



6G-life: Future Communication Systems

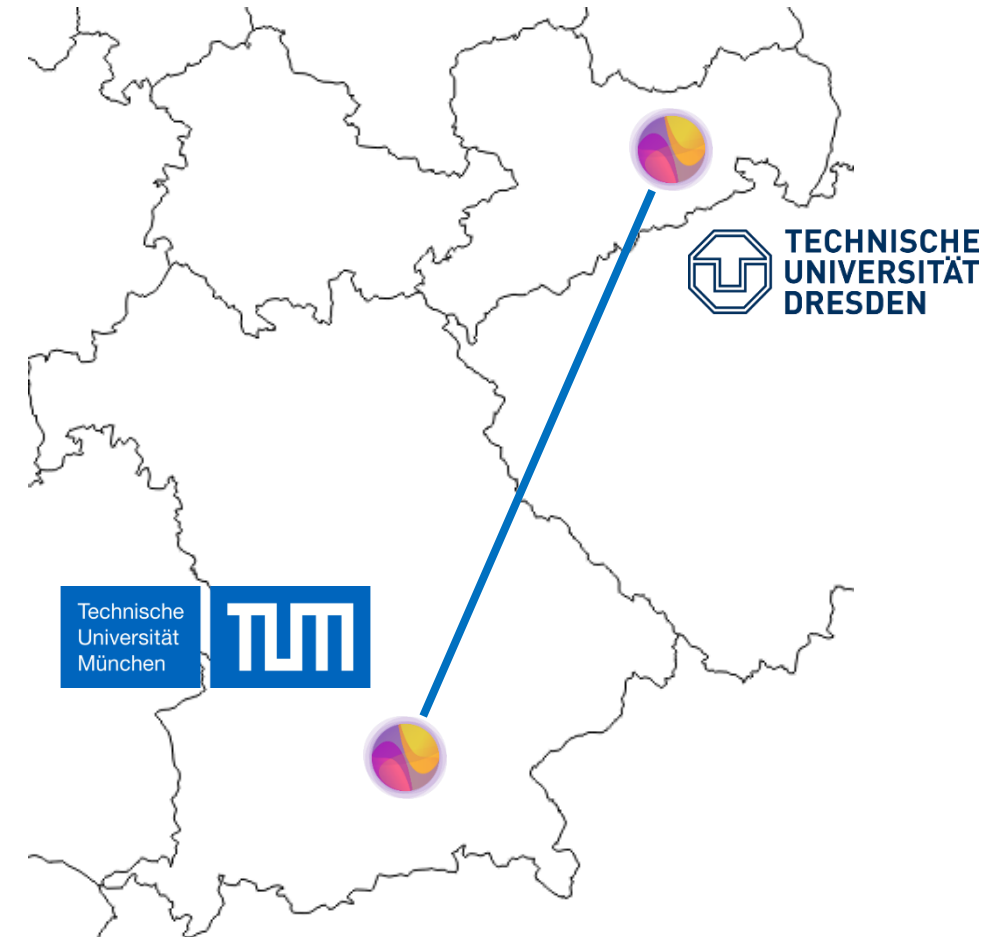


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BMBF 6G Research Hub 6G-life

- Started August 15, 2021
- 70 Million € for 4 years
 - 50 Million € for 4 years
 - 20 Million € for 3 years
- 61 Principal Investigators + 163 researchers
- 6G: focus is on **humans and their communication and interaction with machines** and the **virtual world** → holistic research on innovative concepts for scalable communication, novel methods, flexible software concepts and adaptive hardware
- Important fields of application: **Industry 4.0** and **healthcare** (extending with industry projects)
- Four key performance indicators: **Latency, Resilience, Security and Sustainability**
- **Technological Sovereignty** and Digital Transfer
- 10 Million € for **Startups**





6G-life



1,005
Publications



19
Startups



49
Patents



553
Theses



200
Fairs &
Conferences



1
Standards



151
Cooperations



63
Awards



50+
Industry Partners



105
Lectures



163
Researchers



47
Testbeds &
Demonstrators

Vision toward Cooperative Networked Robotics

New Demands of Robotics and Automation Engineering

Current



Individual & Stationary Robots

Wired

Hardware Focus

Fixed, Structured

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products

More variants

Smaller lot sizes

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Future



Multiple & Mobile Robots

Wireless

Software-based and AI

Dynamic, Unstructured

New cool robotics ? – Networked Collaborative Robotics



Humanoid and Mobile



Massive

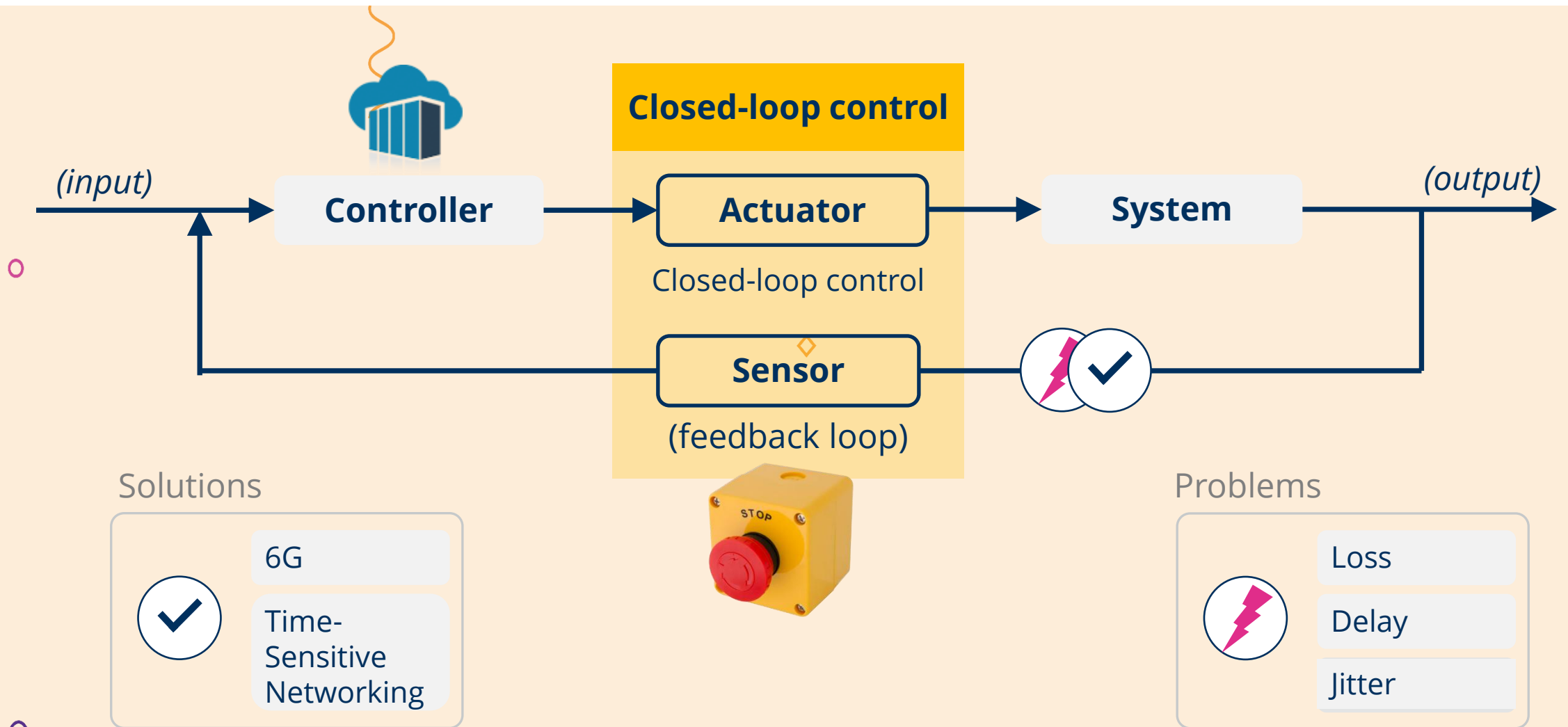
Robotics and Automation

The Latency Challenge – My Nemesis

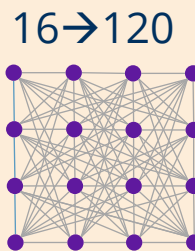
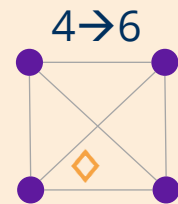
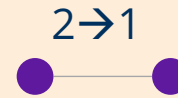
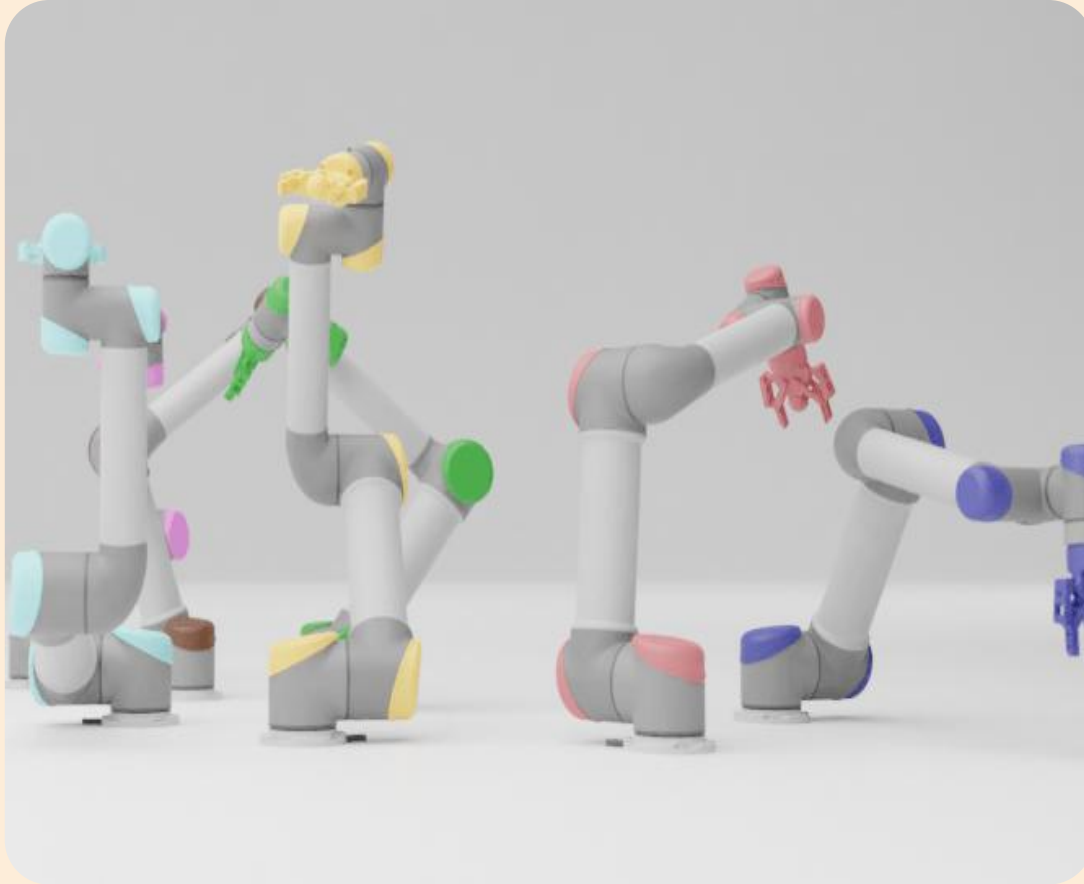


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The Computing Bottleneck

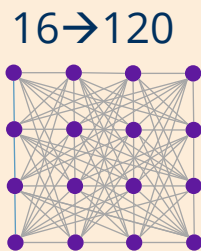
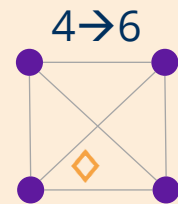
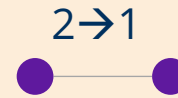


Challenge in massive mobile robotics



Multi-robot interaction $O(n^2)$

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Networked Robotics

Oct 2024 Three-armed robot skill transfer

The Guardian Süddeutsche Zeitung
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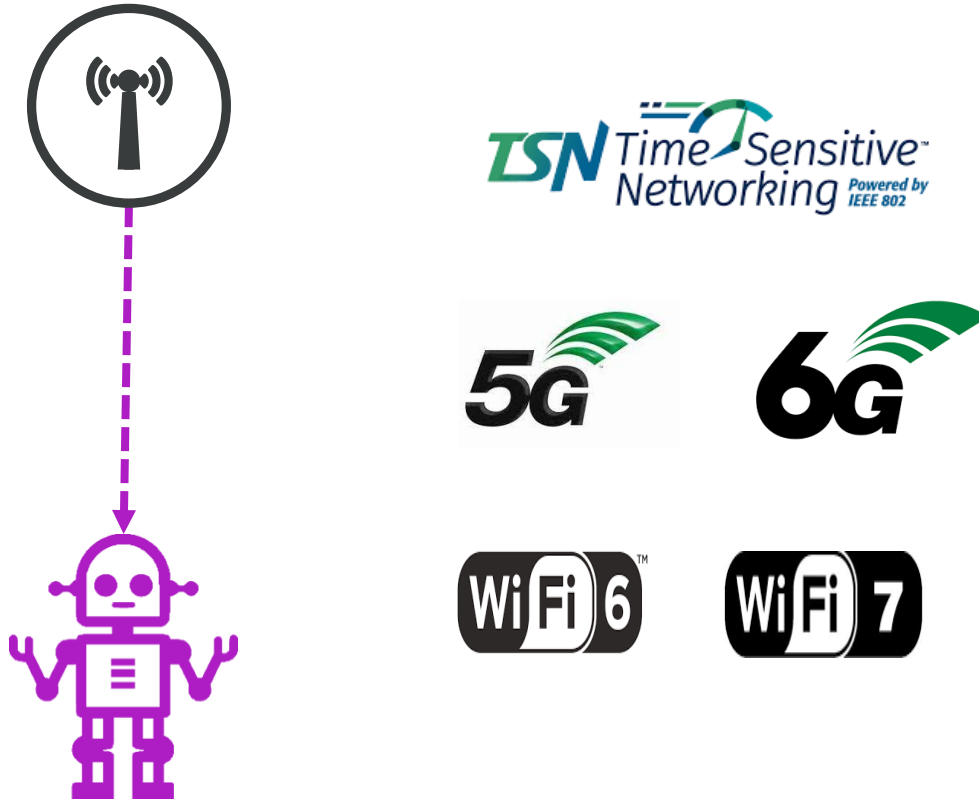


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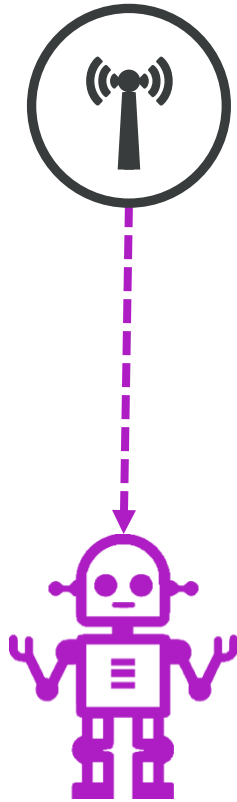


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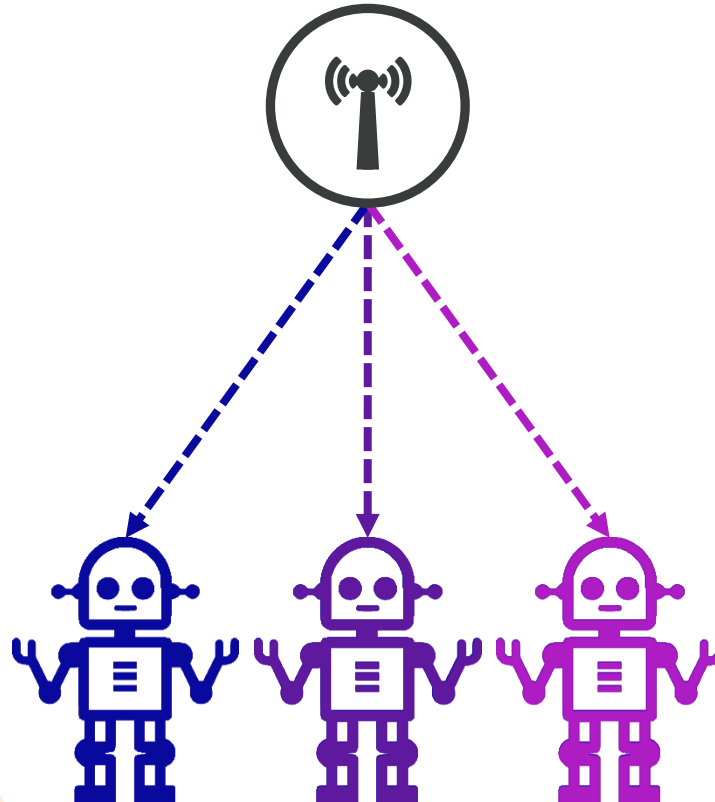


point-to-point

101 on Communication Architecture



point-to-point



point-to-multipoint

TSN Time Sensitive
Networking
Powered by IEEE 802

5G

6G

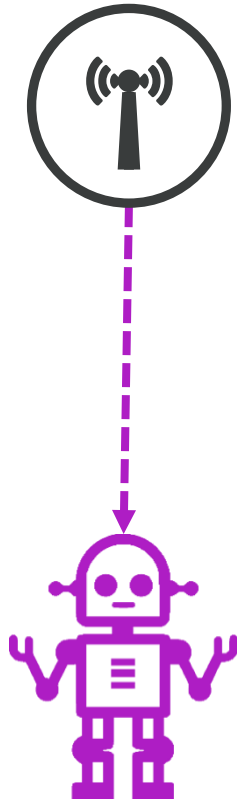
WiFi 6

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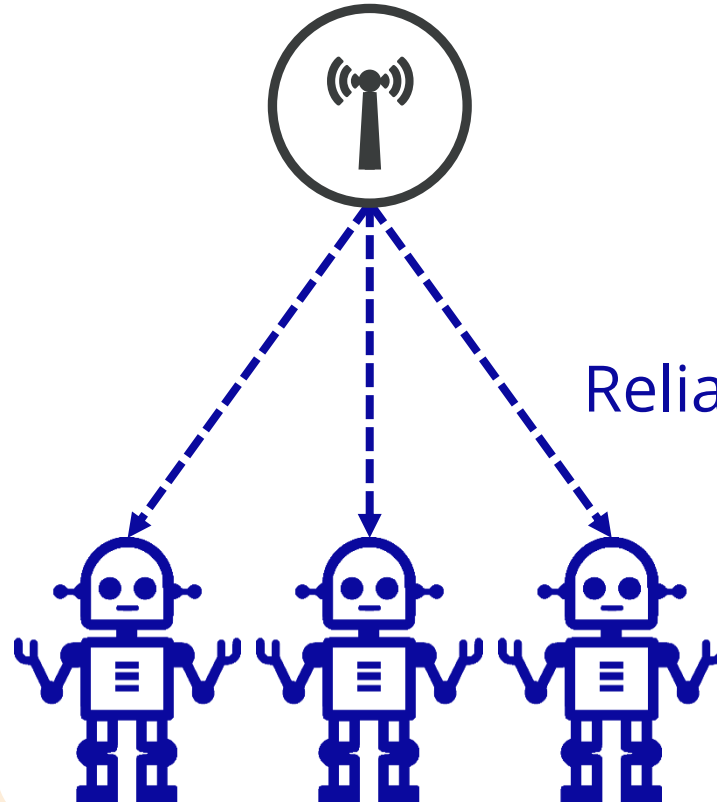
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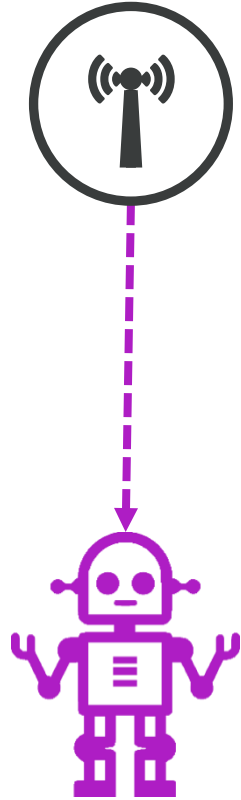
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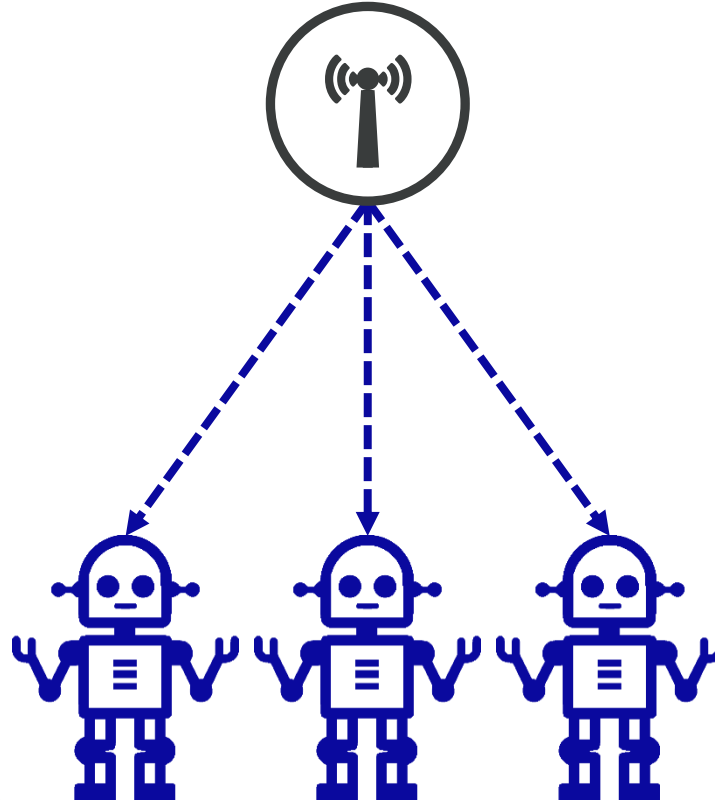
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Reliable Multicast for IP

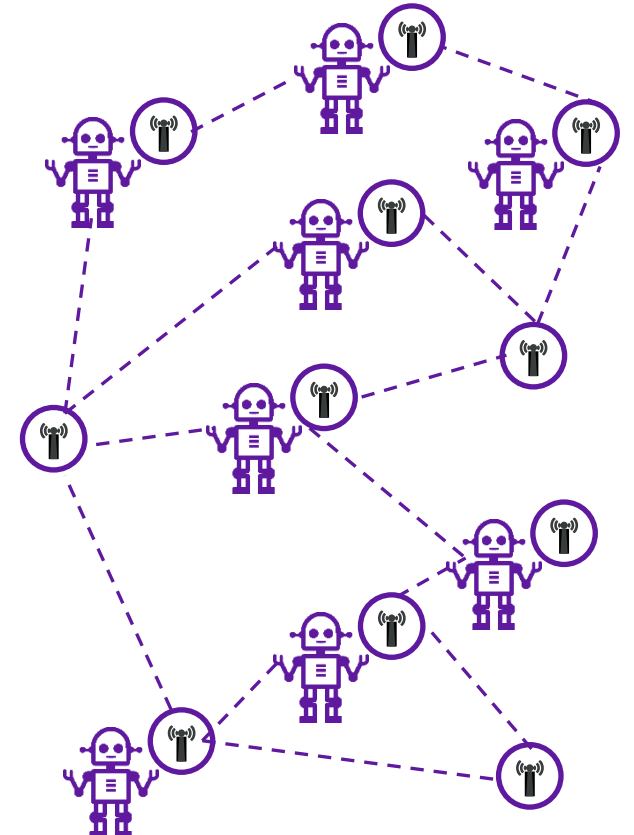
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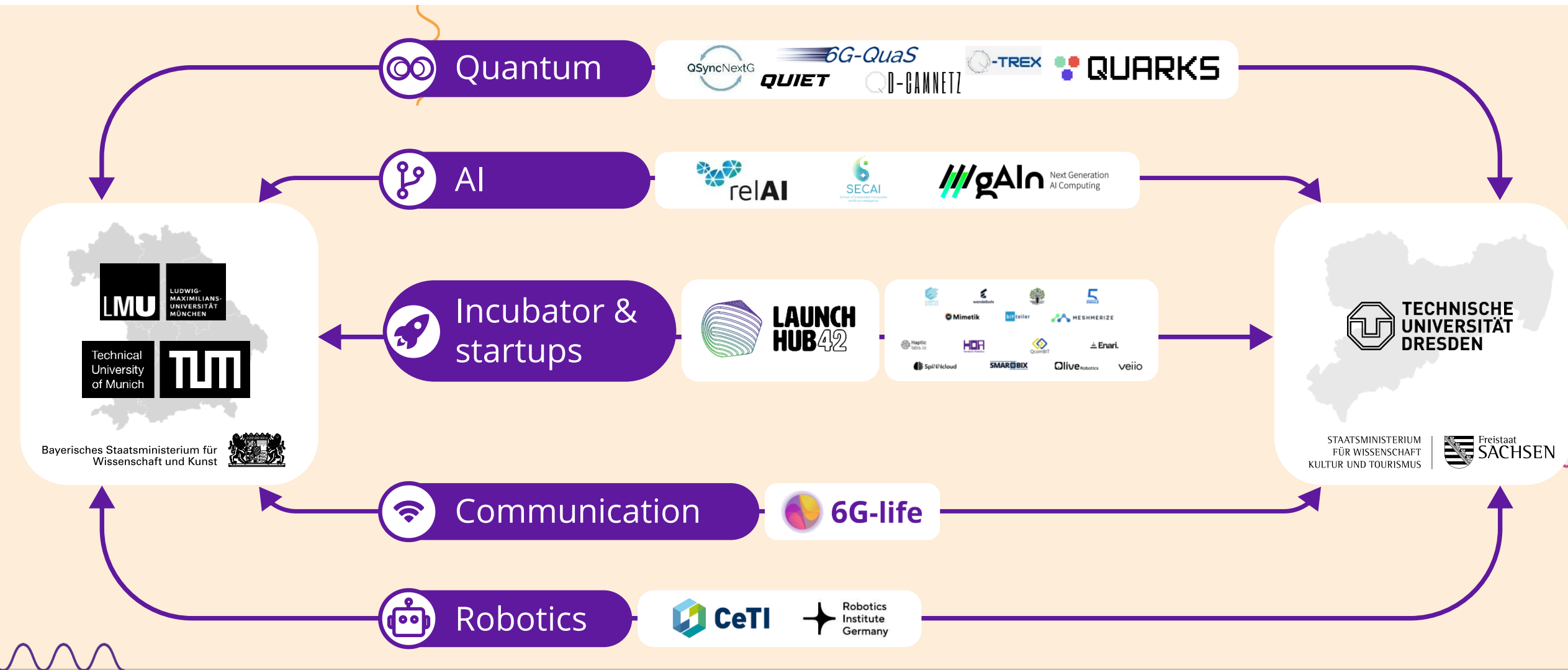


point-to-multipoint



fully mesh

Why us? – Innovation Network



**WE SCALE TRUSTWORTHY
6G-TECHNOLOGIES
FOR A SUSTAINABLE
AND SOVEREIGN WORLD.**



MADE IN GERMANY



DE launchhub42, im Herzen der Technischen Universität Dresden gelegen, ist ein innovativer Startup-Inkubator der beiden Exzellenzuniversitäten TU Dresden und TU München, der die Lücke zwischen ambitionierten Studenten und der Spitze des technologischen Fortschritts schließen soll. Mit dem Hauptaugenmerk auf der Entwicklung von hochmodernen Kommunikationsnetzwerken für Robotik, das Metaversum und menschliche Interaktion steht launchhub42 an vorderster Front bei der Förderung der nächsten Generation von Technologiepionieren.

Der Inkubator, der derzeit mit 30 Startups zusammenarbeitet, bietet ein umfassendes Angebot an Ressourcen, darunter spezialisierte Schulungen, wichtige Informationen und einen unvergleichlichen Zugang zu fortschrittlichen Technologien, die für aufstrebende Unternehmen normalerweise unerreichbar sind. In einem prägnanten Gebäude auf dem Universitätsgelände untergebracht, bietet launchhub42 eine Fülle von Einrichtungen wie Tagungsräume, Büroräume und Demonstrationsbereiche, die alle sorgfältig darauf ausgelegt sind, den Kontakt zu potenziellen Kunden und Partnern zu erleichtern.

EN launchhub42, positioned at the heart of the University of Technology Dresden, is an innovative startup incubator of the two universities of excellence – TU Dresden and TU Munich – designed to bridge the gap between ambitious students and the forefront of technological advancements. With a primary focus on the development of cutting-edge communication networks for robotics, the metaverse, and human interaction, launchhub42 is at the forefront of fostering the next generation of tech pioneers.

Currently collaborating with 20 startups, the incubator provides an exhaustive suite of resources including specialized training, essential information, and unparalleled access to advanced technologies that are typically out of reach for burgeoning enterprises. Housed in a conspicuous building within the university's premises, launchhub42 offers a plethora of facilities, including meeting spaces, office areas, and demonstration zones, all meticulously designed to facilitate engagement with potential customers and partners.

Why?

Ein wichtiger Teil unserer Aufgabe besteht darin, die Kluft zwischen Forschung und Industrie zu überbrücken, bahnbrechende Partnerschaften zu fördern und Lösungen zu entwickeln, die sowohl wissenschaftlich als auch wirtschaftlich von Bedeutung sind. Mit jedem Durchbruch und jeder Zusammenarbeit arbeiten wir daran, die Industrie zu revolutionieren und eine von technologischen Spitzenleistungen geprägte Zukunft zu gestalten.

A key part of our mission is to bridge the gap between research and industry, fostering groundbreaking partnerships and developing solutions that carry both scientific and economic significance. With every breakthrough and collaboration, we work towards revolutionizing industries and shaping a future defined by technological excellence.

What?

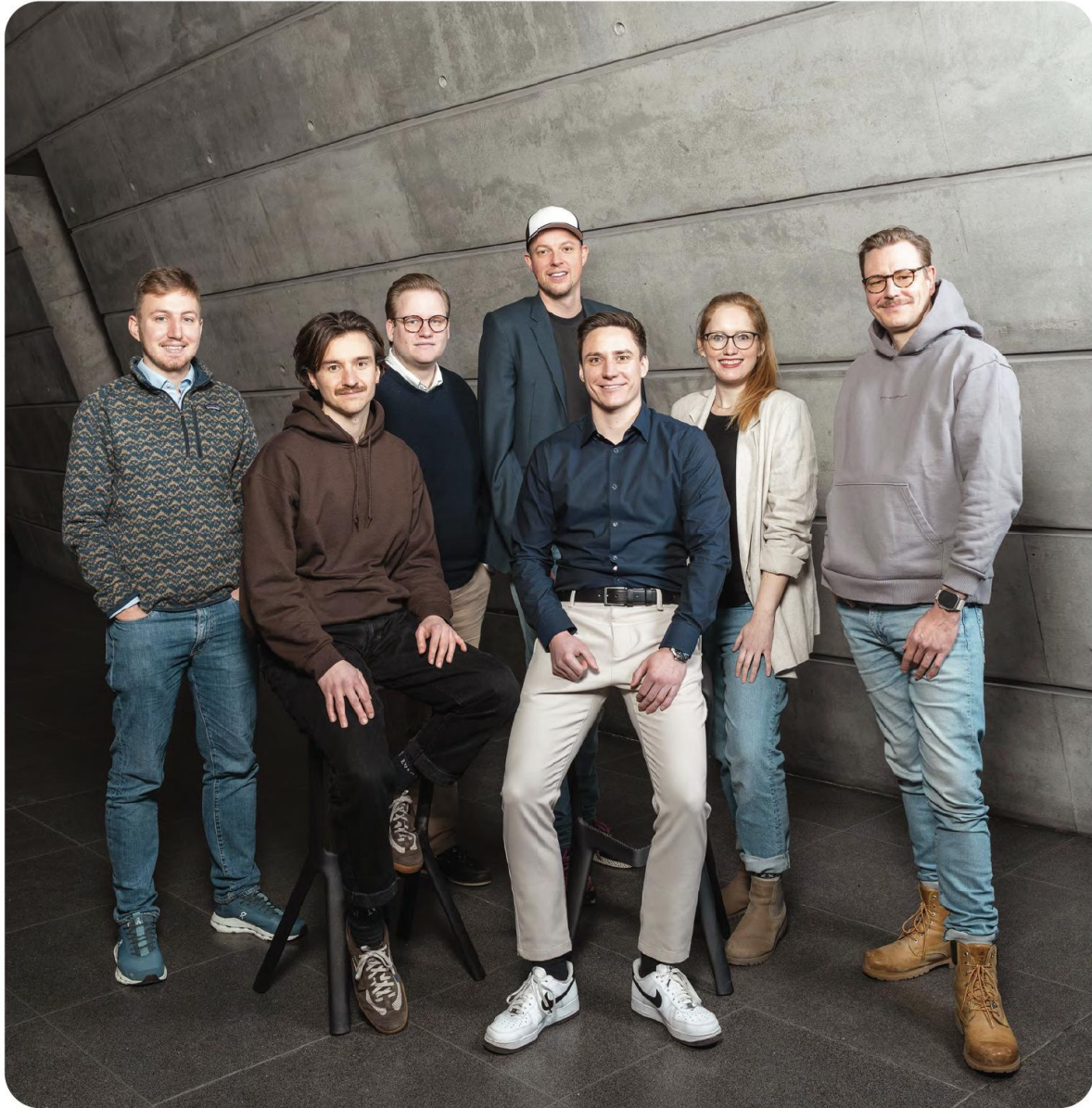
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With a clear focus on developing the next generation of communication networks for robotics, the metaverse and human-machine interaction, we provide an environment where visionary ideas become market-ready innovations. State-of-the-art infrastructure and a strong network make us the ideal starting point for the tech pioneers of tomorrow.

TEAMSCOUTING DESIGN CONSULTING FUNDING CLIENTING

SENSIBILISIERUNG
QUALIFIZIERUNG
GRÜNDUNG
FINANZIERUNG
WACHSTUM





DE Bei launchhub42 vereint unser vielfältiges Team Fachwissen aus den Bereichen Technologie, Forschung und Unternehmertum, um die nächste Welle von bahnbrechenden Startups zu unterstützen und zu inspirieren. Diese einzigartige Kombination von Talenten und Fähigkeiten gewährleistet, dass wir perfekt aufgestellt sind, um die Herausforderungen und Chancen dieses Projekts zu meistern.

UNSER TEAM

MEET

THE TEAM

David Köhler
Design and Startup Consulting



Simon Schmitt
Design and Startup Consulting



Thekla Herzog
Communications and Events



Christian Hermeling
Design and Startup Consulting



Leonard Balbig
Finance



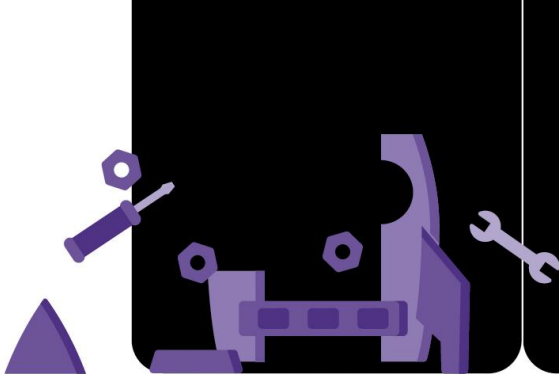
EN At launchhub42, our diverse team combines expertise from tech, research, and entrepreneurship to support and inspire the next wave of game-changing startups. This unique assembly of talent and skills ensures that we're perfectly positioned to tackle the challenges and opportunities this project presents.

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YOUR JOURNEY PROCESS TO SUCCESS WITH US

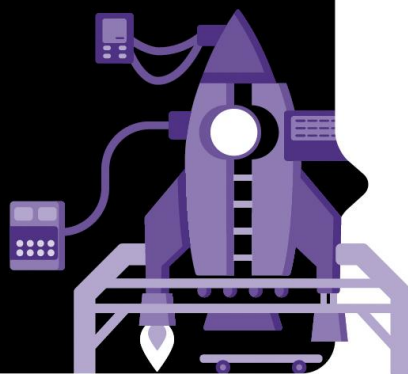
Lab

In this early stage, the focus is on research and idea generation. Start-ups develop initial demonstrators and analyze market potential.



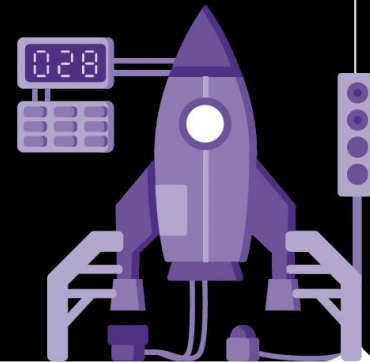
Validation

Now it gets serious: The goal is to identify clear use cases and convince investors of the viability of the idea.



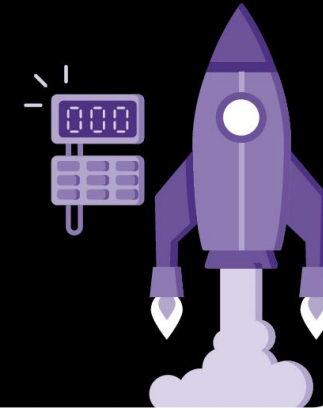
Implementation

The technology is further developed, infrastructure is built, and initial pilot projects are implemented with partners.



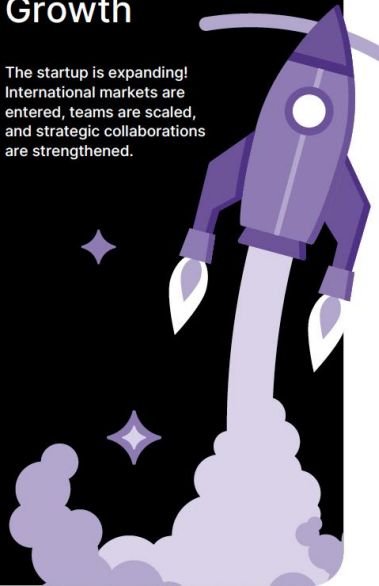
Seed

The validated business model is in place, and the first customers are onboard. Now it's time to generate initial revenue, establish strategic partnerships, and prepare the startup for scaling.



Growth

The startup is expanding! International markets are entered, teams are scaled, and strategic collaborations are strengthened.



DE Jedes erfolgreiche Startup beginnt mit einer Idee – doch der Weg von der Vision zur Unternehmensgründung ist anspruchsvoll. Wir begleiten Gründer:innen in jeder Phase ihres Startups, von der ersten Konzeptentwicklung bis zur Skalierung. Mit praxisnaher Unterstützung, individueller Förderung und einem starken Netzwerk aus Branchenexpert:innen schaffen wir die perfekte Umgebung, um visionäre Ideen in marktreife Innovationen zu verwandeln.

EN Every successful startup begins with an idea – but the journey from vision to company formation is challenging. We support founders at every stage of their startup, from initial concept development to scaling. With hands-on guidance, personalized support, and a strong network of industry experts, we create the perfect environment to transform visionary ideas into market-ready innovations.



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OUR PIONEERS OF TOMORROW*

Communication Technologies and Networks

Robotics and Automation











Sensor and Haptics Technologies











Neuromorphic and Sustainable Technologies





AI and Software Platforms





Health and Assistance Systems

*As of 2025. Early-stage startups are not included in this overview.

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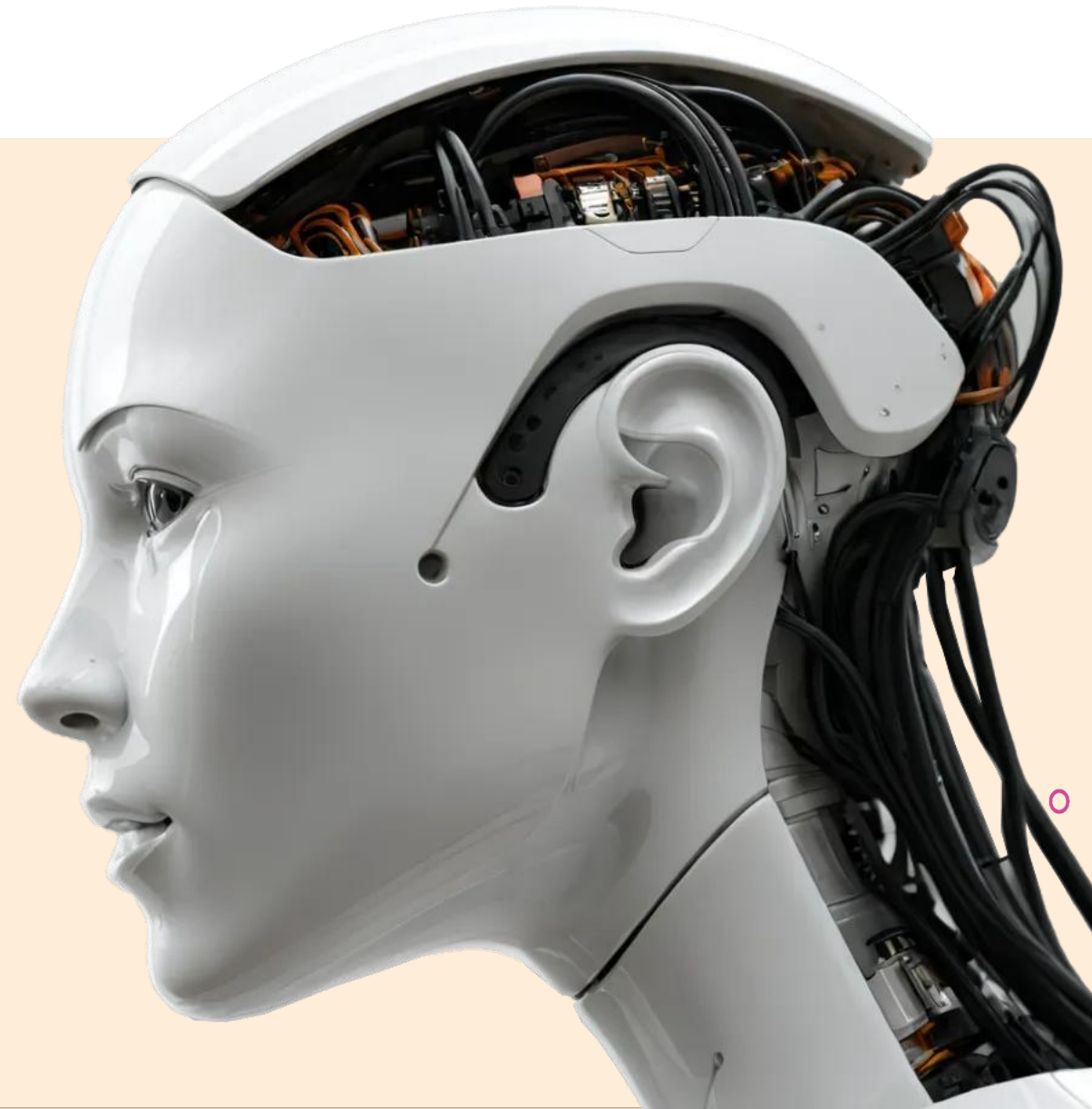
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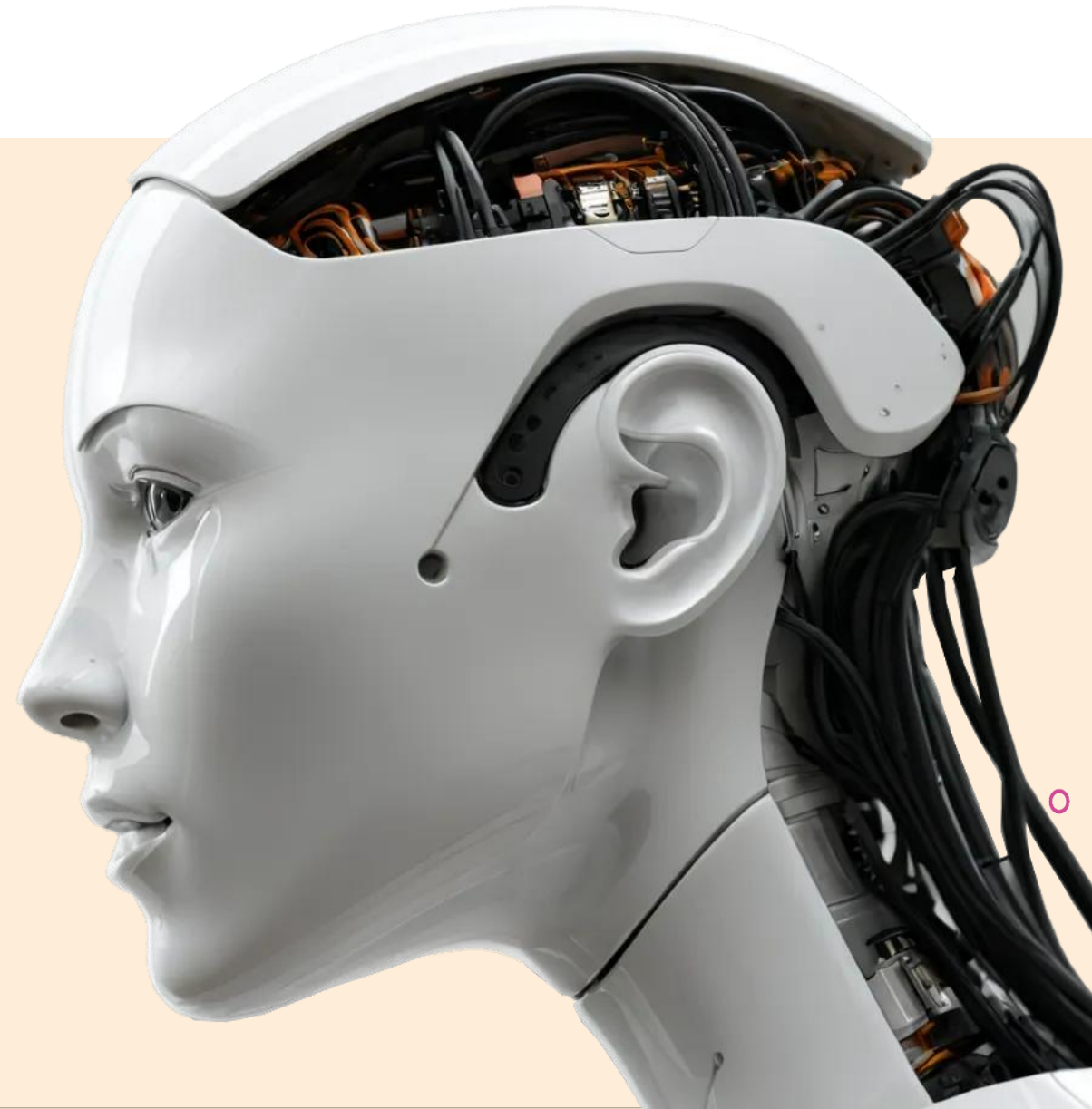
Artificial Thinking Machines

Shannon/Turing 1942



The What!

○ AI



The What!

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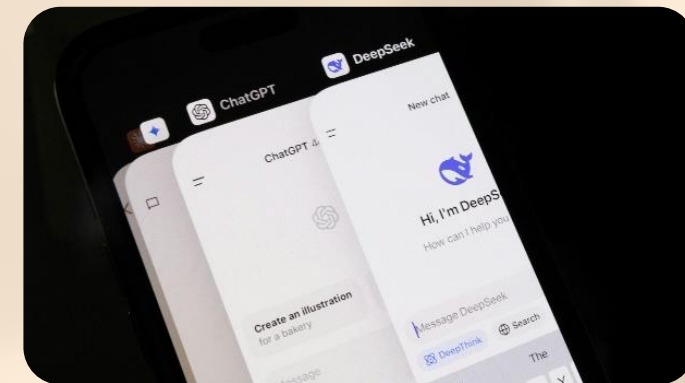
Arts



Medicine



Robotics



Text

The What!

AI

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Data



Compute



Energy

The What!

AI

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Data



Collecting



Storage



Communication



Compute



Energy

Challenges and limits

Grand challenges of the 21st century – We create impact!







Challenges and limits

Grand challenges of the 21st century – We create impact!

Human 



Trustworthiness

-  Human-Machine Interface
-  Network of Networks
-  Robotics
-  Metaverse

Pandemic

Ageing
society

Skill
shortage

Climate
change

Geopolitical
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Trustworthiness



Sustainability

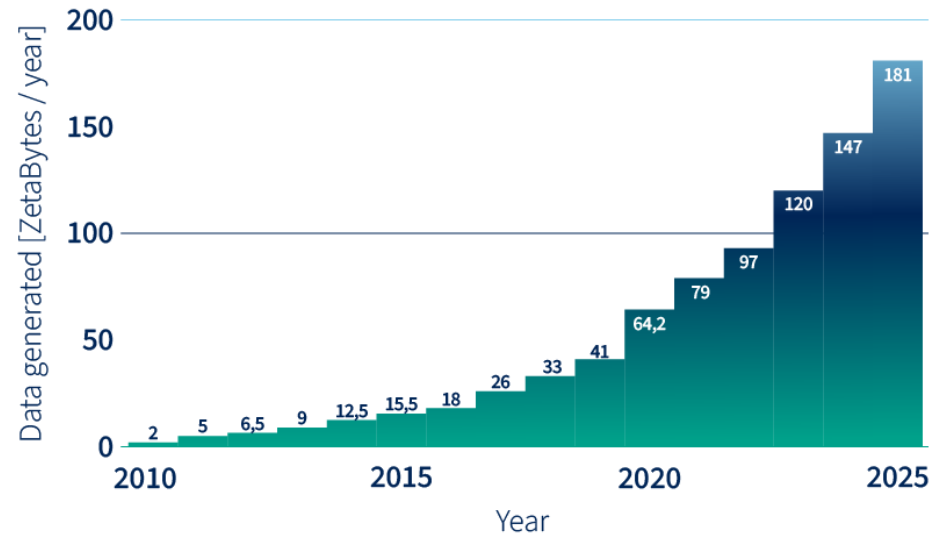


Sovereignty



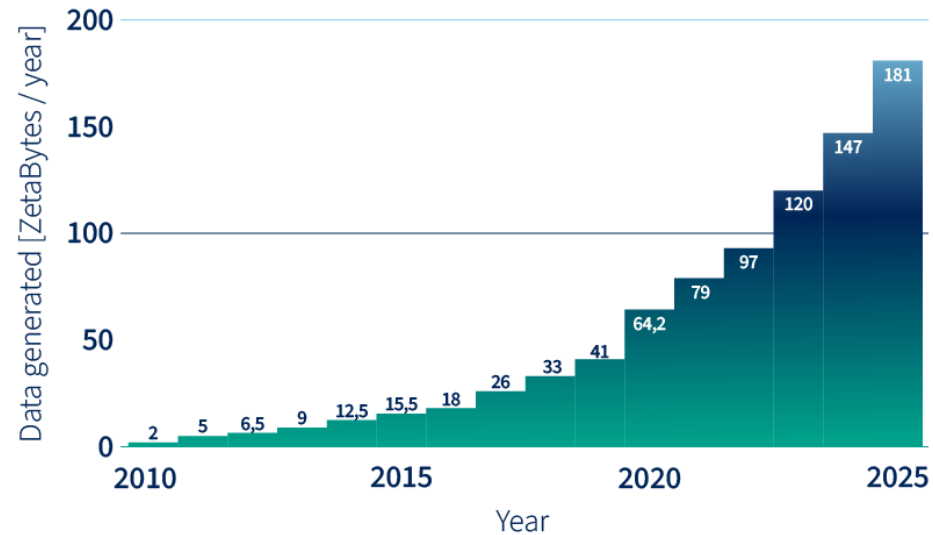
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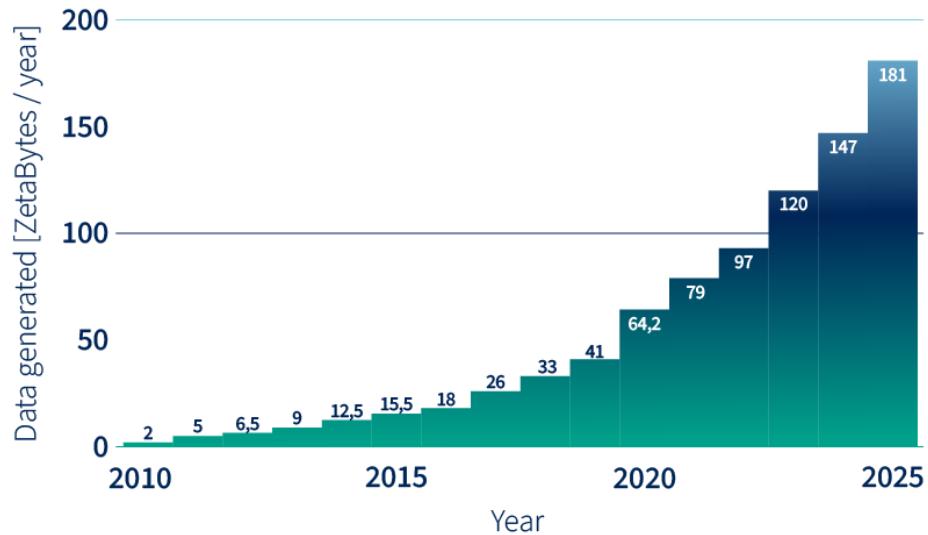
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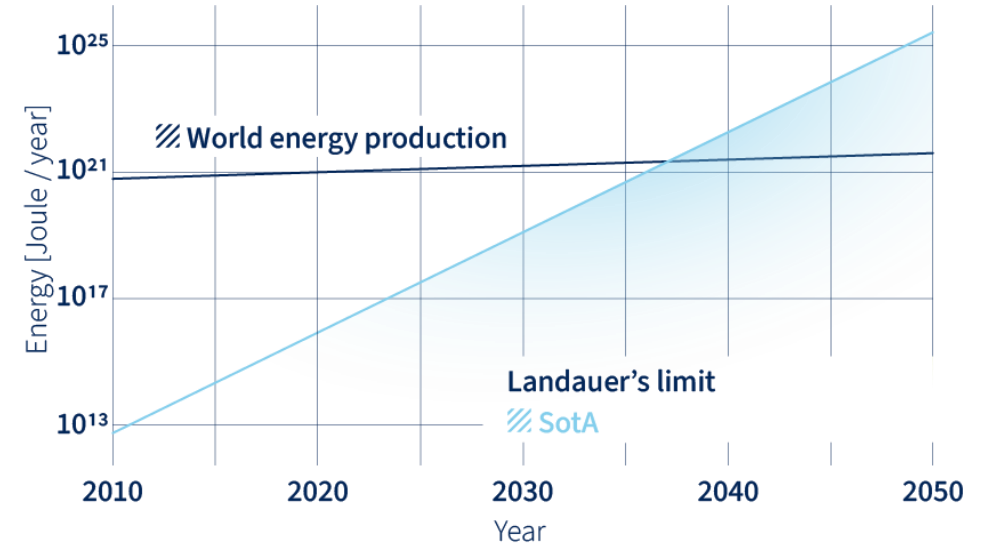
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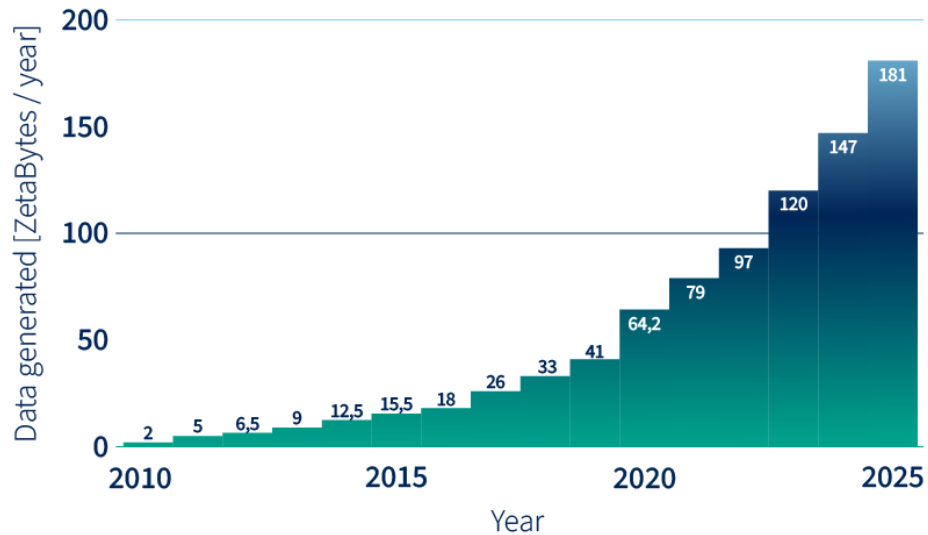


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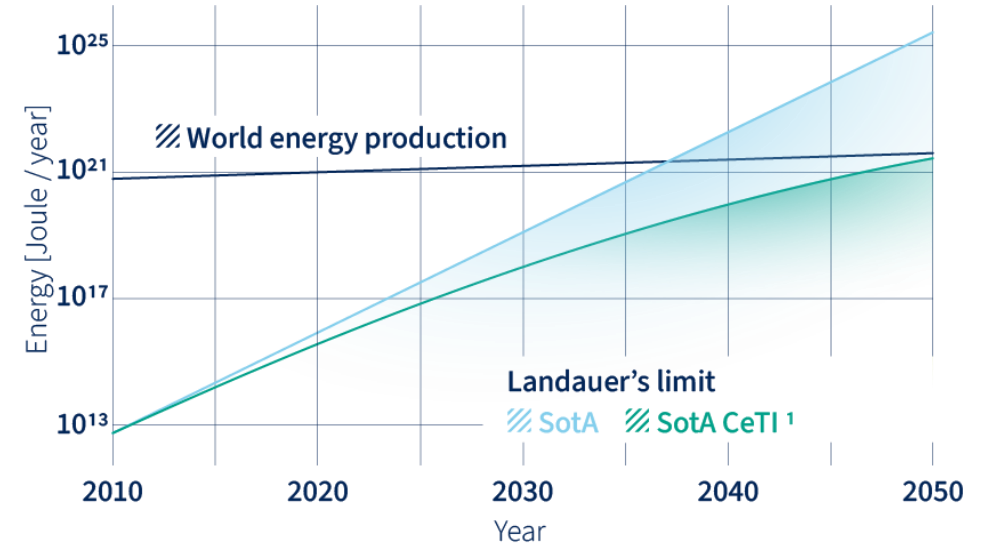
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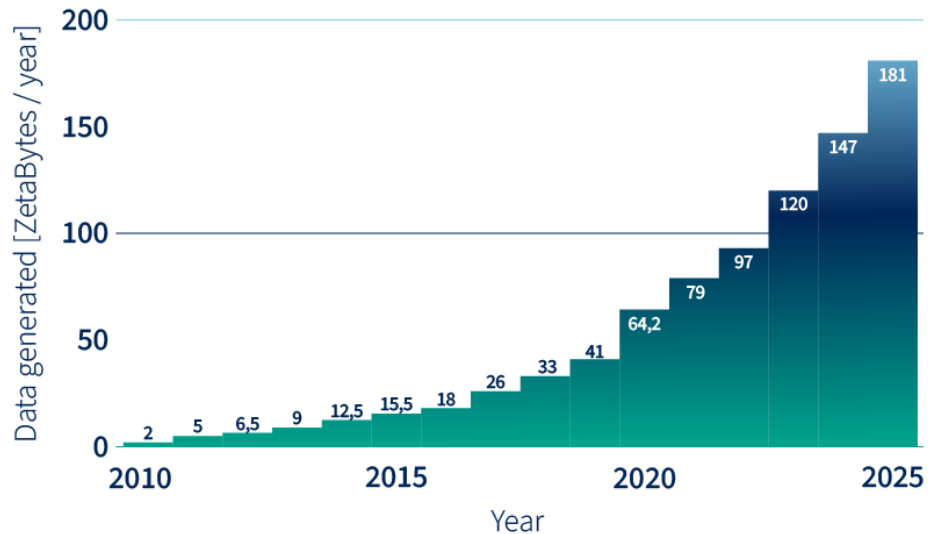


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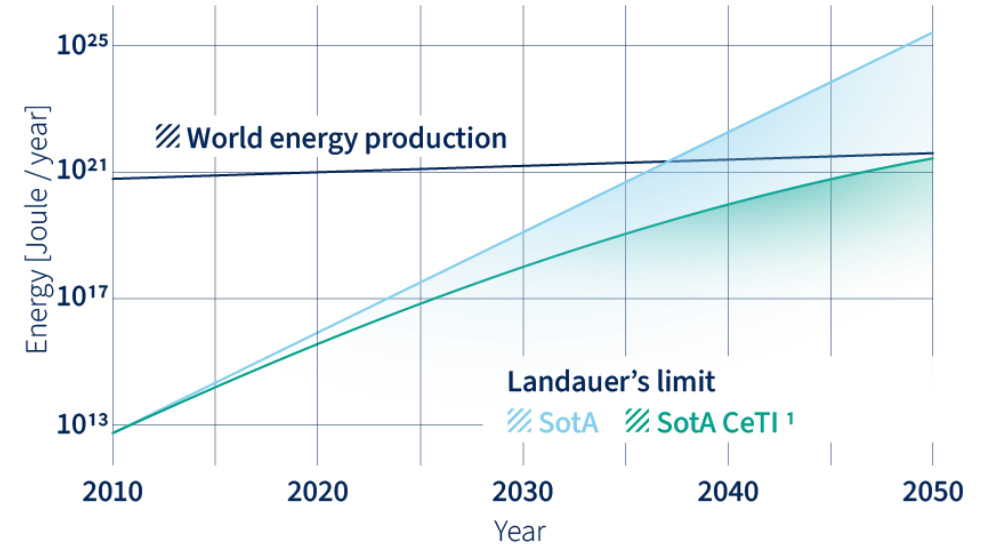
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Google to buy nuclear power for AI datacentres in ‘world first’ deal

The Guardian

Tech company orders six or seven small nuclear reactors from California’s Kairos Power

Challenges and limits

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„Drill Baby Drill !!!“

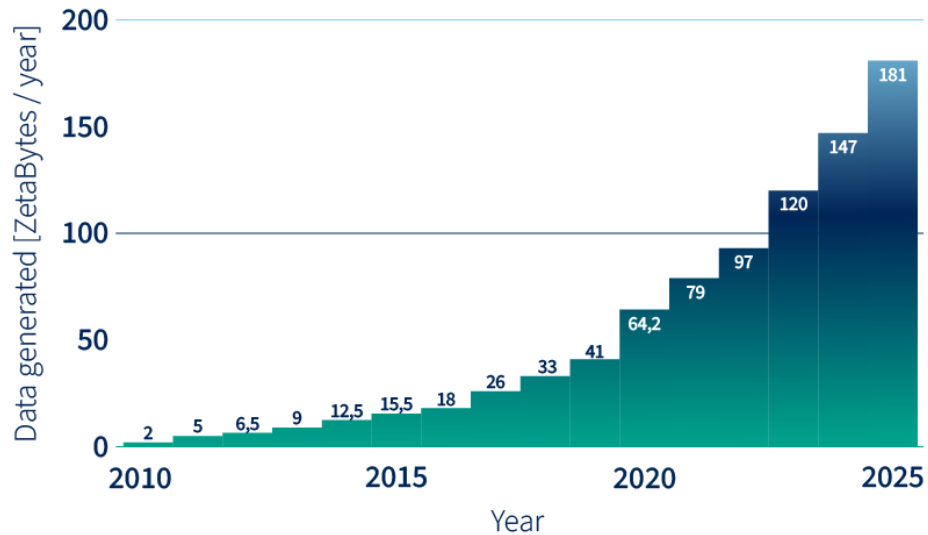
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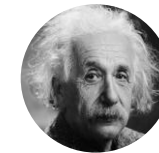
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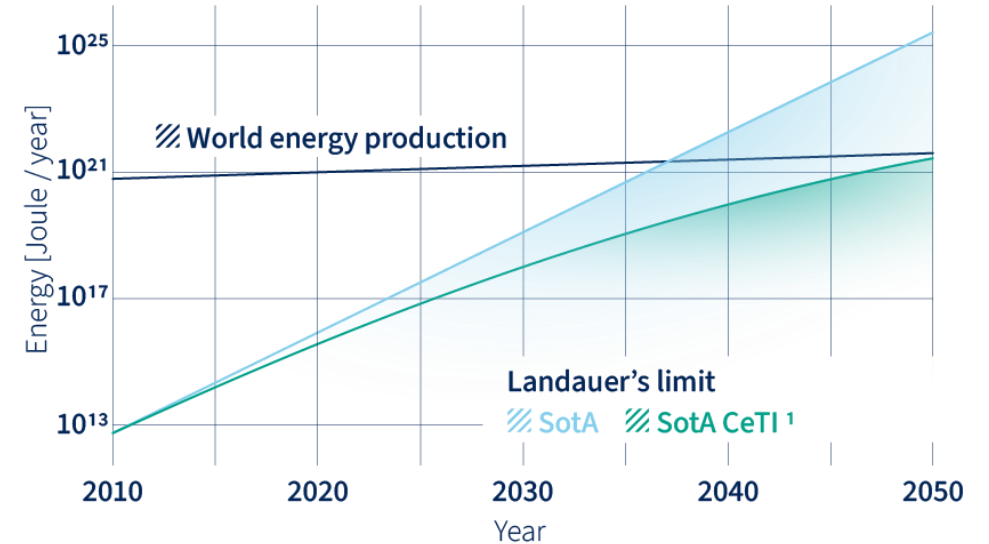
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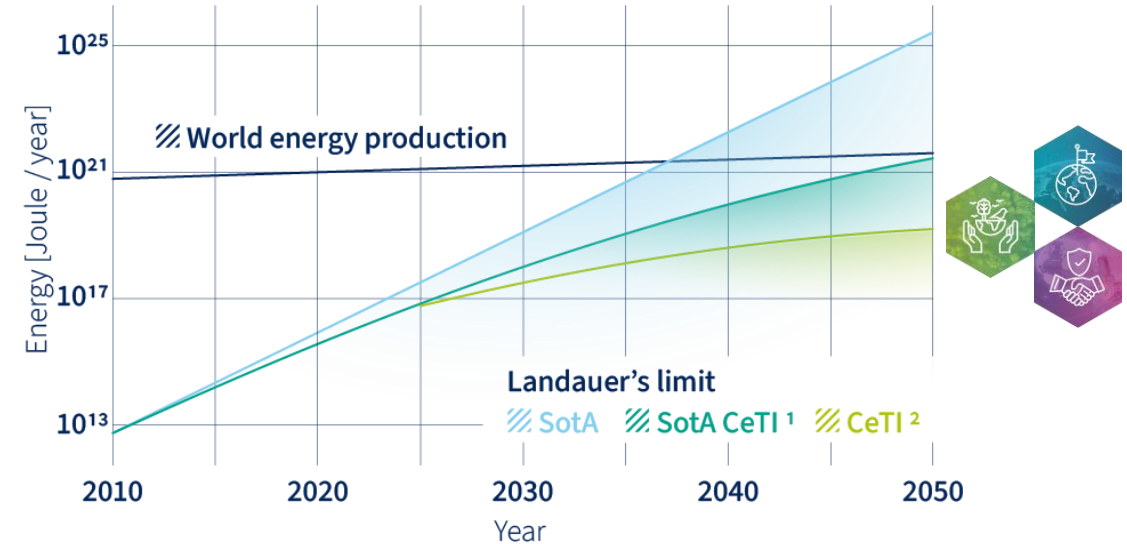
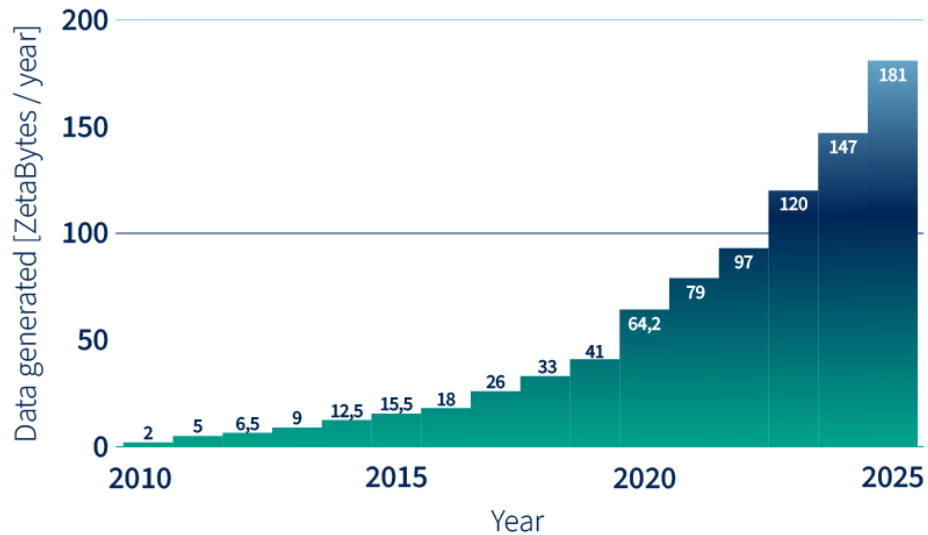


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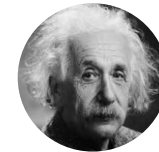
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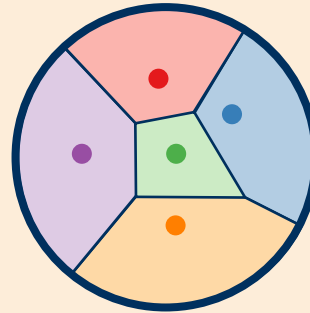
Disruption is King!



Disruption: Post Shannon Theory

Transmission:

$$N = 2^{nR}$$



Discrete Memoryless Channel (DMC):

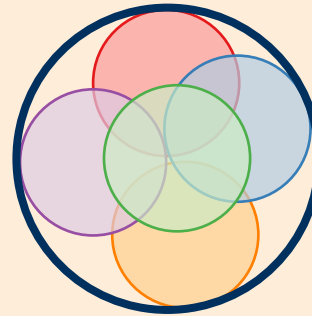
N number of entities

n number of bits

R rate (0.0-1.0)

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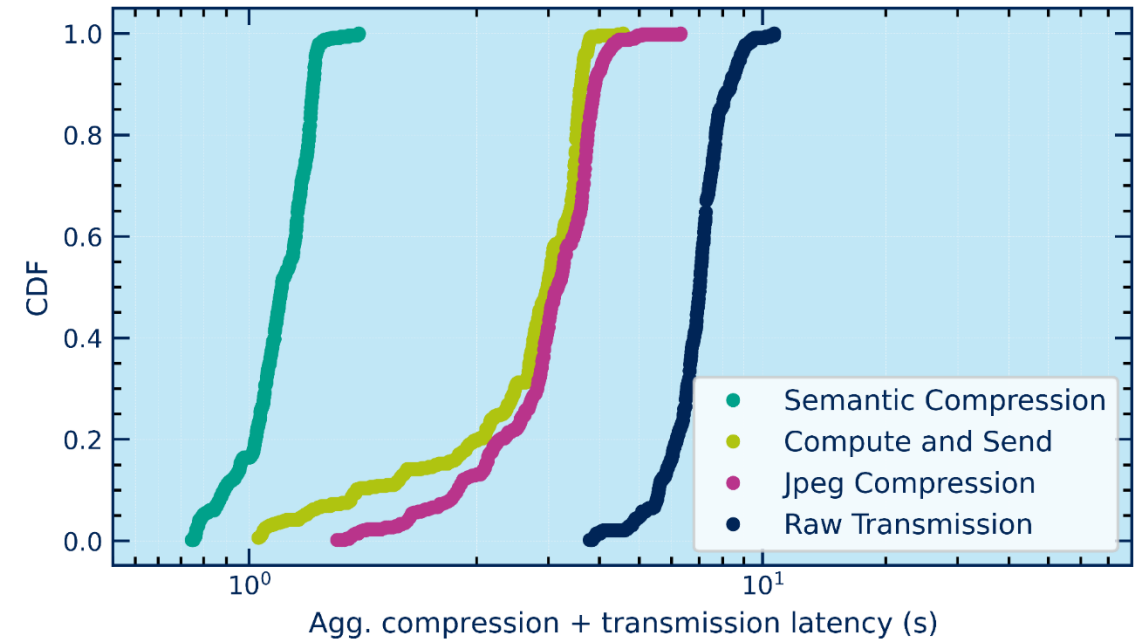
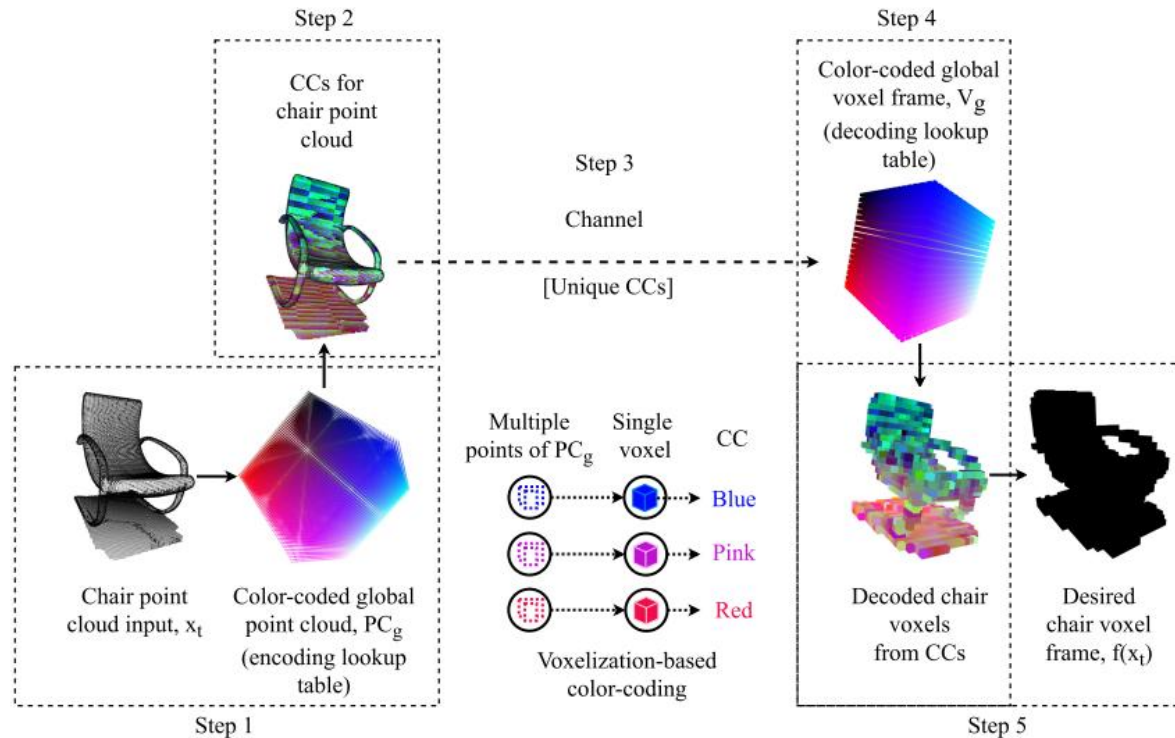
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→ The number of identifiable entities **grows double exponentially** in block size,
at the cost of a **new kind of error**

Disruption: Example of Post-Shannon for Control

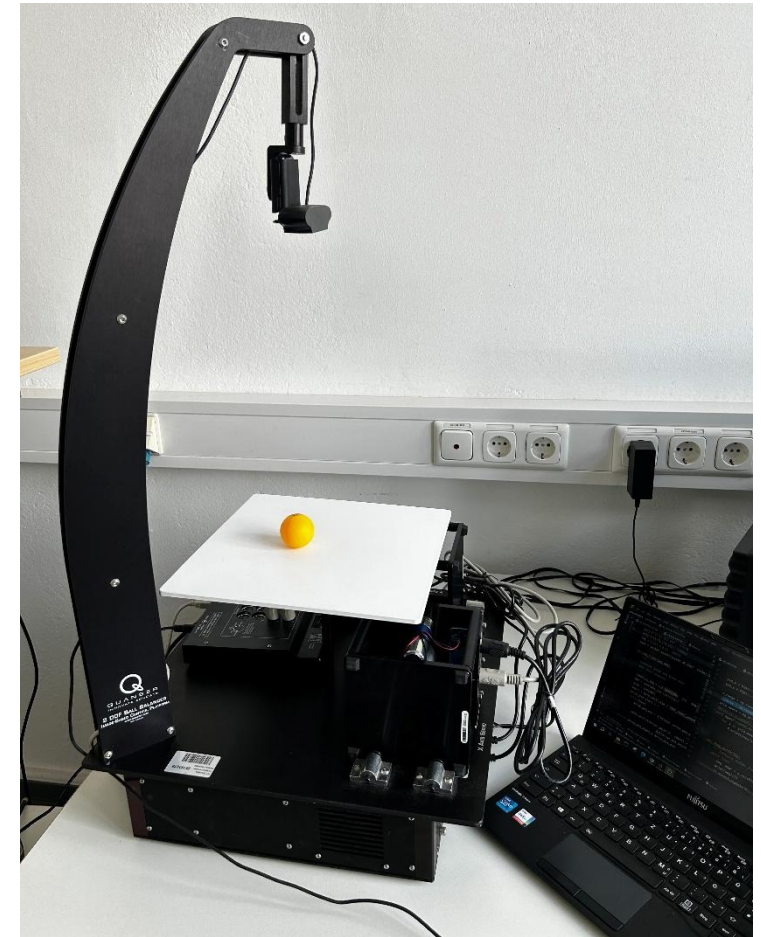
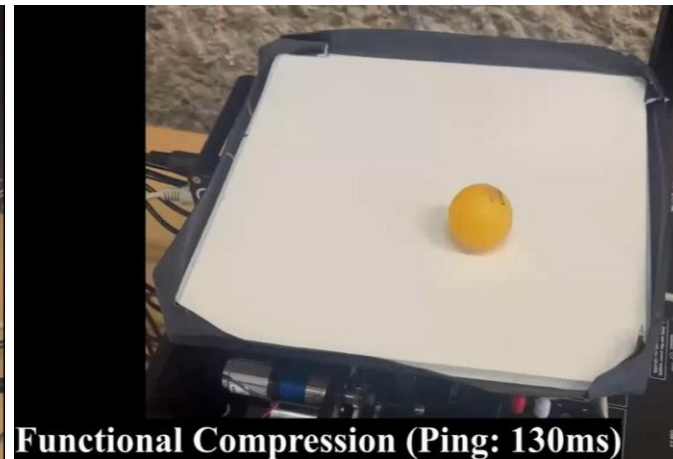
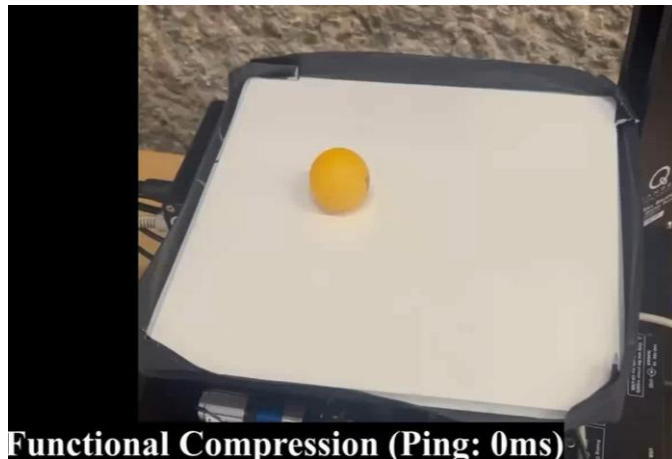
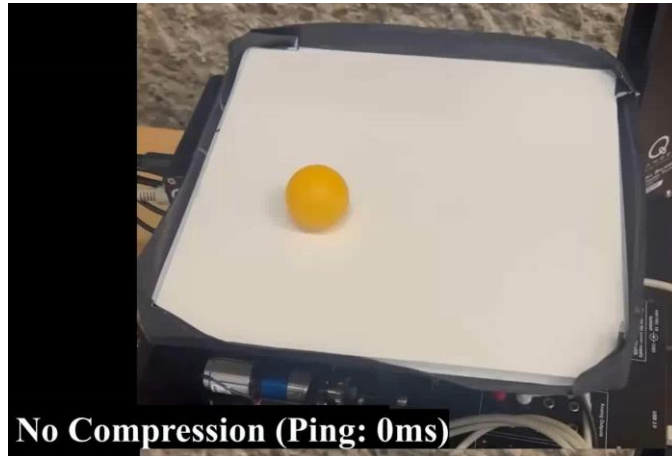
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Disruption: Is Post-Shannon part of 6G?



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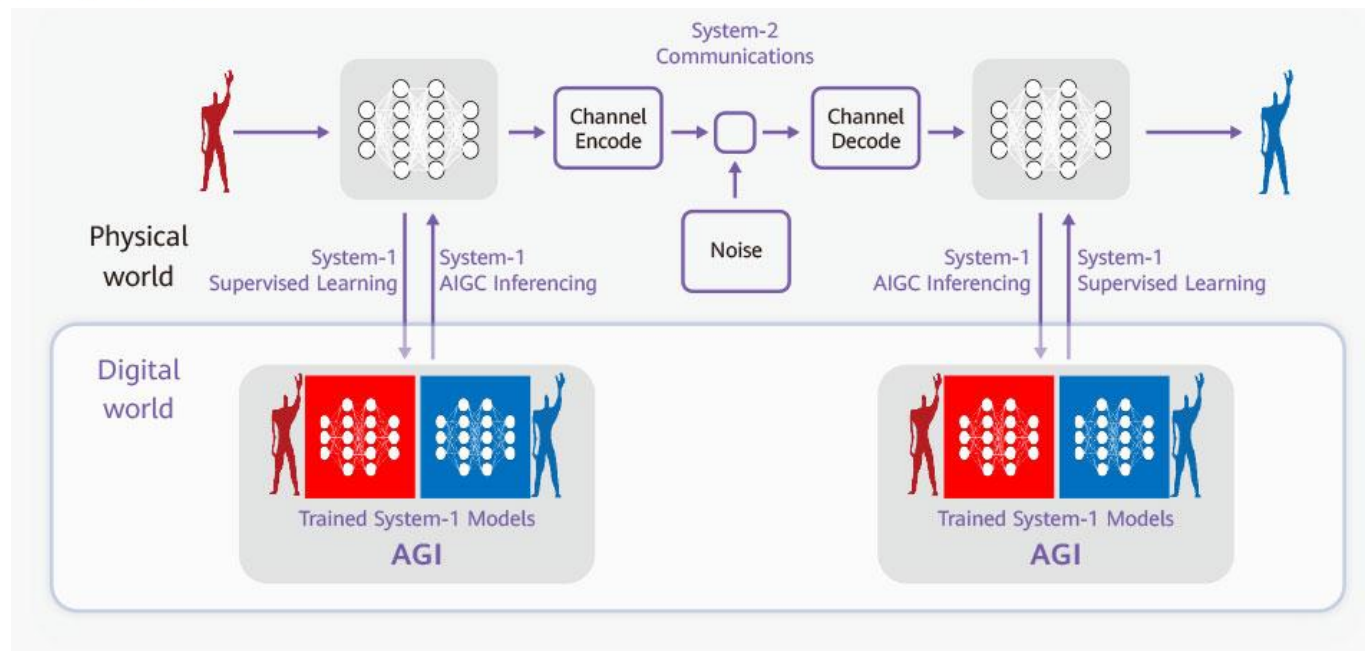
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Future Technologies

AI: The Bridge to 6G



- Connected Intelligence = AGI for 6G + 6G for AGI
 - AGI for 6G: Effectiveness communication powered by the post-Shannon-model communication architecture
 - 6G for AGI: An inclusive intelligent neural center that integrates AI learning, training, and inference

Disruption: Computing



1.000x wrt energy



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Digital

Analog

Biology

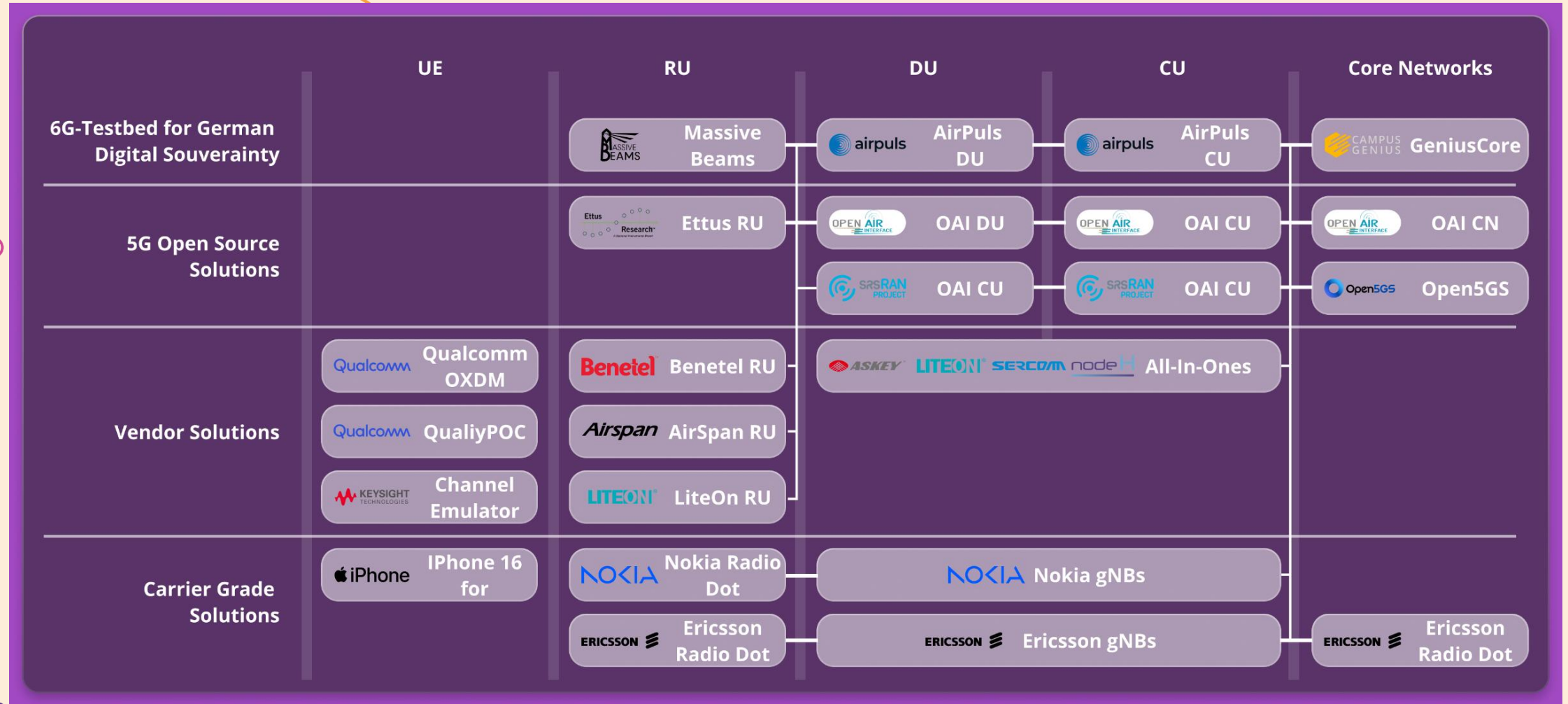
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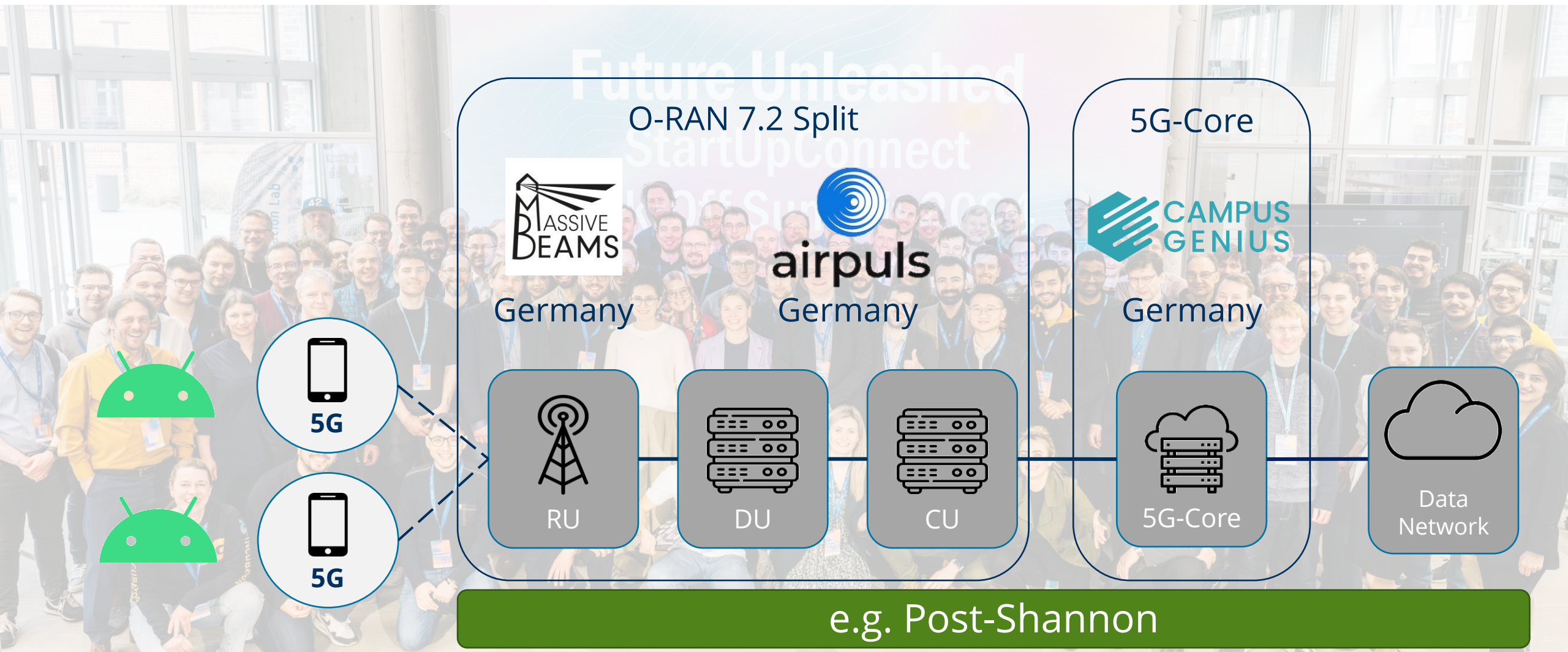
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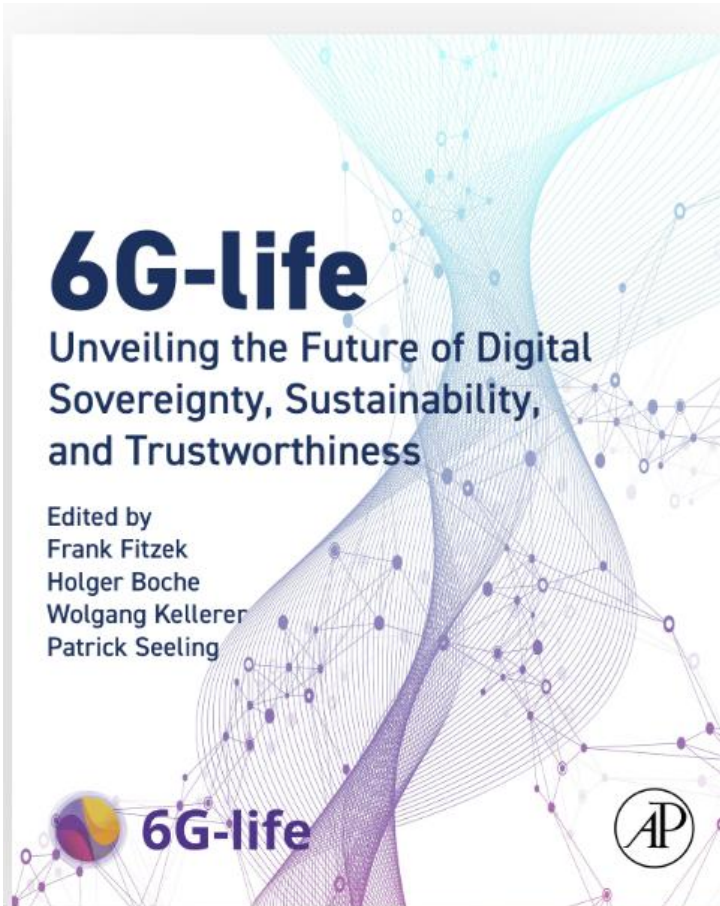
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