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# Extending the benefits of LTE Advanced to unlicensed spectrum

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# Mobile data traffic growth— industry preparing for 1000x

Industry preparing for  
**1000x**  
data traffic growth\*

## Richer content

more video

Bestseller example:



**5.93 GB**

Movie (High Definition)



**2.49 GB**

Movie (Standard Definition)



**1.8 GB**

Game for Android



**0.14 GB**

Soundtrack



**0.0014 GB**

Homepage



**0.00091 GB**

Book

## More devices

everything connected

~**25**  
Billion

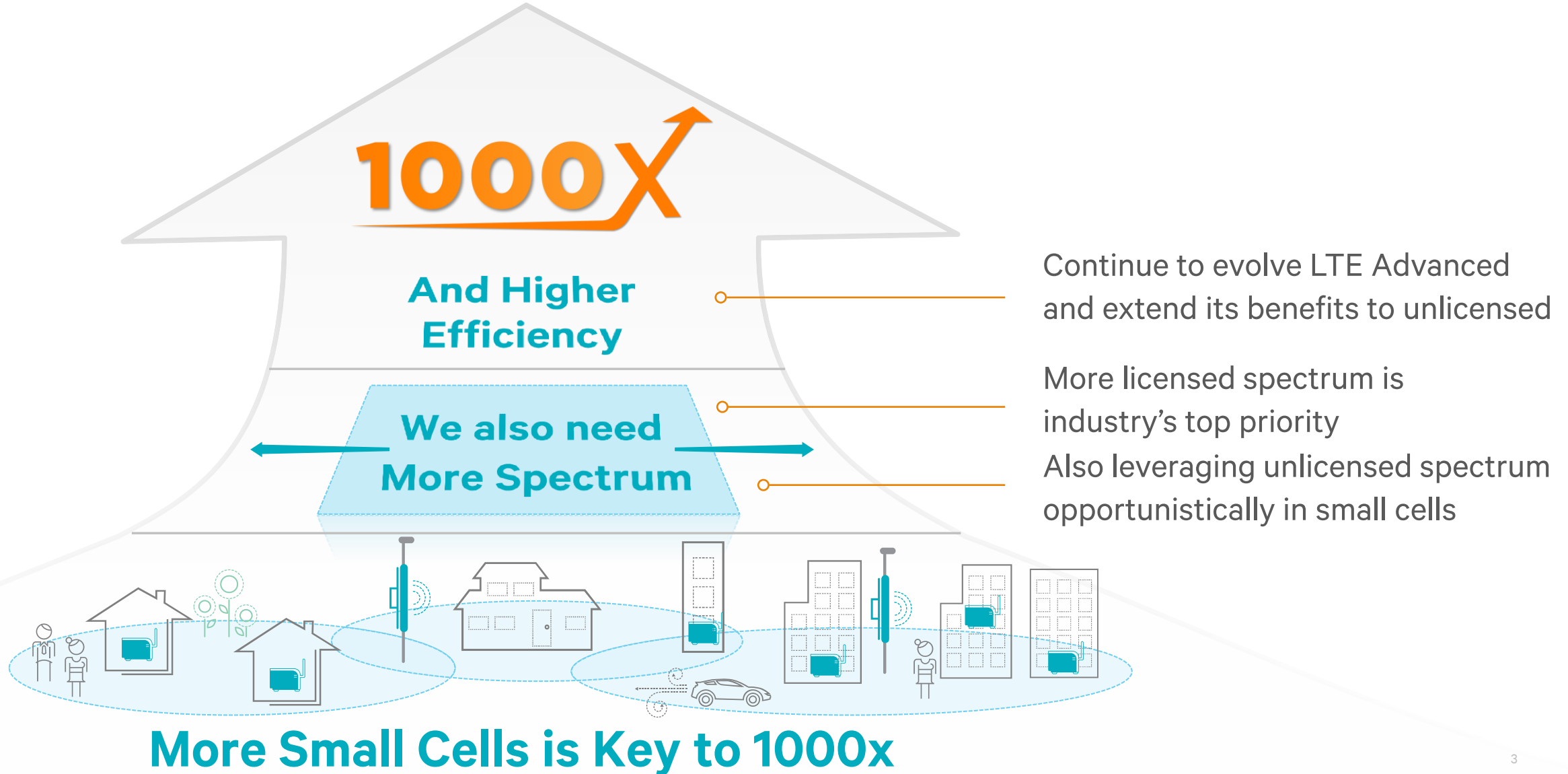
Interconnected  
device forecast  
in 2020<sup>2</sup>

~**7**  
Billion

Cumulative smartphone  
forecast between  
2013-2017<sup>1</sup>

\*1000x would be e.g. reached if mobile data traffic doubled ten times, but Qualcomm does not make predictions when 1000x will happen, Qualcomm and its subsidiaries work on the solutions to enable 1000x

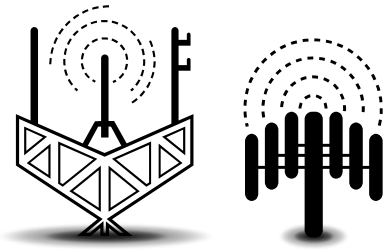
# Small cells in licensed spectrum—the foundation of 1000x



# We need to make best use of all spectrum types for 1000x

## Licensed Spectrum

Auctions of cleared spectrum for 3G/4G

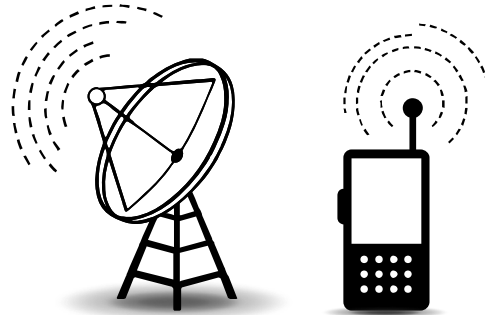


### Exclusive use

Industry's top priority, ensures quality of service (QoS), mobility and control

## Shared Licensed Spectrum

Complementary licensing for 3G/4G: Authorized Shared Access (ASA)

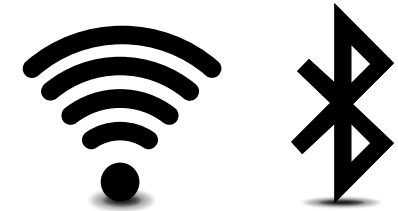


### Shared exclusive use

ASA required when government spectrum cannot be cleared within a reasonable timeframe, or at all locations

## Unlicensed Spectrum

Multiple technologies (Wi-Fi, LTE in unlicensed, BT & others)



### Shared use

Unpredictable QoS, ideal for local area access, and opportunistic use for mobile broadband

# LTE provides a solid foundation for the evolution of mobile

A vibrant, global ecosystem developed LTE and made it a success



**Common global standard**

**Support for paired (FDD) and  
unpaired (TDD) spectrum**

**Seamless interworking with 3G**

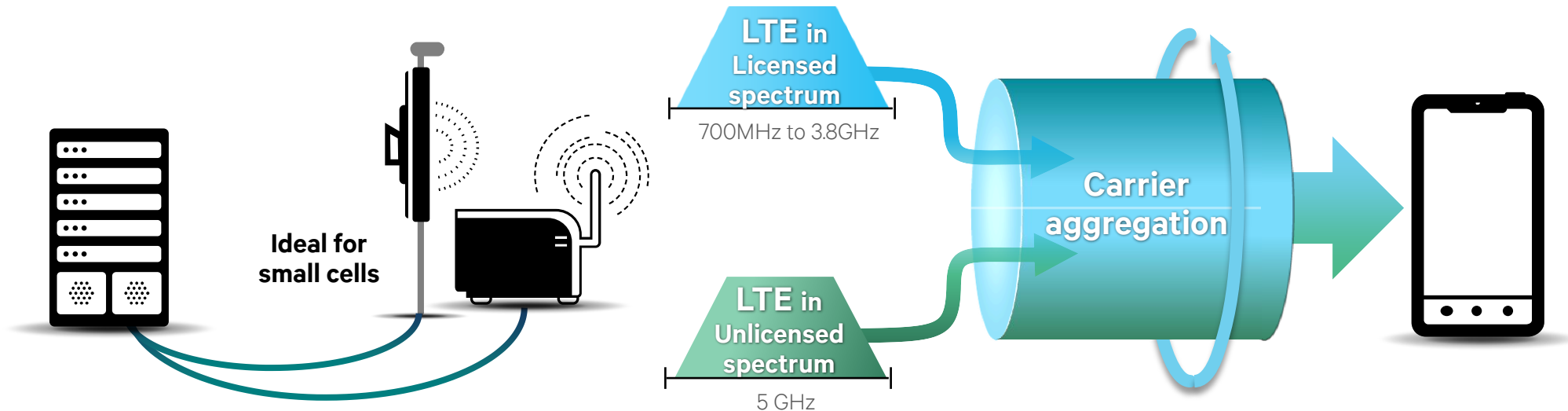
# Extending the benefits of LTE Advanced to unlicensed spectrum

## Better network performance

Longer range and increased capacity<sup>1</sup>

## Enhanced user experience

Thanks to LTE Advanced anchor in licensed spectrum with robust mobility



## Unified LTE Network

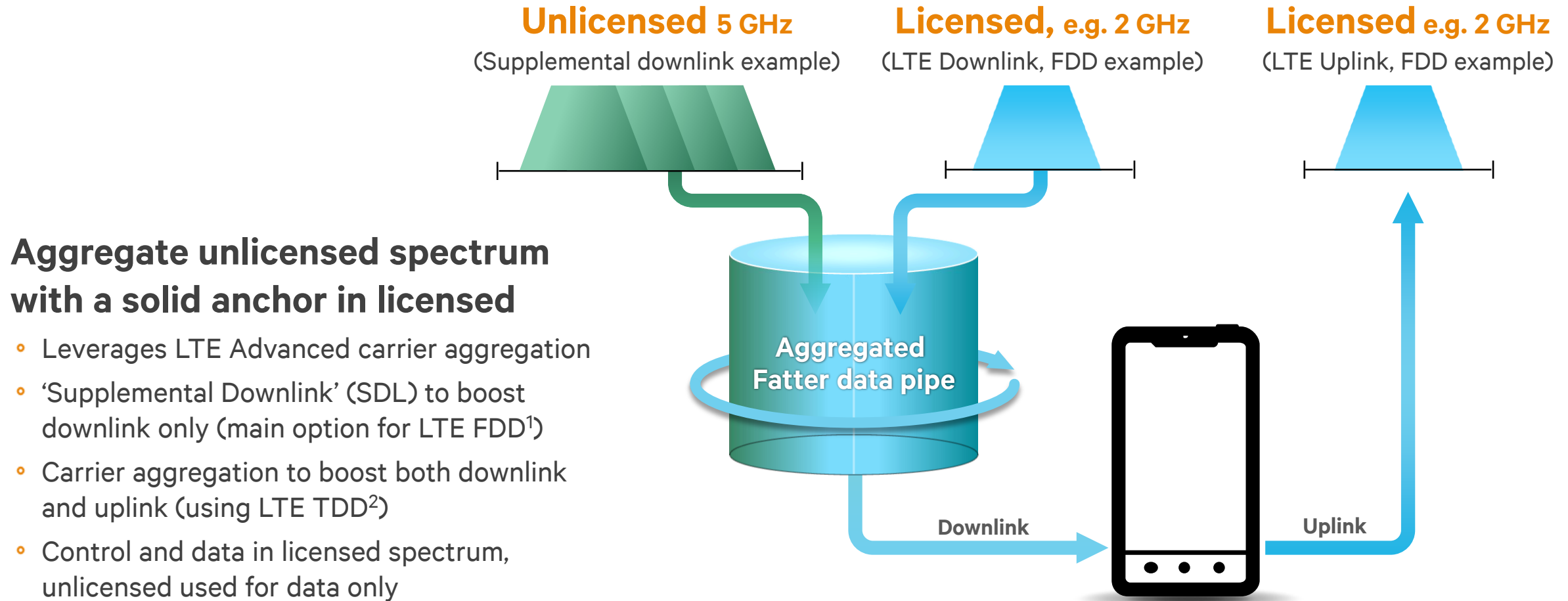
Common LTE network with common authentication, security and management.

## Coexists with Wi-Fi

Features to protect Wi-Fi neighbors

<sup>1</sup> Compared to carrier Wi-Fi

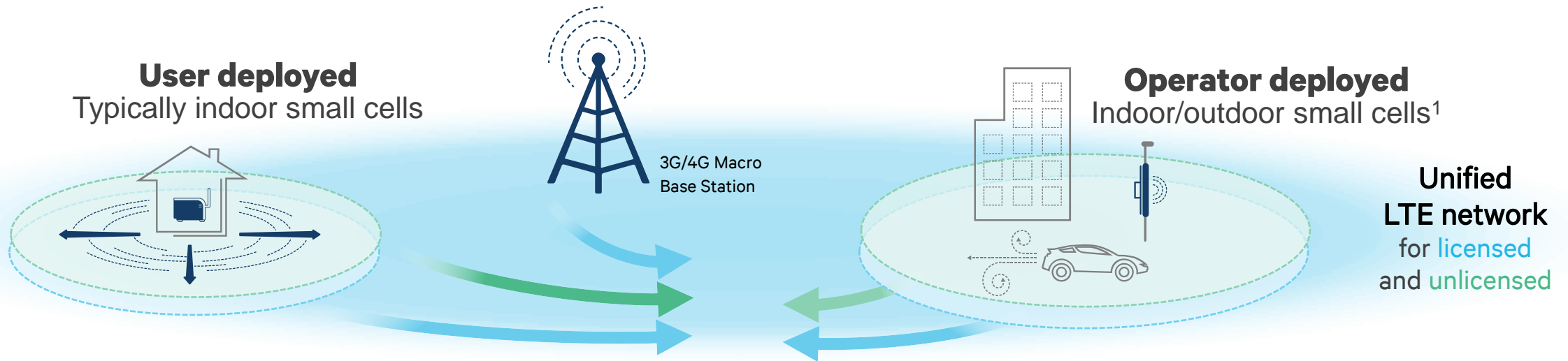
# Better user experience with a solid anchor in licensed spectrum





# Unlicensed 5 GHz spectrum is ideal for small cells with LTE

Complementing licensed spectrum—the foundation of mobile data and 1000x



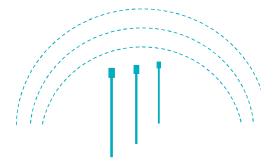
## Opportunistic use

While shared, unlicensed spectrum is “free”, it has unpredictable performance



## Shorter range

Higher 5 GHz spectrum, lower transmit power regulations – ideal for small cells



## ~500 MHz spectrum available

for opportunistic use around 5 GHz, even more in pipeline, to complement licensed



## Wider bands suitable for sharing

Efficiently shared amongst multiple users thanks to wide 5 GHz spectrum bands

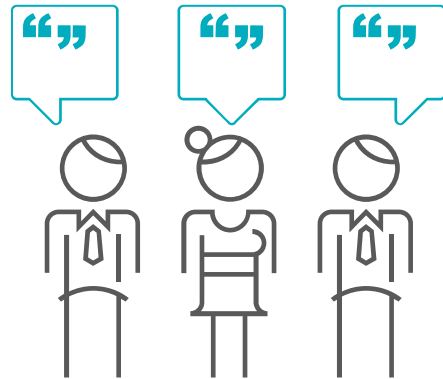
<sup>1</sup> Such as relay and Pico/Metro/RRH small cells for hotspots. RRH= Remote Radio Heads, in addition Distributed Antenna Systems are used in HetNets



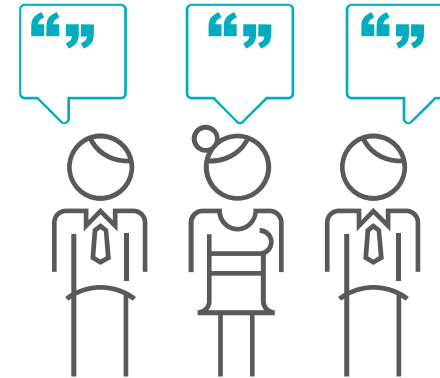
# Unified LTE network for all spectrum types

Extending LTE Advanced to unlicensed spectrum enhances user experience

**Anyone can talk**  
(with listen before talk features<sup>1</sup>)



**Coordinate before/while talking**  
(Synchronous operation)



**Bringing LTE benefits**



**Also to unlicensed spectrum**

## Common LTE core network

1. Seamless mobility and robust control signaling

2. Integrated authentication, security and management

<sup>1</sup>Depending on region, more stringent listen before talk features generally required, except e.g. US, Korea and China

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# Leverages existing LTE standards, ecosystem and scale

## LTE transmitted according to unlicensed spectrum regulations, such as power levels

### 1 Large scale, global LTE deployments

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- 270+ network launches in 100+ countries<sup>1</sup>
- LTE Advanced 3GPP R10 launched June 2013

### 2 LTE in unlicensed spectrum for USA, Korea and China

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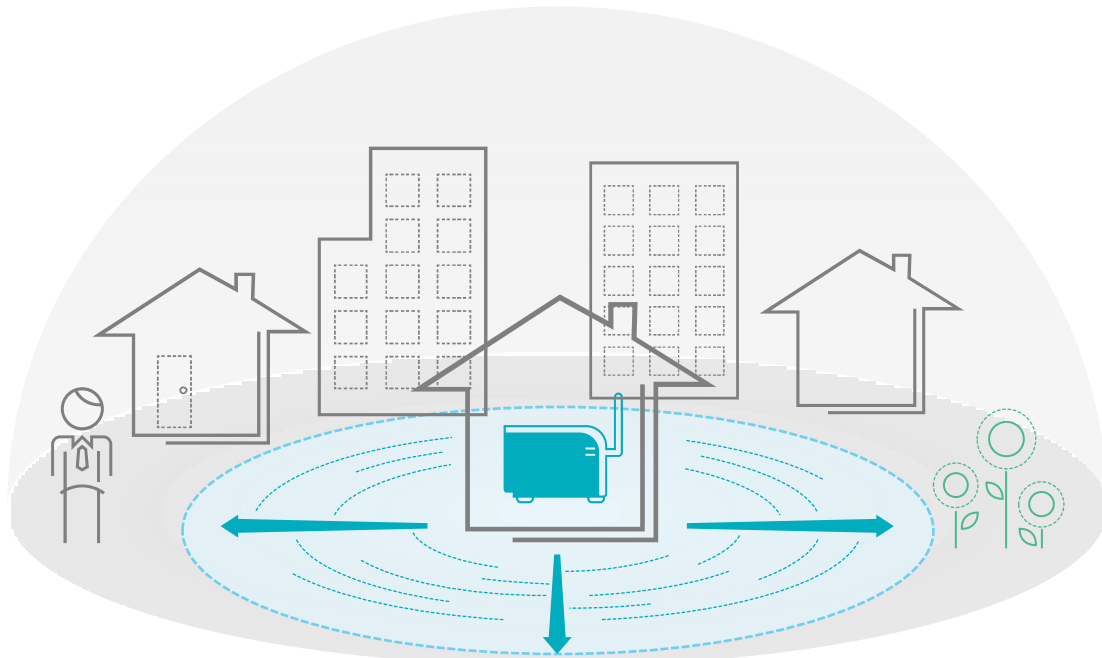
- LTE Advanced 3GPP R10/R11/R12
- Targets 5 GHz unlicensed bands
- Wi-Fi and LTE co-existence features<sup>2</sup>

### 3 LTE in unlicensed spectrum everywhere

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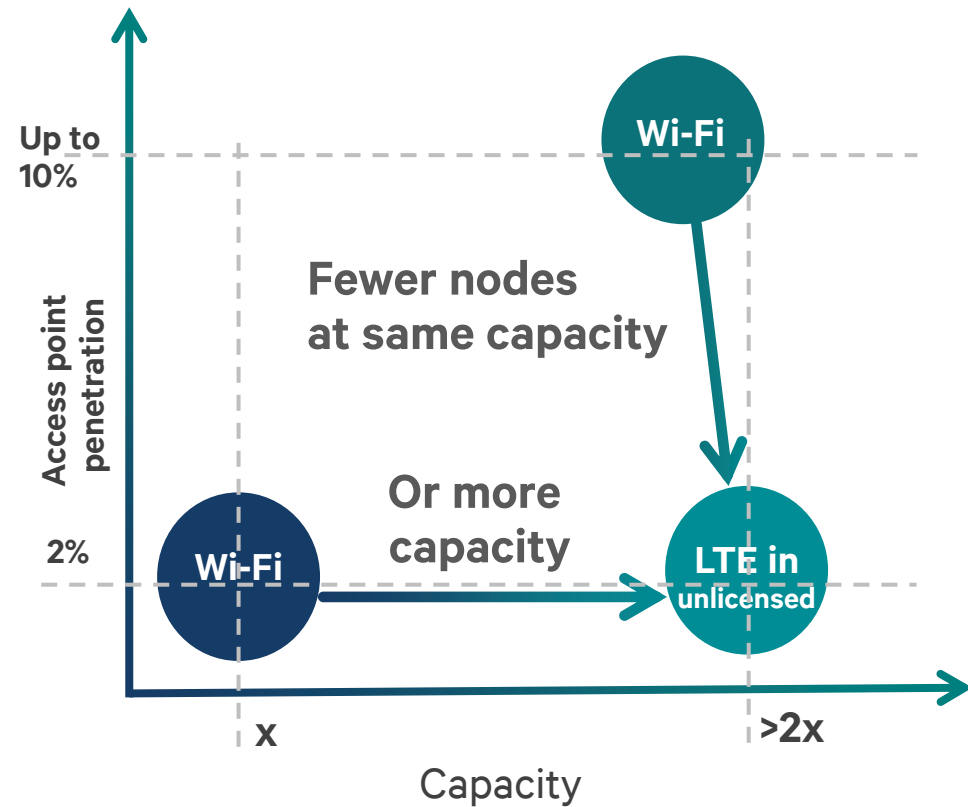
- Extend deployment to regions with 'Listen Before Talk' (LBT) regulations
- Optimized waveform enabling LBT, carrier discovery and expanded uplink coverage
- Candidate for 3GPP R13 standard

# Longer range and more capacity compared to carrier Wi-Fi

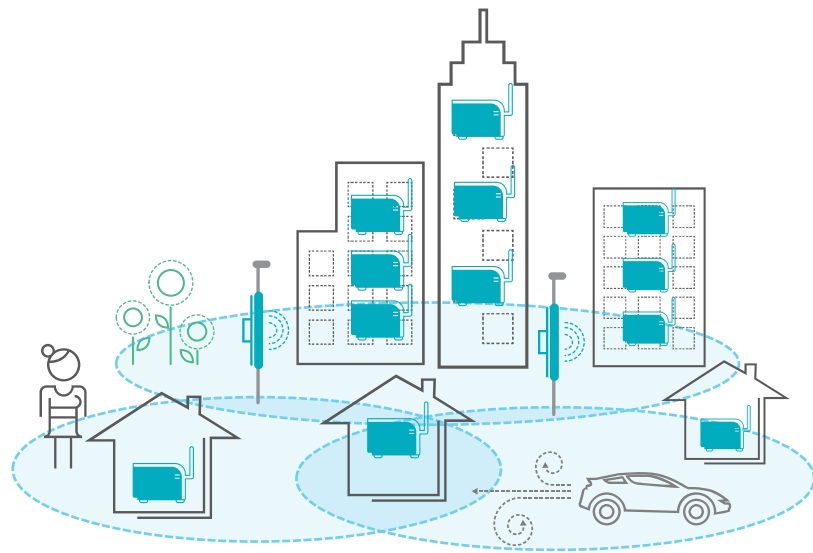


## Inside-out, neighborhood small cell example

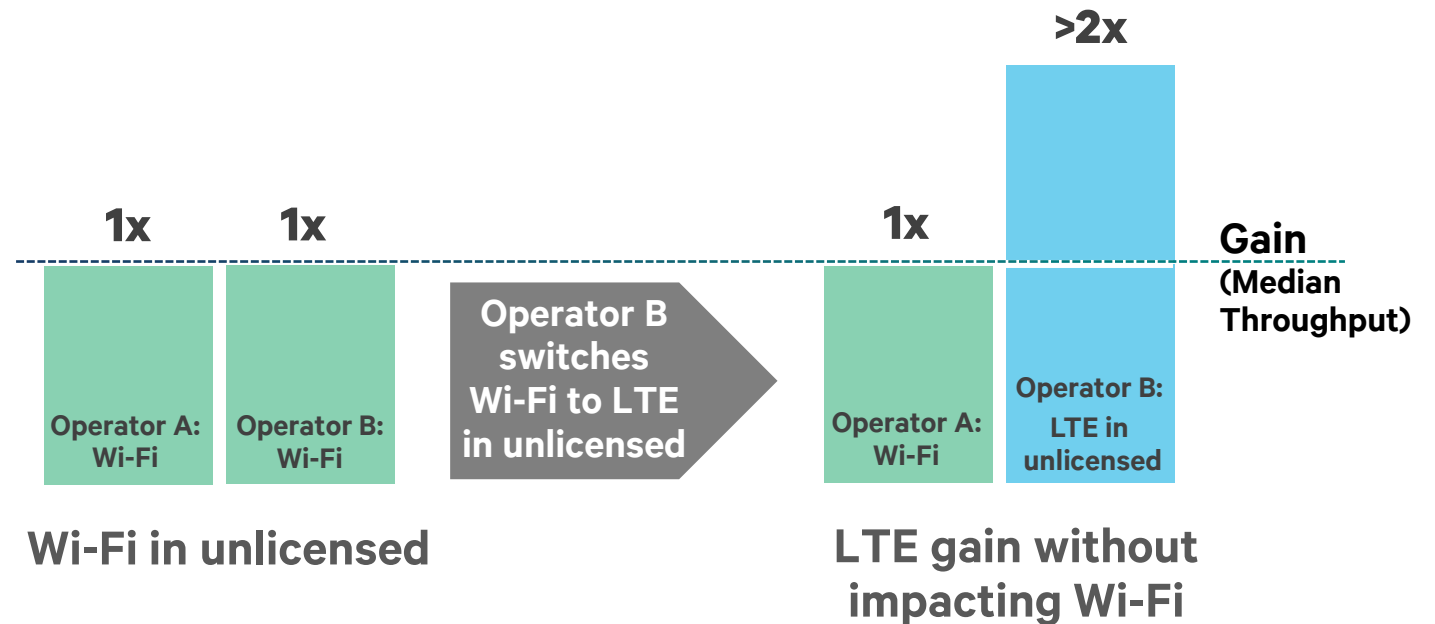
Two operators; one using Wi-Fi, one switching from Wi-Fi to LTE in unlicensed.  
Hetnet in licensed spectrum augmented with unlicensed spectrum.  
100% overall Wi-Fi penetration due to private Wi-Fi.



# Coexists with Wi-Fi—features to protect Wi-Fi neighbors

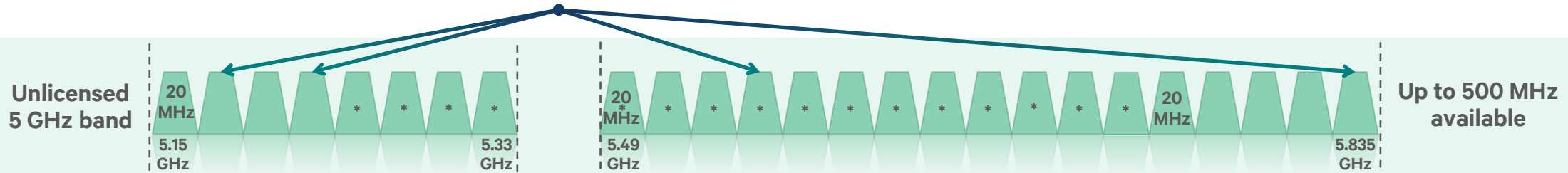


Indoor and outdoor  
small cells

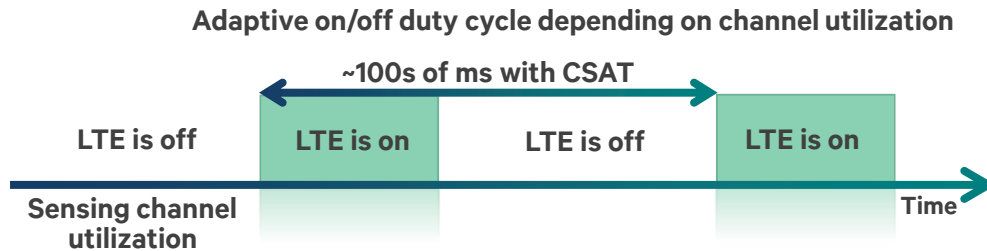


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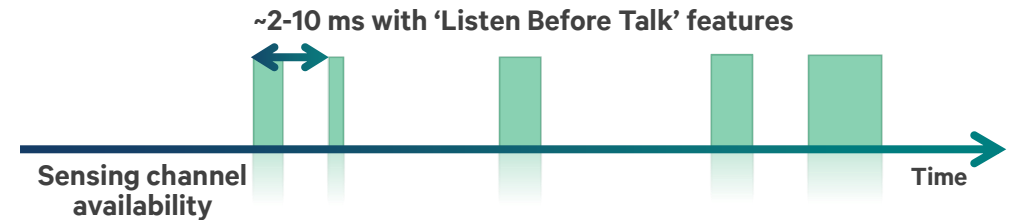
## 1 Dynamically select clear channel: channel selection based on interference



## 2 Mitigate if no clear channel is available: co-channel co-existence features



Carrier Sensing Adaptive Transmission (CSAT) for fair co-existence with Wi-Fi with 3GPP R10/11 for e.g. US, Korea and China.

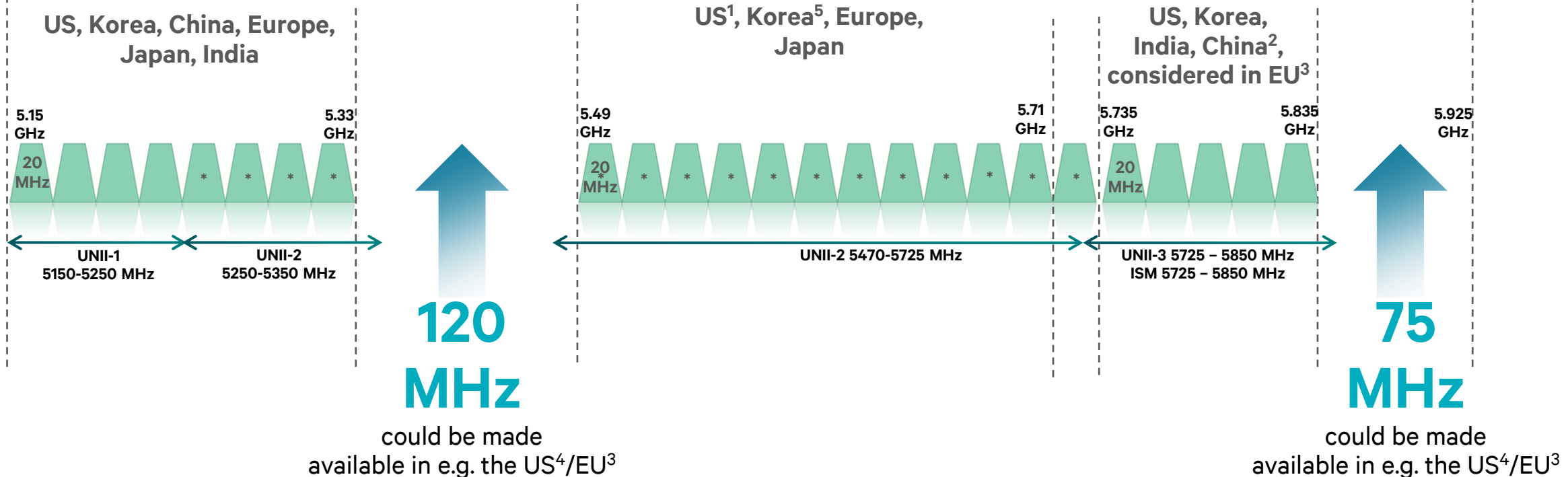


Optimized LTE waveform for Listen-Before-Talk targeting 3GPP R13 to meet regulatory requirements for rest of world

## 3 Opportunistic use – release unlicensed channel at low traffic load: fall back to licensed spectrum operation only

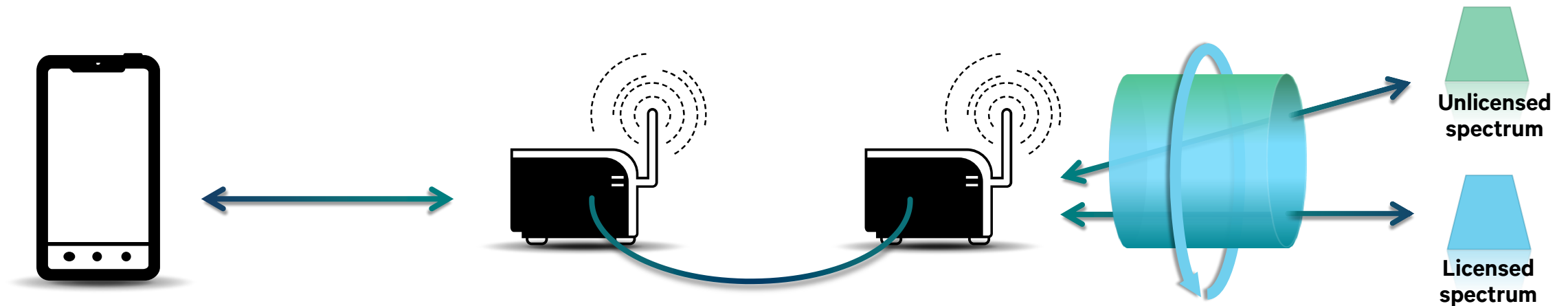
# More and wider unlicensed spectrum around 5 GHz

## 5 GHz band — ~500 MHz available with more in the pipeline



<sup>1</sup> Channel 120, 124 and 128 (5.6-5.65 GHz) currently not permitted in the US. <sup>2</sup> 5725MHz-5850MHz has been assigned to ISM services in China. <sup>3</sup> Study of 5350MHz-5470MHz and 5725MHz-5925MHz use for license exempt is being planned in EU. <sup>4</sup> Feasibility studies directed by the Middle Class Relief & Job Creation Act of 2012, in 5350-5470 MHz and 5850-5925 MHz. <sup>5</sup> 5470-5650 MHz in Korea\* These 5GHz channels typically require DFS, Dynamic Frequency Selection

# How robust LTE enhances user experience and performance



## Efficient LTE radio link

- Robust link designed for mobility with less overhead
- Coverage gain also due to ability to handle larger delay spreads

## Synchronous operation

- Handles interference bursts better
- Better coordination and scheduling

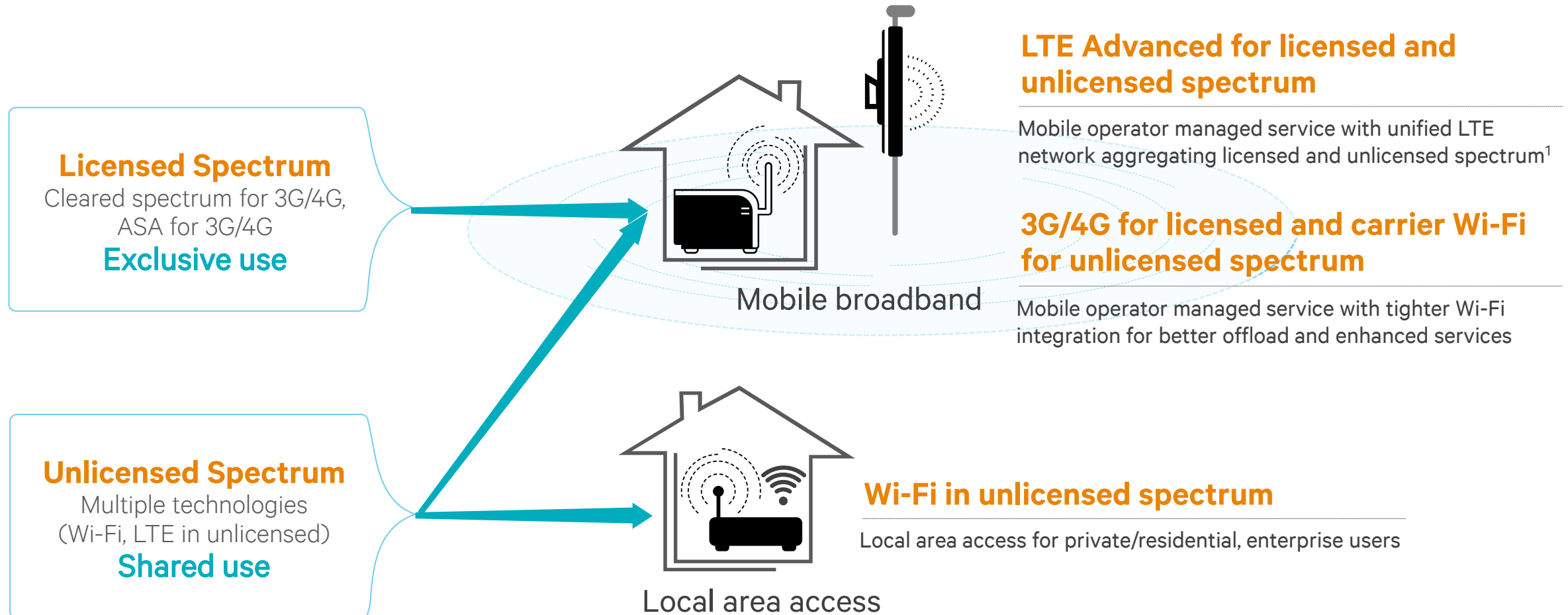
## Anchor in licensed spectrum

- Signaling in licensed spectrum means robust control
- Less overhead in unlicensed (no control plane signaling)
- No uplink in unlicensed spectrum with SDL operation



# A leader in all solutions to best leverage unlicensed spectrum

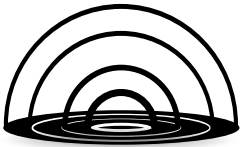
Committed to continued leadership in both Mobile 3G/4G and Wi-Fi



<sup>1</sup>With Wi-Fi for backward compatibility

# Summary: Qualcomm committed to extending the benefits of LTE Advanced to unlicensed spectrum

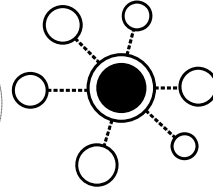
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## Enhanced user experience

Robust LTE enables a better user experience with seamless mobility

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## Unified LTE network

Common core network, common authentication, security, management

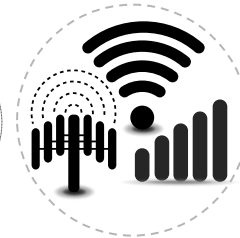
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## Coexists with Wi-Fi

Features to protect Wi-Fi neighbors

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## A leader in all solutions to best leverage unlicensed spectrum

Wi-Fi, carrier Wi-Fi, interworking and LTE in unlicensed spectrum

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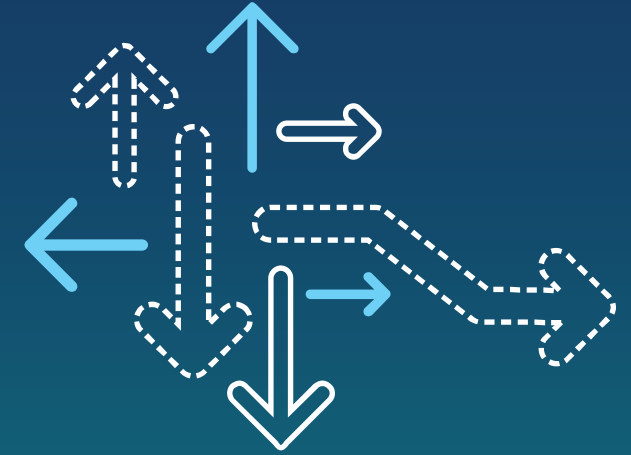
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