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Towards a Reliable Smart City through Formal Verification and Network Analysis

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Abstract

With the immense increase of population density, many challenges facing organizations and governments. Thus, it has become mandatory to turn up our cities to be intelligent by introducing IoT and smart grids to build smart buildings, smart communication technologies, smart healthcare systems, smart transportation, etc. Smart cities guarantee the healthy living of indoor inhabitants by sensing, processing and controlling all possible indoor-outdoor measures. In this paper, we develop a framework that systematically builds a reliable and secure Smart City Model (**SCM**) to be integrated then exploited by the building information model (BIM). **SCM** encloses both physical and digital models which highlight smart buildings in particular. First, the proposed solution identifies and models **SCM** components including their appropriate architectures that are responsible for communication, extension, information flow, and protection. To ensure **SCM** functional and security requirements, we develop a sound hybrid approach that relies on formal methods and network analysis. Uppaal model checker is used to verify the satisfiability of the smart city requirements whereas Cooja is deployed to simulate the connectivity and the communication coverage of the developed **SCM**. The obtained results, in Uppaal, showed that the different implemented scenarios are satisfying the functional correctness and security policies. Moreover, the simulation through Cooja showed that how different obstacles and positions of nodes affect the communication coverage and the energy consumption regarding the deployed nodes. Experimentally, the effectiveness of the developed framework has been shown through practical scenarios that are

difficult to model and analyze.

Keywords: Smart City, Cooja, Uppaal Model Checker, TCTL, IoT Protocols, Timed Automata, Access Control Policies.

1. Introduction

UNESCO¹ stated that through innovative urban systems, smart cities play an important role in socio-economic development while improving people's lives [1]. Also, UNECE² asserted that a smart sustainable city is an innovative city based on ICTs (Information and Communication Technologies) and other technologies to optimize quality of life, the efficiency of urban operation and services, and competitiveness [2]. A smart city [3, 4, 5] is defined as a wide area occupied by citizens, and divided into many smart components such as smart buildings, smart ICTs, smart transportation, smart health, smart grids, and other services. It supports a hierarchical network model, where the data captured can be published, stored, and analyzed [6].

Internet of things (IoT) is a network that combines physical components as sensors, smartphones, servers, etc, with the ICTs to sense in real-time the environment's measures, process the collected data, remotely control and make decisions, etc. The IoT network is characterized by low cost, large coverage, high secure level, scalability, and low latency. However, IoT is used in diverse applications domains like modern cities, industrial, home appliances, healthcare, transportation, sensors development, emergency, and other cases. It adopts some communication protocols and information sensing equipment to achieve smart deployment, controlling, and monitoring resources in real-time [7] while respecting the security standards and measures [8]. For a reliable network, the data flow traffic is distinguished by the automated process, where the analysis level treats the received data from the sensors and makes the decisions through machine learning-based supports. However, the adopted technologies should be

¹United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

²United Nations Economic Commission for Europe.

25 “secure, flexible, extensible, and sustainable” [9]. Further, the used protocols in smart cities are different. while IoT devices are featured by the low memory and low processing of data.

Many challenges are facing smart cities such as safety, security, energy, coverage, etc. For example, the energy consumption is estimated to be increased by 30 32% [10]. Hence, the lifetime of a building network relies on the quantity of energy provided to the smart appliances, the characteristics of the object that may cause high consumption, the used communication protocols, and the number of operations applied in the network. Also, the increasing demands for internet services cause the high latency, which impose us to integrate technologies of 35 higher band-width to achieve higher data transfer. In addition, cyber risks are a big problem in the IoT paradigm since the cyber security standards do not cover precisely sensors and objects, and therefore it is difficult to monitor the corporations that provide IoT services [11].

However with any system, before deploying a concrete smart city, it is necessary to design its components and their relations, as well as ensure their functional correctness. Farther, such design dedicated to a smart city should achieve 40 its main requirements, especially: safety, low energy consumption, low latency, network interconnectivity, and scalability. This paper develops a framework to ensure the good development of a more secure and reliable smart city by:

- 45 1. Designing a secure and robust Smart City Model (**SCM**) that can be integrated within the building information model (BIM).
2. Developing a formalism dedicated to smart cities by enclosing their different digital and physical components. It includes also their connection supports and adopted communication protocols.
- 50 3. Proposing an hybrid approach that is based on formal methods and network analysis to analyze the correctness of the designed **SCM**.
4. Enhancing the security level of **SCM** by proposing a set of access control policies and a dedicated algorithm to protect objects from unauthorized

access.

- 55 5. Proposing the use of temporal logic formalism to express **SCM** requirements.
6. Using the Cooja simulator to check the connectivity and energy consumption in **SCM**, the Uppaal model checker to verify the correctness of **SCM** and how well the security access policies are respected.

60 In the next section, we review the related work to modeling and security analysis of smart cities. Then in Section 3, we will give an overview of smart city components and compare it with the traditional city. Section 4 represents our smart city model which combines the physical and the digital models and details our methodology that analyzes **SCM** by ensuring its correctness and
65 security. In Section 5, we validate our developed framework by experimenting with a fire emergency, navigation services, control access scenarios, and the wireless coverage of nodes. Finally, Section 6 concludes this contribution and gives hints about our research perspectives.

2. Related Work

70 Several research initiatives have been proposed for the smart city with a focus on IoT modeling, smart city components and requirements, and others on indoor management. This section surveys the recent literature related to them.

The term smart city includes many aspects, this is what Saraju .P *et al.* [12] touched upon, where, they presented general definitions about the smart city.
75 They covered them as generalities in terms of applications (smart infrastructure, smart transportation, smart energy, smart healthcare, and smart technology), requirements (sustainability, quality of life, urbanization and smartness), impacts (society, economy, environment, and governance), and infrastructures (physical objects, ICT, and the service). This contribution is rich in concepts
80 but it needs more experiments to demonstrate how the mentioned applications function together.

Ouchani [13] suggested a framework that supports IoT modeling, probability and costs of actions, analyzes their correctness, and estimated their protection level through the probabilistic model checking PRISM. To check the functional
85 correctness of an IoT-based system, the framework encloses five phases: defining the IoT nodes, modeling the IoT architecture through the algebra expression, specifying the IoT requirements in PCTL, transforming the IoT system into PRISM language to verify the IoT requirements on the IoT model. However, the framework was provided with many data and exchanged messages which make
90 the probabilistic model checking affects the process and storage operations.

Centenaro *et al.* [14] focused on the wireless telecommunication LPWANs³ in a smart city using *LoRa*TM. The aim was to estimate the number of nodes to cover a smart city (inexpensive or not) and to show their advantages after the deployment. They experimented *LoRa*TM on 19 floors of a building to
95 measure temperature and humidity through one gateway and 32 nodes. Then, they estimated the number of the needed gateways to cover Padova city. They deployed a gateway without antenna gain in a building of two floors to assess the ‘worst case’. The obtained result showed that *LoRa*TM technology could cover a cell of a 2 km radius. They also concluded that 30 gateways were needed to
100 cover Padova. However, *LoRa*TM had an acceptable range of coverage in worst cases, but the number of ports of the gateways was limited and did not support the evolution of IoT technology.

Concretely, the flexibility of a network depends on the smart city architecture. K. Zhang *et al.* [15] classified the applications of the smart city on energy,
105 environment, industry, living, and services. Then, they proposed an architecture to control them by modeling: the physical world that contains sensing and operating components, the communication world that integrates the heterogeneous networks, the information world which includes the control, analysis, and stored modules. Finally, they discussed the challenges of security and privacy
110 through some applications by showing the possible mitigation solutions. How-

³LowPower Wide Area Networks

ever, the defined IoT components need more details especially their properties (e.g., the latency, capacities, security, etc). Moreover, the security has been sketched without showing how to deploy protocols within the involved encryption methods. Unfortunately, the experiments have been excluded to validate
115 the proposed approach.

Practically, the real-world application is the best way to study the behavior of the appliances. Luis Sanchez *et al.* [16] proposed an architecture to monitor the air quality, luminosity, noise, temperature, irrigation monitoring and environmental station in Santander city (Spain). The architecture was composed of
120 three levels: IoT peripherals such as the sensors and APIs, the gateway level, and the IoT server located in the cloud computing service. They tested the architecture to monitor the temperature and the humidity of soil by giving the users access control to their resources through OTAP technology since the solution was not wired. Compared to our contribution, it needs to include the
125 control of sensors and the used protocols to estimate the protection level, and the transmission cost and coverage.

A. Zanella *et al.* [17] proposed a solution for Padova city to collect environmental data. The architecture of this solution contains devices such as sensors, a database server using CoAP⁴ and 6LoWPAN⁵, and unconstrained
130 devices using the traditional communication technologies like HTML protocol. The architecture has been introduced as an intermediary gateway and HTTP-CoAP proxy-grown between the users and the sensors. Weekly, the solution measures the changes in temperature, humidity, light and benzene. Then, the proxy makes compatibility between the constrained and unconstrained devices
135 in only one network. This solution was based on a limited number of protocols without concerns about security and the correctness of the requirements.

Among the studies made by the deployment of the Wireless Sensors Network (WSNs) in a smart area of interest, K. Loizos *et al.* [18] proposed a methodology

⁴Constrained Application Protocol

⁵IPv6 Low power Wireless Personal Area Networks

to deploy WSNs and IoT nodes in complex urban environments. The aim was to
140 create a preliminary system in network simulators to facilitate the management
and deployment of the network in an area of interest. The methodology ran on
two steps: the first was to integrate the deployment in TruNET wireless which is
a realistic 3D polarimetric physical layer simulator and the second was to export
the results obtained from TruNET to the Cooja simulator which is specially
145 designed for WSNs or IoT networks. They concluded that the simulation results
did not much the real results, so they were insufficient to build a real network.
In addition, the obtained results regarding the physical layer data were less
realistic. This problem can be overcome through simulation and verification
as well as by covering latency of protocols, propagation signal method, and
150 coverage.

Hemant . G *et al.* [19] proposed an approach for smart homes and buildings
to monitor the life of inhabitants by detecting the inhabitant's events that were
collected from IoT nodes (sensor, coordinator, and the gateway). Also, they
discussed the mitigation that can be deployed for the connectivity of the IoT
155 system by taking into account the physical separators. However, the proposed
architecture did not deal with the integrity of the measured data, and it required
an action level to execute the operations according to the collected data.

To improve the level of protection of the Constrained Application Proto-
col (CoAP) and the encryption in DTLS protocol, S. Arvind *et al.* [20] set a
160 client/server architecture, which was composed of the constrained devices that
communicate together through CoAP protocol. The establishment of the archi-
tecture has been done by the Cooja simulator installed in the Contiki OS. They
intercepted the communication by installing a proxy system in the middle to
simulate the sniffing attack. As a result, the data was transmitted in plain text
165 which increased the possibility of attacks on CoAP. Since the DTLS protocol
used strong encryption, it is difficult to evaluate its security level by simulation.
In addition, this type of attack needs powerful resources to be broken.

Concerning the reviewed initiatives in solving problems related to the smart
city and IoT applications. Our focus is to compare our contribution within

170 the literature in terms of **automation** (automatic analysis of **SCM**), **security**
(respecting the security requirements), **architecture** (scalable and supporting
different ranges of components), **access control** (manage the access authoriza-
tion to **SCM** resources and components), and **analysis** (the used technique to
check and validate the smart city requirements). We found that our contribution
175 covers the identified issues compared to the reviewed ones.

3. Problem statement

Many contributions describe the components of the smart city [21, 22, 23] as
collections of smart buildings, smart transportation, smart ICT, smart health,
smart infrastructure, smart economy, and smart government. However, the in-
creasing population in the cities during the last years has resulted in many
180 problems like the great energy consumption, management difficulty of big data,
covering more areas with high communication quality, dealing with the emergen-
cies in the buildings, protecting digital data from the collapse of the information
system or hackers, transportation management, waste management, etc. These
185 challenges cost the government a substantial amount of losses. To mitigate these
problems, many recent projects are funded as shown in Table A.5 [24].

To motivate the trend towards a smart city, Table A.6 shows the difference
between the traditional and the smart cities. The comparison leads us to con-
clude that the smart city overcomes many of the problems faced by the current
190 traditional cities. Based on this comparison and the previously reviewed con-
tribution in Section 2, we realize that we must convert the actual cities to be
smarter by deploying robust and secure components, respecting security policies
and the smart city norms.

4. Smart City Modeling and Analysis

195 This section covers the proposed framework to create a realizable smart city
model. As depicted by Figure 1, it starts by creating the smart city model
that includes both **Physical Models (PM)** and **Digital Models (DM)**, where

both models contain ingredients that are detailed textually and formally. The analysis step checks, then it validates how well **SCM** models are functionally correct through verification and simulation techniques. This step considers the developed **SCM** models as a network of Timed Automata (TA) and expresses the **SCM** requirements as TCTL⁶ formula [25]. Hence, the Uppaal model checker is used to check if the requirements are satisfied, or not. Consequently, the Cooja network simulator previews if WSNs achieve a low consumption of energy with high coverage of the area of interest. If the outputs obtained from this step declare errors, it is necessary to return to the previous step in order to rebuild the **SCM**, else the verified model has the ability to be deployed in the BIM and the area of interest.

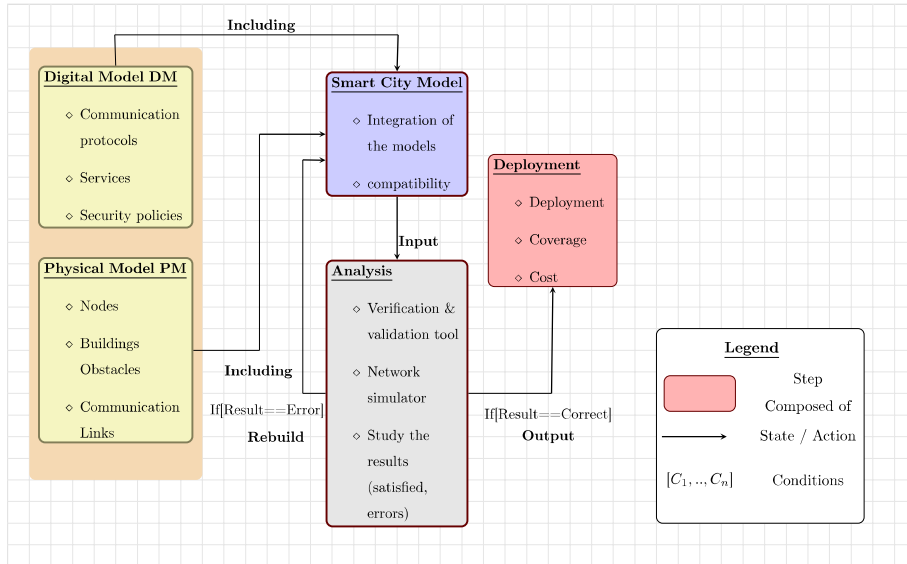


Figure 1: The methodology to construct SCM.

4.1. Smart City Model

Our proposed **SCM** architecture is divided into three levels (see Figure 2). The third level is dedicated to processing and storage services by including dif-

⁶Timed Computation Tree Logic

ferent resources such as the servers and calculators with software to receive, process, and share data (e.g., a server receives and processes the temperature measures that are captured by sensors, then gives the appropriate control commands). Since this level deals with sensitive data, we isolate it through three cloud services: *SaaS* (Software as a service), *PaaS* (Platform as a service), and *IaaS* (Infrastructure as a service) [26]. Physically, there is a long distance between the first and the third level components, e.g. when the request is forwarded from the *third* level devices to the cloud computing server. The transmission will have a high latency, which is one of the basic requirements in IoT systems. To resolve the latency issue, we add fog computing [27] to the third level that is located close to the lower levels. Thus, the “most used services” are installed in the fog whereas the “less-used services” are in the cloud. In addition, in order to serve the first level requests, a set of servers are equipped in this level e.g., Web servers, FTP, Mail, etc.

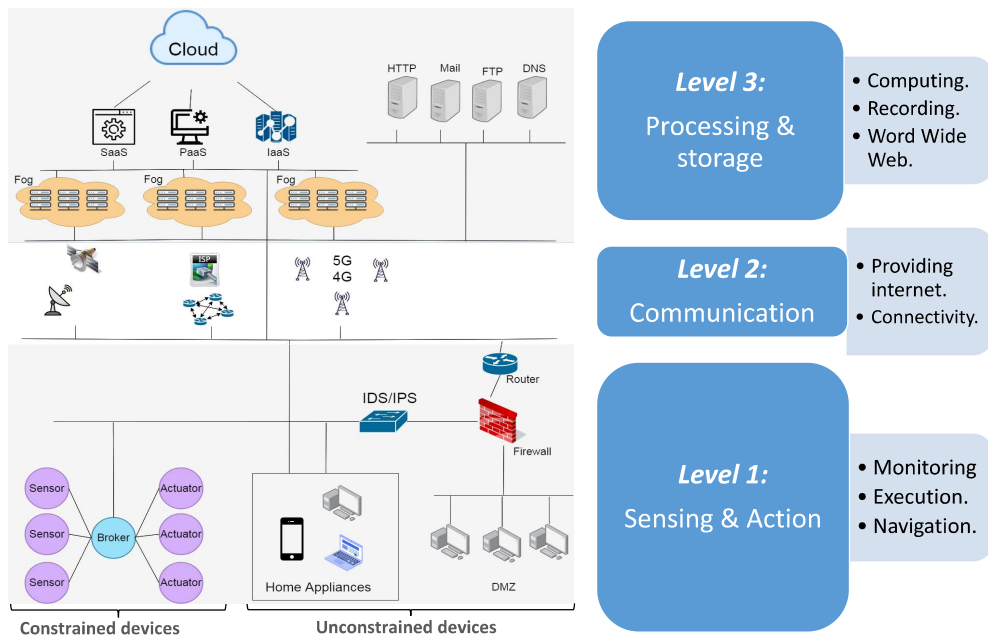


Figure 2: Smart City Architecture.

The second level (**Communication**) is a collection of internet stations and providers to link the other levels. It includes ISP (Internet service provider), 5G Mobile Broadband Providers, and Satellite Internet Providers. The quality of services is related to the type of internet providers, so, the differences among
230 them are due to the differences in the variables: latency, cost, coverage, security, etc. For example, 5G technology is a fast-wireless communication, ADSL is more reliable, satellites provide coverage in the worst places.

The first level (*Sensing and Action*) is the indoor sub-architecture secured by hardware and software tools. The firewall is a necessary device to filter the
235 input/output data and to construct sub-architecture as the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ)[28]. The Intrusion Detection System (IDS) [29] or Intrusion Prevention System (IPS) [30] are installed to detect and prevent BIM's intrusions. It contains unconstrained devices ⁷, that are responsible to monitor and request data (like computers and smartphones) through different protocols: HTTP, FTP,
240 SMTP, POP, and others. Further, this level has constrained devices ⁸, especially sensors to monitor and share the conflicting changes in the environment (such as temperature, movements, noises, fire, etc.). We classify two types of sensors, wired sensors and Wireless Sensors Network (WSNs). The latter are the most important since they are mobile and support many IoT communications
245 protocols like (Zig-bee, Bluetooth low energy, IEEE 802.15.4e, RPL, etc.). In addition, the actuators are objects that receive the commands and execute the appropriate actions (like turn on the air conditioner, open the door, etc.)

We consider an **SCM** as an association that brings together both the digital and physical models (Figure 3).

250 4.1.1. The Physical Model (*PM*)

PM is a set of hard components that visually construct the concrete building/city, and it includes:

⁷Devices that are characterized by large memory and processing capacities.

⁸Devices, that are characterized by low memory and processing capacities.

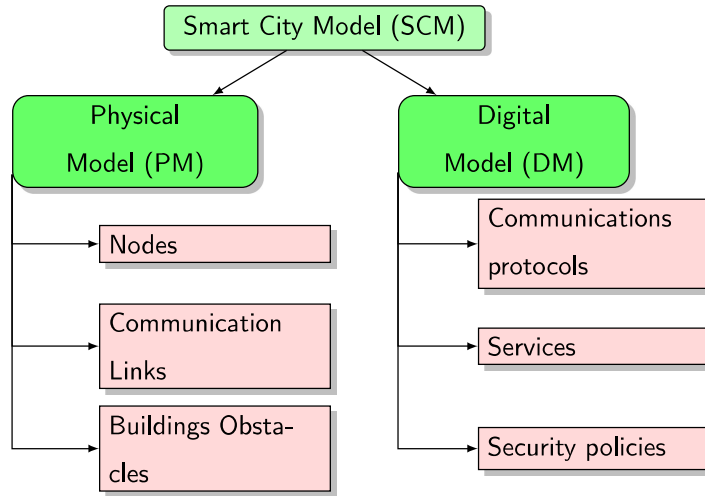


Figure 3: Smart City Model.

Nodes.

They are a set of sensing, application, processing, routing, and storing appli-
 255 ances such as sensors [31], actuators [32], servers [33], routers[34], and data center [35]. We define a *Node* by the tuple $\langle attr, action, State, Behavior \rangle$, where: *attr* is a set of *static* and *dynamic* attributes evaluated by the value *val*. The "static" attributes are fixed while a node is running, *e.g.* the size of an object, memory capacity, etc. The *dynamic* ones change when a node executes its
 260 proper *actions*, *e.g.* the battery degree, availability (On/Off), etc. The evaluation of *attr* by *val* can be real or boolean. *action* is the functions that take a set of parameters $IN \subseteq attr$ as input to evaluate the node attributes "attr". Its execution produces the changes in the output parameters: $OUT \subseteq attr$, $action : attr \rightarrow attr$ where $action(IN_i, \dots, IN_n) = \{OUT_j, \dots, OUT_m :$
 265 $i, n, j, m \in \mathbb{N}\}$. A given *Node* can execute during during its life cycle (see Figure 4) the following actions: *Turn_on()*, *Turn_off()*, *Send()*, *Receive(msg)*, *Store(info₁, ..., info_n)*, *Process(info₁, ..., info_n)*, *Charge_power()*, and *Consume_energy()*.

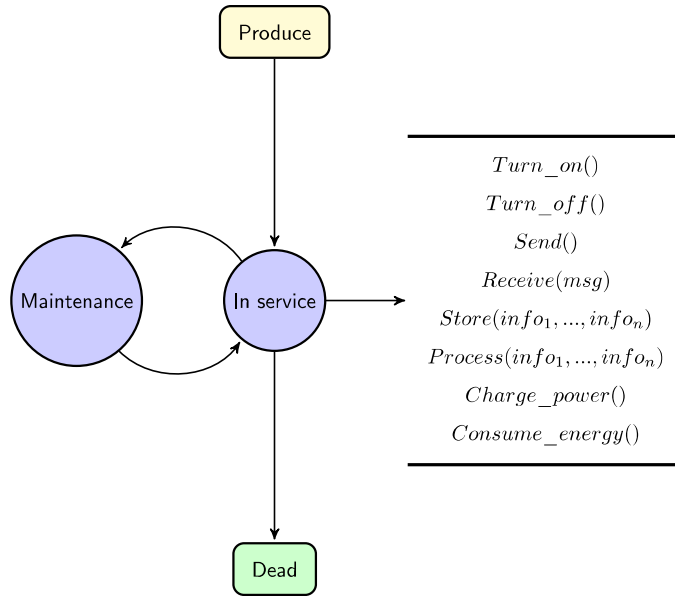


Figure 4: Cycle life of *Node*.

A $State_i \in State$ defines the status of the *Node* when an *action* is applied and characterized by the evaluation of its proper attributes given by $State_i =$
 270 $(attr_1 = val_1) \wedge \dots \wedge (attr_n = val_n)$. Furthermore, *Behavior* of a *Node* is a
 timed automata showing the changes of its "state", where : $Behavior = State \times$
 $action \times State$.

Example 5 shows the timed automata of the fire sensor *node*. In the *on*
 state, it measures the conflicting changes (degree of the smoke) in the air. If
 275 this measurement exceeds a predefined threshold parameter, the sensor sends
 an alert message to the receiver *Node*. The sensor will be out of order if it is
 turned *off*. This *action* includes the process of turning off or running out of
 power in the battery.

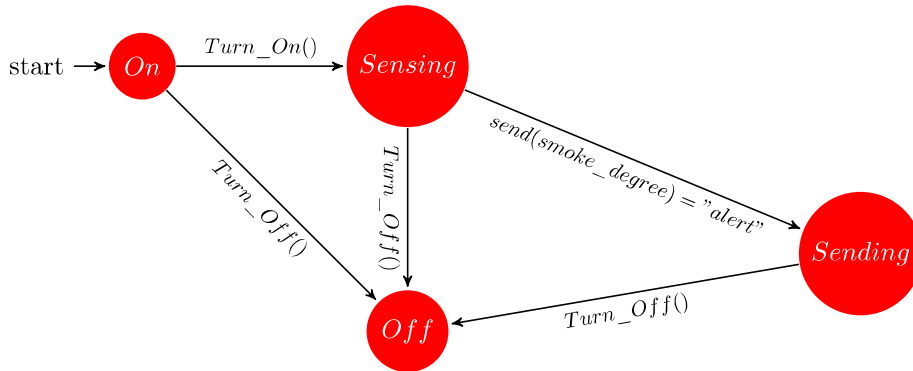


Figure 5: TA of Sensing/Action fire system.

Connection links

280 They are the wire or wireless *links* that relate nodes through their ports. *connection* = $\langle N, L \rangle$ is a directed graph (see. Figure 6), where: N is a set of *Nodes*, and L is the set of *Links* relating *Nodes*, given by $L \subseteq \{(x, y) | (x, y) \in N \times (N) \text{ and } x \neq y\}$, the pair (x, y) indicates that the *Node* x has the ability to send a message to the *Node* y .

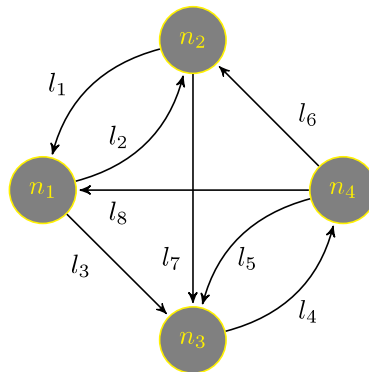


Figure 6: The connection links of the fire sensors node as a directed graph.

285 Building obstacles

They are a set of barriers, called "*Obstacles*", which construct the smart city form such as the buildings, roads, markets, homes, etc. The *Obstacles* have a negative *impact* on the propagation of the signal in the air, taking into

account its *type* " γ " (wall, wood, glass, etc.), *thickness* " τ ", *number* ω , and the
 290 *distance* " α " between the two points (transmitter and receiver). The following
 path-loss models PL [36] shows how to calculate the value of the signal through
 the previously mentioned variables

$$PL = PL_0 + 10n \log(\alpha) + \sum_{i=1}^{\omega} PL(\gamma, \tau)_i \quad (1)$$

Where, PL_0 is the path loss over a distance of one meter, and n is the path-loss
 exponent that indicates how fast the path loss increases with distance.

295 4.1.2. The Digital Model (**DM**)

DM is a collection of digital components and rules to guarantee the func-
 tional correctness of **ICTs**. The proposed **DM** covers the adopted protocols,
 services, and security protocols.

Communications protocols

300 The IoT communication requirements like the low consumption energy, the
 reliable connectivity, and the security level are related to the selected communi-
 cations protocols. For each layer, we adopt the appropriate protocol regarding
 IoT networks requirement as follows.

Data link layer

- 305 • IEEE 802.15.4e is suitable for low power communication. It uses time
 synchronization and channel hopping to enable high reliability, low cost,
 and meet IoT communications requirements.
- IEEE 802.11 known as WiFi, where, the original version is the IEEE 802.11
 wireless medium access standard. Generally, WiFi does not support IoT
 310 devices due to it needs to large power consumption. Its version sister
 IEEE 802.11 AH treats power consumption problem by increasing the
 sleep time period. It is suitable for constrained devices having a small
 memory and low processing by defining a short MAC frame of 12 bytes.

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 • WirelessHART runs on the top of IEEE 802.15.4 PHY and chooses Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA) in its MAC. It is reliable and secure for small devices supporting security mechanisms for end-to-end, per-hop, or peer-to-peer networks, and, it encrypts messages with advanced encryption.
- 320
 • Z-Wave is a low-energy protocol and suitable for smart structures with communication of about 30 meters. It is used to communicate short messages like controlling temperature, humidity, light, etc.
- Bluetooth Low Energy consumes less power than the classic Bluetooth protocol, while its latency can reach 15 times more than the initial one.
- 325
 • Zigbee Smart Energy is suitable for a large range of IoT devices like remote controls and healthcare systems. ZigBee supports the constrained devices and symmetric-key exchange, and it is more scalable by using stochastic address assignment.
- 330
 • LoRaWAN is to reduce the consumption of IoT device energy. It is characterized by the low cost, secure, mobile, and bi-directional communication for IoT applications.

Network Layer

- Routing Protocol for Low-Power and Lossy Networks (RPL) supports different data link protocols such as IEEE 802.15.4, Bluetooth, Low Power WiFi, etc. It creates Destination Oriented Directed Acyclic Graph (DODAG).
- 335
 • IPv6 over Low power Wireless Personal Area Network (6LoWPAN) encapsulates IPv6 long headers in IEEE802.15.4 small packets, which cannot exceed 128 bytes. It supports different length addresses, low bandwidth, low cost, different topologies, mobility, scalable networks, unreliability and long sleep time.
- 340
 • IPv6 over Bluetooth Low Energy supports a short-range wireless communication technology that aims at ultra-low power. It is suitable for

sensors transmitting data infrequently or peripherals using asynchronous communication.

Table A.7 compares the mentioned protocols in terms of architecture, message size, security and IP address used.

Session layer

- Message Queue Telemetry Transport (MQTT) is based on a Publish/Subscribe architecture that is composed from three devices: publisher, broker, and the subscriber. The broker is implemented by the set of topics which have an hierarchical form that is divided into multi-level (e.g: Building/room_1/temperature), the subscribers relate these topics, the publisher as the sensors puts its collected information at one topic in the broker. Then, the broker forwards messages to the nodes subscribed in the same topic (Figure 7).

The sequence diagram in Figure 7 illustrates the *connection link* of, the example of a fire case, three main *Nodes* communication through the MQTT protocol: Sensor (senses a measurement as a smoke degree), Broker (subscribe the *Nodes*, receive the messages from the *Nodes* published and send the commands to the *Nodes* subscribed) and Actuator that executes an action (spray the water).

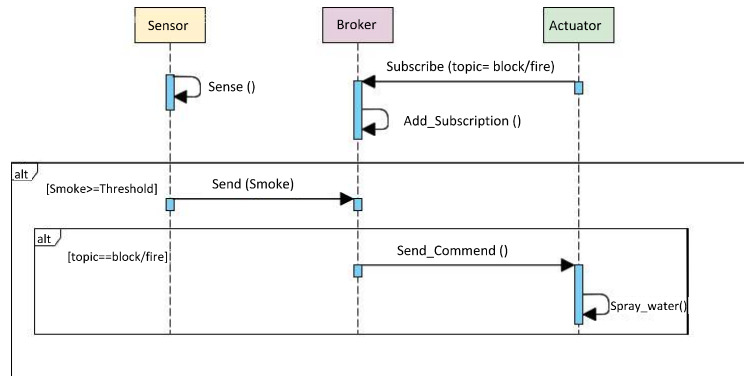


Figure 7: The sequence diagram of the MQTT protocol.

- The Constrained Application Protocol (CoAP) runs in REST architecture (client/server). The sent message from the client to the server is one of the four RESFful methods (GET, PUT, PUSH and DELETE). It is featured by the low energy consumption, secure by the DTLS protocols [37] that encrypts the data flow, and high latency based on UDP protocol. This protocol has low bandwidth with a loss of information. The end-to-end communication used by this protocol consists of two kind of messages: Confirmable and Non-Confirmable messages. The first is a request sent from the client to the server and requires an acknowledgement from the server, when the server receives this message, it responds by the message ACK, else, it sends rest message (RST) 8(a). The Non-Confirmable message does not need an acknowledge by the server 8(b).

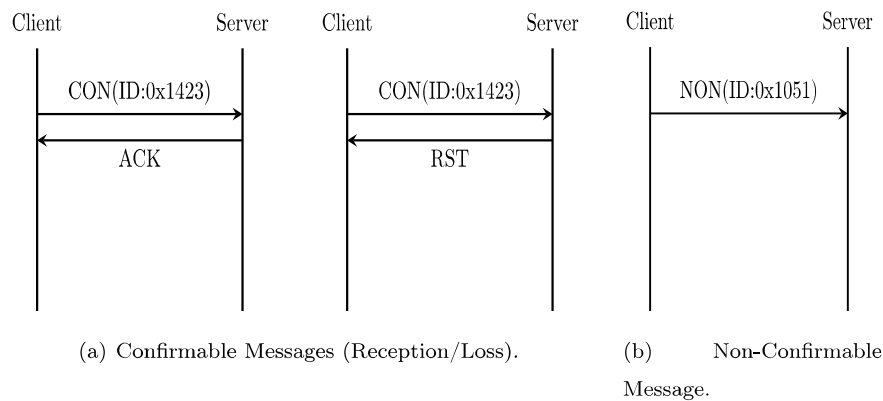


Figure 8: CoAP processes.

- The Advanced Message Queuing Protocol (AMQP) runs over TCP and based on the publish/ subscribe architecture. The broker is divided into two components: exchange and queues. The exchange receives published messages from the producers and transmits them to queues which send them to the consumers. Four methods are used to transform the message from the exchanges to the queues. Direct, where, the exchange routes the message to the queues that have the binding key equals the routing key of

380 the message (Fig.9). Fan-out, where the exchange transmits the message to all the queues related with it without constraints. Header, where the message transmitted from the exchange has the pair Key-Value to identify which queue can receive this message. Topic is when the exchange sends the message to the queues if the queues patterns are identical with the routing key of the message.
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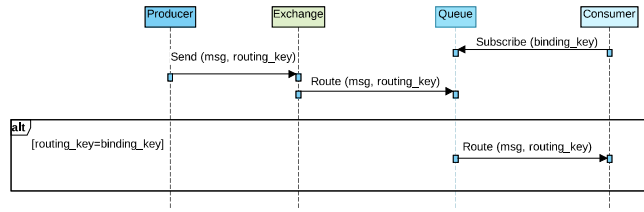


Figure 9: The operation of AMQP with Direct exchange method.

These messaging protocols differ on message size, power consumption, latency, QoS, security level and the number of M2M usage [38]. CoAP has the lowest message size and overhead compared to MQTT and AMQP. CoAP protocol requires lower power and resources than the MQTT and AMQP protocol.
 390 CoAP protocol offers lowest bandwidth and latency than the MQTT and AMQP protocol. MQTT has the highest level of quality of services with the least interoperability between them. AMQP provides the highest level security and additional services, while MQTT supports the lowest level of security and additional services. MQTT is used by many organisations but it does not remain
 395 a global standard.

Table A.8 compares the discussed protocols in terms of architecture, abstraction, header size, message size, communication methods, quality of service, security and communication port.

As example, the sequence diagram in Figure 10 illustrates the behavior of the IoT appliances that communicate with the session layer protocols, MQTT
 400 in particular. We propose a fire scenario in a smart building equipped by a fire sensor and the actuators to extinguish the fire by spray water. The MQTT broker processes the received message from the fire sensor, then, it sends a

command to the actuator to put the fire out, as well as, it sends an alert message
 405 to the fire service.

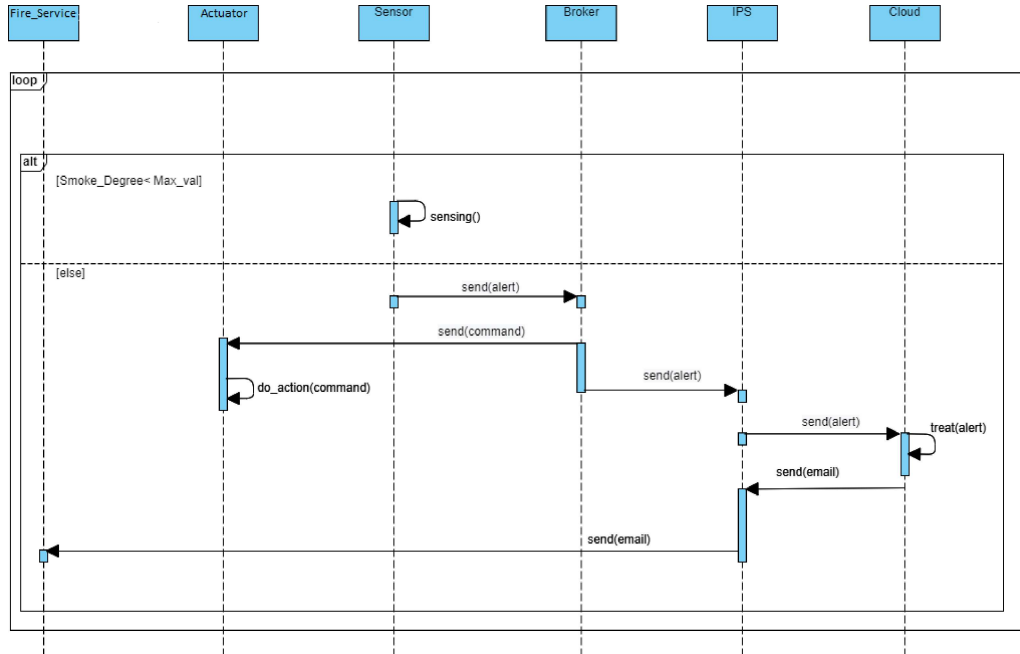


Figure 10: Fire example in the smart city.

4.1.3. Services

The management of a smart city platform needs several decisions to be taken in real-time to improve its QoS. The proposed framework develops the following services.

410 Security

- Secure sub-architecture: The internal sub-architecture is installed inside the building like the DMZ, the Virtual Local Area Network (VLAN) [39]; while the external sub-architecture is an outdoor network where the routing is based on IP addresses. It links the varieties of internal sub-architecture in one root like the cloud and the fog computing to analyze,
 415 store the received data, and manage the IoT networks.

- Secure components: Due to the threats that affect the communication network and operating systems with a direct influence on the information integrity and the availability of services, it has become necessary to distribute a set of protection tools, in all levels of the network. The security components encrypt the transmitted data, make an Access Control Lists (ACL), detect and prevent an intrusion. Among them we deploy firewall [40], VPN [41], IDS [29], IPS [30], Proxy [42], Kerberos Servers [43], and anti-virus [44], etc.

425 *Communication supports*

It is an adoption of facilities and materials designed by a low latency, a large coverage area, protection, low-cost (energy consummation, deployment, maintenance cost, etc.). These requirements are granted by considering the following technologies.

- 430 • 5G: It is widely used with portable devices, especially mobile phones, and this is due to its high frequencies, which need small pickups to match it. This service solves two IoT requirements: mobility and latency. This service is provided at the *communication level* of the proposed architecture.
- 435 • Optical fiber: This technology is deployed to connect remote points with high flow. It guarantees reliability and speed at the *communication level* of the architecture.
- 440 • Computing and storage layer: At the *processing and storage level*, it is configured to receive and process high flows, as the quality of service is related to their capabilities (processing, storage, protection, service presence, etc.).

Maintenance

The availability of services is one of the most important requirements in a smart city. In this paper, we consider the life-time of IoT nodes and the good functioning of the system. To Avoiding breakdown of the service, we monitor

445 the availability of the IoT devices and analyze the periodic reports in each sub-
 architecture. These actions allow the network to view the system functioning
 and predict the IoT problems, e.g., SQL log files records the applied operations
 and the states of the IoT devices. The file are analyzed by cloud applications
 as ApacheTM Hadoop and Apache SparkTM [46].

450 *Security Policies*

To reinforce security in **SCM**, we propose Access Control Models **ACM**
 as a set of rules and decisions that categorize the responsibilities of the sys-
 tem components and attributes the authorization or prevention access to the
 components or resources.

455 **ACM** is defined by the tuple $\mathbb{M} = \langle \textit{Subjects}, \textit{Nodes}, \textit{Actions}, \textit{Permissions},$
Security, Grant \rangle , where:

- *Subjects* is a finite set of subjects that can execute actions in **SMC**.
- *Nodes* are all physical and digital objects and resources defined by **SMC**.
- *Actions* are all actions that can be executed by *Subjects* and *Nodes*.
- 460 • *Permissions* = $\{\textit{Read_down}, \textit{Write_up}, \textit{Access}\}$ is a set of restrictions to
 be granted to the set of *subjects* and *nodes*.
- *Security*: $\textit{Subjects} \cup \textit{Nodes} \rightarrow \textit{Values}$ is an assignment function that at-
 tributes a bounded value representing the security level of a subject or an
 object.
- 465 • *Grant*: $(\textit{Subjects} \cup \textit{Nodes}) \times \textit{Actions} \times (\textit{Subjects} \cup \textit{Nodes}) \rightarrow 2^{\textit{Permissions}}$
 is a function that manages the execution of actions between nodes and
 subjects in **SMC**.

Algorithm 1 implements **ACM** in **SCM** where the set of permissions is defined
 as follows.

- 470 • *read down* allows the owner to access to the second node without updat-
 ing its state. The action can be applied if the subject has a security level
 smaller than the the security level of the node.

- **Write up** allows the first node to update the state of the second node (e.g: add, update or delete information). The action can be applied if the subject has a security level greater than the the security level of the node.
- **access** is provided only to the *Admin* of the network. This property sets the degree of the security level of another *Non – Admin* or *Node*.

4.2. Smart City Analysis

To ensure the correctness and security of the proposed architecture, we rely on UPPAAL model checker for the formal verification and Cooja networking analyzer for simulation.

4.2.1. Formal Verification

It is a modeling and verification tool, Uppaal allows to model the behavior of the IoT network nodes using timed automata formalism. The automata of a node is modeled to exchange the commands with another. To check the security and the correctness of the proposed network, we express the requirements on TCTL input language. It is based on two formulae types, path and state, the state formulae presents one state whereas the path formulae describes the execution of the constructed network. Path formulae has three types reachability, safety and liveness as presented in Figure 11 and described as follows.

- **Reachability:** There is a possibility to reach the state satisfying the state property p ($E\langle\rangle p$).
- **Safety:** p is correct in all states ($A[] p$), or there is a path where p is true ($E[] p$).
- **Liveness:** p is correct in some states ($A\langle\rangle p$), or if p is true, q is also true in all the paths ($p \rightarrow q$).

Algorithm 1 Access Control Management

//Case -1-: Read Action

if *Action* == *Read* **then**

 // o: object, s: subject, ω is the security level of the admin.

if (*s.security* < *o.security*)Or(*s.security* == ω) **then**

 | return (*true*)

else

 | return (*false*)

end

else

 //Case -2-: Write Action

if *Action* == *Write* **then**

if (*s.security* > *o.security*)Or(*s.security* == ω) **then**

 | return (*true*)

else

 | return (*false*)

end

else

 //Case -3-: Access Action

 // n: is an object or subject, ι : new level inserted **if** *s.security* == ω

then

 | *n.security* = ι return (*true*)

else

 | return (*false*)

end

end

end

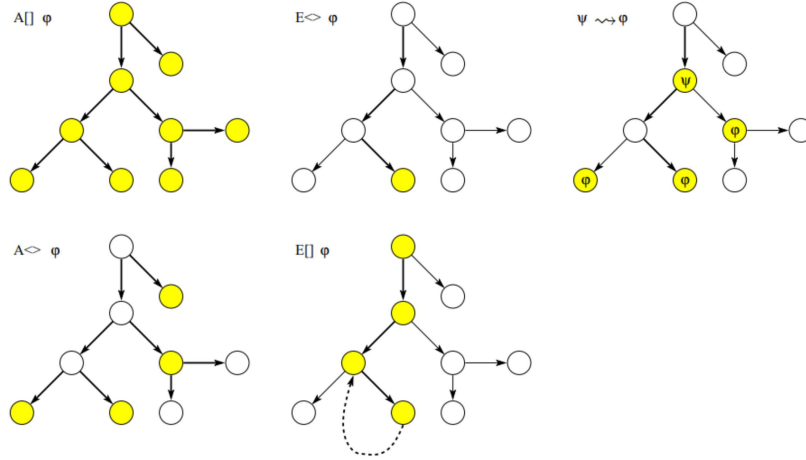


Figure 11: TCTL Path formulae semantics.

4.2.2. Network Analysis

Contiki is an open source OS, which is developed to study the behaviors of the WSNs nodes in the IoT networks through Cooja simulator [48] that provides — besides a GUI— the simulation of the radio medium. Its visualisation presents the propagation of the signal produced by the WSNs placed on the area of interest respecting the diffraction, refraction and reflection phenomena. Cooja simulator offers many radio medium types such as Unit Disk Graph Medium (UDGM), Directed Graph Radio Medium (DGRM), Multi-path Ray-tracer Medium (MRM), and others.

The simulation creates a wide environment to simulate the wireless networks through the integration of many types of predefined nodes for example Sky nodes, ESB node, micaZ node, etc. Also, it supports 6LoWPAN, CoAP and RPL protocols, and it gives to the network developers the access to update these packages and to optimize the security, mobility, latency, cost, and all the other IoT requirements. Based on the comparison presented in Table A.9, many features have been identified to choose Cooja as a network simulator. Indeed, it supports the concepts that are included in our proposition especially: the multi-path ray-tracing, the obstacles attenuation, constructs direct graph, TCP/UDP

515 protocols, and energy consumption model. Table A.9 shows the reason for
choosing the Cooja simulator among the other network simulators.

5. Experimental Results

This section shows the effectiveness of our developed framework, in which
validity and robustness of the proposed **SCM** are verified through experiments
520 by applying verification and simulation techniques. First, we prepare our **SCM**
model. Then, we use Cooja simulator to show the effect of IoT protocols on
the consumption of energy for the constrained devices as well as the impact of
the obstacles on the communication among the nodes to increase the network
lifetime. Finally, we check the correctness of the **SCM** on Uppaal with respect
525 on the functional, the behavior of the devices subject to the security policies is
also studied.

5.1. *SCM* description

The area presented in Figure 12 has eight heterogeneous buildings that are
divided into homes of $(10 \times 10m^2)$. Each building has a *sink* node to collect the
530 temperature measures sent by *sensors*. The deployment of sensors are arbitrary
distributed.

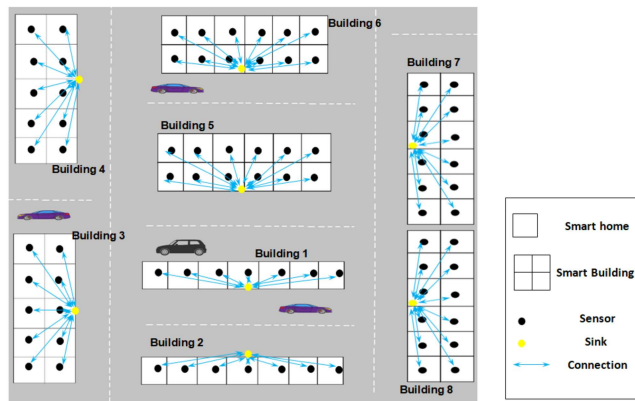


Figure 12: Area of interest: Set of a Smart Building

Figure 13 shows the architecture of our concrete **SCM** that we want to analyze. It is a client/server architecture based on RPL, CoAP, and MQTT protocols. The third level represented by the processing unit (as in Figure 2) is equipped by the cloud computing server that records less-used information (e.g, buildings status report per week) and the fog computing service which stores frequently the most used information (e.g, the measured data). Further, it has the ISP that supports the wire and wireless communication. In this architecture, we consider unconstrained and constrained devices; the unconstrained devices are the communication, filtering, routing and protecting appliances (computers, firewall, routers and the IDSs respectively). The constrained devices play the role of the fire detection system (fire sensor, broker, and an actuator that spray the water into the emergency case). The fire system nodes communicate through MQTT protocol.

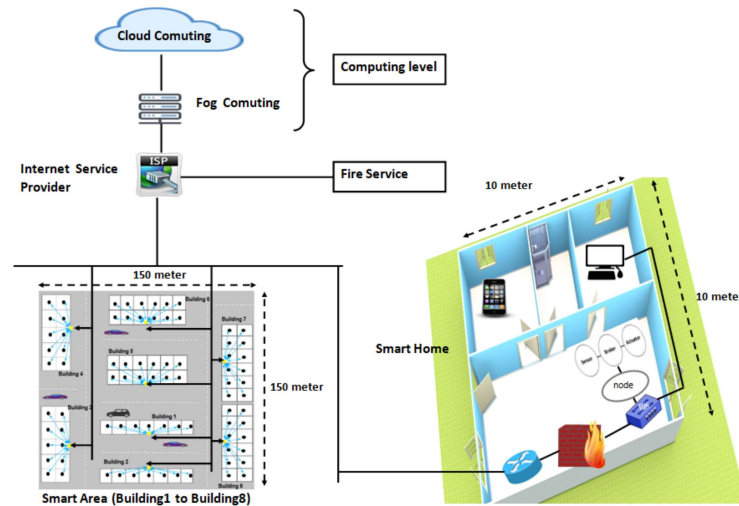


Figure 13: Area of interest: Smart City.

5.2. Cooja simulation

With this test, all the BIM sensors use RPL protocols to transmit the temperature measured in the buildings. The Multi-path Ray-tracer Medium (MRM) model is an extension chosen to simulate the presence of obstacles.

Table 1 shows the used parameters in MRM simulation that takes into account the refraction, reflection, and diffraction phenomena which affect the trend of the transmitted signals. By following the proposed architecture guidelines that avoid constructing the global network which helps to reduce the resources use of Contiki OS computer container. We divide the global network into multi sub-networks related by sinks. Then, the RPL protocol constructs a graph of routes (DODAG) using MRHOF algorithm, we chose this algorithm instead OF0 algorithm due to MRHOF is more reliable, because, in busy simulations, where, many nodes contain a high rate of data, MRHOF would reduce "Packet Drop Ratio" by 25.1% [50].

Figure 14 illustrates the probability of receiving the signal of one sensor in the area of interest (sensor 3, building 1, Figure 12), where the type of color (green, blue and red) determines the percentage of reception (strong, medium and weak respectively). It is clear that the obstacles stop or decrease the signal propagation among nodes.

From the simulation results, we found that any WSN recognizes its neighbours to construct the DODAG. During 5 minutes of simulation, the nodes in each building constructs its DODAG, where the sink is the meeting point of all orientations. We observe that all WSNs are presented and connected to transmit the collected data to the sink. DODAG edges are weighted to represent the connectivity quality between nodes affected by the distance and obstacles.

Parameter	Value
Default transmitter output power	1.5 dBm
Receiver sensitivity	-100 dBm
Refraction coefficient	-3 db
Reflection coefficient	-5 db
Diffraction coefficient	-10 db
Obstacle attenuation	-3 db/m

Table 1: MRM Simulation Parameters.

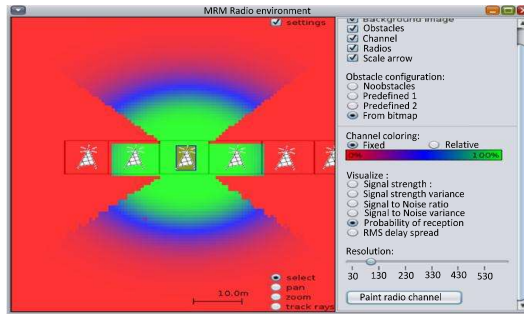
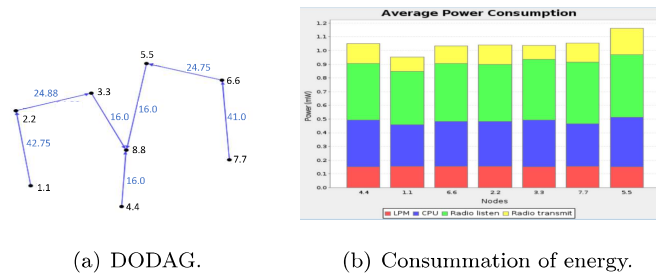


Figure 14: Probability of receiving signals.

570 Figures 15(a), 16(a), 17(a), 18(a), 19(a), 20(a), 21(a) and 22(a) are DODAGs
 for the buildings 1, \dots , 8. If the value of a DODAG edge is high, it means
 that the possibility of receiving data between nodes connected by such edge is
 low. For example, $node_1$ represented in the DODAG of Figure 15(a), located in
 the first home of the Building 1, is far from the *sink* ($node_8$) and its wireless
 575 communication passes through many obstacles. Thus, it has the greatest value
 (42) compared to others.



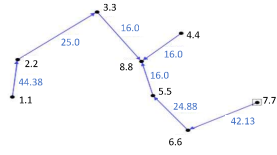
(a) DODAG.

(b) Consumption of energy.

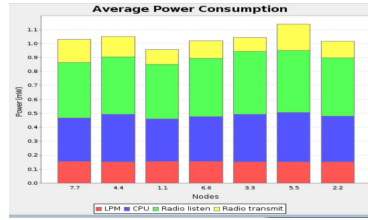
Figure 15: Results in building 1.

After the connectivity insurance, we analyze the energy consumption of
 nodes in each building. Figures 15(b), 16(b), 17(b), 18(b), 19(b), 20(b), 21(b),
 and 22(b) illustrate the energy consumed in all buildings nodes concerning the
 580 number of executed operations: sensing by using LPM (red color), processing
 by using a CPU (blue color), receiving using a radio listener (green color), and
 sending by using a radio transmitter (yellow color).

For example, Figure 15(b) represents the consumption of energy of the sub-

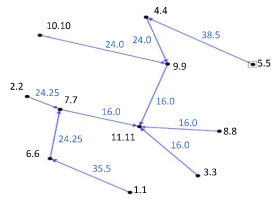


(a) DODAG.

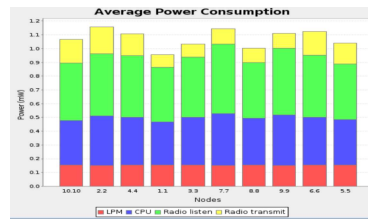


(b) Energy Consumption.

Figure 16: Results in building 2.



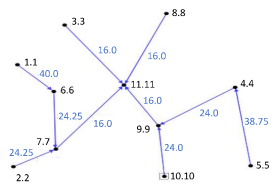
(a) DODAG.



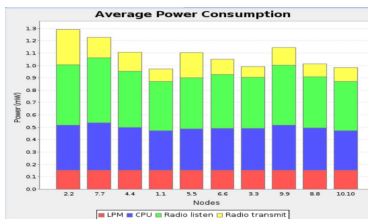
(b) Consumption of energy.

Figure 17: Results in building 3.

network which its DODAG is represented in the Figure 15(a). We observe that
 585 the node five has a huge consumption of energy compared to the other nodes
 due to its position, where, it plays the mediation role between the sink (node
 eight) and other distant nodes (six and seven). Thus, the node five executes
 many operations (receive, send, forward, process) to assure the transmission
 among the sink, itself and the distant nodes.



(a) DODAG.



(b) Consumption of energy.

Figure 18: Results in building 4.

590 We observe that the most of nodes consume the same level of energy regard-

ing sensing operation while their energy consumption differs when processing, sending and receiving data.

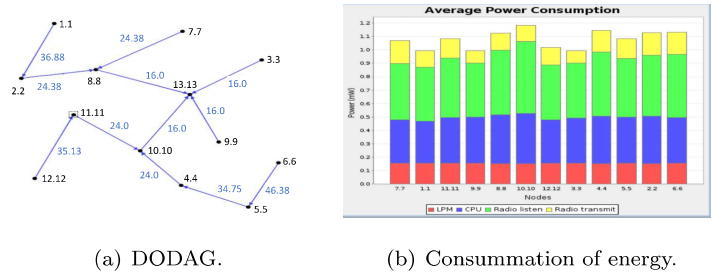


Figure 19: Results in building 5.

Finally, Table 2 compares the energy consumption of the deployed IoT nodes to some homes appliances [51]. The comparison shows that the IoT networks have more lifetime than other type of networks. At Cooja simulation, we assure that:

- Constrained devices are characterized by a low consumption of energy and, the use of RPL protocol can reduce the cost of the IoT network, and increase its lifetime.

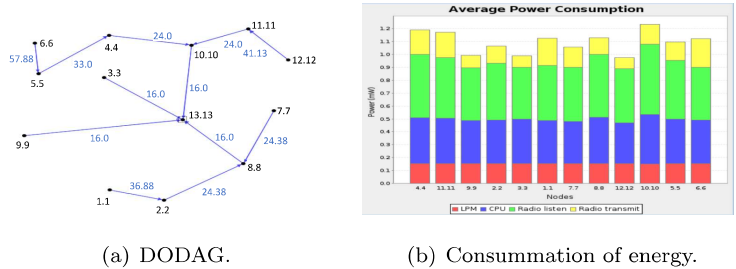


Figure 20: Results in building 6.

- Dividing the first level of the architecture (Figure 2) into multi sub-network decreases the load of operations applied to the sink node due to its low processing capacity and memory storage.
- The obstacles heavily impact the transmission of the signal that causes

Device	Wattage
IoT simulation node	0.00114
Desktop computer	6.25
Ceiling fan	2.92
Video game system	3
LED TV	6.58

Table 2: The parameters used in the MRM simulation.

low QoS. This issue motivates the integration of a new mechanism that finds the optimal positions for WSNs.

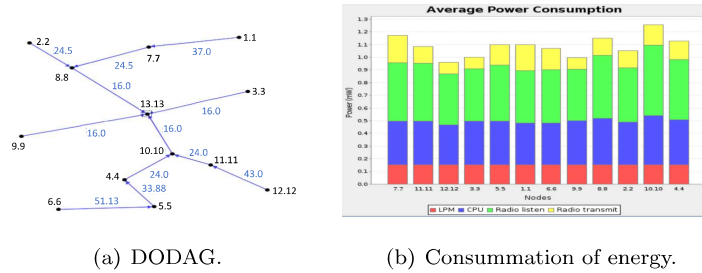


Figure 21: Results in building 7.

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5.3. Uppaal Verification

As a second step, by using Uppaal we check the correctness and the security of the modeled **SCM** (Figure 13). First, we construct the automata of all **SCM** components which are: sensor, actuator, navigator, IDS, firewall, router, ISP, Fog and cloud service. Figure A.26 depicts each component semantics by representing their behaviors, including: actions, states, and attributes. Then, we run and verify four possible scenarios.

Scenario 1. The first scenario checks the RESTful Web services used by the CoAP based on the client-server architecture, and consists on the methods: GET, PUT, PUSH and DELETE. The building computer sends a GET request to the cloud service to access the data stored in cloud. The request traverses

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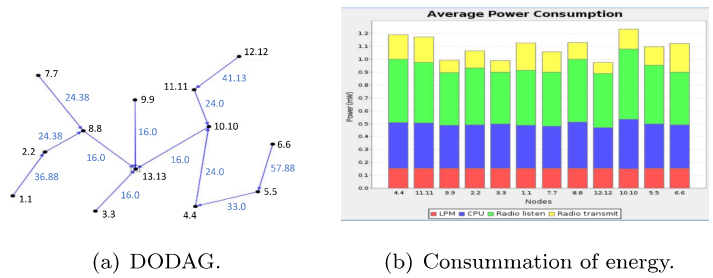


Figure 22: Results in building 8.

the three levels of architecture, and any node receiving the request will forward it to the following node. The progress of the behaviour nodes is represented in the sequence diagram showed in Figure 23.

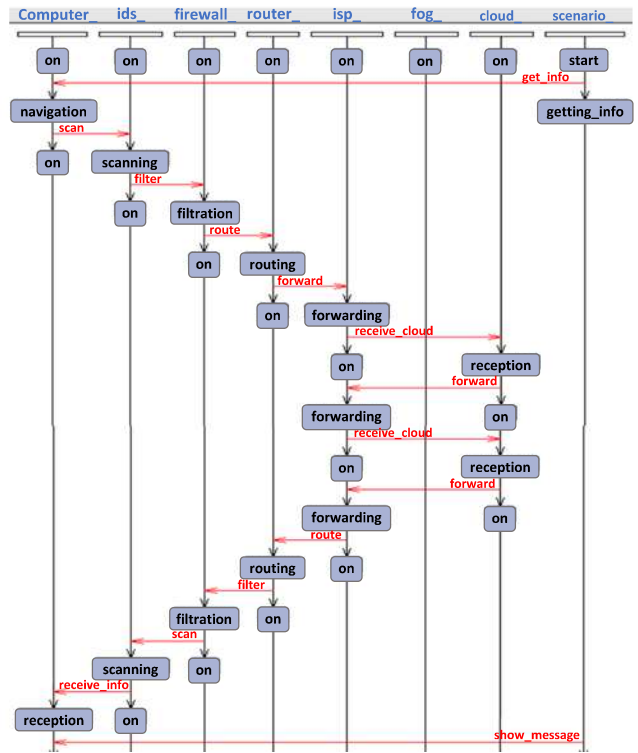


Figure 23: Sequence diagram of scenario 1.

620 *Scenario 2.* This scenario is similar to the first one, while, it uses the wireless

communication protocol to access to the fog service. The sequence diagram in Figure 24 shows the progress steps in this wireless navigation.

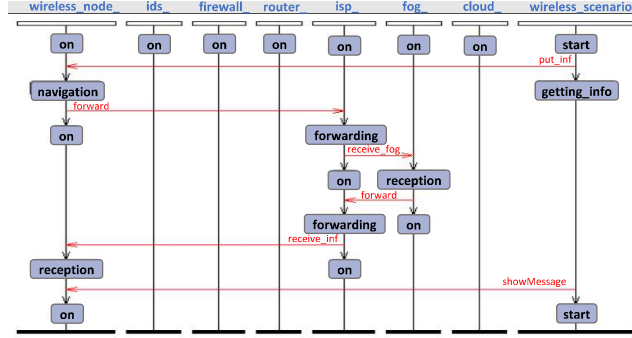


Figure 24: Sequence diagram of scenario 2.

Scenario 3. The third scenario aims to monitor the fire alarm system and to analyze the fire case resulting in smart buildings and also to check the reaction of the IoT nodes in the network. The proposed fire alarm system contains three main components: the sensor which monitors and sends an alarm to the broker in the fire case, the broker sends the command (stop the fire) to the actuator that is subscribed on it, and the subscribed actuator in the broker receives the command from it. We relate the broker by another node to inform the fire service (e.g., message describing the location of the building and the time of the incident). The sequence diagram presented in Figure A.27 illustrates the steps of this scenario.

Scenario 4. In this scenario, we test our proposed access control model, where, we model three automata: *Admin*, *Subject* and *Node*. The role of *Admin* is to set the security level in *Subject* and *Object*, the *Subject* randomly can be *Admin* or *Non-Admin*. The *Subject* applies actions to *Object* according to the security level of the *Subject* and *Object*. All security properties (**read**, **write and access**) are respected according to the alternative security level of the components presented in Figure 25.

Verification. By expressing the security and functional requirements in TCTL, Table 3 describes the list of the requirements to be valid without access

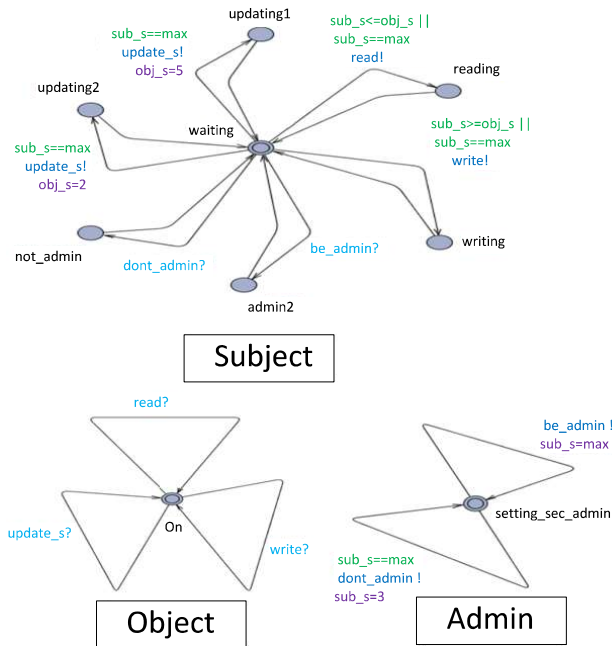


Figure 25: TA of ACM scenario.

control, whereas, Table 4 lists the set of properties proper to the access control. The verification results show that all the properties are satisfied which means that the architecture is correct and secure concerning the specified requirements.

645 6. Conclusion

For a more healthy daily life, this work developed a systematic method to transform the traditional city into a smart one. This contribution enriches the Building Information Model (BIM) by providing more Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) models. The proposed framework develops two main parts: designing a correct Smart City Model by looking into physical as well as digital parts. Each component has been well defined by including the technologies that it supports, while respects the smart city requirements. Further, the framework develops the access control policies that help to manage **SCM** assets and components more securely. The second part, it is automatic

TCTL proprieties	Description
A[] not deadlock	All nodes run without deadlock.
A[] not(ids_ .scanning) and not(firewall_ .filtration) and not(router_ .routing) imply wire_ connection==false	We cannot use the wire devices if the type of connection is wireless.
A[] sub2 == false imply not(fog_ .reception)	If a node send the alert message that is not subscribed in the broker, then the fog service cannot receive the alert.
A[] sensor_ .publishing imply (fire==true)	The sensor can publish in the broker only when it senses a fire case.
A[] node_ .reception imply fire == true	The distant node like the fire service can receive alert message in the fire case.
A[] actuator_ .action imply (fire==true and sub_ actuator==true)	The actuator applies an action (e.g, spray water) when it subscribes in the broker and in the fire case.
A[] fog_ .reception imply info==1 and pass_ out==true and ware_ connection==true	The fog service receives the appropriate information in the wire connection if the firewall gives access.

Table 3: TCTL properties for the functional correctness.

TCTL proprieties	Description
A[] sub.writing imply (sub_ sec >= obj_ sec) sub_ sec==Max	Write property management.
A[] sub.reading imply (sub_ sec <= obj_ sec) sub_ sec==Max	Read property management.
A[] sub.updating1 sub.updating2 imply (sub_ sec==Max)	Access property management.

Table 4: TCTL properties proper to the proposed ACM.

655 analysis of the security, the correctness, and the energy consumption of a de-
ployed **SCM** using Cooja simulator and UPPAAL model checker. Finally, we
conclude that the developed framework and the obtained results are a mainstay
for a concrete deployment of a **SCM** free from errors, robust, and more secure.

In the future, we intend to extend this work with the following directions.

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- Applying the framework on more real systems.
 - Optimising the sensors deployment to minimize the cost and maximize the coverage of the network.
 - Enhancing the security of **SCM** by introducing the *Blockchain* technology.

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Appendix A. appendix

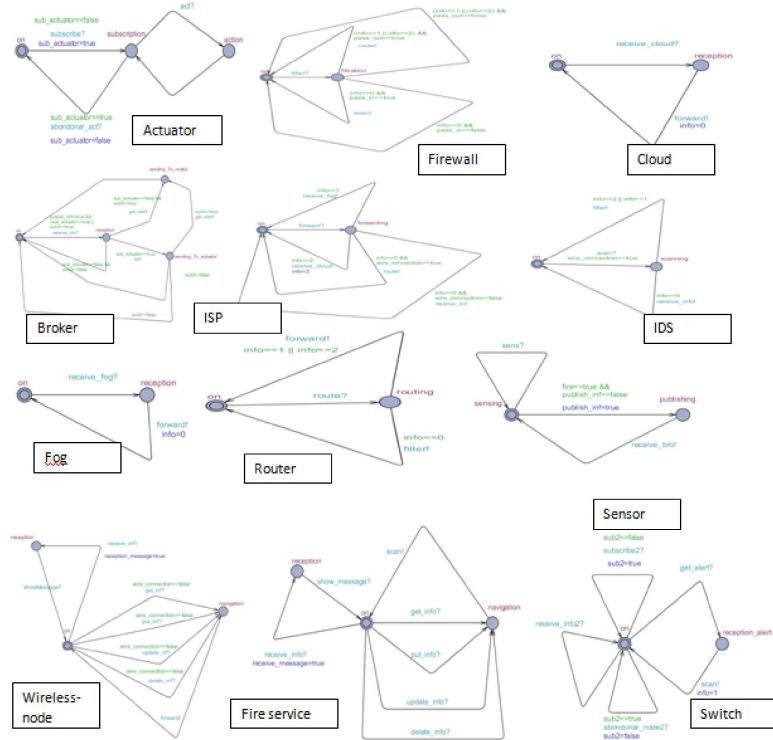


Figure A.26: Timed automata of smart city devices.

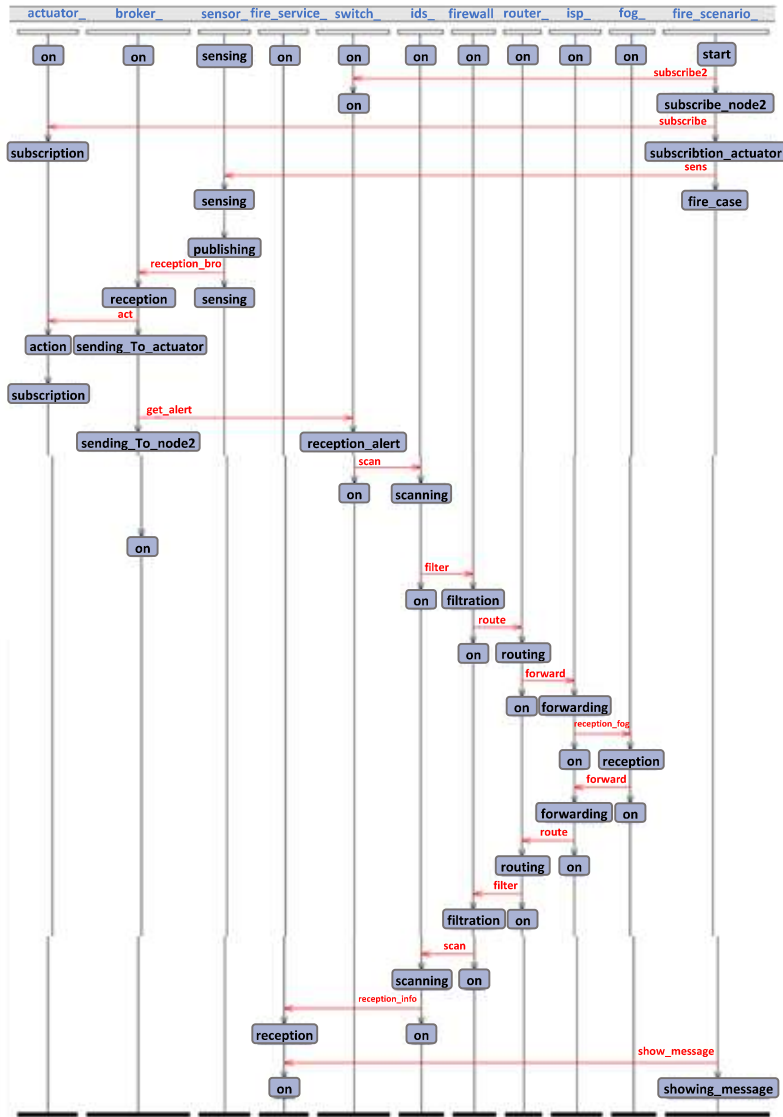


Figure A.27: Sequence diagram of scenario 3.

City and Country	Population	Solutions	Major partners	Challenges
Busan - South Korea	3.4 million	Safety service for children/elderly, drone-based smart marine, smart parking, crosswalk, and energy usage	Busan government, Cisco, ETRI, KETI, SK telecom, KT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approximate investment of US \$452 million. - Deliver an improved transportation system. - Achievement an e-healthcare services. - Increased jobs and business opportunities. - Improved information accessibility.
Santander - Spain	0.1 million	Smart metering of temperature, traffic intensity, humidity, transportation plans, water needs, etc.	Ericsson, Telefonica, Telefonica I+D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Managing 15 big participants companies. - Recording the transmit ed data collected by 20000 smart IoT devices. - Compiling the sensor data into a big picture.
Chicago United States	2.7 million	Smart grid, smart living, emergency alert, reduced crime	Cisco, IBM, Chicago government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It Controls 300000 smart IoT devices. - It aims to reduce energy waste to save customers US\$170 million. - Model has 31 variables to prevent rodent infestations.
Milton Keynes - United Kingdom	0.2 million	Smart transportation, reduced carbon emission, smart energy, water management	Milton Keynes Council, Samsung, Huawei, CATAPULT, Cambridge University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Controlling carbon emissions and supporting sustainable growth without deploying additional infrastructure. - Resolving more issues like business, education, and community engagement activities.

Table A.5: Smart city projects.

Comparison Criteria	Traditional city	Smart city
Energy consumption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-renewable energy [55]. • Energy is polluted [56]. • Large number of non-optimized devices. • The characteristics of their protocols do not serve the IoT network. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewable energy [53]. • Green energy [52]. • Small number of IoT devices. • The IoT nodes use communication protocols suitable to low power as CoAP, RPL, 6LoWPAN, etc [54].
Large data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collapse of the information system [57]. • Low-security level [58]. • Bad service provided. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued operation of the system and smart processing of information [59]. • High-security level [60]. • Availability and QoS[63].
Coverage and latency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small range and low speed of transmitted data due to it uses traditional communication technologies [61]. • Architecture bases to distant servers cause high latency [62]. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large communication range and low latency due to it uses the high technologies as such as 5G [64]. • Architecture bases on fog computing that causes low latency.
Buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficult to mitigate the building threats like fire, temperature, humidity, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It has IoT nodes Like sensors that can control the requirements building [65].
Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information loss due to saturation of the server provider by the data flooding. • More vulnerable system. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smart architecture manage the data flow [66]. • Modern components with high security .

Table A.6: Comparison between smart and traditional cities.

Criteria	RPL	6LoWPAN	IPv6 over Bluetooth Low Energy
Architecture and network	DODAG	Wireless personal area network (WPAN)	Master / Slave architecture
Message size	5 bytes of compressed IPv6. 4 bytes for ICMP Type. 24 bytes for DIO Base Object. 16 bytes for DODAG Configuration Option	128-byte maximum frame length in IEEE802.15.4	The Logical Link Control and Adaptation Protocol (L2CAP) sublayer in Bluetooth already provides segmentation and reassembly of larger payloads into 27 byte L2CAP packets
Security	RPL network admits three possible security modes: unsecured, pre-installed, and authenticated. Recent implementations aim to securely connect constrained nodes (as IPsec, DTLS, and IEEE 802.15.4 link-layer security)	Depends on the 802.15.4 security sub-layer (by adding both a Message Integrity Code (MIC) and a frame counter to each frame).	Using the Cipher Block Chaining-Message Authentication Code (CCM) algorithm and a 128-bit AES block cipher. 4-byte Message Integrity Check (MIC) is included in the Bluetooth LE packets. Encryption is applied to the PDU payload and MIC fields.
IP address	IPv6	IPv6	IPv6

Table A.7: Comparison between the network layer protocols.

Criteria	MQTT	CoAP	AMQP
Architecture	Client/Broker	Client/Server or Client/Broker	Client/Broker or Client/Server
Abstraction	Publish/Subscribe	Request/Response or Publish/Subscribe	Publish/Subscribe or Request/Response
Header Size	2 Byte	4 Byte	8 Byte
Message Size	Small and Undefined (up to 256 MB maximum size)	Small and Undefined (normally small to fit in single IP datagram)	Negotiable and Undefined
Semantics/ Methods	Connect, Disconnect, Publish, Subscribe, Unsubscribe, Close	Get, Post, Put, Delete	Consume, Deliver, Publish, Get, Select, Ack, Delete, Nack, Recover, Reject, Open, Close
Quality of Service (QoS)/ Reliability	QoS 0 - At most once (Fire-and-Forget), QoS 1 - At least once, QoS 2 - Exactly once	Confirmable Message (similar to At most once) or Non-confirmable Message (similar to At least once)	Settle Format (similar to At most once) or Unsettle Format (similar to At least once)
Security	TLS/SSL	DTLS, IPSec	TLS/SSL, IPSec, SASL
Default Port	1883/ 8883 (TLS/SSL)	5683 (UDP Port)/ 5684 (DLTS)	5671 (TLS/SSL), 5672

Table A.8: Comparison between the session layer protocols.

Simulator	ns2	Castalia OMNet++	TOSSIM	Cooja/MPSim	WSim/WSNet
Level of details	generic	generic	code level	all levels	all levels
Timing	discrete event	discrete event	discrete event	discrete even	discrete event
Simulator platforms	FreeBSD, Linux, SunOS, Solaris, Windows (Cygwin)	Linux, Unix, Windows (Cygwin)	Linux, Windows (Cygwin)	Linux	Linux, Windows (Cygwin)
WSN platforms	n/a	n/a	MicaZ	Tmote Sky, ESB, MicaZ	MicaZ, Mica2, TelosB, CSEM Wisenode, ICL BSN nodes, eZ430
GUI support	Monitoring of simulation flow	Monitoring of simulation flow, c++ development, topology definition, result analysis, and visualization	None	Yes	None
Wireless channel	Free space, two-ray ground reflection, shadowing	lognormal shadowing, experimentally measured, path loss map, packet reception rates map, temporal variation, unit disk	lognormal shadowing	multipath raytracing with support for attenuating for obstacles, unit disk, directed graph	file static, disk model, free space, tworay ground, lognormal shadowing, rayleigh fading, ITU indoor model, nakagami fading
PHY	Lucent WaveLan DSSS	CC1100, CC2420	CC2420	CC2420, TR1001	CC1100, CC1101, CC2500, CC2420
MAC	802.11, preamble based TDMA (preliminary stage)	TMAC, SMAC, Tunable MAC (can approximate BMAC, LPL, etc.)	Standard TinyOS 2.0 CC2420 stack	CSMA/CA, TDMA, XMAC, LPP, NullMAC, contikiMAC, SicslowMAC	DCF, BMAC, ideal MAC
Network	DSDV, DSR, TORA, AODV	Simple Tree, Multipath Rings	No data	RPL, AODV	Greedy Geographic, file static
Transport	UDP, TCP	None	No data	UDP, TCP	None
Sensing	Random process with Mannasim add-on	Generic moving time-varying physical process	No data	Moving nodes	Generic moving time-varying physical process
Energy consumption model	Yes	Yes	With Power TOSSIM add-on	Yes	Yes

Table A.9: Open-Source Simulators Comparison [49].