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Not just gadgets, the Internet of Things will definitely change how we think Non-Destructive Testing

Abstract

Low Power Wide Area Networks are empowering the Internet of Things to reach a multitude of new connected devices. The combination of broader coverage, interference immunity, indoor performance, and low power node consumption, is enabling the design of improved, smaller, cheaper and longer-lasting wireless connected devices. Fridges, mail packages, lockers and doorbells, garbage bins, beehives and even mouse traps are getting connected. SIGFOX and WiFi-based geolocation are driving tracking/connected devices costs down to encouraging return-on-investments.

But the IoT and LPWANs aren't there just for the low-end, cost sensitive use cases. Potential damage detection and follow-up through Non-Destructive Testing is a high-end, life-critical application example where those technologies are expected to have profound impact. The so called Structural Health Monitoring is growing at fast pace while driven by the infrastructures aging. Massive integration of sensors data, environment variables, machine learning, analysis and reporting are just some of the tools SHM will be provided with by the IoT framework.

This presentation focuses mostly on the particularities of SIGFOX and WiFi based geolocation and the design of devices exploring those technologies. It later digs into the IoT-supported SHM, approaching topics such as cloud/device intelligence splitting, the articulation of different sensors data and the role reserved for the inspector of the future.

Short Bio



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