



Wireless Sensor Networks for Air Pollution Monitoring

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Brief Introduction

PhD¹ | Oct. 2015 → Mar. 2019 | CITI Lab, Lyon (INSA-Lyon and INRIA Agora):

- **Topic:** Deployment and Scheduling of Wireless Sensor Networks (WSN)
- **Advisors:** Hervé Rivano & Walid Bechkit
- **Project:** Urpolsens (Labex IMU, Lyon)
- **Ph.D. awards:** GDR RSD & ACM ASF, INSA-Lyon, SIF/Gilles-Kahn (accessit)



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LYON



Mobility² during PhD | Feb. 2018 → May 2018 | University of Ottawa, Canada

- **Topic:** Scheduling of Wireless Sensor Networks (WSN)
- **Collaboration with:** Azzedine Boukerche



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Postdoc³ | Since Apr. 2019 | Rice University, Texas, USA

- **Topic:** Mobility Optimization of Drone Networks
- **Advisor:** Edward Knightly
- **Project:** ASTRO (NSF)
- **Responsibilities:** Scientific lead



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² Funded through the Mitacs Globalink research award

³ Rice University is ranked **16** in top US universities

Overview on Air Pollution

Pic de pollution de l'air aux particules fines : la circulation différenciée maintenue à Lyon vendredi

Le préfet a pris cette décision en raison du maintien du niveau de « vigilance rouge » dans le bassin lyonnais et le nord de l'Isère pour une durée de vingt-quatre heures.

Le Monde avec AFP • Publié le 28 février 2019 à 19h44



- Diabetes → 3.2 million people **per year**
- Asthma → a 25% increase
- Premature deaths → **127.000** children **per year**

source: sciencenews.org

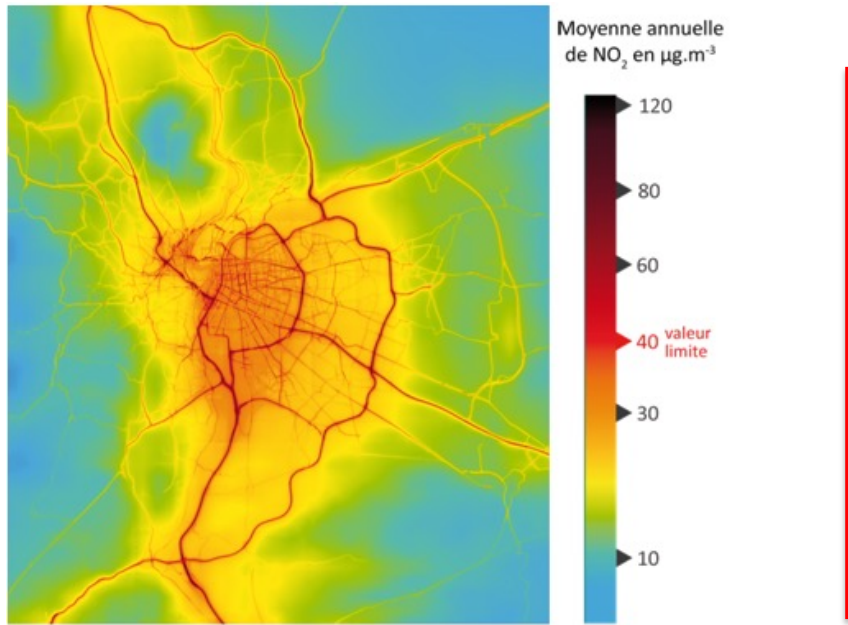
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Air Quality Traditional Monitoring

1. **Modeling** : physicochemical dispersion models (SIRANE, ADMS, etc.)
2. **Measurements**: reference monitoring stations



NO₂ annual concentrations, 2012
Lyon, France (Source **ATMO-AURA**)

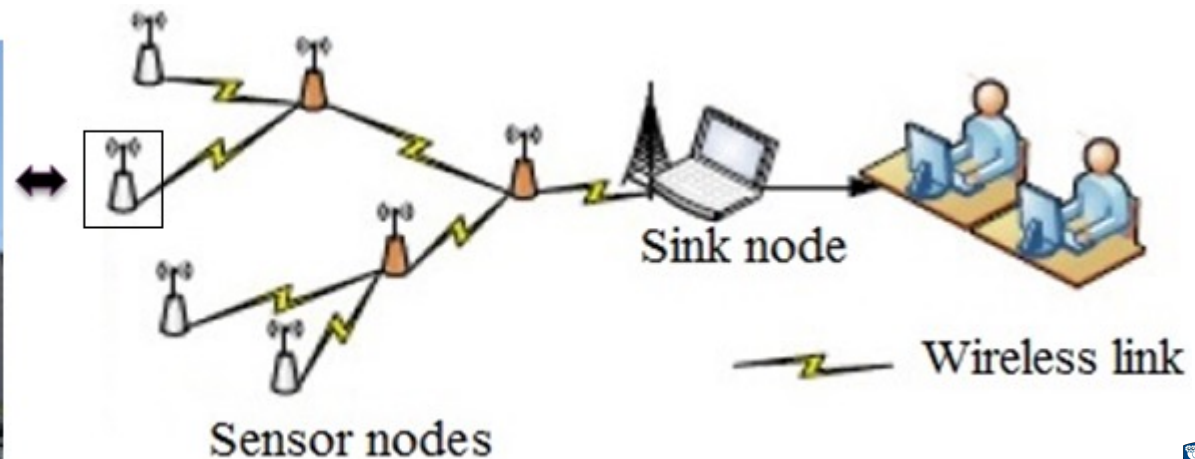


Traditional monitoring stations
- Lyon (France) -

Using low-cost WSN for Air Quality Monitoring

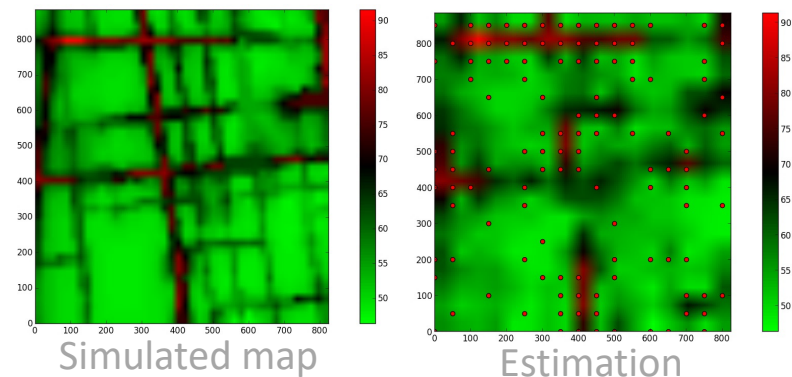
- + Smaller
- + Low-cost
- + Better spatial/temporal granularity

- Less accurate
- Limited lifetime
- Calibration issues

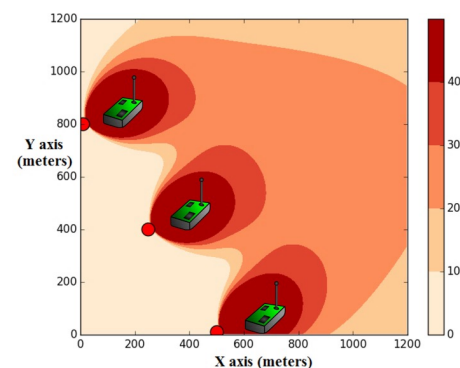


Use cases of Air Pollution Monitoring

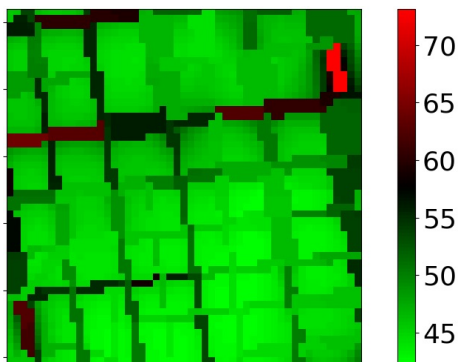
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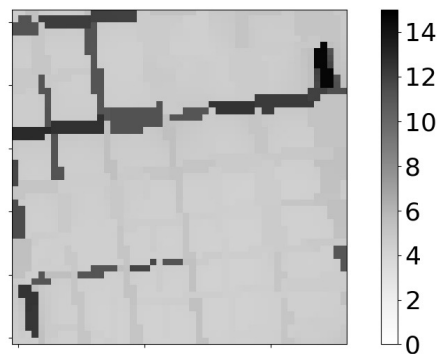
2. Air pollution threshold detection



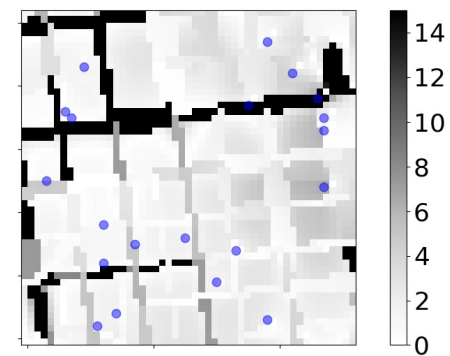
3. Air pollution simulations' correction



Simulated map



Errors before correction



Errors after correction

WSN Deployment and Scheduling

WSN deployment issue:

Q: How many sensors do we need ?

Q: Where should we place these sensors ?

Q: Is the sensor network connected ?

WSN scheduling issue:

Q: Can we turn off some sensors to extend their lifetime ?

Q: Which sensors should be turned off ?

Q: When selected sensors should be turned off ?

PhD Main Contributions and Outline

- ❑ State of the art
- ❑ **Design and Deployment** of an Air Pollution Monitoring Platform
- ❑ WSN **Deployment** for **Air Quality Regular Mapping**
- ❑ WSN **Deployment** for **Air Pollution Detection**
- ❑ WSN **Deployment** for **Air Pollution Simulations' Correction**
- ❑ WSN **Scheduling** for **Air Pollution Simulations' Correction**
- ❑ Latest and Ongoing Research

The UrPolSens Project

General purpose:

Explore the potential of low-cost WSN for fine characterization of air quality



Consortium:



Main objectives:

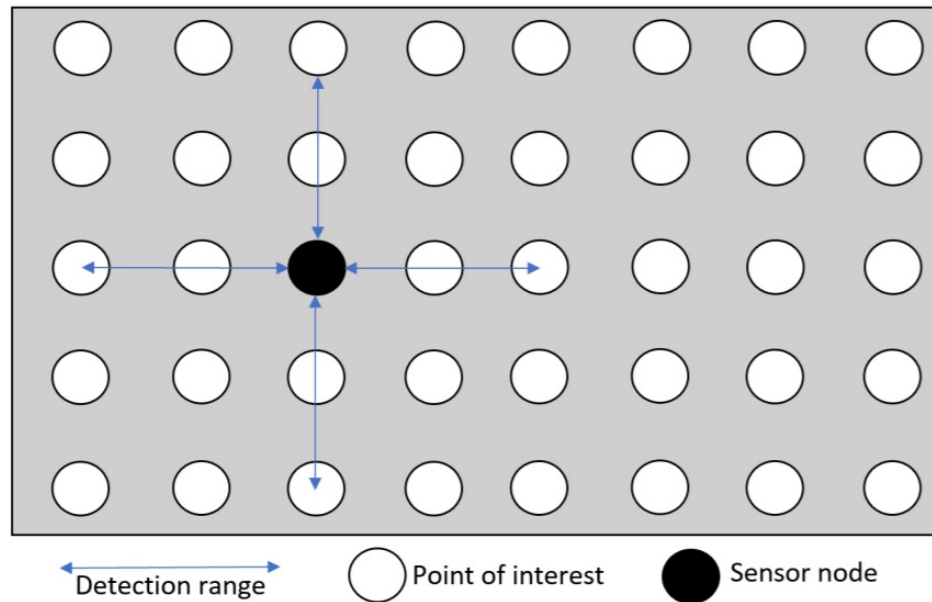
1. **Design** and **deployment** of a WSN platform for air quality monitoring (**NO2 sensing**)
2. Optimization of WSN **deployment** and **scheduling**
3. Conduct a sociological study on air quality perception

WSN Deployment and Scheduling

Classification of existing works

➤ Event-aware methods:

- Based on detection models



➤ Correlation-aware methods:

- Leverage correlations between sensor measurements
- Generic methods

WSN Deployment and Scheduling

Summary of existing works

Author(s)	Work class	Deployment	Scheduling	Connectivity	Nodes' Heterogeneity
Chakrabarty et al.	Event-aware	Yes	-	-	Yes
Altinel et al.	Event-aware	Yes	-	-	Yes
Rebai et al.	Event-aware	Yes	-	Yes	-
Sengupta et al.	Event-aware	Yes	-	Yes	-
Hu et al.	Event-aware	-	Yes	-	-
Liaskovitis et al.	Correlation-aware	-	Yes	-	-
Lin et al.	Event-aware	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
Du et al.	Event-aware	-	Yes	-	-
Keskin et al.	Event-aware	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mini et al.	Event-aware	Yes	Yes	-	Yes
Chen et al.	Event-aware	-	Yes	Yes	-
Deng et al.	Correlation-aware	-	Yes	-	-
Lu et al.	Event-aware	-	Yes	Yes	-
Boubrima et al.	Air quality mapping	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
Boubrima et al.	Air pollution detection	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
Boubrima et al.	Air pollution simulations' correction	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

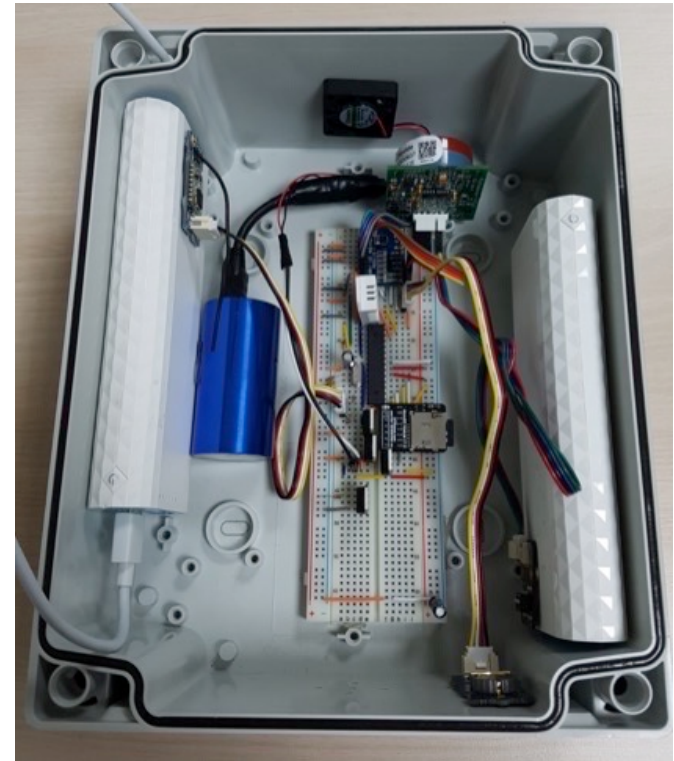
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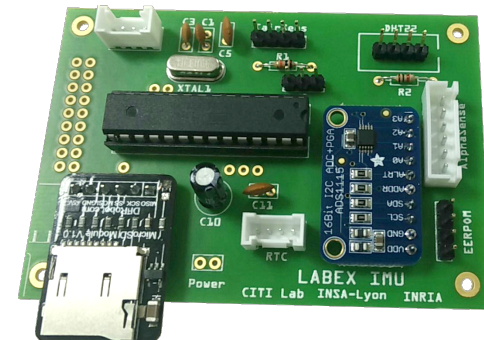
The UrPoISens Platform

Energy-efficient design of pollution sensors

- ❑ **NO₂ probes:** Alphasense, CairSens
- ❑ **Wireless communications:** LoRa;
- ❑ **Storage:** EEPROM + SD
- ❑ **Software:** Duty cycling routines
- ❑ **Power:** Batteries and solar panels
 - Power consumption: **100mW**
(vs. Opensense: 40W)



First prototype



Printed circuit

The UrPoISens Platform

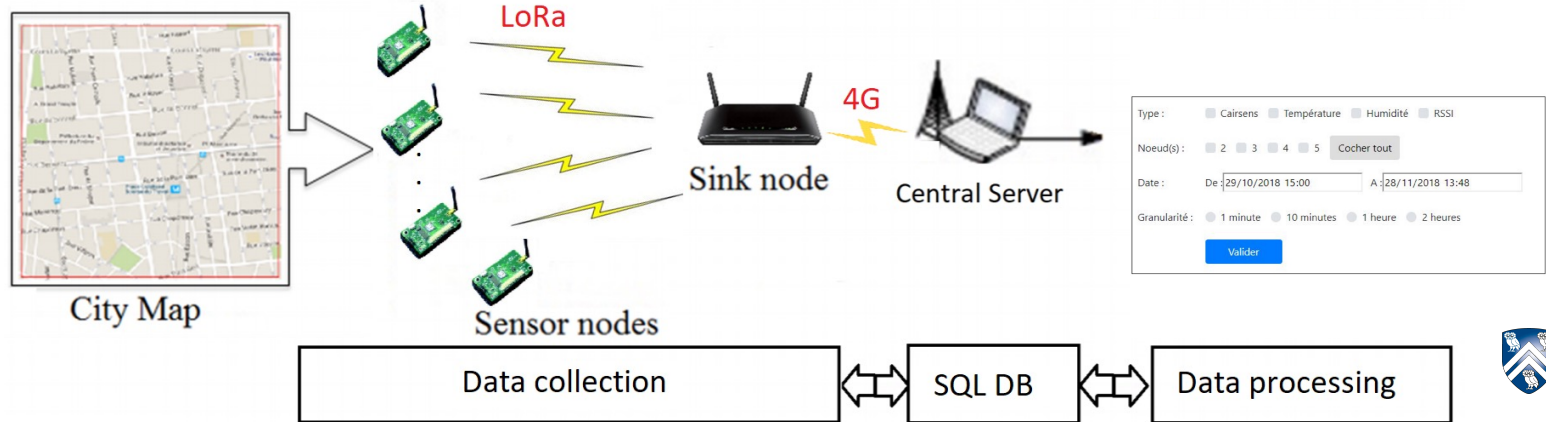
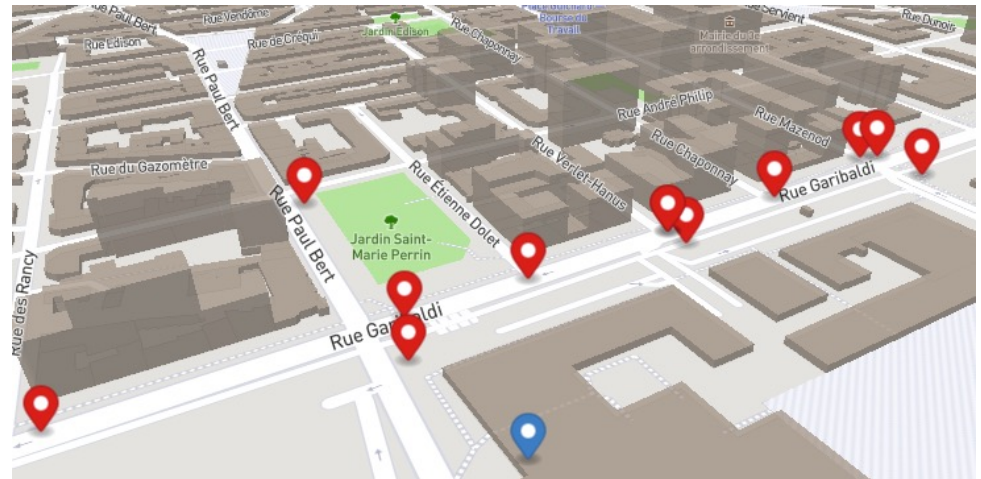
Deployment of our nodes in the Lyon city



First tests

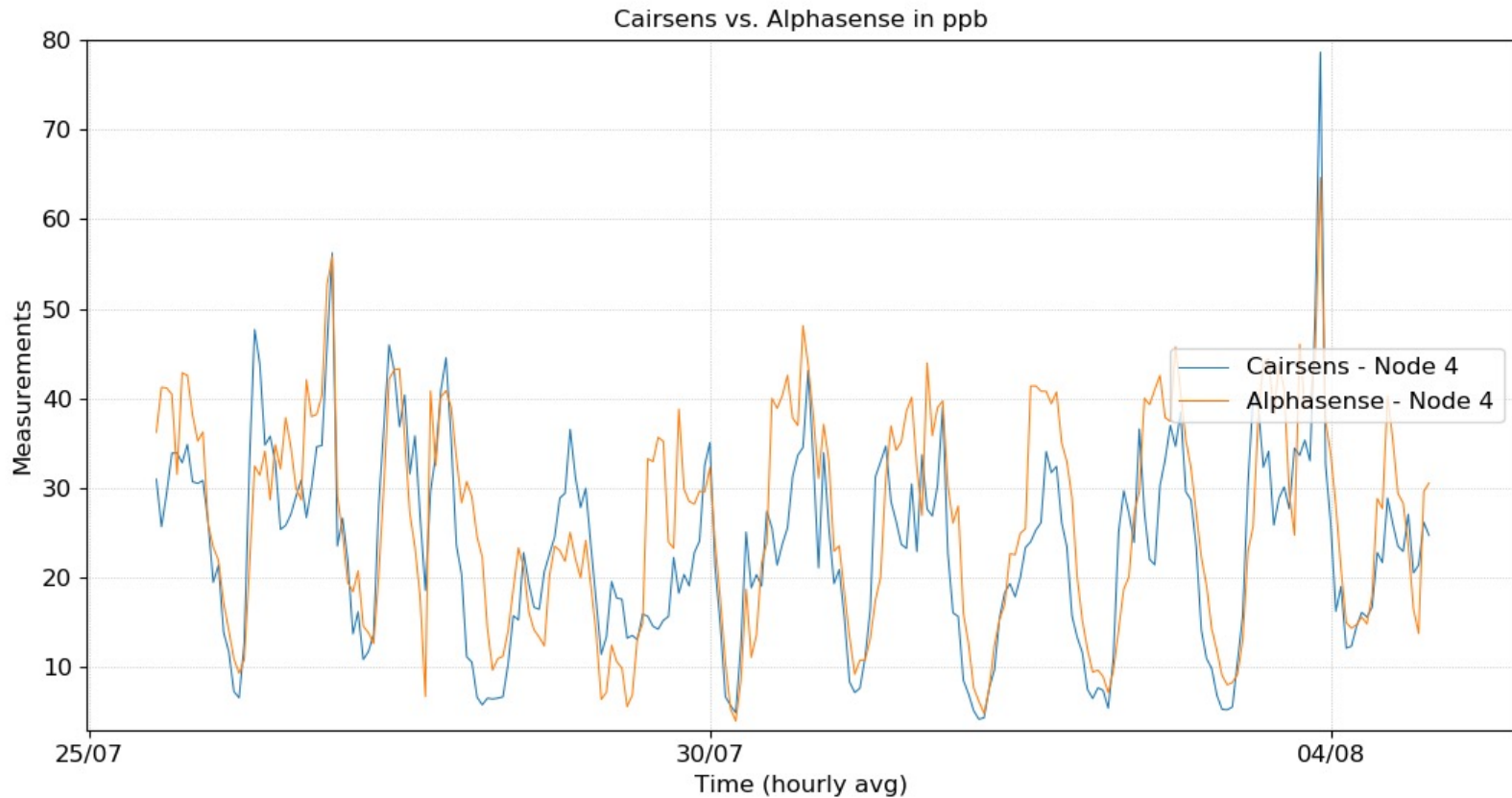


Deployment in Lyon: 12 sensor nodes + 1 gateway



The UrPoISens Platform

Sensing accuracy and low power design



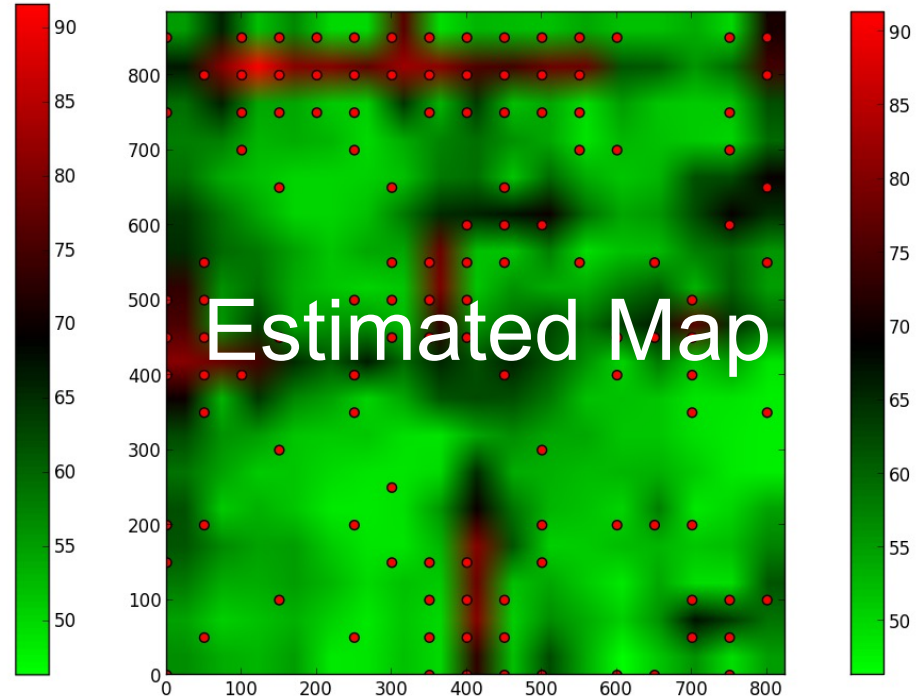
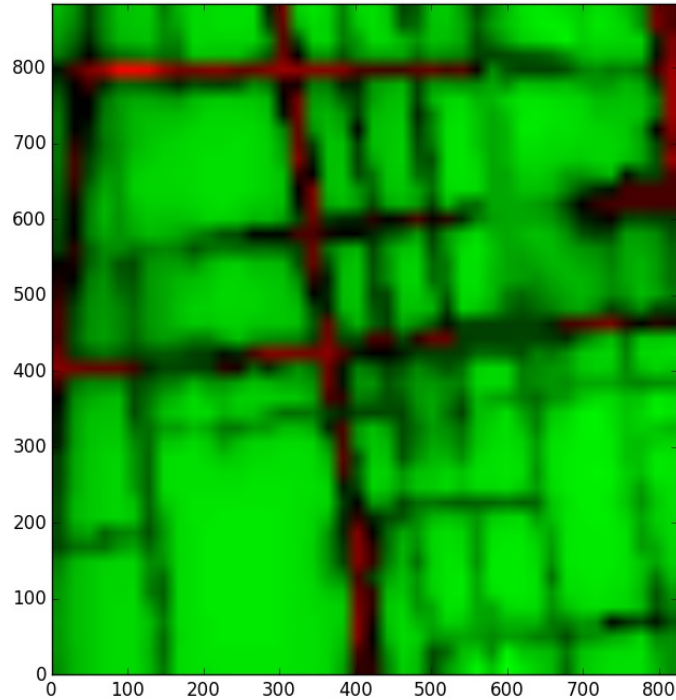
➤ **Normalized RMSE = 0.10**

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WSN Deployment for Air Quality Regular Mapping

Main idea



Estimation of
ground truth

Simulated maps

Maximum
simulation error

WSN Deployment for Air Quality Regular Mapping

Problem statement

Find the **optimal positions of sensors and sinks** while ensuring :

1. Air Quality Mapping with a **bounded-interpolation-error**
2. Network Connectivity
3. Minimum deployment cost

* **Dual problem:** Estimation error minimization

WSN Deployment for Air Quality Regular Mapping

Deployment cost

Parameters

\mathcal{P}	Set of points approximating the deployment region
c_p^{sensor}	The cost of deploying a sensor at point p
c_p^{sink}	The cost of deploying a sink at point p

Variables

x_p	Define whether a sensor is deployed at point p or not $x_p \in \{0, 1\}, p \in \mathcal{P}$
y_p	Define whether a sink is deployed at point p or not $y_p \in \{0, 1\}, p \in \mathcal{P}$

$$\mathcal{F} = \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} c_p^{sensor} * x_p + \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} c_p^{sink} * y_p$$

WSN Deployment for Air Quality Regular Mapping

Air quality mapping formulation

Estimated Map:

$$\hat{\mathcal{Z}}_p = x_p \cdot \mathcal{Z}_p + (1 - x_p) \cdot \frac{\sum_{q \in \mathcal{P}} \mathcal{W}_{pq} \cdot x_q \cdot \mathcal{Z}_q}{\sum_{q \in \mathcal{P}} \mathcal{W}_{pq} \cdot x_q} \quad | \mathcal{Z}_p: \text{Sensor measurements}$$

Estimation errors

$$e_p = UB(|\hat{\mathcal{Z}}_p - \mathcal{G}_p|) \quad | \mathcal{M}_p: \text{Modeling simulations}$$

$$| \mathcal{M}_p - \mathcal{G}_p \in [-m_p, m_p]$$

$$| \mathcal{Z}_p - \mathcal{G}_p \in [-s_p, s_p]$$

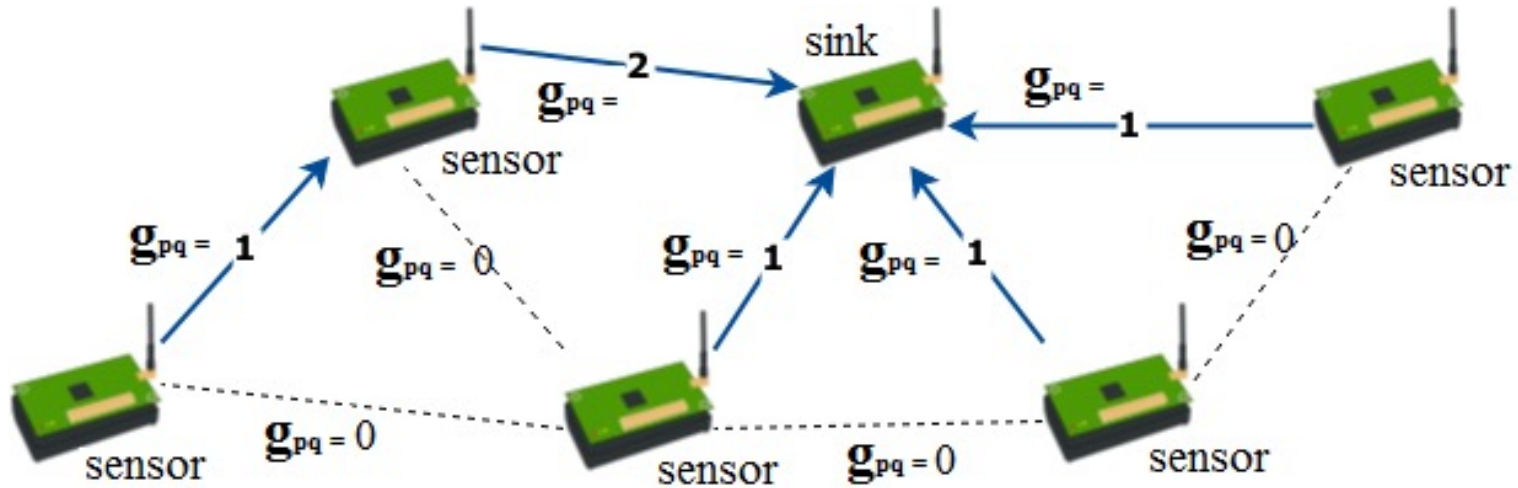
$$\mathcal{Z}_p - \mathcal{M}_p \in [-s_p - m_p, s_p + m_p]$$

after simplification (basic formulation):

$$e_p = x_p \cdot s_p + \frac{(1 - x_p)}{\sum_{q \in \mathcal{P}} \mathcal{W}_{pq} \cdot x_q} \cdot \text{Max} \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \sum_{q \in \mathcal{P}} \mathcal{W}_{pq} \cdot x_q \cdot (\mathcal{M}_q - \mathcal{M}_p + s_q + m_q + m_p), \\ & \sum_{q \in \mathcal{P}} \mathcal{W}_{pq} \cdot x_q \cdot (\mathcal{M}_p - \mathcal{M}_q + s_q + m_q + m_p) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

WSN Deployment for Air Quality Regular Mapping

Network connectivity



$$\sum_{q \in \Gamma(p)} g_{pq} - \sum_{q \in \Gamma(p)} g_{qp} \geq x_p - \mathcal{N} * y_p, \quad p \in \mathcal{P} \quad (1)$$

$$\sum_{q \in \Gamma(p)} g_{pq} - \sum_{q \in \Gamma(p)} g_{qp} \leq x_p, \quad p \in \mathcal{P} \quad (2)$$

$$\sum_{q \in \Gamma(p)} g_{pq} \leq N * x_p, \quad p \in \mathcal{P} \quad (3)$$

$$\sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \sum_{q \in \Gamma(p)} g_{pq} = \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \sum_{q \in \Gamma(p)} g_{qp} \quad (4)$$

WSN Deployment for Air Quality Regular Mapping

Optimization models

[MIN_COST]

Objective: minimize \mathcal{F}

Mapping error linearized equations

$$f \leq E_{thr}$$

$$f \geq e_p, p \in \mathcal{P} \text{ OR } f = \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} e_p / N$$

Connectivity constraints

Decision variables: $x_p, y_p \in \{0, 1\}$

Auxiliary variables: $e_p, g_{pq} \in \mathbb{R}^+$

[MIN_ERROR]

Objective: minimize f

Mapping error linearized equations

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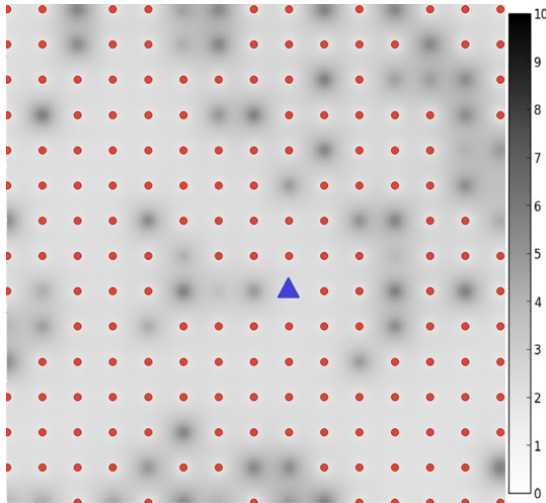
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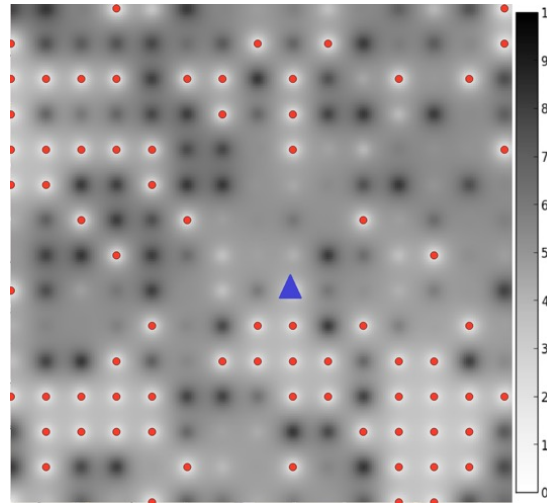
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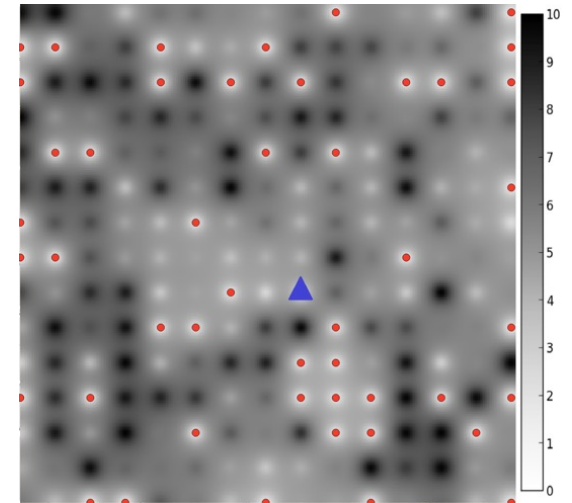
Proof-of-concept: La-Part-Dieu district



$E_{thr} = 5 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ 181 sensors



$E_{thr} = 8 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3 \rightarrow 85$ sensors



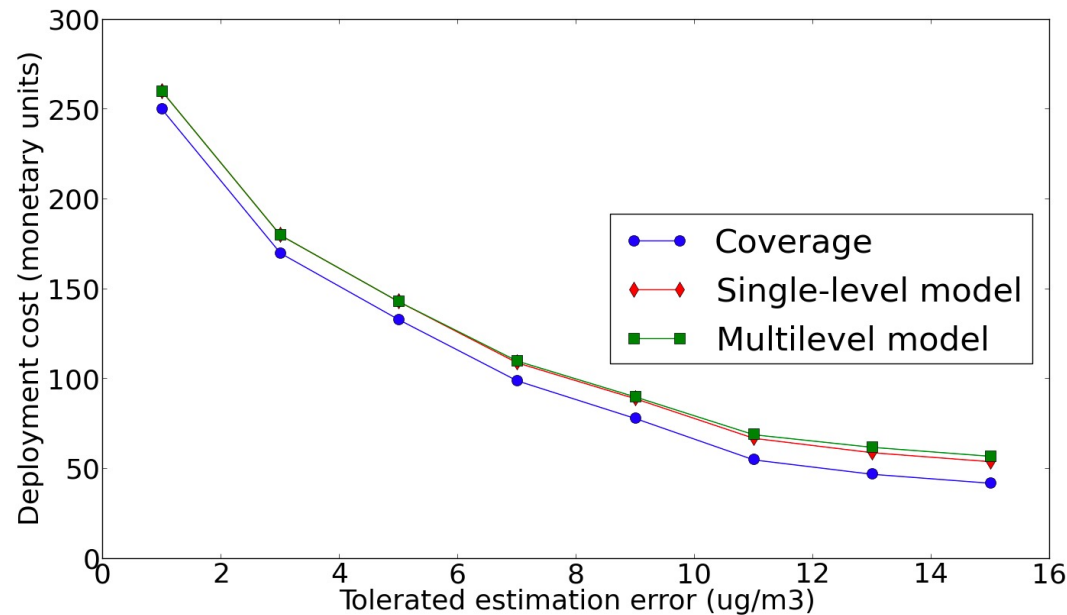
$E_{thr} = 10 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3 \rightarrow 58$ sensors

Error maps with optimal positions

**error map ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$): the absolute difference between the reference map and the estimated map*

WSN Deployment for Air Quality Regular Mapping

Performance evaluation

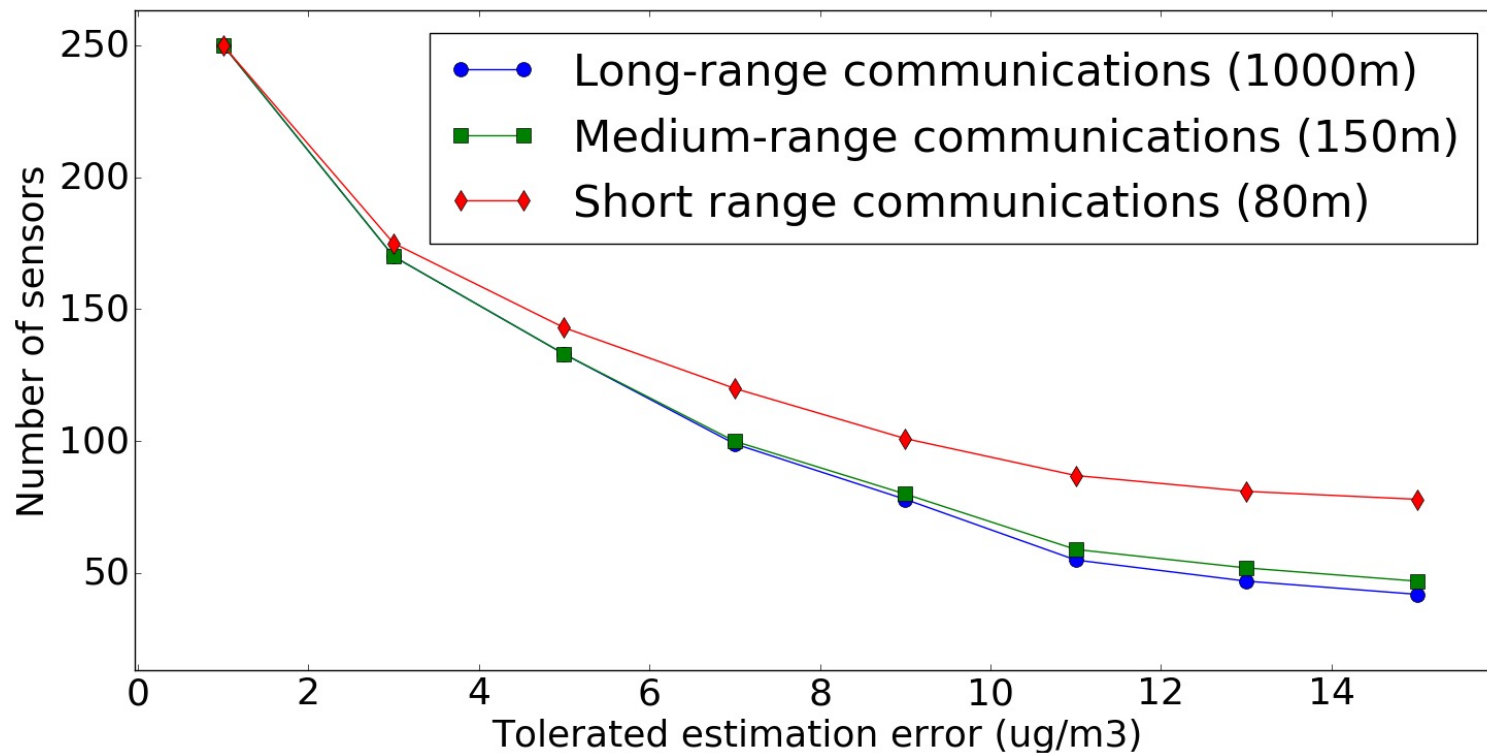


Tolerated estimation error	Single-level Model	Multilevel Model
$3 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	1.59 s	0.16 s
$6 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	25.23 s	0.19 s
$9 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	32.45 s	0.27 s
$12 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	$6.74 \cdot 10^2$ s	1.65 s

Single-level resolution Vs multi-level resolution

WSN Deployment for Air Quality Regular Mapping

Impact of the communication range of sensors



WSN Deployment for Air Quality Regular Mapping

Extensions

- ❑ Impact of Weather conditions
 - Multiple simulated maps

- ❑ Nodes' heterogeneity
 - Multiple sensor brands
 - Different sensing errors

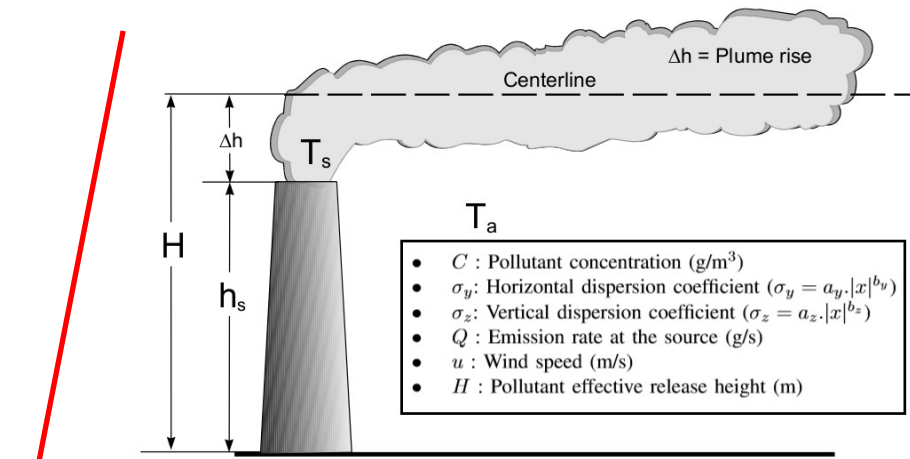
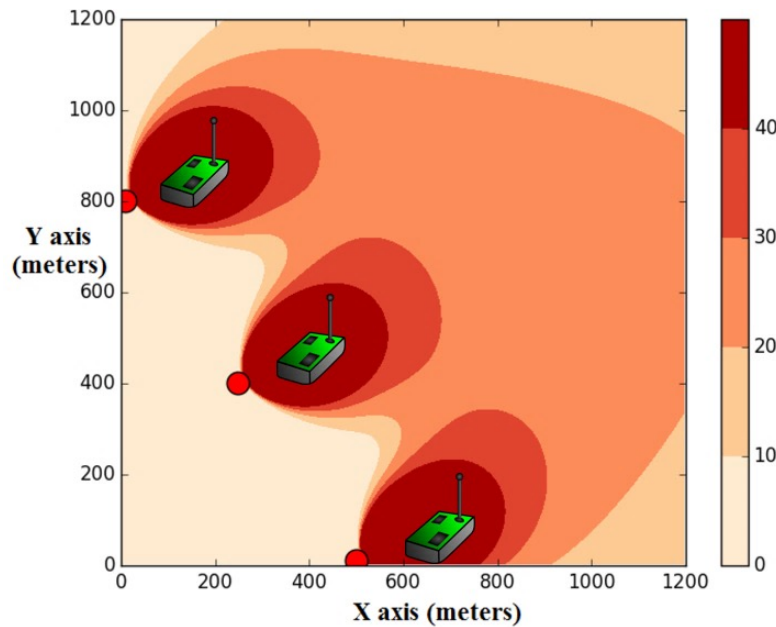
- ❑ Heuristic algorithm based on linear relaxation
 - Polynomial algorithm
 - x100 faster than optimization models

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WSN Deployment for Air Pollution Threshold Detection

Main idea



Gaussian pollution dispersion model

WSN Deployment for Air Pollution Threshold Detection

Problem statement

Given:

- 1 A Set \mathcal{P} of \mathcal{N} potential positions where sensors and sinks can be deployed
- 2 A Set \mathcal{I} of \mathcal{M} pollution sources that have to be monitored

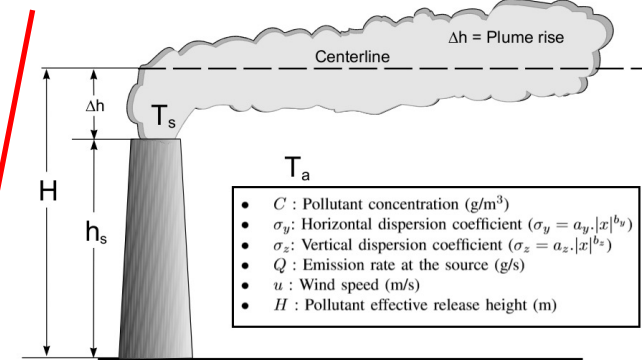
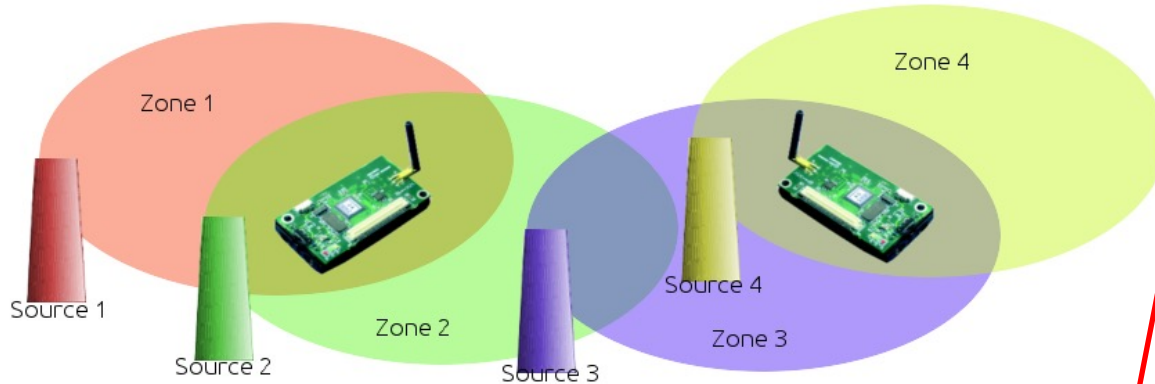
Find the optimal positions of sensors and sinks among \mathcal{P} so as:

- 1 The deployment cost is minimized
- 2 Each pollution source in \mathcal{I} is K-Covered
- 3 The positioned sensors and sinks form a connected network

WSN Deployment for Air Pollution Threshold Detection

Basic deployment model

1. Pollution coverage constraint: Set Cover



$$W_{ip} = 1 \text{ if } C(x, y, z) \geq C_{\text{threshold}}$$

$$Z_i = \{p \in \mathcal{P} \text{ where } C_{ip} \geq C_0\}$$

$$\sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} W_{ip} * (x_p + y_p) \geq K, \quad i \in \mathcal{I}$$

2. Network connectivity

- Using the **flow** formalism

WSN Deployment for Air Pollution Threshold Detection

Enhanced deployment model

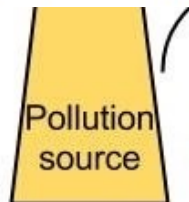
- Joint modeling of coverage and connectivity
- Using only the flow concept

$$\sum_{p \in \mathcal{Z}_i} f_{ip} = K, \quad i \in \mathcal{I} \quad (5)$$

$$\sum_{i \in \mathcal{I} : p \in \mathcal{Z}_i} f_{ip} + \sum_{q \in \Gamma(p)} (g_{qp} - g_{pq}) \leq K * \mathcal{M} * y_p, \quad p \in \mathcal{P} \quad (6)$$

$$\sum_{i \in \mathcal{I} : p \in \mathcal{Z}_i} f_{ip} + \sum_{q \in \Gamma(p)} (g_{qp} - g_{pq}) \geq 0, \quad p \in \mathcal{P} \quad (7)$$

$$\sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} \left(\sum_{i \in \mathcal{I} : p \in \mathcal{Z}_i} f_{ip} + \sum_{q \in \Gamma(p)} g_{qp} \right) = \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}, q \in \Gamma(p)} g_{pq} + K * \mathcal{M} \quad (8)$$



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Performance evaluation

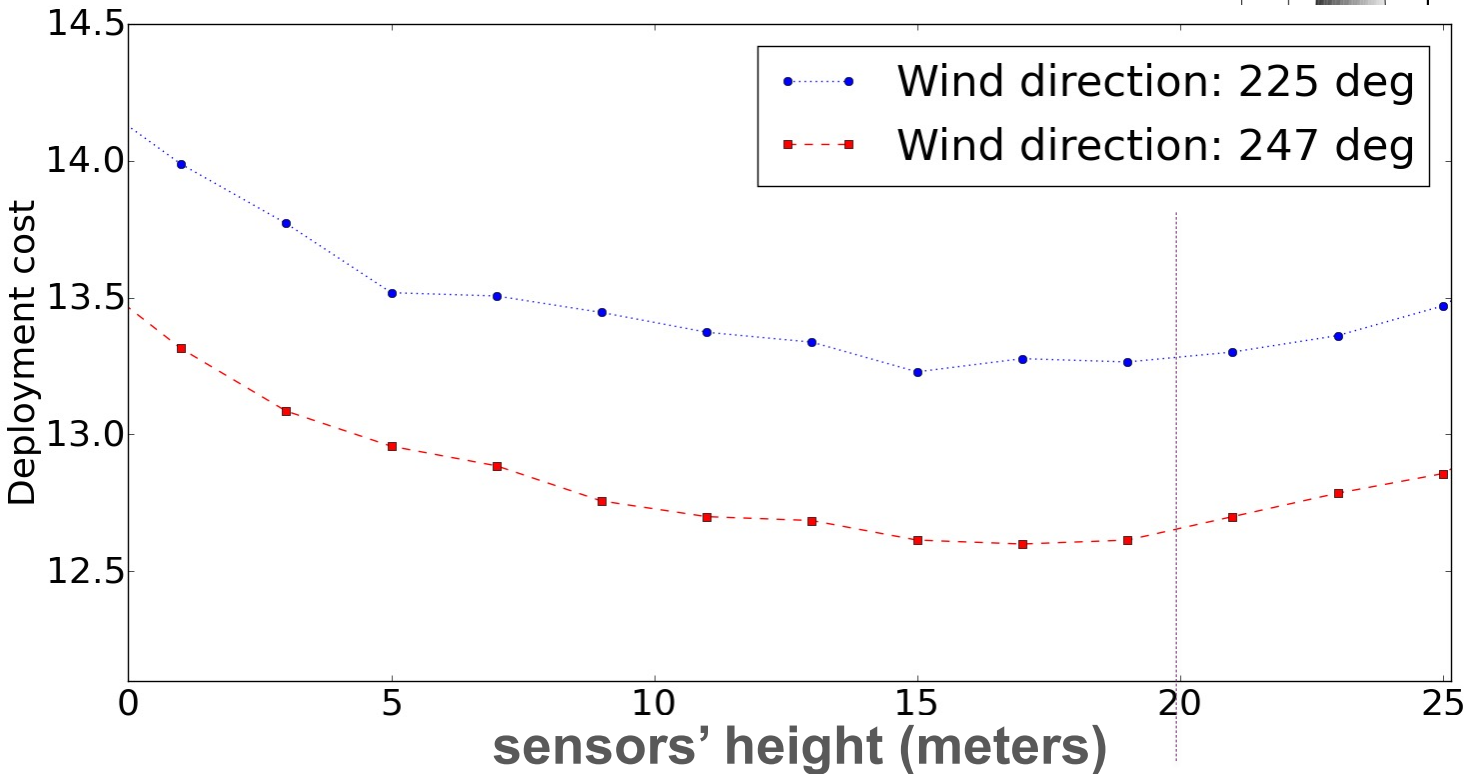
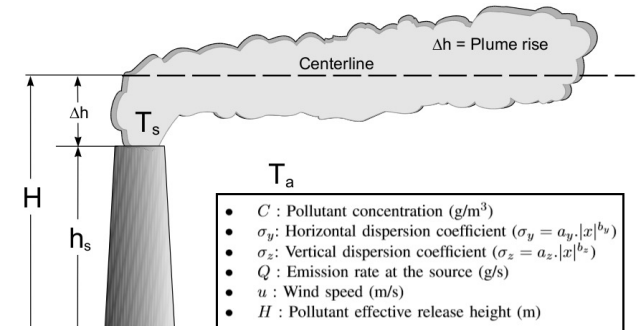
CPU time (seconds)	
Basic Model	Enhanced Model
7.460	0.890
20.400	2.810
29.830	3.360
68.200	8.820
31.470	3.970

Area of interest (km^2)	Compactness (nb. of vars. and consts)		Tightness (int. gap)	
	Basic Model	Enhanced Model	Basic Model	Enhanced Model
[0.00 – 0.20[	2193	2275	0.880	0.070
[0.20 – 0.45[	2194	2354	0.870	0.080
[0.45 – 0.70[	2195	2429	0.850	0.120
[0.70 – 0.95[	2196	2474	0.830	0.180
Mean	2194.5	2383	0.860	0.110

*Integrality gap: $(Z_{ILP} - Z_{LP})/Z_{ILP}$

WSN Deployment for Air Pollution Threshold Detection

Impact of sensors' height



Pollution sources effective height

WSN Deployment for Air Pollution Threshold Detection

Extensions

- ❑ Taking into account the impact of weather conditions
 - Multiple scenarios

- ❑ Taking into account sensing errors
 - Probabilistic vs. binary formulation

- ❑ Data aware localization of pollution zones
 - An adapted spatiotemporal clustering algorithm

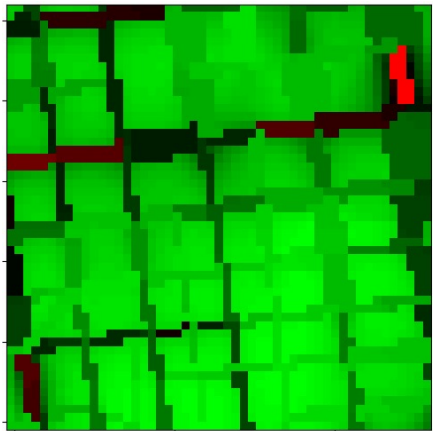
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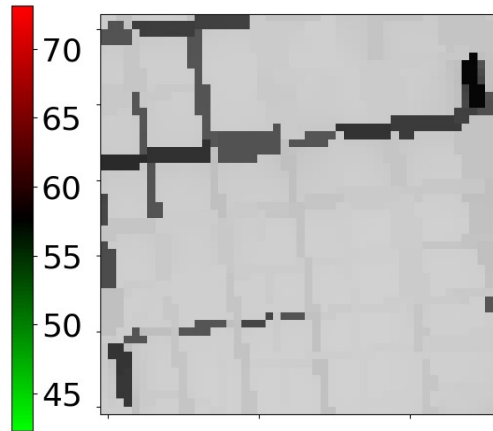
WSN Scheduling for Air Pollution Simulations' Correction

Main idea

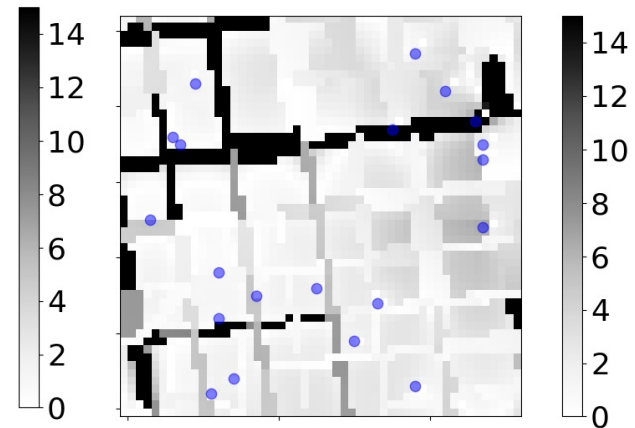
- Data assimilation vs. Interpolation
- New coverage metric formulation
- **Deployment vs. Scheduling**



Simulated map



Errors before correction

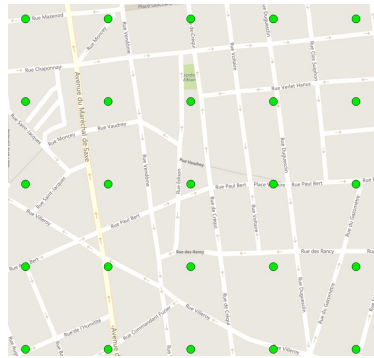


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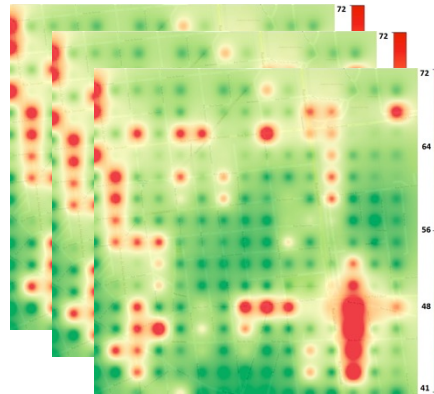
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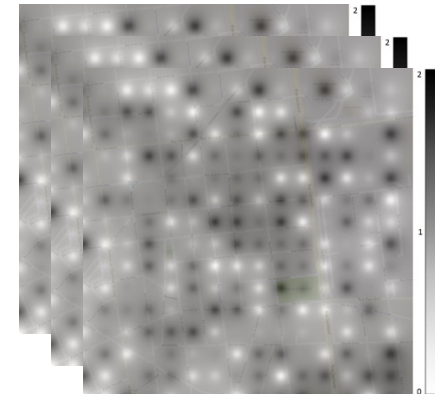
Given a set of already deployed sensor nodes with:



Positions of nodes



Set of time simulated maps



Set of co-variance of simulation errors

\mathcal{P}	|	Set of points where sensors are deployed
x_p^t	|	Define whether sensor p is active during t or not ; $x_p^t \in \{0, 1\}$

Find the optimal scheduling of the sensing activity of the nodes such that:

1. The network lifetime is maximized
2. The network remains connected
3. The required estimation error remains ensured

WSN Scheduling for Air Pollution Simulations' Correction

Formulation of estimated concentrations

$$\widehat{Z}_p^t = M_p^t + \frac{\sum_{q \in \mathcal{P}} W_{pq} \cdot x_q^t \cdot (Z_q^t - M_q^t)}{\sum_{q \in \mathcal{P}} W_{pq} \cdot x_q^t}$$

$$\widehat{Z}_p^t = M_p^t - \frac{\sum_{q \in \mathcal{P}} W_{pq} \cdot x_q^t \cdot (m_q^t - s_q^t)}{\sum_{q \in \mathcal{P}} W_{pq} \cdot x_q^t}$$

\widehat{Z}_p^t	|	Estimated pollution concentrations
Z_p^t	|	Measured pollution concentrations
M_p^t	|	Simulated pollution concentrations
W_{pq}	|	Correlation coefficients
s_p^t	|	Sensing errors
m_p^t	|	Simulation errors

WSN Scheduling for Air Pollution Simulations' Correction

Formulation of estimation errors

$$\mathcal{E}_p^t = m_p^t - \frac{\sum_{q \in \mathcal{P}} \mathcal{W}_{pq} \cdot x_q^t \cdot (m_q^t - s_q^t)}{\sum_{q \in \mathcal{P}} \mathcal{W}_{pq} \cdot x_q^t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\mathcal{E}_p^t) = & \text{Var}(m_p^t) + \frac{\sum_{q \in \mathcal{P}} \mathcal{W}_{pq}^2 \cdot x_q^t \cdot (\text{Var}(m_q^t) + \text{Var}(s_q^t))}{(\sum_{q \in \mathcal{P}} \mathcal{W}_{pq} \cdot x_q^t)^2} \\ & - 2 \cdot \frac{\sum_{q \in \mathcal{P}} \mathcal{W}_{pq} \cdot x_q^t \cdot \text{Cov}(m_p^t, m_q^t)}{\sum_{q \in \mathcal{P}} \mathcal{W}_{pq} \cdot x_q^t} \\ & + \frac{\sum_{q_1 \neq p} \sum_{q_2 \neq p, q_1} \mathcal{W}_{pq_1} \cdot \mathcal{W}_{pq_2} \cdot x_{q_1}^t \cdot x_{q_2}^t \cdot \text{Cov}(m_{q_1}^t, m_{q_2}^t)}{(\sum_{q \in \mathcal{P}} \mathcal{W}_{pq} \cdot x_q^t)^2} \end{aligned}$$

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Network lifetime and energy constraints

Network Lifetime: $\sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}} \alpha_t$

α_t Equals to 1 if coverage and connectivity are ensured during 't'

$$\alpha_0 \geq \alpha_1 \geq \alpha_2 \geq \dots$$

Energy constraint:

$$\forall p \in \mathcal{P} \quad \sum_t ES_p^t * x_p^t + \sum_{t,q} ET_{pq}^t * g_{pq}^t + \sum_{t,q} ER_{pq}^t * g_{qp}^t \leq EI$$

ES_p^t Energy amount used during a sensing cycle

ET_{pq}^t Energy amount used during the transmission of a packet

ER_{pq}^t Energy amount used during the reception of a packet

EI Initial amount of energy

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Optimization model

Objective: *Maximize* $\sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}} \alpha_t$

Energy consumption:

$$\forall p \in \mathcal{P} \quad \sum_t ES_p^t * x_p^t + \sum_{t,q} ET_{pq}^t * g_{pq}^t + \sum_{t,q} ER_{pq}^t * g_{qp}^t \leq EI$$

Coverage:

$$\varepsilon_p^t \leq E, p \in \mathcal{P}$$

Connectivity: flow concept

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Heuristic Algorithm: Iterative rounding

- Complexity of the model → time snapshots
- Polynomial algorithm

Algorithm 1 Scheduling heuristic

Inputs: \mathcal{P}

Outputs: $\{x_p^t, \alpha_t\}$

repeat

 Solve the LP scheduling model

 Let f be the maximum fractional variable among x_p^t

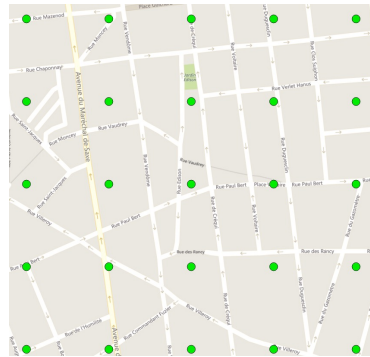
 Add constraint $f = 1$ to the LP model

until all the variables are binary

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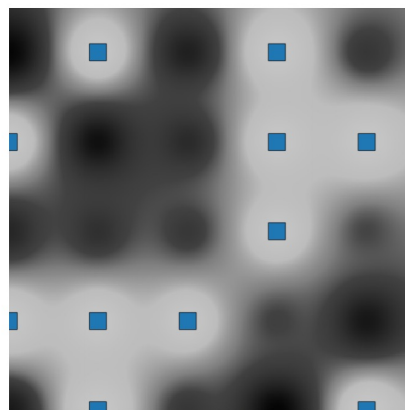
Proof of concept: La Part Dieu District

Initial deployment:

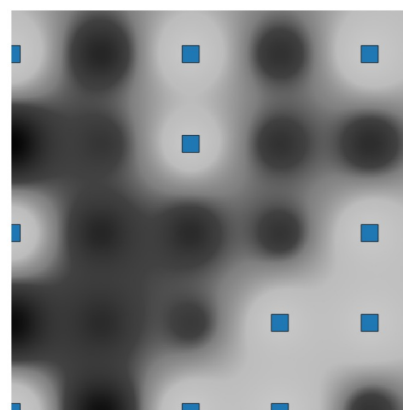


Power consumption model:
➤ Urpolsens nodes

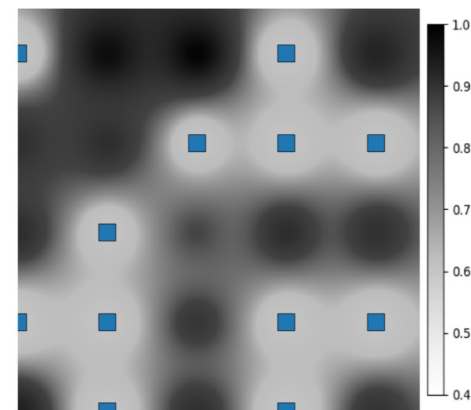
Optimal scheduling results ($\text{Var}(E_{th})=1 \text{ } (\mu\text{g})^2/\text{m}^6$):



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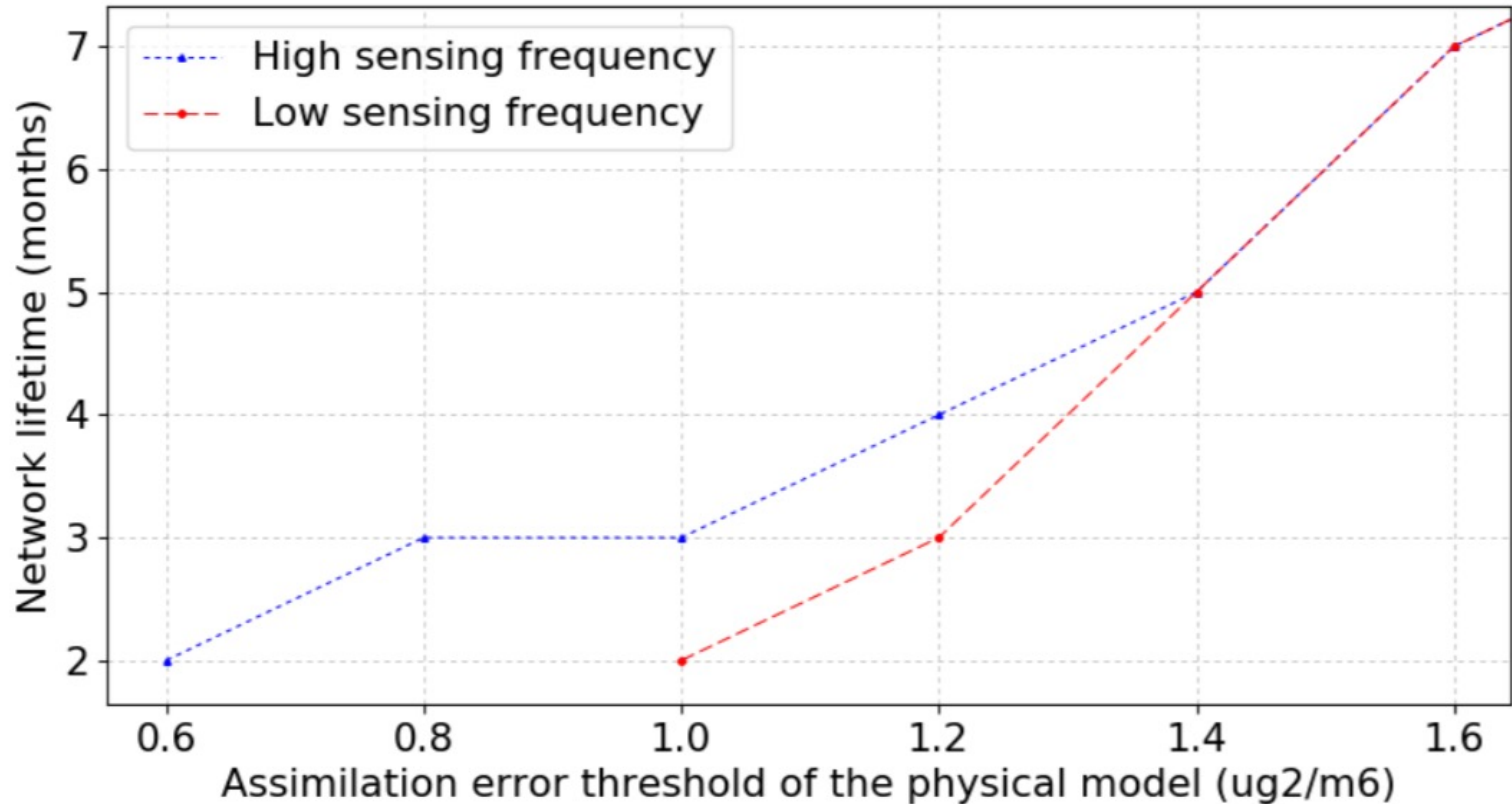
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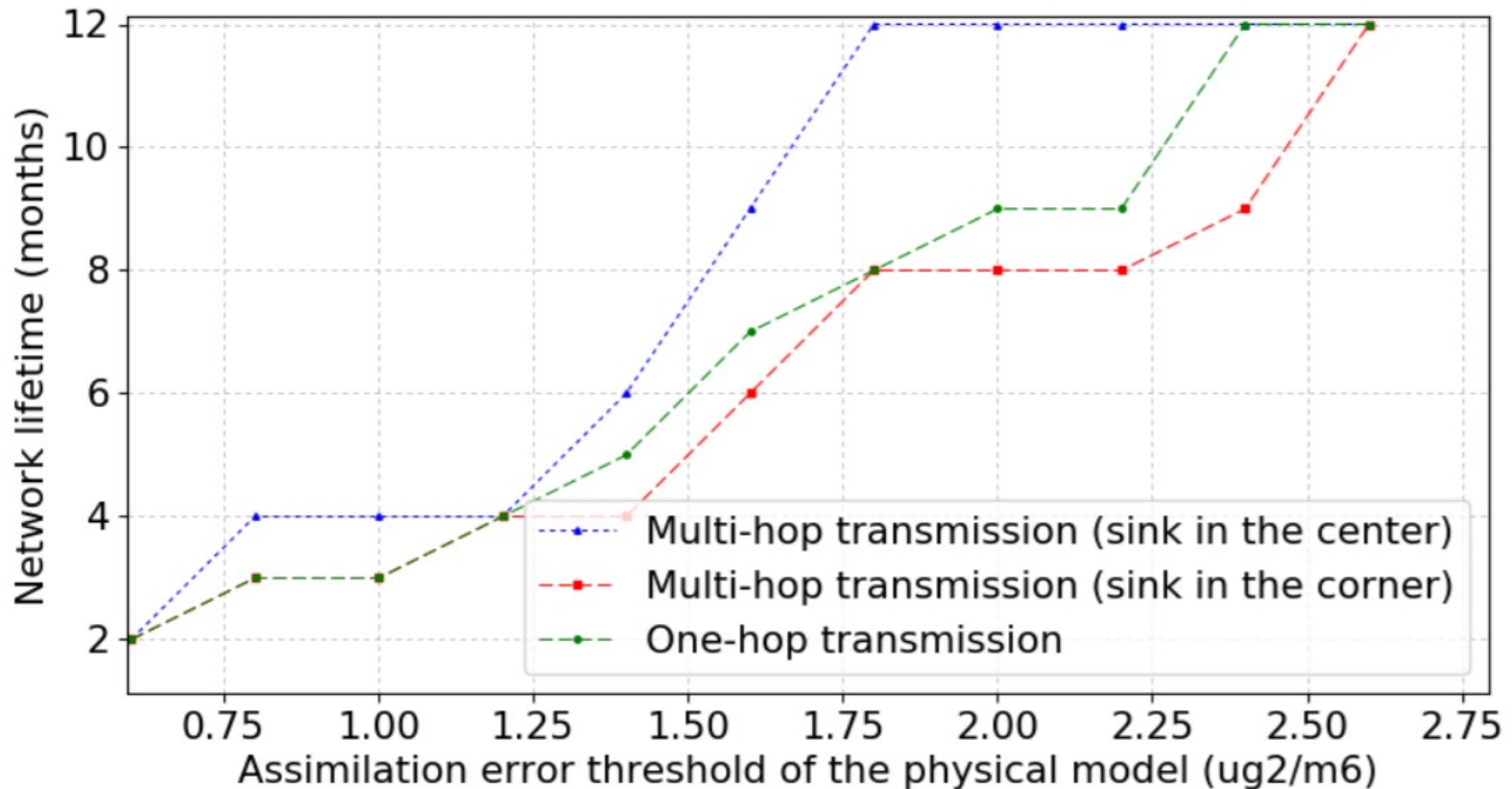
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Impact of sensing frequency



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Impact of transmission power



Latest and Ongoing Research

Mobility Optimization of Drone Networks

Problem: UAV mission planning

Optimization of the drones' limited sensing resources

→ **Output:** optimal drone sensing locations

Challenges:

→ Sensing quality: dynamic and context-dependent

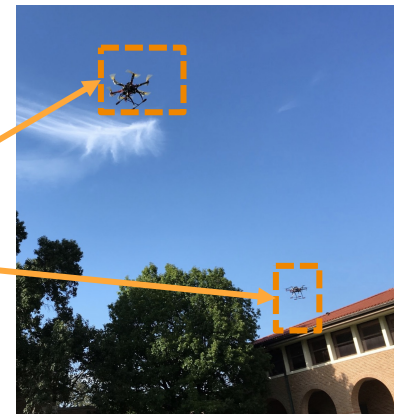
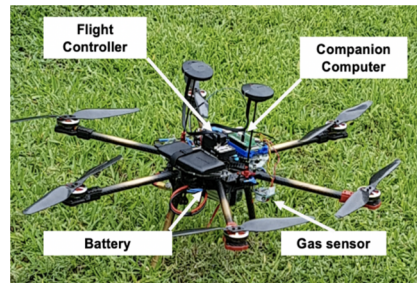
→ Communication constraints: mobile networks' complexity

→ Energy constraints

Proposed solutions:

→ **Environmental mapping** (ACM TIOT'2021, ACM DroNet@MobiSys'2020)

→ **RF targets' localization** (IEEE VNC'2020)



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