

# O-RU SIMULATOR

**Data Sheet** 

#### **OVERVIEW**

**The O-RAN architecture** is based on hardware and software disaggregation and using RAN applications as cloud-native functions. Validation strategies for O-RAN require a completely new approach based on software simulators vs. the traditional proprietary hardware.

The Simnovus software solution is designed for this new architecture.

#### Validate 5G Combined O-DU and O-CU Using Software

The Simnovus O-RU Simulator offers a comprehensive solution to validate the functionality and performance of the combined O-DU (O-RAN distributed unit) and O-CU (O-RAN central unit) over eCPRI-based 7.2x split fronthaul interface. The Simnovus solution simulates multiple O-RUs and hundreds of UEs generating realistic traffic models.

Our highly intuitive, web-based user interface provides superior user experience enabling quick ramp-up. It runs on commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) hardware enabling parallel test beds in a cost-effective manner.

#### **Eliminate Analog Issues**

With our solution, the need to procure and configure an O-RU goes away. With the traditional validation products, a lot of time is lost in making sure the analog parameters like gain, power, attenuation, carrier frequency offsets are calibrated between the UE Simulator and the O-RU.

Our solution not only completely removes the need for these but also makes it easy to configure scenarios like signal fading, channel modeling, and handover use cases.

#### **All-Inclusive Subscriptions**

Our solution is sold as an all-inclusive annual subscription. Simply choose the number of UEs to select the subscription needed. This modern subscription model enables customers to create parallel test beds without large upfront Capex.

#### **Scale Easily**

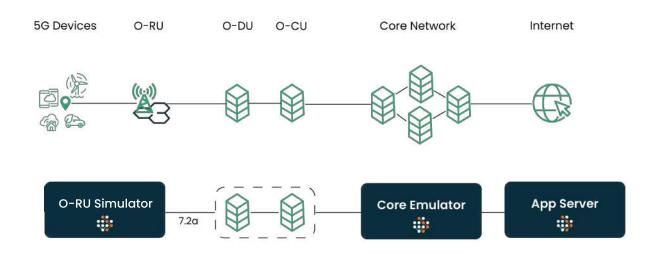
Multiple licenses of the O-RU Simulator can be combined to validate higher capacity and performance. This model allows for the maximum flexibility throughout the validation life cycle as both functional and performance validation can be achieved using the same product.

#### **No-Script Automation**

Automation is built into our solution to accelerate Continuous Integration/Continuous Development (CI/CD). Our solution includes a rich set of pre-packaged automation libraries ready for integration into your automation framework. Scripts are auto-generated with our powerful and flexible web-based UI, allowing for CI/CD and eliminating the need to write your own scripts. Simply choose from our comprehensive list of RESTful APIs to control the test and obtain test results.

#### **Emulate 5G Core and IMS for Wrap-Around Testing**

Use our Core Emulator in a wrap-around configuration to isolate the combined O-DU and O-CU. The Simnovus Core Emulator emulates a 5G core comprising of all the entities including AMF, UDF, and AUSF. It also simulates the IMS Core to facilitate testing of VoNR scenarios. Both UE and network-initiated control and user plane procedures can be simulated.



Leverage wrap-around configuration for combined O-DU, O-CU testing.



#### FEATURE SUMMARY

Software on COTS Simulates multiple O-RUs and hundreds of UEs; scales

up horizontally, quickly and efficiently

All Digital Interfaces Abstracts radio interface with O-RU emulation

Multi-Purpose Enables functional, interoperability, and performance

testing of the combined O-DU and O-CU

Multi-Topology Enables validation of combined O-DU and O-CU in

wrap around or end-to-end (E2E) configuration

**Realistic Scenarios** Generates realistic traffic patterns towards the

combined O-DU and O-CU

**Advanced** Provides multi-layer logging and multi-level

**Troubleshooting** statistics with correlation

## **KEY BENEFITS**

Enables Parallel Software on COTS enables parallel test beds to accelerate

Testbeds validation

**Simplifies Test Setup** Digital interfaces remove lab setup complexities by

eliminating need for radio equipment

No Expensive Capex Flexible subscription enables broad coverage without millions

in Capex

Quick Ramp-up Packaged tests and intuitive workflows ensure fast and

robust validation

100% Automation Packaged scripts and RESTful APIs enable out-of-

on Day 1 the-box automation and CI/CD acceleration

**2x Faster** Comprehensive multi-layer logging and multi-level statistics

**Troubleshooting** ensure faster problem isolation



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# O-RU SIMULATOR SPECIFICATIONS

WG4 ORAN Specifications	O-RAN Fronthaul Control, User and Synchronization Plane specification v7.0 O-RAN Open Fronthaul Management Plane specification v7.0 – (Hierarchical model) O-RAN Fronthaul Interoperability Test specification (IOT) v6.0		
Simulated UEs	Up to 128		
eCPRI Specifications	v2.0		
Fronthaul Split	7.2a		
Test Configuration	Cat-A O-RU Frequency Range 1 FDD and TDD 100 MHz Sub Carrier Spacing: 15, 30 and 60 KHz Number of antennas: up to 4 x 4 MIMO		
3GPP Release	Rel.16		
M-Plane	Hierarchical model  • JSON-based static configuration		
S-Plane	Transport Synchronization configurations: LLS-C1, LLS-C2, LLS-C3 PTP telecom profiles: ITU-T G.8275.1 & ITU-T G.8275.2		
C & U-Plane	Section type 0, 1 and 3 Programmable static-bit-width fixed point IQ (16 bits) Block-floating point compression Static configuration of U-Plane IQ format and compression header eCPRI with concatenation Application layer fragmentation and reassembly L2: Ethernet with support of jumbo frames QoS over fronthaul		
CUS-Plane IoT Profile	A. 2.1.1 NR TDD IOT Profile 1 -NR-TDD-FR1-CAT-A-NoBF		



## O-RU Simulator Specifications cont.

UE Categories	5G	
5G Deployment Modes	SA	
Handovers	Inter/intra-frequency, inter-duplex,	
QAM	QPSK, 16 QAM, 64 QAM, and 256 QAM	
Channel Emulation	AWGN, 3GPP channel models (AWGN, EPA, EVA, ETU, TDL: A/B/C)	
Power Control	UL Power Control, PHR, TPC	
Dual Stack UE	Supported	
Volte/Vonr	Supported with per-UE MOS calculation	
Other Application Traffic	Fixed payload UDP and TCP data, FTP, ICMP PING	
Automation	RESTful APIs	
Statistics	Comprehensive counters and KPI's as per the specification Statistics at different levels Global, per RU, per Antenna, per UE Separate counters for UL and DL for C and U plane	
Logging	UE Logs: All layers (L1, L2 and L3), SIP Fronthaul Logs: C-plane, U-plane, and M-plane	
Miscellaneous	VLAN Support  • Data flow separation based on VLAN ID  • Data flow separation based on MAC addresses Uplink Traffic Management using C-Plane	



# **CORE EMULATOR SPECIFICATIONS**

#### 5G core

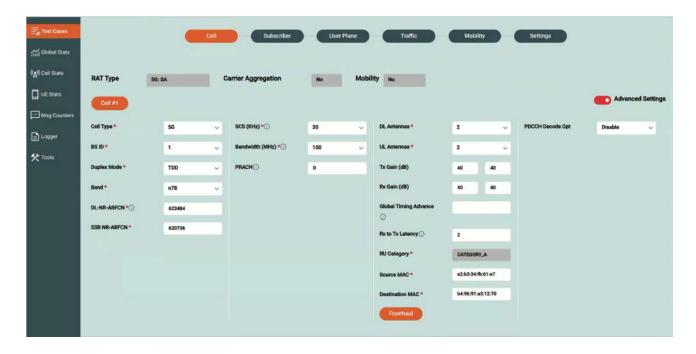
Network elements	Access and Mobility Management Function (AMF), Authentication Server Function (AUSF), Session Management Function (SMF), User plane Function (UPF), UDM (Unified Data Management) 5G-EIR (5G Equipment Identity Register) all integrated within the same software component	
3GPP release	Release 16	
NAS encryption and integrity protection	AES, SNOW3G, ZUC	
USIM authentication	XOR, Milenage, TUAK 5G-AKA	
IP version	IPv4, IPv4v6, IPv6 and unstructured PDUs support	
QoS	Configurable QoS flows	
PDU	Multi PDU sessions support	
Network interfaces	NG interface (NGAP and GTP-U protocols) to several gNodeBs, ng-eNodeBs or N3IWFs Rx to external IMS server, N12 to external AUSF N8 to external UDM, N17 to external 5G-EIR, N50 to external CBC	
RAT	NR, LTE, NB-IoT	
Handover	intra-AMF	

#### **IMS Core**

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	
	MD5, AKAv1 and AKAv2 for authentication	
Network interfaces	Rx interface for support of precondition and dedicated bearer Cx interface for external authentication	
IP versions	IPv4 and IPv6	
Services	Voice call, Video call, Voice echo test, Call hold, SMS over SIP and SMS over SG	



## **FUNCTIONAL OVERVIEW**



Generate complex test profiles in minutes with our step-by-step-test creation wizard.

#### **Intuitive Web Interface**

With Simnovus's web graphical user interface (GUI), there is no need to install any client software to use our solution. Plus, once you upgrade the server, all users will have direct access to the latest software by simply logging in on their browser.

#### **Simplified Test Configurations**

Our solution has an intuitive step-by-step workflow to walk users through the generation of even the most complex test profiles in just a few minutes. For more customized validations, users can easily edit our library of prepackaged tests. A variety of configurations are readily available, including multi-UE test cases with mobility scenarios and channel models.

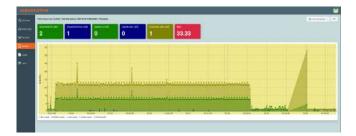
#### **Extensive Statistics**

Simnovus provides a wide range of key performance indicators (KPIs) at the global scale and allows users to drill down to per O-RU instance, percell, and per-UE levels. Examine current values and data over time for trend analysis.

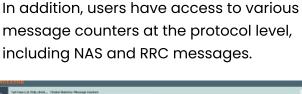


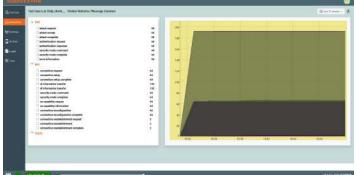
Examine trends with global statistics.

Compare various uplink and downlink statistics for visual analysis and troubleshooting.



Drill down to per-cell and per-UE level statistics.





Access layer-by-layer message counters.



Drill down to per-O-RU and per-eAxC level statistics.



### **Detailed Logging and Troubleshooting**

To help users analyze base station behavior, our solution provides advanced logging and troubleshooting capabilities.

#### Key logging capabilities include:

#### **UE** and cell level

- View detailed logging of all layers (PHY, MAC, RLC, PDCP, RRC, NAS)
- Selectively enable or disable logging of a layer
- Choose log level for each layer of the stack
- Filter logs for a particular UE or cell
- Switch from detailed decoding of NAS and RRC messages to logs of all PHY layers
- Save logs in text or graphical format for offline analysis



Detailed layer logging.

#### O-RU level

 Detailed C Plane logs for Extended Antenna-Carrier (eAxC) configured, both uplink and downlink



OFH C-plane logging in JSON format.

# HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

The Simnovus solution runs on COTS hardware and comprises of the following components:

Manager: GUI and controller node

**O-RU Simulator:** simulating UEs and O-RUs

It requires one or more multi 25GbE Ethernet Network Adaptor PCIe cards for connectivity on the fronthaul. Recommended card: Intel® Ethernet

Converged Network Adapter XXV710-DA2-25G 52000 **App Server:** Application server for terminating user plane traffic.

Core Emulator: Emulates 5G Core and IMS



# HARDWARE SPECIFICATIONS

O-RU Simulator	Manager	App Server/Core Emulator
Dell R750 (2 socket)	Virtual Machine	COTS hardware
CPU: Intel Xeon Gold/ Platinum	CPU: Intel i5 or higher	CPU: Intel i5 or higher
Clock speed: Max turbo frequency above 3.4 GHz	Clock frequency: 3.3GHz or higher	Clock frequency: 3.3GHz or higher
Core Count: 32 per CPU	Number of cores: 4 or more	Number of cores: 4 or more
RAM: 8 x 8GB DDR4	RAM: 8GB or higher	RAM: 8GB or higher
OS: Ubuntu 20.04	OS: Ubuntu 20.04 or higher	OS: Ubuntu 20.04 or higher
Disk space: 1TB	Disk space: 500GB or more	SDD: 500GB or more
Intel® Ethernet Network Adapter XXV710-DA2	NIC port: 1 x 1GbE	NIC ports:  • 1 x 10GbE for traffic  • 1 x 1GbE for management
PCIe Gen 3 slots: 2		



## **ORDERING INFORMATION**

The Simnovus flexible all-inclusive software subscription provides simplified ordering:

## Step 1:

Select number of UEs (1, 16, 32, 64, or 128).

App server software is also included.

## Step 2 (Optional):

Select Core Emulator.

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