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# **TSDSI Open Initiatives Task Force**

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**Objectives and Recommendations**

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# Key Drivers for Task Force

Given the proliferation of Open Source components across all segments of the 5G architecture, how can Indian 5G deployments benefit?

- Can components of the 5G stack be entirely built from Open Source? Which ones? What must be done to make this a reality?
- What aspects of the Indian 5G ecosystem will benefit and how? What are the inhibitors in realizing these benefits? Are any of them unique to India?
- Can Open Source level the playing field for Indian 5G product companies? What will be the impact of Open Source on overall Indian 5G Industry?
- What specific actions need to be taken? Standards? IPR protection? Open Source Industry Consortia? Policy advocacy?

# Objectives of Task Force

- Study and evaluate key components for an end to end 5G ecosystem
- Define a few problem statements in each of the domains of 5G
- Evaluate globally available open source components to solve the identified problem statements
- Shortlist open source projects and evaluate them on a number of parameters
- Create a study report to document the gaps and recommendations for open source projects
- Suggest a few pilot implementations to demonstrate the effectiveness of the recommended open source projects
- Explore how can open source projects be used to drive standardization process in collaboration with wider industry

# Operating process

- Divide workstreams (sub-teams) and assemble a group of domain experts from OEMs, carriers, academia, freelancers
- Goals for each sub-team
  - Evaluate open source options, maturity, experiences
  - Select best-of breed options and define missing pieces
  - Build model for aligning contributions and harmonizing global and India-specific roadmap
  - Explore and create guidelines for IPR treatment of contributions
- Key next steps
  - Define structure, governance, and operating model
  - Explore Funding (industry and government) sources for activities
  - Evangelize open source usage and adoption

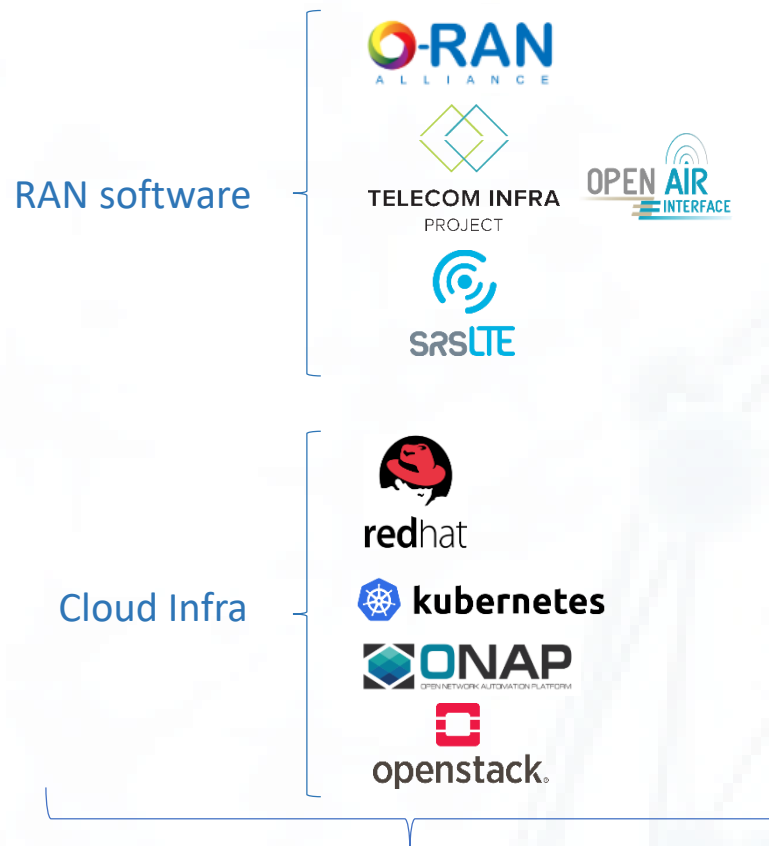


# Task force Sub-teams

Sub-Teams in TSDSI Outreach	Growing Industry Participation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Access (Radio-centric)</b>            Creating open source for 5G Radio access Network. Focus areas include components in RAN like CU, DU, RU and Virtualization frameworks to host the RAN.</li> <li>▶ <b>Transport (IP Network centric)</b>            Accelerate transformation in IP Network Infrastructure by leveraging Open Source Software and White box Hardware. Focus on components like DCSG, FHG, Access Router, UPF/PGW, DPI, IOT, Router, BNG etc.</li> <li>▶ <b>App (App development centric)</b>            Focus areas include defining/building application ecosystem to enhance RAN optimization (RIC), edge applications, data analytics, closed loop automation etc.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Looking for implementation partners ...</i></p>

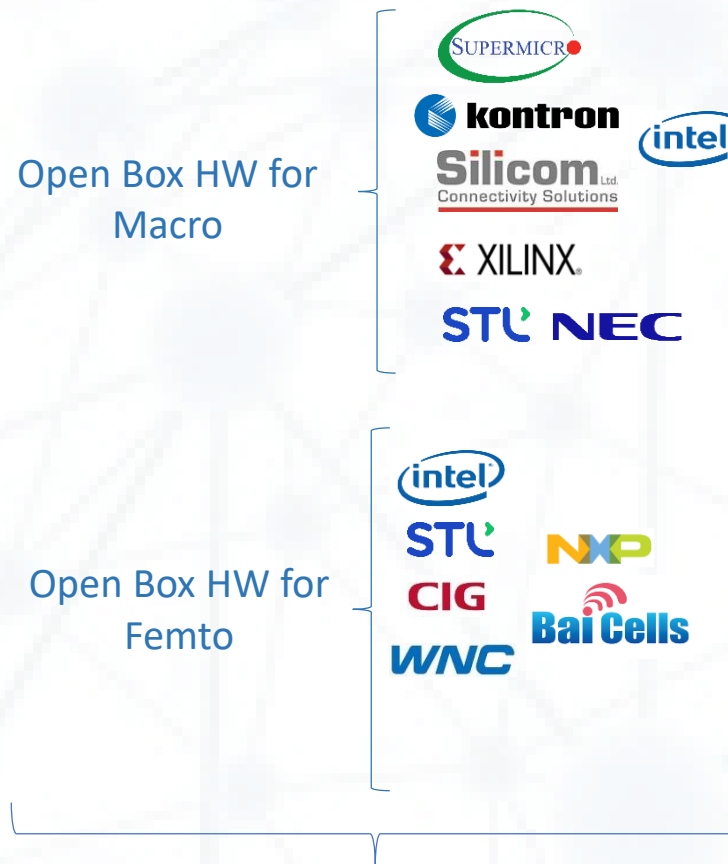
# Access sub-team focus areas

## Open SW



Choice of Open Source Projects

## Open HW



Choice of Whitebox Hardware for integration

## Collaboration



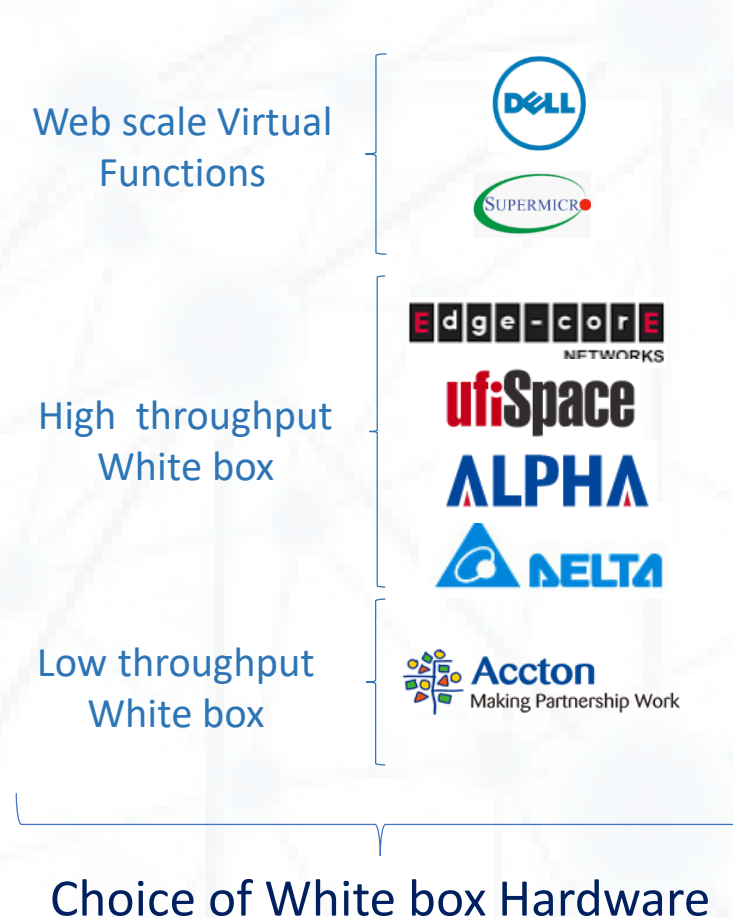
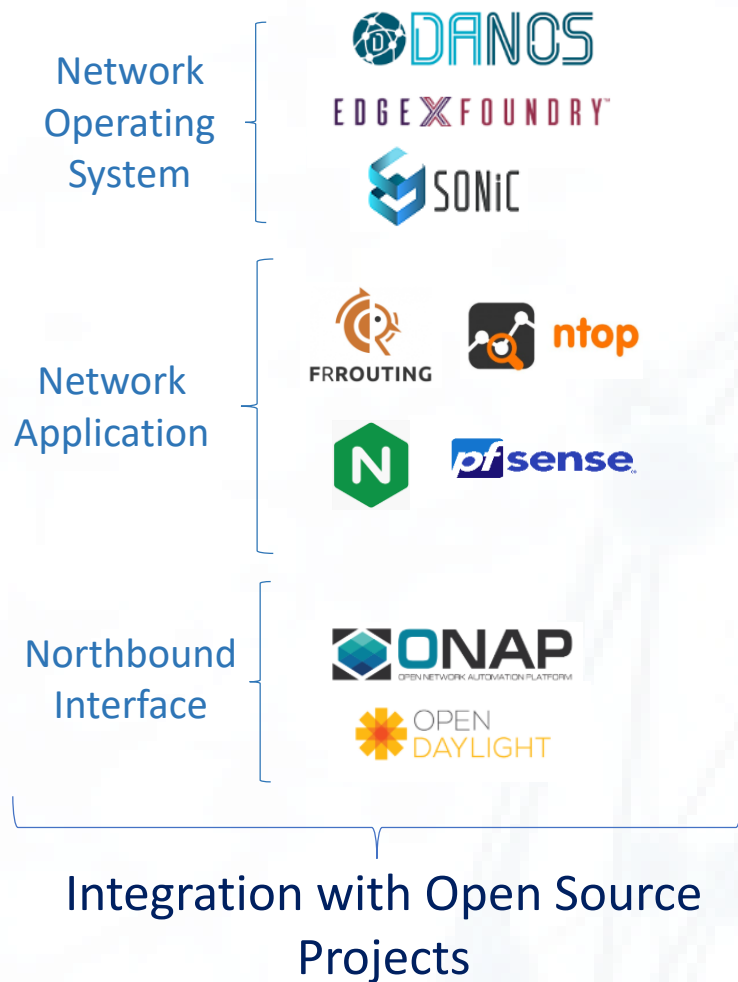
Collaboration with Open Community

# Transport sub-team focus areas

## Open SW

## Open HW

## Collaboration





# Application sub-team focus areas

## Open SW

## Open HW

## Collaboration

RAN App



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Edge App



EDGE X FOUNDRY

Automation and Orchestration



White Box HW



Community



TELECOM INFRA PROJECT



Integration with Open Source Projects

Choice of White box Hardware

Collaboration with Open Community

# Expected outcomes

- A report defining key problem statements and their solutions based on open source projects
- Demonstrate open and Inter-operable solutions over standard interfaces through implementation projects
- Inspire industry and startups to pick up India-specific use cases and build products/solutions
- Open HW and SW - enhance opportunities for Make in India
- Potentially lower development costs, better control and hence lower TCO for infrastructure build outs

# Thank You

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