Deloitte Global predicts that over 200 mobile networks will include elements of 5G network architecture in 2017. These will be found among upgraded 4G (LTE-A and LTE-A Pro) networks, which will provide a steady progression to the full launch of 5G in 2020.

Advanced 4G networks introduce network components including:
- Carrier aggregation
- Licensed Assisted Access
- MIMO
- QAM
- Beamforming

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