

# Secure Human Centered Network of Intelligent Devices using Human Body Communication and In-Sensor Analytics

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# Who are we ?



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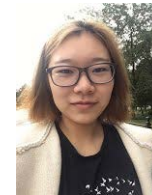
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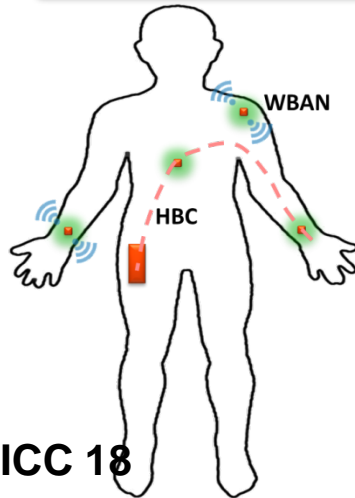
# Research Highlights

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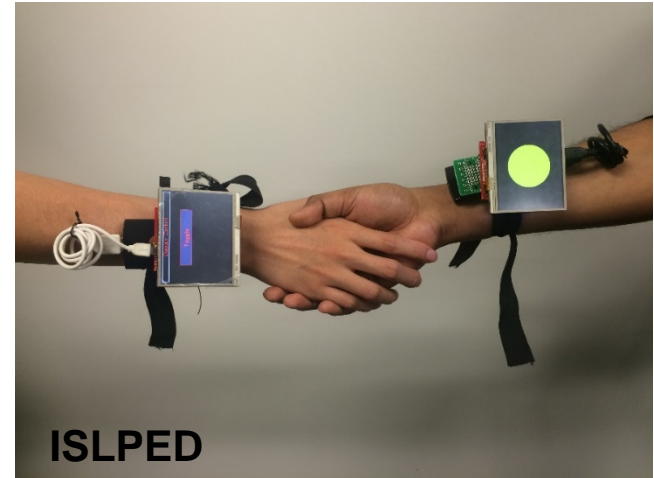
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World's lowest energy Human Body Communication

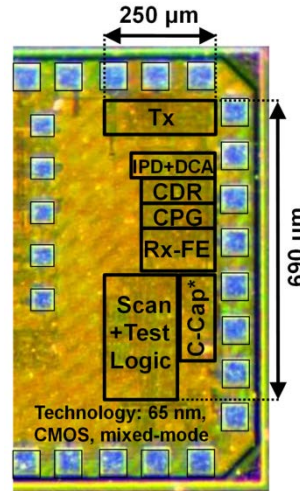


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World's first Inter-Human HBC Information Exchange

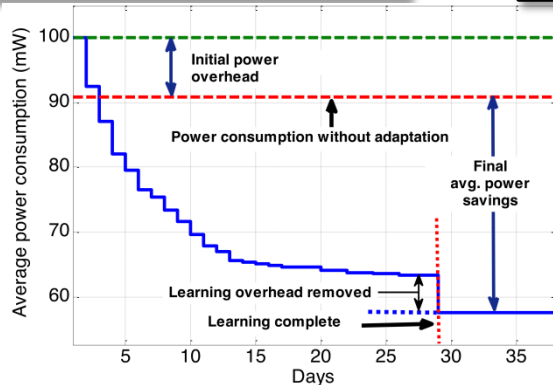
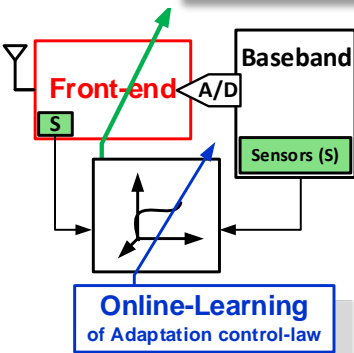


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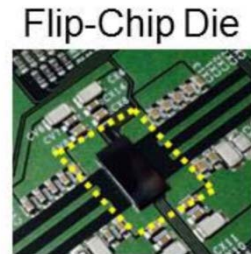
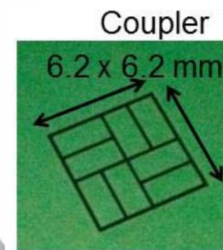
mm-Scale Proximity Communication

Self-Learning Radio



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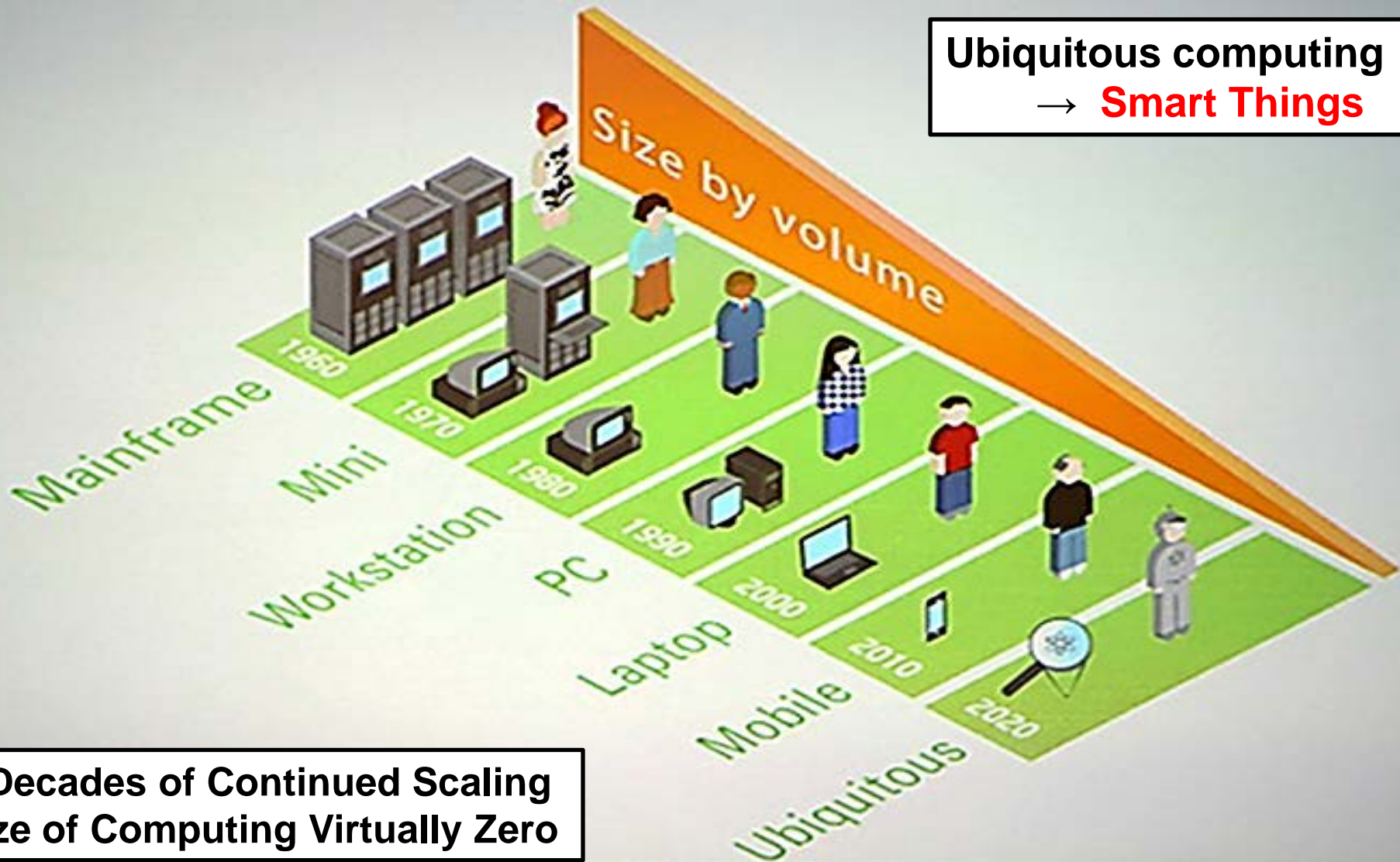
Phone to Laptop/ 2-in-1



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# Cheap Computation → Smartness

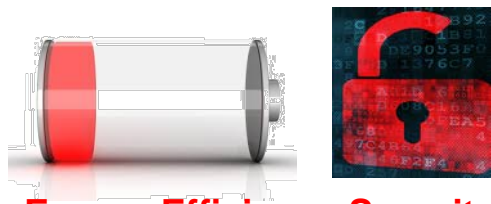
Ubiquitous computing  
→ **Smart Things**



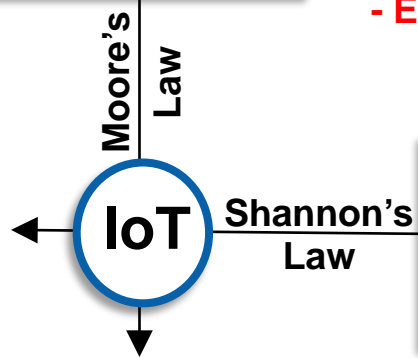
5 Decades of Continued Scaling  
Size of Computing Virtually Zero

# Connectivity in IoT

+ Cheap Computing



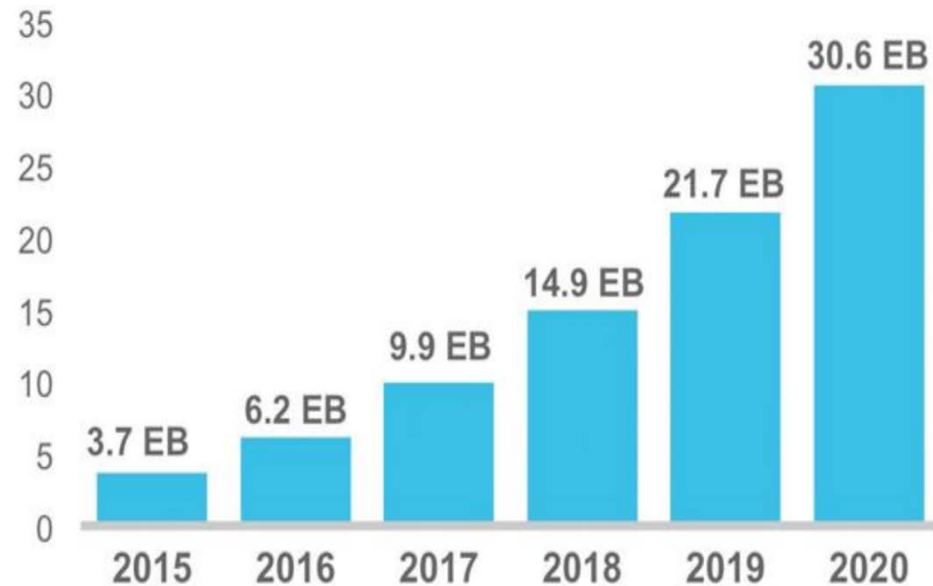
- Energy Efficiency Security ?



+ Wireless Connectivity

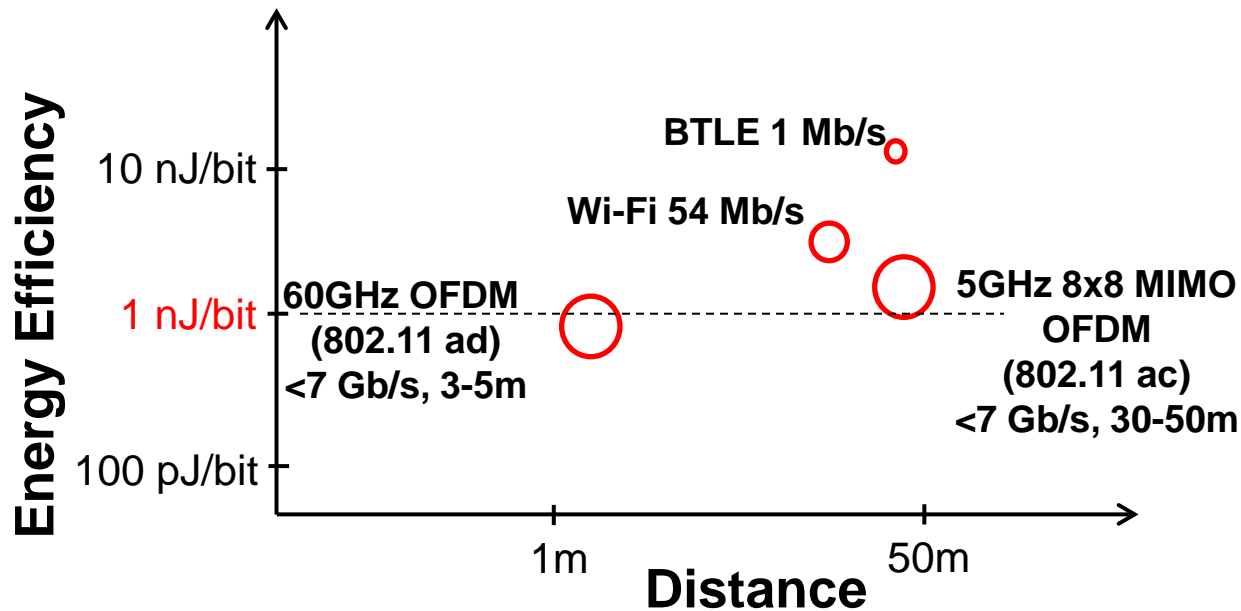
**Exabytes of Data per Month**

1 Exabyte (EB) = 1 Billion Gigabyte



# Energy-Cost of *Connected* Systems

- Typical connectivity: 4G, Wi-Fi, BT, BTLE, WiGig

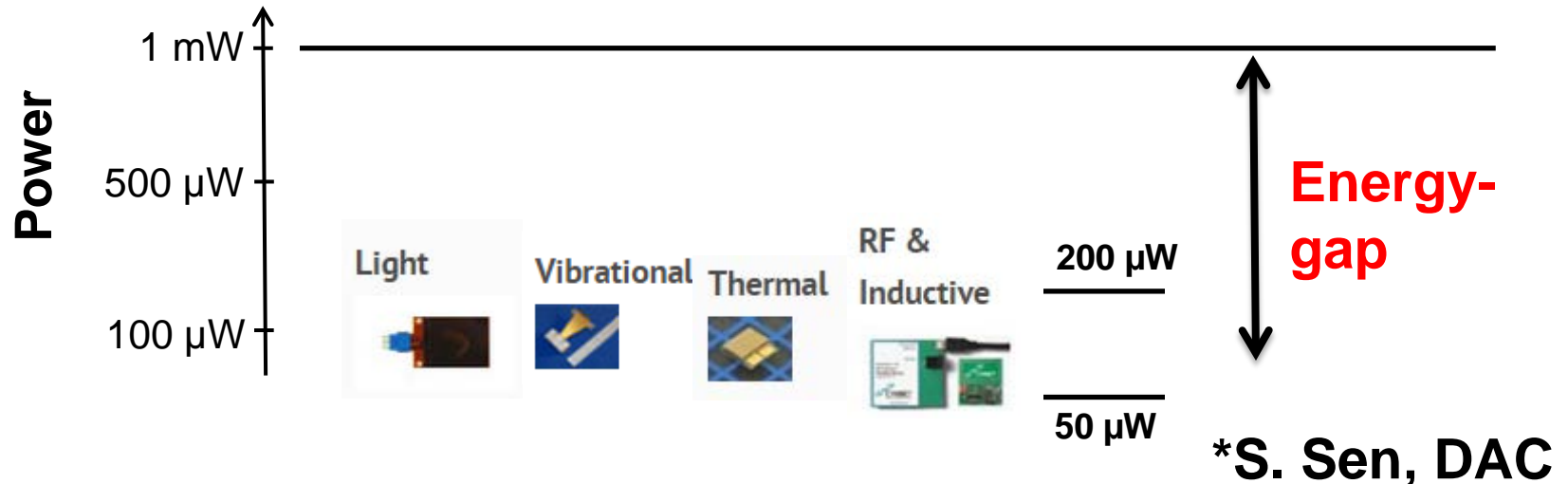


- Energy-Efficiency > ~1nJ/b

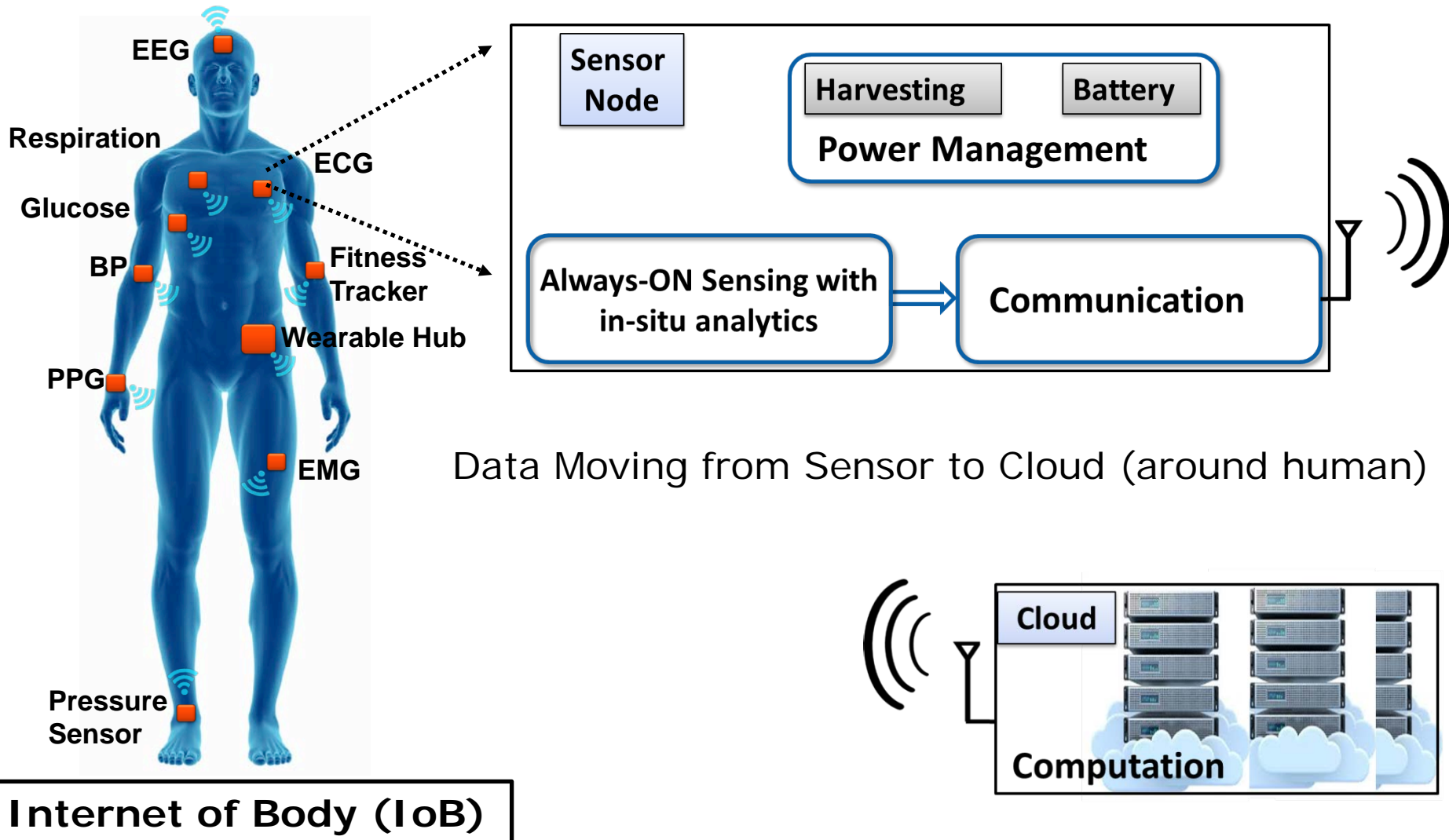
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# Energy-Gap: *Net-Zero IoT* Sensors

- Sensors with Mbps throughput
  - 1nJ/b, 1 Mb/s  $\rightarrow$  1mW
    - Small battery will run out in 7.5 days
  - Zero-net energy: runs on harvested energy
    - >10x improvement required



# Present Research Outline



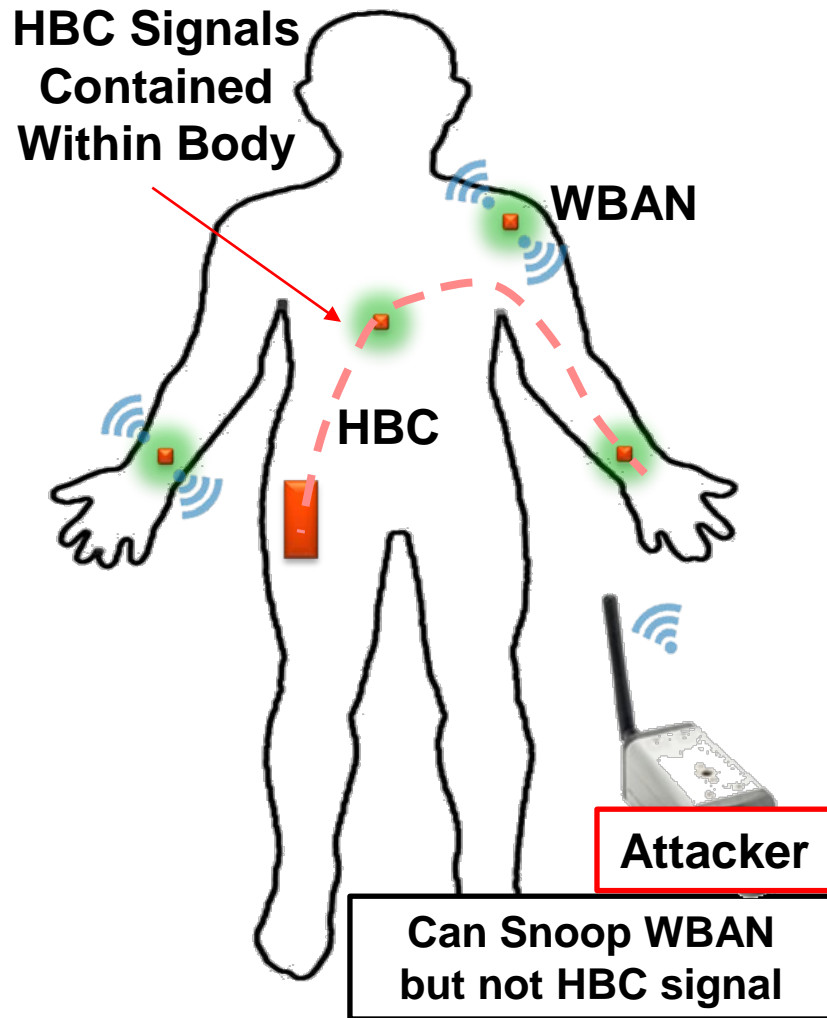


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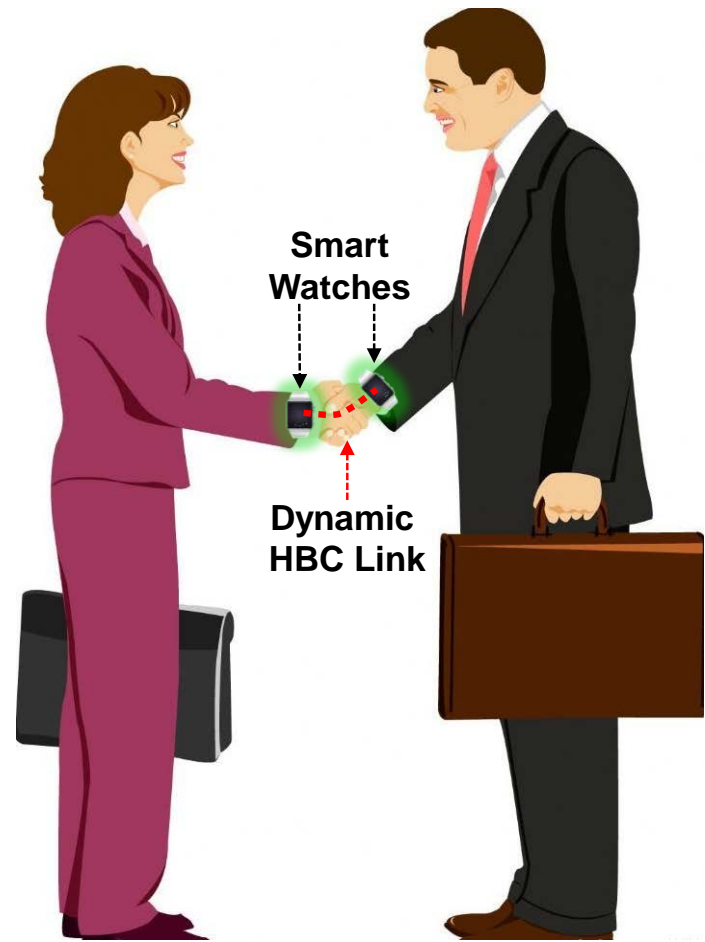
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- Motivation: Internet of Body
- Human Body Communication (HBC)
- In-Sensor Analytics in IoT Sensor Node
- Other Related Work
- Societal Impact of On-device Analytics + HBC

# Concept: Human Body as a Comm Medium



Human-Intranet



Human-Internet

# Health Monitoring using Human Body Communication (HBC)

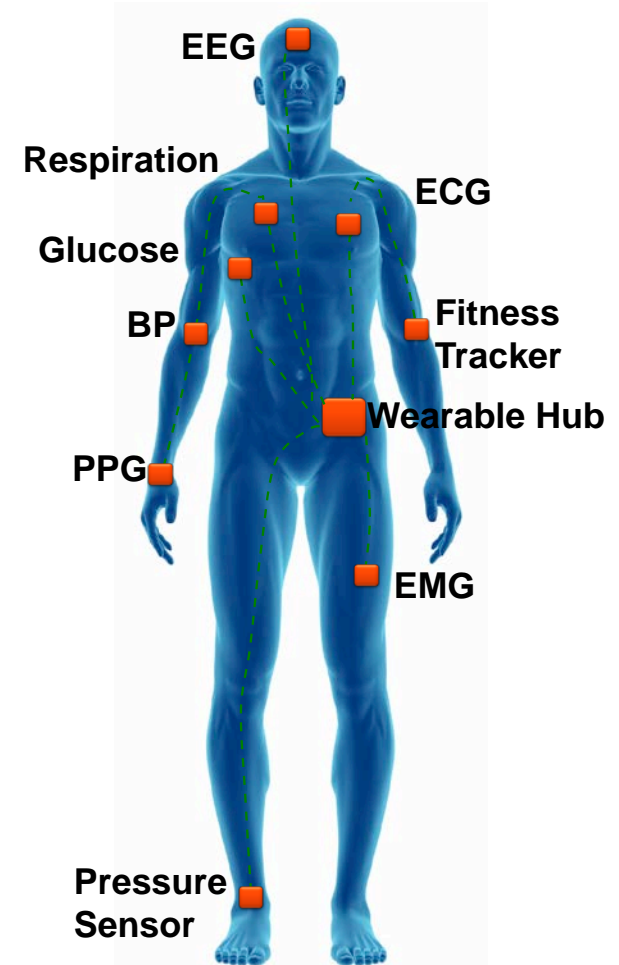
- Human Body Communication:  
Energy efficient , Secure, robust to  
Inter-Sensor Interference

## Comparison

	WBAN	HBC
Secure	✗	✓
Energy-Efficient	✗	✓
Inter-Sensor Interference	✓	✗
Robustness to FM interference	High	Low

## Safety

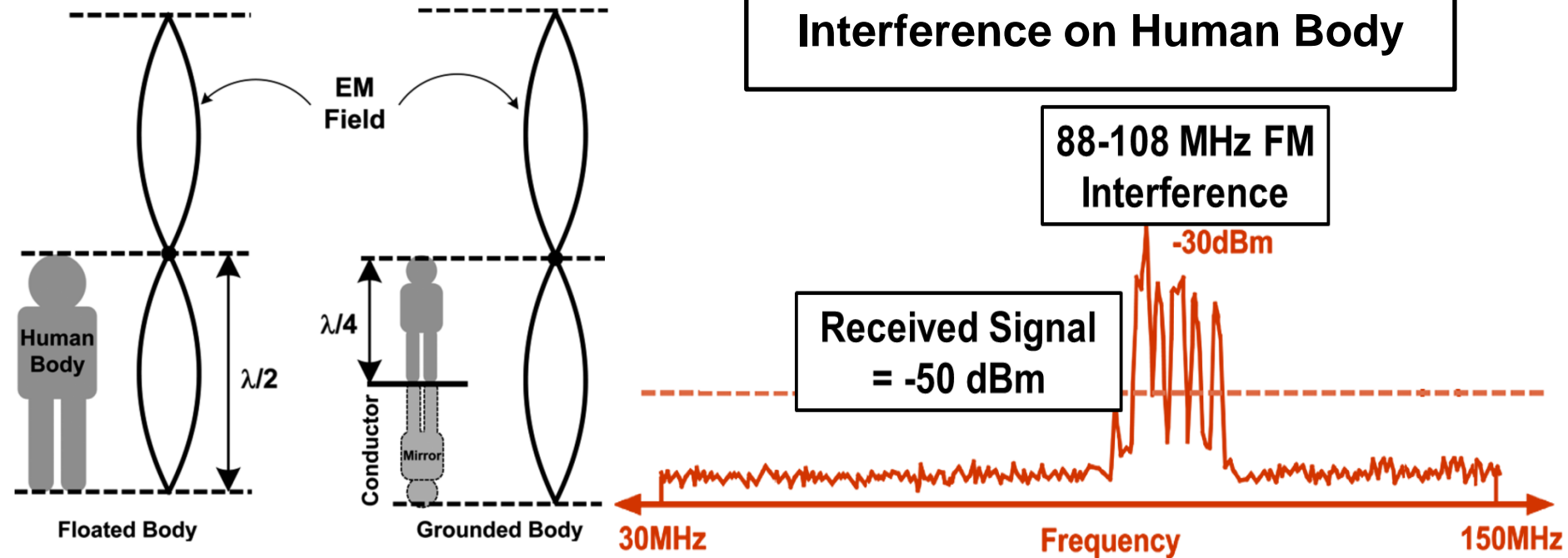
Frequency (f)	Maximum Current (mA)
< 2.5 kHz	0.5
2.5-100 kHz	0.2f
100kHz-110MHz	20
HBC	0.003-0.06



But suffers from environmental interference

# Broadband HBC Bottlenecks

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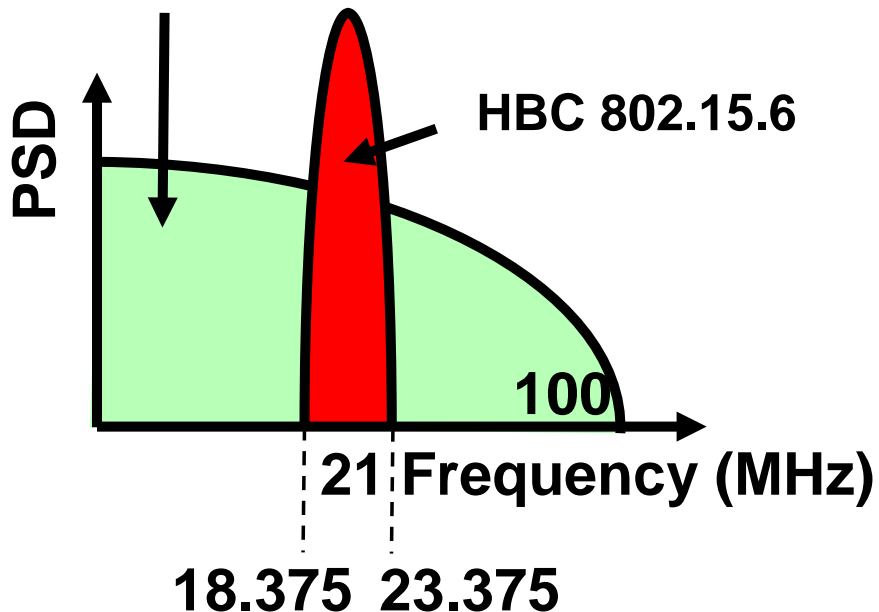
- **HBC bottleneck**

- Human body acts like an antenna in the 40–400 MHz frequency range
- FM radio frequency band (88–108 MHz) falls in this range

# HBC Technology

## Broadband HBC

### Proposed HBC signaling

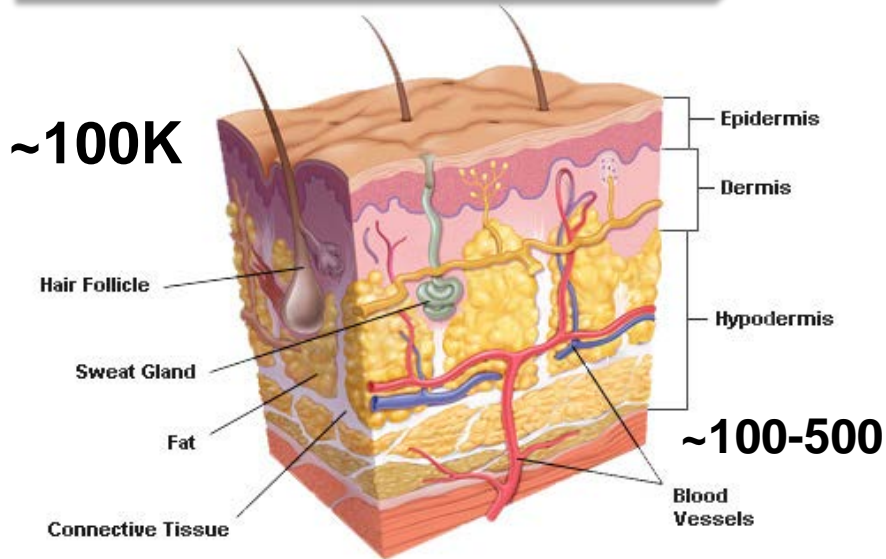
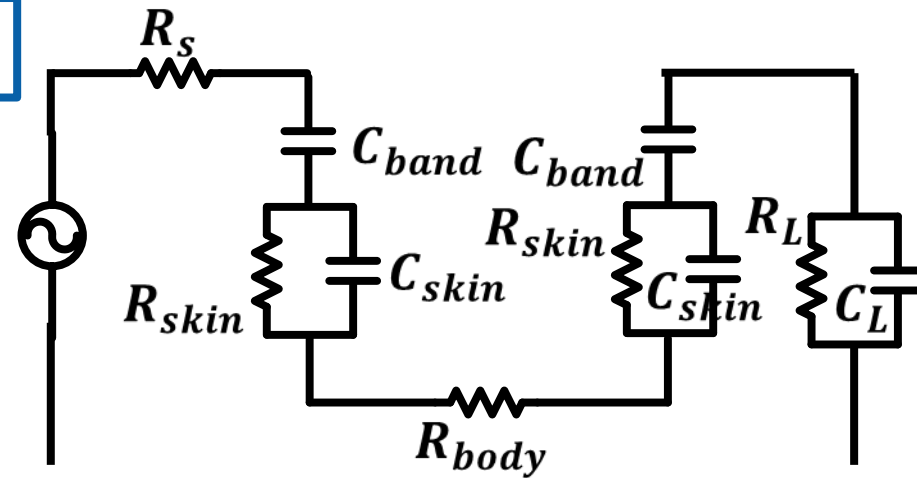
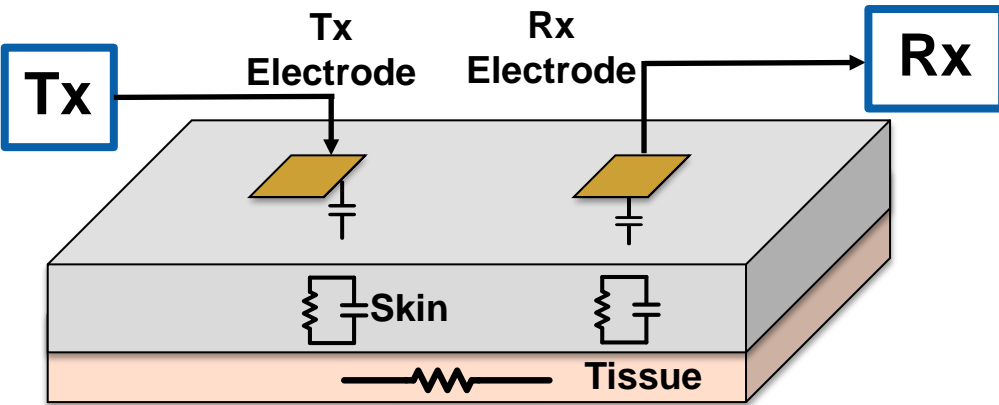


- **IEEE 802.15.6 standard**
  - Narrowband
  - Energy-inefficient ( $\sim$ nJ/b)
- **Proposed HBC Signaling**
  - Broadband
  - Energy-efficient ( $\sim$ pJ/b)
    - No up-conversion and down-conversion
    - Low loss in human body
  - Suitable for energy-harvested sensors

Key enablers of Broadband HBC:

1. Capacitive Voltage Mode HBC
2. Integrating Receiver

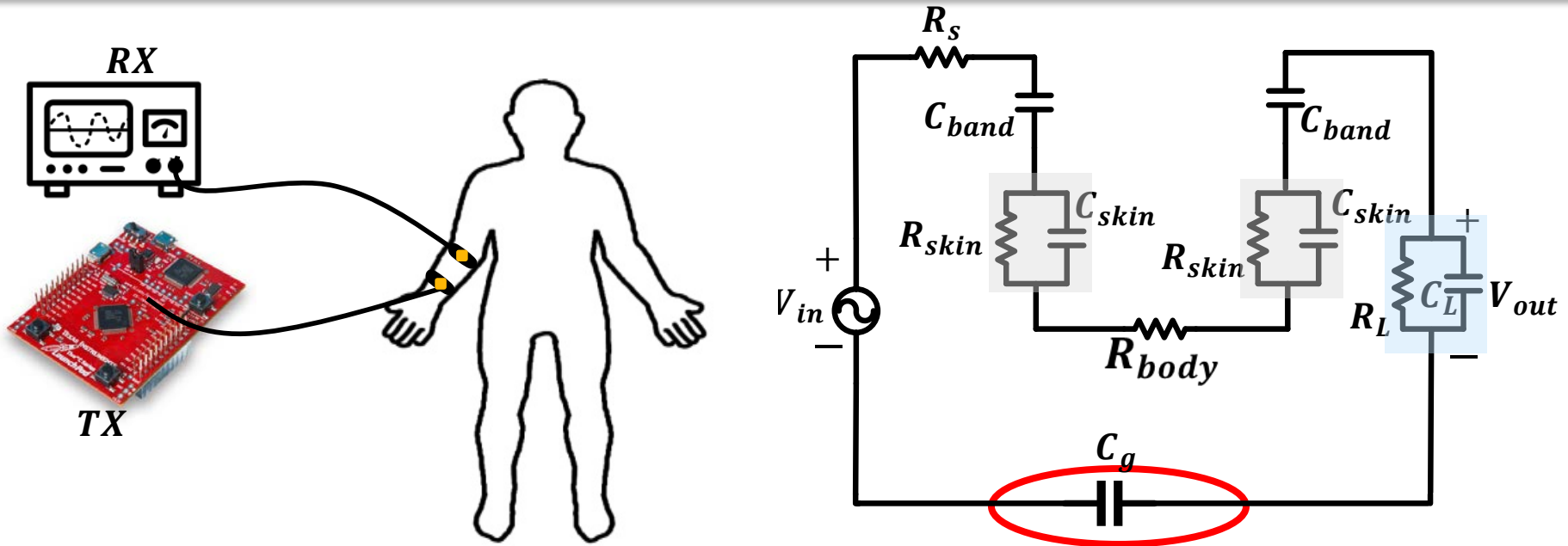
# Human Body Circuit Model



- Key Question: How is the closed path formed between Tx and Rx?

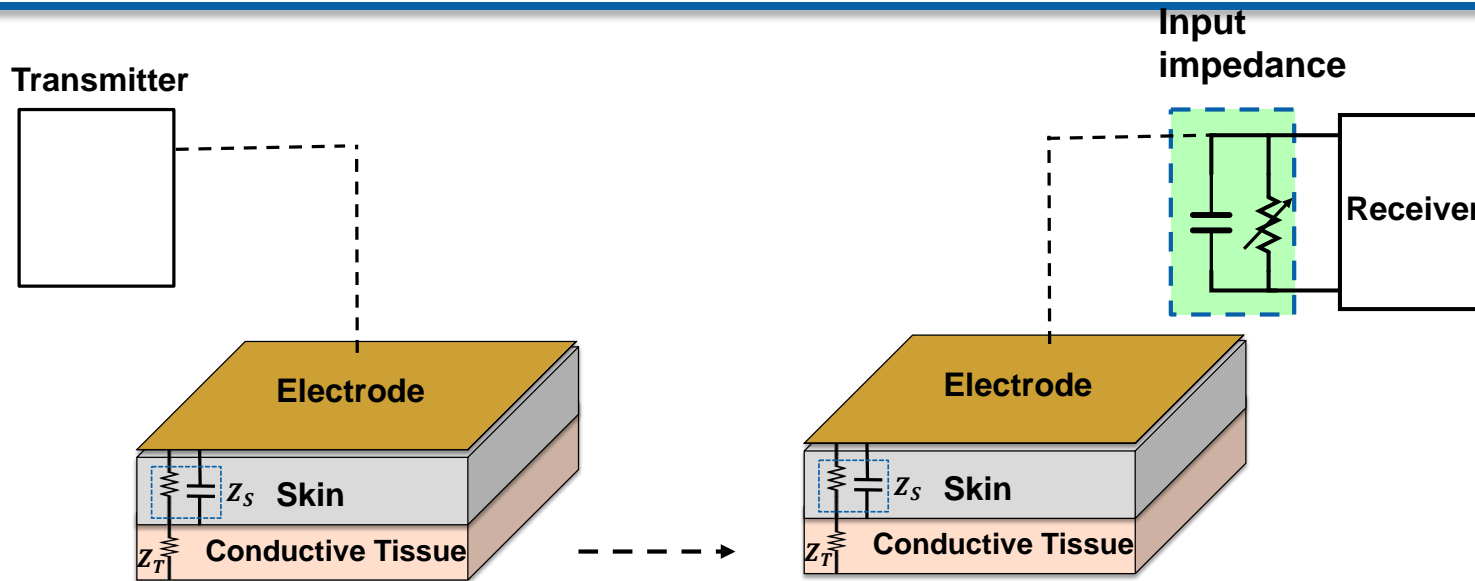
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# Capacitive HBC: Return Path capacitance



- How is the closed path formed between Tx and Rx?
- Primarily by capacitance formed between transmitter, receiver through the surroundings

# 1. Capacitive Voltage Mode HBC (CVM-HBC)



- System Loss dependent on receiver input impedance
- High input impedance  $\rightarrow$  Lower loss
- Capacitive Termination  $\rightarrow$  Flat Frequency Response  $\rightarrow$  Wider BW

$$\text{Channel Loss} = \frac{V_{rx}}{V_{tx}} \cong \frac{C_{ret}}{(C_{ret} + C_L)}$$



# 1. Capacitive Voltage Mode HBC (CVM-HBC)

Lower Frequency Loss Reduction by Capacitive Voltage-Mode Signaling

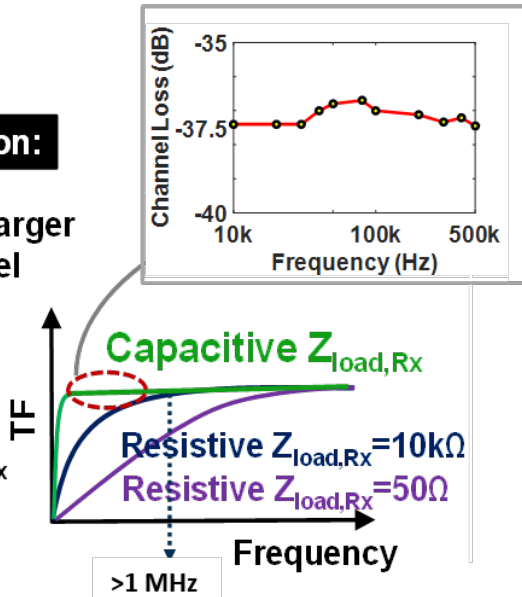
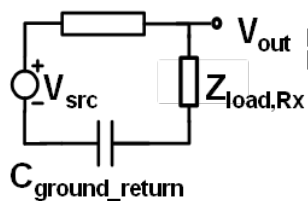
Time-Domain Received Signals

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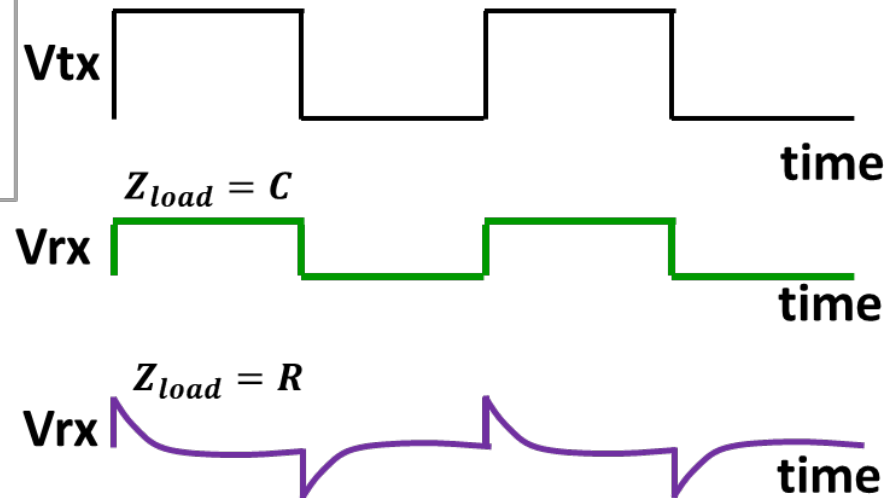
**Capacitive Termination:**

( $Z_{load,Rx}=C$ ) to enable larger Bandwidth BB Channel

HBC Channel

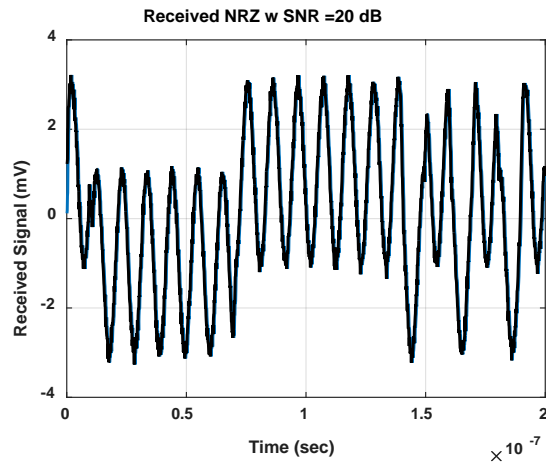


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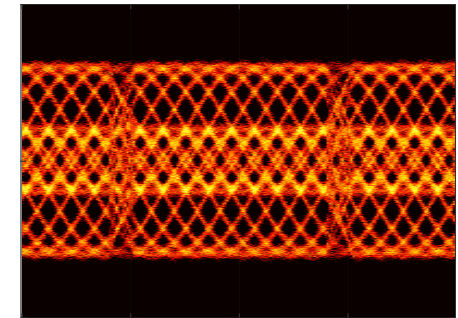


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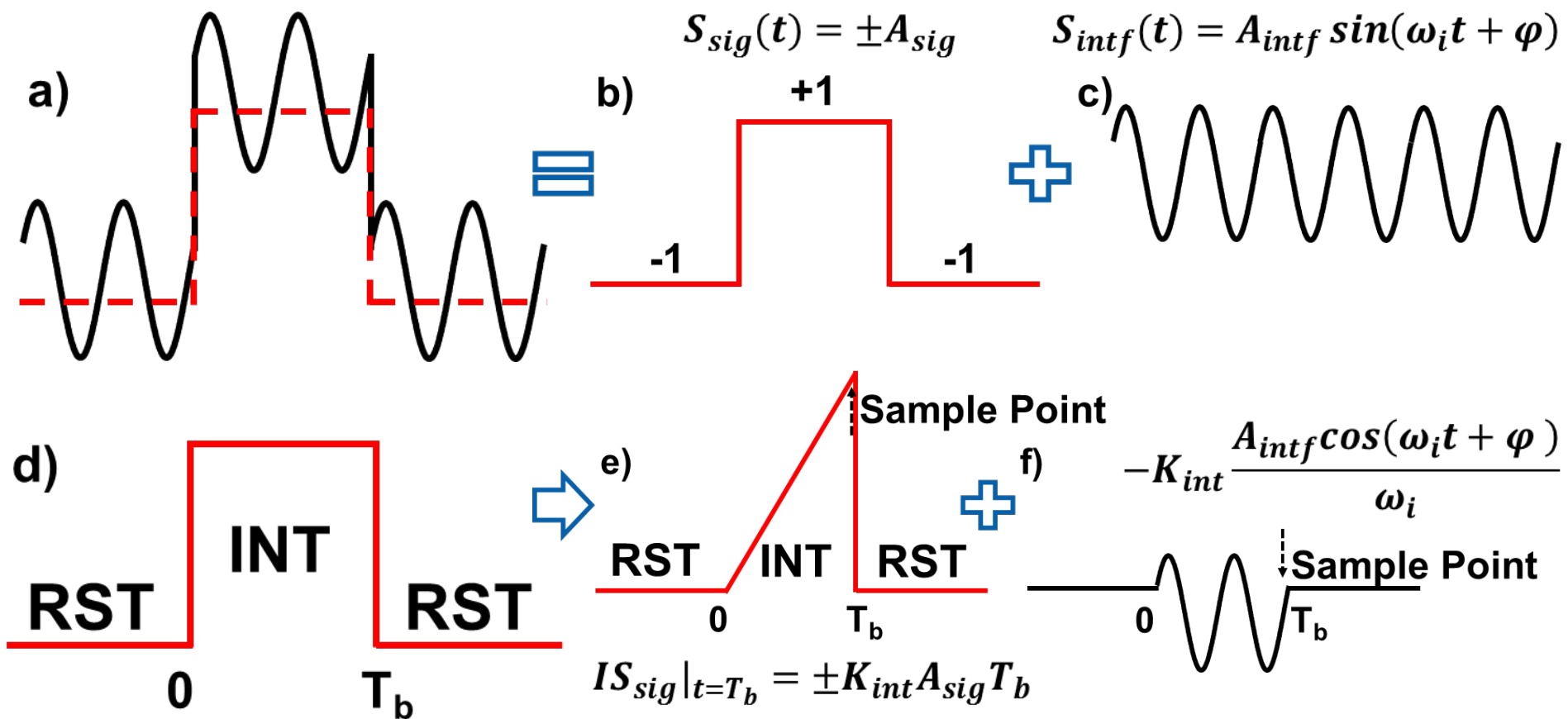
## 2. Integrating Receiver (IR-HBC)



- Non-integrated signal: no eye opening



# Theory: Interference Suppression using Integrating DDR Receiver as Notch Filter



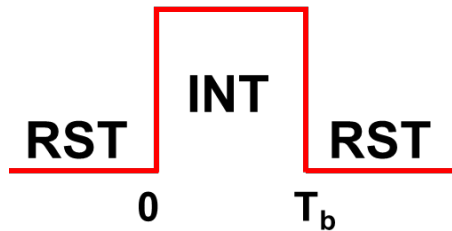
- **Signal** : NRZ signal + CW interference
- **Problem**:  $A_{intf} \gg A_{sig} \rightarrow$  closed eye-diagram  $\rightarrow$  impossible to sample accurately
- **Solution**: Integrating for the bit-period ( $T_b$ ) and then sample

# Working Principle

$\varphi =$  Arbitrary Phase Difference  
Between NRZ and Interference

$\omega_i = \frac{2\pi}{T_i} =$  Interference Frequency

$K_{int} =$  Integrator Gain



$$S_{RX} = S_{sig} + S_{intf} \quad (1)$$

$$S_{sig}(t) = \pm A_{sig} \quad 0 \leq t \leq T_b \quad (2)$$

$$S_{intf}(t) = A_{intf} \sin(\omega_i t + \varphi) \quad \forall t \quad (3)$$

$$IS_{sig}(t) = \int_0^t S_{sig} = \begin{cases} \pm K_{int} A_{sig} t, & 0 \leq t \leq T_b \\ 0, & T_b \leq t \leq 2T_b \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

$$IS_{intf}(t) = \int_0^t S_{intf} \quad (5)$$

$$= \begin{cases} -K_{int} \frac{A_{intf} \cos(\omega_i t + \varphi)}{\omega_i}, & 0 \leq t \leq T_b \\ 0, & T_b \leq t \leq 2T_b \end{cases}$$

$$IS_{sig}|_{t=T_b} = \pm K_{int} A_{sig} T_b \quad (6)$$

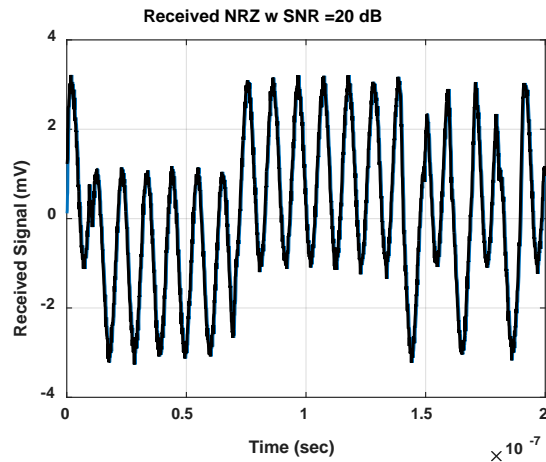
$$IS_{intf}|_{t=T_b} = K_{int} \frac{A_{intf} [\cos(\varphi) - \cos(\omega_i T_b + \varphi)]}{\omega_i} \quad (7)$$

$$= K_{int} \frac{A_{intf} \left[ \cos(\varphi) - \cos\left(2\pi \frac{T_b}{T_i} + \varphi\right) \right]}{\omega_i} \quad (8)$$

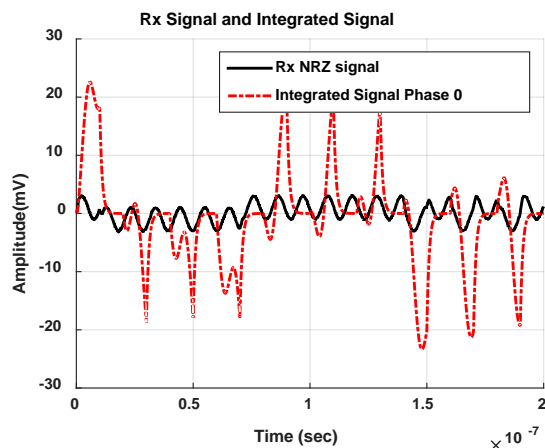
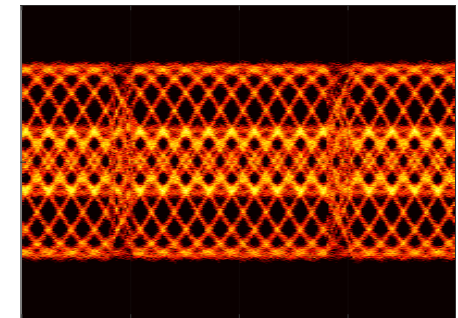
$$= 0, \quad \forall T_b = nT_i; n = \text{positive integer}$$

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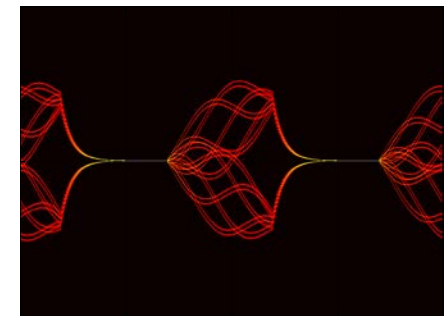
- Integration at the receiver  $\rightarrow$  reduces effect of environmental interference



- Non-integrated signal: no eye opening

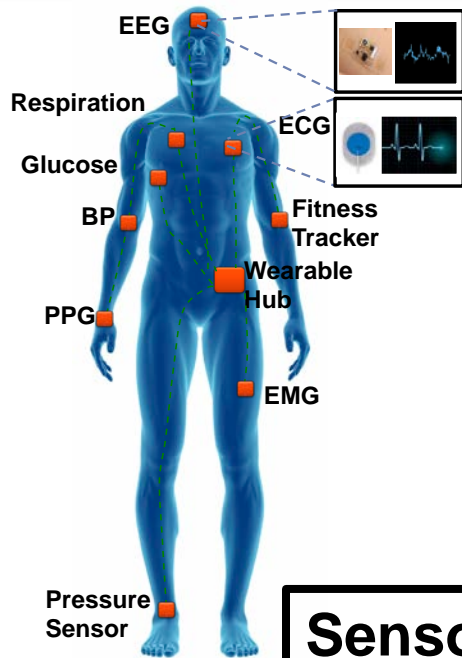


- Integrated Signal: clear eye opening



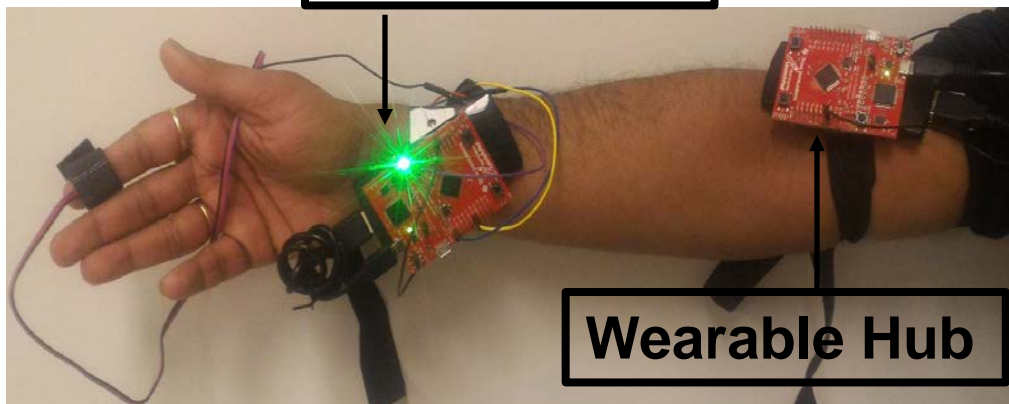
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# Application: HBC based Health Monitoring



- **Intra-body health monitoring:** transmission of data from sensors to Wearable Hub
- **Human Machine Interaction:** health data upload from Wearable Hub to Health Monitoring Machine

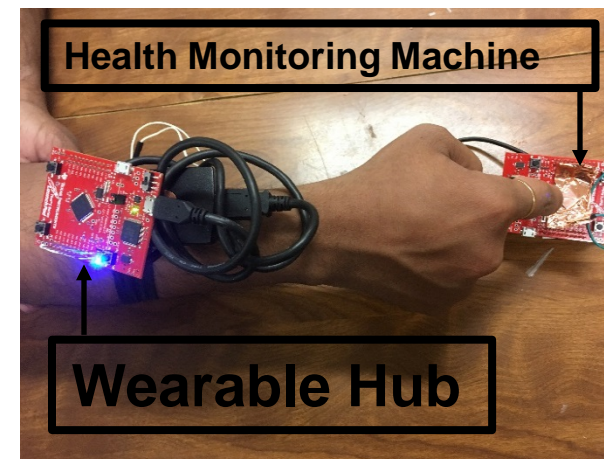
**Sensor Node**



**Wearable Hub**



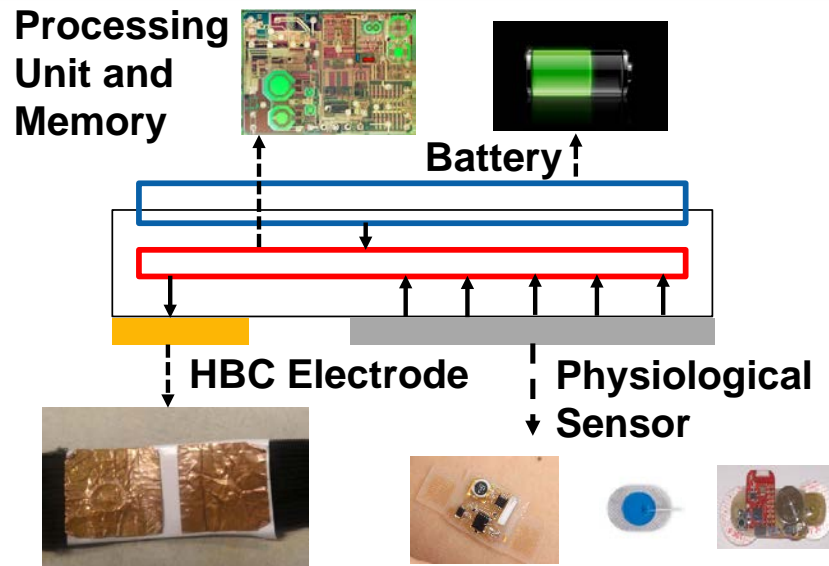
**Wearable Hub**



**Health Monitoring Machine**

**Wearable Hub**

# Wearable Health Monitoring Node



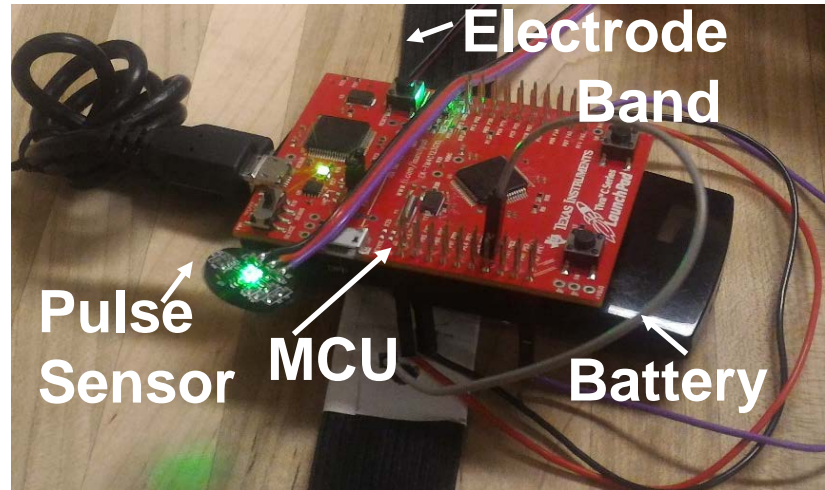
Sensor Node: Collects physiological data

- Physiological sensor: Acquires physical data
- Processing Unit: Processes data from sensors
- HBC electrodes: coupling signal to and from the body
- Battery: Source of power, **very limited due to small size**

Wearable Hub: Aggregates data, sends for further analysis

- Battery: Bigger battery, higher battery life

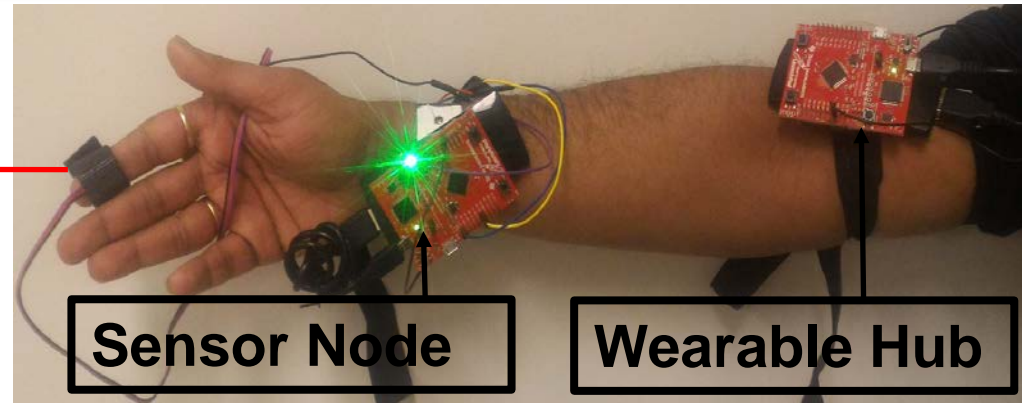
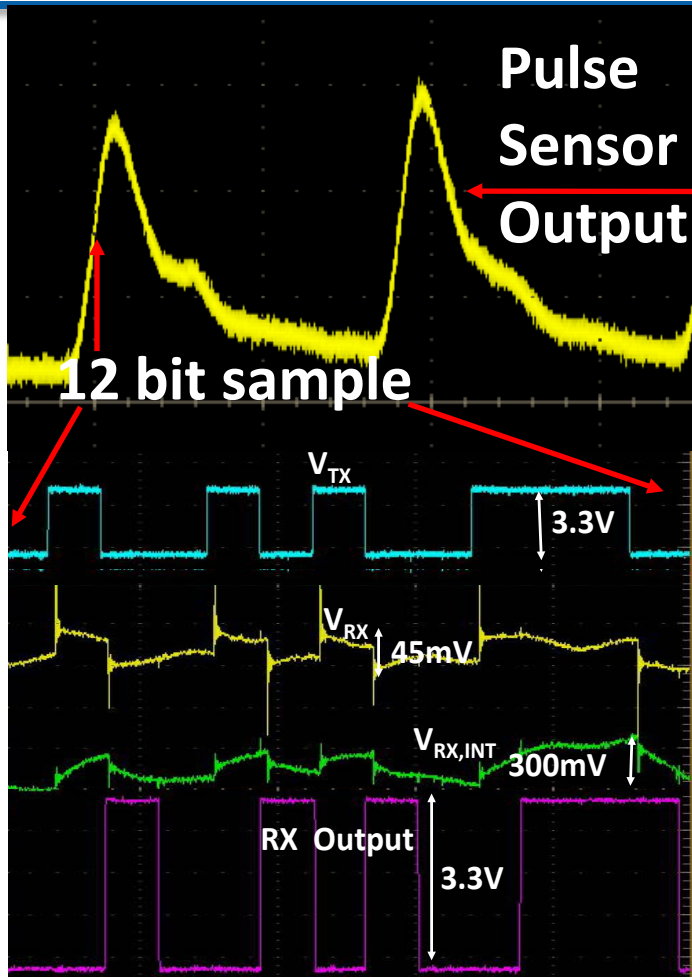
# Wearable Health Monitoring Node: Implementation



- Processing Unit: TIVA-C 123GXL Microcontroller Unit (MCU)
- Battery: Rechargeable Li ion battery
- Physiological Sensor: Pulse Sensor



# Signal Transmission Characteristics



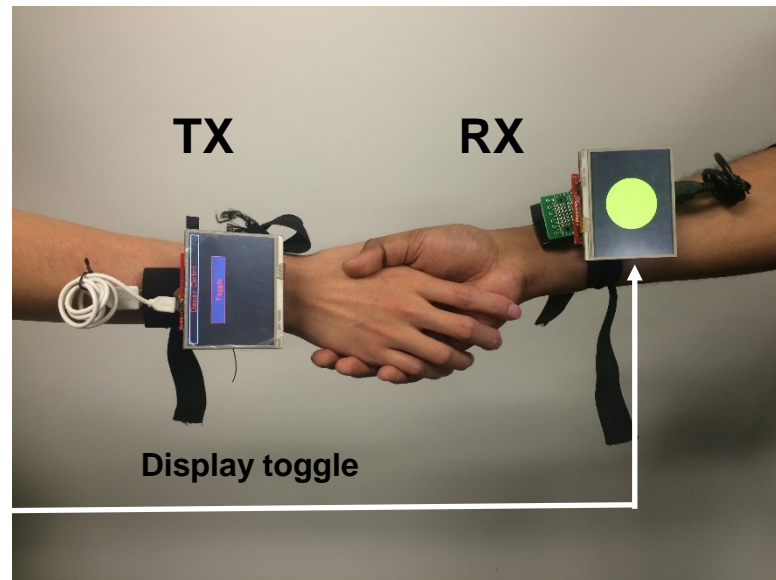
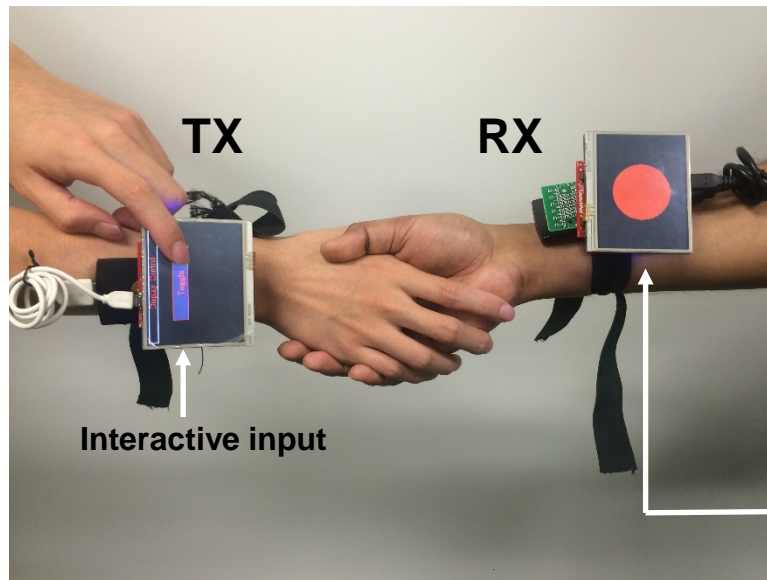
- Pulse Sensor output is digitized using a 12 bit ADC
- Digitized signal transmitted, amplitude : 3.3V
- Received signal amplitude 45mV
- Signal integrated to reduce effect of environmental interference
- Integrated signal decoded in digital domain

Type of HBC	Rx signal Amplitude (mV)	Loss (dB)
Intra-body HBC	45	37.3
HBC-HMI	57	35.2

# Dynamic HBC

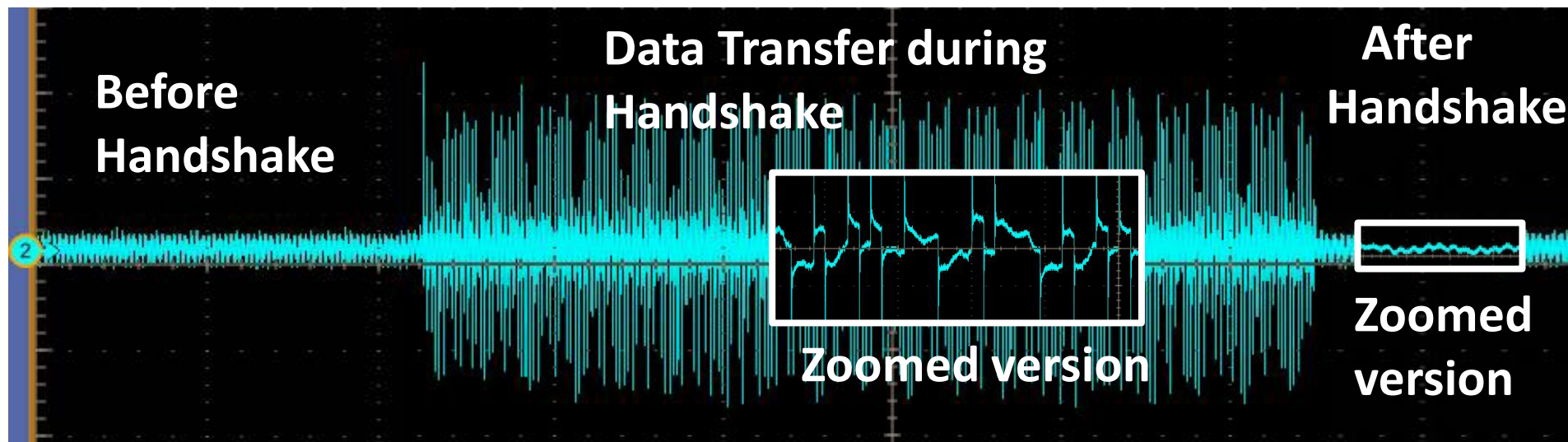
# Application: Business Card/Password Exchange

- Interactive input provided by user to toggle display
- A series of bit sent by transmitter and decoded by the receiver



# Dynamic HBC: Data Transfer

- Transient Signal Characteristics : data transfer during a handshake event

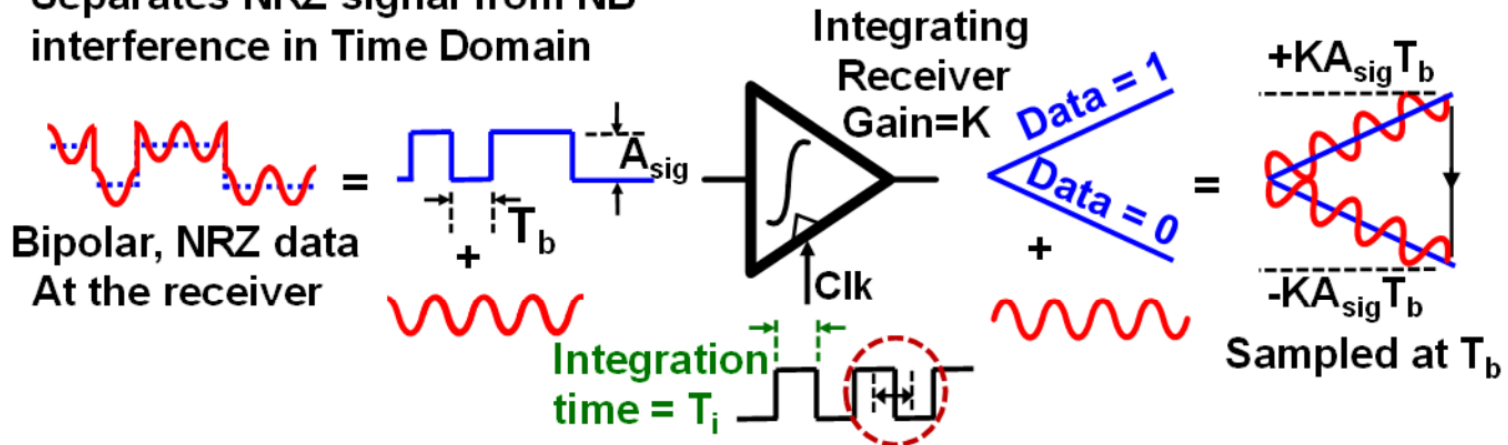


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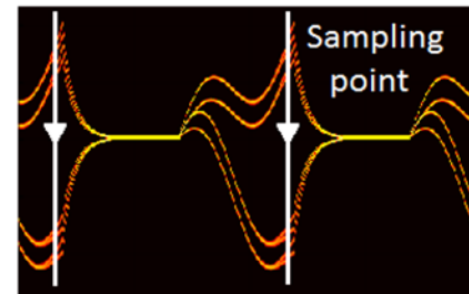
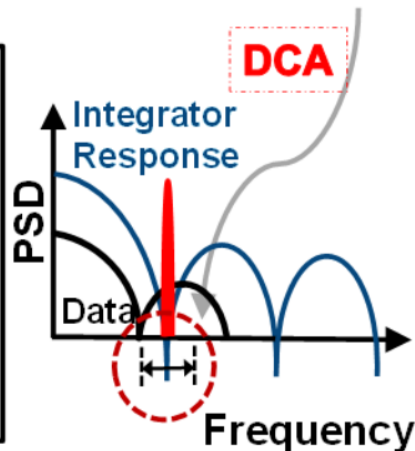
# IC Details

## Integrating Receiver:

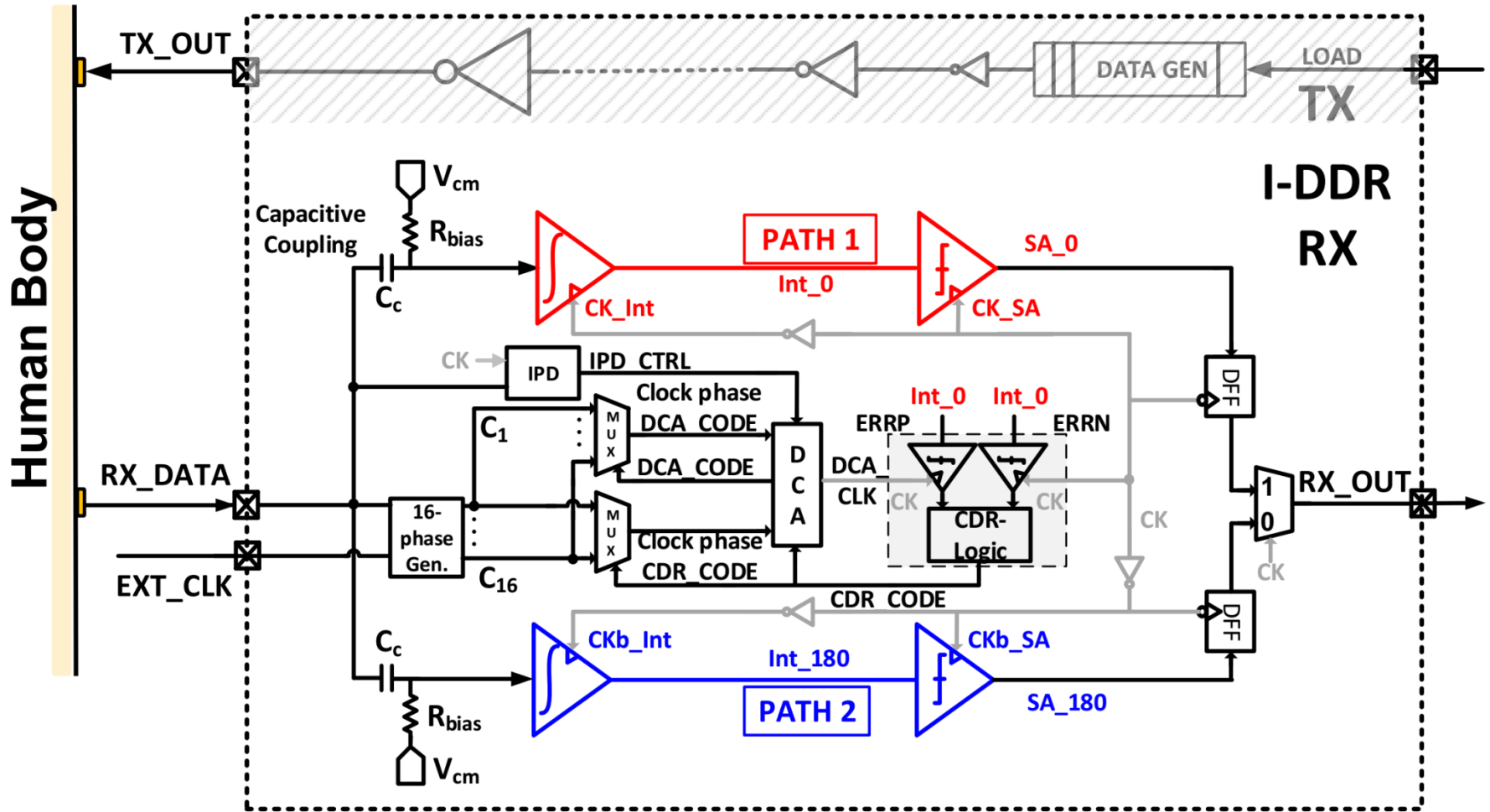
Separates NRZ signal from NB interference in Time Domain



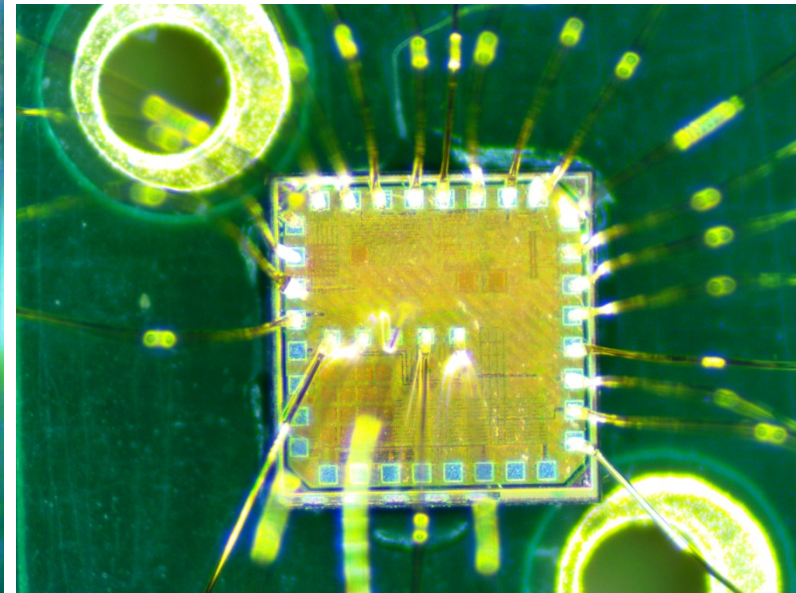
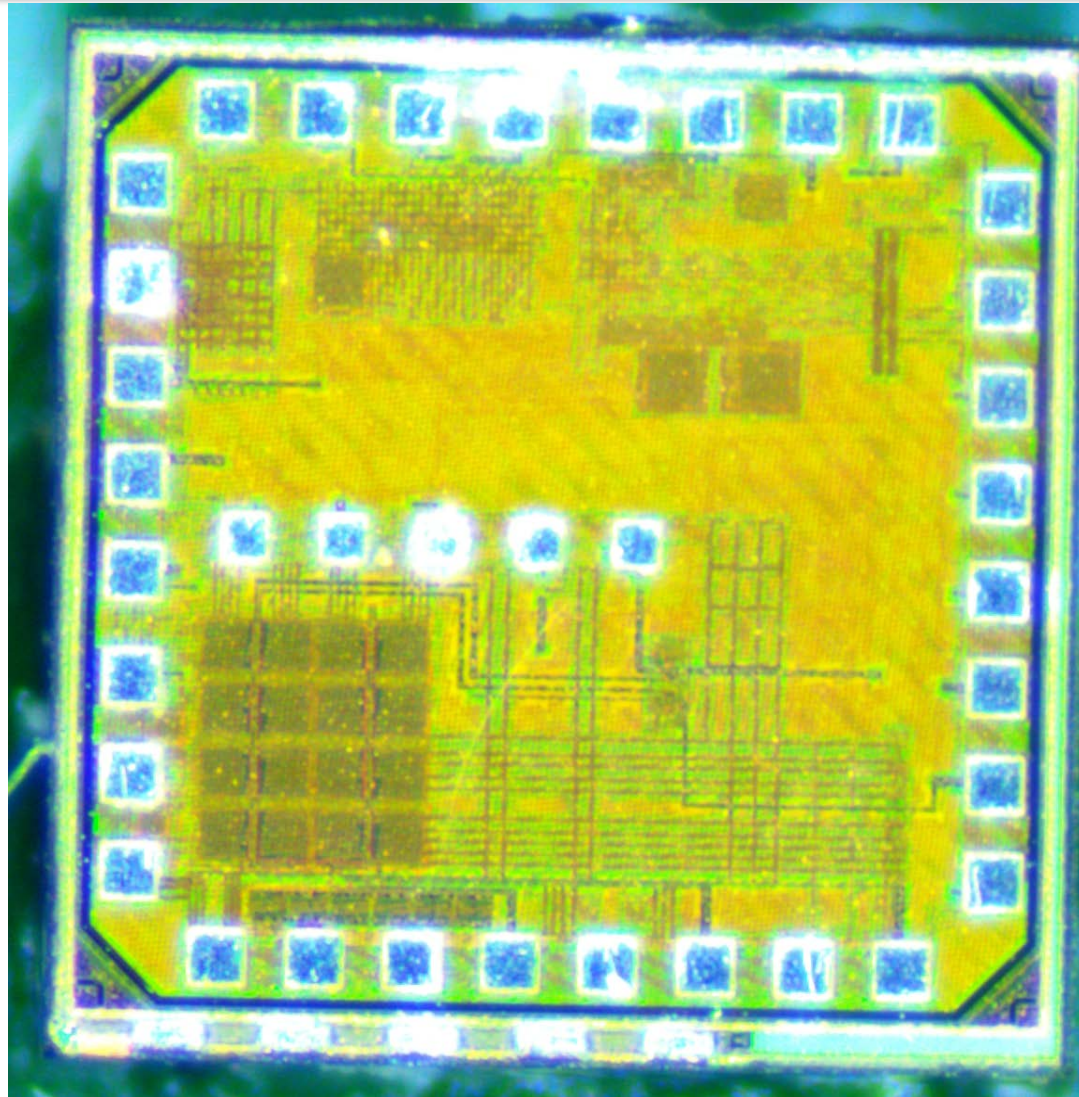
Duty cycle adaptation of Integrating clk  $\Rightarrow$   
 Moves the TF notch  $\Rightarrow$   
 Suppresses interference frequencies which are both integral or non-integral multiples of data rate (DR)



# IR-HBC Overview



# Fabricated Die (65nm Die)

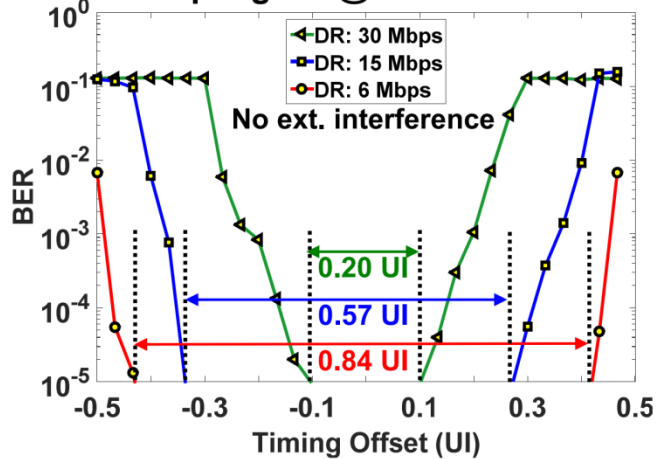


**Wire bonding:  
Thanks Birck!**

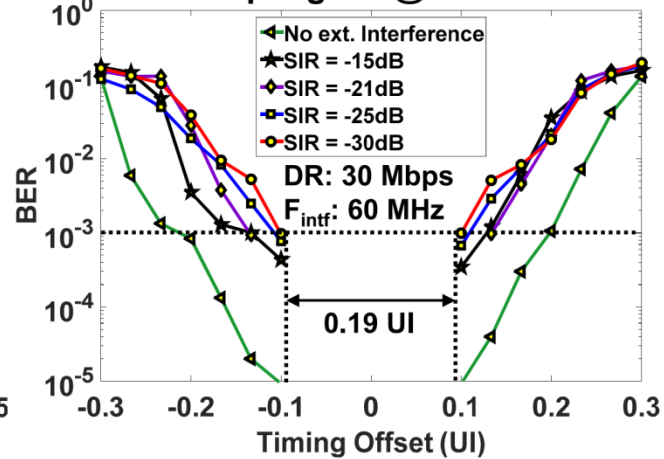


# Measurement Results

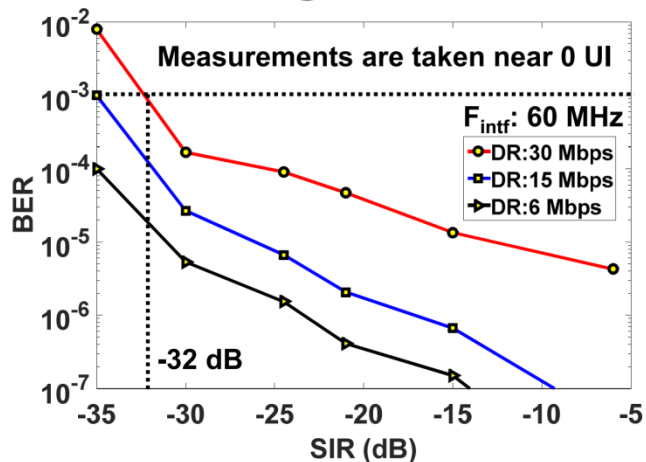
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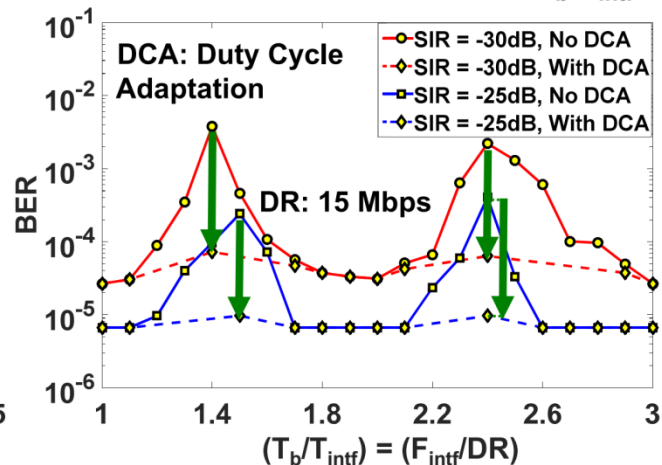
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BER vs. SIR @ different data rates

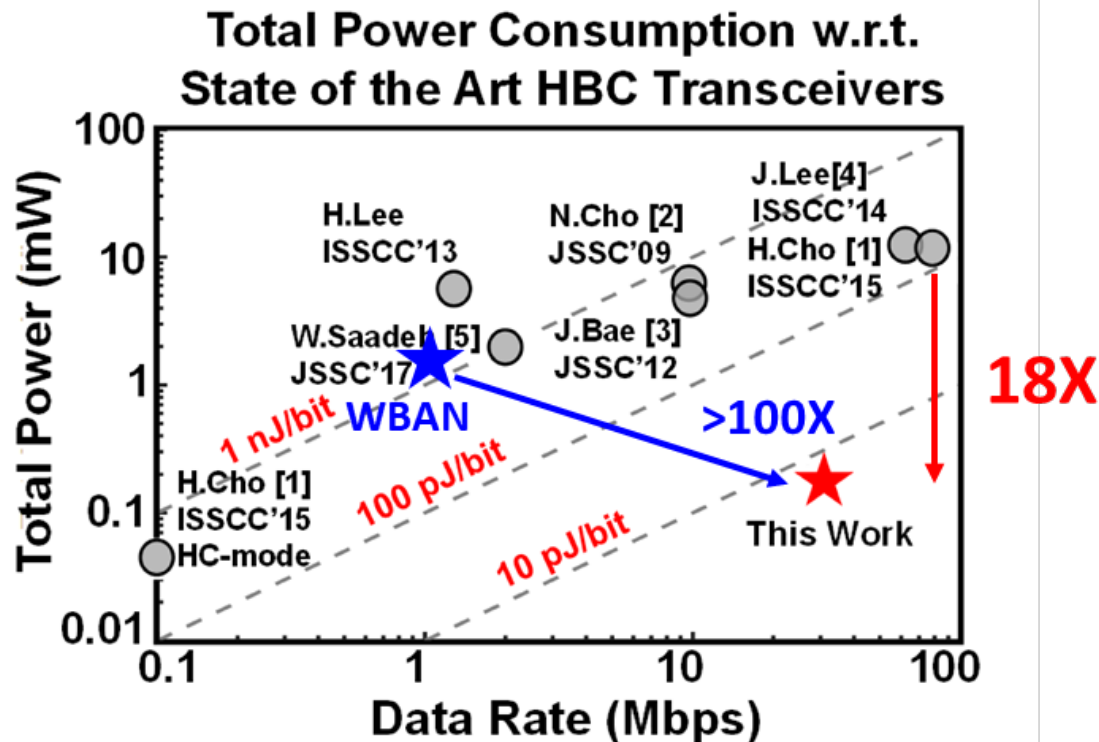


Effect of DCA @ different  $T_b/T_{intf}$



# IR-Human Body Comm (6.3 pJ/b)

- SparcLab recent results (world record: 18x more efficient HBC than)
  - 30 Mbps, **6.3pJ/b** Transceiver (3.2 pJ/b Rx only measured)
  - -30 dB SIR tolerance
  - Comparison: WBAN ~ 1nJ/b



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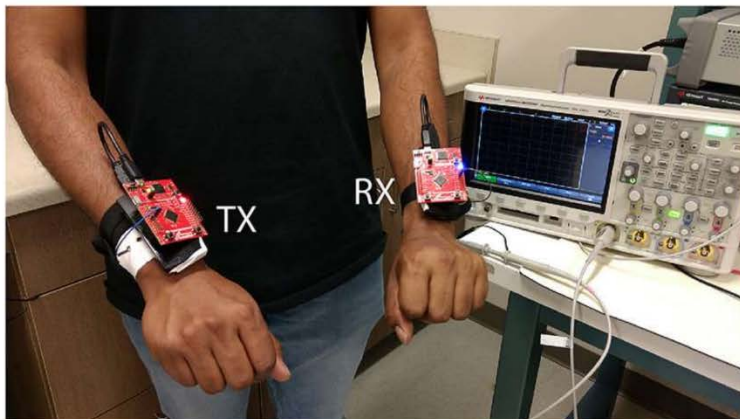
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## Discovery clears way for human body to work as robust communication network for electronic devices

December 14, 2017, Purdue University



Smart wearable devices allow for the exchange of information using the human body as a robust communication medium for networking electronic devices. In this photo, a researcher wears devices that allow for the exchange of information using ... more

A group of Purdue University researchers have discovered a new way to use the human body as a robust communication medium for networking electronic devices in and on the body that promises to be far more s and low-energy than any wireless system.

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## Purdue discovery clears way for human body to work as robust communication network for electronic devices

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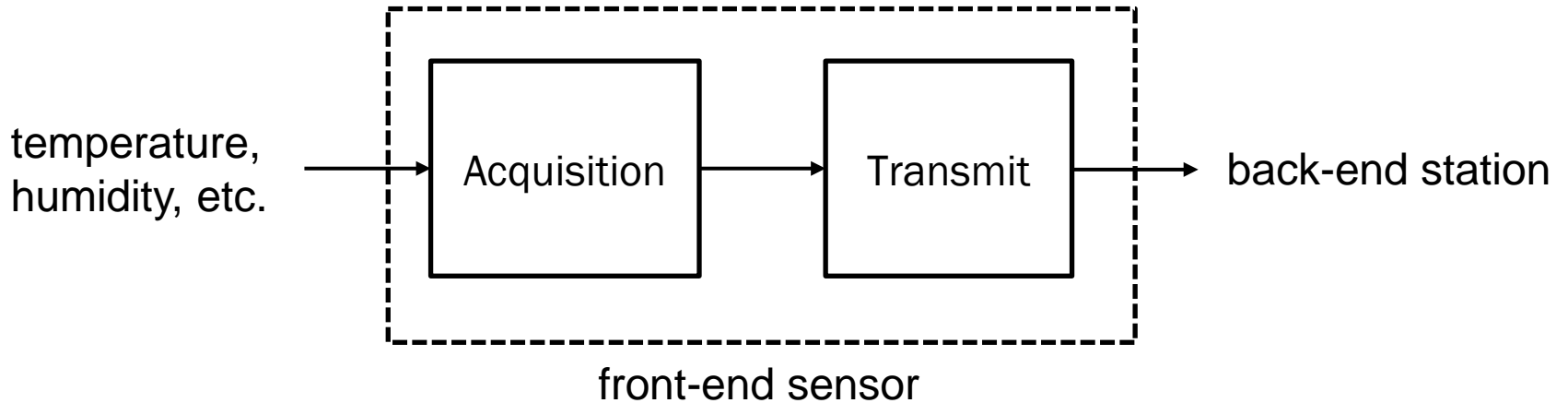


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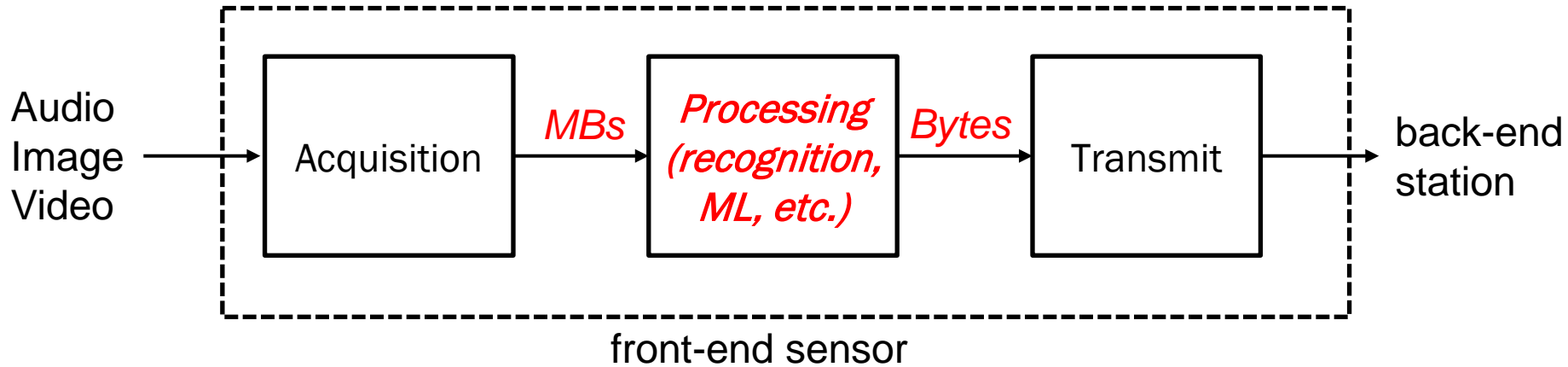
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# Traditional Sensors



Direct transmit without embedded processing.

# In-sensor Analytics



**Embedded processing** significantly **reduces TX data volume** thus improving both congestion problem and TX energy problem

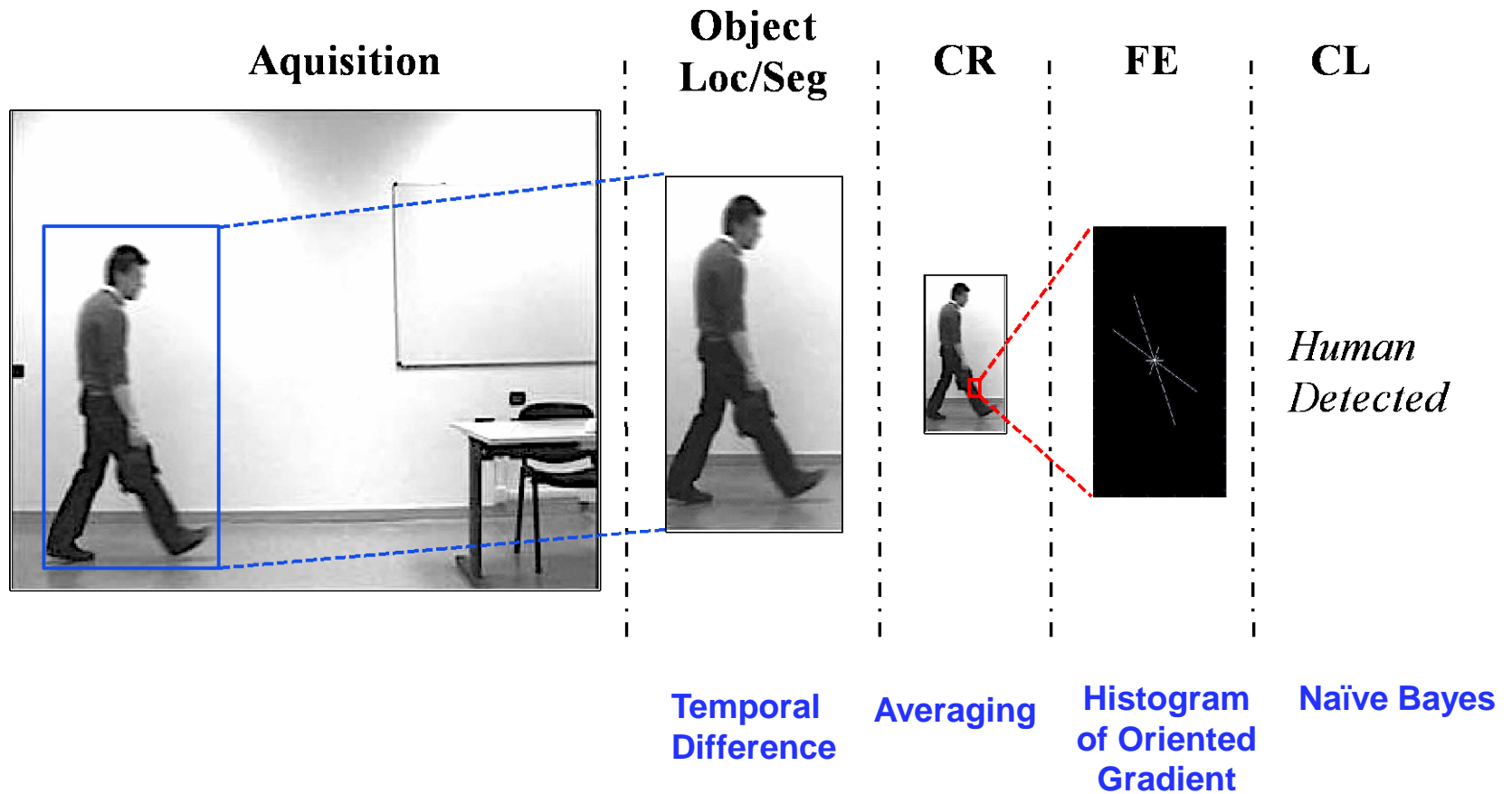
$$\text{Total Comm. Energy/information} = \text{Energy/bit} * \text{bits/information}$$

↑  
**ULP**  
**Comm.**

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**In-Sensor**  
**Analytics**

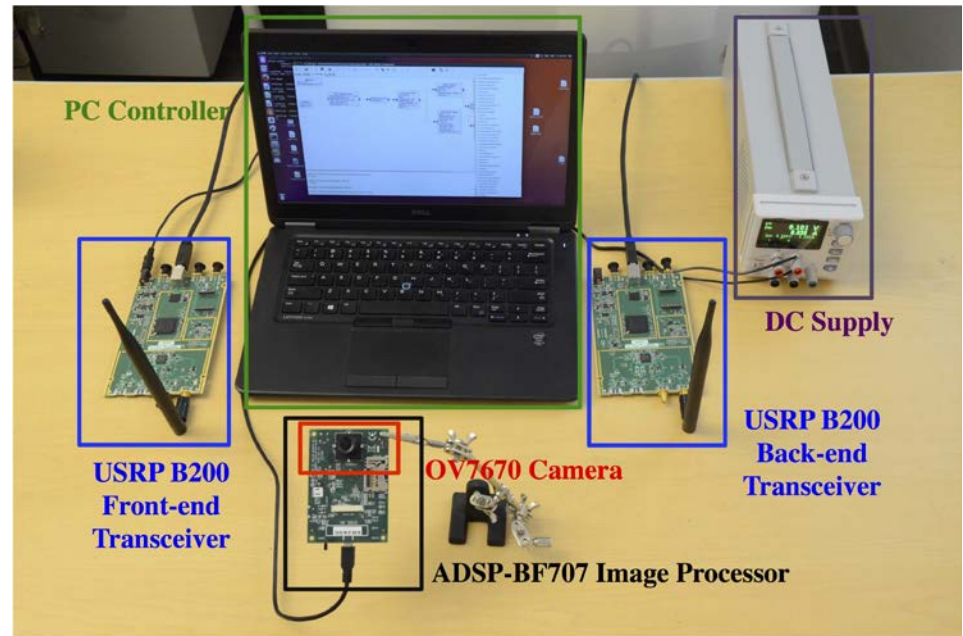
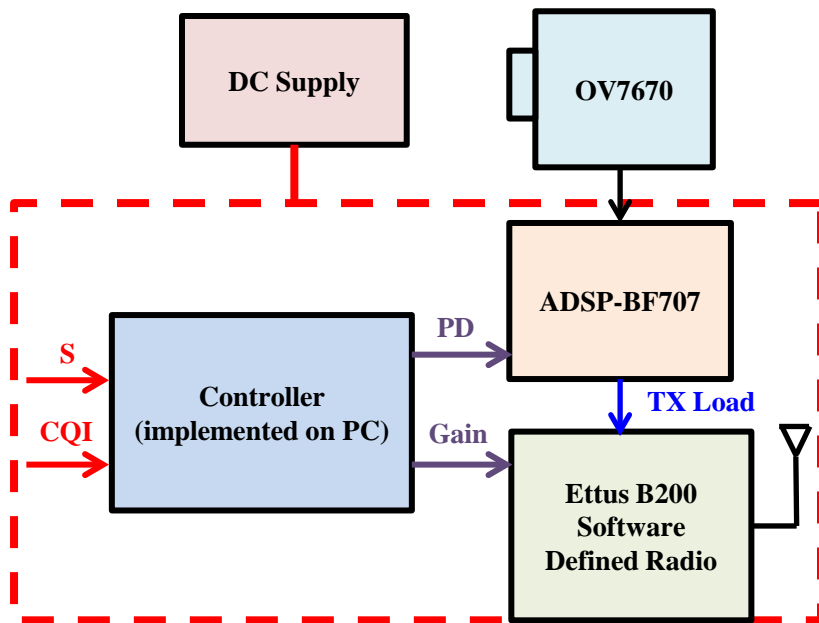
# Context-Driven IoT Video Sensor Node

# Embedded Processing Algorithm

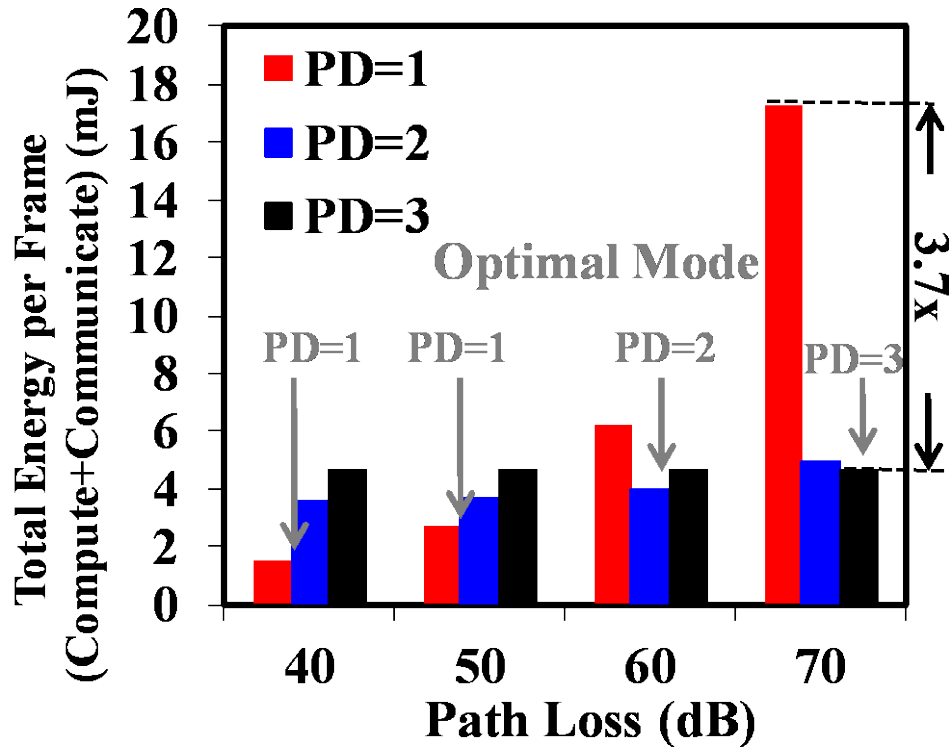




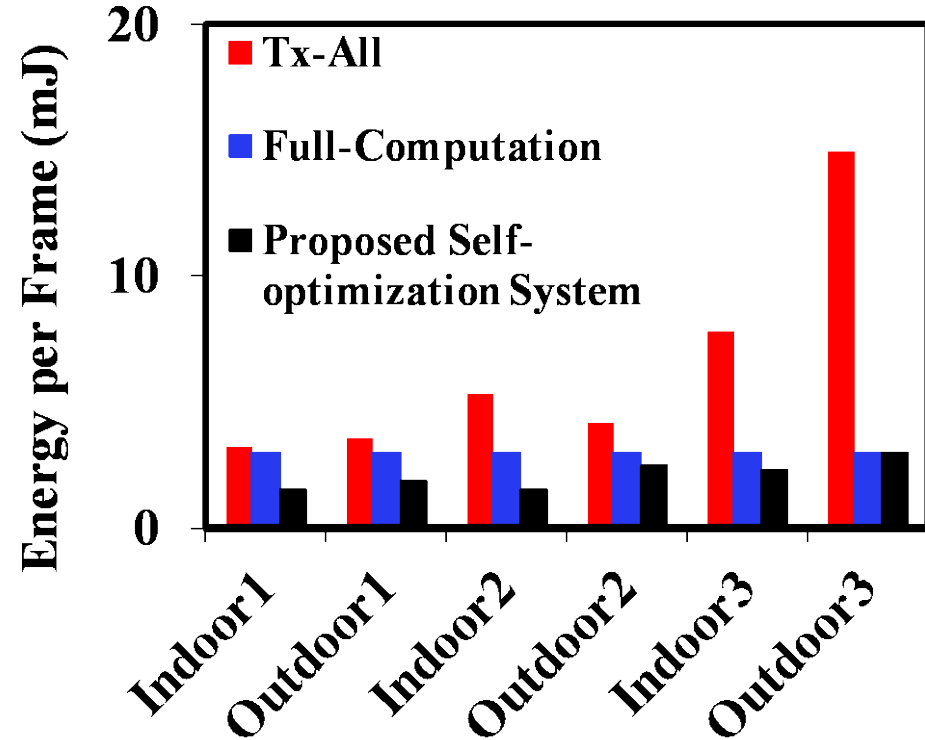
# Hardware Setup



# Measurement Results



Maximum 3.7x energy saving



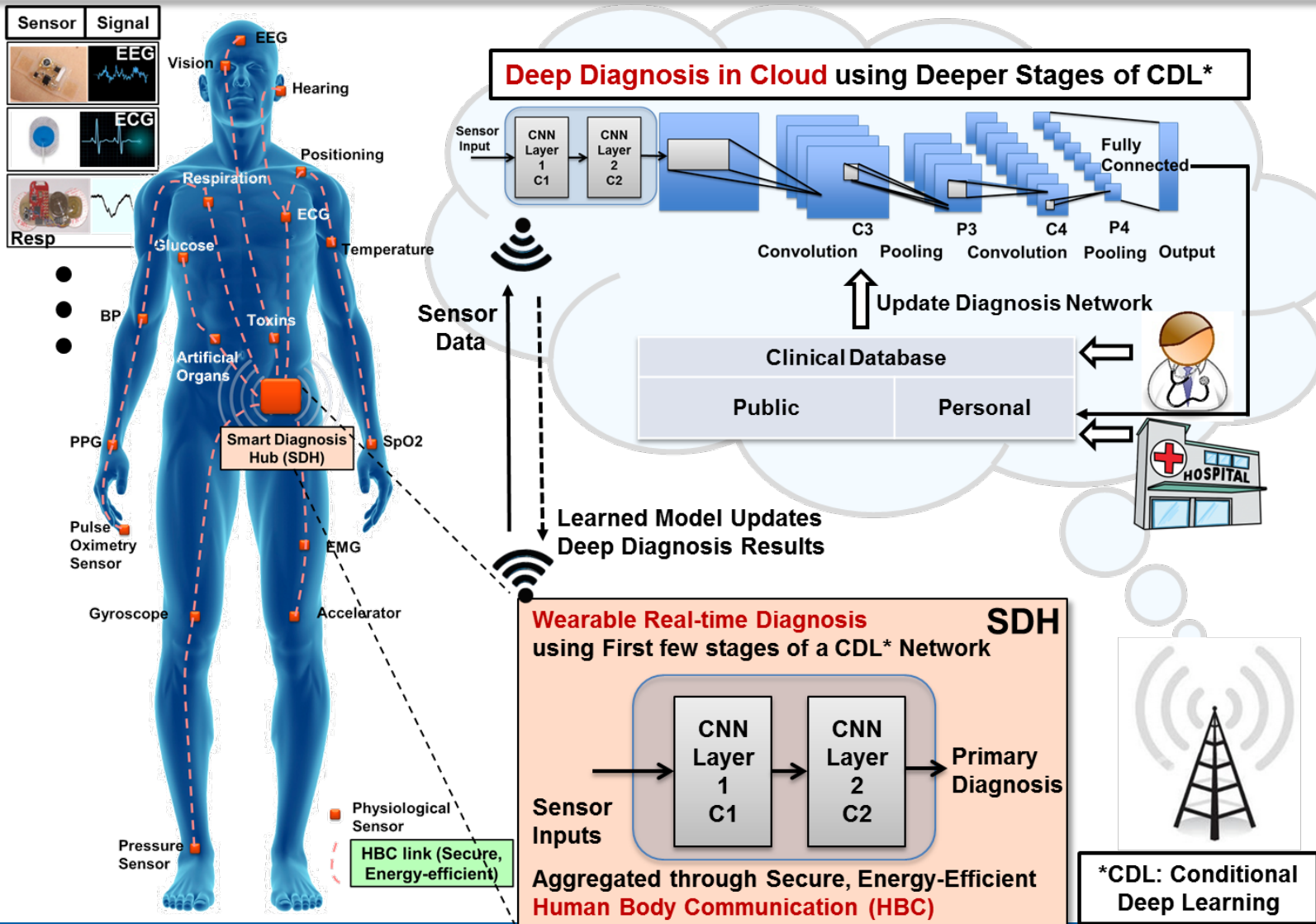
Guarantees energy saving

IMS 17, TCAS1

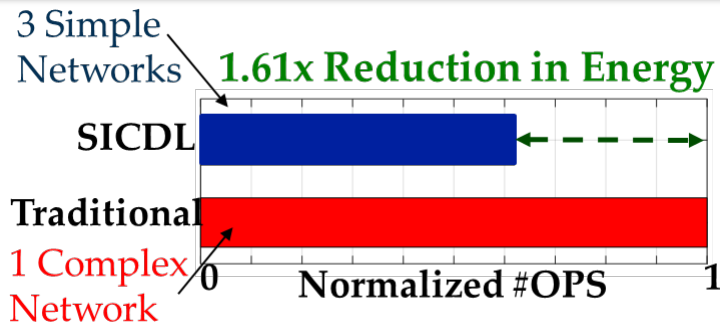
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# Real-time Diagnosis using Staged Inference

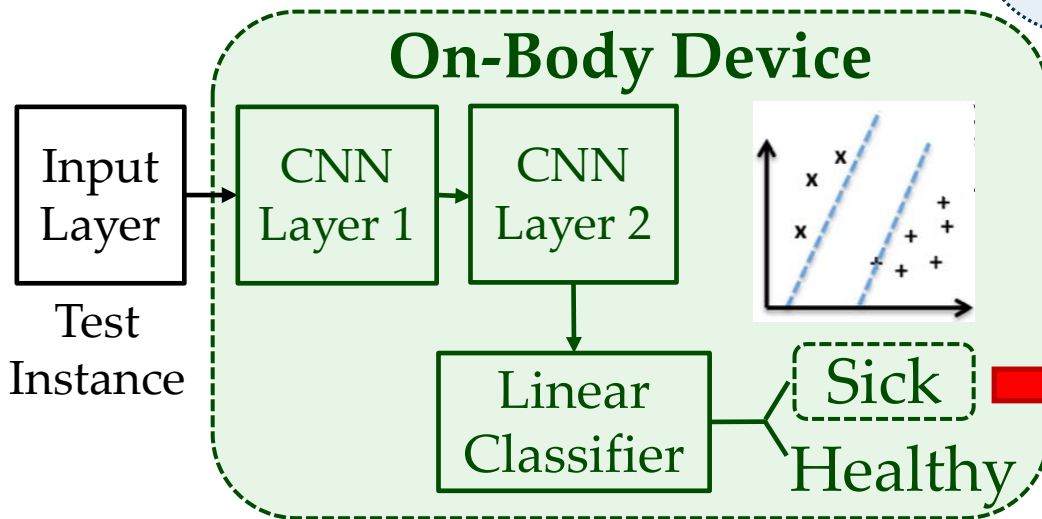
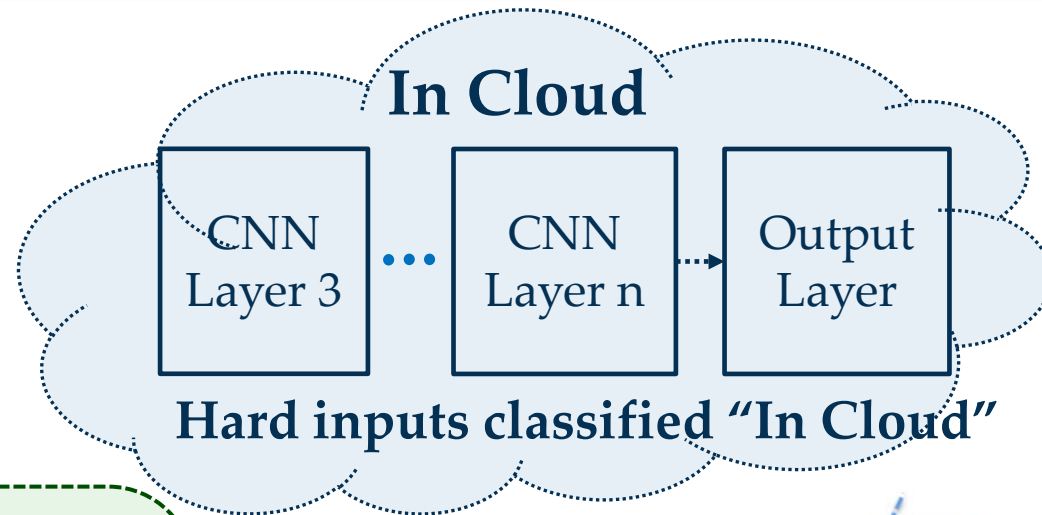
# Vision



# Staged Inference Conditional Deep Learning



Cloud or deeper layers are only accessed when the patient is sick



**Conditional Access**

Easy inputs classified in "On-Body" Device

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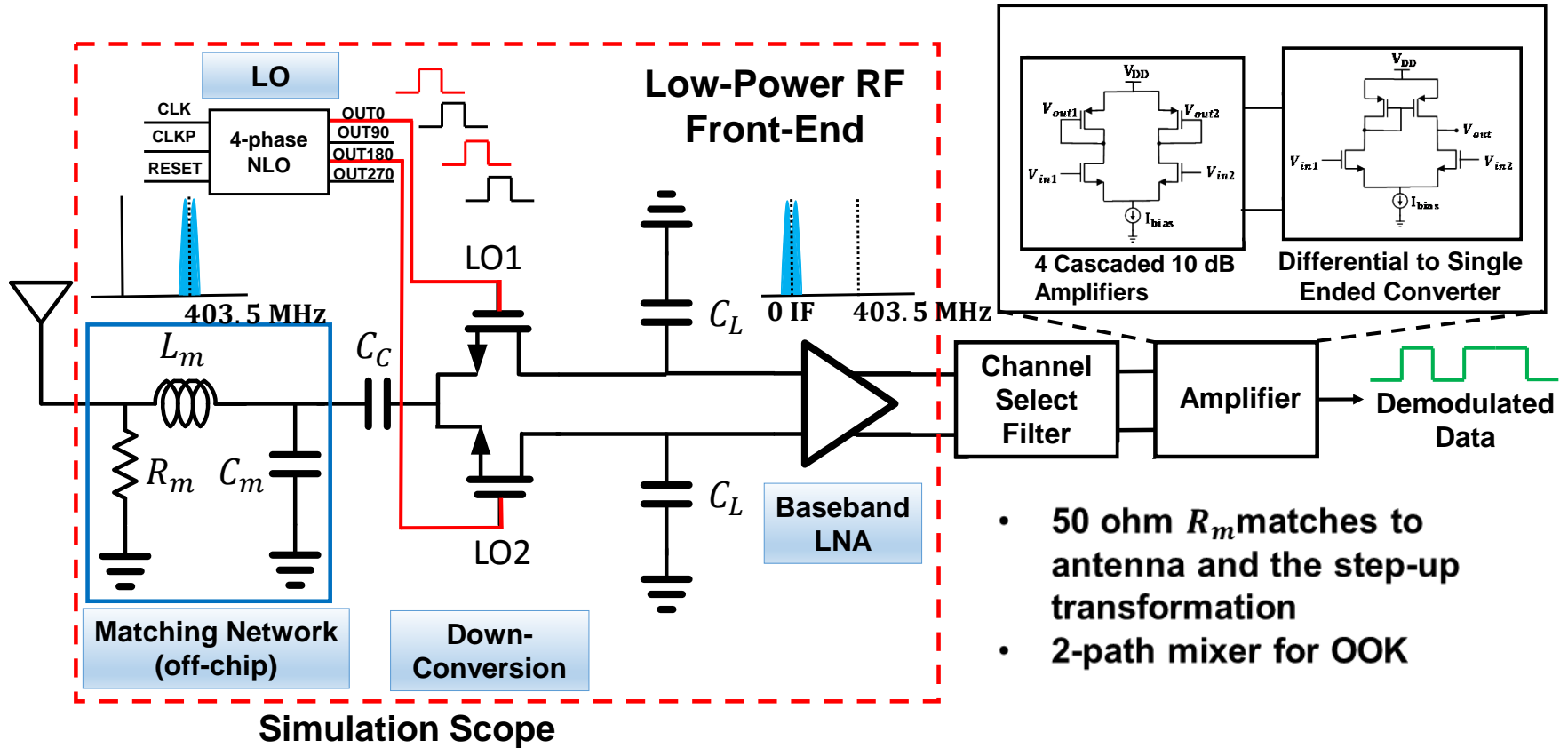
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# ULP Wireless

# Sub-50 $\mu$ W Medradio Receiver Front-end



VLSI Design 17

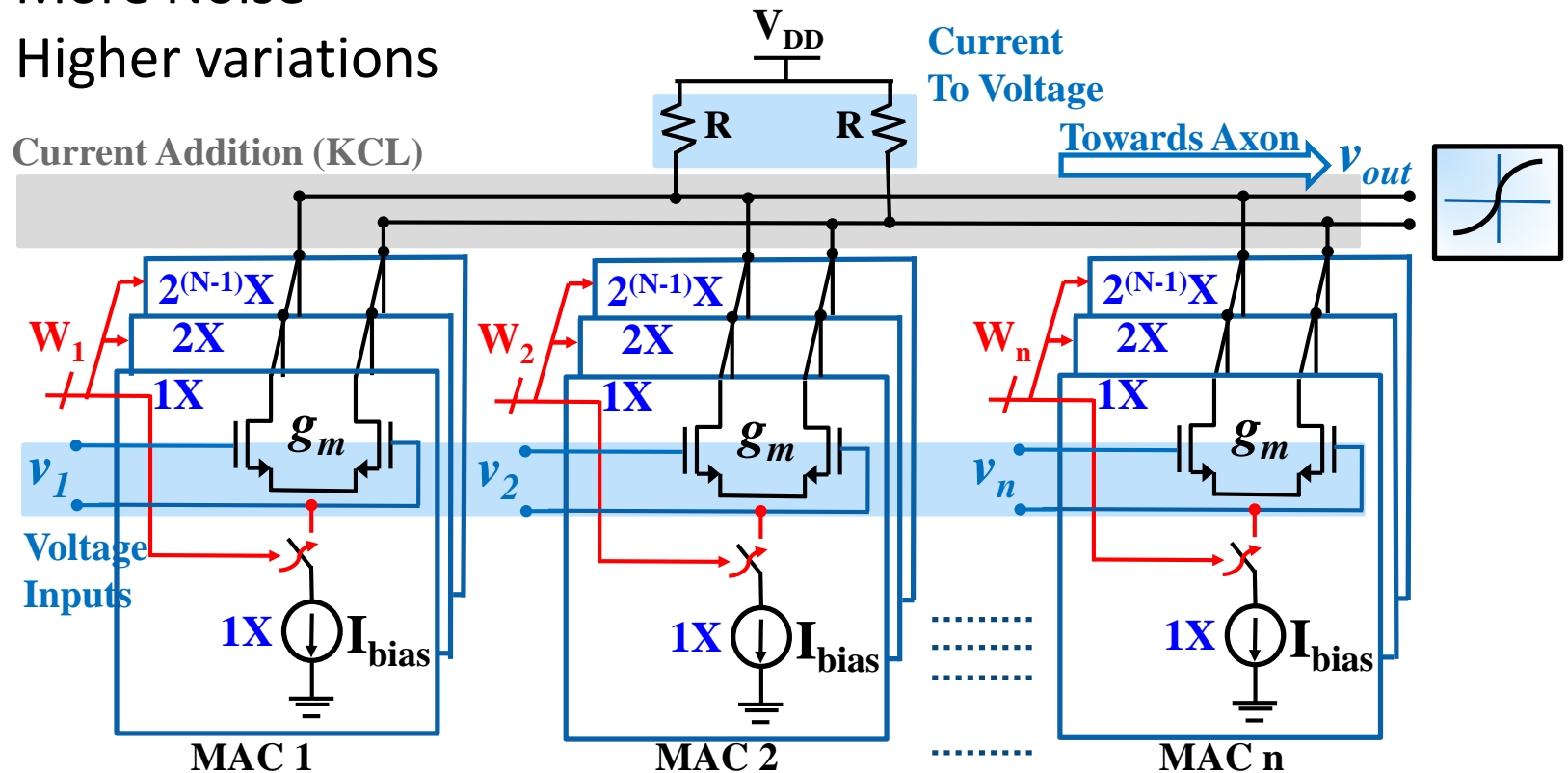


# Efficient Mixed-Signal Neural Networks

# Mixed-Signal NN: MAC with Intrinsic Dynamics

- Less Number of transistors
- Less leakage
- More Noise
- Higher variations

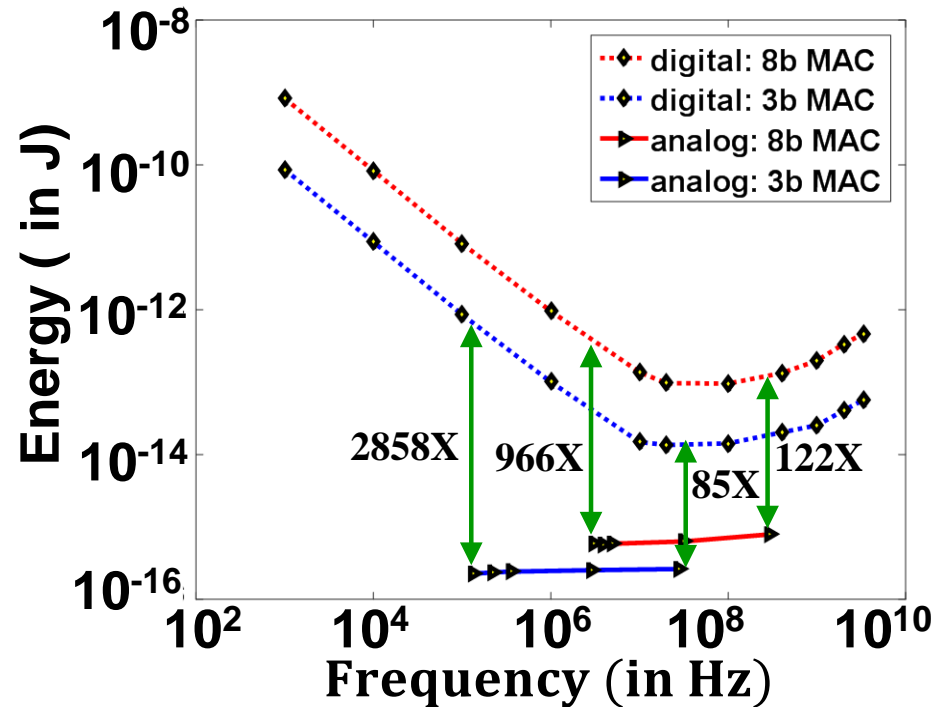
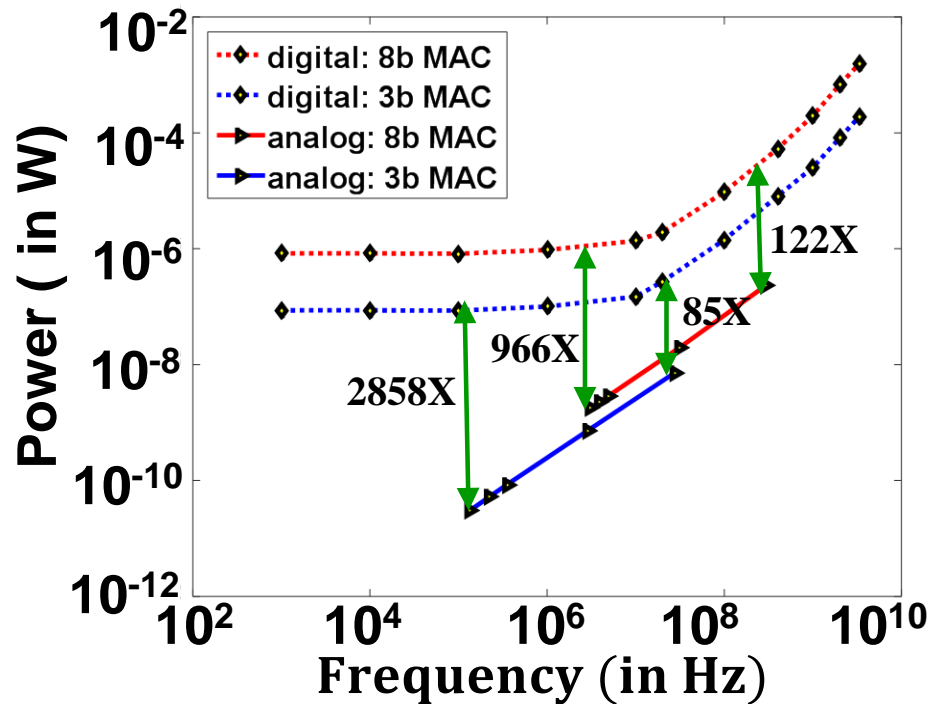
$$v_{out} = F \left( g_m R \sum_{k=1}^n W_k v_k \right)$$



$W_1, W_2, \dots, W_n$ : Synaptic Weights (N-bits)

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# Power/Energy Efficiency w.r.t. Digital MAC

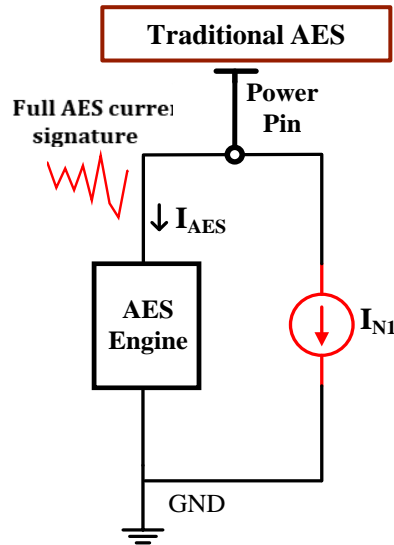


Energy Efficiency:  $\sim 1\text{fJ}/\text{MAC}$  for 8 bit unit (without Memory fetch)

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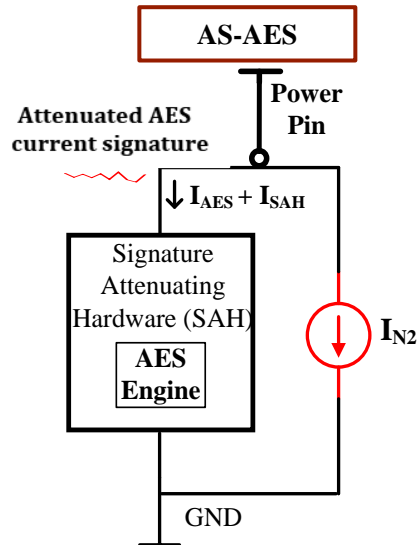
# Hardware Security: Power/EM Side-Channel Attack RF-PUF

# Power SC Signature Suppression using Shunt LDO



$$I_{Ov1} = I_{N1}$$

$$\rho_{T'H_1} = \frac{Cov(T, H)}{\sqrt{\sigma_T^2 + \sigma_{N1}^2 * \sigma_H}}$$



$$I_{Ov2} = I_{N2} + I_{SAH}$$

$$\rho_{T'H_2} = \frac{\frac{1}{AF} * Cov(T, H)}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{AF^2} * \sigma_T^2 + \sigma_{N2}^2 * \sigma_H}}$$

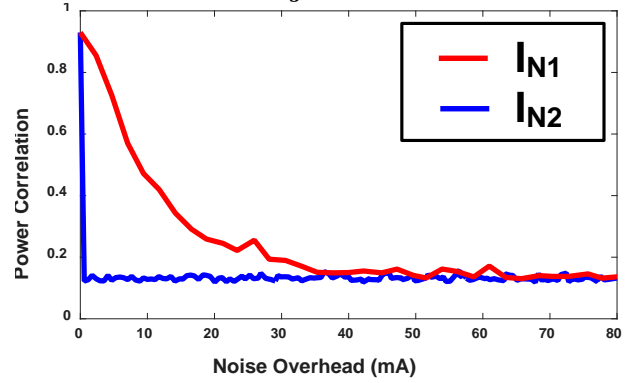
**Overhead Comparison**

$$\sigma_{N2}^2 = AF^2 * \sigma_{N1}^2$$

$$I_{N2} = \frac{I_{N1}}{\sqrt{AF}} \ll I_{N1}$$

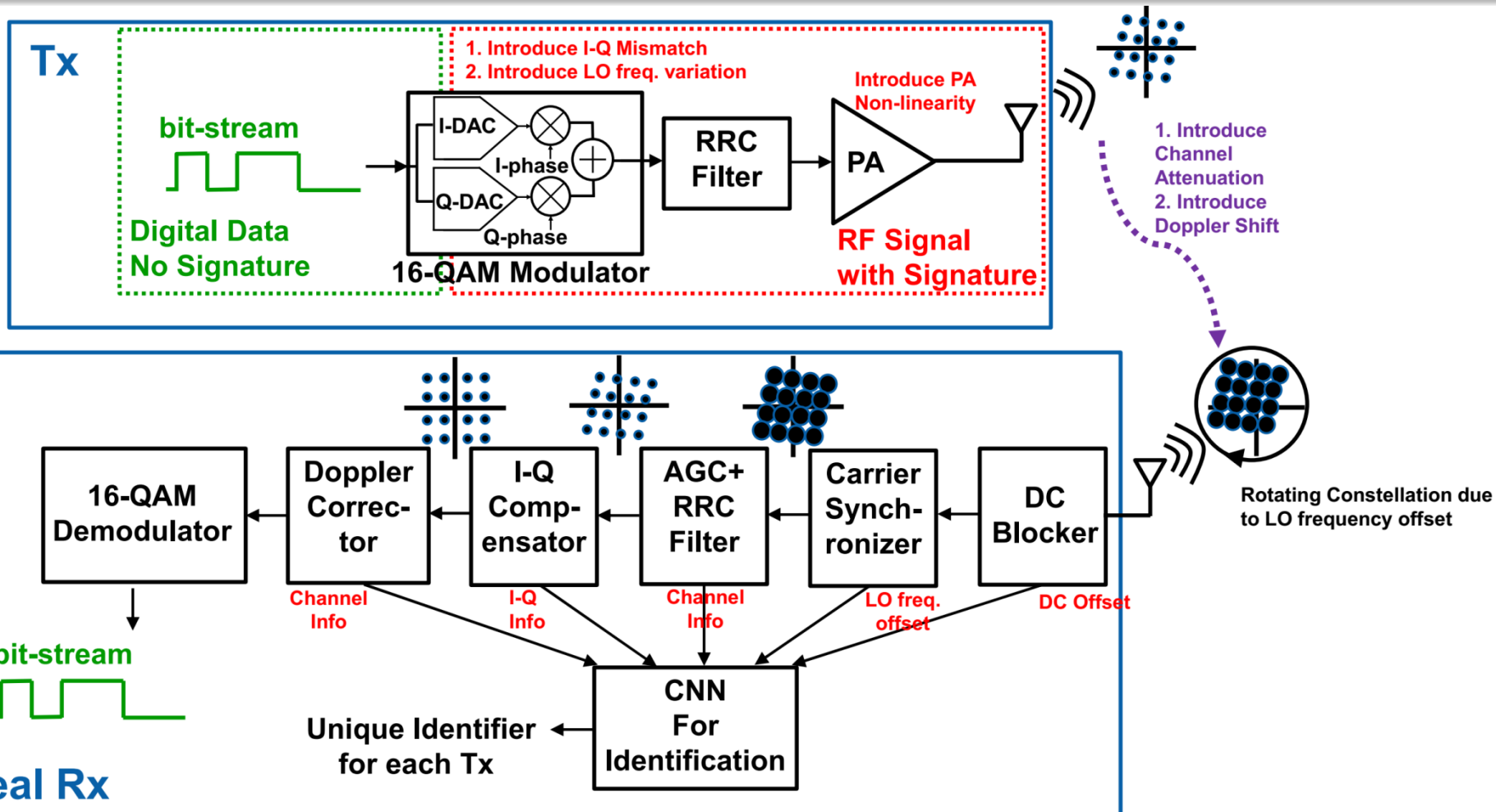
$$I_{Ov2} \sim \frac{I_{Ov1}}{\sqrt{AF}} \ll I_{Ov1}$$

$$I_{AES_{avg}} = 18.89 \text{ mA}$$



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# RF-PUF for IoT Security using In-situ Machine Learning



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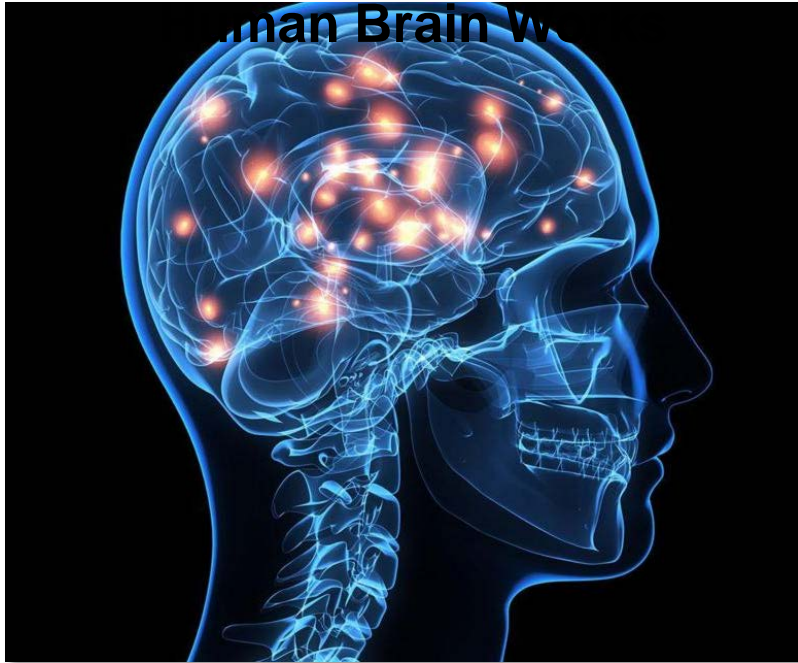
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# Societal Needs

## Neuroscience – Understand How

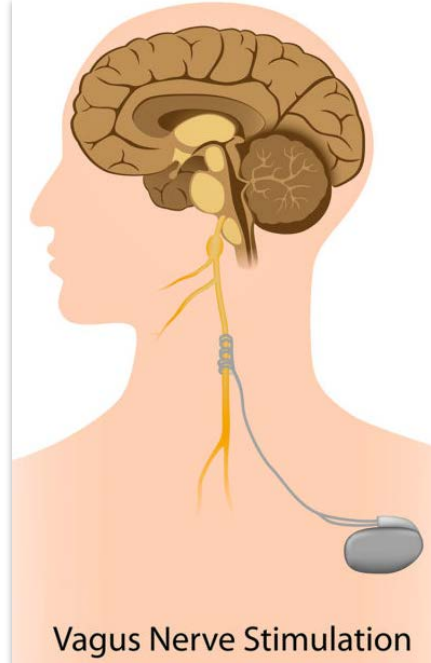
Human Brain Works



- High-resolution Multi Channel Spatiotemporal Observability Required

956 Ch 14h 50Kbps > 0.1s

## Electroceuticals – Closed Loop Neuromodulation



Vagus Nerve Stimulation

- Continuous Observability and opportunistic/appropriate neurostimulation promises to replace/augment pharmaceuticals, improve health

## AR/VR

## Smart Glass/Contacts



## Camera Pill



**Neuroscience, Healthcare, AR/VR needs High-Speed Data Transfer within the Body**  
SPARC Lab

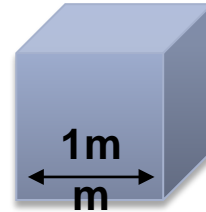


# Neuroscience's limitation - *Observability*

- Today, neuroscience observability is limited by the **data-rate** and **energy-availability** at the implanted nodes
  - Tethered probes impede normal behaviors, socially awkward.



Today's battery  
Selected technologies:  $2 \text{ kJ/m}^3$  energy-li



$\text{mm}^3$  neural implant  $\rightarrow$  2  
Joules

Today's wireless: 1-  
10nJ/bit

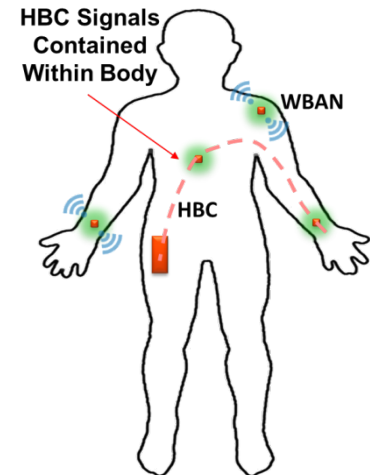
$\rightarrow$  @0.18 Gbps  
Battery runs out  
in **1 Second !!!**

**Needs new Communication/Embedded Analytics Techniques  
for Neuroscience Data Transfer**

# Key Technology: On-device Analytics + HBC

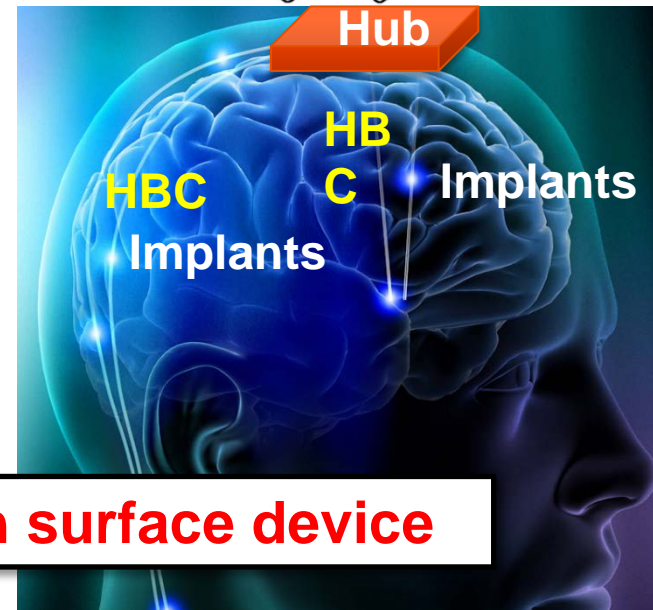
## • Human Body Communication

- Provides a *low-loss broadband* connectivity medium
  - Fraction of wireless energy
- Signals remain within the body
  - Private, Secure Communication



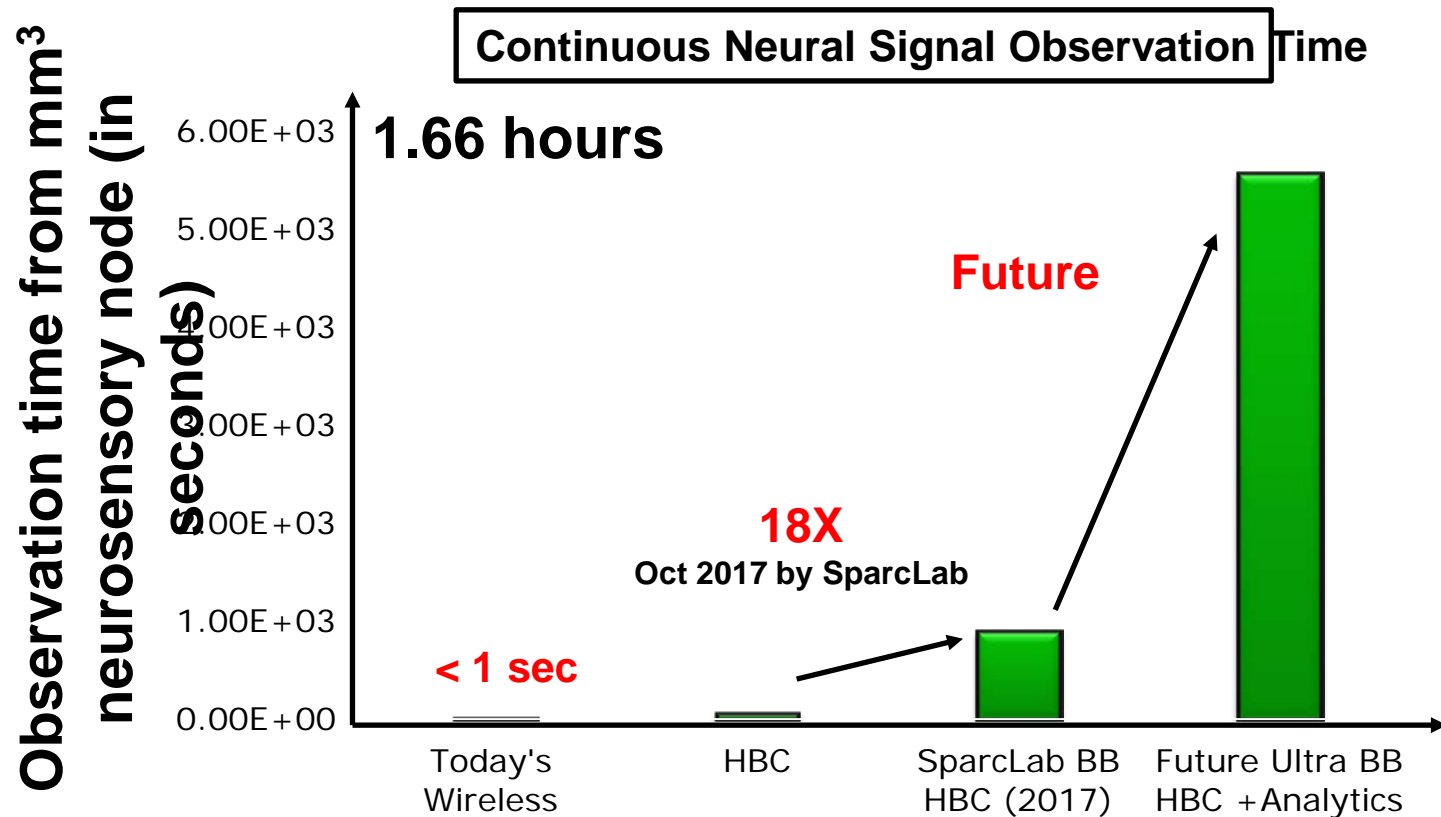
## • On-Device Analytics/Machine Learning

- Converts from data to information
  - Fraction of total energy, Real-Time
- Reduces Data volume drastically
  - Lower Congestion, Longer Lifetime



**Connect Brain Implantable/Injectable with surface device  
using HBC**

# Sustainable Neuroscience/Healthcare Observability



HBC: Human Body Communication; BB: Broad

**THANK YOU**