

SPECTRUM AND REGULATIONS FOR 5G DEVELOPMENT – MANUFACTURERS' VIEW

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LEAD THE TECHNOLOGY PATH FROM LTE TO 5G



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The Spectrum Group within GSA (GSA SG),

is the GSA focus group for policy matters related to the radio frequency spectrum and radio regulatory matters,

pertaining to the successful evolution of the family of 3GPP technologies and International Mobile Telecommunication (IMT) of ITU

and associated administrative, operational and technical aspects.





SPECTRUM GROUP STRUCTURE





70+ experts have joined the GSA Spectrum Group discussions



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1 BILLION 5G SUBSCRIPTIONS IN 2023



Note: IoT connections and Fixed Wireless Access (FWA) subscriptions are not included in this graph

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Source: Ericsson Mobility Report, June 2018



CELLULAR IOT CONNECTIONS PER REGION



Cellular IoT connections in 2023 expected to reach 3.5 billion, with 30% annual growth rate.

Connected devices (billion)

loT	2017	2023	CAGR	
Wide-area IoT	0.8	4.1	30%	
Cellular IoT ²	0.7	3.5	30%	
Short-range IoT	6.2	15.7	17%	
Other devices				
PC/laptop/tablet	1.6	1.7	0%	
Mobile phones	7.5	8.6	2%	
Fixed phones	1.4	1.3	0%	
Total connected devices		17.5	31.4	11%

These figures are also included in the figures for wide-area IoT

Source: Ericsson Mobility Report, June 2018

OPERATOR OPPORTUNITY ADDRESSING INDUSTRY DIGITALIZATION WITH 5G



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SPECTRUM FOR 5G: MULTI LAYER APPROACH





eMBB, URLLC, mMTC (no deep coverage)

High Frequencies

Super data layer Addressing specific use cases requiring extremely high data rates

Above 6 GHz (e.g. 24.25-29.5,

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37-43.5 GHz)

Medium Frequencies

Coverage & capacity layer Best compromise with capacity & coverage

2 to 6 GHz

(e.g. 3300-4200, 4400-5000 MHz)

Wide area coverage & deep indoor (mMTC, eMBB, URLLC)

Low Frequencies

Coverage layer Wide and deep indoor coverage **Below 2 GHz**

The next frontier of mobile broadband for extreme throughput and capacity



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3GPP BANDS FOR 5G NEW RADIO (NR)

Frequency range designation	Corresponding frequency range
FR1	450 – 6000 MHz
FR2	24250 – 52600 MHz

The frequency ranges in 3GPP Release 15 for 5G NR designed for the frequency ranges FR1 and FR2

NR – below 6 GHz			
Band	Frequencies MHz	BW MHz	Duplex mode
N77	3300 – 4200	10 – 100	TDD
N78	3300 – 3800	10 – 100	TDD
N79	4400 – 5000	40 – 100	TDD
N80	1710 – 1785	5 - 30	SUL
N81	880 – 915	5 – 20	SUL
N82	832 - 862	5 – 20	SUL
N83	703 – 748	5 – 20	SUL
N84	1920 - 1980	5 – 20	SUL
N86	1710 - 1780	5 - 40	SUL

	NR – mmWave			
Band	Frequencies GHz	BW MHz	Duplex mode	
n257	26.5 - 29.5	50 - 400	TDD	
n258	24.25 - 27.5	50 - 400	TDD	
n259	[40.5] - 43.5	50 - 400	TDD	
n260	37.0 - 40.0	50 - 400	TDD	
n261	27.5 - 28.35	50 - 400	TDD	

NR – refarmed				
Band	Identifier	BW MHz	Frequencies (UL/DL)	
n1	IMT Core band	5 – 20	1920 - 1980 / 2110 - 2170	
n2	PCS 1900	5 – 20	1850 - 1910 / 1930 - 1990	
n3	1800	5 – 30	1710 - 1785 / 1805 - 1880	
n5	850	5 – 20	824 - 849 / 869 - 894	
n7	IMT Extension	5 – 20	2500 - 2570 / 2620 - 2690	
n8	900	5 – 20	880 - 915 / 925 - 960	
n12	US 700 Lower A,B,C	5 - 15	699 - 716 / 729 - 746	
n20	CEPT 800	5 – 20	832 - 862 / 791 - 821	
n25	PCS 1900 G	5 - 20	1850 - 1915 / 1930 – 1995	
n28	APT700 LTE	5 – 20	703 - 748 / 758 - 803	
n34	TDD 2000 Upper	5 - 15	2010 - 2025	
n38	IMT Extension Gap	5 – 20	2570 - 2620	
n39	China TDD 1900	5 - 40	1880 - 1920	
n40	TDD 2300	5 - 80	2300 - 2400	
n41	TDD 2600	10 – 100	2496 - 2690	
n51	TDD L-band, local	5	1427 – 1432	
n66	AWS Extension	5 – 40	1710 - 1780 / 2110 – 2200	
n70	AWS-3/4	5 – 25	1695 - 1710 / 1995 – 2020	
n71	US 600	5 - 20	663 - 698 / 617 - 652	
n75	Extended SDL L band	5 – 20	N/A / 1432 – 1517	
n76	Extended SDL L band, local	5	N/A / 1427 – 1432	

5G NR bands in FR1

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The most harmonized bands are specified as 5G NR bands New bands for 3300-4200 MHz, 4400-5000 MHz and mmWave

5G NR bands in FR2

5G NR bands in FR1

3GPP RAN Release 15

– Specs for both NSA and SA 5G NR are available now





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Where 5G trials are taking place, and what they involve

Countries with operators that have been, are conducting or are planning to conduct 5G trials



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- By mid-July 2018 GSA had identified **154** operators, in **66** countries, that have demonstrated or are testing, or trialing, or have been licensed to begin field trials of 5G technologies. (The numbers at the end of April were 134 operators in 62 countries.)
- Operators have announced **421** separate demonstrations, tests or trials that we have been able to identify.
- At least 67 projects have involved testing Massive MIMO in the context of 5G (i.e., MIMO trials involving 64 or more transmitters, or lower order MIMO used on new high frequency spectrum bands, or involving some other 5G aspect such as New Radio characteristics).
- At least **92** have been demos, tests or trials of New Radio technologies, and **21** projects explicitly featuring network slicing.

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Spectrum bands and network throughput of trials

Distribution of 5G demonstrations and trials by broad spectrum ranges (base: 261 demos/trials)



Network throughput (DL) reported in 5G demonstrations and trials (base: 165 demos/trials)



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5G COMMERCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INDICATIONS



Country	Middle frequency bands	High frequency bands	Commercial time plan
China	 3.3-3.6 and 4.8-5.0 GHz: release in 2019 Consider 4.4-4.5 GHz 	 Consider 24.75-27.5 and 37-42.5 GHz bands for 5G 	2020
Japan	 Release maximum 500 MHz from 3.6-4.2 and 4.4-4.9 GHz in 2019Q1 3.4-3.6 GHz: already used for LTE 	 Release 27.0-29.5 GHz or a part in 2019Q1 	2020
South Korea	• 3.42-3.7 GHz: auctioned in 2018	• 26.5-28.9 GHz: auctioned in 2018	2019 Q1
EU	• 3.4-3.8 GHz: auctions have started	 Release (auction) of 24.25-27.5 GHz band (or a portion) auctions started 	2020
USA	 3.55-3.7 GHz (CBRS) Consider 3.7-4.2 GHz 	 27.5-28.35 and 39 GHz trials underway with commercial deployments in 2018 Auction additional 28 & 24 GHz in 2018 	2018

Some other markets have also announced their spectrum plans for 5G, including: Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, India, New Zealand, countries in the Middle East, etc.

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GLOBAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE 26, 28 AND 40 GHZ BANDS



The range 24.25-29.5 and 37-43.5 GHz are the most promising high frequencies for early 5G commercialization globally

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EQUIPMENT AVAILABILITY FOR THE 26 GHZ AND 28 GHZ BANDS GSA

A number of announcements have been made regarding commercial equipment availability

- Intel, its 5G Modem supports 5G operation in both sub-6GHz bands and 28 GHz spectrum in the U.S., Korea, and Japan with a single device implementation. It pairs the 5G RFIC with the 28 GHz RFIC—supporting 5G New Radio features including low latency frame structure, advanced channel coding, massive MIMO, and beamforming
- Qualcomm, has announced the availability of its Snapdragon™ X50 5G NR modem family with 4G/5G multi-mode support, dual connectivity and up to 5 Gbps download speeds. Commercial solutions supporting mmWave and sub-6 GHz band will be available in late 2018 allowing for commercial devices in the first half of 2019.
- Samsung Electronics, has unveiled its end-to-end portfolio of 5G mobile network products and solutions for 2017 which included chipsets, consumer devices for fixed wireless access connectivity, a 5G Radio Base Station (5G Access Unit) and Next-Generation Core Network infrastructure
- Ericsson, is planning to release 5G base stations for 24.25 27.5 GHz and 26.5 29.5 GHz by the first half of 2019
- **Huawei,** will be ready to provide E2E 5G commercial products compliant with the 3GPP standard in 2018, including New Radio and New Core equipment.
- Nokia, equipment for 28GHz is already available for trials since early 2017 as part of NOKIA 5G FIRST solution and commercial availability is planned for 2019. This RF can also be used for early trials at 26 GHz in the upper 1 GHz of the band.

GSA VIEWS ON EARLY 5G SPECTRUM



- GSA strongly supports and promotes utilization of high-band spectrum in the **26/28 GHz and 40 GHz** frequency ranges, especially for **5G NR applications including eMBB and URLLC**, (e.g. hotspots, Fixed Wireless Access systems, etc.).
- GSA's view is that in order to provide full 5G NR capabilities, a minimum of 1 GHz of contiguous bandwidth per network is needed in each of the 26/28 and 40 GHz frequency ranges from the highband spectrum.
- As a summary view, the **following spectrum bands will be key frequency ranges** for early 5G NR deployments globally (noting that countries may make different parts of these bands available):
 - ✓ 3300 MHz 4200 MHz
 - ✓ 4400 MHz 5 GHz
 - ✓ 24.25 GHz 27.5 GHz
 - ✓ 26.5 GHz 29.5 GHz
 - ✓ 37.0 GHz 43.5 GHz
- **5G NR equipment which supports the 28 GHz and 3.4-3.8 GHz bands is available in 2018**. Equipment that is fully 3GPP standards compliant will be available in 2019 for these frequency bands.
- Based on government announcements and market demand, equipment which supports other key 5G bands will be available in a timely manner.

GSA POSITION ON AI 1.13 OF WRC-19

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AI 1.13 to consider identification of frequency bands for the future development of International Mobile Telecommunications (IMT), including possible additional allocations to the mobile service on a primary basis, in accordance with Resolution 238 (WRC 15);

- GSA supports the identification of new spectrum globally for IMT (5G NR) under WRC-19 agenda item 1.13.
- GSA strongly supports and promotes with highest priority the 24.25 27.5 GHz and 37.0 43.5 GHz frequency ranges for an identification for IMT at WRC-19 agenda item 1.13. Spectrum within these two ranges provides opportunities for early 5G deployments.
- GSA does **not support the 31.8 33.4 G**Hz frequency range for an identification for IMT.
- GSA supports consideration at WRC-19 of an identification for IMT in the ranges 45.5-50.2
 GHz and 50.4-52.6 GHz. The range 47.2-48.2 GHz is already allocated to 5G NR in the USA which is anticipated to stimulate market demand in other countries and regions. We recognise that there may be challenges due to the passive services on both sides of 50.4-52.6 GHz and its limited size.
- GSA views 66 71 GHz, 71 76 GHz and 81 86 GHz as important bands for 5G. GSA views on IMT identification of these bands is under development.

AFFORDABLE ACCESS TO SPECTRUM FOR 5G

- Preference is for **exclusive licenses**
- Auctions represent a fair regime by providing a rational market value of dedicated exclusive spectrum to users who value it the most; therefore auctions:
 - Should be designed to stimulate spectrum usage
 - Should be designed to maximise benefit for society
 - Should be designed to stimulate investments in infrastructure
 - Should not be designed to maximise revenue
- Greatest benefit to society (e.g. increased GDP) is in its sustained use



KEY TAKEAWAYS TO ENABLE 5G IN ASIA

5G represents a new communication paradigm for Asian society:

- Simultaneous access to low, mid and high bands will be needed to meet all major 5G requirements and use cases
- 700 MHz, 3 & 4 GHz, 26, 28 & 40 GHz, primary bands for early 5G deployments globally
- Expeditious and timely regulatory action is needed to make the existing harmonized mobile bands suitable for 5G in Asia
- Affordable access to spectrum is fundamental to users; greatest benefit to society from spectrum (e.g. increased GDP) is in its sustained use
- **3GPP** technologies exist to start industrial and societal IoT implementation NOW!







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