

# A Data-centric View on the Web of Things

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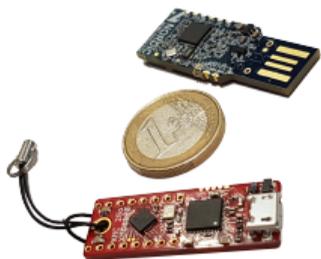
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- ▶ Transport layer security (DTLS, TLS) between endpoints



# Challenges

## Network Resilience

- ▶ Packet loss due to radio interference and exhausted buffer resources
- End-to-end retransmissions with repeated link traversals

## End-to-End Security

- ▶ Security termination due to mobility and protocol conversion
- Costly session establishments and complex trust infrastructure

## Benefits of Information-centric Properties for the IoT

**Stateful  
Forwarding**

**Caching**

**Content  
Object Security**

- ▶ **Stateful forwarding** and **caching** shorten request paths and reduce link traversals on retransmissions
- ▶ **Content object security** enables end-to-end security and reduces session management complexity

# Constructing an Information-centric Web of Things

[ICN'20] Toward a RESTful Information-Centric Web of Things [...]

## Communication Model & Flow Control

- ▶ CoAP GET method provides request-response paradigm
- ▶ Acknowledgments for requests and optionally for responses

## Stateful Forwarding & Caching

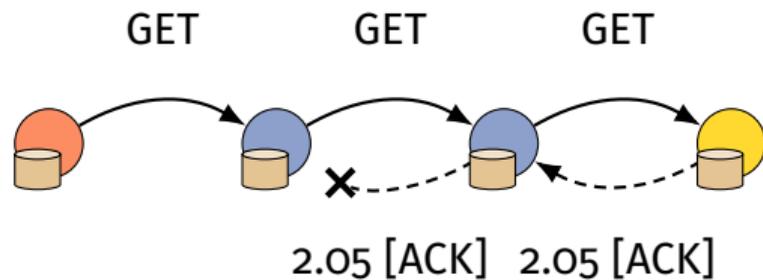
- ▶ CoAP proxies [RFC7252] forward requests and relay back responses
- ▶ Proxies perform caching, namespace or protocol translation

## Content Object Security

- ▶ OSCORE [RFC8613] provides Authenticated Encryption with Associated Data
- ▶ Confidentiality, Integrity, Request-Response binding, Non-replayability

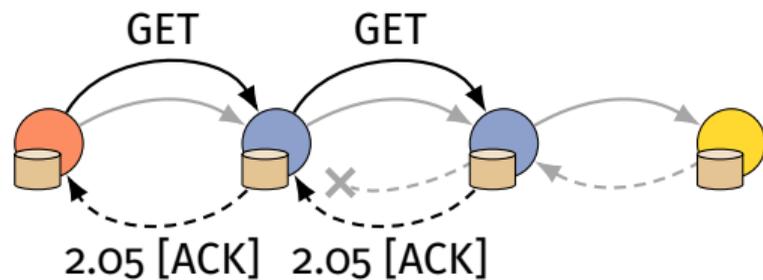
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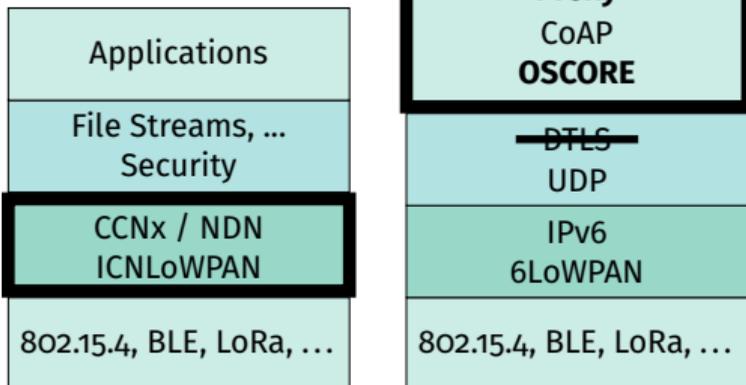
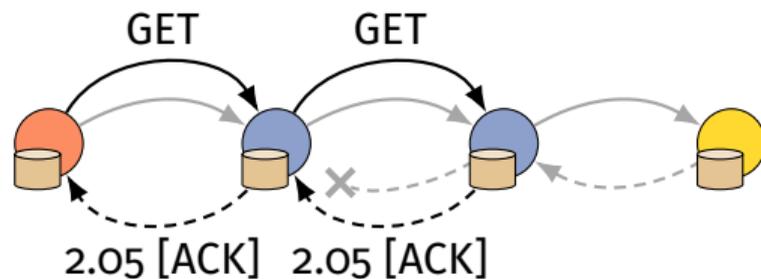
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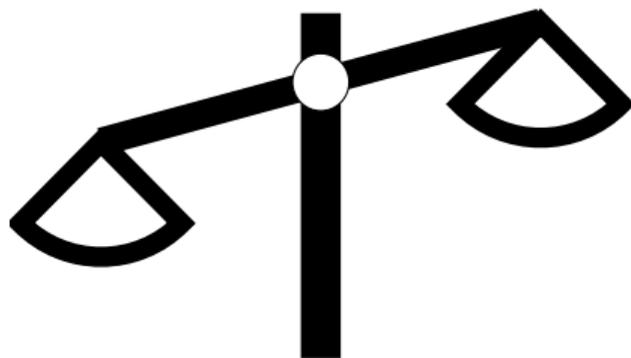
- ▶ Reflects ICN properties on app layer
- ▶ Forwards on service names
- ▶ Beware of request idempotency!

*bonus: link-local IPv6 addresses benefit 6LoWPAN compression*

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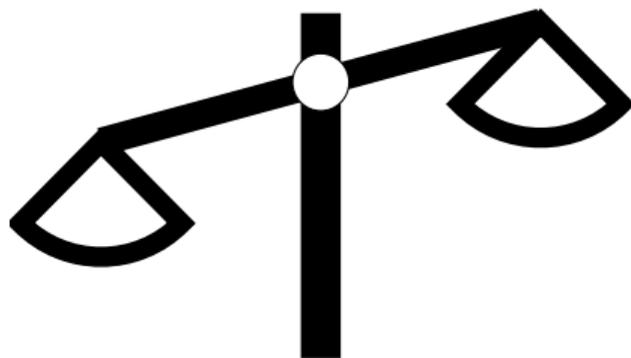
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## CCNx / NDN

- ▶ Early deployment chance?
- ▶ Response acknowledgments?
- ▶ Efficient cache revalidation (ETag)?

## Ongoing Efforts

- ▶ Integrate the inherent multicast support of CCNx / NDN into information-centric CoAP deployments
- ▶ Assess request aggregation and response deduplication in CoAP for idempotent requests and static content (and dynamic content?)
- ▶ Evaluate secured group communication (*e.g.*, Group OSCORE) and effects on cachability of protected messages

**Thank You!**