

# Dynamic Spectrum Alliance



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# About the Alliance

- The Dynamic Spectrum Alliance is a global organization advocating for laws and regulations that will lead to more efficient and effective spectrum utilization.
- Our members are working to create innovative solutions that will increase the amount of available spectrum to the benefit of consumers and businesses alike.
- <http://www.dynamicspectrumalliance.org>

# Dynamic Spectrum Alliance Goals

- Close the Digital Divide
  - Support technical, regulatory, and business model innovations that make wireless broadband access more affordable for people around the world
- Enabling the Internet of Things
  - Support spectrum policies that can enable the burgeoning Internet of Things
  - Increasing efficiency and improving quality of life
- Alleviating the “Spectrum Crunch”
  - Support changing regulatory policies that create artificial spectrum scarcity
  - Replace them with policies that will increase available bandwidth, reduce costs, and increase consumer choice

# Current Members



ADAPTRUM

Aviacomm



CTVR / the telecommunications research centre



INTERDIGITAL



MEDIATEK



THE UNIVERSITY of York

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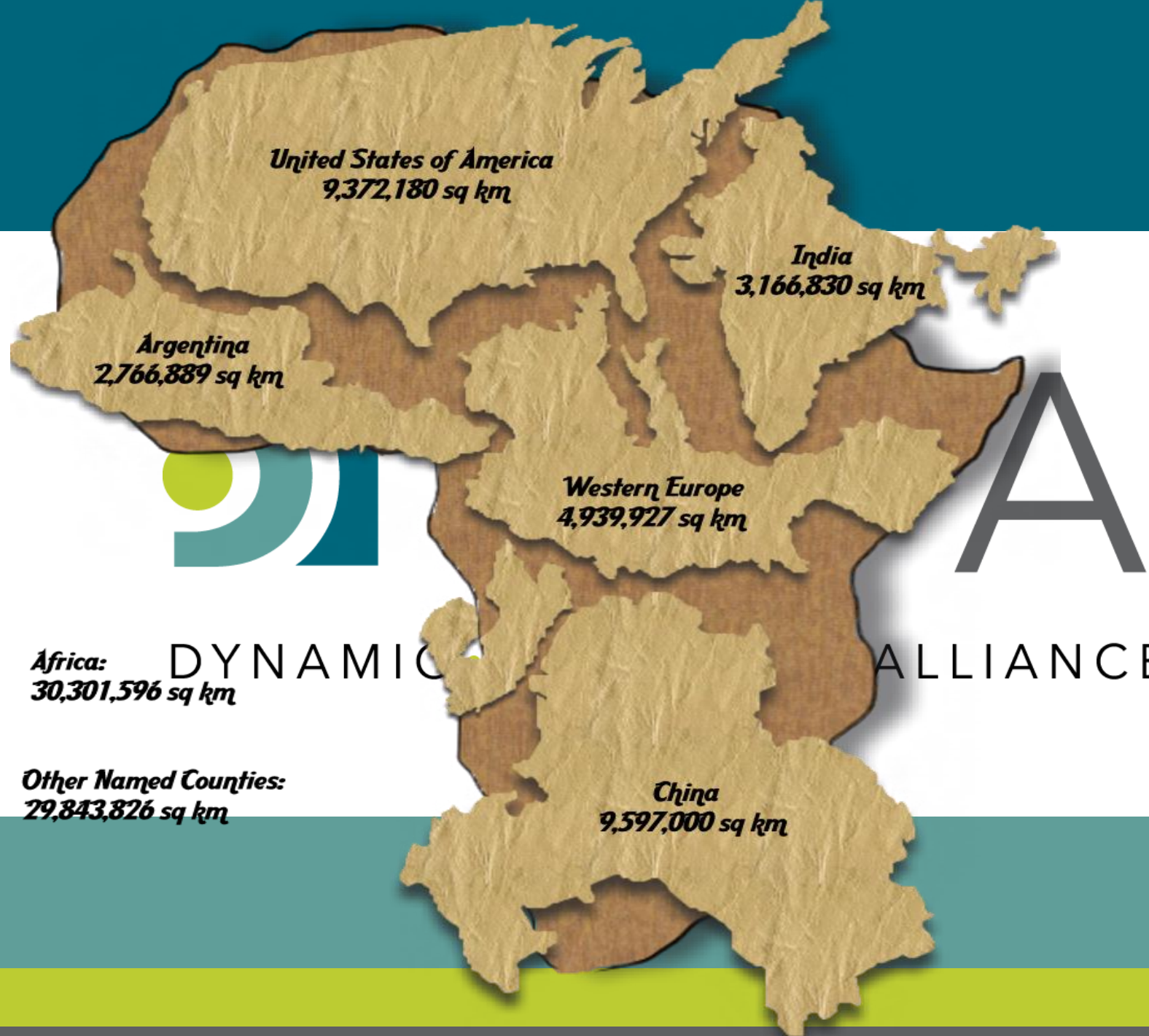


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## WiFi provided by





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  - Evidence: Adaptrum & 6Harmonics on 2<sup>nd</sup> generation equipment
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## Aviagramm TVWS Projects


**NICT** – TVWS Field Trials in Japan and Ofcom have plans to use  
Aviagramm RFIC




- Qualified Aviagramm's ARF3010 TVWS transceiver
- Systems and Baseband supplied by leading companies

**Japan(other)** – TVWS projects using Aviagramm RFIC Transceiver

- a new TVWS application have been defined

**Microsoft** – TVWS Field Trial with Ofcom in the UK uses Aviagramm RFIC  
Transceiver  Microsoft

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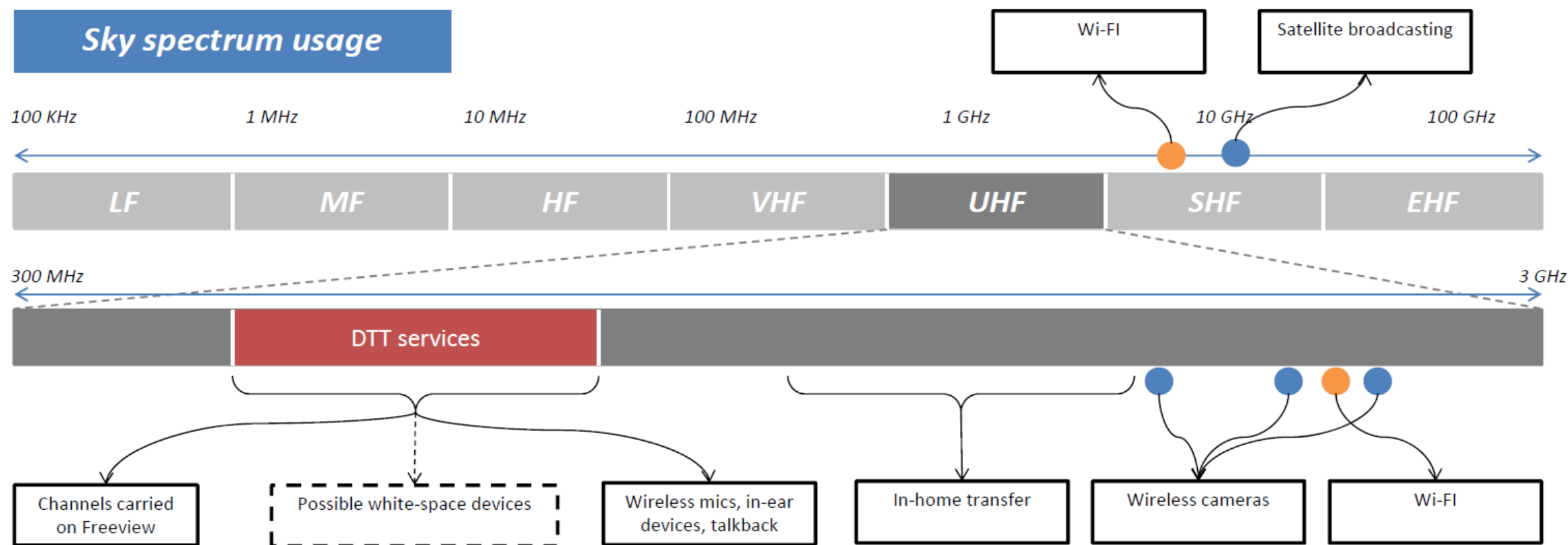
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6harmonics Inc.



**Usage: Sky is a heavy spectrum user across a range of activities & frequencies**  
We use spectrum to create our content, deliver our services and connect our customers



\*Sky content is also delivered by third parties across their own distribution networks which may use spectrum (e.g. use of Sky Go via LTE on mobile)

# From Policy/Regulations to Commercialisation of all Radio Technologies

- Regulations and policy have to be clear
- Standards need to be agreed upon – e.g. how to devices “talk” to databases; or WiFi extension
- Chipsets, base-stations and devices, etc. will need to be developed
- Radios developed in volume
- Then value chain must be populated by competing players
- Viable business models need to be developed
- Happy shareholders are sustained

## DSA Value-Chain and Technology Requirements

- Regulators around the world are currently setting rules and requirements that will allow for mass-market access to white spaces.
- DSA is also a powerful next generation mobile communications technology.

	DSA Chip sets /Module	Service Provider ex:Geo DB	DSA BS /Platform/SI	DSA Access Deviece	Testing/RD Center	DSA Operator
World-Wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Aviocomm</li> <li>•MediaTek</li> <li>•Adaptrum</li> <li>•Neul</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Microsoft</li> <li>•Spectrum Bridge</li> <li>•Telcordia</li> <li>•Google</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Power Automation, Singapore</li> <li>•6Harmonics</li> <li>•Carlson Wireless</li> <li>•Ruckus Wireless</li> <li>•DoubleRadius</li> <li>•Wavetek</li> <li>•White Space Technologies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Power Automation, Singapore</li> <li>•Carlson Wireless</li> <li>•Terrabit Networks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Centre for White Space, UK</li> <li>•CSIR, Africa</li> <li>•I<sup>2</sup>R, Singapore</li> <li>•NSRC, US</li> <li>•NICT, Japan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•BSkyB</li> <li>•Indigo Telecom</li> <li>•StarHub</li> <li>•UhuruOne</li> </ul>



**NEWS RELEASE**

**EMBARGOED TILL 16 JUNE 2014, 1930 HRS**

## **Singapore Gains a Super-sized Wireless Innovation Band with Regulatory Approval of TV White Spaces**

*180 MHz of spectrum made available to drive TVWS commercialization and propel Singapore's  
Smart Nation vision*

**Singapore — 17 June 2014** — The Singapore White Spaces Pilot Group (SWSPG), an industry consortium representing 18 public and private sector members, supports and applauds IDA on its announcement of a regulatory framework for unlicensed access to unused TV broadcast frequency bands, or TV White Spaces (TVWS). Spectrum bands open for unlicensed access, such as the popular Wi-Fi bands, are often referred to as “innovation bands” since they have low barrier of entry and foster innovation. The new IDA regulation, taking effect in November 2014, will make available an estimated 180 MHz of spectrum for unlicensed TVWS operation.

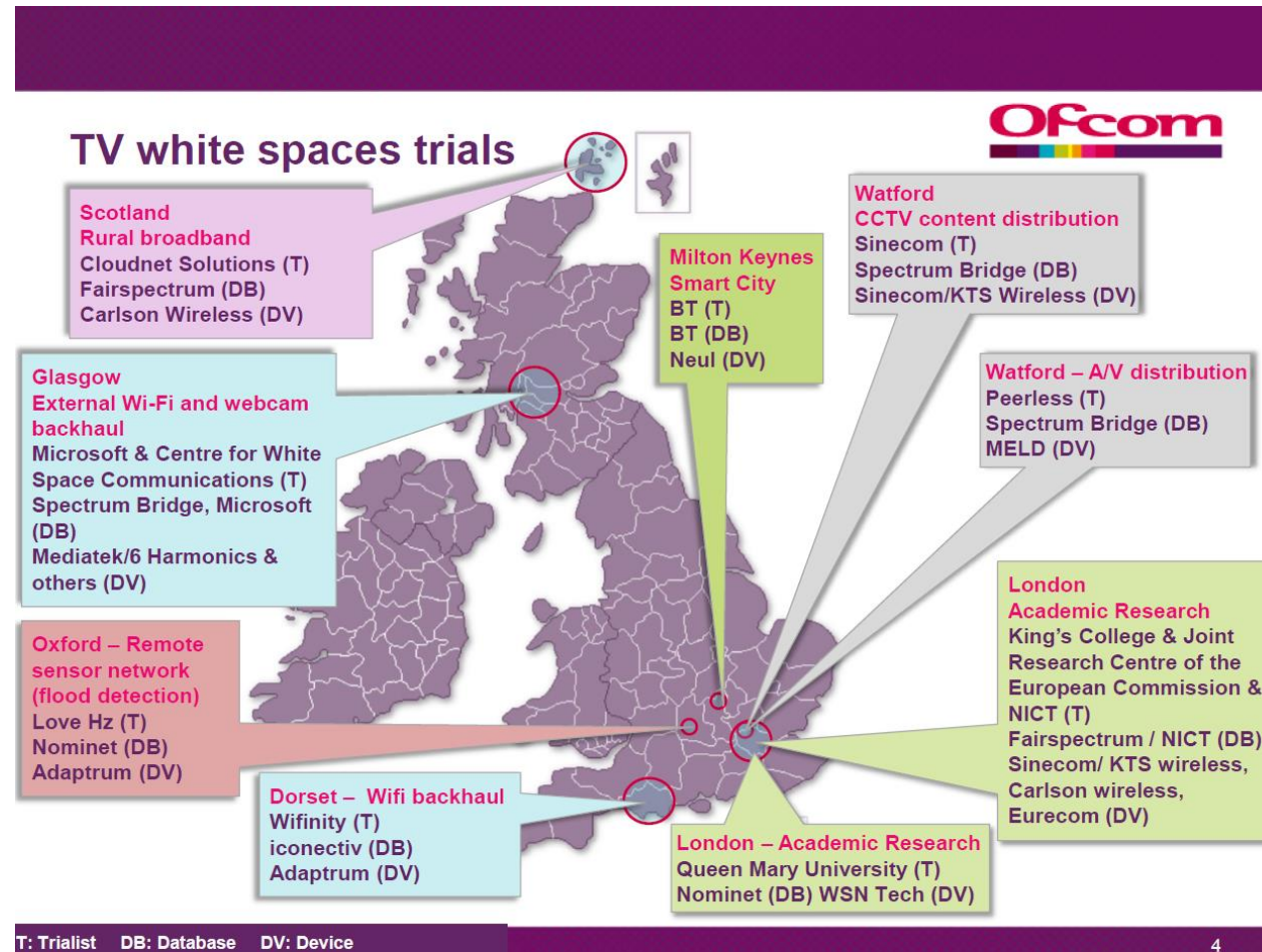


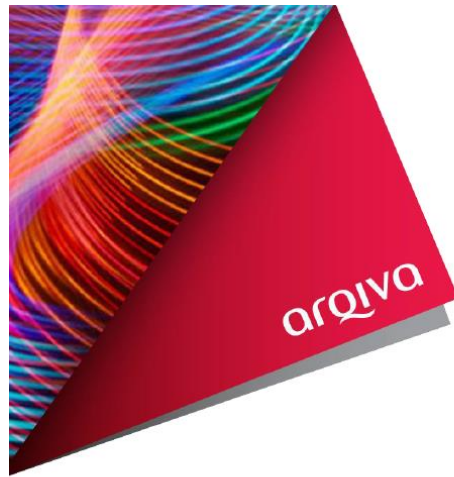
## Ofcom TV White Spaces Pilot Update Event

26<sup>th</sup> June 2014



# Ofcom Pilot Trials





## **Ofcom WSD Workshop Update on white space device testing at the Building Research Establishment**

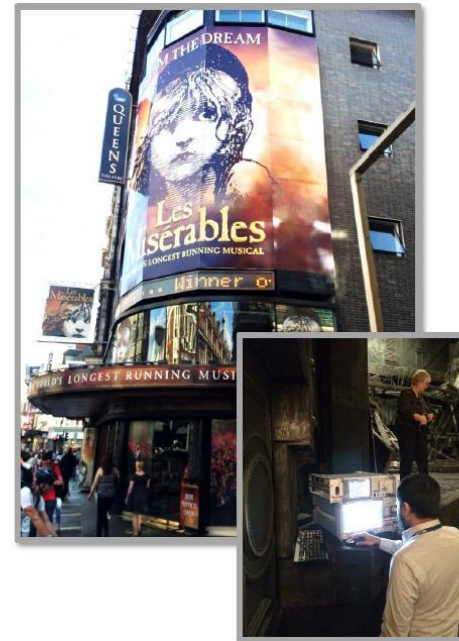
Phil Brown, Mark Waddell, Dave Darlington, Phil Kesby  
26<sup>th</sup> June 2014





## Queens Theatre

- Uses 40 radio microphones on 5 DTT channels and expected 'intermodulation' to be the challenging aspect.
- The first tests were completed in the venue with no cast present.
  - Measured the radio environment
  - Road tested our objective listening test equipment.
  - Introduced WSD emissions on co channel and 1,2,3,5,7,11 adjacent channels
- Following stakeholder discussions, more tests were carried out with the full cast.
  - Monitor and record radio metrics and cast audio



# Glasgow Pilot aims/objectives

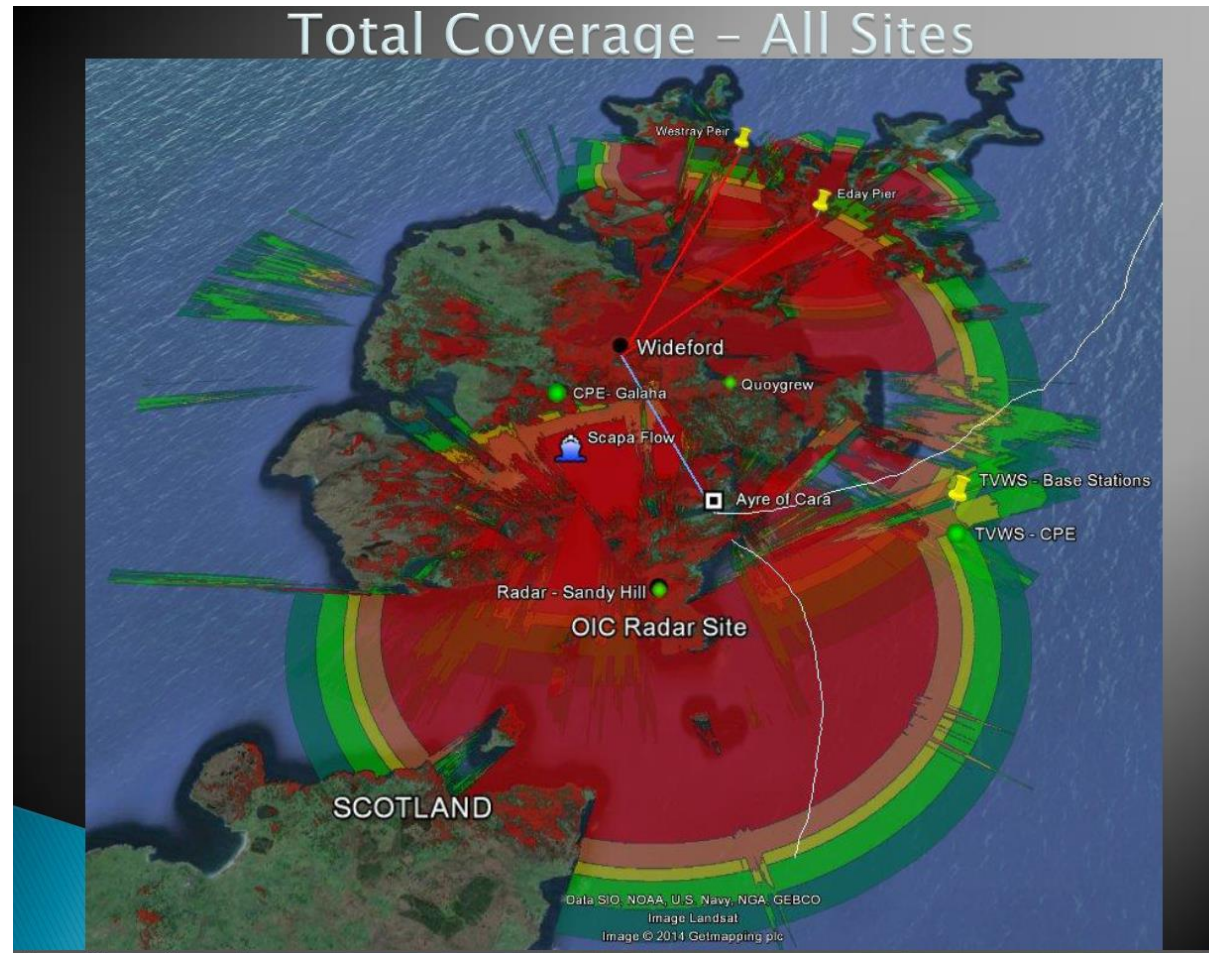
- Assist Ofcom to complete the enabling TVWS regulations
- Showcase wireless and sensor technology expertise in Scotland



Image: CENSIS (Innovation Centre for Sensor and Imaging Systems)



# OFCOM: Island Applications



## Vessels





# Spirit of Marconi Ilse Of Wight Lifeboat



## Pilot Databases

- Databases control the operation of devices and are the key innovation in the TVWS framework
- Databases operation is regulated by Ofcom and a contract has been put in place to do this
- 9 companies have signed a contract for the pilot
- Spectrum Bridge, Fairspectrum, NICT and Nominet having successfully passed the qualification process and their databases are now discoverable by devices
- BT, iconectiv, Microsoft, Sony are going through the qualification process
- Qualification involves self-declaration against specific technical requirements; off-line tests and; simulated online tests



# Ofcom Pilot: Devices

## Devices to be deployed in the Pilot

Adaptrum
Carlson Wireless
Eurecom
6Harmonics
KTS Wireless / Sinecom
Mediatek
MELD
Neul
NICT
Wuxi SensingNet Industrialization Research Institute (WSN)



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**CARLSON**



# What Regulators to do to get there

1. Attend DSA events
2. Learn more about Dynamic Spectrum Access – join or follow DSA
3. Regulatory: ITU WRC 2012 concluded that the current international regulatory framework can accommodate dynamic spectrum access without any changes – so in the hands of national regulators
  - Awareness
  - Proactivity on accessibility and affordability issues
  - Understand & weigh the arguments
  - Legislation and/or regulations in the hands of regulators
- Cf. Ethernet and WiFi took 10 years from policy to commercialisation



- **In the 2020s, Dynamic Spectrum Access should start being the norm, rather than the exception as is today**
- **The Americas and Emerging Economies need Dynamic Spectrum Access .. And they can *confidently* lead a la M-Pesa, rather than just follow**
- **It is good for the Regulator/Government; for Network Economics, for Competition/Industry; for Entrepreneurs**
- **And even better, it can happen, it must happen – via collaboration**
- **A Caribbean saying reinforces the point: “*One hand wash the other, together dey wash the face*” So much more is achieved by co-operation.**