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## Brussels Airport bouwt eigen 3,5GHz-netwerk

Het Belgische vliegveld Brussels Airport gaat samen met Nokia en Citymesh zijn eigen mobiele netwerk opzetten dat gebruikmaakt van de 3,5GHz-frequentieband. Het vliegveld gaat het netwerk onder andere voor track & trace en beveiligingssystemen inzetten.

Volgens Brussels Airport is zo'n eigen netwerk efficiënter, betrouwbaarder en sneller dan wifi of publieke 4g. Naast track & trace en mobiele beveiligingssystemen moet het netwerk gebruikt worden voor geautomatiseerde voertuigen en internet-of-things-toepassingen.



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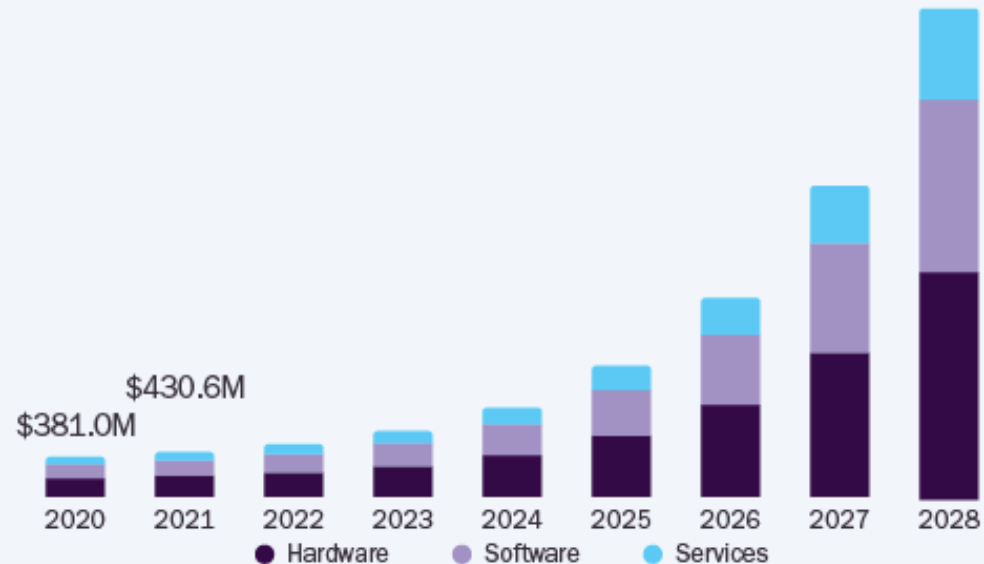
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## North America Private 5G Network Market

size, by component, 2020 - 2028 (USD Million)



40.5%

N. America Market CAGR  
2021 - 2028

Source:  
www.grandviewresearch.com



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## Enterprise Requirements for Private Cellular Networks from Their Services Firms

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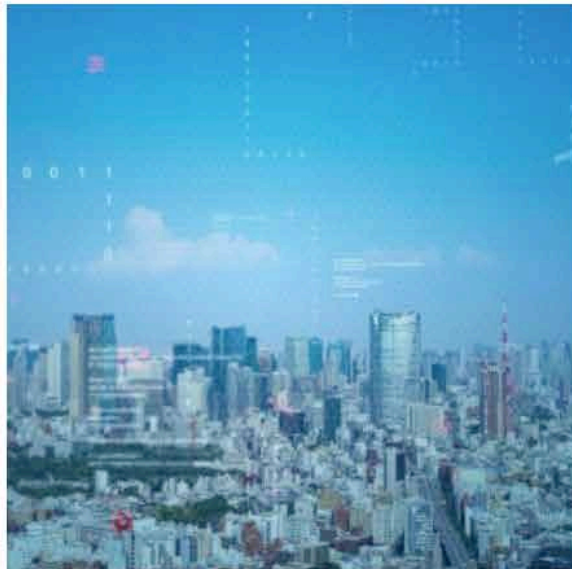
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## MEC and Private Wireless – CSPs Enabling Enterprise Transformation

Communications service providers are in the pole position to enable enterprise transformation through private wireless and multi-access edge computing (MEC).

By [David Paterson](#) | September 10, 2021

## Ericsson accelerates 5G for Enterprise with acquisition of Cradlepoint

Available in English [Français](#) [Svenska](#) [日本語](#) [Русский](#)

- Ericsson acquires the market-leader for Wireless Edge WAN solutions for an enterprise value of USD 1.1 b.
- Acquisition complements Ericsson's enterprise offerings and creates valuable new revenue streams for customers
- Transaction expected to close during Q4 2020, subject to merger clearance and other closing conditions

PRESS RELEASE | SEP 18, 2020 05:30 (GMT +00:00)

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## Qualcomm and Capgemini to launch end-to-end 5G private networks

The two firms are collaborating on non-public, high bandwidth, ultra-low latency networks for industrial IoT settings

by: [Keumars Afifi-Sabet](#) 2 Jul 2021

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## Scalable Mobile Private 4G and 5G Network Services on AWS from Deloitte

by [Sigit Priyanggoro](#), [Awaiz Ahmad Khan](#), [Rahul Bajpai](#), and [Arpan Tiwari](#) | on 01 SEP 2021 | in [AWS Partner Network](#), [Customer Solutions](#), [Intermediate \(200\)](#), [Internet Of Things](#), [Thought Leadership](#) | [Permalink](#) | [Comments](#) | [Share](#)



# Will 5G restrict to mainly outdoor usage?

Many buildings cope with poor indoor cellular services (2G/3G/4G)



This problem increases when 5G uses higher frequencies (3,5GHz + 26GHz)

Wireless

### Verizon anticipates indoor 5G without Wi-Fi

by [Monica Allevan](#) | Jan 7, 2020 4:24pm



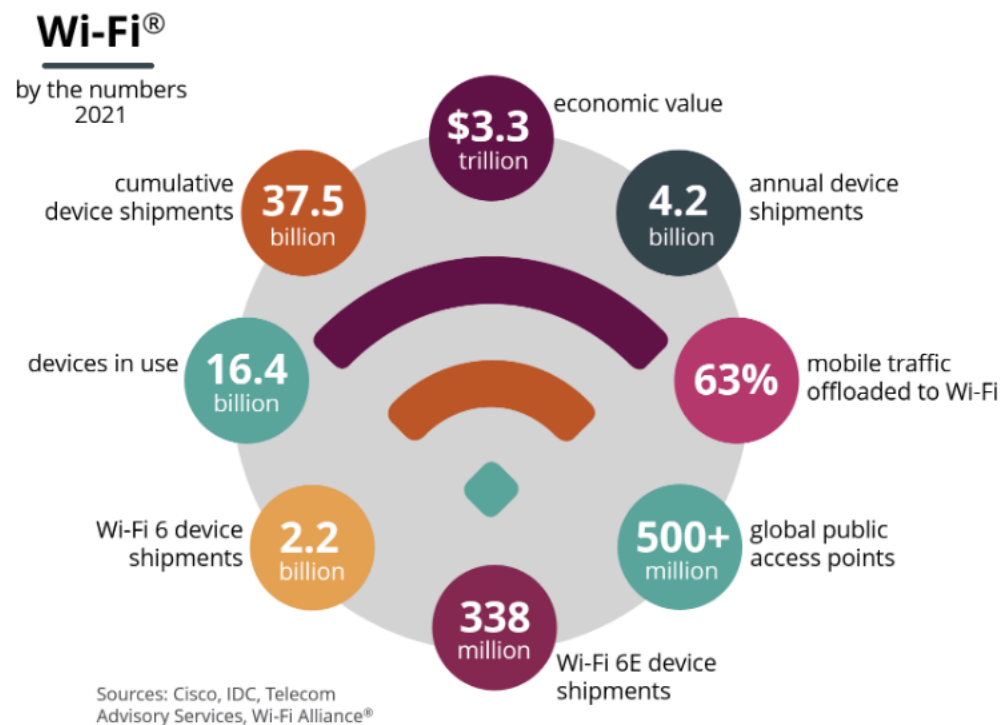
*In Verizon's view, there will be substantial environments in which public Wi-Fi will be eliminated in favor of millimeter wave because of the security, reliability and service capabilities. (FierceWireless)*

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  - Are cellular solutions a serious competitor for Wi-Fi at Enterprises?
  - What is needed (what are the side conditions) for cellular solutions to compete with Wi-Fi for indoor network solutions?

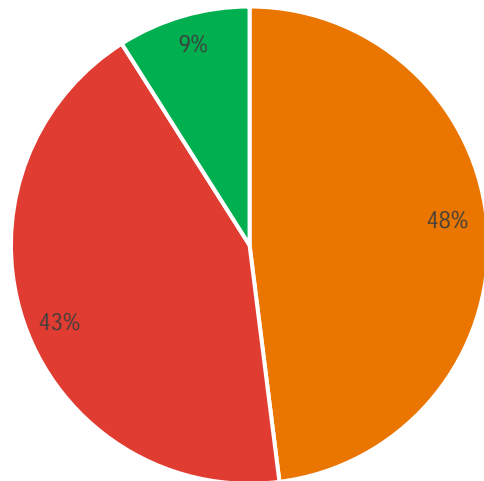
# Wi-Fi facts

- World-wide Wi-Fi revenues (IDC 8 sep 2021):
  - Enterprise market: YoY growth 2Q21: +22.4% to \$1.7 billion
  - Consumer market: YoY growth 2Q21: -5.7% to \$2.3 billion
  - year-over-year wifi growth 2Q21: +4.6% in 2Q21



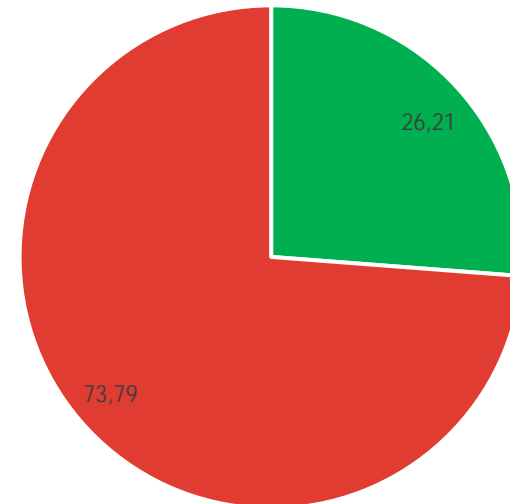
# Wi-Fi vs cellular in traffic and devices

Global IP traffic 2017 (source: Cisco VNI)



■ wired ■ wi-fi ■ cellular

Global Wi-Fi devices in use vs cellular subscriptions  
(source: Wi-Fi alliance 2021 & ITU key ICT aggregates 2020)



■ Active mobile-broadband subscriptions ■ Wi-Fi devices in use

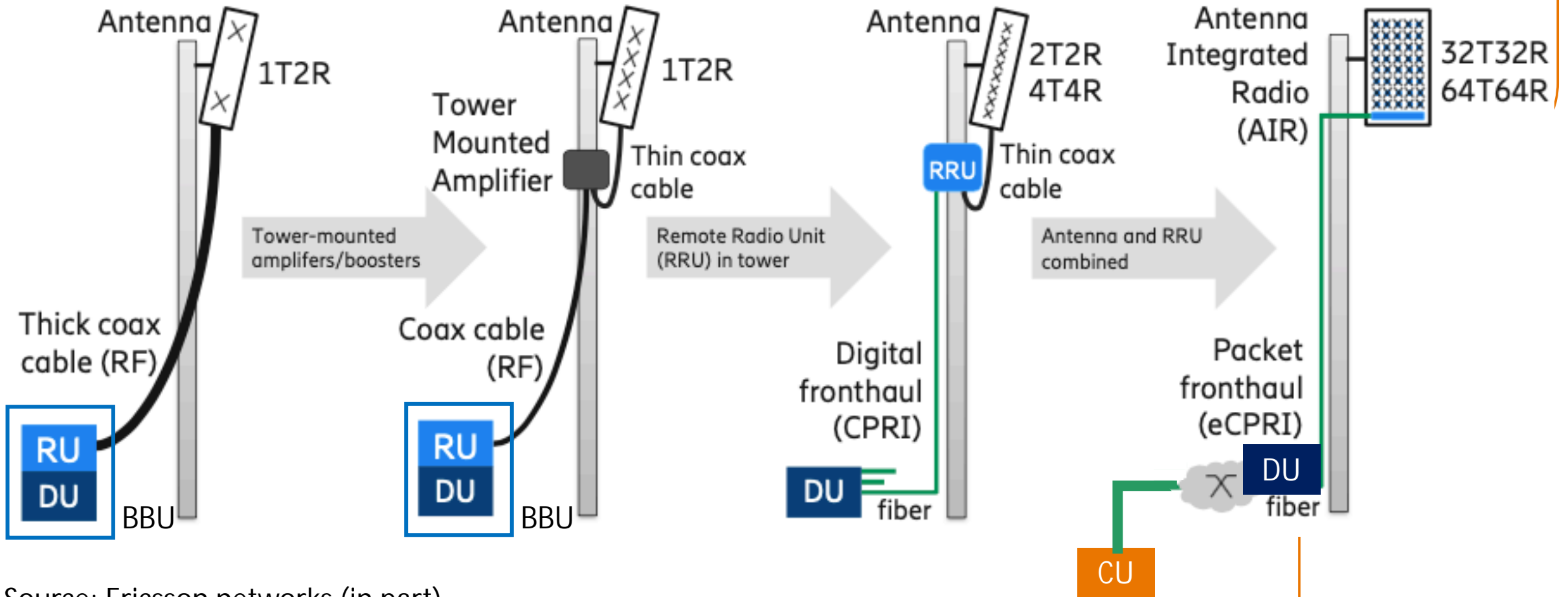
My conclusion for the coming 3 years: Wi-Fi is here to stay

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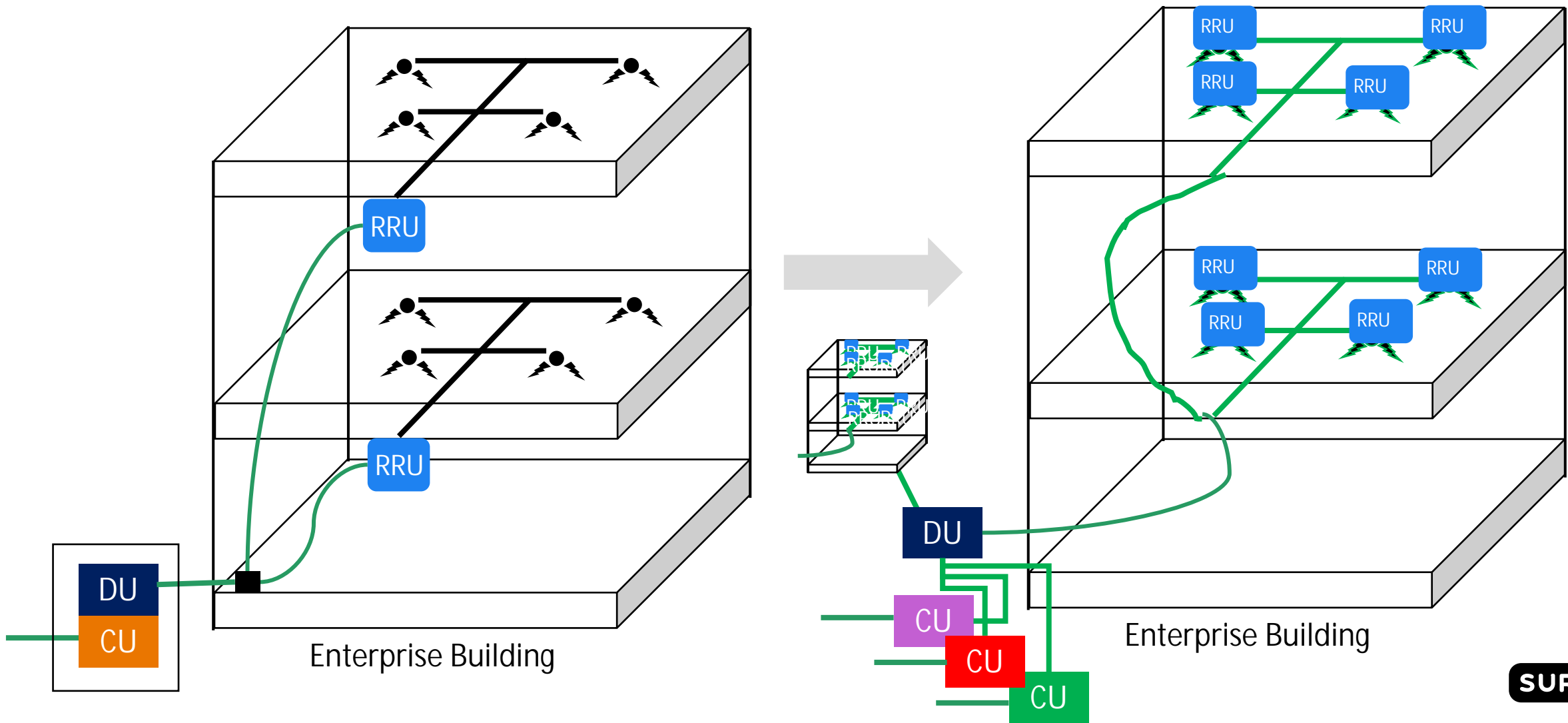


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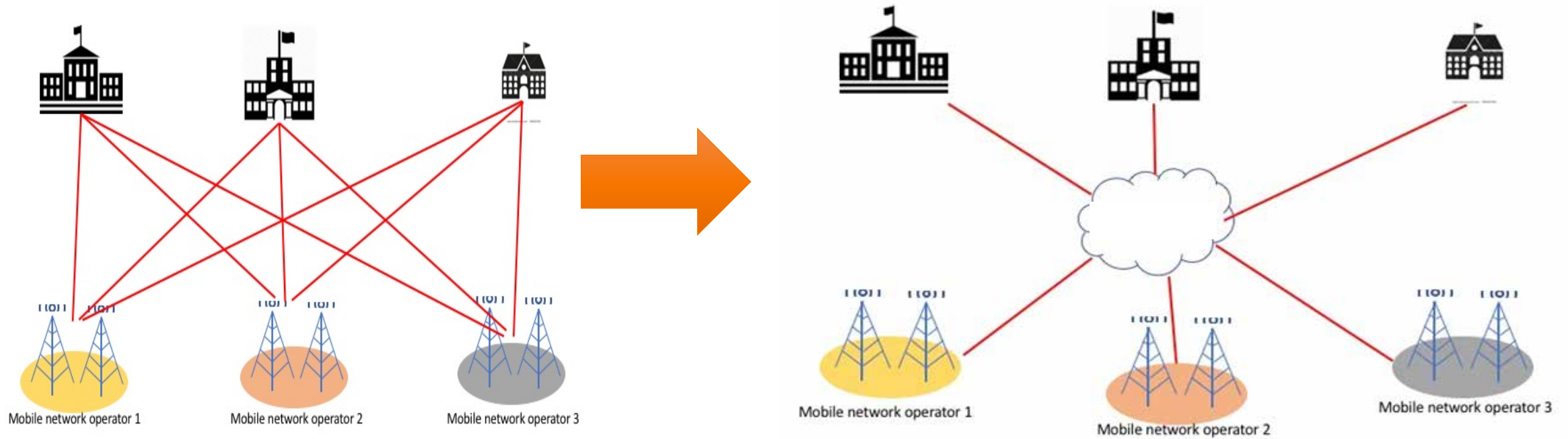


Source: Ericsson networks (in part)

# 1: multi-operator, ownership & reduction of equipment : evolution of fronthaul



## 2: Mobile operators to use networks of third party's



# 3: Private & unlicensed frequencies for 4G and 5G

## 4G/5G spectrum for private usage in various countries

Country	Spectrum	Availability
NL	1800 MHz 2 x 5 MHz 'DECT guard band' (2x50 MHz in 3.5GHz)	Available since many years (Planned in 2026)
Germany	3.7 – 3.8 GHz (+ 26 GHz)	Since Q3 of 2019 (2020)
UK	1.7817-1.785/1.8767-1.880 GHz, 2.39-2.4 GHz, 3.8 - 4.2 GHz	Since Q4 2019
France	2.575–2.615 GHz	Since 2019
Sweden	3.720 – 3.800 GHz	Since March 2020
USA	CBRS, 3550 – 3700 MHz	Since Q2 2019
Japan	Local 5G, 2.575–2.595 GHz, 4.6–4.9 GHz	Since Feb 2020
China	Shared spectrum for indoor usage, 3.3 – 3.4 GHz	Since Feb 2020
Brazil	2.390–2.400 GHz, 3.7 – 3.8 GHz	Since 2021
Chile	3.750-3800 GHz	Since 2019

# 3: Private & unlicensed frequencies for 4G and 5G

## Efforts to use ISM bands for cellular networks

- LTE in unlicensed frequency bands (LAA, LTE-U, LWA, LWIP, MulteFire)
  - Started with downstream
  - Since 3GPP R14: no anchor in license spectrum needed
  - According to GSA (March 2020): 42 operators around the world invested in LTE in ISM
  - Study on Wi-Fi / LAA interworking ICC 2021: goodput of Wi-Fi users decreased up to 97%, LAA users decrease 35%
- 5G NR-U (aka: feLAA):
  - Various scenario's using 5G NR in unlicensed and shared spectrum
  - Includes the 6GHz band for Wi-Fi6E

# 4: Modular 5G (+ Wi-Fi) cells using UTP cables, without losing availability

**Nokia's Smart Node Femtocells**

Feature-rich Multi-band Femtocell	Feature-rich Multi-band LTE-FDD	Feature-rich LTE Femtocell	Smart Node B2-11E Multi-standard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two simultaneous carriers: one LTE and one W-CDMA + HSPA and HSPA+ simultaneous active carriers</li> <li>• 3G software feature parity with Nokia 3G Small Cell user built software</li> <li>• TD-LTE based GSM licensing Nokia GSM systems</li> <li>• 32GB and Full Secure Plug-in Play 8-in-1 security features including Digital Certificates, IPsec for encryption with MME, Firewall and Transport Access</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two simultaneous carriers: one LTE and one W-CDMA</li> <li>• Up to 1x LTE and 3x HSPA+ simultaneous active carriers</li> <li>• Up to 1x LTE and 3x HSPA+ simultaneous active carriers</li> <li>• 3G software feature parity with Nokia 3G Small Cell user built software</li> <li>• TD-LTE based GSM licensing Nokia GSM systems</li> <li>• 32GB and Full Secure Plug-in Play 8-in-1 security features including Digital Certificates, IPsec for encryption with MME, Firewall and Transport Access</li> <li>• Ability to support the backhaul between the two R-UU interfaces</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One LTE carrier with up to 2x MIMO carrier bandwidth</li> <li>• Up to 1x simultaneous LTE data and VoLTE calls</li> <li>• Self-configuring and self-updating capabilities</li> <li>• Adaptive network access for coverage optimization</li> <li>• 2G/3G/4G network licensing: GSM/GPRS, HSPA+, HSPA+, LTE (MTC)</li> <li>• Cloud Subscriber Group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two simultaneous carriers: LTE and 3G</li> <li>• Up to 1x LTE and 3x HSPA+ simultaneous active carriers</li> <li>• 3G software feature parity with Nokia 3G Small Cell user built software</li> <li>• TD-LTE based GSM licensing Nokia GSM systems</li> <li>• 32GB and Full Secure Plug-in Play 8-in-1 security features including Digital Certificates, IPsec for encryption with MME, Firewall and Transport Access</li> <li>• Ability to support the backhaul between the two R-UU interfaces</li> </ul>



Ruckus Q410

LTE BAND 48

Stand-alone or integrated in a Wi-Fi access point



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- 5G Home router (N)
- 5G Radio base station (N)
- Next Generation Core

**REDEFINING SMALL CELLS**

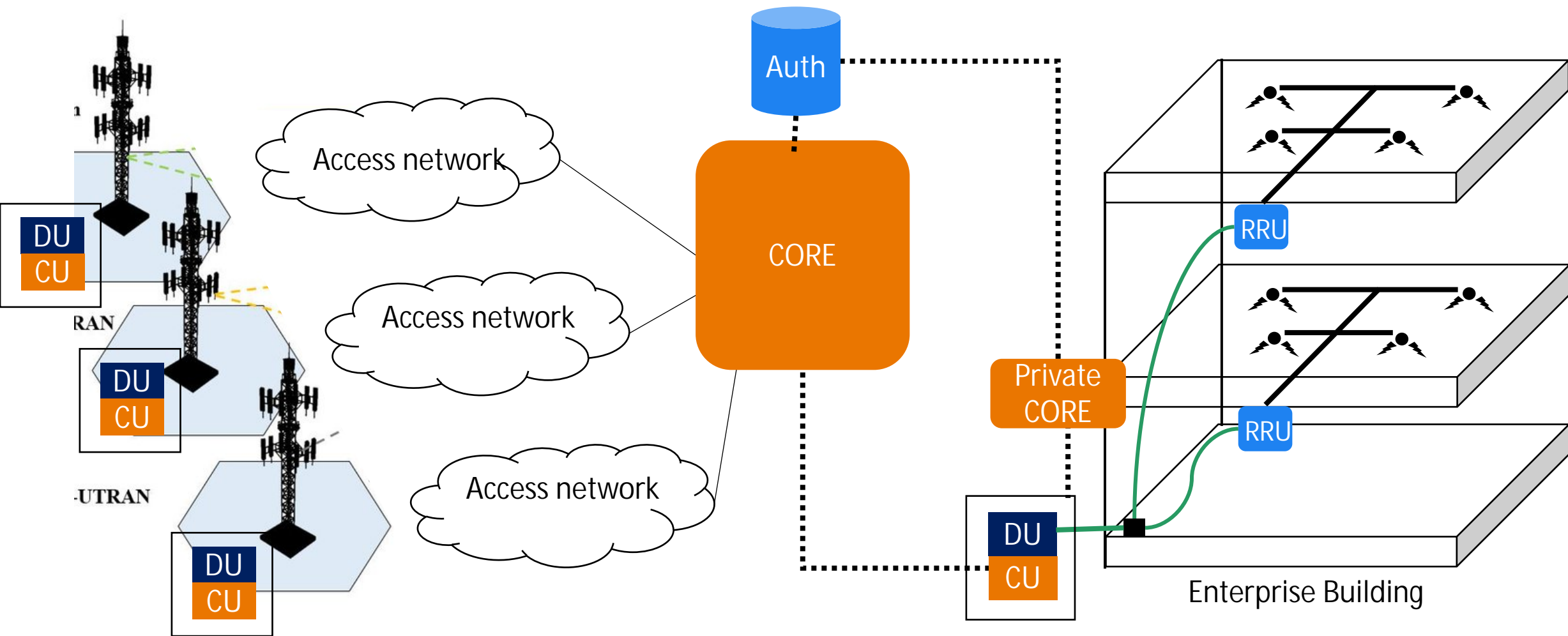
- First frequency independent architecture
- Most cost-effective, modular, high performance indoor radio system
- The only app coverage most buildings will ever need

Technology based through licensed by 3GPP and 4GPP





# 5: Integration of private 5G indoor networks with public cellular operators



# 6: improved match & interaction with working procedures

- Do-it-yourself
- Buy it as-a-service



# 7: Laptops equipped with 4G / 5G modem

Acer Chromebook 314 C933LT-P3G5 4G LTE  
Acer Spin 7



Google Chromebook Pixel (4G LTE)



Lenovo  
Miix 310

Yoga 5G  
X1 (Thinkpad / Fold),  
Flex 5G 2-in-1



Microsoft Surface 3, Pro 5, Pro 7, Go 2, Pro X



Dell Latitude E5470  
,7420, 7490 (7000 series)



Dell Latitude 9510



HP EliteBook 1040  
HP Elite Dragonfly G2

Xiaomi Mi Notebook Air 4G



Samsung  
Chromebook Plus, LTE  
Galaxy (Book) Flex2



ASUS Chromebook C300



# 8: Handsets fully operational on private networks

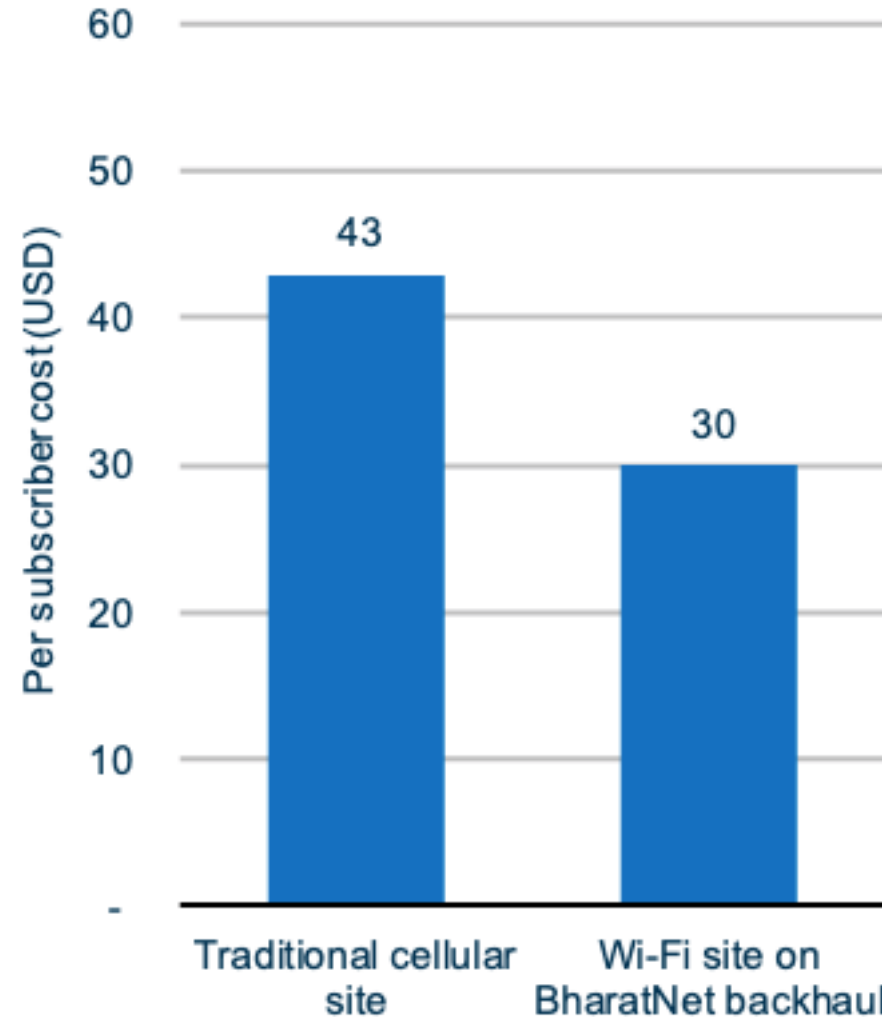
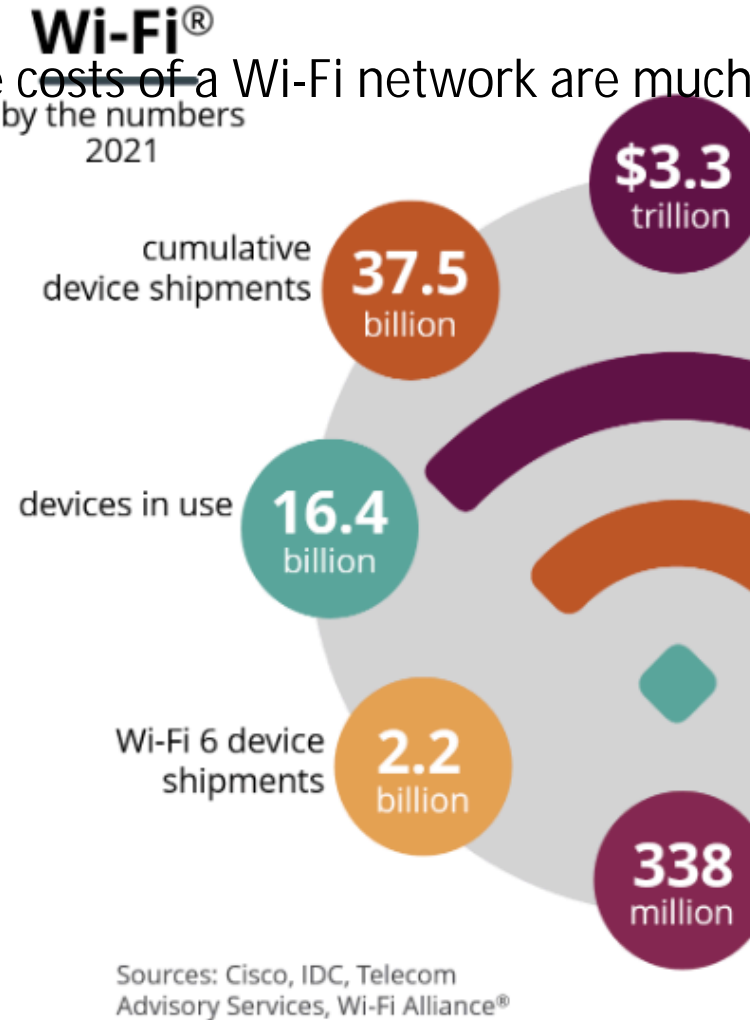
- Restricted availability of the built-in 'green button' experience
- Emergency (112) not available
- Challenges on certification of private LTE networks for critical communication













# 9: Costs & performance

Figure 3.16: Per-subscriber cost of various deployment models [Source: Analysys Mason, 2018]

- The costs of a Wi-Fi network are much by the numbers 2021



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MY CONCLUSION: A LONG WAY TO GO

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