



# Self Organising Network (SON) in Telecommunication Networks

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Have you ever tried to manage  
30.000 elements with hundreds  
of parameters each by hand?



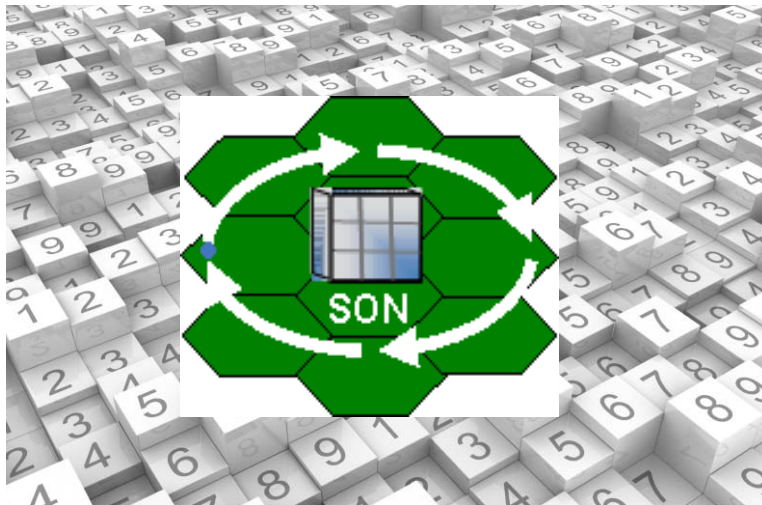
... an impossible task!



... so what is the alternative?



# Self Organising

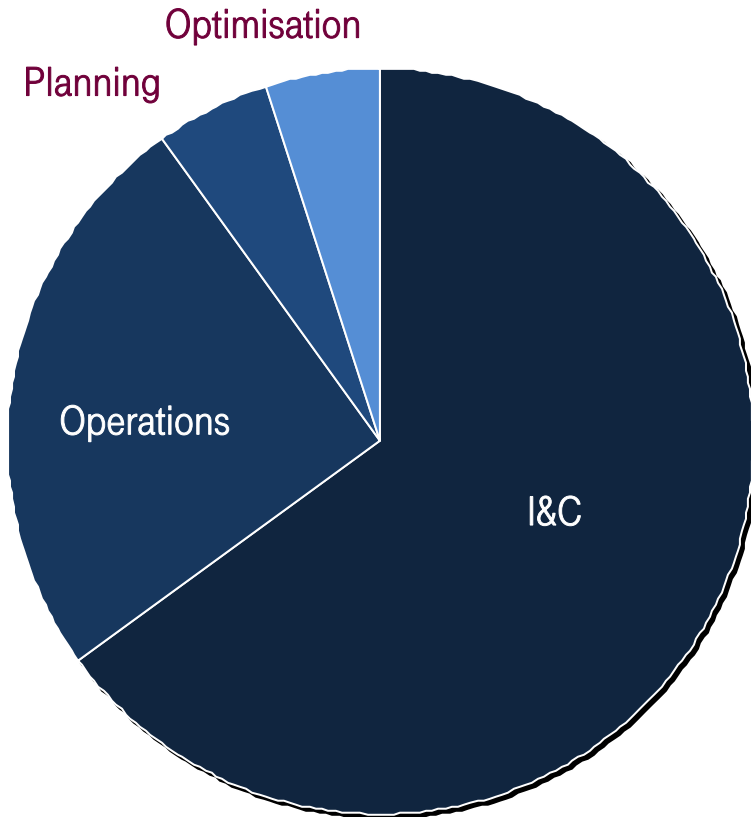


# Overview : Next Generation chance: Self Organising Networks?

- Our vision
- The drivers for SON
- What SON is all about
- Examples for SON features
- SON from an Operator Point of View
- The SON Roadmap
- Summary



# Analysing cost drivers in site life cycle ...



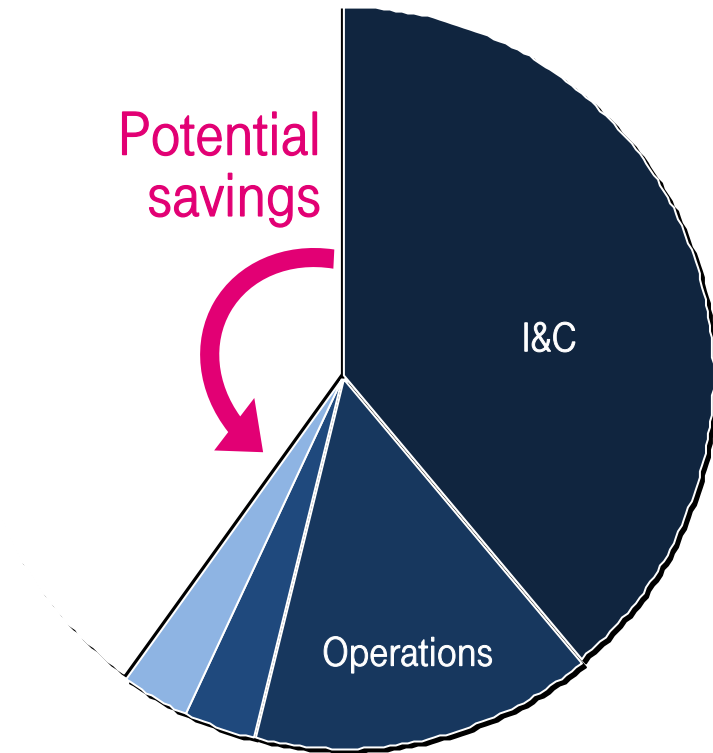
## High cost & effort for

- Installation & commissioning
  - Highly manual work
- Operations
  - Repetitive
  - Highly manual work
- Planning
  - Partially automated
- Optimisation
  - Partially automated

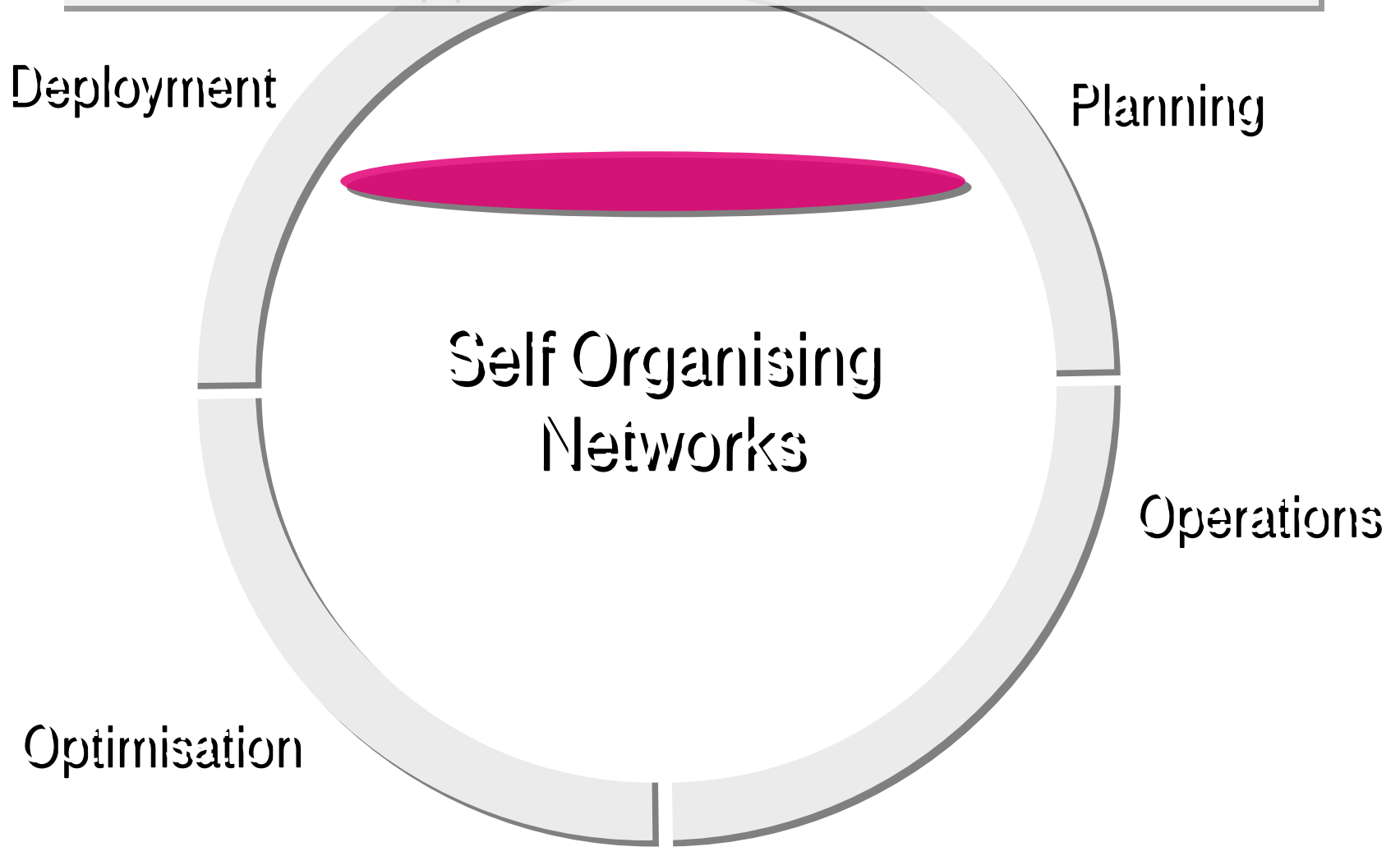


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## Self Organising

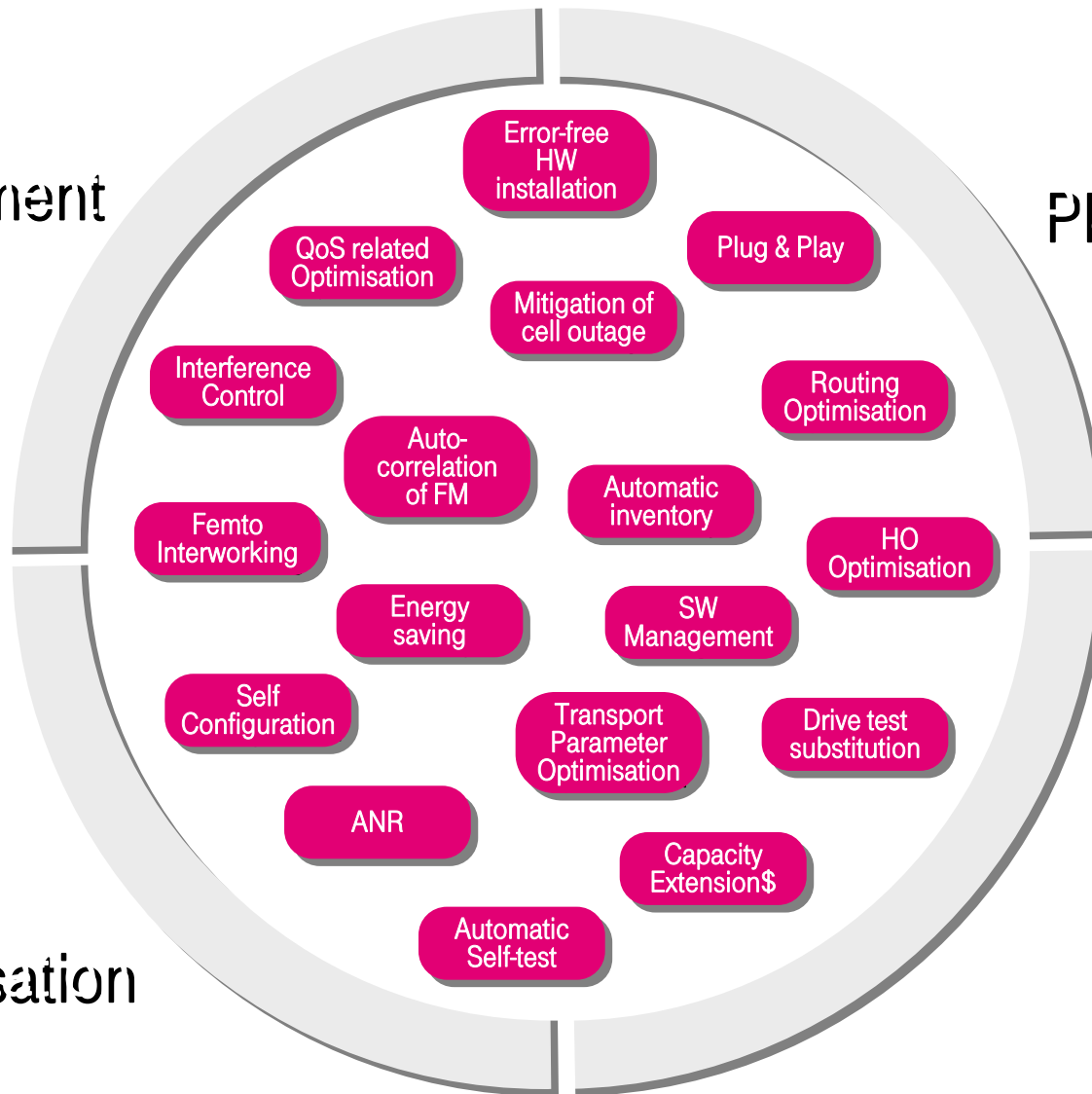


# The holistic approach of SON



Deployment

Planning



Operations

Optimisation



# The Top 10 SON use cases

1	Plug & Play Installation	Focal point
2	ANR (Automatic Neighbour Relationship Configuration)	
3	OSS Integration (Full standardised northbound Configuration-, Alarm- and Performance- Management)	
4	HO Optimisation (Mobility Robustness Optimisation)	
5	Minimisation of drive tests	
6	Cell Outage Compensation	
7	Load Balancing	
8	Energy Saving	
9	Interaction home/macro BTS	
10	QoS optimisation	



# SON concepts & standardisation available

- SON is an important topic in standardisation activities
- 32 SON use cases defined in NGMN
- 21 operators and vendors pushing SON forward (over 100 engineers)
- 9 working groups established dealing with SON related topics
- Resulting concepts and standardisation in **TOP Operational Efficiency Recommendations** published on NGMN webpage:  
<http://www.ngmn.org/nc/downloads/techdownloads.html>
- SON in EU funded projects E<sup>3</sup> and SOCRATES



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# Example for SON features coming soon:

## The fully automated Plug&Play Installation Process

### Conventional installation Process

- 2-3 qualified technician on site
- Hook up to NodeB via Laptop
- Implement configuration files
- Communication between Installer and Operator at OMC Parameter adjustments, testing
- Total duration ca. 2 h

### fully automated Plug&Play Installation

- 1 person on site
- NodeB is self-configured & self tested
- Green light indicates node is on air
- Total duration ca. 20 min

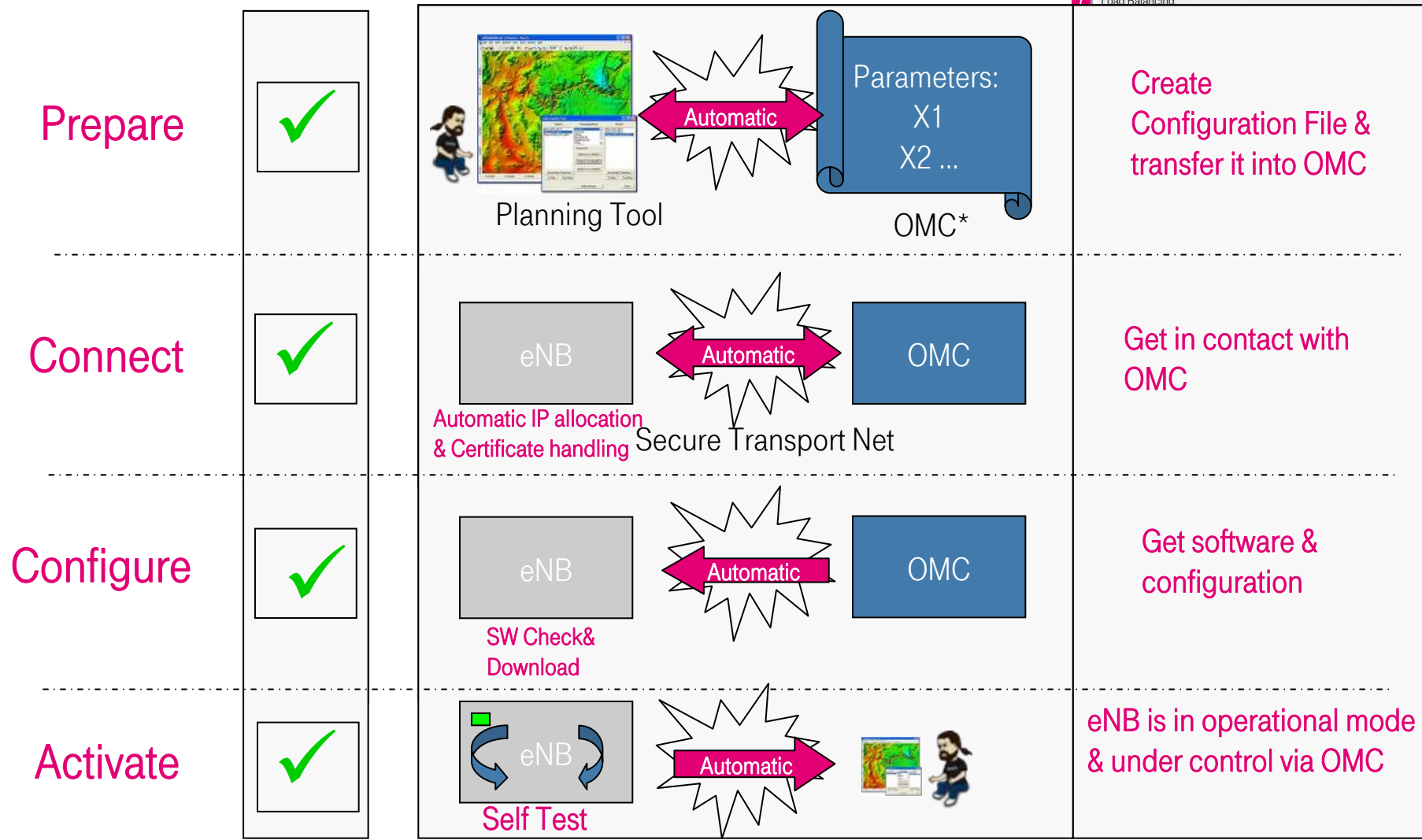


Vision: As simple as installing a WLAN Router



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# Plug'n Play Proof of Concept is given



\*OMC: Operation & Maintenance Center

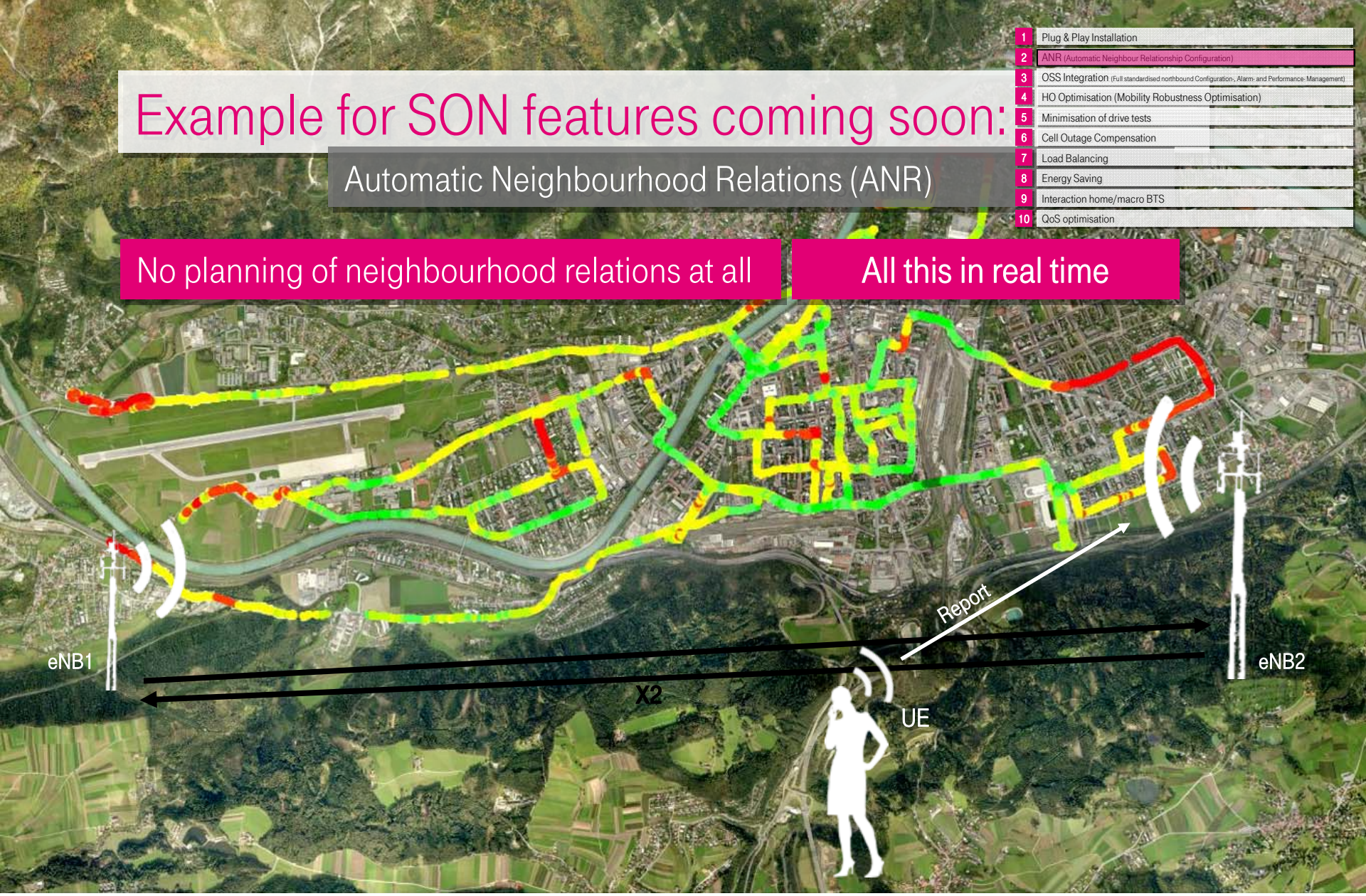
# Example for SON features coming soon:

Automatic Neighbourhood Relations (ANR)

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No planning of neighbourhood relations at all

All this in real time



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# ANR successfully tested in trial networks

HO performance without NR pre-planning



without ANR

- NR configured manually
- typical number of HO
- typical number of call drops
- manually optimised network

with ANR

- Results in two trials with two different infrastructures
  - No change of typical HO number
  - Quality on same level as with planned configuration
  - ANR works on the fly: neighbour is identified, configured and HO can take place in nearly real time
  - ANR is reactive on network changes

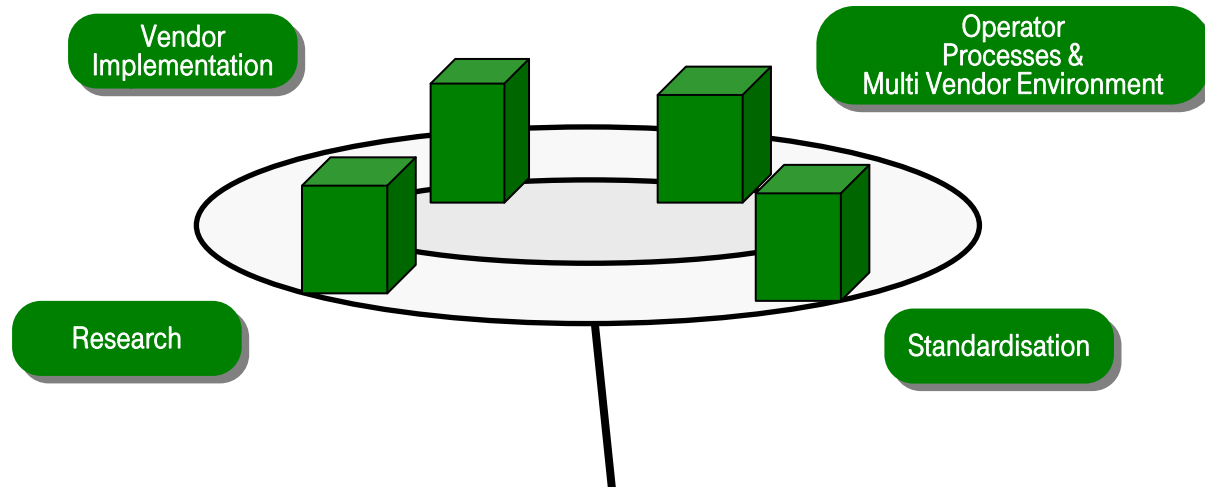
With ANR: high quality can be achieved without spending effort for planning & optimization



# SON realization needs balance

## Operator To Do's:

- push creation of SON concepts and its standardization
- agree in contracts with vendors on SON realization
- balance out implementation and operator's specifics in "Proof of Concept" (PoC)
- earn the benefits and savings in production



# SON is coming

(Status in October 2010)

Plug & Play Installation	C ✓	A ✓	PoC ✓	iP
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# SON is real!

- ▶ SON is crucial for the whole mobile industry (operators & vendors)
- ✓ SON is real!! First features of SON expected soon:
  - proof of concept done in field and lab tests
  - availability in live networks in 2010
  - improvements and further SON features to follow soon
- ▶ We have to live the SON idea to make it happen
- ▶ We are at the beginning of the road – keep on pushing



Thank you for your attention.

