5G Networks: Are we there yet?

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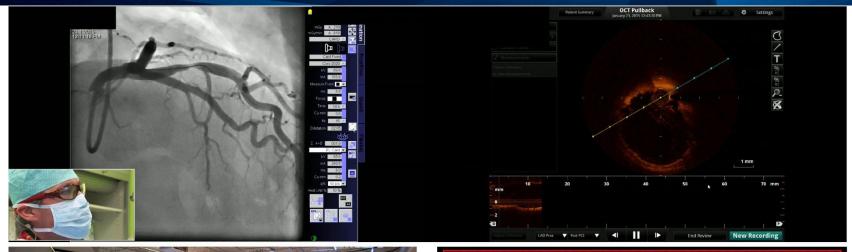
High-quality, low-latency AV transmissions

- Why anything special?
 - We do have Zoom, Pexip, EduMeet, MS Teams, Webex, Meetup etc.
- What if you need high-quality video
 - Full HD at least like in TV but also 4K, 8K (or 16K) video
 - Stereoscopic video, 360° video
- More video inputs at once



- Low-latency
 - as low as tens of ms end-to-end up to ~170ms end-to-end w/ processing

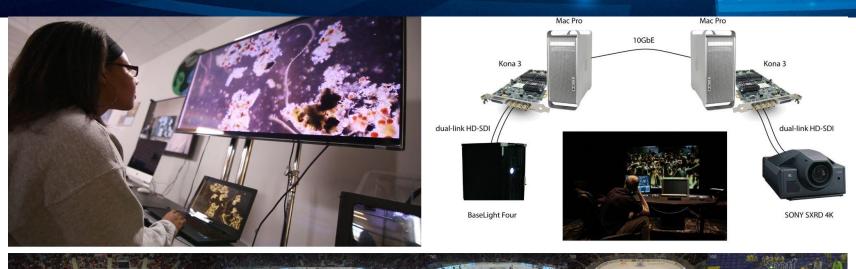
Applications

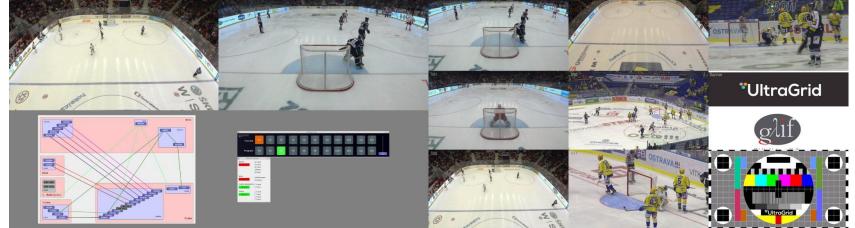






Applications





- We develop state-of-art SW for very high-quality and low latency audiovisual transmissions *UltraGrid
- **UltraGrid**
 - A swiss-army-knife SW platform for very high-quality interactive video (up to 16K) and audio transmissions
 - As low latency as possible on commodity hardware and reasonable networks
 - Point-to-point and point-to-multipoint transmissions
 - Use of commodity (gaming) hardware, laptops, even Raspberry Pi
 - Linux and Windows PC and Mac OS platforms
 - Commodity video capture cards, gaming capture cards, webcams, Ximea cameras
 - Commodity sound cards, USB sound cards (ASIO not officially supported)
 - Commodity GPU cards



Video assisted surgeries

- Dental surgeries, Gastroenterology, Gynecology
- Stroke management simulations
- Cardiology
 - Interventional cardiology, Electrophysiology
- Ear-nose-throat surgeries
- General surgery
 - Non-intubated lungs surgery
- Urology
- Including 3D video assisted surgeries using the DaVinci robot



Central European Endoscopic Ear Surgery Course



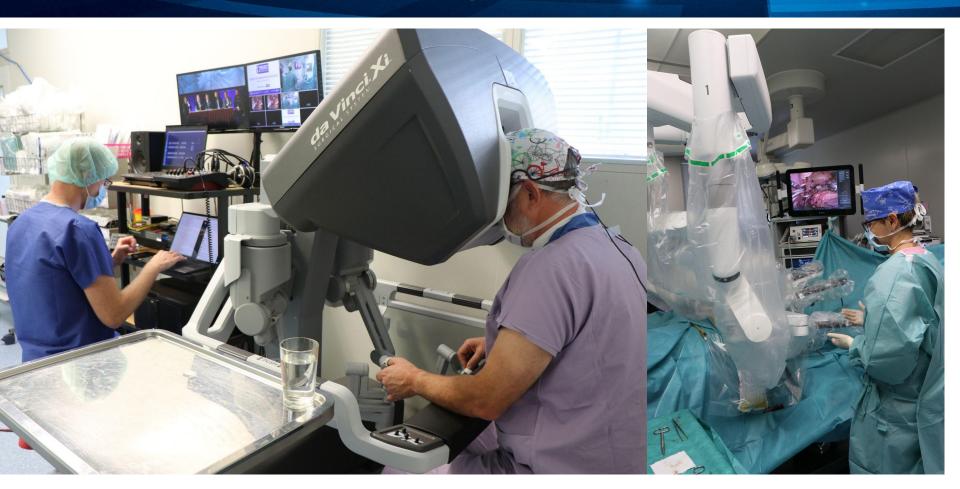








Stereoscopic video in medicine - DaVinci

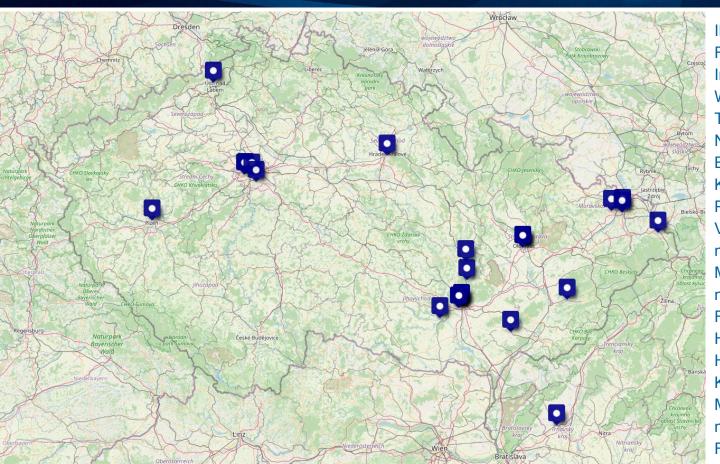




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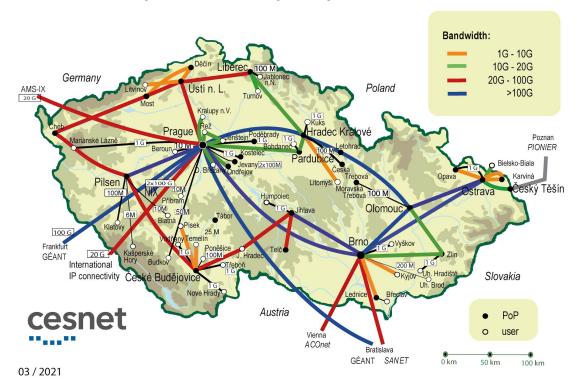
Medical Applications



IKAK FNUSA Brno, FN HK, FN Brno, CKTCH Brno, Institute of Cardiology in Anin, Warsaw (Poland), IKEM, Nem. Třinec, FN Olomouc, Nemocnice Blansko. Boskovice, Ivančice, Kyjov, FN Královské Vinohrady, FN Plzeň, FN Trnava, Nem. Vítkovice Ostrava, Baťova nemocnice Zlín, FN HK, Masarykova nemocnice Ústí nad Labem, VFN Praha ARK FNUSA, Dentální klinika Praha Holešovice, Nemocnice Na Homolce, DMC Klinika Hradec Králové. IKEM, FN Ostrava, MNO Fifejdy, Masarykova nemocnice Ústí nad Labem, FN Motol



- Any "reasonable" network
- Beginning from DSL up to 100Gbps optical networks



Network Reality Nowadays

- We had been building network infrastructure avidly 20 years ago
 - Nothing was a problem
- We do have high-speed networks today, right? Right?
 - Aggregation
 - Networks are really best effort only
 - Packet loss is quite inevitable, it is necessary to use FEC techniques
- Poor IPv6 adoption (especially on last mile)
- NAT (w/ dynamic port reassignment)
- Firewalls and Security incl. Netflow analysis
- We can do high quality (and low latency) AV transmissions using VPNs (but it is a major PITA)

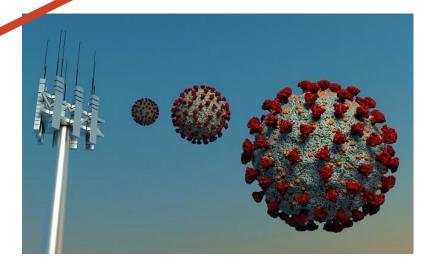
So what about 5G networks?



What is a 5G network anyway?

- 5G causes cancer, 5G is the cause for COVID-19, 5G weakens the immune system
- 5G kills birds or insects
- COVID-19 is a cover to embed microchips within COVID-19 vaccine for controlling people via 5G, The 5G grid is part of a larger surveillance

and artificial intelligence agenda, 5G frequencies are used for crawd dispersal, 5G maps the insides of bodies and homes, 5G replicates inside the body and causes re-radiation





What is a 5G network anyway?

- Cellular network
- 5G New Radio
 - Low-band similar frequency range to 4G cellphones, 600–900 MHz, potentially offer higher download speeds than 4G: 5–250 Mbps, coverage similar to 4G
 - Mid-band microwaves of 1.7–4.7 GHz, speeds of 100–900 Mbit/s
 - High-band millimeter wave band 24–27 GHz, gigabit speeds, coverage up to 600m

Network Core

- Mobility management, routing, security, policy control, charging, and subscriber data management
- Data network
- Standards call for 100/50Mbps granted per connected client
- Peek throughput of 10Gbps*

^{*} Applies to a cell, when there is only one user on the network! Also mind the aggregation. 100Mbps download speed was already available with 4G. That's only 100 clients per cell!

Real deployment?

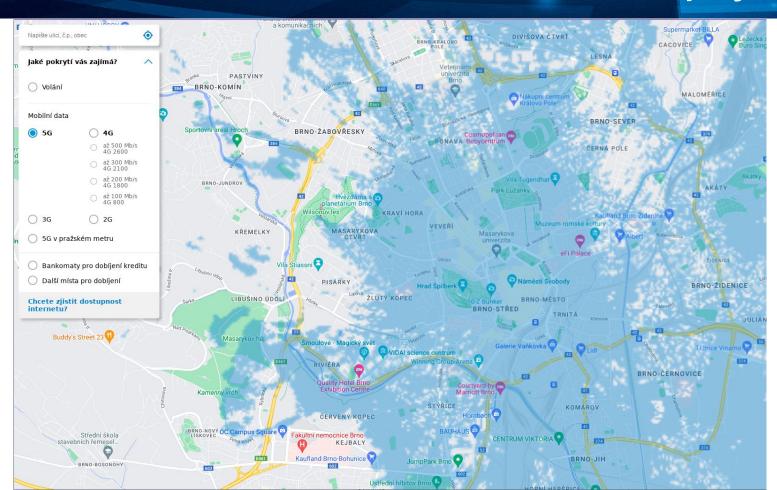
- Robustel GSM-R5020-5G-B 5G router, std. antennas
 - Decent industrial IoT 5G router
- Indoor, typical deployment in hospitals in our case



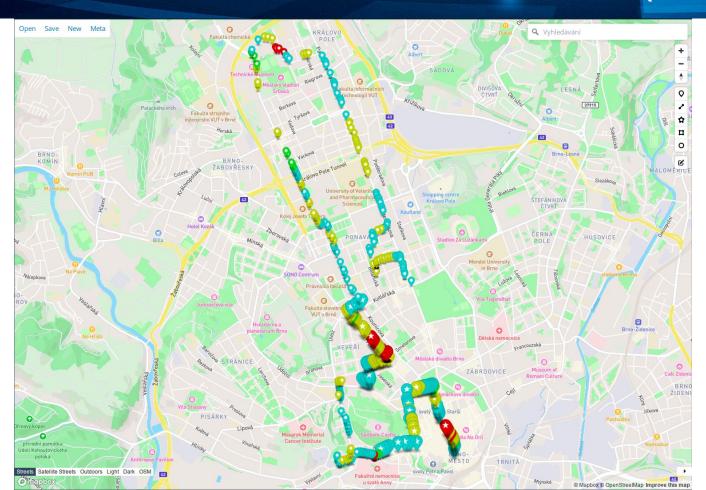
- IKK FN Brno 16,3Mbps D/10,0 Mbps U, LTE, RSRP -109dBm, RSRQ -15dBm
- IKAK FNUSA Brno 36,6Mbps D/35,2 Mbps U, LTE, RSRP -96dBm, RSRQ -8 dBm
 - But 1Mbps D/0,25Mbps U behind first automatic door
- Hotel Flora Olomouc 14,7Mbps D/23,4 Mbps U, 5G, RSRP -85dBm, RSRQ -14 dBm
 - 5G NSA (non standalone), LTE 10,3 Mbps U/19,5 Mbps D
- Cubex Praha 110,5Mbps D/35,5 Mbps U, LTE, RSRP -86dBm, RSRQ -10 dBm

FAIL

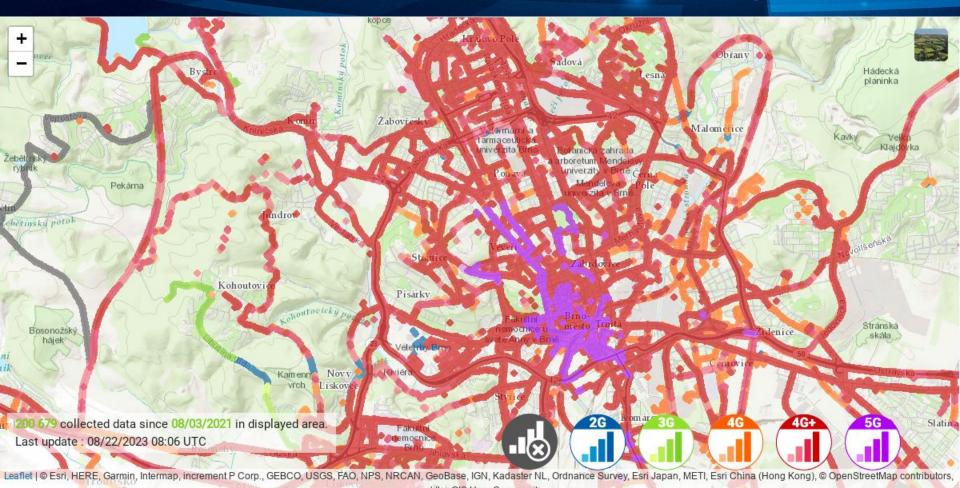
Real deployment?



Real drive (walk) test!



Nperf Dataset



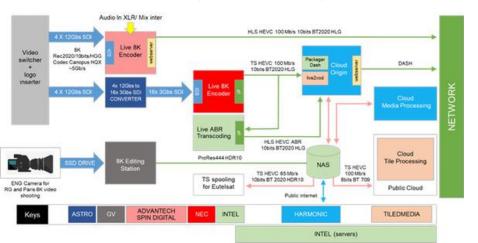
Real deployment - lessons learned

- Real 5G radio coverage is much smaller than advertised
- Non standalone architecture 4G Core only limited to ~150/50Mbps by design
- Indoor usage vs. outdoor usage
 - Outdoor usage basically corresponds to what is advertised
 - Indoor usage generally
 - Sitola is a nice exception 4G LTE only, but full throttle, close to BTS w/ direct visibility
- NAT
 - Dynamic port reassignment
- Somewhat usable for HD/4K streaming/broadcasting but hardly for low-latency and high-quality video transmissions

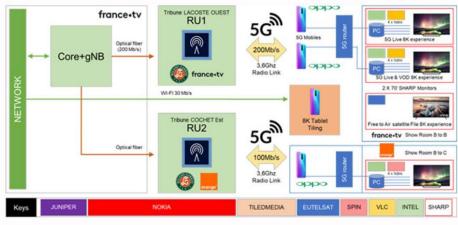


But they did even 8K video over 5G!

- 2019 Roland Garros French TV, Orange, VLC authors experiment
- 2x 100Mbps HEVC10 8K60p unicast (TV)
 1x 100Mbps HEVC10 8K60p (Orange)
- 2 5G 3.6GHz cells w/ 5G core, 250Mbps each covering a single tribune!
- Also a huge latency just below 10s







What can we do with 4G?

- Sitola, Fri 25 Aug 2023, 12:45
- 4G LTE, Band 3 1800MHz, RSRP -68dBm, RSRQ -7dBm
- 192,4Mbps D/64,5 Mbps U

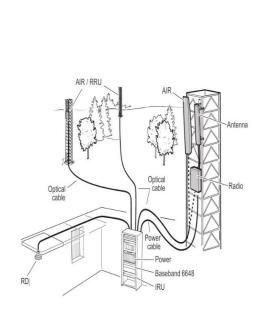


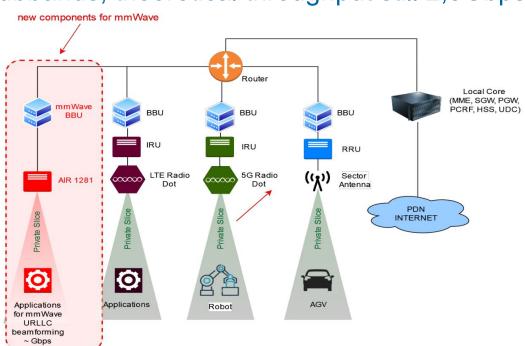
- $hd13 \rightarrow 4G LTE \rightarrow coral.fi.muni.cz$
- 4K30p, H.264/HEVC, ABR 50Mbps, UDP
- Rate limiting!
- No packet loss!
- End-to-end latency ~170ms



CESNET/VSB-TUO 5G mmWave

- 26,5 27,5GHz band (mmWave)
- CTO (Czech Telecommunications Office) eventually decided to divide the band to 200MHz subbands, theoretical throughput still 2,5Gbps





CESNET/VSB-TUO 5G mmWave

Quectel RM510Q-GL

- Form factor M.2
- 5G NR:
 n1/n2/n3/n5/n7/n8/n12/n20/n25/n28/n38/n40/n41/n48/n66
 /n71/n77/n78/n79/n257/n258/n260/n261
- 5G NSA mmWave: Max. 7.5Gbps (DL)/ Max. 2.9Gbps (UL)







Where is the catch? 5G core!

- Radio capable of transmitting almost 3Gbps
- Persisting 5G core (Ericsson) firmware issues

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Connecting to host 158.196.109.78, port 5201
                                                                                          local 158.196.246.58 port 59924 connected to 158.196.109.78 port 5201
Server listening on UDP port 5001
UDP buffer size: 16.0 MByte
                                                                                          Interval
                                                                                                             Transfer
                                                                                                                          Bitrate
                                                                                                                                         Retr Cwnd
                                                                                                                                                346 KBytes
                                                                                                             113 MBytes
                                                                                                                          947 Mbits/sec
                                                                                                             112 MBytes
                                                                                                                          939 Mbits/sec
                                                                                                                                                291 KBytes
                                                                                                                          934 Mbits/sec
Client connecting to 158.196.109.78, UDP port 5001
                                                                                                              111 MBytes
                                                                                                                                                284 KBytes
                                                                                                                                                296 KBytes
Sending 1400 byte datagrams, IPG target: 42.72 us (kalman adjust)
                                                                                                              112 MBytes
                                                                                                                          935 Mbits/sec
                                                                                                                          936 Mbits/sec
                                                                                                                                                267 KBytes
UDP buffer size: 16.0 MByte
                                                                                                              112 MBytes
                                                                                                             111 MBytes
                                                                                                                          933 Mbits/sec
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  1] local 158.196.222.60 port 47599 connected with 158.196.109.78 port 5001
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     local 158.196.222.60 port 5001 connected with 158.196.109.78 port 40733
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                                                                                                                          931 Mbits/sec
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     Interval
                    Transfer
                                 Bandwidth
                                                                                                                          933 Mbits/sec
     0.0000-1.0000 sec 31.3 MBytes 262 Mbits/sec
                                                                                                              111 MBytes
                                                                                                                                                438 KBytes
                                                 Jitter Lost/Total Datagrams
                    Transfer
                                Bandwidth
     0.0000-1.0000 sec 27.2 MBytes 229 Mbits/sec 0.042 ms 3238/23645 (14%)
                                                                                          Interval
                                                                                                             Transfer
                                                                                                                          Bitrate
                                                                                            0.00-10.00 sec 1.09 GBytes 936 Mbits/sec 148
     0.0000-1.0000 sec 170 datagrams received out-of-order
                                                                                                                                                         sender
                                                                                            0.00-10.04 sec 1.09 GBytes 930 Mbits/sec
     1.0000-2.0000 sec 31.2 MBytes
                                     262 Mbits/sec
                                                                                                                                                         receiver
     1.0000-2.0000 sec 31.3 MBytes
                                     262 Mbits/sec
                                                     0.039 ms 0/23409 (0%)
     2.0000-3.0000 sec 31.3 MBytes
                                     262 Mbits/sec
     2.0000-3.0000 sec 31.2 MBytes
                                     262 Mbits/sec
                                                     0.041 ms 0/23405 (0%)
     3.0000-4.0000 sec 31.2 MBytes
                                      262 Mbits/sec
     3.0000-4.0000 sec 31.2 MBytes
                                     262 Mbits/sec
                                                     0.042 ms 0/23403 (0%)
     4.0000-5.0000 sec 31.3 MBytes
                                     262 Mbits/sec
     4.0000-5.0000 sec 31.3 MBytes
                                      262 Mbits/sec
                                                     0.043 ms 0/23408 (0%)
     5.0000-6.0000 sec 31.2 MBytes
                                      262 Mbits/sec
     5.0000-6.0000 sec 31.3 MBytes
                                     262 Mbits/sec
                                                     0.040 ms 0/23406 (0%)
     6.0000-7.0000 sec 31.2 MBytes
                                      262 Mbits/sec
     6.0000-7.0000 sec 31.2 MBytes
                                      262 Mbits/sec
                                                     0.040 ms 0/23405 (0%)
     7.0000-8.0000 sec 31.3 MBytes
                                      262 Mbits/sec
     7.0000-8.0000 sec 31.3 MBytes
                                     262 Mbits/sec
                                                     0.040 ms 0/23408 (0%)
     8.0000-9.0000 sec 31.2 MBytes
                                     262 Mbits/sec
     8.0000-9.0000 sec 31.2 MBytes
                                      262 Mbits/sec
                                                     0.040 ms 0/23405 (0%)
     9.0000-10.0000 sec 31.3 MBytes
                                      262 Mbits/sec
     0.0000-10.0001 sec 313 MBytes
                                      262 Mbits/sec
     Sent 234061 datagrams
     Server Report:
     0.0000-9.8626 sec 291 MBytes 247 Mbits/sec 0.045 ms 16442/234060 (7%)
     0.0000-9.8626 sec 146 datagrams received out-of-order
     9.0000-9.9918 sec 30.9 MBytes 262 Mbits/sec 0.132 ms 0/23167 (0%)
     0.0000-9.9918 sec 308 MBytes 259 Mbits/sec 0.132 ms 3238/234061 (1.4%)
   2 0.0000-9.9918 sec 170 datagrams received out-of-order
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Stay tuned!

Questions?

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