Mobile Network Testing

INDUSTRIAL RADIO DAY PERFORMANCE VERIFICATION IN TODAY'S INDUSTRY 5G NETWORKS



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- **Industry applications and network**
- Test methods to emulate industry applications
- How do enterprise networks perform today? (real performance measurements)
- Test solutions and summary



5G enterprise networks enable business-/mission-critical use cases with increased productivity

Manufacturing



Warehouse



Mining



Ports



Critical Infrastructure



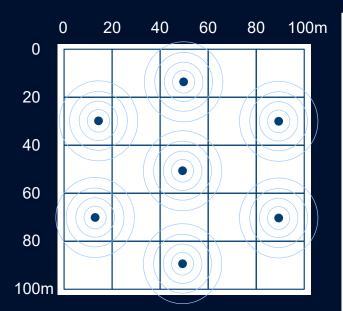
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Common requirement: superior performance level (in terms of data rate and latency)

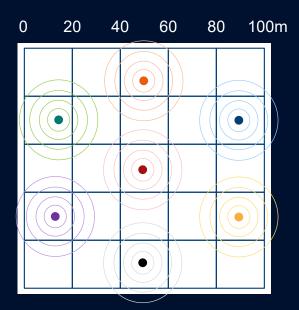


Deployment status of enterprise networks



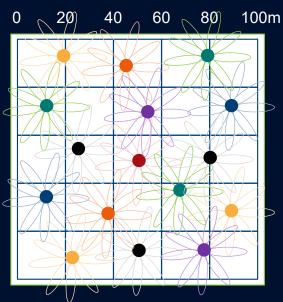
- ► Same PCI, same signal everywhere (omni ant.)
- ► Inefficient, but "Tx diversity"

At the beginning; often today



- Different PCIs, different signals
- ► Higher capacity, but no redundancy

Intermediate; not often seen live



- Different PCIs and beams
- ► Higher capacity, incl. redundancy

Optimized capacity + reliability





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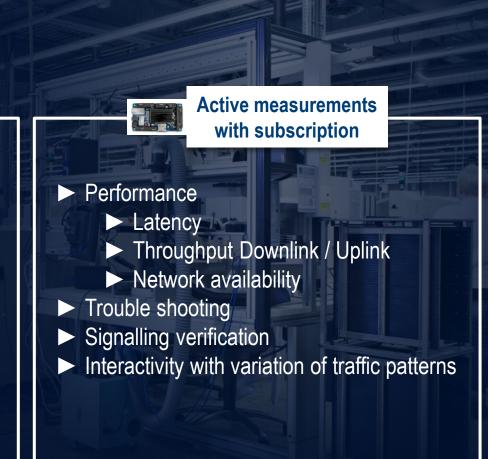


Passive and Active

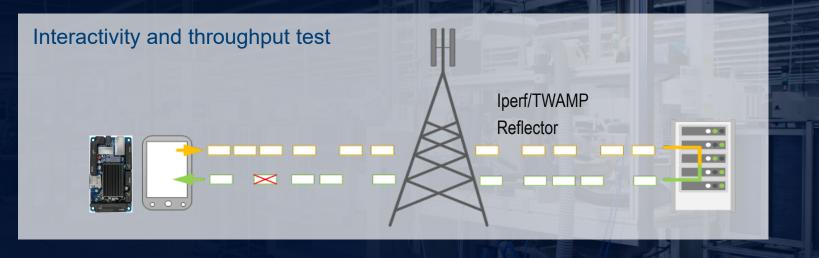


Passive Measurements without subscription

- ➤ Automatic Channel Detection
- Measurements of all DL signals on-air
- Decoding of Broadcast Channel Information
- Synchronisation
- high accuracy and speed
- Cell centric
- Beam centric
- ► EMF



Latency and Throughput Downlink / Uplink



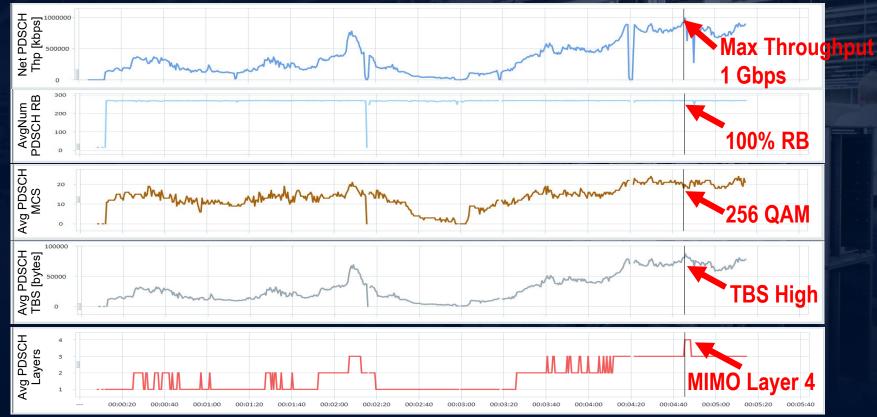
- ➤ TWAMP: Two-Way Active Measurement Protocol specified by IETF (RFC 5357) (Traffic can be emulated; TWAMP defined for latency SLA verifications) Based on TWAMP, definition of test scenarios (Interactivity score)
- ▶ iperf3: Throughput uplink/downlink single stream or multiple streams (UDP/TCP)



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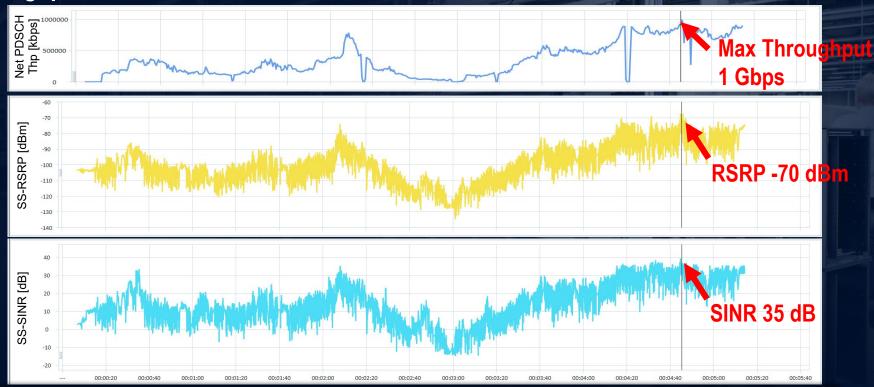


Case 1: How are these networks performing today Throughput in relation to data settings





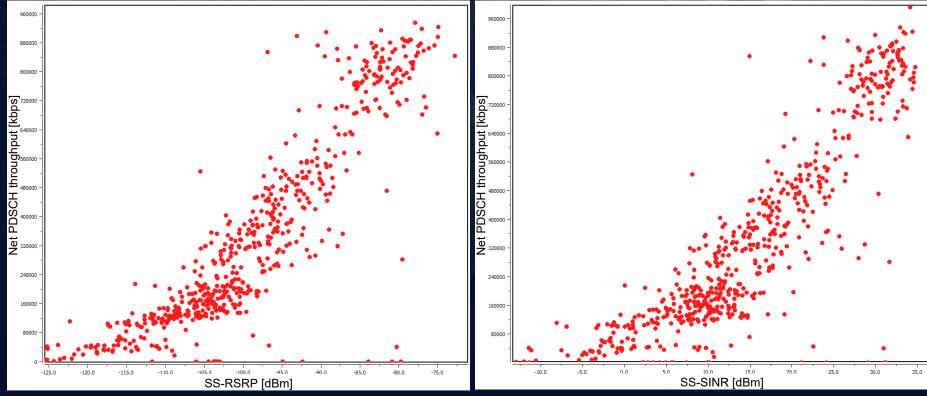
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▶ Data throughput offered by 5G is given



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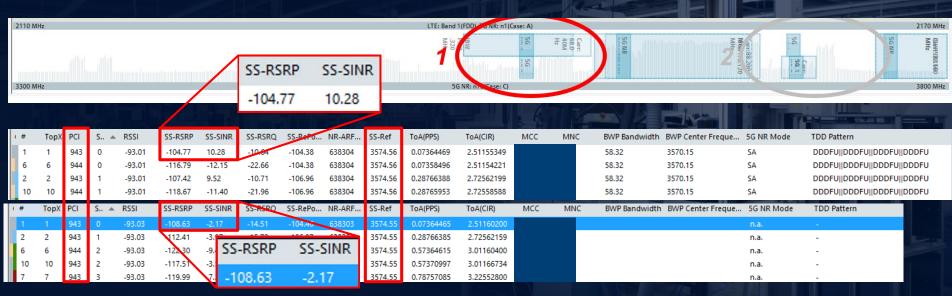
Case Exhibition: Overview Network situation Sharing the same frequencies – Automatic Channel Detection



- 1) Multiple cells overlap in operator spectrum around 3.5 GHz
- 2) Multiple cells overlap in dedicated spectrum around 3.7GHz (private spectrum)
- ▶ Let's do drill-down



Case 2: Overview Network situation Sharing the same frequencies – drill-down 1



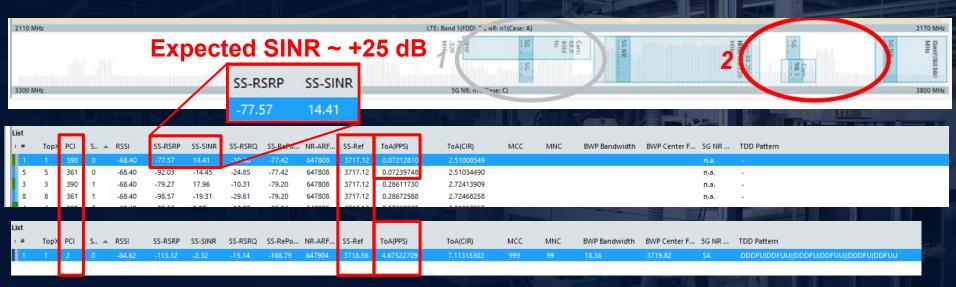
- 1) Problems and measurements:
 - PCIs: same or very similar
 - SS-Ref. frequencies slightly different
 - Second network has bad signal quality (SINR)

Analysis of purely passive measurements:

- Misconfiguration of cells (same PCI)?
- Check frequency stability?
- Advantage of scanner



Case 2: Overview Network situation Sharing the same frequencies – drill-down 2



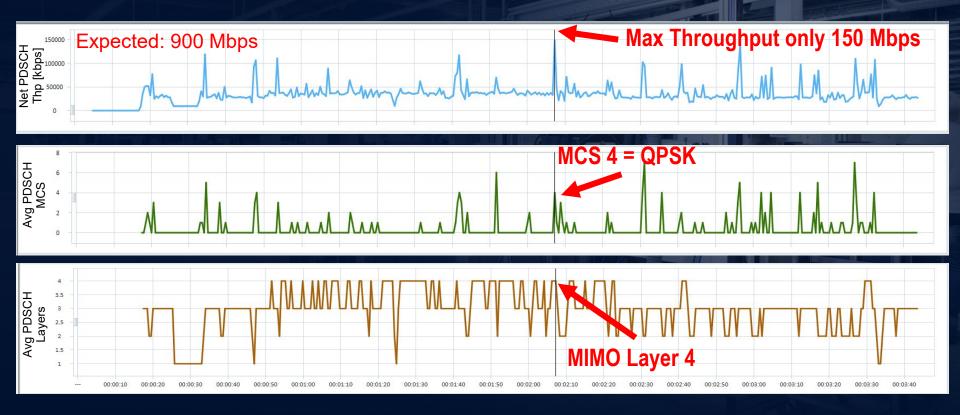
Measurements:

- Different networks overlap (different PCIs)
- Much higher SINR expected
- Networks not synchronized (4.6ms difference)

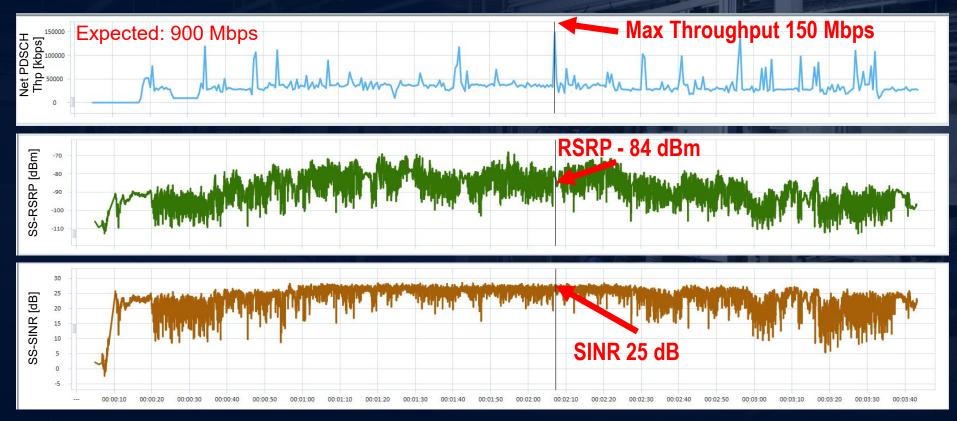
Analysis of purely passive measurements:

- Upper network interfered
- Lower network seems to be the interference source
- Advantage of scanner





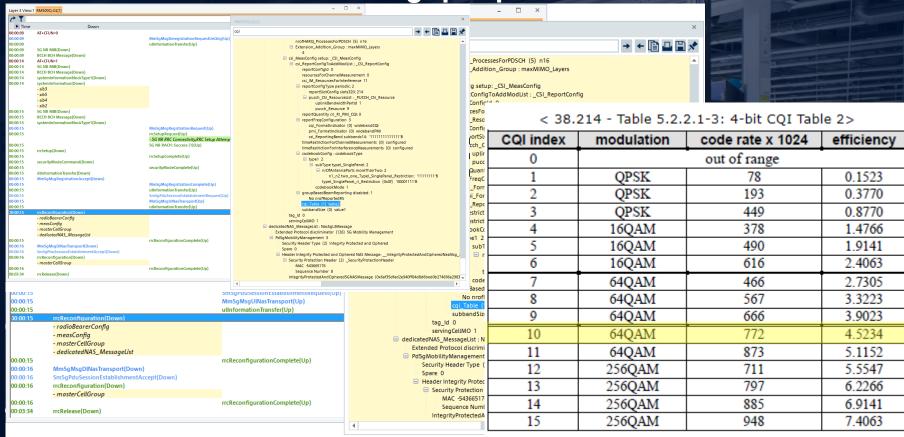






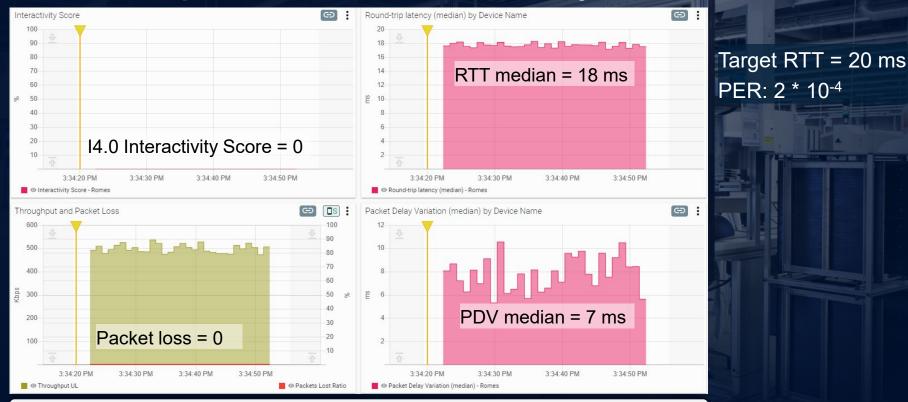








Case 4: I4.0 process control with industry module as frontend



Let's do drill-down



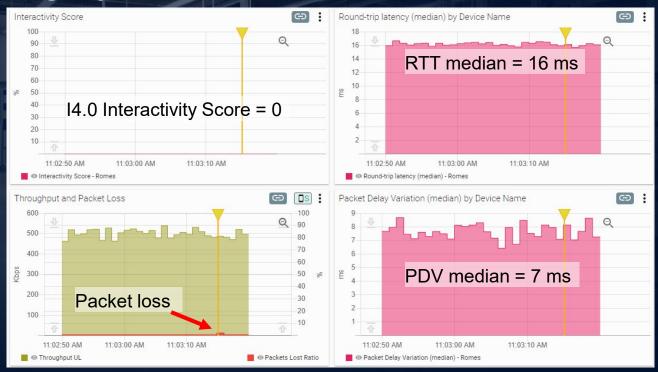
Case 4: Roundtrip Time per packet $RTT_{min} = 7.6 \text{ ms}$; $RTT_{avg} = 17.7 \text{ ms}$; $RTT_{max} = 105.3 \text{ ms}$



▶ 80% of packets are too late (discarded) – causing "Interactivity Score = 0"



Case 5: I4.0 process control with industry module as frontend Slightly better RTT results

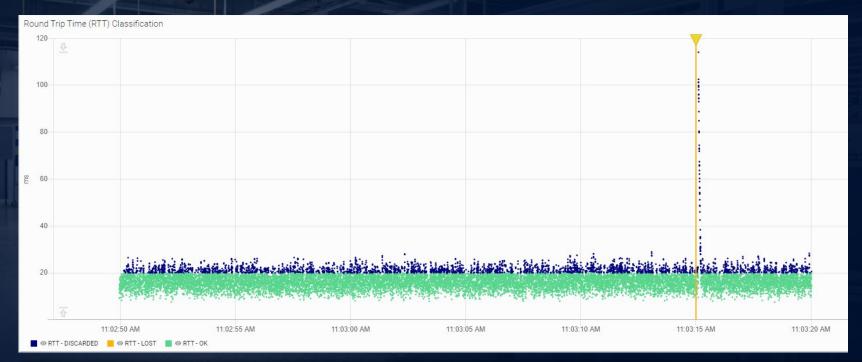


Target RTT = 20 ms PER: 2 * 10⁻⁴

Still Interact. Score = 0?



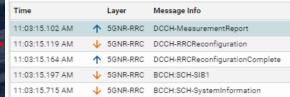
Case 5: Roundtrip Time per packet



- More RTT samples below 20 ms
- One significant outlier (where also packet loss happens) → drill-down next level!



Case 5: multi-cell network







- ► RRC Reconfiguration: 5G NR cell change
- ► Cell change causes packet loss and impacts RTT



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Private Network testing solutions for all user groups

Deployment, site acceptance, initial performance > Performance tuning, troubleshooting



Easy GUI passive + active

- Fast to operate



Advanced GUI passive + active

- Deep dive
- Engineering
- TTI resolution

Network operation (e.g. factory IT)



QualiPoc Android (smartphone based)

Easy GUI Active tests

- Functional testing
- Performance test

Data analytics, drill down, quality monitoring



Web-based GUI Database

- Multiple objects campaigns
- Trend analysis

Summary

5G provides all means for business-critical use cases (URLLC, network slicing,...)

Potential interruptions in production / logistics / processes due to too long latencies and lost packets compromise productivity gains

Data throughput is already well underway (outlook to more busy networks and multi-cell / multi-beam approach)

Latency is an area for optimization (URLLC features are often not yet implemented; networks are more tuned for high data rate, but not for minimized latency)

Passive and active network testing solutions available for all enterprise user groups in deployment, site acceptance, performance tuning, troubleshooting and operation

► Rohde & Schwarz is your One-Stop-Shop for verifying 5G enterprise network performance

