UK/EU Case Studies on use of 'Shared Spectrum'

Global Perspectives on Spectrum Sharing

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Introduction



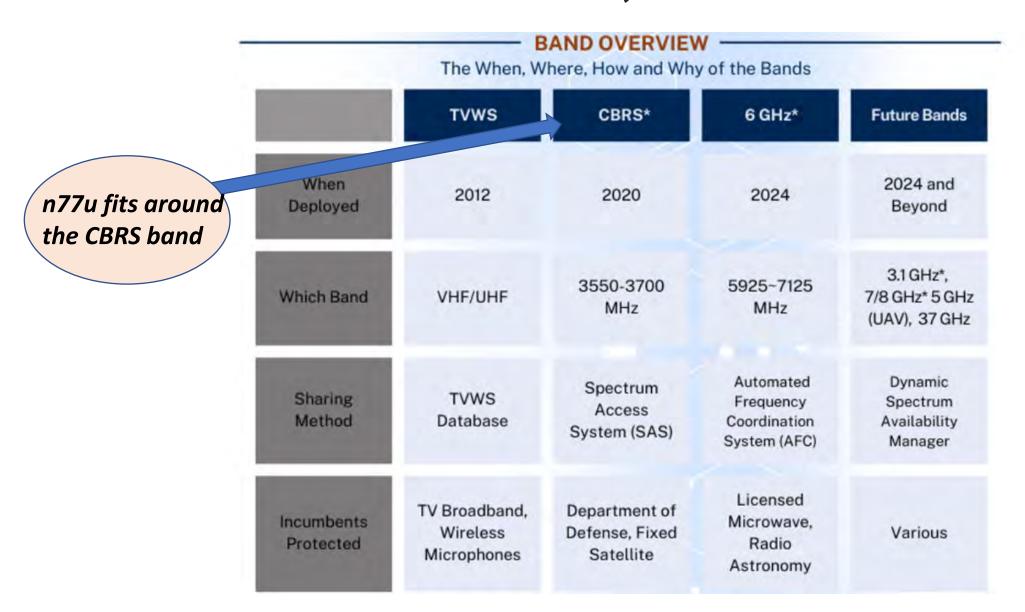
- Spectrum it's everyone's resource (!)
- Shared Spectrum TVWS, PMSE, CBRS, n77u, MoD Bands?
- Private 5G networks Compete or complement with Public Networks?
- How do I license? Statically, Dynamically, Occasionally, Randomly?
- Who will license? Regulators, Appointed Agents, AI, Local sensing?
- How long to get a licence? secs, hours, days, months? UEs?
- Over what area can I license? Indoors, stadiums, campuses, cities?
- For how long do I licence & cost? Minutes, Hours, days, years?
- The evolution of n77u in UK and now in the EU with CEPT?
- What's Next? More Technology & Engineering, & even more Politics
- And who is policing? Interference, pirates, geofences? Prosecute?

Case Studies - What can you do?

- UK, MotoGP, 2021 the first live to air private 5G
- Denmark / Netherlands, 2022 Indoors and popup gNodeBike
- UK, King's Coronation, London, 2023 largest multi-cell P5G network
- Denmark / Netherlands, 2022 Indoors and popup gNodeBike
- France, City Networks Paris 2024 6km & 11 gNodeBs track River
- France, Networks at sea Paris 2024 3 floating gNodeBoats
- UK, Stadium Networks, 2025 stacked use cases, complement DAS
- France, 2025 Mobile, Mobile Networks gNodePlanes
- Ireland, 2025, PPDR Public Protection Disaster Relief, Emergency!
- Italy, 2025, Festivals and Broadcast, the gNodeDrone
- UK, OnSide, 2025 Uplink centric networks, To synch or not to synch?

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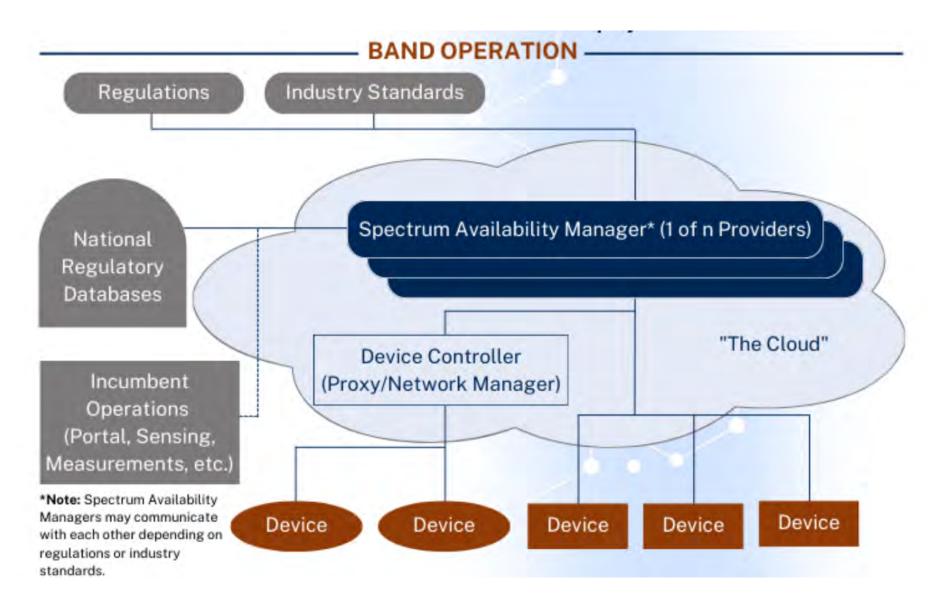






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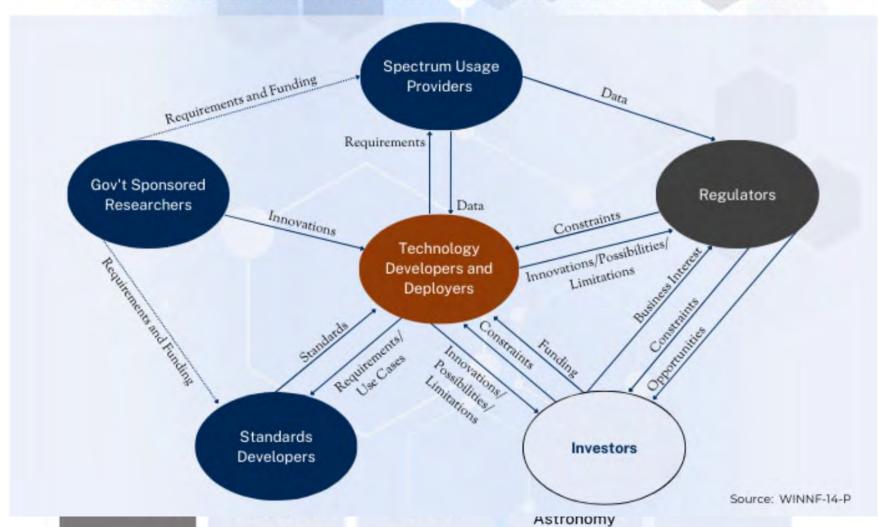




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RELATIONSHIPS AMONG SPECTRUM SHARING STAKEHOLDERS



n77u fits aroun the CBRS band

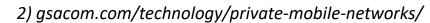


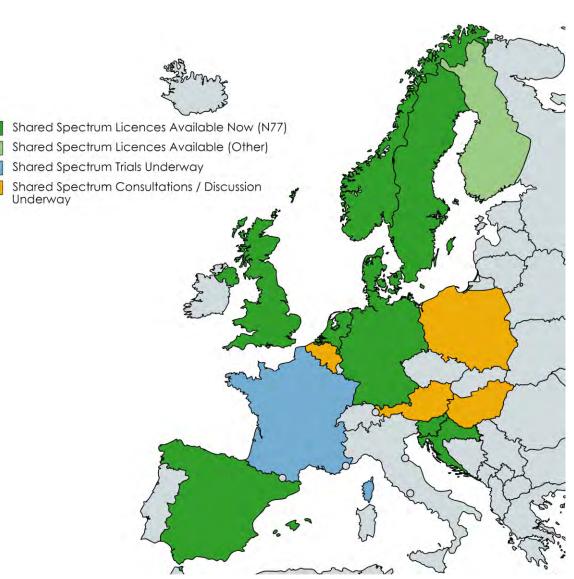
Driven by Spectrum – International Private 5G Opportunities



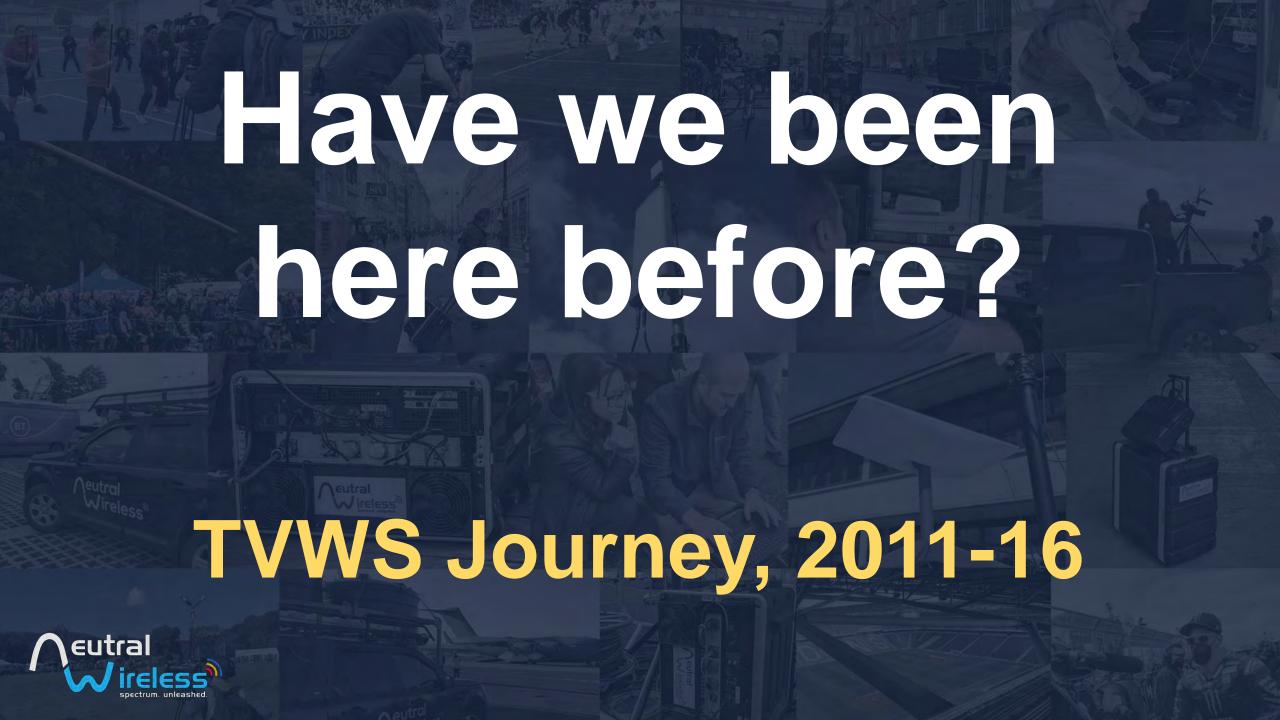
- Open mandate for the CEPT to assess the technical feasibility for harmonised shared use of the 3.8-4.2 GHz (n77u) frequency band to provide local-area network connectivity1.
- Many countries in Europe now have existing legislation to enable shared spectrum access2.
- Deployment options available in the Canada, Brazil, Australia, Japan, and more!
- Speak with a member of our team to find out more about a specific country or region.

¹⁾ digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/library/radio-spectrum-cept-mandates





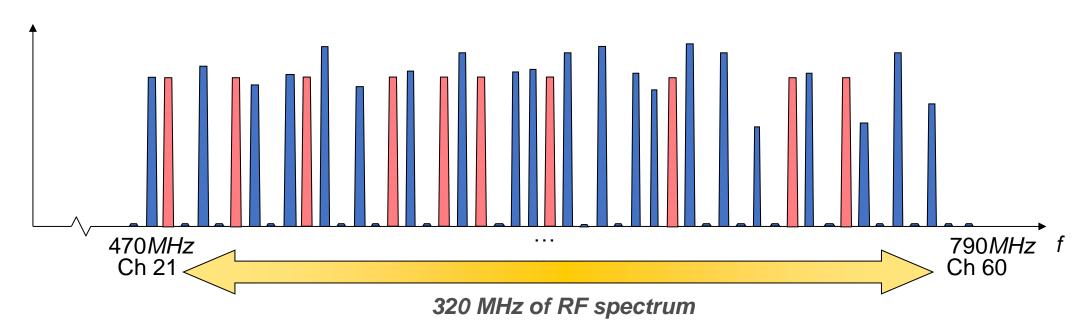




TV White Space



Unused spectrum – "White Spaces":



Benefits of using the white spaces include:

- More efficient use of spectrum
- More effective network coverage
- Good propagation characteristics (e.g. fewer 'not-spots')





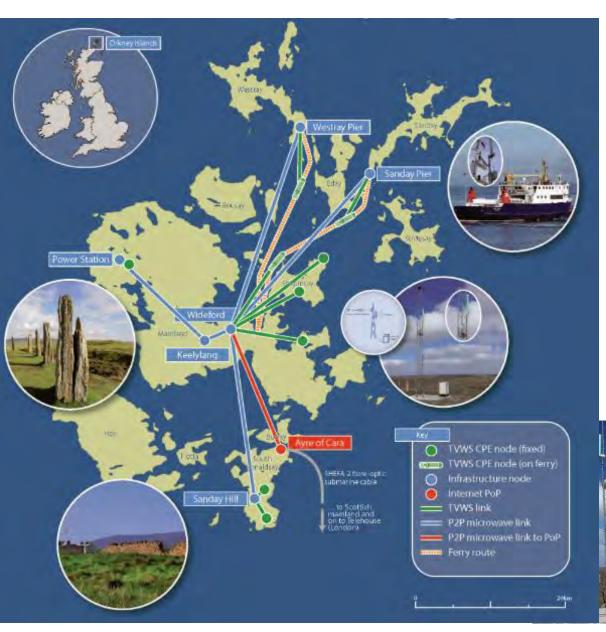












Connecting ferries and hard-to-reach rural premises in Orkney



















UK Spectrum Sharing – New Revolution Hailed in 2019





· Farming and factories among the sectors likely to benefit from innovation

Farmers, factories and business parks are some of the groups that could benefit from a revolution in wireless technology, following a decision by Ofcom today to open up airwaves to support innovation and enable new services.

Of commanages the UK's airwaves – or spectrum – which are crucial to power services such as mobile phones, wireless broadband and connected devices.

To help promote wireless innovation across the UK economy, we have today decided to open up airwaves that previously could only be used by certain parties. We're also allowing different groups to access airwaves licensed to mobile companies, but not being used by them.

Under the a new sharing framework, these airwaves will be available for local use by a range of other parties – such as small businesses or pioneering start-up firms. Ofcom is adding safeguards to ensure that these users do not cause interference to existing users.

Supporting innovation

The new approach could pave the way for a number of new services. For example:

Manufacturers could establish connected factories — using a reliable high-sneed wireless networks to connect control and monitor machinery.

Shared Spectrum
Revolution!

25th July **2019**

Shared and Local Licences

Jose it or share it...



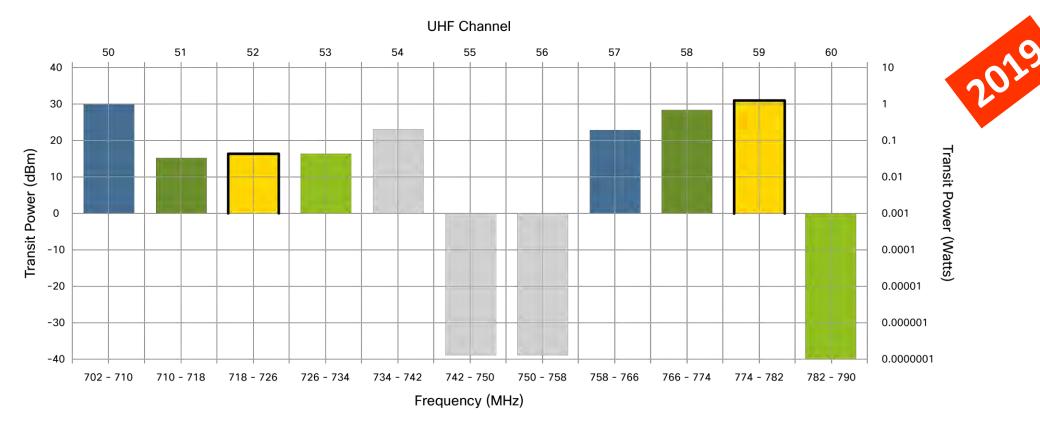


Demonstration of Shared and Dynamic Spectrum for 5G:

Making Effective Use of a Key Resource

22nd August 2019

LTE using the existing TVWS Database



Current Frequency

706/761MHz

Allowed Transmit Power

722/777MHz UL: 16.21 dBm

DL: 31 dBm

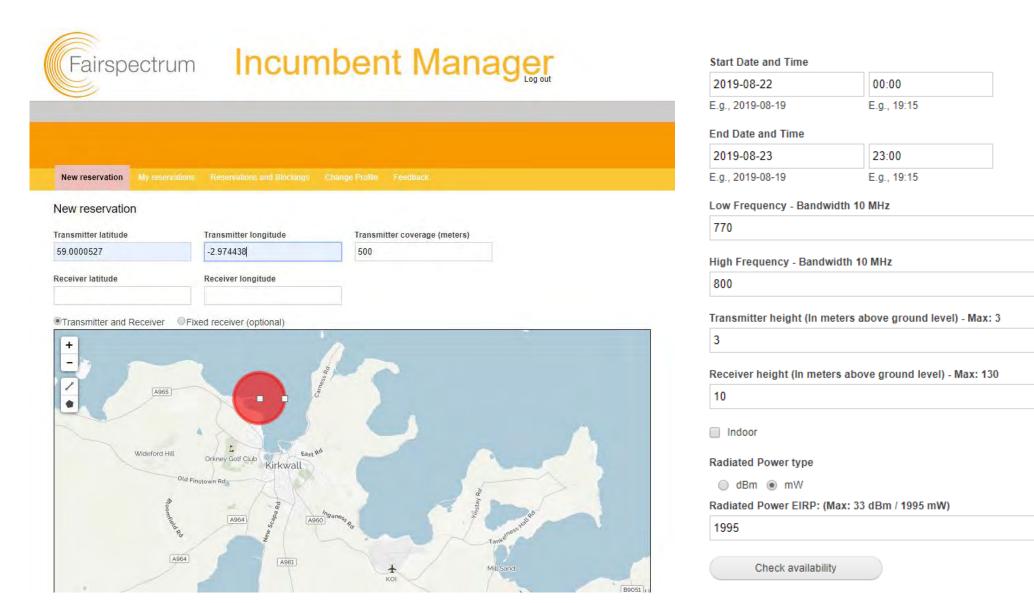
Swap Frequency

Update DSA DB

Next DB update in: 3:05



Fairspectrum Incumbent Manager







Spectrum Types

- 1. Licensed
- 2. Unlicensed
- 3. 'Shared Bands'



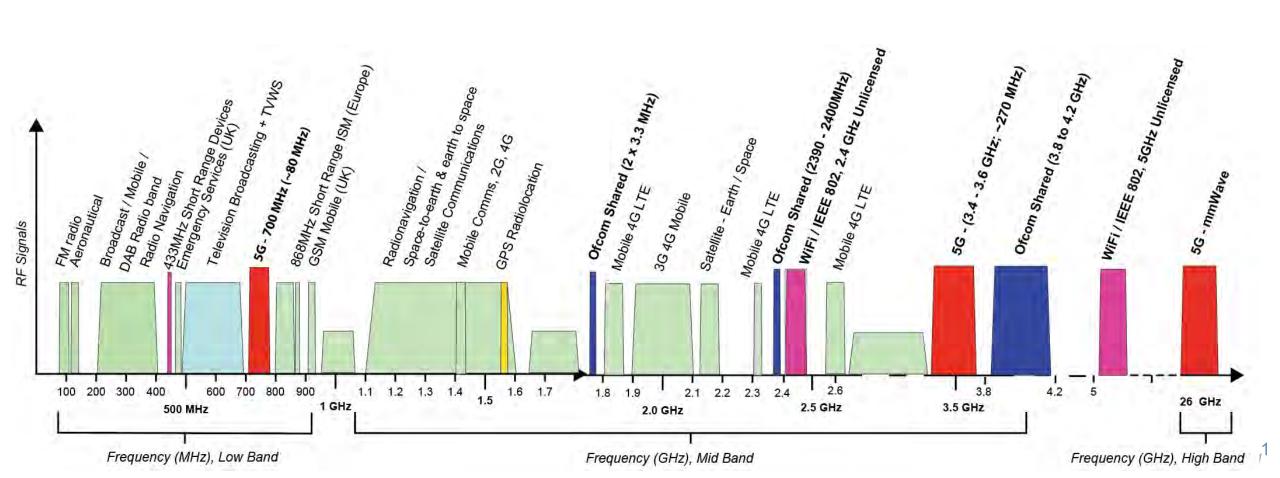
Spectrum Types

- 1. Licensed: Networks / MNOs
- 2. Unlicensed: WiFi, 802.11
- 3. 'Shared Bands': CBRS, TVWS, n77



Spectrum – Licensed, Unlicensed & Shared

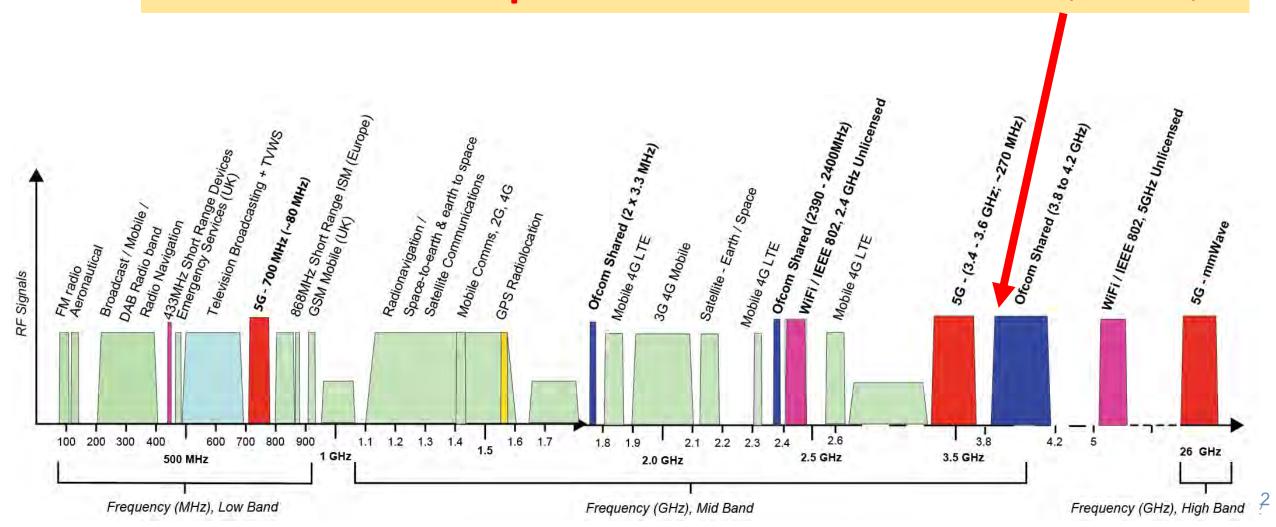




Spectrum – Licensed, Unlicensed & Shared



n77u – Shared Spectrum: 3800 – 4200 MHz (400 мнz)



Low and Mid Bands 400MHz to 5GHz

The Beachfront spectrum. Wide area, through walls. It is full? Naw!



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Operative: Working and operating the lab & field

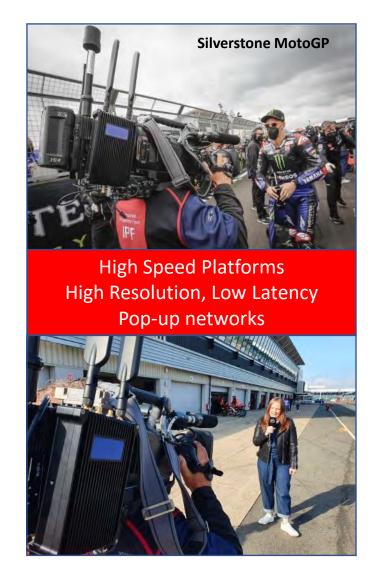
from 2019 we created our own n77 radios and networks. UEs were using modems – 5G SA operable handsets only arrived 2023/24 Networks were lab and T&D based





Silverstone MotoGP – The Worlds first 5G SA Broadcast























Conclusion 2021: Seems to work and order of magnitude cheaer tha sliving or similar.

After MotoGP - LiveSports Stone-X - Saracens vs Nottingham





Danish Parliament Opening – Nov 2022



5G SA – inside and outside of Parliament – n77 T&D











Live in Scotland, September 2022

StrathSDR

Ocutral

Wireless

Pitlochry Highland Games - Traditional Scottish Sports and Culture













Live in Ireland – August 2022



Fleadh Cheoil - Mullingar 'The Homecoming' traditional music festival

















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Performative:

Robust enough to be deployed & work

From 2022 to 2023 live performing networks for demonstration of live broadcast use case. Sports, civic, and live events demonstrated, but worked so well went live internationally



Product Brief

Overview of NW 5G Solutions

5G Network in a Box (NIB) and Disaggregated Configurations

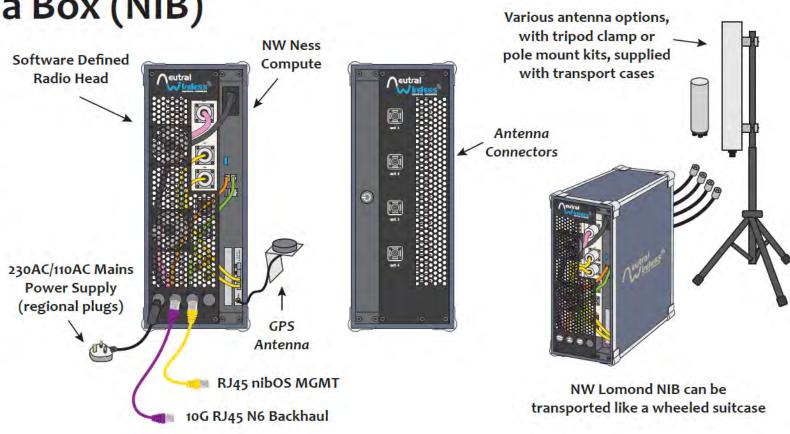


NW Lomond Network in a Box (NIB)

An all-in-one network with the radio head and computer featuring the vBBU gNB stack and mini-5GC, packaged in a rugged wheeled 19 inch rack case. Suitable for the pop up networks, events, and the lab.

Omni or sector antennas are supplied with a transport case and 3m tripod stand. This solution is not water resistant, and therefore generally not suitable for outdoor use. For outdoor-friendly networks, the Disaggregated Lomond is recommended.

Note: You can start with a NIB, and add on more disaggregated radios to build a multi-cell network











The final journey of HRH from Scotland – September 2022









StrathSDR

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The Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III – May 2023

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Supporting international broadcasters on the world's largest private 5G network







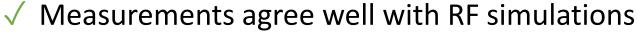




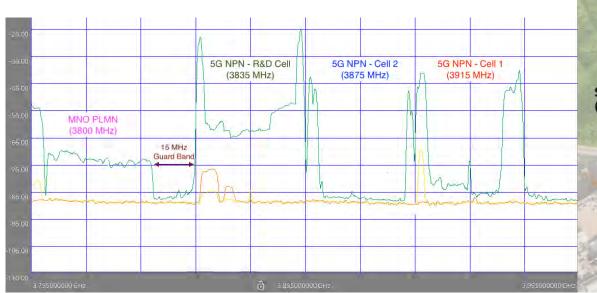
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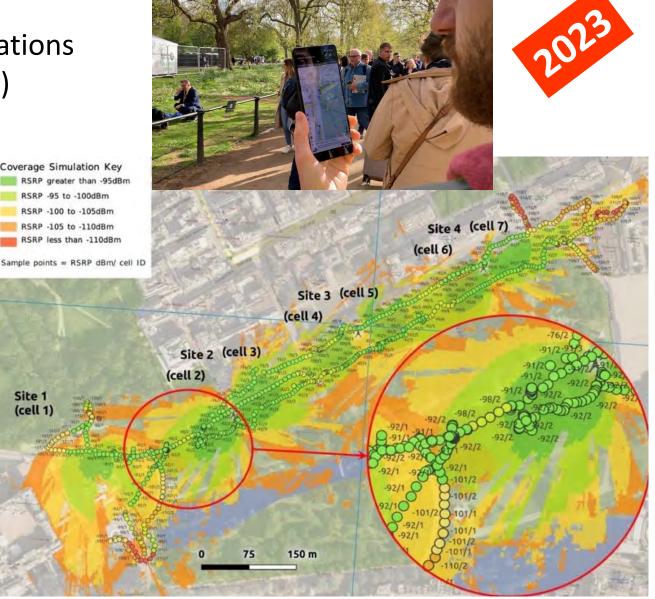


Phase 4 – Network deployment and verification



- √ (Coverage actually better than predicted)
- √ Allocated 80 MHz spectrum
 - 2x 40 MHz channels (A/B)
 - Original 40 MHz licence at CG (C)
- ✓ Provided over 1 Gbps of uplink
- √ connectivity; cell handover





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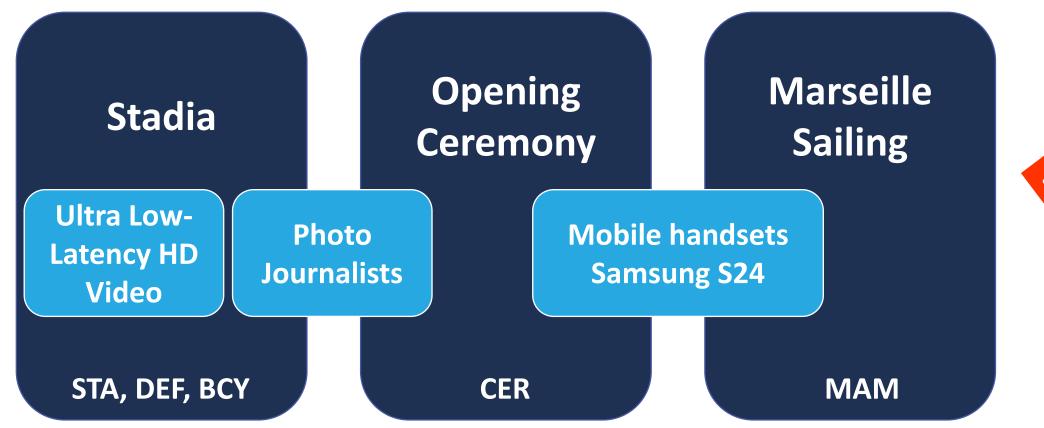
Fully operational and engineered to perform

In 2023 & 2024 Paris Olympics engineered networks to provide live event coverage for international markets with sufficient reliability and quality for broadcasters





P5G SA was used extensively at Paris 2024



STA	Athletics
DEF	Swimming
BCY	Gymnastics

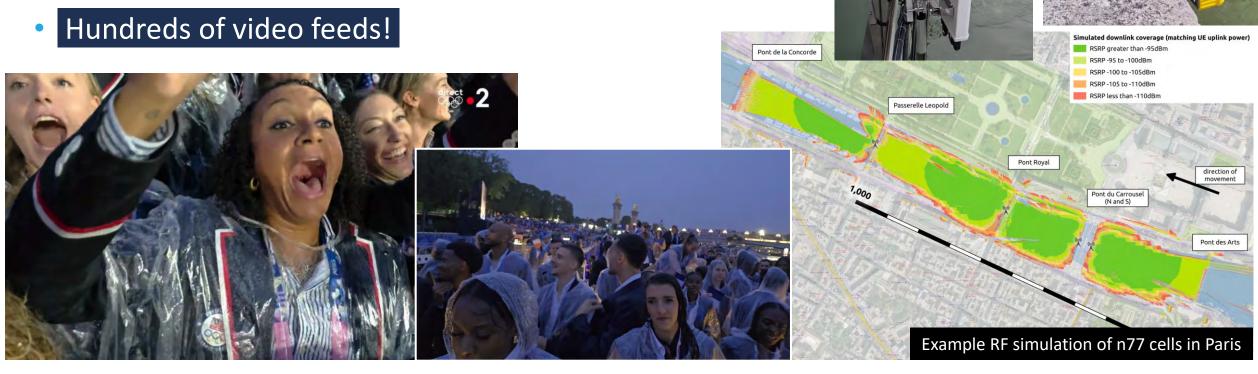
1st Olympic Games
Opening Ceremony
not to take place in
a Stadium



Paris 2024 – Opening Ceremony – River Seine

Boat procession along 6 km of the river

- 22× Uplink-biased private network cells:
 - 11× 60 MHz video cells (2.64 Gbps uplink)
 - 11× 40 MHz photo cells (1.76 Gbps uplink)
- 217× Samsung S24U handsets on 85 boats





Down at the River Seine in Paris

















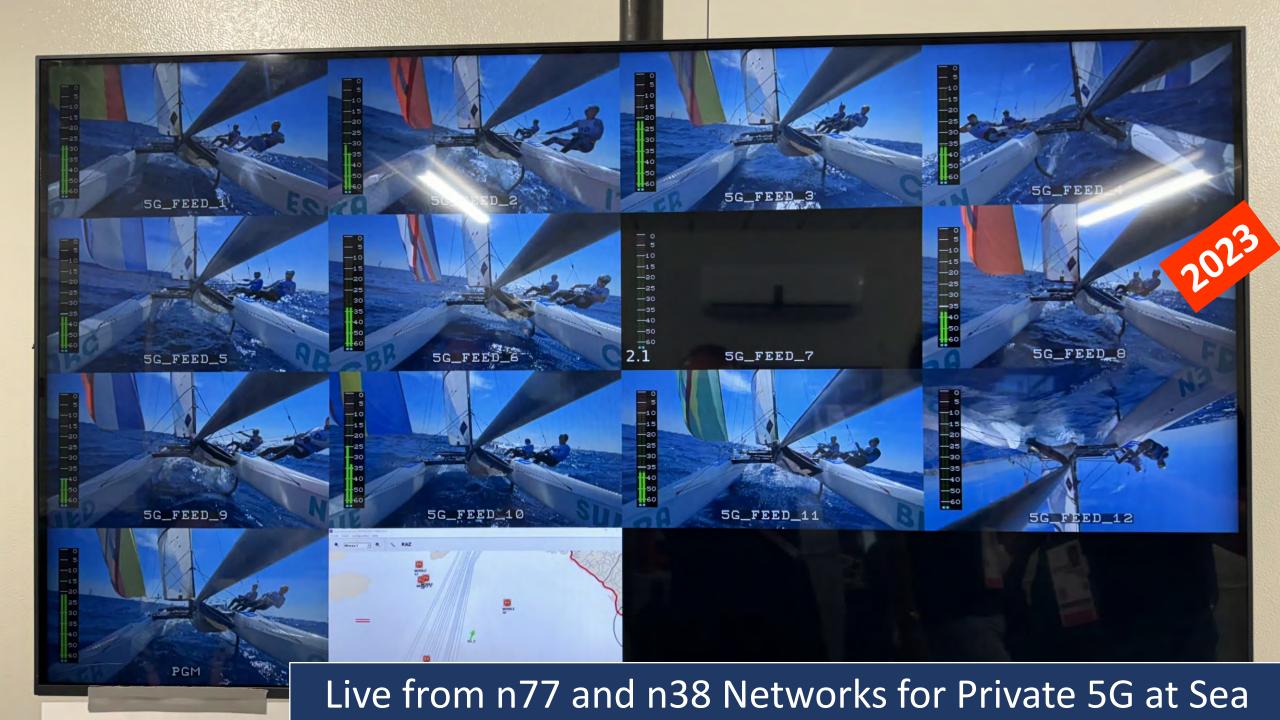
Paris 2024 – Sailing in Marseille

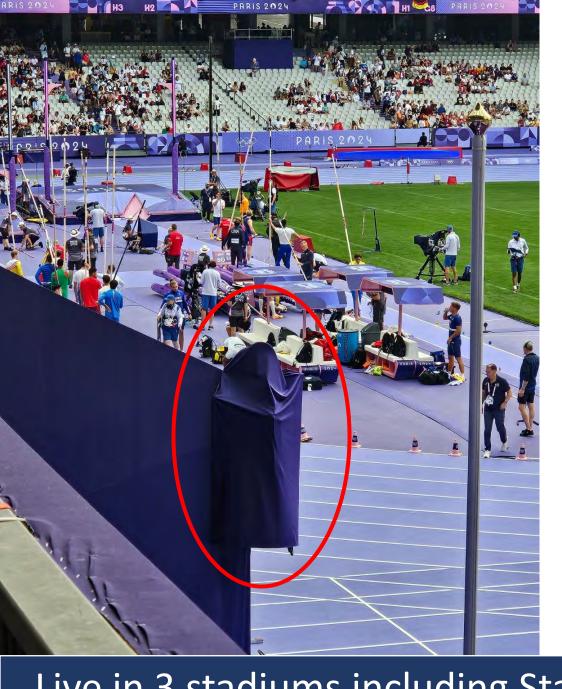
- Multi-cell P5G "out on the water" a "mobile" mobile network
- $3 \times$ gNodeBoats move with the field of play $(2 \times n77 + 1 \times n38)$
- Backhauled using high-power highly-directional WiFi 6
- Up to 12× video feeds per race (S24U / S23 + helmet camera)
- Bluetooth microphones on athletes to provide on-board audio



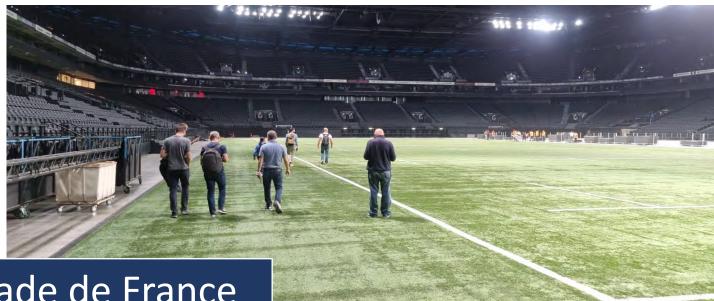






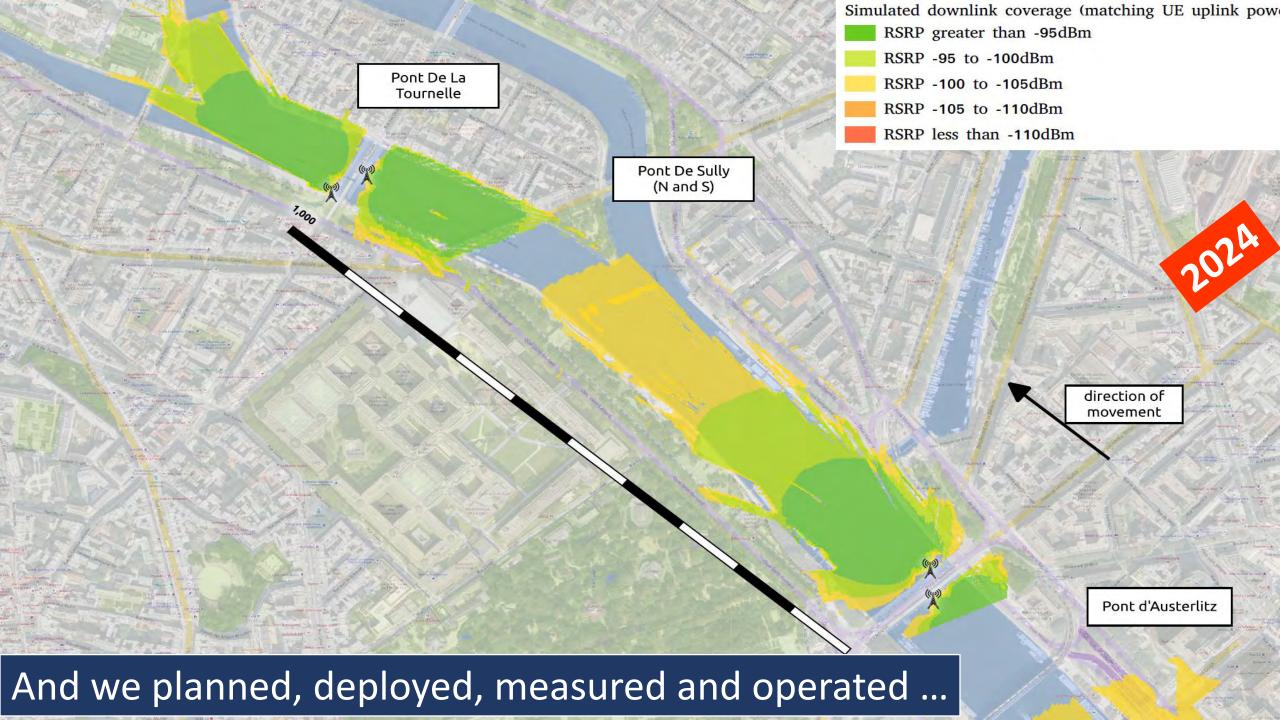






Live in 3 stadiums including Stade de France





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Quantitative

Sandbox Testing, Modelling & Measurement

In 2025 for n77u it can be engineered to work well in challenging environments. We measured, quantified, verified and shared. Uplink ratios need NOT always be common. Operating in shadow of high power/high tower is all 'fine'



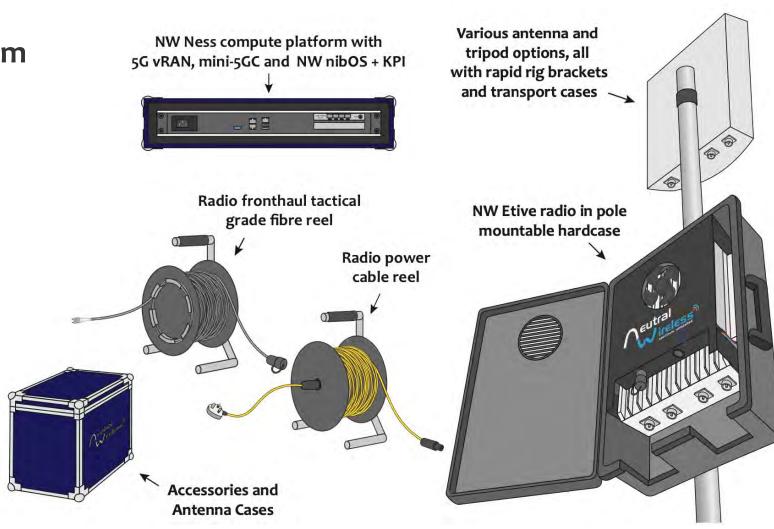
NW EtivePortable 5G Network Ecosystem



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The Neutral Wireless **Etive** is a fully portable 5G network ecosystem, with Release 18 aligned vRAN software stack and integrated mini-5GC for subscriber management and local data breakout. **Etive** is the perfect solution for lab work and field trials, and also for deploying a pop-up 5G network at events for sports broadcasting, music festivals, and conferences.

The NW **Etive** is a truly mobile private 5G SA solution, with radio heads, the NW Ness compute platform, antennas and accessories packaged in rugged transport cases ready for rapid deployment. The hardcase containing the radio (pictured right) can be directly pole mounted, and the 5G network can be unpacked and operational in as little as 5 minutes.



Operational Dashboard: Radio health, network, UE performace



Neutral Wireless operations dashboard presents details and statistics for all connected devices.

n77 Sandbox Testing 2024-5

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Open Network Shared Spectrum Innovation & Design Environment

Phase 1: Oct 2023 – Sept 2025













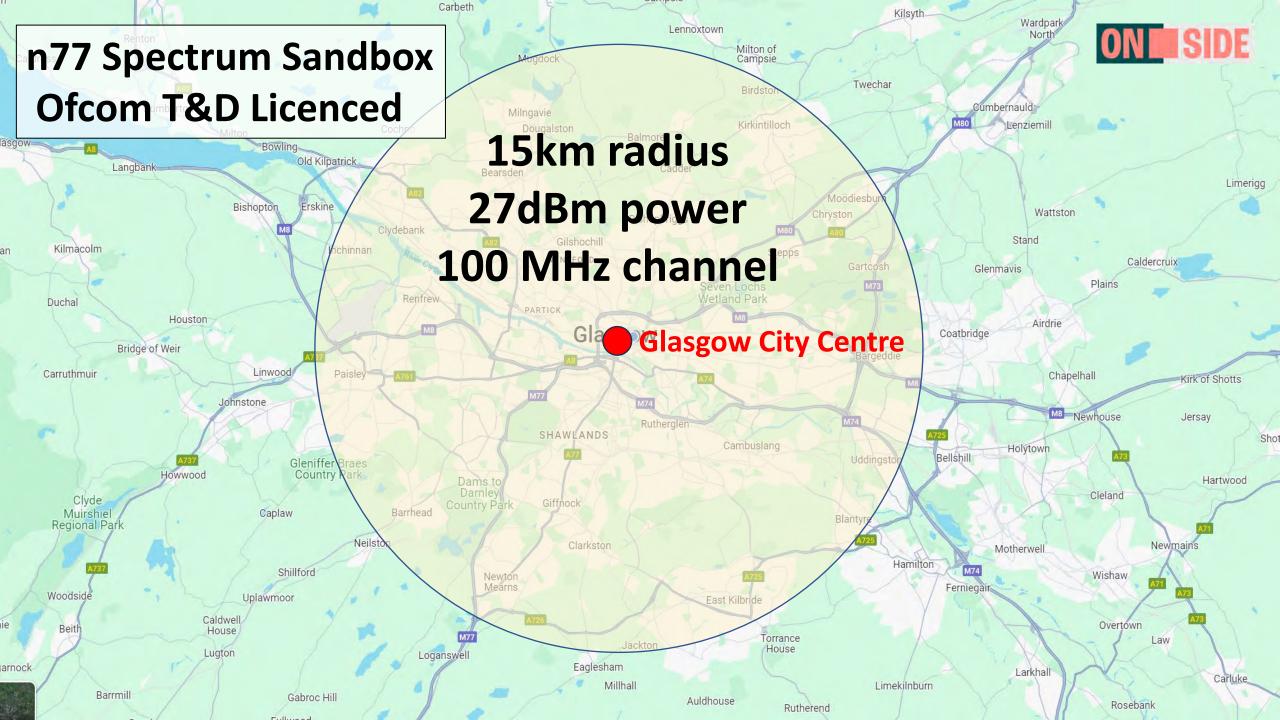






High Level Objectives of OnSide Project

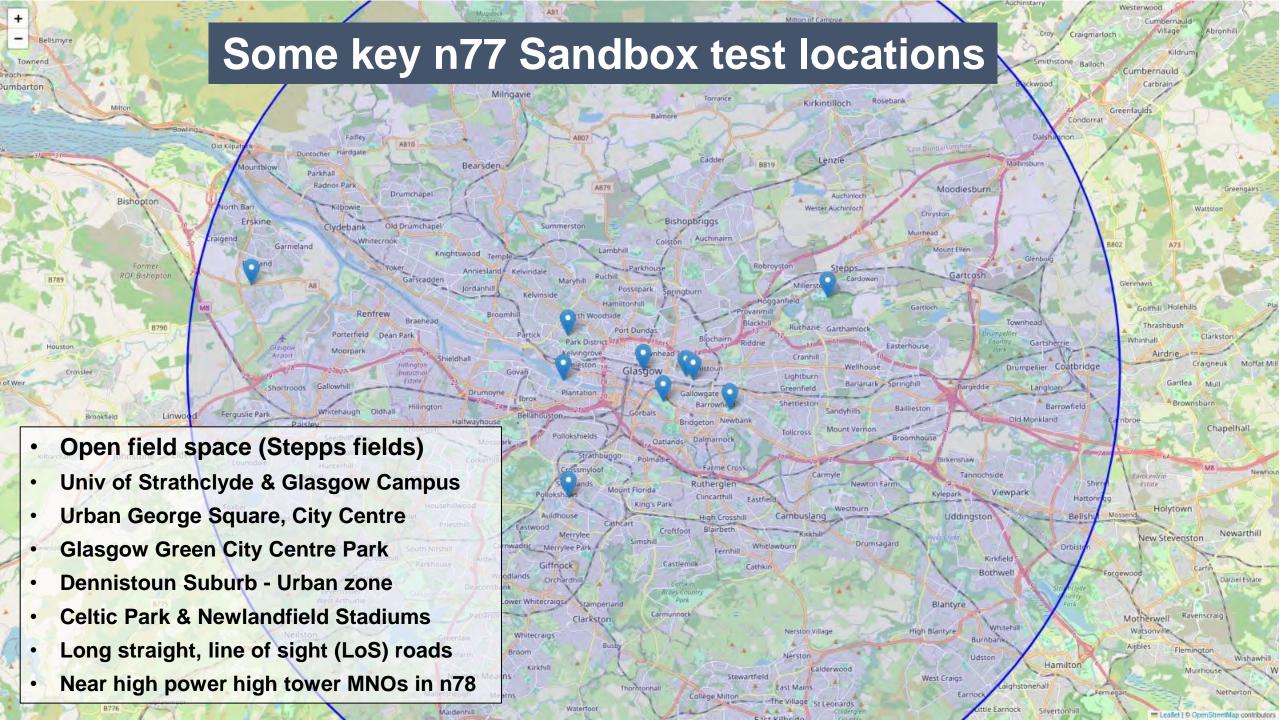
- 1. Developing **5G** private network technology for applications and use-cases that are not currently well served by public mobile networks.
- 2. n77 Spectrum sandbox 'special' licence covering the Glasgow City area for a period of 2 years, during which time we will aim to explore innovative ways of managing spectrum for pop-up 5G SA networks in the 3.8-4.2 Shared Access band.
- 3. A 'living lab' research, development, and design environment for testing and demonstrating state-of-the-art communications across the Glasgow City area ...integrating spectrum sensing & monitoring and innovative spectrum management
- 4. 100 MHz of n77 spectrum allocated in 3.8-4.2 GHz band for interoperability, interference testing, distance, indoor/outdoor testing.
- **5. Engaging and reporting to Stakeholders** throughout the project, disseminating findings and learnings & discussing potential innovative approaches to spectrum management.





n77 Sandbox: Activities and Measurements

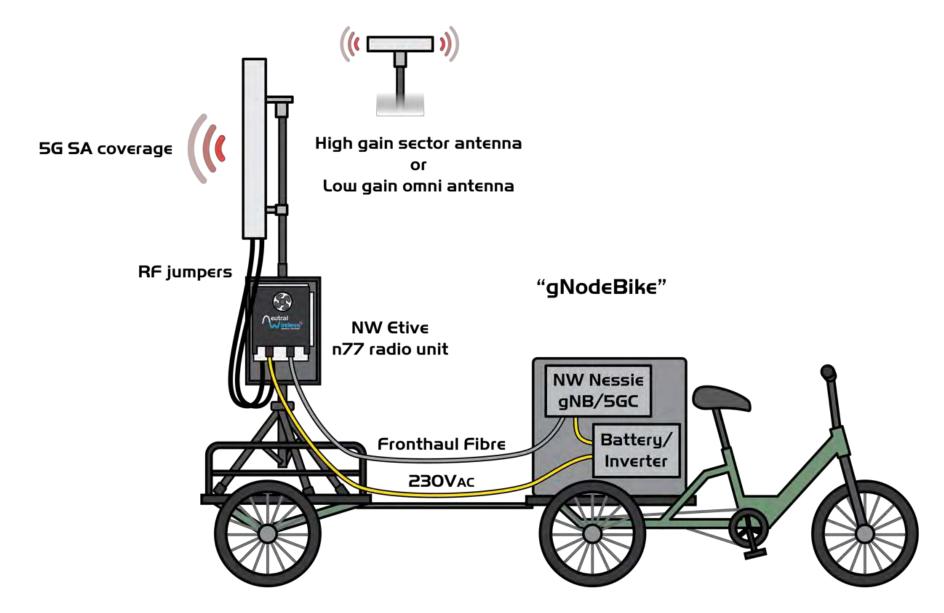
- Distances achievable line of sight, bit rates for low power whisper networks!
- RF modelling and prediction with models/lidar
- Outdoor clutter performance (city centre buildings, landscape/geography)
- Characterise key indoor clutter performance (BBC Studios)
- Stadium performance: n77 in empty stadium versus 60,000 people
- Measure on performance aiming to understand all UEs not equal
- In-radio live spectrum monitoring operational demonstration benefits
- Radio characterisation; engineering design optimisation all radios not equal
- Vary uplink/downlink ratios sync and no-sync operation



Sandbox Measurements Efforts

- 105 measurement campaign files captured for n77.
- 71.8 km walked with test UEs.
- 1454 minutes of network operation and recording.
- 71589 sample points recorded and analysed.

gNodeTrike: Goes 'anywhere' for n77 Testing





























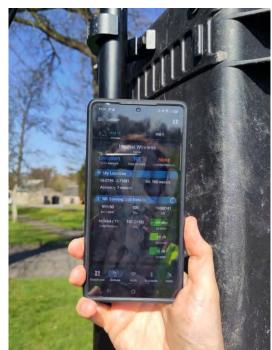


























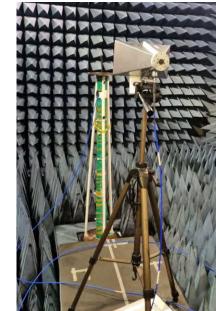
















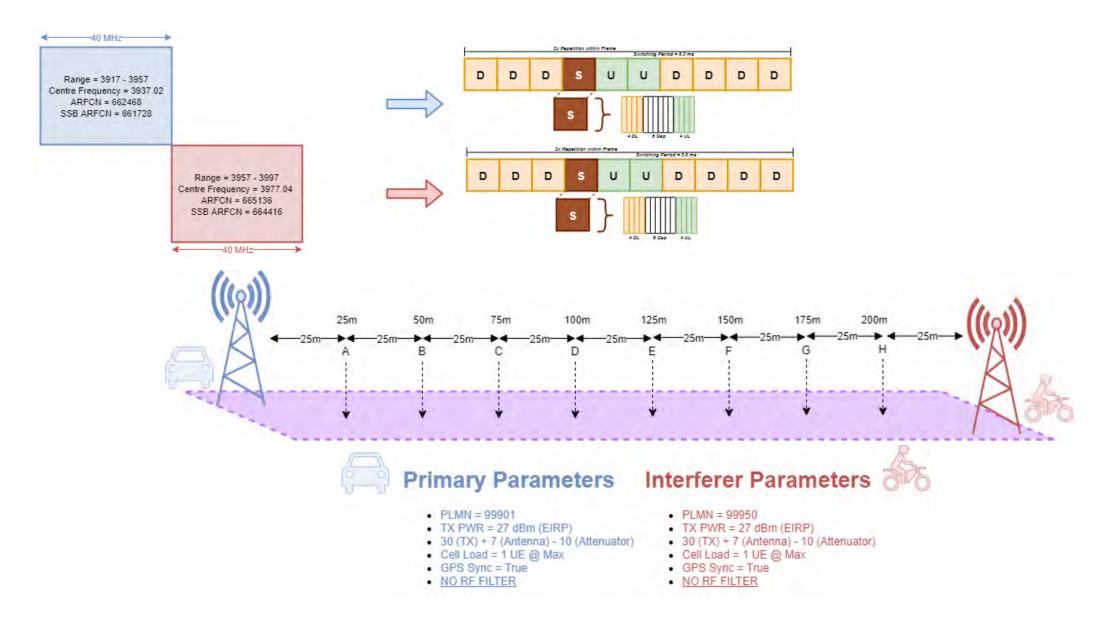






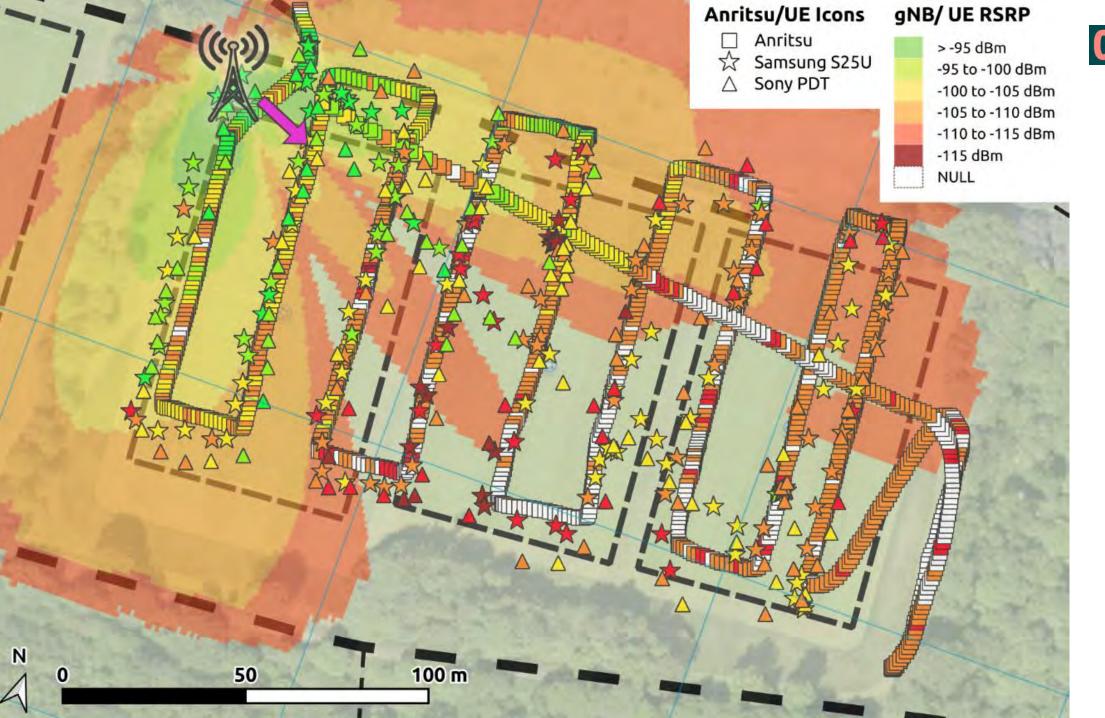


Private Network Deployments Using Adjacent Operating Channels – Stepps Playing Field





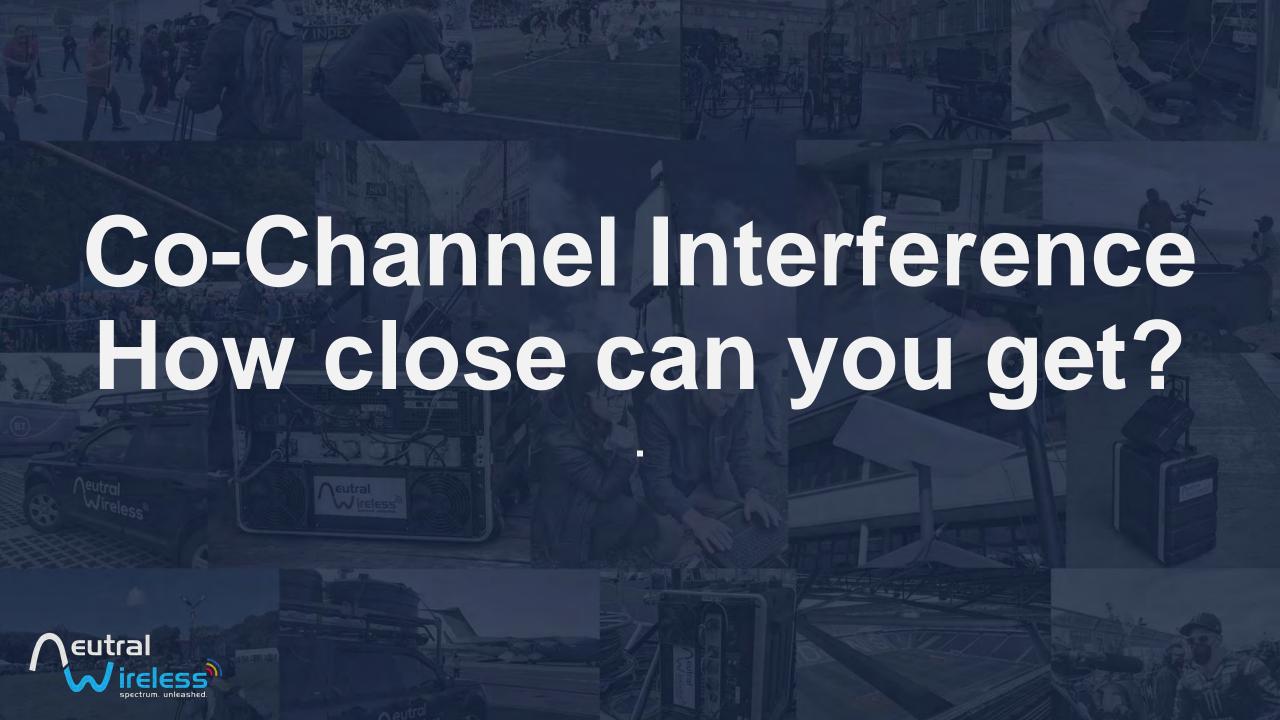




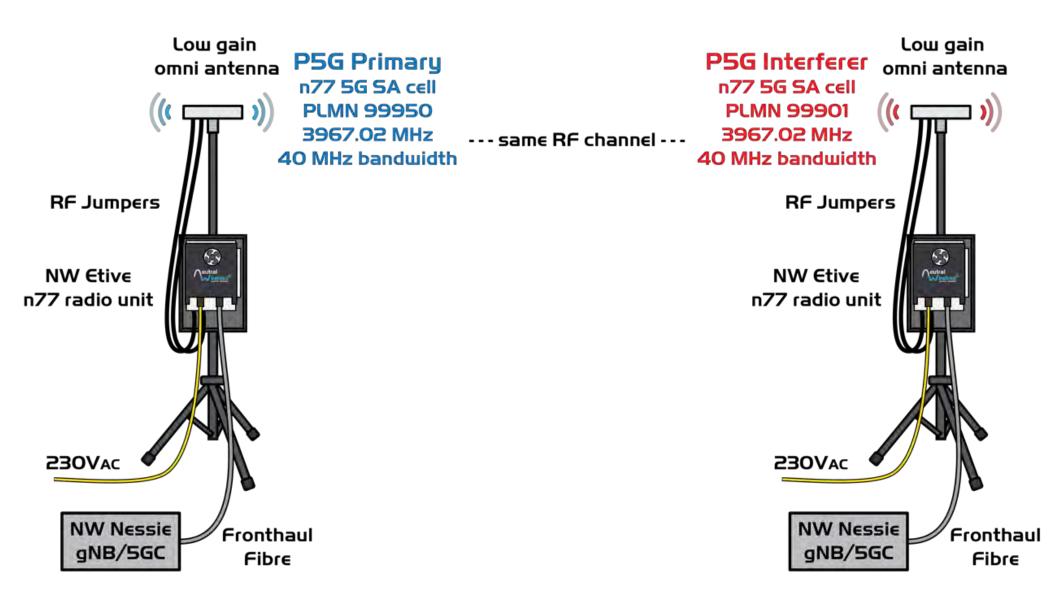
















Co-Channel from 1.5km down to 500m





Location of fixed Primary Network



Starting Position of mobile "Interfering" Network





Define Test Network Parameters – Primary + Interferer

Parameter	Primary	Interferer
Antenna	n77 Sector, 65 Deg, 18dBi	n77 Sector, 65 Deg, 18dBi
Centre Frequency(MHz)	3,967	3,967
Bandwidth(MHz)	60	60
EIRP(dBm)	27	27
Frame Structure	Uplink Biased (2:7)	Downlink Biased(7:2)
Number of UEs	2	1



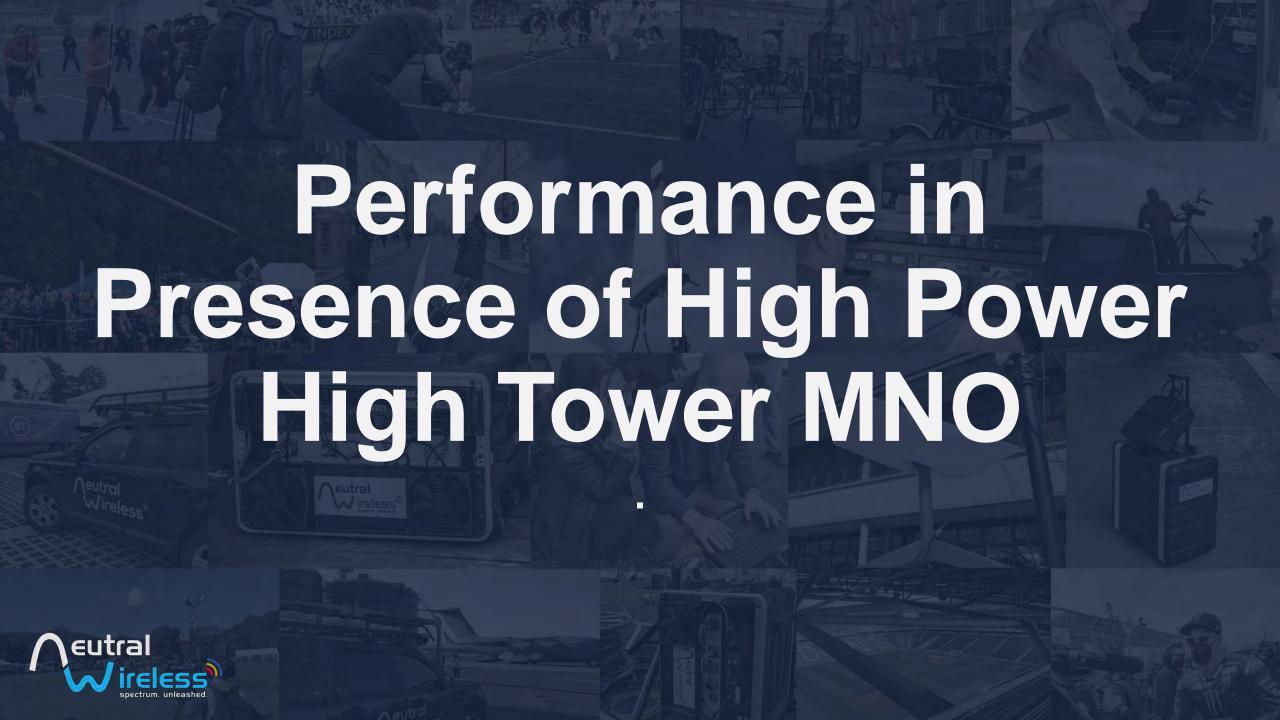


At around 800m (in this test!) all good, 1km no issues



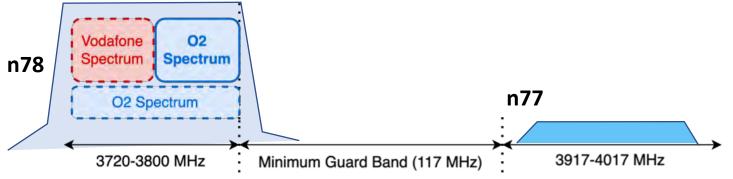
 The graph below shows the Uplink and downlink MCS at 1km distance dropping to a low of ~5 as the Trike moved towards the primary cell down to 150m (unuseable).

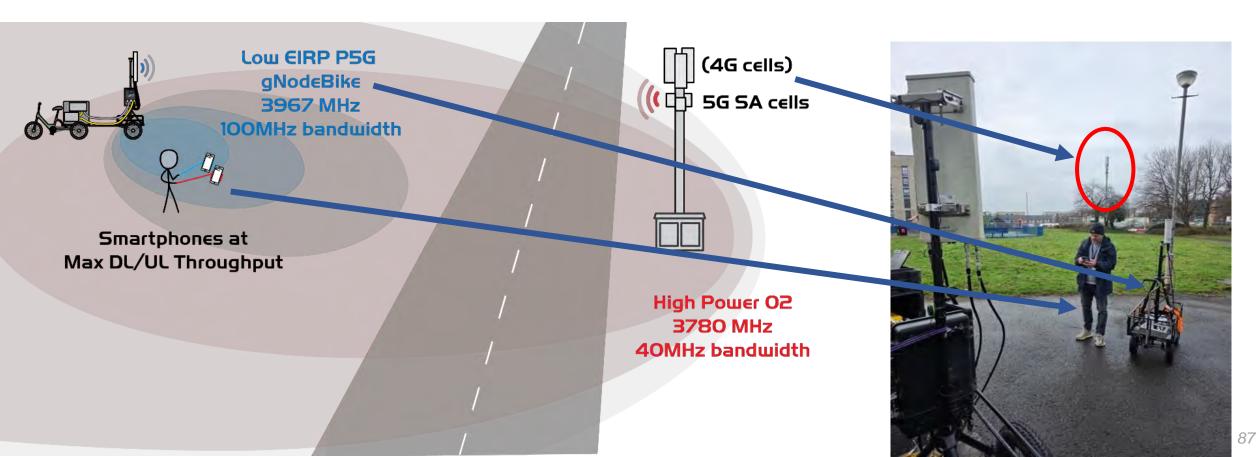




n77 in the Shadow of High Power High Tower (HPHT)







Operating In Proximity to MNO Neighbours





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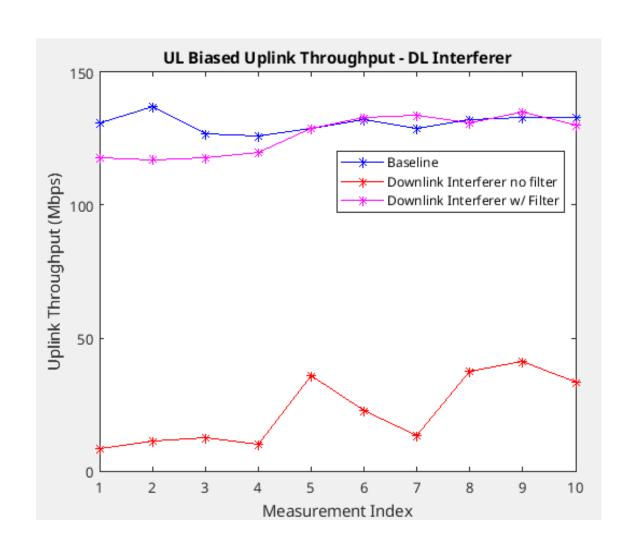


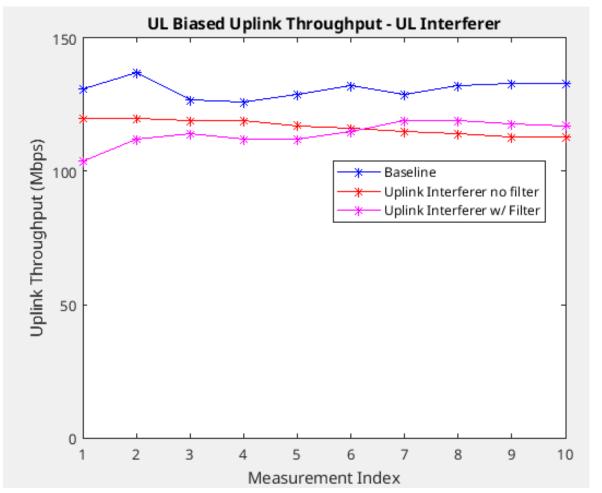




Filtering and Engineering to Operate Synchronised or unsynchronised











RF Modelling and Planning

Get the right model & verify Terrain/Clutter vs 1m Lidar



Each Test has a Key Parameter Set (KPS)

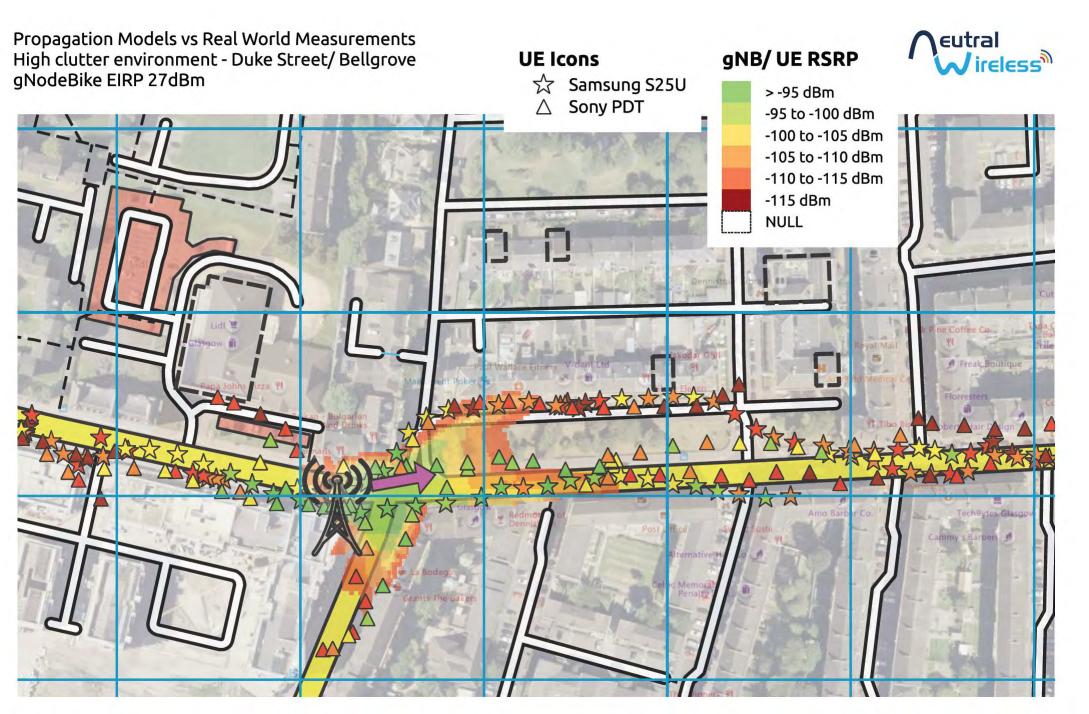


Centre Frequency	3967.02 MHz	Antenna Configuration	2x2 MIMO	
Bandwidth	100 MHz	Antenna Model	Alpha Wireless AW3828 17.5 dBi Sector	
Transmit Power	27 dBm (24 dBm per port)	Antenna Height	2.0 m	
Antenna Latitude	55.861168°	Antenna Azimuth	278°	
Antenna Longitude	-4.248787°	Antenna Tilt	0°	
Environment Description	High clutter, dense urban environment. George Square is a semi-open concrete square surrounded by high buildings. A large amount of moving clutter from pedestrians and vehicle traffic.			











Housing Area in East End

RF Model Terrain / Clutter model







Housing Area in East End

RF Model
1 metre
Lidar
Model

Propagation Models vs Real World Measurements

Low clutter environment - Stepps AW3828/AW3923 antenna gNodeBike EIRP 27dBm



△ Sony PDT

RSRP greater than -95 dBm

RSRP -95 to -100 dBm

RSRP -100 to -105 dBm

RSRP -105 to -110 dBm

RSRP -110 to -115 dBm RSRP less than -115 dBm

NULL (no measurement)



water



Stepps Open and Flat **Parkland** Area

> RF Model Terrain / Clutter







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UE Icons ☆ Samsung S25U

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gNB Simulation/ UE Measurement

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water





Stepps Open and Flat **Parkland** Area

> **RF Model** 1 metre Lidar Model











George Square City Centre

RF Model
Terrain /
Clutter
Model







George Square City Centre

RF Model
1 metre
Lidar
Model





Takeaway 1:

Know variability, performance, sensitivity, & parameters of:

- Radio front-end and antenna beam patterns
- 5G SA Radio Dynamic range on Tx and Rx
- Radio filtering stages (both analogue and SDR digital)
- RF Planning tools use appropriate verifiable terrain models
- UE and modem performance varies
- Calibration is challenging so many variables!







Takeaway 2:

Operable in High Power High Tower (HPHT) Environments

- Front end filtering and radio design will improve n77, less saturation
- Within a 'few 100m' 27dBm n77 operate effectively (power level dependent
- Front end filtering/screening will greatly enhance performance
- Different uplink/downlink (U/L) ratios this is OK engineer it!
- Unsynchronised this is OK engineer it!
- Synchronised TDD will always help, but not always essential







Takeaway 3:

Knowing performance: improve SAL & increase P5G use

- n77 complementary to public/MNO networks
- If MNO HPHT 'nearby', we can engineer networks to work
- n77 'whisper networks' dont interfere with MNOs (by our measurements!)
- n77 networks can be more densely packed than currently
- In-band on-air spectrum monitoring is operable bring on the Al.
- CEPT and their n77 mandate don't lose the UK lead in SAL!





For real n77u growth?

- We should type approve radio units
- Live Spectrum monitor inside the RU
- RU should report back to DSA 'managers'
- Shared access? feed into standards 3GPP, Rel 20+
- In 2025, you need to be qualified to be deploying
- To maintain UK lead in shared spectrum ... need to lead!



Some NW 2025 Shared Spectrum Activities

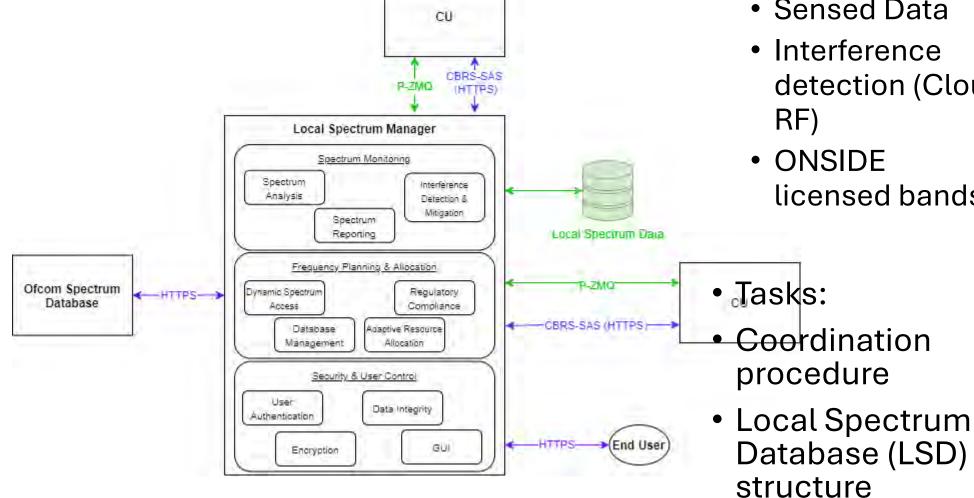


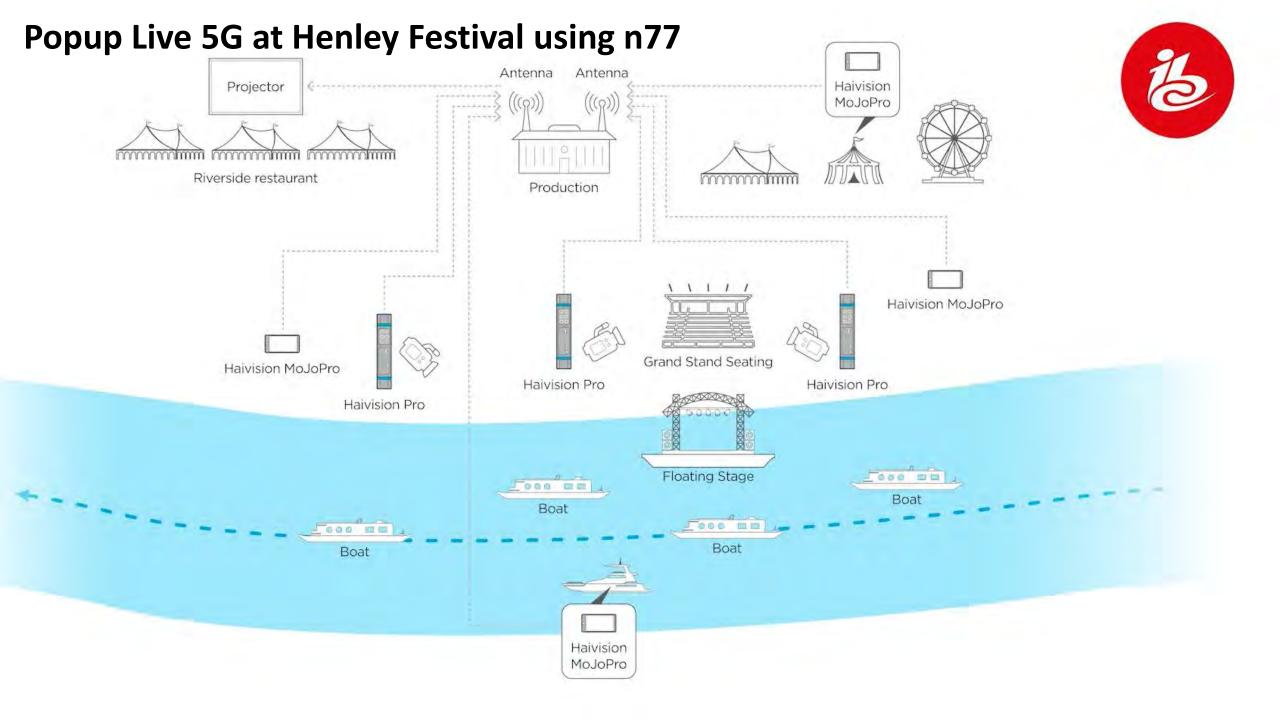
Design for PoC Spectrum Control - ONSIDE





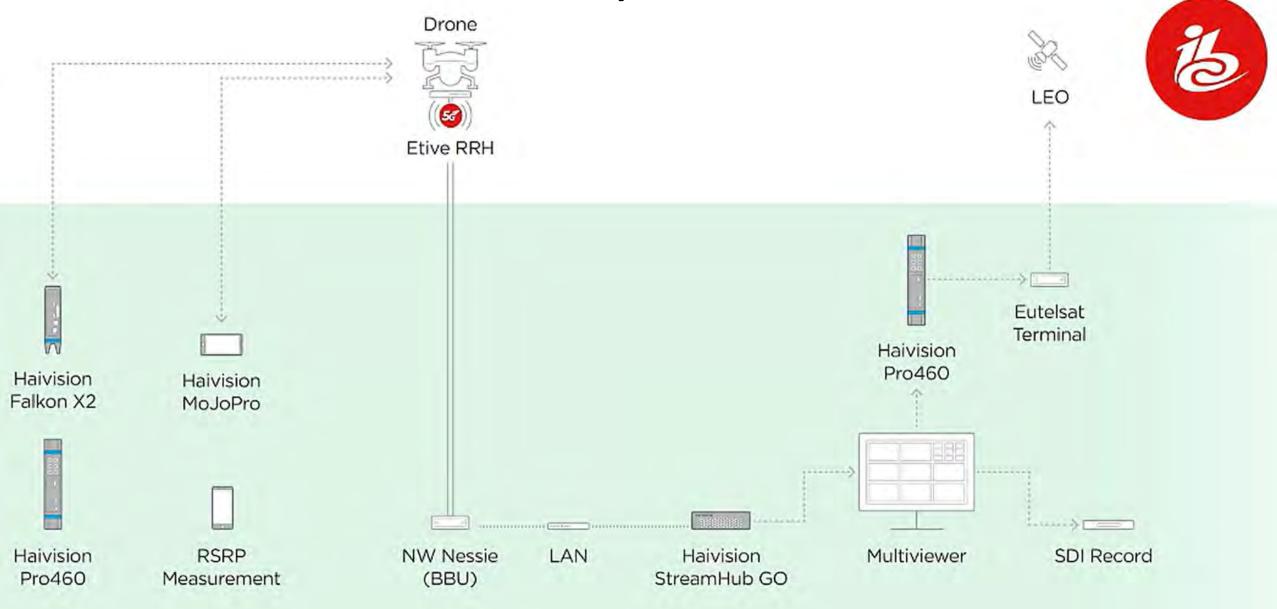
- RU registration
- Sensed Data
- detection (Cloud RF)
- licensed bands







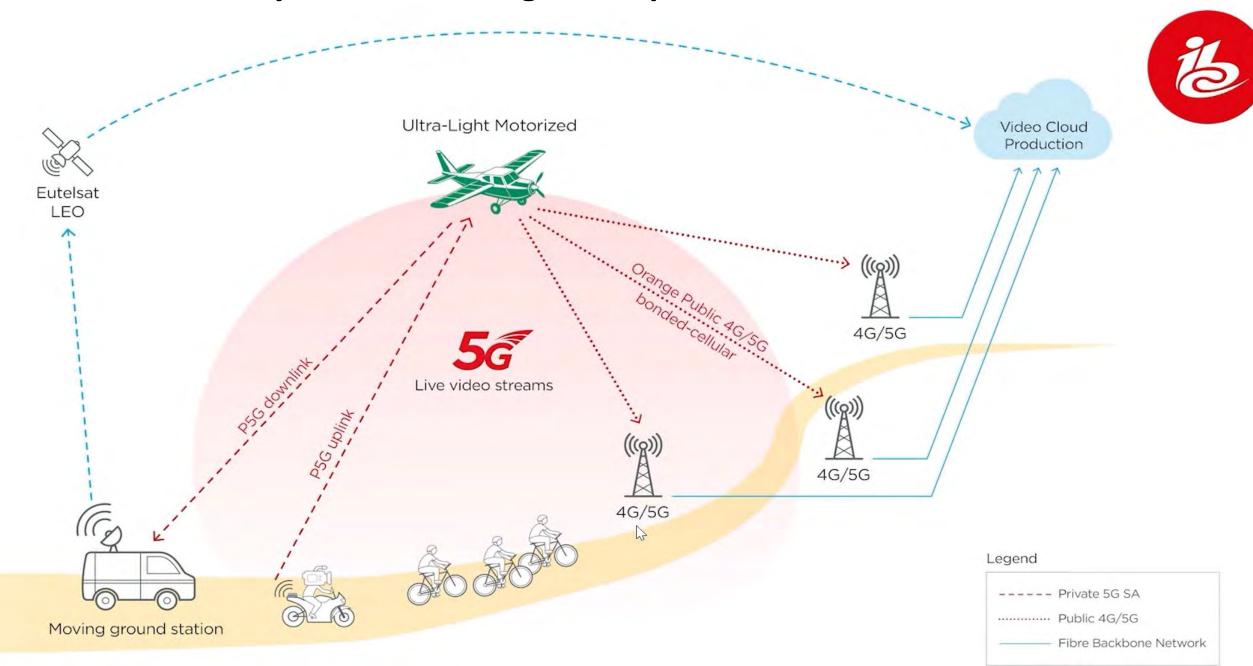
Live Private 5G Tethered Drones in Italy



Live Flying private 5G gnodeB in France (MoD spectrum)



Live 5G in the Sky in France, using MoD Spectrum bands





























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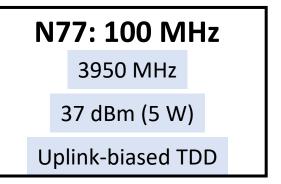
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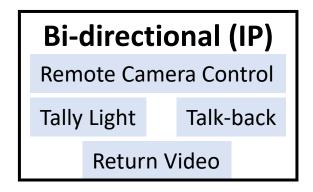


Bi-directional 5G-enabled Camera Connectivity and Control for Video Broadcast Production



Single-cell pop-up P5G SA network deployed



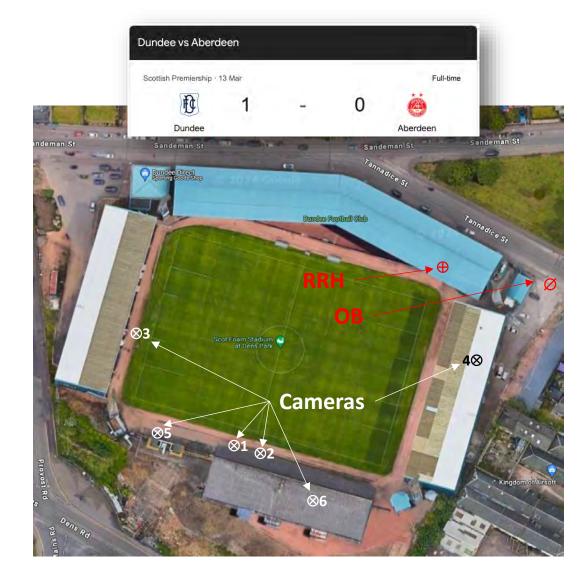


Before the game:

4x 25 Mbps 1080p50 HEVC 100 ms + 4x 10 Mbps

During the game:

- 6x 25 Mbps 1080i50 HEVC 800 ms + 3x 12 Mbps
- Wireless operation to shadow wired VAR cameras
- VAR operations bay (Glasgow) dedicated to receiving and evaluating the 5G video feeds – tested alongside the formal VAR system



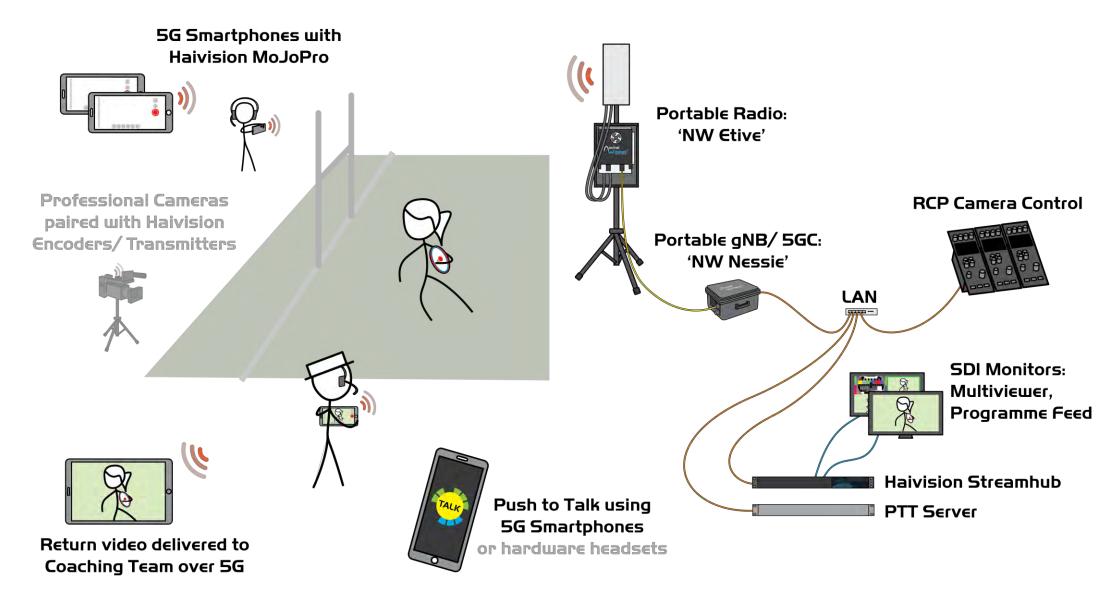
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Example Use Case - Live in Stadium

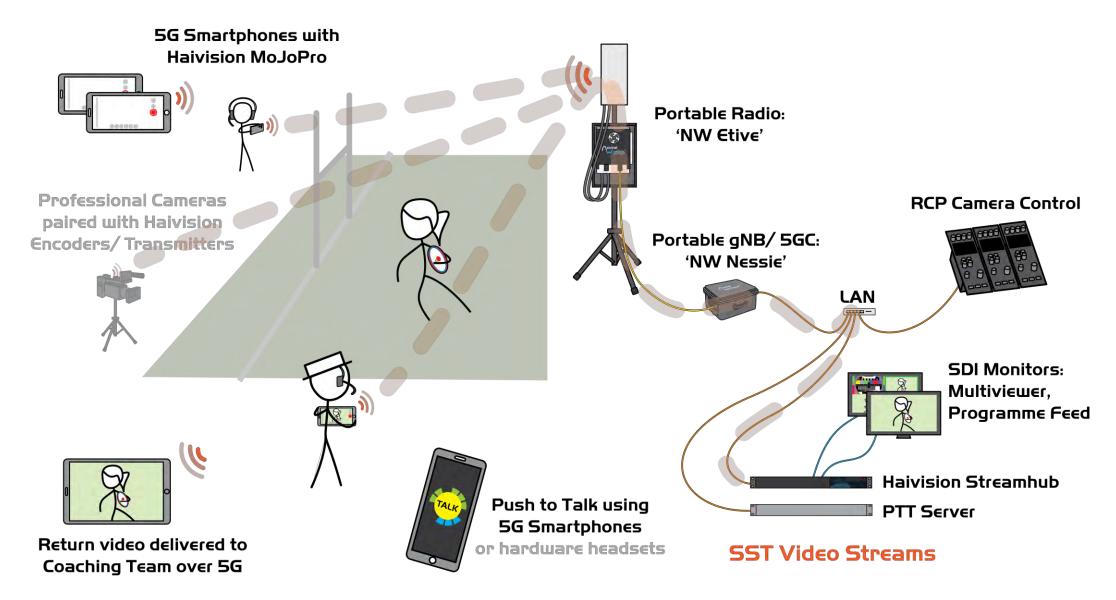


Use Case / Application	UL Data Rate	DL Data Rate	100 MHz Cell No. of Devices	40 MHz Cell No. of Devices	20 MHz Cell No. of Devices	Frame Structure
UHD (4K) Professional Broadcast	50 Mb/s	N/A	5 Streams 1-2 Streams	2 Streams 1 Streams	1 Streams 0 Streams	Uplink Bias "MNO" DL Bias
HD Professional Broadcast	25 Mb/s	N/A	10 Streams 2-3 Streams	5-6 Streams 2-3 Streams	2-3 Streams 0 Streams	Uplink Bias "MNO" DL Bias
Smartphone Camera Broadcast	5-10 Mb/s	N/A	~40 Handsets ~10 Handsets	~18 Handsets ~6 Handsets	8 Handsets 2-3 Handsets	Uplink Bias "MNO" DL Bias
Point of Sales	< 1 Mb/s	< 1 Mb/s				
Camera Operator Comms	< 1 Mb/s	< 1 Mb/s	Lots (Depending on utilisation above)	•	Fewer (Depending on utilisation above)	(Any)
Mission Critical Comms	< 1 Mb/s	< 1 Mb/s	utilisation above)		utilisation above)	
Pan Zoom Tilt (PZT)	N/A	< 1 Mb/s				
Tally Lights	N/A	< 1 Mb/s	Lots	•	→ Fewer	(Any)
Return Video Stream	N/A	2-5 Mb/s				

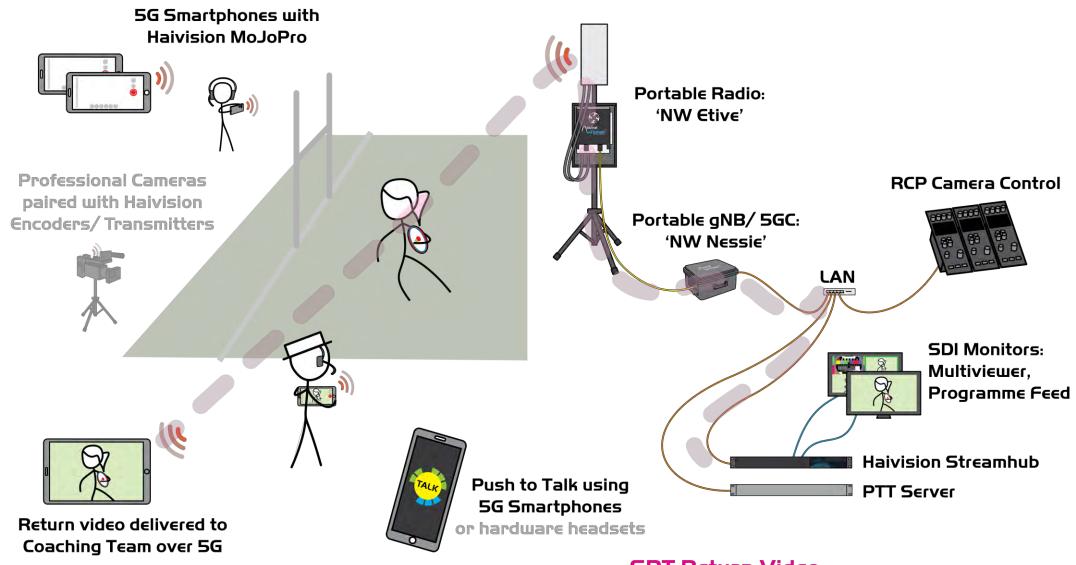
General Layout for Live Events & Communication



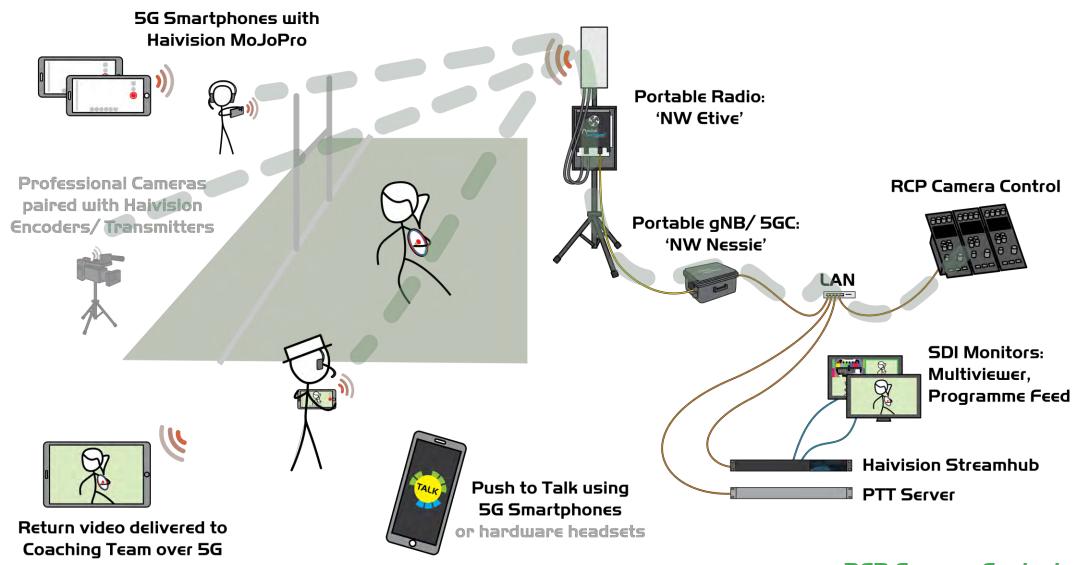
SST Video Streams from Cameras to Radio



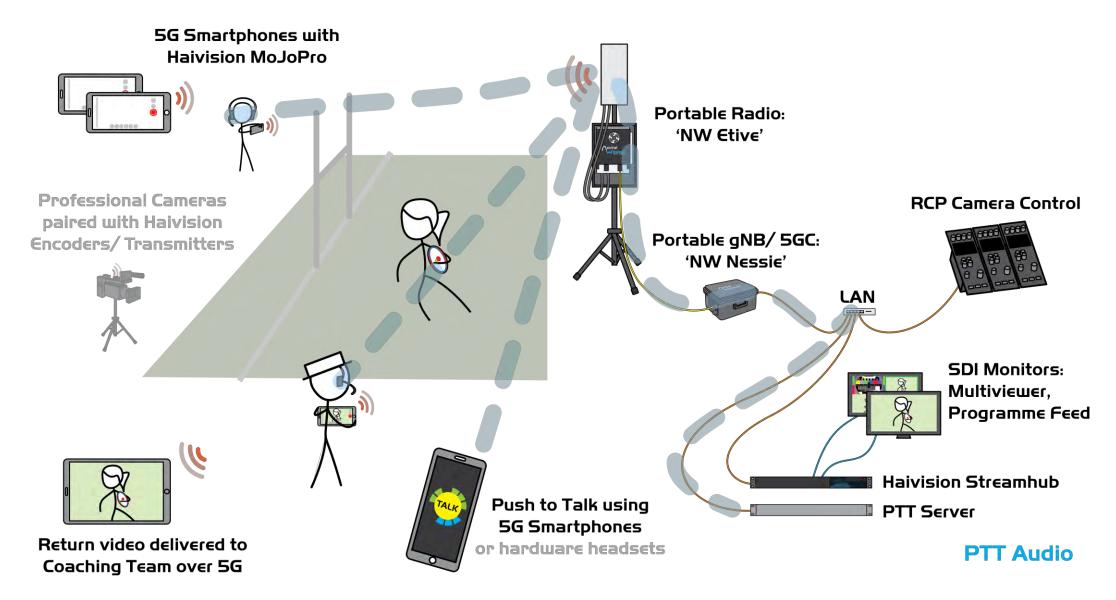
SRT Return Video for Multiviewers (& coaches)



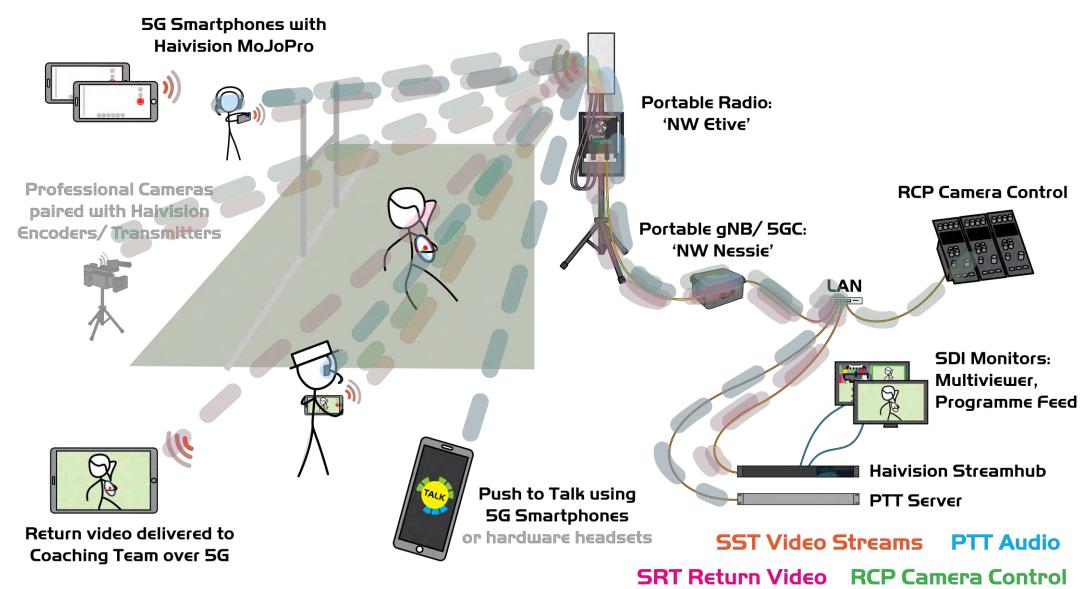
RCP (Remote Control Panel) Camera Control



Push-to-Talk (PTT) Audio



All running as one ...







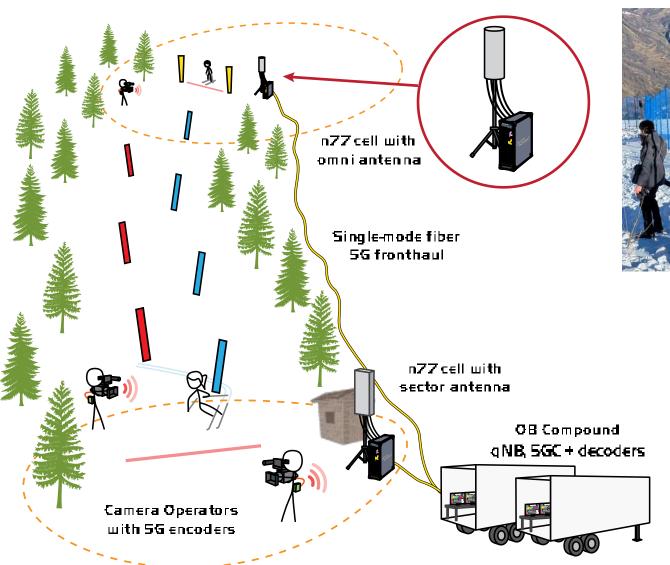
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Alpine Downhill Skiing – P5G ULL Broadcasting







- RAI licensed spectrum
- Two n77 cells 100MHz
- One BBU in OB truck
- UL-biased frame structure
- Four LL camera feeds
 + mobile handsets





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Coverage and Handover

- Sony PDT-FP1 mobile handset logging RSRP data
- Both cell locations + village + chairlift



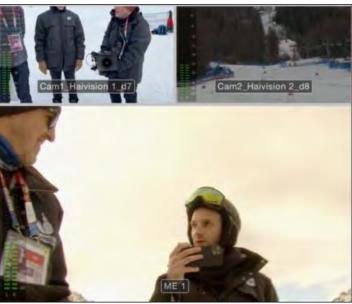


- Good coverage around cells including back lobe of lower cell (sector)
- LL video (150 ms) possible around base of run
- Video good at top restaurant caused non-LoS
- Chairlift mobile handset handover at plateau
 (1.26 km) but RSRP too low for good bitrate

Screen capture video output









- LL video feeds using codecs from Haivision and Sony + contribution feeds from mobile handsets
- MojoPro app used to capture live content from chairlifts and piste as colleague skied down
- Note iPhone streaming the MojoPro feed and camera with Sony encoder are filming each other

- Potential for cameras to deliver new content from new perspectives and locations (even from the athletes themselves)
- Opens up host of new angles and opportunities for storytelling, bringing audiences closer to the athletes and action

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