



# Long Range Internet of Things for Emergency Notification Systems LoRIT

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# Motivation

## EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM



### Disaster leads to massive damage

Current communication systems require complex terrestrial infrastructure and/or short-range radio transmission

***secure radio transmission  
of data from sensors over  
long distances enable  
reliable operation without  
terrestrial infrastructure***

The occurrence of a disaster causes a particular threat to the survival of ground infrastructure



# Objectives

## LORA PARAMETERS

**Transmit Power** from  $-4$  dBm to 20 dBm,  
with a step of 1 dB

**Carrier frequency** from 137MHz to  
1020MHz with a step of 61Hz

**Spreading factor** from 6 to 12

**Bandwidth** from 7.8 kHz to 500 kHz

**Coding rate** 4/5, 4/6, 4/7 or 4/8

**6,720 possible parameter settings**

**Proper configuration  
determines the **reliability of  
communication,  
transmission range,  
resistance to interference,  
power consumption and the  
airtime to transmit a data  
packet****

The development of an algorithm for automatic and autonomous **adjustment of radio parameters** of the LoRa link in such a way as to optimize the power consumption of the device, and most importantly, to **ensure reliable communication**

**the aim of the experiment**

# Experiment set-up



## CityLab testbed

campus of the University of Antwerp/imec

- Node3: approximately 3 meters above ground
- Node2: highest rooftop of the 4-storey building
- Node7: approximately 4 meters above the street
- Node14: on the roof of the building
- Node20: on the roof of the building
- Node24: on the roof of the building
- Node33: at the City Campus' Inner Square, roughly 5 meters high



### **Three parameters were modified:**

- transmit power (0dBm, 3dBm, 7dBm, 10dBm, 14dBm, 17dBm, and 20dBm)
- spreading factor (SF7, SF8, SF9, SF10, SF11, and SF12)
- bandwidth (125kHz, 250kHz, and 500kHz)

### **Three parameters were analyzed:**

- communication reliability,
- radio signal strength indicator (RSSI),
- and signal to noise ratio (SNR).

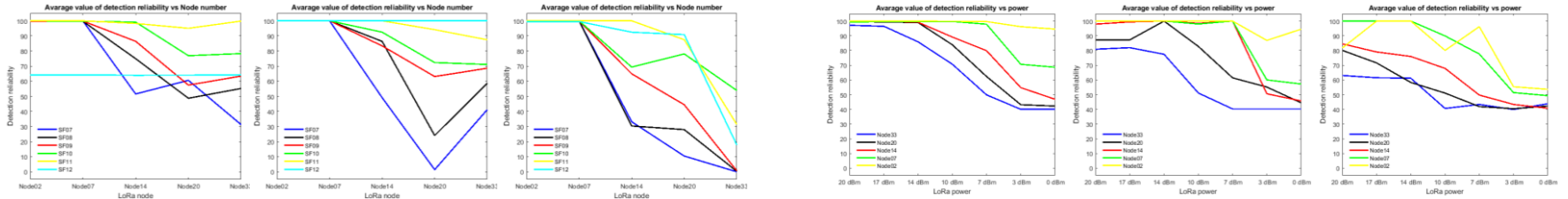
Single measurement session included 300 data packages.

**measurements**

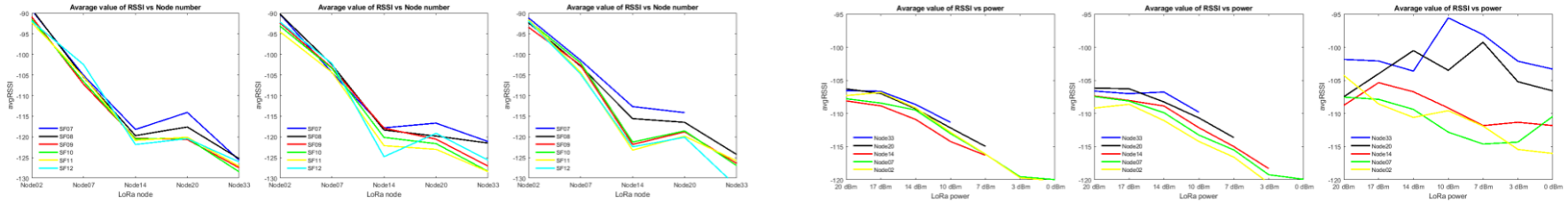
# Measurements



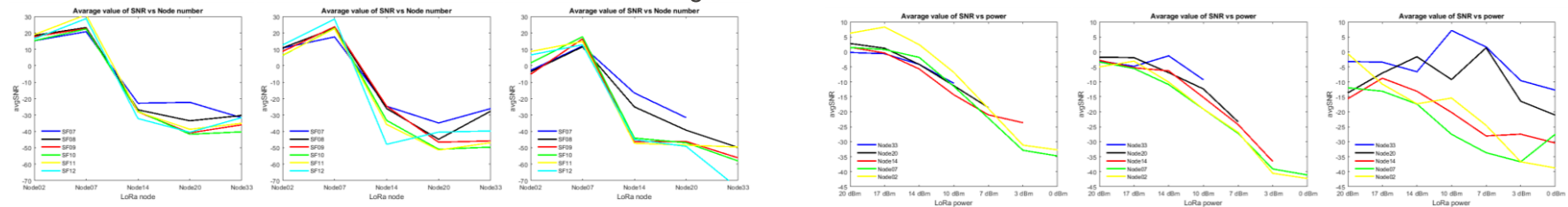
## Packet Delivery Ratio



## Radio Signal Strength Indicator



## Signal to Noise Ratio



**communication reliability** good for narrow bandwidth and high spreading factor values

**transmit power** does not have as strong influence on communication reliability as it was in case of propagation conditions (for different locations of the nodes)

**RSSI and SNR** coefficients are strongly dependent on the propagation conditions spreading factor and transmit power

**lessons learned**



**new practical knowledge** about the functioning of the LoRa system

**impact of the radio parameters** on the reliability of communication in urban environment

The results of experiment carried out in **CityLab testbed** provided unique data for our company

A **new algorithm** for the automatic selection of optimal radio parameters of the LoRa link was developed

**knowledge and experience are necessary to become a leader in the radio-electronics industry**

**BUSINESS IMPACT**

Thanks to **Fed4FIRE** we started development of the LoRa based intelligent radio transceivers equipped with Artificial Intelligence, and dedicated for:

- **Emergency Notification Systems** used in the event of environmental disasters, war operation, and terrorist attacks
- **Security Systems** to ensure security of objects of special importance
- **Drone based IoT Systems**

**reliable data  
transmission systems  
authorized to send  
confidential and  
secret information**

**BUSINESS IMPACT**

## **Without Fed4FIRE:**

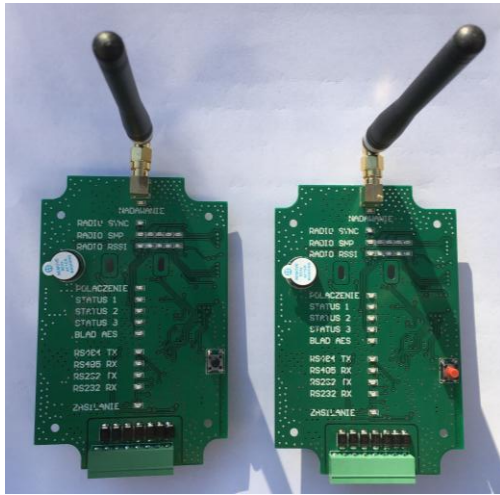
- expensive measurements in urban environment
- problem with access to radio stations at fixed positions for long time
- extended new product development time

## **With Fed4FIRE:**

- accelerated process of development of new a product
- no need to build the entire measurement environment

**value perceived**

The new knowledge obtained during experiment was one of the key factors thanks to which we started a long-term cooperation with security systems manufacture



proprietary prototype of the LoRa-based transceiver

value perceived

## CityLab testbed resources:

- network of nodes of LoRa transceivers in urban environment
- 24/7 available and operational (software and hardware)
- remote access
- easy and fast procedure to setup the experiment with use of JFed software
- automatic notification about the status of the experiment

**feedback**

## LoRa link quality testing environment:

- user friendly and straightforward
- easy change of the measurement scenario
- remote node access via a SSH terminal
- documentation need improvement
- easy access to GitHub repository with appropriate software
- map visualization of available nodes

**feedback**

**Fed4FIRE** offered an experimental platform and tools that were fully sufficient to perform the experiment by our company

Access to financial support allowed to conduct the experiment in the CityLab testbed environment

Very quick, competent and professional support from CityLab staff

All the competences that allow the company to conduct the experiment located in one place

**feedback**

**We highly appreciate the competence  
and professionalism of CityLab team  
support**

With the CityLab support we were able to  
start and run the experiment very quickly

**feedback**





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