Connecting the jungle and other remote parts of the world

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TUCAN3G Project

- An EU-funded project aimed to provide mobile technology and data services to the most remote and isolated areas in the world
- Based on the femtocell technology

Why do we need this project ?

- Costs to build classical access and backhaul infrastructures discourage the cellular companies
- Low-income populations cannot afford the traditional cellular costs

Simple, cheap yet powerful

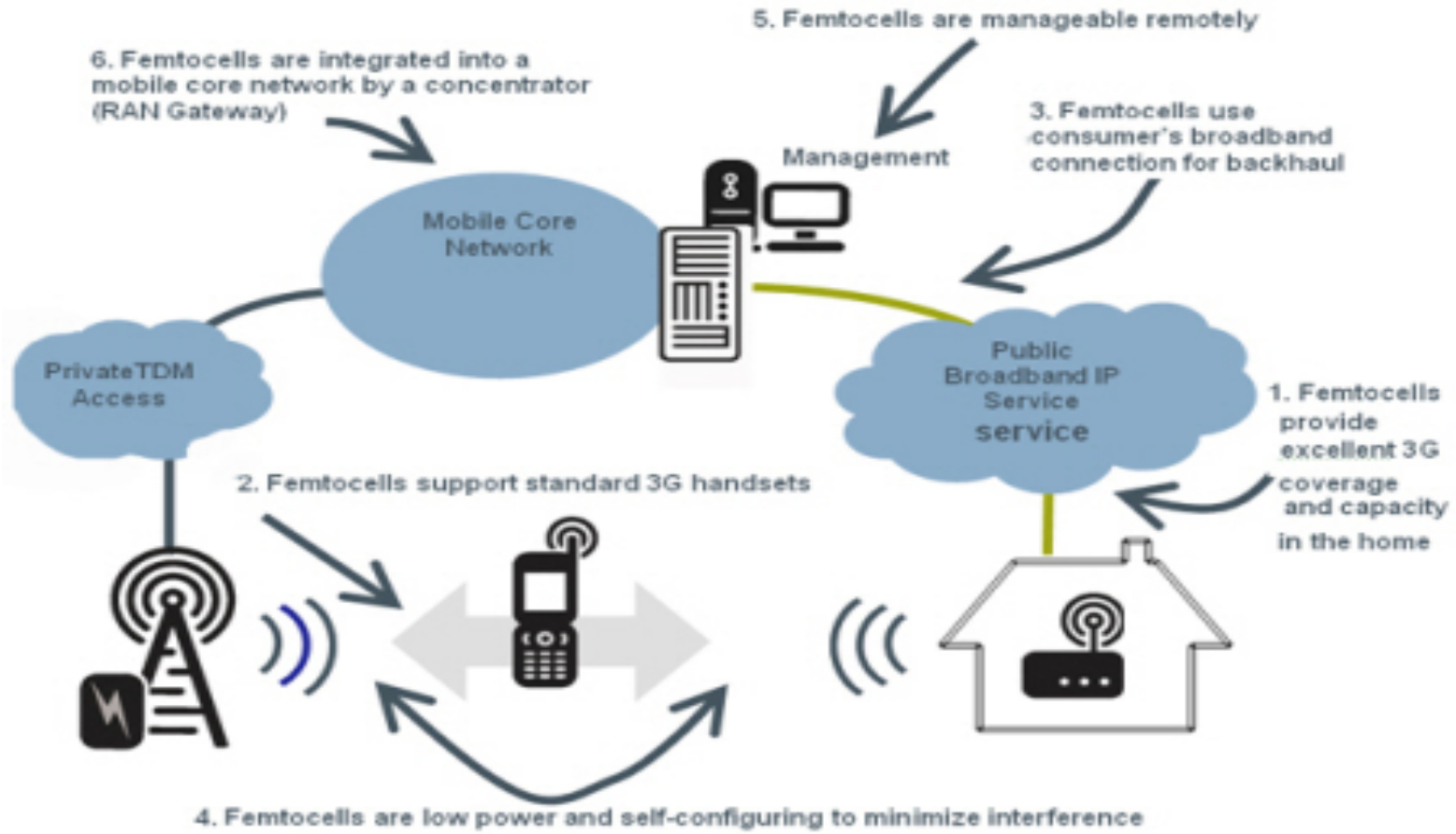
- Utilize new wireless technology to create access networks based on 3G femtocells
- Femtocells:

  small, low-power cellular base stations that act as repeaters capable of boosting signals

  work via solar energy

  lower cost compared to a classical station

How Femtocells Work



Demonstration platform

- In a very remote part of Amazon rainforest
- Install femtocells in six villages
- Locals can communicate with relatives now

Toward universal connectivity

- Development of small, mobile rural operators connected to the Telefonica backbone
- A South American development bank has committed over EUR 700 000 towards expanding the program to another 15 villages
- The potential is huge

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