

Cellular IoT verification with Keysight Nemo solutions

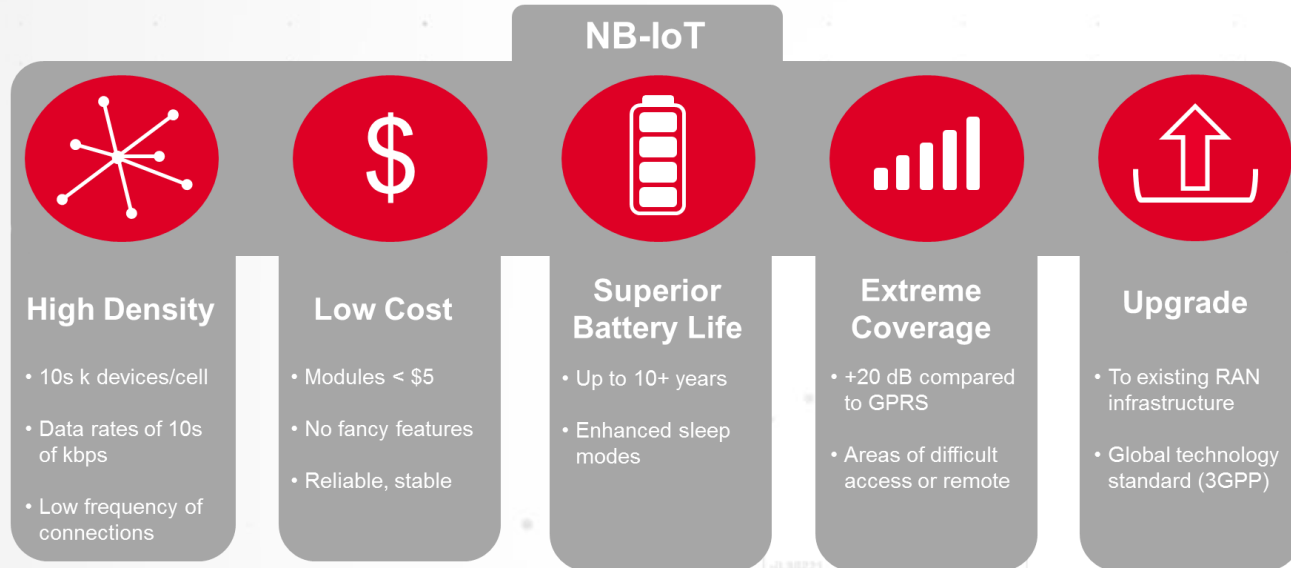
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Keysight Nemo Wireless Network Solutions



IoT Network coverage correlate with battery lifetime

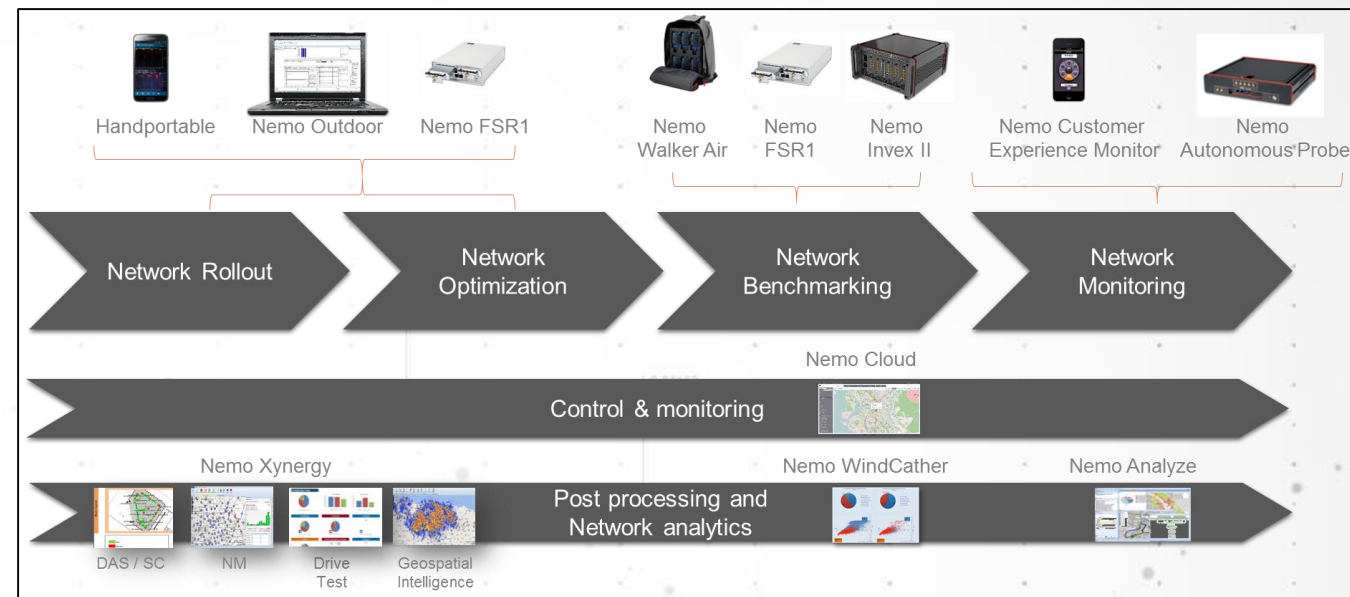
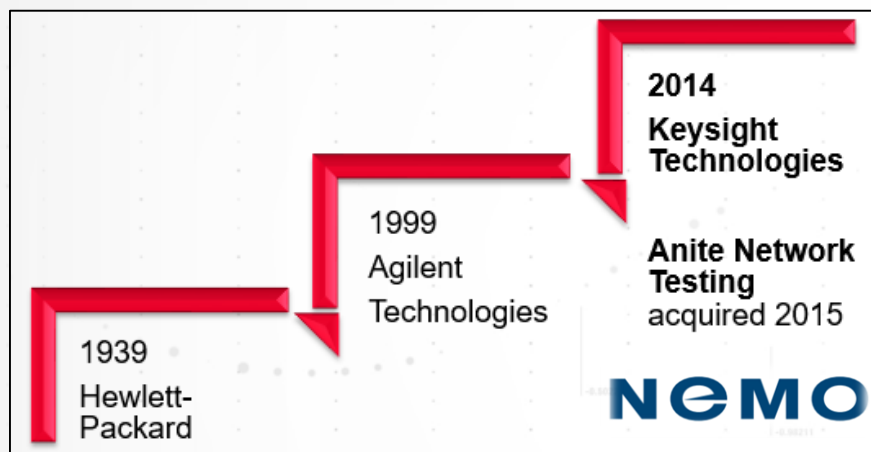


- IoT devices are typically installed into basements and cellars where the network signal is weak
- Need to verify good connection quality to ensure targeted 10 years battery lifetime of IoT device.
- Repetitions occur in weak conditions, consuming the battery fast

- IoT Service coverage
- Field performance
- Device power consumption
- Stability and reliability
- Network capacity verification



Keysight Nemo wireless network testing solutions



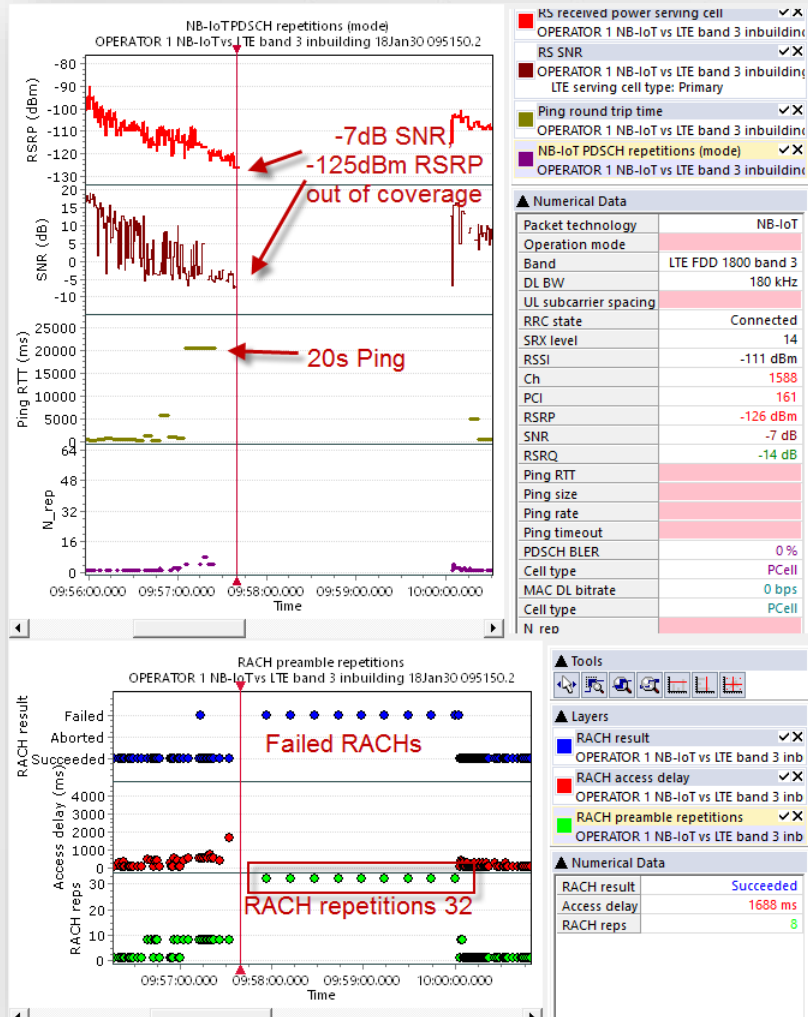
- Over 15 years expertise of all 3GPP technologies
- Nemo serves the wireless ecosystem:
 - Mobile operators
 - Network equipment manufacturers
 - Chipset vendors
 - Regulatory authorities
 - Service contractors

Nemo products are used by more than 400 mobile operators, network equipment manufacturers, service contractors and regulatory bodies from over 100 countries worldwide



Impressive Keysight Nemo IoT analytics as today

Advanced analytics



Over 130 KPI's

NB-IOT	Operator 1	Operator 2
RF Metrics		
RSRP serving cell Avg	-89.51 dBm	-72.27 dBm
RS SNR serving cell Avg	12.93 dB	14.74 dB
PRB utilization DL Avg	0.34 %	0.40 %
PRB utilization UL Avg	0.43 %	0.61 %
TX power PUSCH Min	-18.00 dBm	-9.00 dBm
TX power PUSCH Max	23.00 dBm	23.00 dBm
TX power PUSCH Avg	12.85 dBm	1157.36 %
NB-IoT Metrics		
NB-IoT PUSCH subcarriers 1x3.75MHz	1.24 %	
NB-IoT PUSCH subcarriers 1x15MHz	15.46 %	100.00 %
NB-IoT PUSCH subcarriers 12x15MHz	83.30 %	
NB-IoT PUSCH repetitions Min	1	1
NB-IoT PUSCH repetitions Max	64	1
NB-IoT PUSCH repetitions Avg	1.45	1.00
NB-IoT PDSCH repetitions Min	1	1
NB-IoT PDSCH repetitions Max	32	1
NB-IoT PDSCH repetitions Avg	1.71	1.00
RACH Metrics		
RACH access delay Max	1659 ms	432 ms
RACH access delay Avg	126.02 ms	114.25 ms
RACH preamble repetitions Min	1	4
RACH preamble repetitions Max	8	4
RACH preamble repetitions Avg	1.46	4.00
RACH success	1178	299
RACH failed	28	2
RACH success rate	97.68 %	99.34 %
RACH preamble count Avg	1.06	1.00
RACH preamble initial TX power Max	23 dBm	15 dBm
RACH preamble initial TX power Avg	-4.67 dBm	-9.99 dBm
RACH PUSCH power Max	23 dBm	15 dBm
RACH PUSCH power Avg	-4.73 dBm	-9.95 dBm
RACH pathloss Avg	106.77 dB	91.97 dB

Can show any IoT KPI on a map



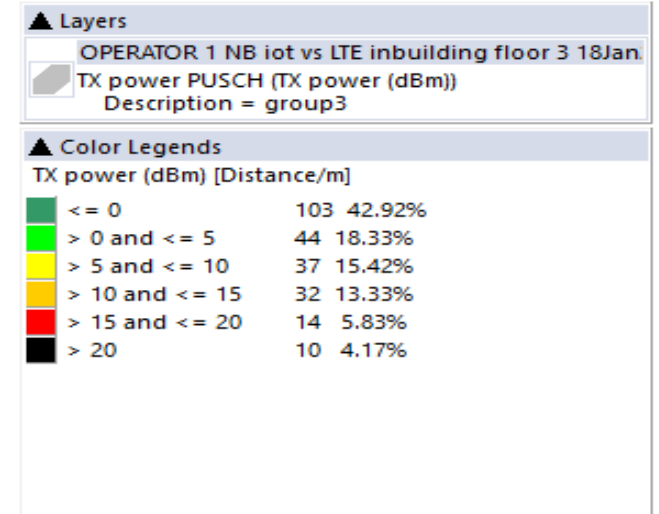
Verify coverage to minimize IoT device power consumption and secure connection quality

High power consumption corner
(weak field → 64 repetitions in use)

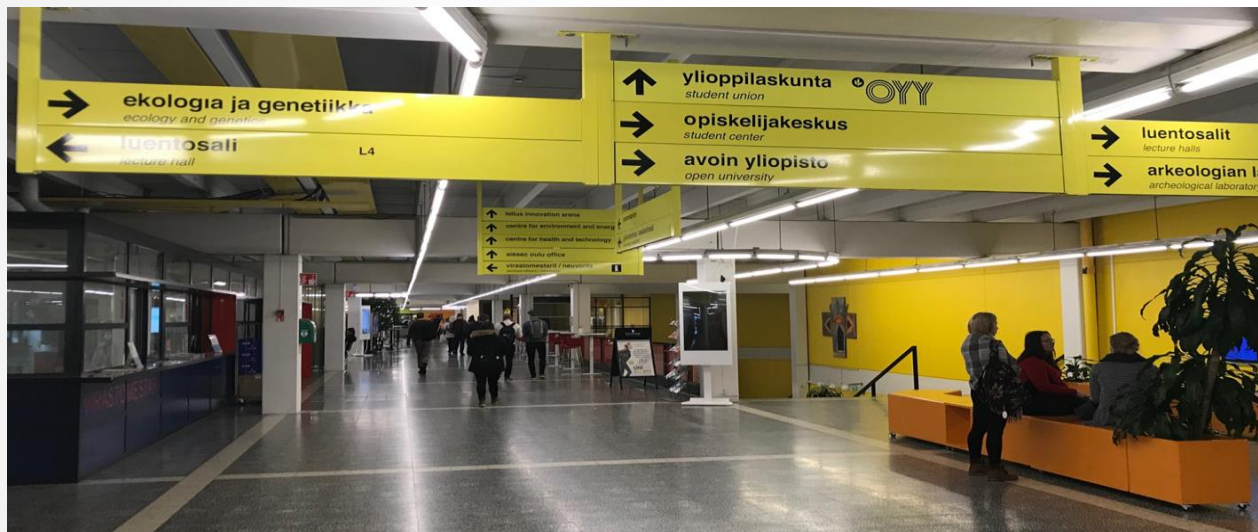
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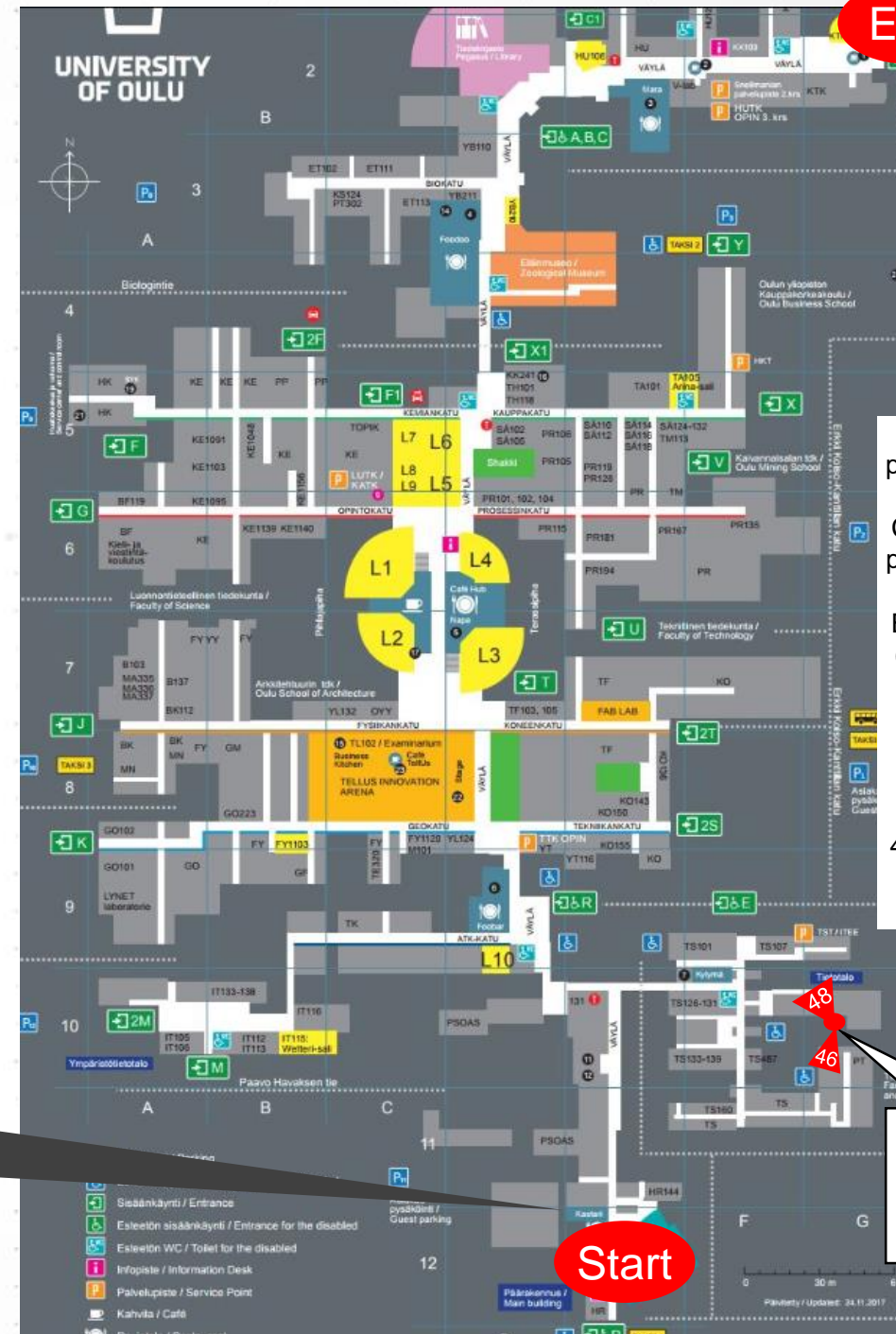
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Tested IOT here in Oulu University



Started the measurement from Saalastinsali where we are now



End

Cell 46(to south)
power 46dBm/40W

Cell 48(northwest)
power 39 dBm/8W.

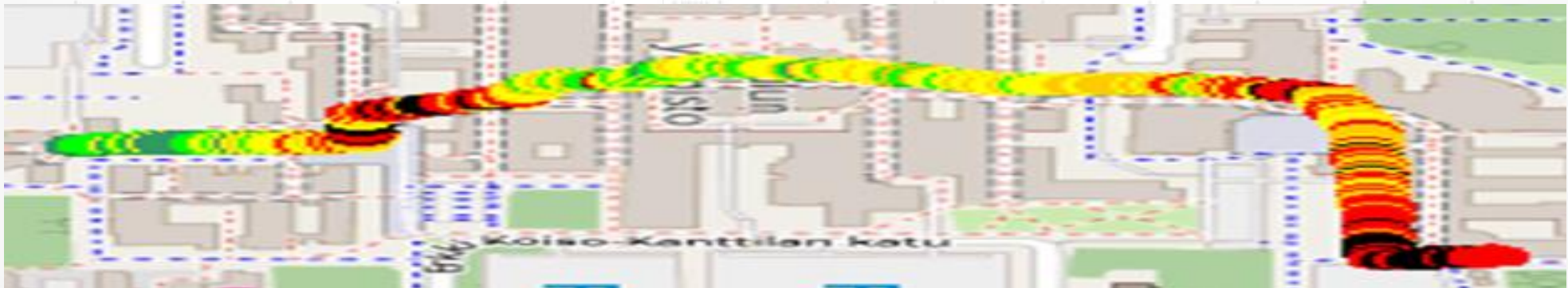
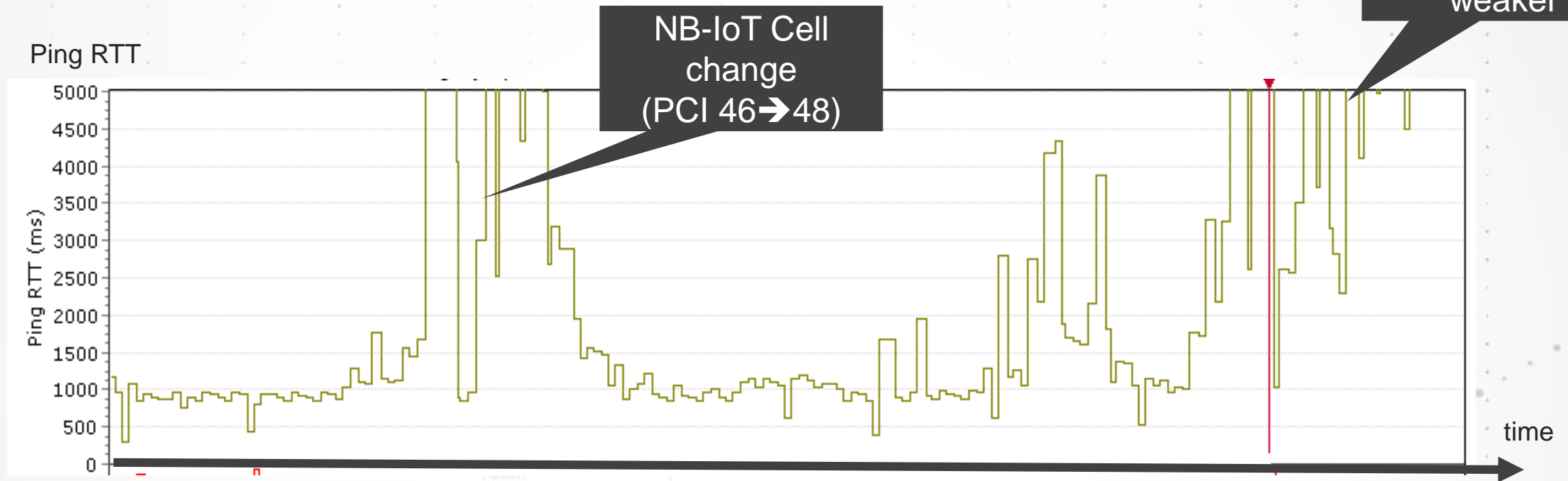
Bandwidth: 5 MHz
(DL 773-778MHz,
UL 718-723), NB-
IoT inband: 0.2
MHz.

Power boost: Cell
46 3 dB, Cell 48: 0
dB. (Max. 6dB)

Basestation
antenna

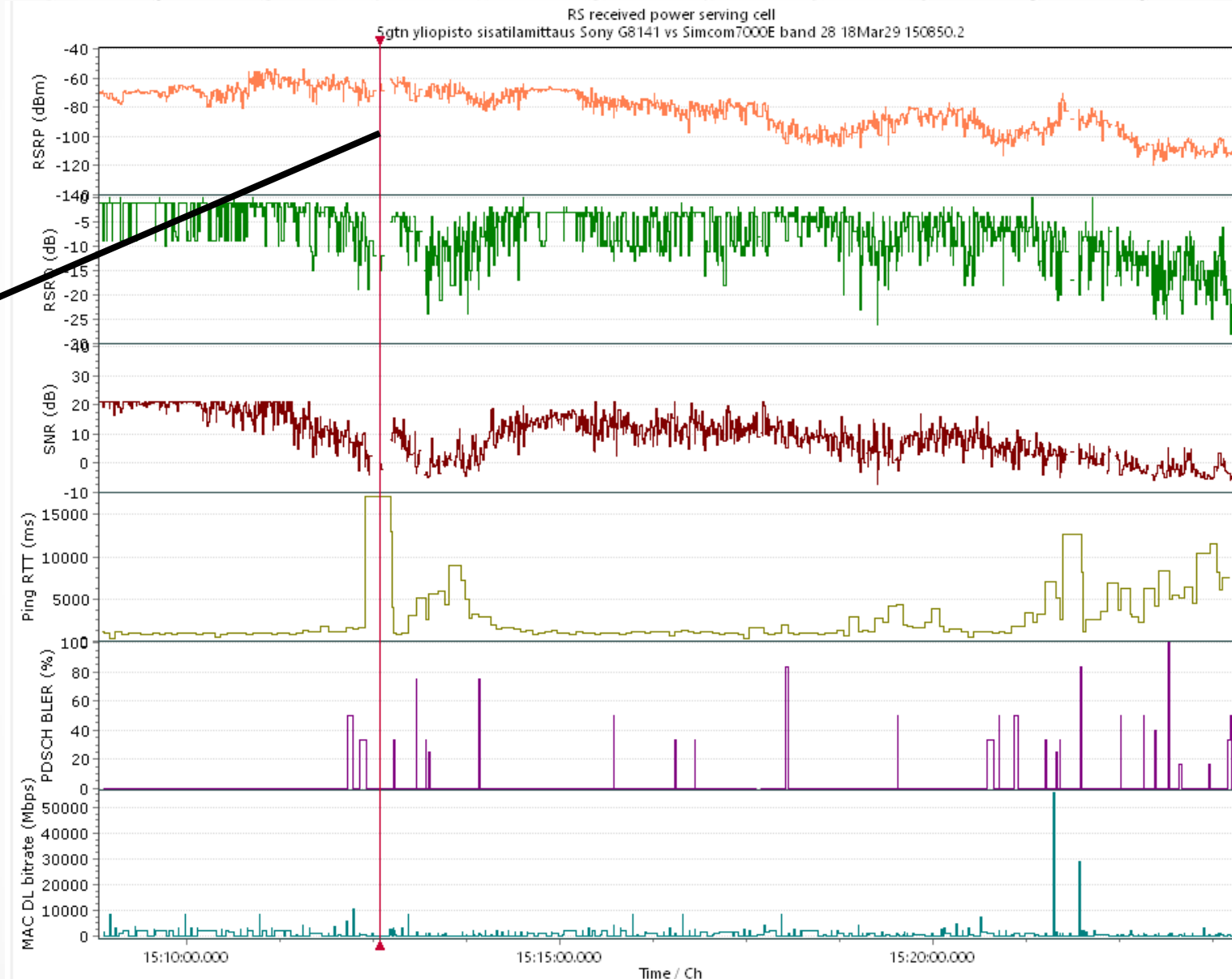
Start

Ping RTT over time correlation to SNR



Nb-IoT Cell change caused Ping RTT to peak up

Cell change
from PCI 46 to
48



Tools	
Layers	
RS received power serving cell	✓X
5gtn yliopisto sisatilamittaus Sony G8141 v:	
RSRQ serving cell primary	✓X
5gtn yliopisto sisatilamittaus Sony G8141 v:	
RS SNR	✓X
5gtn yliopisto sisatilamittaus Sony G8141 v:	
LTE serving cell type: Primary	
Ping round trip time	✓X
5gtn yliopisto sisatilamittaus Sony G8141 v:	
PDSCH BLER	✓X
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LTE serving cell type: Primary	
MAC downlink throughput	✓X
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LTE serving cell type: Primary	
Numerical Data	
Packet technology	NB-IoT
Operation mode	Inband same PCI
Band	LTE FDD 700 band 28
DL BW	180 kHz
UL subcarrier spacing	15 kHz
RRC state	Idle
SRX level	
RSSI	
Ch	
PCI	
RSRP	
SNR	
RSRQ	
Ping RTT	17150 ms
Ping size	32 byte
Ping rate	
Ping timeout	
PDSCH BLER	0 %
Cell type	PCell
MAC DL bitrate	0 bps
Cell type	PCell

Other Keysight Nemo IoT use cases

✓ Coverage

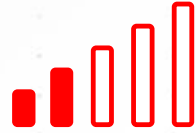
✓ Power consumption

• Early lab/field testing

- Understanding the IoT technology and its limits
- Nemo Tools provide view of the complete radio stack, including application performance, key radio metrics, and control plane signalling

• Device Benchmarking

- Differences in device performance and network interoperability due to antennas and housing
- Verify device performance in field
- Compare new devices to reference devices



• Network Acceptance

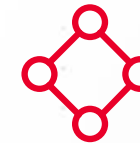
- Key KPIs: Coverage and inbuilding penetration, Accessibility, Data Throughput, Latency
- Stationary/Mobility testing

• Network Benchmarking

- NB-IOT performance & coverage of competitor networks
- Coverage impacts the battery life of IoT devices

• SLA verification

- For virtual IoT service providers and verticals
- Verify the service level and coverage
- Battery life heavily dependent on coverage!



• Troubleshooting of end to end IoT connectivity issues

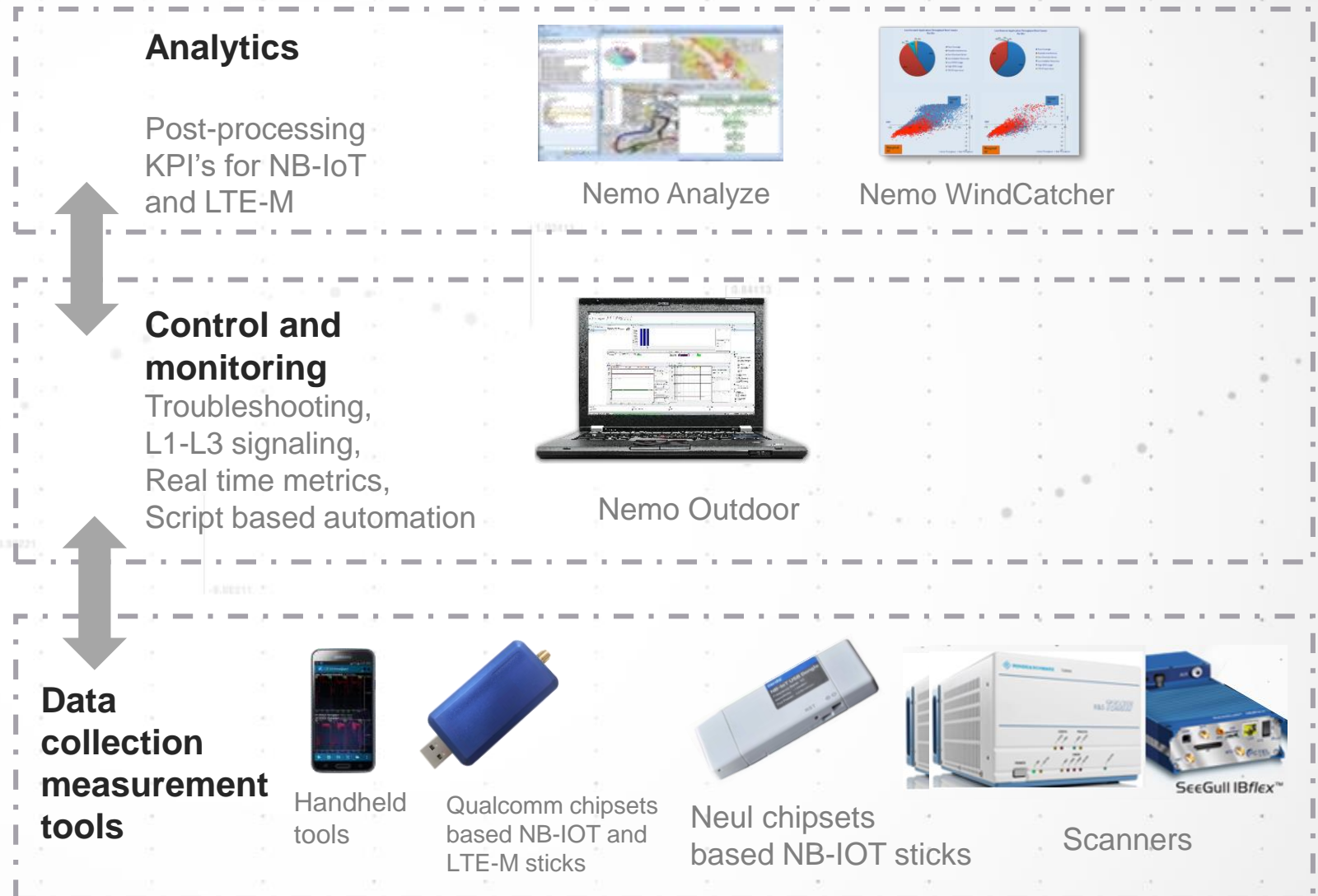
- Root causes for air interface issues
- Differentiating of device, radio, and core network issues
- Full L3 and RRC signaling decoding
- Signal coverage and quality
- Detailed connection diagnostics: repetitions, modulation, subcarrier spacing, RACH metrics

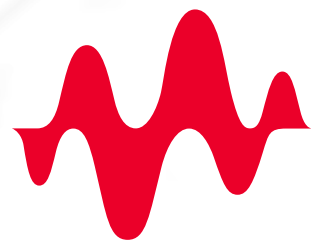
• Quick analysis with predefined playback templates in Nemo Outdoor and Nemo Analyze

Keysight Nemo IoT Solution summary

Key features

- All data collection form factors supported
- Over 165 detailed parameters and KPI's for Qualcomm and Neul chipset based IoT
- Easy to use graphical UI to control the IOT devices without need to know AT commands
- Effective troubleshooting and network optimization
- One comprehensive software platform with a holistic view for IoT KPI's
- Fast benchmarking of NB-IOT and LTE-M chipsets, devices, networks
- Comprehensive post processing analytics, customizable dashboards and KPI's e.g. IoT coverage and performance visualization on a map
- Script based automation





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