Sprinting to 5G
Opportunities & Challenges

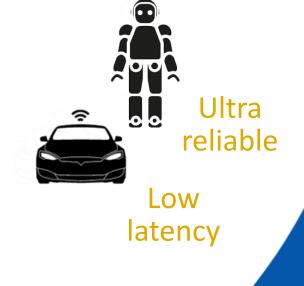
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Legacy networks weren't designed to handle the demands of the connected future







capacity

10x more traffic



Higher DL speeds

1-10 Gbps



1,000x more devices





What it takes to build a 5G Mobile Network

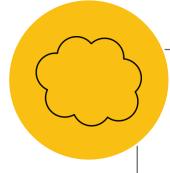


Spectrum:

Optimize spectrum plan for 5G and fill in market gaps



Sites: enable 5G+LTE dual capability on massive MIMO sites (for Sprint)



Core: Expand LTE
Core and evolve to
a Next-Gen 5G
Core



Backhaul: Upgrade all sites to support 5G peaks and averages



Device: Work with the device ecosystem to build new 5G devices

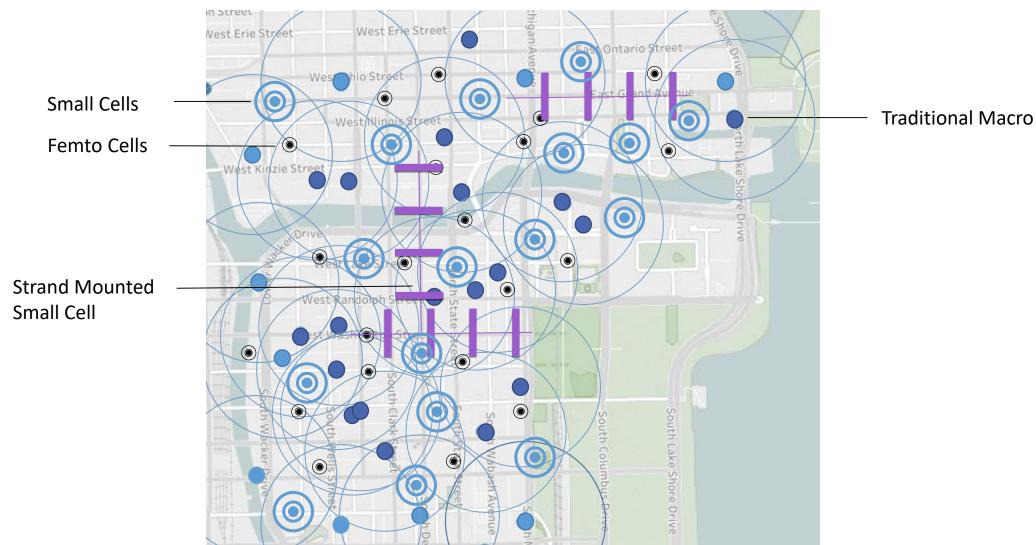


Deployment:

Densify and upgrade sites, evolve to 5G

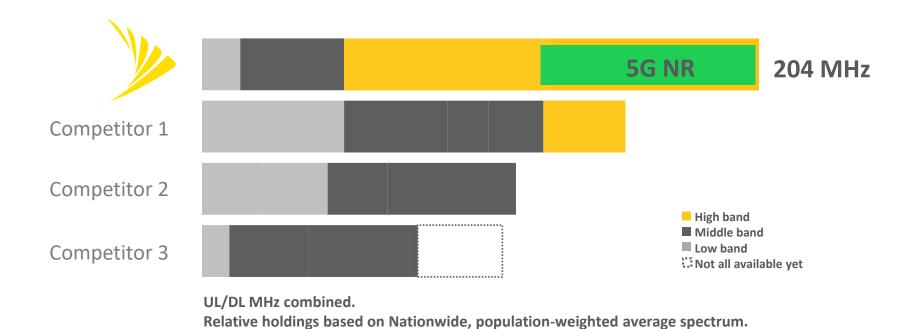
Network Densification for 5G





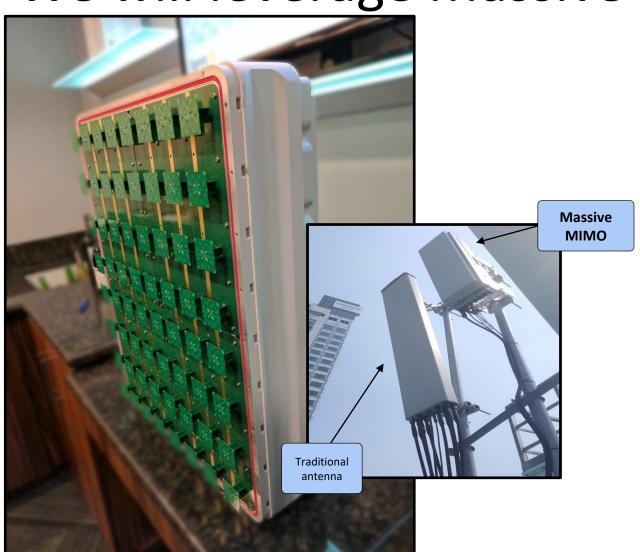
Sprint's 5G Build will Leverage our Strong Spectrum Position in 2.5 GHz







We will leverage Massive MIMO for 5G

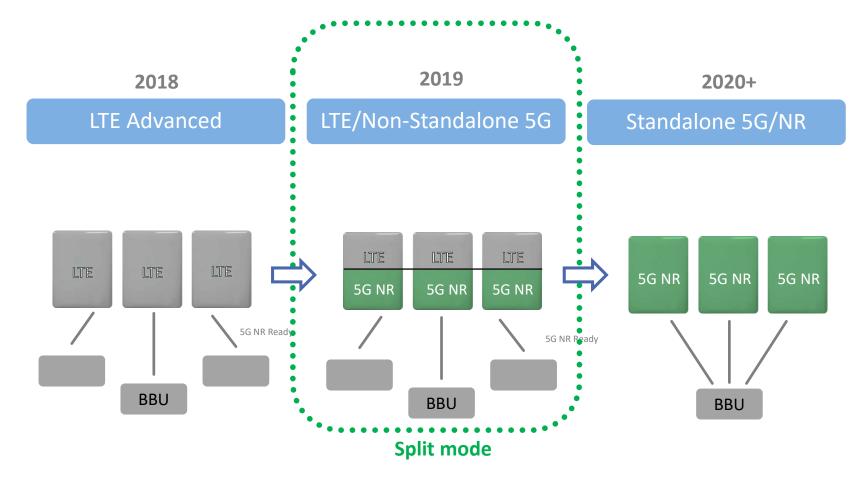


Massive MIMO leverages a massive number of antennas and advanced antenna beamforming to improve performance

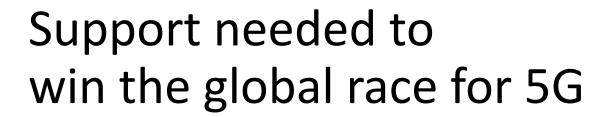
- Key enabler of 5G Technology
- Sprint will deploy 64T64R Massive MIMO (128 Antenna Elements) at 2.5 GHz
- Upgrade thousands of 2.5 GHz sites with Massive MIMO to support LTE and 5G simultaneously at existing sites



Sprint's Evolution to 5G with TDD Massive MIMO



- Split Mode will support LTE and 5G simultaneously on the same Hardware
- Will use dedicated spectrum chunks for LTE Advanced and for 5G







Reform NEPA/NHPA REVIEW PROCESSES

FCC completed on March 22, 2018



Create streamlined and predictable process to build wireless sites on public structures



FCC to release more spectrum for 5G



Reduce fees required for small cell installations