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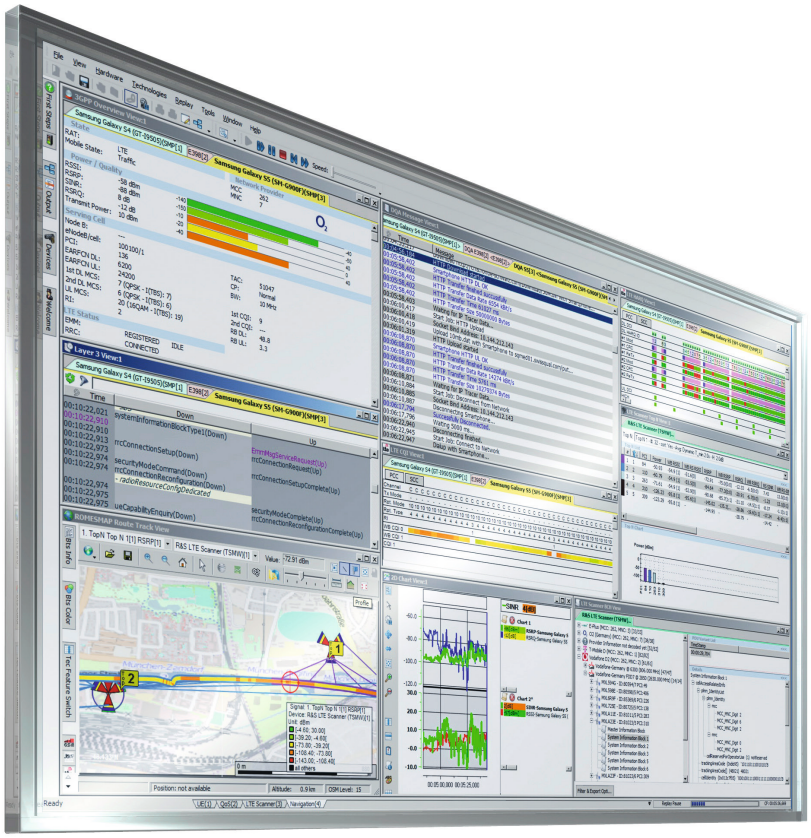
Drive Test Software
Mobile coverage and QoS measurements in mobile networks



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At a glance

The R&S®ROMES4 drive test software, the unique scanners and network problem analyzer (NPA) tool from Rohde&Schwarz provide an all-in-one solution for network analysis and optimization.

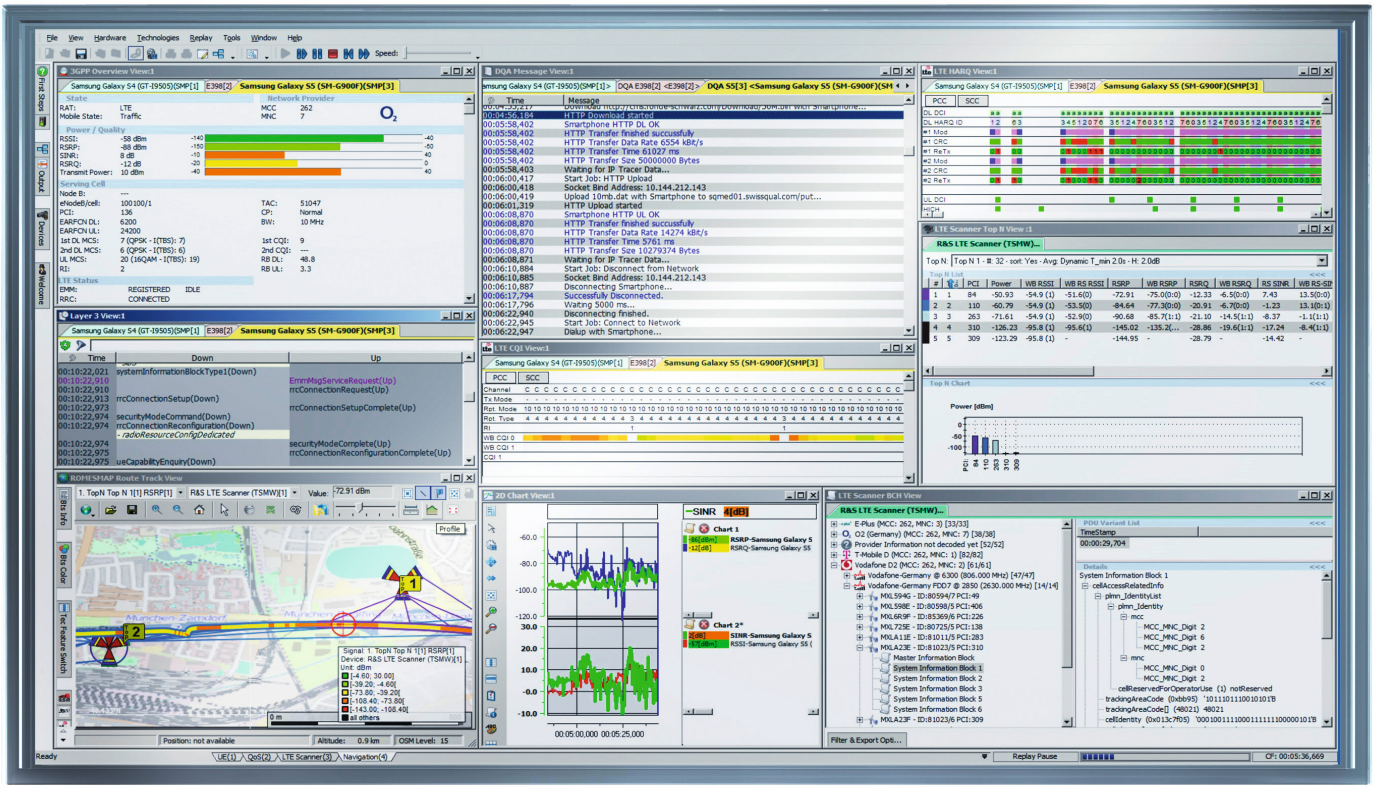
Universal software platform

R&S®ROMES4 is the universal software platform for network engineering and network optimization systems from Rohde&Schwarz. In combination with other test and measurement equipment such as wireless communications scanners and test mobile phones, it provides solutions for all essential tasks involved in coverage measurements, interference identification, performance measurements and quality analysis in mobile networks. In addition to measuring and displaying test parameters, data is processed instantly and statistics are calculated in realtime.

Support of multiple protocols and standards

R&S®ROMES4 supports GSM/EDGE, WCDMA/HSPA+, CDMA2000® 1xEV-DO Rev. A, WLAN (IEEE 802.11a, b, g, n), WiMAX™ (IEEE 802.16e), LTE, NB-IoT/Cat NB1, LTE-M, DVB-T, DVB-H and TETRA. Standard-compliant RF level measurements can be time- and route-triggered over a very wide frequency range (9 kHz to 7 GHz). Due to its highly modular structure, the platform can be expanded at any time for new technologies. The test software runs on a Microsoft Windows 7/10 (64-bit) PC.

Straightforward R&S®ROMES4 drive test software user interface.



Combination with R&S®TSMx scanners

When R&S®ROMES4 is combined with the R&S®TSMx band-unlimited scanners, the measurements help typical users (such as network operators, regulatory authorities, service providers, chipset manufacturers and government authorities) complete their work quickly and easily.

Key facts

- One software for all technologies from a single source
- Flexible software licenses that meet user requirements reduce startup costs
- Parallel measurements with up to eight mobile devices per license save time, allowing more effective utilization of existing resources and saving operating expenses (OPEX)
- High-precision, fast RF test and measurement equipment (Rohde&Schwarz scanners) delivers a large quantity of reliable measurements and results
- Automated analysis at the end of the measurement using the integrated replay function or the network problem analyzer (NPA) considerably reduces OPEX
- Automatic identification of GSM interference considerably reduces OPEX (up to 80% potential savings compared with standard analysis)
- Unique scanner for GSM, WCDMA, CDMA2000® 1xEV-DO, WiMAX™, LTE, NB-IoT/Cat NB1 and TETRA in all bands, decoding of broadcast information

R&S®ROMES with a Rohde&Schwarz scanner.

R&S®ROMES4 Drive Test Software

Benefits and key features

Easy operation and high flexibility

- Easy-to-use interface that adapts to the user's level of knowledge
- Ready to use in no time thanks to workspaces and projects
- Easy system configuration with device manager and wizards
- Fast setup due to automatic channel detection
- Support of numerous map data formats
- Powerful analysis tools

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- Combination with an NB-IoT UE

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Parallel spectrum measurement

- Broadband spectrum measurement
- Detection of broadband interferers, neighborhood interference and uplink activities

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Location estimation of 2G/3G and 4G base stations

- Creation of a base station list during a drive test
- Requires only scanners and GPS

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- Stationary or moving measurements indoors – without GPS signal
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GSM interference analysis with automatic interferer identification

- Automatic measurement and identification of interferers from own GSM mobile network
- Evaluation of BCCH and TCH channels allows full-featured analysis
- Detection of adjacent-channel and co-channel interferers

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R&S®ROMES4NPA: analysis and evaluation of network problems

- Automatic detection, analysis and documentation of trouble spots
- Sophisticated algorithms for supporting users
- Broad range of optional add-on modules for voice quality and data tests as well as coverage and neighborhood analysis
- Comprehensive set of reporting functions

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Easy operation and high flexibility

Easy-to-use interface that adapts to the user's level of knowledge

Featuring different user levels, R&S®ROMES4 can adapt to the user's level of knowledge. The different levels make it possible to adjust the displayed views and signals to what is most important for the individual user. Experienced and novice users alike finish their work faster.

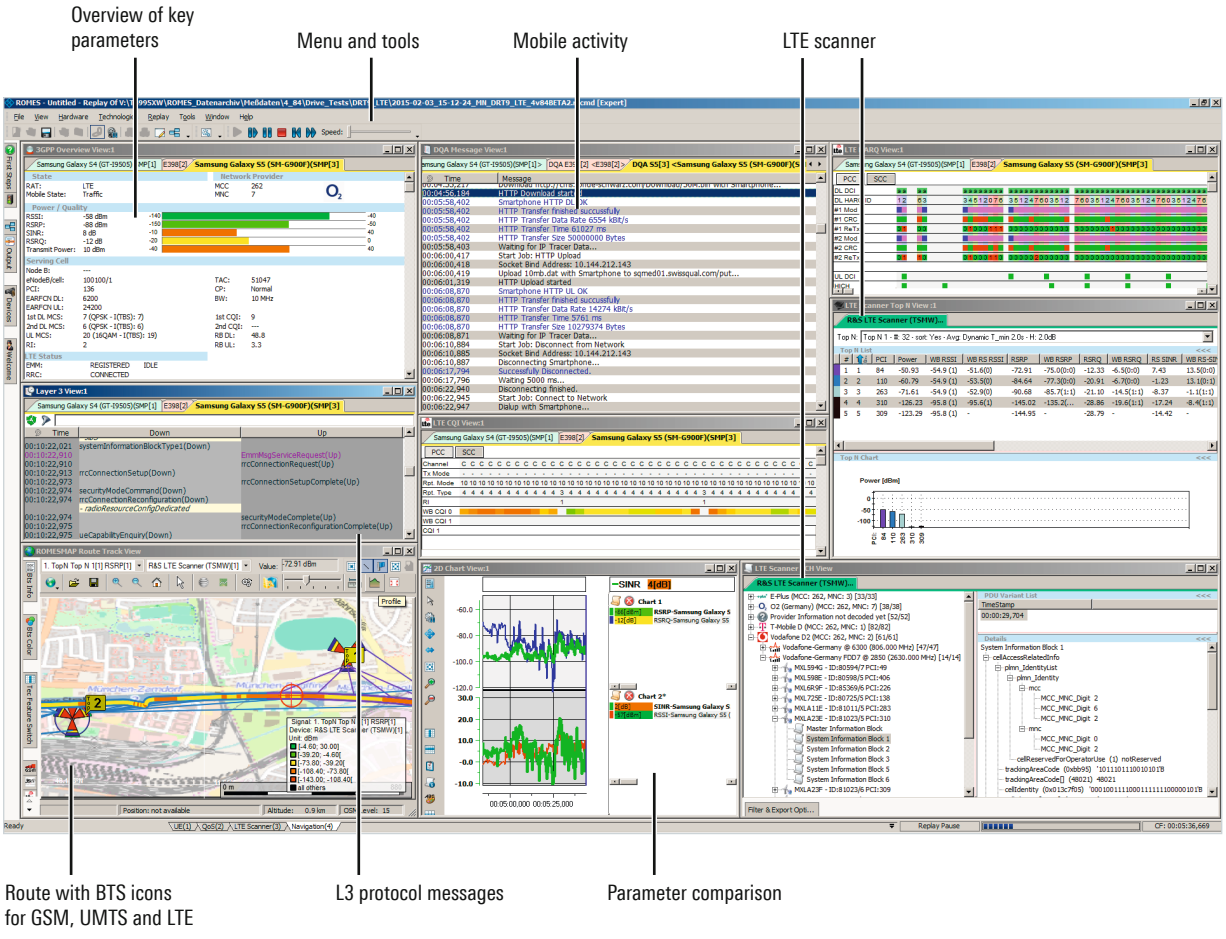
Ready to use in no time thanks to workspaces and projects

Users can create a workspace in which to store all settings and loaded drivers. At the start of a new drive test, all they need to do is load this workspace and the test system is immediately ready to use. To further simplify and speed up this procedure, users can create a project. A project contains all the settings of a workspace and reduces the overall volume of the modules to be loaded when the software is started. The startup wizard makes it possible to fully automatically load and start a project, workspace or test file.

Easy system configuration with device manager and wizards

Multiple wizards help users configure a test mobile phone in order to perform application tests such as FTP or HTTP downloads. In just three quick steps, the user is ready to start testing. The device manager integrated in R&S®ROMES4 automatically finds and displays all connected test mobile phones and R&S®TSMx scanner options. With just three mouse clicks, the user can configure numerous application tests such as an FTP download. After successfully loading the drivers, R&S®ROMES4 automatically opens a selection of important windows that display measured data. The test can then be started.

Overview of the R&S®ROMES4 graphical user interface



Fast setup due to automatic channel detection

The R&S®ROMES4ACD automatic channel detection feature enables the R&S®TSMW and R&S®TSME drive test scanners to automatically detect active channels in a specified band. LTE, UMTS and CDMA2000®/1xEV-DO networks are supported. The feature can be optionally enhanced by a spectrum scan that significantly speeds up the detection process. This feature eliminates the need to set up channel lists prior to a measurement campaign. The measurement system dynamically identifies new channels and adds them to the workspace during the drive. This is particularly relevant in networks deployed in a shared spectrum with other cellular standards, where channel frequency and channel bandwidth frequently change.

Support of numerous map data formats

In addition to the MapInfo map data format, R&S®ROMES4 also supports OpenStreetMap (OSM). Once downloaded, maps are also available offline. This is particularly important when testing data calls to ensure that measurement results are not affected by map downloads. Measurement results can be exported in ASCII format or converted to a Google Earth format. With the Google Earth format, a drive test can be displayed on a map with no additional effort.

Powerful analysis tools

When multiple, long drive tests need to be automatically evaluated for network errors and the cause for these errors determined, the R&S®ROMES4NPA network problem analyzer is the ideal tool. The base module for displaying ETSI key performance indicators (KPI) and providing an overview of the data in the measurement files is included with R&S®ROMES4. Optional modules for dedicated error analysis of voice or data calls automatically evaluate and display the error causes. Other modules enable analysis of coverage test data and neighborhood relationships as well as delta and comparative analysis. LTE MIMO measurements can also be analyzed and evaluated (see page 34 for more details).

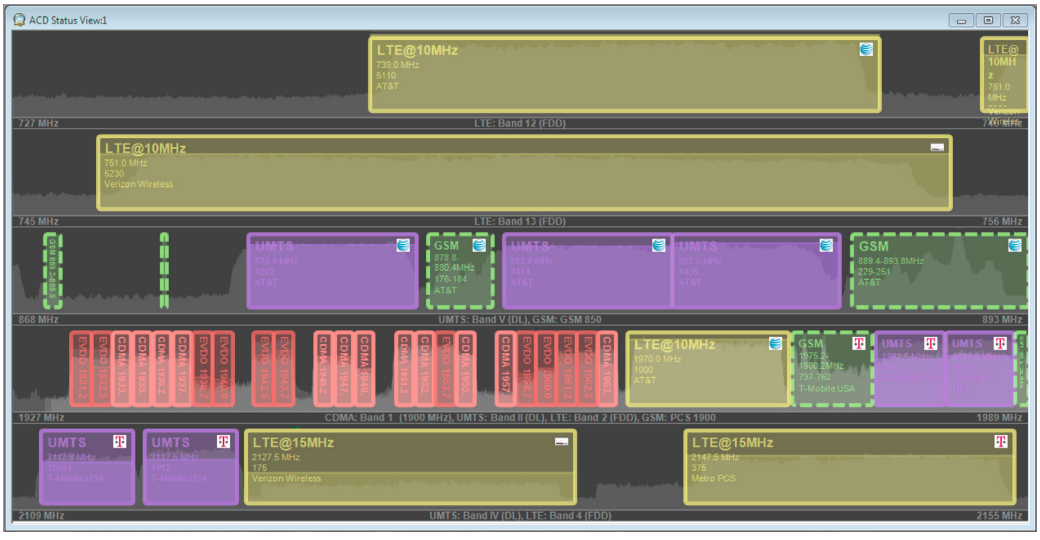
OpenStreetMap (OSM)

OpenStreetMap (OSM) is a user-editable world map that is available at the following Internet address:
http://www.openstreetmap.org/

OSM is a wiki project in which users can participate by uploading and editing geographical information such as GPS tracking data or the course of a road or river. This world map is growing daily.

OpenStreetMap data can be used freely under the terms of the Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike 2.0 license.

Quick overview thanks to automatic channel detection.



Automatic handover and neighborhood analysis

Requirements

- R&S®ROMES4
- R&S®ROMES4HOA
- R&S®ROMES4T1Q or R&S®ROMES4T1W or R&S®ROMES4T1E
- R&S®TSMx GSM/UMTS scanner
- Test mobile phone
- R&S®ROMES4GSM (GSM driver) or R&S®ROMES4QC (Qualcomm driver) or R&S®ROMES4SAM (Samsung driver)

Automatic detection of missing neighboring cells during drive testing

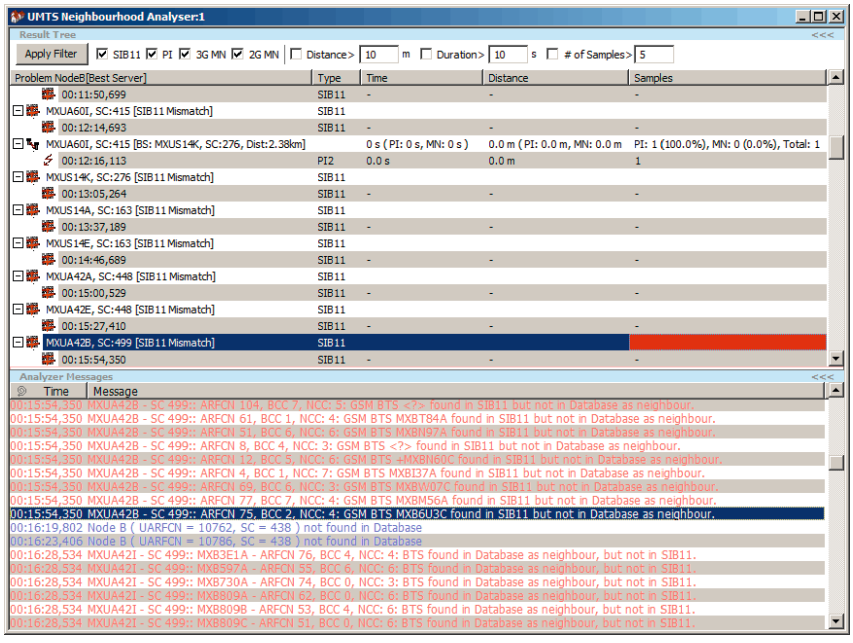
Automatic neighborhood analysis is based on a base station list and the base stations' broadcast signals that are decoded by the R&S®TSMx scanners. These system information blocks (UMTS and LTE) or system information types (GSM) include information that is normally used by test mobile phones to identify and monitor relevant neighboring cells. The report containing the measured values of the neighbor channels is forwarded to the base station. If necessary, the base station can use this response to initiate a handover.

Improvement of network coverage

Unlike test mobile phones, the R&S®TSMx scanners see all signals. These signals can be allocated to the relevant neighboring cells. R&S®ROMES4 is thus able to automatically compare the measured data from the scanners and the test mobile phones against a base station list to identify any missing neighboring cells. These missing cells may originate during the setup of a network and, in the worst case, can terminate a call.

The SIB analyzer integrated in R&S®ROMES4 compares the neighboring cells measured by the scanner against those in the base station list. Neighboring cells that were detected but do not appear in the list are marked in yellow, indicating a missing neighborhood. This automatic neighborhood analysis works for UMTS; a comparable functionality exists for GSM. Both work in realtime. For TETRA and LTE, this functionality is included in the R&S®ROMES4NPA network problem analyzer (see page 23).

Detecting a missing neighborhood at a glance.



Numerous application tests

Requirements

- **R&S®ROMES4**
- **Test mobile phone**
- **R&S®ROMES4GSM (GSM driver) or R&S®ROMES4QC (Qualcomm driver)**
- **R&S®ROMES4SAM (Samsung driver)**
- **R&S®ROMES4QP (QualiPoc driver)**
- **Optional: R&S®ROMES4CA or R&S®ROMES4CAU (carrier aggregation drivers for DL or UL, Qualcomm)**

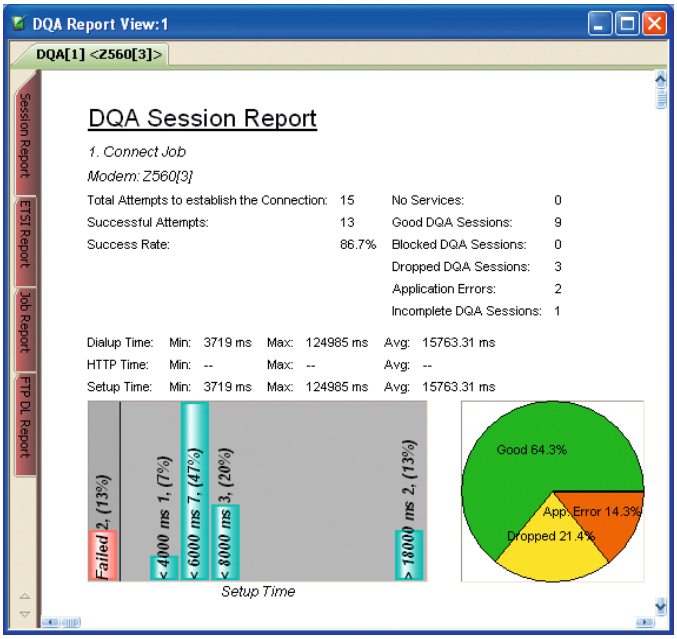
Creation of different application jobs

Mobile data calls are the standard today. It is therefore essential that data services be optimized with respect to quality and data throughput. This requires tools that can be used to configure, display and evaluate the different data measurements and packet-switched services. R&S®ROMES4 offers three different test solutions that are based on differing test concepts.

Data throughput measurement on a PC

The R&S®ROMES4 data quality analyzer (DQA) makes it possible to perform data tests using a commercially available mobile device (mobile phone, data stick), where the mobile device either acts as a modem or is connected via NDIS. The test is evaluated on a PC. This ensures that the latest devices are always used for testing and enables fast response to new technologies such as LTE carrier aggregation. DQA jobs can be run in parallel so that users need just a few mouse clicks to generate the high data loads required for LTE CA and start testing.

The DQA report of a drive test quickly reveals trouble spots.



By appropriately linking parallel and sequential jobs, the behavior of Internet users can be simulated. The R&S®ROMES4 data quality analyzer supports the following applications, which can be combined in an individual job list: SMS, email (POP3 and IMAP), ping, UDP, FTP, HTTP and video streaming.

Innovative on-device testing with SwissQual smartphone

When used together with a suitable SwissQual QualiPoc Android phone, the R&S®ROMES4QP smartphone option sends all of the messages and analyses directly to the smartphone. This ensures an almost exact simulation of user behavior. R&S®ROMES4 GUI makes configuration easy and convenient. Up to six wired devices can be controlled in parallel. Depending on the device, voice quality analyses and VoLTE measurements can be performed in addition to data tests (incl. carrier aggregation). R&S®ROMES4 includes the following jobs, which also can be assigned to a job list: email, ping, FTP, HTTP, HTTP capacity test, Call2AnyNumber, double-ended voice quality, MOC DL voice quality and network performance tests.

The SwissQual QualiPoc Android phone can also be used as a standalone device, for instance for indoor measurements. This increases the flexibility and saves costs, since only one device is needed.

Innovative on-device testing with commercial smartphone

On-device testing is also supported for unmodified commercial or precommercial Android smartphones. This allows users to test data throughput on the device without the limitation of a USB connection also for early devices, when new features such as higher-order carrier aggregation (currently up to four carriers in downlink (DL) and two in uplink (UL)) or MIMO 4x4 are tested for the first time in the lab or field. The R&S®ROMES4 data quality analyzer supports on-device testing in ADB DQA mode for FTP, HTTP and capacity tests.

Output of KPIs and the most important network parameters in a report

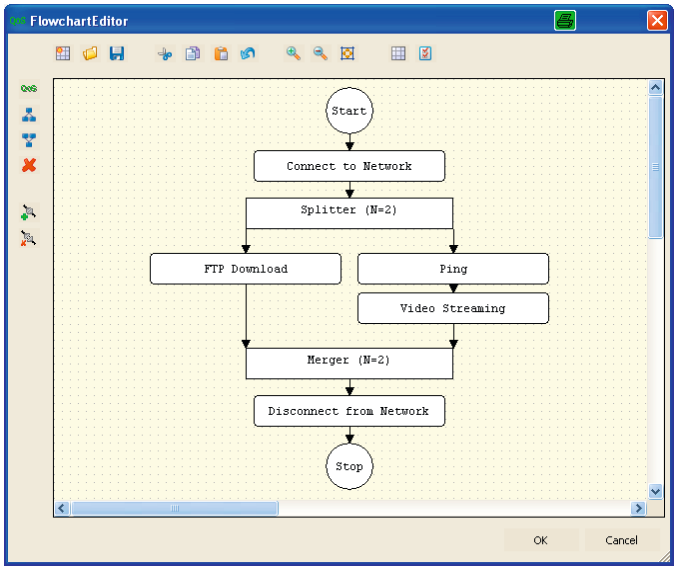
Automatic realtime analysis generates multiple reports containing key benchmark data. ETSI KPIs are calculated automatically.

Full overview of layer 1 and layer 3

Requirements

- R&S®ROMES4
- Test mobile phone
- R&S®ROMES4GSM (GSM driver) or R&S®ROMES4QC (Qualcomm driver) or R&S®ROMES4SAM (Samsung driver) or R&S®ROMES4QP (QualiPoc driver) or R&S®ROMES4TED (Sepura TETRA driver)

Parallel jobs are configured with simple graphics.



Display of mobile phone activities in layer 3

The basic functionality of R&S®ROMES4 in combination with the drivers for test mobile phones provides a large amount of information from layers 1 and 3. Users can see the radio conditions (GSM or WCDMA, channel, voice codec, etc.) for phone calls at a glance.

If measurements are also taken by a scanner, the scanner's measured data is displayed in the same window, allowing a direct comparison.

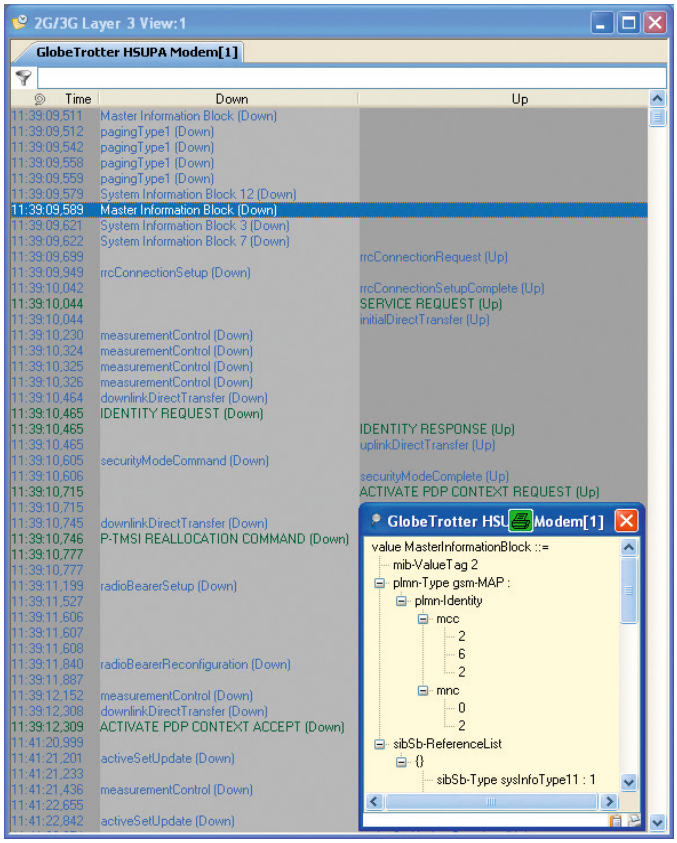
Layer 3 View displays all the messages, sorted by up-link and downlink. Each message is decoded and can be opened if necessary.

Fast analysis of interrupted connections

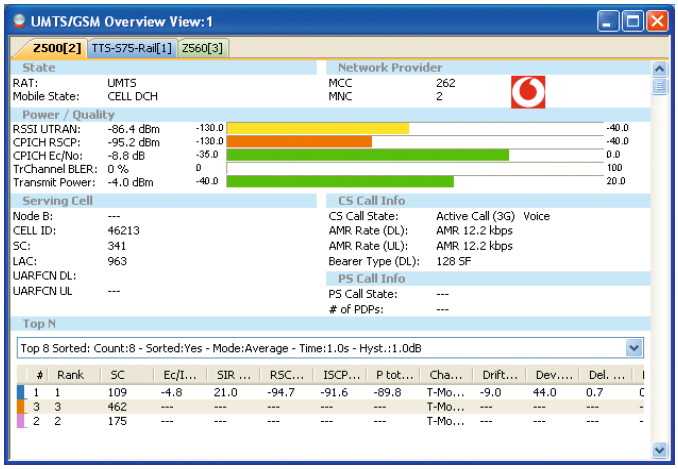
In addition to protocol messages, interrupted/blocked and successful connections are also displayed. When jumping to a trouble spot, all views will show measurements taken at this point in time. This makes it considerably easier to find the cause of a problem.

In addition, a filter function in Layer 3 View enables users to evaluate only specific messages.

Layer 3 protocol messages for uplink and downlink.



Overview of all important network parameters.



Test of voice quality – incl. VoLTE

Requirements

- R&S®ROMES4
- R&S®ROMES4QP
- QualiPoc Android QA test mobile phone
- R&S®ROMES4QC (Qualcomm driver)
- R&S®ROMES4SAM (Samsung driver)
- Optional: R&S®ROMES4VO (VoLTE driver)

User-friendly configuration for checking voice quality

Mobile networks must meet increasingly high demands for quality. For testing voice quality, R&S®ROMES4 offers an innovative, full-featured, end-to-end solution that exactly simulates user behavior.

The test mobile phone is connected to the R&S®ROMES4 via USB and configured using a job list. A POLQA algorithm (ITU-T P.863) evaluates the voice quality directly on the phone. The results are displayed live in R&S®ROMES4. The greater the difference between the transmitted voice signal and the reference signal, the poorer the voice quality. This is indicated by the usual mean opinion score (MOS) and can lie between 1 (poor) and 5 (very good).

Complete end-to-end measurement from the user perspective

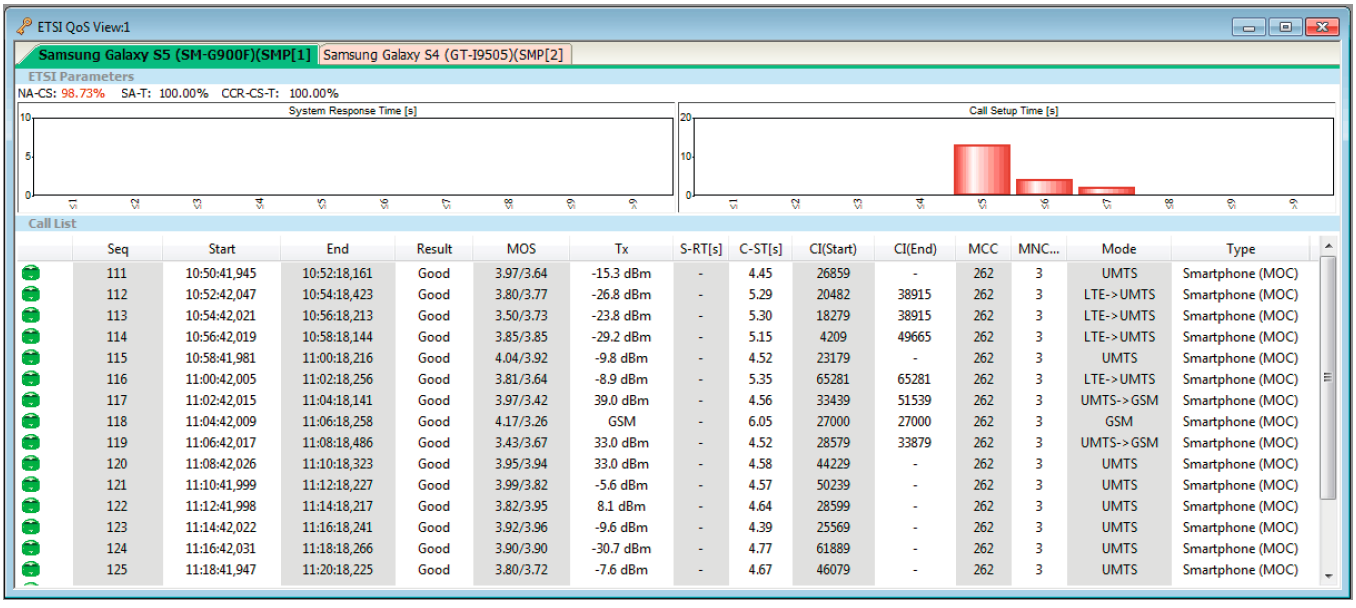
The measurements can be performed using a fixed-network station, usually a voice-quality server, or another mobile phone. The mobile phone reflects the quality as experienced by a mobile user and also permits HD voice measurements. In contrast, a fixed-network station serves as a reference, enabling the cause of a poor MOS to be found more quickly.

Based on POLQA standard

The R&S®ROMES4QP option and a suitable QualiPoc Android QA can be used to measure calls for the downlink and uplink. For the downlink, the server replays a reference voice signal, and the QualiPoc Android QA connected to R&S®ROMES4 evaluates this received signal. For the uplink, the R&S®ROMES4 test system replays a voice signal and the server uses a POLQA algorithm to evaluate it.

Following a drive test, the measured data can be merged so that the uplink and downlink measurements are available in one log file. The merge process can be skipped if two phones connected to R&S®ROMES4 call each other.

Voice quality measurement (MOS) with the Samsung Galaxy S5.



Seq	Start	End	Result	MOS	Tx	S-RT[s]	C-ST[s]	CI(Start)	CI(End)	MCC	MNC...	Mode	Type
111	10:50:41,945	10:52:18,161	Good	3.97/3.64	-15.3 dBm	-	4.45	26859	-	262	3	UMTS	Smartphone (MOC)
112	10:52:42,047	10:54:18,423	Good	3.80/3.77	-26.8 dBm	-	5.29	20482	38915	262	3	LTE->UMTS	Smartphone (MOC)
113	10:54:42,021	10:56:18,213	Good	3.50/3.73	-23.8 dBm	-	5.30	18279	38915	262	3	LTE->UMTS	Smartphone (MOC)
114	10:56:42,019	10:58:18,144	Good	3.85/3.85	-29.2 dBm	-	5.15	4209	49665	262	3	LTE->UMTS	Smartphone (MOC)
115	10:58:41,981	11:00:18,216	Good	4.04/3.92	-9.8 dBm	-	4.52	23179	-	262	3	UMTS	Smartphone (MOC)
116	11:00:42,005	11:02:18,256	Good	3.81/3.64	-8.9 dBm	-	5.35	65281	65281	262	3	LTE->UMTS	Smartphone (MOC)
117	11:02:42,015	11:04:18,141	Good	3.97/3.42	39.0 dBm	-	4.56	33439	51539	262	3	UMTS->GSM	Smartphone (MOC)
118	11:04:42,009	11:06:18,258	Good	4.17/3.26	GSM	-	6.05	27000	27000	262	3	GSM	Smartphone (MOC)
119	11:06:42,017	11:08:18,486	Good	3.43/3.67	33.0 dBm	-	4.52	28579	33879	262	3	UMTS->GSM	Smartphone (MOC)
120	11:08:42,026	11:10:18,323	Good	3.95/3.94	33.0 dBm	-	4.58	44229	-	262	3	UMTS	Smartphone (MOC)
121	11:10:41,999	11:12:18,227	Good	3.99/3.82	-5.6 dBm	-	4.57	50239	-	262	3	UMTS	Smartphone (MOC)
122	11:12:41,998	11:14:18,217	Good	3.82/3.95	8.1 dBm	-	4.64	28599	-	262	3	UMTS	Smartphone (MOC)
123	11:14:42,022	11:16:18,241	Good	3.92/3.96	-9.6 dBm	-	4.39	25569	-	262	3	UMTS	Smartphone (MOC)
124	11:16:42,031	11:18:18,266	Good	3.90/3.90	-30.7 dBm	-	4.77	61889	-	262	3	UMTS	Smartphone (MOC)
125	11:18:41,947	11:20:18,225	Good	3.80/3.72	-7.6 dBm	-	4.67	46079	-	262	3	UMTS	Smartphone (MOC)

LTE broadcast (eMBMS) network optimization

Requirements

- **R&S®ROMES4**
- **R&S®ROMES4T1W or R&S®ROMES4T1E**
- **R&S®TSMW scanner with R&S®TSMW-K29 and R&S®TSMW-K32 or R&S®TSME scanner with R&S®TSME-K29 and R&S®TSME-K32 or R&S®TSMA scanner with R&S®TSMA-K29 and R&S®TSMA-K32**
- **Optional for test mobile support: R&S®ROMES4QC and R&S®ROMES4EMQ**

R&S®ROMES4 in combination with a Rohde&Schwarz LTE scanner and an LTE eMBMS test mobile

LTE broadcast, using the evolved multimedia broadcast multicast service (eMBMS) feature of LTE, allows operators to more efficiently provide services to a large number of subscribers. Instead of transmitting video and data content separately to individual users, broadcast saves network resources, making it attractive for areas such as event venues where a multitude of subscribers request the same type of content.

Enabling broadcast in an LTE network poses challenges for the network operator. It is necessary to ensure continued high quality unicast services and simultaneously provide high-performance broadcast services. The broadcast network consists of a virtual single frequency network (SFN) inside the LTE network, where a set of eNodeBs that are part of the same broadcast area transmit the same downlink signal at the same time. This requires accurate eNodeB synchronization, which is typically not the case in LTE-FDD networks. In addition, intersymbol interference becomes important in the SFN. The eMBMS feature already makes use of the extended cyclic prefix, but when planning and commissioning the broadcast network it is crucial to validate that the network footprint at the given operating frequency does not lead to intersymbol interference.

R&S®ROMES4 in combination with an LTE scanner, such as R&S®TSMW, R&S®TSME or R&S®TSMA and an eMBMS capable test mobile is the ideal solution for optimizing such a network.

Typical measurement setup with R&S®ROMES4, R&S®TSMA and eMBMS smartphone.

Network planning

With the scanner, the LTE network can be baselined in the planning phase, and the network synchronization can be checked against GPS. This allows the network planner to predict potential areas of intersymbol interference and allows planning of the MBSFN area IDs, similar to PCI planning in an LTE unicast network.

Network rollout

During the network rollout and tuning of the broadcast network, the scanner can measure the power (RSRP) and quality (SINR) of each MBSFN area. The engineer can then check the validity of the network planning by comparing it to the results from the field.

Detection of intersymbol interference

The scanner can also be used to detect intersymbol interference. Due to the impulse response measurement per PCI, it can also detect which eNodeB is causing this interference, allowing the engineer to take corrective measures.

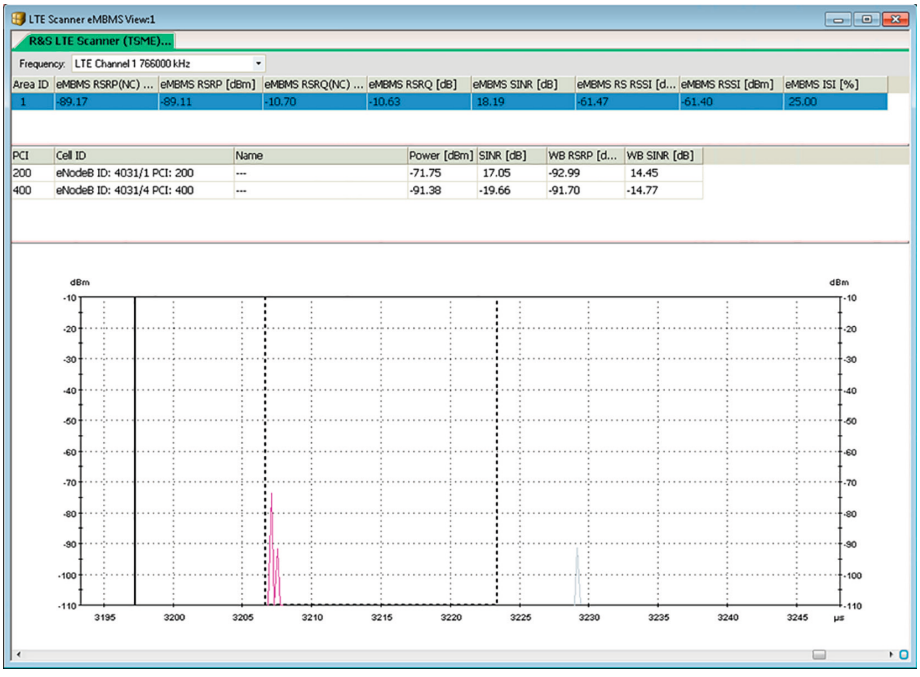
Check of network configuration

The scanner decodes the SIB2 and SIB13 broadcast messages that include information on the eMBMS configuration in the network, such as MBSFN subframe configuration from SIB2, and MCCH configuration per MBSFN area from SIB13. So in the field, the engineer can check that the network is configured correctly.

Validation of network performance

While the scanner allows optimization of the RF environment, it is also crucial to validate the network performance with a test mobile. R&S®ROMES4 supports eMBMS test mobiles with a Qualcomm chipset, so the engineer can test the connection to the eMBMS network, view layer 3 and flute messages, capture the IP trace, and therefore analyze problems in the broadcast network. While testing eMBMS, it is important to continue testing the unicast services (data and VoLTE) to ensure that service quality stays at a high level when introducing the eMBMS feature.

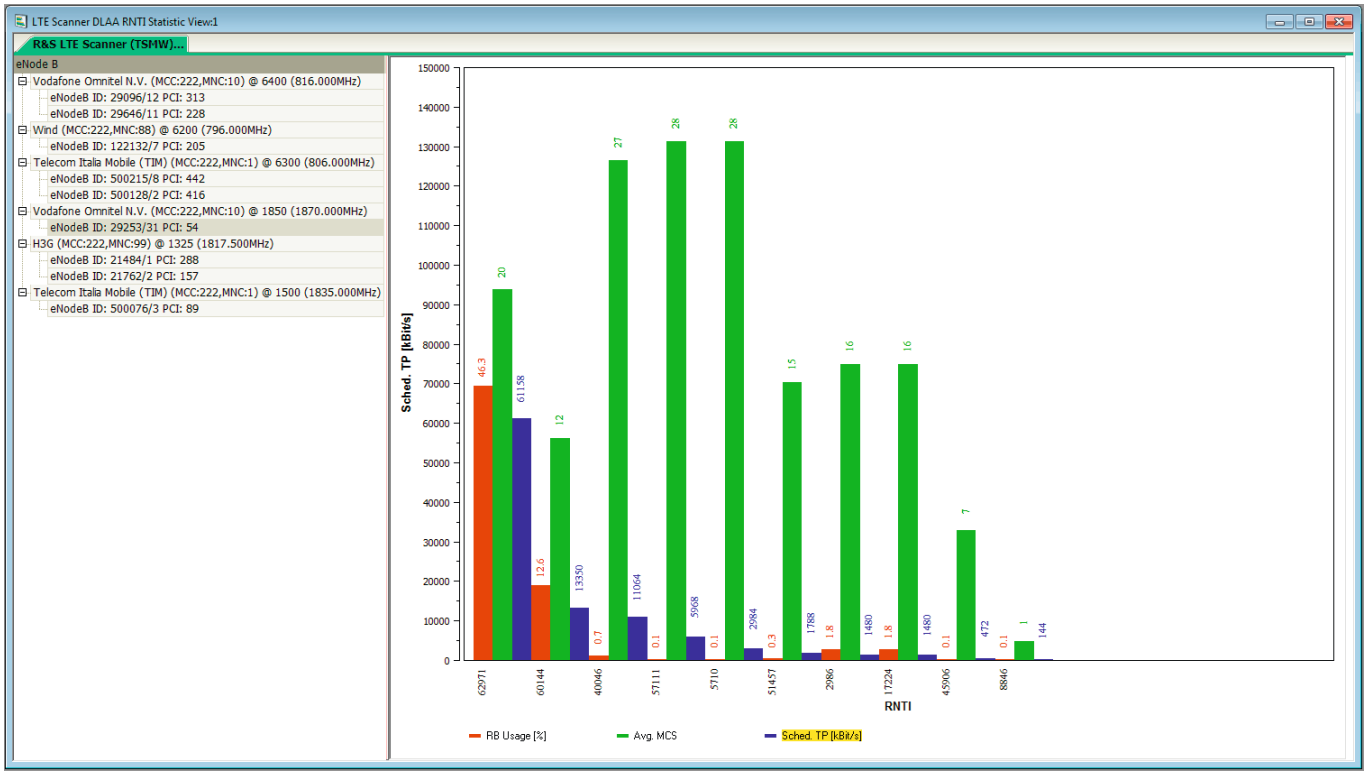
R&S®ROMES4 eMBMS scanner view with intersymbol interference analysis.



LTE downlink allocation analyzer (DLAA) and uplink allocation analyzer (ULAA)

Requirements

- R&S®ROMES4
- R&S®ROMES4T1W or R&S®ROMES4T1E
- For DLAA
  - R&S®TSMW scanner with R&S®TSMW-K29 and R&S®TSMW-K31 or R&S®TSME scanner with R&S®TSME-K29 and R&S®TSME-K31 or R&S®TSMA scanner with R&S®TSMA-K29 and R&S®TSME-K31
- For ULAA
  - R&S®TSMW scanner with R&S®TSMW-K29 and R&S®TSMW-K33 or R&S®TSME scanner with R&S®TSME-K29 and R&S®TSME-K33 or R&S®TSMA scanner with R&S®TSMA-K29 and R&S®TSME-K33
- Optional: R&S®TSMW-K27/R&S®TSME-K27/ R&S®TSMA-K27 RF power scan



Fast overview of resource block allocation, average MCS, and target throughput of different RNTIs.

Allocation analysis of strongest eNodeB in downlink and uplink

In combination with an R&S®TSMW, R&S®TSME or R&S®TSMA scanner, R&S®ROMES4 offers a unique feature that allows analysis of the downlink and uplink allocations of the strongest eNodeB during measurements. The following information is included:

- Number of RNTIs (UEs) scheduled by the eNodeB for data reception
- Modulation and coding scheme (MCS) and throughput for each detected UE
- Cell allocation

Information is provided per TTI and per resource block. Data can be statistically evaluated to estimate the overall cell load based on throughput and number of users. This information is important during network optimization and troubleshooting as it helps users acquire network data without special maintenance tools such as base station counters.

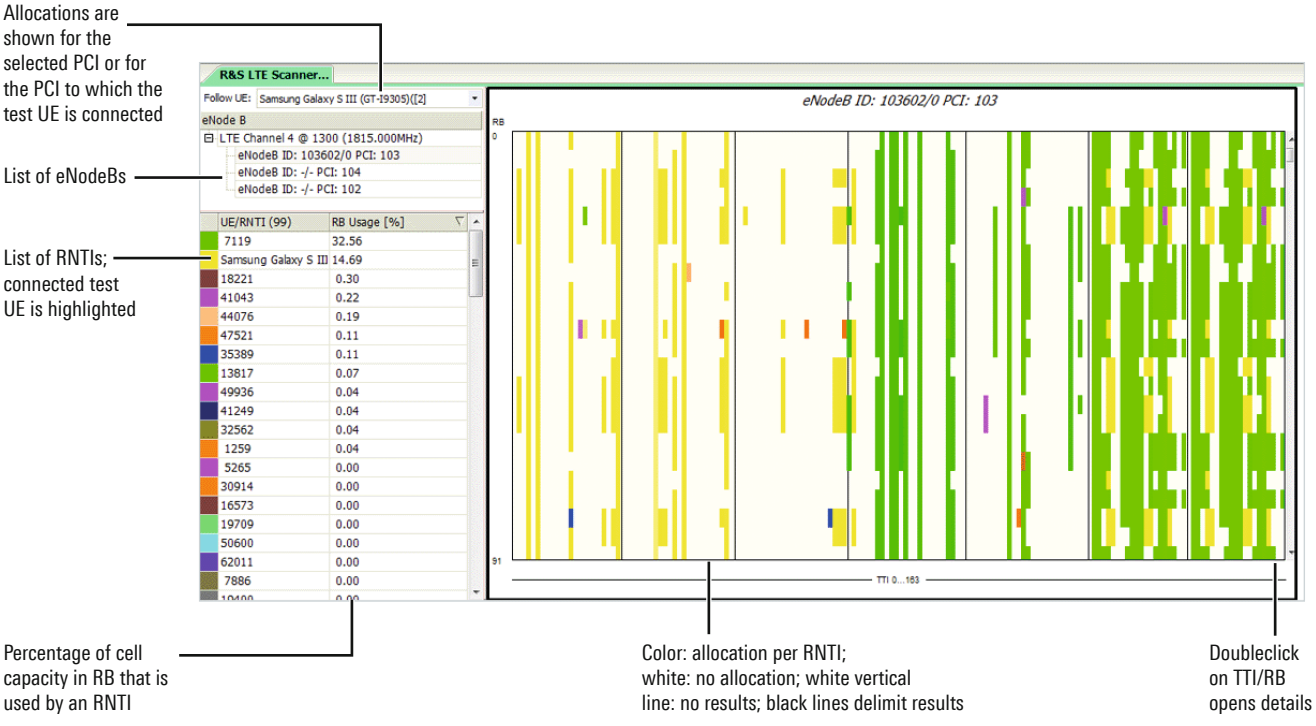
Wide range of applications

The analysis results for LTE downlink and uplink allocations, for example, can explain the limited throughput of a test mobile phone if the scanner shows that the cell load is high and that there are not enough resources available for the test mobile phone.

In a benchmarking environment, this feature provides deep insight into networks, allowing comparison of traffic load and available capacity for different operators.

Other applications include a network probe to measure the cell load in stationary operation, for example when a base station site owner wants to know the importance of a certain base station before renewing the lease with the network operator.

DLAA: RNTI allocation overview



NB-IoT/Cat NB1 measurements

Requirements

- R&S®ROMES4
- R&S®ROMES4T1W or R&S®ROMES4T1E
- R&S®TSMW scanner with R&S®TSMW-K29 and R&S®TSMW-K34 or R&S®TSME scanner with R&S®TSME-K29 and R&S®TSME-K34 or R&S®TSMA scanner with R&S®TSMA-K29 and R&S®TSMA-K34
- R&S®ROMES4QC and R&S®ROMES4NBQ for Qualcomm NB-IoT UE support
- R&S®ROMES4NBN for Neul NB-IoT UE support

Combination with a Rohde&Schwarz scanner

In combination with an R&S®TSMW, R&S®TSME or R&S®TSMA scanner, R&S®ROMES4 enables measurements in NB-IoT/Cat NB1 networks. NB-IoT/Cat NB1 is a 3GPP standard for connecting a huge number of things such as smart meters to the Internet (IoT).

While traditional LTE standards are mainly aimed at increasing throughput and network capacity, NB-IoT/Cat NB1 focuses on low power consumption for IoT devices and highest availability of the connecting links, especially indoors. Indoor measurements require lightweight, ultra-compact scanners with low power consumption. For coverage validation, troubleshooting and optimization, R&S®ROMES4 in combination with a Rohde&Schwarz scanner delivers signal power, signal quality, and carrier to interference and noise ratio (CINR) measurements for each available physical cell ID.

Support of all operating modes defined in NB-IoT/Cat NB1

The NB-IoT/Cat NB1 standard defines three operating modes to integrate NB-IoT carriers efficiently into the available spectrum. R&S®ROMES4 supports all three modes. The LTE in-band mode makes the most

NB-IoT scanner TopN view

#	PCI	NSSS Power	NSSS CINR	NRSSI	Frame Struct. Type	Cyclic Prefix	Center Frequency	NRSRP (Tx0)	NRSRP (Tx1)	NRSRQ (Tx0)	NRSRQ (Tx1)	NRS CINR (Tx0)	NRS CINR (Tx1)	NRS RSSI (Tx0)	NRS RSSI (Tx1)
1	258	-92.31	1.32	-89.91	FDD	N	953.99	-104.24	-109.22	-13.07	-18.05	-0.99	-6.33	-91.17	-91.17
2	154	-95.40	-2.67	-90.85	FDD	N	953.99	-115.96	-108.85	-25.31	-18.21	-13.48	-6.21	-90.64	-90.64
3	59	-98.83	-8.09	-90.11	FDD	N	953.99	-114.03	-102.04	-22.57	-10.59	-7.33	3.08	-91.45	-91.45
4	155	-97.17	-6.54	-89.76	FDD	N	953.99	-112.66	-107.17	-22.68	-17.18	-10.00	-6.01	-89.98	-89.98
5	475	-93.95	-2.20	-89.70	FDD	N	953.99	-110.04	-105.48	-19.98	-15.43	-7.56	-1.61	-90.05	-90.05
6	495	-101.53	-7.50	-93.31	FDD	N	953.99	-110.87	-107.02	-17.74	-13.89	-6.52	-2.39	-93.13	-93.13

efficient use of the available spectrum. In this mode, one NB-IoT carrier uses the spectrum of one LTE PRB. The other operating modes – guard-band and stand-alone – allow NB-IoT deployments independently from the LTE spectrum.

Simultaneous measurements of NB-IoT and other technologies

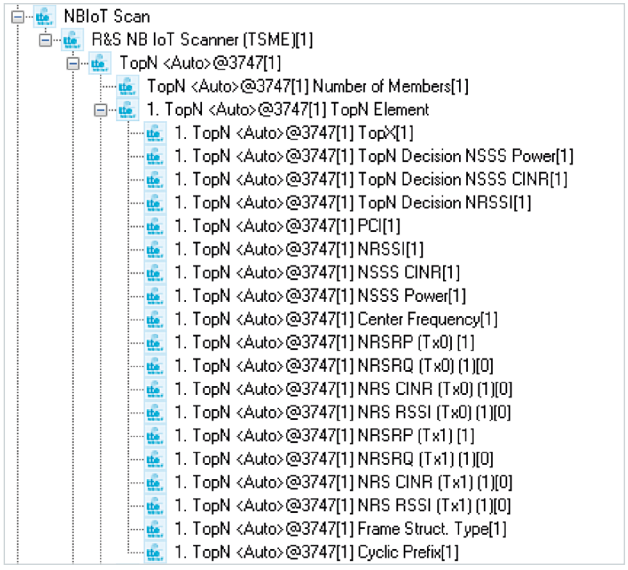
NB-IoT measurements can be performed simultaneously with measurements for other technologies such as GSM, LTE or (W)CDMA. During network optimization or troubleshooting, the impact of the NB-IoT spectrum on adjacent GSM/LTE/(W)CDMA spectra and vice versa can be validated.

Combination with an NB-IoT UE

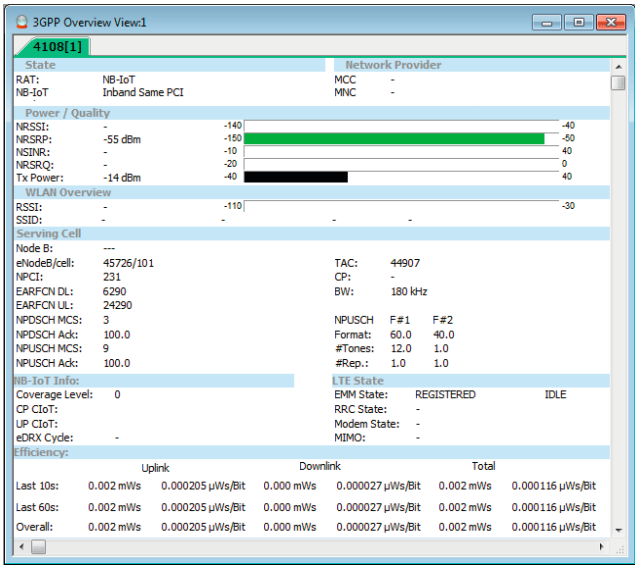
In combination with an NB-IoT UE, R&S®ROMES4 enables network performance and service quality measurements in NB-IoT/Cat NB1 networks. This setup permits traditional mobile network testing measurements such as RF conditions (including serving cell allocation and identity, downlink (DL) and uplink (UL) channel performance) and random access channel (RACH) procedure.

It additionally provides information about NB-IoT-specific features such as cellular IoT (CIoT), coverage enhancement levels (CE) and eDRX. Dedicated NB efficiency KPIs offer analysis of the used energy and transmission efficiency as power consumption is a key NB-IoT metric.

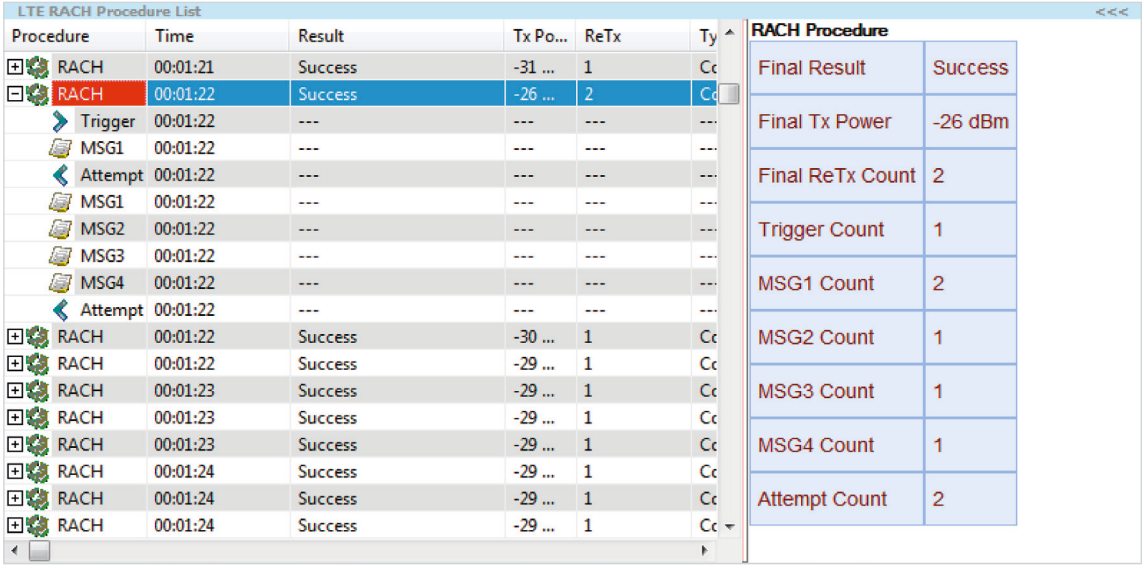
NB-IoT scanner TopN signals.



NB-IoT UE overview view.



NB-IoT RACH retransmission



Parallel spectrum measurement

Requirements

- R&S®ROMES4
- R&S®ROMES4T1Q or R&S®ROMES4T1W or R&S®ROMES4T1E
- R&S®TSMx scanner with R&S®TSMU-K17 RF power scan
- R&S®TSMx scanner with R&S®TSMW-K27 RF power scan
- R&S®TSME scanner with R&S®TSME-K27 RF power scan
- R&S®TSMA scanner with R&S®TSMA-K27 RF power scan

Broadband spectrum measurement

In combination with an R&S®TSML-CW, R&S®TSMW, R&S®TSME or R&S®TSMA scanner, R&S®ROMES4 can be used to perform a spectrum scan. The user can select up to 32 frequency ranges from 80 MHz to 3 GHz (R&S®TSMW: 30 MHz to 6 GHz; R&S®TSME/R&S®TSMA: 350 MHz to 4.4 GHz). The frequency range is not limited. R&S®ROMES4 offers different display options, e.g. envelope spectrum measurement, RMS, peak or a predefined channel mask. In this case, the power per channel is displayed.

Marker functions make it easy to precisely measure dedicated frequencies and detect changes. A marker can also be defined as a reference and compared against the maximum value.

Detection of broadband interferers, neighborhood interference and uplink activities

The waterfall diagram gives the user a general idea of the air interface and its history. This makes it very easy to locate broadband interferers or external interference. All the user needs to do is move the mouse pointer over the waterfall diagram. At any desired spot, timestamp and frequency are displayed, enabling the user to find the center frequency of an unknown signal faster.

The spectrum function is based on FFT analysis. Various FFT sizes allow users to set measurement bandwidths down to min. 140 Hz. The smaller the measurement bandwidth, the greater the measurement accuracy. This permits a very fast spectrum measurement without the usual sweep time of a normal spectrum analyzer. Fast measurements are especially important during drive tests in order to obtain a sufficiently high density of results during the drive.

A special threshold value is provided for monitoring the spectrum. Spectra that do not show any test points above this threshold value are not displayed. Any data that is not of interest is not recorded.

Frequency markers and the entire spectrum can be exported to ASCII format.

Spectrum measurement

Location estimation of 2G/3G and 4G base stations

Requirements

- R&S®ROMES4
- R&S®ROMES4LOC
- R&S®ROMES4T1W or
- R&S®ROMES4T1E
- R&S®TSMW scanner or R&S®TSME scanner or R&S®TSMA scanner

Creation of a base station list during a drive test

The R&S®TSMW, R&S®TSME and R&S®TSMA scanners enable users to estimate the geographic position of base stations. This can even be done for GSM, WCDMA, CDMA2000® 1xEV-DO and LTE base stations in parallel.

Requires only scanners and GPS

For the calculation algorithm, all that is needed are the measurement parameters from a highly accurate GPS receiver with output of the PPS time reference signal (pre-installed in the R&S®TSMW, R&S®TSME and R&S®TSMA) and from the 2G/3G/4G scanner.

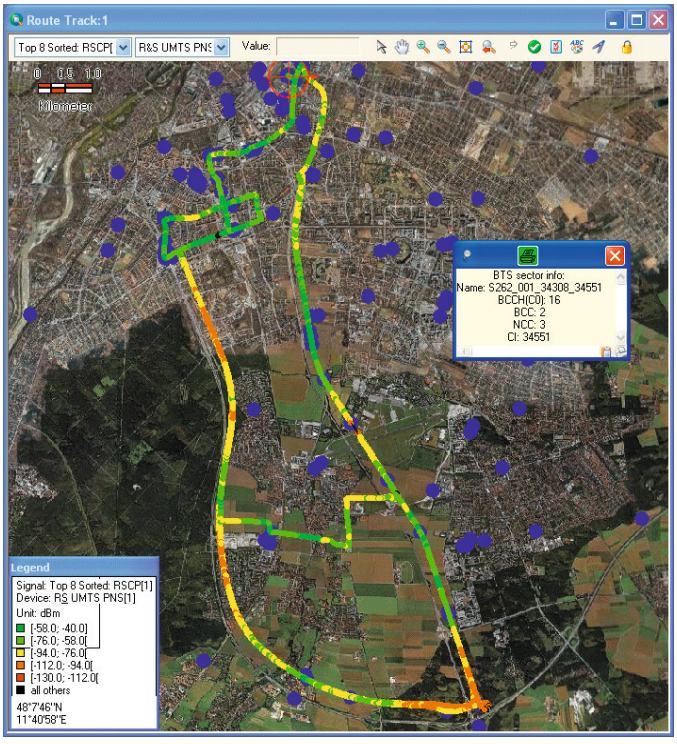
The R&S®ROMES4 software and the R&S®ROMES4LOC driver allow the scanners not only to detect the main levels of the BTS (2G: RxLev, 3G: RSCP, 4G: RSRP) but also to demodulate the broadcast channels (BCH). Important time information as well as details of the transmitting BTS are thus obtained.

The maximum likelihood method is used to calculate the geographic position of the individual BTS from the measured data provided by the GPS receiver, BCH time information and level changes during the drive test.

Following the drive test, the calculation results are exported to a base station list and the located base stations are displayed on an underlying street map.

Selecting the BTS opens another window in which the characteristic data of the BTS is displayed.

The calculated position of a BTS lies within an error ellipse (approx. 200 m) that is also exported. Base stations can be filtered based on the accuracy of location estimation.



Results of the measured geographic position of base stations using the R&S®ROMES4 software and the R&S®ROMES4LOC driver.

Indoor measurements

Requirements

- R&S®ROMES4
- R&S®ROMES4IND
- Test mobile phone and/or scanner
- R&S®ROMES4QC (Qualcomm driver) or R&S®ROMES4SAM (Samsung driver) or R&S®ROMES4TEP or R&S®ROMES4TED (TETRA driver)

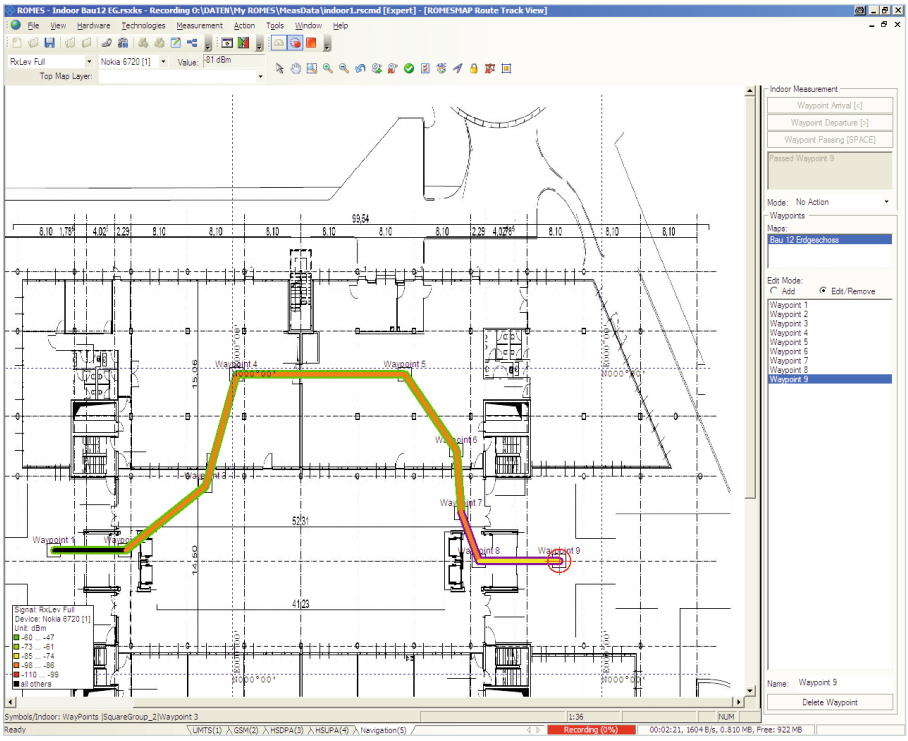
Stationary or moving measurements indoors – without GPS signal

High-quality wireless communications coverage inside buildings, e.g. at airports, shopping malls and exhibition halls, is gaining in significance, especially with respect to data traffic. Since GPS reception indoors is limited or nonexistent, R&S®ROMES4 offers an alternative to conventional navigation display (GPS data on a map).

Combined indoor/outdoor measurements

The R&S®ROMES4IND indoor driver option provides a separate means of navigation that makes it possible to display positions on a floor plan. Measurements can be taken at specific points (hot spots, e.g. in conference rooms) or along a specific path (continuous, e.g. in a corridor). Combined DUTs (comprising buildings and outdoor areas such as company premises) can be optimally measured and georeferenced. The software also displays a smooth transition to areas covered by GPS. Measurements of multi-floor buildings are easily handled by displaying the various floors as multiple layers on the map. The wide support of georeferenced and non-georeferenced map formats (tab, jpg, tif, bmp, png) and included import functionalities for iBwave ibwc and AutoCAD DXF files simplifies and speeds up daily work. The layer that corresponds to the floor where the user is located is visible on the map. The complete integration of the indoor functionality into the R&S®ROMES4 map display allows intuitive operation.

Display of a floor plan in hot spot mode.



GSM interference analysis with automatic interferer identification

Requirements

- R&S®ROMES4
- R&S®ROMES4COI
- R&S®ROMES4T1Q or R&S®ROMES4T1W or R&S®ROMES4T1E
- R&S®TSMx GSM scanner
- Test mobile phone
- R&S®ROMES4GSM (GSM driver) or R&S®ROMES4QC (Qualcomm driver) or R&S®ROMES4SAM (Samsung driver)

Automatic measurement and identification of interferers from own GSM mobile network

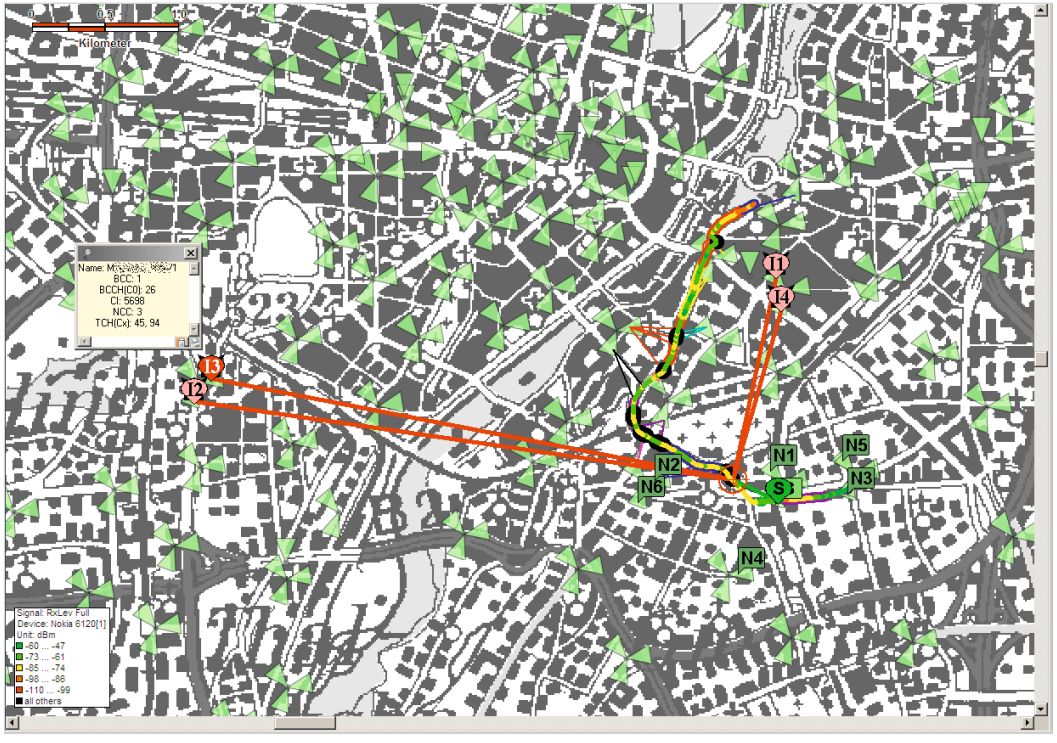
R&S®ROMES4 allows GSM interference to be determined automatically and clearly from the own GSM network during the drive test. The actual interferers can be displayed on the underlying street map in Route Track View. This makes it considerably easier to use the software and perform tests, reducing costs dramatically in comparison with conventional methods.

The evaluation is performed in three steps:

- Automatic detection of an interference situation (type, length, location)
- Automatic analysis of the detected interference (test on BCCH and TCH)
- Classification of the actual interferers on the basis of the individual interference situation and pinpointing of the interferers on the street map (interfering base station with channel indication: BCCH, TCH, adjacent channel)

To optimize interference analysis, more than just selectable trigger thresholds (e.g. RxLevFull, RxLevSub, RxQualFull, RxQualSub, FER) are used. Some of the test mobile phones supported by R&S®ROMES4 also provide a C/I value for the traffic channels being used (TCH). Because the SIM connection only allows the test mobile phone to see the data from the allocated mobile network, and because it is not very RF-sensitive, the use of high-grade scanners is absolutely essential.

GSM interference analysis with automatic interferer identification – display on the map.
The map shows the position of the interference (cross line), the cell currently providing coverage (S) and the four actually interfering cells (I1, I2, I3 and I4). The markings N1 to N6 show the current neighboring cells. The color of the route indicates the received signal strength of the GSM mobile phone.



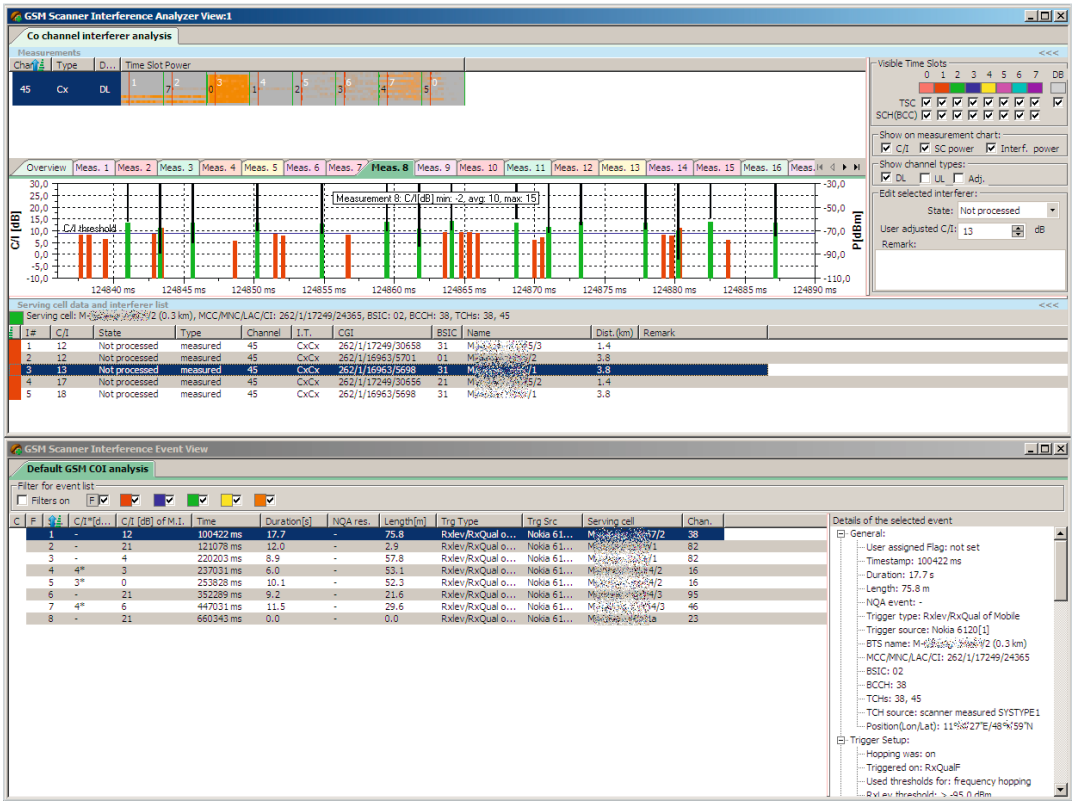
Evaluation of BCCH and TCH channels allows full-featured analysis

The R&S®TSMW, R&S®TSME, R&S®TSMA and R&S®TSML-CW scanners are able to instantly detect all selected RF channels (BCCH) and demodulate the BCH information. As a result, all the data from the BTS transmitting the signals is available. This is especially relevant when performing measurements in the vicinity of national borders (faulty frequency allocation, roaming, etc.).

Detection of adjacent-channel and co-channel interferers

The combination of scanner and test mobile phone can even be used to measure the power in the time slots being used (TCH, TS Time Slot), making it possible to identify not only interfering BCCH channels but also TCH interferers.

GSM interference analysis with automatic interferer identification – detailed display.
Eight interference situations were detected during the drive (bottom window). The interference marked on the map was 17.7 s in duration and extended over a distance of 75.8 m. The BCCH of the cell providing coverage is channel 38; the interference occurred on TCH 45.
The upper part of the screen shows the scanner measurements from channel 45 of the cell providing coverage (green) as well as the measurement of the interferers (red). The list shows the individual interferers together with the measured signal strength, the identification of the cell and its distance to the location of the interference.



R&S®ROMES4NPA: analysis and evaluation of network problems

Requirements

- **R&S®ROMES4NPA (included in R&S®ROMES4 or as standalone)**
- **R&S®ROMES4N11**
- **R&S®ROMES4N15**
- **R&S®ROMES4N17**
- **R&S®ROMES4N18**
- **R&S®ROMES4N19**
- **R&S®ROMES4N20**
- **R&S®ROMES4N21**
- **R&S®ROMES4N22**
- **R&S®ROMES4N30**
- **R&S®ROMES4N31**
- **R&S®ROMES4N34**

Automatic detection, analysis and documentation of trouble spots

The sheer volume of recorded data makes individual and manual analysis impossible. The data (from R&S®ROMES4 or QP files, after conversion in the latter case) is therefore automatically analyzed by the R&S®ROMES4NPA network problem analyzer, which outputs a list of all detected trouble spots and displays them on a map using Google Maps, OpenStreetMap (OSM) or user-defined maps. R&S®ROMES4NPA also provides information about the cause of the problem.

Sophisticated algorithms for supporting users

The easy-to-use interface guides the user through the process, from reading in the measured data (from one or more drive tests) and selecting the analysis criteria to retrieving the automatically generated list of trouble spots.

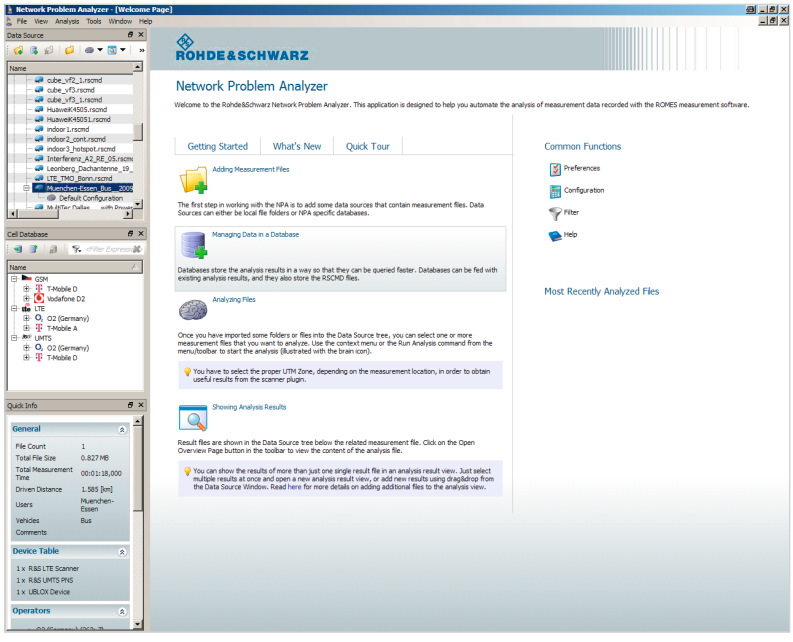
Right-clicking a problem automatically opens R&S®ROMES4 and positions the replay of the measurement file just ahead of the trouble spot in question so that the user can perform a detailed check if required. The result is displayed in HTML in a clear report that is ready for printing. Export to Excel allows easy data processing.

The measurement data is analyzed according to specific criteria that depend on the modules selected. In all modules, the analysis criteria can be adapted to user-specific limit values and settings.

The R&S®ROMES4NPA base package includes the following modules:

- NQA (network quality analyzer) for voice calls, base module including KPIs
- DQA (data quality analyzer) for PS data connections, base module including KPIs

Start screen of R&S®ROMES4NPA.



Broad range of optional add-on modules for voice quality and data tests as well as coverage and neighborhood analysis

R&S®ROMES4N11

NQA for GSM/WCDMA/TETRA voice calls, expansion for problem spot detection

This module enables analysis of voice calls for network problems, which can be selected from more than 140 different problem categories, and delivers a list of the problem spots including the type and cause of problem.

R&S®ROMES4N15

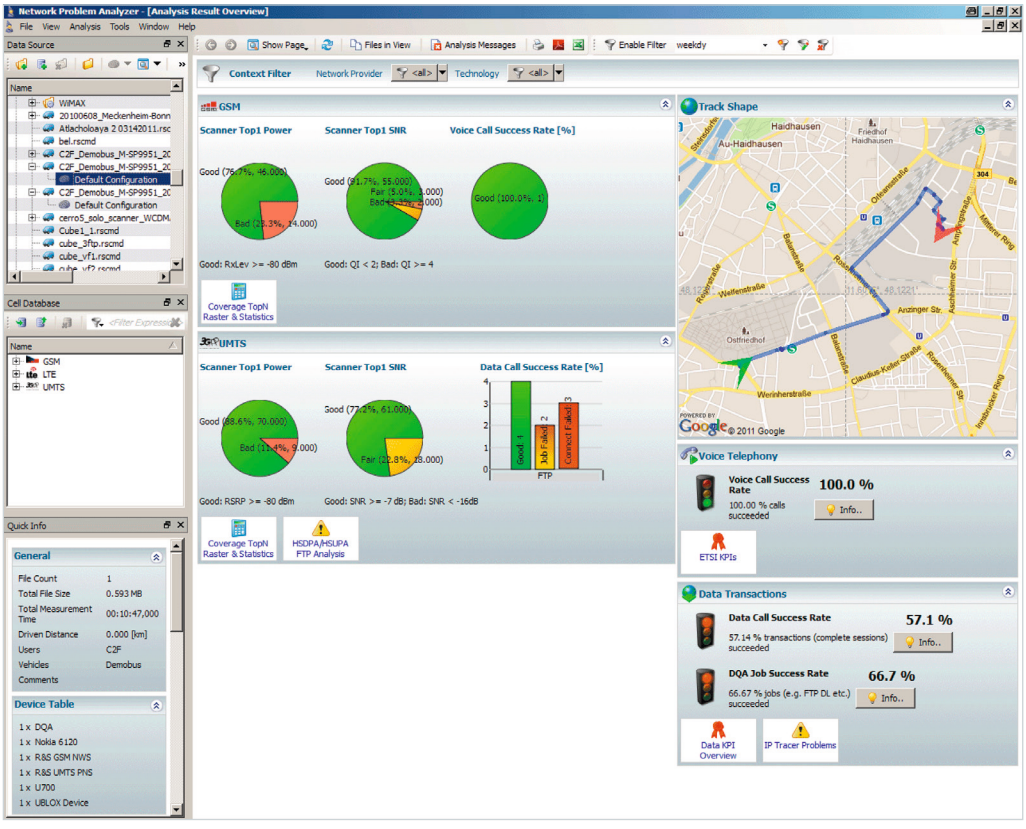
Coverage module with display of coverage data on a raster map

Coverage data (GSM, WCDMA, CDMA2000® 1xEV-DO, TETRA or LTE) measured with Rohde&Schwarz scanners is rasterized and displayed on the map using Google Maps or OpenStreetMap (OSM). This makes it easy to generate coverage plots. Optimizations can be checked using a before-and-after comparison.

R&S®ROMES4N17

Neighborhood analysis module for automatic classification of neighborhood relationships into one of the following categories

- (Potentially) missing neighbor: a cell with high signal strength and good quality (both thresholds can be set) has been measured but is not contained in the currently defined neighbors
- Unused neighbor: a cell is configured as neighbor but has not been detected during measurement
- Approved neighbor: a cell has been classified as a (potentially) missing neighbor and is contained in the neighbor list. Analysis of intra-RAT handover in the network problem analyzer (NPA) is available for GSM, UMTS, LTE and TETRA. Inter-RAT handovers are currently limited to GSM and UMTS, but will soon be available for LTE as well.



Initial overview of scanner measurement content.

R&S®ROMES4N18

Spectrum analysis module for automatic detection of strong transmitters in a spectrum thought to be empty

- Easy verification that a purchased spectrum is clear and that no other emitter still occupies part of that band
- Fast confirmation that part of a spectrum can be used for refarming purposes
- Reliable observation of power scan measurements, similar to a spectrum analyzer
- Automated and configurable (bandwidth, duration, power) analysis from potential narrowband and wideband interferers
- Detailed analysis by drilling down to the corresponding measurement file

R&S®ROMES4N19

BTS evaluation – summary of key BTS parameters as acceptance criterion

To ensure a consistently high degree of network quality, continuous improvements must be made to the mobile network, such as updating the parameters for a mobile base station, replacing hardware or adding new base stations. Each time such improvements are made, the effects on neighboring base stations as well as the mobile network as a whole must be documented and evaluated. The BTS evaluation on the NPA performs these tasks reliably, fast and cost-effectively.

R&S®ROMES4N20

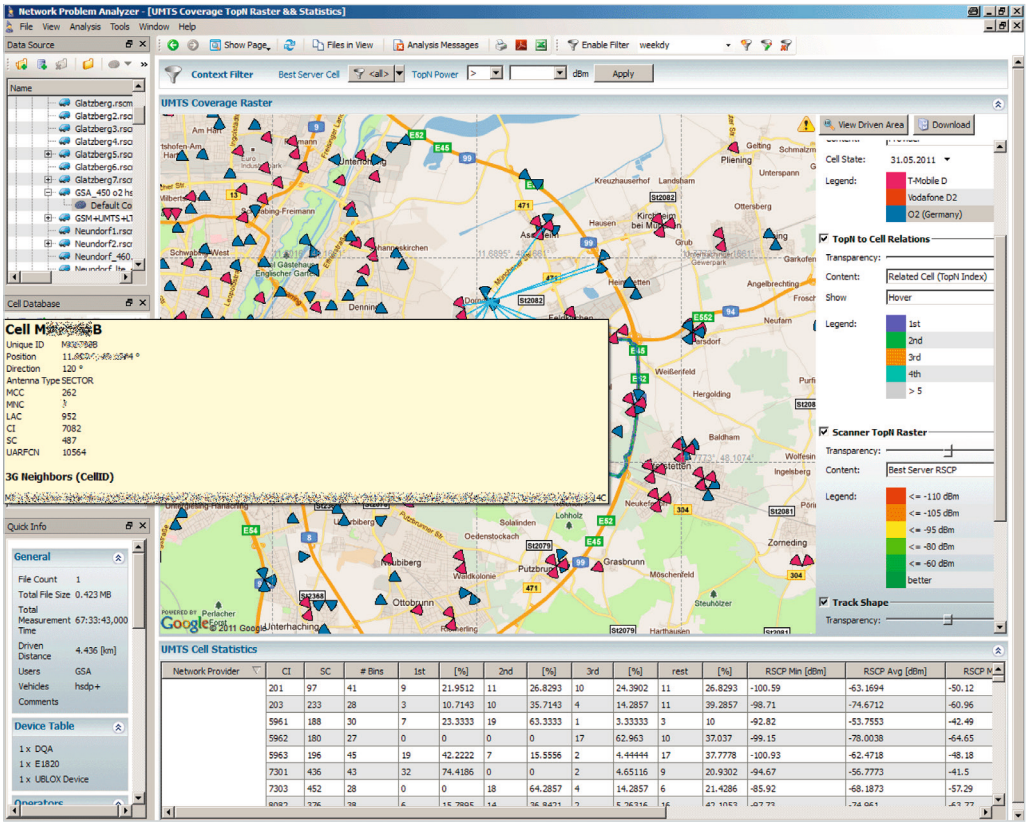
Data module for EDGE, HSPA+ and LTE data links including problem spot detection

This module offers specific analysis of high-speed data links for achievable data rates and analysis of potential problems as well as an IP data analyzer for analyzing IP-based data traffic and associated problems. When IP-based data services are used, e.g. web browsing or email, this module analyzes the results and shows problem spots and their cause. A comprehensive collection of different analyses is available especially for LTE.

R&S®ROMES4N21

Carrier aggregation analysis (downlink)

As the use of data is increasing exponentially, mobile networks need to provide higher-speed data links to their customers. When downlink carrier aggregation is used to provide this capability, this module analyzes the results and shows detailed information such as how many carriers are assigned to a mobile phone and its downlink and uplink throughputs. It also provides statistics (RSRP, RSRQ, etc.) for each carrier as well for investigation purposes.



Display of all neighbors of a cell.

R&S®ROMES4N22

VoLTE analysis

LTE is also increasingly used for voice transmission. IP-based telephony via VoLTE places higher demands on network quality because users have less tolerance for poor voice call quality, such as dropped calls, than they do for data calls. This module automatically analyzes SIP and layer 3 messages as well as call setup KPIs and spots problems if there are timing issues at the SIP level.

R&S®ROMES4N30

Delta and comparative analysis of R&S®ROMES4 measurement data

This add-on module enables a quick comparison of measurement data, for example for visualizing the effects of an implemented network optimization. Measurement data from different cells, UEs or operators can also be compared for benchmarking.

R&S®ROMES4N31

LTE MIMO and downlink allocation analyzer

LTE MIMO analysis is performed based on the condition number (CN) and rank indicator (RI) values measured by the scanner. If mobile device data is available for the analysis, the efficiency per Hz or resource block is also included in the analysis. Any inconsistencies in the condition number, efficiency per resource block or condition number matrix are displayed as problem spots on the map and designated in tables.

The result analysis from the downlink allocation analyzer lists the cell throughput per TTI and operator as well as maximum and average cell throughput in a table and graphically.

R&S®ROMES4N34

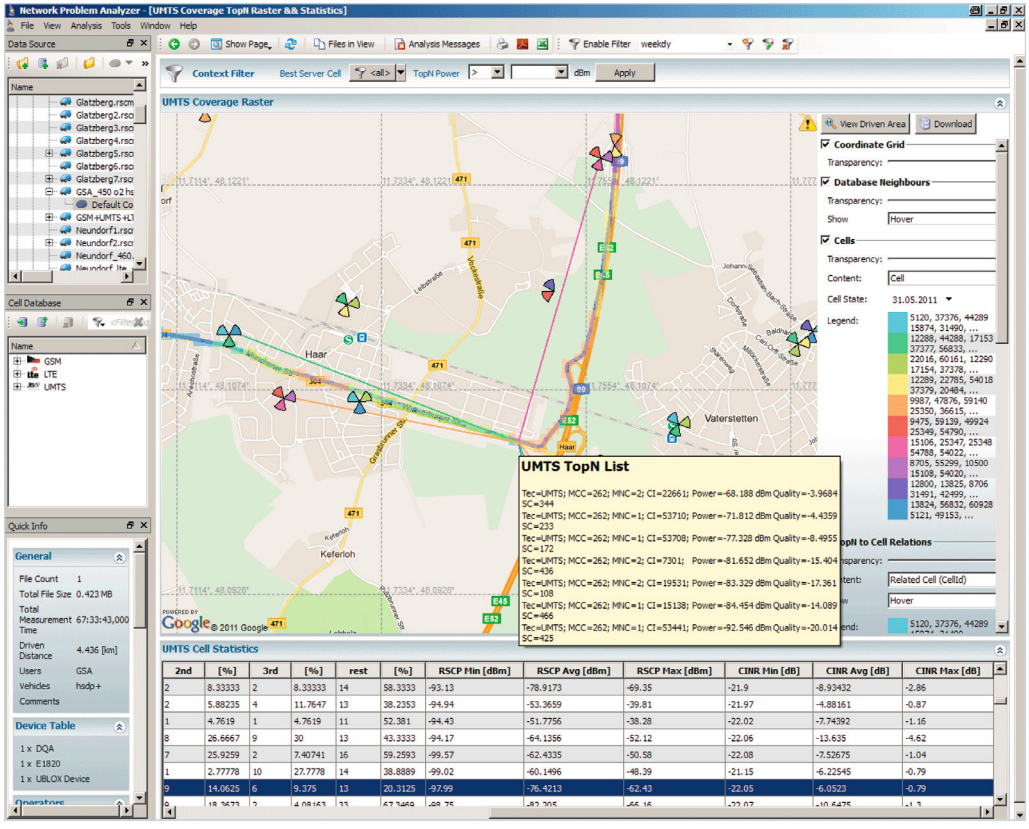
NB-IoT analyzer

This module delivers dedicated coverage and problem spot reporting as well as cell statistics for NB-IoT analysis based on scanner measurements.

R&S®ROMES4N35

NB-IoT UE analyzer

This module delivers dedicated coverage and problem spot reporting as well as cell statistics for NB-IoT analysis based on UE measurements.



Display of the cells providing coverage on the map.

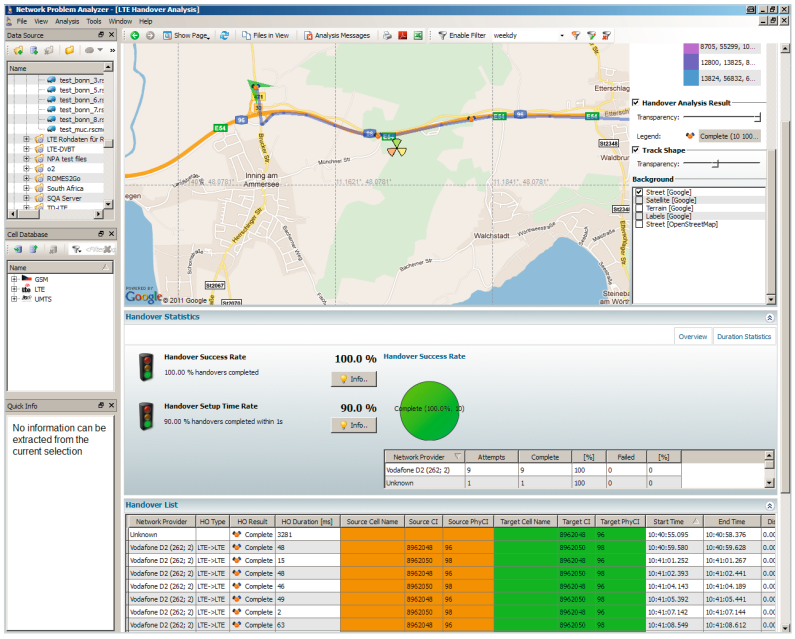
Comprehensive set of reporting functions

If multiple drive tests are selected, the user can draw statistical conclusions about quality in the measured areas. A comparison between various network operators in the same area is also possible (benchmarking).

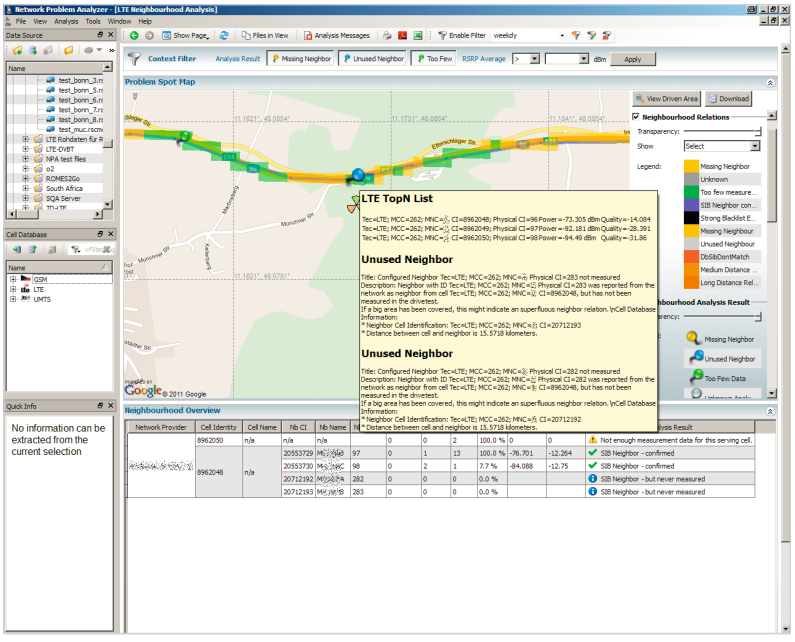
A further way to evaluate analysis results in greater detail is to use sophisticated filter algorithms (e.g. for examining only one operator/one cell or only specific times or days of the week). The dynamic context filter algorithm makes this even easier and faster. For analyzing dedicated geographical areas, polygon filters can easily be drawn on the map. The result analysis and statistics are automatically tuned to the active filters.

Automated analysis with R&S®ROMES4NPA considerably saves time and reduces costs. Optimizing the results no longer requires time-consuming manual checks and analysis of data that may not even contain any problems.

R&S®ROMES4NPA uses sophisticated algorithms to help users find problem causes. More in-depth analyses can be performed at any time. A large amount of measured data can be automatically and quickly processed; reports – for management and for general documentation – are generated without requiring user interaction.



LTE handover analysis: map, KPIs and detailed listing.



LTE neighborhood analysis: map, list of the actual, possible and unused neighbors of several cells.

System configuration for different application scenarios

R&S®MNT-CORE2 backpack.

R&S®MNT-CORE2

R&S®MNT-CORE2 is a ruggedized, flexible and future-ready hardware concept that best demonstrates its exclusive benefits, its endurance and performance, and its unique flexibility in practice. Its key hardware features and benefits include:

A well thought-out product design

Practical design

The compact and comfortable backpack has an inconspicuous design and is ideal for walk tests in public areas.

Lightweight and adjustable construction

The fully configurable backpack, including four batteries, weighs less than 9 kg. The carrying straps can be individually adjusted to offer best wearing comfort.

Maximum flexibility and future readiness

Flexible measurement configuration

The backpack can accommodate scanners, smartphones, TETRA mobile and a compact PC to support a wide variety of measurement tasks.

Multidevice ready

The smart fixation system is compatible with different smartphone designs and ensures convenient integration of future smartphone models.

Multi-usage

The smartphones are easily removed and can also be used as QualiPoc handheld measurement devices.

User-specific cabling.

Reliable functionality for uninterrupted data collection

Active cooling

Two fans provide effective cooling and airflow, ensuring uninterrupted and reliable performance of all embedded system components.

Smart power management

A strong power supply consisting of four powerful and hot swappable batteries ensures autonomy of up to eight hours.

R&S®ROMES4 configurations

R&S®ROMES4 and the connected measuring equipment (test mobile phones, R&S®TSMx scanners, etc.) can also be used and delivered in the following configurations on request:

- User-specific cabling/configured by customer
- As a test suitcase
- As a turnkey test vehicle

Test suitcase.

Turnkey test vehicle.

R&S®MNT-CORE2 specifications		
Power rating		
Input voltage range		16 V to 19 V DC
Input power		max. 200 W
Input current		max. 10.5 A
Autonomy		typ. 7.5 h
Charging time (four batteries)	QualiPoc Freerider FR3-O	approx. 3.5 h/100 %
	QualiPoc Freerider FR3-V	approx. 6 h/85 %
	QualiPoc Freerider FR3-OB	approx. 5 h/100 %
Environmental conditions		
Operating temperature range	max. temperature limited by assembled devices (for R&S®TSMA/R&S®TSME max. +40 °C); for smartphones cf. specifications	–10 °C to +50 °C, system start higher than 0 °C
Damp heat		+25 °C/+40 °C, 95 % rel. humidity, cyclic, in line with EN 60068-2-30
Rain protection		IPx3 in line with EN 60529:1991 + A1:2000
Mechanical resistance		
Shock		30 g/6 ms, in line with IEC/EN 60068-2-27
Bumps		15 g/6 ms, in line with IEC/EN 60068-2-27
Vibration		PSD = 2 m^2/s^3 at f = 4 Hz to 40 Hz, –6 dB/oct at f > 40 Hz, in line with IEC/EN 60068-2-64
Drop test	free fall	h = 10 cm, in line with IEC 60068-2-32
	drop and topple	h = 10 cm, in line with IEC 60068-2-31
Conformity		
Electromagnetic compatibility	EU	in line with ETSI EN 301 489-1, ETSI EN 301 489-7 V1.3.1, ETSI EN 301 489-24 V1.5.1
Electrical safety	EU	in line with EN 61010-1:2010
General data		
Dimensions	W × H × D	287 mm × 542 mm × 140 mm (11.3 in × 21.3 in × 5.5 in)
Weight	R&S®MNT-CORE2 backpack system	3.9 kg (8.6 lb) + 1.5 kg (3.3 lb) for the backpack itself
	fully equipped (four mobile devices, R&S®TSMA, R&S®TSME)	8.2 kg (18.1 lb)
	R&S®MNT-BP89WH battery	0.45 kg (1 lb)

System components

Technology	GSM driver	Qualcomm GSM and UMTS driver	Qualcomm CDMA2000® 1xEV-DO driver	Samsung LTE driver Qualcomm LTE driver	TETRA TEP driver TETRA TED driver	R&S®TSMW driver	R&S®TSME driver R&S®TSMA driver	R&S®TSML-CW driver
GSM/GPRS	•	•				•	•	•
EDGE	•	•				•	•	•
WCDMA Rel. 99		•				•	•	•
HSPA+		•				•	•	•
CDMA2000® 1xEV-DO			•			•	•	•
WiMAX™ IEEE 802.16e						•	•	
LTE				•		•	•	
Spectrum						•	•	•
CW power								•
TETRA					•	•	•	

A list of test mobile phones supported by R&S®ROMES4 is available separately.

System requirements

Recommended:

- Intel Core i7
- 8 Gbyte RAM for Windows 7/10, 64 bit
- 255 Gbyte SSD
- DVD ROM drive
- USB 2.0 and LAN ports
- 15" monitor with a resolution of 1024 × 768 pixel
- Microsoft Windows 7, 64 bit

Recommended notebook

- Dell Latitude E6540 (or newer)

Application: TETRA

Requirements

- **R&S®TSMW drive test scanner**
- **R&S®TSMW-K26 TETRA option for R&S®TSMW**
- **R&S®ROMES4**
- **R&S®ROMES4T1W**
- **R&S®ROMES4TED**
- **R&S®ROMES4TEP**

R&S®ROMES4 is the software platform for measurements on the TETRA air interface. Statistics, analyses, trouble-shooting for coverage, quality of service and handover behavior give network operators a complete overview of the network state and help them maintain it in the best possible state.

The R&S®TSMW scanner, TETRA radios and other accessories are controlled by R&S®ROMES4. For such tasks, the following capabilities are indispensable:

- Mobility and speed – use in vehicles, helicopters and on foot
- Highly accurate coverage measurements on TETRA networks using a passive RF scanner
- Spectrum analysis for identifying interferers
- Measurement and identification of TETRA base stations
- Subsequent problem analysis – uncovers problems in the TETRA network and analyzes them based on the test data obtained with R&S®ROMES4

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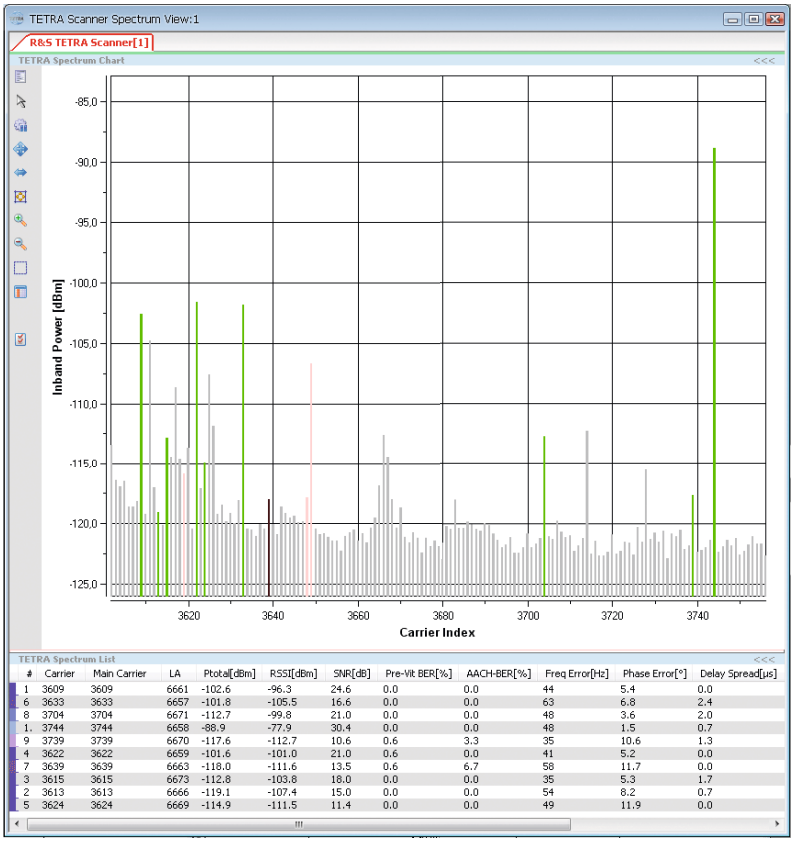
In the downlink, measurements performed using the R&S®TSMW in the D-CT and D-CTT operating modes include the following:

- 100 MHz to 1000 MHz frequency range, with parallel measurements of all channels in a 10 MHz block
- 25 kHz channel resolution (with QPSK)
- Automatic detection of the broadcast synchronization channel (BSCH)
- Up to 20 Hz measurement rate for carrier measurements of up to 2 × 600 channels simultaneously (10 MHz block, QPSK) with:
  - Channel number and frequency
  - Power of each base station
  - MCC, MNC, TN, FN, MFN
  - BER before Viterbi
  - AACH BER
  - Frequency error and phase error
  - SNR
  - Delay spread
  - In-band spectrum
  - Constellation diagram
  - BCH demodulation, incl. decoding of neighboring cells
  - Measurement of co-channel interference
  - Channel impulse response (channel sounder)

The R&S®ROMES4TEP software option controls Sepura, EADS and Motorola radios via the standardized PEI interface to control calls and transfer data in order to emulate user behavior in the network and provide additional status information. The R&S®ROMES4TED software option works with Sepura radios and provides Layer 3 information for calculating KPIs of QoS measurements, including handover and neighborhood analysis.

The R&S®ROMES4NPA network problem analyzer completely supports analysis of TETRA QoS using R&S®ROMES4N11 and R&S®ROMES4N15 for coverage and interference and R&S®ROMES4N17 for handover and neighborhoods.

The TETRA spectrum scan displays all channels in a 10 MHz band.



#	Carrier	Main Carrier	LA	Ptotal[dBm]	RSSI[dBm]	SNR[dB]	Pre-Vit BER[%]	AACH-BER[%]	Freq Error[Hz]	Phase Error[°]	Delay Spread[µs]
1	3609	3609	6661	-102.6	-96.3	24.6	0.0	0.0	44	5.4	0.0
6	3633	3633	6657	-101.8	-105.5	16.6	0.0	0.0	63	6.8	2.4
8	3704	3704	6671	-112.7	-99.8	21.0	0.0	0.0	48	3.6	2.0
1	3744	3744	6658	-88.9	-77.9	30.4	0.0	0.0	48	1.5	0.7
9	3739	3739	6670	-117.6	-112.7	10.6	0.6	3.3	35	10.6	1.3
4	3622	3622	6659	-101.6	-101.0	21.0	0.6	0.0	41	5.2	0.0
7	3639	3639	6663	-118.0	-111.6	13.5	0.6	6.7	58	11.7	0.0
3	3615	3615	6673	-112.8	-103.8	18.0	0.0	0.0	35	5.3	1.7
2	3613	3613	6666	-119.1	-107.4	15.0	0.0	0.0	54	8.2	0.7
5	3624	3624	6669	-114.9	-111.5	11.4	0.0	0.0	49	11.9	0.0

Application: LTE

Requirements

- R&S®ROMES4
- R&S®ROMES4SAM (Samsung driver)
- R&S®ROMES4QC (Qualcomm LTE driver)
- R&S®ROMES4T1W or
  R&S®ROMES4T1E (scanner driver)
- R&S®TSMW scanner or
  R&S®TSME scanner or
  R&S®TSMA

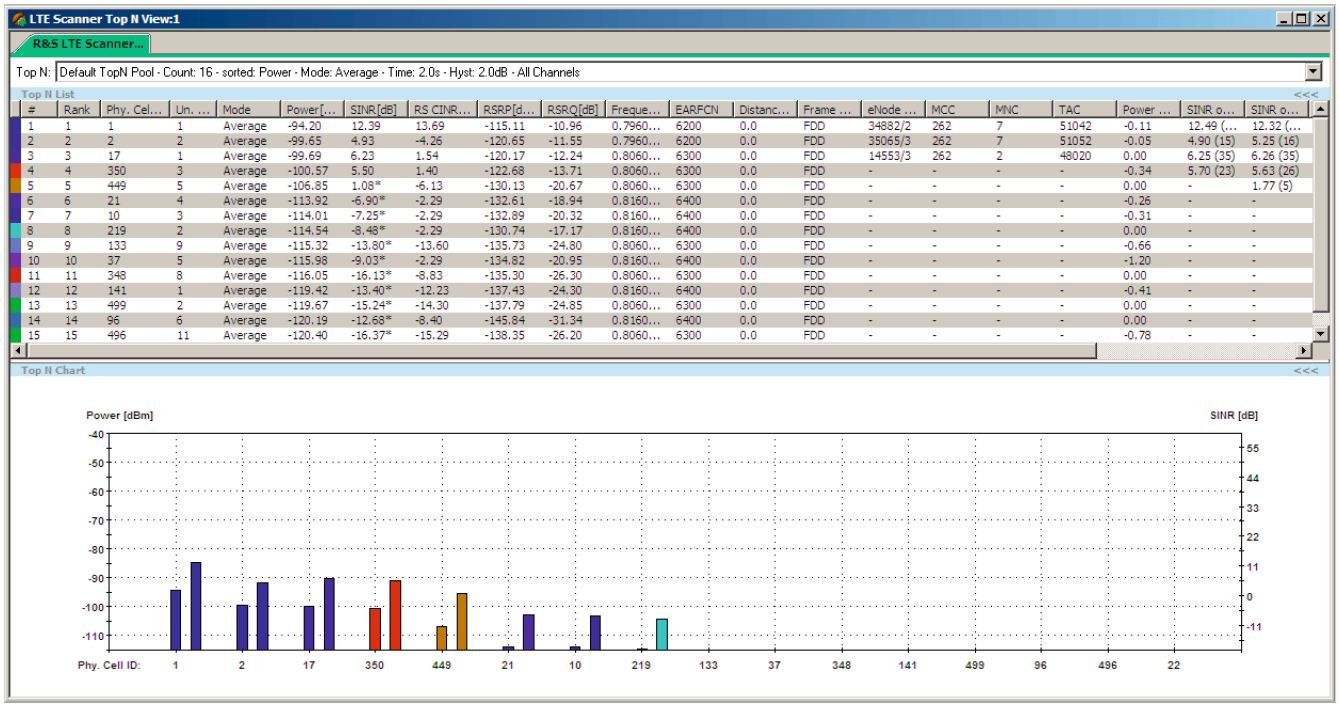
Coverage analysis with Rohde&Schwarz scanners

This essential analysis determines whether an LTE signal of sufficient strength is available at the test site. R&S®ROMES4 and TopN View can be used to clearly display the results and plot them on a map. For signal strength, the R&S®TSMW, R&S®TSME and R&S®TSMA scanners deliver the RSRP value or the power of the P-SYNC/S-SYNC signals. In addition to signal strength, the reference signal received quality (RSRQ) and the signal to interference-plus-noise ratio (RS-SINR) for each cell as well as the SINR for the SYNC signals are displayed. If one of these values is too low, this indicates interference, intermodulation or other types of disturbance. In this case, the R&S®TSMW/R&S®TSME/R&S®TSMA and R&S®ROMES4 offer a more detailed cause analysis.

Data throughput measurements with the LTE test mobile phone

R&S®ROMES4 collects scanner data and measurement data from the Qualcomm or Samsung LTE test mobile phone. One of the most important parameters is data throughput. If it is too low, the cause may be a low-order modulation format such as QPSK or the use of SISO rather than MIMO. A comparison with the scanner data permits further conclusions about possible causes. Interference, multipath propagation, handover failures or even weak network coverage might be the cause of error.

TopN View shows eNodeBs signals sorted by strength.



In addition to measuring data throughput, measurement data of layer 1 and layer 3 messages is recorded. Qualcomm or Samsung chipset-based LTE mobile phones or data sticks display detailed information about individual data packages so that often a quick glance is enough to detect possible causes of error.

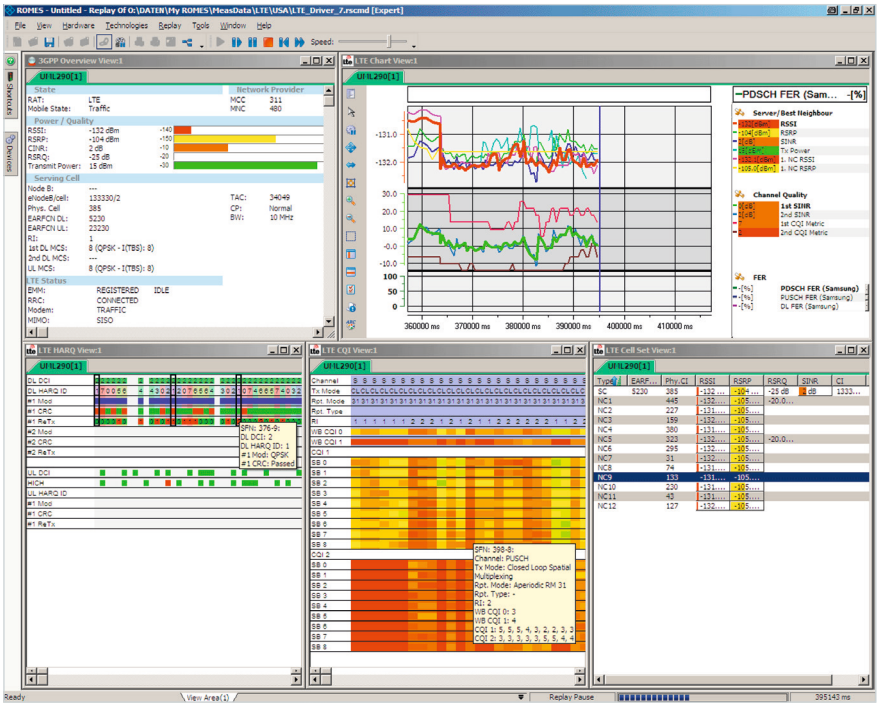
VoLTE measurements

LTE is also increasingly used for voice transmission. IP-based telephony via VoLTE places higher demands on network quality because users have less tolerance for poor voice call quality, such as dropped calls, than they do for data calls. In addition to the normal chipset trace data, R&S®ROMES4 also supports output of the SIP signaling used for VoLTE. This makes it possible to collect voice KPIs for VoLTE and identify the cause of errors.

Interference analysis

LTE is a single frequency network (SFN) that is identified by a reuse factor of 1. This means that neighboring cells use the same frequency ranges. Interference is therefore especially frequent and must be analyzed to avoid capacity losses to the greatest possible extent. This is a special challenge for T&M equipment because the interference can also affect the T&M equipment itself. The R&S®TSMW was developed specially for this task and features an impressive C/I value of –20 dB. Even signals that are 20 dB weaker than the strongest noise can be measured, making it possible to identify interferers and reduce interference. The R&S®TSMW can also distinguish between signals that have the same physical cell ID but come from different eNodeBs. It makes no difference whether the measurement is performed in the FDD mode or in the TDD mode.

Display of measurement data from a Qualcomm chipset-based LTE data stick.



Cyclic prefix analysis

A special feature of the Rohde&Schwarz LTE drive test solution based on the R&S®TSMW, R&S®TSME and R&S®TSMA is the channel impulse response (CIR) measurement. This involves a channel measurement performed over a period of time. R&S®ROMES4 displays the multipath propagation of the signals – also referred to as echos – in a power vs. time diagram. As an OFDM standard, LTE has a defined frame length and a fixed guard interval, also referred to as a cyclic prefix. This value is necessary in order to wait for echos in the receiver. A cyclic prefix that is too short or an echo that is too long can cause problems in the subsequent frames. This is referred to as intersymbol interference (ISI). The effect manifests itself in a low SINR. R&S®ROMES4 can measure the length of the cyclic prefix and match it against the multipath propagation. This enables the user to draw a conclusion about how often multipath propagation disturbs the subsequent symbol, whether a longer cyclic prefix would be better and whether the network needs to be optimized, e.g. by adding eNodeBs.

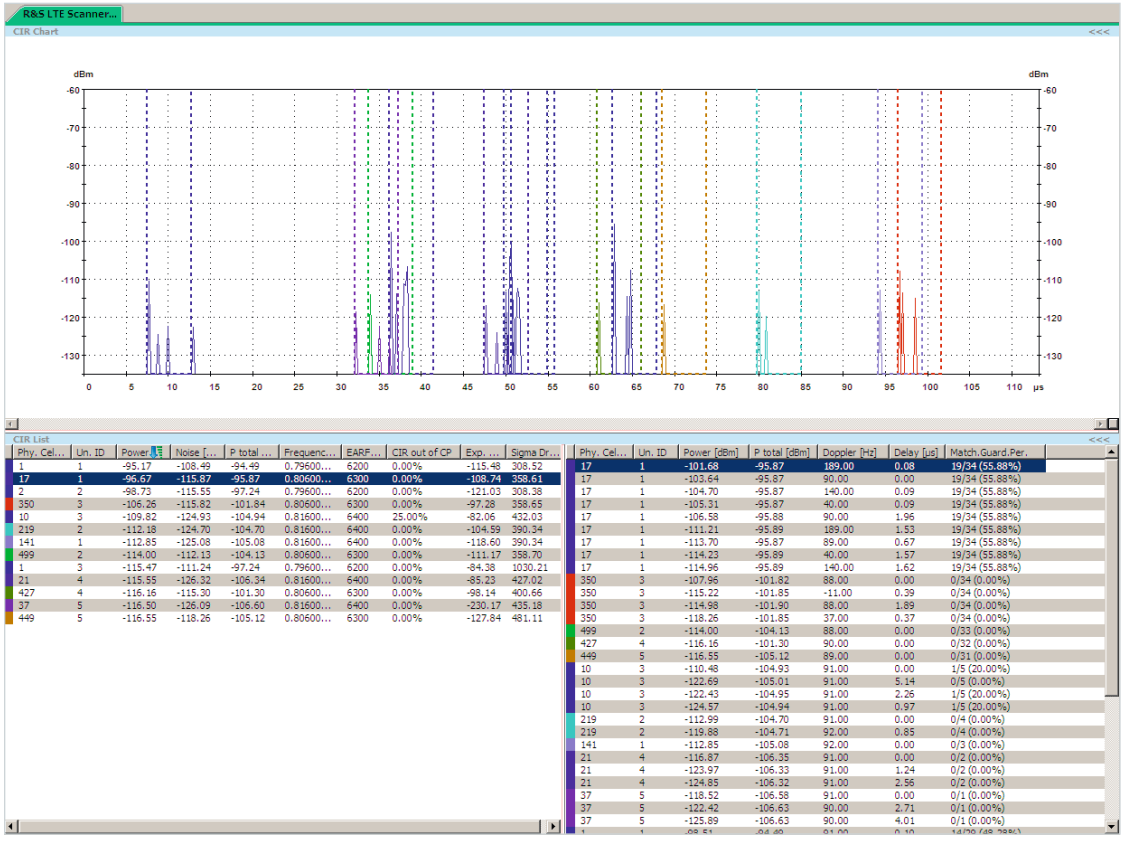
Demodulation of eNodeB broadcast information

The R&S®TSMW, R&S®TSME and R&S®TSMA can scan LTE signals and also demodulate broadcast signals. The broadcast information from previously detected eNodeBs is demodulated (MIB and SIBs) to learn more about the base station. Based on this information, the user knows the country, the network and the cell from which the received signal originates. Neighborhood relationships (intra-RAT and inter-RAT) and handover thresholds are also visible. All these values make it easier to classify the signals and detect problem spots.

Subband measurements

The LTE wireless communications standard permits channel bandwidths of 1.4 MHz to 20 GHz. While the synchronization and broadcast information is contained within a bandwidth of approximately 1 MHz in the center of the LTE carrier, useful data is transmitted over the entire bandwidth. Narrowband interference outside the center of the carrier can be detected through subband measurements performed on the LTE scanner. The SINR of the reference signals is determined for every resource block (12 subcarriers corresponding to 180 kHz). R&S®ROMES4 graphically displays these values in a waterfall diagram. Interferers are visible as vertical lines in the diagram.

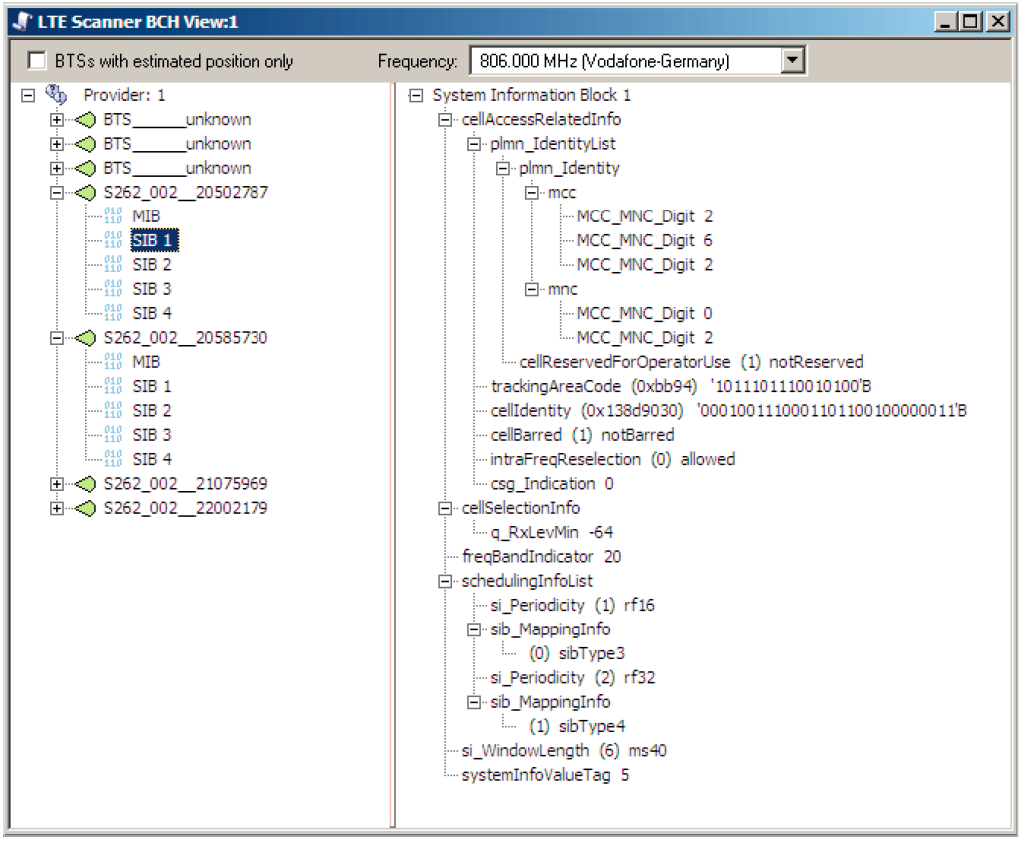
CIR View shows the channel impulse response (CIR) and all parts of the multipath propagation (echos) together with a cell's cyclic prefix.



MIMO measurements

MIMO plays an essential role in achieving high data rates in LTE networks. Ideally, using MIMO 2x2 will double the data rate and MIMO 4x4 will quadruple the data rate. Whether this is possible in each specific case depends on the characteristics of the radio channel. The characteristics can be measured using the R&S®TSMW for MIMO 2x2 or a set of R&S®TSME for MIMO 2x2 and 4x4 together with the R&S®TSMW-K30 MIMO option. The scanner receives the eNodeB reference signals from all transmit antennas at its independent frontends. These signals are then used to determine the transmission matrix for the radio channel and the condition number. The condition number describes how successfully MIMO can be used. If the condition number is low, the radio channel is suited for MIMO. The MIMO and SINR measurements can be used to explain the data rates achieved with the test mobile phone.

Decoding of the LTE BCH information by the R&S®TSMW LTE scanner.



Ordering information

Designation	Type	Order No.
R&S®ROMES4 Drive Test Software		
Platform for measurement and replay	R&S®ROMES4	1117.6885.04
Software replay version	R&S®ROMES4REP	1117.6885.34
Software maintenance contract and single software update		
Software maintenance contract for one year	R&S®ROMES4UPC	1510.8140.02
One-time software update within the R&S®ROMES4 generation	R&S®ROMES4UPS	1510.8140.03
One-time software update from the previous R&S®ROMES generation	R&S®ROMES4UPG	1510.8140.04
Scanner and receiver drivers		
R&S®TSMW	R&S®ROMES4T1W	1117.6885.02
R&S®TSME and R&S®TSMA	R&S®ROMES4T1E	1117.6885.82
CW option for R&S®ROMES and Rohde&Schwarz receivers	R&S®ROMES4CW	1117.6885.08
Test mobile phone/data card drivers		
GSM	R&S®ROMES4GSM	1117.6885.20
Qualcomm LTE/WCDMA/GSM	R&S®ROMES4QC	4900.5241.02
C2K Qualcomm CDMA2000® 1xEV-DO	R&S®ROMES4C2K	1117.6885.06
WLAN Windows	R&S®ROMES4WF2	1522.8211.02
Samsung LTE/WCDMA/GSM	R&S®ROMES4SAM	1529.8100.02
Qualcomm eMBMS	R&S®ROMES4EMQ	1527.2034.02
Qualcomm NB-IoT	R&S®ROMES4NBQ	4900.5258.02
LTE Carrier Aggregation Downlink	R&S®ROMES4CA	1117.6885.90
LTE Carrier Aggregation Uplink (Qualcomm)	R&S®ROMES4CAU	4900.5270.02
VoLTE	R&S®ROMES4VO	1522.8186.02
Neul NB-IoT	R&S®ROMES4NBN	4900.5287.02
TETRA Radio Drivers (PEI) from Sepura incl. L3	R&S®ROMES4TET	1506.9930.02
QualiPoc test mobile support		
QualiPoc single phone support	R&S®ROMES4QP	49.00.5235.02
Special measurements and options		
Automatic Channel Detection	R&S®ROMES4ACD	1506.9869.03
GSM Interference	R&S®ROMES4COI	1117.6885.56
Position Estimation	R&S®ROMES4LOC	1117.6885.32
KPI Enhancement: generation and measurement of user-specific KPIs	R&S®ROMES4KPI	1117.6885.66
Handover/Neighborhood Analysis for 3GPP (HOA/NBA 3GPP)	R&S®ROMES4HOA	1117.6885.22
Indoor	R&S®ROMES4IND	1117.6885.24
360 Degree Panorama Measurement with R&S®HE300	R&S®ROMES4PAN	1117.6885.78
Remote Control of Scanner measurements	R&S®ROMES4RCO	1506.9917.02
Printed Manual	R&S®ROMES4DOC	1117.6885.14
Network Problem Analyzer (NPA)		
Network Problem Analyzer, base package	R&S®ROMES4NPA	1510.9276.02
NPA Extended NQA Plugin	R&S®ROMES4N11	1510.9299.11
Coverage Plugin	R&S®ROMES4N15	1510.9424.02
Neighborhood Analysis Plugin	R&S®ROMES4N17	1510.9299.17
Spectrum Analysis Plugin	R&S®ROMES4N18	1117.6885.74
BTS Evaluation	R&S®ROMES4N19	1522.8940.02
2G/3G/4G Data Plugin	R&S®ROMES4N20	1510.9299.20
Downlink Carrier Aggregation Analysis Plugin	R&S®ROMES4N21	1521.5360.02
VoLTE Analysis Plugin	R&S®ROMES4N22	1521.5377.02
Delta and Comparative Analysis Plugin	R&S®ROMES4N30	1510.9299.30
LTE MIMO and Downlink Allocation Analyzer	R&S®ROMES4N31	1510.9299.31
NB-IoT Analysis Plugin	R&S®ROMES4N34	4900.5206.02
NB-IoT UE Analysis Plugin	R&S®ROMES4N35	4900.5264.02

Related products

Mobile network scanners

	**R&S®TSMA Autonomous mobile network scanner** Walk and drive testing with flexible connectivity	▪ Multiband support from 350 MHz to 4.4 GHz ▪ GSM, WCDMA, LTE FDD, LTE TDD, CDMA2000®, 1xEV-DO, TETRA, WiMAX™ and spectrum analysis simultaneously in one scanner ▪ Connects to Windows PC, Android UE or tablet	The compact R&S®TSMA autonomous mobile network scanner offers all that is needed for walk tests and drive tests. WLAN or Bluetooth® connects the smartphones/tablets used for data collection. The autonomous mobile network scanner can also run comprehensive drive test software, such as R&S®ROMES4 or SwissQual Diversity Optimizer, on its built-in i5 processor. Multitechnology and multiband measurements provide full flexibility.
	**R&S®TSME Ultracompact drive test scanner** All bands, all technologies, simultaneously	▪ Multiband support from 350 MHz to 4.4 GHz ▪ Up to eight technologies simultaneously in one scanner ▪ Compact, lightweight design	The extremely compact R&S®TSME offers all that is required for mobile use. Multitechnology measurements and multiband support provide full flexibility and an optimal price/performance ratio for both drive tests and walk tests.
	**R&S®TSMW Universal radio network analyzer** Scanner for drive tests and I/Q streaming	▪ User-definable input frequency range from 30 MHz to 6 GHz ▪ Parallel measurements in GSM, WCDMA, LTE, CDMA2000®, 1xEV-DO, TETRA and WiMAX™ networks with the R&S®ROMES4 drive test software	The R&S®TSMW universal radio network analyzer is a platform for optimizing all conventional wireless communications networks. Two frontends for any input frequency from 30 MHz to 6 GHz, preselection and software-defined architecture offer unsurpassed performance while providing maximum flexibility. In addition to functioning as a scanner for wireless communications networks, the R&S®TSMW is also an ideal digital I/Q baseband receiver.
	**R&S®TSML-CW Radio network analyzer** Drive test scanner for CW measurements	▪ Wideband receiver (80 MHz to 6 GHz) ▪ Support of distance triggered CW measurements	The R&S®TSML-CW radio network analyzer is ideal for distance triggered CW measurements.

Test mobile

	**SwissQual QualiPoc Android** Smartphone-based product for optimizing mobile networks	▪ Rich set of service tests for voice quality, data, messaging and video quality to reflect the real end user experience	QualiPoc Android is based on the latest commercial Android smartphones. It supports all mobile network technologies used worldwide, and covers multiple protocol layers as well as the IP stack in realtime. QualiPoc Android provides extensive test functions for voice, including MOS, data, video streaming, and messaging tests to assess and reflect the real end-user experience (QoS/QoE) within a mobile network.

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