

# Signal Analysis and Monitoring update

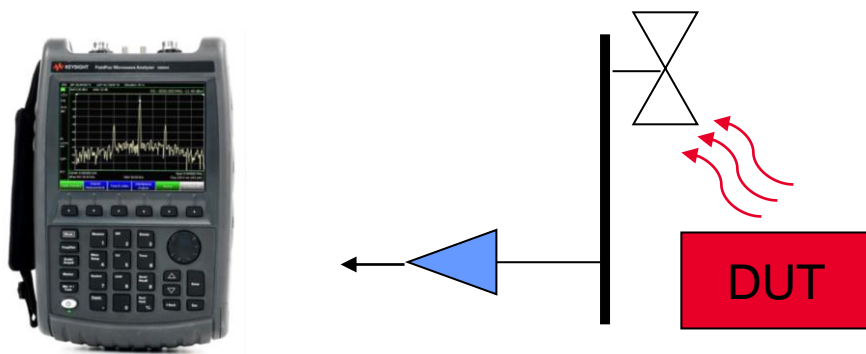
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# Agenda

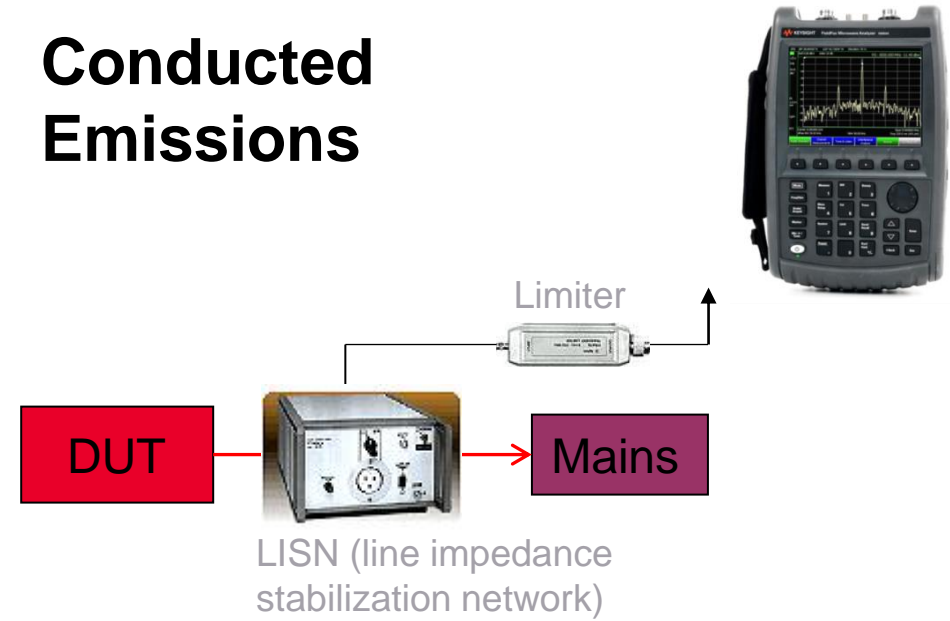
- EMC/EMI Signal Fundamentals
- Signal Management trends
- Keysight Spectrum Management Software (KSMS) overview
- Direction finding
- Configurations
- FieldFox solutions

# EMI Emission Measurements

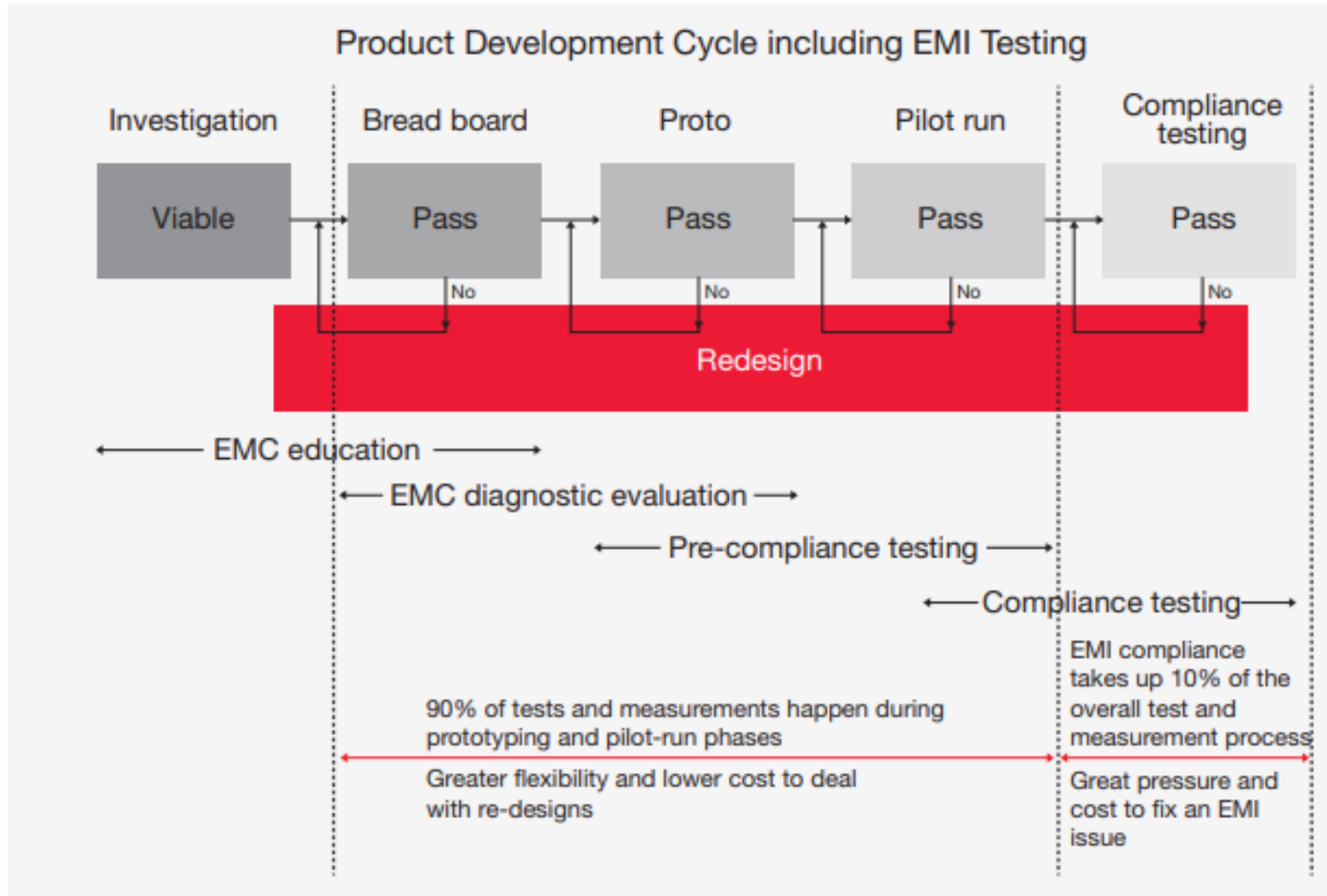
## Radiated Emissions



## Conducted Emissions



# EMI Pre-Compliance Fundamentals

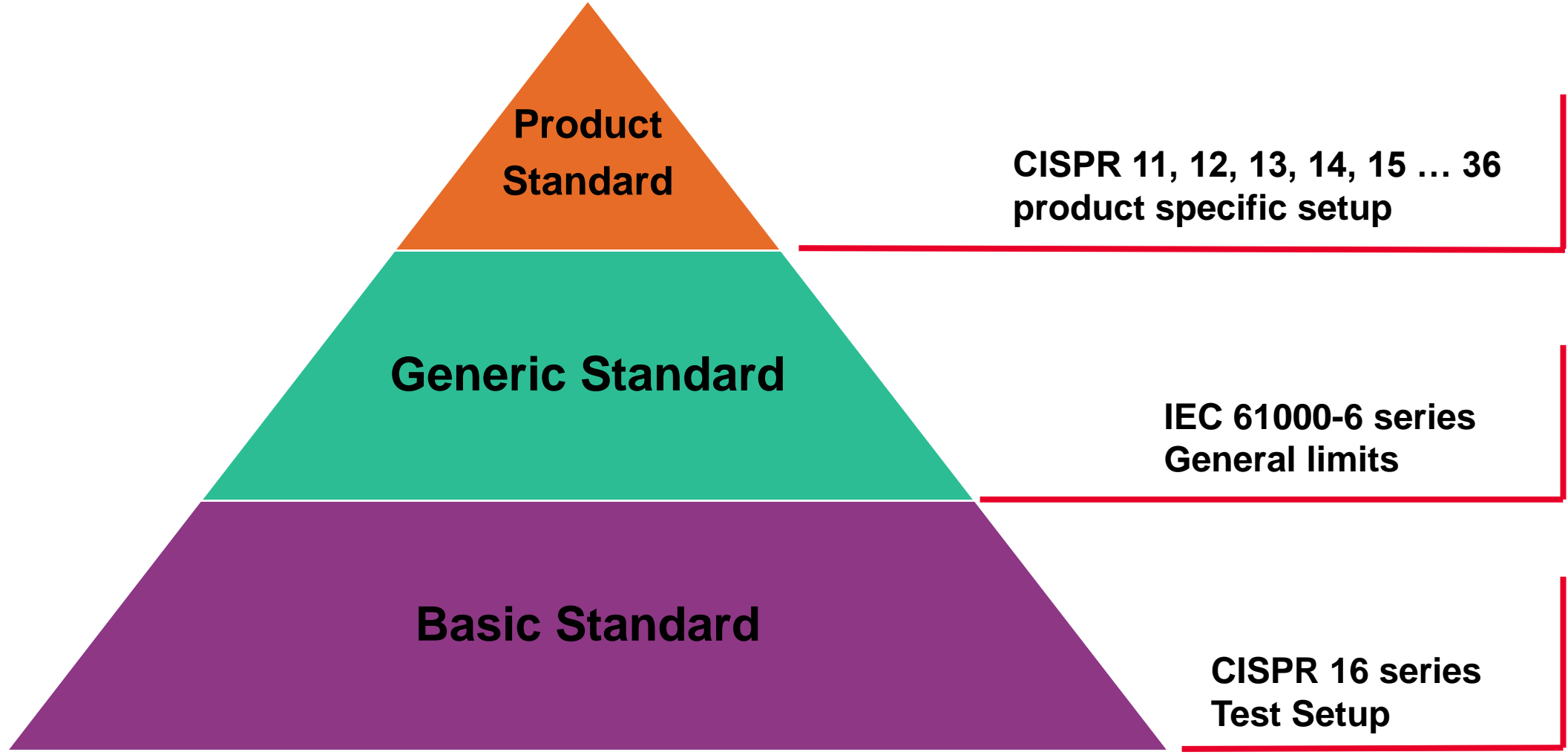


N9038/48B MXE EMI Receiver



FieldFox A or B Model

# CISPR Standards



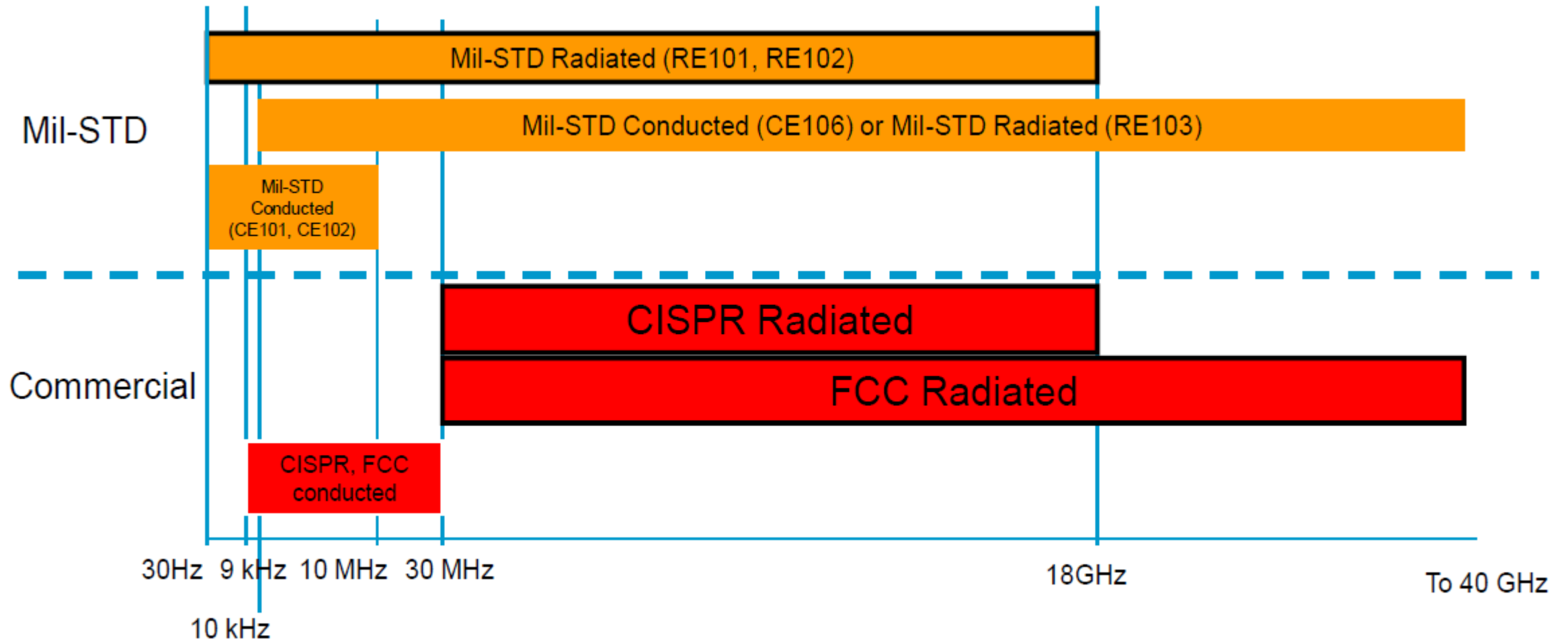
FieldFox EMI Solution

# CISPR Product Standard

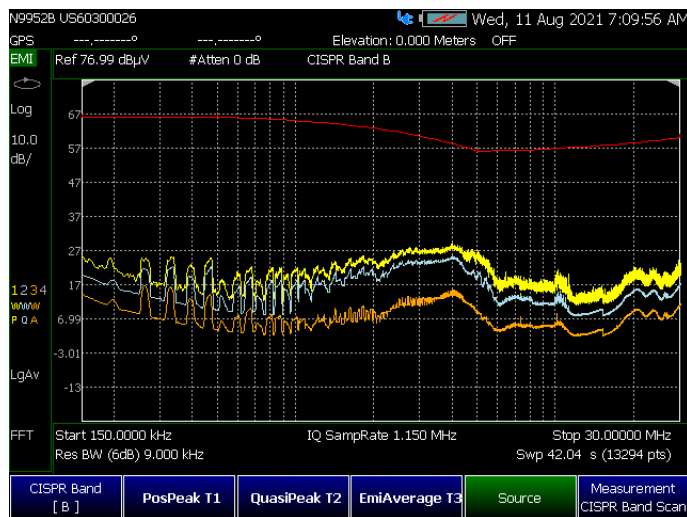
CISPR	Title	Freq Range [Hz]	Detector	RBW(-6dB)
11	Industrial, scientific and medical (ISM) radio-frequency equipment	9k-18G	QP/AVE (9k-30M)	9kHz
			QP/AVE (30M-1G)	120kHz
			PK (1G-18G)	1MHz Impulse
12	Vehicles, boats and internal combustion engines – Radio disturbance characteristics – Limits and methods of measurement for the protection of <u>off-board</u> receivers (Vehicle)	30M-1G	PK/QP/AVE	120kHz
14-1	Requirements for household appliances, electric tools and similar apparatus – Part 1: Emission	150k-30M	QP/AVE	9kHz
15	Limits and methods of measurement of radio disturbance characteristics of electrical lighting and similar equipment	9k-300M	QP/AVE (9k-30M) QP (30M-300M)	120k

Note: AVE is EMI-Avg unless specified otherwise.

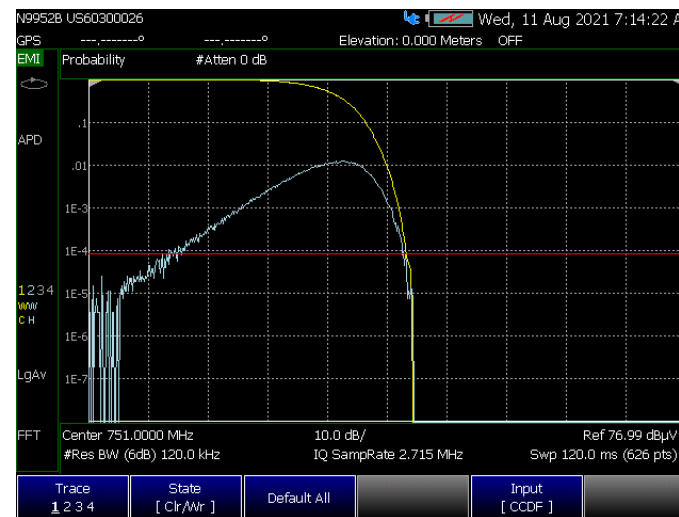
# EMC Frequency Bands



# All in one pre-compliance EMI handheld analyzer



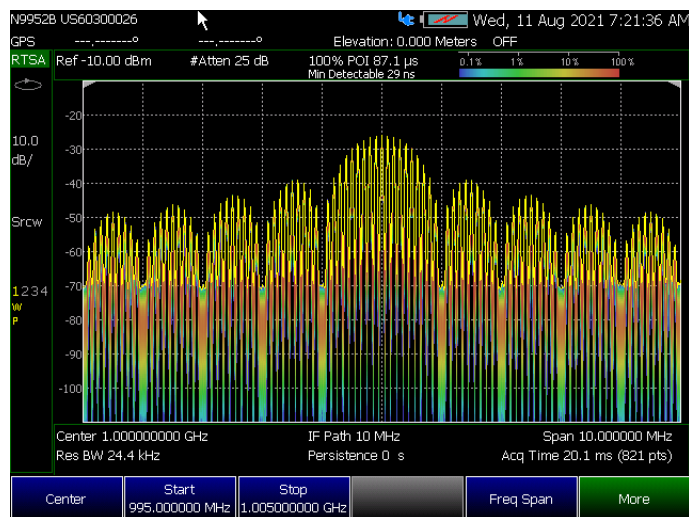
- CISPR bandwidth: 200Hz, 9kHz, 120kHz and 1MHz
- CISPR detectors (6dB bandwidth): peak, quasi-peak and EMI average
- CISPR bands: A/B/C/D/E



- APD (Amplitude Probability Distribution)
- CCDF
  - Histogram
  - CISPR and MIL 461 6dB bandwidth

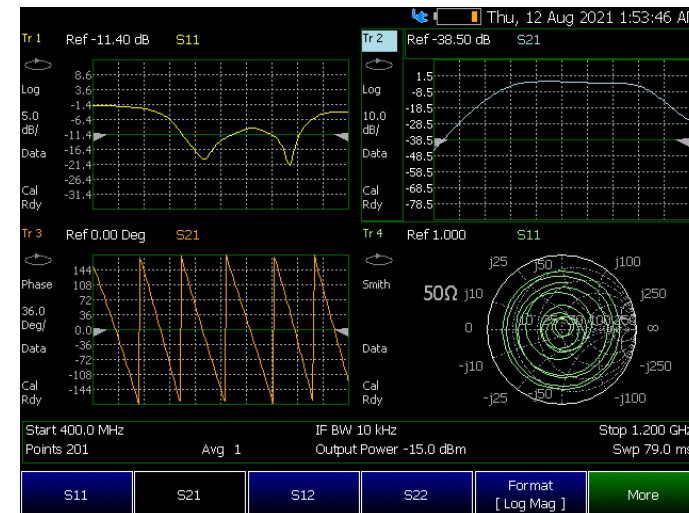
## Real Time SA

- 120MHz real time bandwidth
- POI: 5.5us
- Min. Det. Signal: 47ns
- Density, spectrogram and trace modes



## Full 2 port VNA

- 4 s parameters
- Magnitude and phase
- Group delay
- Impedance
- Smith Chart
- VSWR





## What's happening today...

Increased demand for spectrum to support new commercial wireless services.

Spectrum is changing, frequencies are re-allocated or re-purposed

More services packed into less spectrum, tighter guard bands

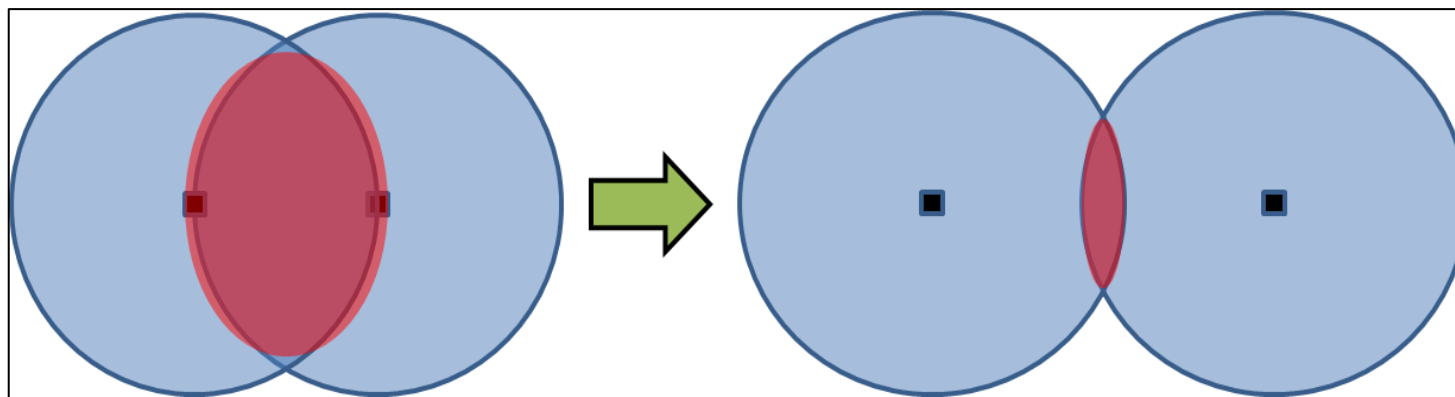
More RF station equipment co-located

Increase in unlicensed transmitters problematic for legitimate paid services



# Monitoring Equipment is Changing

The area where rogue emitters **can be located using DF** is shown in red – between the locations of the monitoring stations. RF Detection Range is shown in blue.



'Angle of Arrival' technique for 'DF' Direction Finding

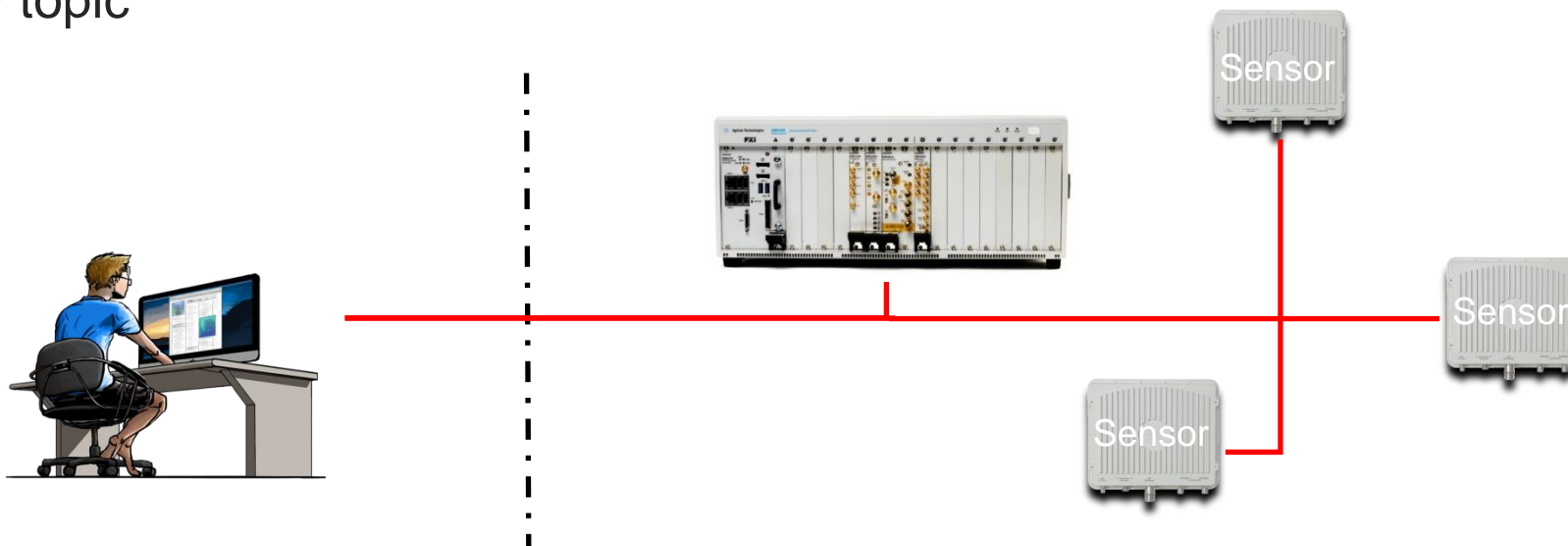


# Spectrum Monitoring Centralization

Centralized network managed by special teams focused on software, little interest RF theory, limitations, etc... It just needs to work.

Trend towards lower cost, internal development versus large 'turn-key' networks.

Software is a key topic



# Frequency bands

## Overview frequency bands

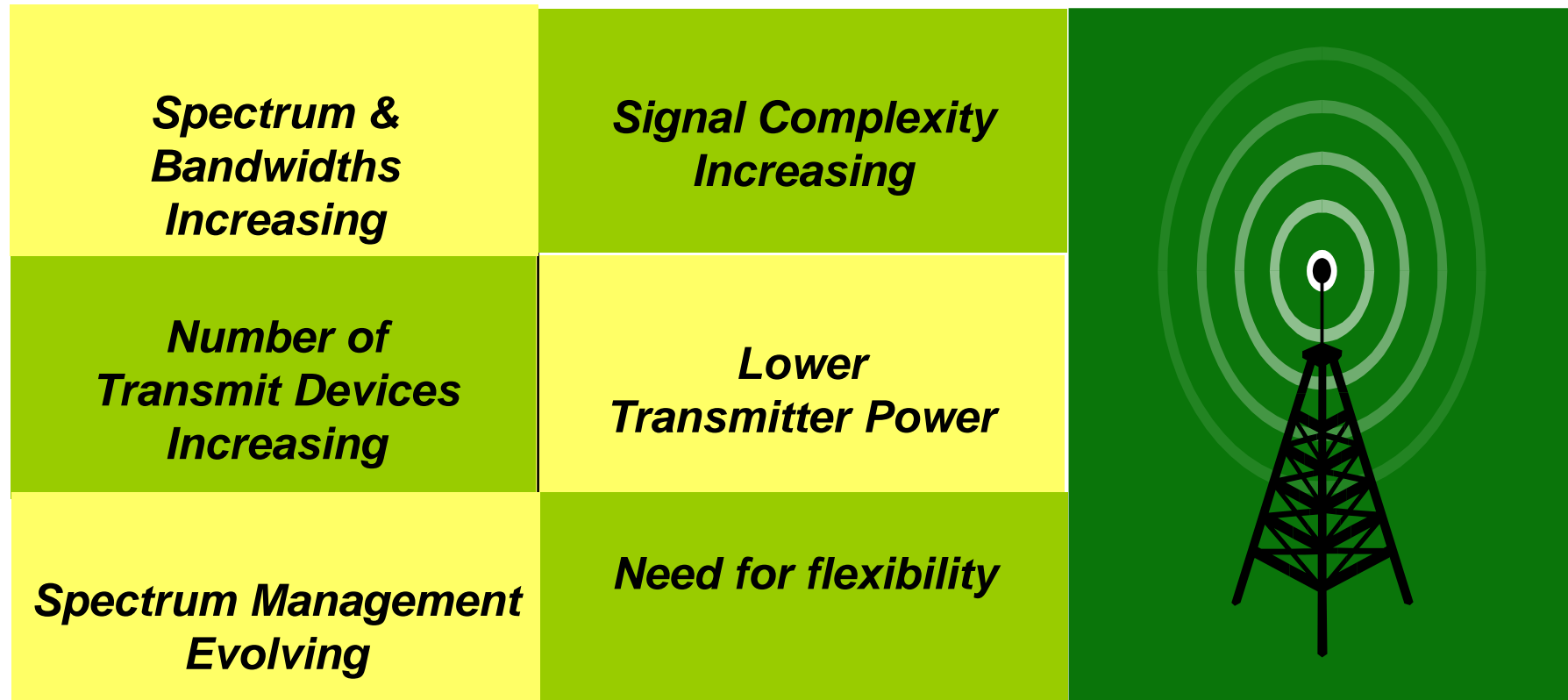


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# Spectrum Management Trends

Challenge: Easily **monitor** & **validate** known spectrum occupancy and as needed, detect and locate non-cooperative modern signals which may be intermittent, be of short duration, spread spectrum, have low power and/or low energy.



# RF Trends Drove Needs for Distributed Sensor Network

## Networked Sensors

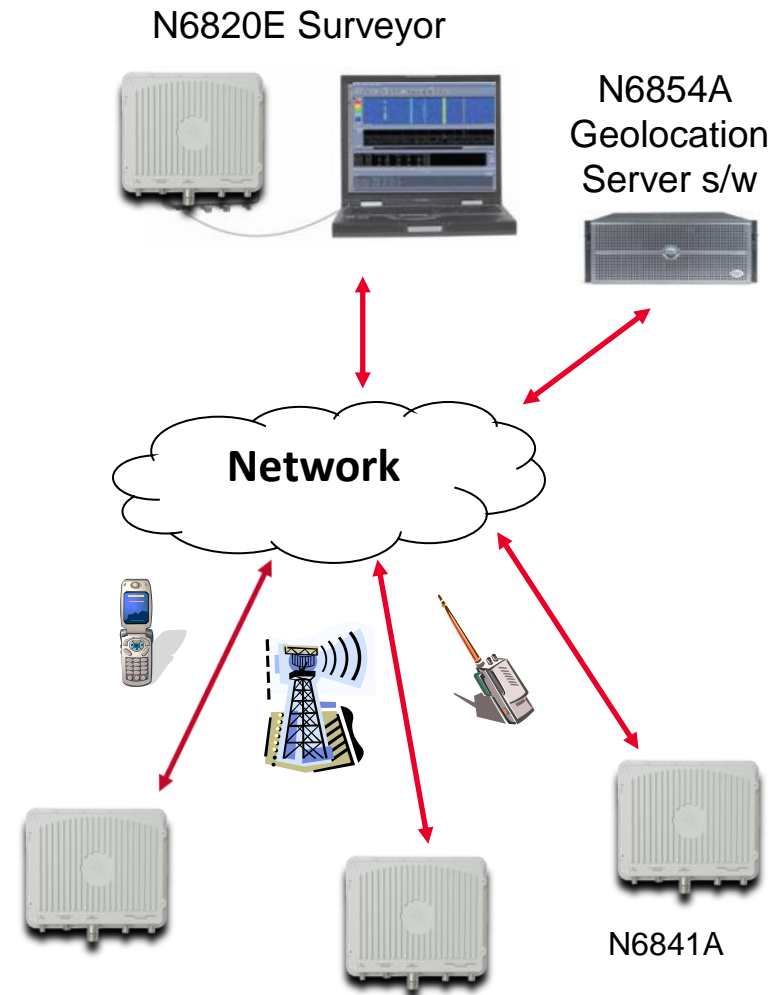
- Transfer data to common processing point for *processing gain*
- Distributed (redundant) measurements

## Synchronization

- Required because of dynamic signal environment
- Required for geolocation

## Quantity of Sensors

- Trade off density with price/performance of individual receivers
- Proximity to target provides gain



# Spectrum Data and Report Generation

Combines signal internal, external parametric data with classification.

Surveyor 4D can create automated Survey reports in Microsoft Excel © with one click...

The screenshot displays a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet with a table of survey data. The table has columns for various parameters including Frequency, Bandwidth, Amp, First Intercept, Last Intercept, Intercepts, Duration, Occupancy, Alarms, Symbol Rate, Freq Spacing, Summary, Digital, and iDen FSK. The data rows show specific values for each parameter, such as Frequency (MHz) and Bandwidth (kHz).

Overlaid on the top right of the Excel window is a smaller window titled 'Survey' with a menu bar containing 'Survey' and 'Help'. The 'Survey' window has a toolbar with several icons, and a tooltip labeled 'Export and View Results' is visible over one of the icons.

	A	B	C	D	E	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
1	Frequency (MHz)	Bandwidth (kHz)	Amp (dBm)	First Intercept	Last Intercept	Intercepts	Duration (s)	Occupancy (%)	Alarms	Symbol Rate	Freq Spacing	Summary	Digital	iDen FSK
216	854.161287	12.13	-111.5	6/25/15 23:00:03	6/26/15 0:32:54	3404	0.0	0.1	1808	4801	1780	iDen FSK		1
220	854.262500	16.25	-119.2	6/25/15 22:20:54	6/25/15 22:43:56	54748	0.4	1.1	3684	14003		Digital	3	
221	854.337500	15.44	-115.0	6/25/15 22:20:54	6/27/15 0:03:16	4486791	1.8	90.8	64463	13990		Digital	8	
225	854.486545	10.31	-81.2	6/25/15 22:22:52	6/26/15 23:59:35	885	0.0	0.0	853	4801	1704	iDen FSK		2
226	854.511426	10.25	-118.0	6/25/15 22:27:16	6/26/15 22:14:55	106	0.0	0.0	98	4801	1779	iDen FSK		1
233	854.937002	11.13	-110.9	6/25/15 23:34:30	6/26/15 23:52:47	308	0.0	0.0	310	4801	1790	iDen FSK		1
234	854.962113	11.00	-111.3	6/25/15 22:52:03	6/26/15 0:53:22	2607	0.0	0.1	1622	4801	1745	iDen FSK		1
237	855.062353	10.30	-109.6	6/25/15 22:23:30	6/27/15 0:02:28	20152	0.0	0.4	11897	4801	1718	iDen FSK		22
241	855.161299	10.00	-108.3	6/25/15 22:23:14	6/27/15 0:02:42	2536	0.0	0.1	1992	4801	1662	iDen FSK		4
242	855.187500	14.88	-119.5	6/25/15 22:20:54	6/26/15 8:22:08	20272	0.4	0.4	1470	13490		Digital	4	
243	855.211859	11.00	-107.0	6/25/15 22:22:49	6/27/15 0:02:59	2082	0.0	0.0	1690	4801	1757	iDen FSK		1
251	855.469892	10.50	-107.4	6/25/15 22:22:52	6/27/15 0:02:24	2405	0.0	0.0	1725	4801	1744	iDen FSK		1

# Distributed Sensor Network

## TDOA

- Small antennas and size allow for flexibility in siting
- Better suited for high multipath environments (indoors, stadiums, dense urban)
- Faster to deploy, no recalibration after siting
- More efficient spacing of sensors is possible due to TDOA processing gain.



## DF (AoA)

- More restrictive requirements: Typically on tall masts or towers
- Avoid local wavefront distortion due to nearby obstacles, ground reflections, and ground conductivity changes (i.e. rural)
- May require recalibration after installation to reduce frequency and direction dependent errors
- Overlap of RF detection range is required for successful geolocation.





# FieldFox RF Analyzer Carry Precision with you



# Ruggedized Design

No vents, light, weather resistant. The only full functional handheld instrument can work under any tough environments, rain, dust, hot and cold.

**Most Reliable** Projected MTBF of 42k hrs means lower cost of ownership, less down-time for critical test missions.

# InstAlign

FieldFox can instantly align SA measurement to reach optimum power measurement accuracy regardless of temperature fluctuations during test. ONLY on FieldFox!  
 $\pm 1.2 \text{ dB} \leq 26.5 \text{ GHz}$



# Unmatched ACCURACY

In a ruggedized design

# Independent Signal Source

Built-in independent microwave signal source (30 KHz– 54 GHz\*) provides both CW and tracking generator signal for field test, 90 dB power range with 1 dB adjustment step.

**CalReady / Unknown Thru Cal** CalReady allows user to make good measurement at test ports without Cal kit. Keysight proprietary Unknown Thru Cal engine allows user to make very accurate non – insert-able device measurement – ONLY on FieldFox!!

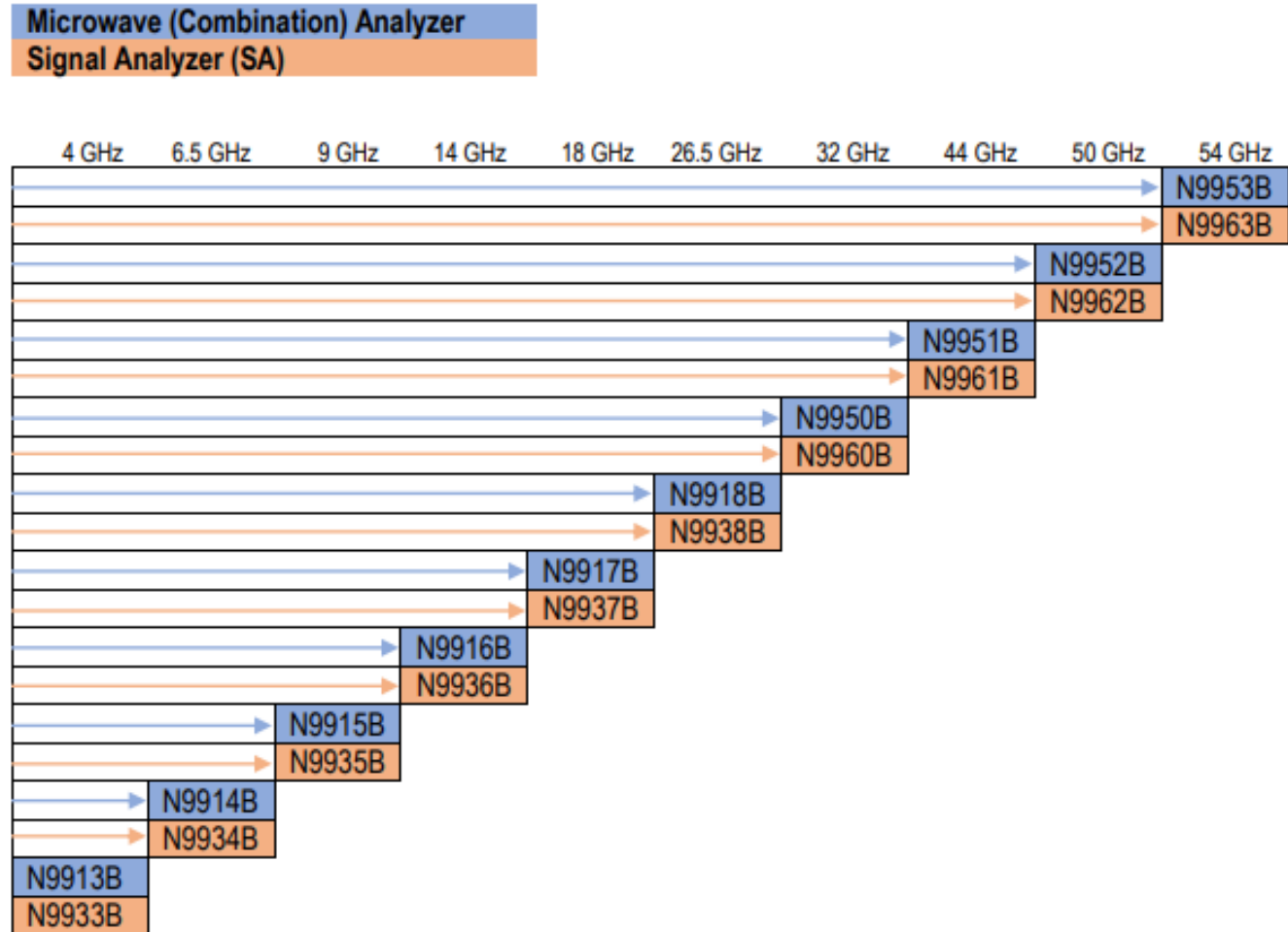
# FieldFox B model: from 4 to 54 GHz (max) frequency



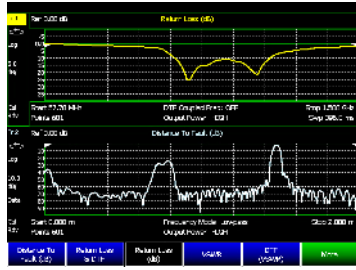
- **Microwave (Combination) analyzers**
- Base: Cable antenna analyzer
- 30+ Softkey options



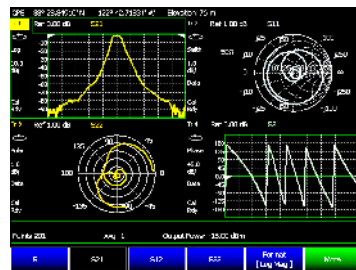
- **Microwave Spectrum analyzers**
- Base: Spectrum analyzer
- Pre-selection built-in
- 25+ Softkey options



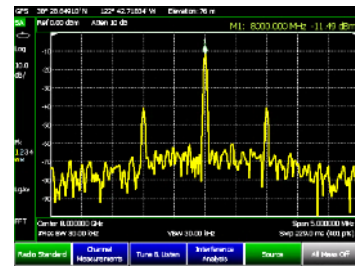
# FieldFox B model: 30+ softkey license options available



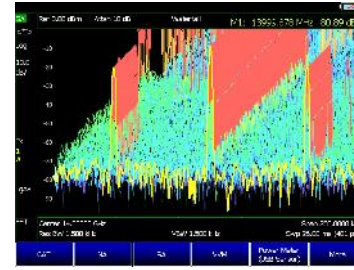
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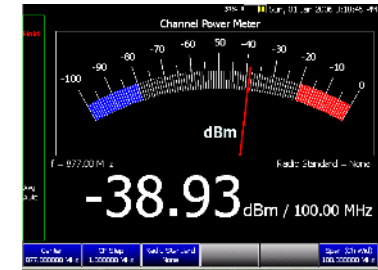
Vector network analysis



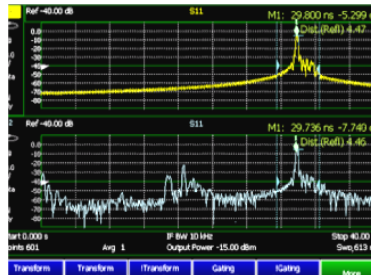
Spectrum analysis



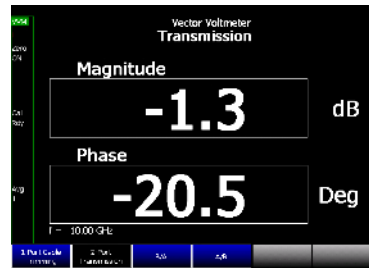
Interference analysis



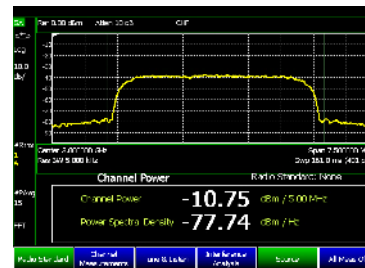
Power meter



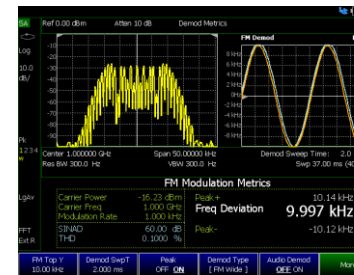
Time domain



Vector voltmeter



Channel power measurement



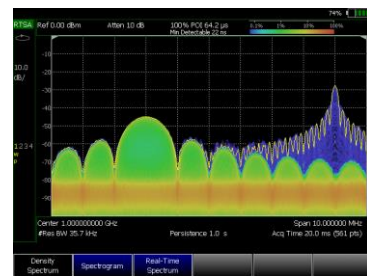
Analog demodulation



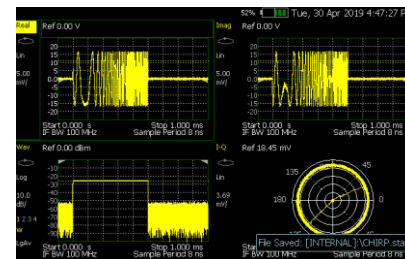
Digital demodulation



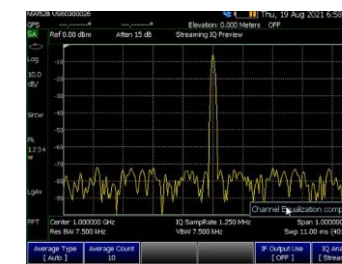
Noise Figure measurement



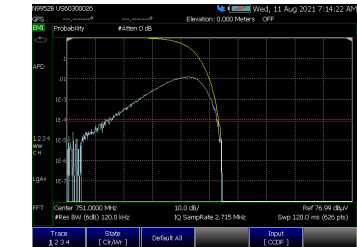
Real-time Spectrum Analysis



IQ Capture ≤120 MHz



IQ Streaming



EMI pre-compliance + APD

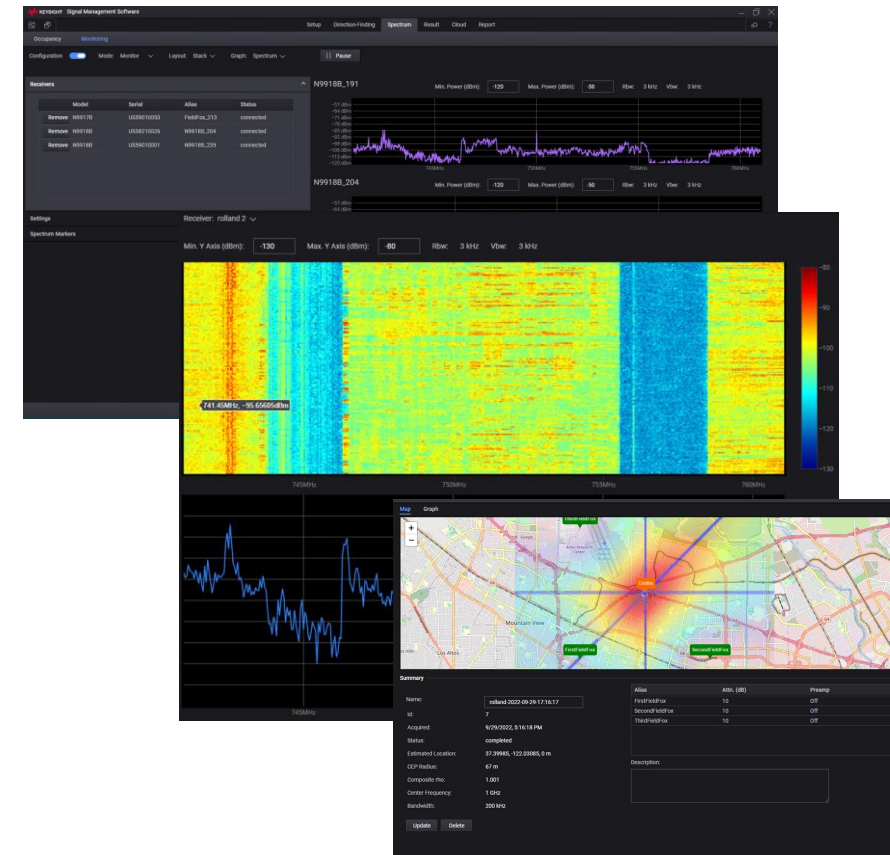
# Keysight Spectrum Management Software + FieldFox

## KSMS

1. Spectrum Monitoring
2. Spectrum Verification
3. Spectrum Occupancy
4. Spectrum Record & Playback
5. Remote Control
6. Direction Finding

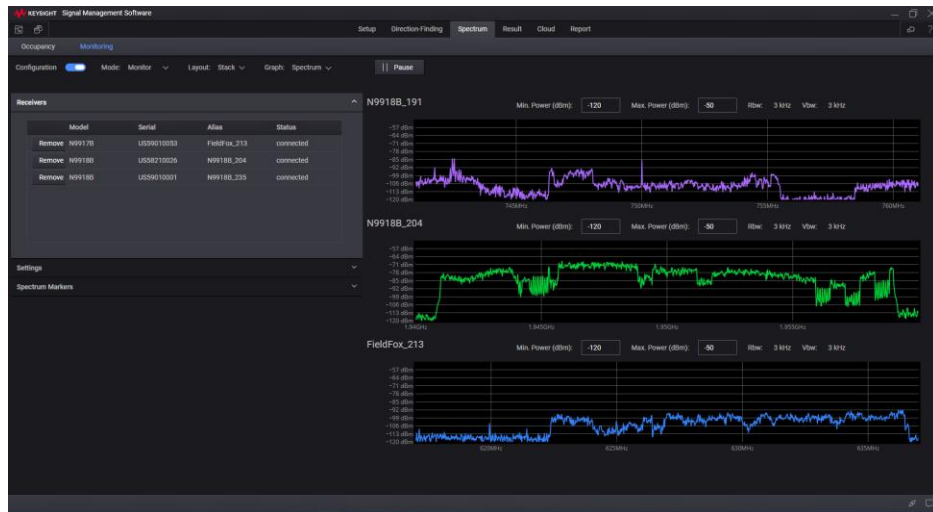
## FieldFox Signal Analysis

7. Spectrum Analysis
8. Real-time Spectrum Analysis
9. FFT Time Gating
10. Interference Analysis
11. Channel Scanning
12. Analog demodulation (AM/FM/PM)
13. Digital demodulation (LTE FDD/TDD, 5G NR FR1/FR2)
14. I/Q Capture & Streaming
15. EMF/EMI Pre-compliance
16. GNSS Receiver for Time Sync.



# Spectrum Monitoring (Frequency Domain Analysis)

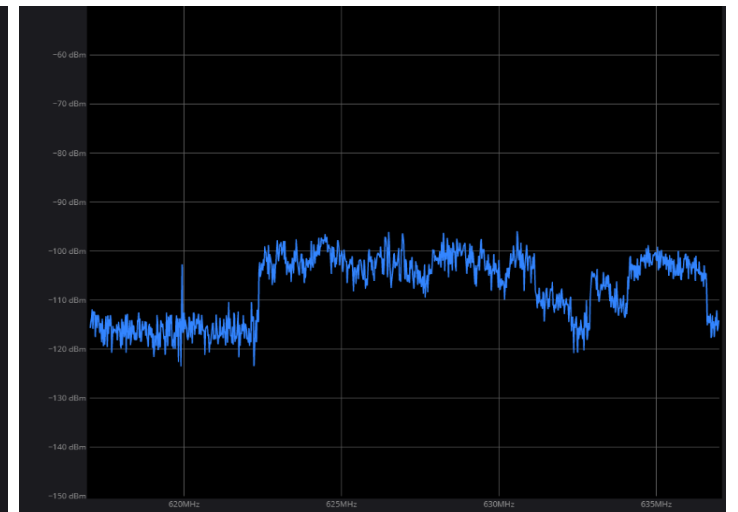
- Monitor multiple receivers at same time
- Spectrum trace from each receiver can be in single window, stack and overlay



Multi- receiver stack mode display

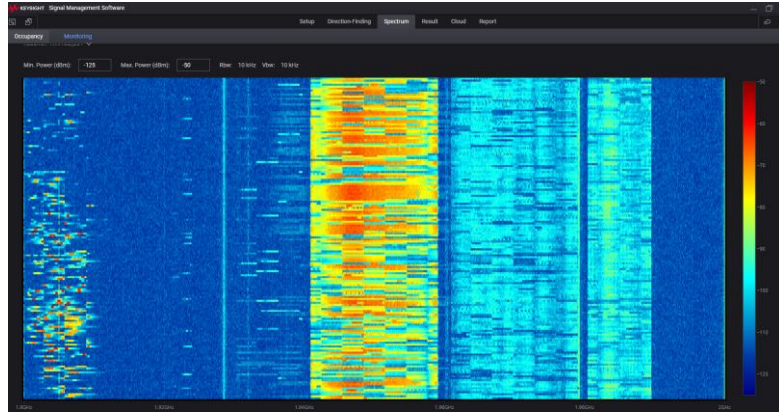


Spectrum overlay

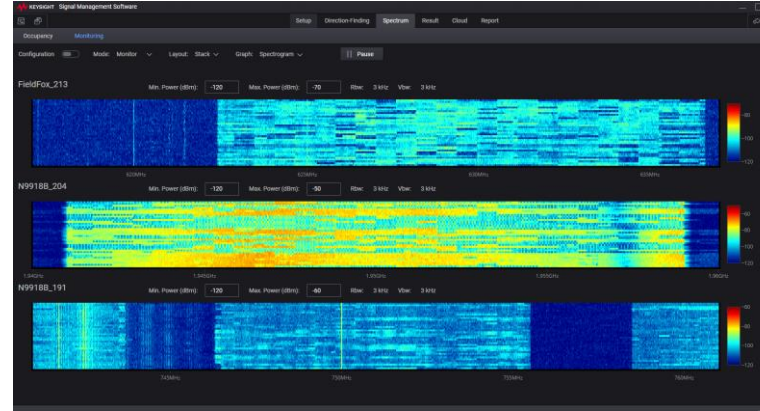


Single receiver spectrum

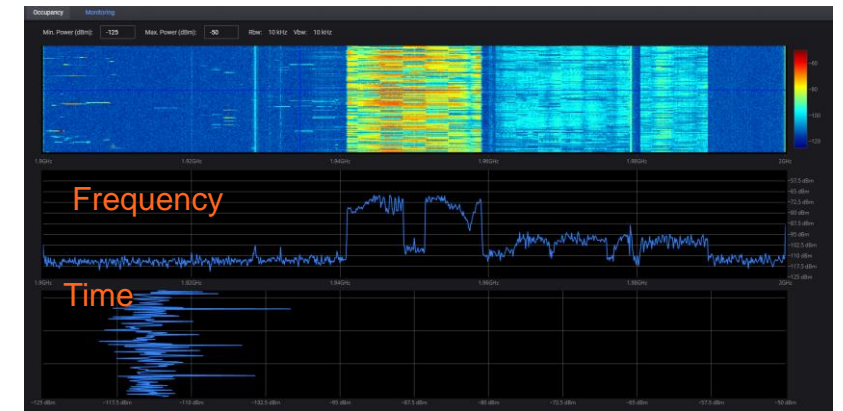
# Spectrograms (Time Domain Analysis)



Single receiver spectrogram



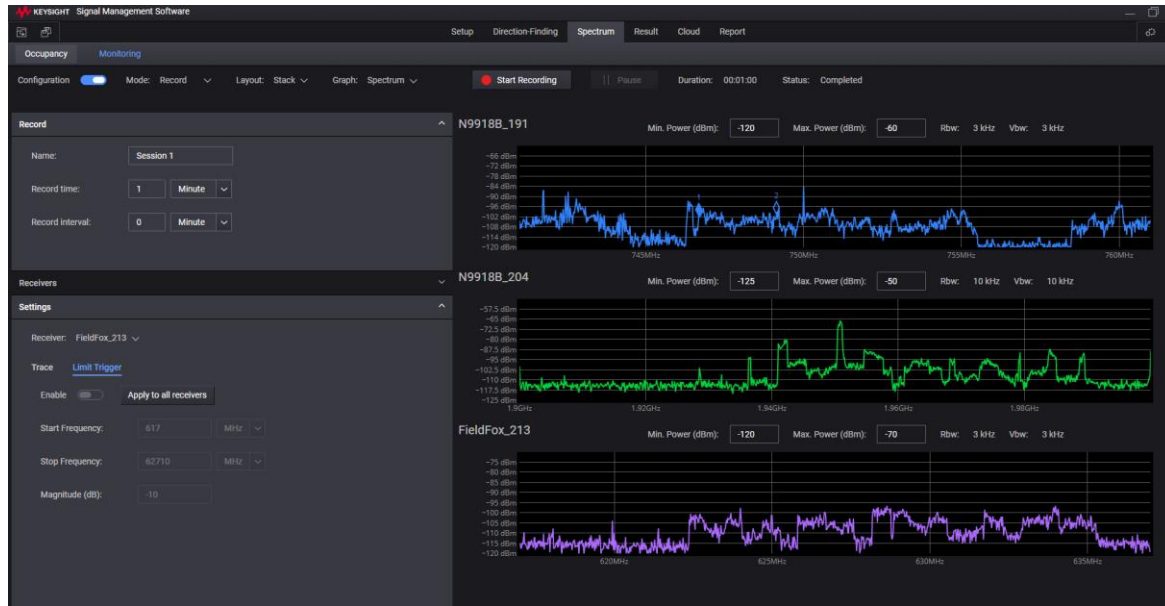
Multi-receiver spectrogram



Cross domain spectrogram

- Top: spectrogram
- Middle: spectrum trace at marker or current record
- Bottom: time domain display at marker frequency

# Spectrum Record and Playback



Record spectrum with limit-mask trigger



Play data and tagging during playback



# Spectrum Occupancy Reporting

The screenshot shows the 'Setup' and 'Scheduler' sections of the Spectrum Occupancy Reporting tool. The 'Setup' section includes fields for Measurement name (SpecOcc-2023-01-11), Start time (1/12/2023 5:24:24 PM), Revisit time (1/12/2023 5:27:24 PM), Duration (00:03:00), and Status (Completed). It also features Receiver Settings (Receiver: N99188\_235, Attenuation: 0, Preamp: On) and Channel Setup (Method: CSV, File: SpectrumOccupancy.ascii - Copy.csv). The 'Scheduler' section includes Duration (3 Minute), Refresh rate (5 Second), Sample rate (5 Second), and Run daily (12:00 PM). A table displays the following data:

Channel	Name	Frequency (MHz)	Bandwidth (MHz)	Threshold (dBm)	Total Samples	Active Samples	Occupancy Rate	Occupancy Time
1	Verizon	751	10	-80	524	520	99.24%	00:02:53
2	ATT	1950	20	-80	524	524	100.00%	00:02:54
3	Tmobile	629.55	15	-80	524	524	100.00%	00:02:54

- Monitor spectrum utilization rate
- Ad hoc and long-term spectrum activity monitoring
- Reports active samples, occupancy rate and occupancy time
- Daily collection scheduler
- Results can be exported to .csv file

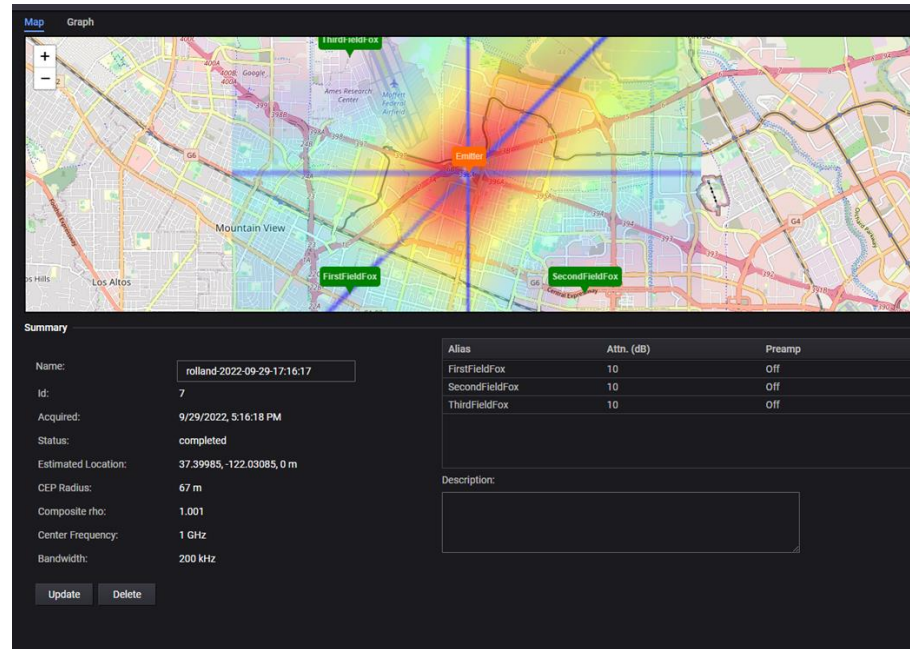
The screenshot shows the 'Result' section of the Spectrum Occupancy Reporting tool. It displays a list of reports on the left and a detailed view of a specific report on the right. The 'Saved reports' table includes the following data:

Name	Date	Status
SpecOcc-2023-01-11	1/12/2023, 5:04:31 PM	completed
SpecOcc-2022-11-28	11/28/2022, 3:39:27 PM	completed
SpecOcc-2022-11-28	11/28/2022, 3:37:41 PM	completed
SpecOcc-2022-11-28	11/28/2022, 3:34:40 PM	completed

The 'Live Report' section shows details for the selected report (SpecOcc-2023-01-11) with End time (1/12/2023, 5:14:33 PM) and Status (completed). It includes an 'Export' button (indicated by a yellow arrow) and a 'Delete' button. A table displays the following data:

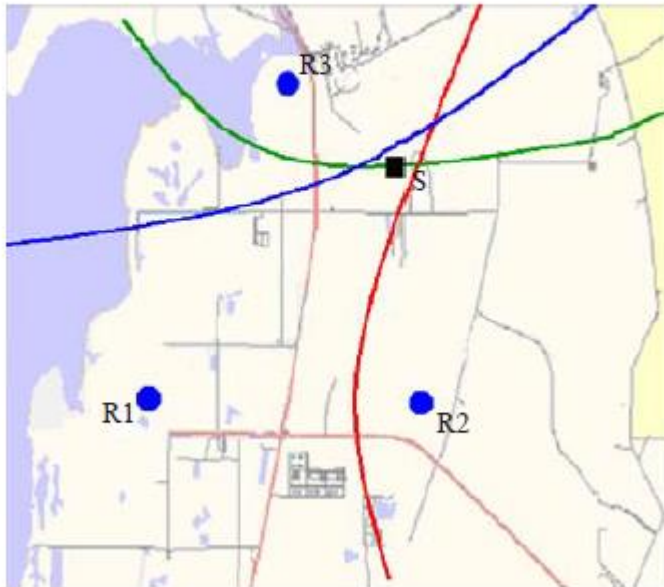
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# Direction Finding



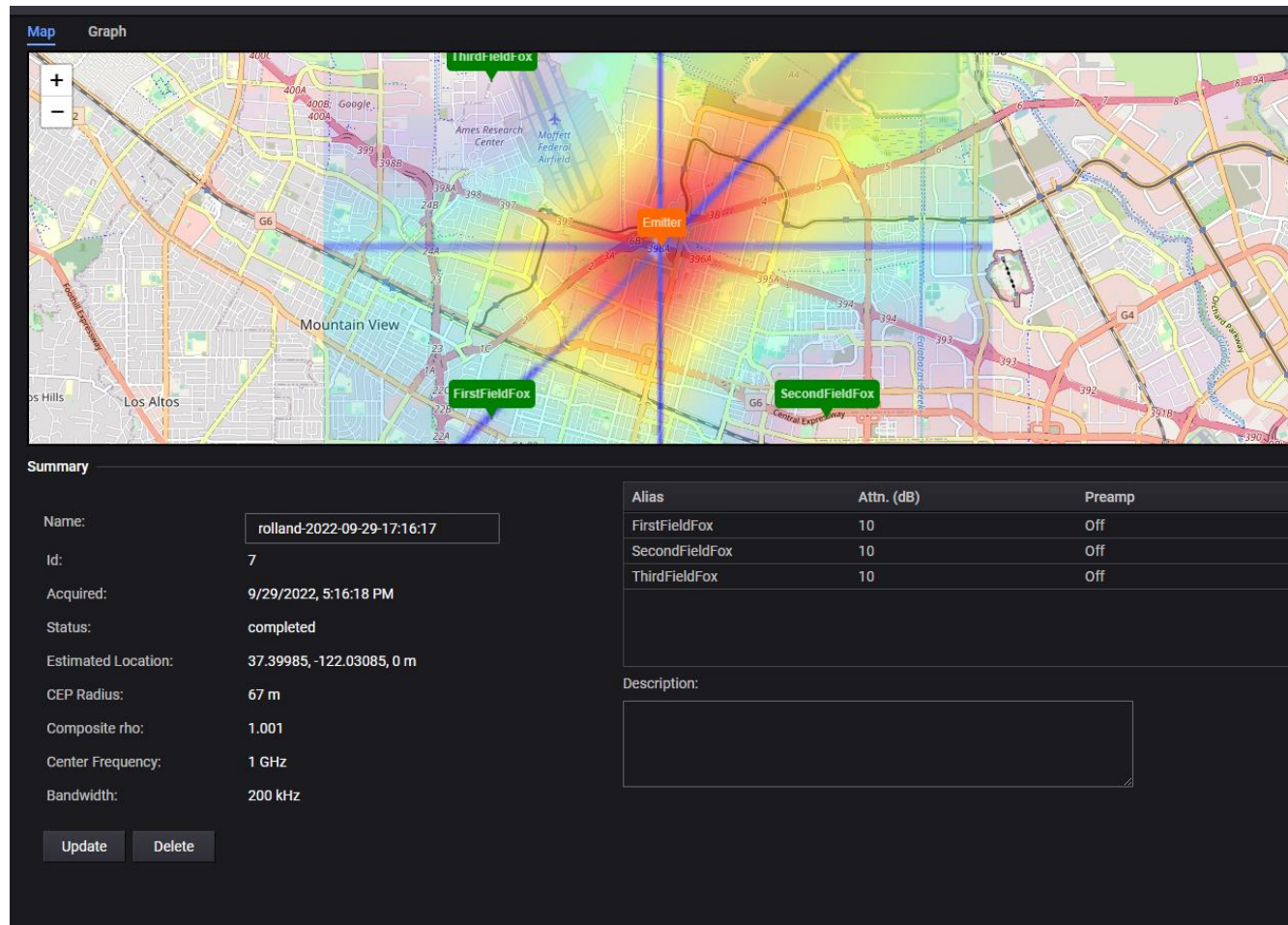
# Coherent Signal Detection using TDOA

Signal source is at the intersection of two or more hyperbolas



- Time difference of Arrival (TDOA) is a DF method to determine emitter location using the relative arrival times of a signal at multiple receivers.
- From the observed time-difference, a difference-distance can be easily computed as the product of the time-difference and the signal's velocity.
- Hyperbolic line represent a constant distance difference, intersection of hyperbolas is the potential location of emitter.
- TDOA system requires at least 3 receivers to determine location

# KSMS Direction Finding



- FieldFox used as mobile sensors
- Networked 3 or more FieldFox
- Measure estimated transmitter location
- Display hyperbola curves
- OpenStreetMap support



## N6841A RF Sensor + N6850A Omni-directional antenna

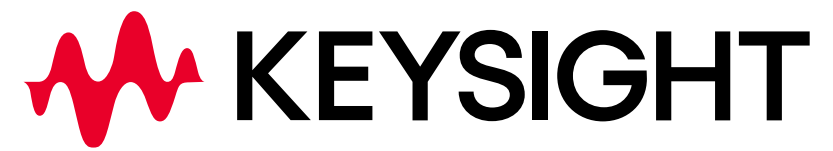
- 20 MHz to 6 GHz tuning range
- 20 MHz processing bandwidth (completely digital IF)
- 4.8 seconds of IQ capture (LookBack) memory
- Integrated GPS receiver for location and time synchronization
- Compact, low-power design (15-24VDC, 30W max)
- Standard 100 baseT network interface for data output, command and control
- Integrated 2-port RF Input Switch
- 7 pre-selector bands, pre-amplifiers and attenuators (62 dB range)
- Onboard computer (LINUX kernel) and FPGA
- IP 67 rated



Omni-antenna 20 MHz to 6 GHz  
16 x 6 in. IP67 1.15 Kg



RF receiver 20 MHz to 6 GHz



Thank you for your time !

