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## FASMETRICS Brief Intro



We are an **award-winning high-tech SME**, specialized in producing innovative radio communication technology as well as offering advanced managed services for the Global mobile telecommunications industry.

We have successfully developed **proprietary technology to address the RAN market**. Our current product portfolio consists of 4 product lines (F-CAT, Obelisk, 3skelion, & SONAR) targeting the mobile industry globally.



### The need: Mobile Traffic



Intelligence

Scenarios for mobile data traffic (2019–2024) Mobile video data usage per smartphone connection GB per month



- Video has been the biggest driver of mobile data traffic growth in the smartphone era. This trend is expected to continue in the coming years as higher definition video streams on mobile devices.
- Based on Ericsson's mobile data projections and GSMA Intelligence's modelling for video usage on smartphones, mobile networks could carry four to eight times more data by 2025 than at the start of 2019.
- This presents clear capacity risks, particularly at peak hours. Additional 5G spectrum and refarming LTE holdings will need to complement network densification and multiple offload outlets (Wi-Fi and fixed) to cope.

# Our 5G Perspective



#### **CUSTOMERS' NEED**

Data hunger & quick data transfer reliably, everywhere, always on

#### **MOBILE NETWORK NEEDS**

- RAN
  - Additional Spectrum (700MHz, 3.5Ghz, mm Wave)
  - Site Densification
  - Improved Spectrum Efficiency
  - Core
  - New 3GPP standards

#### **TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS – 5G**



#### **RAN NETWORK REQUIREMENTS**

- New antennas (suitable for new spectrum)
- New 5G site (small cells) rollout
- Existing sites update to 5G → antennas swap to 5G

5G is based on new antenna rollout

### RAN gets 5G investments lion's share



#### RAN/Core split, total capex, 2018-25





"Always connected" finally means **intensive** radio site rollout, with additional, new and bigger antennas and radio equipment in general on tower tops.

## Our Products for 5G Challenge...

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A product that evolutionary targets on new revenue streams from 5G mobility-as-a-service

D. 3skelion

It aims at replacing the legacy antenna supports and reliefs the towers from excessive weight and wind load, and to reduce mobile sites TCO by >20%, by: - ↓ weight on tower top by >50Kgr/cell - ↓ installation time by 50% ↓ logistics complexity/cost by 80%

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An innovative, modular, prefabricated "site-in-a-box" solution that reduces site TCO.

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It aims at improving coverage, capacity & quality of communication on in-vehicle broadband repeater sites (i.e. ships). It optimizes backhauling radio link for sites-on-the-go (i.e. ships, trains, cars), improving capacity by >30%

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### F-CAT: The Challenge



"Always connected" finally means intensive radio site rollout, with additional, new and bigger antennas and radio equipment in general on tower tops.



#### The challenge:

Existing sites are to a broad extend statically and space limited. This makes their upgrade (i.e supporting additional new (and bulkier) antennas) a big challenge! Even if it is feasible, they need to be statically enforced. This costs a lot!





#### Challenge Root Cause: Legacy Antenna Support Systems **D** Bulky & heavy steel structures that







□ Non-standardized, inhomogeneous material that affects traceability, and logistics, whereas it increases load variability on the tower □ Various OD mounting poles are

inherent part of any state-of-the-art mediation, for supporting the antenna azimuth adjustment

heavily affect tower static &

dynamic performance



# F-CAT: Key Benefits vs Legacy

- Modular design and a broad product family to cover all kinds of installations and the vast majority of tower and antenna/radio equipment types
- Tangible overall supply chain process cost optimization (less weight and volume, fully traceable material)
- Tremendous reduction (80%) of tower-top weight & volume, hence dynamic windload (per antenna). None or less tower static reinforcement needed!
- Less space is needed, which is critical especially for rooftop covered sites
- □ Tangible simplification of antenna installation steps with 50% decrease of working time on tower-top (antenna azimuth alignment is performed exclusively on the ground) ⇒ 50% less site down-time and total installation time
- □ Significantly reduced health & safety risk for riggers on tower-top
- Increased environmental footprint due to less galvanized steel used on site
- High accuracy level in antenna alignment









# SONAR: The Challenge I



**SON-AR** stands for **S**elf **O**rganizing **N**etwork - **A**ntenna **R**obotics Antenna azimuth automation & remote-control system for traffic based active cell coverage





Fixed Azimuths? Not any more... SONAR It applies on any antenna... legacy or new.

# SONAR: The Challenge II



#### The Challenge II:

Since radio network sites are still being planned for geographical coverage (as from the 2G/3G era), MNOs will continue to lose revenues!

Users are served at different service level (or some not at all!). Optimizing the radio network means:

 Drop Calls are minimized
 Access Failures are minimized
 Throughput is increased and leads to better user experience and customer loyalty, increased revenue, and higher Rol for the MNO.



# **SONAR:** The Solution



The solution to this problem can be either through the increase of network resources (more spectrum, more sites)

#### or

through better utilization of existing resources (Increase spectrum efficiency, reduce radio interference, boost signal coverage).



SONAR: The Solution SONAR makes the red dot green by boosting the intelligence of the existing network flexible and smart, and improving the High Usage Area coverage



# SONAR: How it works

Optimization of traffic capacity for 4G/5G mobile networks can become a reality through novel radio planning methodologies....Try **traffic-based vs geographical-based** planning

**SONAR** uses an intelligent antenna azimuth steering device that automatically scans the h-plane within ±15° the cell's initial coverage footprint, evaluating clockwise and counterclockwise the "cell-edge" performance in order to identify the best antenna azimuth heading for which the High Usage Areas (HUAs) in a pre-defined time frame are better served from the network.





# **SONAR:** F-CAT Evolution

#### SONAR is the remote F-CAT controller





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A cellular communications antenna mast assembly ( comprising a first component (332) having a longitudinal and a first profile oriented perpendicular to the longitud axis, a second component (330) arranged to engage the profile so as to engage the first mast component and sec nast component to constrain relative rotation thereof at the longitudinal axis, and to provide a datum transfer betw the mast components, having only one orientation in wl

20 Claims, 12 Drawing Sheets

European Commission

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Certificate delivered by the European Commission, as the institution managing Horizon 2020, the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation 2014-2020

#### The project proposal 685150, SONAR

SONAR - Self Organizing Network Antenna Robotics

Submitted under the Horizon 2020's SME instrument phase 2 call H2020-SMEInst-2014-2015 (H2020-SMEINST-2-2015) of 18 March 2015 in the area of Open Disruptive Innovation Scheme (implemented through the SME instrument)

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following evaluation by an international panel of independent experts

#### WAS SUCCESSFUL IN A HIGHLY COMPETITIVE EVALUATION PROCESS\* AS AN INNOVATIVE PROJECT PROPOSAL

This proposal is recommended for funding by other sources since Horizon 2020 resources available for this specific Call were already allocated following a competitive ranking.

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### **3Skelion**: The Challenge



#### The Challenge:

Cruise ships are crowded High Value Customer (HVC) hotspots, that starving for data capacity and throughput, typically at cell edge.

Existing coverage solutions that have been perfoming adequately for 2G/3G technologies, have been proved limited for 4G/5G to satisfy constantly growing data demand and service level expectations on behalf of the customers.





10% of users abandon video after 4sec waiting
 40% of users abandon video after 10sec waiting

### Legacy Solution





In-Ship RF Repeater Example

Even from 2G era, MNOs have appreciated the value of the ships as heavy usage moving underserviced hotspots

Hence, MNOs heavily invest in RF repeaters and indoor DAS to enhance in-ship radio coverage and improve hotspot service

■ This practice although works quite successfully in 2G where coverage is the main requirement, it has certain data service limitations for the modern broadband technologies  $(3G \rightarrow 4G \rightarrow 5G)$ 

To improve the in-ship broadband performance (and hence data service capacity) we just need to "feed" the RF repeater with "better" radio signals (better Rx levels, less noise)

 "Junk" radio (i.e. high noise levels) that omni antenna feeds in the system, is the root cause for data service underperformance (less Data Throughputs/Capacity)

### **3Skelion**: The Solution





#### Before/Omni Antenna

#### After/Directional Antennas

# **3Skelion**: How it works





### **3Skelion:** Key Benefits vs Legacy





- Avg. "Time to first Picture" (TTFP) with omni is ~18sec (in August) vs ~6sec (in June)
- Avg. "Time to first Picture" (TTFP) with **3skelion** Avg. DL throughput with **3skelion** technology is technology is ~10sec (in August) vs ~4sec (in June) ~14Mbps (in August) vs ~ 24Mbps (in June)
- Avg. DL throughput with omni is ~4Mbps (in August) vs ~ 9Mbps (in June)
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# **OBELISK:** The Challenge





#### The Challenge:

According to a worst case scenario, more than 30million small cells will have cumulatively been installed around the globe till 2026 (Source Small Cell Forum, July 2020).



### Legacy Solution





Non standardized, manufacturer-based proprietary solutions

Increased Capex

Increased Opex



### **Obelisk:** The Solution



**OBELISK** introduces the site-in-a-box concept, being a modular & easy to install site, which offers significant cost optimization to rooftop sites rollout (**Site TCO is reduced by >30%**). It is fully compatible with **FCAT** and **SONAR**.





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