

The logo for ns-3 NETWORK SIMULATOR. It features a green signal strength icon (four vertical bars of increasing height) to the left of the text "ns-3" in a large, bold, grey, sans-serif font. Below "ns-3", the words "NETWORK SIMULATOR" are written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.

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NETWORK SIMULATOR

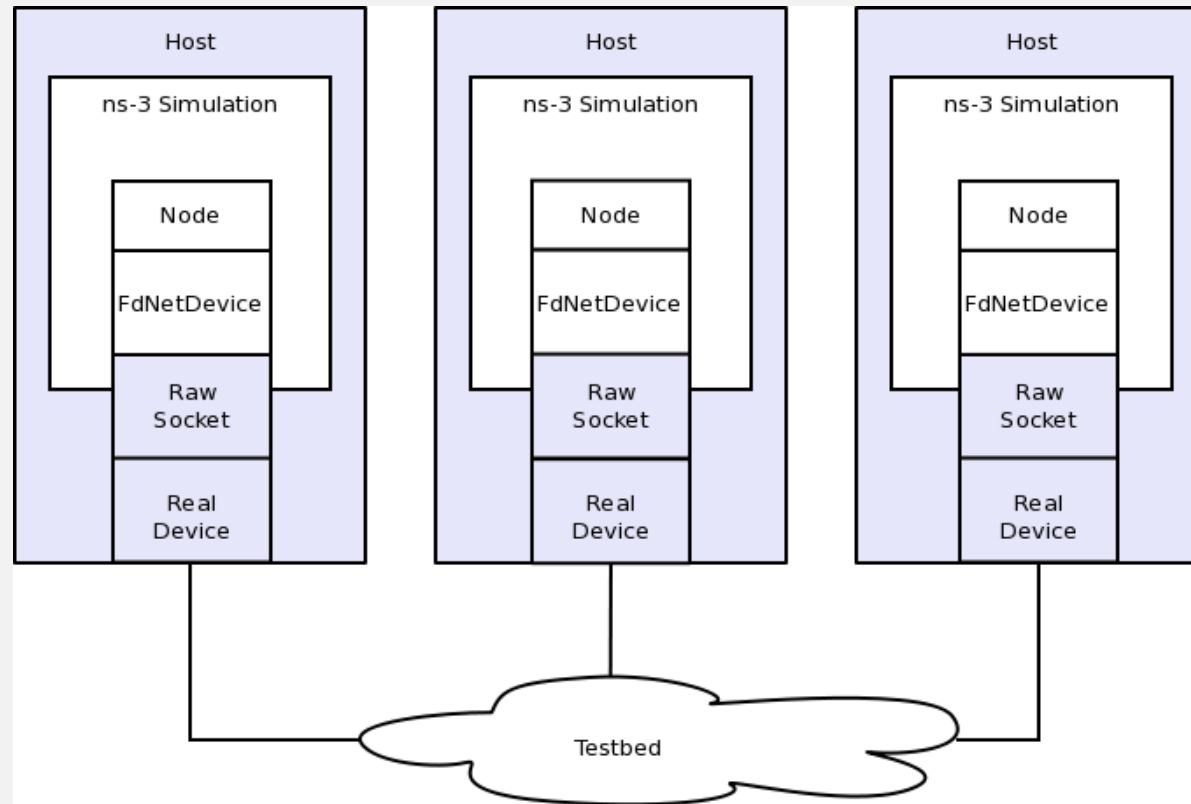
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# INTRODUCTION

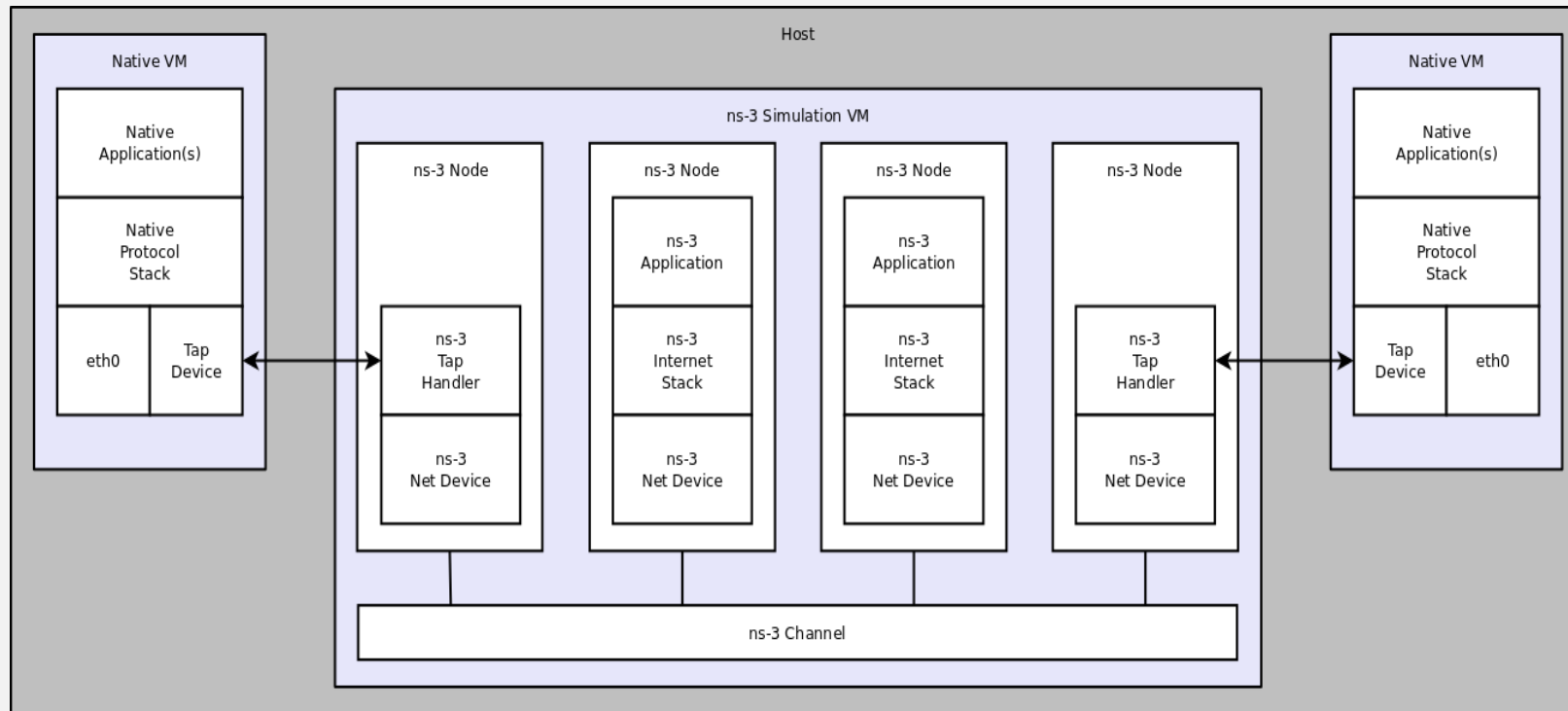
- Discrete-event network simulator
- Sufficiently realistic simulation models
- Can be used as a real-time network emulator
- Can interact with real network devices
- F.L.O.S.S. (licensed under the GNU GPLv2)
- Website

[www.nsnam.org](http://www.nsnam.org)

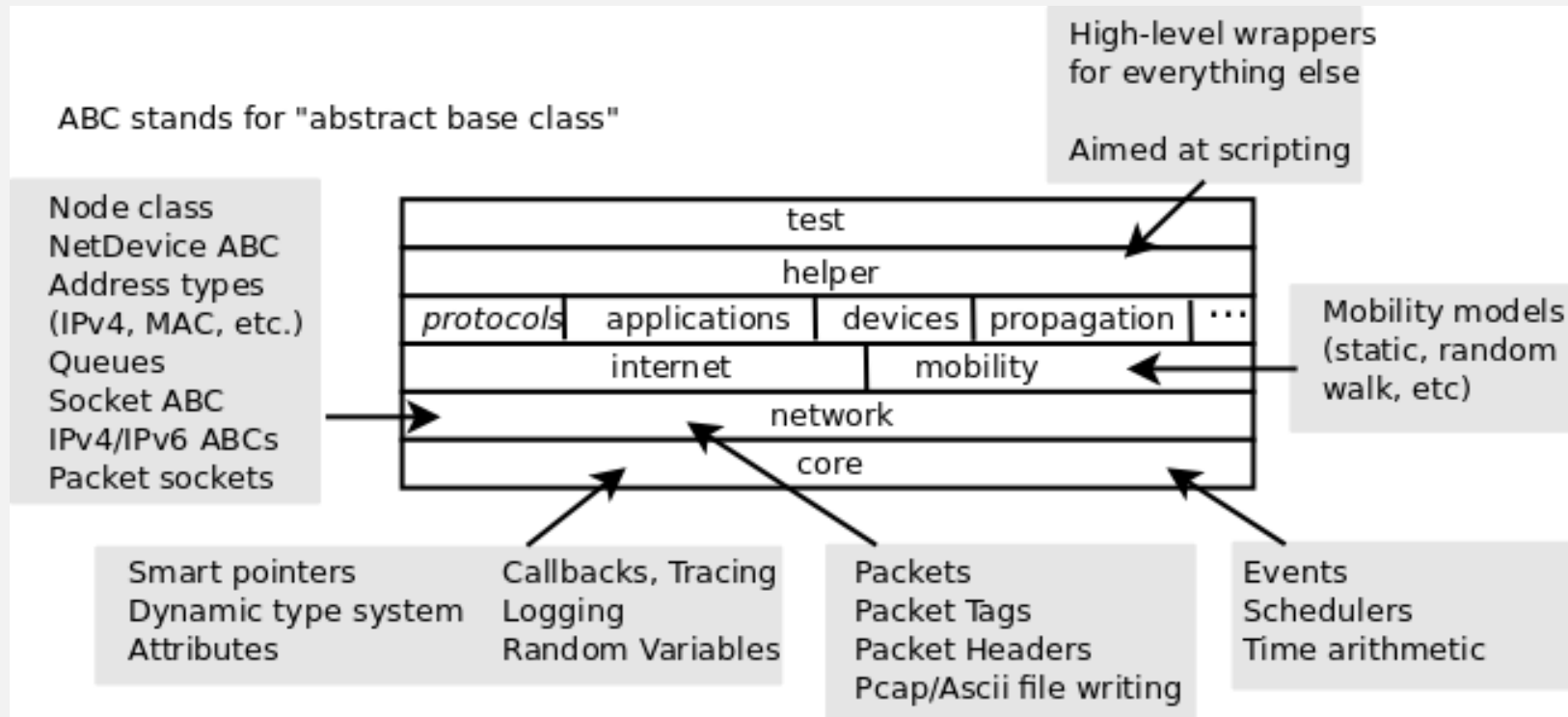
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# MODULES



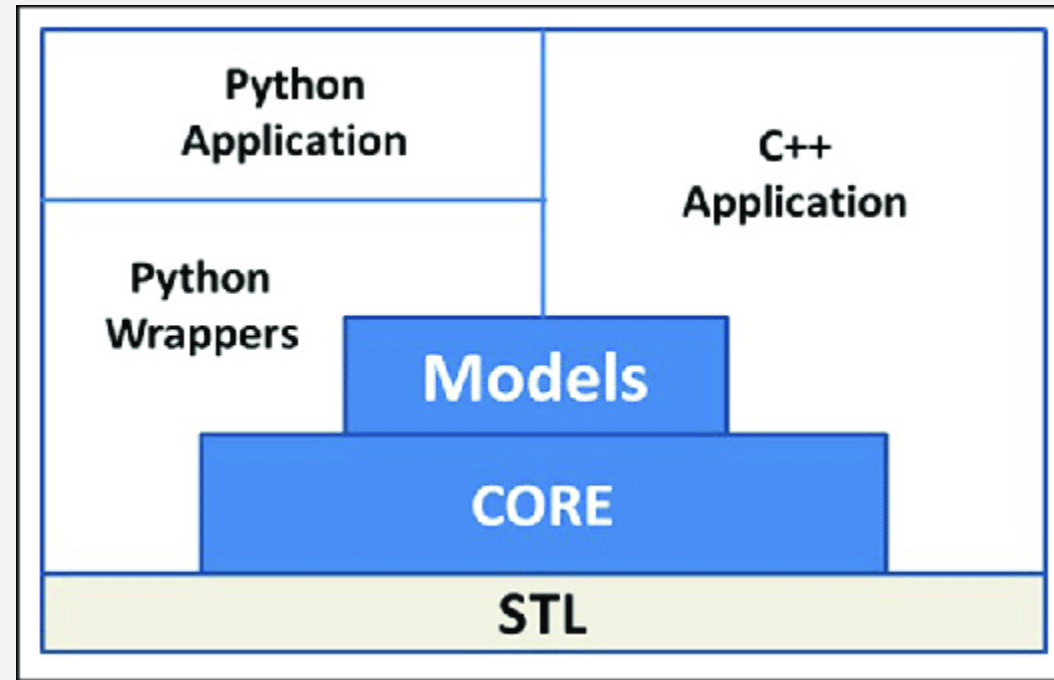
## PLATFORMS

- As of version 3.33 ( January 2021 )
  - Arch Linux
  - Fedora 33
  - Ubuntu 20.04
  - Ubuntu 18.04
  - Ubuntu 16.04.6
  - Linux Mint 20 Ulyana
  - macOS 11.1 (Big Sur)
  - macOS 10.15.7 (Catalina)
  - macOS 10.13.6 (High Sierra)

## TOOLKITS & IDE

- Supported programming languages
  - C++
  - Python
- Supported and currently tested toolkits:
  - GCC (g++): version 5.4.0 or later
  - Xcode: version 10.1 or later
  - Python: version 3.5.2 or later
- Waf
  - Python-based build automation tool
  - Used in building simulations
- No official IDE
  - Eclipse, NetBeans, QtCreator are being unofficially used by developers

## NS-3 ARCHITECTURE

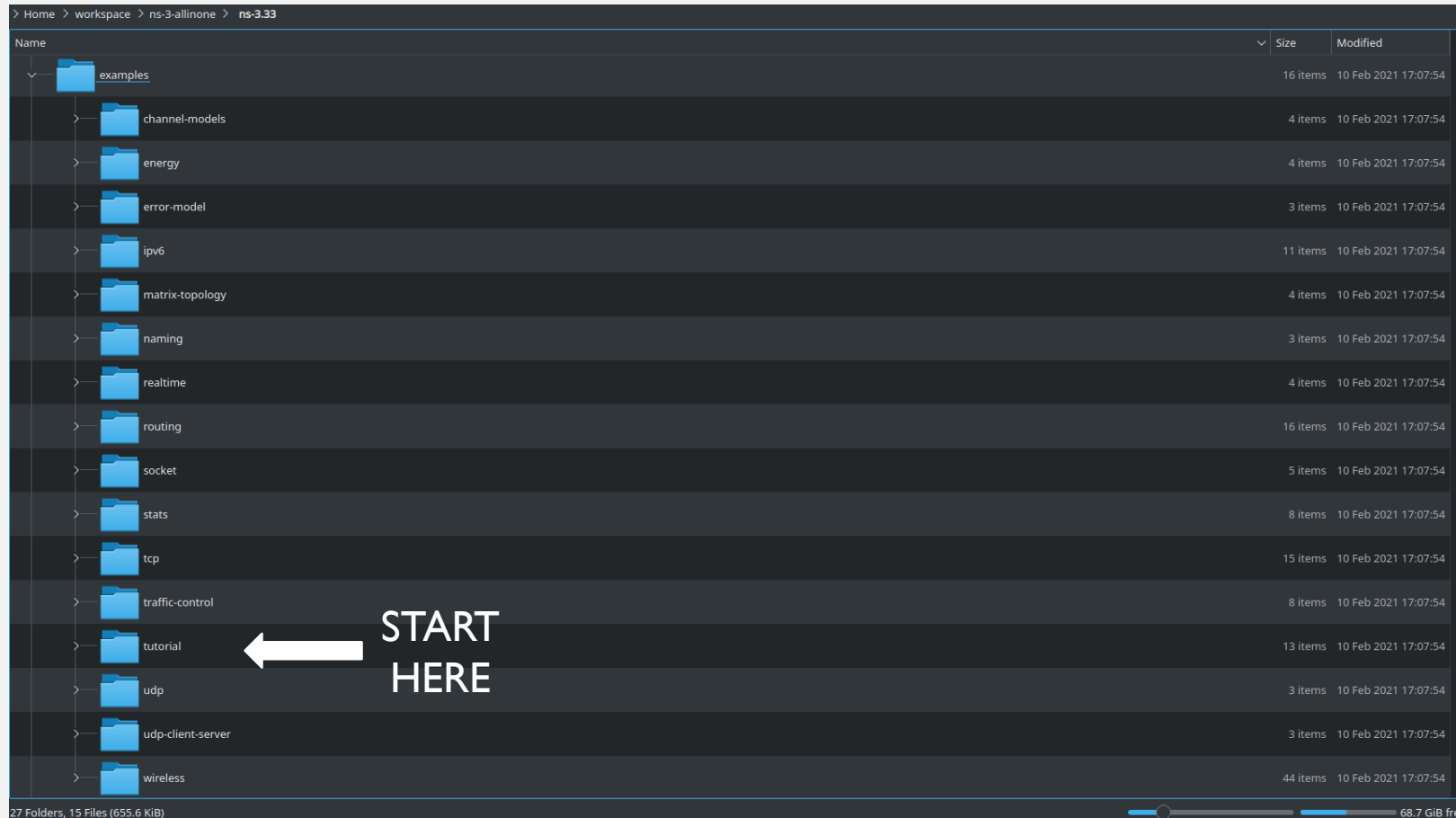




## C++ FEATURES

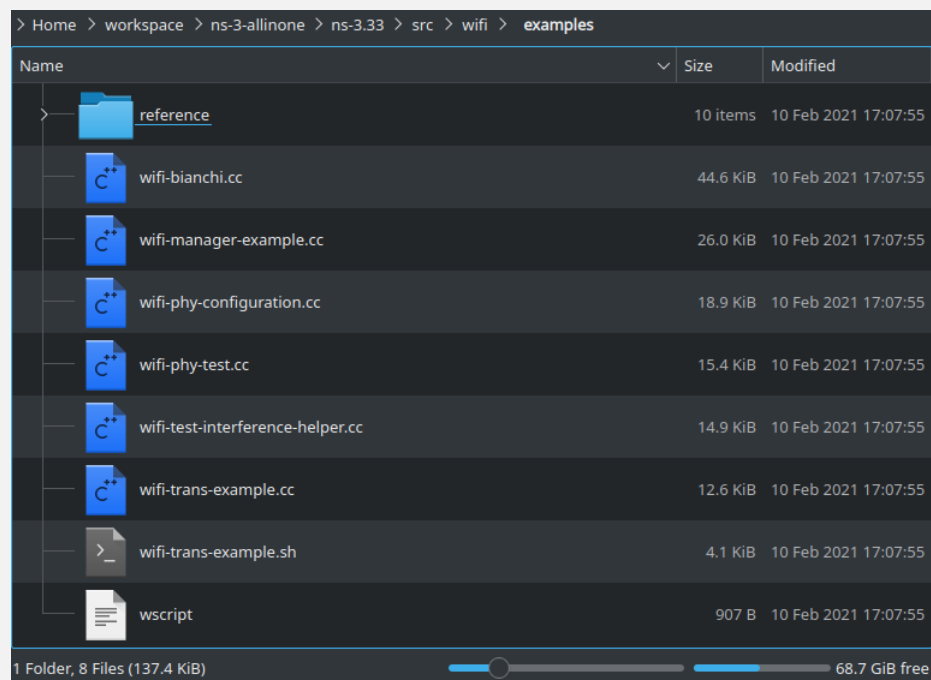
- Both standard C++ and ns-3 specific headers are supported
  - `#include <ns3/core-module.h>`
  - `#include <ns3/log.h>`
  - `#include <string>`
  - `#include <vector>`
- Both standard C++ and ns-3 specific namespaces are supported
  - `using namespace ns3;`
  - ~~`using namespace std;`~~ **DO NOT USE**
- The use of explicit names is suggested instead of using the std namespace
  - `std::string`
  - `std::cout`

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- Advanced examples exist for each module, in the respective directories



## C++ SIMULATIONS

- Running an existing C++ simulation (from the examples)

```
ls examples/wireless/mixed-wired-wireless.cc  
./waf --run mixed-wired-wireless
```

- Creating and running a new C++ simulation with a single script

```
mkdir scratch/mysim  
touch scratch/mysim/file.cc  
./waf --run mysim
```

- Creating and running a new C++ simulation with multiple scripts

```
mkdir scratch/mysim  
touch scratch/mysim/file1.cc  
touch scratch/mysim/file2.cc  
./waf --run mysim
```

## C++ SIMULATIONS

- Running an existing C++ simulation with a debugger

- GDB

```
./waf --run mixed-wired-wireless --command-template="gdb %s"
```

- Valgrind

```
./waf --run mixed-wired-wireless --command-template="valgrind %s"
```

- Running an existing C++ simulation with the PyViz visualizer

```
./waf --run mixed-wired-wireless --vis
```

## PYTHON FEATURES

- Both standard Python and ns-3 specific modules are supported
  - `import ns.core`
  - `import ns.mobility`
  - `import ns.wifi`
  - `import collections`
  - `import numpy`

## PYTHON SIMULATIONS

- We need to specify a complete path to the Python script file, and use the `--pyrun` command instead of `--run`
- Running an existing Python simulation (from the examples)

```
./waf --pyrun examples/wireless/mixed-wired-wireless.py
```

- Creating and running a new Python simulation with a single script

```
mkdir scratch/mysim  
touch scratch/mysim/file.py  
./waf --pyrun scratch/mysim/file.py
```

## ATTRIBUTES

- ns-3 provides a more convenient API than pure C++ for the attributes
  - All attributes are exported into a string-based namespace (ns3)
  - Supports regular expressions
  - Allows individual instances of attributes to be manipulated
  - Attributes can be referenced by name without specifying a path through the object namespaces
  - A config class allows users to manipulate the attributes



## ATTRIBUTES

- Configure full buffer traffic

- Using config class for default values of some global attributes for all UDP clients

```
Config::SetDefault ("ns3::UdpClient::MaxPackets", UIntegerValue (1000000));  
Config::SetDefault ("ns3::UdpClient:: PacketSize", UIntegerValue (10 * 1024));
```

- Using config class for manipulating values of some global attributes for all UDP clients

```
Config::Set ("ns3::UdpClient::MaxPackets", UIntegerValue (1000000));  
Config::Set ("ns3::UdpClient:: PacketSize", UIntegerValue (10 * 1024));
```

- Using attribute manipulation for specific instance

```
dlUdpClientHelper.SetAttribute ("MaxPackets", UIntegerValue (1000000));  
dlUdpClientHelper.SetAttribute ("PacketSize", UIntegerValue (10 * 1024));
```

## ATTRIBUTES

- Set and get attribute from a specific object

```
Config::SetAttribute ("/NodeList/0/DeviceList/3/Phy/TxGain", DoubleValue (1.0));  
double val;  
nodePtr->GetAttribute ("/NodeList/0/DeviceList/3/Phy/TxGain", &val);
```

- Retrieving objects without specifying a path through the object namespaces

```
nodePtr -> GetDevice(3) -> GetObject <LteUeNetDevice> () -> GetImsi ();
```

## COMMAND-LINE ATTRIBUTES

- Parse command line arguments to specify values or override default values

```
int main (int argc, char *argv[]) {  
    CommandLine cmd (__FILE__);  
    cmd.Parse (argc, argv);
```

- Then execute the simulation overriding the default argument values

```
./waf --run "mysim --nBlocks=10"
```

## SIMULATION

- Simulation time moves discretely from event to event
- 1 time frame = 1 ms
- Events can be scheduled to be executed at a specific time or with context
- Events can be scheduled to be repeatedly executed at a specific interval
- The Scheduler orders the event execution
- Simulation finishes either at a specified time point or when events end

# SIMULATION

- Set explicit simulation stop time

```
Simulator::Stop (Seconds (100));
```

- Start the simulation (should be called after simulation stop time is set)

```
Simulator::Run ();
```

- The final step, after simulation is complete, is to destroy it

```
Simulator::Destroy ();
```



## SIMULATION

- Schedule a function to occur at the 10<sup>th</sup> second of the simulation

```
Simulator::Schedule (Seconds (1), &Function, ptr1, ptr2, ...);
```

- Schedule a function to occur every 10 seconds repeatedly

```
void Function {  
    ...  
    Simulator::Schedule (Seconds (10), &Function, ptr1, ptr2, ...);  
}
```

```
int main (int argc, char *argv[]) {  
    ...  
    Simulator::Schedule (Seconds (10), &Function, ptr1, ptr2, ...);  
}
```

## LOGGING

- ns-3 has built-in logging facility to stderr
- Logging is mainly intended for debugging but can be abused to provide tracing
- Supports multiple log levels like syslog
- Can trace functions and call arguments
- Can be driven from the shell

## LOGGING

- Add logging to our code

```
using namespace ns3;
...
NS_LOG_COMPONENT_DEFINE ("Example");
...
int main (int argc, char *argv[]) {
...
if (address == iaddr.GetBroadcast ()) {
    NS_LOG_LOGIC ("For me (interface broadcast address)");
    return true;
}
```



# LOGGING

- Enable log output
  - Method 1: setting the NS\_LOG environment variable from the shell

- Enable logging for everything

```
NS_LOG="*" ./waf --run mysim
```

- Enable logging for individual components

```
NS_LOG="Ipv4L3Protocol" ./waf --run mysim
```

- Method 2: use explicit logging statements in our code

```
LogComponentEnable ("UdpEchoClientApplication", LOG_LEVEL_INFO);  
LogComponentEnable ("UdpEchoServerApplication", LOG_LEVEL_INFO);
```

## TRACING

- Generate behavior output for further study
- Using Trace Helpers

```
AsciiTraceHelper ascii;  
Ptr<OutputStreamWrapper> stream = ascii.CreateFileStream ("stream.tr");  
wifiPhy.EnableAsciiAll (stream);
```

- Using PCAP

```
pointToPoint.EnablePcapAll ("first");  
pointToPoint.EnablePcap ("first", p2pNodes.Get (0)->GetId (), 0);  
csma.EnablePcap ("second", csmaDevices.Get (0), true);
```

## TRACING

- Using the Config Subsystem to Connect to Trace Sources
- Different built-in trace sources exist for different components of the protocol stack and/or the device components

```
void CwndTracer (uint32_t oldval, uint32_t newval) {...}
```

```
...
```

```
Config::ConnectWithoutContext (  
    "/NodeList/0/$ns3::TcpL4Protocol/SocketList/0/CongestionWindow",  
    MakeCallback (&CwndTracer));
```

- All trace sources

[www.nsnam.org/doxygen/\\_trace\\_source\\_list.html](http://www.nsnam.org/doxygen/_trace_source_list.html)

## TRACING

- Let's trace the RSRP and SINR of all LTE UE devices

```
void reportFunction (Ptr<OutputStreamWrapper> stream, std::string context, uint16_t cellId,  
                    uint16_t rnti, double rsrp, double sinr, uint8_t componentCarrierId) {  
    *stream->GetStream()    << Simulator::Now().GetMilliseconds() << "," << context << "," <<  
                            << cellId << "," << rnti << "," << rsrp << "," << sinr << std::endl;  
}  
  
int main (int argc, char *argv[]) {  
    ...  
    AsciiTraceHelper asciiTraceHelper;  
    Ptr<OutputStreamWrapper> stream = asciiTraceHelper.CreateFileStream ("traces.csv");  
    Config::Connect ("/NodeList/*/DeviceList*/$ns3::LteUeNetDevice/ComponentCarrierMapUe/  
                    */LteUePhy/ReportCurrentCellRsrpSinr", MakeBoundCallback (&reportFunction, stream));  
}
```

# TRACING

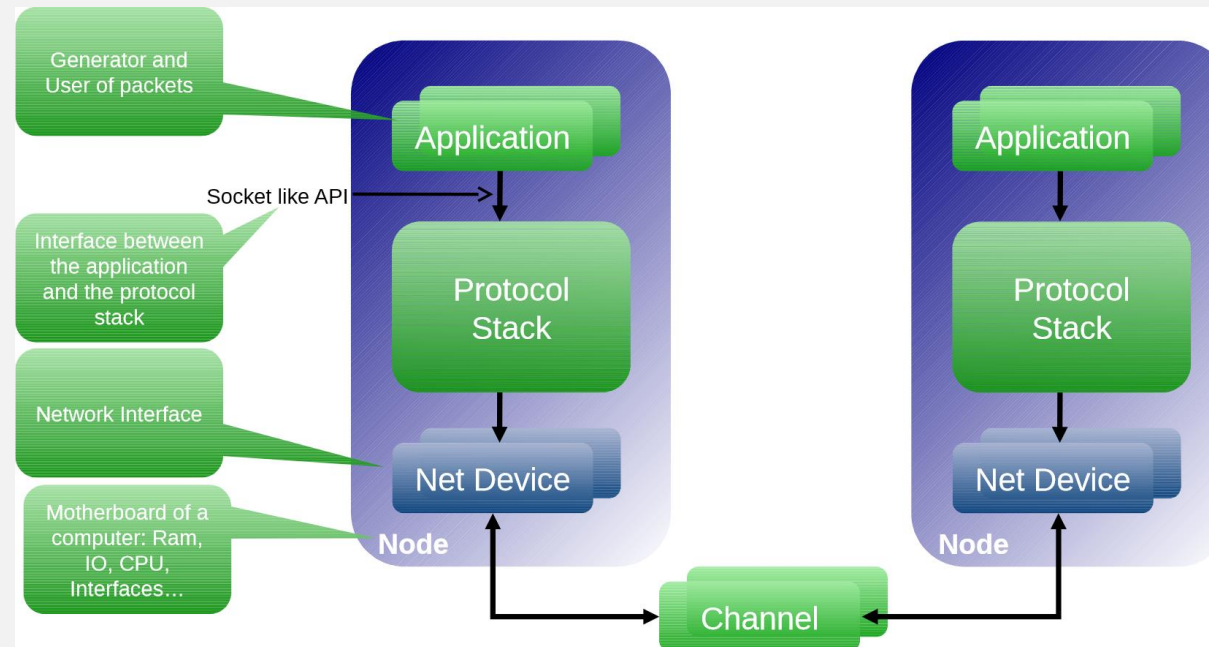
- Result

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	200	2	1	0	2.83644E-10	597974	
2	200	0	13	0	8.66357E-10	1826440	
3	200	1	17	0	1.12498E-10	237167	
4	201	2	1	0	2.83601E-10	597883	
5	201	0	13	0	8.66366E-10	1826460	
6	201	1	17	0	1.12515E-10	237202	
7	202	2	1	0	2.83558E-10	597792	
8	202	0	13	0	8.66376E-10	1826480	
9	202	1	17	0	1.12531E-10	237236	
10	203	2	1	0	2.83514E-10	597701	
11	203	0	13	0	8.66385E-10	1826500	
12	203	1	17	0	1.12547E-10	237270	
13	204	2	1	0	2.83471E-10	597610	
14	204	0	13	0	8.66395E-10	1826520	
15	204	1	17	0	1.12563E-10	237304	
16	205	2	1	0	2.83428E-10	597519	
17	205	0	13	0	8.66405E-10	1826540	
18	205	1	17	0	1.12579E-10	237338	
19	206	2	1	0	2.83385E-10	597428	
20	206	0	13	0	8.66414E-10	1826560	

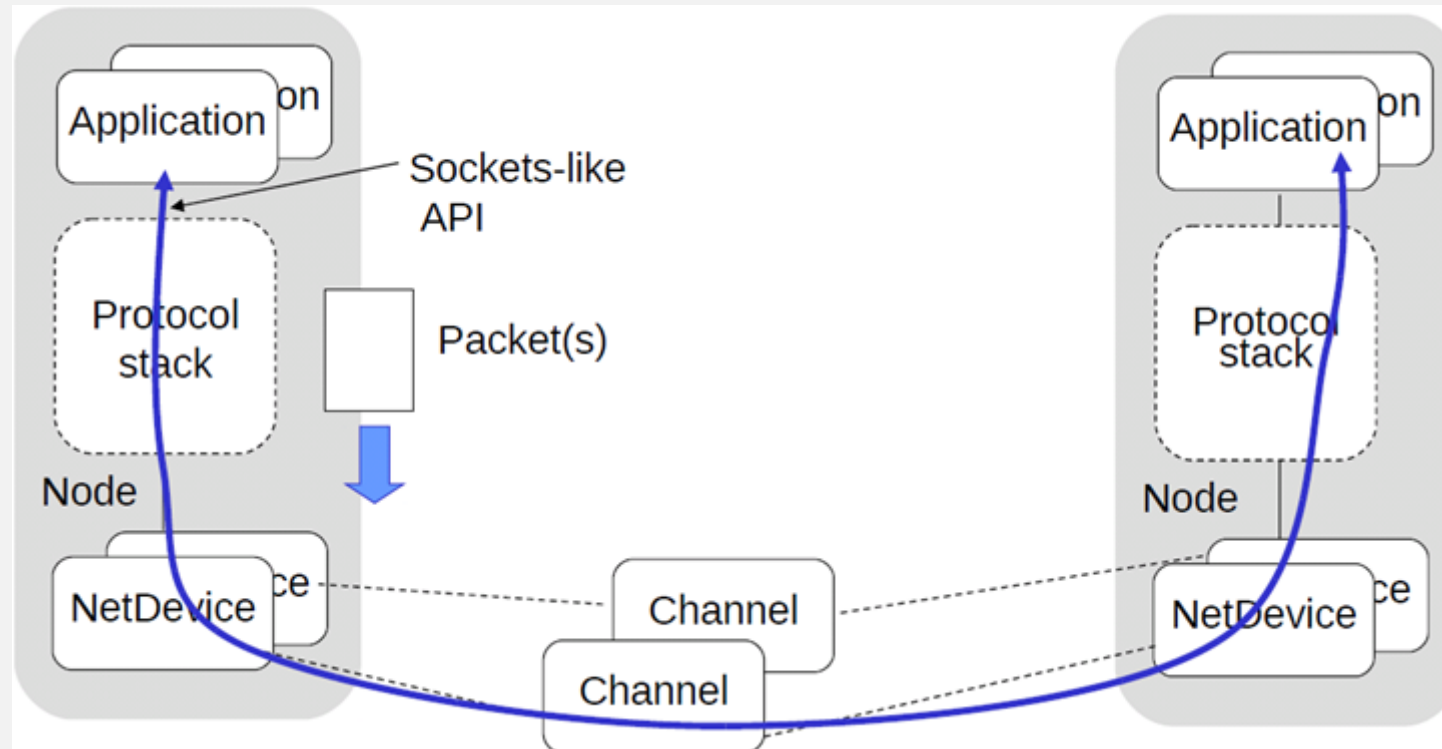
## SIMULATION ARCHITECTURE

- Basic steps to create a simulation
  1. Create the network topology
  2. Create the data demand on the network
  3. Execute the simulation
  4. Analyze the results
- See “Building Topologies” for more information  
[www.nsnam.org/docs/tutorial/html/building-topologies.html](http://www.nsnam.org/docs/tutorial/html/building-topologies.html)

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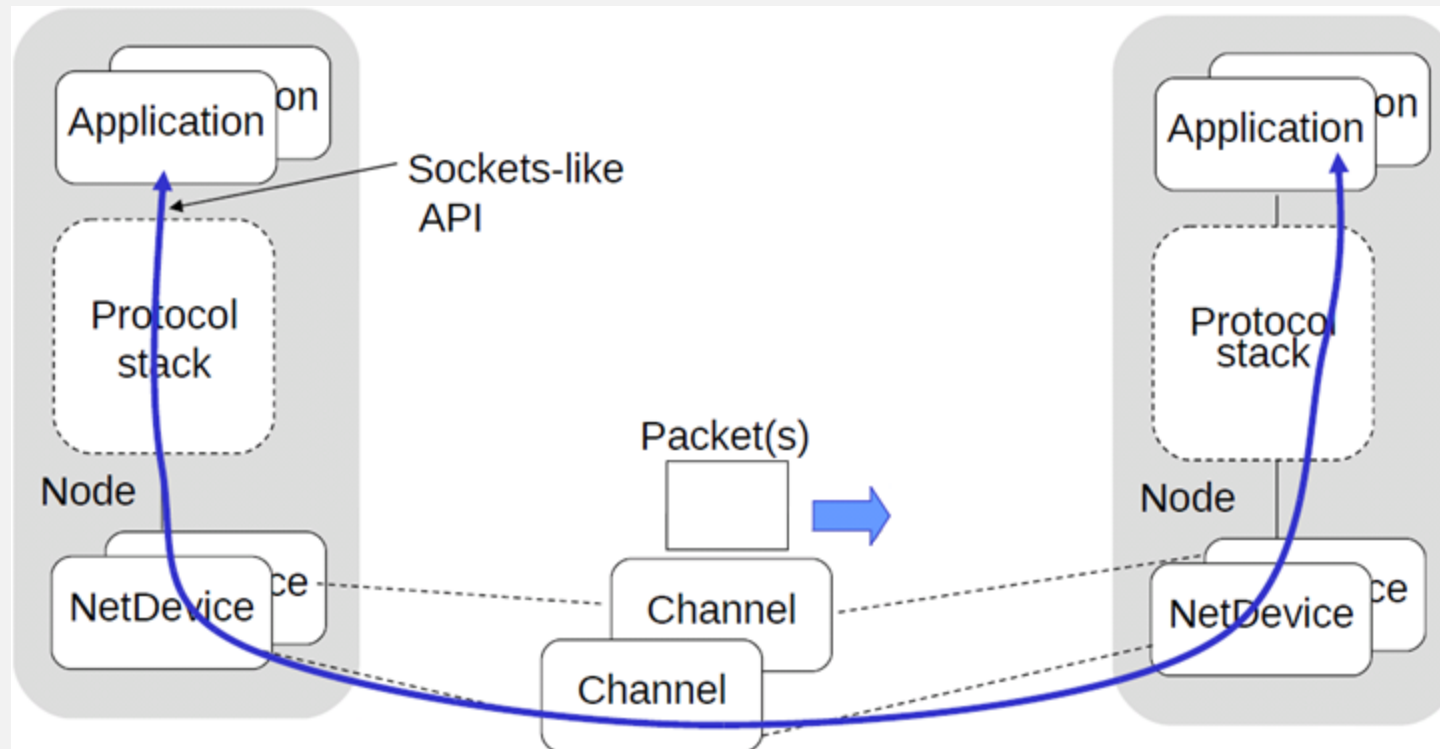


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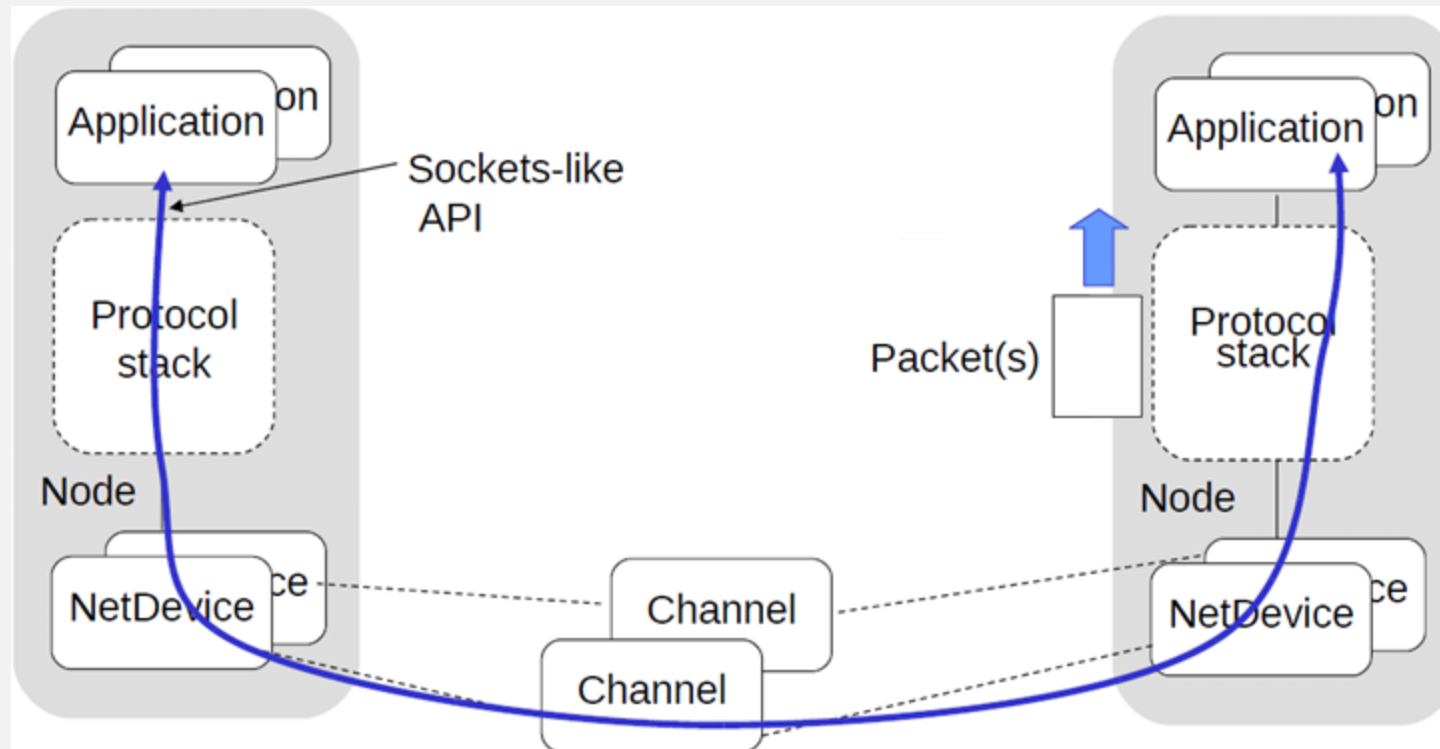




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## NETWORKING

- ns-3 supports the following major types of networks
  - Bus networks
  - WiFi networks
    - 802.11 DCF (infrastructure & adhoc)
    - 802.11a, 802.11b, 802.11g, 802.11n (2.4 & 5 GHz bands), 802.11ac and 802.11ax (2.4 & 5 GHz bands) physical layers
  - LTE networks
    - Subset of LTE features is supported
    - Some features are not supported yet (e.g. PLMN IDs)

## BUS NETWORKS

- Device
  - A generic device for a Point to Point Network
  - Parameters & objects: queue, data rate, delay, etc.
- Channel
  - A very simple point to point channel
  - Like full duplex RS-232 or RS-422 with null modem and no handshaking
  - There is a state (IDLE, TRANSMITTING) associated with each wire
  - No multi-drop capability (up to two point-to-point net devices are connected)
  - Two "wires" in the channel, one for each end device

## BUS NETWORKS

- Let's create a simple bus network between 2 nodes

```
NodeContainer nodes;  
nodes.Create (2);  
  
PointToPointHelper pointToPoint;  
pointToPoint.SetDeviceAttribute ("DataRate", StringValue ("5Mbps"));  
pointToPoint.SetChannelAttribute ("Delay", StringValue ("2ms"));  
  
NetDeviceContainer devices = pointToPoint.Install (nodes);
```

- See “Point to Point” for more information

[www.nsnam.org/docs/models/html/point-to-point.html](http://www.nsnam.org/docs/models/html/point-to-point.html)

# WIFI NETWORKS

- Device
  - WiFi capable device with channel, PHY, MAC and remote station information
- Remote Station
  - Holds per-remote-station state
  - Keeps track of association status in an infrastructure network
  - Performs the selection of Tx parameters on a per-packet basis
- SSID
  - SSID of WiFi AP device
- MAC
  - MAC model for different types of WiFi devices (ad-hoc, AP, non-AP)
- PHY
  - Physical layer, holds attributes like Frequency (MHz), Channel width & number, Tx & Rx gains, Transmission power, SNR, Antennas, and more



## WIFI NETWORKS

- Let's create a basic WiFi access point

```
NodeContainer wifiApNode;  
wifiApNode.Create (1);    // Create 1 access point node object  
// Create a channel helper and phy helper, and then create the channel  
YansWifiChannelHelper channel = YansWifiChannelHelper::Default ();  
YansWifiPhyHelper phy = YansWifiPhyHelper::Default ();  
phy.SetChannel (channel.Create ());  
// Create a WifiMacHelper, which is reused across STA and AP configurations  
WifiMacHelper mac;  
// Create a WifiHelper, which will use the above helpers to create Wifi devices.  
WifiHelper wifi;  
wifi.SetStandard (WIFI_STANDARD_80211n_5GHZ);  
// Declare NetDeviceContainers to hold the container returned by the helper  
NetDeviceContainer wifiApDevice;  
// Perform the installation  
mac.SetType ("ns3::ApWifiMac");  
wifiApDevice = wifi.Install (phy, mac, wifiApNode);
```

## WIFI NETWORKS

- Let's connect 10 station nodes to the AP

```
NodeContainer wifiStaNode;  
wifiStaNode.Create (10); // Create 10 station node objects  
  
// Perform the installation  
mac.SetType ("ns3::StaWifiMac");  
NetDeviceContainer wifiStaDevices = wifi.Install (phy, mac, wifiStaNodes);
```

- See “WiFi user” for more information

[www.nsnam.org/docs/models/html/wifi-user.html](http://www.nsnam.org/docs/models/html/wifi-user.html)



## LTE NETWORKS

- EPC
  - MME (Mobility Management Entity)
  - PDN (Packet Data Network)
  - PGW (Packet Data Network Gateway Entity)
  - SGW (Serving Gateway Entity)
  - SII (SII Service Access Point & Messages)
  - SI (SI Service Access Point & Messages)
- UE devices
  - PHY (models the UE-side of the physical layer)
  - CSG ID (Closed Subscriber Group ID)
  - Radio bearer manager (manages information possessed by the eNB RRC for a UE)



## LTE NETWORKS

- eNB devices
  - X2 (interconnecting interface between two eNBs)
  - PHY (models the eNB-side of the physical layer)
  - RRC (LTE Radio Resource Control entity at the eNB)
  - RLC (LTE Radio Link Control entity at the eNB)
  - Component carrier & carrier aggregation
  - CSG ID (Closed Subscriber Group ID)
  - MIMO (Tx Diversity, Spatial Multiplexity Open/Closed Loop, Multi-User)
  - Multiple PLMN IDs are not supported (no MNOs separation)

## LTE NETWORKS

- Let's create an LTE eNB

*// Create an LTE helper*

```
Ptr<LteHelper> lteHelper = CreateObject<LteHelper> ();
```

```
NodeContainer enbNodes;
```

```
enbNodes.Create (1);      // Create 1 eNB node object
```

```
MobilityHelper mobility;  // Create a constant mobility model
```

```
mobility.SetMobilityModel ("ns3::ConstantPositionMobilityModel");
```

```
mobility.Install (enbNodes);
```

*// Install an LTE protocol stack on the eNB*

```
NetDeviceContainer enbDevs = lteHelper->InstallEnbDevice (enbNodes);
```

## LTE NETWORKS

- Let's create 2 LTE Ues and attach them to the eNB

```
NodeContainer ueNodes;  
ueNodes.Create (2);           // Create 2 UE node objects  
  
mobility.SetMobilityModel ("ns3::ConstantPositionMobilityModel");  
mobility.Install (ueNodes);   // The mobility object from before  
  
// Install an LTE protocol stack on the UEs  
NetDeviceContainer ueDevs = lteHelper->InstallUeDevice (ueNodes);  
  
// Attach the UEs to the eNB  
lteHelper->Attach (ueDevs, enbDevs.Get (0));
```

## LTE NETWORKS

- LTE model parameters

```
default ns3::LteHelper::Scheduler "ns3::PffMacScheduler"  
default ns3::LteHelper::PathlossModel "ns3::FriisSpectrumPropagationLossModel"  
default ns3::LteEnbNetDevice::UfBandwidth "25"  
default ns3::LteEnbNetDevice::DfBandwidth "25"  
default ns3::LteEnbNetDevice::DfEarfcn "100"  
default ns3::LteEnbNetDevice::UfEarfcn "18100"  
default ns3::LteUePhy::TxPower "10"  
default ns3::LteEnbPhy::TxPower "30"
```

- See “LTE user” for more information

[www.nsnam.org/docs/models/html/lte-user.html](http://www.nsnam.org/docs/models/html/lte-user.html)

## LTE NETWORKS

- EPS Bearers

Enumerator	Details
GBR_CONV_VOICE	GBR Conversational Voice
GBR_CONV_VIDEO	GBR Conversational Video (Live streaming)
GBR_GAMING	GBR Real Time Gaming
GBR_NON_CONV_VIDEO	GBR Non-Conversational Video (Buffered Streaming)
NGBR_VOICE_VIDEO_GAMING	NGBR_VOICE_VIDEO_GAMING

- ... and many more as documented at  
[www.nsnam.org/doxygen/classns3\\_\\_l\\_\\_l\\_\\_eps\\_bearer.html](http://www.nsnam.org/doxygen/classns3__l__l__eps_bearer.html)

## LTE NETWORKS

- Let's activate a data radio bearer between each UE and the eNB it is attached to:

```
enum EpsBearer::Qci q = EpsBearer::GBR_CONV_VOICE;  
EpsBearer bearer (q);  
lteHelper->ActivateDataRadioBearer (ueDevs, bearer);
```

## NETWORK LAYOUT & BUILDINGS

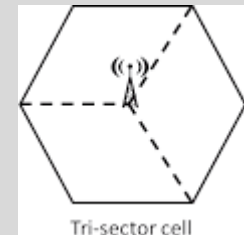
- BS & eNBs
  - Constant position in Cartesian (x,y,z) coordinates
  - eNB types (macrocell / femtocell) are defined by the transmission power and the antenna
- UEs
  - Constant or changing position in Cartesian (x,y,z) coordinates
  - UEs can be scheduled to change position according to the mobility model applied
  - A node can have multiple devices (e.g. one for LTE and one for WiFi)
- Buildings
  - 3D solid rectangular defined by 6 coordinates (xMin, xMax, yMin, yMax, zMin, zMax)
  - Can be considered as a grid of rooms (apartments) with constant dimensions per room
  - Not all mobility models are building-aware (devices may “walk through” buildings without explicitly rerouting them)
  - Buildings can not be visualized using the visualizer



## NETWORK LAYOUT & BUILDINGS

- LTE 3-sector macro-cell hex grid layer

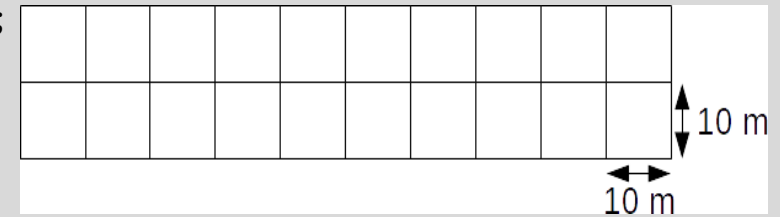
```
Ptr <LteHelper> lteHelper = CreateObject<LteHelper> ();
NodeContainer macroEnbNodes;
macroEnbNodes.Create (3);
Ptr<LteHexGridEnbTopologyHelper> lteHexGridEnbTopologyHelper = CreateObject<LteHexGridEnbTopologyHelper> ();
lteHexGridEnbTopologyHelper->SetLteHelper (lteHelper);
lteHexGridEnbTopologyHelper->SetAttribute ("InterSiteDistance", DoubleValue (500)); //500 meters
lteHexGridEnbTopologyHelper->SetAttribute ("MinX", DoubleValue (0)); //First macrocell in (x,y,z)=(0,0,30)
lteHexGridEnbTopologyHelper->SetAttribute ("GridWidth", UIntegerValue (1));
Config::SetDefault ("ns3::LteEnbPhy::TxPower", DoubleValue (46)); //46 dBm
lteHelper->SetEnbAntennaModelType ("ns3::ParabolicAntennaModel");
lteHelper->SetEnbAntennaModelAttribute ("Beamwidth", DoubleValue (70));
lteHelper->SetEnbAntennaModelAttribute ("MaxAttenuation", DoubleValue (20));
NetDeviceContainer macroEnbDevs = lteHexGridEnbTopologyHelper->SetPositionAndInstallEnbDevice (macroEnbNodes);
```



## NETWORK LAYOUT & BUILDINGS

- Building creation inspired by dual stripe scenario

```
Ptr<GridBuildingAllocator> gridBuildingAllocator = CreateObject<GridBuildingAllocator> ();
gridBuildingAllocator->SetAttribute ("GridWidth", UIntegerValue (1));
gridBuildingAllocator->SetAttribute ("LengthX", DoubleValue (10*nApartmentsX));
gridBuildingAllocator->SetAttribute ("LengthY", DoubleValue (10*nApartmentsY));
gridBuildingAllocator->SetAttribute ("Height", DoubleValue (3*nFloors));
gridBuildingAllocator->SetBuildingAttribute ("NRoomsX", UIntegerValue (nApartmentsX));
gridBuildingAllocator->SetBuildingAttribute ("NRoomsY", UIntegerValue (nApartmentsY));
gridBuildingAllocator->SetBuildingAttribute ("NFloors", UIntegerValue (nFloors));
gridBuildingAllocator->SetAttribute ("MinX", DoubleValue (box.xMin+10));
gridBuildingAllocator->SetAttribute ("MinY", DoubleValue (box.yMin+10));
BuildingContainer buildings = gridBuildingAllocator->Create (1);
Ptr<Building> building = buildings.Get(0);
building->SetBuildingType (Building::Residential);
building->SetExtWallsType (Building::ConcreteWithoutWindows );
```



# MOBILITY

- The mobility support in ns-3 includes:
  - A set of mobility models which are used to track and maintain the current cartesian position and speed of an object.
  - A “course change notifier” trace source which can be used to register listeners to the course changes of a mobility model
  - A number of helper classes which are used to place nodes and setup mobility models (including parsers for some mobility definition formats).
- The base class for coordinates, velocities and accelerations is `ns3::Vector`
- There are also some additional related structures used to support mobility models.
  - Rectangle
  - Box
  - Waypoint

## MOBILITY

- ConstantPosition
- ConstantVelocity
- ConstantAcceleration
- GaussMarkov
- Hierarchical
- RandomDirection2D
- RandomWalk2D
- RandomWaypoint
- SteadyStateRandomWaypoint
- Waypoint

## MOBILITY

- Let's create a constant velocity model

```
MobilityHelper mobility;  
mobility.SetMobilityModel ("ns3::ConstantVelocityMobilityModel");  
mobility.Install (ueNodes);  
// Set initial position at (0,0,0)  
ueNodes.Get(0) -> GetObject<MobilityModel> () -> SetPosition (Vector (0, 0, 0));  
// Set constant velocity at 1 m/s at both X and Y axis  
ueNodes.Get (0) -> GetObject<ConstantVelocityMobilityModel> () -> SetVelocity (Vector (1, 1, 0));
```

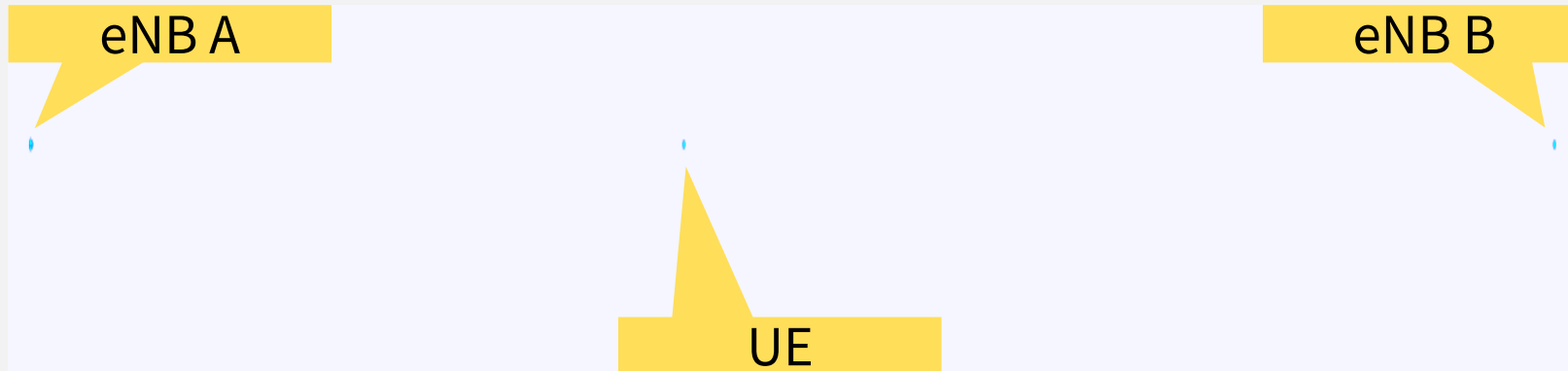
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## DISTRIBUTIONS

- Uniform through UniformRandomVariable class
- Normal through NormalRandomVariable class
- Constant through ConstantRandomVariable class
- Exponential through ExponentialRandomVariable class
- Gamma through GammaRandomVariable class
- ... and many more as documented at  
[www.nsnam.org/docs/manual/html/random-variables.html](http://www.nsnam.org/docs/manual/html/random-variables.html)

## DISTRIBUTIONS

- Example of using variables generated from a Standard Normal Distribution

```
Ptr<NormalRandomVariable> var = CreateObject<NormalRandomVariable> ();  
var>SetAttribute ("Mean", DoubleValue (0));  
var->SetAttribute ("Variance", DoubleValue (1));  
uint32_t intValue = var->GetInteger ();  
double doubleValue = var->GetValue ();
```

- Example of using variables generated from a Standard Uniform Distribution

```
Ptr<UniformRandomVariable> var = CreateObject<UniformRandomVariable> ();  
var>SetAttribute ("Min", DoubleValue (0));  
var->SetAttribute ("Max", DoubleValue (1));  
uint32_t intValue = var->GetInteger ();  
double doubleValue = var->GetValue ();
```

## HANDOVER

- LTE UE makes radio measurement in two stages: **idle** and **connected**
- In connected state mode with UE mobility, starting radio measurement and making a handover decision is done by defined condition which is called “Event”
- Handover algorithm receives measurement reports from an eNB RRC instance and tells the eNB RRC instance when to do a handover
- Only 3 handover algorithms are implemented
  - A3RsrpHandoverAlgorithm
  - A2A4RsrqHandoverAlgorithm
  - NoOpHandoverAlgorithm

## HANDOVER

- A2A4 RSRQ handover algorithm (2 events)
  - A2: serving cell's RSRQ becomes worse than threshold
  - A4: a neighboring cell's RSRQ is higher than the serving cell's RSRQ by a certain offset

```
IteHelper->SetHandoverAlgorithmType ("ns3::A2A4RsrqHandoverAlgorithm");  
IteHelper->SetHandoverAlgorithmAttribute ("ServingCellThreshold", UIntegerValue (30));  
IteHelper->SetHandoverAlgorithmAttribute ("NeighbourCellOffset", UIntegerValue (1));
```

## HANDOVER

- A3 RSRQ handover algorithm (1 event)
  - A3: a neighbor cell's RSRP is better than the serving cell's RSRP

```
IteHelper->SetHandoverAlgorithmType ("ns3::A3RsrpHandoverAlgorithm");  
IteHelper->SetHandoverAlgorithmAttribute ("Hysteresis", DoubleValue (3.0));  
IteHelper->SetHandoverAlgorithmAttribute ("TimeToTrigger", TimeValue (Milliseconds (256)));
```

- No Operation handover algorithm
  - No handover!!!

```
IteHelper->SetHandoverAlgorithmType ("ns3::NoOpHandoverAlgorithm");
```



## RADIO PROPAGATION MODELS

- Models propagation loss and propagation delay
- Propagation loss models calculate the Rx signal power considering the Tx signal power and the mutual Rx and Tx antennas positions
- A propagation loss model can be “chained” to another one, making a list
- The final Rx power takes into account all the chained models
- One can use a slow fading and a fast fading model (for example), or model separately different fading effects



## RADIO PROPAGATION MODELS

- FriisPropagationLossModel
- JakesPropagationLossModel
- LogDistancePropagationLossModel
- NakagamiPropagationLossModel
- OhBuildingsPropagationLossModel
- HybridBuildingsPropagationLossModel
- ... and many more as documented at  
[www.nsnam.org/docs/models/html/propagation.html](http://www.nsnam.org/docs/models/html/propagation.html)

## RADIO PROPAGATION MODELS

- Propagation in open areas

```
lteHelper->SetAttribute ("PathlossModel", StringValue  
("ns3::FriisSpectrumPropagationLossModel"));  
lteHelper->SetSchedulerType ("ns3::RrFfMacScheduler");  
lteHelper->SetHandoverAlgorithmType ("ns3::A2A4RsrqHandoverAlgorithm");  
lteHelper->SetHandoverAlgorithmAttribute ("ServingCellThreshold", UIntegerValue (30));  
lteHelper->SetHandoverAlgorithmAttribute ("NeighbourCellOffset", UIntegerValue (1));
```

## RADIO PROPAGATION MODELS

- Propagation in urban areas

```
Ptr <LteHelper> lteHelper = CreateObject<LteHelper> ();  
lteHelper->SetAttribute ("PathlossModel", StringValue ("ns3::HybridBuildingsPropagationLossModel"));  
lteHelper->SetPathlossModelAttribute ("ShadowSigmaExtWalls", DoubleValue (0));  
lteHelper->SetPathlossModelAttribute ("ShadowSigmaOutdoor", DoubleValue (1));  
lteHelper->SetPathlossModelAttribute ("ShadowSigmaIndoor", DoubleValue (1.5));  
lteHelper->SetPathlossModelAttribute ("Los2NlosThr", DoubleValue (1e6));  
lteHelper->SetSpectrumChannelType ("ns3::MultiModelSpectrumChannel");
```

## TRAFFIC MODELS

- Manage and manipulate the transmission of packets
- A traffic model sits in between the network devices and any network protocol (e.g. IP)
- In charge of processing packets and performing actions on them
- Scheduling, dropping, marking, policing, etc.
- Both IN (Rx) and OUT (Tx) directions can be managed

## TRAFFIC MODELS

- QueueDisc (Queue disciplines)
- RedQueueDisc (Random Early Detection queue discipline)
- FifoQueueDisc (FIFO queue)
- PfifoFastQueueDisc (3-band FIFO queue)
- PrioQueueDisc (Priority queue disc)
- MqQueueDisc (Multi-queue disc)
- ... and many more as documented at  
[www.nsnam.org/doxygen/group\\_\\_traffic-control.html](http://www.nsnam.org/doxygen/group__traffic-control.html)

## TRAFFIC MODELS

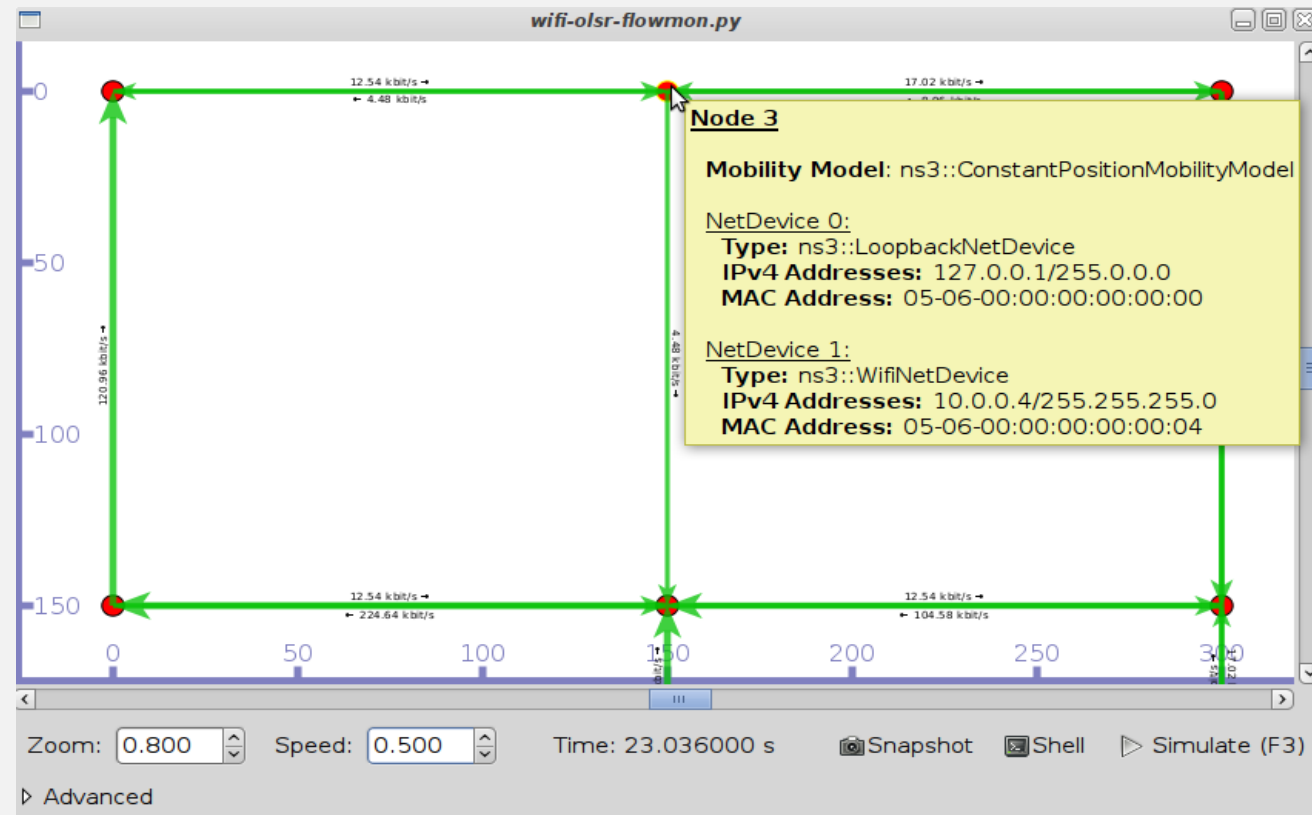
- Let's install RedQueueDisc traffic on a device

```
TrafficControlHelper tch;  
tch.SetRootQueueDisc ("ns3::RedQueueDisc");  
QueueDiscContainer qdiscs = tch.Install (devices);  
Ptr<QueueDisc> q = qdiscs.Get (1);  
q ->TraceConnectWithoutContext ("PacketsInQueue", MakeCallback (&TcPacketsInQueueTrace));  
Config::ConnectWithoutContext  
("/NodeList/1/$ns3::TrafficControlLayer/RootQueueDiscList/0/SojournTime",  
MakeCallback (&SojournTimeTrace));  
Ptr<NetDevice> nd = devices.Get (0);  
Ptr<PointToPointNetDevice> ptpnd = DynamicCast<PointToPointNetDevice> (nd);  
Ptr<Queue<Packet> > queue = ptpnd->GetQueue ();  
queue->TraceConnectWithoutContext ("PacketsInQueue", MakeCallback (&DevicePacketsInQueueTrace));
```

## VISUALIZER

- NS-3 PyViz is a live simulation visualizer integrated into NS-3 since v3.10
- It uses no trace files and can be most useful for debugging purposes, i.e. to figure out if mobility models are what you expect, where packets are being dropped, etc.
- Built-in interactive python console that can be used to debug the state of the running objects
- Works both with Python and pure C++ simulations
- LTE devices do not support visualizer yet
- Visualizer can not be used with simulations that require emulation (EmuNetDevice, TapNetDevice) or real-time scheduler (RealTimeSimulator)

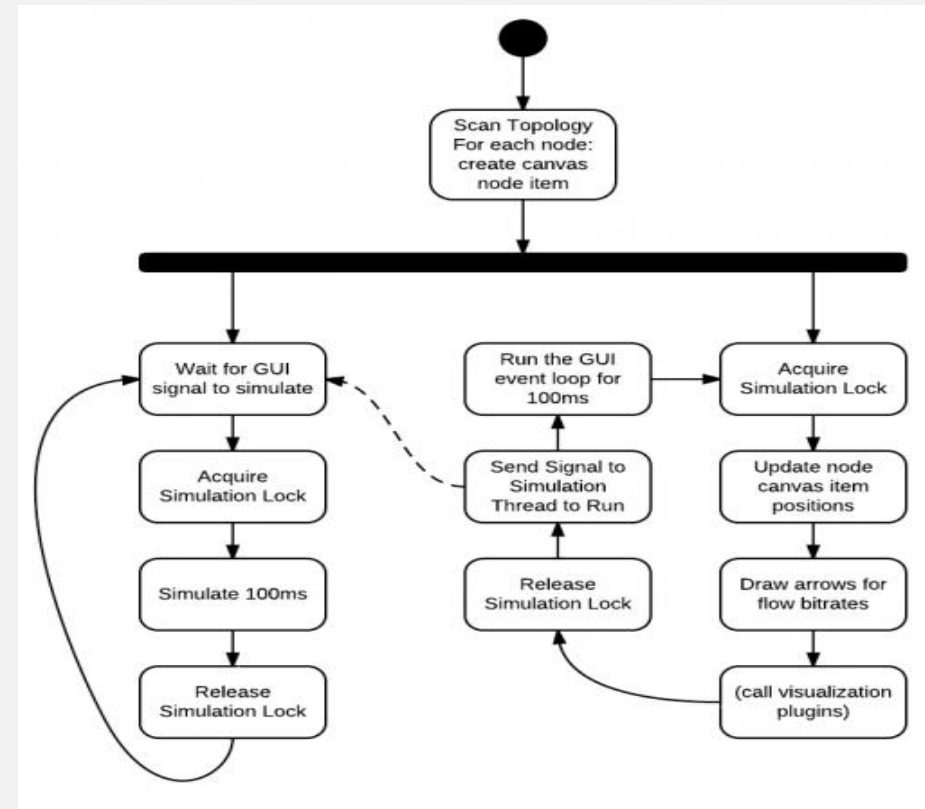
# VISUALIZER





# VISUALIZER

- PyViz runs two threads:
  - In the main thread, the GUI is kept updated
  - In a separate thread the simulation is run
  - Updates happen in slices of 100 ms



## REFERENCES

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