

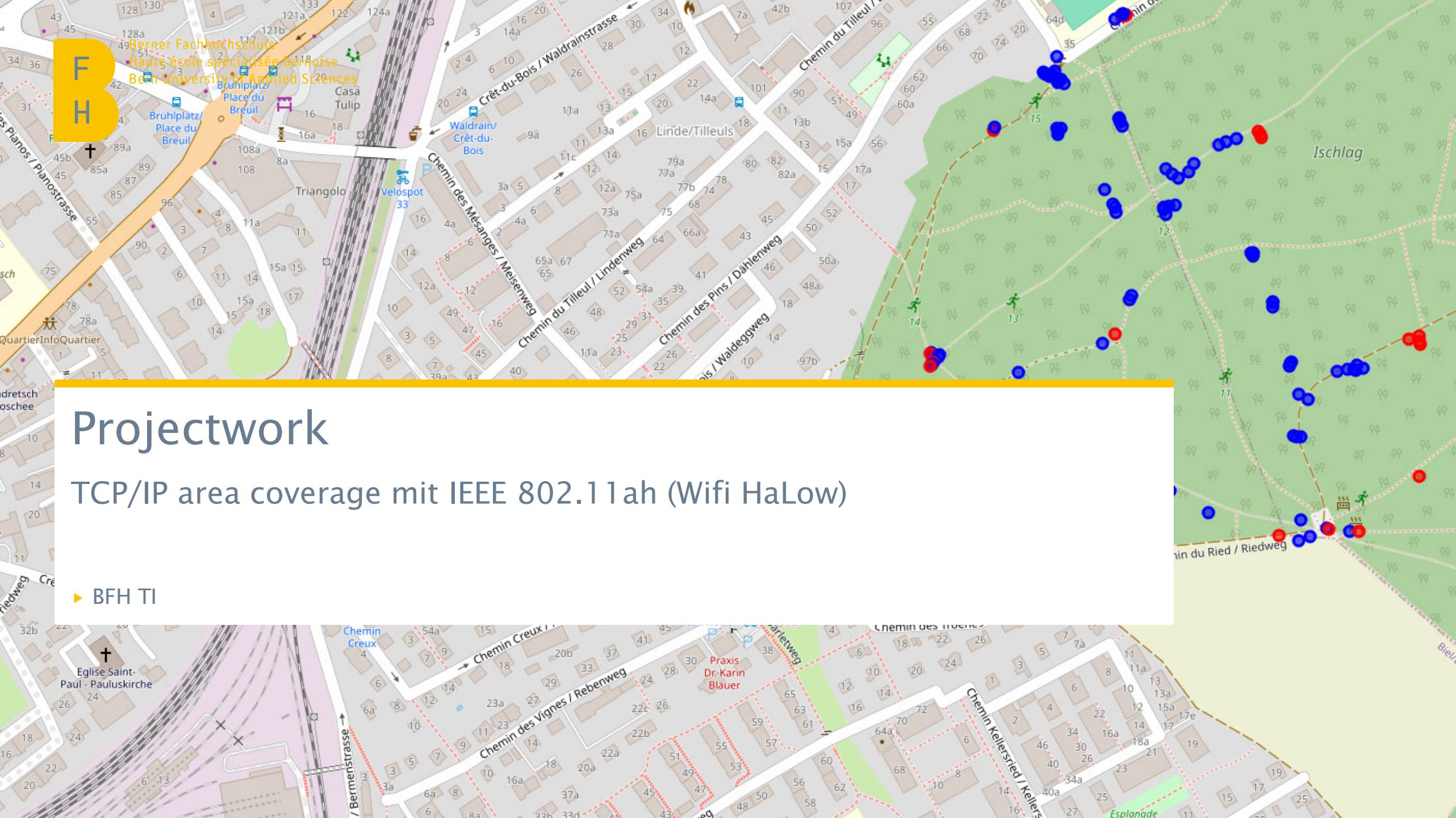
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Projectwork

TCP/IP area coverage mit IEEE 802.11ah (Wifi HaLow)

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IEEE 802.11ah (Wifi HaLow)

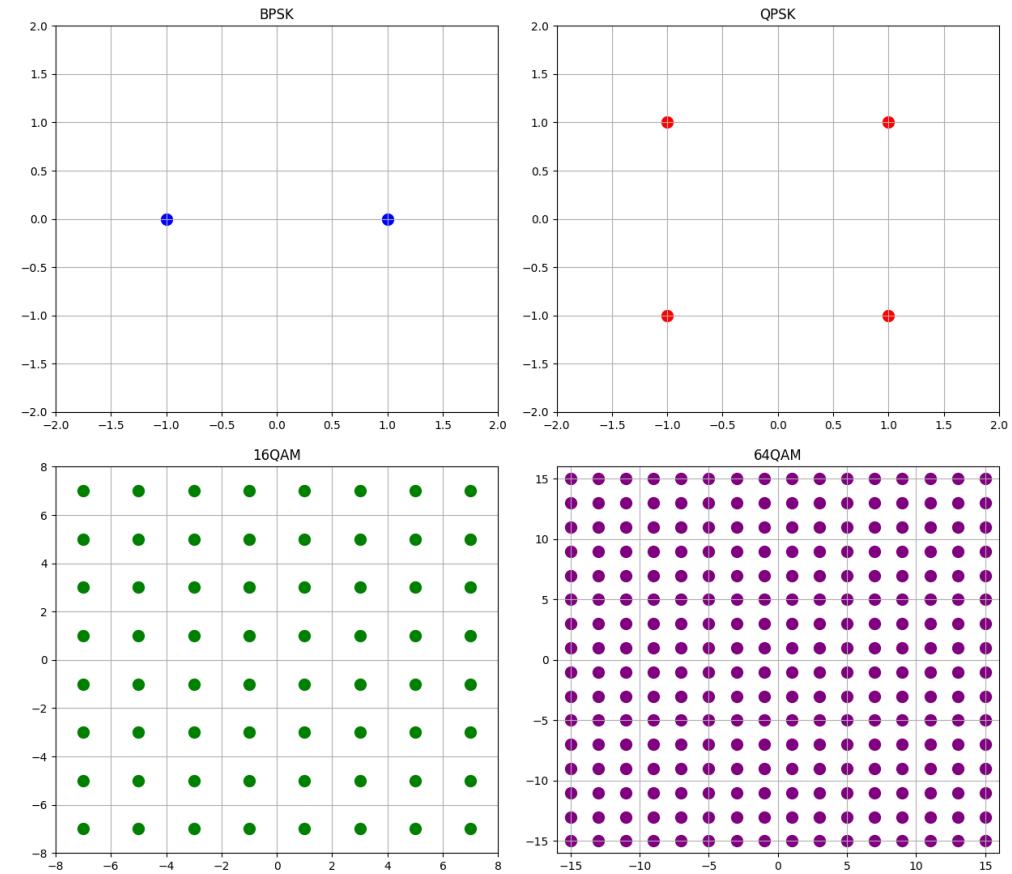
- ▶ Modulations: BPSK, QPSK, 16QAM, 64QAM
- ▶ Used Anjielo Smart Bridge
- ▶ TaiXin TXW8301 Chipset



Wireless Access Point Ethernet Port Bridge

STK-AIR900 / STK-AIR700 spec

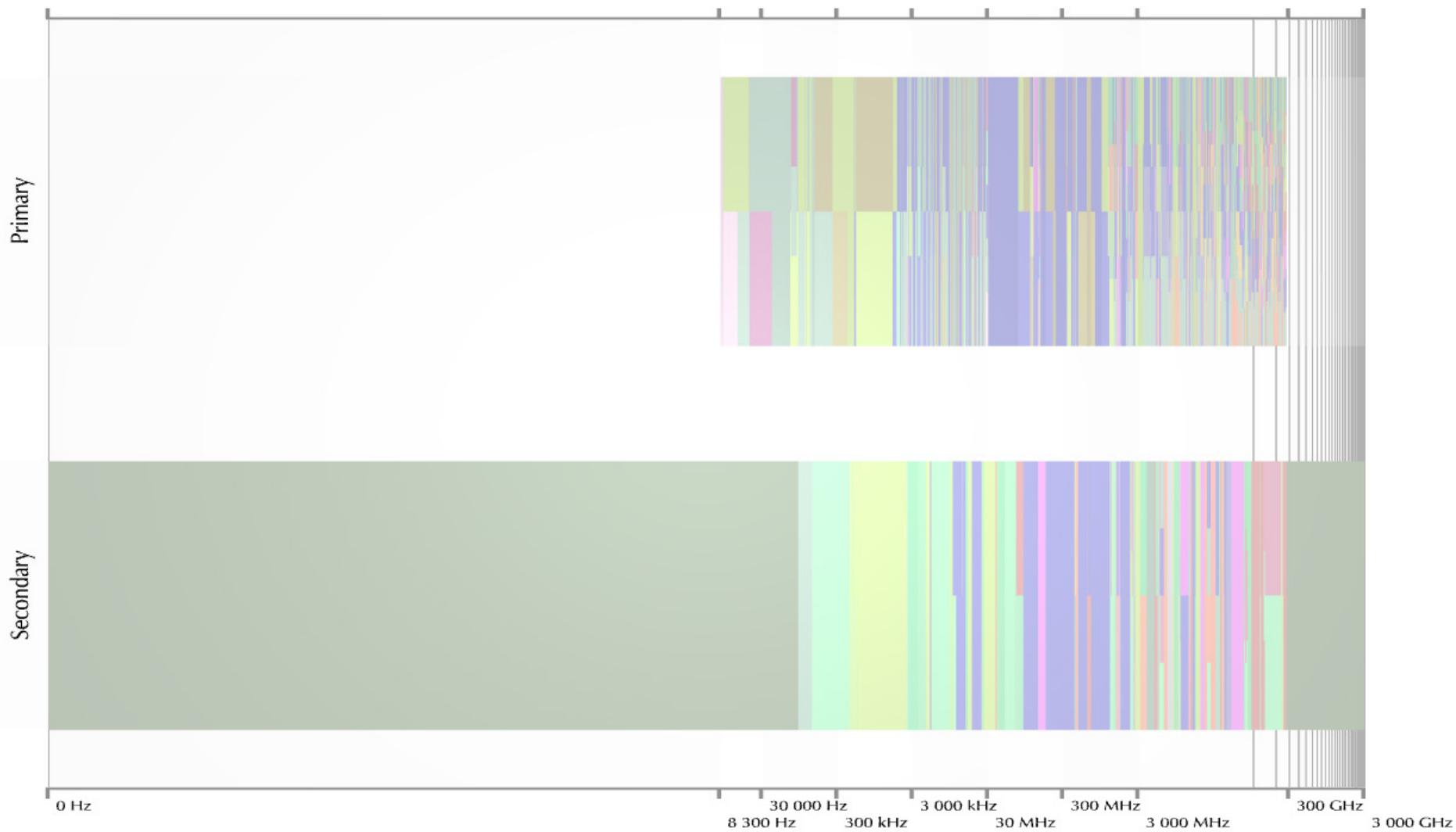
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Overview

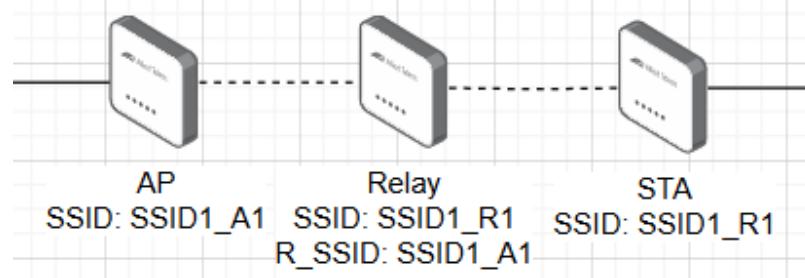
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Introduction and project objectives



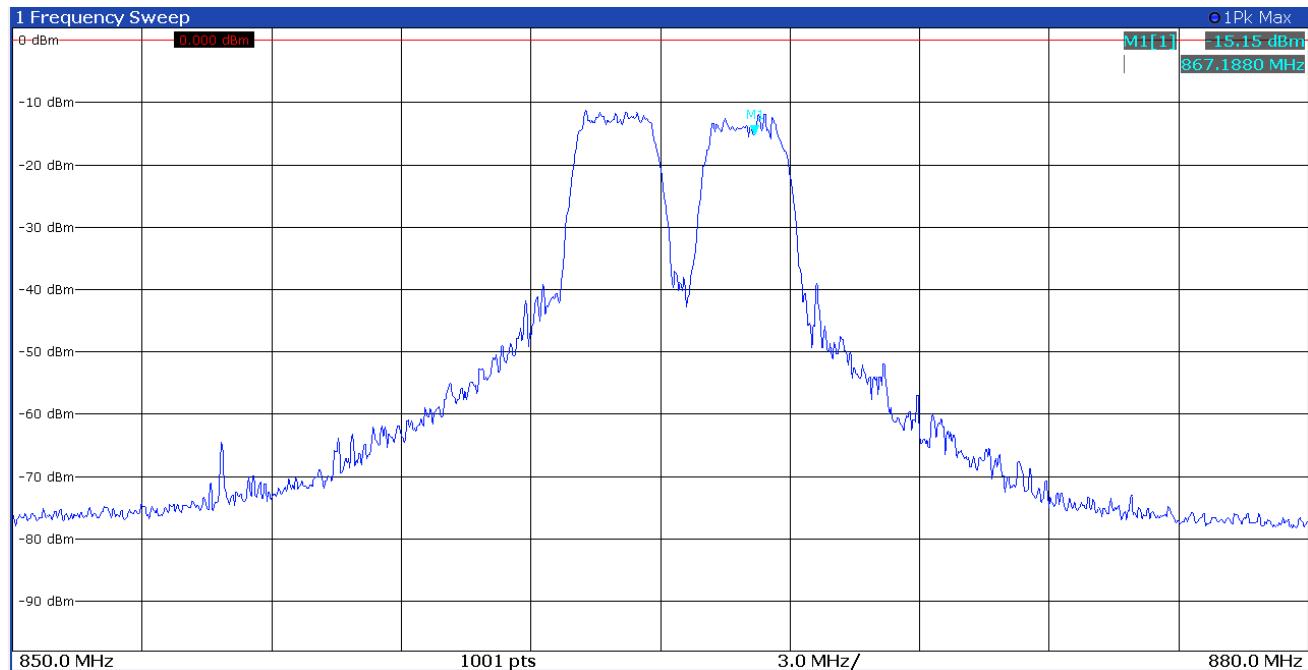
Methodology

- ▶ Measurement setup with Anjilelo Smart HaLow Bridge and spectrum analyzers
- ▶ Topologies tested
 - ▶ Relay connections
 - ▶ Roaming connections
- ▶ Measurement parameters
 - ▶ Throughput, latency (ping, jitter), packet loss, receive power (RSSI), transmit powerGPS data
- ▶ Python scripts and tools such as iperf3 and Wireshark

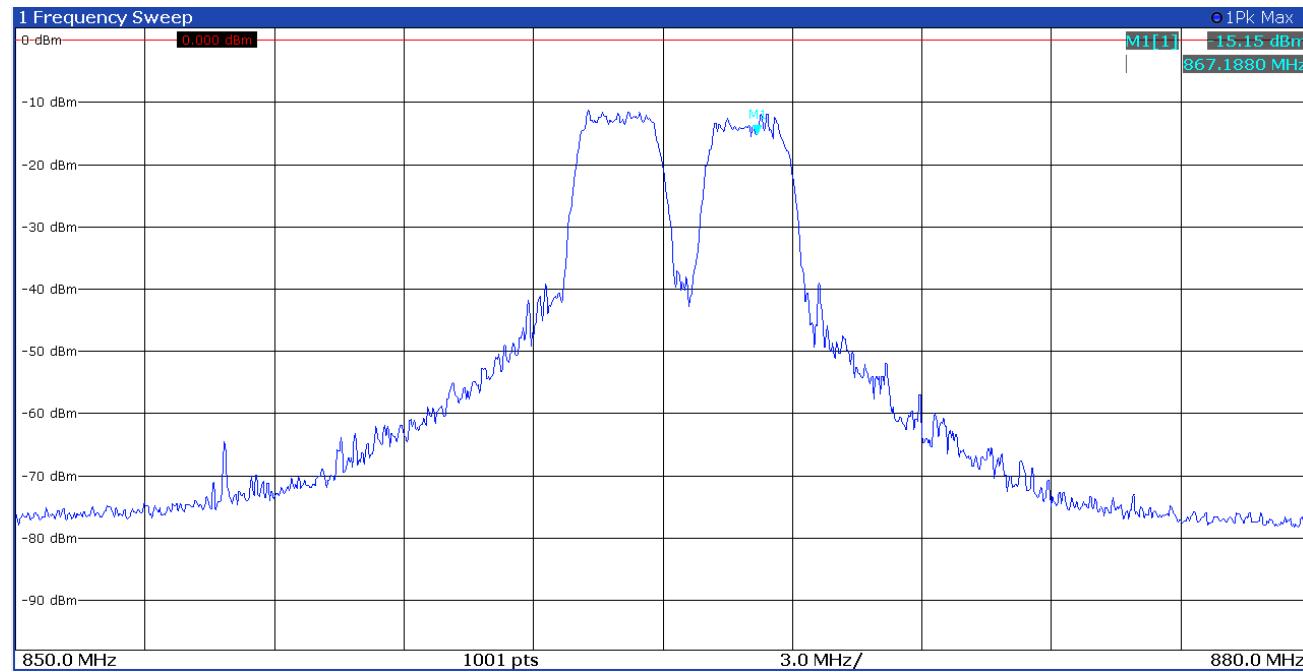


BAKOM Requirements

Aspekt	Requirement
Frequency band	863 - 868 MHz
Bandwidth	1 - 2 MHz
Power	14 dBm (25mW)
Duty-Cycle	10 %

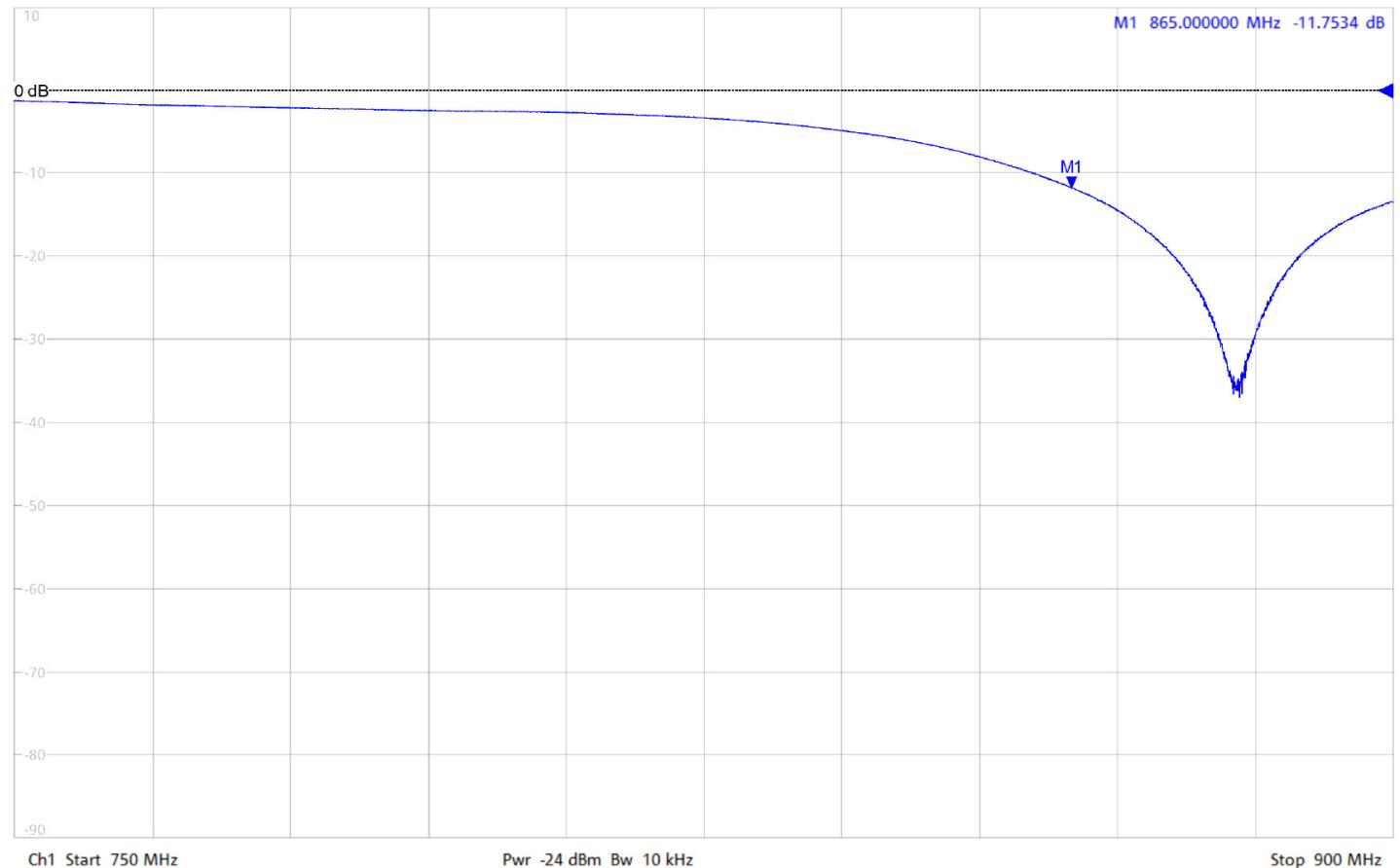


Results – Spectrum Measurements



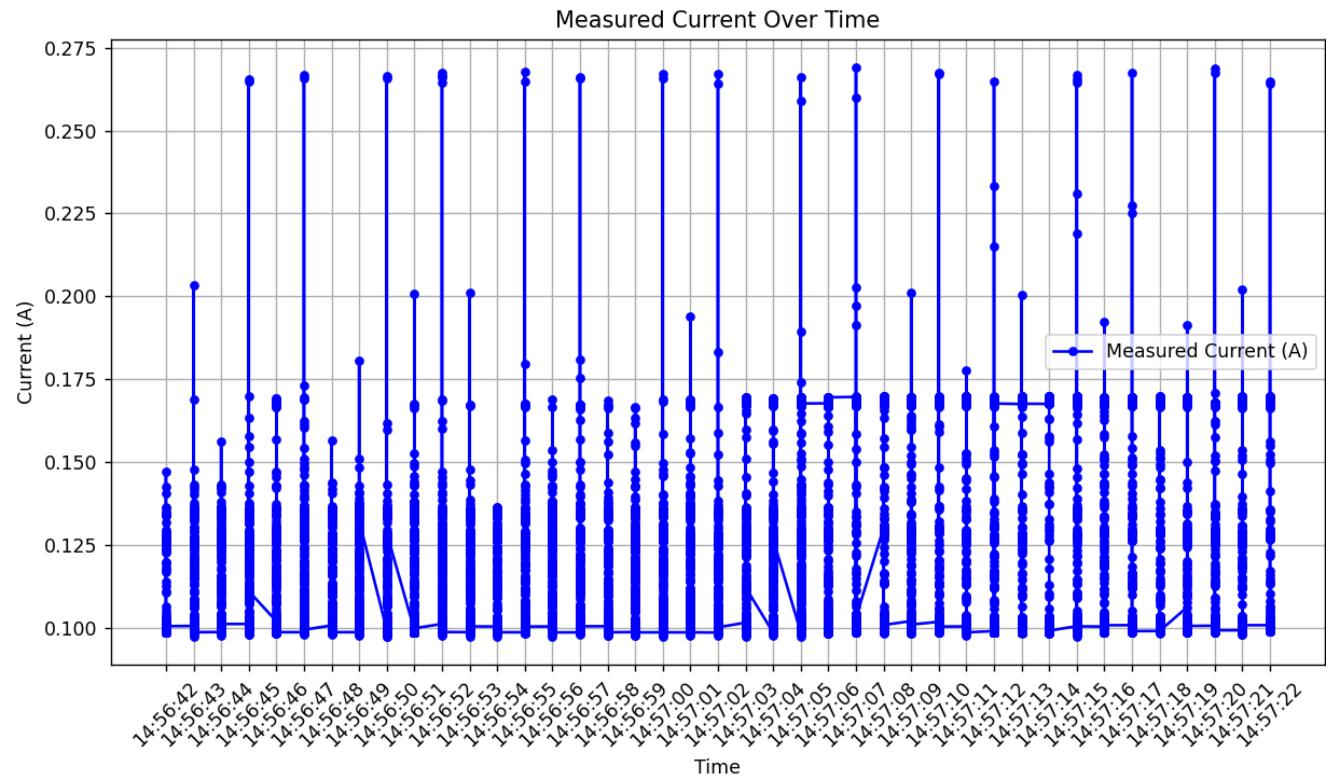
Results – Antenna return attenuation

- ▶ System Network Analyzer
- ▶ Compliance of the system
- ▶ $10 \text{ dB} \leq 10\% \text{ of power}$
- ▶ Here 11.75 dB



Results – Power measurement

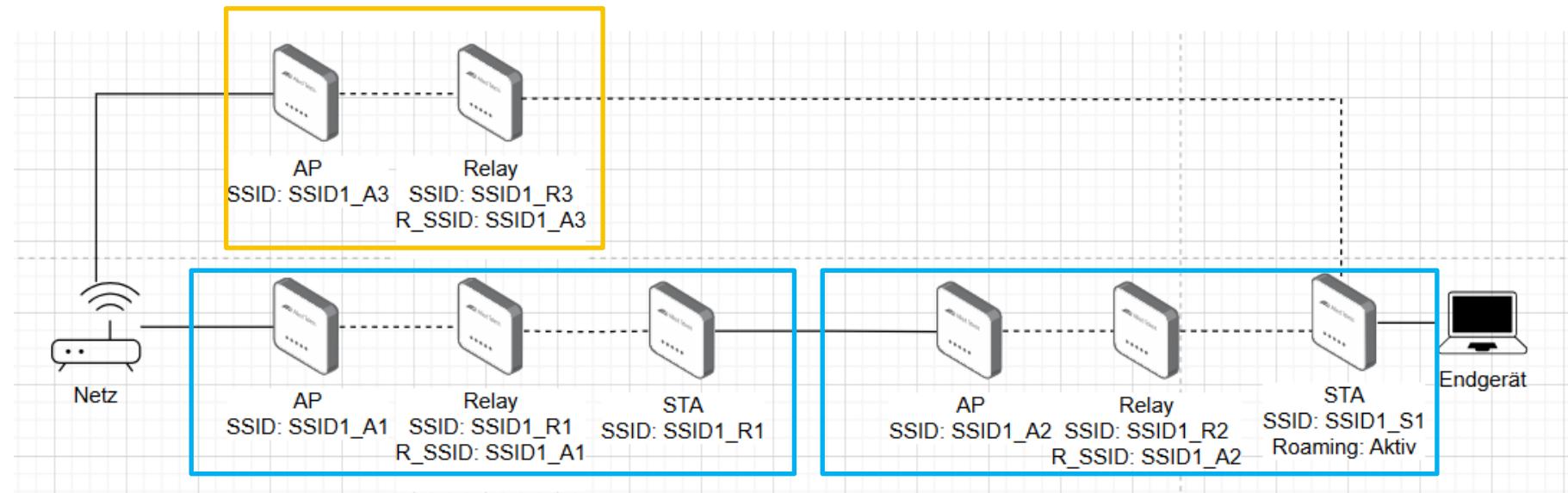
- ▶ Voltage: 5 V
- ▶ Current: 100 – 270 mA
 - ▶ Average: 105.2 mA
 - ▶ Standby: ca. 100 mA
- ▶ Power: 0.526 W



- ▶ Powerbank of 10000 mAh ~ 95 h Runtime

Results – Measurement setup

- Data transfer rate limited to 0.5 Mbit/s



Results – Measurement setup

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at+wnbcfg
+WNBCFG
    role:sta, bss_bw:2, encrypt:0, forward:1, key_set:1, mkey_set:0, join_group:0, bssid_set:0
    freq_range:8630~8680
    chan_list: 8640, 8670,
    ssid:SSID1, r_ssid:None, addr:1e:05:59:67:5c:78
    max_sta:8, tx_mcs:255, acs_enable:1, acs_tmo:0, tx_bw:8
    tx_power:14, pri_chan:3
    psconnect_period:60, psconnect_roundup:4
    wkio_mode:0, psmode:0, auto_chsw:0, acktmo:0
    bss_max_idle:300, beacon_int:500, dtim_period:2
    group_aid:0, agg_cnt:0, aplost_time:10, roam_rssi_th:-65, roam_int:10
    dhcps_en:0, dhcps_host:, ack_tmo:0, neassoc_wkhost:0, mcast_filter:0
    STA0:[6a:9c:00:8d:64:90, pair:1, encrypt:0, connect:1]
    STA1:[4a:06:59:7c:ae:80, pair:1, encrypt:0, connect:0]
    psk:0000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000
    auto_role:0, roaming:1, dupfilter:0, pa_pwrctrl_dis:0, pair_autostop:0, supper_pwr_dis:0
    not_auto_save:0, dc当地13:0, auto_pair:0, heartbeat_int:500, auto_sleep_time:10000, wkup_io:0, wkio_edge:0
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Results – Measurements

- ▶ Measurement setup
- ▶ Mobile setup
- ▶ Measurement script
 - ▶ iPerf3
 - ▶ GPS
- ▶ Problems with Disconnections
- ▶ iPerf3 timeouts



Results – Open field

- ▶ Max. Distance between devices: 1.23 km
- ▶ Coverage: 2.8 km²
- ▶ Data transfer rate: 1.18 MBps at maximum distance
- ▶ Connection interrupted by obstacles such as vegetation and buildings



Results – City

- ▶ Max. Distance between devices: 180 m
- ▶ Coverage: 0.06 km²
- ▶ Low stability
- ▶ Frequency distribution



Results – Forest

- ▶ Max. Distance between devices: 300 m
- ▶ Coverage: 0.27 km²
- ▶ Medium stability



Discussion

- ▶ Limited range with urban obstacles
- ▶ Problematic stability of Anjelo devices
- ▶ Limited data rate (max. 0.5 MBps in complex topologies)

Parameter	Open Field	City	Forest	Einheit
Area	2.8	0.06	0.18	km^2
Max. Distance between	1.23	0.18	0.3	km
Distance with RSSI -80 dBm	0.5	0.15	0.27	km
Average Latency	120	280	70	ms
Stability	4	10	6	Failures p. Intervall

Conclusions and outlook

- ▶ Further projects
 - ▶ Test and comparison with alternative devices
 - ▶ Improvement of measurement methods
 - ▶ Investigating interoperability between different devices
- ▶ The challenges
 - ▶ Stability
 - ▶ Range problems in urban areas
- ▶ WiFi HaLow offers great potential for IoT

Thank you to all the involved people 😊

Questions?

