## 5G from space: The final frontier for global connectivity

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## Today's Agenda

The 3GPP standards roadmap and ubiquitous connectivity for people and things

Solutions, capabilities, spectrum support, and use cases for 5G non-terrestrial networking (NTN)

Proving readiness for 5G from space with leaders in satellite technology and 5G infrastructure

5G IoT-NTN solutions and management platform from Qualcomm Technologies

Questions?

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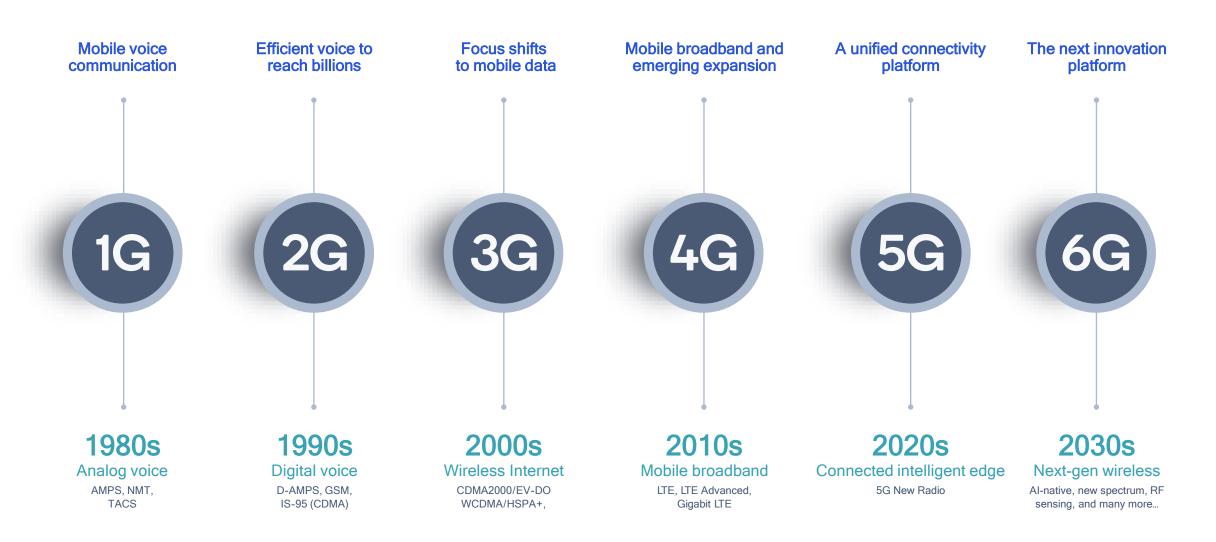
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## Mobile has made a leap every ~10 years



## Leading wireless innovation for more than 35 years

## Satellite communications



Two-way data

## Digitized mobile communications



Analog to digital

## Redefined computing



Desktop to smartphones

## Transforming industries



Connecting virtually everything

## A long history of innovation in satellite communication









1988 OmniTRACS

1991 (

Globalstar

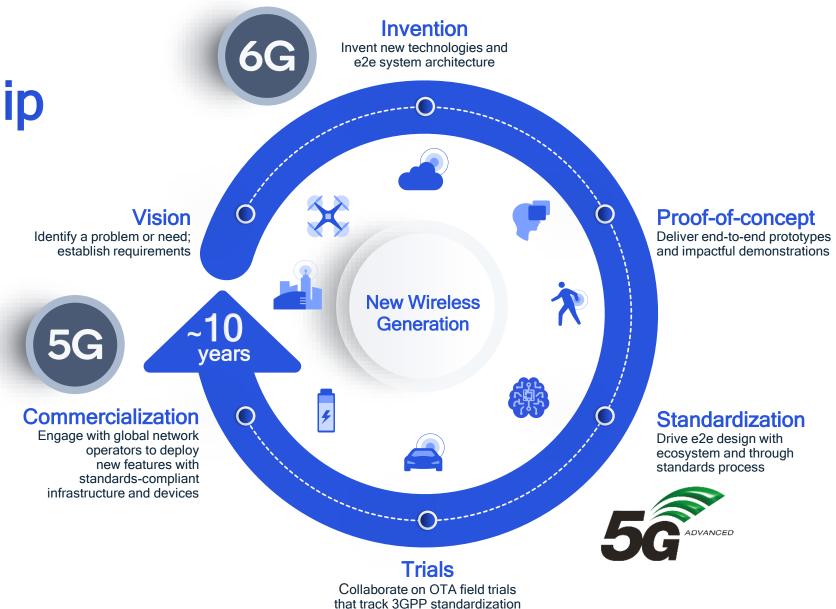
2015 OneWeb

2023 5G IoT-NTN

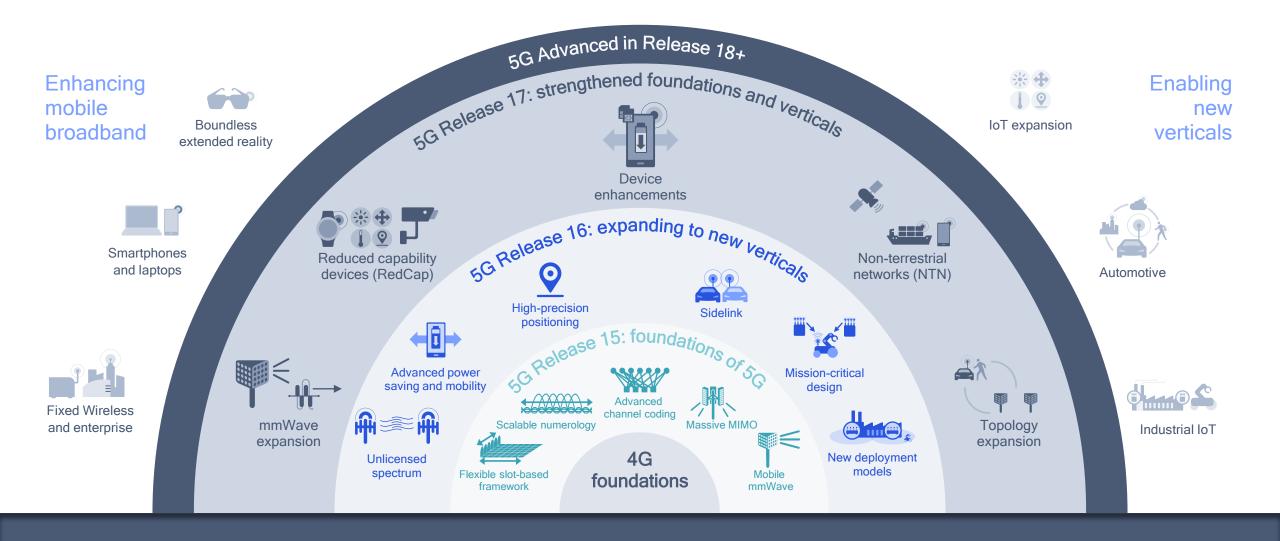
Two-way data communication with OmniTRACS and Qualcomm two-satellite positioning for pre-GPS fleet management Globalstar joint venture with Loral Space & Communications formed in 1991. First public satellite call in 1998. Co-developed technologies for the OneWeb satellite constellation, including a new, high-performance wireless air interface, hardware and software reference designs, and end-to-end system analysis and optimization Launched new 5G IoT-NTN satellite solutions in collaboration with Skylo to provide uninterrupted remote monitoring and asset tracking. Seamlessly integrates with Qualcomm Aware™ Platform for device management and more accurate tracking.

Foundation to "G" leadership is technology leadership

Early R&D and technology inventions essential to leading ecosystem forward



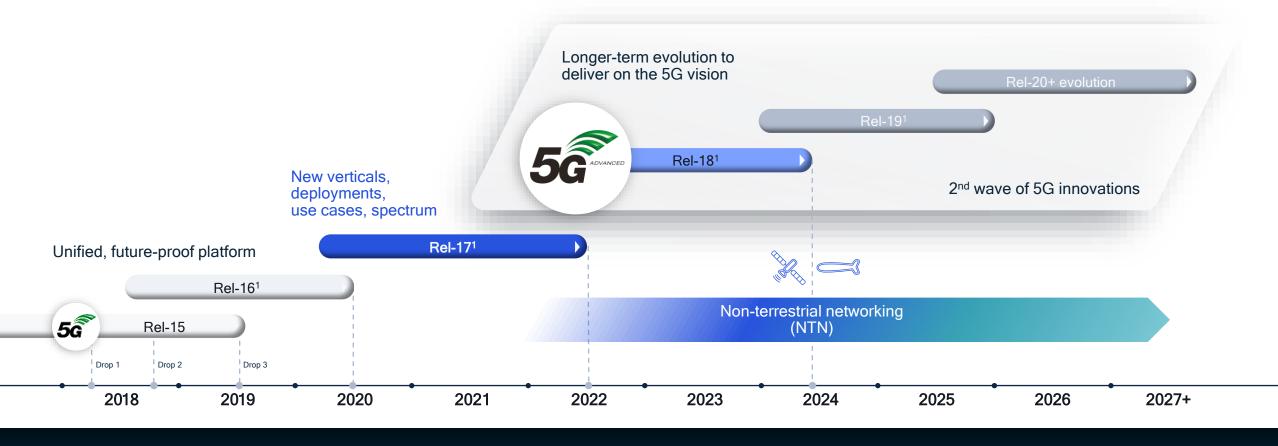
and drive ecosystem towards rapid commercialization



## Our innovations expand the foundation of 5G

Foundational Qualcomm innovations lead 3GPP Releases 15,16 and 17

## 3GPP Release 17 and 5G Advanced expand 5G for non-terrestrial networking



#### Rel-15 eMBB focus

- 5G NR foundation
- Sub-7 and mmWave
- Scalable & forward compatible
- · Basic URLLC support
- mMTC via eMTC & NB-IoT

#### Rel-16 industry expansion

- Unlicensed spectrum (NR-U) 5G broadcast
- Enhanced URLLC
- eMTC/NB-IoT with 5G core

- New functionalities: Sidelink
   Topology: IAB (NR V2X), Positioning
  - · eMBB enh: MIMO, device power, CA/DC, mobility

## Rel-17 continued expansion

- mmWave extended to 71GHz
- Lower complexity "NR-Light" (RedCap)
- · Non-terrestrial communication: NR NTN and IoT NTN with satellites and HAPS<sup>2</sup>
- · Improved IIoT, positioning, V2X
- Enhanced IAB, RF repeaters

#### Rel-18+5G-Advanced

- Next set of 5G releases (i.e., 18, 19, 20, ...)
- Rel-18 scope decided in Dec '21
- Rel-18 study/work to start in Q2-2022
- Enhancements for IoT-NTN and NR-NTN

<sup>1. 3</sup>GPP start date indicates approval of study package (study item->work item->specifications), previous release continues beyond start of next release with functional freezes and ASN.1





## Mobile broadband evolution and further vertical expansion

Deliver enhanced mobile broadband experiences and extend 5G's reach into new use cases



## Immediate commercial needs and longer-term 5G vision

Drive new value in commercialization efforts and fully realize 5G's potential with future deployments



## New and enhanced devices and network evolution

Focus on the end-to-end technology evolution of the 5G system to bring new levels of performance

## Driving the 5G Advanced evolution

## Strengthen the end-to-end 5G system foundation



Advanced **DL/UL MIMO** 



Enhanced mobility





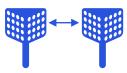
Boundless extended reality

Proliferate 5G to virtually

all devices and use cases



RedCap evolution



Mobile IAB, smart repeater



**Evolved** duplexing



Expanded sidelink



Expanded positioning



AI/ML data-driven designs



Green networks



Drones & expanded satellites comm.



Multicast & other enhancements

## 5G NTN IMT-2020-Sat candidate technologies

Support a broad range of use cases with 5G non-terrestrial networking

5G Advanced will further enhance the non-terrestrial networks (NTN) foundation

#### **5G NR-NTN**

Complementing terrestrial networks in underserved areas

Rel-17+ NR-NTN GEO / MEO / LEO



compute

backhaul

wireless access



broadband

Automotive

# Leveraging cellular for non-terrestrial communication

#### 5G Rel-15

Study focused on deployment scenarios and channel models

## 5G Rel-17

Projects focused on satellites for eMBB & IoT<sub>1</sub> and HAPS/UAV

#### 6G

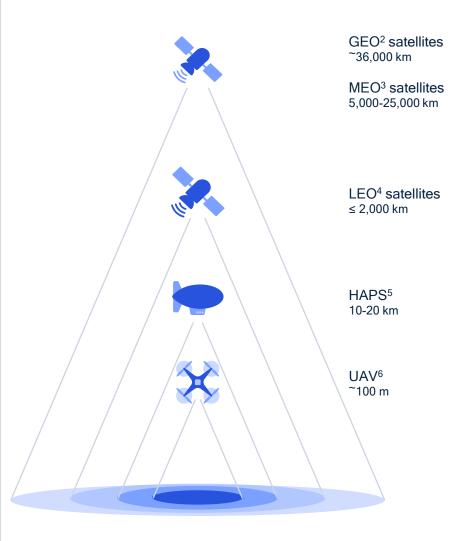
Continued evolution of 5G NTN & NTN IOT into the 6G era, depending on ecosystem status at that time

## 5G Rel-16

Study focused on adapting 5G NR to support NTN

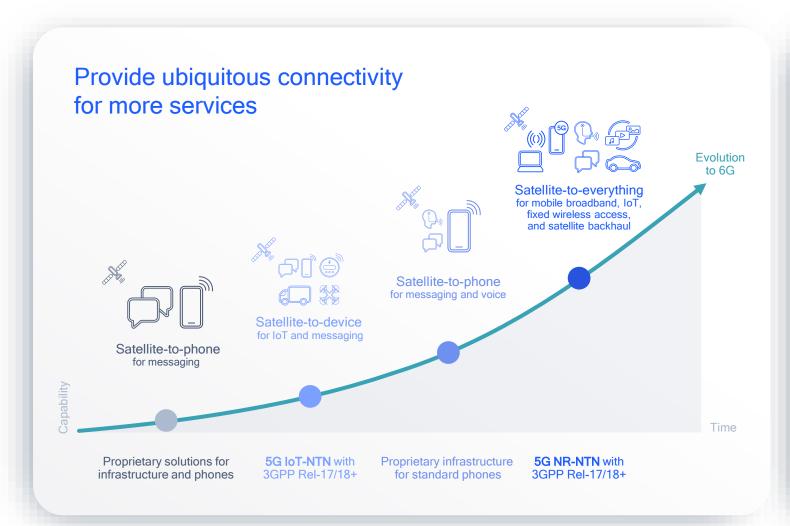
## 5G Rel-18+

Further enhancements for UAV, HAPS, and satellites



## 5G NTN satellite services bring new efficiencies for a broad range of use cases

Complementing terrestrial networks with coverage from space





## Satellite services can evolve to include 5G NTN

Device upgrade cycles could promote convergence to 5G solutions



Satellite-to-phone for messaging

Proprietary solutions for infrastructure and phones

New smartphones with additional modem and RF front end

Dedicated satellite spectrum

Existing satellite constellations

Limited capacity per satellite

(e.g., text messaging)



Satellite-to-device for IoT and messaging

**5G IoT-NTN** with 3GPP Rel-17/18+



Satellite-to-phone for messaging and voice

Proprietary infrastructure for standard phones



Satellite-to-everything for mobile broadband. IoT. fixed wireless access, and satellite backhaul

> **5G NR-NTN** with 3GPP Rel-17/18+

Limited use cases

New devices with Rel-17+ NB-IoT

Dedicated satellite spectrum

Additional NB-IoT channel to existing bent-pipe satellites, or new satellites

Limited capacity per satellite (200 kHz BW)

Limited use cases (low bit-rate data)

Existing 4G/5G devices

Terrestrial spectrum via satellite

Proprietary satellite architectures

Limited capacity (Poor performance without device modification)

More use cases (e.g., voice, text messaging) New 5G devices

Dedicated satellite spectrum

5G-compatible satellite architectures

Higher capacity

(Wider bandwidths and better link budgets)

Broadest range of use cases

## 3GPP Release 17 solves the key challenges for 5G satellite connectivity

## Release 17

Long propagation delay

Moving cells

Large Doppler shift

#### **RAN1 Working Group**

Uplink time and frequency pre-compensation Using broadcasted ephemeris and UE geolocation

Enhancements to timing relationships

HARQ enhancements Up to 32 HARQ processes

Beam management Satellite beam switch

Bandwidth part (BWP) operation

#### **RAN2 Working Group**

Idle mode enhancements
SIB, cell selection / reselection, tracking area update

Connected mode enhancements Measurements and handover

Timer extensions

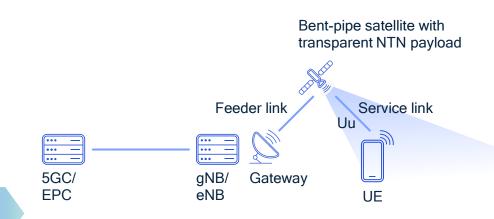
Uplink scheduling latency reduction

Service continuity between terrestrial and non-terrestrial systems

#### **SA2 Working Group**

Regulatory services

QoS for satellite backhaul, satellite access, and feeder link switch



#### Transparent NTN payload for bent-pipe satellites

Facilitates rapid service deployment through existing satellites

**Broad coverage options** 

Earth-fixed beam and Earth-moving beam

Broad platform support GEO/GSO, MEO and LEO satellites, HAPS, and UAV

	5G IoT-NTN	5G NR-NTN		
Spectrum	FR1 FDD: L- and S-bands (n255 and n256)			
Device support	NB-IoT and eMTC (Cat-M) devices, including smartphones	Smartphones, automotive, embedded devices		
Throughput	1 to 100 kbps	1-10 Mbps		
Core network support	EPC	5GC		

## 3GPP Release 18 enhances 5G NTN applications and performance

Release 18

NTN coverage

NTN capacity

NTN/TN mobility

#### **NR-NTN** enhancements

Coverage enhancements
PUCCH repetition, DMRS bundling

Network-verified UE location Multi-RTT positioning with a single satellite

Support for frequencies > 10 GHz e.g., Ka band (UL: 27.0-30.0 GHz / DL: 17.7-20.2 GHz)

High-performance UEs VSAT and Earth station in movement (ESIM)

Mobility and service continuity enhancements
NTN-TN and NTN-NTN transitions

#### **IoT-NTN** enhancements

Performance enhancements HARQ feedback, GNSS operations

Mobility enhancements Measurements and handover, eMTC mobility

Discontinuous coverage enhancements Discontinuous service link and feeder link, e.g., Store-and-forward architecture



>10 GHz NR-NTN support for high-performance UEs e.g., VSAT / ESIM devices



Mobility enhancements e.g., NTN-TN and NTN-NTN mobility



Reduced GNSS operations



Coverage enhancements

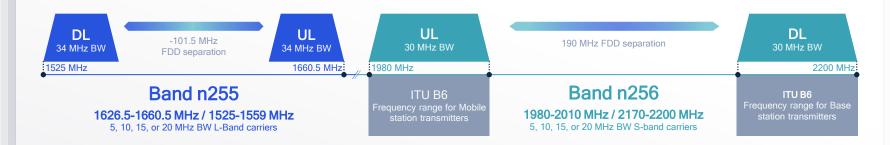


Network-verified UE location e.g., with multi-RTT

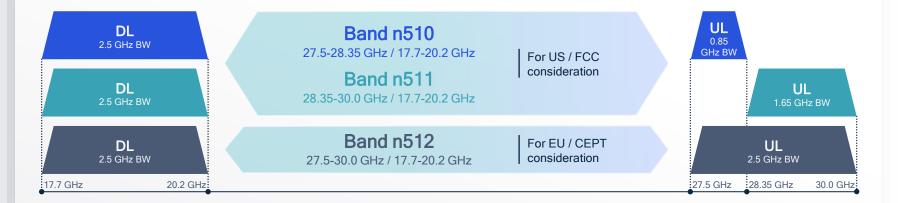
# Leverage a global NTN ecosystem

with 3GPP standardized frequency bands

## FR1 FDD frequency bands for 5G NTN in 3GPP Release 17



## FDD frequency band candidates > 10 GHz for 5G NTN in 3GPP Release 18\*

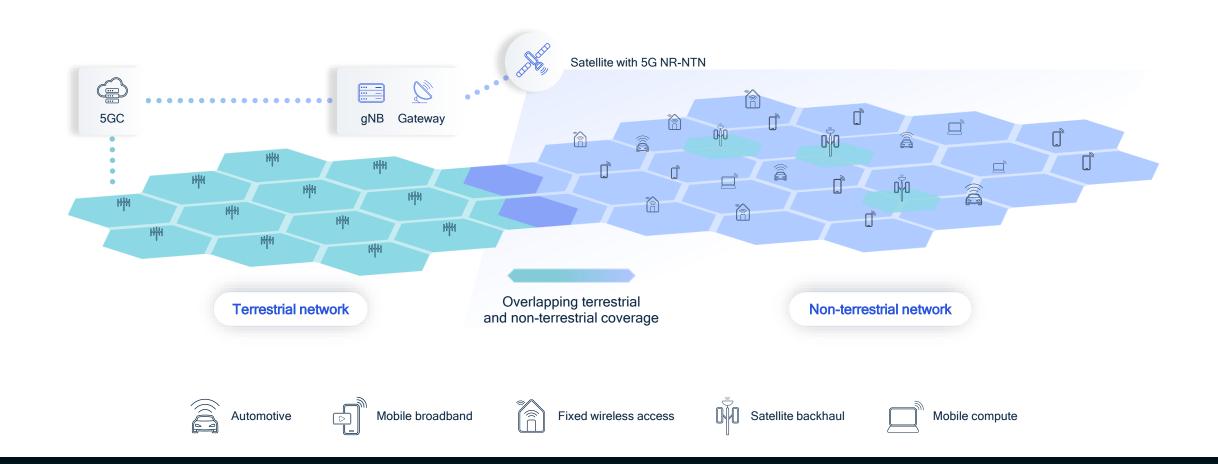


## Bring global coverage to the IoT with 5G IoT-NTN



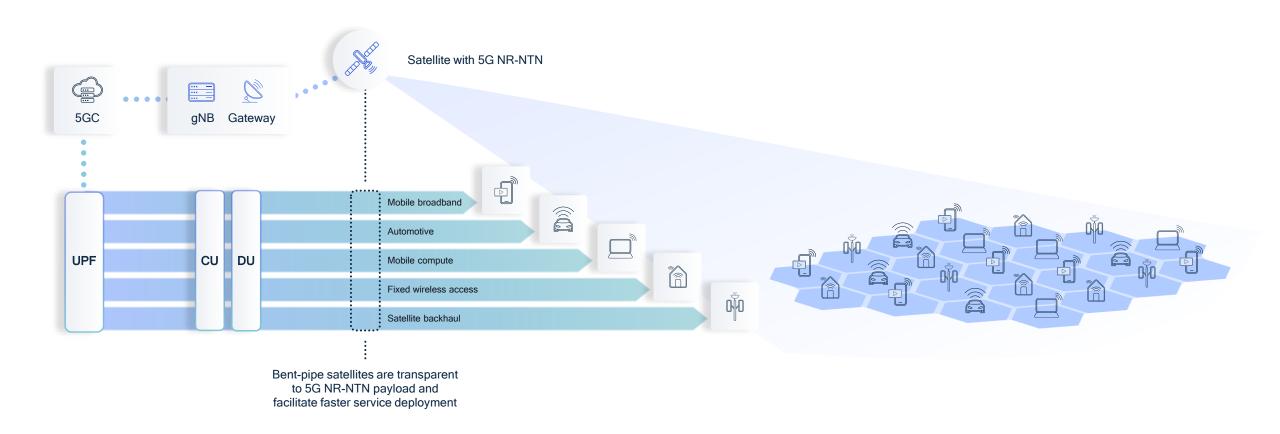
3GPP Rel-17+ NB-IoT brings a global ecosystem of devices and service providers for terrestrial and non-terrestrial IoT

## Unlock new revenues in underserved areas with 5G NR-NTN



Improve customer experience with seamless 5G coverage across larger footprints by integrating terrestrial and non-terrestrial networks

## Use network slicing for consistent user experiences with 5G NR-NTN



Leverage the network slicing feature in 5G standalone networks to manage valuable non-terrestrial radio access resources

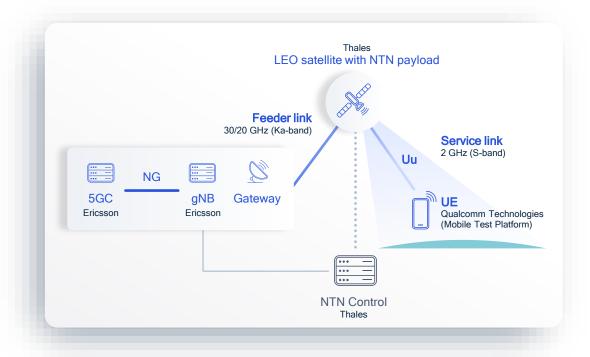
## The satellite communications industry supports 5G NTN

Airbus	EUTELSAT	Hughes	Leonardo SpA	Omnispace	ST Engineering iDirect
CITICSAT	Gilat	Inmarsat	Ligado	Panasonic Corporation	SyncTechno Inc.
DLR	Globalstar	Intelsat	Lockheed Martin	Sateliot	Thales
ESA	HISPASAT	KT SAT	Mitsubishi Electric	Siemens	TNO

Source: RP-210908\_WID NR-NTN\_for Rel-17; RP-231407 Revised WID on IoT NTN enhancements

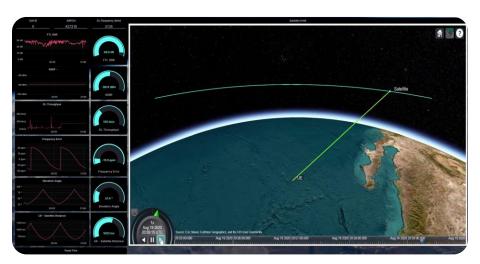
# MWC-B 2023: Joint proof-of-concept demonstrating 5G NR-NTN end-to-end

On-the-ground testbed with prototype 5G NTN device and network, and an emulated NTN channel and delay





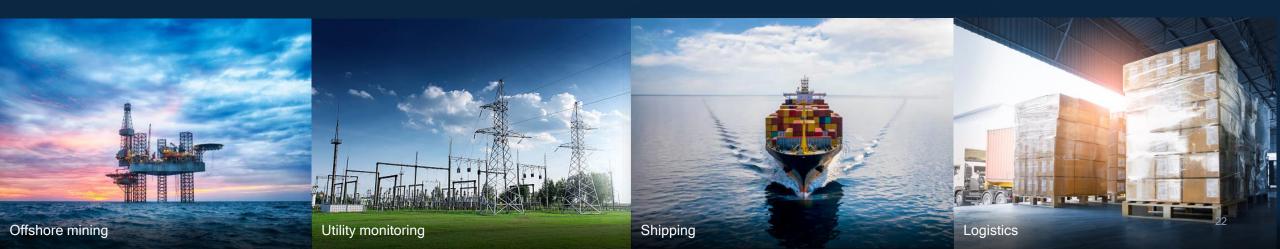




Qualcomm Technologies 5G NR-NTN demo interface



# Qualcomm<sup>®</sup> 212S and Qualcomm<sup>®</sup> 9205S modems are IoT-NTN solutions that easily establish off-grid connectivity for stationary and in-transit industrial uses cost-effectively at low power



## Qualcomm Technologies products power ubiquitous IoT connectivity

5G IoT-NTN solutions based on 3GPP Release 17 (GEO/GSO only) for 3GPP NTN frequency bands



Qualcomm<sup>®</sup> 212S

- Ultra low-power consumption enabling multi-year operation in remote areas with the help of solar panels and super capacitors
- Can be attached to SOC or MCU host as a peripheral to provide satellite connectivity. Location provided by host
- No GNSS support necessary for standalone deployments, eliminating additional BOM costs
- Single mode NTN enables off-grid stationary or nomadic applications
- Module with NTN patch antenna to accelerate integration for variety of IoT use cases



Qualcomm® 9205S

- Low power wide area (CAT-M/NB-IoT) support with 2G for terrestrial network connectivity and superior mobility
- Highly capable applications processor and peripheral support to enable hub type of use cases
- Integrated GNSS to provide location for NTN connectivity
- Ideally suited for hybrid use case applications that require mobility between terrestrial and satellite networks
- Small 60mm x 60mm reference card provides flexibility to design form factors to address variety of IoT applications

Establish off-grid connectivity for stationary and in-transit industrial uses cost-effectively at low power with 5G IoT-NTN solutions

# Qualcomm Aware Satellite Connectivity Highlights



3GPP Release 17 Standard-Based Solutions

Works with a variety of GEO and GSO constellations Helps enable a more ubiquitous ecosystem



Easily Established Connectivity

Simplified device setup with an easy-to-connect NTN solution



Low Power Consumption

Enable multi-year device operation in remote areas with the help of solar panels & super capacitors



**Cost-Effective Design** 

Use IoT-NTN solutions built specifically for off-grid, stationary devices that don't need GNSS



Ubiquitous Hybrid Connectivity

Use NTN connectivity, if needed, with terrestrial network handoffs including CAT-M/NB-IoT support and 2G fallback

Out-of-the-box connectivity with NTN capability for enhanced device management

Key longer-term research vectors

# enabling the path towards 6G



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# enabling the path towards 6G



#### Al-native E2E communications

Data-driven communication and network design, with joint training, model sharing and distributed inference across networks and devices



#### Scalable network architecture

Disaggregation and virtualization at the connected intelligent edge, use of advanced topologies to address growing demand



#### **Expanding into new spectrum bands**

Expanding to THz, wide-area expansion to higher bands, new spectrum sharing paradigm, dynamic coordination with environmental awareness



#### Air interface innovations

Evolution of duplexing schemes, Giga-MIMO, mmWave evolution, reconfigurable intelligent surfaces, waveform/coding for MHz to THz, system energy efficiency & non-terrestrial communications



### Merging of worlds

Physical, digital, virtual, immersive interactions taking human augmentation to next level via ubiquitous, low-power joint communication and sensing



#### Communications resiliency

Multifaceted trust and configurable security, post quantum security, robust networks tolerant to failures and attacks

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