



IoT4EO 2023 Workshop (IoT for Earth Observation)

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3rd Party Satellites
hosting Lacuna Gateways

Lacuna
Satellites

Almanac
Data

Global Extended
Coverage

Lacuna Cloud Server

Message receipt and distribution
Satellite gateway management
Device management & coordination

Lacuna

Regional Coverage

LoRa[®]

Network
Servers (LNS)

Regional
Operators

Dedicated
Corporate LNS

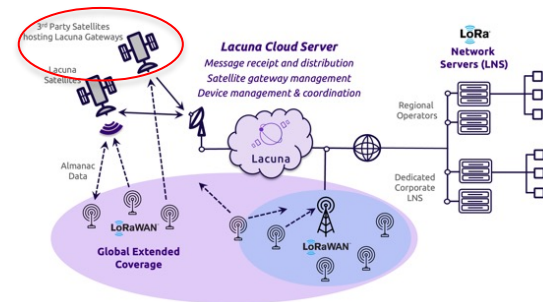
Customers'
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Users'
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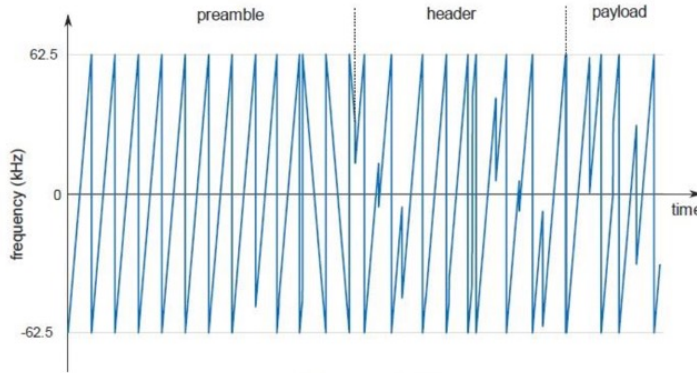
Lacuna Network



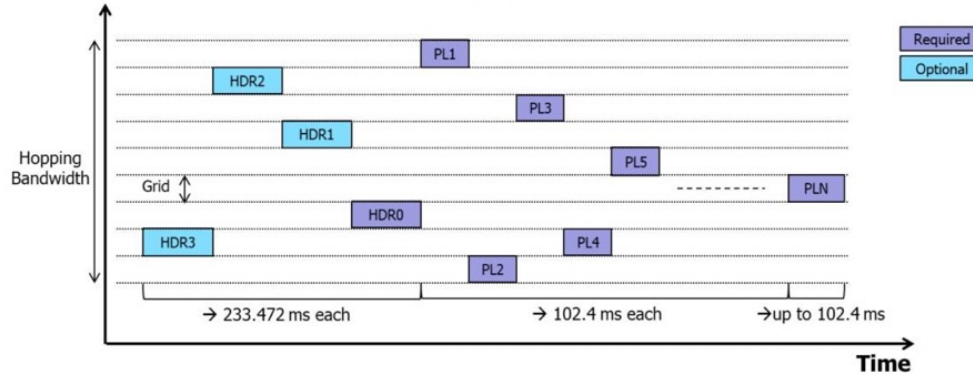
- Announced at The Things Conference 2020
- Deploy Lacuna technology on third-party satellites
- Provide seamless network
- Omnispace
 - Leveraging Omnispace's licensed, 2 GHz S-band spectrum
 - Semtech LR1120
 - Available in selected countries in Q1 2023
 - Real-time, bi-directional, and several hours of coverage per day
- More in the pipeline!



LoRa and LR-FHSS



LoRa signal $s(t)$



LoRa® waveform spectrum
Source: LoRa Webinar "LoRa Modulation / Encoding"
Harald Eigner (TU Wien)

LR-FHSS spectrum usage
Source: Application Note: "LR-FHSS System Performance"
Semtech Feb 2022

Open satellite access



Make your own devices talk to satellite

Semtech SX126x or LR111x based

Open-source *ls-soft-modem* stack (terrestrial & satellite LoRaWAN)

Satellite antenna

Lacuna Cloud routing to preferred platform

The Things Industries (via Packet Broker)

Packet Broker

LoRaWAN roaming interface

Actility, ThingPark Exchange, etc.

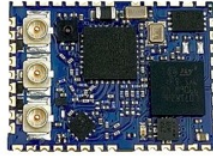


Available components for development

Mass market chips and modules



Development boards and modules



Development kits



Antennas



Plant powered satellite communications



Low-Power WAN at its extreme!

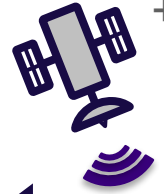


IoT and Earth Observation

- IoT receiver on EO satellite
 - Economies of scale
 - Use cases of combined EO/IoT satellite:
 - Trigger and receive real-time synchronised sensor data from the ground
LoRa efficient triggering
 - Real-time distribution of results and analysis
AI in space driven, simple/cheap receivers (wireless thermometer like)
 - *Extra:* Reduce end-to-end latency by combining detection and action
- Or, formation flying with IoT and EO?



EO + IoT
+ AI?



Sensor data
Alarm
Trigger
Etc.

Broadcast data
Warnings
Trigger





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