

Lafayette Engagement & Research Network

# LEaRN: Lafayette Engagement and Research Network & the EPA Smart City Air Challenge

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#### Plan

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- 5. LEaRN network topology;
- 6. Siting sensors in the community; and
- 7. Sensor fabrication and STEM education.

About Lafayette Engagement and Research Network



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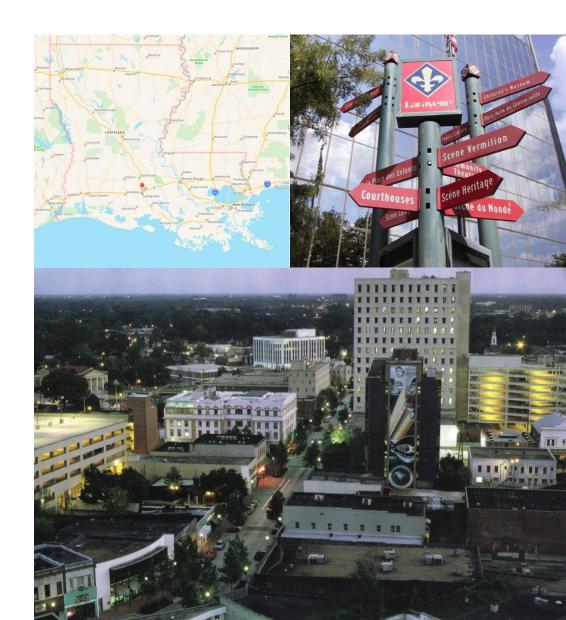




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#### What is Lafayette, Louisiana all about?

- Cultural capital of Acadiana
- Heart of Cajun and Creole Louisiana
- Population ~127,000
- Est. growth ~90,000 new people by 2030
- Lafayette economy GDP: ~\$20 billion/year
- Major industries:
  - Energy Sector
  - Medical / Healthcare
  - Information Technology
  - Tourism and Culture



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March 29 - April 1, 2017









Who Can Participate? Why Participate?

#### Where did LEaRN come from?

- Formed in response to U.S. EPA Smart City Air Challenge: Fall 2016
- Two cities awarded \$40,000: Lafayette, Louisiana and Baltimore, Maryland
- Deploy 250 to 500 air quality sensors in a community
- **Community involvement in purchasing and using the sensors**: The community and its residents will provide funds for the sensors in order to ensure citizen engagement and better data quality.
- Identification of partners and project sustainability: EPA will
  provide prizes to the winning communities. The community and its
  residents will provide funds and establish partnerships to
  implement the strategy.
- Be transparent in terms of making the data open and describing the data management plans: The data from the sensors will be available for free and in machine-readable form. The data management plan describes how data will be managed in all parts of the information life cycle.

## LEaRN Sensor Platform

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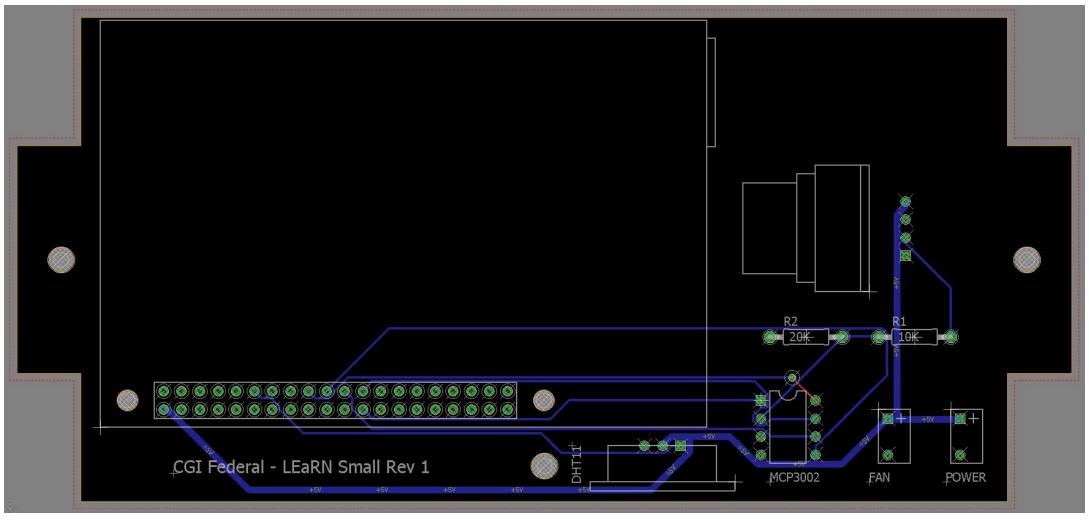
- Low-cost: Sainsmart MQ131 (\$20)
  - Type: Metal oxide semiconductor (MOS)
- Higher low-cost: Aeroqual SM50 (\$255)
  - Type: MOS

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- Low-cost: DF Robot SEN 0177 (\$50)
  - Type: Light-scattering, particle counter
- Higher low-cost: Alphasense OPC-N2 (\$535)
  - Type: Light-scattering, particle counter
- Air temperature and relative humidity
  - DHT11 (\$3.25)
    - Type: Thermistor (T), capacitive (RH)

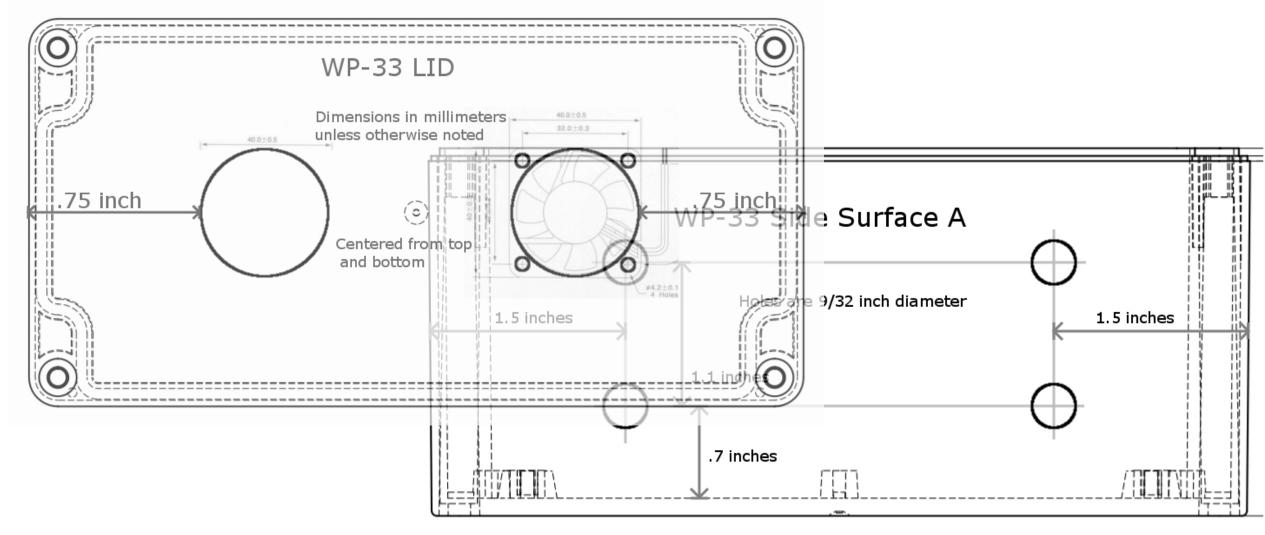


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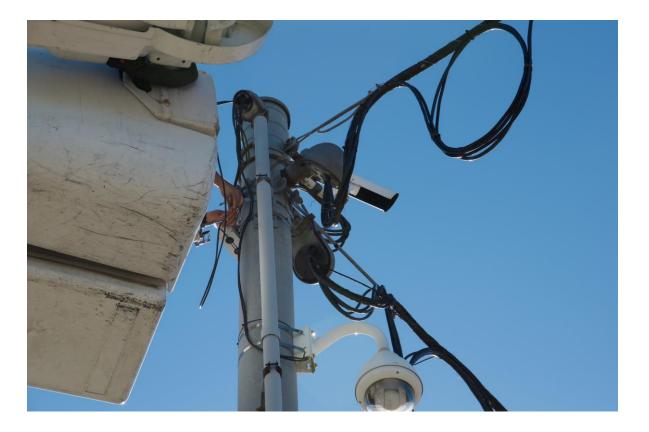
Power Control Board (PCB) design

#### Sensor Platform



Small Enclosure machining drawings

### LEaRN Sensor Platform



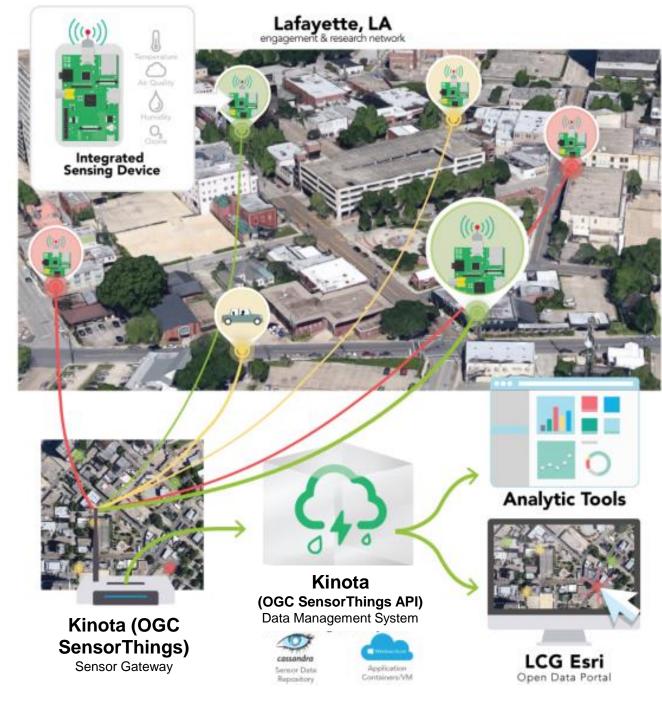
- 250 total Things
  - 175 Things with cheap ozone only (small boxes)
  - 75 large enclosure Things
    - 50 cheap O<sub>3</sub>, expensive O<sub>3</sub>, cheap PM
    - 25 cheap O<sub>3</sub>, expensive O<sub>3</sub>, expensive PM
  - All Things will also have a temperature and humidity sensor

# Sensor validation/calibration methodology

- Place all sensors at Louisiana Dept. of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) AQ station for 7-14 days
- Compare data during calibration period to reference sensors, building calibration curve
- Apply calibration curve to raw data to produce QA/QC'ed datastreams



Software architecture of the Kinota<sup>™</sup> open source data management solution



#### What is Kinota?

- Kinota is an open source implementation of OGC SensorThings API Part 1: Sensing
  - LGPL v3 license
  - Written in Java 8
- Kinota prioritizes:
  - Standards compliance
  - Modularity
  - Security
- Kinota can be found here!
  - <a href="https://github.com/kinota/">https://github.com/kinota/</a>

#### What is SensorThings?



The OGC SensorThings API provides an open, geospatial-enabled and unified way to interconnect the Internet of Things devices, data, and applications over the Web. The OGC SensorThings API is an open standard, and that means it is non-proprietary, platform-independent, and perpetual royalty-free. Although it is a new standard, it builds on a rich set of proven-working and widely-adopted open standards, such as the Web protocols and the OGC Sensor Web Enablement (SWE) standards, including the ISO/OGC Observation and Measurement data model [OGC 10-004r3 and ISO 19156:2011]. That also means the OGC SensorThings API is extensible and can be applied to not only simple but also complex use cases.

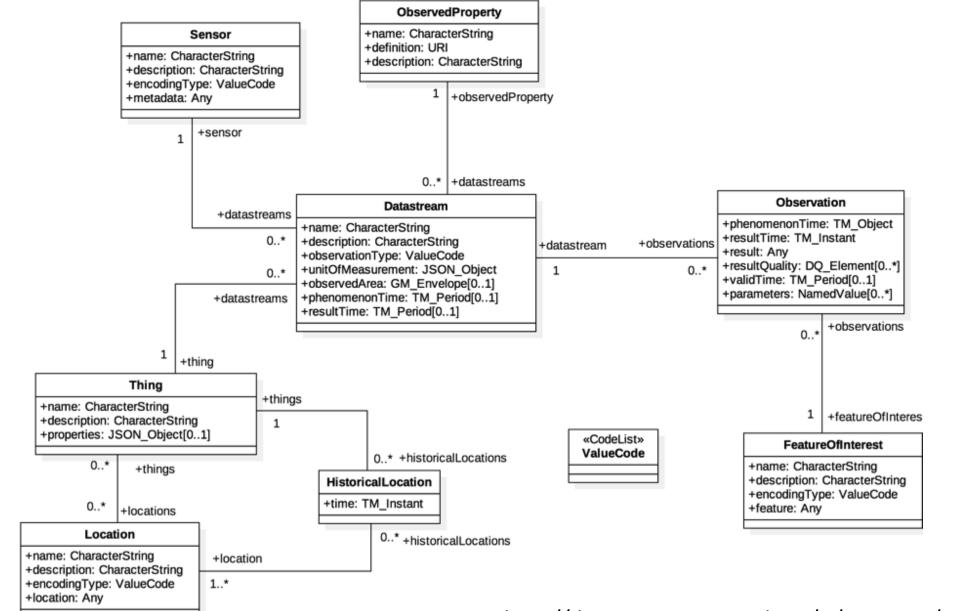
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### What is SensorThings?

- Components of the standard
  - SensorThings API Part 1: Sensing
    - Defines core data model and semantics for publishing, discovering, and downloading sensor data using HTTP REST or MQTT
    - Ratified 2016
  - SensorThing API Part 2: Tasking
    - Defines data model and semantics for parameterizing IoT devices
    - Two parts: Core, and Extended Tasking
    - Core tasking standard is being written and revised by the OGC SensorThings Standard Working Group now
      - ETA for ratified standard: Q2 2018

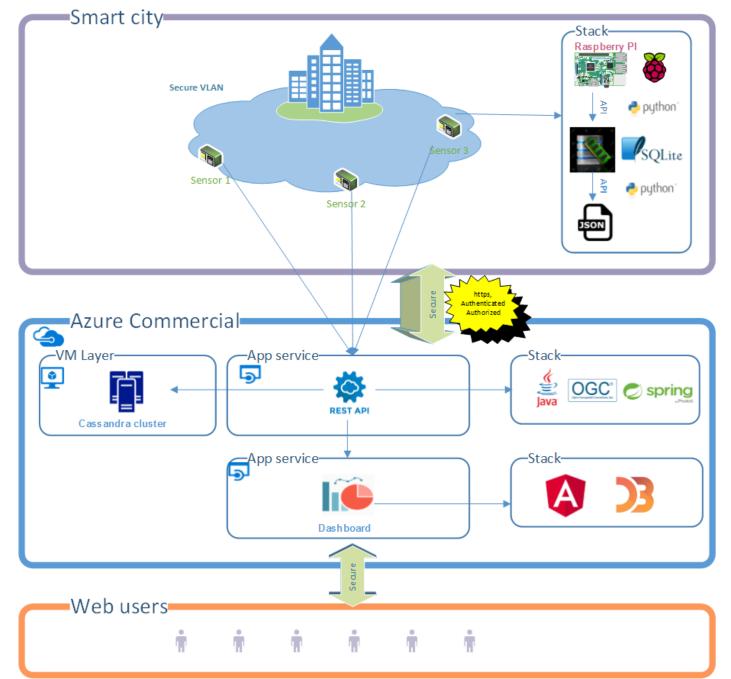
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#### SensorThings API Part 1: Sensing – Data model

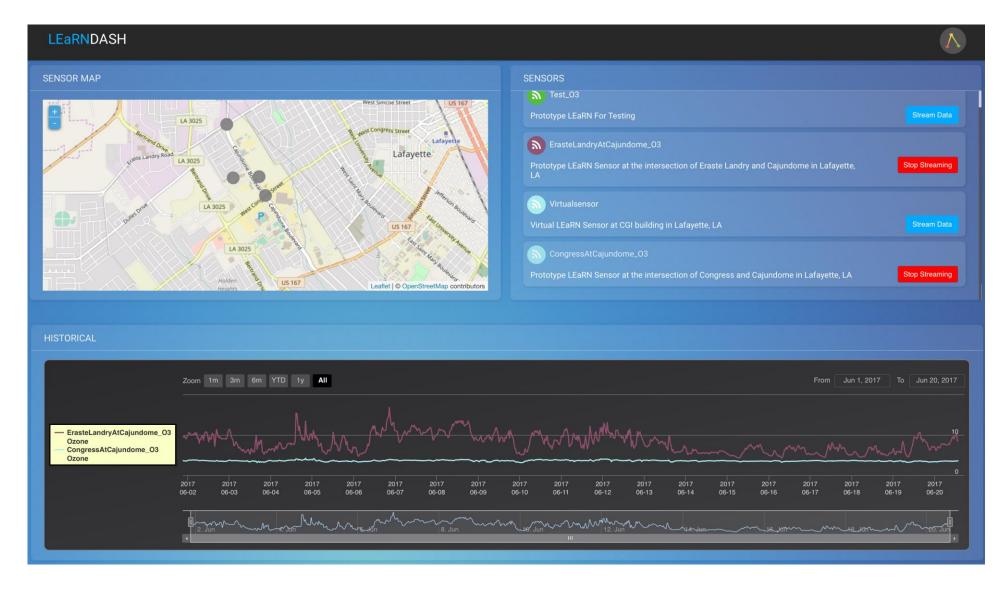


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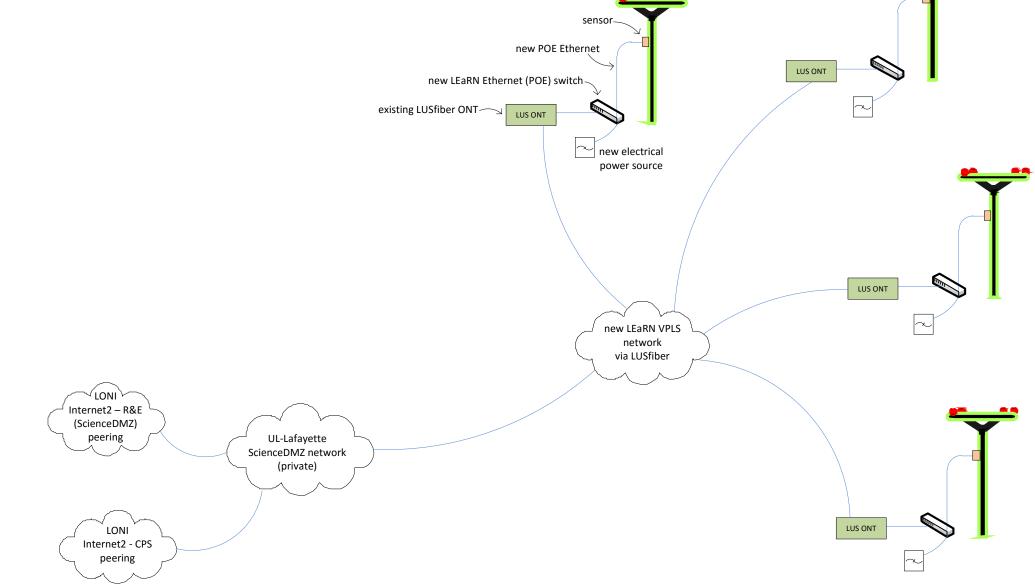
#### LEaRN – Data Architecture



#### Sample: Real-time Data Visualization in Browser

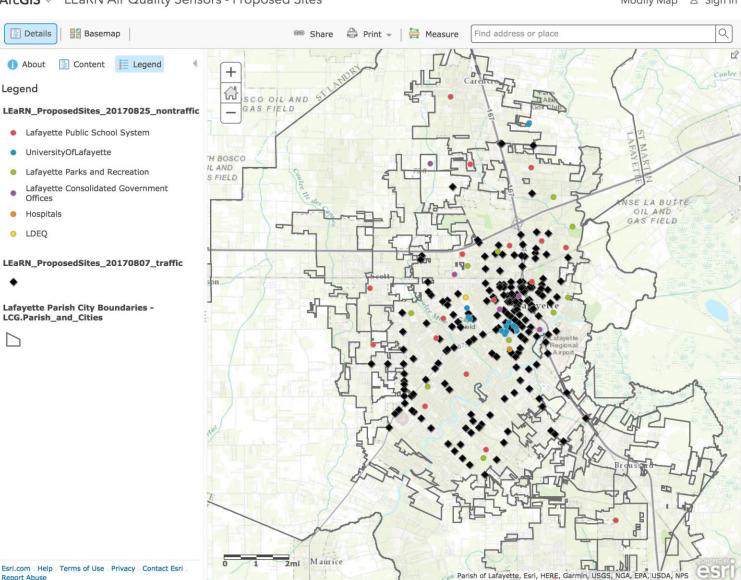


# LEaRN network topology



## Siting sensors in the community

- Place sensors at partner sites
- Place sensors such that there is uniform spatial distribution of sensors, to the extent possible
- Include a range of land uses covering: transportation infrastructure (roads, parking), residential, commercial, agricultural, forest
- Place sensors in locations with network and power available
- Place sensors in areas with known or suspected air pollution or near populations vulnerable to air pollution (e.g. near schools, parks, hospitals)



ArcGIS - LEaRN Air Quality Sensors - Proposed Sites

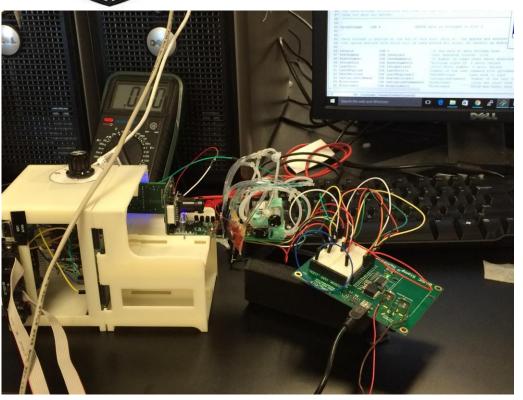
Modify Map & Sign In

## Sensor fabrication and STEM education

- LEaRN partner Lafayette Public School System will lead sensor fabrication
- Middle and High School students from David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy will be fabricating most of our sensors platforms
- Past students have participated in robotics competitions, and had an experiment flown on the International Space Station (ISS)
- Building LEaRN sensors will give a new class of students practical experience with electronics theory and skills (e.g. circuit design, soldering, etc.)



#### DAVID THIBODAUX STEM MAGNET ACADEMY



ISS Experiment: Full Interface Test 1 for NanoRacks-David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy-Antibiotic Effectiveness on Escherichia Coli in Microgravity (NanoRacks-DTSMA-Effectiveness of Antibiotics). Image courtesy of David Thibodaux STEM Magnet Academy.

https://www.nasa.gov/mission\_pages/station/research/experiments/2388.html



## Questions?

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