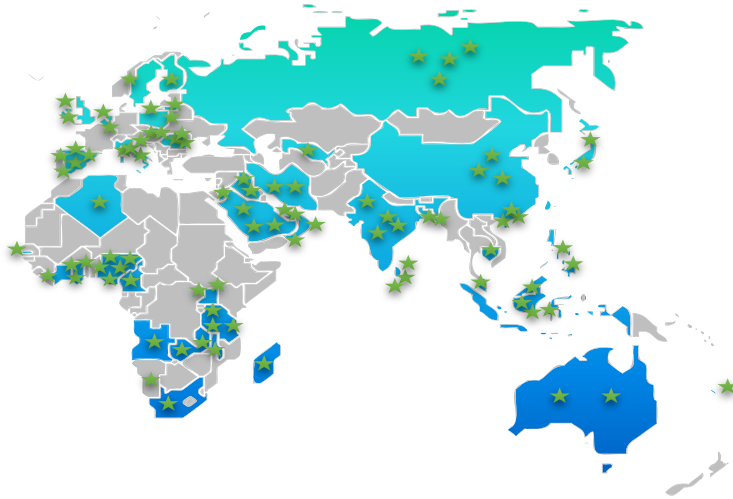


Lessons from the 5G trials in China

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5G Program Coordinator, GTI

Kicked off GTI in 2011



- ◆ **122** TD-LTE commercial networks in **61** countries, and **152** TD-LTE commercial networks in **77** countries in progress
- ◆ **2.96 million** TD-LTE base stations (Q4, 2017)
- ◆ **1.4 billion** TD-LTE subscribers
- ◆ **8014 TD-LTE** terminals, **66.8%** supporting TDD/FDD

Source: GTI, TDIA and GSA
As of Q1, 2018

Higher Performance

Access latency in **milliseconds**
Experienced data rate of **100Mbps**



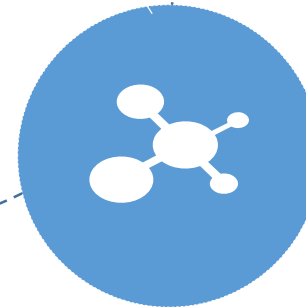
Higher connection density **1 million connections/km²**
Energy efficiency as much as **100+**

More Scenarios

Enhanced Mobile Broadband (eMBB)
massive Machine Type Communications (mMTC)
Ultra-Reliable and Low latency Communications
(URLLC)



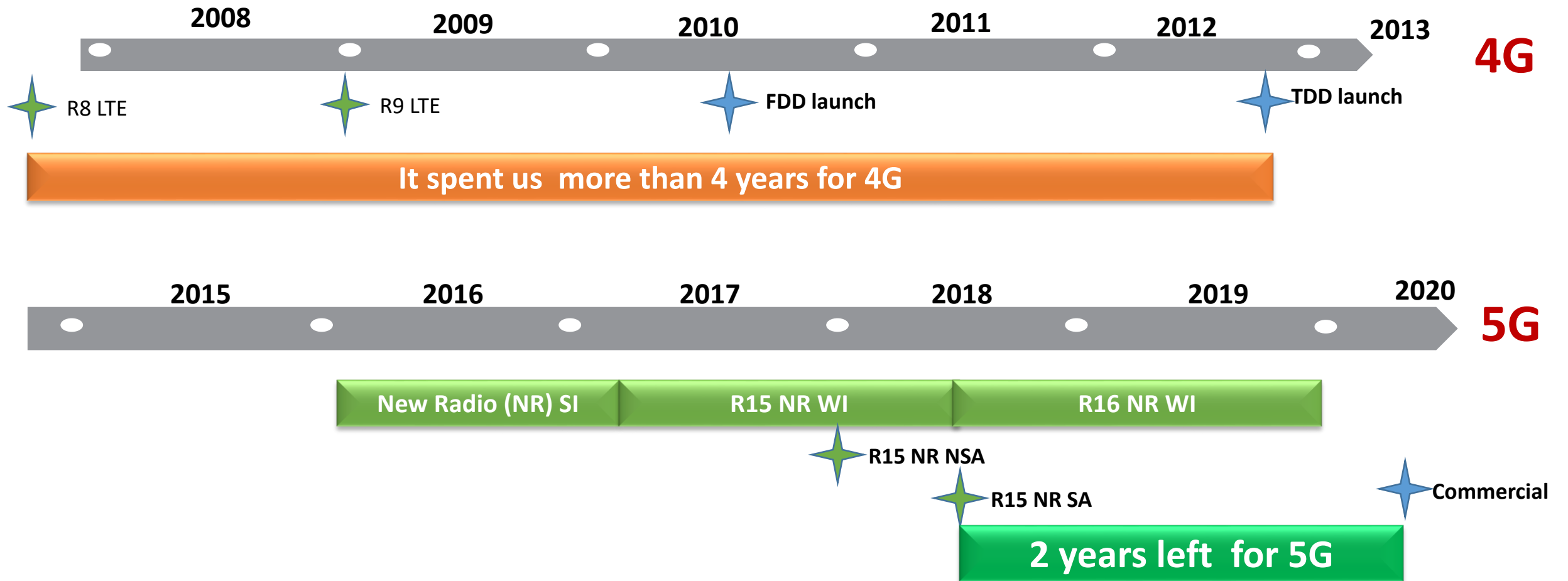
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Brand-New Ecosystem

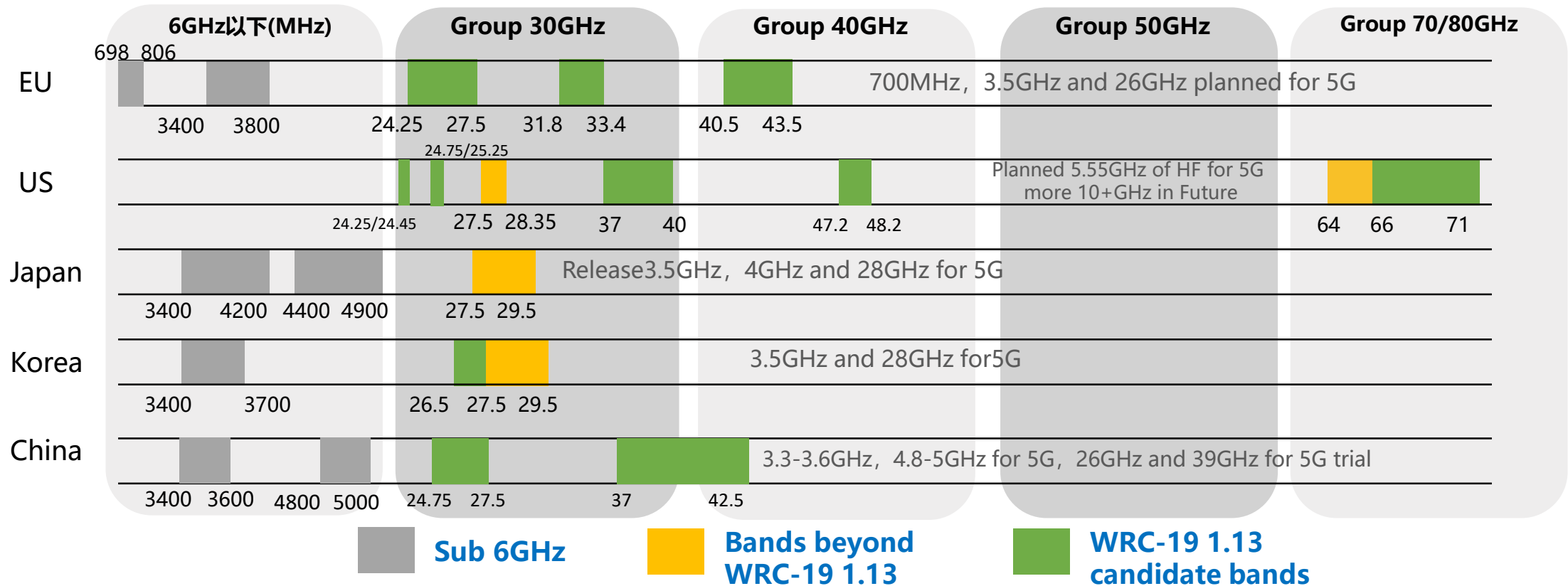
a cross-industry and shared ecosystem

TIGHT SCHEDULE FOR INDUSTRIALIZATION



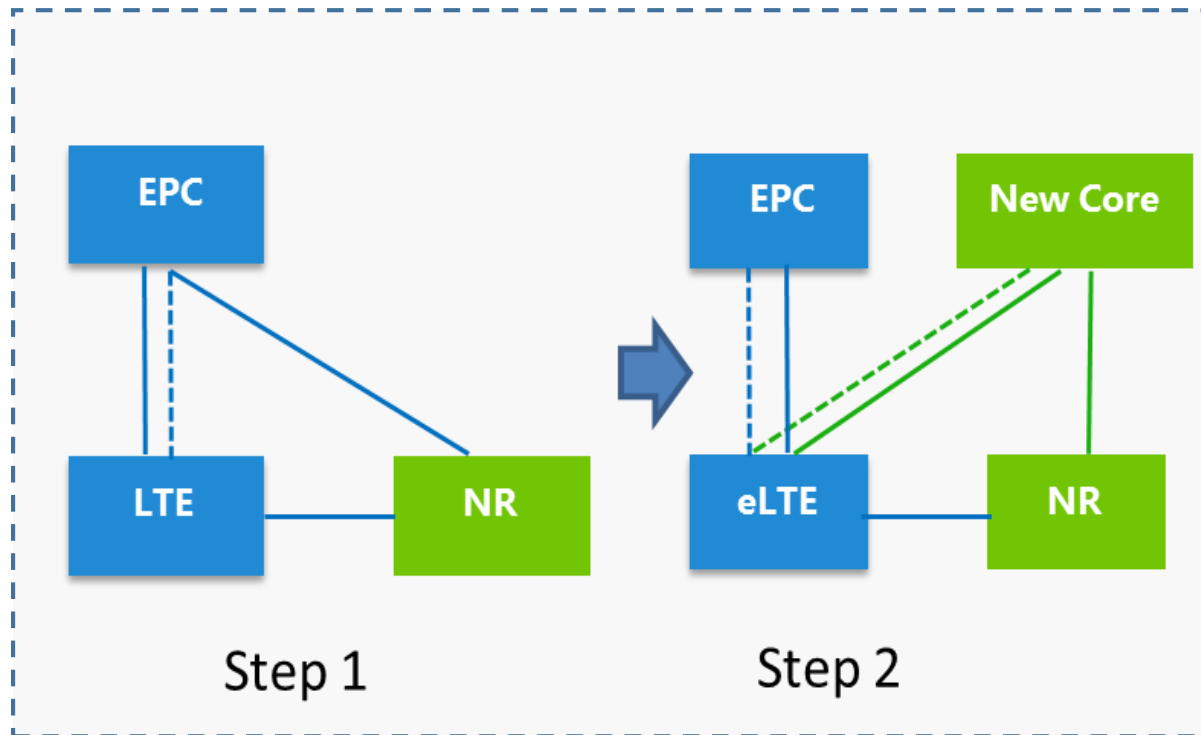
DIVERSE SPECTRUM: SUB 6GHZ VS. MM-WAVE

- **3.5GHz** seems a global band with better coverage, above 6GHz (focus in **26GHz&40GHz**) provides larger bandwidth
- **US/Korea/Japan** are interested in 28GHz, while other operators focus on C band first, e.g. 3.5GHz

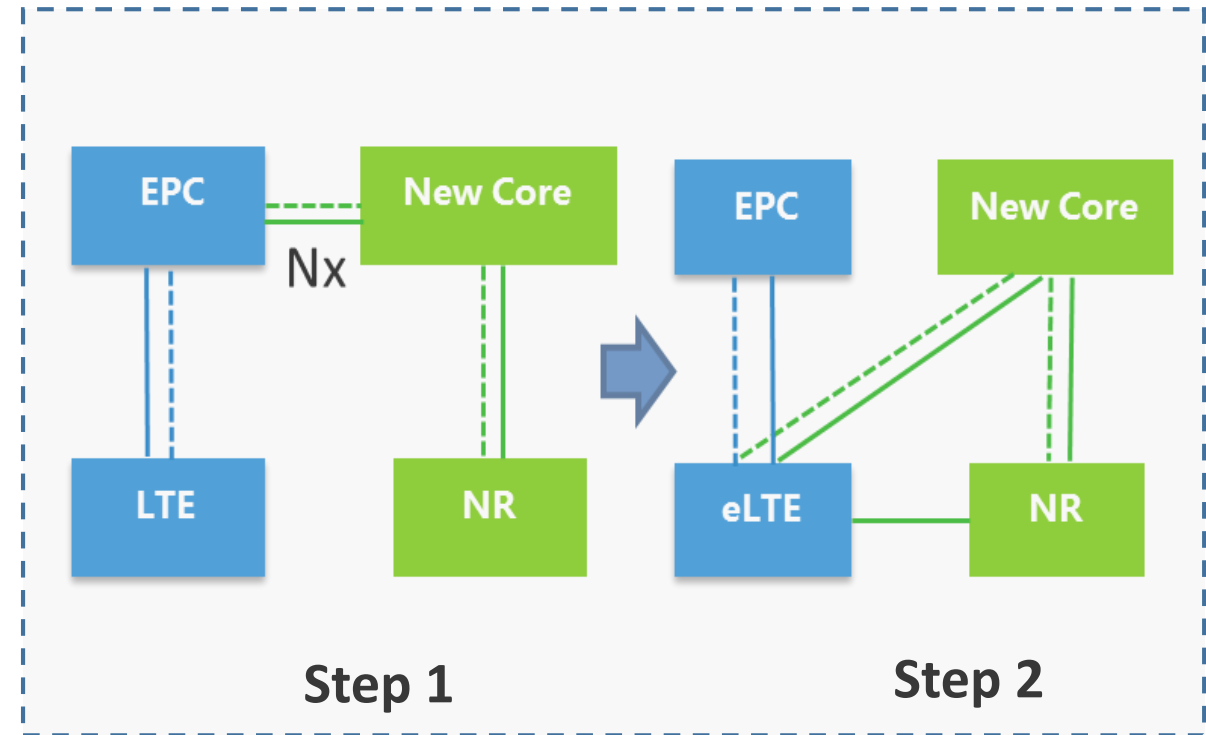


DIVERSE PATHS FOR EARLY 5G DEPLOYMENT

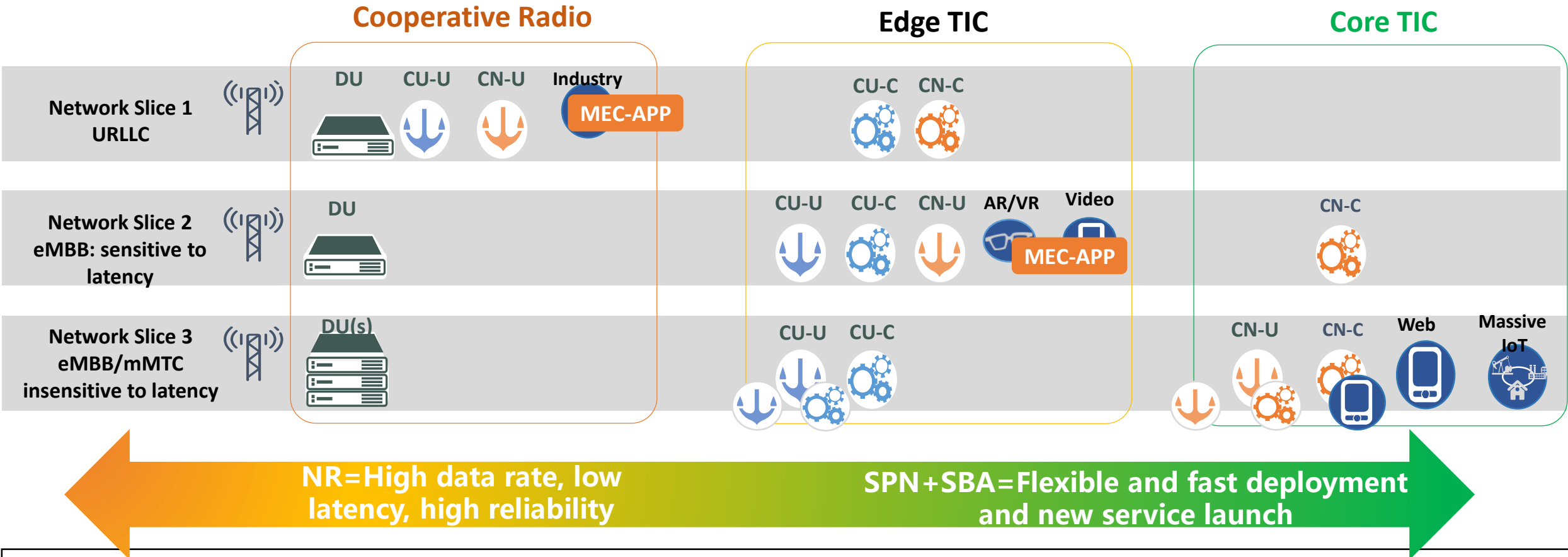
NSA system architecture



SA system architecture



NETWORK SLICING EMPOWERS THE ENTERPRISE AND VERTICAL



With SA, network slicing enables MEC to be supported and provides **customized superior user experience** for enterprise and vertical industries

GTI 2.0 kicked off in 2016: sub 6GHz 5G industrialization



Program	Objective	Projects
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5G eMBB	Defining 5G eMBB requirements/use case, validating system solution, defining product requirement and promoting commercial deployment among GTI partners and with wider industry partners	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;">Sub 6GHz New Device Architecture</div> <div style="width: 45%;">Test Equipment ...</div> </div>
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Work Scope	2017				2018				2019				2020				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	H1	H2			
Prototype Lab & Field Trials 1. 5G technologies Test 2. Performance Test 3. Deliver Test Reports					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prototype Test Technologies Test Performance Test 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Test Reports 								
Proof of Concept 1. Define Proof Points 2. Define Use Case & Requirements 3. Hardware Spec/ Device Promotion 4. PoC Test Results					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proof Points Defined Use Case & Requirements Hardware Spec /Device 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PoC Completed 5G RAN WP 								
Pre-Commercial Trials 1. Trial Planning & Test Environment 2. Set-up trial network Deployment 3. Large Scale Trials Test Results					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trial Planning Scnario & requirment 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deployment & Trial Industry Promotion 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trial Result Pre-commercial WP 				

GTI Released Groups of 5G White Papers and Technical Reports to drive the 5G industrial maturity



RAN

Sub-6GHz 5G Spectrum Whitepaper

Sub-6GHz 5G Deployment Whitepaper

Proof of Concept of 5G System Whitepaper

Sub-6GHz 5G Radio Access Network Whitepaper



Core Network

Sub-6GHz 5G Core Network Whitepaper

5G Network Architecture Whitepaper

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13 White Papers and Technical Reports



Device

Sub-6GHz 5G Device Whitepaper

5G New Device Type Research Report

5G Device RF Component Research Report

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Products and Prototypes

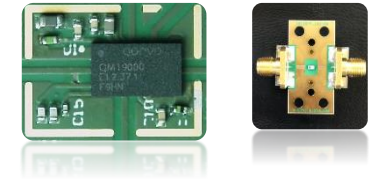
5G System Prototype



Sub-6GHz 5G FPGA Prototype Device



5G RF Components



Base Station :192 antenna elements

- Baseline: 64Tx/Rx for coverage and capacity
- Alternative: 16Tx/Rx base stations

Base Station KPIs

- **Current Prototype**



- **Pre-commercial product**



Lab Test

Hardware/OTA Test, functions and performance



5G BS prototype



test UE/CPE/instruments

Frequency	3.4-3.6GHz
BW	100MHz
Power	200 w
antenna elements	192/128
Path	64TR

antennas	4T8R/2T4R*
Power	23 dBm@1Tx /26dBm@2Tx

* in different scenarios

Field Test

- key performance of 5G:
 - 4G/5G coverage, latency, data rate, capacity...
- in Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Ningbo, Suzhou



Beijing , 5 sites/vendor



Shanghai, 7 sites



Guangzhou, 7 sites



Suzhou



Ningbo

■ Achievements:

- Basic coverage and system performance has been verified
- Hardware architecture has achieved pre-commercial capabilities
- Valuable experiences has been accumulated for 5G pre-commercial trial

Questions to be answered for PoC coverage trials

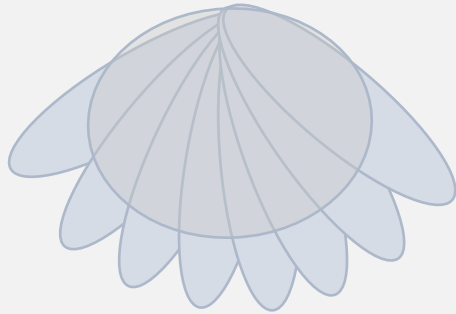
- **Propagation discrepancies** between 3.5/4.8GHz and 1.9 GHz/2.6 GHz (current TD-LTE bands)?
- With **5G coverage enhancement schemes**, whether NR can achieve similar coverage with current TD-LTE network?

Coupling Loss of Each System/Band Compared to 1.9 GHz TD-LTE (dB) ¹						
Scenario			1.9 GHz TD-LTE	2.6 GHz TD-LTE	3.5 GHz NR	4.8GHz NR
Outdoor		Theoretical	0	-4.3	-6.38	-10.71
		Test	0	-4.3	-7.3	-9.76
O2I	Low Penetration	Theoretical	0	-6.3	-10.38	-16.71
		Test	0	-6.5	-10 ~ -10.5	-17.7~-18.2
	High Penetration	Theoretical	0	-	-	-
		Test	0	-9	-13.5~-15.5	-24.2~-27.2 (*can reach -34.1 in some scenarios)

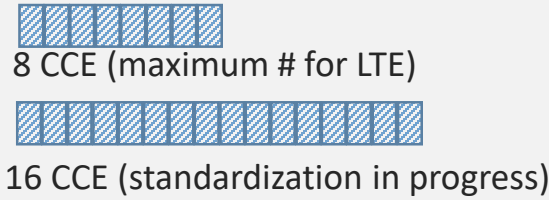
Note1 : The discrepancies above is composed of the differences of antenna gain, propagation and penetration loss of each system/band

Note2: No 5G NR coverage enhancement scheme is considered above

DL Control



Beam Sweeping(Up to 8 beams for DL Broadcast/Control)
Theoretical/predicted gain: 9/5dB



8 CCE ->16 CCE
Theoretical/predicted gain: 3/2.5dB



Power Boost
Theoretical/predicted gain: 3/3dB



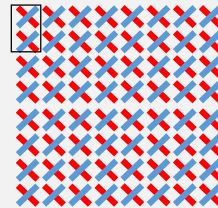
2T4R UE
2R->4R
Theoretical/predicted gain : 3/2dB

PRACH



HPUE
(23 dBm +23 dBm)

Theoretical/predicted gain: 3/3dB

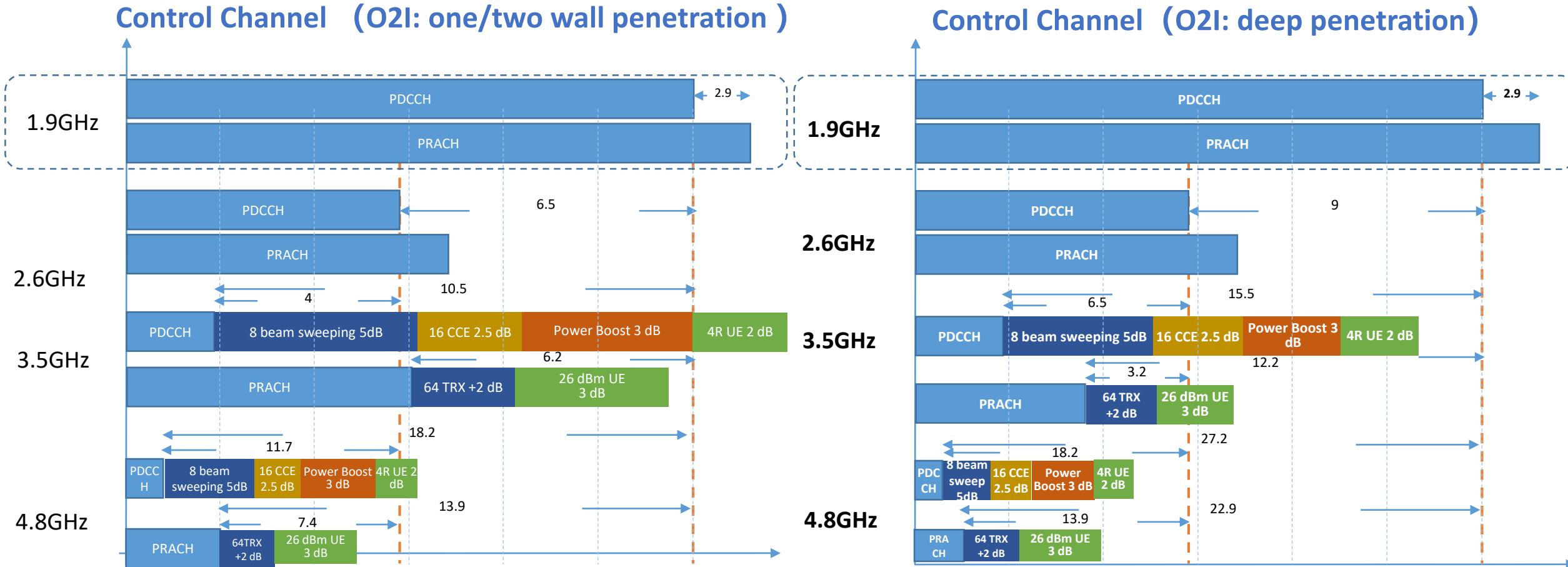


3D-MIMO (128/192 antenna elements)

Beamforming gain

Theoretical/predicted gain: 3/2dB

Predicted Gain (dB)	1T2R 23 dBm	2T4R 26 dBm
DL Control	10.5	12.5
PRACH	2	5

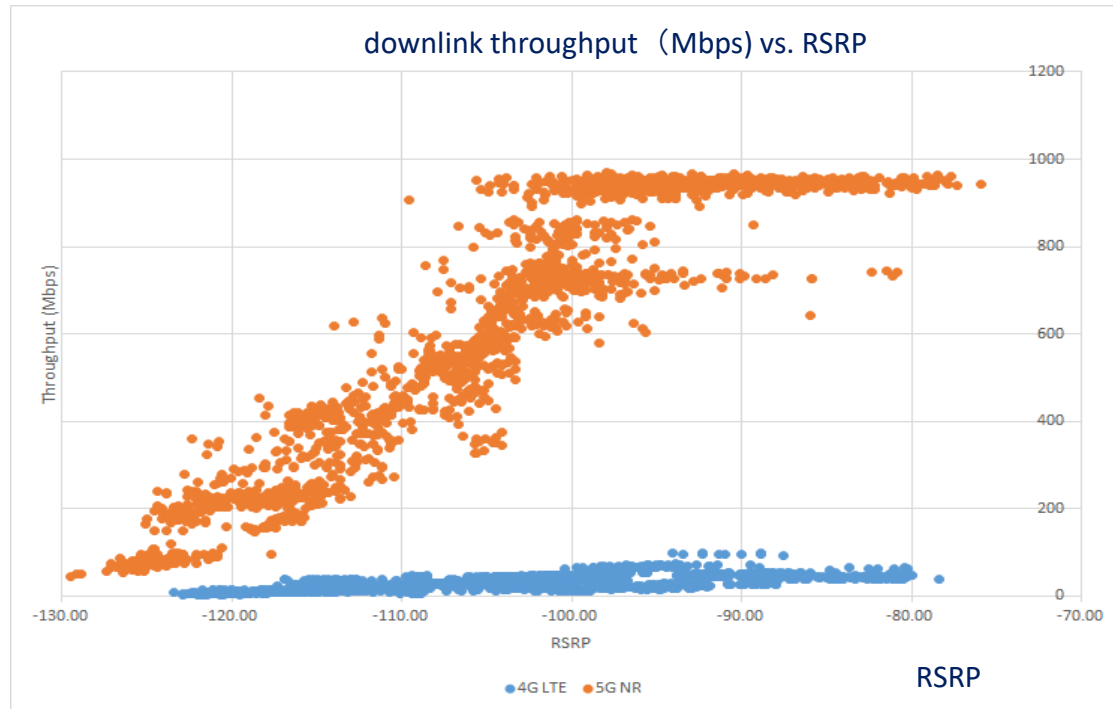


● **Coverage of control channel :**

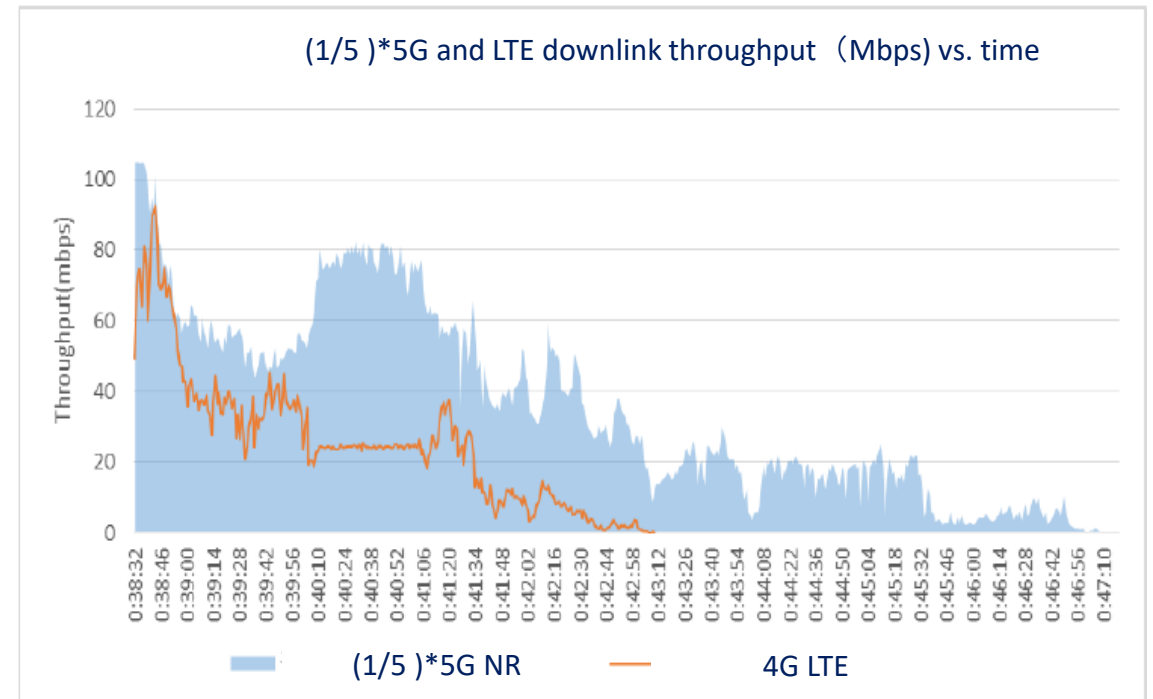
- 3.5GHz is better than 2.6GHz (8TRX) and close to 1.9GHz (8TRX) at outdoor or O2I with one/two wall penetration
- 3.5GHz can achieve the 2.6GHz (8Tx) at OI2 with deep penetration
- 4.8GHz is hard to achieve the control channel coverage compared to 1.9GHz/2.6GHz (8TRX)

2.6 GHz (8TRX) and 3.5 GHz 5G NR downlink throughput

2.6 GHz TDD (8TRX,20MHz) Vs. 3.5 GHz 3D-MIMO



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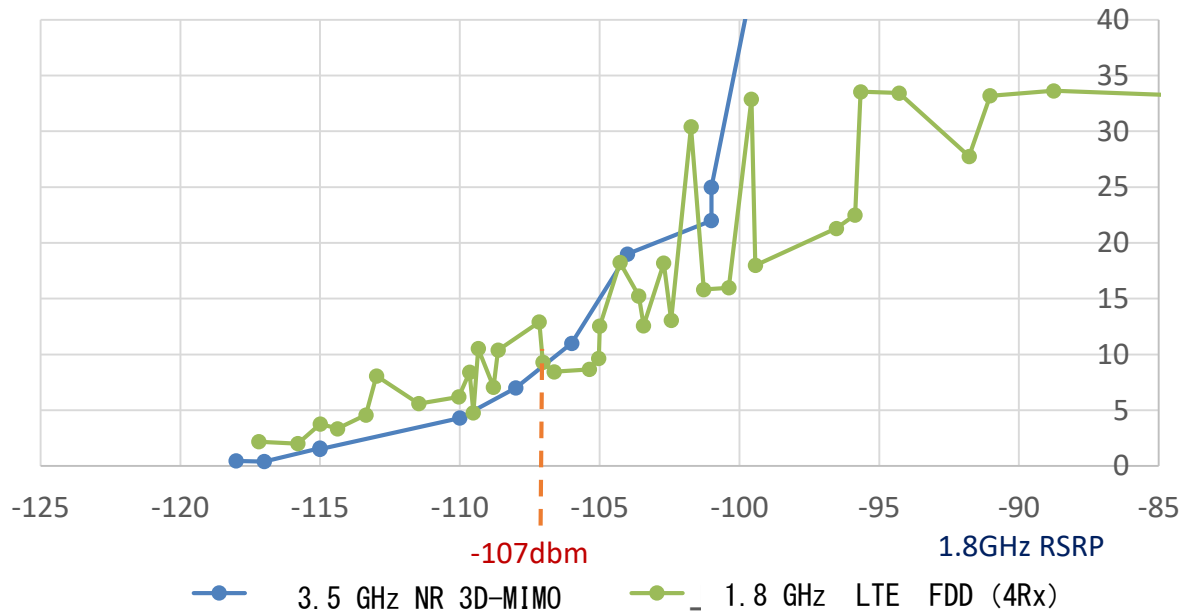
- Coverage of downlink data channel :

- Due to the large bandwidth and the 3D-MIMO beamforming of 3.5GHz 5G NR, DL THP for 3.5GHz 5G NR can achieve obvious gain **more than 5X** vs. 2.6GHz TD-LTE (8TX)

1.8 GHz (FDD, 4TRx)、 2.6 GHz (8TRX) and 3.5 GHz 5G NR Uplink throughput

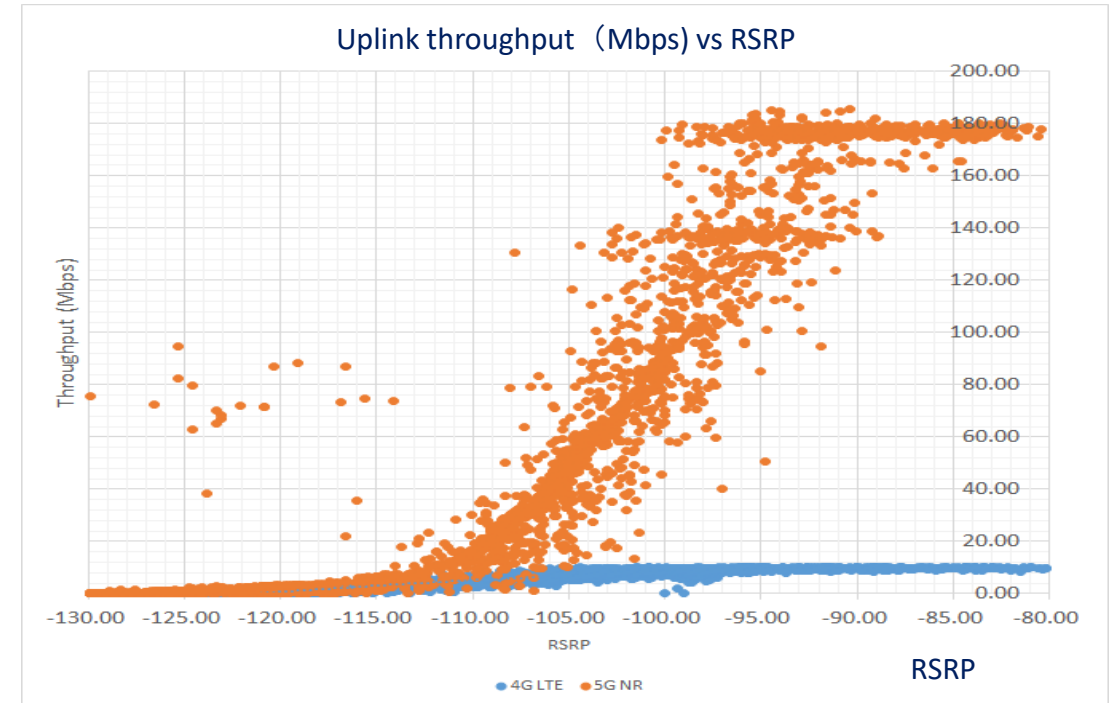
1.8 GHz FDD (4TRx) Vs. 3.5 GHz 3D-MIMO

Uplink throughput (Mbps) vs. RSRP



2.6 GHz TDD (8TRX, 20MHz) Vs. 3.5 GHz 3D-MIMO

Uplink throughput (Mbps) vs RSRP



- **Observation for coverage of uplink data channel :**

- Coverage of 3.5GHz 5G NR is limited at PUSCH with the 5G NR control channel enhancements.
- O2I, UL THP at cell edge for 3.5GHz is about **2~4X** vs. 2.6GHz TD-LTE with one/two wall penetration, and is **close to** 2.6GHz TD-LTE with deep penetration
- O2I : UL THP at cell edge for 1.8GHz (4TRx, FDD LTE) is **2~3x** vs. 3.5GHz (64TRx) at low load case with one/two wall penetration

Single UE peak throughput for downlink

Test case	A	B
test data rate	3.203Gbps	2.3Gbps
theoretical data rate	3.29Gbps	2.33Gbps
layers (8Rx/4Tx)	8	8
Modulation	256QAM	64QAM

Cell peak throughput for downlink

Test case	A	B
test data rate	6.03 Gbps	11 Gbps
theoretical data rate	6.98Gbps	12.41Gbps
total UEs	12	16
total layers	24	32
layers /ue	2	2

Single UE peak throughput for uplink

Test case	A	B
test data rate	558Mbps	388Mbps
theoretical data rate	558Mbps	390Mbps
layers (8Rx/4Tx)	4	4
Modulation	256QAM	64QAM

Cell peak throughput for uplink

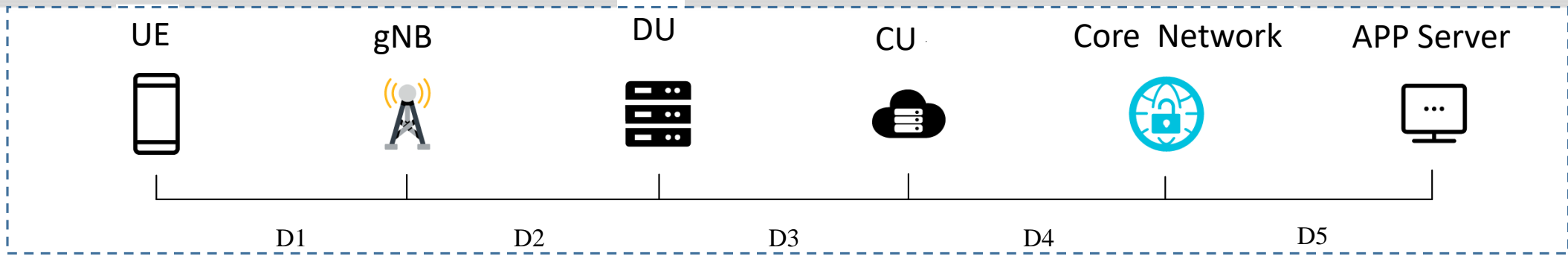
Test case	A	B
test data rate	0.79 Gbps	1 Gbps
theoretical data rate	0.8 Gbps	1.16Gbps
total UEs	4	12
total layers	8	12
layers /ue	2	1

Note1 : TDD DL/UL configuration is assumed as 3:1 or 70% DL

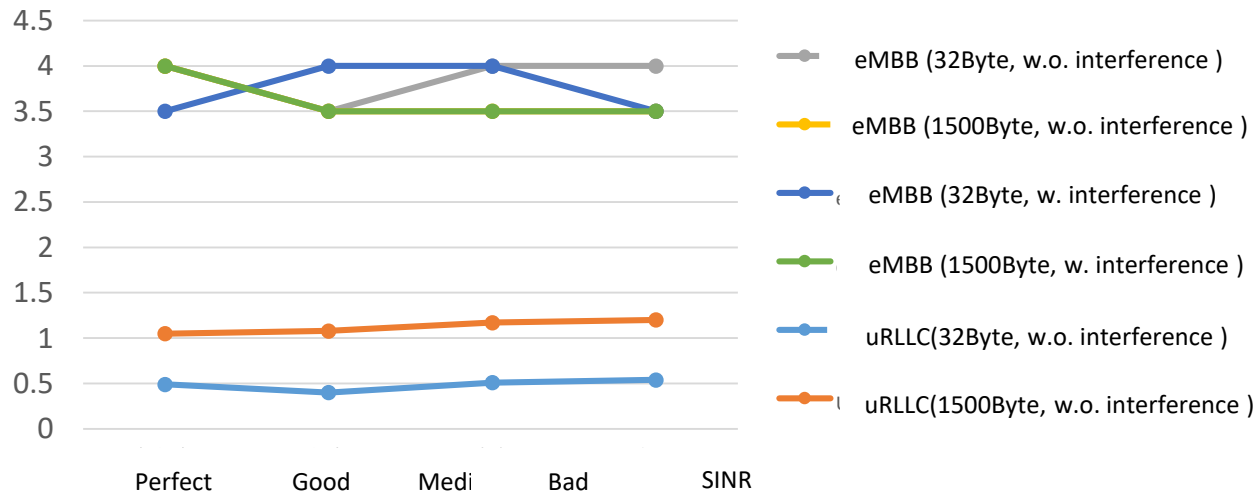
Note 2 : 8Rx/4Tx were configured for 5G UE prototypes

● Observation for throughput:

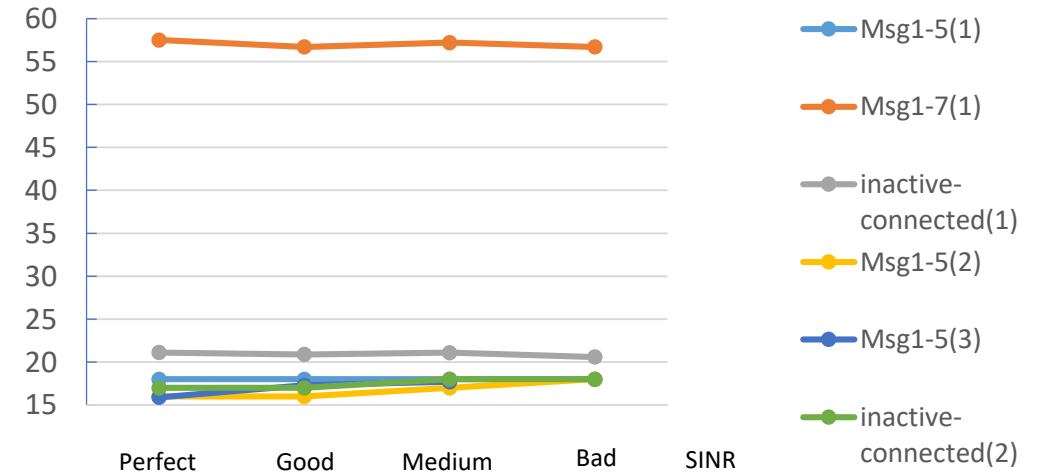
- 3.5GHz 5G NR can achieve peak data rate close to theoretical value, which depends on the configuration and test environments.
- Though peak data rate is high for 8Rx/4Tx UE prototype, **4Rx/2Tx are the available config.** for pre-commercial TUE (SA)



U-Plane latency (ms)



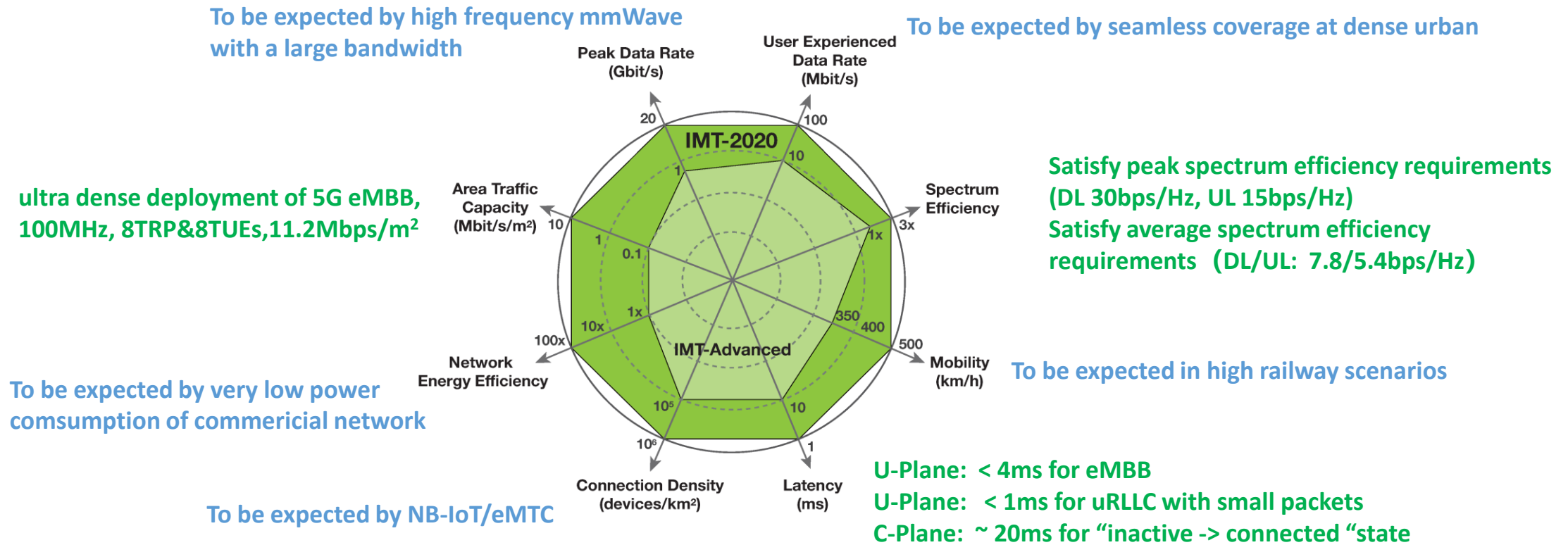
C-Plane latency (ms)



● Observation for latency:

- UP latency: < 4ms(eMBB) , **0.4-0.54ms (uRLLC 32Byte with short TTI and Grant-free transmission)**
- CP latency: ~20ms from “inactive” state -> “connected” state with 5G NR enhancements
- **Latency is still to be optimized** , since U-Plane latency is only a minor part of end-to-end latency (~X*10ms)

Findings from 5G trial : Against the ITU-R requirements



● Observation against the ITU-R requirements:

— ITU-R requirements can be achieved at multiple scenarios by different numerology configuration.

GTI 5G eMBB Objective



Experience on 5G Key Solutions, Networking & Deployment

serves as the output for 5G key solutions and experience

construction

network planning

operation & optimization



Commercial Industrialization

promoting maturity of 5G networks, terminals, chips and instruments

3.5GHz Commercial Product

5G Chipset and Terminals

>6GHz RF Components



Innovative services and applications

Cultivate the new service, application and new business model for personal, enterprise and vertical industry

Pre-commercial Trial

- Promote the end-to-end products compliant with 3GPP specs and accelerate 5G pre-commercial phase as soon as possible, targeting the commercial launch of 5G in 2020
- Experience Sharing on 5G networking, deployment scenarios and key solutions
- Sharing on 5G+vertical industry requirements, use cases and solutions

Jointly Creating a Bright 5G Future!