

Setting off the 5G Advanced evolution



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Today's agenda

1

Where are
we now
with 5G?

2

What will
be included
in 5G
Advanced
Release 18?

3

How do
we see 5G
evolving for
the rest of
this decade?

4

Questions?

5G

accelerating globally

200

Operators with 5G
commercially deployed

285+

Additional operators
investing in 5G

1250+

5G designs launched
or in development

1B+

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

750M+

5G smartphones
to ship in 2022

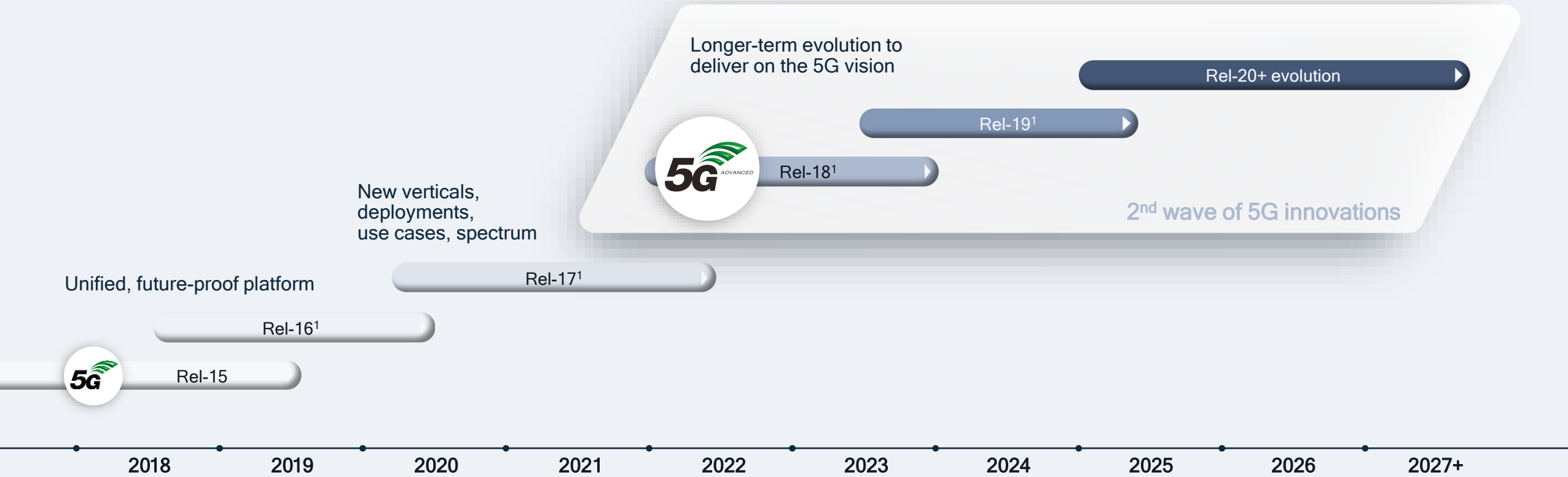
3.8B+

5G smartphones to ship
between 2020 and 2024



Sources – 5G commercial networks: operator public announcements. Operators investing in 5G: GSA, Oct 2020. 5G device shipment projections: Qualcomm internal estimates, Nov 2020. 2023 5G connections: avg of ABI (Jun 2020), Ericsson (Jun 2020) and GSMA Intelligence (Oct 2020). Cumulative 5G smartphone shipments - avg of CCS Insight (Sep 2020), CounterPoint Research (Sep 2020), IDC (Aug 2020), Strategy Analytics (Oct 2020).

Driving the 5G technology evolution in the new decade



Rel-15 eMBB focus

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

Rel-16 industry expansion

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

Rel-17 continued expansion

- Lower complexity NR-Light
- Non-terrestrial communication (satellites)
- Unlicensed/licensed spectrum in 60 GHz
- Improved IIoT, positioning V2X, IAB, ...

Rel-18+ 5G-Advanced

- Next set of 5G releases (i.e., 18, 19, 20, ...)
- Rel-18 scope decided in Dec '21
- Rel-18 study/work to start in Q2-2022

1. 3GPP start date indicates approval of study package (study item->work item->specifications), previous release continues beyond start of next release with functional freezes and ASN.1

Leading 3GPP evolution of 5G

eMBB – enhanced mobile broadband services

5G core network and enhanced E2E security

Sub-6 GHz with massive MIMO

Advanced channel coding

Scalable OFDM-based air interface

Mobile mmWave

Flexible framework

LTE integration

5G broadcast

In-band eMTC/NB-IoT and 5G Core

Mission-critical services with eURLLC (e.g., 5G NR IIoT)

Positioning across use cases

eMBB evolution - improved power, mobility, more

5G NR Cellular V2X

Better coverage with IAB, uplink MIMO

5G NR in unlicensed spectrum

IAB integrated access/ backhaul

Private Networks, SON

Enhanced DL/UL MIMO, multiple transmission points

NR-Light Reduced Capability (RedCap) for low-complexity IoT

More capable, flexible IAB

Unlicensed spectrum across all use-cases

New spectrum above 52.6 GHz

Centimeter accuracy IIoT with mmWave

Expand sidelink for V2X reliability, P2V, IoT relay

Enhancements to 5G NR Industrial IoT

Non-terrestrial network (i.e., satellites)

Rel-15 deployment learning, eMBB enhancements, XR, others

Further eMBB enhancements

Full-duplex MIMO

Extended Reality (XR)

Smart repeaters for coverage expansion

Automotive and NR V2X enhancements

New wave of 5G innovations in the decade-long 5G evolution

5G Advanced

Non-terrestrial network enhancements

5G NR-Light expansion for IoT and more

AI/ML data-driven designs

Broadcast enhancements

Sidelink in unlicensed spectrum

Release 15
Established 5G NR technology foundation

Release 16
Expanding to new use cases and industries

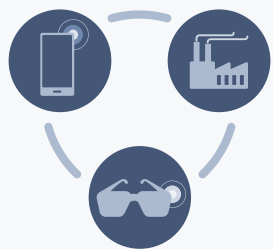
Release 17
Continued expansion and enhancements

Release 18+

~1.5-2 years between releases

Driving a balanced 5G evolution across key technology areas

Mobile broadband evolution vs. further vertical expansion



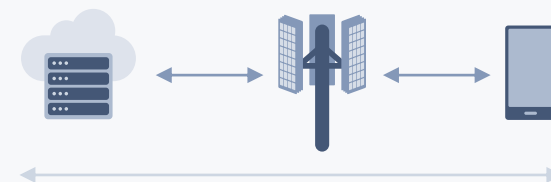
Deliver enhanced mobile broadband experiences and extend 5G's reach into new use cases

Immediate commercial needs vs. longer-term 5G vision



Drive new value in commercialization efforts and fully realize 5G's potential with future deployments

New and enhanced devices vs. network evolution

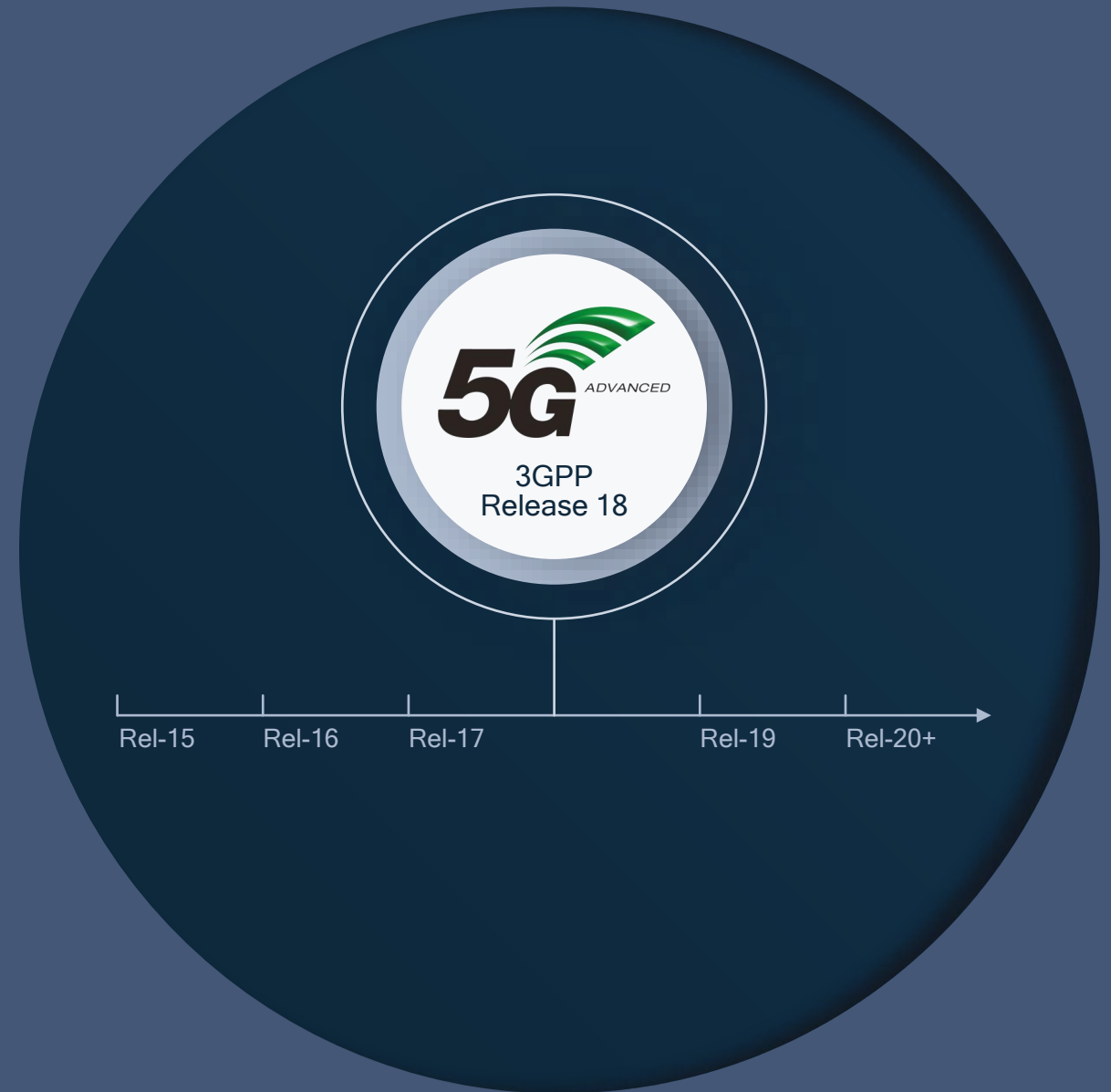


Focus on the end-to-end technology evolution of the 5G system to bring new levels of performance

Release 18 scope takes into consideration of the 5G Advanced evolution in Release 18, 19, and beyond (i.e., many Study Items defined to set up for Work Items in later releases)

What will be included in Release 18?

The first 3GPP release in 5G Advanced evolution



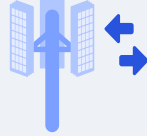


Release 18

3GPP Release 18 sets off the 5G Advanced Evolution

Approved package has
a wide range of projects –
nominal work to start in
Q2 2022

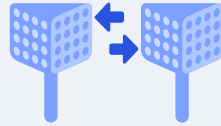
Strengthen the end-to-end 5G system foundation



Advanced
DL/UL MIMO



Enhanced
mobility



Mobile IAB,
smart repeater



Evolved
duplexing



AI/ML data-driven
designs



Green
networks

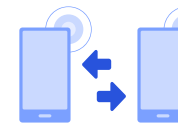
Proliferate 5G to virtually all devices and use cases



Boundless
extended reality



NR-Light (RedCap)
evolution



Expanded
sidelink



Expanded
positioning



Drones & expanded
satellites comm.

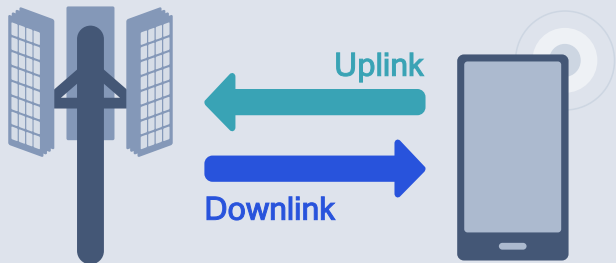


Multicast & other
enhancements

Strengthen the end-to-end 5G system foundation

Further enhancing
5G mobile broadband
and expanded use cases





Continuing to evolve 5G MIMO performance and efficiency

Focus areas for Release 18

CSI¹ and CSI-RS² enhancements in high or medium velocities to exploit time-domain correlation or Doppler-domain information

Extending Rel-17 unified TCI³ framework for multiple downlink/uplink TCI states

Supporting larger number of orthogonal DMRS⁴ ports for downlink or uplink multi-user MIMO

Enhanced CSI acquisition for coherent-JT⁵ targeting 4 TRPs for both FDD⁶ and TDD⁷ bands in sub-7 GHz

Supporting uplink DMRS, SRS⁸ for 6/8 Tx uplink to support 4+ layers per device targeting CPE⁹, FWA¹⁰, vehicle, industrial devices

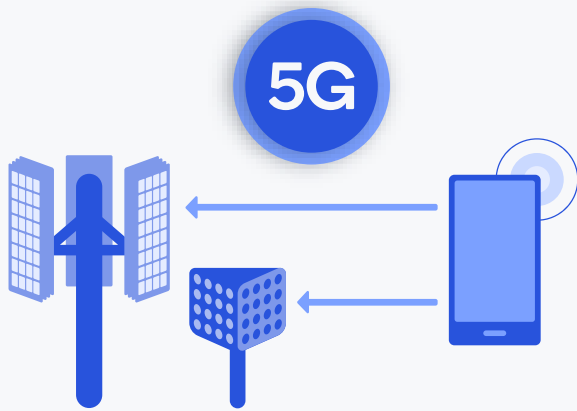
Facilitating simultaneous multi-panel uplink for higher throughput and reliability

Specifying panel-specific timing/power control for uplink multi-TRP¹¹ or multi-panel setup

Source: RP-213598 (MIMO Evolution)

1 Channel State Information; 2 CSI Reference Signal; Transmission Configuration Indicator;
4 Demodulation Reference Signal; 5 Joint Transmission; 6 Frequency Division Duplexing;
7 Time Division Duplexing; 8 Sounding Reference Signal; 9 Customer Premises Equipment;
10 Fixed Wireless Access; 11 Transmission Reception Points;

Driving higher 5G uplink performance and efficiency



Uplink enhancements
3GPP Release 18

- **Coverage enhancements** targeting multiple PRACH¹ transmissions with same beam as well as with different beams (for mmWave) targeting 4-step RACH
- **Power domain enhancements**, such as dynamic power aggregation for CA/DC and enhanced transmit power efficiency (e.g., via spectrum shaping, tone reservation)
- **Improved support of UL-MIMO** via dynamic waveform switching between CP-OFDM³ and DFTS-OFDM²

¹ (UL coverage enhancements)
² Discrete Fourier Transform Spread Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing;
³ Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing.

Further optimizing 5G device mobility management

Work Item targeting operations in both sub-7 GHz and mmWave bands



5G NR Release 18 project is proposed to address different deployment configurations

Layer 1 / 2 based inter-cell mobility

Configuration and maintenance of multiple candidate cells, dynamic switching among those, and other L1 enhancements (e.g., L1 measurement reporting / mobility command)

NR-DC¹ with selective activation of cell groups via L3 enh.

Conditional PSCell² Addition and Change among multiple candidate SCGs. One SCG³ active at a time.

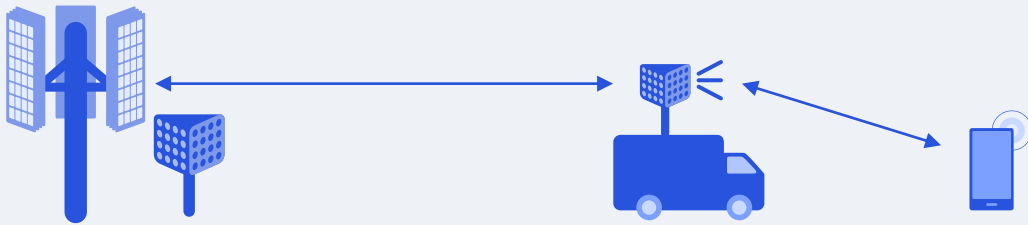
Conditional Handover enhancements

Conditional configuration including target MCG and target SCG or target MCG⁴ and target SCGs for Conditional PSCell Addition and Change.

FR2 enhancements

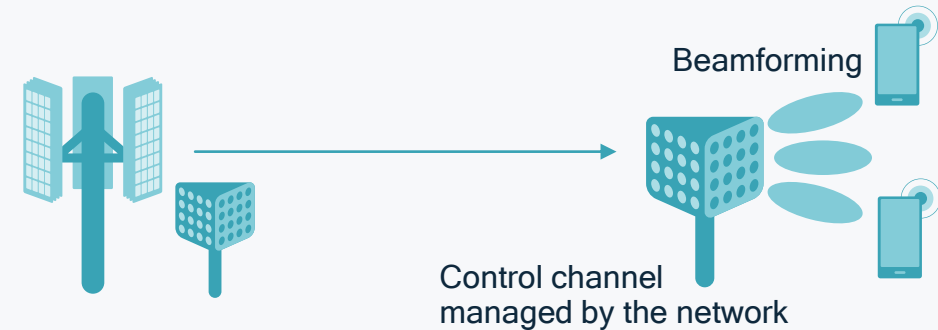
SCell⁵/SCG setup delay improvement. New early UE measurements procedure.

Mobile integrated access/backhaul (IAB) and vehicle mounted relay (VMR)



Focus on the mobile IAB mounted on vehicles providing 5G coverage/capacity enhancement supporting single hop in-band, out-of-band backhauling, device handover and dual connectivity

Smart repeaters with side control information



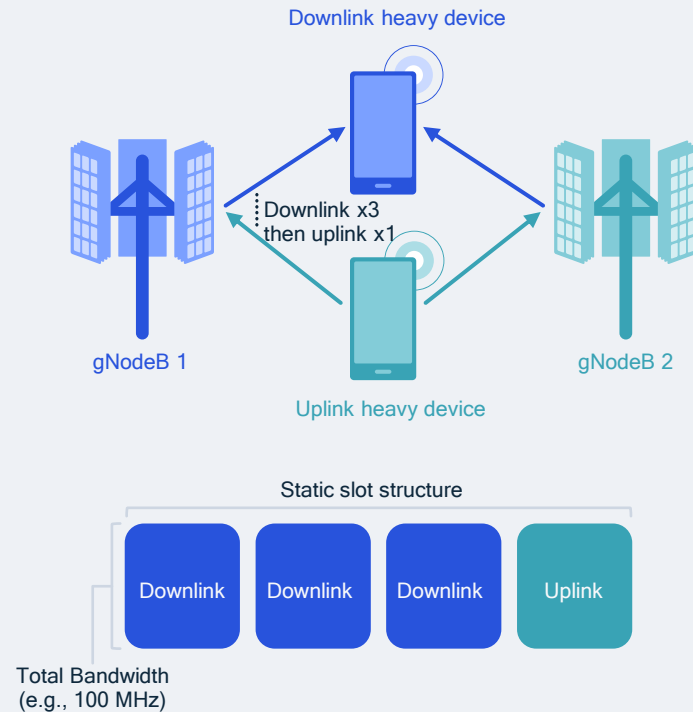
Focus on single-hop operation that is transparent to the device, supporting identification/authorization of smart repeaters, with side control information including max Tx power, beamforming, timing, TDD configurations, and on/off

Cost-efficient expansion of 5G coverage and capacity

New Release 18 project focuses on new 5G deployment topologies

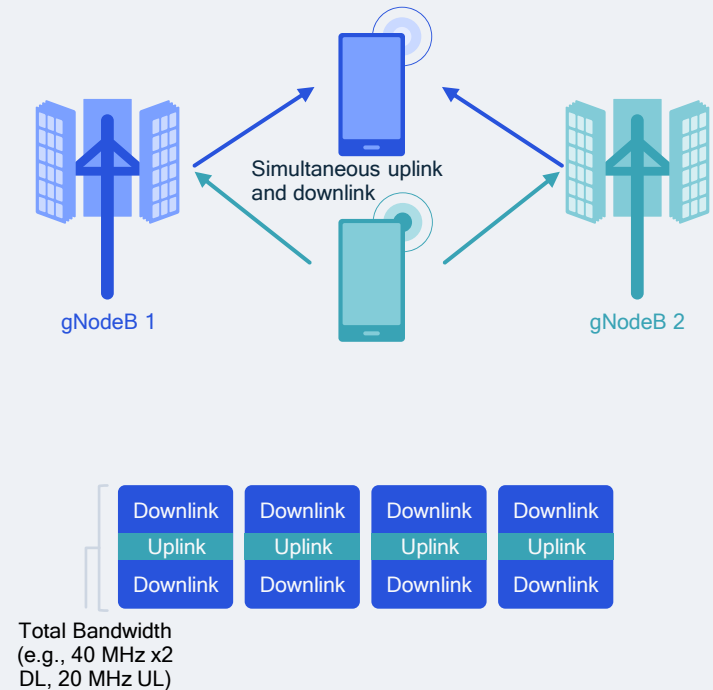
Static TDD

Time aligned to avoid inter-site interference
Time separation to avoid self-interference



Sub-band Full Duplex (SBFD)

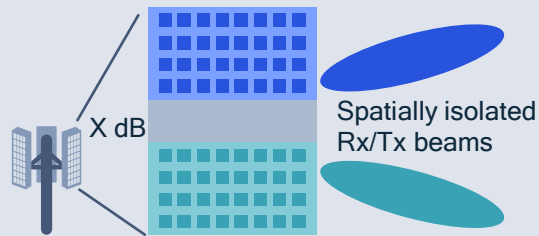
Frequency aligned to avoid inter-site interference
Frequency separation and interference cancellation to avoid self-interference
gNodeBs are full-duplex capable, devices are half-duplex



Evolving towards a full duplex wireless system

Improving perceived user throughput, latency, uplink coverage – path to single-frequency full duplex (SFDD)

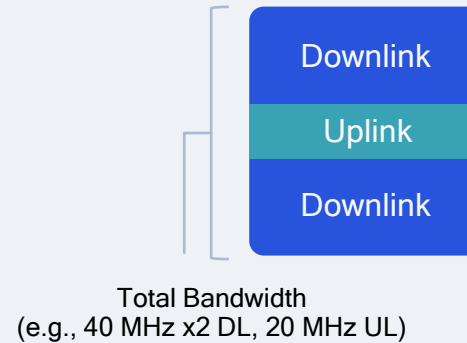
Spatial/beam isolation/duplexer



Two separate antenna panels for simultaneous Tx/Rx

80 to 90 dB isolation between 2 panels based on lab measurement in mmWave

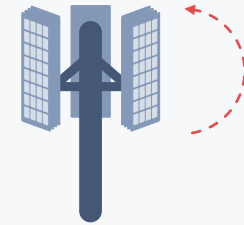
Frequency isolation (for SBFD)



Subband “frequency” multiplexing uplink and downlink (FDM)

Y dB isolation ($Y > 40$ dB)

Digital/analog self-interference mitigation



Tx/Rx processing including potential nulling

Z dB from mitigation technique

Key enablers for a full duplex air interface

Working to define suitable parameter values for X, Y and Z to enable full duplex operations

Release 18 lays the foundation for the future of full duplex

Identify and evaluate potential enhancements to support duplex evolution for 5G NR TDD spectrum

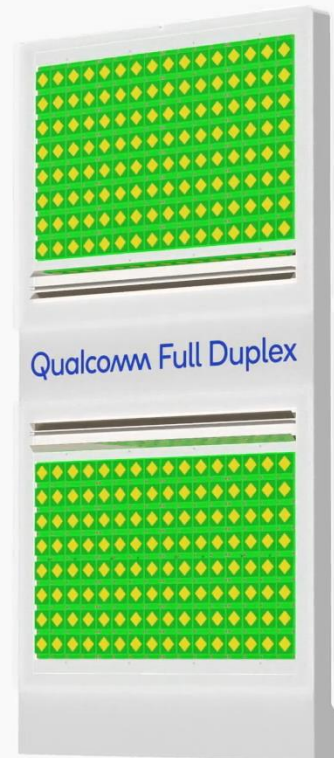


Identify applicable and relevant deployment scenarios and use cases

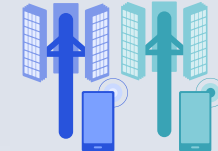


Study subband non-overlapping full duplex and potential enhancements on dynamic TDD

Future study may include partial overlapping and full overlapping subband



Develop evaluation methodology for duplex enhancement



Study inter-gNodeB, inter-device CLI¹ management and impact on RF requirements considering adjacent-channel coexistence with legacy operation



Network architecture enhancements

Allowing for machine learning to run over different HW/SW and future RAN function split to improve flexibility and efficiency



AI/ML procedure enhancements

Optimizing system for model management, training (e.g., federated and reinforced learning), and inference



Data management enhancements

Standardizing ML data storage/access, data registration/discovery, and data request/subscription



New and expanded use cases

Supporting traffic/mobility prediction, coverage/capacity optimization, massive MIMO, SON, CSI feedback, beam management, and other PHY/MAC and upper layer improvements



5G Advanced (Rel-18+) targets to expand wireless machine learning to the end-to-end system across RAN, device, and air interface



Wireless ML
Rel-18

3GPP Release 18

Scope for wireless ML projects

Source: RP-213599 (AI/ML for NR Air Interface),
RP-213602 (AI/ML for NG-RAN)

1 Quality of Experience

AI/ML-enabled air interface design



Use cases

Including enhanced channel state information (CSI) feedback, beam management, and positioning accuracy (including heavy non-line-of-sight conditions)



AI/ML models

Identifying collaboration models, from no collaboration to cross-node ML, life cycle management of models, characterizing model generation/inference algorithms



Evaluation methodology

Utilizing existing 3GPP framework for evaluations and field data to assess performance in real-world environments, as well as identifying common KPIs



Impact assessment

Evaluating specification changes needed to support identified use cases, covering PHY layer, protocol, interoperability and testability aspects

AI/ML framework for next-generation radio access network



Network optimization

Specify enhanced data collection and signaling support for AI/ML-based network energy saving, load balancing and mobility optimization



Future study

Study new use cases (e.g., AI/ML for slicing, QoE¹), as well as network functionality and interface procedures (e.g., multi-vendor interoperability)

Driving towards greener 5G networks

Release 18 project scope

Define a base station energy consumption model

Define an evaluation methodology and KPIs

Study techniques on the base station and device side to improve network energy savings

Target system-level studies with various scenarios:

- Urban micro in sub-7 GHz, including TDD massive MIMO
- mmWave beam-based deployments
- Urban/rural macro in sub-6 GHz with/without DSS¹
- Dual connected macro with FDD anchor and TDD on higher sub-7 GHz
- Other scenarios, e.g., small cell deployment



Proliferate 5G to virtually all devices and use cases

Continued expansion
to new device types
and tiers – fulfilling
the 5G vision



Purpose-built system enhancements for XR over 5G



Release 18 focuses on capacity considerations as well as power savings for XR use cases

Source: RP-213587 (Enhancements for XR)

1 Quality of Service; 2 Key Performance Indicators; 3 Radio Access Network;
4 Connected Discontinued Reception; 5 Semi-Persistent Scheduling



KPIs¹ and QoS²

Enhancing RAN³ support for enhanced granularity for QoS and XR-specific parameters



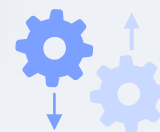
Application awareness

Optimizing DL/UL XR traffic in the network to improve user experience and network efficiency



Power optimization

Specifying XR-specific power saving techniques such as enhanced C-DRX⁴ and control channel monitoring



Capacity enhancement

Supporting resource allocation and scheduling specifically for XR traffic profile, such as enhanced SPS⁵ and dynamic grants

Sidelink enhancements



Coexistence of LTE and 5G NR sidelink

Reusing the in-device coexistence framework defined in Rel-16 as much as possible

Unlicensed spectrum

Supporting optimized sidelink operations in unlicensed 5 and 6 GHz bands

Multi-beam operation

Supporting sidelink beam management by reusing and enhancing existing framework and concepts

Sidelink carrier aggregation

Prioritizing backward compatible 5G NR design based on LTE for sub-7 licensed and ITS bands

Sidelink relay enhancements



Device-to-device relay

Allowing single-hop operation for unicast with forward compatibility for more hops

Multipath relay & UE Aggregation/Switching

Enhancing reliability and throughput for 1 direct (Uu) + 1 indirect (PC5 or ideal link) path within the same cell

Service continuity enhancements for UE-to-NW relay

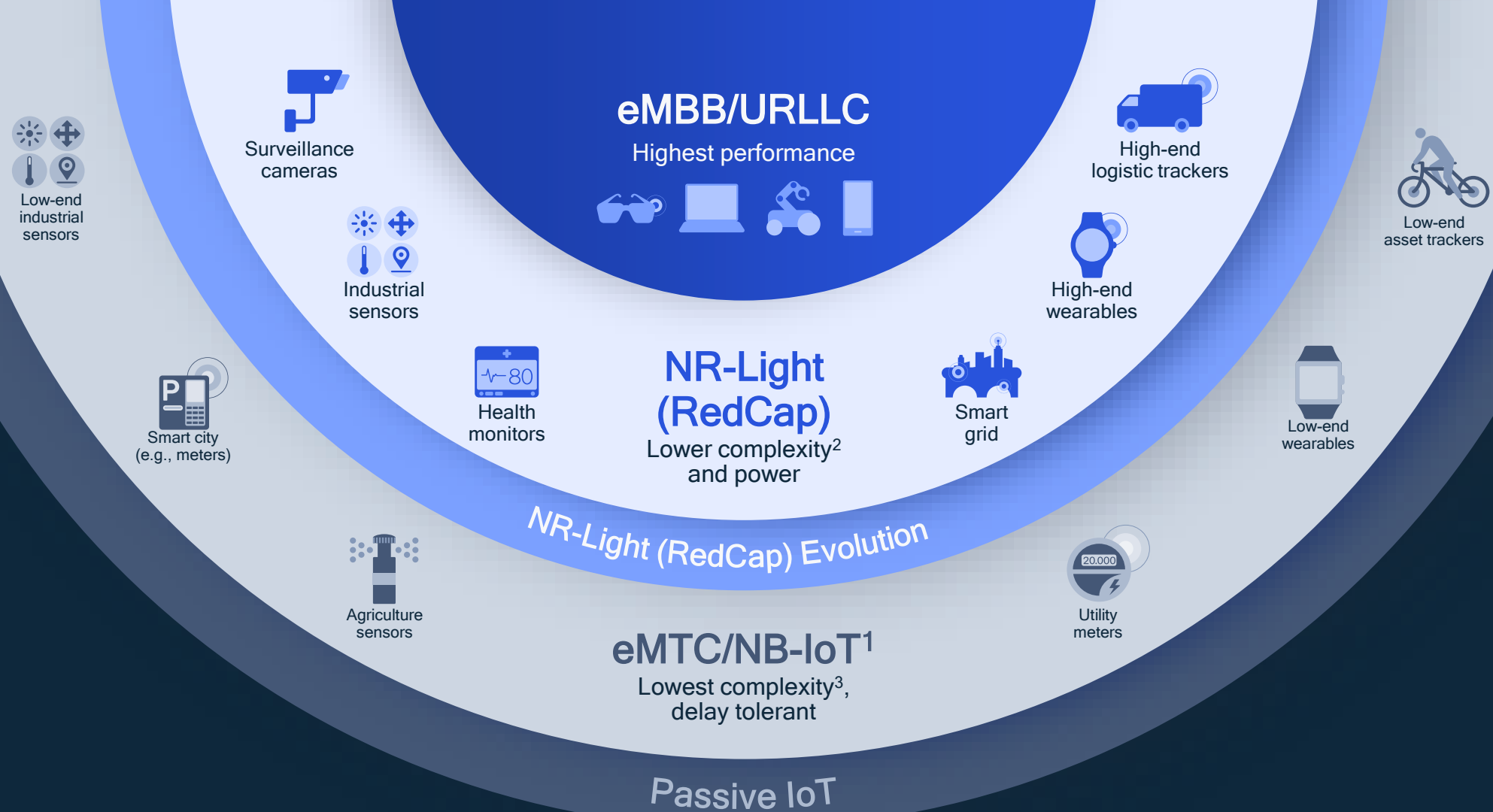
Supporting inter-gNodeB mobility and intra-gNodeB indirect-to-indirect path switching

Remaining Rel-17 work

Completing features such as discontinued reception (DRX) for sidelink relay operations

Expanding 5G Sidelink capabilities in Release 18

For V2X, public safety, commercial use cases – Study and Work Item project scope



5G NR: A unified, scalable air interface allowing coexistence of a wide range of 5G device classes

5G eMBB/URLLC

Highest performance

Rel-15+



Surveillance cameras



Industrial sensors



Health monitors



Lower-tier mobile devices



High-end wearables



Smart grid



Device coexistence

With Rel-17 NR-Light reduced capability and eMBB/URLLC devices

5G NR-Light (RedCap)

Lower complexity and power

Rel-17

Lower device complexity

Reduced bandwidth (e.g., 5 MHz), peak data rate, and relaxed device processing timeline



Power savings

Enhanced DRX¹ in inactive mode (>10.24s) and lower device power class

Low-power WUS²/WUR³

Enhanced low-power operations targeting IoT use cases

**Further scaling down
5G NR-Light**
for reduced capability devices
Release 18

Supporting 5G NR devices with 5 MHz or lower bandwidth

3 to 5 MHz bandwidth in dedicated
FDD sub-7 GHz spectrum

15 kHz SCS¹ with normal CP²

PSS/SSS³ without puncturing,
PBCH⁴ based on current design

For 5G NR deployments
for specific applications

Source: RP-213603 (<5 MHz NR in dedicated spectrum)

1 Subcarrier Spacing; 2 Cyclic Prefix; 3 Primary/Secondary Synchronization
Signals; 4 Physical Broadcast Channel

Utilities



Railways



Public Protection
& Disaster Relief



Precise device class definition

Supporting ultra-low power consumption and energy-harvesting capabilities

Potential use cases

Such as identification, tracking, monitoring, sensing for logistics, transportation, healthcare

Deployment scenarios

Such as public/private, indoor/outdoor, macro/small cells, direct/relay, traffic models, spectrum



Existing solutions

Competing technologies such as RFID or other proprietary connectivity platforms

Design targets

Such as link budget, data rate, power, energy harvesting techniques, positioning accuracy

Coexistence

With existing 3GPP devices, infrastructure, and spectrum

Further scaling down 5G NR IoT support

Continued 3GPP discussions focusing on key interest areas to refine future project scope



5G positioning evolution

Release 16

Establishing foundation

Achieving accuracy of 3m/10m (indoor/outdoor) for 80% of time

Supporting RTT¹, AoA/AoD², TDOA³, single-cell positioning

Including new evaluation scenarios, i.e., industrial IoT

Release 17

Enhancing performance

Meeting centimeter-level absolute accuracy requirement of down to 0.3m

Reducing positioning latency to as low as 10 ms

Scaling to higher capacity for millions of simultaneous devices (e.g., IoT, automotive)

5G Advanced in Release 18

Improving performance, expanding to new devices and deployments



Sidelink positioning and ranging

Defining methodologies, reference signals, measurements, procedures for absolute and relative (e.g., ranging) sidelink positioning in licensed and ITS⁴ spectrum



Improved positioning performance

Specifying higher layer solutions for RAT⁵ dependent positioning techniques, accuracy improvement based on PRS/SRS⁶ bandwidth aggregation, and carrier phase measurements



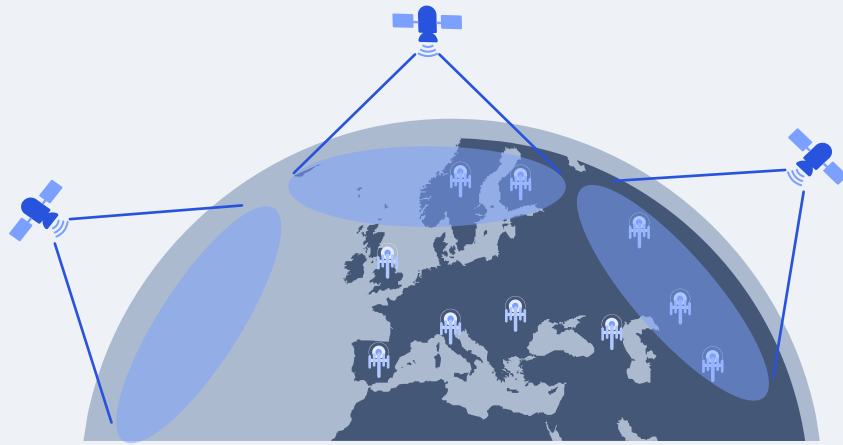
NR-Light⁷ positioning

Setting performance requirements, evaluating performance for R17 positioning procedures, and identifying potential enhancements

Pushing forward with the 5G positioning technologies

5G NR for NTN

Complementing terrestrial networks
in underserved areas



Network verified
device location
based on satellites
network

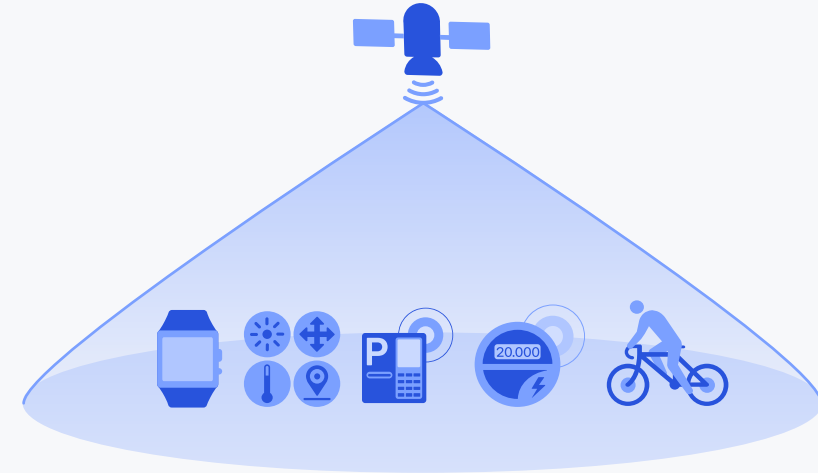
Coverage
enhancements for
voice and low-data
rate services

Mobility
enhancements for
satellite and
terrestrial networks

Deployment in
10+ GHz bands
and support for
VSAT¹/ESIM²

5G IoT for NTN

Expanding addressable market
for the 5G massive IoT



Addressing remaining Rel-
17 issues (e.g., disabling
HARQ³ feedback to
mitigate impact of HARQ
device data rate stalling)

Enhanced mobility
such as neighbor cell
measurements and
extending to eMTC

Enhanced GNSS
operation for longer
connections and
reduced power
consumption

Study possible
enhancements
to Rel-17 for
discontinuous
coverage

Expanding the 5G NR support for satellites communication

5G Advanced will further enhance the non-terrestrial networks (NTN) foundation



5G drones are getting ready to take off

Release 18 leverages the cellular drones work in Rel-15 LTE-A Pro

Measurement reports

- Device-triggered measurement report (height, location, speed)
- Flight path reporting
- Based on a configured number of cells fulfilling the triggering criteria simultaneously

Signaling to support subscription-based aerial device identification

Support for broadcast/groupcast of drone identification

Beam management enhancements (e.g., device directional antenna)

Improved DSS¹

Enabling NR-PDCCH² reception in symbols with LTE CRS. Allow two overlapping CRS rate matching patterns regardless of support of multiple TRPs.

Low-power WUS³

Study the feasibility of a very low-power WUS design not necessarily using existing signals and aiming at substantial gains compared to R15/R16/R17 mechanisms.

Multi-SIM⁴

Enhance support for simultaneous network connections (i.e., 2) and more seamless switching

In-device coexistence

Improve interference management of 5G and other technologies focusing on enhanced FDM⁵ and TDM⁵ solution

Small data transmission

Support mobile terminated triggered transmissions in inactive state for e.g., enhanced paging

SON/MDT⁶ enhancements

Add IRAT⁷ handover voice fallback, enhanced random access procedure, and expanded use cases (e.g., NPN)

Improved QoE⁸

Support new service types (e.g., AR, broadcast), QoE in NR-DC (e.g., reporting via Secondary Node)

gNodeB CU⁹ resiliency

Study and agree possible failure scenarios associated with the Control Plane of the gNB-CU

Multicast enhancements

Support reception in inactive mode, UE indication/signaling for "shared processing", enhanced RAN sharing

CA¹⁰ enhancements

Support multi-cell scheduling and improve multi-carrier uplink focusing on Tx switching for 3 or more bands



Source: RP-213575 (DSS enhancements); RP-213645 (Low-Power WUS); RP-213584 (MUSIM Enhancements); RP-213589 (IDC Enhancements); RP-213583 (Small data transmission); RP-213553 (SON/MDT enhancements); RP-213594 (QoE Enhancements); RP-213677 (gNodeB CU resiliency); RP-213568 (MBS enhancements); RP-213577 (CA enhancements);

1 Dynamic Spectrum Sharing; 2 5G NR Physical Downlink Control Channel; 3 Wakeup Signal; 4 Subscriber Identity Module; 5 Frequency Division Multiplexing, Time Division Multiplexing;

6 Self Organizing Network/Minimization of Drive Test; 7 Inter Radio Access Technology; 8 Quality of Experience; 9 Central Unit; 10 Carrier Aggregation



AI/ML

Air interface (cross-node channel state feedback, beam management, positioning)
Study Item in **Rel-18** and Work Item in **Rel-19+**



Full Duplex

Full Duplex in TDD bands, sub-6/mmWave, enhanced crosslink interference, coexistence with legacy and other operators
Study Item in **Rel-18** and Work Item in **Rel-19+**



Network Power Savings

Rel-18: Techniques on the gNodeB and device side to improve network energy savings in terms of both transmission and reception

Rel-19+: Further enhancements for system power saving



XR

Rel-18: Application-aware RAN (frame-level QoS, multi-streams), power enhancements, capacity enhancements

Rel-19+: Further enhancements for capacity and power



Enhanced RedCap/IoT

Rel-18: Reduced complexity/cost (5MHz devices), power savings, sidelink support, enhancements for narrow band positioning

Rel-19+: Low-power Wake Up Signal, passive IoT (energy harvesting)



Enhanced Non-terrestrial network

Rel-18: Coverage enhancements, deployment above 10 GHz bands, mobility and service continuity enhancements, enhancements for IoT-NTN

Rel-19+: Possible further enhancements



Sidelink/V2X

Rel-18: Enhancements for unlicensed, mmWave enhancements, device-to-device relay, coexistence of LTE/NR V2X, enhanced CA

Rel-19+: Enhancements for sidelink MIMO, enhancements for power savings, etc.



eMBB enhancement

Rel-18: Rel-18: MIMO enhancements, enhanced uplink coverage, smart repeater, enhanced mobility, network energy savings

Rel-19+: MIMO enhancements (CSF time domain compression, etc.), enhancements for network energy savings

Release 18

Release 19

Release 20

Release 21

2022

2023

2024

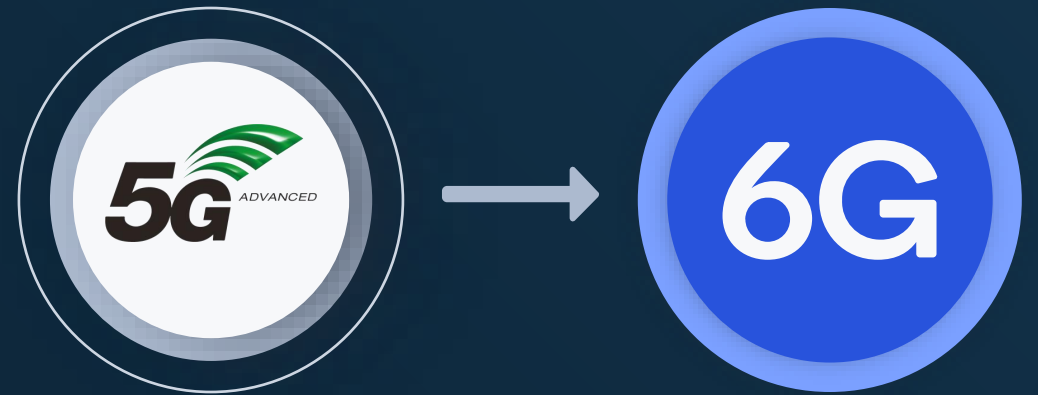
2025

2026

Release 18 is just the start of the 5G Advanced evolution

Further 5G NR enhancements in R19, R20, and beyond

How will 5G evolve in the new decade?

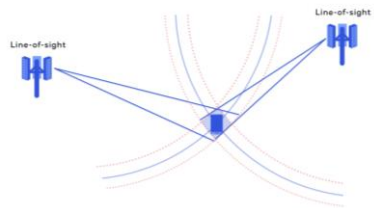


Continued evolution towards 6G

Advancing 5G to fulfill its full promise

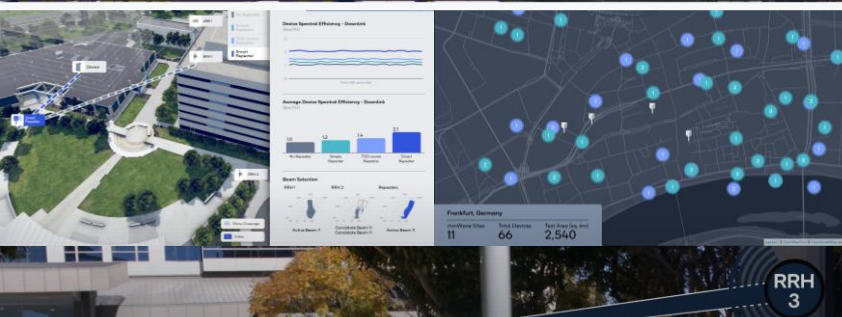
Enhanced mobile experiences, new capabilities,
and expansion to diverse verticals





Wide-area 5G evolution

- Subband half duplex flexible service multiplexing (OTA)
- Precise positioning based on multi-RTT+AoA (OTA w/ ZTE/CMCC)
- Cross-node ML for CSF to improve uplink capacity (sim)
- NR-Light evolution with sidelink for lower-complexity IoT (sim)
- Device stack disaggregation for enhanced performance (msg)



Mobile mmWave evolution

- Deployment planning tool for outdoor mmWave networks (sim)
- mmWave repeaters for improved reliability and coverage (OTA)
- Enhanced mmWave beam prediction with machine learning (OTA)
- NR-Light expansion to address outdoor IoT use cases (sim)
- Indoor mmWave support for industrial IoT use cases (sim)

Industrial IoT expansion

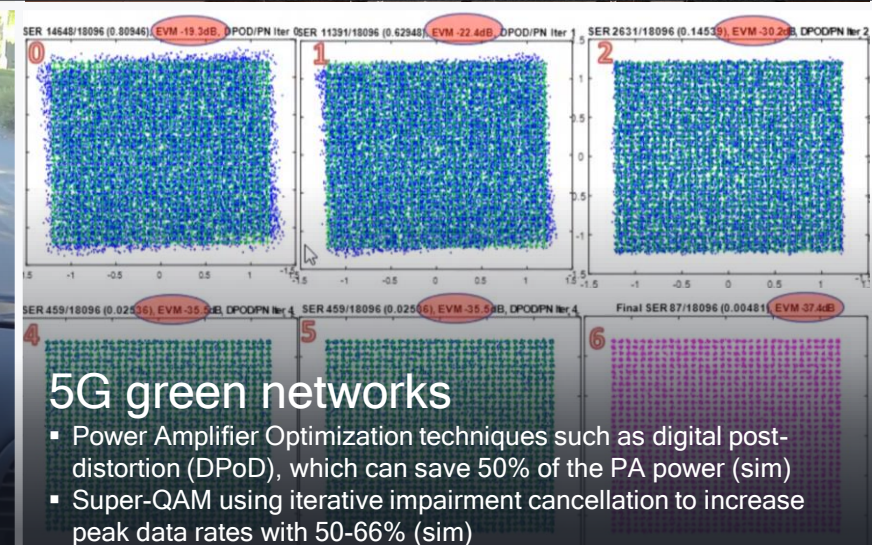
- Ultra-high reliability, time sensitive networking, and sidelink (OTA)
- Centimeter-level indoor positioning for asset tracking (OTA)
- Complementary sidelink for improved network capacity (sim)

Enhanced 5G V2X sidelink

- Complementing 5G networks with a local RSU to offload high bandwidth applications, e.g., 3D HD maps (OTA)
- Robust sidelink communication without GNSS coverage (OTA)

Boundless XR over 5G mmWave

- Multi-user, immersive boundless VR experience enabled and improved through end-to-end optimizations over mmWave (OTA)

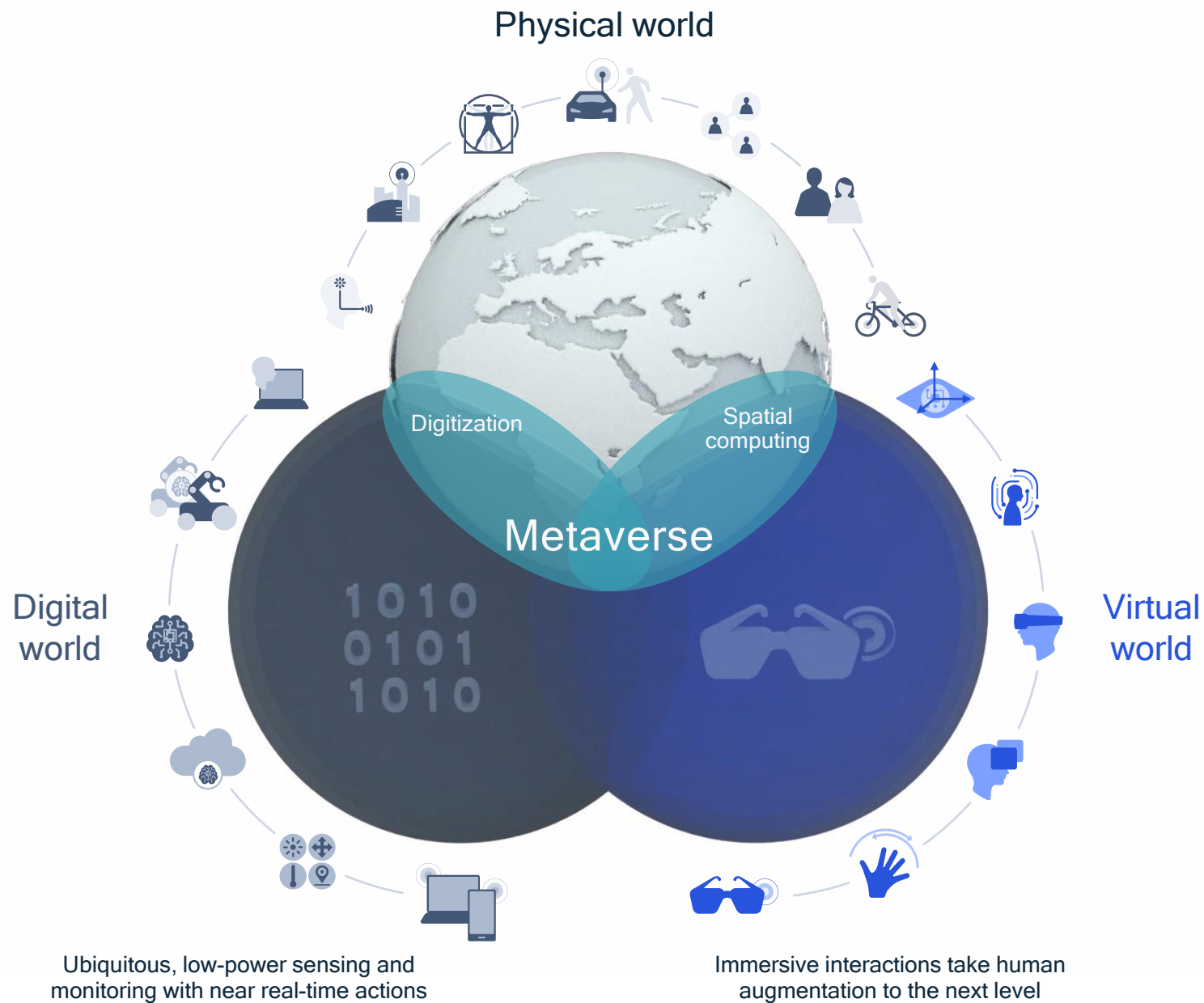


Accelerating the 5G expansion and paving the path to 6G

A heavyweight lineup of advanced wireless R&D demonstrations for MWC Barcelona 2021



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New interface opportunities through

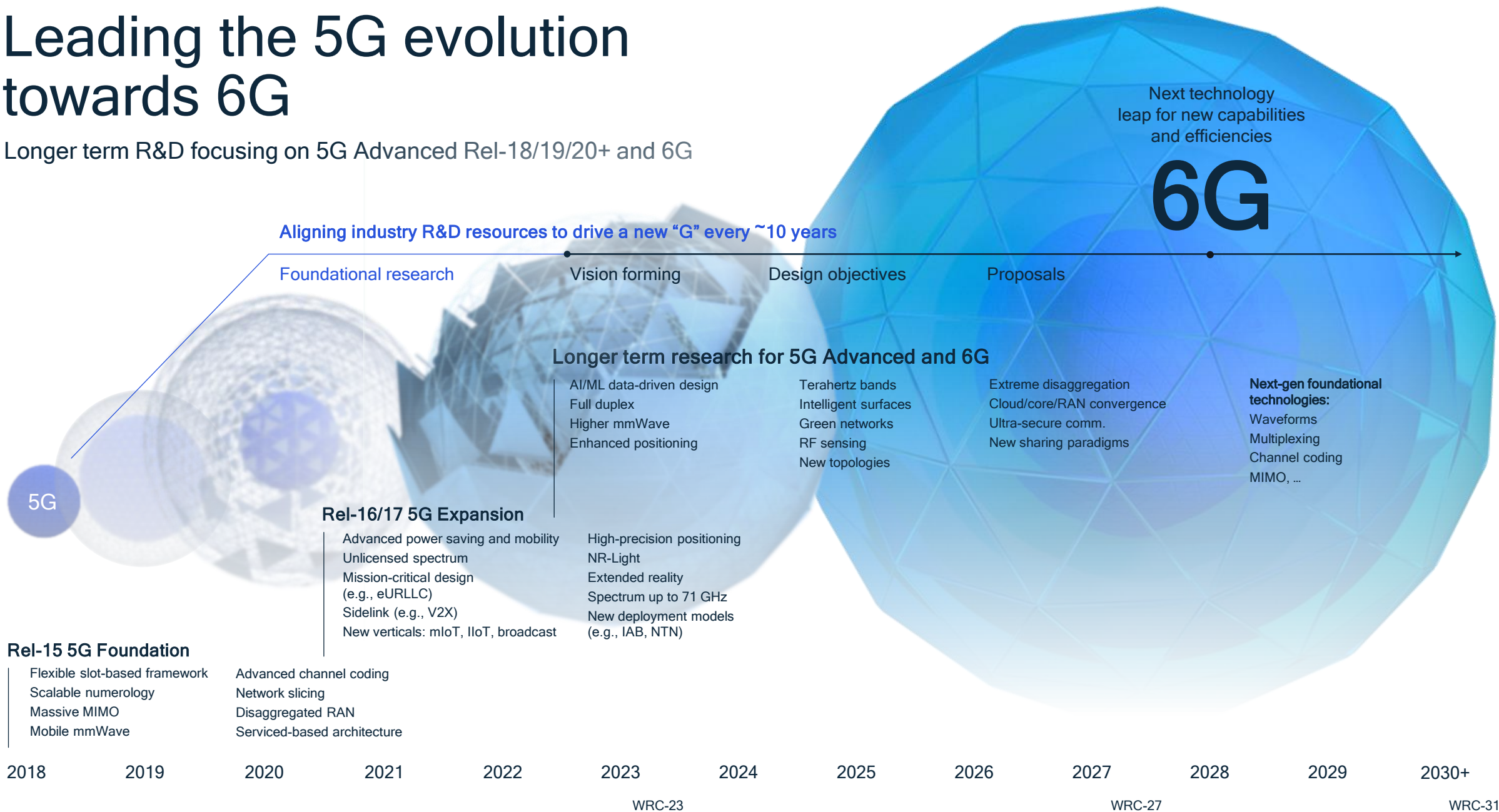
Merging worlds

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New human interface

Leading the 5G evolution towards 6G

Longer term R&D focusing on 5G Advanced Rel-18/19/20+ and 6G



Key research vectors enabling the path towards 6G



AI/ML powered E2E communications

Data-driven communication and network design, with joint training, model sharing and distributed inference across networks and devices



Spectrum expansion & sharing

Expanding to THz, wide-area expansion to higher bands, new spectrum sharing paradigm, dynamic coordination with environmental awareness



New radio designs

Evolution of duplexing schemes, large-scale MIMO, mmWave evolution, reconfigurable intelligent surfaces, non-terrestrial communications, waveform/coding for MHz to THz, system energy efficiency



Merging of worlds

Physical, digital, virtual, immersive interactions taking human augmentation to next level via ubiquitous, low-power joint communication and sensing



Scalable network architecture

Disaggregation and virtualization at the Connected Intelligent Edge, use of advanced topologies to address growing demand



Communications resiliency

Multifaceted trust and configurable security, post quantum security, robust networks tolerant to failures and attacks



Design goals & performance vectors

Capacity	Latency	Spectral efficiency	User experience	Ease of onboarding
Data rate	Reliability	Mobility	Security	Scalability
Coverage	Energy efficiency	Connection density	Positioning capability	Intelligence
				Cost efficiency
				And others.

Innovating to pave the path to 6G

A unified connectivity
fabric for this decade

5G

Continued evolution

Rel-15
eMBB focus

Rel-16 and 17 expanding
to new industries



Rel-18, 19, 20 and beyond
Continued 5G proliferation

Next technology leap
for new capabilities
and efficiencies





6G

Strong 5G momentum sets
stage for global expansion

Historically 10 years
between generations



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