

Future deterministic programmable networks for 6G

6 June 2023 - from 14:00 to 17:30

Organized by:



Workshop scope and supporting EU Projects

- The Workshop introduces new technologies towards improving the programmability and determinism of 5G/6G networks.
- 6G-IA SNS programme has funded three projects in this area:
 - DETERMINISTIC-6G: Deterministic end-to-end communications with 6G
 - DESIRE6G: Deep programmability and secure distributed intelligence for real-time end-to-end 6G networks
 - PREDICT-6G: Programmable AI-enabled deterministic network for 6G

Agenda

14:00 - 14:05 Workshop introduction

14:05 - 14:25 DESIRE6G introduction (Chrysa Papagianni)

14:25 - 14:45 DETERMINISTIC6G introduction (Dhruvin Patel)

14:45 - 15:05 PREDICT-6G introduction (Antonio de la Oliva)

15:05 - 15:30 Coffee Break

15:30 - 16:00 Keynote “5G-ACIA: learnings on 5G for industries” (Afif Osseiran)

16:00 - 16:20 End-to-end data plane abstraction for supporting deep slicing in 6G (Sandor Laki)

16:20 - 16:40 Data driven aspects for 6G deterministic communication (James Gross)

16:40 - 17:00 Can TSN be the standard communication protocol for robotics? (Milan Groshev)

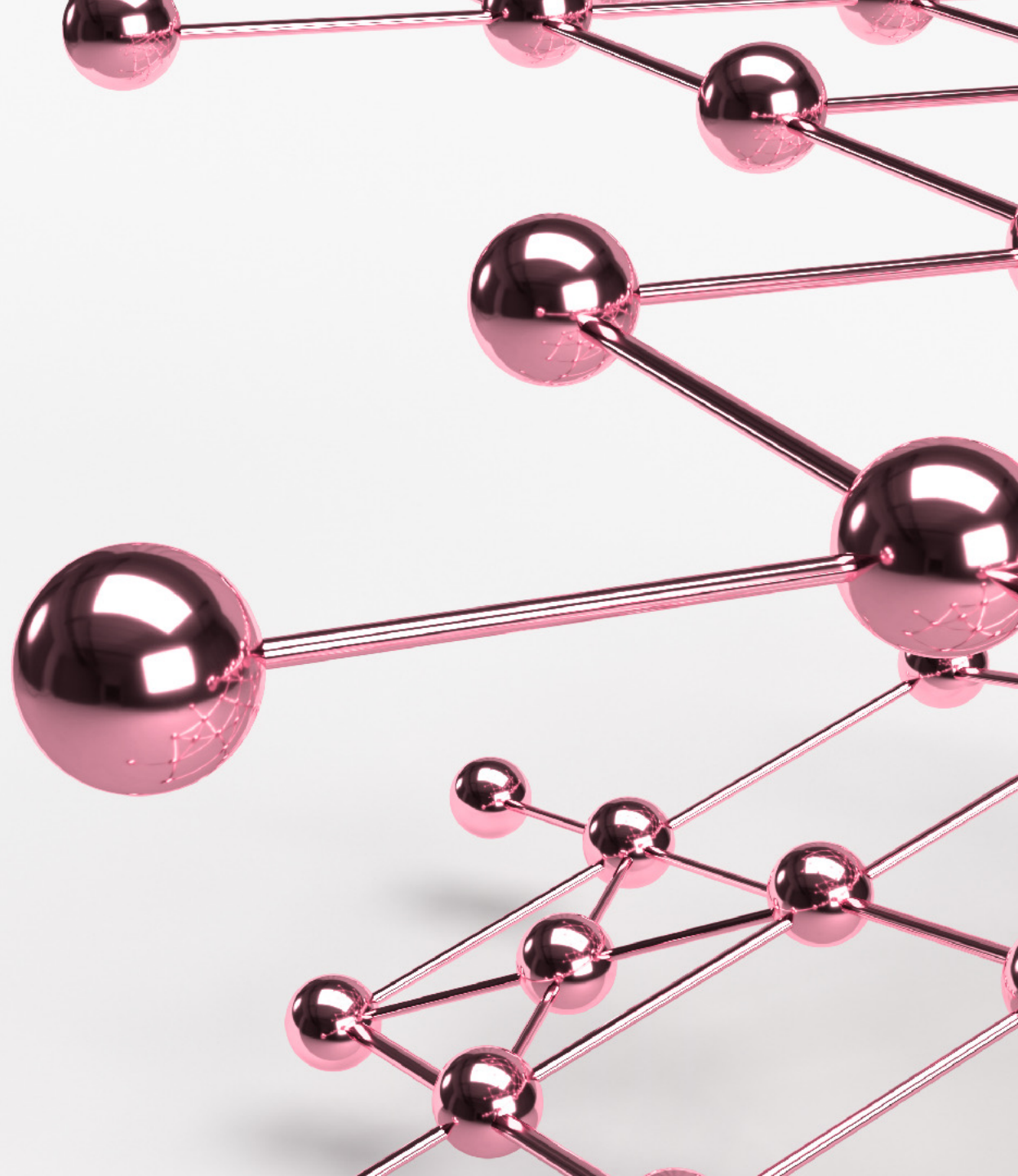
17:00 - 17:30 Panel with audience involvement (Chair Valerio Frascolla)



EMPLOYING DEEP PROGRAMMABILITY AND DISTRIBUTED INTELLIGENCE FOR REAL-TIME 6G NETWORKS

Chrysa Papagianni, assistant professor

Multi-scale Networked Systems, Informatics institute,
University of Amsterdam



DEEP PROGRAMMABILITY & SECURE DISTRIBUTED INTELLIGENCE FOR REAL-TIME END-TO-END 6G NETWORKS

Project coordination:
University of Amsterdam

Technical coordination:
Ericsson Hungary

Duration:
01/01/2023 - 31/12/2025

Total Cost:
6.227.919€

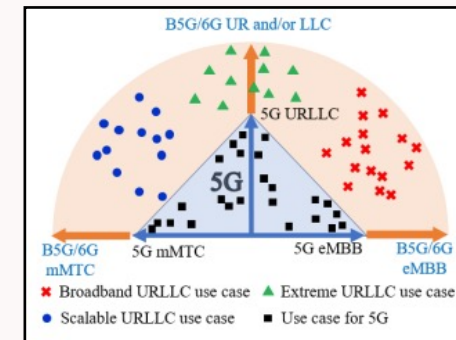


Follows us on:  desire6g.eu  [@DESIRE6G_EU](https://twitter.com/DESIRE6G_EU)  [@DESIRE6G](https://www.linkedin.com/company/DESIRE6G)

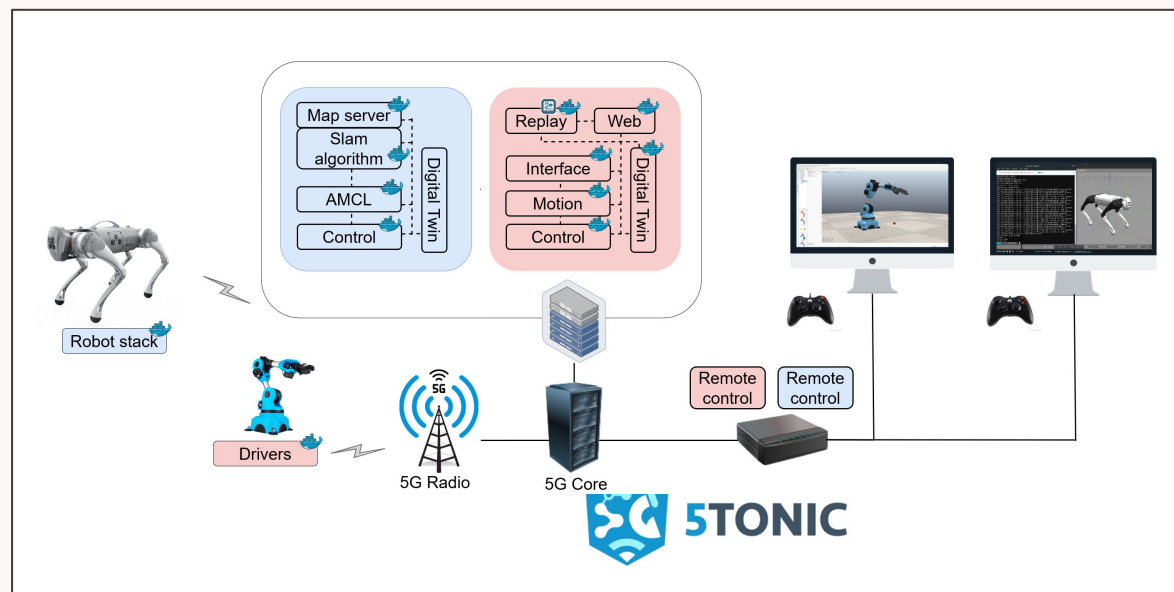
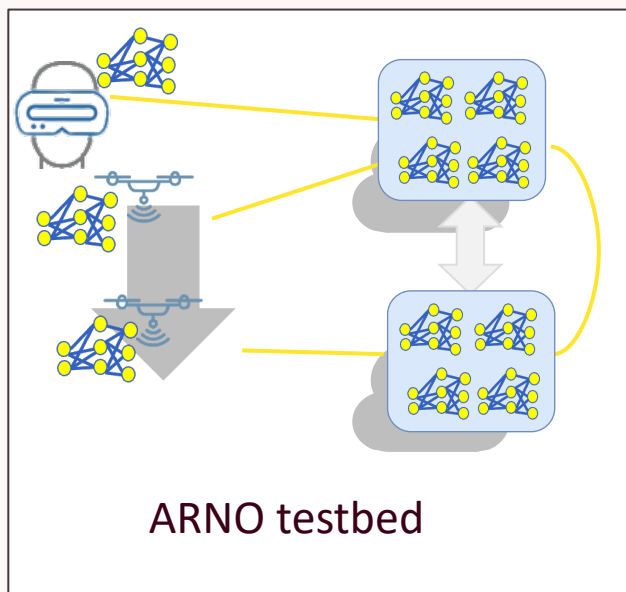
> DESIRE6G <

PROJECT SCOPE & OBJECTIVES

- Zero-touch control, management & orchestration platform, with native integration of AI, to support eXtreme URLLC requirements over a performant, measurable & programable data plane.
- Use cases: AR and a Digital Twin application at two distinct experimental infrastructures.

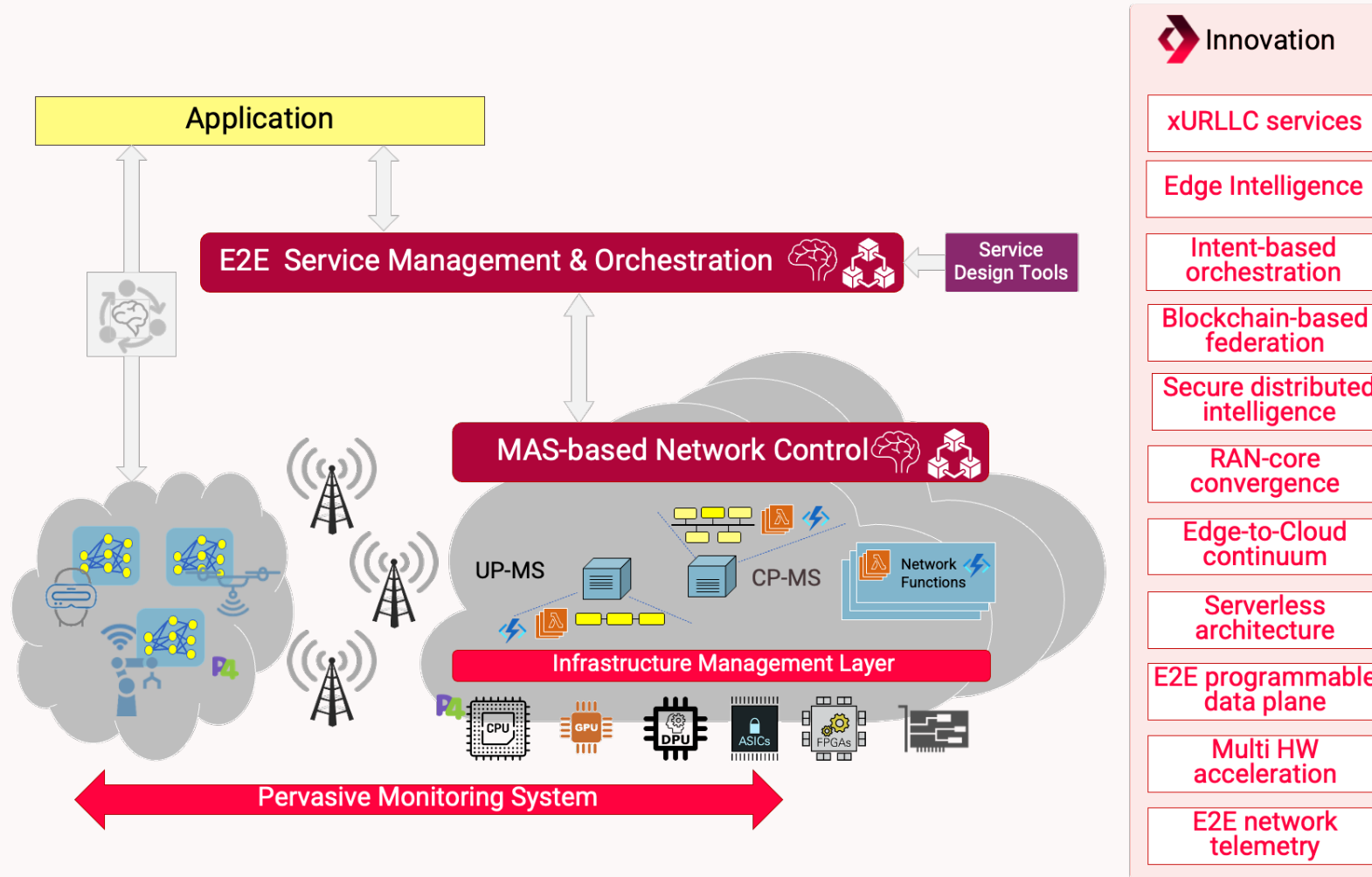


URLLC evolution and new service classes [1]

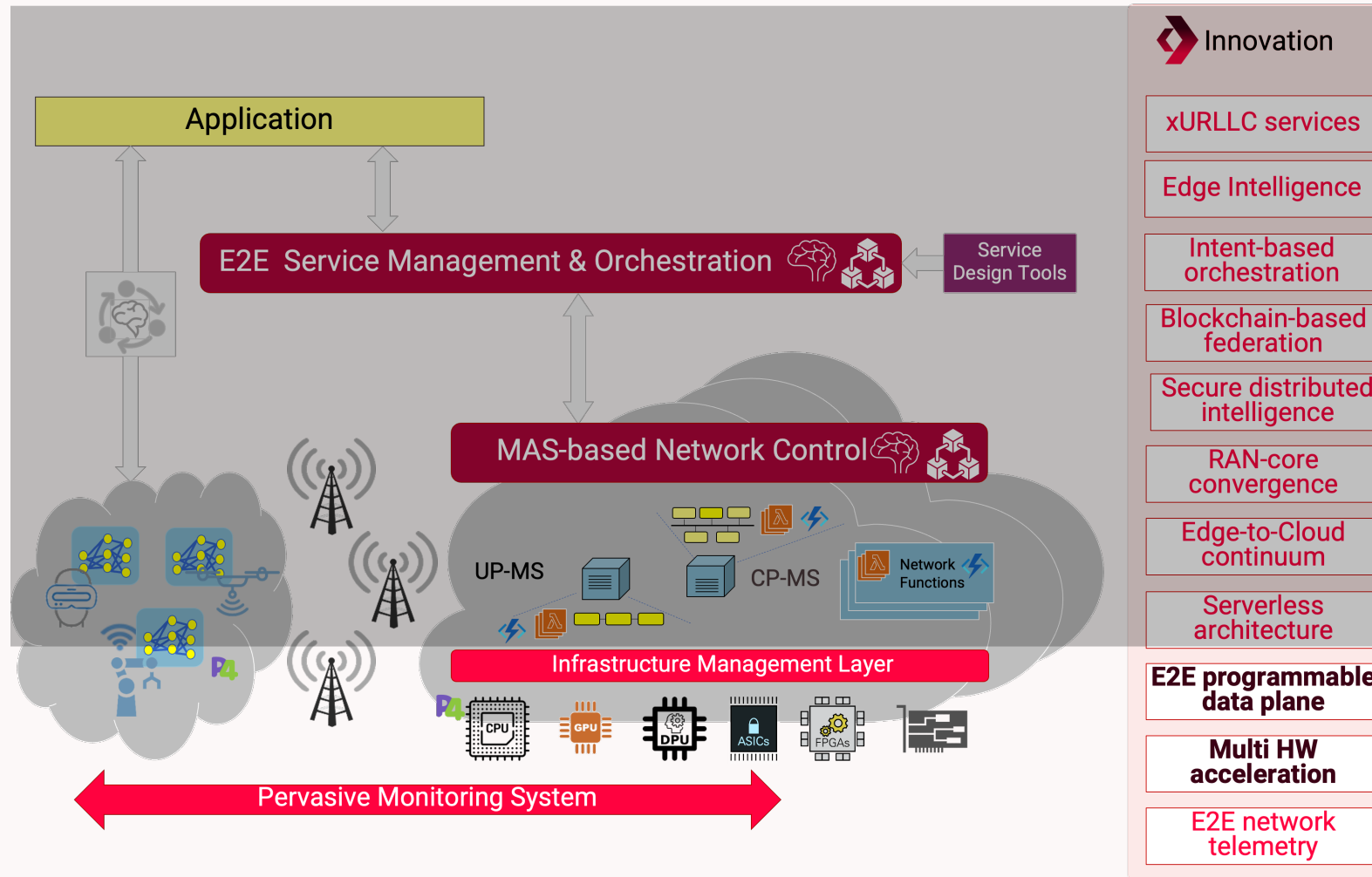


[1] Alves H. et al. "Beyond 5G URLLC evolution: New service modes and practical considerations." ITU Journal on Future and Evolving Technologies, 2022.

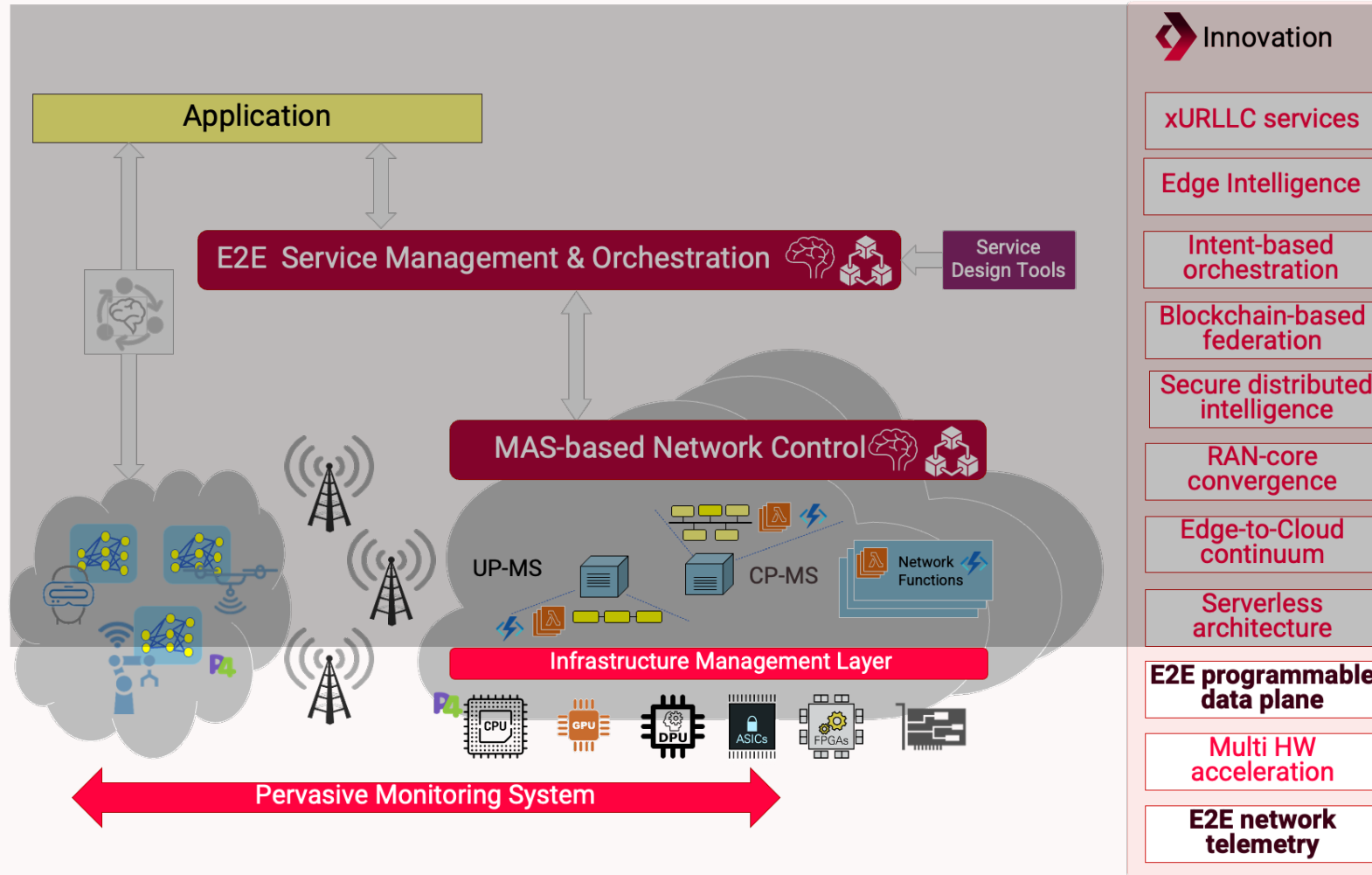
D6G KEY INNOVATIONS



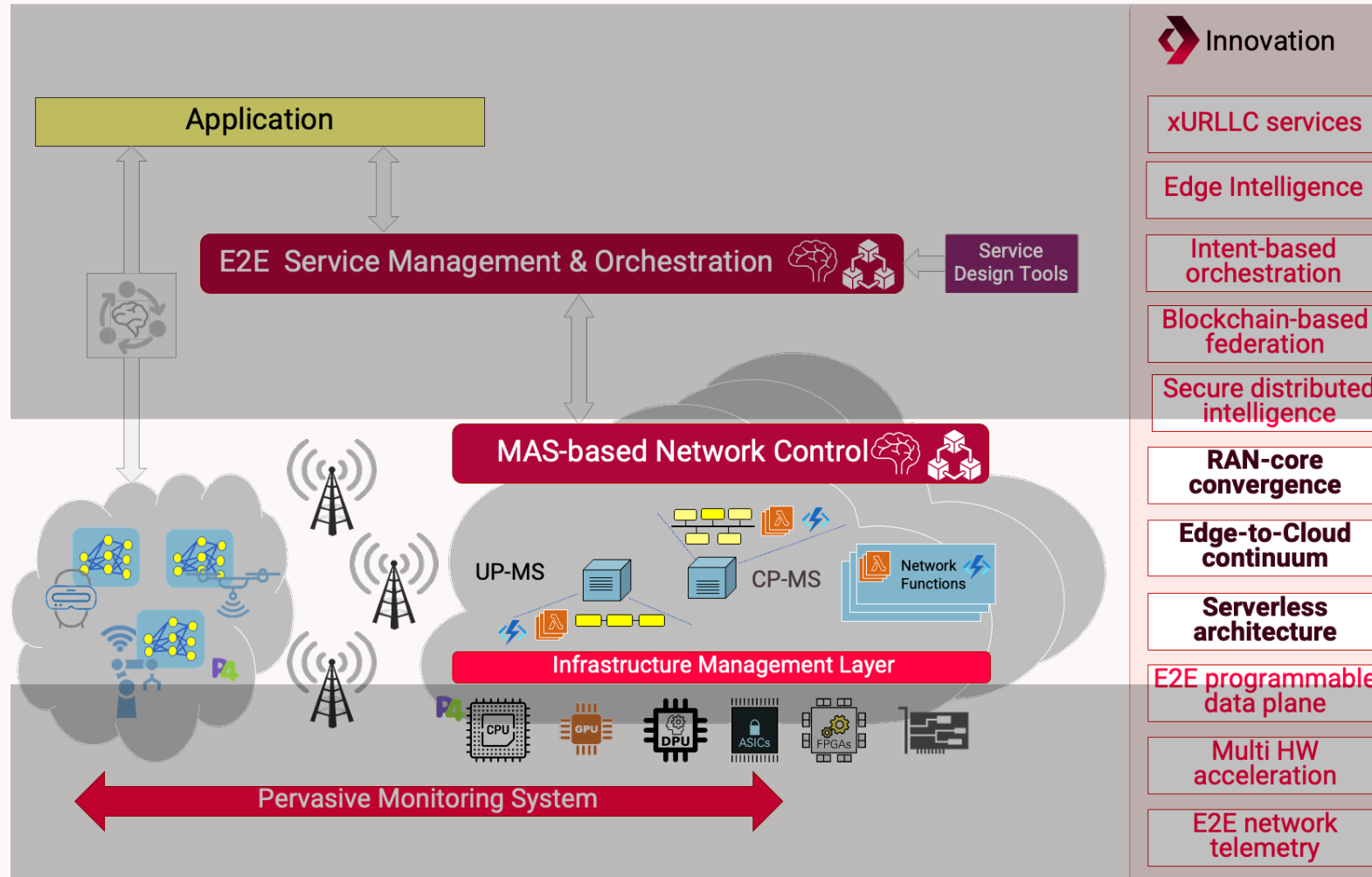
DEEP PROGRAMMABILITY



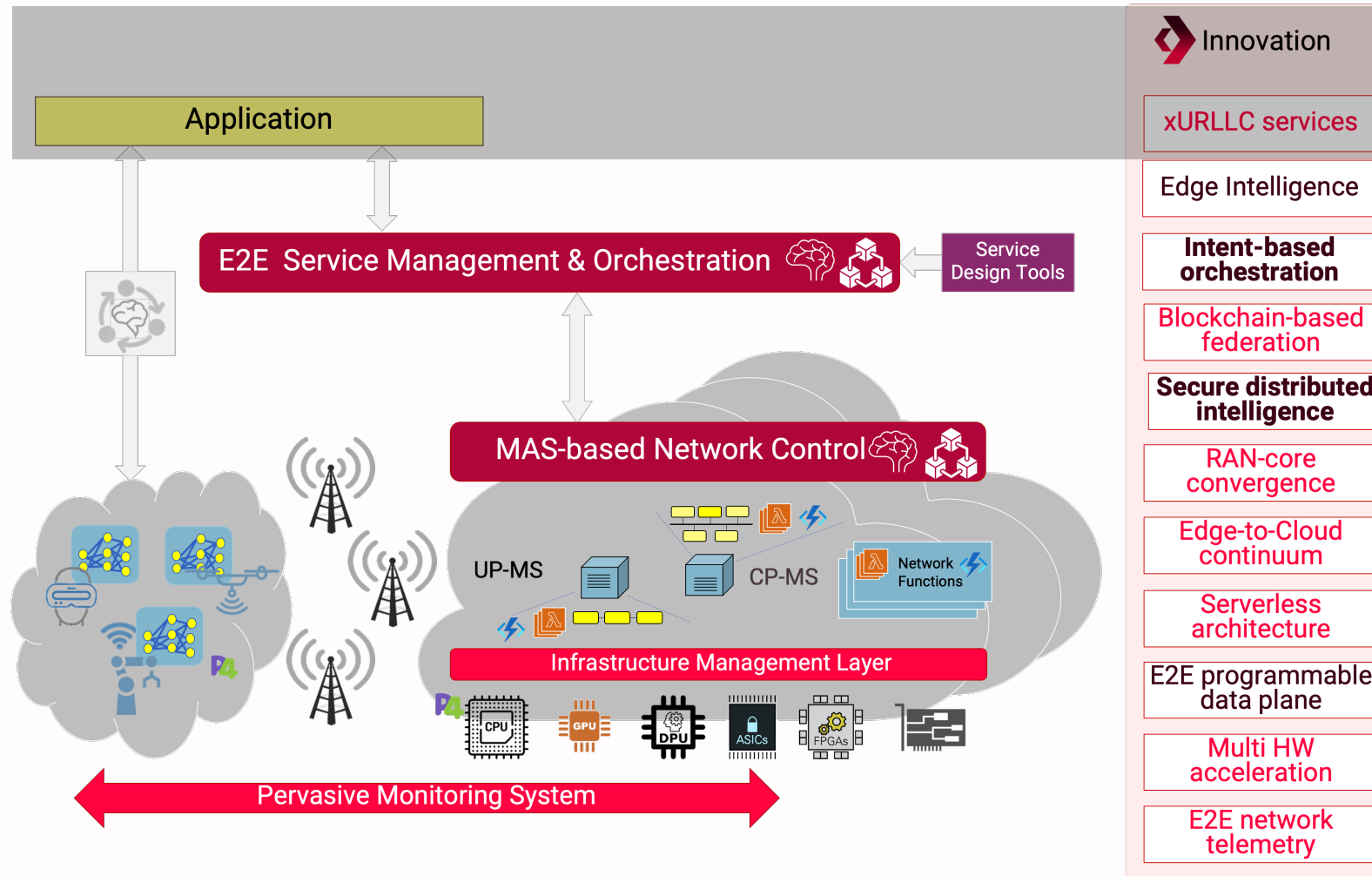
E2E NETWORK VISIBILITY



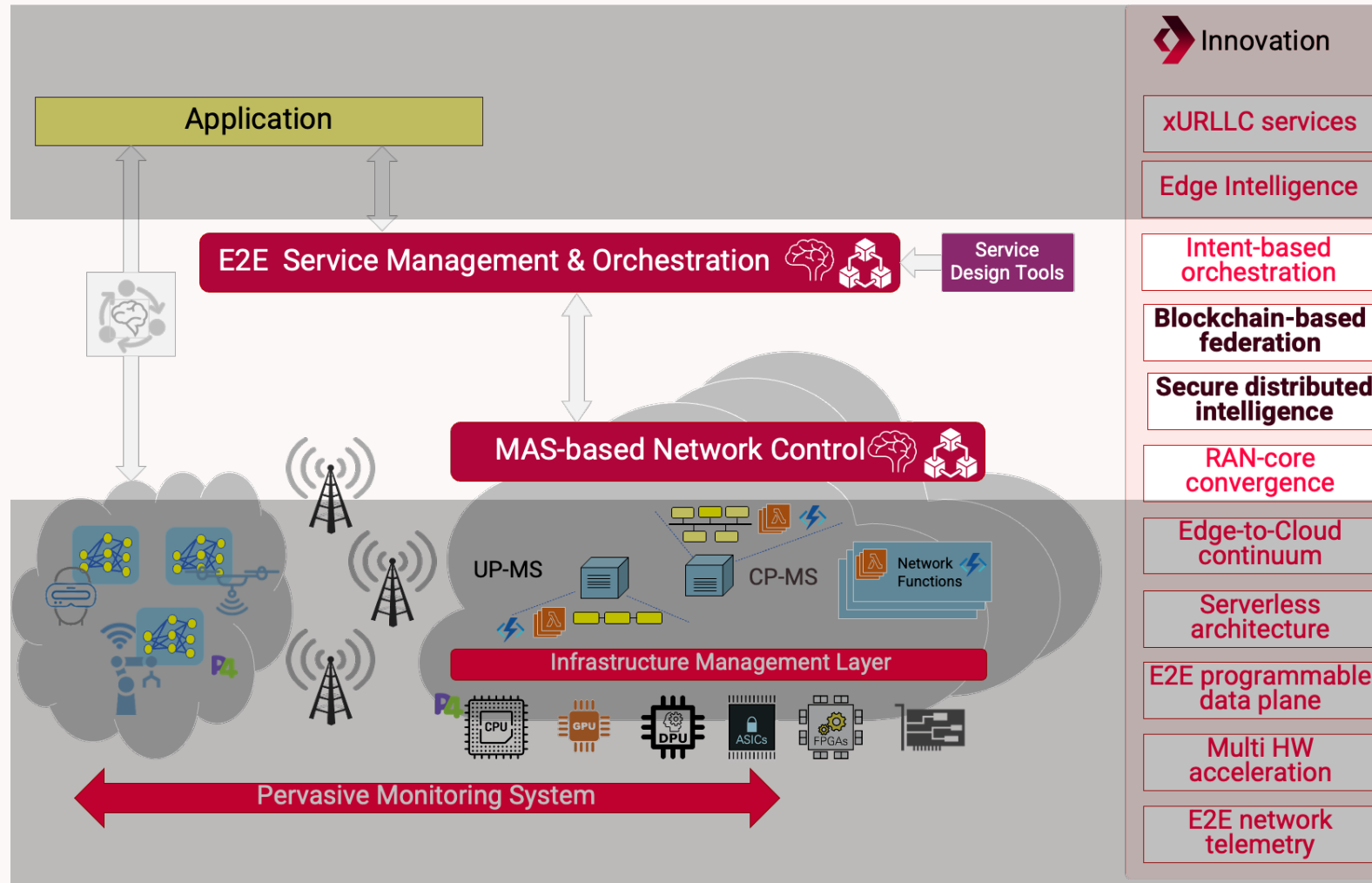
CLOUD NATIVE



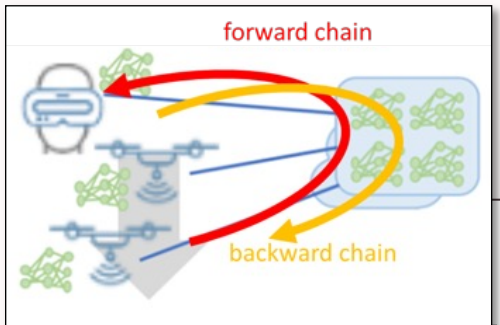
AI-NATIVE



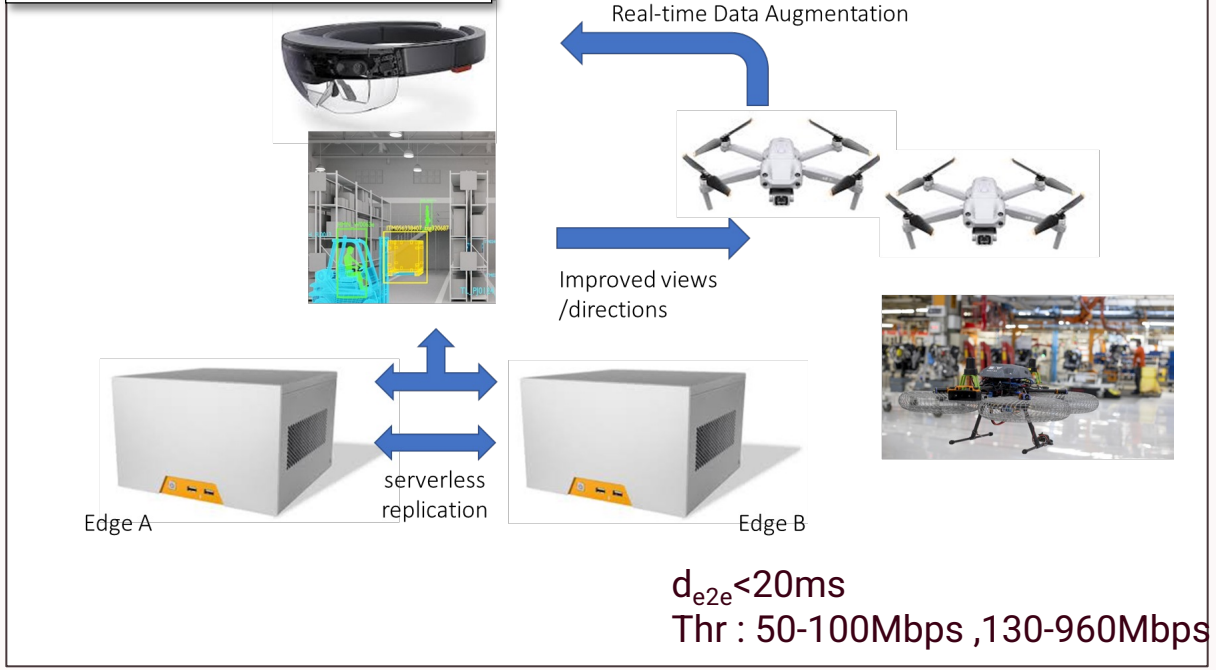
DLT FOR ZERO-TRUST ARCHITECTURE



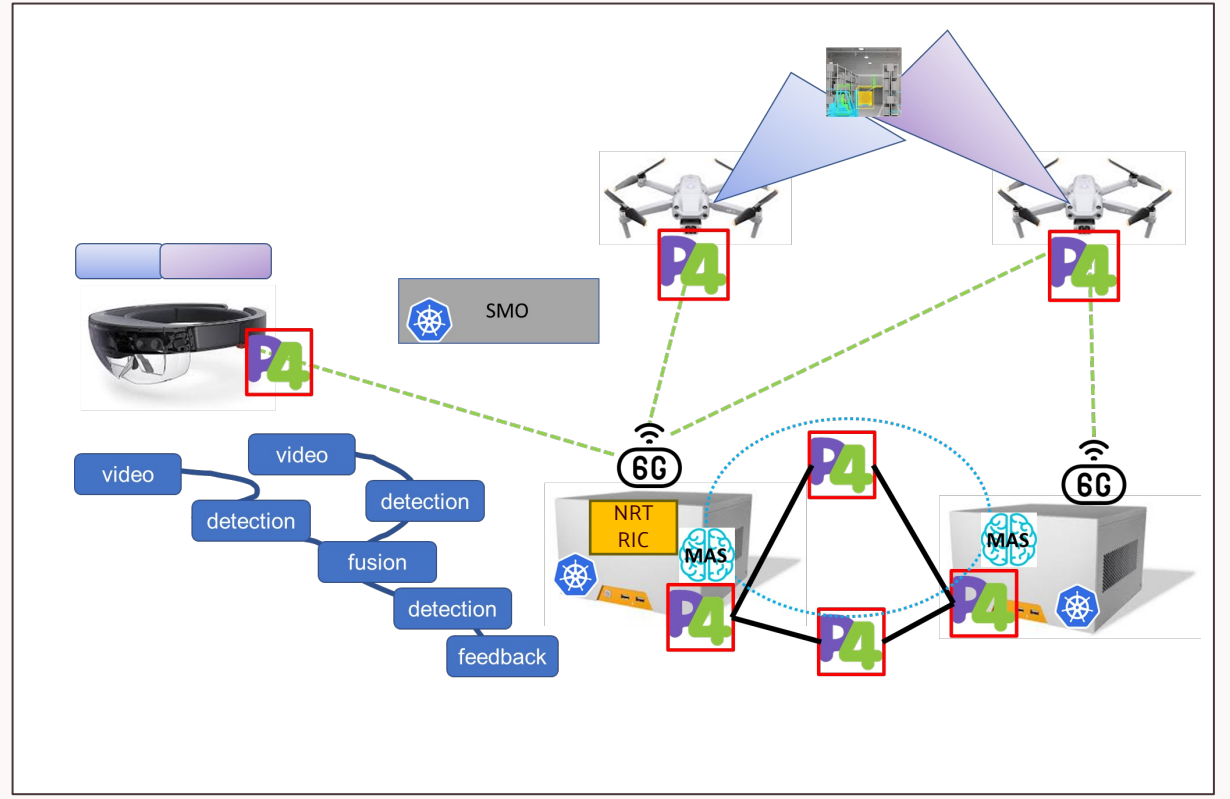
INTELLIGENT AND RESILIENT AR APPLICATION WITH PERCEIVED ZERO LATENCY



AR/VR APP description



AR/VR application deployment in D6G



TAKE-AWAY

What is the difference between D6G and the other 6G projects?

We answer the following questions:

- How (i) end-to-end network programmability and (ii) pushing decision-making closer to the infrastructure, helps addressing challenging use cases / KPIs [2]?
- Can we solve the scalability/complexity/performance problems of centralized control and optimization with a distributed agent-based system?
- Can we address the inherent challenges posed by multiagent systems(dynamicity, coordination and cooperation, security etc.)?[3]
- And how can we put this together as simply as possible with other innovative methods, like AI-driven telemetry [2] or blockchain-based federation?

[2] D6G: "Pervasive monitoring and distributed intelligence for 6G near real time operation". EUCNC Poster

[3] D6G: "Securing Multi-Agent Systems for Near Real-Time Control of 6G Services". EUCNC Poster



THANKS!

Chrysa Papagianni

email: c.papagianni@uva.nl



DESIRE6G has received funding from the Smart Networks and Services Joint Undertaking (SNS JU) under the European Union's Horizon Europe research and innovation programme under Grant Agreement No 101096466. Funded by the European Union. Views and opinions expressed are however those of the author(s) only and do not necessarily reflect those of the European Union or European Commission. Neither the European Union nor the granting authority can be held responsible for them.



DETERMINISTIC6G

Introduction to
Deterministic End-to-End communication with 6G

Dhruvin Patel

EuCNC'23, 6th June





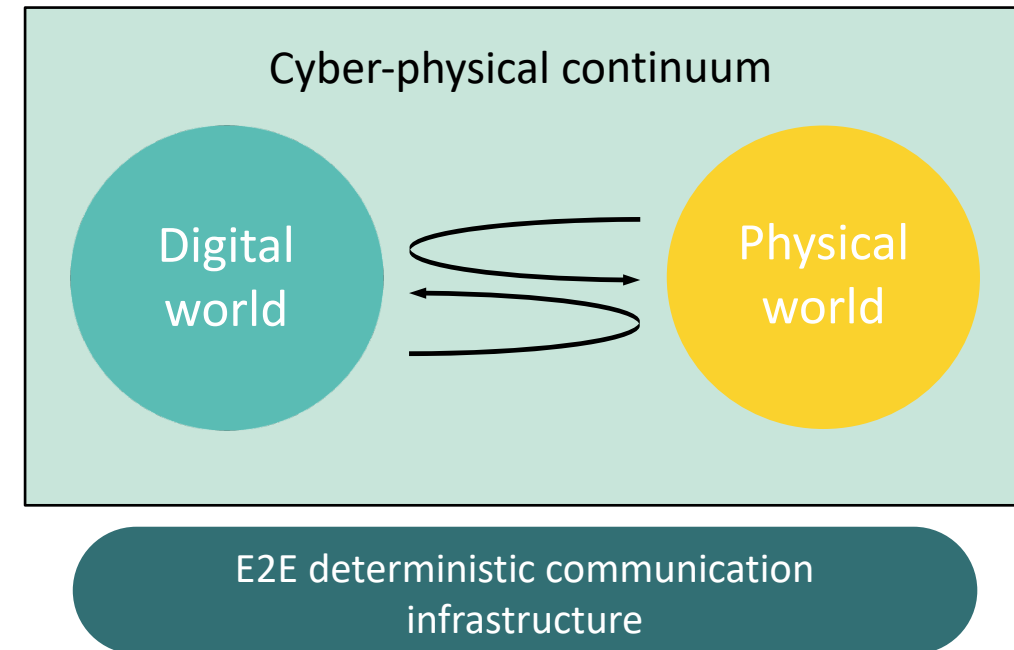
Outline

- Introduction
- Vision
- Objective
- Consortium
- Use case
- Architecture
- Summary



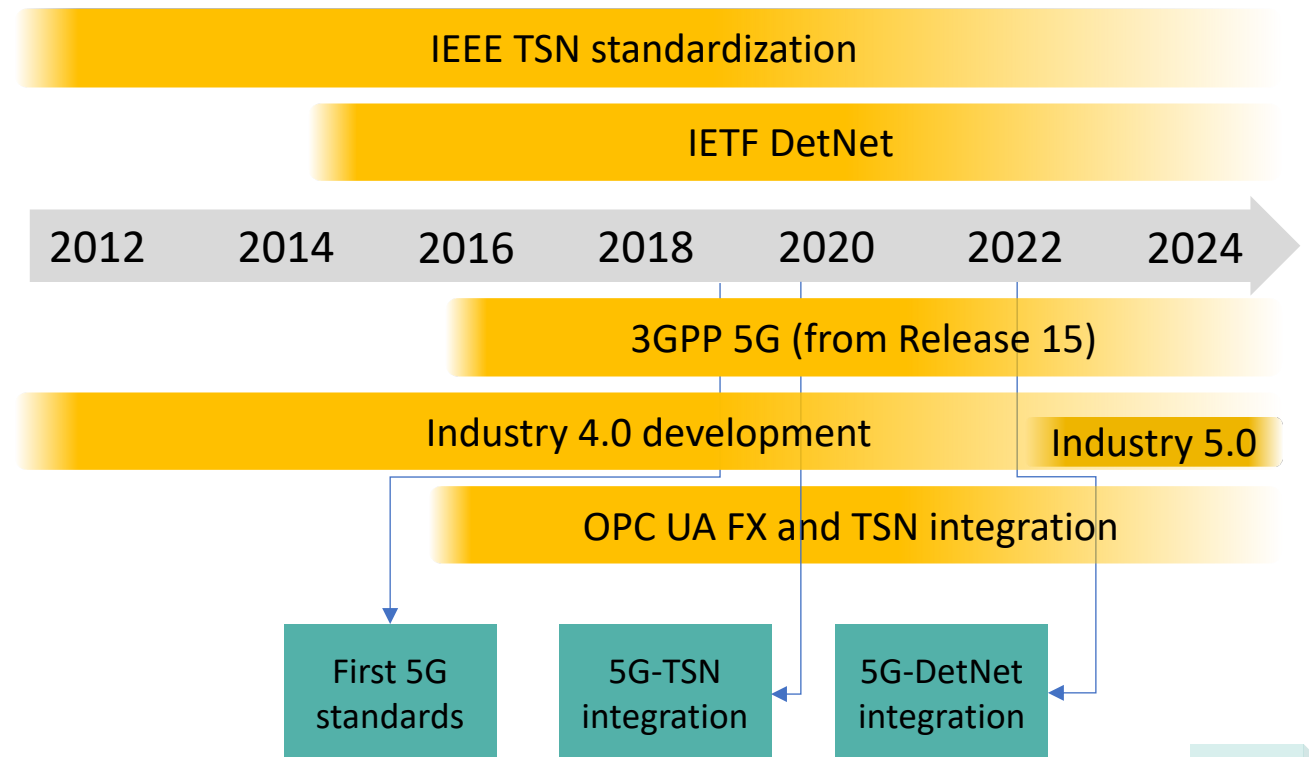
Moving towards a Cyber-Physical Continuum

- ❑ The digitalization is driving the transformation of the society and industries
- ❑ New forms of interactions will lead to a converged cyber-physical continuum spanning different communication technologies
- ❑ End-to-End (E2E) deterministic communication infrastructure is a necessary requirement to support such interactions



Today's Deterministic Communications Arena

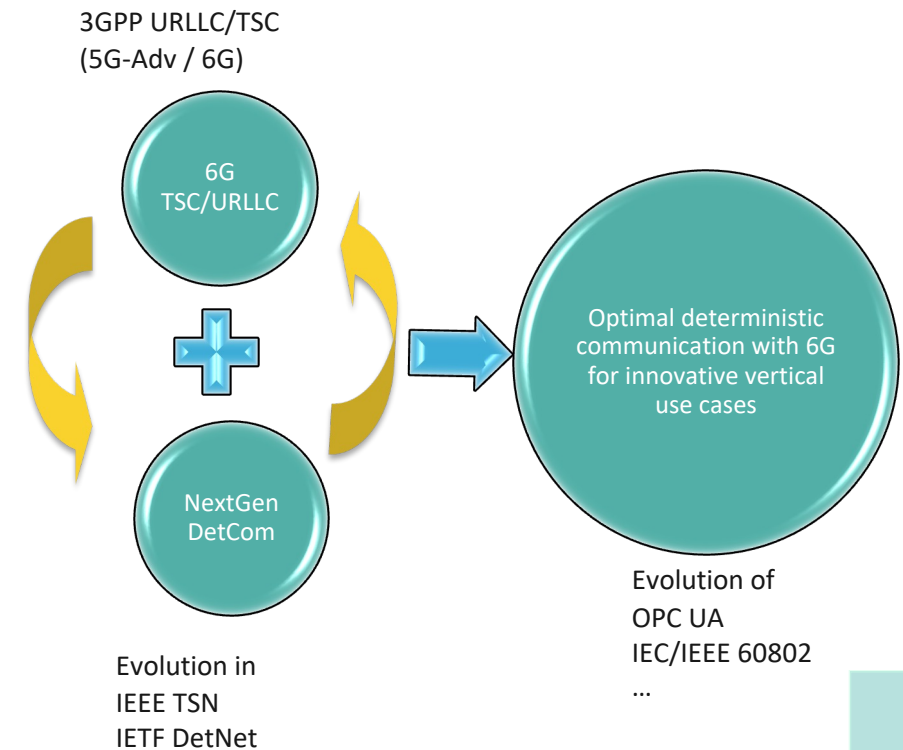
- ❑ Over the last decade, the major pivot of the communications community has been towards low-latency and reliability
 - ❑ Digitalization of automation systems as a main driver
- ❑ Several communication technologies (TSN, DetNet, 5G, OPC UA) are independently evolving towards the support for wired/wireless deterministic communication
 - ❑ So far only limited interworking (e.g., recent 5G-TSN integration architecture)



DETERMINISTIC6G Vision

The DETERMINISTIC6G vision is to set the foundation for future global communication standards enabling 6G deterministic communication for visionary use cases

- ❑ New concepts, features and solutions to
 - ❑ Evolve TSN (&DetNet) to become more wireless-friendly
 - ❑ Improve 5G-Advanced/6G to be better suited for deterministic communication
 - ❑ Align with the main application middleware for deterministic communication: OPC UA (with its features on OPC UA FX (Field eXchange) and the usage of TSN)



DETERMINISTIC6G objectives

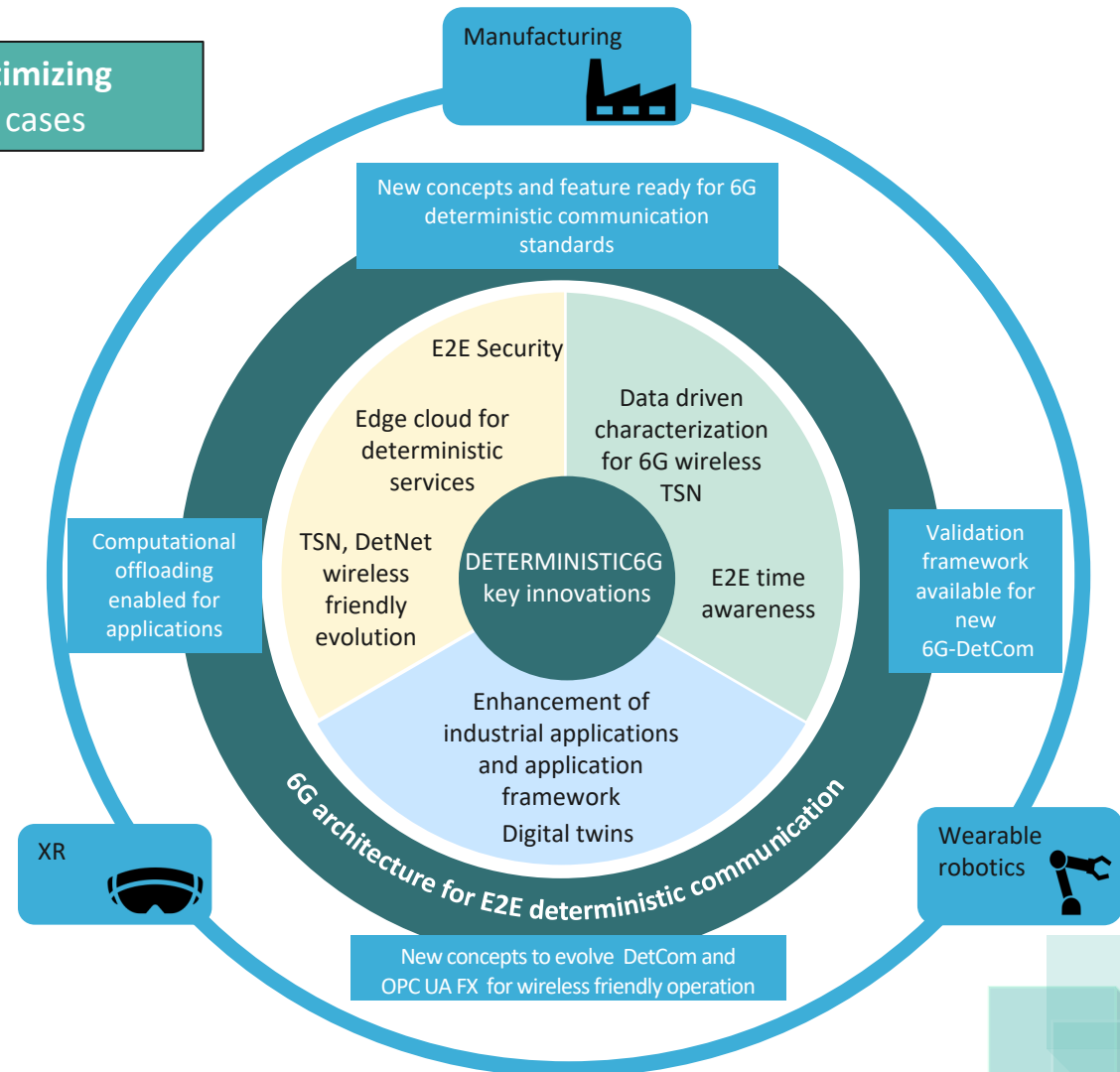
The DETERMINISTIC6G objective is to develop a **new architecture optimizing deterministic E2E communication with 6G to enable innovative use cases**

☐ The three pillars of DETERMINISTIC6G:

Architectural aspects for E2E deterministic communication

Awareness for providing E2E deterministic communication performance

Anticipation for assurance and control of E2E deterministic performance guarantees



TSN : Time-Sensitive Networking
 OPC UA : OPC Unified Architecture
 DetNet: Deterministic Networking

DETERMINISTIC6G Consortium



Industrial application players
bringing 6G visionary use cases



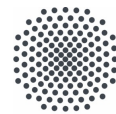
Key industrial players in
6G research and development



12 partners
(Coordinator:
Ericsson GmbH)



Jan 2023 – Jun 2025
(30 months)



University of Stuttgart
Germany



SAL
SILICON AUSTRIA LABS

Key university and research
institutes at the forefront for
6G fundamental research

€ 5.8 M€

Project overview

E2E deterministic system architecture

System aspects for deterministic E2E communication

- 6G use cases requiring deterministic communication
- Deterministic service definition (KPI/KVI)
- Security analysis

Deterministic communication technology enablers

- Deterministic 6G wireless transmission design
- Data driven characterization for 6G wireless system
- E2E time synchronization
- Deterministic communication standards (TSN DetNet) Evolution
- Edge computing solution for deterministic communication
- Situational awareness via digital twins
- Security countermeasures

Validation framework

- System level modelling
- Data driven model evaluation and validation
- System level simulations

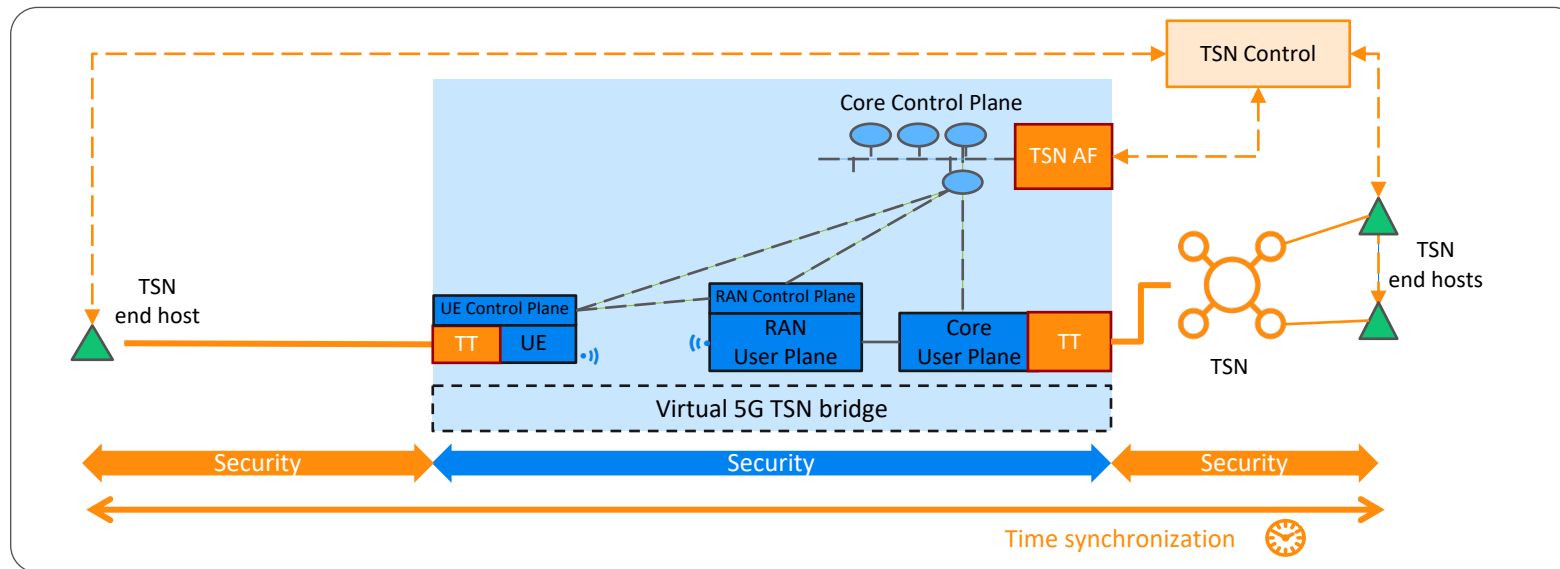
Use Cases and Service Definitions

- ❑ Selected use cases for the evaluation of concepts
 - ❑ Extended reality
 - ❑ Occupational exoskeletons
 - ❑ Wireless industrial automation
- ❑ Definition of specific **KPIs** and **KVIs** for deterministic communication (DetCom) based on selected use cases



E2E 6G deterministic communication architecture

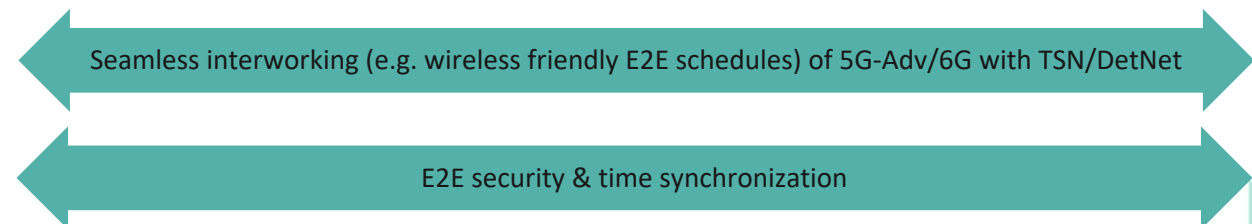
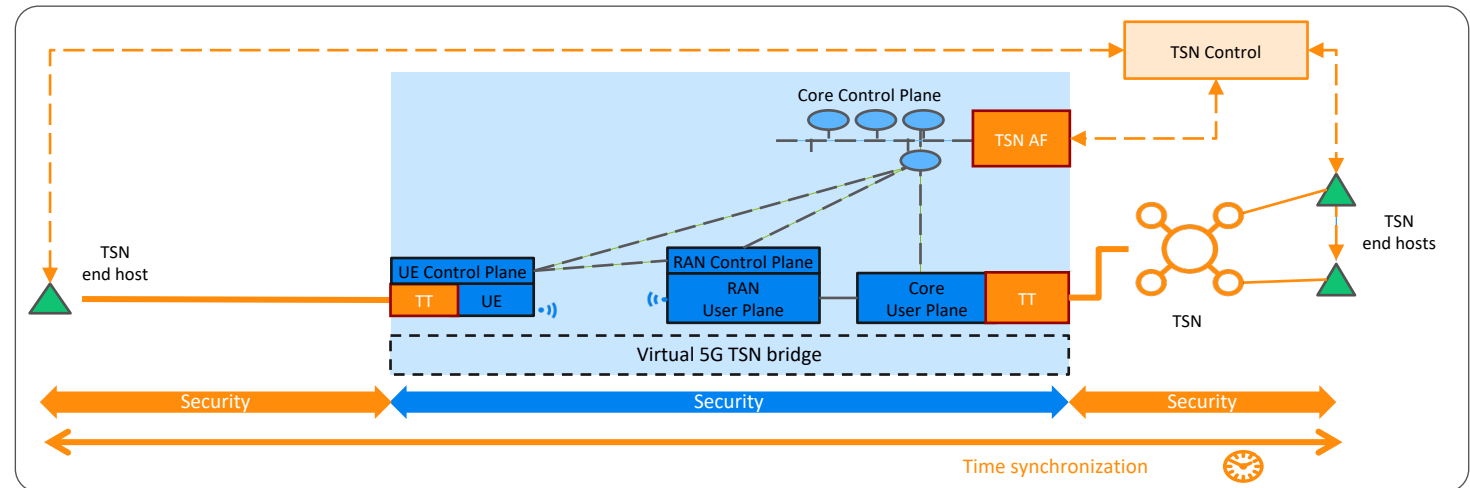
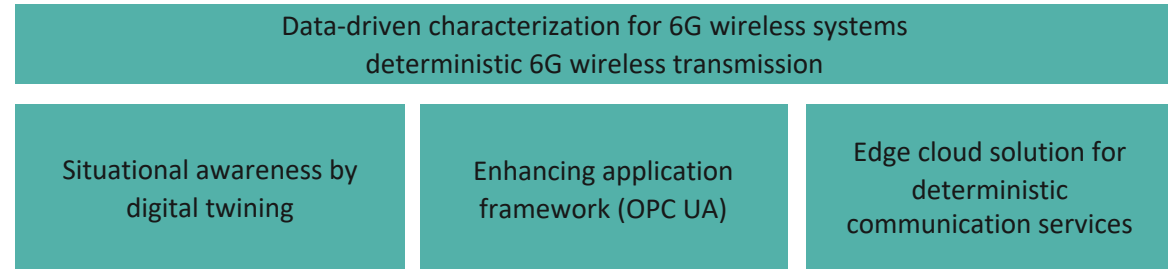
- Enhancements are needed for the existing 5G-TSN integration model for seamless integration



UE : User Equipment
 RAN: Radio Access Network
 CNC: Centralized Network Configuration
 TT: TSN Translator
 AF: Application Function

E2E 6G deterministic communication architecture

- ❑ DETERMINISTIC6G's enablers for E2E deterministic communication
 - ❑ Data driven approached
 - ❑ Digital twinning
 - ❑ OPC UA enhancement
 - ❑ Wireless friendly evolution of TSN and DetNet
 - ❑ Edge computing for deterministic communication services
 - ❑ E2E security and time synchronization
 - ❑ Deterministic 6G wireless transmission



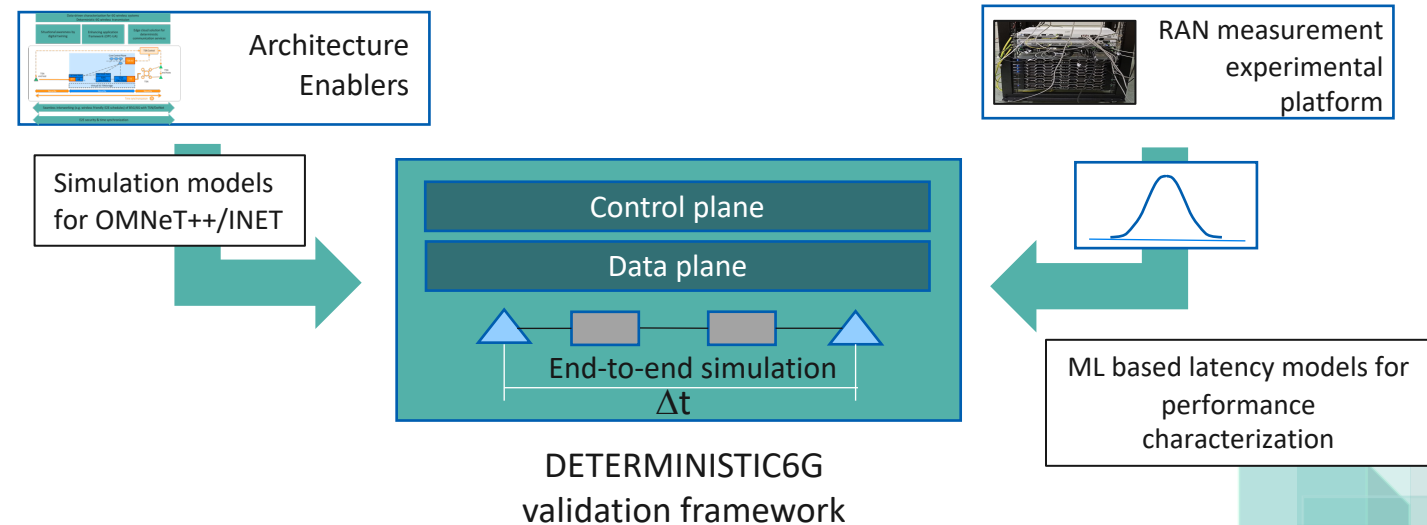
Validation

Validation through **simulation**

- ❑ Simulation of **end-to-end communication**
 - ❑ Extension of OMNeT++/INET simulator (open-source release)
- ❑ Simulation models for
 - ❑ wired and wireless data plane
 - ❑ wireless-friendly control plane
 - ❑ Edge cloud
 - ❑ Security concepts
 - ❑ Time synchronization concepts

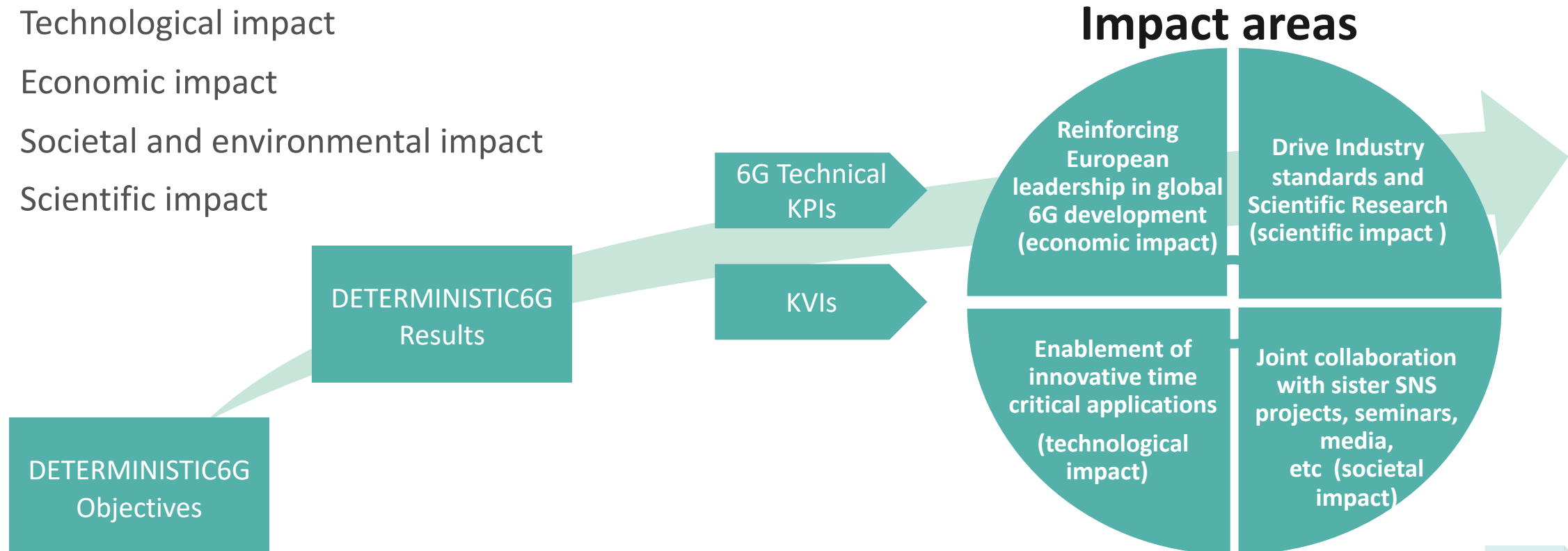
Validation through **experiments in RAN**

- ❑ Measurements of **wireless RAN** timing characteristics
 - ❑ Analysis of RAN latencies
 - ❑ Realistic latency models of wireless components for end-to-end simulation



Impact creation towards 6G

- ❑ Technological impact
- ❑ Economic impact
- ❑ Societal and environmental impact
- ❑ Scientific impact



DETERMINISTIC6G Grant Agreement No. 101096504

The DETERMINISTIC6G project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon Europe research and innovation programme under grant agreement No. 101096504.

If you need further information, please contact the coordinator:

Dhruvin Patel, ERICSSON

E-Mail: coordinator@deterministic6g.eu

or visit: www.deterministic6g.eu



@DETERMINISTIC6G



[DETERMINISTIC6G](https://www.linkedin.com/company/deterministic6g)

The information in this document is provided “as is”, and no guarantee or warranty is given that the information is fit for any particular purpose. The content of this document reflects only the author's view – the European Commission is not responsible for any use that may be made of the information it contains. The users use the information at their sole risk and liability.

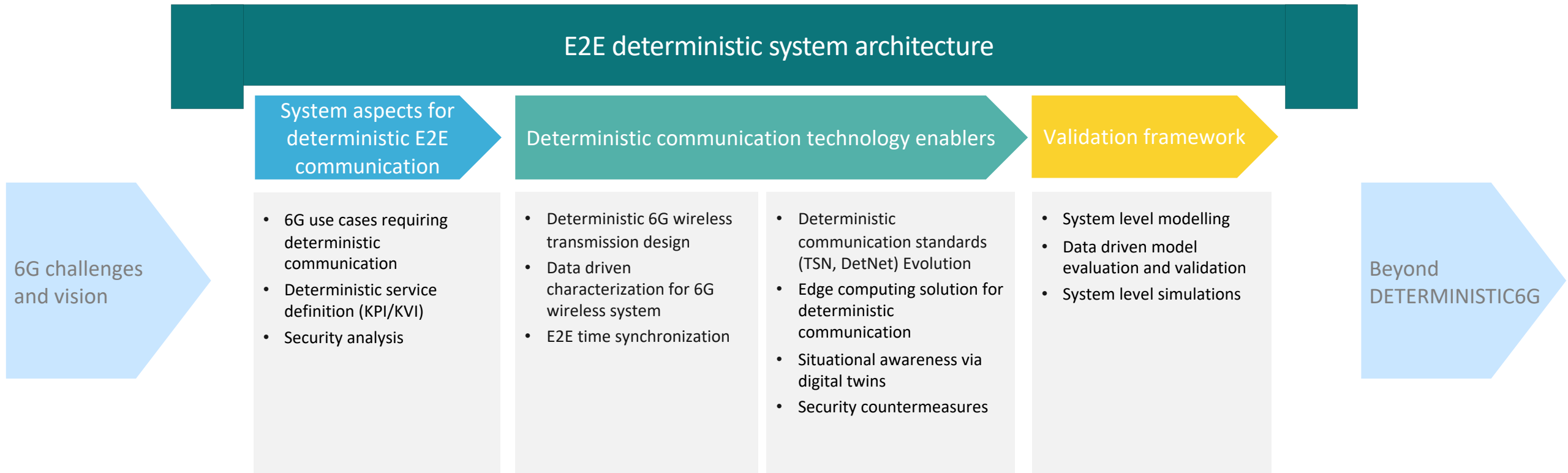

Summary

DETERMINISTIC6G vision is to set the foundation for future deterministic communication technology standards by developing

- ❑ Deterministic service definition that includes KPI and KVI for innovative 6G use case
- ❑ E2E deterministic system architecture built upon new DETERMINISTIC6G enablers
- ❑ Open-source validation framework

Deterministic E2E communication with 6G

Project coordination: Ericsson, Technical coordination: KTH, Project start: January 2023, Project duration: 30 months, Contact: coordinator@deterministic6g.eu, deterministic6g.eu

DETERMINISTIC6G has received funding from the Smart Networks and Services Joint Undertaking (SNS JU) under grant agreement No.101096504. The SNS JU receives support from the European Union's Horizon Europe research and innovation programme



PREDICT 6G

PREDICT-6G

The importance of predictability determinism in 6G networks

Antonio de la Oliva (aoliva@it.uc3m.es)

EuCNC WS10: Future deterministic programmable networks for 6G



Funded by
the European Union

This project was awarded funding by the European Union's Horizon Europe Research and Innovation programme under grant agreement N° 1101095890.

The vision

Building a deterministic 6G network



RELIABLE

Availability
Low packet
Failure resilient



TIME SENSITIVE

Bounded latency
Low jitter



PREDICTABLE

Use of AI to predict events,
states, demands, resources
Autonomous proactive actions
based on predictions

The mission

PREDICT-6G aims to design, create and validate end-to-end (E2E) 6G solutions providing deterministic services over multiple interconnected domains and technologies (incl. wired and wireless).

3 pillars

- To **extend the reliability and time sensitiveness features** of IEEE 802.11 and 3GPP networks, including APIs for the monitoring and control of such capabilities, enabling predictability.
- To **develop a multi-technology multi-domain Data-Plane** jointly with an AI-driven multi-stakeholder inter-domain Control-Plane (AICP)
- To **enhance the predictability** of the network through artificial intelligence, enabling the forecasting of the occupancy of network resources and the effect of accepting a new flow into the network

3 use cases

1. **Smart manufacturing**
2. **Multi-domain deterministic communications**
3. **Critical communications**



Innovations

Specific innovations

- 1 Improvement of L2 deterministic capabilities of IEEE 802.11 and 3GPP
- 2 Emulate deterministic network capabilities on top of non-deterministic network segments
- 3 Data-plane integration of multiple deterministic and non-deterministic domains
- 4 User, resource, and function mobility under deterministic constraints
- 5 Highly configurable monitoring platform for multi-technology deterministic networks
- 6 Cross-domain E2E deterministic service management automation
- 7 Predictability through Network Digital Twinning

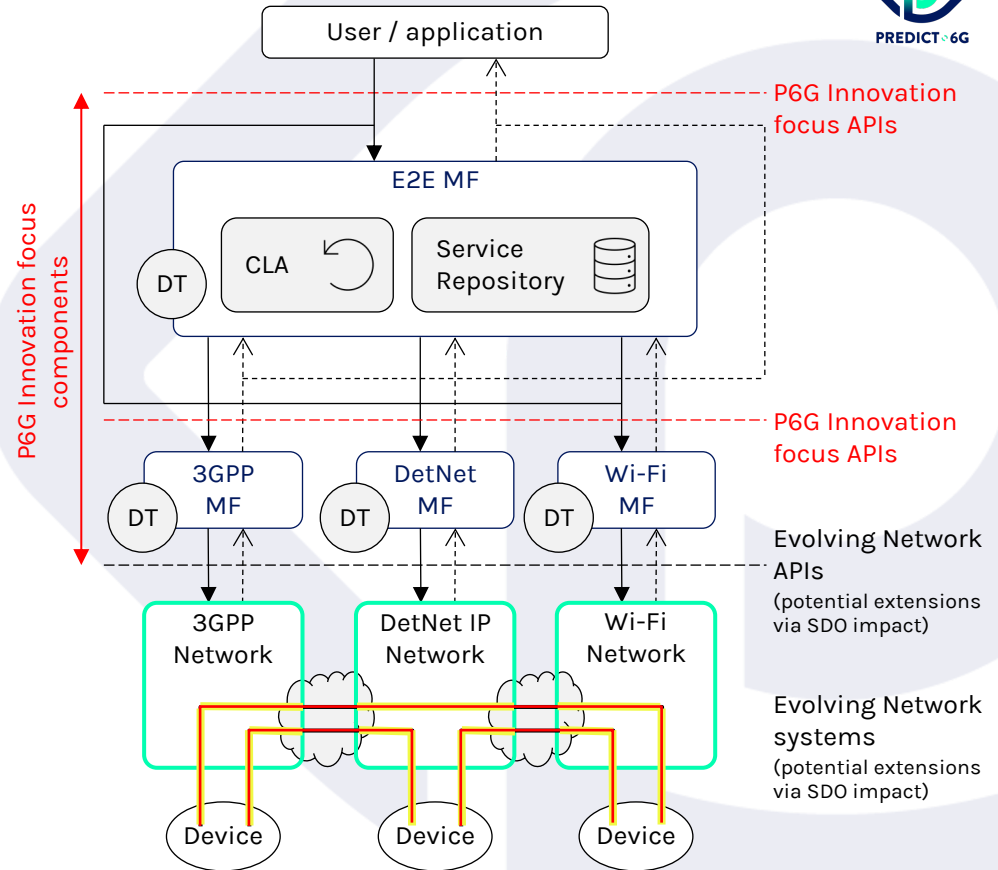
Architecture overview

PREDICT-6G management scope


- Networks (e.g., PM/CM)
- Network services within one network (e.g., connectivity, det. SLA)
- E2E services over multiple networks (e.g., between devices attached to different networks)

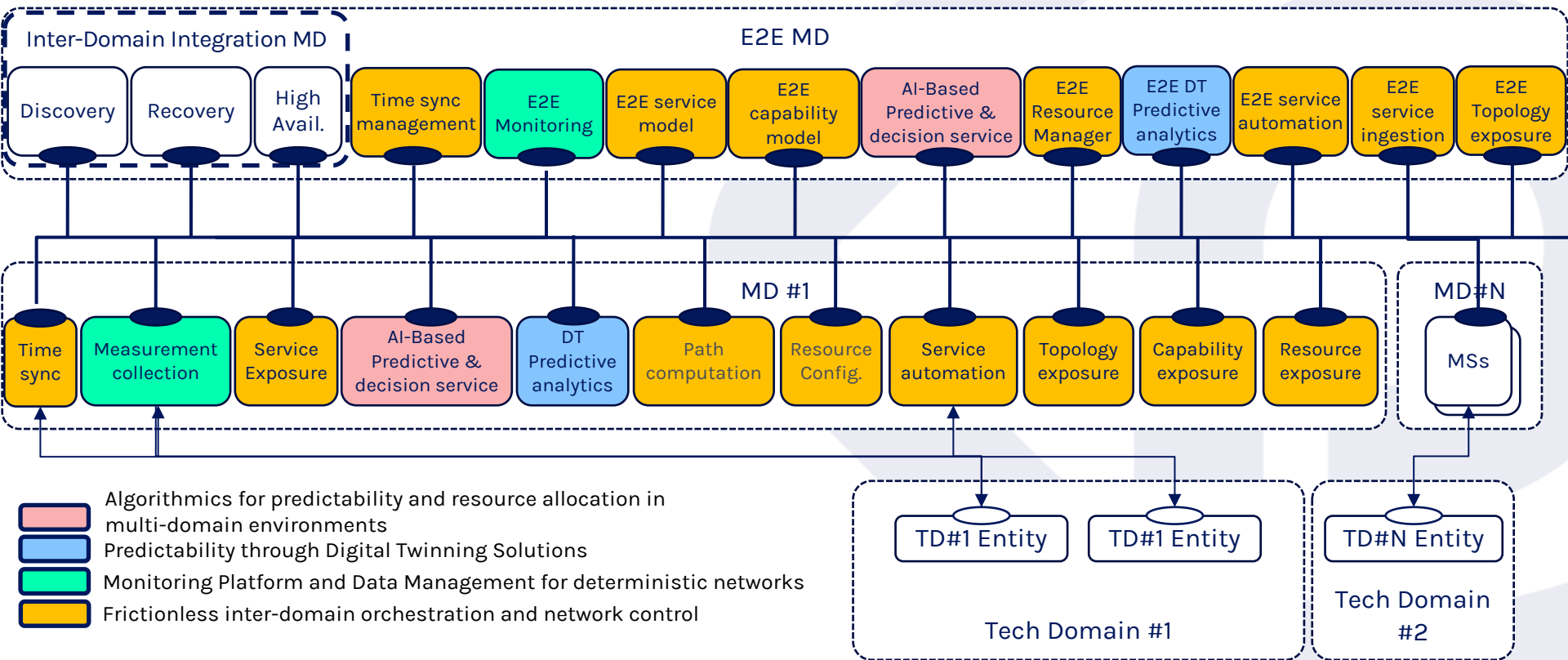
These are **Managed Entities (ME)** for the PREDICT-6G framework.

- E2E deterministic service flow (MDP)
- ▶ Request / configuration (AICP)
- Measurement / status / insight (AICP)



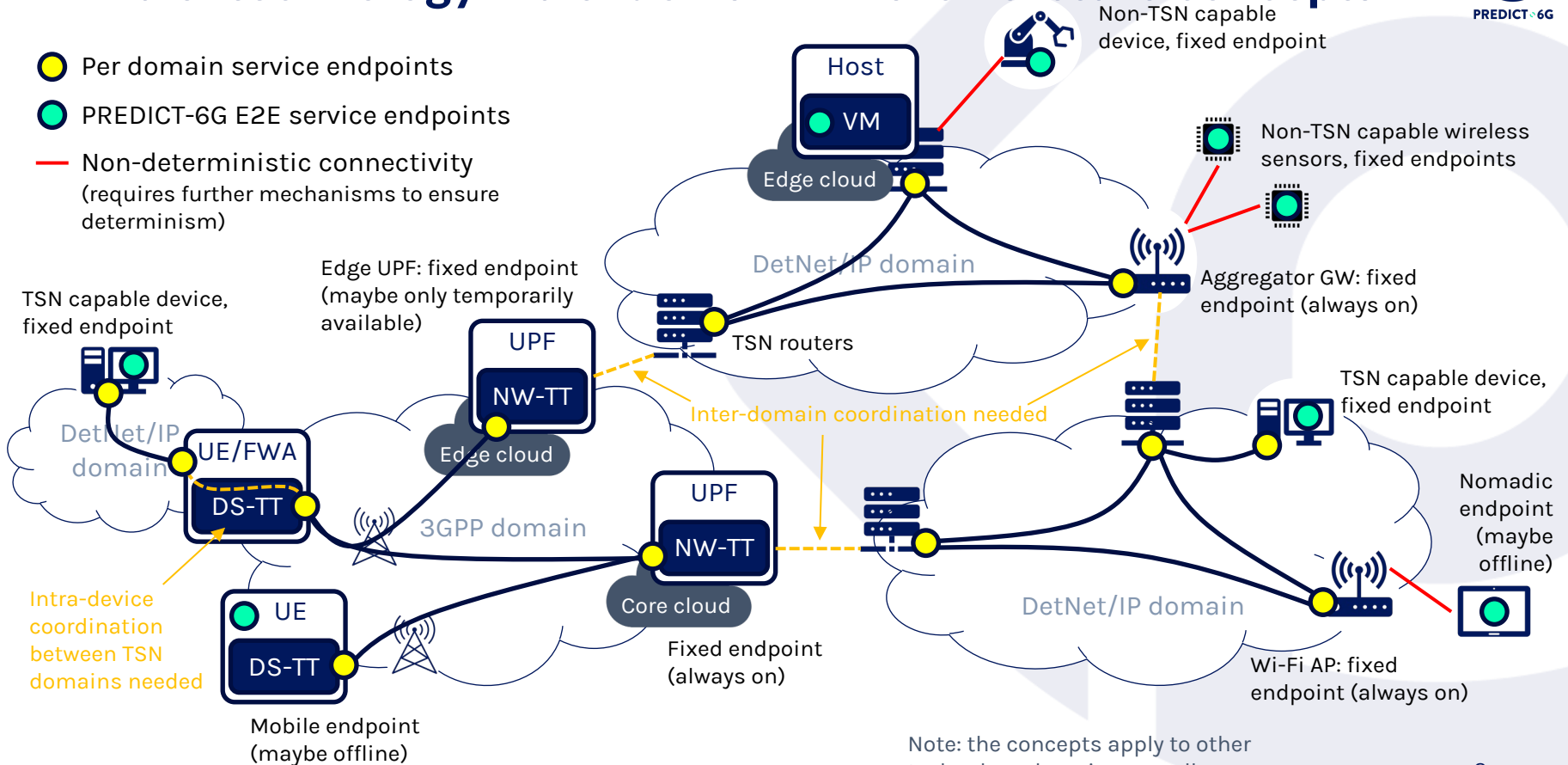
AICP Architecture

● Represents all management capabilities of the corresponding MS 



Multi-technology multi-domain DP architecture concepts

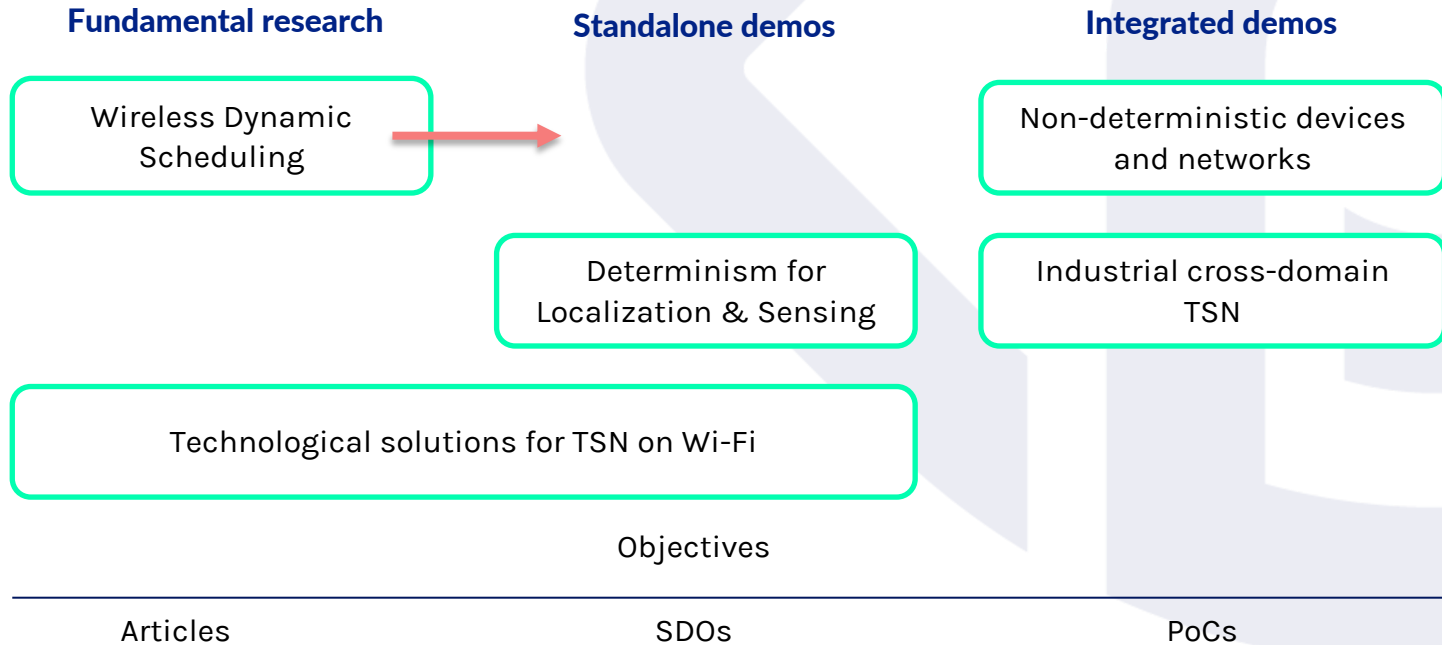
- Per domain service endpoints
- PREDICT-6G E2E service endpoints
- Non-deterministic connectivity (requires further mechanisms to ensure determinism)



Note: the concepts apply to other technology domains as well.

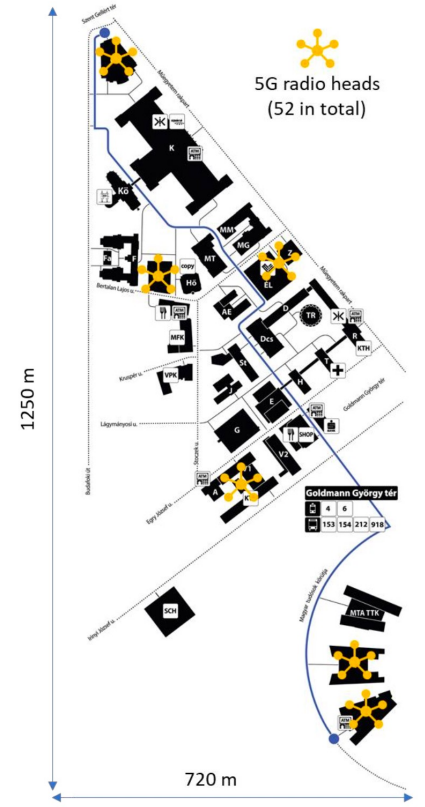
The integration concept within PREDICT-6G

- PREDICT-6G Integrates multi-domain layer-2 islands of deterministic technologies through layer-3 mechanisms (DetNet, RAW).



Experimentation plans and testbeds

- 3 key use cases
 - Deterministic services for critical communications
 - Multi-domain deterministic communication
 - Smart Manufacturing
- 2 main testsites
 - Budapest Open Lab
 - Madrid Open Lab (5TONIC)



Summary

- PREDICT-6G considers networks need to be enhanced to become more deterministic (i.e., predictable, reliable and time sensitive) to cope with emerging use cases
- The 6G network will be composed of multiple heterogeneous networks merged together
 - Not a single L2 solution will solve the problem
- PREDICT-6G proposes two main innovations in this area:
 - Multi-technology multi-domain Data-Plane (MDP)
 - Enhance L2 technologies
 - Integrate them into a single E2E data plane
 - Expose APIs for control and monitoring
 - AI-driven Multi-stakeholder Inter-domain Control-Plane (AICP)
 - AI-based network control plane framework
 - Network digital twins for predictability
 - Monitoring platform

Meet our team



17 partners from seven EU countries have joined forces





PREDICT 6G

Thank you!



[@Predict6G](https://twitter.com/Predict6G)



predict-6g.eu



[PREDICT-6G Project](#)



**Funded by
the European Union**

This project was awarded funding by the European Union's Horizon Europe Research and Innovation programme under grant agreement N° 1101095890.

EUCNC | 6 June 2023

Industrial 5G / 5G-ACIA: Lessons Learned & State of the Union



Dr. Afif Osseiran (Ericsson)
General Vice-Chair of 5G-ACIA

Part I

Looking Back



5G-ACIA | Recap: Major Objectives



OT Industry



ICT Industry



- 1 Establish a common language btw. ICT & OT
- 2 Reflect OT needs in standardization & regulation
- 3 Analyze how 5G may enhance the Industrial IoT
- 4 Identify relevant certification & testing needs
- 5 Develop a sustainable Industrial 5G ecosystem
- 6 Promote Industrial 5G worldwide

5G-ACIA as the globally leading organization for driving and shaping Industrial 5G

5G-ACIA | Overview of Major Achievements



Use Cases & Requirements



Solid understanding of Industrial 5G use cases & requirements

Private Networks



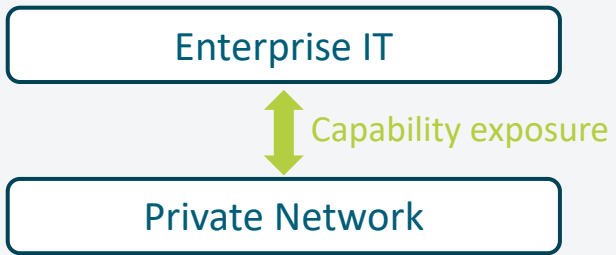
Suitable deployment & operating models of private 5G networks

Shopfloor Integration



Integration of 5G with other important OT technologies

IT Integration



Integration of 5G in existing enterprise IT environments

Education



Creating awareness for Industrial 5G all around the world

Collaboration



Establishing a unique network of global collaboration partners

5G-ACIA | Overview of Major Achievements – Testbeds



5G-SMART Testbed in Semiconductor Factory



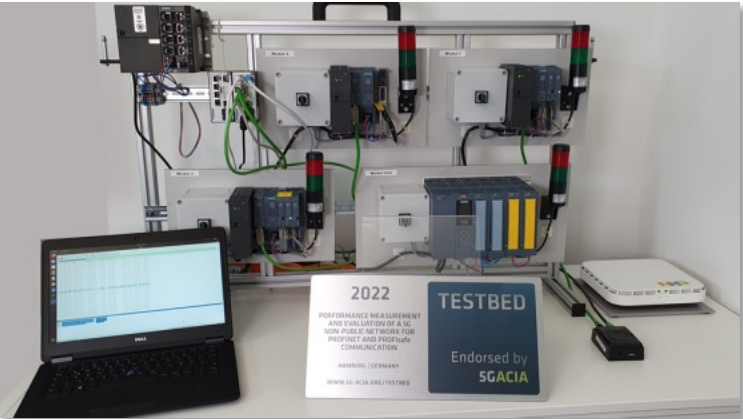
5G Industry Campus Europe



5G Open RAN Commun. & Positioning Testbed



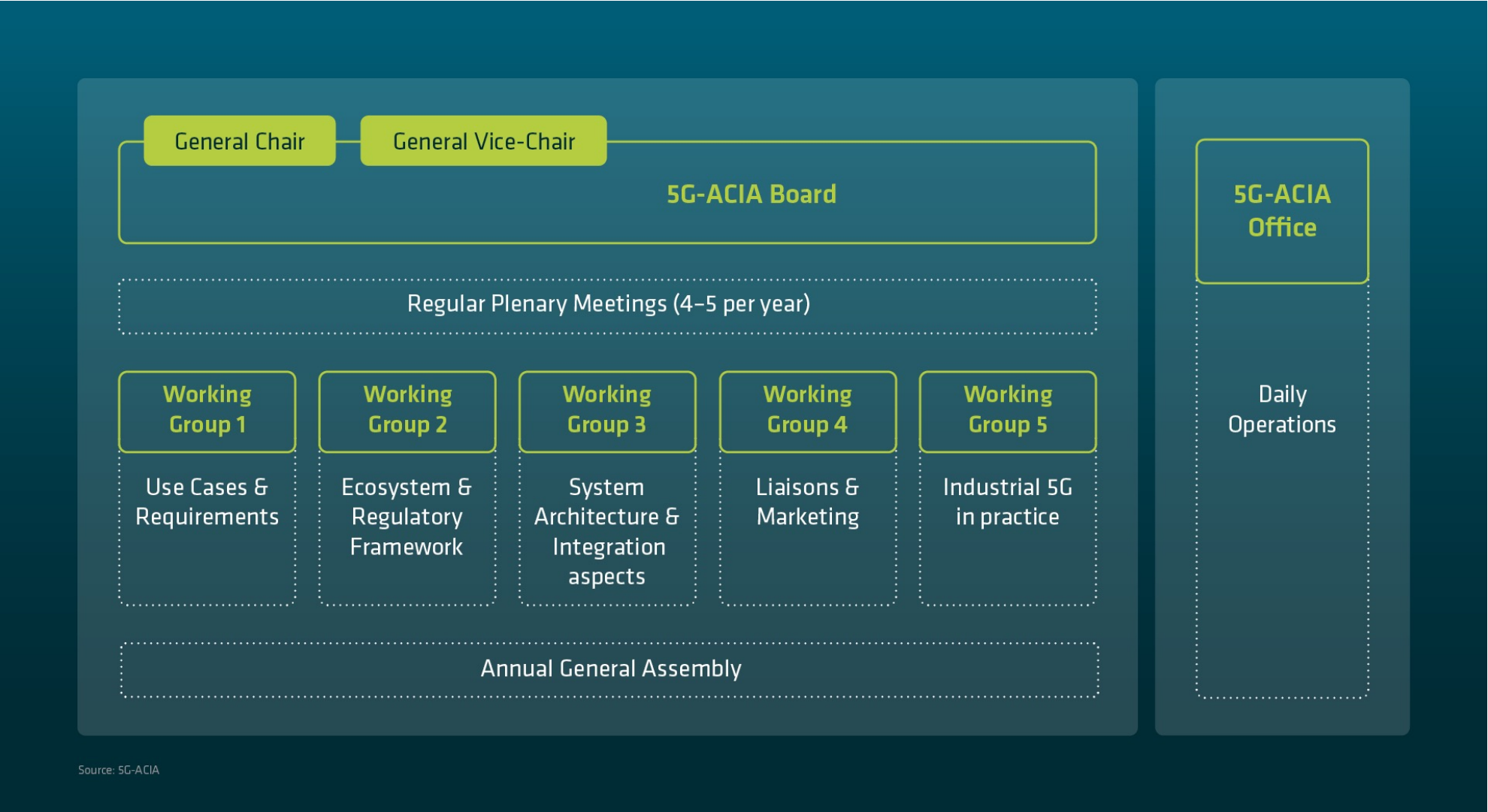
5G Performance Evaluation for Material Handling



5G for PROFINET and PROFIsafe

...and many more exciting 5G-ACIA testbeds by different member companies

5G-ACIA | Working Group Structure



Source: 5G-ACIA

5G-ACIA | 5th Anniversary at Hannover Messe 2023



Public Kick-Off of 5G-ACIA
Hannover Messe, April 2018
26 Members



5th Anniversary of 5G-ACIA
Hannover, April 2023
99 Members

5G-ACIA | Member Overview



| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |

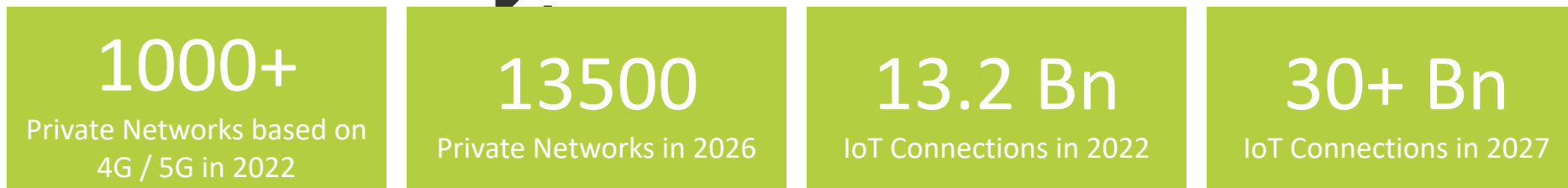
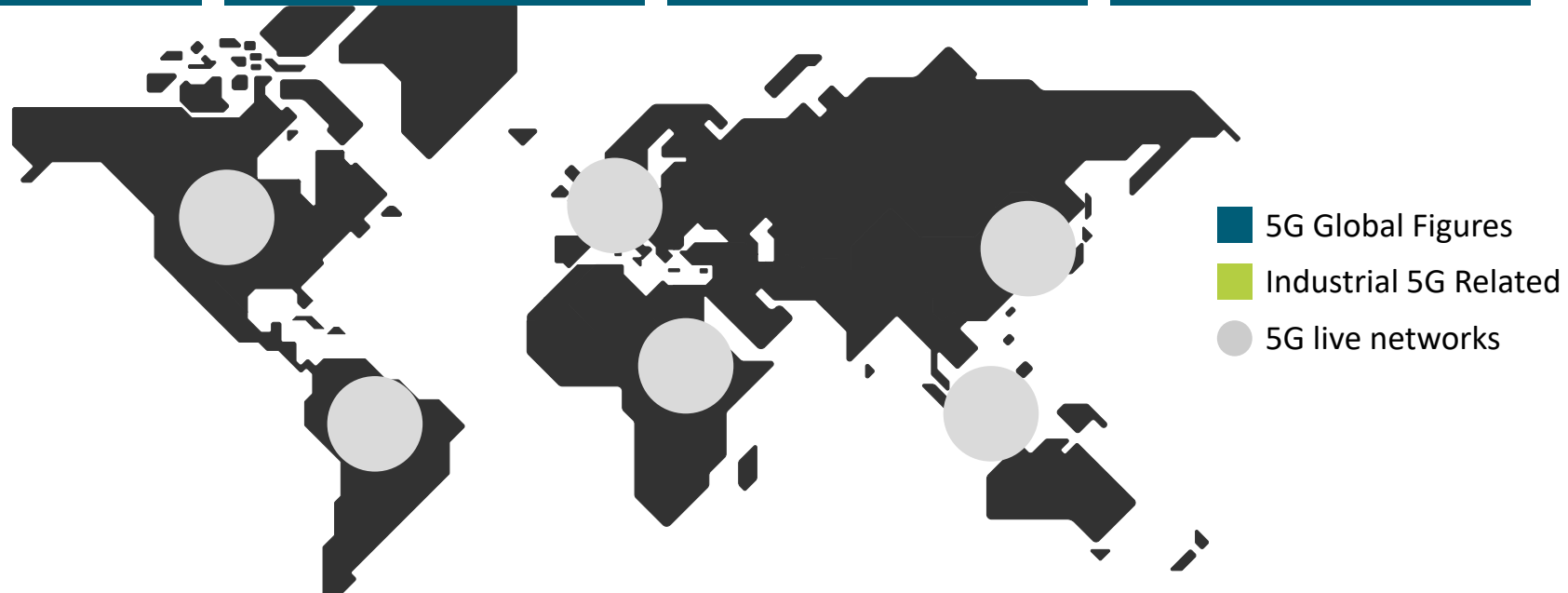
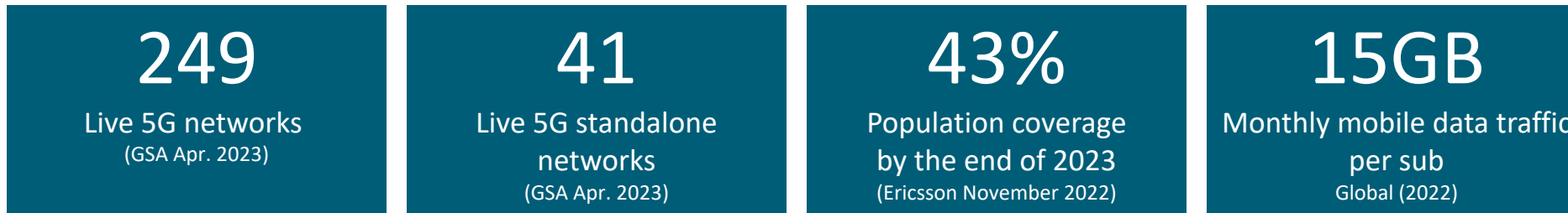
Joined in May

Status: May 2023

Part II
(Industrial) 5G Today



5G in numbers



3GPP 5G standard addresses industrial needs



Rel-15

Key URLLC (Ultra Reliable Low Latency) features

First 5G release

Key features for low latency and high reliability



Rel-16

Industrial IoT

Support for IEEE time sensitive networking (TSN)

Non-public network enhancements, positioning, time-sync, exposure



Rel-17

Efficiency and scale

Enhanced efficiency and capacity for URLLC

Improvements for positioning and time sync



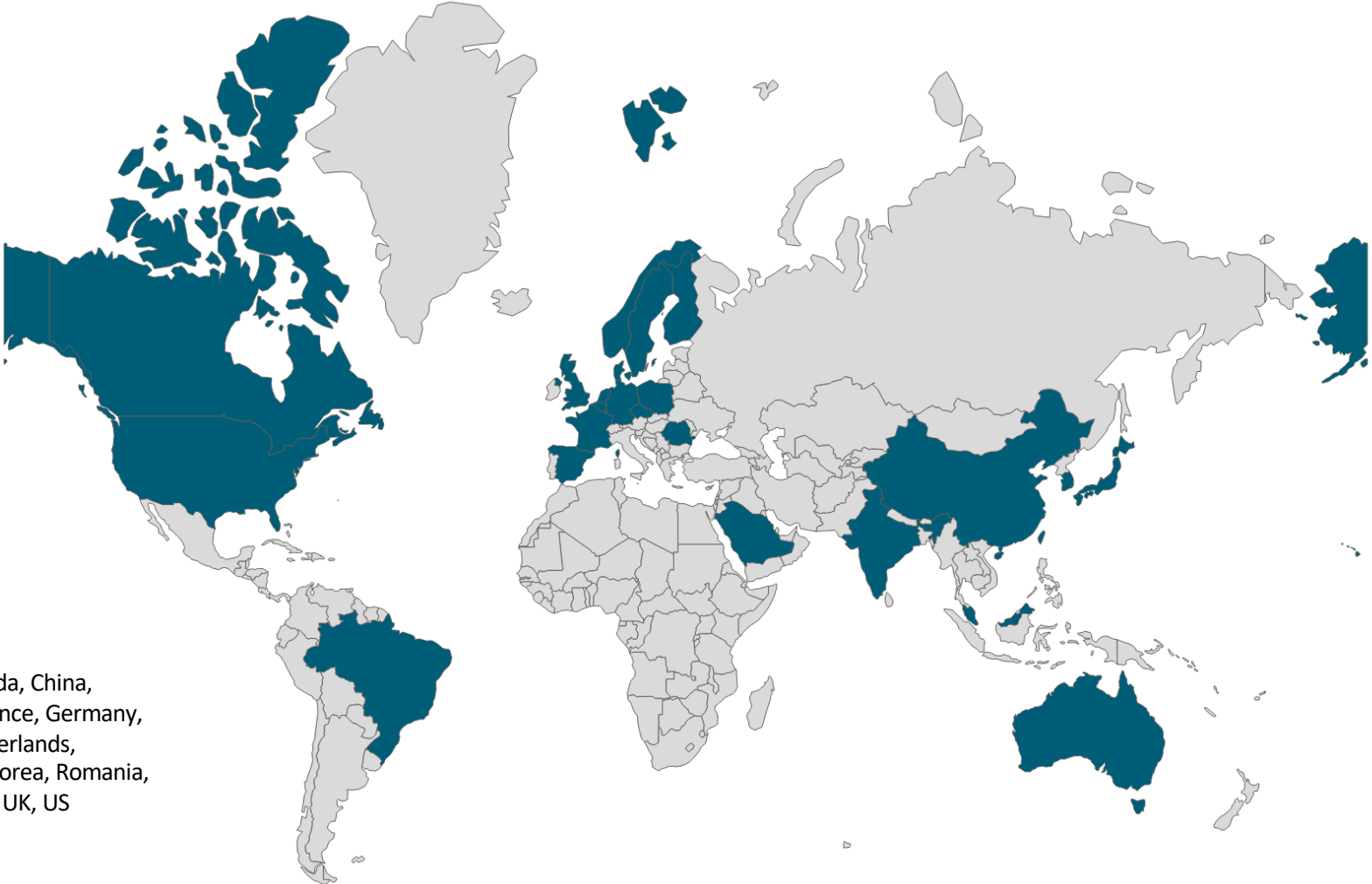
Rel-18

Expand use cases


Addressing AR/VR, remote control, media production

Further enhancement of time sync, NPN, exposure

Spectrum for Industries – Decided or Ongoing discussions



High band
Australia, Brazil, Canada, China,
Denmark, Finland, France, Germany,
Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands,
Norway, Republic of Korea, Romania,
Saudi, Spain, Sweden, UK, US

 **Status Quo in Germany**

>293 Granted licenses
in 3.7 – 3.8 GHz band

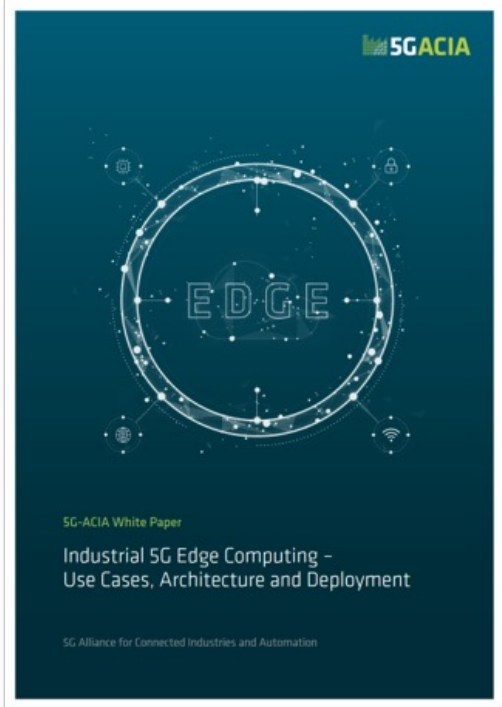
16 Granted licenses
in 26 GHz band

Part III

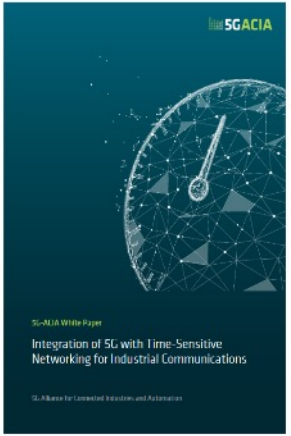
Industrial 5G Shopfloor Integration in Detail



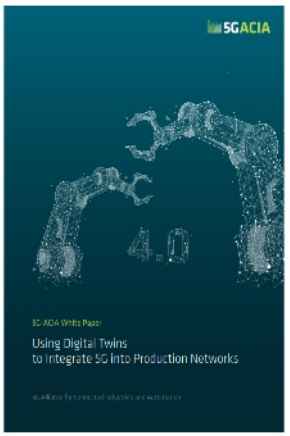
5G-ACIA | Overview of Recent Activities



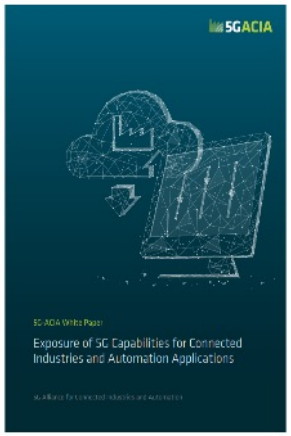
Edge Cloud



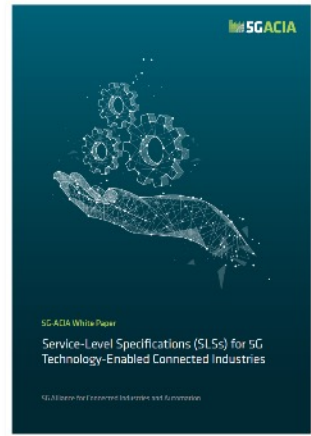
TSN-over-5G



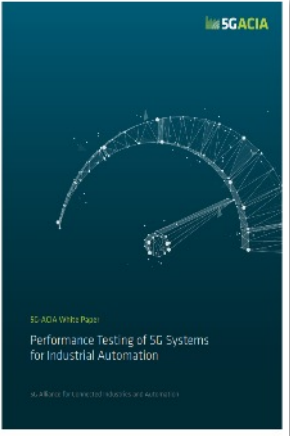
5G Digital Twins



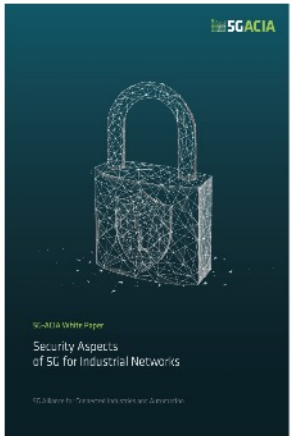
5G Exposure Interface



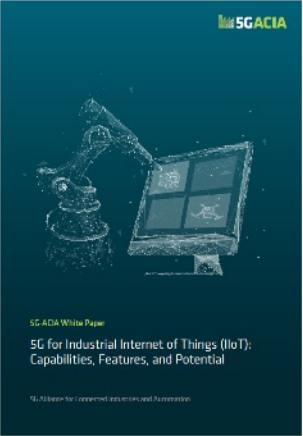
Service-Level Specifications



Performance Testing



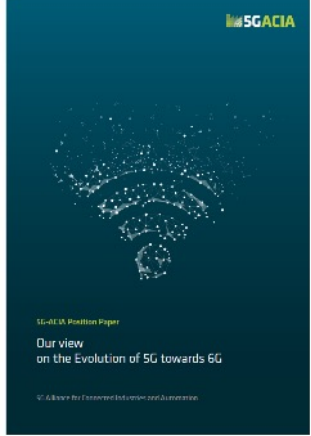
Security



5G IIoT Capa.



5G QoS



6G Position Paper



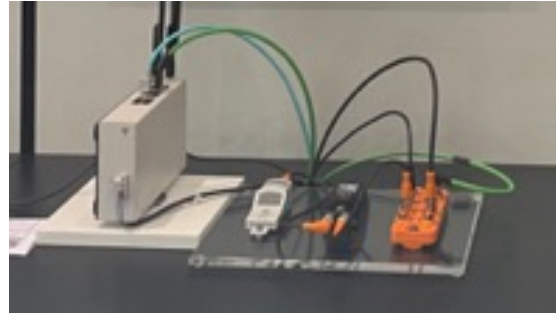
5G Industrial Devices

Industrial 5G Devices | Examples

Gateway for IP67 sensor
[Weidmuller]



I/O Device [ifm]



Controller [Wago]



Mobile Panels [ABB]



Level Sensor
[Endress+Hauser]



Router [Phoenix
Contact]



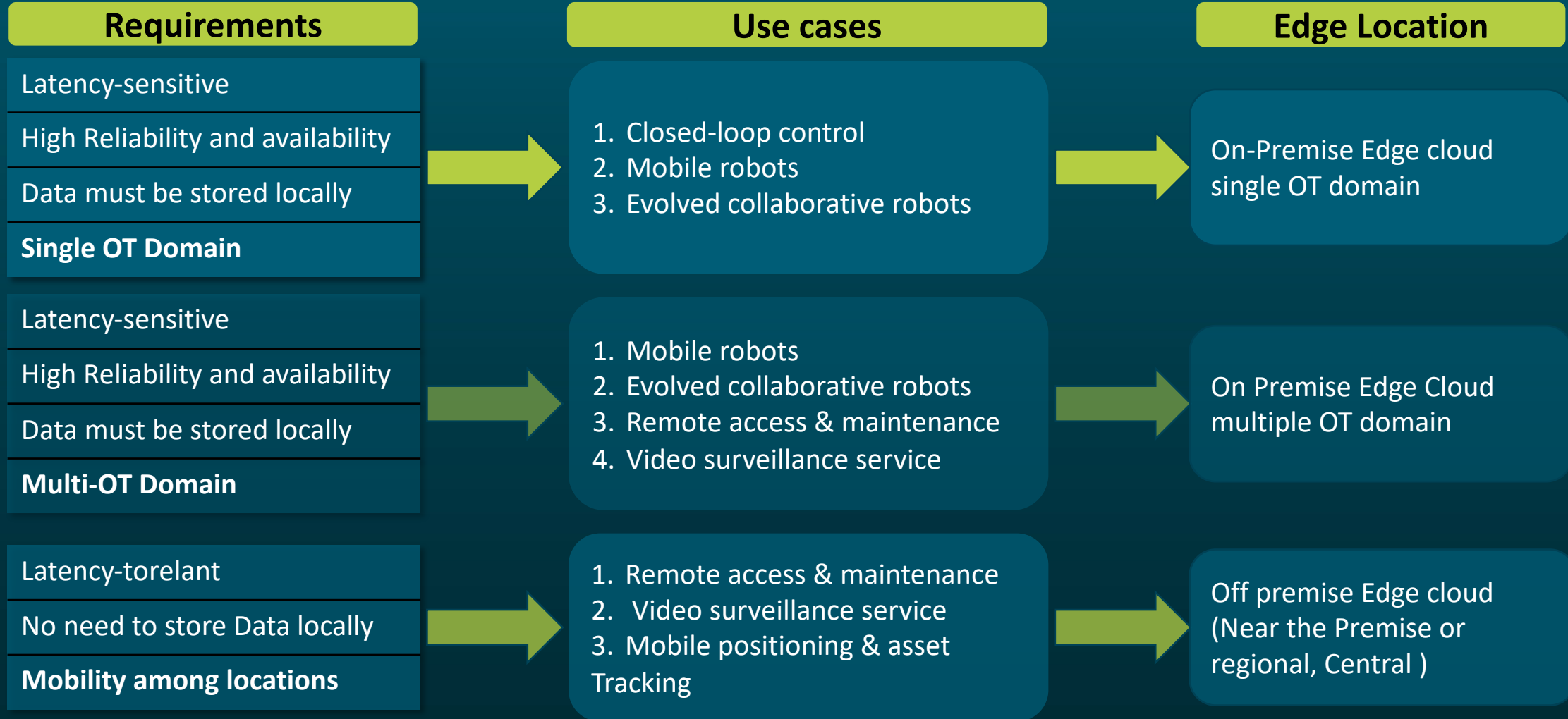
Gateway for brownfield
[Endress+Hauser]



Drones [ABB]

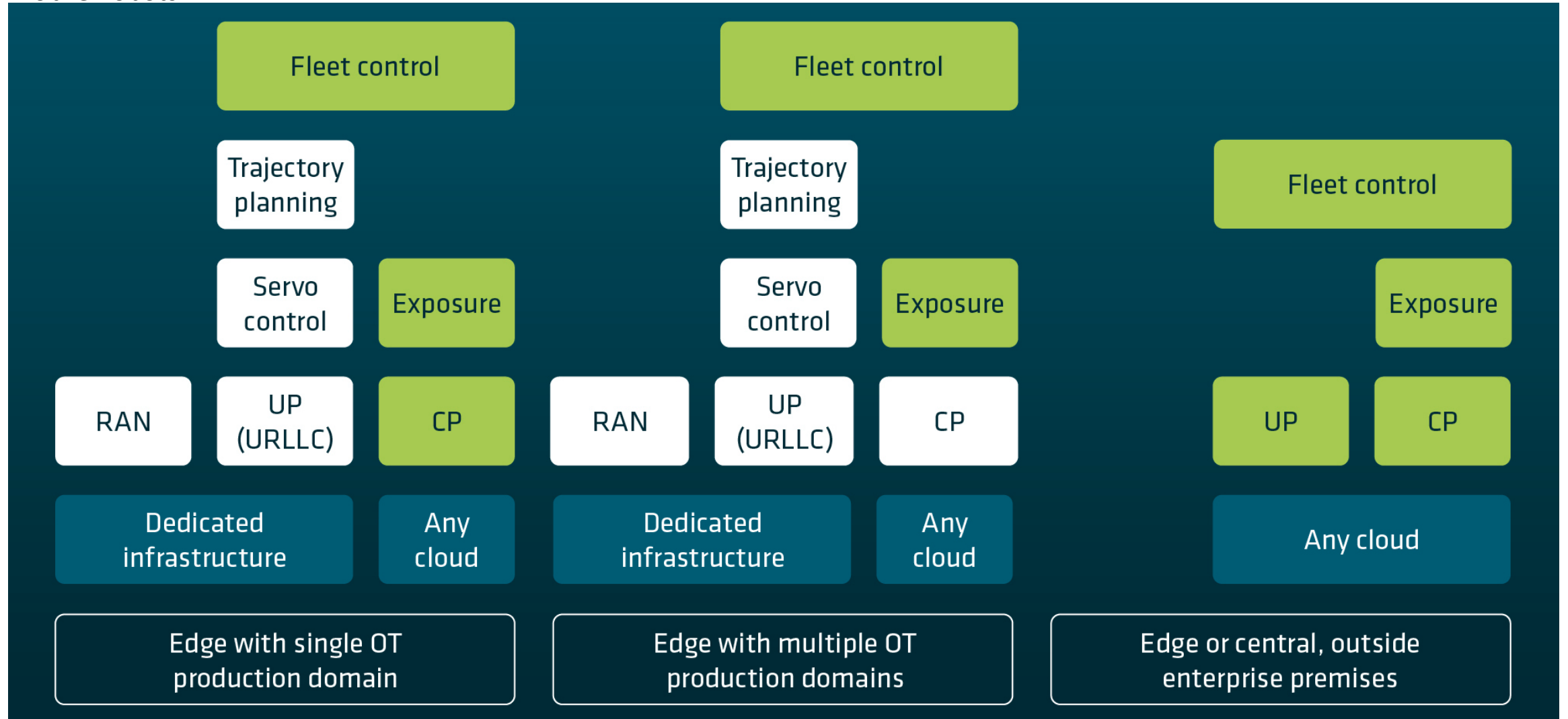
Edge Cloud | Use Case Requirements and Benefits

Mapping use cases to edge location



Edge Cloud | Example deployments for use cases

Mobile Robots



Part VI

Industrial 5G: Where are we heading?



The Industrial 5G Hype Cycle



From Theory to Practice

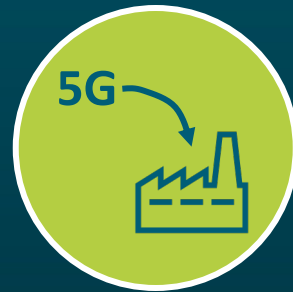
- 1** Significant adoption of private 5G for addressing coverage challenge already today (e.g., mining, ports, chem. plants)
- 2** Increasing availability of IIoT features (e.g., NR RedCap)
- 3** Increasing device ecosystem available, targeting particularly at industrial users
- 4** Significant activities of many industry leaders ongoing, esp. in areas such as car or aircraft manufacturing
- 5** Significant momentum and investments all around the world, incl. in the US, Japan, China and Korea



Industrial 5G is coming later than originally expected, but it is coming!



**Advanced
Use Cases &
Requirements**



**Advanced
Shopfloor
Integration**



**Open RAN
for
Industrial 5G**



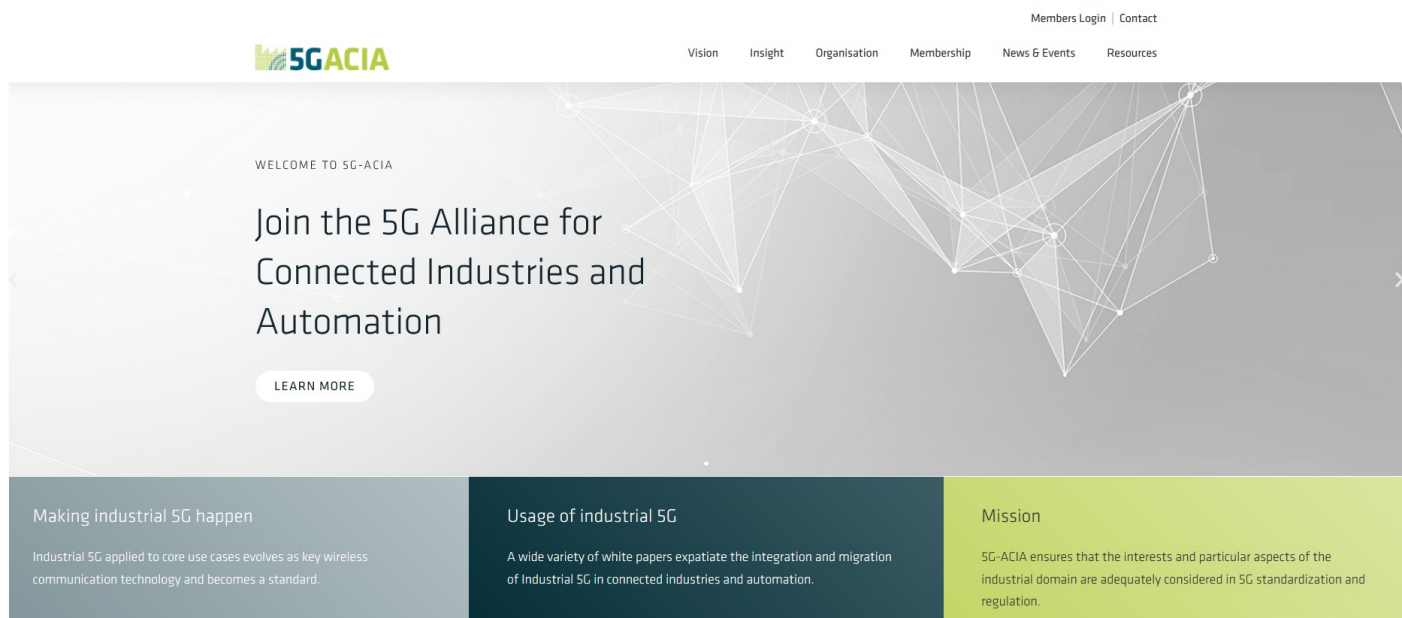
**Market
Tracking &
Forecasting**



**Hands-On
Guidelines &
Best Practices**

+ many more exciting and important topics

5G-ACIA | Further Information



www.5g-acia.org



Free white papers

Join us today to unlock the full potential of Industrial 5G and to pave the way for its further evolution towards B5G and 6G in future!



Thank you!

Afif Osseiran (Ericsson), Director Industry Engagements & Research
General Vice-Chair of 5G-ACIA

Afif.Osseiran@ericsson.com

5G Alliance for Connected Industries and Automation
Lyoner Strasse 9
60528 Frankfurt am Main
Germany

www.5g-acia.org

© ZVEI

The work, including all of its parts, is protected by copyright. Any use outside the strict limits of copyright law without the consent of the publisher is prohibited. This applies in particular to reproduction, translation, microfilming, storage, and processing in electronic systems. Although ZVEI has taken the greatest possible care in preparing this document, it accepts no liability for the content.



5GACIA



END-TO-END DATA PLANE ABSTRACTION FOR SUPPORTING DEEP SLICING IN 6G

Sándor Laki, assistant professor

Communication Networks Laboratory
Faculty of Informatics
ELTE Eötvös Loránd University
Budapest, Hungary

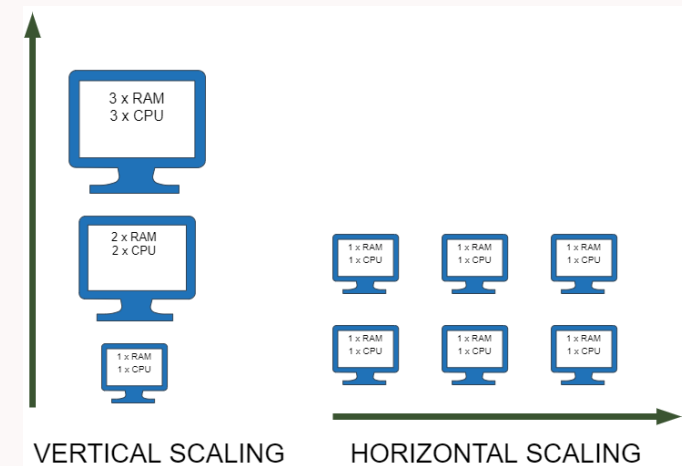


06/06/2023



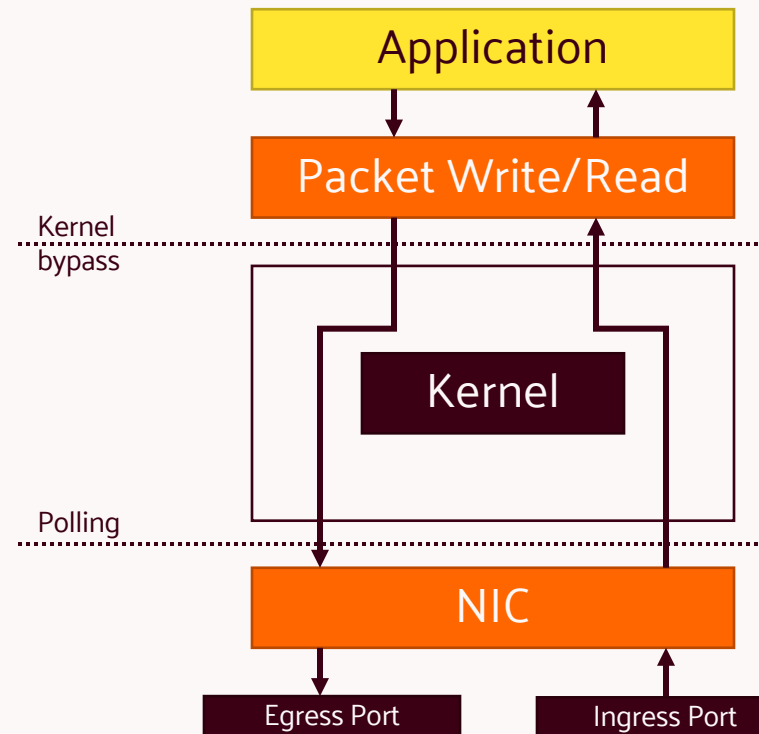
SOFTWAREZATION TREND IN PACKET CORE NETWORKS

- Delivering new functionalities
 - Timely and customized way
- Softwarized packet core
 - Packet processing in software
 - Running on commodity servers
- High flexibility and good scalability
 - Software instances can be scaled up or down
 - Network Function Virtualization

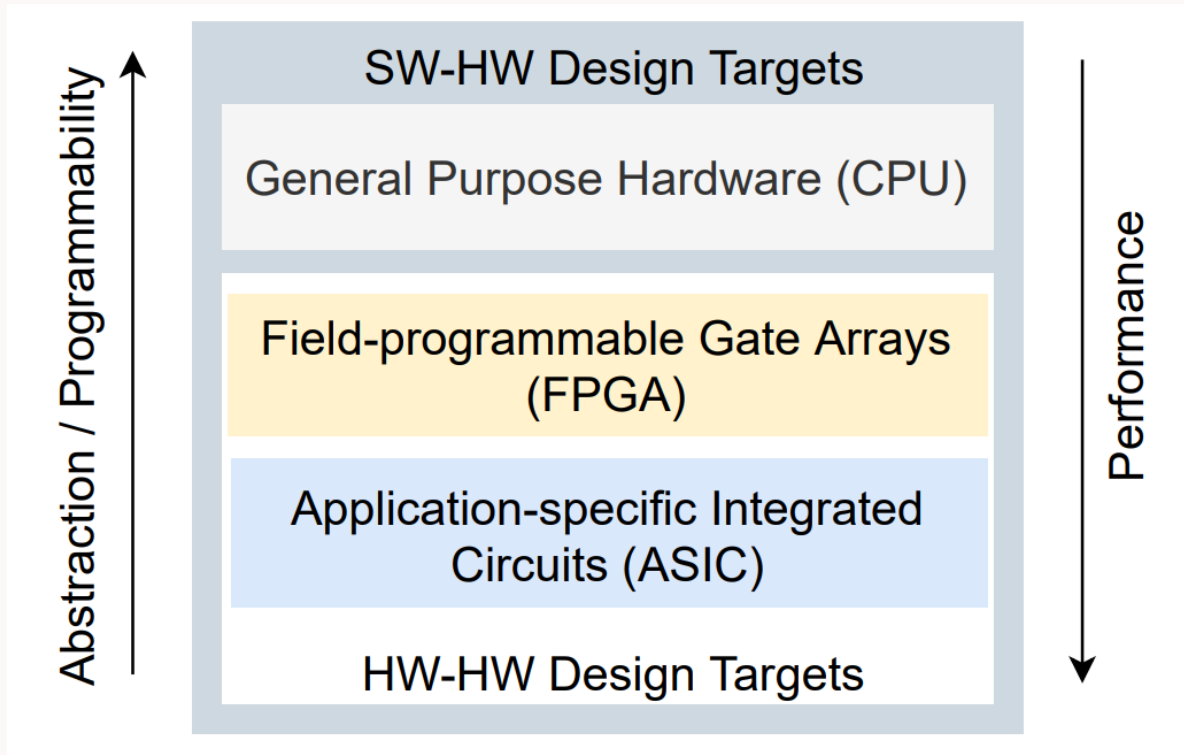


DRAWBACKS

- Unpredictable latency and problems with low latency guarantees
 - Commodity hardware not designed for packet processing
- Throughput limits
 - Several bottlenecks: PCIe speed, cache misses, memory access, etc.
- Kernel-bypass techniques
 - High performance packet processing
 - Needed for good throughput
 - Fully utilized CPU cores
 - Constantly polling NICs
- High energy consumption
 - W/pps
 - Increasing OPEX

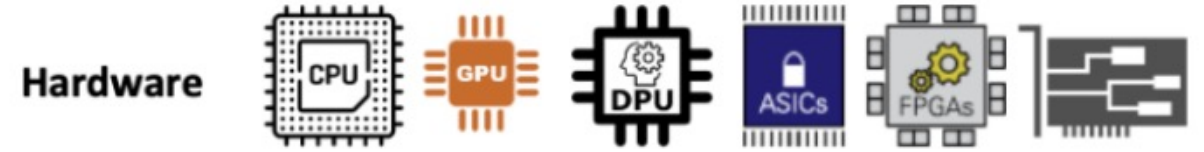
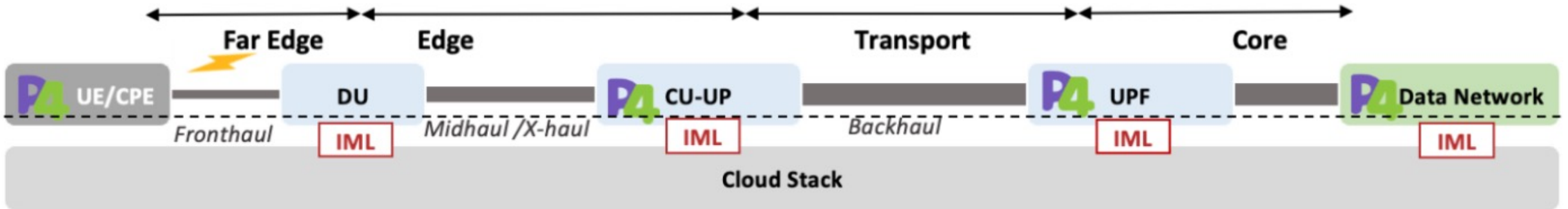
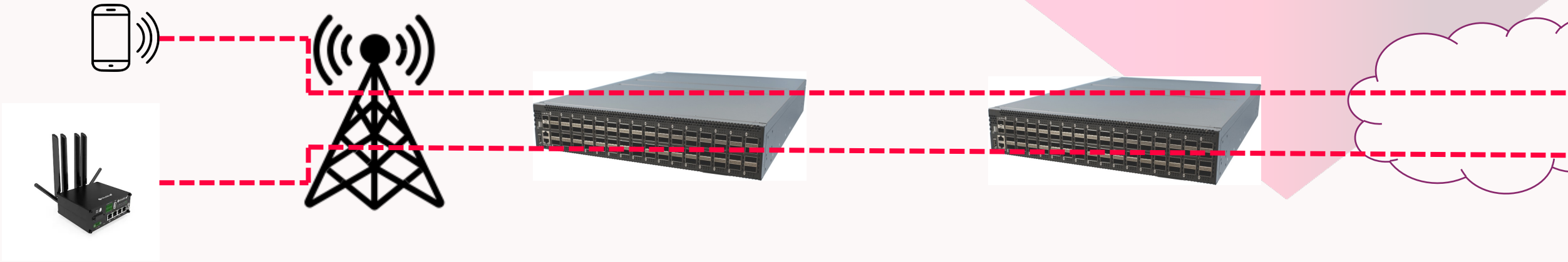


PROGRAMMABLE NETWORK DEVICES AS NF(V) BACKENDS

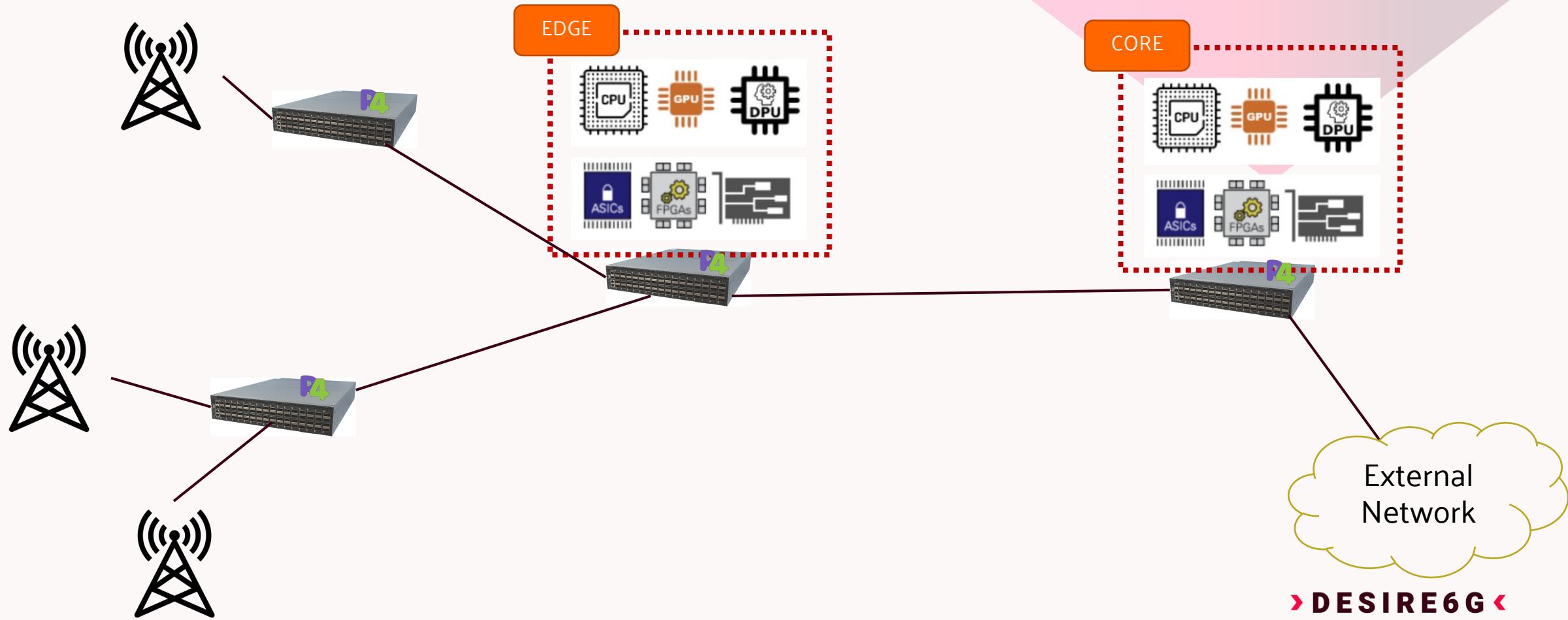


> DESIRE6G <

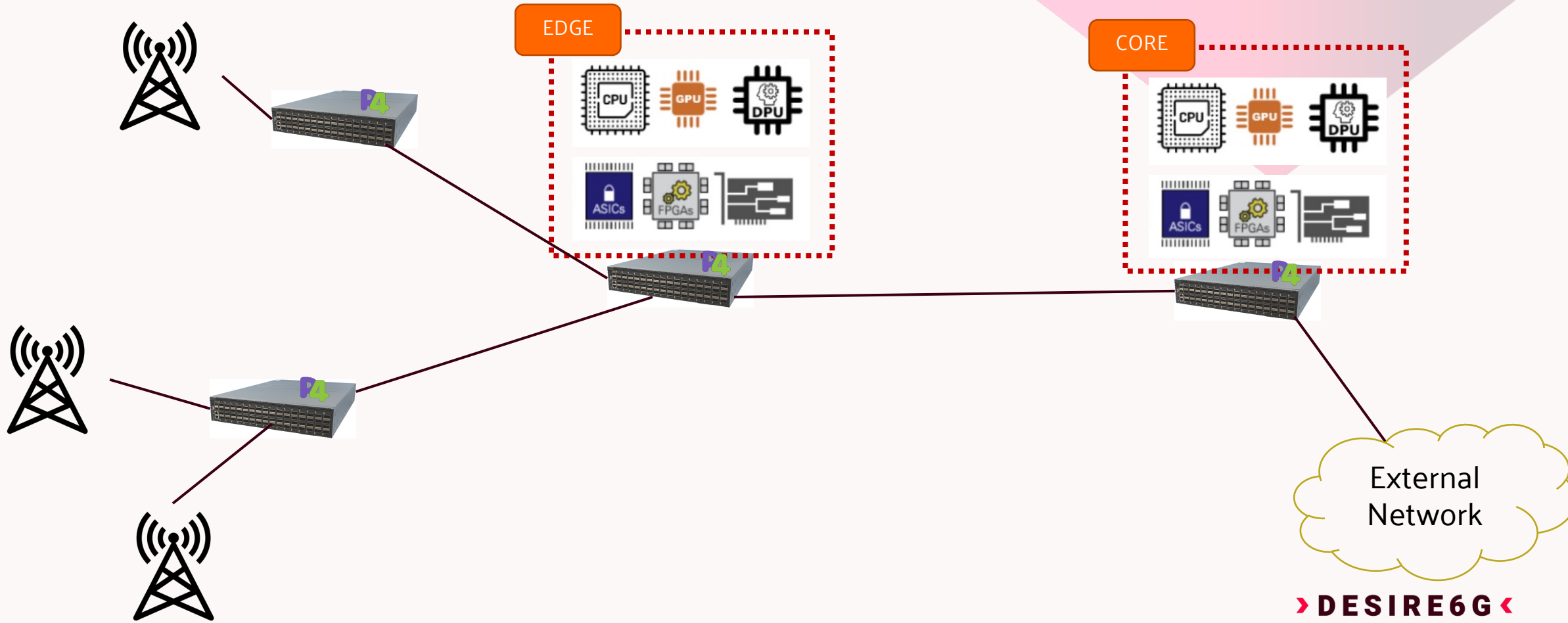
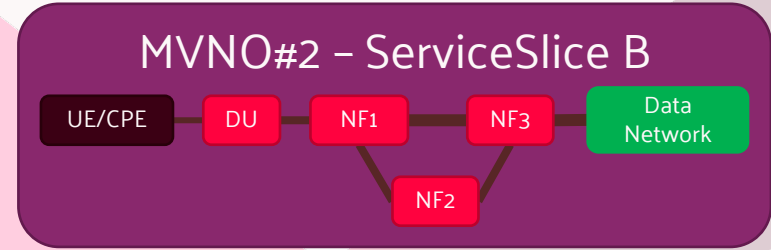
E2E PROGRAMMABILITY VISION



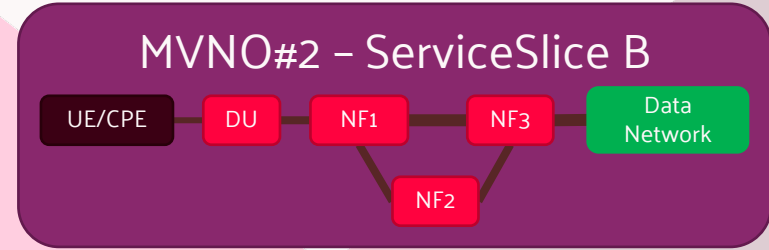
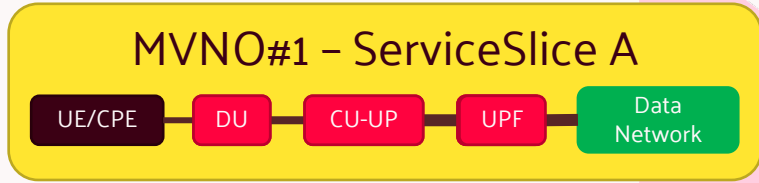
SHARED INFRASTRUCTURE



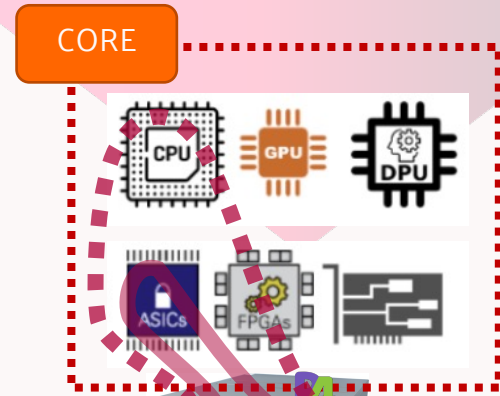
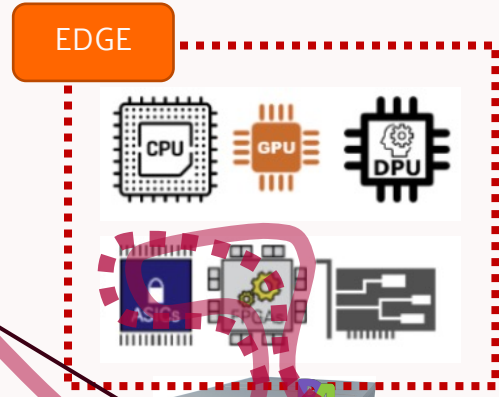
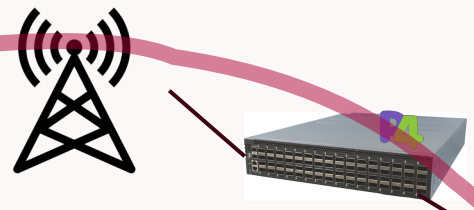
SHARED INFRASTRUCTURE



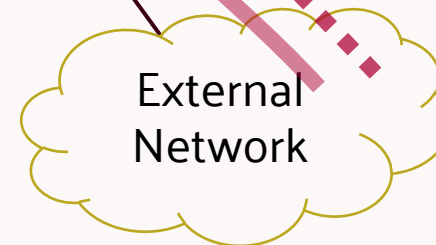
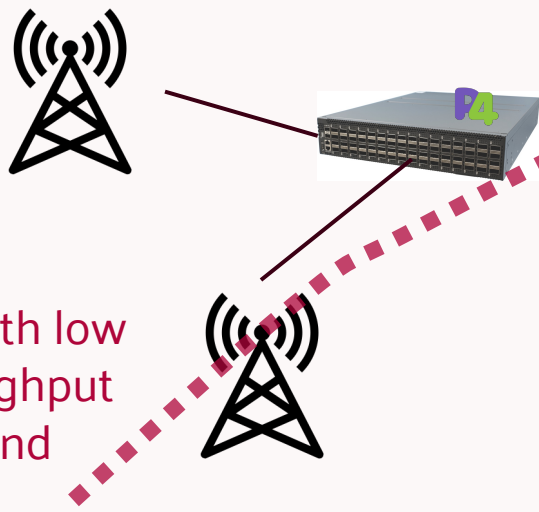
SHARED INFRASTRUCTURE



UE with high throughput demand



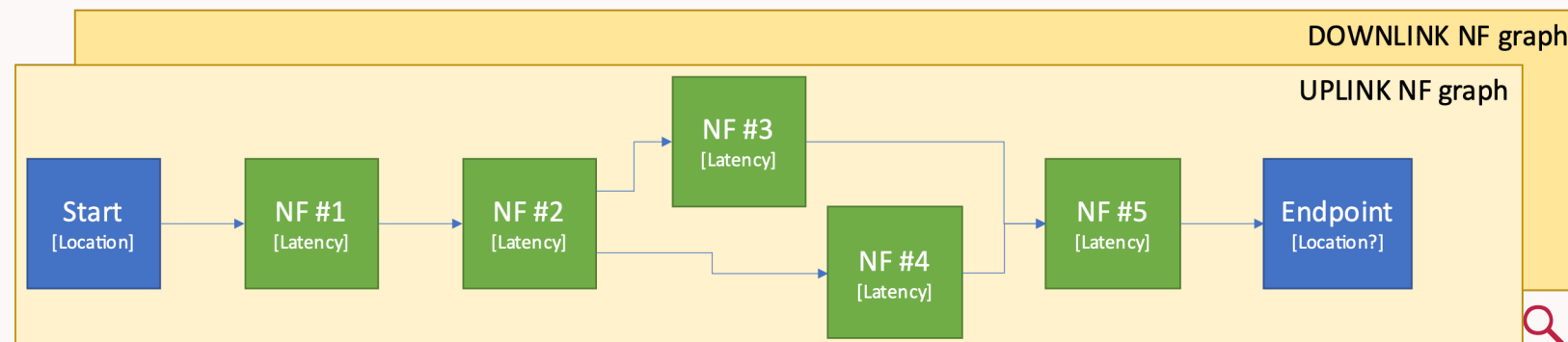
UE with low throughput demand



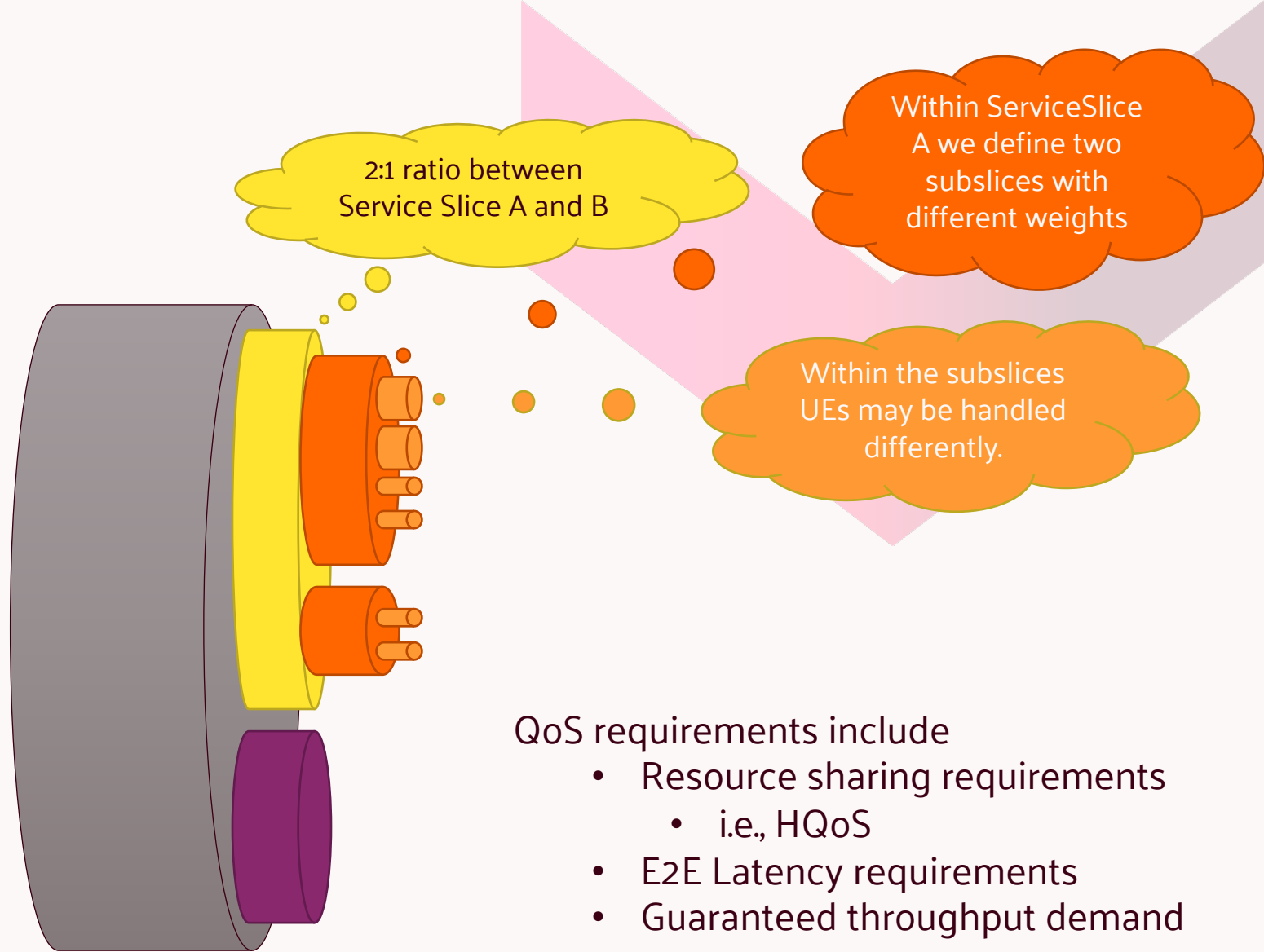
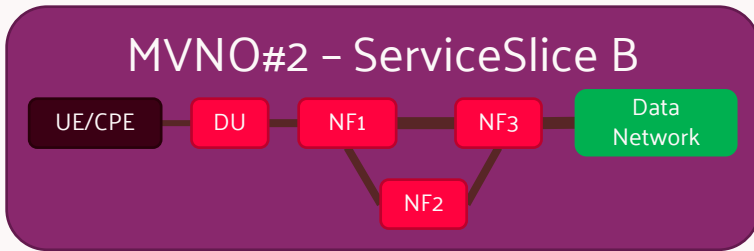
SERVICE SLICE: INSTANCE OF A NETWORK FUNCTION GRAPH TEMPLATE

Abstract NF (or service) graph

- Describes the end-to-end packet processing logic of one service
 - e.g., Internet access, robot control @MEC
- A user/application can join a network service (i.e., the slice implementing it) by instantiating the template between the end points
 - Done by mostly configuration, but redeployment of NFs may also be required
- One graph per direction (UL/DL) – the functionality is not always the same



QOS SLICES



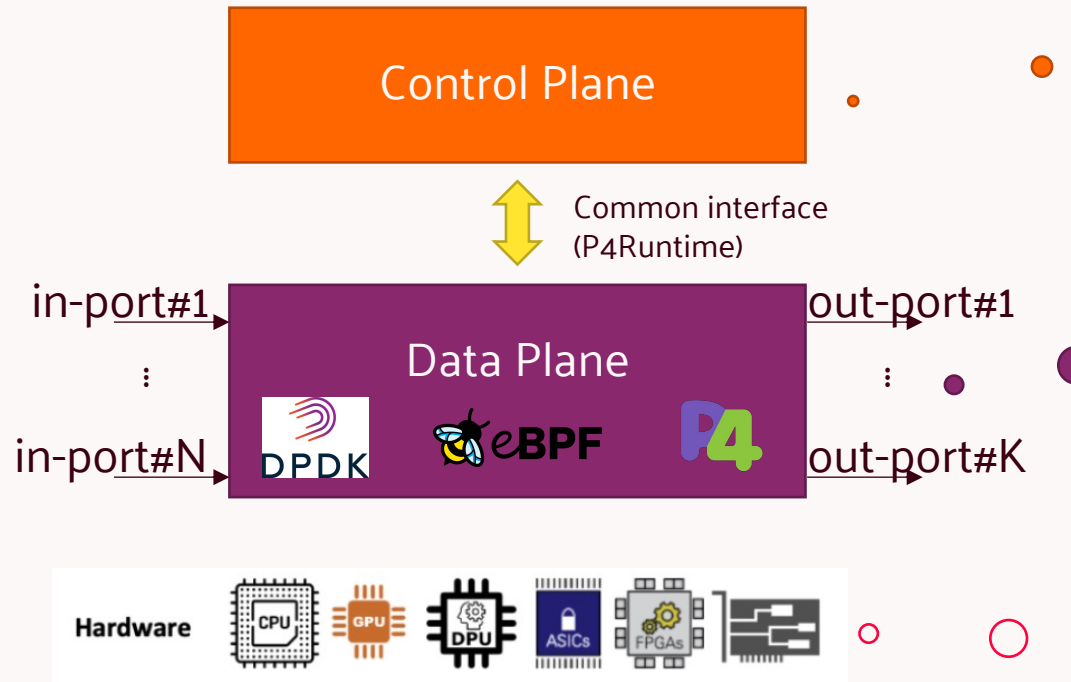
QoS requirements include

- Resource sharing requirements
 - i.e., HQoS
- E2E Latency requirements
- Guaranteed throughput demand

DEEP SLICING REQUIREMENTS AGAINST DATA PLANE

- Resource isolation between service slices
 - Requires multi-tenant support for NF deployment on dedicated PDP HW
- Security isolation
 - Access control between data plane objects and control plane components
- Performance isolation between slices and subslices
 - Includes routing, traffic management and load balancing implemented by PDP
 - Fine grained and on demand settings
 - SLA enforcement with runtime optimization
- Pervasive monitoring for SLA assurance
 - Fast reaction to failures and performance degradation

PACKET PROCESSING NETWORK FUNCTIONS: CP+DP



NFs are stored in an NF repository and instantiated by Service Slices
 NF-DP implementation properties include

- Execution latency on specific target config
- Max. bitrate/packet rate capacity
- Max. number of Ues to be handled
- ...

Running on CPU

Different equivalent NF-DP implementations (e.g., P4, eBPF/XDP, DPDK) for the same DP functionality

Different implementations can be executed on various targets

DEEP SLICING REQUIREMENTS AGAINST DATA PLANE

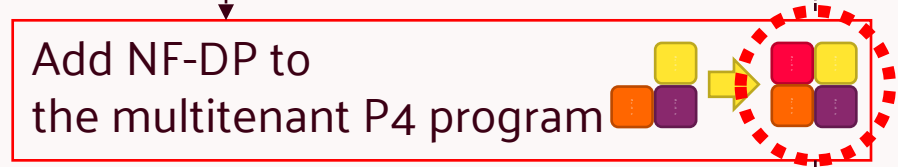
- Resource isolation between service slices
 - Implemented by P4 program aggregation and slice-based traffic classification in PDP
- Security isolation
 - Implemented by a Proxy between the Aggregated Data Plane and Control Plane instances
- Performance isolation between slices and subslices
 - Implemented by so called InfraNFs: routing, traffic management and load balancing
 - Reconfigurable traffic management and load balancing, self-driving pure data plane solutions
- Pervasive monitoring for SLA assurance
 - Implemented as an in-band network telemetry solution, can notify higher layers if needed
 - QoS/SLA measurement techniques for continuous monitoring of the provided services

EXAMPLE#1

EXAMPLE#2

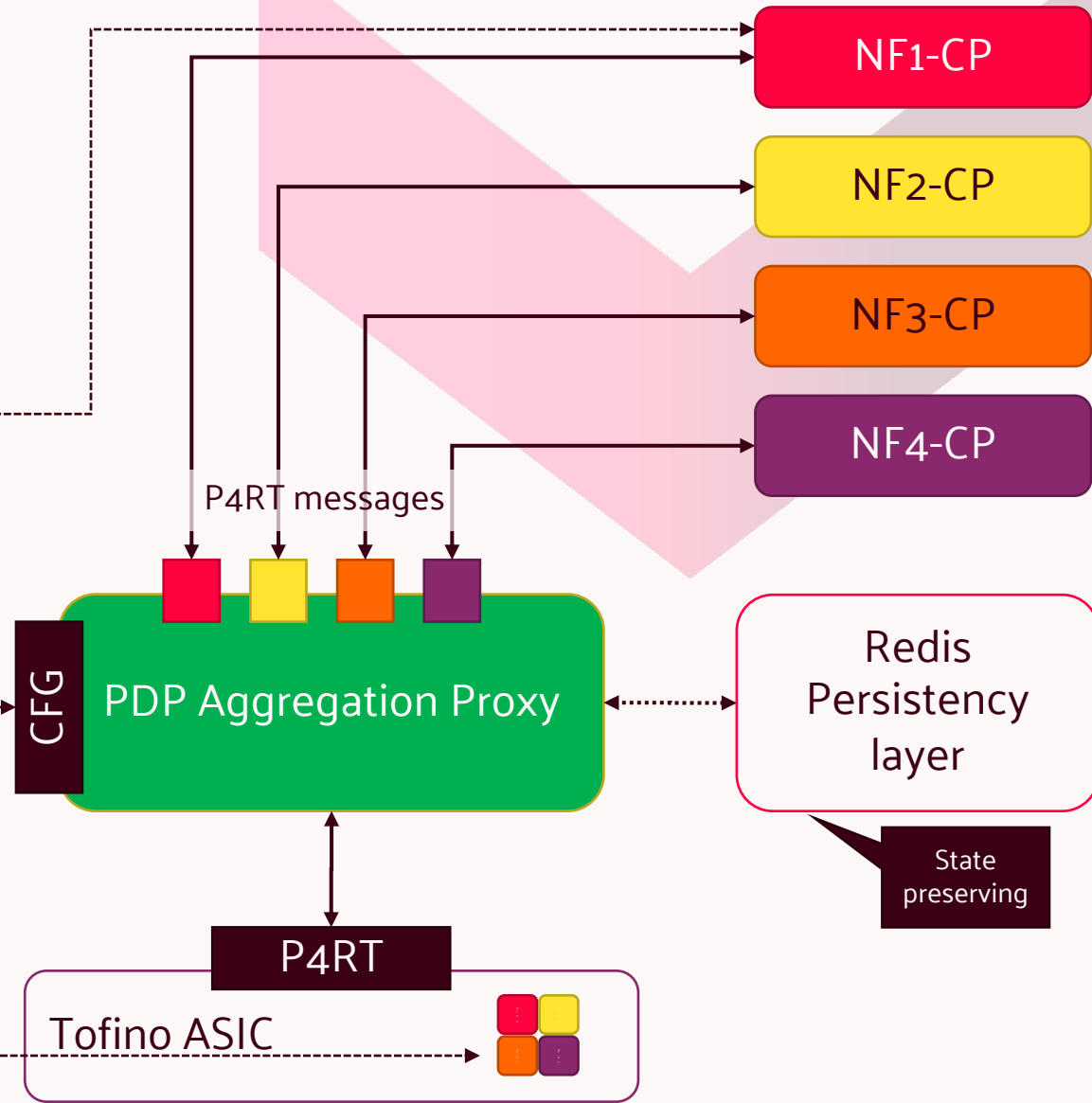
EXAMPLE 1: MULTITENANCY SUPPORT ON P4 TARGETS

New NF1 in NF Repository



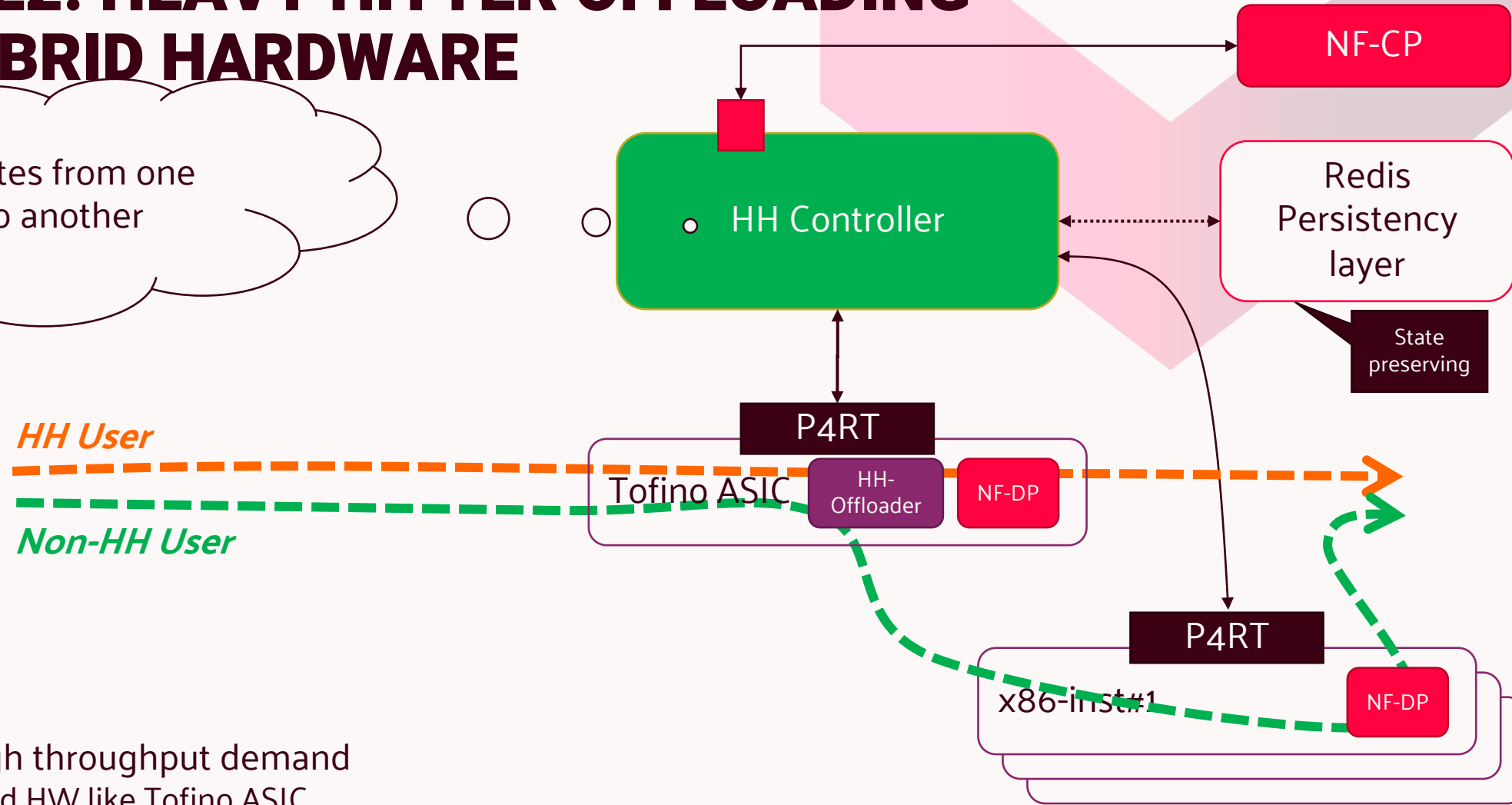
Goals:

- Shared P4 ASIC resources
- Resource/Traffic isolation (Aggregated P4 program)
- Security isolation (PDP Aggregation Proxy)



EXAMPLE2: HEAVY HITTER OFFLOADING WITH HYBRID HARDWARE

Moving states from one target to another

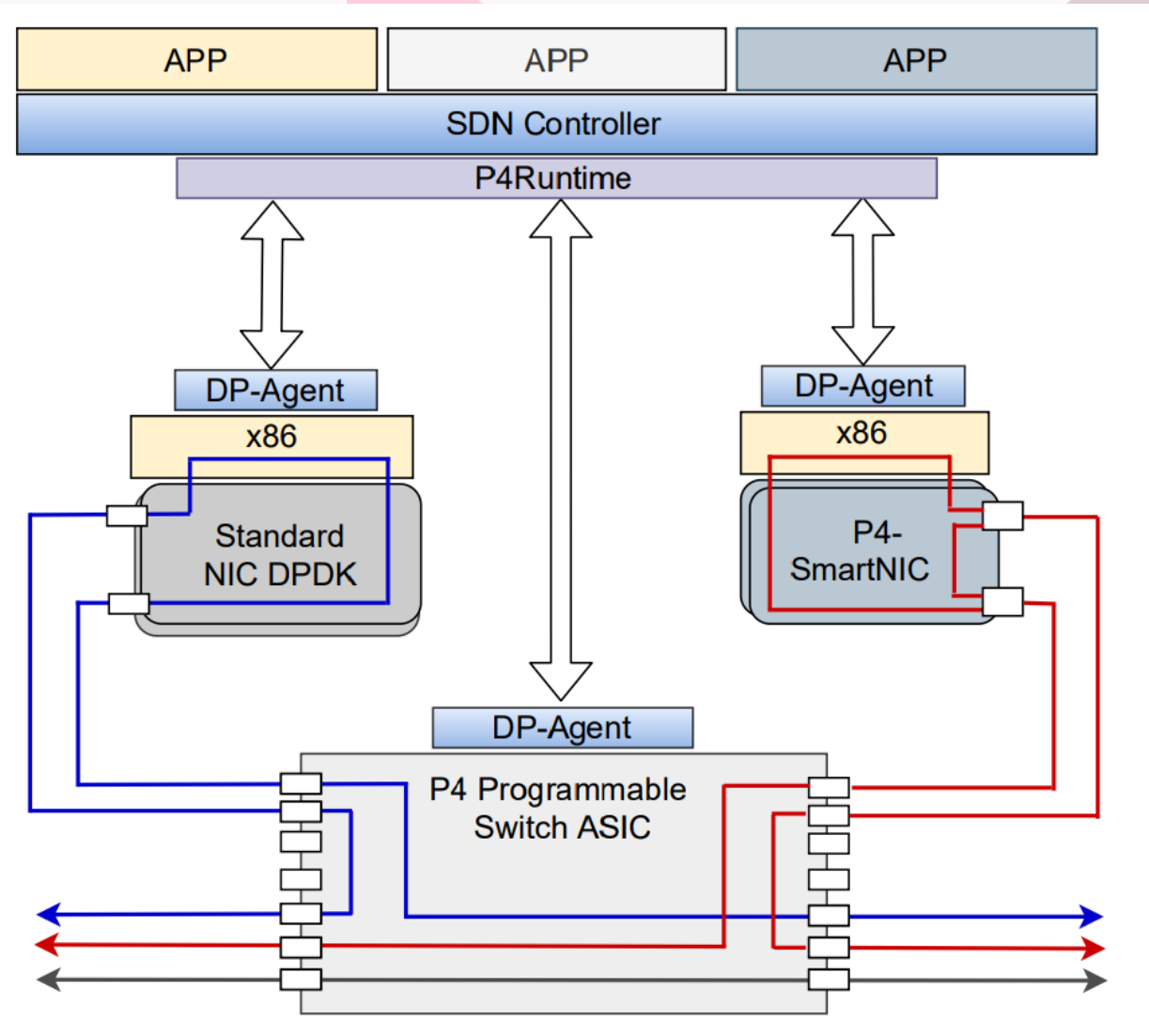


Goals:

- Heavy hitters with high throughput demand
 - Served by dedicated HW like Tofino ASIC
- Non-heavy hitters not requiring dedicated high-speed HW
- Run-time optimization needed

CASE STUDY [1]: UPF ON HYBRID HW

- Key functions
 - L2 switching/virtualization
 - QoS support
 - Firewall
 - GTP decap/encap
 - L3 routing
- Disaggregation of the pipeline
 - Horizontal split
 - Identical logic, but the traffic is split
 - Vertical split
 - Chain of basic functional blocks

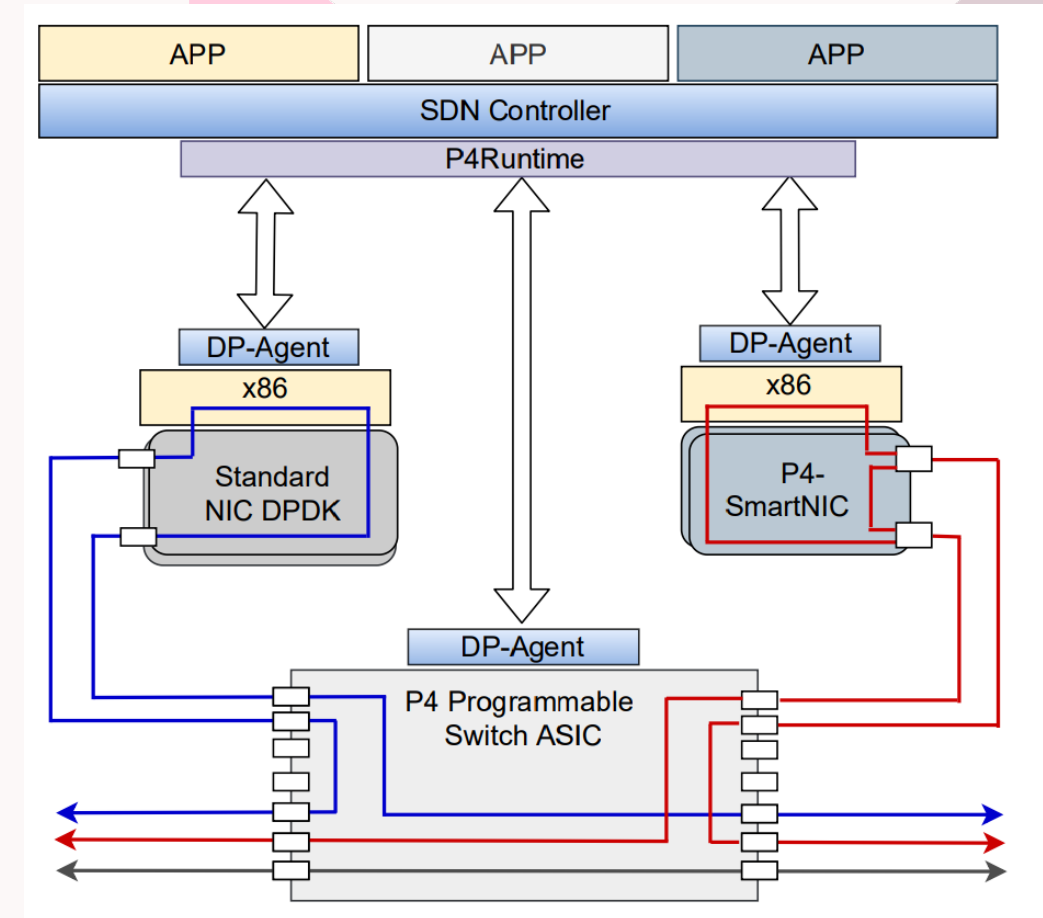


> **DESIRE6G** <

[1] S. Kumar Singh et al., "Hybrid P4 Programmable Pipelines for 5G gNodeB and User Plane Functions," in IEEE Transactions on Mobile Computing, 2022, doi: 10.1109/TMC.2022.3201512.

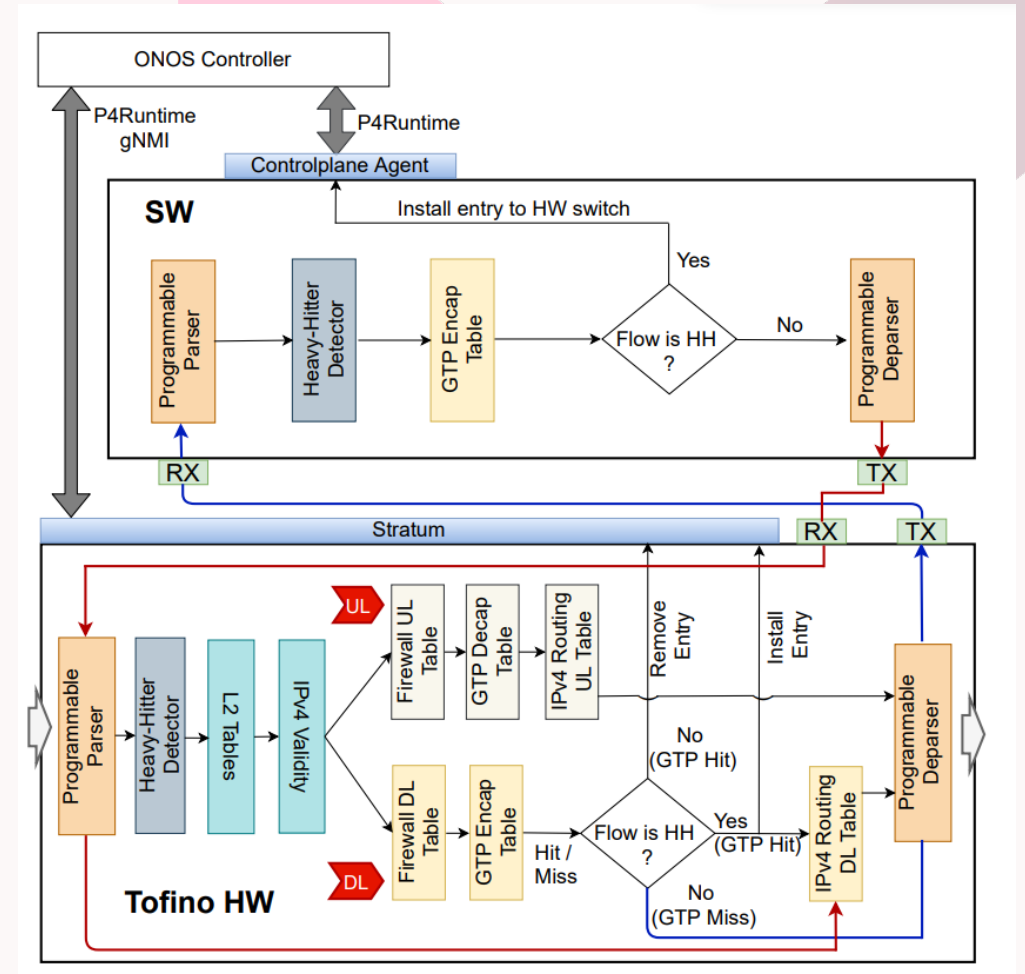
CASE STUDY [1]: UPF ON HYBRID HW

- Tofino ASIC
 - Guaranteed low and bounded per packet delay
 - >6.5 Tbit/sec forwarding capacity
 - Limited SRAM resources - 10000s of UE matches only
 - Good target for crucial control functions like ACL
- Solutions
 - Option 1 - Scaling out to multiple switches
 - Option 2 - Differentiate between UEs
 - 90-95% of UEs are inactive or non-heavy-hitters
 - Only 5-10% have high throughput demand (heavy-hitters (HH))
 - E.g., 5M UEs: 5-10% smart phones (HH), 10-20% wideband IoT (HH), 70-85% narrowband IoT (non-HH)
 - Deploying HHs on Tofino, while non-HHs on x86



CASE STUDY [1]: UPF ON HYBRID HW

- Upstream on Tofino only
- Downstream on both
- Heavy hitter detection-based switching
 - Inter Packet Gap-based HH detection
 - High detection accuracy
 - Notification to the control plane
 - Autonomous operation
- Exceptions can be added
 - Low latency flows
 - Slices with low latency requirements



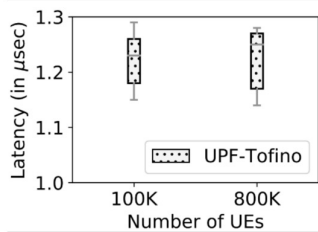
[1] S. Kumar Singh et al., "Hybrid P4 Programmable Pipelines for 5G gNodeB and User Plane Functions," in IEEE Transactions on Mobile Computing, 2022, doi: 10.1109/TMC.2022.3201512.

CASE STUDY [1]: UPF ON HYBRID HW

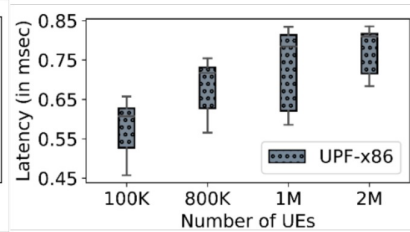
Testbed settings:

- Tofino switch: Edgecore Wedge 100BF-32X
- X86 server: Intel Xeon D-1518 (4C, 2.2GHz) 10G SFP+ ports
- Traffic generator: NetFPGA SUME 10G
- Traffic: CAIDA 2016 ISP traces

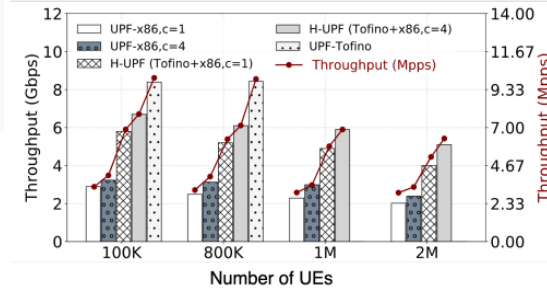
| | UPF-Tofino | H-UPF(Tofino+x86) |
|------|------------|-----------------------|
| SRAM | 60% | 34.4%(Tofino) |
| UEs | 850K | 430K(Tofino)+15M(x86) |



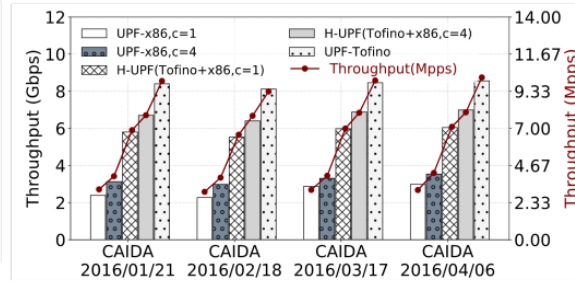
(a) UPF-Tofino Latency



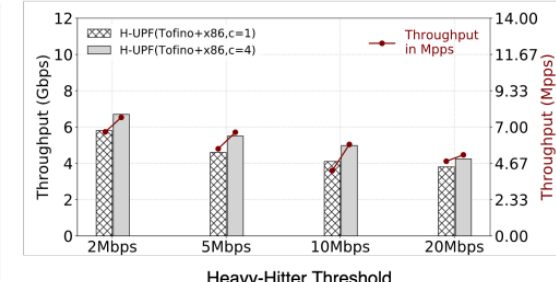
(b) UPF-x86 Latency



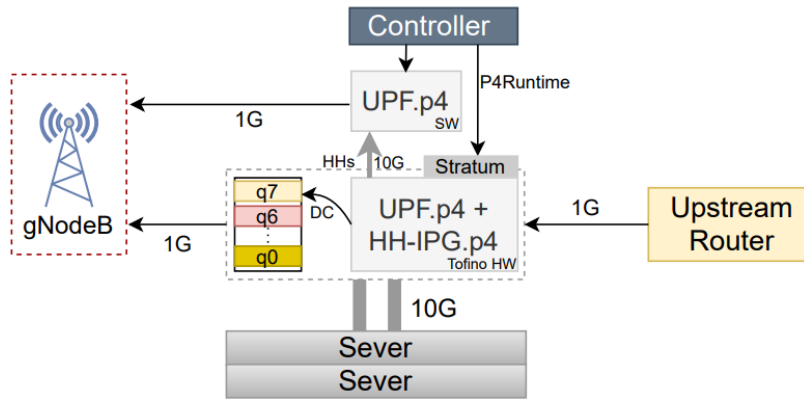
(a) TP for the number of UEs



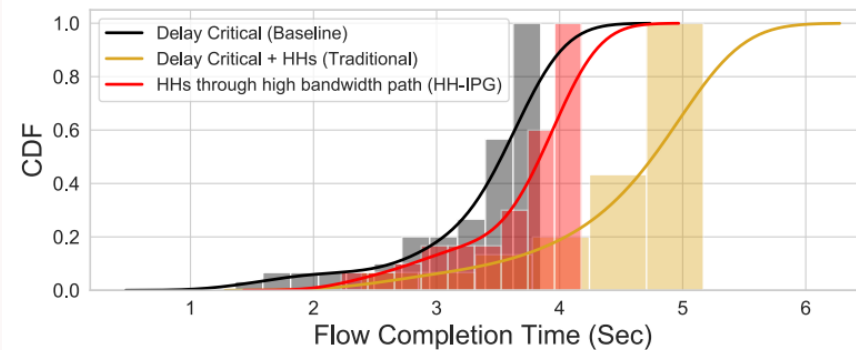
(b) TP for 4 days of CAIDA trace data



(c) TP based on different HH thresholds



(a) QoS-HH Use-case Scenario



(b) Flow completion time with and without HHs offloading

» DESIRE6G «

TAKE-AWAY

- **Programmable data planes as Technology enablers**

- Accelerating customized packet processing
- Quasi deterministic, ultra-low packet processing latency
- InfraNFs can do runtime optimization at packet processing time-scale
 - Non-traditional traffic management – fine-grained resource sharing
 - Routing/Fast Rerouting
 - Load balancing including heavy hitter offloading can improve scalability – less load on CPU resources
- Pervasive monitoring via in-band network telemetry
 - Fast notification and reaction to unexpected situations, failures and performance issues

- **Challenges**

- HW PDPs are not shared resources by default
- HW PDPs have numerous limitations and many restrictions
- Migration of stateful NF-DPs
- Dealing with non-programmable node in the transport



THANKS!

Sandor Laki

lakis@inf.elte.hu



DESIRE6G has received funding from the Smart Networks and Services Joint Undertaking (SNS JU) under the European Union's Horizon Europe research and innovation programme under Grant Agreement No 101096466. Funded by the European Union. Views and opinions expressed are however those of the author(s) only and do not necessarily reflect those of the European Union or European Commission. Neither the European Union nor the granting authority can be held responsible for them.

Workshop on *Future deterministic programmable networks for 6G*, EuCNC 2023, June 6th, 2023



DETERMINISTIC6G

Data driven aspects for 6G deterministic communication

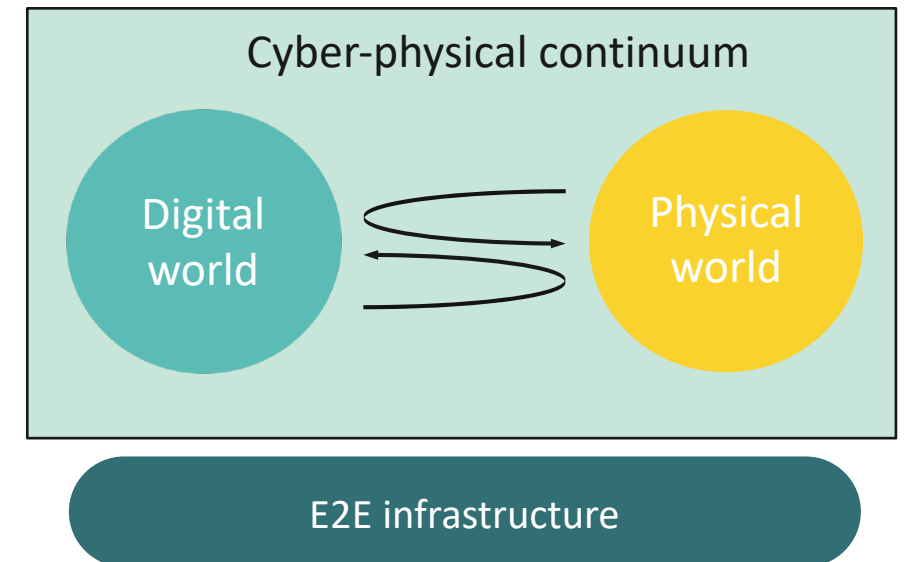
Prof. James Gross (KTH)

jamesgr@kth.se



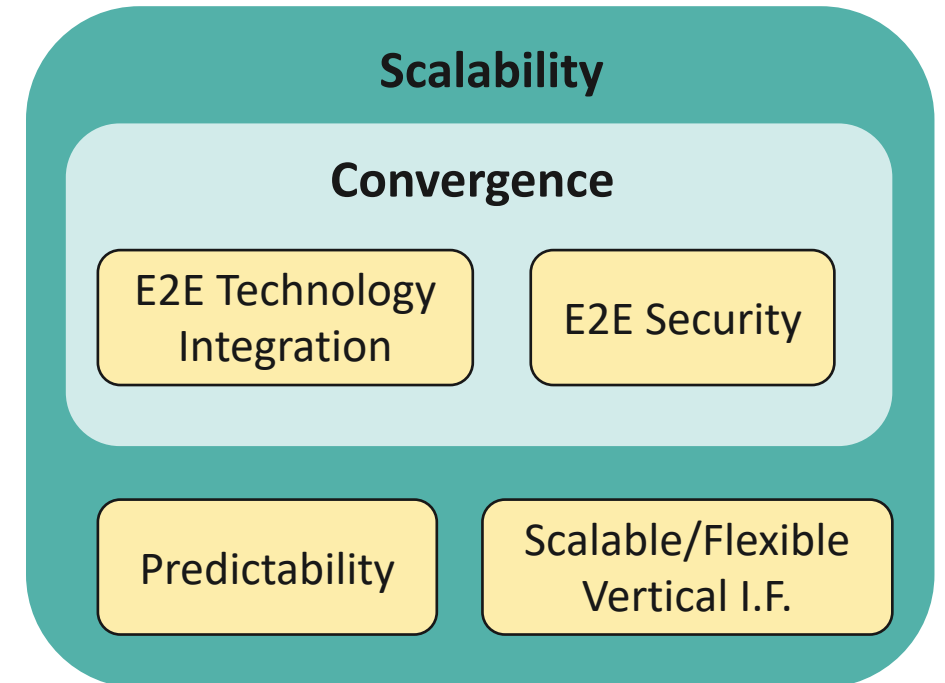
Cyber-Physical Continuum Pull

- ❑ Digitalization continues to drive transformation in industry & society
- ❑ Community expects an increasingly meshed deployment of (heterogeneous) CPS applications, leading to a cyber-physical continuum.
- ❑ Cyber-physical continuum challenges today's communication "islands": Existing technologies are not ready for massive CPS deployment.

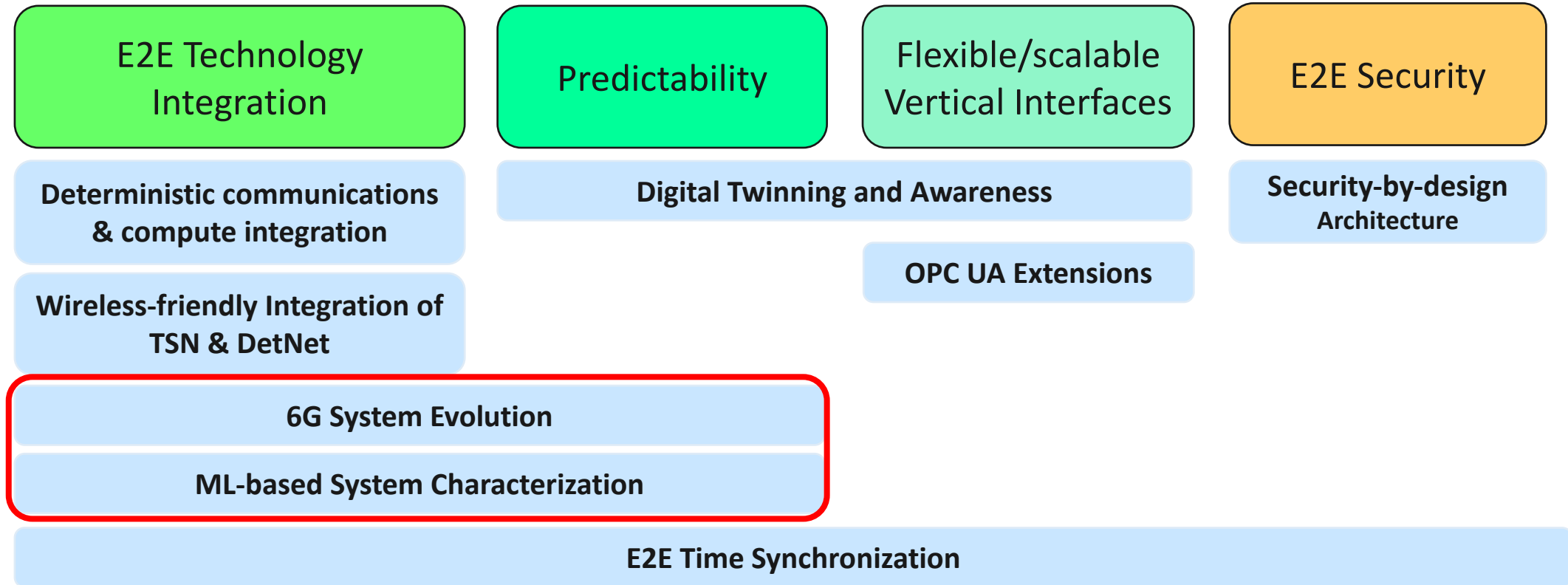


Central Goals of Next-Generation Cyber-Physical Networks

- ❑ Meeting cyber-physical continuum demands requires next-generation systems to attain 2 key system goals:
 - ❑ Convergence among different technologies and infrastructures to provide end-to-end guarantees for CPS applications
 - ❑ Scalability of communication and compute infrastructure to support CPS applications with diverse workloads and requirements
- ❑ Leads to four fundamental challenges!

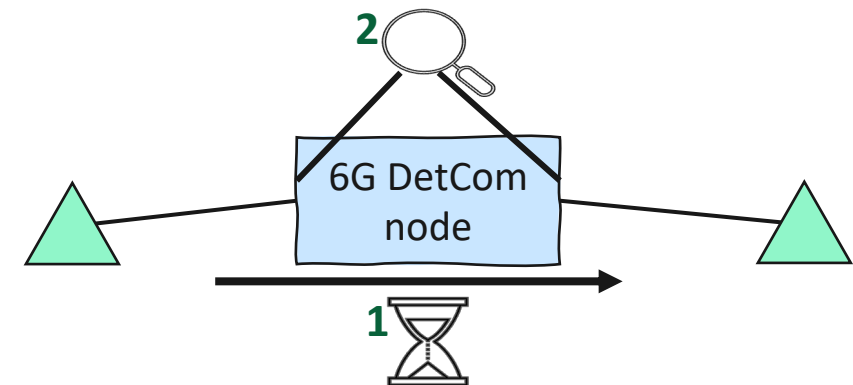


6G Cyber-Physical Networking Enablers



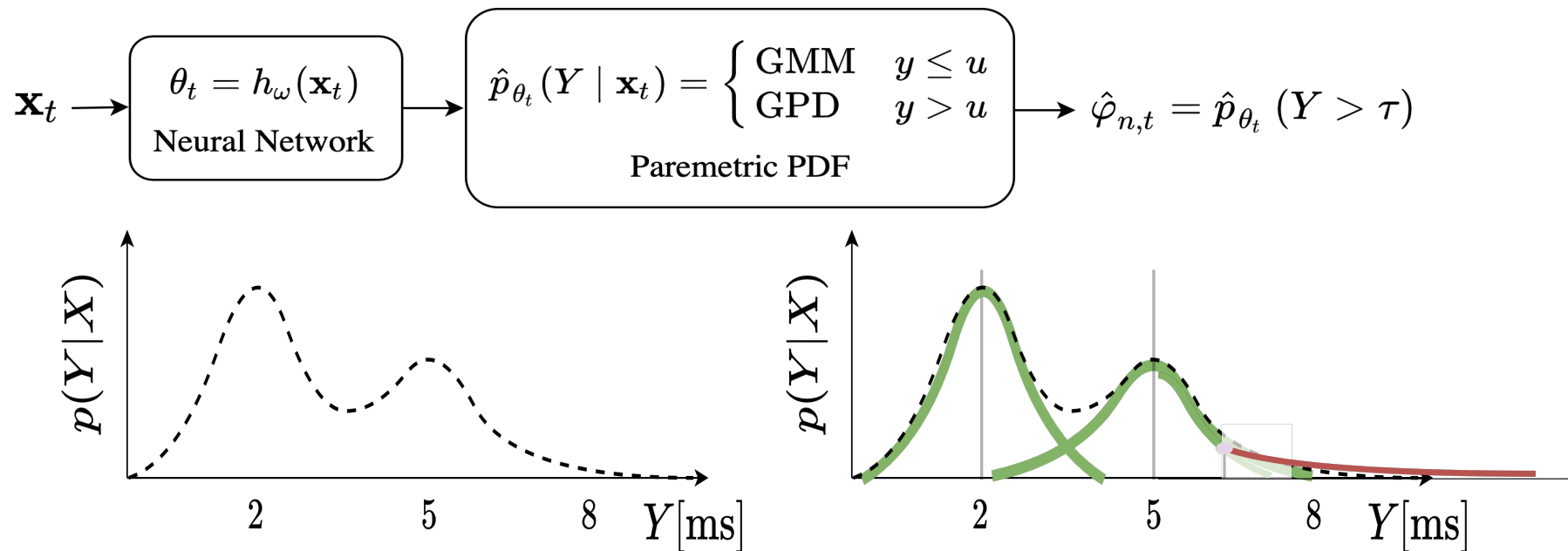
Predictability for 6G Deterministic communications

- ❑ Predictability is the ability to accurately predict parameters of stochastically evolving KPIs of a given communication system over a given time interval at run-time.
- ❑ For example, average throughput of UE, likelihood of next m/n packet reception within deadline d ms, tail latency probability, etc
- ❑ Q: *Can future 6G systems be built with sufficient predictability to ensure seamless operation of diverse applications?*
- ❑ Predictability of a system can be influenced during
 1. System design phase -> URLLC, PDC, ...
 2. Runtime phase -> AI/ML system ckt



Data-driven latency characterization

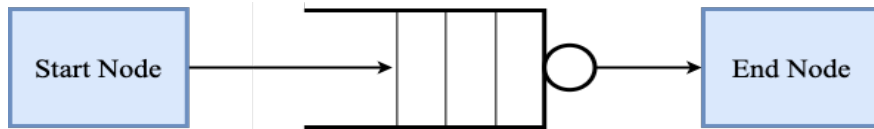
- Problem: To fit a parametric density function \hat{p}_θ with parameter θ to the conditional data set:



GMM: Gaussian Mixture Model
 GPD: Generalized Pareto Distribution

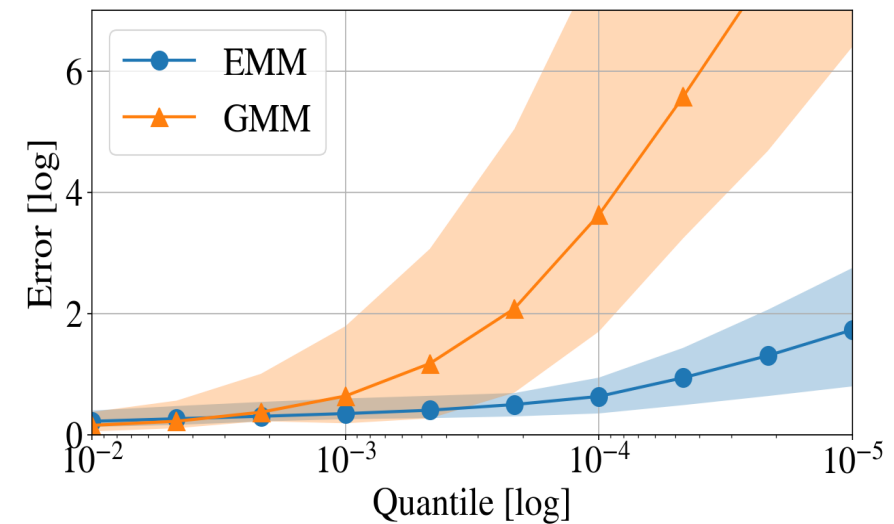
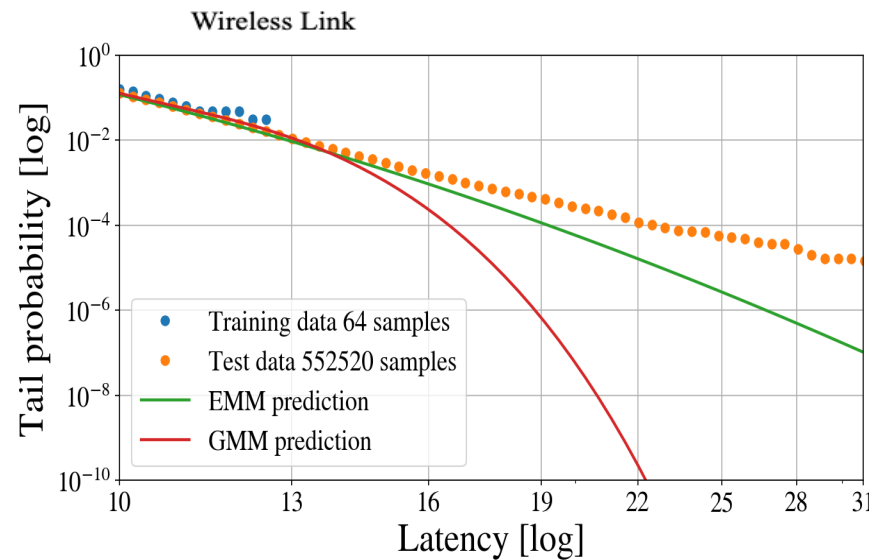
Previous work: Queuing-theoretic system

Service: heavy-tailed Gamma distributions ($\mu = 1$)
 Arrival: deterministic ($\lambda = 0.9$)



Dataset creation: Simple stationary one-hop queuing model in simulator

- Time stamp the packet at the ingress and the egress
- Record e2e delay and conditions



GMM: Gaussian Mixture Model
 EMM: Extreme Mixture Model

S. S. Mostafavi, G. Dán and J. Gross, "Data-Driven End-to-End Delay Violation Probability Prediction with Extreme Value Mixture Models," *2021 IEEE/ACM SEC*.

Goal

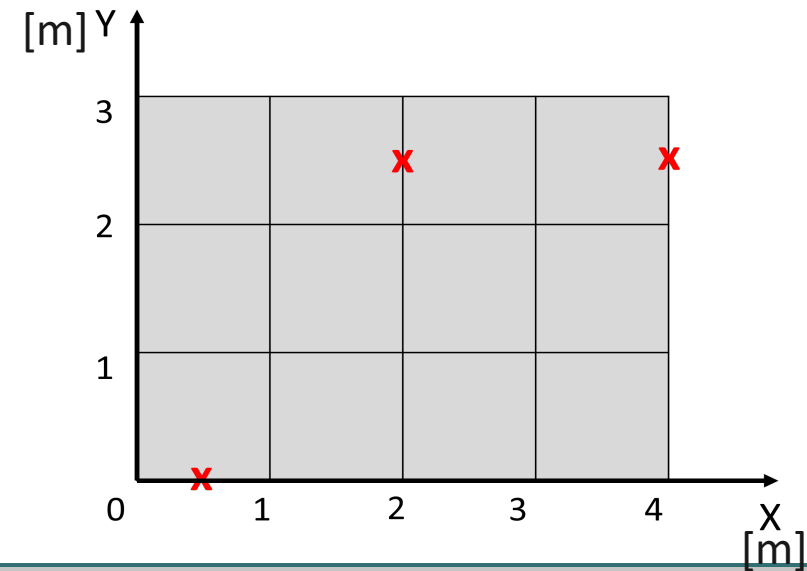
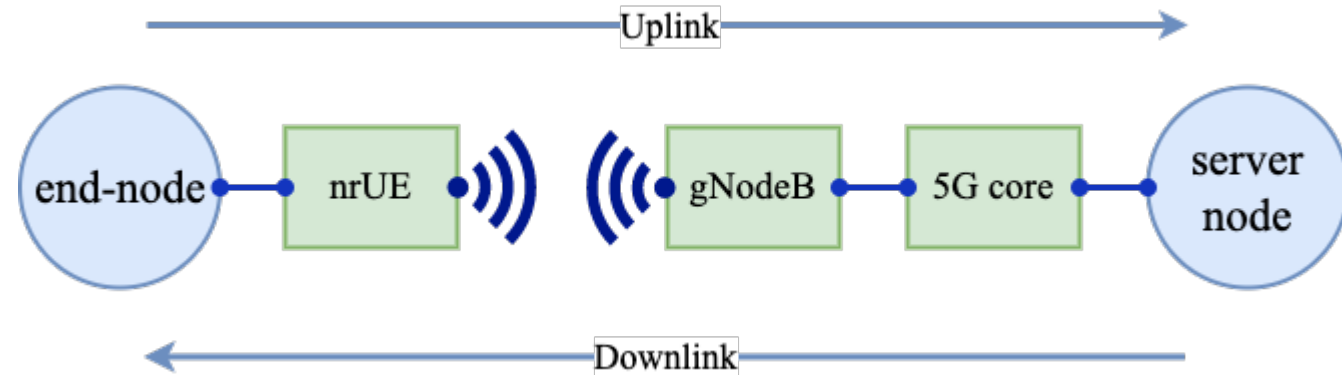
- ❑ The goal of this work is to investigate if data-driven approaches (w/ EVT) can be leveraged to characterize the latency of (real) wireless systems
- ❑ We characterize the latency distribution of two technologies- i) COTS 5G and ii) OAI 5G
- ❑ Study the generalization capability of predictors and the impact of the number of training samples on the accuracy of predictors

COTS: Commercial-off-the-shelf

OAI: OpenAirInterface

Methodology

- ❑ Measurements taken on COTS and OAI 5G setups
- ❑ Latencies (UL, DL and RTT) measured between the end node and the edge server via IRTT
- ❑ UE position on a 4x3 grid and RSRP measured for the COTS 5G setup
- ❑ MCS observed in the OAI 5G setup

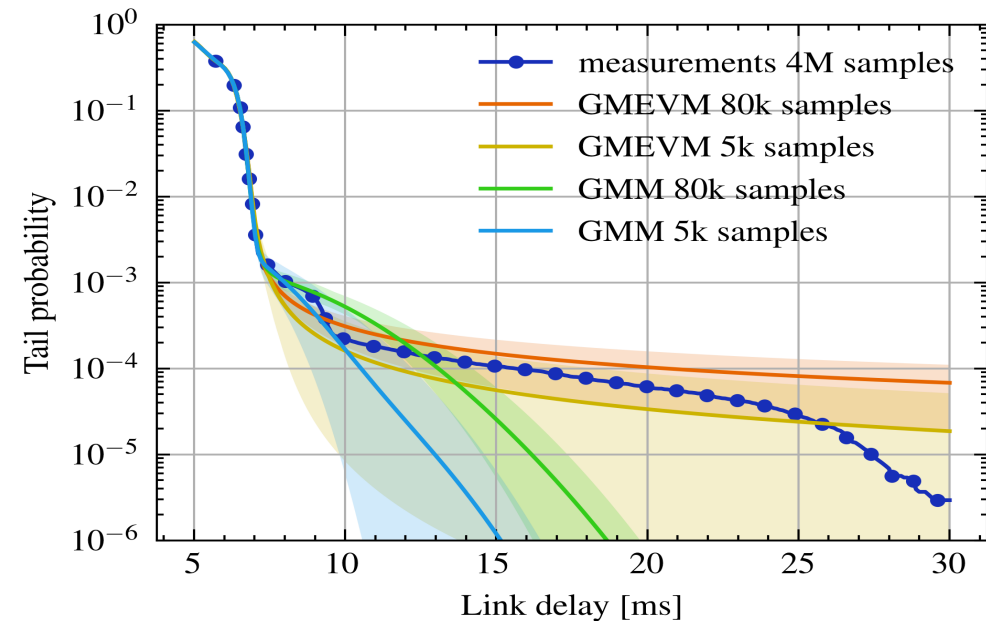


nrUE: New Radio User equipment
gNodeB: Next Generation Node B
RSRP: Reference-Signal-Receive-Power

COTS 5G: Non-conditional latency estimation

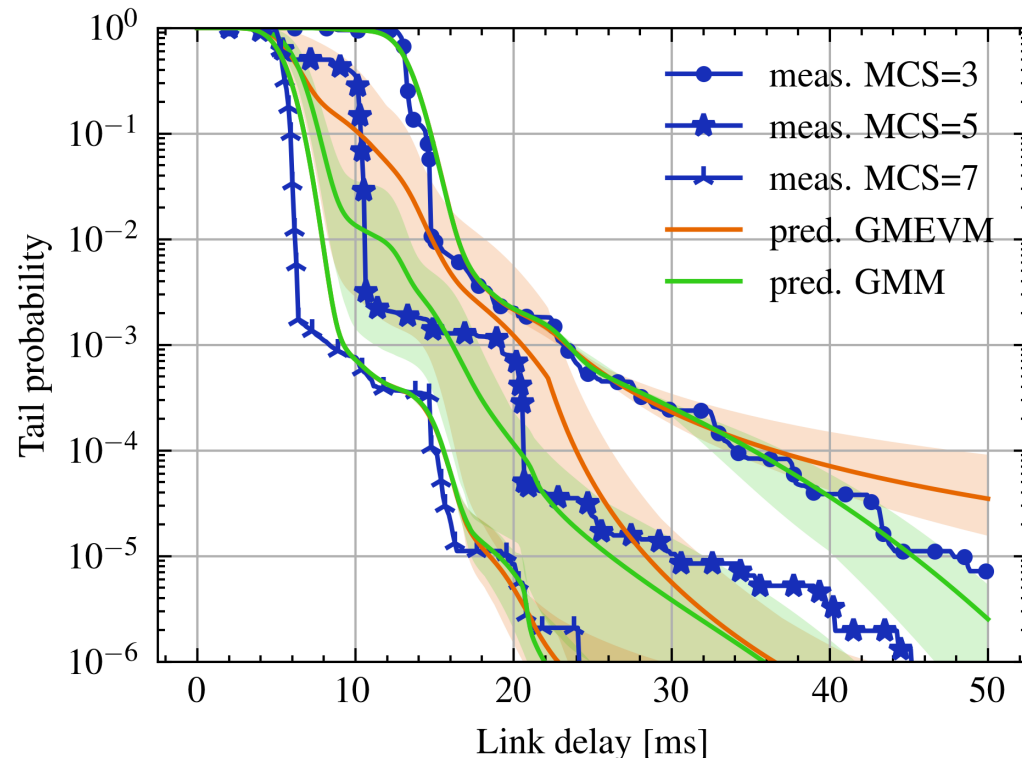
| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| MDN | Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM) and Gaussian Mixture Extreme Value Model (GMEVM) |
| Neural Network | 4 hidden layers ([10, 50, 50, 40]), 15 Gaussian centers |
| Training samples | 4M samples (66 min), 80k (17 min) and 5k (5 min) |
| Platform (OS, hardware) | Intel(R) Core(TM) i9-10980XE CPU @ 3.00GH, 125GB RAM, 28 cores assigned |

Training parameters



Non-conditional latency probability prediction for COTS 5G is improved by incorporating EVT with GMM!

OAI 5G: Generalization wrt MCS



- Increasing MCS results in reduced latency in general due to increase in link capacity
- Models trained on the datasets for only MCS=3 and MCS=7 and predictions produced for MCS=5
- Gaussian noise of 1ms std added to the training data for regularization

Conclusions

- ❑ Deterministic communications in 6G require predictability of wireless systems
- ❑ Data-driven latency characterization: MDN combined with EVT could be leveraged to accurately characterize latency of different wireless technologies
- ❑ Proposed predictors can i) perform well with a relatively smaller training dataset and ii) can generalize, i.e., estimate latency probabilities for conditions not seen during the training phase
- ❑ Next step is to investigate the system states (e.g., MCS, frequency band) and factors (e.g., UE position) that majorly influence latency (blackbox -> whitebox)
- ❑ Compare different latency prediction architectures (centralized and distributed)

DETERMINISTIC6G Grant Agreement No. 101096504

The DETERMINISTIC6G project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon Europe research and innovation programme under grant agreement No. 101096504.

If you need further information, please contact the coordinator:

Dhruvin Patel, ERICSSON

E-Mail: coordinator@deterministic6g.eu

or visit: www.deterministic6g.eu



@DETERMINISTIC6G



[DETERMINISTIC6G](https://www.linkedin.com/company/deterministic6g)

The information in this document is provided “as is”, and no guarantee or warranty is given that the information is fit for any particular purpose. The content of this document reflects only the author's view – the European Commission is not responsible for any use that may be made of the information it contains. The users use the information at their sole risk and liability.



PREDICT 6G

Can TSN be the standard communication protocol for robotics ?

Milan Groshev (mgroshev@pa.uc3m.es)

EuCNC WS10: Future deterministic programmable network for 6G



Funded by
the European Union

Visit us at predict6g.eu

About me

- Researcher at UC3M (~5 years).
 - Telematics department, part of NETCOM research group
- PhD in the field of Networked robotics
- Current research interests: JCAS, Semantic orchestration, TSN
- Background
 - AI for teleoperated robots
 - DLT for mobile robot services
 - Robot as a Network Service

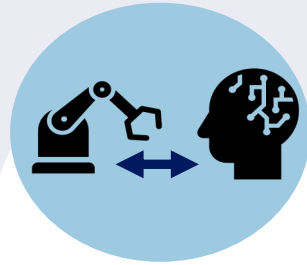
Outline

- Provide a brief introduction of Networked robotics
- Present the current Networked robotics communication protocols
- Time Sensitive Networking for robotics

Outline

- Provide a brief introduction of Networked robotics
- Present the current Networked robotics communication protocols
- Time Sensitive Networking for robotics

Industrial revolutions



Industry 1.0

Industry 2.0

Industry 3.0

Industry 4.0

Industry 5.0

Mechanization,
*water and
steam powers*

Mass production,
*electric power,
assembly line*

Automation,
*electronics, IT
and robotics*

Connectivity,
*Cyber-physical
systems, ML*

Customization,
*human-robot
collaboration*

1800

1900

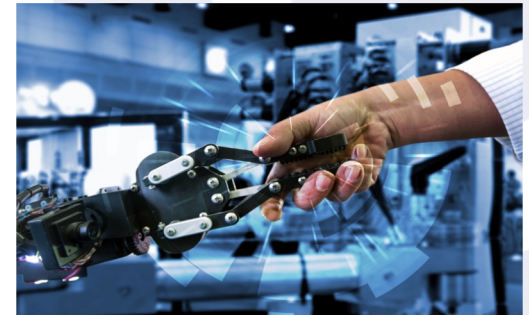
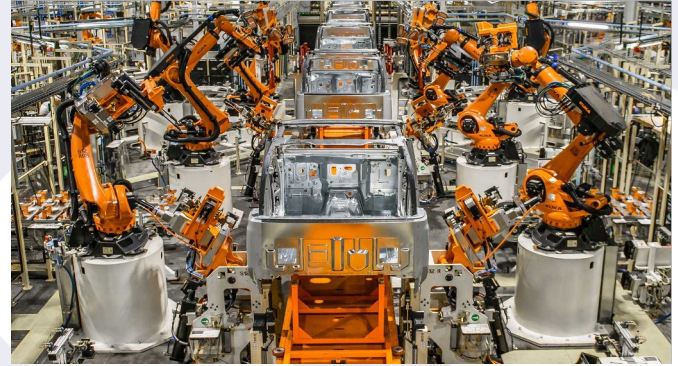
2000

2010

2020

Robotics in manufacturing

- In 2018, < 10% of the US manufacturing firms used robots
- In 2020 this number even decreased
- China is estimated to be roughly the same as in US



Productivity limits flexibility

1. Automation technologies are not adaptable to changes in external environment
2. Require specific, deep technical skills to program and repair them
3. Black boxes operating without the human feedback



Maximize productivity



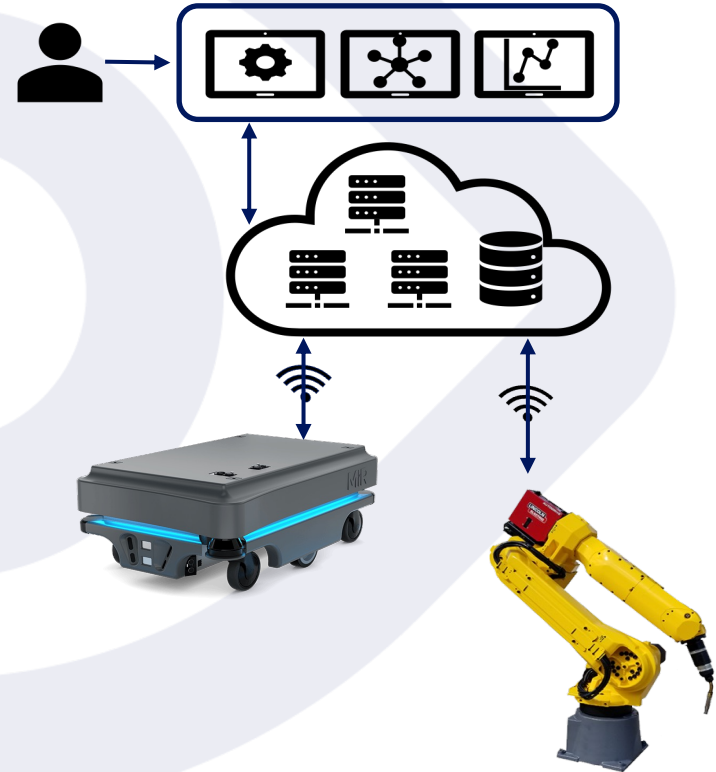
Minimize flexibility

What is networked robotics?

- Set of evolving **Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)** that allow, at different levels of granularity to model a robot system as a set of individual components that are glued together.
 - Started from Online robot systems (Internet robots)
 - Allows for OT and IT to co-exist
- Provides flexibility by making robots:
 - Service oriented
 - Interoperable
 - Distributed
 - Programmable
- Target different use cases:
 - Industrial robots, telepresence robots, social robots, etc

Cloud robotics example

- Robots
 - Joint states
 - Multiple sensors
 - Camera
 - Lidar
 - Mics
- Control
 - Robot config
 - Monitoring
 - Cooperation and coordination
- Why networked robotics?
 - Optimize automation
 - Availability
 - Reduce costs



Outline

- Provide a brief introduction of Networked robotics
- Present the current Networked robotics communication protocols
- Time Sensitive Networking for robotics

Current infrastructure behind networked robotics

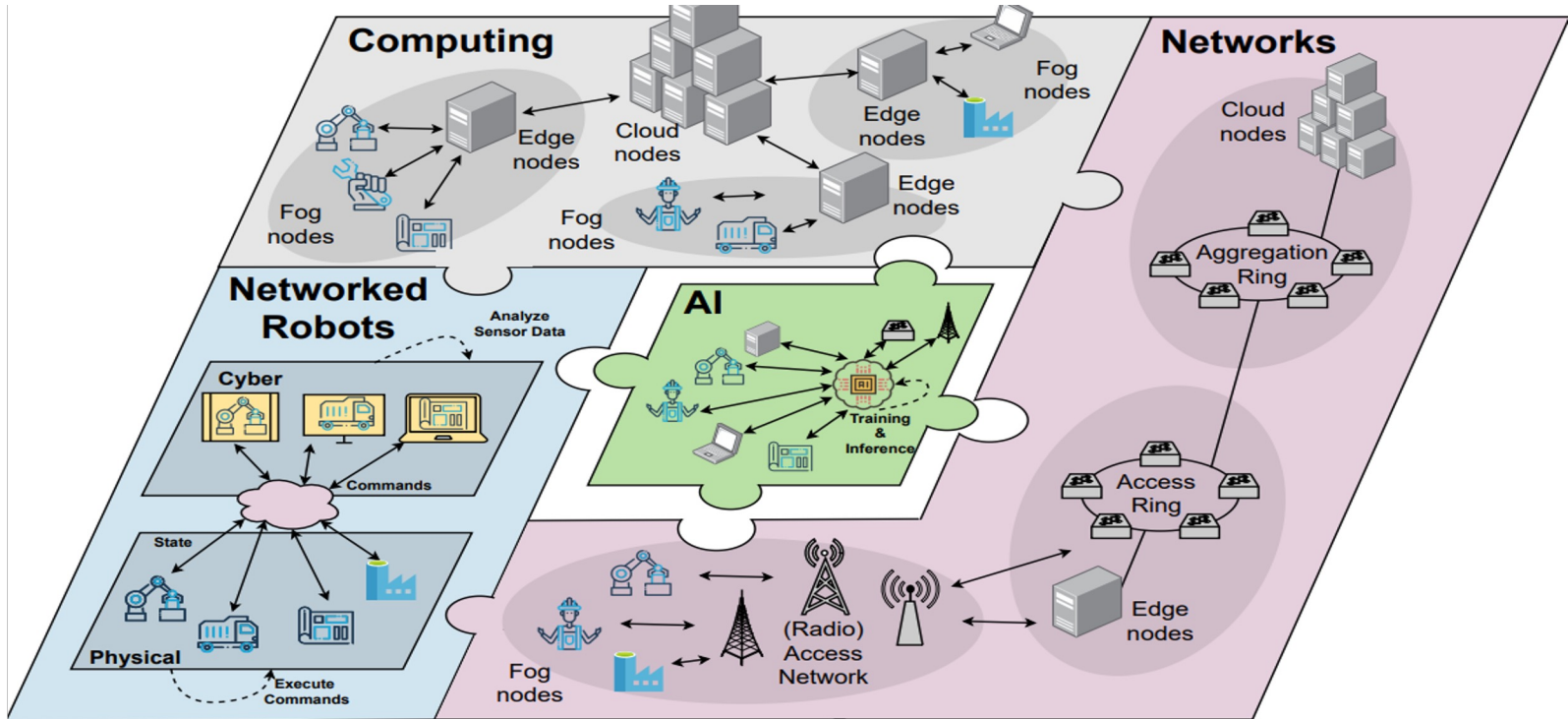


Figure 1: The computing and communication infrastructure [1].

Robots traffic profile connectivity requirements

| Application | Traffic Profiles | Throughput | Latency | Reliability | Mobility | Availability |
|---|--|--|-----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Remote control and navigation; Control loops; Visual analytics; | Isochronous flows; Asynchronous messages; | Low (isoc./ async.) Low to High (video) | 100 - 0.1 ms 100 – 10 ms | 99.9 to 99.99999% | Low mobility (mostly indoor) | High |

Table 1: Robot traffic flows and connectivity requirements [2]

Robots traffic profile connectivity requirements

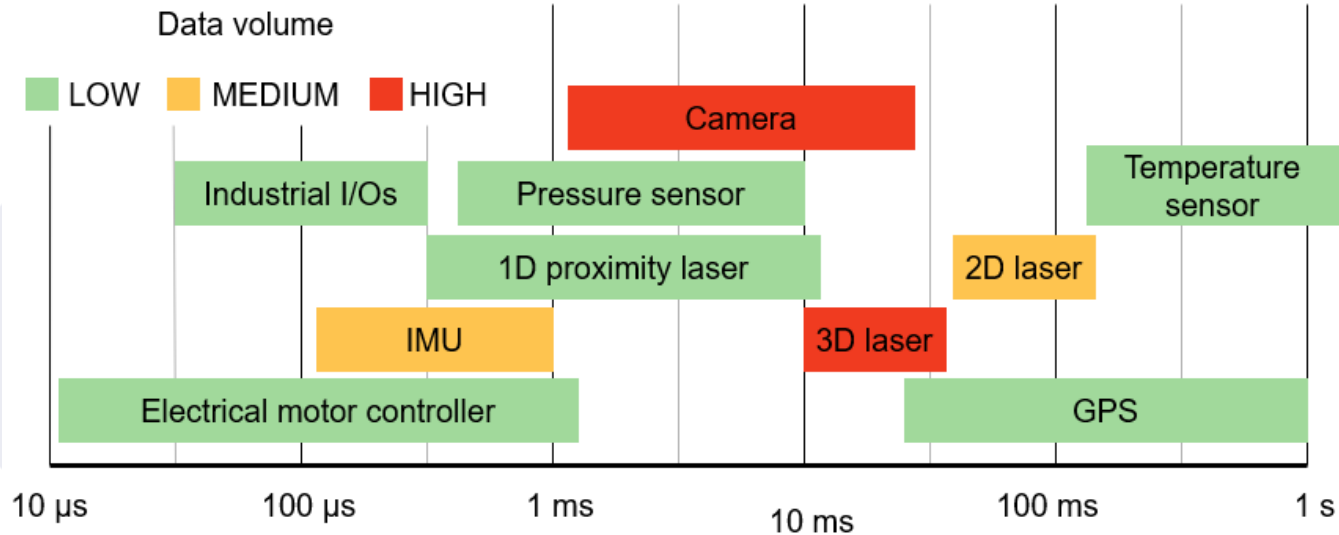


Figure 2: Typical response-time of common robotic components

Networks

- Wired technologies
 - Serial-based field busses
 - RS-485, CAN
 - Ethernet-based field-busses
 - IEEE 802.3
- Wireless technologies
 - Licensed spectrum
 - 3GPP
 - Unlicensed spectrum
 - IEEE 802.11

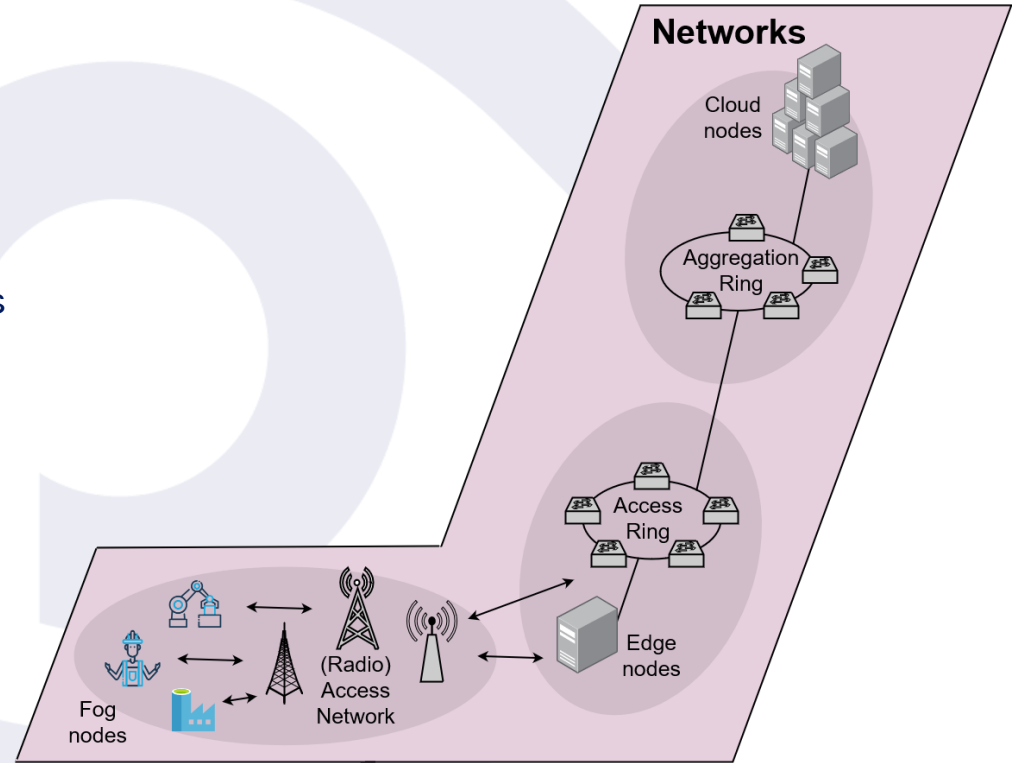


Figure3: Different network segments that the robot flows need to travers

Industrial communication protocols today

- Natively designed for local connections or other applications (e.g., IoT, Web).
- Can not meet all the requirements of different robot applications.
- Interoperability.
- Difficulties to cope with the unreliable and interface prone wireless channel.

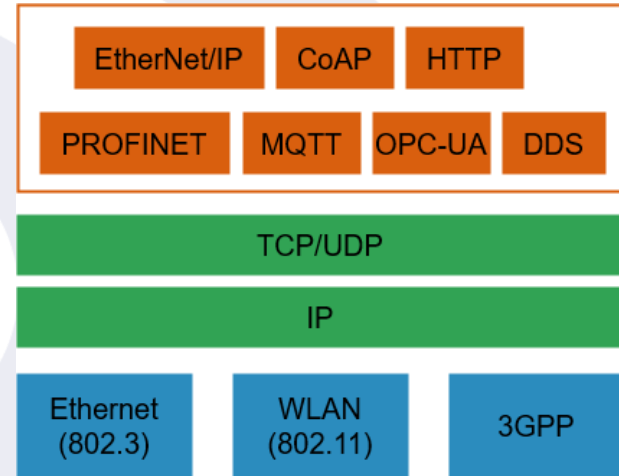


Figure4: Classification of real-time industrial protocols for robotics

Outline

- Provide a brief introduction of Networked robotics
- Present the current Networked robotics communication protocols
- Time Sensitive Networking for robotics

TSN reference model

- Set of evolving standards developed by IEEE to allow for time-sensitive traffic on Ethernet, WiFi and 5G.
- Provides time synchronization and bounded latency.
 - Determinism is prioritized over throughput
- TSN tools include time synchronization (802.1 AS), scheduled traffic (802.1Qbv) and network management (802.1Qcc)
- Bring to robotic systems:
 - Scalability, **flexibility**, interoperability, coexistence, latency guarantees, reliability

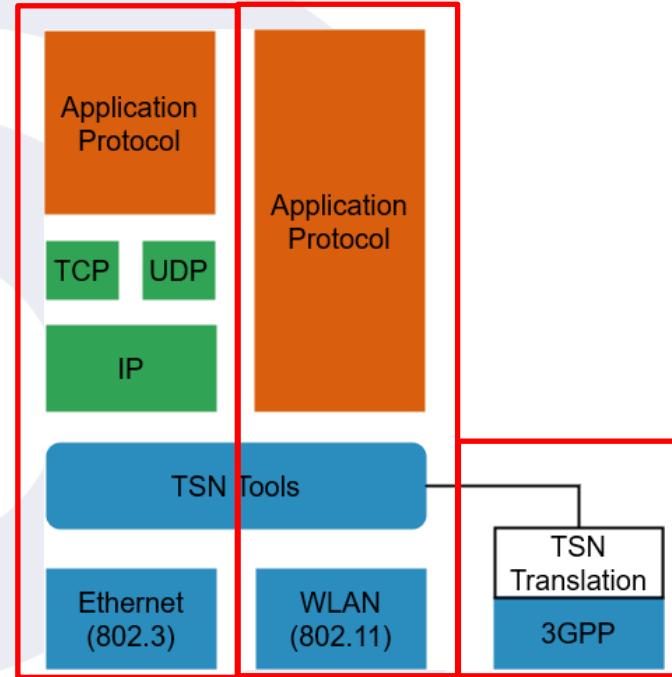


Figure 5: Wired and Wireless TSN Reference Protocol Stack [2]

IEEE 802.11 TSN for robotics

- Time Synchronism over 802.11
 - 802.11AS
- Time-Aware Scheduling for missing-critical robotics flows over 802.11
 - 802.1Qbv
- Redundancy to improve reliability
 - FRER (IEEE 802.1 CB)
- Network Management Models to meet the end-to-end robotics requirements
 - IEEE 802.1Qcc
- IEEE 802.11bf (WiFi7)
 - Multi-link Operation
 - rTWT for scheduling

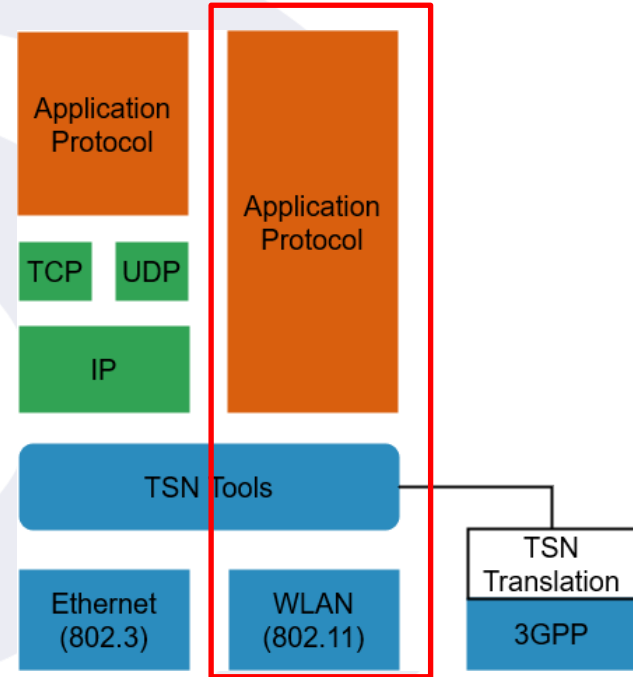


Figure 5: Wired and Wireless TSN Reference Protocol Stack [2]

IEEE 802.11 TSN for robotics

- Time Synchronism over 802.11
 - 802.11AS
- **Time-Aware Scheduling for missing-critical robotics flows over 802.11**
 - **802.1Qbv**
- Redundancy to improve reliability
 - FRER (IEEE 802.1 CB)
- Network Management Models to meet the end-to-end robotics requirements
 - IEEE 802.1Qcc
- IEEE 802.11bf (WiFi7)
 - Multi-link Operation
 - rTWT for scheduling

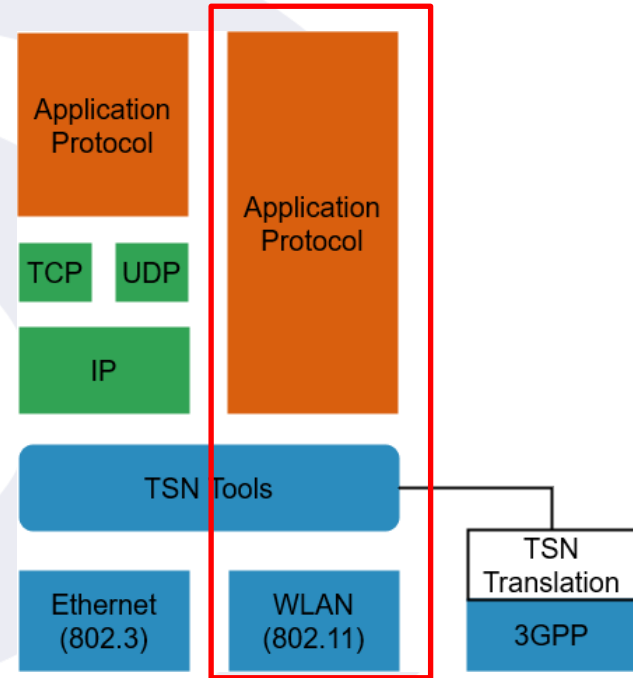


Figure 5: Wired and Wireless TSN Reference Protocol Stack [2]

IEEE 802.11 TSN for robotics

- Time Synchronism over 802.11
 - 802.11AS
- Time-Aware Scheduling for missing-critical robotics flows over 802.11
 - 802.1Qbv
- **Redundancy to improve reliability**
 - **FRER (IEEE 802.1 CB)**
- Network Management Models to meet the end-to-end robotics requirements
 - IEEE 802.1Qcc
- IEEE 802.11bf (WiFi7)
 - Multi-link Operation
 - rTWT for scheduling

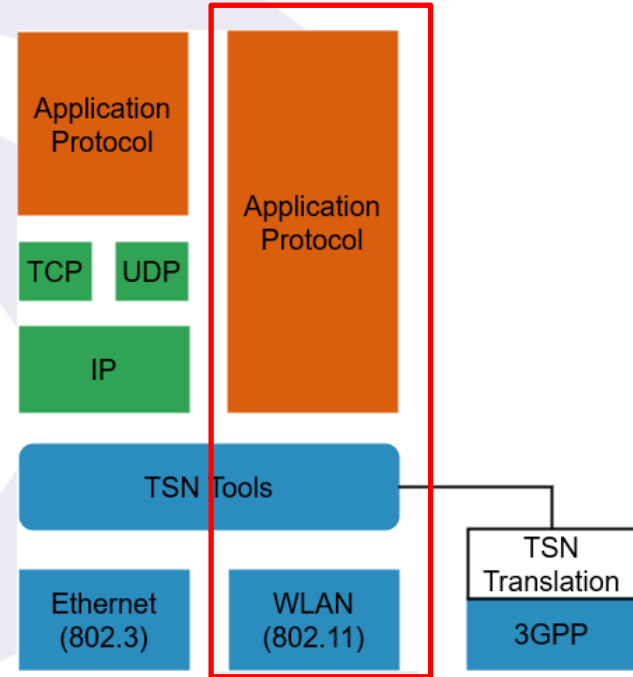


Figure 5: Wired and Wireless TSN Reference Protocol Stack [2]

IEEE 802.11 TSN for robotics

- Time Synchronism over 802.11
 - 802.11AS
- Time-Aware Scheduling for missing-critical robotics flows over 802.11
 - 802.1Qbv
- Redundancy to improve reliability
 - FRER (IEEE 802.1 CB)
- **Network Management Models to meet the end-to-end robotics requirements**
 - **IEEE 802.1Qcc**
- IEEE 802.11bf (WiFi7)
 - Multi-link Operation
 - rTWT for scheduling

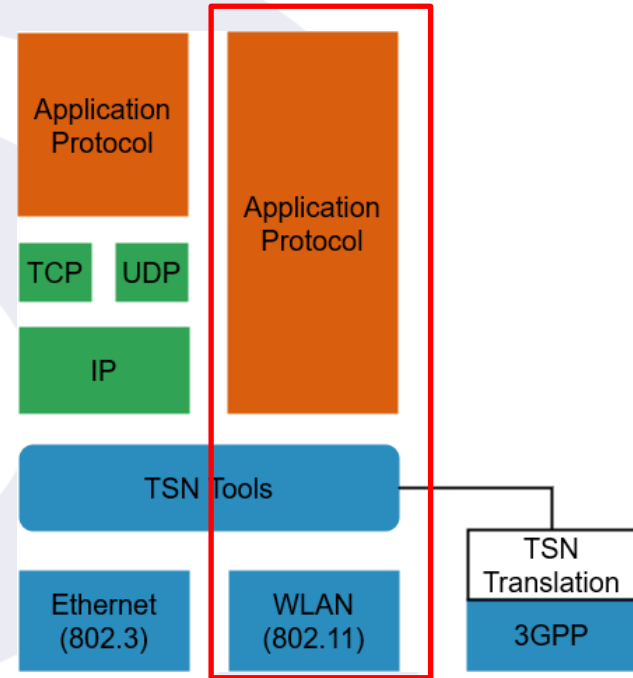


Figure 5: Wired and Wireless TSN Reference Protocol Stack [2]

IEEE 802.11 TSN for robotics

- Time Synchronism over 802.11
 - 802.11AS
- Time-Aware Scheduling for missing-critical robotics flows over 802.11
 - 802.1Qbv
- Redundancy to improve reliability
 - FRER (IEEE 802.1 CB)
- Network Management Models to meet the end-to-end robotics requirements
 - IEEE 802.1Qcc
- **IEEE 802.11bf (WiFi7)**
 - **Multi-link Operation**
 - **rTWT for scheduling**

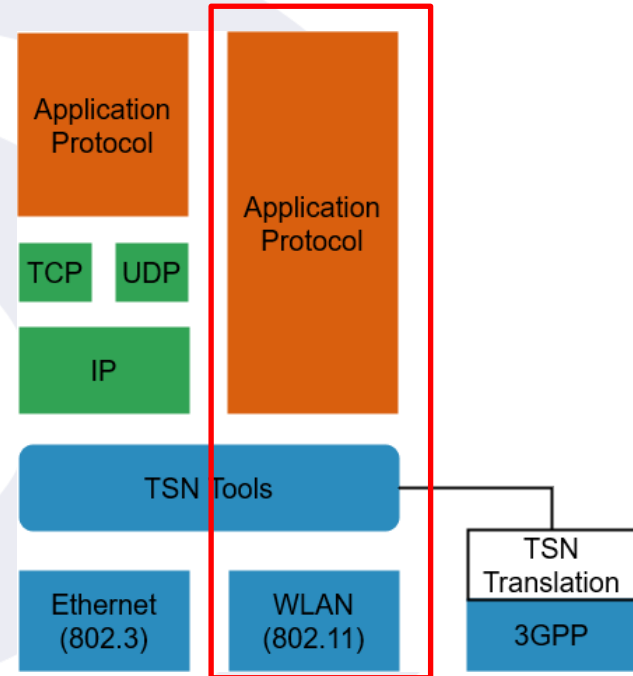


Figure 5: Wired and Wireless TSN Reference Protocol Stack [2]

Challenges ahead



- Ultra-low latency.
- Time-synchronization and TSN flows
- Coexistence with other non-time-sensitive traffic.
- Bounded latency when robots are roaming between APs.
- Integration of hybrid TSN networks that guarantee end-to-end latency over shared wired and wireless infrastructure.
- Performance tradeoffs and interference issues
- Integration, testing and validation

Wrap up

- Robotic systems must improve flexibility.
- In robotics, the lack of a real standard protocol burdens the component integration or robot to infrastructure communications
- TSN aims to provide bounded latency on Ethernet, WLAN and 3GPP.
- Current TSN tools for WLANs are suitable for Robotics traffic.
- Multiple challenges ahead related to:
 - Ultra-low latency
 - Interoperability with non-time-sensitive flows
 - Mobility
 - Interference



PREDICT 6G

Visit us at predict6g.eu

This project was awarded funding by the European Union's Horizon Europe Research and Innovation programme under grant agreement No: 1101095890.

Thanks!



in



Funded by
the European Union