

# Multi-Criteria Selection and Configuration of IoT Network Technologies

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# IoT Ecosystem

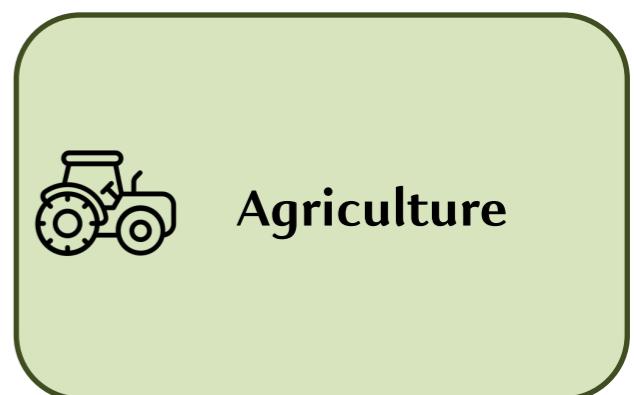
- « Internet of Things is a global infrastructure enabling advanced services by interconnecting (physical and virtual) things based on network technologies » [1]
- Main impacted sectors:



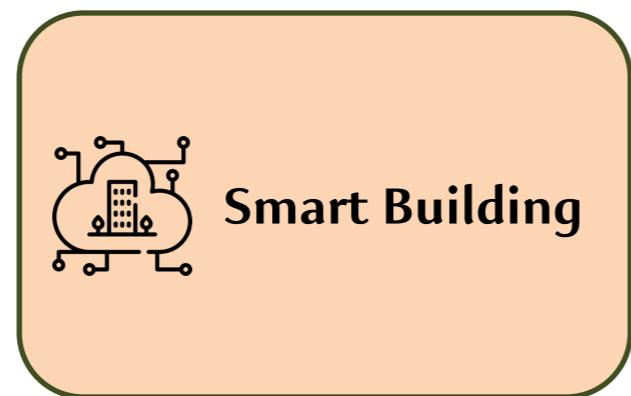
**Smart Cities**



**Healthcare**



**Agriculture**



**Smart Building**

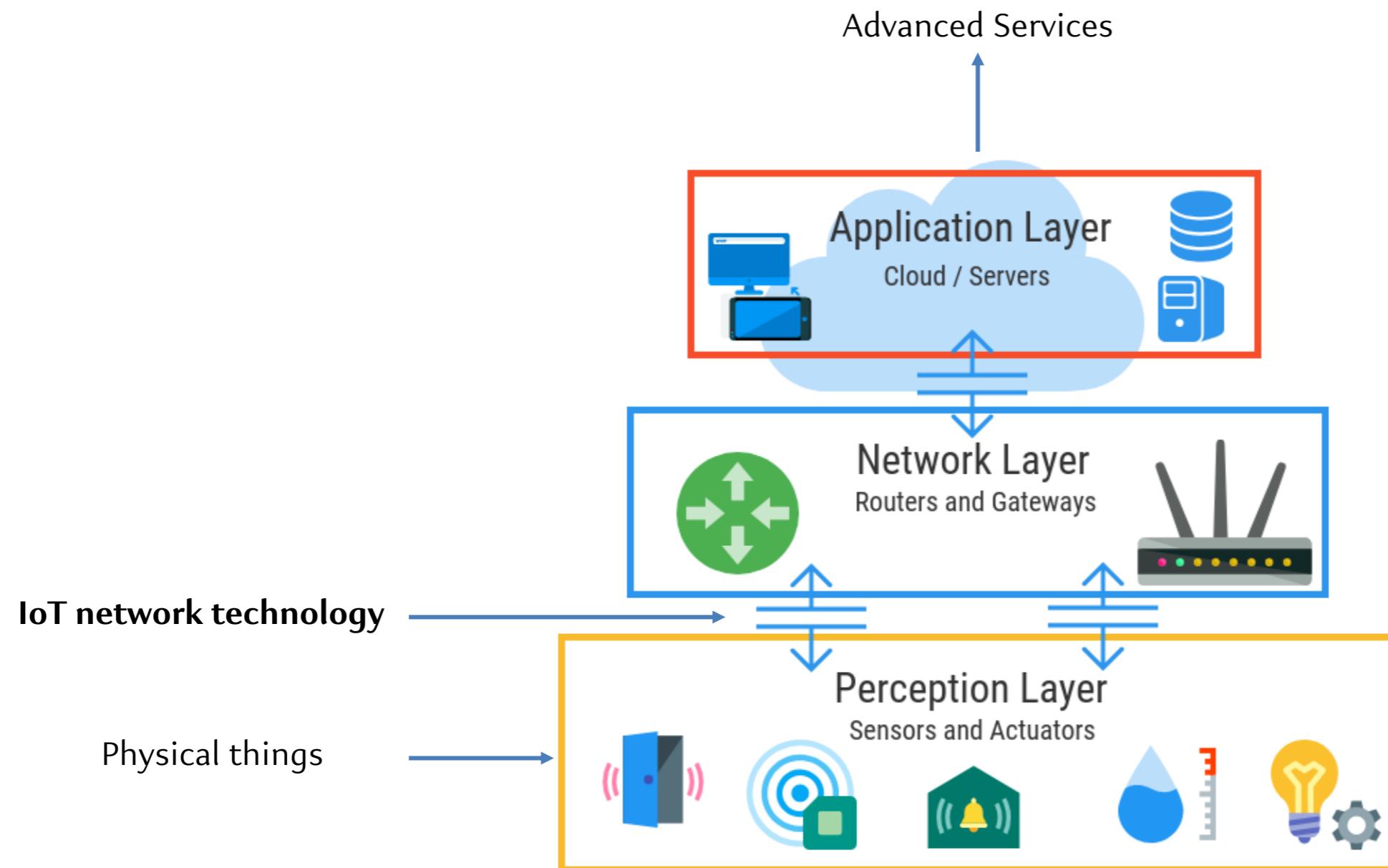


**Manufacturing**

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

# IoT Solution Architecture

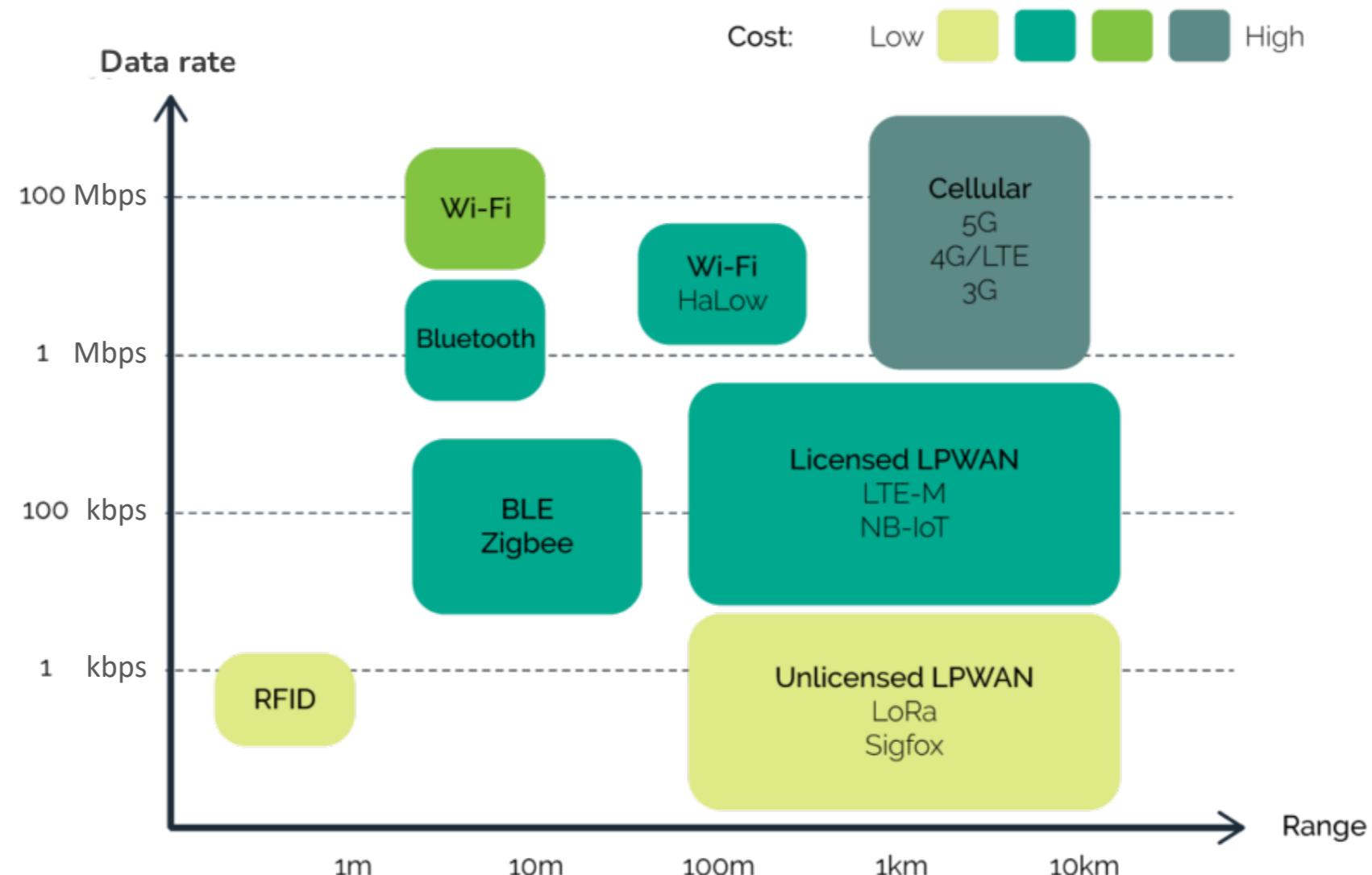
- Typical IoT solution architecture [2]:



[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\*:

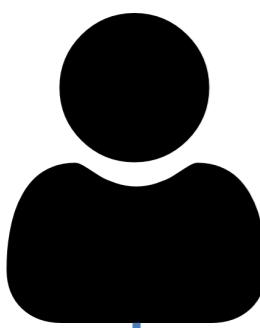


- ❖ It is challenging to select the right network technology and configuration for an IoT solution

(\*) <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 2:** IoT Network Technologies Selection & Configuration
- **Contribution 3:** Addressing the Limits of Simulation
- **Contribution 4:** IoT Network Technologies No-Code Simulation
- Conclusion

# 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?**

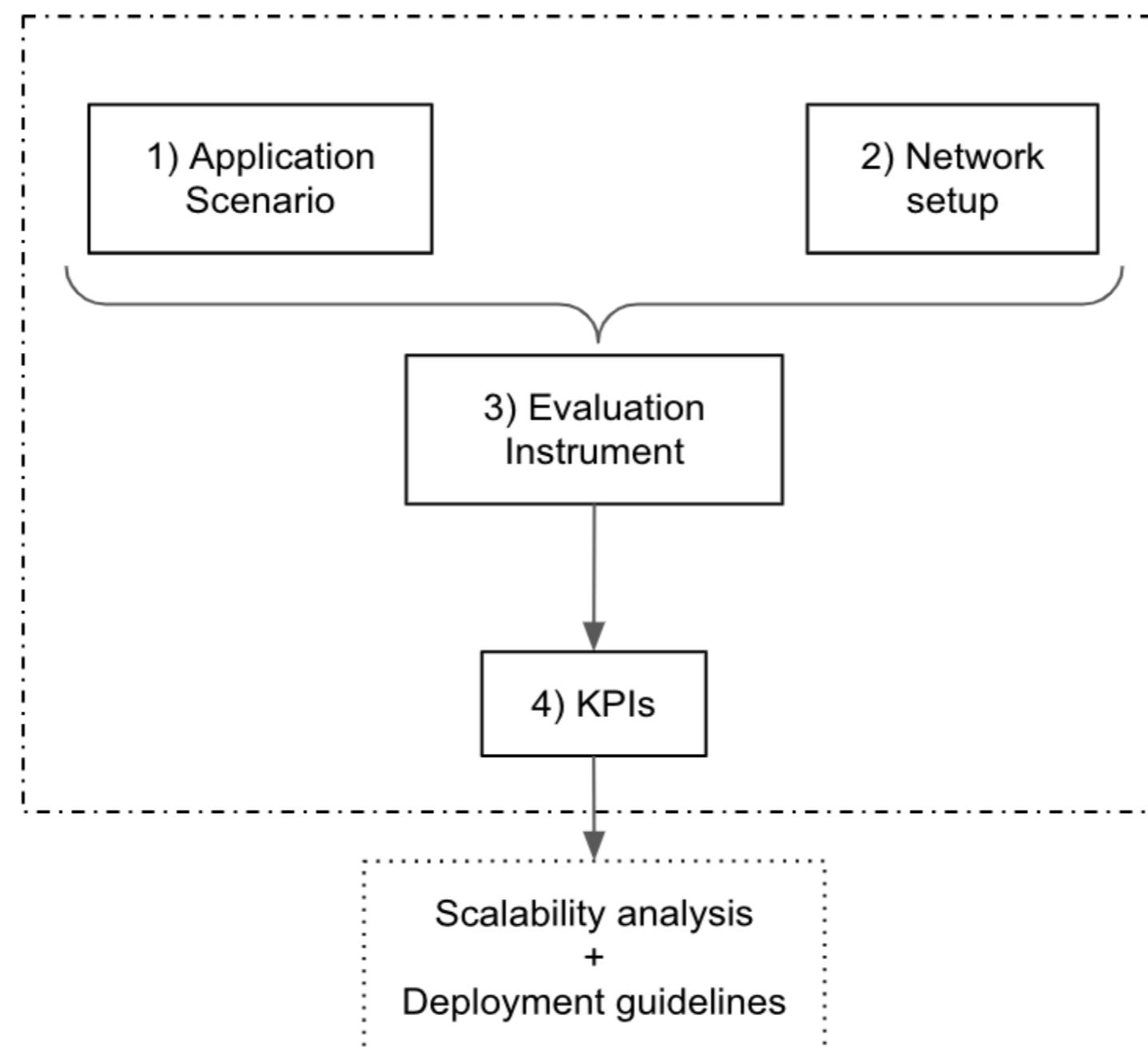
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[4] Senouci, Mohamed Abdelkrim, et al. "TOPSIS-based Dynamic Approach for Mobile Network Interface Selection." Computer Networks (2016).

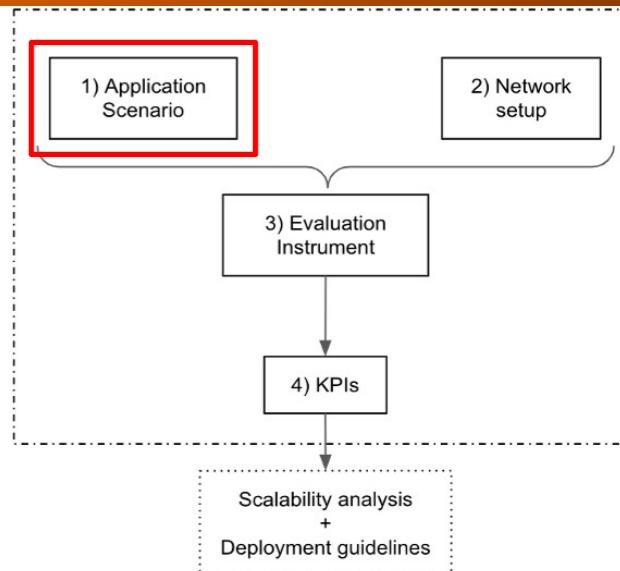
[5] Lalle, Yandja, et al. "A Comparative Study of LoRaWAN, Sigfox, and NB-IoT for Smart Water Grid." Global Information Infrastructure and Networking Symposium (GIIS). IEEE, 2019.

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

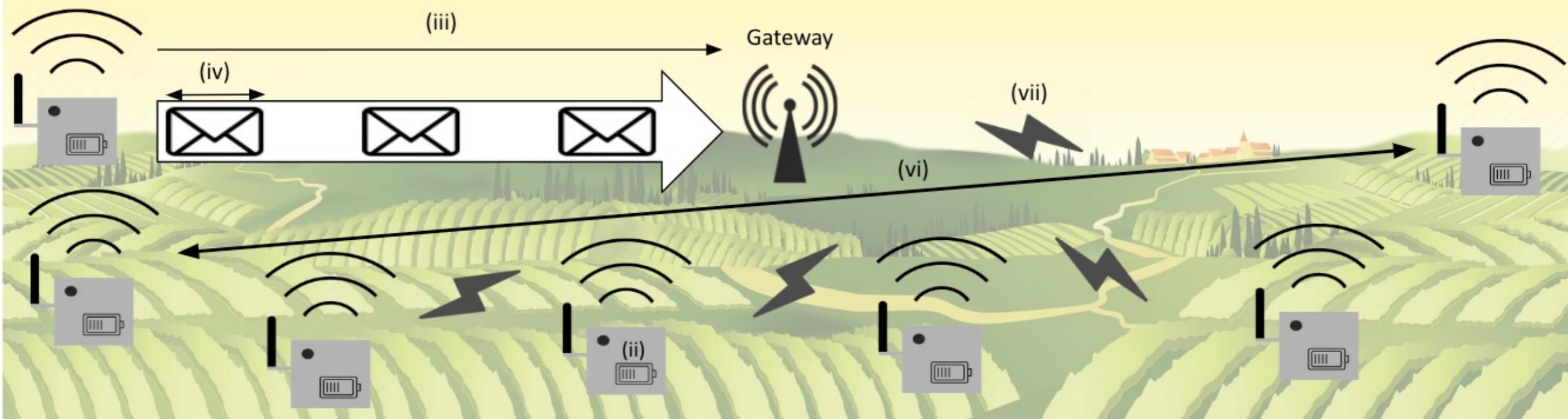
# Proposed Solution



# 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:

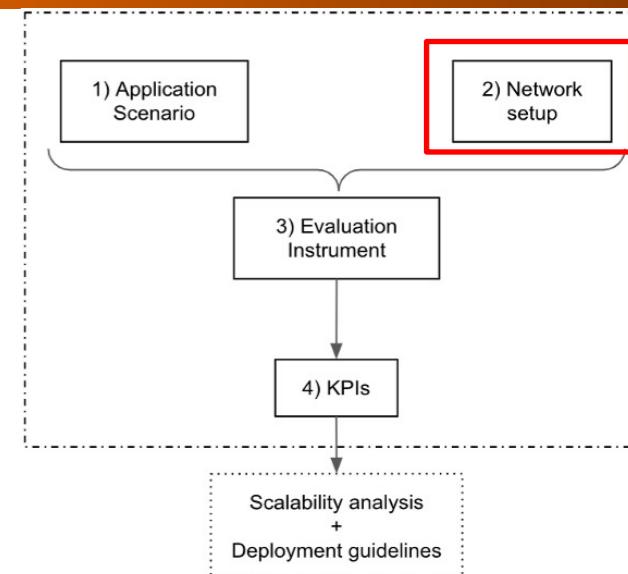
- (iii) Traffic direction
- (iv) Message size
- (v) (Min/max) Message frequency

## 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

**802.15.4**

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



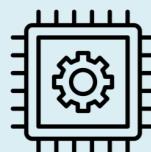
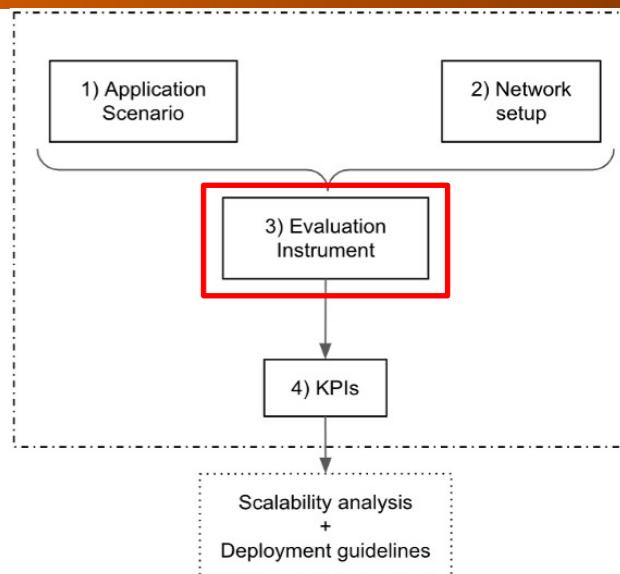
- Channel width (125/250 KHz)
- Frequency band (868 MHz)
- Spreading Factor (SF)
- Coding rate
- Cyclic redundancy check (CRC)
- Confirmed traffic



**Wi-Fi HaLow**

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

# Evaluation Approaches



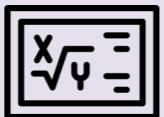
## Experimentation

### 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

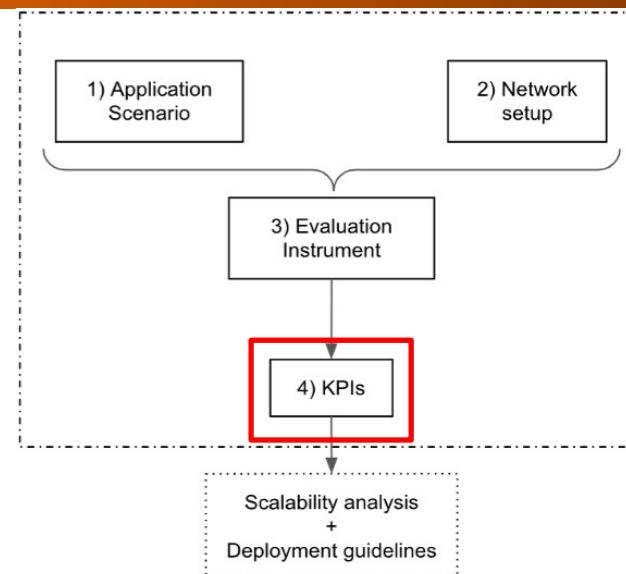
### Pros:

- 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimal number</li> <li>Maximal number</li> <li>Battery capacity (Amperes.hour)</li> </ul>	1 15,000 2.4
Workload	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traffic direction</li> <li>Message size (bytes)</li> <li>Minimal frequency (packets/second)</li> <li>Maximal frequency (packets/second)</li> </ul>	Upstream 23 0.001 0.003
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Type</li> <li>Scope (meters)</li> <li>Expected lifetime (days)</li> </ul>	Suburban 3000 N/A



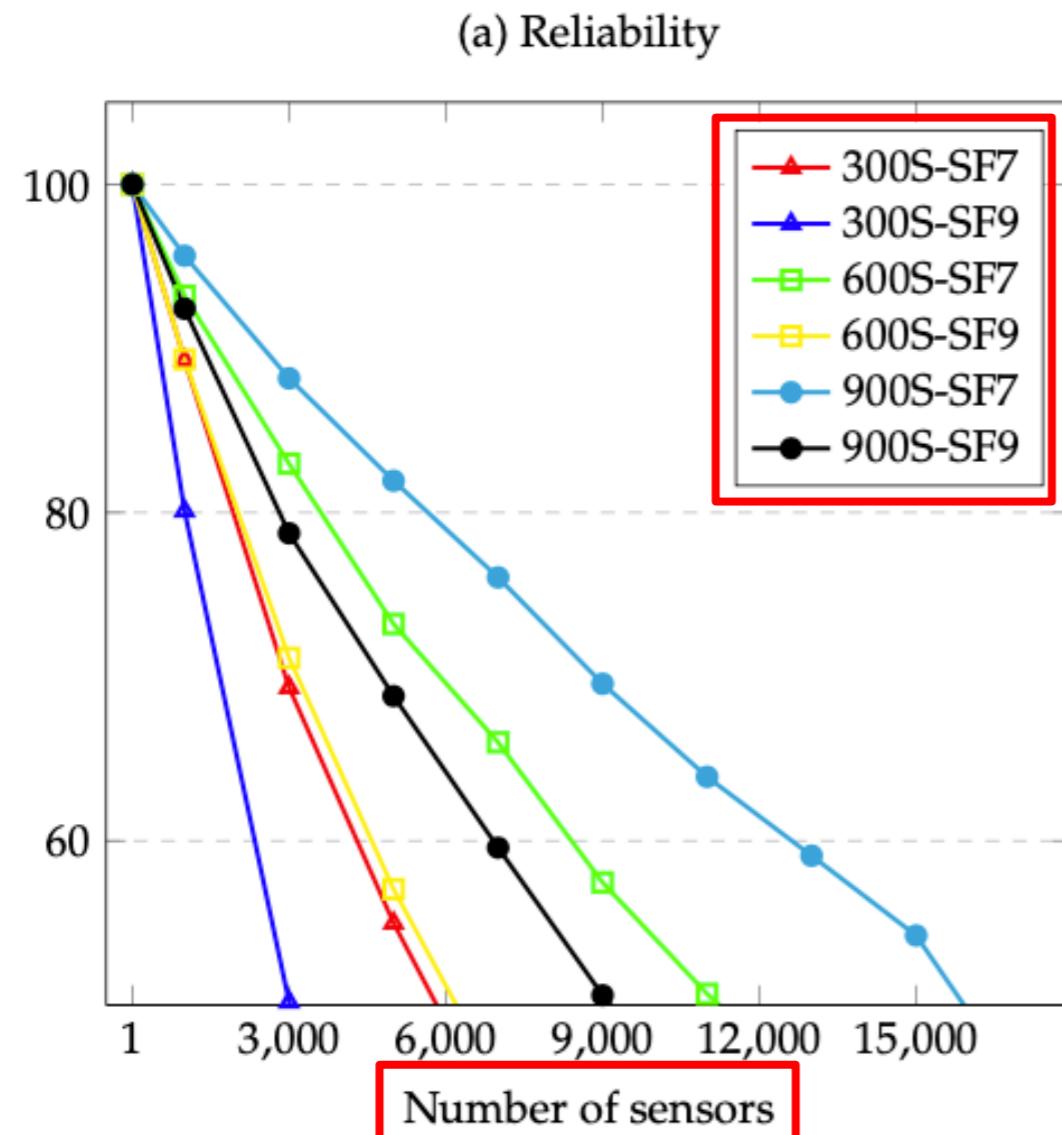
- Channel width = 125 KHz
- SF dynamically adjusted by the LoRa manager
- Coding rate = 1
- No cyclic redundancy check
- Unconfirmed traffic



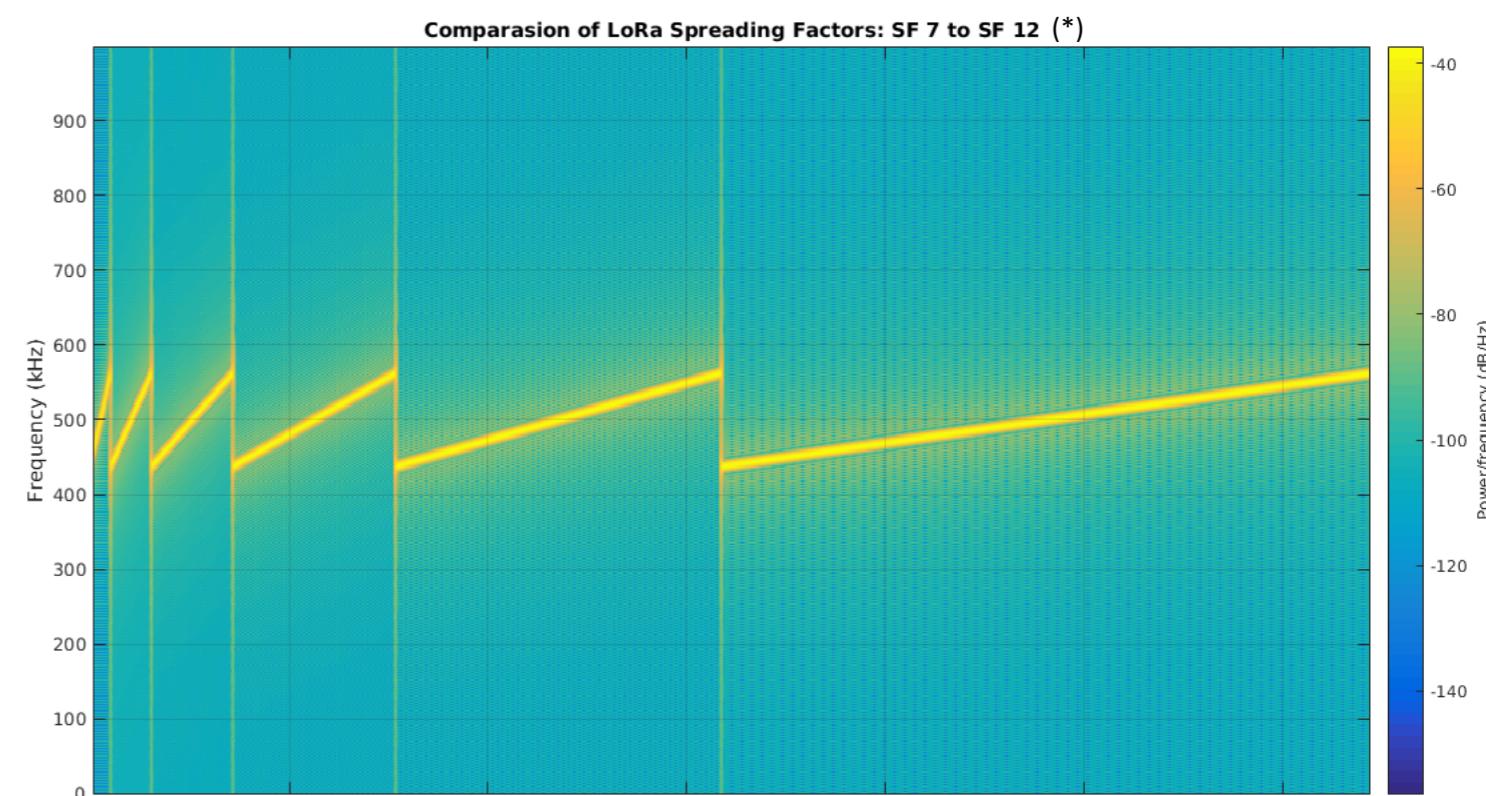
- Evaluation Tool: Simulation using ns-3 [7]

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

# Results



Period (s)	SF		Energy consumption (mJ)		Battery lifetime (Years)
	7	9	7	9	7
300	250	442	13	7	7
600	134	229	25	14	14
900	94	158	36	21	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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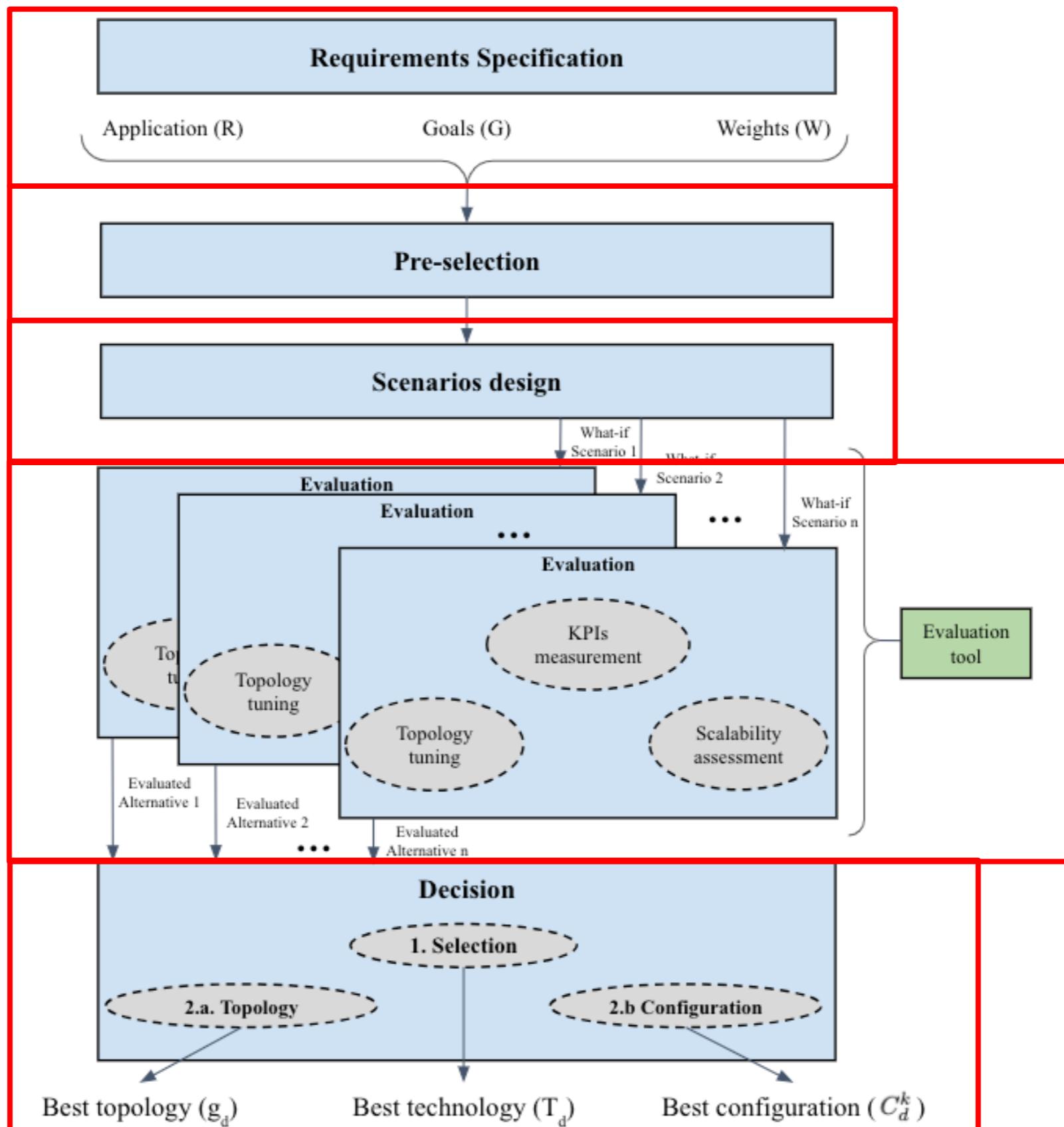
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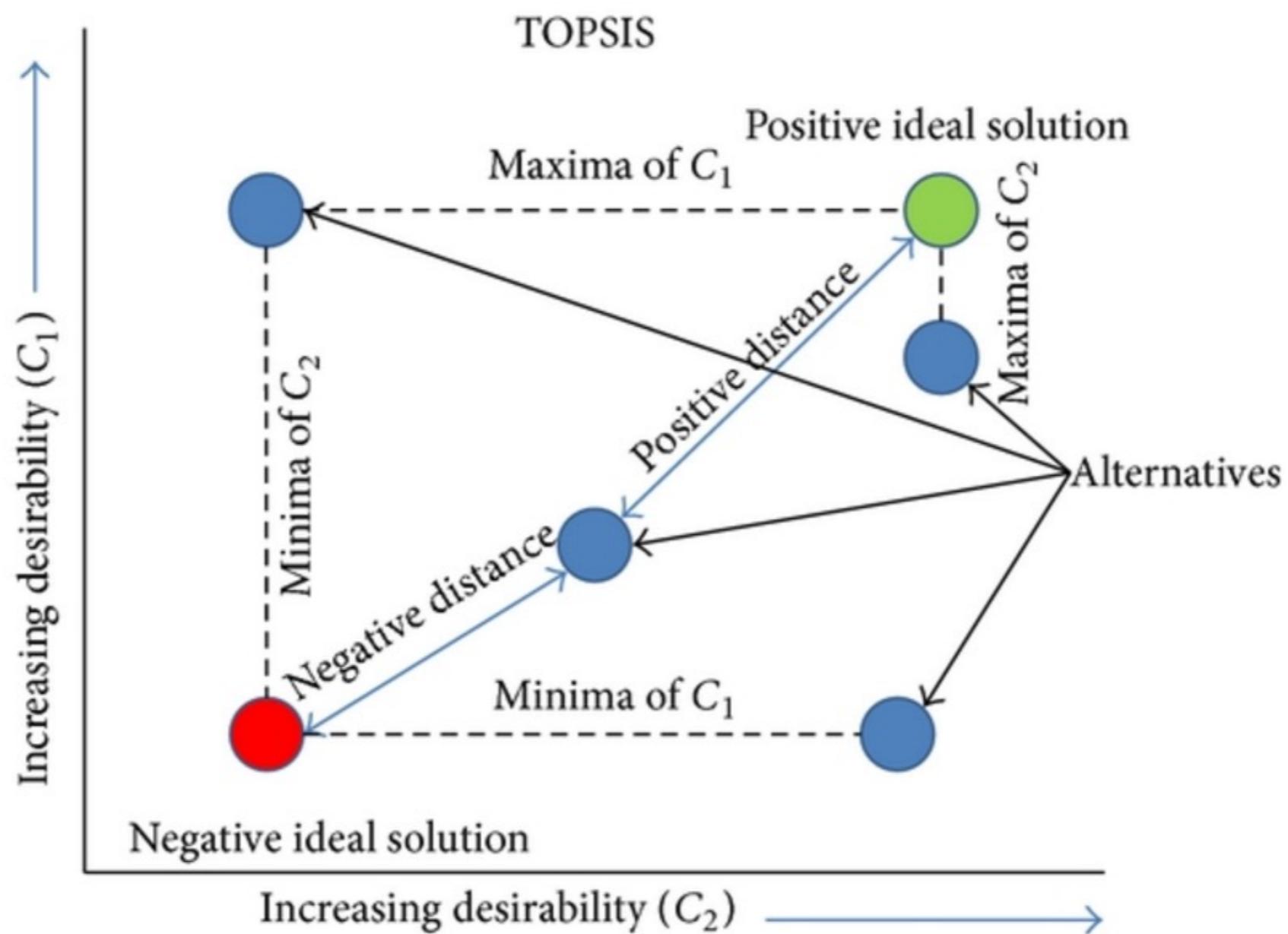
[10] Bazrafkan, Armin, and Mohammad R. Pakravan. "An MADM network selection approach for next generation heterogeneous networks." IEEE ICEEE, 2017.

# 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

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

Application modeling	Parameters	Values
End-devices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimal number</li> <li>• Maximal number</li> <li>• Battery capacity (Amperes.hour)</li> </ul>	50 100 2.4
Workload	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traffic direction</li> <li>• Message size (bytes)</li> <li>• Minimal frequency (packets/second)</li> <li>• Maximal frequency (packets/second)</li> </ul>	Upstream 100 1 1
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Type</li> <li>• Scope (meters)</li> <li>• Expected lifetime (days)</li> </ul>	Indoor 50 730



**802.15.4**

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

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

- 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)				Scalability factor: 1	
Technology	Nb. of GW	Reliability	Battery Lifetime	Message Latency	Cost	Reliability	Battery Lifetime	Message Latency	Cost	Score	
		Weight: 1 Unit: % Goal: >90	Weight: 1 Unit: d Goal: >80	Weight: 1 Unit: ms Goal: <100	Weight: 1 Unit: \$	Weight: 1 Unit: % Goal: >90	Weight: 1 Unit: d Goal: >80	Weight: 1 Unit: ms Goal: <100	Weight: 1 Unit: \$		
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	
<b>HaLow</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>421.69</b>	<b>48.9</b>	<b>3000</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>331.8</b>	<b>58.72</b>	<b>4500</b>	<b>0.93</b>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minimal number</li><li>• Maximal number</li><li>• Battery capacity (Amperes.hour)</li></ul>	200 300 2.4
Workload	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Traffic direction</li><li>• Message size (bytes)</li><li>• Minimal frequency (packets/second)</li><li>• Maximal frequency (packets/second)</li></ul>	Upstream 30 0.005 0.005
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Type</li><li>• Scope (meters)</li><li>• Expected lifetime (days)</li></ul>	Rural 1500 3650



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

# Results 2: Configuration

Configuration			Minimal deployment (50 end-devices)				Maximal deployment (100 end-devices) Scalability factor: 1				
SF	Coding Rate	Traffic Type	Reliability	Battery Lifetime	Message Latency	Cost	Reliability	Battery Lifetime	Message Latency	Cost	Score
			Weight: 1 Unit: % Goal: >90	Weight: 1 Unit: d Goal: >730	Weight: 1 Unit: ms Goal: <1000	Weight: 1 Unit: \$	Weight: 1 Unit: % Goal: >90	Weight: 1 Unit: d Goal: >730	Weight: 1 Unit: ms Goal: <1000	Weight: 1 Unit: \$	
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

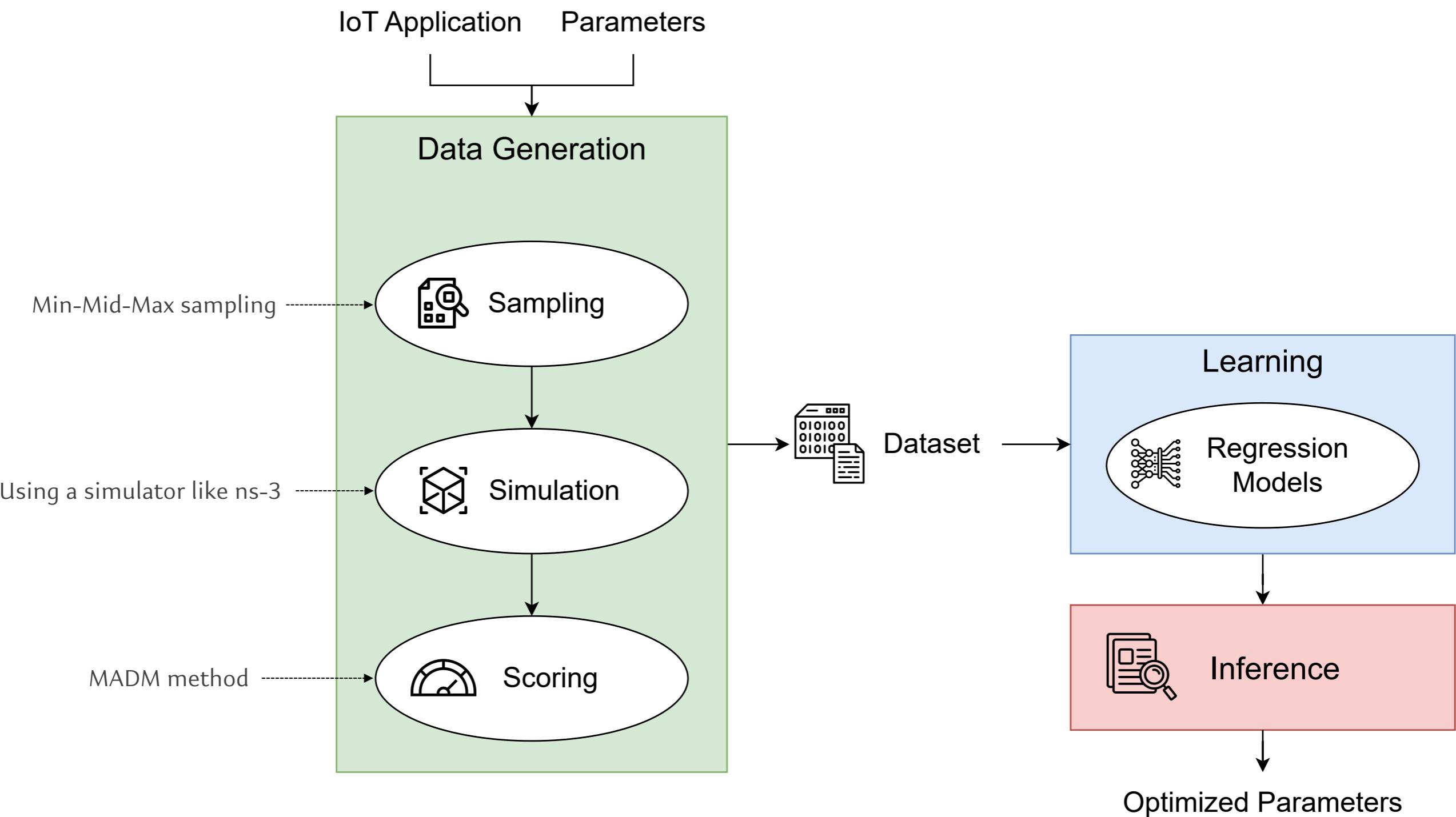
## Addressing the Limits of Simulation

# 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minimal number</li><li>Maximal number</li><li>Battery capacity (Amperes.hour)</li></ul>	50 50 2.4
Workload	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Traffic direction</li><li>Message size (bytes)</li><li>Minimal frequency (packets/second)</li><li>Maximal frequency (packets/second)</li></ul>	Upstream 100 1 1
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Type</li><li>Scope (meters)</li><li>Expected lifetime (days)</li></ul>	Suburban 200 N/A

**802.15.4**

- 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

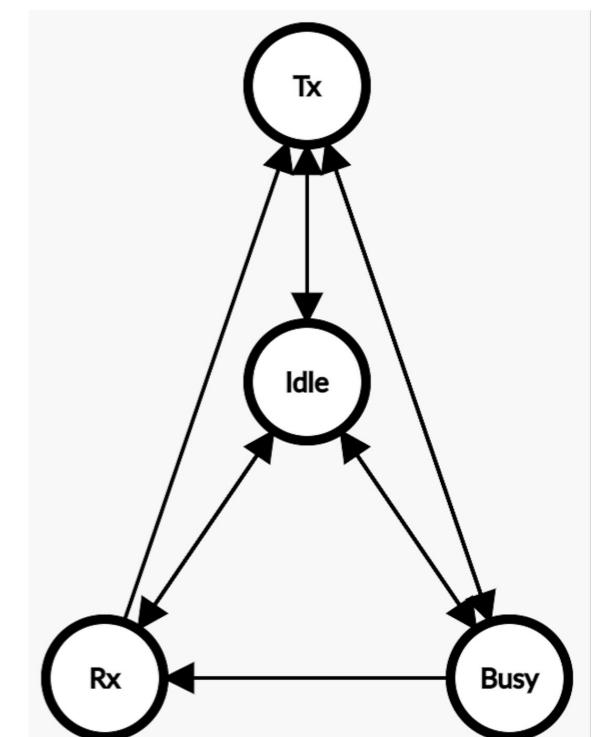
## Objective: Enhancing the simulation credibility

- 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:

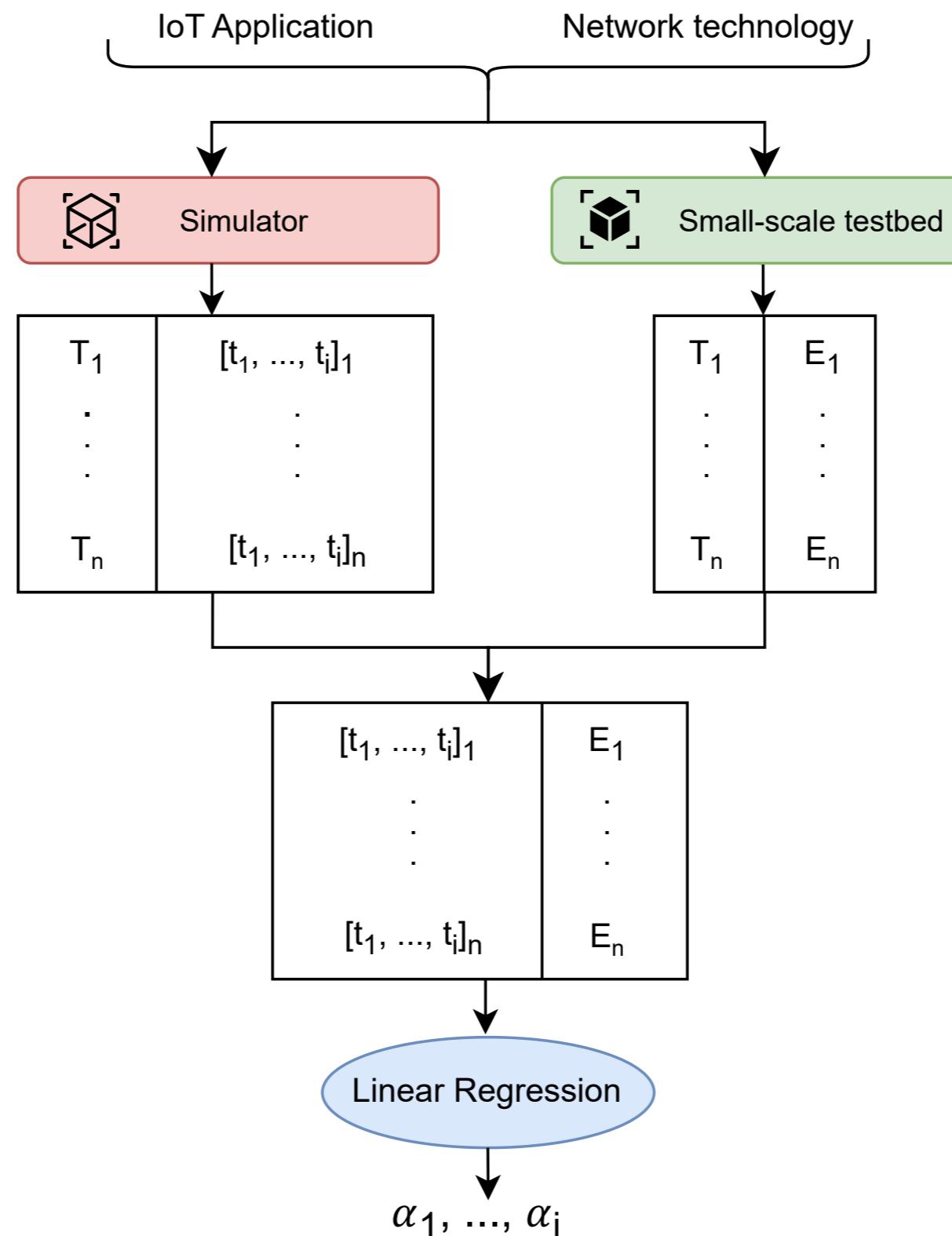
- $E$  is the energy in Joules,
- $S$  is the set of possible states of the physical NIC,
- $\alpha_i$  is the current consumption value of state  $i$  in Amperes,
- $t_i$  is the time passed in state  $i$  in Seconds,
- $V$  is the voltage in Volts, which is considered constant
- ❖ The  $\alpha_i$  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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimal number</li> <li>Maximal number</li> <li>Battery capacity (Amperes.hour)</li> </ul>	40 60 2.4
Workload	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traffic direction</li> <li>Message size (bytes)</li> <li>Minimal frequency (packets/second)</li> <li>Maximal frequency (packets/second)</li> </ul>	Upstream 100 1 2
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Type</li> <li>Scope (meters)</li> <li>Expected lifetime (days)</li> </ul>	Suburban 200 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

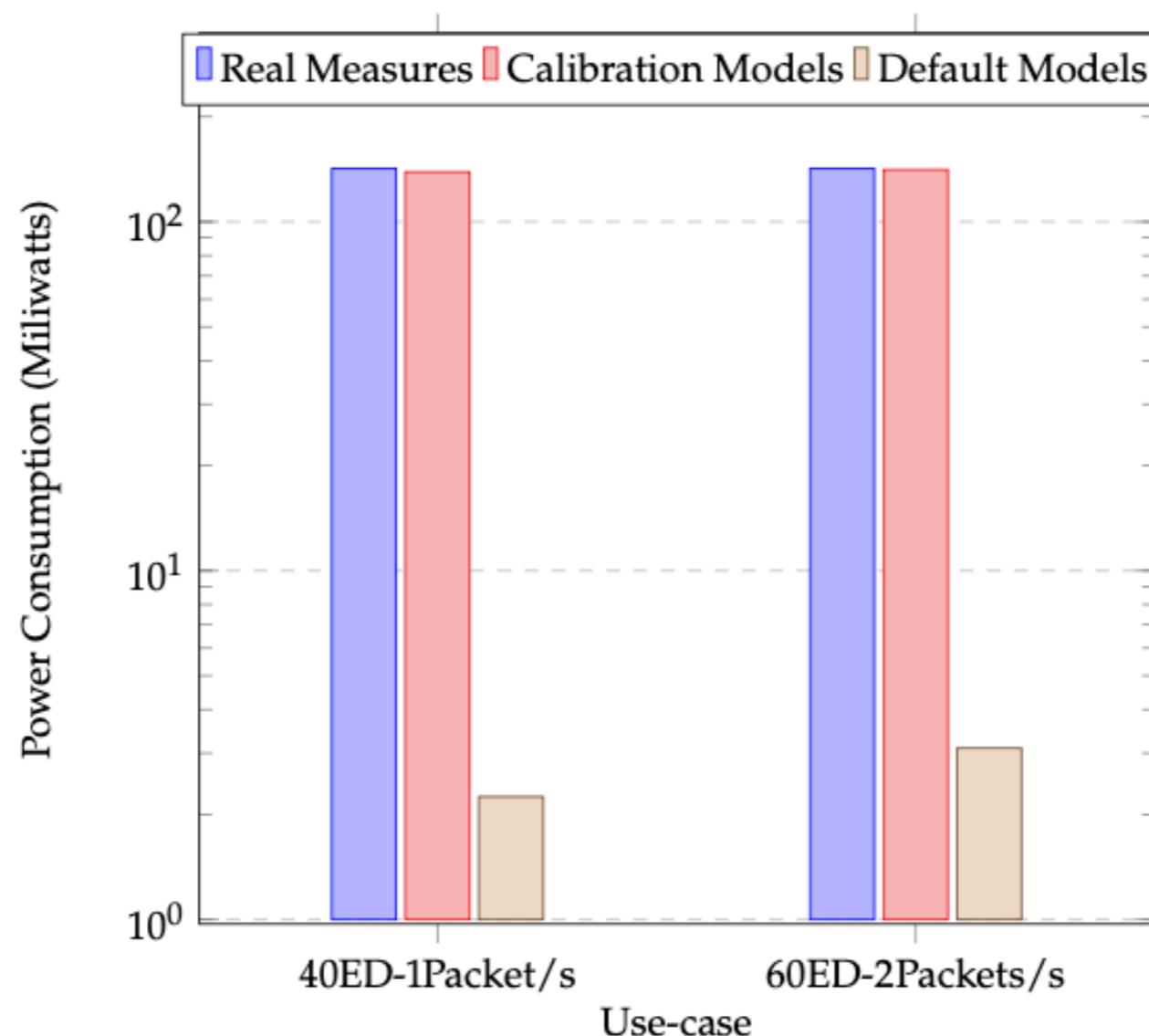


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[13] Baccelli, Emmanuel, et al. "RIOT OS: Towards an OS for the Internet of Things." 2013 IEEE Conference on Computer Communications Workshops (INFOCOM WKSHPS). IEEE, 2013.

# 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

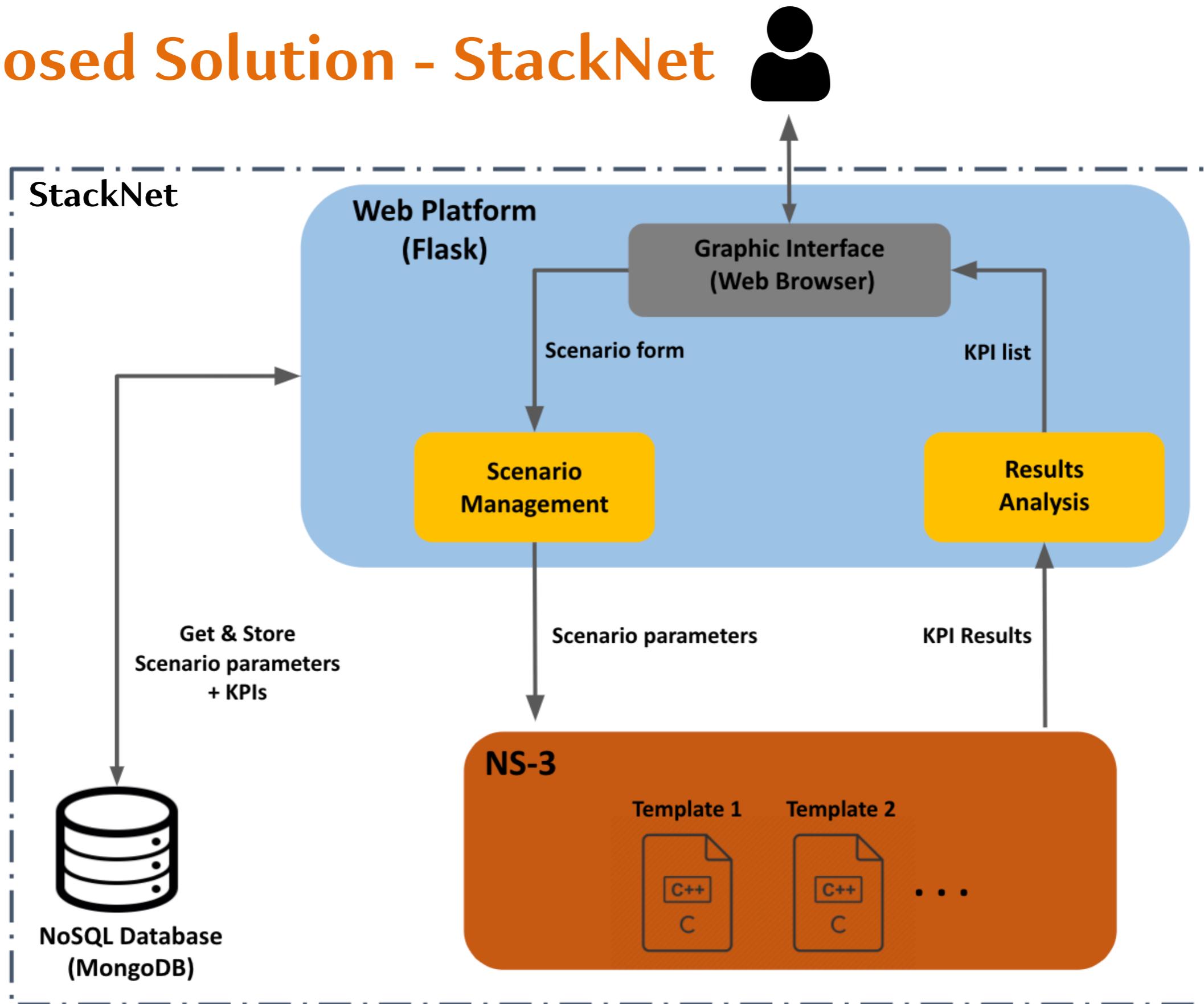
**IoT Network Technologies No-Code Simulation**

# 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



# Example of Application

- Considered application (smart building):

	Application modeling	Parameters	Case Study
End-devices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimal number</li> <li>Maximal number</li> <li>Battery capacity (Amperes.hour)</li> </ul>	100 600 2.4	
Workload	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traffic direction</li> <li>Message size (bytes)</li> <li>Minimal frequency (packets/second)</li> <li>Maximal frequency (packets/second)</li> </ul>	{100, 110} 0.016 0.032	Upstream
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Type</li> <li>Scope (meters)</li> <li>Expected lifetime (days)</li> </ul>	200 N/A	Indoor

- Considered network technologies:



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# Example of Application

- StackNet is integrated in the STACKEO\* platform

STACKEO		LoRaWAN-SF7	X
Application model		X	
SOLUTION TYPE	Telemetry	NETWORK TYPE	LoraWan
TRAFFIC DIRECTION	Upstream	NUMBER OF GATEWAYS	1
TRAFFIC PROFILE	Periodic	MAX DISTANCE BTW DEVICES AND GATEWAY (IN M)	200
ENVIRONMENT	Indoor	BANDWIDTH (KHZ)	125
MIN NUMBER OF DEVICES	100	SPREADING FACTOR	7
MAX NUMBER OF DEVICES	600	CRC	no
MAX MESSAGE SIZE (IN BYTES)	10	CODING RATE	4
MIN MESSAGE PERIOD (IN S)	120	TRAFFIC CONTROL	unconfirmed
BATTERY CAPACITY (MAH)	2400	TX CURRENT DRAW (MA)	77
VOLTAGE (V)	3	RX CURRENT DRAW (MA)	28
		IDLE CURRENT DRAW (MA)	1

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

# Example of Application

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Run simulation Export model Export results pascal

Architecture Volumetry Network

**Simulation settings**

**Scenario 7**

NETWORK TYPE: Wi-Fi 802.11a

NUMBER OF GATEWAYS: 1

MAX DISTANCE BTW DEVICES AND GATEWAY (IN M): 50

BANDWIDTH (MHz): 20

MCS: 6

SPATIAL STREAMS: 1

TX CURRENT DRAW (mA): 107

RX CURRENT DRAW (mA): 40

IDLE CURRENT DRAW (mA): 1

CCA\_BUSY CURRENT DRAW (mA): 1

**Performance indicators**

**GOODPUT (UPSTREAM)**: 0.65 Kbps

**BATTERY LIFE TIME PER DEVICE**: 87 days

**GOODPUT (DOWNSTREAM)**: N/A

**Upstream indicators**

**AVERAGE PACKET DELIVERY**: 100 %

**AVERAGE PACKET LATENCY**: 0.07 ms

**ENERGY CONSUMPTION PER DEVICE**: 1.04 J

**Scalability analysis**

**Goodput**

Packet Latency (ms)	Goodput (Kbps)
200	0.25
400	0.35
600	0.50

**Packet Latency**

Add a scenario

# Results

- Network technologies comparison:

Goodput



Battery lifetime



Packet latency



Packet delivery



Wi-Fi



Wi-Fi HaLow



LoRaWAN-SF7



802.15.4

# 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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# Thank you for your attention

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# Appendix

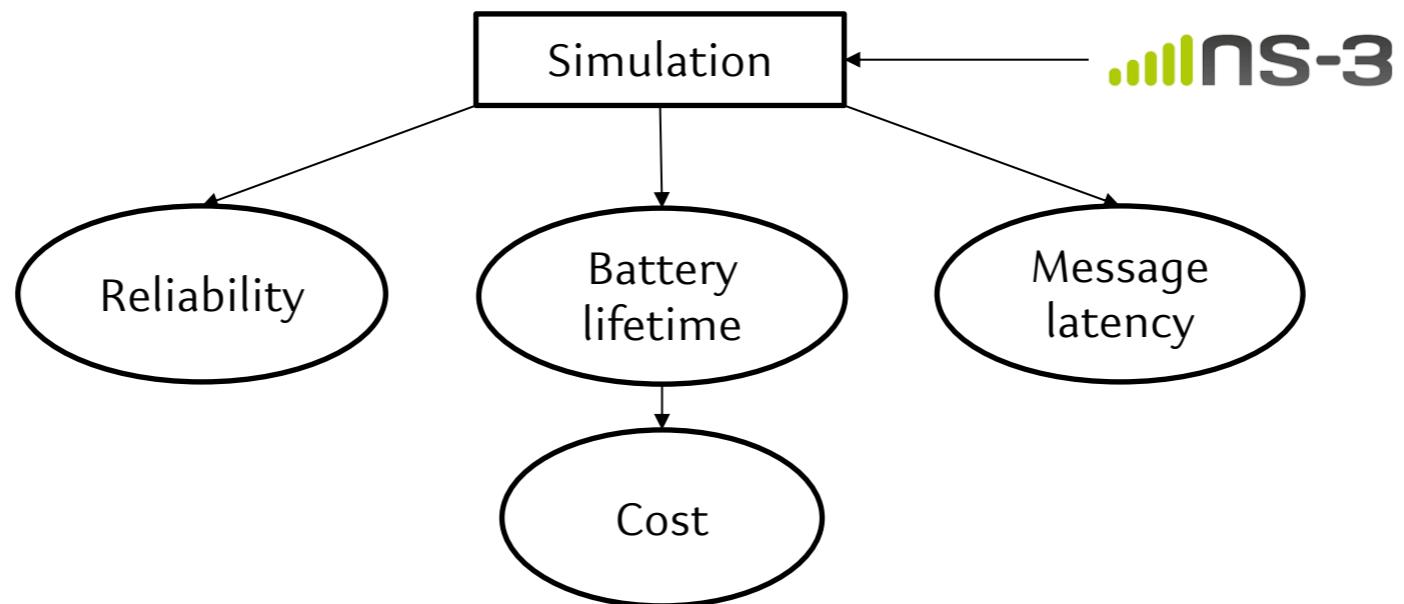
# Environment Propagation Models

- Radio environments and their propagation models [17]:

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

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# Cost Calculation

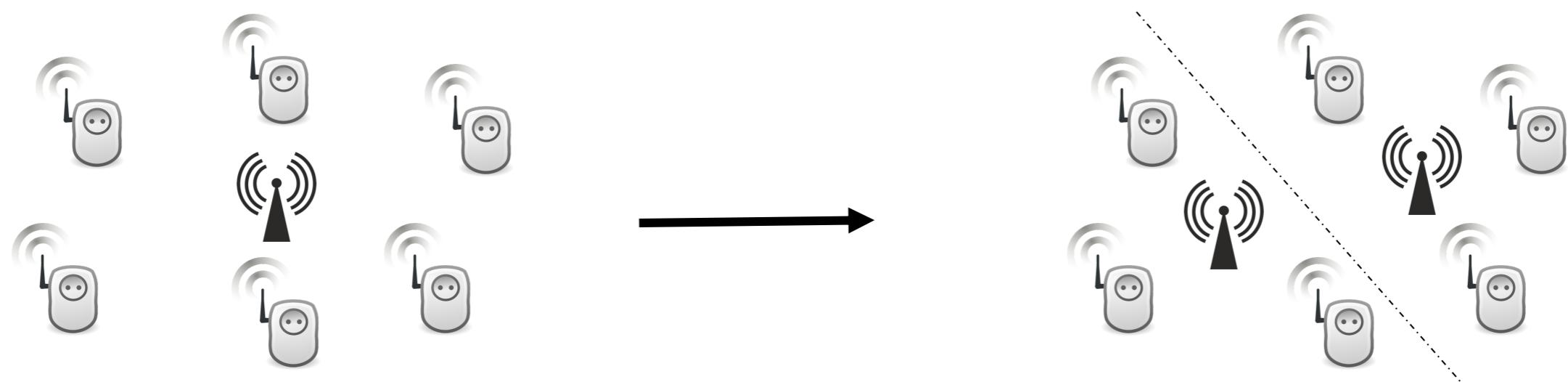


$$Cost = p_{GW} * n_{GW} + p_{ED} * n_{ED} + (pe/bl) * p_{bc} * n_{ED}$$

$p_{GW}$	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

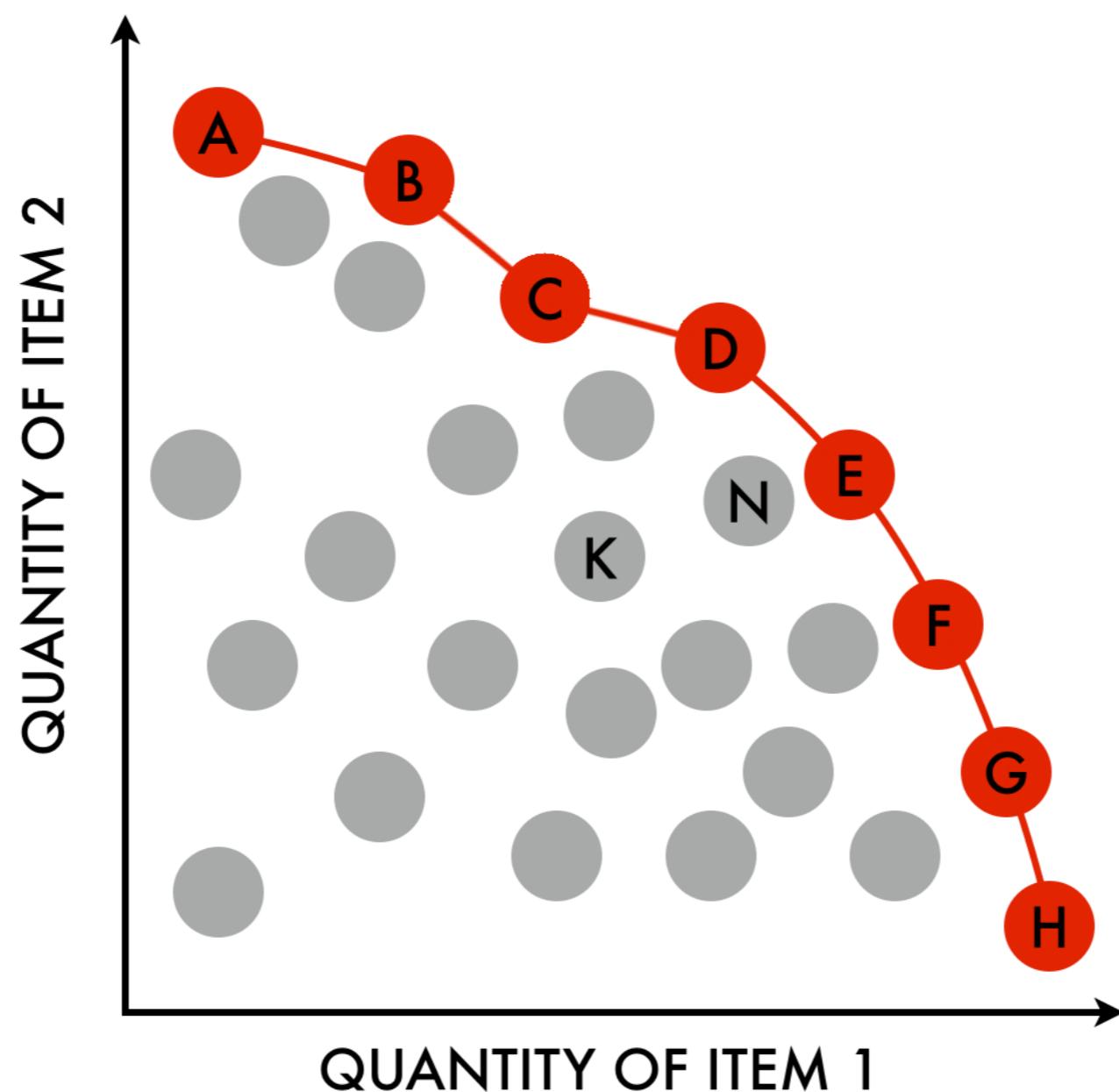
- The number of gateways is varied for each alternative:



- 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](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pareto_front)

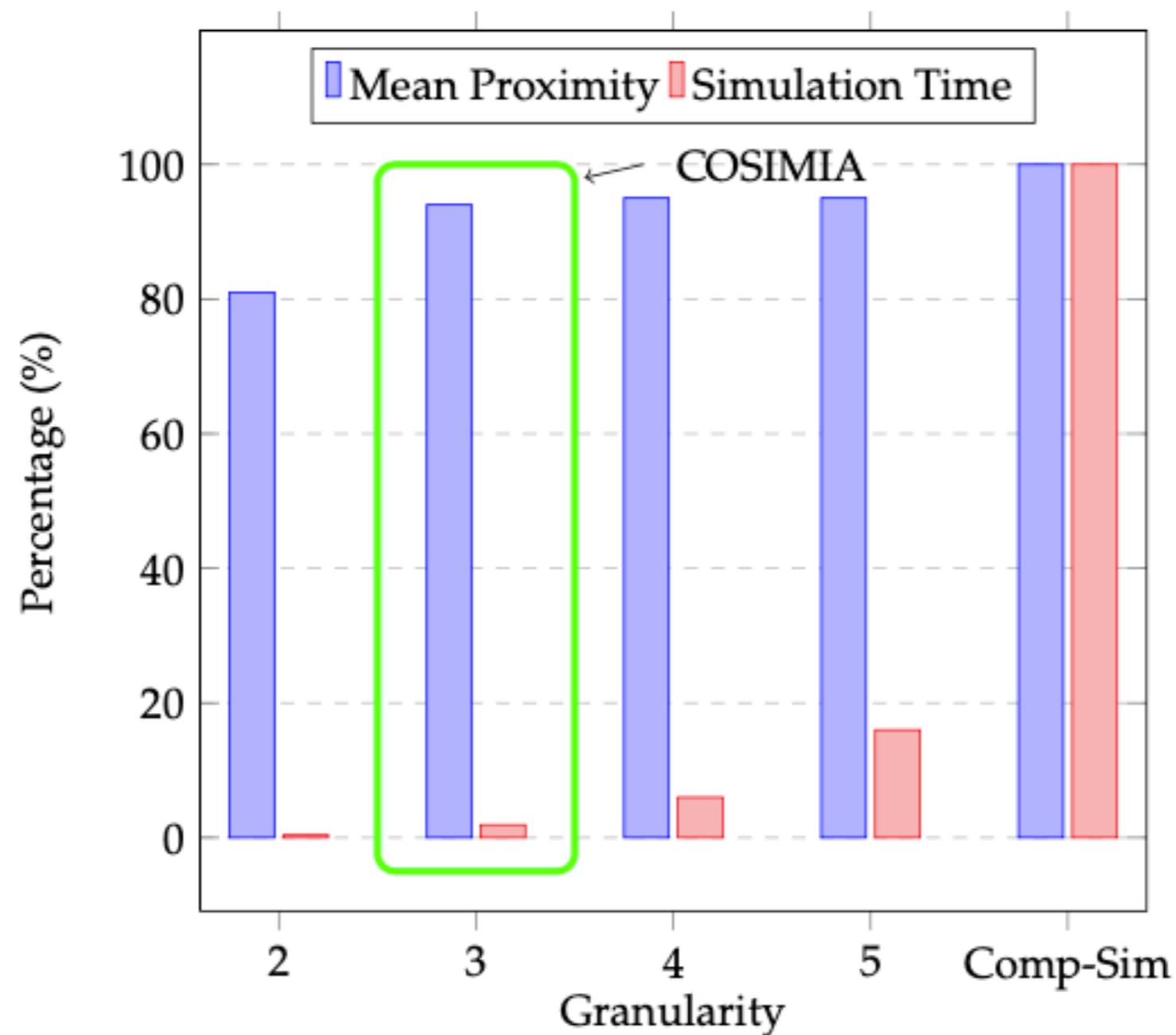
# Dataset Format

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

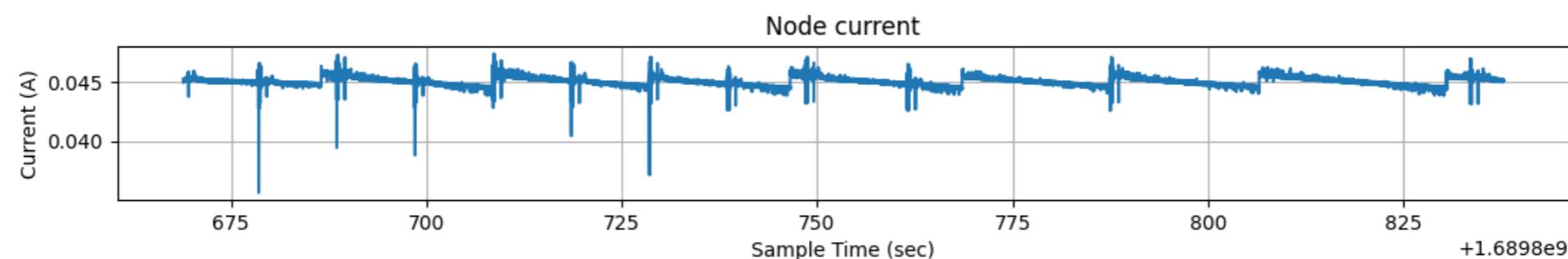
State	Value
Tx	107
Rx	40
CCA_Busy	1

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

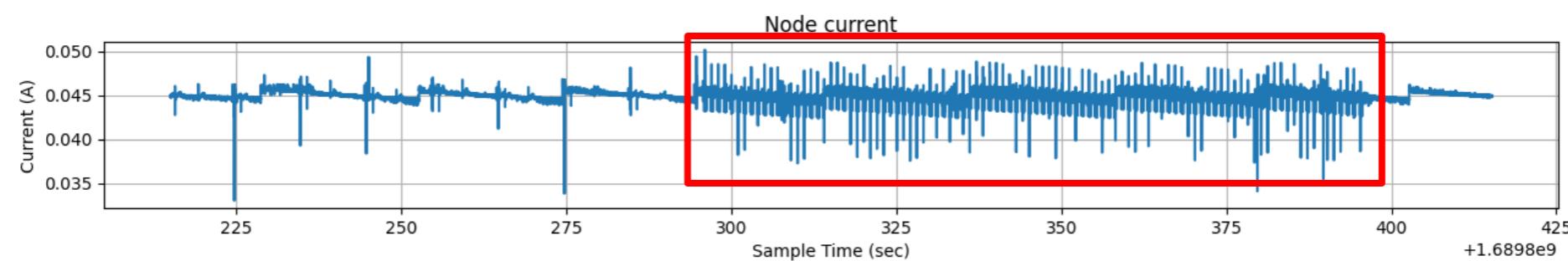
❖ Important difference in the transitions → Important error

# Energy Consumption in IoT-Lab

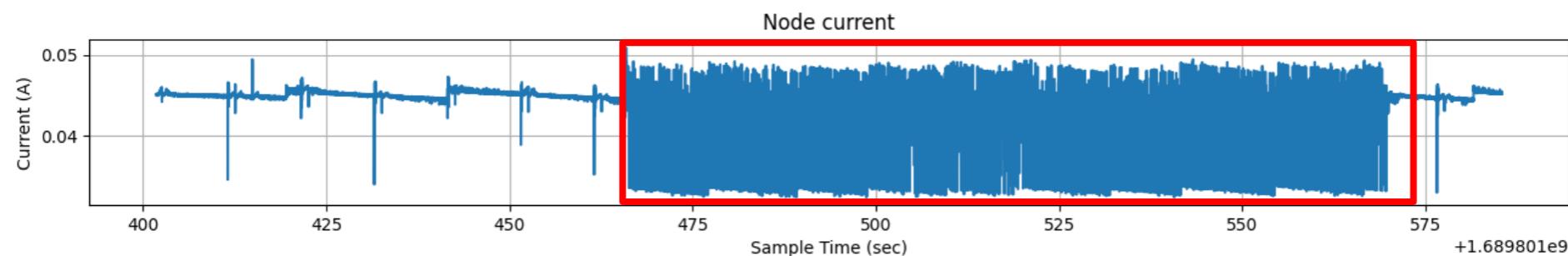
- Without transmission:



- 1 packet/s

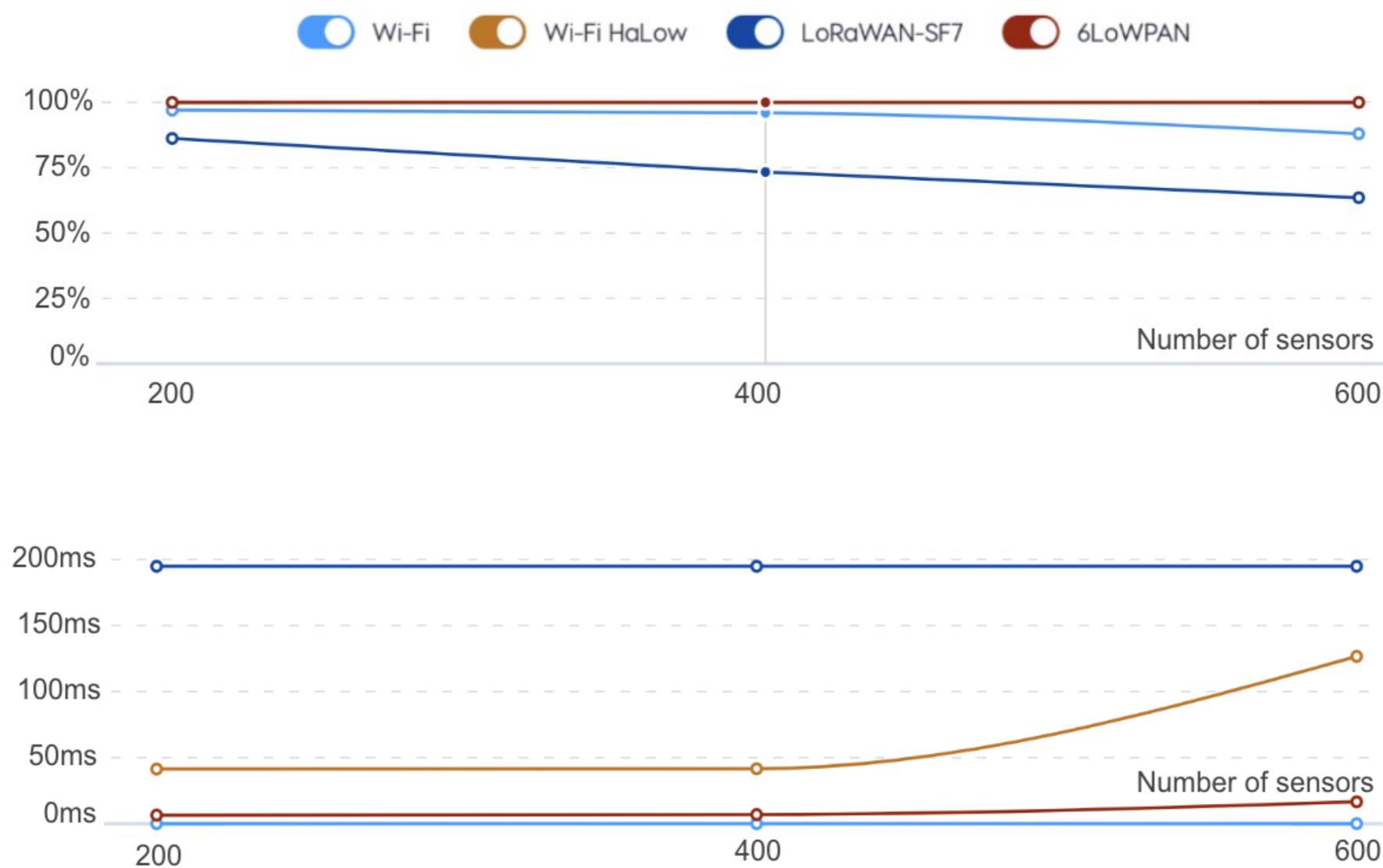


- 10 packet/s



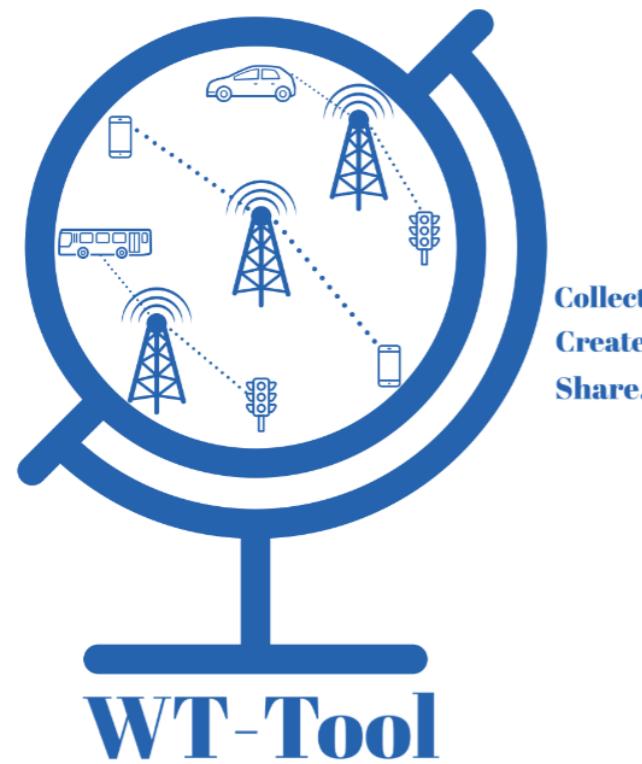
# Scalability Analysis

- 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.

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