

Sparq-2020-DRAN and Sparq-2020-RRH The Fastest 5G Distributed Platform

5G Distributed Radio Access Network (DRAN) and Remote Radio Head (RRH) Reference Design Platforms

1- General

The **Sparq-2020-DRAN** and **Sparq-2020-RRH** are the components of a unique Distributed Architecture design for a New Radio (NR, 5gNB) designated for 5G infrastructure that fully complies with 3GPP 5G Standards (Rel-15) Optimized for Ultra Reliable Low Latency Communication (**URLLC**) and supports enhanced Mobile Broadband (**eMBB**) and Massive Machine type Communication (**mMTC**). The **Sparq-2020-DRAN** is based on the RunEL **Sparq-2020-2** System on Chip (SoC) and the **Sparq-2020-RRH** is based on the RunEL **Sparq-2020-3** System on Chip (SoC)



2- The Innovation

The **Sparq-2020-SRRH** includes substantial innovation enhancing existing state of the art implementations such as: **Distributed Architecture** with PHY split **28GHz or 3.5GHz Beam Forming Phased Array**, the **Sparq Minislots**, the **Hardware based MAC** and the **I-MEC**, that reduces the latency in wireless broadband cellular communication to unprecedented records in order to support applications such as: V2X, Remote Surgery, On line Gaming, Automated Factory, Augmented and Virtual Reality, IoT, Tactile Internet, etc.

3- Sparq-2020-DRAN and Sparq-2020-RRH Competitive Advantage

- First in the Market
- 5G 3GPP standard compliant (Rel-15)
- Includes 5G PHY (Layers 1) with **ORAN** PHY split (option 7. 2)
- Includes **28GHz or 3.5 GHz** multiple beam steerable **Beam Forming Antenna**
- Optimized for URLLC – including “**Sparq Minislots**“, **Hardware based MAC**, **Cell-less instantaneous handoffs** and integrated mobile edge computing (“**I-MEC**”)
- FPGA chip based on 16 nanometer technology
- Open Architecture enables customization via API's
- Based on the RunEL **Sparq-2020-1** SoC
- Large coverage area using up to 64 RRHs with one DRAN
- Flexible deployment scenarios for indoor and outdoor

4- Sparq-2020-DRAN and Sparq-2020-RRH Main Features

- Includes PHY, (MAC and RLC Modules from third party are optional)
- Optional embedded CU with PDPC, SDAP, RRC, Light NgCore, UPF and MEC modules
- DRAN supports up to 64 RRHs
- 27.5 to 30GHz or 3.3 to 3.8 GHz operation (other frequency bands are optional)
- 4 x 200 MHz channel BW (50 and 100 MHz available as well)
- 256 element on 28GHz Antenna Array (1 or 4 independent beams)
- 64 element on 3.5 GHz Antenna Array (up to 4 independent beams)
- Up to 64 Gbps Capacity for DRAN
- Up to 4 Gbps Capacity (1 Gbps per beam) for RRH
- Physical Layer split between DRAN and RRHs connected via fast Ethernet Ring (20 Gbps) or Hub and Stroke (Star) Architecture (4 Gbps)
- Latency < 0.5 msec
- Sub Carrier Spacing- 15, 30, 60, 120, 240 KHz
- TTI Spacing – from 8.25 to 1000 μ sec (TTI Spacing depends on Subcarrier-spacing and number of OFDM symbols)
- FDD and Dynamic TDD Supported
- CSI-RS, PTRS, DMRS- Supported
- LDPC (Data Plane) and Polar Codes (Control Plane) Supported
- CP-OFDMA implemented in UL and DL and DFT-S-OFDM for UL
- CoMP- Supported
- Indoor and Outdoor operation
- 64 bits DDR4 to FPGA Logic
- Embedded GPS receiver for outdoor synchronization
- Battery option for GPS receiver, save RTC when power is off
- Support IEEE 1588 synchronization

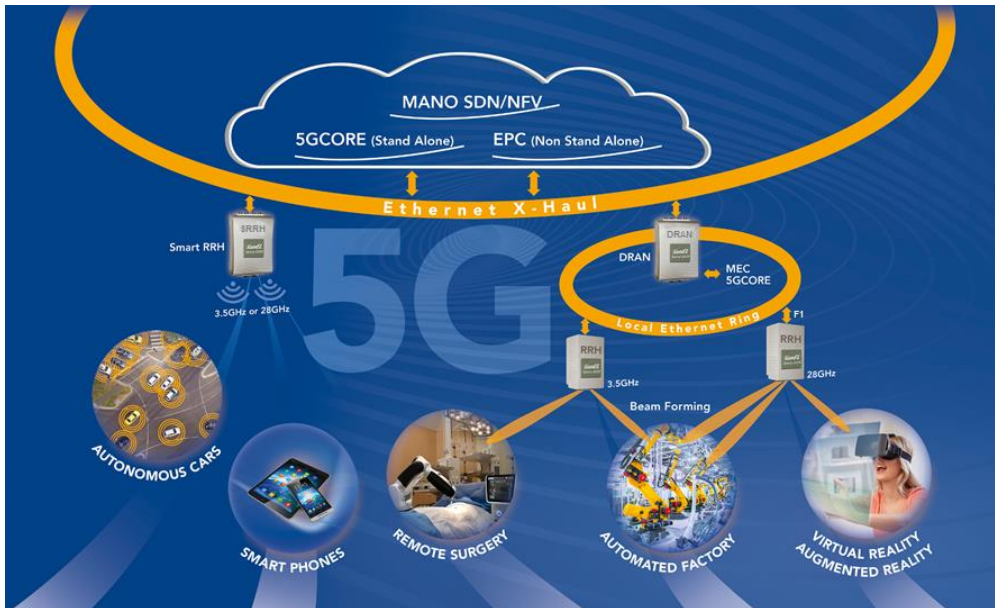
5- Interfaces DRAN and RRH

- 4 x 10G SFP+ (Aggregated 40 Gigabit Ethernet connection to XHaul ring)
- 4 x CPRI SFP+ (can be used for Ethernet 10G instead or eCPRI) for additional external antennas
- 1 x USB to control 4 UARTS: a- for CPU, b-for CPU, c- for FPGA, d- for GPS
- PCIe x 4 Gen2 for external server connection for external MAC or MEC
- Interface between DRAN and RRH - ORAN
- Interface between DRAN and CU - F1 (Optional with Third Party)

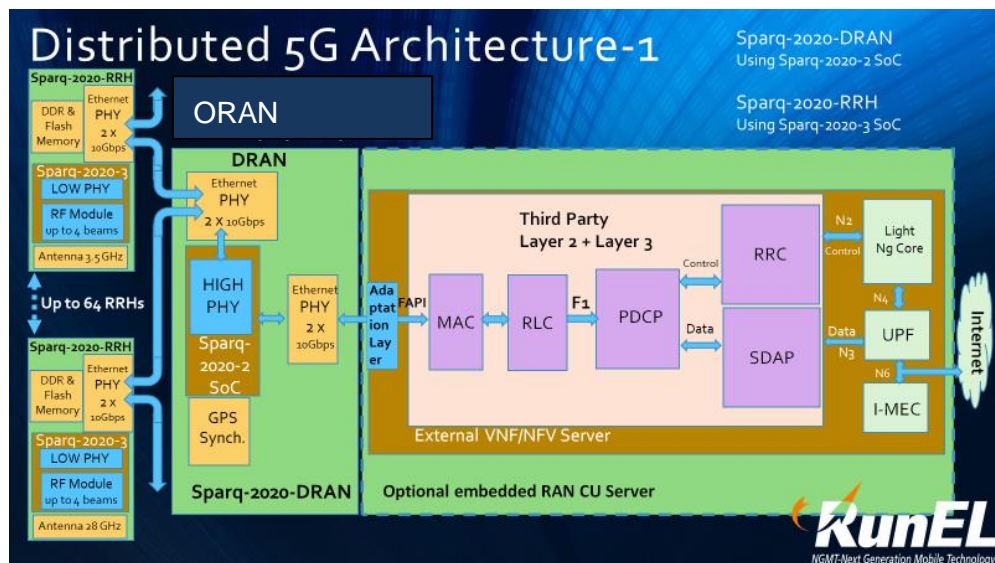
6- Power, Physical and Environmental

- Power Inputs: -48V (-35 to -75VDC)
- Weight- 5Kg
- Dimensions: 40 x 24 x 12 cm
- Temperature (Operational) - -45 to 55 degrees Celsius
- Humidity 5% -95% non-condensing
- IP65 (Optional)
- ETS 300 019
- Environmental Standard Compliance -TBD

7- 5G System Architecture Diagram



8- RunEL Distributed Architecture Block Diagram



9- Phased implementation of Sparq-2020 NR PHY features

Implementation of PHY feature will be as per the following phase-wise plan:

- **Stage-1:** First PHY code Delivery for sub 6GHz FDD & TDD without some features of MIMO (floating point) – Available now
- **Stage-2:** Second PHY Delivery for sub 6GHz FDD & including fixed point models- Sept 2020
- **Stage-3:** Third PHY Delivery including eMBB and URLLC for sub 6GHz FDD & TDD+ basic mm-wave support - November 2020
- **Stage-4:** PHY Delivery including eMBB and URLLC for sub 6GHz FDD & TDD+ mm-wave support with beam management SW- Jan 2021

Note: In every stage only the mandatory features required by the standard are supported. Not all optional features listed in Table-1 below will be implemented. The delivery conforms to June 2018 version 3GPP Standard NR Phase-1 technical specifications.

The UL algorithms will support up to 64 Antenna elements and DL algorithms will support up to 64-Tx antenna elements with 8 streams.

Table-1 – 5G PHY features Release Schedule

Feature group	Components	Delivery
Bandwidth support	100 MHz component carrier	Stage-1
Mixed numerology support	between bands and/or different subframes	Stage-1
3GPP NR channel model	Support for larger bandwidths and mmWave frequencies	Stage-1
CP-OFDM waveform for DL and UL	CP-OFDM for DL 2) CP -OFDM for UL WoLA	Stage-1
DFT-S-OFDM waveform for UL	Transform precoding for single-layer PUSCH	Stage-1 or 2 (UL OFDM is prioritized)
DL modulation scheme	QPSK, 16QAM, 64-QAM, 256-QAM	Stage-1
UL modulation scheme	1) QPSK, 16QAM, 64-QAM for CP-OFDM 2) QPSK, 16QAM, 64-QAM for CP-OFDM pi/2 BPSK for DFT-S-OFDM	Stage-1 (DFT-S-OFDM may be moved to stage-2)
Subcarrier spacings and FFT size in conjunction with supportable BW with normal CP	1) 15kHz 2) 30 kHz 3) 60 kHz 4) 120 kHz	Stage-1
Extended CP	Optional, supported later	Optional
pi/2-BPSK for PUCCH format 3/4	pi/2-BPSK for PUCCH format 3/4	Stage-3
Basic initial access channels		Stage 1
PRACH configuration and receiver	[1) RACH preamble format XX] 2) RACH preamble format A0, A1, B1, C0 f	Essential PRACH configs in Stage-1 remaining in stage-4
CSI-RS	beamformed CSI-RS	Stage-1
PDSCH transmission		Slot based stage-1

Non-transparent DL MU-MIMO support	Maximum number of MU MIMO layers, candidate values: [0,2,4]	Stage-1
PDSCH MIMO layers	1. Maximal number of MIMO layers, candidate values: [2,4,	SU MIMO with [2,4,] in stage-1
Downlink DMRS	1. DMRS type. [type-1, type-2]. At least one DMRS type should be mandatory 2. Support 2 symbols FL DMRS and 2 additional DMRS symbols 3. Support 1 symbol FL DMRS and 2 additional DMRS symbols 4. Support additional DMRS symbol in 7 symbols non-slot based scheduling 5. Support PRB bundling size [4, scheduled BW]	DM-RS slot-based Stage-1
PUSCH transmission	1. Support non-codebook based PUSCH 2. The number of supported layers Y, [2]. (note: Number of layers = number of DMRS ports) 3. Maximal number of layers for MIMO transmission, [2,];	coherent SU MIMO transmission with 2 and 4 layers in Stage-1 and remaining in stage-3 including MU MIMO
		Stage-2
		Stage-3
Non-codebook based UL MIMO	1. SRS based precoding	Stage-3
Uplink DMRS	1. DMRS type. [type-1, type-2]. At least one DMRS type should be mandatory 2. Support 1 symbol FL DMRS	1. Stage-1 2. Stage-4
Beam management	1. Maximum Number of CSI-RS resources (1Tx), >16. (Band dependent) 2. Support Rx beam switching procedure (P3)	Stage 1

Beam failure recovery	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maximal number of SSB resources configured for monitoring PDCCH quality [4,8,64 2. Maximal number of SSB or CSI-RS resources for identifying new beams. 3. Support using PUCCH for SSB/ based RSRP feedback 	Mandatory features- Stage 1
CSI-RS for beam management	Maximal number of CSI-RS resources per CC for beam management > 16	Stage-1
CSI-RS for CSI feedback	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maximal number of CSI-RS resources per CC for CSI acquisition, if > 2 2. Total number of CSI-RS ports per CC, if >16 	Stage-3
Basic BWP operation	1) 1 DL BWP and 1 UL BWP for FDD and 1 DL/UL BWP pair for TDD	Stage-1
Basic DL CA operation	1) Maximum 4DL carriers	Stage-1
Basic UL CA operation	1) Maximum 4 UL carriers	Stage-4 with limited CA functionality
Different numerology across PUCCH groups	Two	Stage-1
7.5kHz UL raster shift	7.5kHz UL raster shift	Stage 1
Channel coding	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) LDPC encoding and associated functions for data on DL and UL 2) Polar encoding and associated functions for PBCH, DCI, and UCI 3) Coding for very small blocks 	Stage-1

Other items:

Target eMBB and certain frame formats

DMRS and beamformed CSI RS planned for Stage 1. PTRS in Stage-4

UE Emulator with basic L1 functionality to be available by Stage 1

Rel-15 NR compliance (based on current version of spec as per delivery)