

TUD μ Net: a Metropolitan-Scale Federation of Sensor Network Testbeds



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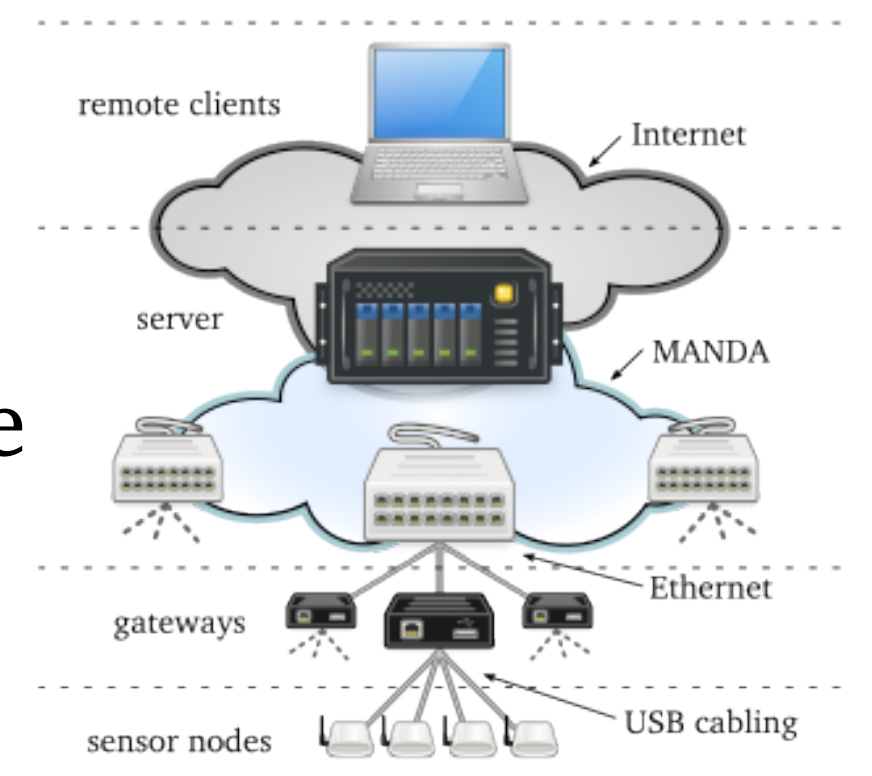
Context & Problem Statement

Software development for WSNs hard:

- wireless communication phenomena (interference, multipath reflection, fading, antenna diversity)
- complex sensing phenomena (magnetic fields, gas plumes, human behavior)
- experimentation logistics (batteries, flashing, etc.)

Proposed Approach

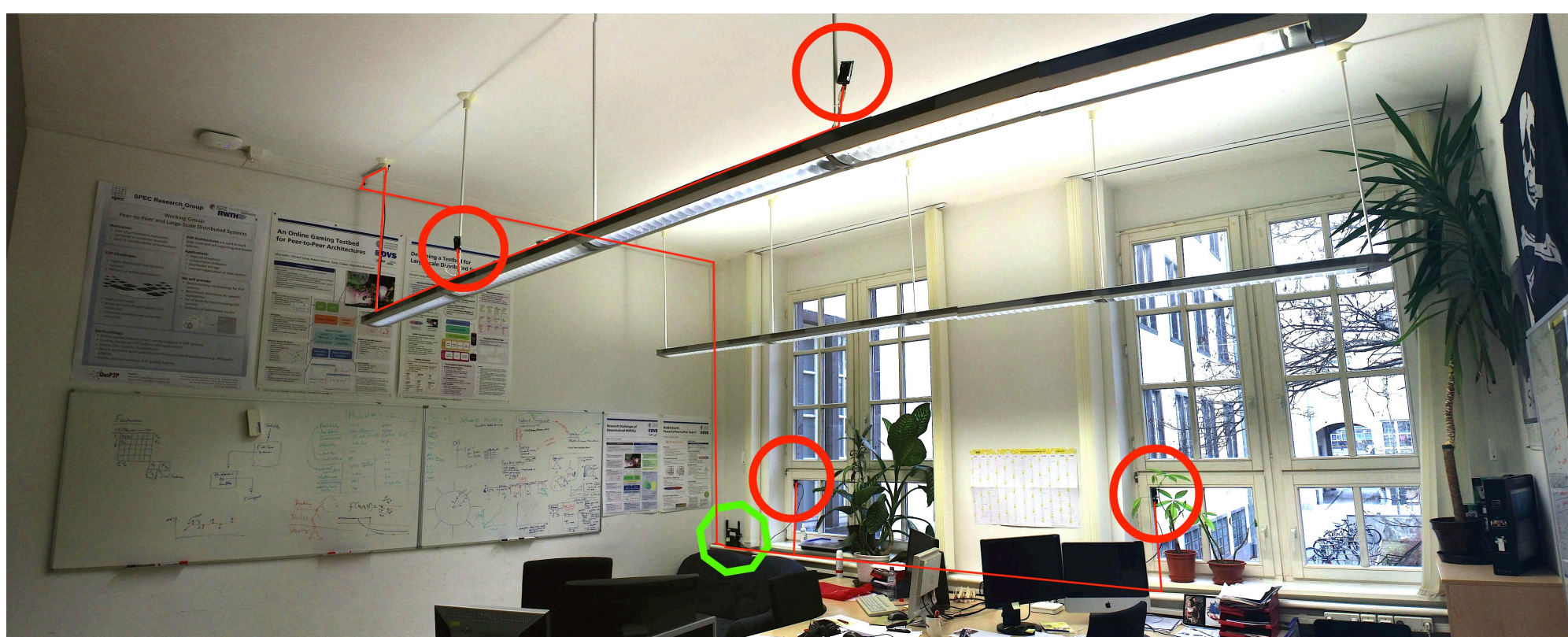
- deployment of several sensor nets
- development of support software for managing the software testing phase
- testbed interconnection via Ethernet-backbone



Current Status

Construction of TUD μ Net:

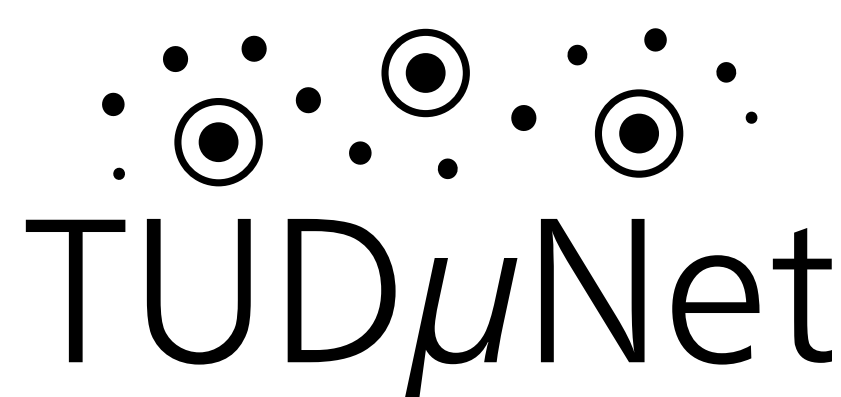
- **testbed**: hybrid between simulator and target deployment
- **federation**: integrates multiple, autonomous WSNs



| Site | Focus | Size |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| CS Dept. | networking, sensing & actuation | 32 + 30 + 20 |
| GKmM Lab | gas plume detection | 50 |
| surPLUShome | environmental monitoring | 20 |
| total (2012) | | 152 |

Web interface to manage experiments:

- hierarchical zones (enable division of areas)
- parallel job execution
- centralized coordination
- access control
- heterogeneity
 - sensors (light, humidity, CO, CO₂, temp., etc.)
 - nodes (TelosBs, Z1s, JCreates)
- basic system health monitoring

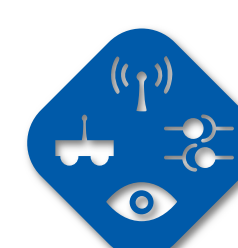


Ongoing Work

- extended health monitoring and healing
- emulation of node faults, fine grain control of node liveness
- extension to human-worn and robot-transported nodes
- support for further platforms (e.g., EconoTAGs)

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