eNuk: Using mesh technology to support climate change monitoring

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Stay Connected

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The University of Guelph resides in the ancestral and treaty lands of the Attawandaron people and the Mississaugas of the Credit.

We also acknowledge that Left Inc. resides on the ancestral lands of the Katzie, and Lummi people.

Finally, this work would not be possible without the contributions and guidance of the Inuit of Nunatsiavut.

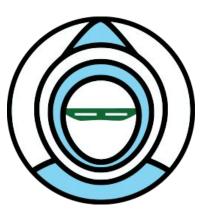
Climate Change & the North

Rigolet, Nunatsiavut

"It's making sure that we have, that we still have things in the future that we have now and we can still use them the same way. Understanding the fact that things are gonna change, ice is gonna change, weather's gonna warm up, but make sure that what we can protect now we should continue to protect."



The eNuk Program



Health & Environmental Monitoring





The Digital Divide

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18%

Of Canada has limited/no connectivity

57%

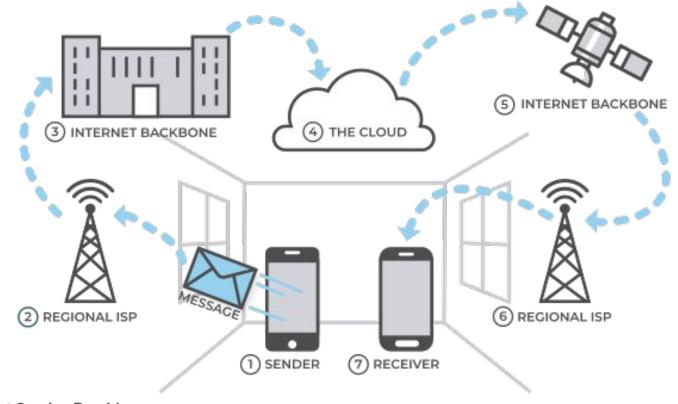
Of the rest of the world is offline

Lack of connectivity affects Inuit ability to:

- Easily collect and disseminate information
- Achieve and maintain self-government and sovereignty
- Manage and mitigate safety challenges and public health risks
- Understand and promote community vitality and wellness

Improving Connectivity

Conventional Internet

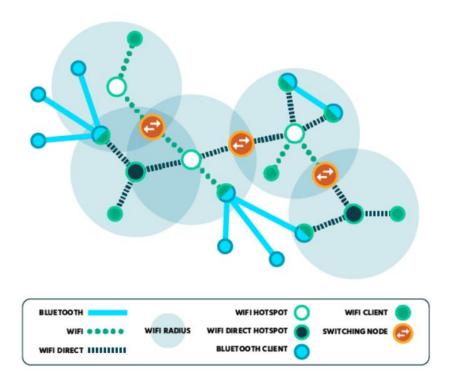


ISP = Internet Service Provider

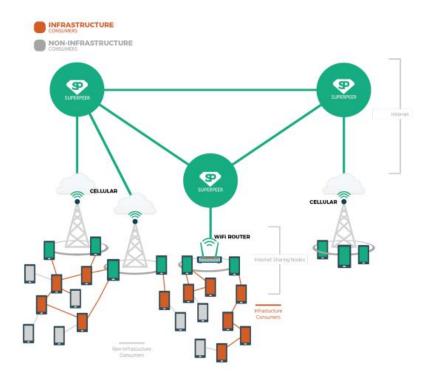
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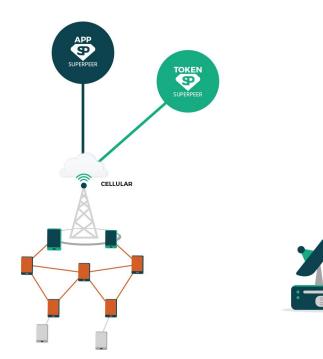
Wireless Mobile Mesh Network



- Multiple radio access technology
- Autonomous network formation
- Peer-to-peer communication
- No infrastructure required

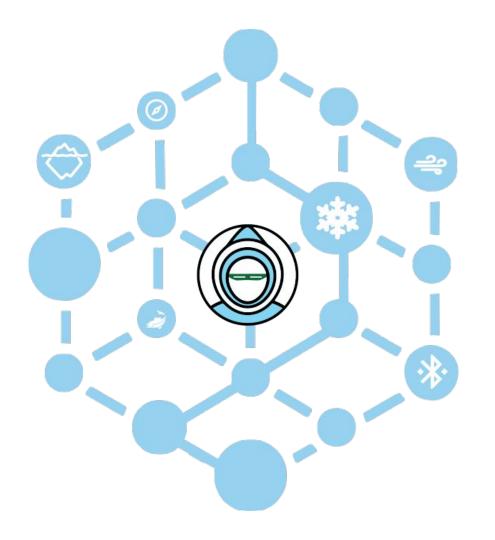


Existing internet infrastructure is leveraged and extended by "Superpeers"



SENSOR

People can join and leave the network as required, enabling automatic data collection and dissemination—even in remote areas.



"People don't want to be a part of another program. This program needs to be designed so that it becomes a part of our lives."

Partners & Funding



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