

New-Radio millimeter-wave technology for future 5G/6G wireless

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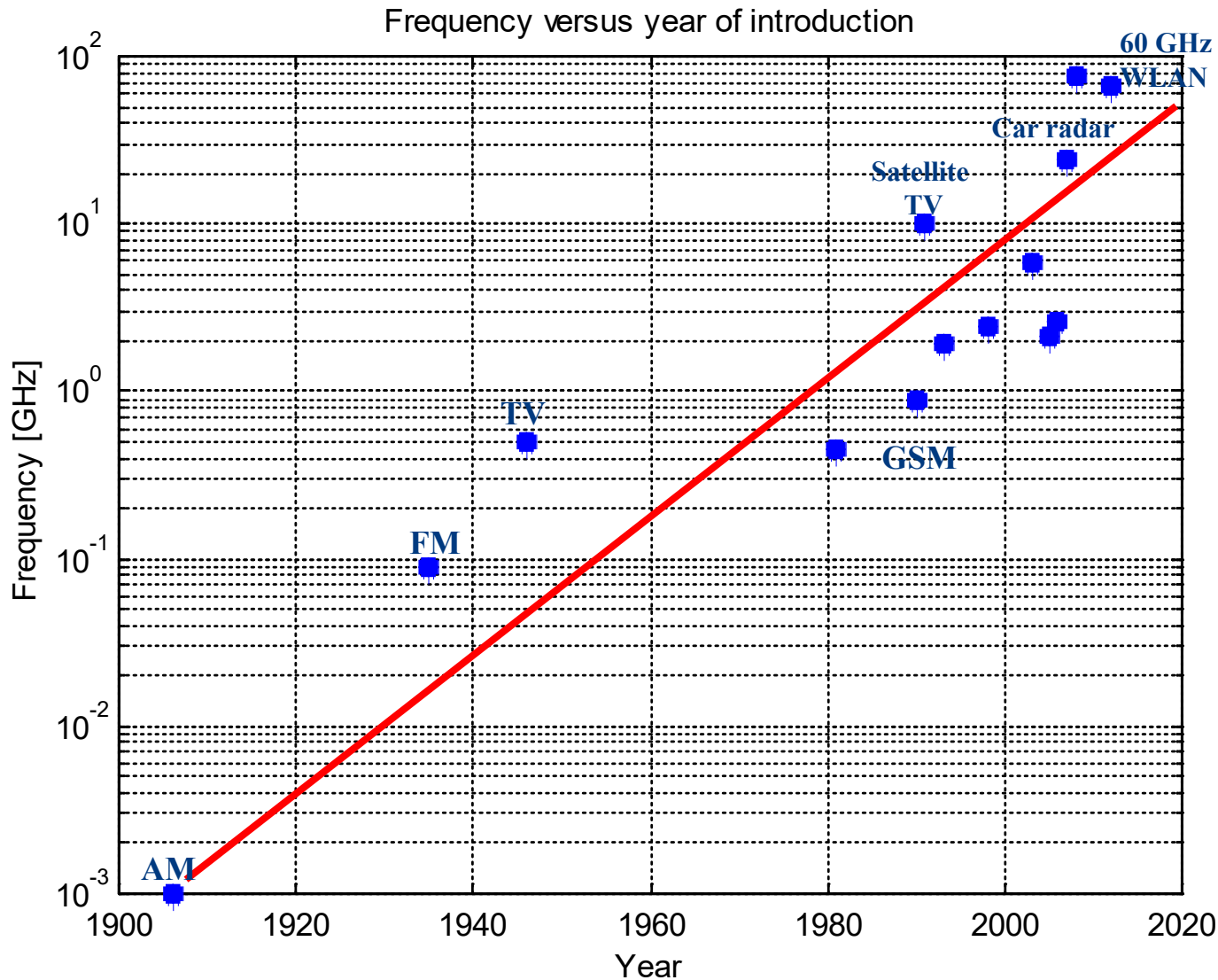


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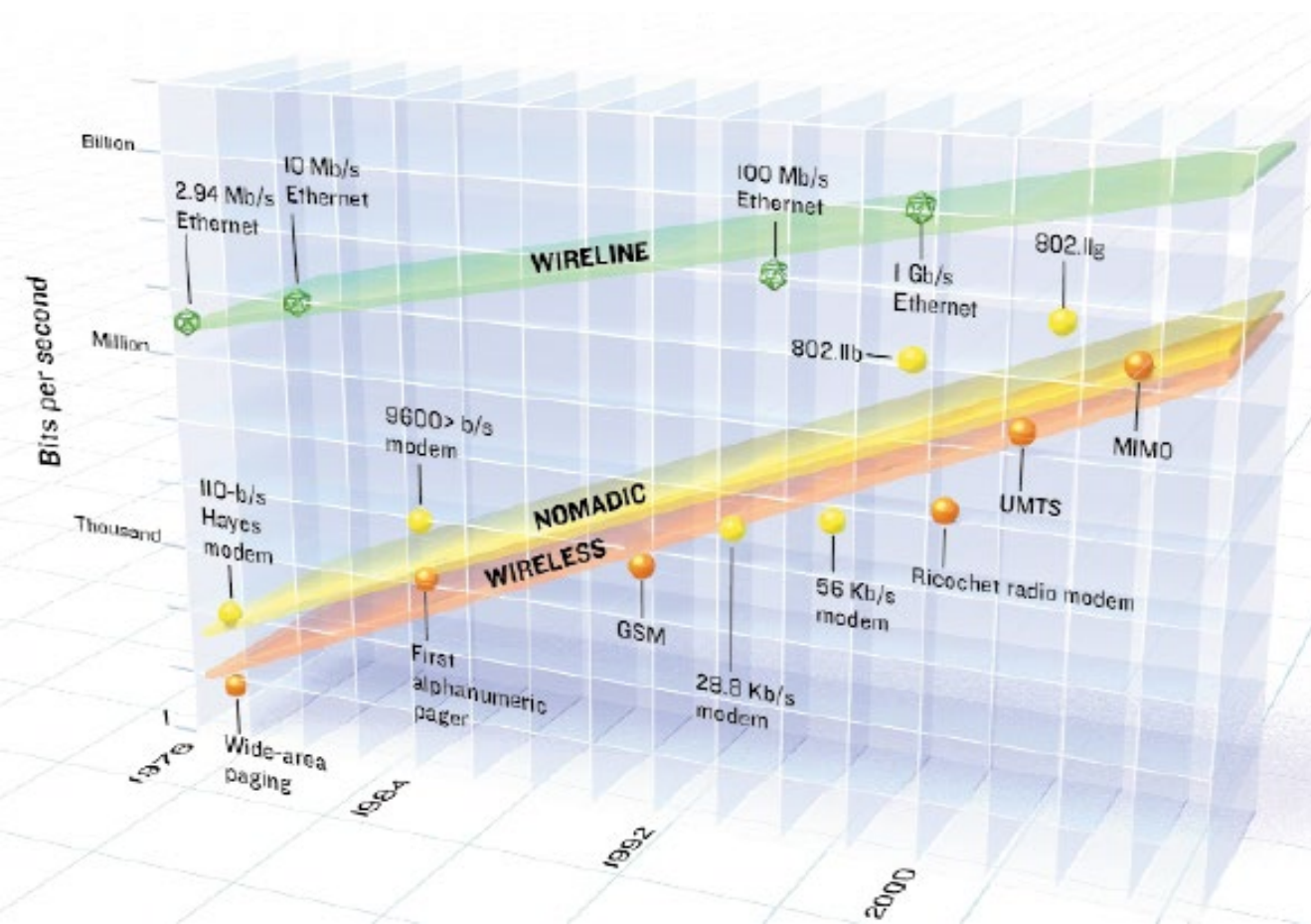
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Trends in Wireless communications

Trend 1: Increase of operational frequency



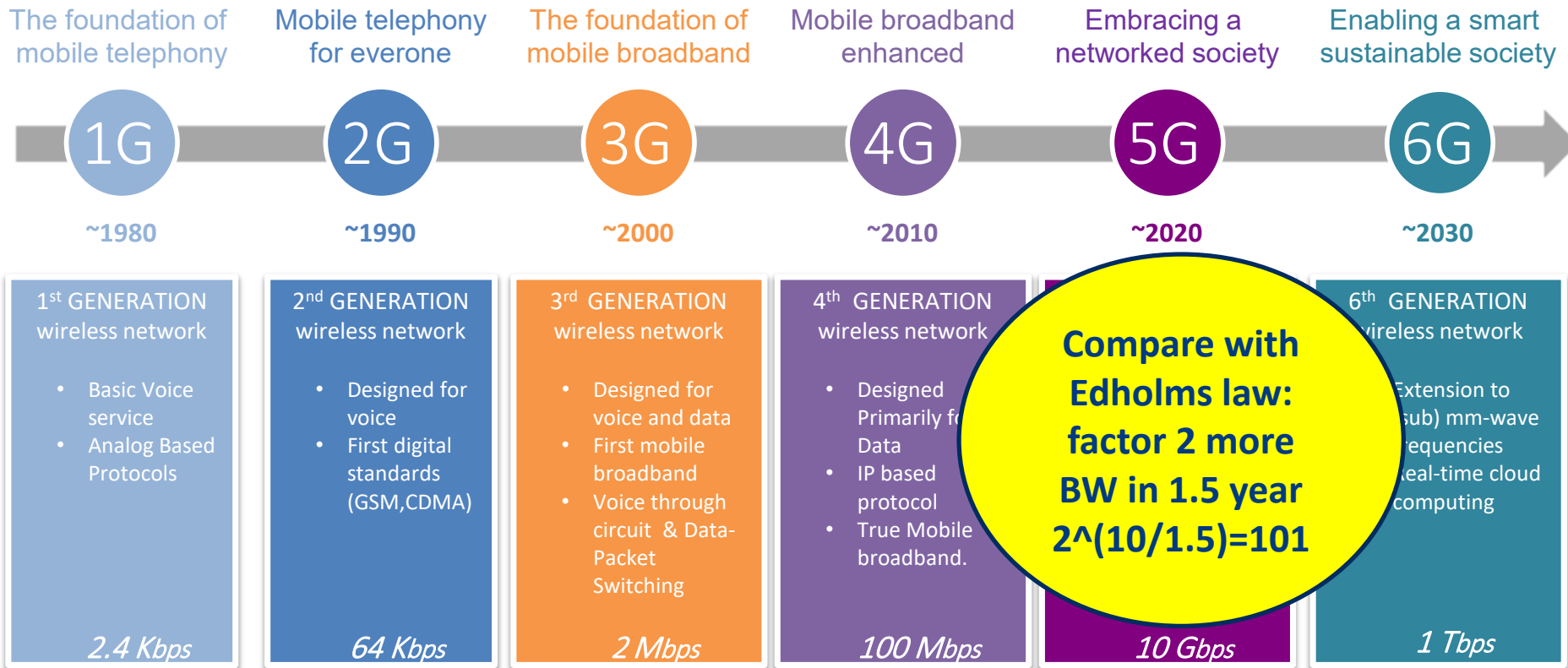
Trend 2: Increase in bandwidth:Edholm's Law



- Wireless growing faster than wired

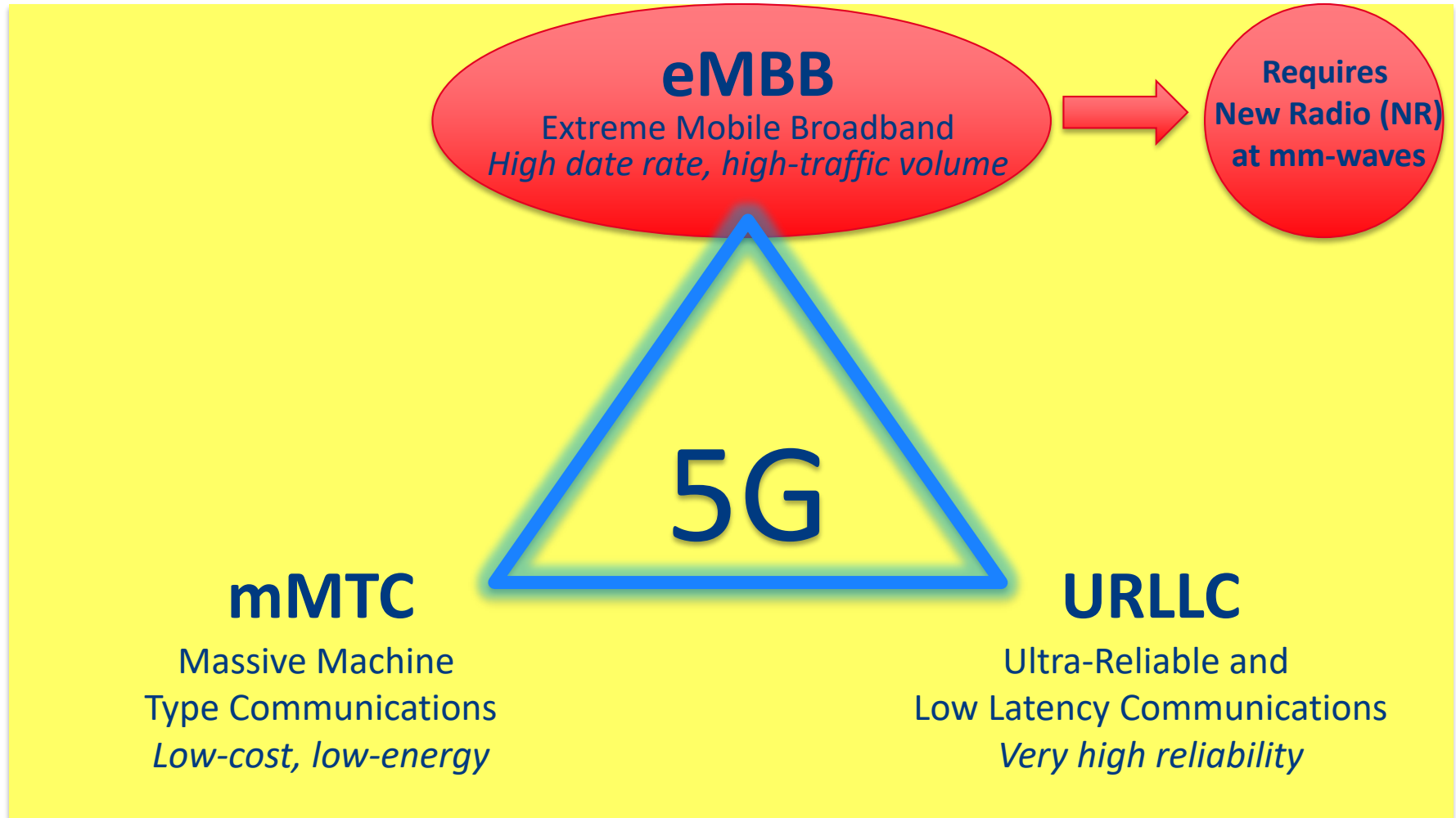
Required Bandwidth/datarate doubles each 18 months

Evolution of wireless standards

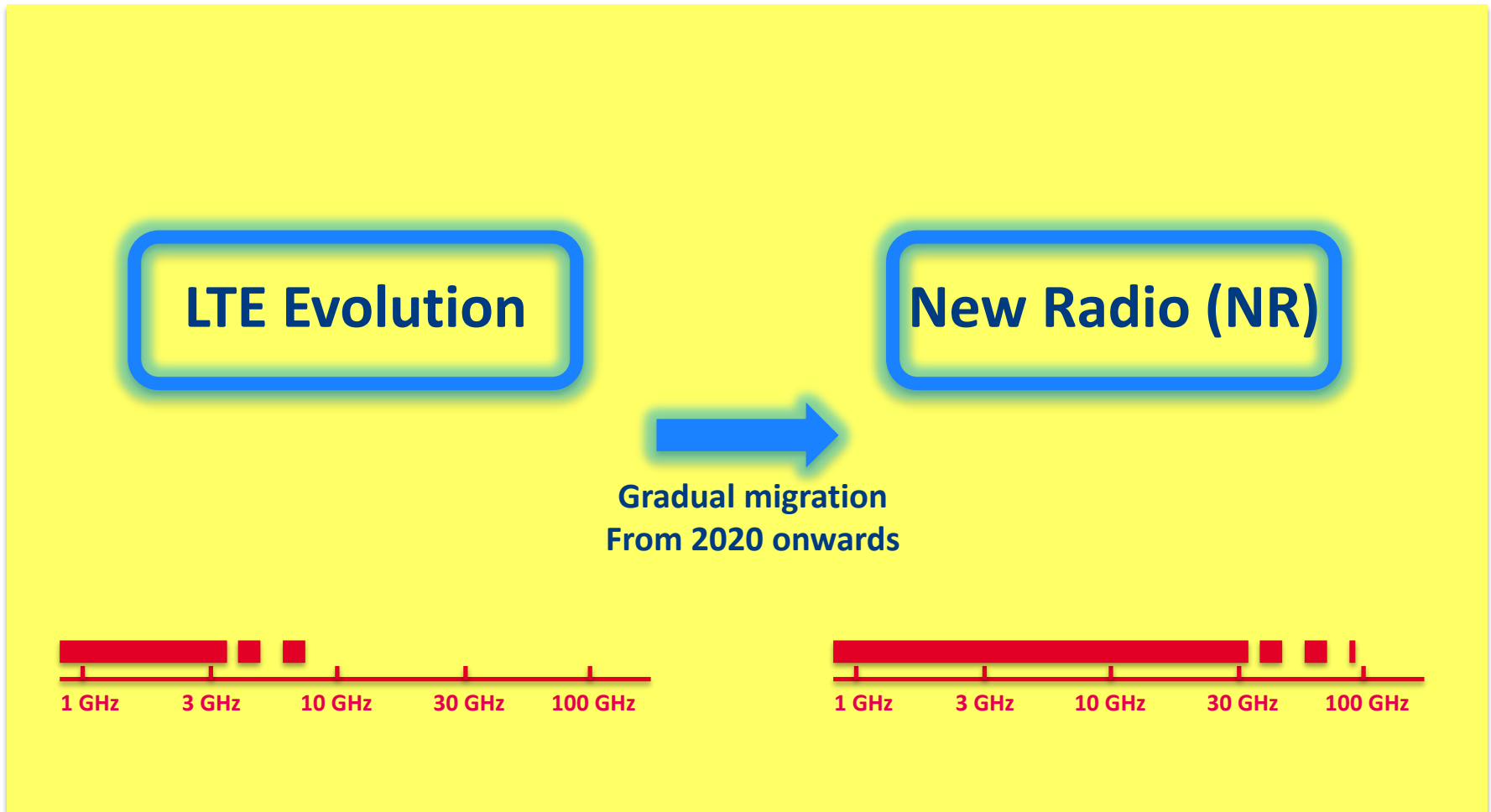


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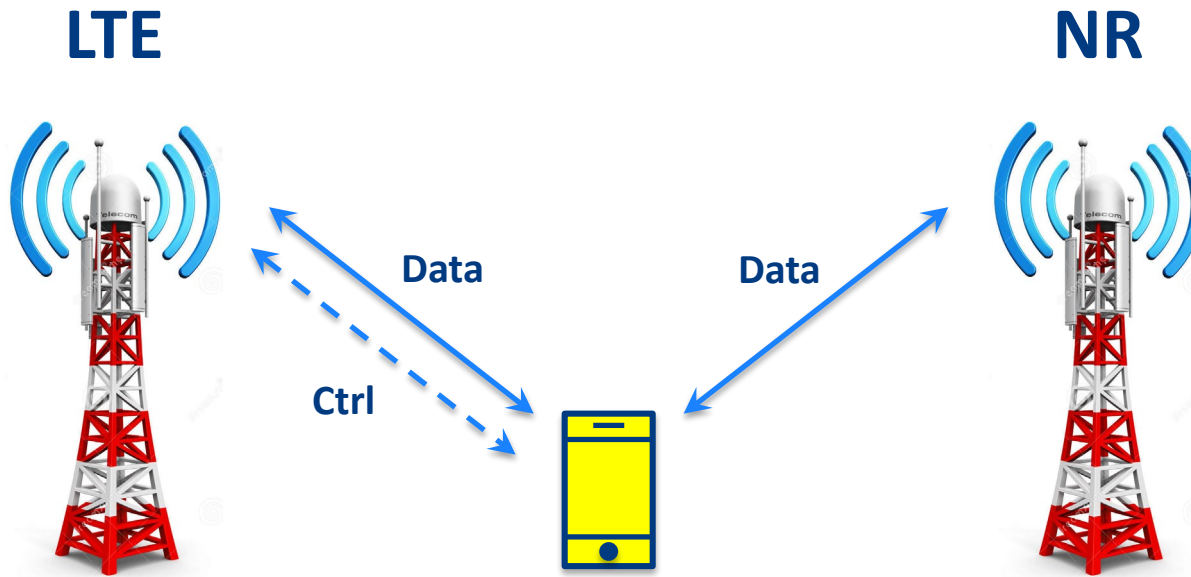


Radio Access in 5G



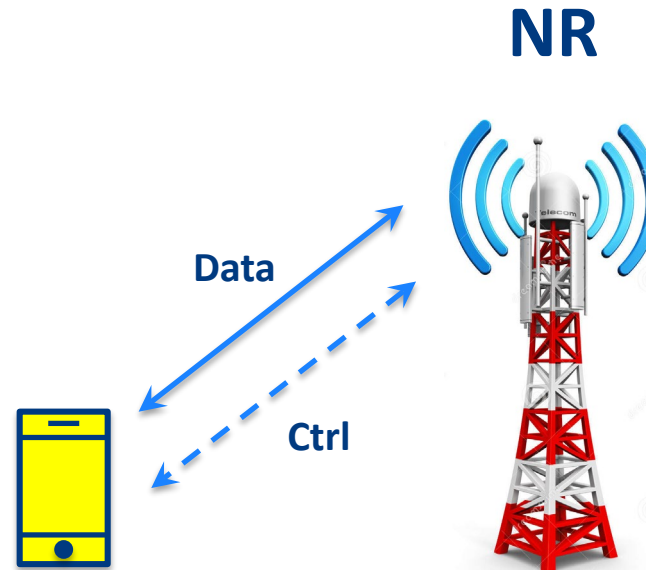
NR System embedding

Option 1: Non-standalone operation with LTE master



NR System embedding

Option 2: Standalone operation (NR master)



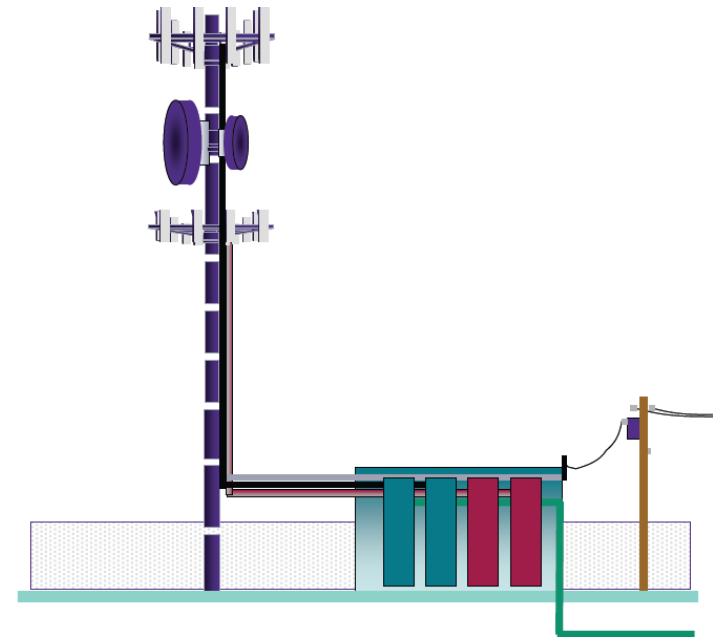
Power consumption in 5G and beyond using New-Radio

Key question

- Can we scale our existing 3G/4G base-station infrastructure to higher frequencies?
- What happens if we scale from 2 GHz to 30 GHz?
- Let us consider only the downlink (TX) case

Existing base-stations for 3G/4G Wireless Communication

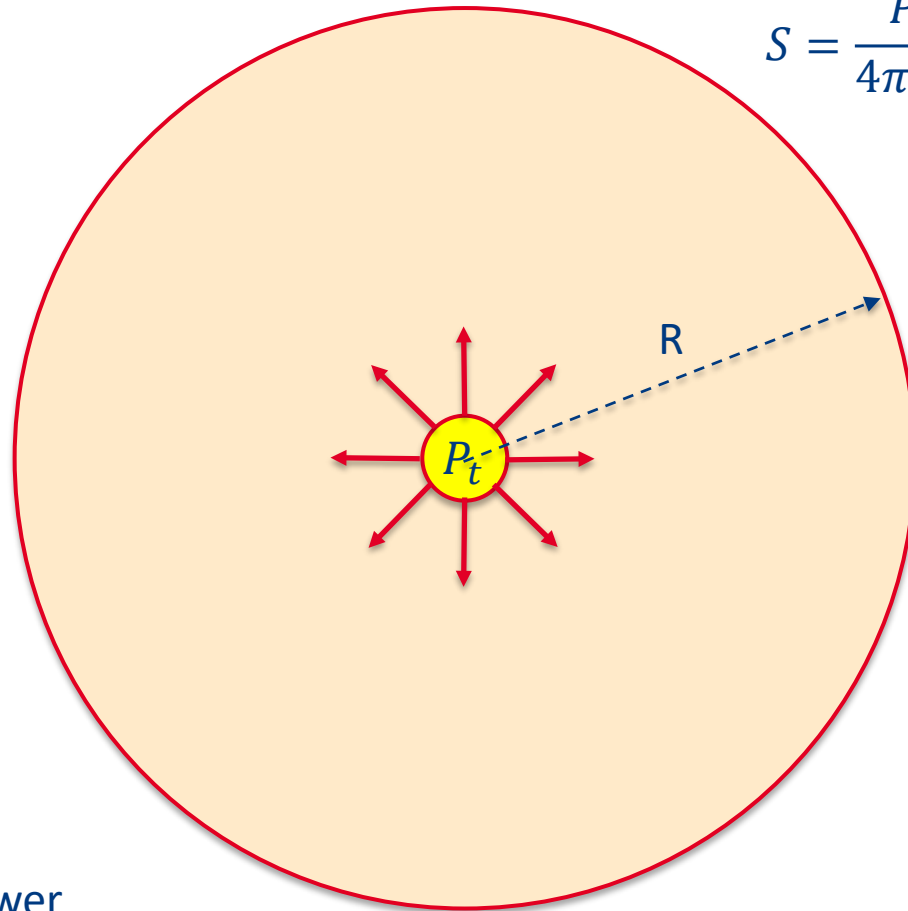
- Frequency 0.8-2.5 GHz
- Power consumption ~ 5kW
- Netherlands: 43933 base stations (2G/3G/4G)¹
- So currently about 219 MW power dissipation



Spherical wave expansion from point source

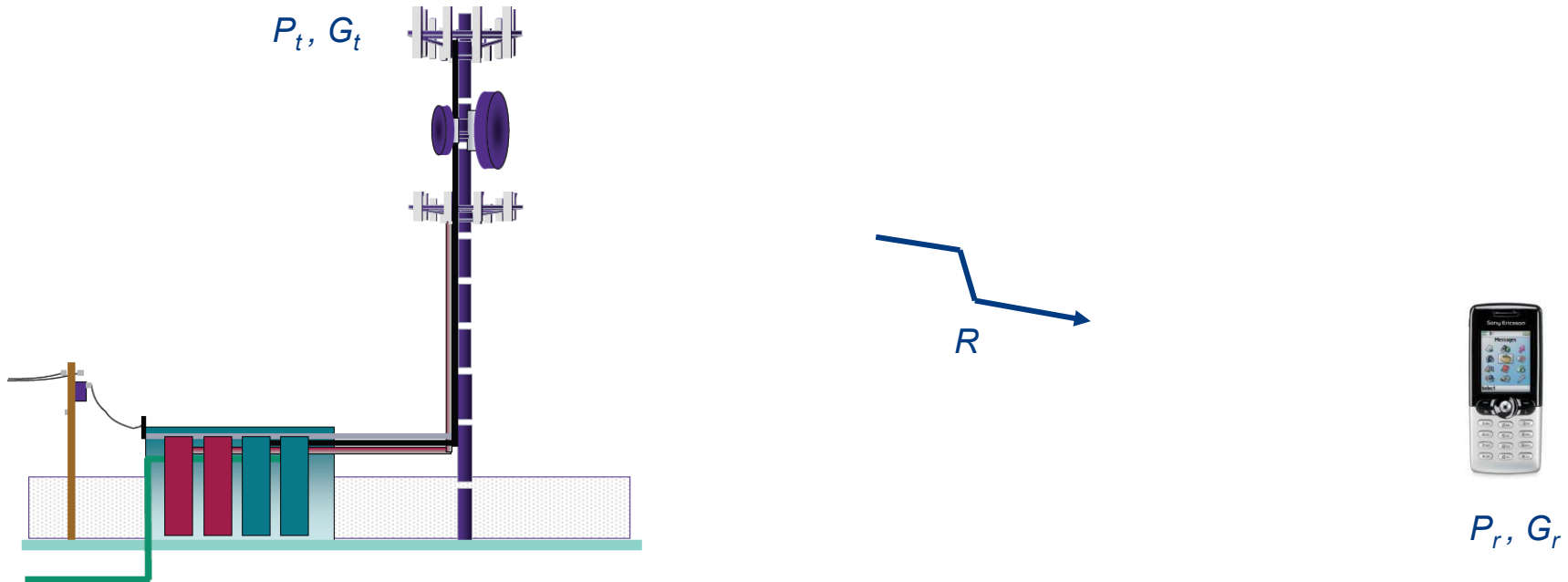
$$S = \frac{P_t}{4\pi R^2}$$

Power density
at surface sphere



P_t : total radiated power

Downlink, Link Budget



$$P_r = \frac{P_t G_t A_e}{4\pi R^2} = \frac{P_t G_t G_r \lambda_0^2}{(4\pi)^2 R^2}$$



$$R = \sqrt{\frac{P_t G_t G_r \lambda_0^2}{(4\pi)^2 P_{r,\min}}}$$

Simple “back-of-the-envelope” calculation, 2 GHz vs. 30 GHz

2 GHz

Wavelength: $\lambda_0=15\text{cm}$

4 Tx antenna elements with 3dB gain each: $G_t=8$ (9dBi)

Rx antenna omni-directional: $G_r=1$.

Output power: 100 W (50 dBm)

Sensitivity $P_{r,\min} = -70$ dBm ($=10^{-10}\text{W}$)

$$R = \sqrt{\frac{P_t G_t G_r \lambda_0^2}{(4\pi)^2 P_{r,\min}}} \approx 33\text{km}$$

30 GHz

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$$R = \sqrt{\frac{P_t G_t G_r \lambda_0^2}{(4\pi)^2 P_{r,\min}}} \approx 2.2\text{km}$$

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30 GHz

Wavelength: $\lambda_0=1\text{cm}$

4 Tx antenna elements, $G_t= 9\text{dBi}$

Rx antenna omni-directional: $G_r=1$.

Output power: **22500 W (73.5 dBm)**

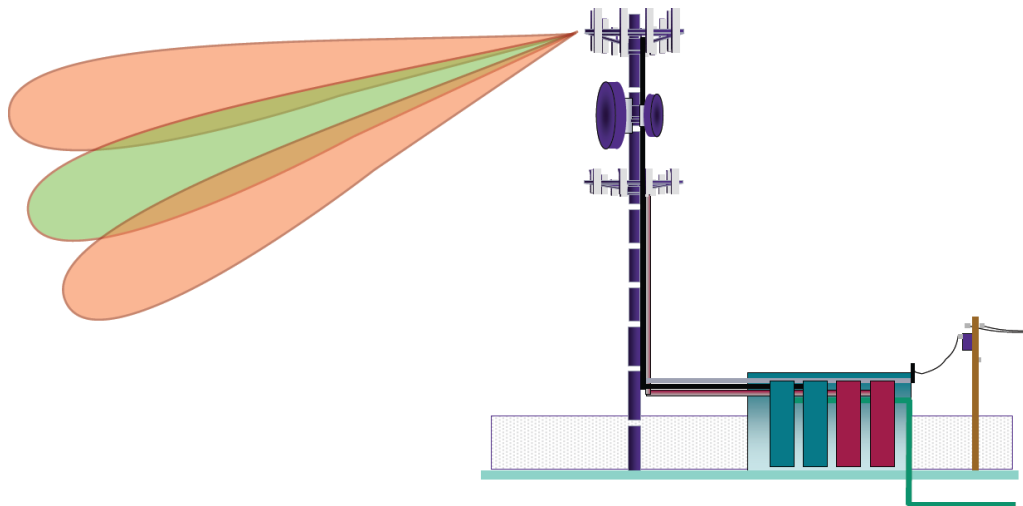
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Consequence in Power consumption

Estimations!

	3G/4G	5G
Frequency	2 GHz	30 GHz
Power per BST*	4+1=5 kW	4+225*5=1129 kW
Total Power in Netherlands*	219 MW	49 GW
#Wind mills (2 MW each) in NL	109	24500



Uplink case

- Uplink might be even more important than downlink at mm-wave.
- Link budget is not symmetrical!
 - Mobile user does not have a lot of power or space.
- We need a large antenna at the base-station with electronic scanning

Solution: Use a large antenna array

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30 GHz

Wavelength: $\lambda_0=1\text{cm}$

871 Tx antenna elements, $G_t=32.4 \text{ dBi}$

Rx antenna omni-directional: $G_r=1$.

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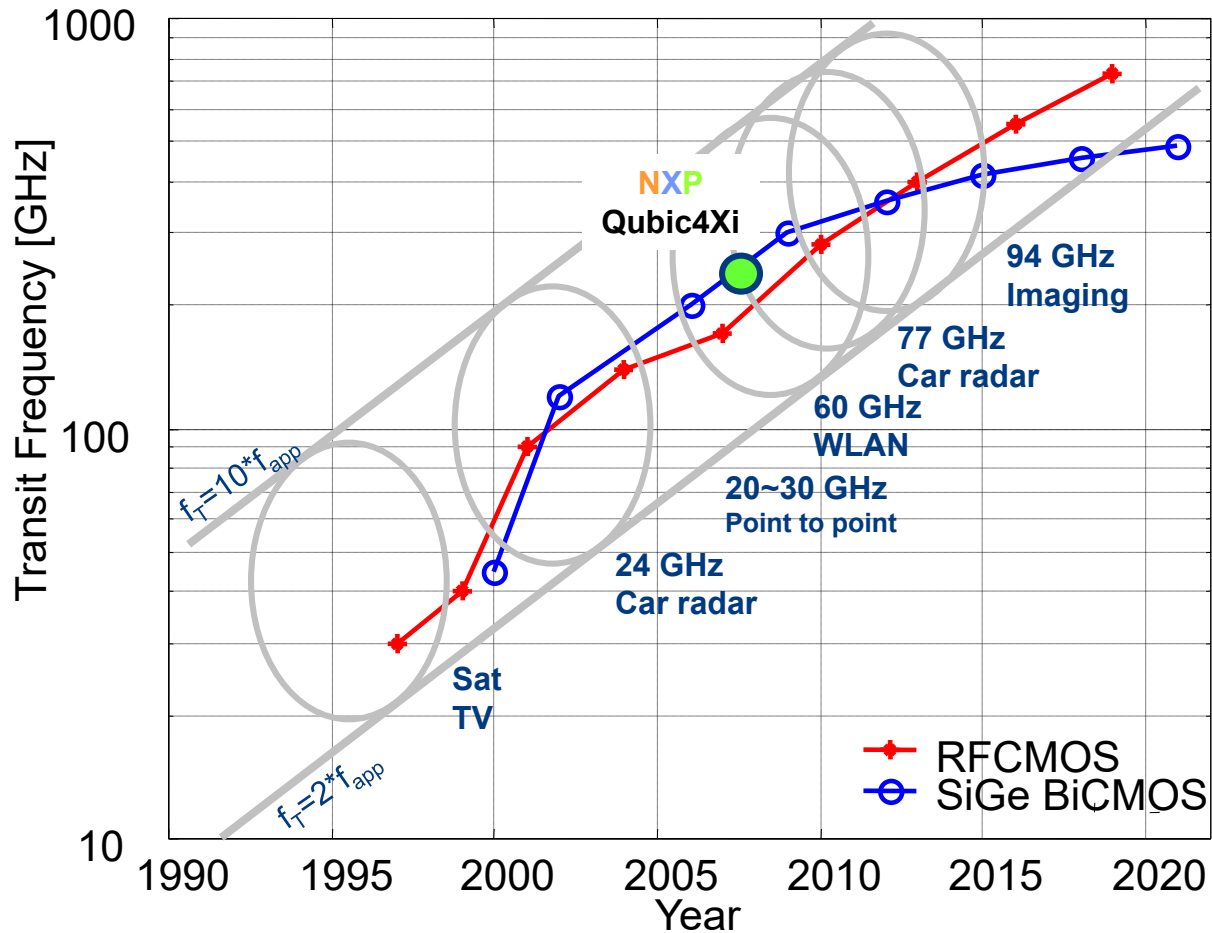
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Can we come up with solutions in NL?

- The Netherlands has a strong position in:
 - Phased-arrays, e.g. Thales, ASTRON, TNO, ESTEC and TU's.
 - Silicon-integrated technology and Power amplifiers for base stations, e.g. NXP, TNO, Omniradar, Ampleon and TU's

Silicon Technologies

Ft of IC Technology vs Year [ITRS]



Do we need more?

- Yes!
- Phased-arrays are too power hungry and too expensive
 - Need new antenna concepts
 - Further integration in Silicon
- At mm-waves, smaller cells will be used (< 300 m)

European project SILIKA

Silicon-Based Ka-Band Massive MIMO Systems for New Telecommunication Services

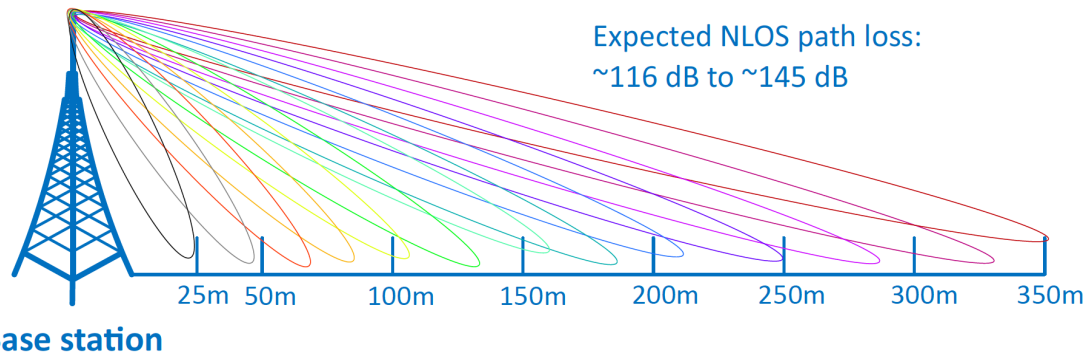
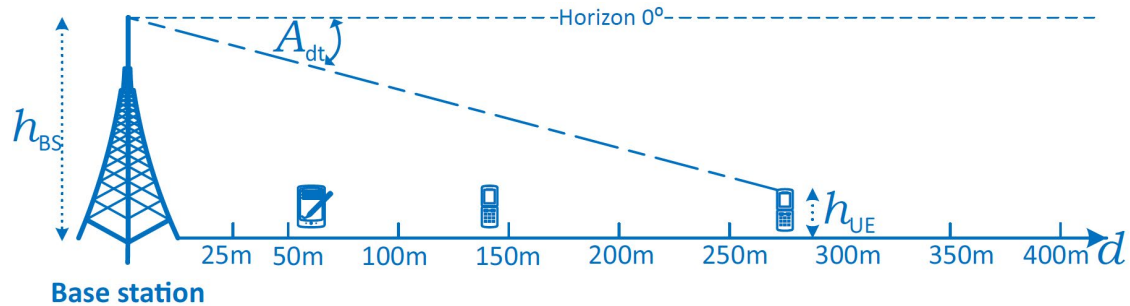


Objectives:

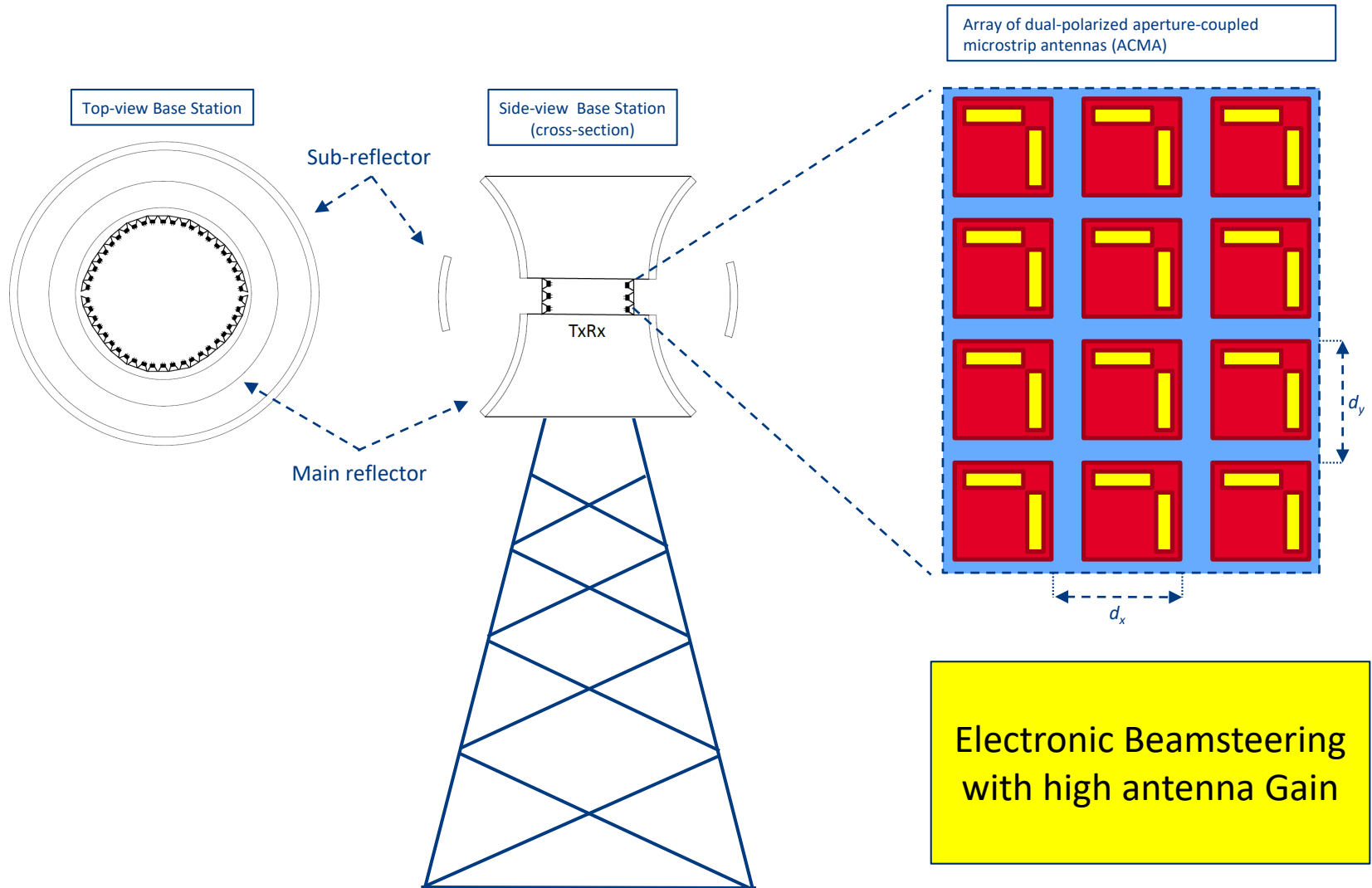
- Development of innovative integrated antenna systems for future 5G base stations operating at mm-wave frequencies utilizing highly-integrated and cost-effective (Bi-)CMOS technologies.
- These antenna systems will rely on the use of multi-antenna massive MIMO concepts in which the number of individual antenna elements in the base station is much larger than the number of users ($M \gg K$)
- Training of 12 PhD students in the domain of mm-wave massive MIMO systems

Base station cell at mm-waves (28.5 GHz)

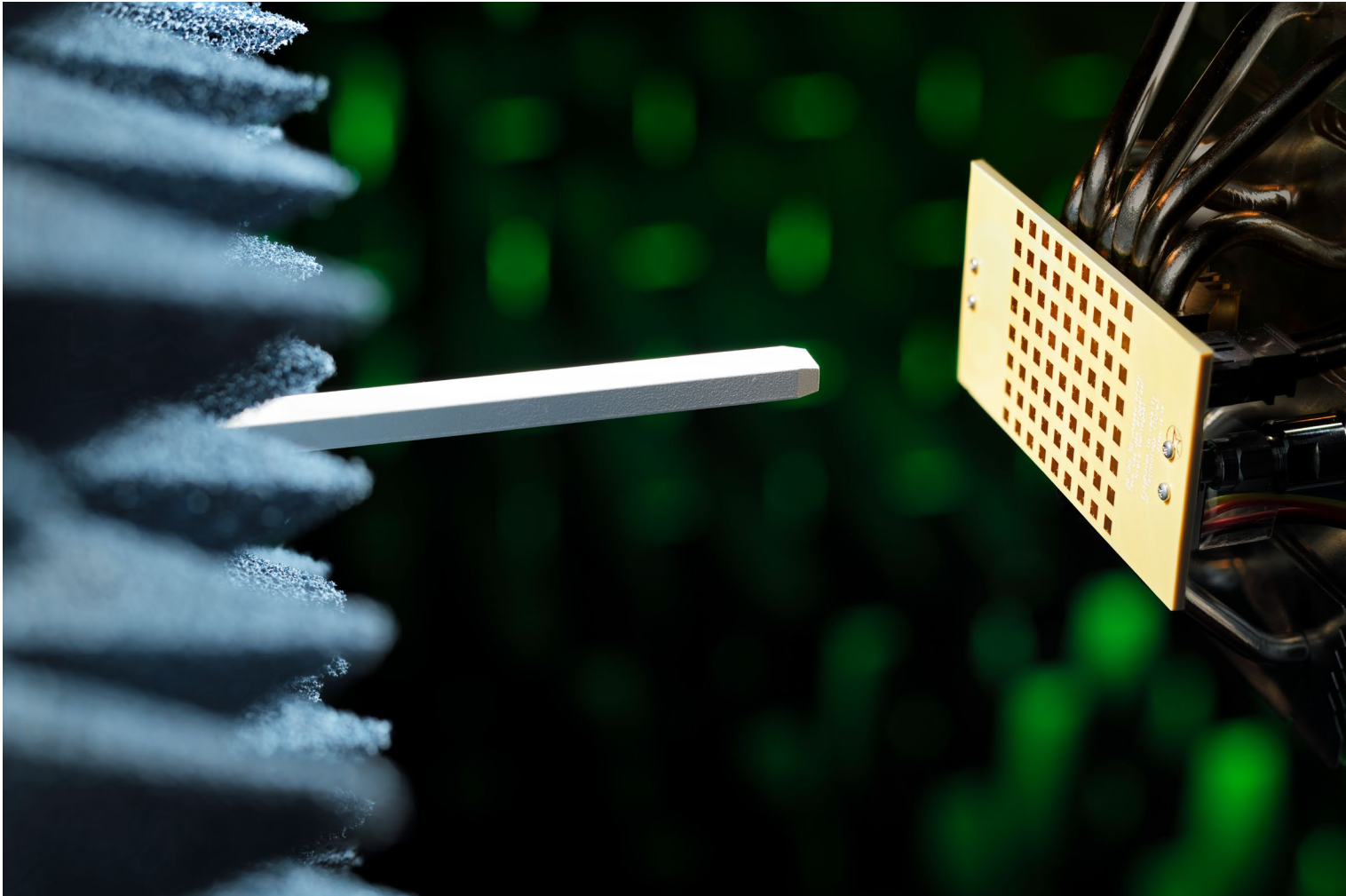
Scenario: Urban environment



Focal-plane Arrays



5G New Radio mm-wave Prototype



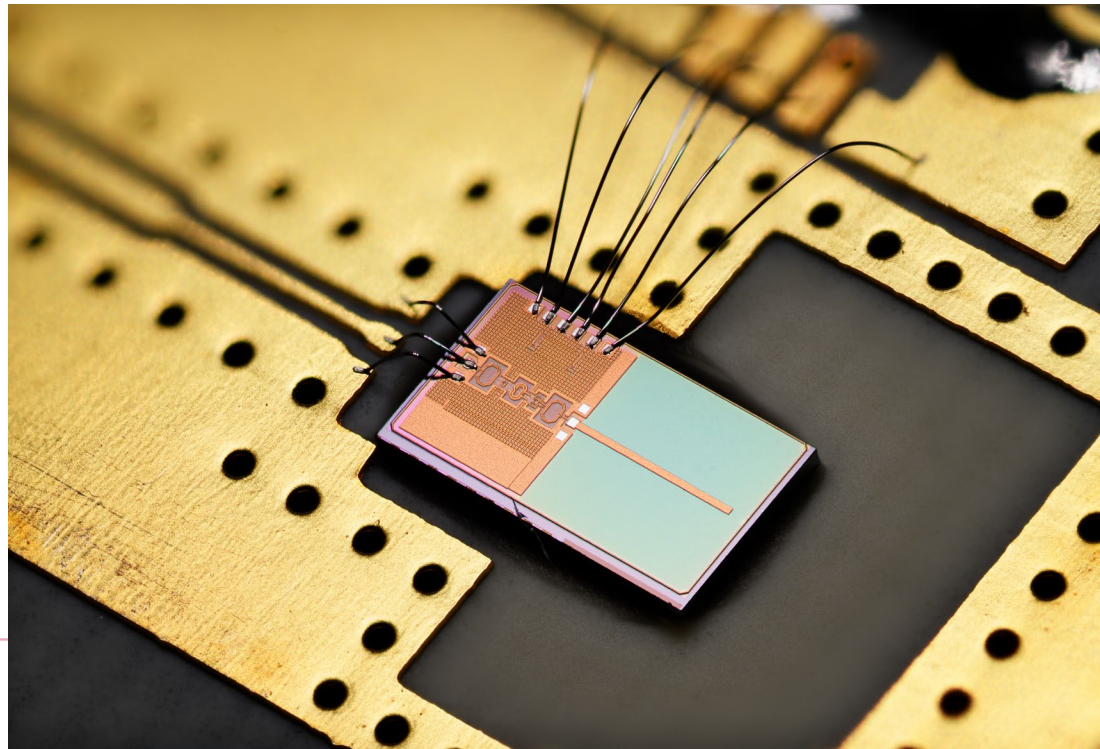
Next step: Feed-array using integrated antennas

Antenna-on-chip (AoC)

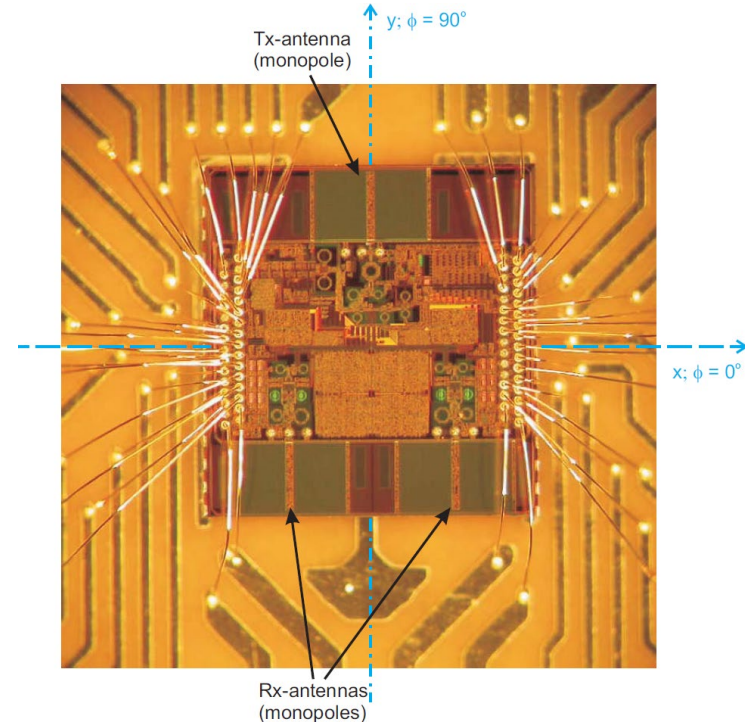
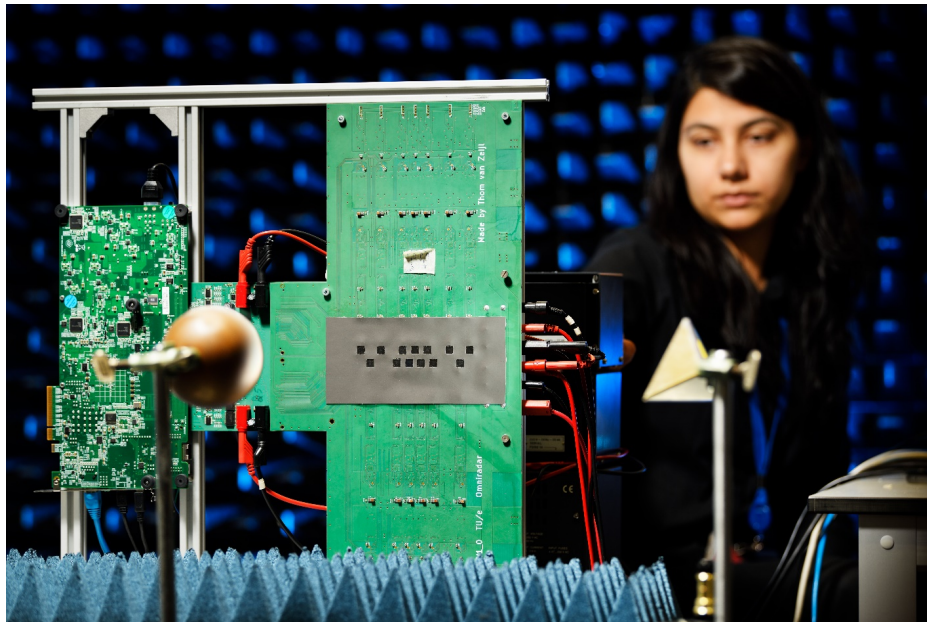
- Antenna launcher integrated in Silicon.
- No RF interconnect required anymore
- Wafer thinning can be applied to reduce silicon losses.

Demonstrator in BiCMOS

- AoC+LNA at 30 GHz

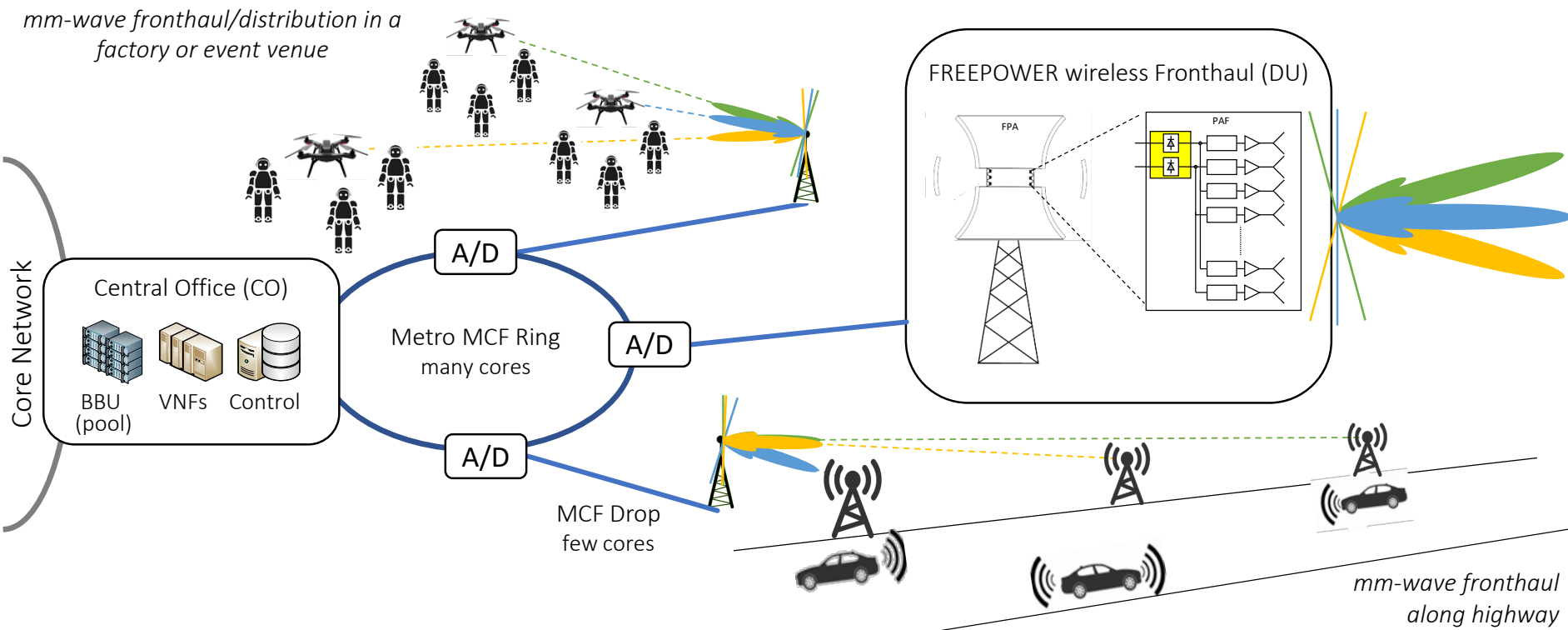


MUSIC: single-chip and MIMO radar at 60 GHz



Looking forward towards 6G

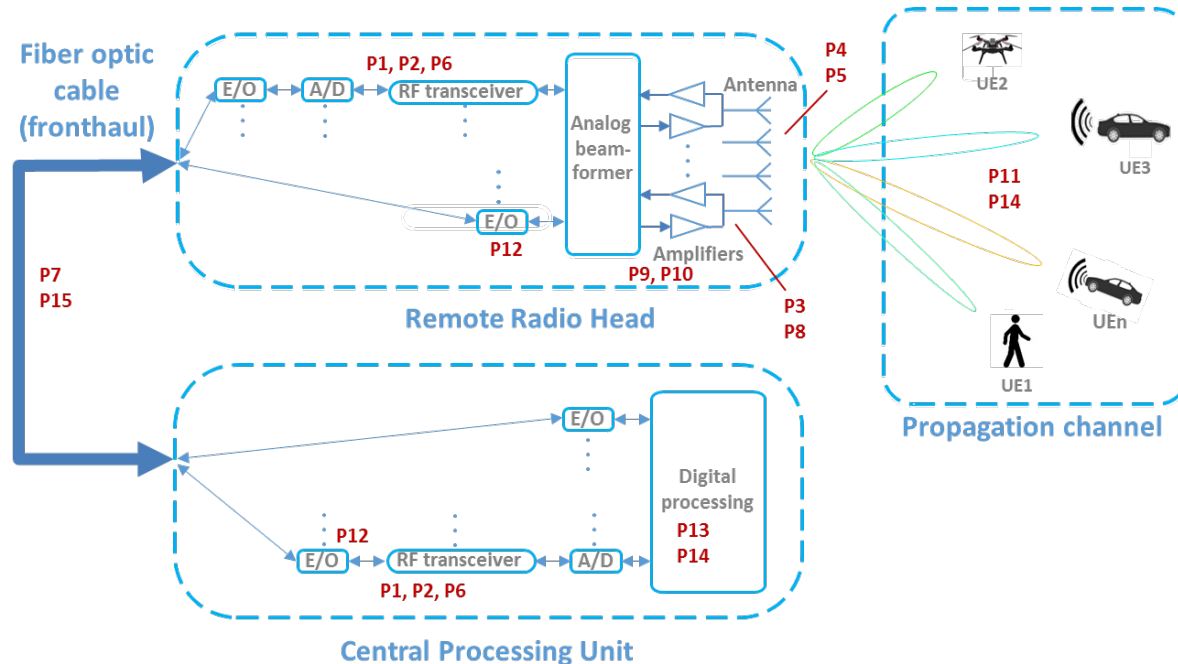
Fiber-connected future 5G/6G centralized radio access network (C-RAN)



New European project MyWave

Efficient Millimetre-Wave Communications

for Mobile Users (15 PhD students)



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GAP WAVES



Spin-off MaxWaves

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ga8_qDqKFD4&feature=youtu.be

Summary

- 5G/6G will use mm-wave frequencies
 - 24.25-43 GHz for base stations in small cells
 - 71-86 GHz for Front-Haul/Back-Haul
- Existing concepts are too power hungry and far too expensive
- New distribution concepts are explored, e.g. wireless Front-haul.
- New antenna concepts and high level of integration in Silicon technologies are required.