### FM Receivers in Smartphones

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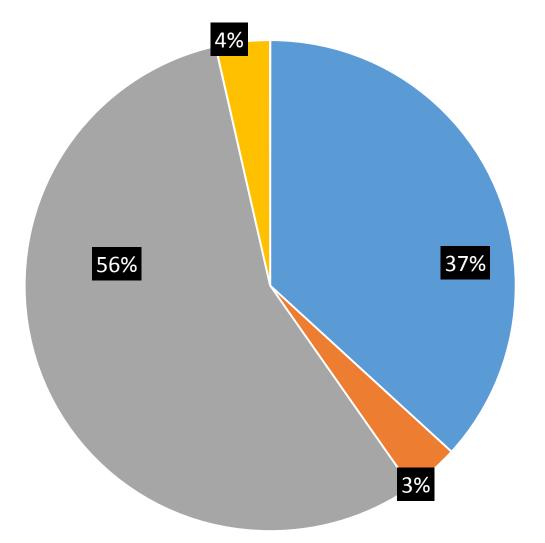
### Advantages of FM in Smartphones

- Benefits to users, carriers and broadcasters
- Low cost to implement
- Instantly available and relatively consistent service
- Battery life extension
- No data plan impact
- Network offloading
- Local content
- The power of convergence: Hybrid Radio

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### U.S. Smartphone Sales Data

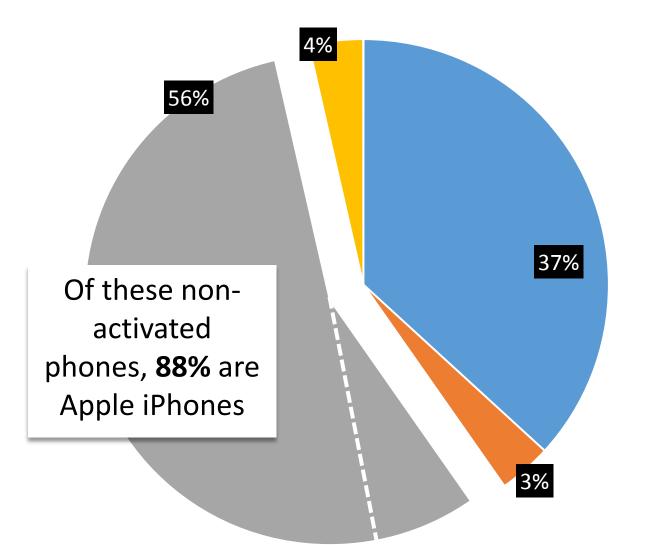
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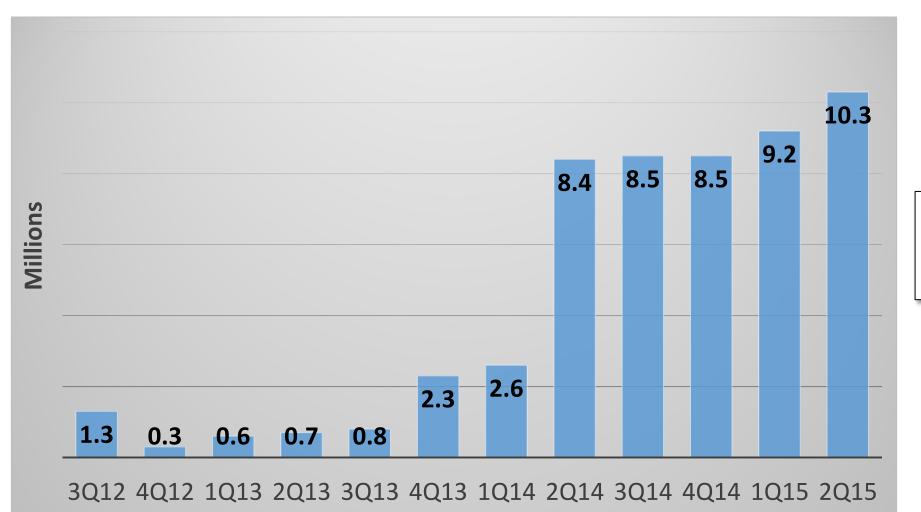
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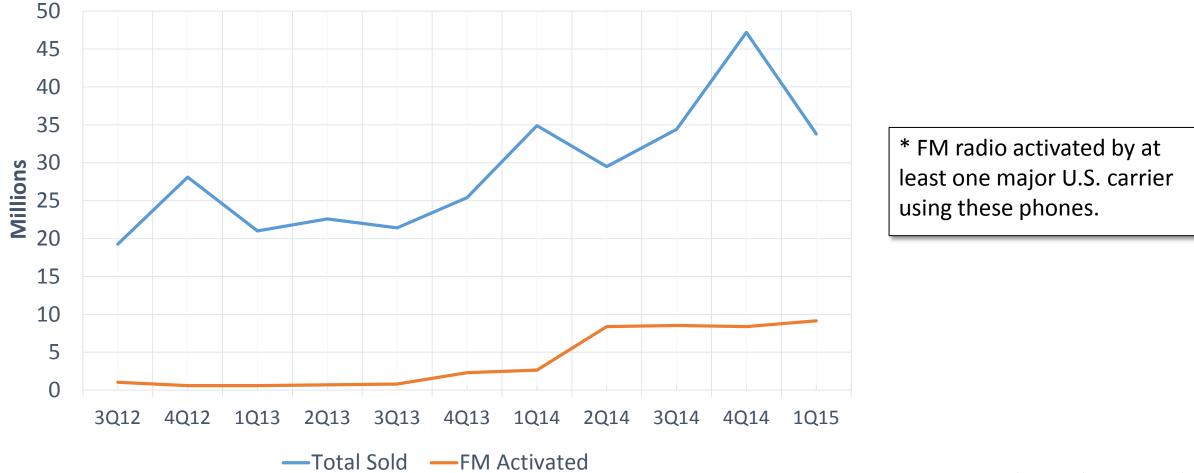
# Smartphones Sold in U.S. with FM Radio Activated (millions)\*



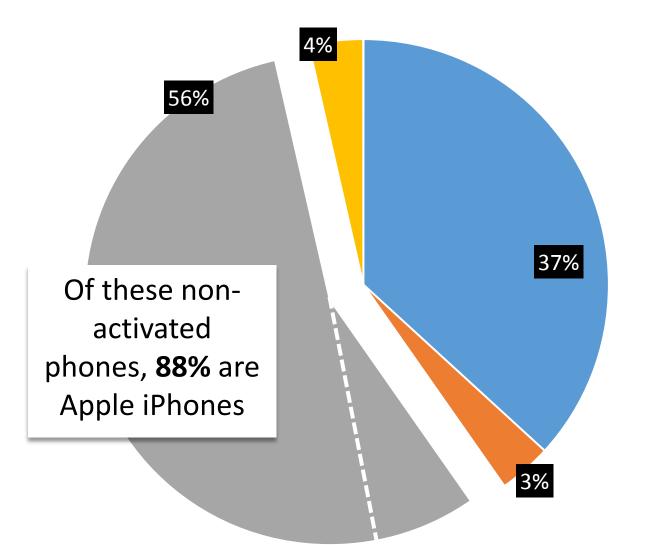
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### Smartphones Sold per Quarter (millions): Total Units vs. FM Activated Units\*



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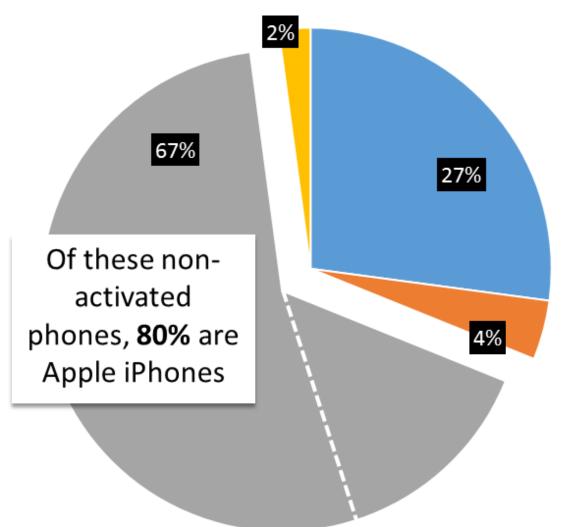
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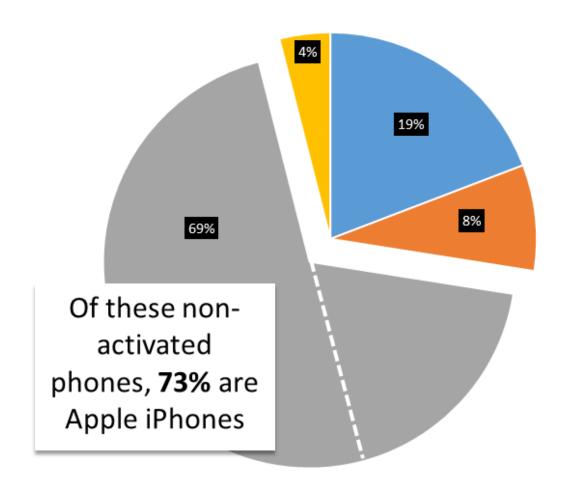
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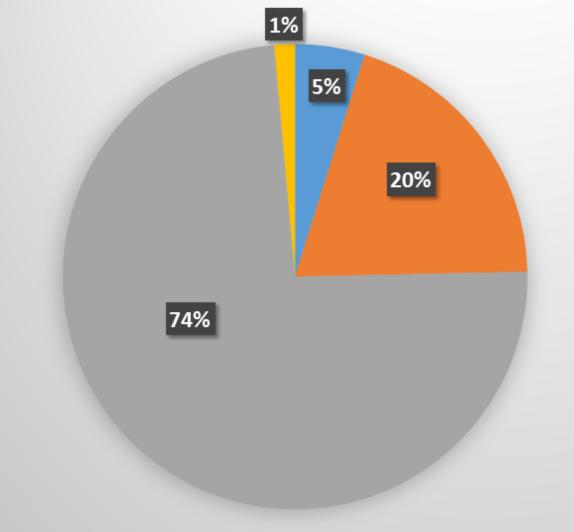


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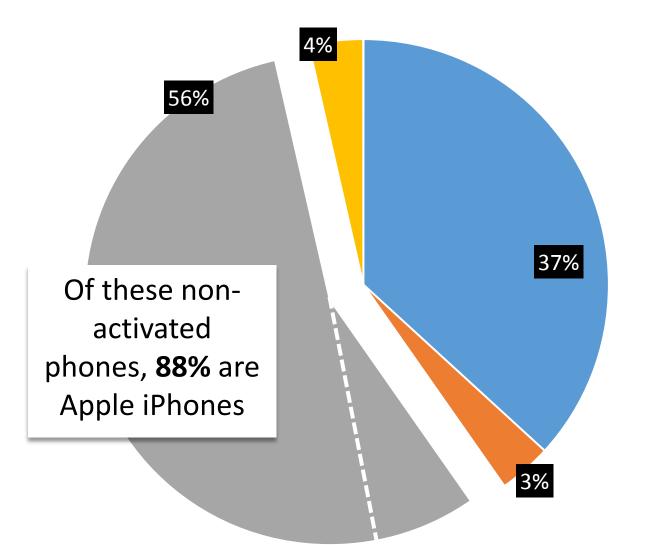
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### Smartphone "FM Readiness"

### A Hierarchy of Implementations

• Class 1: FM receiver hardware on board

- "Connectivity chip" includes WiFi, Bluetooth, FM
- Class 2: FM receiver on board and connected
  - RF in, audio (+ data) out
- Class 3: UI exposed (FM app preloaded)
- Class 4: Hybrid radio enabled

### A Hierarchy of Implementations

CLASS	DESCRIPTION	EXAMPLES
1	FM Chip Onboard, "unconnected"	Samsung Galaxy S4 Apple iPhone 5S
2	FM Chip Connected, no UI	HTC One M8 (Verizon)
3	FM Fully Enabled	Motorola Moto G Samsung Galaxy S3 (Non-U.S.) HTC One M8 (AT&T)
4	Hybrid FM Enabled	Samsung Galaxy S5 (Sprint) HTC One M8 (Sprint)

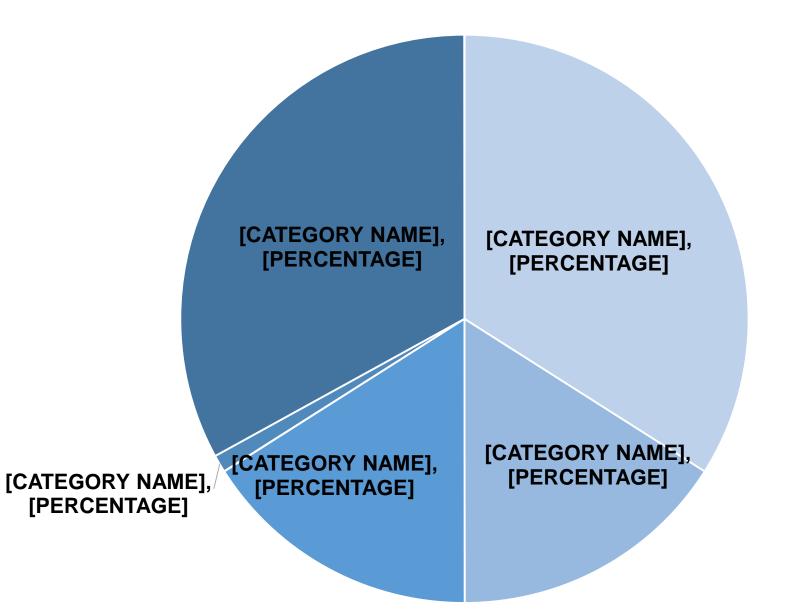
### **Differential Deployment**

- U.S. vs. International Versions
- Differences between U.S. carriers
- The "Sprint Effect"
- The special case of Apple iPhones

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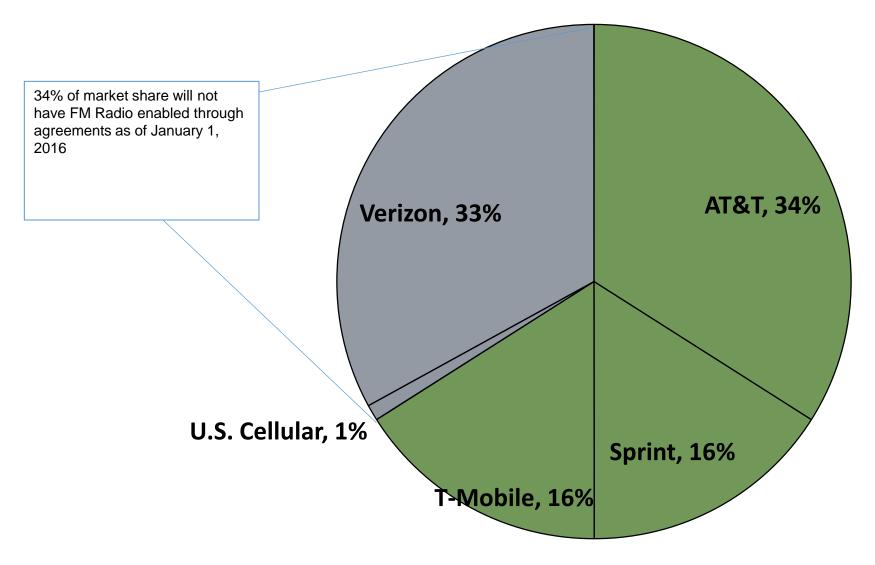
# Analysis by U.S. Carriers

#### Major U.S. Carriers' Market Share

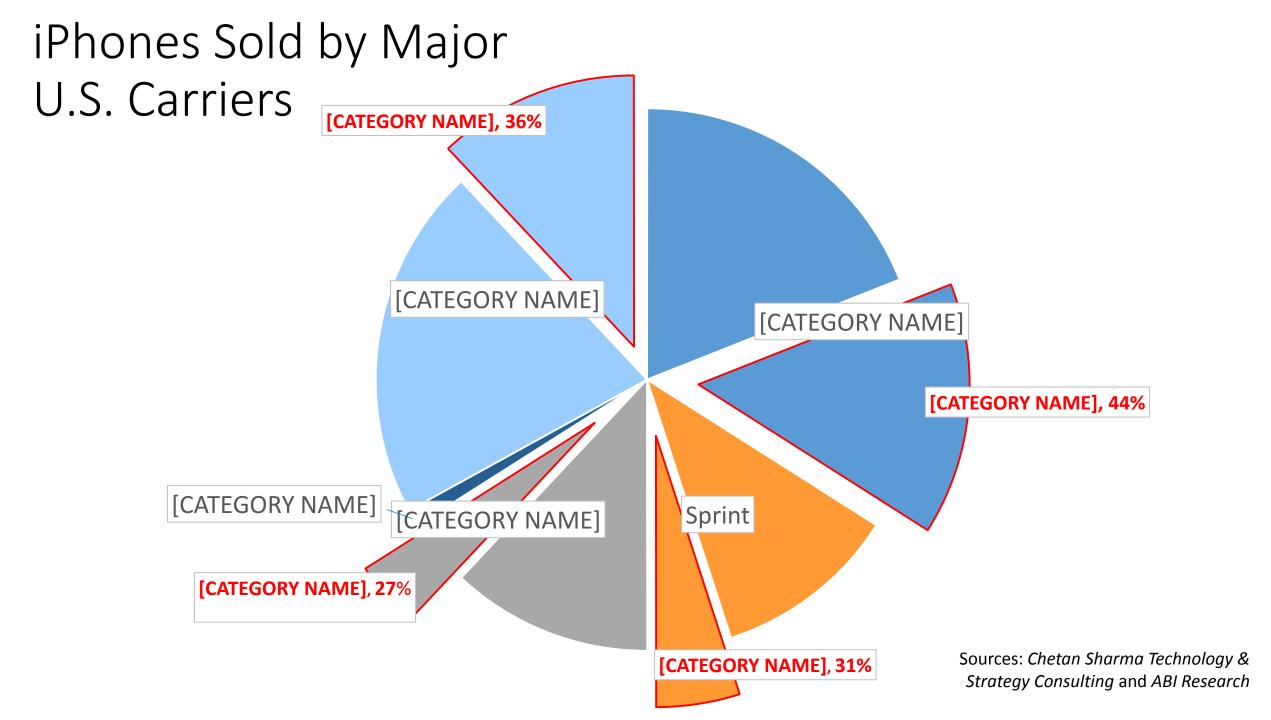


Source: Chetan Sharma Technology & Strategy Consulting

#### U.S. Carriers Enabling FM Chip (as of January 1, 2016)



Three major carriers (with 66% of U.S. market) will encourage FM chip activation for their <u>Android</u> phones sold after Jan. 1, 2016.

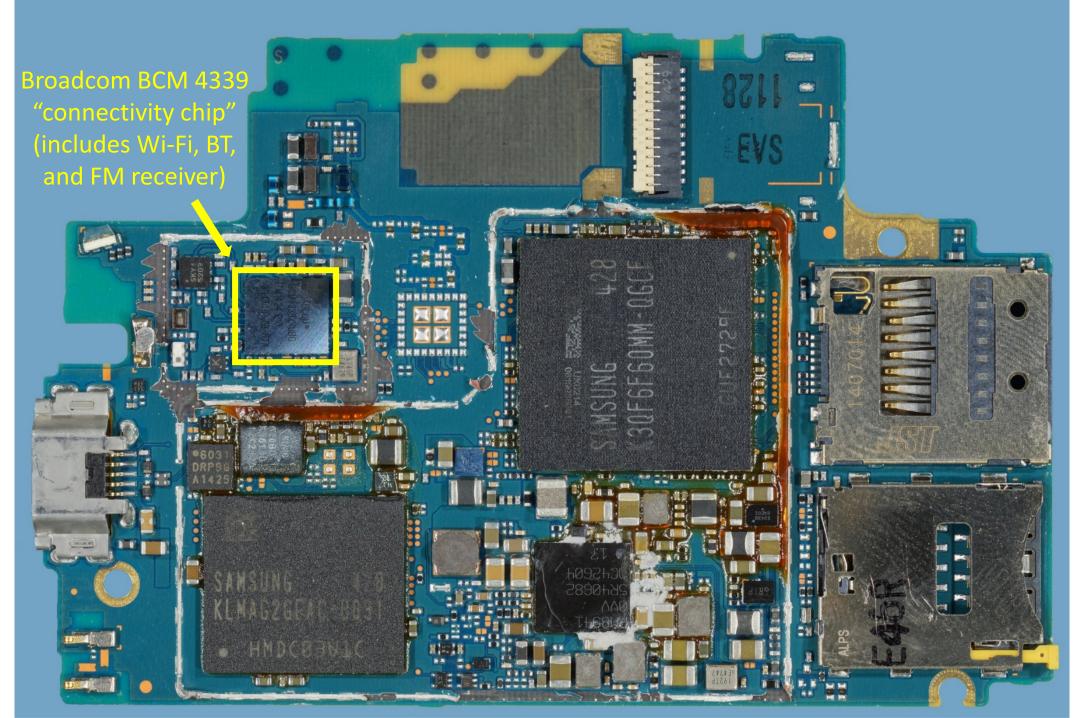


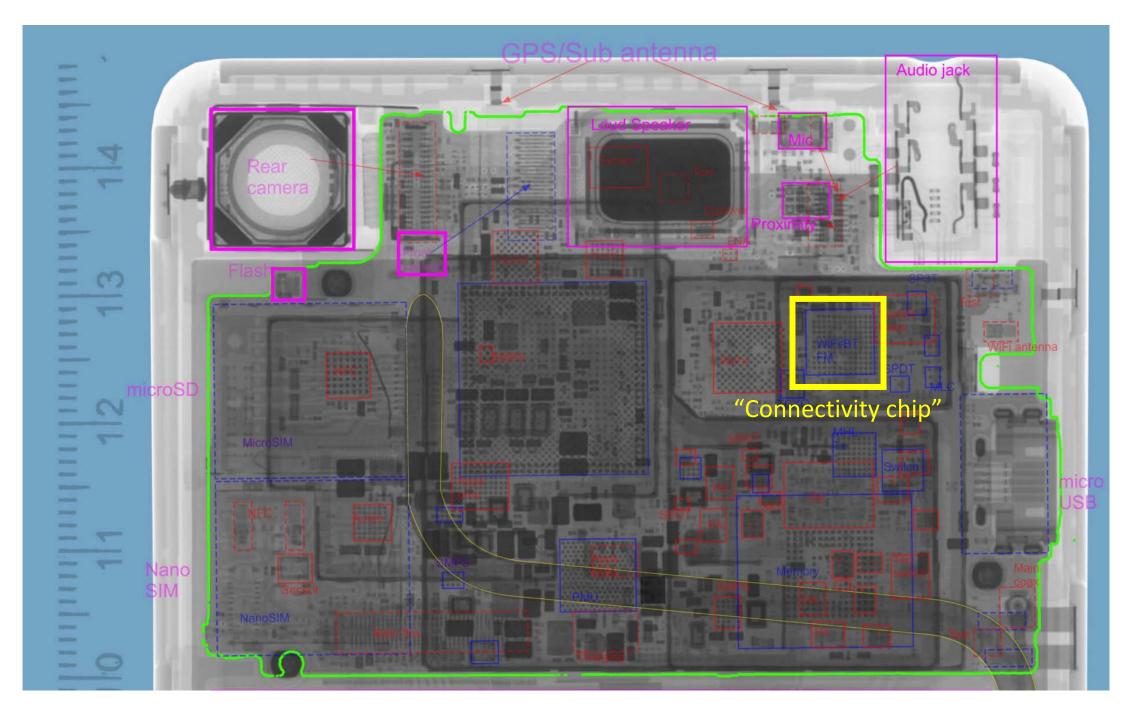
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# Teardown Analysis

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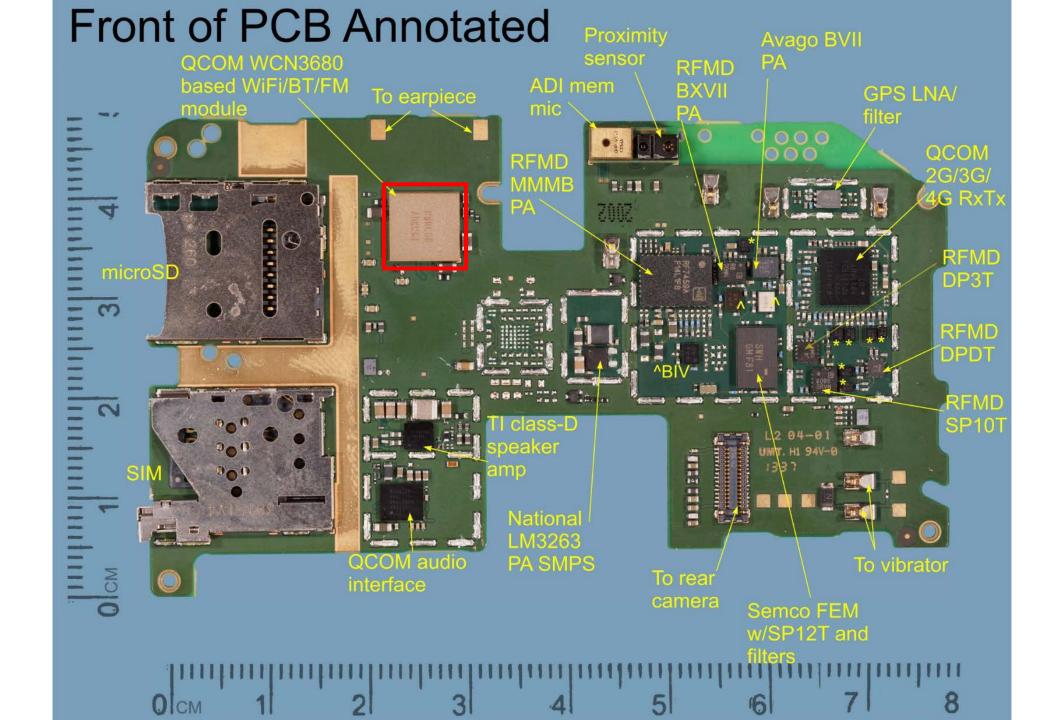


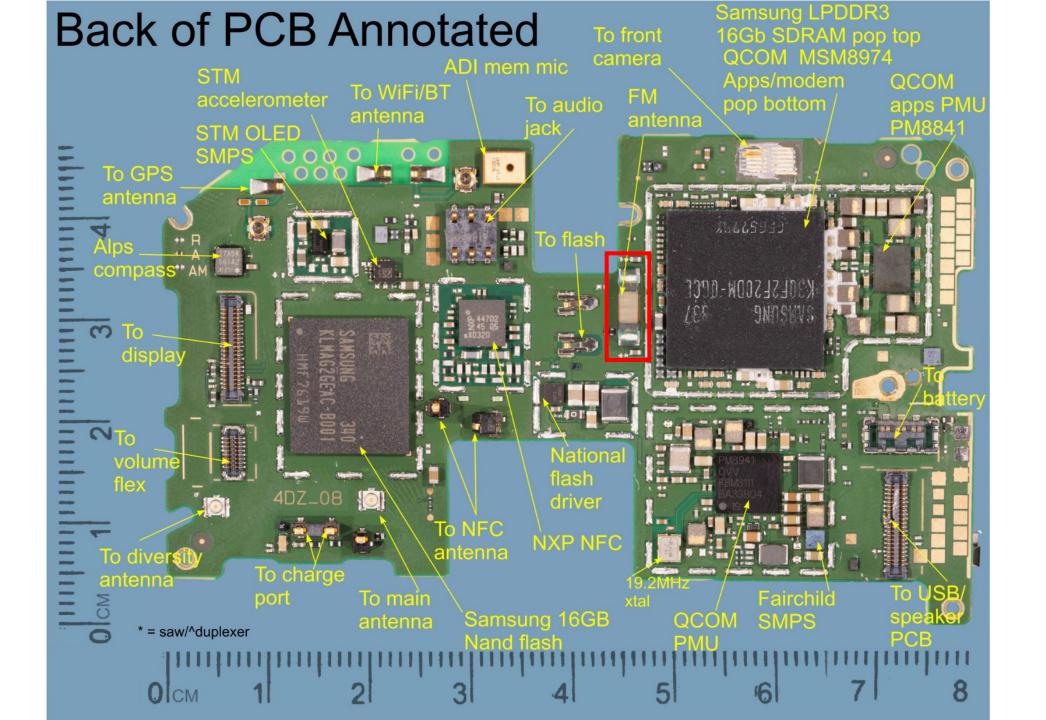




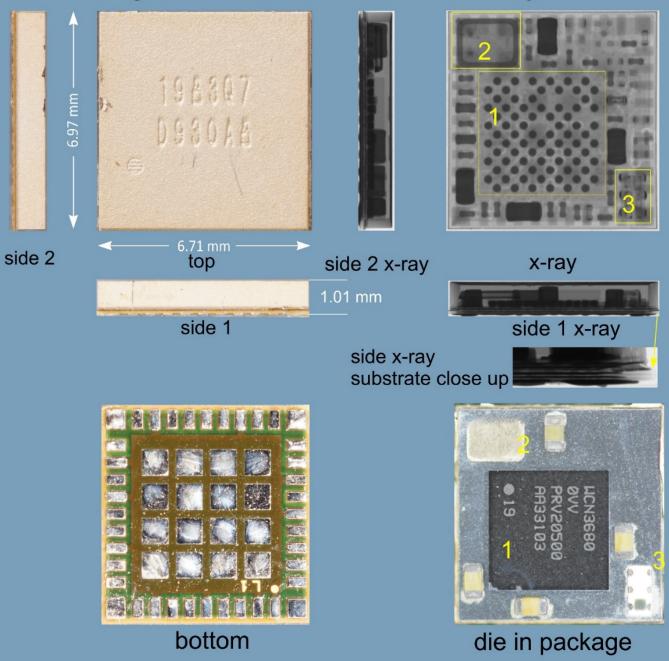
#### Nokia *Lumia 1520*

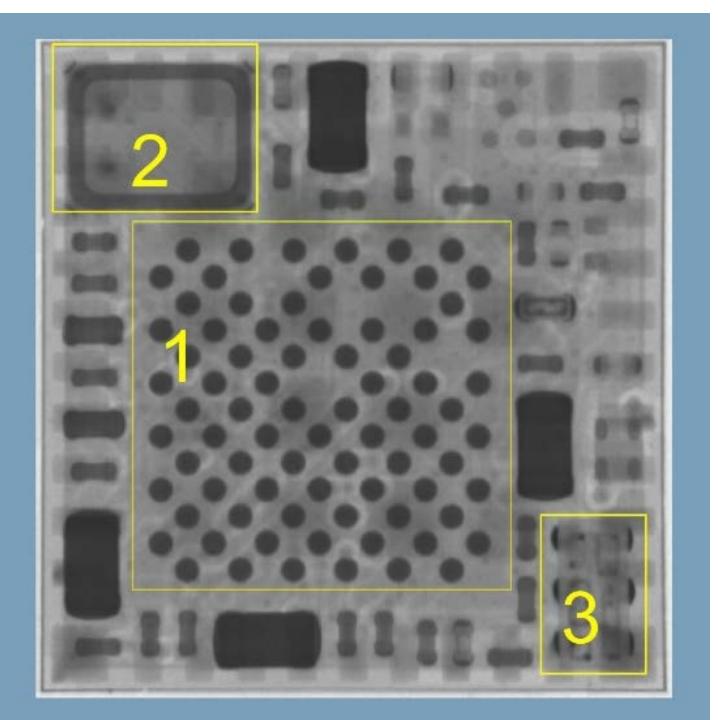






#### Package Photos and X-Rays





#### 1: Connectivity chip

- 2: Crystal
- 3: Multi-Layer Ceramic

Filter/Diplexer (2.4 GHz/5 GHz)

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## Power Consumption Comparison

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USAGE	AVG. POWER CONSUMPTION	EXPECTED BATTERY LIFE
FM Radio	0.21 Watts	36.16 hrs
Spotify IP Streaming	1.32 Watts	6.04 hrs
Pandora IP Streaming	1.01 Watts	7.90 hrs
TuneIn Radio IP Streaming	1.27 Watts	6.26 hrs

# Thank You!

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