

# How 5G is enabling resilient communication for the connected intelligent edge

Delivering end-to-end 5G system security at scale

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# Today's Agenda

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Resilient communication requires an end-to-end approach to system security

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5G already delivers strong security today with focused enhancements coming in 5G Advanced and beyond

3

Zero-trust security is at the core of a resilient system, for 5G to deliver a wide range of services

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We have a robust chipset security portfolio and are leading the way in realizing new features and services

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Questions?

## Our presenters



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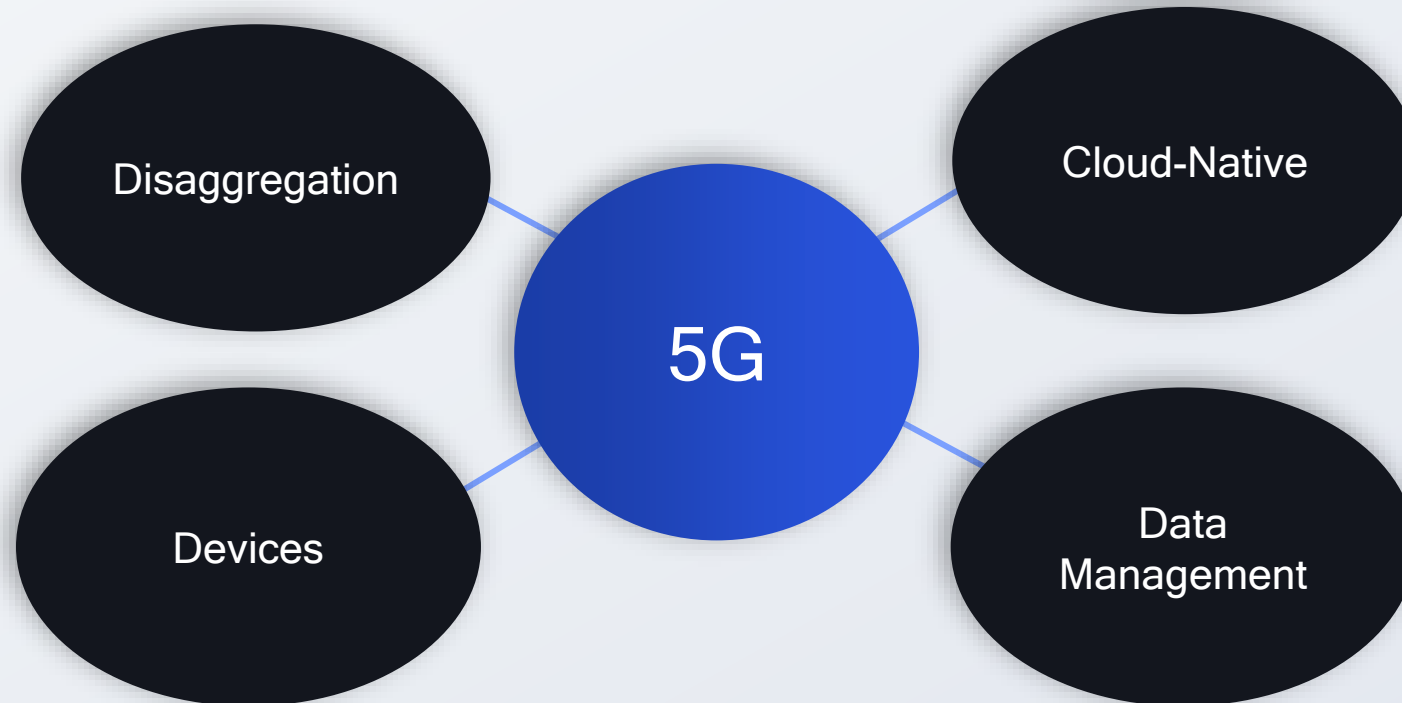
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# 5G Security Considerations



*Source: Heavy Reading*

# 5G Accelerating Globally

225+

Operators with  
5G commercially  
deployed

275+

Additional  
operators  
investing in 5G

1B+

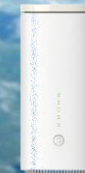
5G connections  
by 2023 – 2 years  
faster than 4G

5B+

5G smartphones  
to ship between  
2020 and 2025

1,490+

5G designs  
launched or in  
development





Transportation



Manufacturing



Industrial



Retail



Energy



# Driving digital transformation across industries

5G will enable \$13.1 Trillion in global sales activities in 2035

Agriculture



Public safety



Smart cities



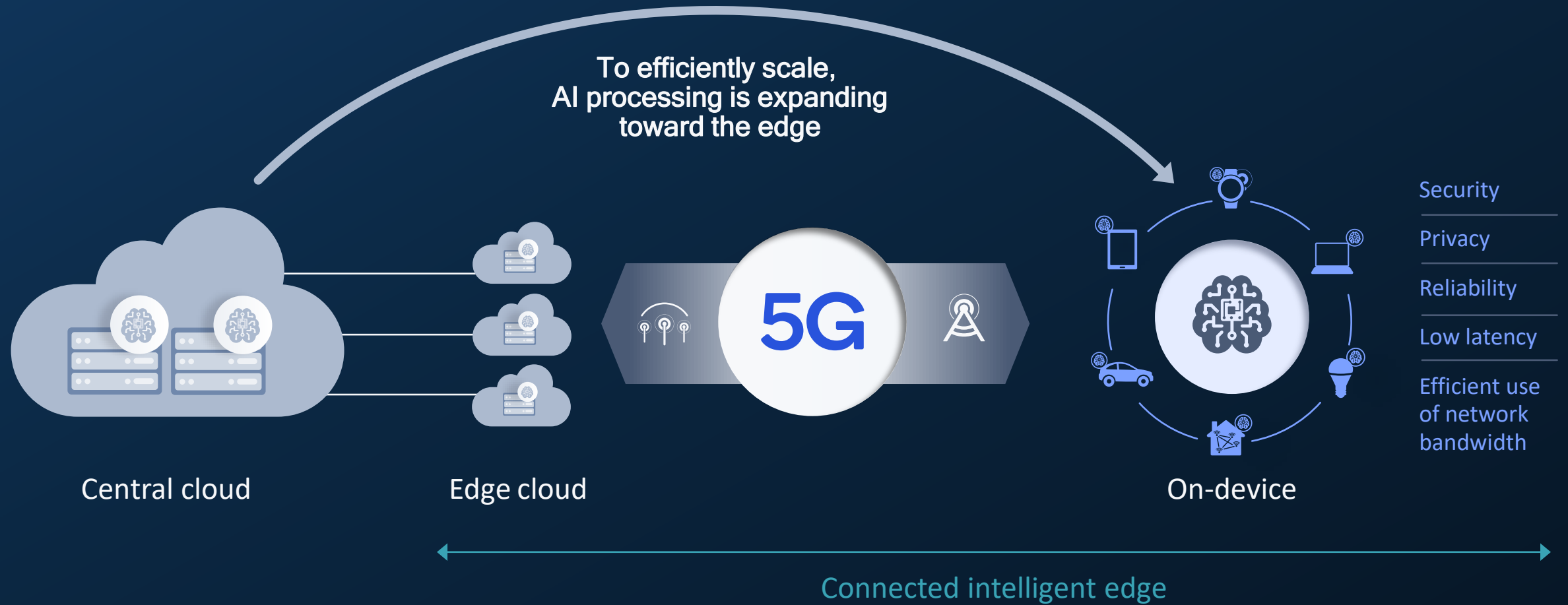
Healthcare



Entertainment



Source: The 5G Economy, an independent study from IHS Markit, commissioned by Qualcomm Technologies, Inc., November 2020



Leading the realization and expansion  
of the connected intelligent edge

Convergence of:

Wireless  
connectivity

Efficient  
computing

Distributed  
AI

Unleashing  
massive amount  
of data to fuel  
our digital future



Connected intelligent edge expansion

# leading to greater threat surface

in the end-to-end system

More devices are connected across different deployments (i.e., public and private networks)

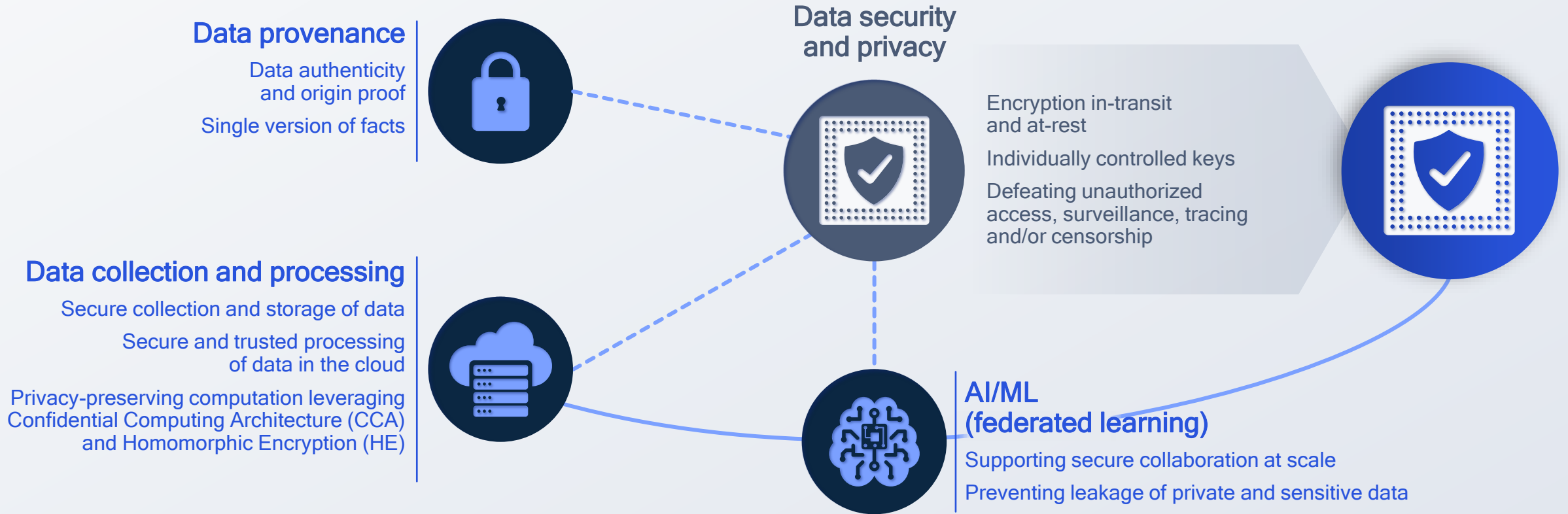
Networks are becoming more disaggregated with increasing number of interfaces



5G system continues to evolve to address growing security and privacy needs



# Protecting data – the most valuable asset in the digital world



## Data is exposed to various security and privacy threats

In transit | At rest in local and/or remote storage | In use (processing) | In access | For validation



## Data protection regulations

# Impose explicit compliance for security, integrity, and confidentiality

**Canada**  
Digital Charter  
Implementation Act

**United States**  
California Consumer  
Privacy Act (CCPA)

**Europe**  
General Data Protection  
Regulation (GDPR)

**China**  
Personal Information  
Protection Law (PIPL)

**Nigeria**  
Nigeria Data Protection  
Regulation (NDPR)

**India**  
Upcoming Personal Data Protection  
Bill (PDPB) based on the GDPR

**Brazil**  
Lei Geral de Proteção  
de Dados Pessoais  
(LGPD)

**Australia**  
Australia's Privacy Act

# 15+

Countries with  
GDPR-like  
Data Privacy Laws

GDPR<sup>1</sup> principle  
for integrity and  
confidentiality



Processing must be done to ensure  
appropriate security, integrity, and  
confidentiality (e.g., by using encryption)

Resilient communication  
requires an end-to-end  
approach to system security

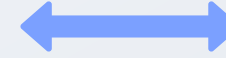
# 5G System strives for resilient communication

End-to-end  
approach to provide  
comprehensive  
system security  
and privacy

## Communication Resiliency







### Application Threats

- App server vulnerabilities
- Application vulnerabilities
- API vulnerabilities
- IoT vulnerabilities

### Core Network Threats

- DoS<sup>1</sup> & DDoS<sup>2</sup> attacks
- Sniffing
- API vulnerabilities
- Roaming partner vulnerabilities
- Improper access control
- IoT vulnerabilities

### Radio Network Threats

- Jamming
- MitM<sup>3</sup> attack
- Rogue nodes
- User privacy
- Eavesdropping
- DoS attacks

### Device Threats

- Malware
- Sensor susceptibility
- API vulnerabilities
- Bots DDoS
- Firmware hacks
- Device tampering

**Why resilient communication requires an end-to-end solution**

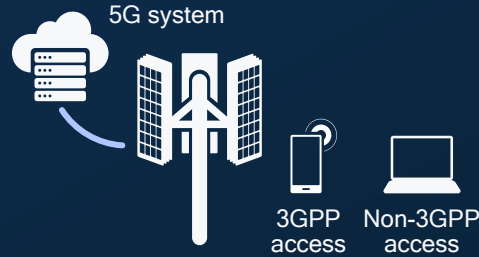
An end-to-end security approach is required to provide wide-ranging protection to the dynamic attack surface





## Delivering enhanced level of wireless security

Release 15 is built on the proven, solid security foundation of 4G LTE



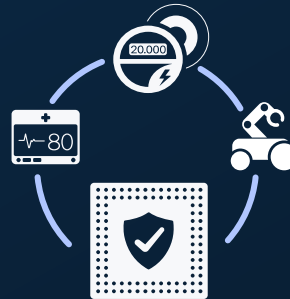
## Flexible framework

To support new devices, use cases, and deployments

Unified authentication for 3GPP/non-3GPP devices

Security anchor function

Network slicing



## Tighter security

To expand protection and increase flexibility

User-plane integrity protection

Lower trust in serving networks

Subscription credentials in secure HW element



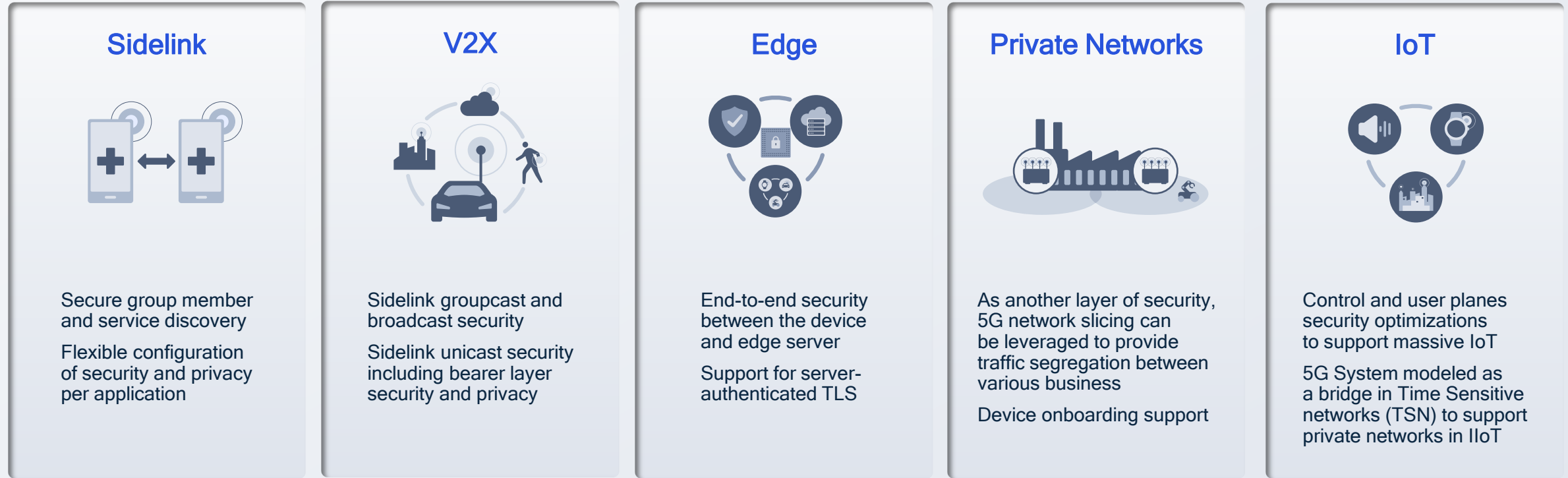
## Enhanced privacy

To eliminate communication of unprotected device-specific info

Ciphered user and device specific information



# Providing a flexible framework to secure a wide range of deployments



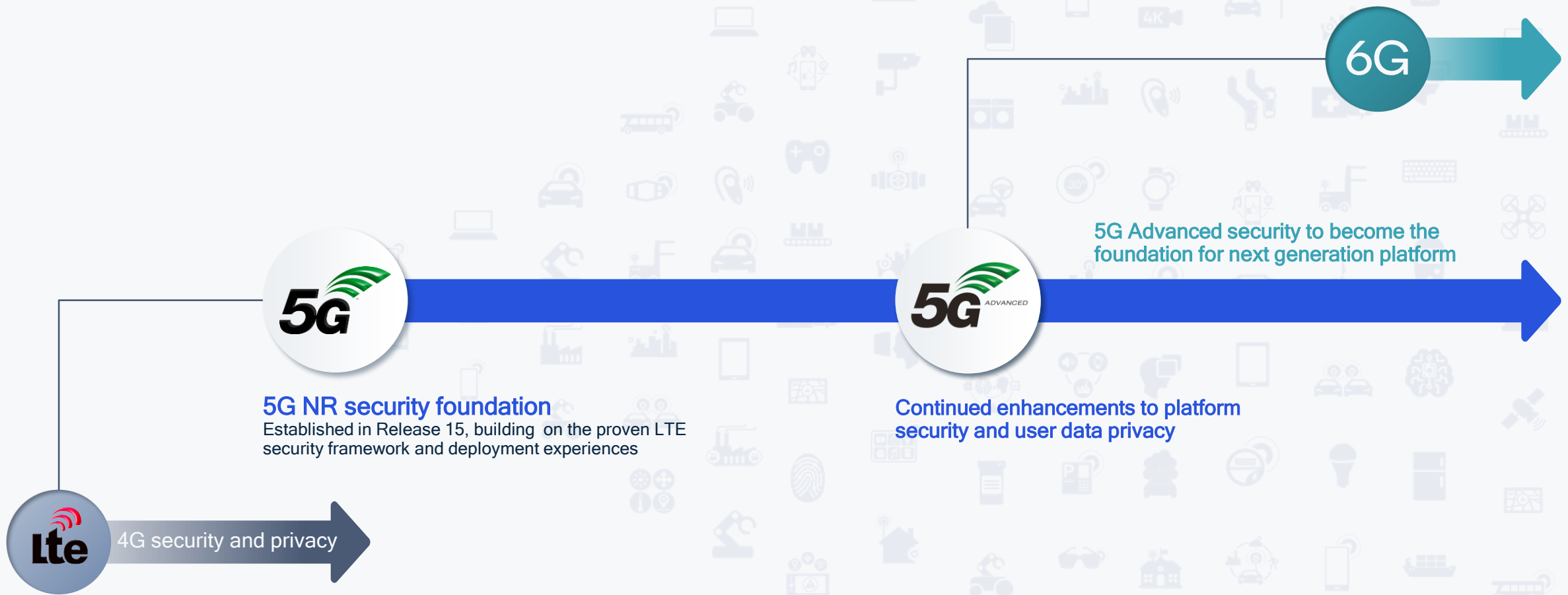
Secure credentials and identifiers

Secure transport in both radio and core networks

Flexible policy frameworks and security monitoring

# 5G already delivers strong security today

With focused enhancements coming in 5G Advanced and beyond

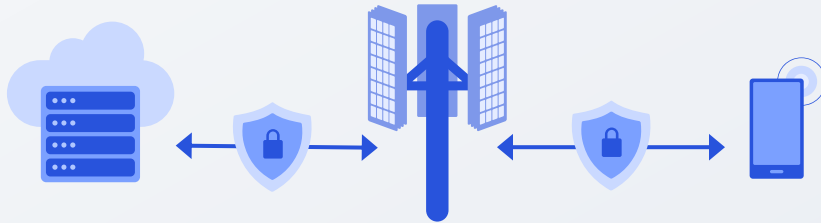


Continued evolution to strengthen the mobile security foundation





## Release 15



### 5G security foundation Release 15

Focusing on end-to-end system security for eMBB use cases (e.g., smartphones)

#### Flexible, unified, and strong subscriber authentication

Supporting

- Various mutual authentication protocols (i.e., 5G-AKA<sup>1</sup>, EAP-AKA', and EAP-TLS<sup>2</sup>) and non-SIM authentication for non-public networks and IoT devices
- Unified procedures for 3GPP and non-3GPP access
- Secondary authentication and authorization for data network access

#### Enhanced subscriber privacy

Providing encryption for long-term subscriber identifiers via Subscription Concealed Identifier (SUCI)

#### Secure service-based architecture (SBA)

Supporting TLS 1.2/1.3 to protect transport layer communication and OAuth<sup>3</sup> 2.0 to ensure service access only to authorized network functions

#### Secure roaming interconnects

Introducing SEPP<sup>4</sup> at the application layer to provide communication protection in interconnect networks

#### User-plane integrity

Introduced for 5G NR standalone with the flexibility of reduced data rate

# 3GPP Release 15 established the security foundation for 5G



## Release 16



### 5G security foundation Release 16

Enhancing security for non-public networks, IoT, commercial use cases and beyond

#### Use case-specific security enhancements

Ensuring security and privacy for cellular IoT, V2X, URLLC services, and integrated access backhaul (IAB)

#### Specific network slice authentication and authorization

Providing separate authentication and authorization per network slice

#### Secure non-public networks

5G private networks provide security and privacy on dedicated resources that are independently managed

#### Inter-PLMN user plane security

The role of the User-Plane Function (UPF) is expanded to include traffic protection with a common firewall between two roaming PLMNs

#### Full-rate user plane integrity protection

No rate limitation allowing a receiver to determine that received messages are not tampered with by an attacker

#### Secure industrial IoT

Expanding TSN<sup>1</sup> support for time synchronization and time-sensitive communications (TSC) for applications, along with the corresponding security mechanisms (i.e., secure interfaces, authentication and authorization)

# Improving 5G system resiliency for broader devices, use cases, verticals



## Release 17



### 5G security enhancements

#### Release 17

Improving security for sidelink, drones and broadcast systems

#### Secure unicast, multicast and broadcast applications

Protecting both user and control planes

#### Secure proximity-based services

Providing security for sidelink communications (i.e., security for direct discovery, direct communications, and relay communications)

#### User consent framework

Establishing a framework for privacy control of user data collected by the network

#### Security for drones

Ensuring security and privacy for unmanned aerial systems (UAS)

#### Improved edge security

Supporting security between UE and AF

#### Secure enablers for network automation (eNA)

Securing data collection and analytics for network automation – including AI/ML

Strengthening system security for new 5G communication modes





## Release 18+



### 5G advanced security enhancements

Release 18+

Expanding to new devices, use cases, deployments

#### Sidelink positioning and ranging security

Protecting both user and control planes

#### AI/ML security

Securing AI/ML model and data to ensure the robustness of AI/ML in 5G system

#### Security enhancements against false base stations

Continued efforts from Rel-16 to identify and address potential threats from false base station

#### Identity privacy

Securing data collection and analytics for network automation - including AI/ML

#### Personal IoT network security

Securing access to a personal IoT network and its communication

# Continued enhancements for new use cases & deployments this decade

And establishing the security foundation for next-generation mobile platform

# Key longer-term research vectors enabling the path towards 6G



AI-native E2E communications



Scalable network architecture



Expanding into new spectrum bands



Merging of worlds

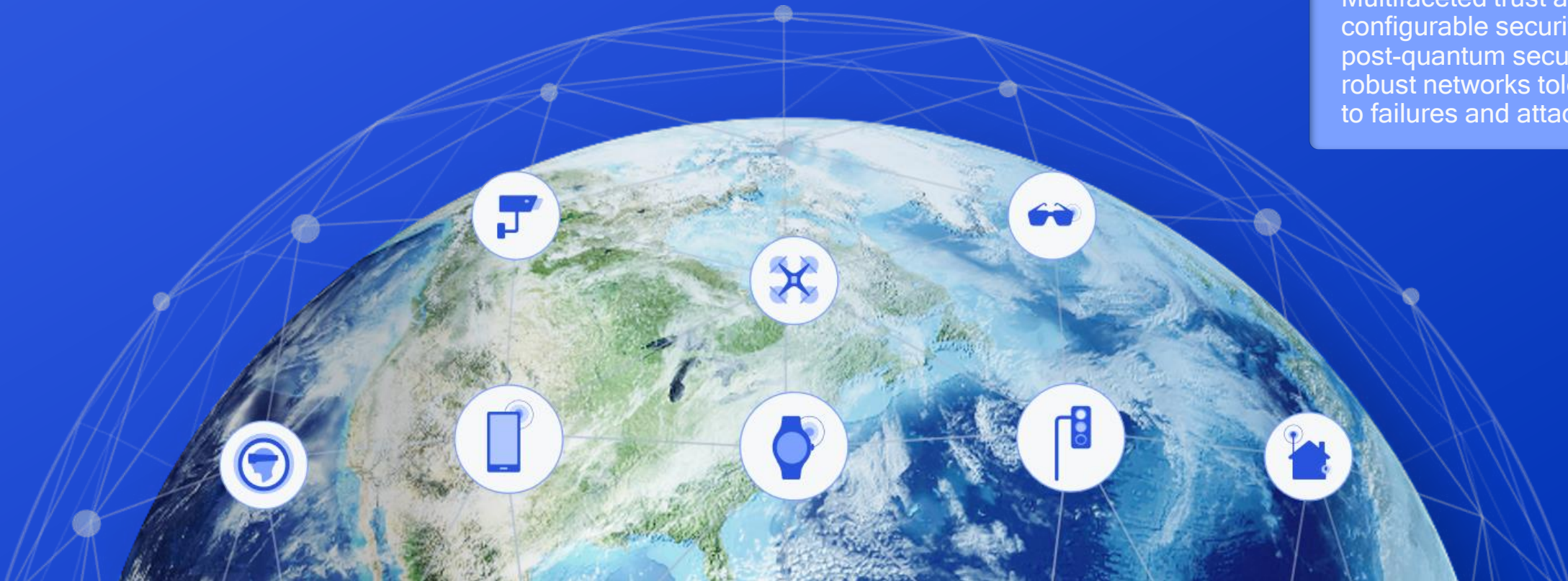


Air interface innovations



**Communications resiliency**

Multifaceted trust and configurable security, post-quantum security, robust networks tolerant to failures and attacks

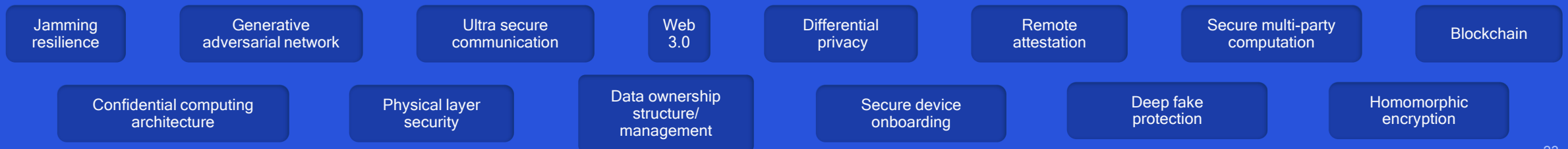


# Our research focus in 6G communications resiliency across all layers

A continuous end-to-end approach to system security and data privacy



## Other key research areas



# Our research is driving advanced cryptography standard for the quantum computing era

FALCON – a post-quantum digital signature algorithm – delivers advanced data security to users

Designed to offer superior protection, compactness, speed, scalability, and memory economy

## FALCON: New post-quantum cryptography standard advances data security

U.S. adopts innovative Qualcomm-backed cryptography algorithm developed for the quantum computing era to deliver advanced data security and privacy to users

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Credit card and bank account numbers, medical records, and countless other personal data types are vulnerable during electronic wireless transactions without cryptography.

And as 5G powers the [connected intelligent edge](#), stimulating the cloud economy with next-level capabilities, secure and private wireless connectivity are more important than ever. Billions of devices are poised to be intelligently connected, which is why Qualcomm Technologies, Inc. helped develop — and the U.S. recently [adopted](#) — the FALCON cryptography standard.

Learn more:





Zero-trust security is at the  
core of a resilient system

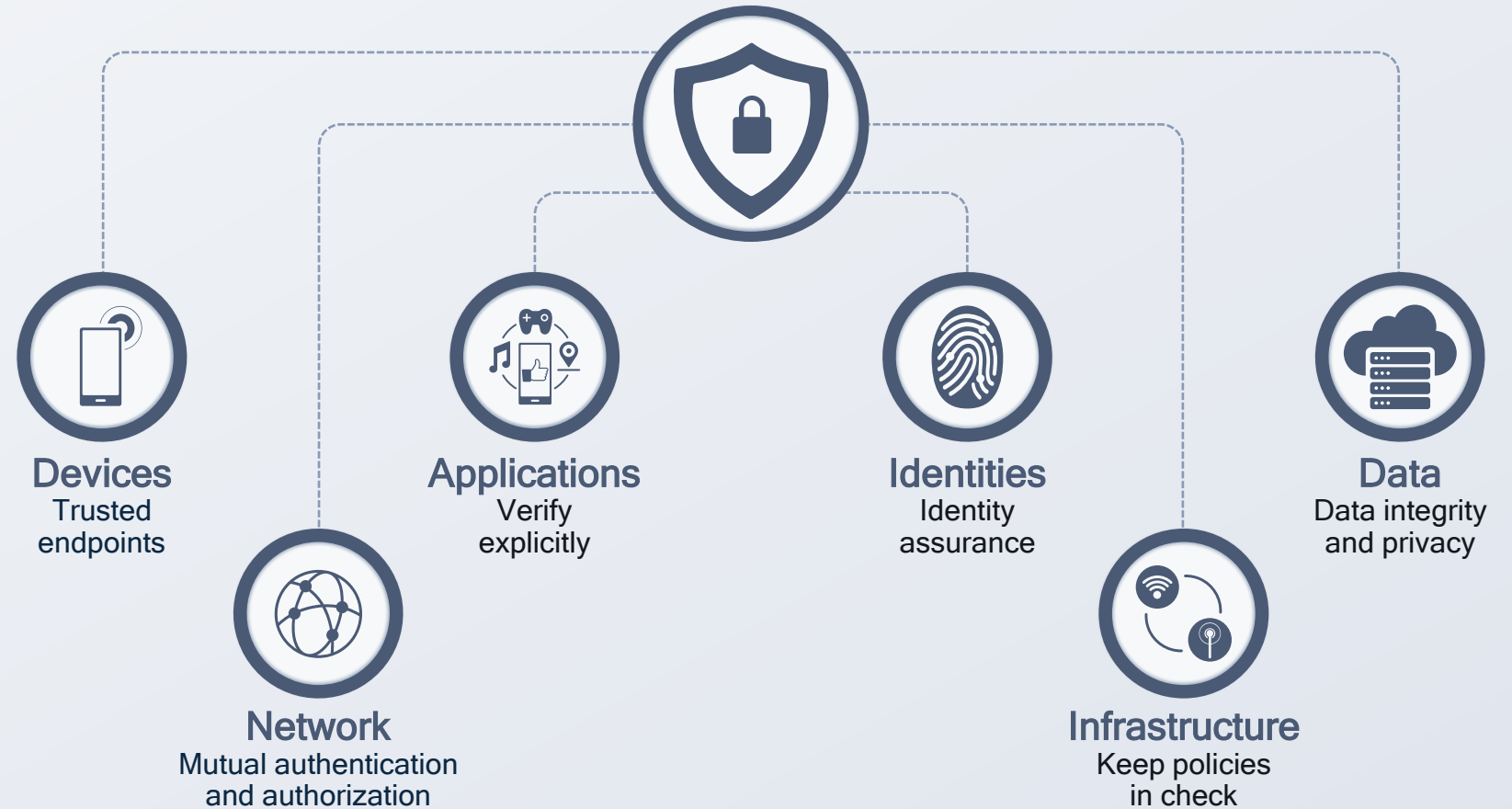
# Zero trust security model

moves defenses from static, network-based perimeters to focus on users, assets, and resources

**“Never trust, always verify”**  
approach to security, both inside and outside of the network

# Zero Trust Security Model

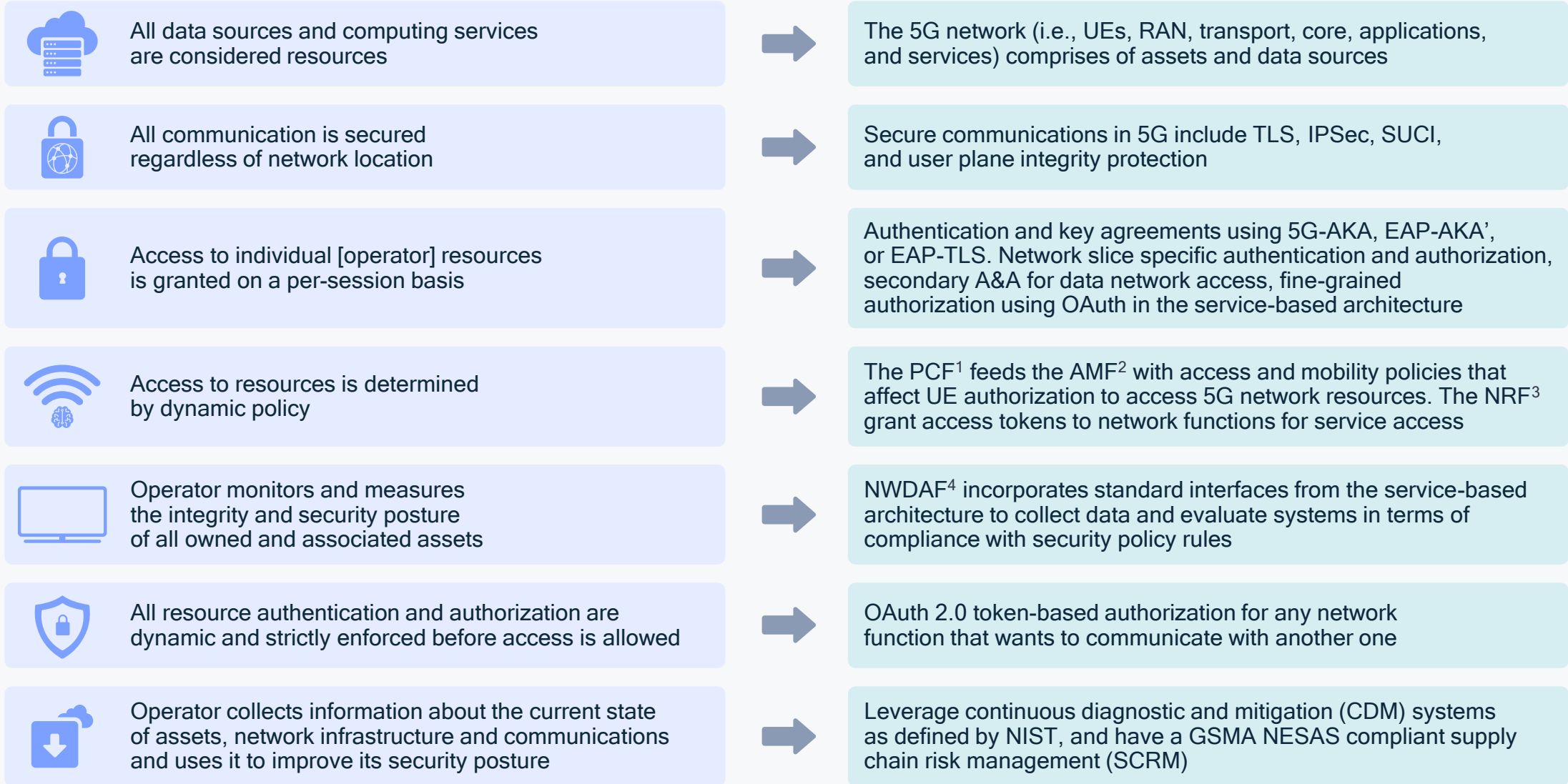
Built on web protocols utilizing virtualization, containerization, and cloud-based platforms



# 5G security provides compatibility with zero-trust principles

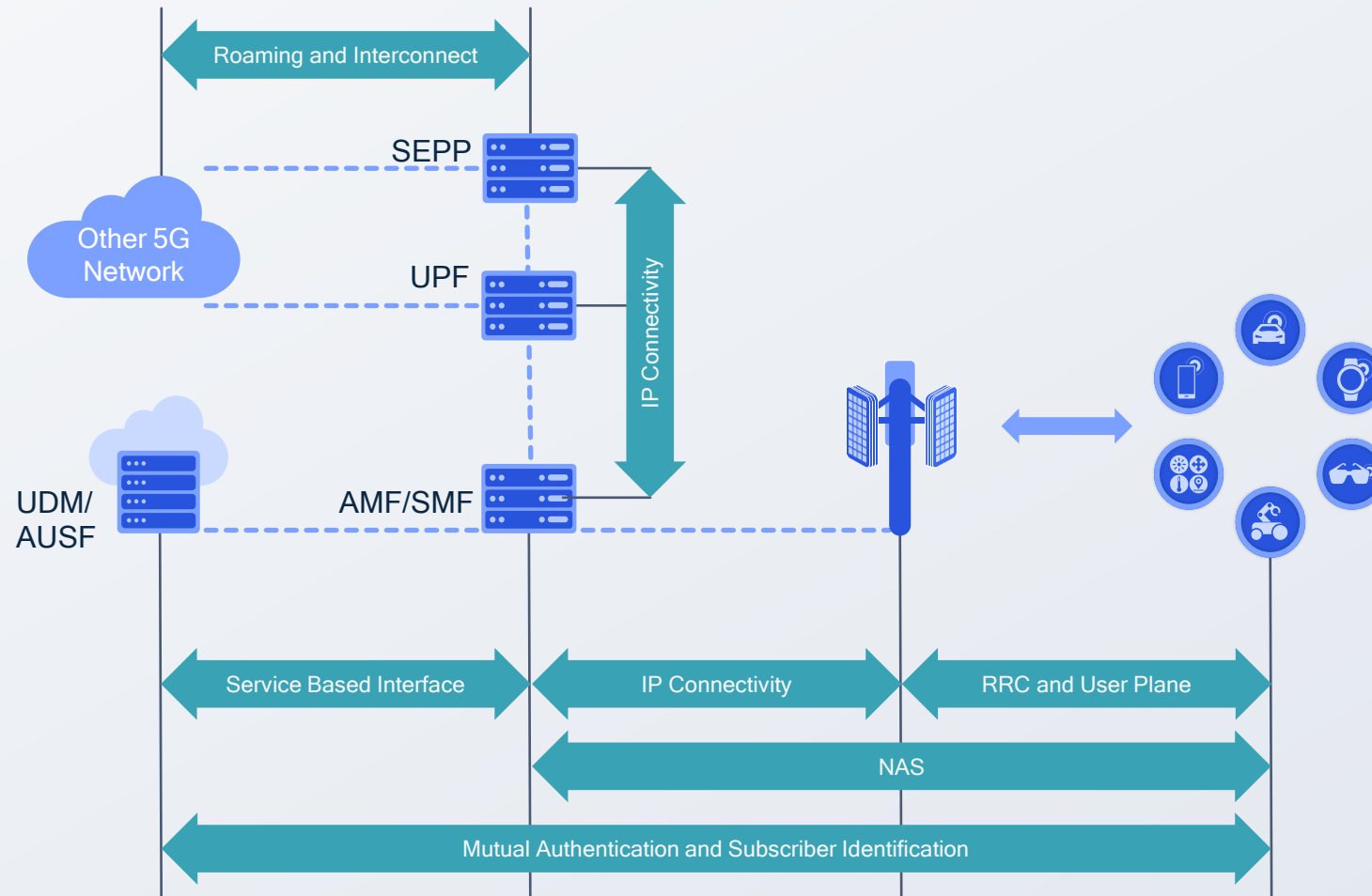
Zero-trust principles

5G Security



1 Policy Control Function; 2 Access & Mobility Management Function; 3 Network Repository Function; 4 Network Data Analytics Function

# 5G provides a zero-trust architecture to secure connectivity at scale



## End-to-End Security Considerations

Mutual Authentication between device and network

Encryption and Integrity Checking

- Signaling: NAS and RRC
- User plane

Protecting the Subscriber Identity:

- SUCI: IMSI encryption

## Protecting the 5G SBA

HTTP/TLS: mutual authentication and data encryption

OAuth 2.0: client authorization by service provider

## Securing AN to CN Communication:

IPSec

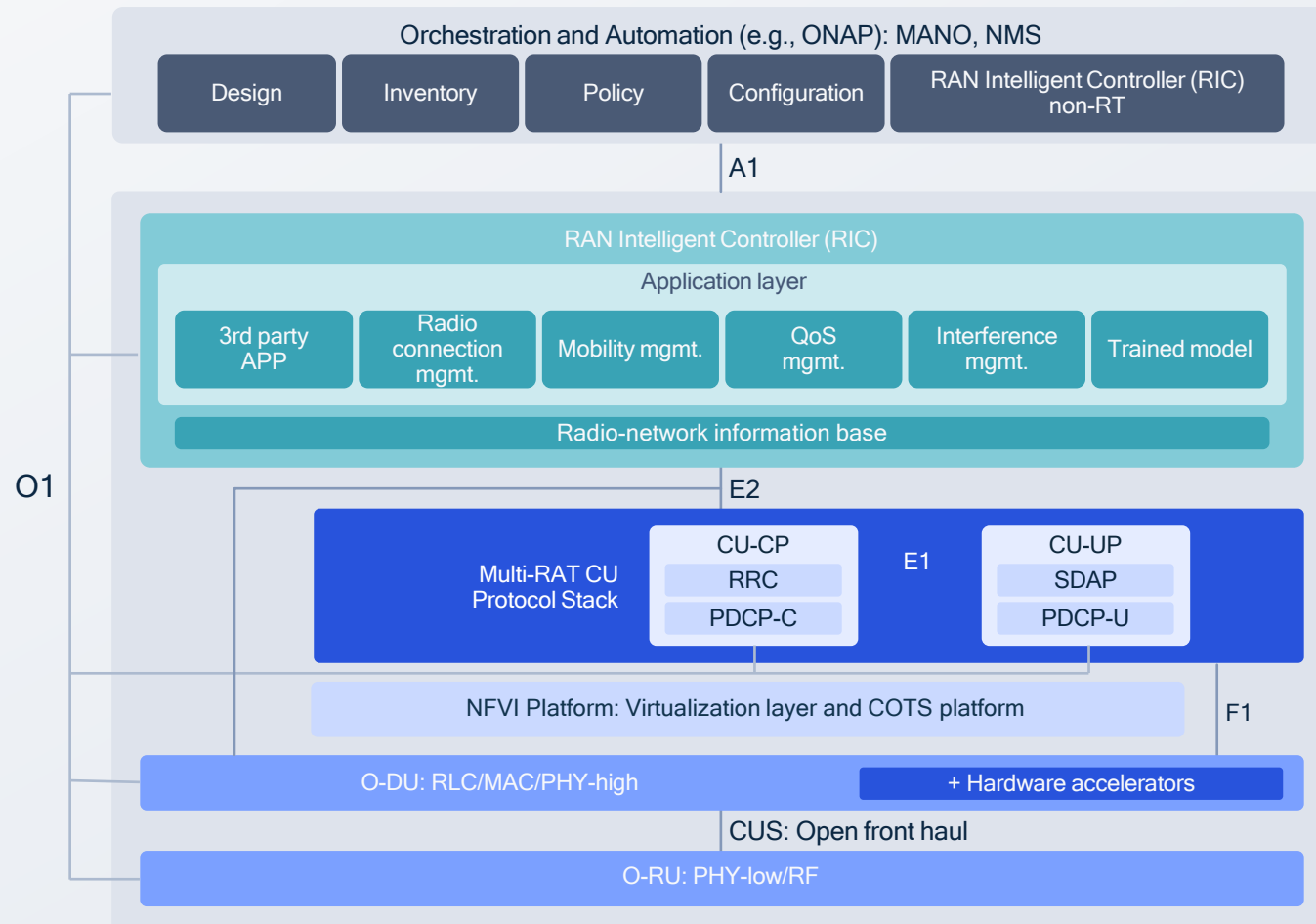
## Roaming Security

Security Edge Protection Proxy

PRINS: signaling security

IPUPS: user plane security

# Transparency and openness of O-RAN pave the way to a more secure cellular system



O-RAN's disaggregated architecture brings many security benefits such as agility, adaptability, and resiliency

## Interface Security

Standards-defined security mechanisms on all interfaces

## Software Security

Self-certification encompassing code testing, verification, and signing

Software Bill of Material (SBOM) to secure SW supply chain and lifecycle management

## Zero-Trust Model

Endpoints are authenticated, authorized, and continuously validated to be granted or keep access to resources

[Learn more:](#)

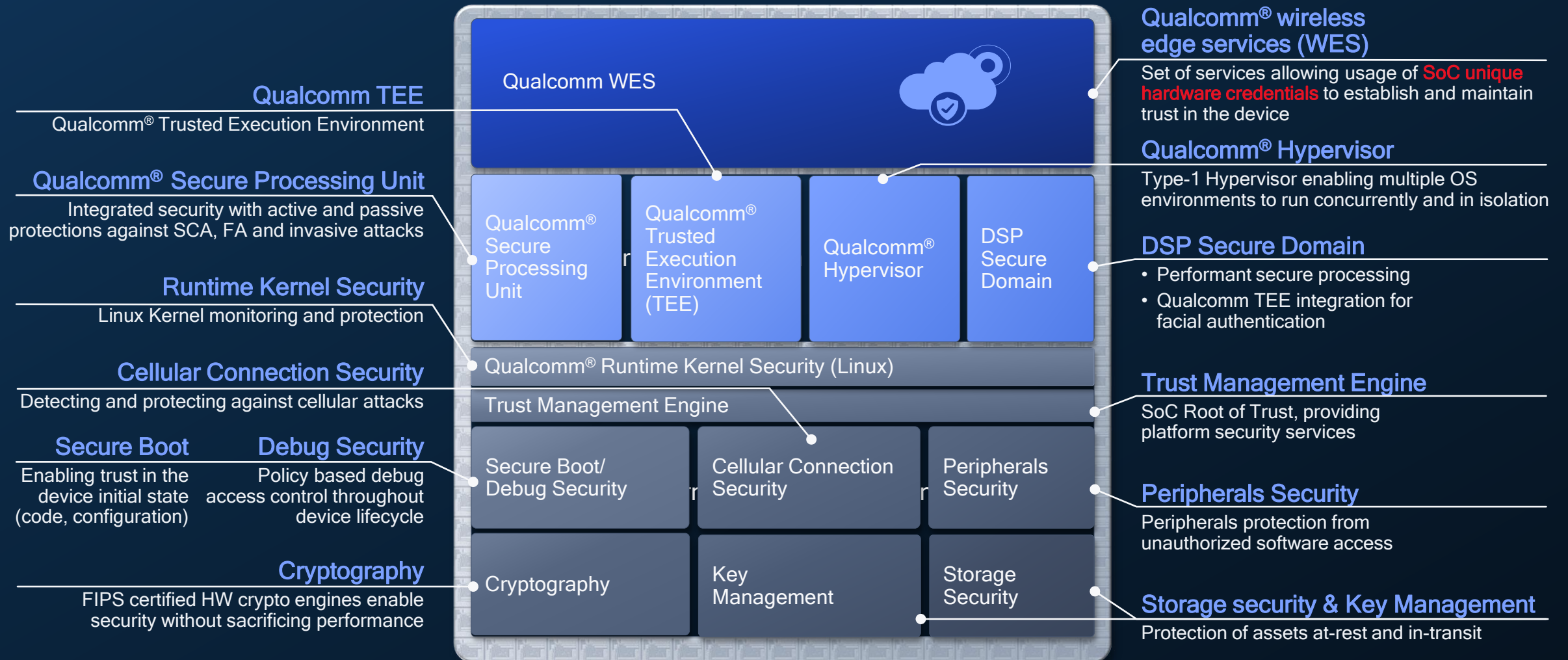




Qualcomm Technologies has a  
robust chipset security portfolio

# Snapdragon® Security Foundations

Enabling a system-wide approach to security with SoC-based HW and SW, and trust-enabling services

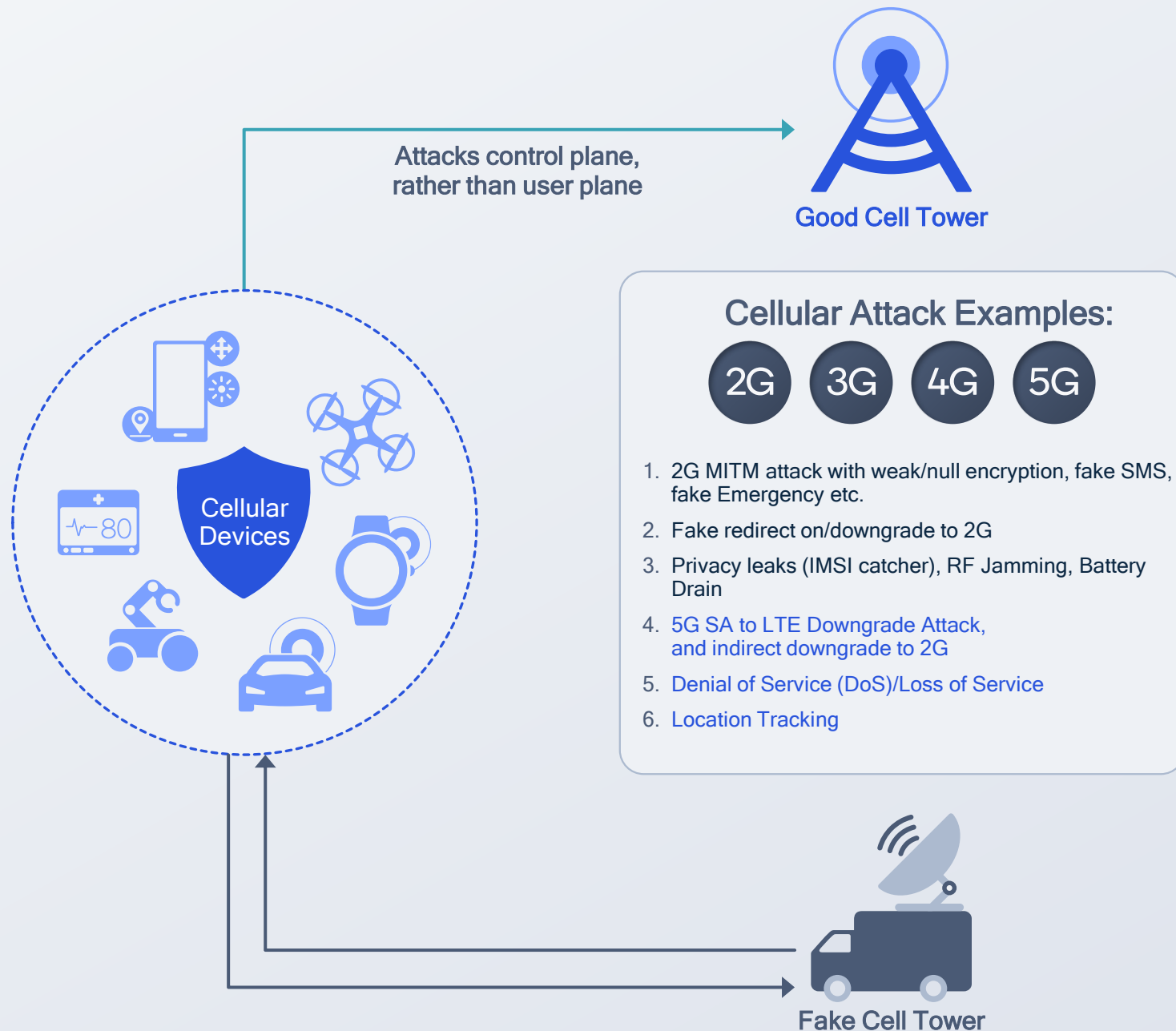




# Cellular Attack Landscape

In China an attacker with a \$500 fake base station, small enough to carry in a car, can earn up to \$1400 a day.

5.7B spam/fraud messages from fake base stations since 2015



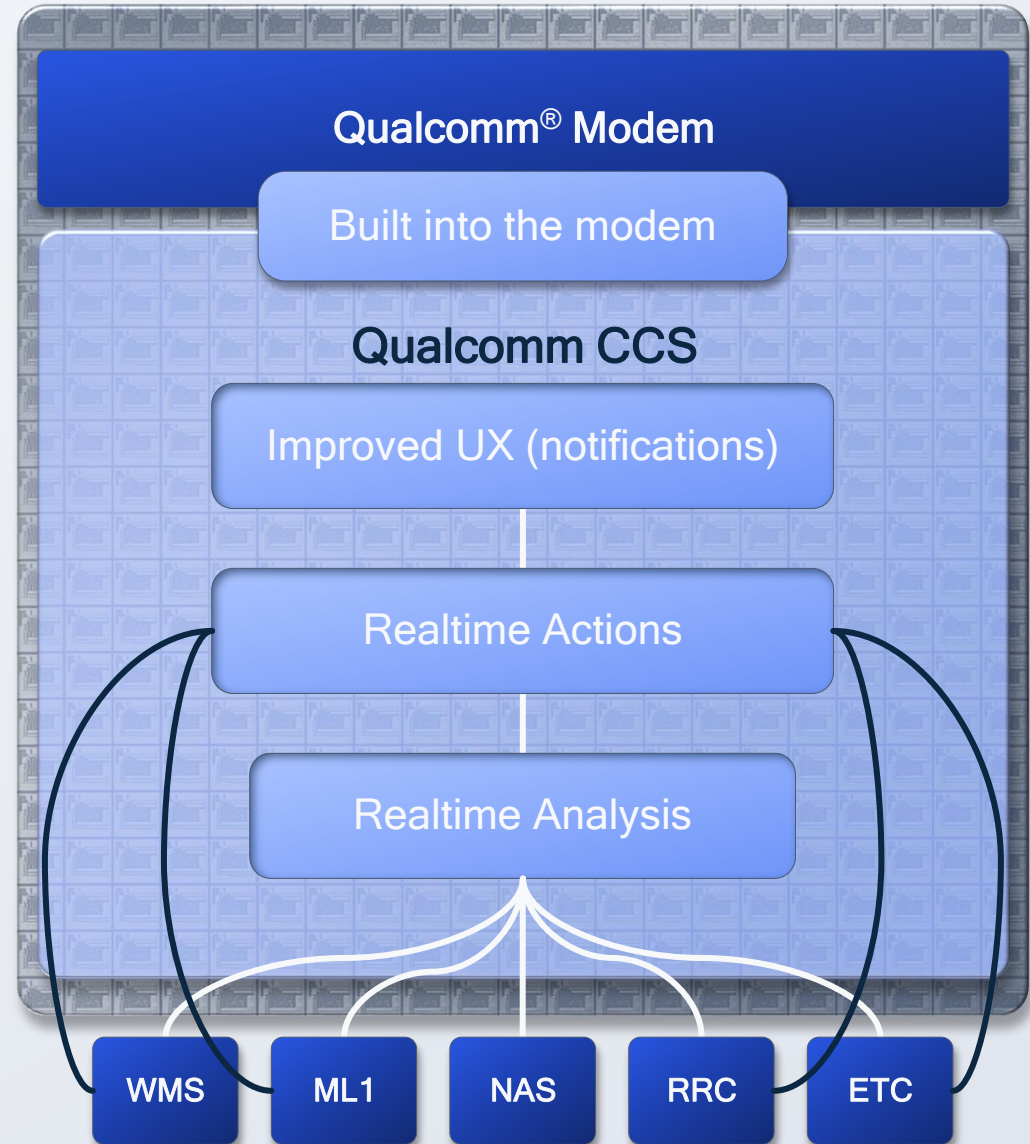
# Qualcomm® Cellular Connection Security (CCS) Solution

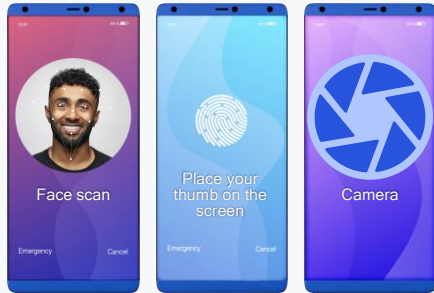
Augments 3GPP Protocol Security

Detection and protection against fake cellular base stations attempting to trick a smartphone into joining the malicious cellular networks, thus protecting device and user data.

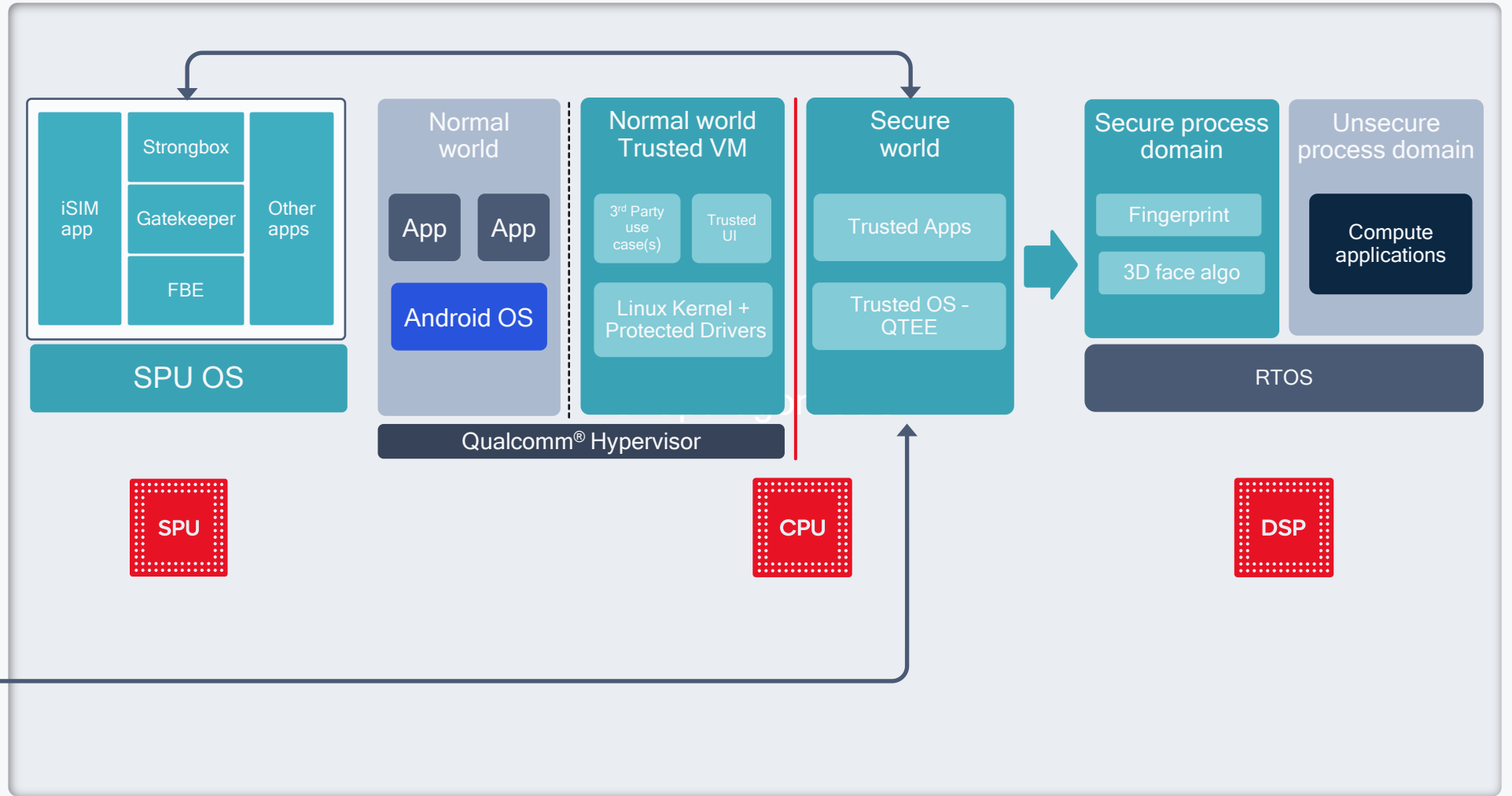
Scoring-based threat detection and countermeasures designed within Qualcomm Modem

Radio Access Technologies  
Supported: 2G, 3G, 4G, 5G





Depth Sensor    Fingerprint Sensor    Camera Sensor



# Qualcomm Trusted Execution Environments



# Integrated SIM is ready for prime time

**GSMA**  
ieUICC Requirements

**Qualcomm**



ieUICC/ EUM Partners

**SAS-UP**  
ieUICC hardware production security

✓ Accredited supplier

✓ Accredited supplier

**SAS-SM**  
ieUICC operational security

✓ Not applicable to Qualcomm  
Covered by eUICC partner

✓ Accredited supplier

**SGP.21 and SGP.25**  
Hardware and software security

✓ EAL4+ AVA\_VAN.5 BSI-CC-PP-0084-2014 certified and in compliance to **SGP.21 Annex J**

✓ Composite certification in accordance with PP.0100 / **SGP.25** and approved assurance schemes (eSA)



**SGP.23**  
Functional and interoperable ieUICC solution

✓ Not applicable to Qualcomm  
Covered by ieUICC partner

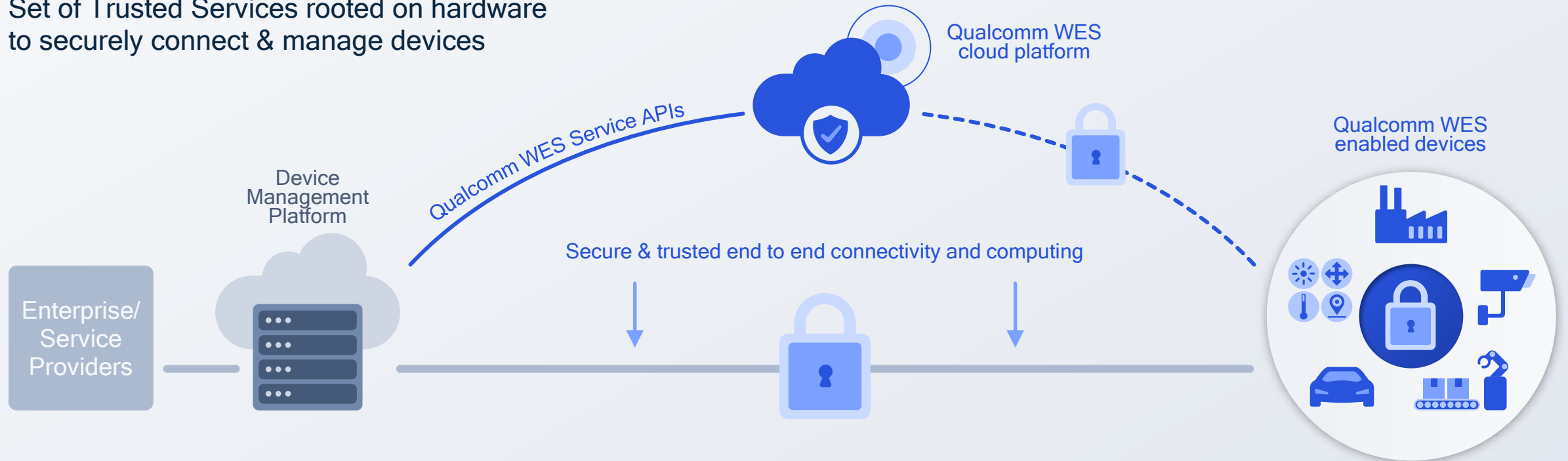
✓ Certified

✓ **GSMA compliant (SGP.24) solution ready for commercial launches**

**ieUICC Ready For Commercial Launch**

# Qualcomm WES

Set of Trusted Services rooted on hardware to securely connect & manage devices



## Trusted Device Attestation

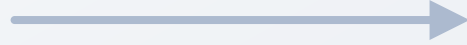
On-demand attestation service for tamper-proof chipset-based identity, device authenticity and connection integrity

## Zero Touch Device Provisioning

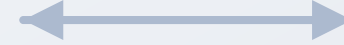
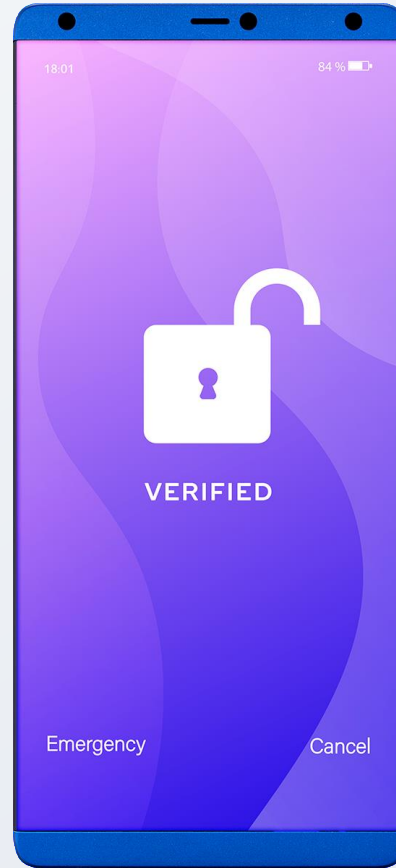
Plug-n-play onboarding, OTA provision unique device credentials enabling secure remote manageability

## Chipset Feature Management

On-demand chipset upgrades, remotely activate/de-activate chipset features as needed during the life cycle of the device



User authenticates to device, requiring strong user authentication



Device authenticates to backend (requiring a trustworthy device)



Relying Party backend (risk engine based decision making)

# Hardware based device authentication service



Relying Party  
backend

Secure Transport Channel

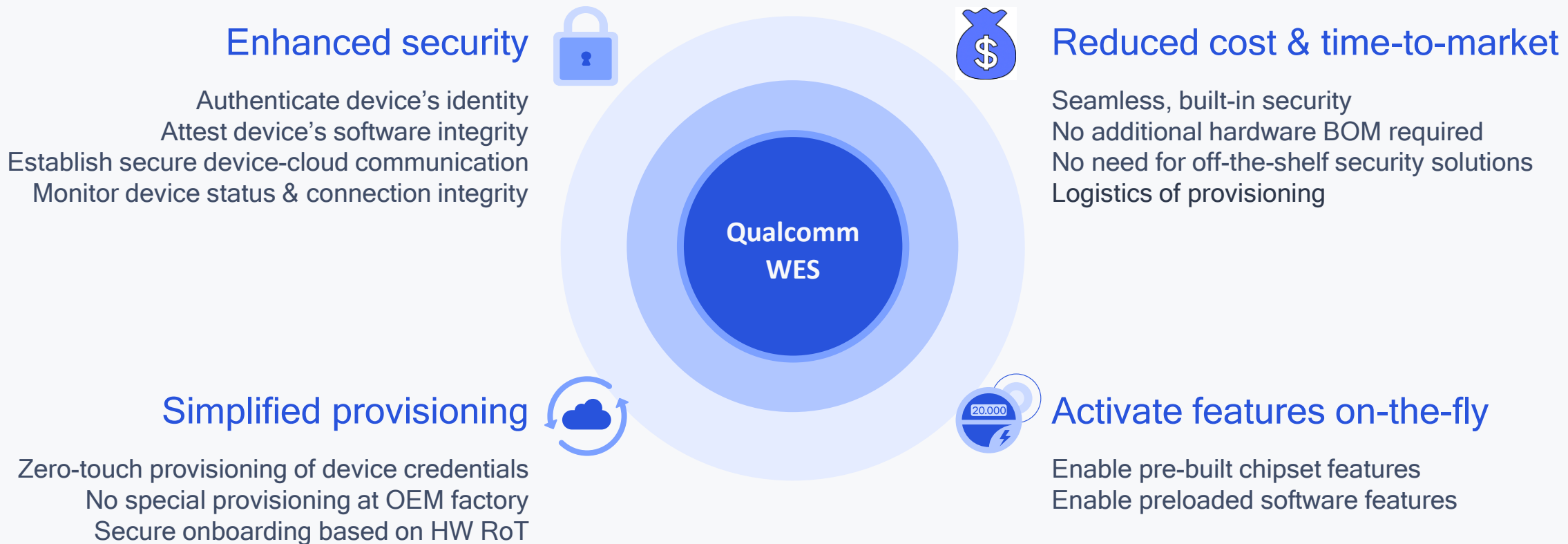


(Cryptographically protected with HW based device unique credentials)



Qualcomm WES  
enabled devices

# Zero Touch Secure Provisioning Service



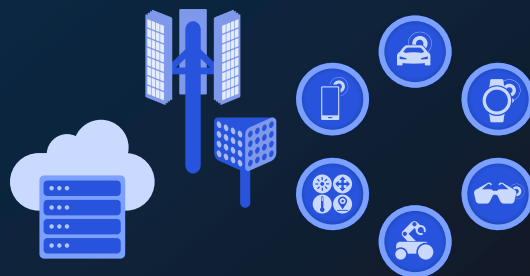
# Qualcomm WES Value Proposition



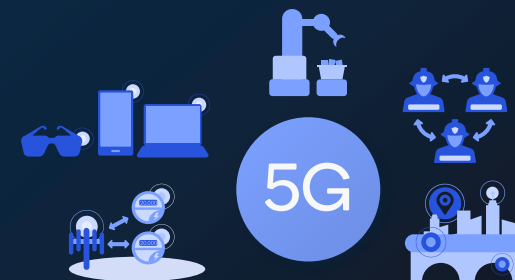


## Enabling end-to-end 5G system security at scale

Resilient communication for the connected intelligent edge



Delivering resilient communication requires an end-to-end approach to system security



Zero-trust security is at the core of a resilient system for 5G to deliver a wide range of services



5G already delivers strong security today with focused enhancements coming in 5G Advanced and beyond

# Qualcomm

We have a robust chipset security portfolio and are leading the way in realizing new features and services

# Thank you

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