

## **"Science in the Public Service" Lecture Series**

# **Understanding the Fifth Generation Mobile (5G) Services**

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# Mobile Market Landscape

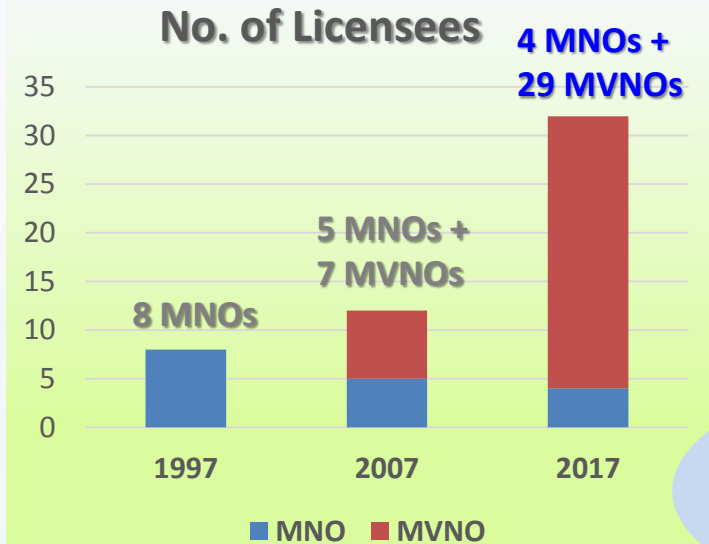
# Mobile Market



## Global Ranking

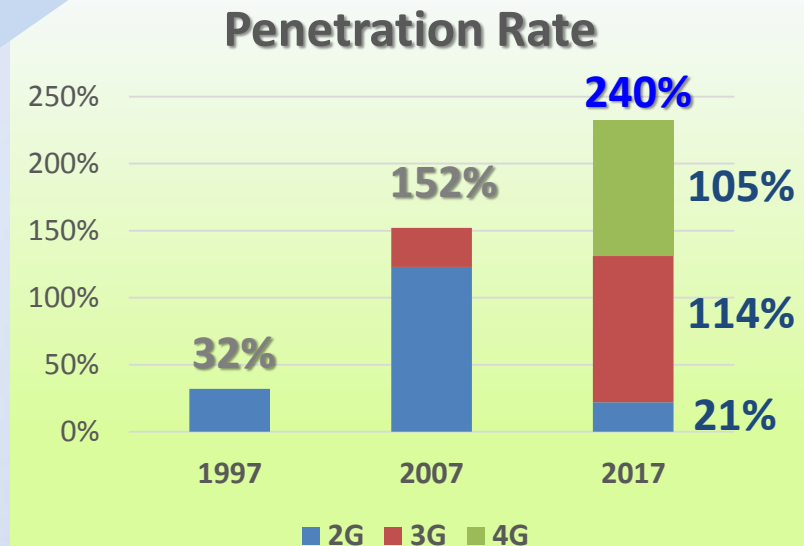
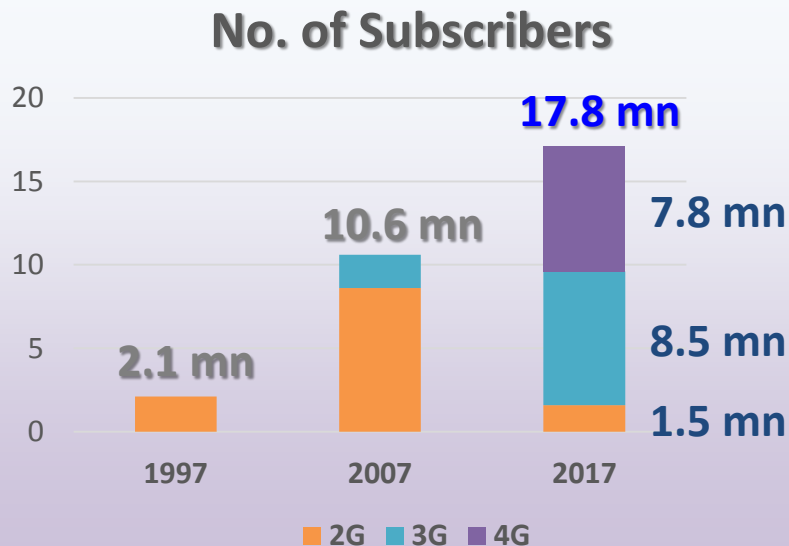


MNO – Mobile Network Operator  
MVNO – Mobile Virtual Network Operator

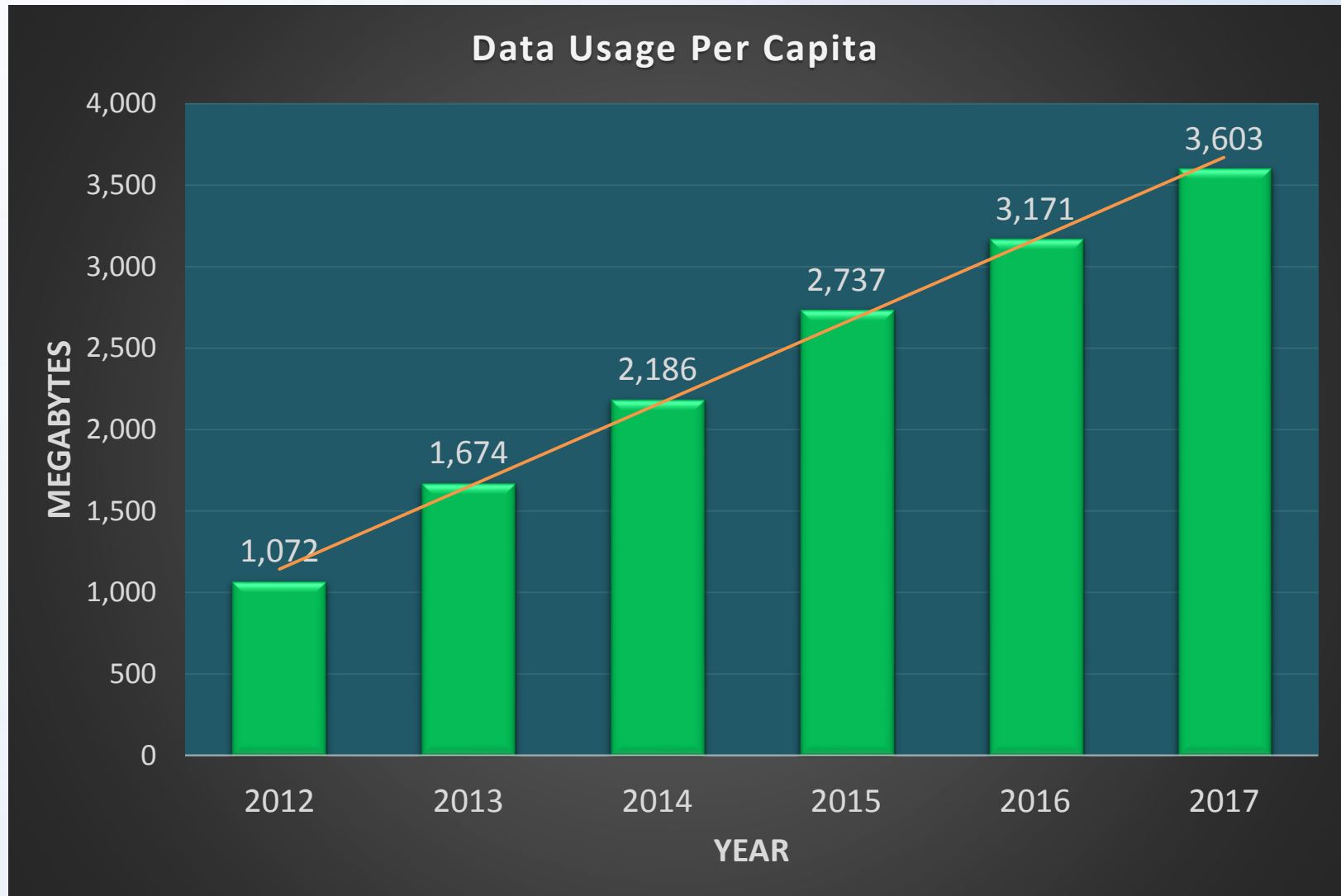


Mobile subscriber penetration

Mobile network coverage



# Mobile Data Usage



# Frequencies and Coverage under 2G, 3G and 4G

Frequency

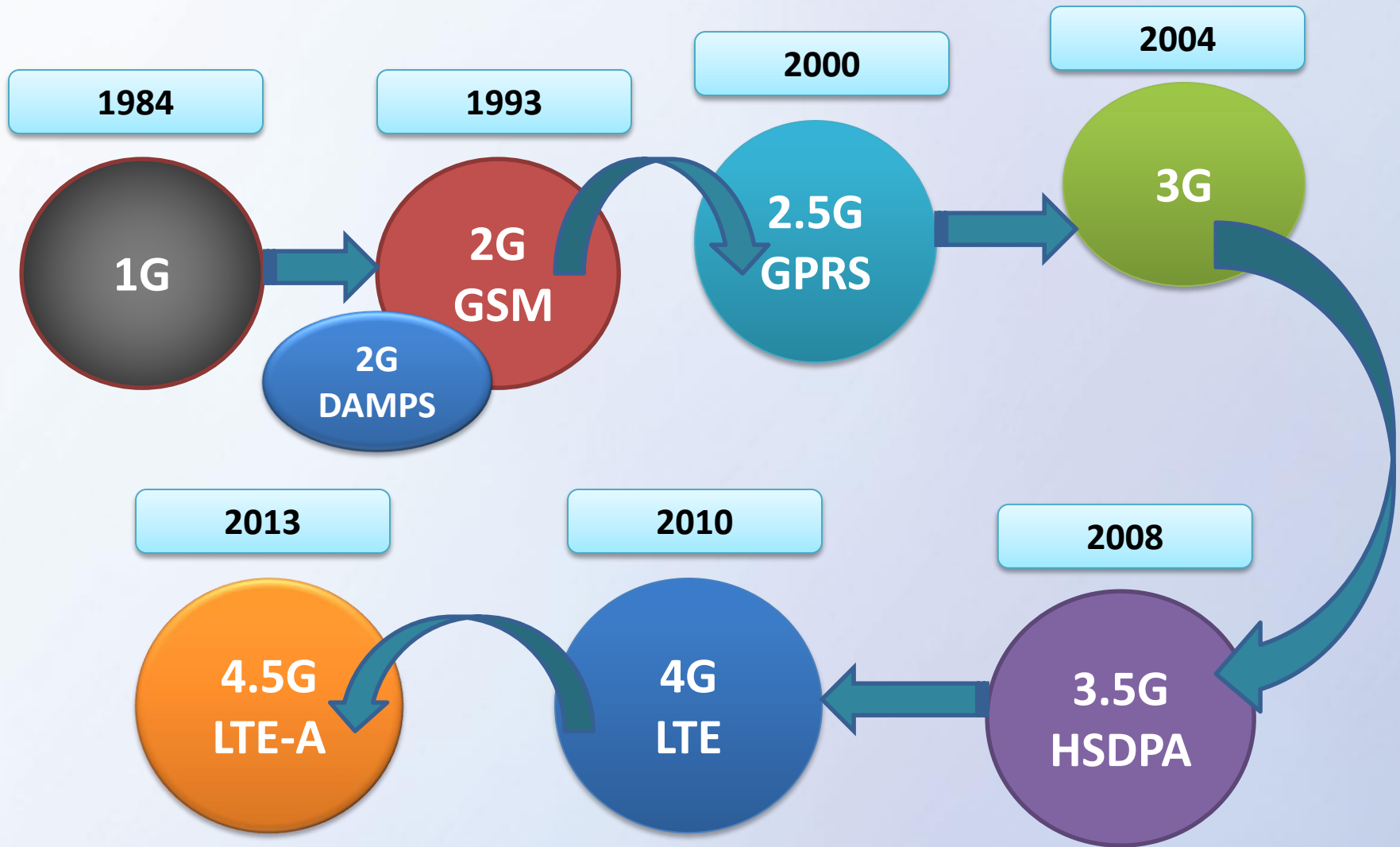
**2G, 3G, 4G**

**900 - 2600 MHz** frequencies,  
sub-3 GHz -> long radio  
propagation

moderate number of base  
stations across Hong Kong

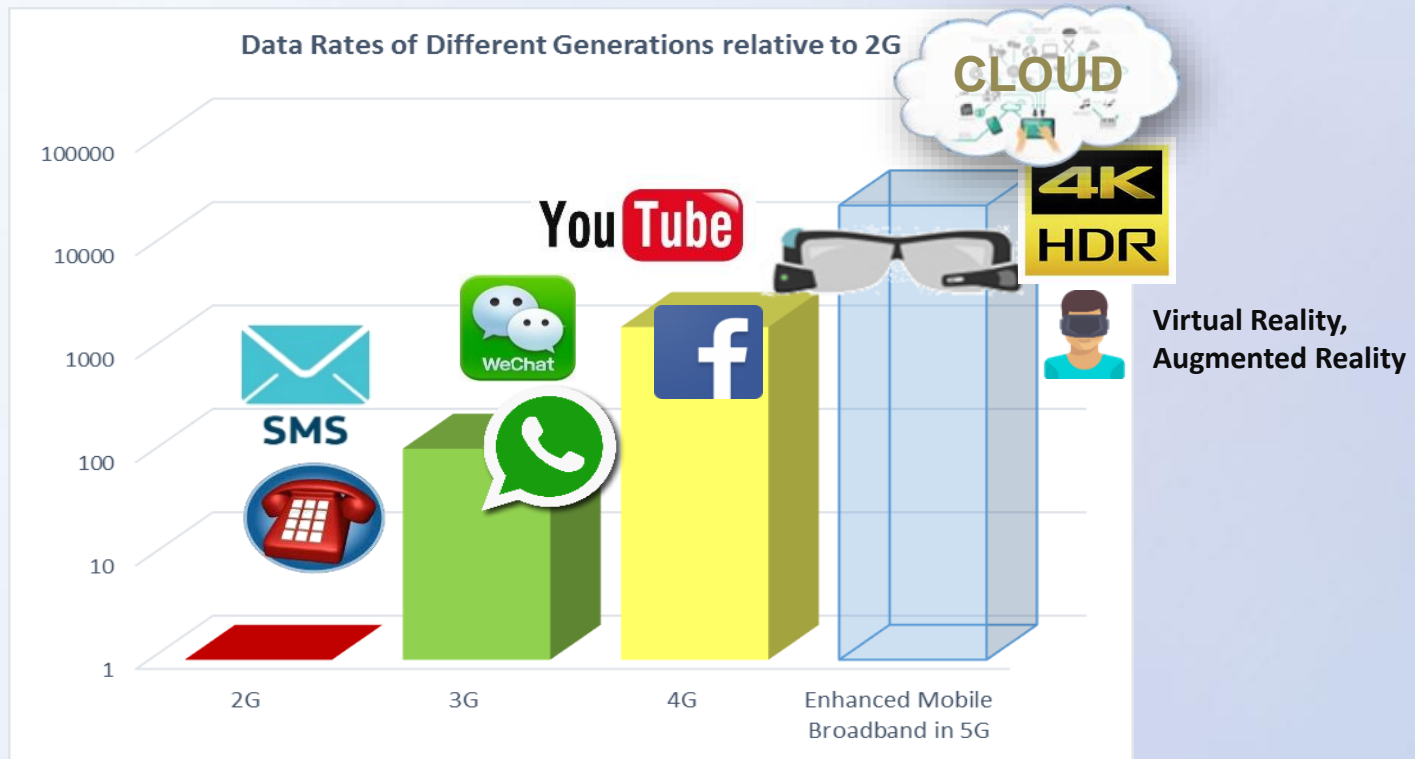
# Different Generations of Public Mobile Services

# Different Generations of Public Mobile Services (1)



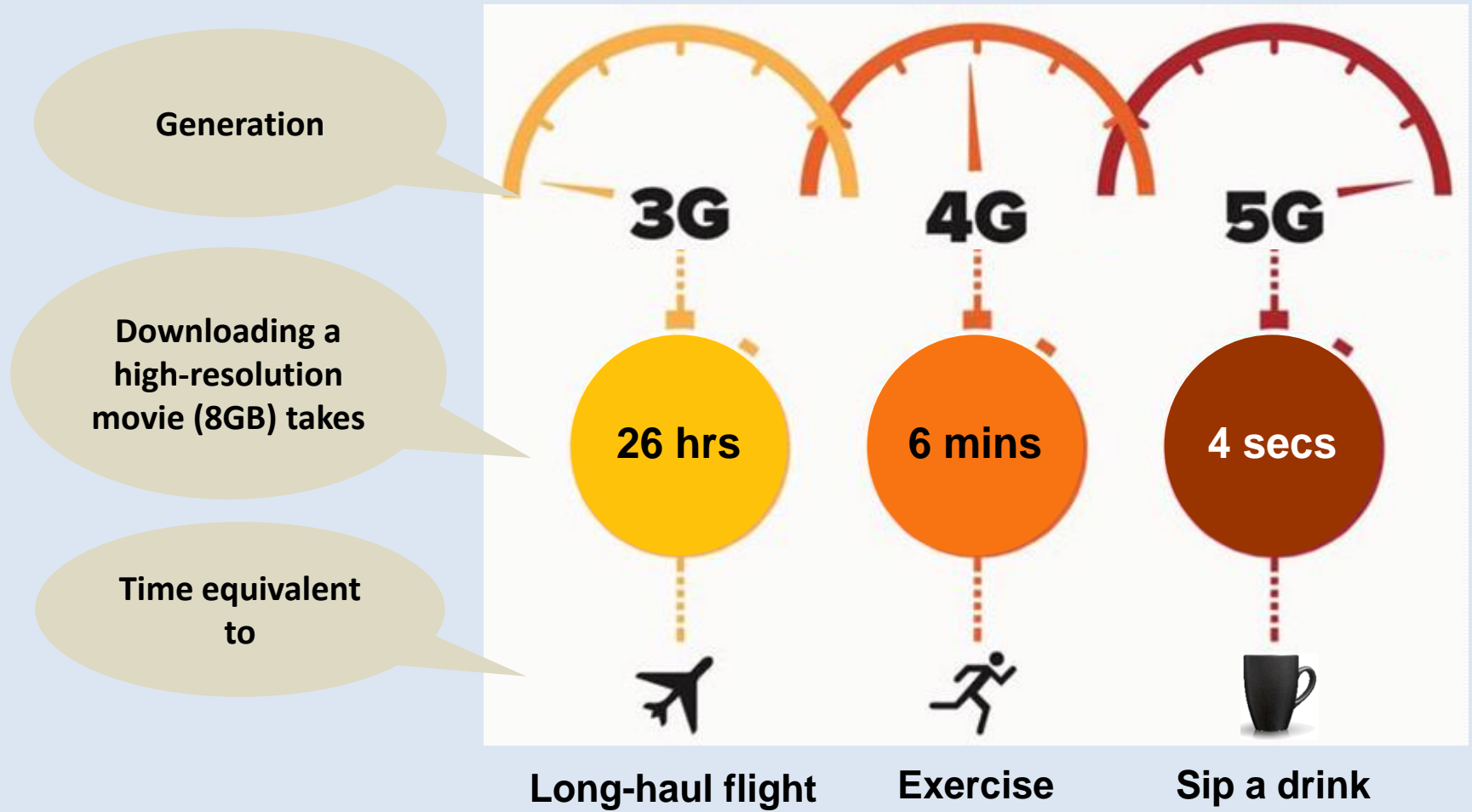
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Ever-expanding demand for higher data speeds since 2G era  
(2G speeds - 128 kbps to 384 kbps GPRS)

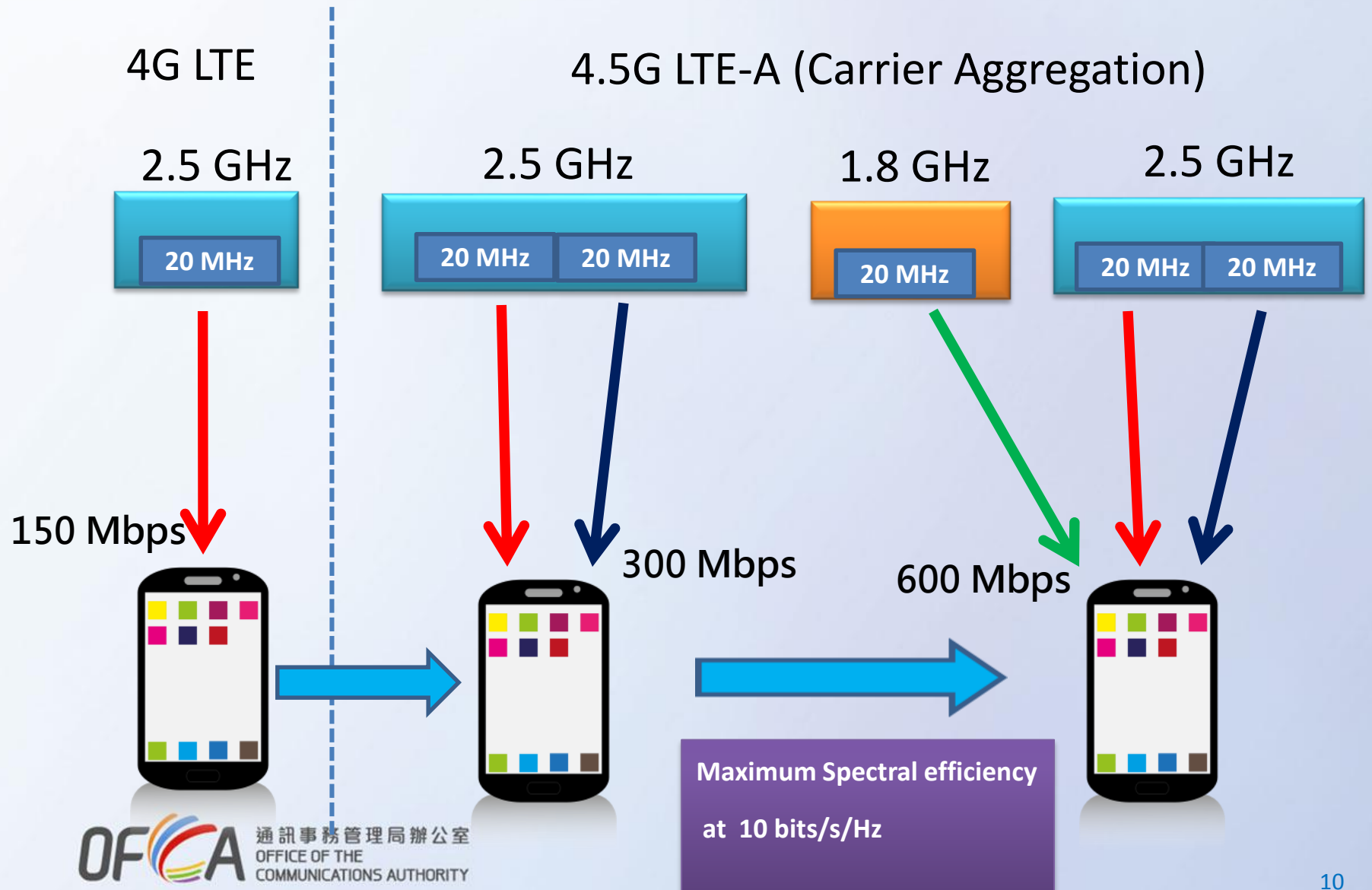




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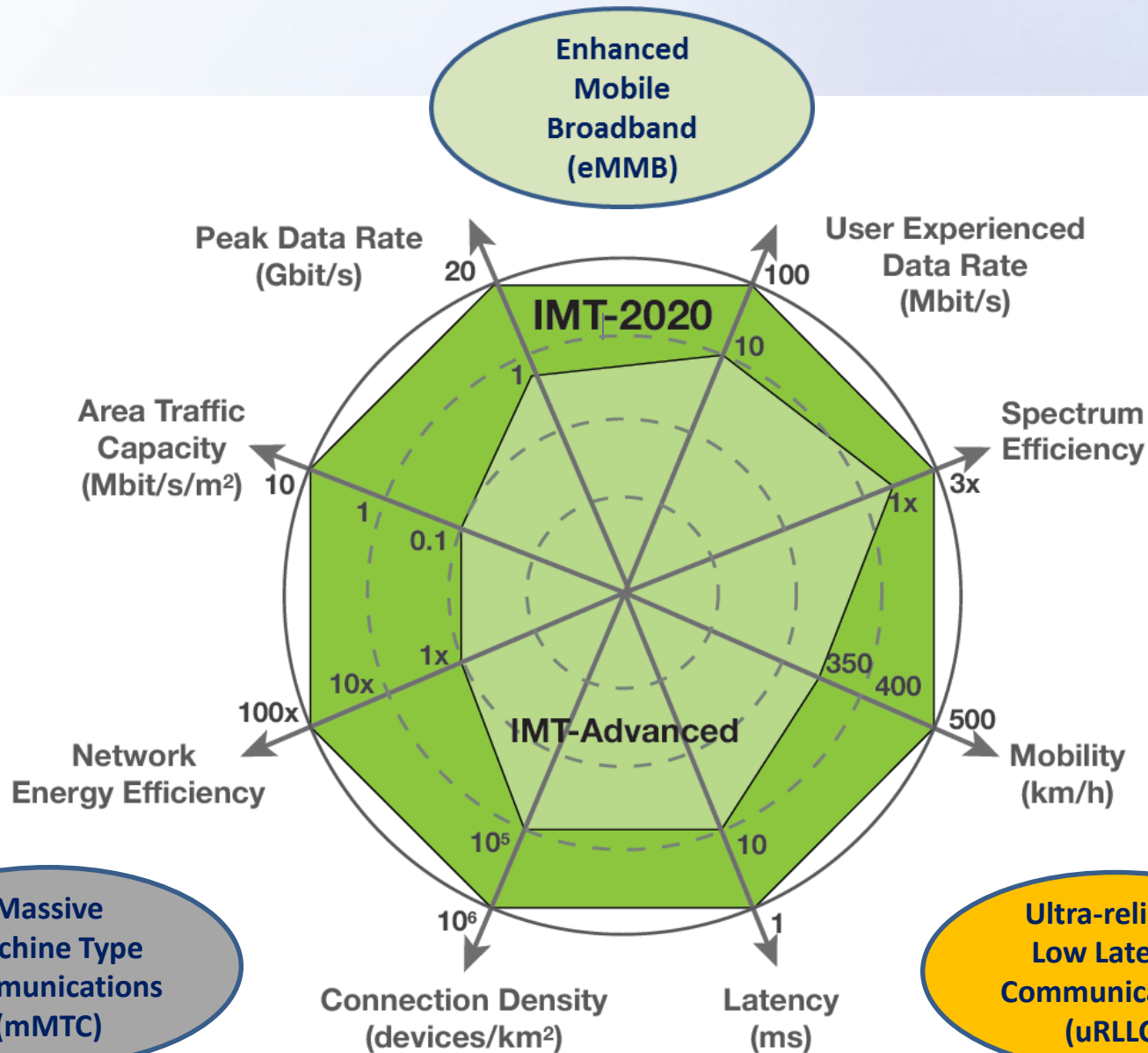


# Between 4G and 5G



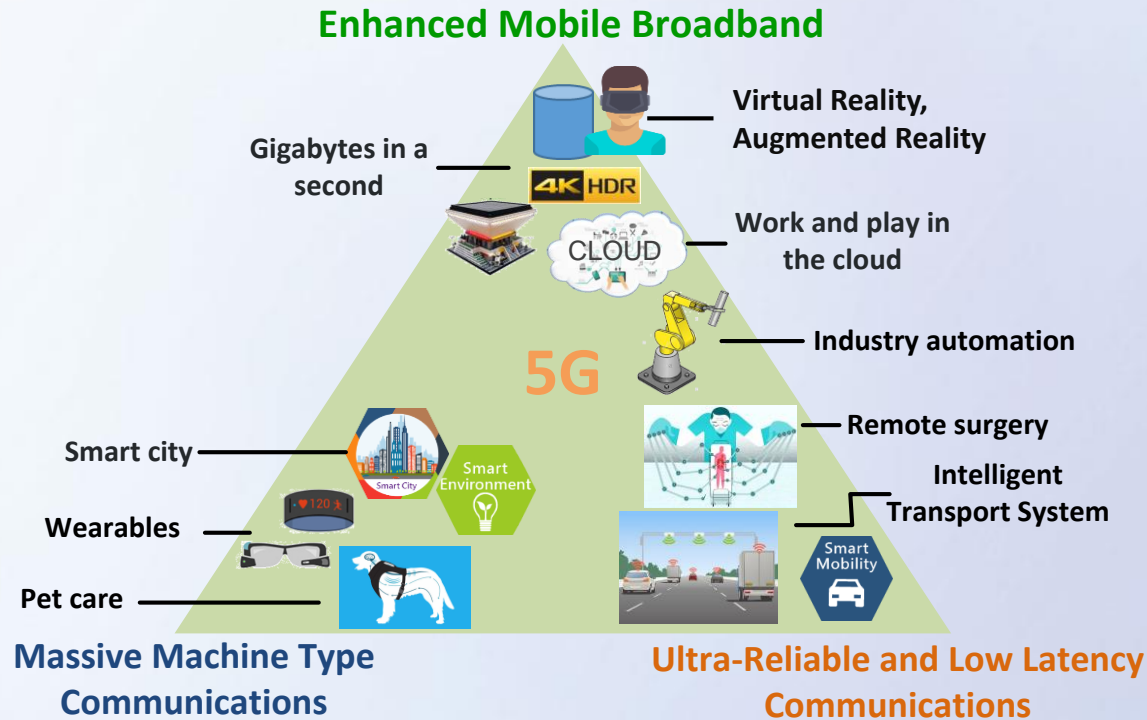
# 5G : Next Generation of Public Mobile Services

# ITU 5G Key Performance Indicators



Reference:  
Recommendation  
ITU-R M.2083-0

# Categories of Applications

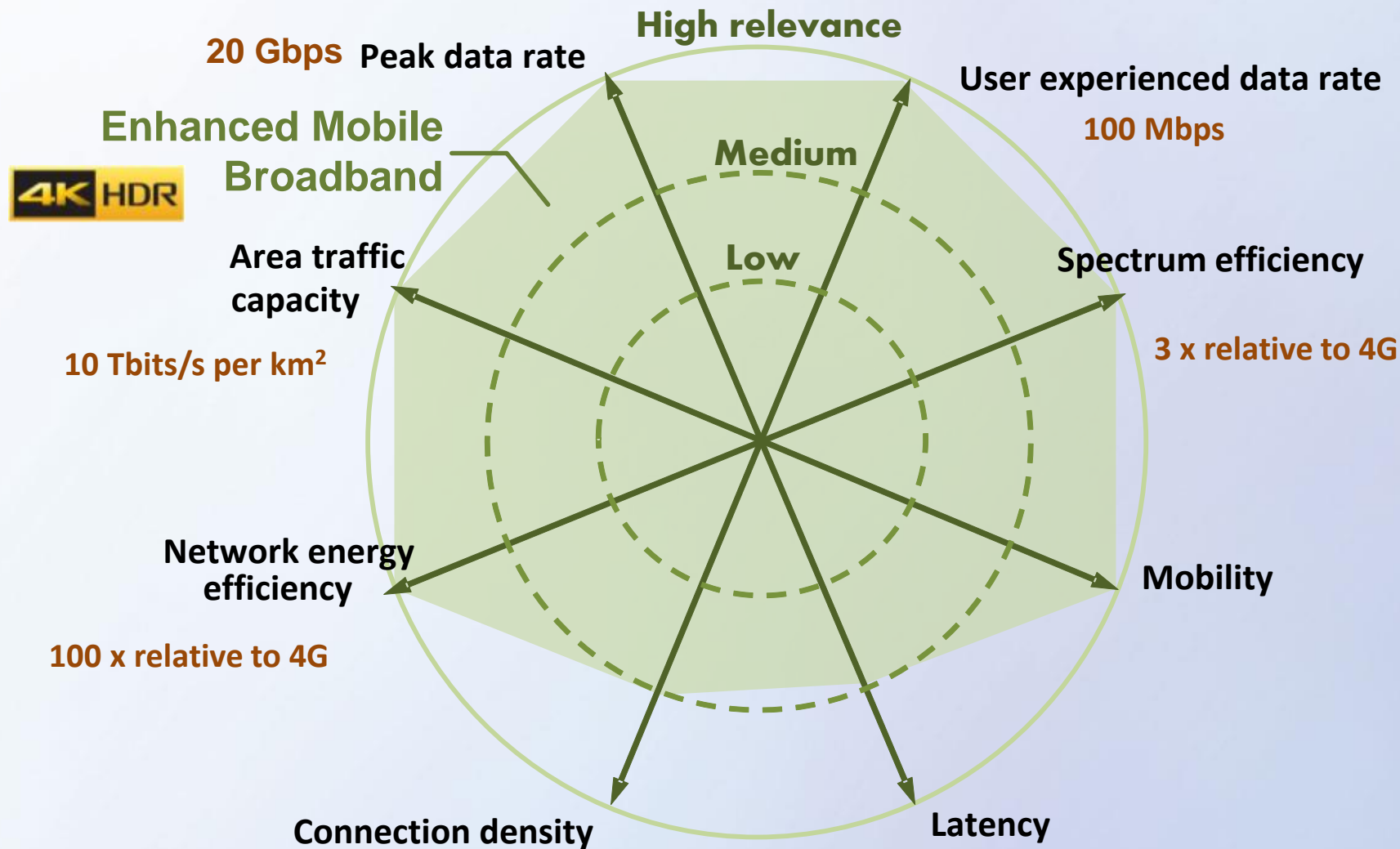


5G service provision

**Poses unprecedented demand on spectrum**

**Supplements, but not to replace 2G, 3G or 4G**

# Capabilities of Enhanced Mobile Broadband



# From Shannon to 5G

## Shannon Capacity Equation published in 1948

$$C = B \times \log_2 (1 + S/N)$$

C= channel capacity in bits/s

B= bandwidth in Hertz

S/N= ratio of signal power to  
noise power

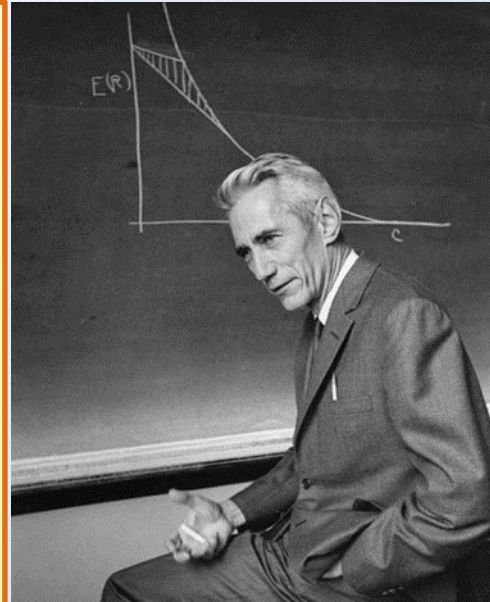
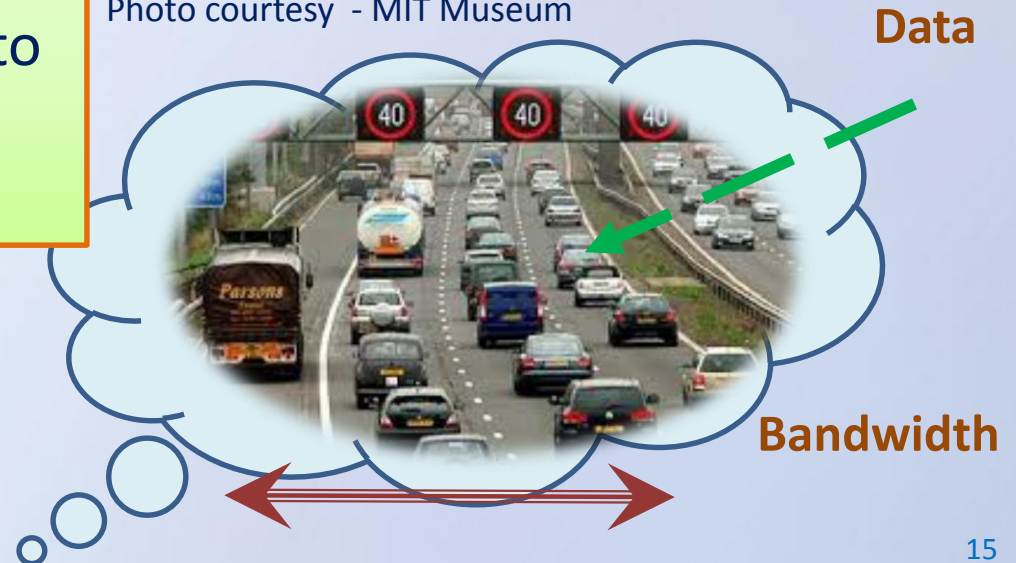
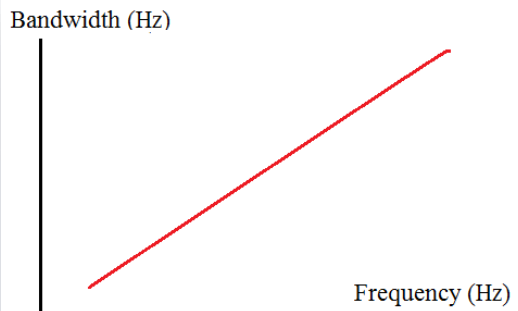


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# Higher Frequency Bands for 5G



Higher frequency band provide higher bandwidth → higher data rate

Tradeoff – higher propagation loss at higher frequency

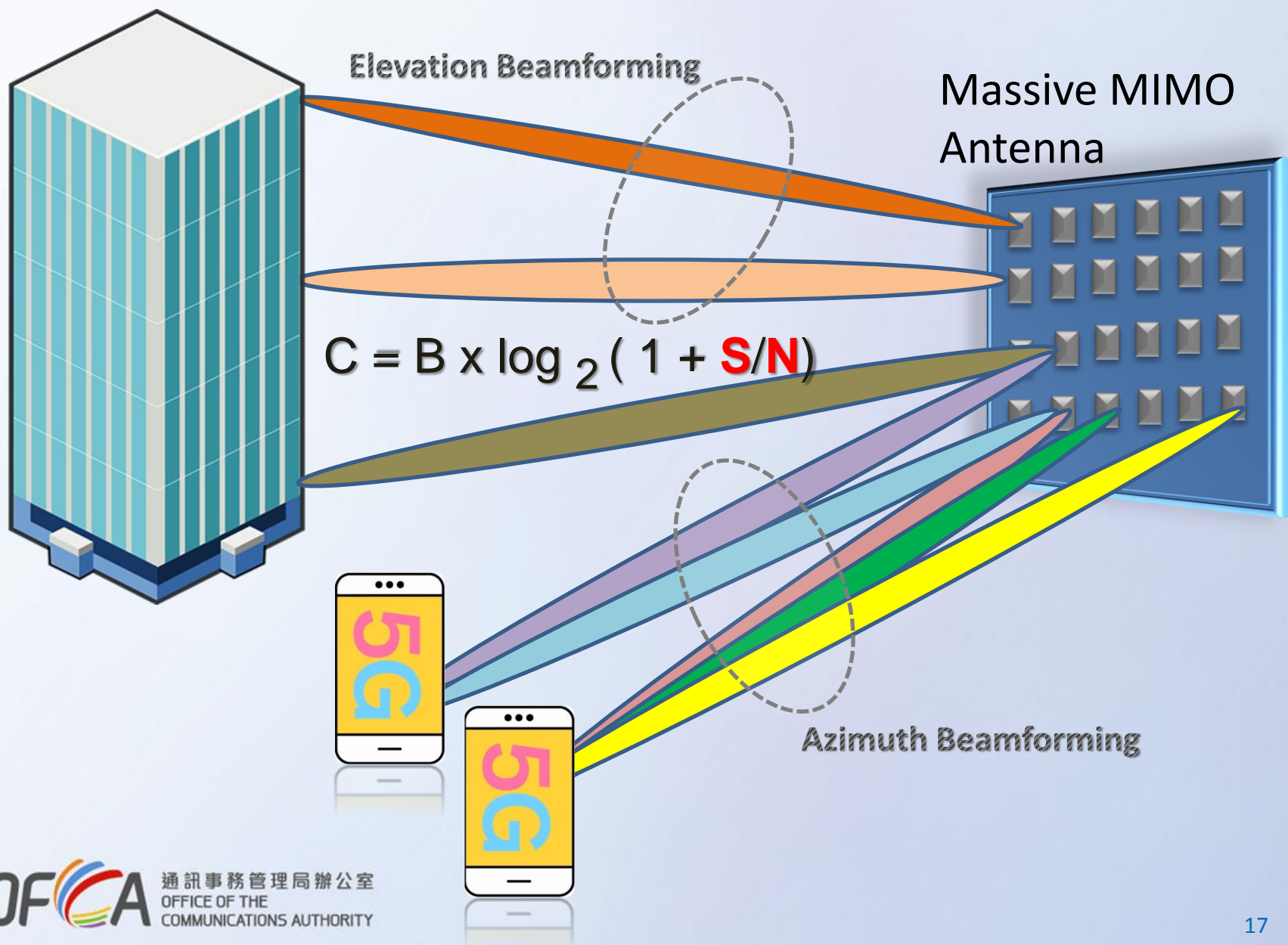


26GHz versus 2 GHz, attenuation increase by 170 times

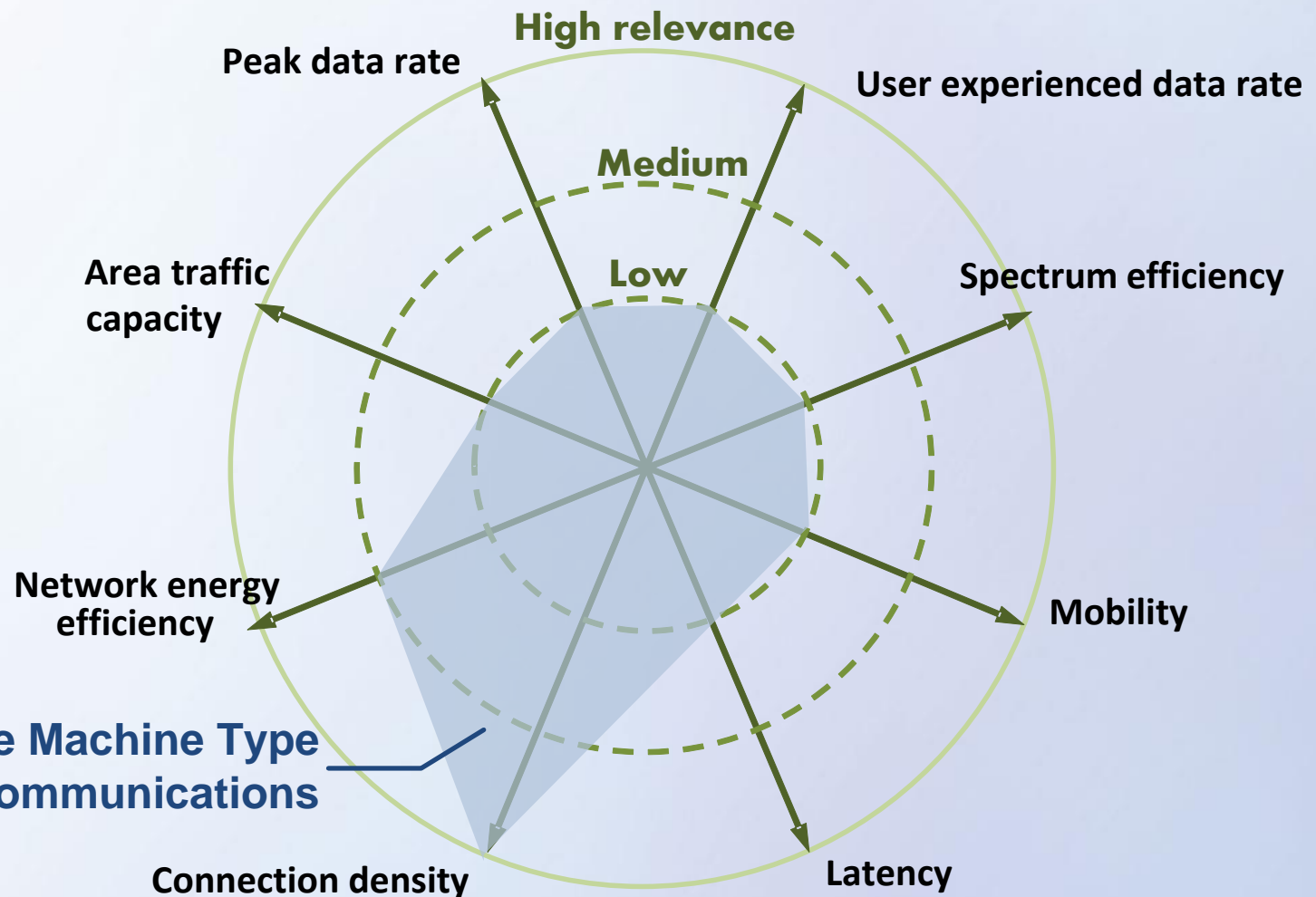
Massive MIMO and Beamforming help resolve the situation



# Massive MIMO and Beamforming

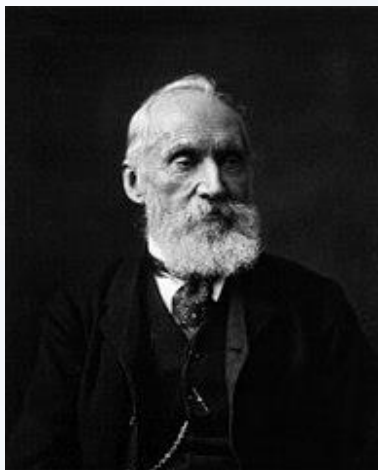


# Capabilities of Massive Machine Type Communications



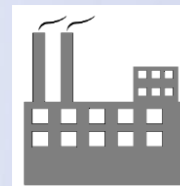
1 million devices  
per km<sup>2</sup>

# Use of Machine Type Communications



If you can not measure it, you can not improve it.

-Lord Kelvin, 1824 – 1907-



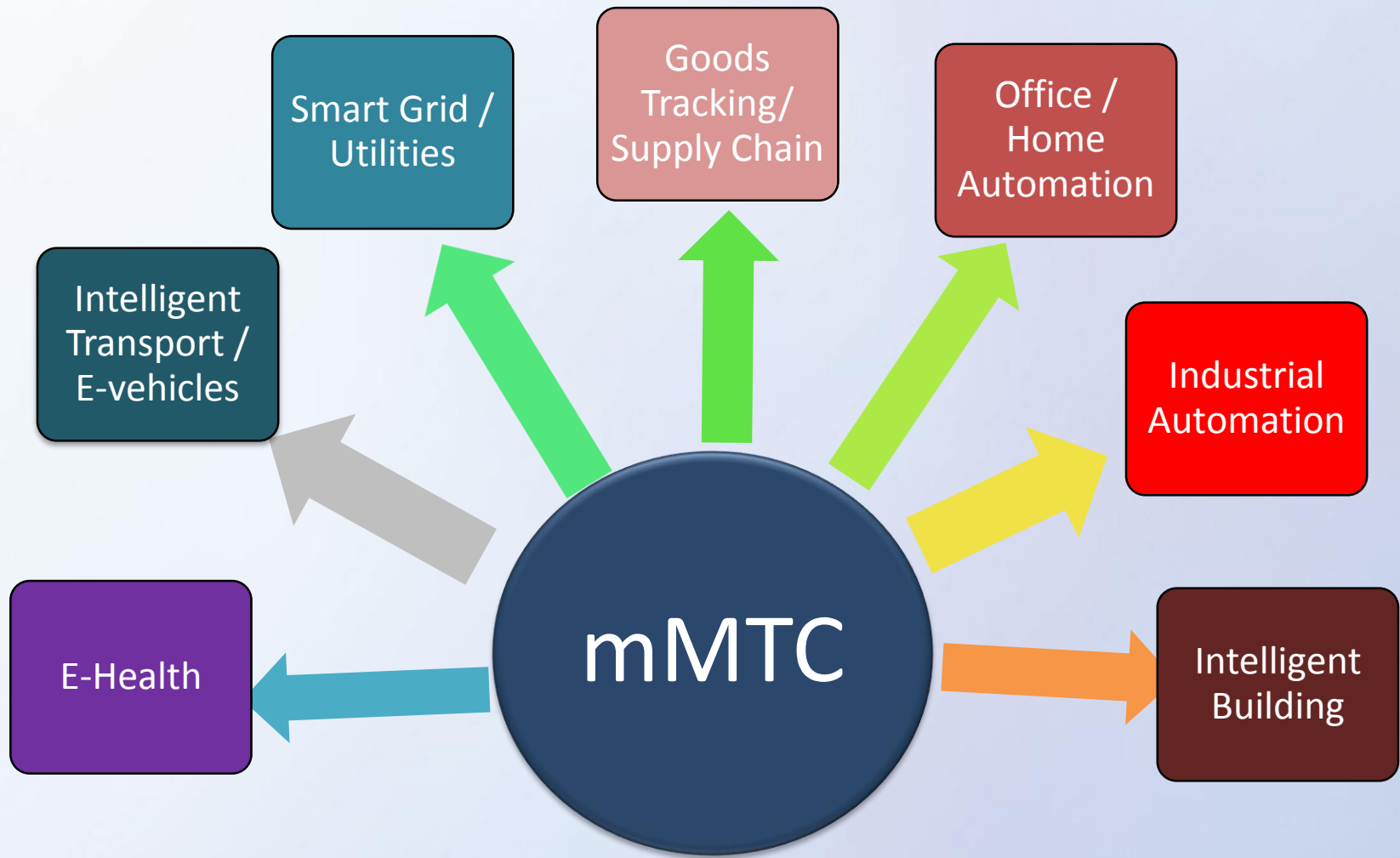
**sense, monitor,  
detect**

**communicate**

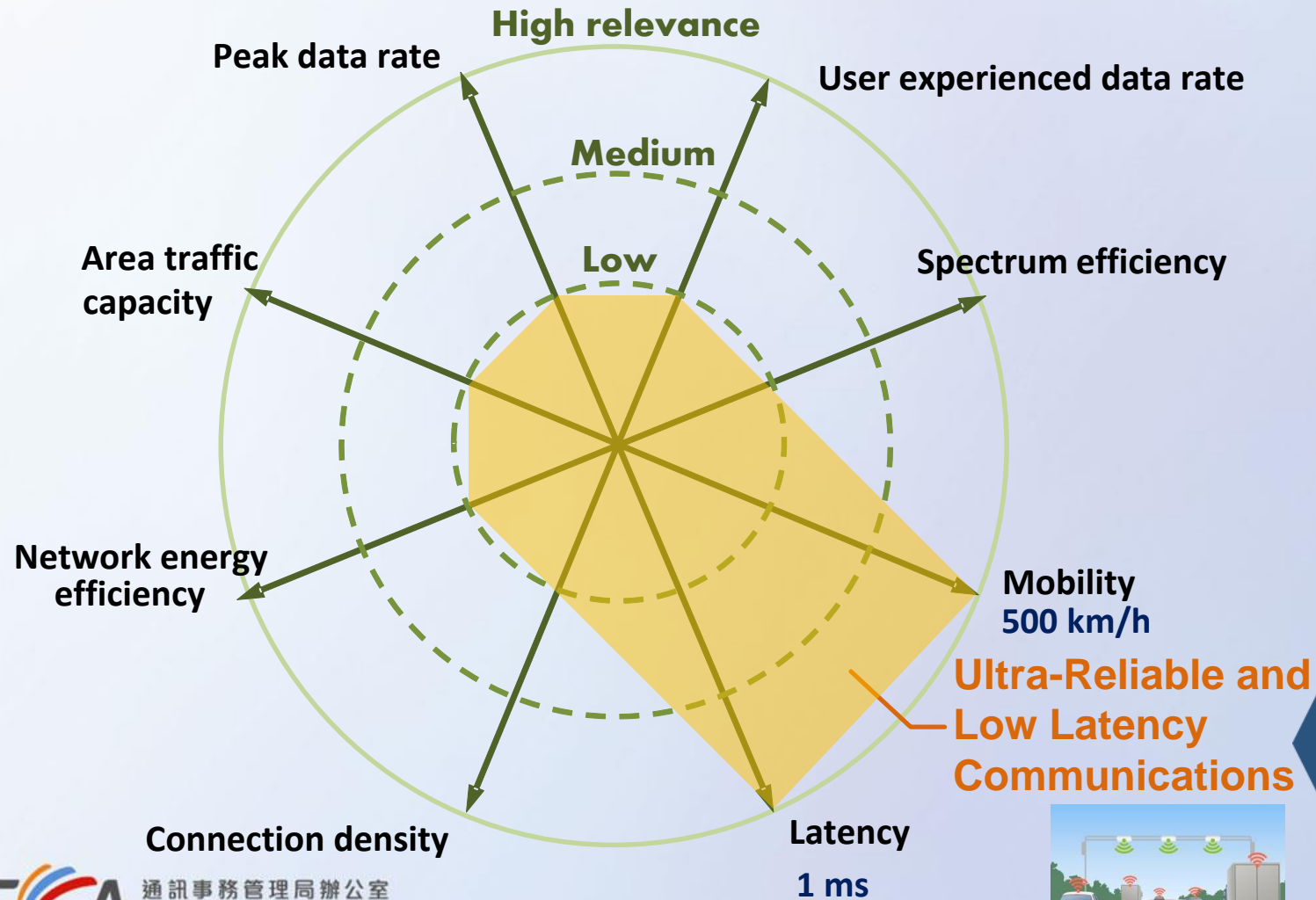
**analyse, process,  
improve efficiency  
and safety**



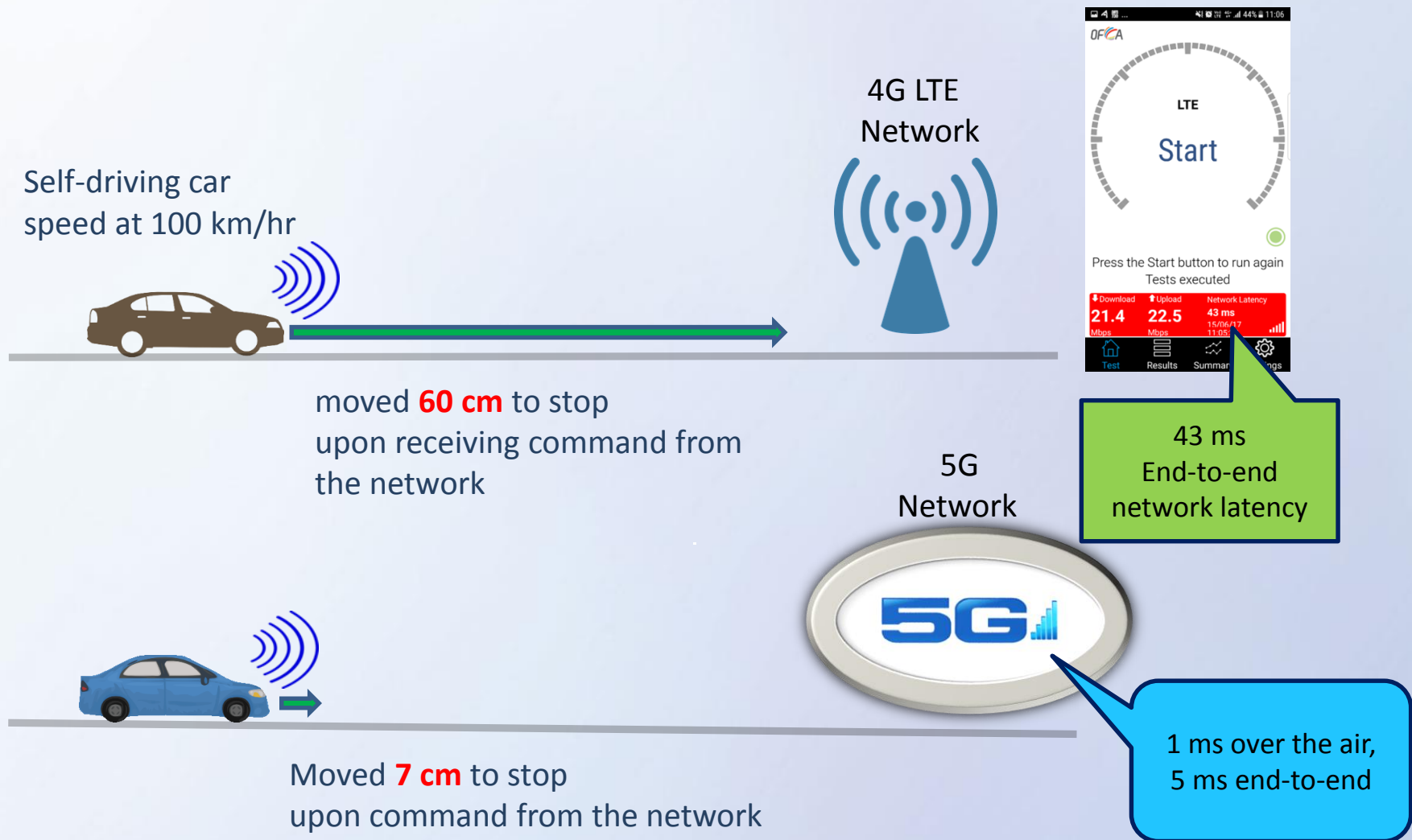
# Massive Machine Type Communications (mMTC)



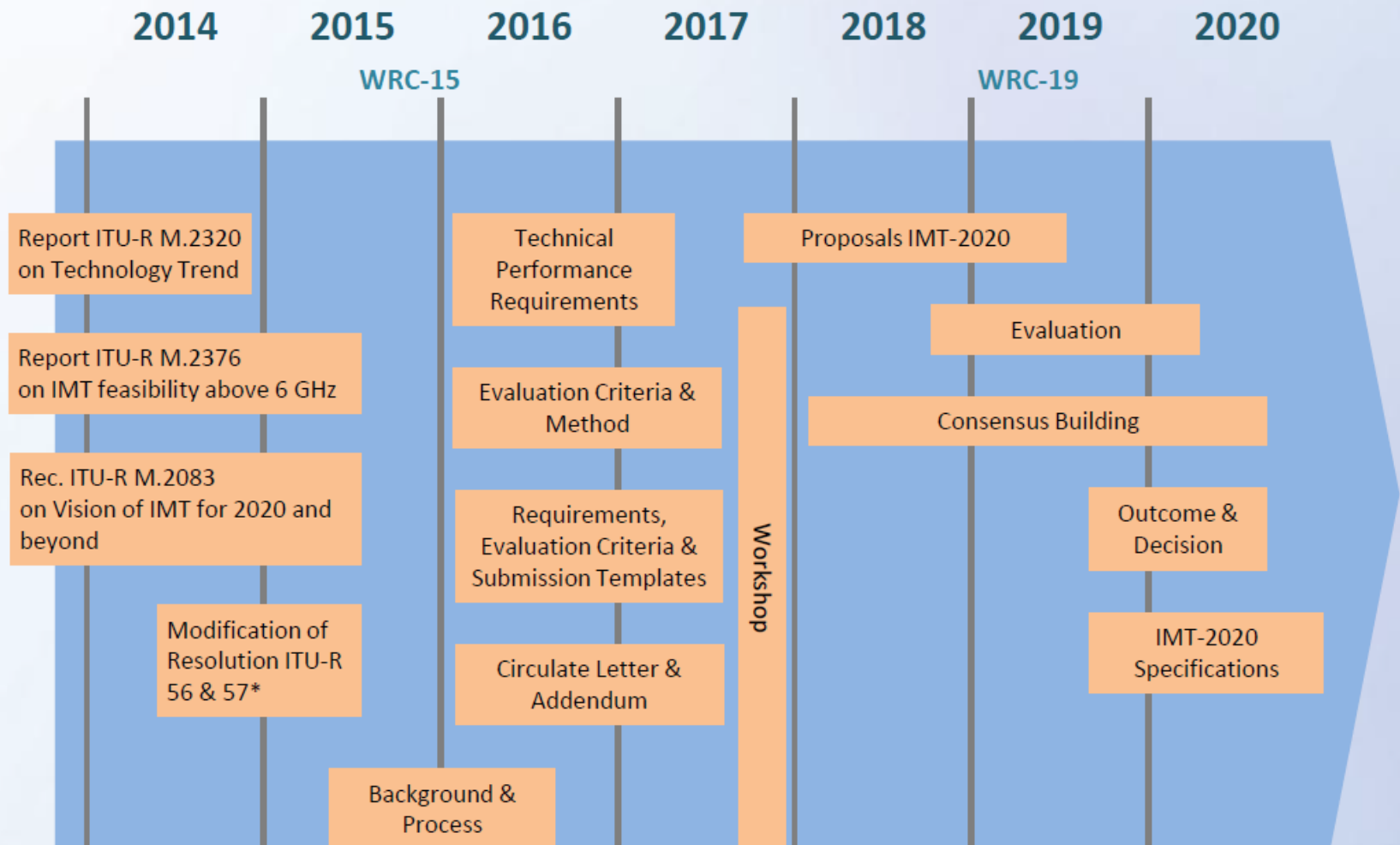
# Capabilities of Ultra-Reliable and Low Latency Communications



# Conceptual Sketch - Low Latency in Auto-driving



# ITU 5G Specification Timelines

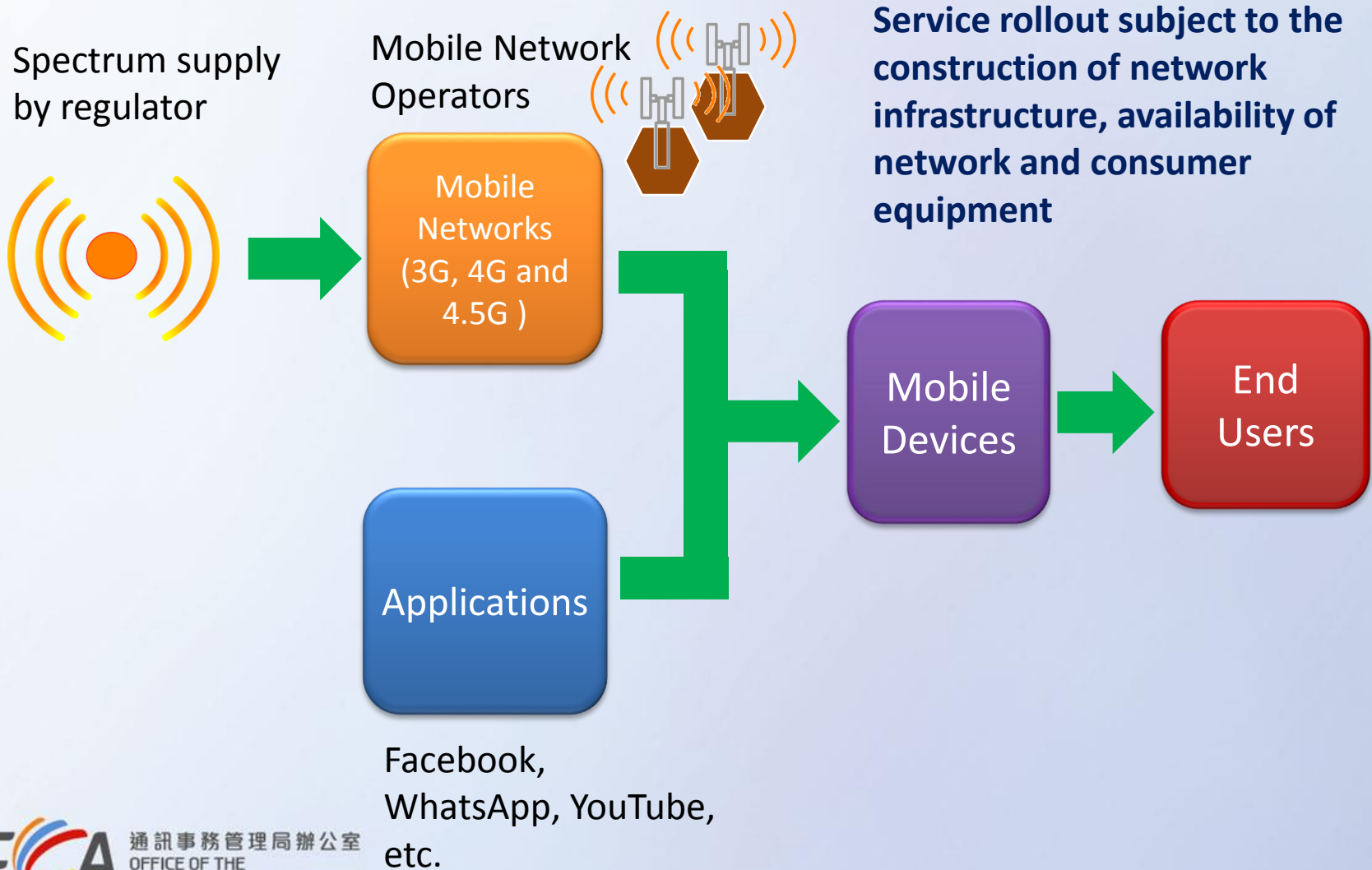


Reference: Working Party 5D Document - Workplan, timeline, process and deliverables for the future development of IMT

# Spectrum for 5G



# Mobile Ecosystem



# Next WRC in 2019



Global spectrum  
allocation by International  
Telecommunication Union  
(ITU)



World Radiocommunication  
Conference (WRC) held every 3  
4 years  
- Next WRC in 2019

Agenda Item 1.13 of WRC-19:  
Identification of frequency bands (24.25 – 86 GHz)  
for future development of IMT

# Current Spectrum and Possible 5G Spectrum

## Existing public mobile spectrum in use (all below 3 GHz)

Frequency Bands	Available Bandwidth
850/900 MHz	84.8 MHz
1800 MHz	148.8 MHz
1900 – 2200 MHz	118.4 MHz
2300 MHz	60 MHz
2500/2600 MHz	140 MHz

Total Bandwidth: **552 MHz**

## Vacant spectrum below 3 GHz

Frequency Bands	Available Bandwidth
1900/2200 MHz	34.6 MHz



## ITU candidate spectrum above 6 GHz

Frequency Bands	Available Bandwidth
24.25 – 27.5 GHz	3.25 GHz
31.8 – 33.4 GHz	1.6 GHz
37 – 40.5 GHz	6.5 GHz
40.5 – 42.5 GHz	
42.5 – 43.5 GHz	
45.5 – 47 GHz	4.7 GHz
47 – 47.2 GHz	
47.2 – 50.2 GHz	
50.4 – 52.6 GHz	2.2 GHz
66 – 76 GHz	10 GHz
81 – 86 GHz	5 GHz

Total Bandwidth:  
33.25 GHz or (33,250 MHz)

# Possible New Spectrum Below 6 GHz

- + Favourable propagation characteristics of spectrum at low frequencies (sub-6 GHz)
- + Suitable for territory-wide coverage

	Mobile cell site of sub-6GHz spectrum Large in size -> large coverage
	Mobile cell site of 24.25 – 86 GHz spectrum Small in size -> small coverage

Using sub-6GHz spectrum



Using spectrum of 24.25 – 86 GHz



Coverage of cell sites of 24.25 – 86 GHz spectrum is small. These cell sites would typically be used in clusters

- + Candidate band: 3.5 GHz (3.4 – 3.6 GHz)

# 5G Development Elsewhere

# 5G Promotion Groups established in Other Economies



# Development and Milestones in Other Economies

## Japan

- Field trials since 2015
- 5G services to be launched before **2020 Tokyo Olympic Games**

## Korea

- Launch of the 5G national strategy
- 5G services to be offered in **Pyeongchang Winter Olympic Games in 2018**

## Mainland China

- Technology trial over 2016 -2018
- Product trial over 2018 – 2020
- China Mobile plan to **rollout commercial service in 2020**

## 5G activities around the world

- Spectrum in high **frequency bands opened up in 2016 for 5G service development**
- 5G experiments using mixed frequency bands since 2016

## United States

- An action plan published in 2016, towards **initial deployment of 5G networks by 2018 and commercialisation by end 2020**
- Projects of 5G PPP and METIS (Mobile and wireless communications Enablers for 2020 Information Society)

## European Union

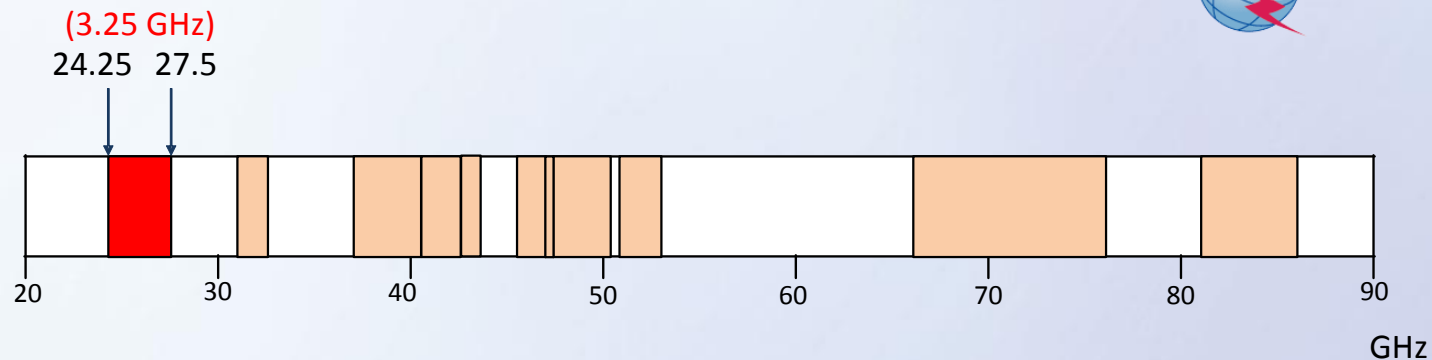


# CA's Work Plan for Making Available Spectrum for 5G



# CA's Work Plan for Making Available Spectrum for 5G (1)

- ✚ New spectrum identification: 26 GHz Band (24.25 – 27.5 GHz)
  - An ITU candidate band (lowest in frequency)



Used by fixed services in HK, 11% utilisation as microwave links



Being considered for 5G



Spectrum vacation and relocation of existing link assignments before April 2019

# CA's Work Plan for Making Available Spectrum for 5G (2)

## 28 GHz Band (27.5 – 28.35 GHz)



**Currently not in use**







**Spectrum opened up in the US; Trials in the US and Korea; Implementation as early as 2018**



## The 26 GHz & 28 GHz Bands



**Large bandwidth of 4.1 GHz**



**Invitation for Expression of Interest in Q4 2017 to gauge industry interest**

# CA's Work Plan for Making Available Spectrum for 5G (3)

## 3.5 GHz Band (3.4 – 3.6 GHz)



3.4 – 4.2 GHz band allocated for fixed satellite service, with around 1,600 SMATV system with 890,000 user outlets in HK



IMT identification of the 3.5 GHz band



5G implementation being considered by many economies

**But ...**



Mobile  
Base Station



Mobile  
Handset



Signals from base stations and handsets are very large compared with signals from the satellite

Base station and handset signals easily corrupt SMATV/TVRO front-end receivers and affect their operation



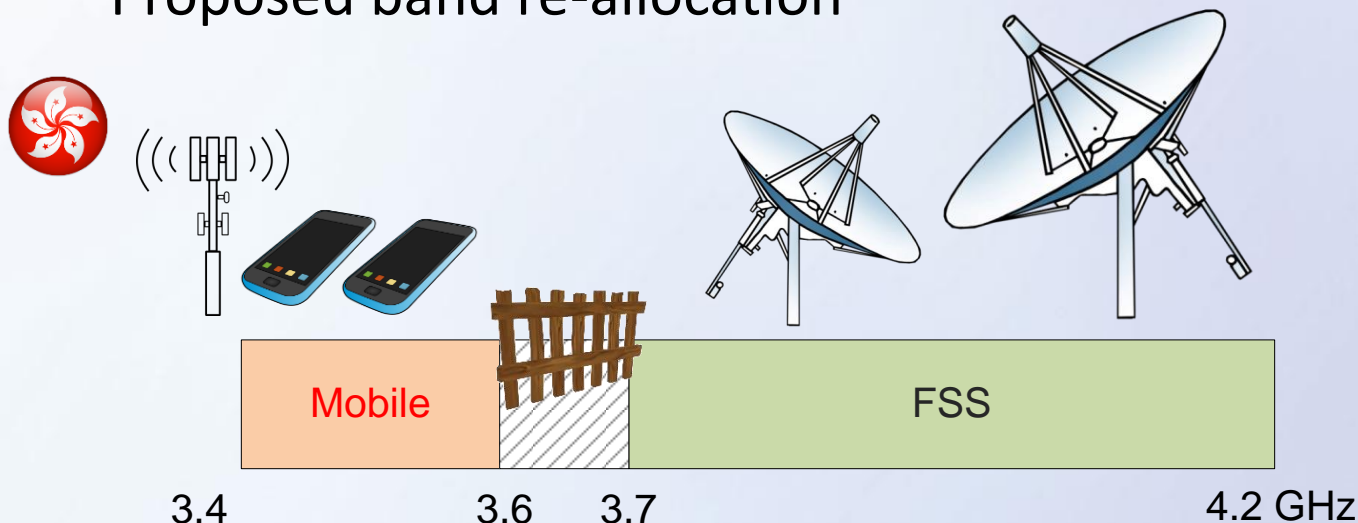
SMATV / TVRO  
System

Equipment used in SMATV/TVRO systems receives very weak signals from the satellite over an excessively wide frequency range

# CA's Work Plan for Making Available Spectrum for 5G (4)

## 3.5 GHz Band (3.4 – 3.6 GHz)

– Proposed band re-allocation



**Technical consultancy study underway**



**Public consultation in July 2017, closed in Sept 2017,  
considering the submissions received**

5G services will be commercially available in the time frame of 2020

Everyone is working towards that and the CA is playing its crucial part to make it happen timely in Hong Kong



# Thank you