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# Architectures et protocoles de communication pour la collecte des données environnementales

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# Team identity

## issues

Network design  
Deployment  
Performance analysis  
Dimensioning  
Inter-networking  
Coverage  
Scalability

## metrics

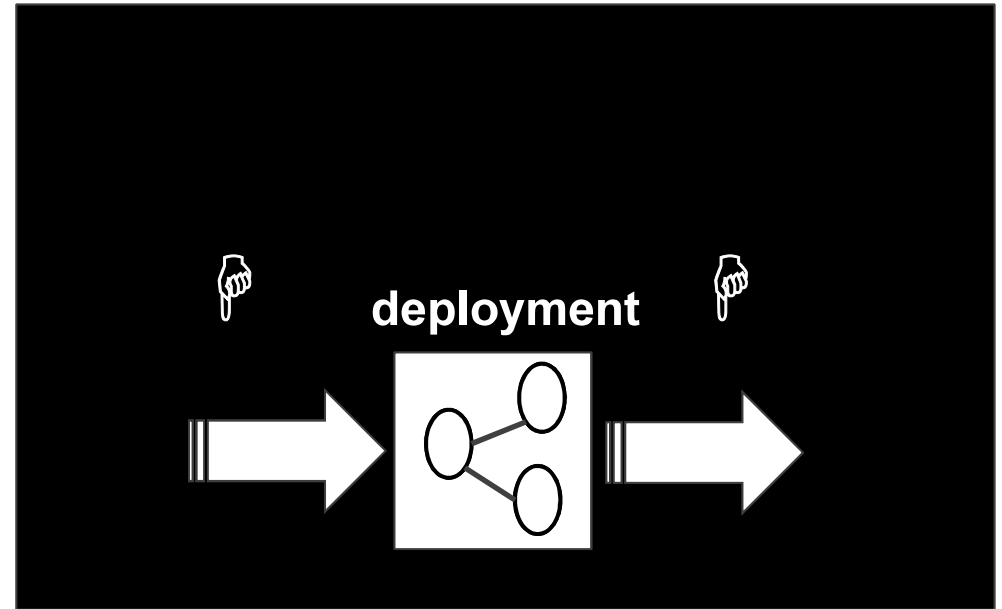
Packet Delivery Ratio  
Latency  
Energy efficiency  
... QoS

## solutions

Architectures  
Protocols  
Algorithms  
Mechanisms  
Strategies

## domains

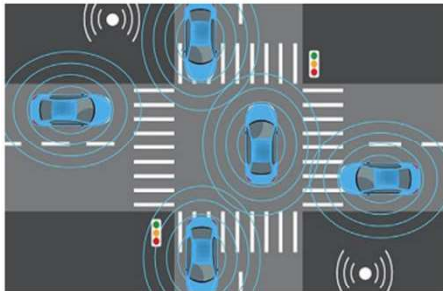
Smart Cities  
Environment  
Smart grid  
*Monitoring\**





# ***APPLICATIONS***

# LPWAN Applications



# Application requirement priorities and characteristics

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Capacity             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unidirectional, Bidirectional, Half/Full</li><li>• Scalability</li><li>• Data rate support, reliability</li></ul> |
| Coverage             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outdoor/indoor</li><li>• Urban/rural areas</li><li>• Underground, underwater, through walls</li></ul>             |
| Consumption          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Energy efficiency</li><li>• Battery life</li><li>• Latency</li></ul>  |
| Cost                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Device cost</li><li>• Network cost</li><li>• Scalability</li></ul>  |
| Additional specifics | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Application-specific requirements</li><li>• Deployment scenarios</li></ul>  |

# Factors Influencing Sensor Network Design

- ❖ *Fault Tolerance (Reliability)*
- ❖ *Scalability*
- ❖ *Production Costs*
- ❖ *Hardware Constraints*
- ❖ *Sensor Network Topology*
- ❖ *Operating Environment (Applications)*
- ❖ *Transmission Media*
- ❖ *Power Consumption (Lifetime)*

# Design considerations

- ❖ *Traffic characteristics*
- ❖ *Capacity and densification*
- ❖ *Energy-efficient operations and low-power sources*
- ❖ *Coverage*
- ❖ *Localization*
- ❖ *Security and privacy*
- ❖ *Reduced device hardware complexity*
- ❖ *Range of solutions options*
- ❖ *Operations, interrelationships, and interworking*



# ***Technologies***



# Technological context

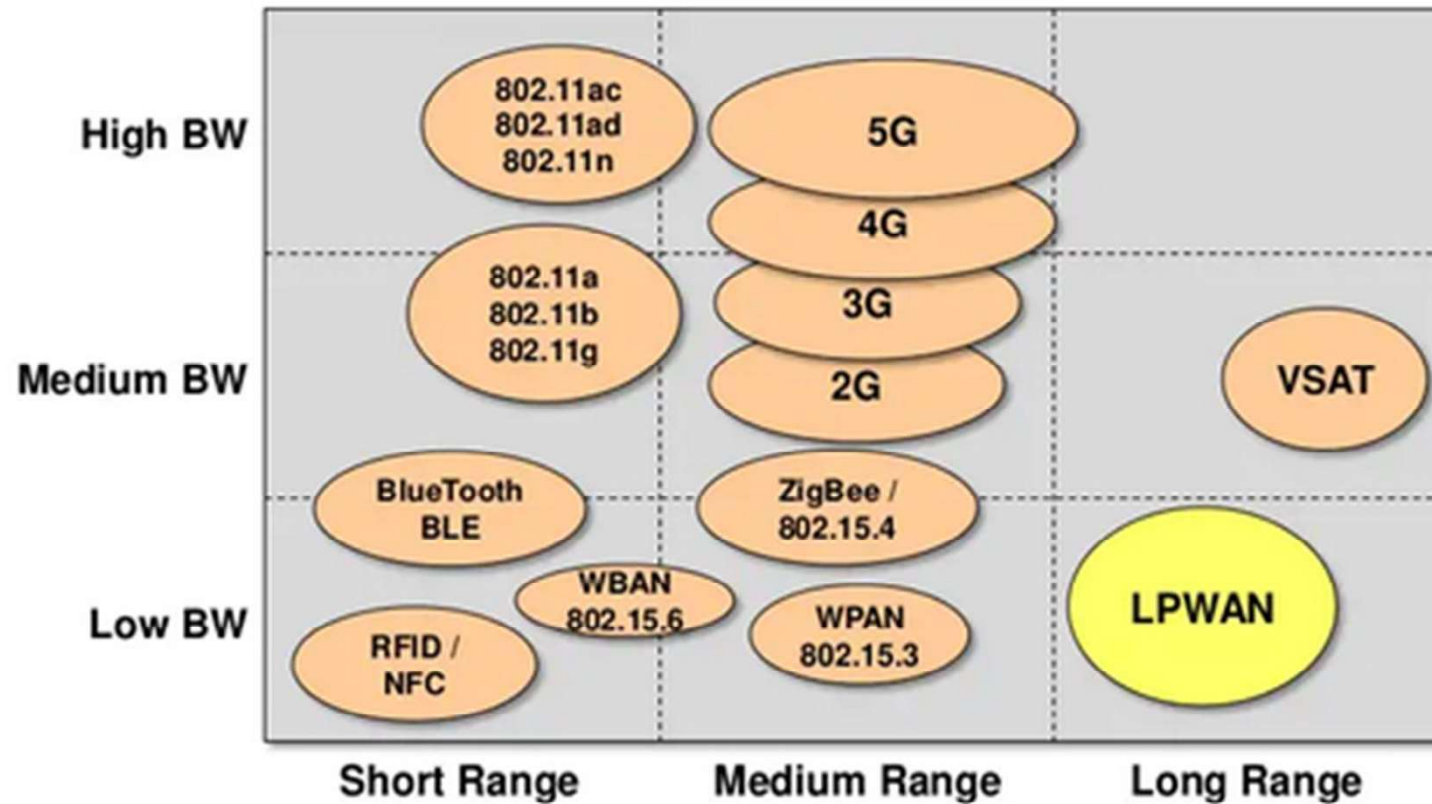
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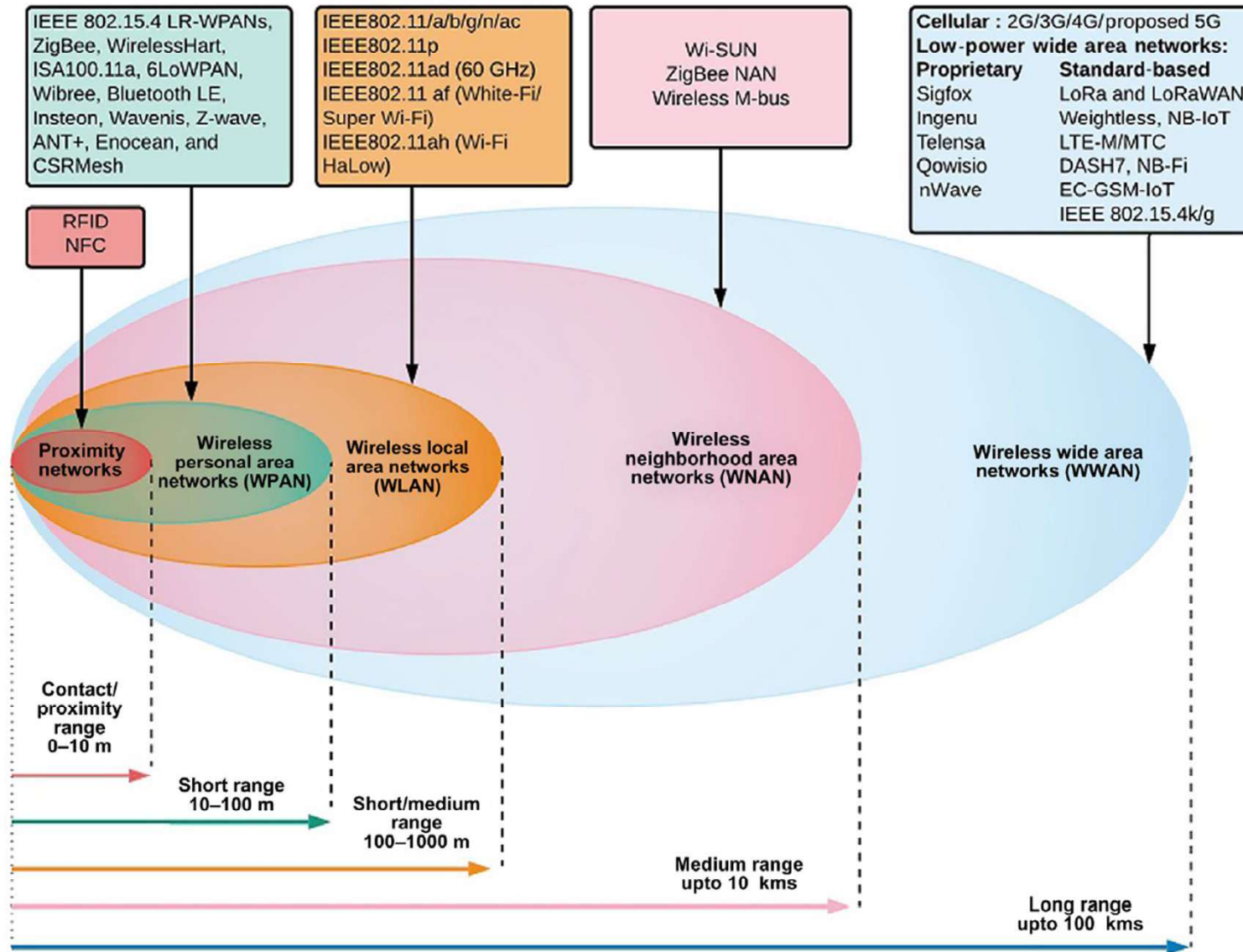
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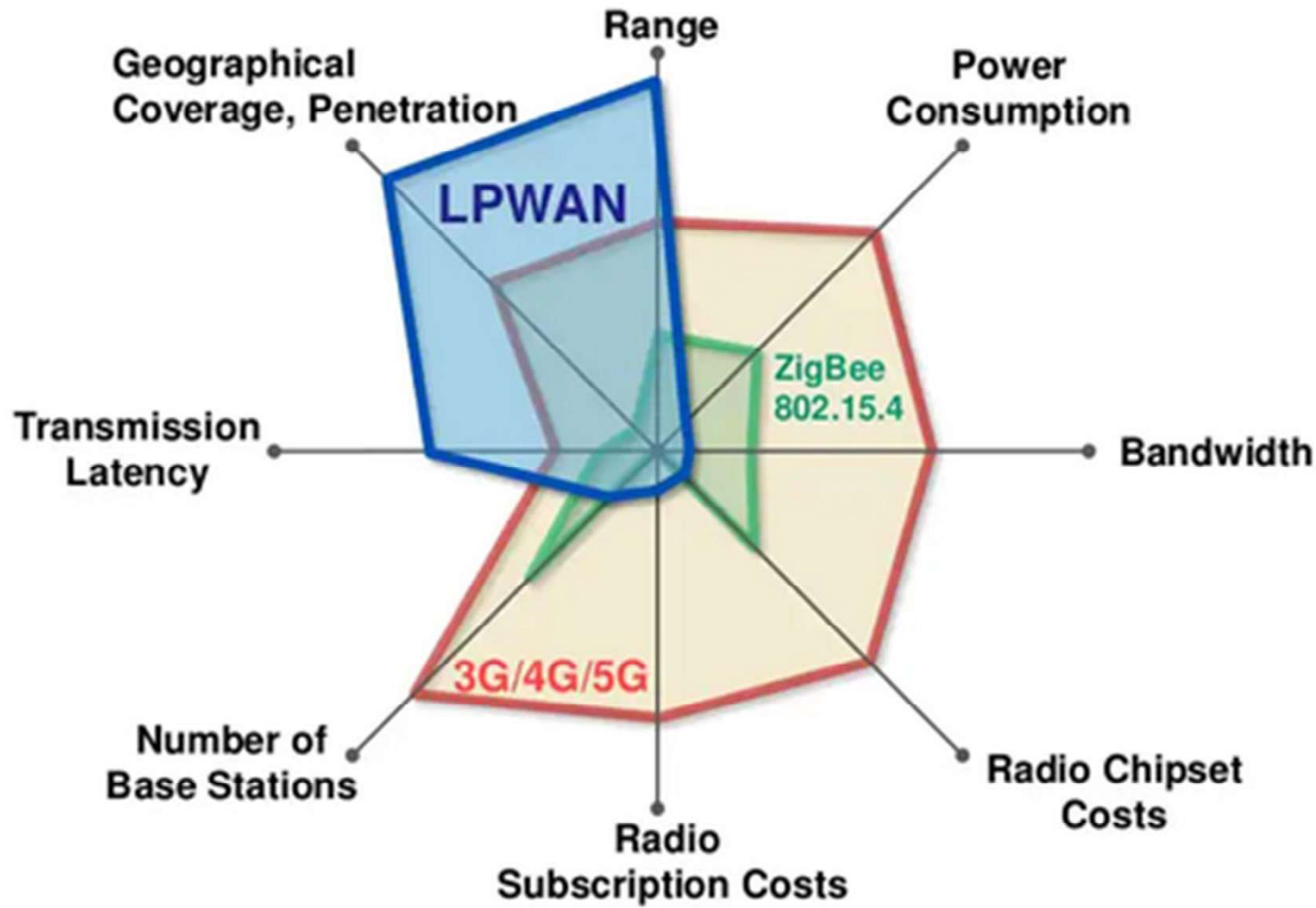
# Technological context



# Wireless access geographic coverage



# Comparison



# Comparison

| Technology                     | 802.11ah           | WLAN              | ZigBee            | LTEM                    | Sigfox & other UNB      | LoRa®                      |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Sensitivity</b>             | -106 dBm           | -92 dBm           | -100 dBm          | -117 dBm                | -126 dBm                | -136 dBm                   |
| <b>Link Budget</b>             | 126 dB             | 112 dB            | 108 dB            | 147 dB                  | 146 dB                  | 150 dB                     |
| Range<br>(I=Indoor, O=Outdoor) | O: 700m<br>I: 100m | O: 200m<br>I: 30m | O: 150m<br>I: 30m | 2km urban<br>20km rural | 2km urban<br>20km rural | 5km urban<br>15km rural    |
| <b>Data rate</b>               | 100 kbps           | 6 Mbps            | 250 kbps          | 1 Mbps                  | 600 bps                 | 300 bps<br>to 10 kbps      |
| Tx current<br>consumption      | 300 mA<br>20 dBm   | 350 mA<br>20 dBm  | 35 mA<br>8 dBm    | 800 mA<br>30 dBm        | 120 mA<br>20 dBm        | 39 - 124 mA<br>14 - 20 dBm |
| Standby current                | NC                 | NC                | 0.003mA           | 3.5mA                   | 0.001mA                 | 0.001mA                    |
| RX current                     | 50 mA              | 70 mA             | 26 mA             | 50 mA                   | 10mA                    | 14 mA                      |
| Battery life<br>2000mAh        |                    |                   |                   | 18 months               | 90 months               | 105 months                 |
| Localization                   | no                 | <1m               | no                | 200m                    | no                      | 10m                        |
| Interference<br>Immunity       | moderate           | moderate          | bad               | moderate                | bad                     | good                       |

# Proprietary and standards-based solutions

## ❖ *Proprietary technologies*

- ❖ *Sigfox*
- ❖ *Ingenu*
- ❖ *Telensa*
- ❖ *Qowisio*
- ❖ *Nwave*

## ❖ *Standards-based technologies*

- ❖ *LoRa and LoRaWAN*
- ❖ *Weightless*
- ❖ *Narrowband Internet of things*
- ❖ *LTE-M*
- ❖ *DASH7*
- ❖ *NB-Fi*
- ❖ *Enhanced coverage global system for mobile Internet of things (EC-GSM-IoT)*
- ❖ *IEEE 802.15.4k*
- ❖ *IEEE 802.15.4g*



# Proprietary and standards-based solutions

|           | Short-range network |                     |           | LPWAN   |         |                        |                    |
|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|---------|---------|------------------------|--------------------|
|           | BLE                 | ZigBee              | Wi-Fi     | LoRa    | Sigfox  | NB-IoT                 | LTE Cat-M1         |
| Frequency | 2.4 GHz             | Sub-GHz/<br>2.4 GHz | 2.4/5 GHz | Sub-GHz | Sub-GHz | Licensed GSM/LTE bands | Licensed LTE bands |
| ISM       | Yes                 | Yes                 | Yes       | Yes     | Yes     | No                     | No                 |
| Range     | 100–400 m           | 100 m               | 50 m      | 15 km   | 50 km   | 15 km                  | 11 km              |
| Data rate | <25 Mbps            | 250 kbps            | 600 Mbps  | 50 kbps | 1 kbps  | 250 kbps               | 1 Mbps             |
| Power     | Low                 | Low                 | High      | Low     | Low     | Low                    | Low                |

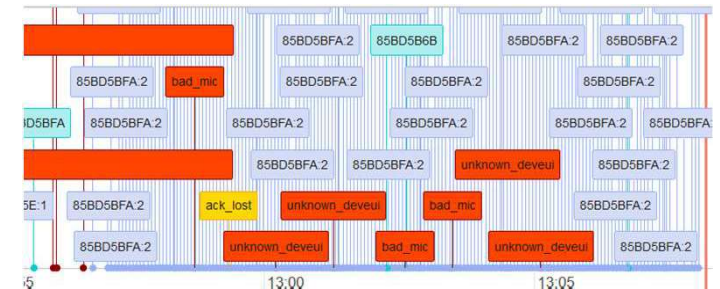
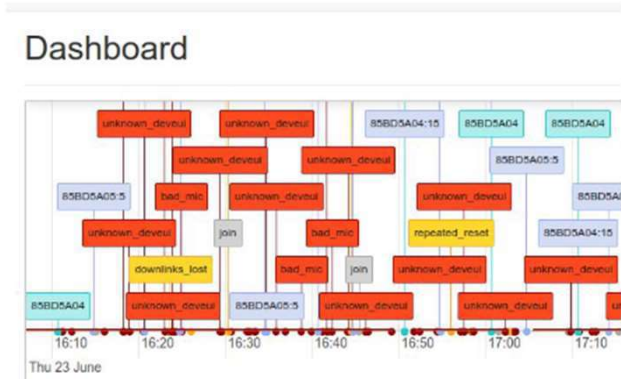
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! Duty-Cycle  
0,1 – 1 %





# Implementation factors

| LPWAN technology | Coverage   | Alliances and standards           | Commercial devices availability |
|------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| LoRa             | Private/some countries of Europe, America, Asia, Oceania, and Africa | LoRa Alliance ETSI LTN            | Very high                       |
| SigFox           | Europe, America, Australia, and areas of Africa and Asia             | ETSI LTN                          | Very high                       |
| NB-IoT           | Europe, North America, Brazil, Argentina, Russia, China, and Oceania | 3GPP                              | High                            |
| LTE-CatM         | Europe, North America, Brazil, Argentina, Russia, China, and Oceania | 3GPP                              | High                            |
| SNOW             | —  | —                                 | Very low                        |
| Weightless       | Private  | Weightless Special Interest group | Low                             |
| Ingenu-RPMA      | United States, China, South Africa, and Italy                        | Wi-SUN Alliance IEEE 802.15.4k,g  | Very low                        |
| Telensa          | —  | ETSI LTN                          | Low                             |
| GSM-IoT          | Global (GSM coverage)  | EC-GSM-IoT Group 3GPP             | Low                             |
| Wi-SUN           | Private  | IEEE 802.15.4k                    | Low                             |
| DASH7            | Private  | DASH7 Alliance                    | Moderate                        |
| IQRF             | Private  | IQRF Alliance                     | Low                             |
| MIOTY            | Private  | —                                 | Low                             |

# More capabilities!

| LPWAN technology | Remote firmware updating score (1 = worst, 5 = best) | Location services score (1 = worst, 5 = best) | IP support     | Roaming support |
|------------------|--|---|----------------|-----------------|
| LoRa             | 2  | 3   | Under research | Under research  |
| SigFox           | 3  | 5   | Under research | Yes             |
| NB-IoT           | 3  | 3   | Under research | Under research  |
| LTE-CatM         | 5  | 3   | Yes            | Under research  |
| SNOW             | 1  | 2   | No             | —               |
| Weightless       | 5  | 2   | No             | Yes             |
| Ingenu-RPMA      | 4  | 2   | Yes            | No              |
| Telensa          | 1  | 1   | No             | —               |
| GSM-IoT          | 1  | 3   | No             | Under research  |
| Wi-SUN           | 5  | 3   | No             | Yes             |
| DASH7            | 5  | 3   | No             | Yes             |
| IQRF             | 5  | 2   | No             | Yes             |
| MIOTY            | 3  | 1   | No             | —               |



# *LoRa & LoRaWAN*

# LoRaWAN

- LoRa network

- is a **LPWAN** (Low Power Wide Area Network) like SigFox,
- technology acquired by Semtech in 2012,
- LoRa is mostly a layer 1 (OSI stack) ranging from 169MHz to 1GHz,
- Mostly known implementation focus on the 433/868MHz (ISM) frequency,
- Chirp spread spectrum (CSS) modulation (FHSS for ZibBee and BT),
- enables point to multi-points networks,
- LoRa modules available (like RFM95W with a 20dBm PA),
- LoRaWAN is (OSI) uppers layers,
- Bouygues, Orange and others have deployed LoRaWAN by the end of 2017.

*TTN indoor gateway*



*[2020] Helctec Cube Cell, LoRaWAN  
arduino compatible board*

# LoRaWAN

- LoRa network (cont'd)
  - Max. 50kbps,
  - App. payload up to 222 bytes,
  - 125 to 250kHz bandwidth,
  - 1% & 10% duty-cycle @ 868MHz,
  - LoRaWAN server @ base station,
  - LoRaWAN manages data-rate AND power of each end-device, (Adaptative Data Rate –ADR)
  - Allow Private Network

<https://www.lora-alliance.org>

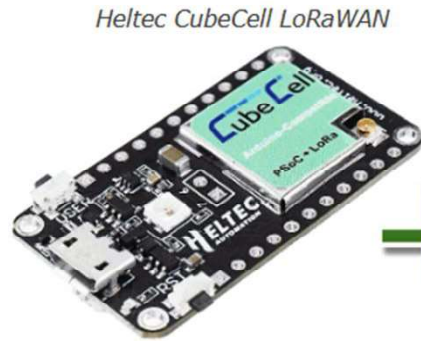


BSFrance LoRaM3-D L151 / STM32 + OLED + LiPo + SX1276

# LoRaWAN Devices



RN2483 - MICROCHIP



Heltec CubeCell LoRaWAN

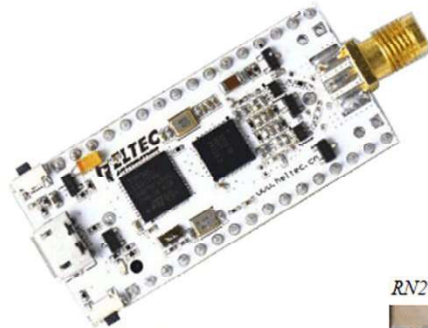
e.g Ecolab's -80°C fridges



Heltec ESP32 based LoRaWAN



RaspberryPi LoRaWAN HAT  
(includes GPS)



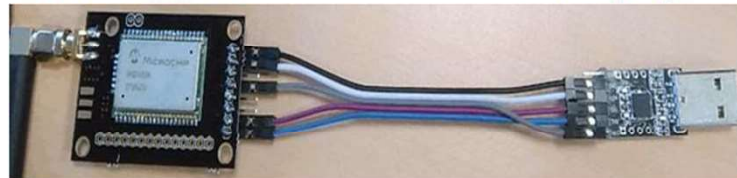
Heltec LoRaWAN



LoRa-E5  
(stm32WL55 based)

Need help designing your solution ?  
ask the LoRaWAN multi labs design team :)  
JL.Druilhe, M.Train, R.Kacimi & F.Thiebolt

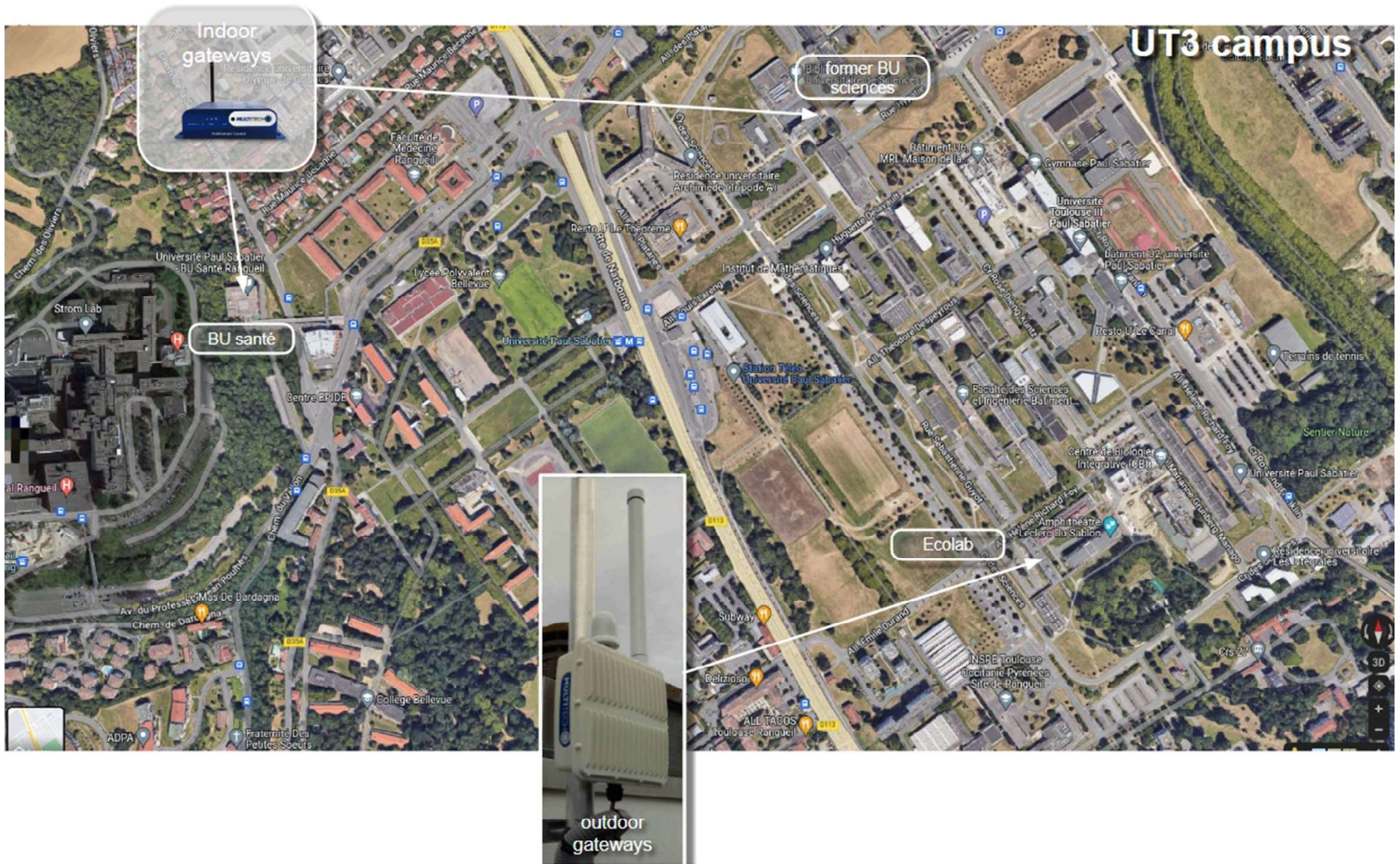
RN2483A + breakout-board



USB to serial adapter

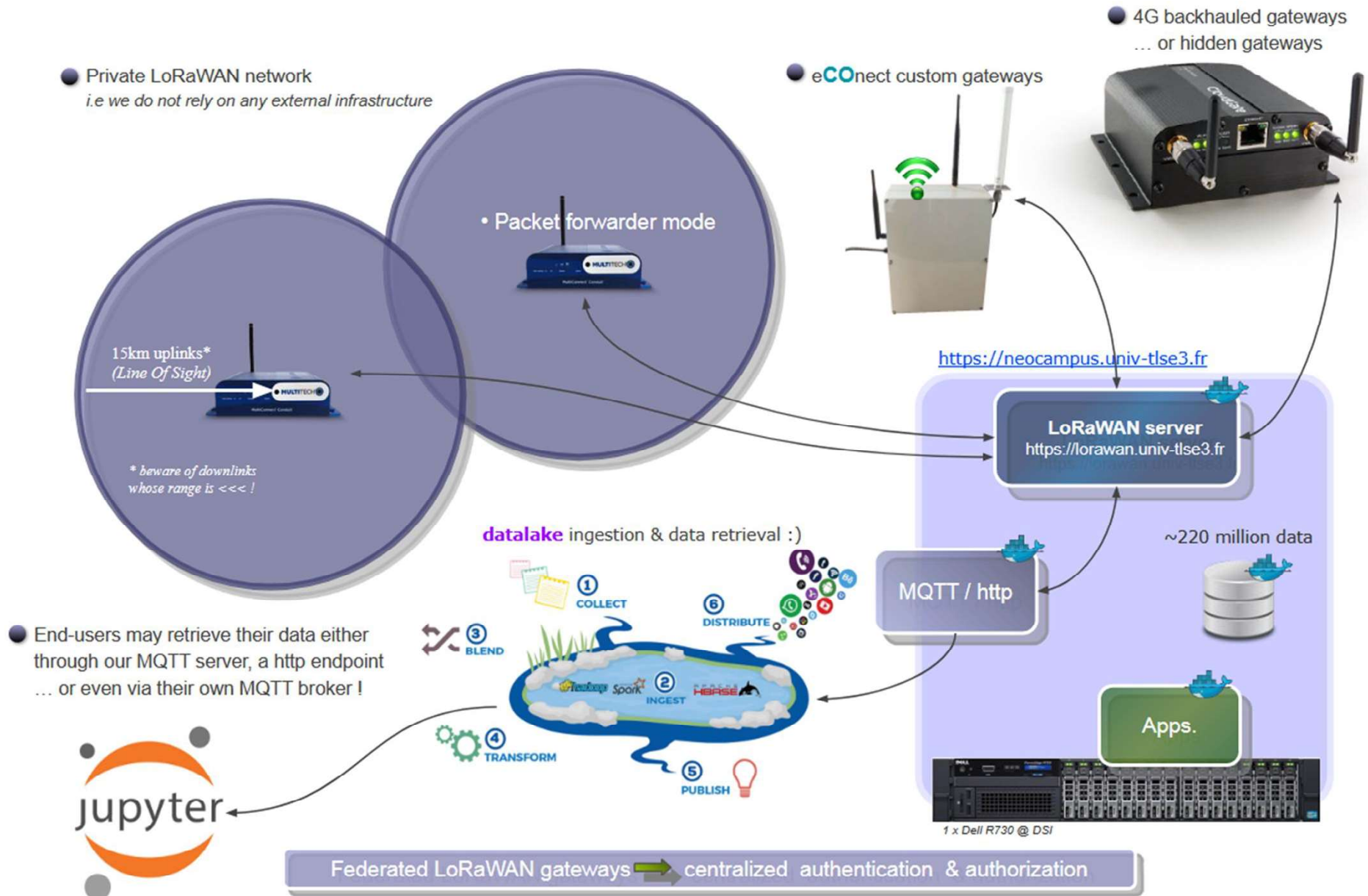


# UT3 LoRaWAN Infrastructure





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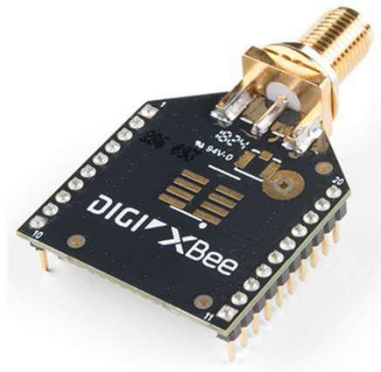






**ZigBee**

# ZigBee



**DIGI XBEE 3  
ZIGBEE 3.0**

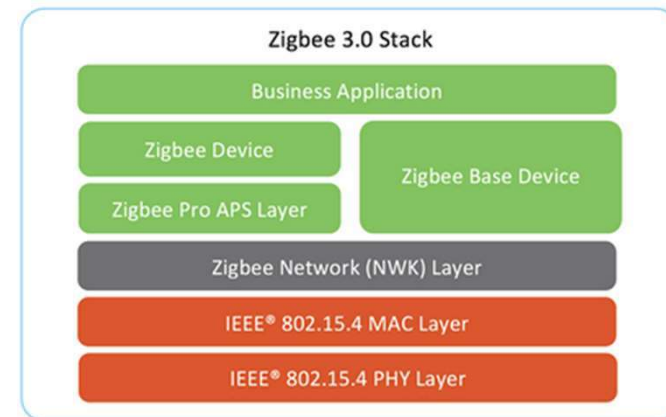
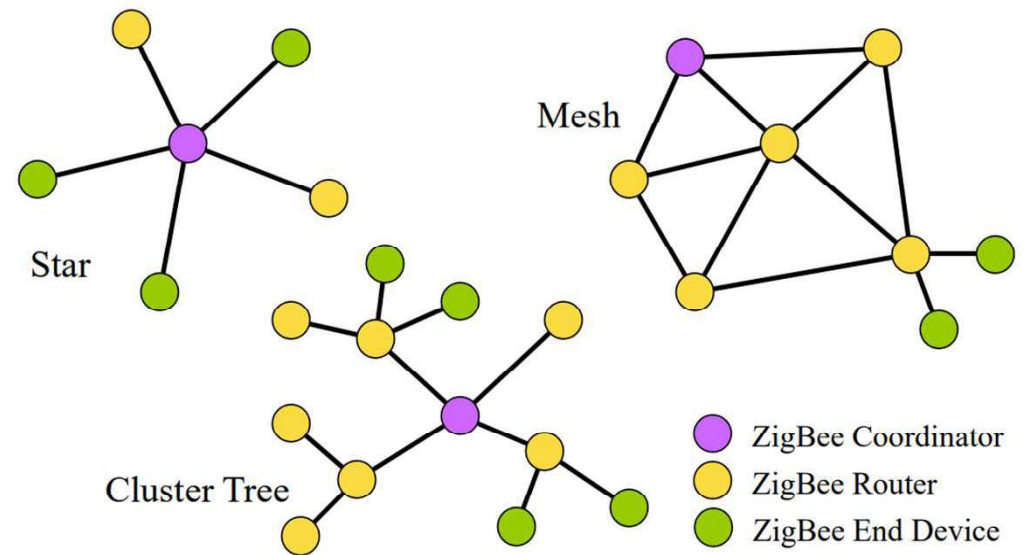
**Bande 2.4 GHz**

**Débit 250 Kbps**

**Délai 5 ms**

**Portée ~100-3200 m**

**Topologie Star, Tree, Mesh**

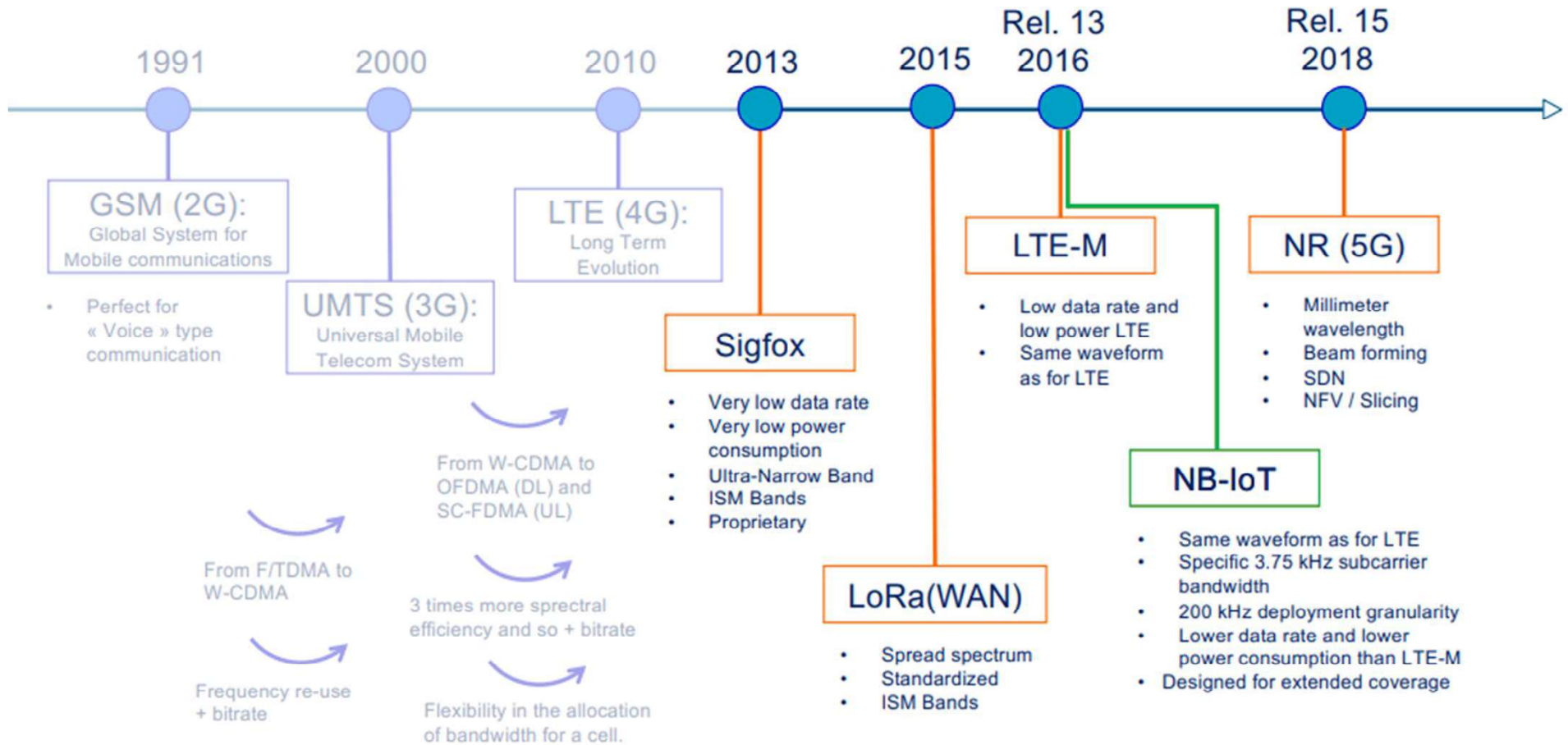




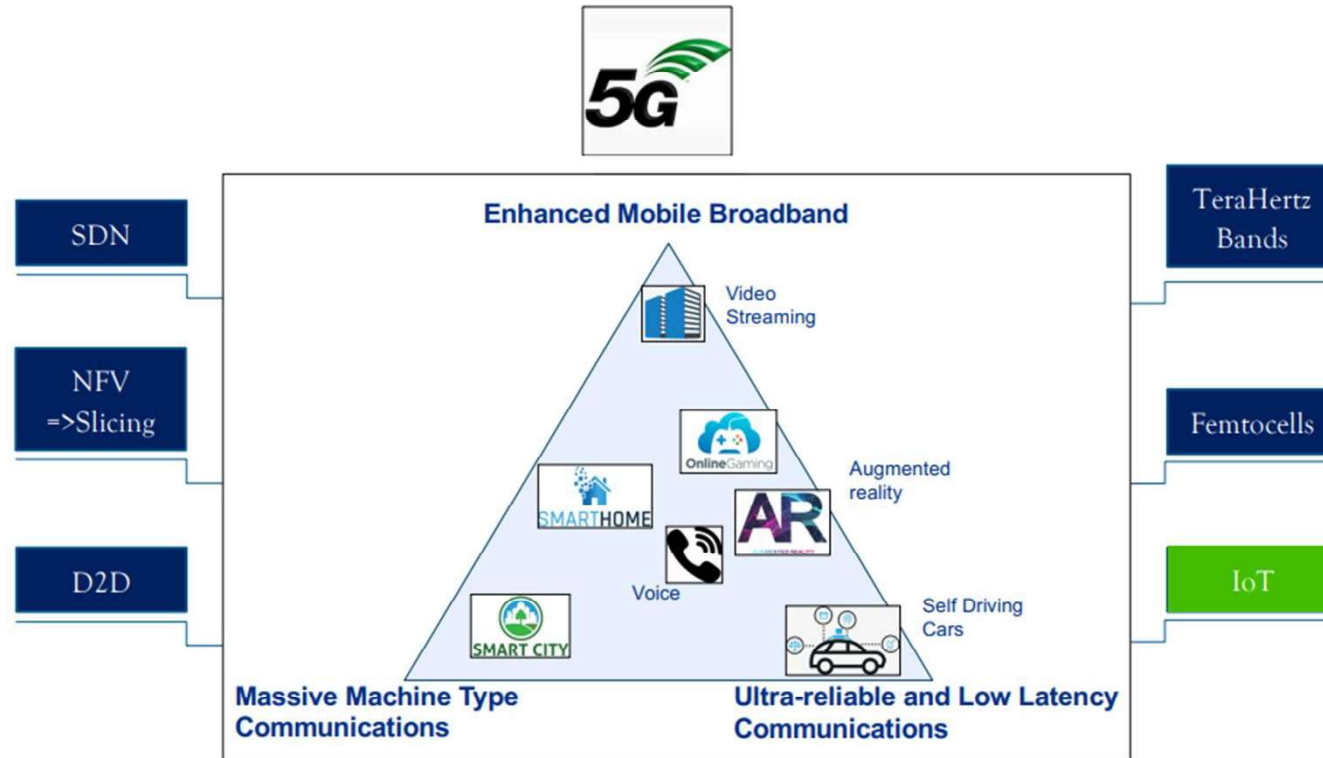
# ***NB-IoT***

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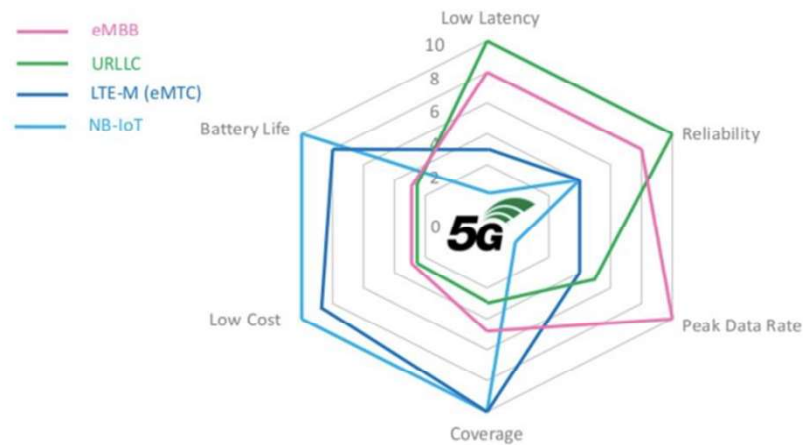
## Cellular Technology Evolution



# IoT in 5G



5G Spider Diagram Combined

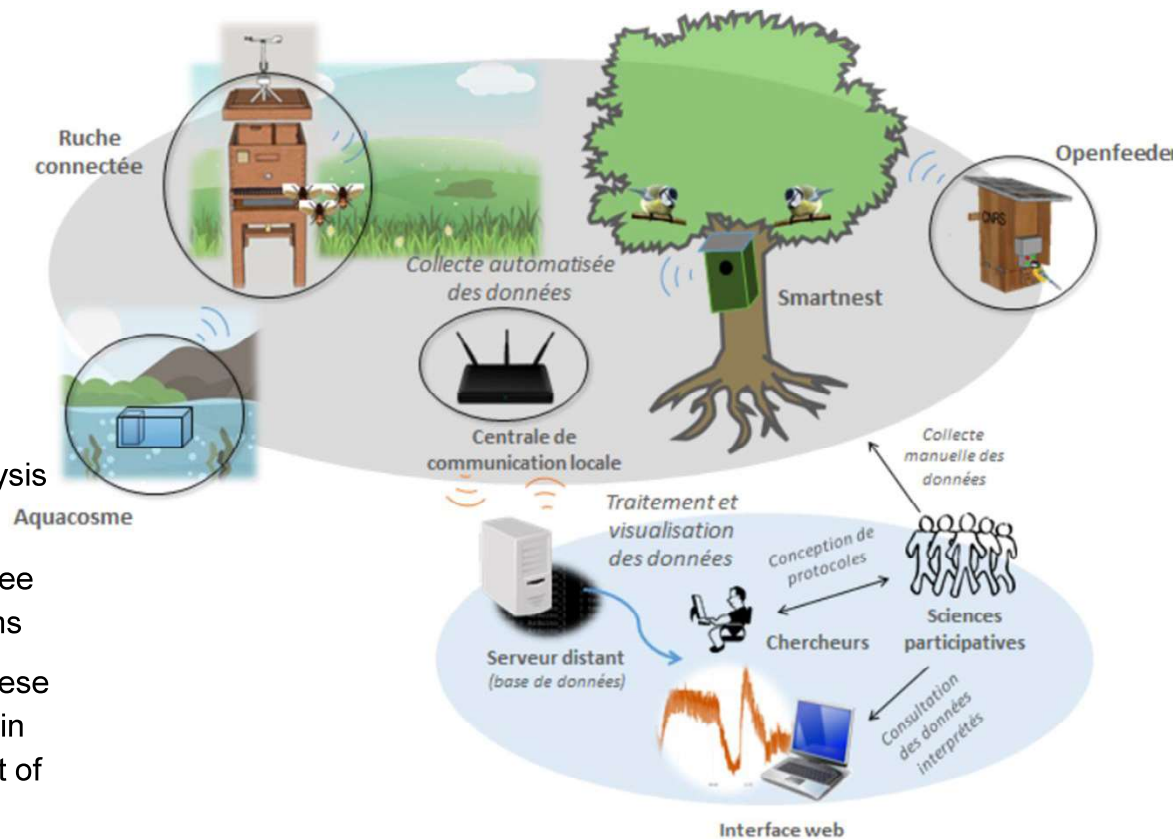




# *Examples*

# Example 1: ECOnect project

## ❖ Data communication and Data processing architecture



- ❖ Develop an architecture for collection, transfer and analysis of environmental data
- ❖ Apply this architecture to three environment sentinel systems
- ❖ Evaluate the relevance of these sentinel systems to assess, in an integrative way, the effect of anthropogenic pressures

« Développement de systèmes sentinelles de l'environnement, connectés, pour mieux comprendre la dégradation des cours d'eau, le déclin des abeilles et des oiseaux »

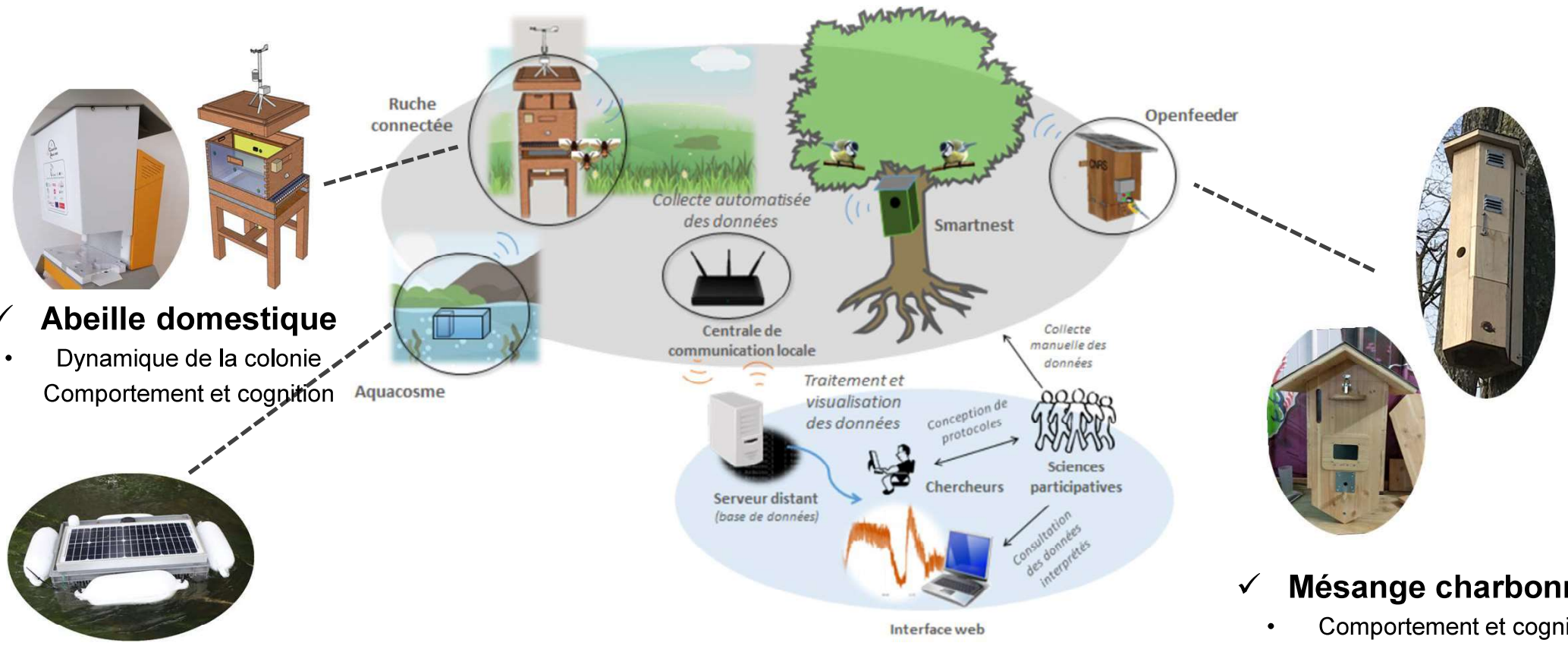
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## ❖ Data communication and Data processing architecture



- ✓ **Abeille domestique**
- Dynamique de la colonie
- Comportement et cognition

- ✓ **Microcosme aquatique**
- Physico-chimie de l'eau
- Fonctions écologiques

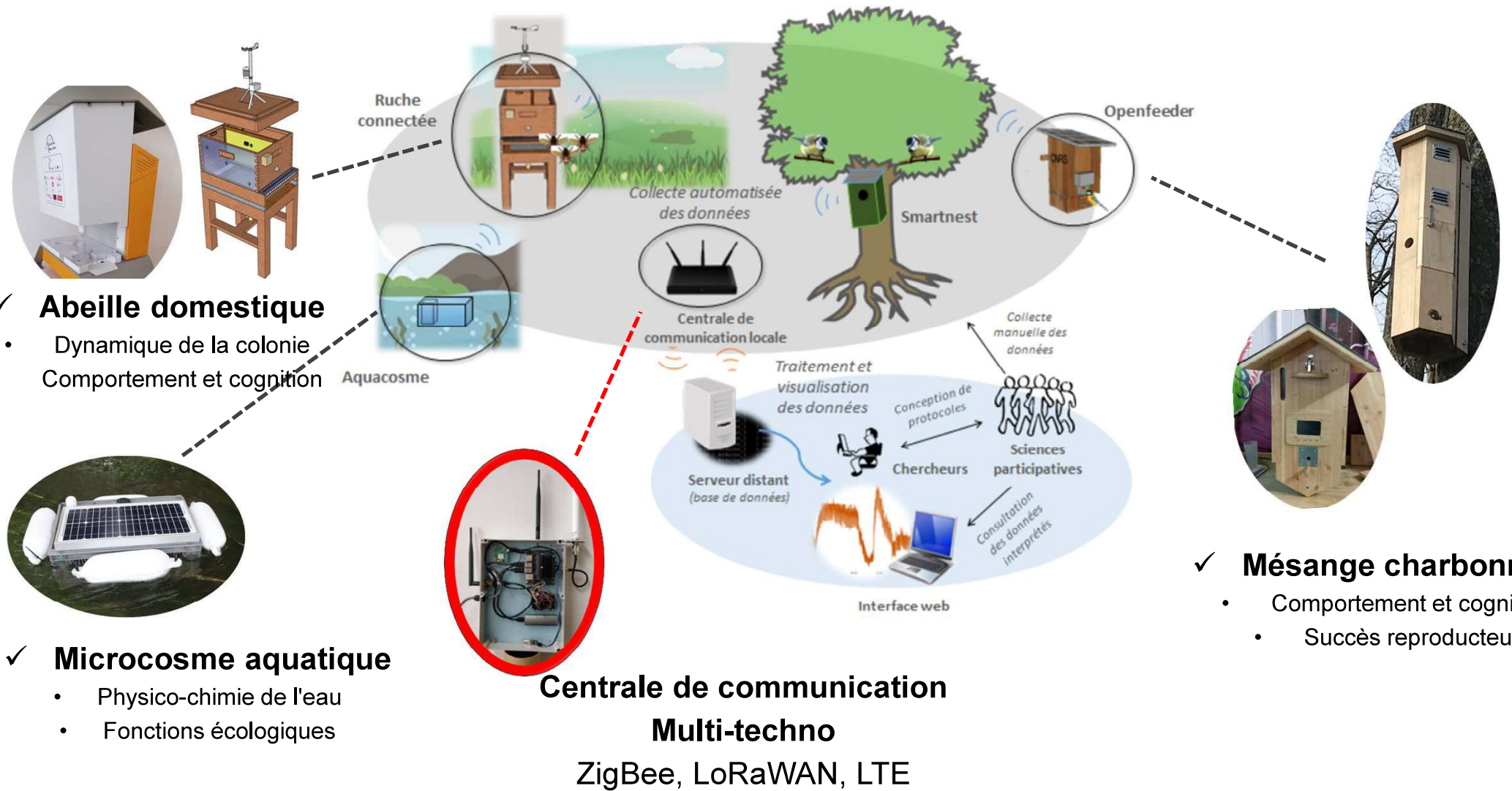
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- Succès reproducteur



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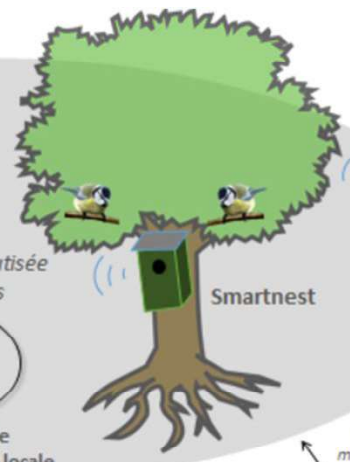
## ❖ Data communication and Data processing architecture



Ruche connectée



Aquacosme



Smartnest



Openfeeder



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  - Comportement et cognition



- ✓ **Microcosme aquatique**
  - Physico-chimie de l'eau
  - Fonctions écologiques



Centrale de communication locale



Serveur distant (base de données)



Interface web

Traitement et visualisation des données

Conception de protocoles  
Chercheurs  
Sciences participatives

Collecte manuelle des données

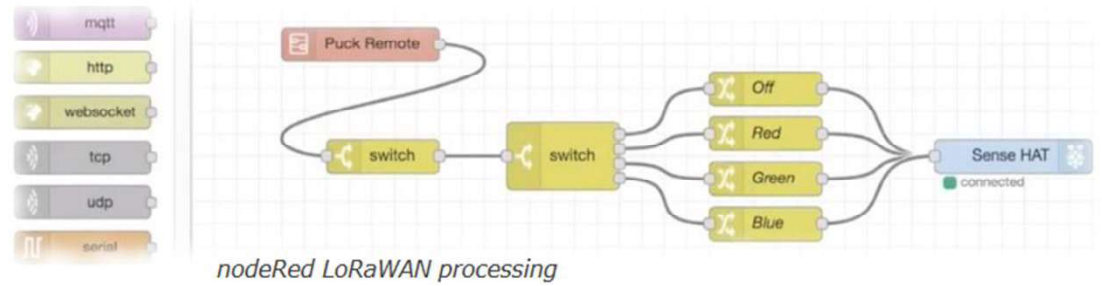
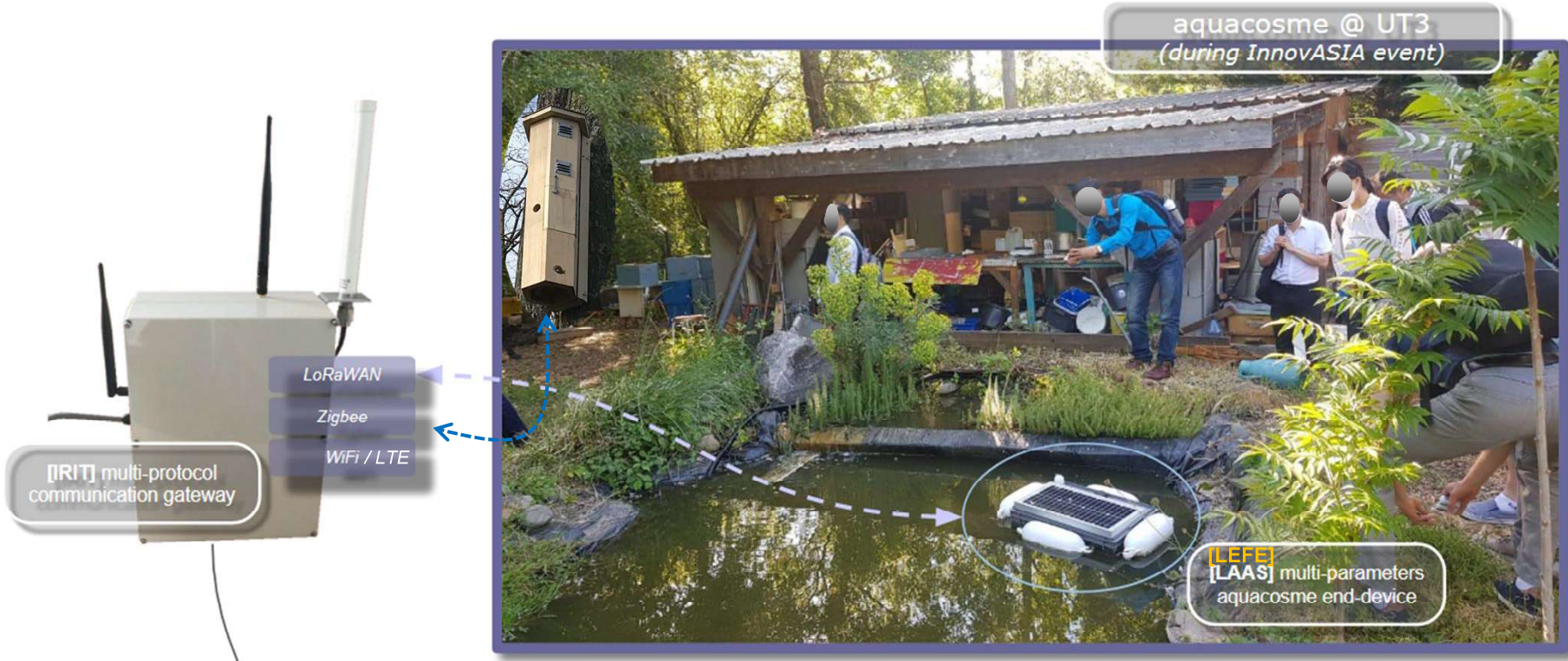
Consultation des données interprétées

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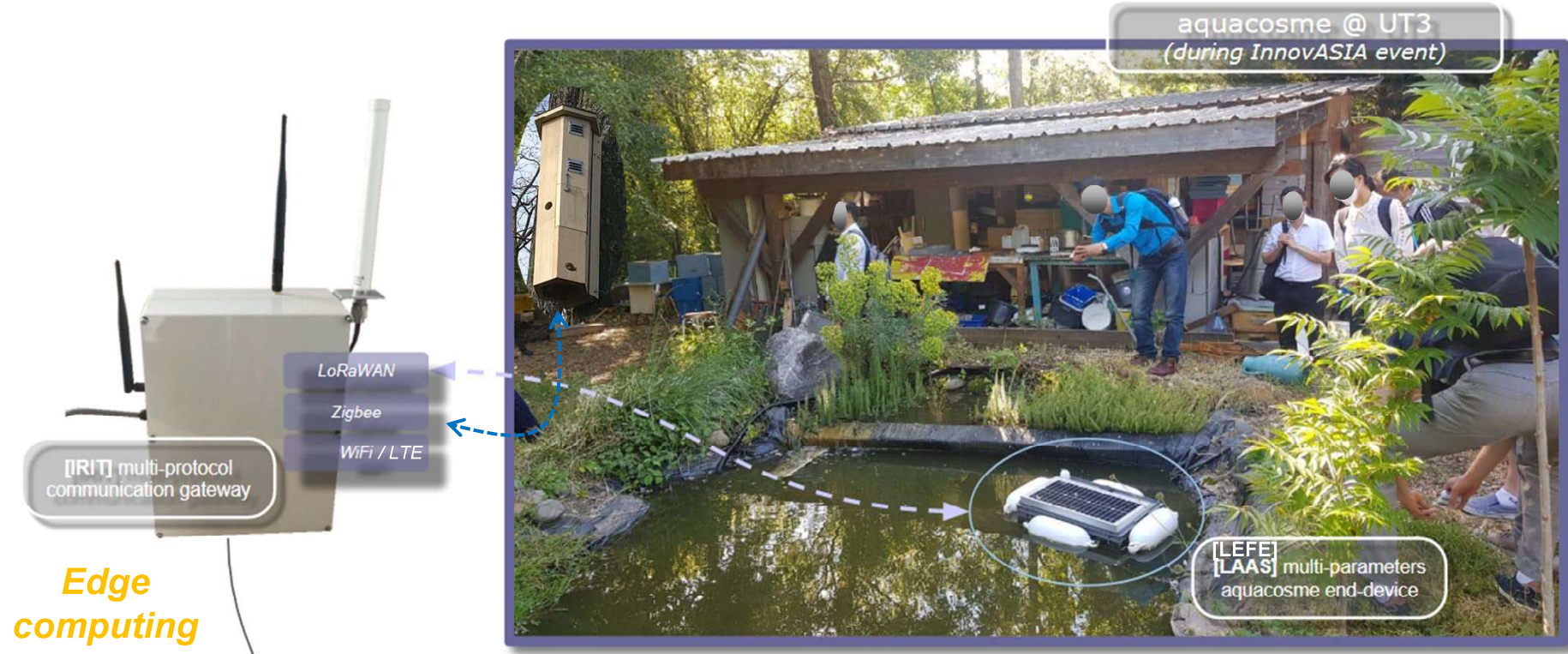


## LoRaWAN-enabled sentinel

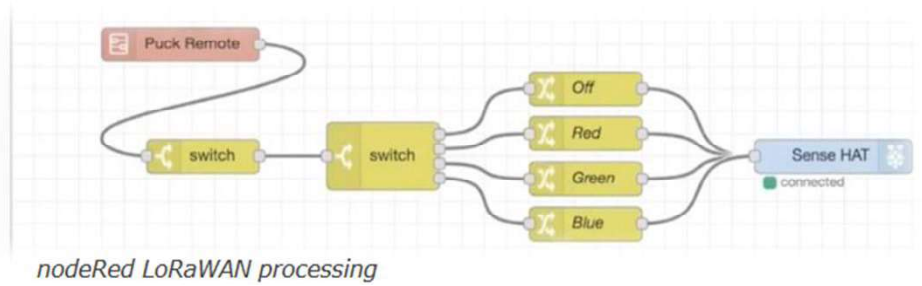





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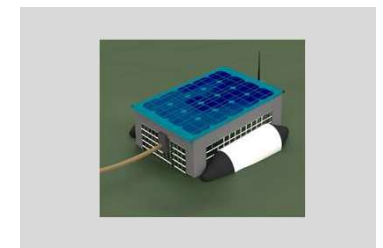
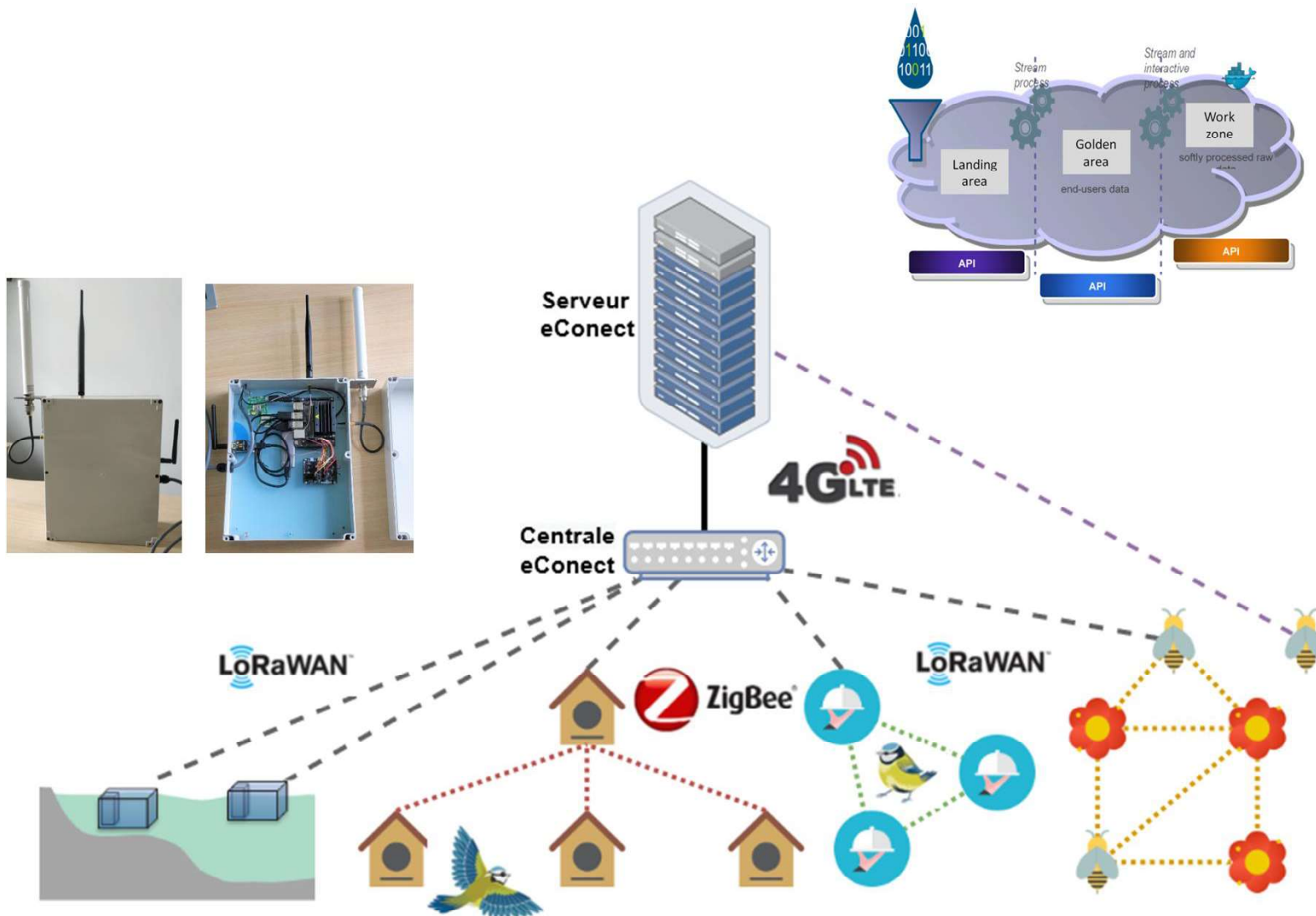
- mqtt
- http
- websocket
- tcp
- udp
- serial



  
**Node-RED**  
Visual IoT  
Programming  
tool

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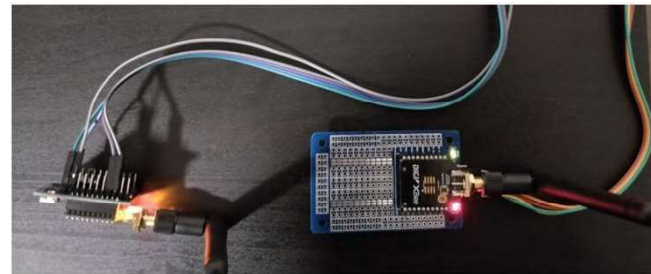


# Example 1: ECOnect project

## *ZigBee-enabled sentinel*



Nichoïr  
Connecté  
[SETE Moulis]



*tests à 115m, 300m, 1100m*  
*Débit support 250 kbps*  
*Image ~50Ko en 10s*



# Example 2: Indoor Air Quality monitoring

Interreg  
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3SqAir  
European Regional Development Fund  
<https://3sqair.com>

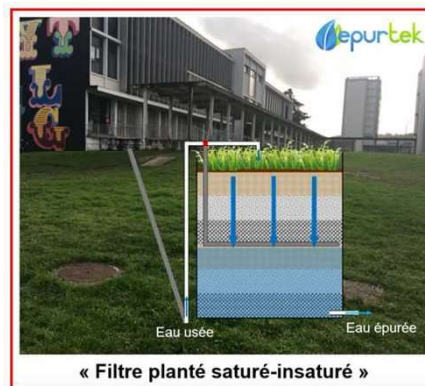
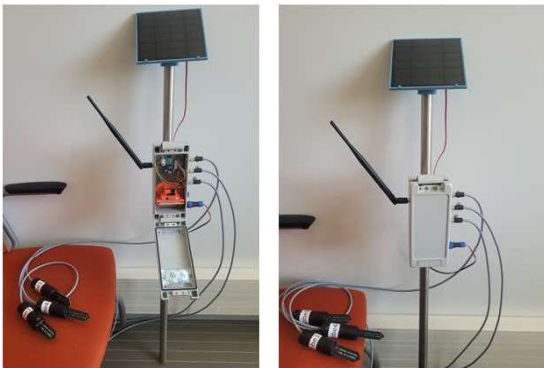
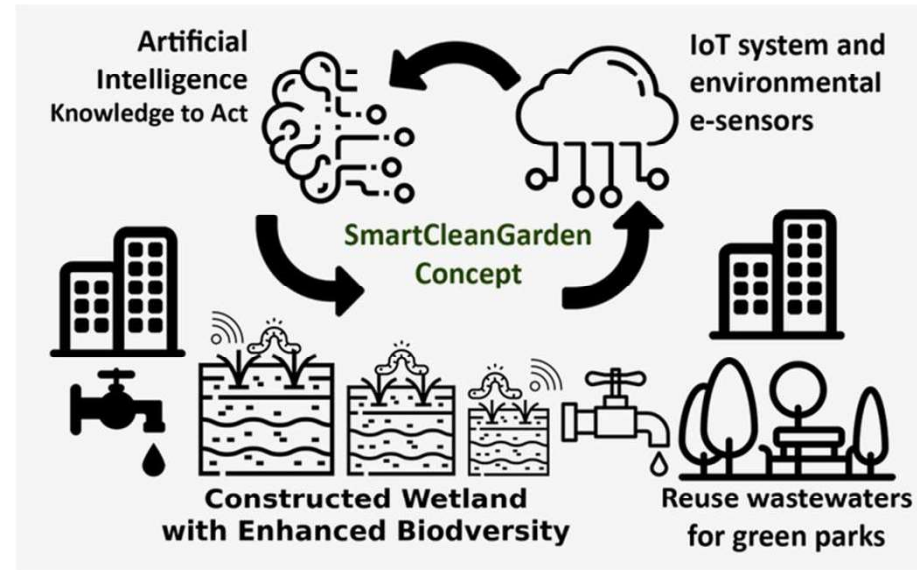




# Example 3: Filter

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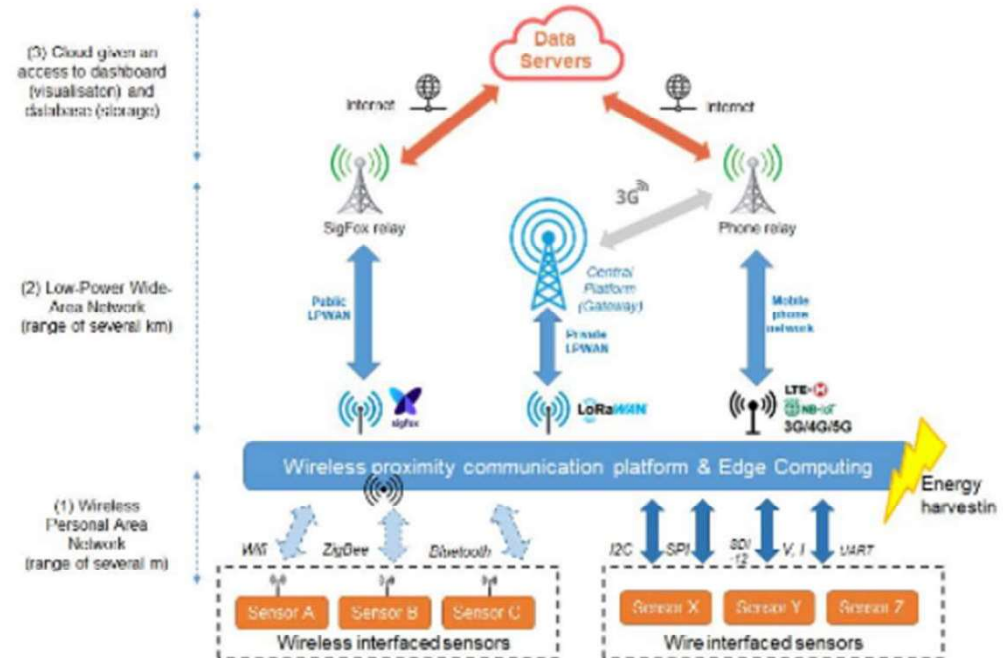
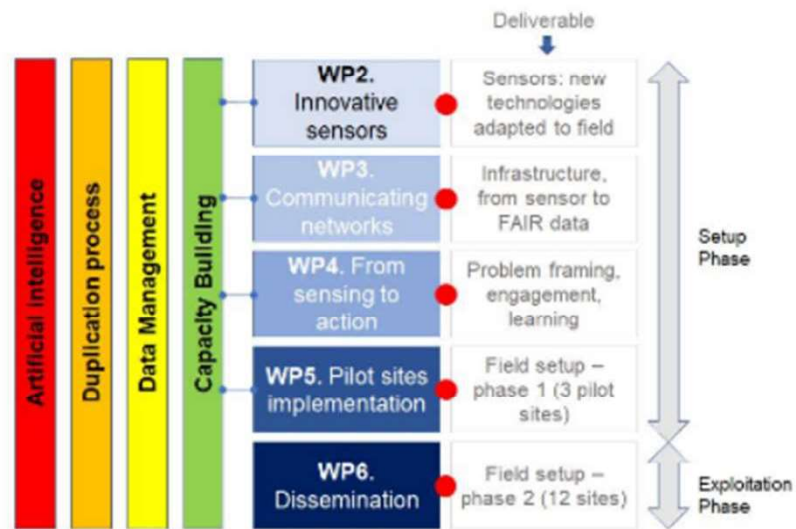
« Optimization of planted filters by increased biodiversity »



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# Example 4: Terra Forma

- ❖ TRL: 6 to 8
- ❖ 15 sites

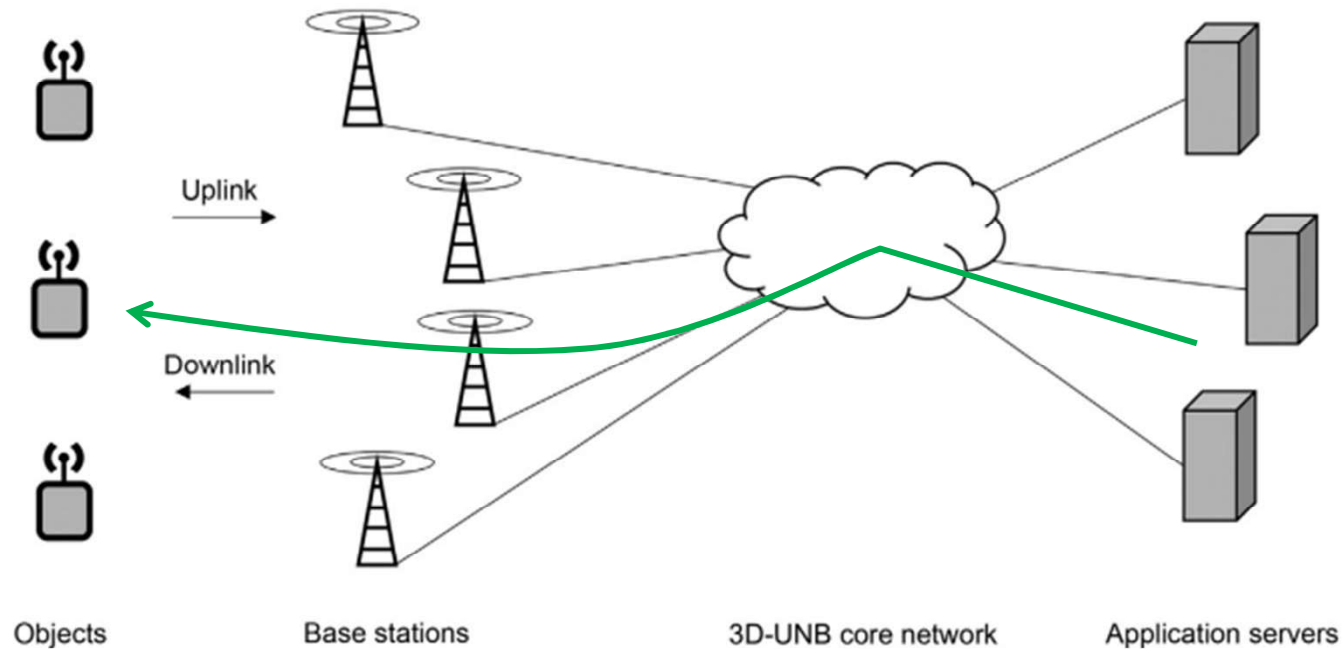






# *Open issues*

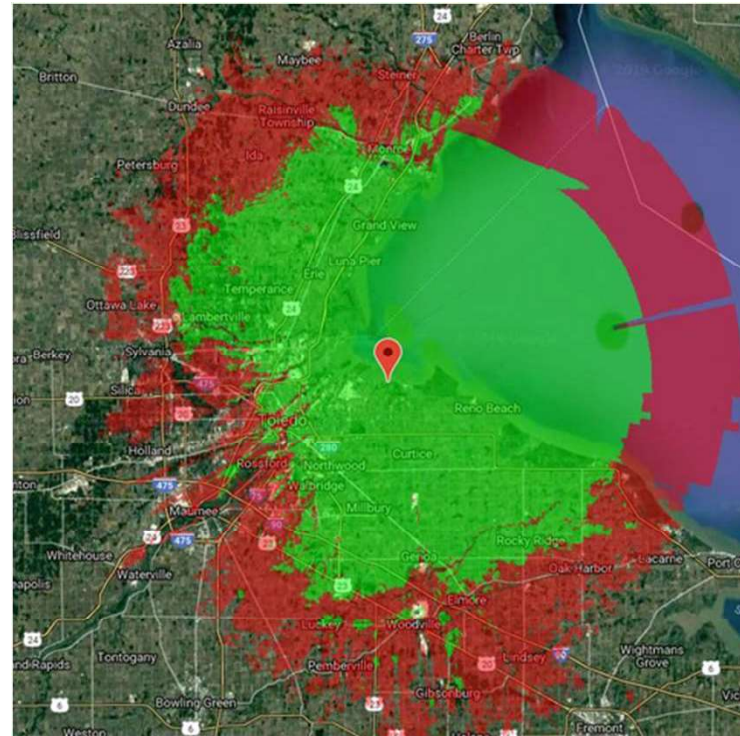
# The downlink limitation



*Mainly needed for remote configuration and firmware upgrade.*

# Densification & coverage

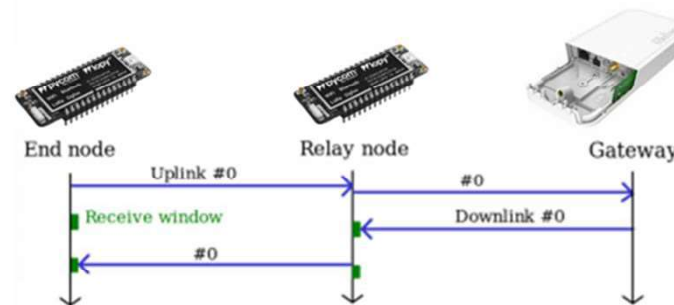
## ❖ Controversial issue



Source: The Things Network

## ❖ Simple Idea !

Relaying !



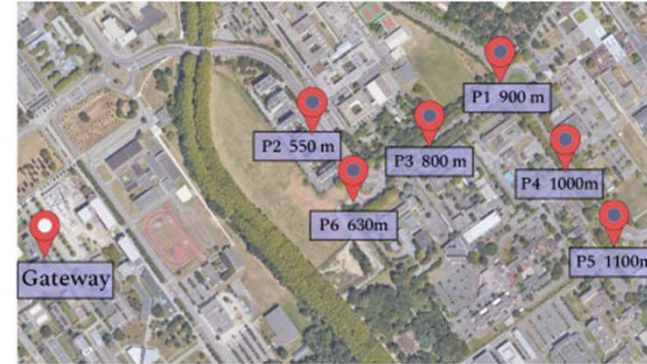
(a) Straight relaying

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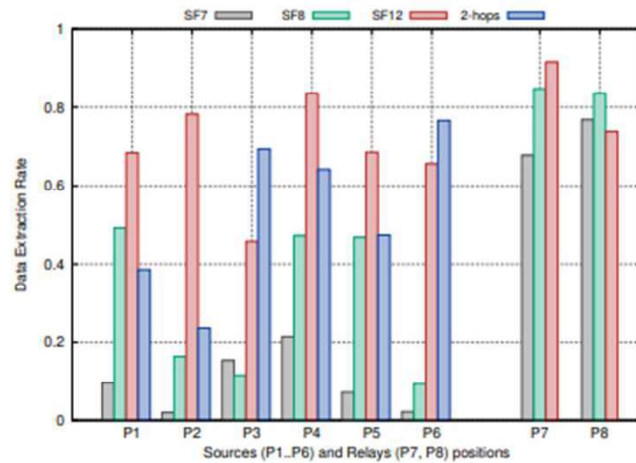
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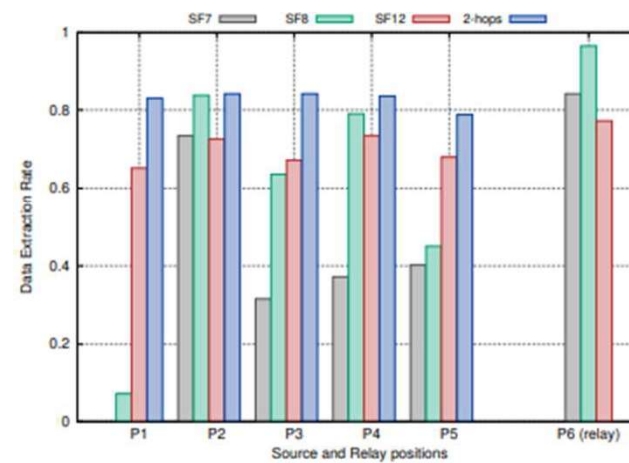
(a) City center of Toulouse, representative of dense urban environment.



(b) Suburb of Toulouse, IRIT-UT3, a typical suburban area allowing LoS conditions but not being full clear field.



(a) Urban area. Relays are located at  $P7$  and  $P8$ .  $P8$  relays  $P6$  and  $P3$  while  $P7$  relays the others.



(b) Suburban area. Relay is located at  $P6$ .

[\*] E. Lumet, A. Le Floch, R. Kacimi, M. Lihoreau, and A.-L. Beylot. "LoRaWAN Relaying : Push the Cell Boundaries" In : 24th Inter-national Conference on Modeling, Analysis and Simulation of Wireless and Mobile Systems (MSWIM'21), ACM, Alicante, 2021.

# Thank you!

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