

Multi-Criteria Selection and Configuration of IoT Network Technologies

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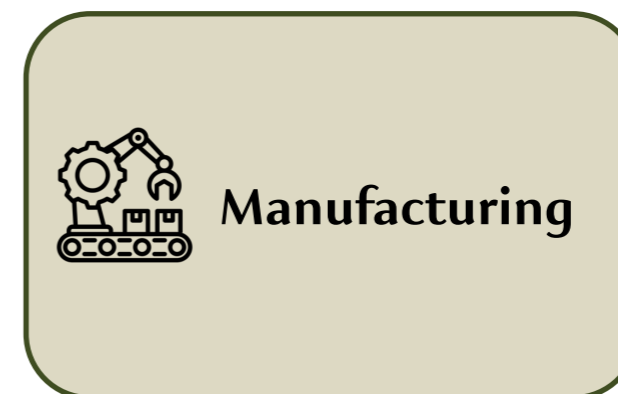
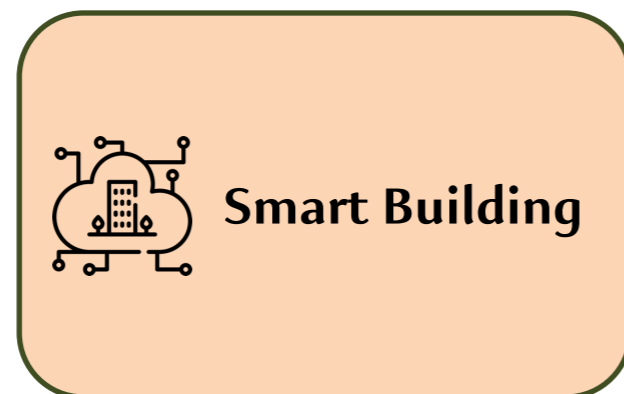
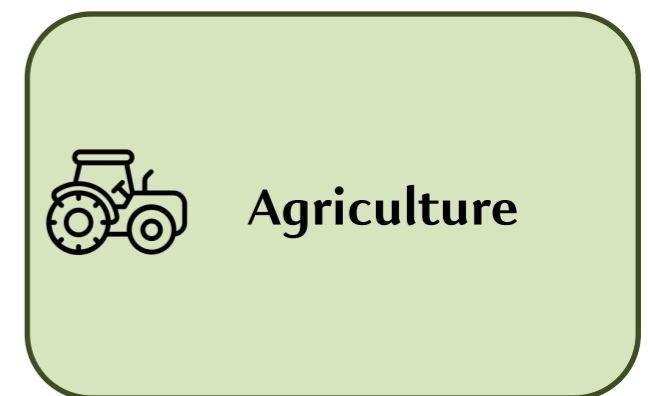
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IoT Ecosystem

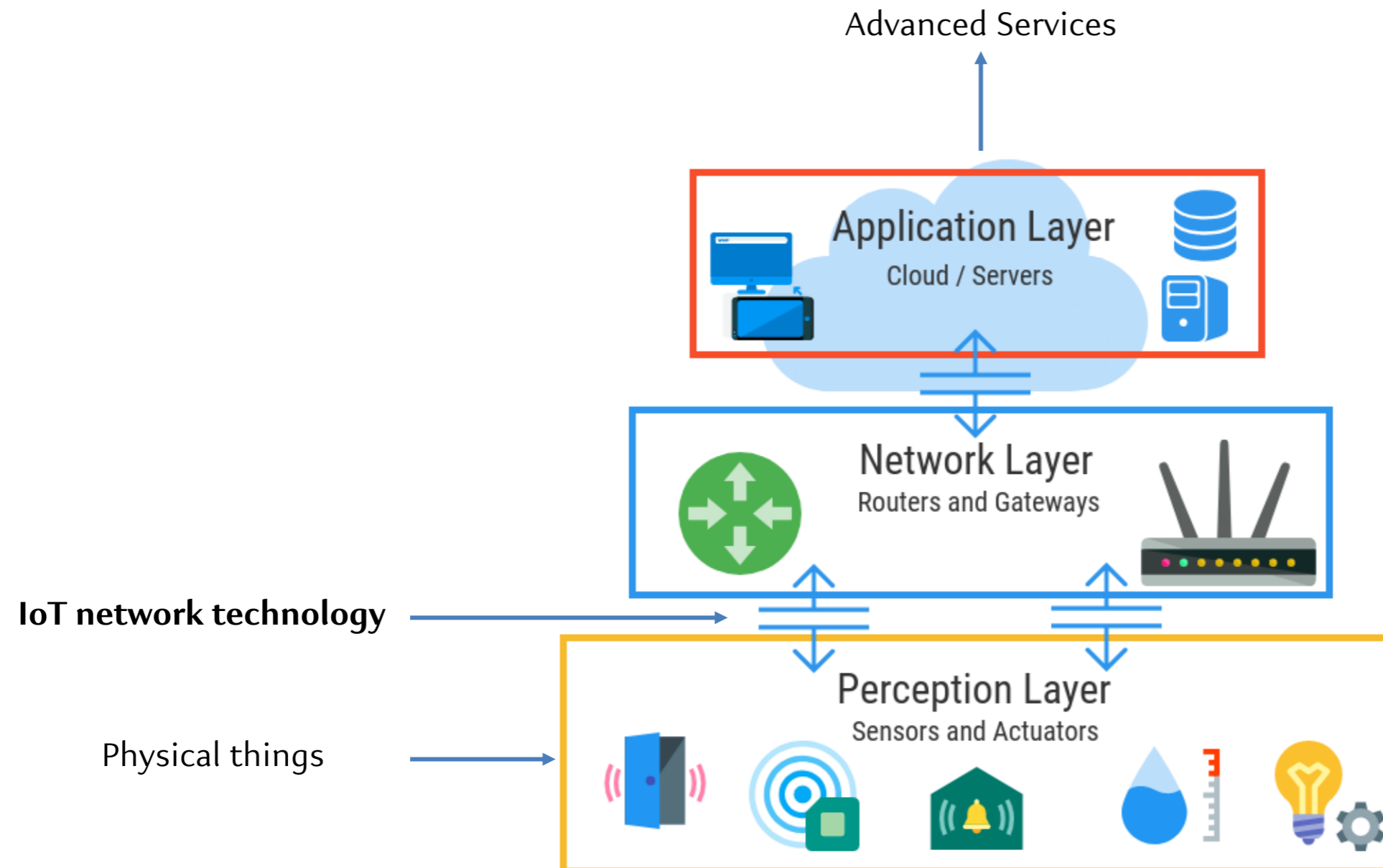
- « Internet of Things is a global infrastructure enabling advanced services by interconnecting (physical and virtual) things based on network technologies » [1]
- Main impacted sectors:



[1] Biggs, Philippa, et al. "Harnessing the Internet of Things for global development." ITU (2016).

IoT Solution Architecture

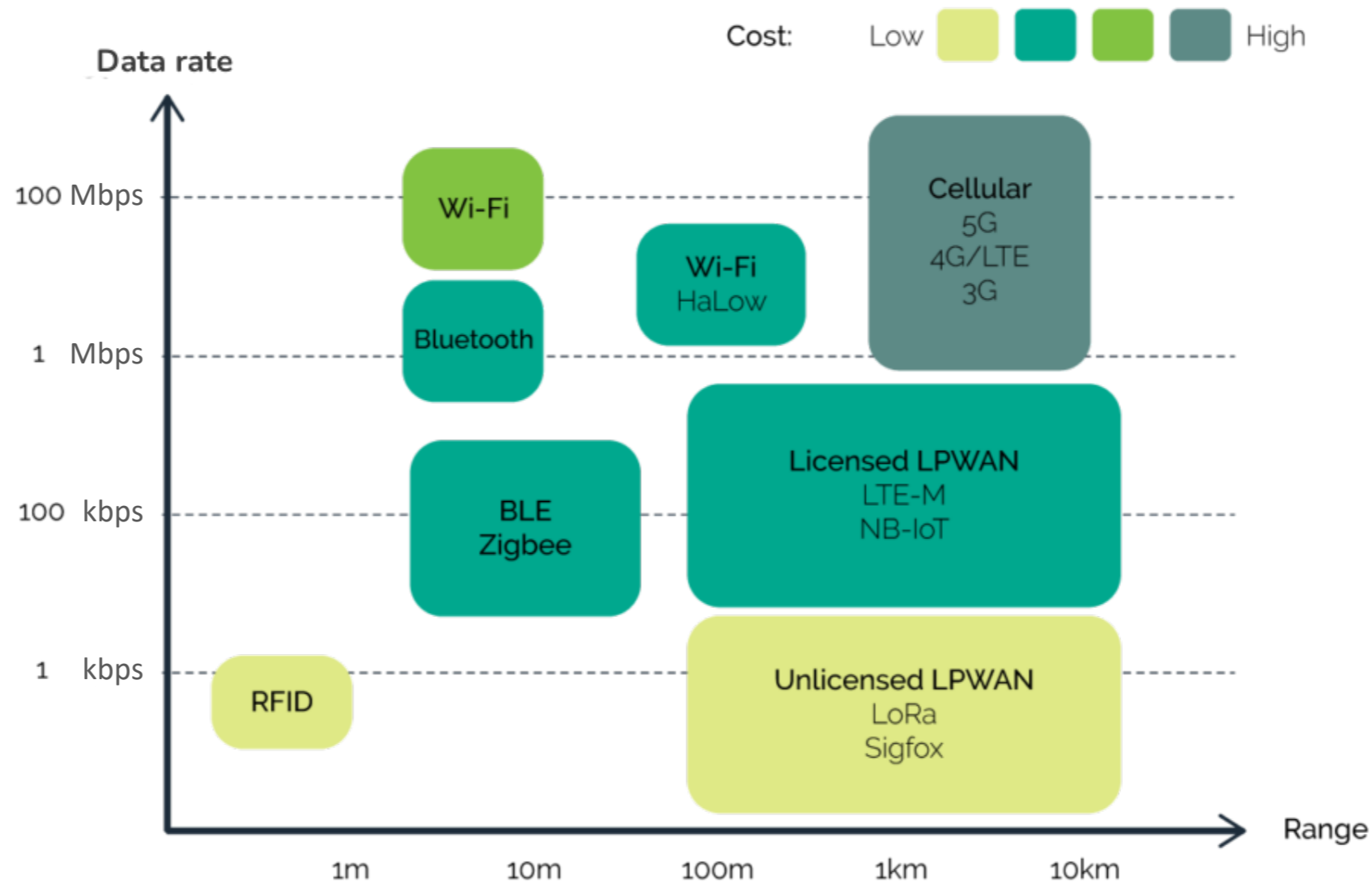
- Typical IoT solution architecture [2]:



[2] Abu Al-Haija, Qasem, et al. "An Efficient Deep Learning-based Detection and Classification System for Cyber-attacks in IoT Communication Networks." Electronics (2020)..

IoT Network Technologies

- Multiple available network technologies*:

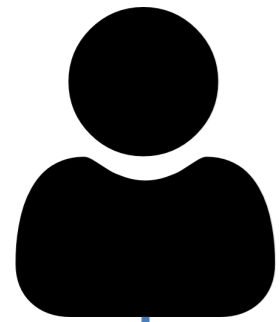


- ❖ It is challenging to select the right network technology and configuration for an IoT solution

(*) <https://embeddedams.nl>

Illustrative Example: Smart Building

IoT Architect



End-user Objectives:

- **Real-time monitoring** (energy consumption, occupancy, temperature, etc.)
- Optimize energy consumption
- Enhance occupants comfort

Decisions to be made for designing the IoT solution:

- Which IoT sensors to collect relevant data?
- How will user privacy be safeguarded?
- How much traffic will be needed?
- What are the IoT solution's requirements (latency, reliability, etc.)?
- **What network technology (communication protocol) should be used? How should it be configured?**
- ...

Outline

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Contribution 1

IoT Network Technologies Evaluation

Problem Statement

Objective: Analyze the performance of a network technology for an IoT application

- IoT application = Adaptation of an IoT solution in a given context
- **Different aspects to consider:**
 1. IoT applications can be defined by several parameters
 2. Network technologies can be configured in different ways
 3. Network technologies can be evaluated using several approaches
 4. The performance of a network technology can be measured using different metrics
- ❖ Most works in the SOTA [3-6] neglect important parameters in the evaluation (application model, network configuration, KPIs, etc.)
- **Can we propose a holistic approach to analyze the match between a network technology and an IoT application?**

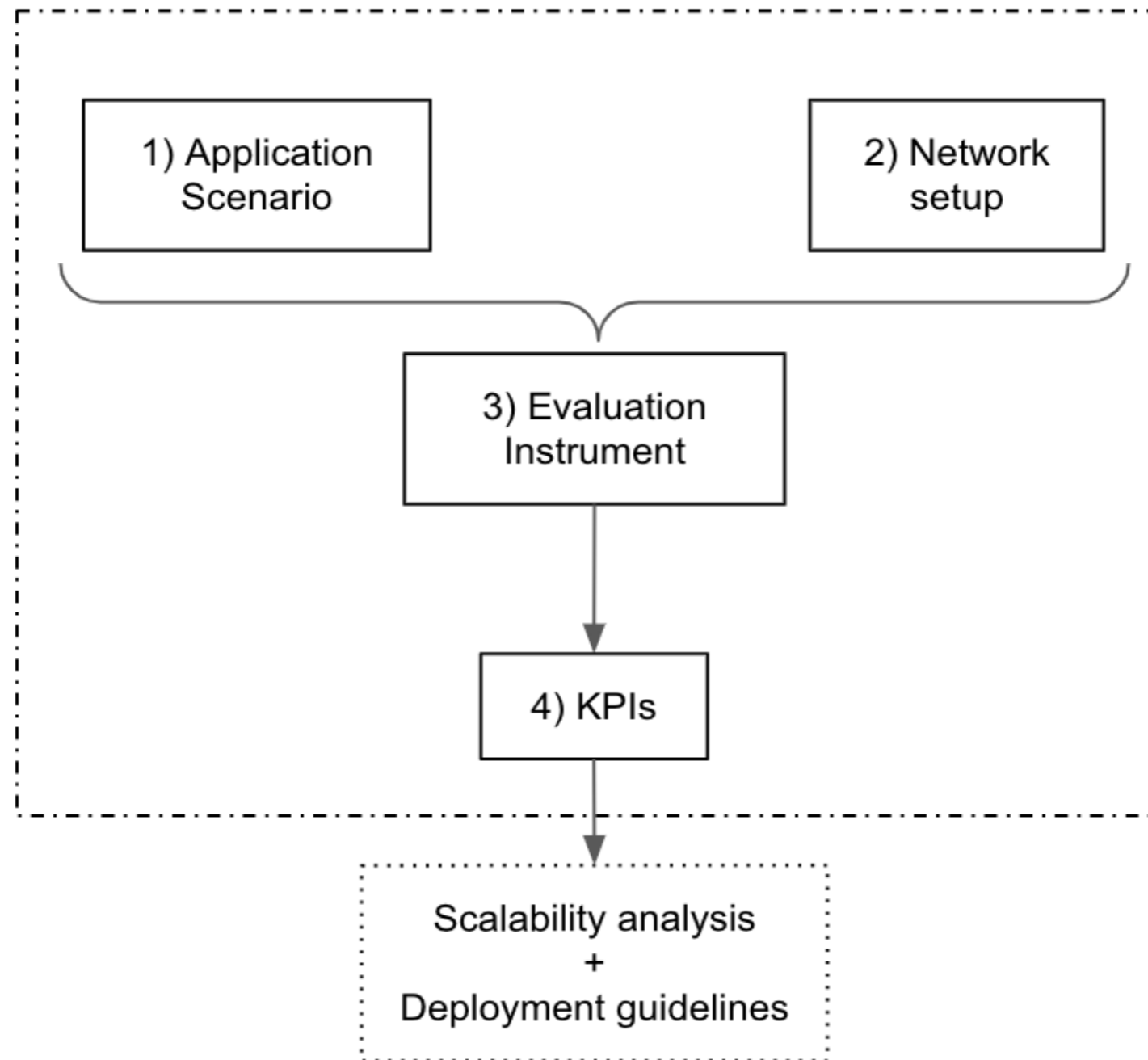
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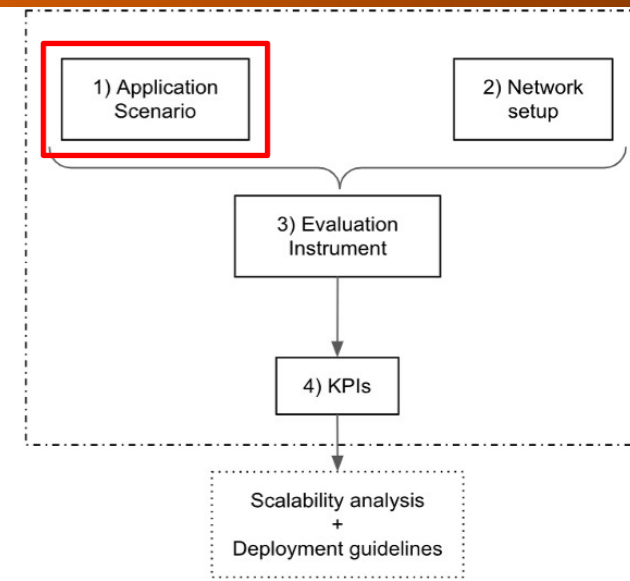
[5] Lalle, Yandja, et al. "A Comparative Study of LoRaWAN, Sigfox, and NB-IoT for Smart Water Grid." Global Information Infrastructure and Networking Symposium (GIIS). IEEE, 2019.

[6] Sommers, Joel, and Paul Barford. "Cell vs. WiFi: On the Performance of Metro Area Mobile Connections." Internet Measurement Conference. 2012.

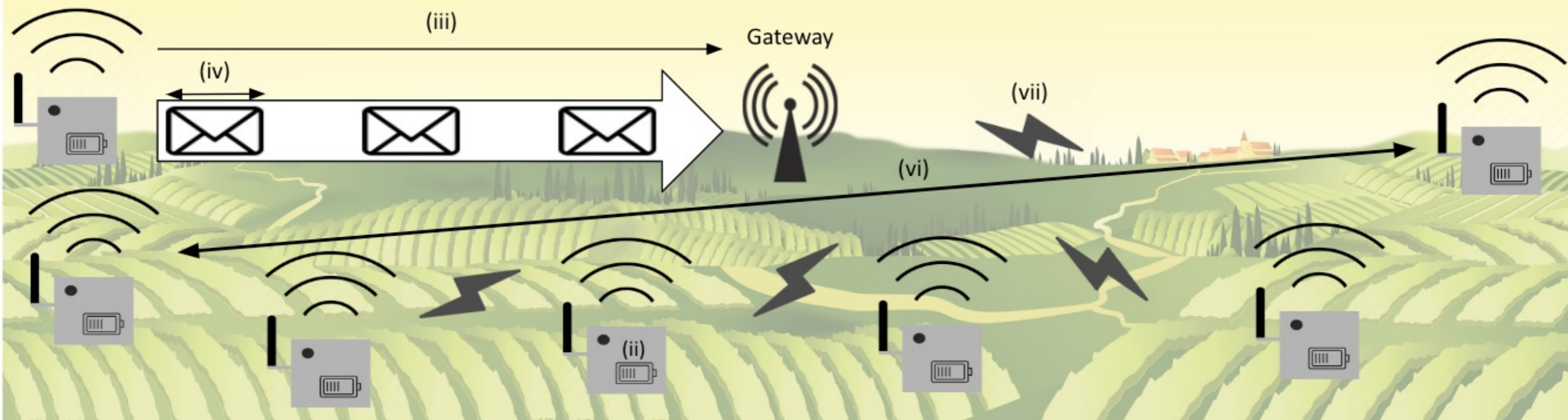
Proposed Solution



Application Modeling



(i) Number of end-devices	(v) Message frequency	(viii) Expected lifetime
7	1 packet/min	30 days



End-devices:

- (i) (Min/max) Number of end-devices
- (ii) Battery capacity

Workload:

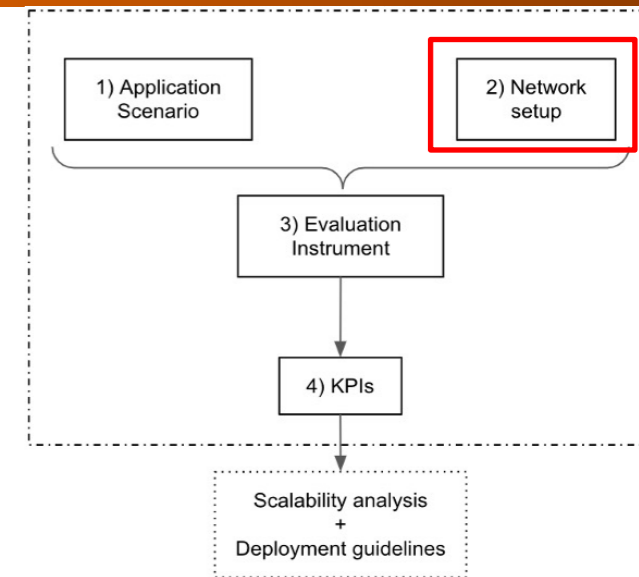
- (iii) Traffic direction
- (iv) Message size
- (v) (Min/max) Message frequency

Environment:

- (vi) Deployment scope
- (vii) Deployment environment
- (viii) Expected lifetime

Network Setups Abstraction

- Considered network technologies, with their respective setup:



- Channel width (20/40/80 MHz)
- Frequency band (2.4/5 GHz)
- Nb. of spatial streams
- Guard interval
- Frame aggregation
- Modulation and Coding Scheme (MCS)



- Channel width (1 GHz)
- Frequency band (24 GHz)
- 5G NR Numerology
- Hybrid Automatic Repeat Request (HARQ)
- RLC-Acknowledge Mode

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- Channel width (5 MHz)
- Frequency band (2.4 GHz)
- Frame retries
- CSMA backoffs
- Maximum backoff exponent
- Minimum backoff exponent



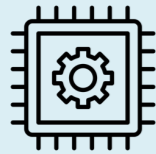
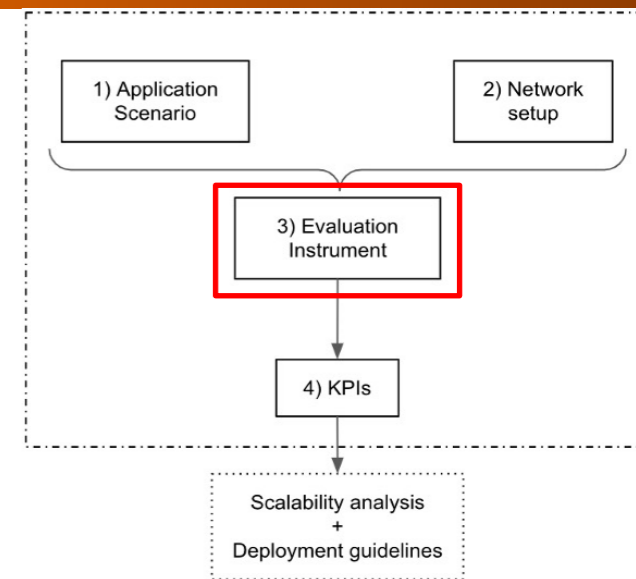
- Channel width (125/250 KHz)
- Frequency band (868 MHz)
- Spreading Factor (SF)
- Coding rate
- Cyclic redundancy check (CRC)
- Confirmed traffic



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- Channel width (1/2 MHz)
- Frequency band (868 MHz)
- Guard interval
- Beacon interval
- Nb. RAW groups
- MCS

Evaluation Approaches



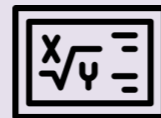
Experimentation

Pros:

- High Accuracy
- Real Data

Cons:

- Low Scalability
- High Cost
- Time-consuming



Analytical Models

Pros:

- High Scalability
- Low Cost
- Low Computing Time

Cons:

- Low Accuracy
- Low Flexibility



Simulation

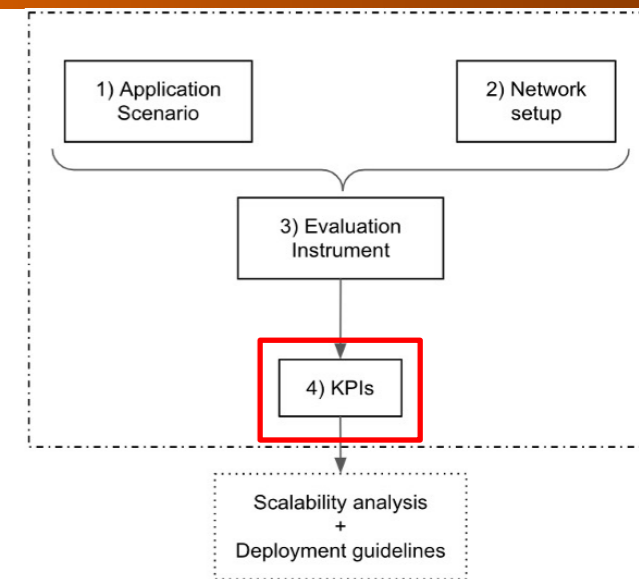
Pros:

- High Scalability
- High Flexibility
- Relative Accuracy
- Low Cost

Cons:

- High Computing Time
- Relative Accuracy

Key Performance Indicators



- **End-to-end Reliability:** The ratio of the packets successfully received over all the sent ones
- **Message Latency:** Time taken by a packet from source to destination
- **Energy Consumption:** How much energy is consumed by a device. We can derive from it:
 - **Battery Lifetime:** End-devices battery lifetime (depends on battery capacity)
- **Cost:** Deploying and maintaining the network for the lifetime of the deployment

Example of Application

- Considered application (smart metering) and network technology:

Application modeling	Parameters	Values
End-devices	• Minimal number	1
	• Maximal number	15,000
	• Battery capacity (Amperes.hour)	2.4
Workload	• Traffic direction	Upstream
	• Message size (bytes)	23
	• Minimal frequency (packets/second)	0.001
	• Maximal frequency (packets/second)	0.003
Environment	• Type	Suburban
	• Scope (meters)	3000
	• Expected lifetime (days)	N/A



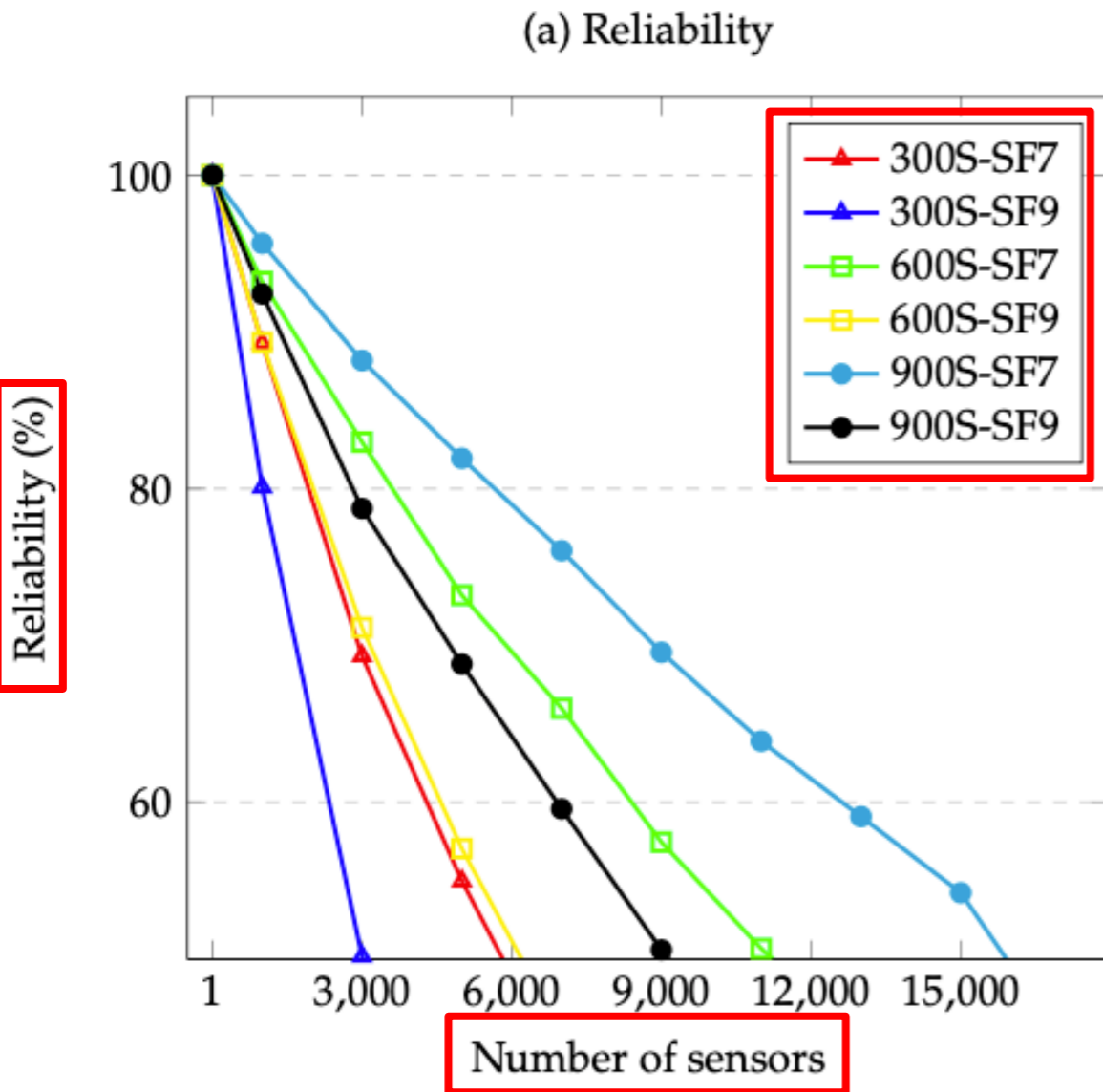
- Channel width = 125 KHz
- SF dynamically adjusted by the LoRa manager
- Coding rate = 1
- No cyclic redundancy check
- Unconfirmed traffic

- Evaluation Tool: Simulation using ns-3 [7]

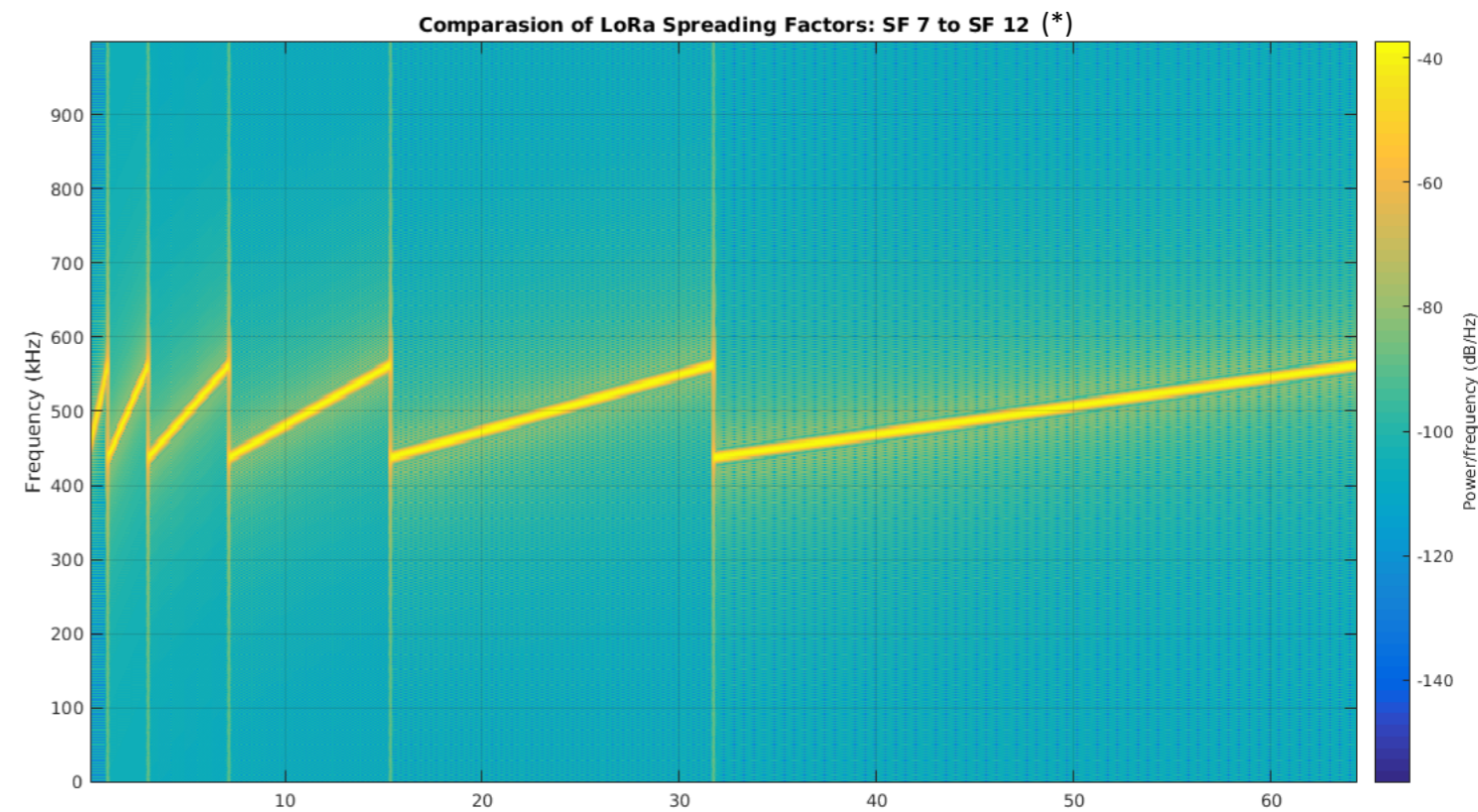


[7] Henderson, Thomas R., et al. "Network Simulations with the ns-3 Simulator." SIGCOMM Demonstration 14.14 (2008): 527.

Results



Period (s)	Energy consumption (mJ)		Battery lifetime (Years)	
	SF 7	SF 9	7	9
300	250	442	13	7
600	134	229	25	14
900	94	158	36	21



- Spreading Factor (SF):** Determines the chirp rate (speed at which the signal frequency changes). Can take values from 7 to 12. Higher SF → Lower data rate.

(*) <https://support.machineq.com/s/article/What-is-the-Spreading-Factor-SF>

Summary

- **Contribution:**
 - ✓ Generic evaluation framework including:
 - High-level application modeling
 - Network technologies setup abstraction
 - Based on simulation
 - IoT-relevant KPIs
- **Limitations:**
 - ❖ Simple topologies with one gateway
 - ❖ No automatic network technologies selection and configuration

Contribution 2

IoT Network Technologies Selection and Configuration

Problem Statement

Objective: Automatic network technology selection and configuration

- The comparison must be made on different alternatives according to several criteria (QoS, energy consumption, etc.)
 - **Multi-Attribute Decision Making (MADM) methods [8]**
- MADM is used for network selection (for example in [9], [3] and [10]), but without a rigorous KPIs evaluation
- **Can we define a method for the automatic selection of the network technology and its configuration?**

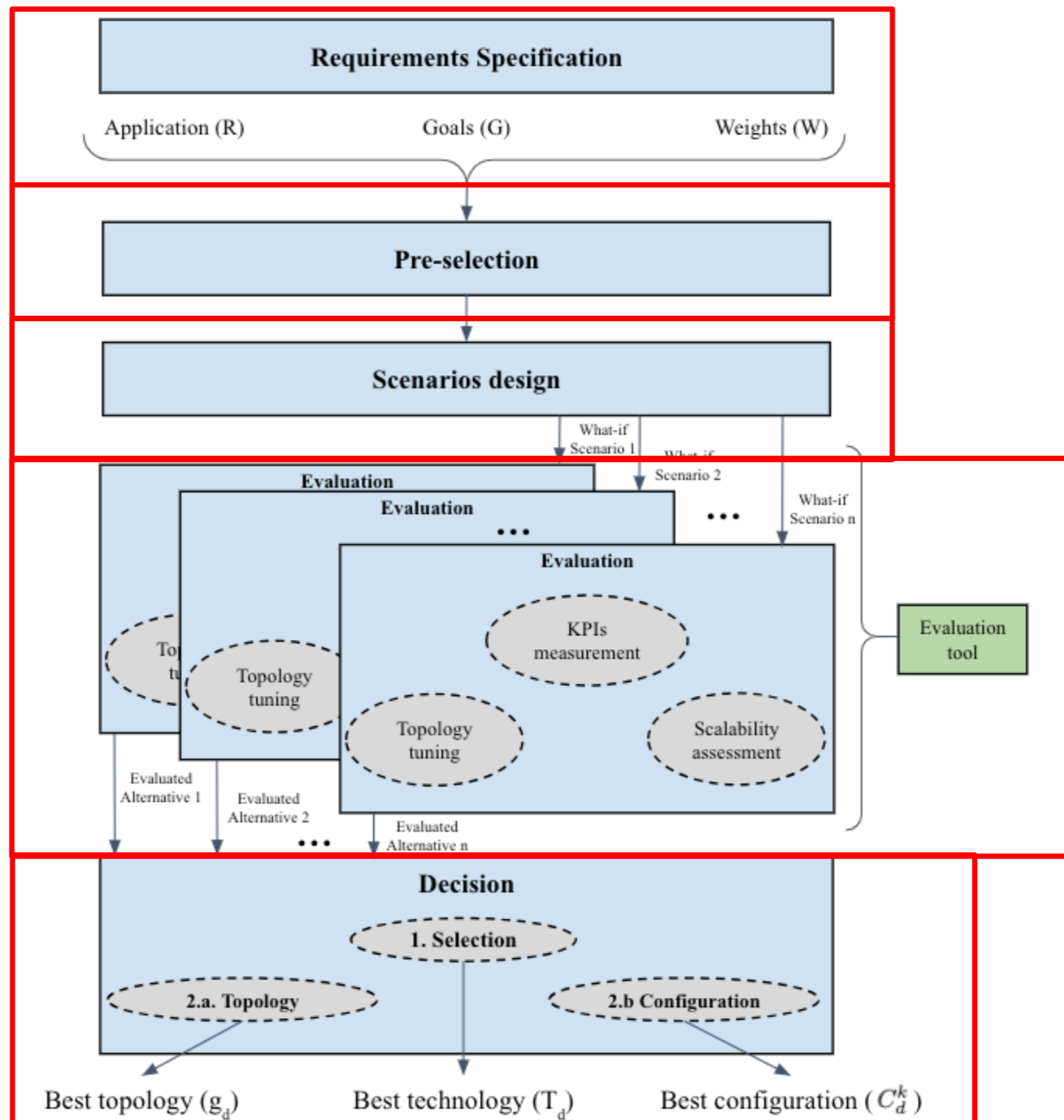
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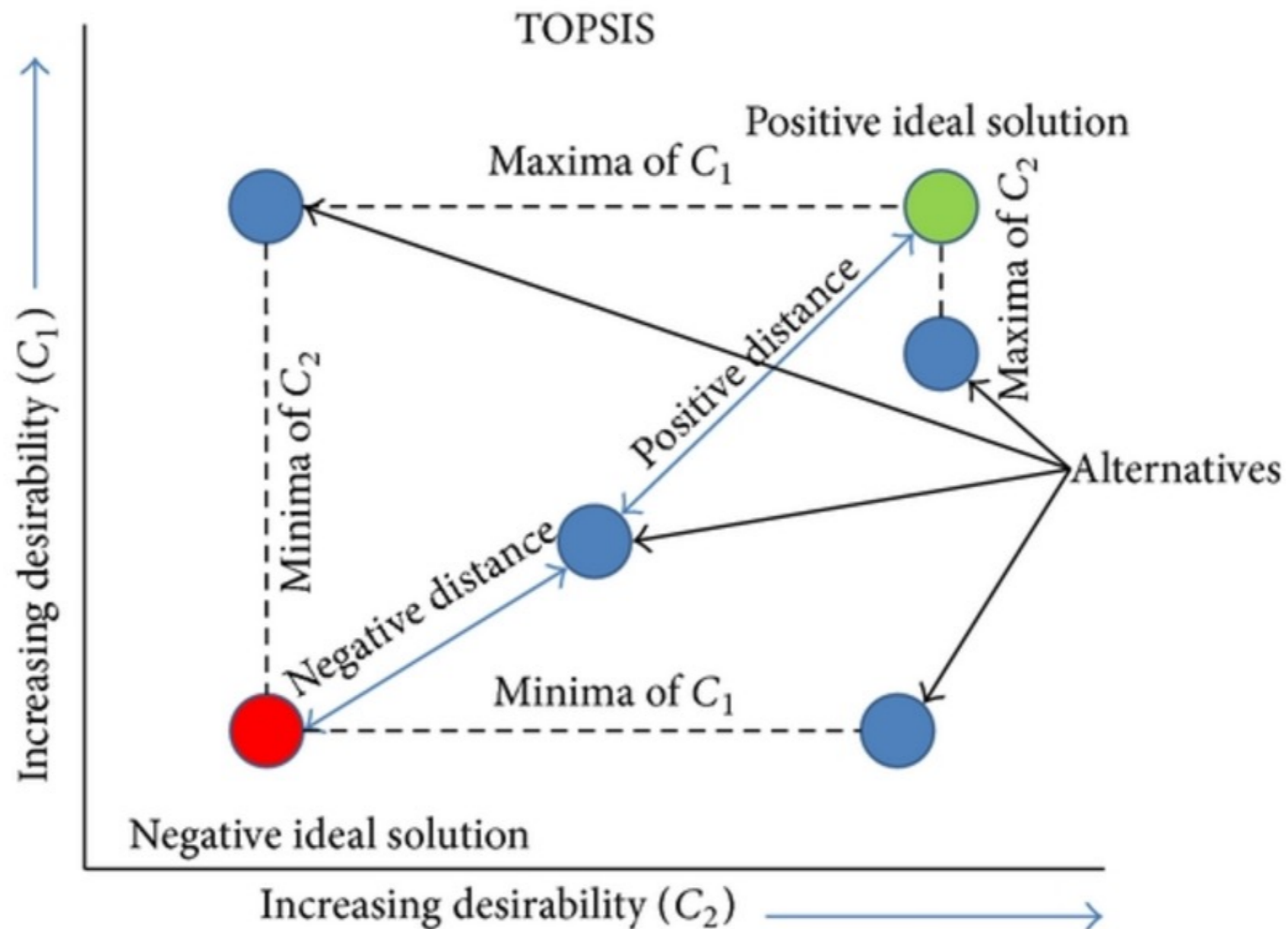
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Proposed Solution - HINTS



MADM Method - TOPSIS

- Technique for Order of Preference by Similarity (TOPSIS) [11]



[11] Chauhan, Aditya, and Rahul Vaish. "A Comparative Study on Decision Making Methods with Interval Data." Journal of Computational Engineering (2014).

Example of Application 1: Selection

Application modeling	Parameters	Values
End-devices	• Minimal number	50
	• Maximal number	100
	• Battery capacity (Amperes.hour)	2.4
Workload	• Traffic direction	Upstream
	• Message size (bytes)	100
	• Minimal frequency (packets/second)	1
	• Maximal frequency (packets/second)	1
Environment	• Type	Indoor
	• Scope (meters)	50
	• Expected lifetime (days)	730

- Considered application (smart building):
- Considered network technologies:



- Channel width = 80 MHz
- One spatial stream
- Long guard interval
- No frame aggregation



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- Channel width = 2 MHz
- Long guard interval
- Beacon interval = 51200 ms
- One RAW group

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- Channel width = 5 MHz
- Frame retries = 4
- CSMA backoffs = 5
- Maximum backoff exponent = 4
- Minimum backoff exponent = 3

Results 1: Selection

Network technology		Minimal deployment (50 end-devices)				Maximal deployment (100 end-devices) <i>Scalability factor: 1</i>				
Technology	Nb. of GW	Reliability	Battery Lifetime	Message Latency	Cost	Reliability	Battery Lifetime	Message Latency	Cost	Score
		<i>Weight: 1</i> <i>Unit: %</i> <i>Goal: >90</i>	<i>Weight: 1</i> <i>Unit: d</i> <i>Goal: >80</i>	<i>Weight: 1</i> <i>Unit: ms</i> <i>Goal: <100</i>	<i>Weight:</i> <i>Unit: \$</i>	<i>Weight: 1</i> <i>Unit: %</i> <i>Goal: >90</i>	<i>Weight: 1</i> <i>Unit: d</i> <i>Goal: >80</i>	<i>Weight: 1</i> <i>Unit: ms</i> <i>Goal: <100</i>	<i>Weight: 1</i> <i>Unit: \$</i>	
Wi-Fi	1	42.0	61.72	0.05	3850	30.0	49.1	0.05	9100	0.02
Wi-Fi	2	80.0	66.28	0.05	3700	86.0	61.24	0.05	7700	0.07
Wi-Fi	3	87.5	66.45	0.05	3800	96.97	85.86	0.05	5800	0.32
Wi-Fi	4	100.0	89.09	0.05	3150	100.0	88.38	0.05	5900	0.46
Wi-Fi	5	100.0	89.27	0.05	3150	100.0	88.71	0.05	5900	0.46
HaLow	1	100.0	362.16	48.41	2250	100.0	277.78	57.28	3500	0.87
HaLow	2	100.0	421.69	48.9	3000	100.0	331.8	58.72	4500	0.93
802.15.4	1	54.31	91.76	29.62	3700	44.63	71.44	12.61	9700	0.12
802.15.4	2	94.46	125.07	12.38	3400	88.29	85.75	21.67	7400	0.36
802.15.4	3	98.09	142.95	16.47	3350	94.10	112.28	7.46	7100	0.49

Example of Application 2: Configuration

- HINTS can also be used for configuring a network technology
- Considered application (smart metering) and network technology:

Application modeling	Parameters	Values
End-devices	• Minimal number	200
	• Maximal number	300
	• Battery capacity (Amperes.hour)	2.4
Workload	• Traffic direction	Upstream
	• Message size (bytes)	30
	• Minimal frequency (packets/second)	0.005
	• Maximal frequency (packets/second)	0.005
Environment	• Type	Rural
	• Scope (meters)	1500
	• Expected lifetime (days)	3650



- SF = ?
- Coding rate = ?
- Confirmed traffic ?

Results 2: Configuration

Configuration			Minimal deployment (50 end-devices)				Maximal deployment (100 end-devices) <i>Scalability factor: 1</i>				Score
SF	Coding Rate	Traffic Type	Reliability	Battery Lifetime	Message Latency	Cost	Reliability	Battery Lifetime	Message Latency	Cost	
			<i>Weight: 1 Unit: % Goal: >90</i>	<i>Weight: 1 Unit: d Goal: >730</i>	<i>Weight: 1 Unit: ms Goal: <1000</i>	<i>Weight: 1 Unit: \$</i>	<i>Weight: 1 Unit: % Goal: >90</i>	<i>Weight: 1 Unit: d Goal: >730</i>	<i>Weight: 1 Unit: ms Goal: <1000</i>	<i>Weight: 1 Unit: \$</i>	
7	1	0	95.78	2560.7	82.17	12000	95.73	2560.7	82.17	17500	0.98
7	1	1	99.44	331.37	82.17	112000	99.19	332.6	82.176	167500	0.51
7	4	0	93.65	1819.54	82.17	22000	93.74	1819.54	82.176	17500	0.81
7	4	1	98.65	232.95	82.17	152000	97.83	234.18	82.176	227500	0.5
12	1	1	43.47	126.44	197.4	282000	31.97	114.1	197.4	467500	0.0
12	1	0	43.31	126.44	197.4	282000	31.78	112.7	197.4	482500	0.38
12	4	1	33.29	126.77	197.4	282000	22.33	232.95	197.4	422500	0.38
12	4	1	33.11	126.77	197.4	282000	22.13	232.95	197.4	422500	0.38

Summary

- **Contribution:**
 - ✓ Automatic selection methodology considering:
 - Multi-criteria comparison
 - Topology
 - Configuration

- **Limitations:**
 - ❖ Accessibility of the solution
 - ❖ Computing time for a more rigorous configuration decision (>7 hours for the previous application LoRa)
 - ❖ Simulation accuracy

Contribution 3

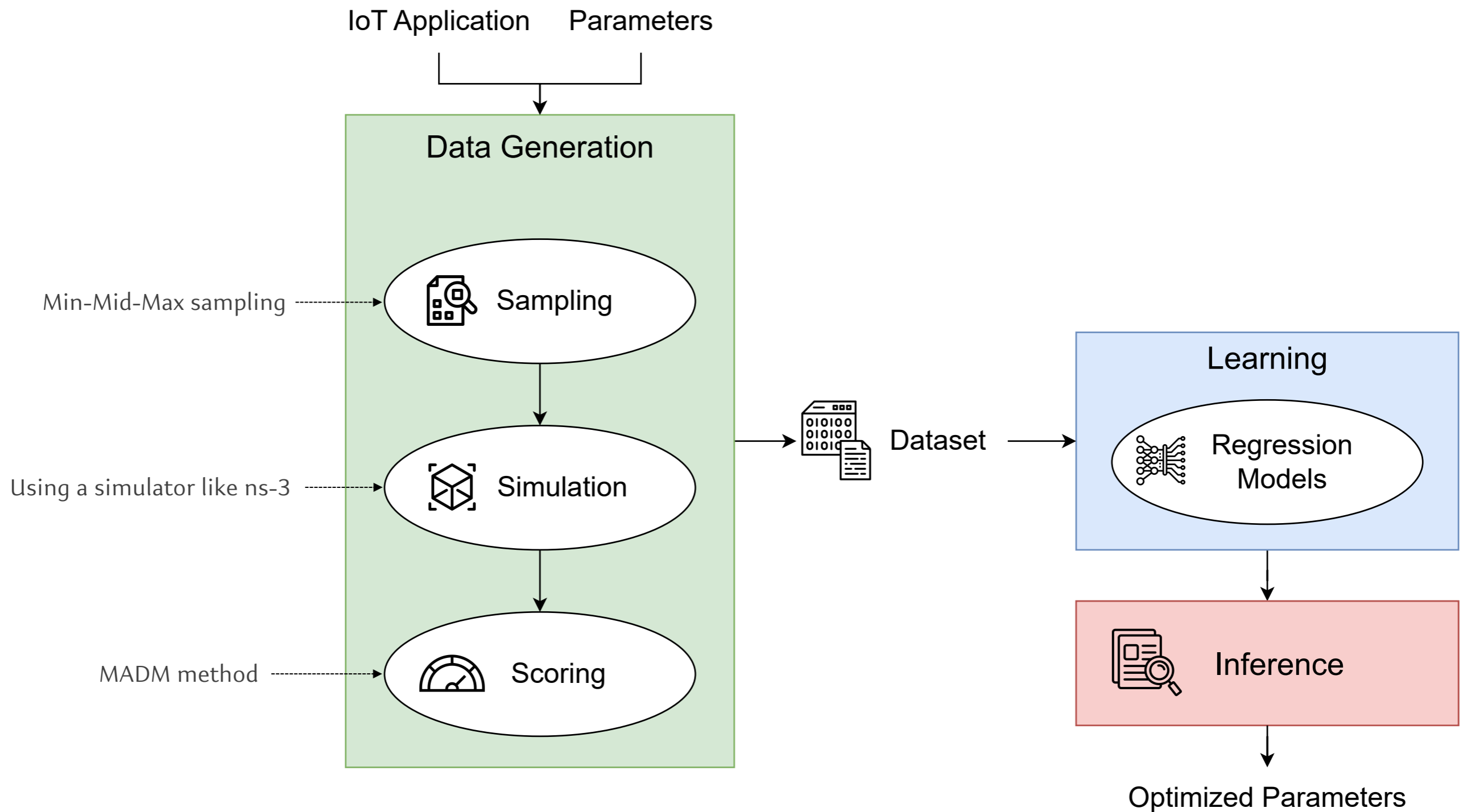
Addressing the Limits of Simulation

Problem Statement

Objective: Reducing the number of simulations for the configuration decision

- A single network technology can be configured differently with an impact on its performance
- Using HINTS can help. However, the range of possible configurations is considerable
 - ❖ **Important number of simulations:** For n different parameters, where each one can take m different values, a comprehensive simulation would lead to m^n simulations
- **Can we use surrogate modeling and machine learning to reduce the number of simulations?**

Proposed Solution - COSIMIA



Application

- Considered application (smart metering) and network technology:

Application modeling	Parameters	Values
End-devices	• Minimal number	50
	• Maximal number	50
	• Battery capacity (Amperes.hour)	2.4
Workload	• Traffic direction	Upstream
	• Message size (bytes)	100
	• Minimal frequency (packets/second)	1
	• Maximal frequency (packets/second)	1
Environment	• Type	Suburban
	• Scope (meters)	200
	• Expected lifetime (days)	N/A

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- Frame retries = ?
- CSMA backoffs = ?
- Maximum backoff exponent = ?
- Minimum backoff exponent = ?

Example of Application

- **Proximity:** Ratio of the score of the best solution on the optimal one (through the comprehensive simulation)

Model	Solution	KPIs				Data generation		Proximity
		Reliability (%)	Energy consumption (Watts)	Latency (ms)	Cost (\$)	Time (minutes)	Number of simulations	
Comprehensive simulation	[3,4,3,4,0]	92	0.03	5.56	300	1367	23040	N/A
Gradient boosting	[3,5,3,5,3]	99.37	0.032	5.58	300	26	405	0.99
Extra trees	[3,6,0,0,4]	93.75	0.031	3.91	300			0.99
Random forest	[3,8,7,5,3]	100	0.033	31.16	300			0.98
KNN	[3,8,7,5,6]	100	0.033	31.16	300			0.98
SVR	[5,7,7,5,6]	100	0.03	30.15	500			0.94
Linear regression	[10,8,7,5,7]	100	0.02	26.02	1000			0.79

- **Results format:** [NGW,MaxBE,MinBE,CB,FR]

Summary

- **Contribution:**
 - ✓ Method for accelerating configuration decision process:
 - Important computing time reduction
 - Generic method
- **Limitations:**
 - ❖ No theoretical guarantee (heuristic)
 - ❖ Simulation accuracy

Problem Statement

Objective: Enhancing the simulation credibility

- We focus here on the energy consumption calculation
- Simulators use state machines to calculate energy consumption.
 - The nodes can be in different physical states (Tx, Rx, etc.)
 - Each state is associated to a current consumption value
 - Energy is calculated with:

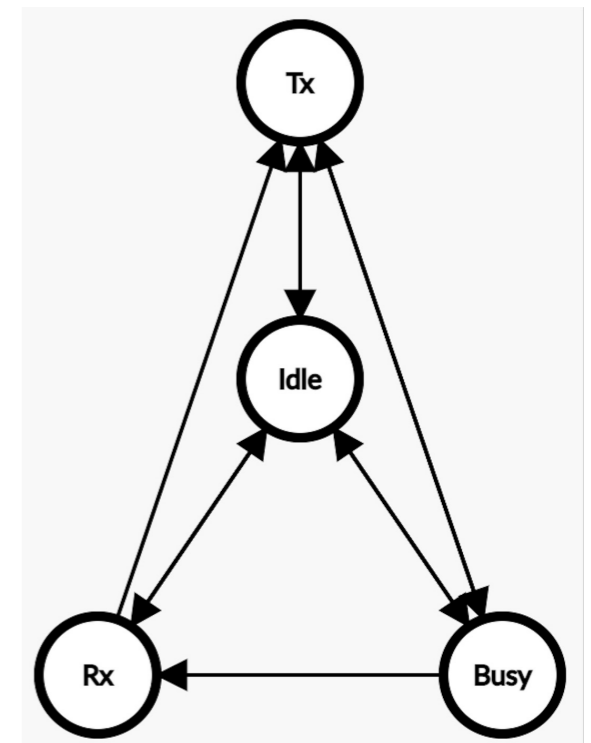
$$E = \sum_{i \in S} (\alpha_i \cdot t_i) \cdot V$$

where:

- E in the energy in Joules,
- S is the set of possible states of the physical NIC,
- α_i is the current consumption value of state i in Amperes,
- t_i is the time passed in state i in Seconds,
- V is the voltage in Volts, which is considered constant

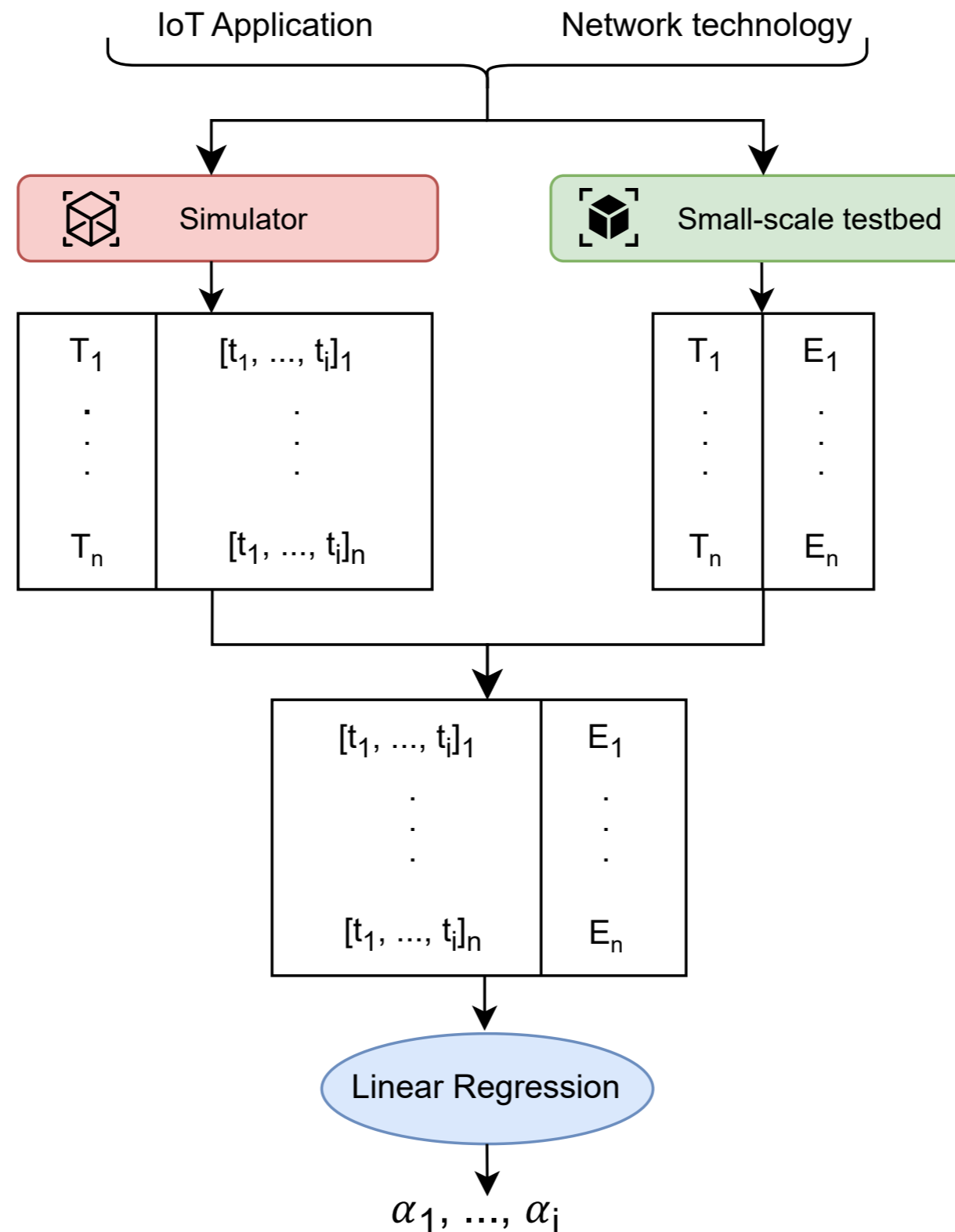
- ❖ The α_i values depend on the used radio chip
- ❖ May lead to errors if the simulator transitions are not accurate

- **Can we calibrate energy consumption models in simulators using real data?**



Proposed Solution

- **Assumption:** Small testbed with access to energy consumption measurements



Example of Application

- We consider the following application (smart metering) with 802.15.4:

Application modeling	Parameters	Case Study
End-devices	• Minimal number	40
	• Maximal number	60
	• Battery capacity (Amperes.hour)	2.4
Workload	• Traffic direction	Upstream
	• Message size (bytes)	100
	• Minimal frequency (packets/second)	1
	• Maximal frequency (packets/second)	2
Environment	• Type	Suburban
	• Scope (meters)	200
	• Expected lifetime (days)	N/A

- We use the FIT IoT-Lab [12] as an experimental platform for our testbed
 - Open-source experimentation platform
 - M3 boards equipped with radio chips supporting IEEE 802.15.4 norm
 - Radio sniffer for RSSI and energy measurement tools
 - Firmwares implemented using the RIOT [13] Operating System

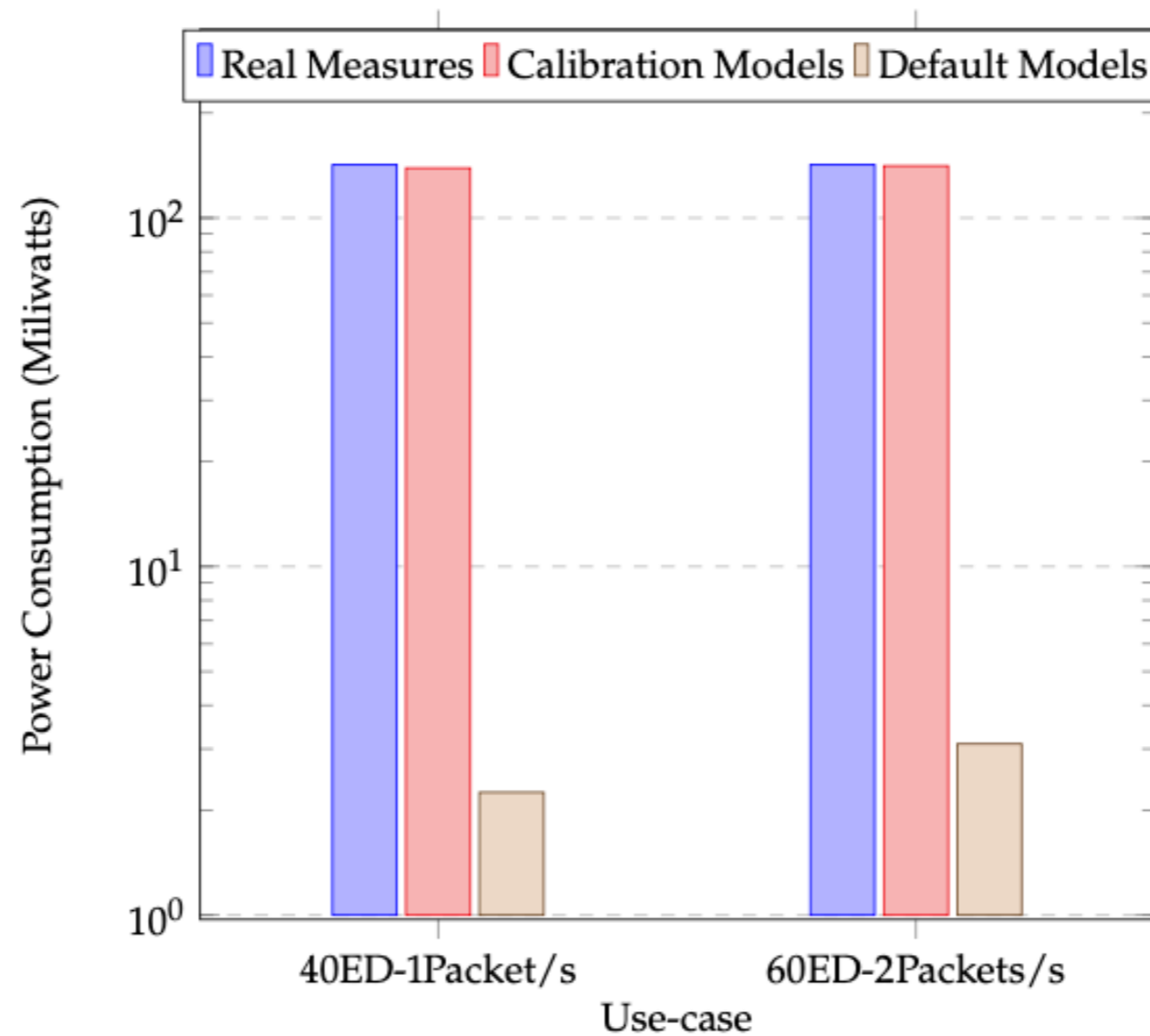


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Results

- We show the impact on the calibration for both the initial and scaled deployment:



Summary

- **Contribution:**
 - ✓ Method for calibrating energy consumption models in simulation:
 - Data from real measures
 - Validation using a real testbed
- **Limitations:**
 - ❖ Costly infrastructure
 - ❖ Considers only energy consumption

Contribution 4

IoT Network Technologies No-Code Simulation

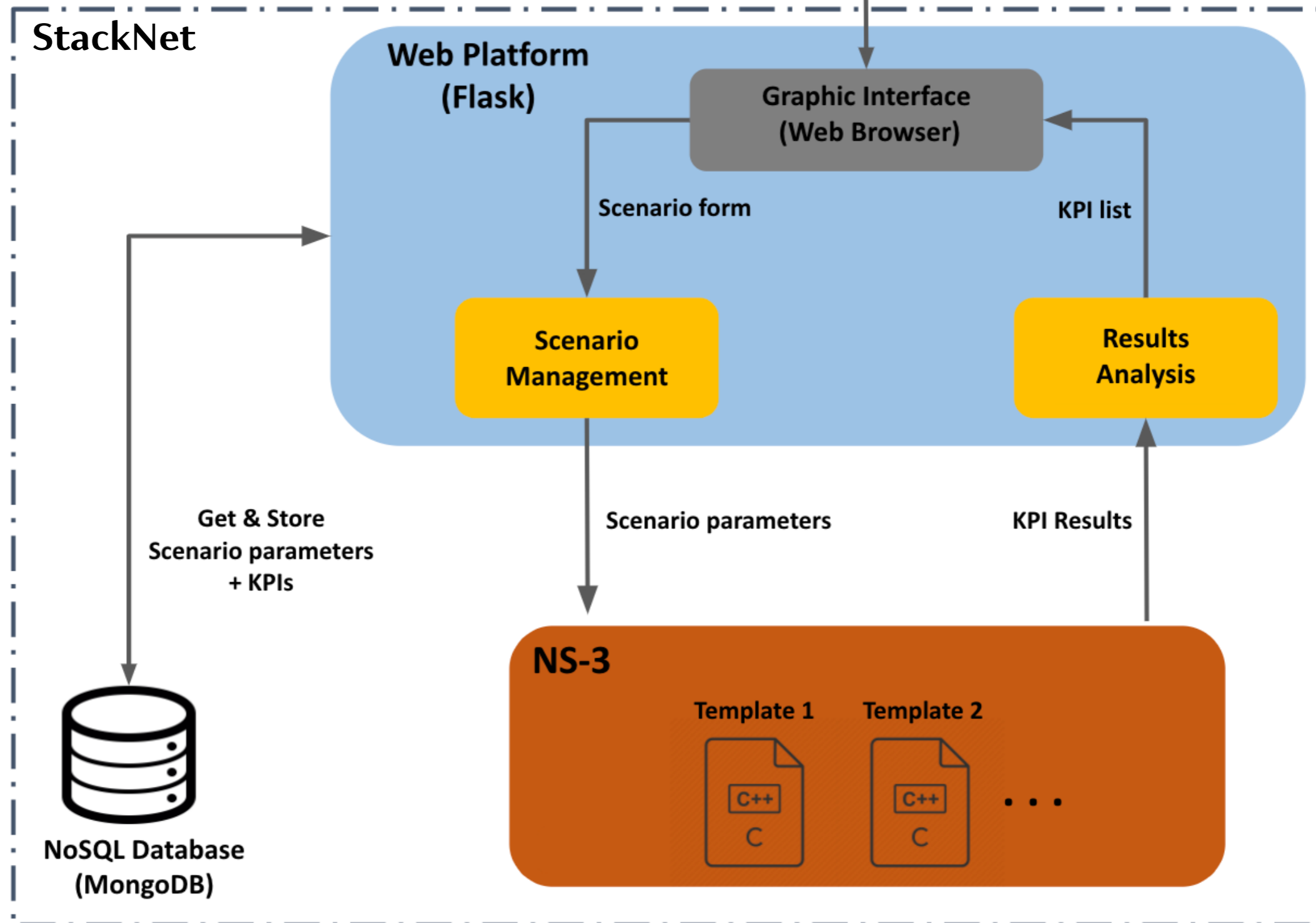
Problem Statement

Objective: Allowing non-network experts to use simulation

- IoT architect needs:
 - Assess the suitability of a network technology for a specific application
 - Optimize the network configuration to align with evolving deployment requirements
- ❖ Complexity of the simulation workflow for non-network experts
- **Can we abstract the simulation complexity?**
 - ✓ Describe the application and the network technology
 - ✓ Compare a set of simulation scenarios

Proposed Solution - StackNet

IoT Architect



Example of Application

- Considered application (smart building):

Application modeling	Parameters	Case Study
End-devices	• Minimal number	100
	• Maximal number	600
	• Battery capacity (Amperes.hour)	2.4
Workload	• Traffic direction	Upstream
	• Message size (bytes)	{100, 110}
	• Minimal frequency (packets/second)	0.016
	• Maximal frequency (packets/second)	0.032
Environment	• Type	Indoor
	• Scope (meters)	200
	• Expected lifetime (days)	N/A

- Considered network technologies:



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Example of Application

- StackNet is integrated in the STACKEO* platform

STACKEO

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Application model

SOLUTION TYPE: Telemetry ▼

TRAFFIC DIRECTION: Upstream ▼

TRAFFIC PROFILE: Periodic ▼

ENVIRONMENT: Indoor ▼

MIN NUMBER OF DEVICES: 100

MAX NUMBER OF DEVICES: 600

MAX MESSAGE SIZE (IN BYTES): 10

MIN MESSAGE PERIOD (IN S): 120

BATTERY CAPACITY (MAH): 2400

VOLTAGE (V): 3

LoRaWAN-SF7

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NETWORK TYPE: LoraWan ▼

NUMBER OF GATEWAYS: 1

MAX DISTANCE BTW DEVICES AND GATEWAY (IN M): 200

BANDWIDTH (KHZ): 125 ▼

SPREADING FACTOR: 7 ▼

CRC: no ▼

CODING RATE: 4 ▼

TRAFFIC CONTROL: unconfirmed ▼

TX CURRENT DRAW (MA): 77

RX CURRENT DRAW (MA): 28

IDLE CURRENT DRAW (MA): 1

(*) <https://stackeo.io>

Example of Application

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Simulation settings

- Application model
- Simulation parameters

Network scenarios

- Scenario comparison
- Scenario 5
- Scenario 7
- Scenario 8

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Scenario 7 ✕

NETWORK TYPE: Wi-Fi 802.11a

NUMBER OF GATEWAYS:

MAX DISTANCE BTW DEVICES AND GATEWAY (IN M):

BANDWIDTH (MHZ): 20

MCS: 6

SPATIAL STREAMS: 1

TX CURRENT DRAW (MA):

RX CURRENT DRAW (MA):

IDLE CURRENT DRAW (MA):

CCA_BUSY CURRENT DRAW (MA):

Performance indicators

GOODPUT (UPSTREAM) 0.65 Kbps	BATTERY LIFE TIME PER DEVICE 87 days	GOODPUT (DOWNSTREAM) N/A
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Upstream indicators

AVERAGE PACKET DELIVERY 100 %	AVERAGE PACKET LATENCY 0.07 ms	ENERGY CONSUMPTION PER I 1.04 j
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Scalability analysis

Goodput

Packet Latency (ms)	Goodput (Kbps)
200	~2.0
400	~3.5
600	~5.5

Packet Latency

Results

- Network technologies comparison:

Goodput



Battery lifetime



Packet latency



Packet delivery



Results

- LoRa configuration decision:

Goodput



Battery lifetime



Packet latency



Packet delivery



LoRaWAN-SF7 LoRaWAN-SF8 LoRaWAN-SF9

Summary

- **Contribution:**
 - ✓ No-code platform that:
 - Captures the major needs of IoT architects and hides the complexity of simulation
 - Allows to make decisions about the design and the configuration of an IoT solution in an interactive way

- **Limitations:**
 - ❖ Considers random end-devices placement
 - ❖ Based on simulation only

Conclusion & Perspectives

Conclusion

- **Contributions:**
 - Simulation-based framework for evaluating IoT network technologies for a given application
 - Multi-criteria method for automatically selecting and configuring an IoT network technology
 - ML-based method for accelerating the configuration decision process
 - ML-based method for calibrating energy consumption models of simulation
 - No-code platform to abstract the simulation complexity
- **Limitations:**
 - Availability of other network technologies (NB-IoT, LTE-M, BLE, etc.)
 - Availability of other network simulators

Perspectives

- **HINTS as a general network evaluation and comparison framework:**
 - Include applications with mobility
 - Include mesh topologies (routing, load-balancing, etc.)
 - Include other KPIs (security, environmental impact, etc.)
 - Use Pareto-front exploration methods [14] instead of MADM methods

- **Addressing the limits of simulation as IoT network evaluation tool:**
 - Combining experimentation with simulation
 - Explore the calibration of other parameters such as RSSI ([15])
 - Consider a “smarter” space exploration method for COSIMIA (e.g., using Bayesian Optimization)
 - Extend simulation and experimentation combination to Network Digital Twin
 - **Ongoing work, submitted to FGCS [16]**

- **No-code platform:**
 - Integrate other simulators and testbeds
 - Consider different nodes placement models
 - **Ongoing work with a team from University at Buffalo, USA**

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Appendix

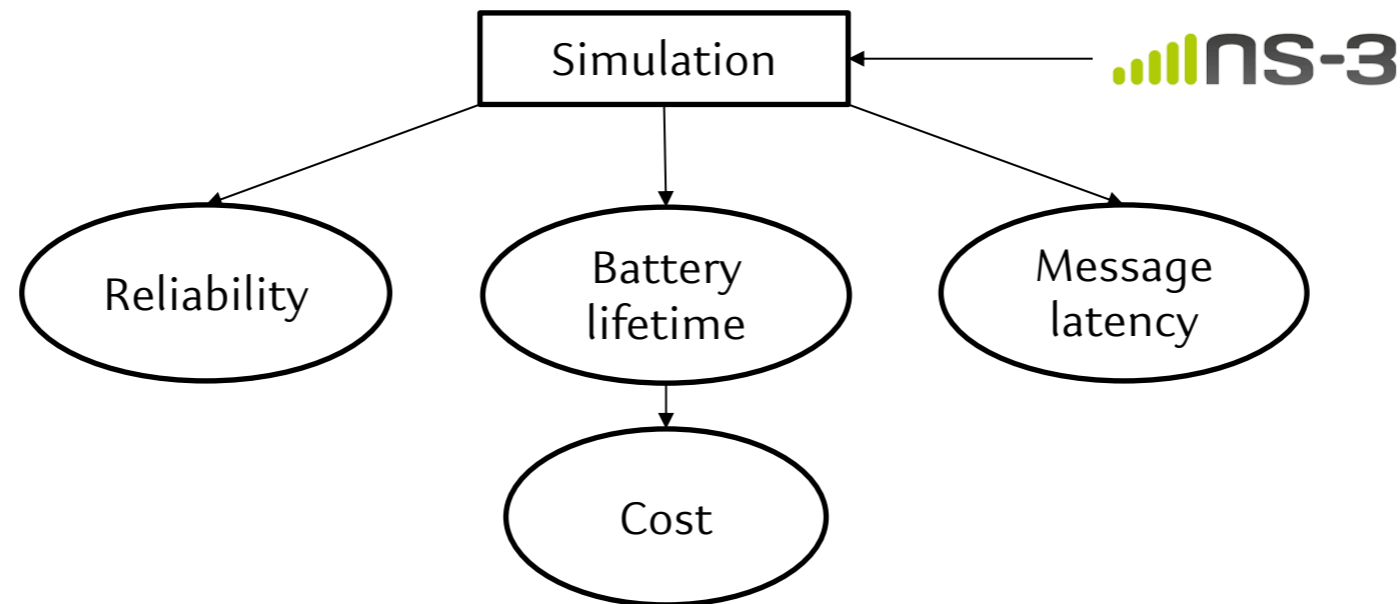
Environment Propagation Models

- Radio environments and their propagation models [17]:

Environment Type	Propagation Model
Indoor	HybridBuildings
Outdoor Rural	OkumuraHata
Outdoor Urban	COSTHata
Outdoor Suburban	LogDistance

[17] Stoffers, Mirko, et al. "Comparing the ns-3 Propagation Models." IEEE International Symposium on Modeling, Analysis and Simulation of Computer and Telecommunication Systems, 2012.

Cost Calculation

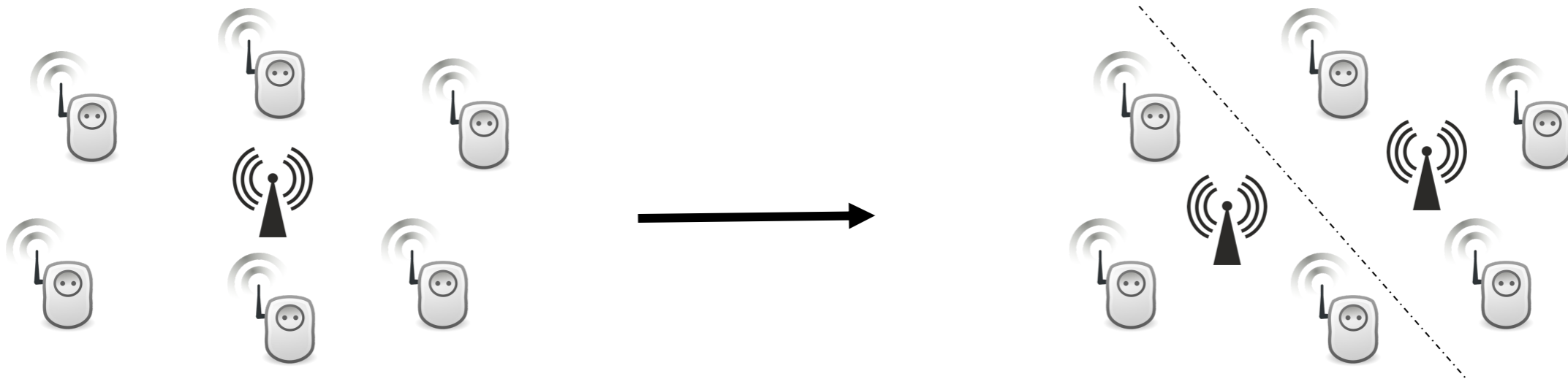


$$Cost = p_{GW} * n_{GW} + p_{ED} * n_{ED} + (pe/bl) * p_{bc} * n_{ED}$$

p_{GW}	Price of a gateway
n_{GW}	Number of gateways
p_{ED}	Price of an end-device
n_{ED}	Number of end-devices
pe	Expected scenario lifetime
bl	Estimated battery lifetime
p_{bc}	Price of a battery replacement

Topologies Modeling

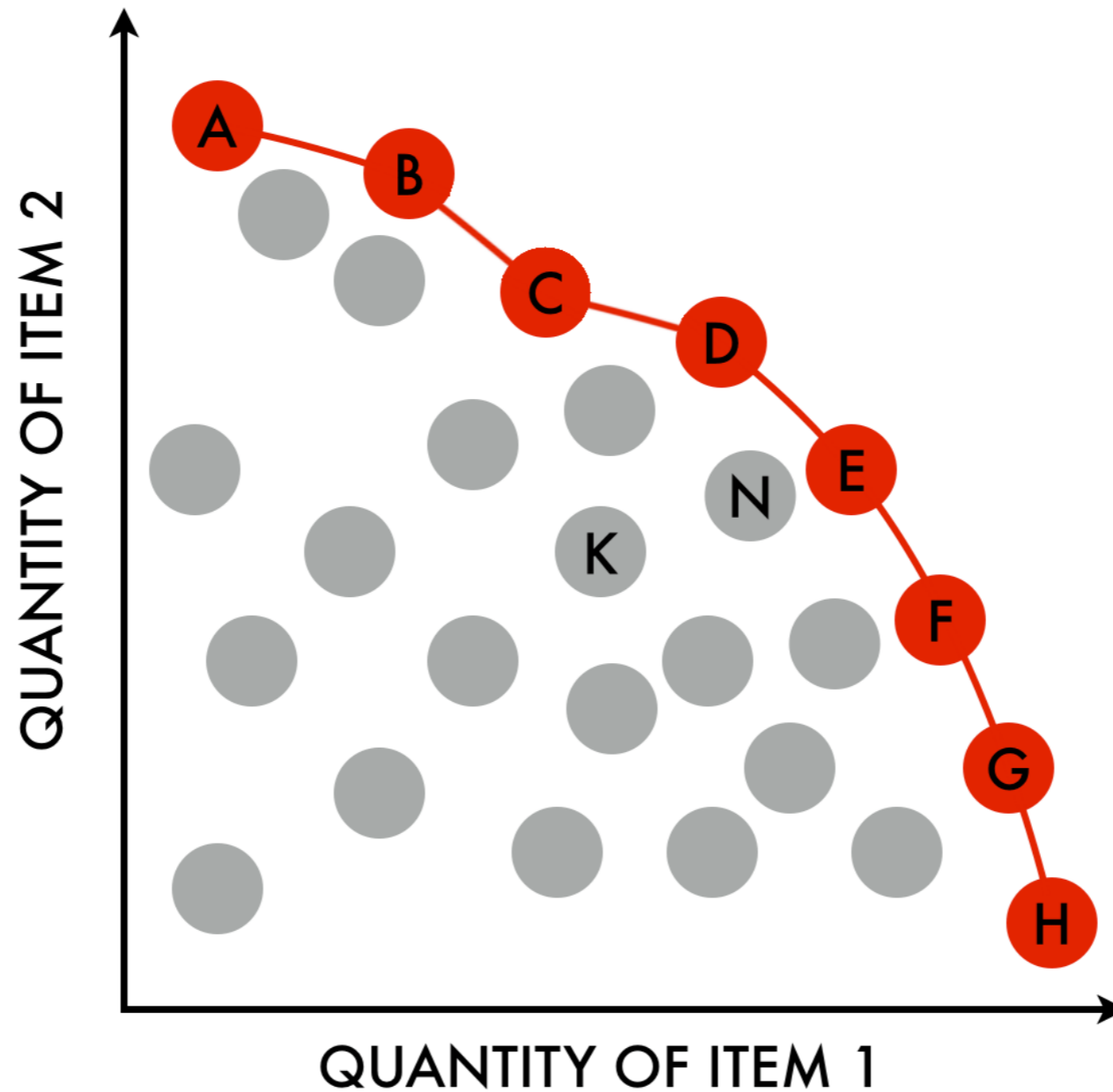
- The number of gateways is varied for each alternative:



- This number is varied until the targeted values are satisfied, or the performance improvement does not exceed 5%.

Pareto Front

- Points in red in the following figure (*) are not Pareto-dominated



(*) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pareto_front

Dataset Format

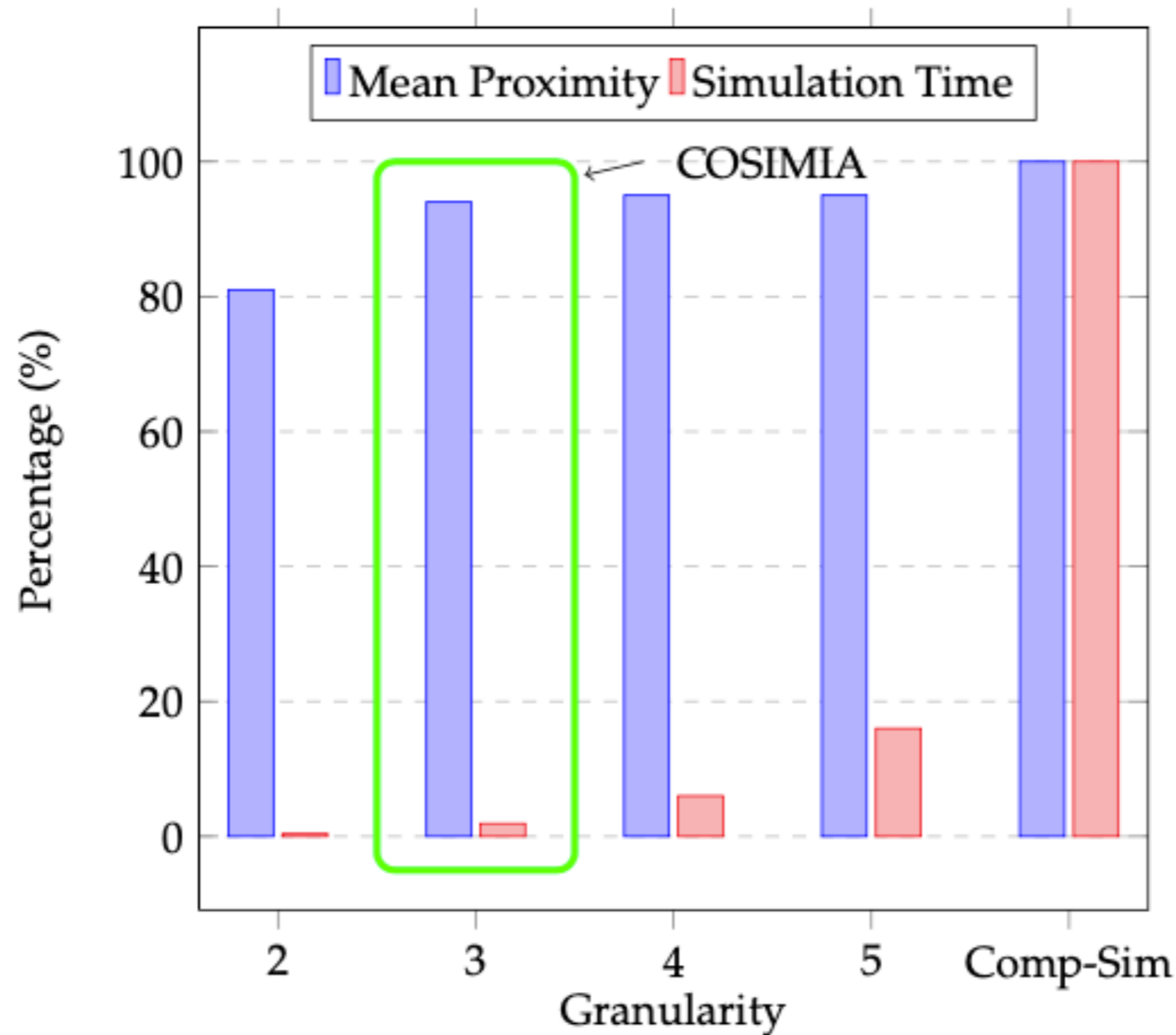
Input

Output

nGW	sf	traffic_type_	coding_rate	crc	success_rate	energy	latency	price	score
3	8	1	2	1	91,25	0,00223759	238,08	3000	0,69705853
3	9	0	2	1	85,2	0,00050719	427,008	3000	0,67935014
3	9	1	2	1	97,47	0,00231686	427,008	3000	0,68267309
3	10	0	2	1	89,38	0,00089007	755,712	3000	0,79743684
3	10	1	2	1	100	0,00239554	755,712	3000	0,65457617
3	11	0	2	1	94,38	0,00199821	1708,03	3000	0,58826983
3	11	1	2	1	93,55	0,00219818	1708,03	3000	0,57321259
3	12	0	2	1	88,39	0,00247255	3022,85	3000	0,41632534
3	12	1	2	1	88,39	0,00247255	3022,85	3000	0,41632534
4	7	0	2	0	83,58	0,00015571	125,184	4000	0,69048149
4	7	1	2	0	95,83	0,00121376	125,184	4000	0,79111444
4	8	0	2	0	84,17	0,00027286	225,792	4000	0,8493187
4	8	1	2	0	100	0,00209729	225,792	4000	0,70091466
4	9	0	2	0	91,67	0,0004786	402,432	4000	0,83734485
4	9	1	2	0	100	0,00190094	402,432	4000	0,71031007

Sampling Granularity Impact

- **Granularity:** Number of parameters taken for the sampling



Calibration Need

- Wi-Fi with a specific transmission workload
- When sending frame, the transitions are:
 - Idle -> Tx (Send frame)
 - Tx -> Idle (Finished sending)
 - Idle -> CCA_Busy (Detects signal in the medium for the ACK)
 - CCA_Busy -> RX (Receives ACK)
 - RX -> Idle (Goes back to Idle state)

State	Value
Tx	107
Rx	40
CCA_Busy	1

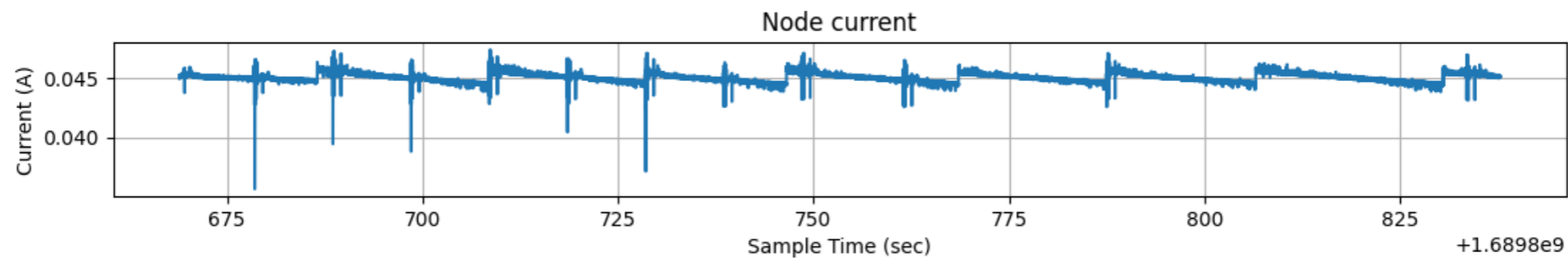
- Let's suppose the following transitions (in ms) for each packet sent:

State	Experimentation	Simulation
Tx	15	10
Rx	5	7
CCA_Busy	3	5
<i>Energy (J) for 100 transmissions</i>	0.518	0.387

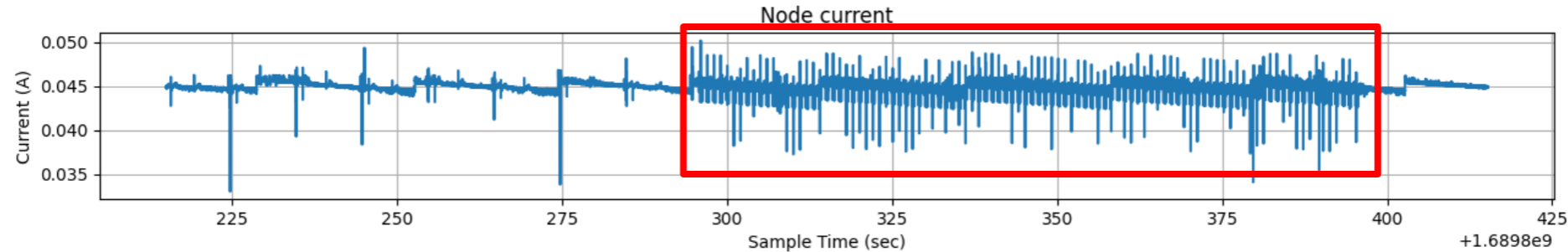
- ❖ Important difference in the transitions → Important error

Energy Consumption in IoT-Lab

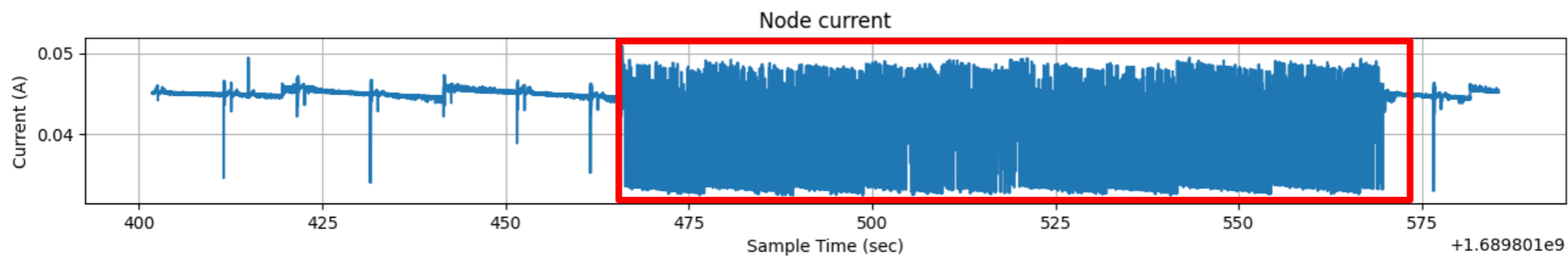
- Without transmission:



- 1 packet/s

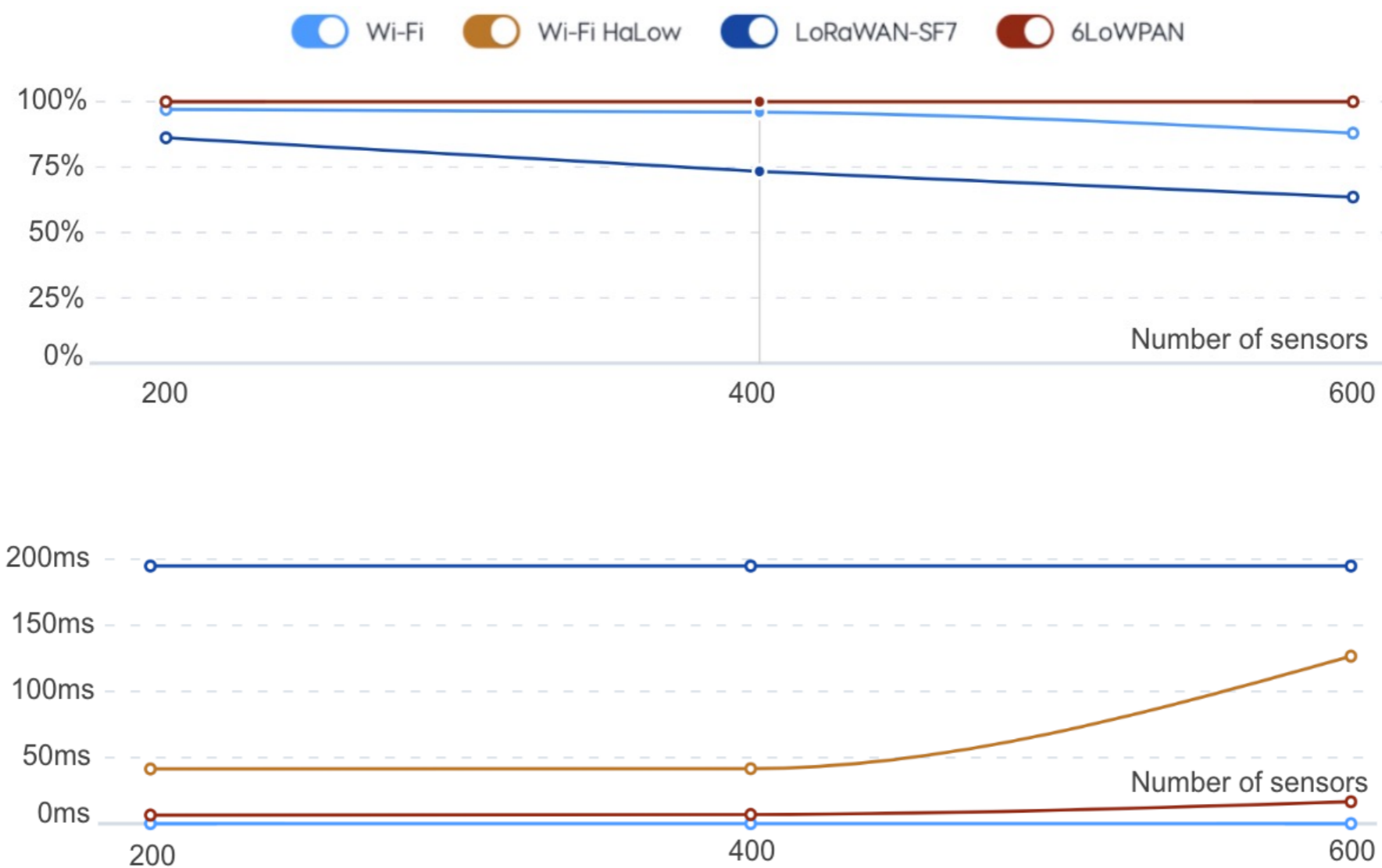


- 10 packet/s



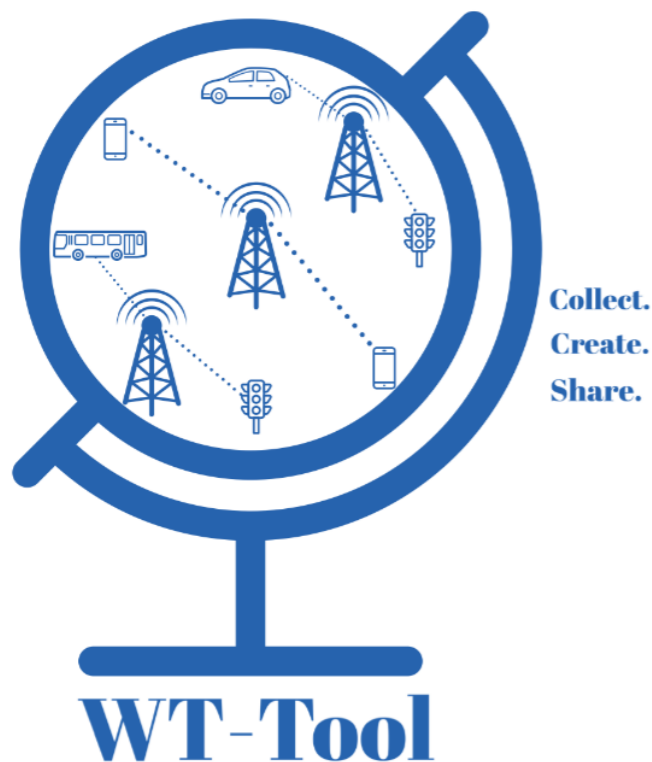
Scalability Analysis

- How will the network technologies behave when scaling the density (from 200 to 600 sensors) and the traffic workload (110 bytes-packets and a period of 90 seconds) ?



Integration to WT-Tool

- WT-Tool (*) is a graphical tool for simulating wireless topologies



WT-Tool - A Powerful Tool to Integrate Real Geographic Data in Wireless Research

Wireless Topology Tool (WT-Tool) is an application designed to foster the use of real (or realistic) geographic data in the wireless networking research community. The tool can be used to conduct more realistic, geography - based simulations. One of the main objectives is to increase the reproducibility of results. Using this platform, you can load, create, and export realistic network topologies through our map-based interface.

(*) <https://wttool.eng.buffalo.edu/>