



Risk Reduction with 5G

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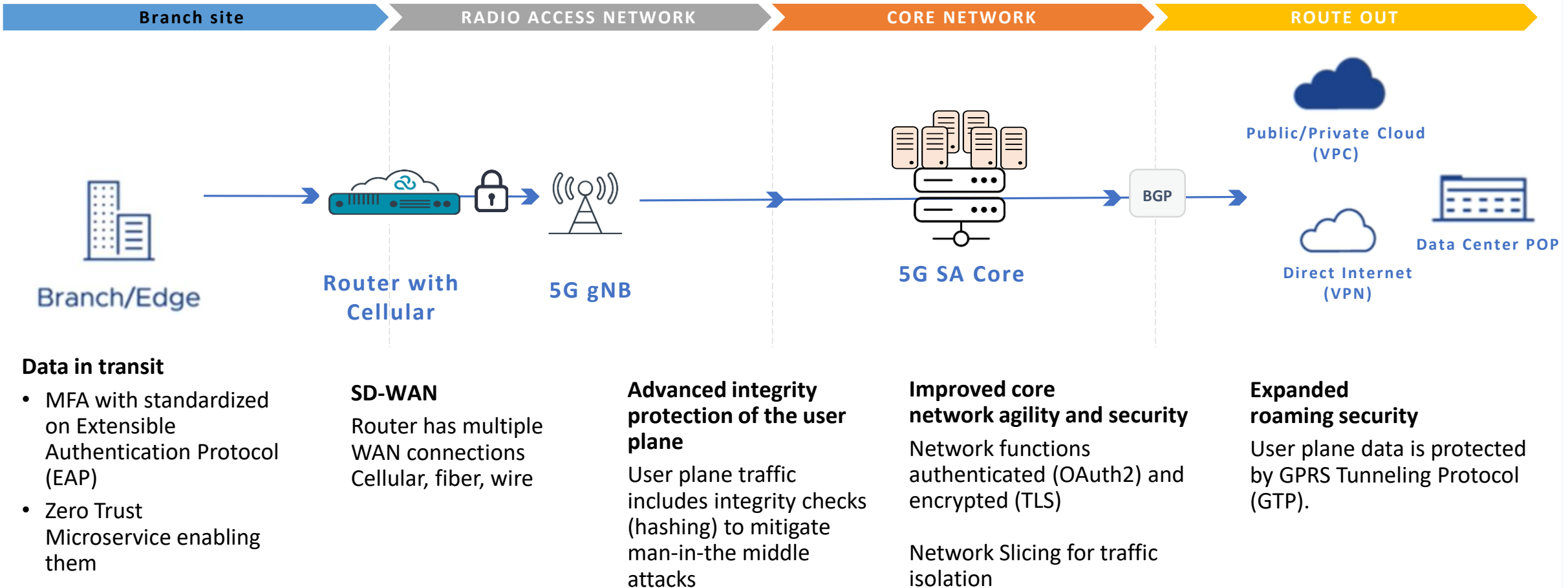
AGENDA

- WHY 5G: ENTERPRISE BRANCH TO IOT
- 5G NATIVE SECURITY AND ZERO TRUST ARCHITECTURE
- EXISTING SECURITY STACK INTEGRATION
- 5G ATTACKS IN 2023-2023 AND PREDICTIONS
- STINGRAY IN 5G IS A NO-GO

WHY USE 5G?

- HIGH BANDWIDTH, LOW LATENCY, SD-WAN
- FASTER PROVISIONING
- ESSENTIAL TO HIGHLY MOBILE AND IOT ENVIRONMENTS
- 5G NATIVE SECURITY
- HIGHLY SCALEABLE MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS

5G Native Security



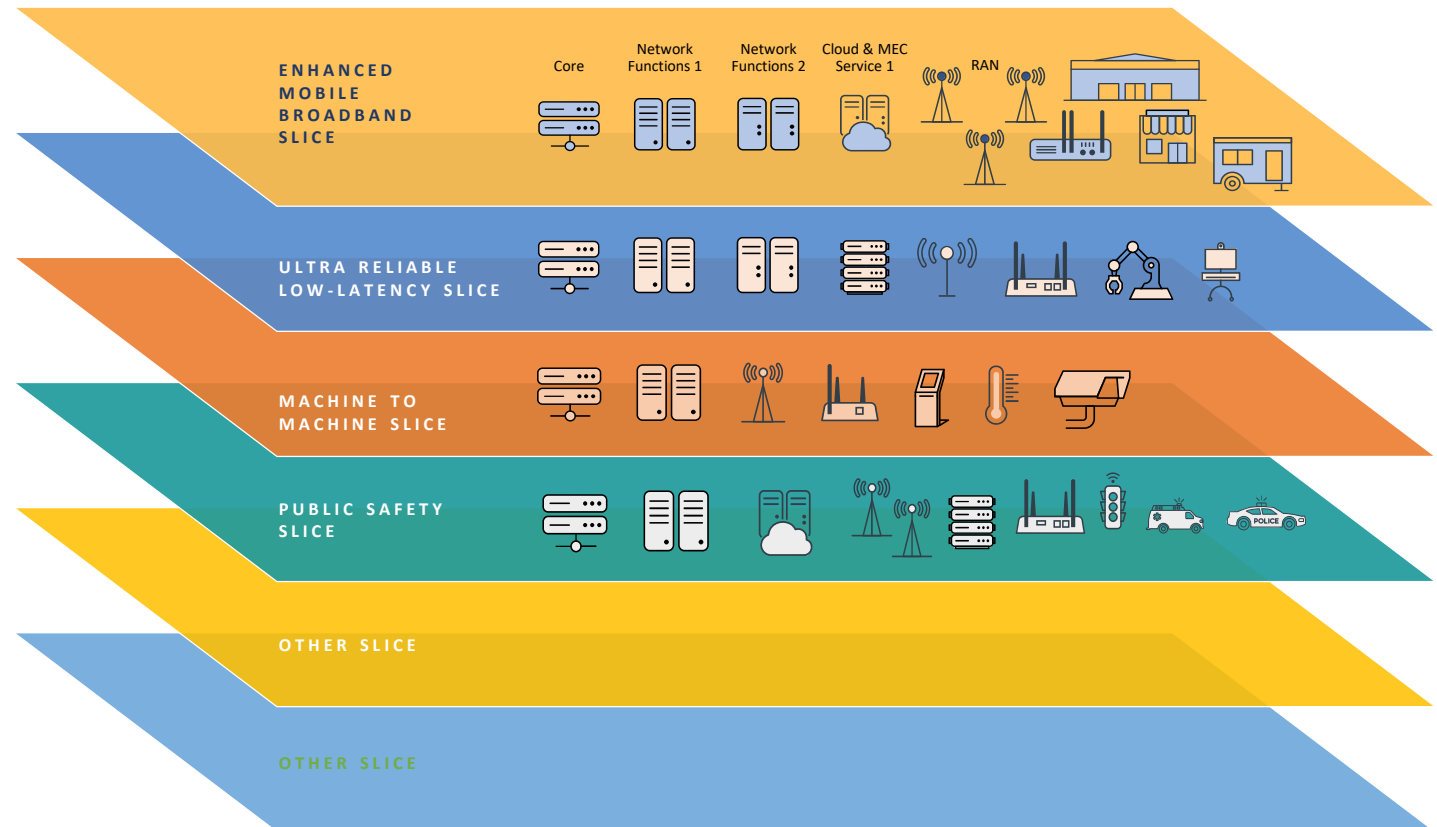
ATTACK SURFACE REDUCTION

Network Slice Selection Function (NSSF):
Network Slicing (VLAN-like)

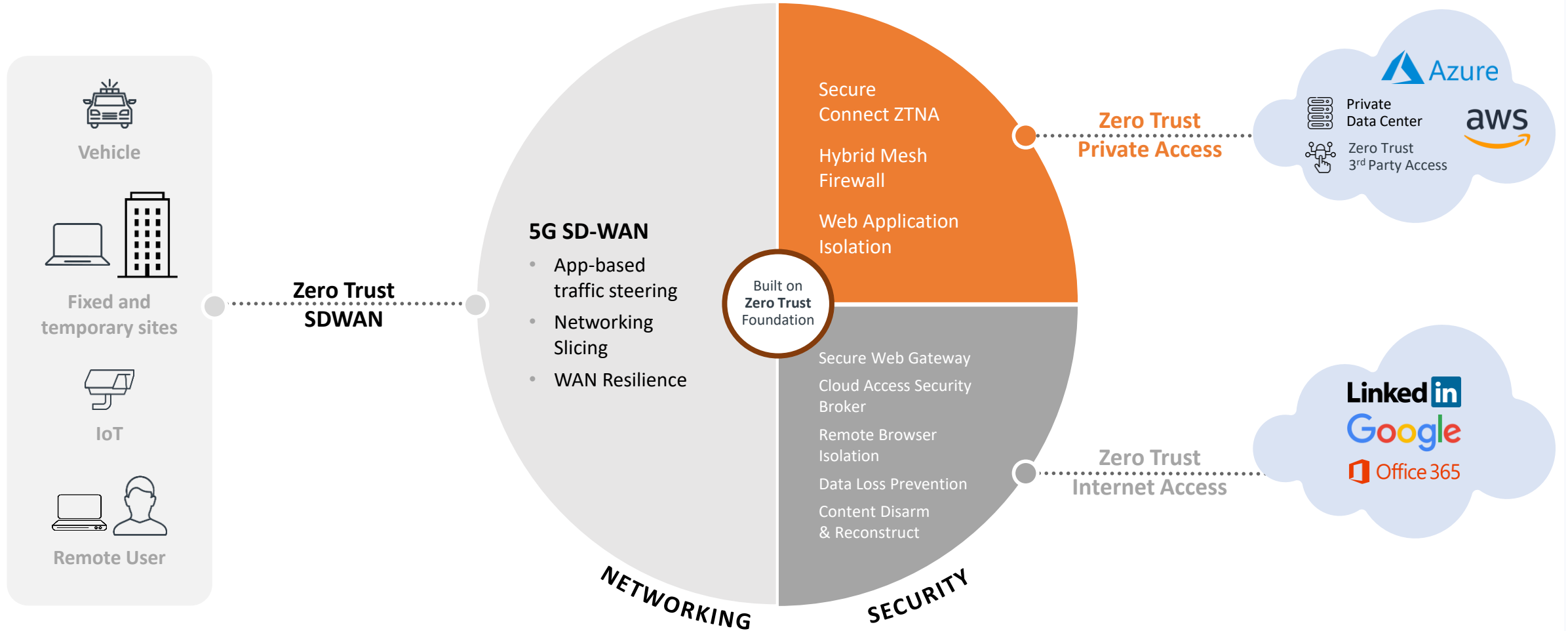
Access & Mobility Management Function (AMF):
EAP authentication

Capability Exposure Function (NEF):
API for cellular WAN device management at scale such as security policy and configurations by group.

5G SA NETWORK SLICING



NetCloud SASE Services



“Is 5G Secure?”

FUD Removal Funnel



WHAT VERSION OF G?

4G, 5G Non-Standalone (NSA)

5G Standalone (SA)



WHERE IN THE DATA FLOW IS THE VULNERABILITY?

SIM swapping / SIM Card PIN and IMEI Lock

Base station impersonation / VPN

Integration technology / assess their controls



WHAT TECHNOLOGY HAS THE FLAW?

Identity provider issue / Federated ID backup

API authentication / Assess use requirements



WHAT IS THE LIKELIHOOD? THREAT X IMPACT

Likelihood given your deployment and exposure

Impact on your organization's security posture
(i.e. accepted risk)



WHAT SECURITY CONTROLS MITIGATE THE RISK

Zero Trust Architecture

MFA using authentication application

Document residual risk

5G ATTACKS 2023-2024



AKA BYPASS

Downgrade attack, requires local presence

Enforce protocols and security settings



BASEBAND HARDWARE VULNERABILITIES

Cellular antenna to transmit data, requires local presence

Data encryption is complete before transit



RAN HARDWARE VULNERABILITIES

Requires local presence, 5G authentication controls

Data encryption by IPsec/GRE tunnel



WHAT IS THE LIKELIHOOD? THREAT X IMPACT

Requires physical proximity and downgrade attack

If data in transit is encrypted by IPsec/GRE, then the impact is a denial of service.



WHAT SECURITY CONTROLS MITIGATE THE RISK

Zero Trust Network Access with 5G slicing

Use microtunnel IPsec/GRE encryption for data in transit

5G ATTACK PREDICTIONS: ECOSYSTEM



THIRD PARTY MANAGEMENT

At scale management platforms for IoT devices



API CONNECTIVITY TO 5G CORE

Stolen credentials, API key leakage, no key rotation



CELLULAR HARDWARE

Carrier hardware

Cellular device hardware



BREAKING ENCRYPTION

Using advanced decryption technology such as quantum computing

GLOBAL LEADER IN SORTING MACHINES

Zero Trust Private Access

Challenges

- Provide sorting services for recycling companies, agriculture companies
- Hundreds of different customers globally
- Employees, contractors and subcontractors coming in remotely and on-premises and need access to OT system for remote monitoring/ maintenance

Solution

- NetCloud ZTNA

Results

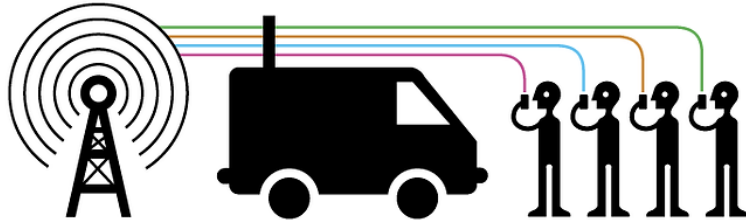
- IdP integration to track subcontractor access; might only work for a couple of weeks
- Auditing capabilities down to the flow level to track who is trying to access what.



Stingray

CELL-SITE SIMULATOR SURVEILLANCE

Cell-site simulators trick your phone into thinking they are base stations.



Depending on the type of cell-site simulator in use, they can collect the following information:

- 1. identifying information about the device like International Mobile Subscriber Identity (IMSI) number
- 2. metadata about calls like who you are dialing and duration of call
- 3. intercept the content of SMS and voice calls
- 4. intercept data usage, such as websites visited.

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- 5G ENCRYPTS IMSI, USES DYNAMIC SUCI
- 5G ENCRYPTION AES-ALGORITHMS
- 5G AUTHENTICATION KEY DURING ATTACHMENT
- DISALLOW DOWNGRADE TO 4G
ENCRYPT DATA BEFORE SENDING

Resources



[ERICSSON ENTERPRISE WIRELESS THREAT INTELLIGENCE BLOG](#)



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THREAT RESEARCH KEYWORDS
CELLULAR WIRELESS WAN
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IOT CELLULAR WAN

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Thank you!