

NETWORK EMULATOR

Data Sheet

OVERVIEW

Validate 4G/5G UE Functionality

The Simnovus Network Emulator is your plug-and-play solution for LTE and NR testing of all types of user equipment with advanced configuration.

It acts as a 3GPP-compliant eNodeB, ng-eNodeB, gNodeB, EPC and 5GC allowing for functional and performance testing of NR, LTE, LTE-A, LTE-M and NB-IoT devices. The offer is completed by an integrated IMS server as well as an eMBMS gateway for Volte/VoNR and eMBMs testing.

The Network Emulator is powered by a deployment-quality LTE and NR software suite offering the same level of baseband functionality as an indoor/outdoor network.

Simplify Testing and Get to Market Faster

Significantly reduce 5G/4G UE validation time with our plug-and-play Simnovus Network Emulator that helps you ramp up quickly and easily isolate data needed to debug faster. Get extensive statistics and correlation across protocol layers and dynamic log levels that are automatically adjusted based on user-defined triggers. Or filter data—like IQ samples—and export for analysis with third party tools.

Our Network Emulator software runs on COTS and SDR systems, enabling the deployment of multiple test beds without having to spend millions on Capex. Parallel testing can save your team time and effort when executing automated tests.

Multiple Solution Options for UE Throughput Requirements

Simnovus provides several Network Emulator options to fulfill specific user's requirements for UE category and UE throughput. All solutions run on the same COTS hardware and share the same software base.

Choose an option based on your current test needs and upgrade/downgrade as needed with a license switch on the same COTS platform and the required number of SDR cards for the solution option.

Network Emulator Mini	Network Emulator Classic	Network Emulator Advanced
Ideal for NB-IoT, CAT-M1, CAT0 to CAT4 UE testing.	Supports 4x4 MIMO, carrier aggregation and multiple cells configuration. Ideal for testing up to CAT10 LTE UEs.	Supports 1 NR cell 100 MHz 4x4 and 1 LTE cell 20MHz 4x4 in sub 6GHz bands. With FR2 package, supports 2 cells 100MHz 2x2 in mmWave bands. Ideal for testing NR and LTE UEs.

Refer to the Specifications section for details on the three Network Emulator options offered by Simnovus.



FEATURE SUMMARY

Runs on COTS Simulates eNB, gNB, EPC, 5GC, eMBMS and IMS core on the

same x86 platform

Channel Modeling Emulates different DL channel types as per 3GPP models

defined in 36.101 and 38.141 specifications

Frequency Agnostic Supports all FDD/TDD frequency bands including non-standard

for custom sub-6GHz and mmWave frequency testing

Supports Negative

Testing

Provides ability to override the nominal protocol

behavior to simulate error cases

High Performance Supports high LTE and NR data rates up to 5 Gpbs

downlink and 500 Mbps uplink

Advanced Provides multi-layer logging and multi-level

Troubleshooting statistics with correlation

Enables Automation Provides extensive WebSocket APIs to instrument

simulated network components and automate tests

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SPECIFICATIONS

eNodeB

	Mini	Classic	Advanced	
3GPP release	LTE release 16			
Frequency bands	All FDD	and TDD bands in sub-6GHz		
Bandwidth	1.4, 3, 5, 10, 15 all operation	and 20 MHz in LTE. 200 KHz for modes (in-band, guard band	NB-IoT supporting d and standalone).	
Supported number of UEs	Up to 500 UEs distributed within the configured cells	Up to 1000 UEs distributed wi	thin the configured cells	
Supported number of Cells	1	Multipl	le	
Carrier aggregation	Up to 3 carriers in DL and 3 in UL allows mixed FDD/TDD combinations in DL		Up to 4 carriers in DL and 3 in UL allows mixed FDD/TDD combinations in DL	
Transmission modes	1 (single antenna) and 2 to 10 (MIMO 2x2)	1 (single antenna) and 2 to 10 (MIMO 2x2) 1 (single antenna) and 2 to 10 (MIMO 4x4)		
Modulation schemes	Up to		n UL	
AS encryption and integrity protection		AES, SNOW3G, ZUC		
Handover	S1 and X2, NG, Xn and EPS to 5GS handover support	Intra eNodeB, S1, X2 , Intra and EPS to 5GS hand	ng-eNodeB, NG, Xn dover support	
ЮТ	TE category 0 and 1 LTE-M cat M1 FDD, HD-FDD and TDD support NB-IoT single-tone and multi-tone cat NB1 and NB2			
NB-IoT subcarrier spacing	15 kHz and 3.75 kHz			
Network interfaces	S1AP and GTP-U to EPC, X2AP between eNodeBs, M1 and M2 for eMBMS			

gNodeB

	Mini	Classic	Advanced	
3GPP release		Release 16		
Frequency bands	FDD/TDD I	FR1 (< 6 GHz)	FDD/TDD FR1 (< 6 Ghz) and FR2 *	
Bandwidth	Up to 20 MHz	Up to 50 MHz	Up to 100 MHz	
MIMO	Up to MIMO 2x2 in DL	Up to MIMO 4x4 in DL	Up to MIMO 4x4 in DL and UL	
Subcarrier spacing	Date SSB	a subcarrier spacing: 15, 30, subcarrier spacing: 15, 30, 12	60 or 120 kHz 20 or 240 KHz	
Modulation schemes	Up to 256QAM in DL and 64QAM in UL	Up to 256QAM in DL and 256QAM in UL		
Supported modes	SA	SA NSA, SA		
NR Split Bearer	N/A	N/A 3, 3a and 3x		
Use case		eMBB		
Network interfaces	NG interface (NGAP and GTP-U) to 5GC XnAP between gNodeBs	GTP-II) to 5GC	NG interface (NGAP and GTP-U) to 5GC XnAP between gNodeBs	
Carrier Aggregation	N/A	Up to 3 DL carriers in SA and NSA	Up to 3 DL carriers in SA and NSA	
Handover	NG, Xn and 5GS to EPS handover support	Intra gNodeB, NG, Xn and 5GS to EPS handover suppo		

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Supported number of cells

	Mini	Classic	Advanced
Max number of LTE cells	1	3	4
Max number of 5G cells]	3	4
Max total number of cells	1	3	4
Σ (Bi*Li)	40	120	800

Bi is the bandwidth in MHz of cell i, Li is the number of dl MIMO layer for cell i

Configuration examples

	Mini	Classic	Advanced
LTE Only	20MHz 2*2	3CC 20MHz 2x2, 1CC 20MHz 4x4	4CC 20MHz 2x2, 2CC 20MHz 4x4
5G	SA: 1 5G cell 20MHz 2x2	NSA: 1 5G NR 50MHz 2x2 + 1 LTE 10MHz 2x2 SA: 1 5G cell 50MHz 2x2 or 3 cells 20MHz 2x2	NSA - either of these configurations: • 1 5G NR TDD 100MHz 4x4 FR1 + 1 LTE 20MHz 4x4 • 1 5G NR TDD 100MHz 2x2 FR2* + 1 LTE 20MHz 4x4 • 1 5G NR FDD 50 MHz 4x4 + 1 LTE 20MHz 4x4 SA: • 2 5G NR TDD 100MHz 4x4 or 2 5G NR FDD 50 MHz 4x4
NB-IoT	1 NB-IoT cell in standalone, in-band or guard-band model	3 NB-IoT standalone cells, 3 LTE cells with 1 in-band or guard-band NB-IoT cell	4 NB-IoT standalone cells, 4 LTE cells with 4 in-band or guard-band NB-IoT cells
LTE-M	1 LTE cells with CAT M1 support	3 LTE cells with CAT M1 support	4 LTE cells with CAT M1 support

EPC

	Mini	Classic	Advanced
Network elements	Mobility Management Entity (MME), Serving Gateway (SGW), Packet Data, Network Gateway (PGW), and Home Subscriber Server (HSS) Evolved Packet Data Gateway(ePDG), Policy and Charging Rules Function (PCRF) and Equipment Identity Register (EIR) all integrated within the same software component		
3GPP release	Release 16		
NAS encryption and integrity protection	AES, SNOW3G, ZUC		
USIM authentication	XOR, Milenage, TUAK		
IP version	IPv4 and IPv6		
QoS	Support of all LTE QC	<u>Is as well TFT and dedicated</u>	d bearers
Handover	Intra-MME and and E	EPS 5GS IRAT handover supp	oort
	SIAP and GTP-U to el Rx to external IMS sel SI3 to external EIR, SG SBcAP to external CB	rver, S6a to external HSS SSAP to external VLR/MSC	
RAT	NR, LTE, NB-IoT		
CloT features	Control plane CloT o	ptimization, Non IP data del	ivery, Attach without PDN connectivity
Power saving features	PSM and extended D	RX	



IMS Core

	Mini	Classic	Advanced
Network Elements	Proxy-CSCF (P-CSCF), Interrogating-CSCF (I-CSCF), Serving-CSCF (S-CSCF), and Home Subscriber Server (HSS) all integrated within the same software component		
ISIM authentication	XOR, Milenage, TUAK		
Security features	MD5, AKAv1 and AKAv2 for authentication and IPSec at transport level		
Network interfaces	Rx interface for support Cx interface for externo	t of precondition and dedicate al authentication	ed bearer
IP versions	IPv4 and IPv6		
Services	Voice call, Video call, V	oice echo test, Call hold, SMS o	over SIP and SMS over SG

eMBMS Gateway

	Mini	Classic	Advanced
Network Elements	LTE eMBMS Gateway (eMBMS-GW) and Multi-cell Coordination Entity (MCU)		oordination Entity (MCU)
Network interfaces	M1 interface to eNodeB for user plane M2AP interface to eNodeB for control plane		

5G core

	Mini	Classic	Advanced
Network elements	Function (AUSF), Session Managemer (Unified Data Manag	nt Function (SMF), User placement) nt Identity Register) all in	AMF), Authentication Server ane Function (UPF), UDM tegrated within the same
3GPP release	Release 16		
NAS encryption and integrity protection	AES, SNOW3G, ZUC		
USIM authentication	XOR, Milenage, TUAK	5G-AKA	
IP version	IPv4, IPv4v6, IPv6 and	l unstructured PDUs supp	ort
QoS	Configurable QoS flo	ws	
PDU	Multi PDU sessions su	ıpport	
Network interfaces	ng-eNodeBs or N3IW Rx to external IMS ser	and GTP-U protocols) to s Fs ver, N12 to external AUSF N17 to external 5G-EIR, N5	Ç .
RAT	NR, LTE, NB-IoT and n	on-3GPP RAT	
Handover	intra-AMF and 5GS E	PS IRAT support	

^{*}FR2 support requires FR2 Package in addition to the Simnovus Network Emulator Advanced.



HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

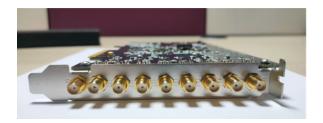
Network Emulator:

The Network Emulator Advanced runs on Simnovus-provided COTS hardware with Intel i9 CPU. Simnovus currently ships the server pictured.

Network emulator Mini and Classic run on customer-sourced COTS hardware with Intel i7 CPU



Network Emulator platform



SDR cards

SDR Specifications

	Mini and Classic	Advanced
Dimensions H × W × D	2 cm × 11.5 cm × 12.8 cm	2 cm × 11.5 cm × 21 cm
Weight	0.1 kg	0.28 kg
Power supply voltage	12 V DC input	12 V DC input
RF Coverage	500 MHz to 6.0 GHz	500 MHz to 6.0 GHz
RF bandwidth	200 KHz to 56 MHz	200 KHz to 100 MHz
Wireless range	10 meters	10 meters
Operation mode	FDD and TDD	FDD and TDD
МІМО	DL 2x2	DL 4x4



HARDWARE SPECIFICATIONS

Network Emulator - Advanced	Network Emulator - Mini & Classic
COTS hardware (provided by Simnovus)	COTS hardware (sourced by customer)
CPU: Intel i9	CPU: intel i7
Clock speed: Max turbo frequency 460GHz	Clock speed: 3.3 GHz or higher
Number of cores: 18	Number of cores: 14 or more
RAM: 4 x 8GB DDR4	RAM: 16 GB or more
OS: Ubuntu 20.04	OS: Ubuntu 20.04
Disk space: 1TB	Disk space: 500GB
NIC ports: dual Intel 10G Ethernet	NIC port: 10 G Ethernet
PCIe Gen 3 slots: 7	PCIe slots: 1 for Mini 3 for Classic

ORDERING INFORMATION

The Simnovus flexible all-inclusive licensing provides simplified ordering:

Step 1:

Select Network Emulator type (Mini, Classic, or Advanced) for software license

Step 2:

Select number of SDR cards

Step 3 (Optional):

Select FR2 package (with Advanced) for software license

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