5G evolution A telco perspective

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Towards 5G



5G networks have to be operated by intelligent orchestration platforms able to support end- to-end applications and services provisioning over a programmable network, compute and storage infrastructure. By leveraging virtualization and softwarization technologies, developers and operators will better match needs and capabilities, building applicationaware networks and network-aware applications.

The integration of verticals is being considered one of the key differentiators between 4G and 5G systems to open truly global markets for innovative digital business models.



5G ecosystem overview



Global Market overview

Unique mobile subscribers

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2017 5.0bn PENETRATION RATE 71% 66% (% of population) 2025 2.1% 5.9bn

YoY 2017 -2025

Mobile Internes users

2017





Mobile technology timelines The next revolution is here

1990s **2G**

coverage voice plans

1980s **1G**

mobile voice

2010s **4G**



data usage

unlimited voice / SMS the smartphone is king same network for all multi SIM multi screen family offers smartphone adoption convergent bundles Wi-Fi for intensive use segmented data plans

Connectivity **Internet of Things**

2020s **5G**

Business Models Agility

Technology Programmability

5G promises: faster, higher



5G worldwide deployments plans



*https://uk5g.org GSA Report August 2018

5G new services panel

High Reliability

High Capacity

High Speed

Low Latency

Massive Connectivity

Broadband Access in Dense Areas service availability in densely-populated areas



Broadband Access Everywhere 50+ Mbps everywhere at ultra-low cost

Communications

Extreme Real-Time

autonomous driving &

Communications

natural disasters

Lifeline

AI



Ultra-reliable Communications robots control e-Health

services at speeds

greater than 500km/h

Higher User

Mobility



Massive **Internet of Things** low-cost / longrange / low-power









5G key features





5G network slicing

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Economic context for deploying

- One big network for all services types
- Separate dedicated core networks per service type
- Network slice per service type (Service n slice)



*NGMN



5G Intelligent Connectivity

Fusion of 5G, AI and IoT



Smart Platforms with Al





IoT – Everything Connected



Smarter and productive

Applicability

Entertainment - Gaming

Autonomous Transportation

Enhanced Public Services

Industry

Sustainability

Connectivity

5G System – Goal and Services

- 5G system needs also to support stringent KPIs for latency, reliability, throughput, etc. Enhancements in the air interface contribute to meeting these KPIs as do enhancements in the core network, such as network slicing, in-network caching and hosting services closer to the end points.
- **5G system** shall enable the user of a single terminal to establish and maintain several connections simultaneously. It shall be possible for a user to be associated with one or a number of user profiles and be active simultaneously.
- A subscription describes the commercial relationship between the subscriber and the service provider. A Subscription shall identify the set of services, within particular domains, to which the user has access; each subscription may specify a different set of services.
- **5G system** shall efficiently cater for applications which have variable requirements relating to specific QoS parameters (e.g. throughput) whilst meeting other QoS targets. It shall also cater for applications which are able to take adapt to a range of variations in QoS.



Characteristics of 5G systems

Network slicing selection: slice groups (NSSAI) containing single slice identification(S-NSSAI). The S-NSSAI contains the slice template(SST) and the service/slice descriptor(SD)

Slice SST standardized values: eMBB; mMTC; URLLC

Others specific values may be defined

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Slicing and verticals

- Slicing framework: provisions customized, cost-efficient, scalable services in software-networking to assure different telco services (eMBB; mMTC; URLLC) needs with guaranteed resource isolation
- Vertical in the loop: provides Vertical Services according to vertical customer specifications, through customized sliced capable networks
- **5G multi-domain slicing**: the resources are shared between different telco services across multiple administrative (tenants) and technological domains (Radio, Transport, Core).





Services and Network slices

Slice/Service	SST value	Characteristics
type		
eMBB	1	Slice suitable for the handling of 5G enhanced
		Mobile Broadband.
URLLC	2	Slice suitable for the handling of ultra- reliable
		low latency communications.
MIoT	3	Slice suitable for the handling of massive IoT.



5G system components

• 5G Platform architecture Functional View – Blocks and Components



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5G Key technology enablers



Network transformation



5G system key components







5G implementation steps

Start Arch



Non Stand Alone(NSA)

Commercial deployment for most of the operators 5G eMBB (5G OC) Voice and SMS Mobility outside 5G area NSA-only devices

Intermediate



Migration to target

NSA and SA coexistence Different options for analysis Best decision to be taken accordingly

Target Arch



Stand Alone(SA)

Commercial deployment 5G eMBB and FWA 5G NR voice Full mobility New B2B2C services(slicing)

MEC: Orange Romania approach

Image: Station of the station of th

Today's 5G NSA implementation for use cases development

Possible deployments

- 1. MEC and the local UP CN collocated with the Base Station
- 2. MEC collocated with a transmission node, possibly with a local UP CN
- 3. MEC and the local UP CN collocated with a network aggregation point
- 4. MEC collocated with the Core Network functions (in the same DC)



Orange proposal: MEC servers & apps collocated with dedicated User Plane CN in same DC

ONAP Adoption is key (1/2)



open-source software platform; vendor agnostic AT&T Orange Vodafone; Cisco Huawei Ericsson Nokia; IBM



comprehensive platform for real-time, policy-driven orchestration automation of physical and virtual network functions



enable software, network, IT and cloud providers and developers automate new services and support lifecycle management.



accelerate the development implementation for network automation

ONAP adoption is key



Design-time

development environment with tools, techniques, and repositories for defining/describing resources, services, and products



Run-time

executes the rules and policies distributed by the design and creation environment controllers that manage resources corresponding to their assigned controlled domain



Automation

Closed Loop Automation



Data Collection Analytics and Events role of Data Collection, Platform Components and Services



Network Services deliver differentiated network services on demand CI/CD

We need to automate everything that we can in the VNFs delivery process and run it in a CI/CD pipelines.



Source GitLab.com (cc)

CI/CD Challenges



Continuous Delivery challenges are to store multiple information on repositories:

- Software images received from different suppliers
- Artifact & vNFs configuration received from CI chain
- Tenant configuration and networking coming from LLD & CI
- Test frameworks, binaries, results, ... coming from CI (Xtesting)

CI/CD Pipeline example for one the VNFs deployed in Orange



Adopting the operational model from IT world in network – few thoughts

- 1. Functional **DevOps** teams formed around VNFs having end to end responsibilities for the VNF in scope.
- 2. The VNFs are deployed and ran over common production platforms (as the monolithically approach disappears). This platforms are not in scope of DevOps team. This is where Platform Ops comes into picture.
- **3.** Platform Ops is therefore responsible for engineering and operating the production platforms which are supporting DevOps VNFs.
- 4. NoOPS does not really mean that there will be a time when no operational activities will be necessary (even if most of them will be automated), it means that operations & engineering/dev tasks are not segregated anymore.



Phase 3 5G PPP EU projects

where ORO in involved for accelerating 5G development



5G-EVE

5G European Validation platform for Extensive trials





5G-EVE creates the foundations for a pervasive roll-out of end-to-end 5G networks in Europe by offering to vertical industries and to all 5GPPP Phase3 projects facilities to validate their network KPIs and their services.

H2020 grant no. 815074, 28 partners from 7 countries, 36 months https://www.5g-eve.eu















5G-VICTORI

VertIcal demos over Common large scale field Trials fOr Rail, energy and media Industries



5G-VICTORI conducts large scale trials for advanced vertical use case verification focusing on Transportation, Energy, Media and Factories of the Future and cross vertical use cases.



It leverages 5G network technologies developed in 5G-PPP phase 1 and 2 projects 5G-XHaul and 5GPICTURE and exploits extensively existing facilities interconnecting main sites of all ICT-17 infrastructures, and exploits extensively existing facilities interconnecting main sites of all ICT-17 infrastructures i.e. 5G-VINNI, 5GENESIS and 5G-EVE and the 5G UK test-bed in a Pan-European Infrastructure

https://www.5g-victori-project.eu

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Key takeaways



Key takeaways

- 1. 5G changes this paradigm introducing IT concepts in the telco world: (1) APIs that facilitate access to the network; (2) virtualization of the network functions (Virtual Network Functions VNFs) decoupling therefore the software from the hardware; (3) automated deployment and in life management of different VNFs over an IT programmable infrastructure.
- 2. 5G slicing is the key mechanism (fully available in the target architecture) enabling the integration of verticals
- 3. The 5G ecosystem is much more complex and requires the development of an advanced automation ecosystem (ONAP, CI/CD tools, etc). The ambition is to automate whatever is possible!
- 4. 5G will not be possible w/o adapting the operational model and organization (this is a hot subject for most of the operators and it is a lengthy process that will take in average 3 years)

Thank you