



Simon Fletcher joined Real Wireless in January 2016 as Chief Technology Officer, taking responsibility for overall technical and innovation strategy. He has chaired various conference committees including the Cambridge Wireless Annual International Conference and is recognised as a thought leader regularly speaking at industry events. His long-standing association with the UK innovation eco-system through roles such as Director of mVCE and the Innovate-UK ICT-KTN brings a wealth of practical knowledge on the application of open innovation to accelerate product and services delivery. Simon spent the past 20 years working in telecoms infrastructure systems and product development. In NEC Corporation he played a key role in the formation of Joint Ventures for the development of 3G and 4G products and established a Core Team that developed the first-generation of technology for 4G systems, ultimately representing NEC in a Steering Board position in the LTE SAE Trials Initiative (LSTI) during the early commercial product launch. In recent times he has directed projects in the area of future cities, the application of 5G and IoT in industry verticals with an event horizon towards 2030. He directs the Real Wireless engagement in H2020 5G-NORMA (also serving at the project level as the Innovation Manager), 5G-MoNArch and UK5G AutoAir project establishing new techno-economic analysis tool capability. He led a study for the UK's National Infrastructure Commission on Future Communications infrastructure use cases and costs, and is now a member of the recently formed UK5G Advisory Board.