

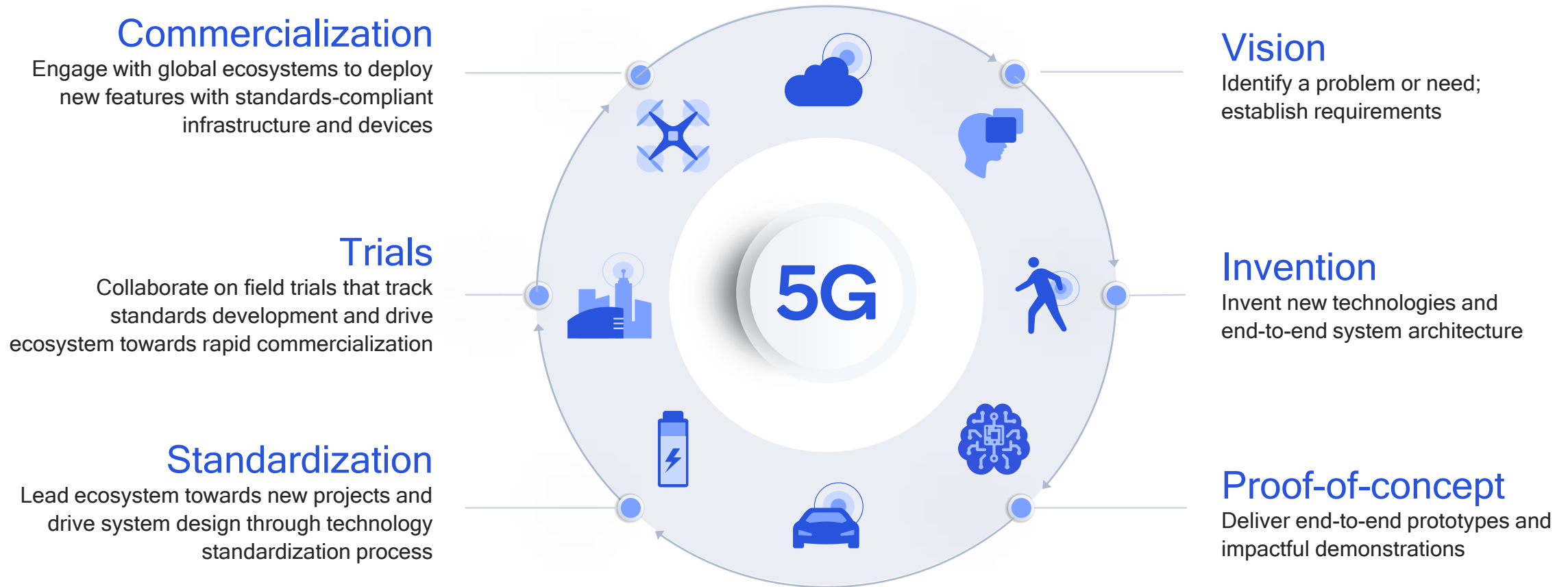
# The essential role of technology standards

Driving interoperability, ecosystem  
development, and future innovation



# The virtuous circle of technology innovation

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





# The value of standards

Why leadership in standards is important

# Communications industry is based on technology standards

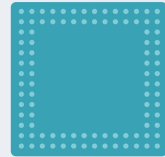


Standards create significant value for the wireless ecosystem

# Industry leaders contribute to technology standards

## Better, quicker-to-market products

Communications standards are very complex in nature; thus, leadership in designing technology standards goes hand in hand with leadership in product development



Standards  
leadership



## Valuable intellectual property (IP)

When inventions are contributed to standards, they become available to everyone in the ecosystem; therefore, it is important to have a solid IP framework that adequately incentivizes inventors to contribute their innovation to standards bodies

Driving technology forward with new functionalities and efficiencies, fostering healthy market growth that benefits the broader ecosystem



What are the ingredients of a successful standard?



We participate in

~200 global

standards and industry organizations

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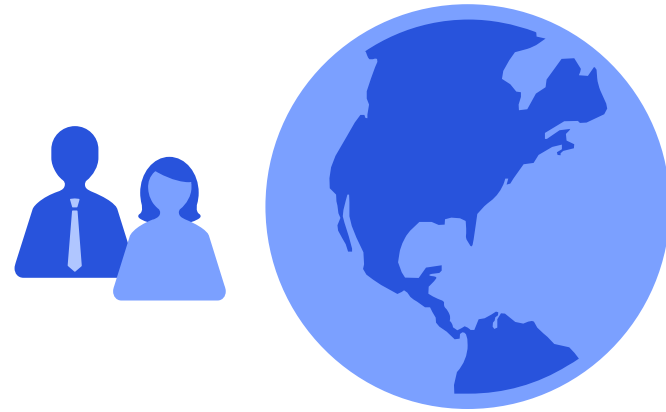
# Recent events leading to new standardization challenges

COVID-19 preventing in-person meetings in the foreseeable future



Virtual meetings can be harder to manage and less efficient for consensus driven work

Global trade tension<sup>1</sup> preventing participation of key standards members



Interim Final Rule in June 2020 partially solved some issues but needs to be further enhanced

<sup>1</sup> For example, companies put on the U.S. Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) Entity List

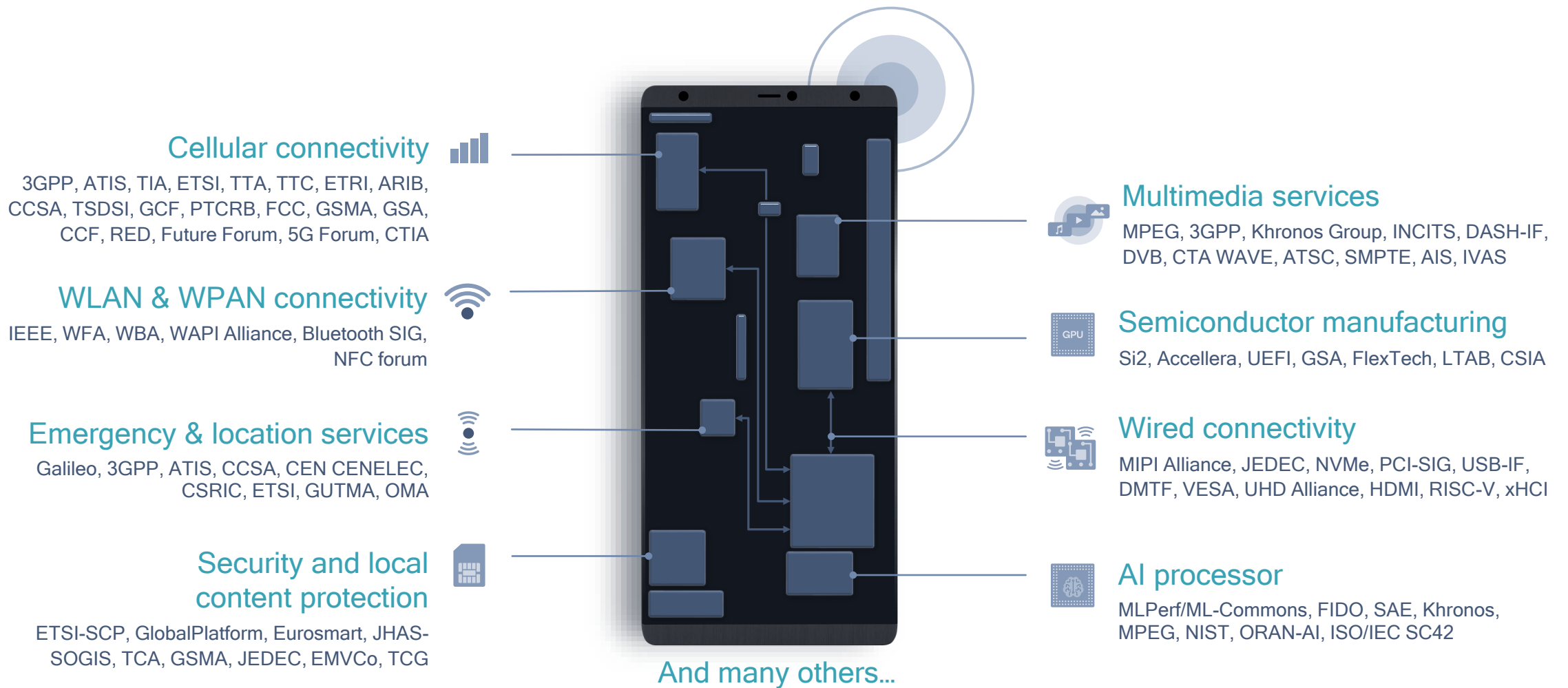




# Standards in mobile devices

Complex systems that require global interoperability

Also broadly applicable across device categories and industries



Many standardized components and interfaces in a smartphone

## ITS/V2X

5GAA, 3GPP, SAE International V2X SC, ETSI TC ITS, IEEE 1609 WG, CAICV, OmniAir Consortium, CAMP, CCSA, C-SAE, NTCAS, ITS America, ERTICO, C-ITS, ITS Forum, ISO TC 204, NEMA



## ADAS/Automated Driving

ISO TC 22, SAE International ORAD Committee, ISO TC 204 WG 14, IEEE 2846 WG, IEEE 2851 WG, Accellera Functional Safety WG, Khronos Group Safety Critical WG, 5G ADA



## Telematics/Infotainment

CCC, WFA Automotive Market Segment TG, AGL, AEC, AESIN, AEIA



## Vehicle Security

SAE International Vehicle Electrical System Security and Vehicle Cybersecurity Systems Engineering Committees, Auto-ISAC



And many others...

# Standardized technology across components and interfaces in automotive



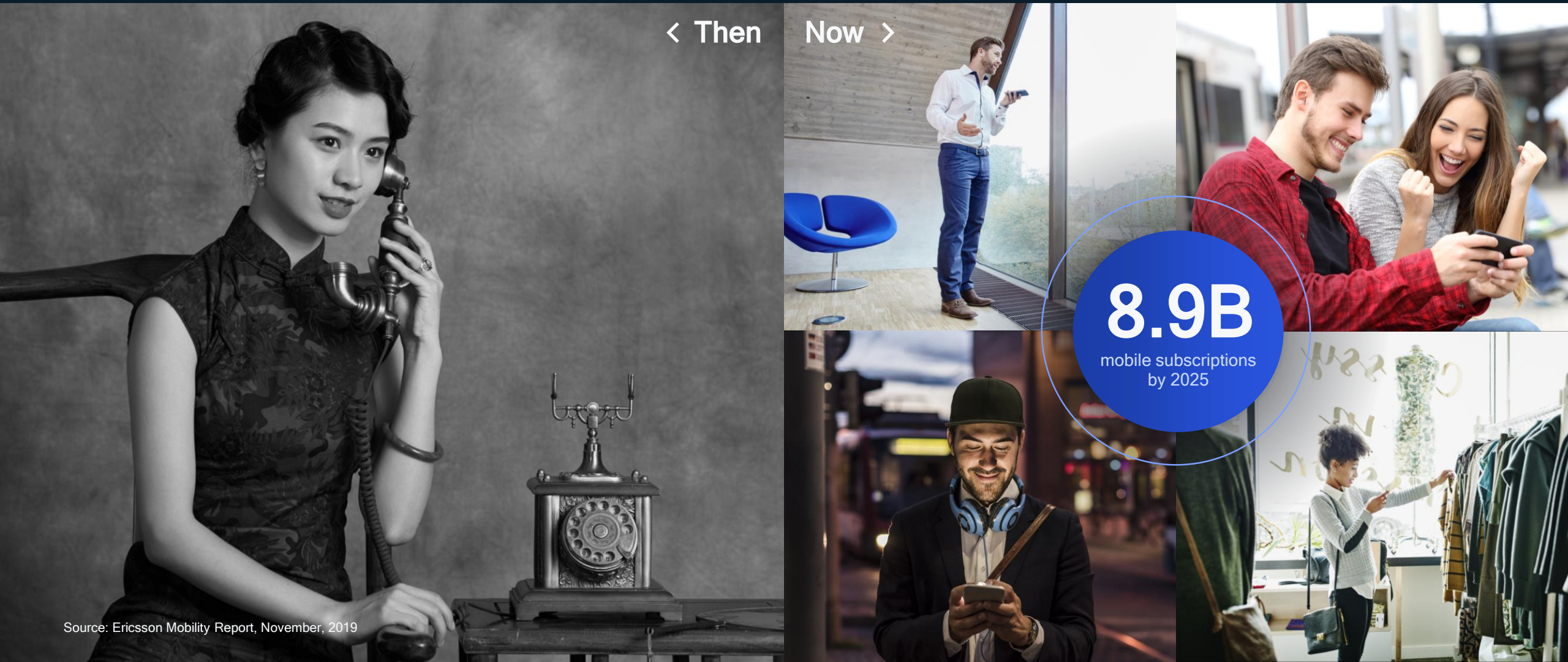
# Cellular standards

The heart of the mobile ecosystem – leading standards development and the ecosystem expansion



# Cellular has revolutionized the way we communicate

From voice only to a plethora of new services that our lives depend on today (e.g., smartphone)



< Then

Now >

8.9B

mobile subscriptions  
by 2025

# 3GPP drives global cellular standards

2G, 3G, 4G and 5G



\* Source: 3GPP Mobile Competence Centre (3GPP Support Team) Summary Report from RAN#86 (RP-192371); Including 3G/4G/5G Release 99/4/5/6/7/8/9/10/11/12/13/14/15/16

## Member-driven organization

Relies on R&D and tech inventions from members, e.g., 'contributions'

## Collaborative engineering effort

Consensus-based, tech-driven effort across 100s of entities

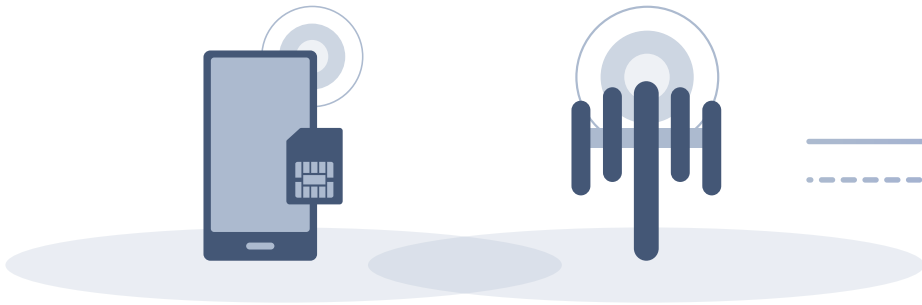
## Distributed work-flow

Scale/complexity requires division of work into smaller, specialized pieces

# 3GPP defines complete end-to-end system specifications

## Radio Access Network (RAN)

Implements radio access technology, e.g., 5G NR, LTE, managing radio link to connect UEs to networks



## User Equipment (UEs)

Devices, e.g., smartphones and all types of IoT devices that connect to services via radio access technology

## Core Network (CN)

Manages macro-mobility, sessions, quality of service, policies, security, and routes traffic to outside world, e.g., Internet, or local intranet



## Services

Framework for service delivery architecture, multimedia, billing, charging, etc.

## Test Requirements

Defines performance and conformance test procedures to ensure interoperability used for certification (e.g., GCF)

This large scope requires division of work into smaller, specialized working groups in 3GPP



# 3GPP is a collaborative, system-engineering effort

Analogous to other large-scale engineering efforts

1.

Early R&D and project proposal to management

2.

Break project into specialized areas, e.g., jet engine

3.

Feasibility study and explore different technical solutions

4.

Develop solution(s) based on agreed work plan

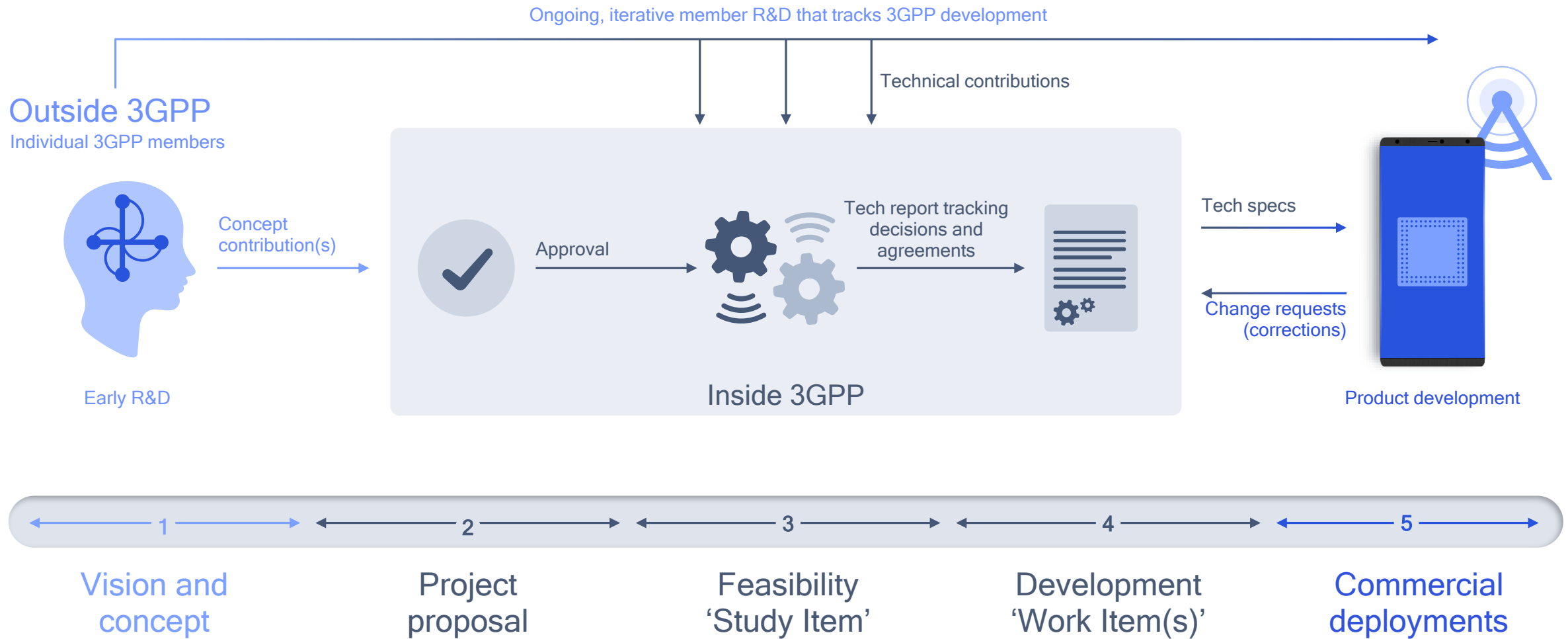


3GPP projects are similar to other complex system-engineering effort, e.g., designing an airplane.

3GPP develops technical specifications for different parts of the system (vs. jet engines, wings, ...), is constrained by meeting time (vs. OPEX) and is a collaborative, consensus-based effort across 100s of different entities with diverse interests/incentives (vs. collaboration of teams and suppliers in a single company).



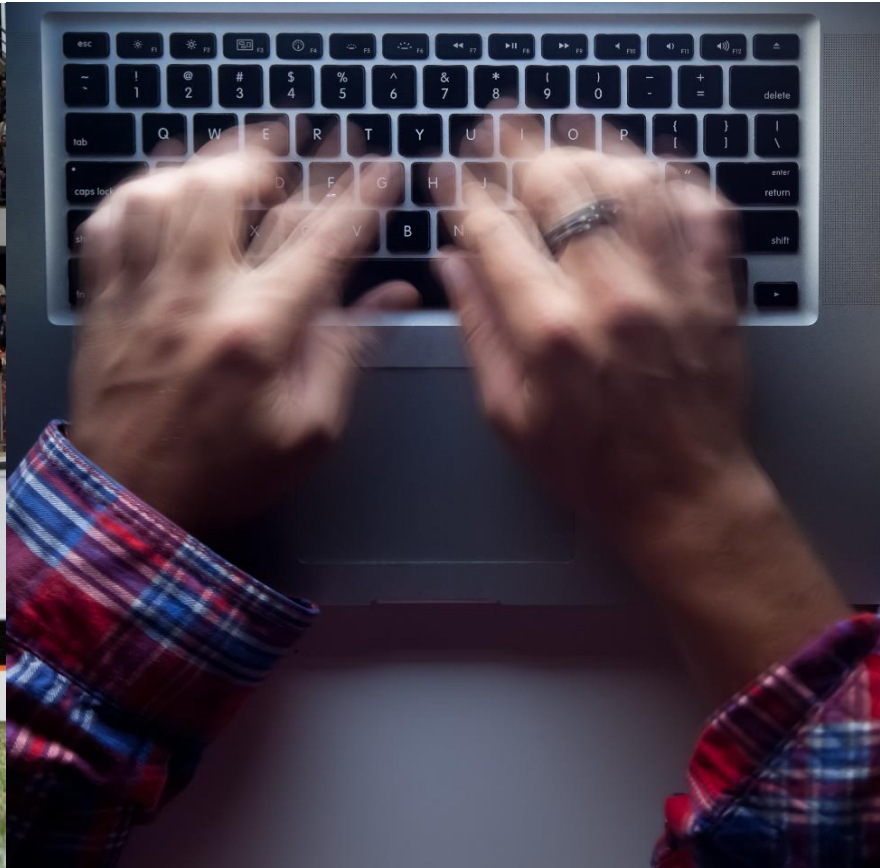
# A typical workflow in 3GPP



# Some assert 3GPP leadership based on # of contributions



Analogous to asserting leadership in sports on the basis of time-of-possession



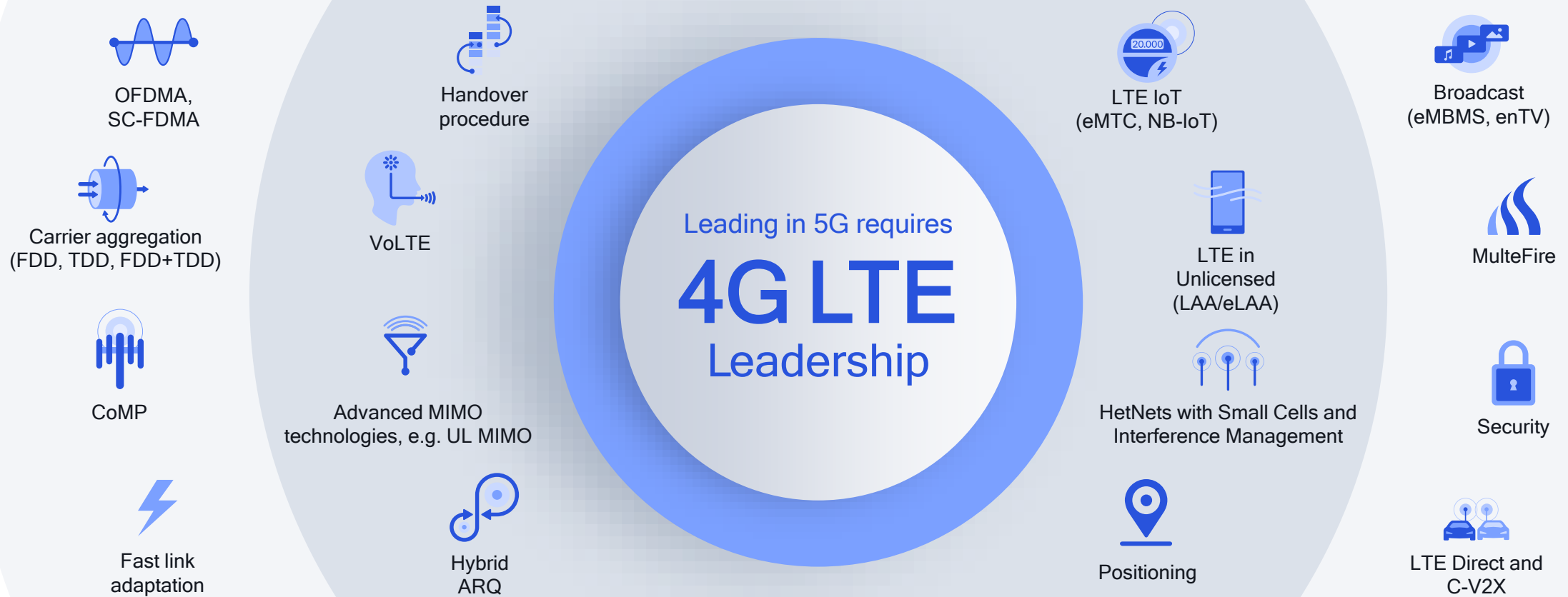
Analogous to assessing the impact of an author by counting the # pages written



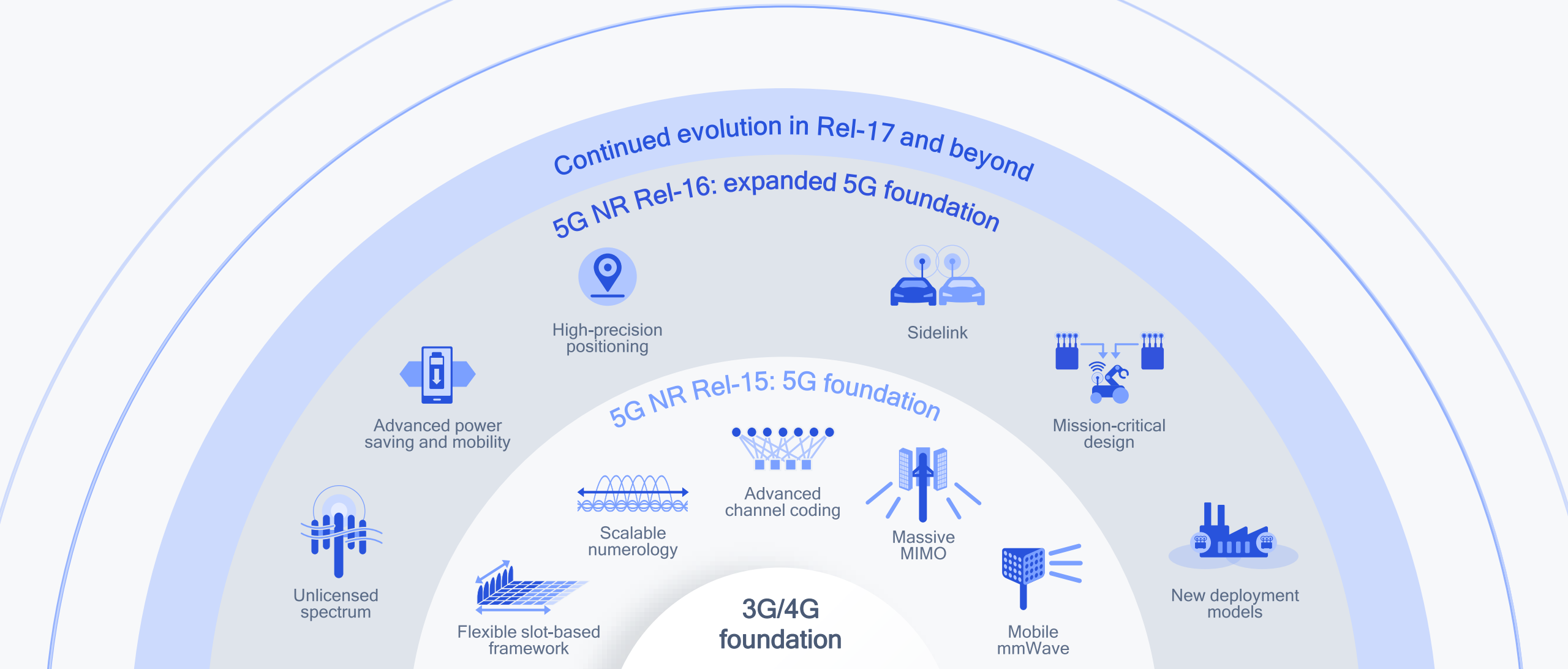
Analogous to assessing the quality of an artist by counting the # paintings completed

# Qualcomm has led the evolution and expansion of LTE

Delivering fundamental systems-level inventions that are essential to 5G







# Qualcomm

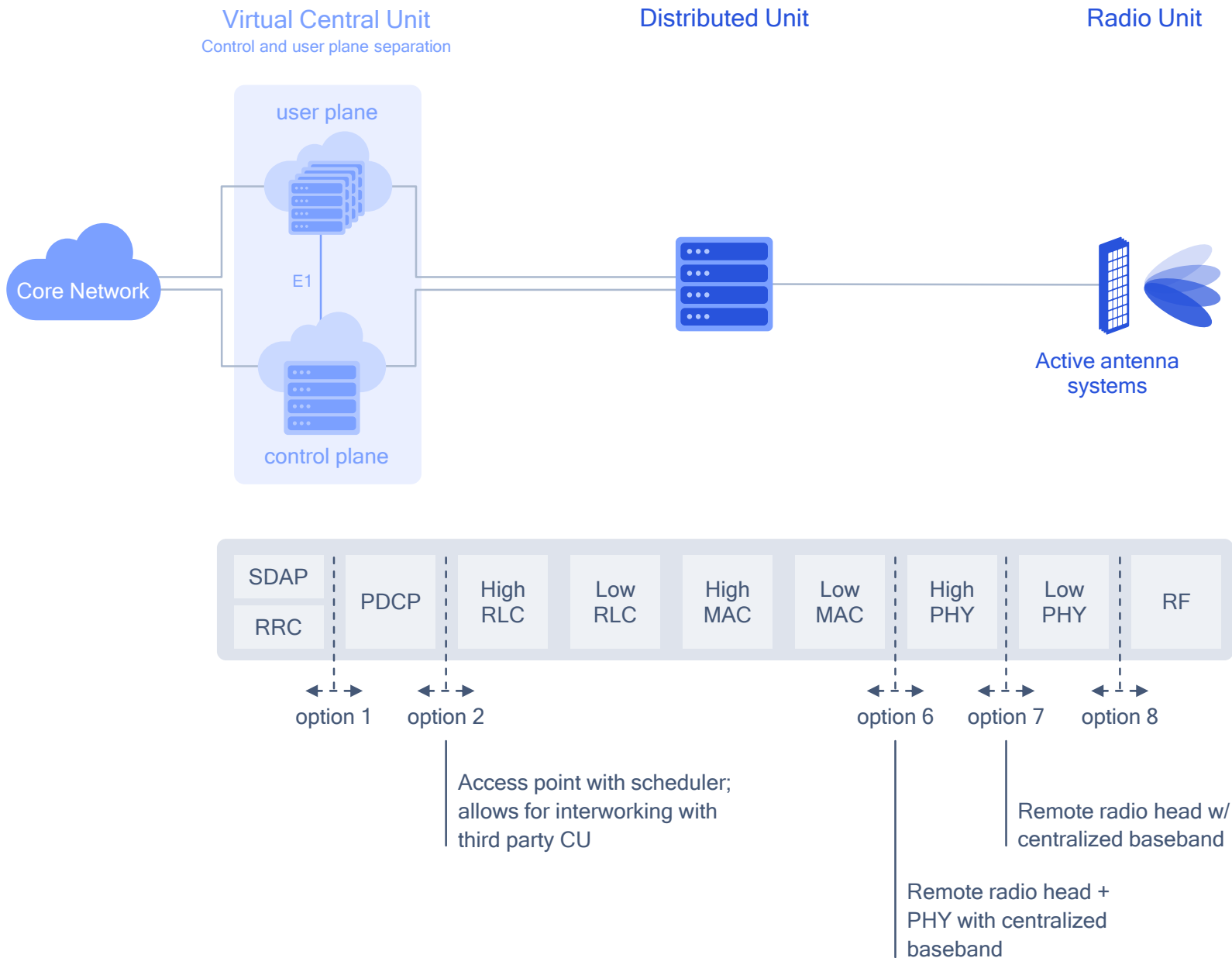
Our wireless inventions are leading the 5G evolution





Designed for  
unprecedented  
flexibility and  
cost-effective  
network  
deployments

CU: Central unit; DU: Distributed unit; MAC: Medium access control; PDCP: Packet data convergence protocol; PHY: Physical layer; RF: Radio frequency; RLC: Radio link control; RRC: Radio resource control; SDAP: Service data adaptation protocol





# Wi-Fi Standards

Driving the technology evolution of  
wireless local area networking

# Wi-Fi has revolutionized the way we access the internet

Cutting-the-wire for a wide range of devices – PCs, tablets, TVs, smartphones, etc...







Home broadband



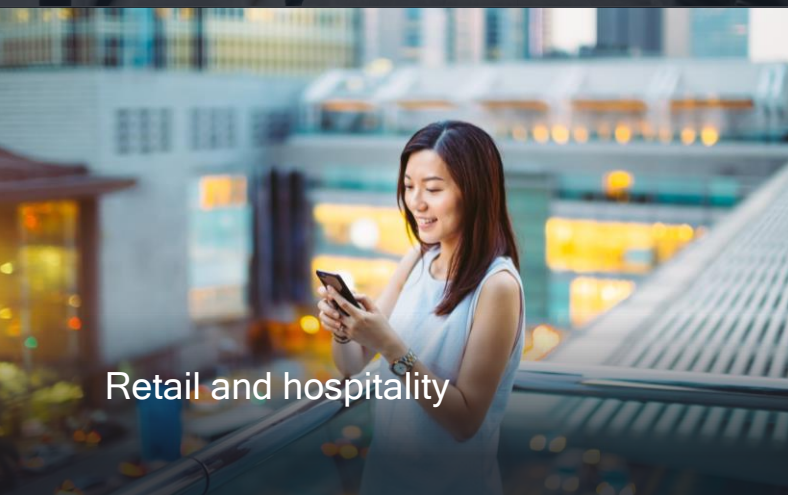
Enterprise networking



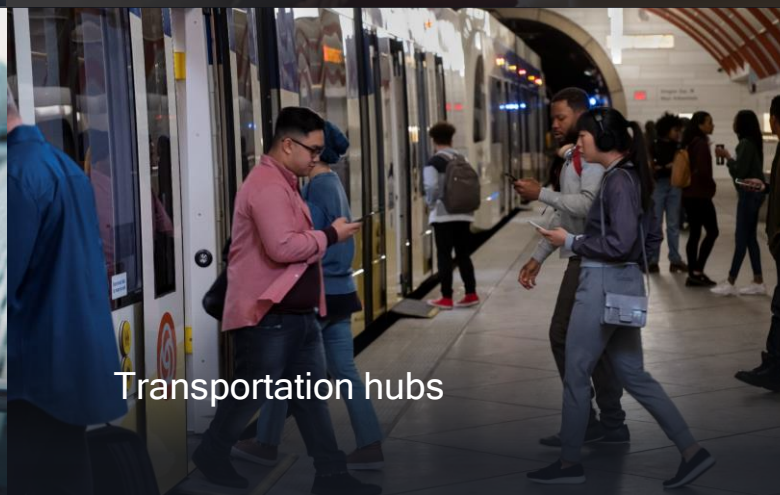
Venue connectivity



Schools and libraries



Retail and hospitality



Transportation hubs

# Wi-Fi complements cellular connectivity for local broadband access



Utilizes unlicensed spectrum (e.g., 2.4/5/6/60 GHz)



Focuses on indoor use cases



For human and machine communications (i.e., IoT)

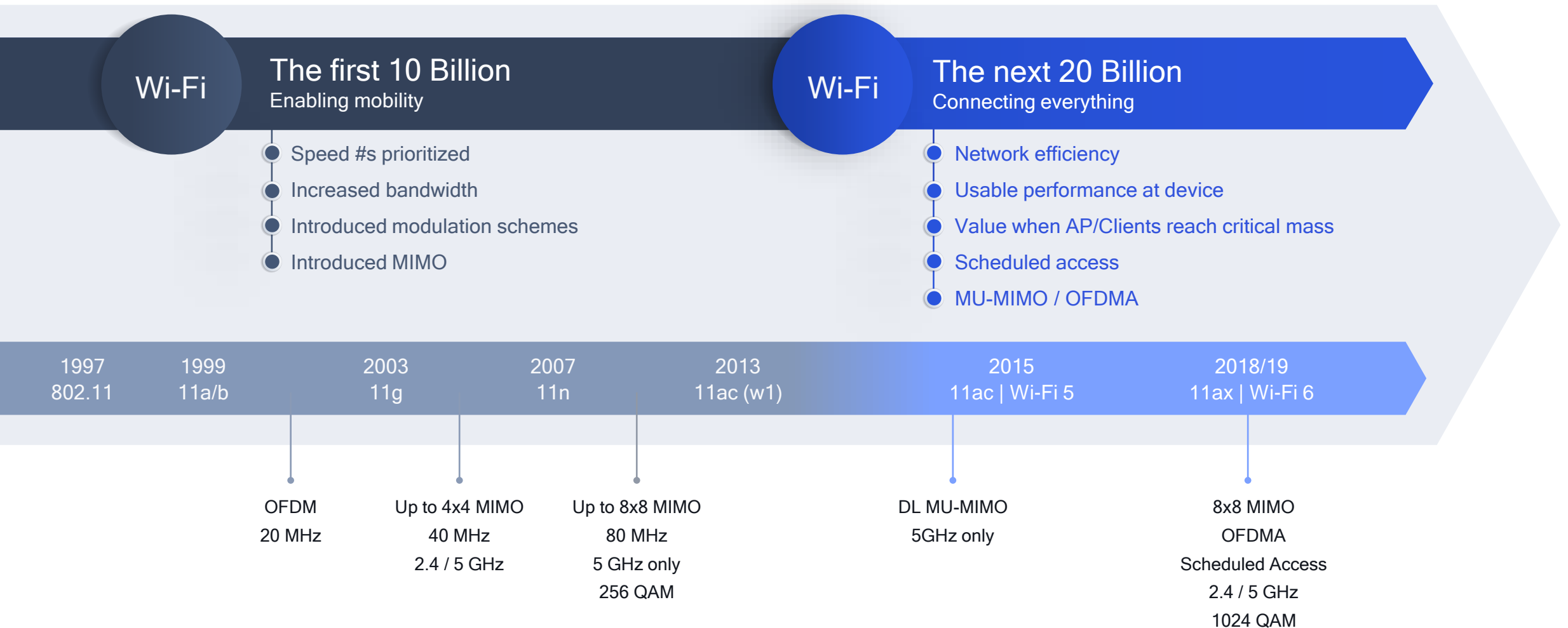


Supports fixed and mobile devices



# Evolving networks from speed to capacity

Core technology evolution and Qualcomm Technologies leadership



## IEEE 802.11 Working Groups



Develops and maintains backward compatible global MAC and PHY standards



Defines spectrum use for Wi-Fi: 2.4 GHz, 5 GHz, 6 GHz, 60 GHz, and sub-1 GHz unlicensed bands



Releases key MAC and PHY performance upgrades with 4-6 year cadence

Industry standards

## Symbiotic relationship since 1999

Feedback on standards  
and market requirements

## Wi-Fi Alliance (WFA)



Develops test plans, manage interoperability test programs, and organizes industry plug fests



Develops industry specifications complementary to IEEE standards



Conducts regulatory advocacy for Wi-Fi technologies



Drives Wi-Fi technology marketing activities

## IEEE 802.11 Working Groups



Actively drives Wi-Fi technology standardization process



Holds key leadership positions in working/task groups, e.g., 802.11 Vice Chair, 802.11be Chair, etc.



Leads in quality contributions to Wi-Fi standards (e.g., 802.11ax)

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## Wi-Fi Alliance (WFA)



Consistently selected to be part of industry interoperability testbeds



Holds key leadership positions on the Board of Directors (since 2008) and WFA task groups



Received “Wi-Fi Alliance 2020 Industry Impact Award” and “Outstanding Leadership and Contribution” awards for sponsor members in multiple years

We are committed in pushing standardized Wi-Fi technology forward

# A rich history of leading key Wi-Fi innovations

Advanced R&D | Standardization | Successful commercialization



## 802.11g

Drove OFDM into the 802.11g standard

Implemented OFDM in 1<sup>st</sup> commercial CMOS 5GHz product<sup>1</sup>, then rapidly ported to 2.4 GHz

Enabled successful proliferation of 802.11g that greatly expanded the Wi-Fi ecosystem



## Wi-Fi Mesh

Pioneered multi access point (AP) technology

Led contributions to the Wi-Fi EasyMesh industry specification



## Wi-Fi 5: 802.11ac

Drove MU-MIMO – the foundational technology – into the 802.11ac standard

Proved to the ecosystem on the viability and value of MU-MIMO for Wi-Fi systems



## Wi-Fi 6: 802.11ax

Drove key UL OFDMA and UL MU-MIMO designs into the 802.11ax standards

Developed synchronized AP scheduling, trigger-based OFDMA and MU-MIMO

Continued leadership in IEEE and WFA



## Wi-Fi 4: 802.11n

MIMO-OFDM (spatial multiplexing) and transmit beamforming

Implemented MIMO-OFDM system architecture for mass market products<sup>2</sup> (e.g., PCs, routers)

Drove the success of “pre-standard” MIMO products



## 802.11ad / ay

Pioneered mmWave beam forming & antenna designs

Delivered the highest performing mmWave implementation, proving the viability of mmWave

Drove mmWave into the 802.11ad and brought wider bandwidths via channel bonding in 802.11ay



## 802.11ah

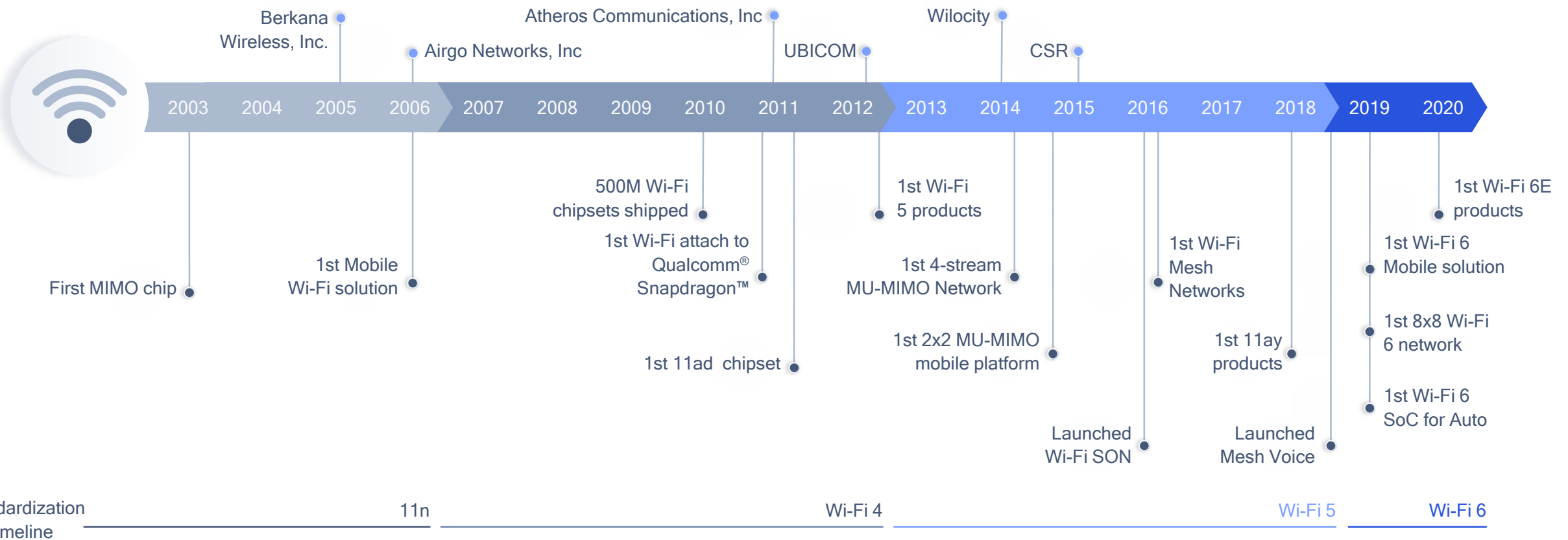
Drove key technologies enabling extended range, small battery operation and low-power for Wi-Fi operating in sub-1 GHz

Facilitated opening of spectrum for 802.11ah sensors in Europe

Nominal work on Wi-Fi 7 / 802.11be is just starting

<sup>1</sup> Based on 802.11a; <sup>2</sup> Including Airgo, Atheros, and Wilocity

# Our historical Wi-Fi pedigree



**4B+** Wi-Fi chips shipped since 2015





Bluetooth®

# Bluetooth Standards

Connecting wireless  
personal area networks

# Bluetooth supports broad use cases across a wide range of industries



Audio streaming



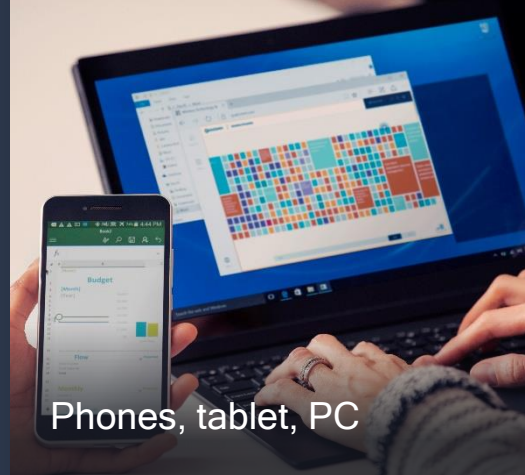
Data transfer



Location services



Device network



Phones, tablet, PC



Audio and entertainment



Automotive

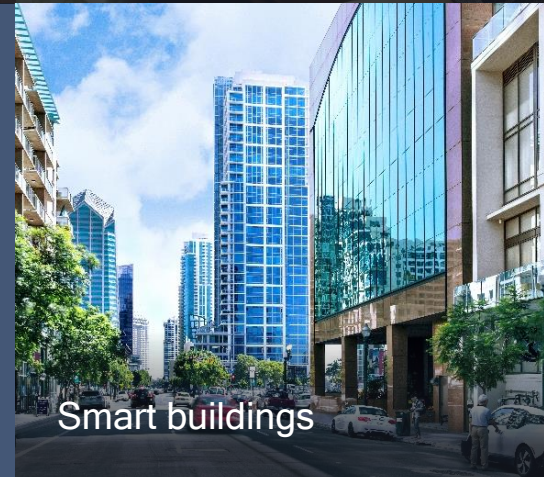


Connected IoT



## 6.2B

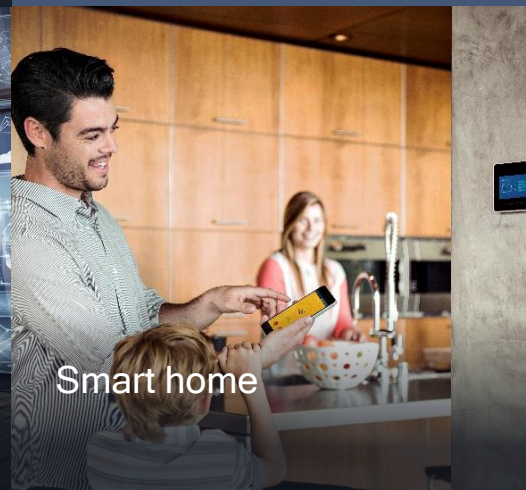
annual device  
shipment by 2024



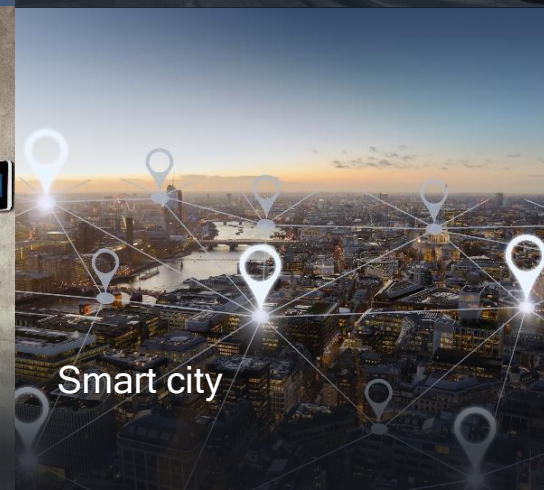
Smart buildings



Smart industry



Smart home



Smart city

# Driving the technology evolution and commercial success



Founded in 1998

# Bluetooth

Special Interest Group (SIG)

14

Working Groups  
(WG)<sup>1</sup>

80

Active specification  
projects



## Technology standardization

~15 promoter/associate members actively contributing to Core WG meetings to evolve Bluetooth specifications<sup>2</sup>



## Product qualification

World-class programs that drive product interoperability, and give access to technology and trademark licensing



## Brand promotion

Campaigns to increase the awareness, understanding, and adoption of Bluetooth technology

Source: Bluetooth SIG Market Update 2020;

<sup>1</sup> Audio/Telephony/Auto, Automation, Core Specification, Direction Finding, Discovery of Things, Easy Pairing, Generic Audio, Hearing Aid, HID, Internet, Medical Devices, Mesh, PUID, Sports and Fitness

<sup>2</sup> Based on 6 months attendance records, analysis done in June 2020

# Leading the way in Bluetooth SIG

Working Group/committee leadership and participation

## Current working groups

Core Specification (CSWG) – **Chair**

Generic Audio (GAWG) – **Chair**

Bluetooth Test and  
Interoperability (BTI) – **Chair**

Automotive, Telephony, Audio (ATA)

Mesh

## Current committees

Bluetooth Architecture Review  
Board (BARB)

Bluetooth Qualification Review  
Board (BQRB)

Bluetooth (Qualification)  
Technical Advisory Board (BTAB)

## Past leadership positions

**Board member:** 2012-2014 (CSR),  
2014-2016 (Qualcomm)

**Chairs or vice chairs:** BARB, BQRB, Regulatory, ATA,  
Automation, Mesh, Internet, HID, HCI, Radio  
Improvements

**Contributing member:** Regulatory, Automation,  
Direction Finding, HID, Internet, Medical Devices,  
PUID, Sports and Fitness, HCI, Radio Improvements

## Key recognitions for our leadership role



Awarded “Outstanding  
Technical Contributor” in  
2011, 2012, 2014, 2015  
(x2), 2016, 2017 (x3)



Awarded “Working  
Group and  
Committee Chair of  
the Year” in 2010,  
2018, 2019



Awarded “Bluetooth  
Core Specification  
Team Award” in  
2014, 2016

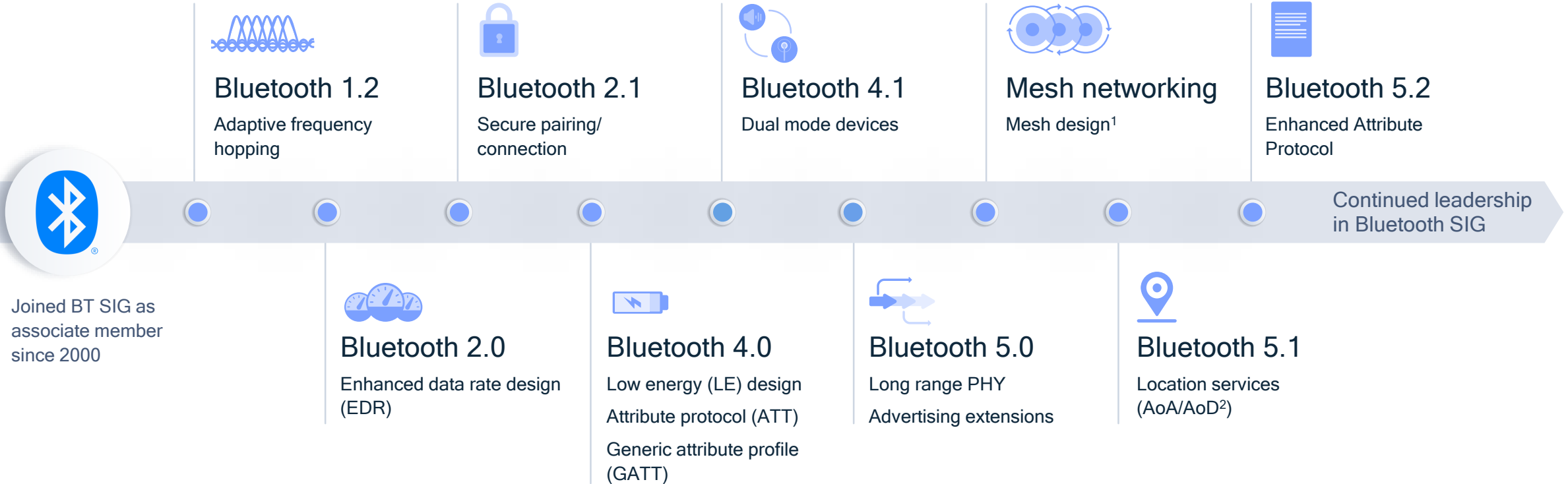


Inducted to  
“Bluetooth Hall of  
Fame” in 2017 (x2),  
2010, 2011



# A rich history of leading key Bluetooth innovations

Advanced R&D | Standardization | Successful commercialization

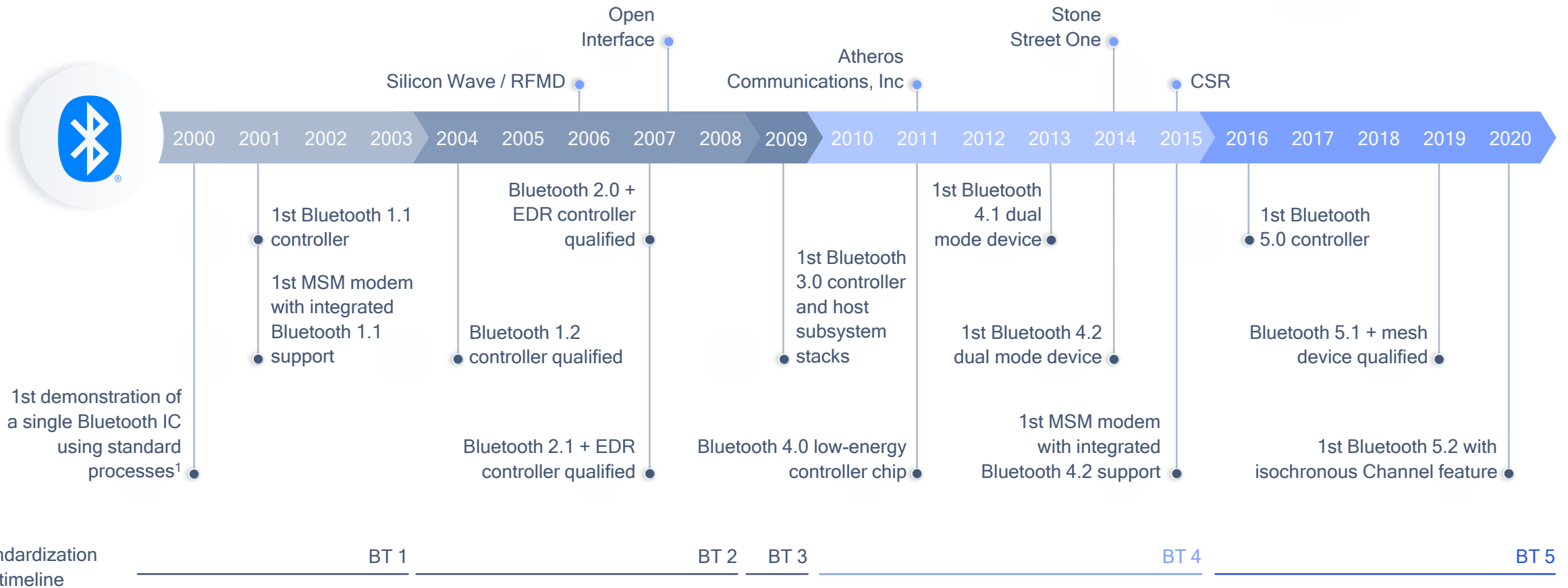


Also actively involved in creation/revisions of various Bluetooth SIG processes (e.g., Bluetooth Specification Development Process, Qualification Process)

<sup>1</sup> As part of Mesh Networking specifications v1.0 first adopted on July 13, 2017; <sup>2</sup> Angle of Arrival/Departure

# Our legacy of Bluetooth leadership

- Acquisitions
- Product milestones



## Key product milestones

First single-chip Bluetooth controller<sup>1</sup>

First Bluetooth controllers qualified for new releases

First Bluetooth mesh product<sup>2</sup>

MSM is a product of Qualcomm Technologies, Inc. and/or its subsidiaries.

CMOS from CSR, BiCMOS from Silicon Wave: <https://www.eetimes.com/cambridge-silicon-radio-demonstrates-single-chip-bluetooth-radio-ic/>; <https://www.eetimes.com/silicon-wave-radio-modem-ic-gets-bluetooth-qualification/#> 3. CSRMesh

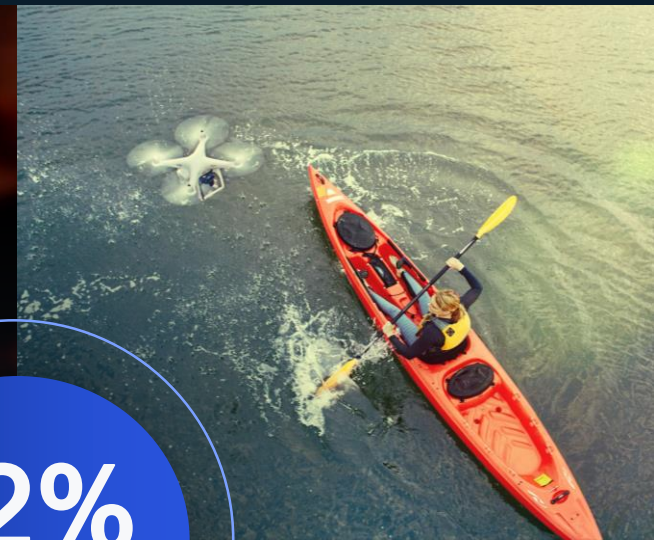
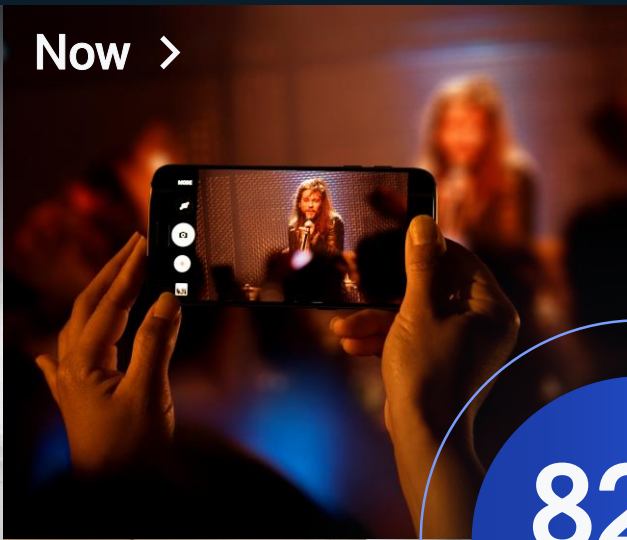


# Video Coding Standards

Powering the creation and consumption of rich digital media experiences

# Video technology revolutionized how we create and consume media

Enhanced video quality with less bits lead to broad adoption across a wide range of devices and services



82%

of internet traffic will  
be video by 2022<sup>1</sup>



Founded in 1988 as part  
of ISO/IEC JTC 1

# SC 29 (MPEG)

## Motion Picture Experts Group

Developing international standards for  
compression, decompression, processing,  
and coded representation of moving pictures,  
audio, and their combination, in order to  
satisfy a wide variety of applications

Generic coding of moving  
pictures and associated  
audio information H.262

Advanced video  
coding (AVC) H.264

### Collaborative video standard development

High efficiency video  
coding (HEVC) H.265

Versatile Video  
Coding (VVC) H.266\*

Developed first spec  
in 1984 as part of ITU-T

# VCEG

## Video Coding Experts Group

A long and rich history in visual compression  
coding work focusing on video and still image,  
with three ITU standards before working jointly  
with MPEG

## Driving the technology evolution and commercial success

Expert working groups

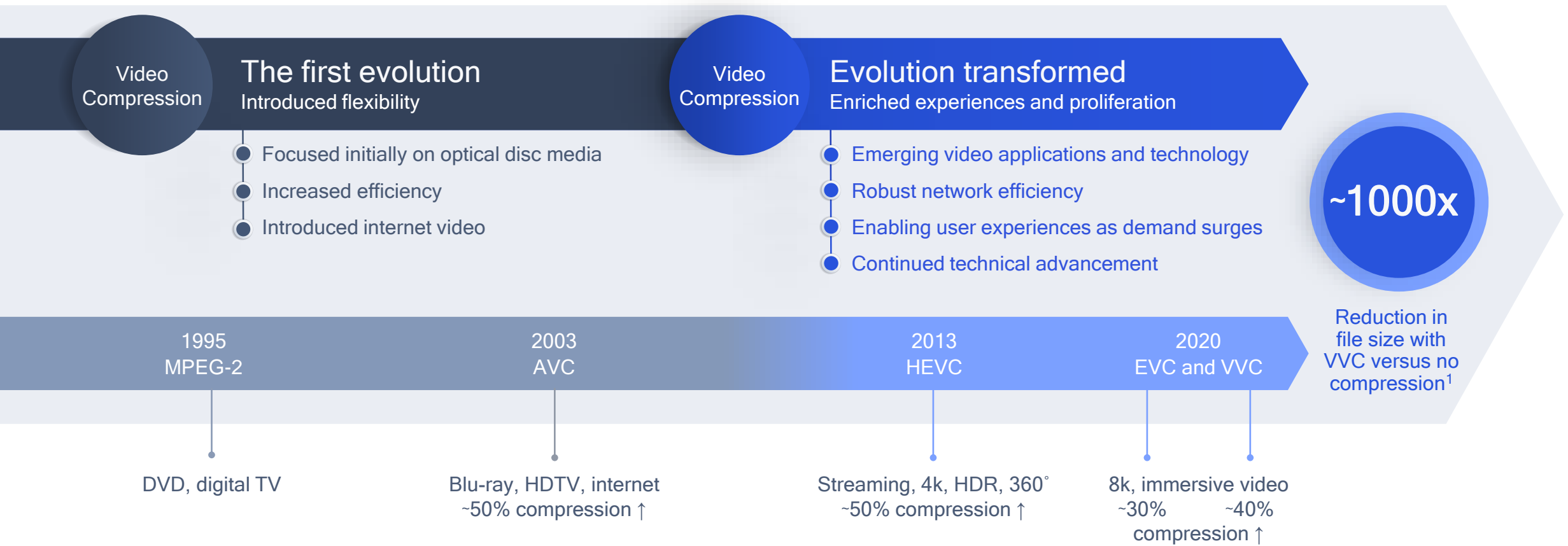
Technology standardization

Product interoperability

\*not the official name yet

# Technical innovation drives video evolution

A regular cadence of technical advancement in video codecs has led to massive reduction in file size



1. On a 1080p video at 30 frames per second; EVC = Essential Video Coding, VVC = Versatile Video Coding,

# Key contributions across video technologies

## Standard video codecs

### H.265/HEVC

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In addition to being a key contributor to HEVC initiation, our innovations provide broad impact across coding features

## Next generation video codecs

### VVC and EVC

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Continued industry leadership in contributing fundamental innovations in next generation high performance video codec standards

A rich heritage  
of leading video  
innovation

## Coding performance and efficiency

### Implementation

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Contributions facilitate coding efficiency and low computational complexity at reduced power consumption for video codec implementors

## Video delivery

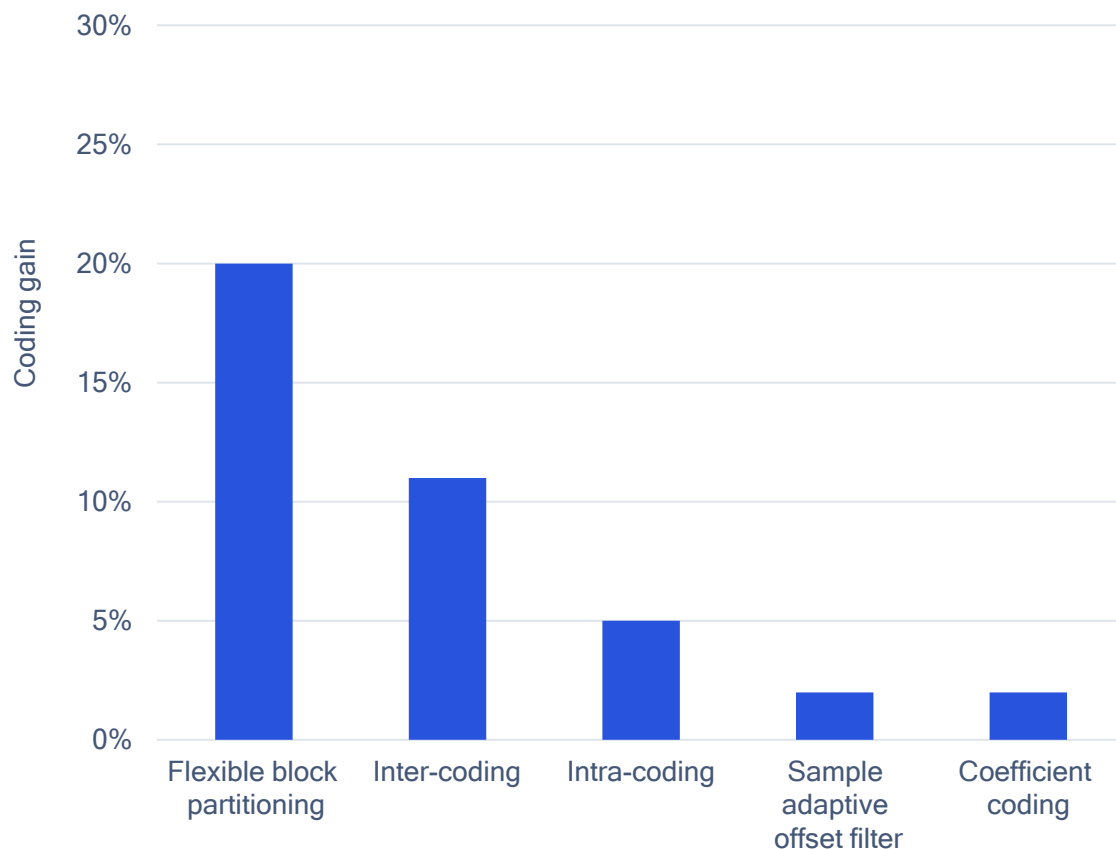
### DASH and file format

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Innovations, such as adaptive streaming and extensible file formats

# HEVC coding gain leadership

Our innovations contributed to coding tools that provide significant gain



Key contributor to HEVC's seed ideas

# HEVC complexity reduction leadership

Our innovations contributed to tools that provide more efficient processing

## Parallel processing

Real-time encoding and decoding of UHD signals through coarse and fine granularity parallel processing provisions.

## Entropy coding (CABAC)

Reduced number of context coded bins, context sharing, grouping bypass bins, and grouping bins with the same context.

## Deblocking filter

Selection of filtered block boundaries, and hierarchical filtering decisions efficiently avoiding filtering in unwarranted situations.

## Inter-coding

Higher level of parallelism for merge mode processing of neighboring blocks through the use of configurable merge mode motion estimation region.

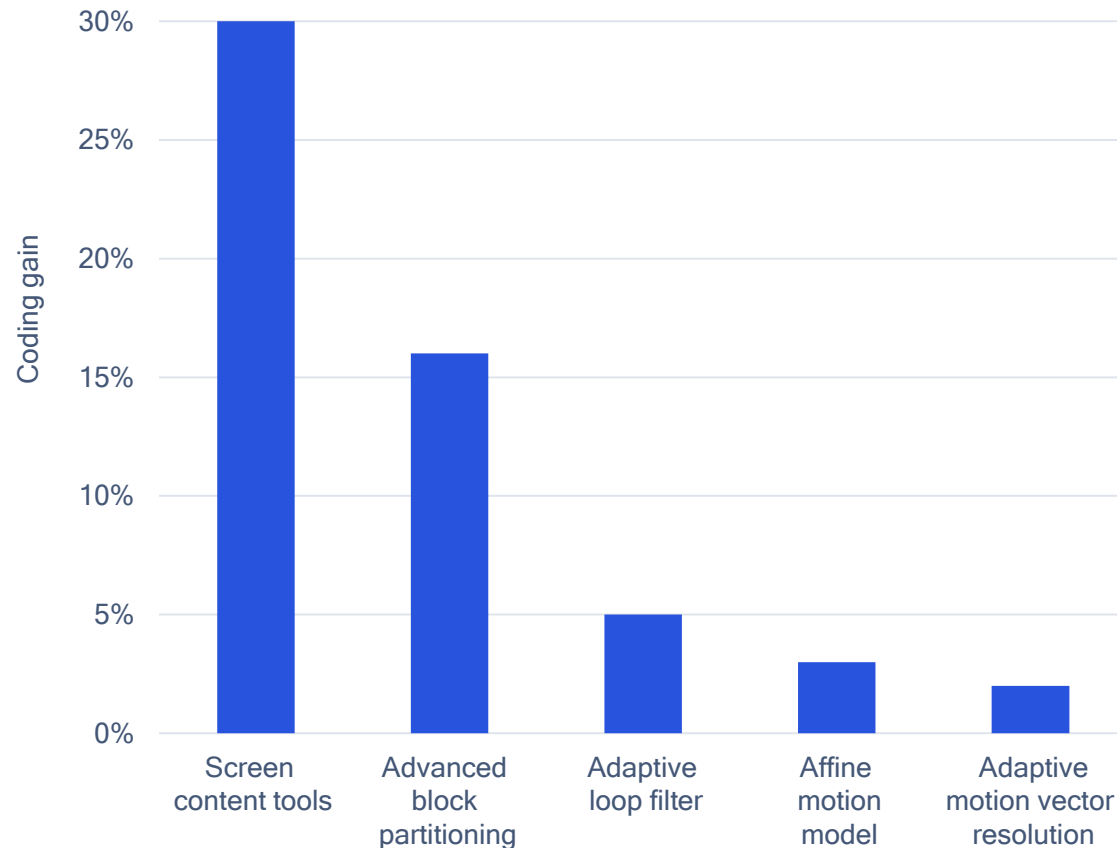
## Coefficient coding

Coefficient grouping into 4x4 sized subblocks harmonizing transform block processing design and enabling use of a common scan pattern.



# VVC coding gain leadership

Initial or a main contributor to tools that provide 80% of VVC's rate reduction



Key contributor to VVC

# VVC complexity reduction leadership

Our innovations contributed to tools that provide more efficient processing

## Parallel processing

Parallel processing within a picture through the use of tile partitioning and/or wavefront parallel processing (WPP), as well as virtual pipeline data units (VPDU) at an even finer granularity.

## Intra-coding

Simplified calculation of position-dependent intra prediction sample combining (PDPC) weights through the use of position dependent integer shift operations.

## Transforms

Low Frequency Non-Separable Transform (LFNST) use through zeroing out the transform coefficients outside LFNST support region.

## Entropy coding (CABAC)

Efficient multi-hypothesis weighted probability estimation through the use of estimator functions incorporating integer shift operations rather than division operations.

## Viewport-dependent 360° video coding

Efficient tiled streaming of 360° video content through the use of subpictures (independent coded regions) and scalability features, enabling simple extraction and merging.

# A prominent contributor to 3GPP DASH and MPEG DASH

Enabled streaming at scale



Created Internet video delivery service in 2007

Best technology for quality, latency, stall rates,  
but not scalable due to cloud compute

Re-design based on deployment experience



In 2010, the 3GPP solution backed by 20+ companies was accepted as  
baseline for MPEG DASH

3GPP and MPEG collaborated to create the first and only global  
streaming standard—DASH

We were the main contributor and spec editor

First published in 2012, 4th edition in 2019

Standard globally adopted and deployed



In 2017, CMAF project launched to support convergence  
towards DASH content formats for remaining two streaming  
solutions, DASH and HLS

In 2019, the second edition published with co-editing by  
Apple, Netflix, and us

We are driving the interop through CTA WAVE and DASH-IF

Continued leadership in MPEG and 3GPP



In 2009, we were the main contributor to the  
first Adaptive HTTP Streaming standard

Specification designed for streaming at scale and  
varying mobile network conditions



In 2013, we were the initiator and founder of  
DASH-IF to catalyze the adoption of MPEG-DASH

80 charter members with a focus on interop, test, reference and  
promotion - we have lead interop group since 2012

## Our key contributions

### Reach

Flexibility to create a variety of encoded media and use a common protocol to serve any device, under virtually any network condition

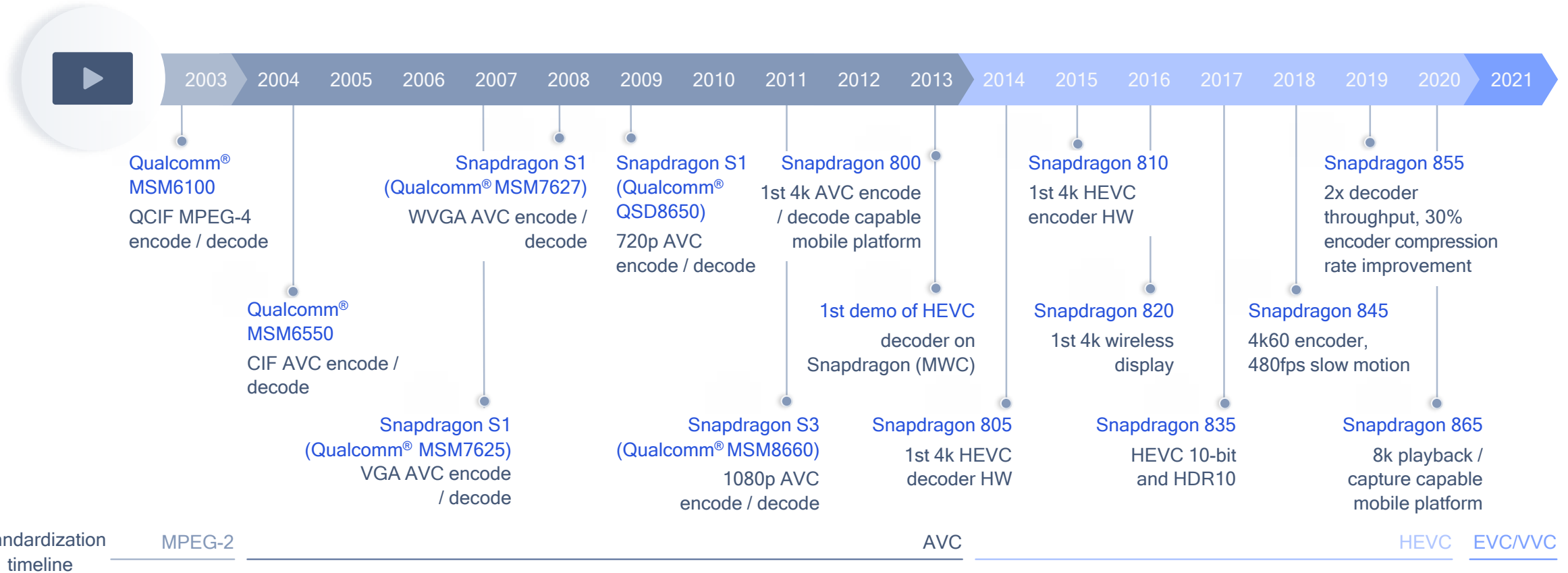
### Quality

Decreased start-up time, faster seeking, and quicker buffer fills to reduce video freeze while maintaining the highest video quality

### Scalability

Adaptive bit-rate to serve many clients in a scalable and cost-efficient manner without network architecture changes - smart and power clients

# Our legacy of video product leadership



## Key product milestones

First 4K AVC encode and decode

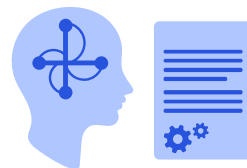
First 4K HEVC encode and decode

First HEVC 10-bit and HDR10

# Our contributions to standards drive the future for industries

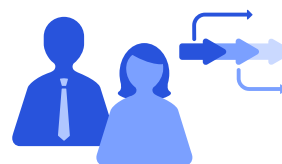
Leading technology standardization in a complex global ecosystem – key for future innovations

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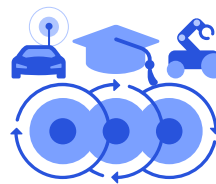
## Technology leadership

Driving cutting-edge R&D and taking bold bets to address fundamental challenges and deliver industry-changing breakthroughs



## Standards leadership

Taking leadership positions in standards and industry organizations to set guiding directions and do what's right to move the industry forward







## Ecosystem support

Supporting ecosystem development through higher membership levels and close collaboration with 80+ leading universities on future research





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