



DSMS pilot

A real-world dynamic spectrum sharing system

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Context of the DSMS pilot

- Frequency spectrum is a limited resource
- Burden is on policymaker & regulator to facilitate its optimal and equitable use
- In this, RDI takes a proactive stance, also with regard to dynamic spectrum allocation and use



Goal of the DSMS pilot

To investigate - real-world – the possibility of coexistence of a 5G Private network and FSS downlinks by dynamically mitigating interference

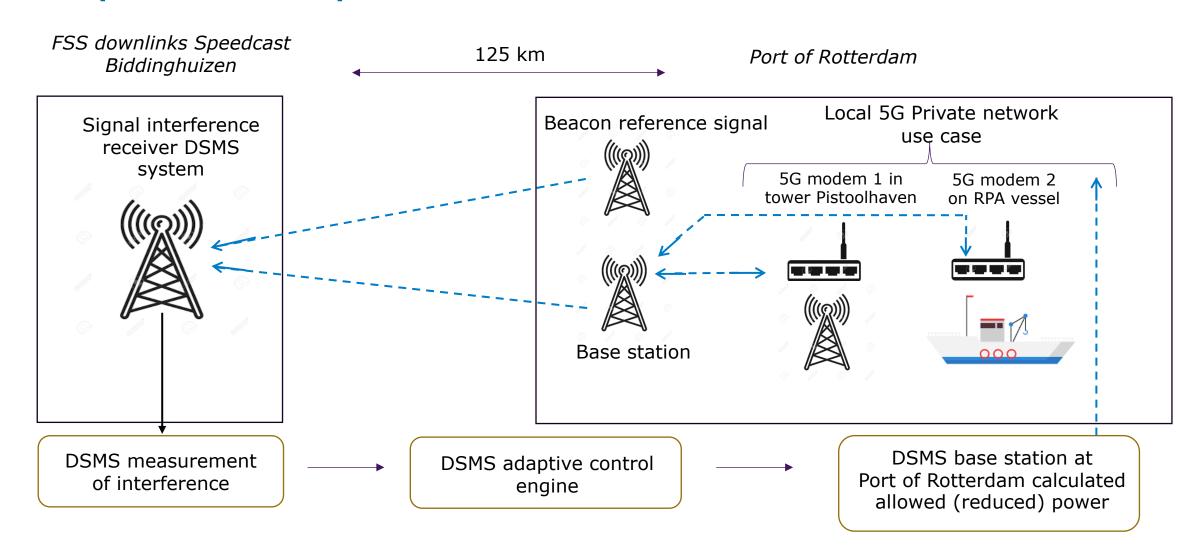


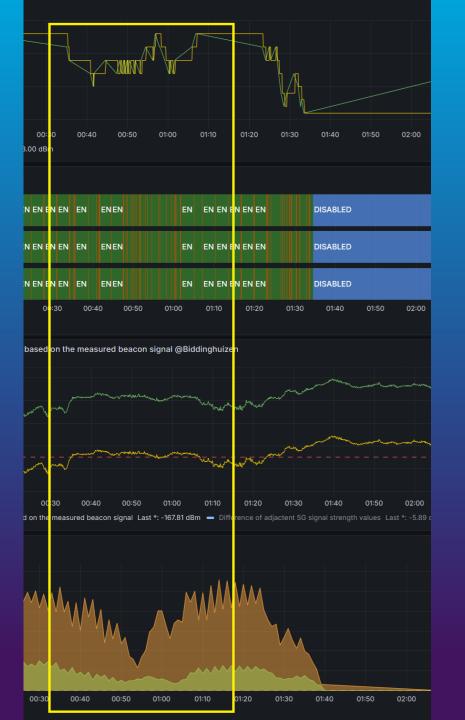
Set-up of the DSMS pilot

- Pilot in the 3,8 4,2 GHz band
 - Preferable characteristics: large coherence bandwidth and occurence of ducting
 - But in principle: DSMS concept is frequency independent
 - Primary allocation in the NL: FSS downlinks
 - Multiple FSS downlinks in Biddinghuizen (Speedcast satellite service provider)
- Introduction of a secondary allocation: a 5G Private network use case in the port of Rotterdam
- Public-private collaboration
 - RDI, Speedcast, Port of Rotterdam, Ericsson, BTG (trade association)
- Measurements and data collection December 2024 September 2025



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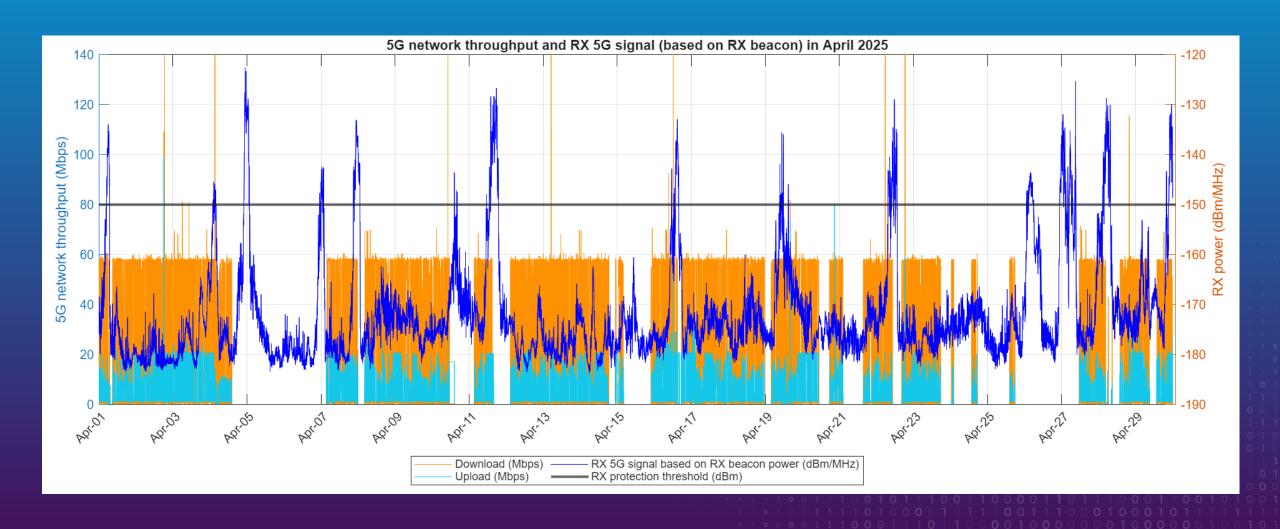


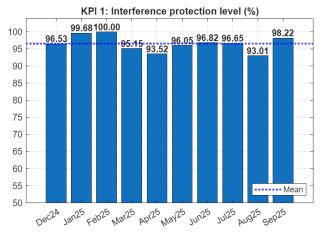
If at Speedcast the beacon received power exceeds the predetermined protection threshold of –150 dBm/Mhz, the intelligent DSMS engine automatically adjusts the 5G transmit power in PoR

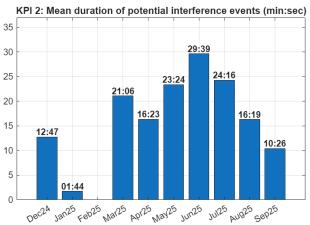
This in turn reduces the 5G network throughput

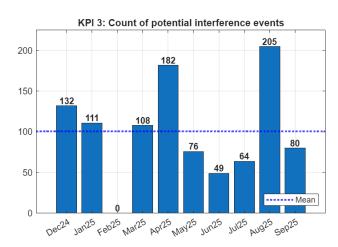
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Results & observations

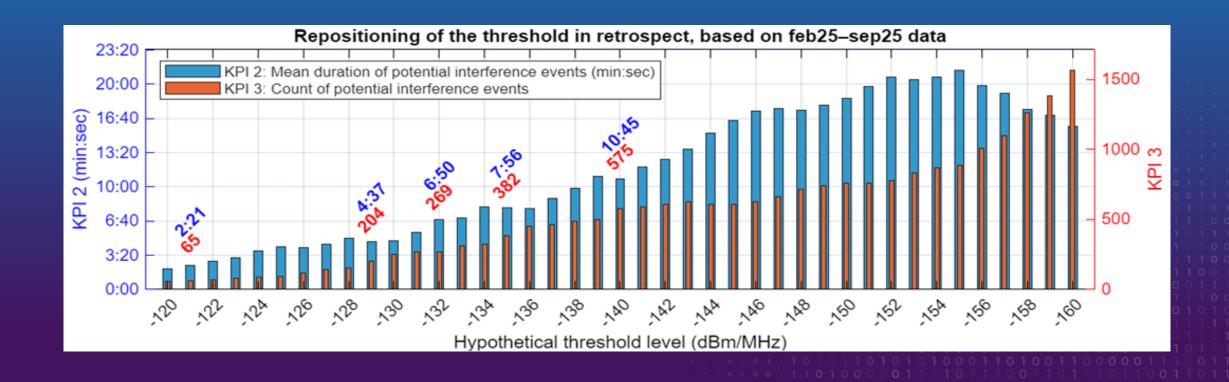
- On average, the protection threshold of –150 dBm/Mhz has not been exceeded ~96,56% of the time
- As expected, increased duration of exeedence of the threshold due to ducting in the ducting season
- On average, the threshold was exceeded ~101 times.

But note: exceedance of the threshold has never meant interference! – automatic 5G transmit power adjustment by the DSMS adaptive control engine



Results & observations

- If the threshold is exceeded, the 5G transmit power is reduced meaning 5G network throughput is reduced or even fully stopped
- The extent to which this is acceptable, depends on the type of 5G use case
- Therefore the threshold needs to be optimized to serve the interest of both spectrum users



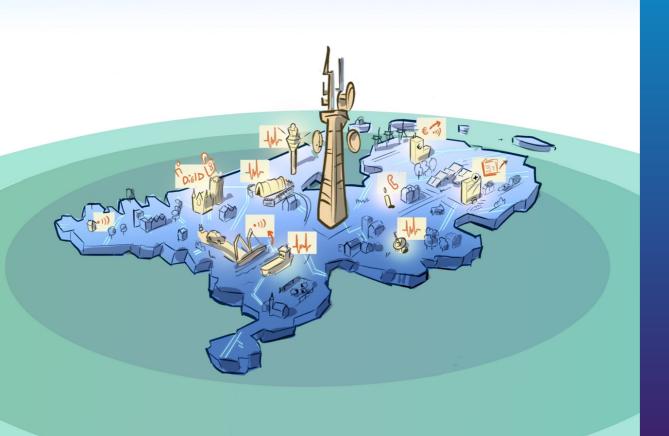


Wrap up

- The pilot is now being finalized and the report written
- However, it is save to conclude that the pilot shows that the concept works - dynamic spectrum sharing is definitely possible
- Results show that real-time adaptive coordination
 between spectrum users can lead to more efficient use
 of shared frequencies
- The pilot provides valuable lessons for further development of dynamic spectrum management and supports the design of future pilot projects



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Further questions?

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