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# 4G Radio Access Network Solution

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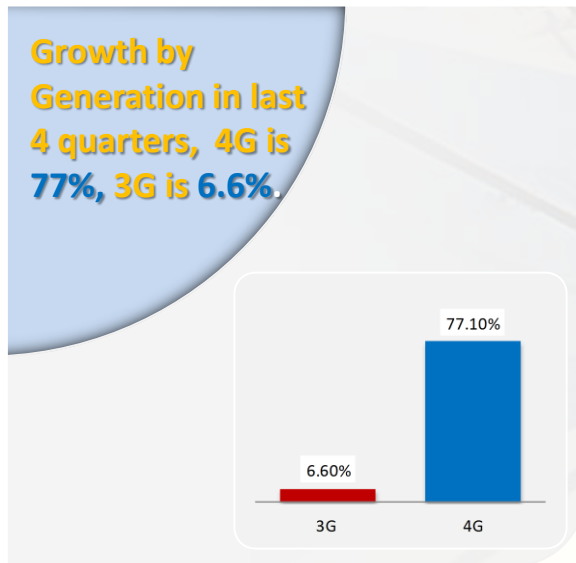
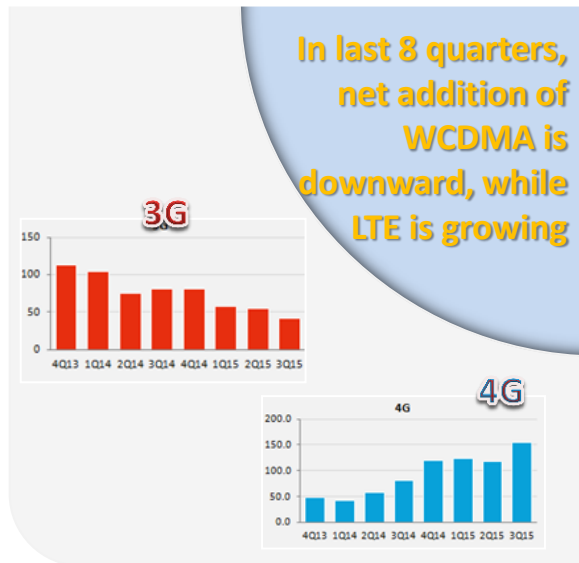
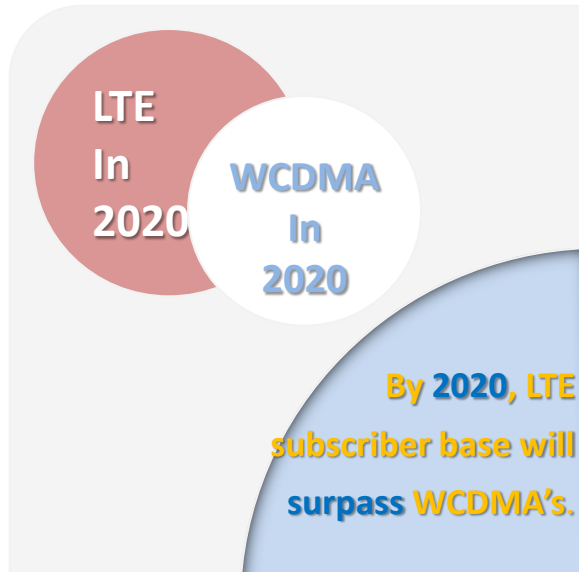
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Tomorrow never waits



# Part I

## Convergence

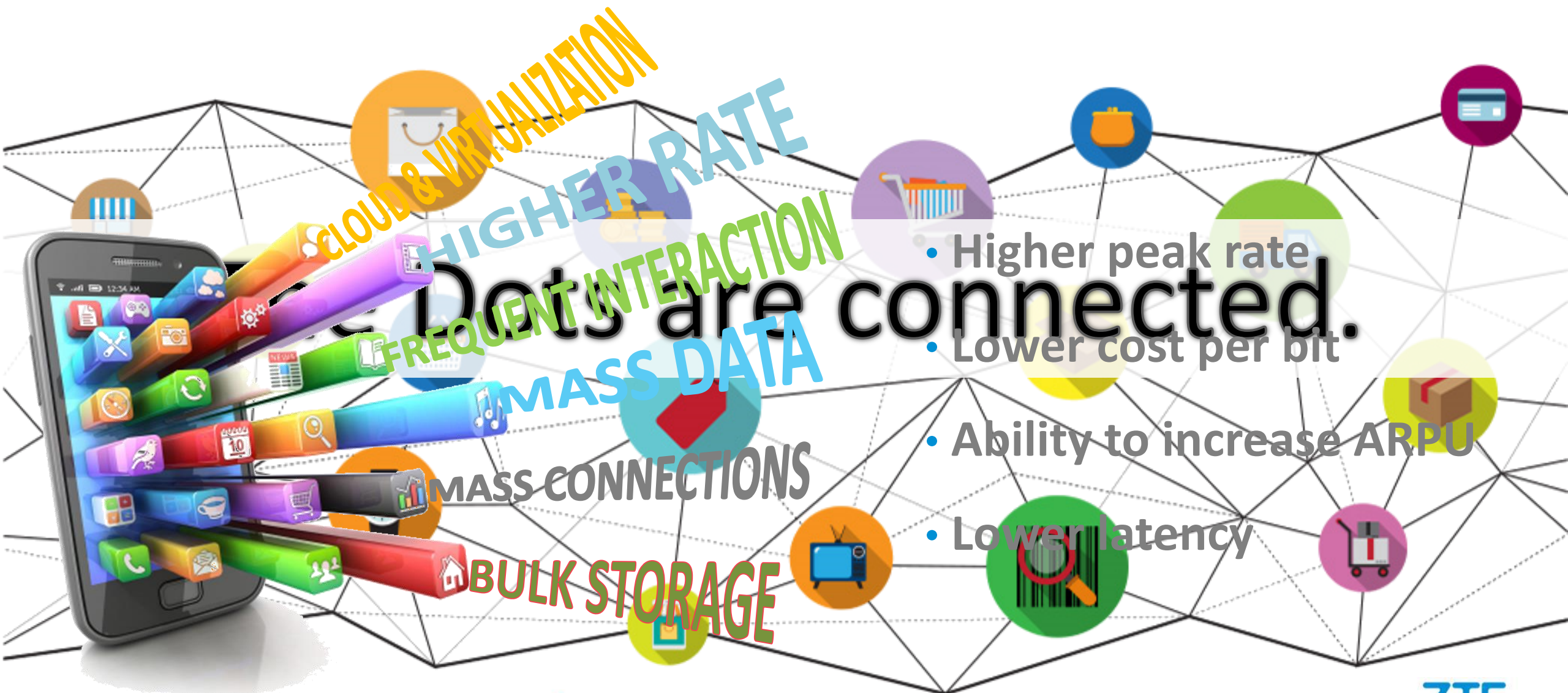
# 4G Dominating the Growth of Mobile World



# 4G Dominates, Now & Future.



# From Faster download Rate to Better User Experience



Convergence Ongoing: Spectrum & Technology

Wireless

# CONVERGENCE

FDD/TDD

IOT

X CA

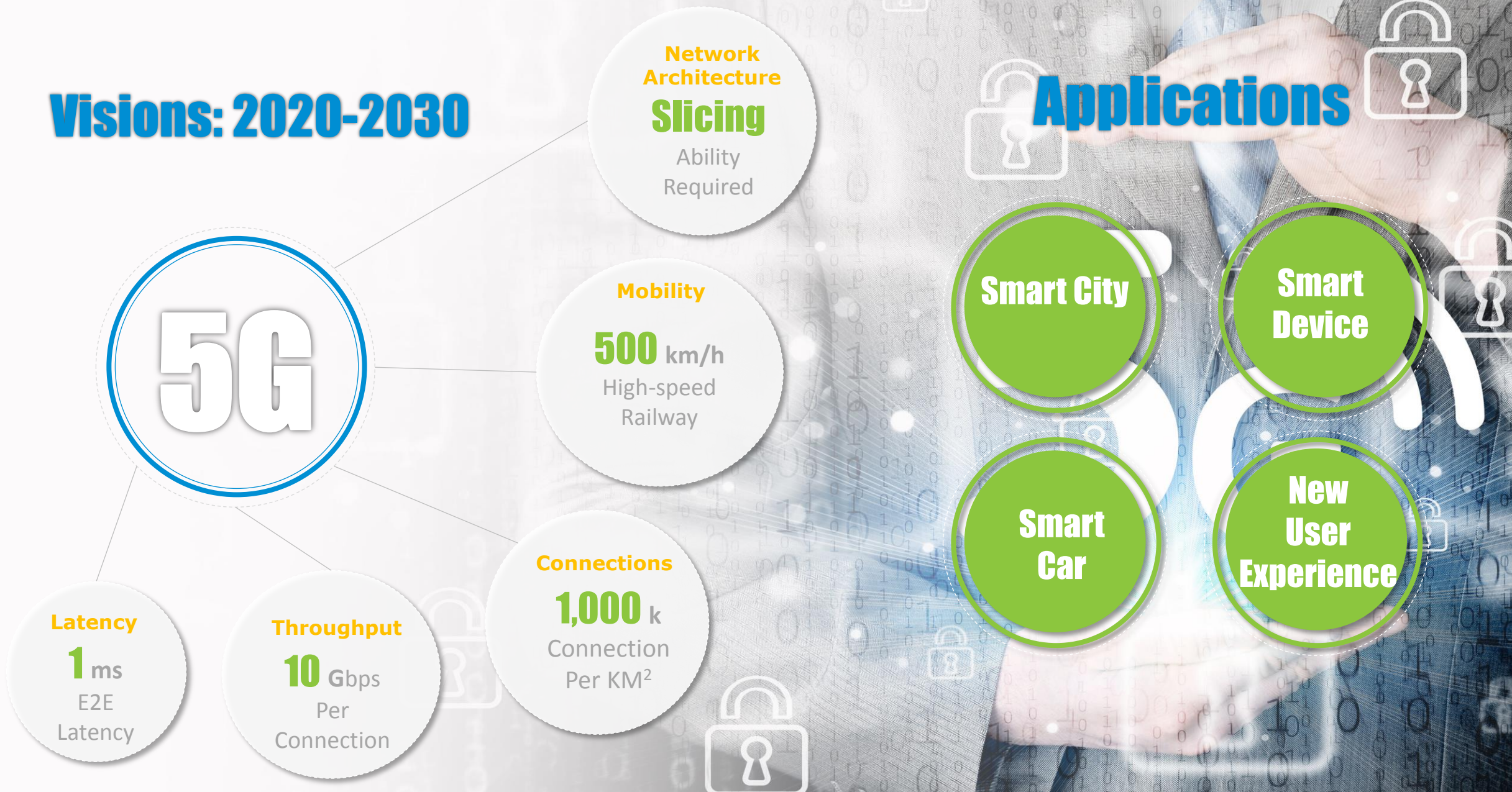
WiFi/LAA

Macro/Small

Indoor/Outdoor

# 5G, Future down the Road

## Visions: 2020-2030



# Superior LTE Network – Coverage, Efficiency & Experience

## Better Coverage Everywhere

### Macro Coverage

Multi mode, High capacity & Easy deployment

### Deep Coverage

Zero Footprint & Fast Deployment

### Indoor Coverage

The art of performance & cost

## Higher Spectral Efficiency

Cloud Radio™

Magic Radio

Virtual 6 Sectors

## Better User Experience



4G

High Efficiency MBB

Pre 5G

Coordinated Ultra MBB

5G

Everything Connected



# Part II

## Coverage



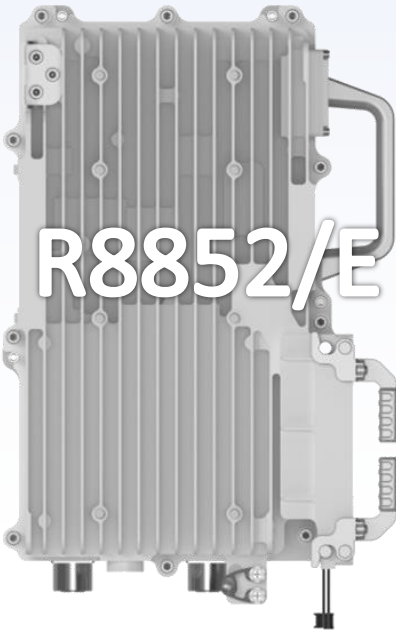
# ① Macro Coverage - New RRU, Ultra High Speed Access



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## World smallest 4T4R RRU

- 4\*4 MIMO
- 12L / 4\*40W
- More powerful & more flexible

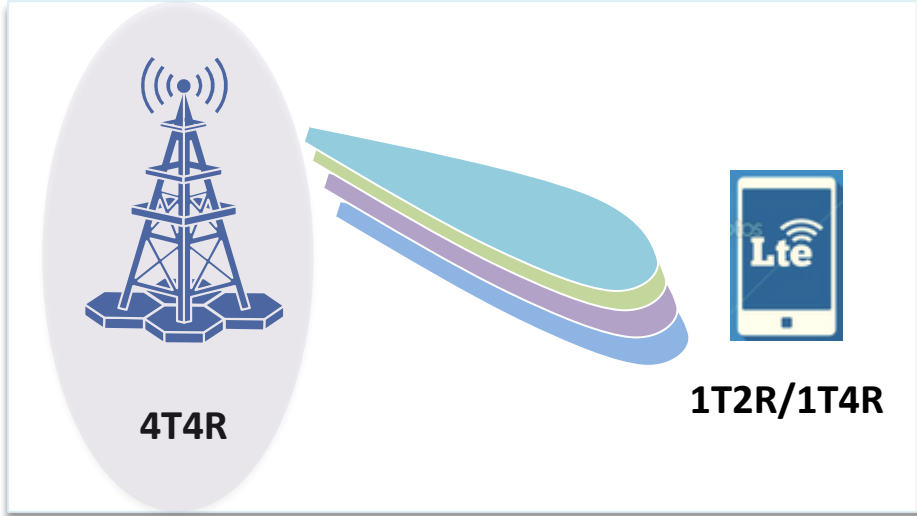


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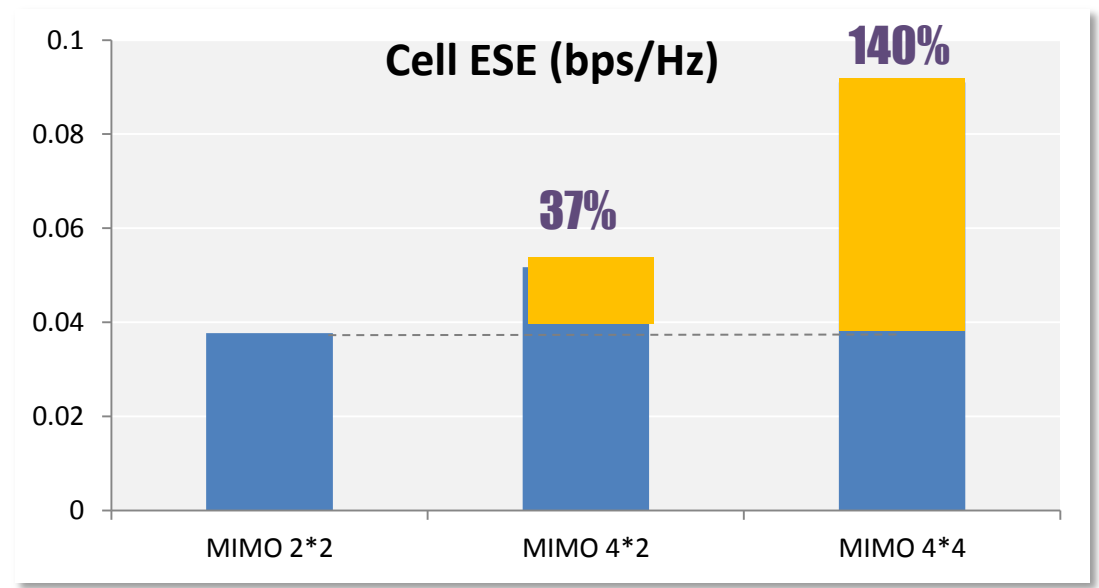
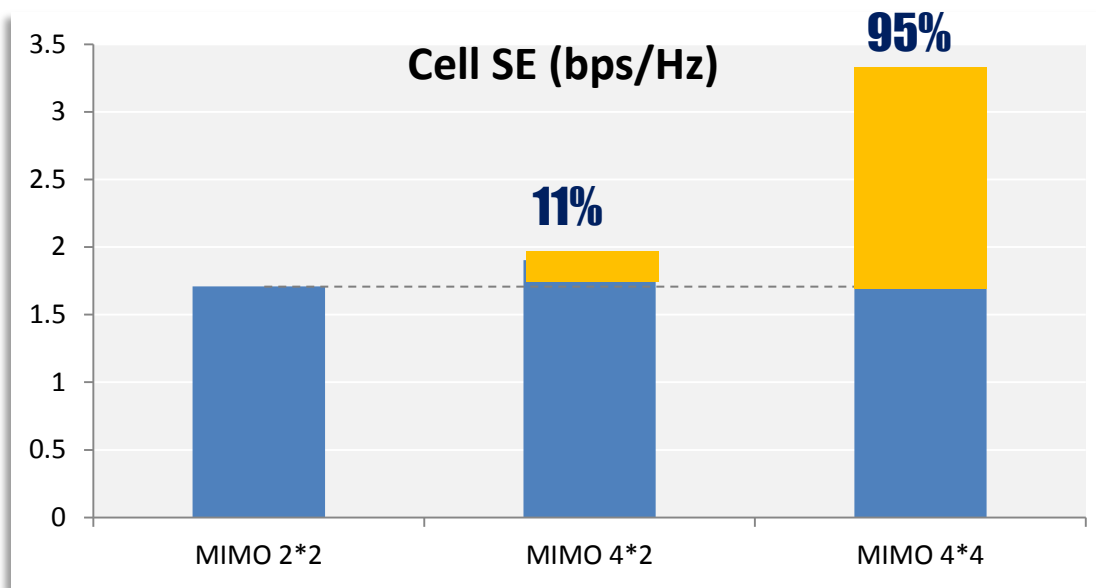
## World smallest 2T RRU

- Full bandwidth
- 2T2R & 2T4R
- 2\*60W@8L/2\*80W@12L
- Powerful but smaller

# 4\*4 MIMO – Improving Network Capacity

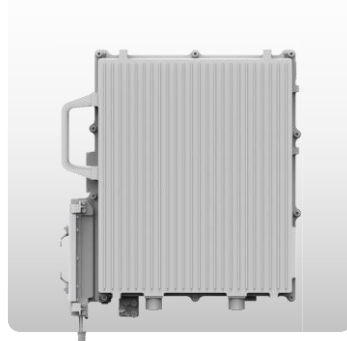


- 4\*4MIMO has **>90%** capacity gain than 2\*2MIMO while edge users enjoy **140%** capacity gain from 4\*4 MIMO
- Cell throughput improvement with 4\*4 MIMO mainly benefits from the increase of 2-stream UE ratio



# Simplify Network Deployment with UBR

## Commercial 2T UBR



Industry 1 <sup>st</sup> 365M Ultra Broadband RRU!
Commercially deployed
16L/16KG
2T2R, 2*100W

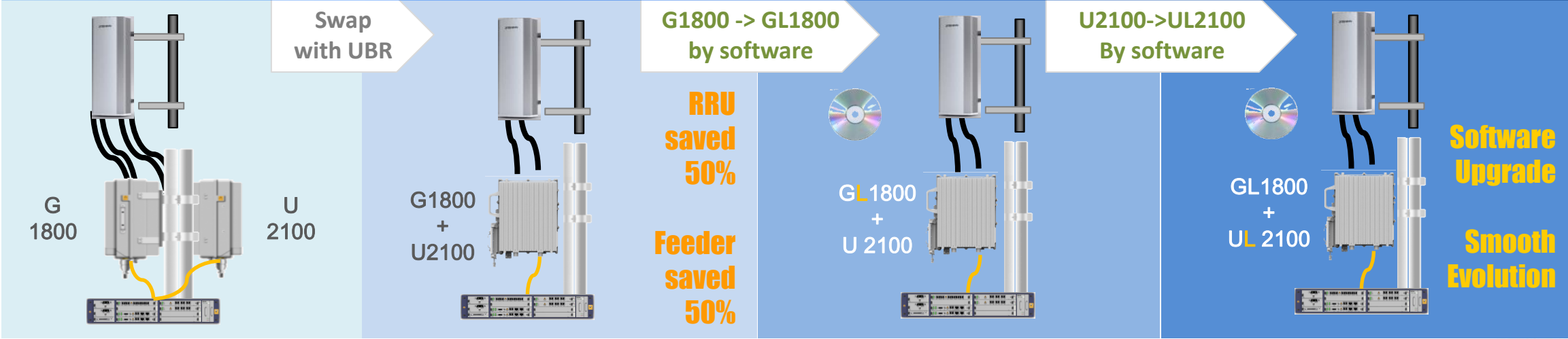


## Commercial Case



- AIS in Thailand
- 5000+ Units Deployed
- 1.8G LTE + 2.1G UMTS/LTE

*2 in 1, UBR simplify the configuration greatly GUL Multi-mode, UBR supports smooth evolution*



# ② Deep Coverage – Product Portfolio for Coverage Everywhere

## iMacro macro coverage with **zero** footprint



- UBR AAU @ 16L/15KG
- L/GL/UL/GU/GUL
- 1.8G ~2.1G Ultra broadband
- 2\*40W

Pole/wall  
zero-footprint installation  
Great for **street coverage, etc.**

## Pad BBU/RRU invisible deployment



- Pad BBU 4L/4kg
- Pad RRU, 4.9L/5Kg 2\*5W, 2T2R, L: 2CS U: 4 CS

Known as “**Invisible Deployment**”  
For **deep coverage in downtown & scenic area.**

## BS8922 micro BTS for **hot & blind spot**

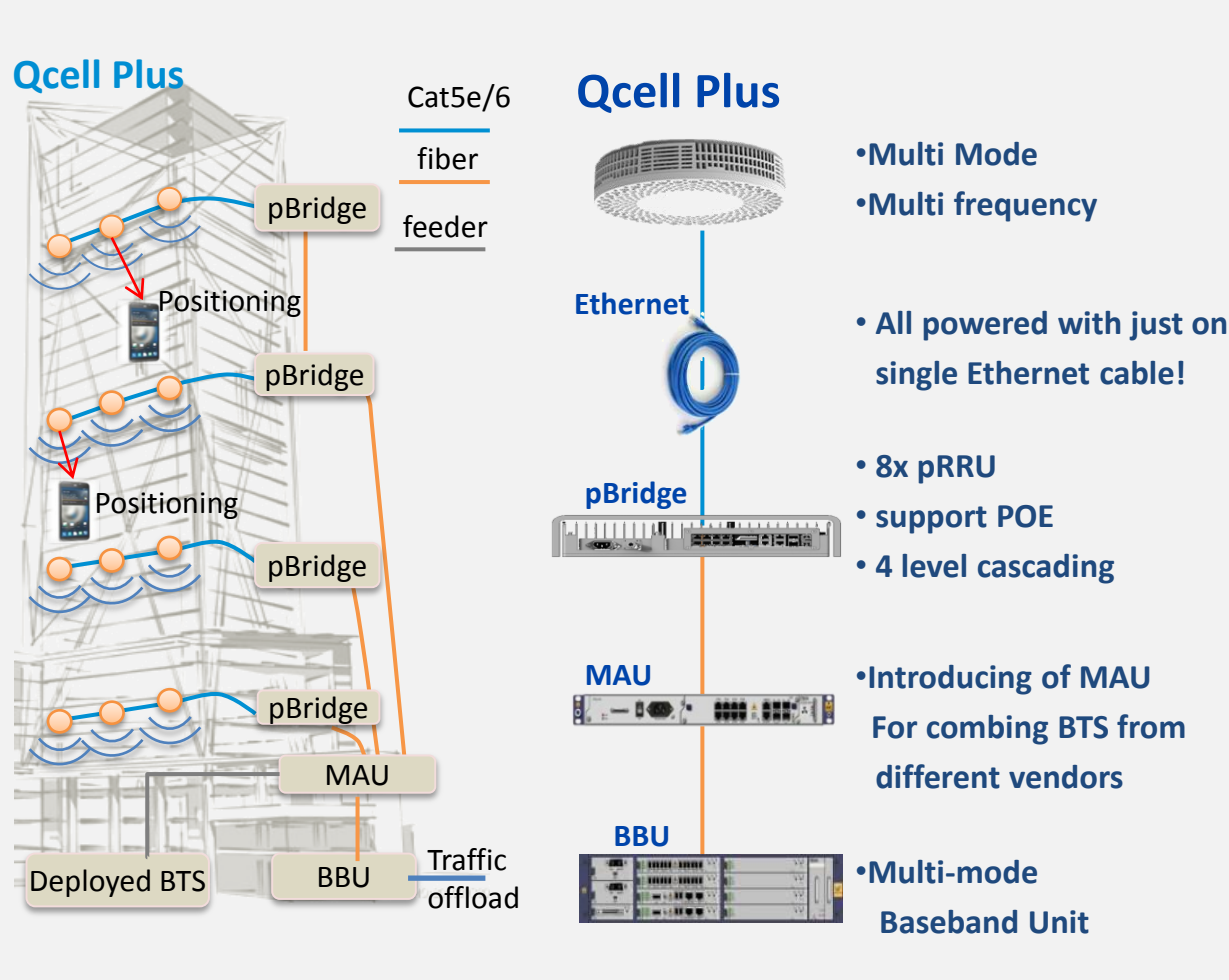


- 7L/8Kg
- 2\*5W
- U/L
- 1.8/1.9/2.1
- Support cascading Pad RRU

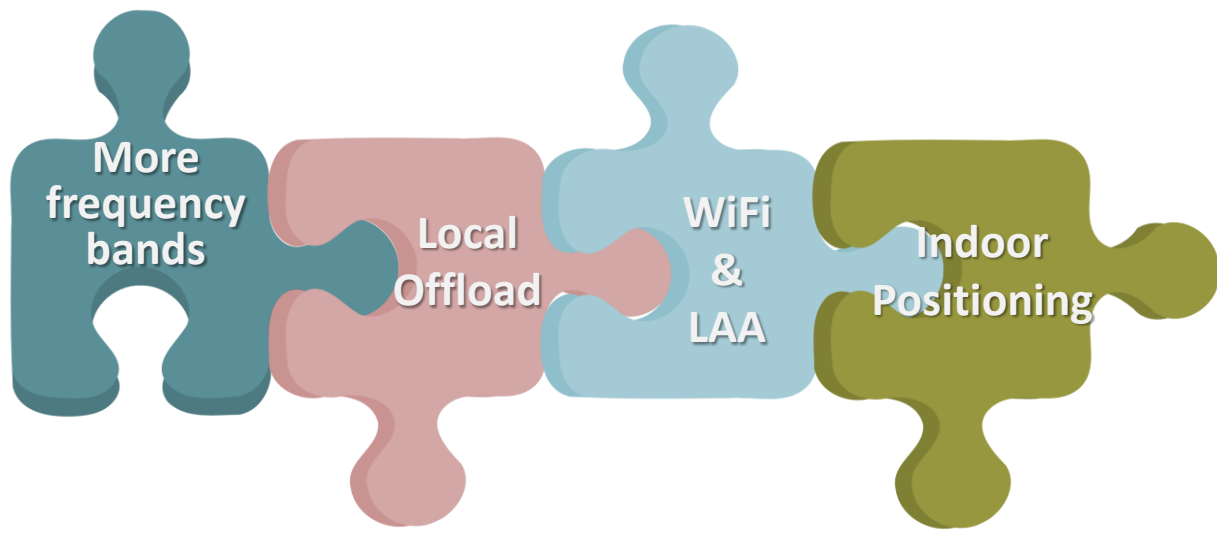
BBU-and-antenna-integrated  
for **all-in-one deployment**  
for **Hot & Blind Spot Coverage**

# ③ Indoor Coverage – Qcell Plus, LAA-enabled

## Multi-mode & multi-freq. with single Ethernet cable

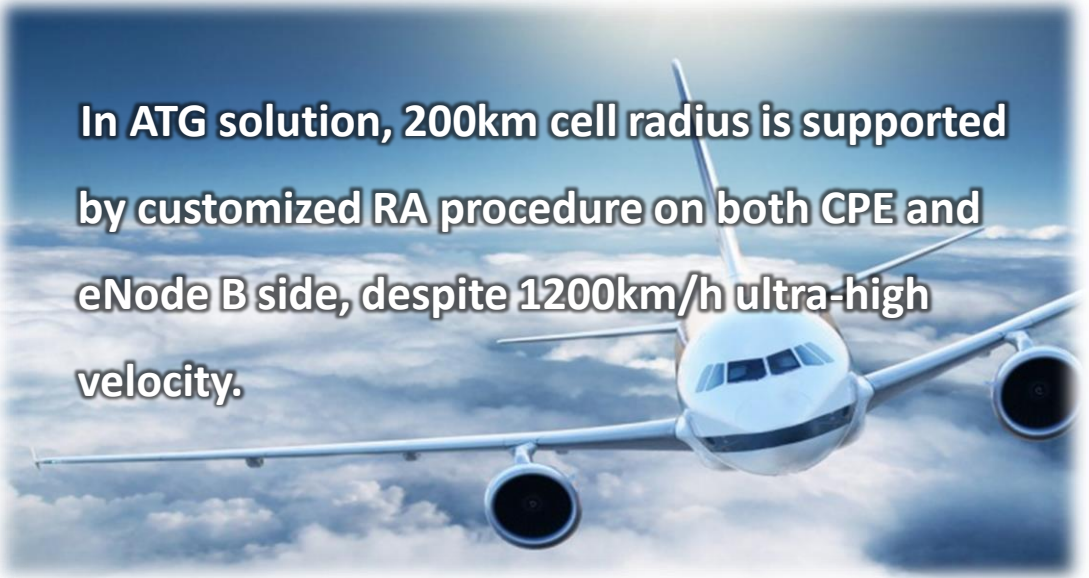
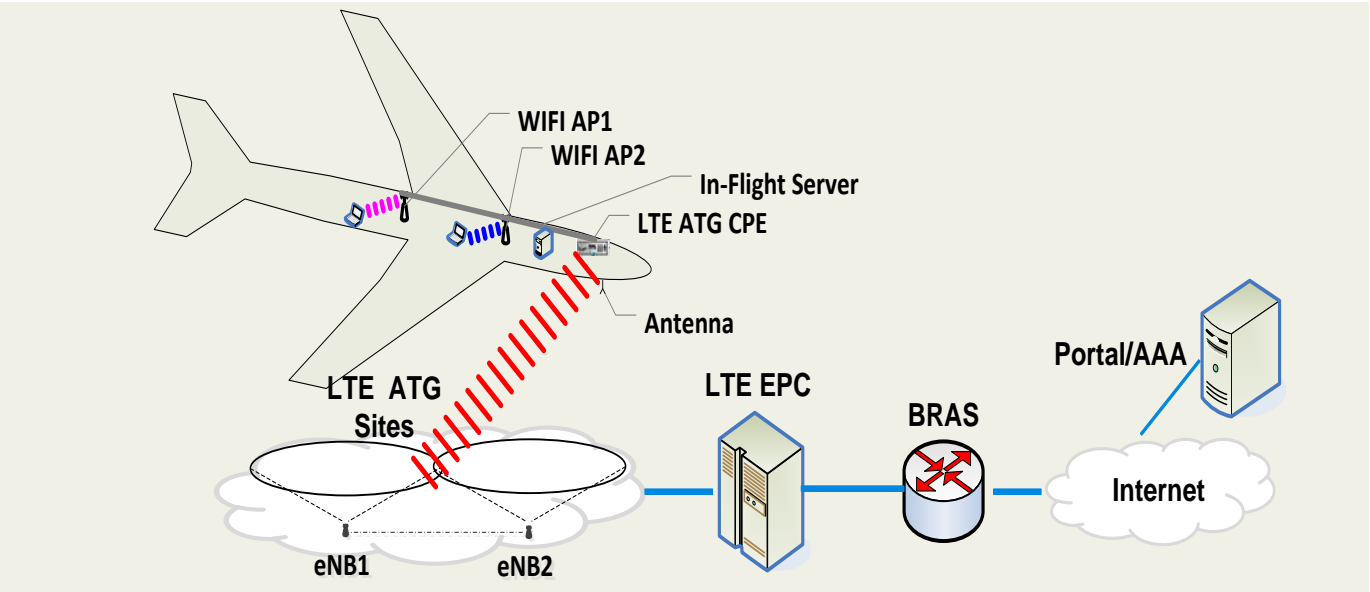


## Qcell Plus – what's new



	Qcell	Qcell Plus
Configuration	G1.8+L1.8+U 2.1+L2.6/ L1.8G+U2.1G+L2.1G	1.8G+2.1G+LAA(5.8G)+ WiFi
Availability	Now	2016Q4

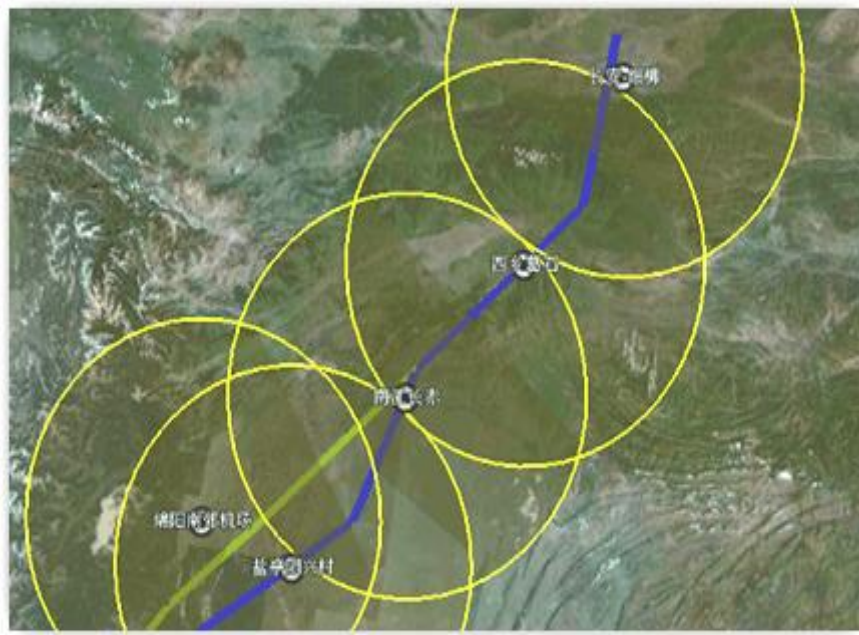
# ④ Remote Coverage, ATG (Air To Ground) Solution



## Highlights

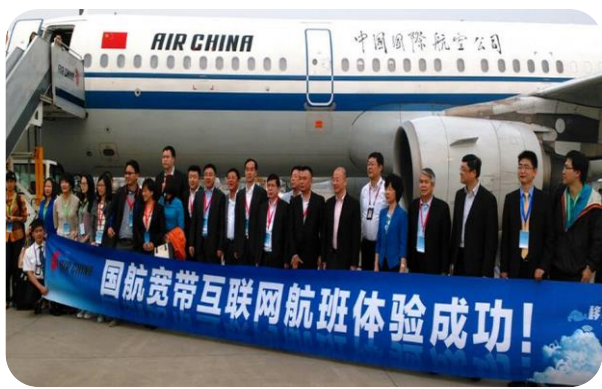
- Adaptive tracking and compensation algorithm for large Doppler frequency offset @ 1200km/h velocity.
- Customized design for random access to cell with radius of 200km and velocity of 1200km/h.
- Super cell technology to mitigate interference and minimize handover.
- Remote device management of LTE CPE.

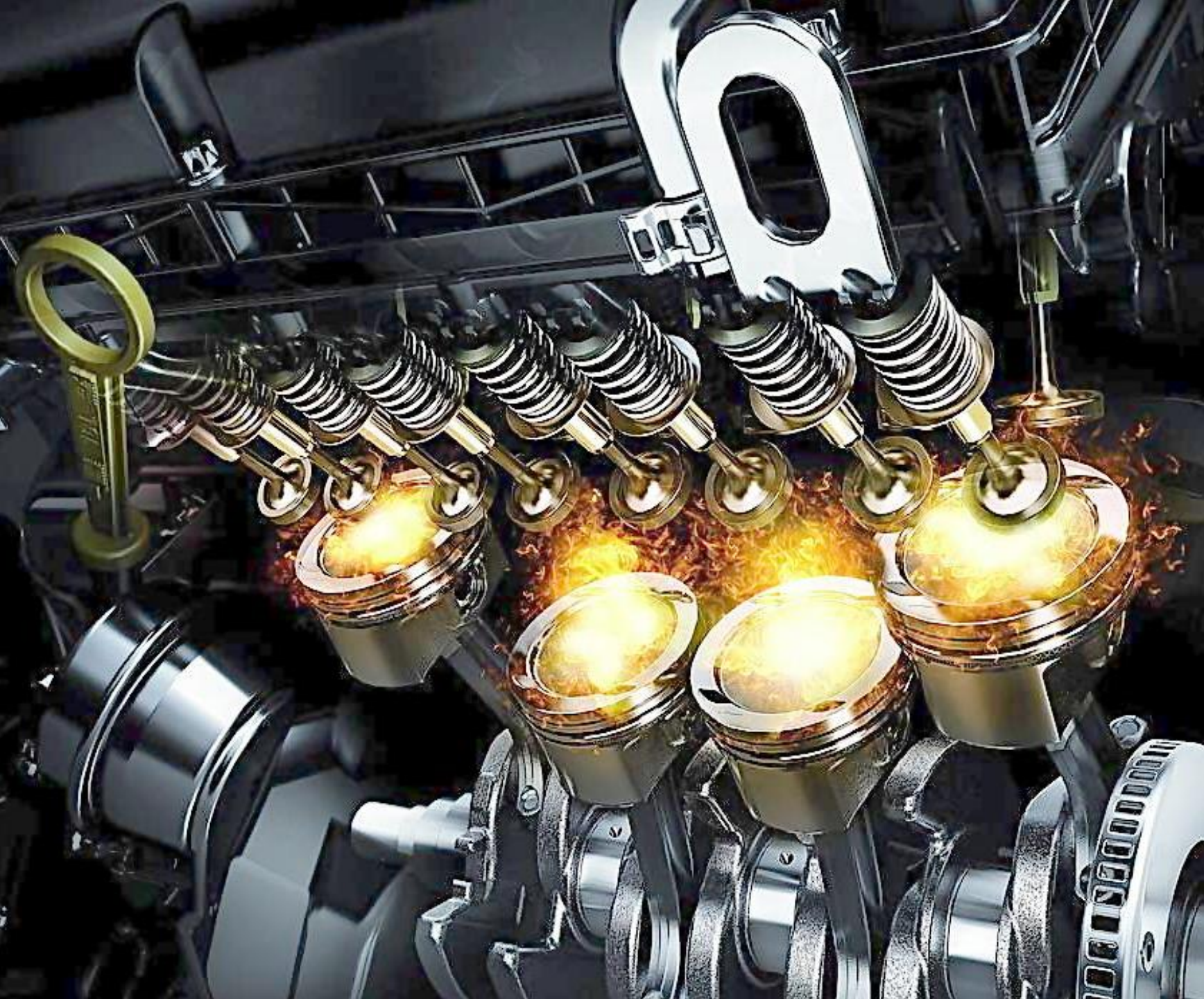
# Enjoy 4G in the Airplane with ATG Solution



- Beijing → Chengdu
- Distance: 1700km
- Max Speed: >1200km/h
- BS quantity: 12
- Bandwidth: 5M
- DL Throughput: 30~35M

- On Feb 8th, 2016, Spring Festival Gala live broadcasted on an Air China flight.
- On Apr 16th, 2014, Flight CA116 of Air China— **the world's first** Ground-Air broadband application based on **4G technology** with entire technical support provided by ZTE.
- ZTE has deployed ATG solution across the U.S. to provide services for Aircell's customers since 2007.





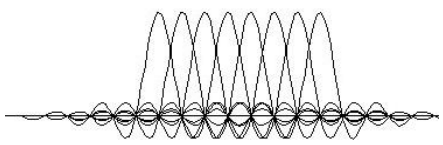
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## Efficiency

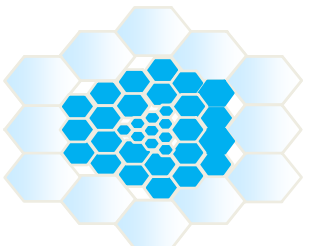


# ① Cloud Radio - Decrease Inter-cell Interference of LTE Network

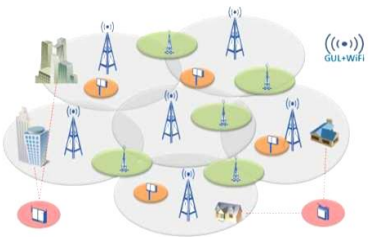
## Severe Interference in LTE



OFDM



Dense Cell

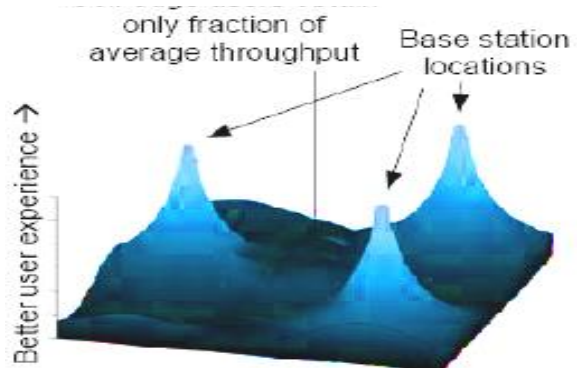


HetNet

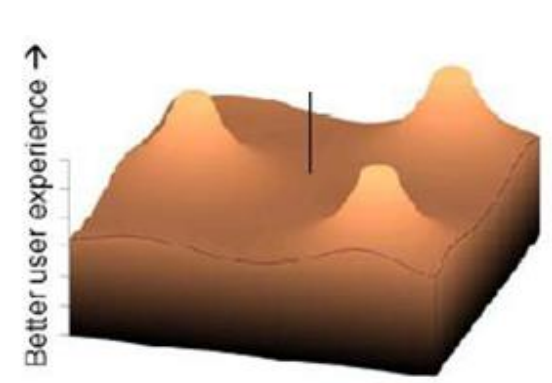
Over 50% Performance Problems in LTE network are caused by Interference

## CLOUD RADIO - Enhanced CoMP

Very Good at Cell Center, Poor at Cell Edge



Cell Edge QoE is obviously improved



ZTE CLOUD RADIO™ Solution can efficiently decrease cell interference, improve cell-edge user throughput.

# Cloud Radio - User Experience Improvement with Any Backhaul

## For any network type

- Distributed or Centralized Deployment
- HomoNet or HetNet

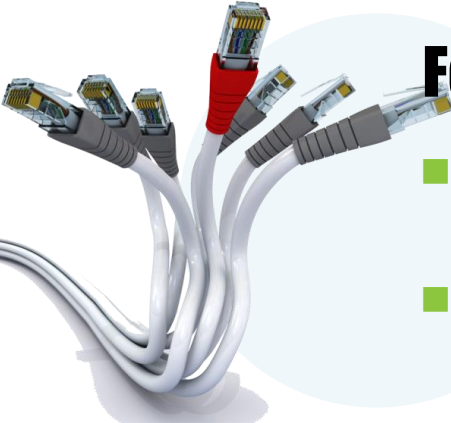


## For any LTE Terminals

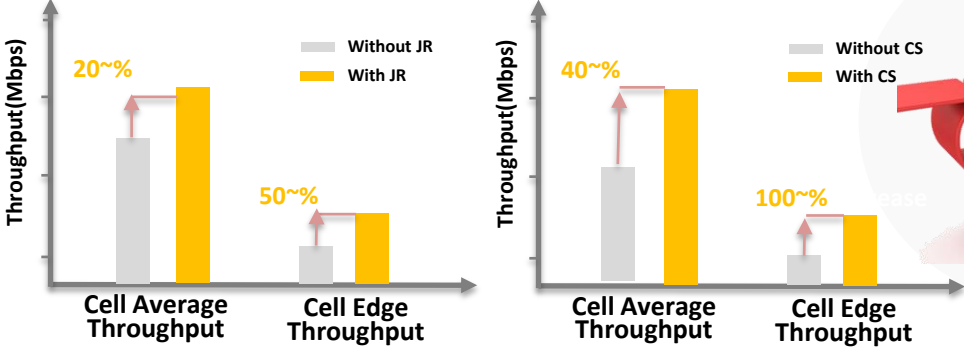
- R8/R9 Compatibility

## For any backhaul

- For almost any backhaul transmission
- Industry leader & best solution



## Benefits of Cloud Radio



- Improved Cell Edge Experiences (10MHz LTE BW)
  - UL: cell edge **50%** / cell average **20%**
  - DL : cell edge **100%** / cell average **40%**
- Relaxed requirements on bandwidth & delay
  - BW: **50Mbps** << 3GPP.
  - Delay: **8ms** >> 3GPP.

# ② Magic Radio – the Magic of Maximizing Spectrum Utilization

## Static Solution



**Inefficiency** of spectral utilization between GSM, UMTS & LTE

## Magic Radio Solution

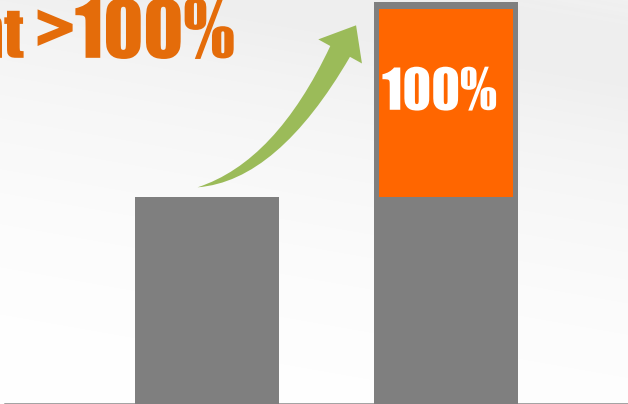


## Spectrum Efficiency Improvement >100%

Magic Radio 1.0

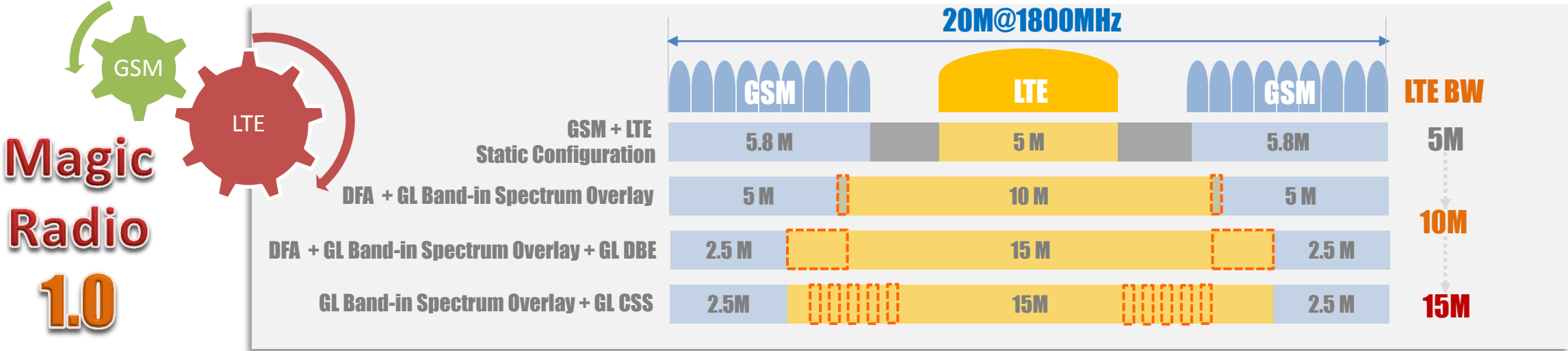


Magic Radio 2.0

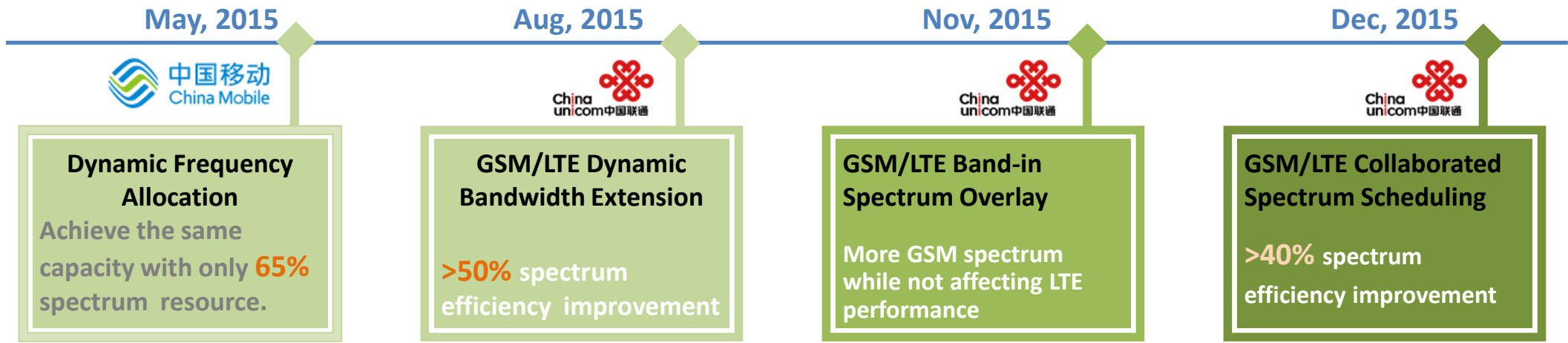


More than Magic

# Magic Radio 1.0 – Flexible GSM/LTE Spectrum Allocation

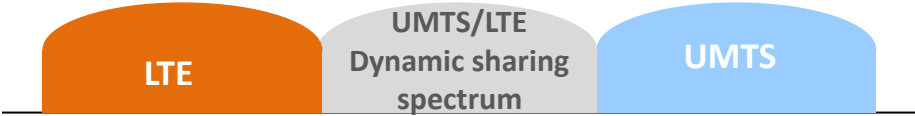


## Magic Radio 1.0 has been successfully Verified in Field Network



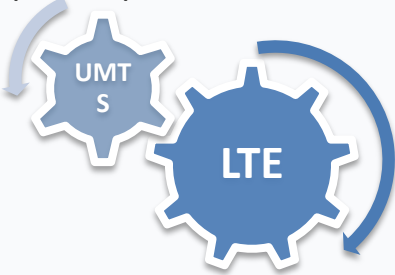
# Magic Radio 2.0 – Extending to UMTS and LTE

## Spectrum Sharing between UMTS&LTE



### Traffic Load Based Dynamic spectrum sharing

- Spectrum sharing between UMTS and LTE can be implemented in U/L reframing scenario
- When UMTS low traffic load, part of UMTS spectrum can be dynamically used as LTE spectrum to improve spectrum utilization
- Achieving co-frequency UMTS/LTE neighbor cell configuration with less interference and higher capacity

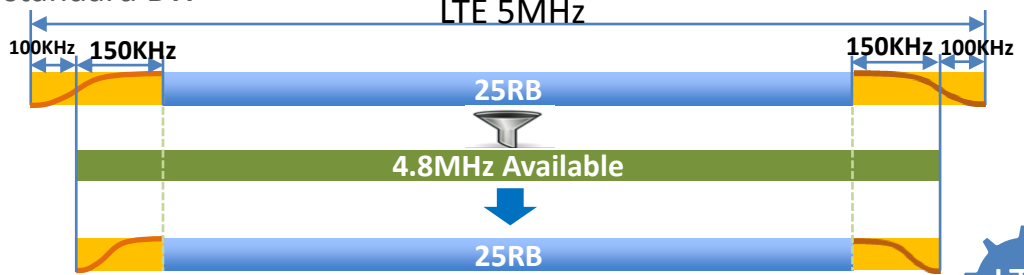


## Intra-LTE Spectrum Sharing

### Single Carrier Configuration

Non-standard BW can be configured as standard BW

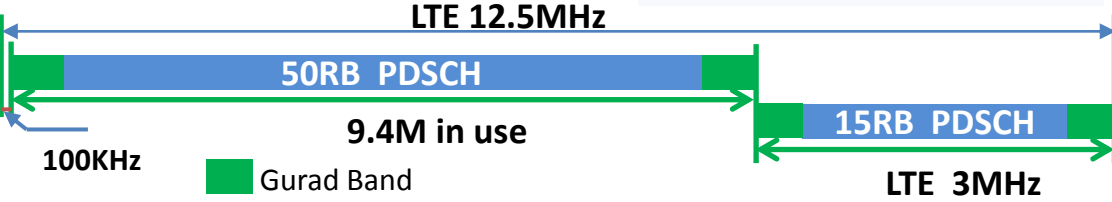
- Without capacity loss
- High BW utilization



### Multi-Carrier Configuration

Less BW can be configured as one non-standard BW plus one standard BW

- No capacity loss
- Flexible BW configuration
- Higher spectrum efficiency



## Magic Than MAGIC

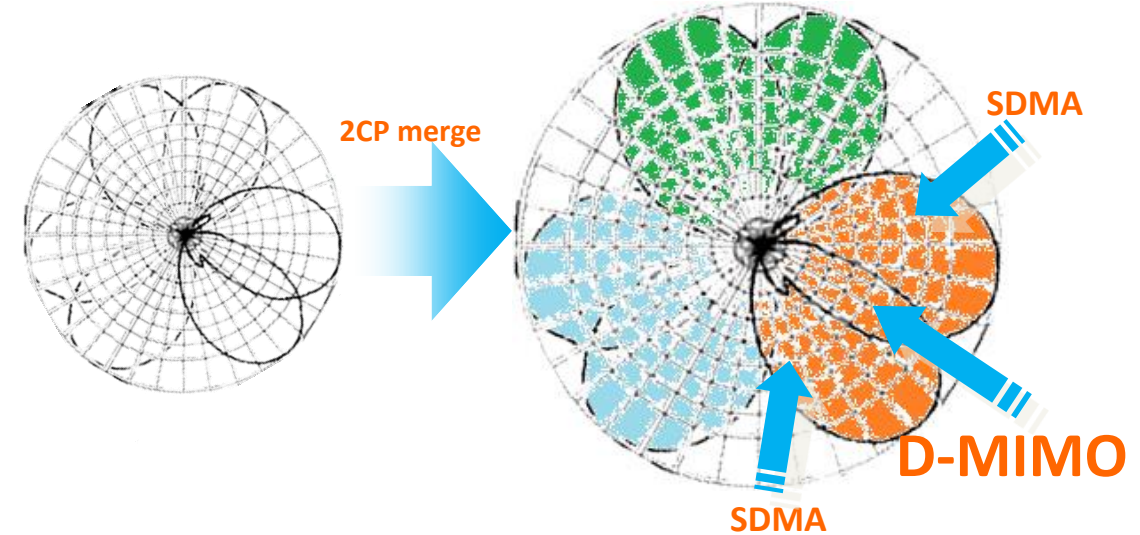
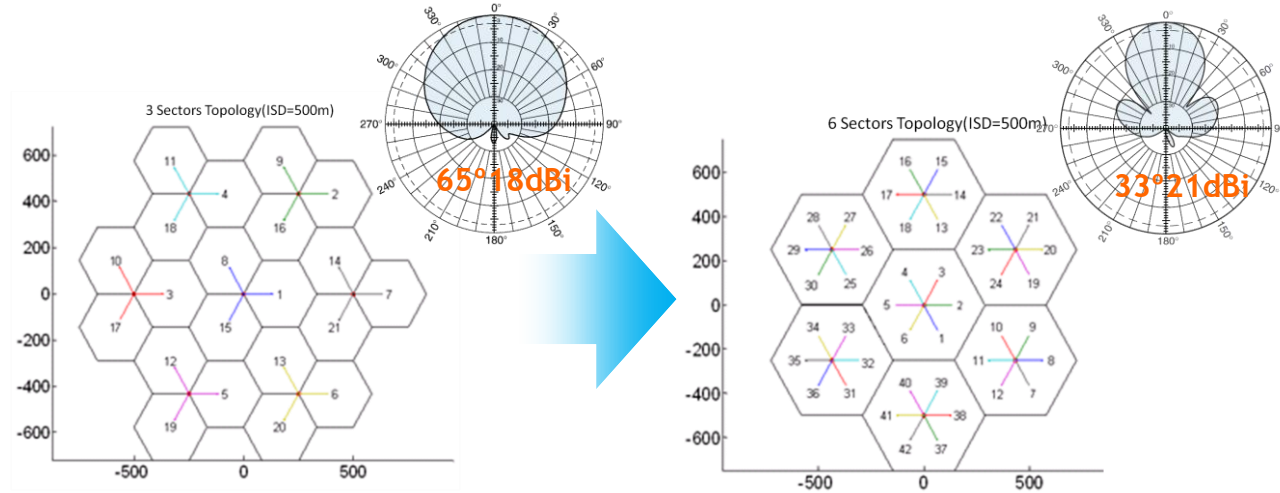
# ③ Virtual 6 Sectors - Enhance Network Capacity and Coverage

3 Sectors---->Traditional 6 sectors

How to solve the problem of traditional 6 sectors and improve network-scale capacity



Virtual 6 sectors



## Advantages

## Disadvantage

- Improve cell radius about **20%** and site coverage area about **50%** for new site
- Increase **60%** single site capacity

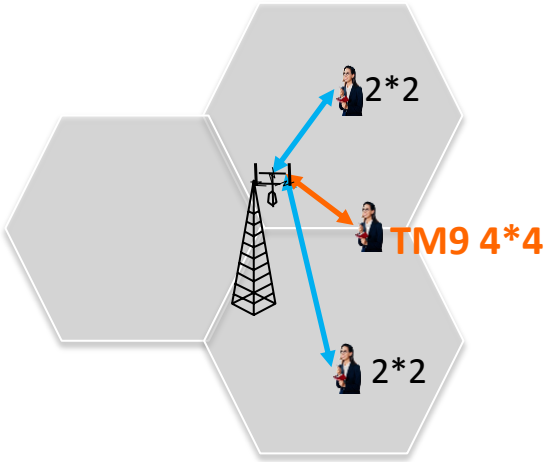
- Serious interference ,worse coverage quality
- Heavy impact on network planning and optimization. PCI and neighbor planning become more complex
- Handover rate rise

- **Super cell** , two physical cells combine into one and form a 3 sector structure
- Capacity improvement by **D-MIMO** and **SDMA**

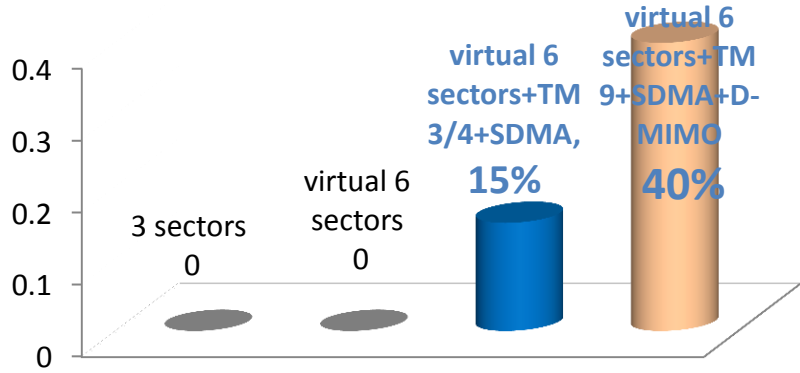
Applicable to **single site deployment**

Applicable to **large-scale deployment**

# D-MIMO&SDMA Improve the Capacity of Virtual 6 Sectors

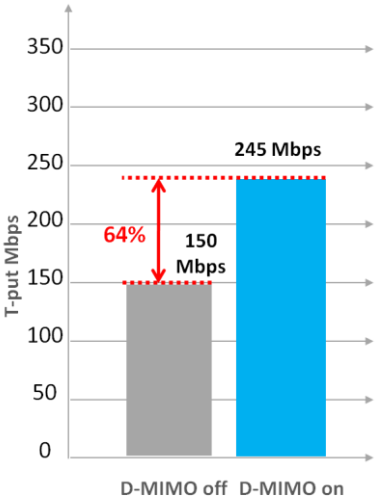
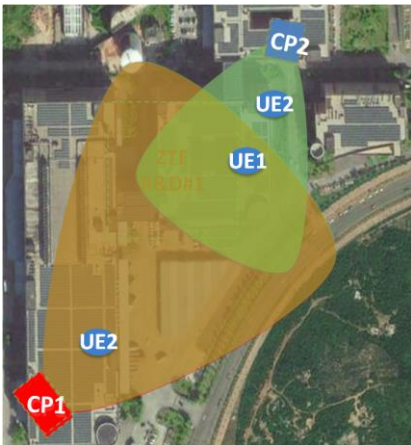


capacity gain contrast



- 2 sectors combined Super Cell **D-MIMO &SDMA**
- CP Non-overlap Area: 2\*2 MIMO, SDMA
- CP Overlap Area: 4\*2/4\*4MIMO, D-MIMO
- **Gains vary depending on terminal type**
- **Smooth upgrade to 4T4R**

## Test Scenario

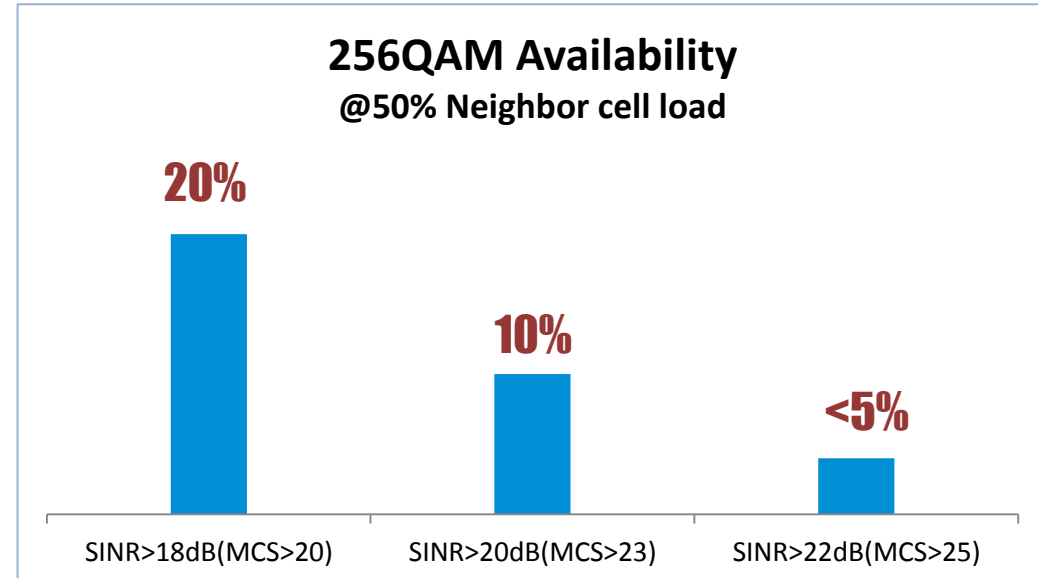
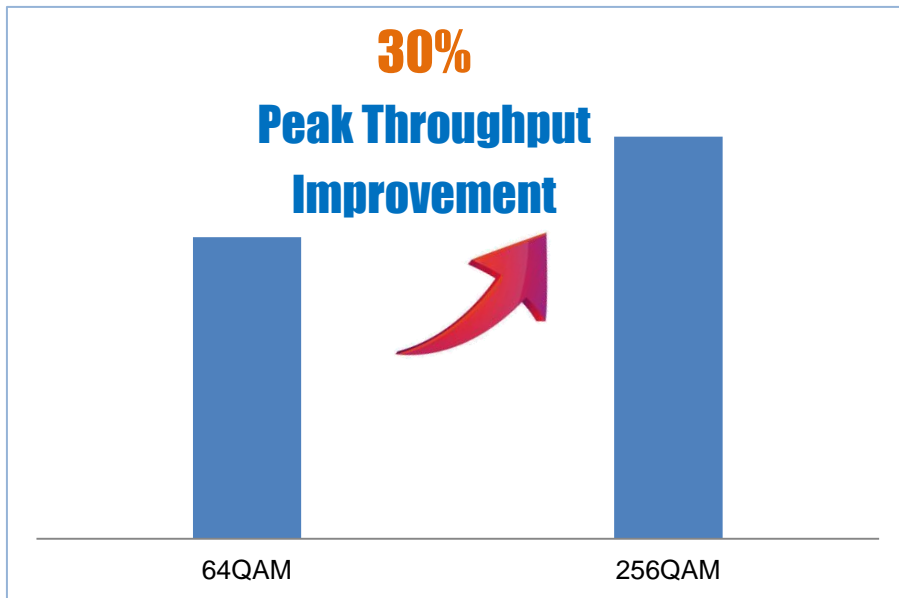
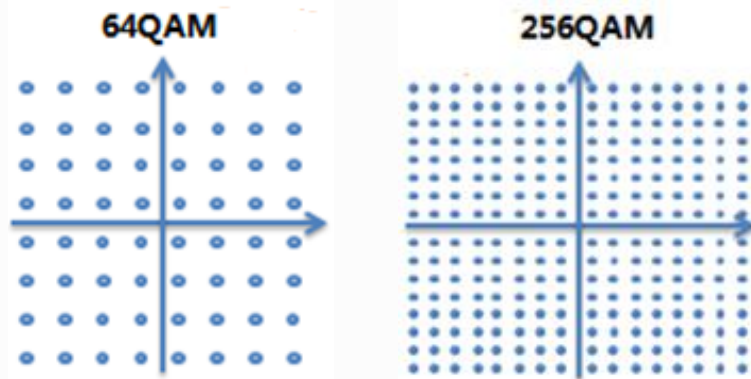


- CP: 2 antenna RRU
- UE:TM9 4\*4, ZTE self-developed UE
- D-MIMO on: UE single peak throughput reached **245Mbps**
- SDMA+D-MIMO on: 3UE total average **220+ Mbps**
- Capacity gain: **40%**

Data Sources: ShenZhen outfield test



# ④ 256QAM – Improving Spectrum Efficiency



## UE Requirement

R12 UE

## Application Scenario

- Hotspot and indoor
- Good channel condition with high SINR





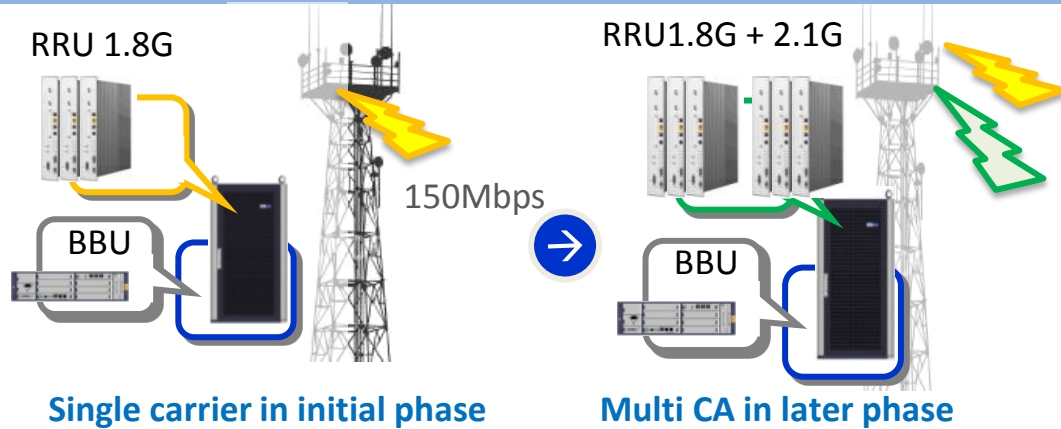


# Part IV

## Experience

# ① Carrier Aggregation – Higher Throughput, Better Experience

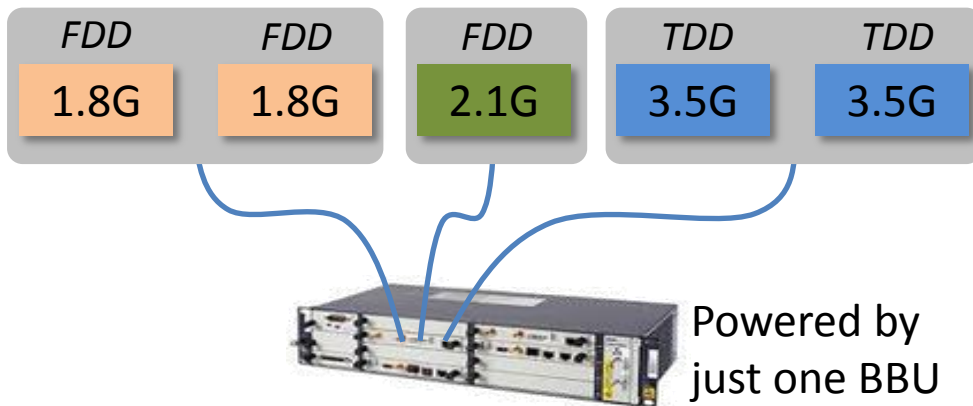
Single Carrier -> 2CC CA -> 3CC CA -> **5CC CA** & more



- CA supported by BBU with no additional requirements on RRU
- Hardware-ready for all CA – software upgrade only
- CA support with macro, micro & pico cell, anywhere you need



FDD/TDD 5CC-CA + 4\*4 MIMO Demo in **MWC: 1.3+ Gbps**



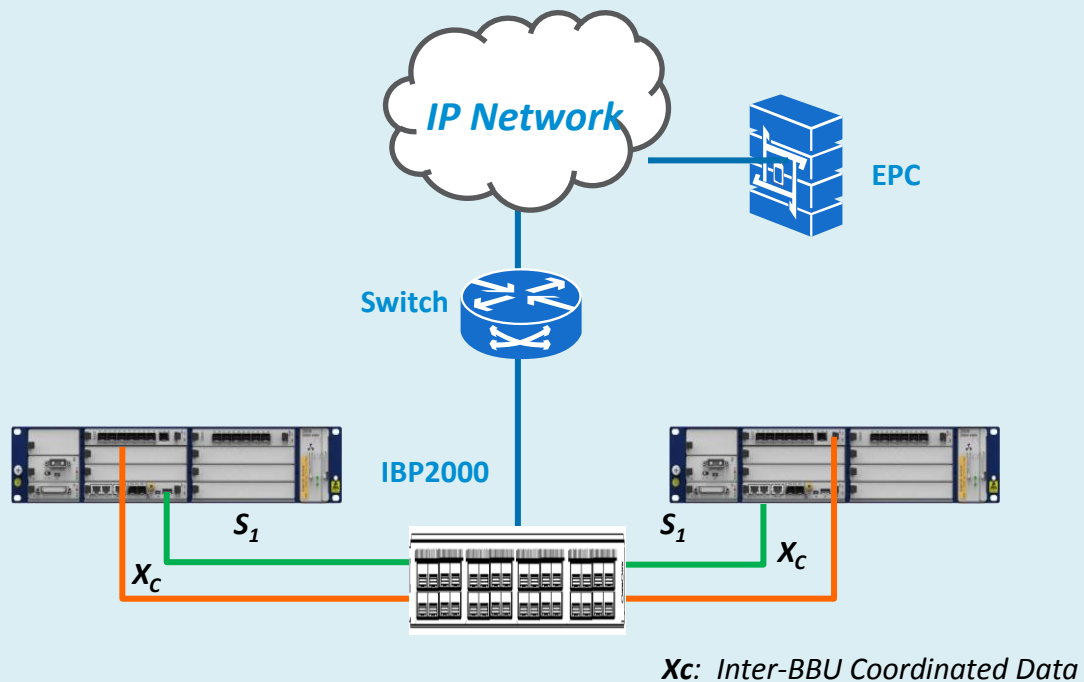
CA supported in **all RRUs**



ZTE

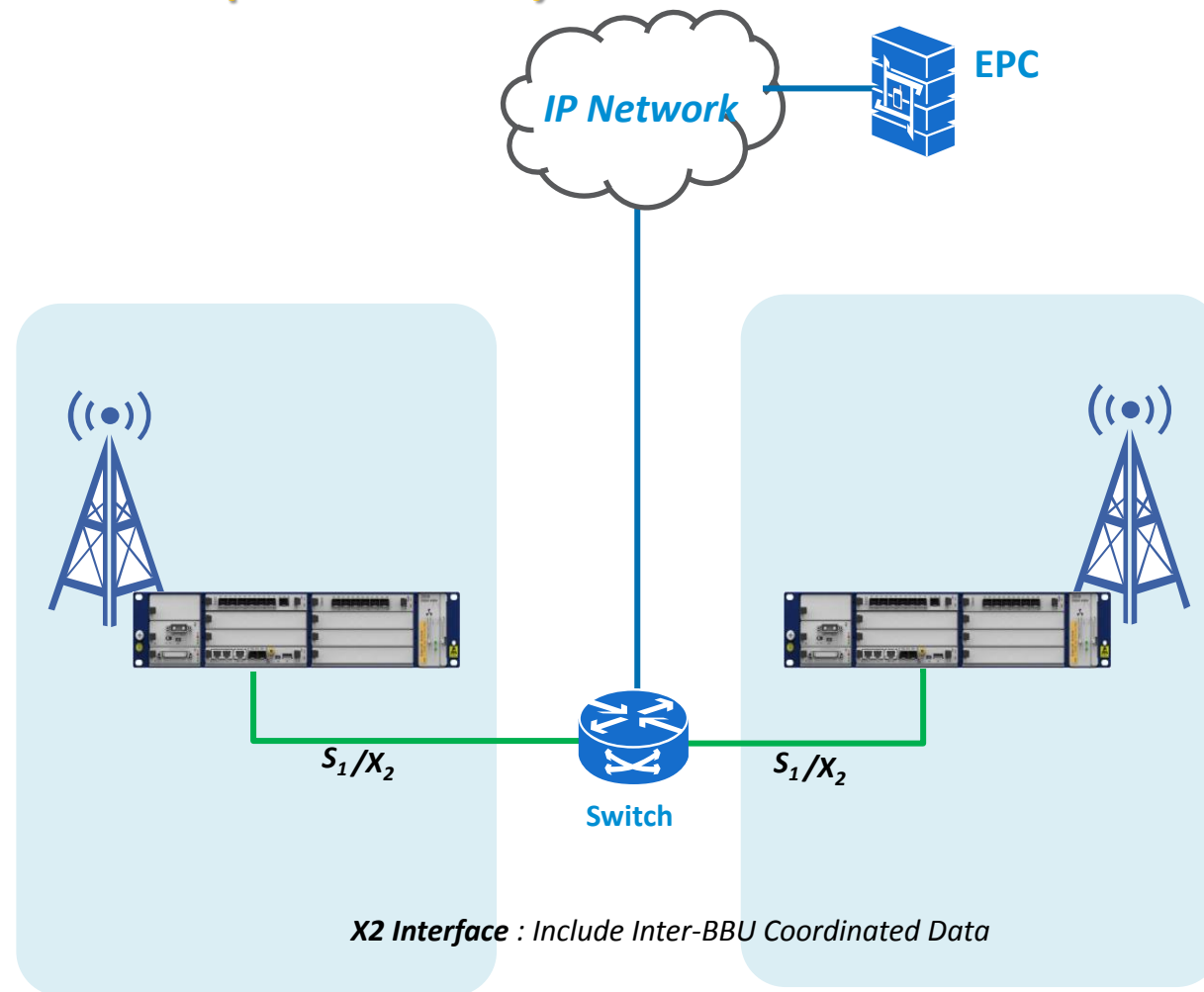
# Carrier Aggregation in Cloud – More Flexible Deployment

## Cloud CA (Centralized)

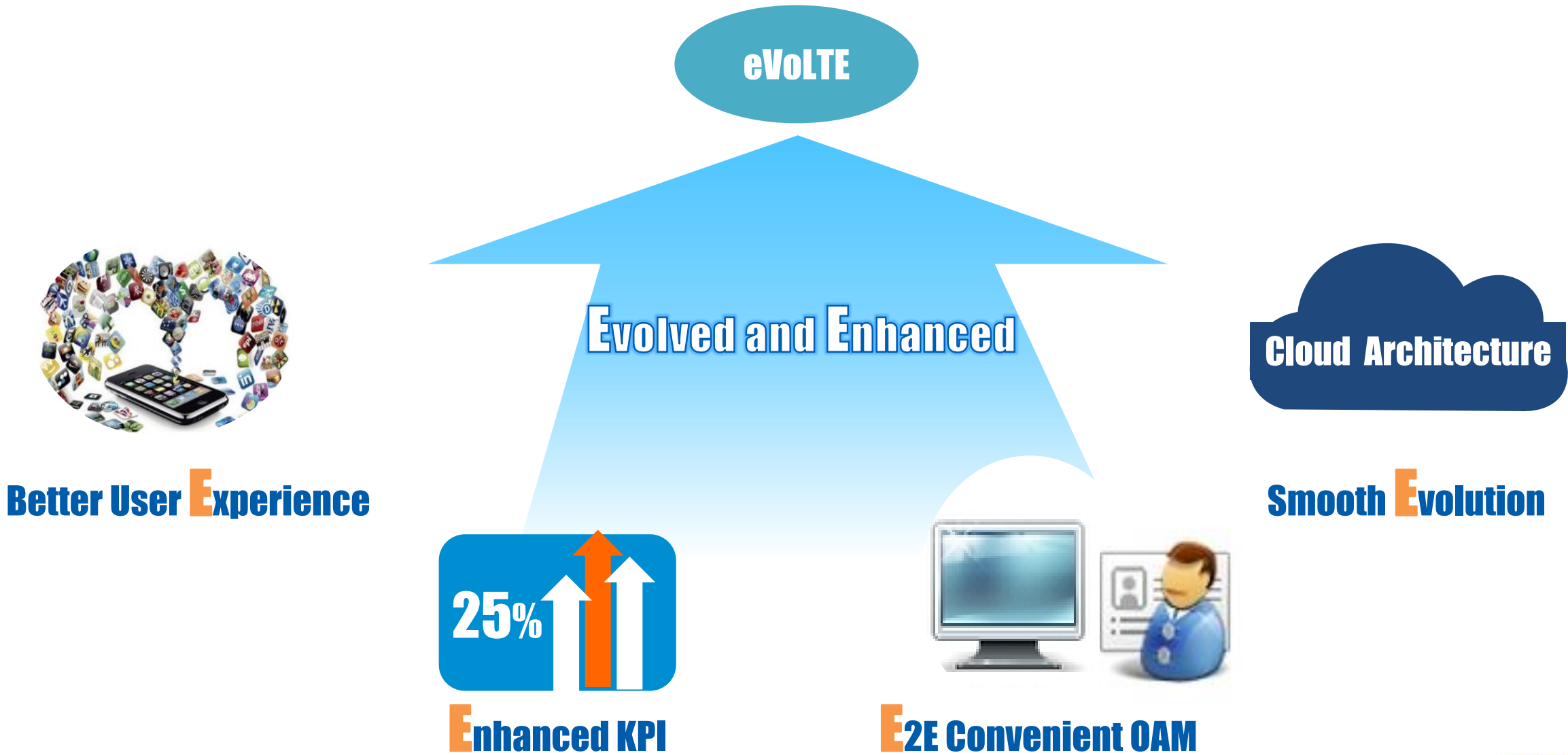


Room for BBUs centralized deployment

## Cloud CA (Distributed)



# ② eVoLTE - Brings Enhanced and Evolved VoLTE Performance



# eVoLTE - Comprehensive Features for RAN

- TTI Bundling
- RoHC
- Inter-eNB JR based on relax transmission delay (Voice)
- ECN/ECN-A



COVERAGE

- Active grant per 40ms for VoLTE in uplink
- PUCCH resource allocate adjustment
- Frequency selective scheduling based on NI
- Init target BLER could be adjusted for QCI=1
- Inactive Timer for QCI=1 service



QUALITY

- SPS
- Active Delay Scheduling
- DRX configuration optimization



CAPACITY

- SPS Power Saving
- Long DRX
- VoLTE DRX



BATTERY

# eVoLTE - More Profits and Lower TCO by Improving KPI

## More Subscriptions



Traditional



eVoLTE

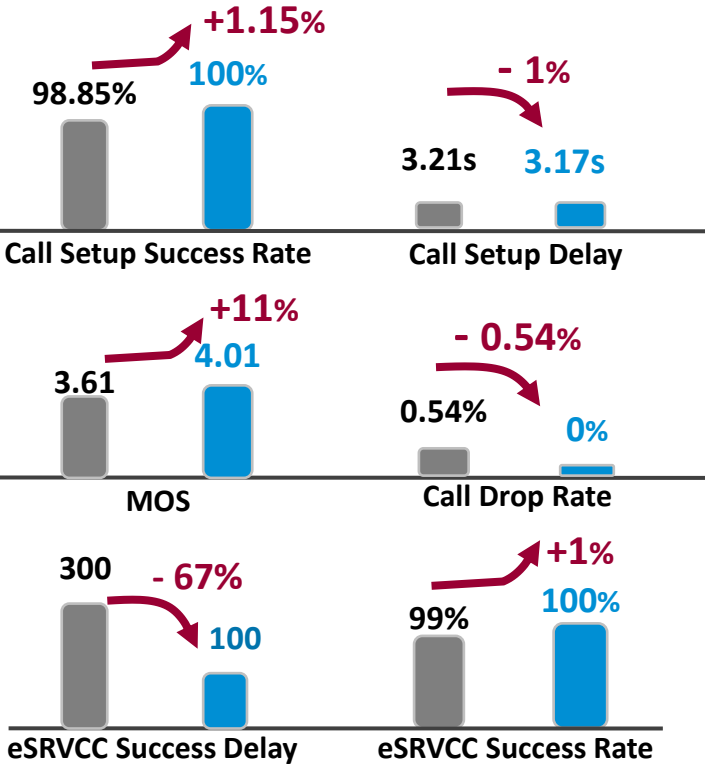
**+ 50% Users**

## Fewer Sites



**- 20% Sites**

## Better Performance



**25% Improved**

# ③ Video Optimization



## Quality Assessment

- No systematic assessment mechanism is no good start
- ZTE's comprehensive system of quality assessment sets the solid ground of video optimization

## Network Planning

- Network planning targeting at video optimization
- Requirements analysis, modeling, implementation & tests

## Total Solution

- Everything included: RAN, CN, transmission and service platform
- At RAN and CN: TCP acceleration & CDN closer to RAN

## User Experience

- Video streaming user experience can be greatly improved only by implementing a good quality assessment system, tailored network planning, plus the total solution.

# Video Optimization - Scheduling Optimization for Streaming



## Principle

- Video traffic has high priority during the initial playing phase
- GBR scheduling is used during the **stable playing** phase



During video initial playing phase, higher priority and more RB is given to video traffic in order to:

- Reduce initial buffering time
- Guarantee the smoothness of video playing
- Reduce the number of stalling
- Better experience

**Smooth Video Playing**  
**Reduce Initial waiting time**  
**Better View Experience**





# ④ TCP Optimization - Better User Experience in RAN

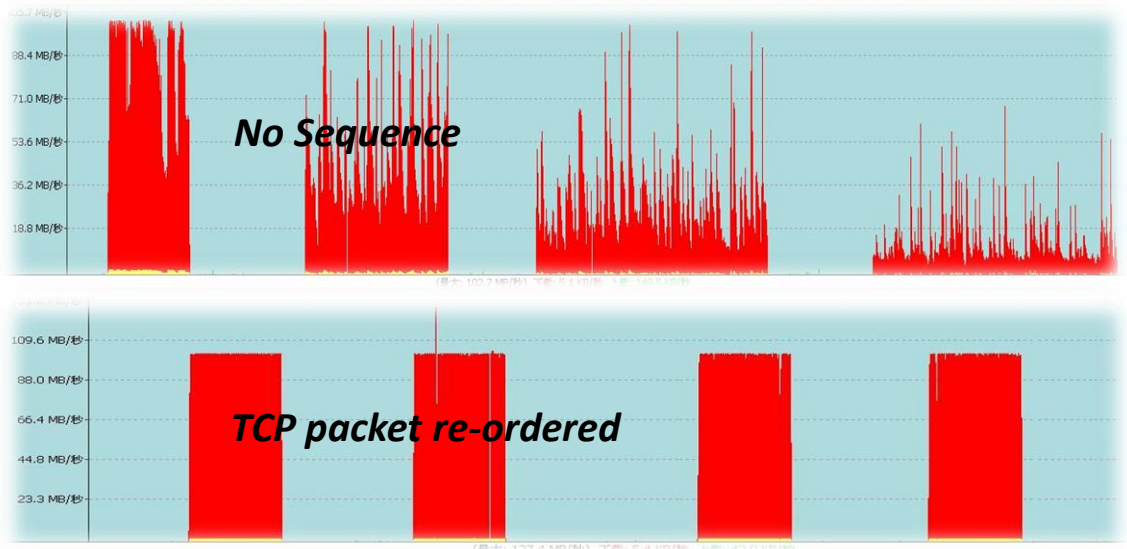


## TCP Optimization

- TCP Optimization
  - TCP packet re-ordered
  - Maximizing uplink and downlink TCP traffic
  - TCP ACK split
- TCP RTT Optimization

### Test Result

Position	TCP RTT Optimization	Average RSRP (dBm)	DL_PDCP_Tput (kbps)	DL_L1_Tput (kbps)
Near point	<b>Open</b>	-77.5888	<b>89351</b>	<b>90054.5</b>
	Close	-76.3195	86874.6	87605.3
Medium point	<b>Open</b>	-95.1096	<b>70564.5</b>	<b>71052.9</b>
	Close	-98.7974	65170	65634.2
Far point	<b>Open</b>	-110.422	<b>32803.8</b>	<b>33010.6</b>
	Close	-113.283	32374.4	32583.4





Part V

Future

# ① Ultra Dense Network Improves the Network Capacity

Based On Existing Network Architecture



**R8/R9 Terminal  
Compatible**



Increasing Flow Density

**> 10X Gain**



Before



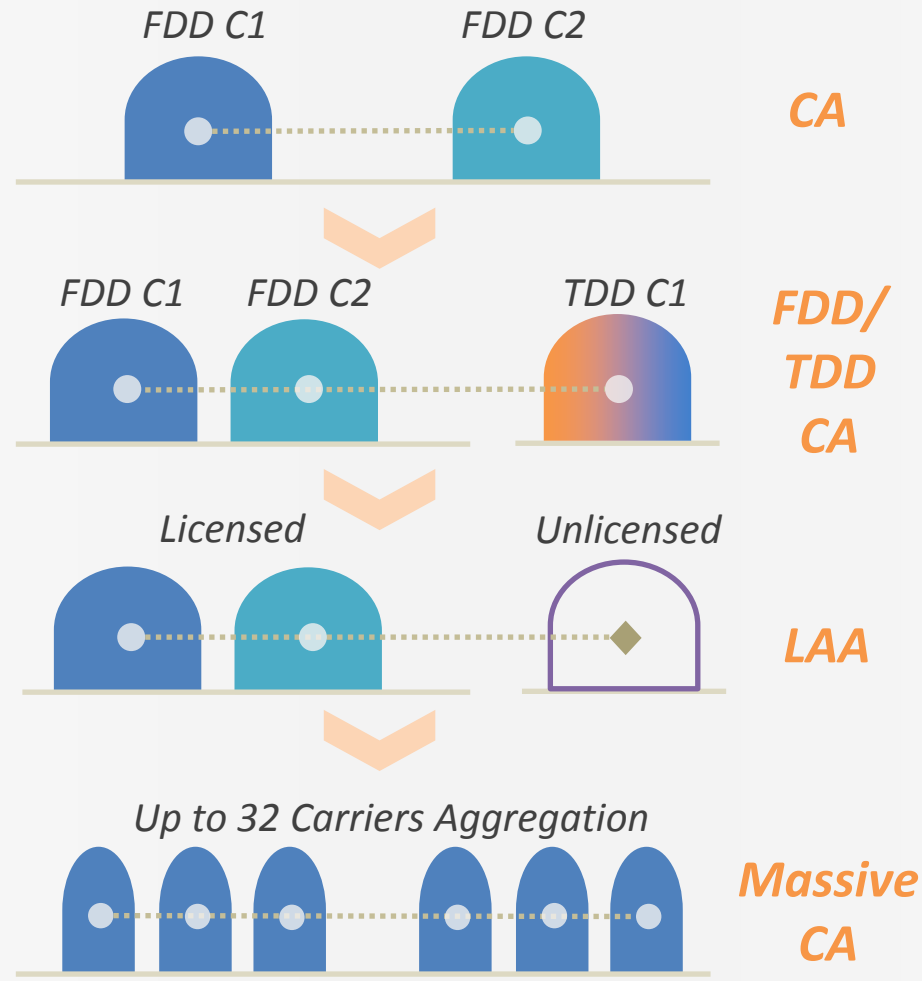
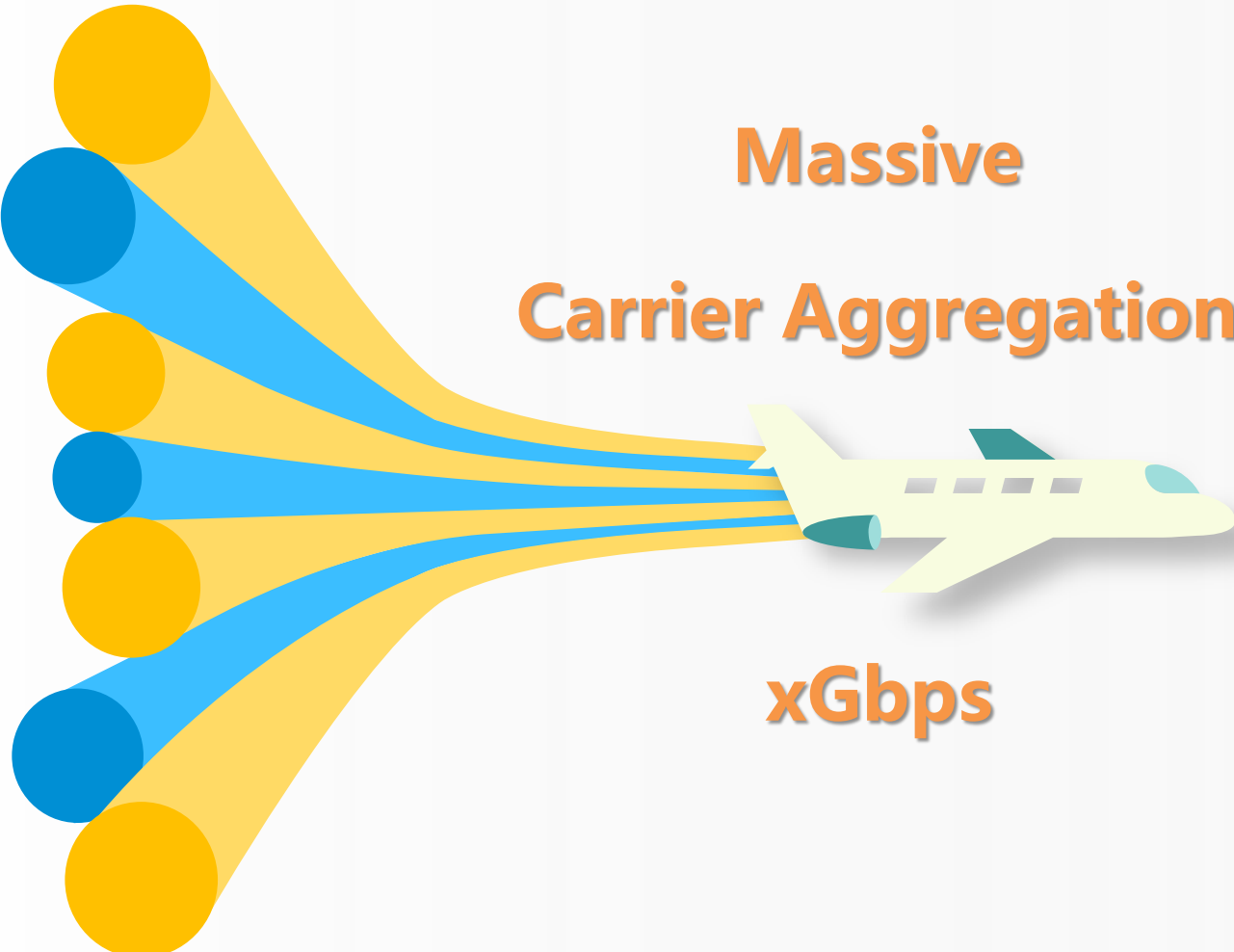
After

**User experience oriented**

- Stable user experience
- Seamless handover



# ② Massive CA to Extend the Peak Rate



# ③ NB-IoT to Connect Everything

## Characteristics

Massive Number of devices

Enhanced power efficiency

Broad coverage

Lowest possible cost

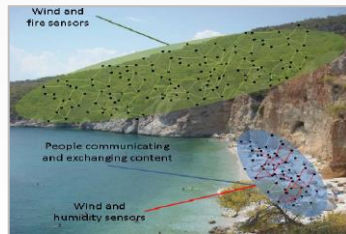
Low throughput  
Low mobility



## Scenarios



Smart homes



Environment



Agritech



Wearable



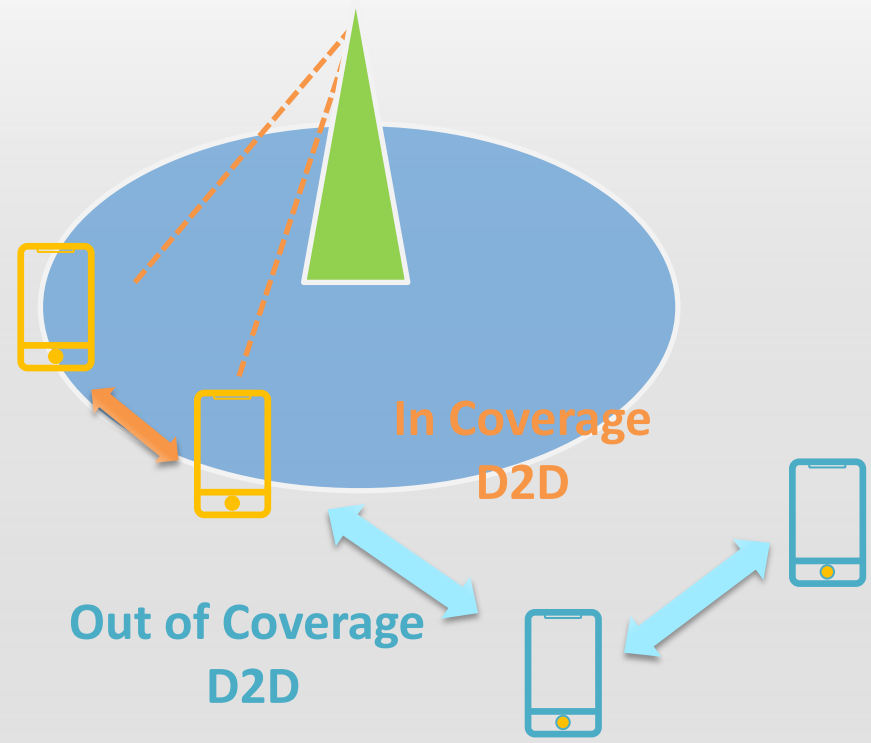
Smart Logistics



Smart cities

# ④ D2D Makes the Communication More Direct

## Device to Device Communication

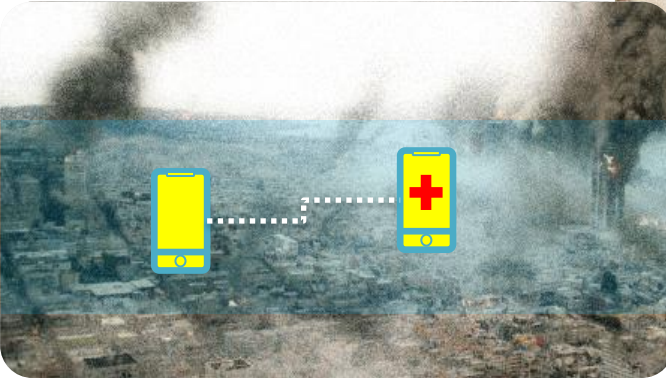


- Spectrum Efficiency Improvement
- Better User Experience
- More applicable scenarios



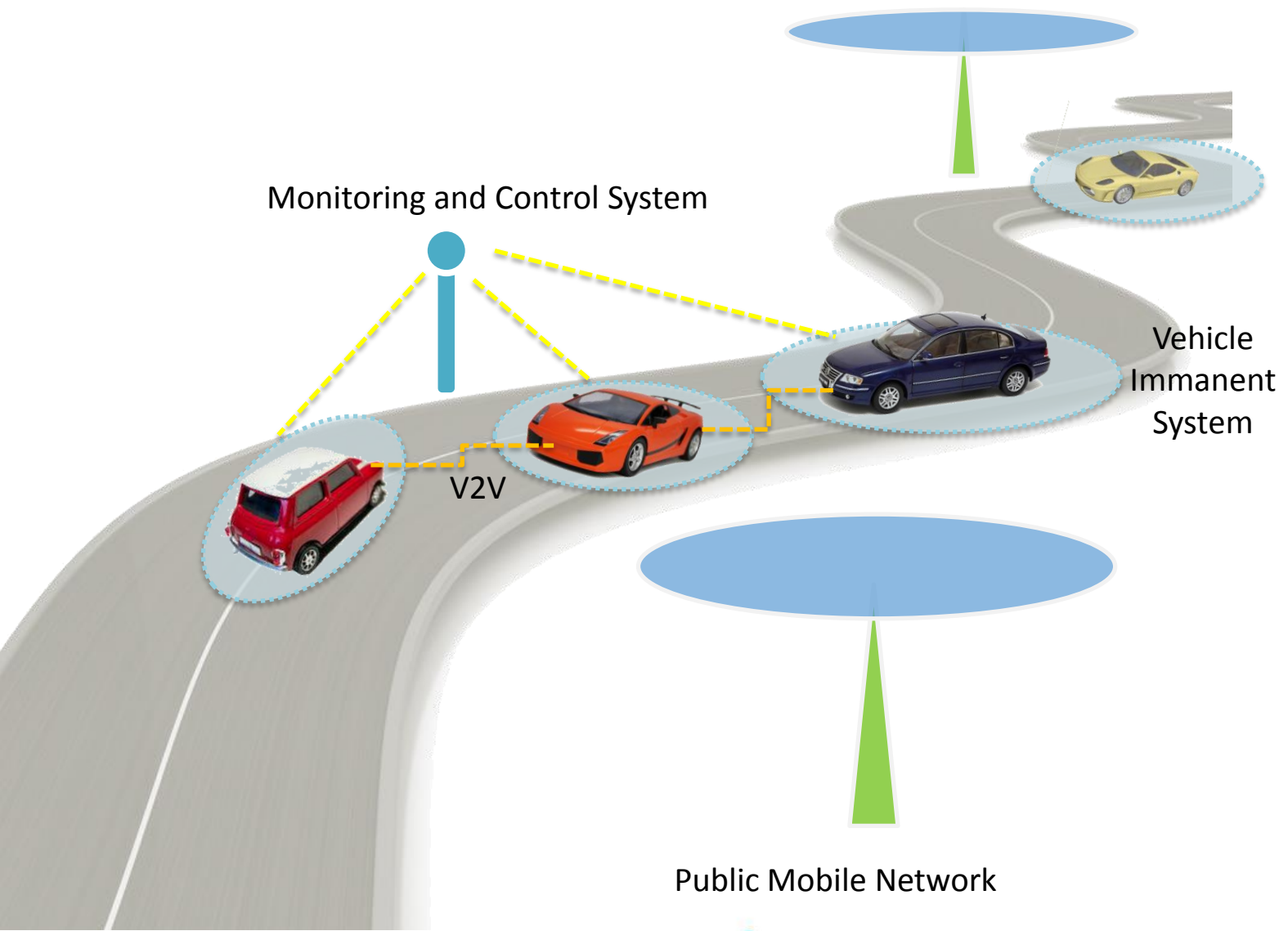
Local Social Network

Location Based Promotion



Emergency Communication

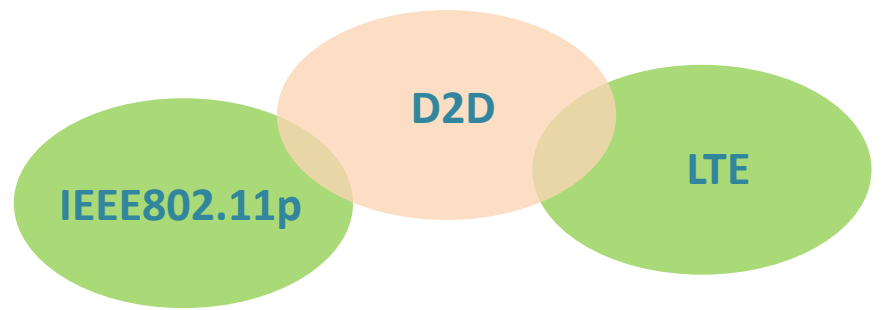
# ⑤ V2X Makes the World Safer and More Efficient



**High Reliability**

**Low Latency Requirement**

**High Speed Communication**





**Superior Network  
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