



CrowdCell

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1. PROJECT GROUP NAME

CrowdCell – GPP, SDR and open source design-based RAN Relay small cell solution

2. PURPOSE

The CrowdCell is a 4G Relay concept, whereby an intermediate “Crowd” enable device relays traffic between a customer UE and the macro network. Its main benefit is to be a rapid and low cost small cell solution thanks to its Plug-And-Play (P&P) concept by means of using the available 4G coverage. This project will focus on creating a CrowdCell by leveraging General Purpose Processing (GPP) platforms, Software-Defined Radios (SDR) and Open Source designs for both hardware and software to minimize costs with a “one design” flexible platform.

3. PROJECT GROUP SCOPE

The project scope will be complementary with other projects already at play in TIP and will focus on creating a CrowdCell solution using GPP, platforms, SDR and Open Source designs:

- i. Develop a GPP, SDR and open source design-based CrowdCell applicable to multiple deployment scenarios: coverage extension and mobile hotspots, Enterprise and Retail small cells, low cost consumer small cells, moving small cells, data analytics solutions, etc.
- ii. Start with a 4G CrowdCell concept but looking forward also to 5G at a later phase (e.g. when 3GPP 5G NR specification is complete) or IoT
- iii. Define a reference hardware/software architecture which can be fully customizable to support different Operator requirements and customer demands

- iv. Manage a Plug and Play fast and easy deployment solution which can work across any Operator infra
- v. Create a solution which can act as a smart Gateway to manage a set of locally customizable services like local streaming or local content delivery, or managing local equipment based on customer requirements
- vi. Promote an 'open' community of application developers, and platforms driving innovation and differentiation applicable
- vii. Identify innovative 'security solutions' for small cell platforms (unhackable)
- viii. Articulate the "Moving Small Cell" concept allowing its deployment in moving vehicles (ferries, cars, etc.) or to control moving objects like drones
- ix. Identify minimum requirements for General Purpose Processing Platforms to ensure efficient performance
- x. Create prototypes that can be rolled into product design for scale deployments

4. PROJECT GROUP DELIVERABLES

- i. Key requirement list for 1st generation, CrowdCell evolution (size and form factor, bands, capabilities, 5G evolution, IoT Crowdcell, etc.) and compliancy benchmark
- ii. Reference framework/architecture for the implementation of eNB and relay stack on General Purpose Processing Platforms based on Software-Defined Radios (SDR) and Open Source designs within the Operator network
- iii. Recommendation for minimum set of platform requirements (both HW and OS Layers)
- iv. Define CrowdCell configuration, performance and fault management systems (CM/PM/FM) as part of the reference implementation in virtualized environments
- v. List of KPIs and data collection to analyses prototype performance
- vi. P&P Prototype available during 1H18
- vii. Lab proof-of-concept report
- viii. Field trials to commercial covering several use cases for a variable set of customers: static coverage extension, moving small cell, data analytics, closed user group and smart Gateways (local content delivery)
- ix. TCO analysis and evolution

5. PATENT LICENSING

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7. INITIAL PROJECT CHAMPIONS

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8. CHAIR AND(OR) CO-CHAIR OF PROJECT GROUP

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9. PARTICIPATION CRITERIA

- i. Fit of the proposed contributions to the project group scope
- ii. Technical fit of the proposed contributions to the architectural framework of the project group
- iii. Commitment to contribute a non-proprietary open solution or open extension / API
- iv. Productive interaction with a system integrator