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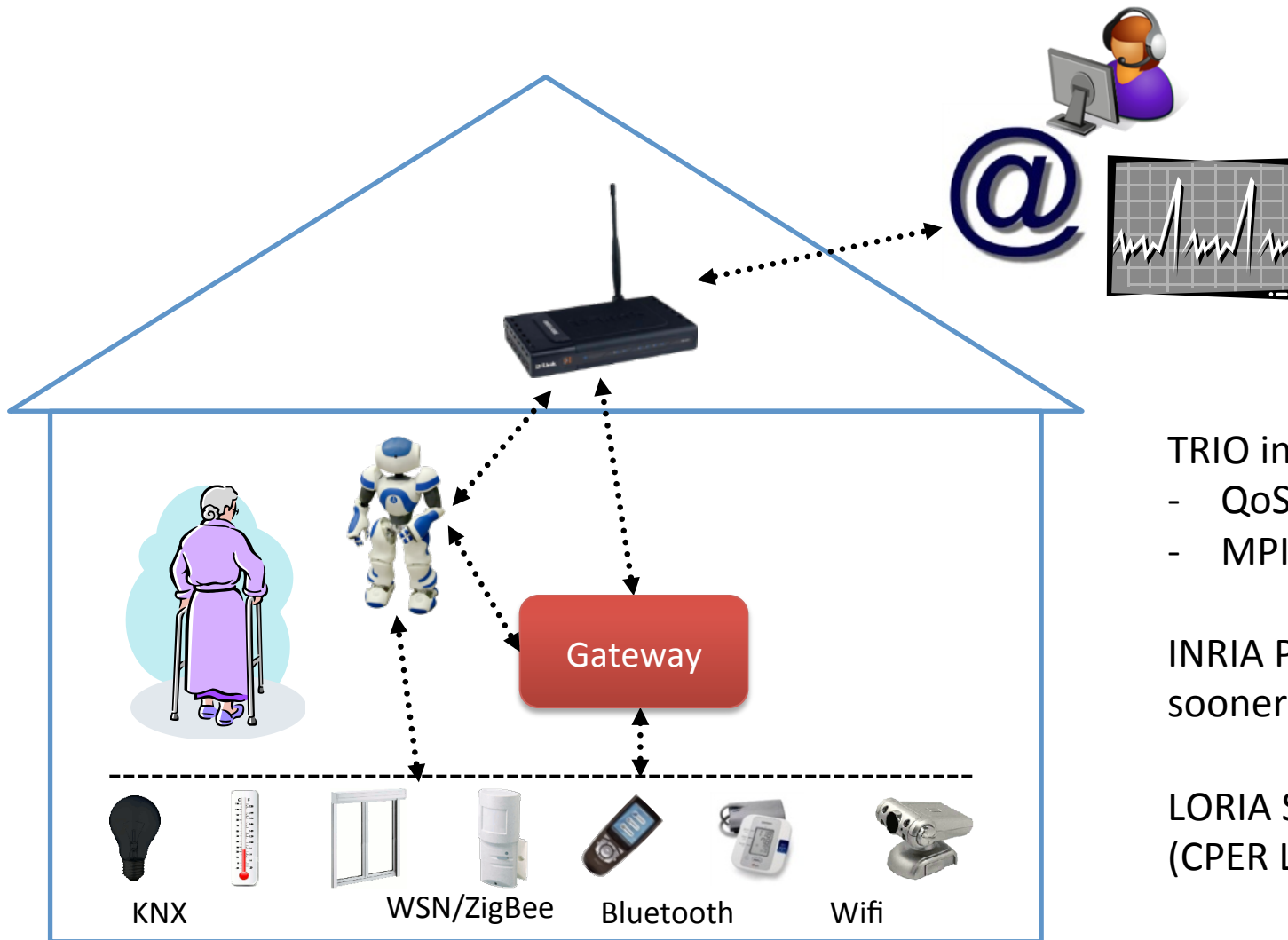
# Network interoperability and QoS for smart homes

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# Context: Smart home for elderly



TRIO internal projects:

- QoS for WSN
- MPIGate

INRIA PAL project and  
sooner ADT PERCEE

LORIA Smart home project  
(CPER Lorraine)

# LORIA smart apartment for concept and technology validation

The screenshot displays a software application window titled "Main Form". The main area shows a 3D architectural rendering of an apartment floor plan. The layout includes a living area with a sofa and coffee table, a dining area with a table and chairs, a kitchen, a bathroom with a toilet and sink, and a bedroom with a bed. A sensor is highlighted in a blue box in the living area, and another is highlighted in an orange box in the kitchen. The interface also features a data table on the right side, a form for sensor configuration, and a status bar at the bottom.

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2	2	201	115	155
3	3	123	57	156
4	1	455	1	-1
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Location Id:  Id:   
Sensor Id:  Time:   
Network Id:  Sensor Net Id:   
Sensor X:  Value:   
Sensor Y:

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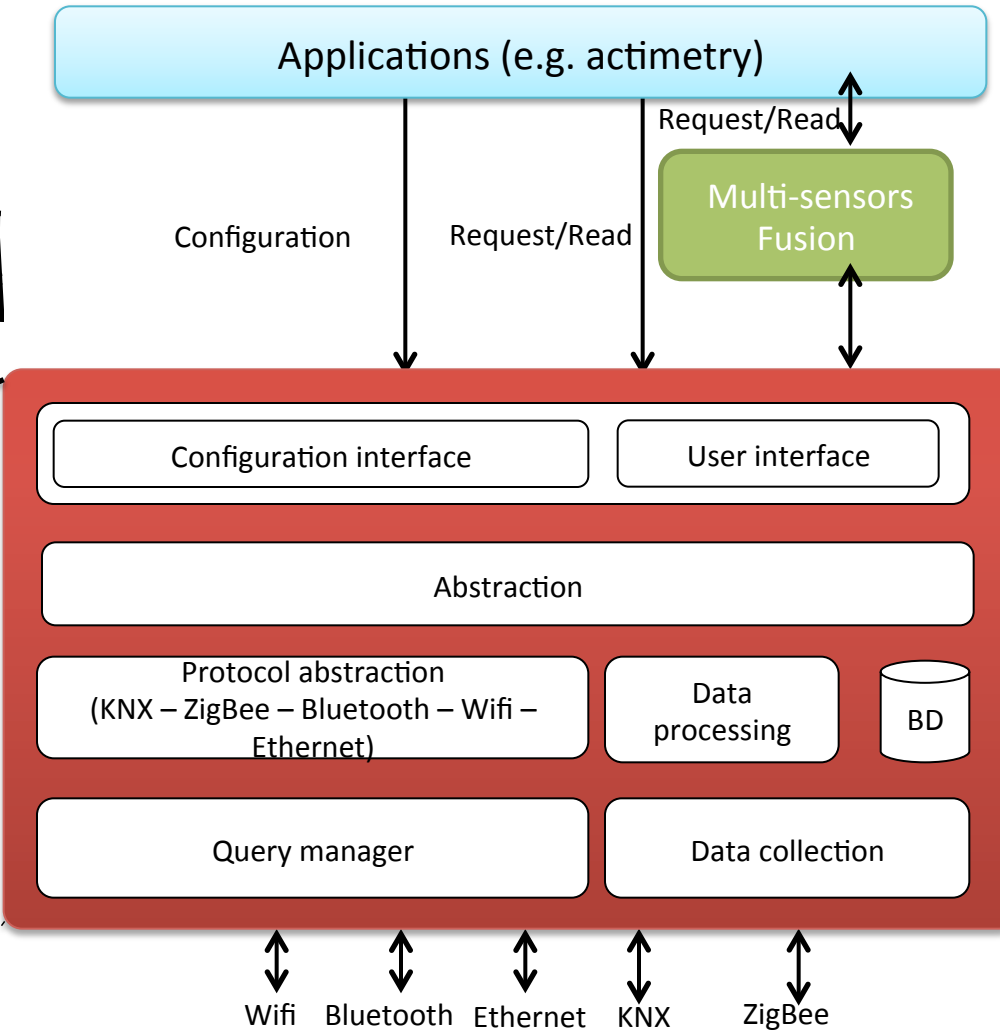
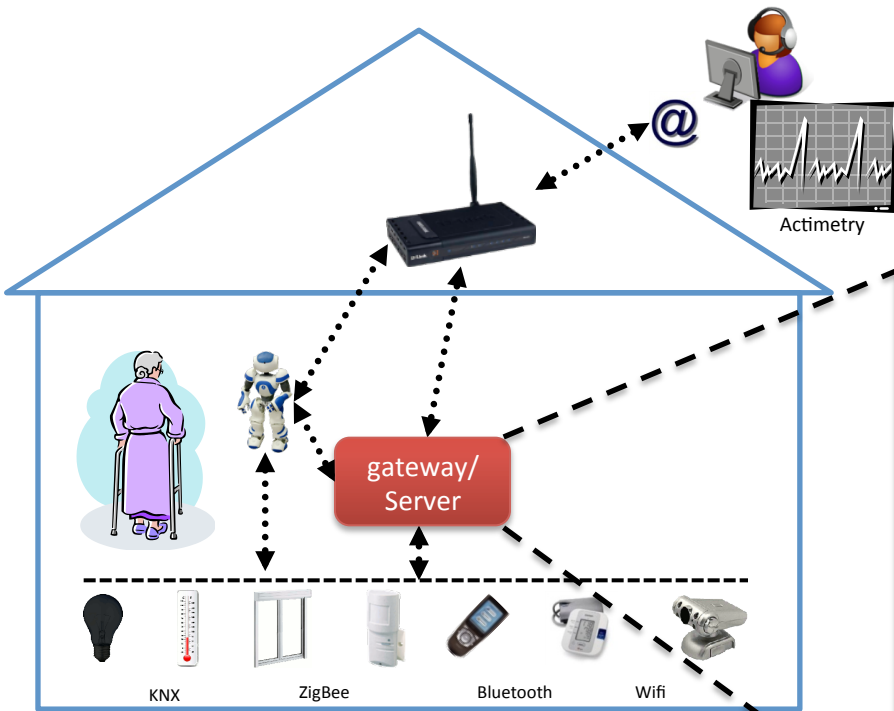
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# Main R&D topics and our approaches

- Interoperability of heterogeneous communication protocols
  - A communication **gateway**
- Easy data access
  - A middleware-based **interface** over gateway
- QoS support (in both WSN and the whole heterogeneous network)
  - **QoS** mechanisms in WSN (IEEE802.15.4/Zigbee)
  - QoS management at the gateway/middleware

# MPIGate:

**M**ulti **P**rotocol **I**nterface and **G**ateway  
for Tele-homecare, Environment Monitoring and  
Control



# MPIGate - Components

- **Configuration manager:** is an interface to configure different parameters of the system. By using this interface one can provide and modify necessary information to process the data in “Data processing layer”.
- **User interface:** provide a graphical user interface for the user to visualize the state of each sensor and actuator, their historical information and the reports generated by the system.
- **Abstraction:** this layer hides the heterogeneity of the system for the users, by providing communication facilities between the interface layer and the other parts of system. The user doesn't need any prior knowledge of the protocols behind the system.

# MPIGate - Components

- **Data processing:** this layer is the main part of the system. It process the information collected from the network and save the results in the data base.
- **Query manager:** receives the query from user interface, create the query and sends them to the network. The query might be a command to control an actuator or a request to read a sensor data.
- **Protocol abstraction:** provides necessary information about each communication protocol used in the network.
- **Data collection:** collects the data from the network and send them to the data processing layer.



# QoS requirements

- QoS at gateway
  - Service differentiation
  - For time-constrained data exchanges (e.g. sensor-network-robot loops, home automation control, alarms, ...)
    - E2E delay specification and verification
    - Time consistency for multi-sensor data
- QoS at WSN
  - Reliability and E2E delay under stringent power constraint

# QoS in WSN

- QoS-aware MAC protocols for low power WSN
- Multi-hop WSN for increasing transmission reliability (even for in door applications)
- QoS-aware and energy-aware routing protocols

Example of CoSens over IEEE802.15.4,  
an auto-adaptive QoS mechanism  
(PhD work of B. Nefzi, LORIA – INPL)

# CoSens principle

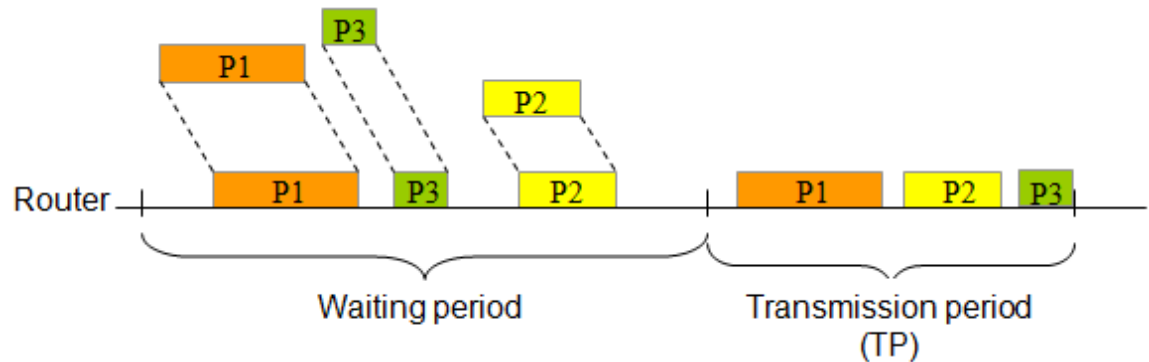
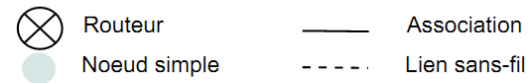
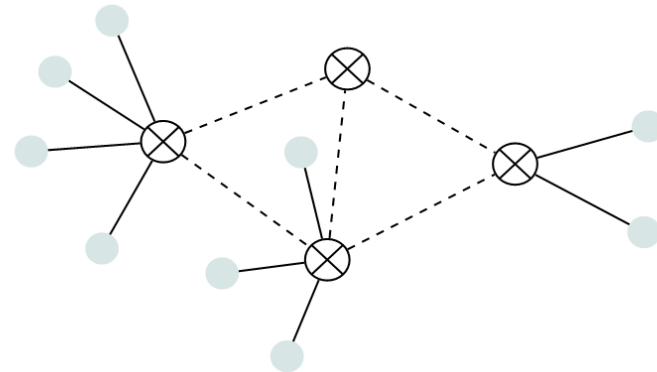
- CSMA/CA is a widely spread MAC protocol (used in IEEE802.11x and 15.4)
- Bad performance under heavy load
- CoSens (Collect and Send Burst) scheme
  - improves the performance of CSMA/CA
  - resolves the problem of scheduling difficulty

# CoSens Principle

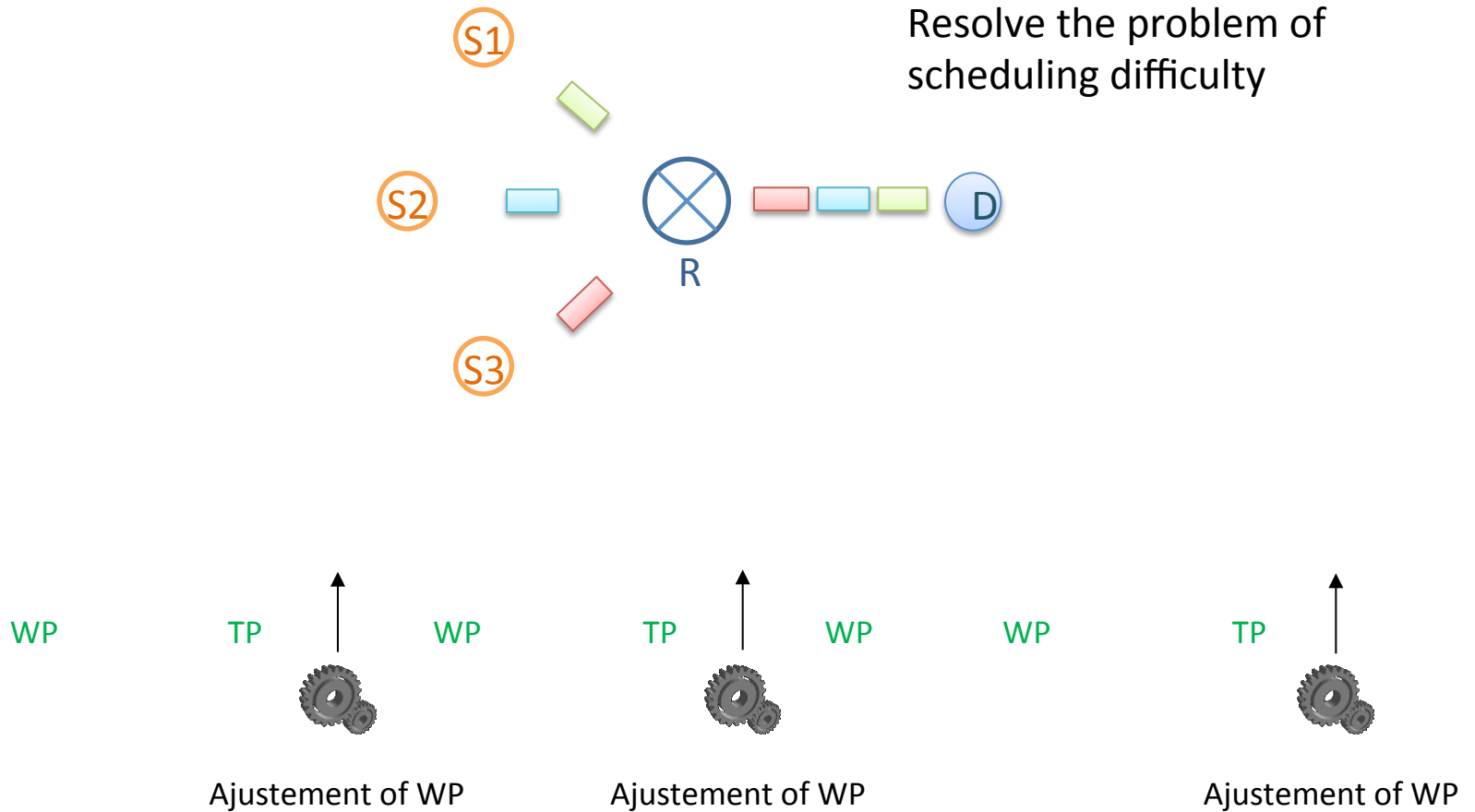
Architecture 2-tiers:  
simple nodes and  
routers

Router working cycle:  
WP + TP

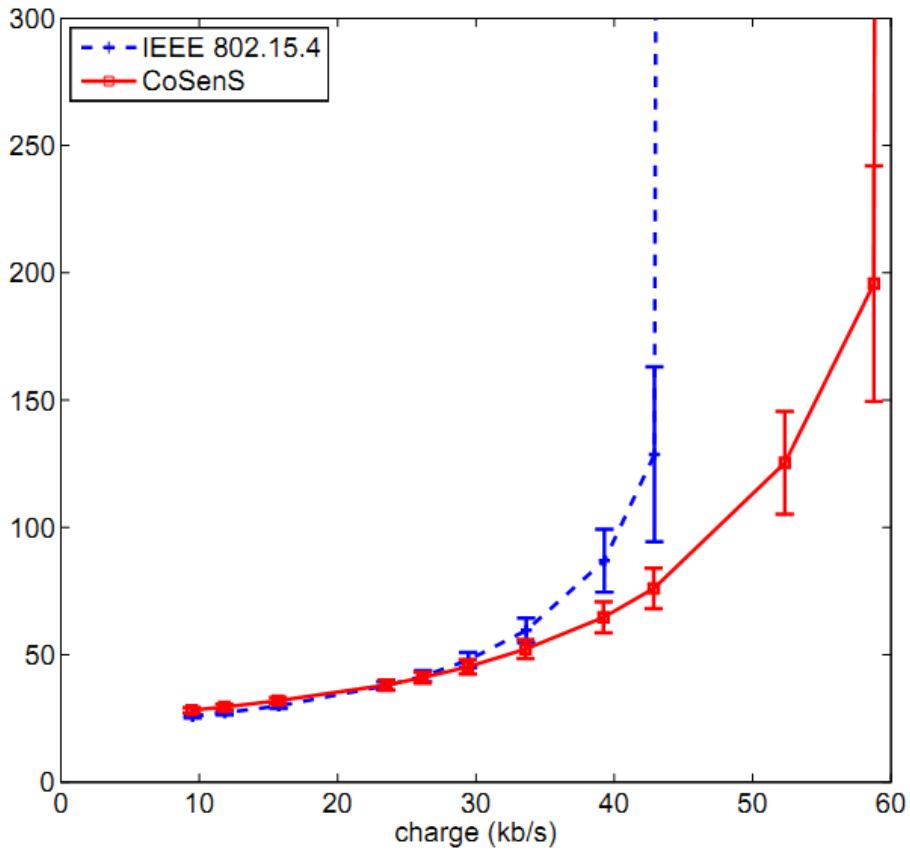
Dynamic WP adjusting  
according to the on-  
line traffic estimation  
algorithm (sliding  
exponential average)



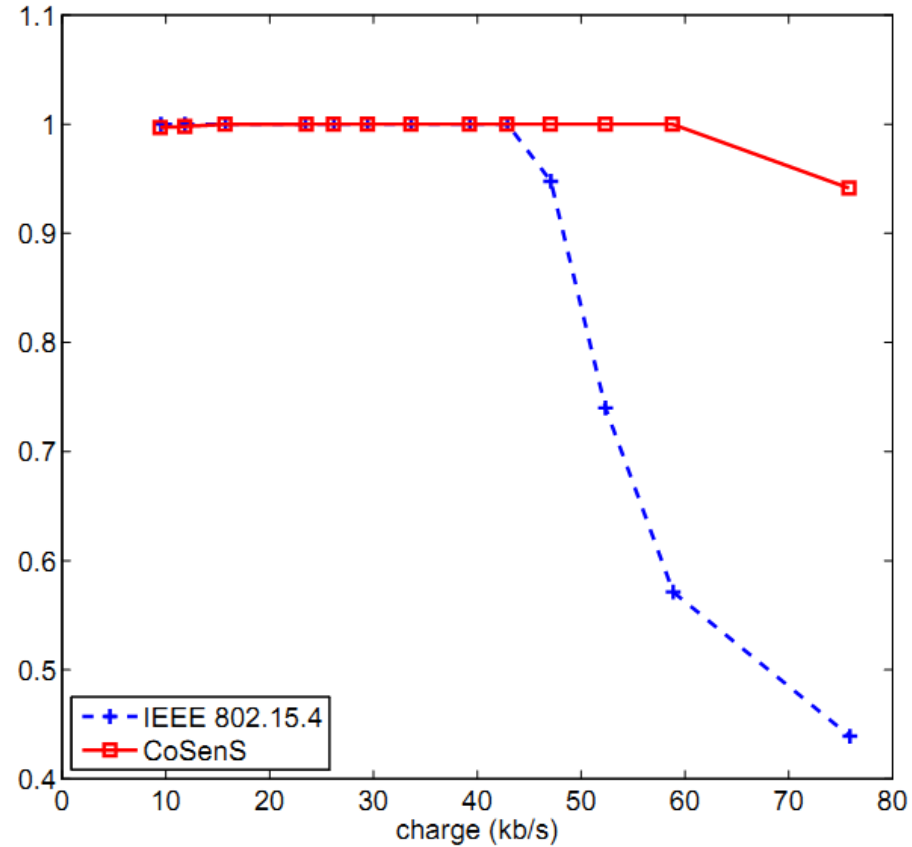
# CoSens principle



# Cosens performance



E2E delay vs. load



Tx success rate

# Concluding remarks

- WSN represents a promising technology for smart homes but reliability and QoS remain to be enforced.
- Still very limited IEEE802.15.4/Zigbee devices
- Several wireless protocols co-exist for still long time  
→ need of gateway solutions
- From AAL application point of view, it lacks an open development platform (see UniversAAL efforts)
- WSN tightly interacting with mobile robots calls for further research efforts

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