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Next Generation Wireless Sensing Applications, Moving Forward



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Motion Sensing at the Forefront



Slick UI



Reduced camera-shake



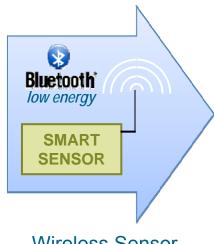
3D Motion
Point-to-control



Freefall disk protection

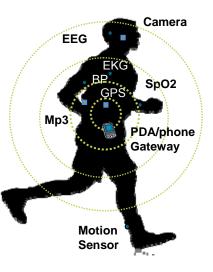
In-device Sensors



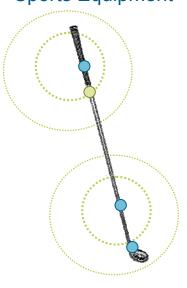


Wireless Sensor Node

Body Area Sensor Network



Sensor Enabled Sports Equipment



INNOVATION

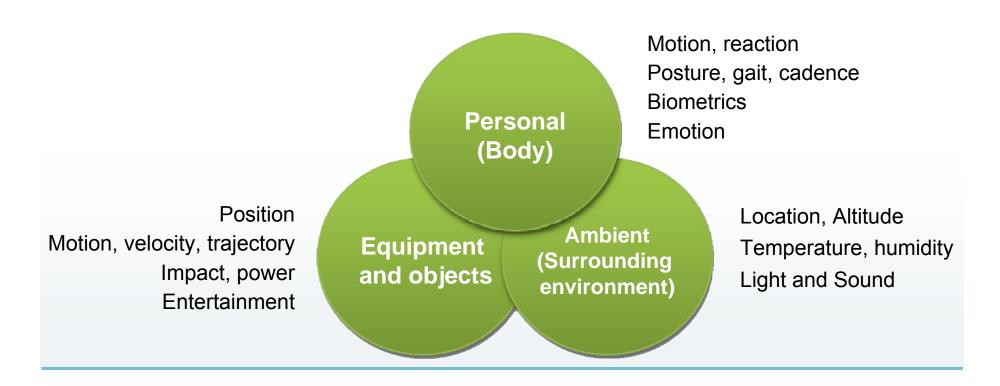


Wireless Sensing – Application Domains





Sensors Provide....Context Awareness



- Knowledge about the body's movement and bio-status
- Our interaction with tools, equipment and objects
- Knowledge about, and interaction with the surrounding environment



Wireless sensing – Some Use Cases

Body Sensor Network

- Immersive gaming
- Real time animation
- Motion and fall detection
- Medical rehabilitation
- Industrial

Accessories

- Sports training
- Fitness monitoring
- Health



Intelligent Objects, Tags

- Object Tagging
 - I've dropped it!
 - I left it behind!
 - · Where is it?
- Everyday objects with intelligence
 - MEMS motion tracking
 - Touch sensor





System Implementation: "Truly Mobile"





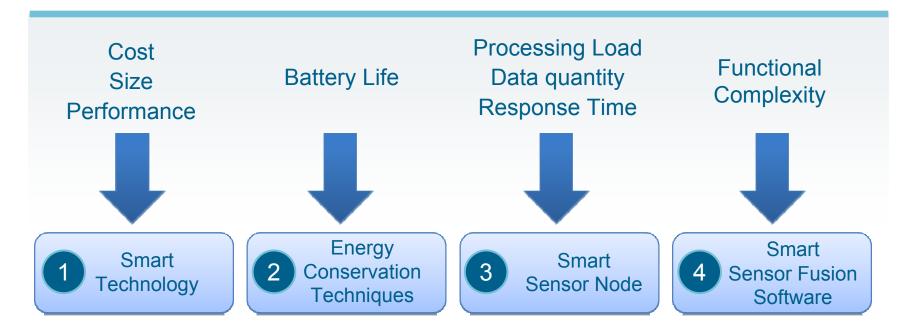
User Expectations Drive the Technical Challenges

Mass appeal Low cost

Ease of Use Intuitive, Immediate, Low maintenance (battery)

Experience Immersive, Fast response, Accurate

Look & Feel Small, Flexible, Non-intrusive, Cool





MEMS Technology Evolution

Inertial MEMS Evolution More Functionality - Smaller Size XYZ axis Upper Fixed Polysilicon Plate XZ axis Center Moveable Polysilicon Plate **Bottom Subtrate** XY axis Polysilicon Plate Sense Gap "spring" Z axis Moving Anchor Finger X axis proof mass Fixed Fixed Finger Finger Anchor Smart Technology + Sense - Sense



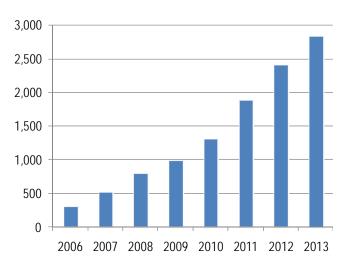
Integration and Scale

Integration – Smaller Size, Greater Functionality, Lower Power

MEMS Sensing Cell Control ASIC MCU **Memory** avroscope **PicoRadio**

Scale Drives Down Cost

MEMS Sensors in consumer products and mobile phones (millions)







Package Substrate

Energy Conservation Techniques

Component and System Design Techniques

Consider at component level and system level

▶ Sensor component:

- · Optimized circuit design
- Low power modes
- Auto transition in/out of low power modes
- Adaptive Sampling Rate

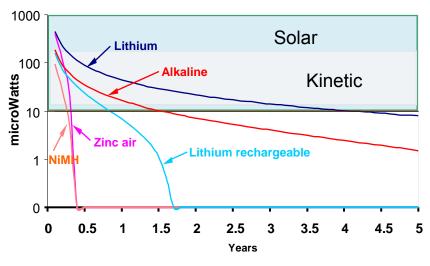
▶ System design:

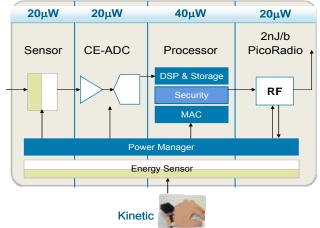
- System-level wakeup/sleep mechanisms
- Interrupt design
- Distributed processing
- Duty cycling



Energy Harvesting

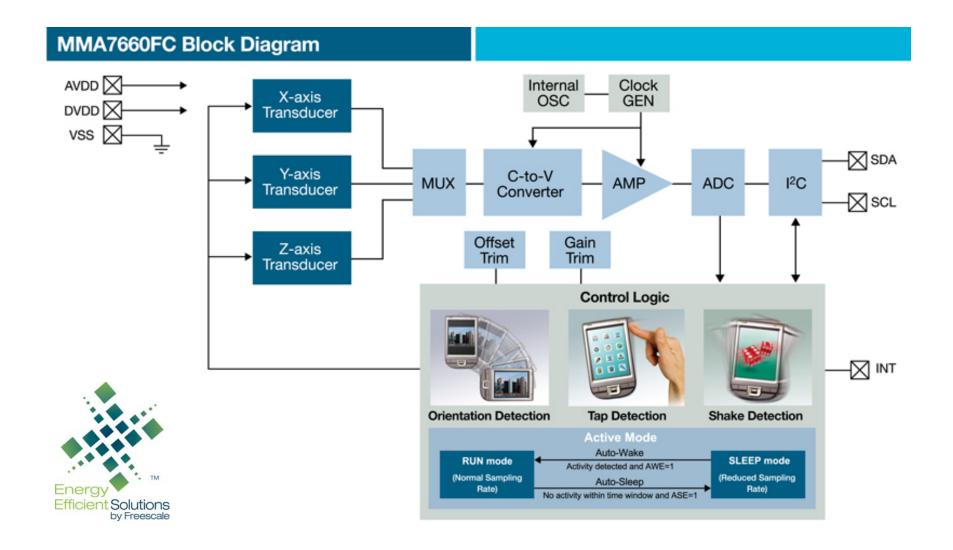
Continuous Power / cm³vs. Life Several Energy Sources







Example: Accelerometer with Built-In Sleep Control and Gesture Detection





Smart Sensor Node

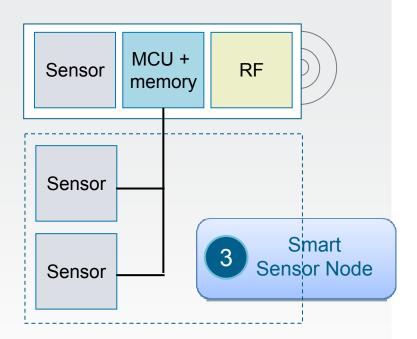
Smart Sensor Network



- Local processing of sensor data streams
- Distributed processing more energy efficient
- Reduces comms traffic
- Improves response time
- Simplifies system integration

Smart
Sensor Fusion
Software

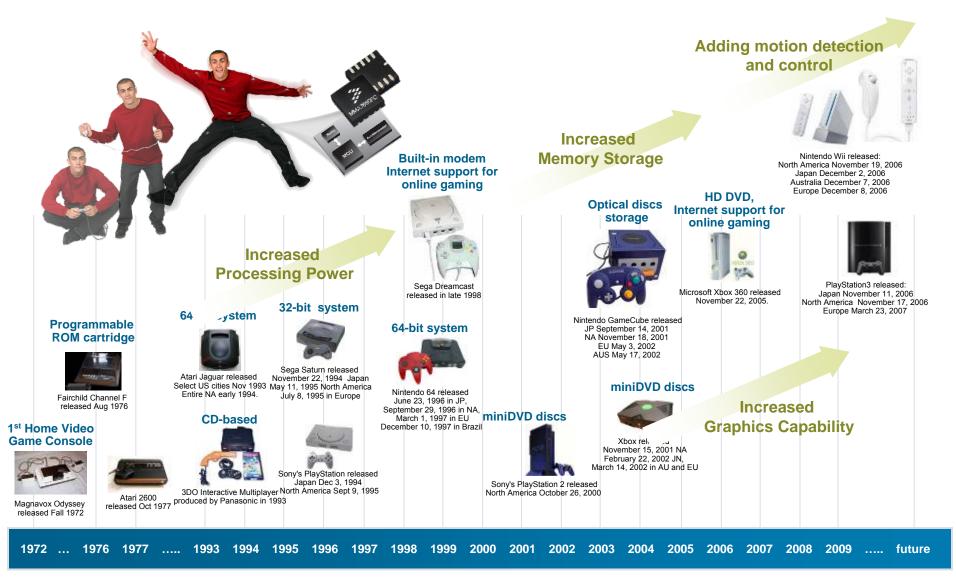
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Wireless Smart Sensor node:

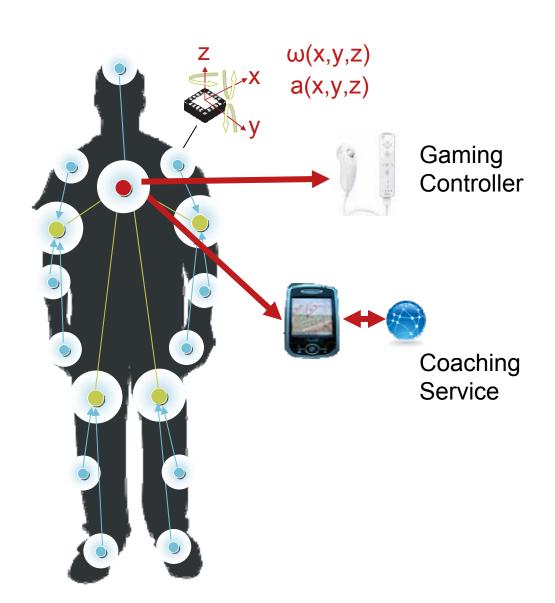
- One or more sensors
- Signal conditioning, ADC
- MCU + memory
- Pico-radio
- ... in the same package

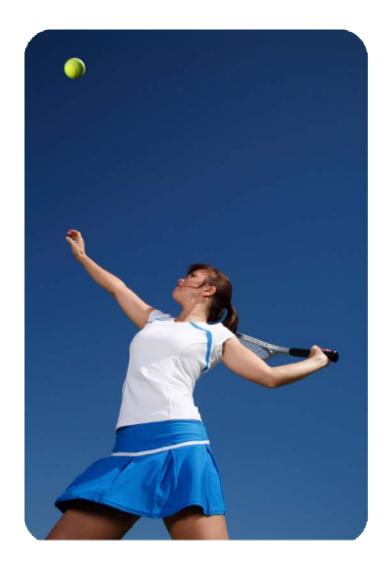
Gaming - The Road to Wireless Sensing Remotes



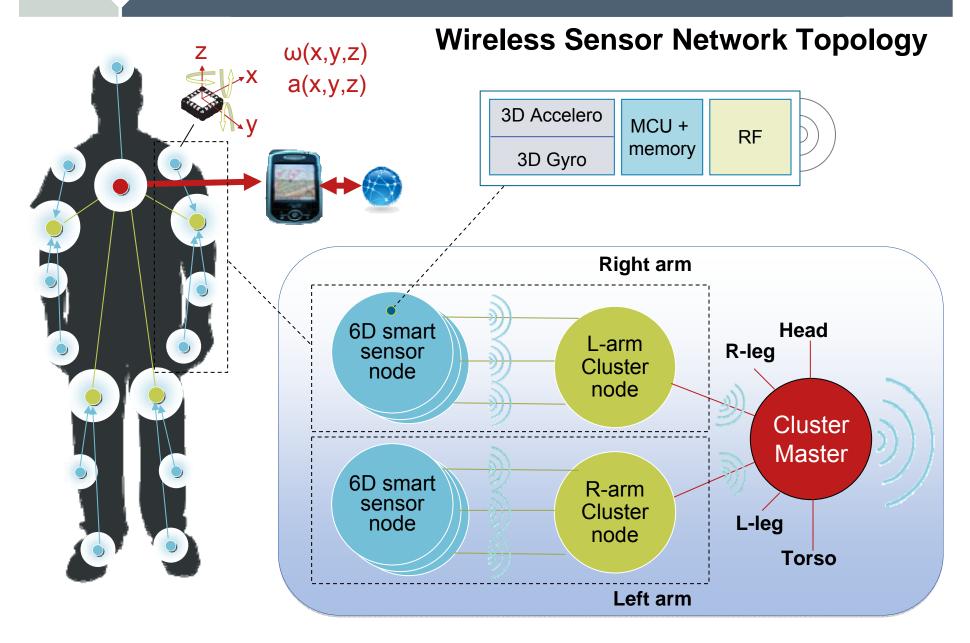


Body Area Smart Sensor Network



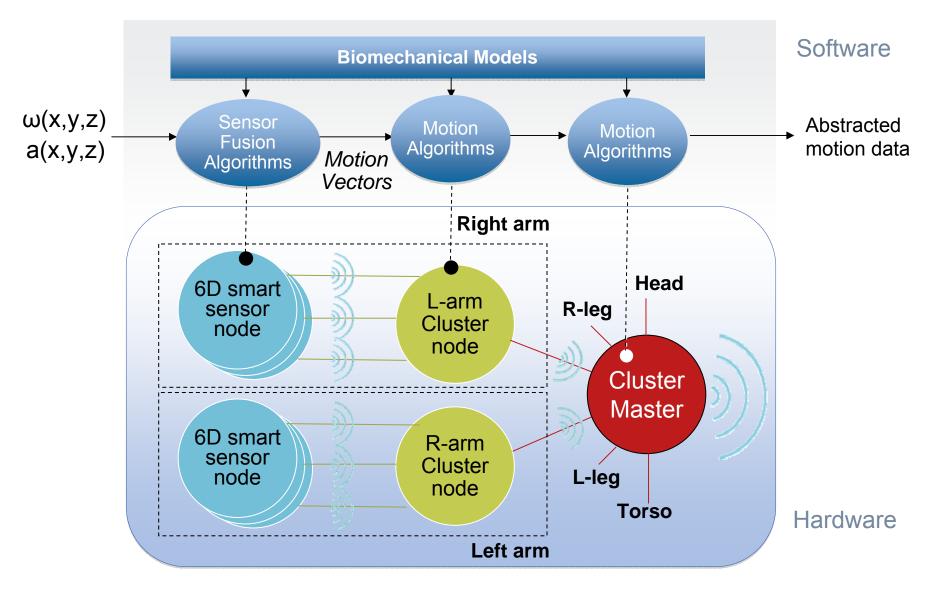








Software View of the Wireless Sensing Network





Conclusions

- Sensors are transforming the way we interact with our electronic devices
- Sensors will provide mobile applications and internet services with context awareness
- Low-energy wireless connectivity is enabling deployment of embedded sensors in clothing, sports and medical equipment and even everyday objects



- Cost and technical issues remain, driven by user experience and expectation, but are being addressed by
 - Advances in MEMS technology, integration and packaging
 - Smart sensor integration and distributed processing
 - Rigorous design for energy conservation
 - Energy harvesting
 - Scale of sensor deployment in consumer products
- · Context awareness using wireless sensors provides huge scope for product innovation





Freescale achieved 1 billion sensor units shipped milestone







