

# Beyond the City

## 5G UK RuralFirst



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# Presentation Overview

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- **5G RuralFirst Use Cases Overview**
  - Orkney Islands, Somerset & Shropshire
- **Infrastructure**
  - 1Gbps Dedicated Fibre & Digital Power
- **Shropshire Test Bed**
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# Partners



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# 5G RuralFirst Story

Identify new market, technology, and applications opportunities

Create rural test-beds and trials for 5G mobile connectivity

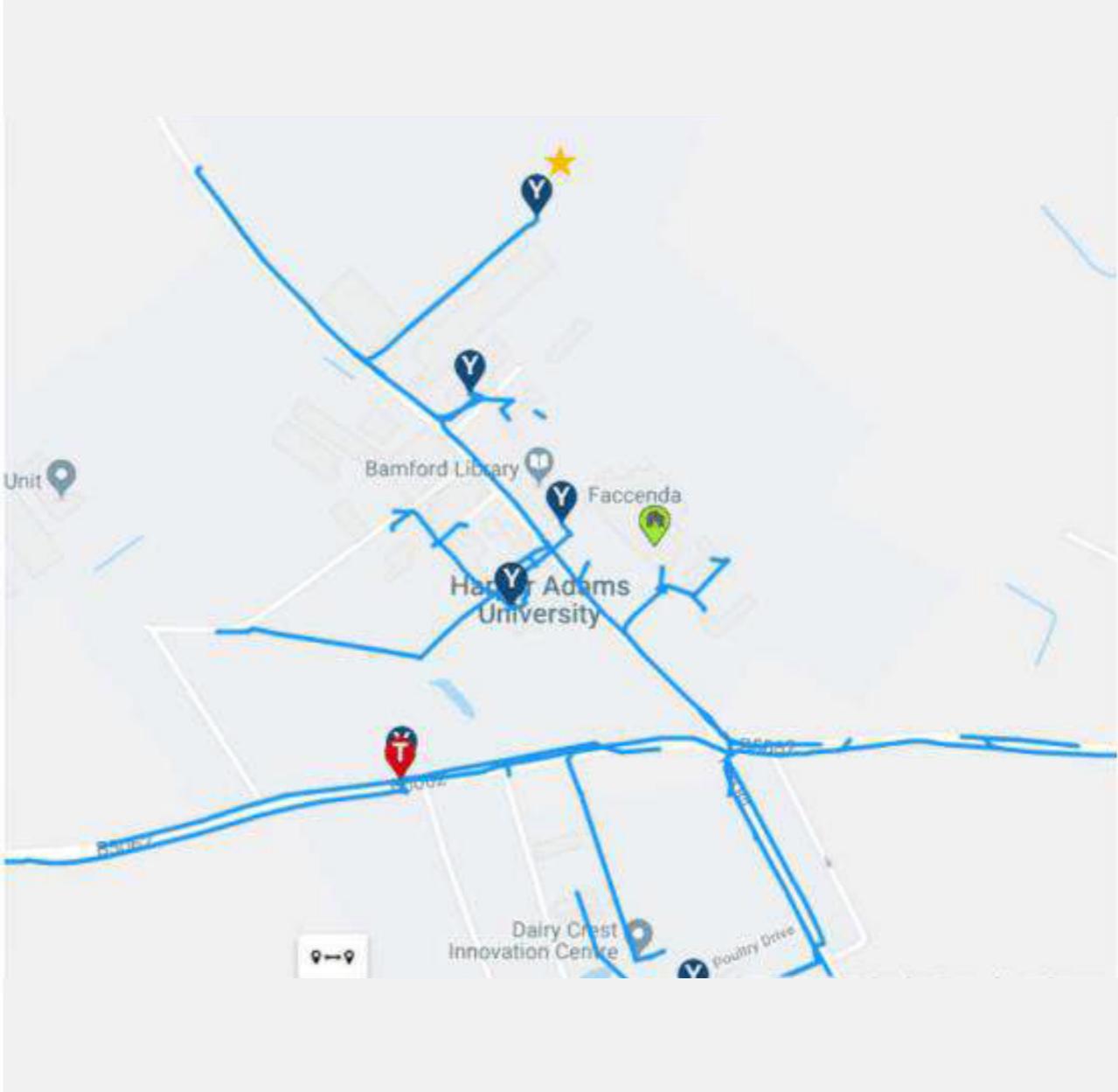
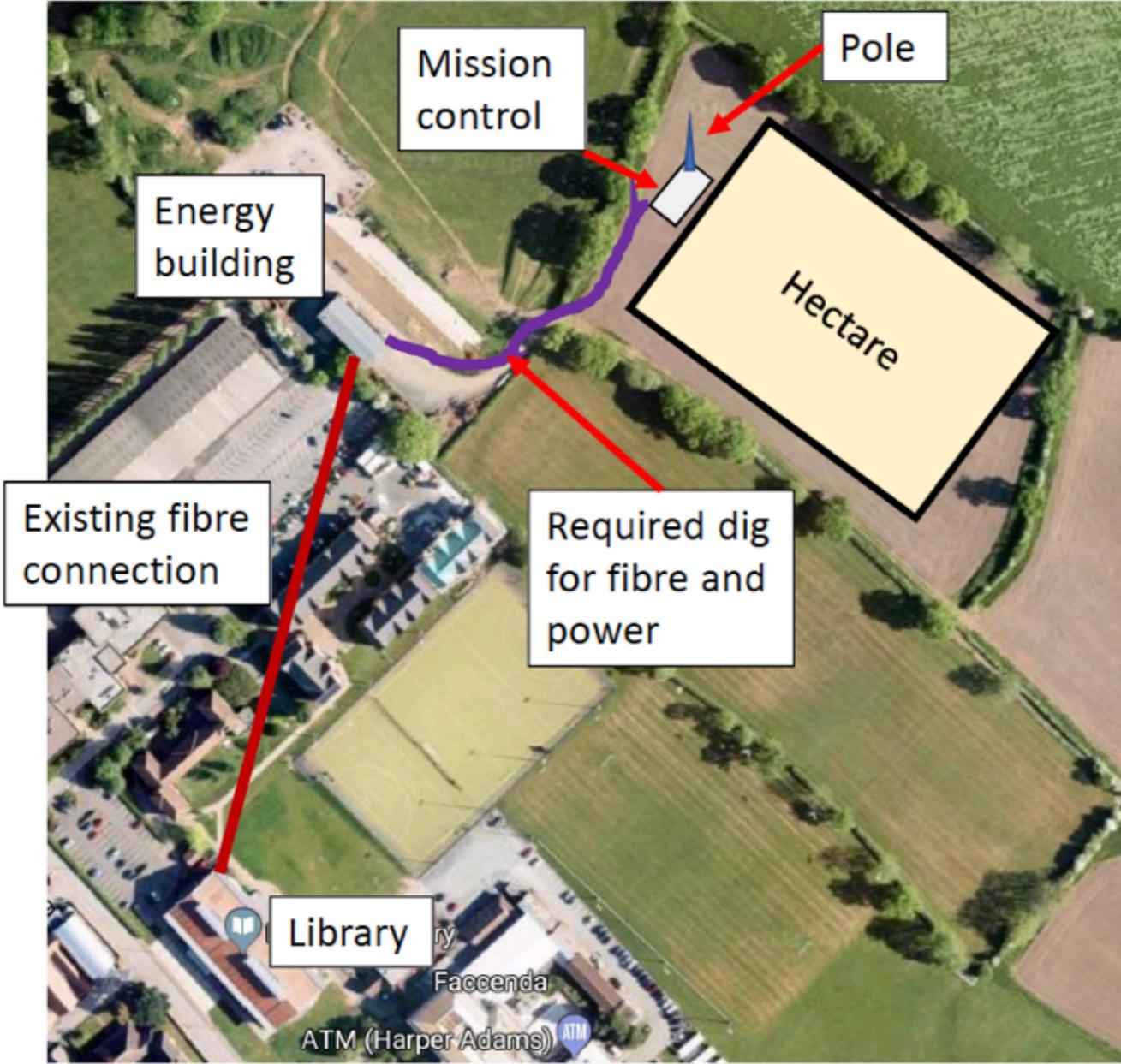
Co-innovation project  
- Cisco, University of Strathclyde, UK Government  
- Partner consortium

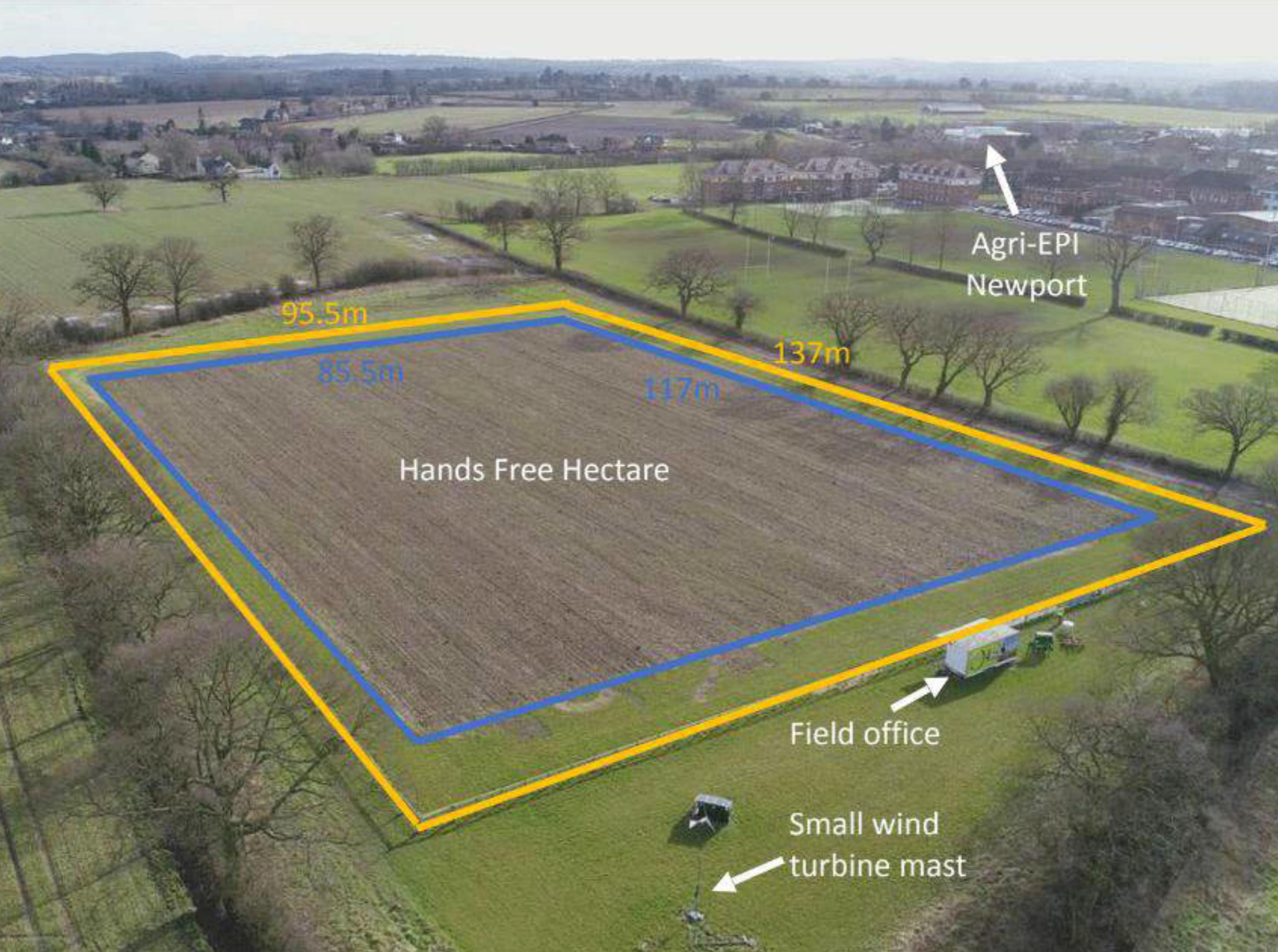


# 5G RuralFirst Sites



# Shropshire - Infrastructure





Agri-EPI  
Newport

95.5m

85.5m

117m

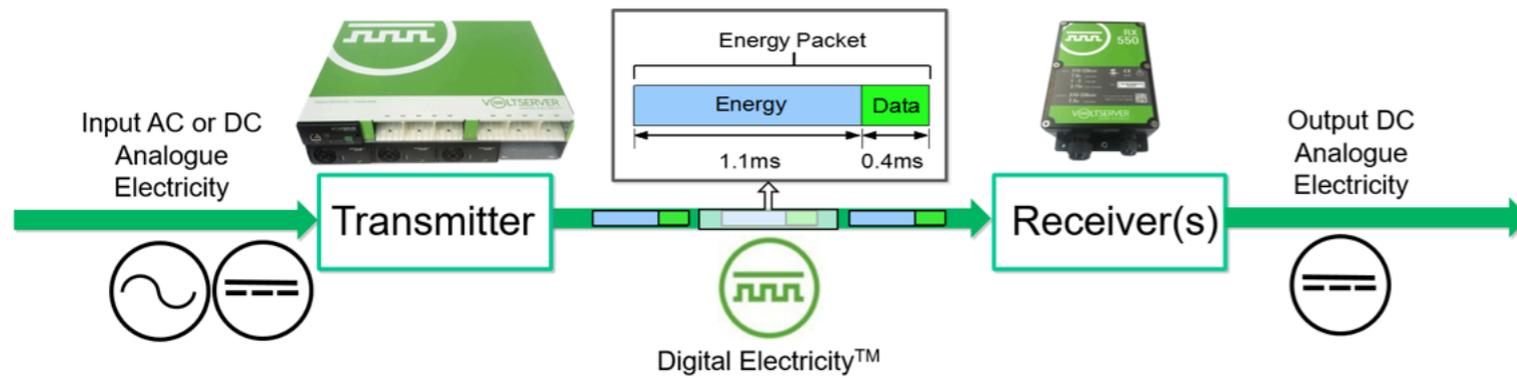
137m

Hands Free Hectare

Field office

Small wind  
turbine mast





Up to 2 km  
>96% efficiency

## VoltServer Digital Electricity:

- Safe power distribution
- Standard communication cabling
- Packet Energy Transfer (PET).

### System Status

TX CARD SUMMARY

1 2 3

OUTPUT

68W

VOLTAGE 340V  
CURRENT 0.2A

MGT TEMP

29°C

BACKPLANE 20°C

MGT STATUS

OK

POWER MODULES OK

### Hardware Info

CHASSIS ID 1200000368

MGT SERIAL NO. 4200100051

MGT MAC 00:80:A3:B9:BF:0F

MGT VERSION FW 1.3.2  
HW 2.0.0  
GATEWAY 1.1.0

### Transmitter Cards

SLOT	STATUS MODE	POWER	VOLTAGE CURRENT	TEMP	SERIAL NO.	VERSION	ACTIONS
1	OK Source Enabled	0W	336V 0.0A	29°C	3200001766	FW 2.2.0 HW 2.0.0	OUTPUT OFF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ON LIVE ID OFF <input type="checkbox"/> ON
2	OK Source Enabled	34W	337V 0.1A	31°C	3200001776	FW 2.2.0 HW 2.0.0	OUTPUT OFF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ON LIVE ID OFF <input type="checkbox"/> ON
3	OK Source Enabled	34W	336V 0.1A	29°C	3200001777	FW 2.2.0 HW 2.0.0	OUTPUT OFF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ON LIVE ID OFF <input type="checkbox"/> ON

### Power Modules

SERIAL NO.	STATUS ALARMS	VOLTAGE CURRENT	TEMP
163071009682AC	Normal	234VIN 337VOUT 0.0A	28°C
163071009651AC	Normal	229VIN 338VOUT 0.3A	28°C



**HandsFree  
Hectare**

Designed & built by  
**MOBEX**  
Exhibition Specialists  
www.mobex.co.uk  
01453 37020

  
Drone operation in progress  
This area is completely  
off limits



**700 MHz and 3.5 GHz radios**

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# UAV Precision Agriculture



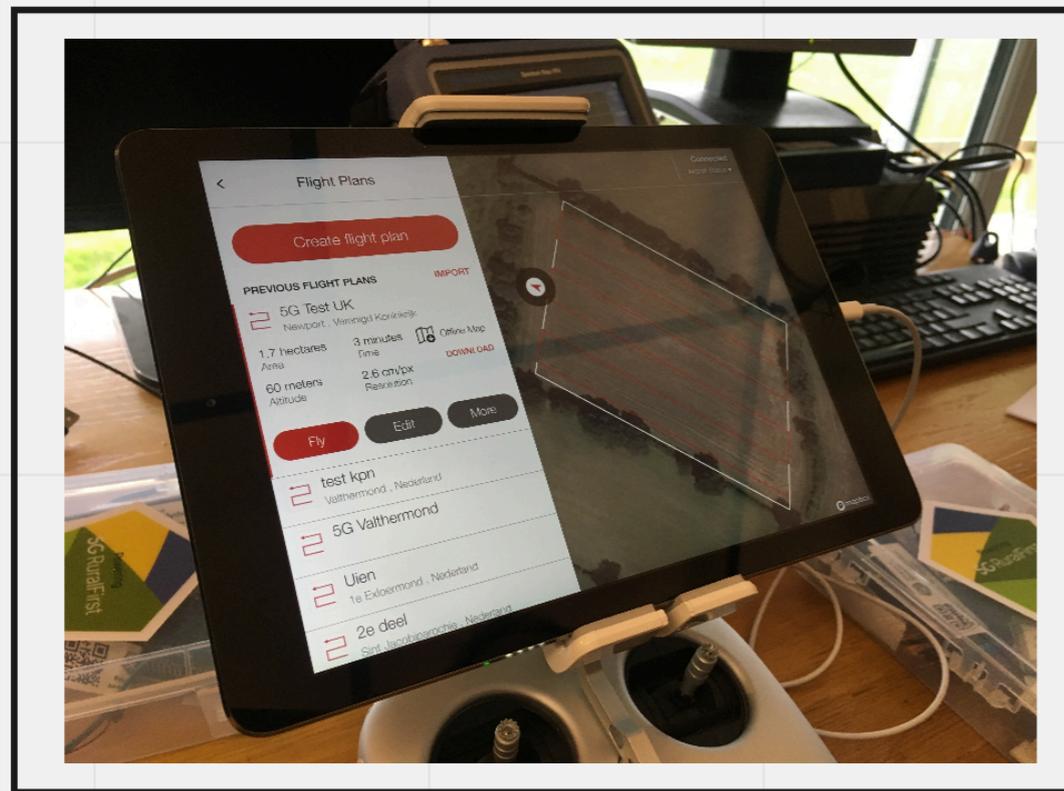
### 1 - Drone integrated with modem



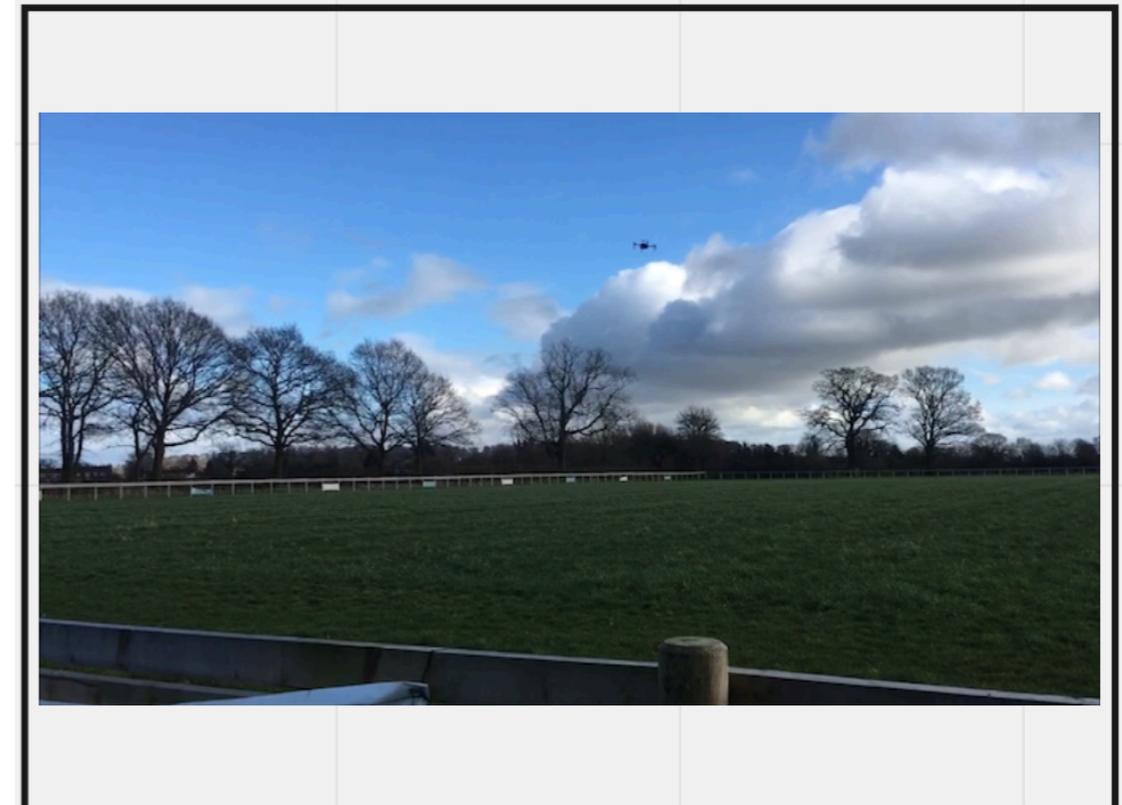
### 2 - UE configured to Band 42 (700MHz)



### 3 - Precision Flight outlines flight



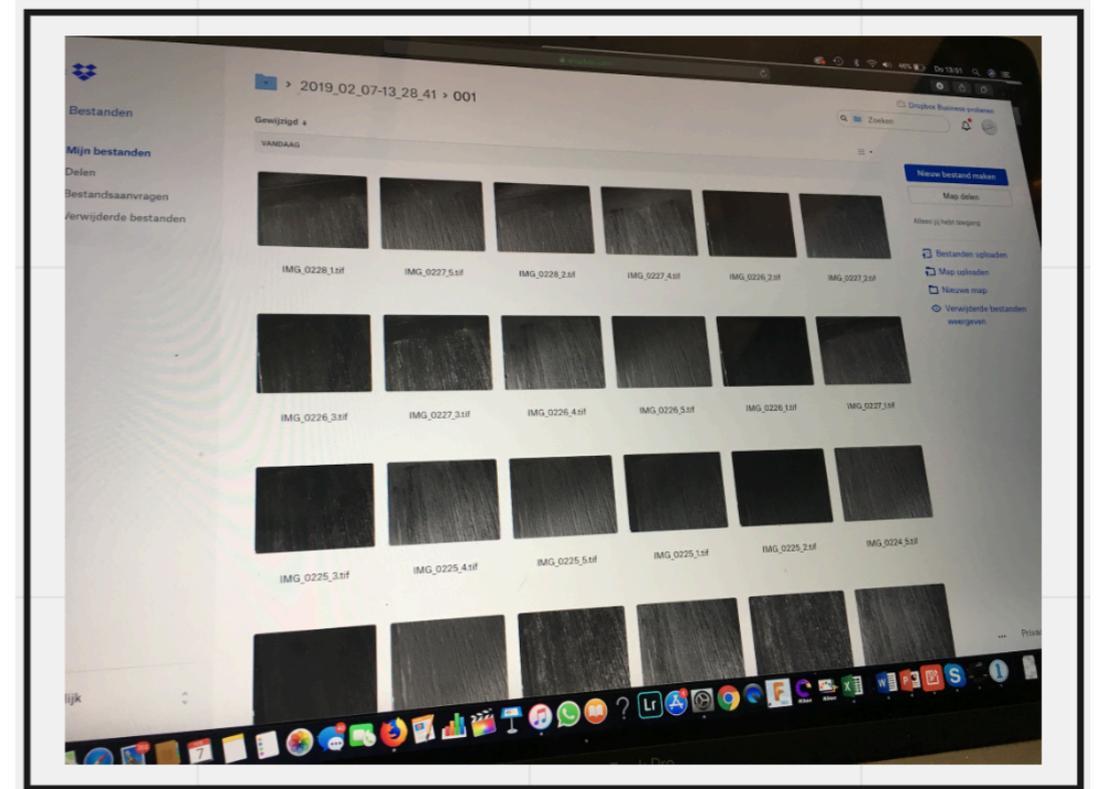
### 4 - Drone flies autonomously across the field



## 5 - Network monitored while drone offloads images



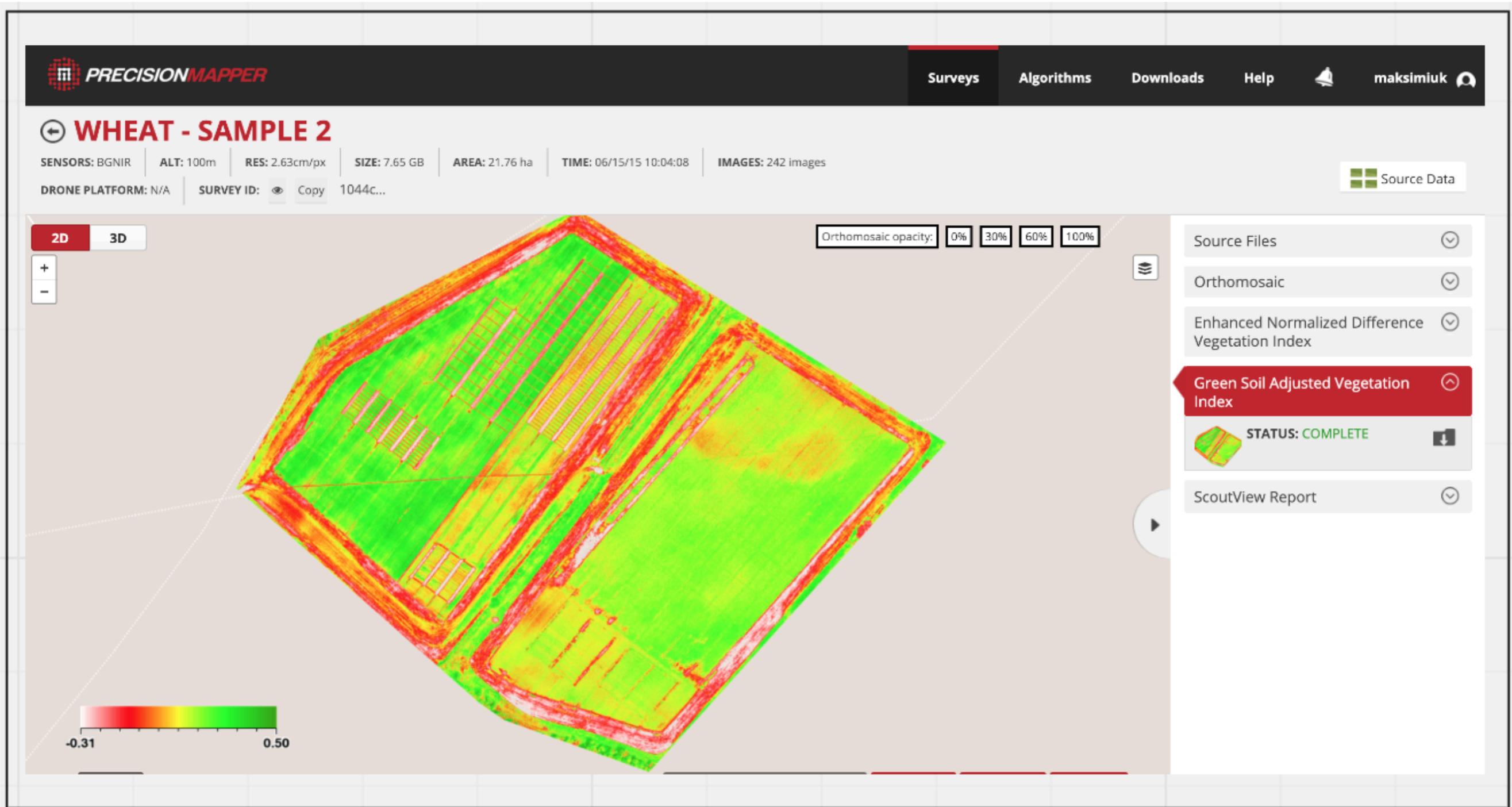
## 7 - Images offloaded to Dropbox in real-time



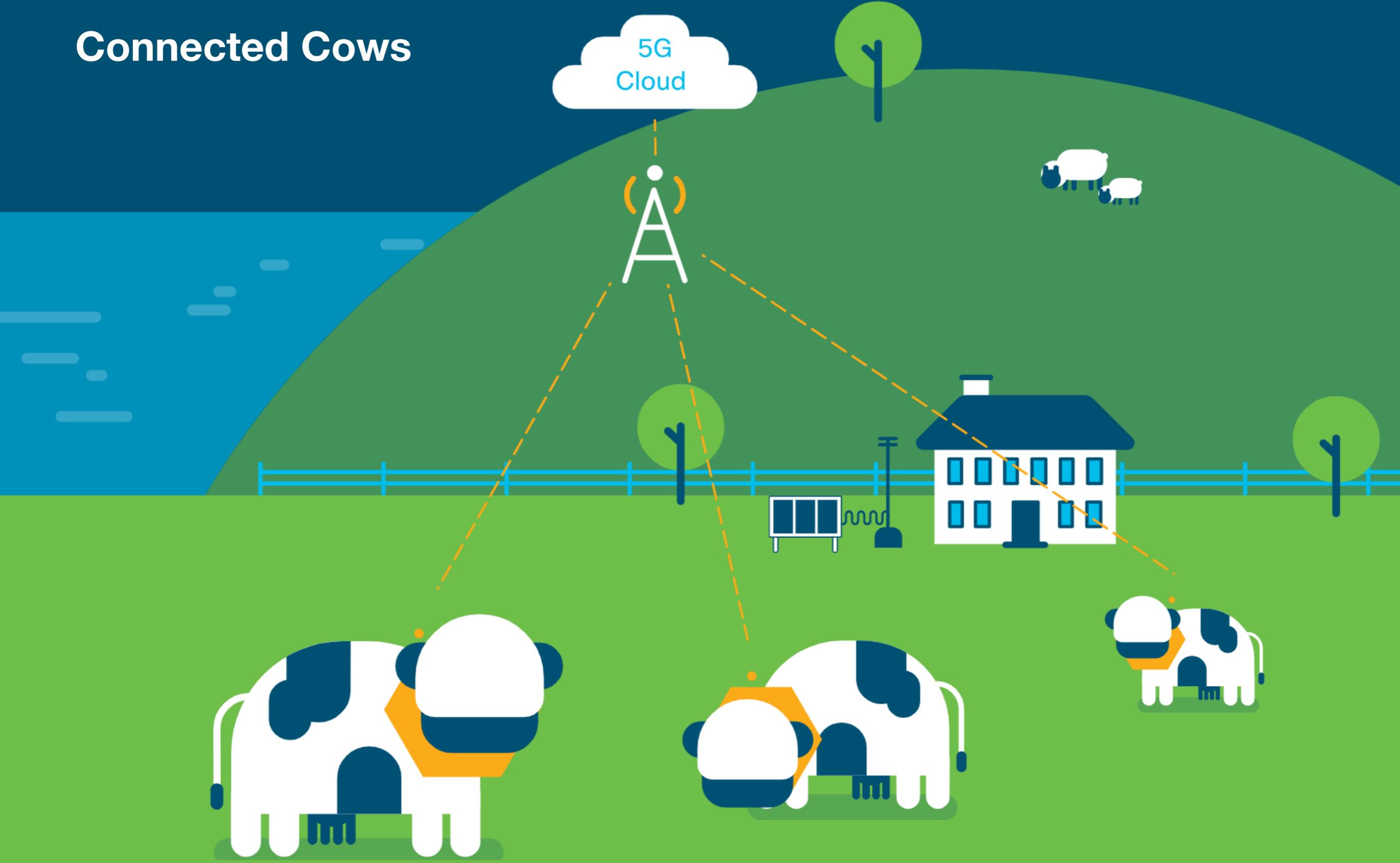
## 8 - Dropbox automatically sends raw images to platform for stitching and algorithm processing

SURVEY	SENSOR	LOCATION	ALGORITHMS	DATE
 <p><b>Wheat - Sample 2</b> 242 images 7.65 GB</p>	 BGNIR	 Leicestershire, United Kingdom		06 / 15 / 15 10: 04

## 9 - Farmer can analyse results in the field



# Connected Cows





afimilk  
DHR-115.580

3  
6

Estrus Alerts

Health Alerts



Filters

All Cows



 **10**  
23 days ago - 19:20

 **27**  
23 days ago - 15:47

 **124**  
23 days ago - 10:13

 **14**  
23 days ago - 05:17

 **175**  
24 days ago - 18:11

 **341**  
23 days ago - 21:00

 **75**  
24 days ago - 22:00

 **34**  
24 days ago - 22:00

 **365**  
23 days ago - 10:00

 **359**  
25 days ago - 01:00

 **15**

 **100**



Online data synchronization 22 days ago

Collar data received 22 days ago

 **5** Estrus alerts

 **3** Health alerts

 **1** Eating alerts

 **1** Rumination alerts

 **1** Repeatedly cycling

 **1** Not cycling

 **4** PD check

 **10** Due on heat

 Reports

 5 January 2019

 2 base stations on farm

 25 cows on farm

 No license installed

 320 collars on farm

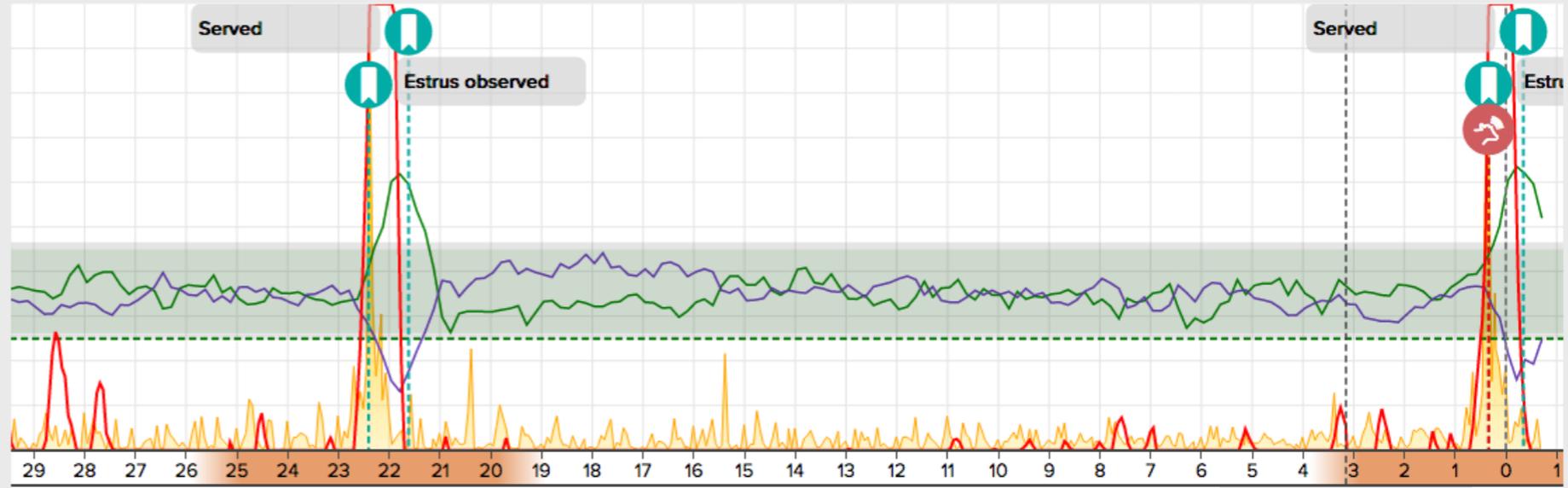
 Logged in as demo@cisco.com

 22 collars on cows

- Estrus Alerts**
- Health Alerts
- Filters
- All Cows

- 10**  
a day ago - 19:20
- 27**  
a day ago - 15:47
- 124**  
a day ago - 10:13
- 14**  
a day ago - 05:17
- 175**  
2 days ago - 18:11

Cow ID: 27



Jan 1st 2019, 20:21

**Estrus detected**  
Yesterday at 15:47

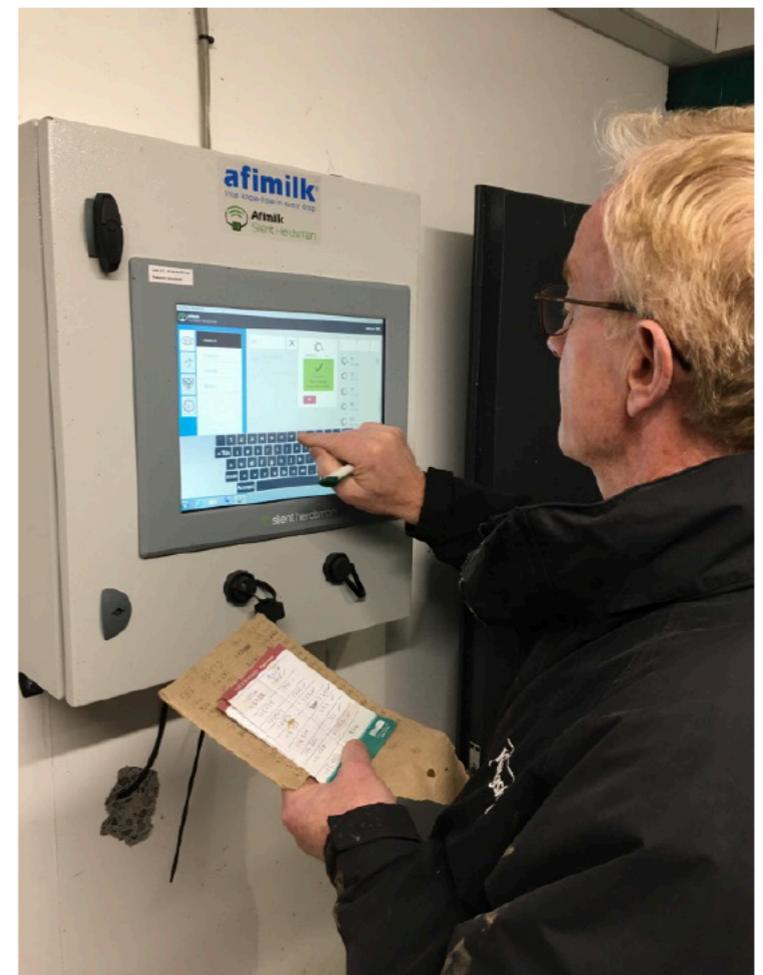
[Serve](#) [Dismiss](#)

- History**
- Information

Event	Detail	Date	Days ago	
Served	aventador	05 Jan, 2019 - 08:12	Today	<a href="#">Edit</a>
Estrus observed	Estrus detection	04 Jan, 2019 - 15:47	Yesterday	<a href="#">Edit</a>
Served	beef	14 Dec, 2018 - 09:05	22 days ago	<a href="#">Edit</a>
Estrus observed	Estrus detection	13 Dec, 2018 - 14:14	23 days ago	<a href="#">Edit</a>

# Why 5G?

- Afimilk cow collars use Zigbee connectivity
- Existing setup requires a local PC server to offload data
- The PC server installation requires an Afimilk expert technician to install and costs £5,000
- The collars need low latency (less than 35ms) to talk directly to the cloud and maintain 7 year battery life
- Test bed is trialling 700MHz frequency
- Achieving less than 35ms latency eliminates PC server from setup.
- This creates a “plug and play” solution and opens new markets through distribution (such as Service Providers)
- New business models can be explored (CapEx vs subscription based models)



# Self Contained 5G Network

- Conventional mobile networks require backhaul to operate.
- Where this isn't an option, it is still possible to deploy a local network where everything is on-site (similar to “Private LTE”)
- Removing the dependency on backhaul means that a farm can be operational, even with low-capacity or poor-quality backhaul.
- Insights and key information can be transferred when backhaul is available, while still fully operational on a private “LAN”.

# Paraguay

Showcase of the Agri-Tech Satellite Demonstration Farm



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# Prioritising Challenges

- In-calf rate (currently very low)
- Pregnancy losses between scanning and birth
- Long period to first pregnancy
- Finishing stock take 900 days to reach slaughter weight
- Calves lost at birth

- Nutrition
- Genetics



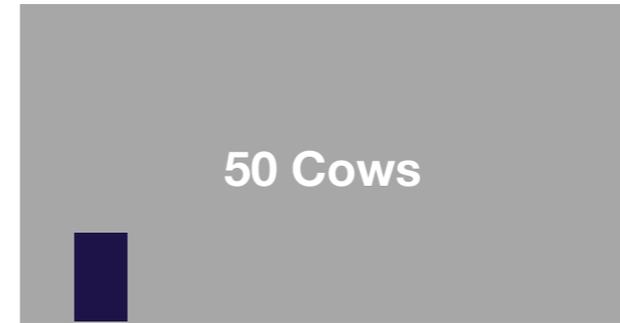
# POC Design

**Pen A**



**Regular Diet**

**Pen B**



**Maxammon Diet**





# Some Facts

	Current	Potential
Number of cows	14500	14500
<b>Scanning percentage</b>	<b>0.78</b>	<b>0.83</b>
<b>Calf losses (scan to wean)</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Replacements</b>	<b>0.17</b>	<b>0.14</b>
Carcase value \$/kg CWT	\$3.10	\$3.10
Cost \$/kg CWT	\$1.60	\$1.60
Average Heifer CWT	190	210
Average Steer CWT	250	260
Death rate post wean pa	0.03	0.03
Days to finish	900	850

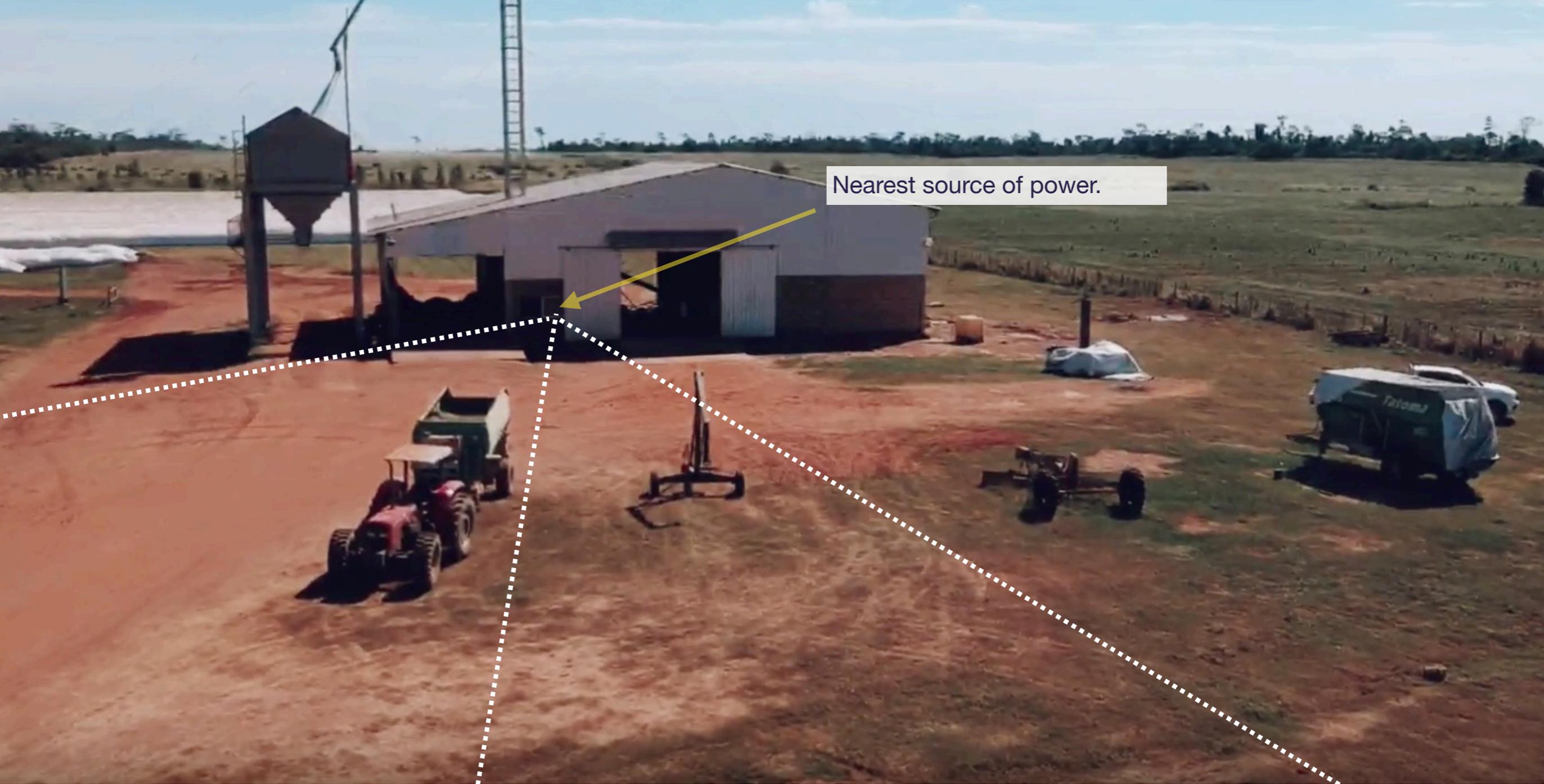
# What Does it Mean Commercially?

	<b>Current</b>	<b>Potential</b>		
Percentage calves weaned	0.69	0.75		
Total income	\$5,175,847	\$6,372,141		
Total cost of production	\$2,671,405	\$3,288,847		
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$2,504,442</b>	<b>\$3,083,294</b>	<b>\$578,852</b>	<b>0.23</b>
<b>GP/cow</b>	<b>\$173</b>	<b>\$213</b>		

# Beef Monitors Installation

- Site prepared - ground flattened for cattle weighing crates.
- Trench excavated - water pipe extended
- Electronic readers configured and installed.
- Pen size reduced in pen A and B to fit 50 animals each.
- Safety fencing installed around beef monitors to prevent chewing of cabling.





- 2x 75M Trenches dug between comms cabinet and pens for CAT5 and power cabling.
- 1x 35M Trench dug between comms cabinet and Iridium satellite dish.



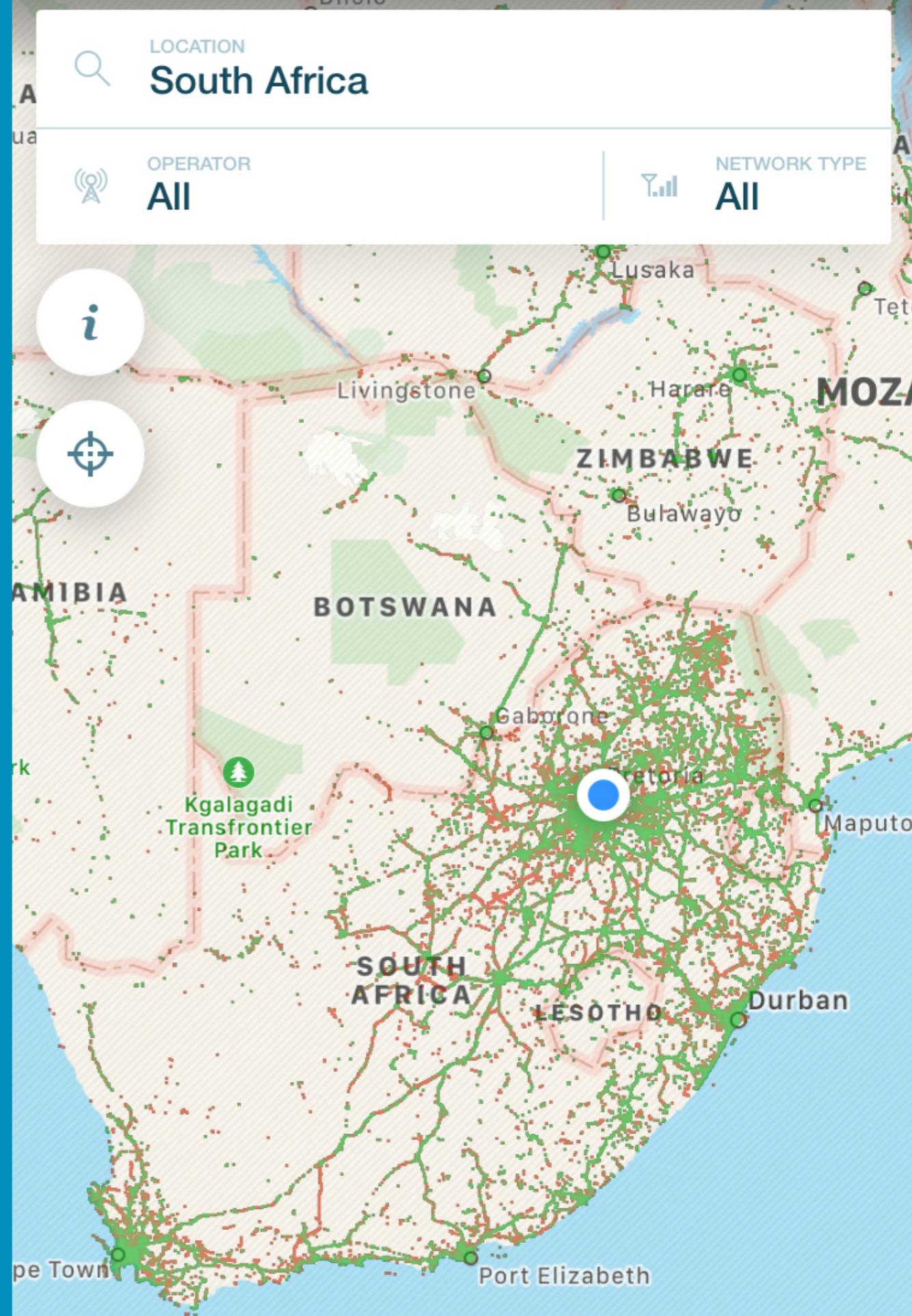
# POC Challenges

- Shipping over 2,000 kilograms of goods (beef monitors, feed, satellite equipment)
- Challenging customs clearance process in Asuncion
- Pilot site located 400 kilometers from Asuncion
- Lack of road infrastructure
- Lack of baseline connectivity (3G or 4G)
- Lack of reliable power (regular power cuts)
- No local qualified engineers able to work at height
- Lack of trenching equipment

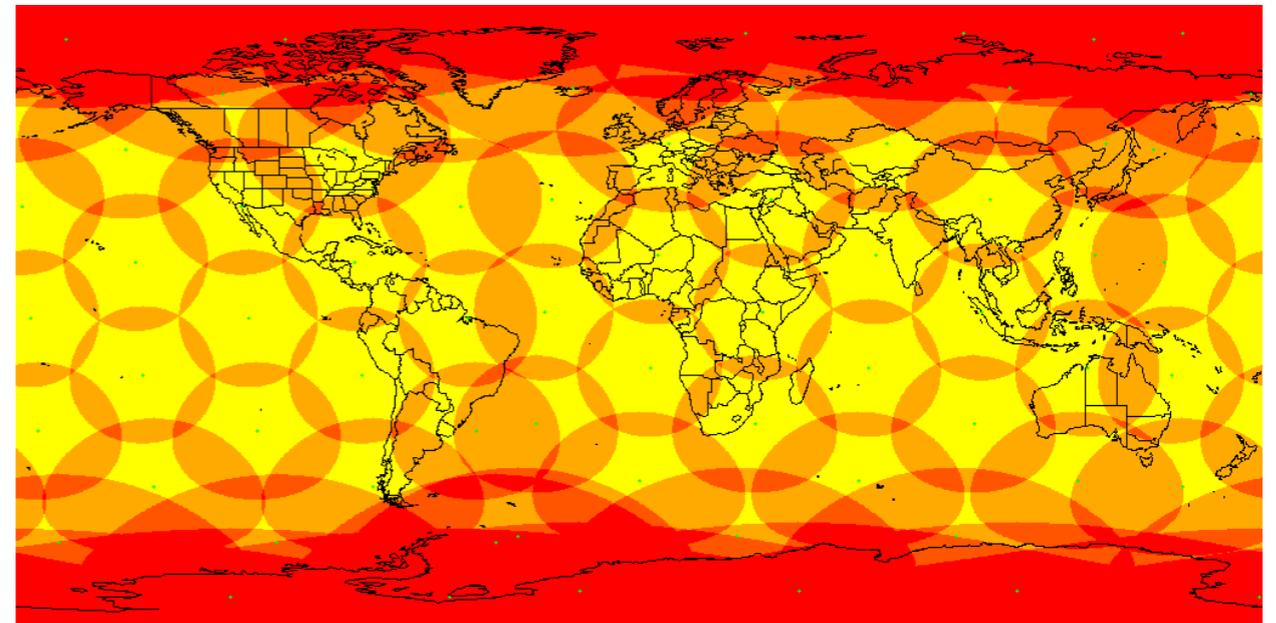


# South Africa Coverage Map

For comparison....

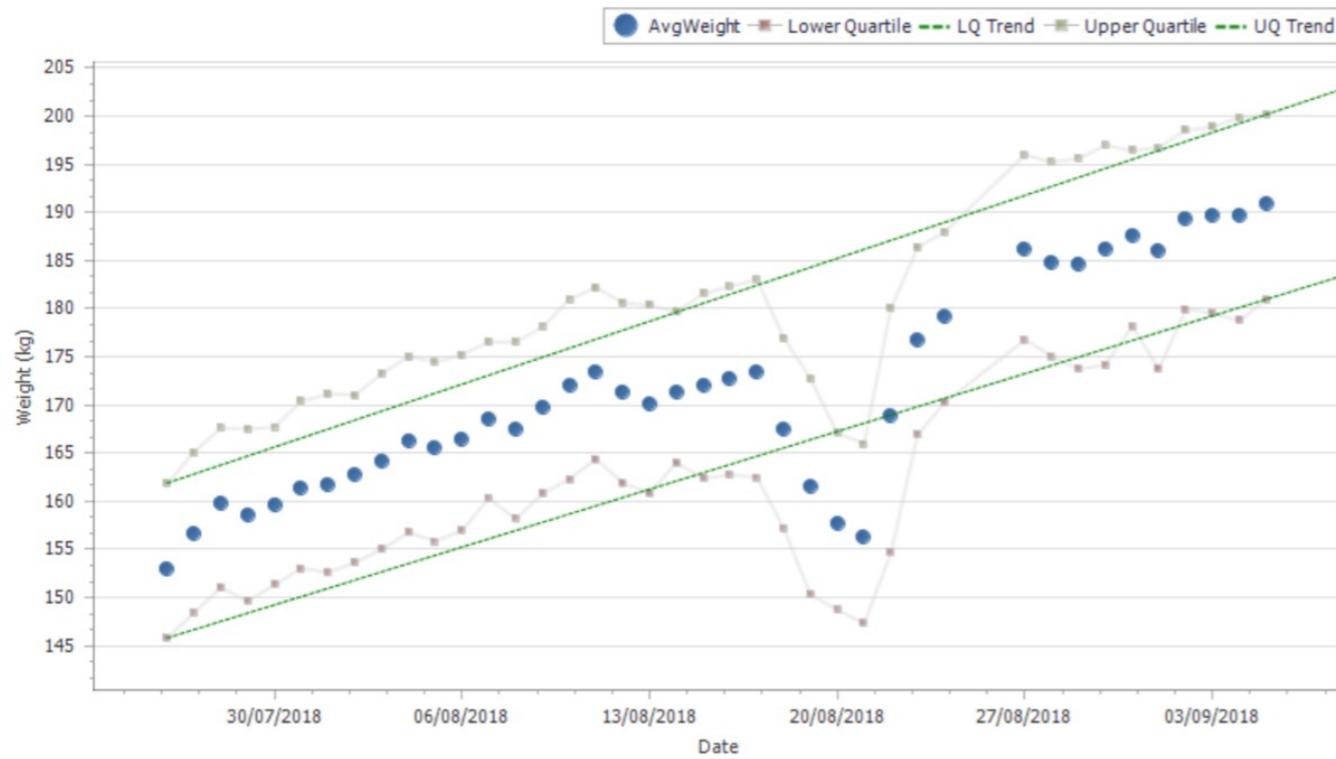


# Iridium Land Pilot Satellite Installation



# Results

Producer Average



**Improved cattle weight readings from 3x a year to daily Average Weight Gains.**



# Closing Remarks

- Just because you can deploy a technology, it doesn't mean you should.
- Always validate assumptions by running a cost benefit analysis.
- IoT deployments exist in an ecosystem. Avoid partners who are only interested in being a supplier. Successful deployments require close collaboration.
- Success breeds success. Maximise low hanging fruit and deliver the Minimum Viable Product (MVP) first.