

# Cellular Internet of Things

for

Industrial Automation, Wearables, and  
Smart Cities

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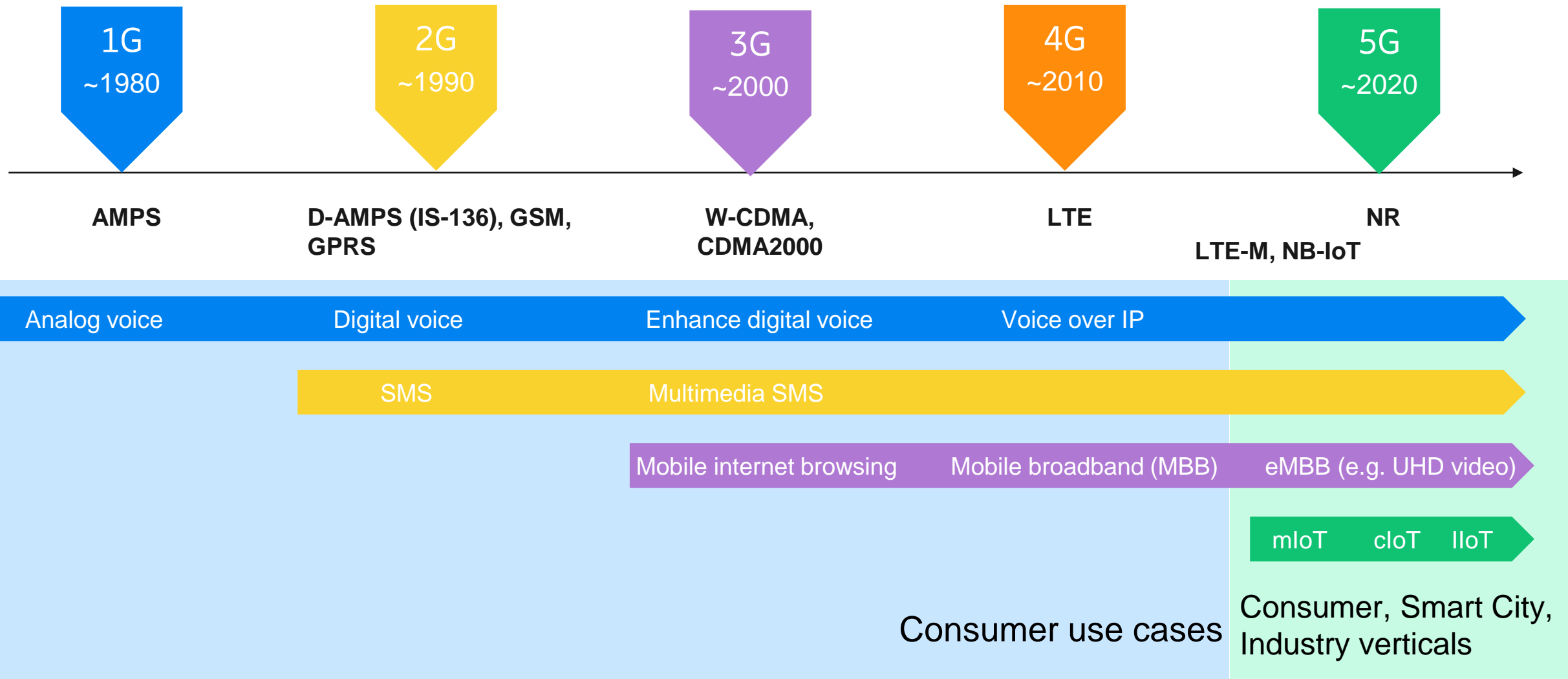
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# Cellular Technology Evolution



# Cellular IoT Segments



Massive IoT

Broadband IoT

Critical IoT

Industrial Automation IoT

One network – multiple use cases and industries

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Smart Metering

Asset management

Fleet Management

Drones/UAV

VR/AR

Automotive C-ITS

Traffic Safety & Control

Smart Grid Automation

Collaborative robotics

Advanced Automation & Control

sensors

Low cost devices  
Small data volumes  
Massive numbers  
NB-IoT + Cat-M1

High throughput  
Low latency  
Large data volume  
4G LTE + 5G NR

Ultra reliability  
Ultra low latency  
Very high availability  
5G NR

Industrial protocols  
Time sensitive networks  
Precise indoor positioning  
5G NR

# 3GPP Cellular IoT Technologies



## Performance Target

**Coverage**  
20 dB better than smart phone coverage





**Device Cost**  
(A) ultra-low, e.g. <\$5  
(B) low





**Battery Life**  
(A) >10 years  
(B) Multi-year


**Connection Density**  
1M devices per km<sup>2</sup>

**Reliability & Latency**  
Up to 99.9999% within 0.5 ms

**Bounded Low Latency**  
Time jitter in the order of us

LTE-M: 3GPP Rel-13 (2016)    

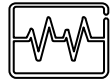
NB-IoT: 3GPP Rel-13 (2016)    

NR URLLC: 3GPP Rel-15 (2018) 

NR IIoT: 3GPP Rel-16 (2020)  

NR RedCap: 3GPP Rel-17 (2022)  

# LTE-M & NB-IoT Overview



Carrier Bandwidth



Coverage



Battery life



Capacity



Peak Throughput DL/UL



Mobility

LTE MTC

1.4-20 MHz

164 dB  
(+20 dB)

10+ Year

4.3 MHz/1M  
devices

300/375 kbps  
(0.8/1 Mbps)

Connected & idle  
mode mobility

NB-IoT

200 kHz

164 dB  
(+20 dB)

10+ Year

3 MHz/1M  
devices

21/63 kbps  
(227/250 kbps)

Idle mode  
mobility

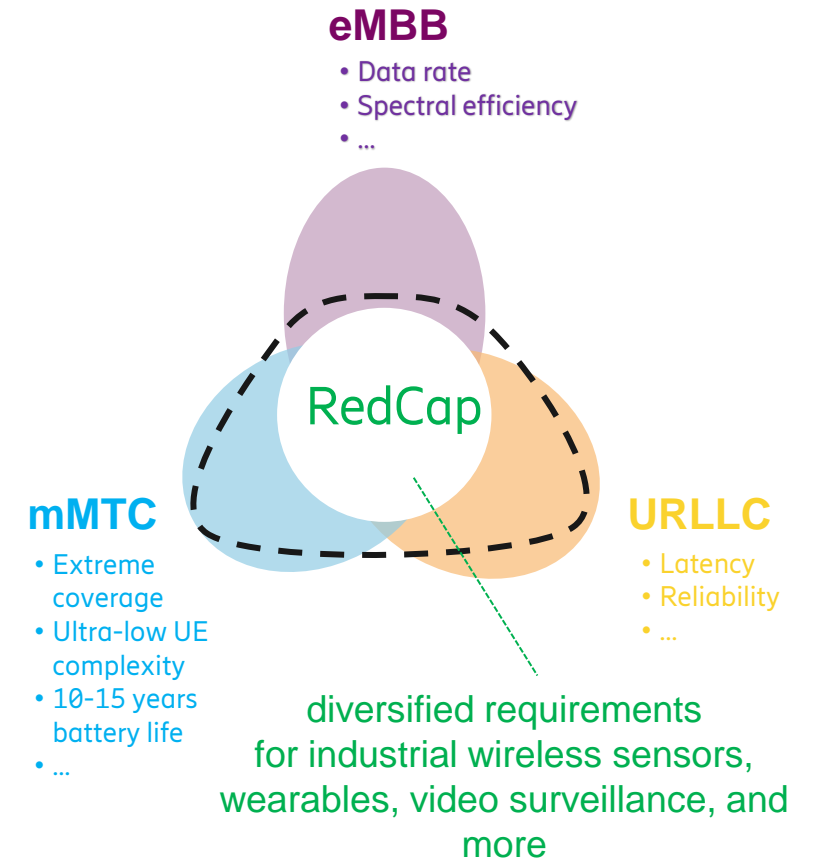
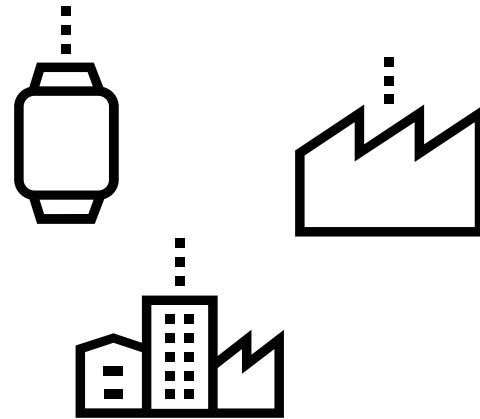
- Coverage enhancements essentially by time repetition
- Reduced UE complexity by narrow device BW, lower data rate requirements, and 1 Rx antenna
  - LTE-M device BW is 1.4 MHz for Cat-M1 and 5 MHz for Cat-M2.
  - NB-IoT device BW is 180 kHz for both Cat-NB1 and Cat-NB2.

# NR RedCap Use Cases



- Intended to address use cases that are not best served by 3GPP Rel-16 specifications

- Main use cases
  - Wearables
  - Industrial wireless sensors
  - Video surveillance



# 3GPP Rel-17 RedCap



- Generic requirements
  - **Device complexity:** lower device cost and complexity as compared to high-end eMBB and URLLC devices of Rel-15/Rel-16.
  - **Device size:** enables a device design with compact form factor.
  - **Deployment scenarios:** System should support all FR1/FR2 bands for FDD and TDD.
- Use case specific requirements:

Use case	Data rate	Latency	Reliability	Battery life
IWSN	2 Mbps	100 ms	99.99% (service availability)	Few years
Video Surveillance	2-4 Mbps, 7.5-25 Mbps (high-end)	500 ms	99%-99.9%	
Wearables	10-50 Mbps in DL, minimum 5 Mbps in UL. Peak bit rate: 150 Mbps for DL and 50 Mbps UL			Up to 1-2 weeks



# Performance



- **Modem cost reduction:**

- The reference is a UE supporting all mandatory features.

	FR1 FDD	FR1 TDD	FR2
Cost reduction	~65%	~71% (1 Rx) ~58% (2 Rx)	~48%

- **Peak rate:**

- For TDD, a 3:1 DL:UL pattern is assumed in this table.

	FR1 FDD	FR1 TDD	FR2
DL peak rate	~80 Mbps	~60 Mbps (1 Rx) ~120 Mbps (2 Rx)	~300 Mbps
UL peak rate	~80 Mbps	~20 Mbps	~100 Mbps

- **Battery life:**

- Using eDRX cycles of a few minutes in idle (or inactive) mode, a battery life of several years can be reached.

- **Coverage impact:**

- Only a few DL channels need coverage recovery, and the losses can be compensated by legacy techniques

- **Capacity impact:**

- Assuming low data volume for RedCap UEs, system-level simulations indicate small impact from RedCap UEs on spectral efficiency, capacity and eMBB UE performance.

# 3GPP Release-15 URLLC



- ITU requirements were adopted:
  - Latency requirement (one-way): Down to 1 ms
    - Layer 2/3 SDU ingress point to layer 2/3 SDU egress point of the radio interface
  - Reliability requirement: Up to  $1 - 10^{-5}$
  - Packet size: 32 Bytes

*SDUs shall be correctly delivered within 1 ms (from ingress to egress) with an acceptable failure rate of  $10^{-5}$ . A late packet is a failure.*

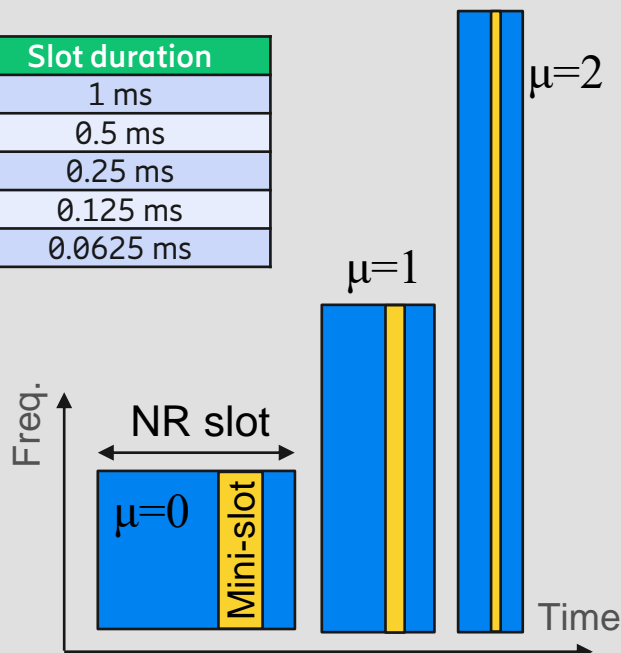
# 3GPP URLLC/IIoT features

- Low-latency features
- High-reliability features
- TSN feature

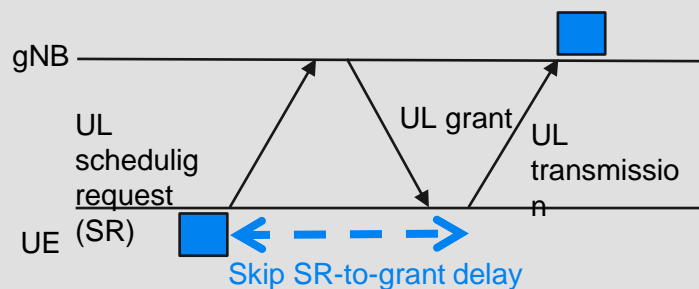


## Numerology & mini-slot

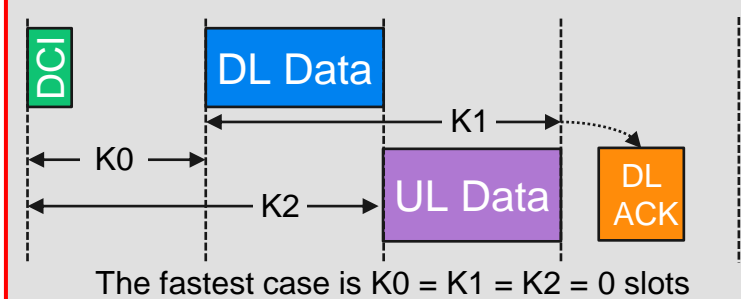
$\mu$	SCS [kHz]	Slot duration
0	15	1 ms
1	30	0.5 ms
2	60	0.25 ms
3	120	0.125 ms
4	240	0.0625 ms



## Pre-scheduling

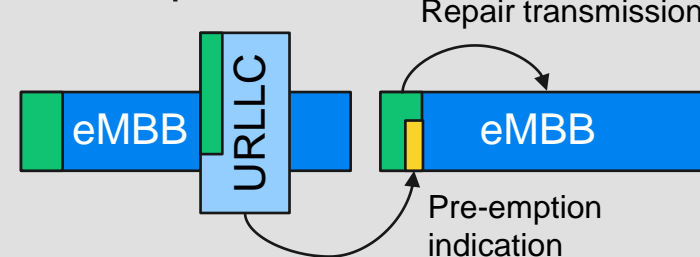


## Fast HARQ



## Fast UE processing

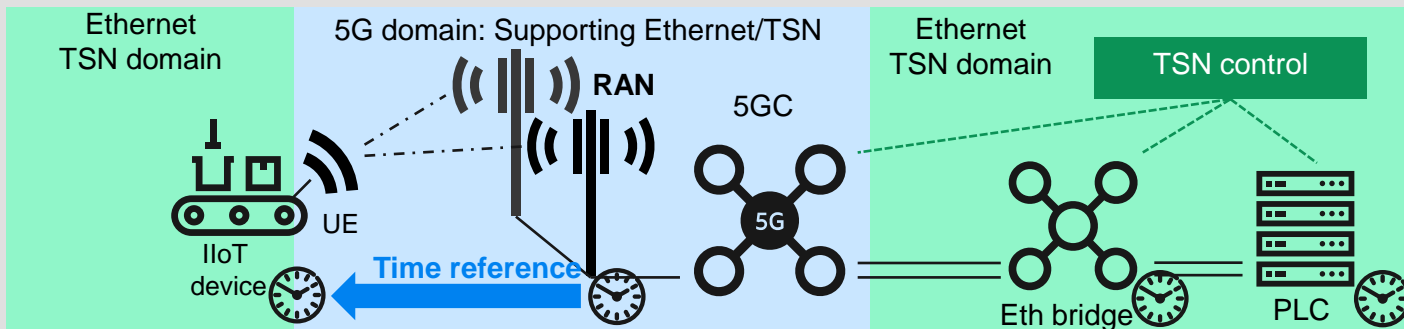
## Pre-emption



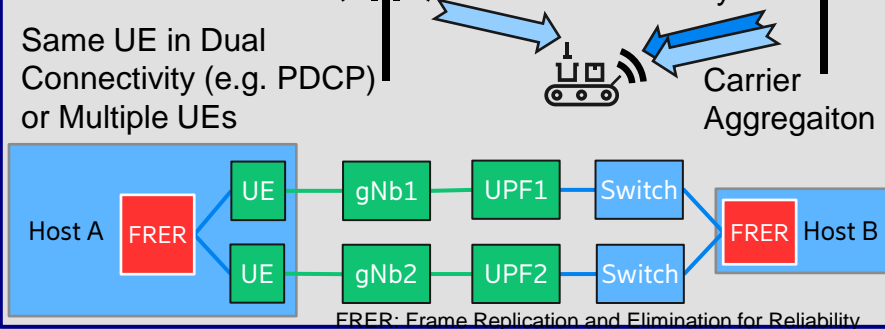
## Robust control and data

- Robust MCS tables
- CQI table for low BLER reporting
- Robust PDCCH/PUCCH

## TSN integration



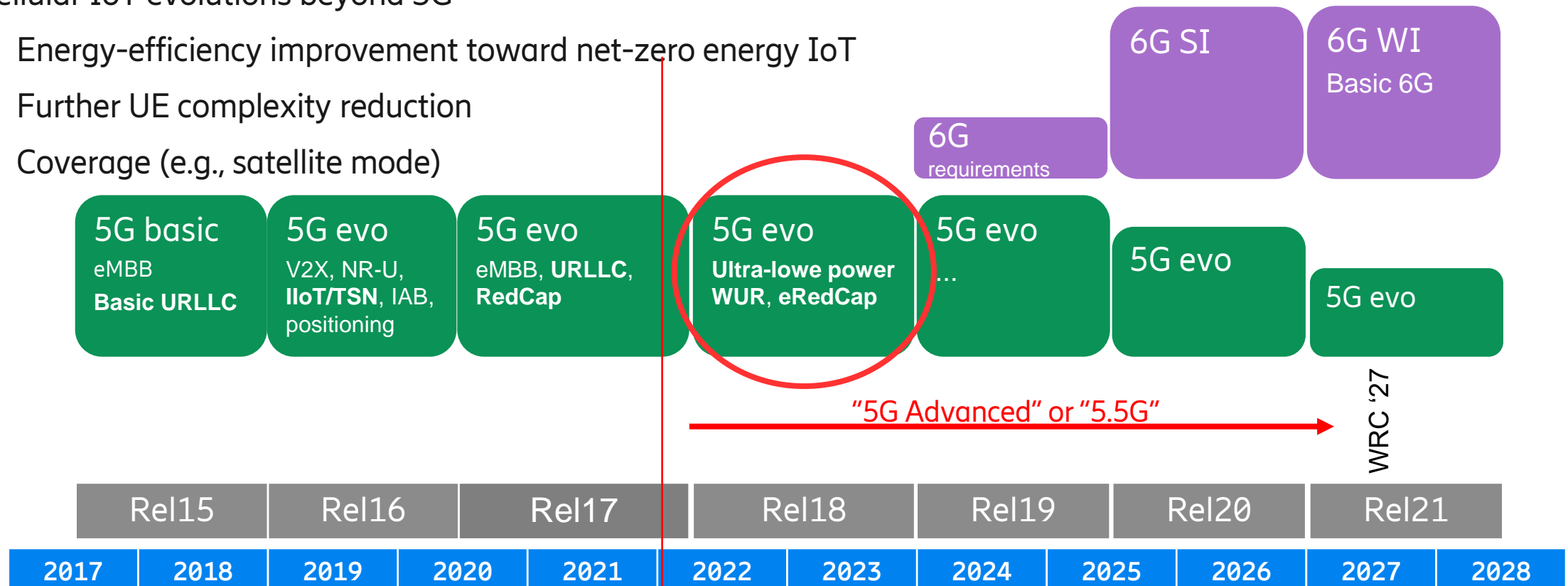
## Duplication



# 5G-Advanced and 6G



- 5G-Advanced starts in 3GPP Rel-18
  - Standardization work will start in 2022
- 6G work to start in Rel-19 (2024) with the 1<sup>st</sup> specification release in Rel-21 (~2028)
- Cellular IoT evolutions beyond 5G
  - Energy-efficiency improvement toward net-zero energy IoT
  - Further UE complexity reduction
  - Coverage (e.g., satellite mode)



# LTE-M and NB-IoT Global ECO System and Market Status



139 operators in 64 countries have deployed/launched CIoT technologies

165 operators in 80 countries are known to be actively investing in NB-IoT networks

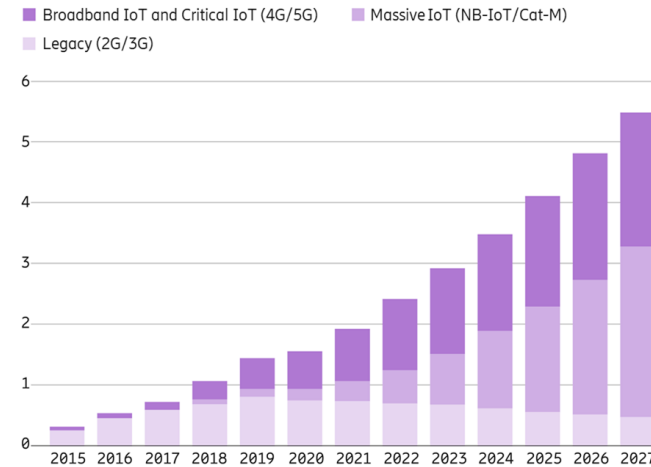
74 operators in 41 countries are known to be actively investing in NB-IoT networks

456 devices support Cat-NB1  
109 devices support Cat-NB2

729 devices supporting either Cat-M1, Cat-NB1 or Cat-NB2

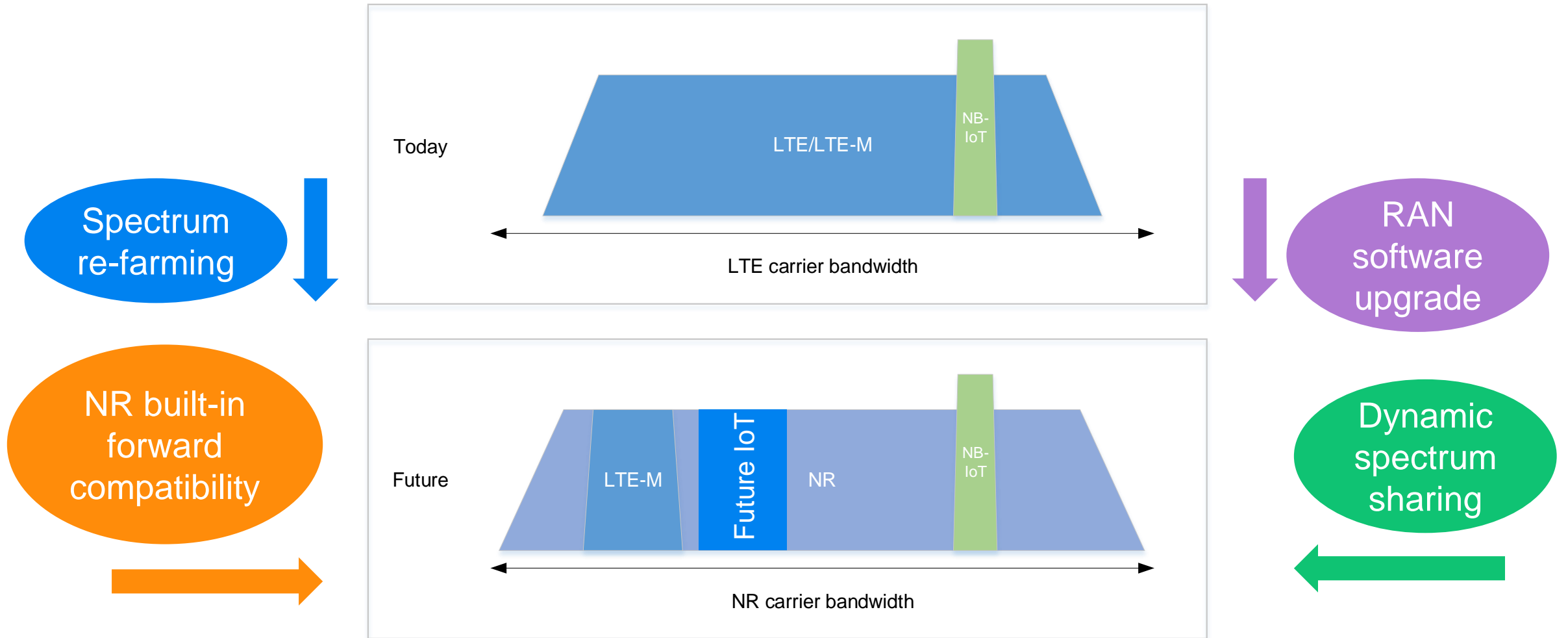
536 devices support Cat-M1

Cellular IoT connections by segment and technology (billion)



Note: The graph illustrates availability of network functionality, as well as support devices.

# Future Network Migration



Cellular IoT service continuity ensured during eMBB driven network migration

# Further Reading

