

**2023 - IPlytics - Closing the SEP Transparency Gap Part 2:**

# How to Deal with SEP Determination of Large SEP Portfolios

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**Tim Pohlmann**

Chief Executive Officer, IPlytics GmbH

*IAM says:* As architect of the game-changing IPlytics intelligence platform, Tim Pohlmann has distinguished himself as one of the most forward-thinking minds in intellectual property today. He is a top expert on standard essentiality and has his finger on the pulse of technology industry developments.



- **PhD & Post Doc.** TU Berlin, CERN, MINES ParisTech.
- CEO and **founder of IPlytics.**
- **2023 IAM Strategist 300.** Recognized thought leader.
- **Economic expert** and author of studies for the EU Commission, WIPO and German government.
- Appointed **faculty lecturer** (TU Berlin, EPF Lausanne, CEIPI Strasbourg, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law)
- **Author** of over 50 industry articles published at IAM Magazine, IPWatchdog and Managing IP.



# Agenda

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# | Pitfalls when analyzing and counting declared patents



Patent declarations may be declared more than once!



# Common pitfalls when analyzing and counting declared SEPs

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## Redeclaration of patents

- Companies may “**re-declare**” patents they have already declared a years ago.
  - Some patents’ claims are relevant across different generations of standard e.g. 4G as well as 5G. These patents may be again declared to a new standard version or generation.
  - Sometimes patent ownership changes and the new owner again declares the patent.
- The “**re-declaration**” of patents e.g. across different generations of standards or across different patent owners **may cause double counting of patents.**

# SEP declaration- the matter of redeclaration

18 Documents    1 SEPs    1 Families

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Expand by Family

<input type="checkbox"/>	Publication No. ↕	Title ↕	Decl. Da... ↕	Standard Doc. ... ↕	SSO ↕	Technology
	US7657634B2	Quality of service support at an interface between mobi...	2018-09-15	TS 138 300 (RTS/T...	ETSI	5G
	US7657634B2	Quality of service support at an interface between mobi...	2018-09-15	TS 138 331 (RTS/TS...	ETSI	5G
	US7657634B2	Quality of service support at an interface between mobi...	2018-09-15	TS 38.331 v15.2.0	ETSI	5G
	US7657634B2	Quality of service support at an interface between mobi...	2018-09-15	TS 38.300 v15.2.0	ETSI	5G
	US7657634B2	Quality of service support at an interface between mobi...	2013-12-02	TS 36.331 v8.8.0	ETSI	4G

Patent declared to 5G in 2018

Patent declared to 4G in 2013



# SEP declaration to multiple standards

- The patent has been declared at **3 different SSO databases**
- The patent has been declared at **4 different standards**
- The patent has been declared at **9 different releases**
- The patent has been declared at **7 different technical specs**

Declaration Overview	
Publication Number	SE198800698D0
Standard Setting Organization	ARIB   ETSI   ITUR
Standard Project	UMTS   M.1225   LTE   IMT-2000 MC-CDMA System
Technology Generation	4G
Releases	Release 8   Release 13   Release 12   Release 9   Release 11   Release 10   Release 16   Release 15   Release 14
Groups	RAN3
Standard Document Id	M.1225   TS 136 440 (DTS/TSGR-0336440v900) v9.0.0   TS 136 300 (RTS/TSGR-0236300v920) v9.2.0   ARIB STD-T64 Ver.1.30   TS 36.440 v9.0.0   TS 36.300 v9.2.0   ARIB STD-T64 Ver.1.00
Declaring Company	Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson   Ericsson   Ericsson Inc.

II How to match, clean,  
deduplicate and enhance patent  
declaration data?

# Patent Declaration Data Cleaning

## Match

Declared number

WO2006KR03250

KR20020063942

HK20010104144

KR19980053228

KR19990054258

US20060420323



Matched application number

WO2006KR3250A

KR200263942A

HK2001104144A

KR199853228A

KR199954258A

US2006420323A

Declared patent numbers are messy. >40% of the declared **numbers** must be **normalized** to match patent office data.

## Clean



Almost 20% of all declared patent numbers are ambiguous which makes it required to check and **clean out false positive**.

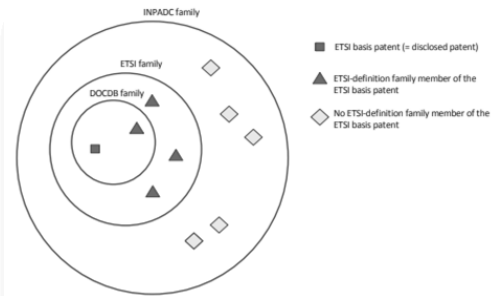
## Deduplicate

IPR Information Statement			
RD, TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION or ETR Work Item	Preparator	Application No.	Publication No.
Work Item or Spec/Doc No.	Illustrative Specific part of the standard (e.g. Section)	Version (V.V.V.V)	Patent
Specs			
TS 24.008			
TS 28.423			
TS 28.211			
TS 27.340			
TS 28.200			
TS 28.204			
TS 28.206			
TS 28.221			
TS 28.212			
TS 28.215			
TS 28.214			
TS 28.423			
TS 28.413			
TS 28.473			
TS 28.208			

Patents of the same family are declared multiple times which makes it required to **deduplicate** and count by family.

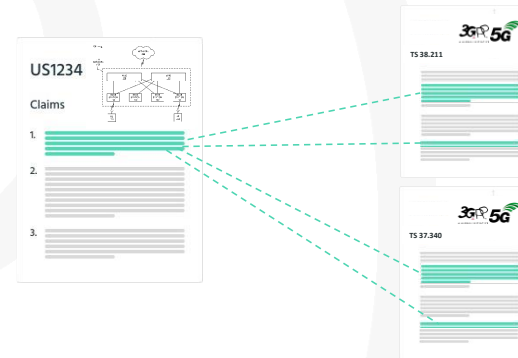
# Patent Declaration Data Processing

## Expand



ETSI requires to declare one basis patent only which makes it required to **add family counterparts** from all jurisdictions.

## Classify



Patents are declared to ambiguous standard projects which makes it required to **classify** patents to distinct **standards generations** using TS.

## Enhance



IPlytics connects declared patents with accurate **ultimate patent owner** data, **legal status** and **patent family** information.

# III Declaration sources, declarations practices and data implications?

## II. Which SSOs provide SEP data for which standards?

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- Information about potential SEPs is only provided by a limited number of SSO that operate in standards areas where patents matter:
  - Communication technology e.g. Wi-Fi (4-7) or cellular technology (3G, 4G, 5G)
  - Audio or video coding technology (ITUT HEVC, VVC, AAC)
  - Broadcasting (DVB, ATSC, SMPTE)
- Such standards are of highest importance for the next technology revolution where everything will be connected through the Internet of Things.
- New upcoming standard project outside of the commutation world (e.g. Society of Automotive Engineers) increasingly provide information on potential SEPs.

# Standard Essential Patent Data (1978-2023)

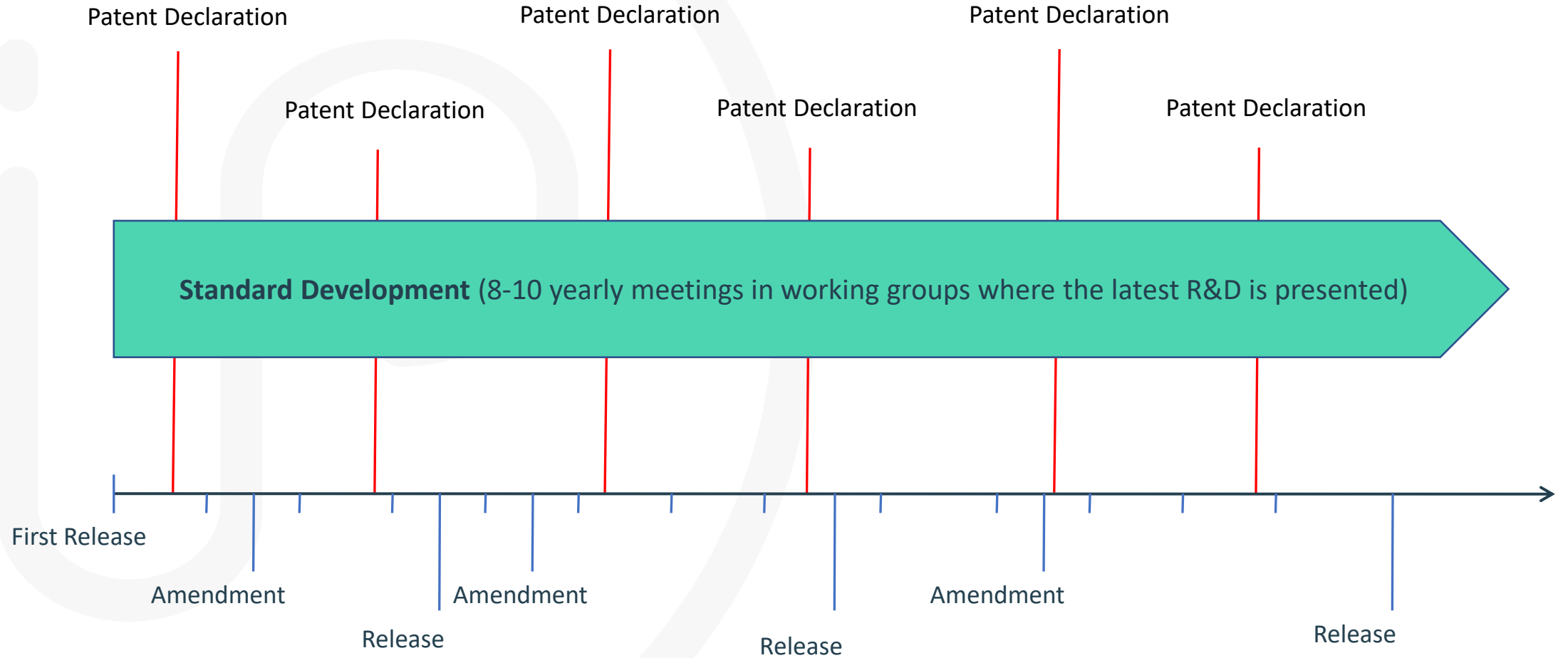
SSO	Example Standards	Declared SEPs
ETSI	2G, 3G, 4G, 5G, NB IoT, LTE-E, ITS, C-V2X, DVB, DMR, DECT, TERA	466,862
ITU	AVC H.264, HEVC H.265, VVC H.266	37,928
ATSC	ATSC -1.0- 3.0, Over the Air Internet TV Broadcasting	32,162
ISO	RFID, MPEG 1-4, mp3	12,507
ETSI	2G, 3G, 4G, 5G	14,070
IETF	Internet Protocol Standards	8,600
IEEE	Wi-Fi 1-7, DSRC, WAVE, LAN/MAN, Bluetooth, ZigBee, FireWire, WiMAX, Ethernet	7,848
ARIB	2G, 3G, 4G, 5G	2,500
IEC	Electric vehicle conductive charging, Industrial Networks, CQN series RF, RFID	2,200
Wireless Power Con.	Wireless Charging Qi Standard	2,400
OMA	GSM, UMTS or CDMA2000	5,400
ISO/IEC	MPEG Visual	1,770
SMPTE	Motion Picture and Television	2,250

# Standard Essential Patent Data (1978-2023)

SSO	Example Standards	Declared SEPs
ANSI	Wi-Fi 1-7, LAN/MAN, Bluetooth, ZigBee, FireWire, WiMAX, Ethernet	1,044
IEEE / IEC	Wi-Fi 1-7, DSRC, WAVE, LAN/MAN, Bluetooth, ZigBee, FireWire, WiMAX, Ethernet	260
ITU-T	Radio Transmission	1,690
CCSA	2G, 3G, 4G, 5G	332
VESA	DisplayPort	196
OASIS	XrML WSRP UOML   UOML UDDI	279
Broadband Forum	Ethernet, ADSL, DSL, Optical Fiber	83
TIA	TDMA, CDMA, WCDMA	96
CEN	IST, Electronic Identification, Authentication and Trusted Services	55
SAE	Broadband PLC Communication for Plug-in Electric Vehicles, Mobile Fueling Station	20
ECMA	NFC	3



# Standards development and patent declarations



# Patent Declaration Practices

- **Specific declarations with all details**

Publication Number	Declaring Company	Standard Document	Section Number	Declaration Date
US8837381B2	Ericsson	TS 38.213 v17.1.0	10.2A	19.05.2017
EP2208384B1	Panoptis	TS 38.213 v17.1.0	19.2	07.05.2020
EP1952549B2	Huawei Technologies	TS 38.212 v17.1.0	5.5	23.10.2018
EP2234452B2	ZTE	TS 23.292 v17.0.0	7.4.2.1.2	24.10.2019
EP3496334B1	InterDigital	TS 23.502 v17.4.0	4.15.2	30.09.2021
EP2124499B1	Innovative Sonic	TS 38.331 v17.0.0	8	09.07.2020
US8228827B2	Samsung Electronics	TS 38.321 v15.6.0	5.1.5	23.08.2019
EP3557938B1	Guangdong Oppo	TS 38.331 v17.0.0	5.7.10.5	25.05.2021
EP1705828B2	Nokia Technologies	TS 33.220 v15.3.0	3.2	29.10.2018
EP2289268B8	Xiaomi	TS 24.008 v17.6.0	4.4.4.5	05.06.2020
US8000717B2	QUALCOMM	TS 38.473 v17.0.0	9.3.1.271	16.03.2018
US7643456B2	Conversant Wireless	TS 24.008 v11.8.0	9.5.15a	21.08.2018
US9426697B2	BlackBerry UK Limited	TS 24.301 v17.6.0	5.5.1.2.5C	06.11.2014
US7782818B2	Core Wireless	TS 24.301 v8.8.0	5.3.2	09.06.2017

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EP3557938B1	Guangdong Oppo	TS 38.331		25.05.2021
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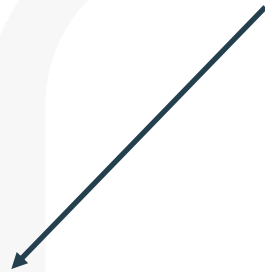
- **Blanket** declarations with **no details**

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	Ericsson	TS 38.213		19.05.2017
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# Patent Declaration Practices

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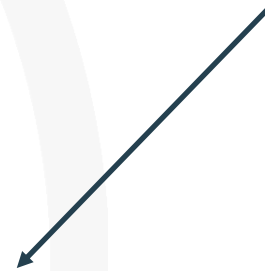


Publication Number	First Applicant/Assignee	Assignee Highest Parent	Inventor(s)	Publication Date	Application Date	Expiration Date	CPC/IPC	Active (not lapsed or expired)	Granted	Litigation Case Name	Litigation Filed Date
US8837381B2	Ericsson	Ericsson	ENGLUND EVA	16.09.2014	27.09.2007	14.10.2030	H04W72/14	true	true	Ericsson Inc., LM Ericsson Telefonaktiebolaget (publ) v. Apple Inc.	2015-02-26

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Standard Document ID	Standard Project	Technology Generation	Releases	Committee Groups	ISLD	Pooled?	FRAND	Reciprocity
TS 38.213 v17.1.0	3GPP NR Rel 17	5G	Release 17	RAN1	ISLD-201704-009	not true	true	true

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Publication Number

US8837381B2

CLAIM 13



13. A user equipment (UE) for providing channel state feedback from the UE to a base station, the UE comprising: a determining unit configured to determine whether the UE has received an uplink grant from the base station; and a transmitting unit configured to transmit a first type of channel state feedback information to the base station on the granted resource when the UE has received an uplink grant, wherein the first type of channel state feedback information is a high-resolution type, and a second type of channel state feedback information on a dedicated resource when the UE has not received an uplink grant, wherein said second type of channel state feedback information is a low-resolution type, using a smaller number of bits than the first, high-resolution type.

Standard Document Id

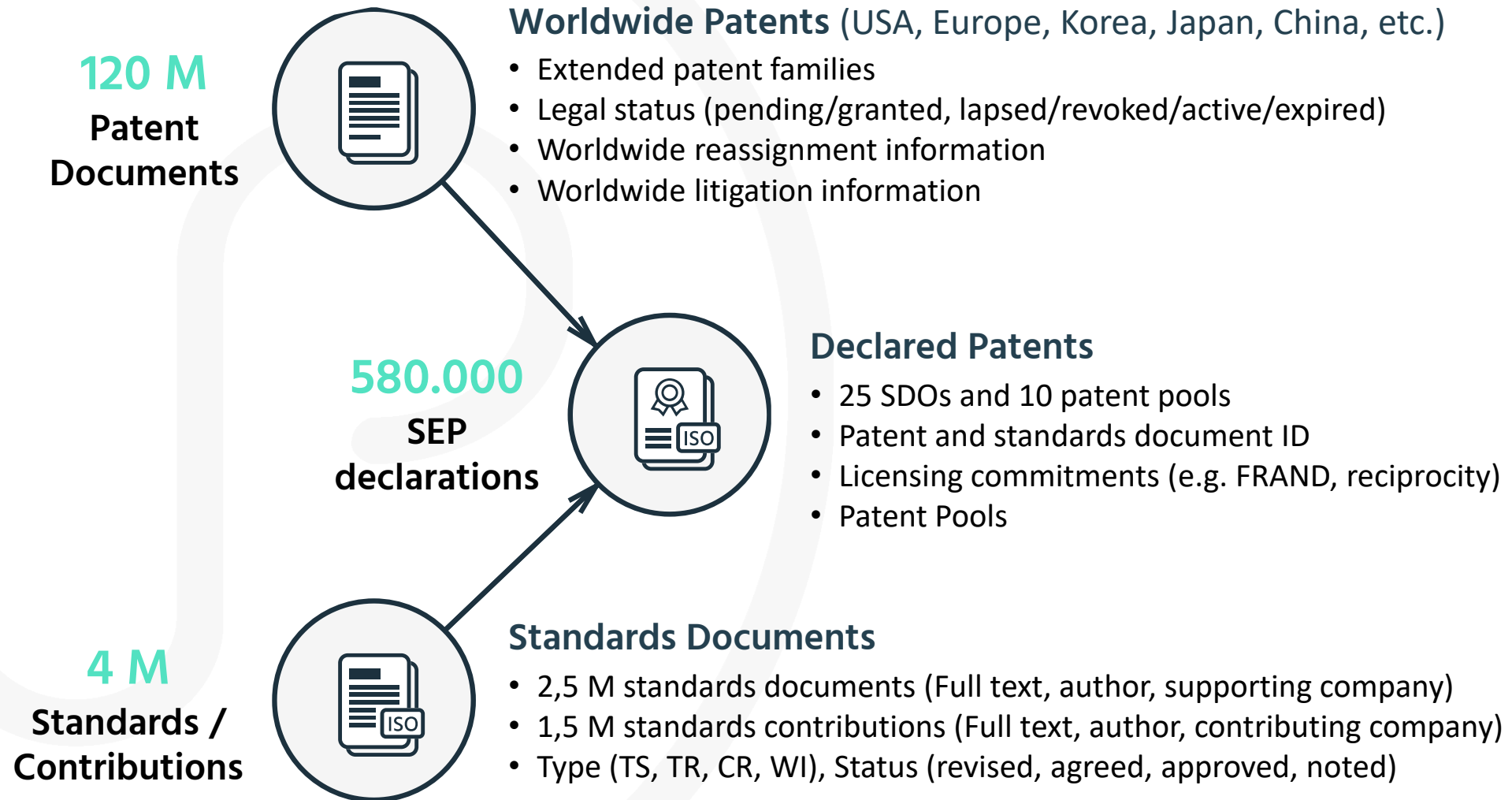
TS 38.213 v17.1.0

SECTION 10.2A



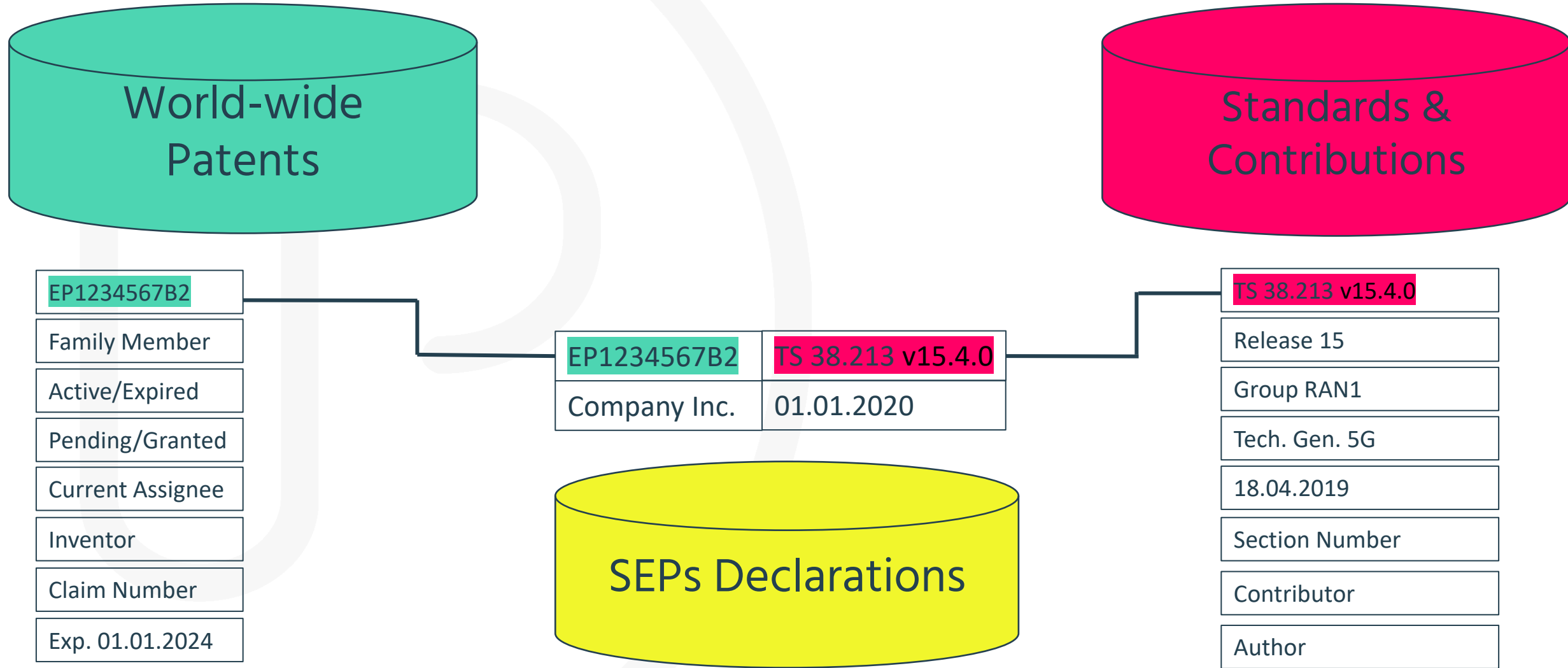
A UE validates, for scheduling activation or scheduling release, a SL configured grant Type 2 PDCCH if - the CRC of a corresponding DCI format 3\_0 is scrambled with a SL-CS-RNTI provided by sl-CS-RNTI, and - the new data indicator field in the DCI format 3\_0 for the enabled transport block is set to '0' Validation of the DCI format 3\_0 is achieved if all fields for the DCI format 3\_0 are set according to Table 10.2A-1 or Table 10.2A-2. If validation is achieved, the UE considers the information in the DCI format 3\_0 as a valid activation or valid release of SL configured grant Type 2. If validation is not achieved, the UE discards all the information in the DCI format 3\_0. ETSI ETSI TS 138 213 V17.1.0 (2022-05)1603GPP TS 38.213 version 17.1.0 Release 17 Table 10.2A-1: Special fields for SL configured grant Type 2 scheduling activation PDCCH validation DCI format 3\_0 HARQ process number set to all '0's Table 10.2A-2: Special fields for SL configured grant Type 2 scheduling release PDCCH validation DCI format 3\_0 HARQ process number set to all '1's Frequency resource assignment (if present) set to all '1's

# IPlytics Data Source





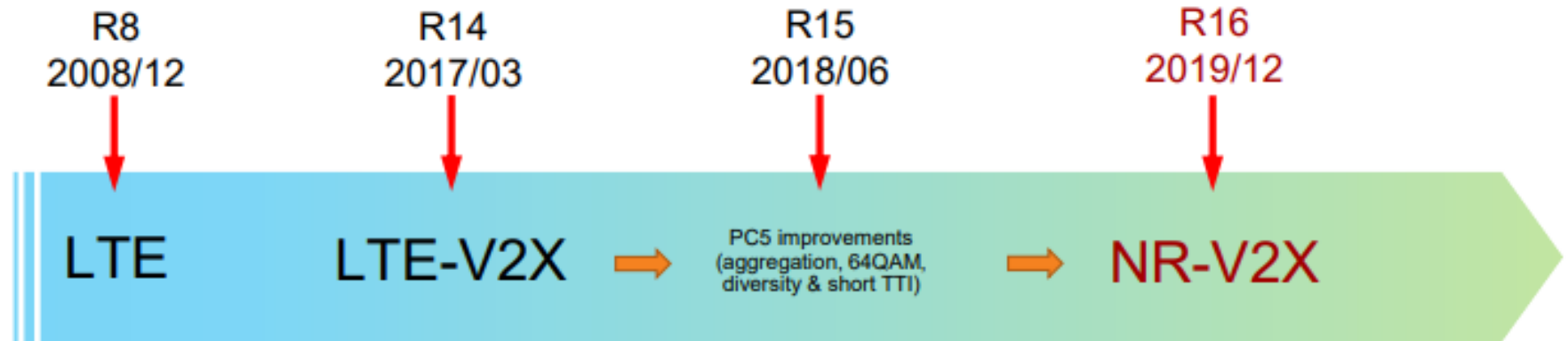
# Data Sources



**IV** How to identify main SEP holders for a specific standards application e.g. V2X or NB-IoT?



- ❑ Current version of C-V2X is called **LTE-V2X** as part of 3GPP Rel-14 & 15
- ❑ **NR-V2X** as part of Rel-16 comes as an improvement to support autonomous driving
- ❑ NR-V2X will **complement and co-exist with** LTE-V2X i.e. operation of NR-V2X alone is not considered.

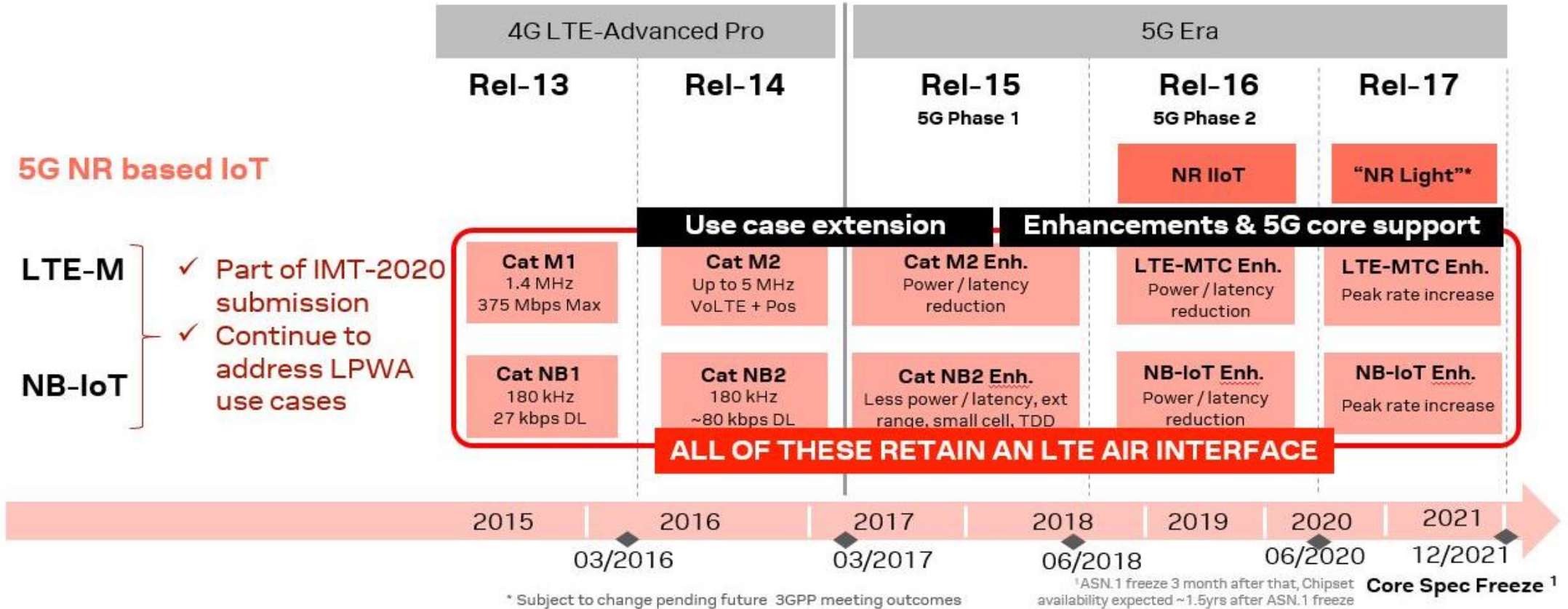


- ❑ NR-V2X **study item** started in **June 2018**.
- ❑ Subsequent NR-V2X work item by **December 2019**.

➤ V2X Technical Specification (TS) and V2X Technical Reports (TR)

V2X Technical Specification	V2X Technical Reports
TS 22.185	TR 22.885
TS 23.285	TR 36.785
TS 23.286	TR 22.886
TS 24.385	TR 37.985
TS 24.386	TR 23.786
TS 29.388	TR 38.885
TS 29.389	TR 38.886
TS 24.486	TR 23.776
TS 33.185	
TS 33.536	
TS 22.186	
TS 23.287	
TS 24.587	
TS 24.588	
TS 29.486	
TS 36.300	
TS 38.300	
TS 38.101	
TS 38.331	

# LPWA Evolution – NB-IoT and LTE-M



Source: <https://www.embedded.com/5g-roll-out-a-marathon-not-a-sprint/>

➤ **NB-IoT,**

➤ **LTE-M,**

➤ **LET Cat 1, Technical Specification (TS)**

S.No	Technology	3GPP Standard	4G/5G
1	NarrowBand-Internet of Things (NB-IoT)	TS 36.300	4G
2		TS 36.304	4G
3		TS 36.331	4G
4		TS 36.306	4G
5		TS 23.501	5G
6		TS 37.104	4G/5G
7		TS 36.104	4G
8		TS 36.141	4G
9		TS 37.141	4G/5G
10		TS 36.101	4G
11		TS 36.213	4G
12		TS 36.413	4G
13	LTE-Machine Type Communication (MTC) (LTE-M)	TS 22.368	4G
14		TS 29.368	4G
15		TS 33.187	4G
16		TS 29.274	4G/5G
17		TS 36.413	4G
18		TS 38.413	5G
19		TS 23.501	5G
20		TS 23.401	4G
21	Long Term Evolution Category 1 (LTE CAT 1)	TS 36.306	4G
22		TS 37.104	4G/5G
23		TS 37.141	4G/5G

V How to identify main SEP holders for standards subject to blanket declarations?

# Transparency Situation

## The “minimal declaration” situation

- Approximately only about 10-20% of all Wi-Fi SEPs are declared at IEEE
- Approximately only about 20-30% of all AVC /HEVC or VVC SEPs are declared at ITU-T
- Only a limited number of Qi standard SEP holder list their patents online

*\*The numbers quoted above are examples of expert reports and may vary when considering other reports. No matter what the percentages are all reports show that patent declaration databases either include non-essential patents (e.g. ETSI and others) or are incomplete (e.g. IEEE, ITUT and others).*



# Challenges with **video codec patent** declaration data

## Available video codec declaration data:

- **IUT-T patent declaration** database include over **70%** so called “blanket” declarations → Companies state to own video codec SEPs without proving lists of declared patents.
- **Patent pools** such as MPEG LA, Access Advance or Velos Media only cover a **fraction** of the video codec patent owners.
- We identify almost **150 entities** that have submitted **standards contributions** for video codec technologies. Patent declaration information or patent pools are missing over for over **60% of these** companies.

# Challenges with **Wi-Fi** patent declaration data

## Available Wi-Fi declaration data:

- **The Wi-Fi patent declaration** database (IEEE IPR) include over **50%** so called “blanket” declarations → Companies state to own Wi-Fi SEPs without proving lists of declared patents.
- **Patent pools** such as SISVEL only cover a **fraction** of the Wi-Fi patent owners.
- We identify almost **100 entities** that have submitted **standards contributions** for Wi-Fi technologies (IEEE Mentor). Patent declaration information or patent pools are missing over for over **60% of these** companies.

# Challenges with Qi standard patent declaration data

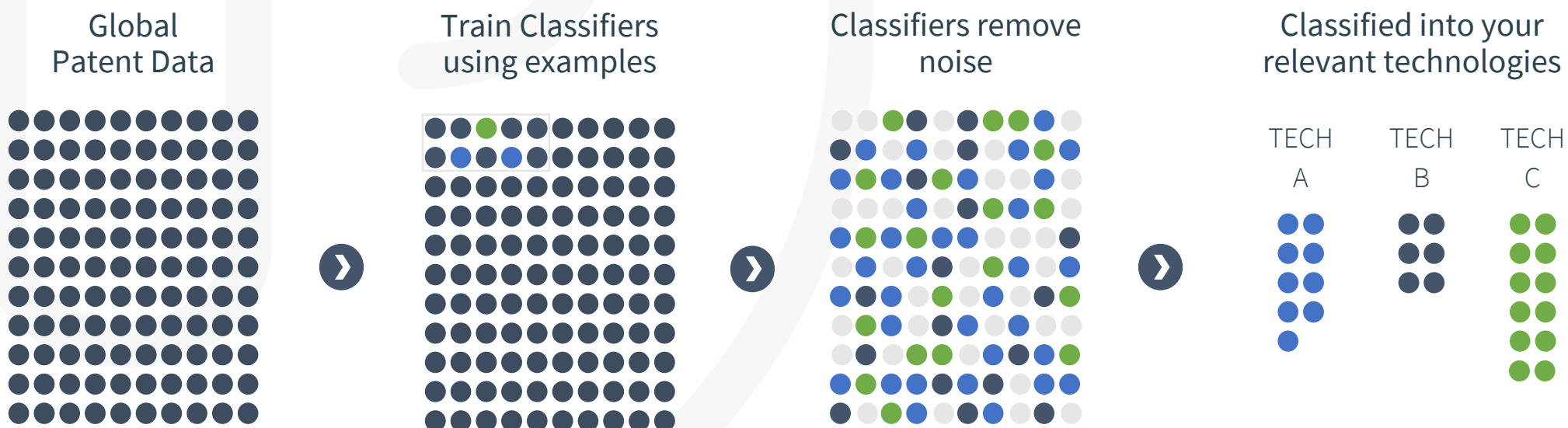
The following companies have publicly announced royalty rates and lists of patents they claim are infringed by products that implement the Qi standard:

Name	Link
Qi wireless power patent pool by Via LA	<a href="https://www.via-la.com/licensing/qi-wireless-power/">https://www.via-la.com/licensing/qi-wireless-power/</a>
Phillips	<a href="http://www.ip.philips.com/licensing/program/128/wireless-power">http://www.ip.philips.com/licensing/program/128/wireless-power</a>
Powermat	<a href="https://powermat.com/oem-3/ip-licensing-program/">https://powermat.com/oem-3/ip-licensing-program/</a>

- Market experts believe that there are Qi standard patent owners beyond the publicly listed information.

# Identification approach with supervised ML

- The IPlytics data team has utilized a supervised ML algorithm to identify undeclared patents.
- The algorithm uses true positive and negative training data to build patent landscape classifiers with independently verified accuracy.



# True Positives and True Negatives

## True positive training set:

- Publicly known SEPs (patent pool lists)
- Highly relevant patents (based on SME review) as a result of an expert „claim standard section text comparison“

## True negative training set:

- Patents with high scores but which are not relevant to the technology (based on SME review).
- Patents related to the technology but not to the standard (based on SME review).
- Patents owned by companies with no connection to technology standard (based on cluster).

# IPlytics undeclared patents

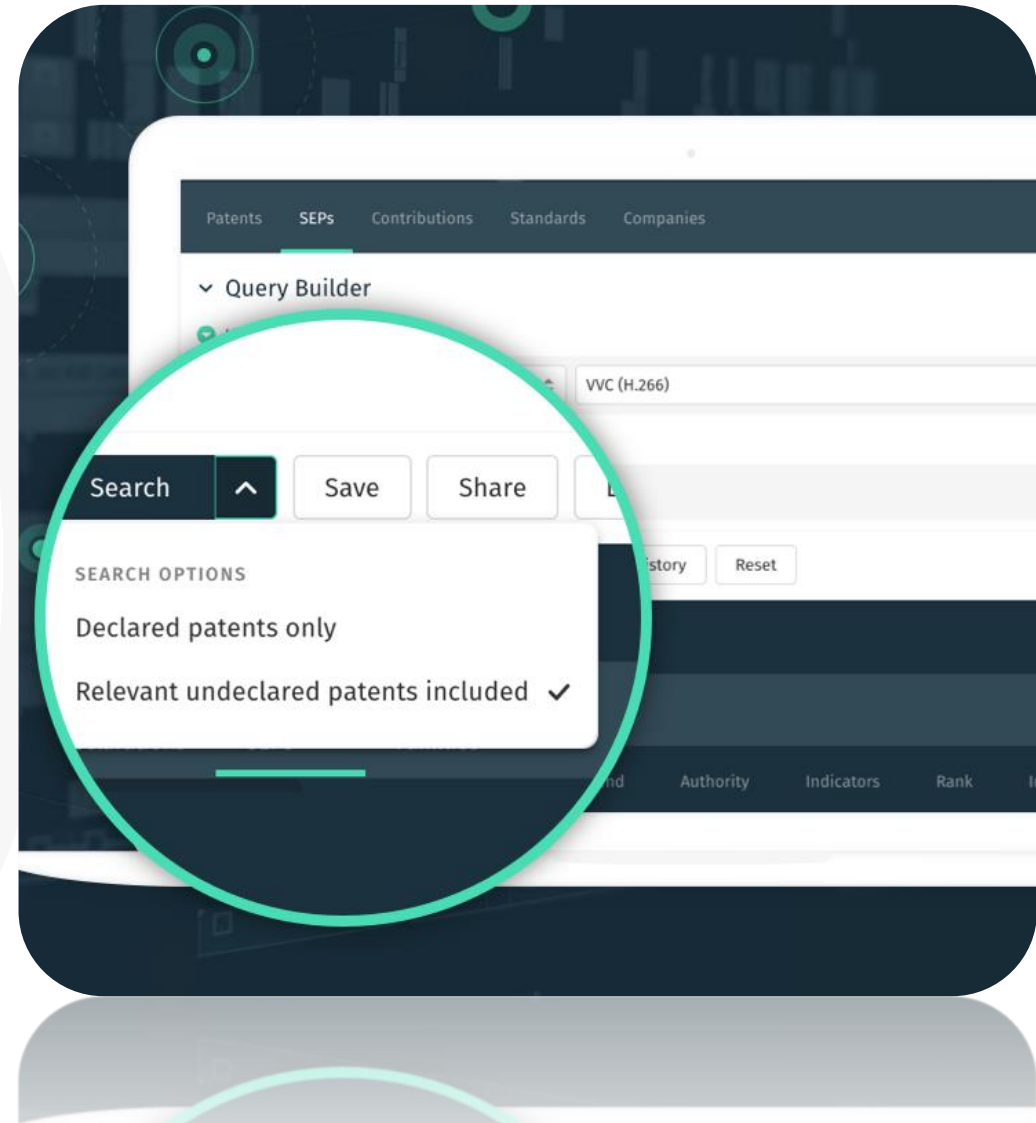
- Undeclared patents **Wi-Fi 4, 5, 6**
- Undeclared patents **AVC, HEVC, VVC**
- Undeclared patents **AV1, VP9** (*coming soon*)
- Undeclared patents **Qi standard** (*coming soon*)
- Undeclared patents **ATSC** (*coming soon*)

The screenshot displays the IPlytics search interface. At the top, there is a section titled "Untitled Query" with a green checkmark. Below this, there are two rows of query filters. The first row has a "Select" dropdown set to "All" and a text input field containing "e.g. biotech, 3D print\*, car or vehi". The second row has an "AND" operator, a "Technology Generation" dropdown, and a search icon. The third row has an "AND" operator, a "Current Assignee" dropdown, and a search icon. Below the filters, there is a "+ Add Query" button and a "Related Keywords: Not Available" section. A row of buttons includes "Search", "Save", "Load", and "History". Below the buttons, there are tabs for "Results:", "Analytics", and "Search Data". A dropdown menu is open, showing a list of search results: "Wi-Fi 6 (IEEE 802.11ax)", "HEVC (H.265)", "VVC (H.266)", "Wi-Fi 1 (IEEE 802.11b)", "Wi-Fi 2 (IEEE 802.11a)", "Wi-Fi 3 (IEEE 802.11g)", "Wi-Fi 4 (IEEE 802.11n)", "Wi-Fi 5 (IEEE 802.11ac)", "Wi-Fi 6 (IEEE 802.11ax)", and "Wi-Fi 7 (IEEE 802.11be)". The "Wi-Fi 6 (IEEE 802.11ax)" result is highlighted. Below the main interface, there is a faint, mirrored version of the same interface.

➤ **IPlytics Undeclared Patent Universe** provides a **technology standard landscape** of potentially essential patents.



- It allows to **discover patents** that may be essential, even though they're not publicly listed.
- It enables to gain a clear view of the **competition** in the sector.





# Semantic analysis of patent claims and standards

➤ We **semantically** map patent **claims** to standard **sections**

Overview 44 Family Members 1 Citing Patents **Semantic Essentiality 80%** 1 Literature Standards 1 Companies

Semantic Essentiality Score: **80%**

Publication Number	US9641655B2	Standard Document Id	TS 38.322 v16.2.0
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**SEMANTICALLY SIMILAR CLAIM 6**

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# VI Patent declarations and essentiality tests

→ **Claim Chart Sampling**

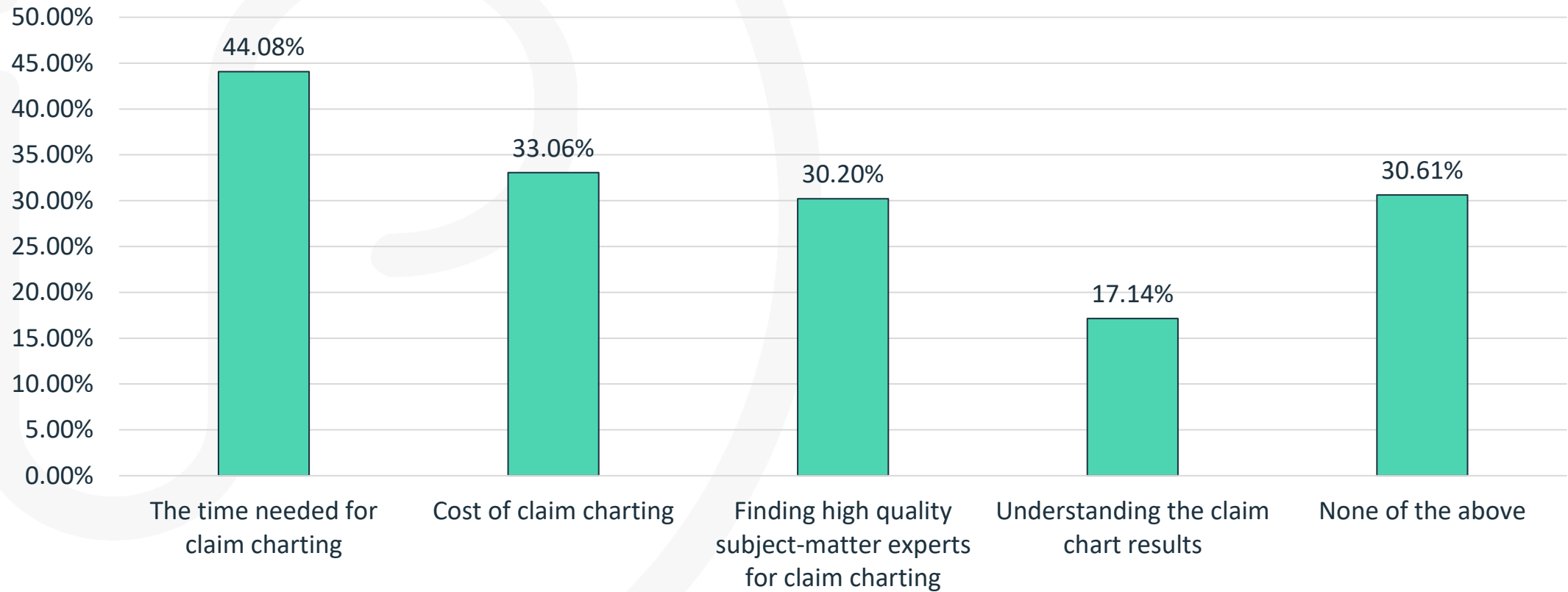
# SEP determination is a challenge

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- Understanding whether a patent is essential or not is **expensive** and **time-consuming** requiring:
  - **SME review**, claim charting, attorney legal opinion and review is very expensive when done rigorously
  - **Slow manual human** processes - Legal teams and SMEs are limited resources
  - Claim charting a portfolio of e.g. 200 patents takes almost a year (for one SME) and may need budgets of \$500k-\$600k for outside SME and counsel.

# SEP determination is a challenge

What is your biggest challenge with regards to SEP determination?  
Multiple answers possible, N=245



# SEP Claim Charting according to international experts

	SEP evaluation rigorousness level description	Average costs in €	Median costs in €	Min. costs in €	Max costs in €
A	Light SEP evaluation: Rough determination whether any TS could be relevant for given patent at all	355 €	184 €	31 €	1,285 €
B	Quick SEP evaluation: Rough determination, which TS could be relevant for which claim features of the given patent	789 €	367 €	92 €	2,753 €
C	Specific SEP evaluation: Determination of specific standard sections for each claim feature of the given patent	1,486 €	734 €	734 €	3,670 €
D	<b>Claim chart: Specific SEP evaluation plus arguments on mapping, i.e., specific correspondence</b>	<b>4,159 €</b>	<b>3,670 €</b>	<b>734 €</b>	<b>8,808 €</b>
E	Claim chart as to d) covering 2 different standards (e.g. 4G/5G)	6,117 €	6,239 €	4,404 €	8,808 €
F	Claim chart as to d) with potential objections on essentiality	7,095 €	7,707 €	2,936 €	8,808 €
G	Claim chart as to d) with potential objections on novelty, inventive step, and/or added subject-matter	7,860 €	8,533 €	5,872 €	8,808 €

# SEP Claim Charting according to international experts

	SEP evaluation rigorousness level description	Average minutes	Median minutes	Min minutes	Max minutes
A	Light SEP evaluation: Rough determination whether any TS could be relevant for given patent at all	58	30	5	210
B	Quick SEP evaluation: Rough determination, which TS could be relevant for which claim features of the given patent	129	60	15	450
C	Specific SEP evaluation: Determination of specific standard sections for each claim feature of the given patent	243	120	120	600
<b>D</b>	<b>Claim chart: Specific SEP evaluation plus arguments on mapping, i.e., specific correspondence</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>1,440</b>
E	Claim chart as to d) covering 2 different standards (e.g. 4G/5G)	1,000	1,020	720	1,440
F	Claim chart as to d) with potential objections on essentiality	1,160	1,260	480	1,440
G	Claim chart as to d) with potential objections on novelty, inventive step, and/or added subject-matter	1,285	1,395	960	1,440

# Statistical Sampling Methods

- ✓ Most statisticians agree that the **minimum sample size** to get any kind of meaningful result is **100**:
  - If your SEP declaration portfolio is less than 100 assets, then you really need to claim chart all of them.
- ✓ A good maximum sample size is usually around **10% of the population**, as long as this does **not exceed 1,000**:
  - For example, in a population of 5,000 patents, 10% would be 500. In a population of 200,000, 10% would be 20,000. This exceeds 1,000, so in this case the maximum would be 1,000.
  - Claim charting more than 1,000 patents won't add much to the accuracy given the extra time and money it would cost.

# Statistical Sampling Methods

- The selection of patents to be mapped followed a **Statistical Sampling Methods** (used in Political Polling) ensuring no selection bias and providing both:
  - true **positive values**, patents fully mapped to a standard specification (verified SEPs) as well as
  - true **negative values**, patents that could not be mapped to any standard specification (verified non-SEPs).
- This method ensures a **balanced training data set** randomly selected proportionally across:
  - ✓ **Patent owners,**
  - ✓ **Technology modules** (as to groups e.g. RAN1, RAN2 and so on)
  - ✓ **IPC/CPC main classes**
  - ✓ **Patent priority dates**



# IPlytics 5G Essentiality Sample

- IPlytics hosts a data set of **2,000** 5G declared **patent families (EP or US granted)** mapped by independent experts.
- The claim charting followed a **double-blind checking approach** where for each patent at least 2 experts mapped the patents:
  - 1. Cellular technology expert** had on average 6 hours to conduct the initial claim section mapping.
  - 2. US or EP patent attorneys** had on average 3 hours to double check and verify the mapping.
- In cases of disagreement both experts set up a call to discuss and conclude on a final **mapping status**: fully mappable, partially mappable, not mappable
- In total **18,000 hours** were spent on the mapping of the 2,000 5G declared **patent families**

# Level of essentiality

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- a) **Full Mapped:** All the claim elements were found in the standard specification. A claim chart was made to justify that the patent is essential (100% Mapping).
- b) **Partial Mapped:** Most of the claim elements were found in the standard specification, except one or two concepts. A mapping chart was made to justify that the patent is relevant (More than 60 % Mapping).
- c) **Not Mapped:** All the claim elements were not found in the standard specification and the patent is found to be not relevant (If less than 50% Mapped).

# Statistical Sampling Methods

## Random Sampling results:

- ✓ As to our random sampling of 2,000 5G declared EP or US granted patents we identify an overall:
  - **essentiality rate of 15% for 5G declared patents**, compared to about
  - **25% for 4G declared patents.**
- ✓ The essentiality rate very much differs across patent owners.

## Random Sampling limitations:

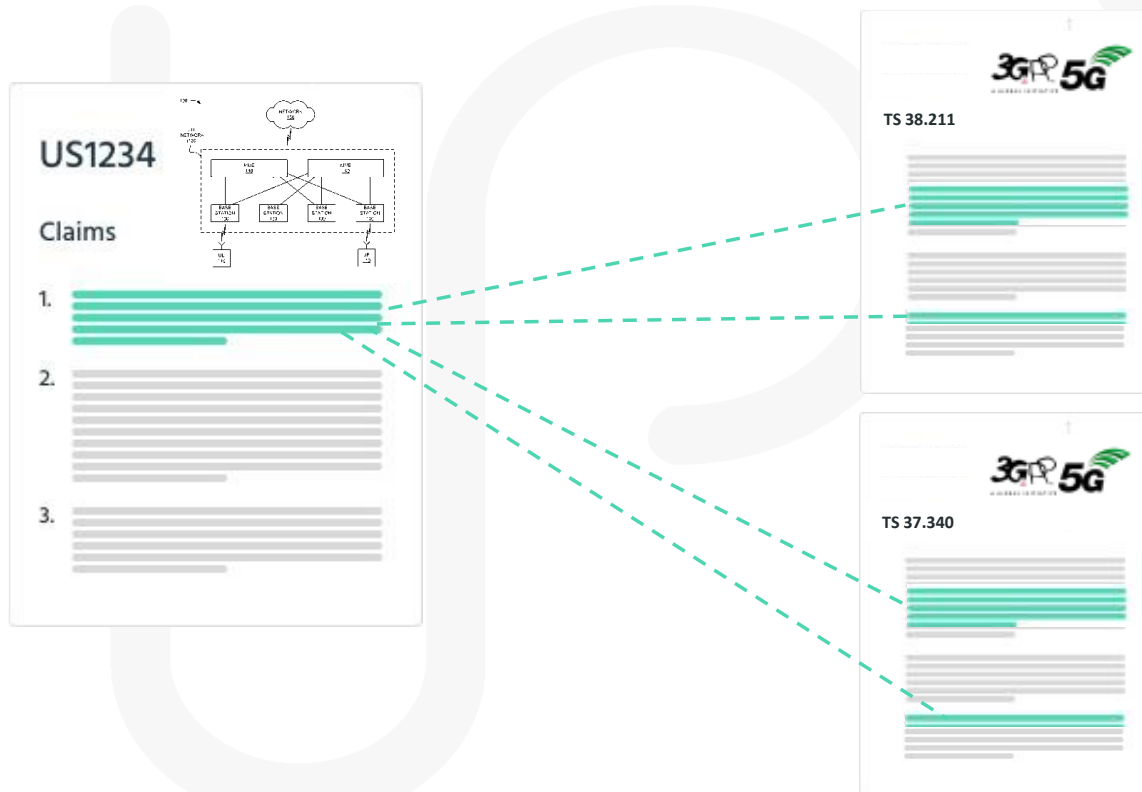
- ✓ The essentiality rate only related to EP or US granted patents declared to 5G up until October 2021.
- ✓ Only the top 10 5G patent owner portfolios deliver accurate results as here more than 100 patents have been mapped.

## VII Patent declarations and essentiality tests

→ **Data Driven Essentiality  
Prediction**

Semantic Essentiality Scores (SES) can be a  
**first efficient step** towards SEP portfolio  
determination

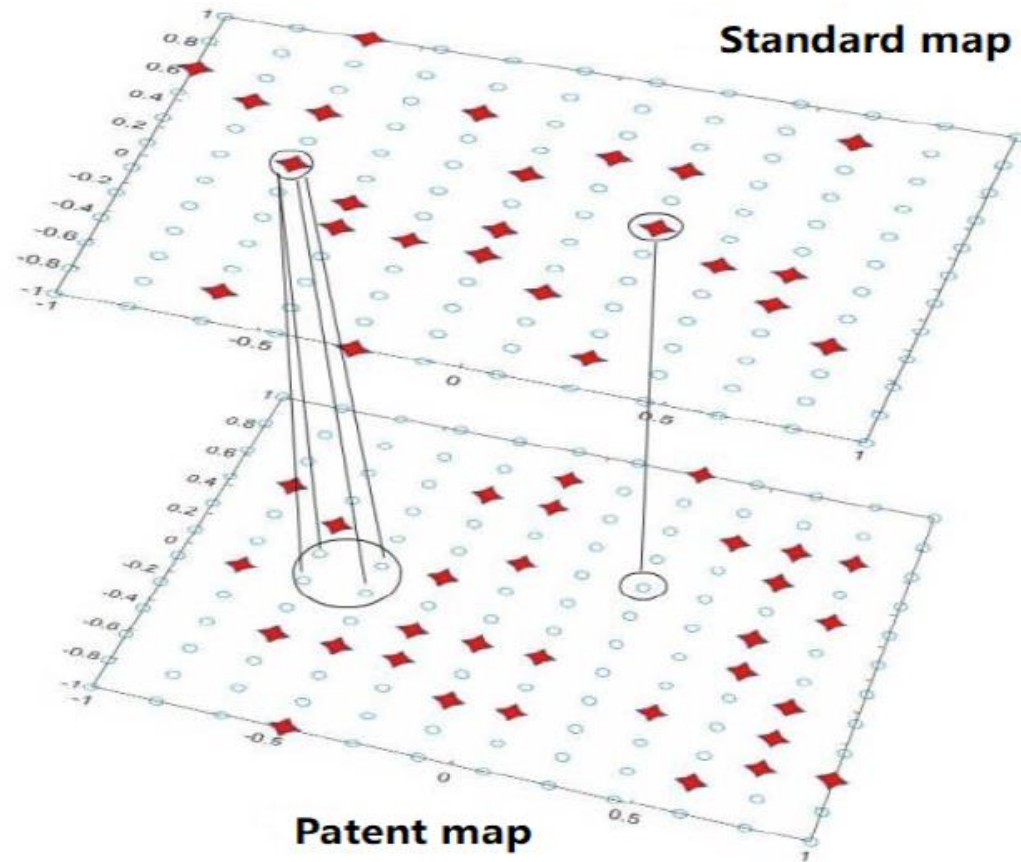
# Claim language vs. standards language



Claim language and language in standard specifications may be very **different**:

- **Patent claims** are drafted by patent attorneys using **broad terminology** so that the claims apply to as many applications possible.
- **Standard specifications** or standards contributions are written by technical engineers that develop the standard and **use very specific language**.

# Semantic analysis of patent claims and standards



- While claims and standards describe the very same topic and thus can be mapped and charted by experts – the **actual language used can be very different.**
- To overcome this, we **train a semantic model** that understands the context of claims and standards and recognizes the use of different expressions for certain concepts to identify claim elements.
- We use **claim charts** manually created by experts as **training data.**

# SES – Patent claim and standard section side by side

Overview 44 Family Members 1 Citing Patents **Semantic Essentiality 80%** Patents 1 Literature Standards 1 Companies

Semantic Essentiality Score: **80%**

Publication Number	US9641655B2	Standard Document Id	TS 38.322 v16.2.0
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# SES – Sort and refine patents as to essentiality score

Declaring Co...	SSO	SE Publ. No.	SE Stand. Doc. ID	SE Section No.	SE Claim No.	SES		Yes	
Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd.	ETSI	US9049718B2	TS 38.322 v16.2.0	5.2.2.1	17	82%	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	15
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InterDigital Holdings, Inc.	ETSI	US9641655B2	TS 38.322 v16.2.0	5.4	6	80%	<input type="checkbox"/>	LITIGATED	Yes 1
Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd.	ETSI	US10805048B2	TS 38.322 v16.2.0	5.6.1	5	79%	<input type="checkbox"/>	POOLED	Yes 0
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Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd.	ETSI	US10602563B2	TS 38.322 v16.2.0	5.2.2.1	1	81%	0 documents without Essentiality Score ⓘ		



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# Takeaways

# Why information is key!

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## Patent Declaration Data is incomplete and ambiguous:

- Most reports that provide rankings of declared patents rely on raw data that does not consider:
  1. rigorous data matching and cleaning
  2. false positive determination and cleaning
  3. consideration of worldwide ownership changes as well as corporate trees, M&As and beneficiary shares.
  4. accurate patent family expansion
  5. undeclared patent identification

# SEP licensors (patent owners)

## SEP **licensors** use of IPlytics Platform:

- Align R&D investments, standards development, patent prosecution, patent portfolio management and licensing/monetization strategy to **file valid and essential patents** and to **commercialize SEPs** in world-wide licensing campaigns.
- Compare SEP portfolios for **cross-license** negotiations and **monitor competition** making sure to sustain revenues both on the downstream product market as well as upstream licensing market.
- Monitor **competitors' standards development** investments (contribution count) and identify new standards groups to maintain leading positions in standards development.



# SEP licensees (standards implementers)

## SEP licensees use of IPlytics Platform:

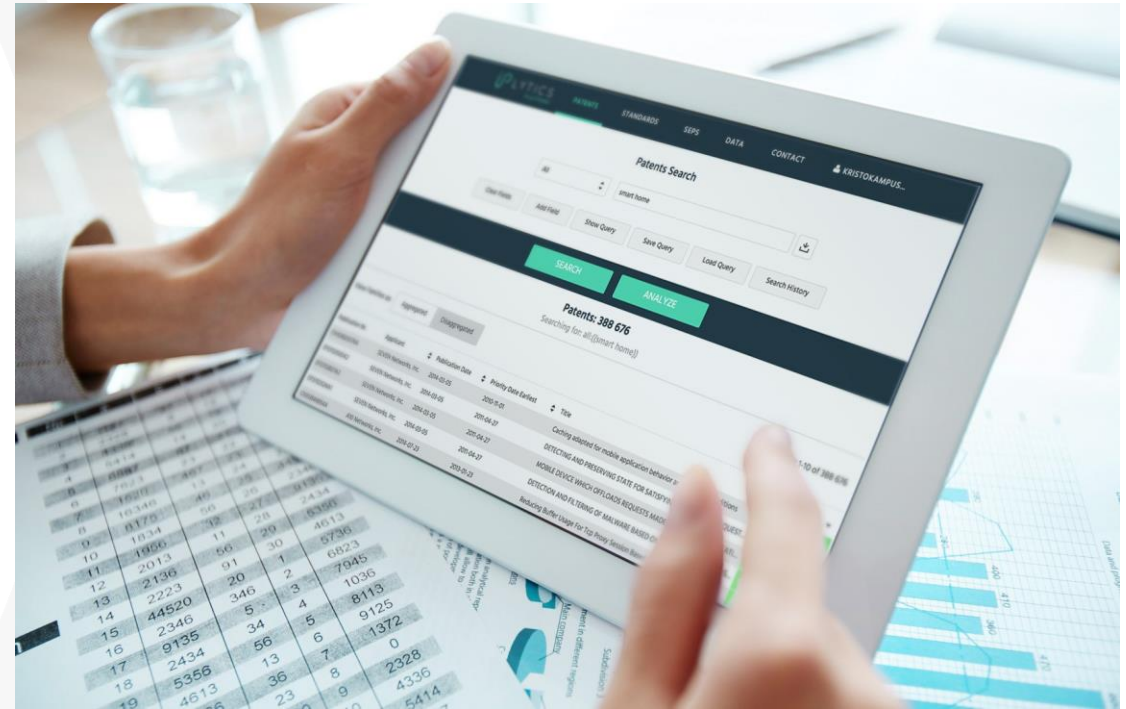
- Value and determine SEP portfolios offered for license. Prepare for **FRAND negotiation**. Identify the numerator and denominator to measure the patent holder's market share.
- **Identify standards subject to SEPs** in the complex value chain of suppliers as SEP holder approach OEMs or at least module supplier
- Monitor SEP filing, SEP change of ownership and litigation to **quantify risks and plan royalty payments**.
- **Identify** industry related (e.g. M2M, IoT, IIoT) **standards development initiatives** to have a seat at the table when future connectivity technology is developed.



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## Part 3: Closing the SEP Transparency Gap

# How to Gather Patent Pool and SEP Litigation Data to predict legal risks and Royalty Payments

*Europe/US: Tuesday, 26th September 4 PM CEST, 10 AM ET*  
*Asia: Wednesday, 27th September 8 AM CEST*



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