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# 5G Opportunity

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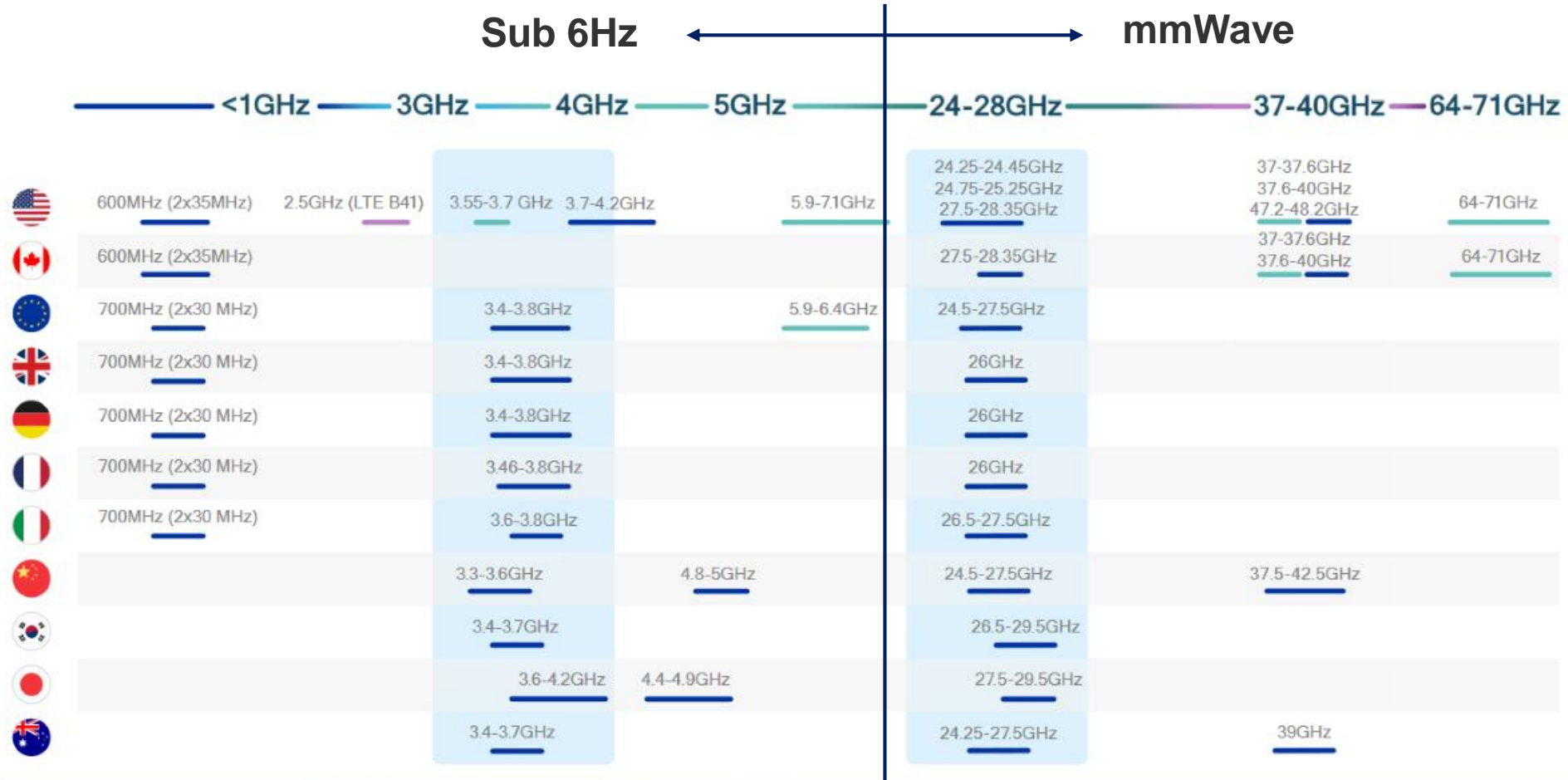
# 5G Wireless vs. 4G

## 5G Wireless is designed to support higher data rates through

- Use of more frequency bands to carry more data through “carrier aggregation”
- Use of much higher frequencies that have more “capacity” (mmWave 5G)
- MIMO (multi-in-multi-out): multiple antennas each capable of transmit/receive



# 5G Frequency Bands



## Global snapshot of 5G spectrum

Around the world, these bands have been allocated or targeted

New 5G band

- Licensed
- Unlicensed / shared
- Existing band

# 5G Wireless vs. 4G

## Implications on RF market:

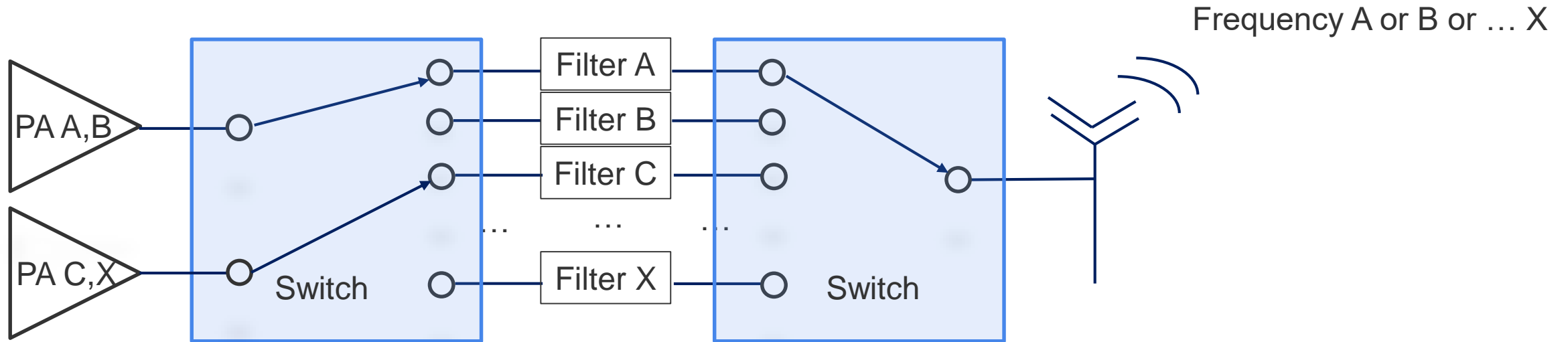
- 1. Sub 6Hz:** more RF content in handsets to support more frequency bands and antennas
- 2. mmWave:** technology shifts to support frequencies that are 10x higher than today
- 3. Infrastructure:** base-stations, small cells, faster optical fiber connections to the network



**Industry expectation: 5G at <1% of handsets in '19 and ~25% in '23**

# Sub 6GHz 5G

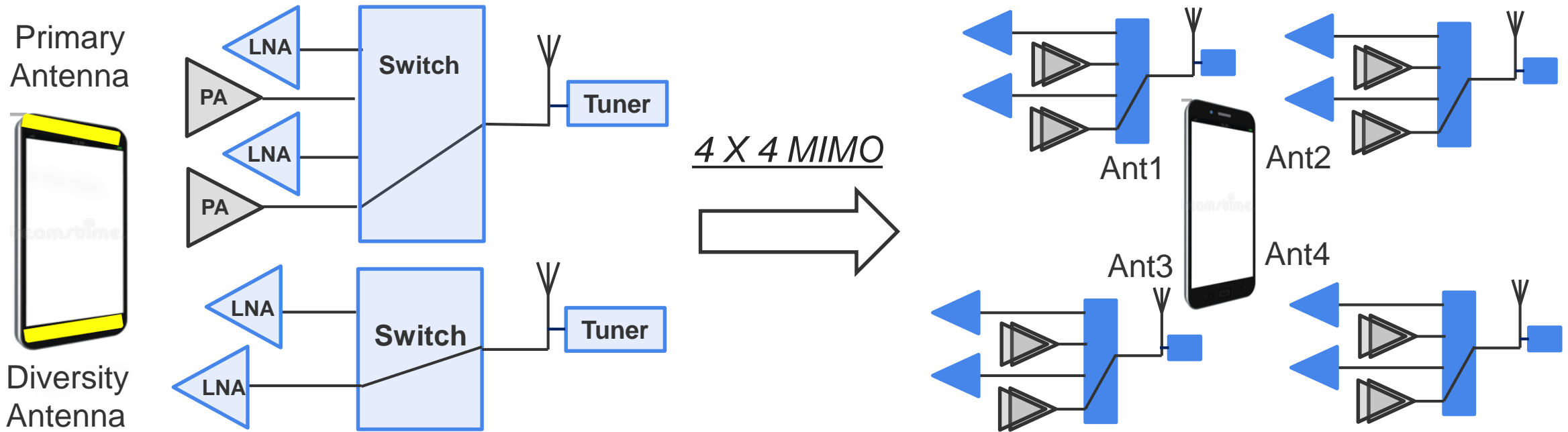
- Impact of **more frequency bands** on RF content in handsets
  - Switches are used to select filters and bands -> more frequency bands imply **more switches**
  - In addition, more PAs and LNAs may be required to cover frequency bands that are widely separated



- Technology: 5G RF switches in handsets are generally built in **high-end RF SOI** technology

# Sub 6GHz 5G

- Impact of **more antennas** on RF content in handsets
  - Each antenna requires a **low-noise-amplifier (LNA)** and in some cases a power amplifier (PA)
  - Increasingly each antenna requires an **Antenna Tuner** to support the wide range of 5G frequencies



- Technology: SiGe and RF SOI for LNA; RF SOI and in the future RF MEMS for antenna tuning

# mmWave 5G: New Large Potential Market for Silicon-base RF

Small-cell fixed wireless access points can provide “last mile” broadband distribution and fast data to handsets in range creating a large new potential market for Silicon-based RF



**New market for RF for fixed-wireless base-station mmWave infrastructure over the next several years**

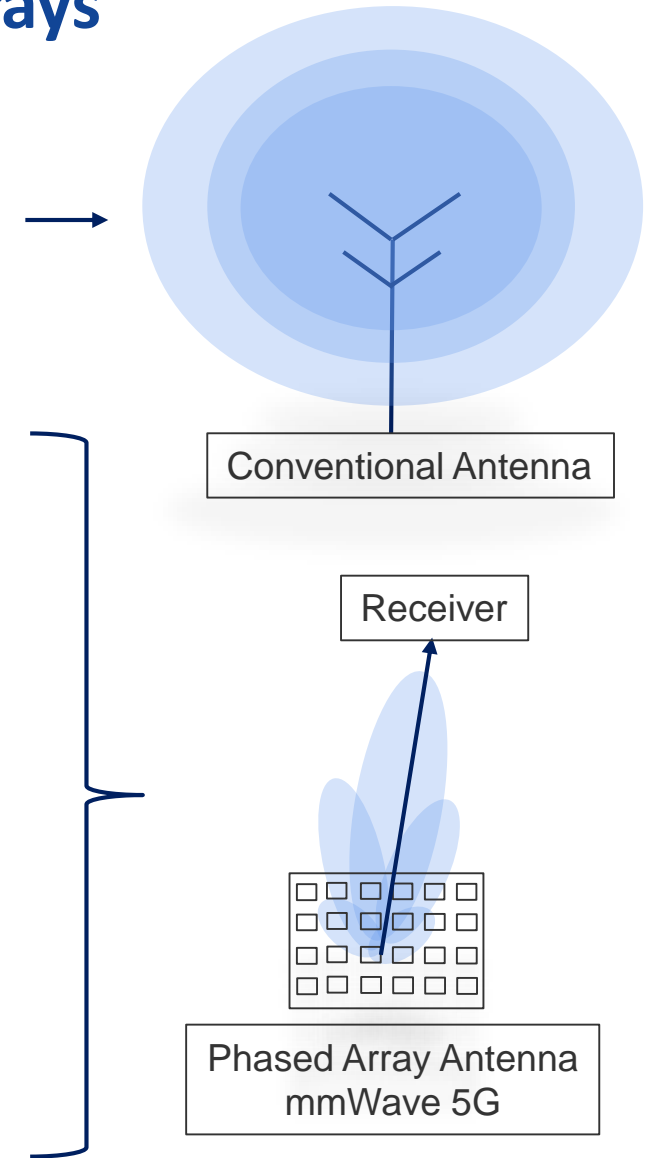
**Additional content in handsets to support mmWave with Phased Array Power Amplifier -> enabling Si-based Power Amplifiers vs. III-V based PAs used for sub 6GHz**

**New market for 5G mmWave gateway for home/office**



# mmWave 5G: Power Amplifiers in Silicon with Phased Arrays

- Today's antennas distribute power uniformly requiring high-power PAs built in III-V semiconductors since most of the power is wasted and little is received
- At mmWave frequencies it becomes more efficient to create an array of small power amplifiers and antennas that combine to direct power toward the receiver so less power is wasted
- The **lower power levels and high-level of integration** required for phase array transmitters **make Silicon the better technology (SiGe or RF SOI)**
- **Devices will require multiple antennas for 360-degree coverage** and each antenna will require a large number of amplifiers powering each element in the array potentially creating a new, large market for Silicon-based RF technology

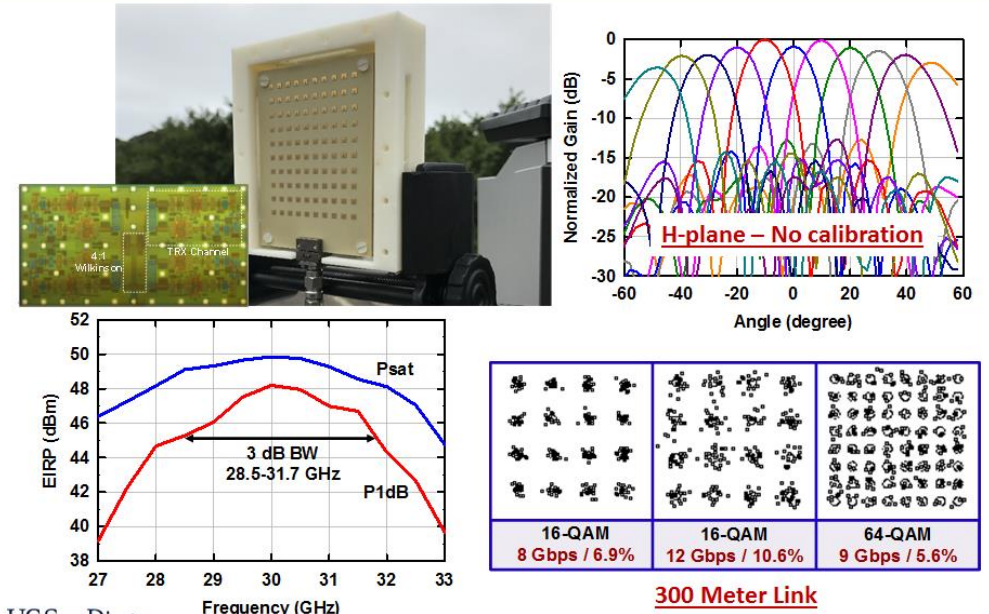
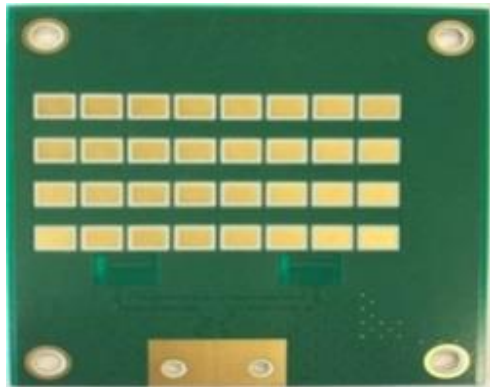


# TowerJazz SiGe Full 5G 28GHz Transmit-Receive 12 Gbps Chipset

**Press Release:** UCSD and TowerJazz Demonstrate Best in Class 5G Mobile Transmit-Receive Chips with Greater than 12 Gbps Data Rates

Design targets FCC plans for licensing 28GHz communications band

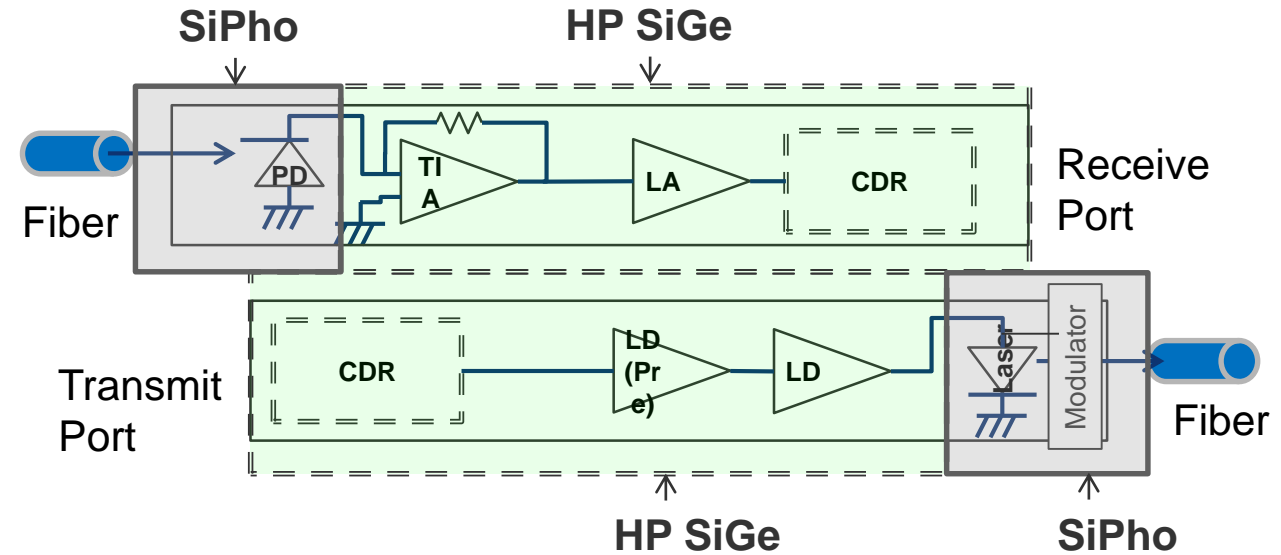
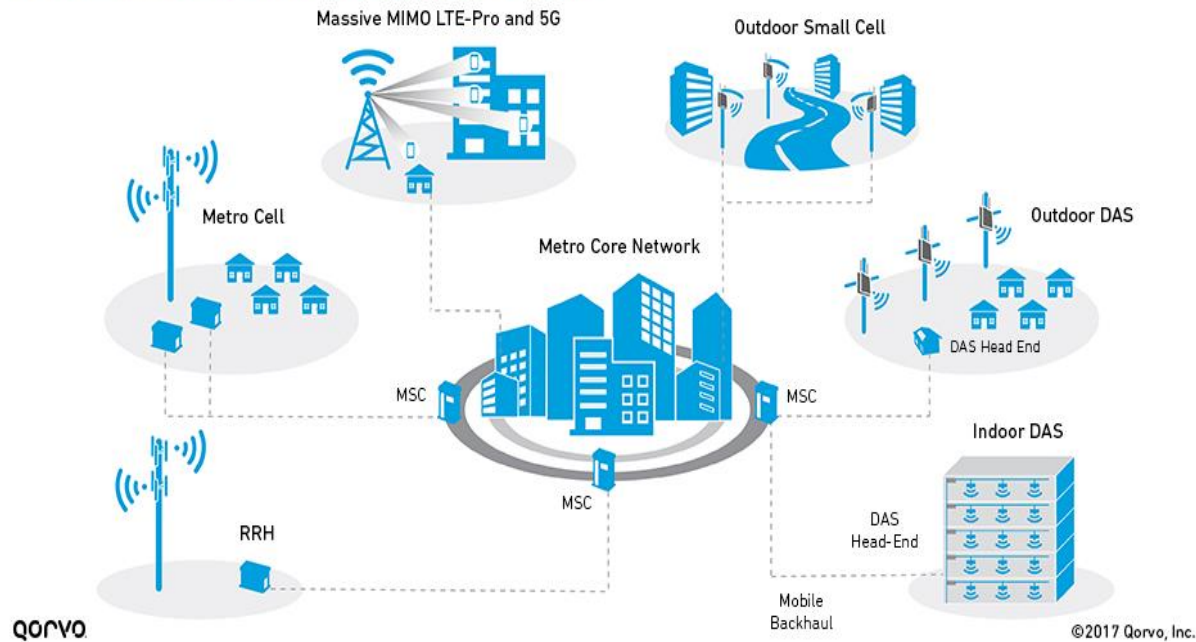
Phased array technology available now to meet emerging billion dollar 5G markets



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# 5G Infrastructure

## Wireless Infrastructure: A Heterogeneous Network



- Optical fiber is likely to dominate transport from base-stations and small-cells into the network
- 5G increases the number of connections and also the speed (moving from 10Gb/s to 25Gb/s)
- Technology of choice is SiGe (TowerJazz holds >60% market share in this market)
- Silicon photonics is expected to also play a part in this market in years to come

# Summary of the 5G Opportunity

## 1. Sub 6Hz

1. More RF content in handsets to support more frequency bands and more antennas
2. For TowerJazz this creates growth opportunity for RF SOI (Switch/Tuners) and SiGe (LNA)
3. Longer term RF MEMS can play a role (TowerJazz has a strong presence in the RF MEMS area)

## 2. mmWave

1. New RF market both for small-cell basestations, gateways, and handsets
2. For TowerJazz it also creates an opportunity to participate in the power amplifier market with SOI/SiGe as power amplifiers migrate to phased-array architectures in silicon-based technology

## 3. Infrastructure

1. Upgrade to base-stations and optical fiber to support 5G traffic
2. For TowerJazz this creates a growth opportunity for optical SiGe for which we have a high market share

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