Vertical Innovations in Transport And Logistics over 5G experimentation facilities

Experimenting with NetApps for Transport & Logistic in 5G testbeds

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Background & rationale for VITAL-5G

• 5G networks (up to 3GPP Rel.16) are not yet at a mature stage
  • 5G deployments today are of limited scale (up to city-scope in various countries)
  • Good for eMBB services, still work to do on URLLC and/or mMTC (3GPP Rel.17?)
  • 3GPP network slicing and network monitoring with analytics not fully supported
  • Benefits for Verticals still under evaluation by non-Telco industry

• VITAL-5G focus is on production-level 5G to support diverse applications for T&L Vertical
  • Our work is in coordination with multiple research projects in 5G PPP Phase 3, https://5g-ppp.eu/5g-ppp-phase-3-projects/

5G Radio & Spectrum
Virt. Edge
Virt. Core/DC
Transport mesh

SDN Ctrl
NFV Orch
RAN Ctrl
SDN Ctrl
NFV Orch
E2E Service Orchestration

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Value proposition by VITAL-5G

**Service Portal & Open Online Repository of NetApps** [for T&L]
- release a flexible platform adapted to serve the specific needs of the Transport & Logistics (T&L) sector

**3 state-of-the-art 5G experimentation facilities** to validate T&L Vertical solutions and applications in real-life conditions
- **Port of Antwerp, Danube River, Athens logistics hub**
- Upgrades to support 3GPP Rel.16 and to extend radio coverage to the port and warehouse
- No cross-border service deployments

**3 main use cases** to showcase the capabilities of the VITAL-5G for T&L sector
- **UC#1:** Automated vessel transport
- **UC#2:** 5G connectivity and data-enabled assisted navigation using IoT sensing and video cameras (Galati Danube river port)
- **UC#3:** Automation & remote operation of freight logistics (Warehouse logistics)

**3rd-party experimenters** from the network of commercial contacts of the trial facility owners
- closer-to-market NetApp scenarios
- baseline for a T&L NetApp business ecosystem around the 3 facilities and other ports in Europe
Overall concept & envisioned architecture

• **Open Online Repository**
  - Programmable APIs and GUI to on-board, query, retrieve and update
    - VxF/VNF packages
    - Network Slice
    - Network Service descriptors
    - Service and Experiment blueprints
  - **Access Control** to regulate access, view and actions permitted on catalogue resources
  - Mechanisms for license management for NetApp packages

• The aim is to **share open source NetApps developed** by VITAL-5G partners or taken from state of the art and packaged for the VITAL-5G repository

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• **Service Portal for NetApps** lifecycle management
  
  • design, onboard, instantiate, monitor/manage and benchmark T&L NetApps
  
  • run experiments via dashboard or a programmatic API (intent-based API)
    • From service description by the Vertical to automatic transformations into 5G/NFV service descriptions and lifecycle management actions
  
  • **AI/ML-assisted placement** of VNFs/VxFs related to the NetApps and re-optimization of the instantiated services
  
  • Tools for **KPI monitoring and analysis**
    • interface to standard MANO (ETSI OSM) and NG-RAN control systems available at the trial facilities
      • network slice creation, resource instantiation and data collection for monitoring

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Network Applications (NetApps)

A NetApp is a 5G-enabled virtual application which provides its own set of functionalities when deployed as a stand-alone entity and that can cooperate and interact with other NetApps to deliver more complex vertical services. NetApps extend the concept of VNFs declaring (i) service level information to simplify their re-usage, sharing and composition in vertical services and (ii) mobile connectivity requirements in terms of 5G network slice profiles or consumed 5G core services to automate their instantiation in 5G network virtual infrastructures.

NetApps tools:

- NetApp packages and NetApp blueprints to distribute and describe NetApps characteristics
- NetApp catalogue in VITAL-5G Open Online Repository, to onboard, discover and browse NetApps for building T&L vertical services
- Validation tools to verify NetApps, wizards and intent-based interfaces to build NetApp-based services and experiments
- Tools for automated testing and experimental validation to evaluate NetApps performances in configurable 5G networks
NetApp package data models

- 5G slice profile specification
- Metrics for analytics and diagnostics
- Required 5G Core services

NetApp blueprint

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Example NetApp Blueprint

IoT Management Platform

- **Atomic component**
- **Interface Specification**
- **Message Broker**
- **Datastore and Dashboard**
- **IoT Event/Alarm Manager**
- **Connectivity Service**

**5G Core Network**

- **Endpoint (external, mobile access) + 5G Slice profile reqs.**

**5G Access Network**

- **Pre-provisioned slice**

**HW compatibility**

**Sensor/Actuator**

**Local/Field IoT supervisor**

**IoT Gateway**

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Vertical Services and Experiments

Vertical Services group NetApps into complex service chains

Experiments allow to automate the execution and validation of tests on top of service instances.
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Unified interfaces towards 5G testbeds

Unified interfacing approach between VITAL-5G platform and VITAL-5G testbeds

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VITAL-5G NetApp package onboarding (I)

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VITAL-5G Blueprint on-boarding (II)

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Service Lifecycle management (I)

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Service Lifecycle management (II)

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- Instantiate VS:
  - VS parameters
  - IMSI IDs

- Instantiate NS:
  - NSD ID/DF/IL
  - VIM networks for 5G slice stitching
  - Testbed

- Configure monitoring:
  - Metric id/name/type
  - <component id>
  - <network service instance>

- Testbed-specific interfaces

- Configuration of xNF for monitoring through OSM
Experiment execution

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- Execute experiment
  - Experiment parameters
  - Vertical service instance

- Configure xNF
- Execute experiment scripts
Thank you for your attention!

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HEADING THE FUTURE

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