Require regular maintenance
- Analyse a very limited sample of air
- Are often poorly positioned: on top of buildings/ away from people
- Have low spatial coverage



Spectroscopy, Chromatography

## Micro - sensors are:

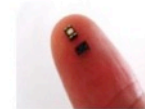
- ✓ Low cost (< \$10 per unit)
- ✓ Low power (< 30 mW)
- ✓ Small (< 10 mm<sup>3</sup>)
- ✓ Easily integrated into a wide range of products



# Manufacturers:

## markets gas sensor solutions

- Figaro (Japon)
  - Leader mondial
  - Plateforme suspendue
  - Consommation MEMS 15mW
  - Chauffage Platine (stabilité long terme)
- SGX / Amphenol (Europe)
  - Micro plateforme silicium
  - Principal fabricant Européen
  - Consommation MEMS 80mW, nouveau design PT 60mW
  - Chauffage Poly silicium (PT en 2017)
- New manufacturers
  - Bosh Sensortec \*
  - Sensirion\* 
  - Cambridge Sensors Ltd (tungsten heater) 
  - AMS AG (34mW)  Austria



# Trends in MOX gas sensing

## MOX

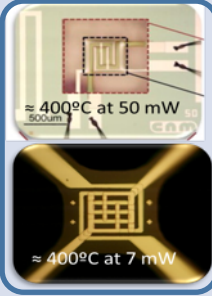
Low cost

Flexible substrates  
Upilex (up to 400°C)



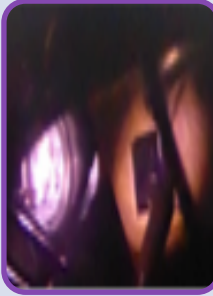
Low power consumption

Bulk  $\mu$ -machining of Si substrates



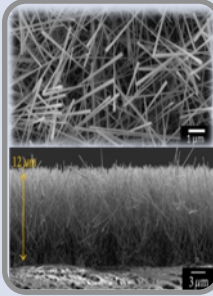
Ambiant T

Light



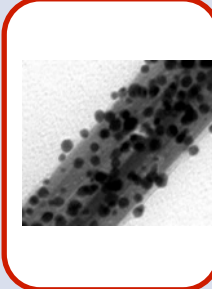
High sensitivity

N-structured MOX (High S/V ratio)



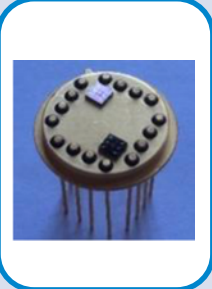
Low working T, High stability

Use of metal N-particles



Improve selectivity

Use of sensor arrays



# RENATECH : French Network for nanofabrication

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<https://www.renatech.org/en/>



7300 m<sup>2</sup>  
of clean rooms

150  
clean room  
engineers et technicians

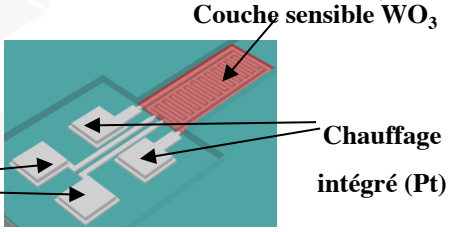
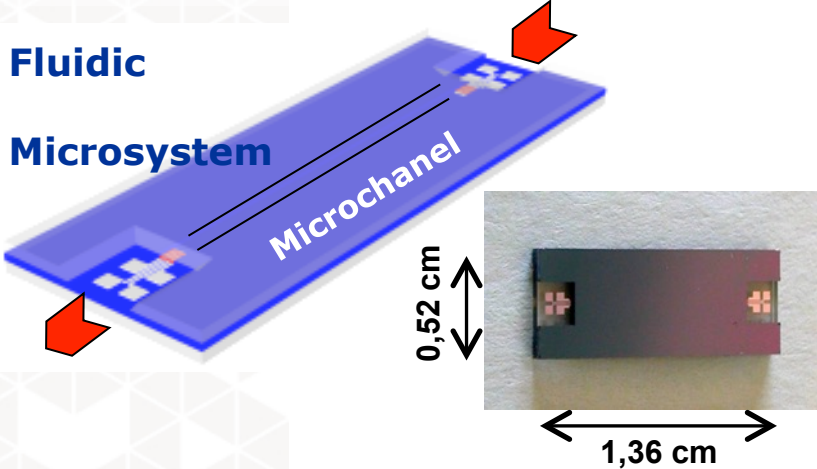
130 M€  
of equipment

5 FACILITIES



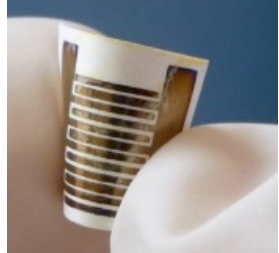
# Trends in MOX gas sensing at IM2NP

## Fluidic Microsystem



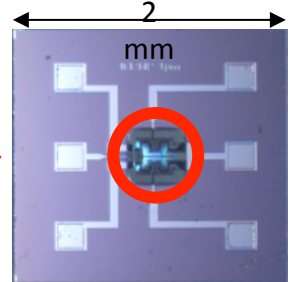
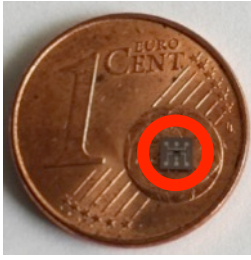
V Martini, et al.  
Sensors and Actuators B: Chemical 170, 2012, 45-50

## Flexible sensors



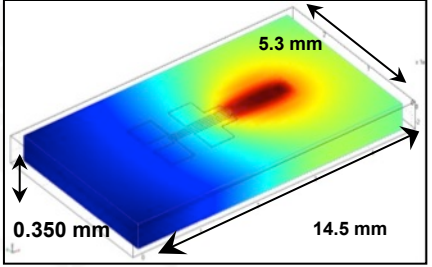
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## Miniaturisation



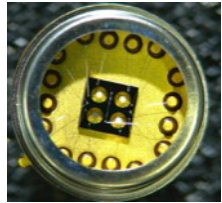
Transducer: 2x2 mm  
Active part: 400x400  $\mu$ m  
K. Aguir et al., patent N° FR 13 59494, 2013, international extension 2016

## MODELISATION THERMOELECTRIC

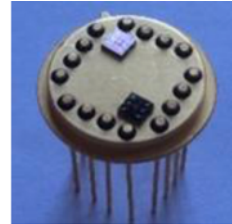


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## Gas Multi-sensors



IM2NP-LAAS



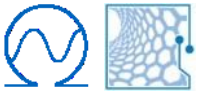
IM2NP

P. Menini et al.,  
EurosensorsXXII, 2007

# Future

- Gas sensors are/will be met everywhere in the future
- Many technologies have been developed in the last 30 years
- Not big advancements in the market
- Low cost (1 - 10 €), but high repetitivity and life time are necessary
- Ultra low power for portable systems. Microtechnologies
- Nano features are necessary to increase S/V ratio.
- Improvement of sensitivity, selectivity, time response, working temperature
- If low power devices are developd, then:
  - flexilbe sustrates
  - microenergy sources: harvesting ?...





# Future aspects and main challenges of printed electronics for sensor technology

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# Internet of Things

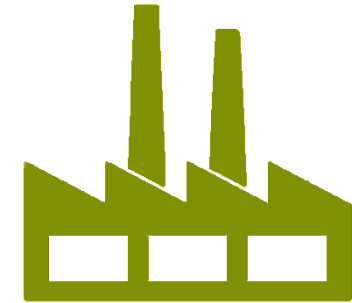
**Things connected to Things** → possible to access data from a distance and to remotely monitor and control our physical world



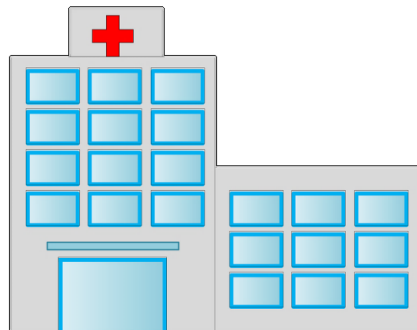
Smart environment



Smart cities



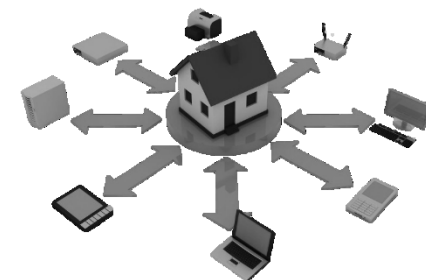
Industrial control



eHealth



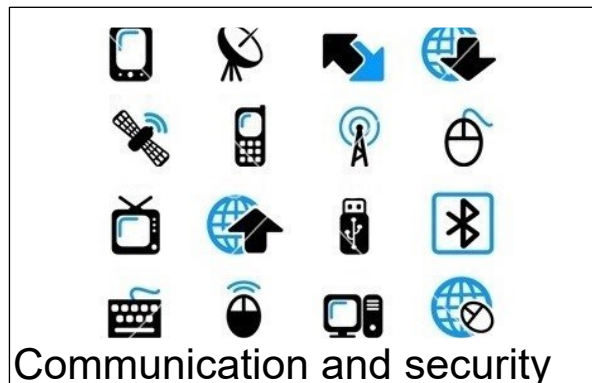
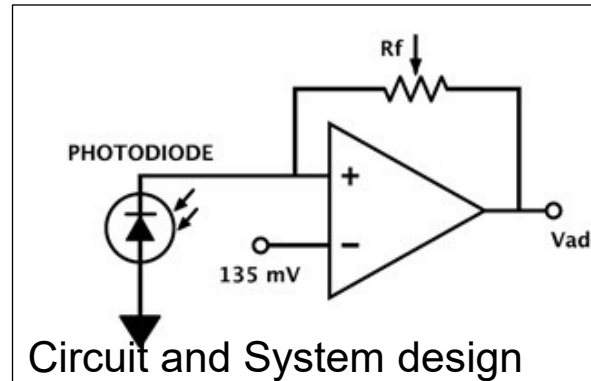
Logistics



Domotics

from \$655.8 billion in 2014 to \$1.7 trillion in 2020

# IoT Dimensions

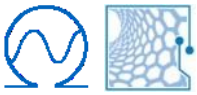


# Sensors in the IoT

- Wide spectrum of parameters to be covered — light, radiation, pressure, acceleration, temperature, gases, humidity, blood pressure, heart rate...
- Rapid increase in the number of sensors: In 2020, **25 Billion** connected "Things" will be in use



- Desirable features: Low-cost, green electronics, low power consumption



# Sensors Technology

## Silicon technology

Conventional IC-CMOS technology

- ✓ Miniaturization
- ✓ IC integration
- ✓ Well-established
- ✗ Technology cost
- ✗ Fabrication conditions
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## Printed Electronics

Traditional printing techniques

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- ✓ Large scale: Low-cost and ease of redesign
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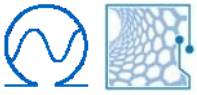
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**Hybrid electronics**



# Open Discussion

Future aspects and main challenges of  
printed electronics for sensor  
technology



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# Using Micro Sensors for the Internet of Things in Agriculture

Panel on Trends and Challenges in using Micro and Nano-technologies for (all)Sensors

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# Outline / Sumário

- 1 MEMS Applications in Agriculture
- 2 Power consumption considerations
- 3 What's the best wireless technology to use

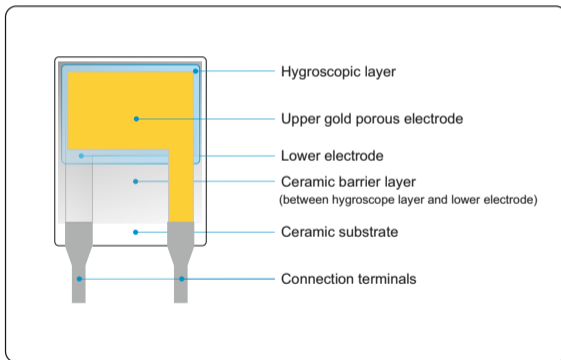
# MEMS Applications in Agriculture

# Main Parameters in Agriculture

Type	Classes	Parameters
Agricultural Conditions	Environment	Air Temperature Air Humidity Wind Direction Wind Velocity Solar Radiation
	Soil	Soil Moisture Content Water Flux Electrical Conductivity Soil pH Soil Temperature and Thermal Properties
Agricultural Products	Agricultural Crops	Sap Flow Leaf Wetness Fruit Width Stem Width

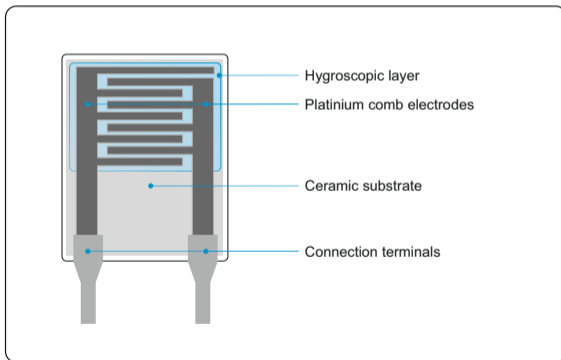
# Air temperature and humidity

## ■ Capacity type humidity sensor



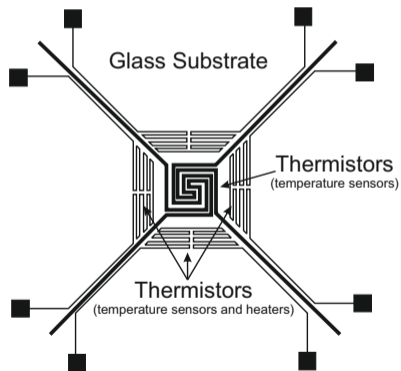
# Air temperature and humidity

## ■ Resistive type humidity sensor



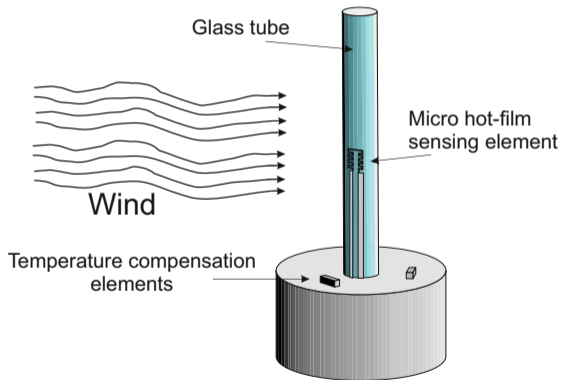
# MEMS Wind Sensor

## ■ In-plane thermal wind sensor



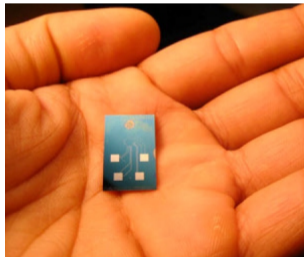
# MEMS Wind Sensor

## ■ Out-of-plane thermal wind sensor



# MEMS Water Sensor (leaves)

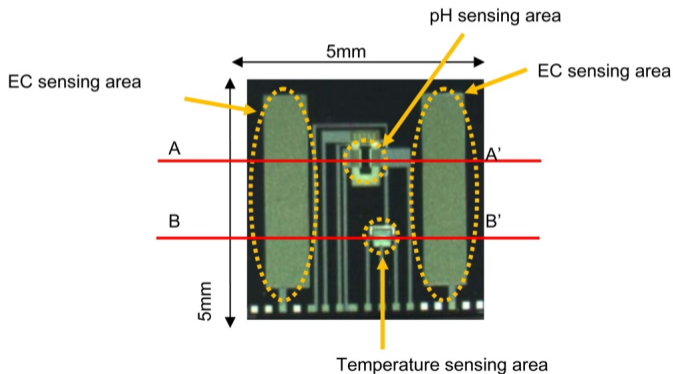
## ■ Sensor for measuring water potential





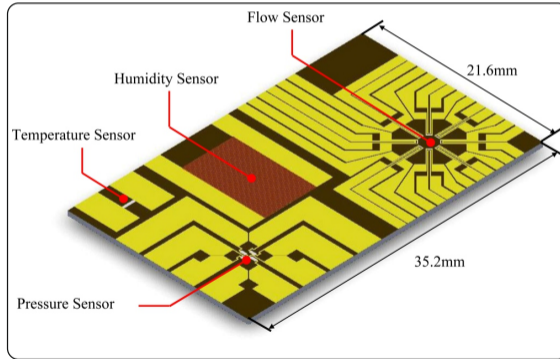
# Health Control of Cows

## ■ Sensor chip integrated with EC and temperature sensors



# MEMS Weather Monitoring System

## ■ Wireless remote weather monitoring system



## Other sensors

### ■ Steam width sensor



Dimensional problem

## Other sensors

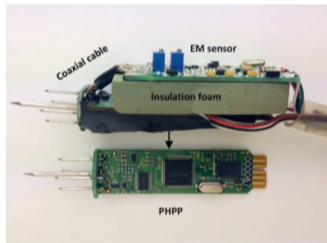
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Dimensional problem  
Power consumption problem

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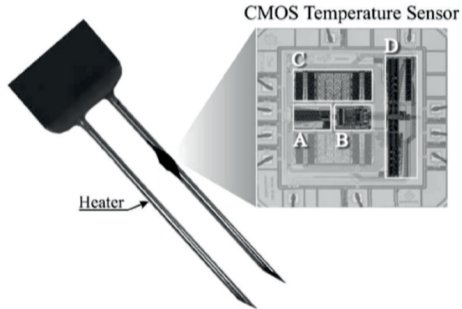
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Trying to use micro-electronics

# Power consumption considerations

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- Sensors for IoT in agriculture must have low power consumption
- Usually MEMS sensor are low power ...
- ... but there are not too many MEMS sensors for agriculture;
- Excluding those that are also used in other areas (eg temperature, humidity, atmospheric pressure ...)



# What's the best wireless technology to use?

# What's the best wireless technology to use?

- ... of course Low-Power Wide-Area Network (LPWAN)
- Sigfox?
- LoRaWAN?
- NB-IoT?
- Sigfox and LoRa are advantageous in terms of battery lifetime, capacity, and cost...
- ... NB-IoT offers benefits in terms of latency and quality of service.
- and the best, in my opinion, is ...
- LoRaWAN!