

# Smart services for urban environments

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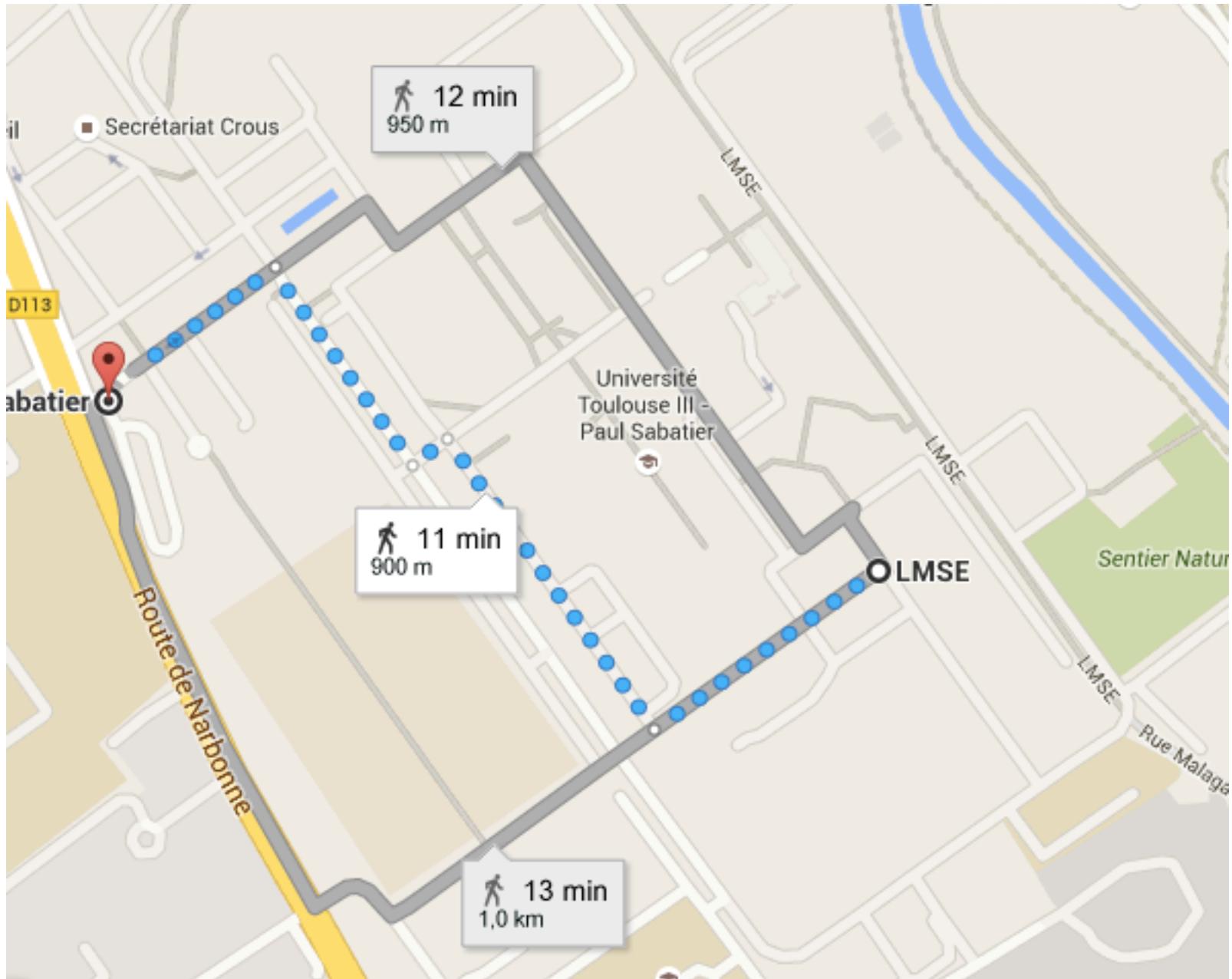
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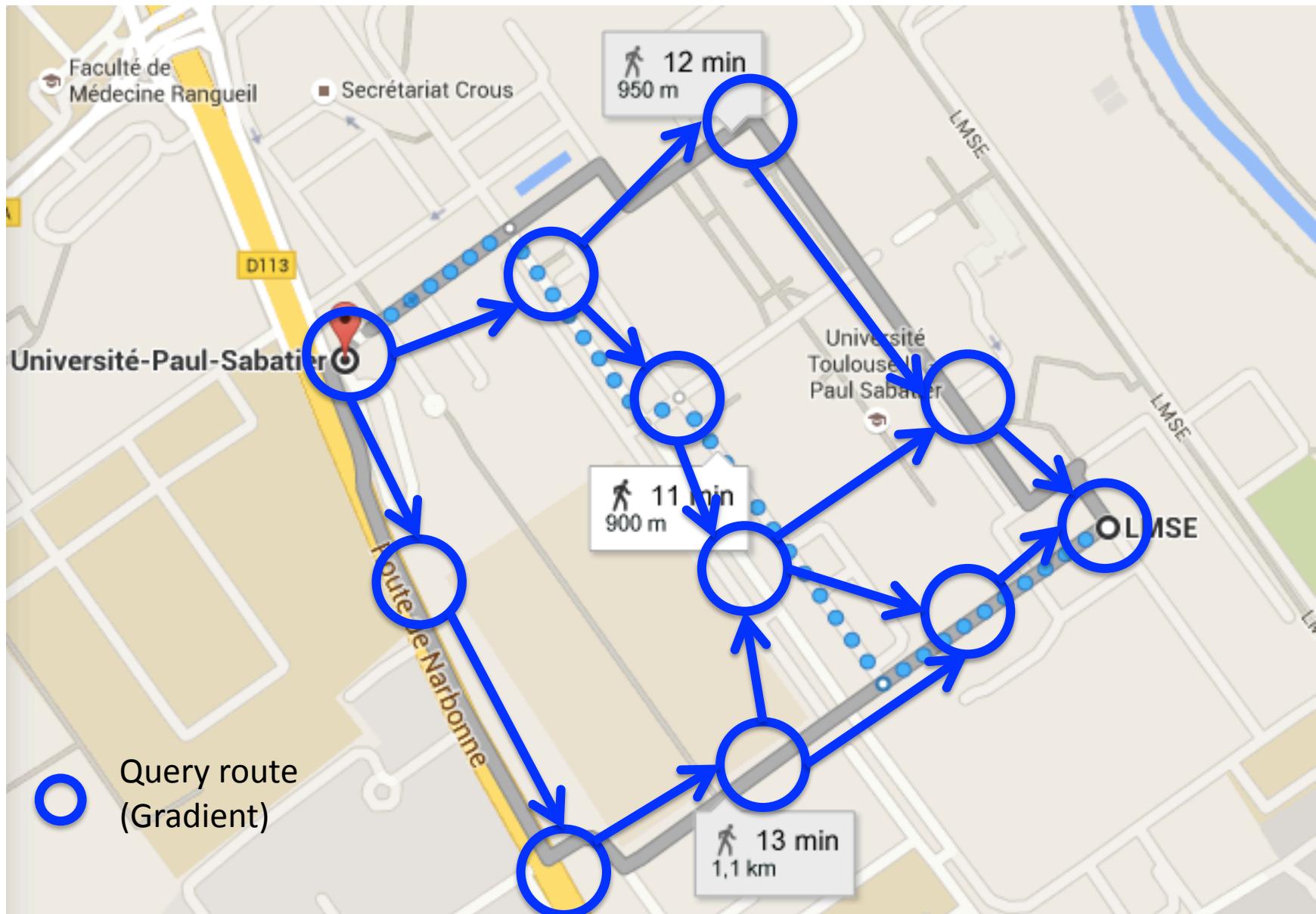
- Motivation
- Bio-inspired design patterns
- Spatial edge services
- Coordination models
- Prototyping platforms
- Actual Applications and Deployments

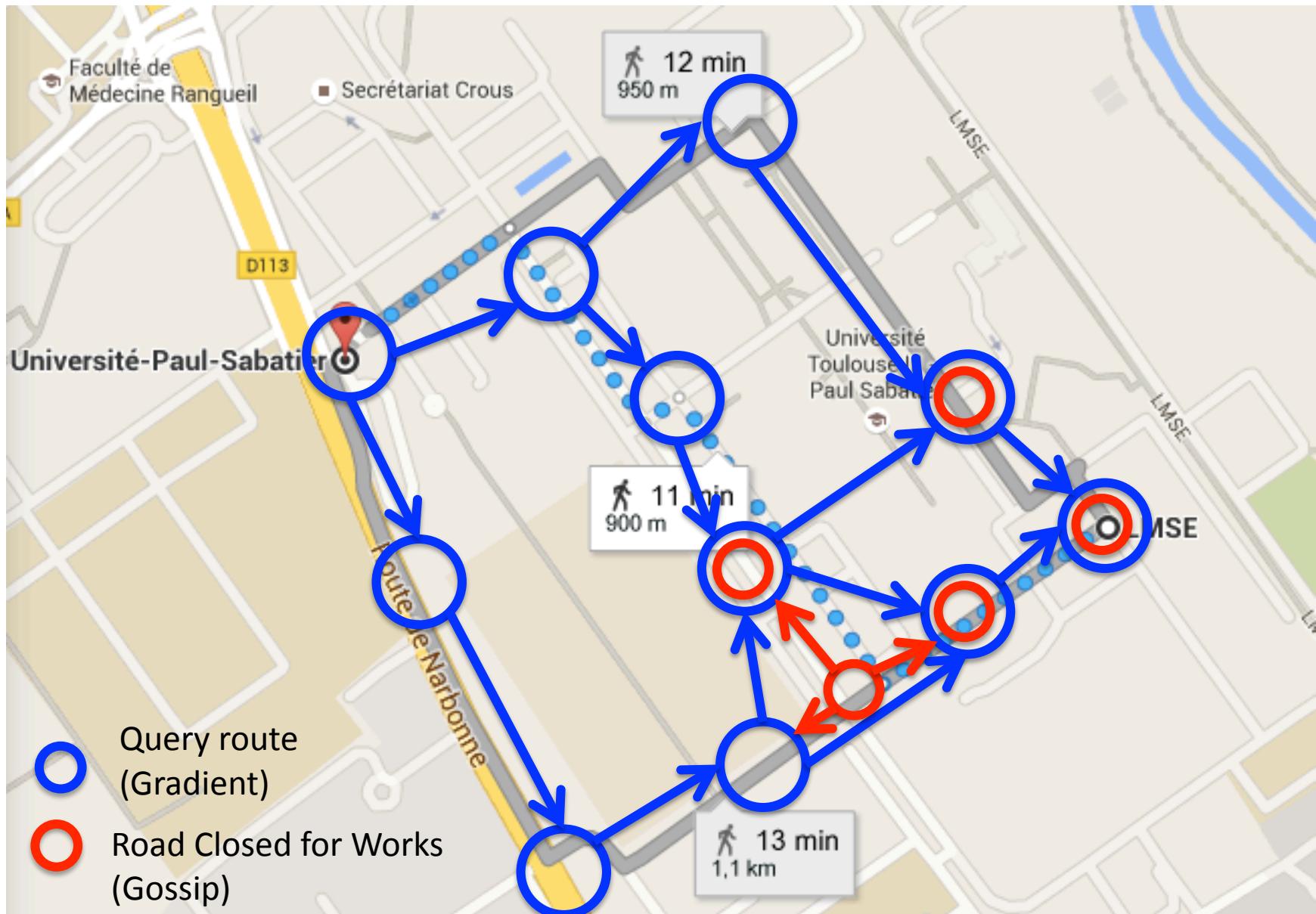
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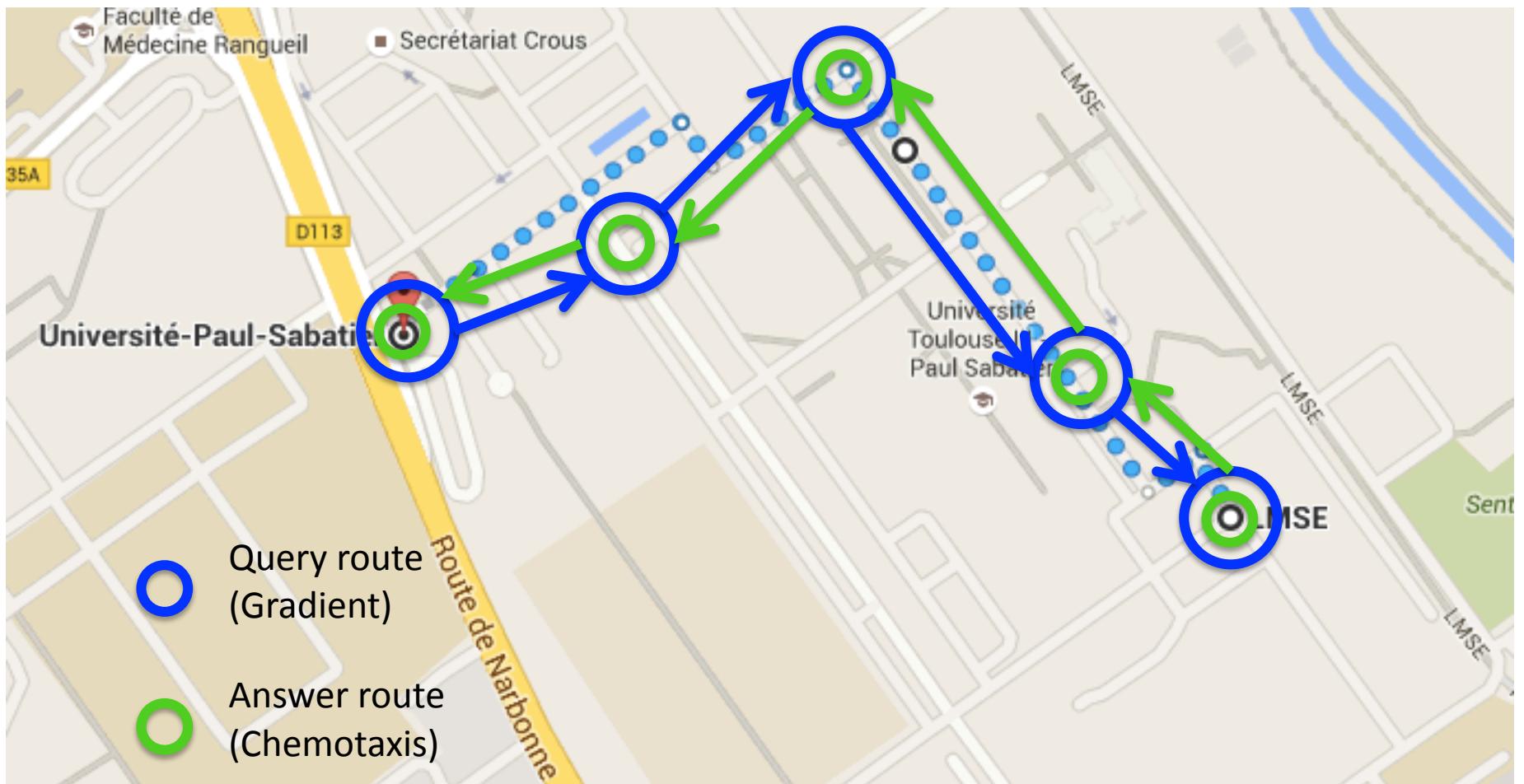


Communicating devices  
Storing / Computing capabilities  
Data propagation  
“Things” collaborate to provide service









Self-organising mechanisms ... provided as services  
Computing occurs at the “edge”

# Time- Space- Related Services

- **Time-related**: services may last just for a very short time for a specific purpose exploiting current contextual data
- **Space-related**: services have a meaning because the data they rely on or the data they spread is spatially distributed over a geographic area.
- **Geographically distributed data** collectively provides a specific meaning (e.g. artificial gradient)
- Services:
  - deposit data at geographic locations,
  - retrieve data, aggregate data,
  - provide information to users,
  - evaporate information, or
  - act on the environment.

# Engineering dimension

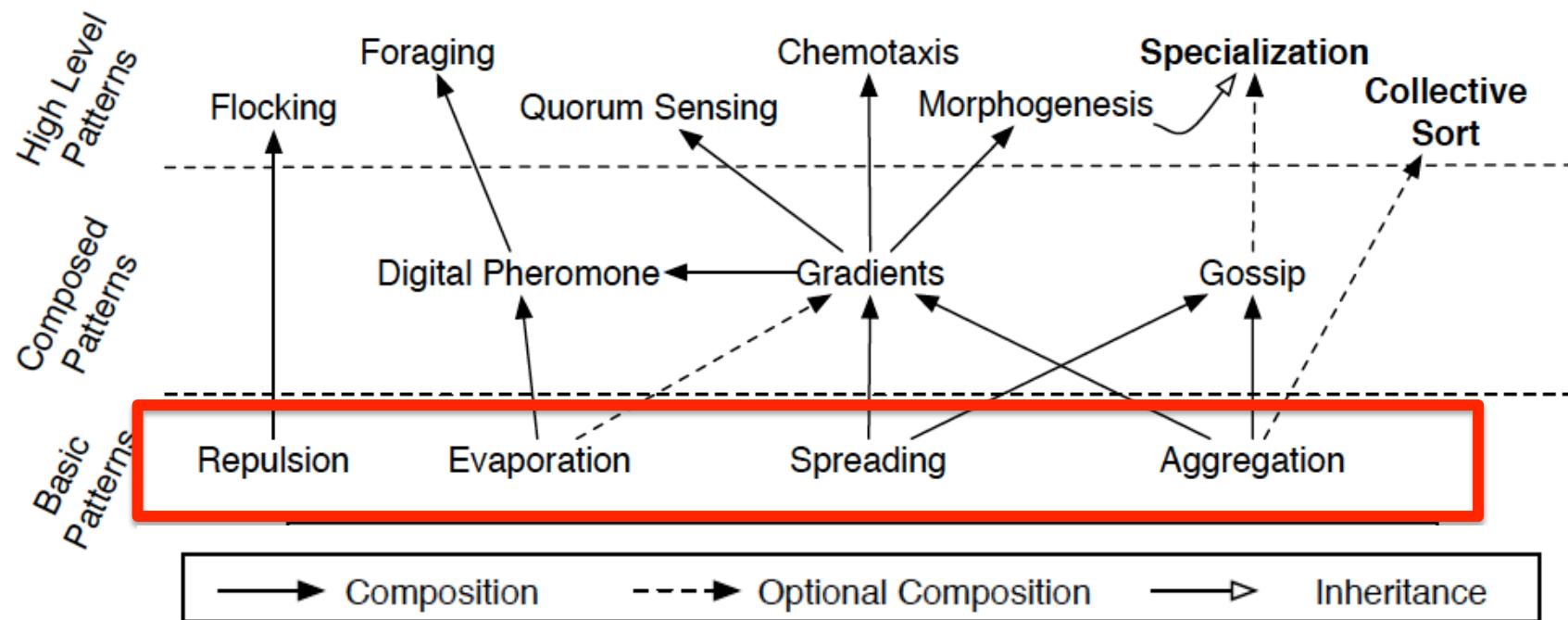
- Ready to use spatial services
- Deployed on-demand over physical environments by higher-level services or applications
- A spatial service is built dynamically through collaboration with other services

# Spatial services - ingredients

- Spatial system services
  - Ready to use spatial services supporting other services
  - Based on bio-inspired self-organising mechanisms
    - Dynamicity, space- time- dimension
    - Bio-inspired mechanisms provided as services
- Spatial user services
  - Application level
- Chemical-based coordination platform
  - Provides built-in primitives supporting bio-inspired mechanisms

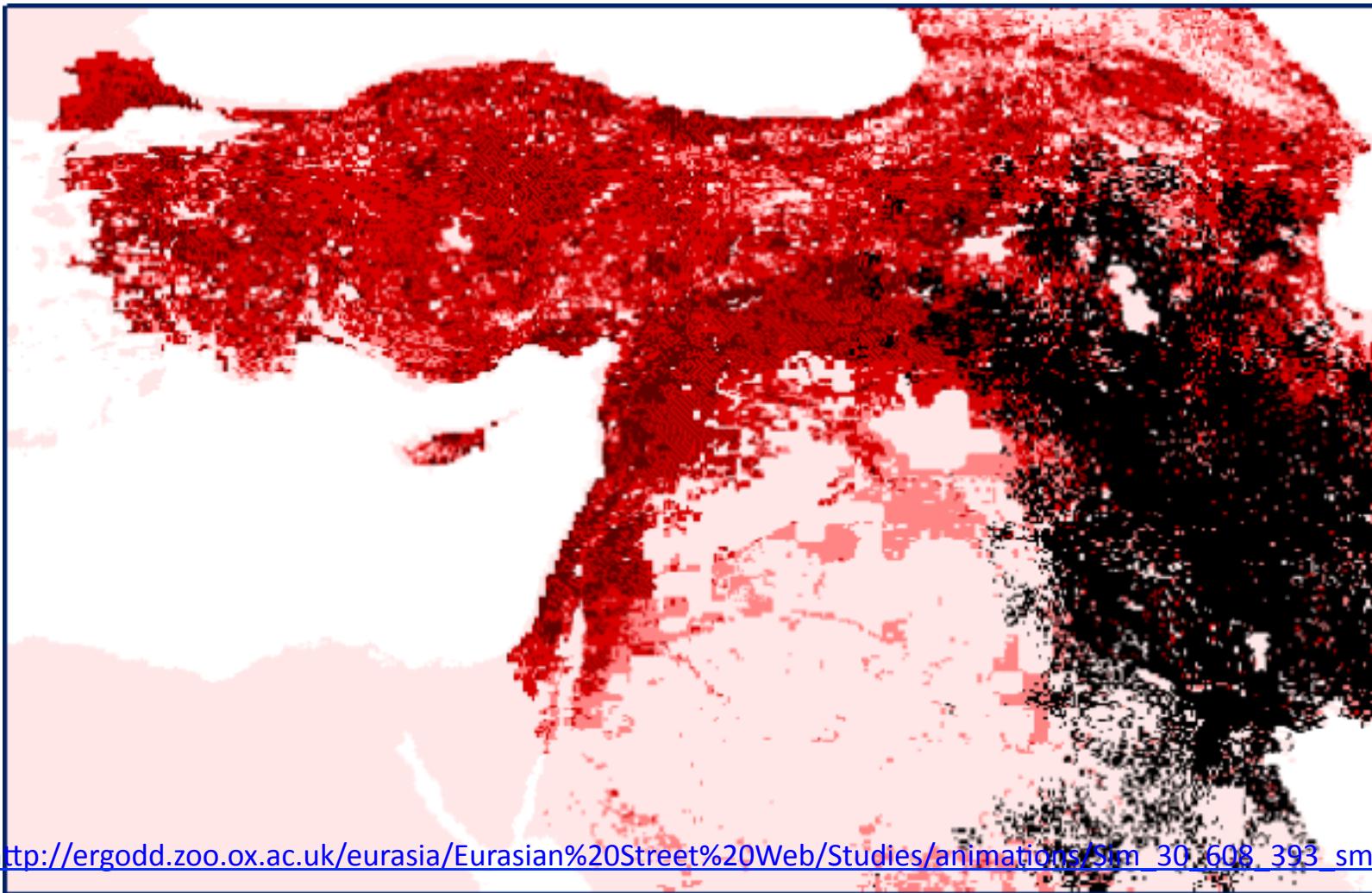
# **BIO-INSPIRED DESIGN PATTERNS**

# Self-Organising Design Patterns



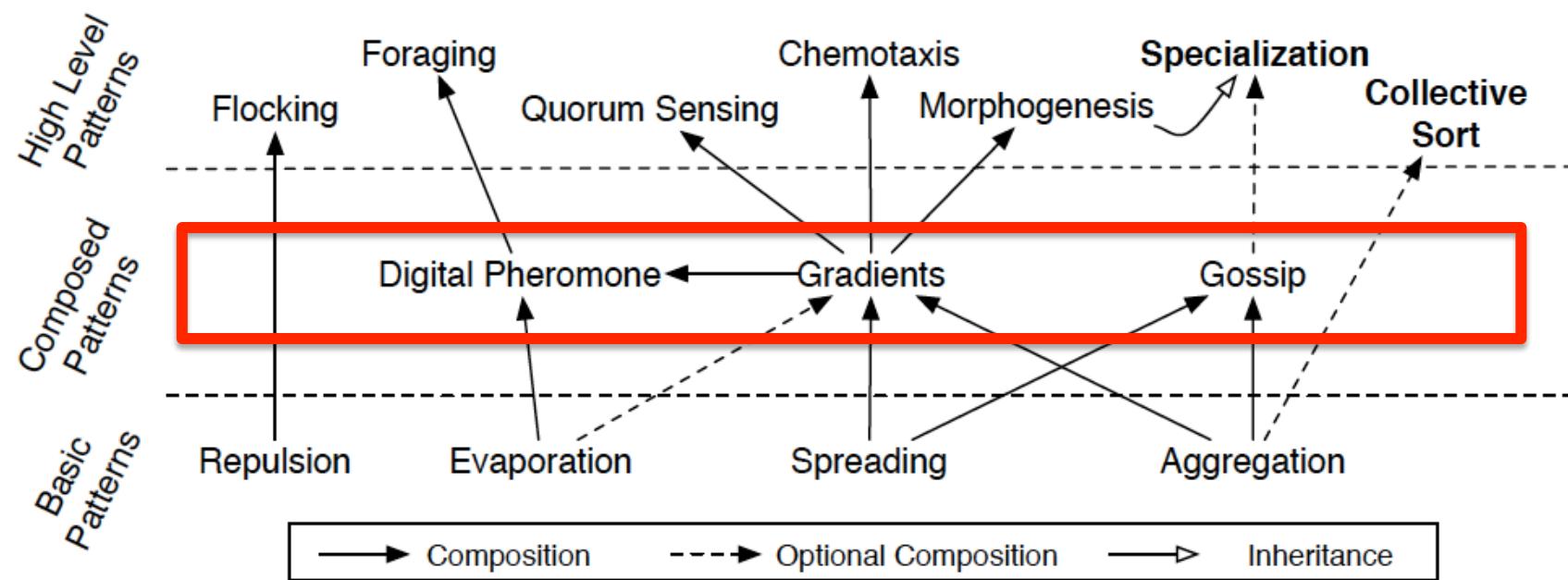
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# Spreading

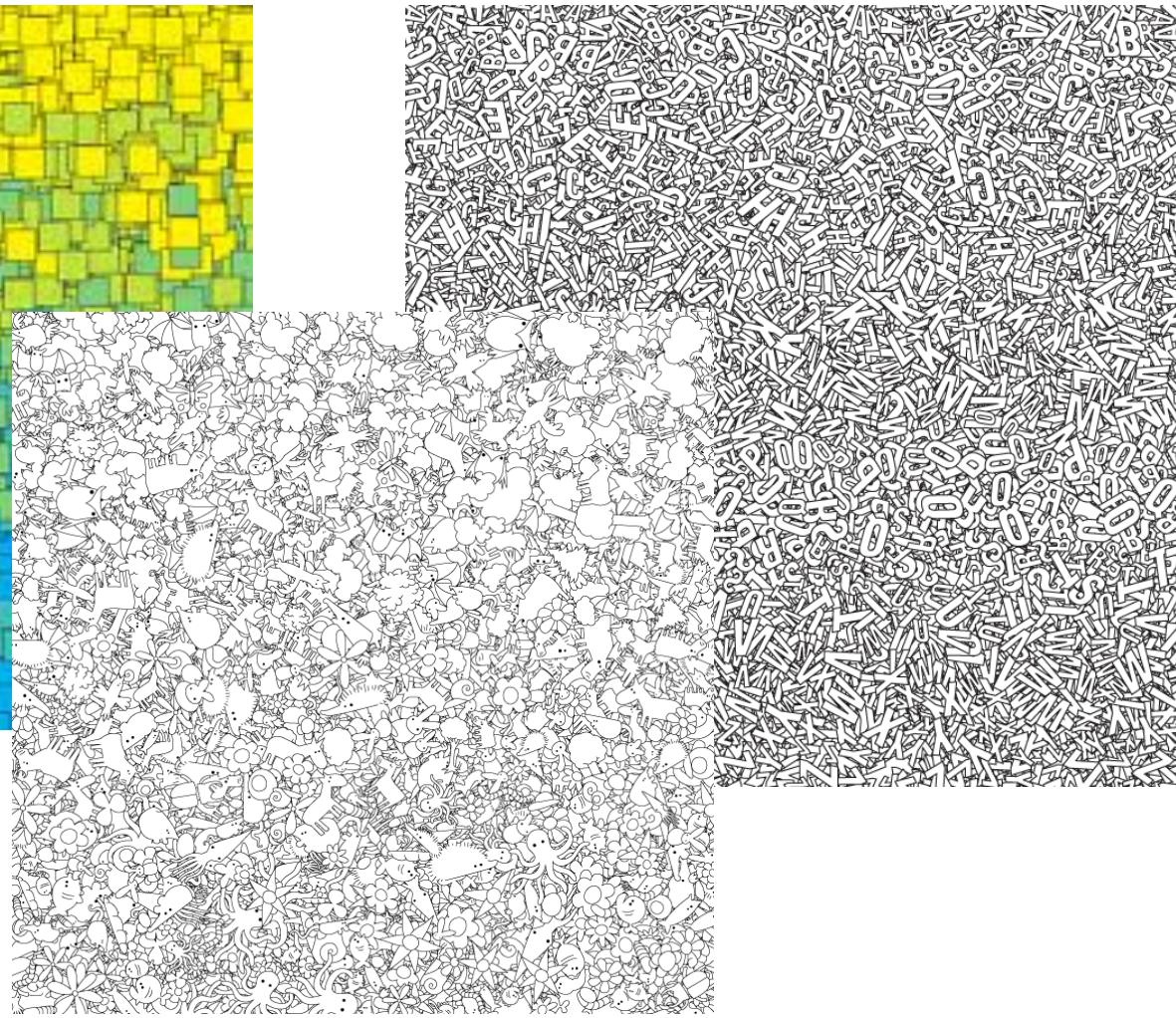
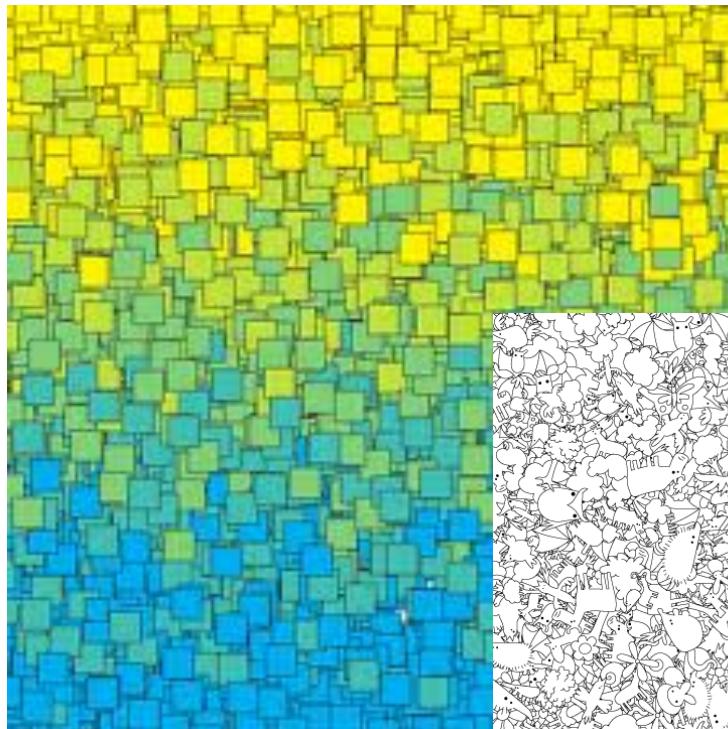


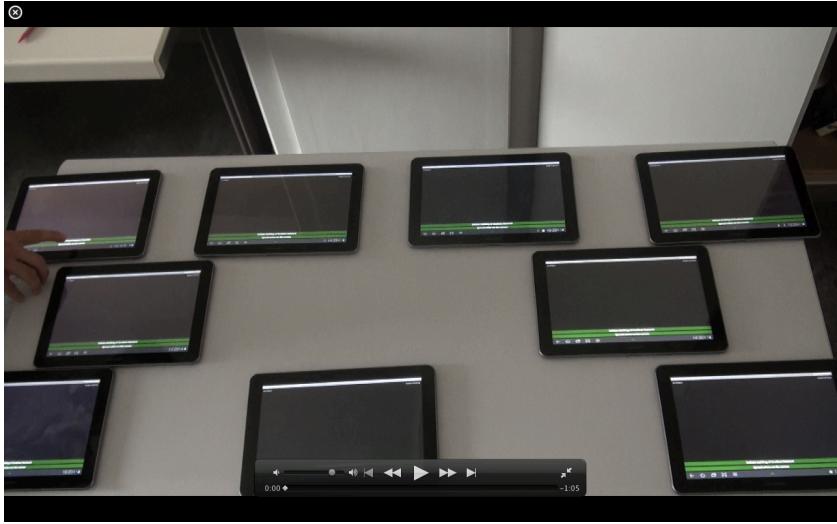
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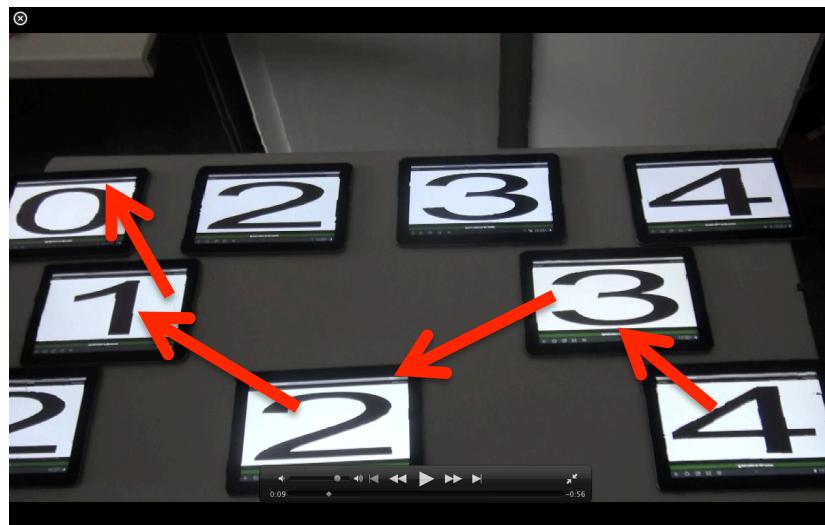


# Gradient





Shortest  
Path



Gradient



Information  
Follows path

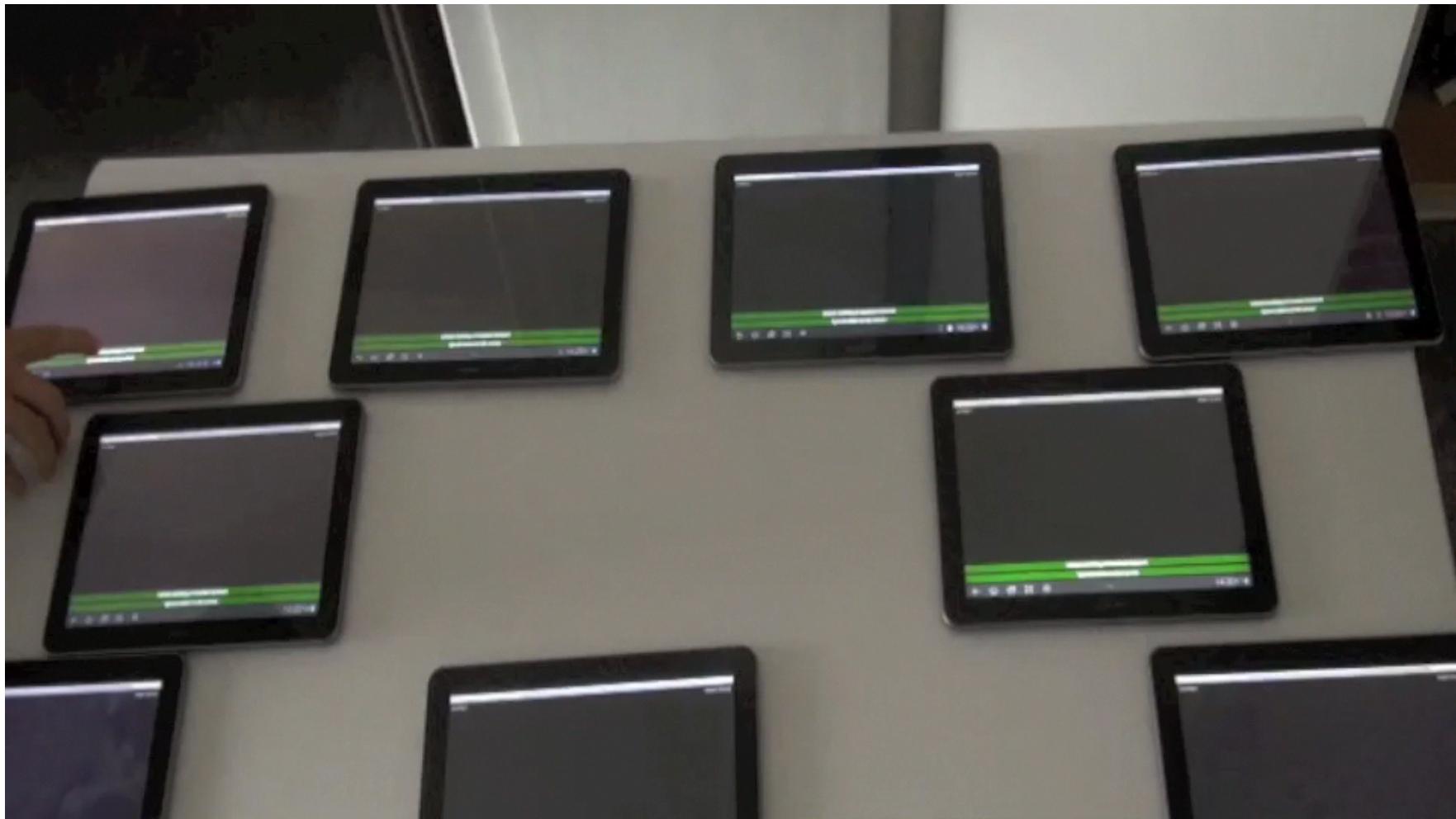


Defective  
Node

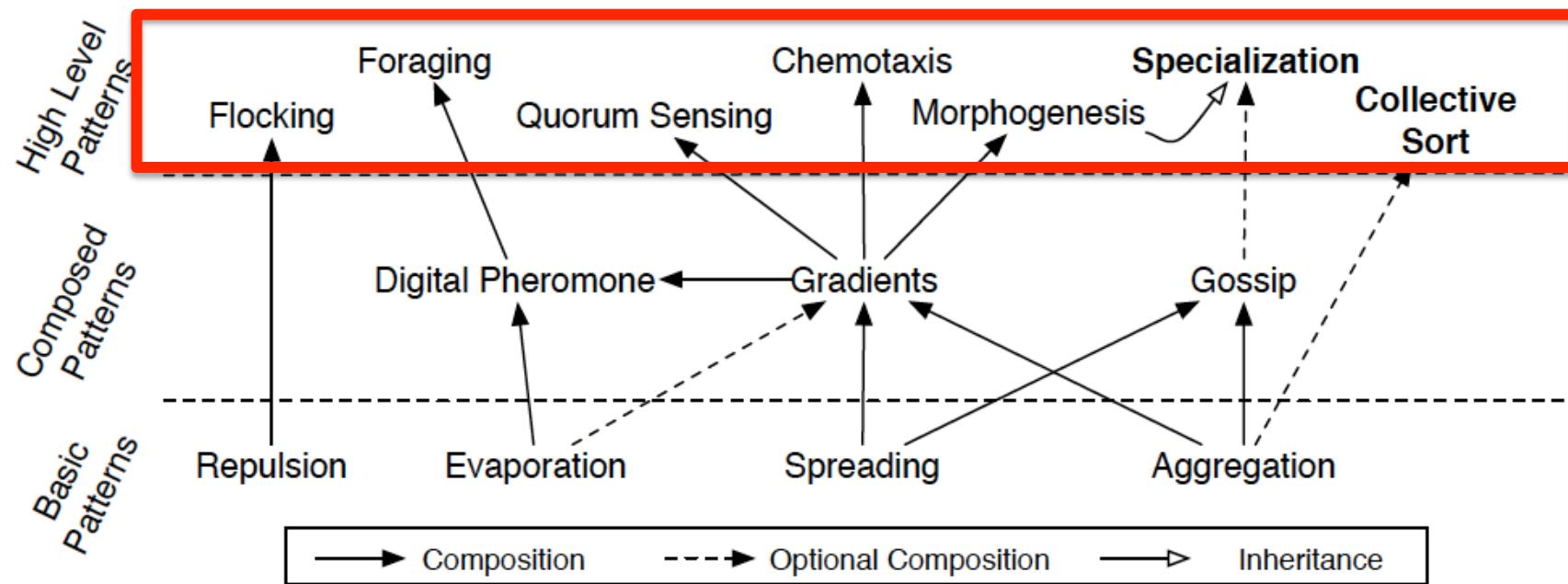


New  
Path

# Gradient and Chemotaxis

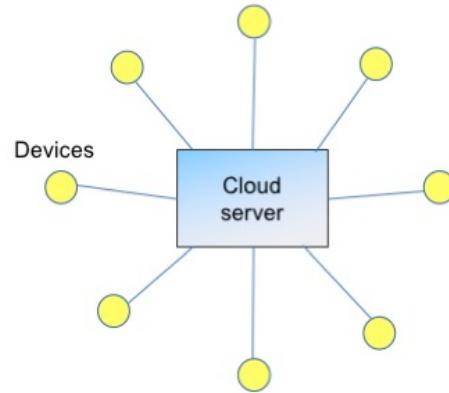


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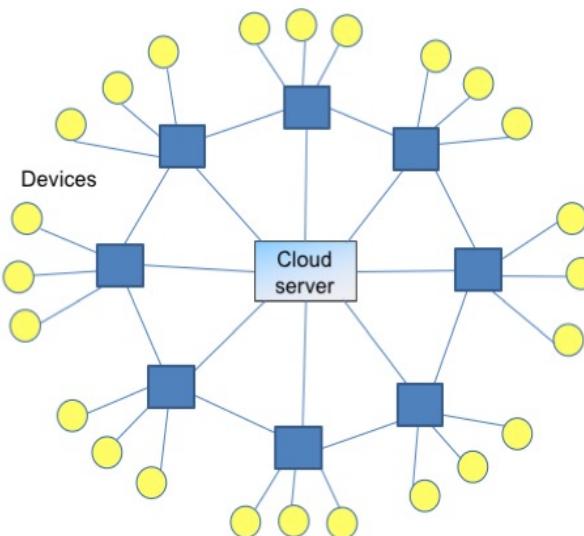


# **SPATIAL EDGE SERVICES**

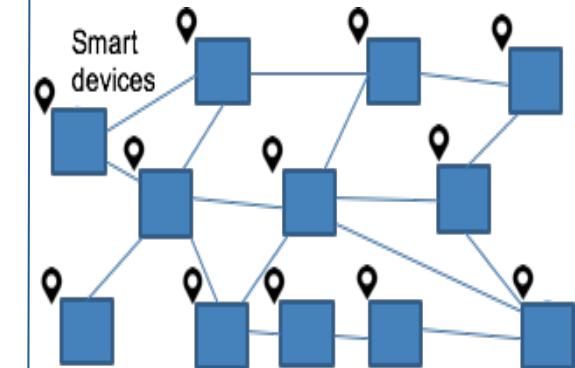
# Spatial edge infrastructure



Centralized infrastructure



Edge infrastructure

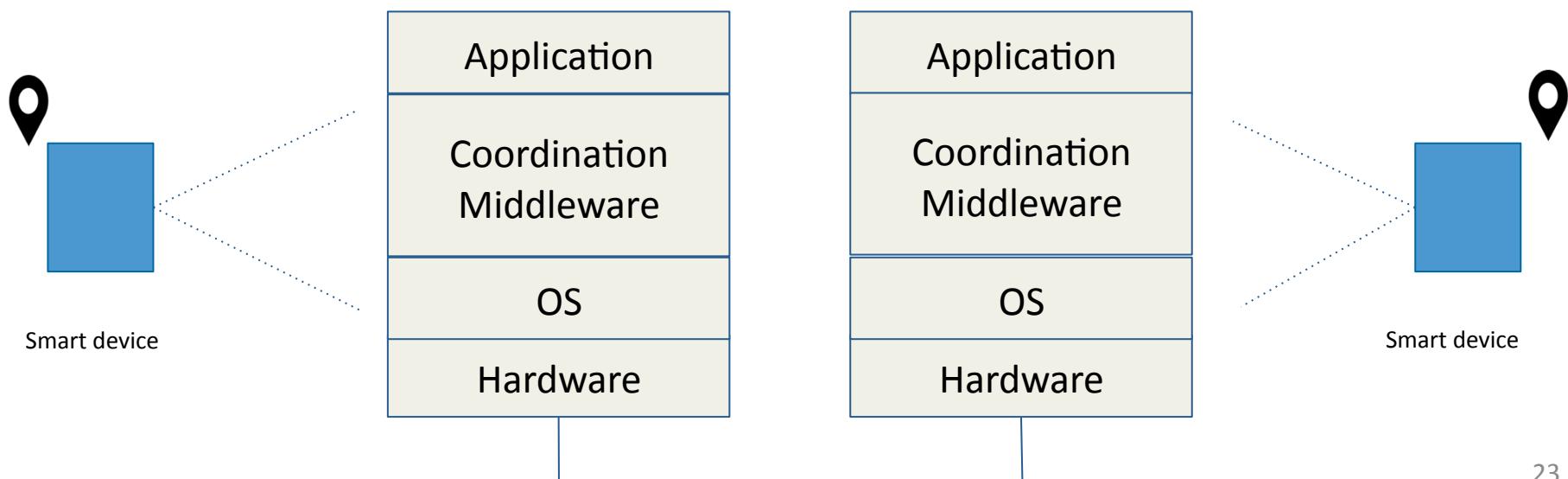
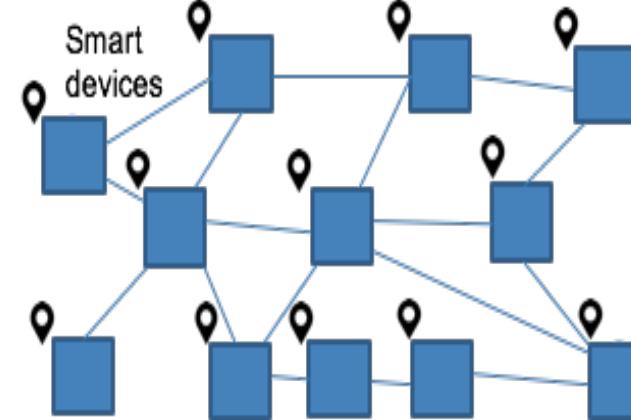


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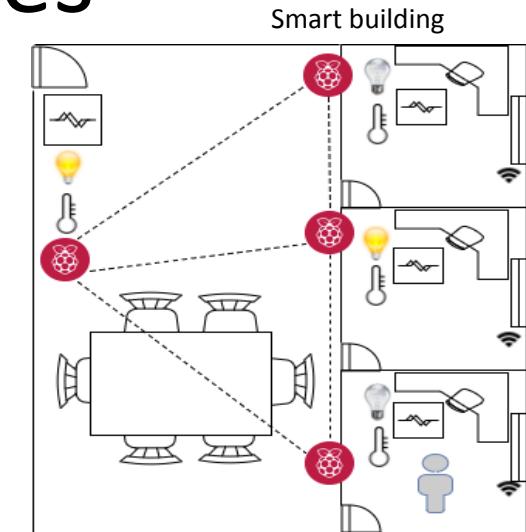
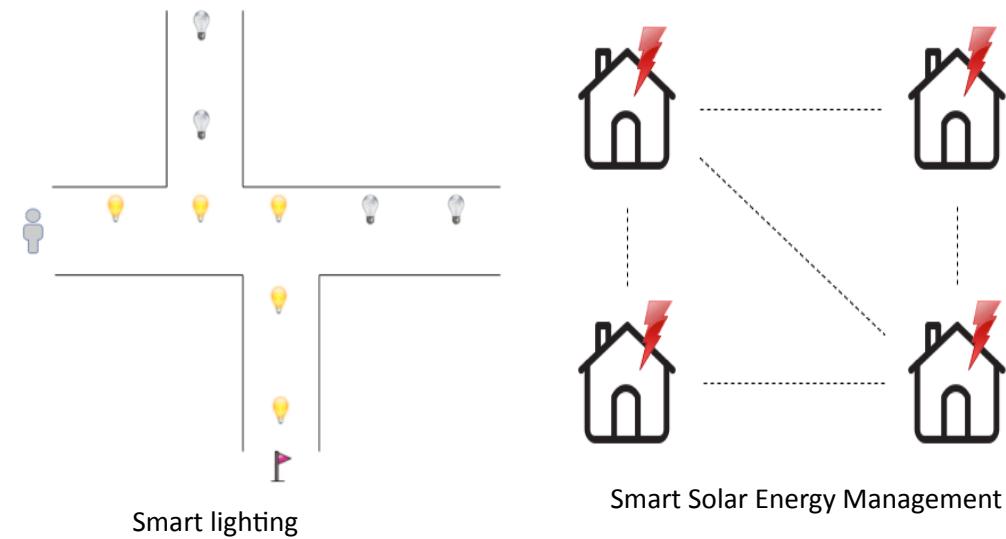
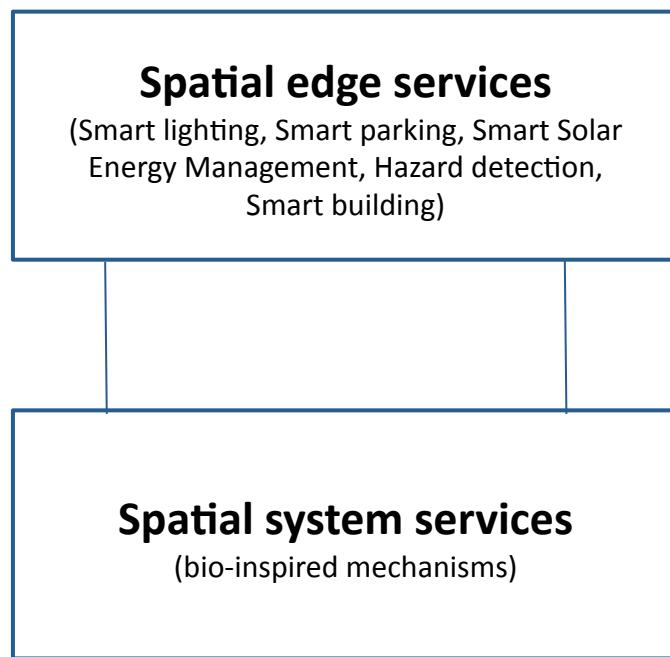
# Coordination model

Coordination middleware : (SAPERE)

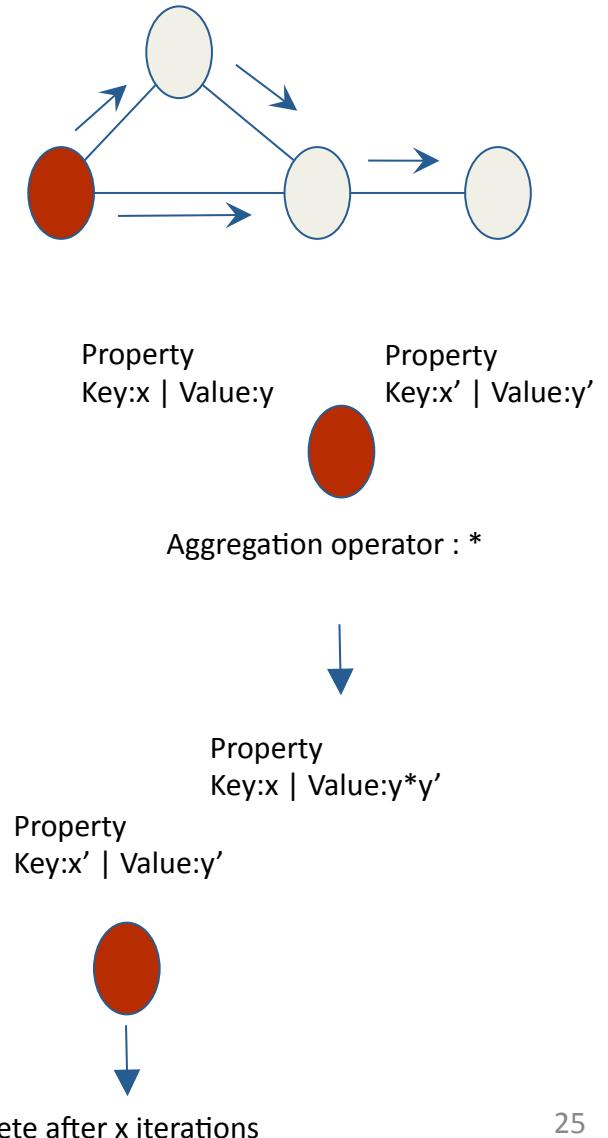
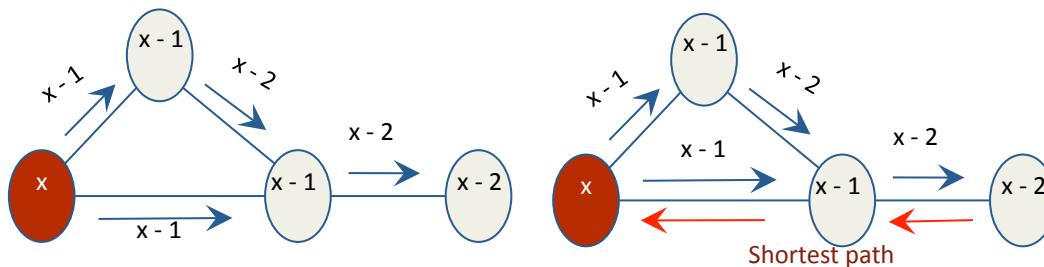
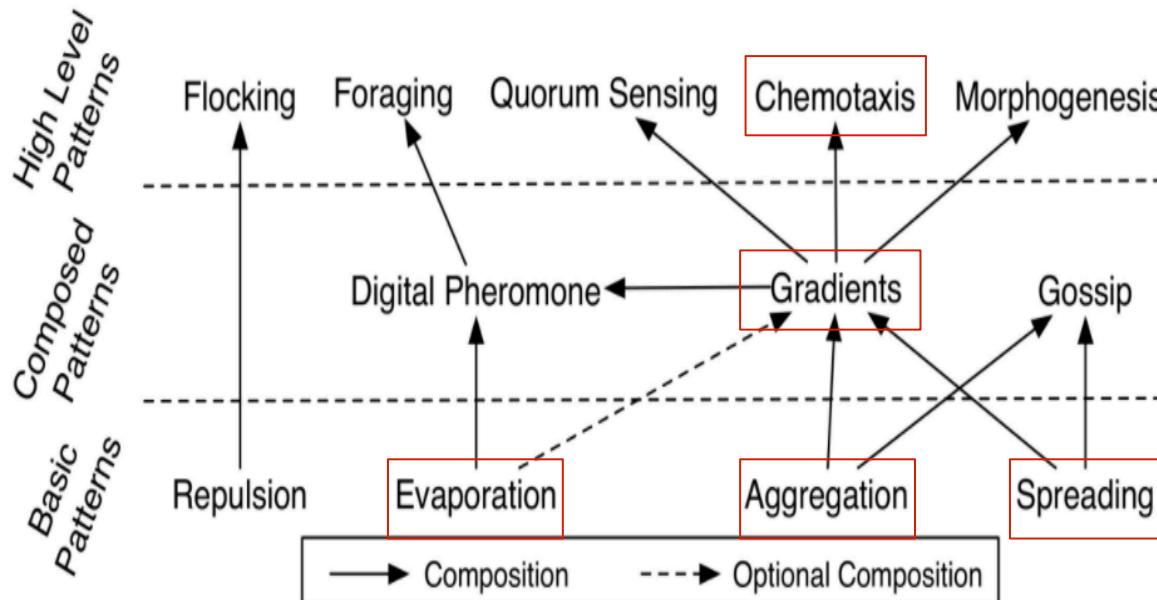
- Inspiration from **chemical reactions**
- Spontaneous interactions among services
- Spontaneous aggregation of data
- Context-awareness



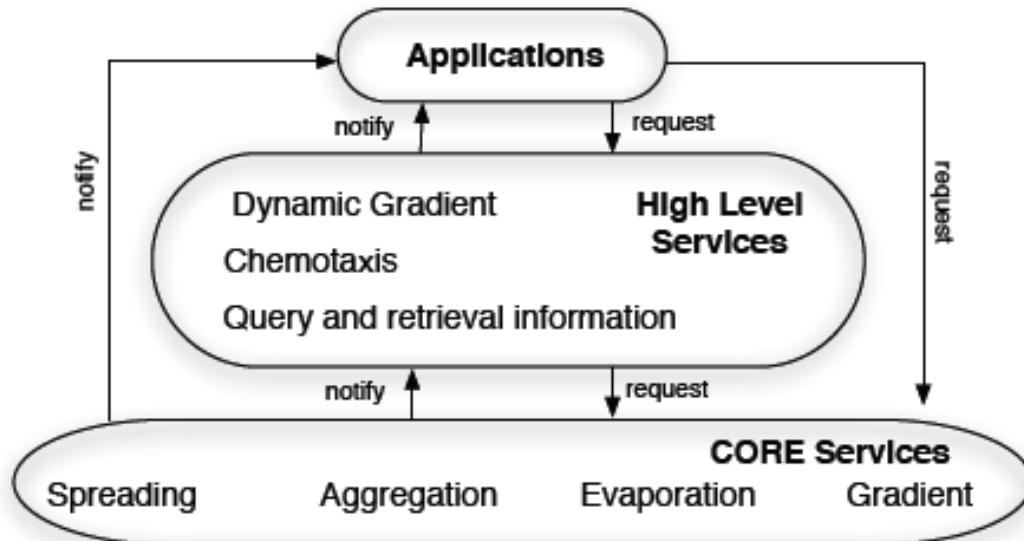
# Spatial edge services



# Bio-inspired - spatial system services

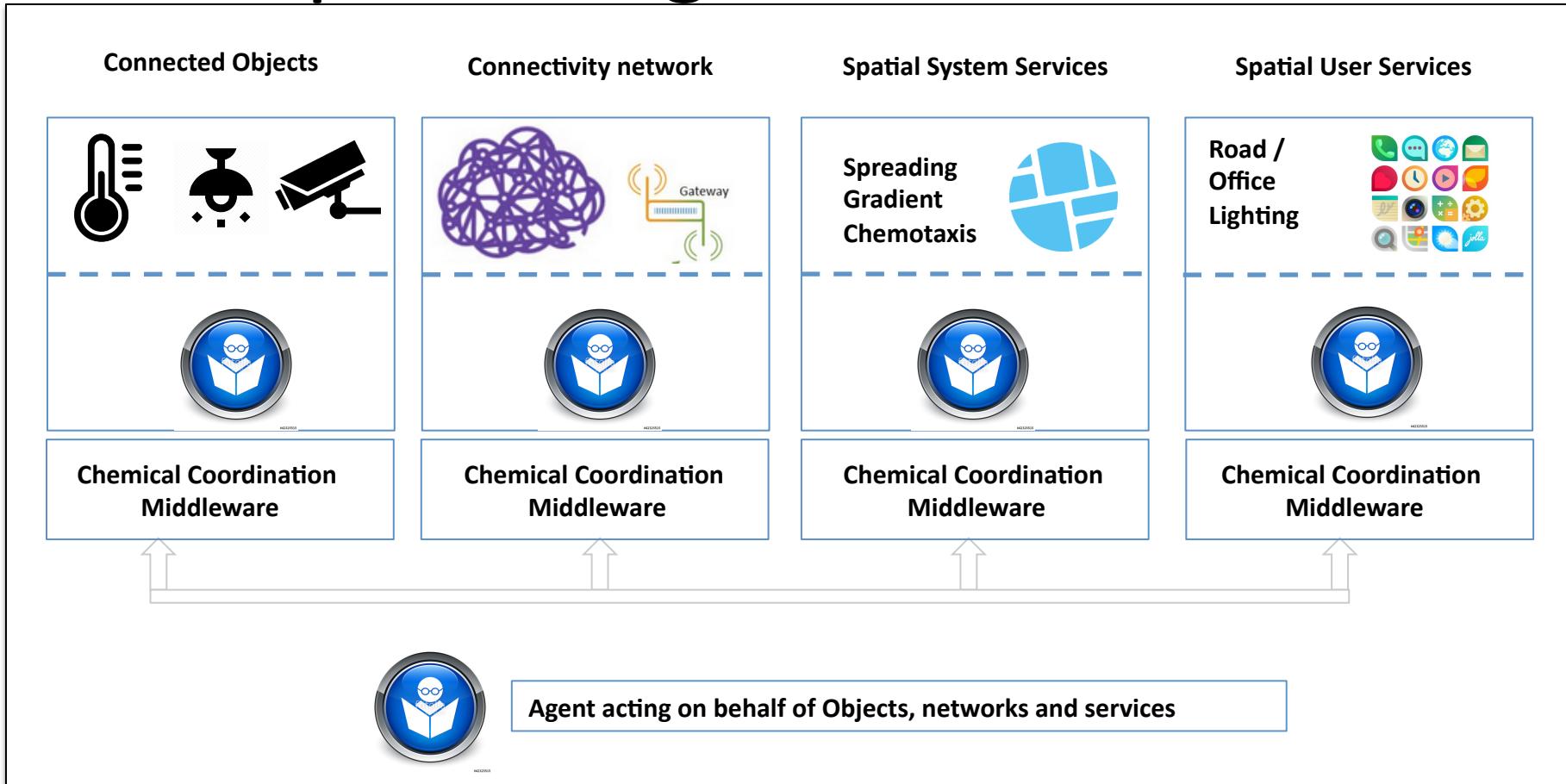


# Spatial System / User Services

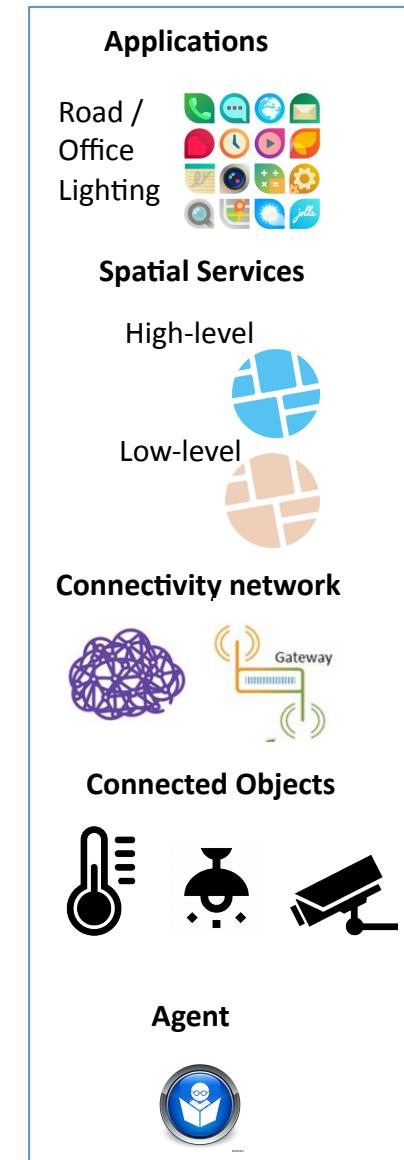
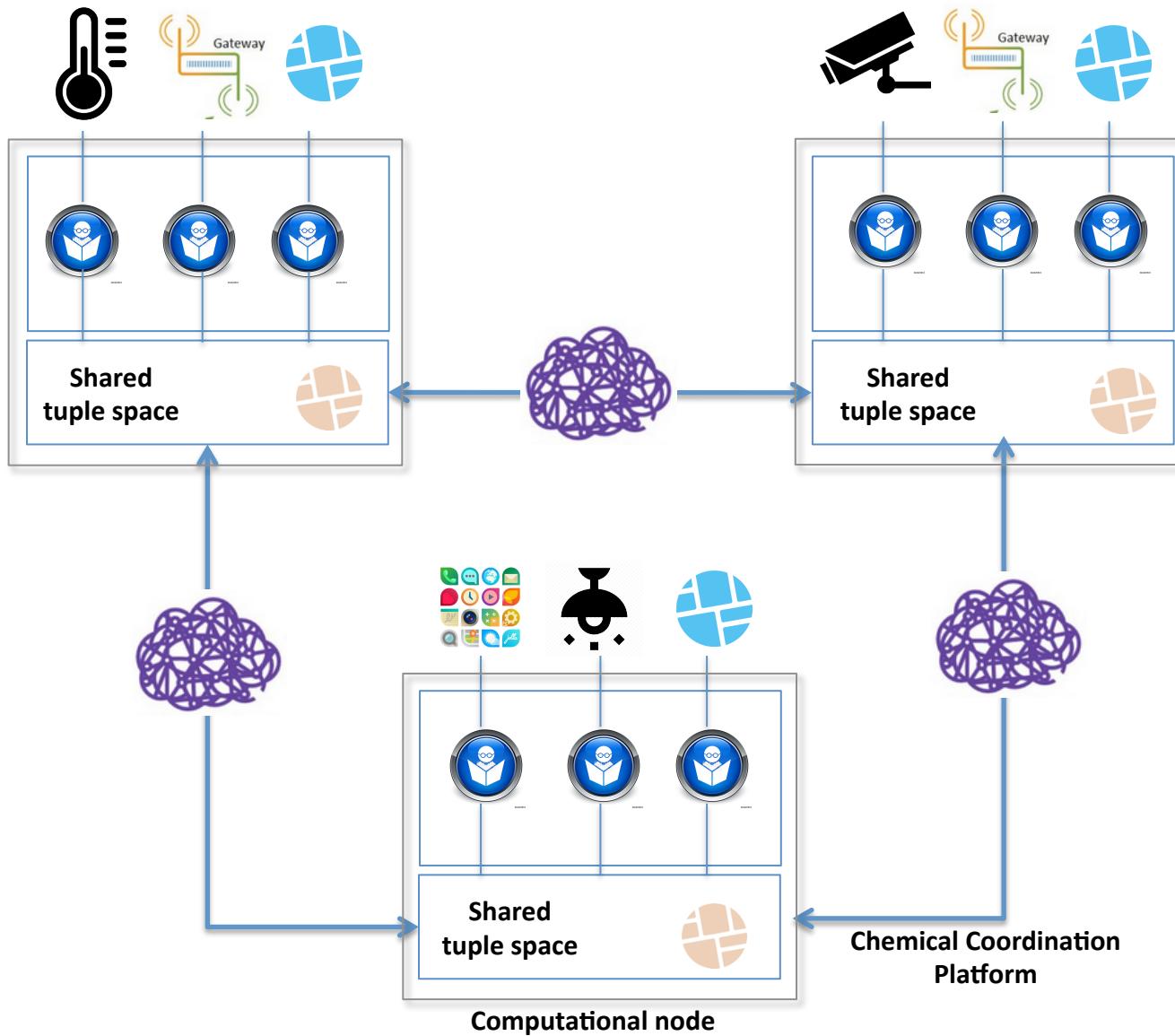


- Engineering
  - Separation of concerns
  - Self-organising mechanisms provided as spatial system services

# Spatial edge infrastructure



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SAPERE

Logic Fragment Coordination Model

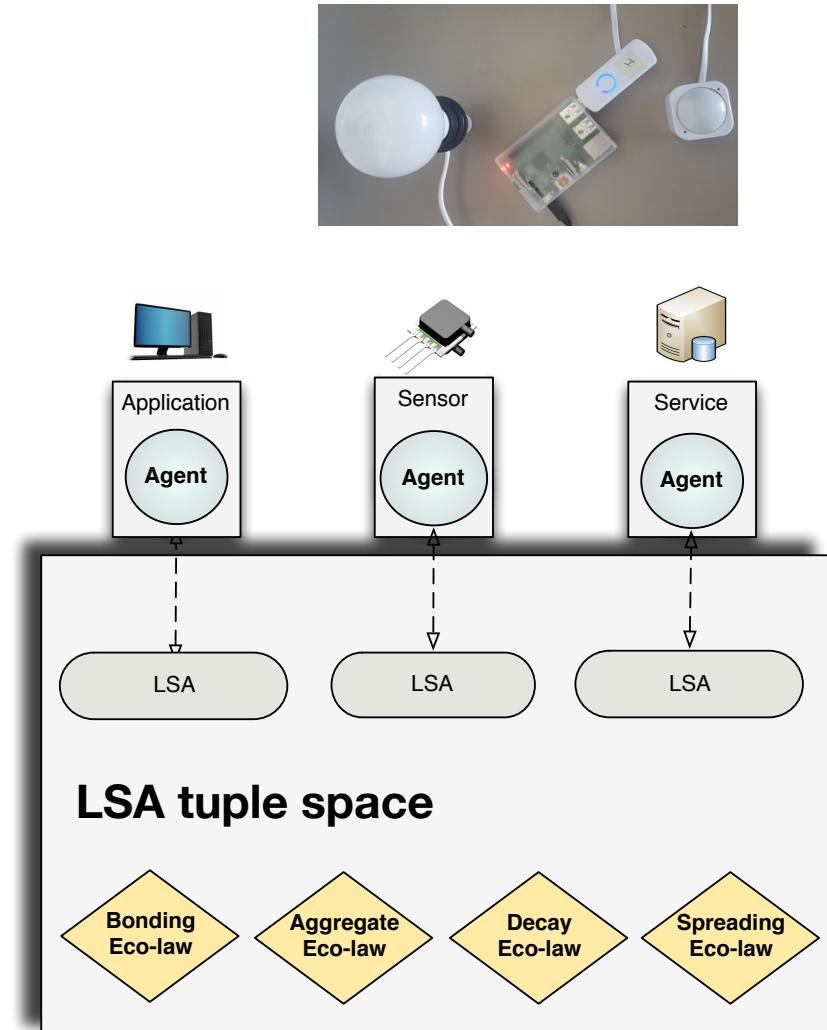
# COORDINATION MODELS

# SAPERE Chemical-based coordination model

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# SAPERE Chemical-based coordination model

- **Live Semantic Annotation (LSA)** is the virtual representation of a service, data or device (i.e. any SAPERE entity). It ensures a common treatment and manage contextual information.
- **LSA space** is a shared tuple space where SAPERE entities interact through eco-laws.
- **Eco-laws** are virtual chemical reactions that drive the dynamics of the eco-system; built-in primitives for bio-inspired mechanisms
- **Agents** : autonomous entities representing applications, services and sensors



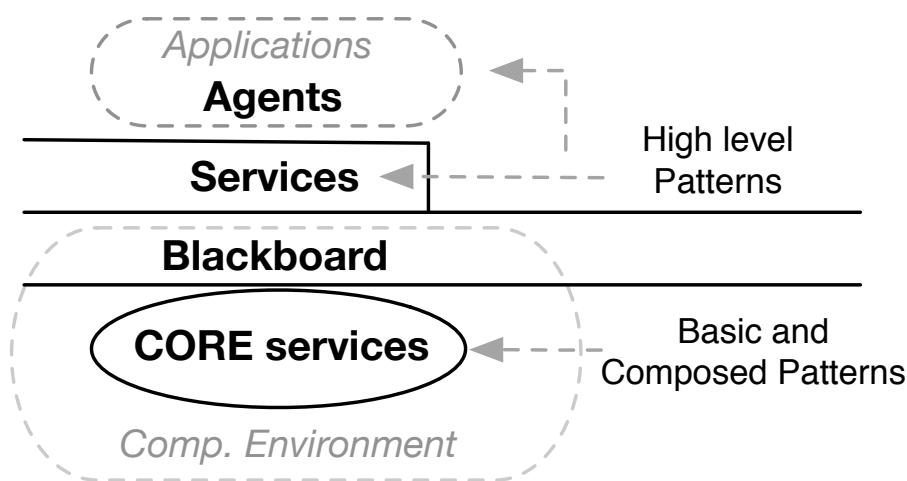
# SAPERE Concepts

## SAPERE Concepts

- Ecosystem of services is ruled by “**eco-laws**”
  - Drive the dynamics of the system
  - Act like Chemical Reactions
  - Trigger when enabled (pattern-matching, rewriting rules)
- Information about services, data, devices:  
**“Live Semantic Annotations (LSAs)”**
  - Reflect changes in services, data, devices

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# SAPERE Structure



Applications

External Libraries

LSA's Space

Eco-laws

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# Logic Fragment Coordination Model (LFCM)

Leverage SAPERE with three key advantages:

- Injection of coordination mechanisms at run-time.
- Verification of coordination mechanisms at design-time.
- Evaluation of properties at run-time.

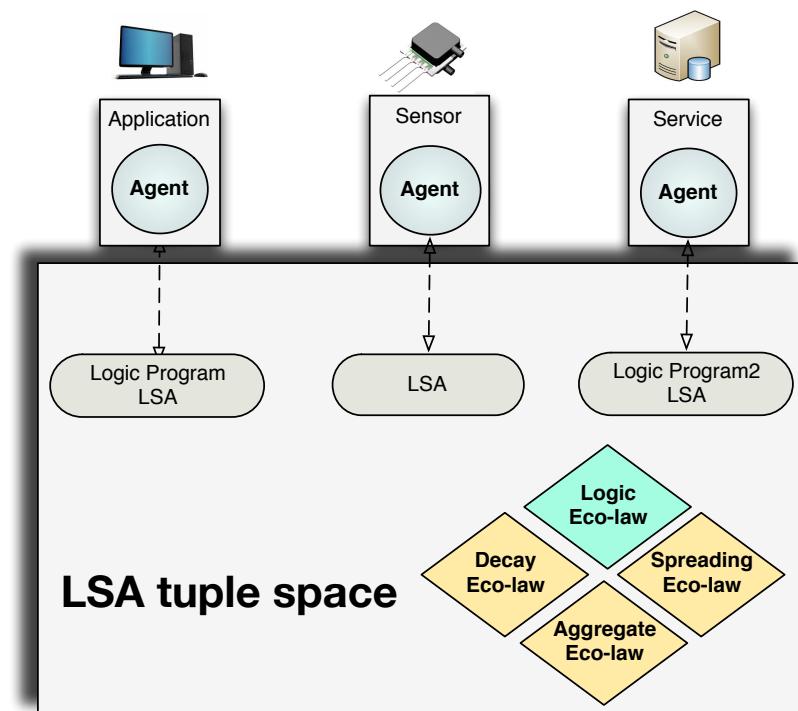
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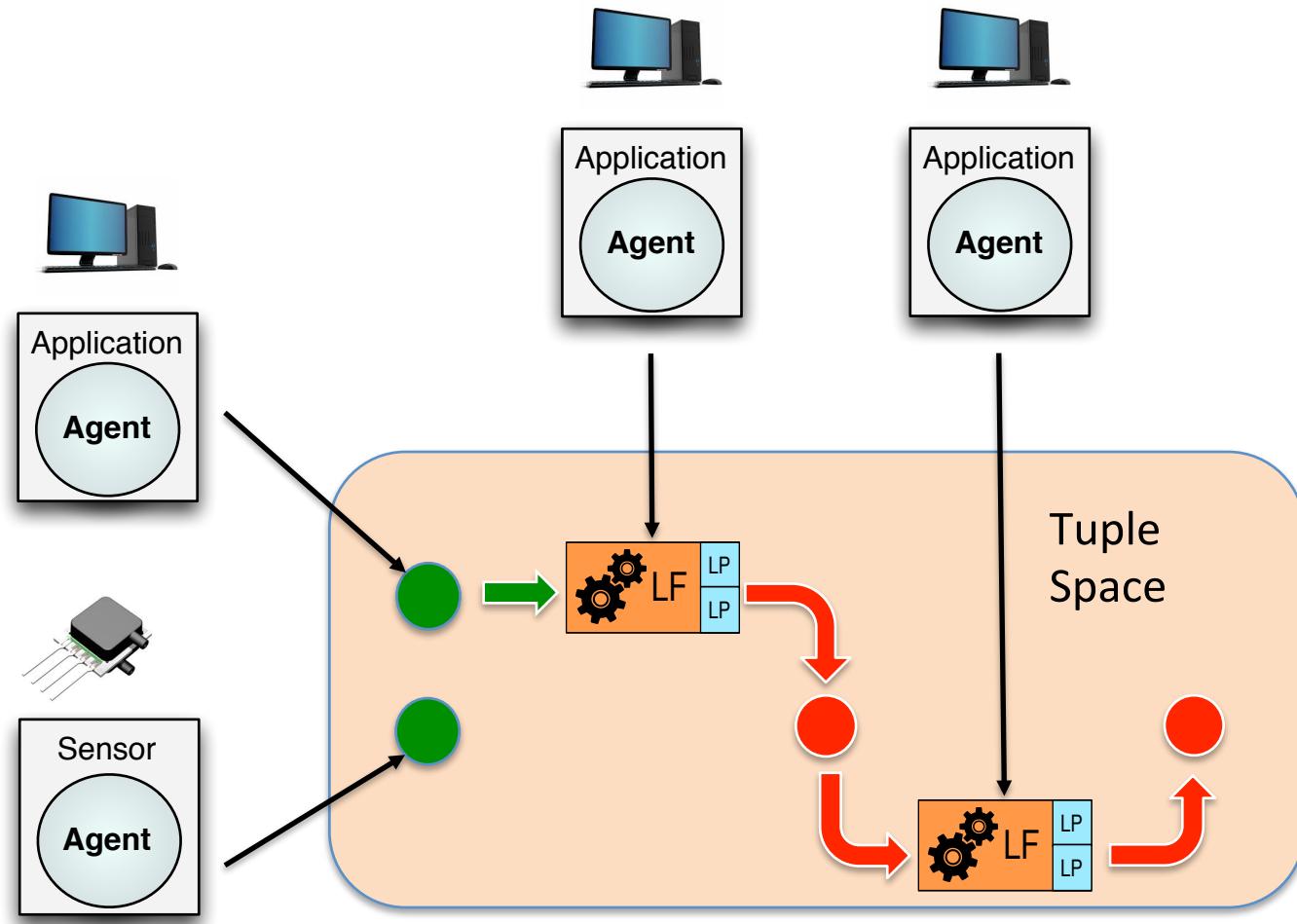
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# Logic Fragment Coordination Model (LFCM)

- **Logic Fragment LSA:** logical formula - defines new eco-law, new interactions among agents or properties to verify.
- **LSA space:** is a shared tuple space with **LSA** and **Logic Fragment LSA**
- **Logic Eco-law:** interprets logic fragment LSA
- **Agents :** autonomous entities representing applications, services and sensors



# LFCM



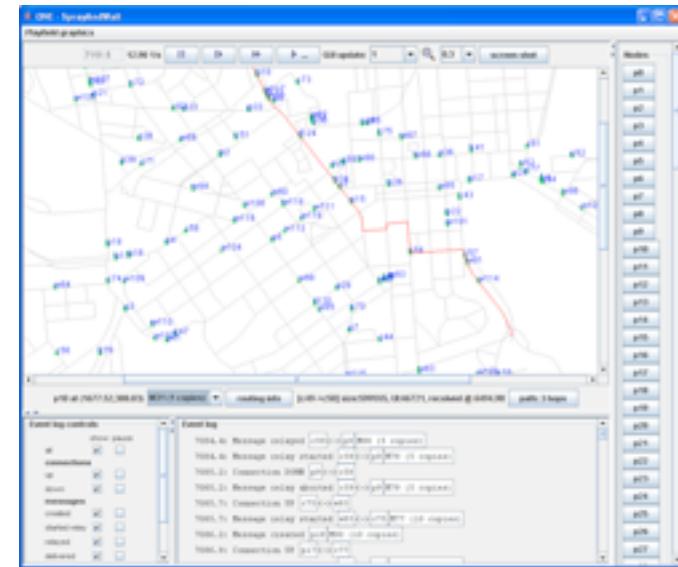
SAPERE Middleware / TheONE-SAPERE  
LFCM Middleware / LFCM-TheONE

## **PROTOTYPING PLATFORMS**

# The ONE - simulation

# The Opportunistic Network Environment Simulator

- The ONE is a simulation environment that is capable of:
    - Generating node movement using different movement models
    - Using real Google maps
    - Importing mobility data from real traces
    - Creating simulations with different types of nodes (e.g. people, cars, public displays,etc..)
    - Assigning more than one communication interface per each device (e.g. Bluetooth, wi-fi, etc..)
    - Networking metrics
    - Reporting quality of the network (e.g. Message delivered, dropped, etc..)

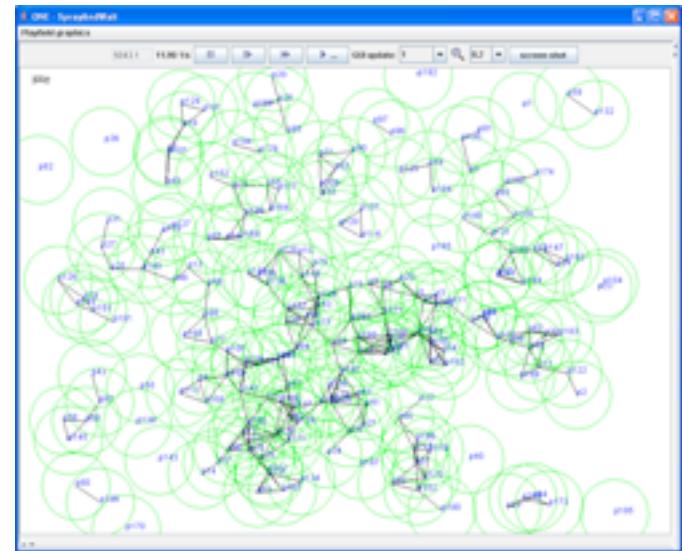


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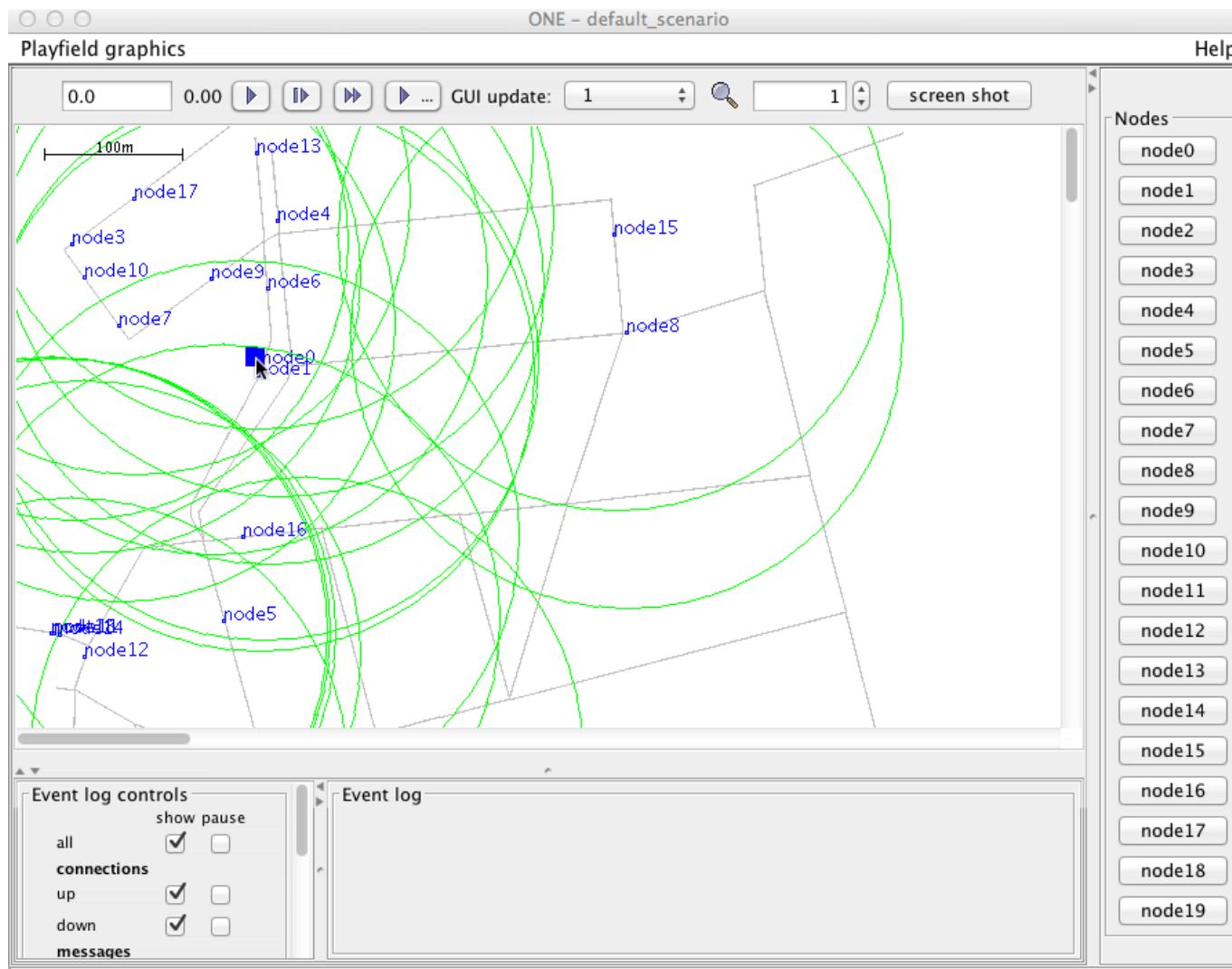
# The ONE-Sapere - Prototyping

SAPERE middleware on top of The One simulation,  
helps us to:

- Validate the current actual version of the middleware in large scale system.
- Get easily performance metrics (e.g. analysing the number of LSAs in the system, and the bandwidth consumption).
- Validate external libraries before their real implementation in the SAPERE middleware.
- Evaluate the feasibility of the SAPERE middleware running on a large scale distributed environment composed of many types of devices. (i.e. to simulate real case scenario, in a very accurate way)

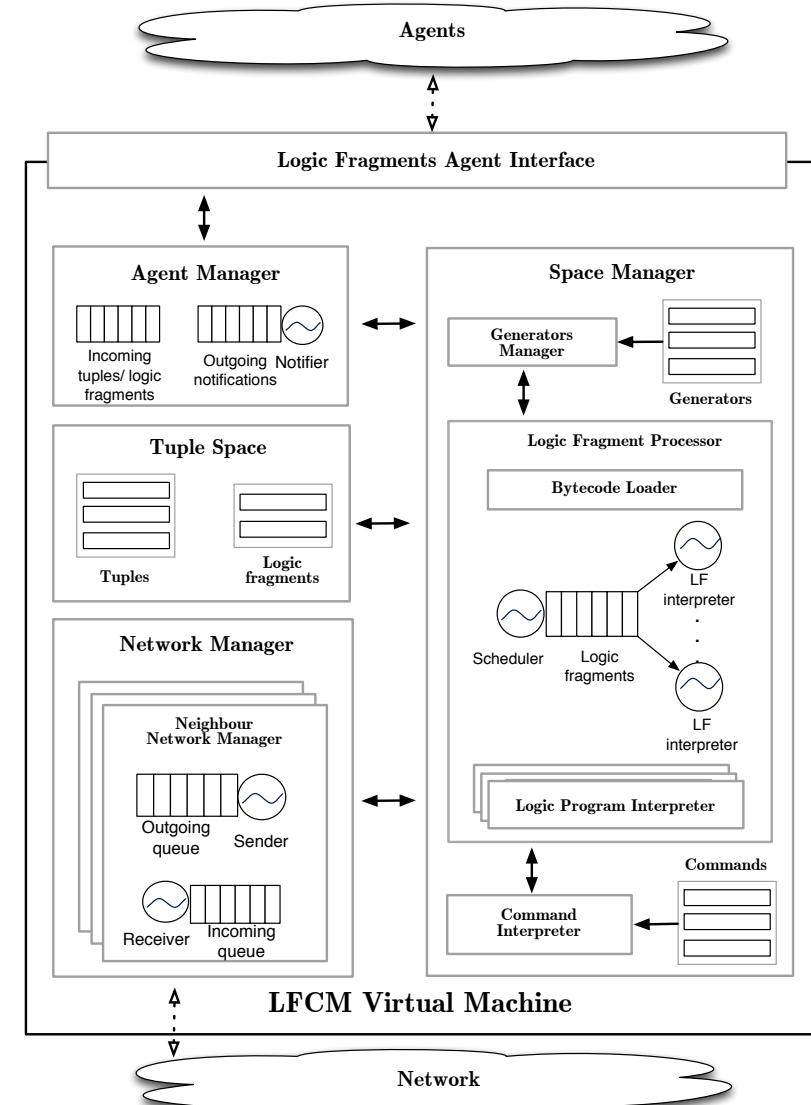


# The ONE-SAPER



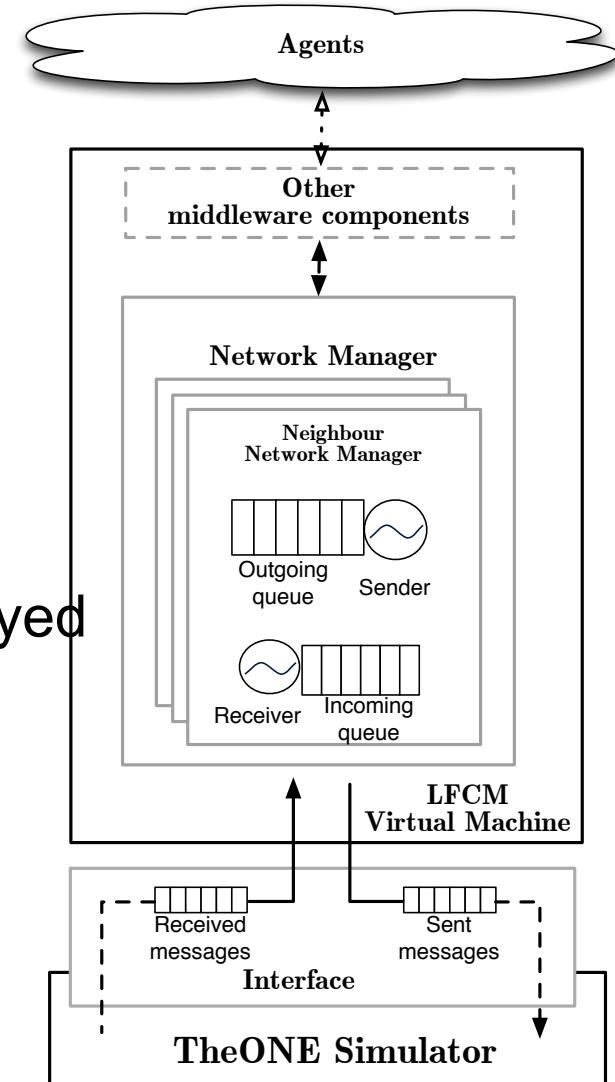
# LFCM middleware

- Java implementation:
  - Workstations, tablets, embedded systems.
- Full implementation of  $RL^N$  interpreter.
- Extensible:
  - Logic programming languages.
  - Network technologies.



# LFCM + The ONE

- TheOne simulator: network simulator.
- LFCMTheOne:
  - One LFCM Virtual Machine per virtual node.
  - Fast prototyping.
  - Logic fragments can be directly deployed on physical devices.



Road runners –  
Actual P2P deployment using SAPERE for tracking mobile objects  
Smart Lighting – IoT P2P deployment using SAPERE  
Hazard Factory – Prototyping with LFCM

## **APPLICATIONS – ACTUAL DEPLOYMENTS**

# Road runners

## Problem :

- Hard follow favourite runner in a race due to crowd, velocity, position, ...

## Goal :

- Tracking mobile objects in real-time in a P2P fashion

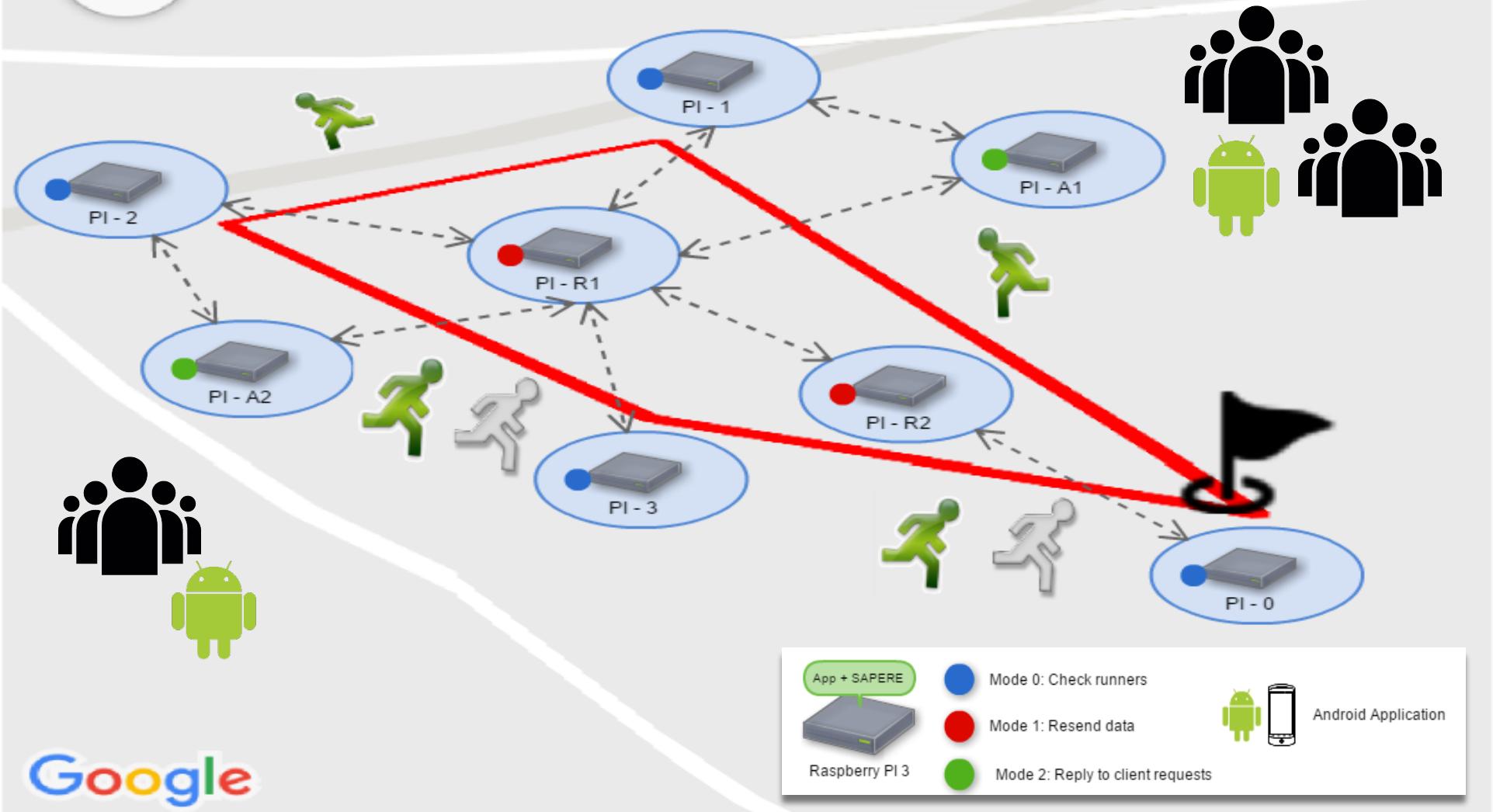
## Feature :

- Continuous spreading and aggregation



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# Road Runners



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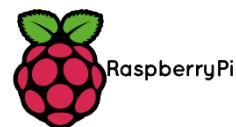
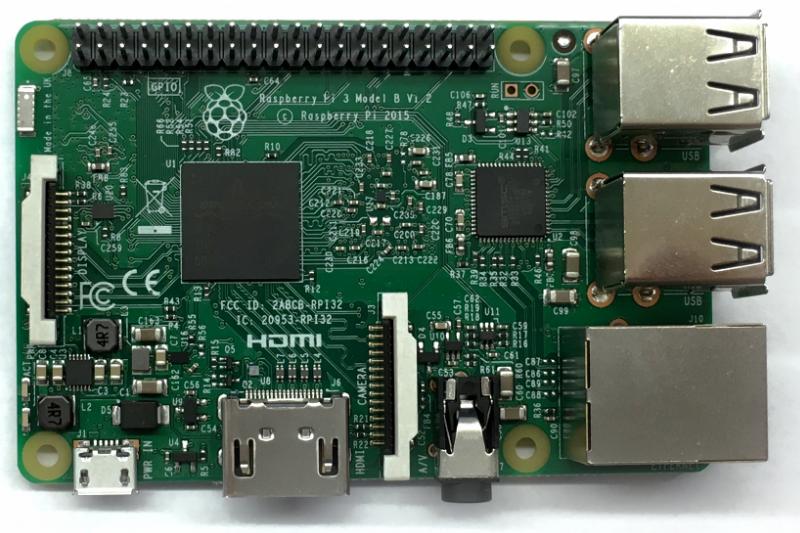
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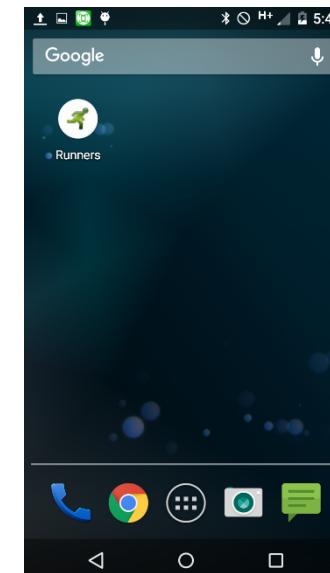
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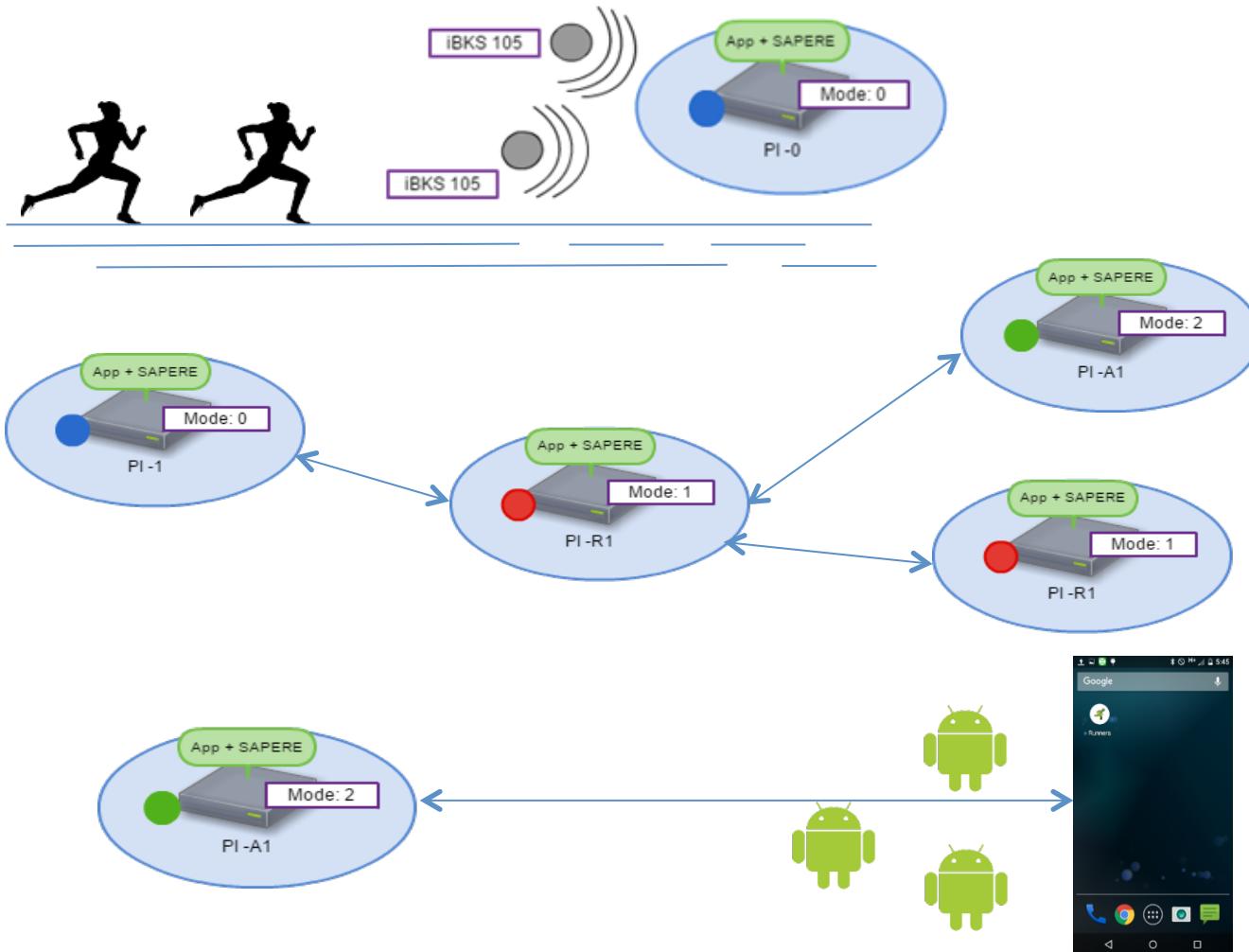
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RaspberryPi



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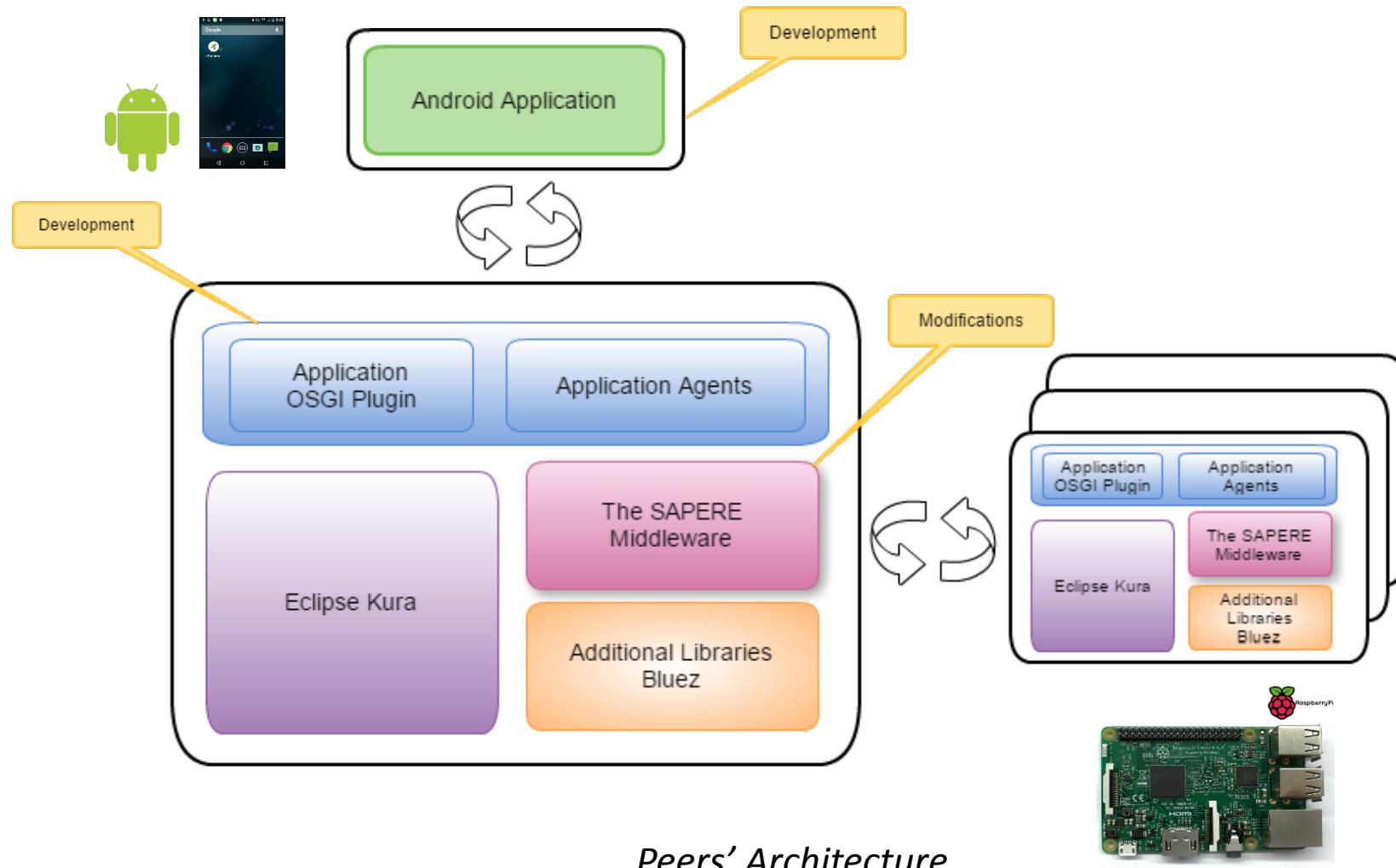


**Checkpoint Nodes**

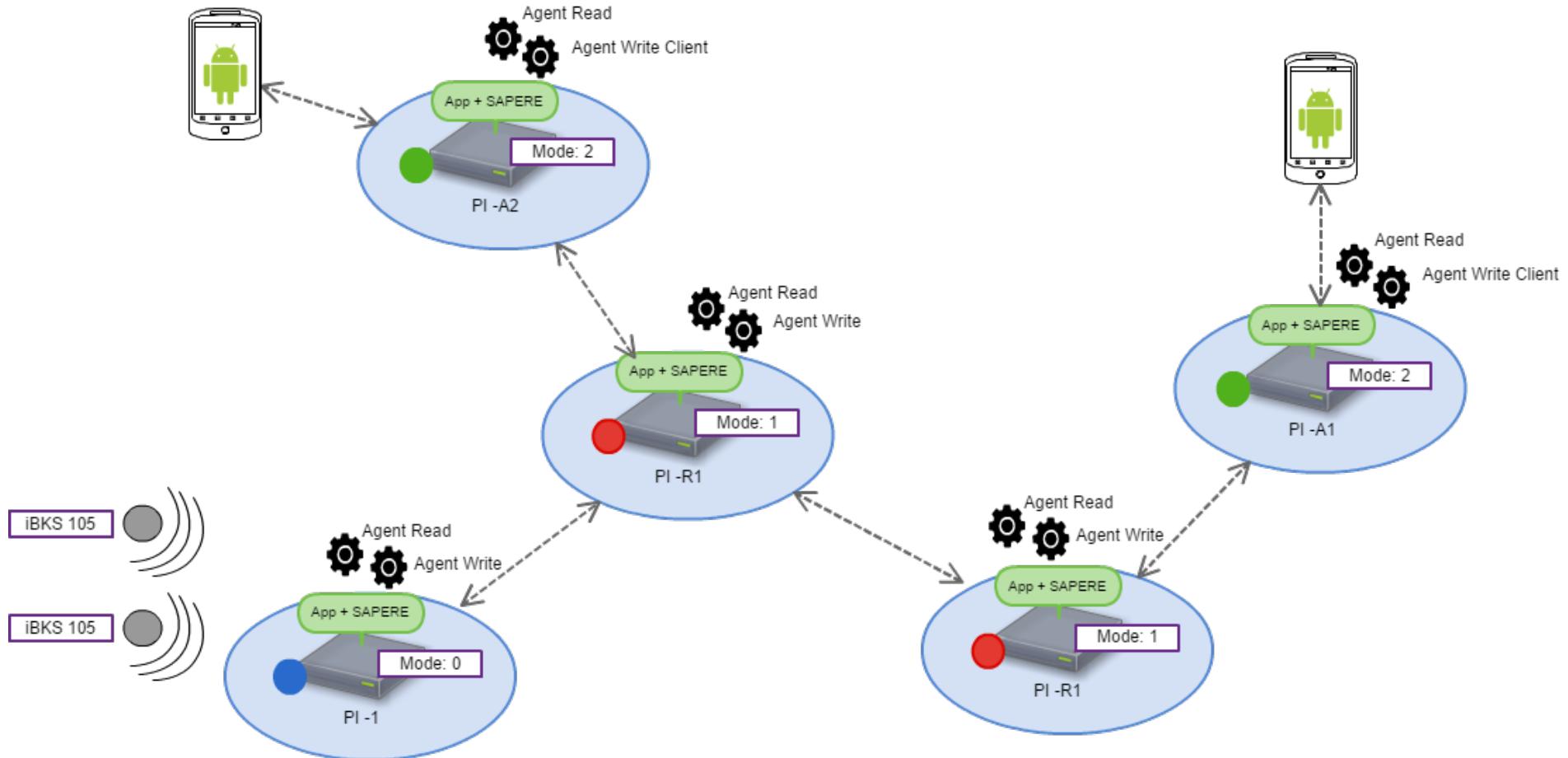
**Relay Nodes**

**Client Advertiser Nodes**

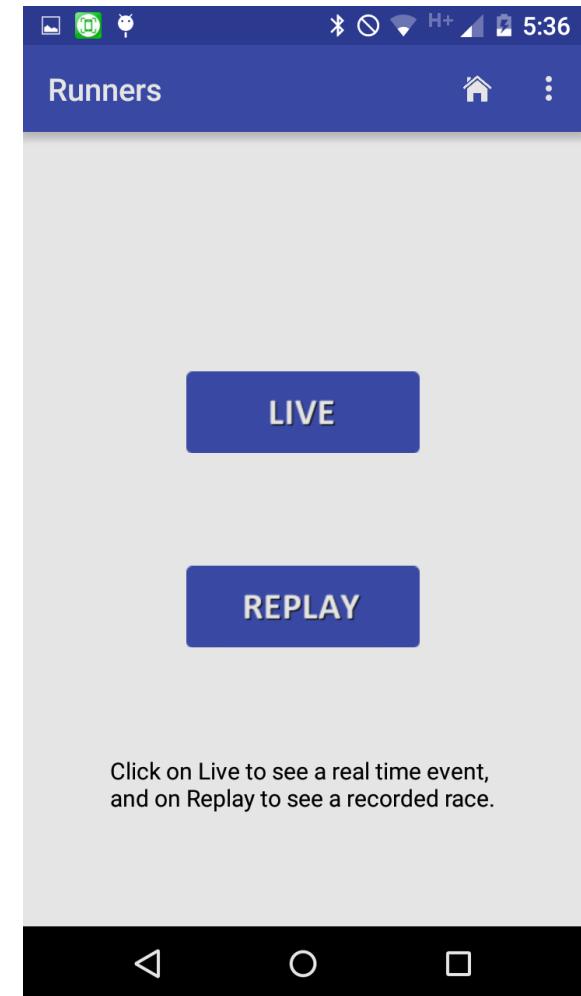
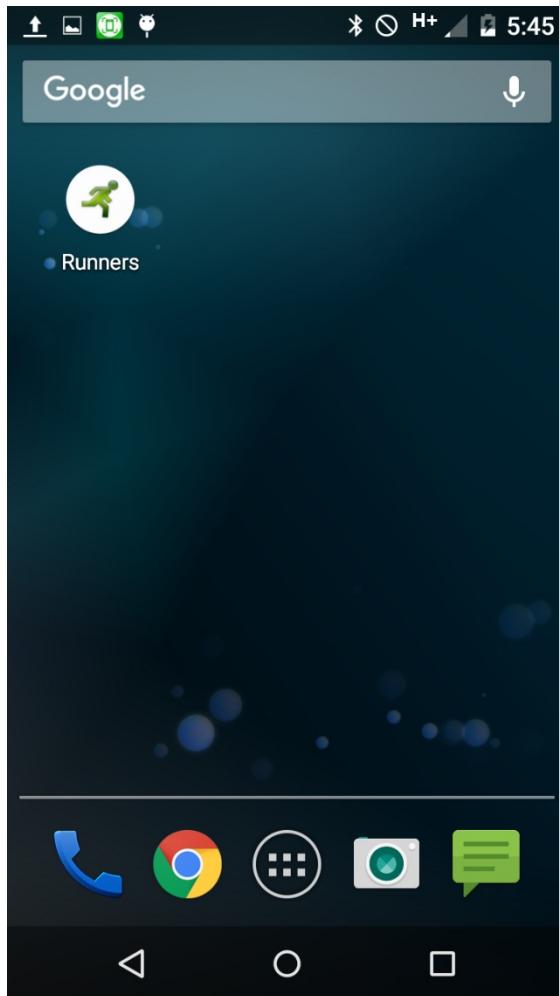
# System Architecture



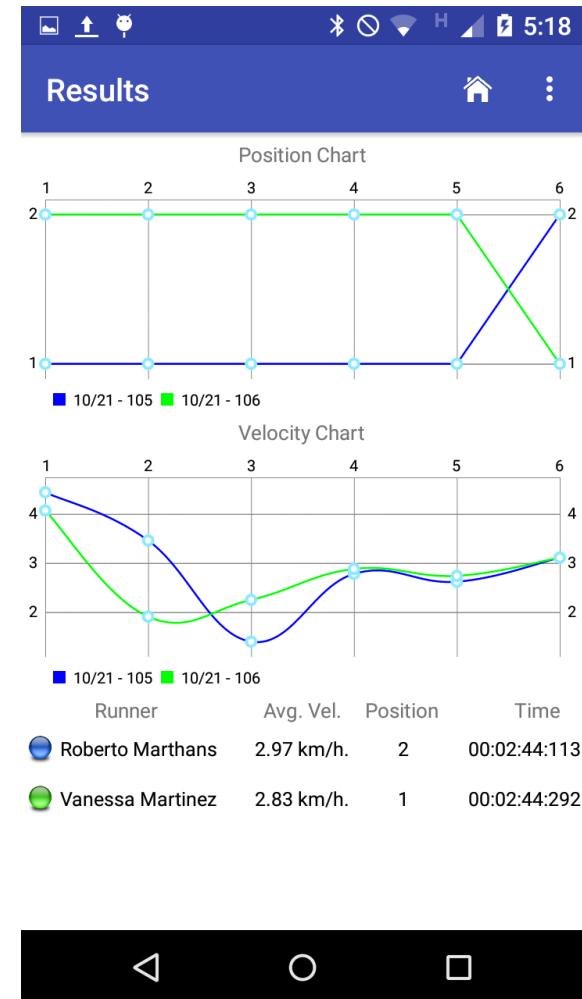
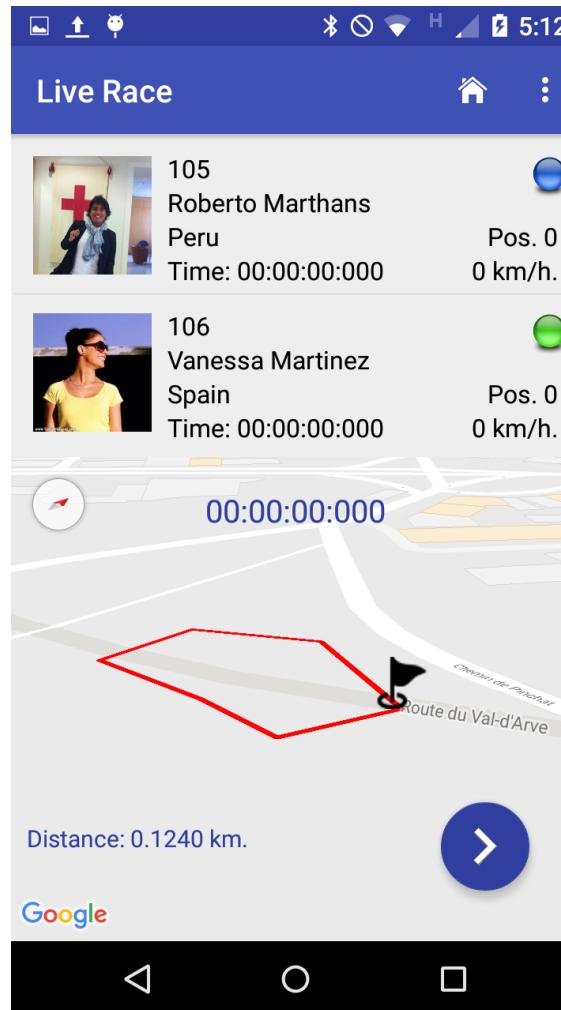
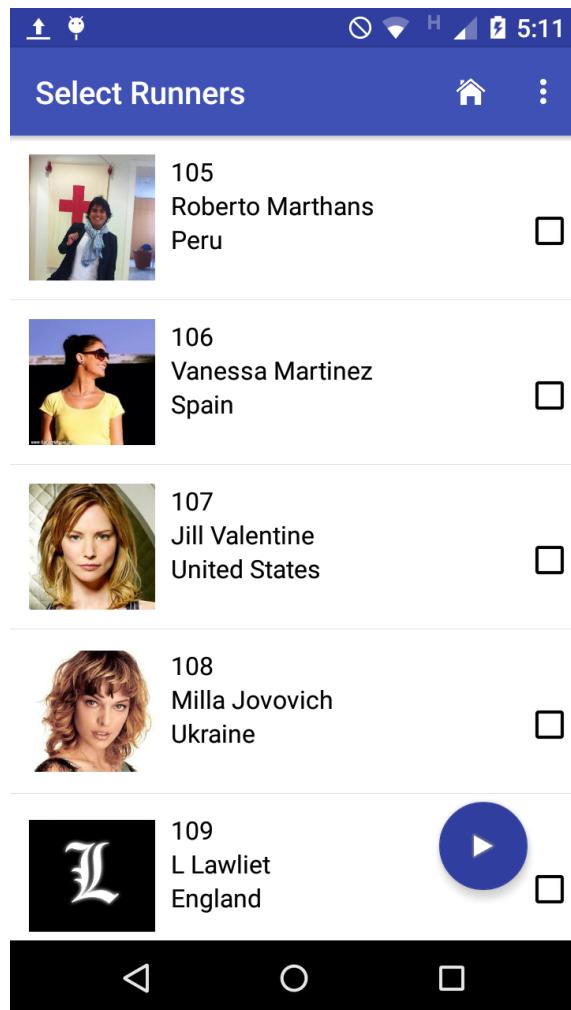
# SAPERE Application - LIVE Scenario



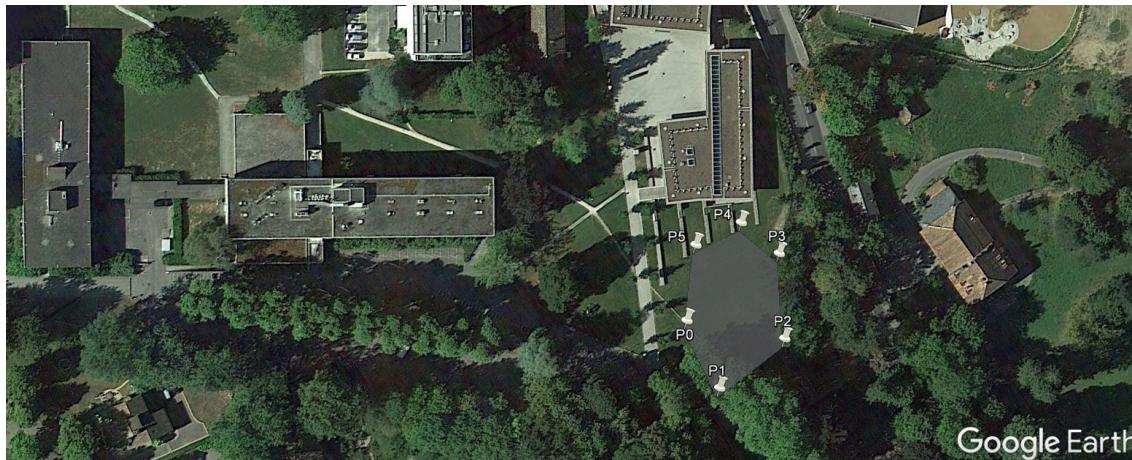
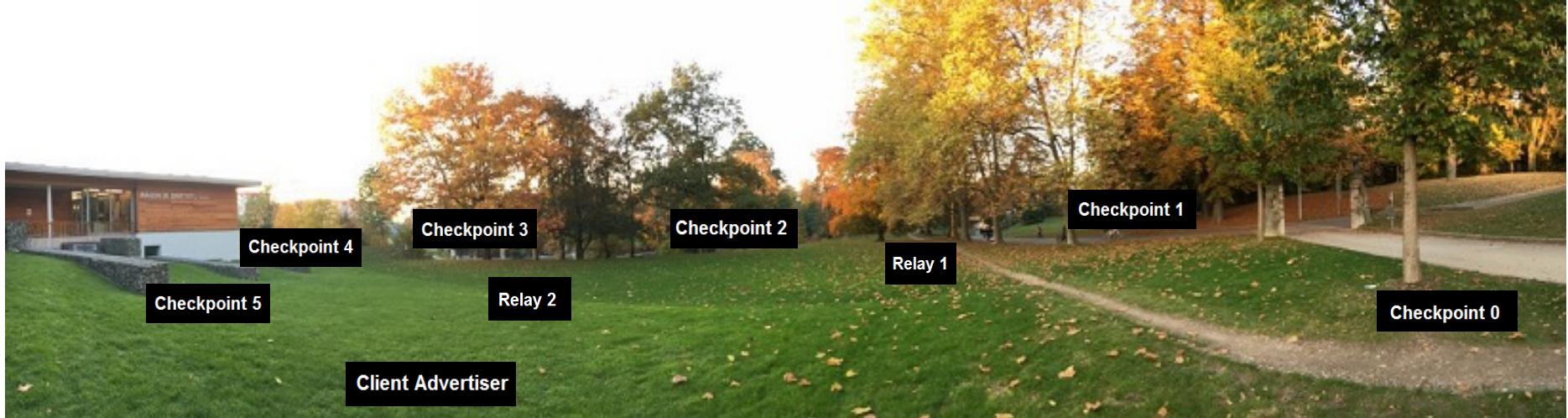
# Mobile Android Application



# Mobile Android Application - LIVE Navigation



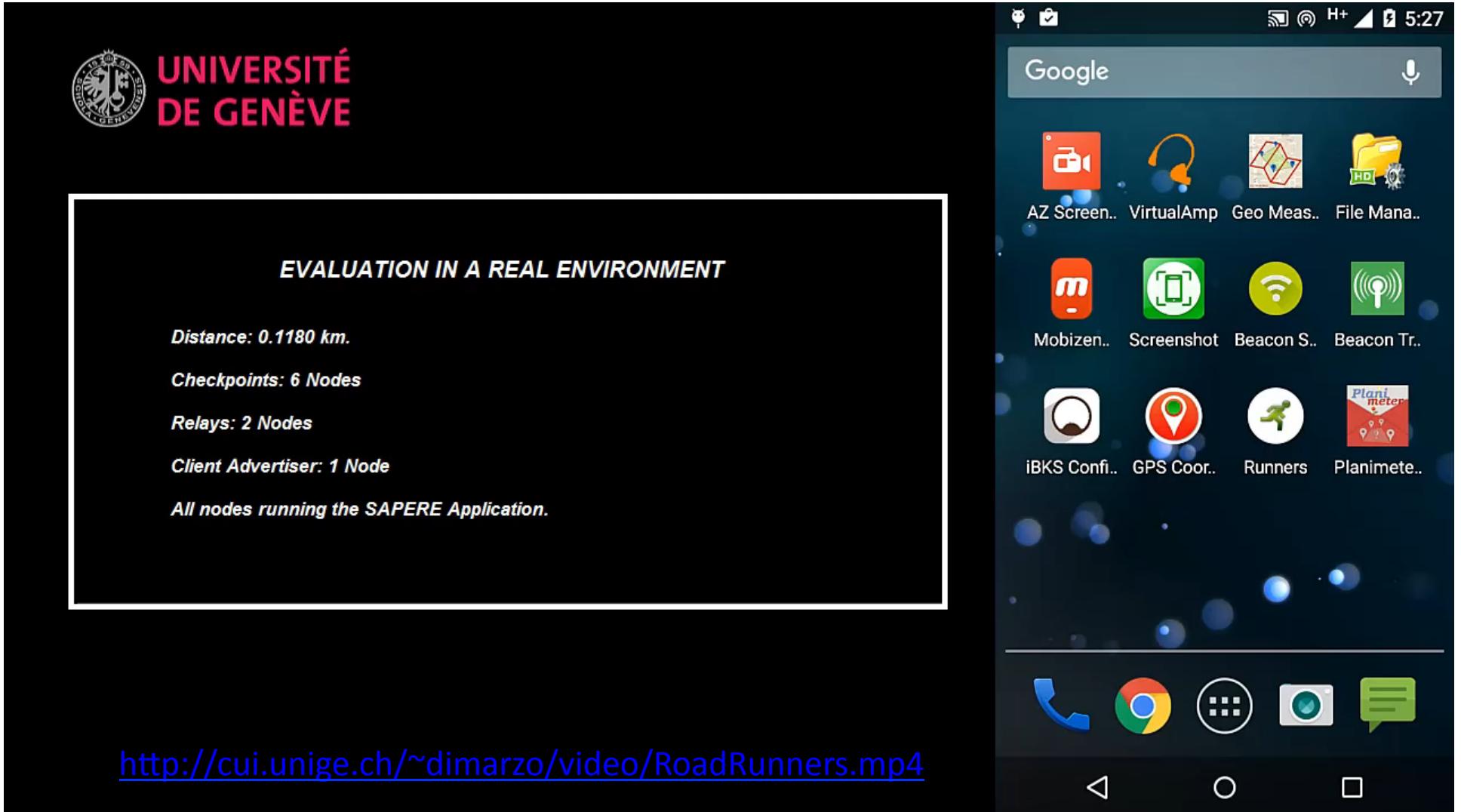
# System Deployment - Outdoor Experiment



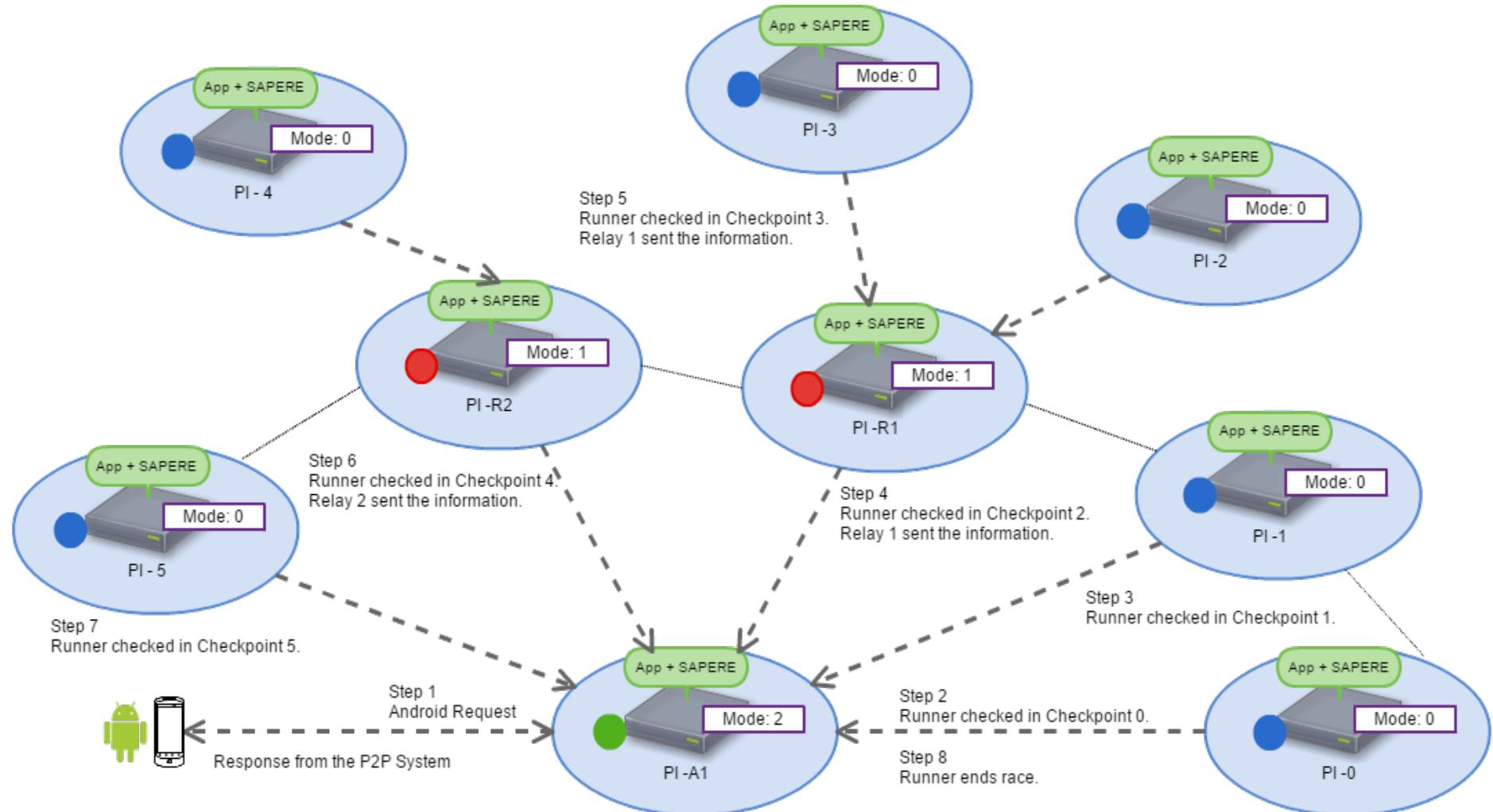
**Perimeter: 118 m.**

**Area: 917 m<sup>2</sup>**

# System Deployment Video - Outdoor Experiment



# Outdoor experiment - Message Routing



# Smart Lighting

## Problem :

- Hard to find some places in a big building

## Goal :

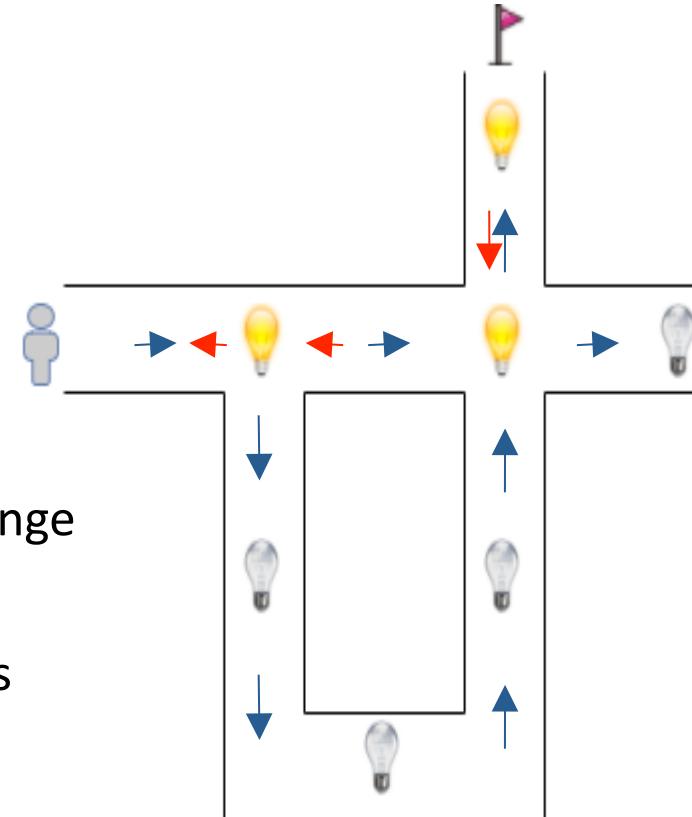
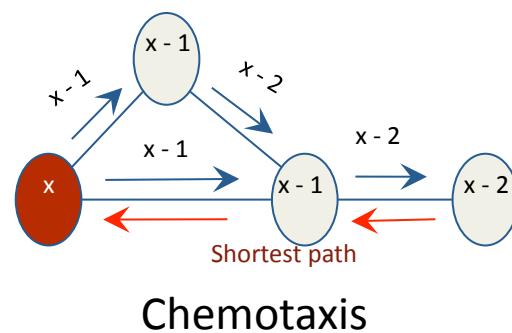
- Find the shortest path to a destination

## Feature :

- Self-adaptation at run-time in response to any perturbation or environmental change

## IoT Implementation:

- Actual deployment on sensors / actuators



Smart  
lighting



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# Hazard Factory - LFCM

**Problem:**

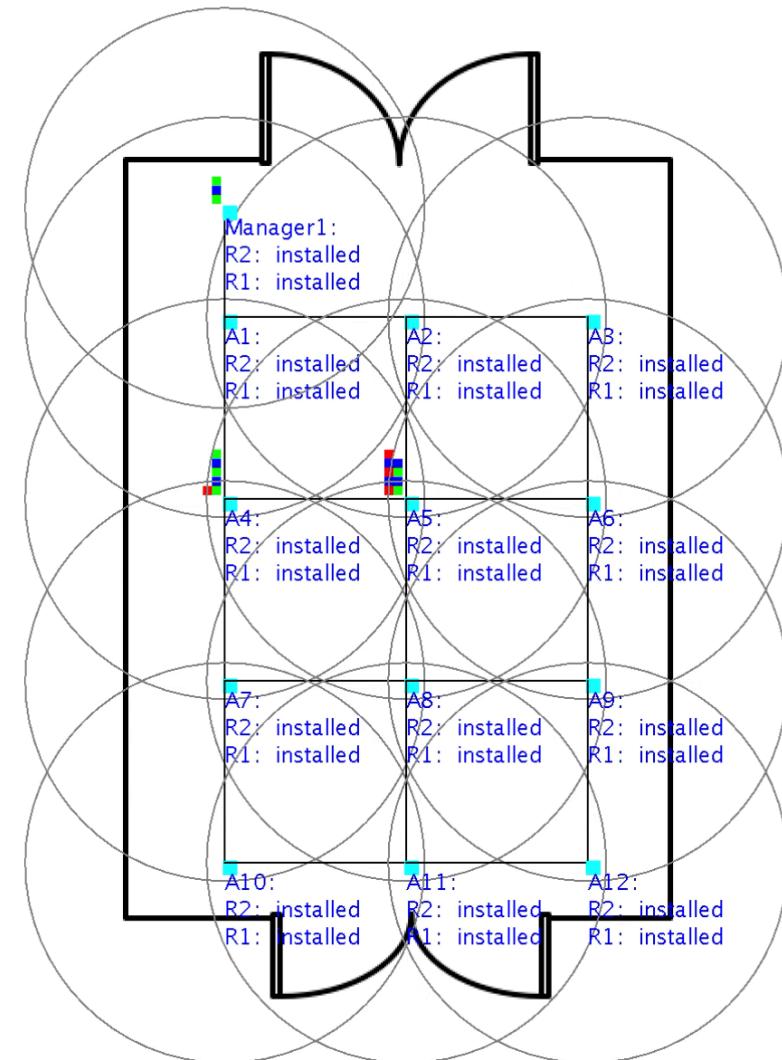
- Chemical warehousing

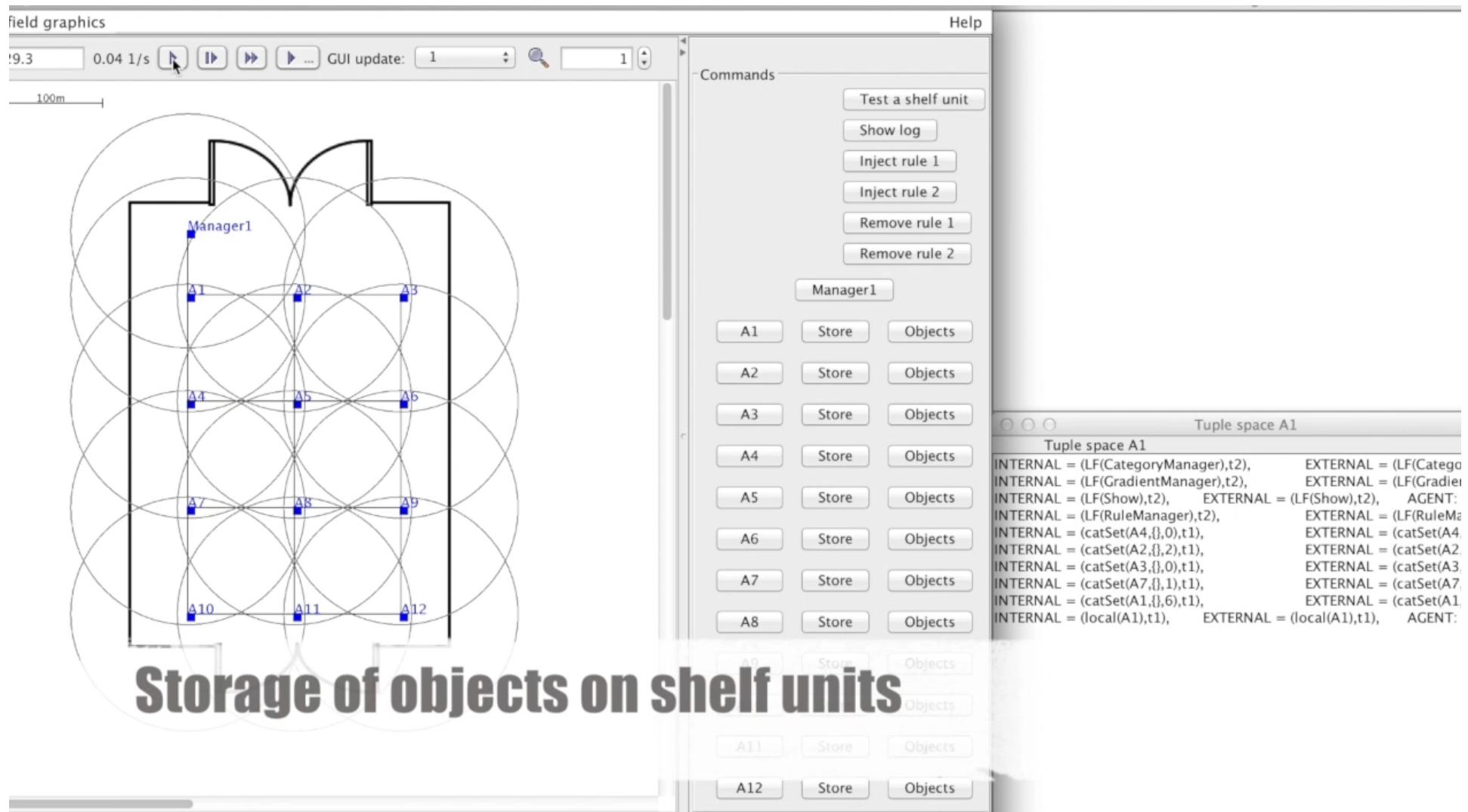
**Goal :**

- Avoid hazards arising from potential interactions among chemical compounds

**Feature :**

- Injecting safety policy at run-time, assessing properties at run-time





<http://cui.unige.ch/~dimarzo/video/HazardFactory.mov>

# Evaluation / Performances

- ✖ Delay within a large mesh network
- ✖ Communication protocol limitations
- ✖ Unification of variables
  
- ✓ Coordination middleware implementations
- ✓ Prototyping
- ✓ Actual deployments on mobile / IoT infrastructures

# Conclusion

## Spatial edge services :

- Based on bio-inspired mechanisms
- Chemical coordination model
- Prototyping tool available
- Uses logic formulae
- Decentralized solution
- Suited for IoT
- Deployed on actual scenarios

## Future works :

- Security and privacy
- On the fly services
- Self adaptation of parameters
- Learning
- Communication protocol

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**SAPERE**

Self-Aware Pervasive Service Ecosystems

EU STREP Project

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# Thank you

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