

# Fiber From The Farm (FFTF)

## *(C4EU 5.4.1: Report on Pilots on Fiber Deployment)*

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### **Abstract**

Optical Fibre is certainly the best technology available for data transmission in terms bandwidth, latency, reliability and stability. As installation costs decrease, it is expanding beyond its original realm and major application in the carrier backbone and is moving into the local loop. Following this trend community networks are gradually adopting it. The present technical report accounts for the state of this technology progress made during the first year of optical fibre pilots in the Commons4Europe project.

### **Index Terms**

Bottom-up-Broadband (BuB), Community Networks (CNs), Fibre From The Farm (FFTF/FFTx), Optical Fibre (OF), Points-of-Presence (POPs)

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Despite the fact there were (and still are) some doubts about the capacity of community networks to incorporate the optical fibre technology the fact is that in guifi.net there are already

TODO cite example [1]

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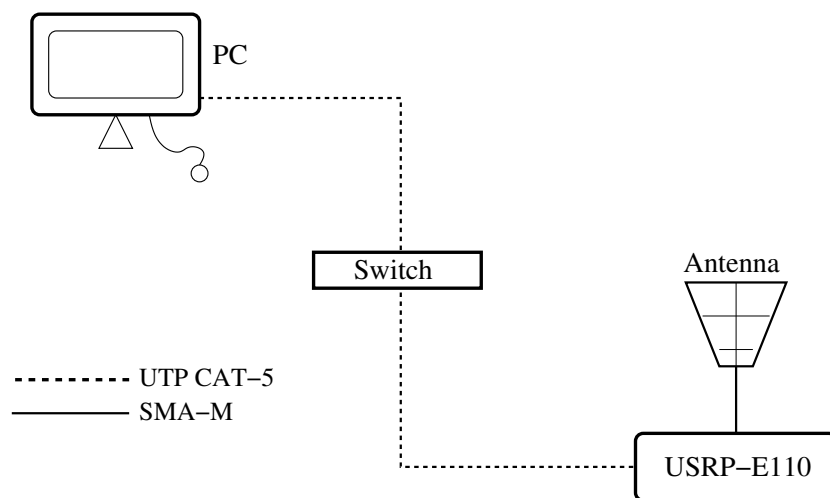


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#### IV. POINTS-OF-PRESENCE (POPs)

A point of presence (PoP) is an artificial demarcation point or interface point between communicating entities. In our case we are referring to optical fibre interconnection points. From 2010 until now the guifi.net community has raised six points of presence over the Catalan territory. These POPs are following the network model of freedom and neutrality specified in the XOLN?? licence. Thus anyone is able to connect to them but always respecting the same conditions. From a general perspective guifi.net community is building a set of neutral exchange points, leaving the infrastructure available to the individuals, associations or either companies. Figure 2 shows the fibre network map of guifi.net POPs (not all of them).

The current guifi.net POPs are managed, maintained and also economically sustained for the community. To interconnect all of them it is needed to use third party infrastructure. The FFTH projects are able to deploy some kilometers of optical fibre but not hundreds or even thousands.

In Catalonia there exist a set of deployed fibres which are owned by the Catalan government, available to any entity and rented for a regularized price. Most of the guifi.net POPs are connected to such network to interchange data between them. Figure 3 shows a slice of the network fibre map provided by the government.

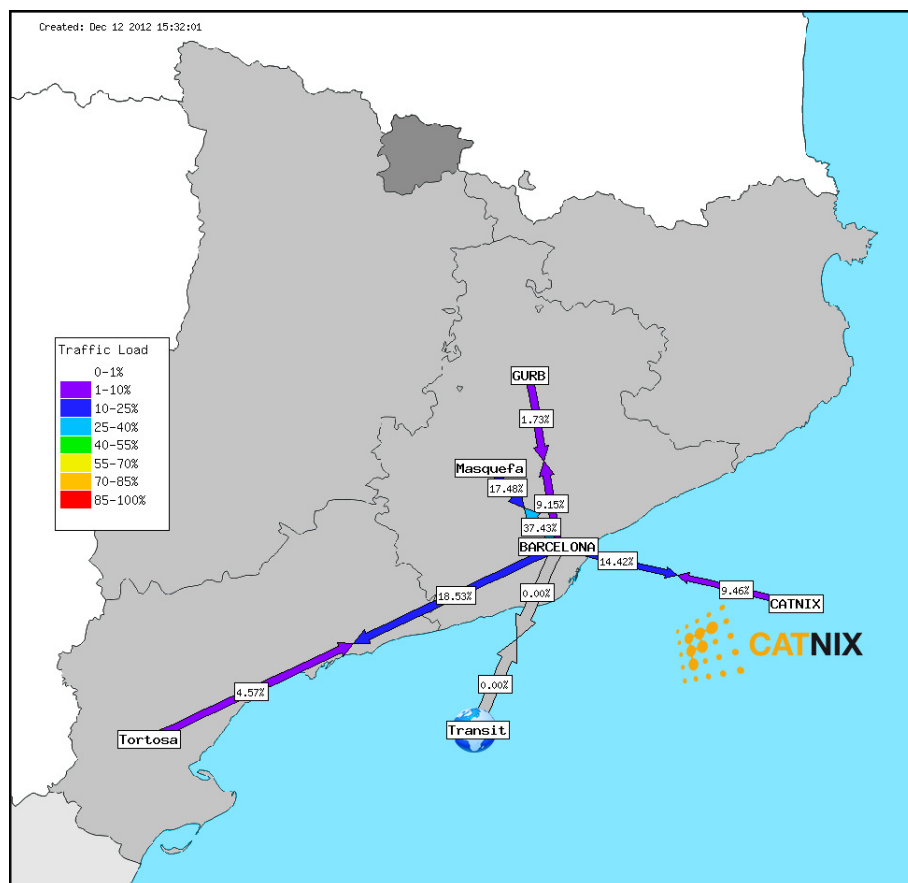


Fig. 2. Guifi.net fibre POPs network map

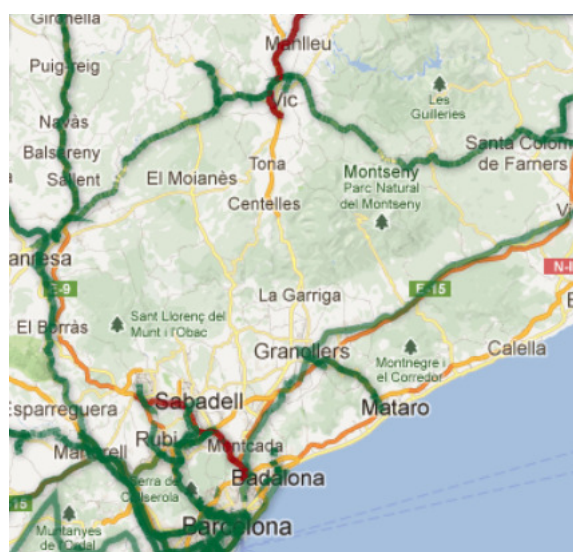


Fig. 3. Available regularized fibre

### A. Pilot's deployments

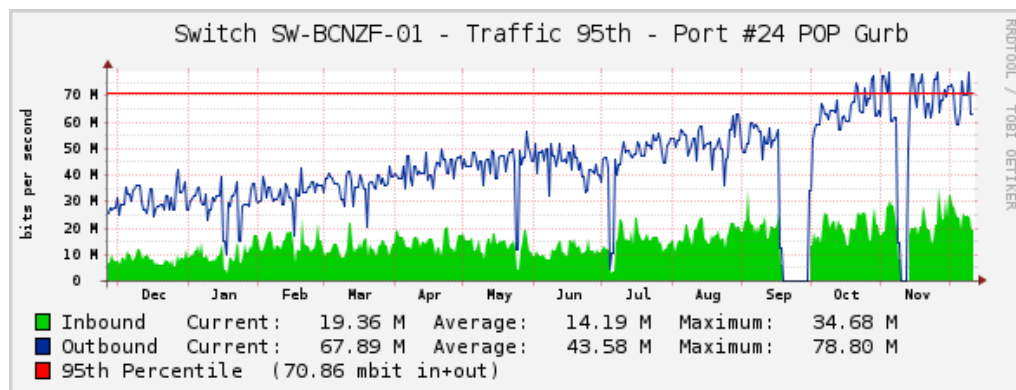


Fig. 4. Gurb's POP network load (year)

#### 1) Gurb:

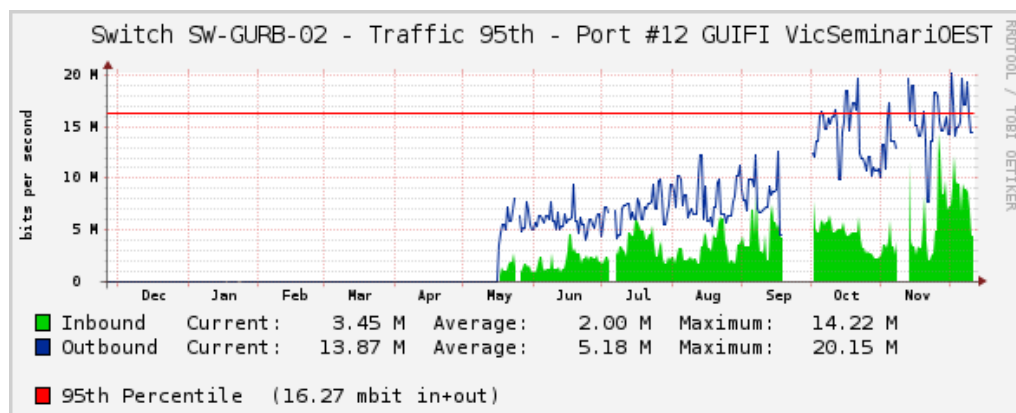


Fig. 5. Vic's POP network load (year)

#### 2) Vic:

### B. Other deployments

1) *CATNIX-TELVENT*: CATNIX<sup>1</sup> is the name of the internet exchange point (IX) of Catalonia. It is a physical infrastructure provided by the government to leave the network operators exchange their information and connect their networks (autonomous systems).

<sup>1</sup><http://www.catnix.net>

All guifi.net POPs terminate to such infrastructure (as can be shown in figure 2) where all of them connect together to become part of the main community network.

Guifi.net Foundation operates its own backbone infrastructure using the ASN 49835 (Autonomous System Number). An open peering policy is followed to establish peering sessions with all potential partners. The Foundation is part of the CATNIX, so it is also possible to exchange data with other ISP and rent Internet uplink directly to an international carrier. Right now there is one symmetric Internet gigabit available. This is probably the most important POP of the current guifi.net network infrastructure.

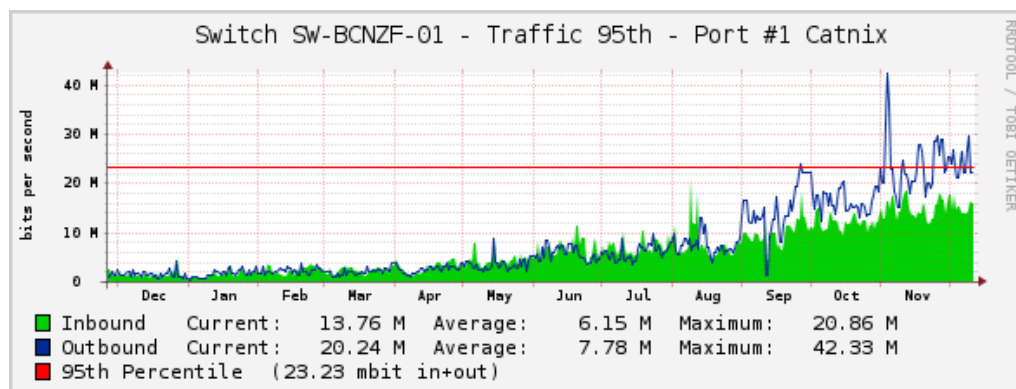


Fig. 6. CATNIX's POP network load (year)

## V. RESULTS

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The proposed identification of TV White Spaces with USRP-E110 enables the execution of a spectrum sensing algorithm via SSH, allowing the USRP to be located at convenient locations.

It is possible to build a Radio Environment Maps (REM) [?] from samples gathered by geographically distributed USRPs controlled from a centralized location, increasing the efficiency and boosting the implementation of cognitive networks.

In order to optimize the spectrum sensing algorithm, better signal processing techniques are expected to be implemented in the near future [?]. All of this in the attempt to differentiate noise from TV broadcast signals.



Currently, our research is oriented towards the effective communication of two USRP-E110 using TVWS at distances over three meters apart [?]. Also, we are working at combining the cognitive and transmission tasks inside a unified code running in the USRP-E110.

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