

5G....The Road Ahead

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CONNECTIVITY

noun: the state or extent of being connected or interconnected

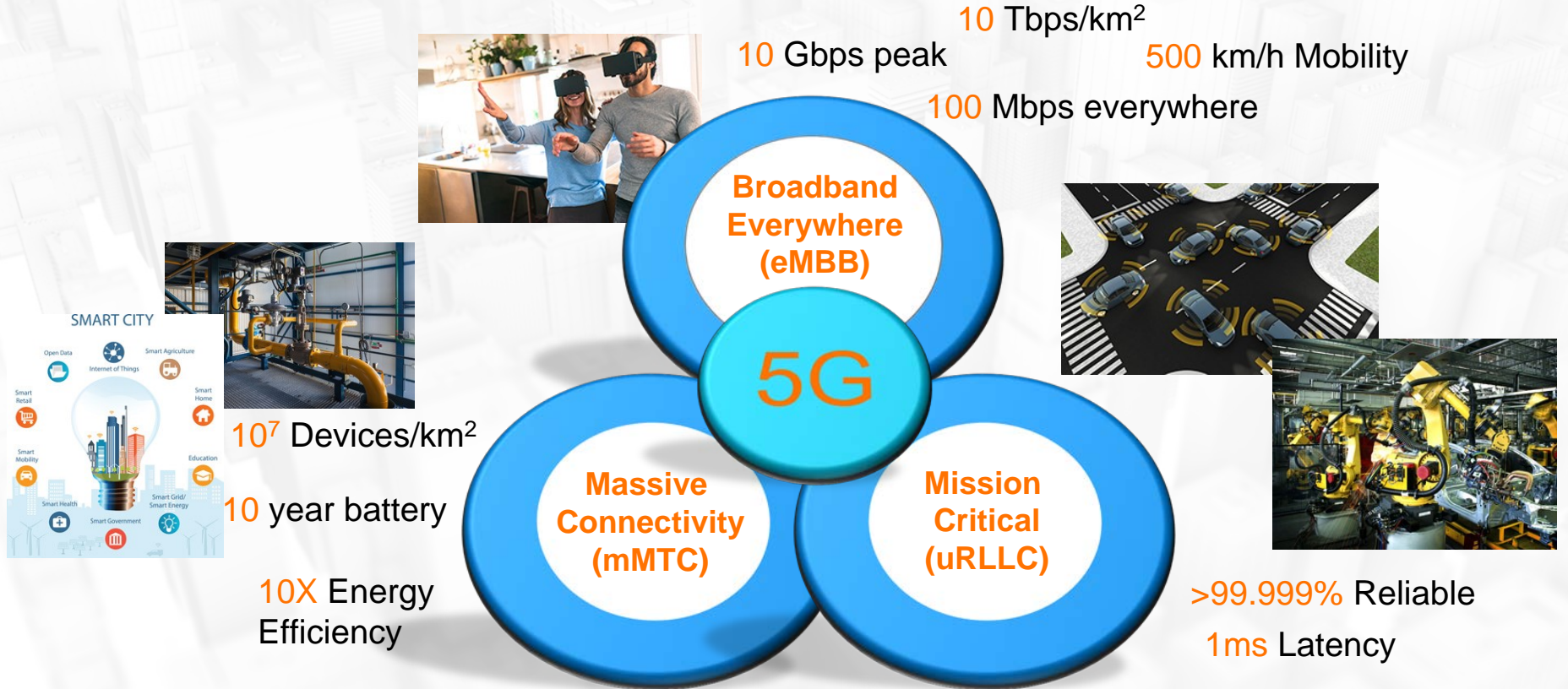
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5G: A Flexible Network for the Future

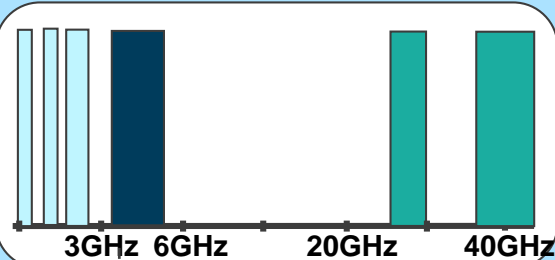


5G Radio Toolbox

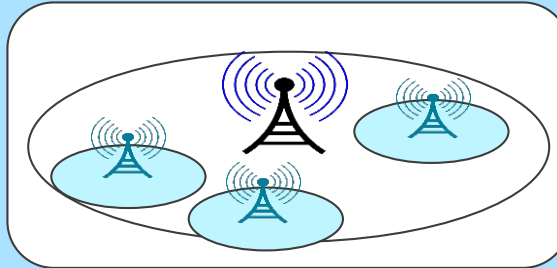
$$\text{Capacity (b/s/area)} = B \times N \times \eta$$

B = available bandwidth **N** = number of cells/area η = spectral efficiency

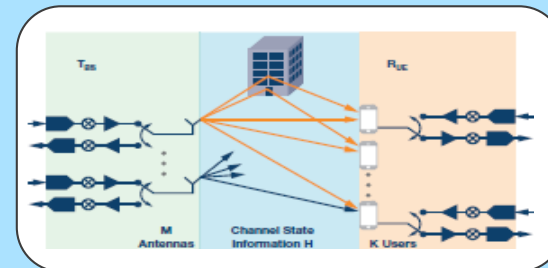
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Small Cells



Massive MIMO



5G Radio Key Technologies

Sub 6GHz Massive MIMO



- ▶ Digital beamforming
- ▶ Technology evolution from current BTS but new challenges
 - Many PAs and filters
 - Complex interfaces

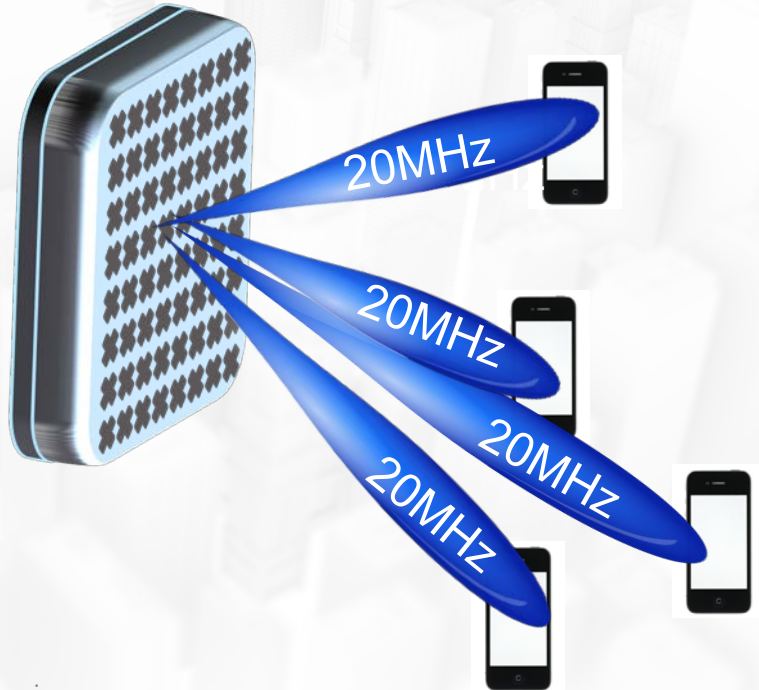
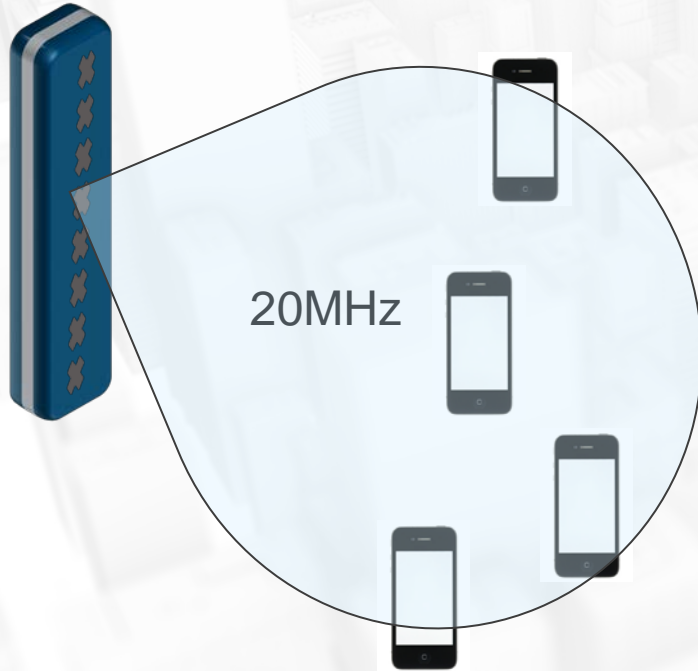
mmwave Beamforming



- ▶ Hybrid beamforming
- ▶ Evolve from discrete solutions to very high levels of RF integration
- ▶ GaAS → Silicon
- ▶ MCM → Monolithic

Massive MIMO

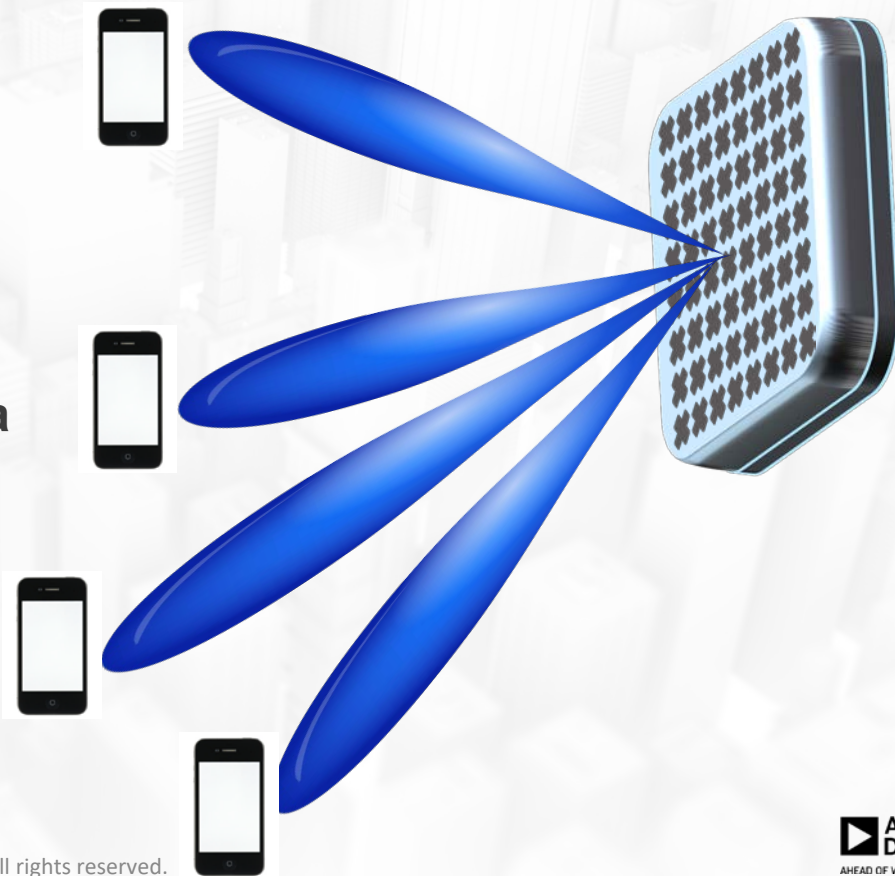
- Spectral efficiency gains through microscopic frequency re-use
- Enabled by $M \gg K$ (where M is # antennae and K is number of users)



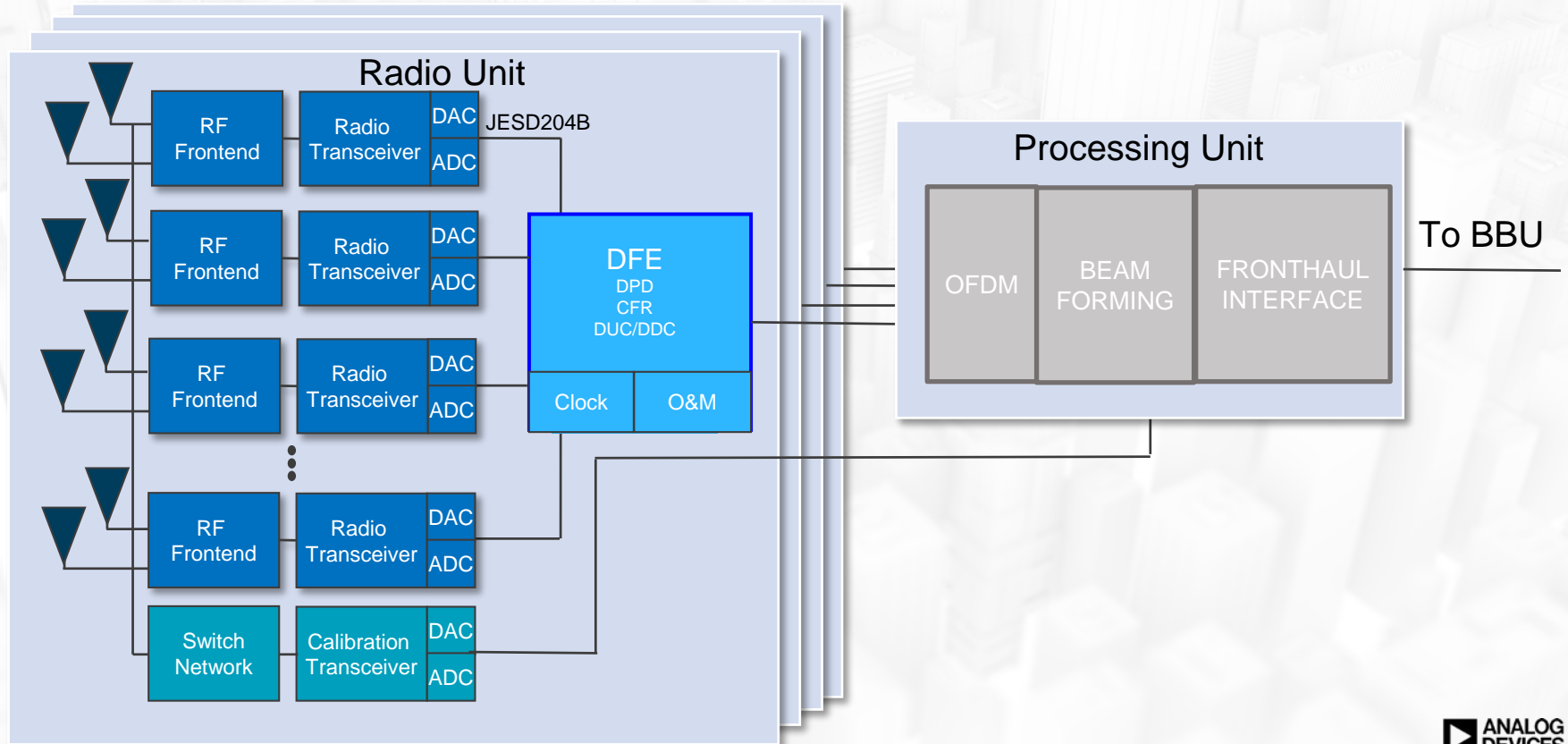
Sub 6GHz Massive MIMO (FD-MIMO)

► Challenges

- Size
- Weight
- Power Consumption
- Cost
- Complex interface within antenna
- Fronthaul



Sub 6GHz – Massive MIMO System



Sub 6GHz Massive MIMO Radio – Areas for Innovation



Filter Size & Weight

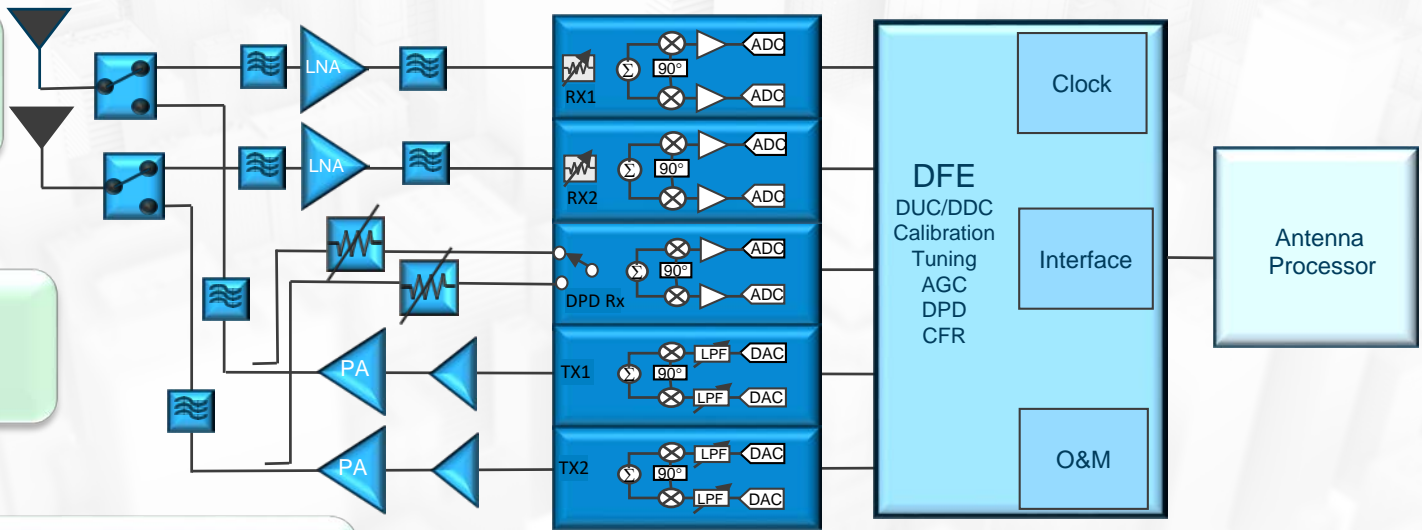
- Materials/Design
- Algorithms

Test

- Calibration
- OTA

PA Efficiency

- GaN
- Doherty+DPD



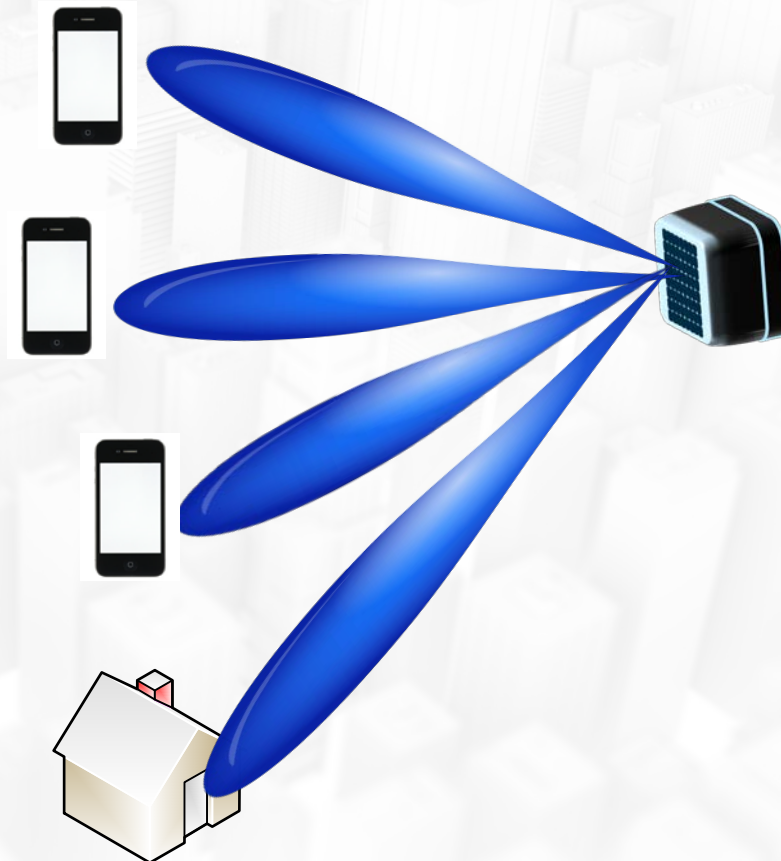
Radio Size & Power

- Architecture
- Algorithms
- Integration
- Partition

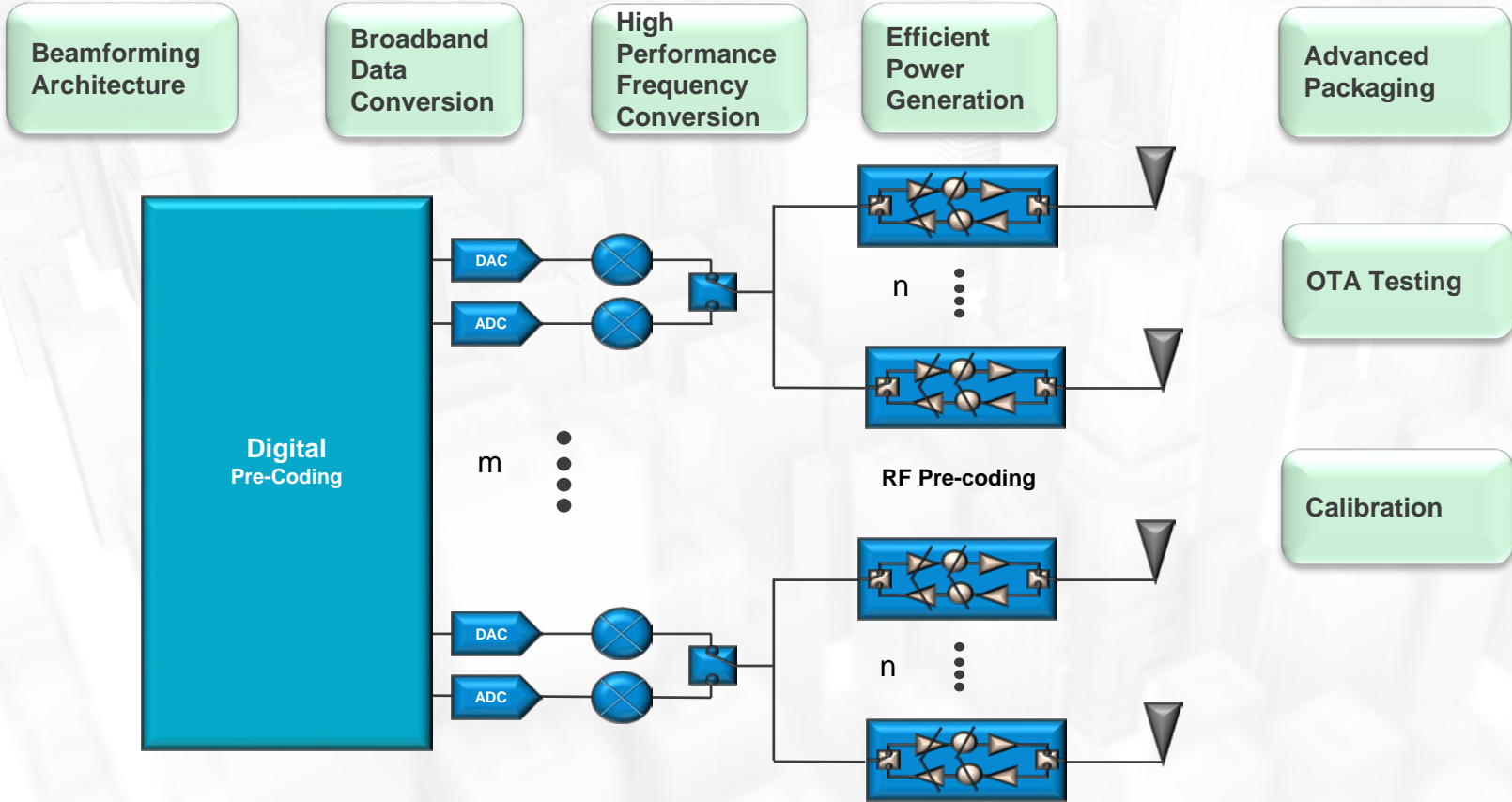
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► Challenges

- Channel model
 - Fading
 - Blockage
- Beam acquisition and tracking
- Very wide bandwidth
- Power Consumption
- Cost

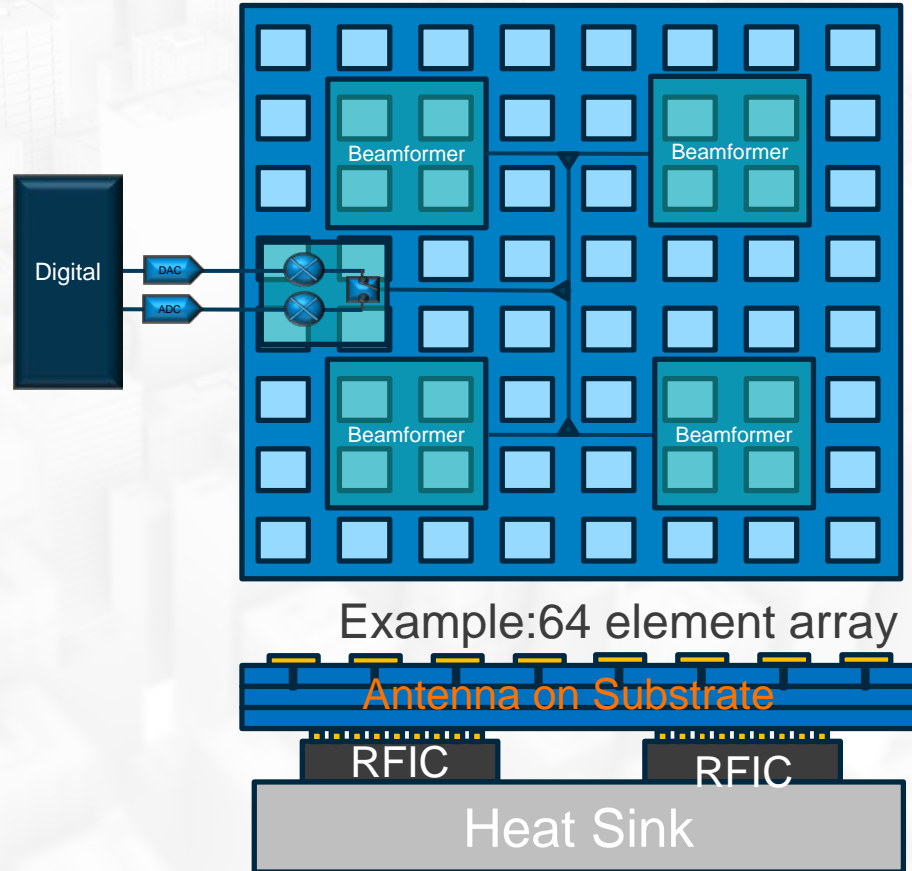


mmwave 5G– Challenges for the Designer



Example: High Integration Beamformer Assembly

- Compact implementation
- Supports wide range of beamforming in both vertical and horizontal
- Scalable for higher EIRP
- Thermal challenges
- Difficult to implement front end filters
- OTA Test



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