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# Challenges and Opportunities in Telecom Sector Implementing 5G

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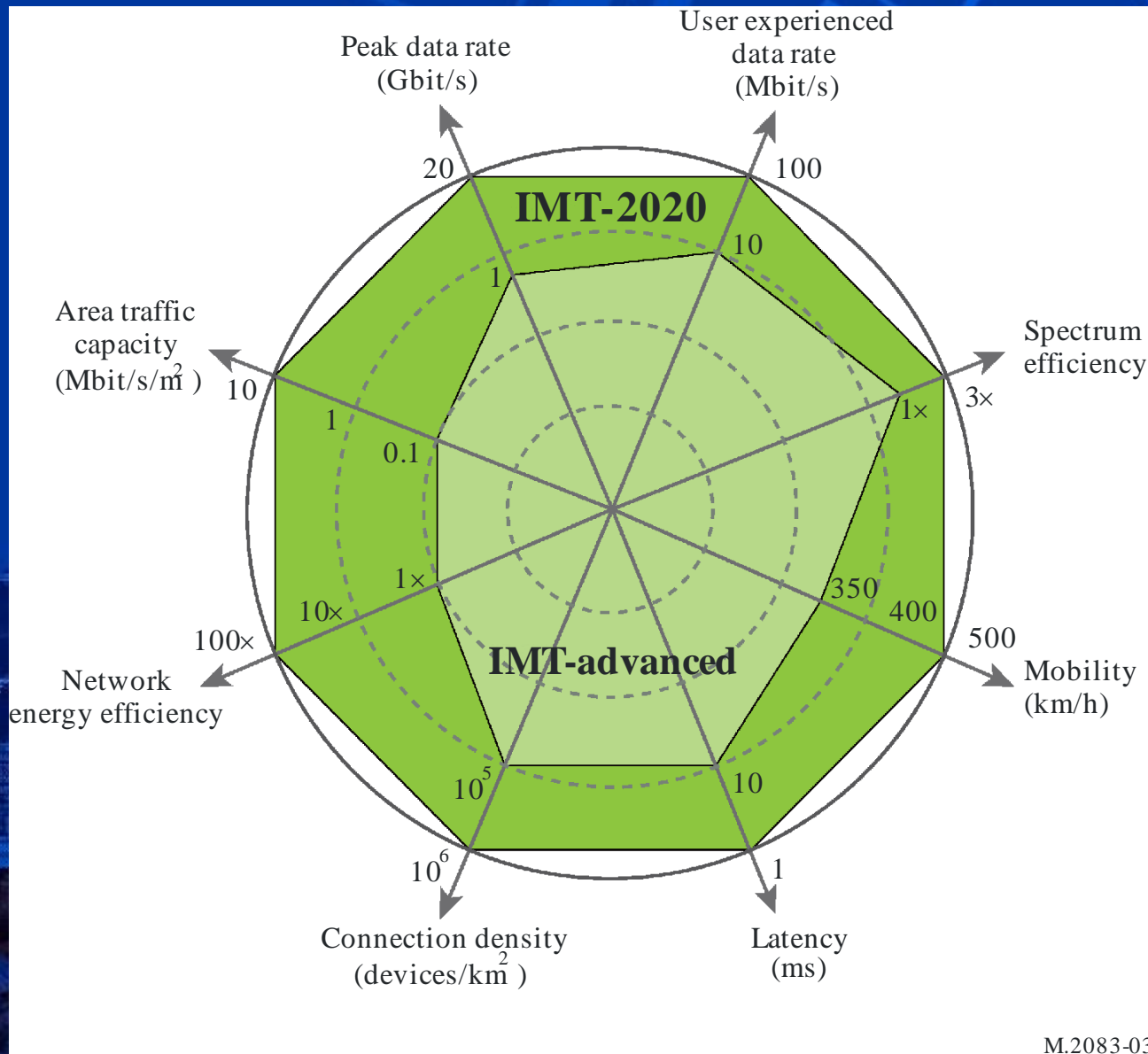
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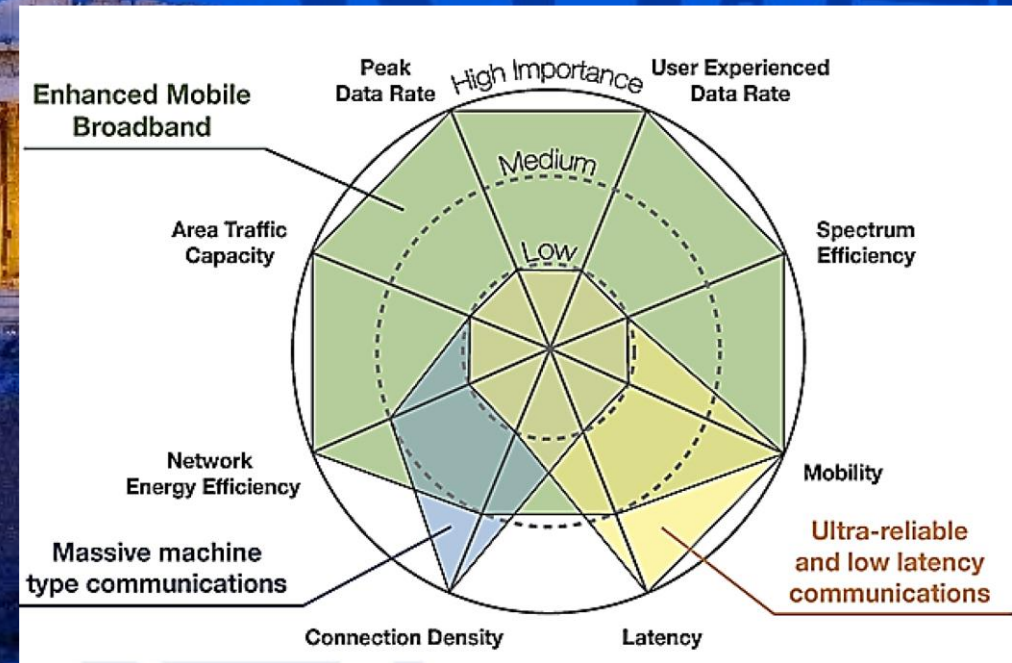
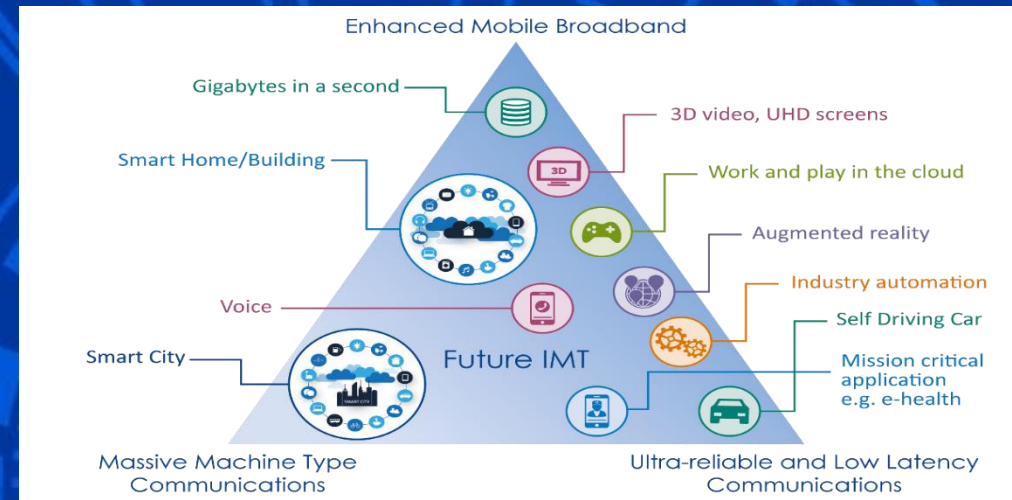
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- Small cell deployment challenges
  - Local permitting and planning processes
  - Lengthy engagement and procurement exercises
  - High fees and charges to access street furniture
  - Human exposure to radiofrequency electromagnetic fields (EMF)
  - Access and code powers
- Fibre backhaul
- Spectrum
- Device availability
- Coordination of industry verticals
- Net neutrality

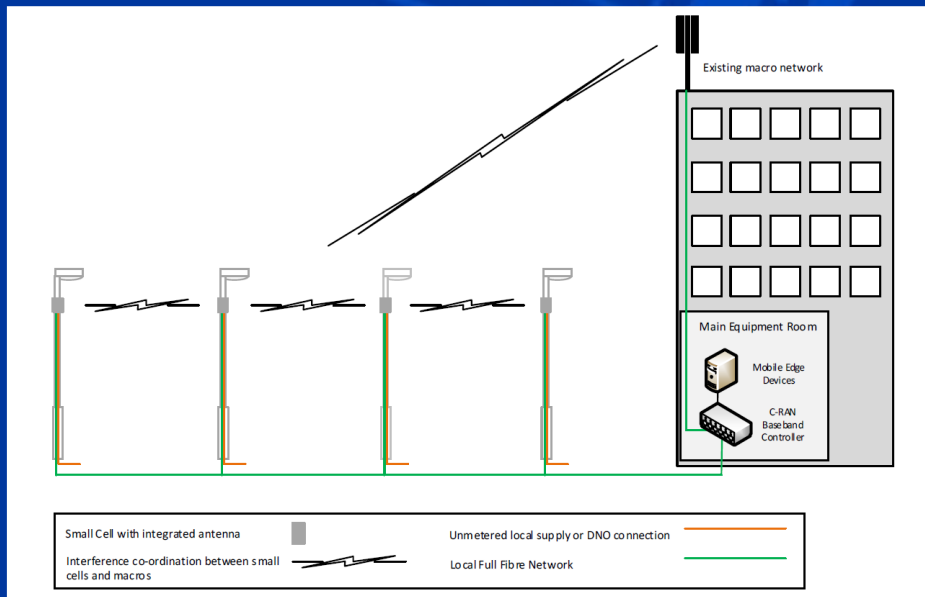
## Setting the Scene for 5G: Opportunities & Challenges



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- AT&T estimate that the deployment costs can range from **USD 20 000 to USD 50 000** per site assuming fibre backhaul for sites, something AT&T has in abundance.
- According to Nokia, site CAPEX is estimated to be between **USD 40 000 to USD 50 000** for a site that requires trenching and power
- Work undertaken by independent analysts estimates a total cost of ownership of **GBP 71 billion to build a ubiquitous 5G** network in the UK delivering 50 Mbit/s, built in 2020 and operated until 2030. This reduces to GBP 38 billion when infrastructure sharing is encouraged.
- Other reports estimate the cost of deploying 5G across the US as being in the order of **USD 300 billion**.
- In Europe investment costs are expected to range between EUR 300 billion to EUR 600 billion according to one mobile operator.
- Although these reports do not state the frequency spectrum used to derive the analysis, it is assumed that much of the cost results from network densification (through small cell deployment) – necessary for the smaller cell sizes required because of the use of higher mMWave frequency spectrum used by 5G, e.g. above 24GHz



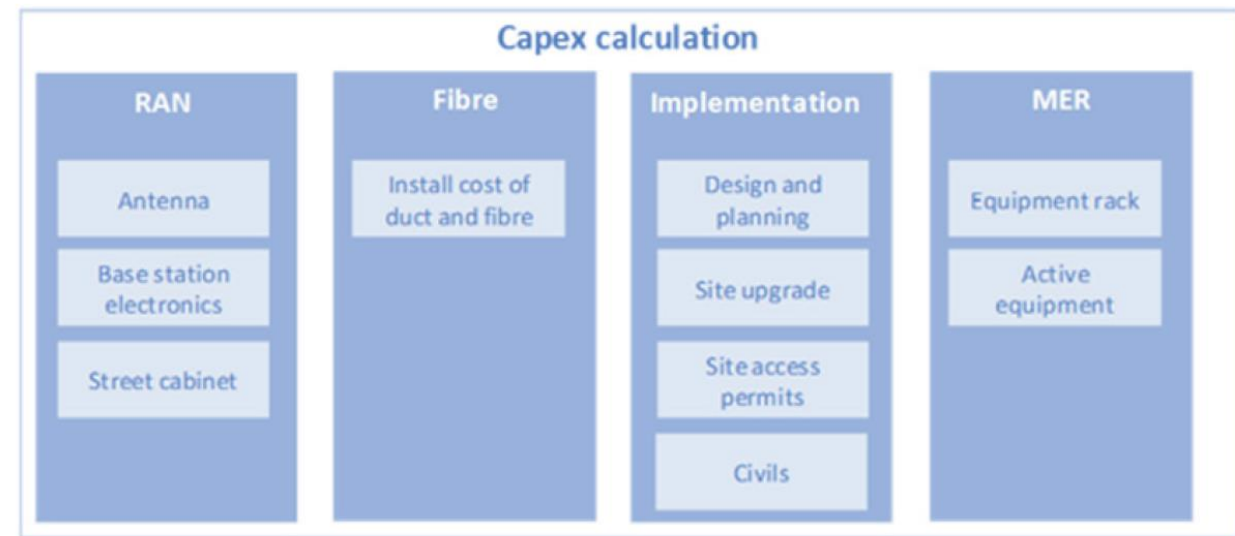
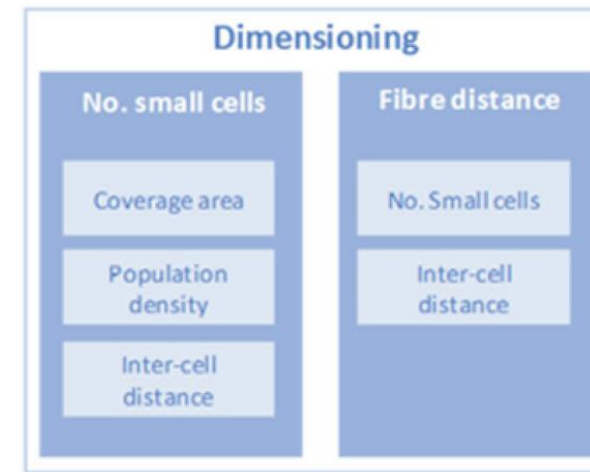
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<b>Total CAPEX (USD millions)</b>	<b>55.5</b>
Number of small cell sites	1 027
Cost per square km (USD millions)	3.7
CAPEX per site (USD thousands)	54.1

Item	Value
<b>Total CAPEX (USD millions)</b>	<b>6.8</b>
Number of small cell sites	116
Cost per square km (USD millions)	2.3
CapEx per site (USD thousands)	58.6

Small cell distance	Scenario 1	Scenario 2
RAN equipment (antenna, street cabinet, base station electronics, battery backup and network maintenance modules)	25%	24%
Implementation costs (design and planning costs, site upgrade costs, permit costs and civils costs to lay street cabinets)	50%	46%
Fibre (provision of 144 fibre along the route of activated street assets)	25%	30%
MER (single rack and termination equipment)	<0.1%	<0.1%

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