

Addressing the Prototyping Challenges of emerging 5G Standards, Platforms and Applications



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#### FOKUS NGNI GENERAL BUSINESS STRATEGY



Based on our OpenXXX toolkits Provided via a 'Testbed as a Service' or 'Testbed2Go Model' Cross-financed by industry, EU and public funding

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# Deployed FOKUS Testbeds 2 Go around the World Telco Operators Research And Academia Testbeds are located at the customer premises Vendors R&D - Under the complete control of the local partners Vendors R&D

- Remote support via VPNs (for a reduced number of testbeds)
- Bug fixes and updates are done via: email reports (network traces, cores) → svn updates



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#### Addressing the R&D Requirements of an emerging Digital World

- Enabling the hands-on understanding of converging network and service technologies
  - Motivating research activities
  - Generating new relevant ideas / concepts / design & specification
- Filling the gap between research and product development by providing initial realistic environment prototyping
- Providing trust in research through realistic environments testbeds
- Mirroring operator core network functionality
- Providing a vendor independent platform

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- Providing standard interfaces for product prototyping
- Providing missing components for large integrated testbeds and trials
- Providing the counterpart for product development



#### **Target: Providing Realistic Testbed Platform Toolkits**





#### **FOKUS Testbed Evolution**



#### OSA/Parlay Playground









#### Smart Communications Playground

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#### FOKUS OPEN IMS PLAYGROUND

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#### The FUSECO Playground - Testbed aaS ONE-STOP-SHOP TESTBED FOR FUTURE SEAMLESS COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES

#### Multi-technology testbed uniting:

- Wireless Lab based on Open5GCore a prototype implementation of the emerging 5G Core inspired by 3GPP EPC - enabling Mobile Broadband Applications and based on Open Source IMS Core – key technology enabling VoLTE and RCS and next generation mobile multimedia communication services
- Cloud Testbed based on OpenStack enabling laaS and PaaS
- M2M Testbed based on OpenMTC, ETSI & oneM2M standards, enabling Machine Type Communication systems
- SDN Testbed based on OpenSDNCore, realizing Network Functions Virtualisation (NFV) and Software Defined Network (SDN) concepts







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#### **5G KEY CAPABILITIES**

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**NGMN VISION - 5G WHITE PAPER** 

*"5G is an end-to-end ecosystem to enable a fully mobile and connected society.* 

It empowers value creation towards customers and partners, through existing and emerging use cases, delivered with consistent experience, and enabled by sustainable business models."

5G White Paper – Executive Version, Version 1.0, 22nd December 2014



#### **5G ARCHITECTURE**





#### **5G PARALLEL NETWORK SLICES - DYNAMIC VNO ENABLEMENT**



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#### **OPEN 5G PLAYGROUND - THE FIRST REAL 5G TESTBED TO USE**







#### Pre-standard Research & Testbed for the 5G ecosystem

- 5G ecosystem aims to provide the next wireless system beyond LTE/EPC
  - More efficient communication for the subscribers (low delay/high capacity)
  - Providing the users a means to control their environment (automation/reliability)
  - Providing communication for other markets (Industry 4.0, eHealth, energy, critical)
- Fraunhofer FOKUS is developing the NON-OPEN SOURCE
   Open5GCore toolkit enabling R&D in the fields of:
  - 5G Radio Support
  - Convergence with LTE, WiFi, Fixed and Satellite
  - Intelligent network management
  - Virtualisation and softwareizaton
  - Devices and applications
- Open5GCore is a pre-standard software implementation:
  - Addressing 3GPP, ETSI NFV, IETF, ONF standards
  - Designed for the specific R&D needs



#### **Open5GCore Rel 1**

#### **Providing the basis for 5G research**

- Open5GCore is an R&D prototype, including features with high industry relevance from the Fraunhofer FOKUS research activities, based on 3GPP standards (Rel. 11, 12, 13, ...)
- The principles of standard alignment, configurability and extensibility have been respected in the overall architecture and in the specific components implemented
- Open5GCore enables the establishment of a small test operator network including:
  - LTE/5G signaling protocol stack and components
  - Multi-access devices support
  - Runtime flexibility and robustness features
    - Functionality co-location features
    - Control plane selection
    - Shortest data paths
  - Benchmarking

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- Fundamental core network functionality for LTE and WiFi LTE Handover Support
  - Mobility, AAA, access selection, common devices and radio support
    - **Please Note**: Open5GCore is designed for laboratory testbeds and does not claim 100% standard compliance

Real eNB

LTE/5G Signalling

open5Gcore

Benchmarking

Real LTE UEs

x1000 subcribers

HSS

S1-MME

Switch

Data Path Elexibility

Shortes Data Path



(MME, SGW-C, PGW-C) CTRL

Switch

Emulated eNB

Control-data plane split

Single Switch

#### **Open5GCore Rel 1**

#### **Features, Functionality and Components**

- 5G Radio Enhancements
- Functionality Co-Location
- Runtime Flexibility and Robustness
- Data Path Flexibility
- Benchmarking
- Fundamental Core Network Functionality
- Advanced Access Network Selection





#### **AVAILABILITY AND ROADMAP**





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#### **Outlook: Open5GCore November 2015 Release**



# The November release will feature a revolutionary set of features towards a more flexible network architecture

- Requirements:
  - Separating the network management from the subscriber control
  - No specific subscriber state at data path level
  - Dynamic data path selection based on network topology
  - Distributed control plane separated from radio management
  - Fluid subscriber state (edge/central)
  - Simple control plane communication
  - Adapted charging mechanism
  - Single subscription profile
  - Convergence with fixed networks
  - Interoperable with WLAN and LTE
  - Interconnected with CRM





#### **Open5GCore November 2015 Release**



#### **Features**

- Separation of management functionality
  - Radio resource management  $\rightarrow$  separate system
  - Subscriber management (AAA, QoS) → access dependent
  - Data path selection  $\rightarrow$  based on SFC/SDN
- New charging system
- Service based data paths
- Background data traffic support
- Analytics on demand
- Controller-to-controller communication
- Mobile edge computing
- Network functions placement
- Dynamic spectrum allocation



#### **Developing Mobile Edge Computing in Open5GCore**



Main architectural features:

- Edge Node: Open5GCore controller and switch are moved next to the base station
- Central node: very large capacity central node
- SDN/SFC interconnection network controlled by edge and central nodes

Deployment options:

- Each edge node has direct access
- to Internet and to the HSS
- Multiple eNBs can be connected to the same edge node
- UEs may connect transparently through the edge node or directly to central node





#### **Role of SDN/NFV in the Networking Stack**



#### SDN/NFV provide a novel virtual service enablement layer

- SDN/NFV platform acts as an end-to-end middleware between:
  - A distributed heterogeneous infrastructure including dedicated components (e.g. radio), heterogeneous data centers (compute & storage) and inter-connecting networks (fronthaul, backhaul, third party backbone, etc.)
  - Generic network functions implemented in software and running in virtual machines
    - Virtualised IMS, EPC, radio and SGi components, home and enterprise networks, Application Servers, etc.





Public Cloud

#### Beyond basic NFV/SDN and towards carrier-grade cloud

- OpenSDNCore is an R&D prototype, providing advanced features with high industry relevance for carrier-grade NFV/SDN solutions
- The principles of standard alignment, configurability and extensibility have been respected in the overall architecture and in the specific components implemented
- Addressing a multi-data center infrastructure, OpenSDNCore includes:
  - Network Functions Orchestration (based on ETSI MANO)
    - Policy based orchestration
    - Network functions placement
    - Controlling multiple OpenStack instances
    - Enabling public cloud deployments
    - Managing vEPC, vIMS, v5Gcore, ...
  - Software Defined Networks (SDN)
    - Highly customizable network environment
    - Inter-data center Service Function Chaining
    - Integration with physical infrastructure

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#### **OpenSDNCore Rel. 2: complete NFV/SDN environment**



 Management and orchestration (NFV MANO) of OpenStack based Virtual Network Infrastructures Open

Core

**SDN** 



#### Virtual Network Functions: Open5GCore

#### **Deployment of various core network implementation architectures**

- N:3 architecture with Switch, Controller and HSS:
  - With a merged MME SGW-C and PGW-C
  - With a merged SGW-U in the PGW-U



#### **OpenSDNCore Default Infrastructure – The Running Testbed**

## Underling infrastructure mirrors the essential features of a carrier-grade cloud service provider

- Integrated with real radio networks
  - WiFi and LTE
- Distributed Network Function Virtualization Infrastructure (NFVI)
  - 3 OpenStack data centers
  - Public cloud integration
- Realistic simplified inter-connection network
  - Managed or un-managed
  - Enabling connectivity to Internet







#### Toolkit providing the missing link towards the connected devices

- Within 5G environment a huge number of devices will be connected to the network
  - With different communication requirements (delay/capacity)
  - With different communication patterns (on exceptional events, regular, continuous)
  - With different reliability requirements and information trust levels
  - Requiring easy remote management/administration/calibration
- Fraunhofer FOKUS is developing the NON-OPEN SOURCE
   Open5GMTC toolkit enabling R&D in the fields of:
  - Connectivity management
  - End-to-end service establishment
  - Security and reliability of communication
  - Device management and automation
- Open5GMTC is a pre-standard software implementation:
  - Addressing 3GPP, OMA, ETSI NFV and IETF standards
  - Designed for the providing high capacity testbeds (x1000 of devices)



# Providing a cost efficient testbed with a very high number of connected devices

open 5G mtc

open5Gcore

Benchmarking

Real Sensors/ Gateways (GWs)

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HSS

Real eNB

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CTRL

Switch

Connectivity/ OoS Negotiation

Switch

Emulated eNB

- Open5G-MTC is an R&D prototype, providing advanced features for device and connectivity management of a very large number of wireless devices (human controlled or machines)
- The principles of standard alignment, configurability and extensibility have been respected in the overall architecture and in the specific components implemented
- Open5G-MTC enables the establishment of relevant device oriented testbeds including:

DM Server

- Device Management with OMA DM and LW M2M
- Connectivity and transport management for virtualised network infrastructures
- Cost effective support for x1000 devices testing and evaluation
- Integrating with OpenMTC for M2M protocols
- Coming Soon: Integration with the Open5GCore for providing extensive 5G testbeds

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#### **Research directions list: Answering to the 5G environment needs**

- Comprehensive emulation of heterogeneous real environments
- Using efficiently the 5G network capabilities
- Embedding the connectivity and data into the 5G network
- Providing highly robust infrastructures for different markets
- Resilience/reliability/trust
- Automatic testing of the environment / easiness of management
  - Automatic Firmware Upgrades including testing
  - Auto-Calibration process
- Integrating with virtualised network platforms
- Connectivity management

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- Connection status evaluation
- Device communication status
- Integrating with Open5GCore







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#### USEFUL LINKS





- Fraunhofer FOKUS NGNI Competence Center: www.fokus.fraunhofer.de/go/ngni
- TU Berlin Chair for Next Generation Networks: www.av.tu-berlin.de

#### **Testbed Toolkits:**

- Open IMS Core Project: www.openimscore.org
- Open MTC Project: www.open-mtc.org
- Open EPC Project: www.openEPC.net
- Open 5GMTC Project: www.open5GMTC.org
- Open 5G Core Project: www.Open5GCore.org
- Open SDN Core Project: www.OpenSDNCore.org
- Future Internet testbed federation tool FITeagle: www.fiteagle.org

#### Testbeds

- Future Seamless Communication Playground: www.fuseco-playground.org
- Open 5G Playground: www.5G-Playground.org
- DAAD UNIFI Project: www.daad-unifi.org

#### **Workshops and Conferences**

- Future Seamless Communications Forum: www.fuseco-forum.org

GI/KUVS Next Generation SDP Expert Talk series: www.KUVS-NGSDP.org