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# The evolution of 5G network testing



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# Testing more complex networks with new tools



Devices
Smartphones
IoT, IIoT, XR
devices,
weareables

Customers
Retail subscribers,
enterprises,
IoT, B2B2B
and B2B2C

#### **Traffic**

Voice, video, text, interactivity, gaming, safety, URLLC

Multiple, interacting dimensions affect

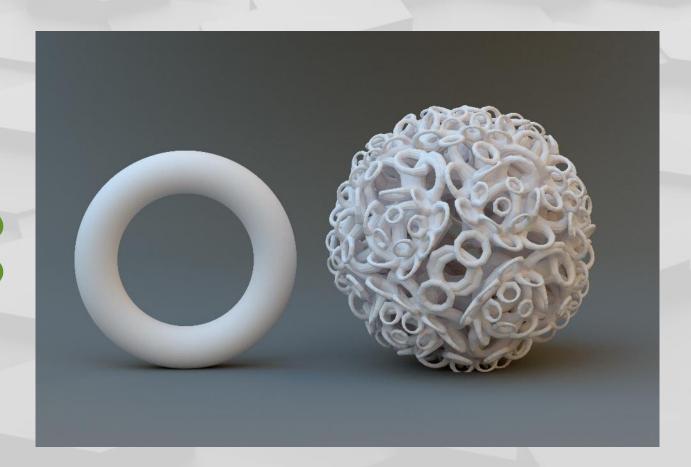
From 2G to 5G, BF/M-MIMO, outdoor/indoor infrastructure

performance and require a new approach to testing

Use cases
Private/public
networks, new
services and
applications

Access

Architecture
Cloud-native,
virtualized, edge,
Open RAN



Wireless networks have to do more, and so does testing

## What new testing platforms need



- Assess subscriber-perceived performance
- Test for specific services, traffic types, devices
- Add location, time and context awareness
- Increase precision and granularity
- Include data from multiple sources
- Preserve scalability in increasingly complex networks
- Enable multi-level testing, with the ability to drill down when needed
- Automate the testing process to reduce costs and manage the increased volume of test data
- Conduct testing without the active participation of skilled RF engineers
- Combine new testing methodologies with traditional ones



# More granularity in testing



New use cases

New metrics

Metrics interaction

Application and service-based testing

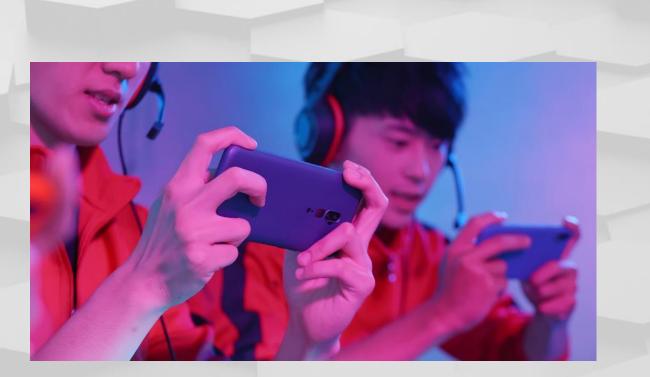
Dynamic testing

User-perceived performance



# Two new testing use cases: Online gaming and IoT







Big opportunity: new service, new revenues

New requirements: performance, latency, reliability, safety

New testing metrics and environments

# Technological advances increase testing efficiency



Automation

AI/ML

Testing orchestration and unified management

Real-time analysis

Remotely managed devices



Everybody, every device can participate in testing

# Multi-level testing to get the best value



Set testing targets

3. Where to test Calculation of optimal test route 4. Instructions
Directions to testing
location to tester and
instructions to testing
device

2. What to test utomatic

Automatic selection of tests and use cases, creation of workorders 5. Test completion

Test data successfully collected and uploaded

1. Test trigger
From testing
targets, existing
data sources,
previous test
results

analysis
Report on results,
recommendations
for further tests

if needed

6. Result

Drill down on
location, metrics,
applications, use
cases, testing
methodology if testing
targets are not met

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### The expanded role of testing





A gradual evolution path toward a richer and more efficient, multi-level testing platform



Increasing granularity and scalability in testing complex and dynamic networks



Testing solutions covering subscriber experience and IoT terminals



Wider testing approach to cover specific use cases



Beyond testing: Monitoring, planning, sustainability

# More resources: New white paper from Senza Fili





Download the paper at www.senzafili.com

### About Senza Fili



Senza Fili provides advisory support on wireless technologies and services. At Senza Fili we have in-depth expertise in financial modeling, market forecasts and research, strategy, business plan support, and due diligence. Our client base is international and spans the entire value chain: clients include wireline, fixed wireless, and mobile operators, enterprises and other vertical players, vendors, system integrators, investors, regulators, and industry associations. We provide a bridge between technologies and services, helping our clients assess established and emerging technologies, use these technologies to support new or existing services, and build solid, profitable business models. Independent advice, a strong quantitative orientation, and an international perspective are the hallmarks of our work. For additional information, visit www.senzafili.com

### **About Monica Paolini**



Monica Paolini, PhD, founded Senza Fili in 2003. She is an expert in wireless technologies and has helped clients worldwide to understand technology and customer requirements, evaluate business plan opportunities, market their services and products, and estimate the market size and revenue opportunity of new and established wireless technologies. She frequently gives presentations at conferences, and she has written many reports and articles on wireless technologies and services. She has a PhD in cognitive science from the University of California, San Diego (US), an MBA from the University of Oxford (UK), and a BA/MA in philosophy from the University of Bologna (Italy)

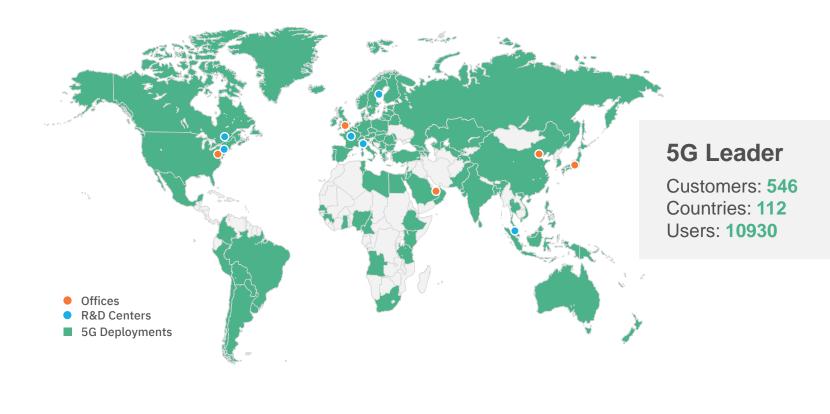


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For over 25 years, TEMS™ has been recognized as the leading network testing solution by mobile network operators and vendors worldwide

Orchestration and Analytics



#### **TEMS™ Cloud**

Cloud solution providing orchestration and analytics



#### TEMS™ Discovery

Network analytics and optimization platform

Network Testing



## **TEMS™** Investigation

Network testing and troubleshooting solution

**Drive testing** 



#### TEMS™ Pocket

Portable testing and troubleshooting solution

Walk testing



### TEMS™ Paragon

Mobile network benchmarking solution

**Benchmarking** 



### TEMS™ Sense

Automated remote network monitoring solution

Remote testing



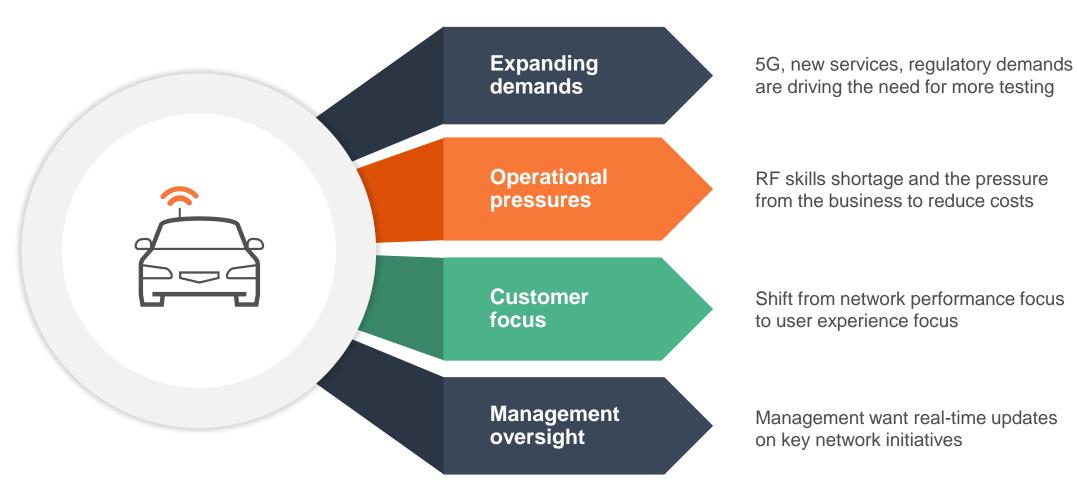
#### TEMS™ SSV

Automated 5G site verification solution

Site verification



### Why does network testing need to evolve?





### The evolution of 5G network testing

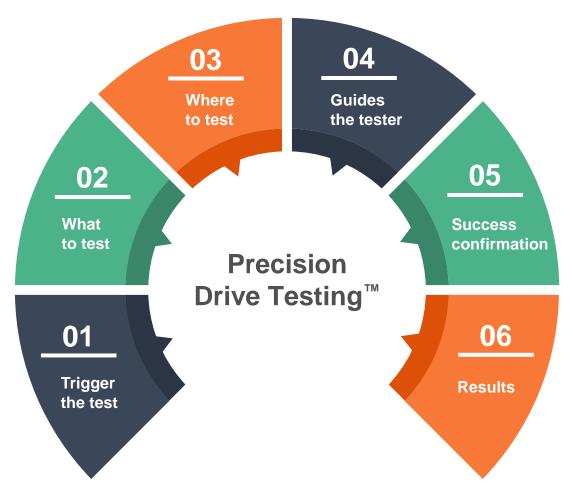
5 innovations from TEMS





### Automate drive testing with Precision Drive Testing™

Innovative and automated AI/ML-based drive testing methodology



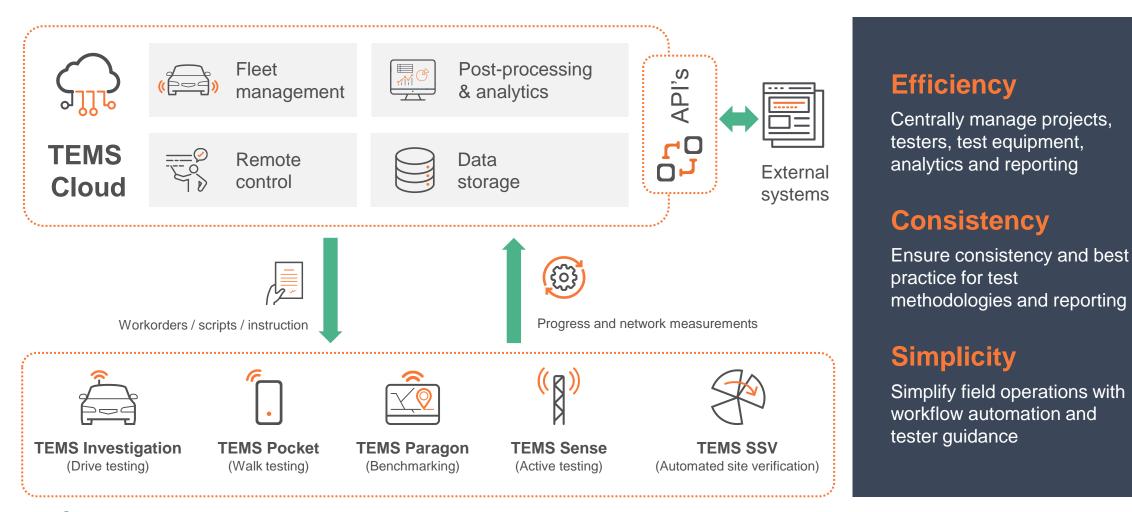


"Precision Drive Testing transforms the drive testing process from being engineering driven to AI/ML data driven, from manual to autonomous and from something very few can do to something that can be done by anyone."

Dr. Irina Cotanis, Technology Director, Infovista



### Centralize orchestration and reporting with TEMS™ Cloud





### **TEMS™** Paragon and **TEMS™** Cloud case study

### Regulatory compliance

### **Customer challenges**

 Following a merger, the customer was required to prove the consolidated entity met the specified 5G network build-out and performance commitments agreed to with the regulator

#### **Our solution**

TEMS Paragon managed centrally by TEMS Cloud

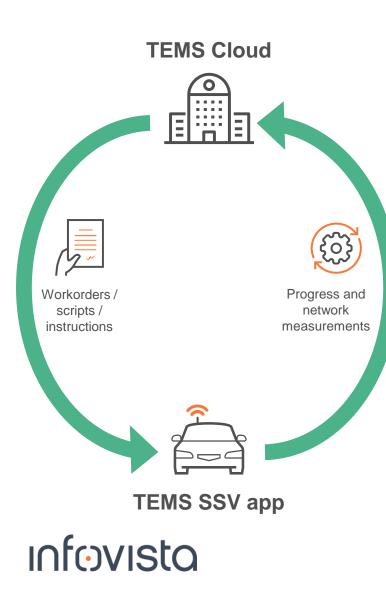
#### **Proven benefits**

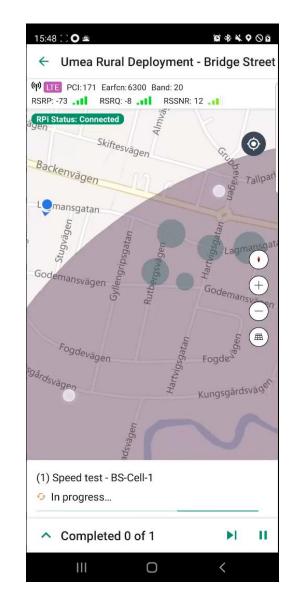
- Uniform script distribution across drive test teams
- Native python scripts to enable testing of regulator specified OTT apps
- Cloud-based device orchestration from a central office for efficiency
- Seamless synchronization between devices and TEMS Cloud
- Successfully undertaking the largest benchmarking project ever (~1 million drive test miles)





### Verify 5G sites faster with TEMS™ Site Verification





- 1 Manage testing centrally
- Minimize field time with AI/ML
- 3 Guide testers
- 4 Prevent re-tests
- 5 Scale operations
- 6 Analyze results centrally

### Understand user experience with TEMS™ UX testing

Accurately measure QoE for all native and OTT applications and services

#### **sQLEAR**

Voice quality testing for VoNR, VoLTE & OTT voice



### **Generic OTT voice testing**

OTT voice quality testing with a generic client approach



### **Interactivity Scoring**

User interactivity testing with generic OTT service/app traffic patterns





### **Generic OTT media testing**

OTT application testing with a generic framework approach



### Leverage remote testing with TEMS™ Sense

Minimize field trips with remote monitoring of service performance



### **Unattended**

Unattended solution delivering round-theclock active monitoring of end user QoE

### Flexible deployment

Mount in fixed locations (airports, stadiums...) or in vehicles (taxis, public transport...). Scalable to hundreds of units

### Remote management

Manage and control units remotely. Collect, visualize and analyze data in real time



#### **TEMS™** Sense success story

# Major event monitoring by a Regulator

### **Customer challenges**

 With Qatar hosting the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™ the country's regulator, CRA, wanted to be able to monitor performance of all the country's operators at key locations

#### **Our solution**

 TEMS Sense units were installed at key locations identified by CRA. Each TEMS Sense unit has 4 SIM card slots so all operators can be monitored from a single box. The units are remotely managed and configured to automatically test and present the results on a centralized dashboard

#### **Proven benefits**

 The solution provides CRA with visibility into the performance of all the mobile networks at key locations such as airports and stadia





Q&A





