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# UNLEASHING THE POTENTIAL OF RESEARCH & INNOVATION



## CAPGEMINI'S SERVICES IN OPEN RAN

1	System Engineering	Work with i14YLab to come-up with Reference architecture based on O-RAN requirements. Identify the key components and infra options to realize the solution.
2	System Integration	E2E system Integration in multi vendor environment.
3	Testing & Support	Testing and Validation of deployed Setups. Dedicated support team to handle specific requirements.
4	Lab Management	Project Management. Lab Infra Design and Maintenance.
5	O-RAN 5G Framework	Compliant to O-RAN architecture (O-CU, O-DU, xApp, Near-RT RIC, Non-RT RIC, 5GCore) Support for E2/O1/Open-F1/Xn interfaces and FH 7.x support.

## **Testimonies @i14yLab**

- ✓ Design & system integration of the lab E2E reference test setups
- ✓ E2E advanced test coverage: performance, functional, security
- Certification & Badging: based on the O-RAN Alliance and TIP
- ✓ Valuable contributions towards <u>automation</u>, <u>LaaS and TaaS</u>
- ✓ Support on the lab research topics around RIC uses cases and conflict resolution







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#### Admission Control xApp Demo

## Capgemini RAN Intelligent Controller (RIC)



## SUSTAINABILITY IN ACTION WITH OPEN RAN

Energy cost is typically 23% of the network OPEX. Out of this RAN takes approximately 73% of mobile network energy.



### ENERGY USE BY MOBILE OPERATORS SIGNIFICANT ENERGY SAVING BY GOING INTO SLEEP MODE DURING LOW/NO USER ACTIVITY

During periods of no activity, the base station can minimize its energy consumption by going into sleep mode.



Source - Whitepaper- 5G network energy efficiency

The potential reduction in the power consumption with 5G radio compared to LTE is expected to be 30-70 percent, at typical load levels of between 5 percent and 20 percent.



## CAPGEMINI ENERGY SAVING RAPP Overview

The radio access network (RAN) is responsible for a major part of the energy consumption (EC) in mobile network, and the O-RU accounts for the largest part of the consumption. Capgemini and Intel have implemented the "AI Enabled Energy Savings" use case as an ORAN rApp to reduce the EC of the RAN, by introducing intelligent energy saving mechanisms in O-RU.

The rApp uses **real-time monitoring** to provide current **energy consumption** and the corresponding **carbon emission** of the RAN nodes. It uses **advanced AI/ML prediction** to also forecast the future energy consumption and carbon emission, based on various types of data such as **wireless resource usage**, **service loads**, number of **mobile users** and **weather data** at different periods .

The rApp takes **intelligent decisions** on when to apply energy saving measures like **cell switch off/on** and **carrier switch off/on**, by predicting the future load on RAN nodes. The rApp not only uses the data of a single RAN, but also the neighbouring RAN nodes to **predict the load**. It uses closed **loop automation** to learn and **improve the energy saving decision over time**.

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#### OPEN RAN BASED NETWORK ARCHITECTURE (EVOLUTION)

#### Evolution of Open RAN based network to support wireless , Satellite and HAPS Networks

- Wireless networks disaggregated or integrated CU/DU
- Satellite (transparent) common SMO, RIC, CU/DU and NGC
- HAPS (regenerative) common SMO and NGC

Key challenges to address in solution realization Large doppler shifts, Long and time-varying propagation delays, large cells, moving cells (signalling load, frequent handovers), satellite tracking and resource management, beam/cell management, network session continuity.....



## Open Skies, Open Networks: O-RAN's Journey to the Sky!!!



#### Capgemini Solution Approach: e.g. TRANSPARENT

High-level architecture of NTN solution for transparent mode with **DU, CU-CP, CU-UP running on COTS Servers** 

#### Capgemini Solution Approach: e.g. REGENERATIVE

High-level architecture of NTN solution for generative mode with **CU & DU running as part of Payload** 



## SUPPORT FOR NTN IN O-RAN ARCHITECTURE



#### **Realization of NTN towards O-RAN architecture**

SMO support for satellite Network	Resource Management for Satellite using RIC	System Engineering for NTN Solution	Custom Antenna, Fronthaul to RF Gateway
(FCAPS, provisioning of satellite specific data, monitoring)	(spectrum and carrier allocation/management, interference, mobility)	(link-level budget analysis based on satellite architecture, use-cases and deployment)	(FH for NTN aligned with eCPRI based O-RAN FH, custom Antenna)

Note – other aspects to be considered include Regulation, Materials, SWaP, Emission requirements, antenna design, beam-forming and coverage etc)

## SMALL STEPS, BIG PROGRESS: A LOOK AT TODAY'S SUCCESS STORY

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### **RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS TARGETING CURRENT AND FUTURE MARKET NEEDS**



for future EV-platforms - The "AC-Battery"

supply chain

of location-related 2D

and 3D assets + creation of XR experiences

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### SUPPORT FOR O-RAN BASED ARCHITECTURE

#### Salient aspects of 5G CU/DU framework



- CU/DU supporting 3GPP Rel-16 with Rel-17 roadmap, and based on O-RAN based architecture and interfaces
- Support for 3GPP defined interfaces, distributed CU/DU or integrated CU/DU Options, and RAN split-options - 2,6,7.x,8
- Support for O-RAN defined E2SM and proprietary E2SM, and onboarding of xApps integrated with RIC and CU/DU;
- Programmable and scalable CU/DU with HW/SW decoupling (based on Intel based servers and accelerators) and efficient usage of cores;
- Support for HW accelerators (FPGA) and data-path acceleration (using DPDK);
  - Real-time kernel patch for real-time processing, CPU/memory usage, core-isolation / core-pinning, bind cores with same NUMA awareness, network interfaces (SR-IOV, MACVLAN), PTP support;
- Deployment using CSAR files, helm charts and integration with Cloud Infra.