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# VoLTE & 5G ROAMING ROUNDTABLE

March 16, 2021 | Virtual Session

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# ROUNDTABLE OBJECTIVE

Stimulate interaction and information sharing with Mobile operators on VoLTE Roaming and 5G Roaming, despite limitations of its virtual nature

A pragmatic and constructive discussion, allowing early adopters to find each other and share their experiences and the ecosystem they benefit

# ON THE AGENDA



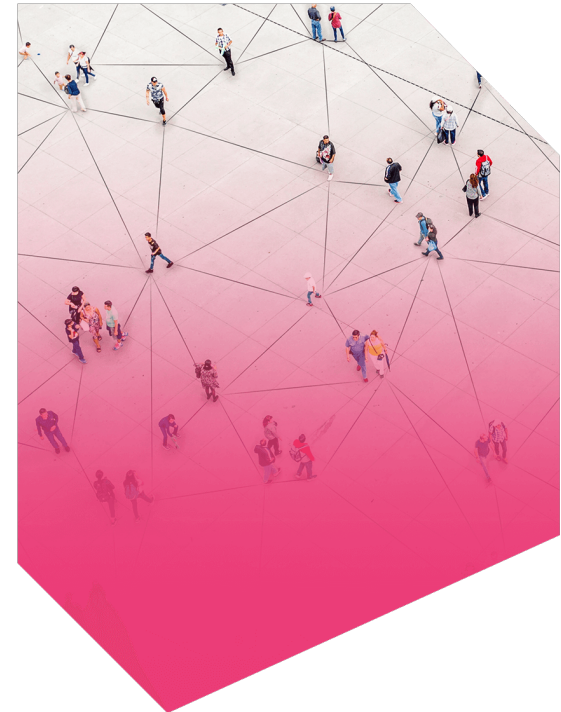
14:00 – 14:05	<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction</b> Session Objective & Agenda	<b>Patrick George,</b> EVP Product & Business Development, iBASIS
14:05 – 14:15	<b>VoLTE &amp; 5G Roaming Outlook</b>	<b>Nitin Bhas,</b> Strategy & Insight Lead, Kaleido Intelligence
14:15 – 14:20	<b>Operator’s Perspective: Reliance JIO</b>	<b>Luc Lamoureux,</b> Director International Roaming and Network Planning, Reliance Jio
14:20 – 14:30	<b>New Security Risks</b>	<b>Jimmy Jones,</b> Global Telecom Business Development Lead, Positive Technologies
14:30 – 14:40	<b>Operator’s Perspective: Verizon</b>	<b>Jason Olivieri,</b> Manager Roaming Marketing, Verizon Customer Group
14:40 – 14:45	<b>Automated Network Settings</b> eXchange in 5G	<b>Gerrit Jan Konijnenberg,</b> Chair of Advisory Board, RoamsysNext
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14:55 – 15:00	<b>Conclusions &amp; Wrap-up</b>	<b>Patrick George</b>

# VoLTE & 5G Roaming Outlook

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# VoLTE & 5G Roaming Outlook 2021

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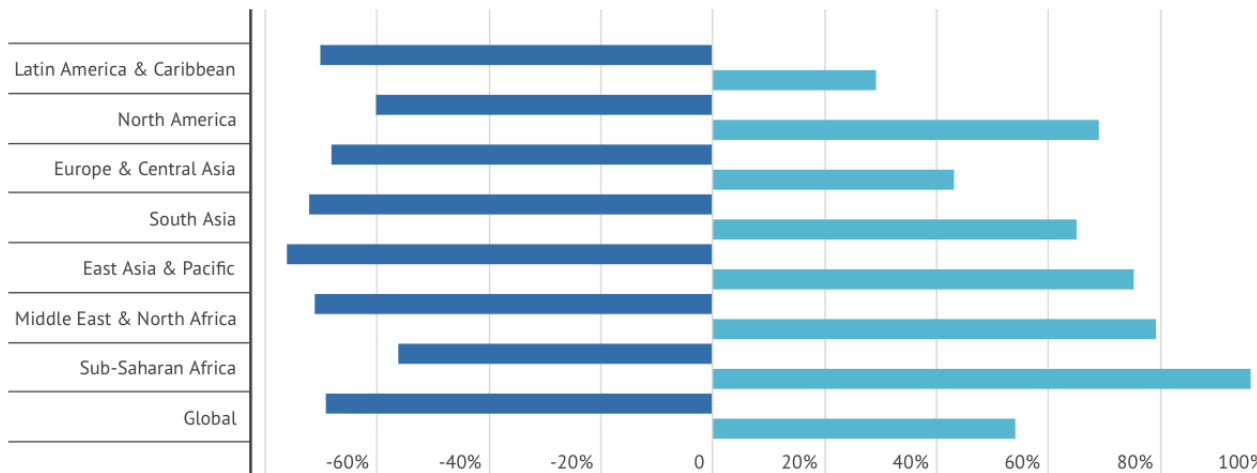
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# COVID-19 Impact on Mobile Roaming & Recovery Predictions

Growth in International Roaming Trips: 2020 vs 2021



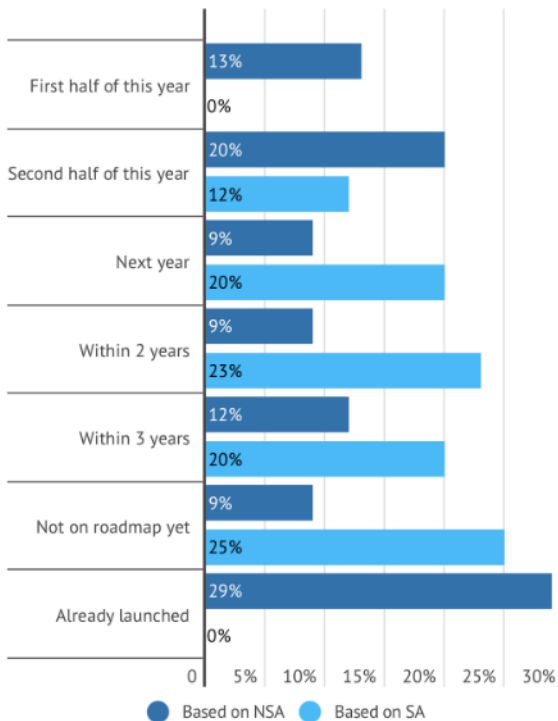
Kaleido expects international travel trips to remain lower than pre-COVID-19 levels in 2021, representing 827 million trips in total. Data roaming traffic will exceed pre-COVID-19 levels by 2022, compared to a full travel recovery by 2024.

Inbound Roaming Data Traffic Recovery Projections: in Petabytes of Traffic 2022

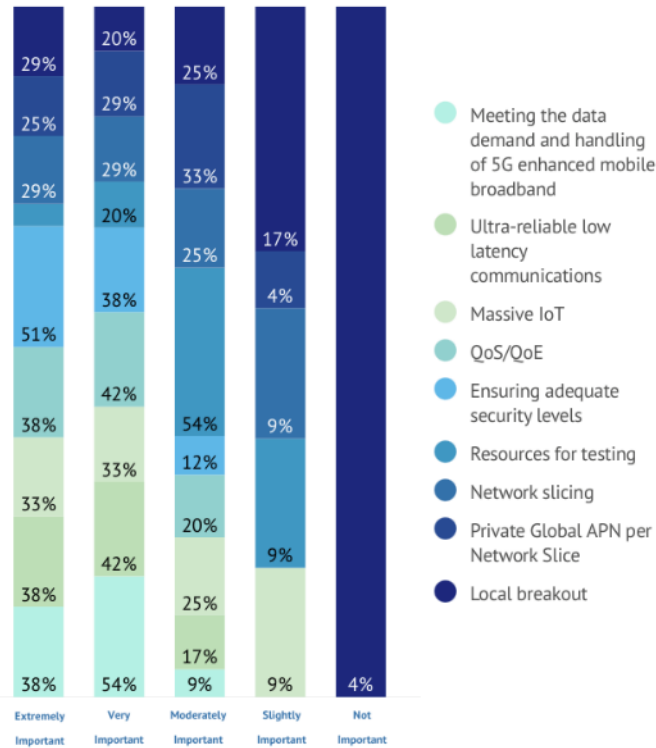


# 5G Roaming Market Status & Outlook

5G Roaming Deployment Plans: When will you launch 5G roaming? (Select based on NSA/SA architecture) n=69



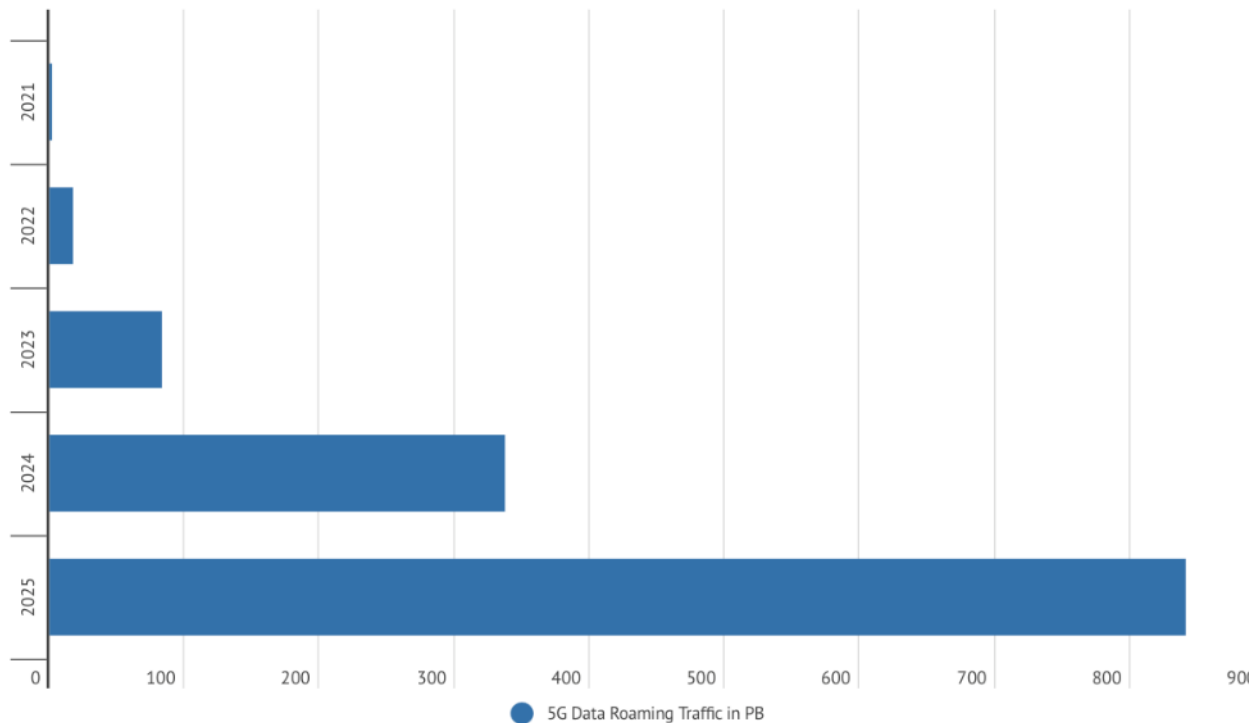
Drivers for 5G IPX Deployment: What are the most important factors you consider to be needed for 5G IPX deployment? n=69



**5G consumer adoption is predicted to be significantly faster than for 4G. Global 5G connections will reach 1.4 billion in 2022, before reaching 3.9 billion in 2026.**

# 5G Consumer & IoT Roaming Outlook 2025

Growth in Outbound 5G Data Roaming Traffic in Petabytes, Consumer & Cellular IoT Device Traffic



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With 5G roaming traffic expected to account for 38% of total data roaming traffic generated by consumer mobile and IoT connections by 2025, the operator's IPX vendor must be capable of managing any capacity requirements

# FREE WEBINAR: 5G ROAMING OPPORTUNITIES by iBASIS & Kaleido Intelligence



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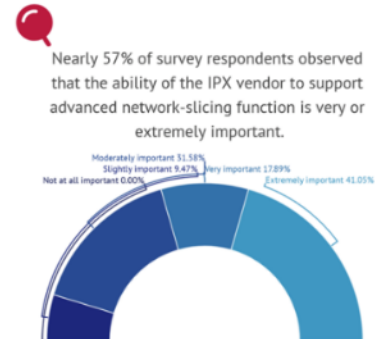
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### Webinar agenda:

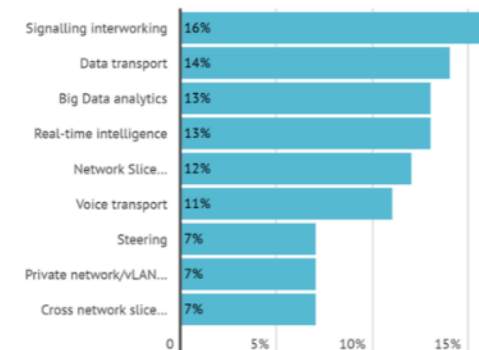
- Impact of COVID-19 on Mobile Roaming & Recovery Prediction
- 5G Roaming Market Readiness & Deployment Plans
- 5G Roaming Traffic & Revenue Projections
- 5G MNO Requirements & Opportunities
- How to Succeed: Best Practice & Recommendations
- 5G Roaming Roadmap: 2021-2027 & Beyond
- Q&A



While launching 5G roaming based on NSA architecture, the most immediate requirements were found to be:

- 1** SECURITY
- 2** VOLTE ROAMING
- 3** HIGH-BANDWIDTH SUPPORT WITH EXTENDED QOS

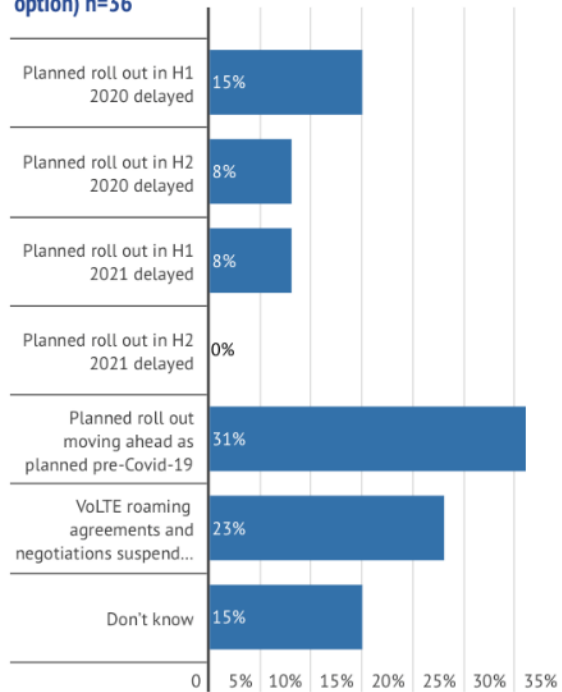
According to the survey, signalling interworking, data transport and big data analytics were found to be the top 3 most important 5G roaming service innovation that operators expect from their IPX vendor.



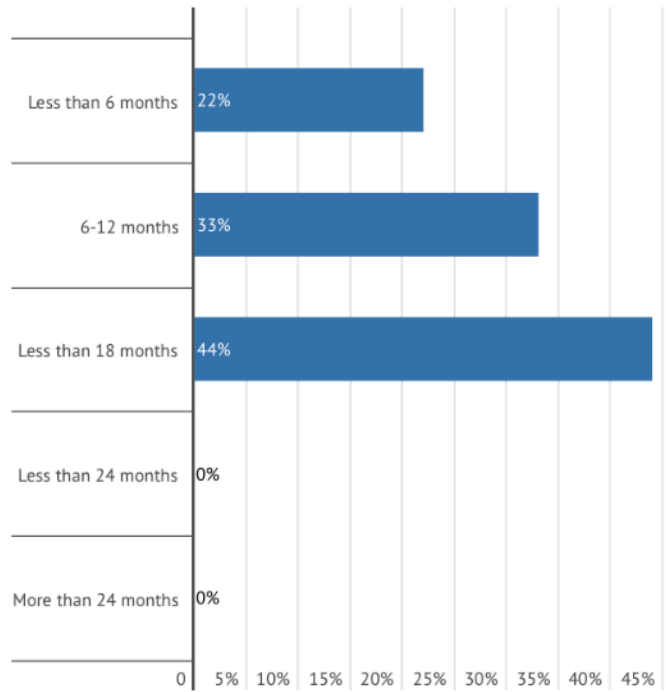
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# VoLTE Roaming Market Status & Outlook

What is the impact of COVID-19 on your VoLTE roaming launch plans, if you have not already launched as of H1 2020? (Select one option) n=36



By how long has COVID-19 delayed the launch of VoLTE roaming? (Select one option) n=25



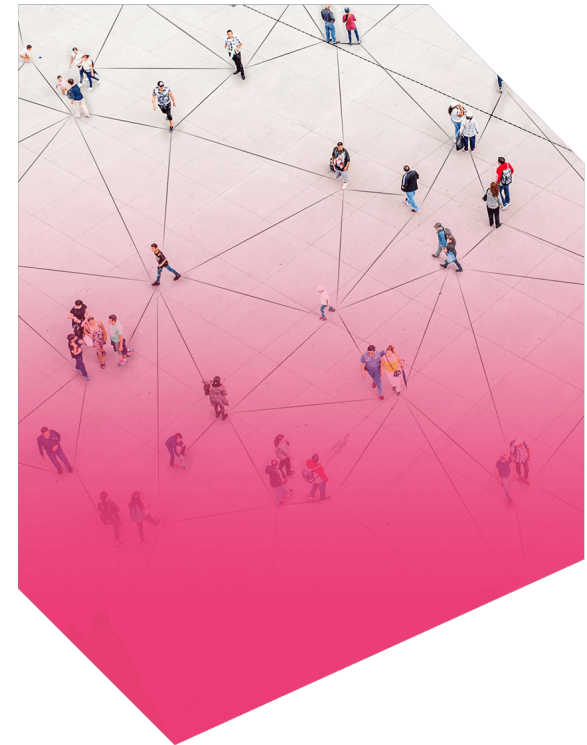
**Operators must continue with VoLTE roaming rollouts with minimum delays in order to support both short and long term objectives including 5G roaming roll out and the sunsetting of 2G and 3G networks.**

# Operator's Perspective: Reliance Jio

Luc Lamoureux

Director International Roaming  
and Network Planning

Reliance Jio





# JIO VoLTE experience

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
GSMA  
**Thrive**

- VoLTE roaming is picking up!
- Architecture is Home Routed (S8HR) ONLY
- Voice and Video on LTE is charged on Volume in TAP 3.12
  - 1Mb of Data gives around 3 minutes of talk time for VoLTE
  - Will create multiple records for each call
    - QCI 1 = Voice
    - QCI 5 = SIP signaling (May be a long duration and have multiples calls span)
    - QCI 2 or 8 = Video
  - MAP values for QCI into Call Type Level (CTL) 2
- IPSEC must be off at P-CSCF for Lawful Intercept for certain Countries like India
  - Having encryption may prevent launch of VoLTE roaming
- Preferred testing method is with Mobileum/SIGOS



# New Security Risks

Jimmy Jones

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Positive Technologies



# Positive Technologies

## A New Generation of Security

- ❑ 236 million across the world by the end of 2020 (up 66% from Q2) 4 times quicker than 4G to hit that number.
- ❑ 5G roaming subs will reach 147 million by 2025, a growth rate of 3,300% over the next four years.
- ❑ Network complexity increased by orders of magnitude
  
- ❑ Massively accelerated move to virtualization
- ❑ Adoption of new protocols and architecture
- ❑ Diversification and innovation in new applications, services and infrastructure (IoT)
  
- ❑ Evolution to new architecture complex
- ❑ Rollout requires huge resources but day to day maintenance and security must be continued
- ❑ Process & administration complexity increased by orders of magnitude



Unprecedented Growth



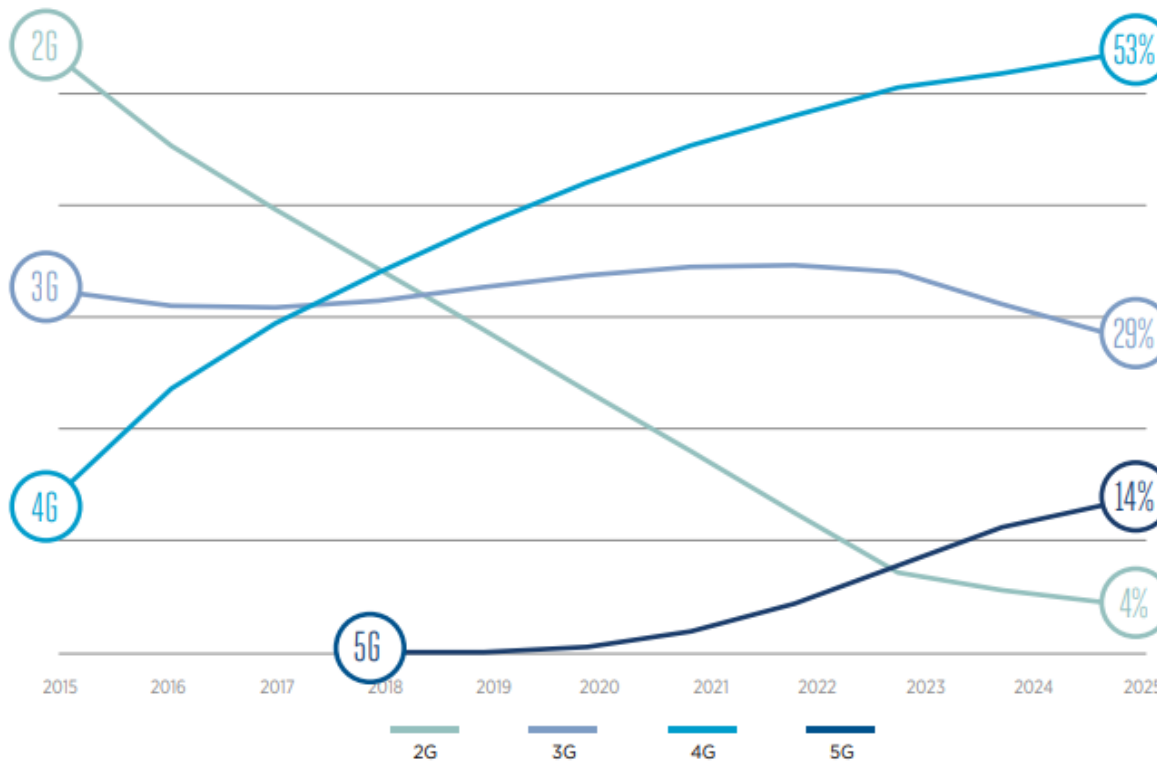
Consolidation & Innovation of Technologies



Disparate Coexisting Networks

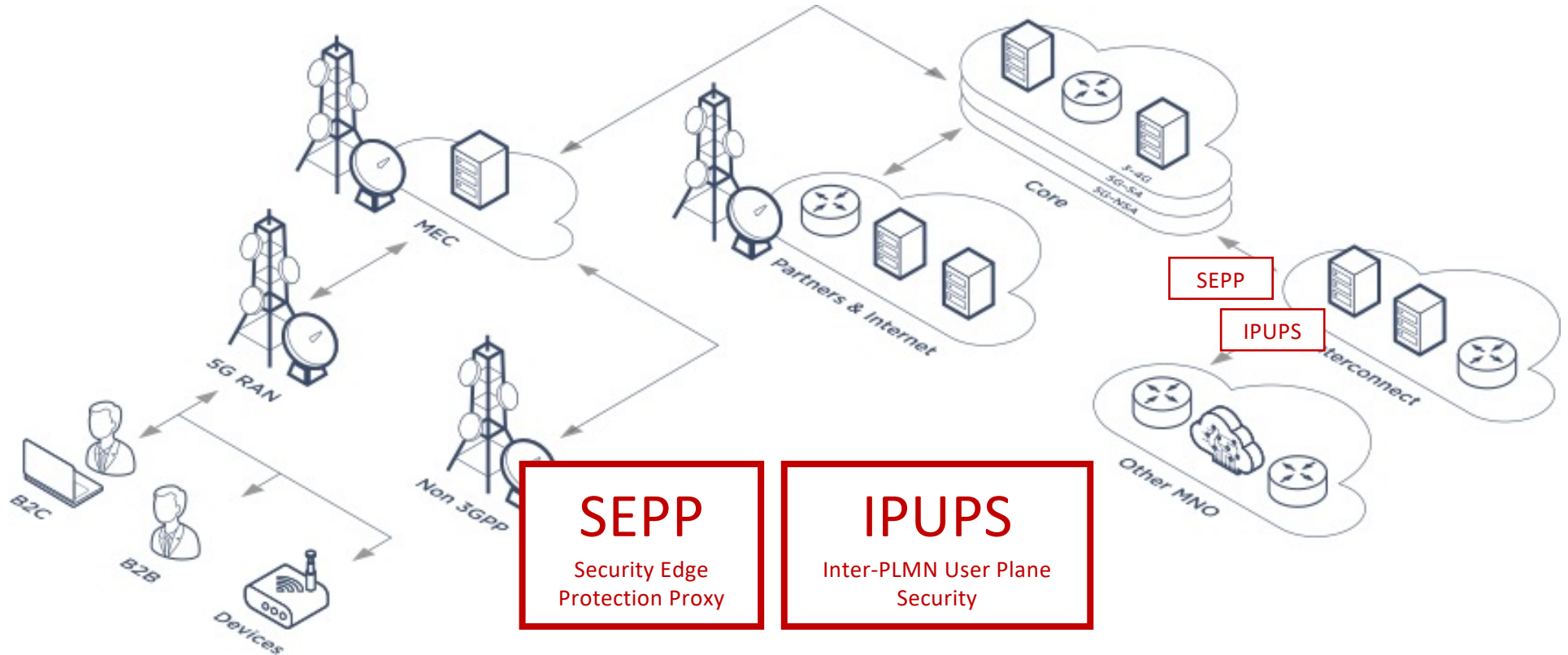
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# Market Share - 2G/3G/4G/5G

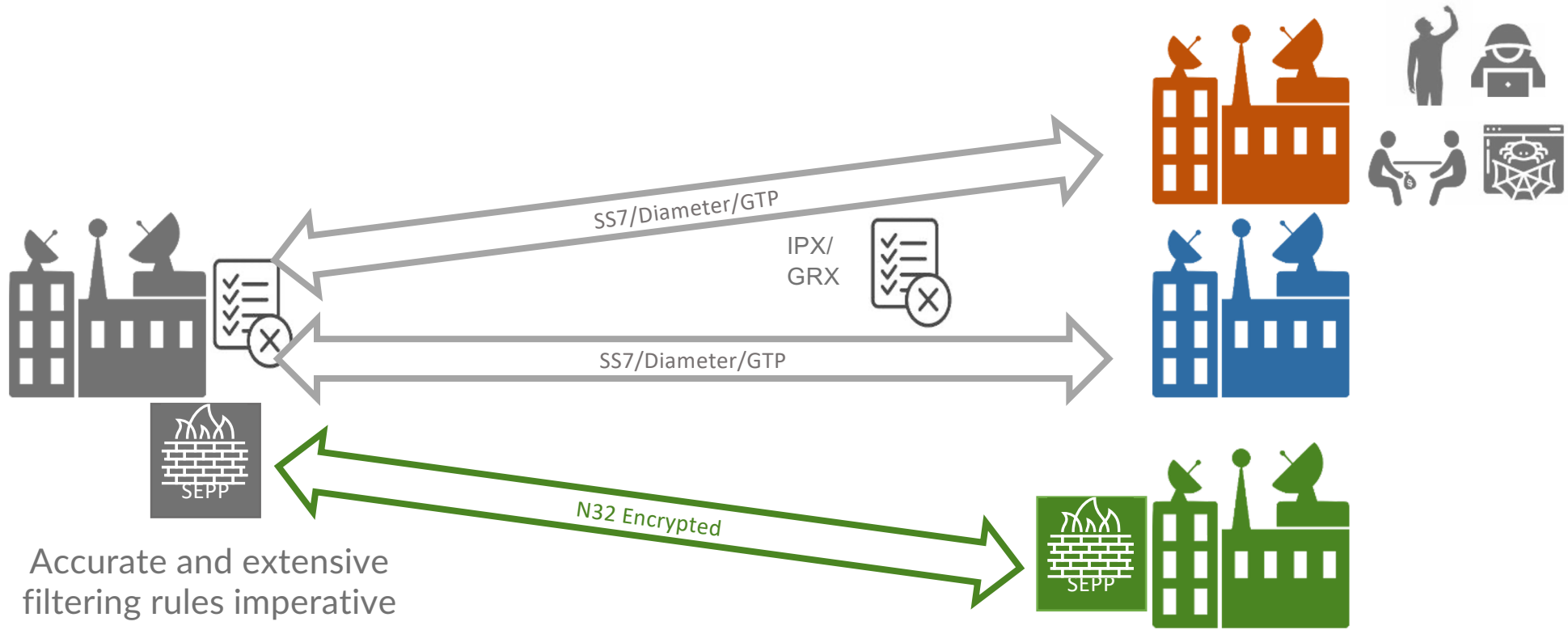


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# 5G Roaming New Border Functions



# Roaming Thru the Generations



Accurate and extensive filtering rules imperative to ensure security

# 5G Roaming - Filtering

## Low-Layer

- ❑ Detection of simple spoofing attempts, as well as ensure the validity of the & JSON message structure.
- ❑ Based on lower network and transport layer information e.g. IP address, port, format.

## CAT1

- ❑ Category 1 filtering focuses on the internal interfaces
- ❑ Whitelists based on IP address method

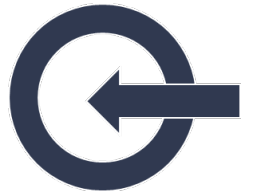
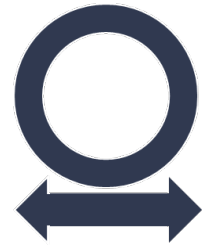
## CAT2

- ❑ Category 2 filtering is based on the subscriber ID, for example, using a whitelist of subscriber IDs
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## CAT3

- ❑ 5G authentication of category 3 messages is based on the subscriber's location.
- ❑ New authentication using data derived using visited network details which home network can compare. CAT3 from other sources can be dropped
- ❑ NB As earlier generations 5G Auth process requires 5G location velocity check

COMPLEXITY & HIGH ADMINISTRATION  
= CONFIG ERRORS & SECURITY ISSUES



# Early 5G Research

Researchers showed potential issues with 5G Core security allowing:

- ❑ Deletion of network functions to create potentially huge
- ❑ Gathering of data such as current physical location, and network access info
- ❑ Hackers to provide subscribers service with fake network functions




Interface used by IPUPS

- ❑ DoS
- ❑ Man In the Middle





# Future of Telecom Security

- Growth 
- Consolidation & Innovation 
- Coexistence 
- Agility
- Cooperation
- Diligence



## Act Now, Be Prepared.....



# Operator's Perspective: Verizon

Jason Olivieri

Manager Roaming Marketing

Verizon Customer Group



# VoLTE & 5G Roaming

## Operator perspective

Jason Olivieri



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# VoLTE

## Circa 300 operators globally investing in VoLTE

- VoLTE-HD
- VoLTE roaming

## Challenges and lessons learned

- Emergency calling
- Compliance of IR.88
- Lawful intercept
- Device enablement

## Conclusion

- OEM's enabling VoLTE roaming faster or by default
- 2nd half of 2021 - large uplift in VoLTE roaming relationships globally

Resources :



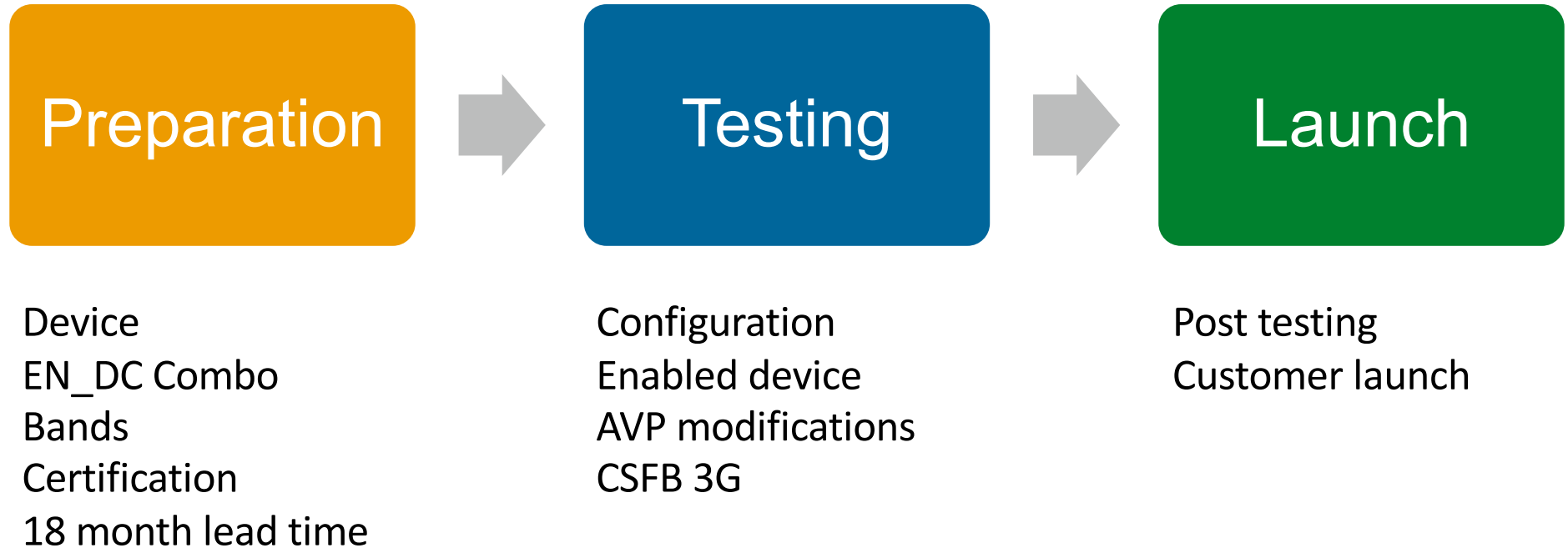
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## 5GNSA



# 5GSA



5G  
Adoption



Network  
Monetization



Next-gen B2B  
Applications



Customer  
Differentiation



New  
Markets



To fully **activate the 8 currencies** of 5G for new forms of commercialization



To enable new **immersive consumer experiences**



To enable **large enterprises** to **configure and control** their **network experiences**



To address **competing demands** on network from **divergent 5G use cases**

**5G<sup>v</sup>**

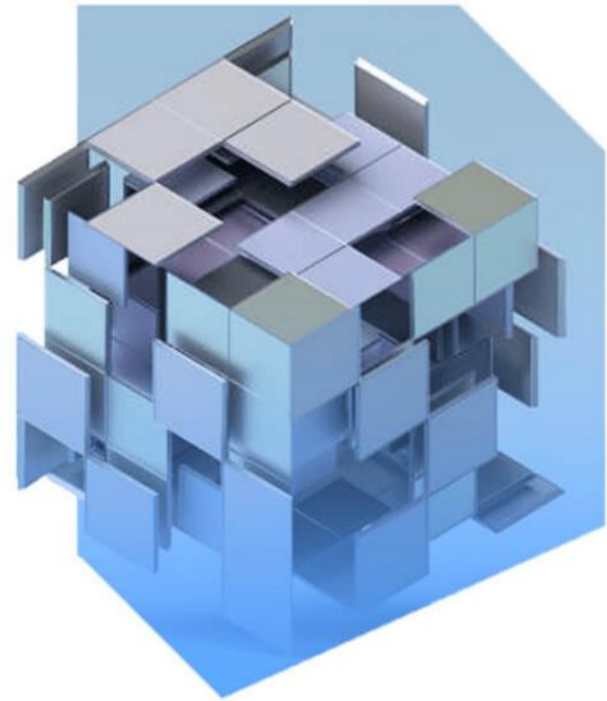


# Automated Network Settings eXchange in 5G

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# Overview of Innovation Steps

4G

5G

**Early success**

Flying start of RMS – first customer acquisitions in the US, EU, Asia and Australia

**Product improvements**

More flexibility for Rollouts, performance improvements

**Award winning RMS**

RMS gets expanded and is elected “Operational support tool of the year” by ROCCO

**Xceed RMS**

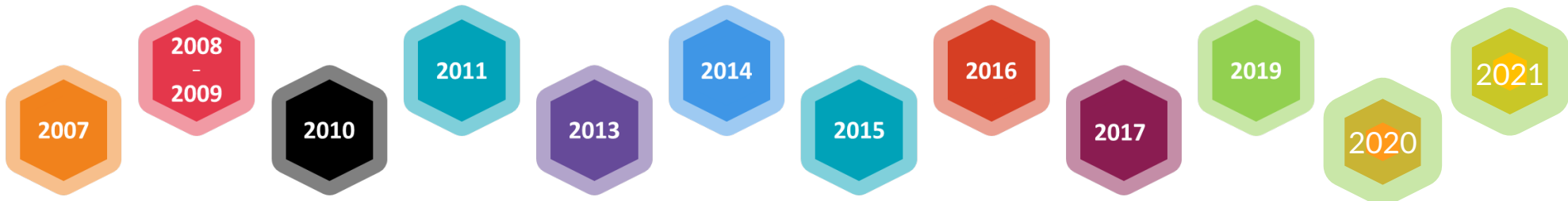
Launch of the Xceed suite, the most complete roaming management system in the market

**RoamsysNext**

Diversifying the existing business and exploring new opportunities

**Fraud Intelligene Service**

For the GSMA (powered by RoamsysNext) we launched FIS to exchange HRN via API and database checks.



**Founding**

ROAMSYS is founded in Germany and we release our first product easyRAEX

**Official GSMA IR.21 application supplier**

First RAEX IR.21 application on the GSMA InfoCentre. More than 6600 active users

**Exclusive GSMA RAEX provider**

The company’s headquarters were moved to Luxembourg. ROAMSYS builds the IOT/Op Data application for the GSMA.

**Most complete RMS in the market**

ROAMSYS is one of two vendors who are rated as Tier 1 in an independent industry survey.

“There is no RMS tool which is more complete than Roamsys RMS.”

**IREG Toolbox Pro**

ROAMSYS launches the innovative IREG Toolbox Pro, allowing operators to fully automate their core network configuration.

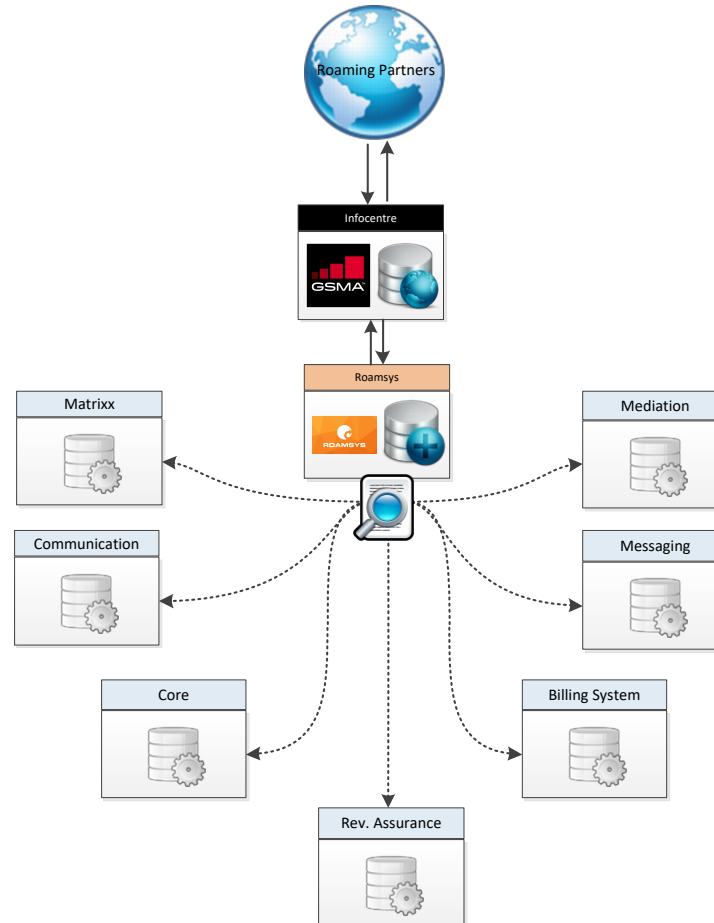
**Network Configuration Optimiser**  
Allowing operators to automate their network settings via API's .



# Example of fully automated end-2-end configuration

## The Problem of MNO group

- With more than 550 roaming partners and
- a flow of 30-40 updated IR.21 documents per week,
- it is heavily cumbersome to handle the constant updates on a manual basis which allocates resources from multiple departments who
- manually needs to examine, extract data and update only tied to the specific department..
- always playing catch up and have a delay – and fragmented, different updates from a single IR21 are update at different times / staggered approach
- thus, never have a fully single updated partner....



## The Solution

With a MNO Group we joined forces and developed a tool:

- which automatically downloads IR.21 documents from the GSMA Infocenter database,
- passes the content, extracts and categorizes relevant data based on receiver (FW/HLR)
- to then distribute the content in a file format readable for the recipient.

**Fully automated !!**

**Always updated !!**

## Conclusions




- Roaming is getting more complex (closures/launches)
- Need for standardization (BCE) and quality input (IR21)
- Growing need for automated network settings exchanges



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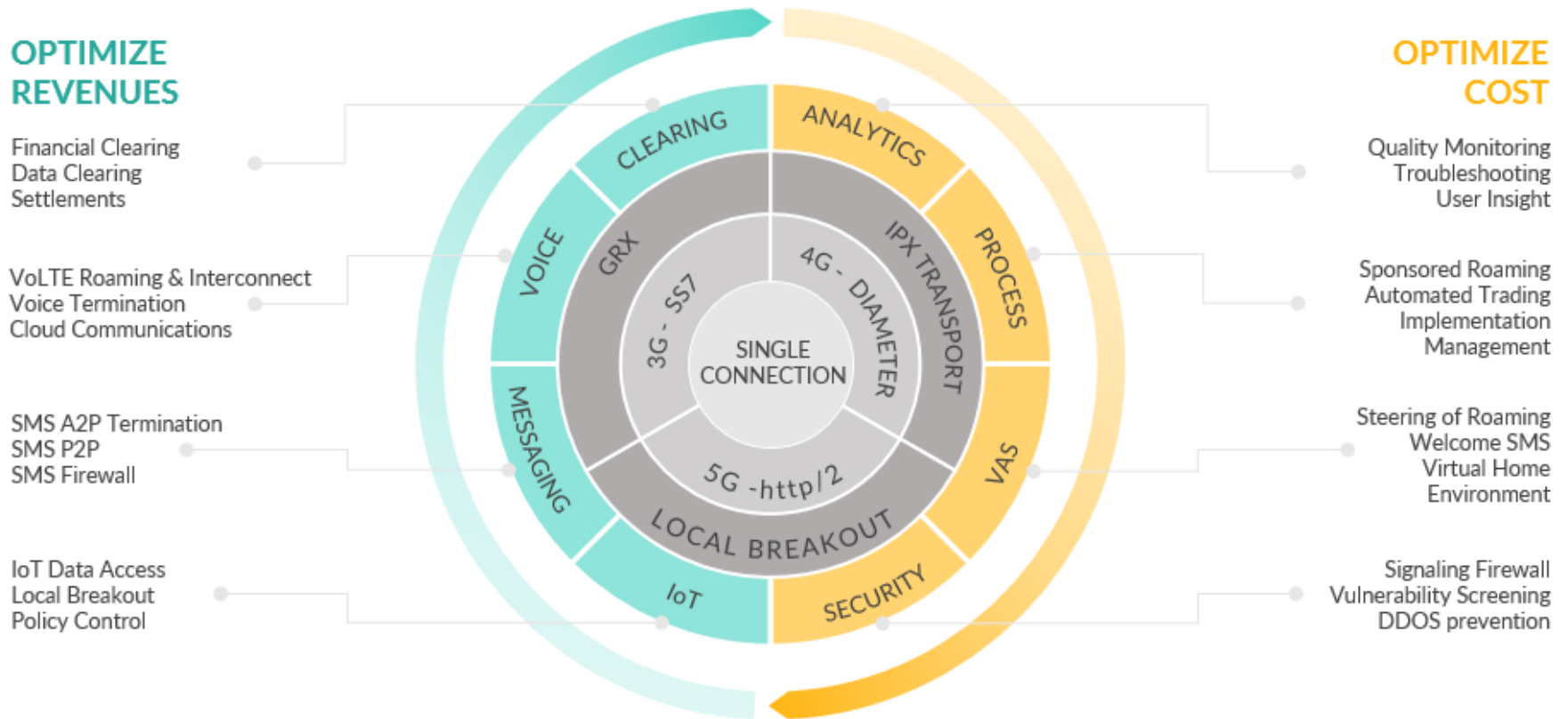
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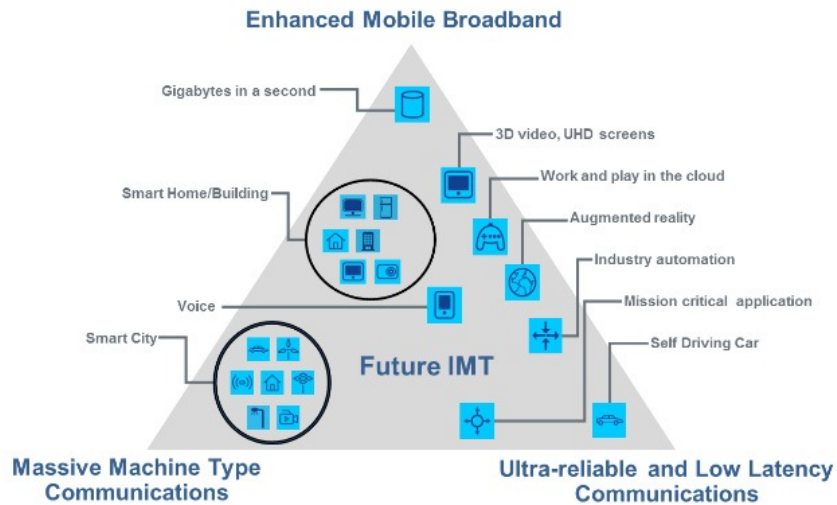
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# 5G Roaming Interconnection Challenges

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Source: ITU IMT-2020

## Non-Stand Alone (NSA)



## Stand Alone (SA)



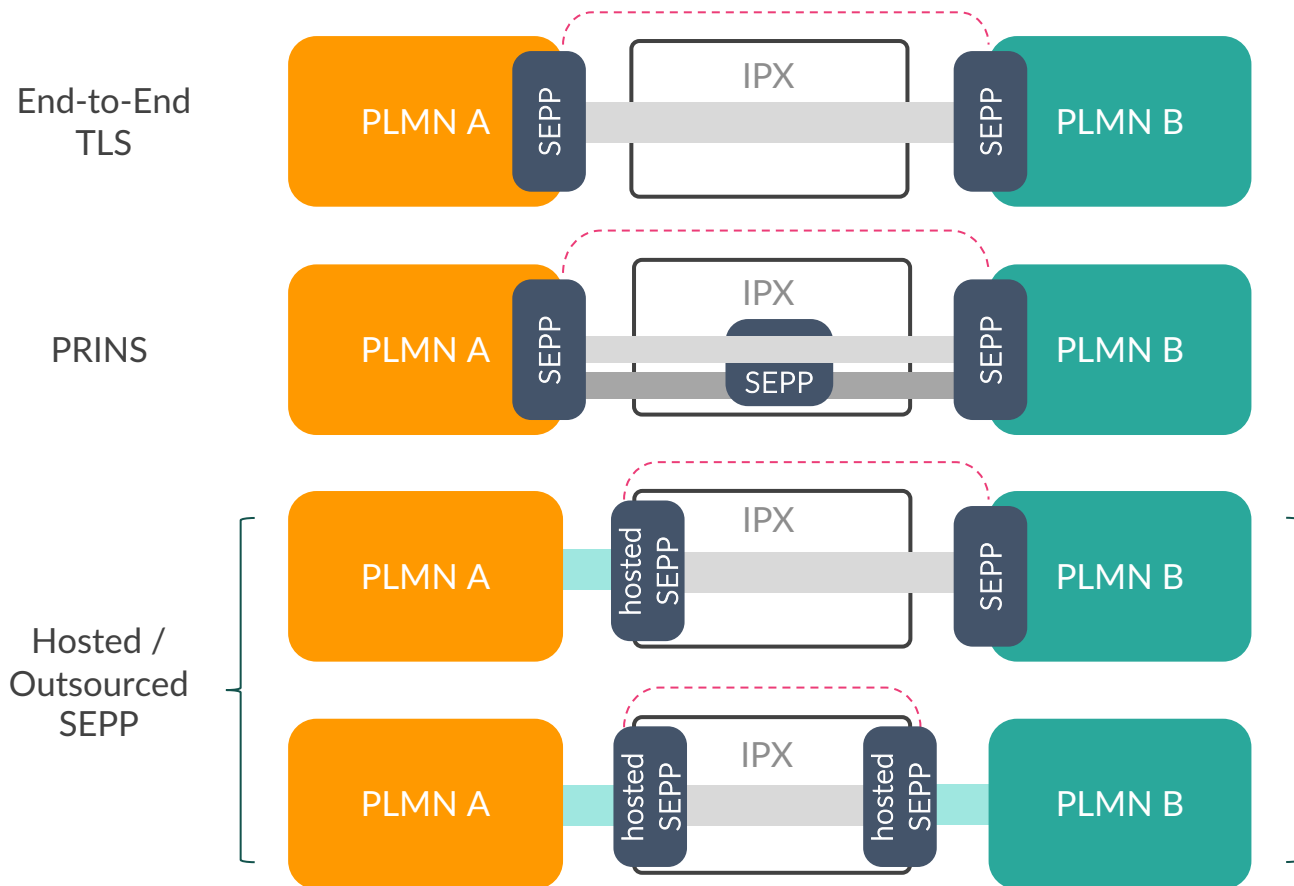
### New players:

- Private 5G Networks
- Cloud Service Providers
- NB-IoT service providers/chipset manufacturers
- IoT VAS providers

### Completely changed **core network**:

- Service based architecture
- Cloud native network functions
- New protocol: http/2

# ROAMING INTERCONNECTION MODELS



- Signaling information is end to end encrypted and not visible !
- Designed for intermediators (a 3GPP standard)
- MNOs can decide which parts of the signaling messages can be seen/modified
- Requires a trust relationship between MNO(s) and IPX provider
- Signaling messages are visible
- Need to follow legislation closely



## Business Challenges

When the signaling information is not visible:

- MNOs need to manage signaling routing by themselves (data routing is not affected)
- Analytics, VAS and Security services cannot be provided to MNOs

## Technical Challenges

When the operation is handled by the MNO:

- One feasible solution to cover all possible roaming scenarios
- Security operation in roaming (SEPP deployment, certificates, key exchanges etc.)
- SLA and troubleshooting responsibility

## Who are impacted

MNOs / MVNOs

VAS Providers

Security Services Providers

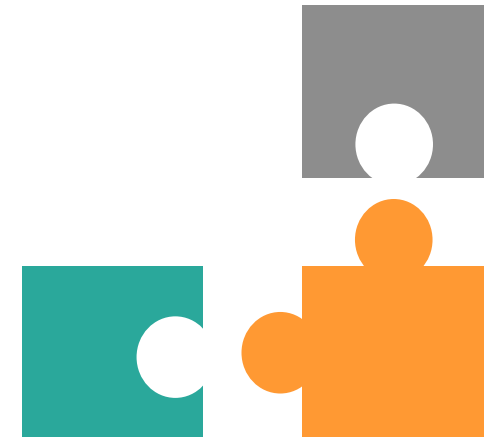
IPX Providers

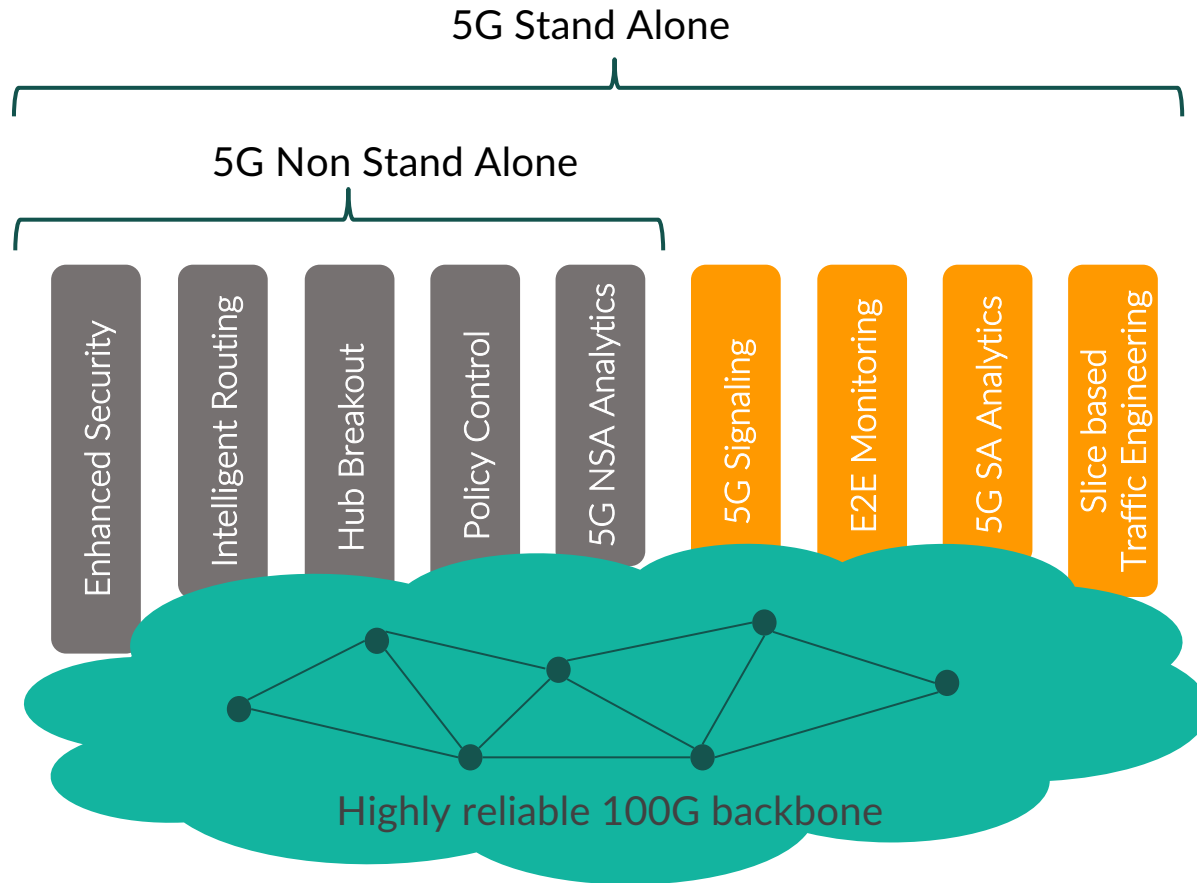
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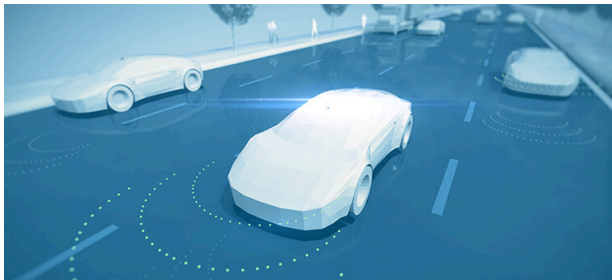
5G Core Network Vendors

We need to strike a balance between full security and ease of operation for the MNOs **without losing business features** which the roaming ecosystem has now

- **Full security** means MNOs have to invest and manage the signaling interconnections by themselves with all SLA responsibilities
- **Ease of operation** refers outsourcing SEPP and security operations
- **Business features** mention the ability to access the signaling data which MNOs get cloud-based services from their IPX/VAS/RH/Security providers







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## 5G SIGNALING SANDBOX

5G Standalone (SA) Signaling testing  
for MNOs, Private 5G providers,  
and IPX peers.

For a trial, email [contact@ibasis.net](mailto:contact@ibasis.net)

# Conclusions & Wrap-up

Takeaways

Suggestions & Actions

Continue the discussion on LinkedIn:

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