



The importance of RAN to Core validation as networks evolve to support 5G

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5G – what changes?

Diverse, fragmented and unpredictable network traffic

Complex architecture with multiple vendors and distributed services makes achieving end-to-end system performance more challenging



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What is needed? -Supporting the **HUGE** demand

Mobile apps, services and connectivity



Acceleration of technologies

Delivering capacity and connectivity, cost effectively



More network resource and more efficiency

Spectrum, equipment, power



Faster time to market

More flexible service deployment



EcoSystems

Technology challenge & complexity
Critical to collaborate and partner

Wireless standards:

4.5G, 4.9G, IoT & 5G
[C-RAN, Carrier Aggregation 3CC+, Massive MIMO, NB-IoT, LAA

Spectrum:

Unlicensed; re-farming; higher frequencies

Increased coverage:

Wi-Fi Offload, Densification, FWA; In-building; DAS; Small Cell

Support Multiple standards

HetNets, Devices and Modules

New Network architectures

Network slicing; disaggregation; Service chains, virtualisation

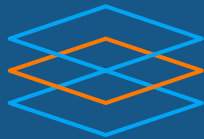
Open standard software

Understanding the new landscape

Changes to the network architecture



Functional Disaggregation and Network Slicing



Optimise network performance by dividing up the functions

By architecture: NB-IoT, RT/non RT, C-plane/U-Plane, 4G/5G

By service: business or industry e.g. healthcare, automotive, utilities and public safety

NFV/SDN



Accelerate service deployment through virtualisation

A new service could be available within a week as opposed to 18 months

Bandwidth demand, competition and consumer sophistication the time-to-market for services and applications is more important than ever

Mobile Edge Computing



Bringing services closer to the users

Supporting new 5G applications needs lower latency and higher bandwidth, creating a requirement to move core processing power to the edge of the network, enabling services and content to be activated closer to the user

Security



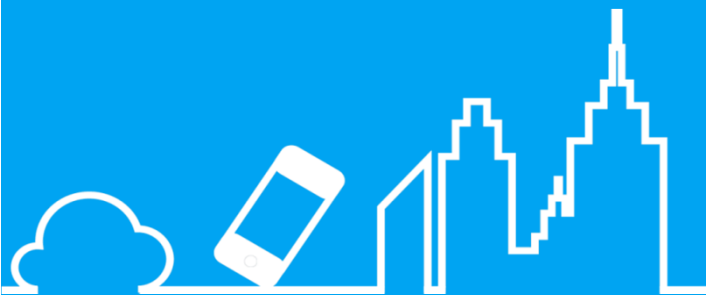
Preparing for cyberattacks

The influx of IoT devices with lower security settings poses an increased threat to Operators networks, therefore continuous stress testing is required to ensure networks are fully prepared for cyberattacks

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Validation - A new mind-set

New methodologies can be applied to validation, to allow chipset vendors, OEMs and mobile operators to achieve reliable high-performance designs that work successfully at scale within a complex architecture

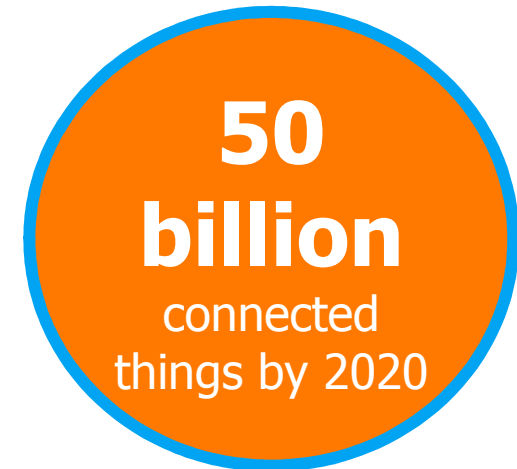


The Challenge - Massive Connectivity

- Users have come to expect a consistent service and this expectation will only increase as more and more users and businesses become dependant on 5G services
- 5G KPI – 1 million connections per Km²

The Solution – Prepare

- Networks need to be rigorously test in a realistic environment
- It's no longer just about the number of users, it's about the number of 'things'
- Simulating highly realistic device **and** application traffic will ensure the network is robust enough to cope with the complexity and demands at scale

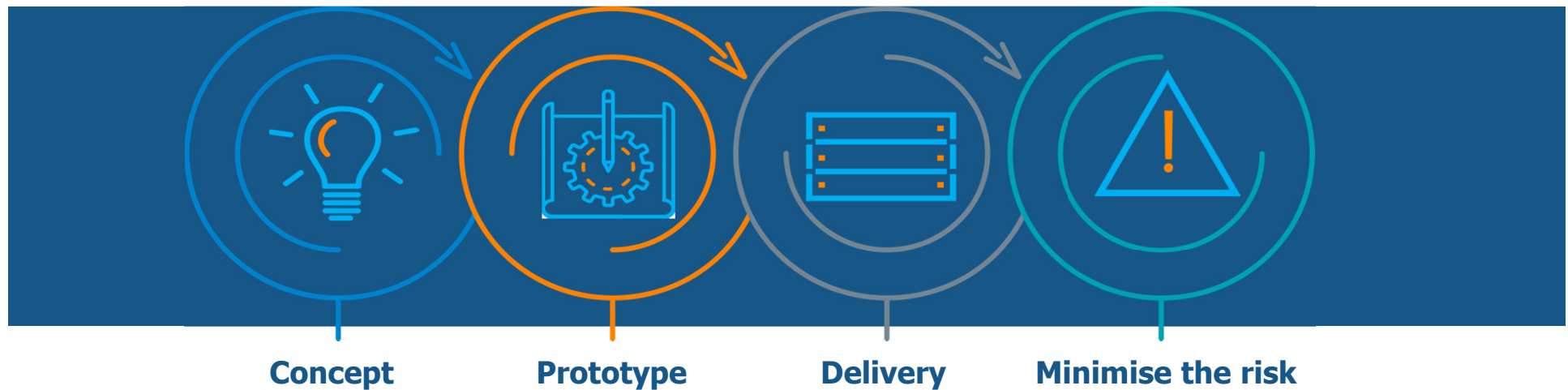


Testing by design: start validating at the design phase

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Minimise the risk and cost

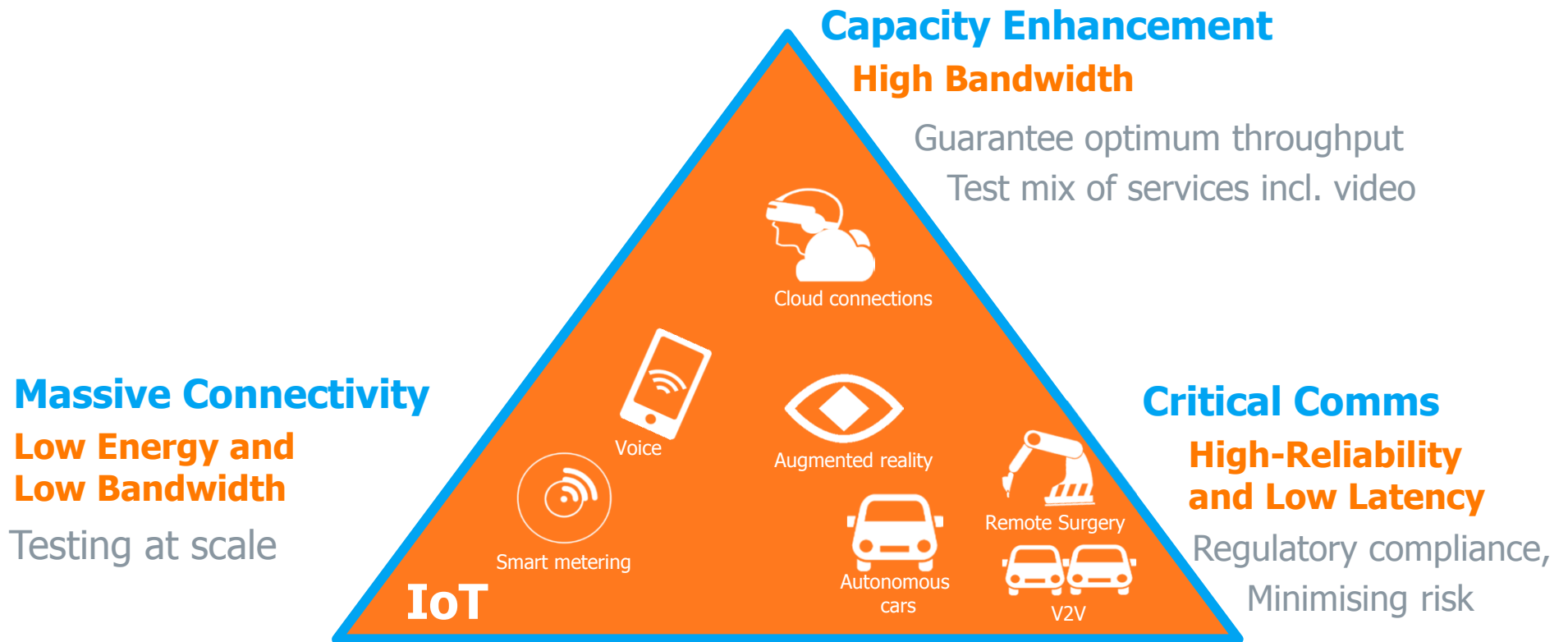
Simplify and minimise the risk of developing and deploying 5G base stations and services



- Testing by design and rigorous testing of individual elements both functionally and at scale; the earlier you test, the earlier you find problems
- New sophisticated testing techniques will be required to support and accelerate the development of 5G, start at the ground level and work your way up, refining processes along the way to understand, validate and improve system design and performance
- Using a platform that can validate 5G and is capable of verifying networks operating across multiple radio frequencies will ensure success

What are the test implications?

Performance usage scenarios



Accelerating development times



What is required?

- An agile test-bed that can address immediate KPIs for 5G
- A test platform that can facilitate the smooth transition from legacy to future standards, in-line with the industry's 5G progression
- A flexible test solution that enables users to upgrade or adapt functionality and test parameters, tailoring the solution to specific scenarios and requirements

5G Targets and KPIs							
1 ms end-to-end latency	Close to 100% reliability	10 Tbps/km2 traffic density	1/10x energy per bit	0.1-1 Gbps anywhere/ anytime	10 Gbps peak rate	Shared infrastructure	1 million connections per km2

RAN to Core



The convergence of the radio access network (RAN) and core networks

Moving computing power to the mobile edge, converges the radio access network (RAN) and core network, requiring a new approach to network testing and validation

End-to-end validation

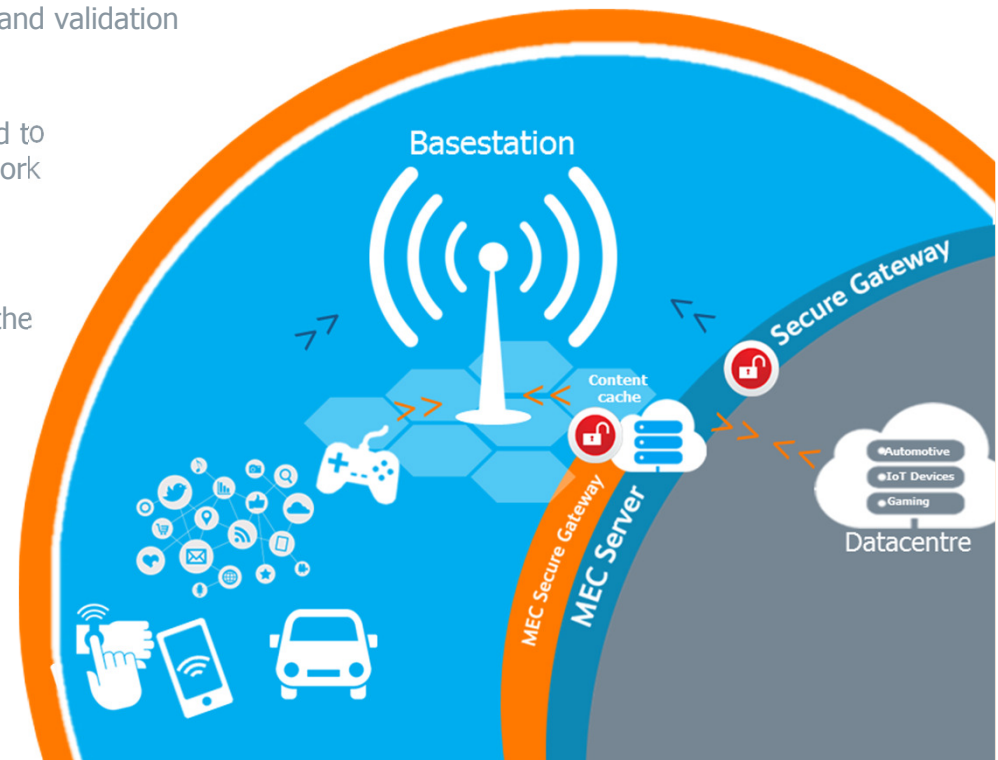
A complete end-to-end test solution from RAN to core is required to stress tests the impact of RAN traffic on the edge and core network

Realism and scale

Go beyond basic boundary performance testing!
Simulate highly realistic device and application traffic to ensure the network is robust enough to cope with the complexity and demands at scale

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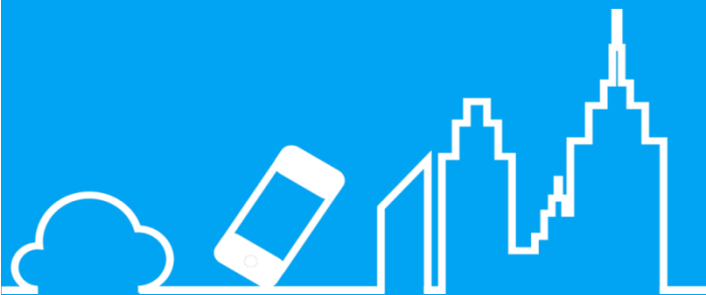
Rigorous testing of physical and virtual SeGW functions is essential to ensure that networks are robust, and any hazardous IP packets are blocked before they enter the core network



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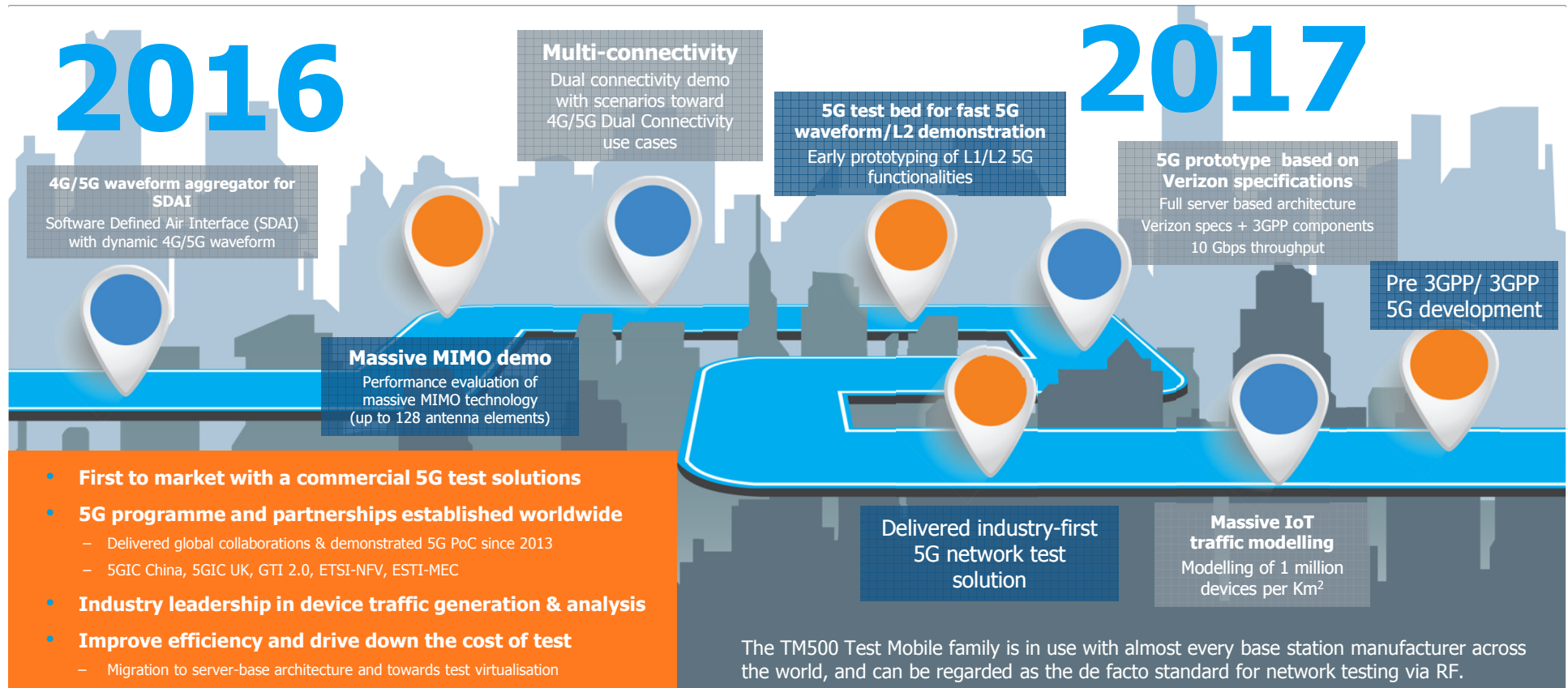
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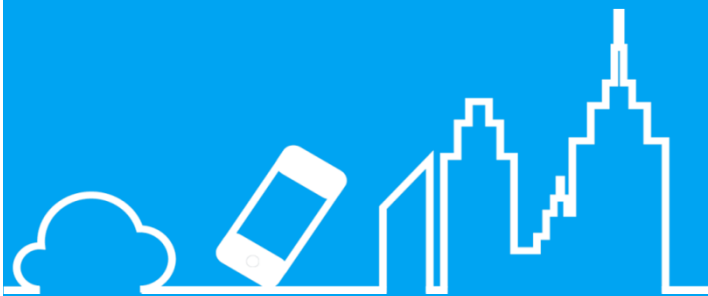
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