INNOVATE 4G 5G OPEN RAN



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One Technology for ALL Gs and ALL Open RAN Use Cases

















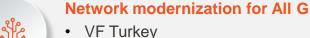






5G





- Zain
- MTN
- Orange
- Ooredoo

Coverage

- EE/BT
- Optus
- IpT
- OptimERA
- Millicom

Capacity

- Inland Cellular
- Etisalat

5G readiness

- Cellcom
- Inland Cellular

Public Safety LTE Open RAN

• ESN (UK)



















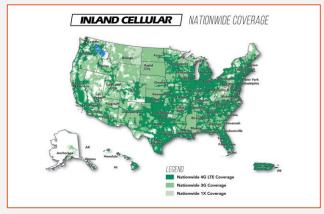




INLAND CELLULAR









THE BEST HOPE FOR U.S. CHALLENGE TO HUAWEI



For many years, Inland Cellular used [traditional RAN vendors] equipment in their network, but they grew frustrated by incumbent vendors dictating their future. When they needed to upgrade their system or add a new feature, they had to accept [their historic vendors'] pricing because they were locked into [their historic vendors'] proprietary technology.



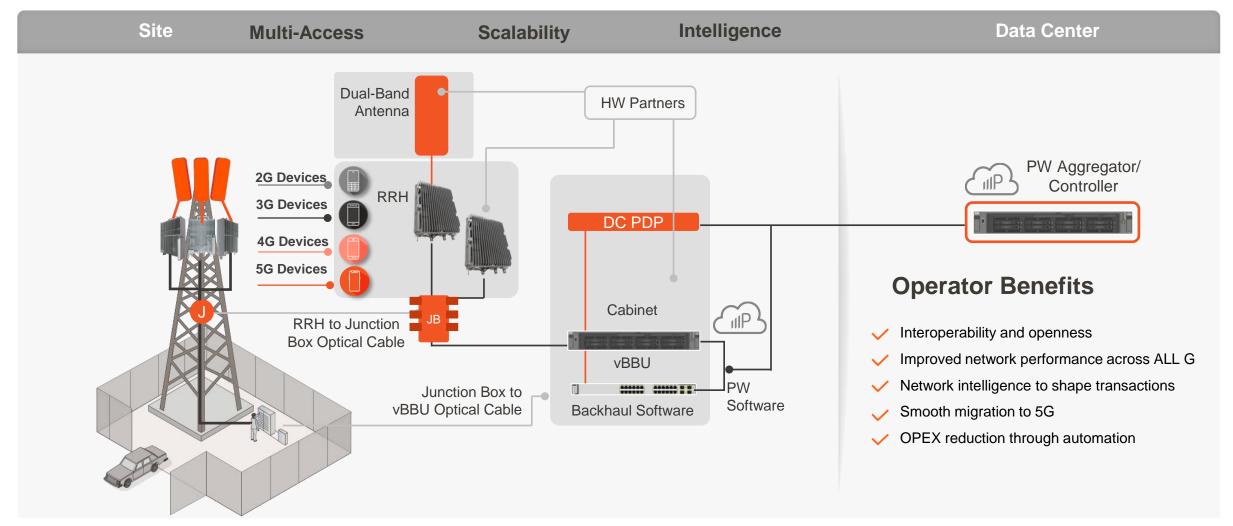
Open interfaces ultimately leading to cost savings was the main reason Inland Cellular turned to an Open RAN network - estimating the technology has cut the price of each cell site by 40 percent, to about \$20,000. That is an even more important consideration as telecom companies build 5G systems, which require more cells.



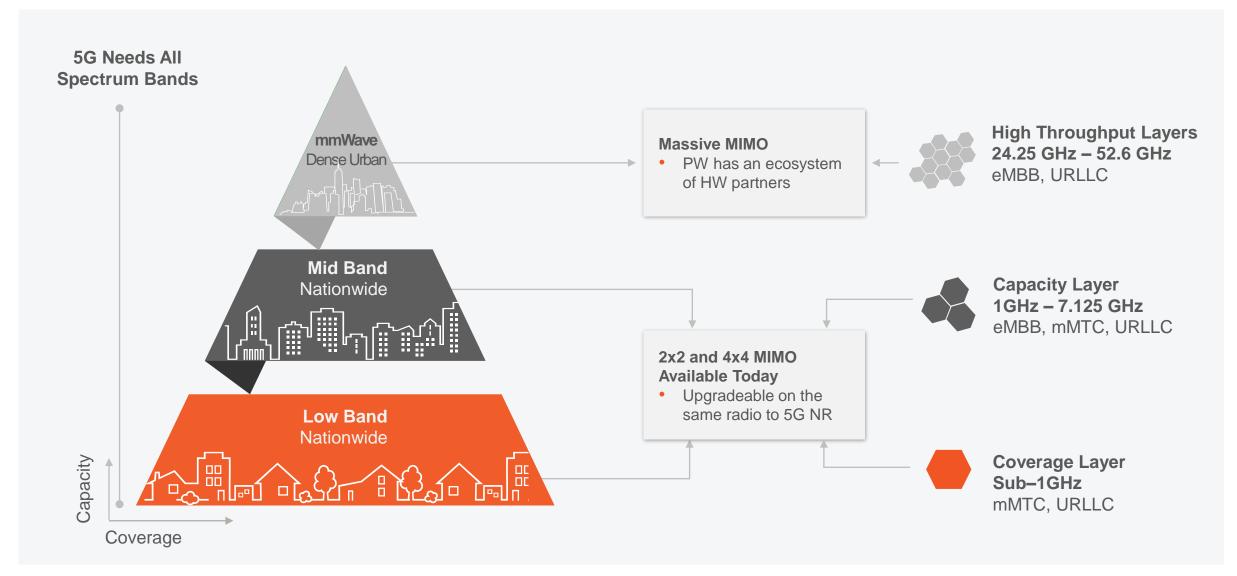
The Open RAN result was impressive: The equipment transferred data more efficiently than the network's other cell sites and synced well with them.



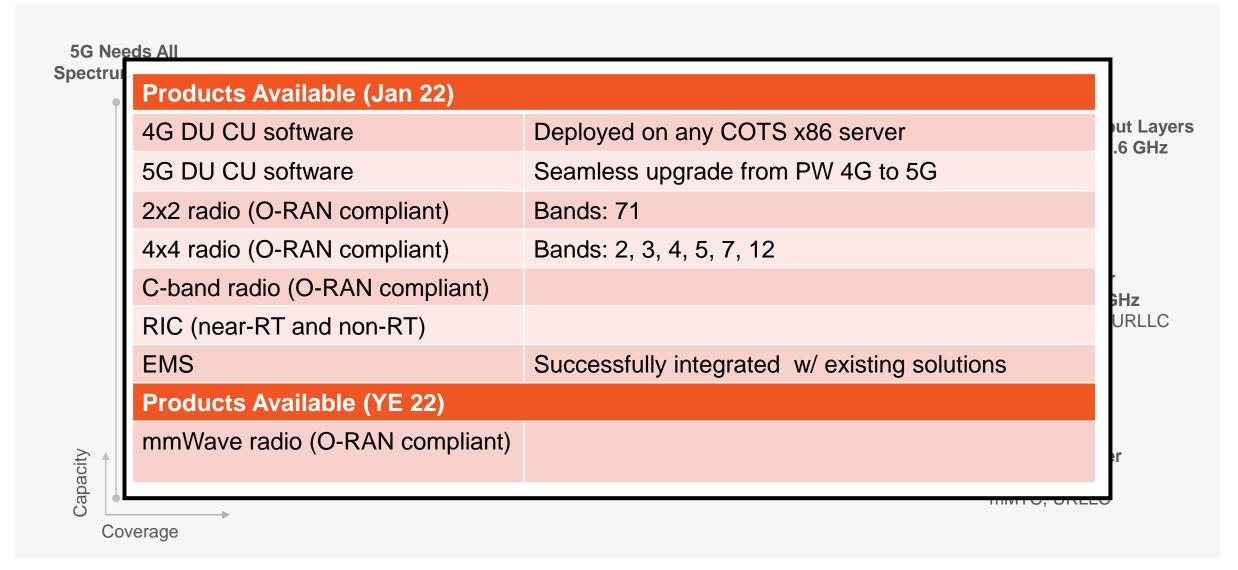
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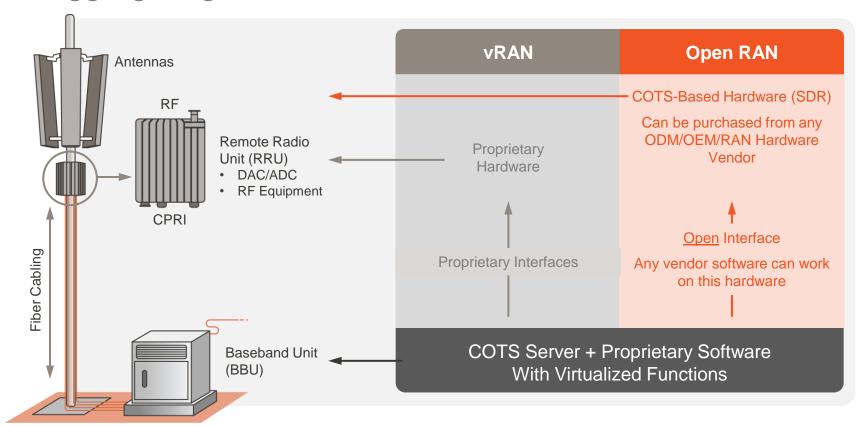


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OPENRAN

Disaggregating Hardware and Software



Contemporary Base Station

- Signal Processing
- Network Access
- · Fiber Optic Cables

vRAN is not necessarily Open RAN

Open RAN

Is "Virtualized Software" – running on – "Open Interface GPP-based Hardware"

Anything Else is Considered Proprietary

Major Ecosystem Influencers

- O-RAN Alliance
- Telecom Infra Project
- Small Cell Forum





CONTROL YOUR OWN DESTINY

PAST

- Proprietary interfaces
- Endless hardware/software dependencies
- Vendors Dictating:
 - Upgrades HW and SW cost and choices
 - Limitations scaling and timing of features
 - How fast we get things done vendor dev time
 - When we get things done vendor services only
- Constraining choice in how we grow and architect our network in our unique environment

FUTURE -

- Open interfaces
- Plug and play Interoperability both HW and SW
- Inland controls:
 - Topology
 - When we upgrade and what we get
 - CI/CD
 - Many more services options for operators
- Ultimately controlling our business plan for growth, coverage and capacity serving rural America

Competition, choice, and cost are all correlated



MARKET FORCES CAN BRING MORE CONNECTIVITY



Every network topology / context is unique

- Different technical needs for Western Oregon from Washington DC
- Different consumer needs Western Oregon from Washington DC
- Different weather, topology, etc.



Legacy vendors dictate answers versus giving us choice – ultimately dictating our business plans - we need to unshackle our work from them to deliver more for America



FCC can help by nurturing open-ness but please don't replace the vendors with another dictatorship – help us get market forces working to deliver more for America

THANK YOU



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