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Global 5G spectrum update and innovations for future wireless systems

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Today's Agenda

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Global 5G deployments are well underway, using low, mid, and mmWave spectrum bands

TWO

More spectrum is needed for future wireless growth; our spectrum innovations can open new capacity

THREE

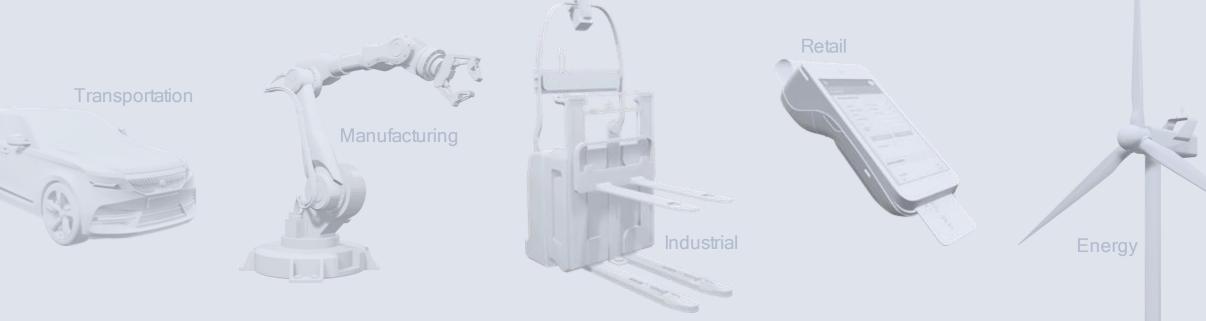
We are advancing novel spectrum sharing technologies that can realize new levels of utilization and efficiency

FOUR

Questions?

Global 5G deployments are well underway

Using low, mid, and mmWave spectrum bands



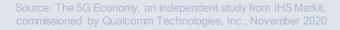
Driving digital transformation across industries

5G will enable \$13.1 Trillion in global sales activity in 2035

Public safety

Agriculture

Healthcare



Entertainment

Smart cities

4



continues to expand globally

245 +

operators with 5G commercially deployed

270 +

additional operators investing in 5G

1B+

5G connections globally

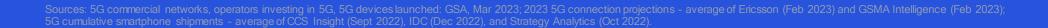
6B+

5G smartphones to ship between 2020-2026

1,800+

50

5G devices launched or in development



59

5G operates in all spectrum types / bands

Lifeblood of wireless communications

Licensed spectrum

Remains the industry's top priority



Shared spectrum New shared spectrum

paradigms

e.g., 3.5 GHz USA, 3.8-4.2 GHz UK, 37-37.6 GHz USA



Unlicensed spectrum

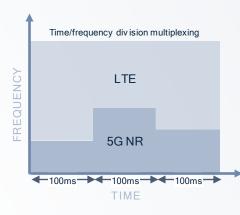
Shared use e.g., 5 GHz / 6 GHz / 60 GHz global HIGH BANDS ABOVE 24 GHz (mmWAVE)

MID BANDS 1 GHz – 7 GHz

LOW BANDS BELOW 1 GHz

Dynamic Spectrum Sharing

(DSS) has allowed 5G to be deployed in existing LTE brands



Efficient spectrum use with low sharing overhead

5G NR to avoid resources used by LTE

No impact to legacy LTE devices

Global 4G LTE spectrum landscape



Global snapshot of allocated/targeted 5G spectrum

NEW 5G BAND Licensed Unlicensed/shared

5G is being designed for diverse spectrum types/bands

<1GHz 3G	GHz 40	GHz 5GHz 6GHz	24-30GHz	37-50GHz	60GHz	>95GHz
900MHz 2.5/2.6GHz 600MHz (2x35MHz) (2x3MHz) (B41/n41)	3.1-3.45GHz 3.45-3.55GHz 3.7- 3.55-3.7GHz 3.98GHz	4.94- 4.99GHz <u>5.9-71GHz</u>	24.25-24.45GHz 24.75-25.25GHz 27.5-28.35GHz	37-37.6GHz 37.6-40GHz 42-42.5GHz 47.2-48.2GHz	57-71GHz	_>95GHz
(*) 600MHz (2x35MHz)	3.475-3.65 GHz 3.65-4.0G	Hz <u>5.9-7.1GHz</u>	26.5-27.5GHz 27.5-28.35GHz	37-37.6GHz 37.6-40GHz	57-71GHz	>95GHz
700MHz (2x30 MHz)	3.4-3.8GHz	5.9-6.4GHz	24.5-27.5GHz		57-66GHz	
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2GHz 2.5/2.6GHz 700MHz 900MHz (n1) (B41/n41)	3.3-3.6GHz	4.8-5GHz	24.75-27.5GHz	37-43.5GHz		e
700/ 800MHz 2.3-2.39GHz	3.7- 3.4-3.7GHz 4.0GHz	4.72- 4.82GHz <u>5.9-7.1GHz</u>	25.7- 26.5- 28.9- 26.5GHz 28.9GHz 29.5GHz	37GHz	57-64GHz	
700/ 800MHz 2.3 GHz	3.6-4.1GHz	4.5-4.9GHz 5.9-6.4GHz	27-29.5GHz		57-66GHz	•
600MHz (2x40 MHz) 700MHz (2x30 MHz)	3.3-3.67GHz		24.25-27.5GHz			۲
2.3 GHz	3.7- 3.4- <u>3.7GHz</u> 4.0GHz	5.9-6.4GHz	24.25-29.5GHz	39GHz	57-66GHz	٢



Global Spectrum **Status**

> North America





 Multiple bands in commercial deployment from all major mobile operators, e.g., 600 MHz, 2.5/2.6 GHz, 3.5 GHz, 28 GHz, as well as other existing bands using DSS

- 4.9 GHz band targeted for public safety use with non-commercial secondary use
- 5.9 GHz band for automotive safety waiver granted by FCC to permit initial C-V2X deployments
- 6 GHz band (5.9-7.1 GHz) for unlicensed operations (e.g., Wi-Fi and 5G NR-U)
- 5030 MHz band (5030-5091 MHz) for UAS operations
- Lower 37 GHz band advanced spectrum sharing possibilities



CANADA

- Multiple bands in commercial deployment from major mobile operators, such as 600 MHz, 3.5 GHz, and other mobile bands using DSS
- Looking to open 3.9 GHz band and 26, 28, and 38 GHz bands for exclusive use and for noncompetitive local (NCL) licensing
- Above 95 GHz bands opened by ISED for unlicensed operations

5G

Global Spectrum Status

Central America

South America

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 5G Auction announced for 2023 (no specific date) for the 3.3-3.6 GHz band.



- Assigned 3.3-3.7 GHz and 26 GHz. Reserved 3.7-3.8 GHz for local networks.
- Considering and consulting on 4.8-5.0 GHz band.



 5G Auction scheduled for Q3 2023 in the 3.3-3.7 GHz and 26 GHz bands.



- Assigned 3.3-3.4 GHz, 3.6-3.65 GHz, and 26 GHz for 5G. 3.4-3.6 GHz pending reorganization.
- 3.75-3.8 GHz range reserved for local networks.

MEXICO	

- Assigned 3.4-3.45 and 3.45-3.55 GHz for 5G.
- Evaluating 3.3-3.4 GHz and 26 GHz. Trying to recover the 3.3-3.35 GHz range.



- Fragmented assignment 3.4-3.6 GHz.
- Evaluating 3.3-3.4 GHz, 3.6-3.8 GHz, and 26 GHz bands



- Assigned 27.5-28.25 GHz for 5G (via temporary assignments).
- URUGUAY •
- Auction rules approved for 3.3-3.4 GHz, and 3,6-3,8 GHz bands. Auction expected in Q2 2023.



Global Spectrum Status





- Assigned 3.4-3.8, 3.8-4.2 for private networks
- U.K. 26 GHz, 40 GHz authorization framework under definition
 - Assigned 3.4-3.8 GHz
 - Assigned 26 GHz

ITALY

SPAIN

- Assigned 3.4-3.8 GHz
- Test licenses for 26 GHz band
 FRANCE
 - Assigned 3.4-3.8 GHz
 - Assigned 26 GHz including dedicated spectrum for private networks
 - Assigned 3.4-3.8 GHz including dedicated spectrum for private networks
- SWEDEN Local licensing in 24.25-25 GHz
 - Assigned 3.4-3.7 GHz, 3.7-3.8 GHz for private networks
- GERMANY 26 GHz licenses issued on demand on a local basis
 - Assigned 3.4-3.8 GHz
- Assigned 26 GHz including dedicated spectrum for private networks





Assigned 3.4-3.8 GHz

Assigned 26 GHz band



- Assigned 3.4-3.8 GHz
- Assigned 26 GHz band

CROATIA



Assigned 3.4-3.8 GHz

Planned assignment for 26 GHz

ROMANIA

Assigned 3.4-3.8 GHz

Assigned 26 GHz



ESTONIA

 Assigned 3.5-3.8 GHz, local license 3.4-3.5GHz

CZECH REP.



Assigned 3.4-3.8 GHzAssigned 26 GHz



Global Spectrum Status





Assigned 700MHz, 3.4-3.6 GHz, 4.8-5.0 GHz for 5G

- Allocated 3.3-3.4 GHz for shared MAINLAND CHINA indoor use
 - Refarming 900 MHz 2G/4G band for 5G
 - Identify IMT service in 24.75-27.5 GHz and 37-43.5GHz (portion thereof)

Assigned 3.3-3.6 and 4.84-4.92 GHz

26/28 GHz, with 400 MHz reserved

Allocated 400 MHz per operator in

- HONG KONG

TAIWAN

- - Assigned 3.3-3.57 GHz for 5G

for local licensing

- Assigned 27.9 29.5 GHz, with 27.0-27.9 GHz held for future allocation
- 4.8-4.9 GHz planned for local networks



JAPAN

- Allocated 3.6-4.1 GHz, 4.5-4.6 GHz, and 27-28.2, 29.1-29.5 GHz to 4 operators
- 4.6-4.8 GHz planned for local licensing
 - 4.8-4.9 GHz planned for assignment
 - 4.9-5 GHz, 26.6-27 GHz, and 28.3-29.1 GHz 39.5-43.5 GHz are being planned



SOUTH

KOREA

- Allocated 3.4-3.7 GHz and 26.5-28.9 GHz
- On-going consideration for 3.7-3.8 GHz band
- MSIT plans to allocate additional 5G spectrum



AUSTRALIA

Assigned 3.4-3.7 GHz

3.7-4.2 GHz, 4.4-4.5 GHz, 4.8-5.0 GHz under on-going consultation

• 26 GHz mmWave band for local licensing and wide-area allocation

NEW ZEALAND

Assigned 3.4-3.59 GHz and 3.59-3.8 GHz

26/28 GHz mmWave under consideration

Source: GSA



Global Spectrum Status





- Assigned spectrum across all bands for 5G, including 600, 700 MHz, 3.4-3.67 MHz and 26 GHz to 4 operators
- 800, 900 MHz, 1.8, 2.1, 2.3, and 2.5 GHz bands currently used for 4G, but expected to become 5G bands
- Assigned upper mid-band 3.45-3.65 GHz to two operators with 100 MHz each
- SINGAPORE Assigned mmWave in 26.25-29.5 GHz for 4 operators with 800 MHz each
 - Consulting on 4.4-5.0 GHz band

 Planning to assign 3.5 GHz and 26/28 GHz band, which was delayed from 2020

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- Assigned 2.5 GHz TDD spectrum for 5G
- Assigned 26 GHz spectrum to 4 operators
- THAILAND Planning to assign 3.4-3.7 GHz

- Conducted trials in 28 GHz
- Targeting 2.3 GHz band for sub-7 GHz
- INDONESIA Consultation for 3.3-3.6 GHz in upper midband and mmWave in 26/28 GHz bands



Assigned 3.3-3.8 GHz in mid-band

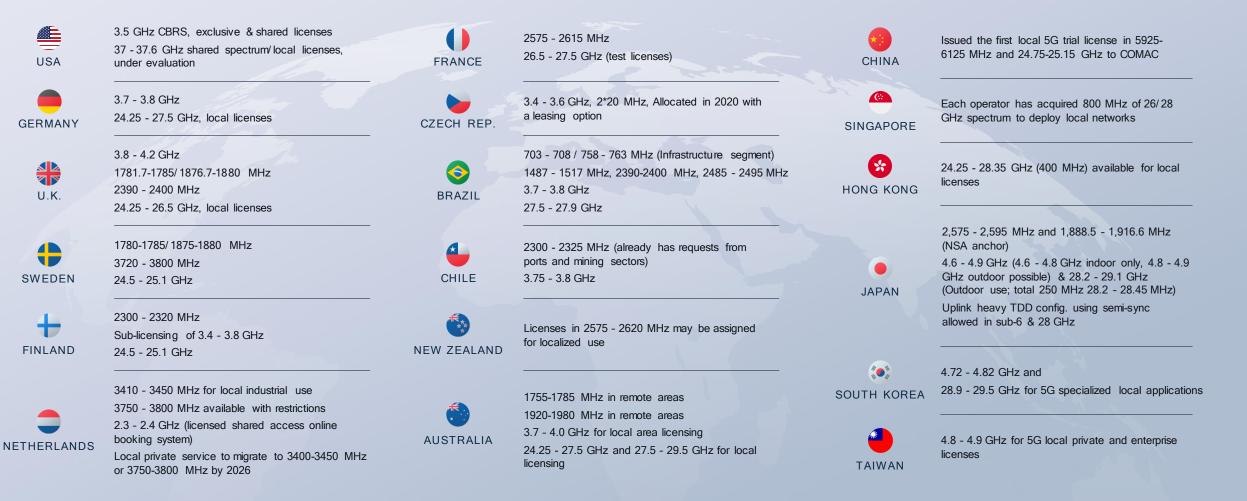
mmWave spectrum under consideration

VIETNAM

- Planning to assign 3.6-4.0 GHz, with temporary assignment for testing in 3.7-3.8 GHz band
- On-going consultation on 4.4-4.8 GHz
- Planning to assign 26/28 GHz

Global snapshot of spectrum optimized for industrial IoT / vertical / private network use

Local licensing or sharing



Enabling 5G sidelink for public safety and commercial use cases

Targeting 4.9 GHz PS band in US

4940 to 4990 MHz band in Jan. 2023 FCC NPRM¹

Primary public safety spectrum to support first responders during emergencies

Sidelink is 3GPP standardized and supports priority and preemption for public safety while allowing secondary commercial uses

Enabling sidelink in all devices will greatly improve public safety services throughout the country, including where there is no cellular coverage



More spectrum is needed for future wireless growth

Our spectrum innovations can open new capacity

Spectrum is the "lifeblood" of future wireless innovations

Fully realize the 5G potential and lay groundwork for the 6G future

Immediate Term

Focus on commercializing 5G mmWave in a timely manner to meet rapidly growing capacity and user experience requirements

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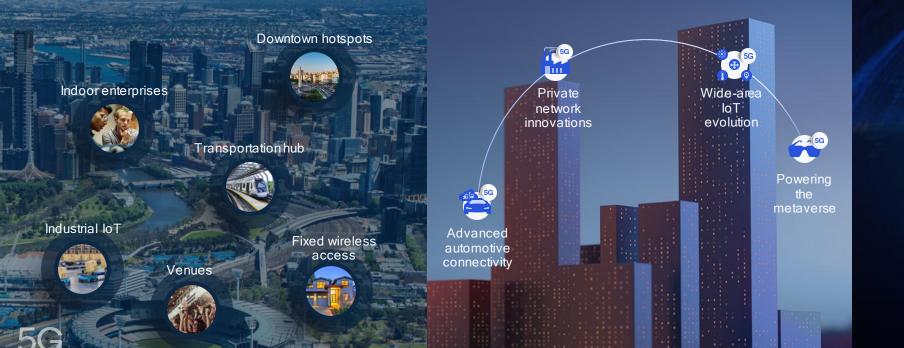
Short-to-Medium Term

Focus on opening additional lowerband capacity to fuel the growth of 5G Advanced use cases

Longer Term

Focus on identifying, studying, clearing, and allocating new bands for sustained growth into 2030 and beyond

6G



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5G mmWave can address near-term capacity needs

Complementing low/mid-band to deliver meet massive bandwidths for broadband and beyond

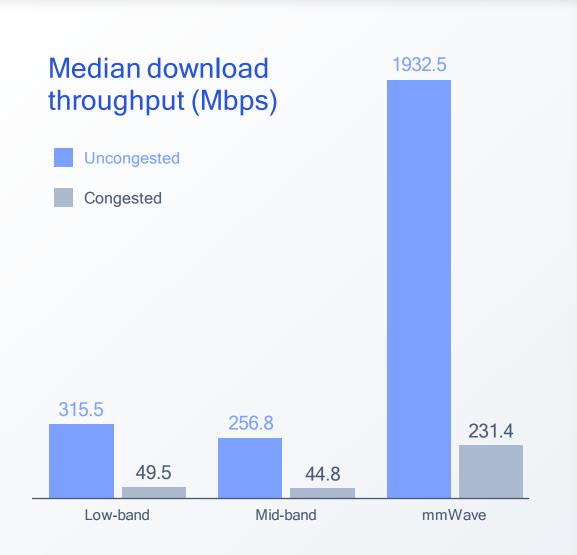


Multi-Gbps speeds With large bandwidths (100s of MHz)

Much more capacity

With dense spatial reuse

Lower latency Bringing new opportunities



5G mmWave serves congested areas with high-level performance

RootMetrics study shows mmWave can deliver more uniform user experiences even in congested network

mmWave provides speeds 4-5x faster than those of low-band and mid-band in congested conditions

mmWave delivers on the promise of providing extreme capacity and blazing-fast speeds under heavy network loads

5G mmWave did the heavy lifting at Super Bowl 57 5G mmWave carried 73% of all indoor cellular downlink traffic^{1,2,3}

Ubiquitous 5G mmWave coverage in the stadium with two mmWave bands²

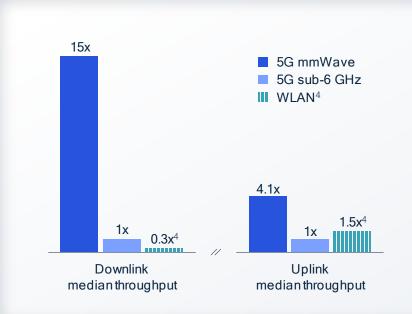
64% of all users were mmWave capable

Excellent mmWave user experience

2.6 Gbps downlink average throughput per user119 Mbps uplink average throughput per use

Excellent 5G network performance

138% more cellular traffic in the stadium compared to Super Bowl 56



Bringing massive capacity and new experiences to venues

1. Data from the bowl seating area for 4G and 5G 2. 1600 MHz of mmWave spectrum activated (devices utilizing a maximum of 800 MHz in downlink) 3. 5G NR sub-6 GHz bands: 60 MHz in mid-band and 10MHz in low-band. LTE sub-6 GHz bands: 50 MHz with 4 DL CC CA 4. Multiple Wi-Fi locations did not have any throughput and those results are not shown here



mmWave is ready for global commercial accelerations

5G smartphones









Modules

Hotspots & IoT

CPEs









170 +

5G mmWave devices launched or announced by 65+ vendors

Europe Finland, Denmark, Italy, France. Germany, Spain, Sweden, Greece, Croatia, Slovenia, ...

Americas United States, Canada, Brazil, Chile, Peru, Uruguay, ...

MEA UAE. South Africa. Israel, Saudi Arabia. ...

Asia Pacific Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Australia, India, China, Singapore,

Thailand....

50+

Countries assigned, planning to assign, or in ongoing consultation of 5G mmWave spectrum

ITU World Radiocommunication Conference 2023 (WRC-23)

Dubai, United Arab Emirates 20 November to 15 December 2023

Continue a spectrum pipeline ensuring the continued 5G growth across regions and enabling future 5G Advanced use cases

Key Agenda Items

1.1 - IMT in the 4.8-4.99 GHz band

Considers conditions for which the band 4800-4990 MHz could be used by terrestrial component of IMT. It addresses technical and regulatory conditions, such as power flux density (pfd) limits, which could protect aeronautical and maritime mobile services.

1.2- IMT in the 3.5 GHz, 6 GHz, and 10-10.5 GHz bands

Considers identification of bands 3300-3400 MHz (Region 2 and amend footnote in Region 1), 3600 - 3800 MHz (Region 2), 6425-7025 MHz (Region 1), 7025-7125 MHz (globally), and 10.0-10.5 GHz (Region 2) for IMT including possible allocations to the mobile service on a primary basis.

1.3 - Mobile use of the 3.6-3.8 GHz band in Region 1

Considers possible primary allocation in Region 1 to the mobile service (except aeronautical) in the band 3600-3800 MHz.

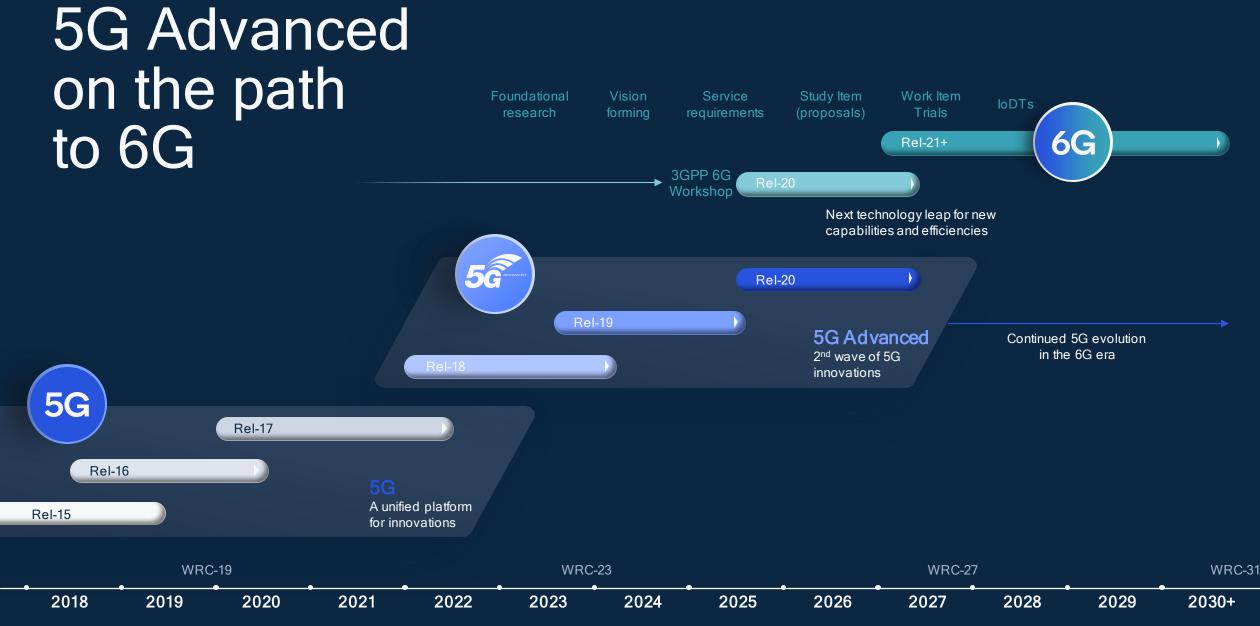
1.5 - Consideration of sub-1 GHz spectrum in Region 1

Reviews the spectrum use and needs of existing services in the band 470-960 MHz in Region 1 and considers possible regulatory actions in the band 470-694 MHz in Region 1.

10 – Plan, support harmonization, and secure availability for new 6G coverage band

Proposing an agenda item for WRC-27 to study key upper mid-bands for 6G across all 3 regions, i.e., 7.125-15.35 GHz.

Region 1: Europe, Africa, the Commonwealth of Independent States, Mongolia, and the Middle East west of the Persian Gulf, including Iraq. Region 2: Americas including Greenland, and some of the eastern Pacific Islands. Region 3: Most of non-FSU Asia east of and including Iran, and most of Oceania.



Fixed and mobile broadband evolution



expansion











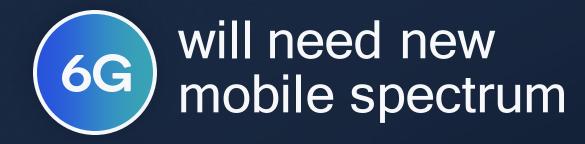




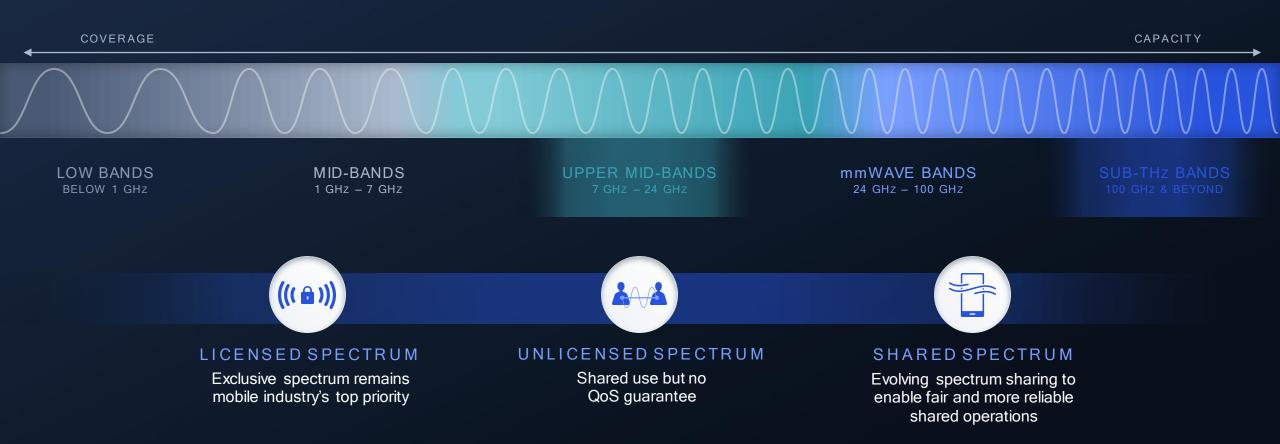




Propelling next-level experiences and innovative use cases in the new era of the connected intelligent edge for 2030 and beyond



Wide bandwidths (e.g., 500 MHz) will be key to success of next-generation wireless systems Studies on new bands need to begin today in preparation for WRC-27 (e.g., focused on 7.1– 15.3 GHz range)



New upper mid-band brings order of magnitude more wide-area capacity Offering larger contiguous bandwidths – targeting 500 MHz to 1 GHz licensed spectrum per operator for 2030 and beyond



Delivering new capacity for wide-area broadband (e.g., smartphones, smart cities, automotive, verticals)



Fueling scalable boundless XR user support in wide area through wider bandwidth availability



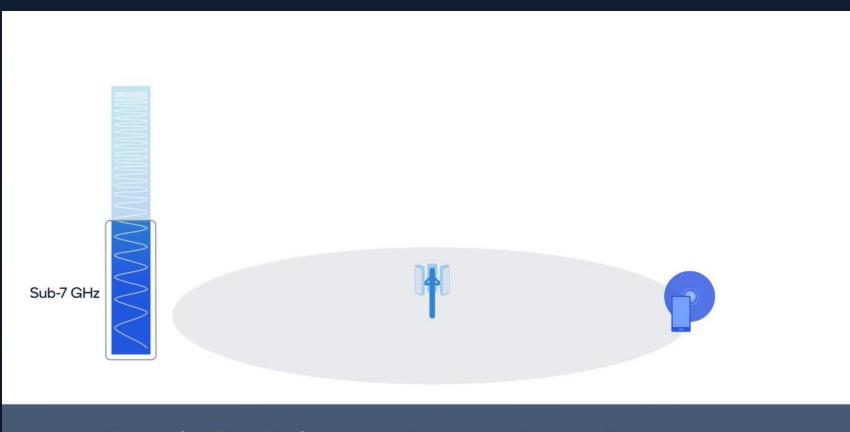
Supporting high-resolution RF sensing for new use cases (e.g., environmental monitoring, activity detection)

UPPER MID-BAND SUB-7 GHZ

> Opportunity to co-site with existing sub-7 GHz deployments for comparable coverage in higher band

Focusing on lower 9 GHz of the "FR3" Upper Mid-Band i.e., 7 to 16 GHz

Wide-area coverage of sub-7 GHz with multi-Gbps capacity of mmWave



Upper mid-band (i.e., 7 - 16 GHz) is expected to become the next wide-area coverage spectrum Bringing expanded capacity but also more challenging propogation conditions due to higher frequency

MWC'23 demonstration: Giga-MIMO in upper mid-band

Making sub-Terahertz spectrum viable for communications and beyond

Building on our mmWave experience to address key system challenges challenges at higher band spectrum

Use case feasibility

Evaluating diverse use cases, form factor requirements and how sub-THz can deliver effective solutions

System design

Building early prototypes to overcome implementation challenges (i.e., device formfactor, power consumption, etc.)

Propagation loss

Using intelligent beamforming to overcome path loss, penetration loss, foliage loss, and others

Sub-THz can unlock new and enhanced use cases



WIRELESS FRONTHAUL WIRELESS DATA CENTER WIRELESS FIBER TO THE HOME



JLTRA-PRECISE POSITIONING



RADIO FREQUENCY SENSING

Expanding into new spectrum bands Over-the-air

Qualcomm

Sub-THz communication in 100+ GHz 🗸 🛛 Indoor corridor 🗸

Overview Trace data Downlink Throughput Gbps BUT D Average downlink throughput Gbps 294 177 97 10 2 layers mmWave 2 layers Sub-THz Sub-THz: 8 layers 4 layers Sub-THz 8 layers Sub-THz

With sub-THz communication in the 145 GHz band, we can achieve speeds up to 300 Gbps and latencies below 100 microseconds Next: Indoor lab

Next demonstration

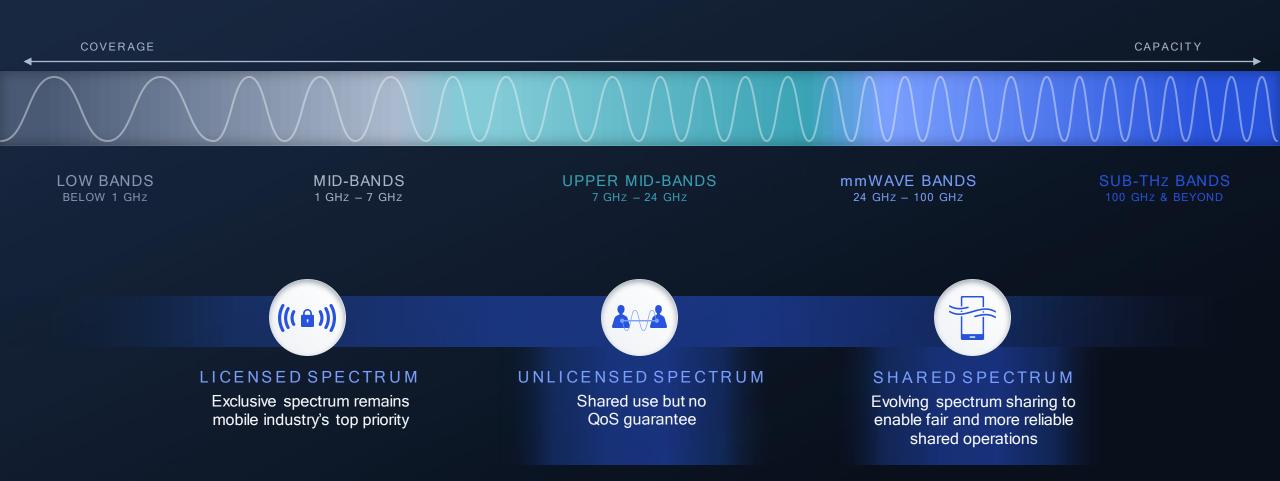
MWC'23 demonstration: Sub-THz (145 GHz) OTA testbeds

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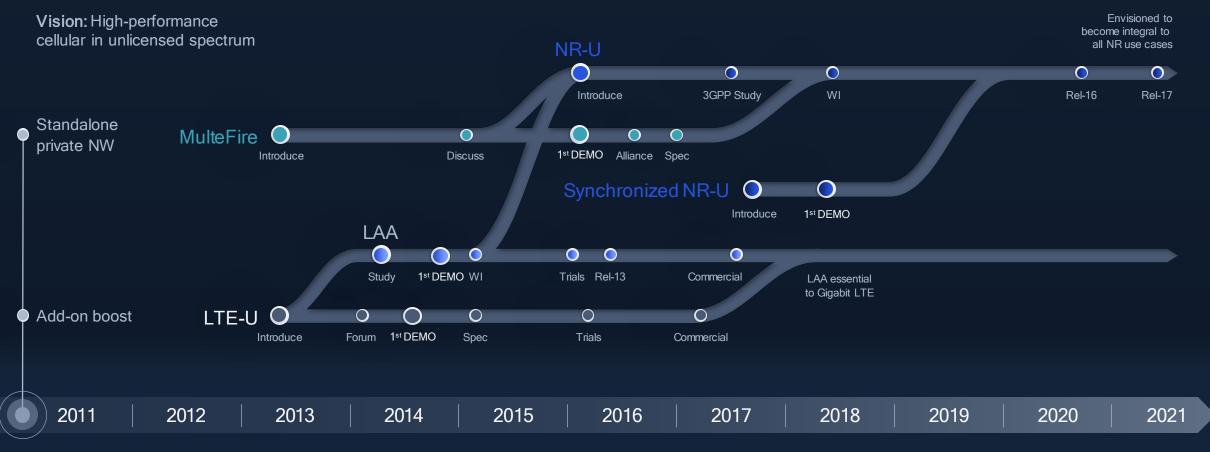
Realizing new levels of utilization and efficiency

Spectrum sharing can work well in all spectrum types and bands

Critical for the success of next-generation wireless systems



A decade of leadership in unlicensed spectrum From LTE-U/LAA to NR-U



Continuous research, industry first over-the-air LAA, eLAA, MulteFire demos, co-existence with Wi-Fi

Rel-16 introduces NR in unlicensed spectrum

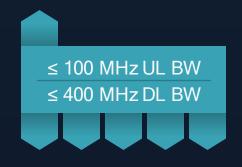
Anchored NR-U

Unlicensed spectrum is combined with other licensed or shared spectrum as anchor



Standalone NR-U

Only unlicensed spectrum is used



UNLICENSED NR-U SPECTRUM*

Unlock more spectrum globally

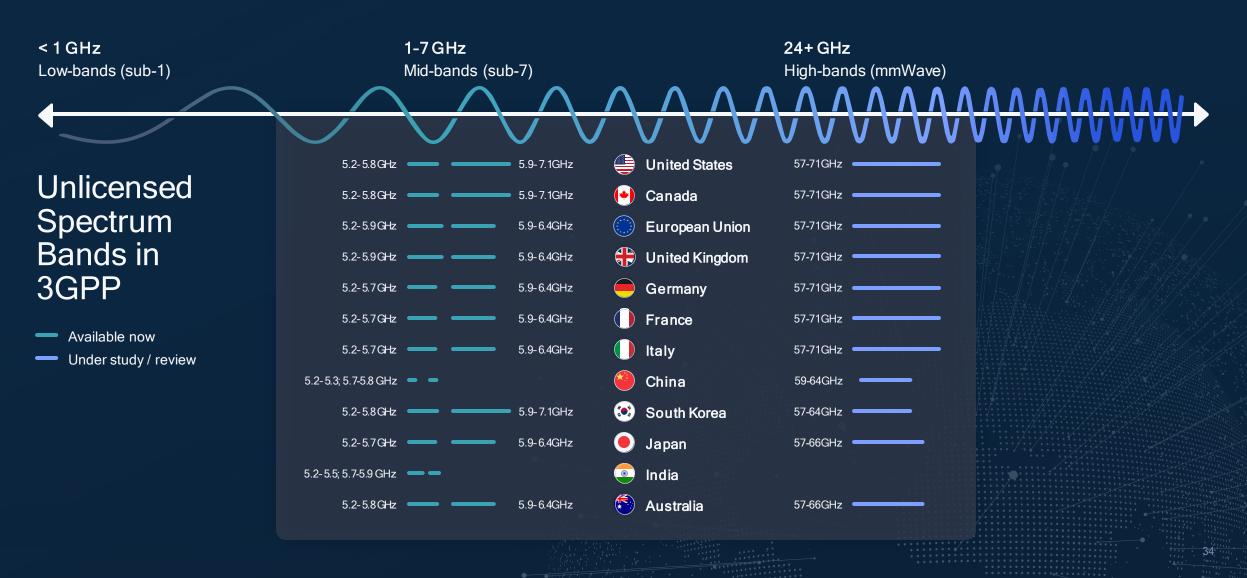
New markets and verticals

New deployment scenarios

NR-U

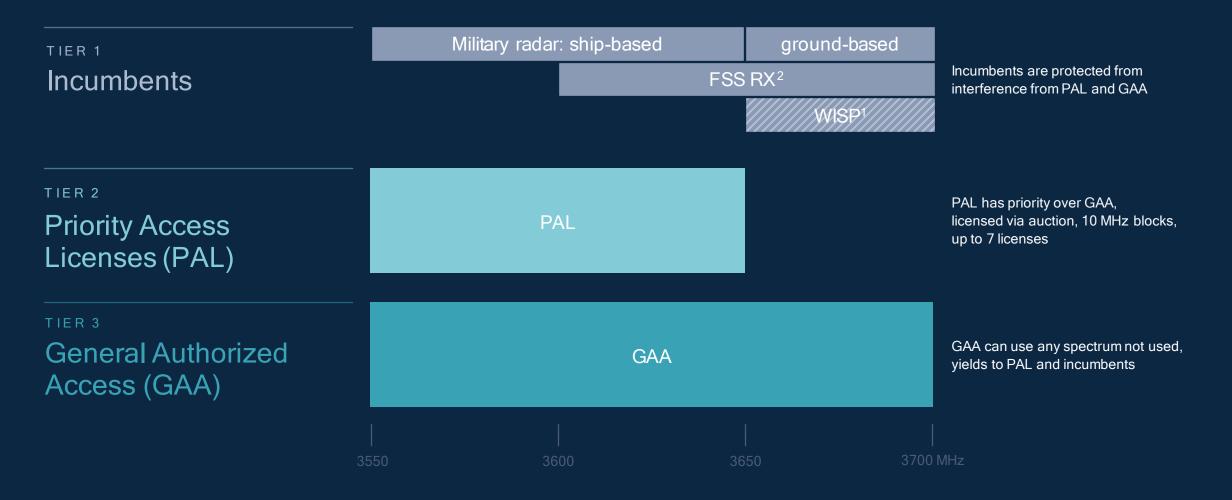
Standardized in 5G NR Release 16:

First global cellular standard with both license-assisted and standalone use of unlicensed spectrum



U.S. - 3.5 GHz CBRS provides a 3-tier shared spectrum paradigm

150 MHz for flexible use while protecting government incumbent systems



Evolution to licensed spectrum sharing for improved efficiency, flexibility, and user experience

Offering improved spectrum utilization and reduced spectrum cost

MNO can reuse spectrum of other MNOs when their spectrum is not in use

Building on years of 4G and 5G spectrum innovations



Unlocking new spectrum that may require non-exclusive licensing and sharing with primary users



Designing for efficient and coordinated spectrum sensing / sharing that improves overall system performance



Leveraging O-RAN architecture to allow operators to cost-efficiently offer service and preserve differentiations (e.g., through O-RU sharing)



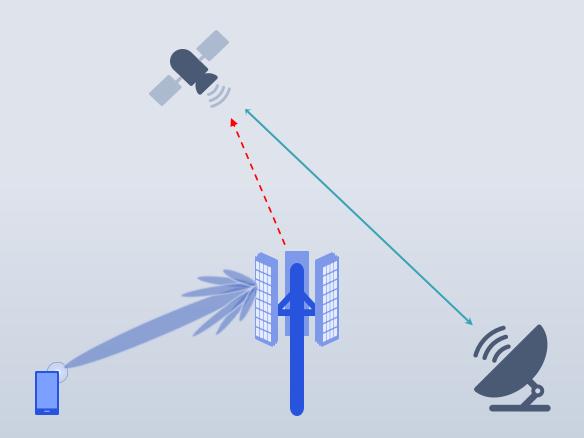
Utilizing adaptive AI/ML to address high-mobility scenario and public / private networks coexistence in the same band

Giga-MIMO improves coexistence with other systems

Compared to previous generations, we expect 6G design to account for sharing with non 3GPP systems, i.e., implementing a "sharing by design" approach

Giga-MIMO allows tight control of very narrow beams in upper midbands that in the presence of incumbent systems can lead to new and more efficient coexistence approaches

Specific sharing mechanisms will depend on the target bands and incumbent systems



Flexible new 6G air interface design with native support for spectrum sharing

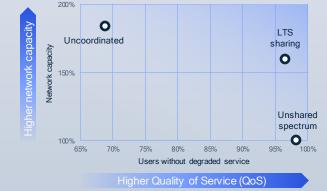
Advanced mmWave spectrum sharing

FCC Proposal for lower 37 GHz band

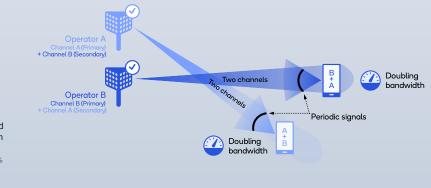
Driving continued mobile mmWave technology evolution

Showcasing advanced technologyneutral spectrum sharing in mmWave frequency bands

Outperforming uncoordinated spectrum sharing in quality of service



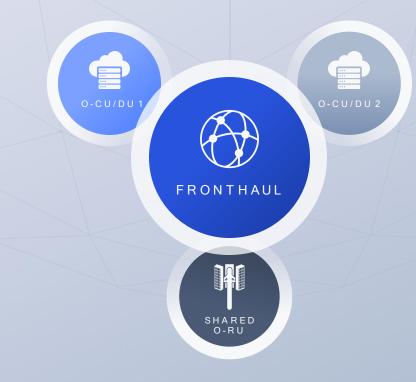
PERATORS WITH 32-ANTENNA GNB



Combining the benefits of licensed and shared spectrum for higher network capacity and a better user experience

O-RAN spectrum sharing

brings many benefits, including improved resource utilization, new deployment flexibilities, and more



Provides flexible, scalable framework for spectrum and equipment sharing while allowing service differentiation

Improves spectrum utilization while supporting guaranteed QoS Enables faster and more cost-efficient deployments

Promotes fair market competition with an open, standardized interface Drives towards sustainability goals and closing the digital divide

O-RAN's flexible architecture offers multiple deployment possibilities



SHARED O-RU

Multiple MNOs can share O-RUs, spectrum can be owned by MNO(s) or a third party

INDIVIDUAL O-RU

MNOs can share spectrum and cell sites while still maintaining their own O-RUs

HYBRID O-RU

MNOs can share spectrum and have a mix of shared and owned O-RUs

PRIVATE NETWORK

Public MNOs and private networks share both spectrum and O-RUs

Improving access in unlicensed spectrum bands

FCC adopted Contention Based Protocol (CBP) rule for 6 GHz to provide protection to incumbent primary operations and regulate medium access Synchronous access enables advanced spectrum utilization techniques

Supports advanced transmitter techniques, such as coordinated multi-point (CoMP) Enables coexistence among multi-technology deployments Coexists with asynchronous access devices

Synchronous access enables better spectral efficiency for 6 GHz unlicensed band



6G

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Global 5G

spectrum updates and innovations for future wireless systems

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