Open RAN | The Path Forward

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What is O-RAN?

XRAN AND CRAN MERGED TO FORM O-RAN

These carriers formed an O-RAN Alliance (https://www.o-ran.org/)

"O-RAN Alliance members and contributors have committed to evolving radio access networks around the world. Future RANs will be built on a foundation of <u>virtualized network elements</u>, <u>white-box hardware and standardized interfaces</u> that fully embrace O-RAN's core principles of intelligence and openness. An ecosystem of innovative new products is already emerging that will form the underpinnings of the <u>multi-vendor</u>, interoperable, autonomous, RAN, envisioned by many in the past, but only now enabled by the <u>global industry-wide vision</u>, commitment and <u>leadership</u> of O-RAN Alliance members and contributors."

Why O-RAN?

They wanted an open RAN network architecture that allowed competition and enabled them to rapidly deploy the new and differentiated services they expect to offer in 5G.







Why O-RAN is Happening Now?

CAPTURE GROWTH IN NEW 5G VERTICAL MARKETS CAPEX/OPEX CONTROL

Driving Forces

- Network Densification
- Scalability limitations of traditional architectures
- Proprietary Networks dependence
- Virtualization technology

Objectives

- Increase Network
 Resource utilization
 (Slicing, Pooling)
- Same cost reduction as data Centers
- Power, Space Saving
- Automation / orchestration

Expected Gains

Operational Efficiency

- Capex Reduction (HW optimization)
- Opex Reduction
- Revenue maximization



O-RAN Alliance Overview



MULTI-VENDOR, INTEROPERABLE, AUTONOMOUS, RAN



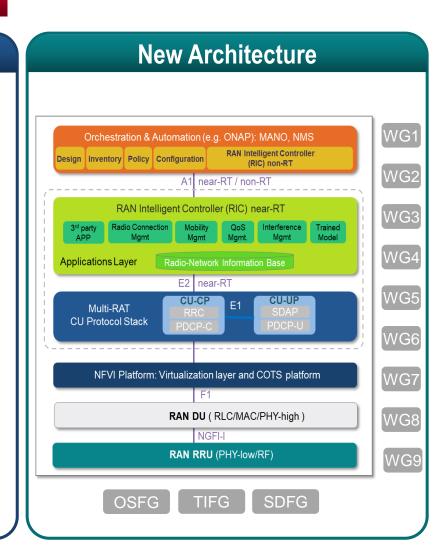
Mission

Multi-vendor, Interoperable, autonomous, RAN

Open, Standardized interfaces

Global industry-wide vision, commitment and leadership

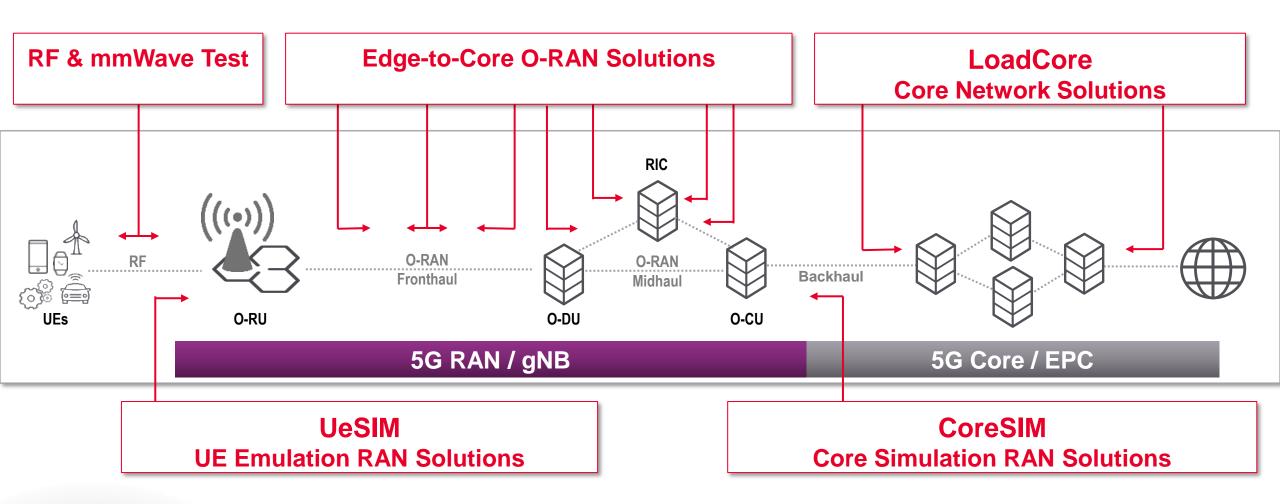
Reference Design & Whitebox





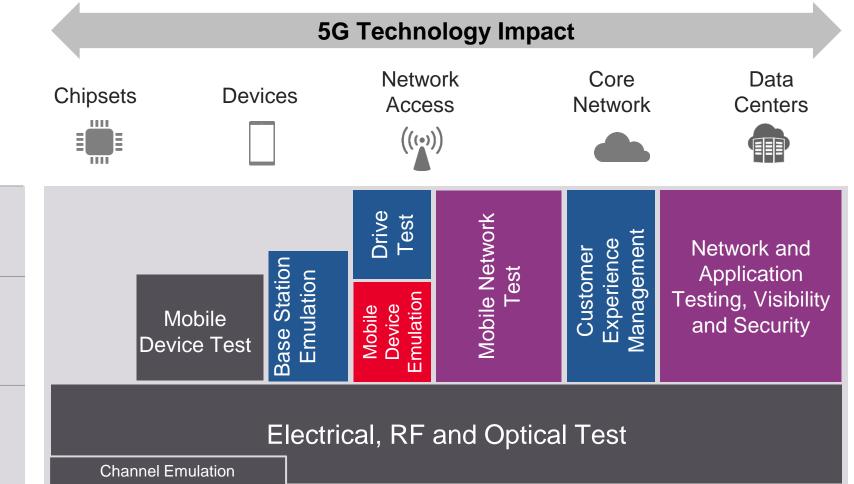
Keysight 5G Radio Access and Core Network Test

ENABLING END TO END TESTING





Keysight Provides Insight Across the Entire Stack





Layer 1

Communications

"Stack Layers"

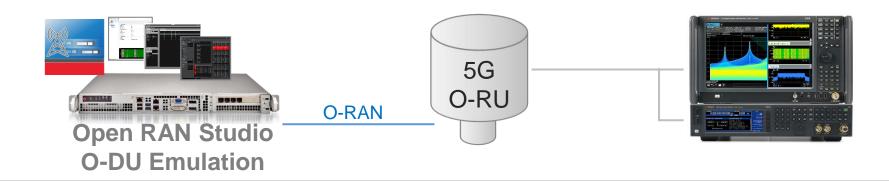


Increasing Software Content

Keysight Open RAN Studio Solution



COMPLETE O-DU EMULATION PLATFORM FOR O-RU (RADIO UNIT) TESTING



Comprehensive : O-RAN Stimulus and Analysis portfolio for uplink/downlink test

Compliant : O-RAN Standard CUS_plane (ORAN-WG4.CUS.0-v03.00)

Configurable : Maximize and optimize O-RAN test coverage

Cross Domain : for complete Radio RF / Protocol / Timing testing

Integrated : with RF / mmWave instrumentation and applications



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COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION FOR O-RU (RADIO UNIT) TESTING

Signal Studio for 5G NR

Create 3GPP compliant 5G NR Waveforms



Open RAN Studio Builder

Construct O-RAN compliant CUS stimulus











O-RAN/eCPRI Protocols Decode







5G

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Ethernet





89600 VSA for 5G NR

5G NR Modulation Measurements



IQ Extractor





Summary

O-RAN IS THE NEXT GEN PARADIGM IN RADIO ACCESS NETWORKS



