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Building Massive IoT Episode 1

February 2024



Video:


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In 2015, LoRaWAN technology began with the publication of its first standard and the establishment of the LoRa Alliance.



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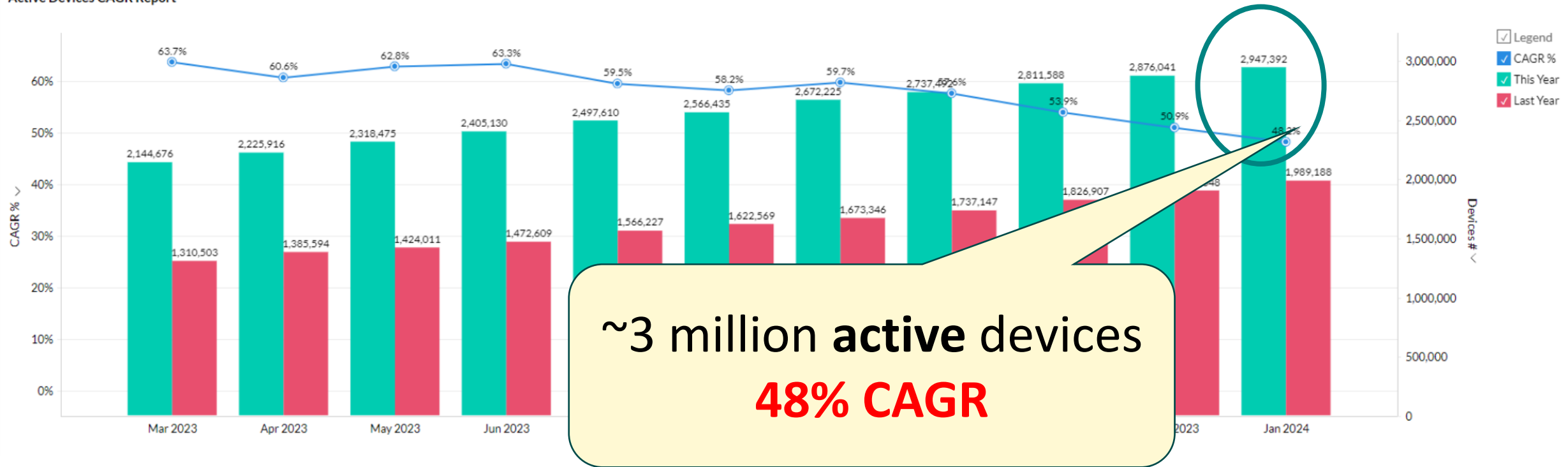
Network KPIs

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LoRaWAN Active Devices

- Monthly cumulated total
- Previous year cumulated total

Active Devices CAGR Report



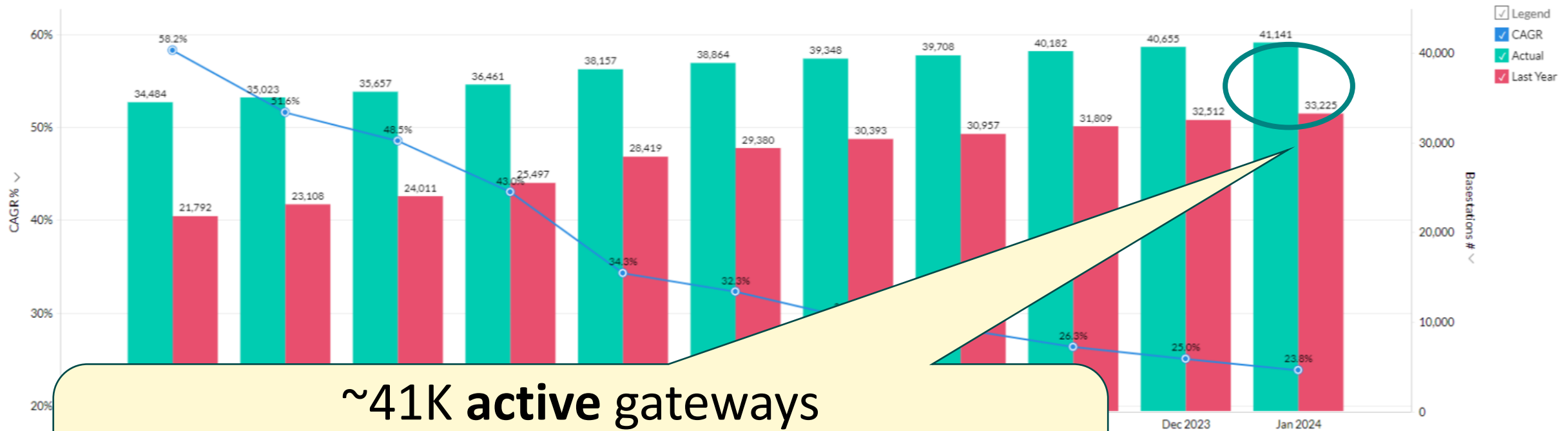
~3 million active devices
48% CAGR

Aggregate growth index built from selected public operator data.
Last month data point not significant (not factoring full month)

Network size evolution

- Monthly cumulated total
- Previous year cumulated total

Active Basestations CAGR Report

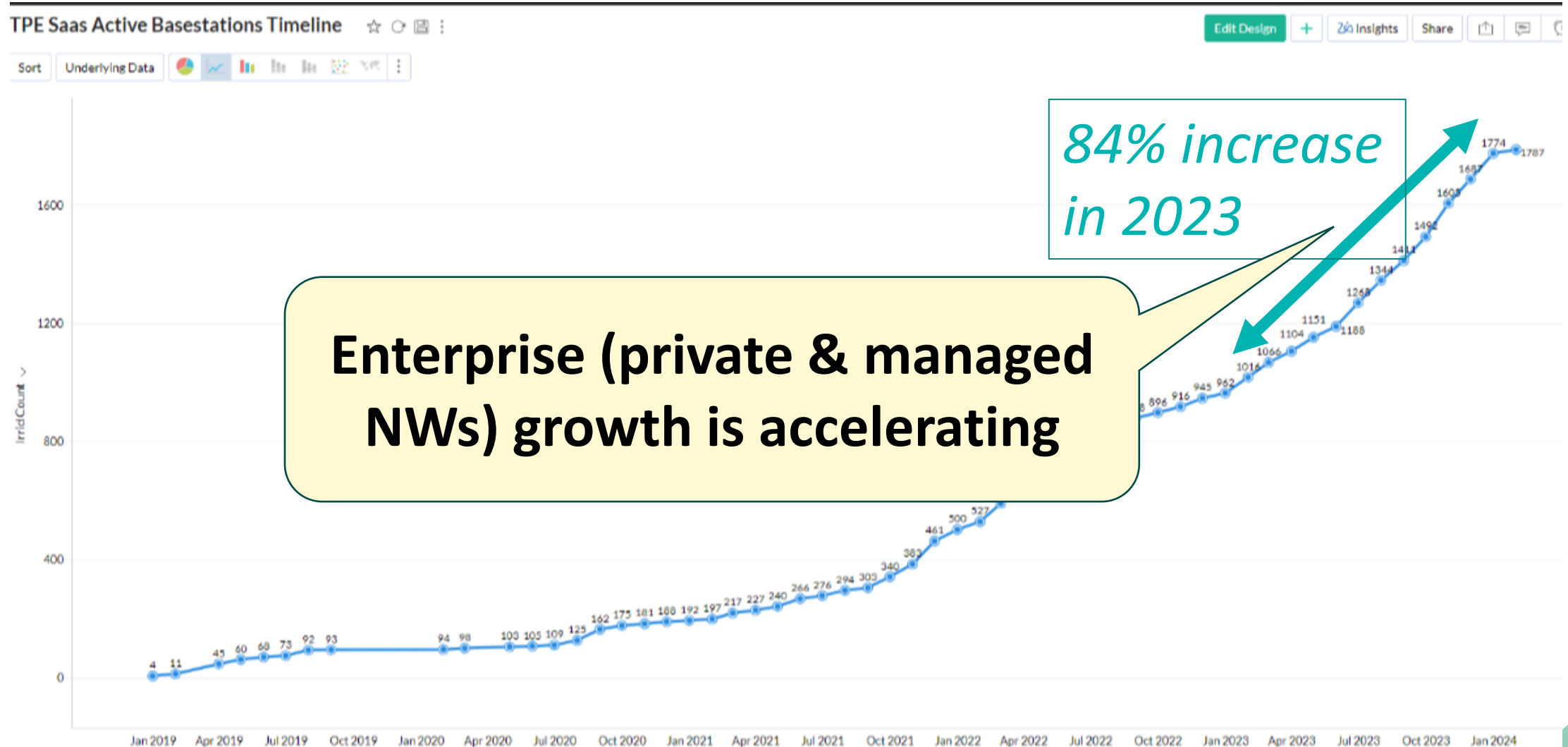


~41K active gateways
23% CAGR → Covid precaution stocks were used in 2023, bounced expected in 2024

Last month data point not significant (not factoring full month)

erator data.

Network size evolution : Enterprise only





New in 2023

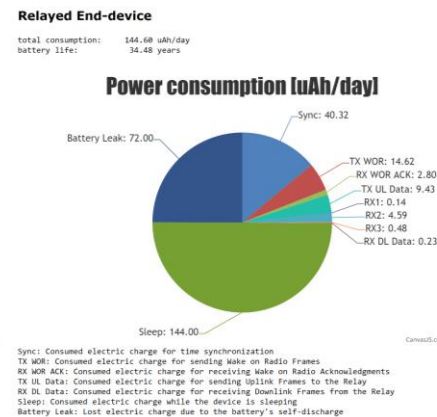
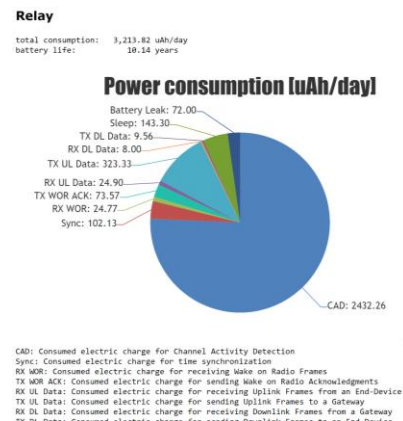
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LoRaWAN Relays

A game changer for utilities and smart-building

- Much lower OPEX/CAPEX to cover the 10% “hard to reach” meters
- Addresses low-density sensing in small buildings and hard to reach rooms

- Need help to estimate battery impact ?



Input parameters

Channel Activity Detection (CAD)

CAD Period

ms

CAD/WOR Spreading Factor

▾

2nd CAD Channel

▾

2nd CAD SF

▾

False WOR detection %

%

Relay to GW connection

Relay to Gateway SF

▾

Gateway to Relay SF

▾

Relay Battery

Relay Battery Type

▾

Number of batteries in Relay

▾

Relayed End-devices

Number of relayed end-devices

End-device Uplink

Uplink SF

▾

Number of UL Frames /Day

Average uplink frame size

▾ bytes

End-device Downlink

Downlink SF

▾

Number of DL Frames /Day

Average downlink frame size

▾ bytes

End-device Battery

Battery Type

▾

Number of batteries

▾

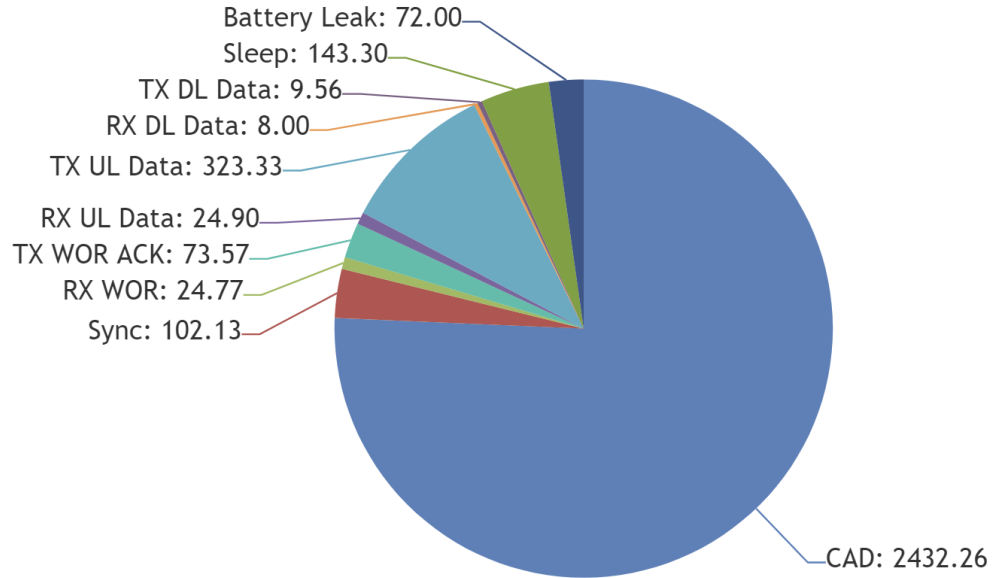
Result of calculation

Calculate

Relay

total consumption: 3,213.82 uAh/day
battery life: 10.14 years

Power consumption [uAh/day]



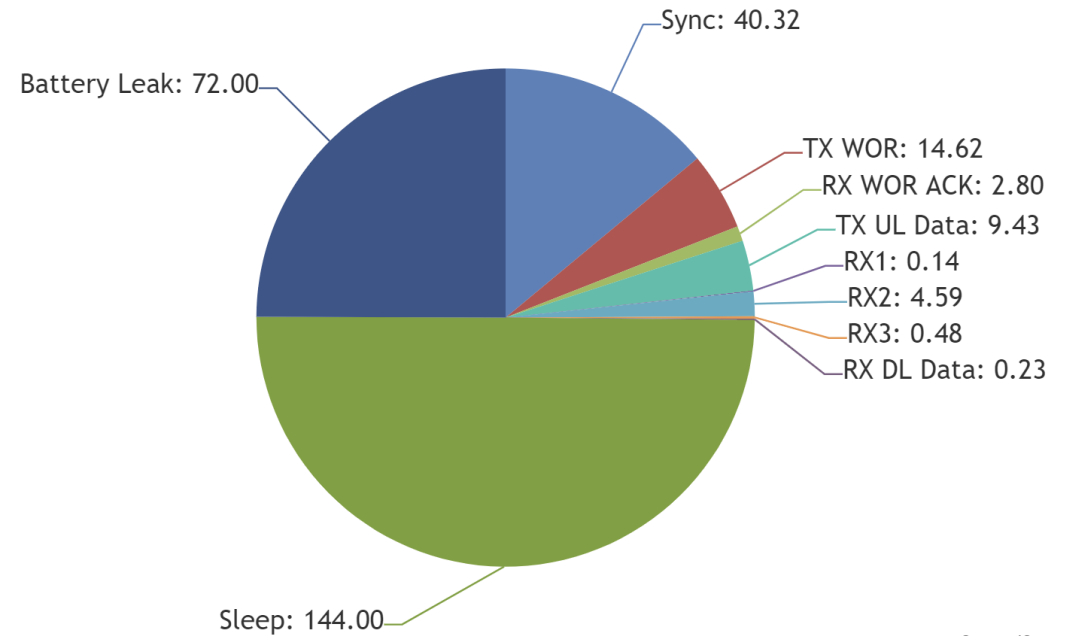
CanvasJS.com

CAD: Consumed electric charge for Channel Activity Detection
Sync: Consumed electric charge for time synchronization
RX WOR: Consumed electric charge for receiving Wake on Radio Frames
TX WOR ACK: Consumed electric charge for sending Wake on Radio Acknowledgments
RX UL Data: Consumed electric charge for receiving Uplink Frames from an End-Device
TX UL Data: Consumed electric charge for sending Uplink Frames to a Gateway
RX DL Data: Consumed electric charge for receiving Downlink Frames from a Gateway

Relayed End-device

total consumption: 144.60 uAh/day
battery life: 34.48 years

Power consumption [uAh/day]



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Sync: Consumed electric charge for time synchronization
TX WOR: Consumed electric charge for sending Wake on Radio Frames
RX WOR ACK: Consumed electric charge for receiving Wake on Radio Acknowledgments
TX UL Data: Consumed electric charge for sending Uplink Frames to the Relay
RX DL Data: Consumed electric charge for receiving Downlink Frames from the Relay
Sleep: Consumed electric charge while the device is sleeping
Battery Leak: Lost electric charge due to the battery's self-discharge

Public AND Private ... the Grail for utilities

- Public networks don't cover 100% of meters
- Private networks for a single use case are too costly

Roaming



- Achieve 100% coverage by patching the public network by private GWs
- Use private GWs for high-density zones (e.g. residential buildings)
- Optimize CAPEX
- Increase QoS

Success in Oil & Gas & Mining



- **Large campuses**

Need for long range

- **Safety first**

High awareness of worker safety

- **ATEX/IECEX**

LoRaWAN low-power, low current makes it a perfect fit for challenging designs

CBRS & LoRaWAN

- More and more requests for “5G and LoRaWAN”
- Complementary rather than competing
- CBRS backhauled LoRaWAN GWs a perfect initial use case for private cellular networks

RF planning for outdoor gateways

Ramez Soss



RF planning scope

- To estimate the coverage range of a LoRaWAN[®] gateway
- To estimate the hardware bill of quantity required to cover a given geographic area
- To choose the right placement for your gateways
- To assess the effective RF coverage provided by your gateway fleet
- To determine coverage gaps requiring gateway densification
- To estimate the radio capacity offered by your gateways (assessing the device density for a given mix of traffic profiles)

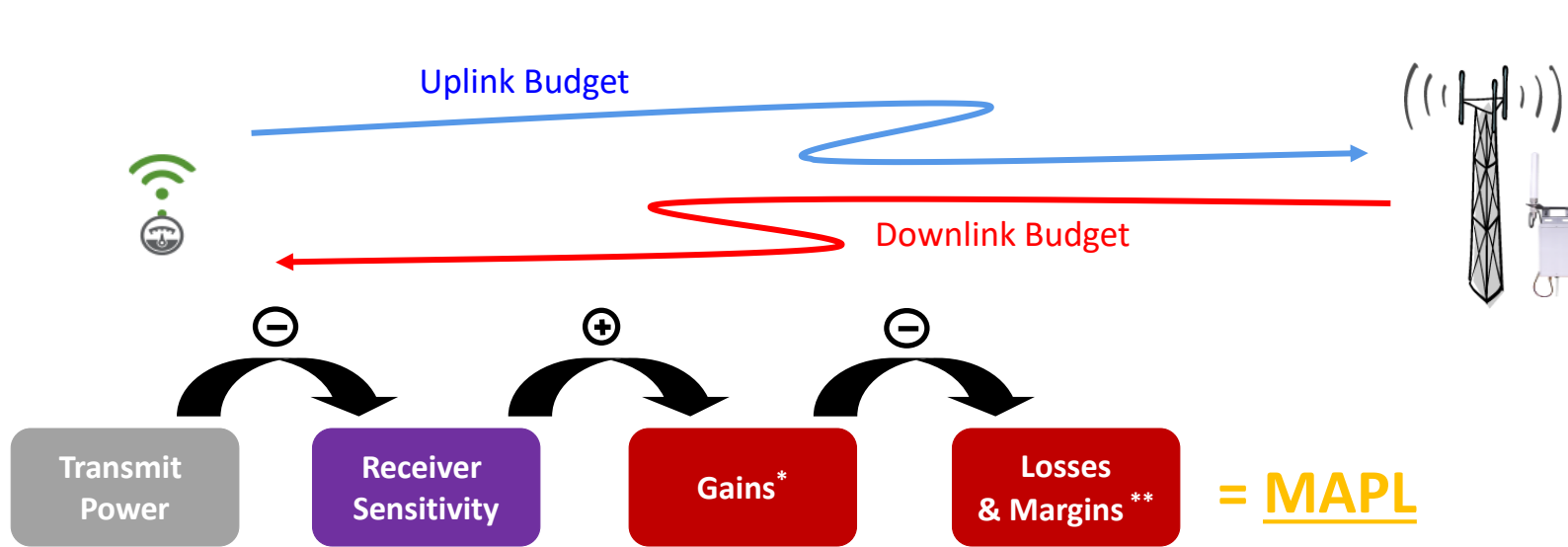
Doing serious RF planning

Pathloss = Radiated Tx Power – Rx sensitivity

Is it as simple as this?

Nope!

Maximum Allowable Path Loss (MAPL)

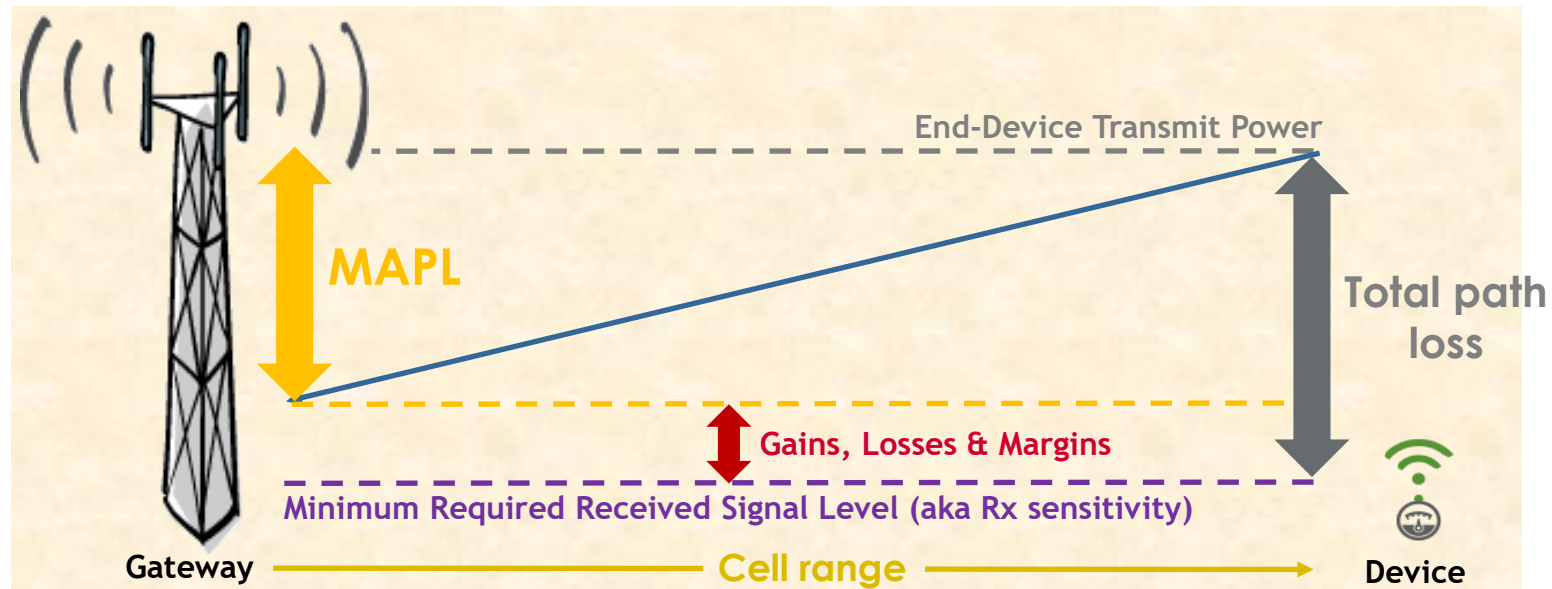


Both UL & DL link budgets should be analyzed to determine the limiting link

* Tx & Rx Antenna Gain + Best Server Selection Gain

** Gateway cable & connector losses + Penetration Loss + Large & Small Scale Fading Margins + Interference Margin

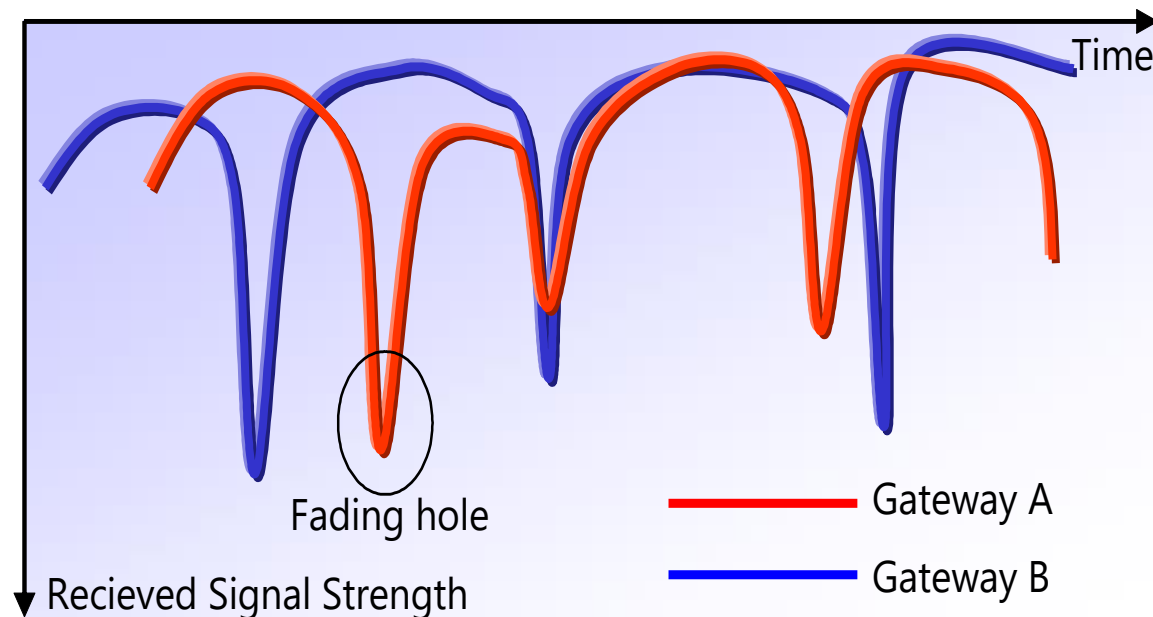
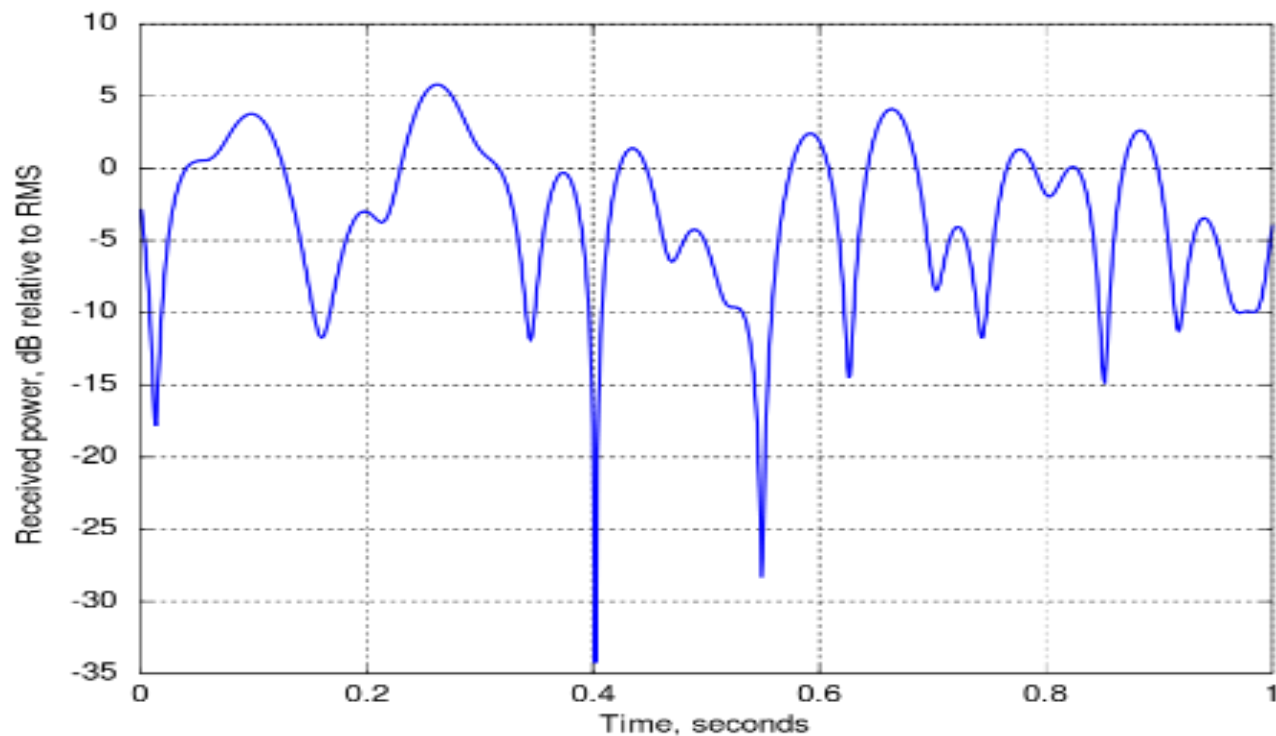
Example: for an UL-limited link budget



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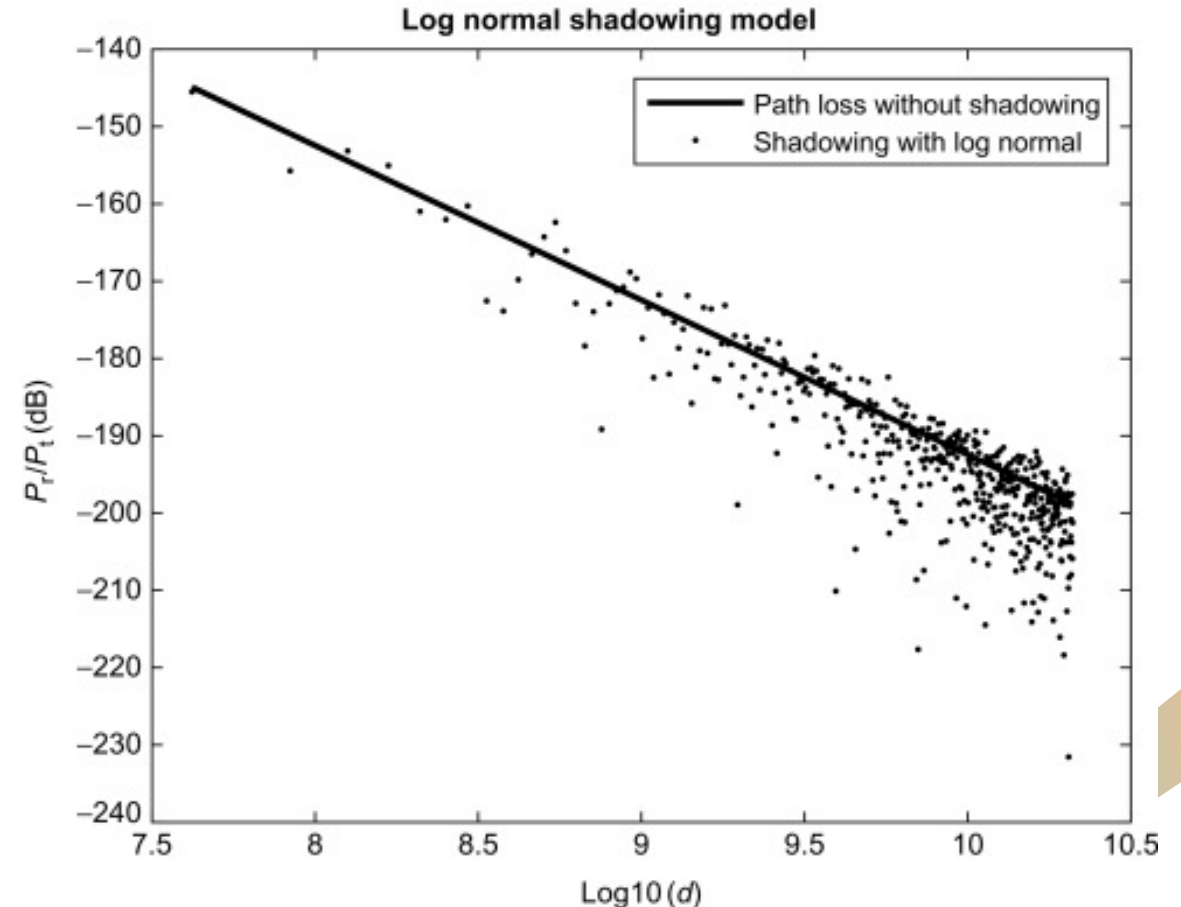
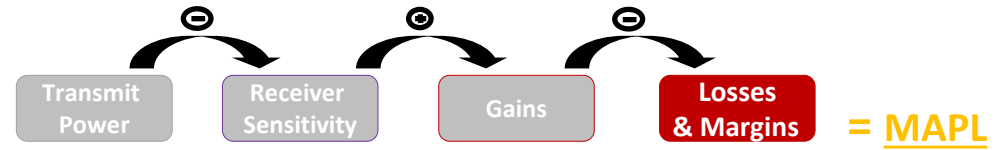
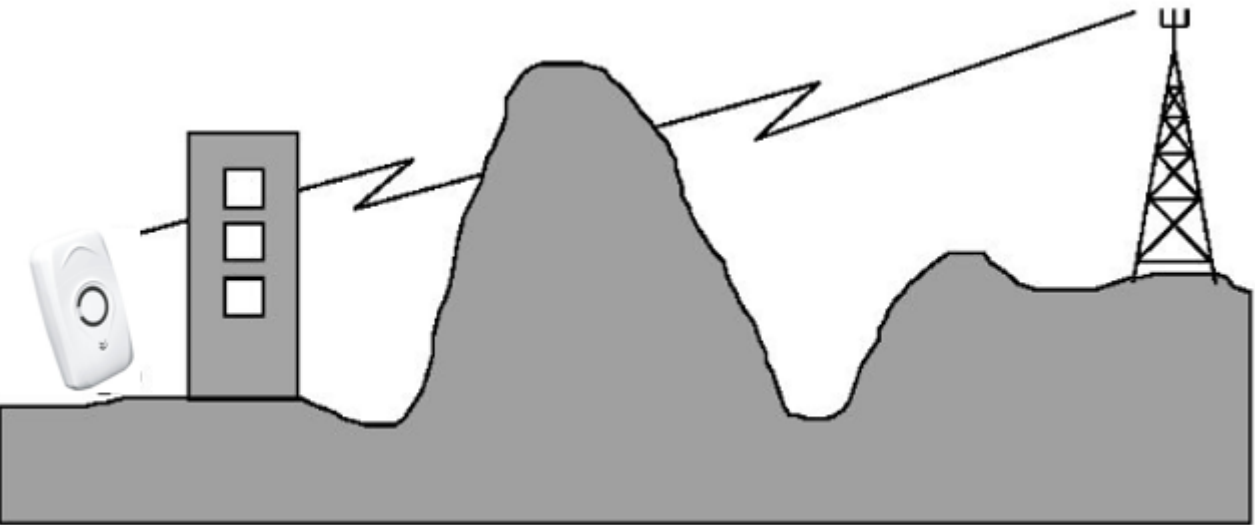
MAPL derivation (1/4)

- Fast fading effect (aka small-scale Rayleigh fading)



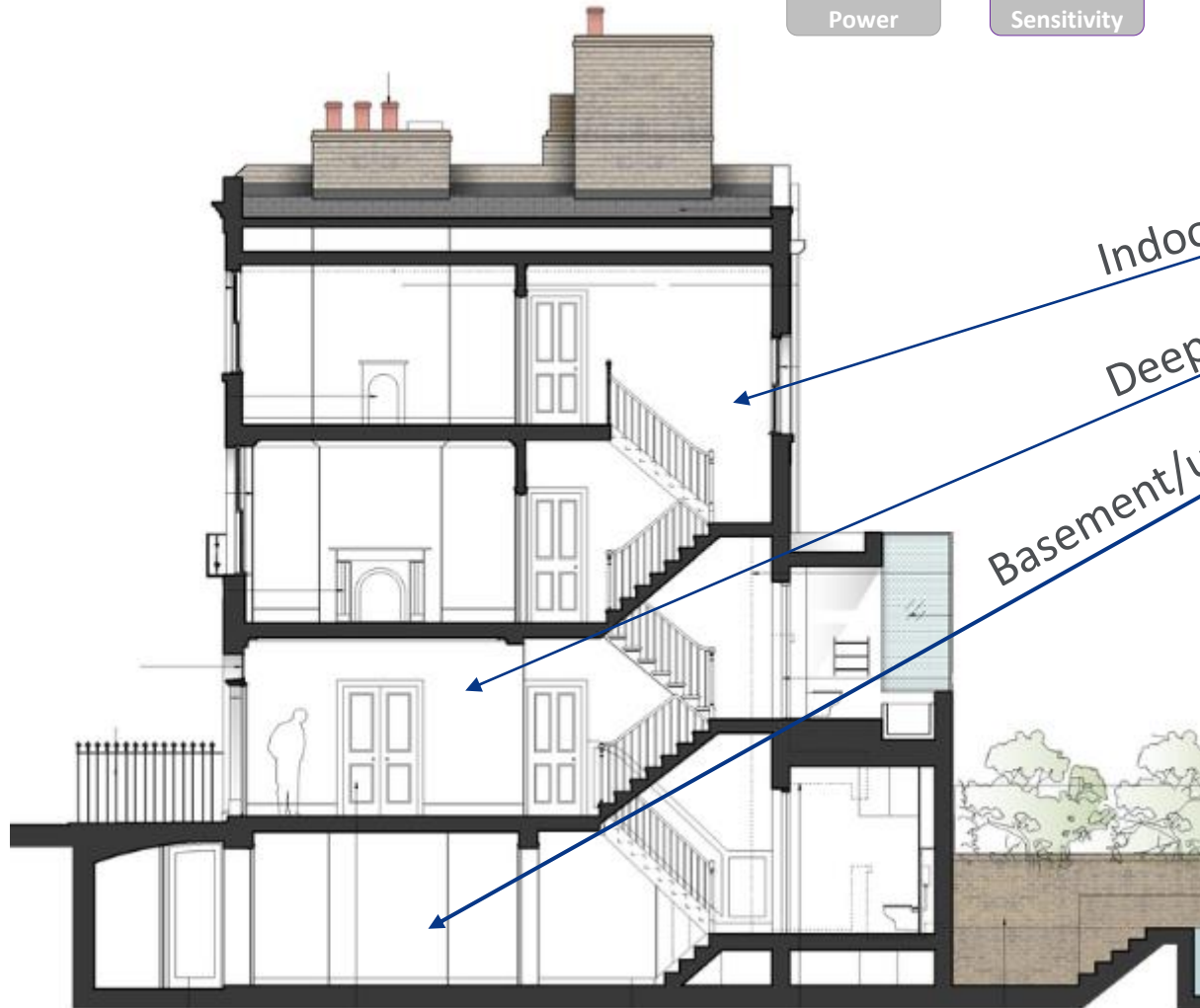
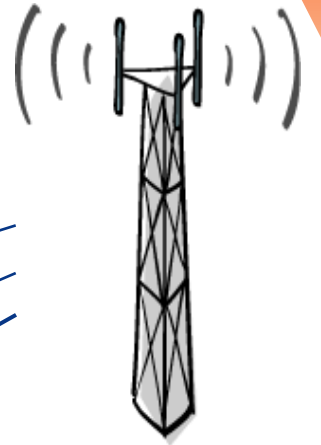
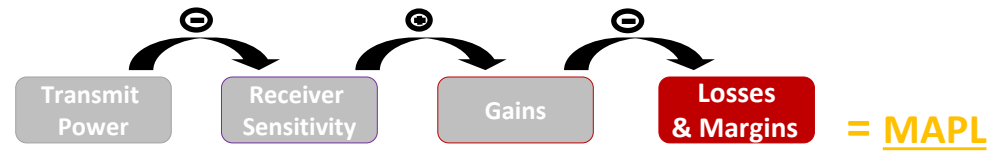
MAPL derivation (2/4)

- Shadowing effect (aka large-scale fading)



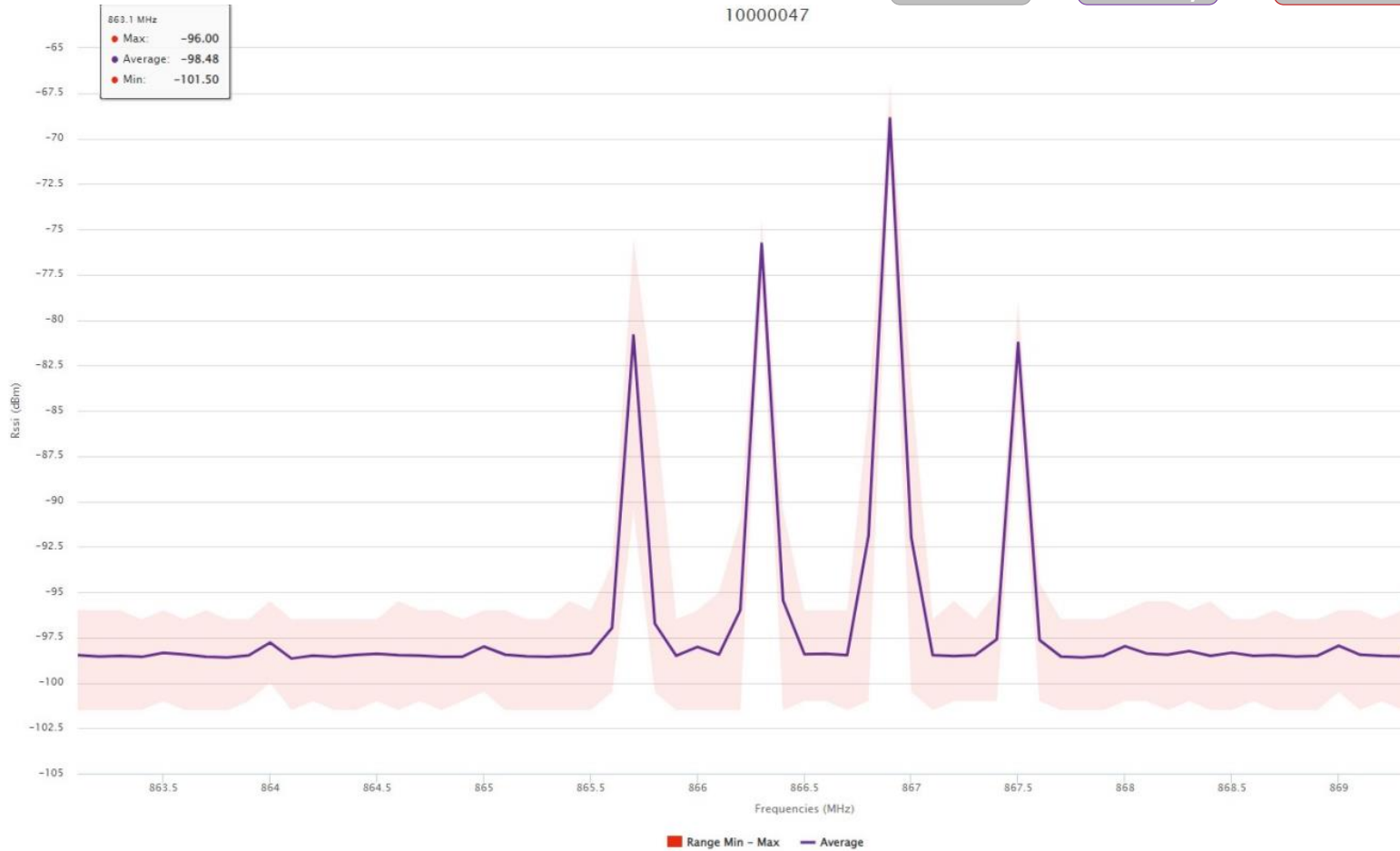
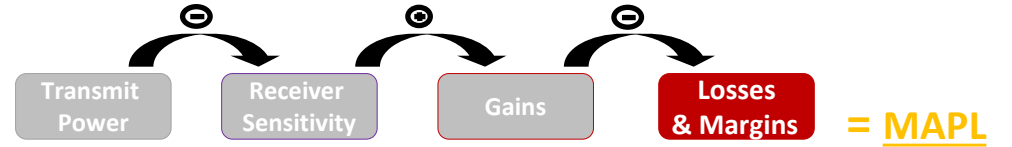
MAPL derivation (3/4)

- Indoor penetration effect



MAPL derivation (4/4)

- Interference/noise effect



RF planning methodology

Link Budget Analysis

- Maximum Allowable Pathloss (MAPL) analysis
- Approximate Cell Range estimation
- Initial Site Count

RF coverage simulations

Precise coverage estimation based on realistic design info (site coordinates, antenna patterns, calibrated propagation models...)

Field Tests

- Drive/walk tests using test devices to assess actual coverage
- Analysis using Network Survey tool

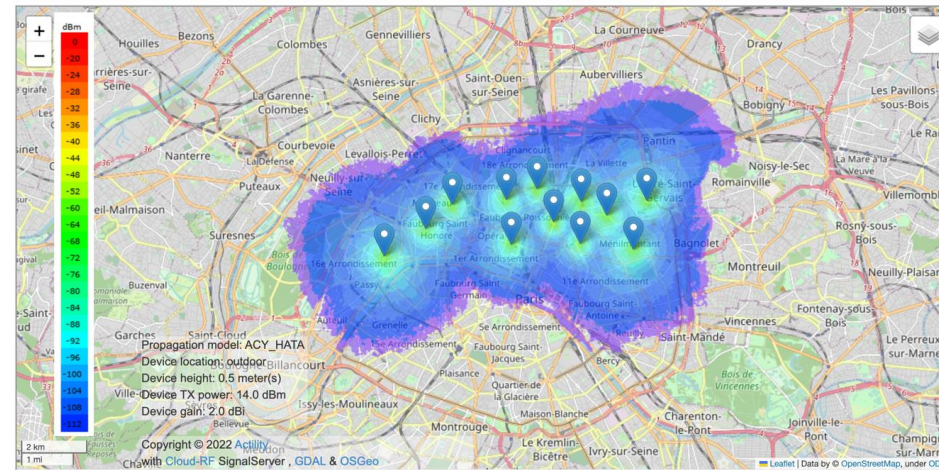
LoRa Link Budget Summary - Europe - 868 MHz

Export LKB Sheets



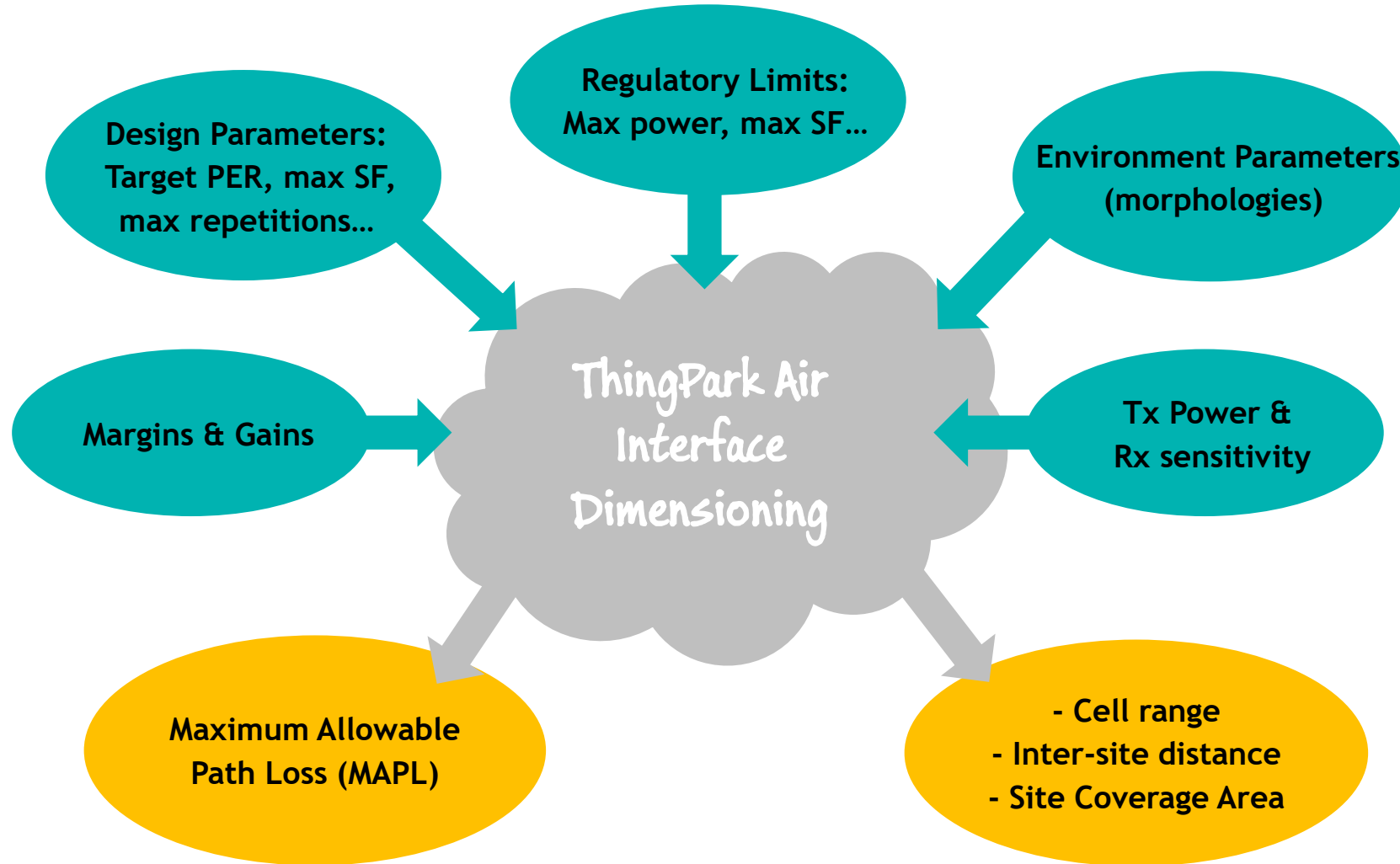
Target UL Cell Edge Data Rate
 Corresponding DL Data Rate
 Limiting Link
 Maximum Allowable Path Loss (MAPL)
 Cell Range
 Inter-Site Distance
 Site Coverage Area
 Number of Sites for Target Data Rate
 RNP Design Level (Outdoor)

Dense Urban		Urban		Suburban		Rural	
DL RX1	DL RX2	DL RX1	DL RX2	DL RX1	DL RX2	DL RX1	DL RX2
LoRa SF12 / 125KHz		LoRa SF12 / 125KHz		LoRa SF12 / 125KHz		LoRa SF12 / 125KHz	
LoRa SF12 / 125KHz	LoRa SF9 / 125KHz	LoRa SF12 / 125KHz	LoRa SF9 / 125KHz	LoRa SF12 / 125KHz	LoRa SF9 / 125KHz	LoRa SF12 / 125KHz	LoRa SF9 / 125KHz
Downlink	Downlink	Downlink	Downlink	Downlink	Downlink	Downlink	Downlink
111.1 dB	116.0 dB	114.2 dB	119.1 dB	117.2 dB	122.1 dB	118.1 dB	123.0 dB
0.34 km	0.47 km	0.47 km	0.64 km	0.84 km	1.15 km	2.88 km	4.00 km
0.59 km	0.82 km	0.81 km	1.10 km	1.46 km	1.99 km	4.99 km	6.92 km
0.31 km ²	0.58 km ²	0.56 km ²	1.06 km ²	1.85 km ²	3.43 km ²	21.57 km ²	41.56 km ²
164 sites	87 sites	89 sites	48 sites	109 sites	59 sites	10 sites	5 sites
-94.6 dBm	-86.5 dBm	-97.7 dBm	-89.6 dBm	-100.7 dBm	-92.6 dBm	-101.6 dBm	-93.5 dBm



Zoom-in ThingPark Air Interface Dimensioning tool

Inputs
Outputs

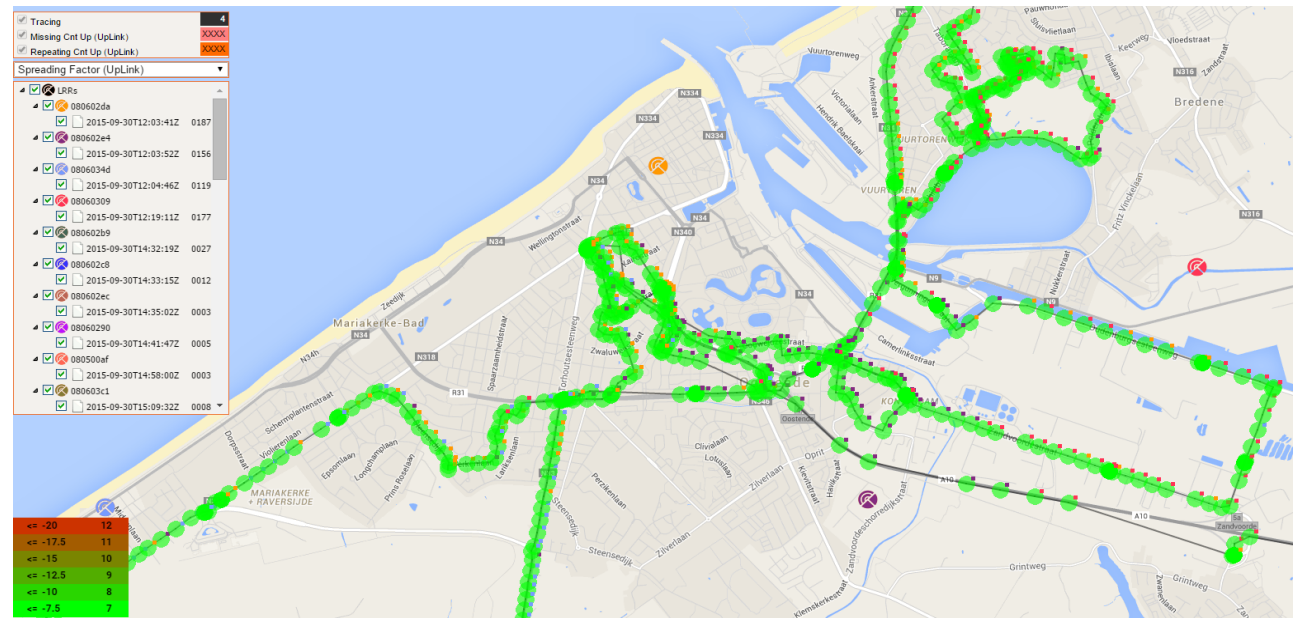


Zoom-in ThingPark Network Coverage tool

- Scope
 - Predict RF coverage for greenfield deployments and determine the optimum antenna placement
 - Generate coverage heatmaps for already-deployed gateways and detect potential coverage holes
- Built-in link budget analysis with configurable RF design parameters
- A large set of off-the-shelf antenna patterns
- Built-in Digital Elevation Model database for the whole world (30m resolution)
- Consideration of the diffraction loss caused by hilly obstacles
- 2 propagation models validated by field tests, for 4 different propagation environments (Dense Urban, Urban, Suburban and Rural)

Zoom-in ThingPark Network Survey tool

- Field test analysis tool with real devices and gateways
- A rich set of RF metrics:
 - Packet loss analysis, showing coverage holes on the map
 - Uplink/downlink SNR, RSSI and estimated signal power
 - Estimation of the uplink and downlink interference levels along the walk test
 - Assessment of the network geolocation precision vs. device's GPS coordinates



Zoom-in ThingPark Spectrum Analysis tool

- Assess the noise level of your frequency band
- Choose the best frequencies for your deployment, avoiding noisy channels
- ThingPark's Spectrum Analysis tool offers:
 - A user-friendly interface to simplify the analysis of noise scan results
 - Time and spatial aggregation of individual scan results over a given group of gateways
 - Fully integrated with ThingPark's base station management interface

Sign-up to ThingPark Community

<https://community.thingpark.org/index.php/sign-up-tpcp/>

Or scan this QR code:



Connected Conservation

Protecting wildlife and natural ecosystems through
technology, since 2015

United capabilities in 7 countries

Enabling LoRaWAN for conservation



Sophie Maxwell

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1 million

species now face
extinction

Ecosystem collapse

Nature's decline is
happening 100 times faster
than ever seen before,
causing the sixth mass
extinction.

[UN IBES Report: Species extinctions accelerating](#)



An aerial photograph of a dry, hilly landscape with a winding river. The terrain is brown and rocky, with sparse green vegetation. In the background, there are blue mountains under a clear sky. In the top right corner, there is a colorful circular graphic composed of concentric, overlapping bands in blue, red, orange, green, and light blue, resembling a stylized sun or a target.

30%

of the planet by

2030

Technology has a critical role to play to reach 30%.
To double land and quadruple marine protected areas

TRANSFORMING CONSERVATION

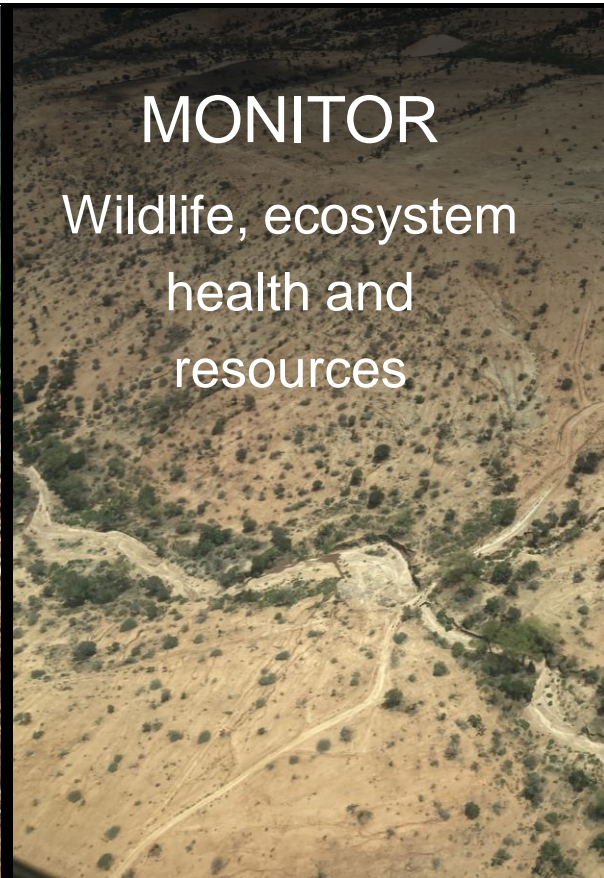
PROTECT

Early warning, to
stop threats



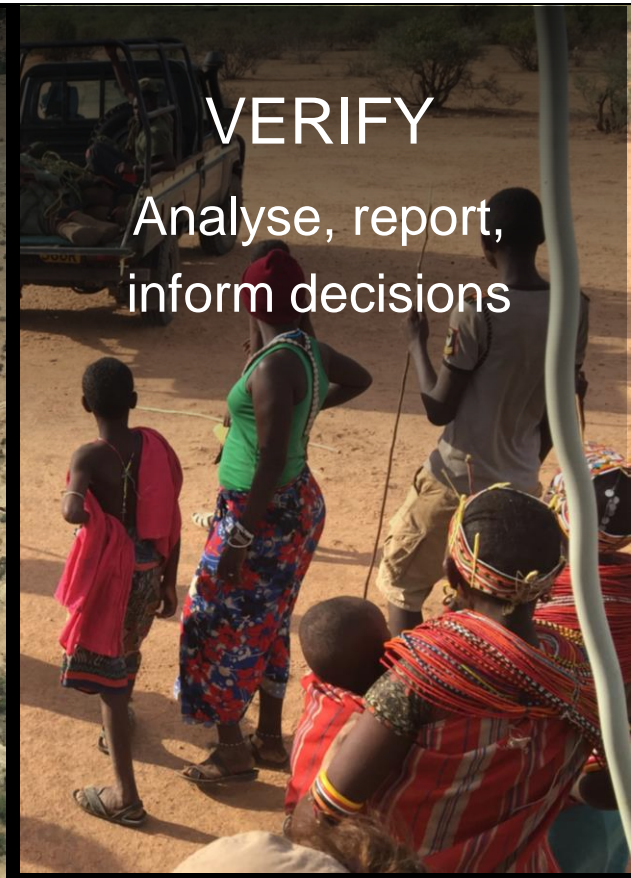
MONITOR

Wildlife, ecosystem
health and
resources

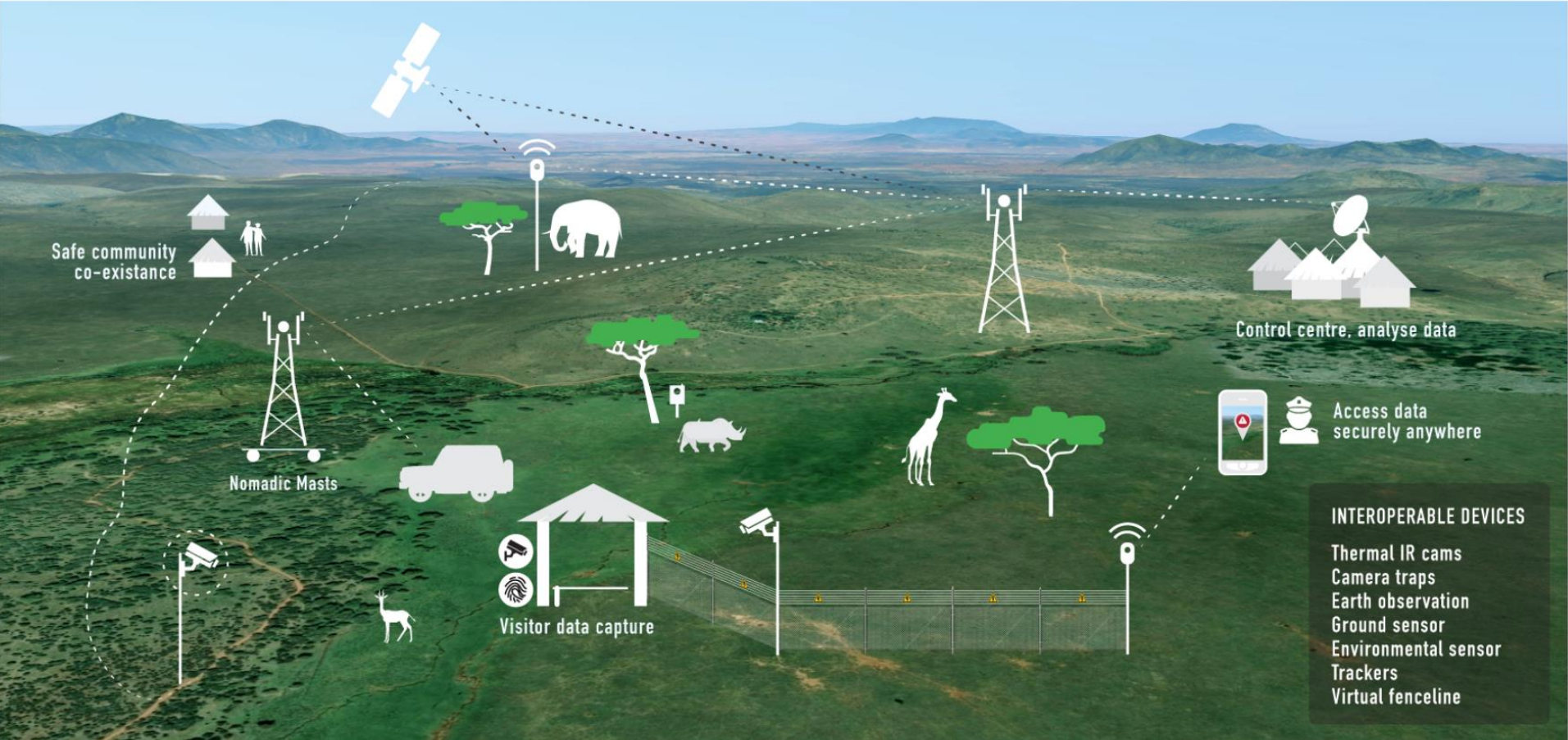


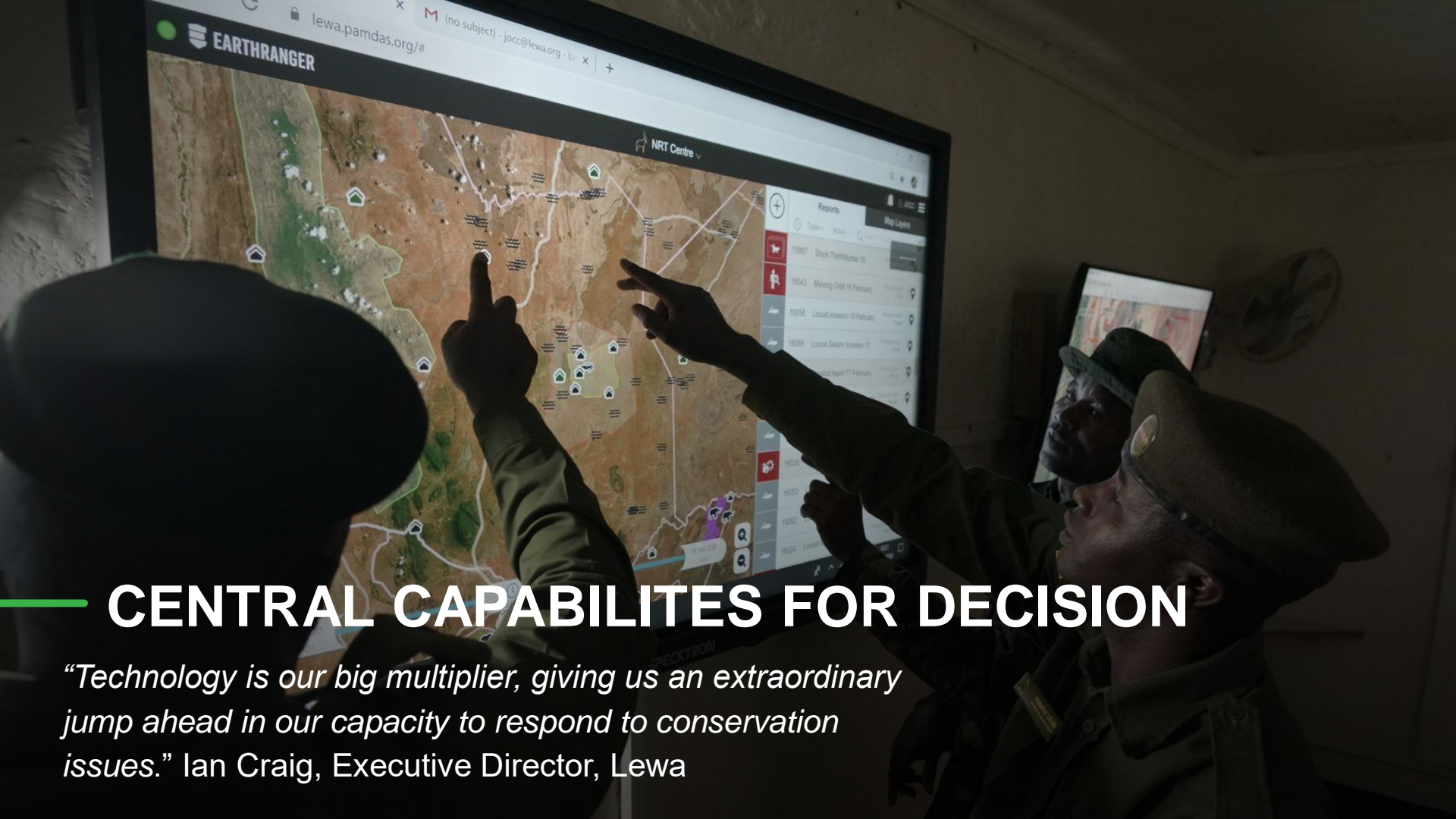
VERIFY

Analyse, report,
inform decisions



CONSERVATION PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT





CENTRAL CAPABILITES FOR DECISION

“Technology is our big multiplier, giving us an extraordinary jump ahead in our capacity to respond to conservation issues.” Ian Craig, Executive Director, Lewa



 **LoRaWAN**[®]

FOR CONSERVATION



LoRaWAN IN CONSERVATION

AFRICA

South Africa

Sabi Sand
Madikwe
Majete
Hluhluwe-iMfolozi
uMkhuze
Tembe Elephant Park
Manyoni
Babanango
Tanglewood

Kenya:

Northern Rangelands
Trust, (22 conservancies),
Lewa
Ol Jogi
Loisaba
Borana
Tsavo
Kora

Zambia

Kafue

Mozambique

Zinave
Bazaruto
Luwire

Congo

Garamba

Tanzania

Mkomazi
Serengeti

Malawi

Liwonde
Majete

Rwanda

Akagera

Chad

Zakouma

Botswana

Koro
Limpopo
Lipadi

Angola

Iona

Benin

Pendjari

Namibia

Timbila
N/a'an ku sê
Skeleton
Coast

Zimbabwe

Gonarezhou
Matusadona

EUROPE

Netherlands

Kennemerduinen
NH Duinreservaat
Veluwe
De Maashorst
Verrebroekse Pl
Sikken v/d Heen
Biesbosch
Wilder Blean

ASIA

India

Assam
Gundalar

SOUTH AMERICA

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UPCOMING IN 2024

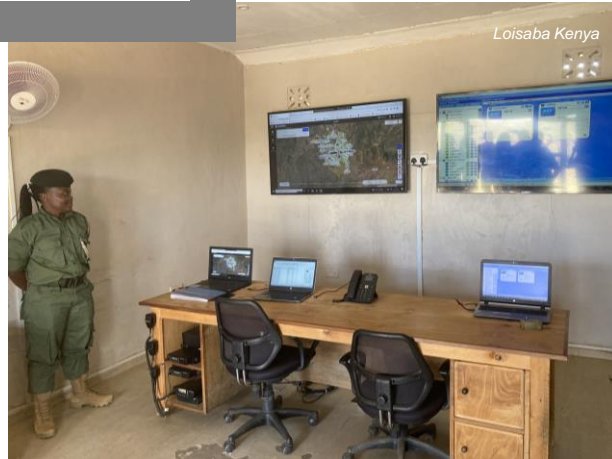
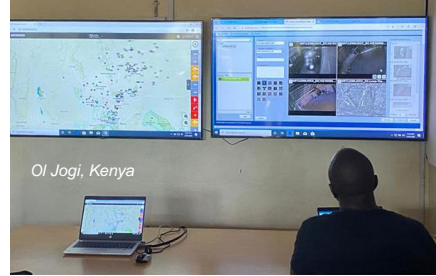
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Masai Mara, Kenya
Amboseli, Kenya
Simalaha, Zambia
Maputo, Mozambique
Kidepo, Uganda
Lapalala, South Africa

CCF ENABLING

29 protected areas

5,600,000 ha

7 New parks for 2024



NORTHERN RANGELANDS TRUST, KENYA



26 CONSERVANCIES



21 LoRa Gateways

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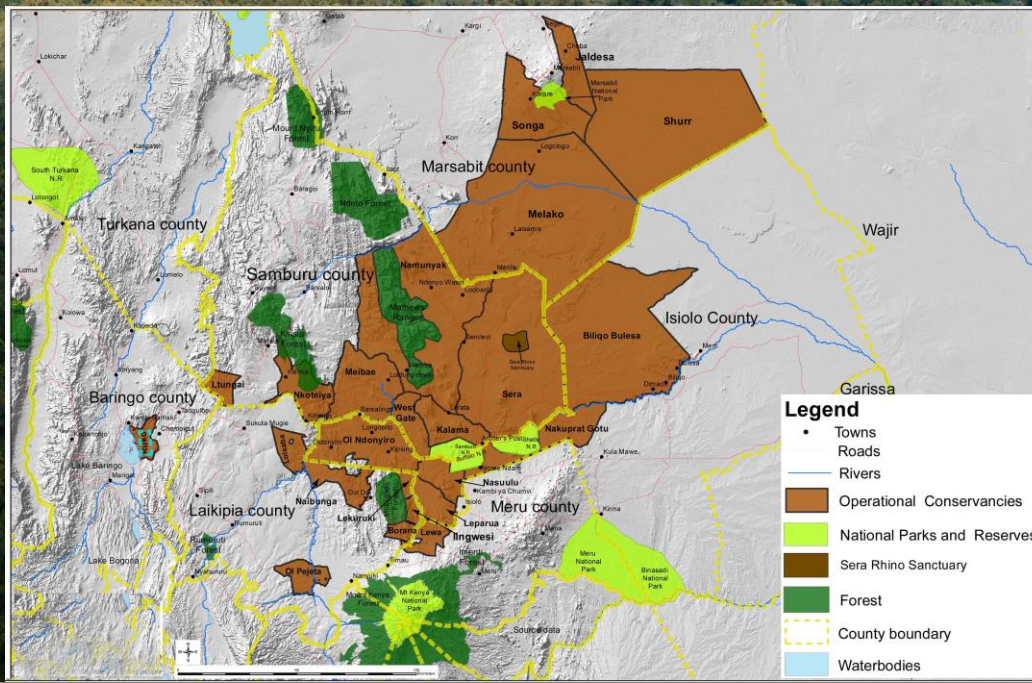
Largest conservation IOT network in Africa

02

Joining conservancies to share technology and operations for improve collaboration

03

Increase in rhino numbers
Reduced Human Wildlife Conflict
Reduced poaching



NEARLY 300 SENSORS

DEVICES

1-100 of 298 Add filter

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BASE STATIONS

+ ↕



Active ⓘ 20
Initialization ⓘ 0
Connection Error ⓘ 4
Radio Error ⓘ 0

DEVICES

+ ↕



Active ⓘ 295
Initialization ⓘ 3
Connection Error ⓘ 0

18

SF9

59.68 %

...

SERVING 20+ USECASES



Ranger tracking

Promoting safe and effective patrols and tracking rangers in times of crisis



Vehicle tracking

Balancing sustainable tourism and providing alerts of suspicious behavior or safety concerns



Fence alarms

Detecting fence weak spots & tampering caused by poachers and wildlife



Rhino trackers

Giving early warning of sick or vulnerable animals



Elephant, lion, cheetah and leopard tracking

Providing early warnings to prevent human-wildlife conflict



Livestock tracking

Helping manage sustainable grazing strategies



Environmental

Helping manage and respond to resource shortages and mitigate conflict



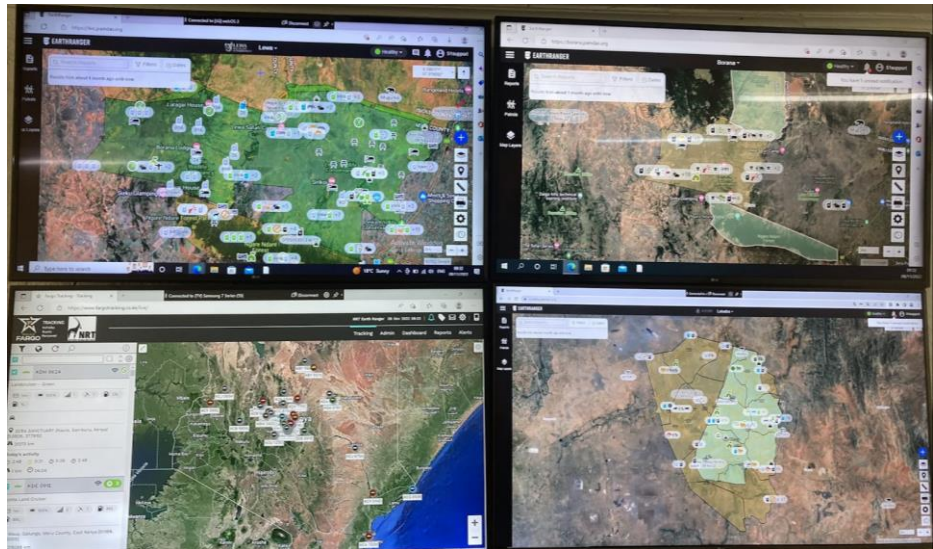
Resource tracking

Providing data from remote areas, saving time, cost and traveling to manage resources



Reporting and verification

Validating protected area effectiveness and unlocking new revenue streams



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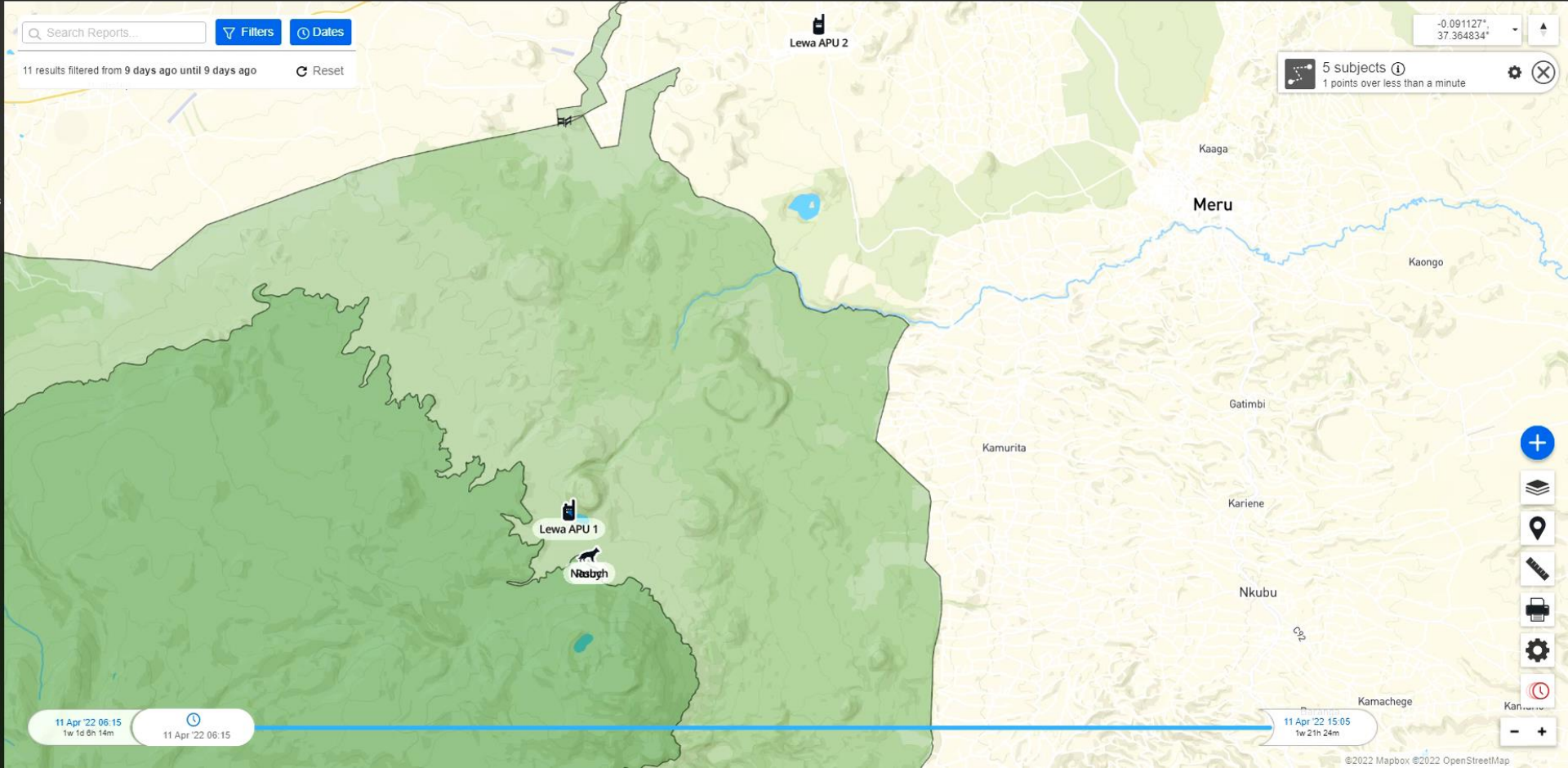
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Reset

Lewa APU 2

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5 subjects
1 points over less than a minute




11 Apr '22 06:15
1w 1d 6h 14m

11 Apr '22 15:05
1w 21h 24m

MADIKWE



 2023, 750,000 hectares

- 01 **LoRa Network** complimenting cameras. Ranger, vehicle, fence and dog trackers
- 02 **Sensors, cameras and satellite phones** for real time threat response and tracking
- 03 **PNEO 100km2 capture** supporting investigation for rhino poaching. Places beyond patrols, to understand routes, access and how to deploy counter security.
- 04 **Training local engineer** on support and maintenance



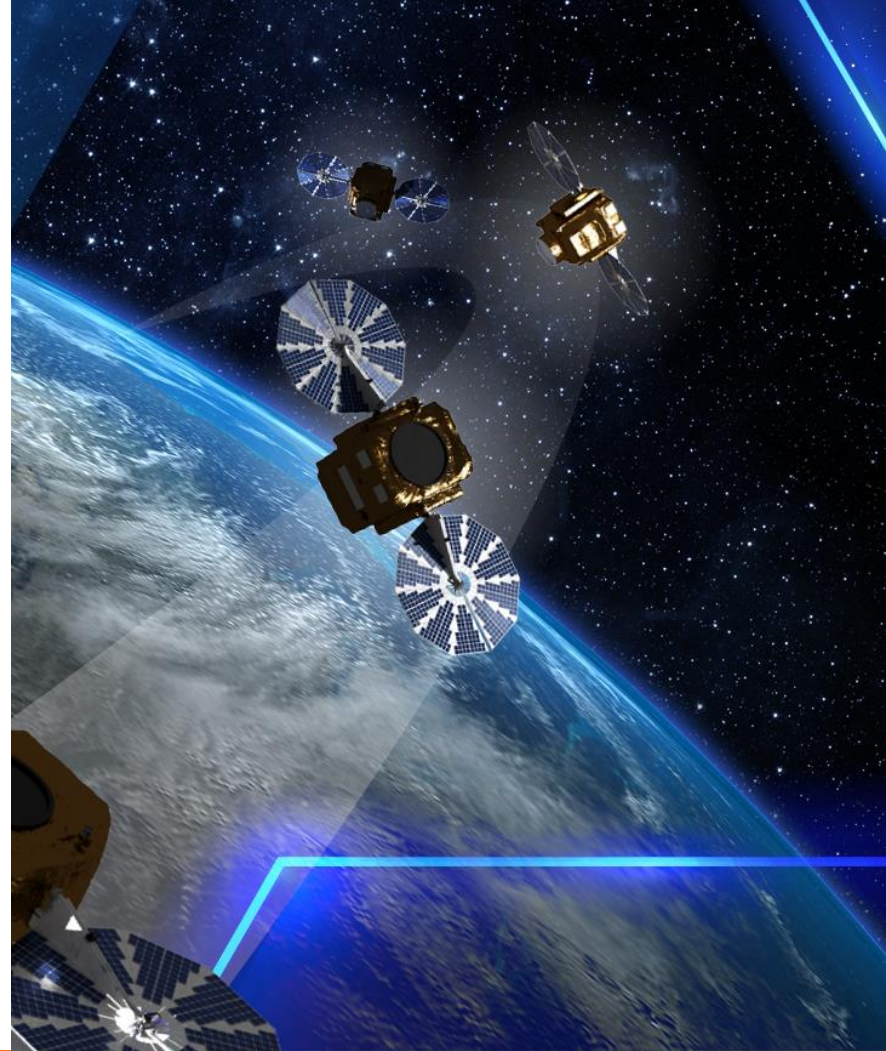
FUTURE

Enhanced with space based

Kenya wide conservation network.
Anyone working in conservation can
work through single server, with data
roaming throughout parks

Registrar of tested sensors, proven
over time

Community between LoRaWan
conservation leaders



2024 PROJECTS, 50% FUNDED



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