Towards a Statewide Public IoT Network

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Our goal is to design a statewide public Internet of Things (IoT) network that provides 100% coverage to all residents, aiming at bridging the digital gap between urban and rural communities.

1. Innovative community-based participatory network design

- Collaboratively designed and conducted online info sessions, interviews and workshops with municipal leaders
- Selected and planned three impactful loT applications representing municipal operations, small business and education

3. A novel collaborative model for a cost effective IoT market structure

- Game-theory framework to help understand cost reductions and efficiencies
- Assess the value of LPWAN service providers

LPWANs are Low-Power Wide-Area networks. Information Sensors (Things) The Internet Informed action

A diagram of a LoRaWAN – a type of IoT network.

We have achieved four major accomplishments as an integrated team and several advances in individual disciplines.



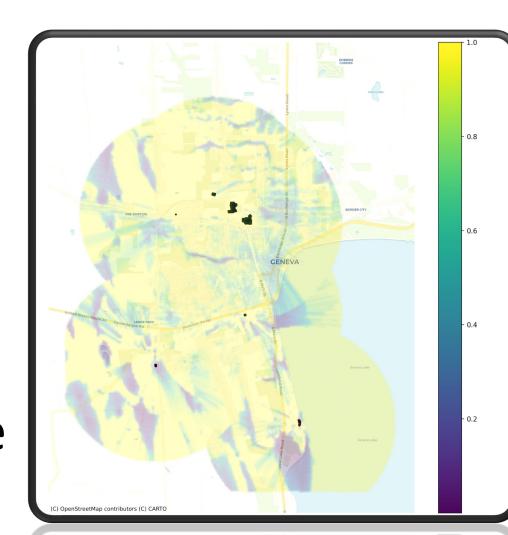
Brainstorming workshop in Geneva with community members



Community workshop ideation

2. Data-driven models and scalable tools for loT network design

- A data-driven model for wireless interference
- A machine learning predictor for wireless coverage
- A scalable algorithm for wireless receiver placement



Projected LPWAN coverage of a potential receiver.

4. Furthered the integration of research, education, and community engagement

- Offered an introductory-level IoT course in Spring 2022
- Student teams participated in initial engagement with Geneva community



Student-based community-driven IoT projects

Products and published works

Butkowski, C., Chan, N. K., & Humphreys, L. (2022). Community Internet of Things as mobile infrastructure: Methodological challenges and opportunities. *Media and communication*. 10(3).

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