CREATING THE LIVING NETWORK

Fronthaul and Backhaul for 5G and Beyond

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- Central mission is to drive technology collaboration & partnership initiatives in the areas of 5G & IoT across the European stage
- Happy to call London and "Tech City" our home affording us easy access to anywhere in Europe
- We play in Horizon 2020, 5GPPP, Innovate UK and are always looking to create new projects and alliances
- Already seeing some good results with Seven
 5G Wins in EU competition (H2020) so far
- Also driving a integrated transport initiative, oneTRANSPORT in the area of the IoT



Part 1 – The path to next generation (5G+) transport *An Integrated Fronthaul and Backhaul*







Transport Network in the E2E Picture



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5G(+) Key Performance Indicators

- ✓ 1,000 X in mobile data volume per geographical area reaching a target ≥ 10 Tb/s/km²
- ✓ 1,000 X in number of connected devices reaching a density ≥ 1M terminals/km²
- ✓ 100 X in user data rate reaching a peak terminal data rate ≥ 10Gb/s
- ✓ 1/10 X in energy consumption compared to 2010
- ✓ 1/5 X in end-to-end latency reaching 5 ms for e.g. tactile Internet and radio link latency reaching a target ≤ 1 ms for e.g. V2V communication
- ✓ 1/5 X in network management **OPEX**
- ✓ 1/1,000 X in service deployment time reaching a complete deployment in ≤ 90 minutes

Vision

A unified programmable and shareable infrastructure that can deliver flexibly, speedily and efficiently all the diverse services envisioned



Mapping the 5G(+) KPIs on the Backhaul





Mapping the 5G(+) KPIs on the Fronthaul





Recipe for 5G(+) Backhaul and Fronthaul



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What is being done where?

- Use cases, gaps, requirements, architectures
 - NGMN, ITU-T 2020 FG, ITU-R WP5D, 3GPP
- Gbps transmission technology
 - Wired: ITU-T SG15, NG-PON2, FSAN
 - Wireless: ETSI mWT, IEEE 802.11ay
- Wireless access protocol functional splits
 - 3GPP, IEEE 802.11, SCF
- FH/BH traffic packetization (formatting)
 - Fronthaul: CPRI/eCPRI, NGFI (IEEE 1914.1)
 - Backhaul: VLAN (IEEE 802.1Q), MPLS

- FH/BH switching protocols
 - IEEE 802.1CM TSN, IETF DETNET
- SDN control
 - ONF, OpenDayLight, ONOS, IRTF SDNRG, ITU-T SG13, IEEE 802.1CF
- NFV-based management
 - ETSI NFV, IRTF NFVRG, OPNFV, OpenStack
- Edge networking and computing
 - ETSI MEC

Standardization Roadmap

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Identification of gaps, use cases, functional split profiles, initial requirements and architectures: ITU, 3GPP, IEEE, NGMN, BBF, SCF				
Specification of Gbps transmission technologies (wired and wireless) supporting 5G traffic: ITU-T, XG Ethernet, ETSI mWT, IEEE 802.11, 3GPP				
Specification of transport formats and forwarding protocols suitable for the envisioned traffic profiles: IEEE 1914, IEEE 802.1, CPRI, IETF				
Extensions of SDN control framework (procedures, interfaces) for the support of mobile FH/BH: ONF, ODL, ONOS, ITU-T SG13, IRTF SDNRG				
Extensions for flexible support of distributed/centralized clouds: ETSI-MEC, IETF, OPNFV				
Extensions for interworking with other domains: core and access: ETSI, 3GPP				
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Part 2 – Testbed Trials *First trials of new FH and BH multiplexed over mmW*







5G-Berlin Testbed Trials 2016

Integrated mmW Mesh Transport – multiplexing Fronthaul and Backhaul traffic over long-range mmW links. tolerance and high-availability.



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Physical Deployment Outdoor



Testbed spans three buildings across the HHL and **Berlin Technical University Campus** connected via EdgeLink mmW transport links



Demonstration September 2016

http://5g-crosshaul.eu/5g-crosshaul-demonstrates-integrated-fronthaul-and-backhaul-over-millimeter-wave-system/



A long range mmWave mesh able to multiplex packet-based new **Fronthaul and** Backhaul and to recover eventual link blockages by means of SDN



Take-Away

- Most of the key technology pillars envisaged in 5G core and access, such as SDN, NFV, MEC and mmWave, find their use too in defining the next generation transport network
- The fronthaul is moving from complex and rigid CPRI to more relaxed (backhaul-lean) **eCPRI/NGFI** with new functional splits
- Fronthaul and Backhaul are **converging** into a common **Crosshaul** packetswitching network with unified control and data planes
- Several gaps remain before the next generation transport is ready, and COST IRACON may contribute to address some of these gaps
 - In particular, mmWave transmission of fronthaul/backhaul including at very high frequencies (up to 300 GHz) could be particularly relevant to COST IRACON from a radio channel modelling perspective (Ref. ETSI mWT ISG)



Thank You!

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