



COOPERATIVE AND SELF-GROWING ENERGY-AWARE NETWORKS

## SUSTAINABILITY OF BUSINESS ECOSYSTEMS FOR NEXT GENERATION COGNITIVE NETWORKS

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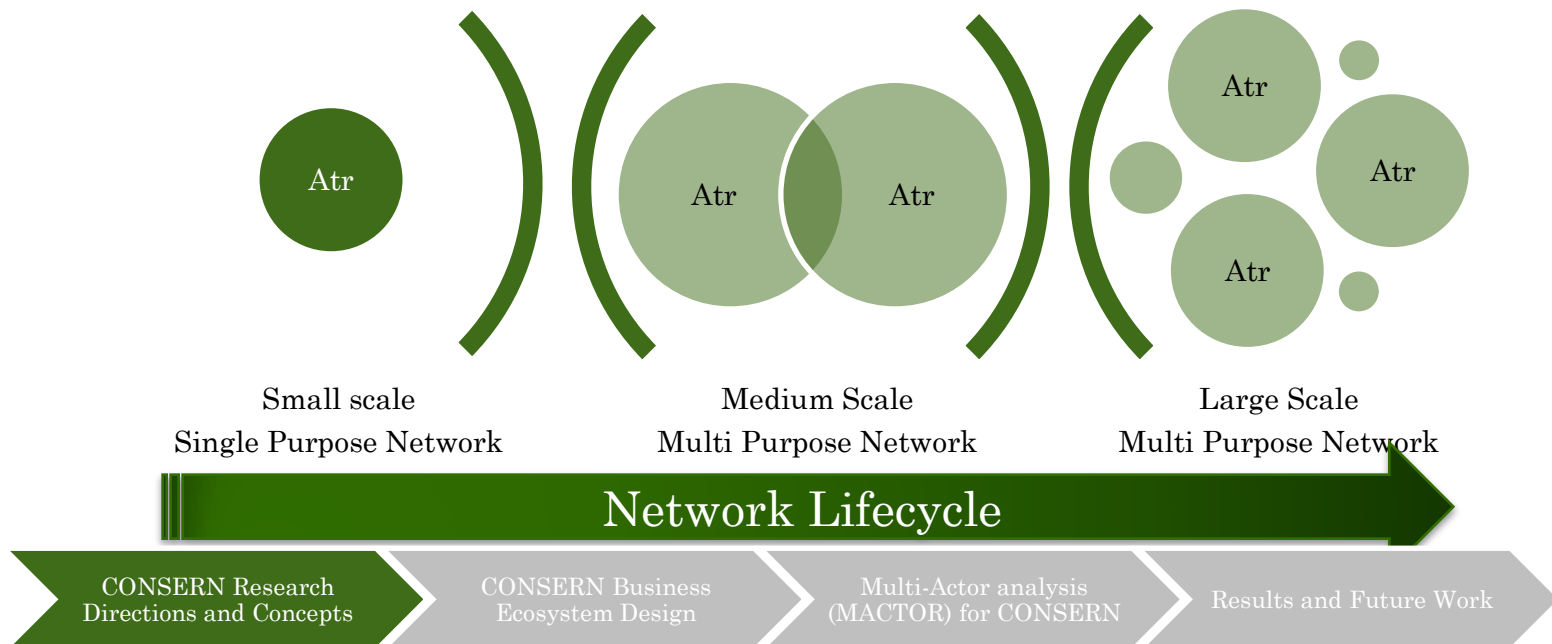
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# OUTLINE

- ❑ CONSERN Research Directions and Concepts
- ❑ CONSERN Business Ecosystem Design
- ❑ Multi-Actor analysis (MACTOR) for CONSERN
- ❑ Results and Future Work



- The Self-growing network refers to the capacity of a SON and self-configurable network to **dynamically evolve**
  - in terms of the number of interconnected heterogeneous network nodes,
  - in terms of the supported operation (multi-objective), i.e. to optimize on-demand for a dedicated (temporary) purpose(s).



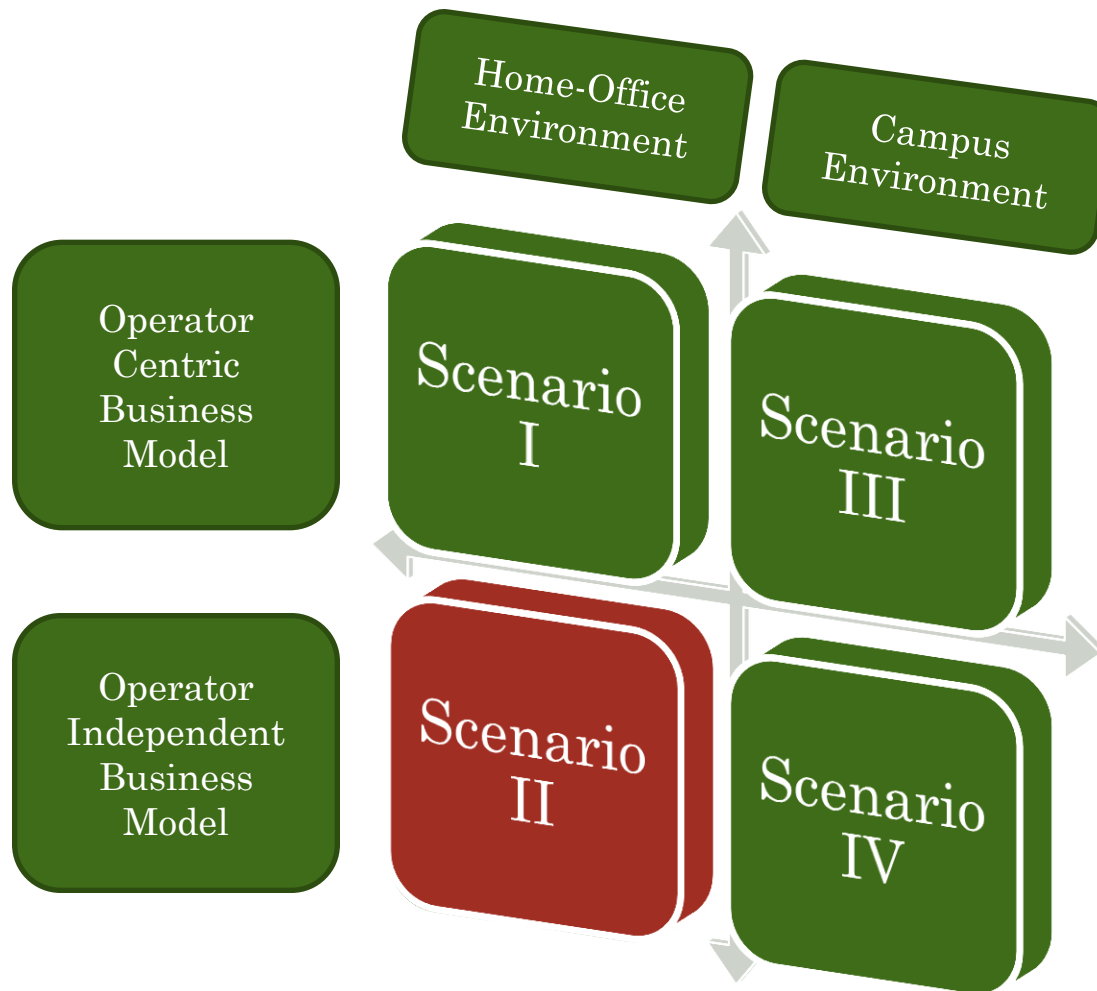
- Key **Value Proposition** Aspects of CONSERN for
  - **Easy and cost-saving** deployment of complex networks
  - **Reducing dependency** on Network Operators for the **Roll-out and management** of these networks by **smaller parties** than traditional operators: homes, firms, building owners, campus managers
  - Contributing to overall **energy efficiency** by lowering the footprint of wireless networking systems.
  
- Different scenarios (e.g.) home/office vs campus deployment) and different business models (e.g.) operator-centric vs operator independent) lead to different **incentives** for and **objections** by major stakeholders



# CONSERN RESEARCH DIRECTIONS AND CONCEPTS

- ❑ Different **incentives** for and **objections** by major stakeholders create a gap, economists term it as “**energy efficiency gap**”
  - Difference in the **actual** and **optimal** use of energy efficient solutions like CONSERN.
  - Existence of inefficient use of energy efficiency from a **societal** point of view, but also from a **business** point of view.
- ❑ Issues like the energy efficiency gap, further inhibits the sustainability and success of CONSERN Business models, hence require further attention especially during the business ecosystem design phase.
- ❑ We tested MACTOR (multi-actor) method for CONSERN business ecosystem in order to develop:
  - ❑ the understanding of inter-actor synergies,
  - ❑ the conflicts and strategic preferences regarding specific issues
  - ❑ Identify potential incentives and objections

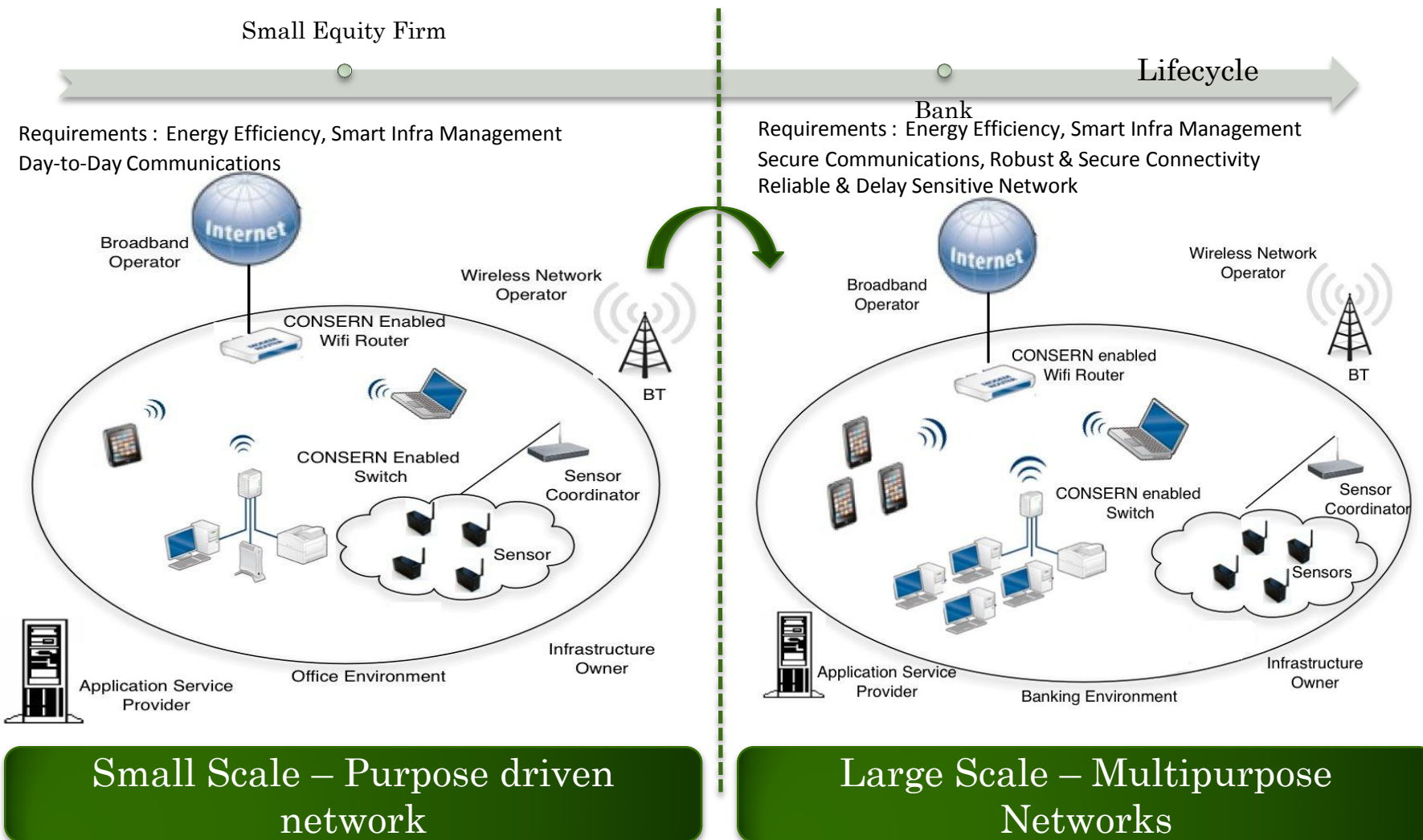




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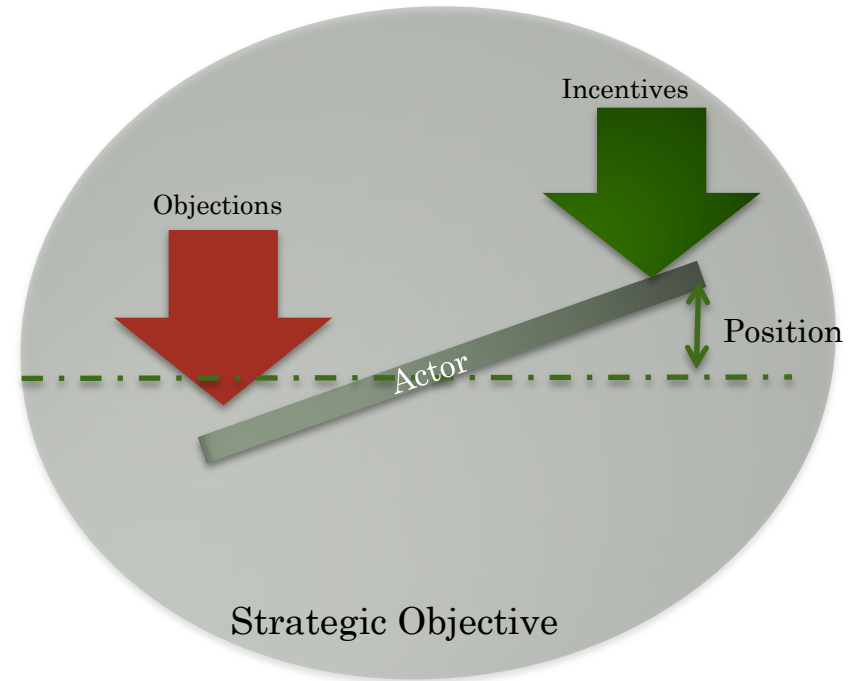


- The Operator Independent Business Model is adopted the Infrastructure Owner deploys and builds CONSERN ecosystem using off-the-shelf devices
  - Phase I : represents a small equity firm whose requirements are limited to day-to-day communications, efficient resource utilization and spectrum usage
  - Phase II : the equity firm is acquired by a bank with security, reliability and robustness as a priority



# CONSERN BUSINESS ECOSYSTEM DESIGN

| Business Actors  | Roles                              |
|--|------------------------------------|
| Broadband Operator (BO)                                  | Fixed Connectivity Provisioning    |
| Infrastructure Owner (IO)                                | Network Infrastructure Ownership   |
| End User (EU)  | Service Consumption                |
| Device Manufacturers (DM)                                | Device Manufacturing and Retailing |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Application Service Provider (ASP) | Application Service Provisioning   |
| Wireless Network Operator (WNO)                          | Wireless Connectivity Provisioning |





# MULTI-STAKEHOLDER CONCERN BUSINESS

## ECOSYSTEM



# MULTI-ACTOR ANALYSIS (MACTOR) FOR CONSERN

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**MACTOR** Matrix of Alliances and Conflicts: Tactics, Objectives and Recommendations

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Developed by Godet<sup>#</sup>, as an answer to the increasing critics made to traditional extrapolation-based forecasting methods.

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Successfully tested and implemented to map the stakeholder strategies, relationship of power and potential alliances and conflicts in various business cases.

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# BUSINESS MODEL CONFIGURATION



| CONTROL PARAMETERS       |                      |                             |                    | VALUE PARAMETERS           |                    |                                |                   |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Value Network Parameters |                      | Functional Arch. Parameters |                    | Financial Model Parameters |                    | Value Configuration Parameters |                   |
| Combination of Assets    |                      | Modularity                  |                    | Cost (Sharing) Model       |                    | Positioning                    |                   |
| <i>Concentrated</i>      | <i>Distributed</i>   | <i>Modular</i>              | <i>Integrated</i>  | <i>Concentrated</i>        | <i>Distributed</i> | <i>Complement</i>              | <i>Substitute</i> |
| Vertical Integration     |                      | Distrib. of Intelligence    |                    | Revenue Model              |                    | User Involvement               |                   |
| <i>Integrated</i>        | <i>Disintegrated</i> | <i>Centralised</i>          | <i>Distributed</i> | <i>Direct</i>              | <i>Indirect</i>    | <i>High</i>                    | <i>Low</i>        |
| Customer Ownership       |                      | Interoperability            |                    | Revenue Sharing Model      |                    | Intended Value                 |                   |
| <i>Direct</i>            | <i>Intermediated</i> | <i>Yes</i>                  | <i>No</i>          | <i>Yes</i>                 | <i>No</i>          | <i>Price/Quality</i>           | <i>Lock-in</i>    |



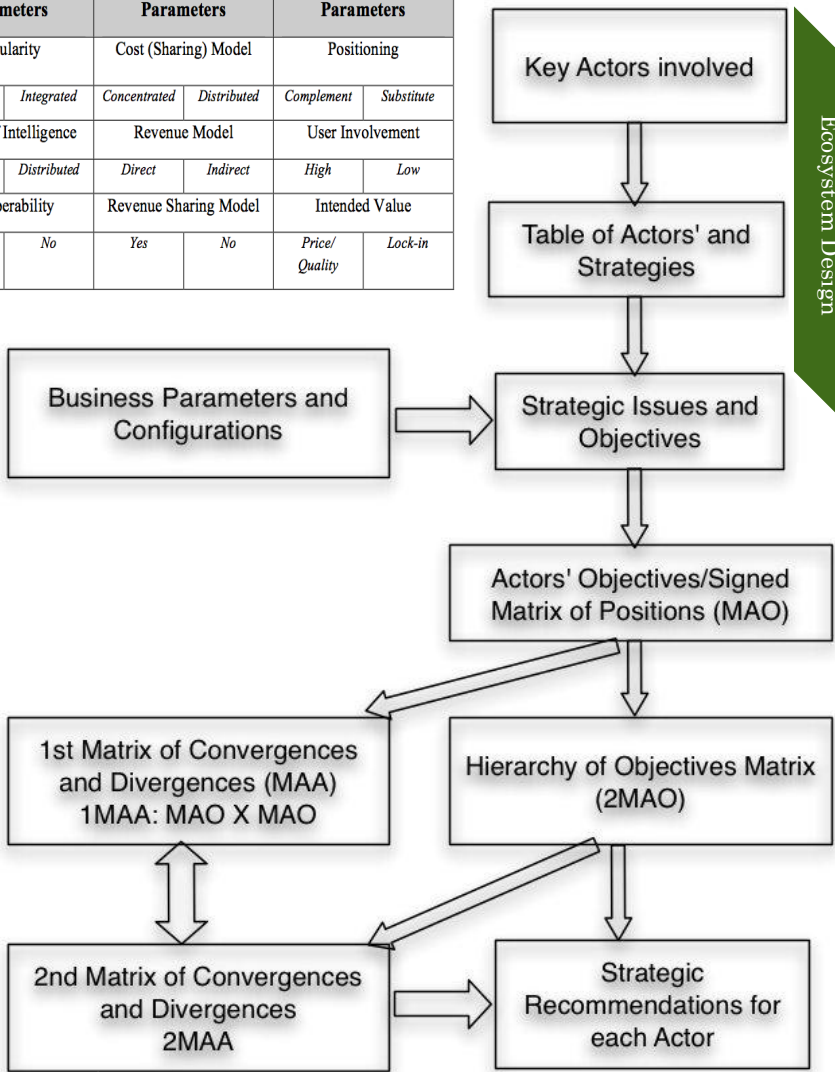
- Strategic Issues and Objectives**
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  - O2: Partly Substituting Solution**
  - O3: Reduced Complexity**
  - O4: Independence from Operator**
  - O5: Reliance on Non-Proprietary Devices**
  - O6: Revenue Model**

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Actor – Objective Interaction (2MAO)

|     | O1 | O2 | O3 | O4 | O5 | O6 |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| BO  | 1  | -3 | 1  | -3 | -3 | -3 |
| IO  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 1  | 2  | 3  |
| EU  | 1  | 0  | 1  | -1 | 0  | 0  |
| DM  | 2  | 3  | 2  | 0  | 0  | 3  |
| ASP | 0  | 3  | 1  | 3  | 1  | 0  |
| WNO | 1  | -3 | 1  | -3 | -3 | -3 |

-3: Strong Objection; +3: Strong Incentive



Actor – Actor Interaction (2MAA)

|     | BO | IO  | EU | DM  | ASP | WNO |
|-----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| BO  |    | -21 | 0  | -14 | -20 | 0   |
| IO  | 0  |     | 0  | 0   | 0   | -21 |
| EU  | 5  | 5   |    | 0   | -2  | 0   |
| DM  | 0  | 30  | 4  |     | 0   | -14 |
| ASP | 0  | 17  | 0  | 11  |     | -20 |
| WNO | 38 | 0   | 5  | 0   | 0   |     |

MAO X MOA : MAA (Matrix Transpose)

nCij : matrix product which retains only positive scalar products.

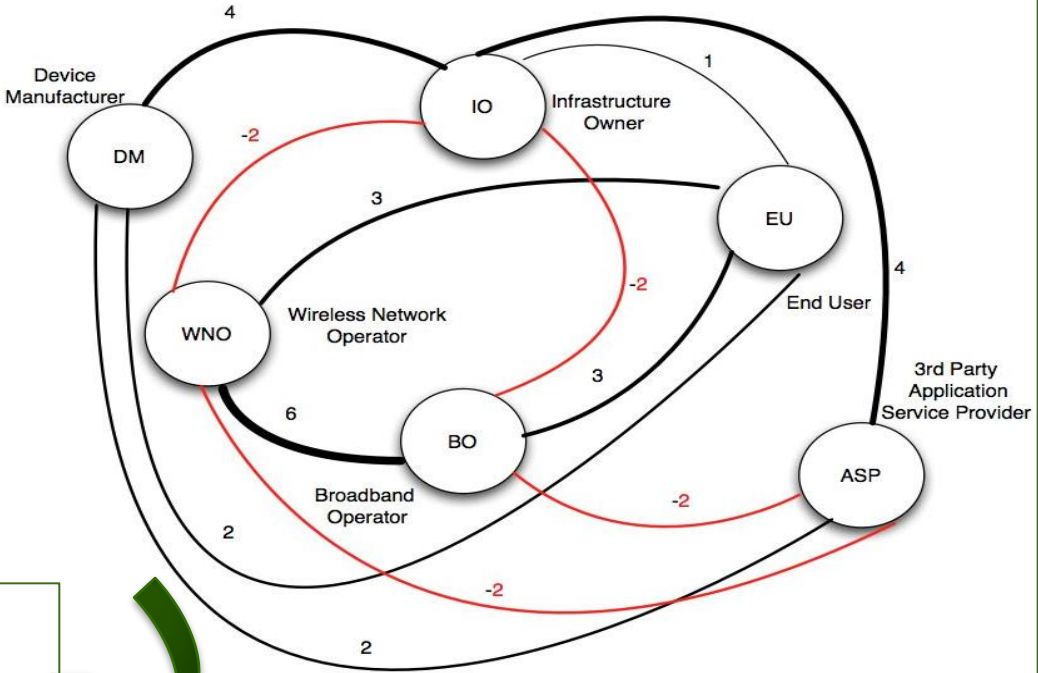
nDij : matrix product which retains only negative scalar products.



# RESULTS – INCENTIVES AND OBJECTIONS

Actor – Actor Interaction (MAA)

|     | BO          | IO          | EU          | DM          | ASP       | WNO      |
|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|----------|
| BO  | Grey        | Red         |             | Dark Red    | Dark Red  |          |
| IO  |             | Grey        |             |             |           | Dark Red |
| EU  | Light Green |             | Light Green |             | Light Red |          |
| DM  |             | Dark Green  | Light Green | Grey        |           | Dark Red |
| ASP |             | Light Green |             | Light Green | Grey      | Dark Red |
| WNO | Dark Green  |             | Dark Green  |             |           | Grey     |



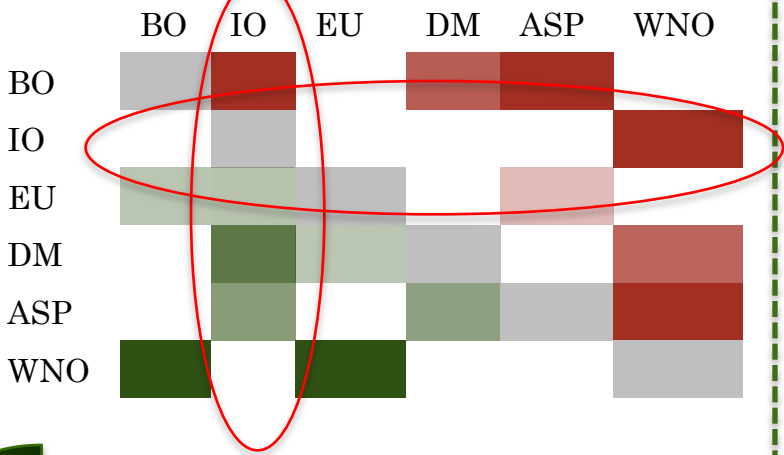
**WNO + BO:** converge and diverge equally on all issues  
**IO – (WNO+BO):** diverge because of Operator Independent Business Model involved.  
**IO-ASP-DM :** Strongly converge and support OI BM  
**ASP-(WNO+BM) :** ASP diverge and would like to operate independently

Ecosystem Convergence & Divergence



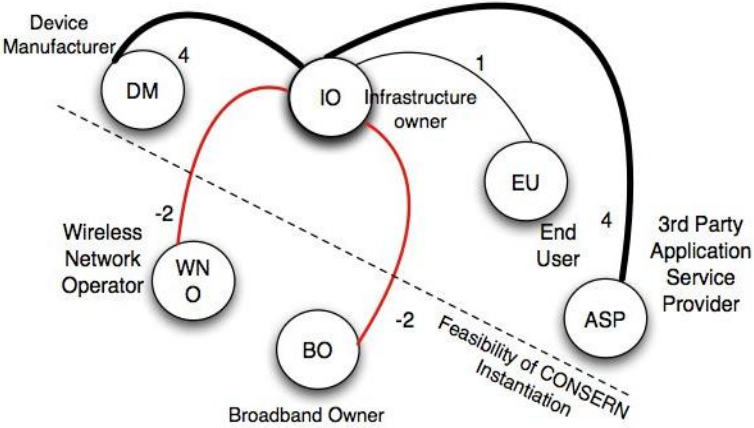
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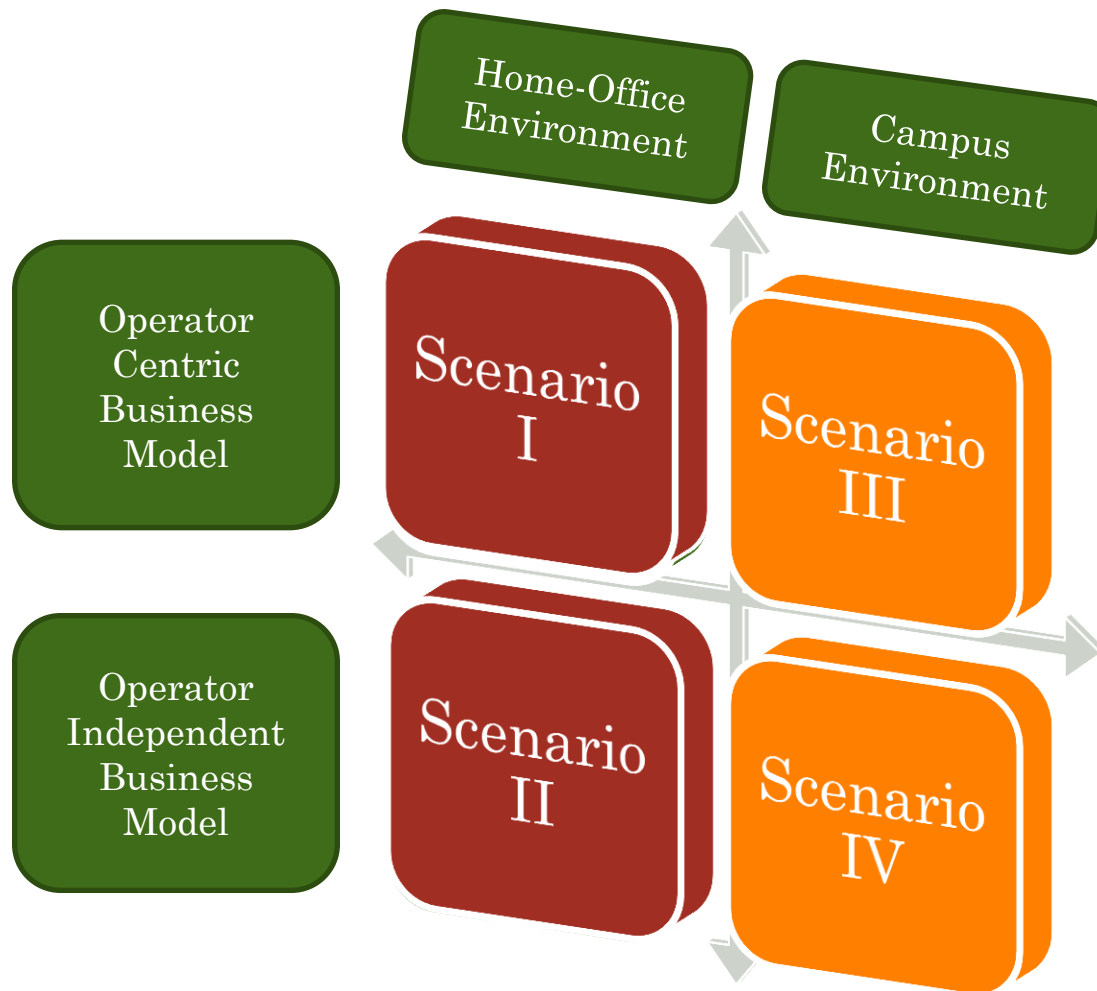
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## Implications for Infrastructure Owner

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| IO-DM     | directly interact with DMs to purchase the legacy and CONSERN enabled devices   |
| IO-ASP    | 3rd Party ASPs will find this opportunity beneficial for improving and re-inventing their present value of service offerings and closely collaborate with IOs |
| IO-EU-ASP | Will mediate the interaction between EU and ASP both in terms of network and revenue sharing  |
| IO-NO-BO  | Will be more independent and selective in choosing the data-plans and mobile connectivity from WNO and BO   |





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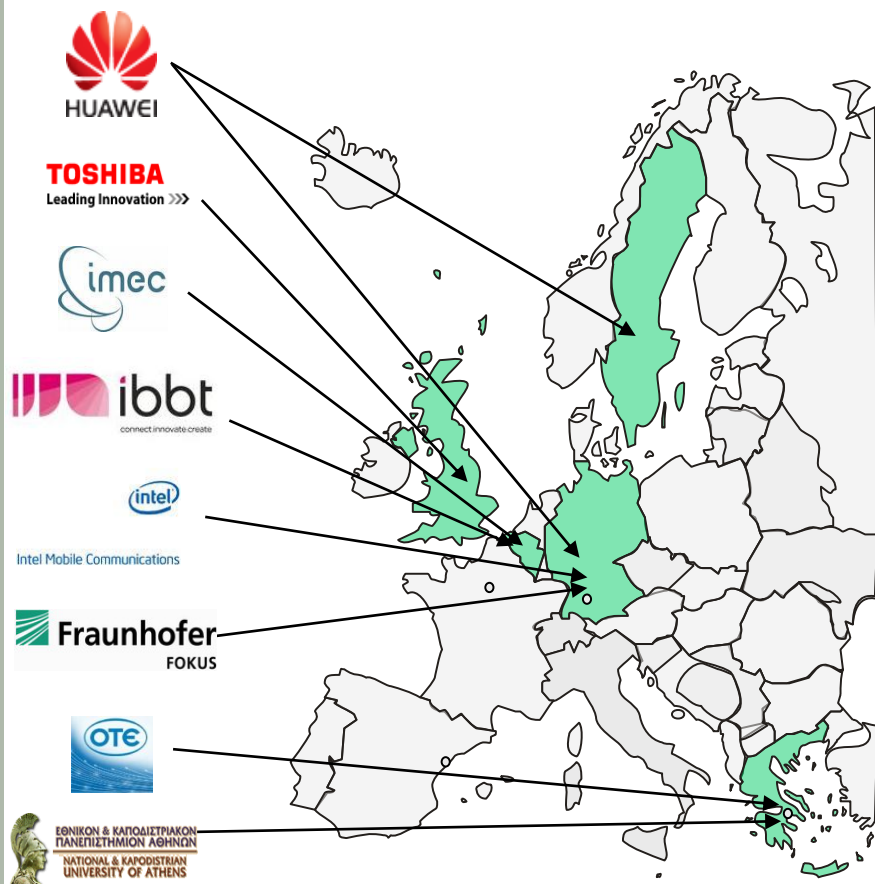
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- Paper explicitly demonstrates the relevance of using multi-actor analysis for understanding critical interplay between stakeholders in a business ecosystem. Next steps and future research includes :
  - Exploring and establishing the CONSERN business ecosystem based on inputs from real world actors
  - Validating stakeholder positions through expert interviews and workshops.
  - Repeat similar exercise for Operator Centric business model in Office and Campus environment.
  
- Results from MACTOR analysis will act as an input for strategic recommendations and performing impact assessment for CONSERN.
  
- From a methodology point of view, we intend to improve and adapt MACTOR for upcoming and current research tasks.



# PROJECT OVERVIEW & CONSORTIUM



## Project Consortium:

- NKUA ■ HWDU ■ HWSE
- Fraunhofer ■ IBBT ■ IMC
- IMEC ■ TREL ■ OTE

## Project Data:

- Duration: 24 months
- Start: 01/06/2010

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