



IP CREW

Cognitive Radio Experimentation World

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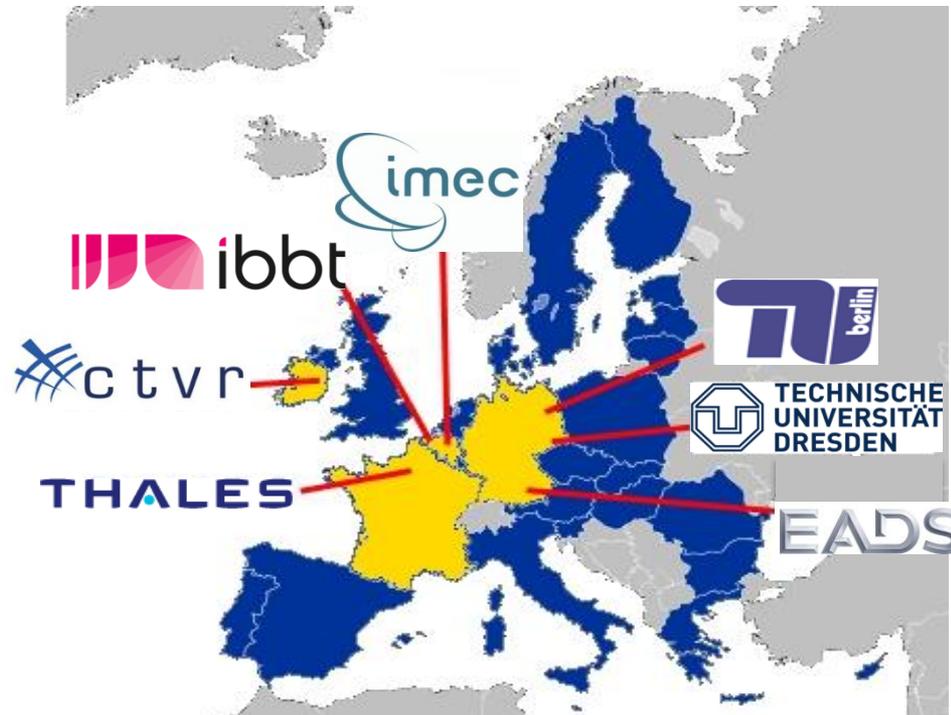
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■ Cognitive Radio Experimentation World

- FP7 call 5
- Project started October 2010
- 7 partners
- 1 extra partner to join in July 2011: CREW enlarged

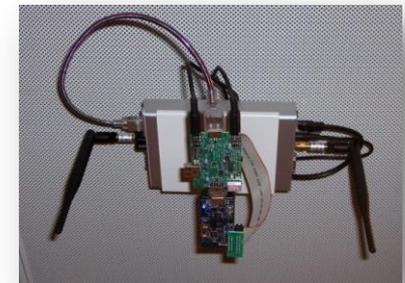


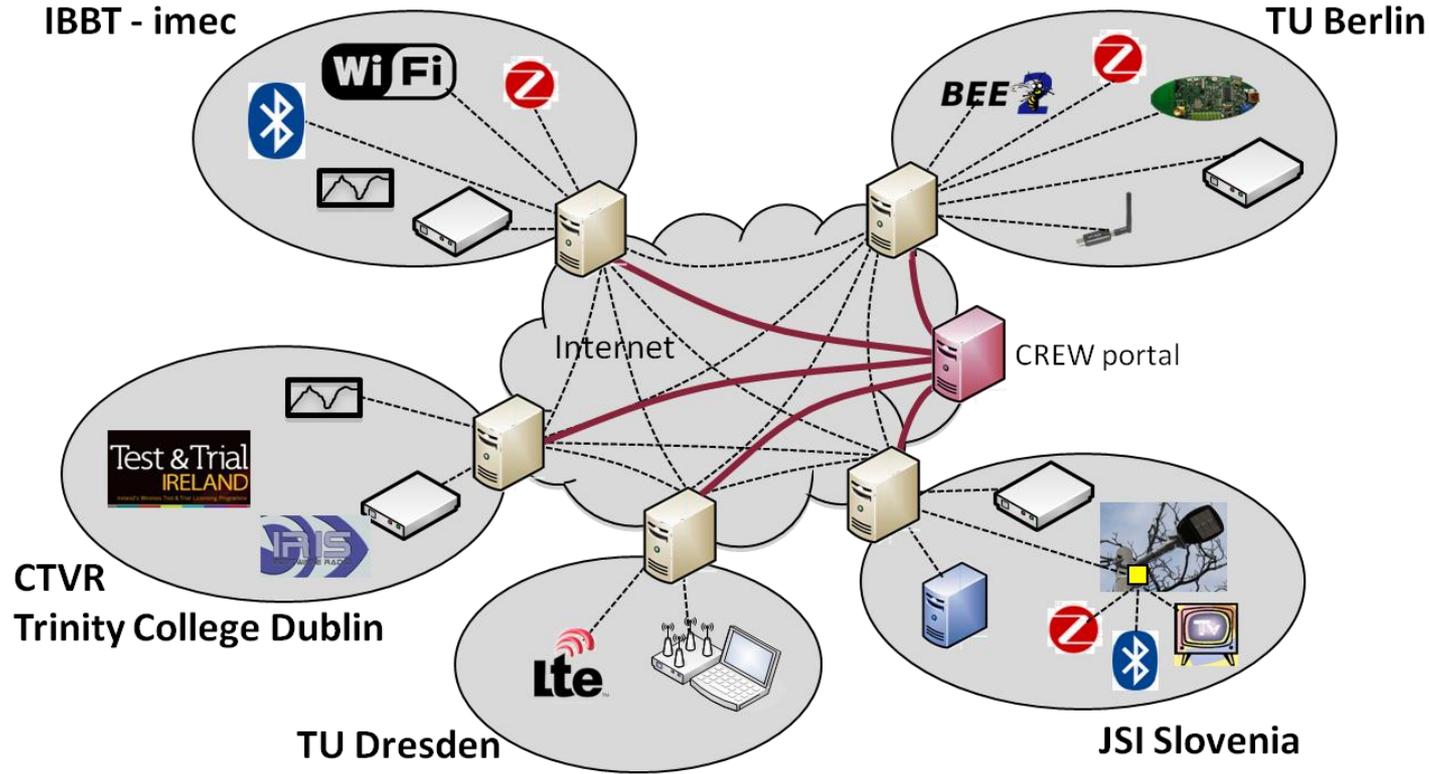
- **How to evaluate cognitive radio solutions?**
 - ... in a configurable environment
 - ... in a repeatable way
 - ... allowing fair comparison of results
- **Should/can I build my own heterogeneous testing environment?**



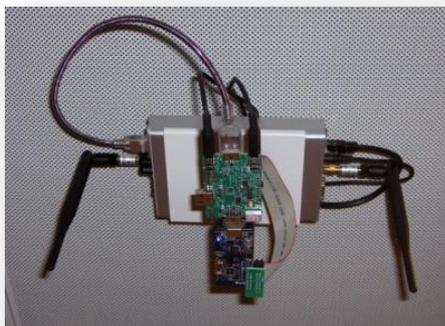
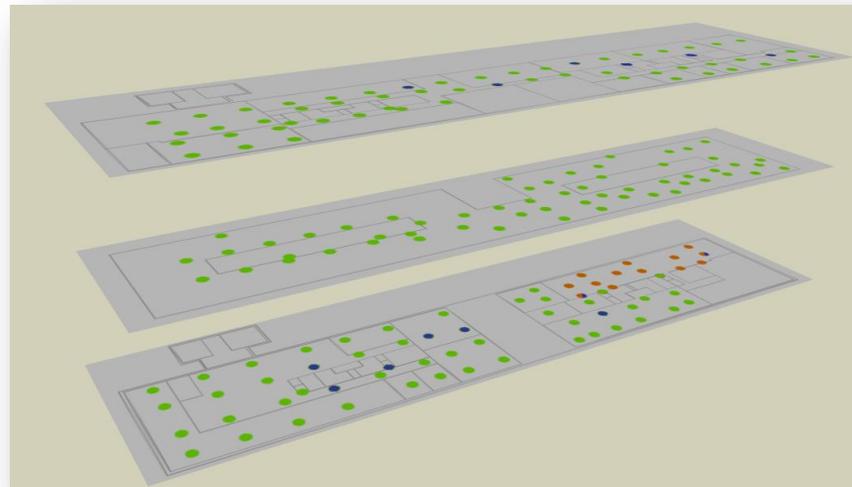
■ establish an **open federated test platform**,
facilitating experimentally-driven research on:

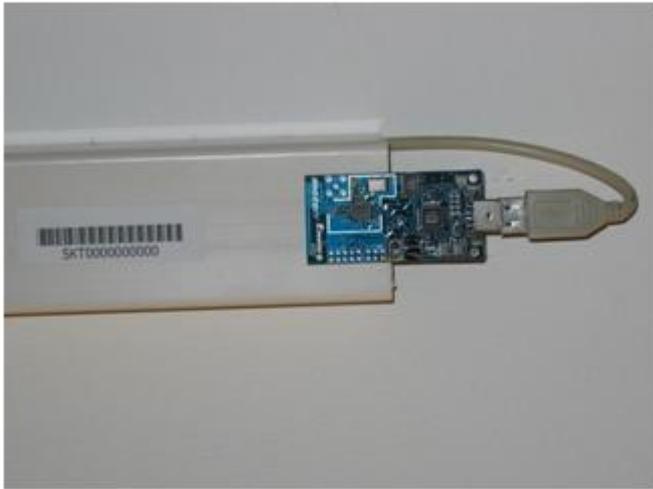
- advanced spectrum sensing
- cognitive radio
- cognitive networking
- spectrum sharing
in licensed and unlicensed bands





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|---------------------|---------------|--|--|--|
| WiFi | IEEE 802.11 | imec Sensing Agent | USRP software radio | WiSpy Spectrum analyzer |
| Bluetooth | IEEE 802.15.1 | USRP software radio | IRIS GPP-based software radio platform | EyesIFX nodes |
| Red Z | IEEE 802.15.4 | IRIS GPP-based software radio platform | Comreg spectrum licenses | BEE2 FPGA platform |
| Lte | LTE | Versatile Sensor Node on Light pole | | THALES advanced sensing platform |
| UHF/VHF TV | | | | Interconnection of portals |
| CR data base | | | | Interconnection between testbed elements |

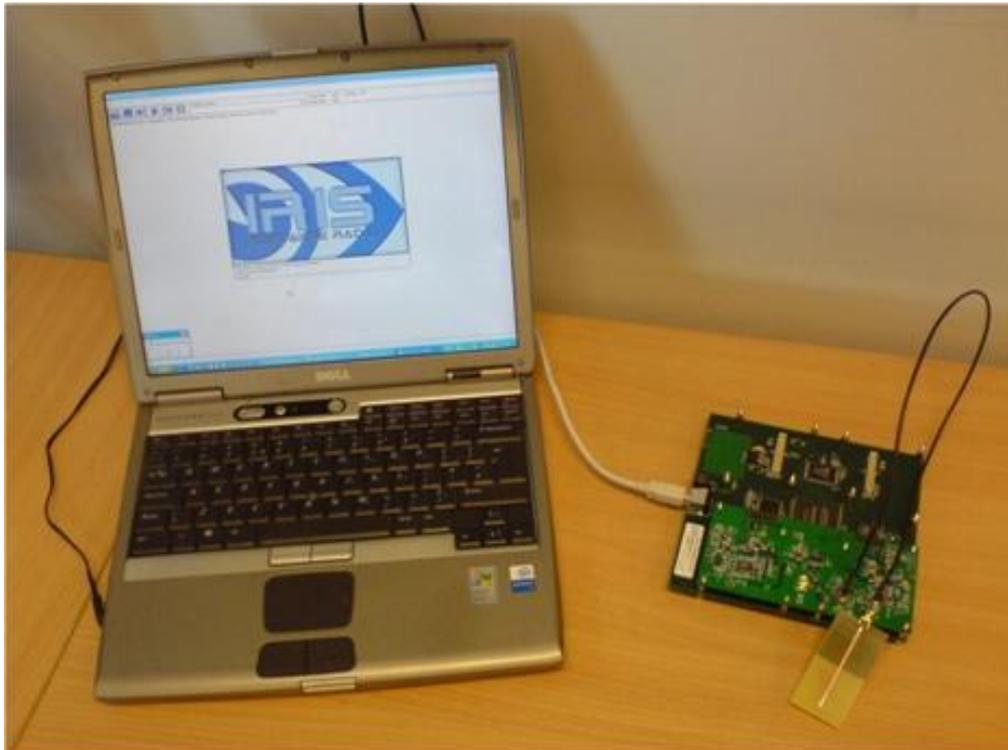




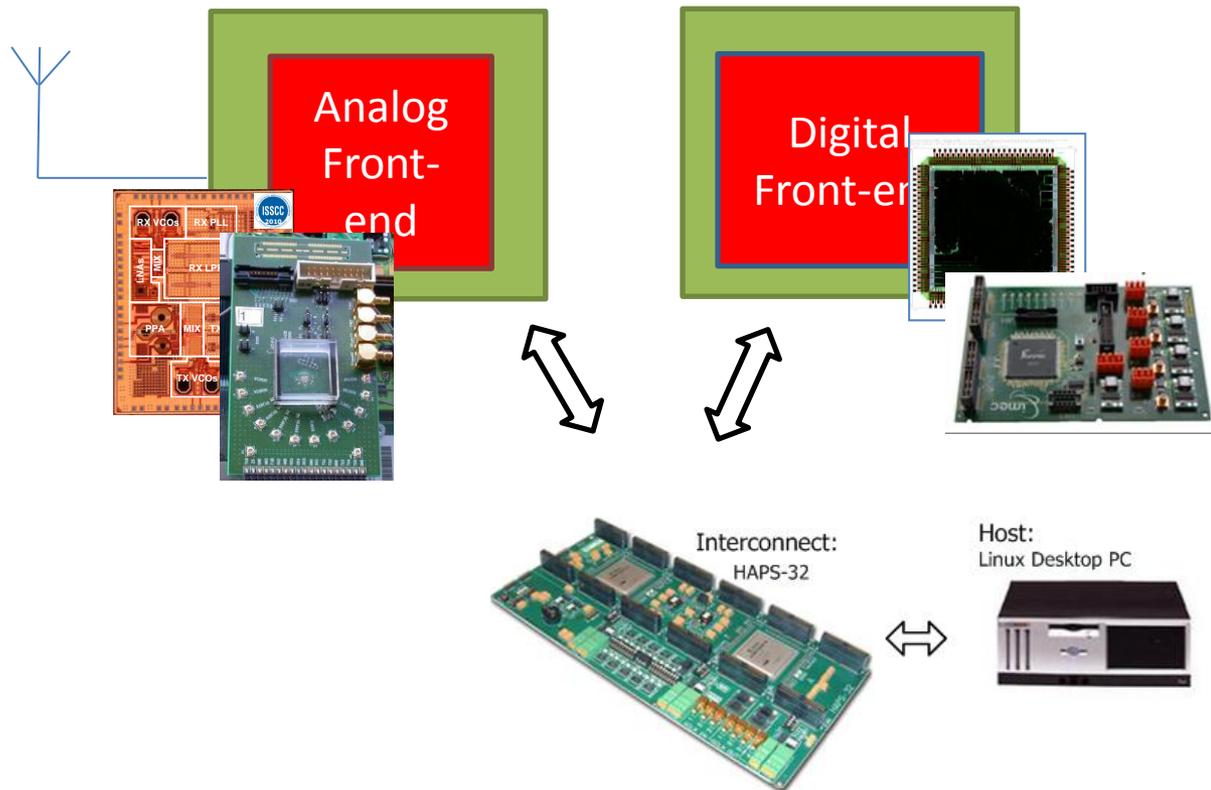
The TKN Wireless Indoor Sensor Network Testbed (TWIST) is a multiplatform, hierarchical testbed architecture .



A variety of advanced concepts such as cooperative MIMO are currently in discussion as future LTE extensions. Such novel schemes are researched within EASY-C.



IRIS can be used to create software radios that are reconfigurable in real-time.



EADS is a global leader in aerospace, defense and related services and will implement an aeronautics use case.



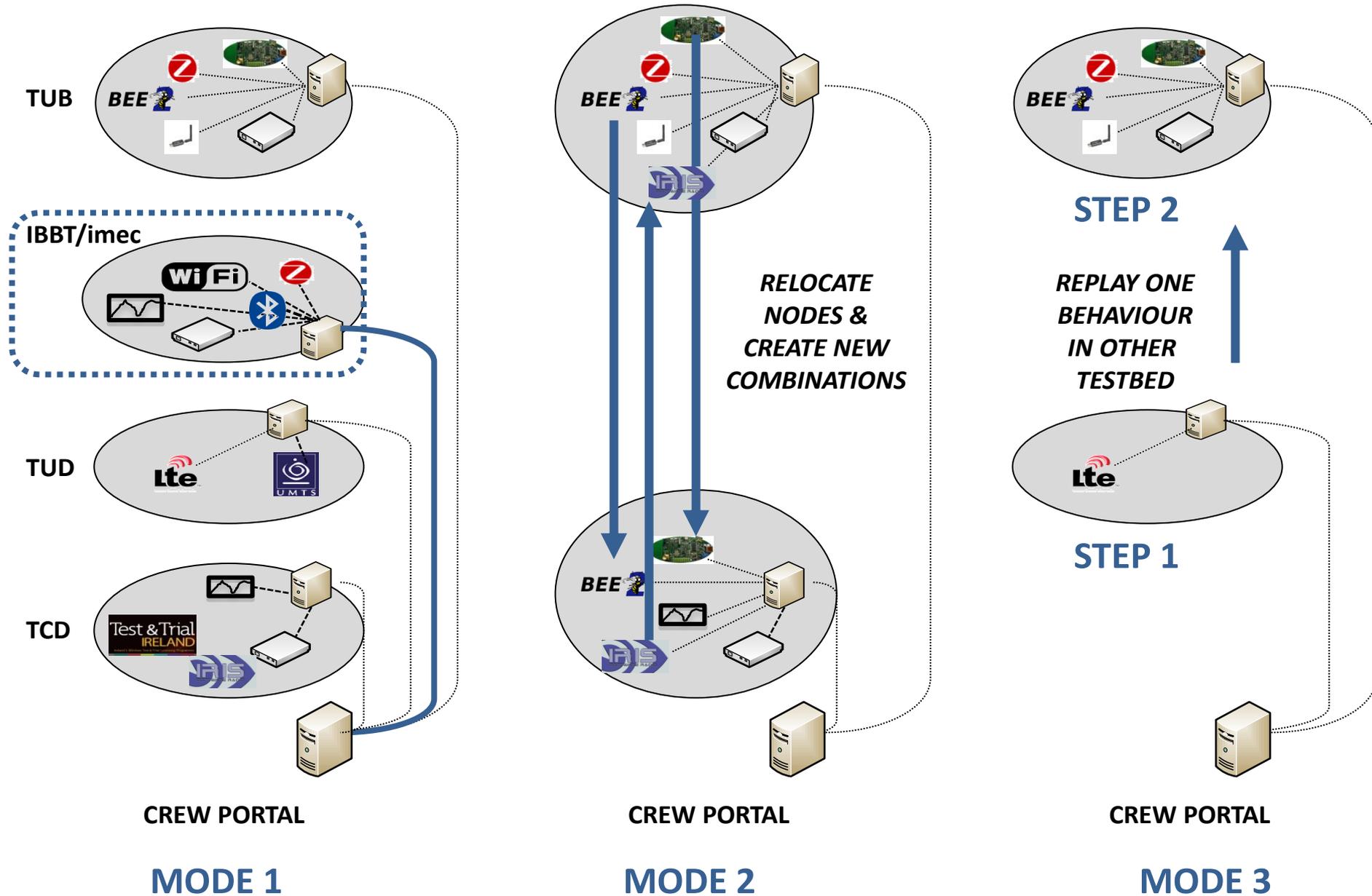
Thales Communications France is a key player of SDR technology development, being involved in development of demonstrators, advanced research programs and standardization activities.



CREW Federated platform: key aspects

- common portal
- novel cognitive components
 - linking together software and hardware entities from the different partners using a **standardized API**
- creation of open data sets
 - a common data structure enables the emulation of CREW components in other experimental environments or in a simulator
- benchmarking framework
 - enables experiments under controlled and **reproducible test conditions**
 - offering **automated procedures** for experiments and performance evaluation,
 - allow fair comparison





See paper @ SDR forum : A Performance Comparison of Different Spectrum Sensing Techniques

A photograph of a green printed circuit board (PCB) with a central microchip and various components. A black antenna is attached to the board.

sensing solution A

versus

A photograph of a red printed circuit board (PCB) with a central microchip and various components. A black antenna is attached to the board.

sensing solution B

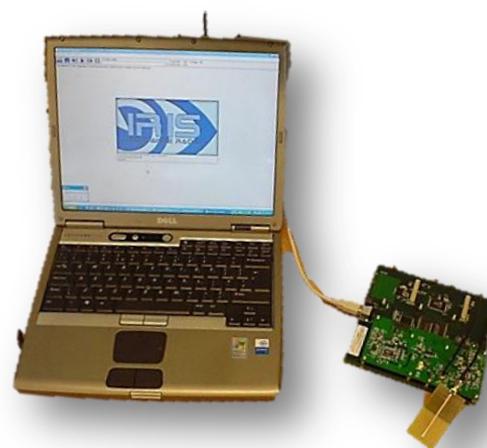


sensing solution A



database approach

versus



sensing solution B



MONITORING:
 {CN protocol + nodes}
 under test

MONITORING:
 testbed + environment
 status



sensing solution

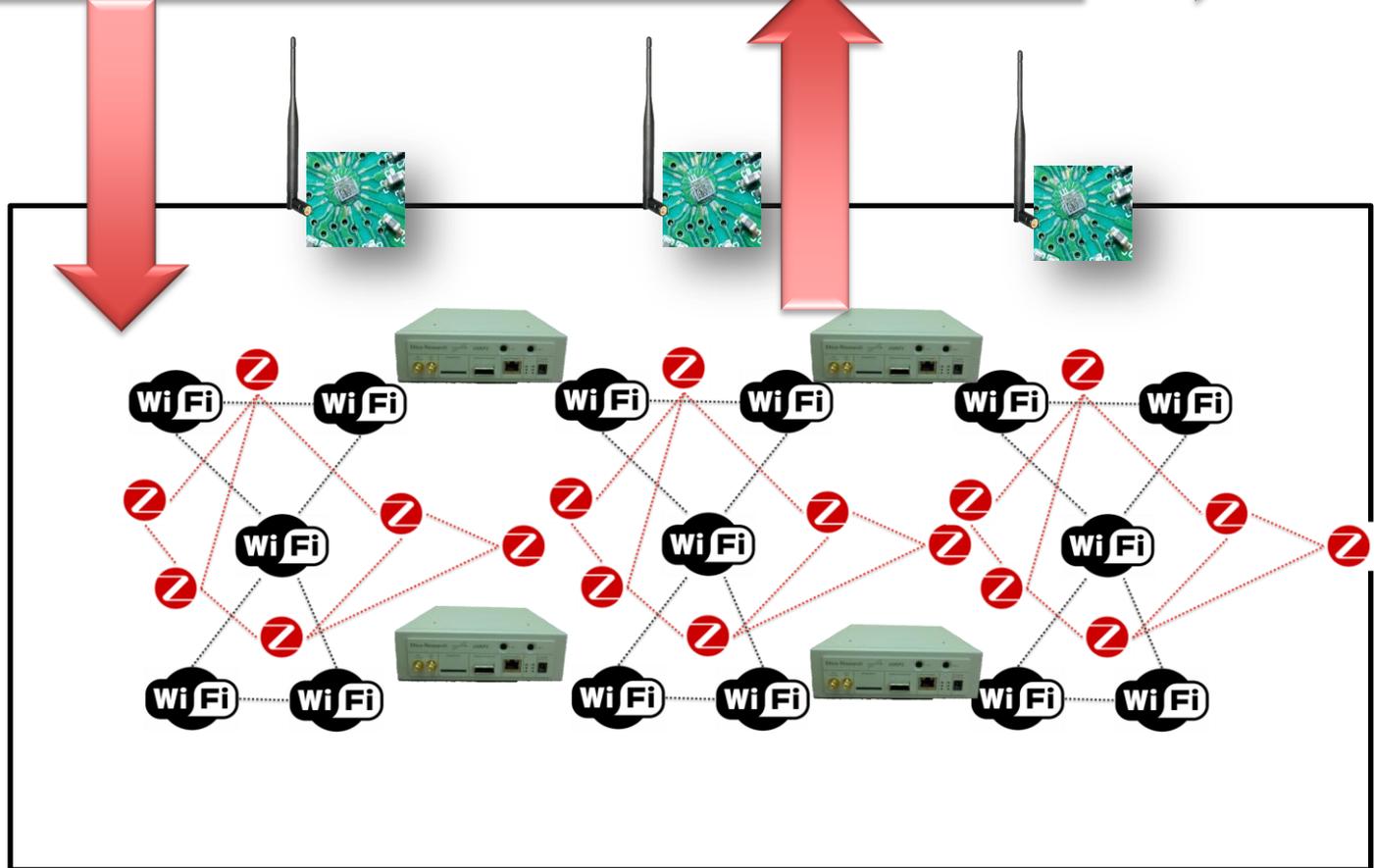


distributed
 sensing
 (many & cheap)

vs

ACTIVE USE:
 use advanced sensing for
 network optimization:
 distributed sensing
 (few & expensive)

inject RF interference and/or background traffic MONITORING → repeatability wireless benchmarking



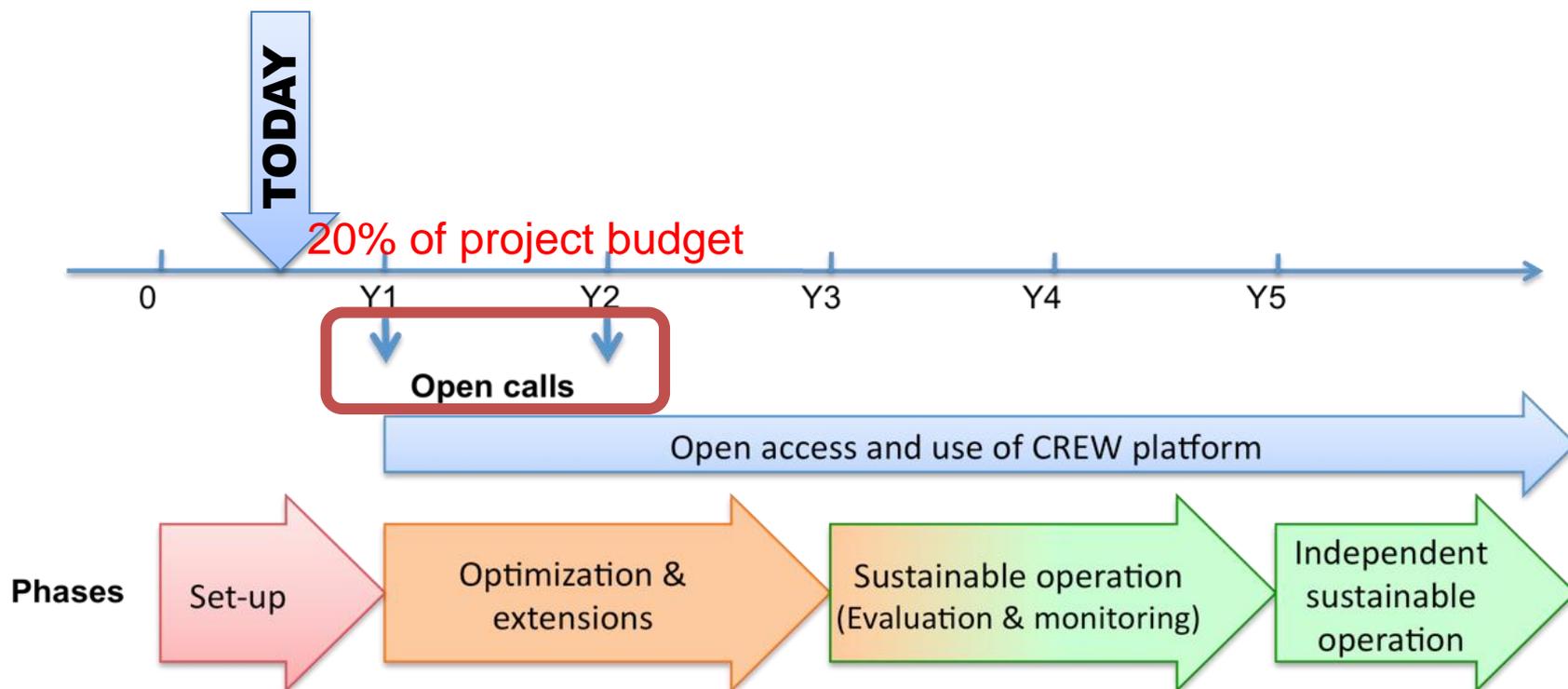
experimentation environment



CR hardware available to experimenter

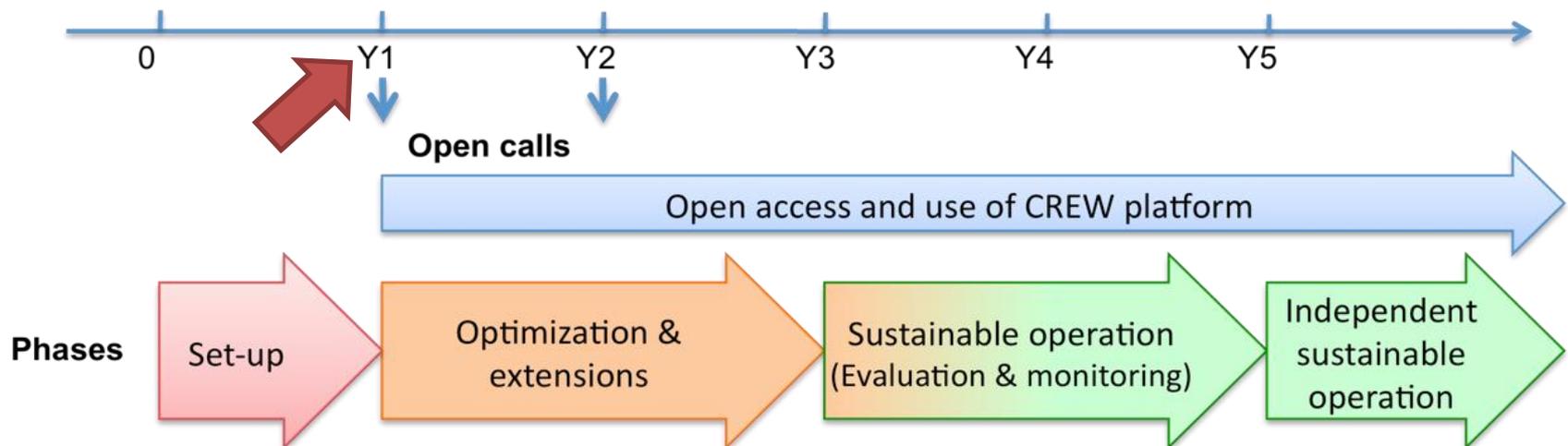
■ Start

- October 2010
- Duration 5 years



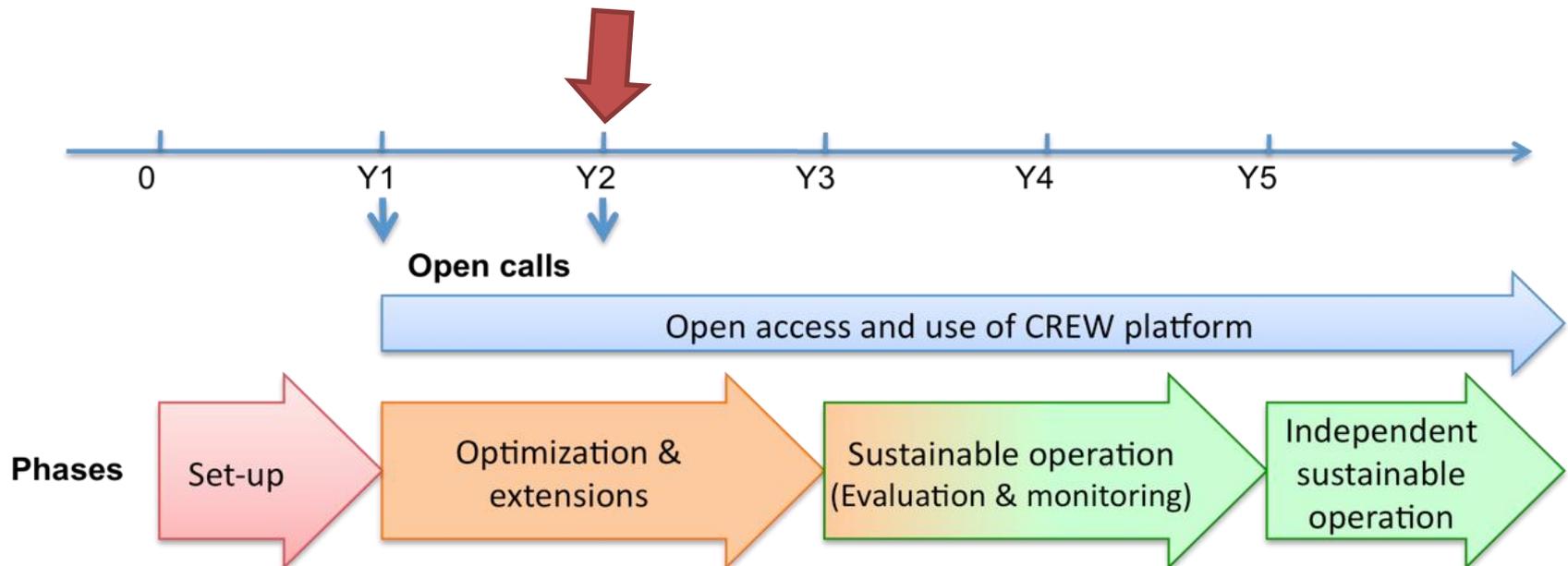
■ 1 year into the project (Sept-Oct 2011):

- limited open access:
 - internal experimenters
 - external experimenters funded by CREW
 - open call 1 – www.crew-project.eu
 - external experimenters, not funded
 - no guarantees on availability
 - feedback



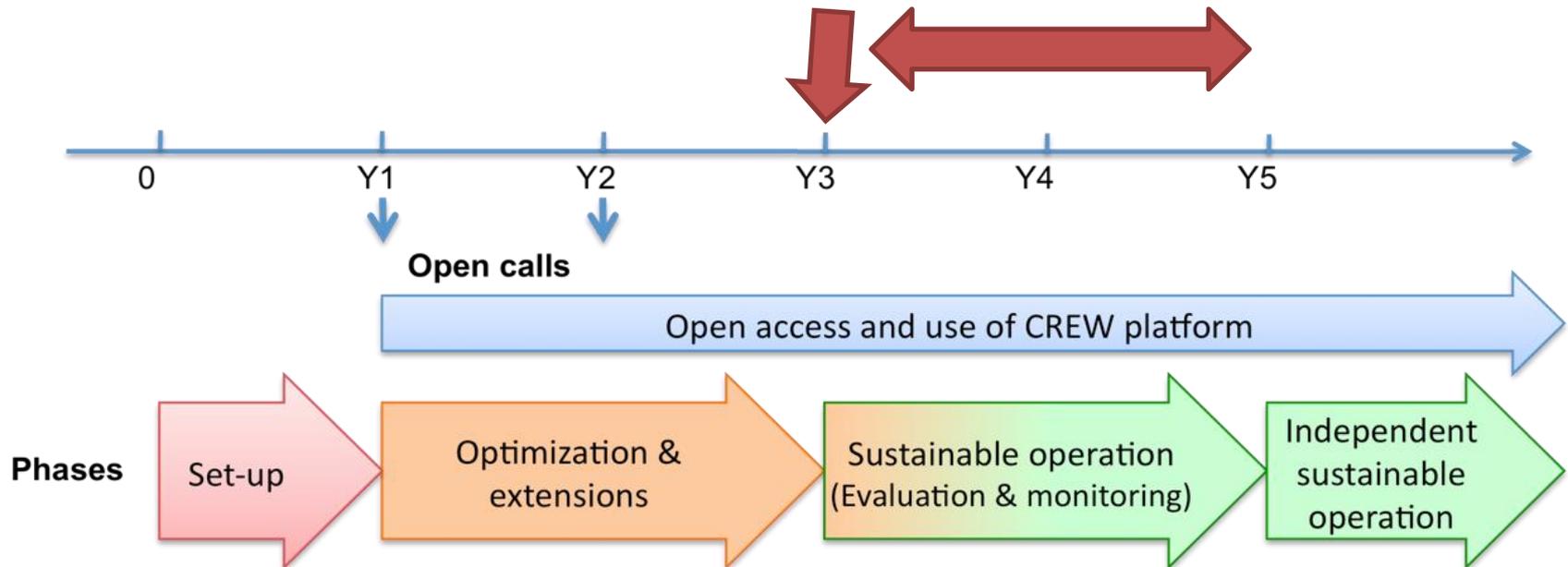
■ 2 years into the project (Sept-Oct 2012):

- open call 2: demand-driven extensions
 - www.crew-project.eu



■ Year 3 (Sept-Oct 2013)

- federation functionality and extensions completed
- development of business model
 - access policies
 - pricing
- evaluation and adaptation of business model
- maintenance and 'natural' extensions



■ Creation of an open federated testbed

- Means to match your experiment with hardware available
- Means to get access to more hardware (union of testbeds)
- Means to study benchmarking of experiments

■ Elaborates on four existing testbeds

■ **Get involved** through one of **2 open calls**:

- Sept-Oct 2011
- Sept-Oct 2012

■ Website

<http://www.crew-project.eu/>

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