

5G – where next? The challenges of ensuring interoperability in a 5G world

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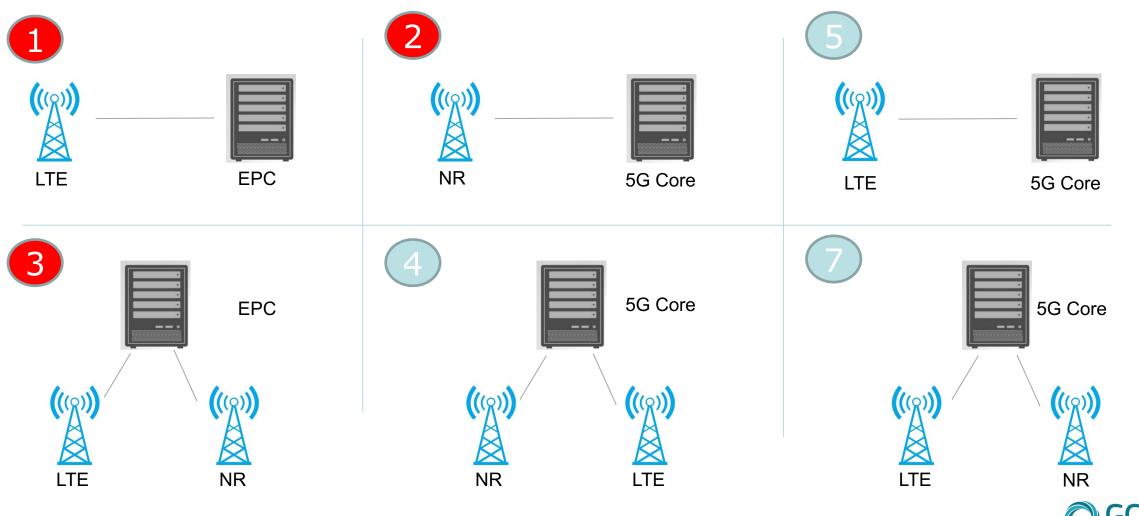
### Key questions...

- Latest news in 5G bands and coverage in GCF Certification.
- How will 5G support operators' businesses?
- How does GCF Certification support 5G deployment?



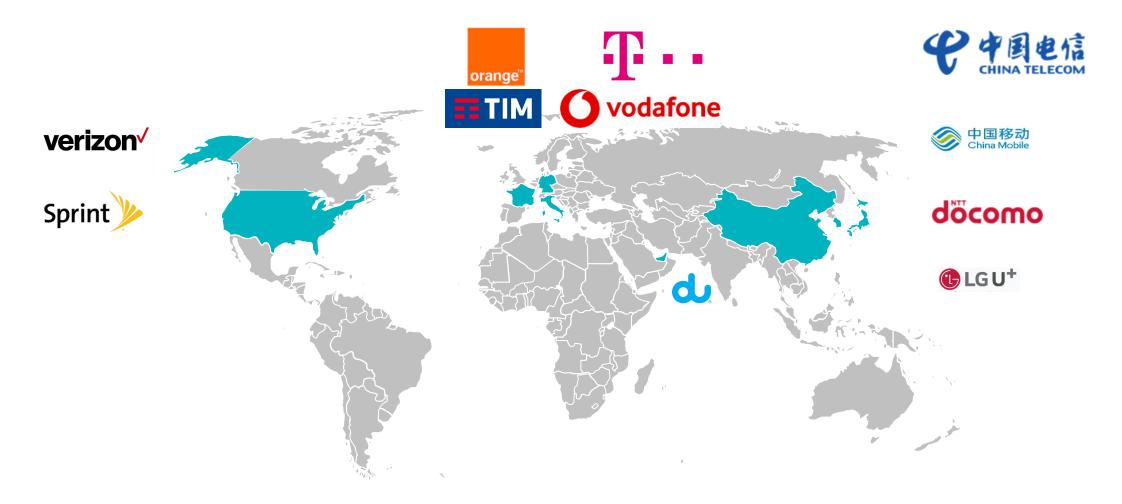
#### What we presently cover in GCF for 5G ...

Standalone (SA)



Non-Standalone (NSA) – 'Dual Connectivity'

#### GCF 5G Certification covers 11 operators now





\* Shown GCF Operators that have included 5G certification test requirements into GCF's work program.

#### GCF 5G Band Coverage

Band Coverage SA Option 2					
n1	n3	n41	n78	n79	

	Band Coverag	ge NSA Option 3	
1A_n77A	3A_n257A	13A_n261A	28A_n78A
1A_n78A	4A_n260A	18A_n77A	39A_n41A
1A_n79A	4A_n261A	18A_n78A	39A_n78A
20A_n78A	5A_n2A	18A_n79A	39A_n79A
1A_n257A	5A_n66A	18A_n257A	40A_n41A
2A_n5A	5A_n78A	19A_n77A	41A_n41A
2A_n66A	5A_n260A	19A_n78A	41A_n78A
2A_n260A	5A_n261A	19A_n79A	41A_n79A
2A_n261A	7A_n28A	19A_n257A	66A_n2A
3A_n28A	7A_n78A	20A_n78A	66A_n5A
3A_n41A	8A_n41A	21A_n77A	66A_n260A
3A_n77A	8A_n78A	21A_n78A	66A_n261A
3A_n78A	8A_n79A	21A_n79A	(n)41AA
3A_n79A	13A_n260A	21A_n257A	

XA_nYYA	Active in GCF Certification
XA_nYYA	In development
3A_n41A	EITC's band (active)



#### Current 5G Work Items

Number	Area	Туре
WI-500-XX	5G RF	Conformance
WI-501-XX	5G RRM	Conformance
WI-502-XX	5G De-Mod / CSI	Conformance
WI-503-XX	5G AS Protocol	Conformance
WI-504-XX	5G NAS Protocol	Conformance
WI-505-XX	5G IMS	Conformance
WI-506-XX	5G Positioning	Conformance
WI-507-XX	5G Field Trials	Field Trials
WI-508-NR	USIM Interworking	Conformance
WI-509-xx	USAT interworking	Conformance
WI-513-xx	Rel-15 Interworking between NR with 5GC and E-UTRA with EPC	Conformance



#### GCF 5G Field Trials

FT Test Case count						
Field Trials5G optionTest cases						
NR	2	27				
EN-DC	3	36				

FTQ Operators						
Operator	5G	Declaration Date				
	Option					
ТІМ	3	25 June 2019				
Deutsche Telekom	3	13 September 2019				
Vodafone Spain	3	11 November 2019				



#### 5G Test Platforms and labs

#### **TEST PLATFORMS**

Test equipment vendors have declared 10 test platforms:

- 7 different vendors
- 5 Test Platform have validated tests

#### **TEST LABORATORIES**

Nine 3<sup>rd</sup> Party labs have submitted 5G C-RTO declarations

- 3 x China
- 3 x Taiwan
- 1 x US
- 2 x South Korea



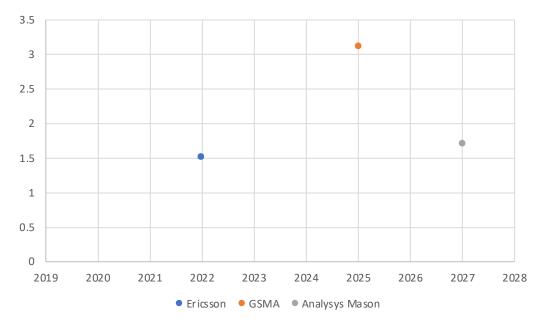
#### What is the 5G short term priorities

- Increase the number of validated test cases
- Accelerate the activation of work items
- Increase number of FTQ operators
- Include bands for more operators
- Ensure GCF Certification meets the needs of key industry verticals.



### Most analysts continue to predict IoT growth..

- 25 billion devices by 2025
- Cellular estimated between 1.5 3.5 bn devices by 2025.
- Other technologies are also helping this trend
  - AI / Machine Learning / Big Data / Analytics.

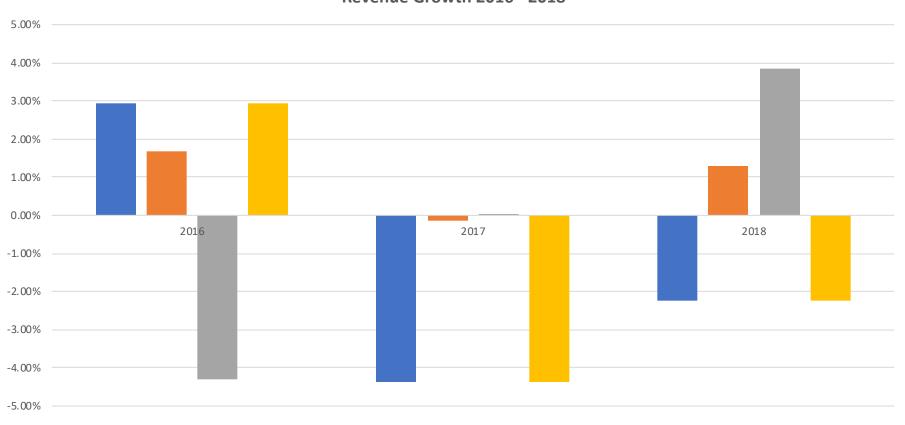


Cellular IoT Devices in billions - Various forecasts

5G alongside NB-IoT / Cat M1 will play an increasing role in IoT

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# Operators need to find new growth...



Revenue Growth 2016 - 2018

■ Vodafone ■ Orange ■ Verizon ■ Sprint

#### Very low growth and/or declining revenues



### Operators are still profitable...

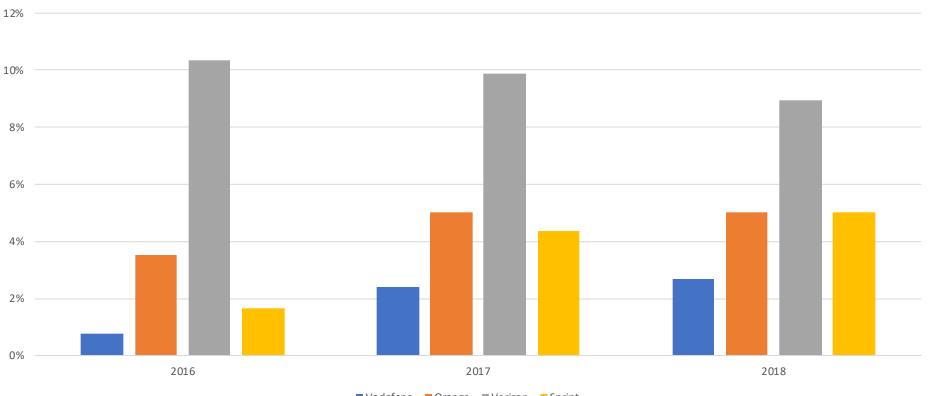
**Gross Margin** = (Gross Profit / Total Revenue) 70% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 10% 0% 2016 2017 2018





# But are capital intensive businesses that require large investments...

Return on total assets = (Profit before interest and tax / Total Assets)

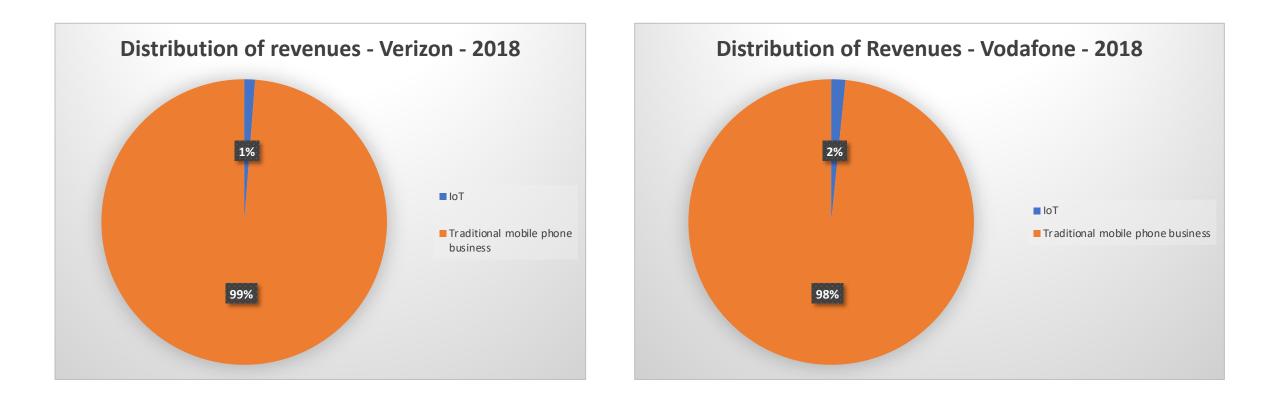




Low returns compared to size of asset base.



# 5G and IoT provide a future revenue stream... but these businesses remain relatively small







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### **5G opportunities:** The challenges...

Turn new use cases into businesses.

**Organisation and Partners** 

#### **Ensure interoperability**

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### What new businesses?

#### Example:

- Often long queues at airport rental car desks.
  - Paper based process.
  - Documents check.
  - Frustrating for customers.
- Solutions...
  - Electronic document check.
  - Cameras in parking garage.
  - Download car key to your smartphone.





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### New opportunities across all sectors...

Automotive / Transport	Energy	Logistics (any sector)	Manufacturing	Health	Services (any sector)
Autopilot	Micro / local generation	Asset tracking	Automation	Health tracking	Insurance
Robot-cars / taxis	Grid management	People tracking	Process improvements	Patient management	Retail
Fleet management	Smart appliances		Turn products into services.		Leisure
Hire car experience					Security
Parking management					

#### New customers, new needs, new services, new devices.



# How does GCF Certification help in new sectors?

- Use a GCF Certified module in your IoT project.
- Prove device-network interoperability to partners.
- Focus on developing the new business.

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For more information on the process of certifying an end product integrating a device please read here.

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Additional information and guidance on Mobile IoT can be found at GSMA Mobile IoT Initiative.
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It should be noted that devices which have been certified within the last 24 months only are displayed. Furthermore, a device may support additional bands and features than are covered by the certification declaration. Please refer to the product link under "More Details".

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Notes:
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• In GCF terminology devices are referred to as "modules" and "platforms"

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Keyword...

128 results

ID	Manufacturer	Model	Technology	Application(s)	Markets	More Details
8479	Sierra Wireless	Airprime WP7611	3G, 4G LTE FDD	All		View
8463	Sercomm Corporation	TPB22-3	NB-IoT	All	Global	View
8419	u-blox AG	SARA-R410M-03B	4G LTE-M FDD, NB-IoT, 4G LTE FDD	All	Global	View
8311	Murata Manufacturing Co Ltd	1SS	NB-IoT	Medical, Home, City, B2B, Wearables, Industrial	Global	View
8213	Fibocom Wireless Inc	N510	NB-IoT	All	Europe	View
8144	SIMCom Wireless Solutions Ltd	SIM7020G	NB-IoT	All	Global	View

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# Automotive: GCF and 5GAA



- GCF Certification already includes some Automotive features
  - LTE V2V / V2X in band 47 (E-UTRA / Rel-14).
  - E-Call non-modem procedures.
- Automotive industry is defining frameworks for applications.
  - C-ITS (Co-operative Intelligent Transport Systems).
- GCF and 5GAA are working to investigate and develop a C-ITS certification covering both radio and application layers.
- Current plan is to launch in 2021.







# Critical Comms: TCCA and GCF



- Emergency Communications is moving onto 4G and 5G networks.
  - Gain economies of scale.
  - Enable emergency services to better manage emergency responses by use of a data connection.
- Critical Communications may also be used by other 'professional' users.
  - Transport Authorities.
  - Airports.
  - Mining / Oil and Gas.
- Critical Communications services have additional requirements.
  - Services (MCPTT / Direct Mode)
  - Underlying 3GPP features (MBMS)
  - High power UE.
  - Security.



#### **New Member category: Mission Critical Operator**



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#### Other partnerships...



Service level APIs for Internet of Things



Manufacturing and process automation



NFC payments and other applications



**Remote SIM Provisioning** 



#### Summary

- GCF certification for 5G is progressing well.
- For operators to benefit from GCF Certification you should ensure your particular 5G bands and configuration is included in our program.
- The key challenge for mobile operators is how to diversify into serving new markets.
- GCF Certification helps to prove to your partners and users that devices used in IoT projects / services will be interoperable with networks.
- GCF is working with industry ecosystem partners to develop certification solutions for specific verticals.



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