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LTE TDD—the global solution for unpaired spectrum



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Inherent tight TDD/FDD interworking and seamless 3G interworking



Common FDD/TDD technology ecosystem, common products



Key to access higher spectrum bands on the path to 1000x

LTE is a common standard for paired and unpaired spectrum



The same 3GPP specifications for LTE FDD and LTE TDD

• Same features in same standards release

Global LTE TDD spectrum opportunities



¹IMT extension band provides 50 MHz TDD in addition to 70 MHz + 70 MHz FDD in most countries.

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LTE TDD is truly global—many combining FDD and TDD



TDD Networks commitments

39 Commercial launches

26 Countries

13 Combined TDD and FDD

Source: www.gsacom.com. Networks in deployment/planning as of April, 2014, Commercial launches as of Jul 2014

There is a TDD/FDD tradeoff—eventually most will deploy both



1. Assuming same transmit power. The main reason for reduced coverage is that the uplink device power is used part of the time for TDD but continuously for FDD. As an example, an 1:1 UL/DL allocation means a duty cycle of ~50% in the uplink which contributes to a ~3dB reduced link budget; In capacity driven deployments, there is no coverage advantage.



Common LTE FDD and LTE TDD technology ecosystem, common products

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LTE has a vibrant ecosystem with two flavors: FDD and TDD



Global LTE/3G multimode connections reached **200 Million** in March 2014 – Informa

Source: www.gsacom.com July 28, , 2014

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The vast majority of the standard is the same for FDD and TDD Independent research analyzing ~83,000 3GPP contributions



The vast majority of the contributions made to 3GPP for LTE are common to both modes

Source: Signals Research Group (SRG) report. SRG analyzed and classified nearly 83,000 3GPP contributions made during the LTE standardization process and Identified ~43,000 that pertained to the LTE standard, 7% of these applies to the TDD mode only.

Common LTE standard enables common FDD/TDD products



¹Such as aggregation of FDD and TDD within the same node and different nodes (multiflow)

Qualcomm[®] Gobi[™] LTE Modems: Four generations of FDD/TDD leadership



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LTE/3G multimode with Cat6

Enabling LTE TDD and FDD in all tiers

Scale across the tiers, scale across the globe!



The Snapdragon advantage



• A comprehensive 4G LTE solution across all tiers

 Qualcomm[®] RF360[™] front end solution, CDMA support allow for truly global solution

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Seamless 3G interworking is the foundation to successful LTE



¹Fallback to 3G/2G (CSFB) since 2012; VoLTE with SRVCC ensures seamless voice, CSFB still needed for roaming Qualcomm Gobi is a product of Qualcomm Technologies, Inc.

Multimode LTE devices enable global roaming



Inherent LTE FDD/TDD interworking and seamless voice



2G/3G coverage continuity and roaming

1. Including seamless data LTE and 3G interworking with mobility through redirection, and packet switched handover.

Qualcomm Technologies' VoLTE technology leadership Working closely with ecosystem for VoLTE deployments

Global VoLTE Solution

- World's 1st commercial integrated VoLTE modem and IMS solution with SRVCC
- Chipsets enabled 1st major launches in Korea (Aug. 2012) and US (May 2014)
- Chipsets and IMS solution powered 1st nationwide launch in Japan (June 2014)

Long history of trials and deployments with major operators and infra vendors

Lab trials and interoperability testing with infra vendors

Demos and field trials on live networks Launch with service continuity to 2G/3G networks Enhanced VoLTE based services (video calling, presence etc.)

Even tighter FDD and TDD interworking



Available: Seamless interworking¹



June 2013:FDDCarrier AggregationComing:TDDCarrier Aggregation



Future: Aggregate FDD + TDD, even across nodes (multiflow)²

1. Data seamless data interworking with mobility. First step in voice interworking is fallback to 2G/3G (CSFB) which is available, then single radio VoLTE with SRVCC for seamless fallback to 2G/3G. 23GPP R12 candidates

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More Small Cells is Key to 1000x

Many higher spectrum bands suited to LTE TDD and small cells



1. Some parts can be traditionally licensed, some parts need to be ASA licensed, such as ~3.5GHz in the US/EU1. 3GPP has already defined 3G/4G bands 42/43 for 3.4 GHz to 3.8 GHz, 3.5GHz in the US defined as 3550 – 3650 MHz. In addition, Wi-Fi in unlicensed such as 2.4GHz, 5GHz (802.11 ac) and 60GHz (802.11 ad).

ASA leverages underutilized spectrum for exclusive use



ASA required when spectrum cannot be cleared within reasonable timeframe, or at all locations

Protects incumbents

- Binary use—either incumbent or rights holder
- Protection zones







1. No device impact due to ASA, just a regular 3G/4G device supporting global harmonized bands targeted for ASA. Carrier aggregation would be beneficial to aggregate new ASA spectrum with existing spectrum, but is not required.

ASA – Licensed Harmonized Spectrum

Leveraging global, available 4G technologies to ensure economies of scale



¹3GPP has already defined bands 42/43 for 3.4 GHz to 3.8 GHz, 3.5GHz in the US defined as 3550 – 3650 MHz, but up to 200MHz could be targeted for ASA in e.g. SEA/LATAM. Note that ASA targets IMT spectrum bands, but the concept can be applied generally to all spectrum bands and other technologies

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A strong LTE evolution path



3. 3Gps with 8x8 MIMO and 100MHz of spectrum. Similarly, the uplink can reach 1.5Gbps with 4x4 MIMO. These rates are defined in Rel. 10, not expected to be supported in the initial Rel 10 commercial launches, but later with Rel 11/12 or beyond launches. Note: Estimated commercial dates.