4G/LTE THROUGHPUT MAP

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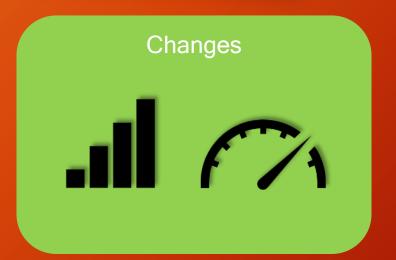
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Motives/Changes/Goals





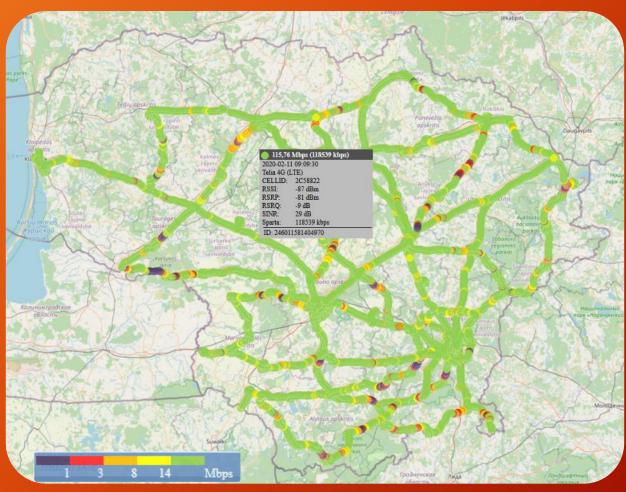






LTE measurements





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Practice and challenges



Preparation phase in Lithuania took almost 2 years:

- ✓ New more detailed digital map data
- ✓ Measurements and propagation model tuning
- ✓ Development of the methodology
- Data speed calculation tests
- ✓ Meetings with operators (3-4)
- ✓ The first calculations were officially published in June 2020

Challenges:

- ✓ Difficult to verify calculation results
- Constantly changing network load
- ✓ Operators refused to share network load because it's treated as sensitive and confidential. Finally it was agreed to use network load of 10% and 50%
- ✓ Prepare disclaimer (explanation) to the public on the throughput maps

LTE network load



Model 1



10 %

- ✓ Shows operator network capabilities for downloading data
- ✓ Based on this model, we can evaluate the implementation of the EU strategic objectives and the requirements set out in the operators licenses





Model 2



50 %

- Shows the situation on an average loaded network
- More applicable for user data speed predictions in daily service usage





Calculation process

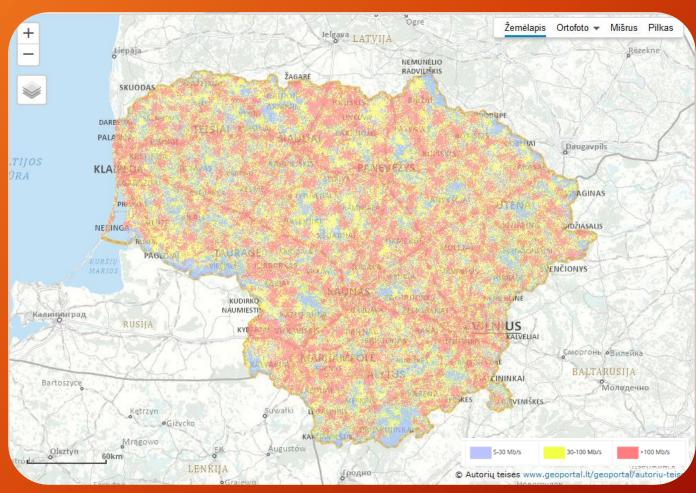






Throughput map

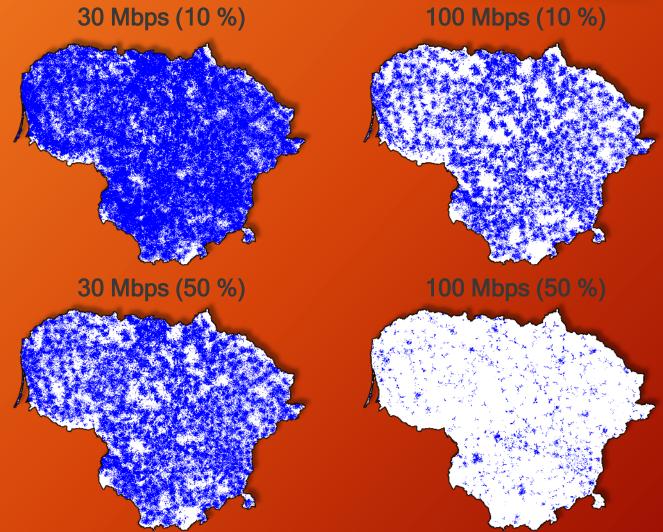




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Throughput (network load)

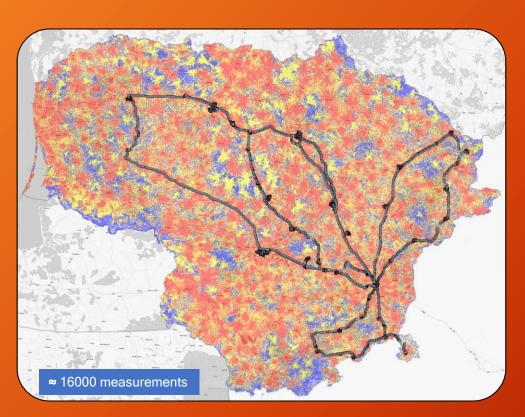




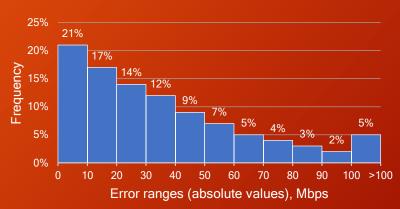
According to 2020 June data

Comparison with drive test





Error distribution



	Average throughput, Mbps		
Method	Operator 1	Operator 2	Operator 3
Drive test measurements	50	74	87
Simulation 10% load	98	159	183
Simulation 50% load	43	68	80

Summary



- ✓ Throughput calculation is a complex and specific task as we need to consider a lot of factors
- ✓ Lithuania is one of the first regulators doing throughput calculations
- ✓ Allows to evaluate throughput coverage across the country, and this could help for executing geographical estimations of Mobile IAS availability
- √ Would encourage the competition in the market
- ✓ Enables consumers to compare and choose mobile service provider based on their needs



Thank you!

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