

PROJECT GROUP #7

FIELD-SENSITIVE ADAPTIVE ENCRYPTION FOR DIGITAL TWIN SYSTEMS

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- Digital Twin (DT) technology provides real-time monitoring and optimization in IoT systems.
- Security of DT data streams is critical since compromised data leads to incorrect predictions.
- Traditional encryption methods are often too heavy for resource-constrained IoT devices.
- There is a need for lightweight, adaptive, and fine-grained security mechanisms.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

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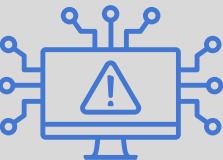
Existing encryption schemes impose high computational and latency overheads.



Today's approach rely on static policies.



Sensitive and Non-Sensitive data are treated equally.



Digital-twin environment prone to multilayer threats

PROPOSED SOLUTION

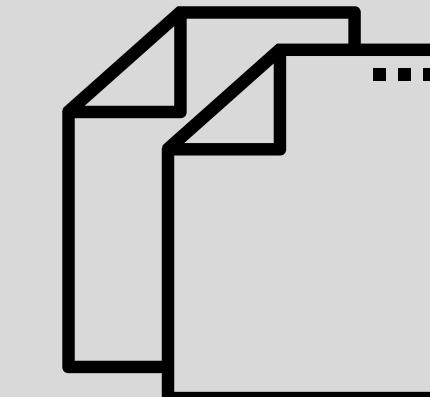
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**Selective
Protection**



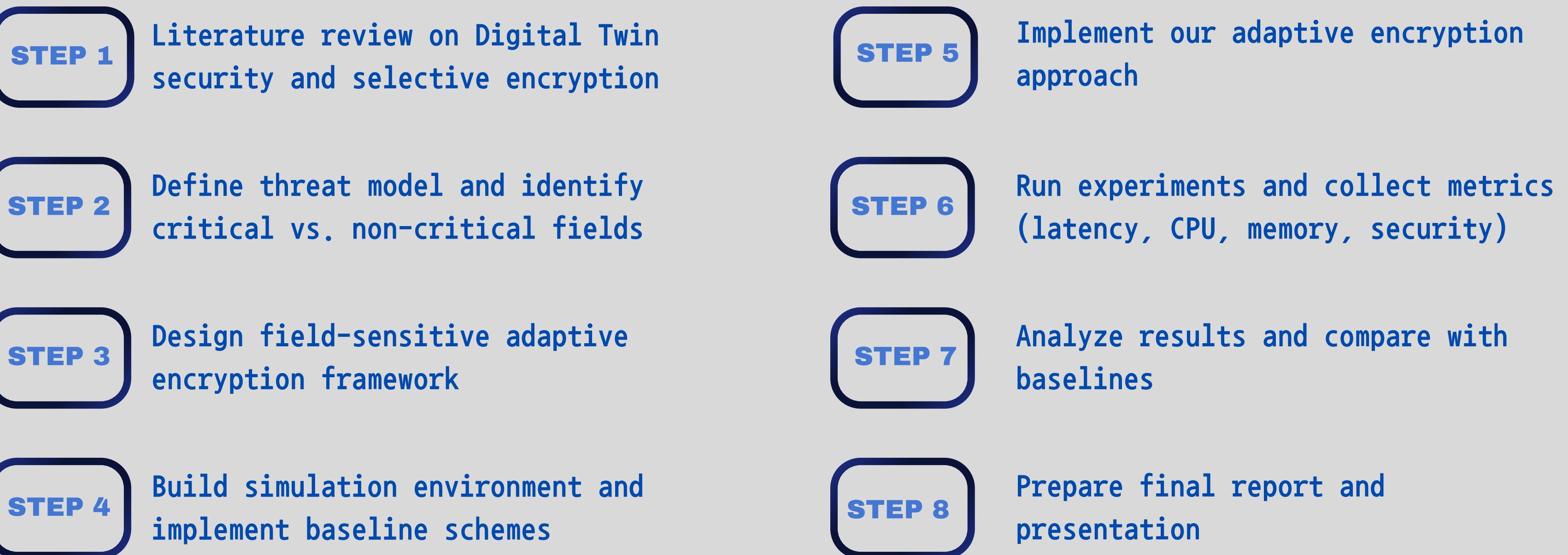
**Field
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Encryption**



**Adaptive
selector**

PROJECT WORKFLOW

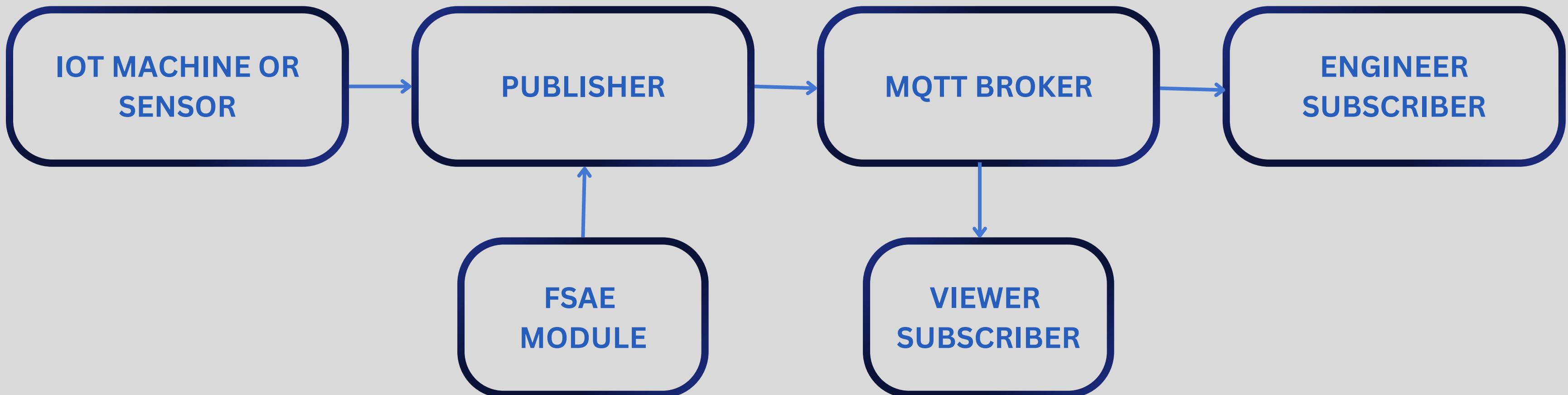
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- Provide strong_per-field confidentiality and integrity using AES-256-GCM for sensitive fields.
- Make encryption context-aware, adapting to network risk, user role and event state at runtime.
- Keep the system real-time friendly, adding sub-millisecond latency with no loss in throughput.
- Enforce least-privilege views, so different subscribers see only the data they're allowed to see.
- Remain easy_to_integrate, as a drop-in component for existing JSON/MQTT digital-twin pipelines.

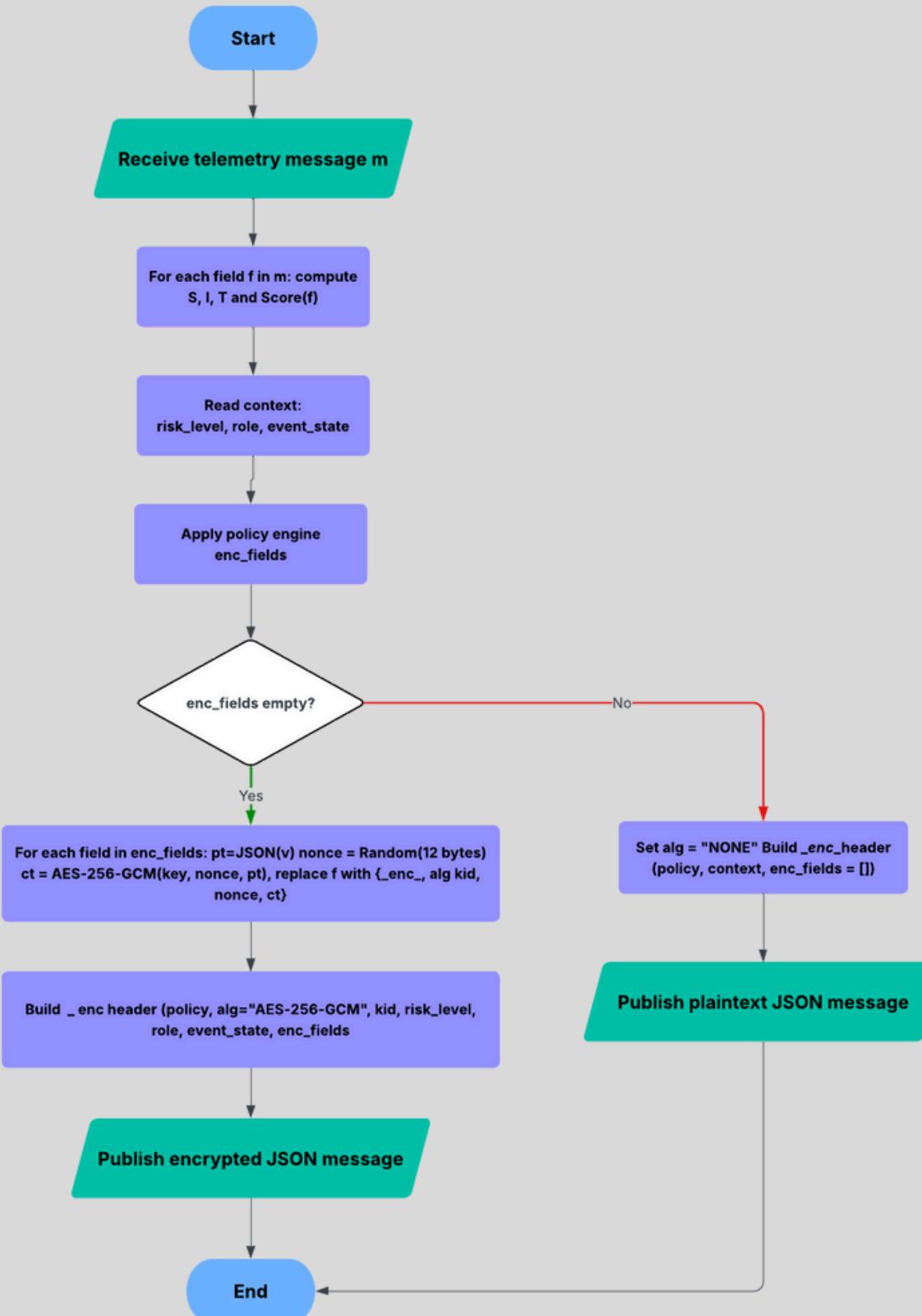
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IMPLEMENTATION AND SETUP

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`publisher.py` - generates telemetry, calls DFSE, publishes via MQTT

`policy.py` - S - I - T config + context rules

`subscriber_engineer.py` - role-based views

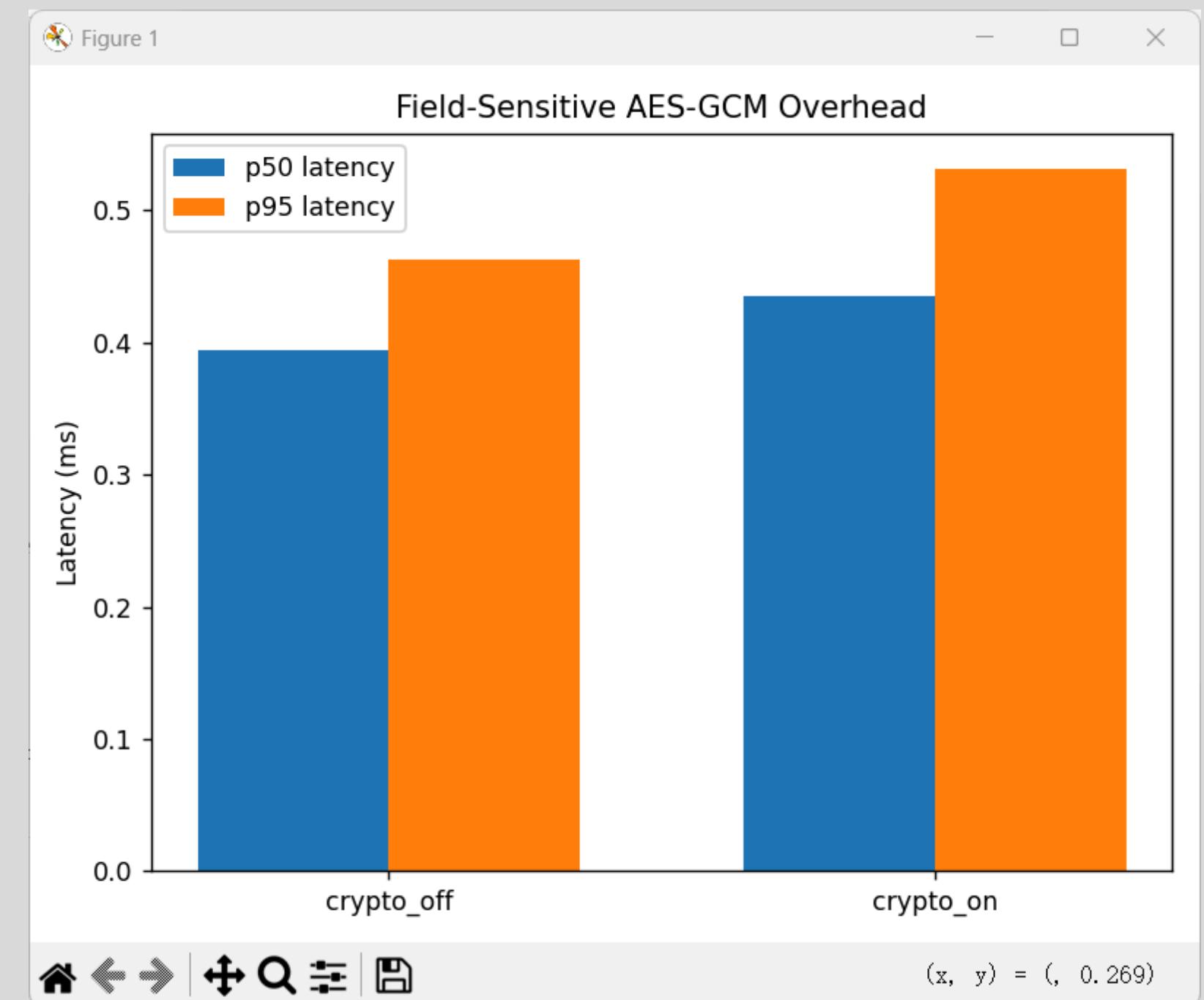
`dashboard.py` - simple console

- Compare two modes: `crypto_off` (no encryption, `alg = NONE`) vs `crypto_on` (DFSE with AES-256-GCM on selected fields).
- Generate telemetry at a fixed rate (2 messages/sec) and run each mode for a 10-second window.
- Measure and log p50 latency, p95 latency, and messages/sec in the subscriber; stats are printed at the bottom of the terminal every 10 seconds (as shown in screenshots).
- Use these logs to quantify the extra latency and throughput impact introduced by DFSE.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

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- Latency impact is tiny
- Tail latency stays under control
- Throughput is unchanged
- Noise-level overhead
- Security vs performance trade-off is excellent
- FSE satisfies digital-twin timing constraints without requiring hardware acceleration or protocol changes.



CONCLUSION

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- FSE adds context-aware, per-field AES-256-GCM on top of existing JSON/MQTT telemetry.
- Encryption decisions adapt to field risk + runtime context (network, role, event state).
- Measurements show sub-millisecond extra latency with no loss in message throughput.
- Role-based subscribers can perform partial decryption, enabling different views from the same encrypted stream.

- Run hardware-in-the-loop experiments on real IoT gateways and industrial PLC/edge devices.
- Extend the policy engine with per-tenant / per-production-line rules and finer-grained masking.
- Integrate with central key management / HSM for key rotation and auditability.
- Explore higher message rates and multi-topic deployments to evaluate scalability in larger digital-twin systems.

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