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# NarrowBand-IoT: A cellular technology connecting the Internet Of Things



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# Keysight History



## 1939–1998: HP

Start from electronic test and measurement



## 1999-2013: Agilent Technologies

Split from HP and became the world leading measurement company

Declared to split the electronic measurement business on Sep. 2013



## 2014: Keysight Technologies

Became an independent company on Nov. 2014

100% focus on electronic test and measurement



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## Before we start... Cellular IoT gains momentum with NB-IoT



3. Keysight demonstrated a NarrowBand-IoT testbed based on an Intel XMM 7115 modem (left, zoomed in). (Source: ClariTek) (Click image to enlarge)

### Vodafone reveals NB-IoT rollout plan

By Nick Wood, Total Telecom  
Wednesday 19 October 2016

**Dedicated IoT networks to go live in Germany, Ireland, Netherlands, Spain during first quarter of 2017.**

### Deutsche Telekom, Huawei activate NB-IoT network in Germany

Juan Pedro Torralba · October 13, 2016 · Share



Deutsche Telekom headquarters in Bonn, Germany. Image provided.

NB-IoT demo planned for Bonn

### Telefonica, Huawei, Kamstrup in first LatAm NB-IoT trial

Wednesday 15 February 2017 | 13:55 CET | News

Telefonica and Huawei have teamed up with smart metering products provider Kamstrup to launch what the partners describe as the first project using NarrowBand Internet of Things

### AT&T and Ericsson To Deliver Technologies That Boosts The Internet of Things

INNOVATION / Barcelona, Spain, Feb 22, 2016

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*Ericsson to Deploy Cat-M and NB-IoT Software for AT&T's 4G LTE Network to Lower Power Consumption, Cost and Complexity*

AT&T\* is working with Ericsson (NASDAQ:ERIC) to deploy CAT-M and NB-IoT 3GPP standards-based technologies. This new software will support a new generation of Internet of Things (IoT) apps and improve device performance on the AT&T 4G LTE network.



### Vodafone Spain expands NB-IoT network to six cities

Monday 27 February 2017 | 09:36 CET | News

Vodafone has confirmed that its NB-IoT (narrowband Internet of Things) network is now available in a total of six major Spanish cities. The operator launched the network in Madrid

### Huawei and Oviphone tout "world's first NB-IoT watch"

17 OCT 2016

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### China Unicom starts NB-IoT networking trials in China, plans to push NB-IoT deployment in 2017

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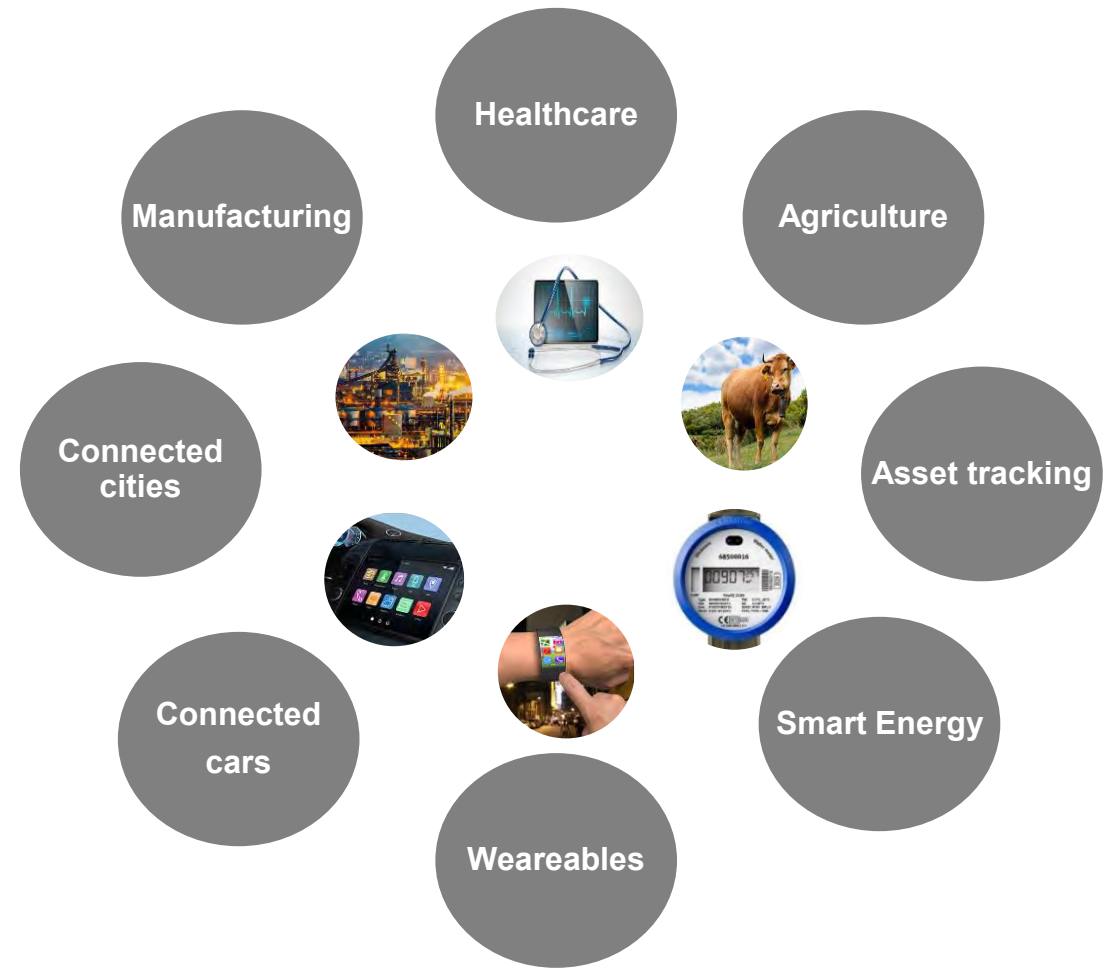
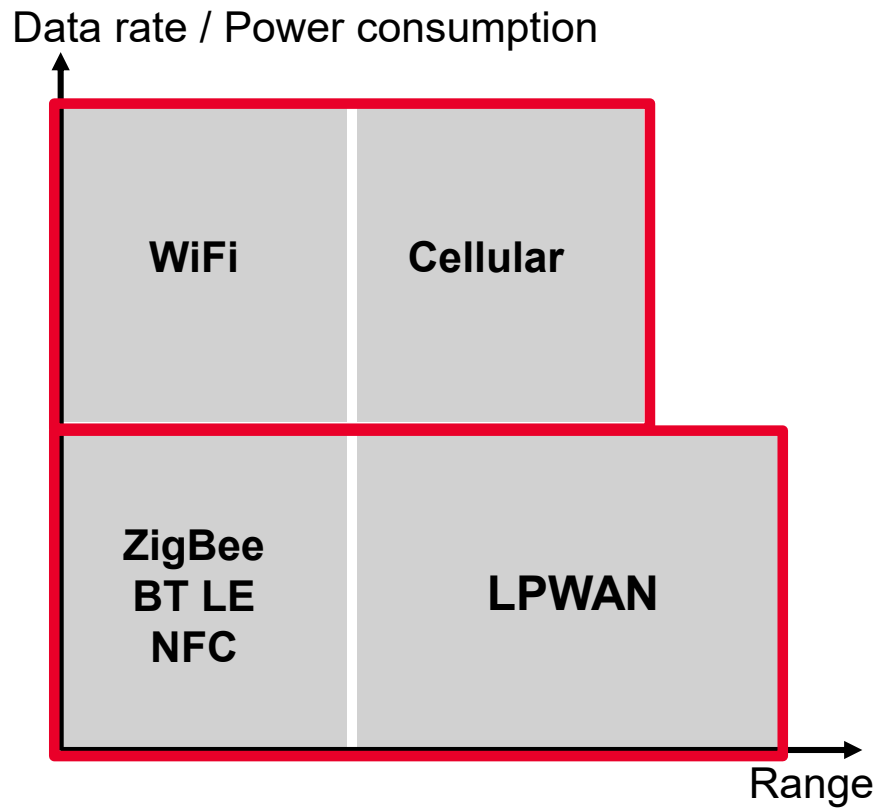
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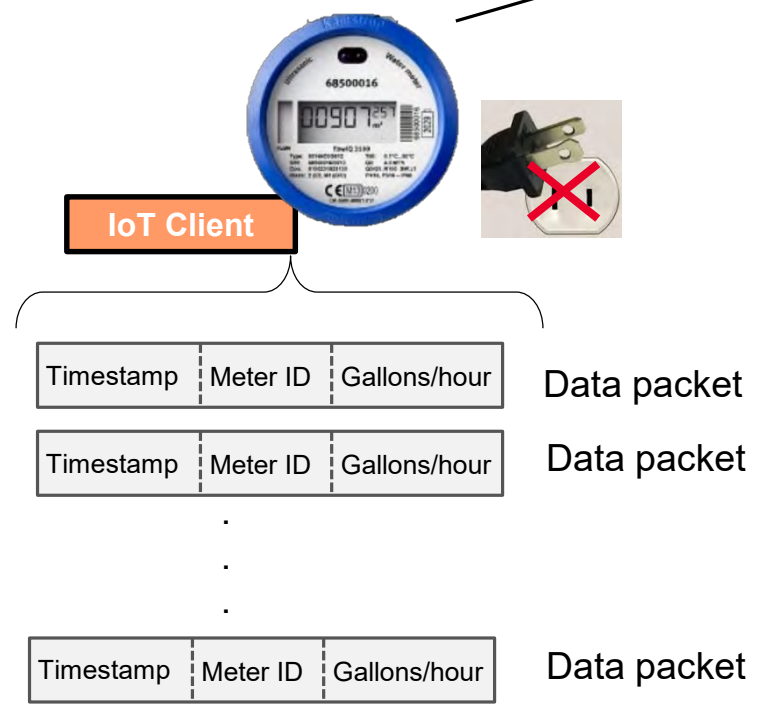
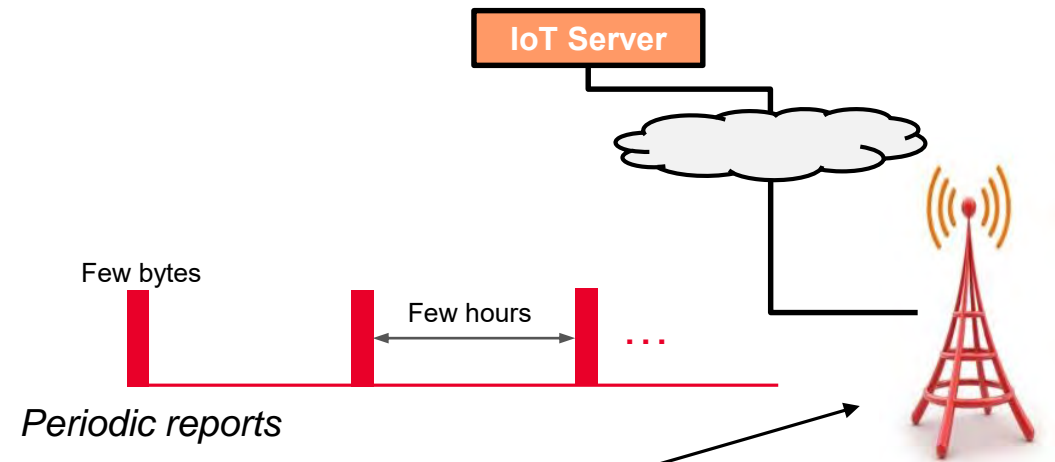
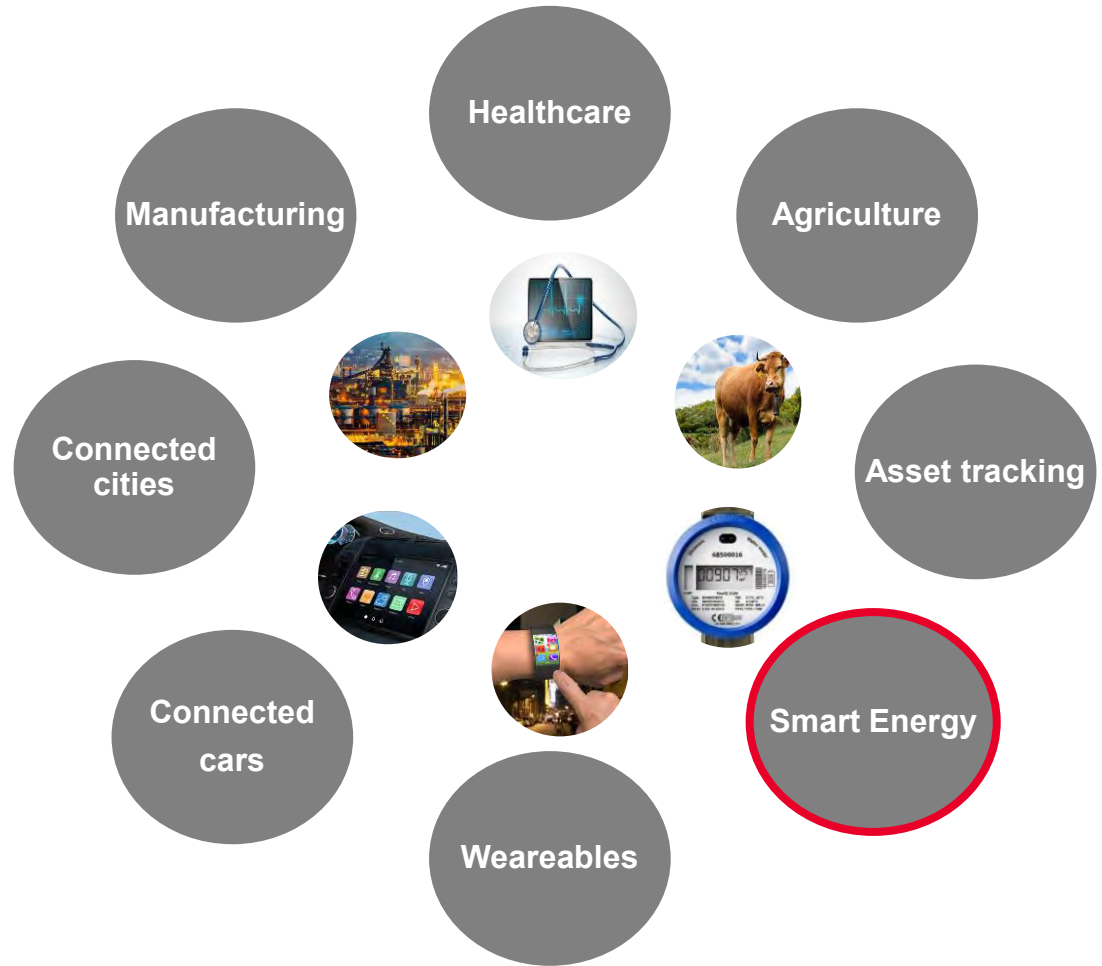


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# Diverse IoT Applications



# LPWA Technology Challenges





# The solution is in the Network Operators

## Solutions Today



- Infrastructure investment
- Soft standardization
- Range limitations
- Limited battery life
- Cellular as backhaul



## Cellular LPWA



- Reuse of Cellular infrastructure
- Strong standardization
- Improved coverage
- Mobility, Roaming
- Security, Authentication

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## Then... What is holding back Operators??

Reasons are technical limitations in the Network:

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- Soft
- Rang
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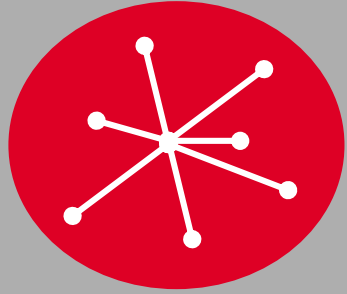
**It was designed for human communications**

- Mobility, Roaming
- Security, Authentication

Infrastructure  
on

# 3GPP Release 13 Narrowband IoT: Design Goals

## NB-IoT



### High Density

- 10s k devices/cell
- Data rates of 10s of kbps
- Low frequency of connections



### Low Cost

- Modules < \$5
- No fancy features
- Reliable, stable



### Superior Battery Life

- Up to 10+ years
- Enhanced sleep modes



### Extreme Coverage

- +20 dB compared to GPRS
- Areas of difficult access or remote



### Upgrade

- To existing RAN infrastructure
- Global technology standard (3GPP)

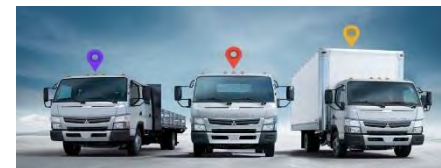
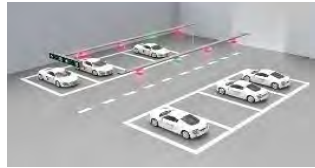
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# The evolution of NB-IoT standardization



***Low Cost***  
***Low Power***  
***Extreme Coverage***  
***High Density***

***Higher data rates***  
***Enhanced mobility***  
***Positioning***  
***Further power reduction***



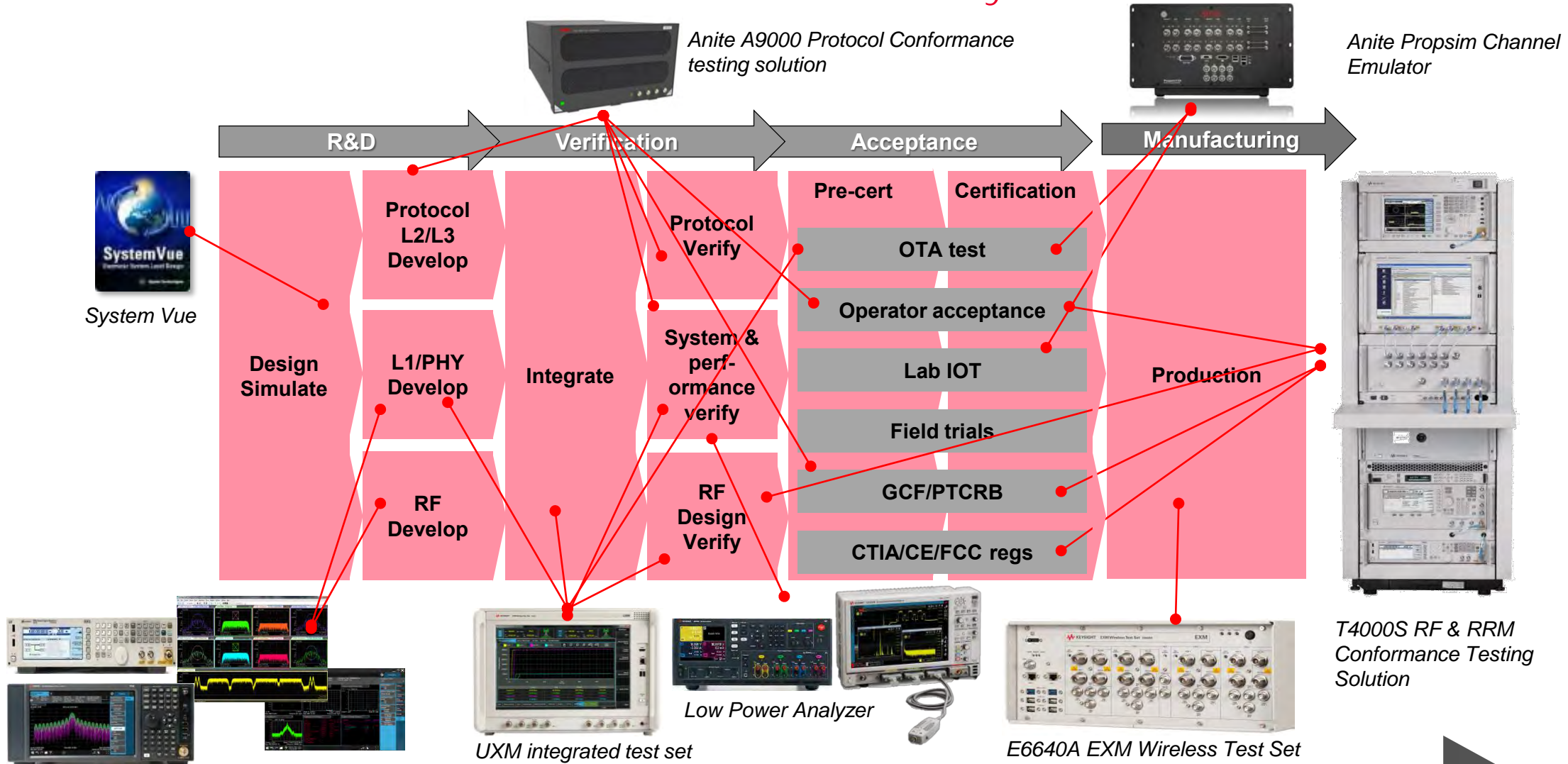
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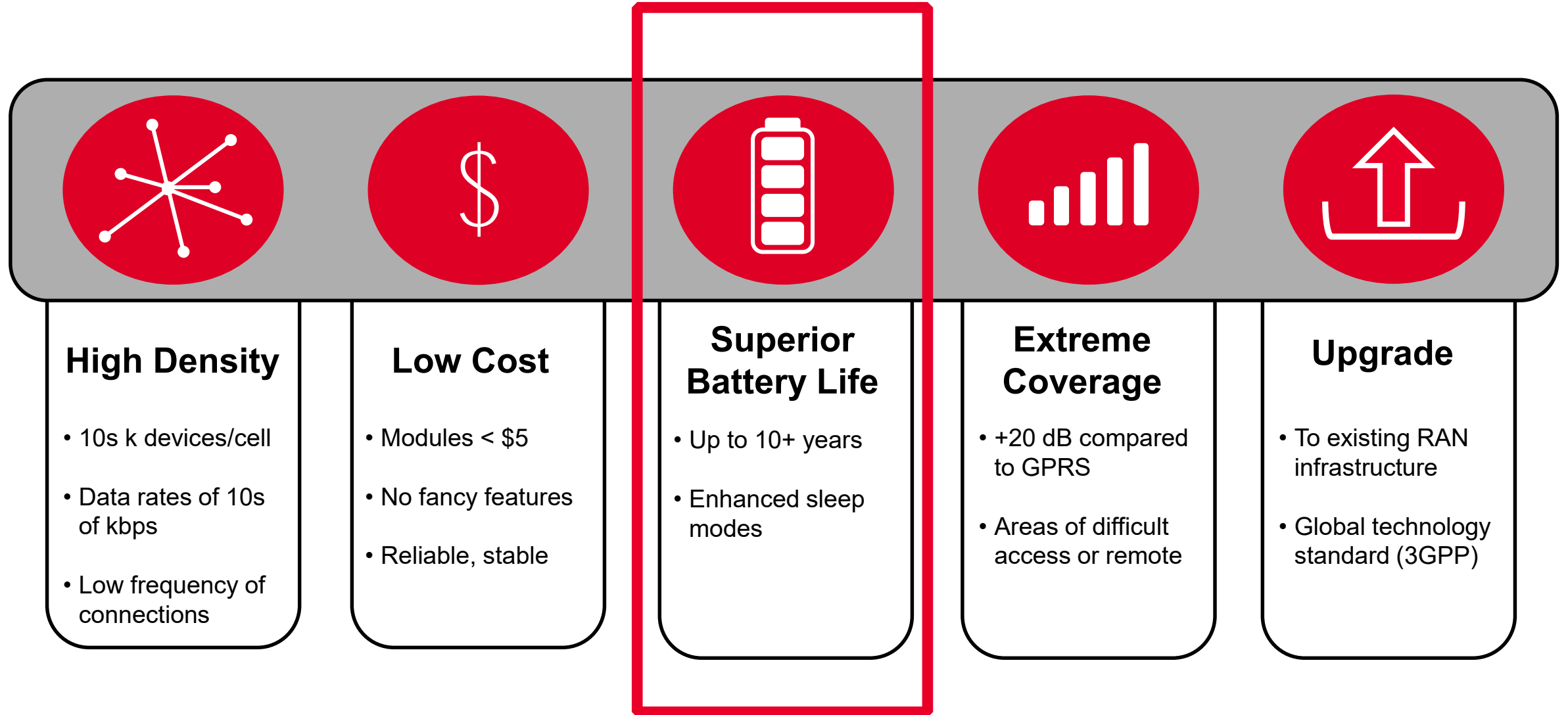
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# NB-IoT Test Solutions Across the Lifecycle



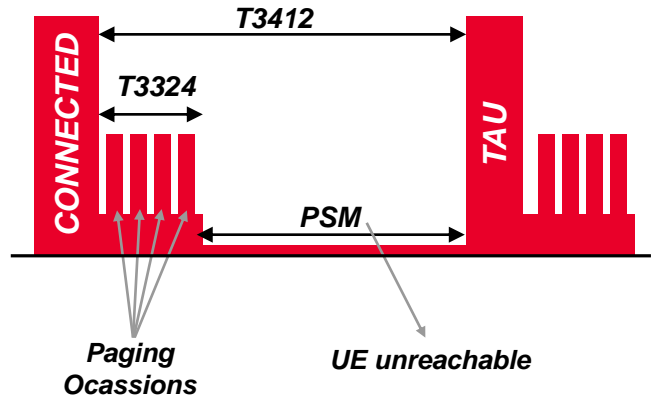
Speed, performance and results you can trust... Across the whole NB-IoT device lifecycle

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# NB-IoT Power Saving Mode and eDRX

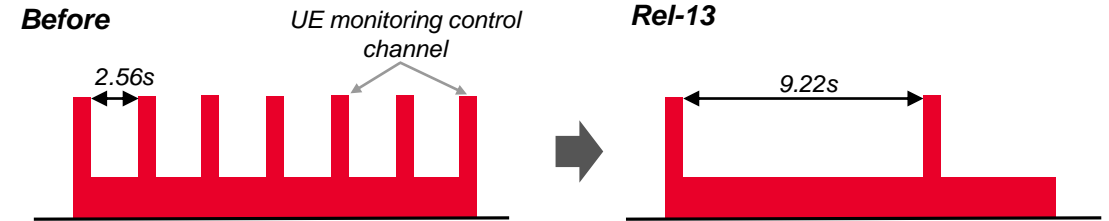
## Rel-12 Power Saving Mode (PSM)



- T3324 determines for how long the UE will monitor paging before entering in PSM
- While in PSM, UE is not reachable by the Network and all circuitry is turned off
- UE exits PSM when T3412 expires (TAU) or with a Mobile Originated transfer

## Rel-13 Enhanced DRX (eDRX)

### CONNECTED eDRX



- DRX cycles extended from 2.56 seconds:
  - To 9.22 seconds in NB-IoT

### IDLE eDRX



- New Paging Time Window which allows longer paging cycles:
  - 3 hours in NB-IoT



# NB-IoT Design Challenge - Power Consumption & Efficiency

## **Challenge #1:** Setting the device in different operating modes realistically

- Different modes including IDLE, CONNECTED, PSM and eDRX
- Impact of very consuming activities like Repetitions, data transmissions or OTA updates

## **Challenge #2:** Accurately measure sleep modes in presence of large spikes

- Wide dynamic range: sub- $\mu$ A to 100 mA
- Single view logging providing complete analysis

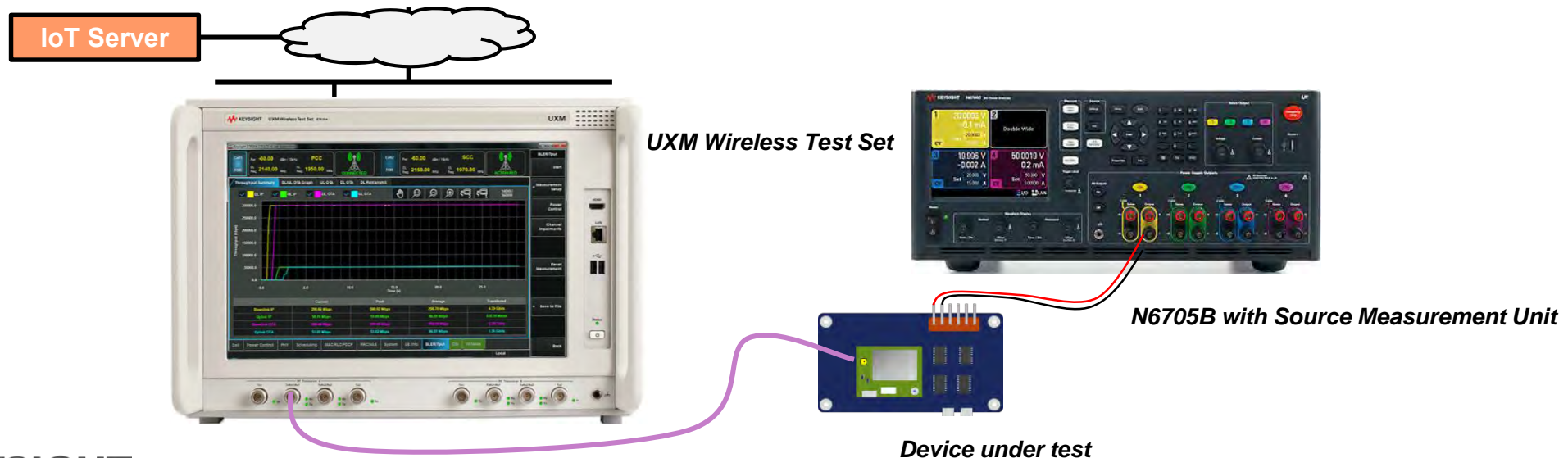
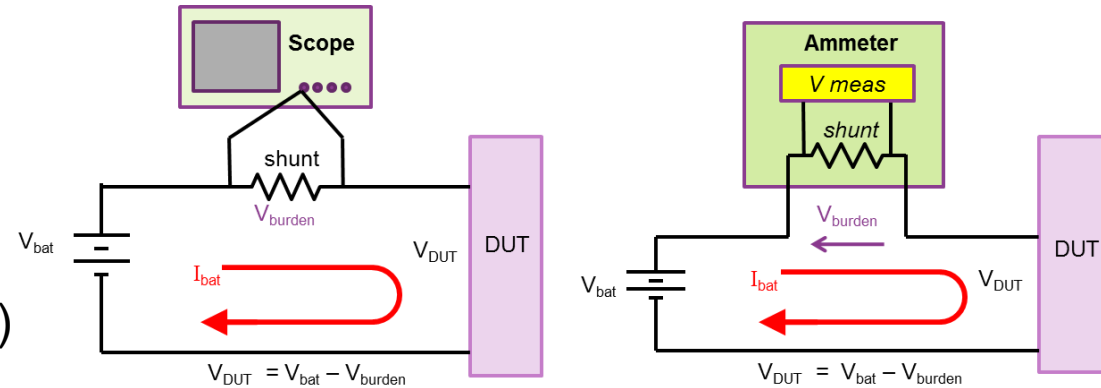
## **Challenge #3:** Characterize battery run-down including aging effect

- Being able to measure current and voltage simulatenously with enough accuracy
- Emulation of series resistance of the power supply

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## Characterize critical scenarios before deploying:

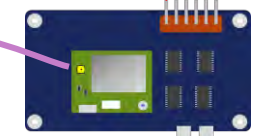
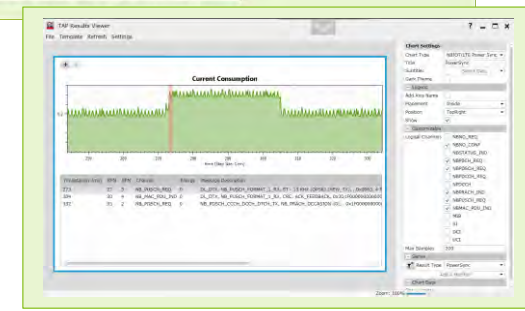
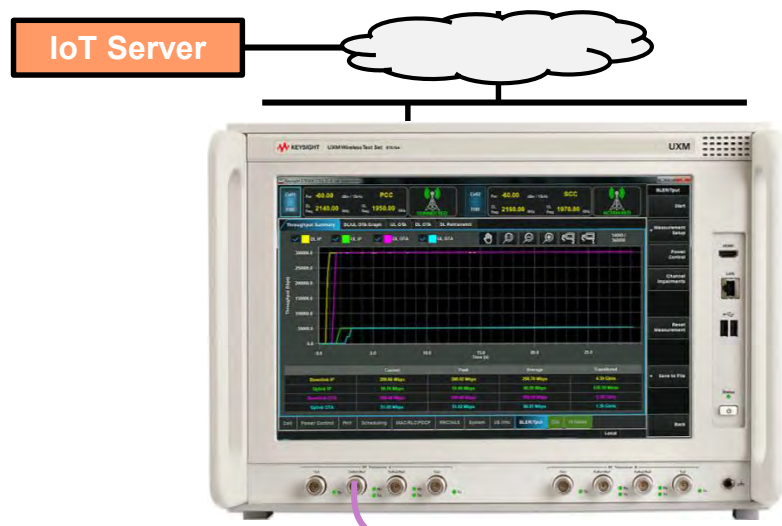
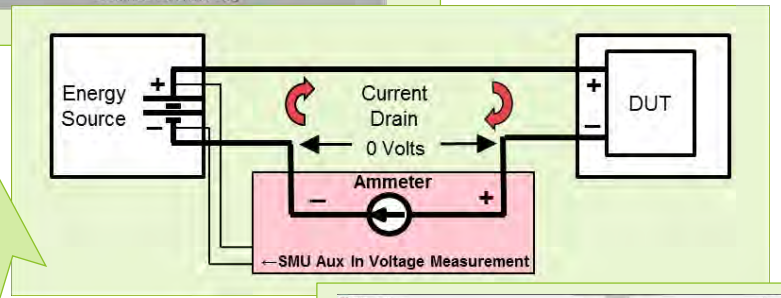
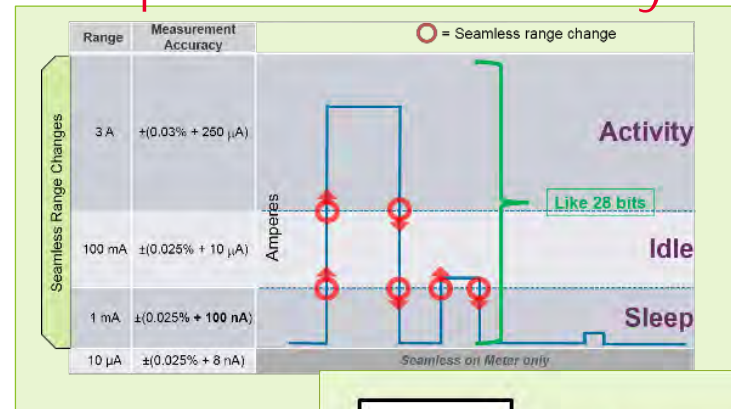
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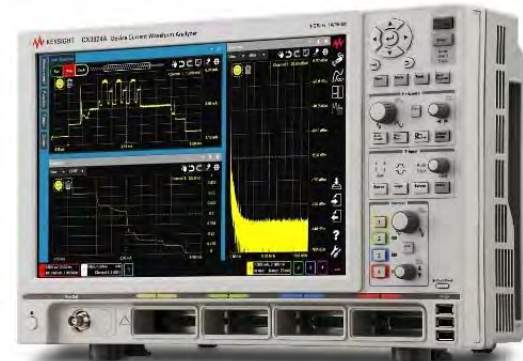


# CX3300 Current Waveform Analyzer

- Test the small current signal you never see(pA level)
- WXGA 14.1 multi-touch display and familiar measurement function save the start-up time for new users
- A wide variety of built-in analysis tools improve debugging efficiency

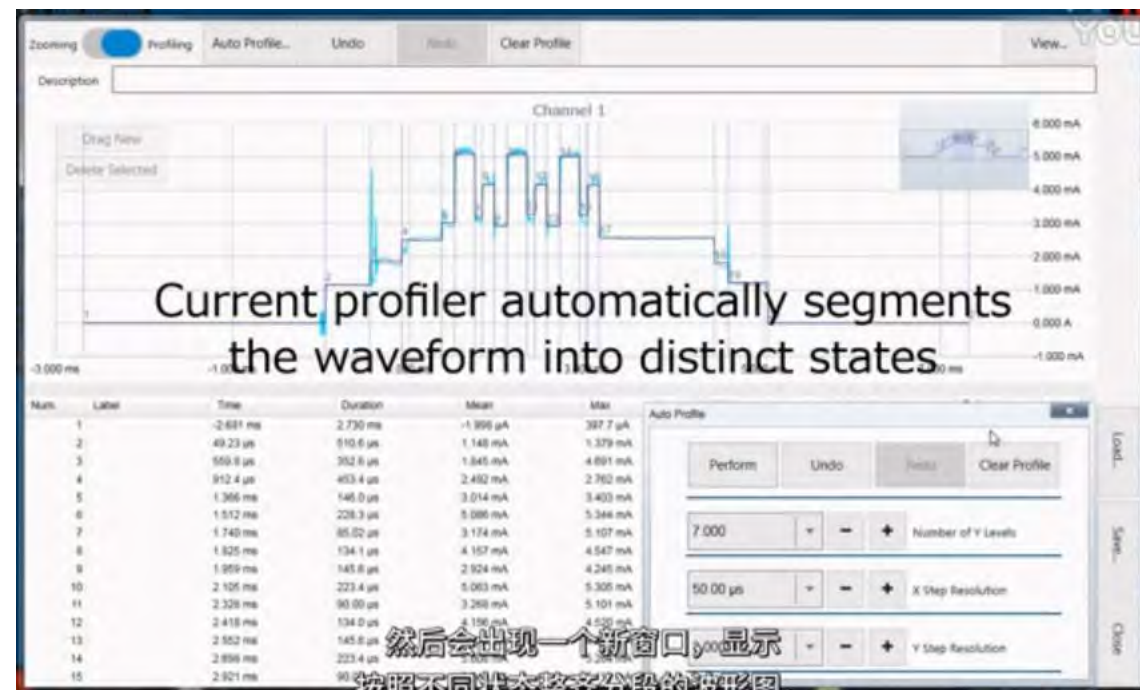


CX3322A (2 Channel)

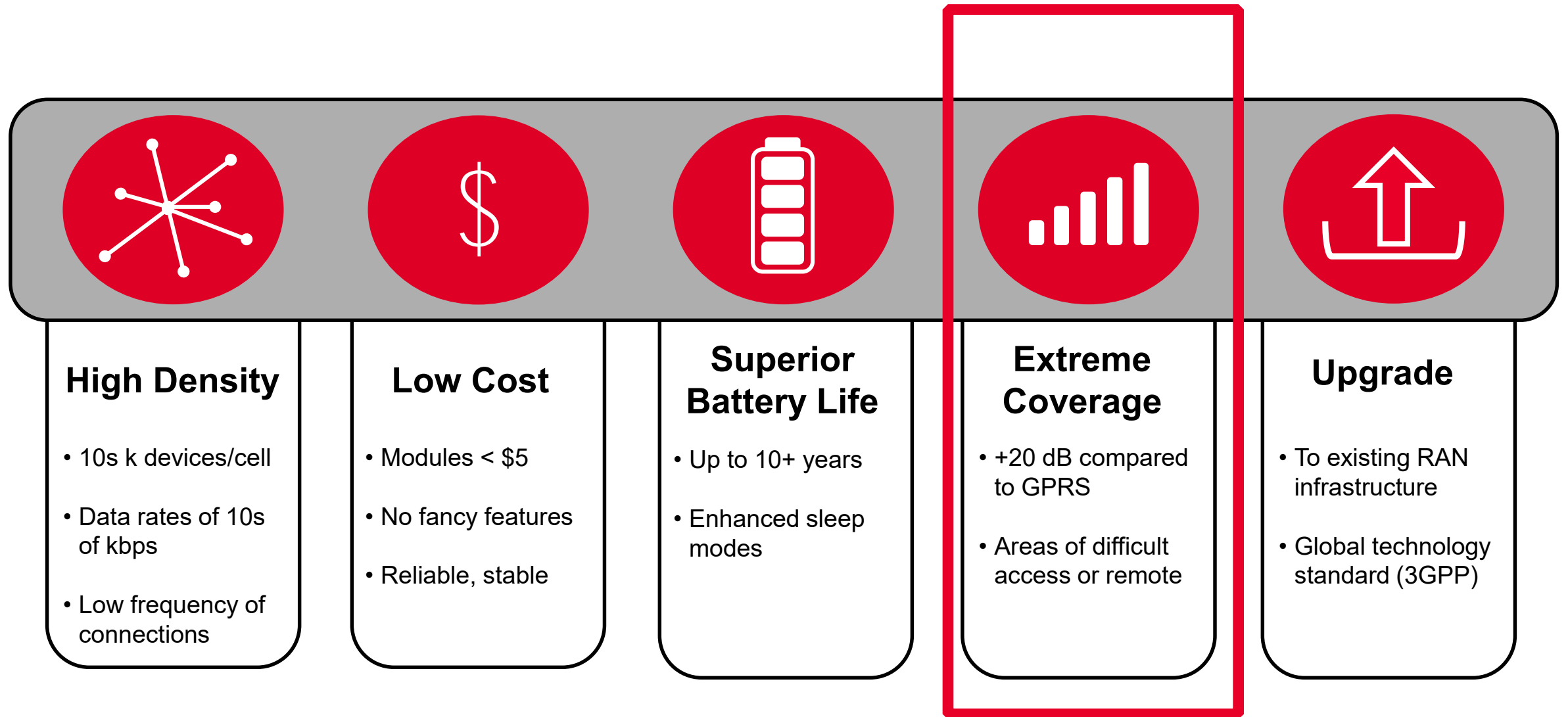


CX3324A (4 Channel)

| Property         | Range            |
|------------------|------------------|
| Current Range    | 100 pA ~ 10 A    |
| Max. Bandwidth   | 200 MHz          |
| Max. Sample Rate | 1 GSa/s          |
| Dynamic Range    | 14-bit or 16-bit |
| Store Depth      | 256 Mpts/ch      |
| Channels         | 2 or 4           |



# 3GPP Release 13 Narrowband IoT: Design Goals



# NB-IoT: Extreme Coverage



Remote location



Basements and sewages



Hidden Installation



Industrial Environments

## Characaterization

- Extreme Sensitivity
- Sync under low SNR
- Transmitted Signal
- Blocking and Intermodulation

## Performance

- Propagation conditions
- Slow fading profiles
- Different operation modes and antenna configurations

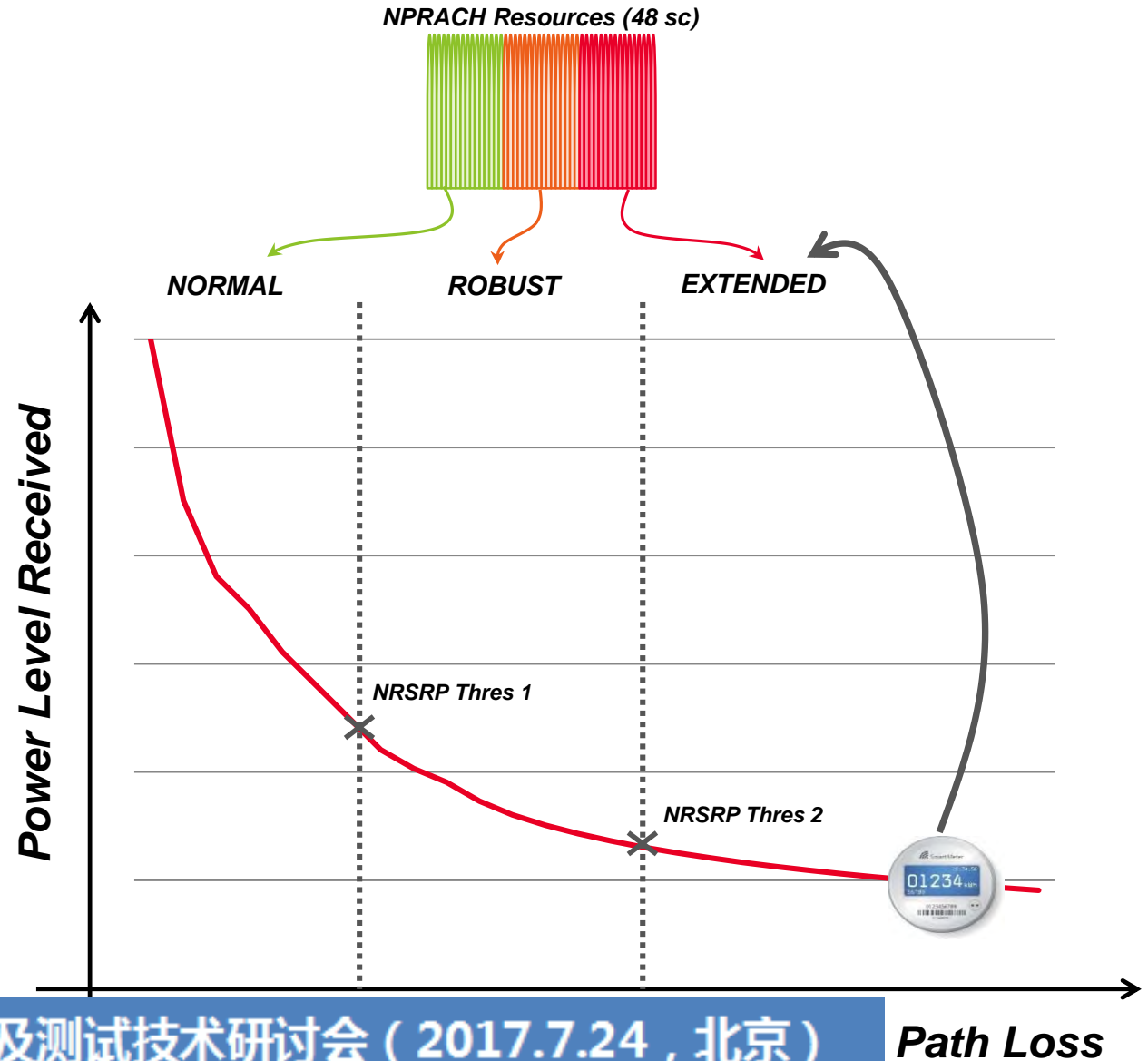
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# NB-IoT: Coverage Levels

- Up to 3 different Coverage Levels signaled via SIB2-NB (Normal, Robust, Extreme)
- The coverage level selected determines the NPRACH resources to use:
  - Subset of subcarriers, PRACH Repetitions, Max number of attempts, etc...
- UE derives the Coverage Level based on NRSRP measured
  - NPRACH resources to be used are determined by the Coverage Level

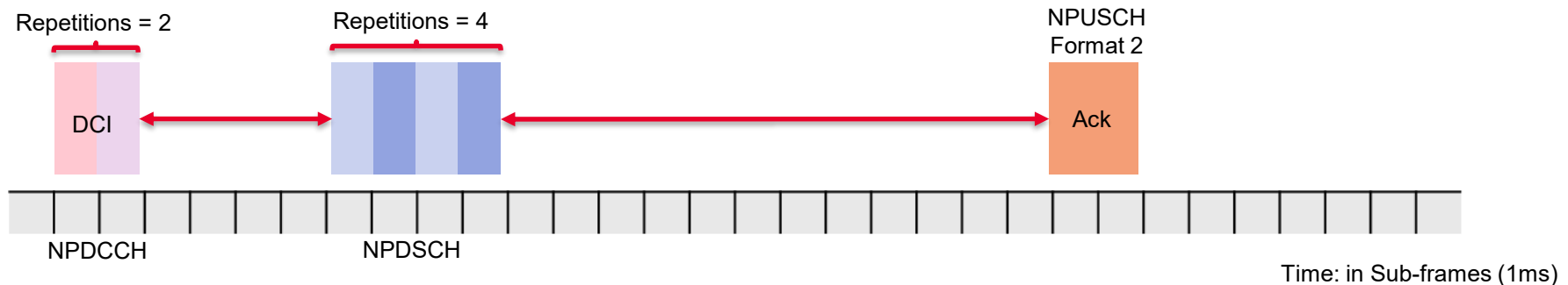
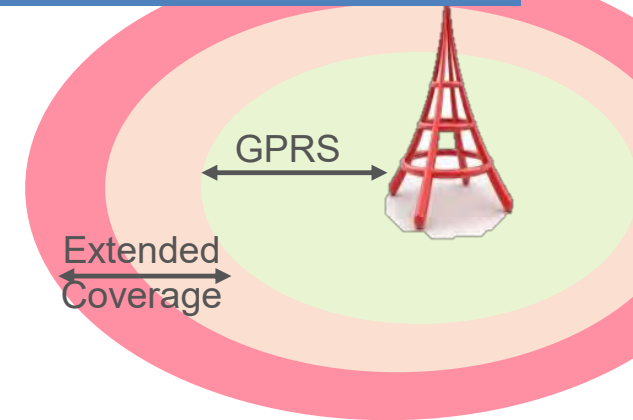


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Path Loss

## NB-IoT: Repetitions

- Technique consisting on repeating the same transmission several times:
  - Achieve extra coverage (up to 20 dB compared to GPRS)
  - Each Repetition is self-decodable
  - Scrambling code is changed for each transmission to help combination
  - Repetitions are ACK-ed just once
- For NB-IoT all channels can use Repetitions to extend coverage



**Example:** Repetitions used in NB-IoT in NPDCCH and NPDSCH channels



# NB-IoT: Extreme Coverage – Test Challenges

## **Challenge #1:** Receiver Sensitivity without and with Repetitions

- Below -120 dBm requires very accurate signal generation
- Soft-combination delivers expected gain in the receiver
- NRSRP and NRSRQ properly measured and reported to higher layers

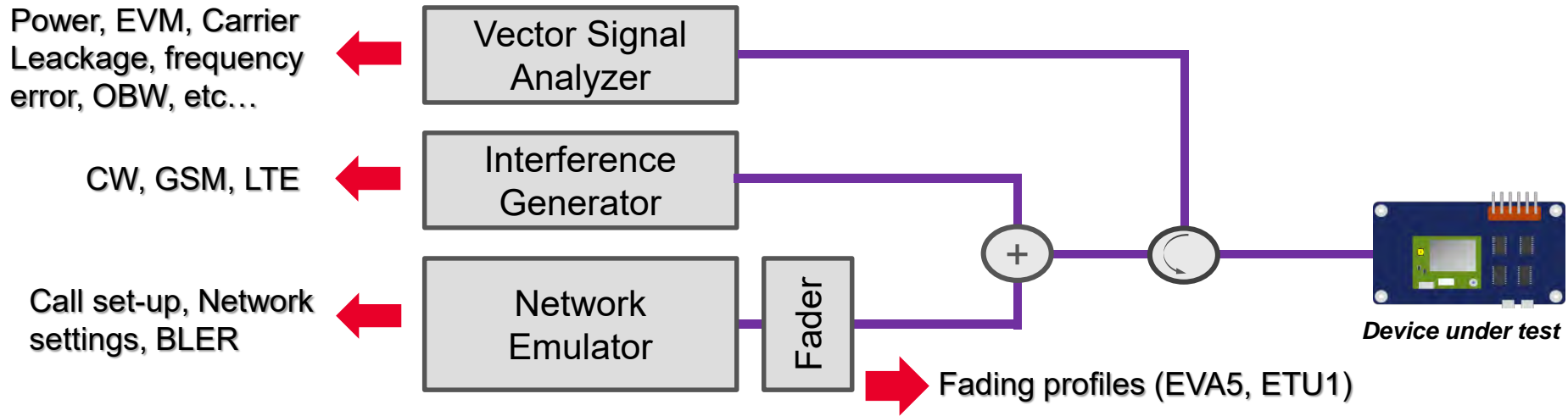
## **Challenge #2:** Performance characterization using low cost components

- Synchronization when poor Signal to Noise Ratio due to low cost crystal oscillator
- Impact of the transmitted signal due to removal of PAPR reduction circuitry

## **Challenge #3:** Nomadic devices with slow mobility

- SISO and Transmit Diversity
- Complex test set-ups including multiple antennas, AWGN and Fading

# NB-IoT: Extreme Coverage



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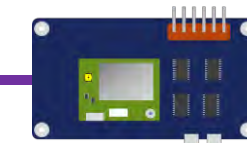
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# NB-IoT: Extreme Coverage

Power, EVM, Carrier Leakage, frequency error, OBW, etc...

CW, GSM, LTE

Call set-up, Network settings, BLER



Device under test

Fading profiles (EVA5, ETU1)

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### ❖ NB-IoT addresses LPWA use cases re-using existing cellular infrastructure

- A completely new technology that will continue developing in further 3GPP Releases
- Narrowband technologies will continue to serve the MTC use case with 5G NR

### ❖ NB-IoT networks are becoming a reality...

- Multiple Operators trials now in EU and Asia; planning to deploy services during 2H 2017
- Strong interest from other Operators worldwide

### ❖ Covering new use cases means facing new challenges

- Extended coverage, low power consumption, stability, etc...
- Operators' Acceptance including 3GPP conformance test and certification

# Certification and Operators Acceptance

Validated Platform  
in GCF (TP195)



- Integration of **E7515A UXM Wireless Test Set**
- Confidently runs **RF & RRM Conformance 3GPP Test** cases on a validated GCF/PTCRB Test Platform: TP-195
- Designed like a pre-conformance and **Design Verification (DV)** tool
- Extensive test coverage for major US operators acceptance test plans: AT&T, Verizon, T-Mobile and Sprint
- **Scalable & Compact solution** based on a common hardware set
- Create **Custom Test Campaigns** with flexibility, use powerful debug tools for results analysis
- Free-up engineering resource by adopting **test automation**

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# Keysight Technologies



Modelling tools

Network Analyzers



Protocol conformance test

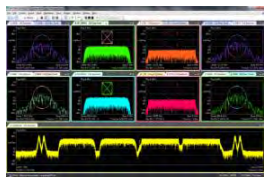
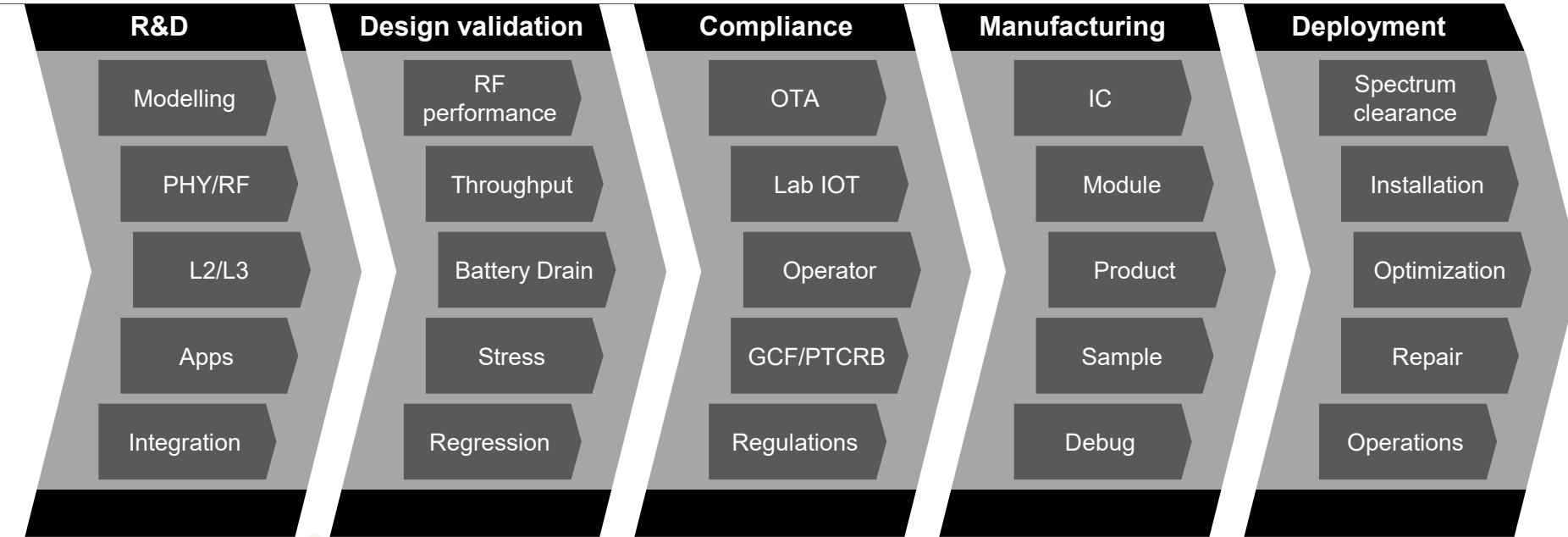


Propsim channel emulator



i3070 test systems

FieldFox



VSA/VSG



Thermal test

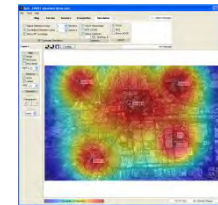


UXM Wireless Test Set

RF & RRM conformance



EXM Wireless Test Set



Oscilloscopes



Power measurement units



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A cellular technology  
connecting the Internet Of  
Things

# The Key to Success in Technology

We deliver what's next. First.



*THANK YOU!*



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