





# **ÅLCOM** – Network Measurements and Future Network Development

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# Agenda

Ålcom Radio Network Status

Network Measurements on Sea Area

- ✓ Coverage 4G/5G
- ✓ Data QoS DL/UL
- ✓ Latency

Future Network Development

✓ Technology Plans

# Ålcom Radio Network Status

Deployed technologies: 2G, 3G, 4G, 5G

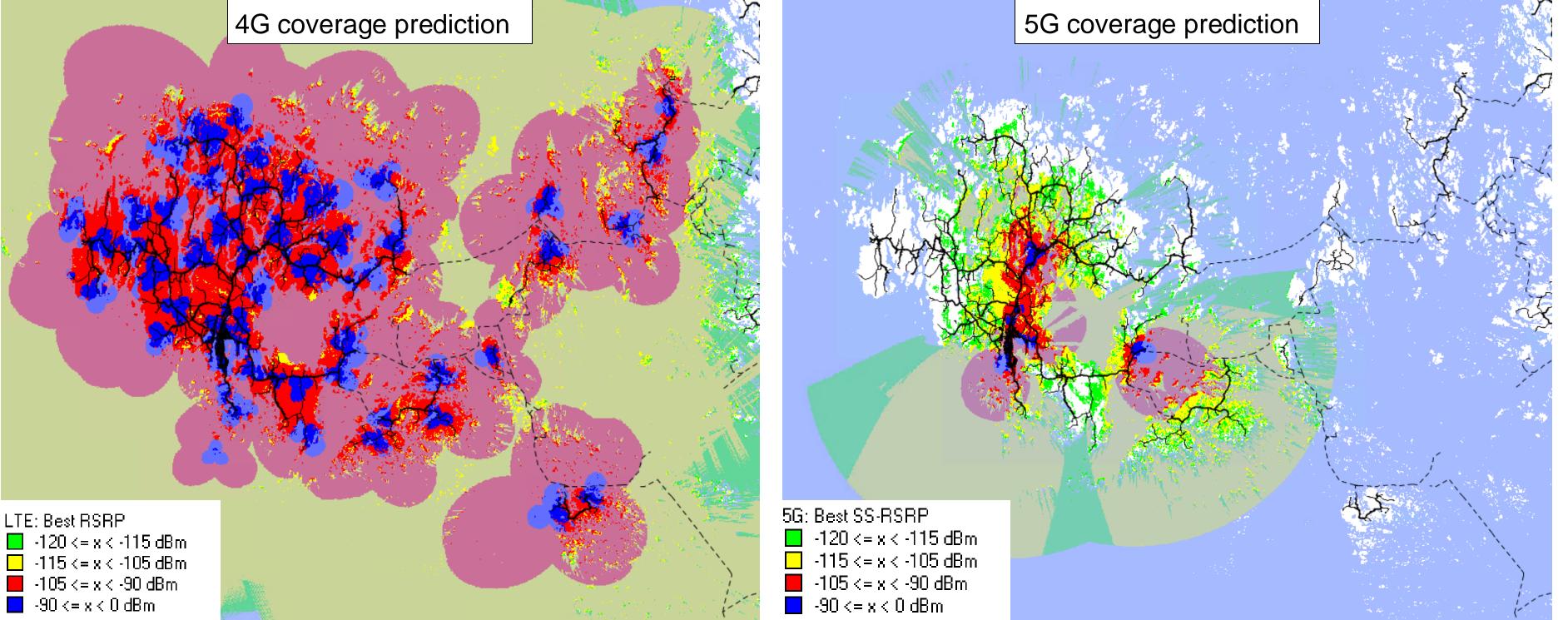
#### Spectrum bands:

2G: 900 MHz

• 3G: 900, 2100 MHz

**4**G: 800, 1800, 2600 MHz

5G: 700, 3500 MHz

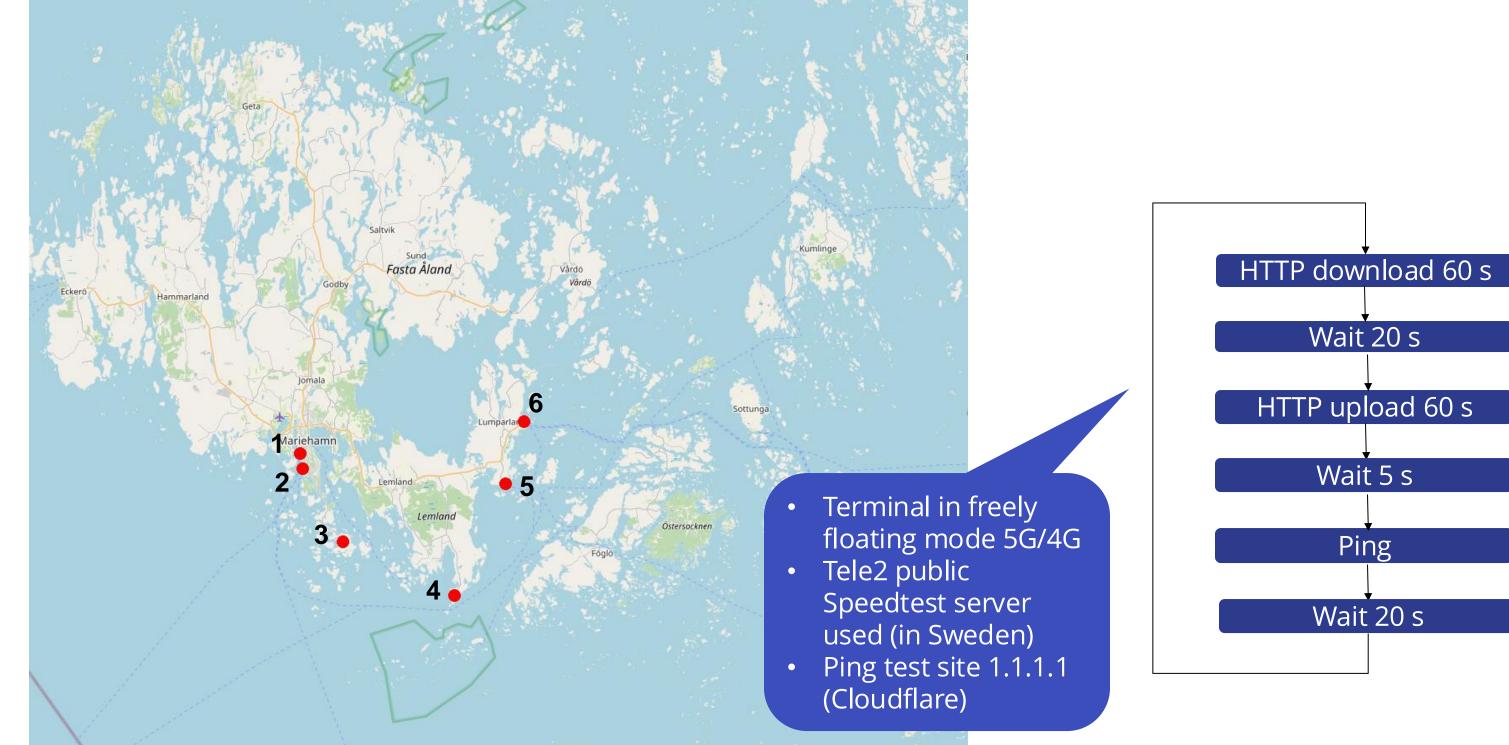


#### Network Measurements on Sea Area

Measurements were carried out in the following locations during November:

- 1. Västerhamn
- 2. Korrvik
- 3. Järsö
- 4. Herrö
- 5. Svinö
- 6. Långnäs hamn

Around 10 min of testing in each location

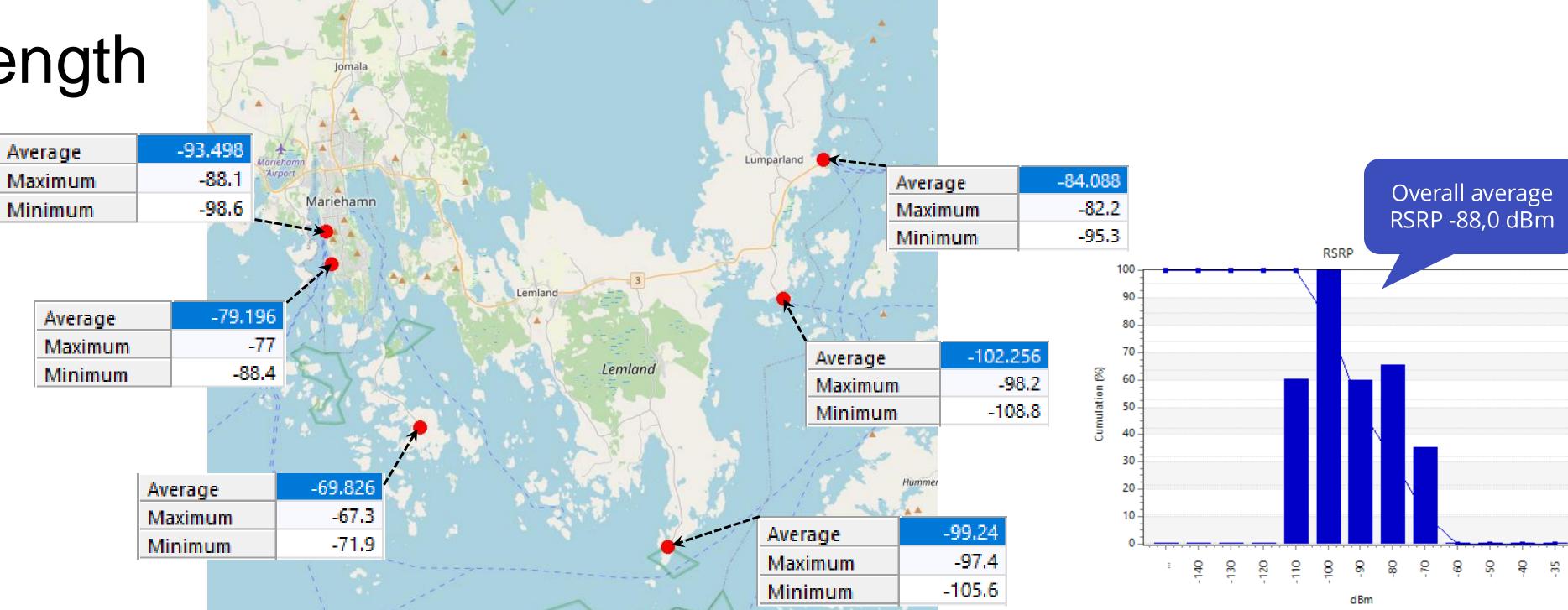




### Coverage – 4G Signal Strength

800 MHz provides the baseline coverage, 1800 and
 2600 MHz layers built for required capacity.

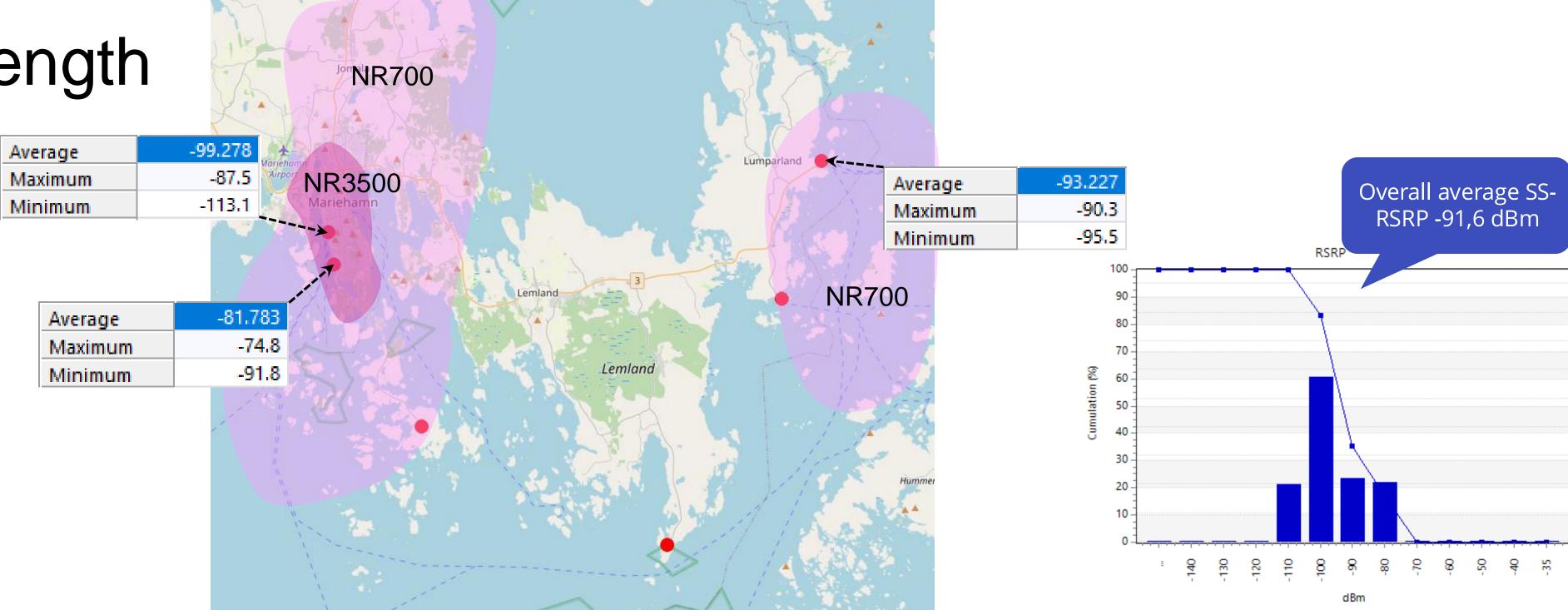
- Average 4G signal strength (RSRP) in the measured locations was varying between ~-70...-102 dBm.
- Over 99,7 % of the samples were above -105 dBm, which is typically sufficient threshold for adequate indoor coverage.



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## Coverage – 5G Signal Strength

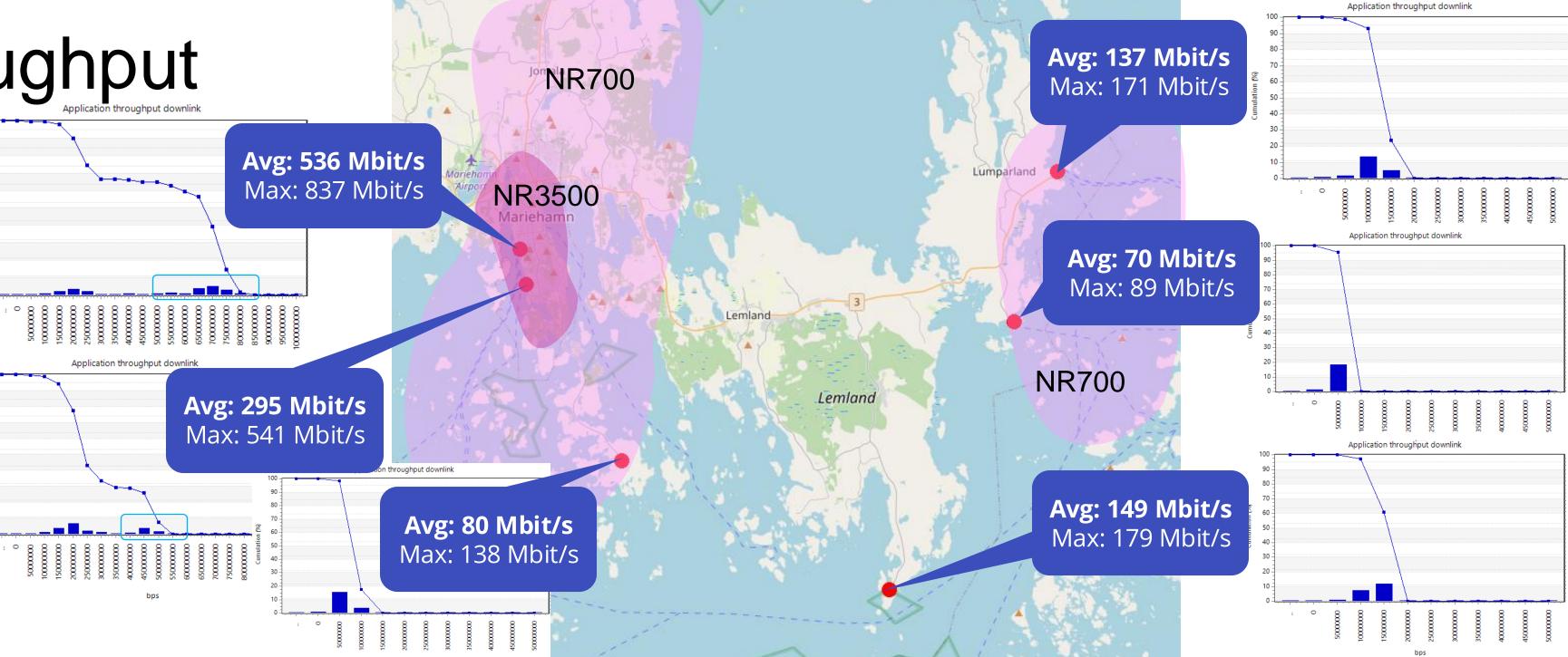
- 700 MHz provides the baseline coverage, whereas 3,5 GHz brings the required capacity (NR3500 currently available only in Mariehamn city centrum area).
- Average 5G network SS-RSRP in the measured locations (where available) was varying between ~-82...-99 dBm.





#### Data QoS – DL Throughput

- Average downlink application throughput measured between ~70...536 Mbit/s.
- NR3500 clearly boosts data rates and provides "real" 5G data QoE.
- The share of low DL throughputs (below 50 Mbit/s) mainly around ~0...2 %.

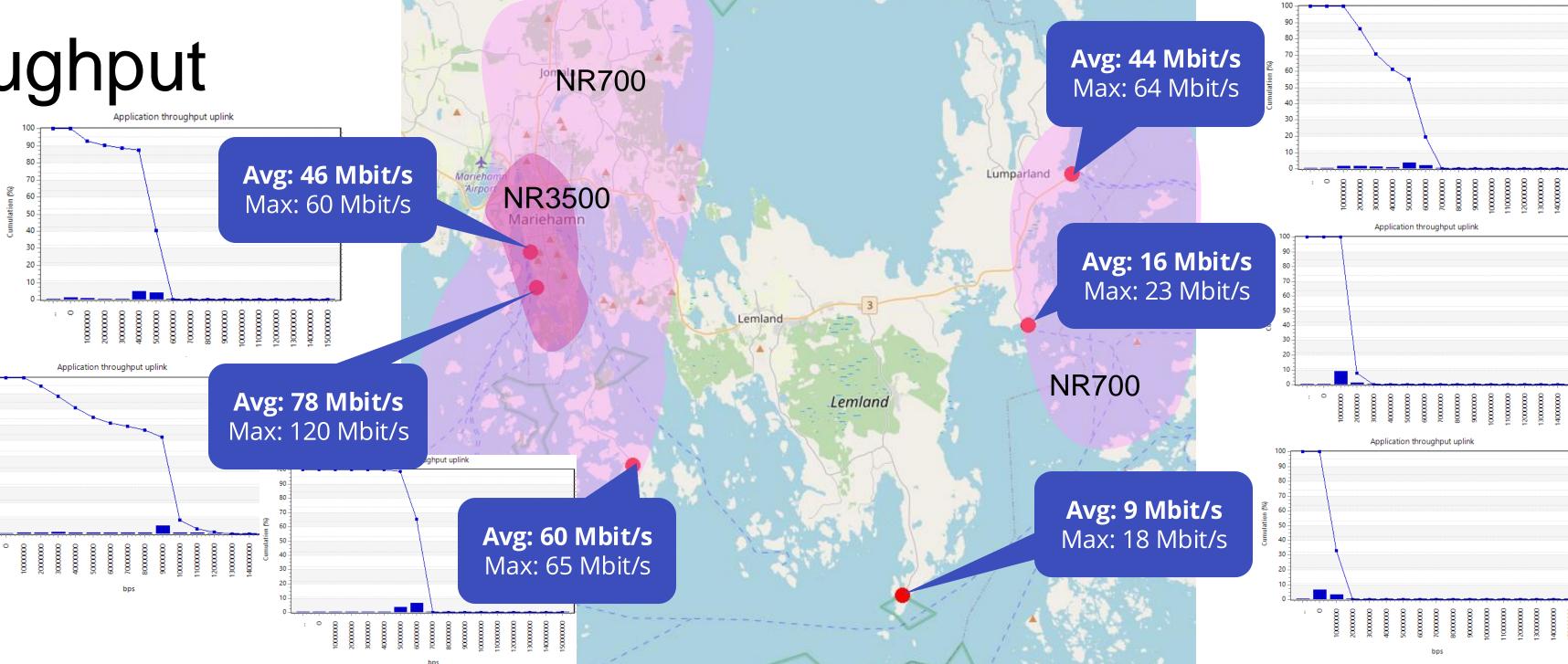




ocation	Share of <50 Mbit/s (%)
ästerhamn	0.6
orrvik	0.6
irsö	1.7
errö	0.0
vinö	4.5
angnäs hamn	1.2

#### Data QoS – UL Throughput

- Average uplink application throughput measured between ~9...78 Mbit/s.
- EN-DC has significant impact.
- The share of low throughputs (below 10 Mbit/s) was 0 % in most of the locations. In Herrö LTE800 as single serving band caused lower user experience.



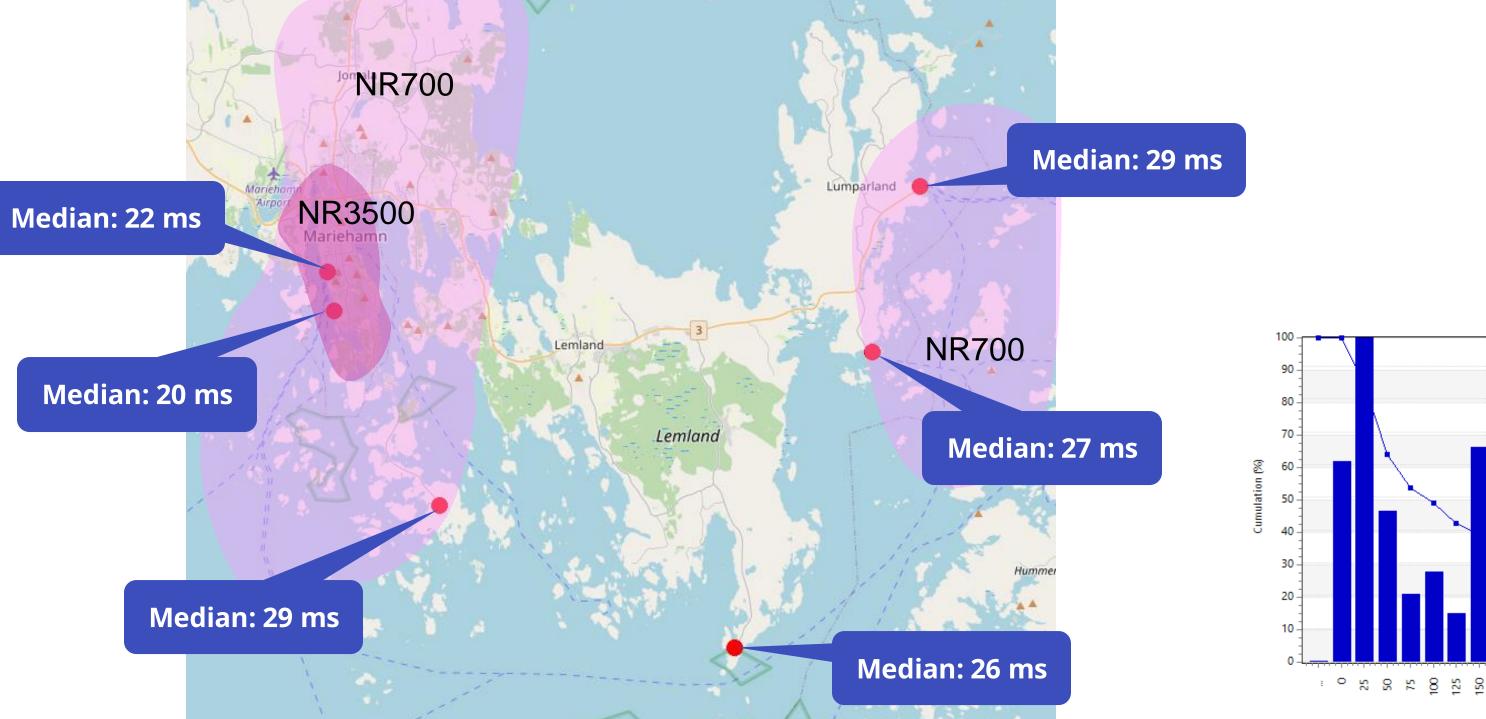


ocation	Share of <10 Mbit/s (%)
ästerhamn	7.2
orrvik	0.0
irsö	0.0
errö	67.1
vinö	0.0
angnäs hamn	0.0

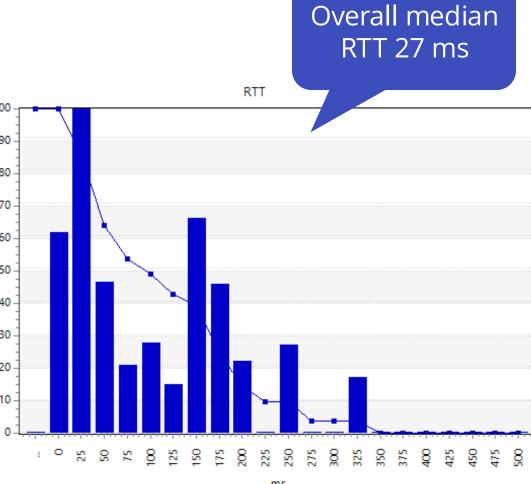
Application throughput uplink

#### Latency – Ping RTT

- Median latency (ICMP ping Round-Trip-Time) was between
  20...29 ms in the measured locations.
- The lowest latency was obtained in NR3500 network area,
  but 4G leg always exists (signaling).
- With 5G NSA network deployment Ultra-Low Latency (<5 ms)</li>
  can not be reached yet (requires SA solution with 5G core).







#### Future Network Development

- 5G network coverage expansions in line with traffic growth and 5G SA migration for URLLC (latency <5 ms) in 2027.
  - > NR3500 deployments on residential areas and hot-spots, taking into account summer season peaks.
  - > NR700 deployments on rural areas and ferry routes between the key harbors (Mariehamn, Långnäs, Eckerö).
- 4G network capacity upgrades, including new spectrum bands, to tackle data traffic growth where needed.
- 3G spectrum (U2100) refarming for 4G usage.
- 2G network sunset tentatively in 2025.



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Prediction for Ålcom 5G network sea coverage plan for 2026 deployed with 700 MHz.

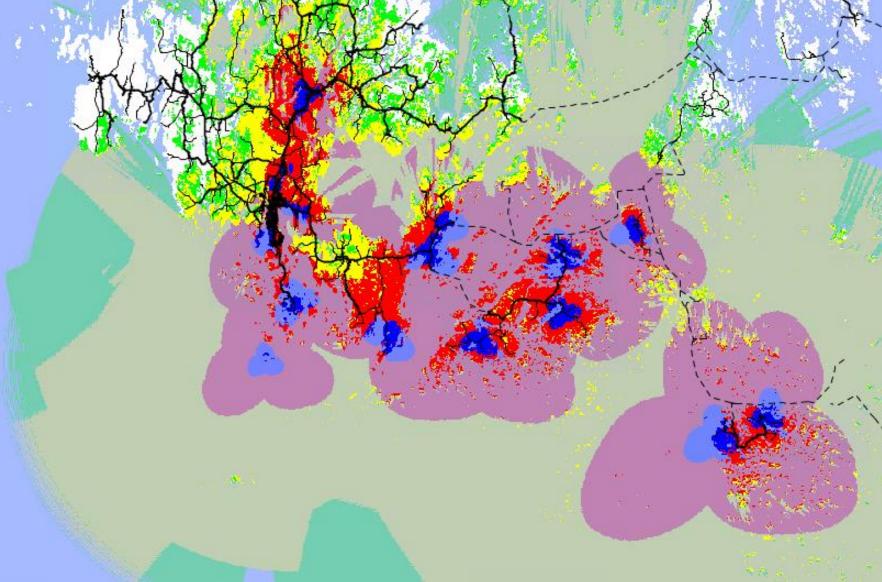
5G: Best SS-RSRP

■ -120 <= x < -115 dBm

-115 <= x < -105 dBm</li>-105 <= x < -90 dBm</li>

■ -90 <= x < 0 dBm

- Mariehamn Kökar
- Långnäs Kökar.



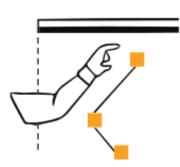
5G coverage prediction



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### Consulting Services

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- Vendor selection & procurement
- Feasibility studies
- Technical due diligence
- Advisory for regulatory authorities & user organisations



#### Network Services

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- Network optimisation
- Benchmarks
- Network audits
- Network development & performance management



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