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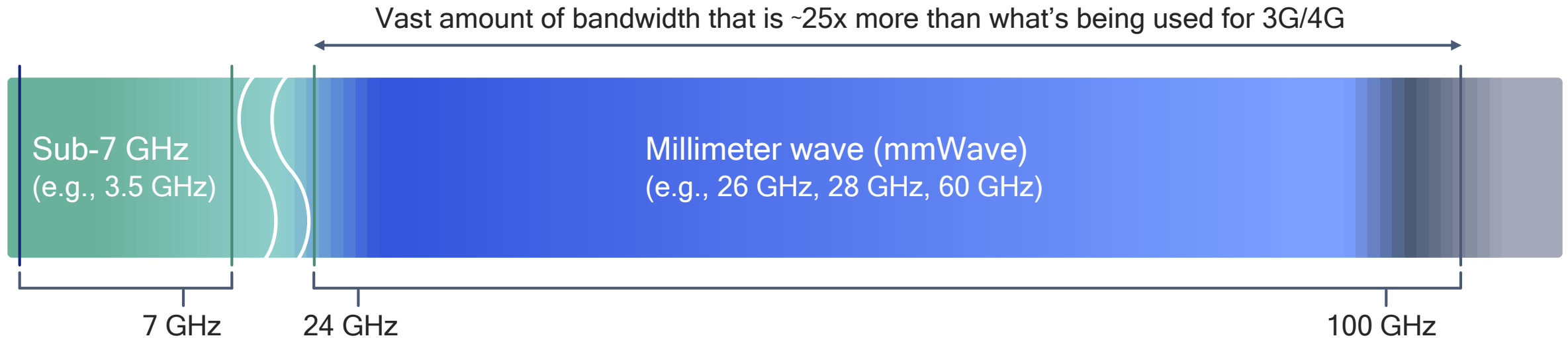
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Deploying 5G NR mmWave to unleash the full 5G potential



New frontier of mobile broadband – mobilizing mmWave



Multi-Gbps data rates

With large bandwidths (100s of MHz)














Much more capacity

With dense spatial reuse

Lower latency

Bringing new opportunities

Global mmWave spectrum targets

	24-28GHz	37-40GHz	64-71GHz	>95GHz
	24.25-24.45GHz 24.75-25.25GHz 27.5-28.35GHz	37-37.6GHz 37.6-40GHz 47.2-48.2GHz	57-64GHz 64-71GHz	>95GHz
	26.5-27.5GHz 27.5-28.35GHz	37-37.6GHz 37.6-40GHz	57-64GHz 64-71GHz	
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	25.7-26.5GHz 26.5-28.9.5GHz 28.9-29.5GHz	37GHz	57-66GHz	
	26.6-27GHz 27-29.5GHz	39-43.5GHz	57-66GHz	
	27.9-29.5GHz			
	24.25-27.5GHz 27.5-29.5GHz	37-43.5GHz		
	24.25-29.5GHz	39GHz	57-66GHz	

5G NR mmWave spectrum highlights

Ready for deployment in 2020 & beyond



U.S.

Completed three mmWave auctions so far, including 24, 28, 37, 39, and 47 GHz



South Korea

28 GHz auction completed in Jun. 2018; each operator assigned 800 MHz; plan to secure additional spectrum in 2021



Japan

Assigned 28 GHz mmWave spectrum in Apr. 2019; technical rules for additional spectrum (e.g., 26.6-27 GHz and 39.5-43.5 GHz planned for 2021



Taiwan

Auction completed in Feb. 2020 with a total of 1.6 GHz in 28 GHz band awarded to 4 operators



Italy

5G spectrum auction completed in Sep. 2018 with right of use starting January 1st, 2019



Russia

26 GHz auction completed in Q4 2018 to enable 2019+ commercial deployments



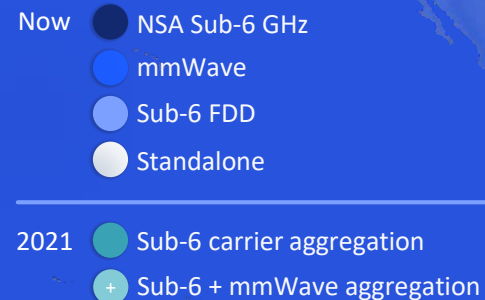
Germany

26 GHz spectrum award planned for Q4 2020

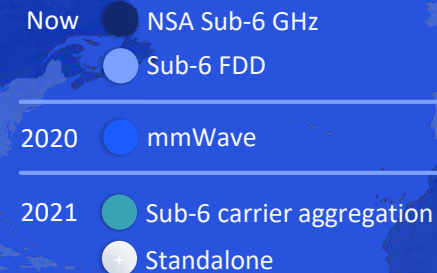
Finland, UK have also made mmWave spectrum available

5G Rollout Outlook

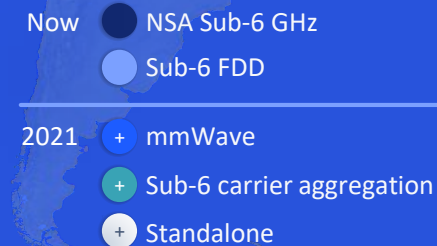
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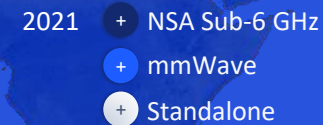
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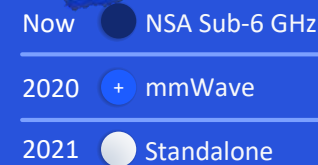
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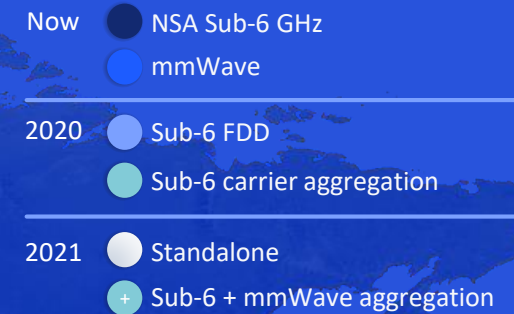
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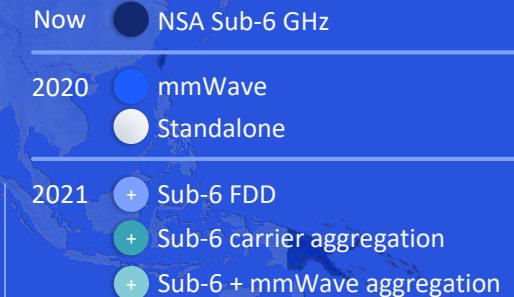
SEA



Japan



Korea



Australia





5G mmWave commercial devices powered by Snapdragon

5G smartphones



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PCs



Modules



Hotspots



CPEs



5G NR mmWave is bringing new waves of opportunities

For outdoor deployments...

- Significantly elevate today's mobile experiences – initially focusing on smartphones
- Deployments predominantly driven by mobile operators – initially focusing on dense urban

For indoor deployments...

- Complementing existing wireless services provided by Wi-Fi—also expanding to new device types
- Bringing superior speeds and virtually unlimited capacity for enhanced experiences

Creating value for the mobile ecosystem

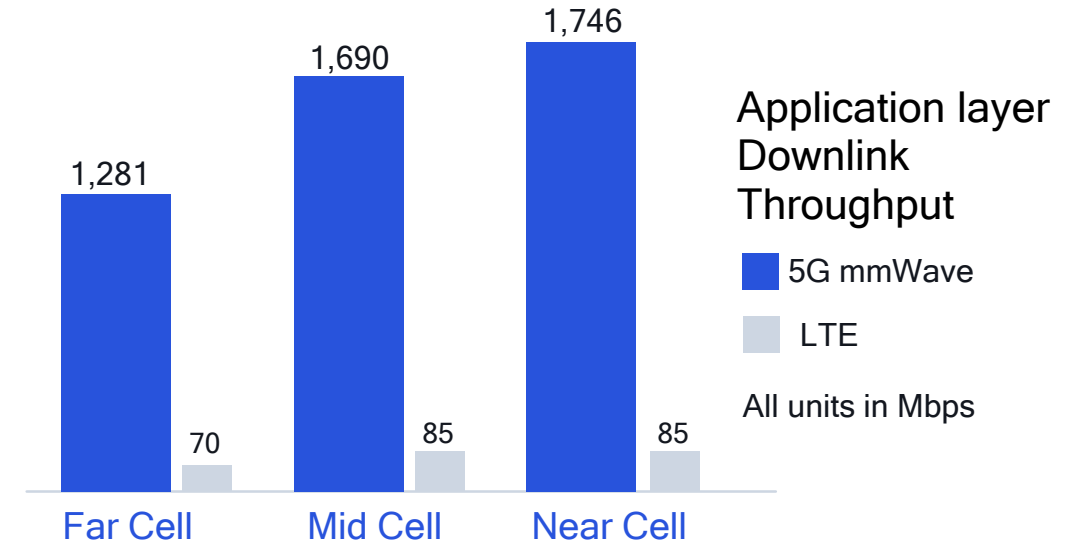
Operators, service providers, venue owners, infra vendors, device OEMs,...

Conducting 5G mmWave performance field tests

Tests in commercial network show 1 Gbps+ downlink sustained throughput in all scenarios



5G mmWave gNodeB



Throughput achieved*
1,821 Mbps downlink
96.9 Mbps uplink

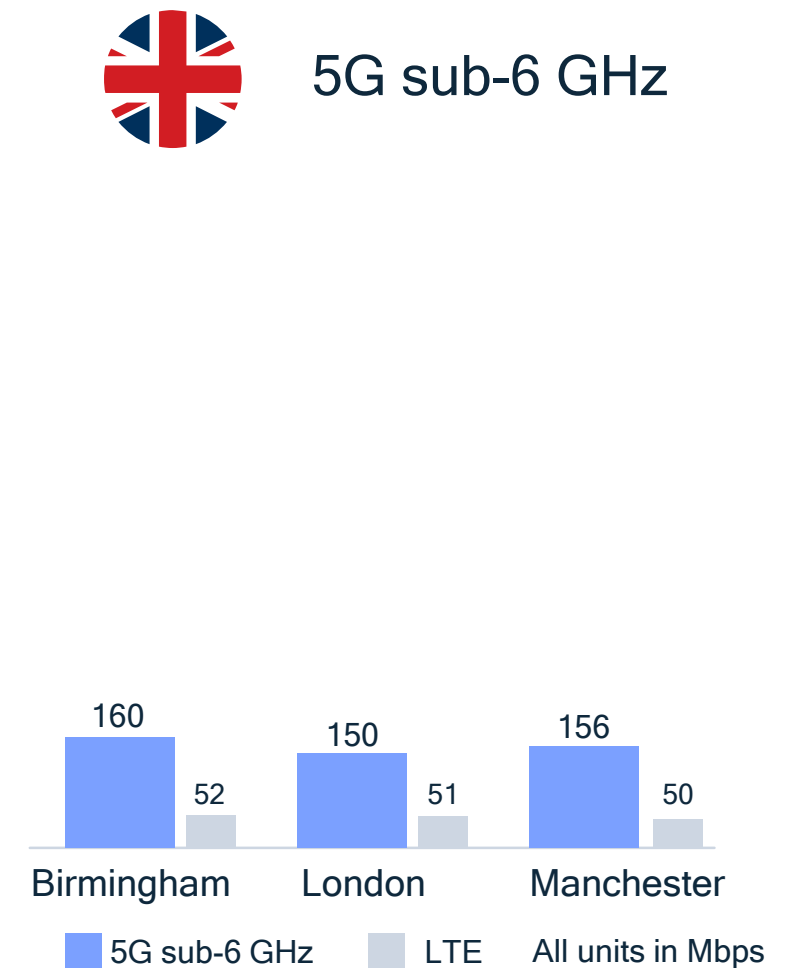
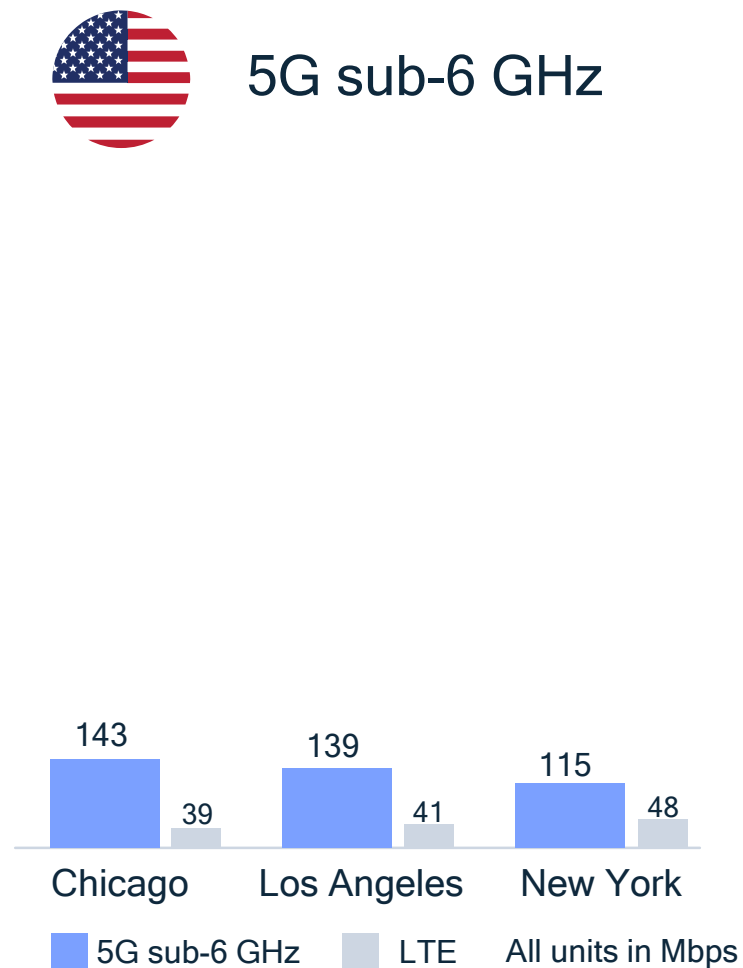
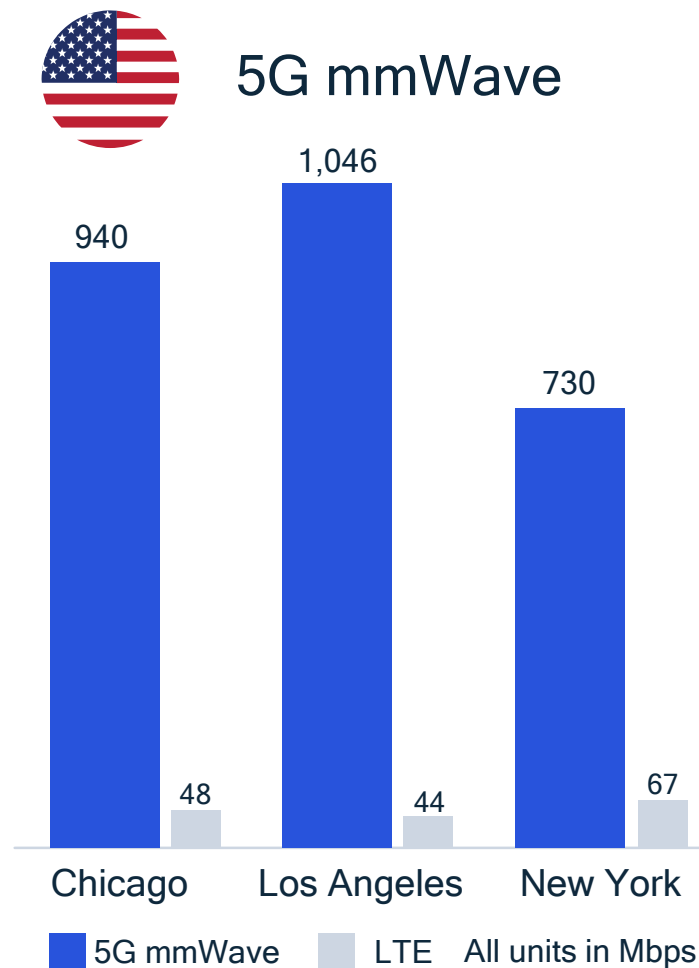


Throughput achieved*
1,780 Mbps downlink
73.1 Mbps uplink

*Measured using Ookla SpeedTest

5G mmWave delivers unparalleled user experience

3 Gbps in peak download speed and significant gains in average throughput observed by 5G mmWave users



Indoor enterprises

Offices, auditoriums, manufacturing



Indoor/outdoor venues

Conventions, concerts, stadiums



Transportation hubs

Airports, train terminals, subway stations



Fixed wireless access

Urban cities, suburban towns, rural villages



Industrial IoT

Factories, warehouses, logistic hubs



Expanding mmWave indoors, private networks, homes, IIoT



Multi-Gigabit speeds with virtually unlimited capacity



Beyond smartphones, laptops, tablets, extended reality, ...



Leveraging existing Wi-Fi or cellular by co-siting

Testing 5G NR mobile mmWave for indoor enterprises

Using commercial equipment

Achieving significant coverage at 28 GHz¹

- Single sector provides solid coverage in the lobby, atrium, and part of the auditorium
- Significant NLOS coverage behind the gNodeB, including the 2nd and 3rd floor

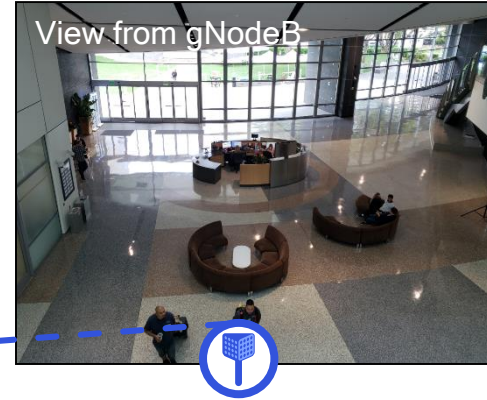
Extreme capacity for enterprise use cases

- Downlink median burst rate² of 3.1 Gbps



Achieving Gigabit speeds even in NLOS

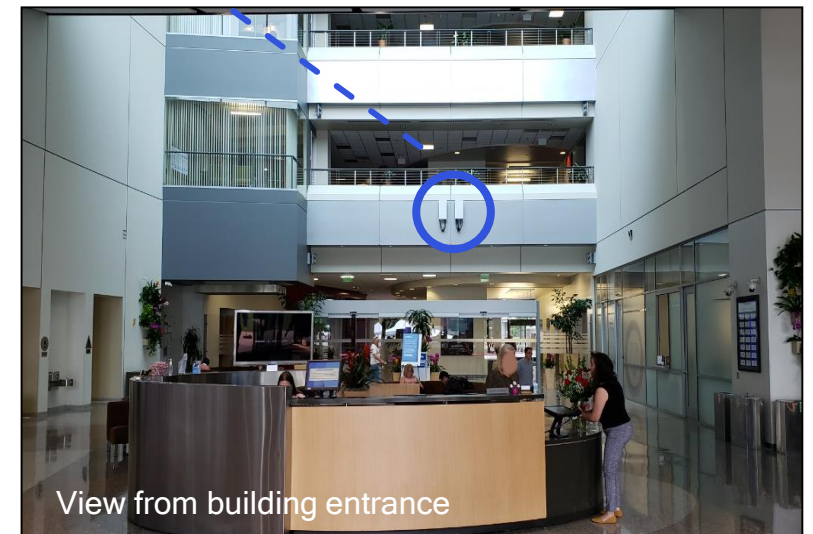
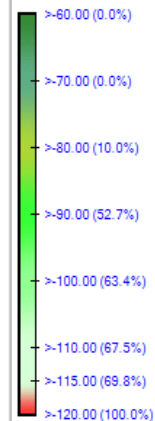
¹ Coverage simulation based on MAPL (maximum allowable path loss) analysis with ray tracer propagation model and measured material and propagation loss; minimum 0.4/0.1 bps/Hz for downlink/uplink data and control; ² Using 400 MHz DL bandwidth



28 GHz gNodeB

- 1-sector; ~20ft. height
- 400 MHz bandwidth

Path loss (dB)

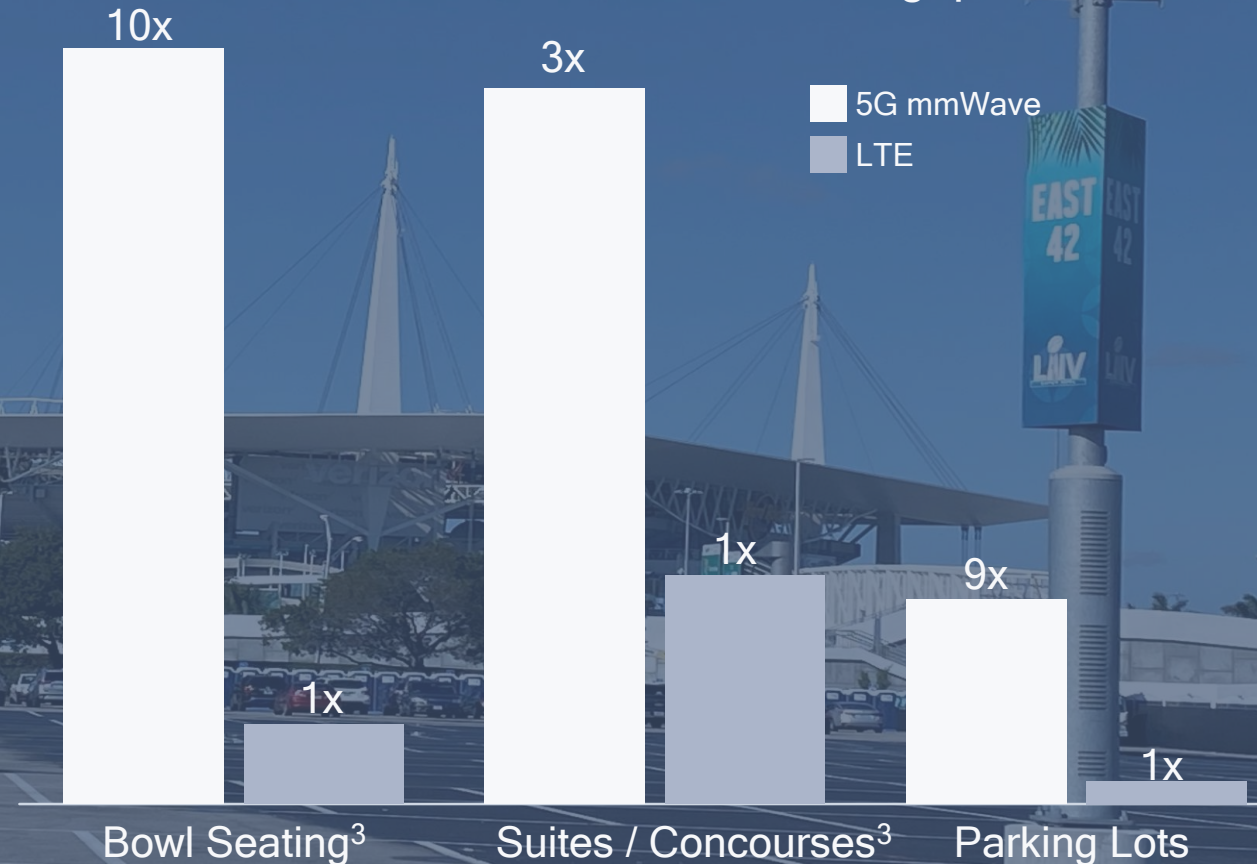


View from building entrance

Bringing massive capacity and new experiences to stadiums

28 GHz band with 4x100 MHz CA – NSA with multiple LTE anchors¹

5G vs. 4G Downlink Throughput²



98%

5G coverage in bowl seating from 8 sectors
28 GHz with 100x4 MHz BW

121

Bowl sectors
100 sectors in AWS/PCS
21 sectors in 700 MHz band

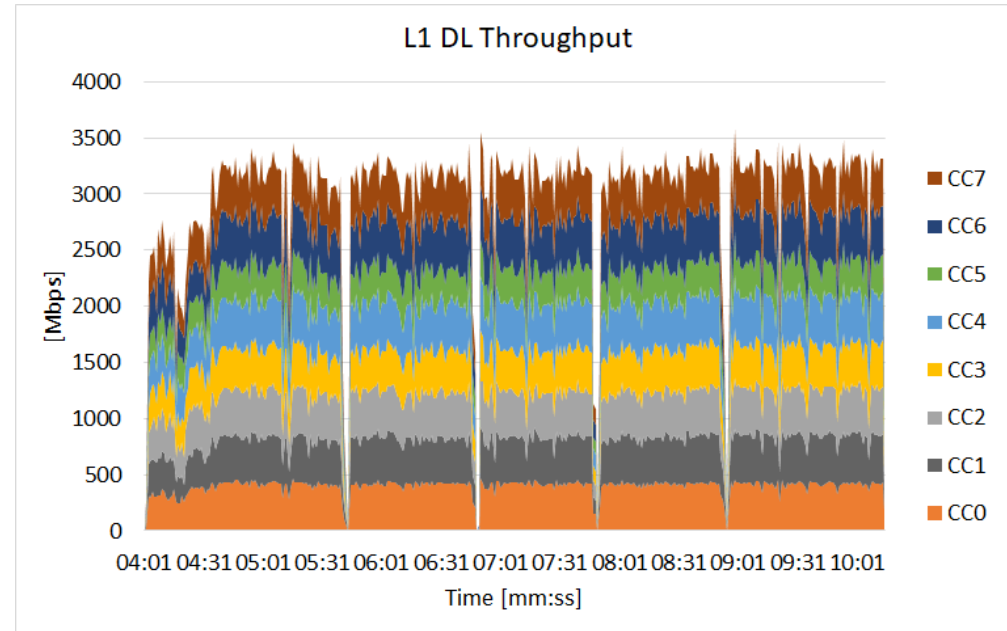
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5G / 4G Sectors
in parking lot

¹ AWS/PCS and 700 MHz bands; ² Device testing from 2pm to midnight; ³ High 4G throughput in Bowl and Suites/concourses are due to trial CBRS sectors with 80 MHz aggregated bandwidth

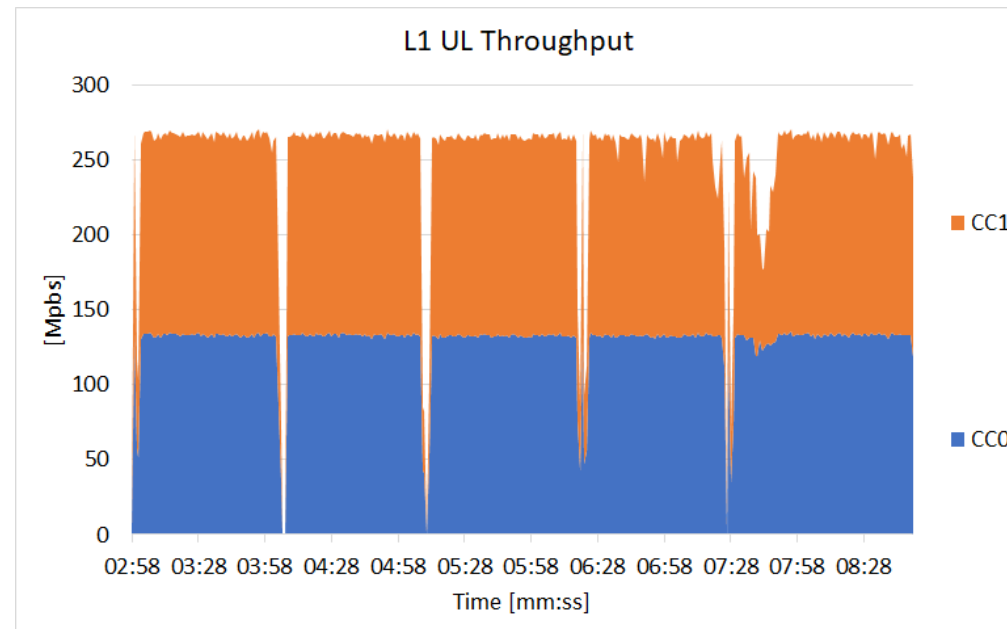
Field testing 5G mmWave in a railway station

Deploying in 28 GHz (n257) with NSA option 3x using 2.1 GHz (B1) LTE anchor



3.6 Gbps

Peak downlink throughput with 800 MHz BW (8x CA)



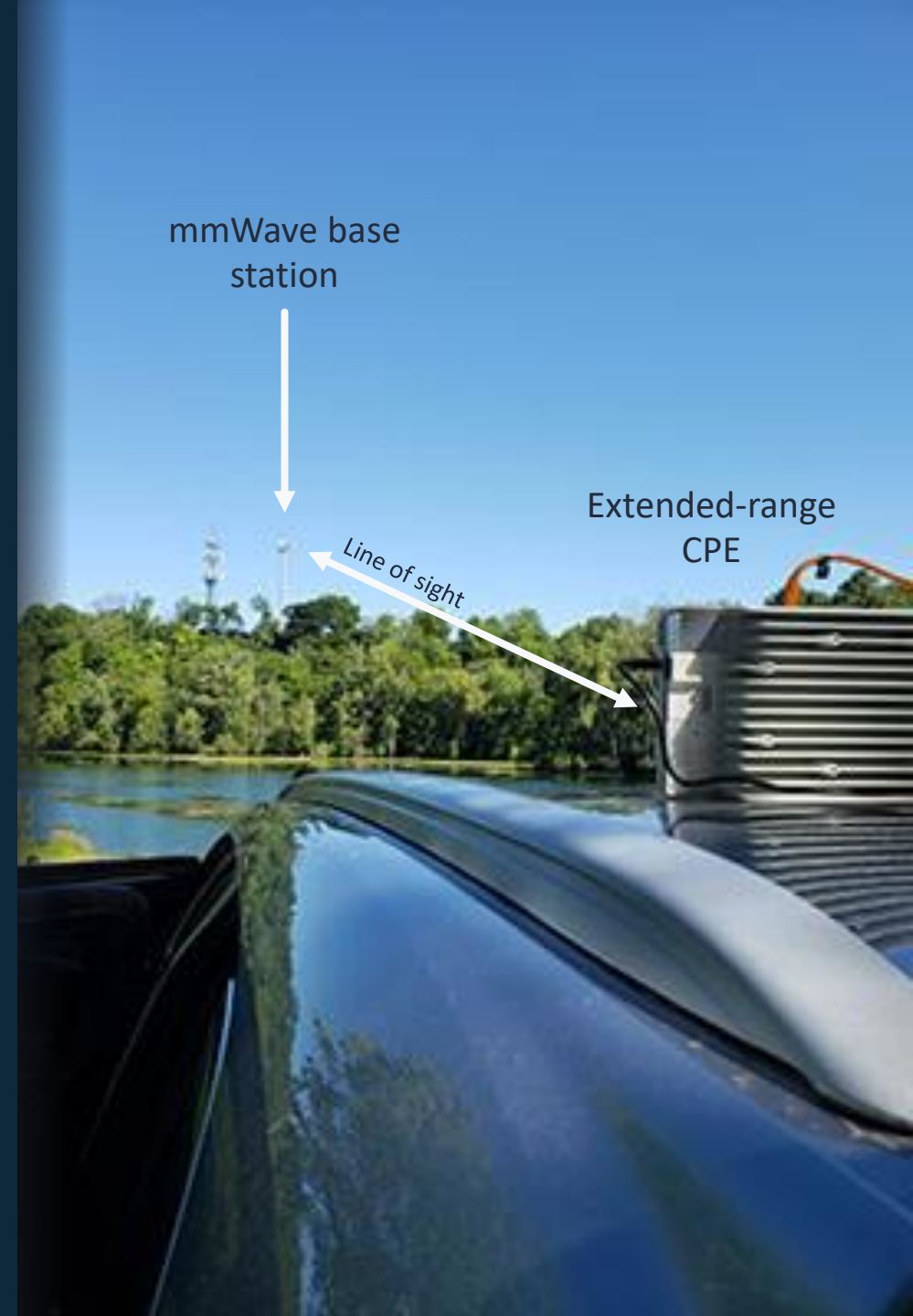
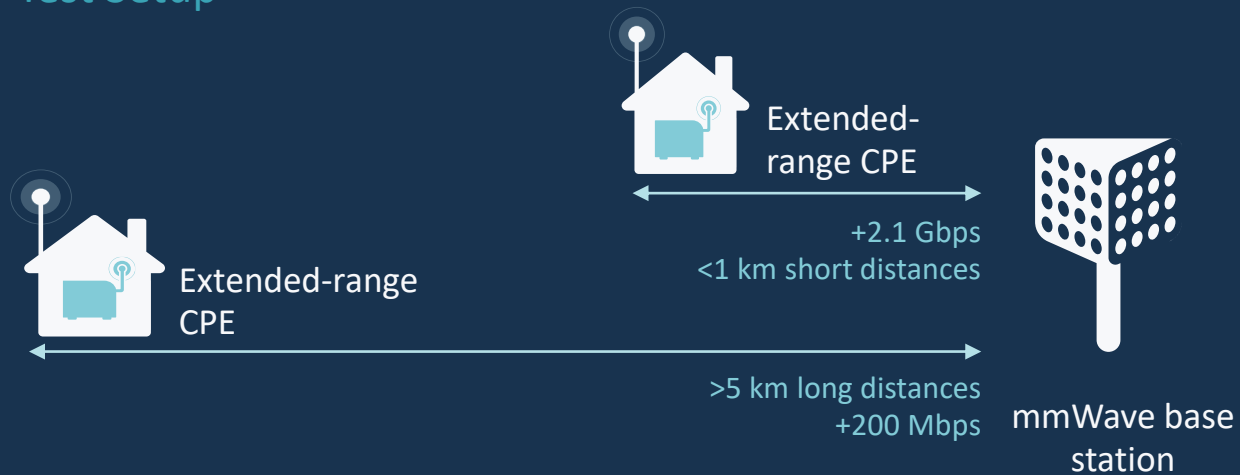
271 Mbps

Peak downlink throughput with 200 MHz BW (2x CA)

Rural America: Extended-Range mmWave delivers significant coverage improvement

Field trial collaboration with U.S. Cellular operator and Ericsson

Test Setup



Collaborating with ecosystem leaders to deploy 5G mmWave smart factory

Initial use cases:



Automatic inspection of product lines via automated guided vehicle (AGV) and overhead transmission (OHT)
– 20 Mbps DL, 120 Mbps UL



Remote augmented reality for equipment troubleshooting, maintenance, and repair
– 25 Mbps DL, 25 Mbps UL



Immersive virtual/augmented reality for visitors of Green Technology Education Center
– 25 Mbps DL, 2.5 Mbps UL

1 With DL and UL bandwidth of 400 MHz and 200 MHz, respectively
Source: https://ase.aseglobal.com/en/press_room/content/5g_smart_factory_en

Factory manufacturing floor (~34,159 sq. ft.); 12 ft. ceiling height



5G NR NSA network operating in 28 GHz band, achieving median throughput greater than **1.5 Gbps** in DL and **120 Mbps** in UL¹

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mmWave 5G: high-band economics

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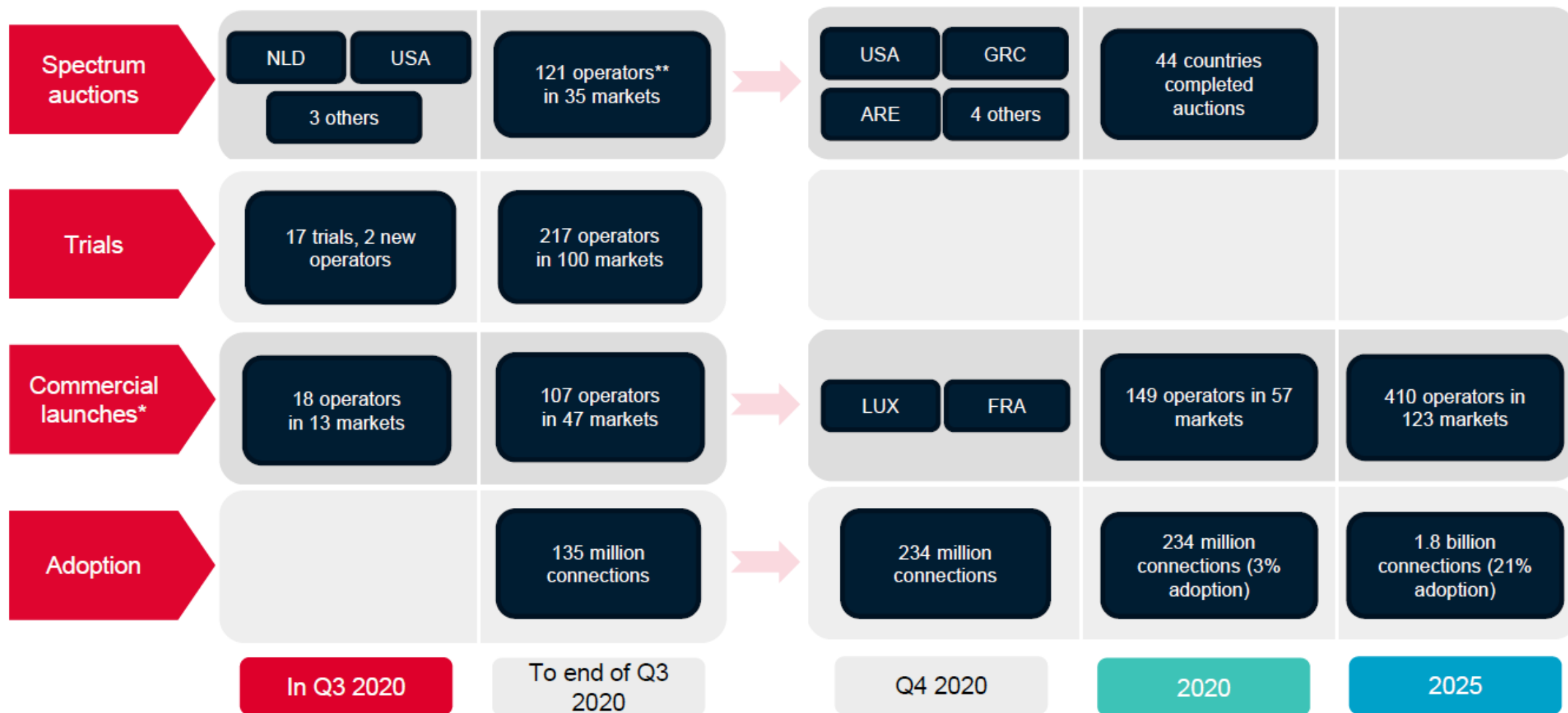
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5G services now a reality

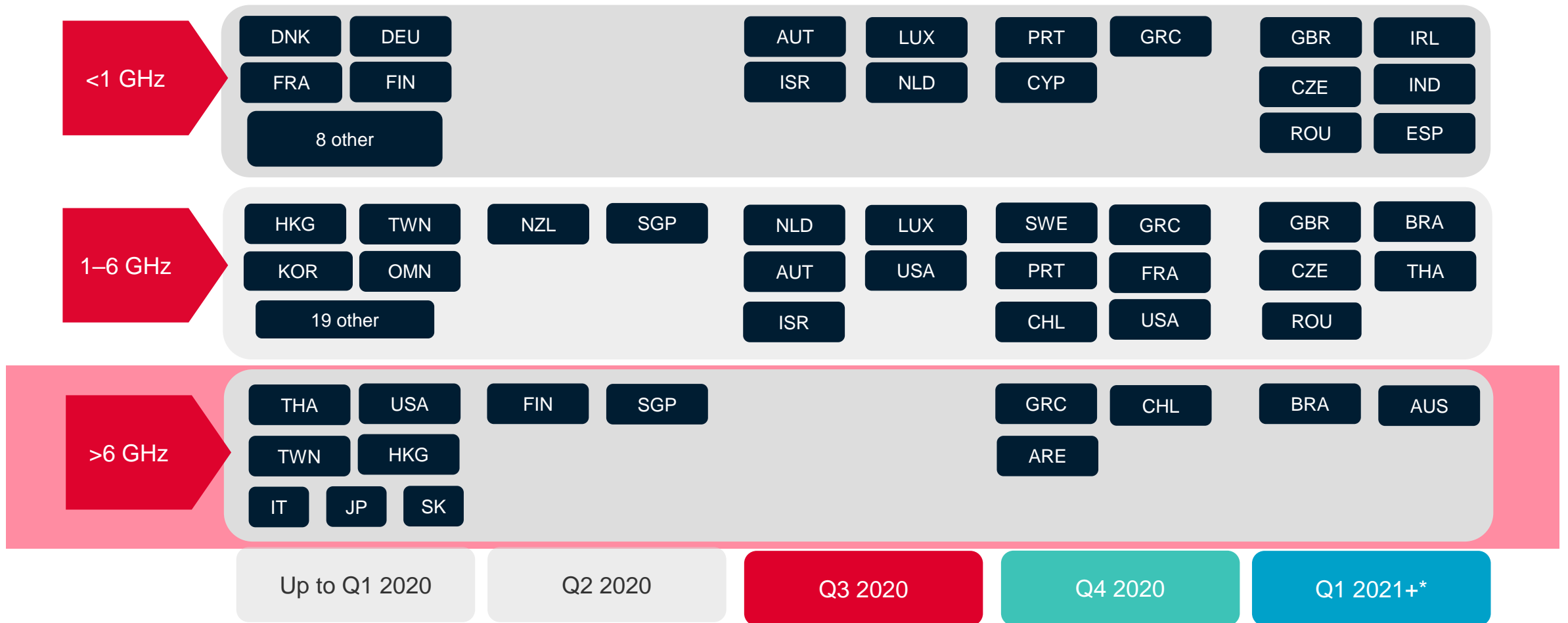


*Launches of commercial mobile and FWA 5G services

**Excludes regional US and Canada operators

For updates, see gsmaintelligence.com

5G spectrum and mmWave



*Q1 2021+ data not exhaustive; preference by date

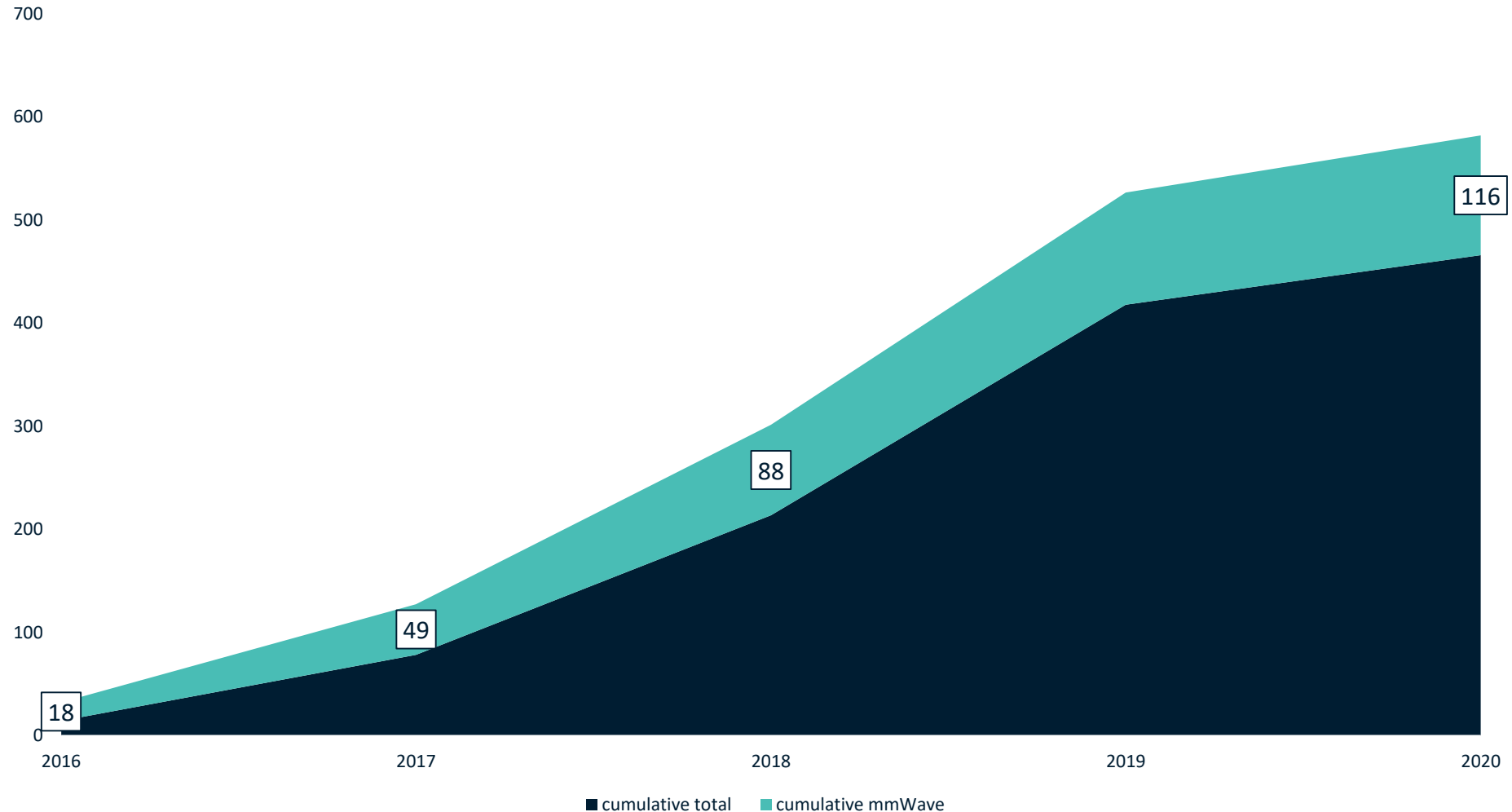
The pros and cons of mmWave

The CONS

- Short range
- Susceptible to interference
- Indoor penetration difficulties
- New deployment strategies required

The PROS

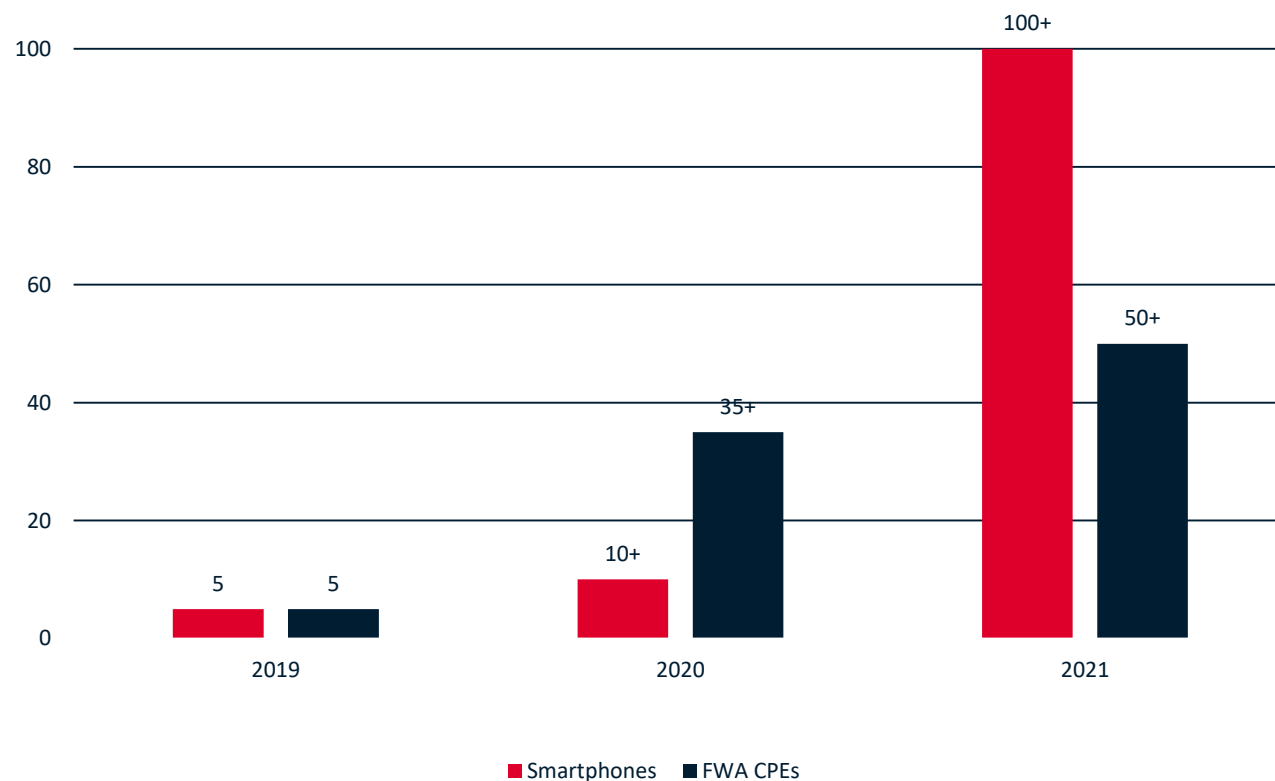
- Mobile data traffic growing rapidly
- High-speeds and low-latency a must for 5G
- More spectral bandwidth and contiguous spectrum than any other band
- **Market ready?**



- Many operators using mmWave spectrum for trials
- Three countries already launched live commercial mmWave networks: United States, South Africa and Japan



Consumer devices

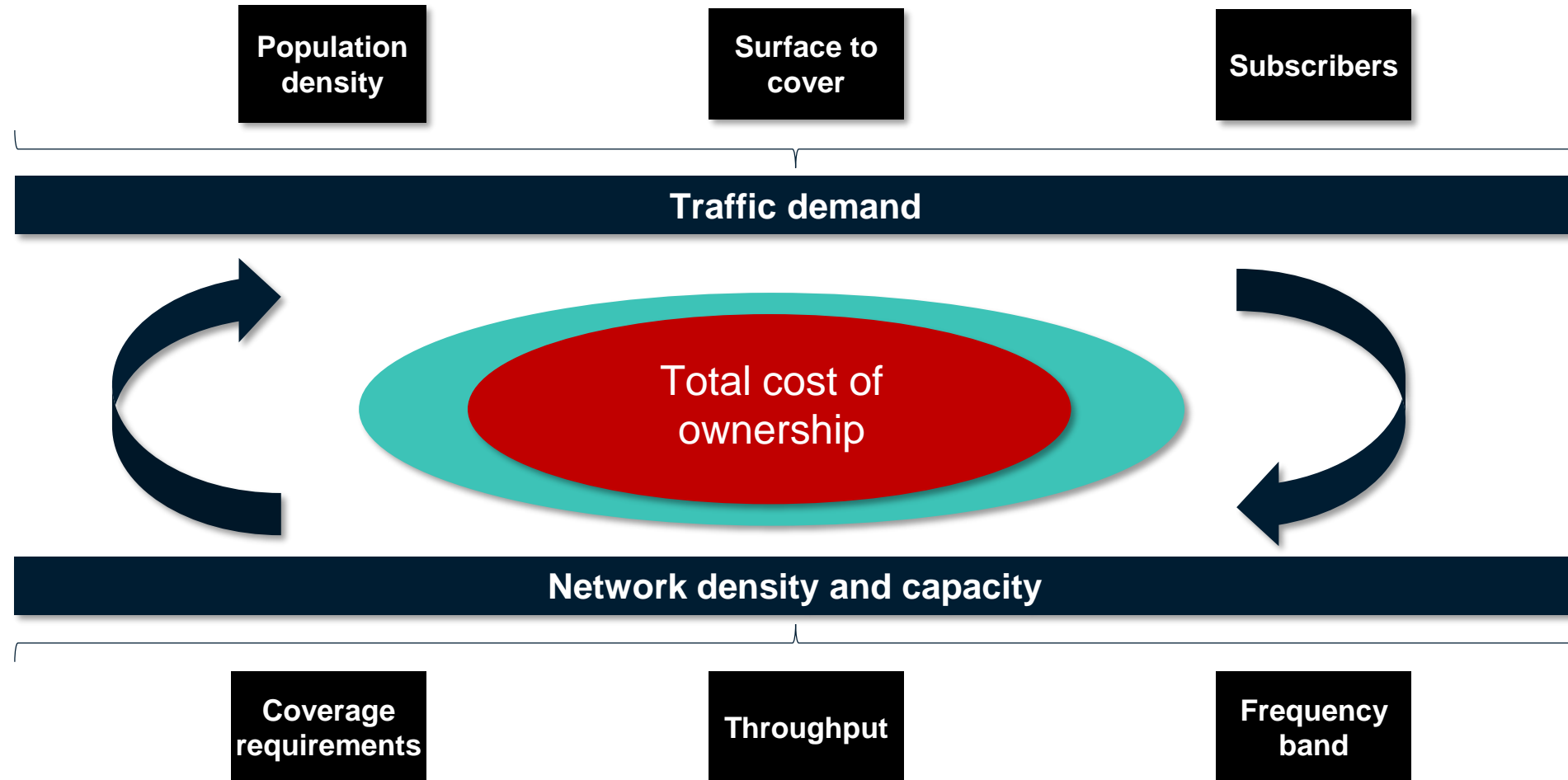


Network equipment

- all major network equipment vendors are now offering mmWave solutions
- Three main product categories available at the end of 2020:
 - High-capacity macro sites
 - Micro, lamp or pole sites
 - Indoor 5G small cell solutions
- cost gap between sub-6 GHz and mmWave solutions steadily decreasing

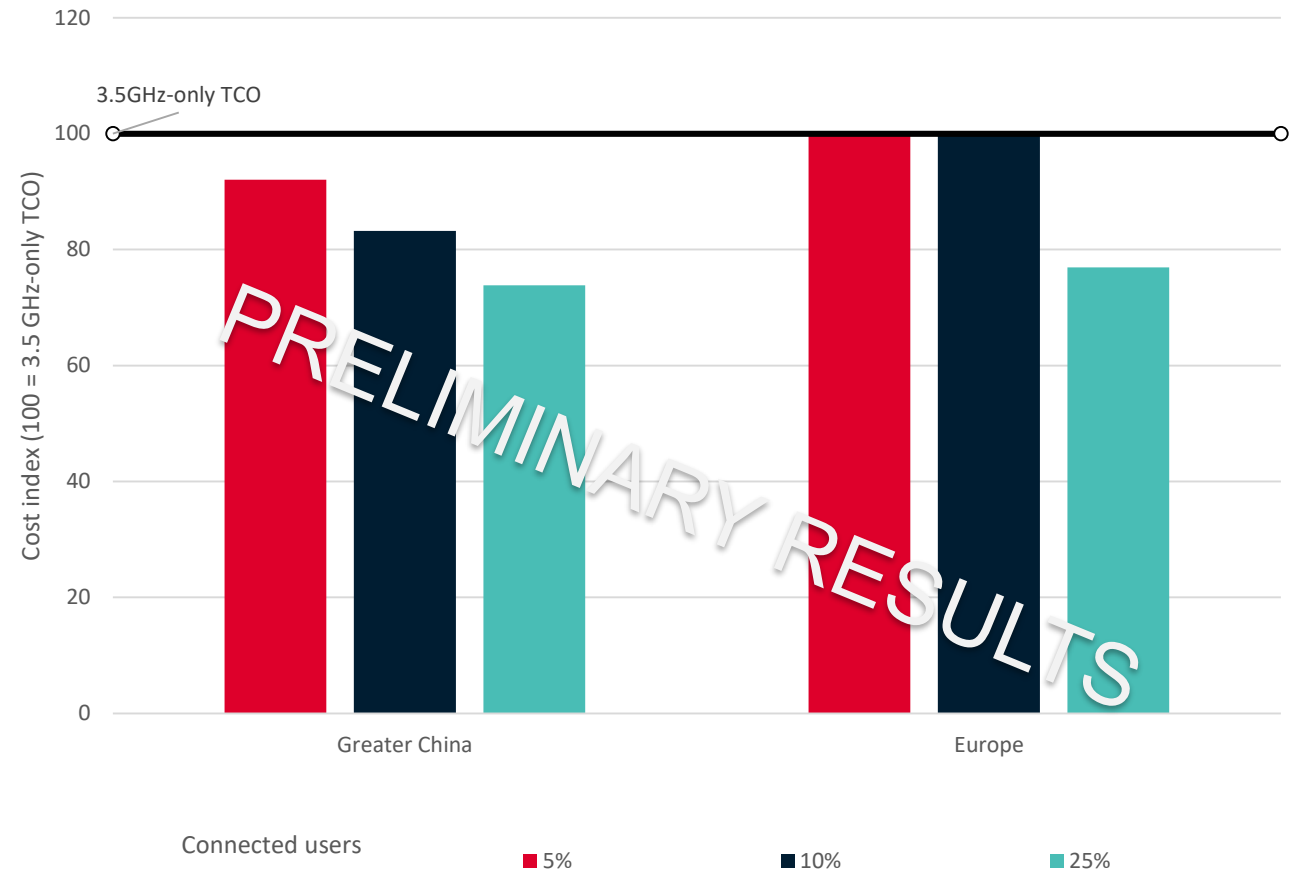
mmWave: cost effective in the short run?

Cost-effective?



- Two deployment strategies: 3.5 GHz-only vs 3.5 GHz + mmWave
- Period 2020 to 2025
- Scenario constructed using population density and satellite data on major cities in Greater China and Europe

- In **dense urban Greater China**, mmWave cost effective in the densest parts of cities as soon as spectrum is available
- In **dense urban Europe**, mmWave 5G cost effective from 2024 in the densest parts of urban areas if traffic demand is high



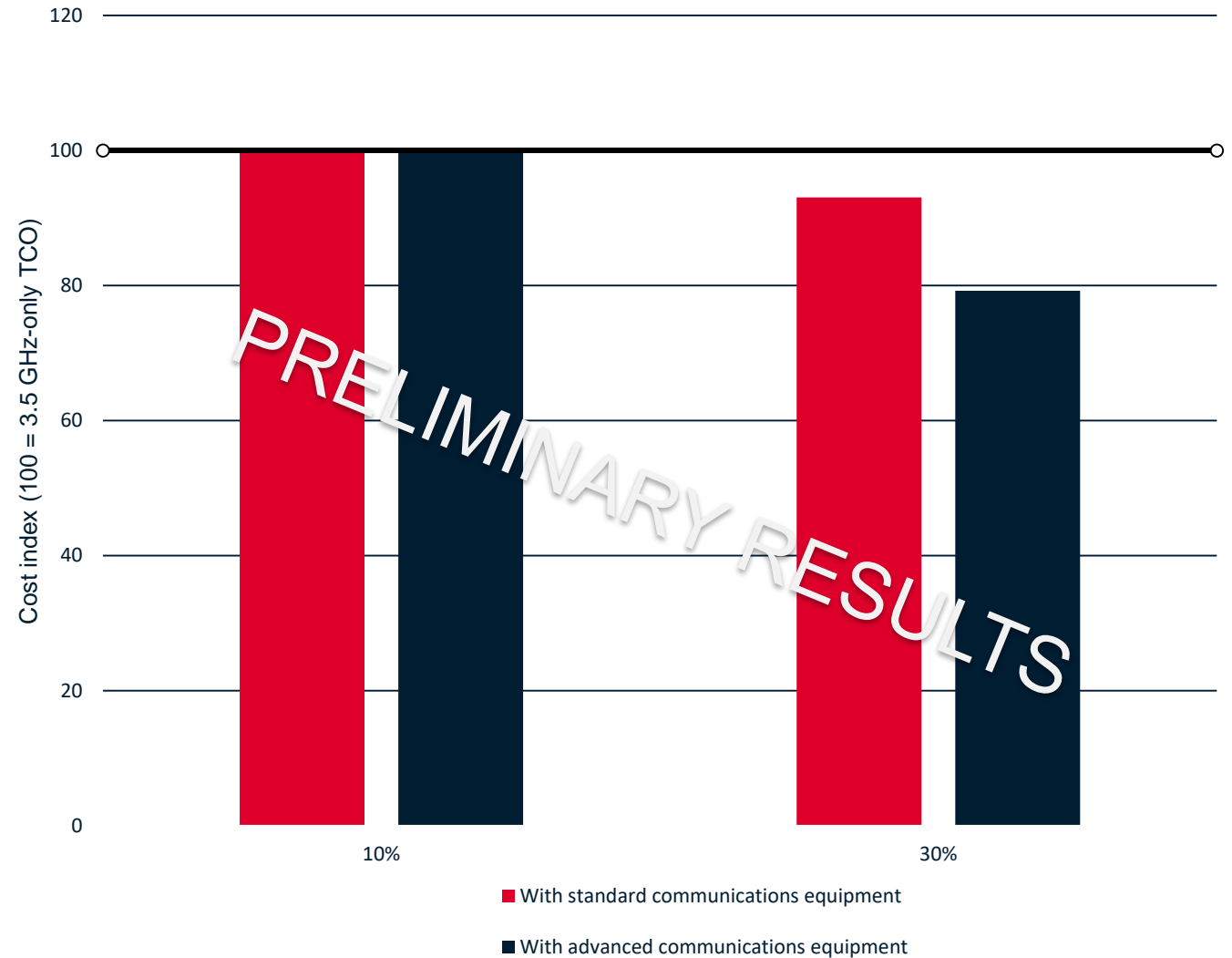
- Two deployment strategies : 3.5 GHz FWA vs mmWave FWA
- Scenario constructed using population density data and satellite data on urban areas in Greater China, sub-urban areas in Europe and rural towns in the US

- mmWave FWA deployments in **urban China, sub-urban Europe** and **rural towns in the US** can be cost-effective
- 5G mmWave FWA makes sense when it can capture a significant percentage of the residential broadband market demand (chart shows results when adoption reaches 50% by 2025) or if traffic demand is relatively high

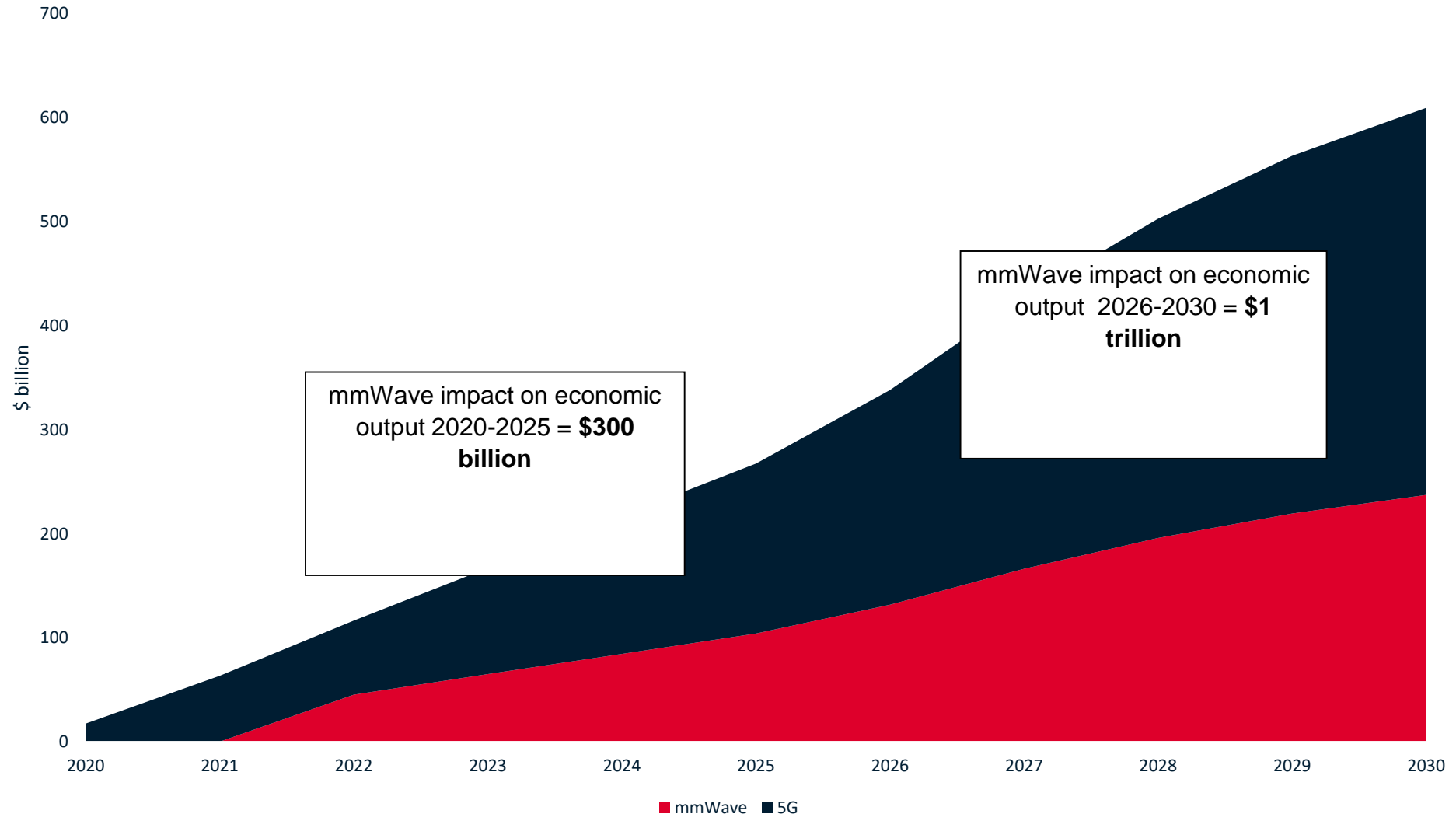


- Two deployment strategies compared: 3.5 GHz-only vs 3.5 GHz and mmWave
- Scenario constructed using a hypothetical office building where indoor coverage is poor; only a small share of traffic on 5G (just 15% of downlink traffic and 5% of uplink traffic) can be offloaded to outdoor sites

- A mmWave **indoor office** 5G network could be cost effective and generate cost savings between 5% and 20%
- Significant share of data traffic needs to be supported by indoor 5G services



mmWave out to 2030: importance will continue to grow



1. **Operators** – do not underestimate the role of mmWave in the short run
2. **Governments** – make clear plans for the assignment of mmWave bands
3. **Vendors** – scale is key: a wider choice of consumer devices and equipment will reduce costs and facilitate adoption

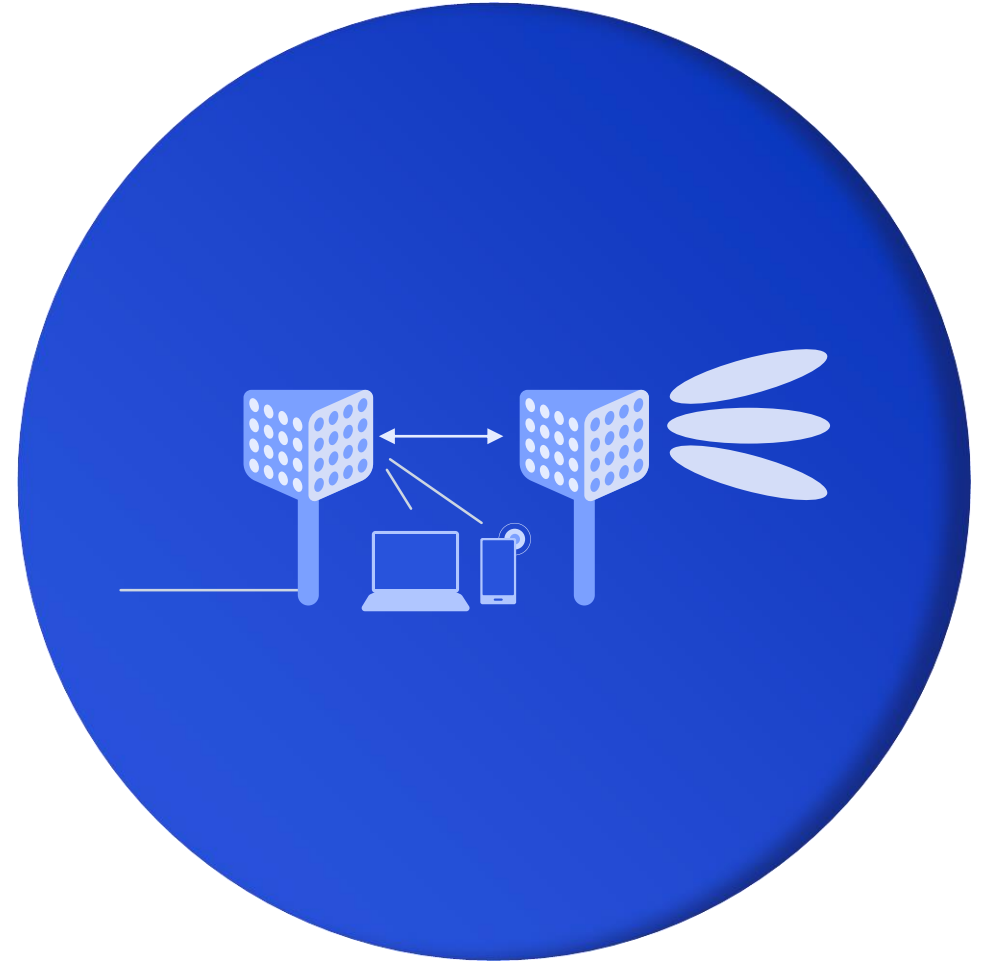


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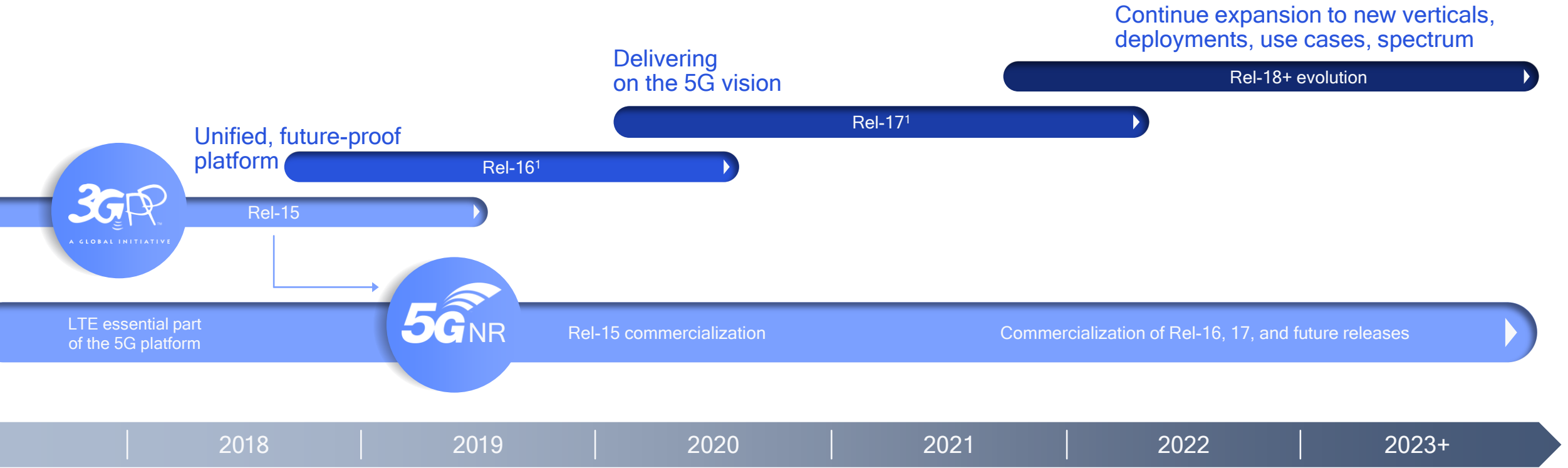
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Evolving mmWave in 3GPP Rel-16+



Driving the 5G technology evolution



Rel-15 eMBB focus

- 5G NR foundation
- Smartphones, FWA, PC
- Expanding to venues, enterprises

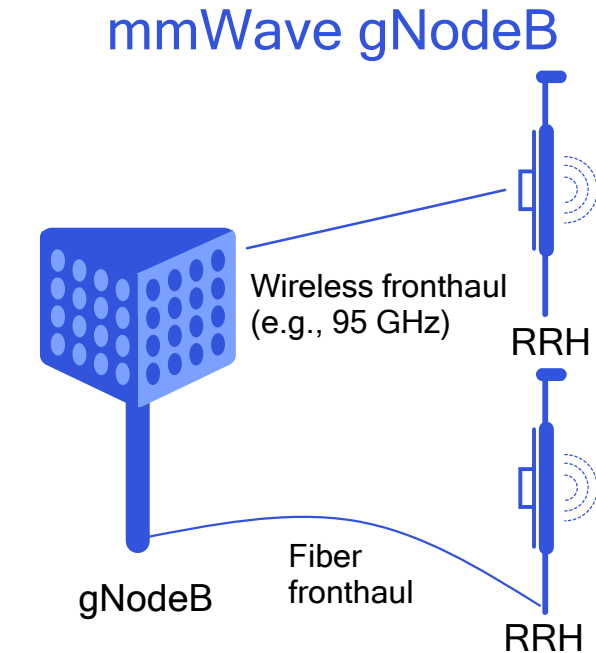
Rel-16 industry expansion

- eURLLC and TSN for IIoT
- 5G V2X sidelink multicast
- NR in unlicensed (NR-U)
- In-band eMTC/NB-IoT
- Positioning

Rel-17+ long-term expansion

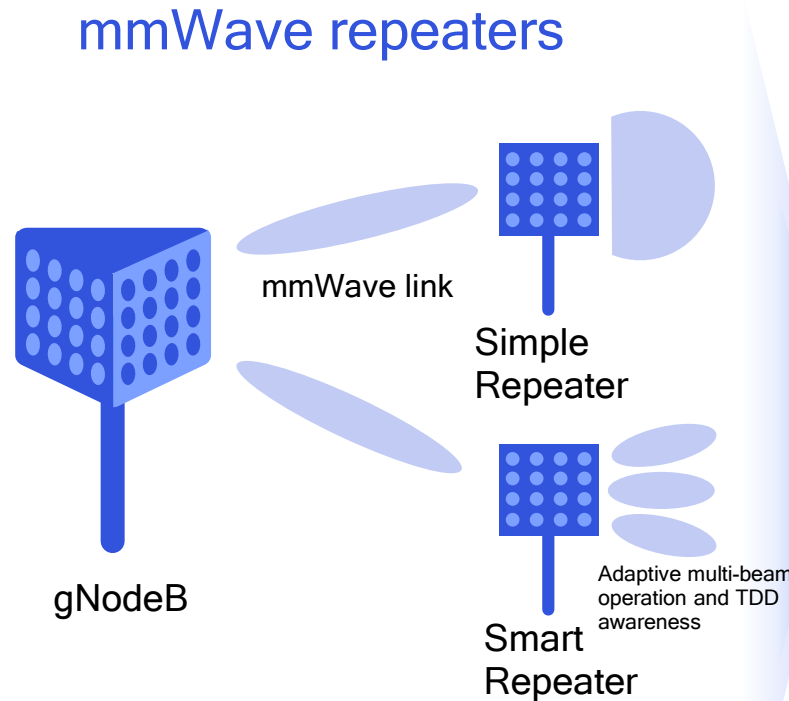
- Lower complexity NR-Light
- Boundless extended reality (XR)
- Higher precision positioning and more...

Distributing antennas to improve robustness and coverage



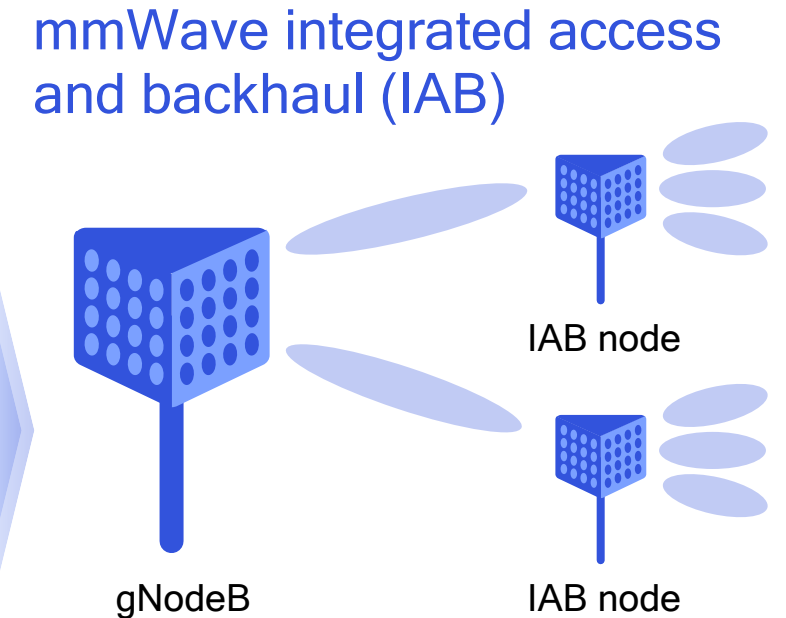
5G NR mmWave gNodeB and remote radio heads (RRHs)

Beam overlap with improved angular diversity



Extending coverage with simple repeaters, smart repeaters in Rel-17+

Flexible spatial reuse from single mmWave cell

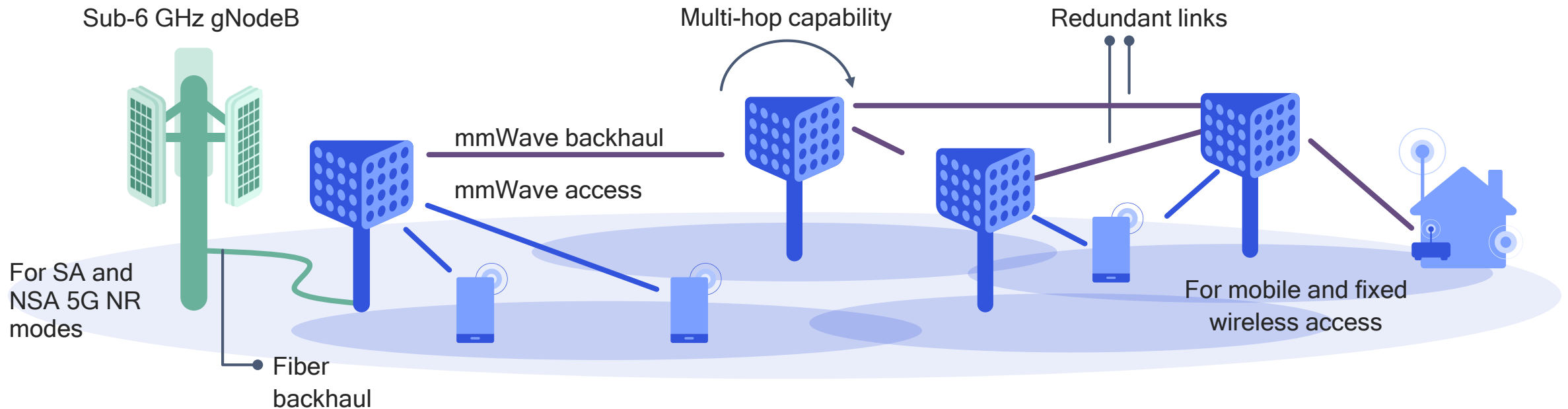


Rel-16 IAB improves coverage and capacity, further enhancements in Rel-17+

Range extension and coverage around blockages

5G NR mmWave IAB¹ for cost-efficient dense deployments

Improves coverage and capacity, while limiting backhaul cost



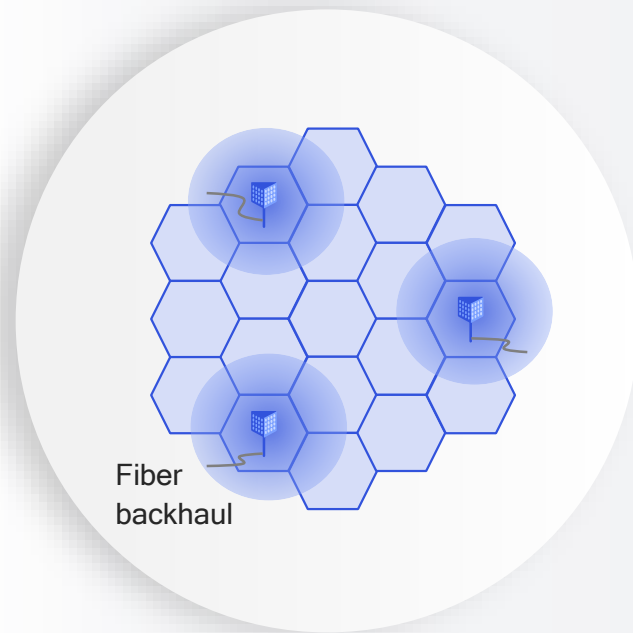
¹ Integrated Access and Backhaul

Traditional fiber backhaul
can be expensive for
mmWave cell sites

- mmWave access inherently requires small cell deployment
- Running fiber to each cell site may not be feasible and can be cost prohibitive
- mmWave backhaul can have longer range compared to access
- mmWave access and backhaul can flexibly share common resources

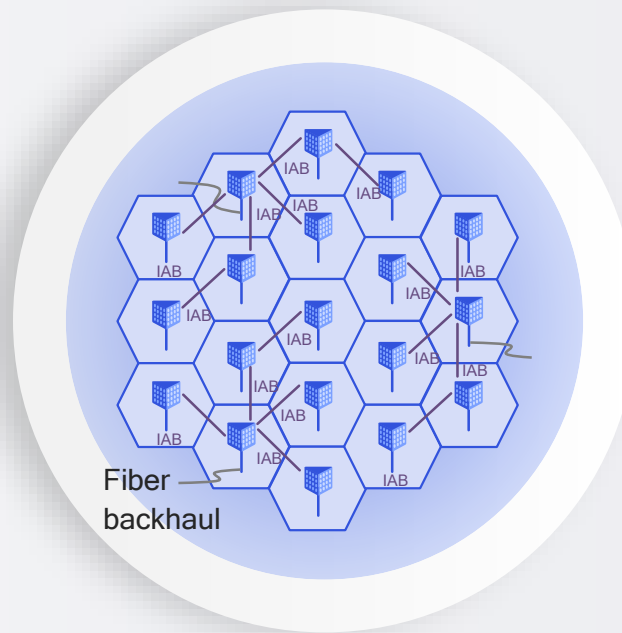
Supporting a flexible network deployment strategy

IAB can enable rapid and cost-efficient 5G NR mmWave network buildout



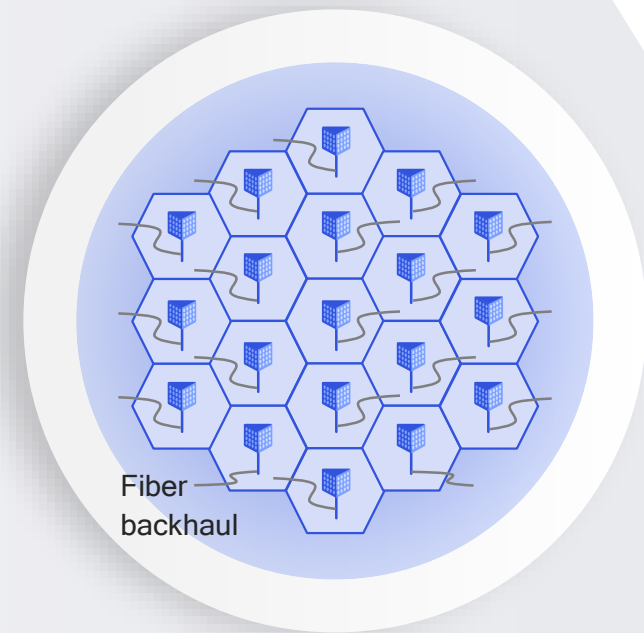
Early 5G NR mmWave deployments based on Rel-15

Starting to connect new 5G NR mmWave base stations using limited/existing fiber links



Widening 5G NR mmWave coverage using IAB

Incrementally deploying additional base stations with IAB still using limited/existing fiber links



Supporting rapid traffic growth with additional fibers

Deploying new fiber links for selected IAB nodes as capacity demands increase

Deploying IAB to expand mmWave coverage

End-to-end system simulations using 5G NR mmWave at 28 GHz

Frankfurt, Germany

Total simulation area:

~1 km²

Total number of gNodeBs:

7

Total number of IAB nodes:

28

Total number of devices:

300

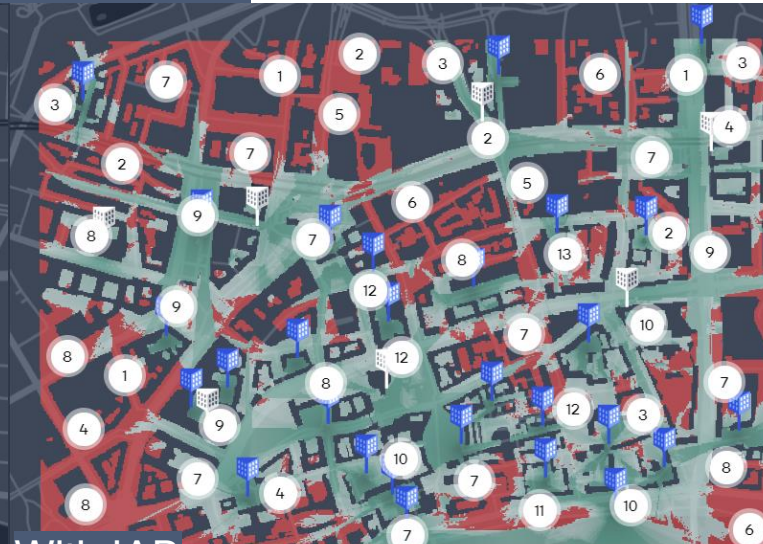
[Link to full demonstration video](#)



mmWave coverage simulation results



No IAB



With IAB

Map Legend



gNodeB site

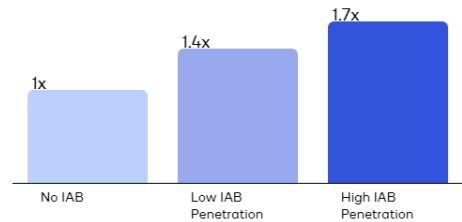


IAB site

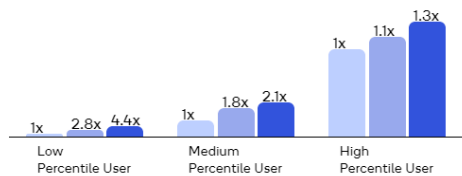


mmWave devices

Average downlink signal improvement



Network throughput improvement



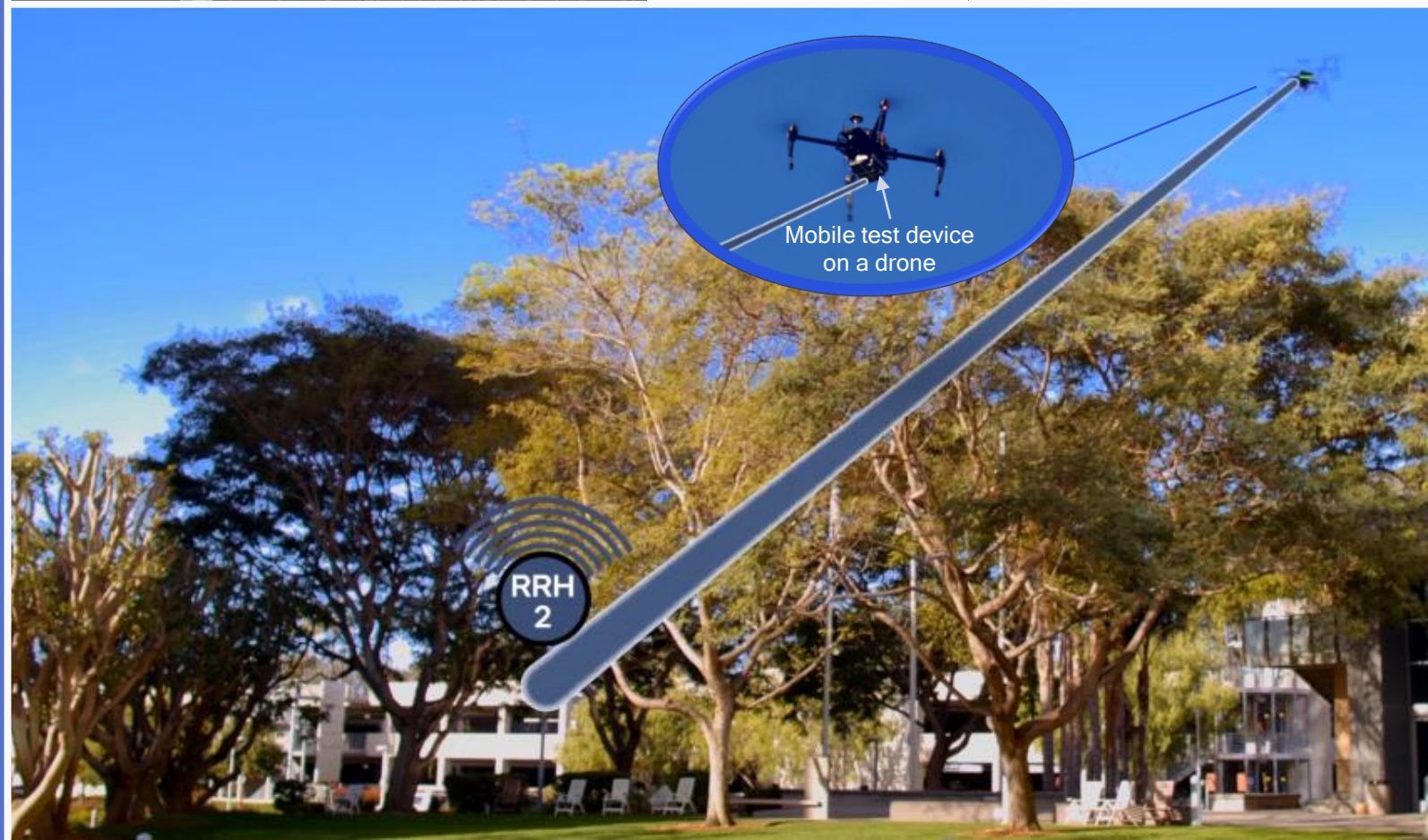
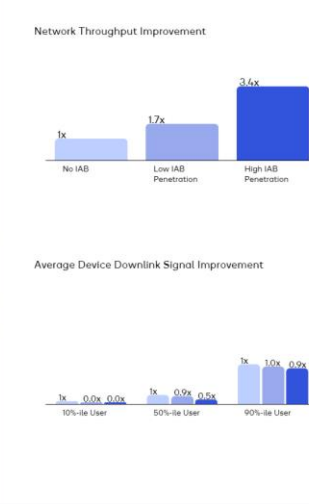
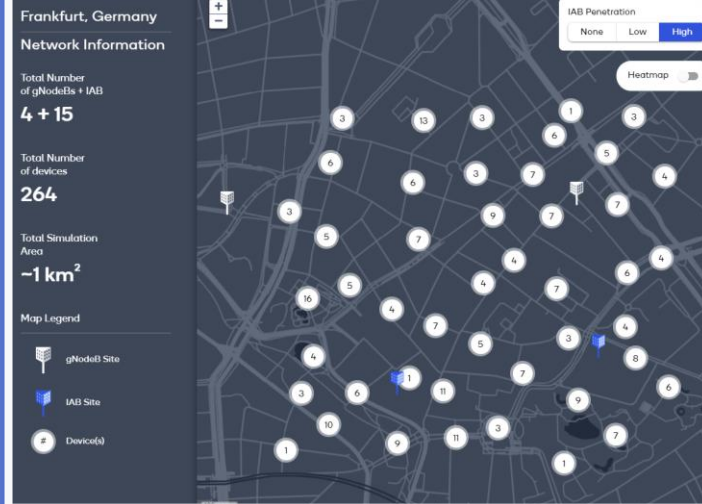
Breaking the technology boundary with 5G mobile mmWave evolution

Advanced 5G mmWave OTA test network

- 3GPP-compliant 5G mmWave network operating at 28 GHz capable of 800 MHz bandwidth
- Robustness with crowd blocking and high-speed mobility (i.e., device travelling on a drone)
- Boundless virtual reality (VR) experiences using 5G, edge cloud and on-device processing

5G mobile mmWave technology evolution

- System simulations of new features in Rel-16+
 - Integrated access and backhaul
 - Multiple transmission and reception point
 - Advanced device power saving features



5G NR enhancements for mmWave

Completed Release 16 Projects



Integrated access and backhaul (IAB)

Enabling flexible deployment of small cells reusing spectrum and equipment for access and backhaul



Enhanced beam management

Improving latency, robustness and performance with full beam refinement and multi-antenna-panel beam support



Power saving features

Maximizing device sleep duration to improve power consumption as well as allowing faster link feedback



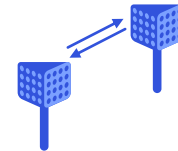
Dual connectivity optimization

Reducing device initial access latency and improving coverage when connected to multiple nodes



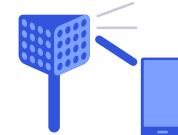
Positioning

Meeting initial accuracy requirements of 3m (indoor) to 10m (outdoors) for 80% of time



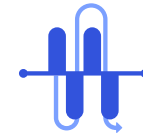
Improved IAB for distributed deployment

Introducing full duplex operations and mobile relays for improved capability, coverage, and QoS



Optimized coverage & beam management

Reducing overhead, enhancing performance (e.g., beam selection), improving coverage



Expanded spectrum support

Supporting licensed and unlicensed spectrum in frequencies ranging from 52.6 GHz to 71 GHz



New use cases beyond eMBB

Expanding mmWave support for sidelink, URLLC, and industrial IoT use cases (e.g., NR-Light)







Enhanced positioning

Enhancing capability for a wide range of use cases – cm-level accuracy, lower latency, higher capacity

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