

# 5G FUTURES SUMMIT

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## Welcome

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## Session 2: Unlocking the value of 5G-Advanced



**Terence Wong**  
Head of APAC 5G  
Industry & IoT  
GSMA

# Agenda

## Session 2: Unlocking the value of 5G-Advanced

### Keynote speakers

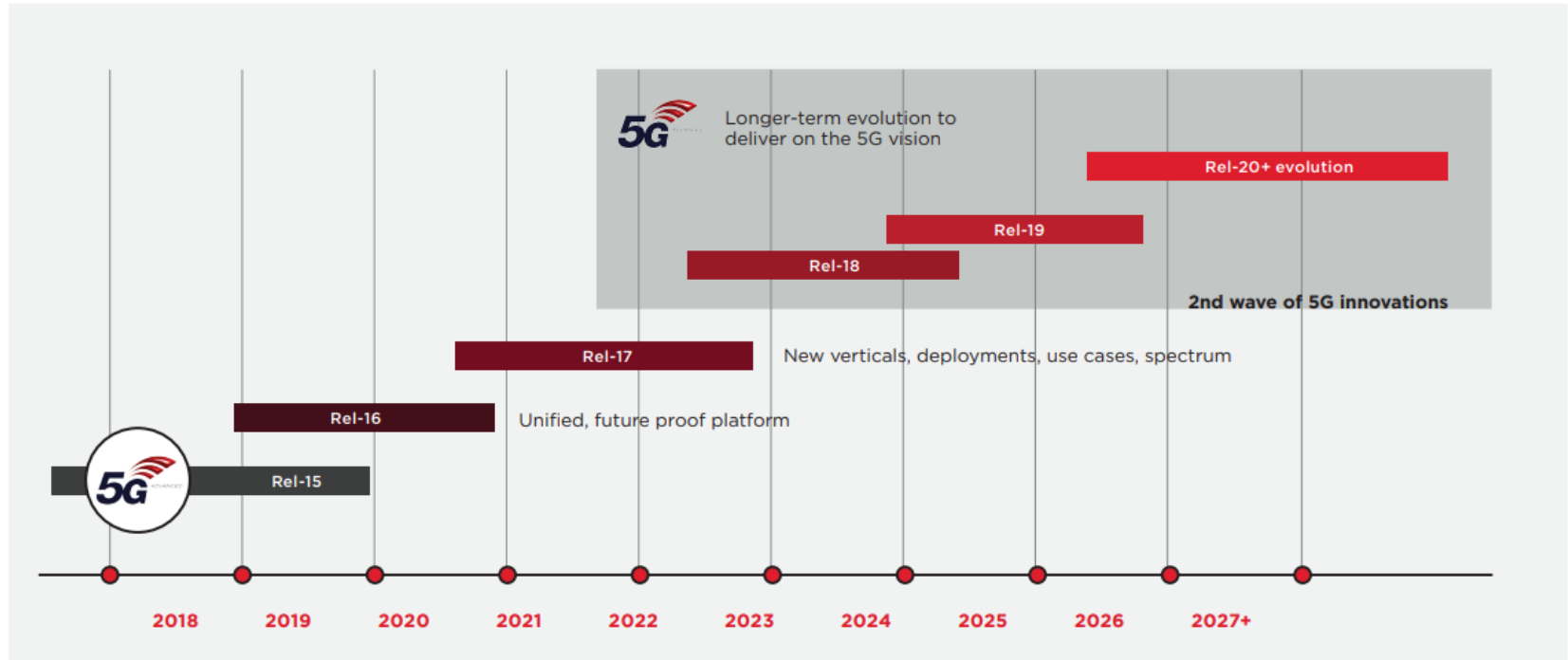
- **Dr. Nan Hu**, Vice Director Department of Wireless and Terminal Technology Research, China Mobile Research Institute
- **Dr. Gen Cao**, Principal Researcher of China Unicom Research Institute
- **Sheldon Yau**, Head of Wireless & Core Network Engineering, HKT
- **John Gao**, President of 5.5G Domain, Huawei
- **Dr. Hao Xu**, Head of Qualcomm Research China, Qualcomm



### Panel discussion

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# 5G-Advanced roadmap





# Some 5G Advanced features



## PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENTS



Advanced  
DL/UL MIMO



Enhanced  
multi-carrier  
operation &  
Enhanced mobility



Enhanced sidelink,  
sidelink relay  
enhancement and  
UE aggregation



Mobile integrated  
access/backhaul  
(IAB), network-  
controlled  
repeaters



Evolved duplexing



Time Sensitive  
Communication

## BETTER MANAGEMENT AND GREATER EFFICIENCY



AI/ML data-  
driven designs



Operation &  
Maintenance  
Architecture and  
Management  
Functions



Autonomous  
Networks

## ENHANCEMENT FOR SPECIFIC USE CASES



Edge  
computing



Expanded  
positioning



Extended Reality  
(XR)



NR<5MHz &  
Additional  
spectrum  
bands



Personal IoT  
Network



Vehicle mounted  
relay



RedCap  
Evolution



Drones &  
enhanced satellite  
connectivity



Multicast



Non public  
networks



Enhanced support  
for IoT, industrial  
IoT and URLLC



Mission-critical  
services

[Advancing the 5G Era – Benefits and Opportunity of 5G-Advanced Whitepaper](#)

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## Keynote #1

Accelerate 5G-Advanced  
Adoption Steadily



**Dr. Hu Nan**

Vice Director

Department of Wireless and Terminal  
Technology Research China Mobile  
Research Institute

# ***Accelerate 5G-Advanced Adoption Steadily***

**Dr. Nan Hu**  
**CMCC**

# China Mobile has Built the World's Largest 5G SA Network



## New infrastructure construction



No. of gNBs



5G package  
customers



C-IoT customers

2023Q2

1.6 million +  
>30%

698 million +

1 billion +

# Large Network means Large Investment...

**Leverage Existing is the key for sustainable evolution**



**Bridge Gap**

**Seize Opportunity**

**Reduce Cost**



# Key technologies of 5G Evolution: based on 5G-Advanced

Define 5G-Advanced 3 key directions and 10 key technologies, and work together to create a sustainable 5G future network.



## Capability of current network

DL exp. rate : ~100Mbps

UL exp. rate: ~10Mbps

Connectivity density:  $10^6/\text{km}^2$

Positioning accuracy: sub-meter level

## Advanced Energy Efficient Industry

Energy saving

## Advanced Intelligent System

5G+AI

Reduce Cost

## Advanced Network

Cell Edge enh

Deterministic Network

UDD Bridge Gap

X-Layer

NTN

ISAC

e-IoT

VoNR+

Seize Opportunity



## Requirement of future network

DL peak rate: 10Gbps

UL peak rate: 1Gbps

DL exp. rate: 1Gps

UL exp. rate: ~100Mbps

Hundreds of billions of connection

Deterministic SLA

Tenfold energy efficiency

# 5G-A Dual-Chain Convergence Action Plan Builds a Prosperous Ecosystem



Released the 5G Wireless Technology Evolution White Paper, the industry's first doc on 5G Evolution.

Feb, 2021



5G-A Innovation Industry Summit  
Aug-Oct, 2021

Aug, 2021

Released the 5G-A dual-chain convergence action plan for the innovation chain and industry chain.



Released the 5G-A New Capabilities and Industry Development White Paper & Innovation Achievements

Jun, 2022

Dec, 2021

Release the first-phase achievements of the prototype, first in industry



Dec, 2022

Release 5G-Advanced Dual-Chain Convergence Yearbook 2022



Release 5G-A Independent Innovation R&D and Test Platform with CMCC-Beijing

May, 2023



# Advanced Network: UDD Initiate a new Paradigm for Spectrum Utilization



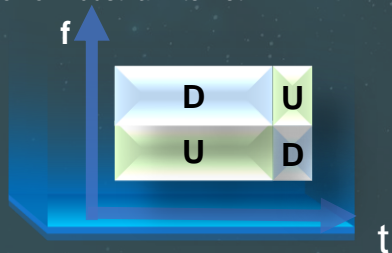
CMCC Duplex innovation constantly breaking the TDD performance ceiling

## Requirements

Industrial internet scenarios require:

- **Low latency:** 10 ms for E2E services and **less than 4 ms** for some services
- **Large uplink:** **Massive data** upload

The transformation of duplex mode has become one of the core points of further expanding the application of industrial Internet.



### Challenge

- Meet the coexistence requirements of differentiated services.
- Overcome self-interference and cross-link interference.

## Key technologies

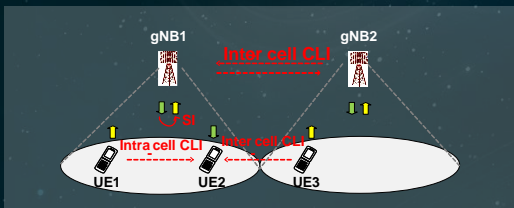
Unified time&frequency Division Duplex

### ➤ Multi-carrier UDD

- SUL supplementary uplink
- Dual Carrier Aggregation with Complementary TDD Frame Structure

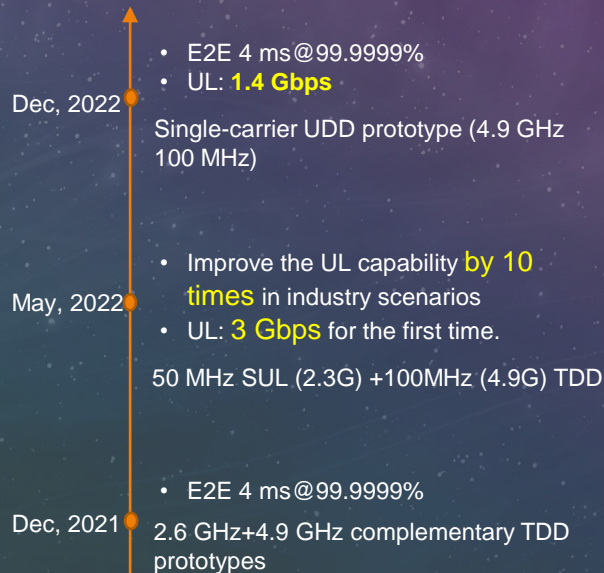
### ➤ Single-carrier UDD

- BS Tx/Rx self-interference cancellation
- Inter-BS/inter-UE Cross Link Interference Suppression



## Industry Progress

### Prototype Verification



# Advanced Network: Extended-IoT enables billions of new connections

## 5G cellular e-IoT to solve the bottleneck of conventional RFID

### Requirements

- RFID has a huge market in retail, industry, logistics and other industries. RFID Market Expected to reach **\$35.6 Billion** by 2030
- Cellular e-IoT can overcome the disadvantages of traditional RFID: limited coverage due to backscattering communication, not supporting wide area deployment, not supporting positioning



Warehouse



ETC



Retail



Smart grids



Medical instruments



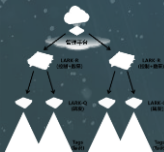
Livestock

### Challenge

- To increase communication distance
- To reduce power consumption and cost
- Meter-level positioning
- Wide area cellular deployment

### Key technologies

The extended IoT enables base stations to communicate with battery-less devices, in both indoor/outdoor scenarios.



#### ➤ Networking Architecture

- One single network to support 4 key techniques, i.e., 5G, e-IoT, Industrial-IoT, cellular positioning
- Support Outdoor deployment based on cellular technologies, extra-low power consumption protocols, and end-to-end architecture.

#### ➤ Air-interface enhancement

- Support ambient energy collection, ultra-low-power communication, temperature and humidity sensor data reporting
- Coverage enhancement based on Self-Interference Cancellation and Joint Interference Cancellation
- Improve receiver sensitivity and achieve more than 200 meters communication range.

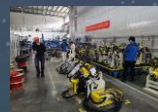


### Industry Progress

3GPP has started study item on ambient IoT in SA1 and RAN plenary.

#### Typical scenarios

logistics, smart manufacturing, power grids, medical instruments, animal husbandry, and smart home.

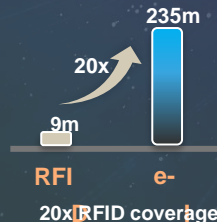


- China Mobile Information Port
- Guangzhou Mingluo
- Foshan Shunwei
- ...

#### e-IoT Prototype



Outdoor prototype trial





# Advanced Network: Integrated Sensing and Communications (ISAC)

Build a low-cost, high precision, and seamless ISAC network to facilitate V2X and UAV Economic

## Requirements

- Scenarios such as V2X (Vehicle-road collaboration and self-driving) and UAV (route planning, obstacle avoidance and supervision) require real-time communication and sensing.
- 5G implements low-cost and high-precision outdoor sensing through software and hardware upgrades, creating 10 billion-level economic and industrial value.



## Challenge

- Integrated air interface and architecture, enabling multiple functions on one network
- Improved sensing precision and expanded application scenarios

## Key technologies

The integrated air interface signal and diversified sensing design enable distance, speed and angle sensing besides communication.

- **Integrated sensing signal design**
  - Flexible air interface multiplexing for communication and sensing signals
- **Diversified-sensing working mode**
  - The self-sensing, self-receiving, and inter-node collaboration sensing methods are used to match different sensing application scenarios and improve sensing precision.
- **Flexible awareness network architecture**
  - Localized, independently deployed, and lightweight network architecture, reducing the delay for sensory signals

## Industry Progress

The 3GPP SA1 scenario requirement SI will be closed in Q2 2023. In the future, 3GPP RAN and SA2 R19 projects will be initiated.

### High-frequency (26 GHz) prototype verification for Traffic scenario



Coverage	>1000m
Angle accuracy	0.2 degree
Distance accuracy	Sub-meter level
Speed accuracy	0.5m/s

### Mid-frequency (4.9 GHz) prototype verification for UAE scenario



Coverage	>1400m
Angle accuracy	1 degree
Distance accuracy	Sub-meter level



# Advanced Intelligent System: 5G+AI Builds a New Form of Autonomous Network

AI opens a window for solving complex problems in communications systems.

## Requirements

- Differentiated 5G requirements, diversified deployment scenarios and frequency bands, and flexible networking modes pose great challenges to providing optimal experience on 5G networks.
- AI technology implements model training, inference, and continuous iteration based on massive data, achieving **optimal decision-making** and improving **automation and intelligence** of 5G networks.



### Challenge

- AI-based Intelligent Network Function Architecture Design
- High-quality data acquisition, feature extraction
- Powerful computing support and communication + AI algorithm design

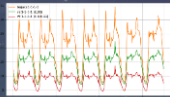
## Key technologies

Design a functional architecture that supports AI data collection, model training and derivation, and performance feedback, explore typical use case solutions, and build a bridge between 5G and AI convergence from theory to application.

- **Intelligent Network Architecture**
  - Proposes a "three-layer and four-dimensional" hierarchical distributed intelligent architecture to provide intelligent enablement for service and management domains.
- **intelligent access network**
  - AI-based load balancing, network energy saving, and mobility management
- **Intelligent air interface**
  - AI-based beam management, CSI feedback, and positioning

## Industry Progress

- Focus on three types of key services. (large uplink service, small data service, and cloud mobile phone) , and two key NEs (intelligent paging and SPI-based charging) are tested and verified.



### Intelligent paging

The paging signaling volume: - **60% ~ 70%**.

	4G	5G	5G-A	5G-B
4G	20%	20%	20%	20%
5G	20%	20%	20%	20%
5G-A	20%	20%	20%	20%
5G-B	20%	20%	20%	20%

### SPI-based charging

UPF performance + **32%**

- The i-Detection anomaly detection based on the AI VAE algorithm is used to monitor 5G wireless network exceptions.
  - Accuracy rate: **88%**
  - Work order missing rate: - **21%**.
- Intelligent interference identification based on image recognition and semantic recognition is used to check radio interference types.
  - Accuracy in coverage scenarios: **90%**
  - Identification efficiency: **1100 cells/s**

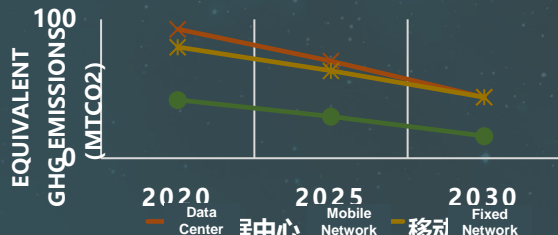
# Advanced Energy Efficient Industry: Build a Green Network to Achieve the Double Carbon Target

Continuously reduce network energy consumption through innovative technologies

## Requirements

- Implement the national double carbon strategy to achieve sustainable 5G deployment
- Reduce operating expenses, reduce costs, and increase efficiency
- ITU Requirements: Reduce the Carbon Emission of Mobile Communication Networks by 45% in the Next Ten Years

Carbon emission targets of each ICT domain



## Challenge

- Diversified 5G requirements: Balance between Network energy saving and communication quality stability
- Design a comprehensive network energy efficiency evaluation mechanism.

## Key technologies

New technologies are introduced to implement dynamic network energy saving based on service characteristics, air-liquid cooling to reduce equipment room PUE, and multi-dimensional energy efficiency evaluation mechanism to achieve refined energy saving.

### ➢ New technology

- Flexible switching between time, frequency, space, and power states to implement dynamic switching between energy saving modes, matching network and service characteristics, and implementing refined energy saving
- Propose the flexible cell architecture and promote the introduction of standards step by step.

### ➢ New heat dissipation

- High-concentration CRAN: Research the air-liquid cooling technology of the BBU to reduce the energy consumption of air conditioners in the equipment room.

### ➢ Energy efficiency assessment

- Comprehensively consider 5G network energy efficiency from multiple dimensions, such as network services and performance.

## Industry Progress

R18 Network Energy Saving WI is expected to be completed in early 2024

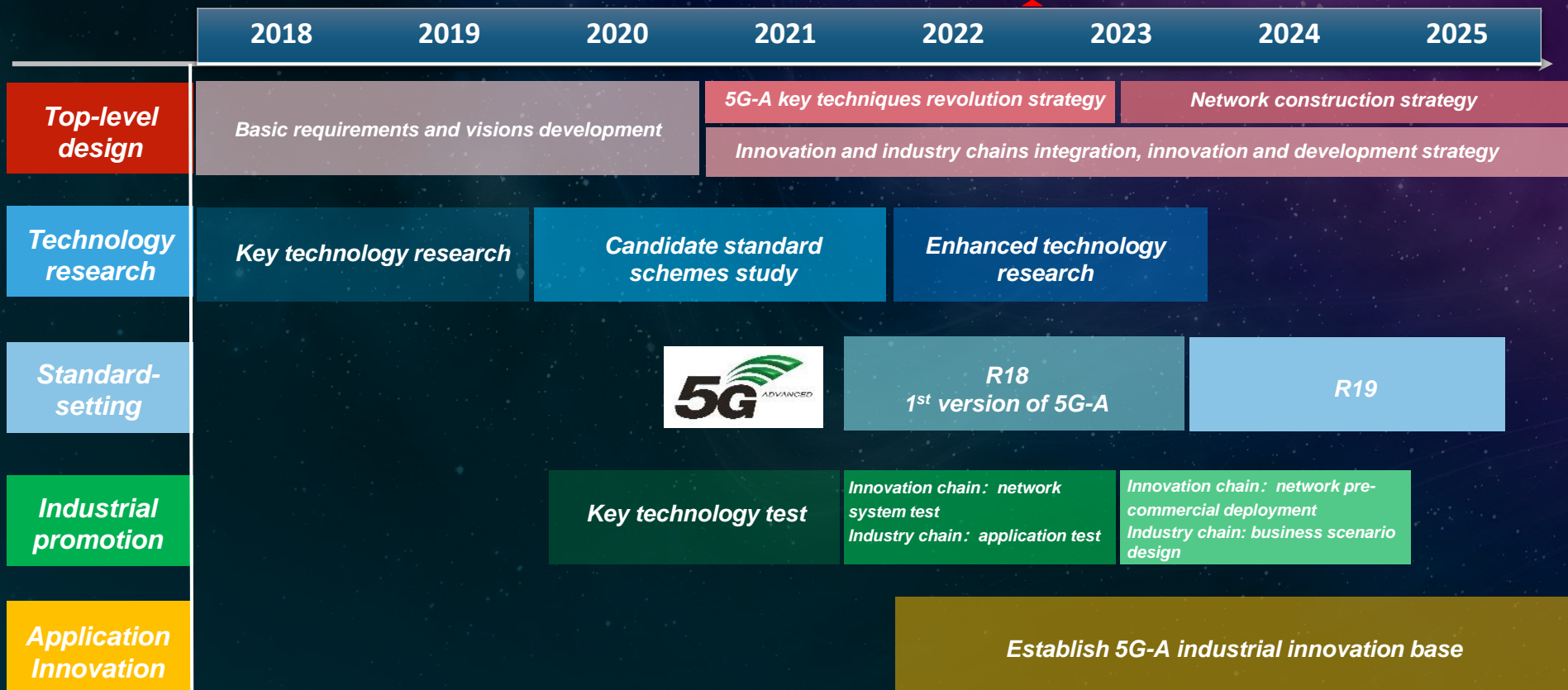
- Flexible cell prototypes improve the carrier shutdown rate and achieve energy saving gains of more than 10%.



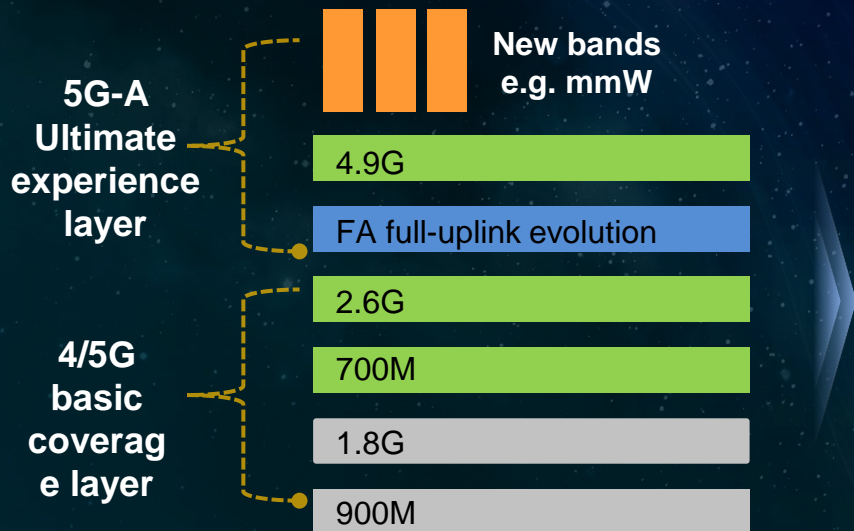
- Pilot verification of the BBU air-liquid mixed cabinet reduces the overall power consumption of the equipment room by more than **11%**.
- Released the network energy efficiency white paper 1.0 and proposed the energy efficiency evaluation correction factor.



# Next-step on 5G-Advanced Development



# Stride to 5G-A to Accelerate Business Success



**Deterministic Experience**  
Glass free 3D/cloud XR

**ISAC**  
V2X/Low-altitude/ocean

**100 billion IoT**  
RedCap/eIoT...

**Green Intelligent Network**  
Native AI/Green

## 3 key directions

Advanced network

Advanced intelligent system

Advanced Energy efficient industry



A photograph of a sailboat's deck and mast, viewed from the side, sailing on a blue sea under a clear sky. The image has a blue color cast. A white motivational quote is centered over the image.

**The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today!**



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## Keynote #2

Accelerating 5G-Advanced  
Commercial Use & Opening up a  
New Blue Ocean for Digital Economy



**Dr. Gen Cao**

Principal Researcher  
China Unicom Research Institute

# **Accelerating 5G-Advanced Commercial Use & Opening up a New Blue Ocean for Digital Economy**

China Unicom  
Dr. Gen Cao  
2023.06.30

# Rapid Development of 5G

## Global 5G

Network

Terminal

Scenario

243

1798

ToC/ToH/ToB

## 5G in China



Connections

60%+



Penetration

33%+



Industry UC

50,000

Various Scenarios

Core Link

Massive Terminals

Thriving Ecosystem

# China Unicom's Achievements in 5G Applications

## New Strategy

Network Capabilities

Innovative Applications

Open Ecosystem

## Integration Capability

Private Network

Industry Equipment

Platform application

## Network

5G co-construction and sharing

**1.17 million**

DL Speed

**4Gbps+**

Mid-band BW

**300 MHz**

City&Town Coverage

**100%**

## Application

private network customers

**4,500+**

5G UC

**19,000+**

## Ecosystem

5G application innovation

**500+**

No. of Alliance Members

**3,000+**

# Continuous Innovation of 5G-A New Specific Areas

## Intelligent New Vision



XR service awareness + differentiated assurance

Single user: **~500Mbps@20ms**

**mmWave ultra-large BW + ELAA**  
**10Gbps@5ms for Metaverse**

ELAA: extremely large aperture array

## Smart Uplink

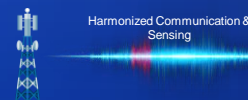


Virtual High Bandwidth

UL speed: **+50%**

**Gbps Capability for UL**  
Explore applications, e.g.  
industrial metaverse/holographic calls

## Intelligent Super Sensing



**1 km distance + sub-meter accuracy**

UAV Sensing + perimeter detection in Zhejiang  
Power Grid Substation

**Expansion Scenario: Cooperate**  
**with Shanghai Jiading Automobile**  
**City to Explore the V2X based on**  
**HCS**

## URLLC



URLLC 4ms@99.999% with Complementary TDD  
Enable Flexible Production Line in EA Automation

**Promote URLLC high-density**  
**networking and URLLC modules.**  
**Flexible production to a large scale**

Progress

Next



# 5G-A 10Gbps Era, Building a Foundation for Metaverse

Promote the deployment of millimeter wave and innovative applications

Millimeter Wave  
Technical White Paper



2022.12



Standard promotion since R18.



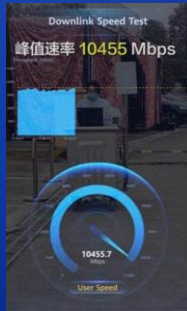
Key capability verification



Innovative application exploration

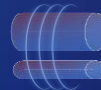
5G-A 10Gbps is Ready,  
Lead the area of Intelligent New Vision

Test Result: **10.455 Gbs**



2023.3

Ultra-large  
bandwidth



Higher frequency: 800MHz  
Lower frequency: 200MHz

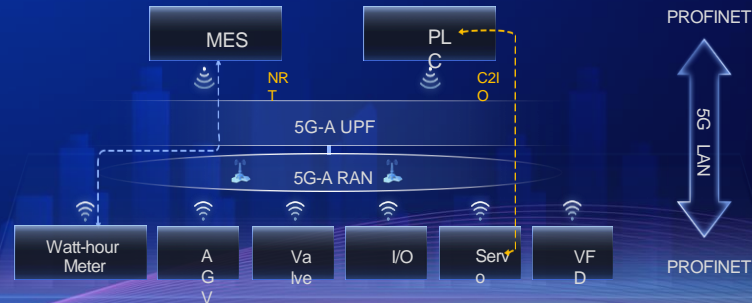
ELAA



Terminal

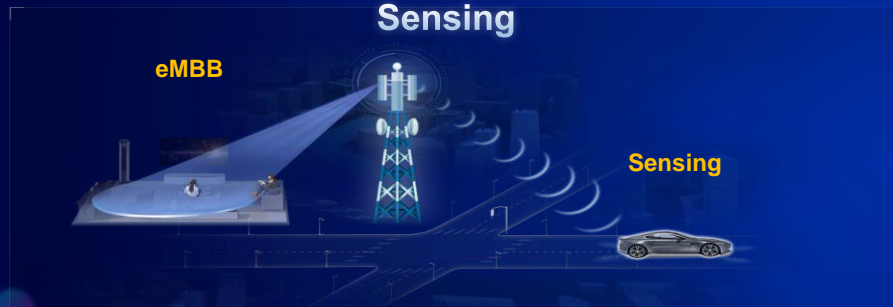


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# 5G-A ISAC Support Sensing, beyond Communication

## One 5G-A Network supporting for Communication and Sensing



### Various Application Scenarios for 5G-A Sensing



#### Safer driving

(Independent sensing vs.  
Networked sensing)



#### Instant Response

( vs. manual inspection )



#### Efficient Assurance

(Reuse existing base station)

## Industry Progress

### Industry Promotion Initiative: Intelligent Super Sensing

#### First Release

China Unicom 5G-A Technical White Paper: Convergence  
of Communications, Sensing, and Computing

#### Joint Promotion

3GPP R19: ISAC SI/WI promotion

CCSA、IMT2020、IMT2030: Project initiation and Special Research

*ISAC: Integrated Sensing and Communication*

# 5G-A ISAC: V2X and UAV Practice

## 5G-A V2X Practice



ISAC V2X Innovation Pilot  
The Sensing distance and accuracy are **3~5 times higher** than those of industry radars.

## 5G-A UAV Practice in Zhejiang State Grid

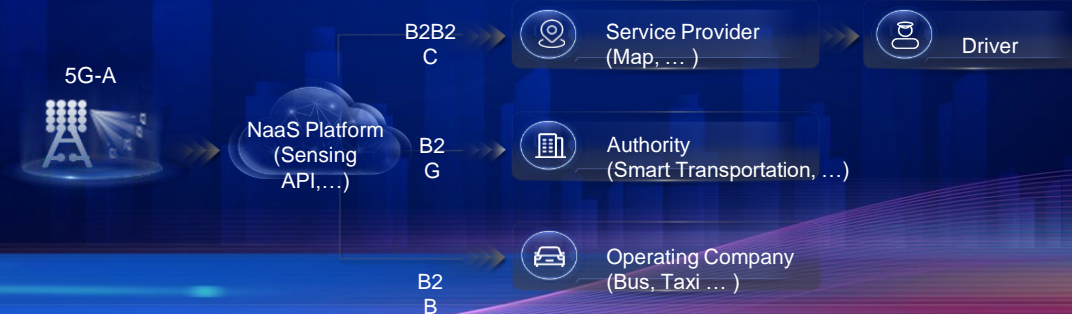


**>1000m**  
Distance

**Sub-meter**  
Distance Accuracy

**0.5m/s**  
Speed Accuracy

## Monetize New Network Capabilities through NaaS





# 5G-A IoT: RedCap Industry Promotion

## Standard Promotion



- Lead 2 international standards
- Jointly lead 3 industry standards
- Released 2 community standards, 2 white papers

## Pilot Network

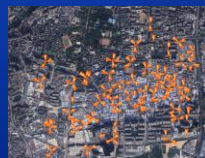
### Shanghai

Deploying continuous coverage areas of more than **40 cells**



### Guangdong

**160+ sites** have been deployed, the largest pilot area in China.



## Industry Application Demonstration

### 2022

the world's first pilot project for RedCap in the electric power/V2X industry



### 2023

Build RedCap's three key industry benchmark projects



Industrial Internet



Video Surveillance



V2X

## RedCap Ecosystem

- RedCap Module/Terminal

- RedCap Industry Ecosystem



# First RedCap commercial module: NX307

## 50%

### Cost reduction

Compared with the existing R15/R16 modules

## 20%

### Power consumption reduction

Compared with LTE Cat.4 modules of the same size

## 5+

### Target Scenario

Industrial manufacturing, electric power, video surveillance, V2X, wearables, etc..



Engineering Sample



## Superior performance

- Peak rate: 226Mbps(DL)/120Mbps(UL)
- uRLLC: 20ms latency & 99.99% Reliability
- Modulation: 64QAM/ 256QAM
- Slicing, 5G LAN, and high-precision timing

## Customized Features

- Device management platform SDK integration
- 5G industry private network PLUS integration
- Customizing the AT Instruction Set
- eSIM platform LPA integration

# 5G-A Opening up a New Blue Ocean for Digital Economy

## 10Gbps Era

Experience Upgrade  
Industrial Metaverse

## ISAC

Intelligent V2X  
UAV low-altitude  
economy

## URLLC

Industrial network  
Flexible production line

## IoT

RedCap  
Passive IoT

Intelligent  
New Vision

Intelligent  
Large Uplink

Intelligent Super  
Sensing

URLLC

## 5G-A Era

Join hands to create a new journey of 5G-A

5G<sup>n</sup>



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## Keynote #3

Future Smart City by 5G-A



**Sheldon Yau**

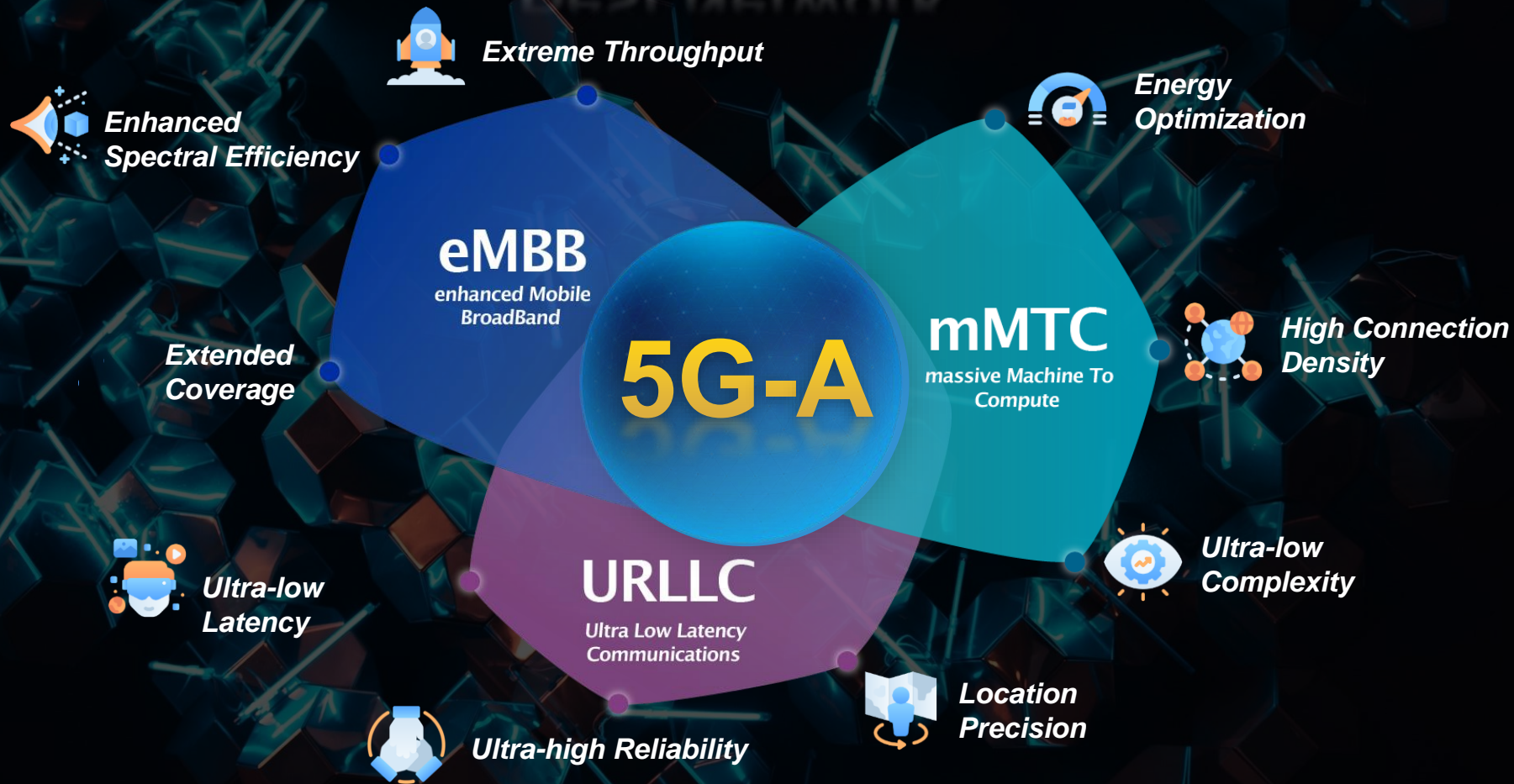
Head of Wireless & Core  
Network Engineering  
HKT



# HKT

Future Smart City by **5G-A**

# Best Network





# 5G-A Application

**eMBB**

- DL 10Gbps
- UL 1Gbps

**5G-A**

**mMTC**

**URLLC**



***Live Streaming***



***AI Video/ Voice Analytics***



***Web 3.0***  
*Decentralised data architecture*



***Naked Eye 3D Entertainment***

# 5G-A Application

eMBB

**5G-A**

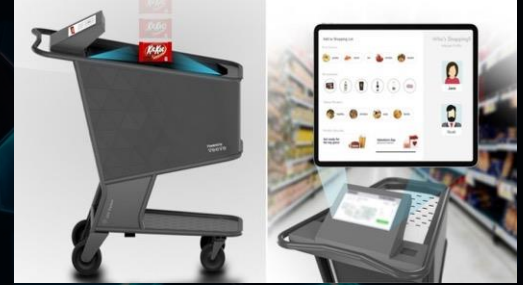
mMTC

- RedCap
- Passive IoT

URLLC



***Smart Transportation***



***Smart Checkout***



***Warehouse Management***



***Logistic Control***



# 5G-A Application

eMBB

**5G-A**

mMTC

**URLLC**

- Best "UR"
- 4ms@99.999%



*Medical Applications*



*Financial Transaction*



*Autonomous Driving*



*Gaming*



# How to realize 5G-A?

## eMBB

- DL 10Gbps
- UL 1Gbps

# 5G-A

## mMTC

- RedCap
- Passive IoT

## URLLC

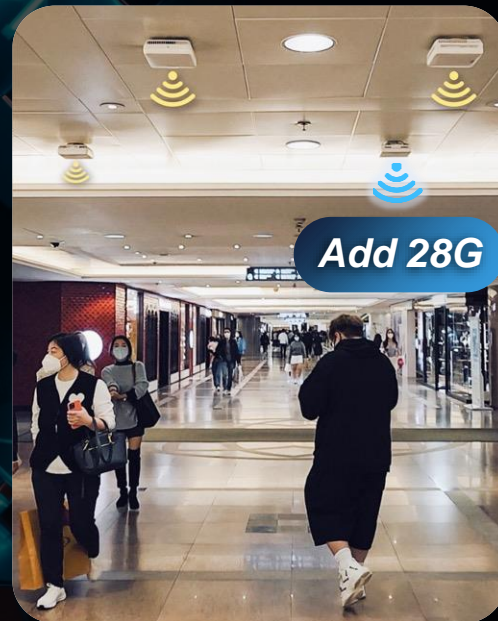
- Best "UR"
- 4ms@99.999%

Require new spectrum with extremely wide bandwidth, such as mmWave

## Outdoor Solution



## Indoor Solution



# 5G-A in HK

## 10Gbps Business Circle



eMBB user experience in outdoor hotspot areas

### Hotspots

**Continuous eMBB  
experience in city center**



HKT deploys digital indoor system with Sub3G and C-band

### Shopping Mall

**Continue 5G-A  
experience in indoor  
environment**



such as naked-eye 3D laptops and albums photo shooting

### 5G-A Showroom

**Early 5G-A experience  
for general publics**



# 5G-A in HK



HKT uses 400MHz mmWave bandwidth and 1:1 construction





**Thank You**

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## Keynote #5

Setting off the 5G Advanced  
Evolution



**Dr. Hao Xu**

Head of Qualcomm Research China  
Qualcomm





Qualcomm

Shanghai, China

June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

# Setting off the 5G Advanced evolution

Dr. Hao Xu  
Head of Qualcomm Research China



# 5G Advanced unlocking the 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of 5G innovations



# Leading 3GPP evolution of 5G

## Rel-15

Established 5G NR technology foundation

5G



## Rel-16

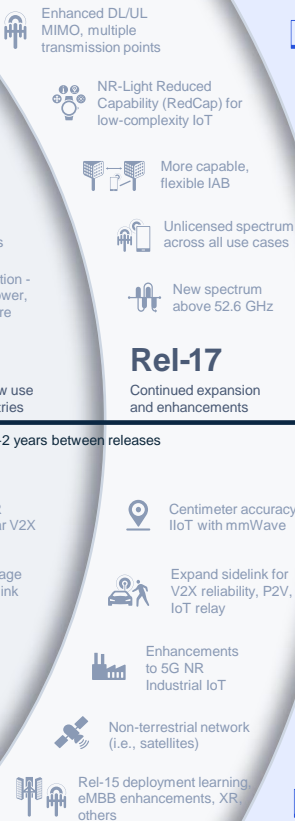
Expanding to new use cases and industries

~1.5–2 years between releases



## Rel-17

Continued expansion and enhancements



## Rel-18

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

5G Advanced



## Rel-19

## Rel-20

## Rel-21+

Continued foundational technology evolution and expansion to new verticals

A new era of  
**connected  
intelligent  
devices**





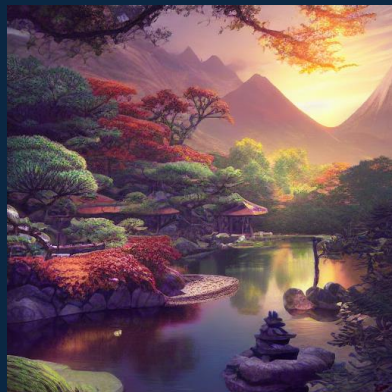
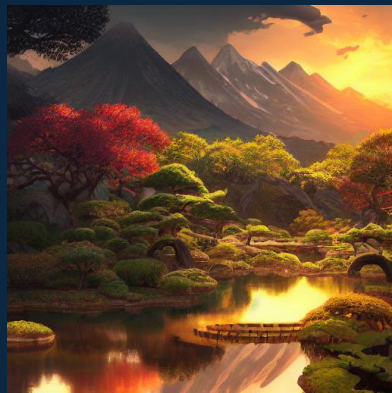
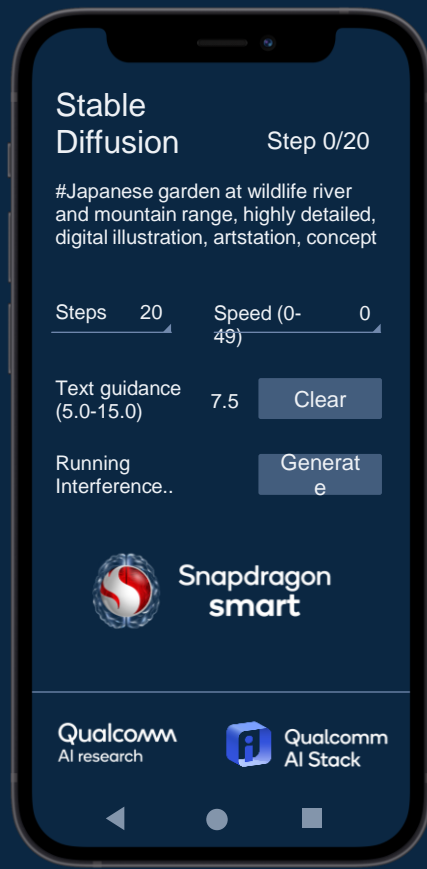
Firstly demonstrated at MWC 2023

World's first on-device demo  
generative AI model (Stable Diffusion)  
running on an Android phone

1B+ parameter  
generative AI model

Full-stack AI optimization to achieve  
sub-15s latency for 20 inference steps

Leading AI engine, AI stack and tools  
make it happen



Note: Stable Diffusion images generated with the prompt: "Japanese garden at wildlife river and mountain range, highly detailed, digital illustration, artstation, concept art, matte, sharp focus, illustration, dramatic, sunset, hearthstone, art by Artgerm and Greg Rutkowski and Alphonse Mucha"

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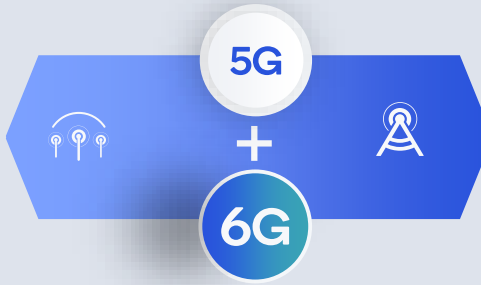
To scale efficiently,  
AI processing is expanding towards the edge



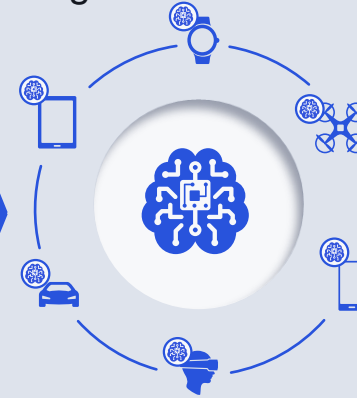
Central Cloud



Edge cloud



Hybrid AI



On-device

- Privacy
- Reliability
- Low latency
- Efficient use of network bandwidth

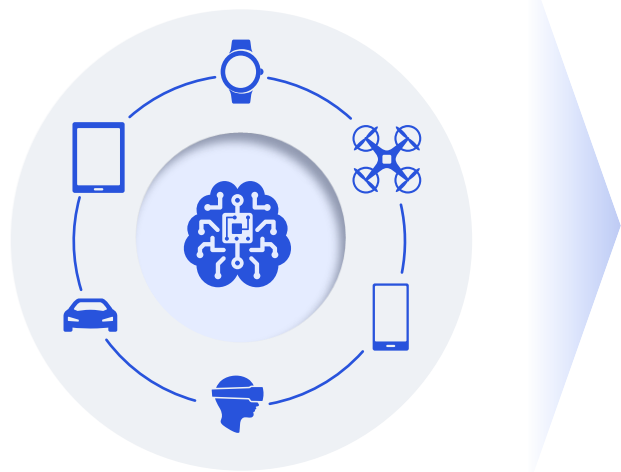
## The future of AI is hybrid

### Convergence of:

Wireless connectivity  
Efficient computing  
Distributed AI

Unleashing massive amount of  
data to fuel our digital future

# On-device AI improves the 5G end-to-end system



## Radio awareness

Environmental and contextual sensing that reduces access overhead and latency



### Enhanced device experience

More intelligent beamforming and power management improve throughput, robustness, and battery life



### Improved system performance

On-device inference reduces network data traffic for more efficient mobility and spectrum utilization



### Better radio security

Detecting and defending against malicious base station spoofing and jamming with fingerprinting

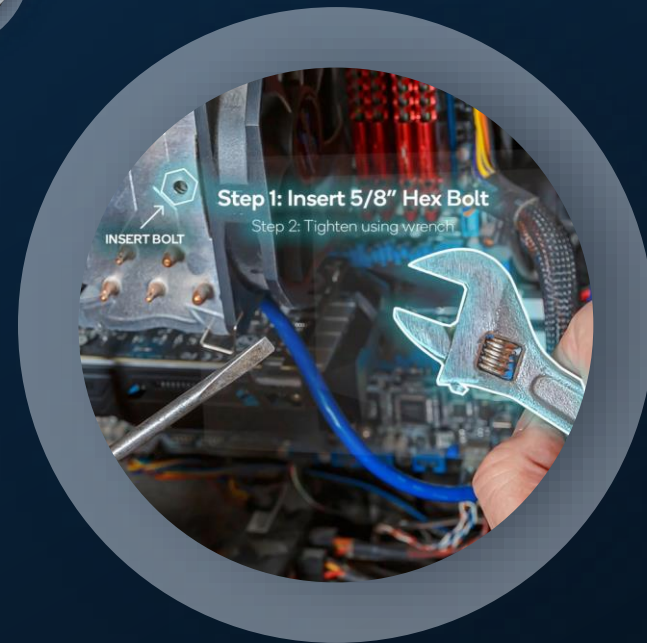




2D



# Spatial



The screen disappears and the world  
becomes your home screen



## Latency<sup>1</sup>

M2R2P latency < 70ms  
5G RTT < 20ms  
M2P latency < 20ms



## Throughput<sup>1</sup>

Reliable downlink throughput of 50~100Mbps  
Reliable uplink throughput of 1~2Mbps, 90Hz pose



## Frame rate

2kx2k per eye  
at 90 frames per second

## Immersive VR

Photorealistic visuals  
6-DoF mobility  
Highly reliable

1: Lower latency and higher throughput may be required, depending on use cases.

Achieves initial KPIs  
for at-scale 5G boundless XR deployments

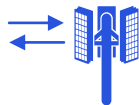


Release 18

# 3GPP Release 18

sets off the 5G  
Advanced Evolution

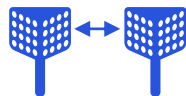
Strengthen the end-to-end  
5G system foundation



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

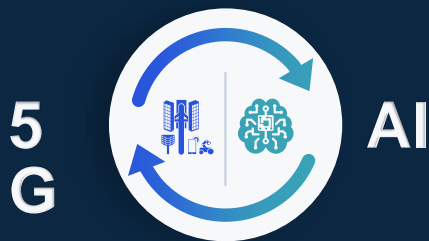


Drones & expanded  
satellites comm.



Multicast & other  
enhancements





Working together  
across the  
Connected  
Intelligent Edge



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

1 Quality of Experience; 2 Channel State Information

## 5G NR Release 18 Scope

### AI/ML-enabled air interface design



#### Use cases

Enhanced CSI<sup>2</sup> feedback, beam management, and positioning accuracy



#### AI/ML models

Collaboration models, life cycle management, and algorithms



#### Evaluation methodology

Existing 3GPP framework and field data to assess performance and identify KPIs



#### Impact assessment

Spec changes needed to support identified use cases, covering multiple aspects

### AI/ML framework for next-gen RAN



#### Network optimization

Data collection and signaling support for energy saving, load balancing, mobility optimization



#### Future study

New use cases (e.g., AI/ML for slicing, QoE<sup>1</sup>), network functionality and interface procedures

## 5G Advanced evolution will expand wireless ML to the end-to-end system across RAN, device, and air interface



#### Network architecture enhancements

ML to run over different HW/SW and future RAN function split to improve flexibility and efficiency



#### AI/ML procedure enhancements

Model management, training (e.g., federated and reinforced learning), and inference



#### Data management enhancements

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



#### New and expanded use cases

Traffic/mobility prediction, optimized coverage/capacity, massive MIMO, SON, CSI, beam management, ...

# 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

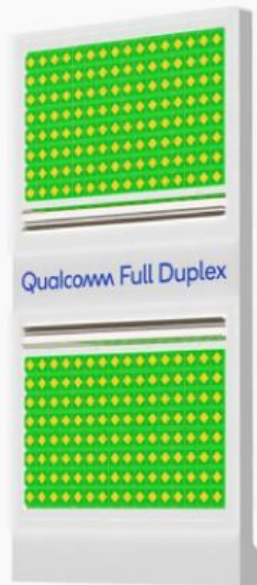


Identify applicable and relevant deployment scenarios and use cases



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 CLI<sup>1</sup> management and impact on RF requirements considering adjacent-channel coexistence with legacy operation

# Pushing forward with the 5G positioning technologies

## Release 16

Establishing foundation



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

Supporting RTT<sup>1</sup>, AoA/AoD<sup>2</sup>, TDOA<sup>3</sup>, single-cell positioning

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



## Release 17

Enhancing performance



### 5G Positioning Evolution

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

Reducing positioning latency to as low as 10ms

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 reference signals, measurements, procedures for out-of-range, absolute and relative (e.g., ranging) sidelink positioning



### Improved positioning performance

Specifying higher layer solutions for RAT<sup>4</sup> dependent positioning techniques, accuracy improvement based on PRS/SRS<sup>5</sup> bandwidth aggregation, carrier phase measurements, and positioning accuracy in heavy NLOS<sup>6</sup> with AI/ML



### NR-Light<sup>7</sup> positioning

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







## 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 10GHz 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

Key longer-term research vectors

# enabling the path towards 6G



## AI-native E2E communications

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



## Scalable network architecture

Disaggregation and virtualization at the connected intelligent edge, use of advanced topologies to address growing demand



## Expanding into new spectrum bands

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



## Air interface innovations

Evolution of duplexing schemes, Giga-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



## Communications resiliency

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



# Driving the next wave of evolution and rollout of 5G technology and devices



**Snapdragon**

X75 5G modem-RF

World's first 5G Advanced-ready  
modem-RF system

<sup>1</sup><sub>t</sub> Tensor accelerator for 5G –  
2.5x AI processing power

<sup>1</sup><sub>t</sub> Converged mmWave and  
Sub-6 architecture

Designed to drive the 5G Advanced  
in all key verticals



**Snapdragon**

X35 5G modem-RF

World's first 5G NR-Light  
modem-RF system

Optimized architecture

Superior power efficiency

Incredible location accuracy

Supports new 5G use cases –  
smartwatches, entry-level IoT, PCs,  
XR, more



# Innovating to pave the path to 6G

A unified connectivity  
fabric for this decade

## Continued evolution

5G

Rel-15  
eMBB focus

Rel-16 and 17 expanding  
to new industries



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

6G

Next technology leap  
for new capabilities  
and efficiencies

Strong 5G momentum sets  
stage for global expansion

Historically 10 years  
between generations

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- **Calvin Zhao**, Vice President of Wireless MAE Product Line, Huawei



### Panel discussion

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