Learnings from Early 5G rollouts

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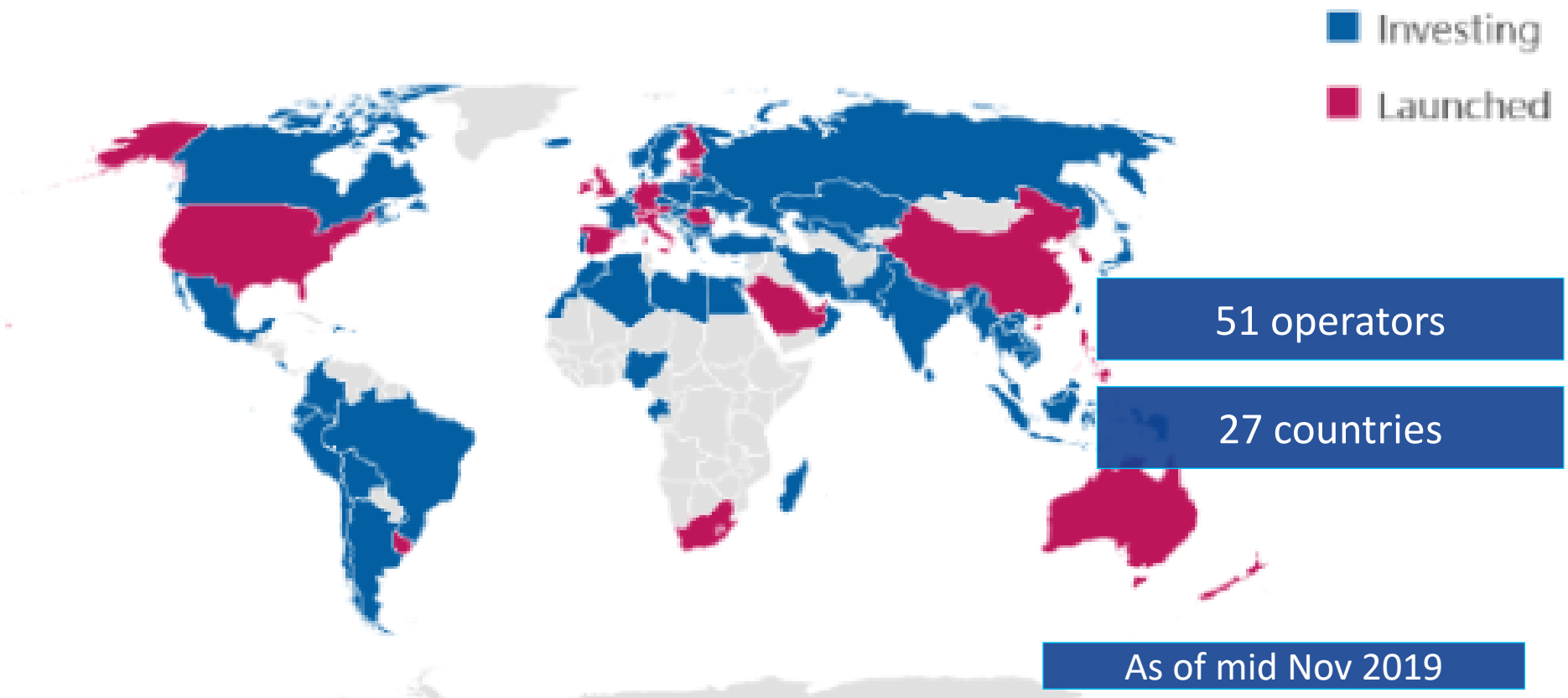
Early 5G rollouts globally



Learnings from early rollouts

1. 5G generates more traffic
2. 5G works better with EN-DC
3. 5G Indoor coverage
4. Is 5G all about massive MIMO?
5. 5G Spectrum strategies

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5G generates more traffic

2000
TB/day

Sectors in
3.5 GHz band

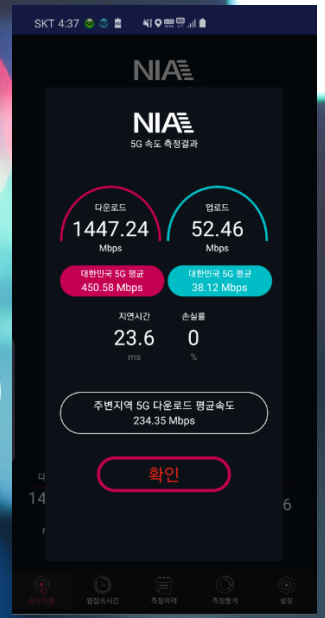
>150k

Share of 5G traffic

>10%

Planned population coverage by end of 2019

80%



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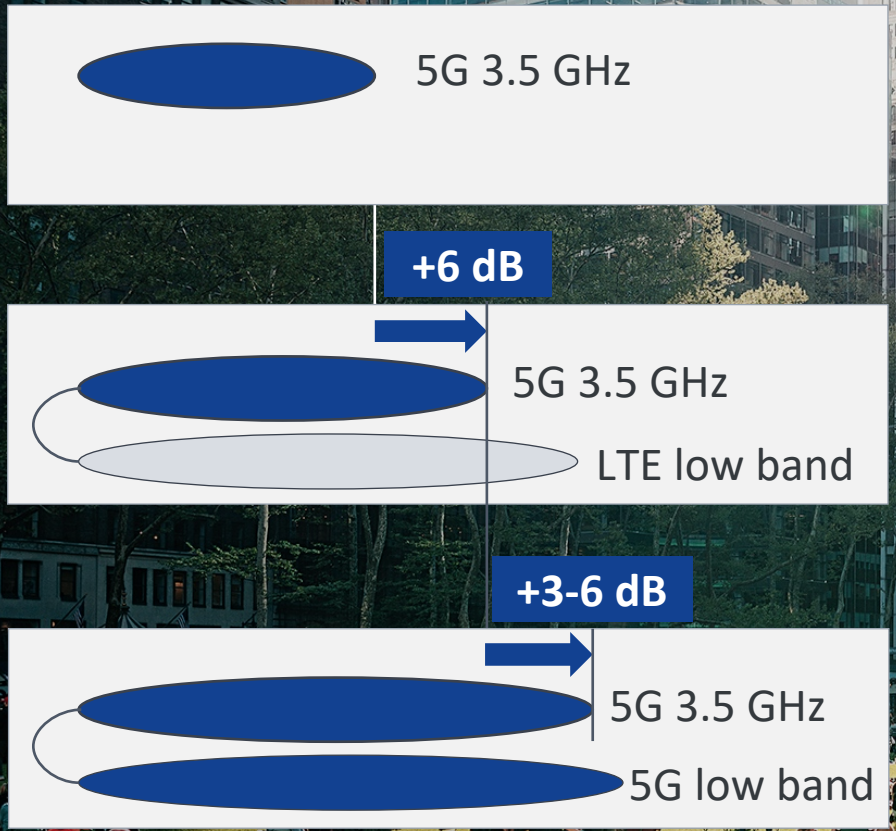
5G works better with EN-DC



Reference case 3.5 GHz alone

3.5 GHz for downlink and uplink user plane

Dual connectivity

Low band LTE for uplink user plane

Carrier aggregation

Low band 5G for uplink signaling

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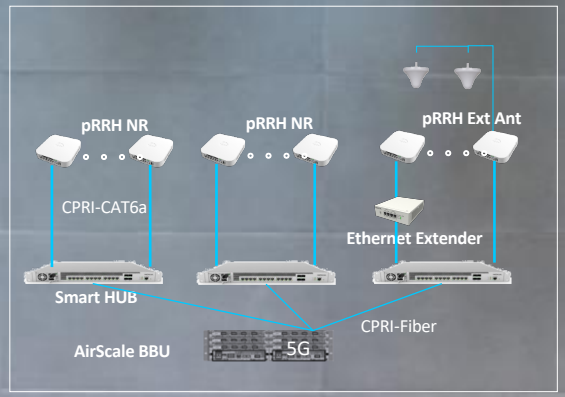
5G Indoor coverage is an issue !

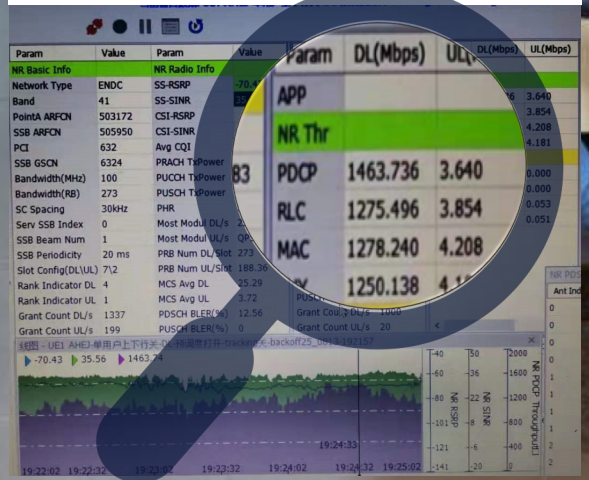
> 60-70 % traffic indoors

5G indoor small cells solutions are a MUST

AirScale Indoor Radio



1463Mbps
FTP Max DL Speed



1257Mbps
SPEEDTEST Max DL

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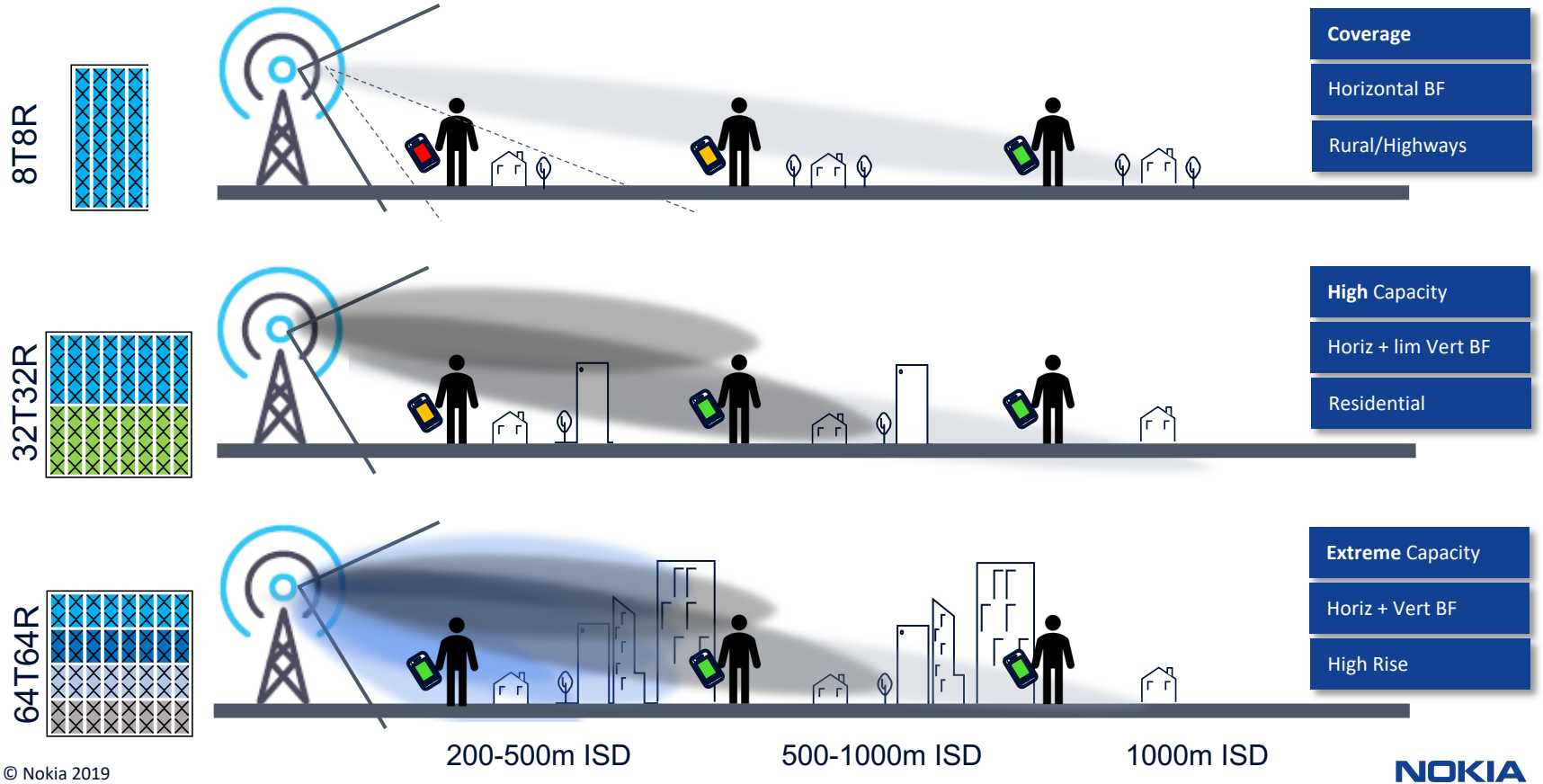
Is 5G all about massive MIMO?



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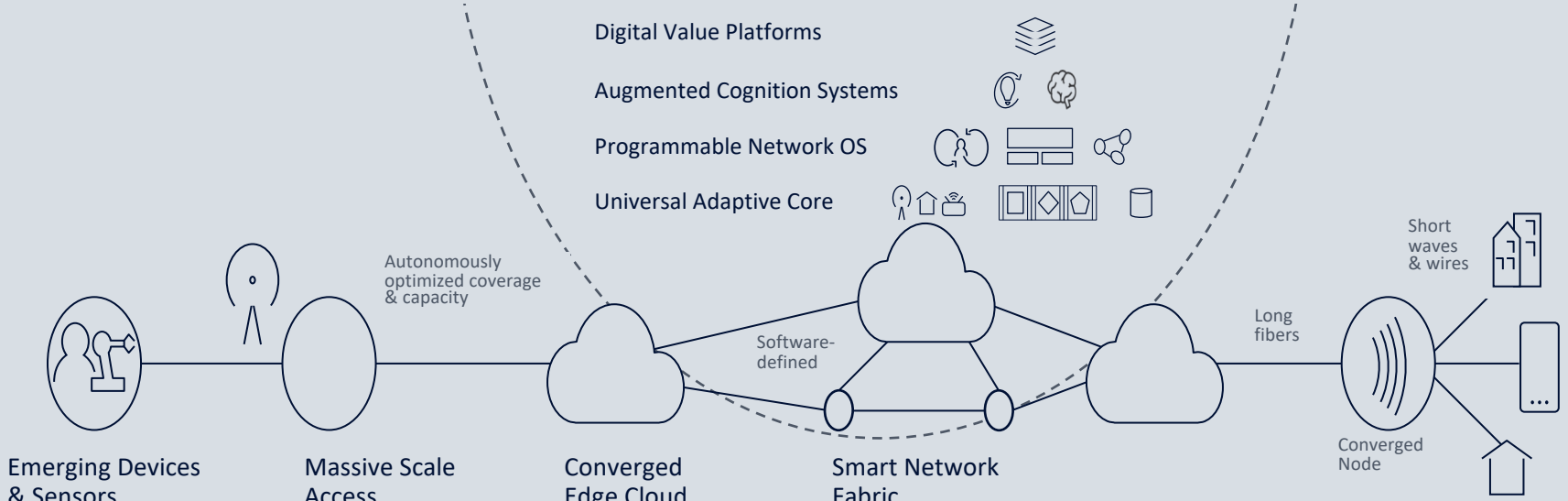
Is 5G all about massive MIMO?

5G is really E2E , much more than radio



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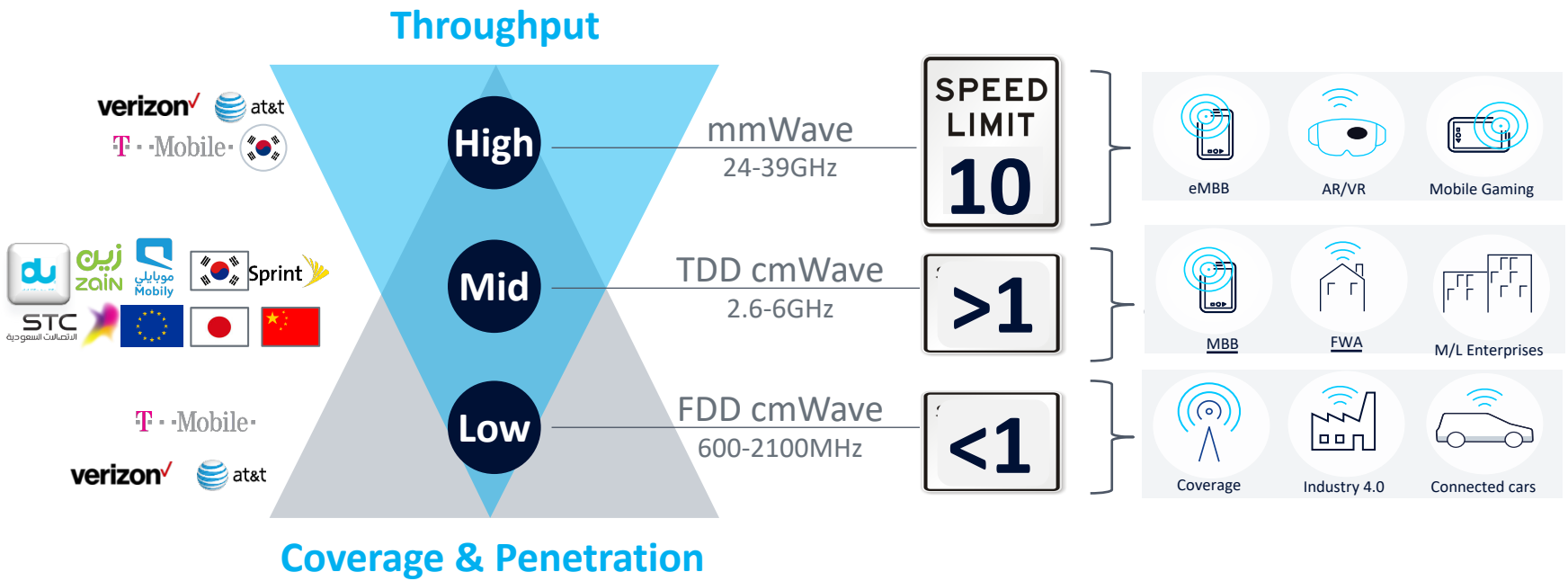
Spectrum strategies



5G Leadership needs mix of all

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5G is not a Sprint – it's a Marathon …

1. 2019 Early Adopters - NSA
2. 2020 Mass Market NSA; SA initial deployments
3. 2021 Migration to SA; Rel 16 initial deployments
4. 2022 Mass Market SA, Rel 16

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