

Propelling 5G forward

A closer look at 3GPP Release 16



Delivering on the 5G vision

\$13.2 Trillion in global economic value by 2035*



* The 5G Economy, an independent study from IHS Markit, Penn Schoen Berland and Berkeley Research Group, commissioned by Qualcomm



60+

Operators with 5G commercial deployed

380+

Operators investing in 5G globally

200M

5G smartphones to ship in 2020

750M+

5G smartphones to ship in 2021

1B+

5G connections by 2023 - 2 years faster than 4G

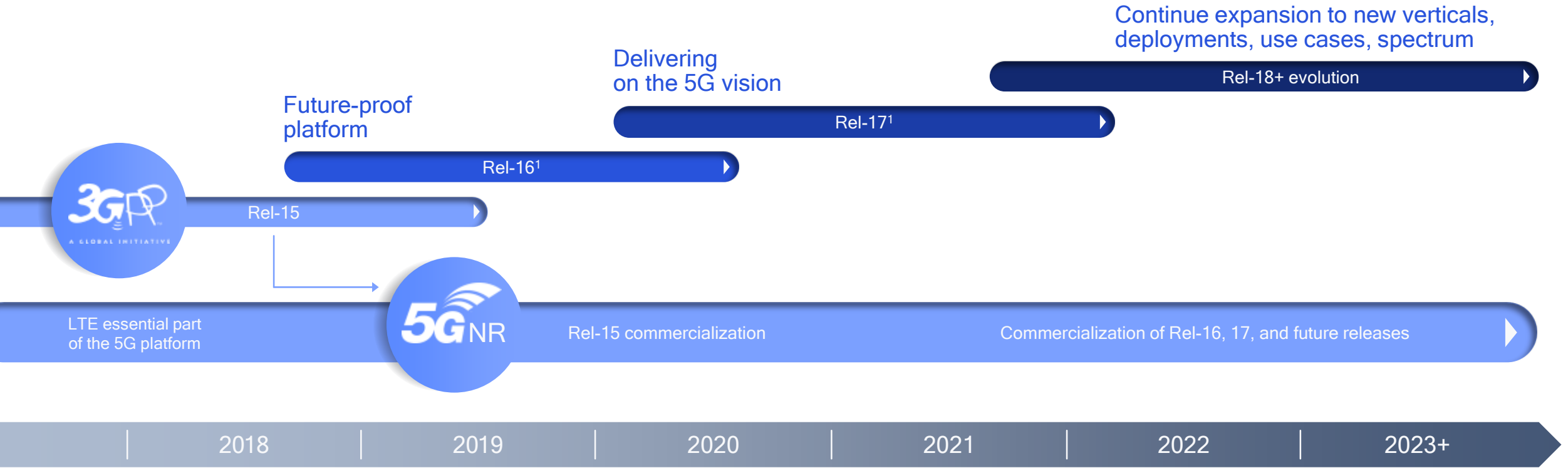
2.8B

5G connections by 2025

Sources - 5G commercial networks and operators investing in 5G: GSA and operator announcements, Apr. '19; 5G device shipment projections: Qualcomm estimates (2020 projection is at mid-point of guidance range), Nov. '19; 5G connection projections: 2023 - GSMA Intelligence (Dec. '19); ABI (Nov. '19); 2025 - ABI (Oct. '19), CCS Insight (Oct. '19), Ericsson (Nov. '19)

5G momentum accelerating globally

Driving the 5G technology evolution



Rel-15 eMBB focus

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

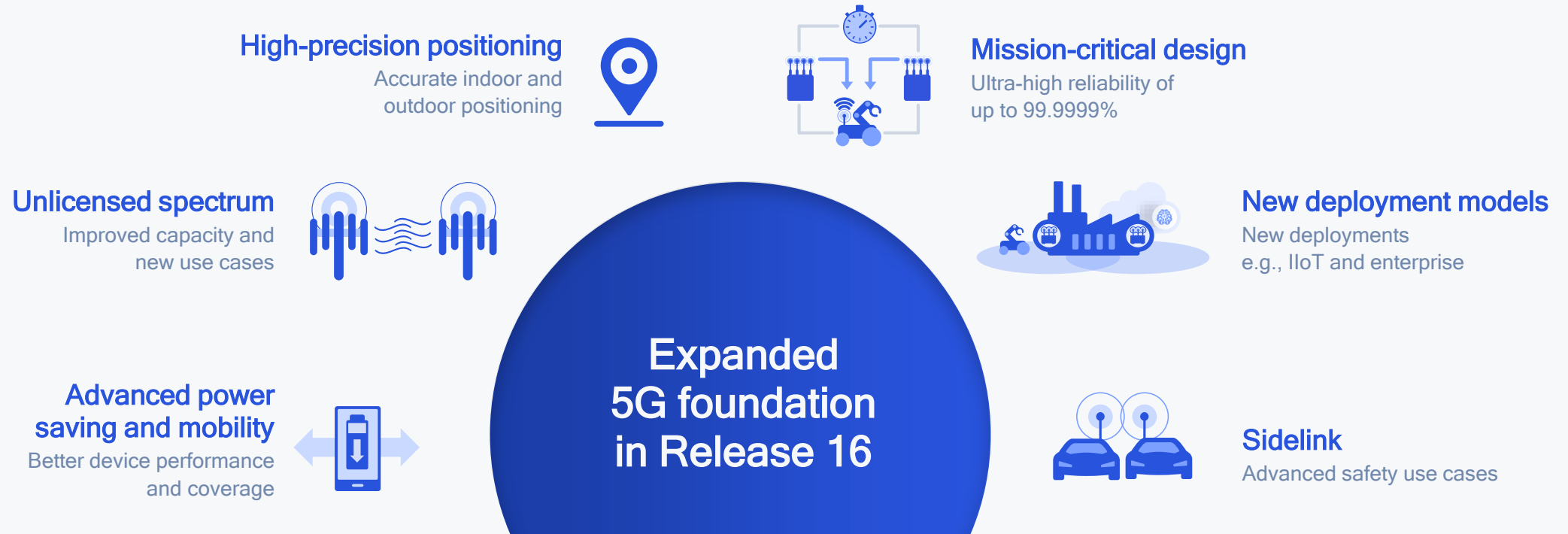
Rel-16 industry expansion

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

Rel-17+ long-term expansion

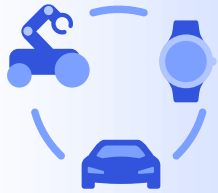
- Lower complexity NR-Light
- Boundless extended reality (XR)
- Higher precision positioning and more...

Building on the technology foundation for the 5G expansion



5G NR Release 15 technology foundation





Expanding the reach of 5G

Automotive

Positioning

Massive IoT

Private networks

Unlicensed spectrum

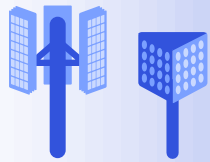
Time synchronization

Broadcast

Industrial IoT

Sidelink

Satellites



Driving foundational enhancements

Wider coverage

Higher reliability

More capacity

Lower latency

Better mobility

Interference mitigation

Power saving

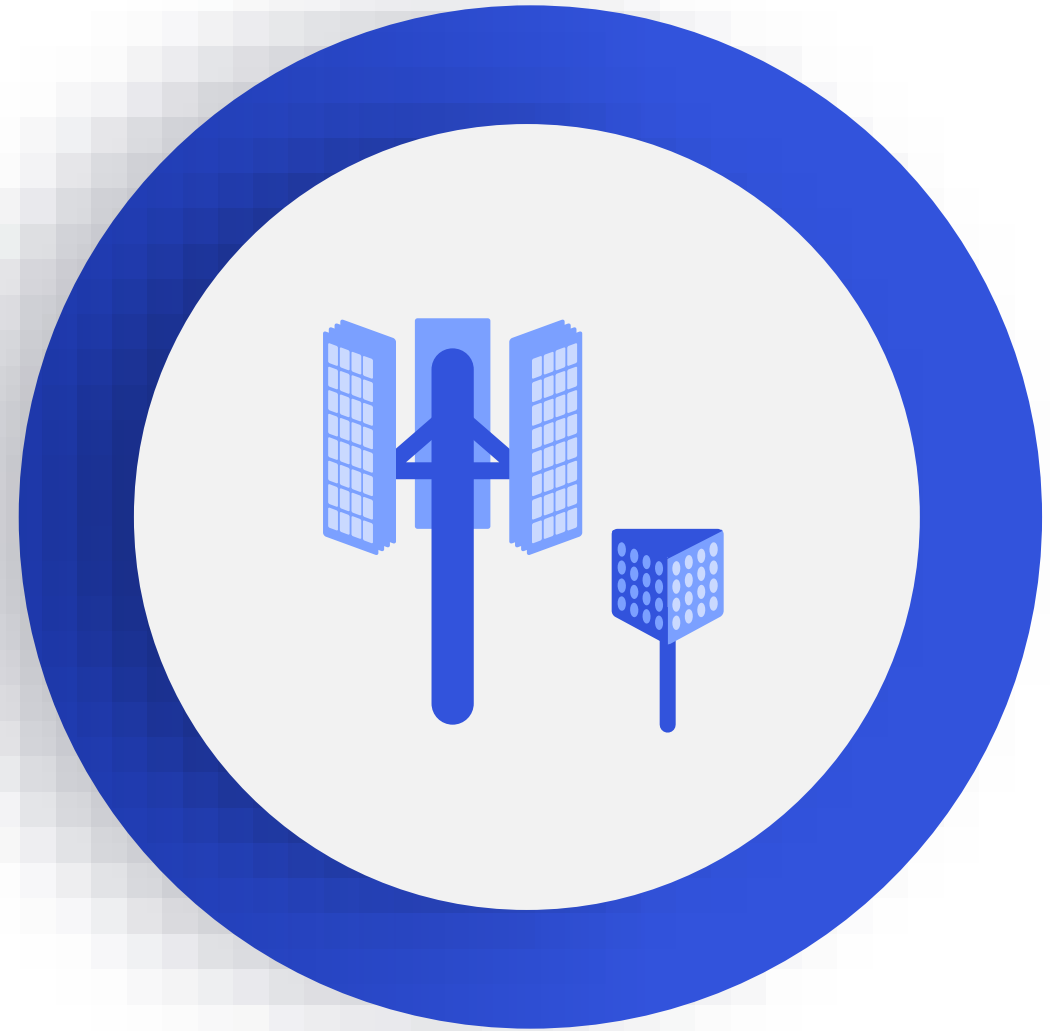
Simpler deployment

3GPP Release 16 elevates 5G to the next level

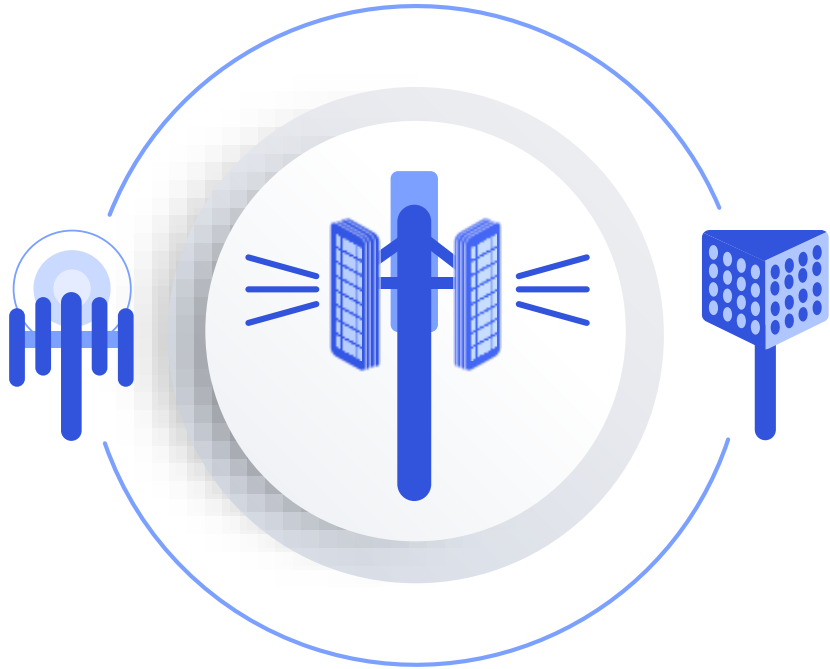
New capabilities, efficiencies, flexibilities, deployments, and spectrum types/bands

Driving foundational enhancements

3GPP Release 16



Enhancing 5G NR massive MIMO performance



Release 16 MIMO Enhancements¹

Improving performance, efficiency, reliability

Enhanced multi-user MIMO

Reducing overhead and supporting Rank 4 MIMO, finer quantization and PMI² granularity by improving Type II CSI³

Multi-transmission/reception points

Improving reliability by allowing device to transmit and receive⁴ data to/from multiple base stations

Better multi-beam management

Supporting secondary cell beam failure recovery, interference-aware beam selection, overhead reduction

Improved power efficiency

Reducing PAPR (peak-to-average ratio) with improved uplink and downlink reference signal⁵

Extended uplink coverage

Achieving full-power uplink for all MIMO capable devices⁶

¹ Also includes LTE MIMO enhancements, such as improved SRS capacity and coverage; ² Precoding Matrix Indicator; ³ Channel State Information, similar overhead yields 15% improvement in CSI performance compared to R15 Type II CSI design; ⁴ Supporting SDM, FDM, and TDM transmissions with single or multi DCI (DL control information); ⁵ OFDM for PDSCH & PUSCH and DFT-S for PUSCH & PUCCH; ⁶ For single layer MIMO, for low-complexity MIMO non-/partially coherent devices

Further enhancing device power efficiency

Wakeup signal (WUS)

A low-power control channel to indicate activity or lack thereof in the corresponding DRX¹ period

Enhanced cross-slot scheduling

Such as introducing explicit minimum scheduling offset parameter and better support for BWP² switching

Adaptive MIMO layer reduction

Supporting turning off transmit/receive chains (e.g., from 4 to 2) to save power



Rel-16 new power saving techniques

Also standardized power model and evaluation methodology

Low power mode groups

Carriers can be configured with different DRX duration (e.g., shorter active time for mmWave vs. sub-7 GHz)

Device-assisted power saving

Devices can request preferred power saving parameters (e.g., DRX, # of carriers, max bandwidth)

Relaxed radio resource management

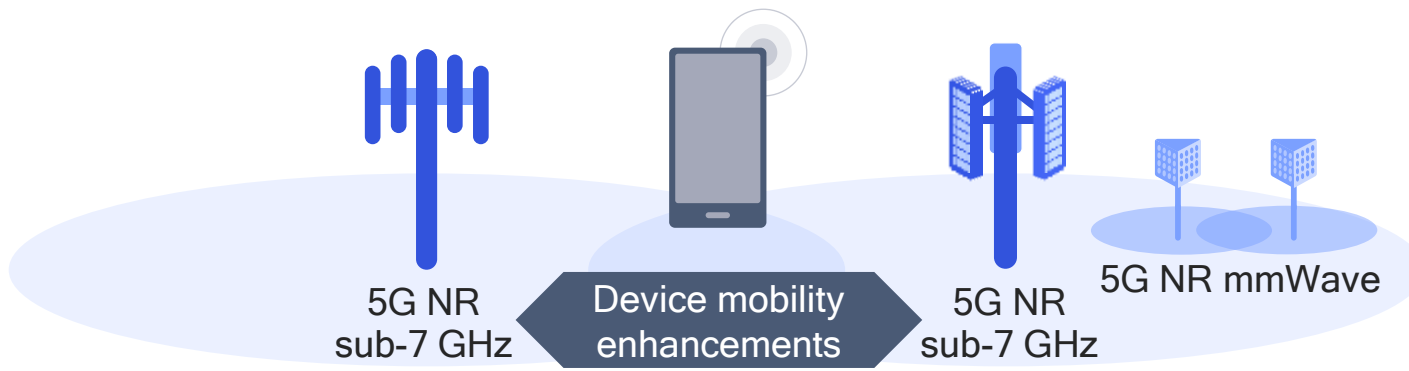
In idle or inactive mode, device can relax measurements if it has low mobility or is not at the cell edge

Low-power carrier aggregation control

Efficient activation and deactivation of secondary cell is controlled by the primary cell

Rel-16 brings 5G NR mobility enhancements

Also further enhancing LTE mobility management



Reduced interruption time

0ms handover enabled by dual active protocol stack with concurrent source/target cell transmissions/reception

Improved mobility robustness

Device-driven conditional handover for single and dual connectivity, and fast handover failure recovery

Sub-7 GHz and mmWave

Both inter- and intra-frequency handovers

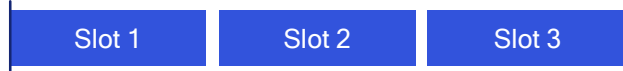
Beneficial to high-mobility use cases (e.g., train, aerial)

Further improving 5G NR spectrum aggregation

Carrier aggregation (CA) and dual connectivity (DC)

Enhancing Rel-15 CA/DC capability and performance

Primary cell (e.g., n3)

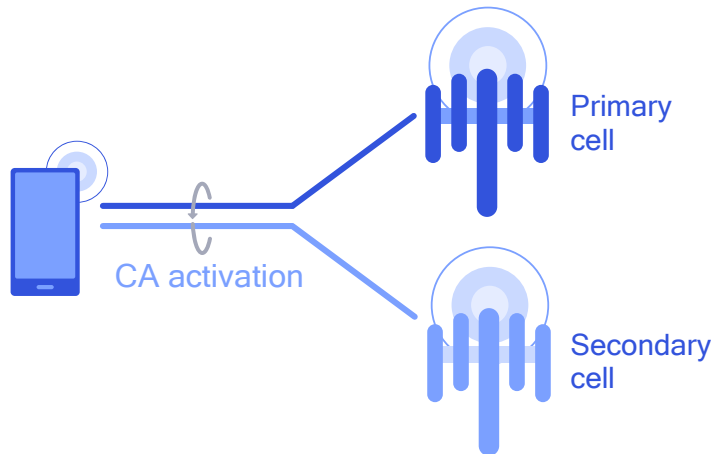


Secondary cell (e.g., n78)



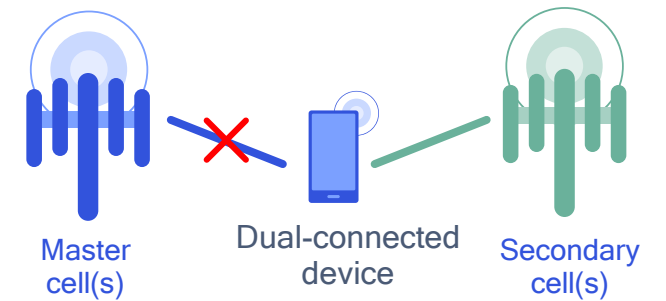
Supporting cross-carrier scheduling & CSI trigger w/ different numerologies, enhanced single Tx switching, async DC with NR power sharing, and unaligned CA

Early measurements and faster CA/DC activation



Defining configuration, signaling, reporting procedure for early measurement, and blind resume, faster activation for secondary cell(s)

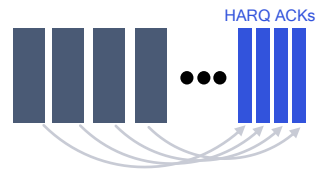
Faster link recovery in dual connectivity



Improving robustness in case of master cell(s) failure when link to secondary cell(s) is still available

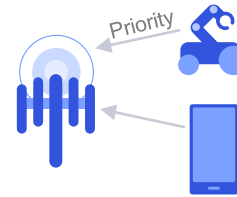
Enhancing ultra-reliable, low-latency communication

Rel-16 eURLLC builds on Rel-15 URLLC foundation



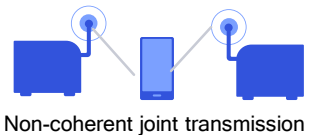
Improved HARQ

Multiple HARQ-ACK feedbacks per slot for latency reduction



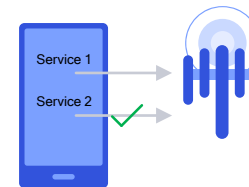
Inter-device service multiplexing

Uplink cancellation indicator and power boosting



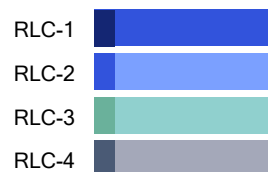
Coordinated multi-point (CoMP)

Multi-TRP¹ for redundant communication paths with spatial diversity



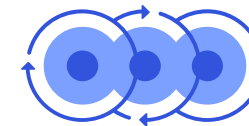
Intra-device channel prioritization

Concurrently supporting differentiated levels of service (e.g., eMBB & mission-critical)



Increased redundancy

Number of PDCP² packet duplicates increasing to 4 from 2

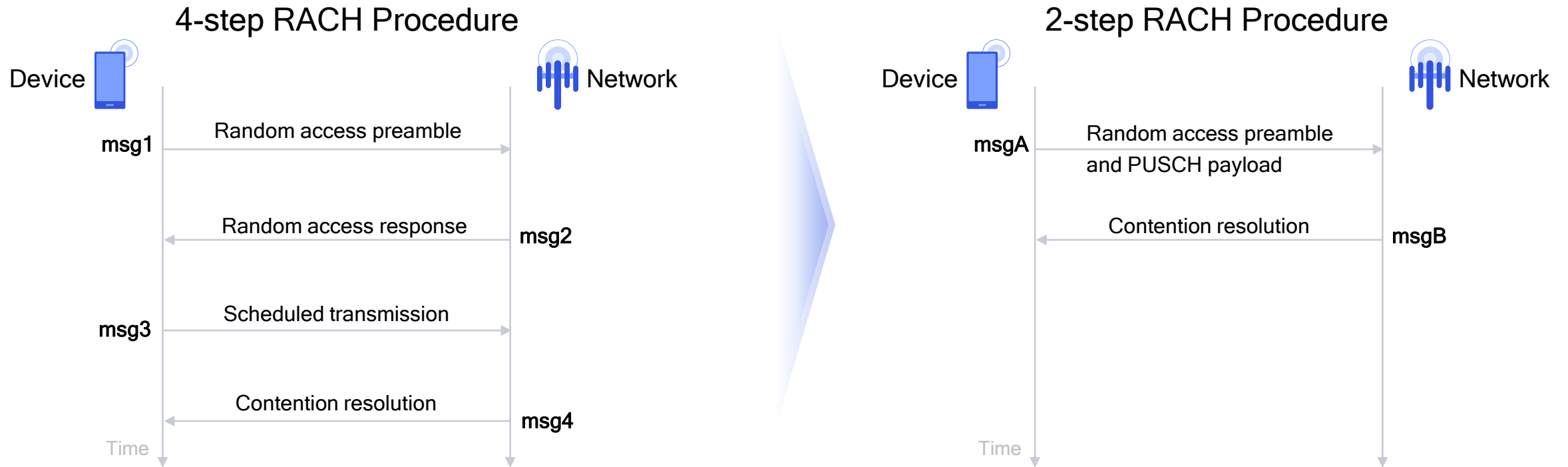


More flexible scheduling

Multiple active SPS³ configurations & reduced periodicity, more efficient DL control monitoring, UL repetition with cross-slot boundaries

Two-step random access (RACH) procedure enhances efficiency

Over existing 5G NR Rel-15 four-step RACH procedure



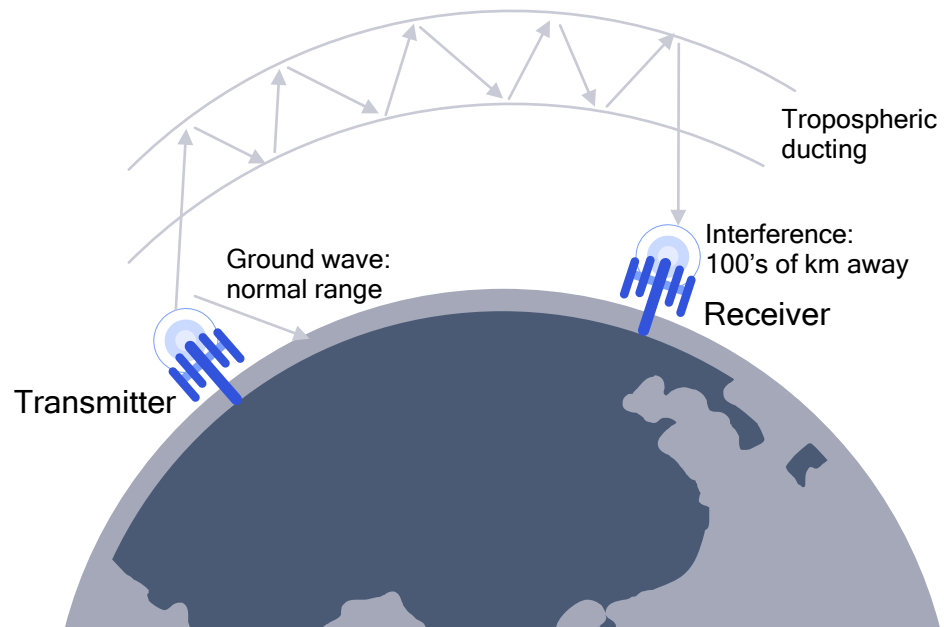
Reduces signaling overhead and latency

Improves capacity and power efficiency

Supports small grant-free uplink

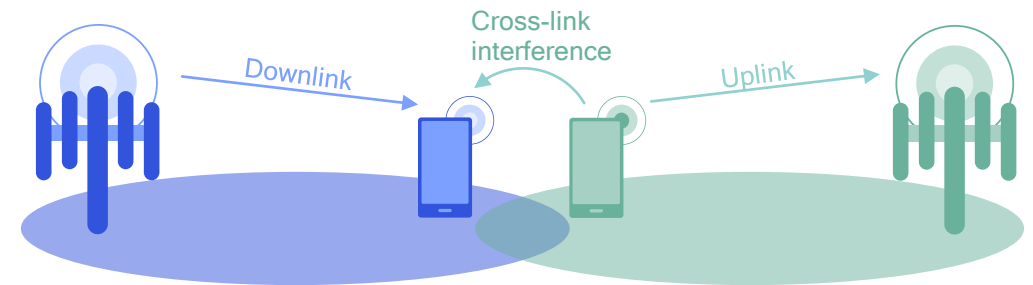
Addressing interferences to improve system reliability

Remote Interference Mitigation (RIM)



Base stations can communicate and coordinate¹ mitigation of base station TDD DL-to-UL ducting interferences²

Cross-Link Interference (CLI)

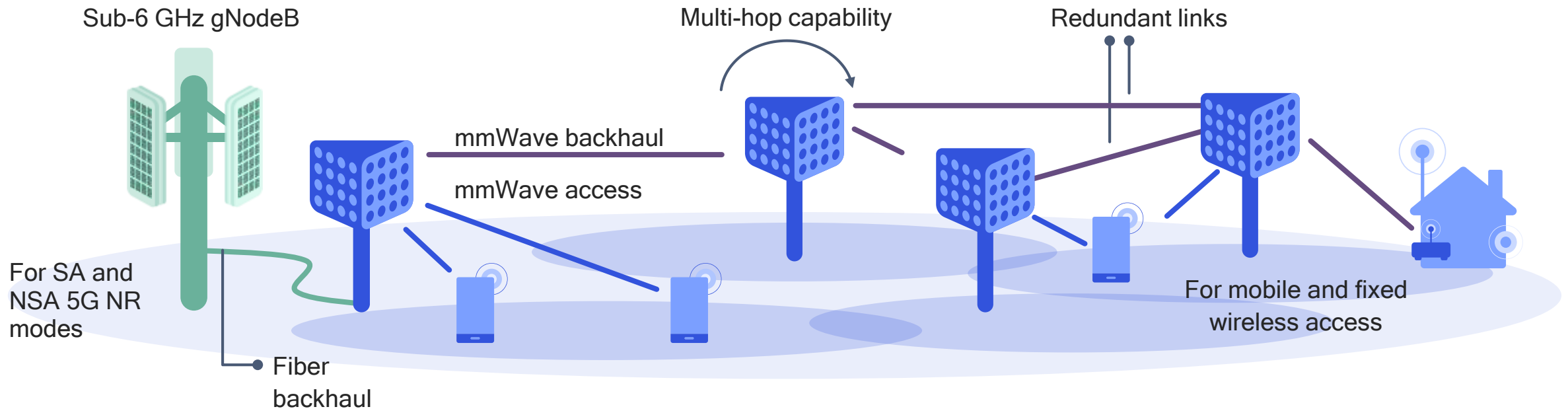


Devices can measure and report inter-/intra-cell interferences³ caused by neighboring devices with different TDD configurations

¹ Via reference signals (RIM-RS) over-the-air or in combination with backhaul signaling; ² To indicate the presence of interference and whether enough mitigation is in place; ³ Inter-cell: when devices have semi-static TDD scheduling, Intra-cell: when devices support dynamic TDD

5G NR mmWave IAB¹ for cost-efficient dense deployments

Improves coverage and capacity, while limiting backhaul cost



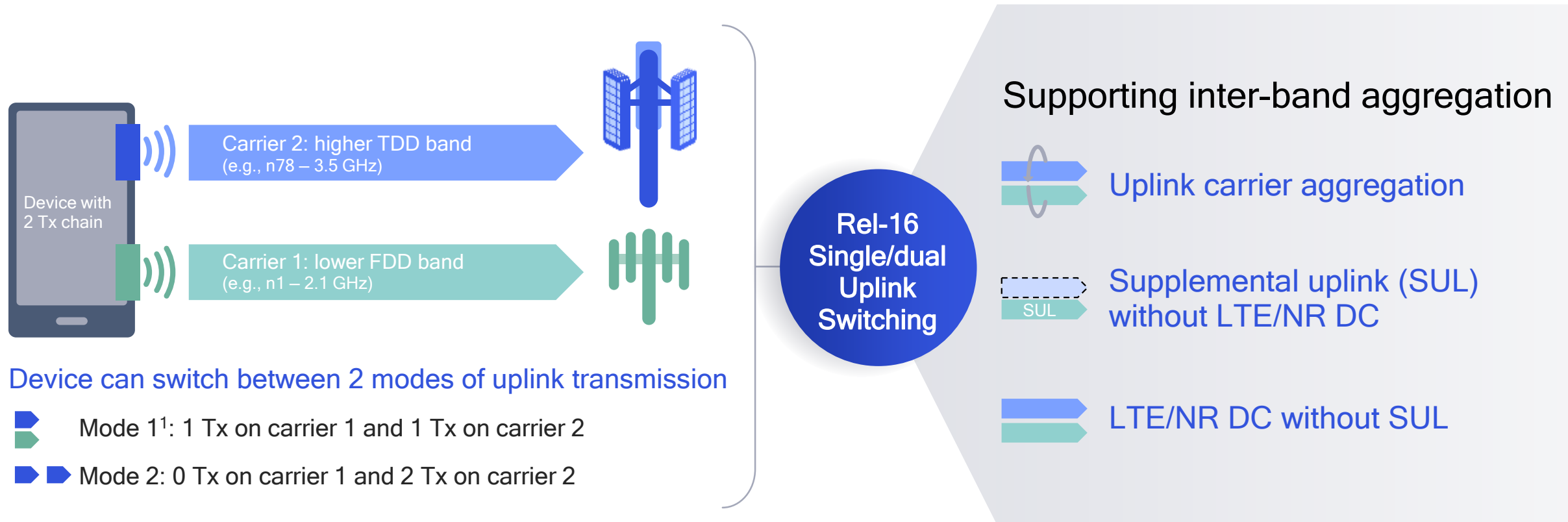
1 Integrated Access and Backhaul

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

Improving uplink performance in higher bands

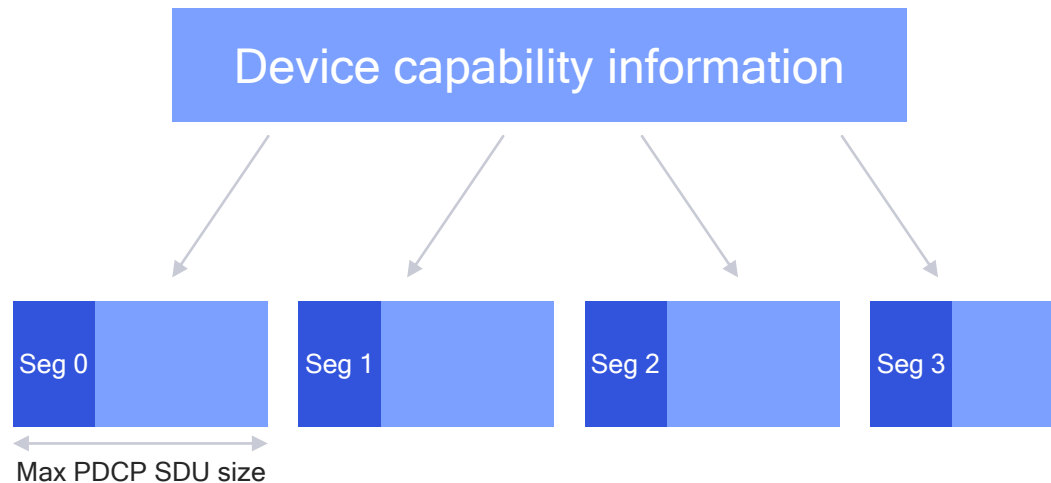
Single and dual uplink switching



¹ Applicable to UL CA and LTE/NR DC; for SUL, 1 Tx in carrier 1 and 0 Tx in carrier 2

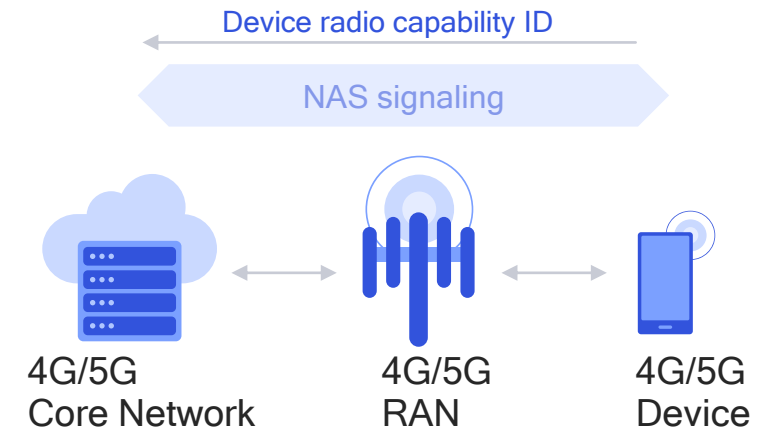
Improving efficiency of radio access capability signaling

To address rapid increase in device capability size due to more band combinations and features



Uplink RRC message segmentation

Overcoming the maximum PDCP SDU¹ size (i.e., 9kB defined in 5G NR) by dividing device capability information into multiple smaller segments



Device radio capability ID

Identifying device's radio capability, stored in the network, which can be assigned by device manufacturer or serving network

Maintaining call continuity with circuit-switched fallback



Defining fallback procedures from 5G NR to circuit-switched 3G FDD network

Applying to also emergency (E911) calls

Excludes 3G TDD network support, packet switched and video service continuity

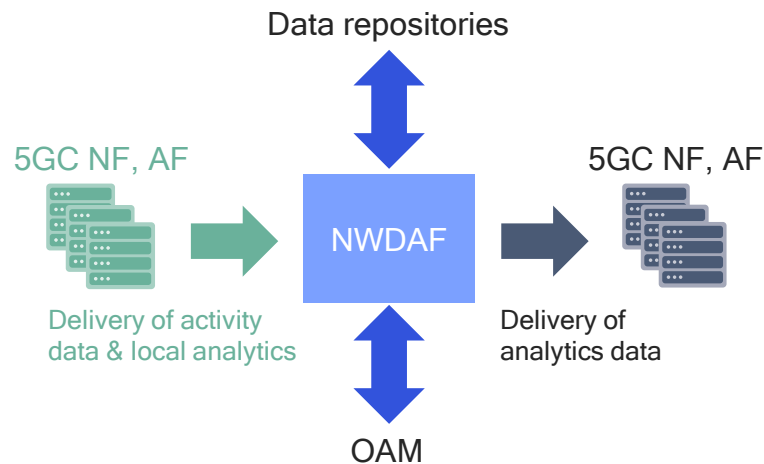
For VoNR deployments with limited or no VoLTE coverage

Data collection for network performance enhancements

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Enhanced Network Automation (eNA)

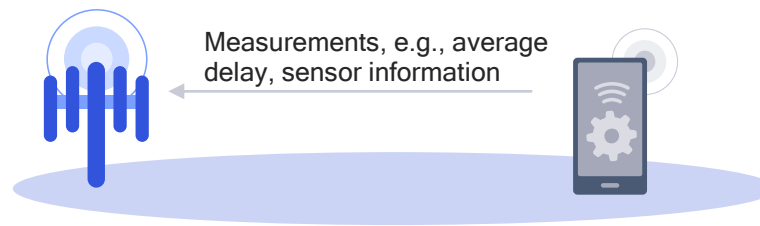
New enhanced core network function for data collection and exposure



Expanding NWDAF¹ from providing network slice analysis in Rel-15 to data collection and exposure from/to 5G core NF, AF, OAM², data repositories

Minimization of Drive Testing (MDT)

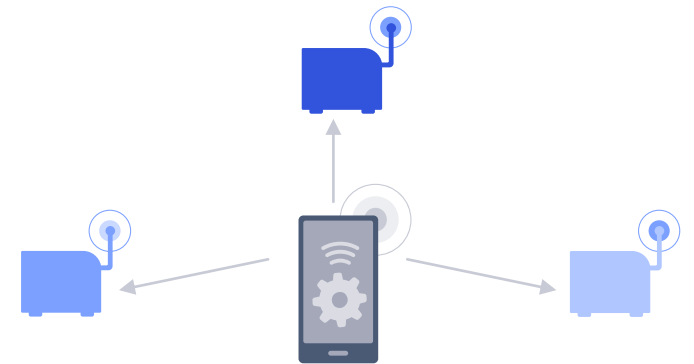
Logged and immediate MDT, mobility history information, accessibility & L2 measurements³



Specifying features for identified use cases, including coverage, optimization, QoS verification, location information reporting, sensor data collection

Self Organizing Network (SON)

Mobility robust optimization (MRO), mobility load balancing (MLB), and RACH optimization



Specifying device reporting needed to enhance network configurations and inter-node information exchange (e.g., enhancements to interfaces like N2, Xn)

Expanding the reach of 5G

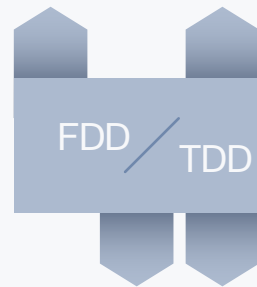
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Rel-16 introduces NR in unlicensed spectrum

Anchored NR-U

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



Licensed or shared anchor spectrum



Unlicensed NR-U spectrum*

Standalone NR-U

Only unlicensed spectrum is used



Unlicensed NR-U spectrum*

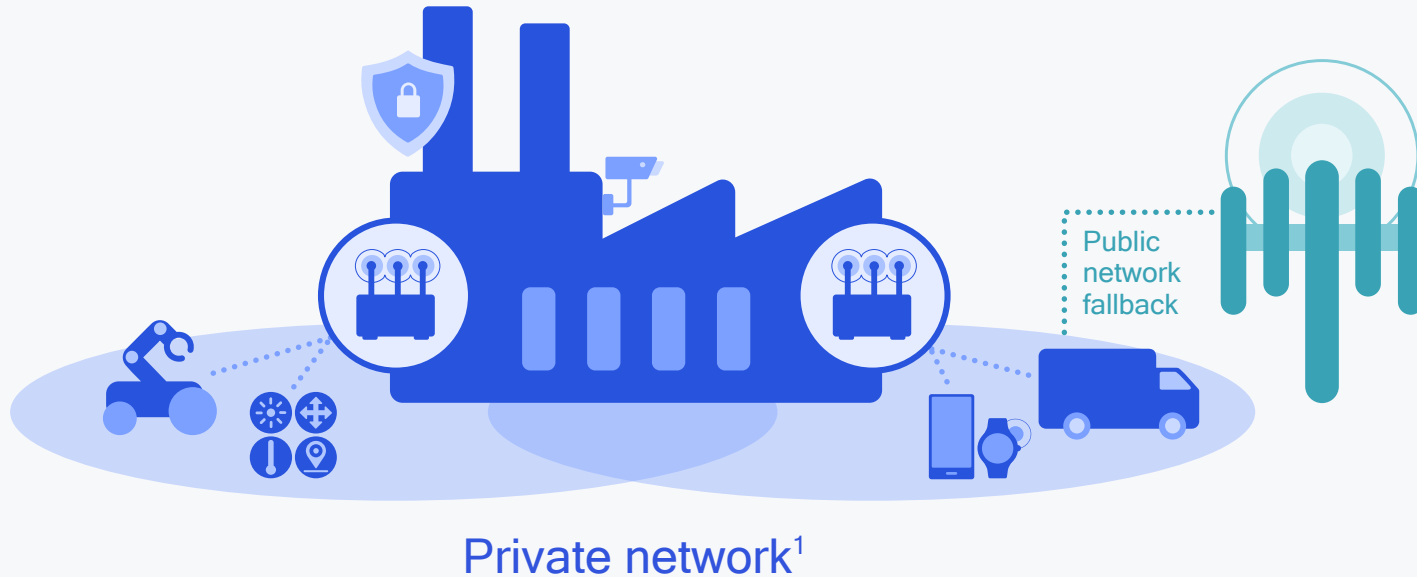
* Still under discussion in Rel-16

Unlock more spectrum globally

New markets and verticals

New deployment scenarios

5G private networks brings benefits to industrial IoT



Dedicated

Local network, dedicated resources, independently managed

Secure

Cellular grade security, sensitive data stays on-premise

Optimized

Tailored performance for local applications, e.g., low latency, QoS², APIs for managed 3rd party access



Coverage, capacity, and, mobility

Outdoor/indoor, high data speeds, seamless handovers, public network fallback

Reliability and precise timing

Industrial grade reliability, latency and synchronization (eURLLC³ and TSN⁴)

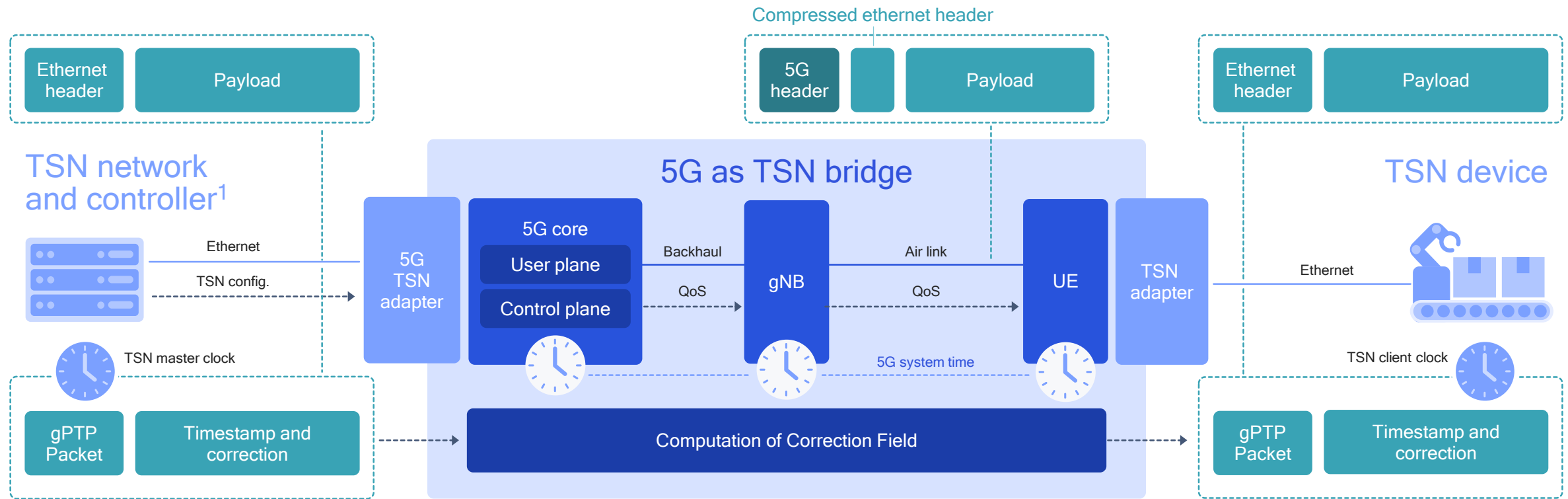
Interoperability

Global standard, vast ecosystem, future proof with rich 5G roadmap

1. Also referred to as non-public network (NPN); 2. Quality of service; 3. Enhanced ultra-reliable low-latency communication; 4 Time sensitive network

5G brings support for Time Sensitive Networking (TSN)

A requirement for industrial automation and many other industrial IoT applications



¹ The TSN network is controlled by a Central Network Controller (CNC). TSN and CNC are defined in a set of standards specified by IEEE 802.1.

5G TSN adapters allow the 5G system to act as a TSN bridge with Ethernet connectivity

Mapping of TSN configurations to 5G QoS framework for deterministic messaging and traffic shaping

Precise time synchronization with generalized Precision Time Protocol (gPTP) at microsecond level

5G V2X sidelink

Release 16 brings new benefits for automotive use cases



Sidelink communications



Vehicle to vehicle (V2V)



Vehicle to infrastructure (V2I)

Other communication modes coming in future releases



Enhanced autonomous driving

Real-time situation awareness and sharing of new kinds of sensor data enhances autonomous driving



Faster travel/energy efficiency

More coordinated driving for faster travel and lower energy usage



Accelerated network effect

Sensor sharing and infrastructure deployment bring benefits, even during initial deployment rollouts

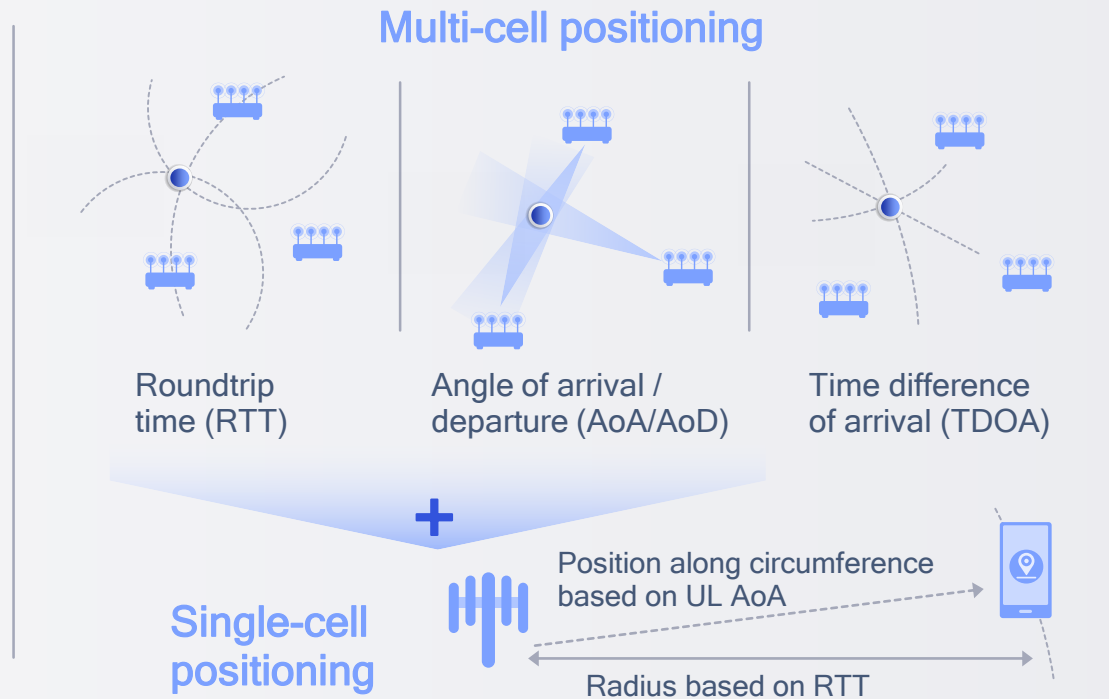
Sidelink also essential for other use cases such as public safety, data offload

Rel-16 established the baseline for 5G-based positioning

New PRS¹ for devices to detect/measure more neighboring TRPs²

Meeting initial 5G positioning accuracy requirements³

3m (indoor) to 10m (outdoors) for 80% of time



New evaluation scenarios

Supporting new channel models for industrial IoT environment



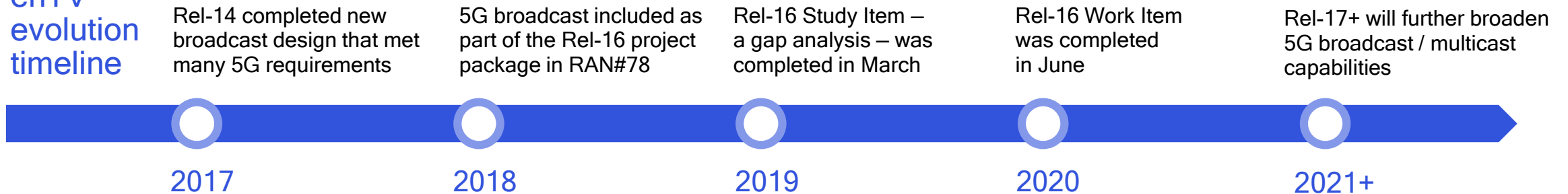
Enhancing positioning accuracy, latency, and capacity in Rel-17+

¹ Positioning Reference Signal; ² Transmission Points; ³ 5G positioning requirements defined in TS 22.261

enTV is evolving in Rel-16 to become 5G broadcast

Fulfilling all 5G requirements¹ defined for broadcast

enTV evolution timeline



Rel-16 enTV – 5G Broadcast – focuses on supporting more diverse deployments

- Add support for MPMT² and HPHT³ deployments with rooftop reception (CP⁴ of 300 μ s)
- Enhance support for high speed (~250km/h) in car-mounted LPLT⁵ deployment (CP of 100 μ s)
- Other potential enhancements are captured in [TR 36.776](#) (SI) and [RP-190732](#) (WI).

¹ Defined in 3GPP TS 38.913; ² Medium Power Medium Tower (50km ISD, 60 dBm, 100m height); ³ High Power High Tower (125km ISD, 70 dBm, 300m height); ⁴ Cyclic Prefix; ⁵ Low Power Low Tower (15km ISD, 46 dBm, 35m height)

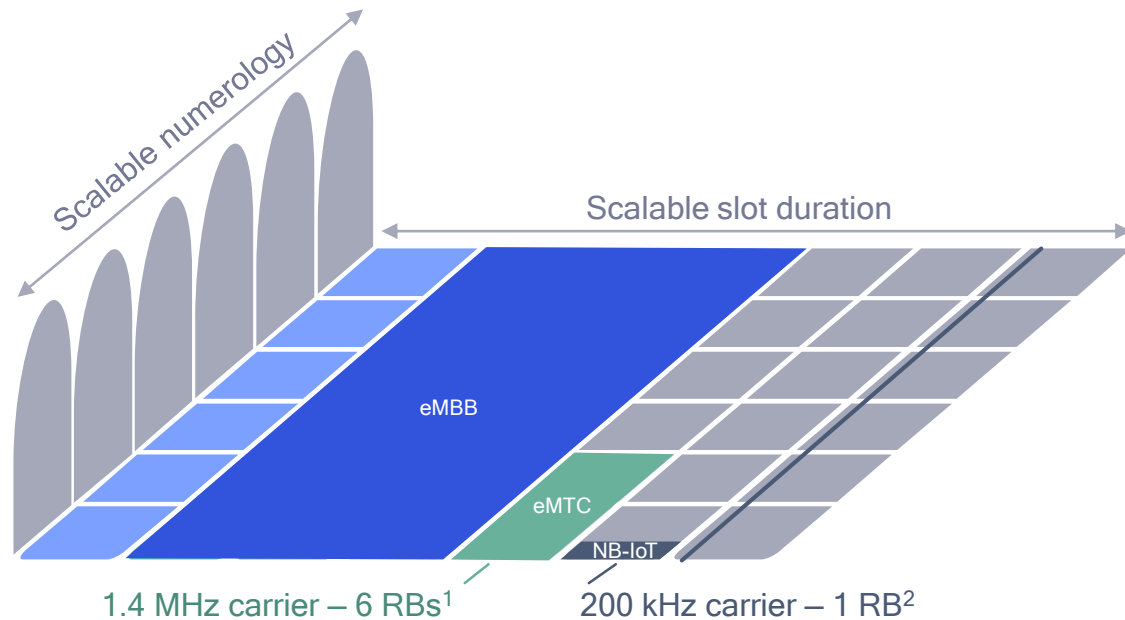
Wide ecosystem support in 3GPP

List of supporting individual members in RP-193050

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Rohde & Schwarz Samsung Shanghai Jiao Tung University Telstra University of the Basque Country

Evolving eMTC & NB-IoT for 5G massive IoT

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In-band eMTC / NB-IoT in 5G carrier

5G NR 2ⁿ scaling of 15 kHz subcarrier spacing is natively compatible with eMTC and NB-IoT numerologies

5G core network support

For deploying eMTC and NB-IoT in networks operating in 5G NR standalone mode (SA) with a common core network

Further enhanced efficiency

Group wakeup signal, preconfigured uplink, multi-block scheduling, early data transmission, mobility enhancements

1. Cat-M1 uses 6 Resource Blocks (RBs) with 12 tones per RB at 15 kHz SCS; 2. Cat-NB1 uses 1 Resource Block (RB) with 12 tones with 12 tones per RB at 15 kHz SCS, single-tone option also available

Flexible framework designed to support future evolution addressing even broader IoT use cases

3GPP Release 17 accelerates the expansion of 5G

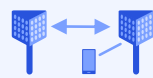
Continued eMBB enhancements, e.g., mobility, coverage, more¹



New spectrum above 52.6 GHz



More capable, flexible IAB



Enhancements to 5G NR IIoT



Expanded sidelink, e.g., V2X reliability, P2V



Unlicensed spectrum across all use cases



NR-Light for wearables, industrial sensors, and enhanced massive IoT²



Positioning with cm-level accuracy



Extended reality



Rel-15 deployment learning, others³



1. Further improvements to capacity, power consumption, spectral efficiency; 2. Including eMTC and NB-IoT in 5G NR; 3. mixed-mode multicast, small data transmission, multi-SIM, satellite, multimedia

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Intelligently connecting

our world in the 5G era

A unified connectivity fabric this decade

Next technology leap for new capabilities and efficiencies



Continued evolution





Strong 5G momentum sets the stage for the global expansion

Historically 10 years between generations



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