

Mobile Broadband Networks under Mobility

Özgü Alay
Yuba Raj Siwakoti

Simula Research Laboratory AS



Motivation

- Enables many services
 - Telemedicine
 - WIFI on board (public transport)

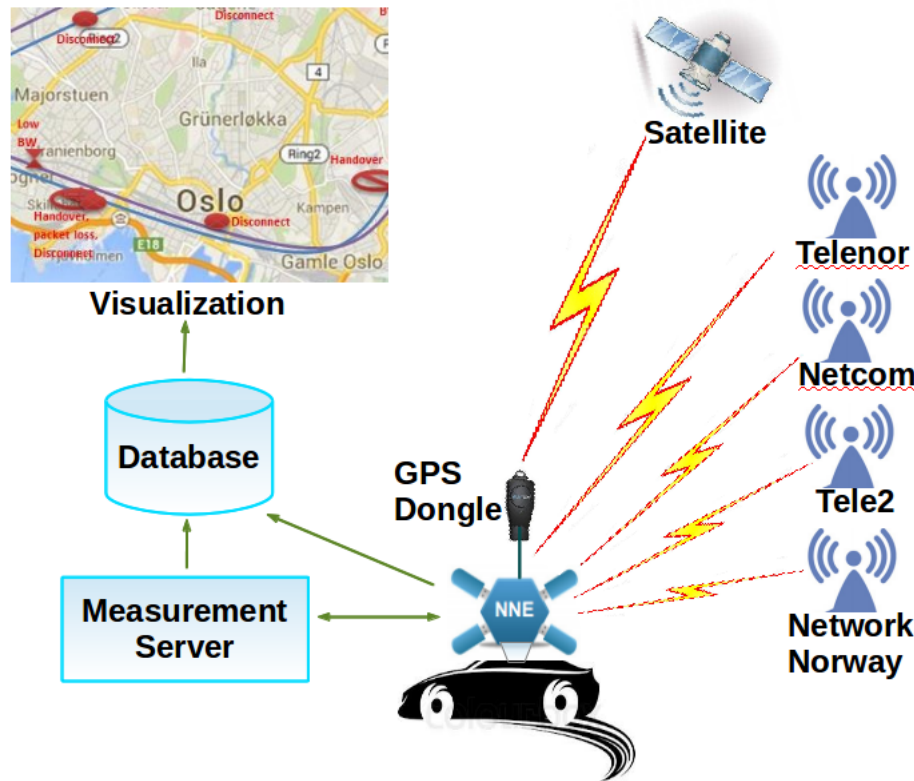
Mobility



Effect of Mobility on MBB Performance

- How mobility affects the user experience?
 - Connectivity
 - Packet Loss
 - Delay
 - Applications
- How does it compare to the static scenario?
- How does the performance change in rural areas compared to city center?

Experiment Setup and Coverage



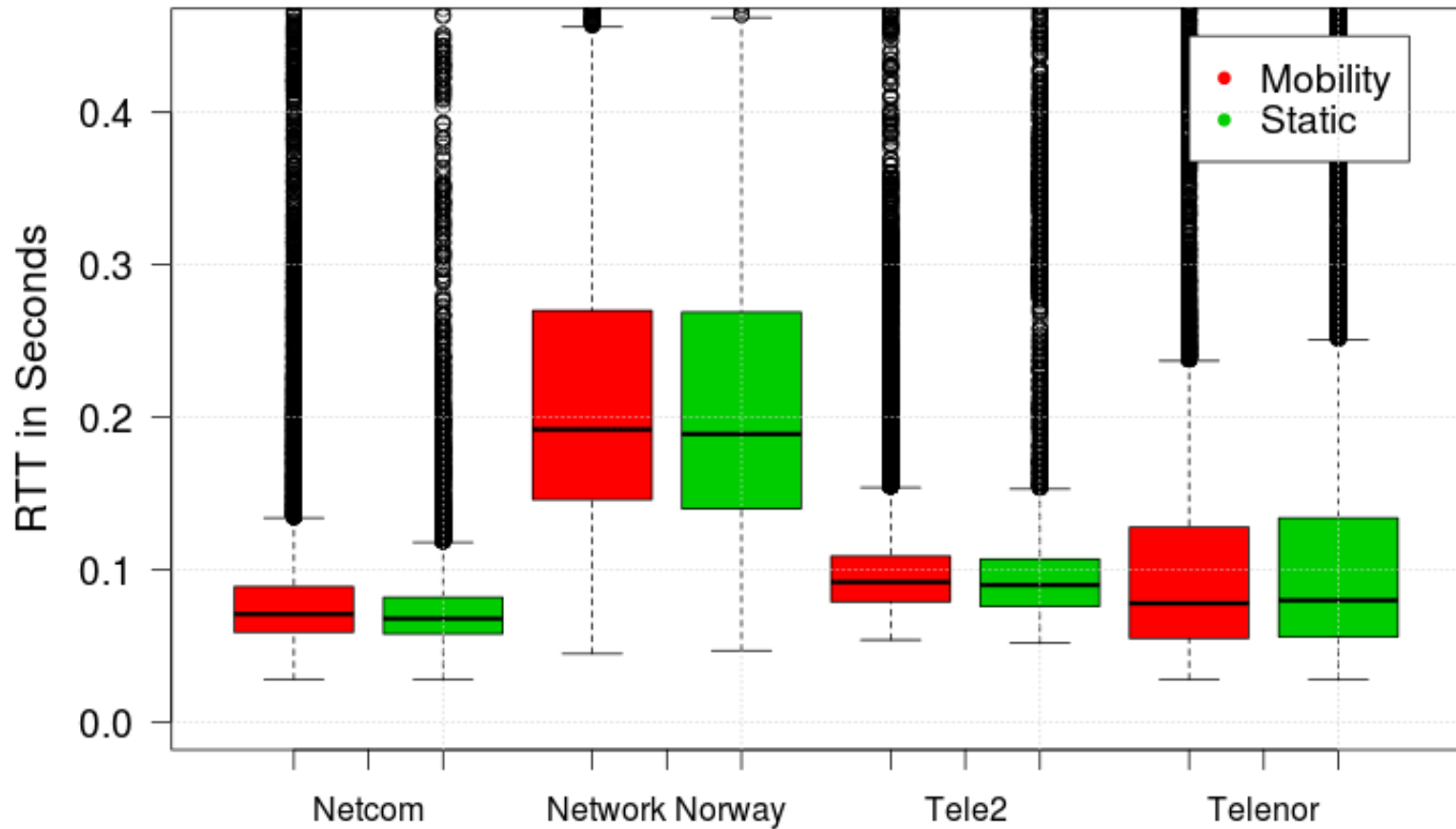
- On busses and trams
- City center
- More than 10 repetitions
- 1400B UDP packet every second

Measurement Parameters/Procedure

- **Connectivity Test**
 - Node sends UDP echo packet each second to server
 - Server replies packet back to node upon arrival
 - Data are logged in both uplink and downlink
 - Repeated measurement for reliability and validity
- **Parameters**
 - Packet Loss: packet sent but not received
 - Consecutive packets received without loss
 - Delay: Round-Trip Time (RTT)
 - MBB radio conditions: Mode/Sub-mode, LAC/Cell, RRC

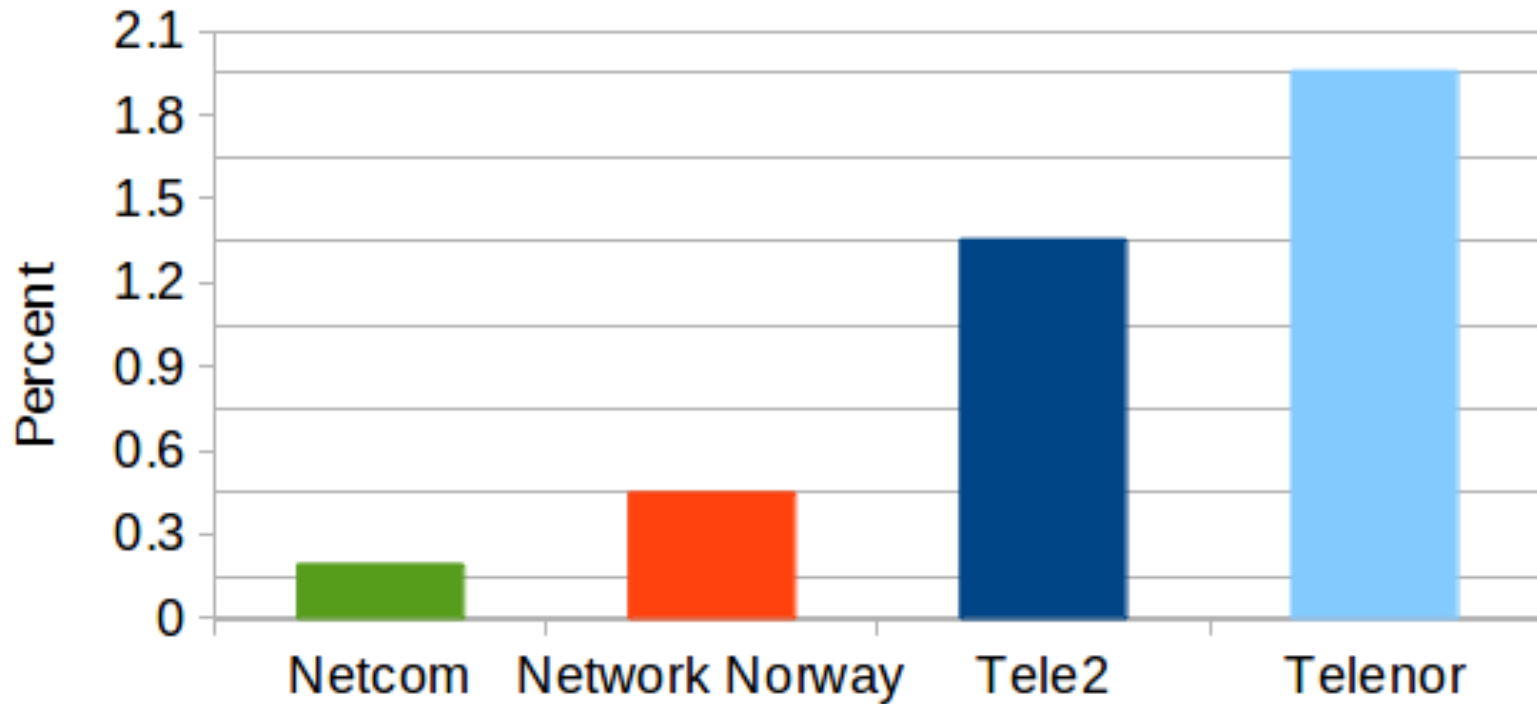
Delay

Boxplots of RTT: Mobility Vs Static



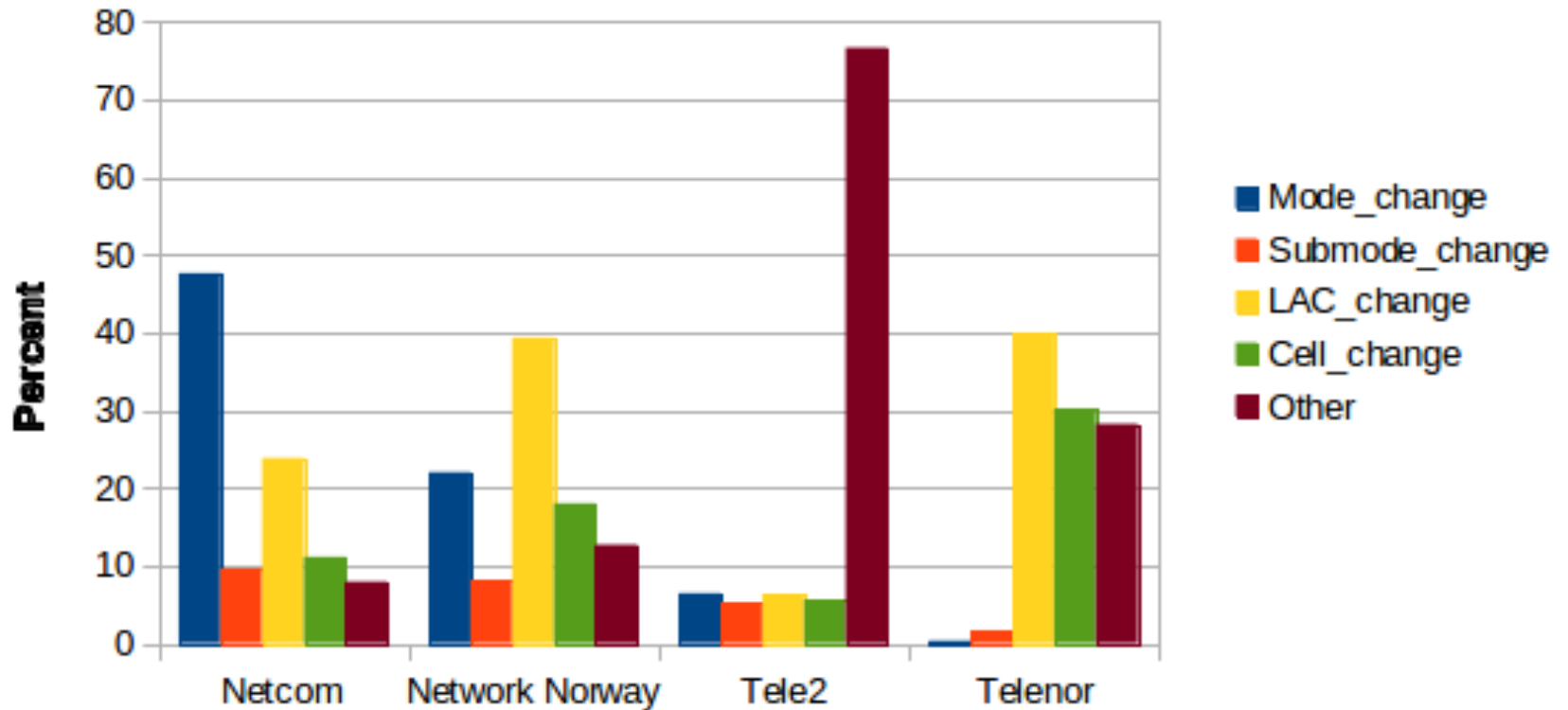
Packet Loss

Total Percentage Packet Loss



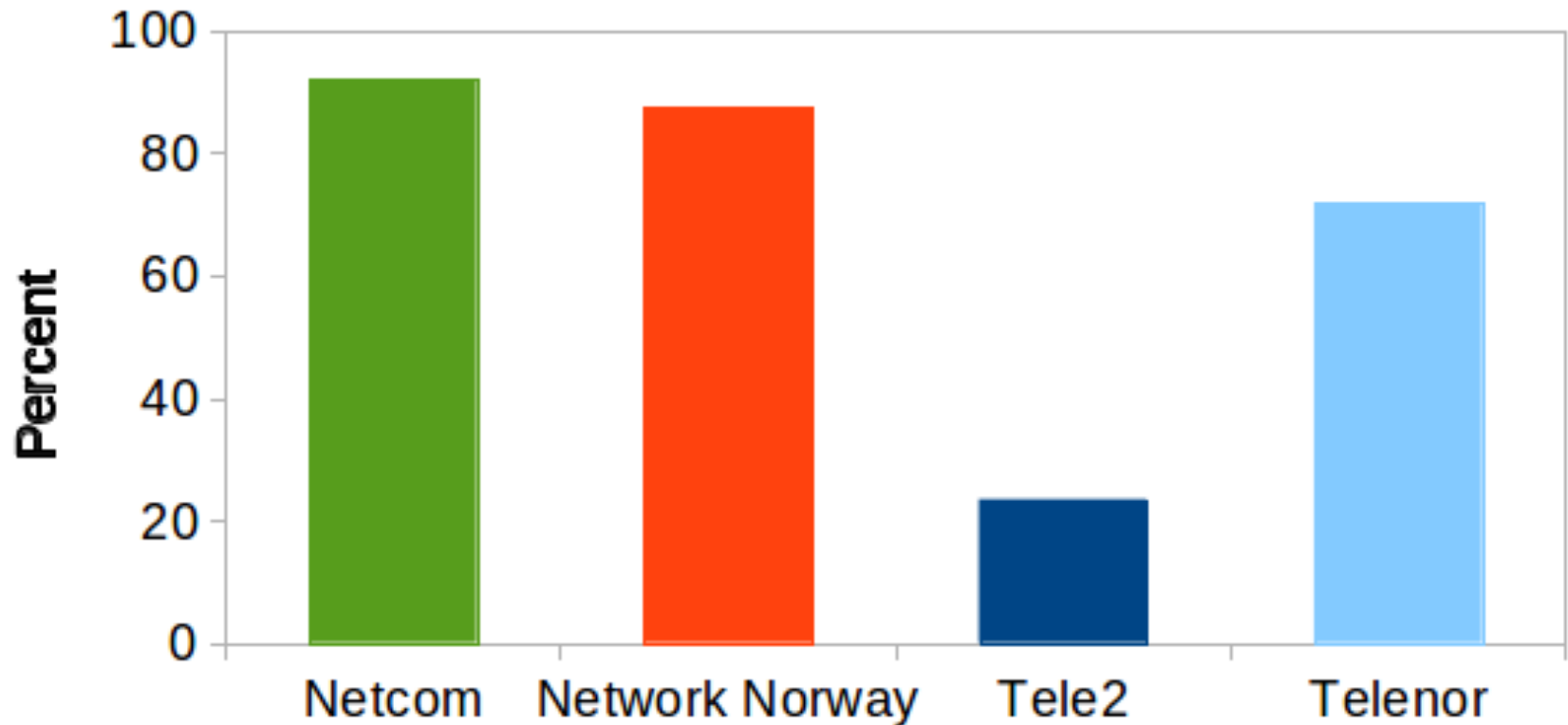
Distribution of Loss

Percent Packet Loss contributed by different events



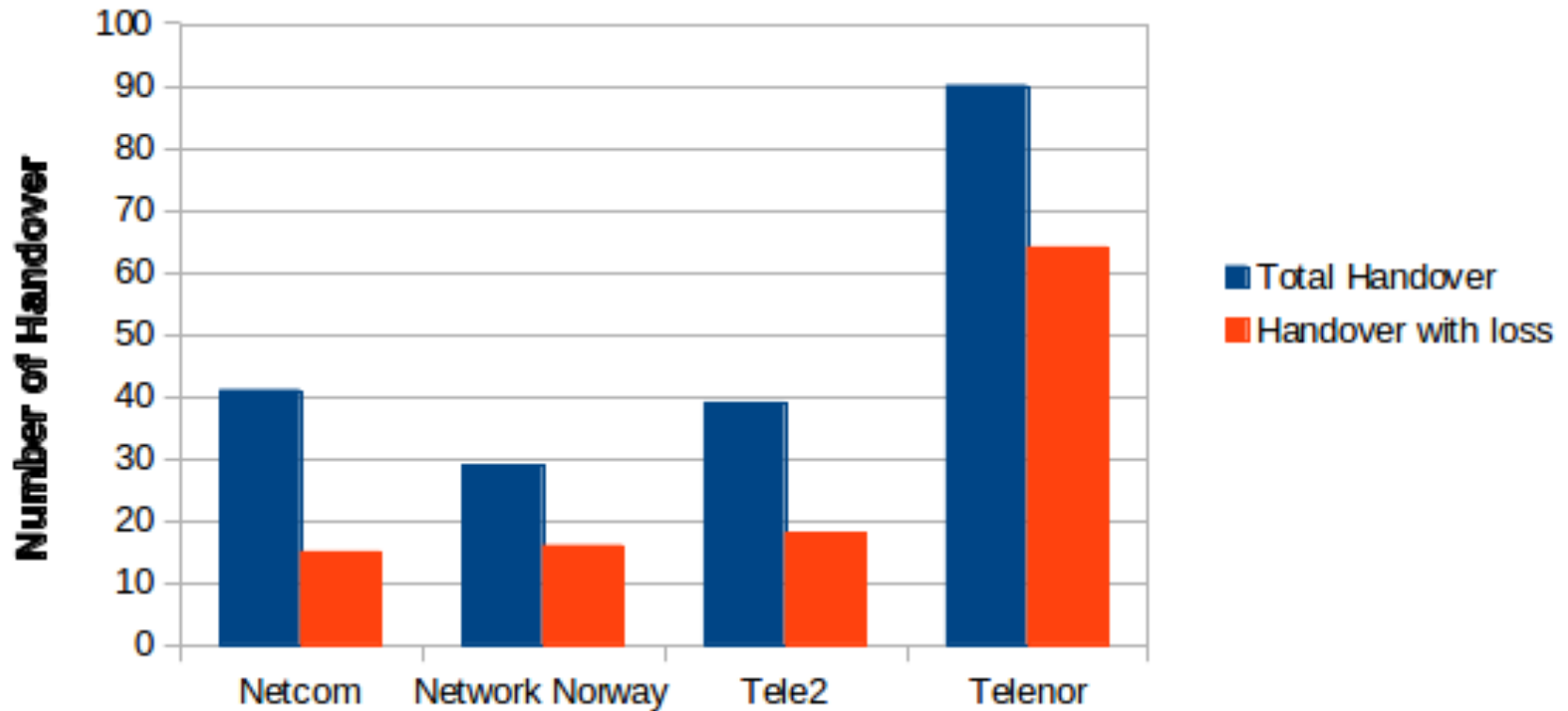
Loss mostly due to handover

Percent Loss Contributed by Handover in Total Loss

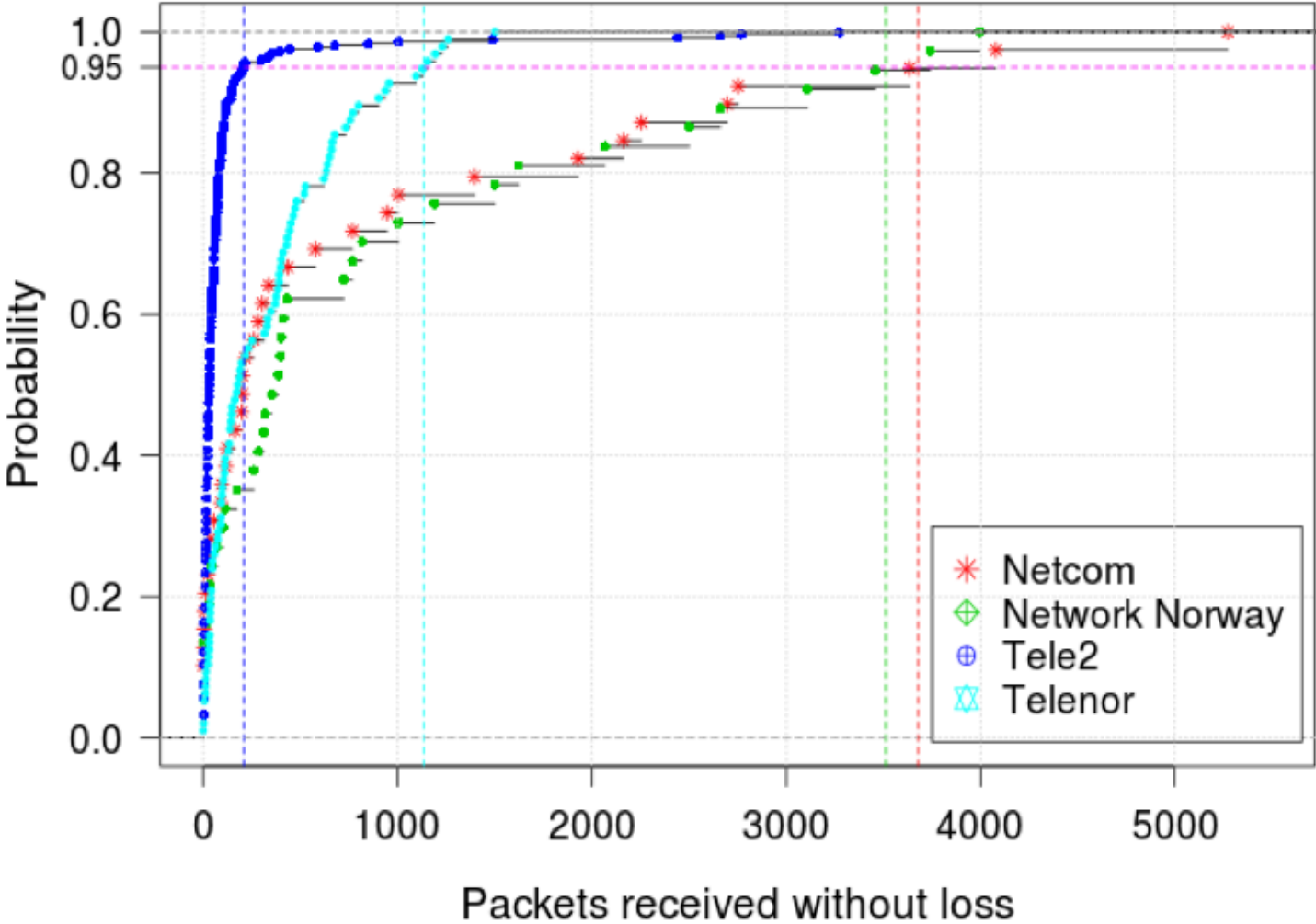


Not all handovers cause loss

Handover with and without loss (Packet sent 32000 plus)



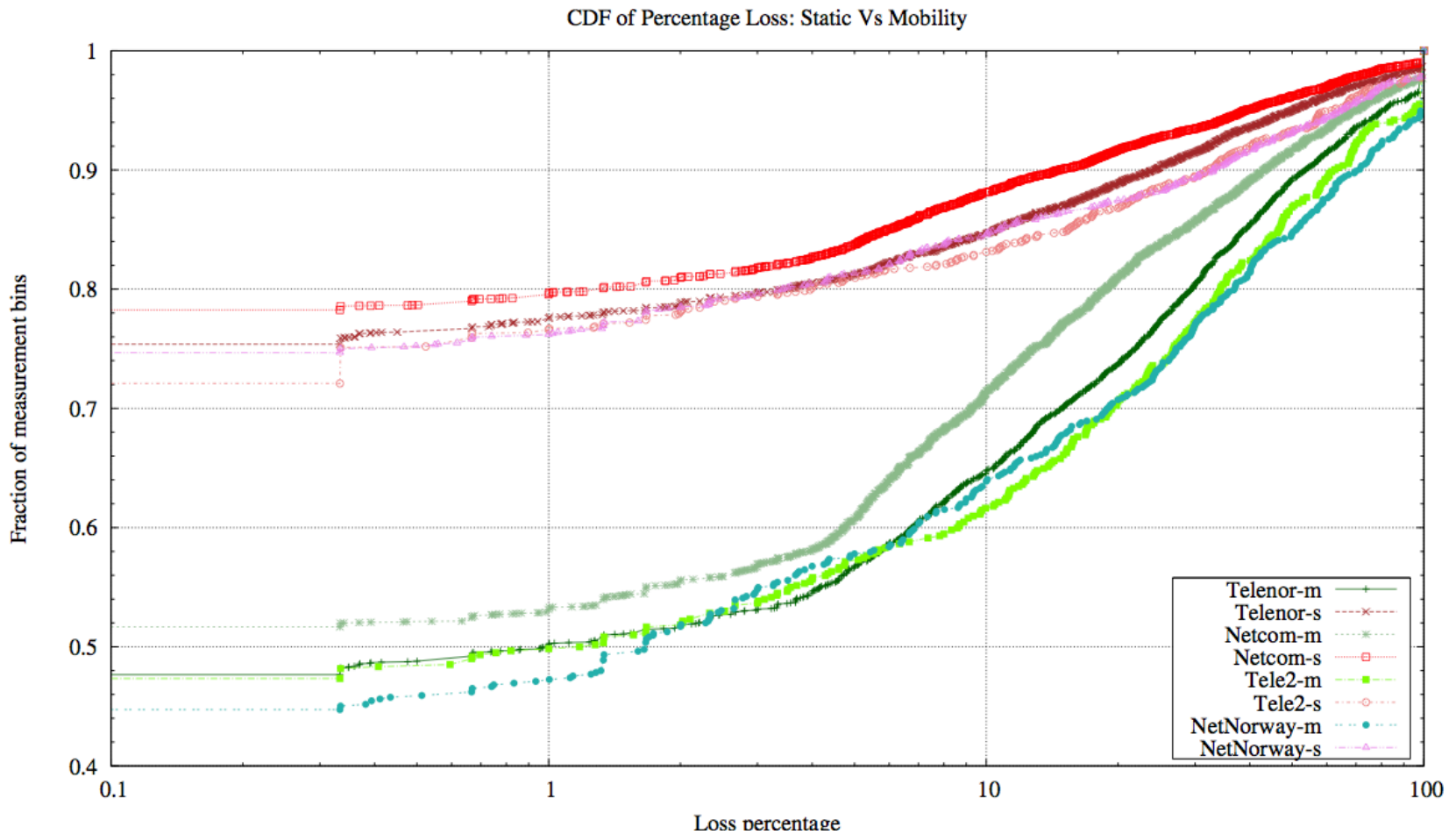
Consecutive Packet Reception



Nodes on the Trains

- Collaboration with NSB and NOMAD Digital
- 4 nodes already deployed to trains
- Targeting 5 more nodes with LTE support next month

Loss: Static vs Mobility



What is next?

- Application performance is of great importance
 - HTTP Download
 - Audio
 - Video Streaming
- Transport protocols behavior
- Different technologies (2G, 3G, 4G/LTE) and their performance under mobility