





Integrating innovative TECHnologies along the value Chain to improve small ruminant welfARE management

Precision farming with small ruminants Works & Challenges in Integrating Animals and Sensors

Before we start

A little background

- I have a software engineering background with a specialization in embedded electronics
- I mostly deal with the technological aspects of our projects

What we aim for

- To provide digital tools to monitor and assess Animal Behaviors and social networks structures in small ruminants
- Develop a sensor-based tool to provide a decision support for shepherds and farmers working in (agro)pastural and extensive livestock productions systems

RF proximity sensing

Signal strength as an inter-individual distance estimation

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Position monitoring

Evolution of an animal-worn position tracker with specific constraints and challenges

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In this presentation

Network Coverage Planning

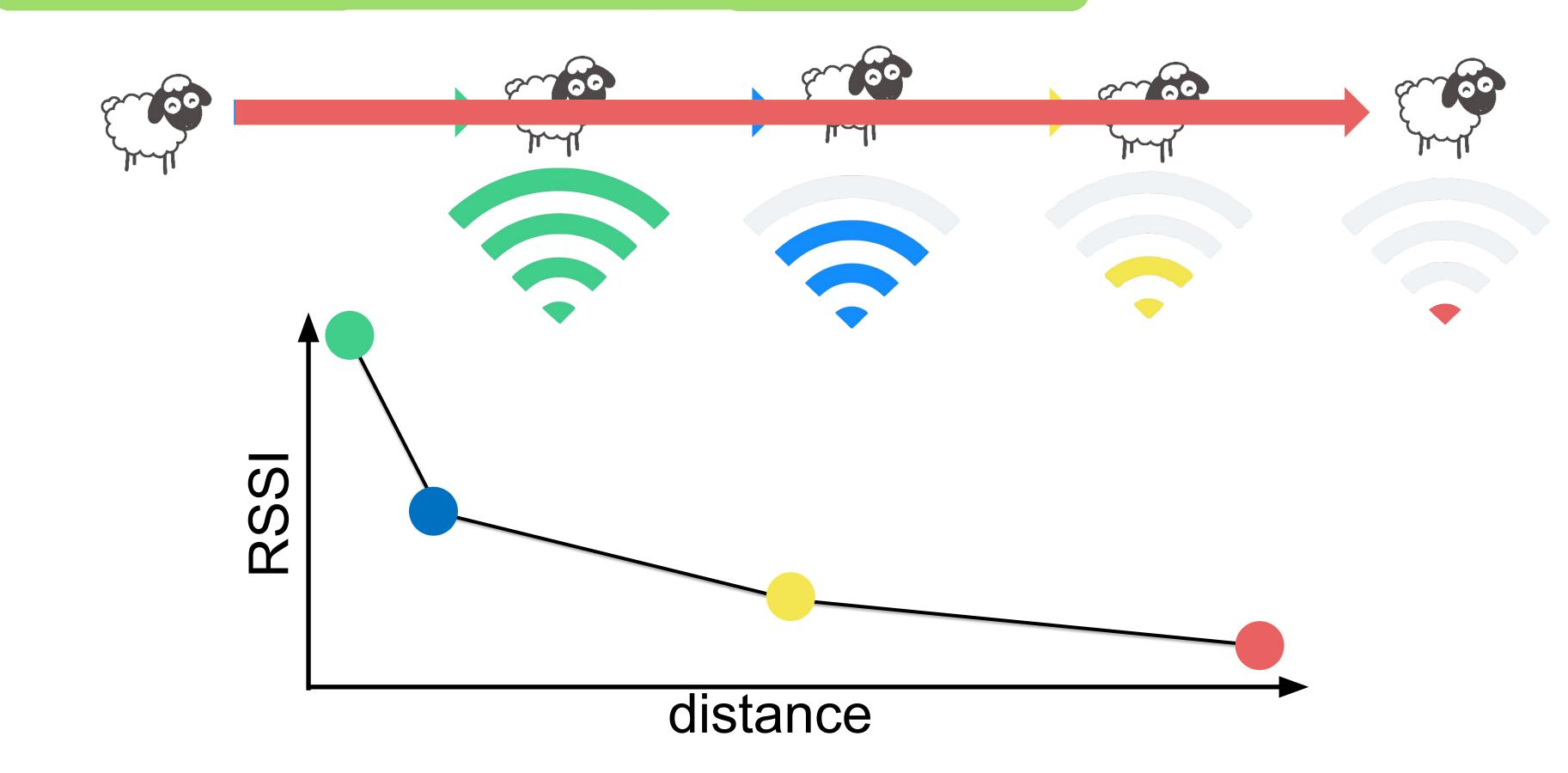
How to deploy wireless sensor networks in remote and underserved areas?

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01. RF proximity sensing

Radio waves as a sensor



Design considerations

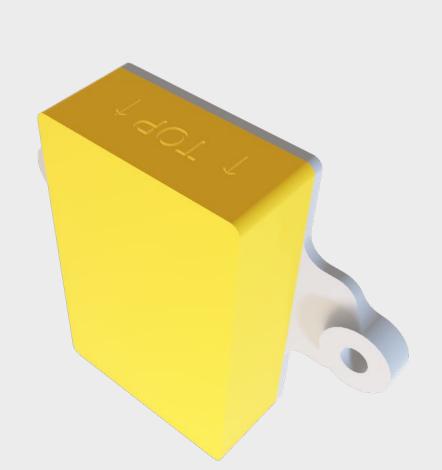
Careful considerations must be taken into account regarding both the animal's well-being and the collar functions



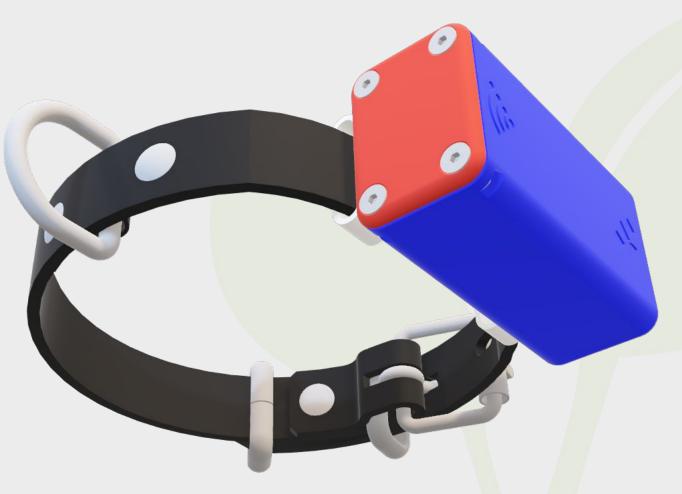


Evolution with 3D printing

Several revisions along the years made it possible to correct design flaws and add new functionalities







Further Thesis Works

A multi-sensor tool for high precision position monitoring tool

A Decision Support
Tool for extensive
livestock production
systems management

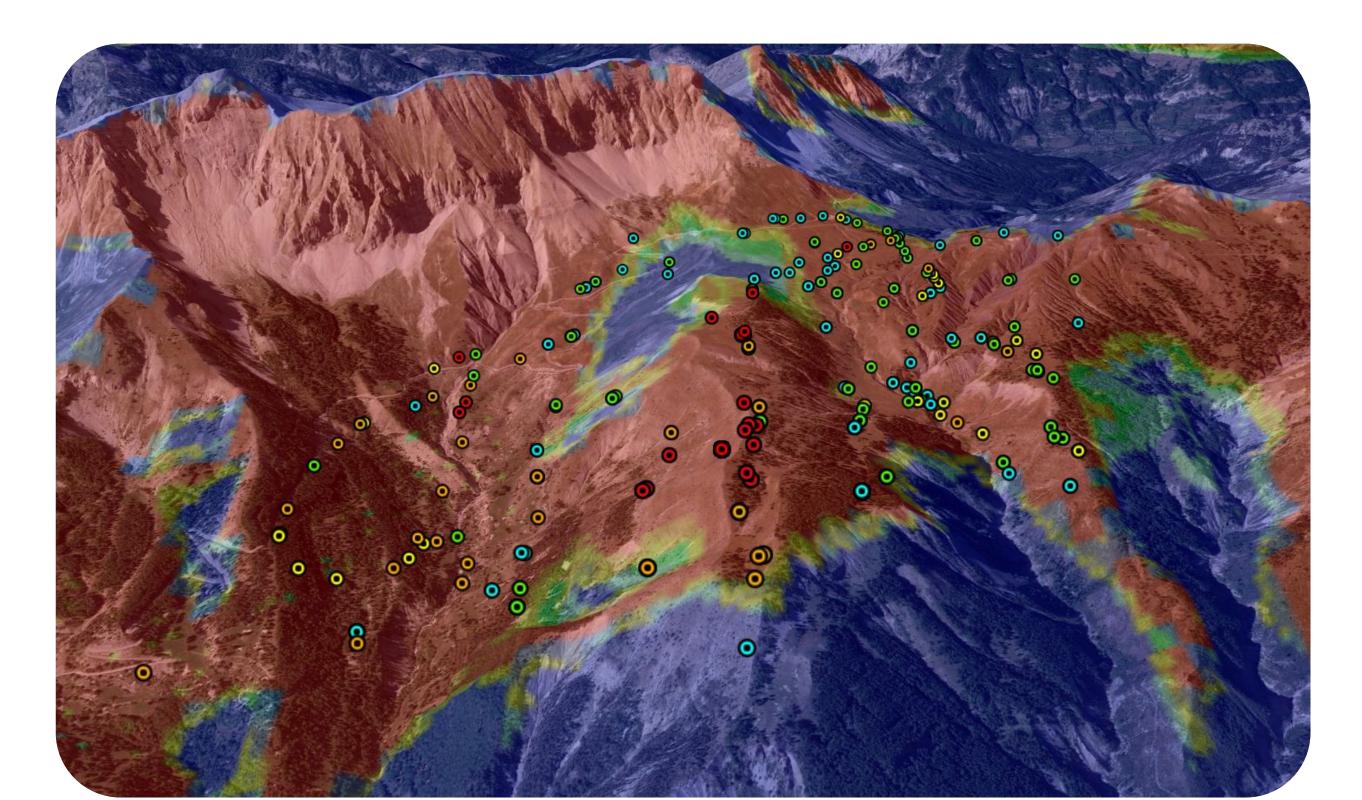


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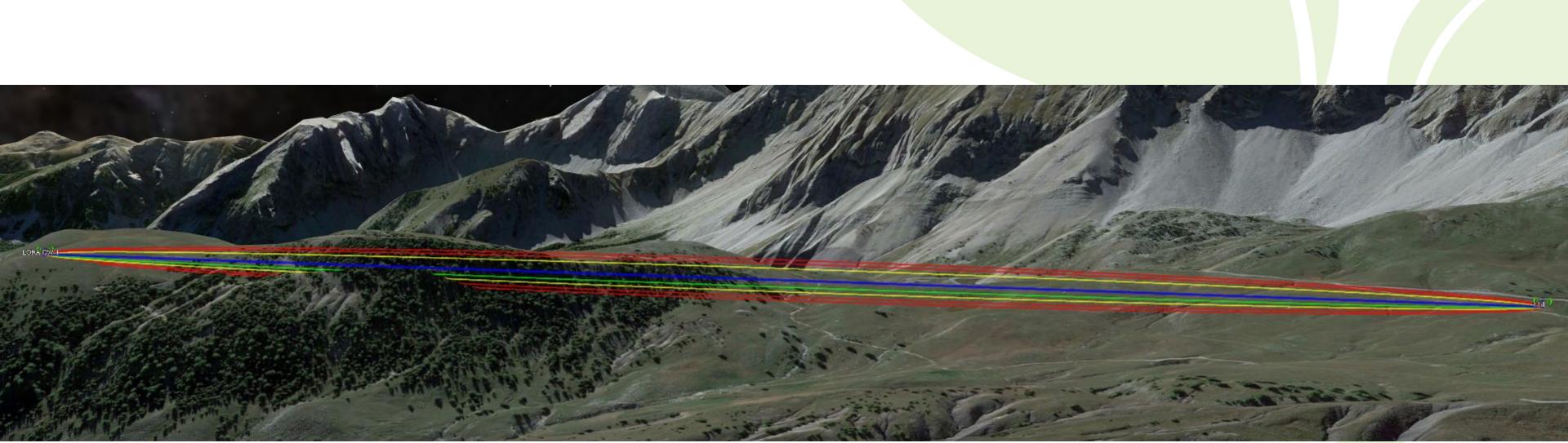


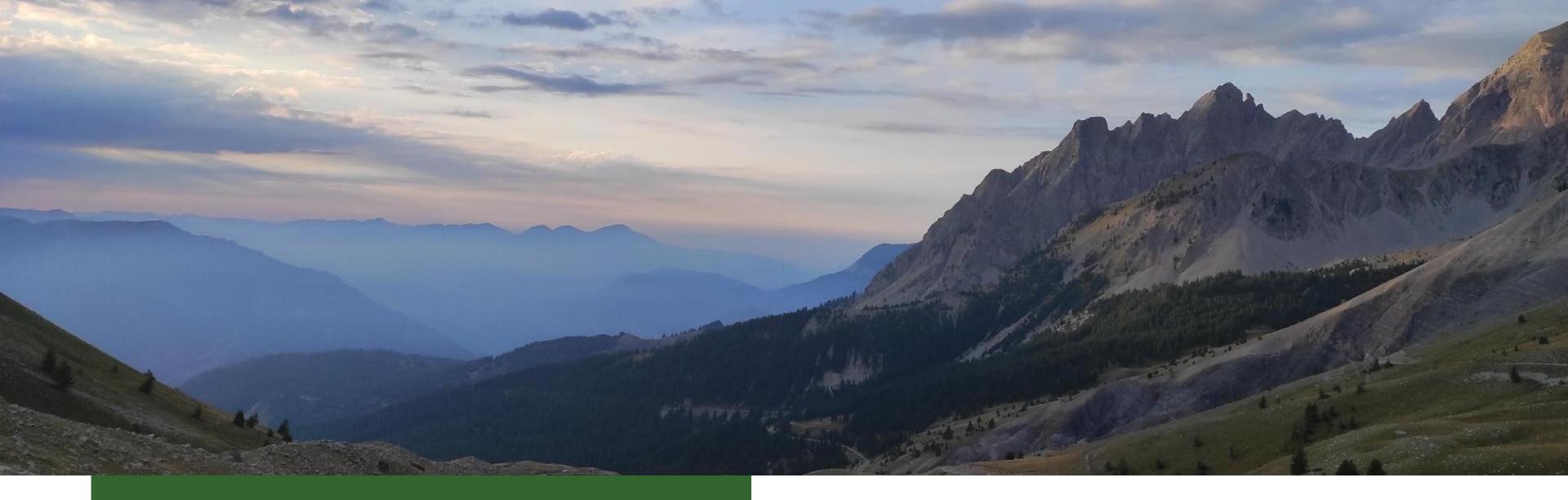
ITM assessment

Using a simulation software relying on the Longley-Rice Model, the optimal gateway placement was first simulated then assessed in the field



Concluding on the planning methods





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Thank you for your attention

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