

Summary

Cellium's EdgeAir Lite family solution for SOHO (Small Office/Home Office) & SME (Small Enterprise) private and public networks provides a cost and power efficient solution for cellular 5G-NR (New Radio)/LTE coverage in buildings with a very a very low TCO (Total Cost of Ownership). The EdgeAir system, based on Cellium's CEL1000/CEL2000 SoCs, offers an active DAS (Distributed Antenna System) like solution that is RAT (Radio Access Technology), RAN (Radio Access Network) vendor, and topology agnostic. For downstream traffic, the Cellium Base Unit (CBU) will down-convert the radio frequencies to frequencies suitable for transmitting over standard CATx copper cables and the Cellium Remote Unit (CRU) will then up-convert the radio frequencies. For upstream traffic, the frequency conversion is reversed. The end-user will enjoy premium 5G-NR/LTE performance and minimal latency without any cell handover issues. The CBU supports up to 8 CRUs providing indoor coverage up to ~100,000 ft² (~10,000 m²) for a single system.

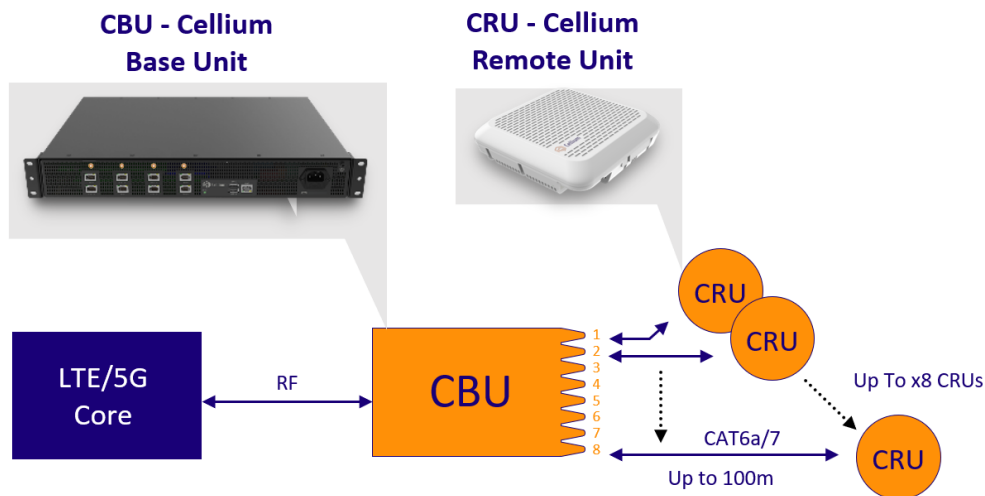


Figure: EdgeAir Lite Family Solution

Introduction

Driven by the ever-growing number of smartphones, tablets, laptops and IoT (Internet of Things) wireless connected sensors, appliances, cameras, and other mobile devices, 80% of wireless data traffic originates or terminates indoor. Wireless indoor connectivity has become a mandatory utility like water, and electricity. Building owners, facility, and IT (Information Technology) managers have been challenged to deploy different systems and solutions for wireless coverage and capacity to indoor users and devices with the bandwidth, mobility, and user experience required.

The Problem

In the past, the first indoor system to be deployed was WiFi service, due to its free use in unlicensed frequency bands, combined with the high number of devices supported by the WiFi protocols including phones, tablets, and laptops.

However, the challenges related to the WiFi services and networks such as lower mobility, low quality of service, lower security, and higher latency, all lead to the understanding that WiFi-only service is just not enough. This compared with the advantages of cellular networks such as mobility management, advanced quality of service, SIM based security, increased bandwidth enabled by the latest 5G-NR bands, and the advantages of IoT protocols such as low latency, low power consumption, and low cost. The need to provide 5G-NR and LTE cellular coverage indoor has risen due to the modern building use of low emission glass walls and other building materials that block the outdoor macro network cellular signals. In addition, the new 5G-NR bands use higher frequencies, with a smaller outdoor cell coverage, not reaching all buildings, and not penetrating indoor.

Solution

Cellium's patented technology, IF (Intermediate Frequencies) over Copper (IFoC), provides a RAT/RAN vendor, and topology agnostic solution for 5G-NR/LTE and indoor distribution over CATx copper. The EdgeAir Lite family is the solution for MNO indoor antenna subsystem supporting 5G/LTE implementations.

It consists of two family members:

- The Cellium Base Unit (CBU) has four RF ports to RAN equipment and connects up to eight CRUs over CATx copper cables. It is based on the Cellium CEL1000/CEL2000 SoCs..
- The Cellium Remote Unit (CRU) is a radio unit consisting of antennas, filters, and FEMs (Front End Modules). It is based on the Cellium CEL1000/CEL2000 SoCs.

Benefits

The EdgeAir system provides the following market leading benefits:

- ✓ Analog solution that is both cost efficient and provides high performance.
- ✓ RAT/RAN vendor, and topology agnostic.
- ✓ The EdgeAir system is based on the Cellium SoCs, thus reducing system costs, power consumption, physical size, and providing superior bandwidth and latency.
- ✓ Any band up to 7GHz.
- ✓ Automatic cable adaptation for solving cable impairments.
- ✓ Simple RF planning and installation.
- ✓ Single cell solution without any inter-cell interference.
- ✓ No need for handover between remote units.
- ✓ Provides indoor coverage up to ~100,000 ft² (~10,000 m²).

Ordering Information

Model	Description
CBU_L	Cellium Base Unit, 4 x 4 5G-NR/LTE, 8 x CRU ports
CRU_L	Cellium Remote Unit, 4 x 4 5G-NR/LTE TDD MIMO

CBU: Specifications



Feature	Description
Radio	
Technology	NR/LTE
Duplex mode	TDD
Bands*	n48(CBRS Ready), n78,n77, n79
RAN RF connectivity	4x NEX10 (F)
Bandwidth	Up to 150MHz**
Tx/Rx path	4/4(Source1) or 2/2(Source1) +2/2(Source2)
Max DL/UL MIMO	4/4
General	
Management port	RJ45
CRU connectivity	8 x RJ45 POE++
Power supply	220-110V AC / 48 VDC***
Power consumption	<60 W (stand-alone), <450 W (with 8 x CRUs)
Dimensions	1.5U 19" rack (66x436x330mm)
Weight	<5kg
Operating temperature	0°C - 40°C
LED	Status
Reset	Push button
IP rating	IP30
Mounting	Wall, rack

* Additional bands are optional (including LTE TDD bands)

** Band dependent

*** Different SKUs

CRUL Specifications



Feature	Description
Radio	
Technology	LTE/5G NR
Duplex mode	TDD
Frequency*	n48(CBRS Ready), n78, n77, n79
Bandwidth (contiguous)	Up to 150MHz**
Tx/Rx path	4/4(Source1) or 2/2(Source1) +2/2(Source2)
Max DL/UL MIMO	4/4
Max total EIRP	2W [33dBm]
General	
CEU connectivity	RJ45, 10GbE, 1x CAT6a and above
Power supply	PoE++ or DC***
Power consumption	<35W
Dimensions	270x270x70 mm (10.6x10.6x2.7")
Weight	<3.5kg
Operating temperature	0°C - 40°C
LED	Status
Reset	Push button
IP rating	IP30
Mounting	Ceiling / suspended ceiling
Cooling method	Passive cooling

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