COSMOS Outreach Activities and Industry Involvement

COSMOS PLATFORM FOR ADVANCED WIRELESS RESEARCH – AN INDUSTRY BRIEFING

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COSMOS Outreach Activities

COSMOS Outreach Activities focus on:

• Education
  – Enable the COSMOS Testbed as an educational platform, especially for K12 local NYC students

• Community Engagement
  – Engage the local community to the COSMOS activities
  – Interact and support the local Industry
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Educational Activities
The academic partners of COSMOS have log experience through GENI and other NSF grants, on creating class labs based on experimentation (classroom-as-a-service concept):

We have created (and shared):

• **Testbed-based lab material** for complete courses in computer networks.
• **MOOCs** for teaching networking concepts through experimentation.

Through COSMOS we are planning to:

• Enhance these courses with richer/innovative/realistic experiments in the city scale deployment.
• **Particularly focus on developing a K12 STEM educational plan.**
Example of a lab run on COSMOS:

Experiment execution in a networking class lab
COSMOS and K12 STEAM Education

Academic Partners + Silicon Harlem:
• Strong Record in K12 STEAM education
• Columbia Engineering Outreach Programs
• Center for K12 STEM Education at NYU Tandon School of Engineering
• Silicon Harlem - Apps Youth Leadership Academy (AYLA)

Mission:
• Provide K12 students and teachers access to and opportunity for high quality, authentic STEM education; advance gender, ethnic/racial diversity in STEM fields
Adaptable Program Examples

Two Example Programs:

• **E.N.G. - Engineering the Next Generation (Columbia),** a summer research opportunity for highly motivated under-represented high school students from local partner schools.

• **ARISE - Applied Research Innovations in Science and Engineering (NYU),** a high school seven week summer research program that includes college level workshops and seminars, high level research experience, mentoring by graduate or postdoctoral students.
COSMOS Plan for K-12 education focuses on the following goals:

• **Create an NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards)-aligned curriculum**
  – Create online activities that will highlight Disciplinary Core Ideas.
  – Embedding Science and Engineering Practices in hands-on research opportunities.
  – Create lab-based lessons that take Cross Cutting Concepts into account.

• **STEM teacher education and professional development**
  – Summer PD at Columbia and NYU.
  – Hands-on research with scientists.

• **K12 student education**
  – Educational modules: Lessons/labs that will support students’ learning in engineering, math, physics, chemistry, life sciences.
  – Hand-on research experience: Students will be involved in the live experiments.
  – School collaboration to improve students’ social capital: Conferences for students, science fairs and competitions.
COSMOS K-12 Educational Phases

COSMOS plan for developing labs for K12 Education has three phases:

• **Phase 1 (1 year):** Define and develop labs, working with teachers on:
  – Defining scientific areas/existing curriculum that can be supported by labs run remotely on the testbed.
  – Building the labs collaboratively (teachers, undergrad/graduate students and professors).

• **Phase 2 (2 years):** Bring the labs from year 1 to schools in Harlem
  – Run the labs developed in schools, get feedback from teachers and K12 students.
  – Redesign the COSMOS NGSS-aligned curriculum based on the feedback and create more labs.

• **Phase 3 (2 years):** Run the web-based labs at scale across NYC schools
  – Mature set of labs can run online by schools all over NYC.
COSMOS K12 Education: Current Activities

Current activities to support the COSMOS Educational plan:

• We are organizing a summer professional development activity (6 weeks) for 11 teachers in Columbia and NYU through RET supplements.

• We are putting together a RET site proposal (deadline September 2018).

• We are considering other NSF funding opportunities that focus on K12 STEM educational activities.

• We are exploring possibilities to work together with the COSMOS industrial partners that run STEM programs, enhancing the COSMOS educational plan.
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Community Engagement
COSMOS local Tech-projects

• Significant ongoing local tech-projects that:
  – Will act as a base for the COSMOS testbed deployment
  – Will benefit from the testbed once it is deployed

• Gigabit Center
  – Education & community resource center—and PAWR node

• S&CC, DoT/DoEd/DoE projects from user community

• New America project: resilient mesh network in East Harlem
Multi-Disciplinary Research: Edge Cloud + Community Governance + Digital Readiness

COSMOS Research Users: University of Arizona, University of Virginia, Fordham Law School, & Silicon Harlem

SEEC-Harlem: A Novel Architecture for Secure Energy Efficient Community Edge Clouds with Application in Harlem

- Address long standing lack of broadband access and digital readiness in dense urban areas of Harlem, NY
- Overcome legacy infrastructures, outdated legal arrangements, computer literacy deficiencies, and limited budgets
Resilient Networks & Digital Literacy

• RISE: Community wireless mesh network in East Harlem
  – Led by New America with SH
  – Novel digital steward education approach engages residents

• Seeking to expand across Harlem to connect with COSMOS
  – NSF CRISP WE-TUE proposal: CCNY, SH, NA, UA, and CU
    • Focus on women in tech workforce and data on digital literacy
The COSMOS Testbed as a Platform for STEM education

Thank You!
Example: Man-in-the-middle attack on WiFi hotspot

- Understand the security risks associated with using a public WiFi hotspot
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Possible labs for students

• A set of labs/experiments that will describe the basics of wired/wireless communications
  – Electromagnetic signal propagation

• A set of labs/experiments for the environmental science curriculum
  – Real time measurements of environmental data (temperature, humidity, light, CO2) in distributed spots in Harlem, in real time
  – Definition and implementation of algorithms that correlate the data (average, min, max)
  – Implementation of policies that are activated based on the real-time data collection (if average CO2 level > XX then alert the citizens)

• A set of labs that are based on distributed monitoring of noise in Harlem
  – Based on the noise level we can define methods for monitoring and emulating street traffic
  – Depict the traffic patterns in google maps, in real time