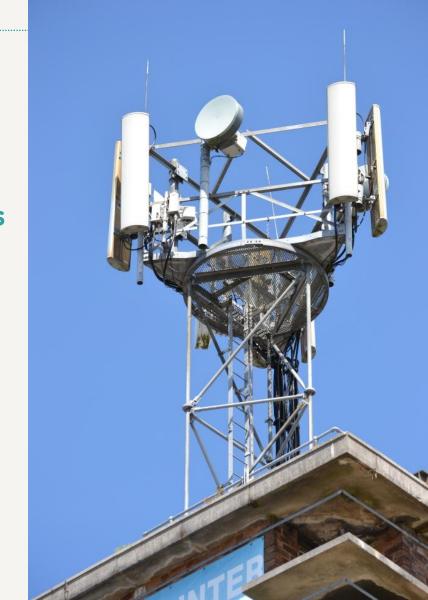
# The Route to 5G



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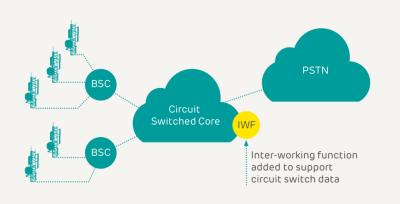
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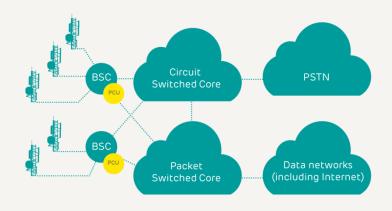
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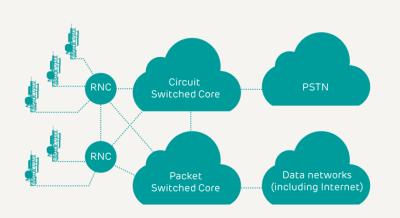


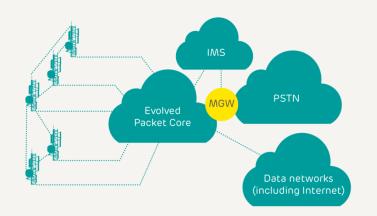
#### We've come a long way since GSM voice...

GSM - GPRS (incl. EDGE) - UMTS (incl. HSDPA/HSUPA/HSPA+) - LTE (incl. VoLTE & LTE-A)

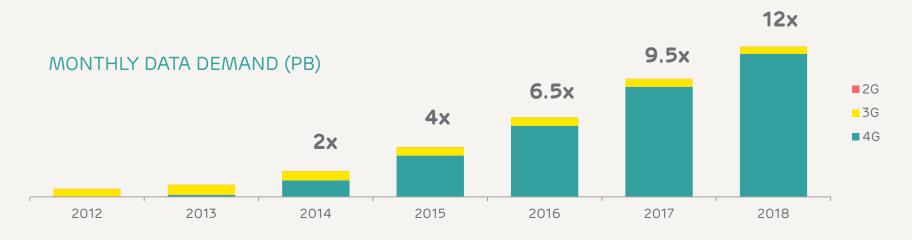








# Data Demand is set for considerable growth over the next 5 years as the UK becomes increasingly mobile-centric



Smartphone penetration grows

Early 4G adoption

Limited LTE Device portfolio

Diversification and increase in available content drives usage

Device capability drives usage

LTE Device portfolio diversifies

Strong growth in 4G adoption

High-bandwidth services proliferate

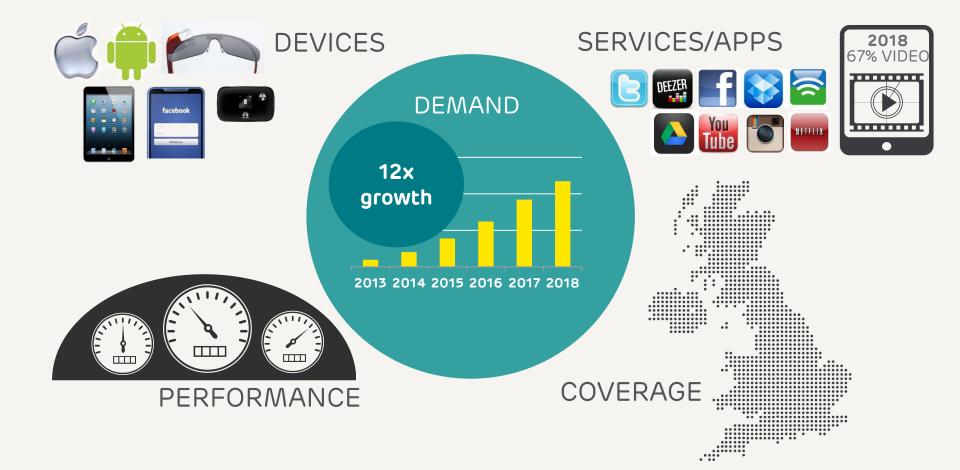
Mature data adoption

LTE devices dominate

4G becomes default technology

Behavioural shifts in usage

## Key growth drivers



The increase in AUPU seen on devices using the 4G network is a key driver for growth as the 4GEE base grows



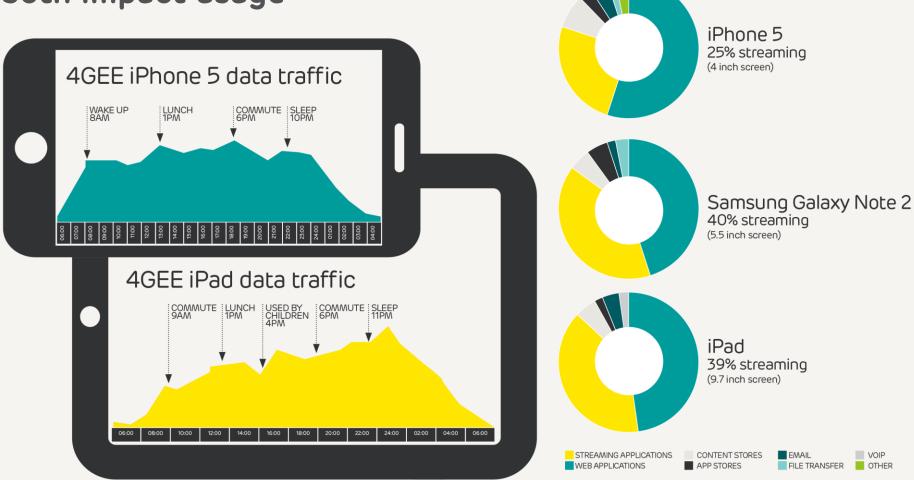
Non-4G AUPU set to double over next 5 years

**5 x** increase in 4G AUPU

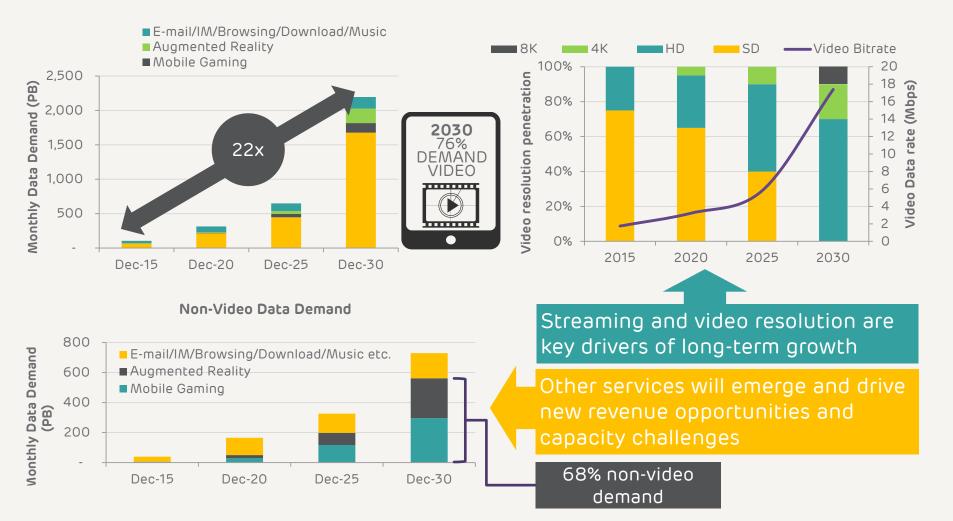
2013 – 4G device AUPU was 50% higher than 3G device AUPU 2018 – 4G device AUPU will be 6.3 x non-4G device

2018

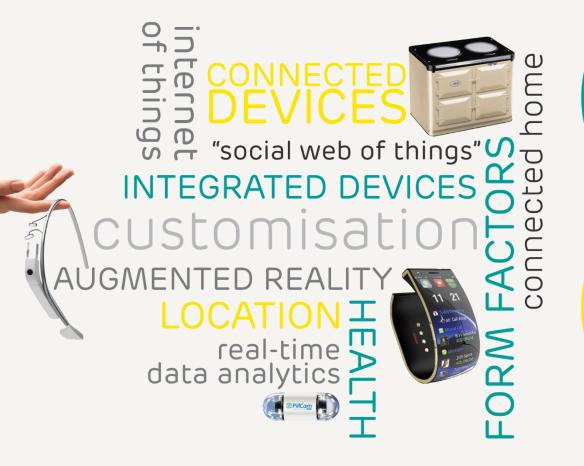
Device type and performance both impact usage



## Long-term UK market forecast



## The latest hype?





UK 27 DEVICES PER PERSON



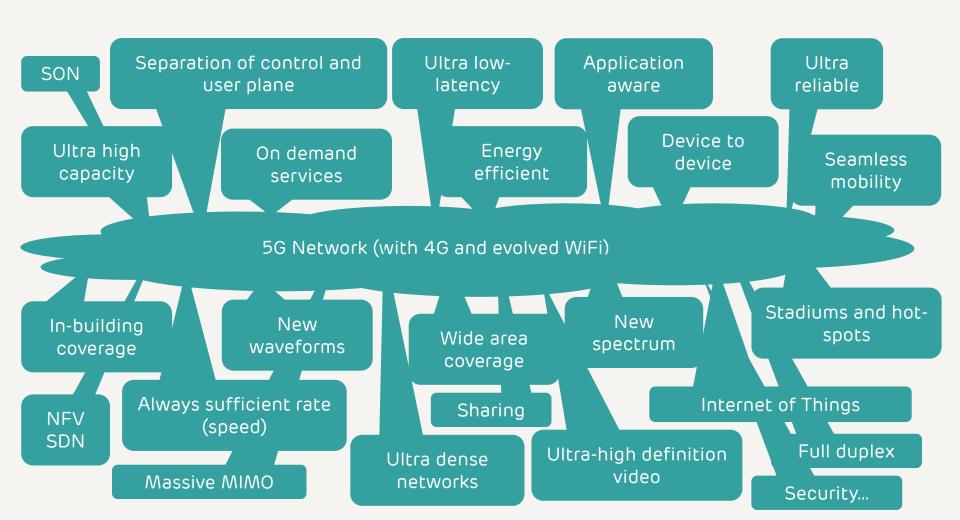
## EE is pro-actively contributing to the 5G eco-system

- Platinum Founding Member of the 5G Innovations Centre at the University of Surrey
- Supporting UK Government's objective to ensure the UK is a major player in 5G networks and services research and development - knowledge economy
- Supporting EU Horizon 2020 bids on behalf of UK academic organisations; financing leading edge research in the UK
- Working within International industry fora to develop 5G research and further understanding
- Engagements with global partners to influence the development of the 5G eco-system

#### Our 5G strategy?

"The same as our 4G strategy – always stay one step ahead of demand for capacity, peak & average speeds, low-latency and innovative services."

#### And what does 5G look like....



#### Summary

- 4G is the start of true mobile broadband
   an IP based multi-media communications system
- Demand is huge, and will keep growing
- We will continue to evolve 4G to increase capacity, increase speeds and enhance the experience
- 5G is at the fundamental research stage, but will complement 4G networks
- 5G will support ultra dense networks with even higher peak and average data rates, with ultra low-latency to enable the tactile web and immersive real-time video
- 4G can take us to 1Gbps; 5G is everything beyond that...



#### THANKYOU