**How to Frame It for Maximum Marks**

1. **Present the Problem Clearly:  
   “Traditional sensor placement treats each room in isolation. In contrast, real smart buildings have shared infrastructure and overlapping zones.”**
2. **Define the Novel Objective:  
   “We optimize sensor placement for full building coverage while minimizing cost, redundancy, and energy — allowing some rooms to be sensor-free if covered indirectly.”**
3. **Make It Visual:**
   * **Use your SVG room layouts to show:**
     + **Overlapping sensor coverage**
     + **Sensor field range**
     + **Coverage gaps and optimization steps**
4. **Use Real Constraints**:
   * Budget (limit total sensors)
   * Minimum sensing accuracy
   * Critical rooms (e.g. kitchens, bathrooms) **must** have certain sensors

**narrowing it to sensors that are commonly (or practically) deployed across *all units* in a building allows you to focus your sensor placement strategy on scalable, building-wide applications. Below is a refined and comprehensive list, categorized by placement (ceiling or floor), with realistic usage across multiple or all units, and inclusion of additional viable sensor types that support smart building management, occupant comfort, and safety.**

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| **✅ FINAL CURATED LIST: *“Non-LOS, Broad-Coverage Ceiling/Floor Sensors”***  These are ideal for **PSO optimization across an entire building** grid — they can be placed flexibly without per-room restrictions.  **🟨 Ceiling-Based Sensors – Not Location-Sensitive**   | **Sensor** | **Why It Qualifies** | | --- | --- | | 🌡️ **Temperature & Humidity Sensor** | Air naturally equalizes in zones; doesn't need precise placement. | | 💨 **CO₂ / Air Quality Sensor** | Can be placed near return vents or shared space ceilings — air mixes across rooms. | | 💡 **Ambient Light Sensor** | Responds to lighting conditions, useful near windows/hallways. Not strict in placement. | | 📶 **BLE / WiFi Beacon Locator** | Signals travel through walls; useful for indoor localization. | | 🔊 **Ambient Acoustics Classifier** | Picks up broad-spectrum events (alarms, cries). Can cover adjacent rooms. | | 🧴 **VOC Sensor** | Airborne chemicals travel — useful anywhere near shared air zones. | | 🧯 **Smoke / Fire Detector** | Mandatory, placement is per fire code but generally flexible per ceiling grid. | | 🌪️ **Barometric Pressure Sensor** | Detects pressure changes, flexible placement for HVAC tracking. | | 🦠 **Particulate Matter Sensor (PM2.5/10)** | Measures air quality passively, works zone-wide. | | 🧼 **Filter Status Sensor (HVAC)** | For return vents, but placement is grid-mappable. | | 🔗 **Mesh Relay Nodes (Zigbee/Thread)** | Positioning is flexible and can be optimized for signal mesh. | | 📶 **WiFi RSSI Mapping Nodes** | Tracks movement and interference using existing RF patterns. Works through walls. | | 🎧 **Subsonic Frequency Listener** | Picks up low-frequency sounds (vibration/hums), ideal for structural sensing. | | 🧠 **Cognitive Load Estimator** | Uses aggregated CO₂ and sound data — ideal for large rooms or WFH spaces. | | 🚦 **Network Congestion Sensor** | Works via passive sniffing — wall/ceiling flexible. |   **🟦 Floor-Based Sensors – Flexible & Indirect**   | **Sensor** | **Why It Qualifies** | | --- | --- | | 📈 **Vibration Sensor** | Can detect foot traffic, appliances, structural shifts — broad and low-cost. | | 🚰 **Ultrasonic Flow Meter** | Installed on plumbing, but not location-sensitive in-room. | | 🌡️ **Thermal Gradient Sensor** | Detects heat flux across zones — applicable anywhere on floor surface. | | 📉 **Power Line Voltage Monitor** | Often central per unit, but placement doesn't restrict optimization. | |  |  |