

Wireless Network Planning and Performance Analysis for Smart Grid Applications



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Agenda

- **Motivation**
 - Project Outline of Smart Grid Region E-DeMa
 - Wireless M2M Communication for the Smart Grid
- **Deployment (Position Aware) Scenarios**
- **Simulation Environment**
 - Ray Tracing Simulation
 - Geo-Based Scenario Generation
 - Radio Propagation Models
 - Link Budget
- **Analysis**
 - Performance Evaluation
 - Coverage Analysis
- **Conclusions and Outlook**

E-Energy Smart Grid Region

Development and Demonstration of decentralized integrated energy systems on the way towards the E-Energy marketplace of the future

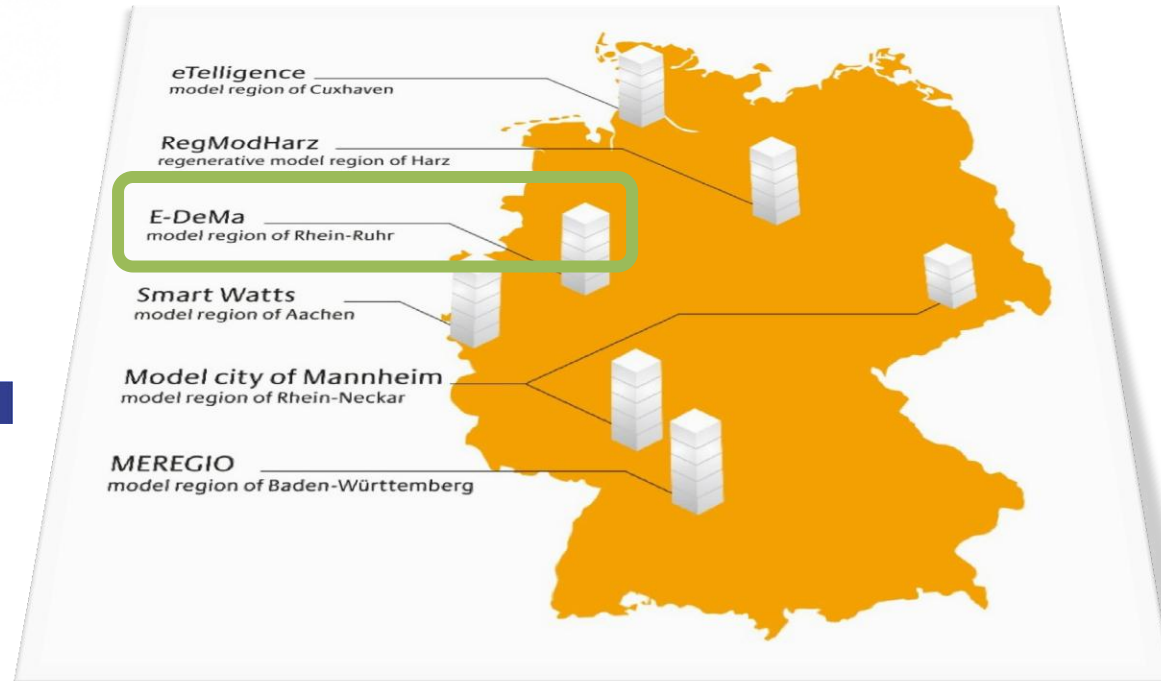
- One of six Smart Grid regions funded by:



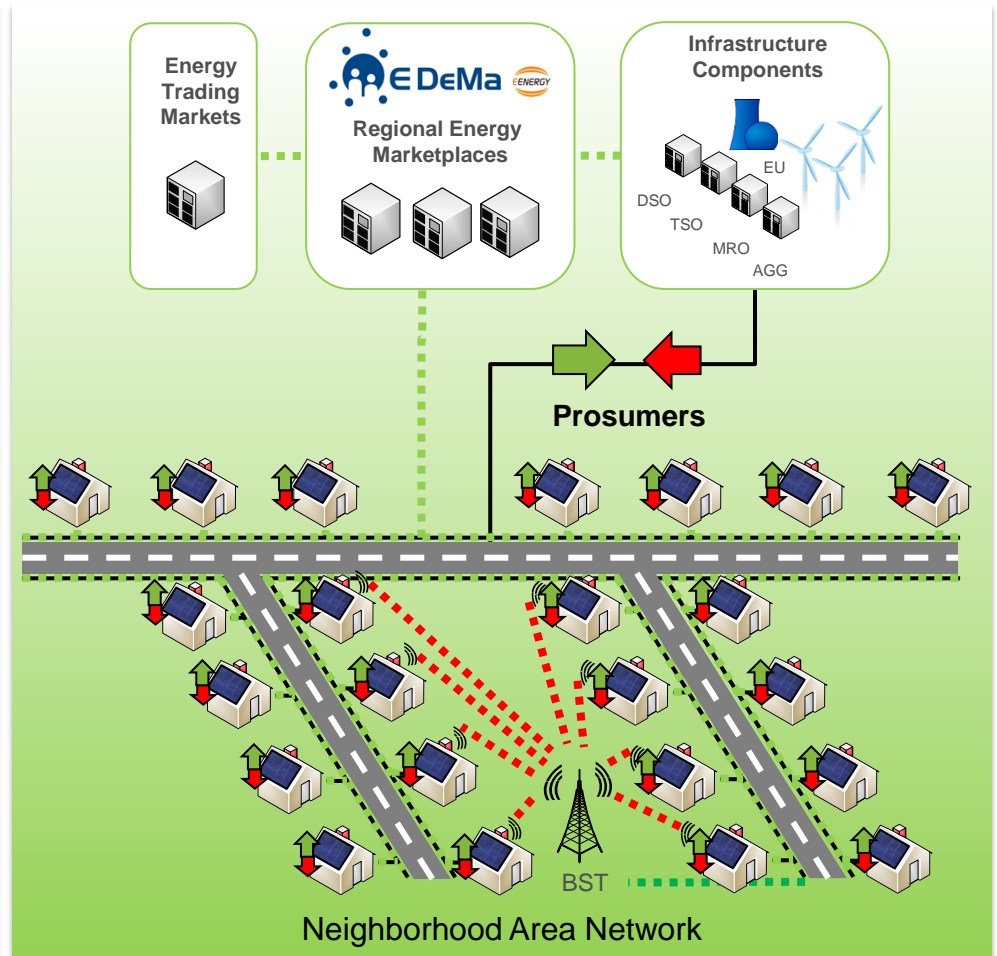
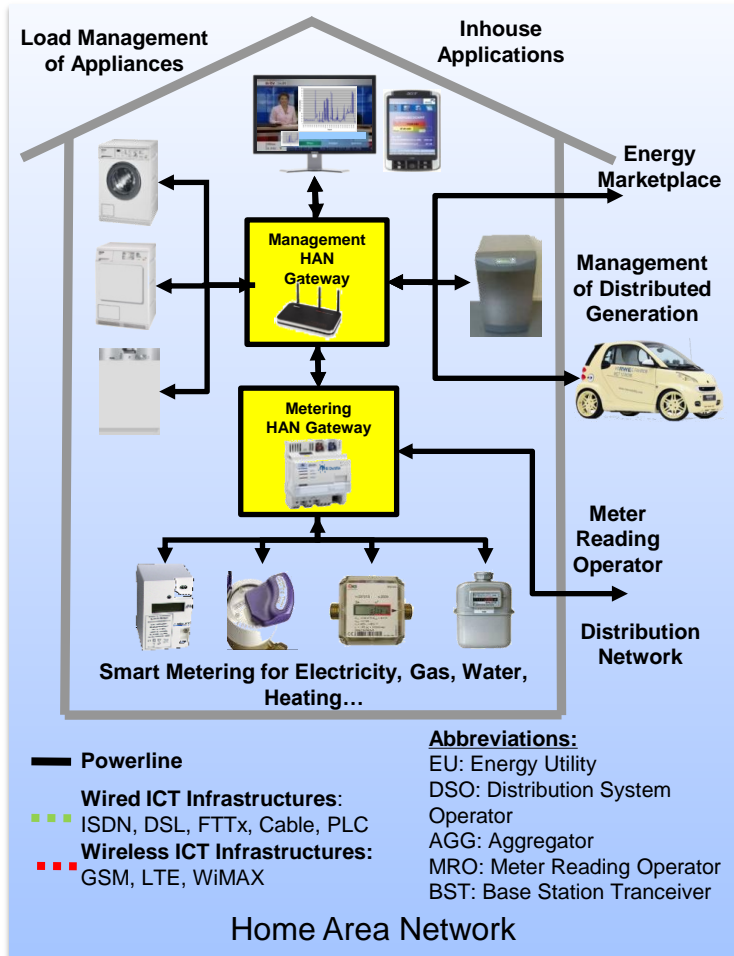
- Project consortium:



- Sister Project *E-Mobility*:



Smart Grid Scenarios for Wireless M2M Communications



→ Wireless technologies for Last Mile M2M connectivity and Distribution Network Automation

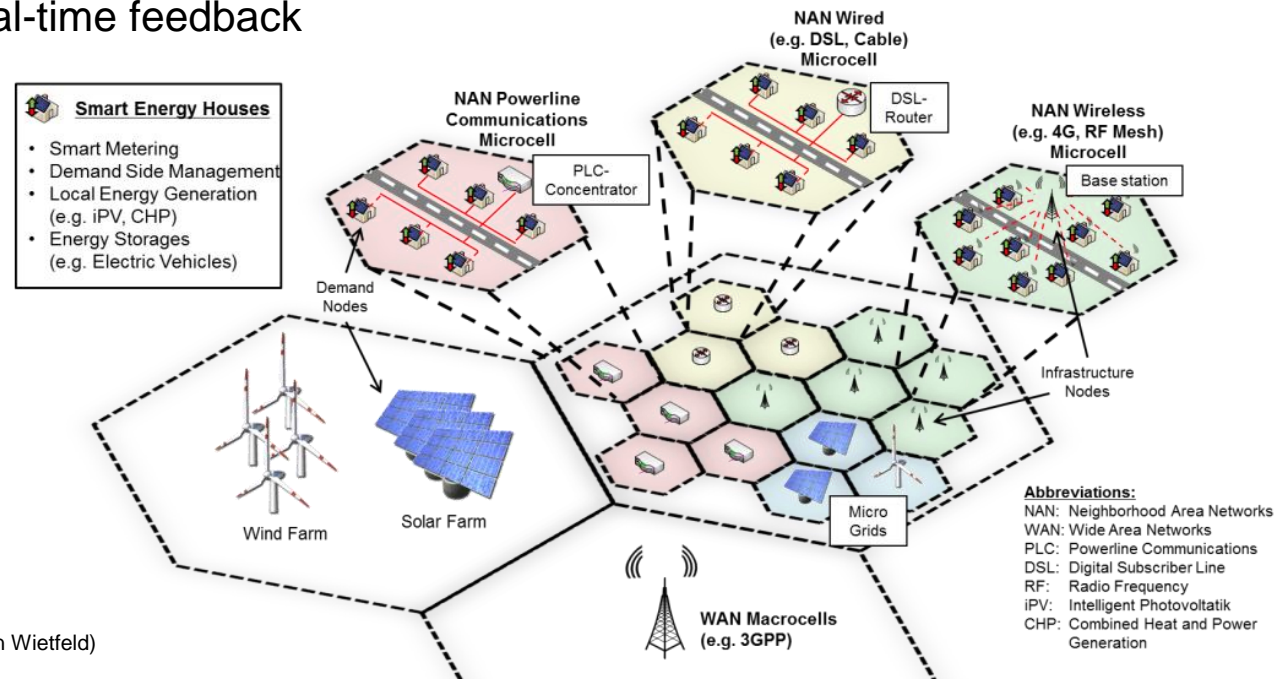
Smart Grid Region 2012 vs. Smart Grid Integration 2020

E-DeMa Model Region 2012

- Evaluation and demonstration of decentralized energy systems
- Model Region with
 - **4000** Gateways and Smart Meter
 - **100** Energy Management Gateways
 - **100** households with smart appliances and combined heat-power generation
 - Dynamic tariff and real-time feedback systems

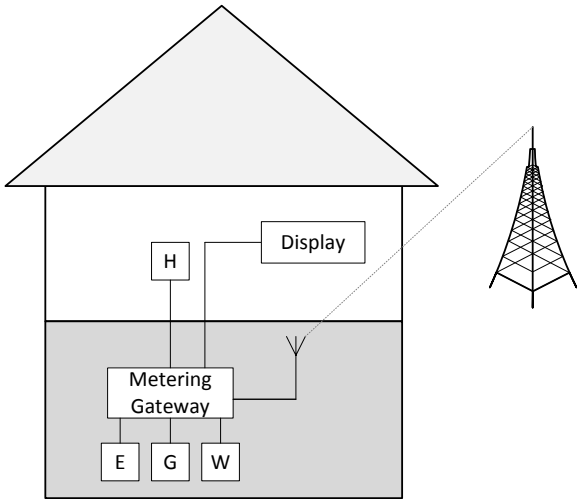
Smart Grid 2020

- Evaluation of heterogeneous network infrastructures for the scenario 2020
- Wireless Technologies for Smart Metering and Demand Side Management
- Wired Technologies (DSL, Fiber, PLC, BPLC)

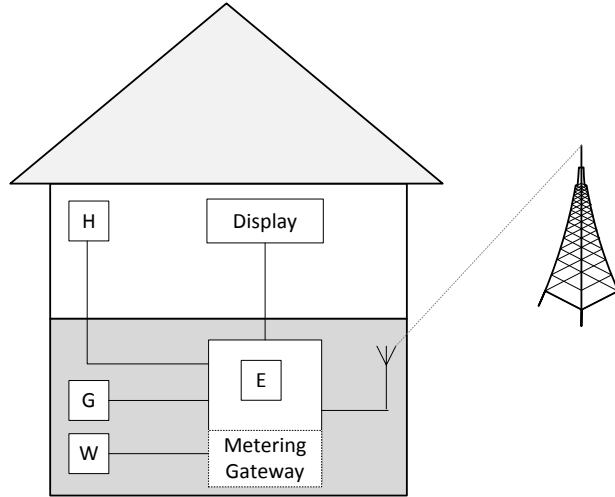


Smart Metering / Smart Grid Architectures

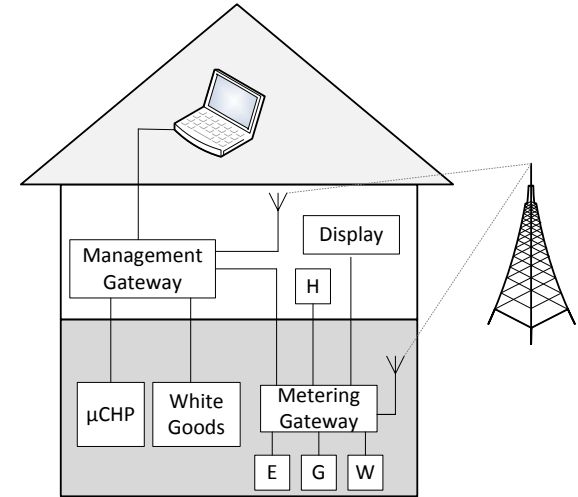
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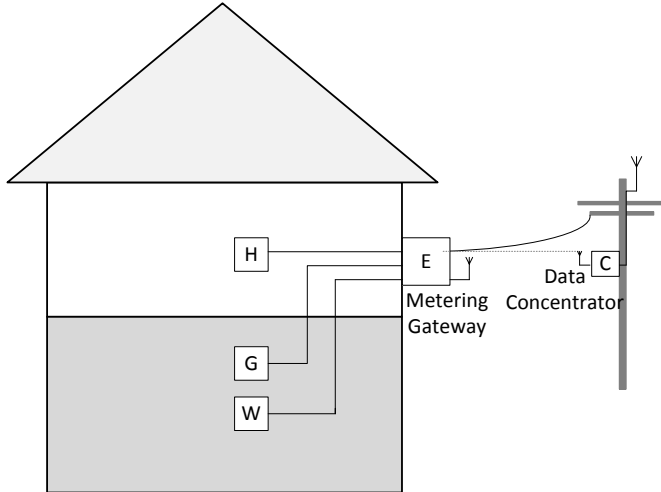
Integrative AMR



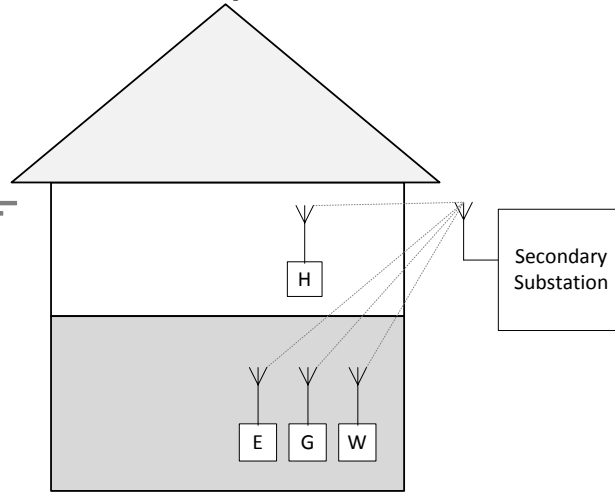
AMR + DSM



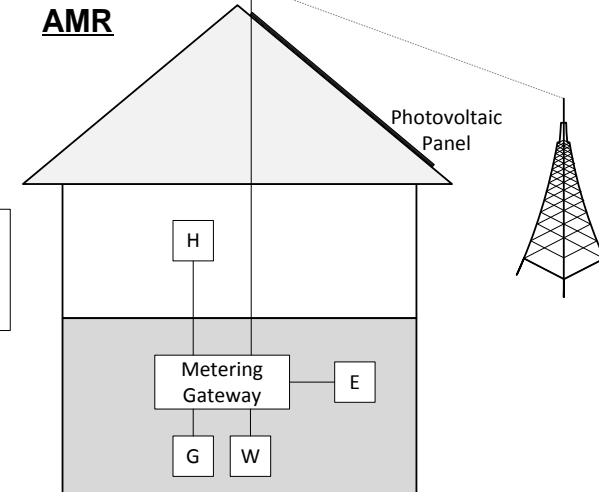
Aggregated AMR



Multi-Hop AMR



Relay based AMR



Deployment Scenarios of Smart Meter and ICT Components

Real Life Scenarios

Outdoor Installation



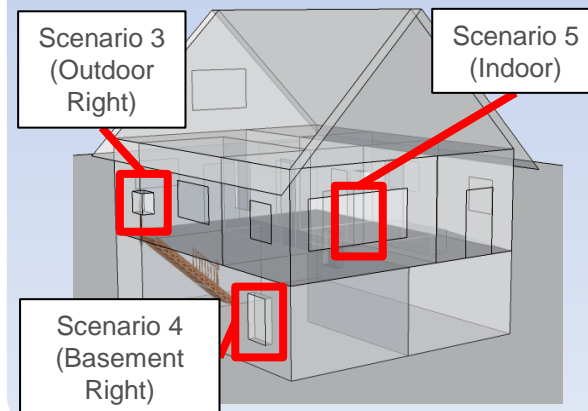
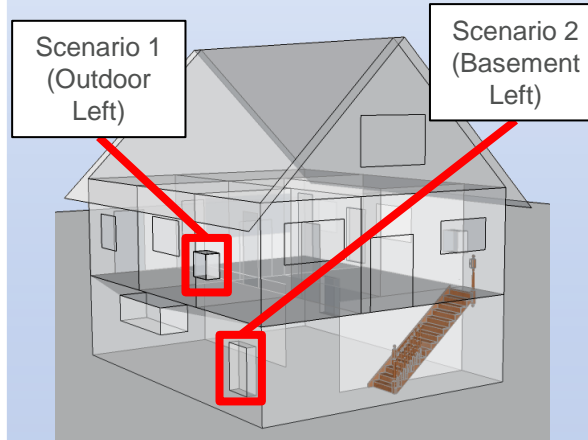
Basement Installation



Indoor Installation



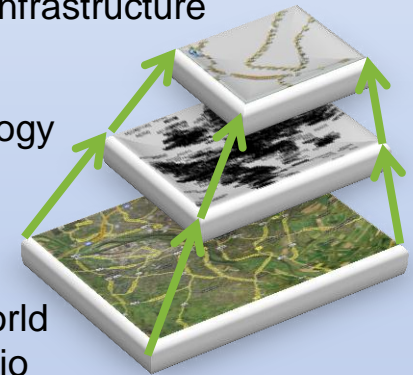
Simulation Scenarios



Topology Scenarios

ICT Infrastructure

Topology

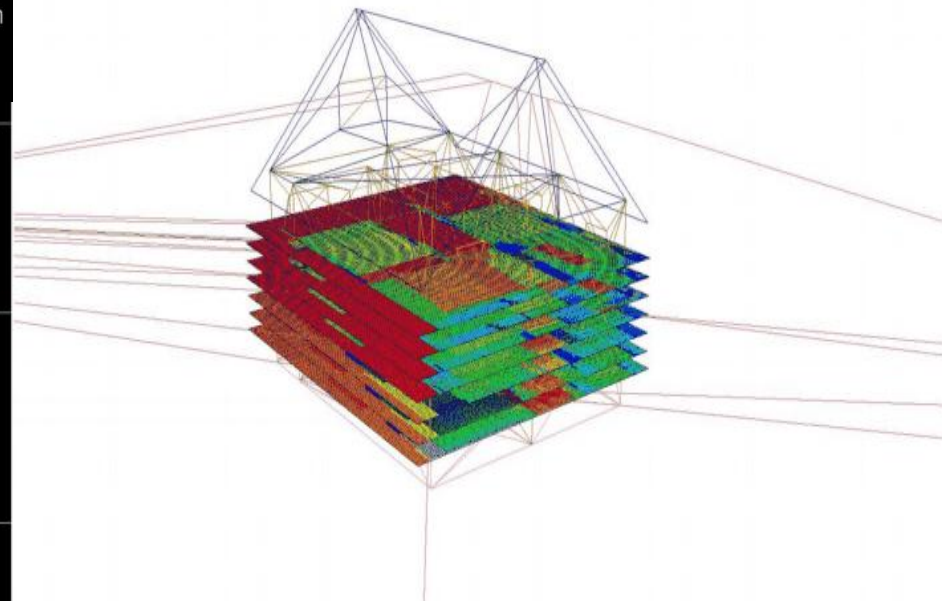
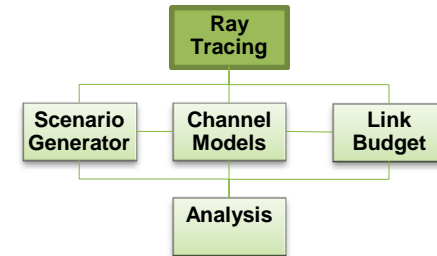


Real-World Scenario

- Scalability analysis of communication concepts and technologies
- Complex geo-based scenarios with up to 12.000 households (Rural/Suburban/Urban)

Ray Tracing Analysis

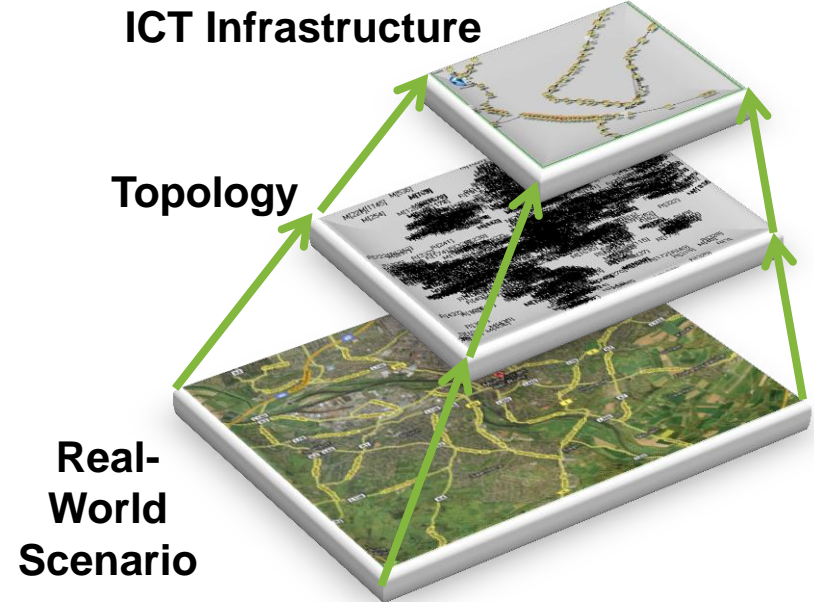
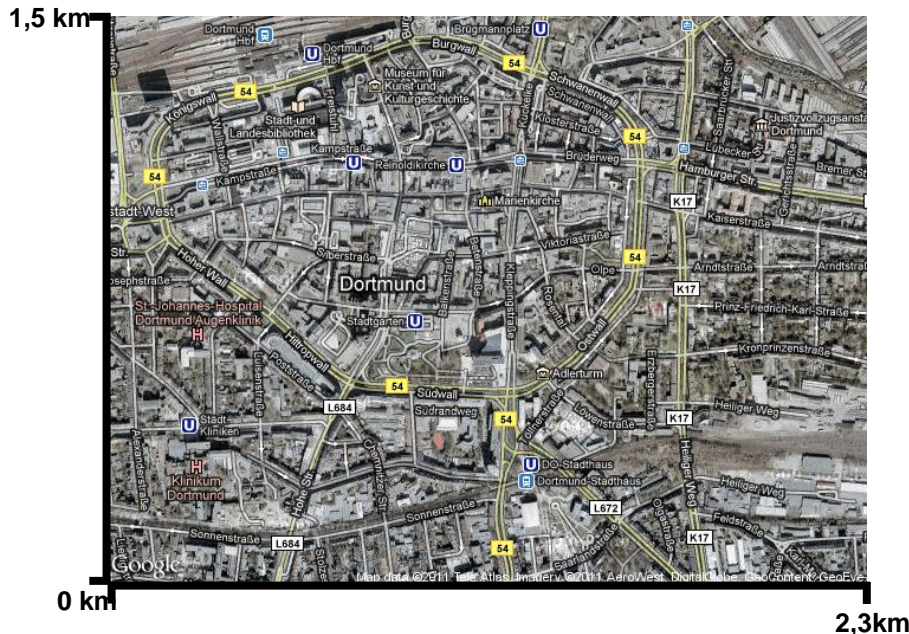
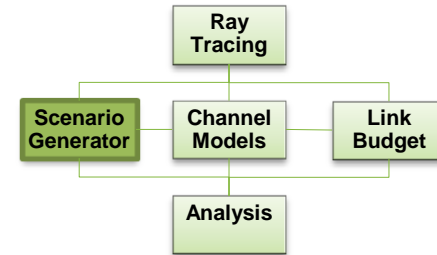
- 3D House Modell
- Different ICT component positions
- Stepwise base station positioning (1 degree steps)
- Calculating signal strength on previously specified Inhouse positions



Basestation height:	20m
Distance:	200m Carrier
Frequency:	1.8 GHz
Transmission Power:	20 dBm
Basement:	w/o Metering box
Outdoor / Inhouse (corridor)	
Basement / First floor / Attic model	
Outdoor walls:	50 cm walls (Brick/Concrete)
Windows:	3 glass plates
Doors:	5 cm Wood

Large-Scale Simulation Generation

- Scenario generation based on geographic positions
- Urban topology (Dortmund, Germany):
 - 12.000 houses (Brick and Concrete)
 - Area: ~3,5 km²
- Considering the orientation of houses
- Predominant indoor/basement installation:
 - 20 % outdoor, 40 % indoor, 40 % basement



Radio Propagation Models – Selection

Requirements for Application

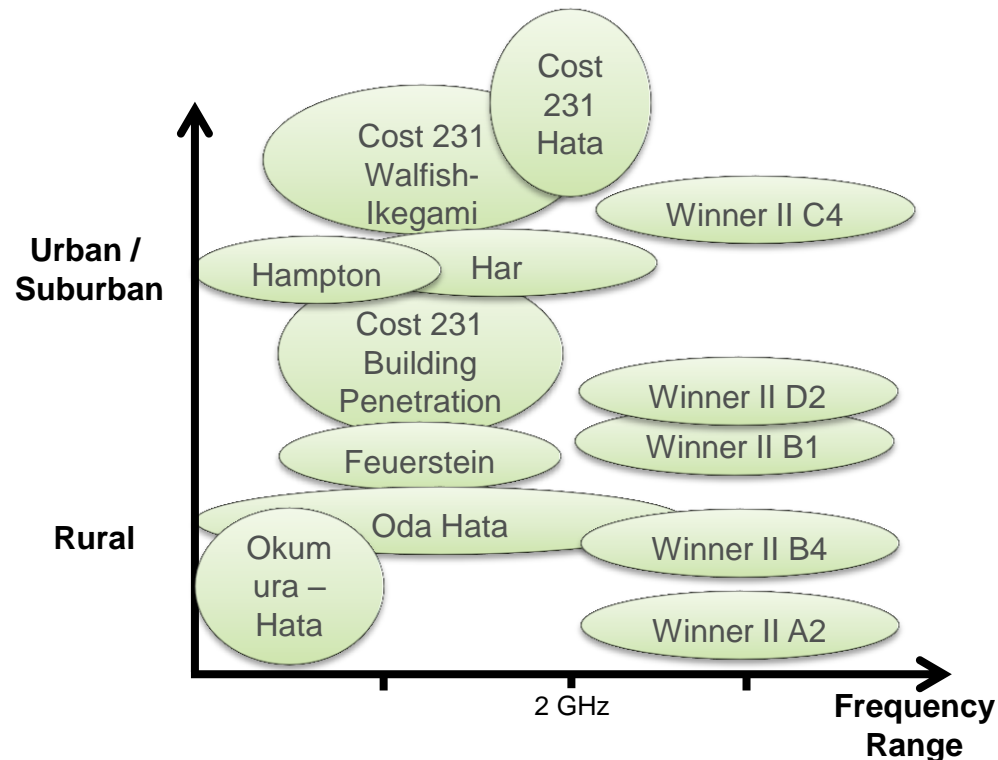
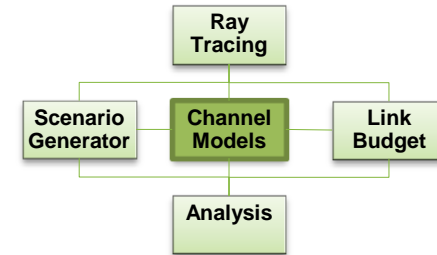
Scenarios:

- Building Penetration
- Outdoor-to-Indoor Attenuation (Transition models)
- Attenuation within Buildings (Influence of Inner Walls)
- Position and Orientation of Houses (Distance, Incidence Angle)
- Different Topologies (rural, suburban, urban)
- Non-/LOS
- Different technologies / Frequencies

Outdoor-to-Indoor Propagation

Models:

- COST231 WI / Building Penetration
- Winner II A2 / B4
- Winner II C4



State-of-the-Art Analysis of Radio Propagation Modells
Maintenance and restrictions

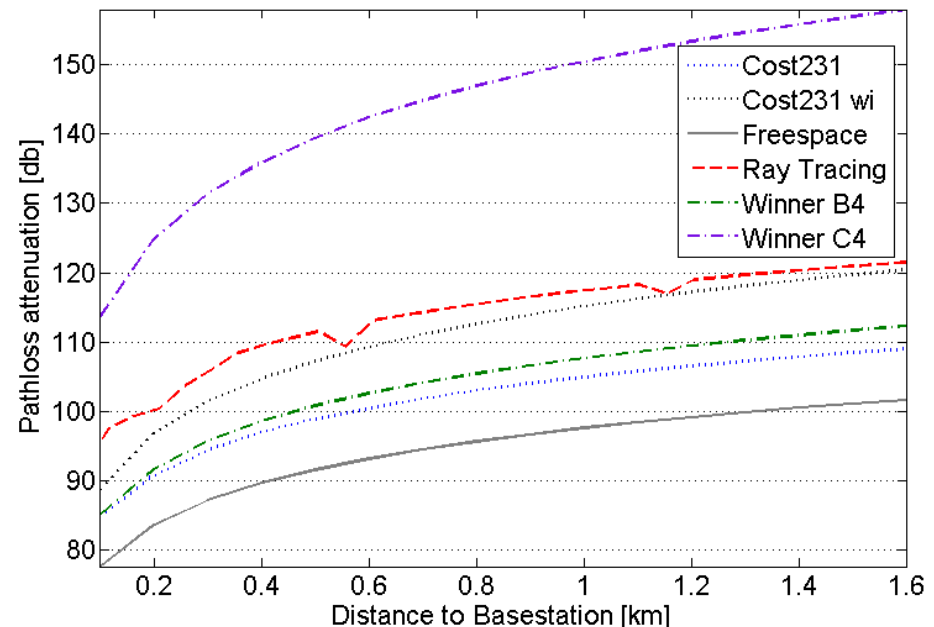
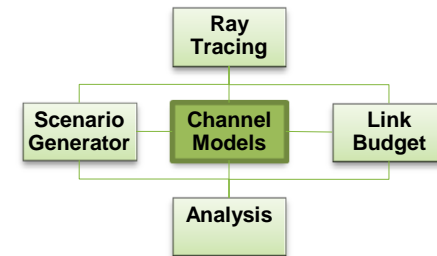
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Pathloss vs. Distance – Comparison of Radio Propagation Models

[1] H. Okamoto, K. Kitao and S. Ichitsubo, "Outdoor-to-Indoor Propagation Loss Prediction in 800-MHz to 8-GHz Band for an Urban Area", IEEE Transaction on Vehicular Technology, Vol. 58, No. 3, March 2009

Building Penetration Models

Cost 231 WI / Building Penetration

- LOS topologies
- Distance between 20m - 5km
- Different Building Types

$$L_{dB} = L_{fsp}(S+d)_{dB} + W_e + (1 - \sin(\Theta))^2 \cdot W_{Ge} + \text{Max}(\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2)$$

with $\Gamma_1 = W_i \cdot p$ and $\Gamma_2 = \alpha \cdot (d-2) \cdot (1 - \sin(\Theta))^2$

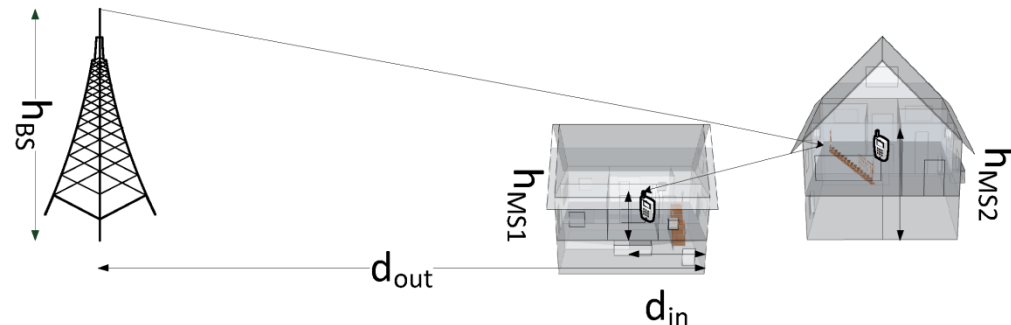
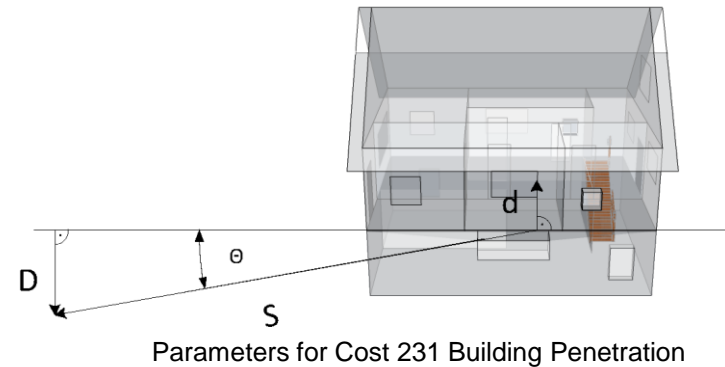
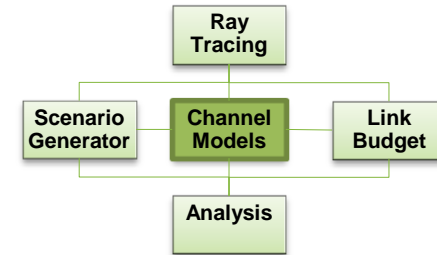
Winner II A2 / B4:

- Indoor-to-Outdoor / vice versa
- Urban Topologies
- Building Losses within Houses

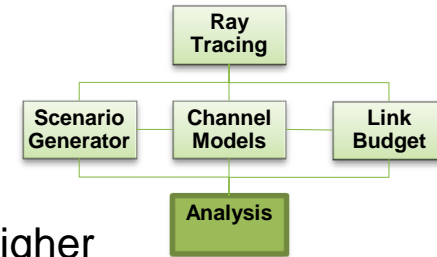
Winner II C4:

- Outdoor-to-Indoor
- Urban Topologies / NLOS
- Building Losses within Houses

$$PL_{tot} = PL_{B1}(d_{out} + d_{in}) + 15 + 15 \cdot (1 - \cos(\Theta))^2 + 0.5 \cdot d_{in}$$

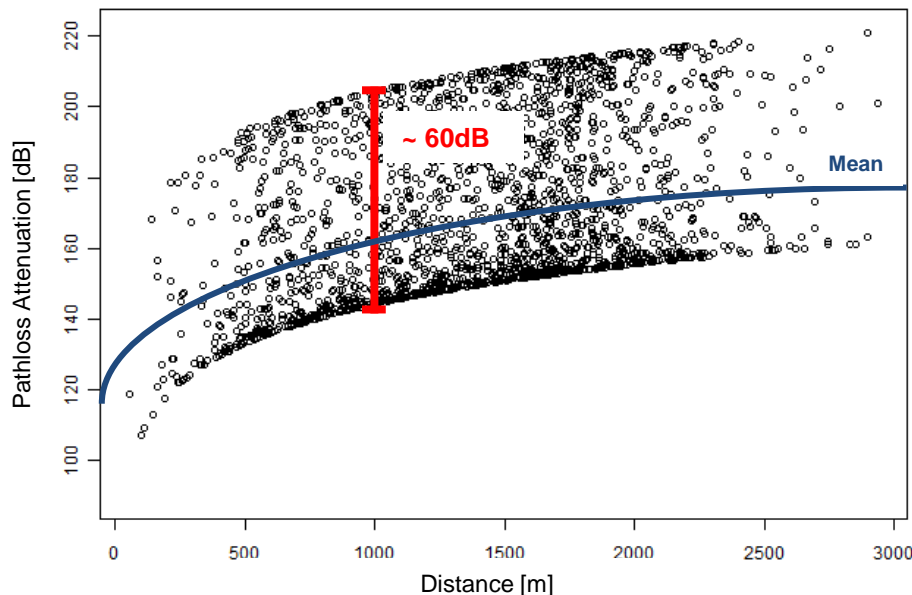


Performance Analysis – Deployment Scenarios

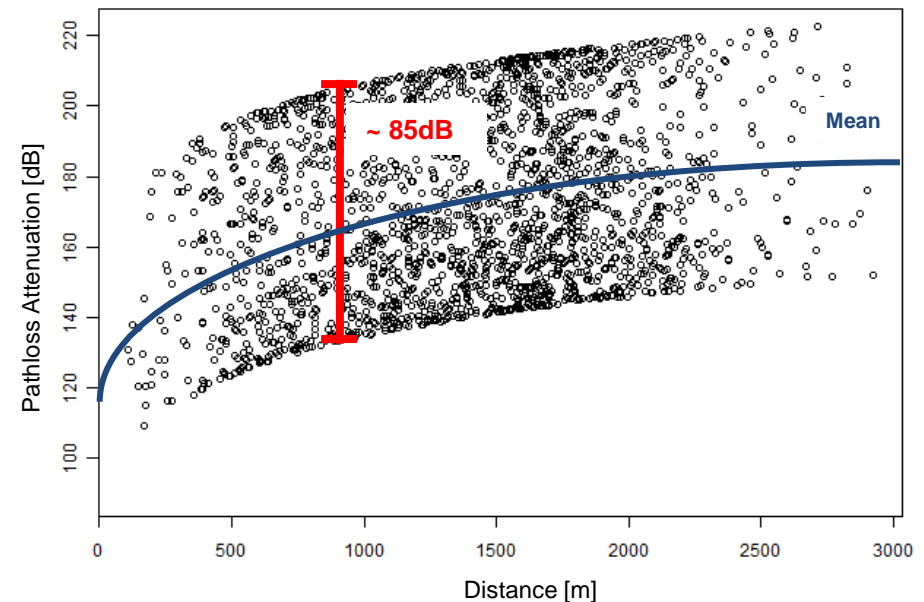


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- Variation caused by reflection at outer walls (Incidence Angle)

Inhouse Installation

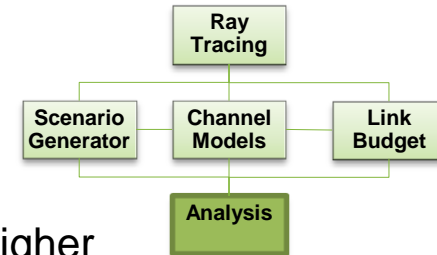


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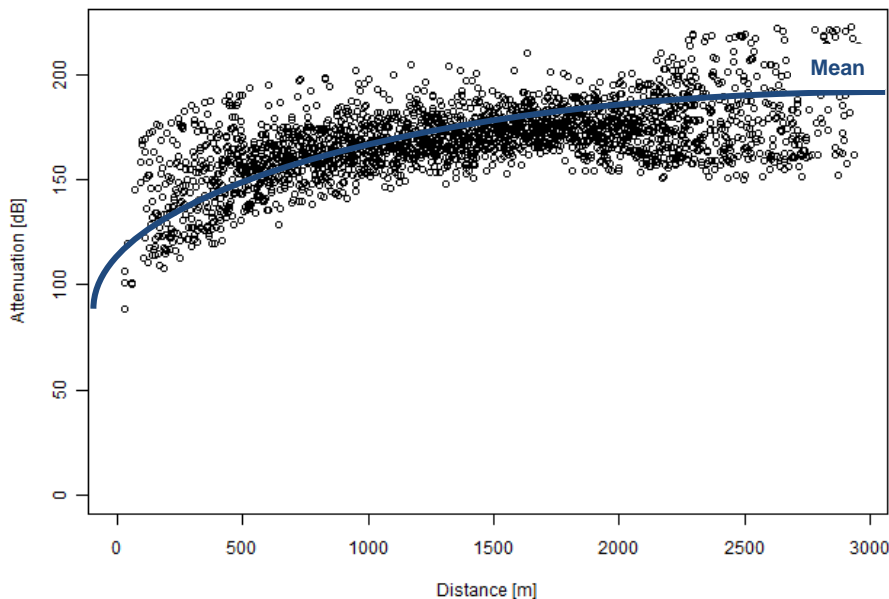


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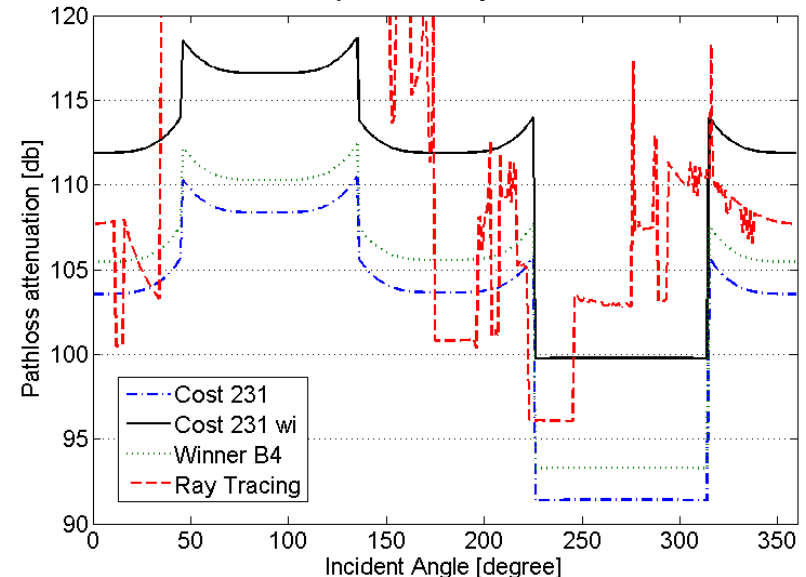
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- Ray Tracing simulation shows higher variation compared to propagation channel models
- Variation for all deployment scenarios ~ 85 dB



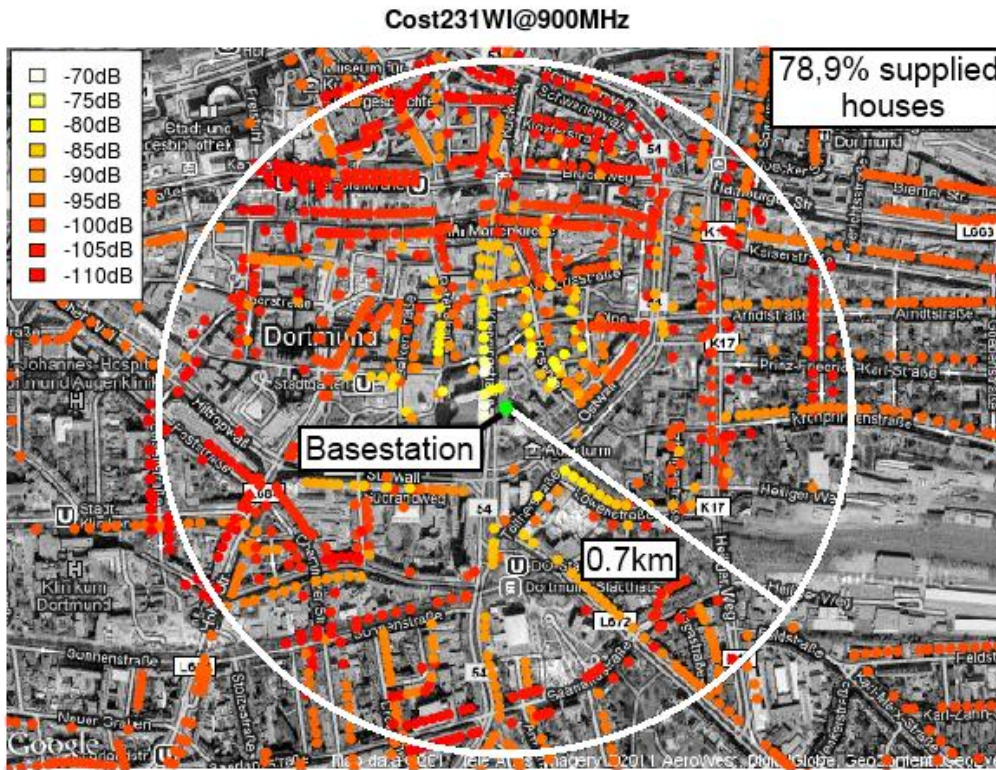
Pathloss Attenuation for different housetypes



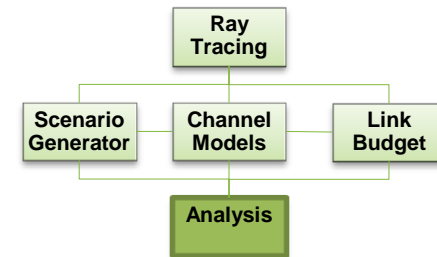
Pathloss in dependency of the orientation



Coverage Analysis – Results 900 MHz

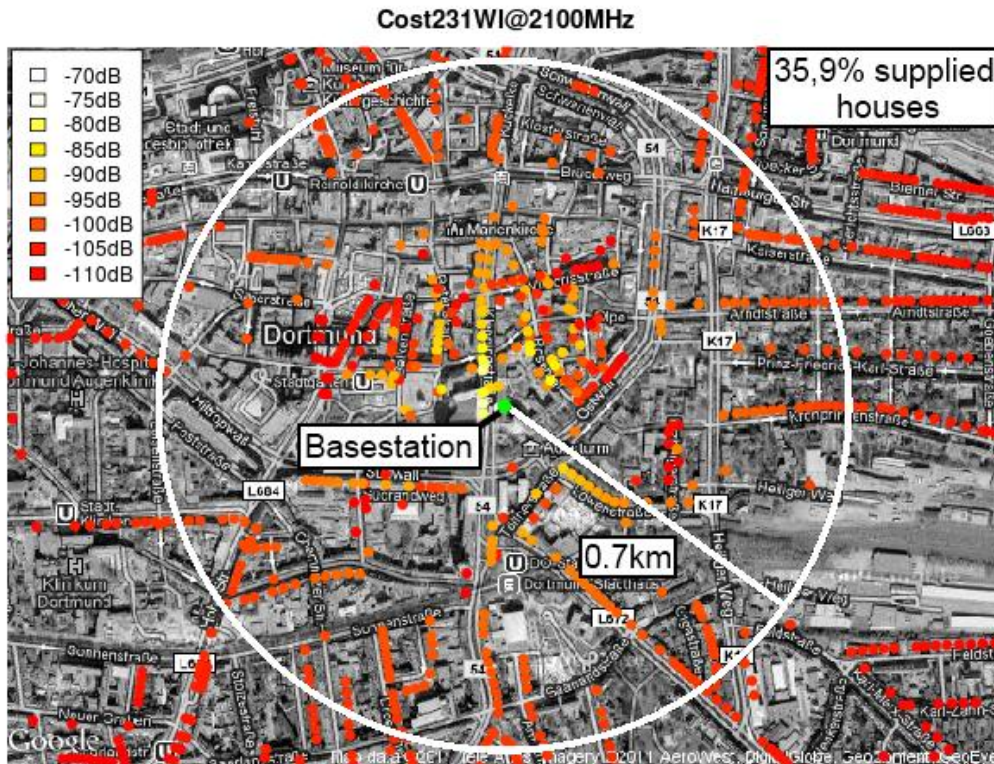


Coverage Analysis of Real-World Scenario using Cost 231 WI Building Penetration Channel Model at 900 MHz

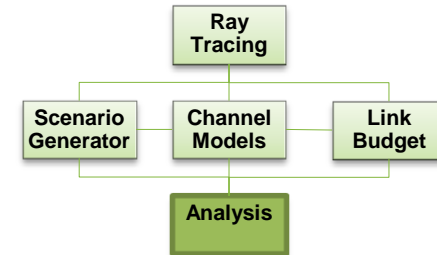


- Reference scenario: Single Basestation for validation purpose without network infrastructure and sectorization
- Cost231 WI at 900 MHz:
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 - Threshold -110 dB

Coverage Analysis – Results 2100 MHz

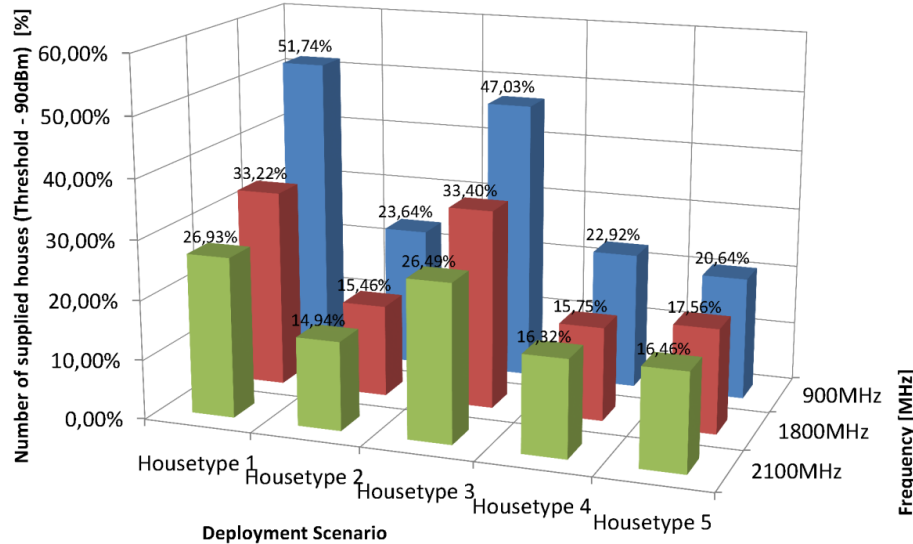


Coverage Analysis of Real-World Scenario using Cost 231 WI Building Penetration Channel Model at 2100 MHz

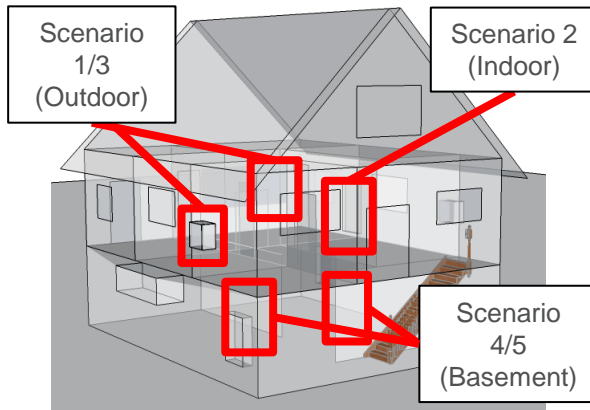


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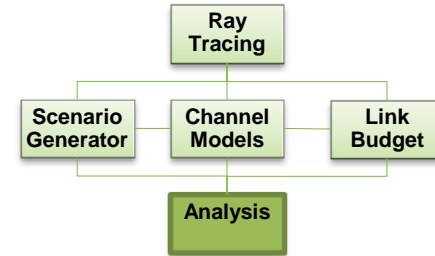
Coverage Analysis – Results



Coverage Analysis for Large-Scale Scenario using Cost 231 WI Building Penetration Channel Model

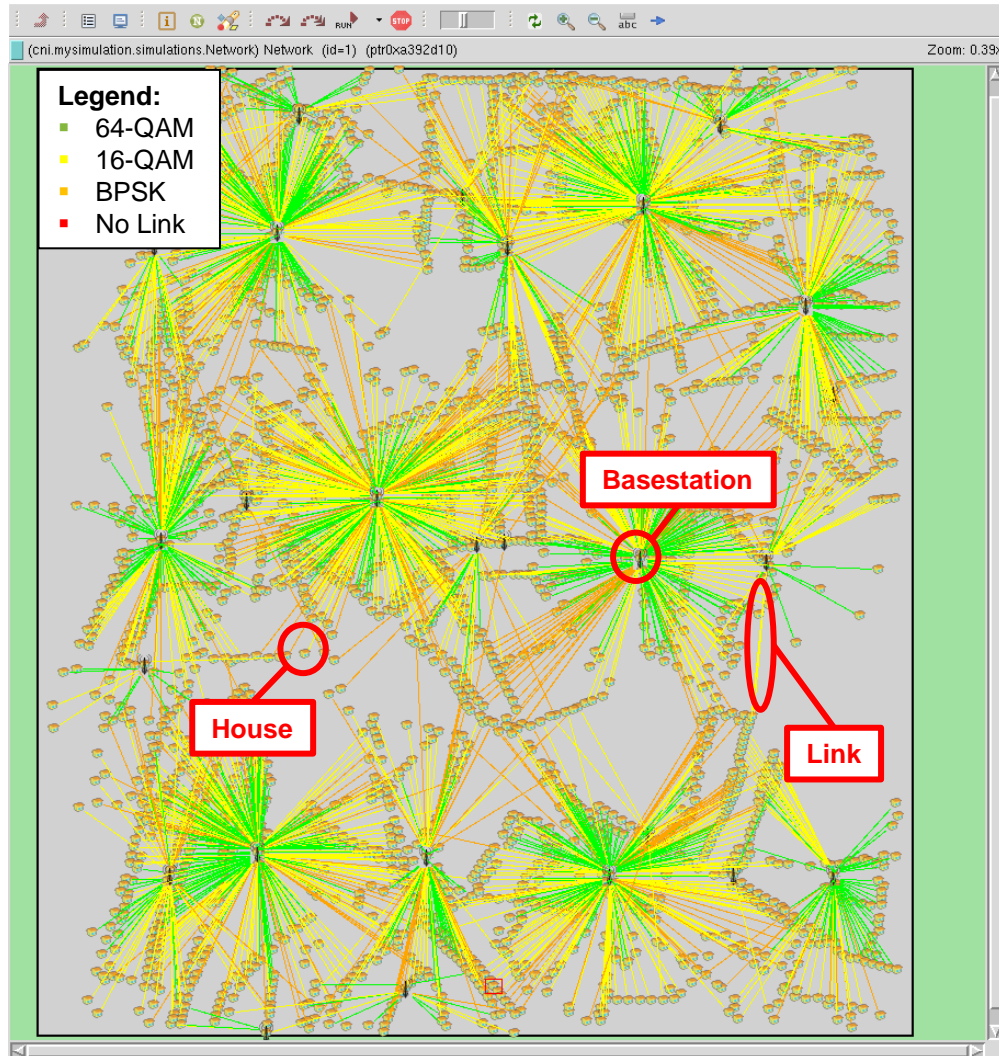


Installation Scenarios

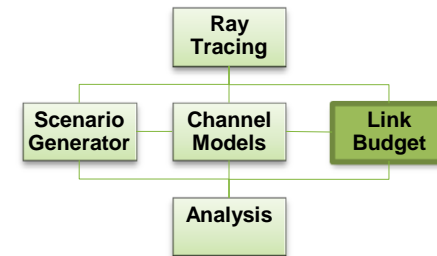


- Single Basestation for validation purpose without network infrastructure and sectorization
- Comparison at threshold -90 dB
- **900MHz:**
 - Outdoor ~ 50 % supplied
 - Indoor ~ 24 % supplied
 - Basement ~ 20 % supplied
- **2100MHz:**
 - Outdoor ~ 27 % supplied
 - Indoor ~ 15 % supplied
 - Basement ~ 16 % supplied

Link Budget / Channel Capacity Calculation



Link Budget and Network Analysis for Real-World Scenario for Mobile WiMAX



- Link Adaption based upon antenna gain and pathloss

$$LinkBudget = P_{Sender} + G_{Antenne} - PL$$

- Bit Error Rate Calculation based upon modulation scheme

$$BER(M-QAM) = \frac{\sqrt{M}-1}{\sqrt{M}} \cdot \frac{1}{ld\sqrt{M}} \cdot \operatorname{erfc} \left(\sqrt{\frac{E_b \cdot ld(\sqrt{M}) \cdot 3}{N_0 \cdot (M-1)}} \right)$$

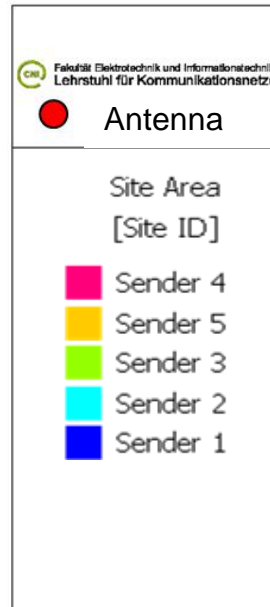
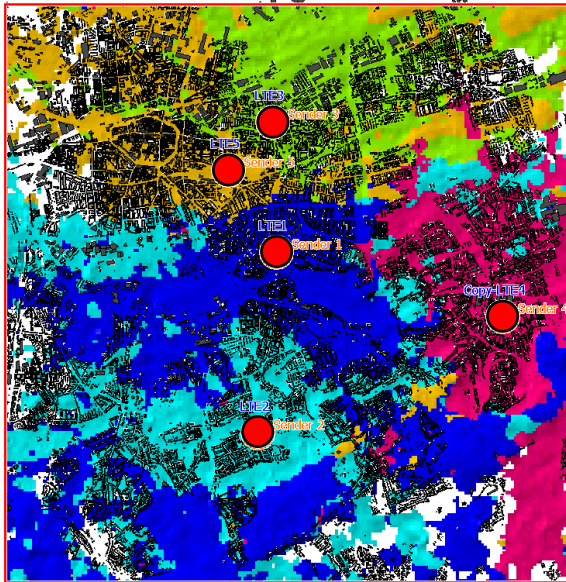
- Complex Scenario with network infrastructure (e.g. 802.16e network)

- Parameter:

- Mobile WiMAX / 802.16e
- COST231 Building Penetration
- Threshold BER > 10⁻³

Network Planning: Greedy vs. Genetic Algorithms

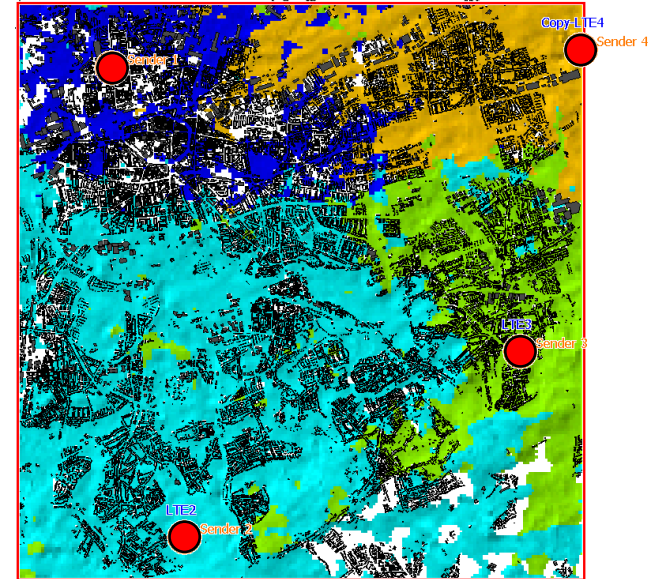
Greedy-Algorithm



Example:
LTE800 in Dortmund

Sender Power: 15W EIRP
Antenna Gain: 0 dBi
Outdoor-Verbindung

Genetic Algorithm



Conclusions and Outlook

- Results show strong impact on reachability for indoor / basement installations with restrictions to:
 - Accurate antenna alignment for indoor installations required
 - Incidence angle has strong influence on signal strength
 - Transition loss for basement coverage adds up to 25 dB pathloss
 - Enhancements to existing propagation channel models required
- As expected, lower frequency ranges show better performance than usual mobile frequencies (up to 50 % coverage):
 - e.g. LTE / Mobile WiMAX at 800 MHz, TETRA, CDMA 450
- Results enable detailed network planning and optimization methods for wireless networks
- Current work focusses on the analysis of lower frequency ranges (169 MHz, 450 MHz)

On-going work

Laboratory and field testing

- Measurements under real conditions
- Comparison of network technologies under controlled conditions
- Latest network technologies available

Laboratory Equipment



Basestation Emulator
(GSM, UMTS, LTE, Mobile WiMAX)

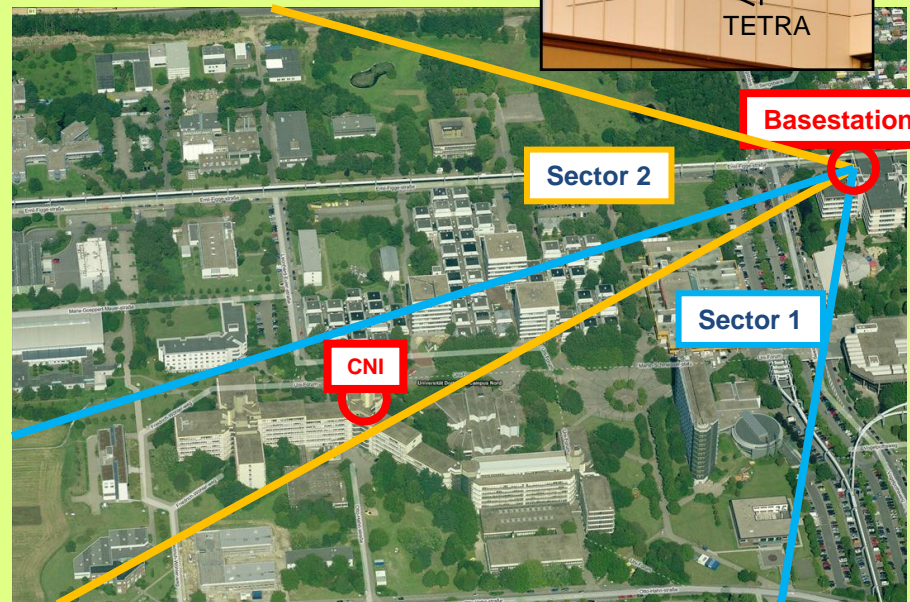


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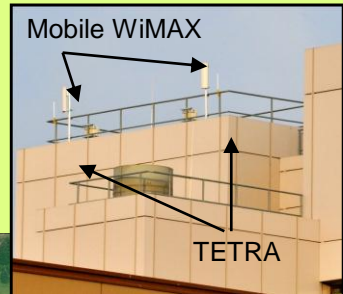


Channel Emulator

Field Testing



Outdoor Units



Basestations

Sector 2

Sector 1

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CNI Radio Testing Site

Thank you for your Attention!

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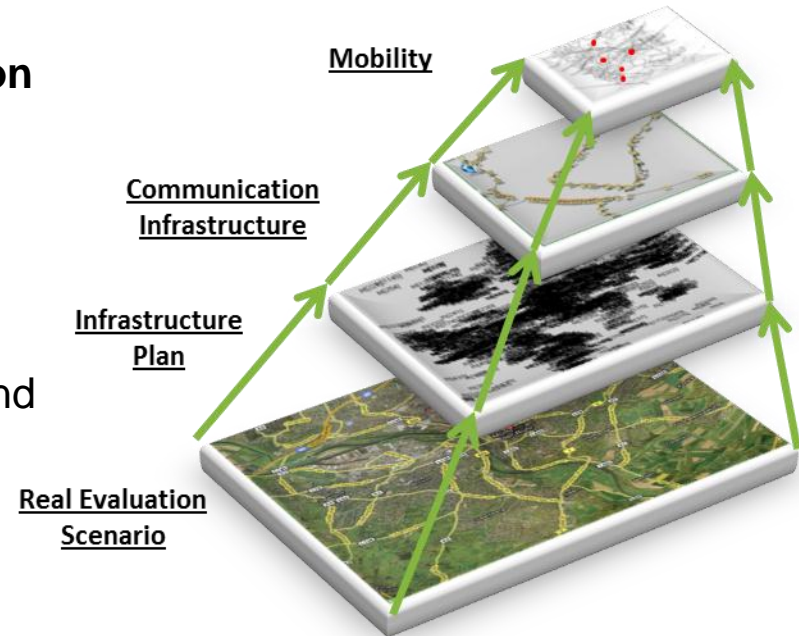
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Competences and Activities regarding Smart Grid

- Design of **interoperable** Web Service based **Architectures for ICT** in Electric Vehicles and Smart Grid
- **Specification, Evaluation and Optimization** of System Characteristics and Protocols for various Smart Grid relevant Technologies
- **Model-driven Protocol Validation and Security Analysis**
- **PHY and MAC Layer Analysis** for Wired and Wireless Communication Technologies (e.g. PLC, IEEE 802, LTE, etc.)
- **Scalable Simulation Environment** for ICT Architectures and Technologies
- Contributions and active Participation in **ISO/IEC** for the **Vehicle-to-Grid Communication Interface** (in close Cooperation with RWE & Siemens)
- Participation in **Standardization of Embedded Web Services** (Device Profile for Web Services) at OASIS



CNI Resources

• Research Labs and Tools

- Communication Network Emulators and Testbeds (2G/3G/4G, Fixed/Mobile WiMAX, LTE, Zigbee, WLAN mesh and PLC), Out-door Testing Site
- Spectrum Analysis Laboratory Equipment
- Multi-scale Simulation Environment (incl. Geo referenced Mobility Models)

• Scientific Publications and Standardization

- Approx. 20 publications at major IEEE conferences per year
- Regular TPC membership IEEE ICC, Globecom, VTC, Smart Grid Comm, Homeland Security, ...
- Contributions to IETF (Mobile IP), OASIS (Device Profile for Web Services) and ISO/IEC (Vehicle2Grid)

• Regular European activities

- Several European-funded projects, Lead Scientist in the IST-MORE Project
- Regular Review Expert of 7FP ICT and Security Call Project Proposals

