5G Security – Building Blocks for Secure and Resilient Networks

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5G Security

5G is the most secure mobile broadband standard ever

- New authentication and privacy modes
- Patches whole range of weaknesses in earlier generations
- New mmW technology has limited range making interception more difficult

HOWEVER, 5G is radically new

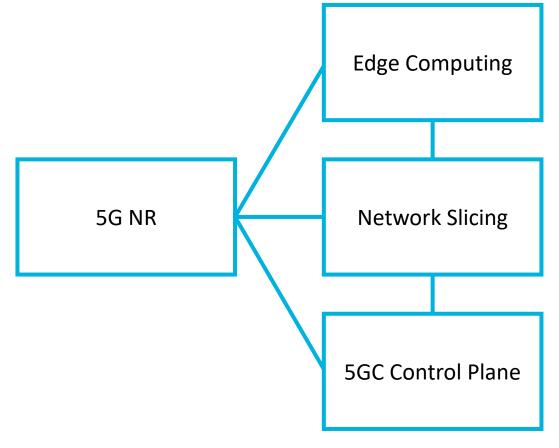
- Entirely new architecture new implementations = bugs = vulnerabilities
- Order of magnitude increase in complexity will be deployed insecurely
- Core equipment not custom hardware anymore vulnerable to cloudbased exploitation techniques



5G Building Blocks and Security



- Spectrum: mmW, sharing
- Waveform: MU-MIMO
- Approach: small cells, SATCOM integration



- Extends the cloud into the core network to reduce latency
- New and yet to be defined approach and management plane
- Virtually slice the mobile, Internet, and cloud for private networks
- New protocols and management plane
- Turns core into cloud services environment
- Entirely new PKI-based security framework



5G Security

Waveform Security

- TRANSEC
 - Spectral efficiency has inherent TRANSEC properties
 - mmW and smallcell deployment models have AJ properties
- COMSEC
 - Improvements over 4G in waveform identity protection
 - Broader authentication and identity models to support IoT

Core Security

- Control Plane
 - PKI-based security model to enable federated and perimeterless control plane
- Software-Defined Data Plane
 - Dynamically reprovision networks for elastic network resilience and defense
 - DDoS protection, botnet defense, moving target defense

Supply Chain Concerns





- Ongoing concerns over Huawei market dominance in 5G
- Economic concerns turn into national security concerns, especially as 5G technology is applied to critical applications
- Efforts to slow China down
 - Sanctions (Huawei/ZTE ban, Commerce entity list)
 - Reduce ally adoption to impact global adoption
- Efforts to speed the US up
 - Reboot US innovation ecosystem in telecom, focused on 5G applications and beyond-5G core technologies
- Efforts to operate securely in spite of supply chain
 - Secure network slices
 - Zero trust networks/architectures

Secure and Resilient Tactical and First Responder Use

