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# Routing in Internet Of Things

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# Agenda

- Smart Objects
- Low Power Lossy Networks (LLN)
- 802.15.4 Low Power PAN
- Using IP for Smart Objects
- 6LoWPAN Working Group
- Roll Working Group
- Routing over Low Power Lossy Networks (RPL)
- Conclusion





# Smart Objects



# What is a Smart Object?



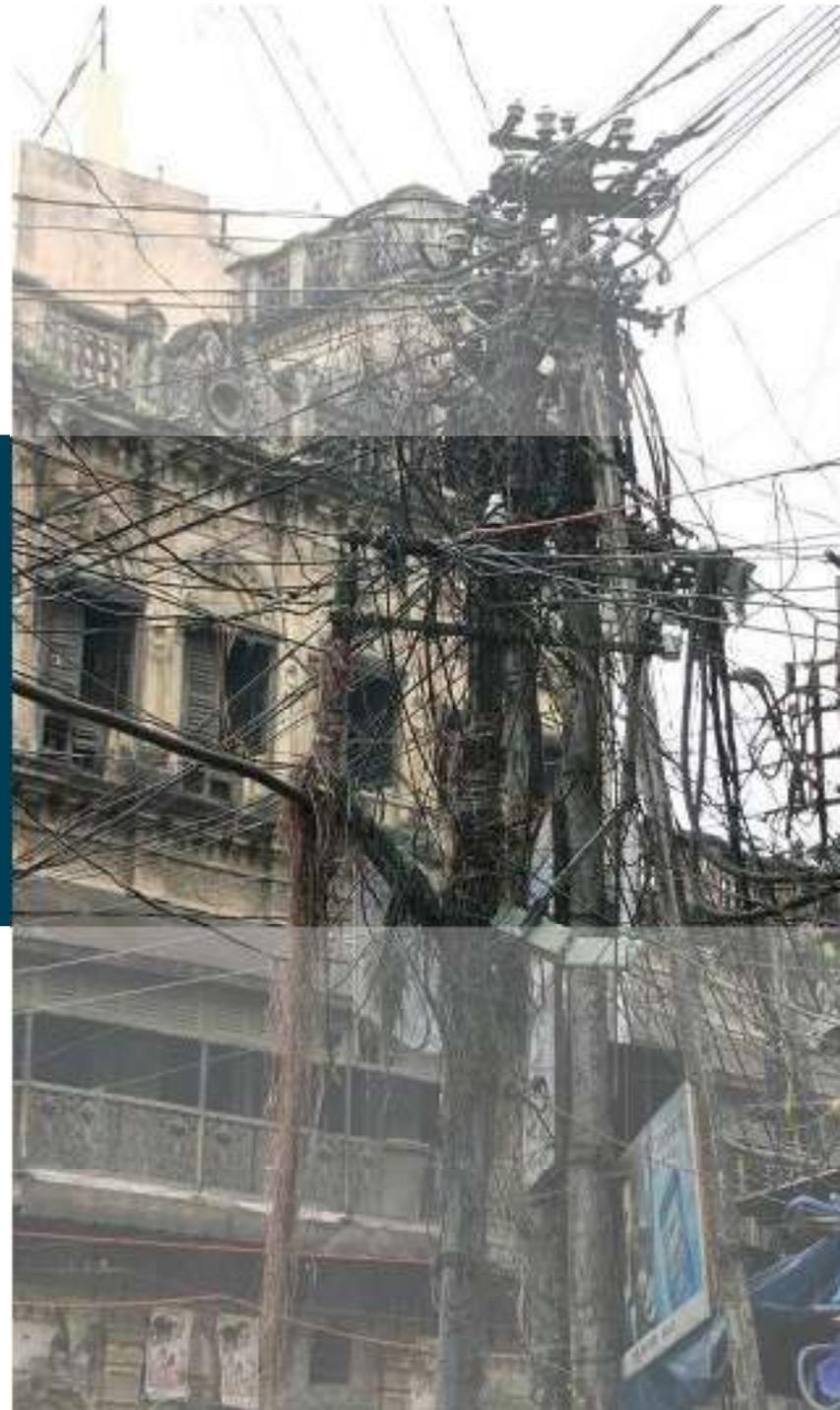
- A tiny and low cost computer that may contain:
  - A **sensor** that can measure physical data (e.g., temperature, vibration, pollution)
  - An **actuator** capable of performing a task (e.g., change traffic lights, rotate a mirror)
  - A **communication device** to receive instructions , send data or possibly route information
- This device is embedded into objects (to make them smart 😊)
  - For example, thermometers, car engines, light switches, gas meters
- Smart Objects enable many sophisticated applications and solutions
  - Smart+Connected Communities
  - Smart Grid and Energy Management
  - Home and Building Automation
  - Connected Health
- Smart Objects can be organised into networks



# Characteristics of Smart Objects

- These devices are **highly constrained** in terms of
  - Physical size
  - CPU power
  - Memory (few tens of kilobytes)
  - Bandwidth (Maximum of 250 KB/s, lower rates the norm)
- Power consumption is critical
  - If battery powered then energy efficiency is paramount
  - Batteries might have to last for years
- May operate in harsh environments
  - Challenging physical environment (heat, dust, moisture, interference)
- Wireless capabilities based on Low Power & Lossy Network (LLNs) tech
  - Predominantly IEEE 802.15.4 (2.4 GHz *and* 900 MHz)
  - Newer RF technologies IEEE 802.15.4g (Smart Utility Network PHY)

# Power Lossy Networks

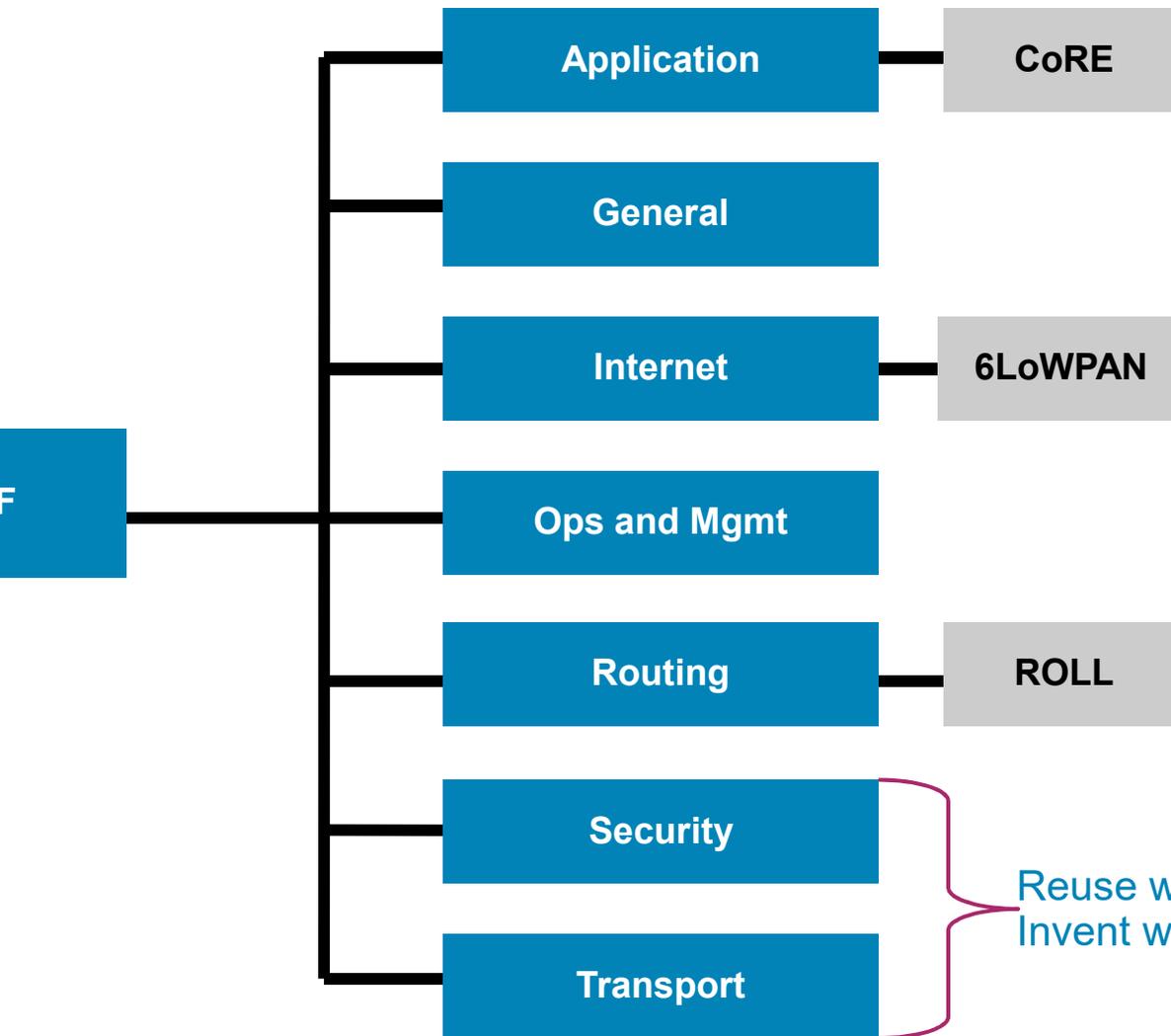


# What is a Low Power Lossy Network (LLN)?

- LLNs comprise a large number of highly constrained devices (smart objects) interconnected by predominantly wireless links of unpredictable quality
- LLNs cover a wide scope of applications
  - Industrial Monitoring, Building Automation, Connected Home, Healthcare, Environmental Monitoring, Urban Sensor Networks, Energy Management, Asset Tracking, Refrigeration
- Several IETF working groups and Industry Alliance addressing LLNs
  - IETF - CoRE, 6Lowpan, ROLL
  - Alliances - IP for Smart Objects Alliance (IPSO)



# IETF LLN Related Workgroups



**Constrained Restful Environments**  
Charter to provide a framework for resource-oriented applications intended to run on constrained IP networks.

**IPv6 over Low power WPAN**  
Charter is to develop protocols to support IPv6 running over IEEE 802.15.4 low-power radio networks.

**Routing over Low Power Lossy Networks**  
Charter focusses on routing issues for low power networks.

Reuse work done here where possible  
Invent where needed

# IEEE 802.15.4 PAN



# IEEE Wireless Standards

## 802.11 – Wireless Local Area Networks (WiFi)

802.11a, 802.11b, 802.11g, 802.11n

## 802.15 – Wireless Personal Area Networks (WPAN)

Task Group 1 – Bluetooth (802.15.1)

Task Group 2 – Co-existence (802.15.2)

Task Group 3 – High Rate WPAN (802.15.3)

**Task Group 4 – Low Rate WPAN (802.15.4 or 802.15 TG4)** } Used in LLNs

Task Group 5 – Mesh Networking (802.15.5)

## 802.16 – Wireless Metropolitan Area Networks (WiMax)

802.20 – Mobile Broadband Wireless Access (Mobile-Fi) - Defunct

## 802.22 – Wireless Regional Access Network (WRAN)

Utilise free space in the allocated TV spectrum



# IEEE 802.15.4 Features

Designed for low bandwidth, low transmit power, small frame size

- More limited than other WPAN technologies such as Bluetooth

- Low bit rate and packet size to ensure reasonably low packet error rates

- Packet size (127 bytes) reflects minimal buffering capabilities in Smart Objects

- Low power allows batteries to last for years

Data rates of 250 kbps, 40 kbps, and 20 kbps

Two addressing modes; 16-bit short (local allocation) and 64-bit IEEE (global allocation)

Communicates over multiple hops

- Range is in tens of metres, reduces transmission power

3 possible unlicensed frequency bands

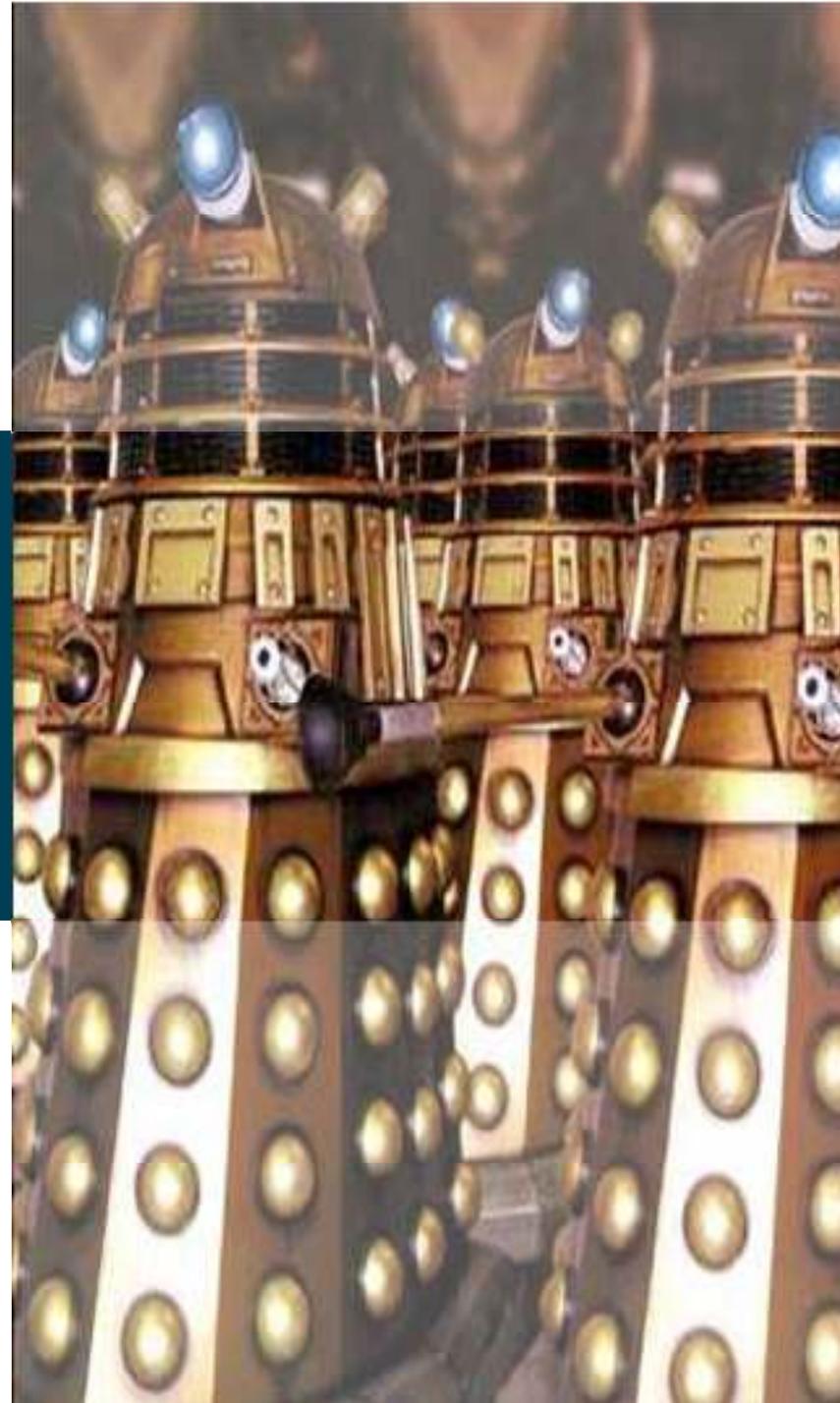
- (Europe 868-868.8 MHz – 3 chans , USA 902-928 MHz – 30 chans, World 2400-2483.5 MHz – 16 chans)

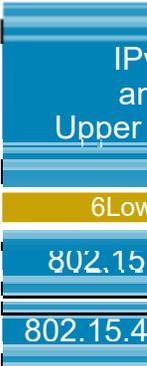


# 802.15.4 uses CSMA-CA

- Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Avoidance
- Wireless networks cannot detect collisions
  - Fundamental difference from wired networks
- Wired – CSMA/CD – Collision Detection
- Wireless – CSMA/CA – Collision Avoidance
  - RX/TX antennas immediately next to each other
  - Hence RX can only see its own TX when transmitting

# 6LoWPAN Working Group





# What is 6LoWPAN ?

- IPv6 over Low power Wireless Personal Area Networks
  - An adaptation layer for IPv6 over IEEE 802.15.4 links
- Why do we need an adaptation layer?
  - IEEE 802.15.4 MTU is only 127 bytes, IPv6 minimum MTU is 1280 bytes
  - IPv6 does not do fragmentation, left to end nodes or lower layers
- Performs 3 functions each with its own 6LoWPAN header
  - IPv6 Header compression
  - IPv6 packet fragmentation and re-assembly
  - Layer 2 forwarding (also referred to as mesh under)
- RFC4919 defines the Problem Statement
- RFC4944 defines Transmission of IPv6 Packets over IEEE 802.15.4
  - Improved header compression being worked on may deprecate RFC4944

smart object networks go  
**better**  
**with**  
**IPv6 & IEEE 802.15.4**

# Basic IPv6 Header



Minimum size is 40 bytes (double that of IPv4)

Can be extended by additional headers

Fragmentation must be performed by end nodes

# Typical 6LoWPAN Header Stacks

6LoWPAN headers included only when needed

IPv6 compression header

Fragmentation header (eliminated if single datagram can fit entire IPv6 payload)

Mesh or Layer 2 forwarding header (currently not used/implemented)



Header Stack	IPv6 Fragmentation	Multiple L2
4 Header   IPv6 Header Compression   IPv6 Payload	No	No
4 Header   Fragment Header   IPv6 Header Compression   IPv6 Payload	Yes	No
4 Header   Mesh Header   Fragment Header   IPv6 Header Compression   IPv6 Payload	Yes	Yes (Fu
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# ROLL Working Group



# What is ROLL?

- Routing Over Low power and Lossy networks (2008)  
<http://www.ietf.org/html.charters/roll-charter.html>  
Co-chairs: JP Vasseur (Cisco), David Culler (Arch Rock)
- Mission: To define routing solutions for LLNs
- Application specific LLN routing requirements developed
  - Industrial (RFC5673)
  - Urban (RFC5548),
  - Home Automation (RFC5826)
  - Building Automation (RFC5867)
- Specifying the routing protocol for smart object networks
  - Routing Protocol for LLNs (RPL) adopted as WG document

# Where Should Routing Take Place ?

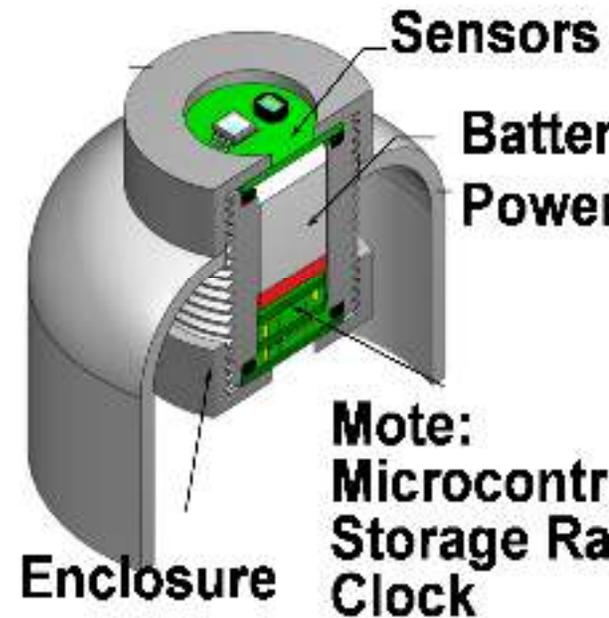
- Historically, a number of interesting research initiatives on WSN
  - Work on Wireless Sensors Network focussed on algorithms ... not architecture
- Most work assumed the use of MAC addresses
  - Layer 2 “routing” (mesh-under)
- Support of multiple PHY/MAC is a **MUST**
  - IEEE 802.15.4, Low Power Wifi, Power Line Communications (PLC)
- Use IP to route
  - Supports multiple PHY/MAC
  - Moves from mesh-under (L2) to router-over(L3)

# Characteristics for Smart Object Routing

Current Internet	Smart Object Networks
Nodes are routers	Nodes are sensor/actuators and routers
IGP with typically few hundreds of 100 nodes	An order of magnitude larger in nodes
Links and Nodes are stable	Links are highly unstable Nodes fail more frequently
Node and link bandwidth constraints are generally non-issues	Nodes & links are high constrained
Routing is not application aware	Application-aware routing

# Technical Challenges

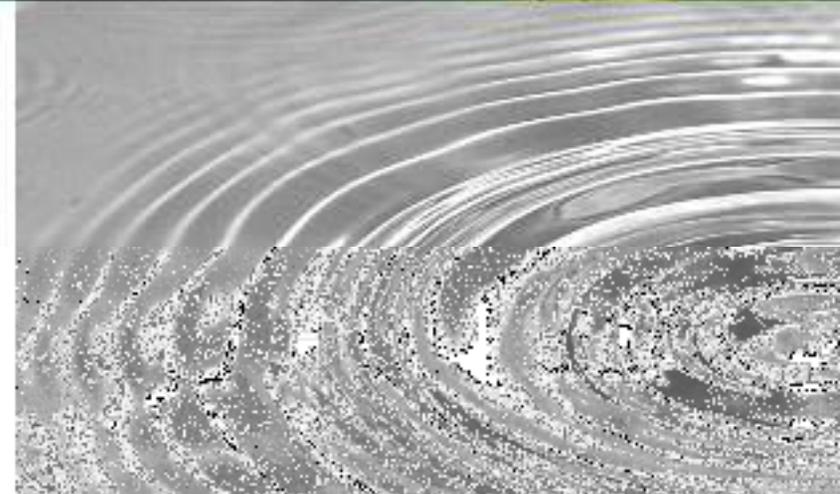
- Energy consumption is a major issue (battery powered sensors/actuators)
- Limited processing power
- Very dynamic topologies
  - Link failure (LP RF)
  - Node failures (triggered or non triggered)
  - Node mobility (in some environments),
- Data processing usually required on the node itself
- Sometimes deployed in harsh environments (e.g. Industrial)
- Potentially deployed at very large scale
- Must be self-managed (auto-discovery, self-organizing networks)



# Current Routing Protocols

- The current IGPs (OSPF, ISIS) rely upon static link metrics
  - Used to create best/shortest path to destination
  - No account taken of node/router status (high CPU, hardware failures)
- Not suitable for the dynamic nature of an LLN with many variables
  - Wireless Signal Strength and Quality
  - Node resources such as residual energy
  - Link throughput and reliability
- IGP needs the ability to consider different metric/constraint categories
  - Node vs Links
  - Qualitative vs Quantitative
  - Dynamic vs Static

# ing over low Power Lossy networks (RPL)





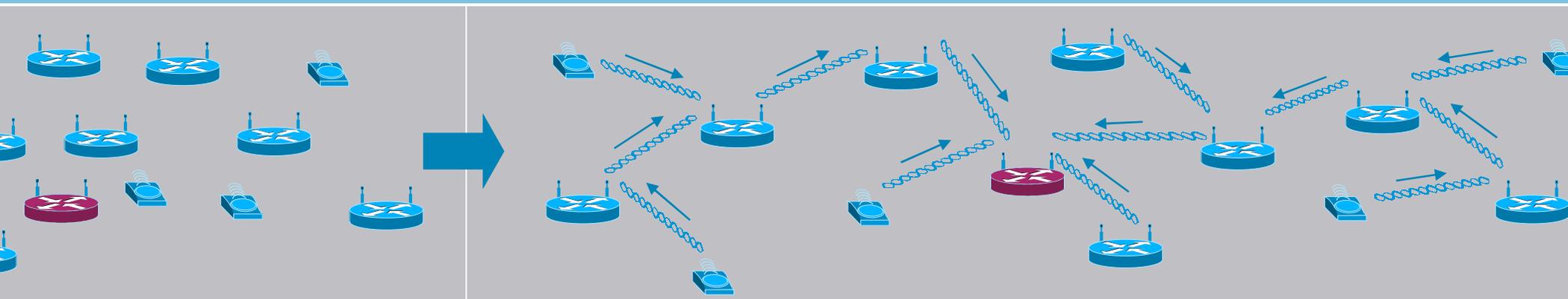
# RPL - Routing Protocol for LLNs

- RPL is an extensible proactive IPv6 distance vector protocol
  - Builds a Destination Oriented Directed Acyclic Graph (DODAG)
  - RPL supports shortest-path **constraint based routing** applied to both links and nodes
  - Supports MP2P, P2MP and P2P between devices (leaves) and a root (border router)
- RPL specifically designed for “Lossy” networks
  - Should not be categorised as a WSN routing protocol
  - Agnostic to underlying link layer technologies (802.15.4, PLC, Low Power Wireless)
- RPL supports different LLN application requirements
  - RFC 5548 (Urban) RFC 5673 (Industrial) RFC 5826 (Home) RFC 5867 (Building)
- <http://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-ietf-roll-rpl/>
  - Currently on last call implementation 18 (Feb 2011)

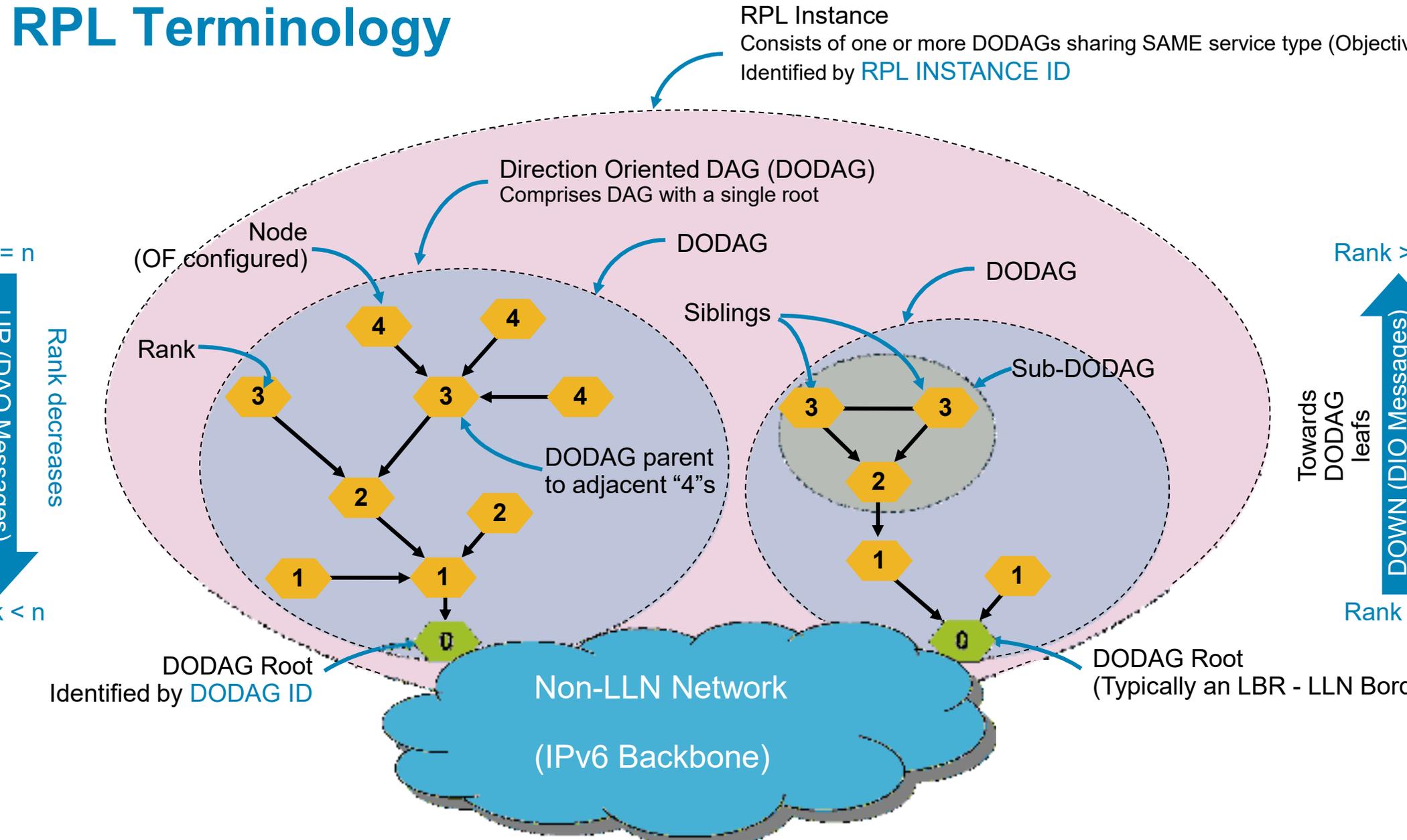
# What is a Directed Acyclic Graph?

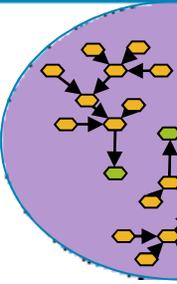
In the context of routing, a DAG is formed by a collection of vertices (nodes) and edges (links), each edge connecting one node to another (directed) in such a way that it is not possible to start at *Node X* and follow a directed path that cycles back to *Node X* (*acyclic*).

A Destination Oriented DAG is a DAG that comprises a single root node.



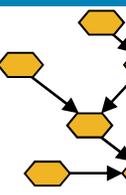
# RPL Terminology





# RPL Instances

- RPL can form multiple instances
  - Each instance honours a particular routing objective/constraint
  - Instance consists one or more DODAGs derived from the *same* **objective function**
  - Nodes select a parent (towards root) based on metric, OF and loop avoidance
- Allows upwards and downwards routing (from DODAG root)
- Trickle timers used to suppress redundant messages
  - Saves on energy and bandwidth (Like OSPF exponential backoff)
- Under-react is the rule
  - Local repair preferred versus global repair to cope with transient failures



# RPL DODAGs

- RPL enables nodes to discover each other and form DODAGs
  - Uses special ICMPv6 control messages
- Each root uses a unique {DODAG ID} to identify itself within an RPL Instance
- Routing performed over the DODAG using distance vector techniques
- **Every hop to the root MUST have an alternate path**
  - (Quite possible with Wireless/Radio Networks)
- A DODAG will ensure nodes always have a path up towards the root
- A DODAG is identified by {RPL Instance ID, DODAG ID}



# Objective Function (OF)

- An OF defines how nodes select paths towards DODAG root
  - Dictates rules on how nodes satisfy a optimisation objective (e.g., minimise latency)
  - Actual routing metrics and constraints carried ICMPv6 control messages

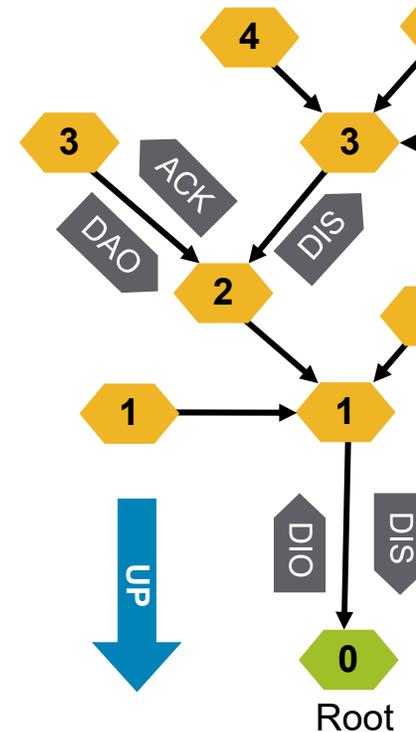
- A rank in the DODAG reflects its distance from the root



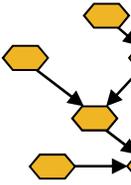
- There is a single Objective Function per RPL Instance
  - An instance can comprise one or more DODAGs (share same OF)
- <http://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-ietf-roll-of0/> (Basic OF specification)

# ICMPv6 RPL Control Messages

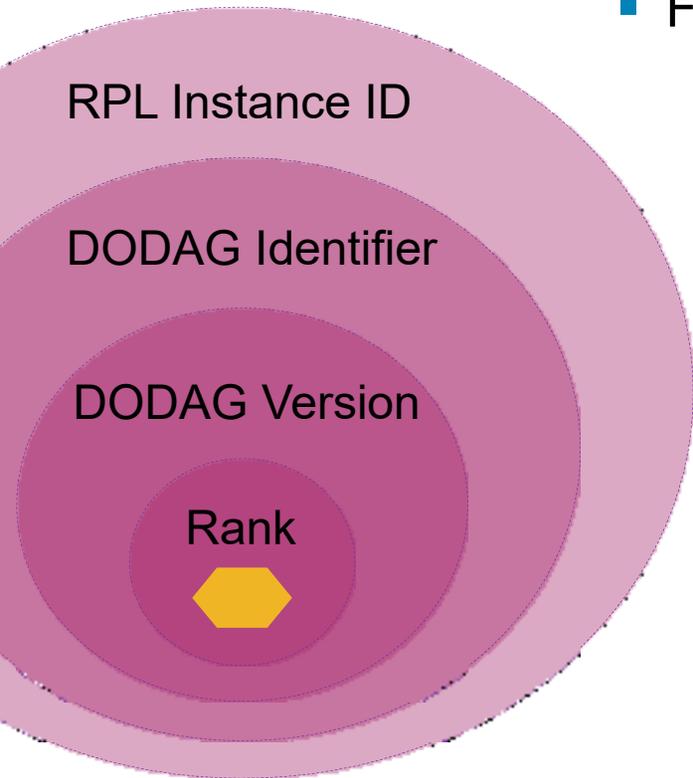
- DIO** - DODAG Information Object  
 Used for DODAG discovery, formation and maintenance
- DIS** - DODAG Information Solicitation Message  
 Used to probe for DIO messages from RPL nodes
- DAO** - DODAG Destination Advertisement Object  
 Propagates prefix availability from leaves up the DODAG  
 Supports P2MP and P2P traffic
- DAO-ACK** - DODAG Destination Advertisement Object  
 Unicasted by a DAO recipient in response to a unicast DAO message



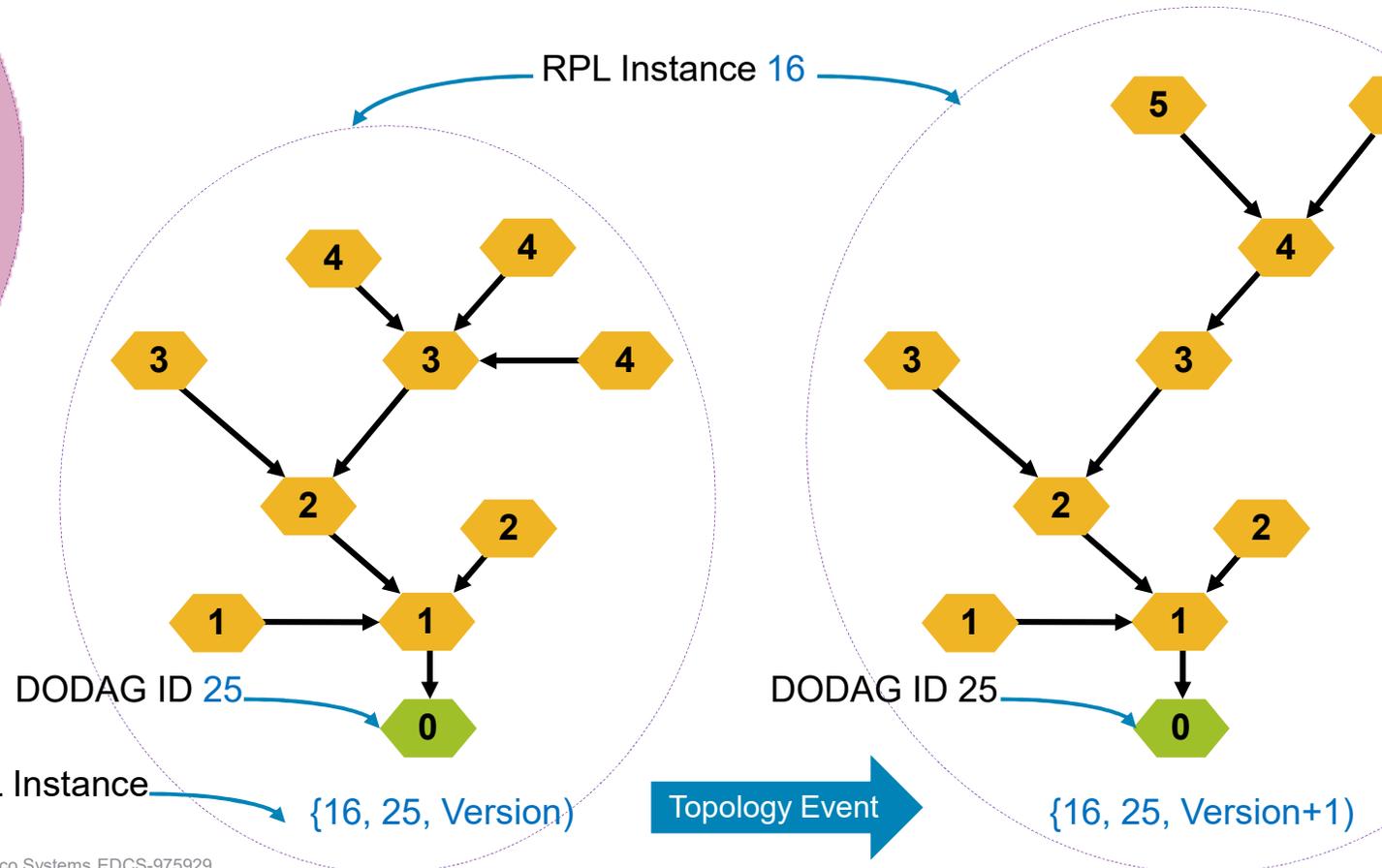
Link-local Destination	Link-local Source	RPL Control Payload	Most RPL control messages have scope of a link
All-RPL-Nodes FF02::1A	Link-local Source	RPL Control Payload	
Global or Unique-Local	Global or Unique-Local	RPL Control Payload	DAO/DAO-ACK in non-storing mode passes over multiple hops



# RPL Identifiers



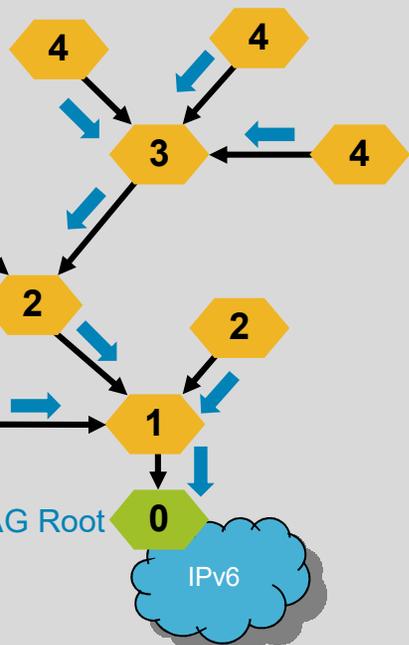
- Four values used to identify and maintain DODAG topology
  - Nodes in a particular topology will belong to the same DODAG version
  - Rank within {RPL Instance ID, DODAG ID, DODAG Version} scope



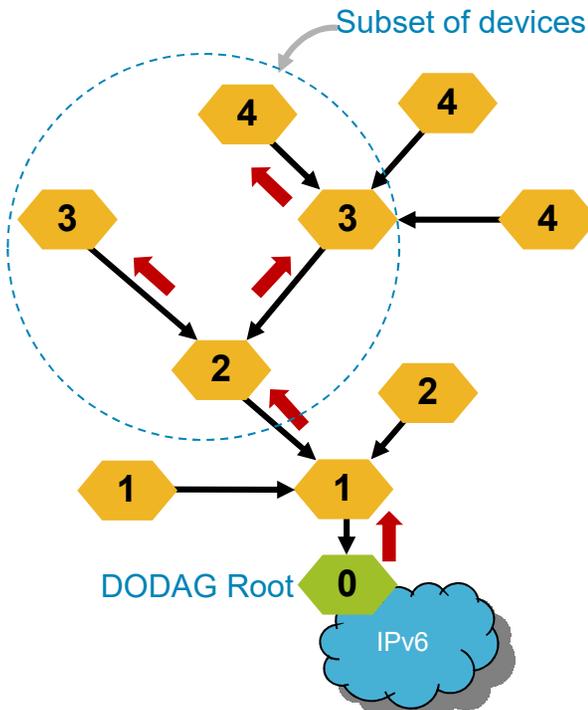
Identifies unique DODAG topology within RPL Instance

# RPL Supported Traffic Flows

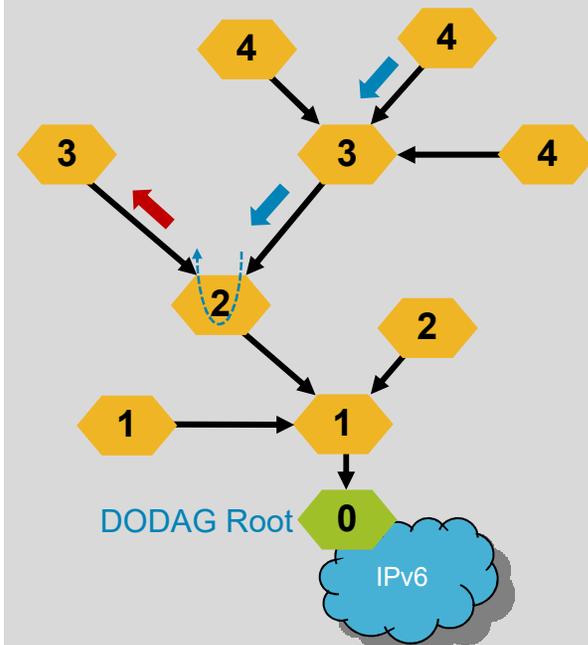
Point to Point  
DAO messages



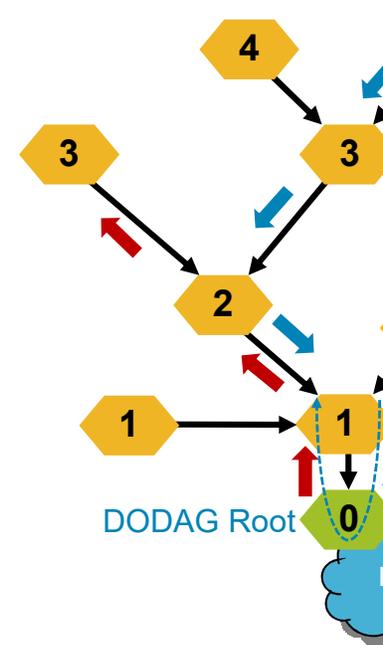
Point to Multipoint  
DAO messages



Point to Point  
Storing Mode, DAO  
Fully Stateful

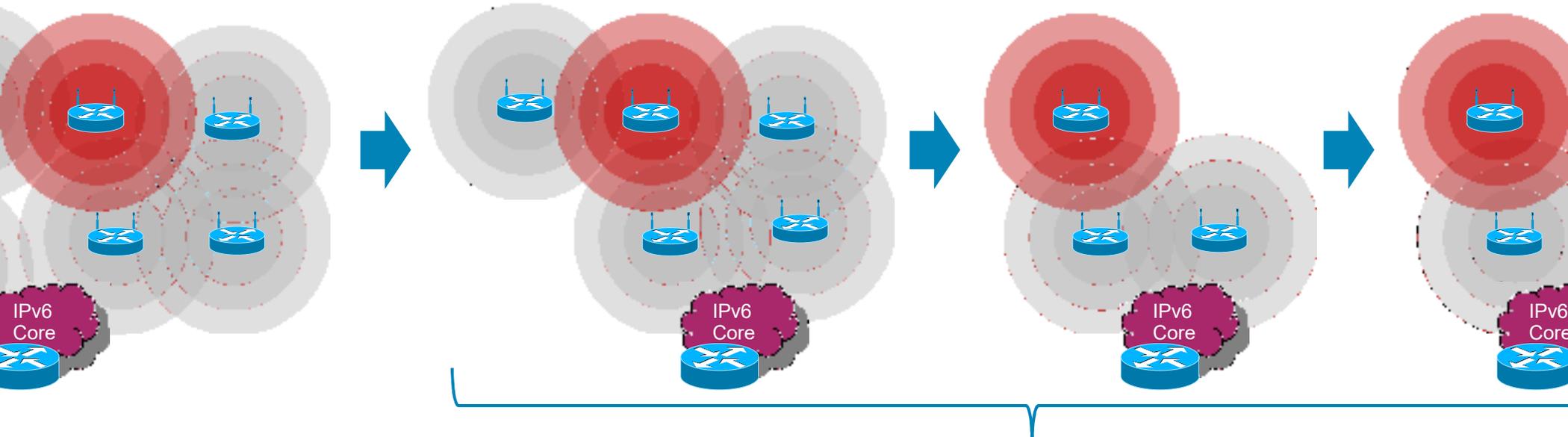


Point to Point  
Non-Storing Mode  
Source routed



# DODAG Neighbours and Parent Selection (Upward Routes)

Geographic Layout



rd route discovery  
 comprises three logical sets  
 k-local nodes  
 neighbours are learnt from  
 advertisements

- **Candidate Neighbour Set**  
 Subset of nodes reachable via link-local multicast  
 Elements in the set may belong to different DODAG versions

- **Parent Set**  
 Consists of nodes with a higher rank (lower #)  
 Elements in the set must belong to SAME DODAG version

- **Preferred Parents**  
 Preferred nodes in the DODAG  
 Multiple preferred parents possible  
 ranks are compared

# Routing Metrics and Constraints in LLNs

- <http://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-ietf-roll-routing-metrics/>  
Specifies a set of link and node LLN routing metrics and constraints
- Constraints provide a path “filter” for more suitable nodes and links
- Metrics are the quantitative value used to evaluate the path cost
- Concept of routing objects that can be treated as a metric or a constraint  
Low pass thresholds used to avoid unnecessarily recomputing DAG
- Computing dynamic metrics takes up power and can change rapidly  
Solved by abstracting number of discrete values to a metric

Link Quality Metric	
Value	Meaning
0	Unknown
1	High
2	Medium
3	Low

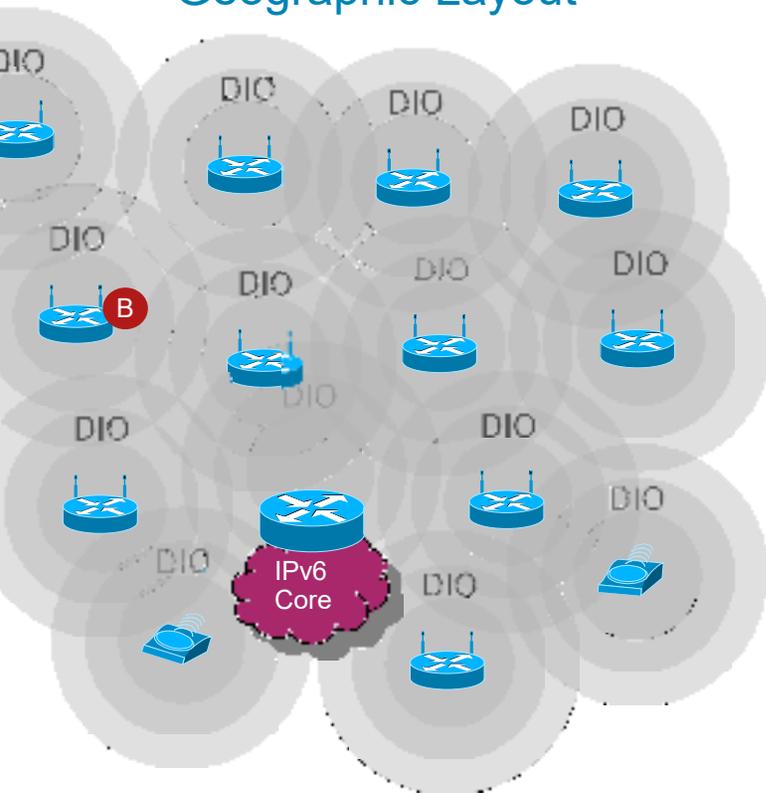
Tradeoff  
Reduced accuracy vs overhead  
and processing efficiency

# Routing Metrics in LLNs

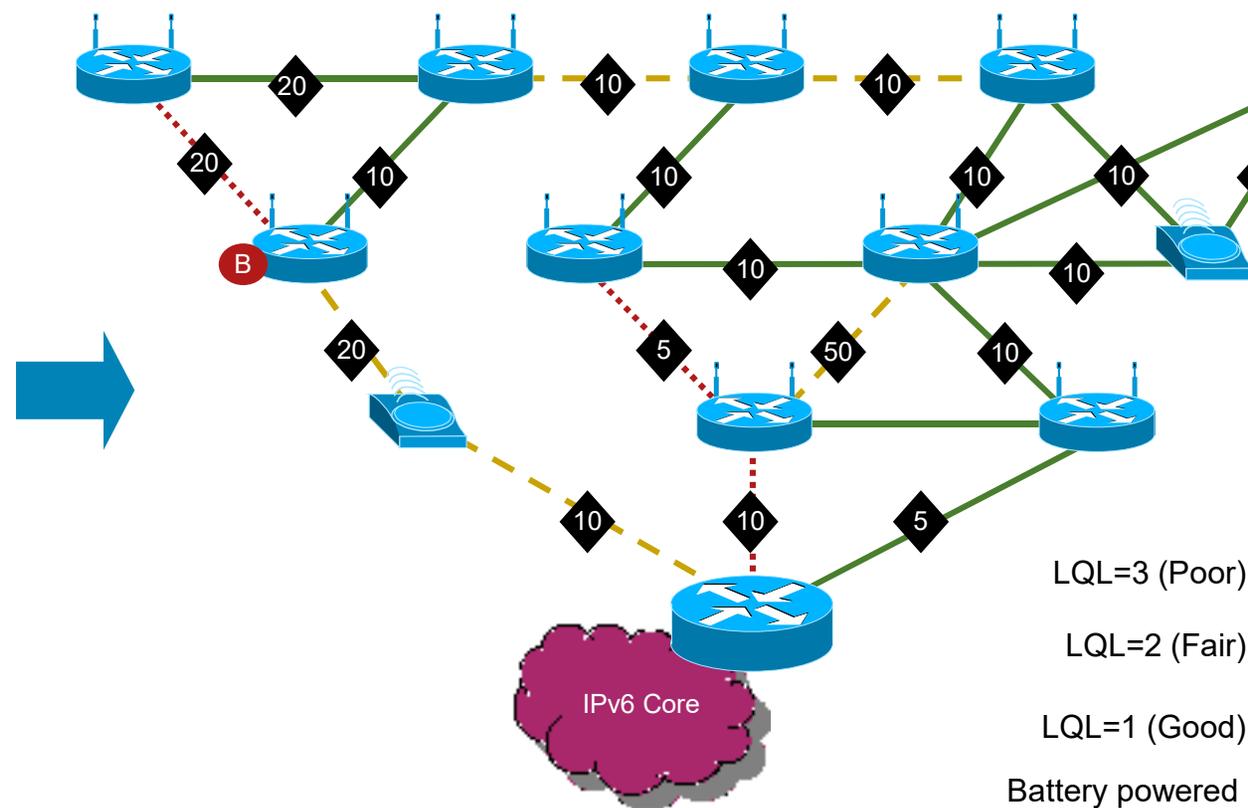
Node Metrics	Link Metrics
<b>State and Attributes Object</b> Purpose is to reflect node workload (CPU, Memory...) Overload flag signals overload of resource Aggregator flag signal node can act as traffic aggregator	<b>Throughput Object</b> Currently available throughput (Bytes per second) Throughput range supported
<b>Energy Object</b> Flag: Node type: 0 = Mains, 1 = Battery, 2 = Scavenger Constraint bit: Use node type as a constraint (include/exclude) Metric flag: Estimated energy remaining	<b>Latency</b> Can be used as a metric or constraint Constraint - max latency allowable on path Metric - additive metric updated along path
<b>Hop Count Object</b> Can be used as a metric or constraint Constraint - max number of hops that can be traversed Metric - total number of hops traversed	<b>Link Reliability</b> Link Quality Level Reliability (LQL) 0=Unknown, 1=High, 2=Medium, 3=Low Expected Transmission Count (ETX) (Average number of TX to deliver a packet)
	<b>Link Colour</b> Metric or constraint, arbitrary admin value

# DODAG Example

Geographic Layout



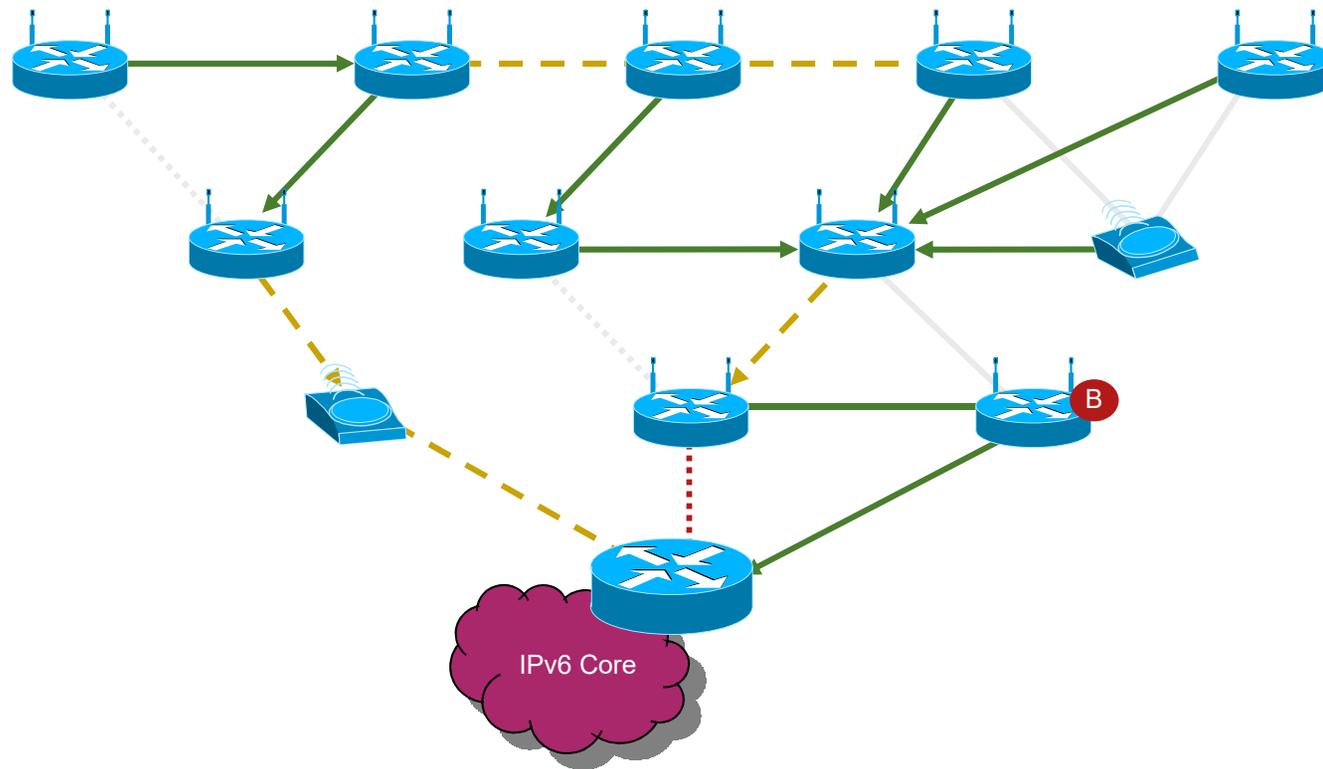
DODAG Topology



- DIO messages are propagated from the DODAG root

# OF: Use High Quality Links, Avoid battery powered nodes

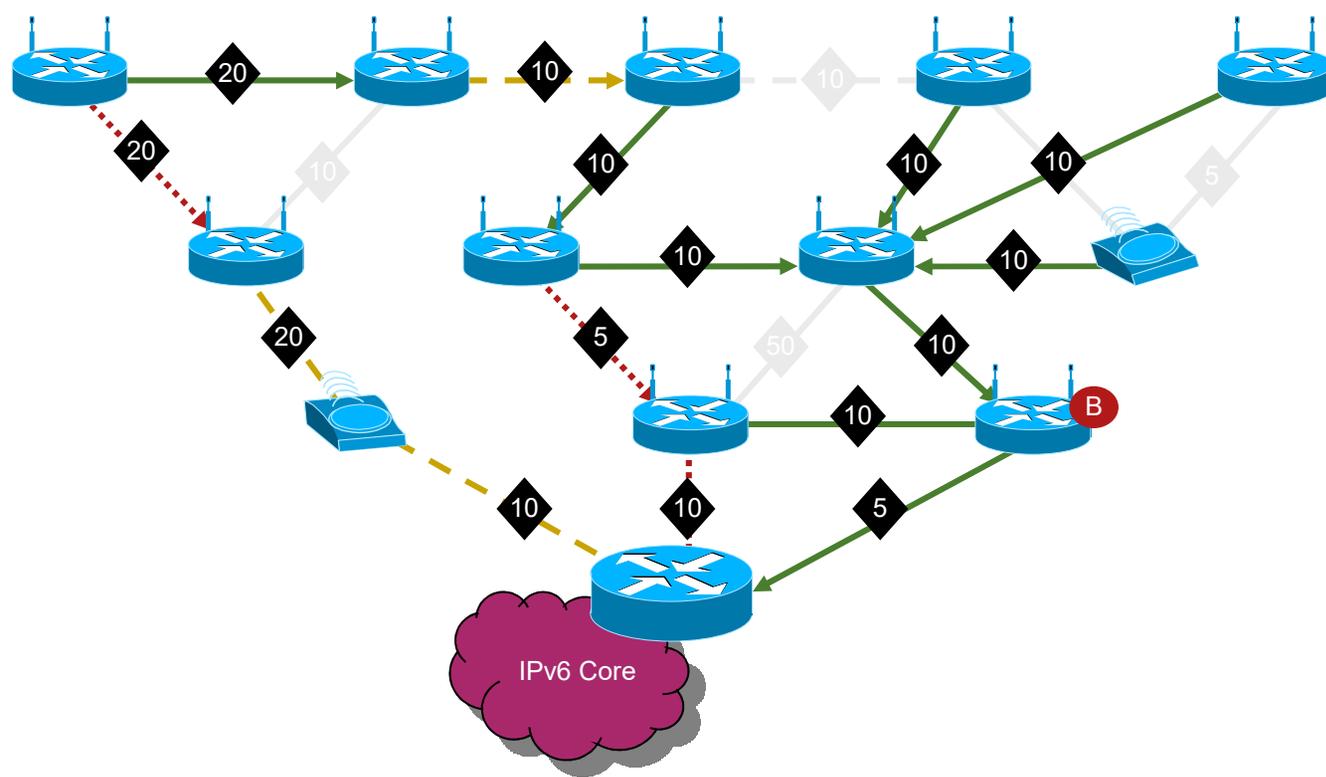
DODAG Topology



- LQL=3 (Poor)
- LQL=2 (Fair)
- LQL=1 (Good)
- Battery Powered

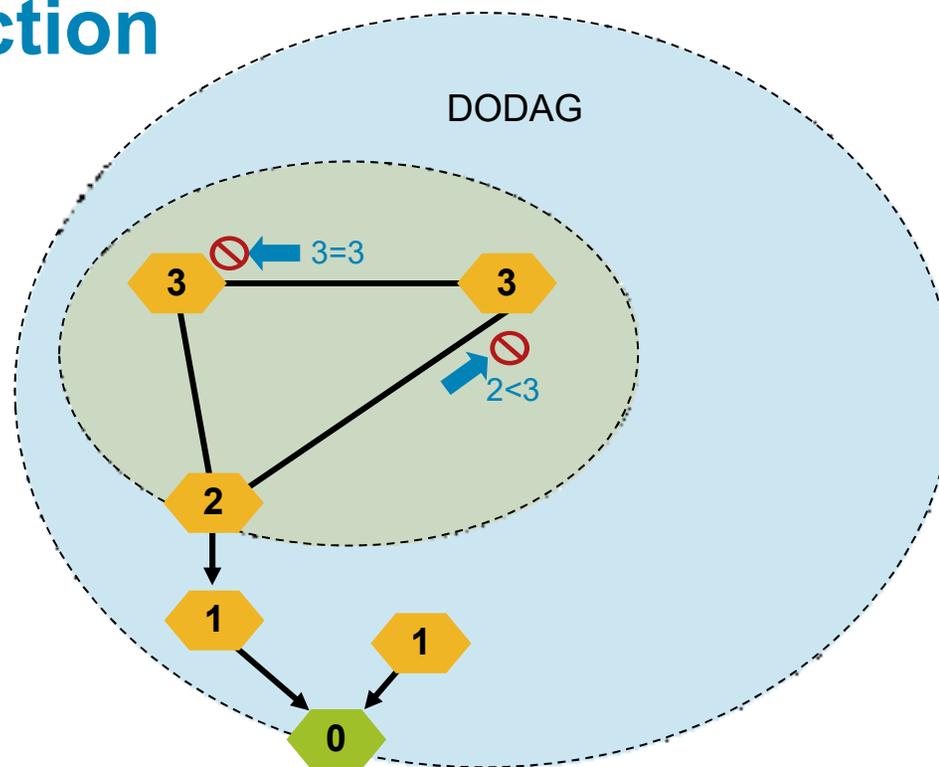
# OF: Low Latency Paths only

DODAG Topology



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# RPL Loop Detection

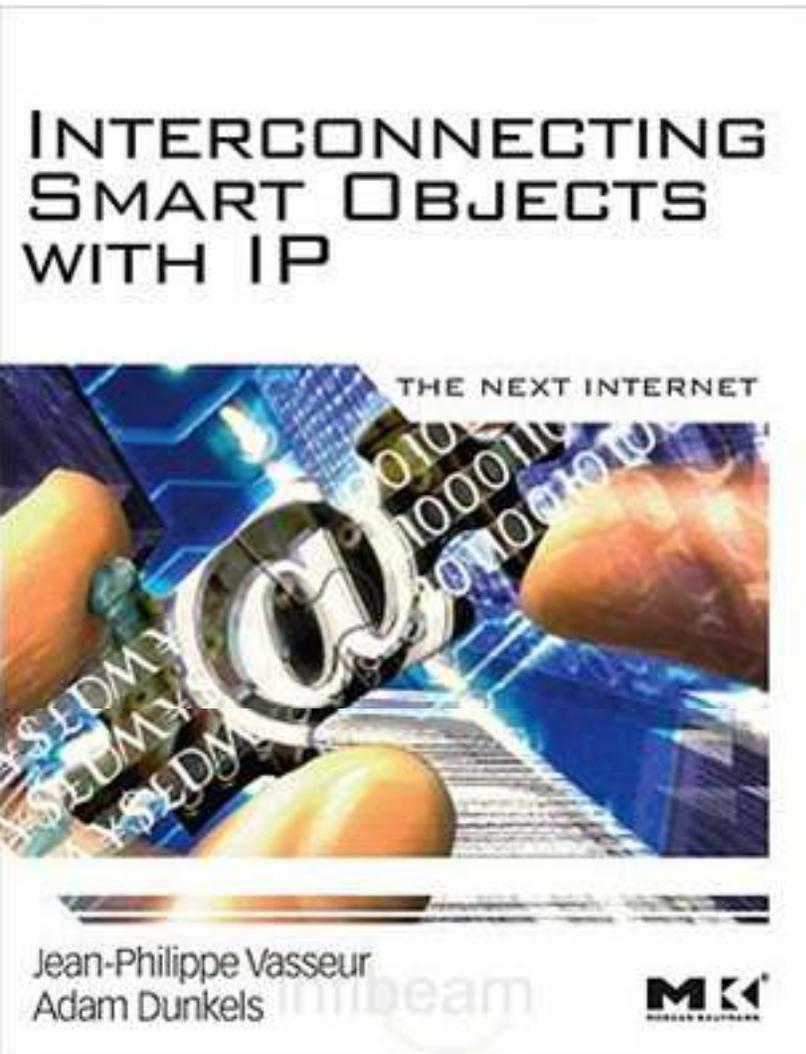


- Data path validation used to check for loops (Simple mechanism)
  - IPv6 options header carries rank of transmitter
- If node receives packet with rank  $\leq$  to its own, drop packet
  - Detection happens when link is actually used.

# RPL Summary

- RPL is a foundation of the Internet of Things
  - Open standard to meeting challenging requirements
- Promising technology to enable IP on many billions of smart objects
- Very compact code
  - Supports wide range of media and devices
- Cisco Implementation
  - Passed execute commit, planned for IOS 15.2PI16
  - In roadmap for SGBU nextgen routers
- Standardisation Status (Dec 2010)
  - Passed WG and IETF last call
  - Adopted by several alliances: Zigbee/IP, Wavenis, IEEE P1901.2 (Power line comm

# Recommended reading



- Covers the trends in Smart Objects
- RPL protocol
- Detailed application scenarios
- Written by
  - JP Vasseur (Cisco DE)
  - Adam Dunkels (Inventor of Contiki O/S, uIPv6)



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