

# 6G/B6G HAPS Networks

## An Evolution with a Revolutionary Impact



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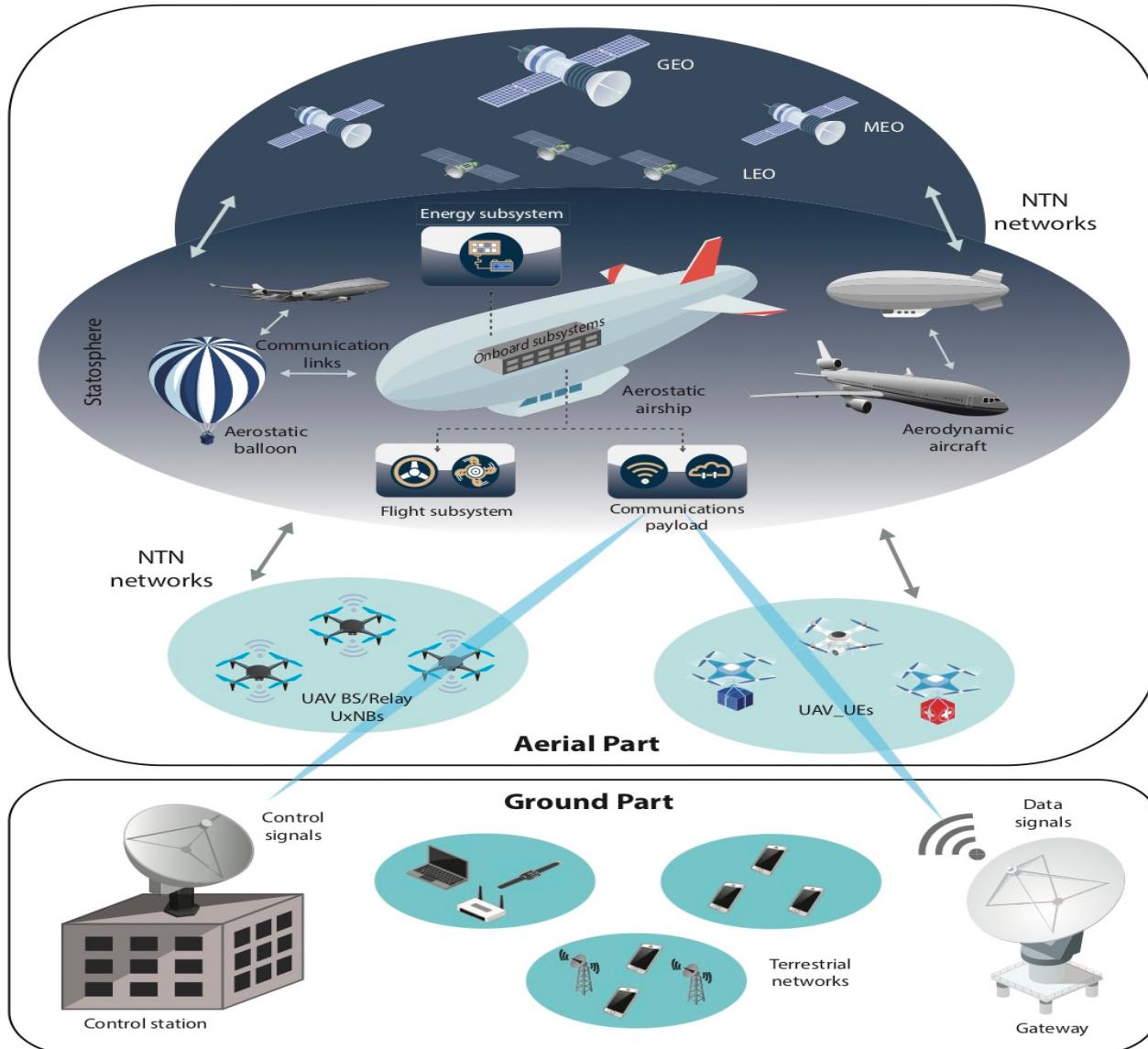
- ◆ Ottawa, Canada (est. 1946)
- ◆ 32,000 students
- ◆ BEng in Communications Engineering (unique in Canada)
- ◆ Global ranking in telecom engineering: **#19** (GRAS 2021)



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# Integrated Terrestrial-Aerial-Satellite Network Architecture



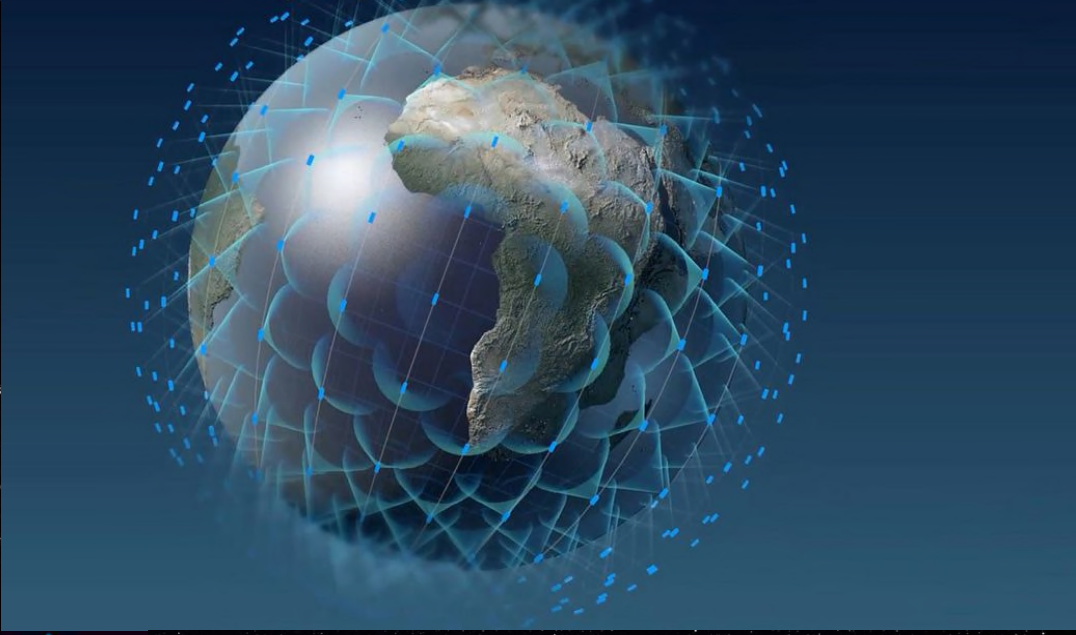
**NTN:**  
Non-Terrestrial Networks  
(3GPP term):

- Satellite (+ Aerial)
- **Integrated** with terrestrial

Terrestrial Network



# LEO Mega-Constellations





## HAPS: High Altitude Platform Station (High Altitude **Pseudo Satellite**)

Article 1.66A of ITU's Radio Regulations: "A station on an object at an altitude of 20 to 50 km and at a specified, nominal, **fixed point relative to the Earth**". (1997)





No. 5, 2019

## Managing spectrum for evolving technologies

Special Edition  
World Radiocommunication Conference 2019



Strong interest in ITU since 1990s  
for **rural and remote coverage**

HAPS **dedicated spectrum** allocations:  
WRC 1997, ..., WRC 2019

“The studies (see Report ITU–R F.2438-0 (11/2018)) indicate that there is a need for almost 3 GHz of additional spectrum for HAPS to meet the requirements of certain applications.”

“This is much more than the 600 MHz that are currently identified worldwide for HAPS operating in the fixed service (additionally, to the fixed service identifications, some bands were identified for HAPS operating in the mobile service as IMT base stations).”

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3GPP: Terrestrial-satellite integration discussions  
since early 1990s: 2G, 3G, 4G, 5G

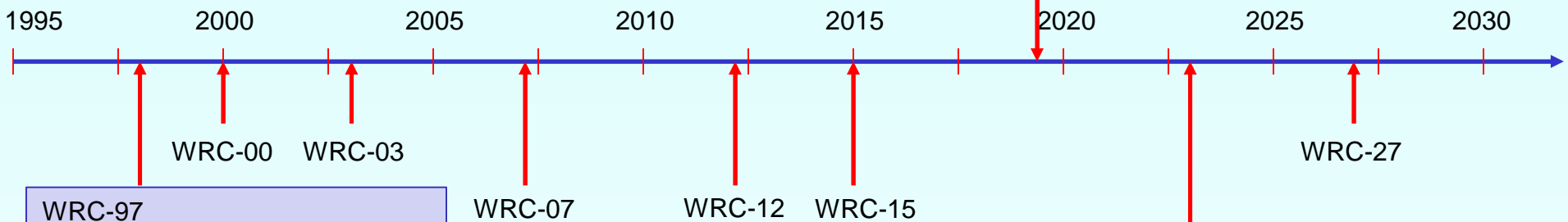
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# ITU and 3GPP timelines

WRC-19  
Resolution 247  
**HIBS**: HAPS as an IMT BS

- HIBS as complementary for terrestrial IMT networks
- Study < 2.7 GHz harmonized with IMT

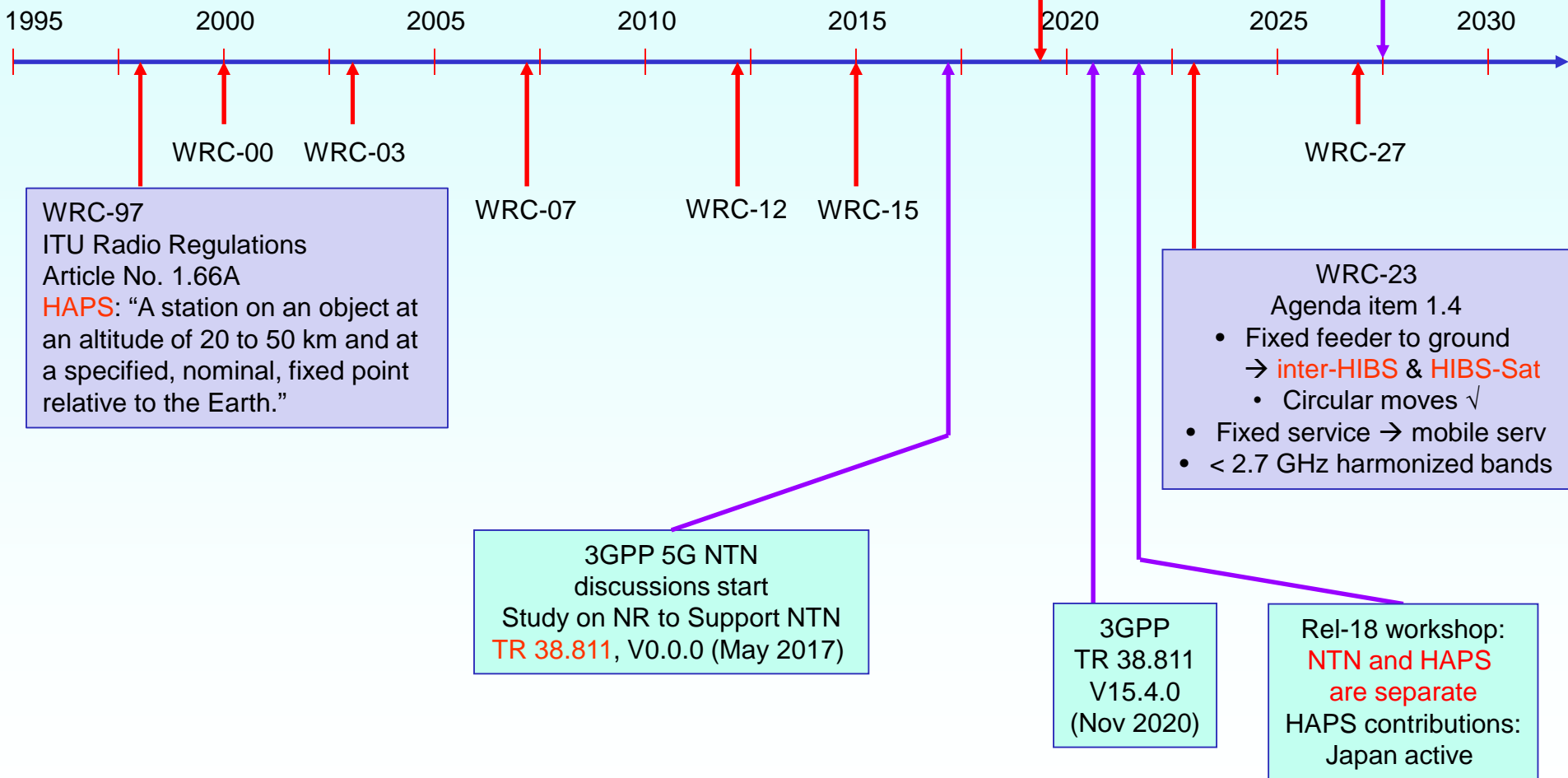


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WRC-23  
Agenda item 1.4

- Fixed feeder to ground → **inter-HIBS & HIBS-Sat**
- Circular moves ✓
- Fixed service → mobile serv
- < 2.7 GHz harmonized bands

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- ◆ **Vertical HetNet = VHetNet**
  - one single network with different types of access points  
Small BS + Macro BS + **HAPS Super Macro BS** (HIBS)
  - connectivity, computing, caching, sensing, navigation, positioning, ...
  - urban: smart cities → smart societies
  - B5G technologies (AI/ML, RIS/RSS, ...)

## VHetNet: Integrated Terrestrial BSs & HAPS BSs in Urban Areas

- ◆ Owned/shared by the legacy operators, part of the 3GPP ecosystem
- ◆ Vertical HetNet (VHetNet): One single network with multiple tiers  
 super macro BS (SMBS) ← macro BS ← small BS  
 10-100 km ← few km ← 100 m



SMBS: native



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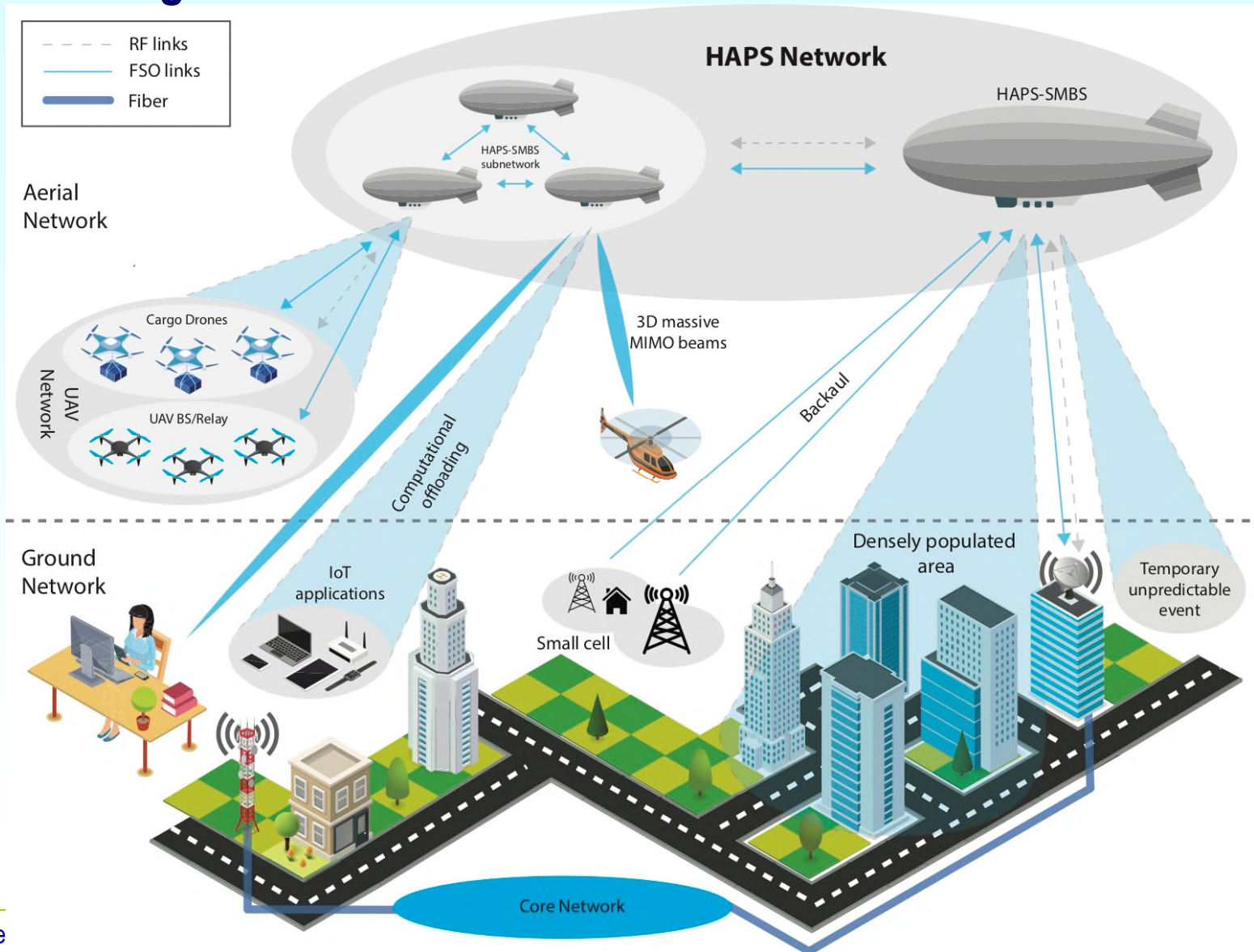
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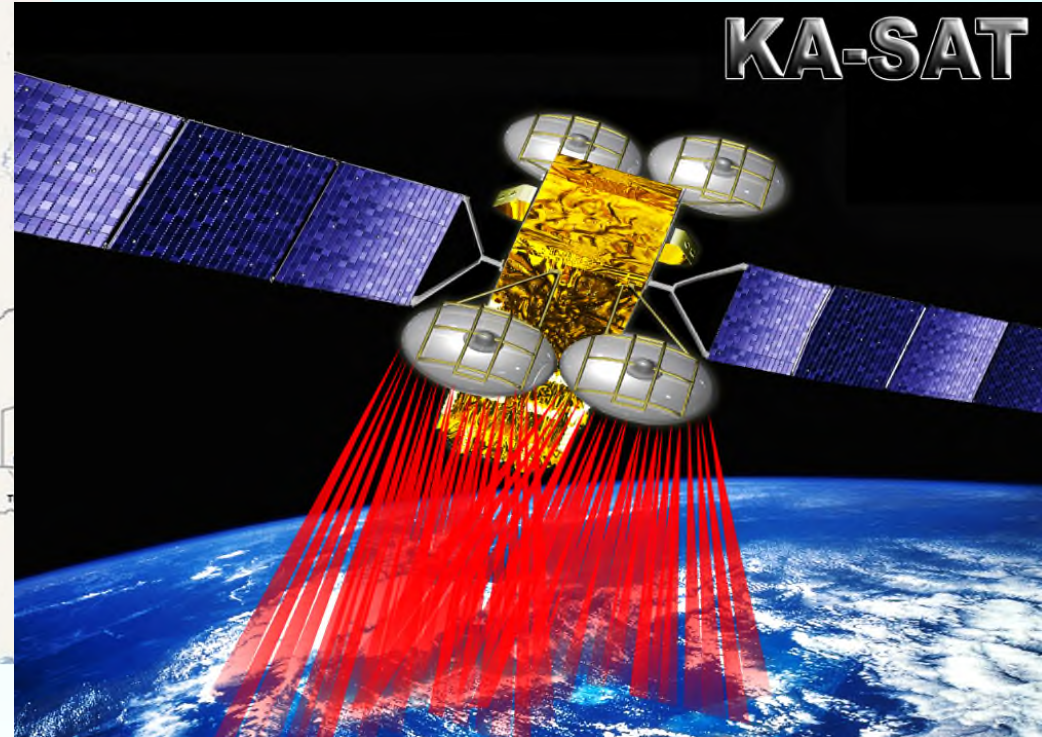
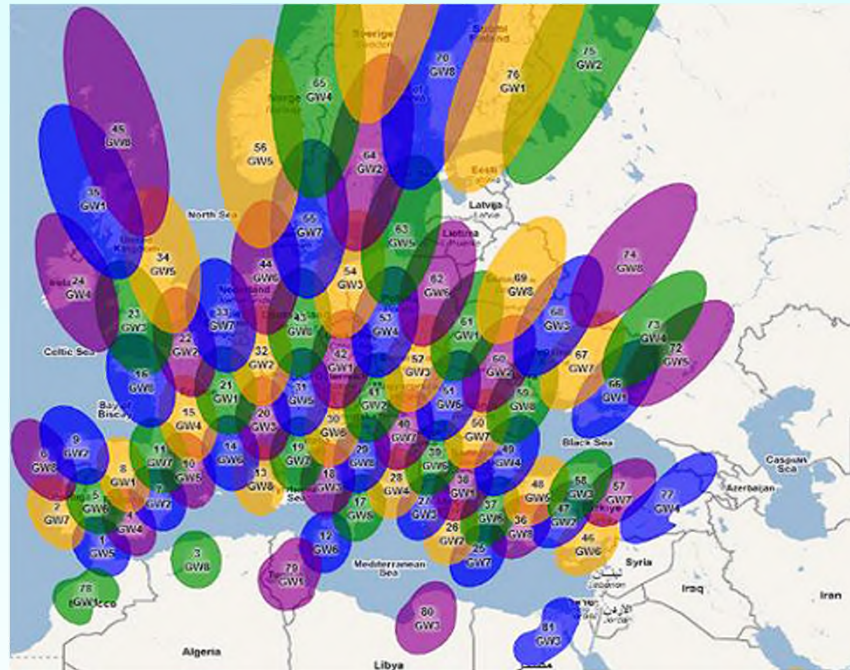
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# High Throughput Satellites (HTS, VHTS, UHTS) – KA-SAT



**KA-SAT (May 2011) – GEO**

**82 beams**; total satellite capacity: **90 Gbps**

Fixed beams

Spacecraft power = 14 kW

Payload DC power = 11 kW

Payload mass = 1 ton

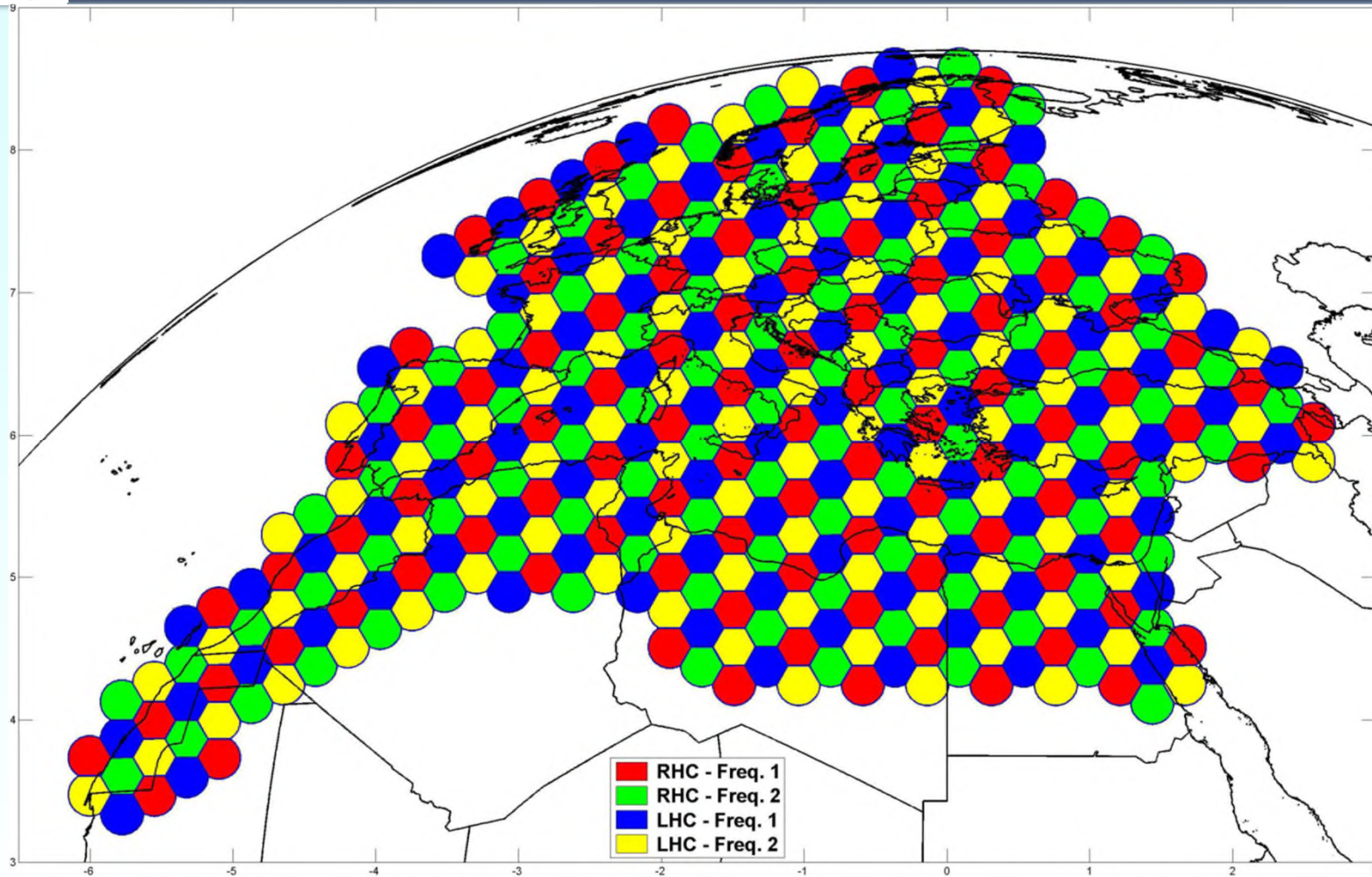
Launch mass = 6 tons

Lifetime = 16 years

Broadcast → Broadband  
Multi-beams



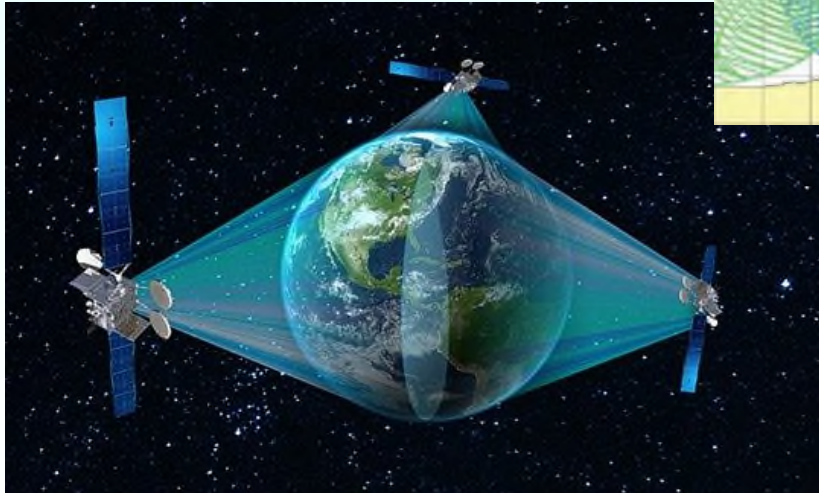
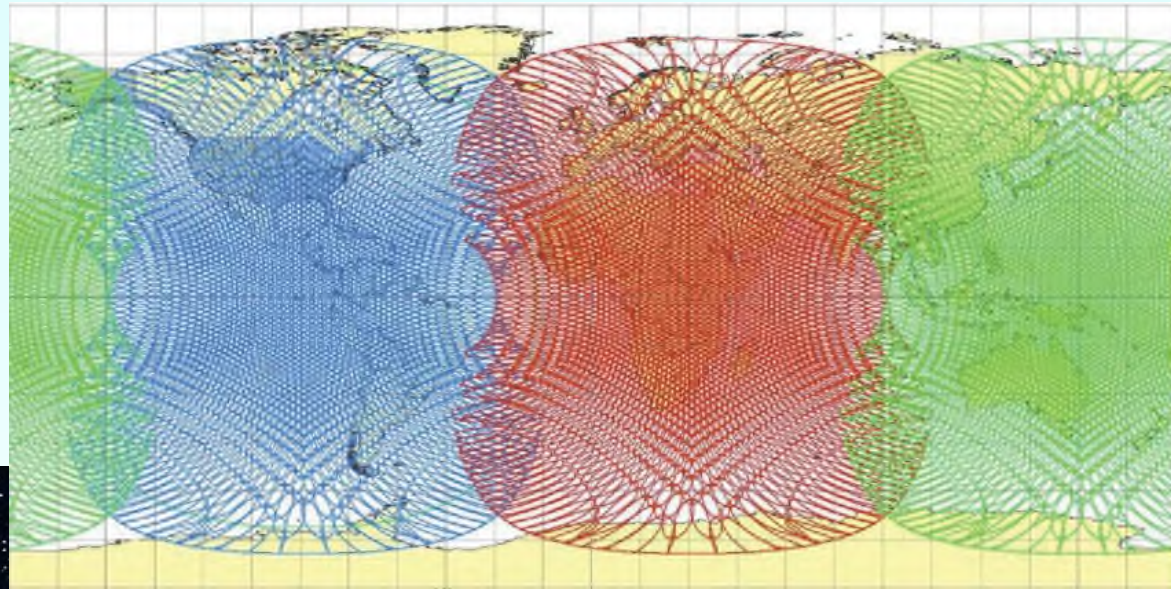
HTS GEO  
403 beams  
Diameter =  $0.3^\circ$



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**ViaSat-3 (2022+) – GEO**

~ **1,000 beams** per satellite

Total capacity per satellite > **1 Tbps**

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### Telesat Lightspeed Constellation (2023+) – LEO

298 LEOs

Orbit altitude = 1,015 km | 1,325 km

Launch mass = 700 kg

4 kW

Laser inter-satellite links (LISLs)

10 years operational life

Total constellation capacity = 15 Tbps

→ Capacity per satellite = **50 Gbps**

Up to 7.5 Gbps to a single terminal

Up to 20 Gbps to a single hotspot (remote Communities, airport hubs, sea ports, ...)

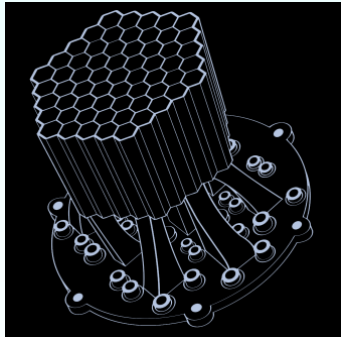
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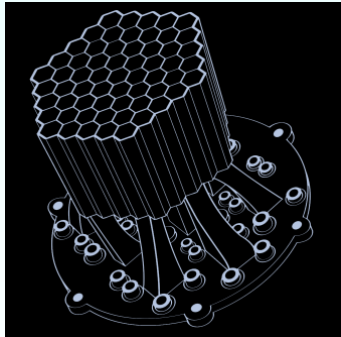
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### SpaceX Starlink Constellation – LEO

12,000 LEOs → 42,000 LEOs

(29+ years to launch at the current rate)

Orbit altitude = 340 km | 550 km | 1,150 km

Launch mass = 260 kg

Capacity per satellite = **20 Gbps**



## Trends in HTS

### 5G SATELLITE USE CASES AND SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

- Communications on the move (COOM)
- Trunking and head-end feed (THEF)
- Backhauling and tower feed (BATF)
- Hybrid multiplay (HYMP)
- Wide area IoT (WAIoT)

In the medium term, integration of satellite-based technologies within 5G is expected to happen mainly at ground segment level, while in the long term even an higher level of integration might be foreseen.

Satellite beam size shall be drastically reduced (e.g.,  $<0.2^\circ$  degrees beamwidth) to implement aggressive frequency reuse and to increase RF performance.

GEO: Small beamwidths call for very large antennas (e.g.,  $<0.2^\circ$  beam widths) correspond to antenna apertures in the order of 5 m at Ka-band.

VLEO: A 40-cm-diameter antenna in Ku-band (12-18 GHz), or a 20-cm in Ka band (26.5-40 GHz) at an orbit altitude of 200 km would generate beams with a radius smaller than 10 km.

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Payload shall provide a very high number of beams (e.g., >1000 beams for GSO global) with the possibility of dynamically activate, reshape, and/or steer the beams to adapt the active beams to the traffic demand and user density. This calls for the adoption of active reconfigurable antenna/payload.

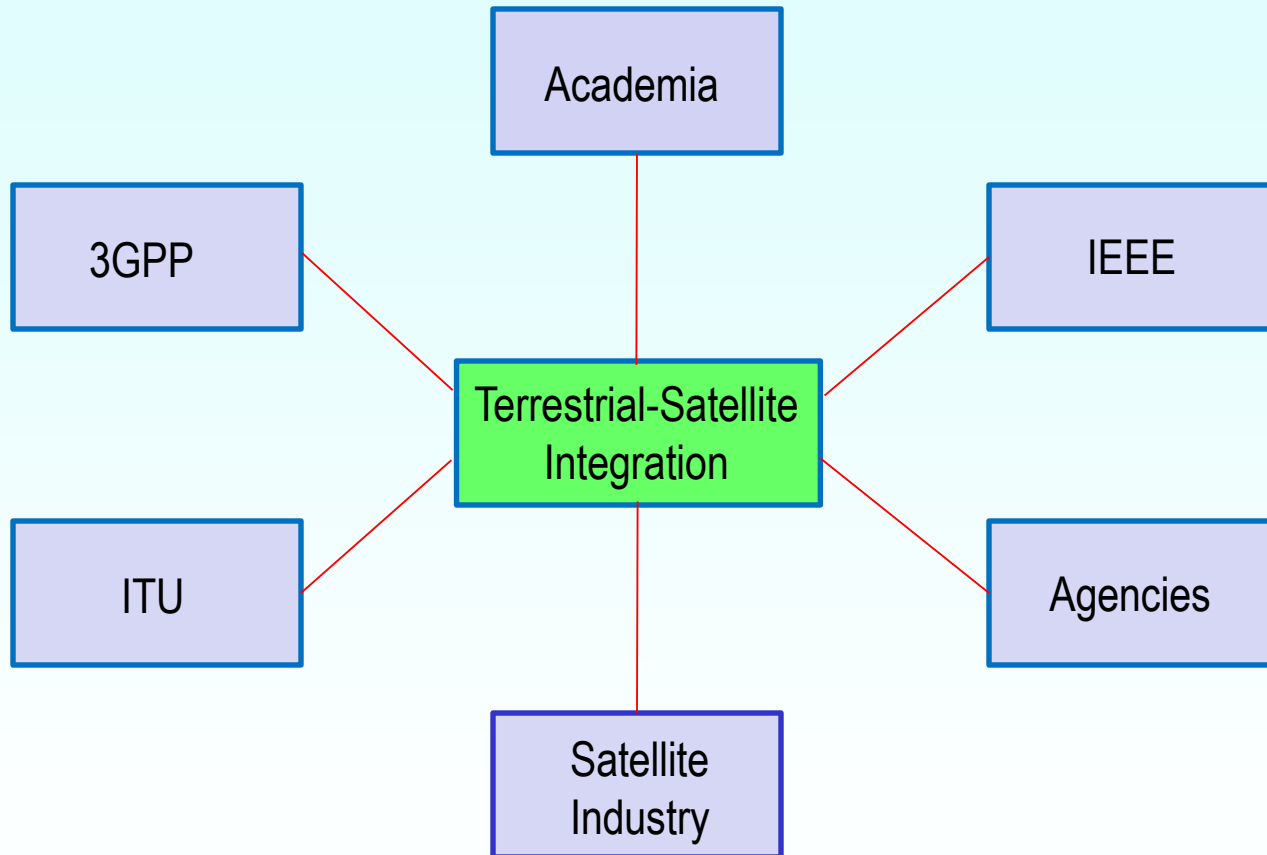
As the trend is to deploy systems with very high flexibility in terms of assigning capacity to beams as well as to reconfigure the beam pattern, there is a need of developing **efficient RRM algorithms** to optimize the use of resources (frequency, power, and coverage).

The adoption of active antennas with large number of feeds and digital beam-forming makes possible the exploitation of massive multiple input multiple output (M-MIMO) techniques in telecommunication satellites. While M-MIMO technologies is finding its way in terrestrial 5G networks, its application to satellite is still at its infancy. Low-complexity M-MIMO solutions, combined with smart radio resource management techniques, will allow implementing full frequency reuse and achieving substantial throughput gain combined with modest payload complexity increase.

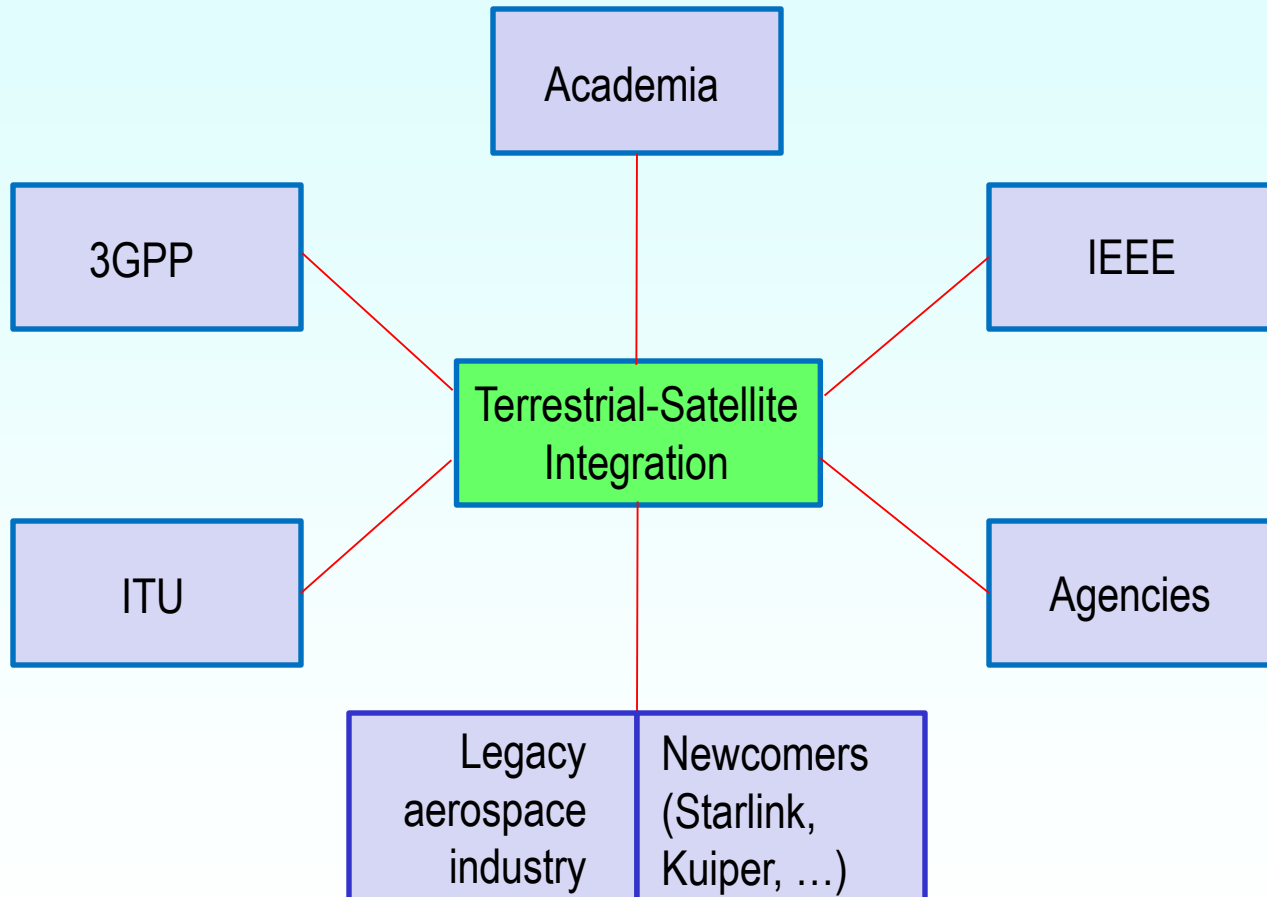
Intersatellite links (ISLs) for LEO satellites may be an effective solution to reduce the total number of gateways. Should ISLs be implemented, the payload architecture shall provide connectivity from/to ISLs via dedicated antennas (or telescopes, in case of optical ISLs).

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- ◆ LEO constellations are being built as we speak  
Updating air-interface will be difficult / not possible
- ◆ Many use-cases (WAIoT, COOM) do not need integration
  
- ◆ In some cases some integration is necessary (dual connectivity in ITS)
- ◆ Integration mainly for proper end-to-end operation
- ◆ **Prediction:** *Light integration* in 2020s | 5G era (ex: backhauling)
  
- ◆ Satellites reaching UE with IMT air-interface: Strong integration
- ◆ **Prediction:** *Tight integration* in 2030s | 6G/B6G era

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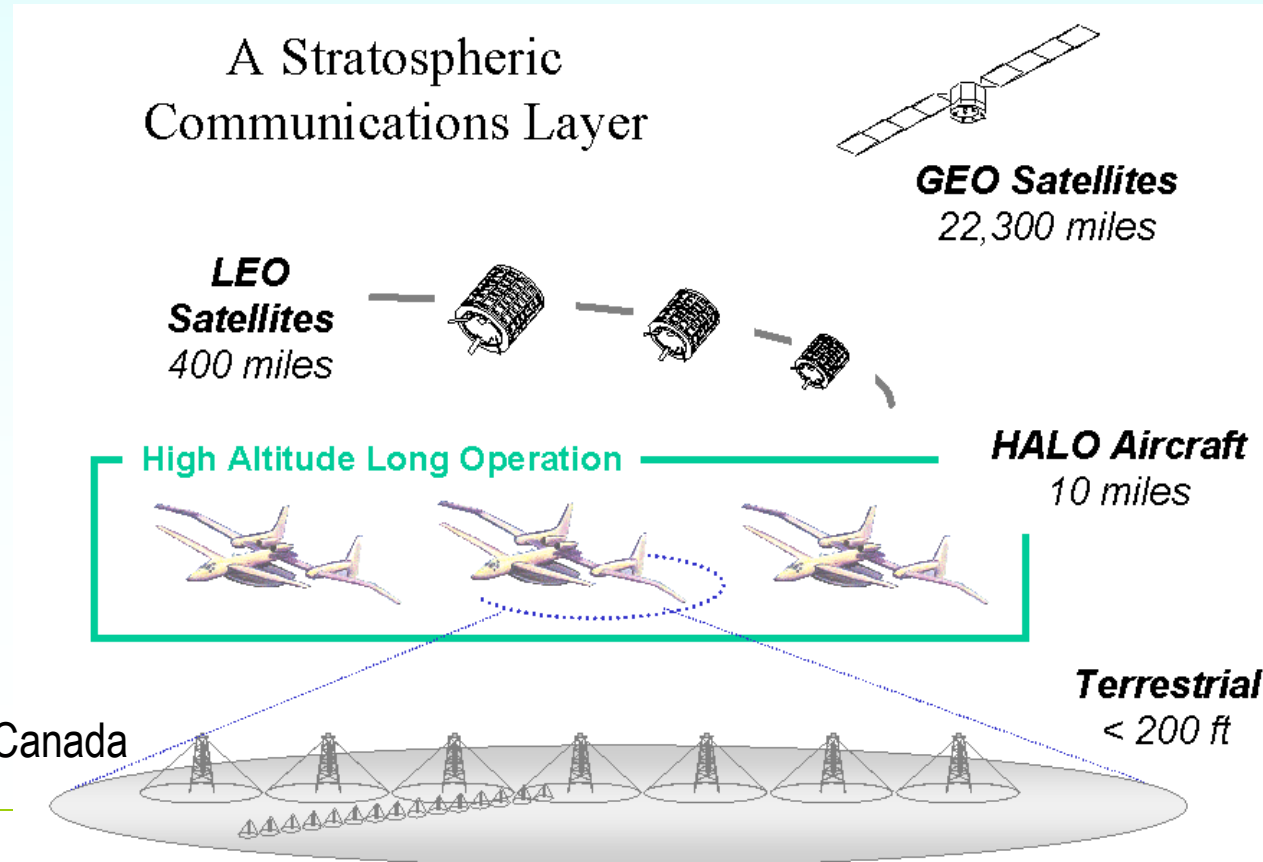
# HAPS: 1960 – 2010 (Deep Past)

## Experimental, no commercial deployment



1960s: Project Echo and PAGEOS

2000s: HALO  
High-Altitude Long-Endurance



1980s: Project SHARP  
Communications Research Centre Canada

## HAPS: 2010s (Google Loon | 4G Era)

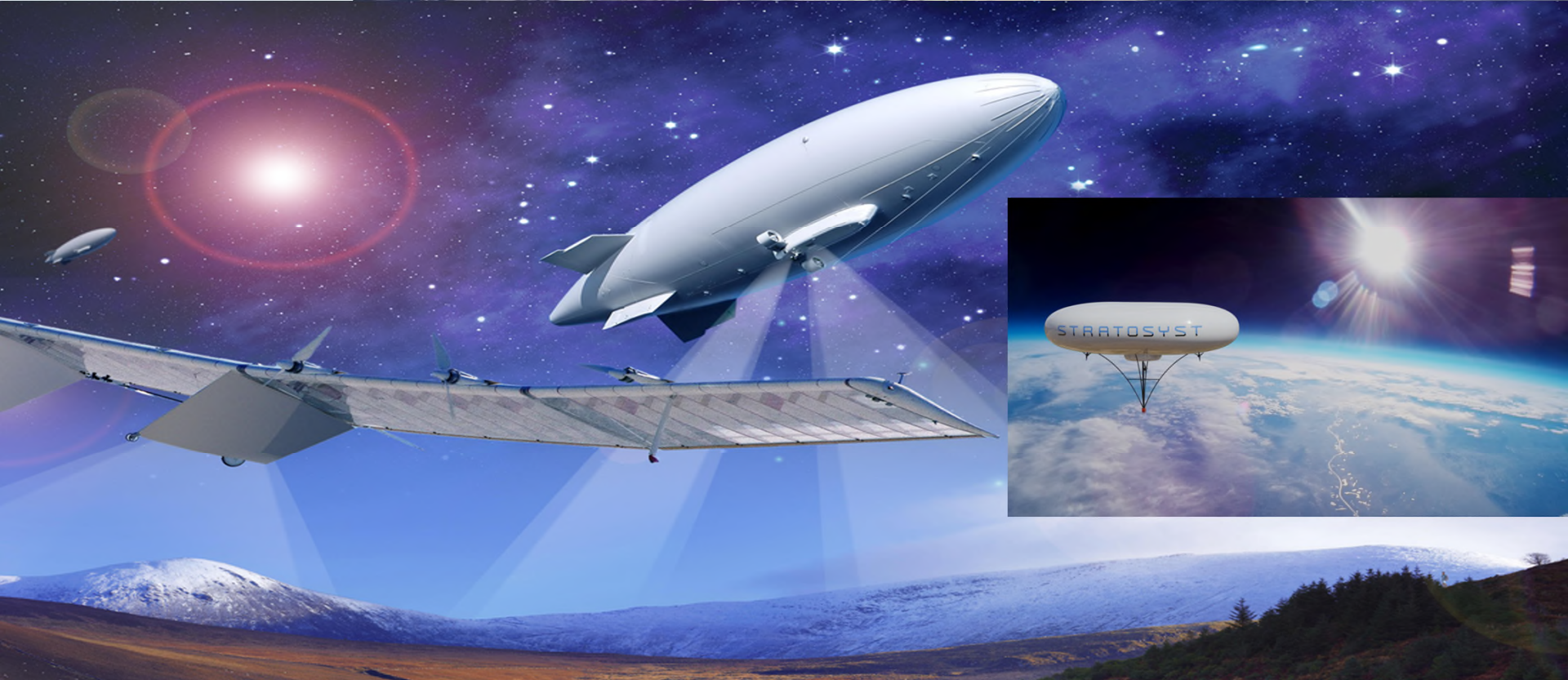
- Limited commercial deployments in rural & remote regions
- Balloon-type aircrafts





## HAPS: **Late 2020s** (5G Era)

- Widespread deployments in rural & remote regions
- Fixed-wing aircrafts and airships



## Stratobus by Thales Alenia Space

Started in 2010

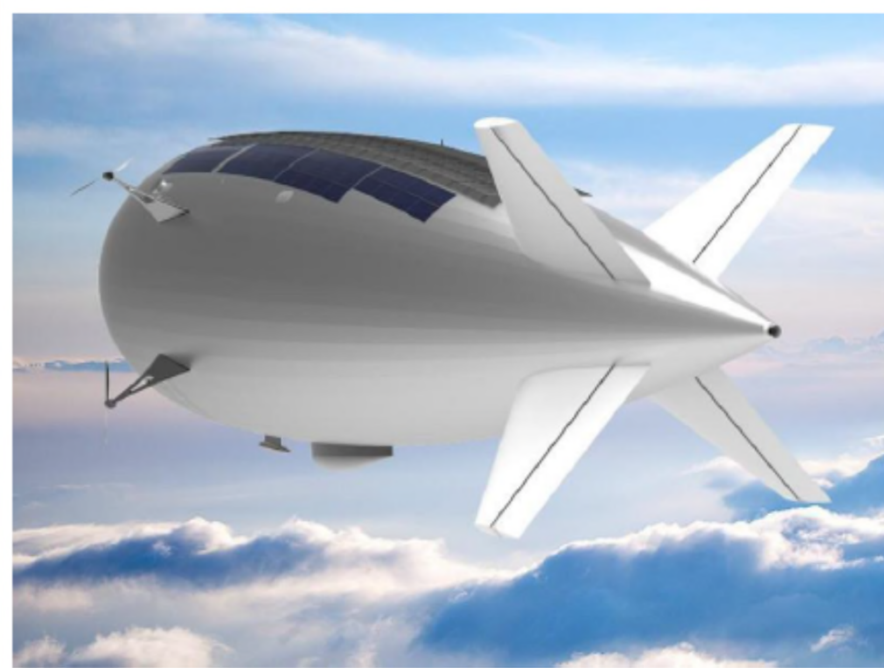
Length = 140 m; diameter = 33 m

Flight duration = one year

Payload = 450 kg

8 kW

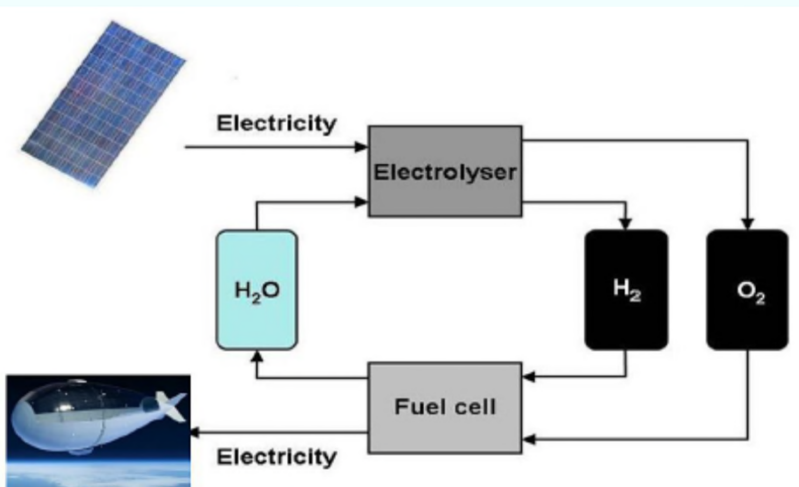
Flight demonstration = 2023+



Above: Stratobus stern quarter view.

Below: Airship-to-airship laser data links.

Source, both graphics: Thales Alenia Space, circa 2018

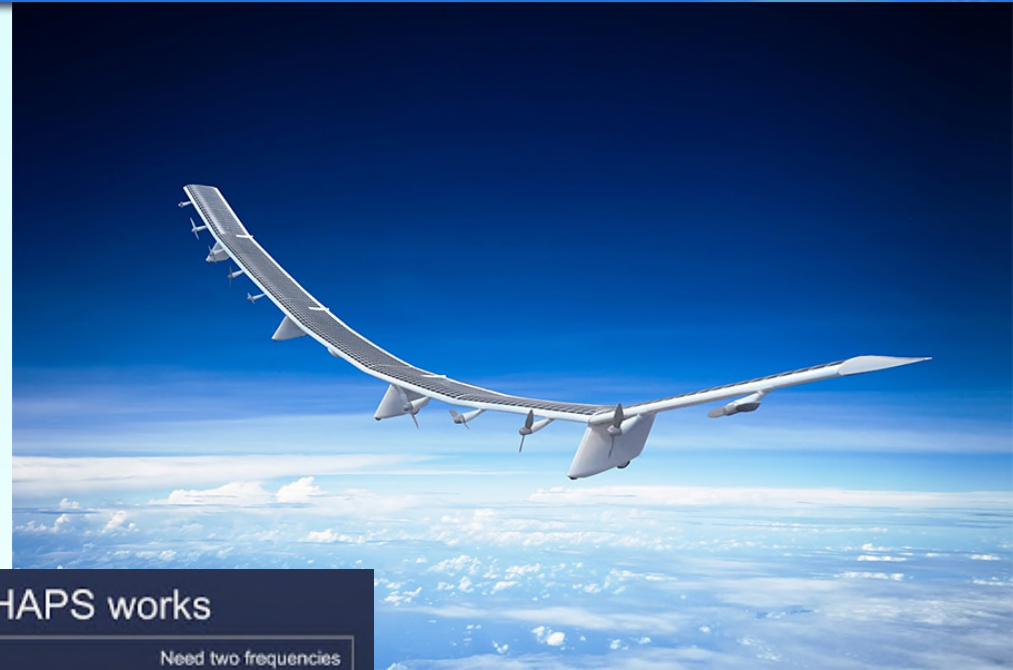


RFC system process diagram. Source: Protech

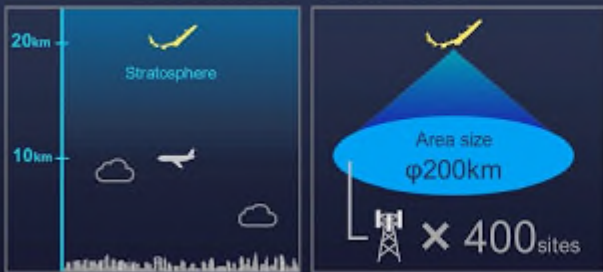


# Sunlider by HAPSMobile (Softbank)

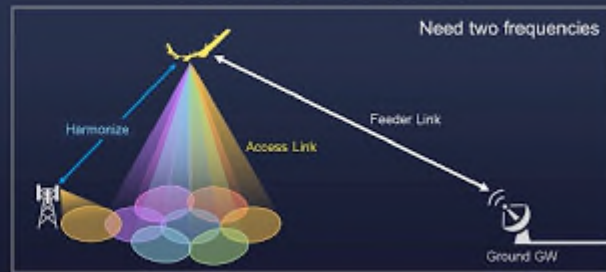
Started in 2017  
Wingspan = 78 m  
Flight duration = several months  
Battery = High energy density Li-ion  
Deployment = 2023+



## What HAPS can do



## How HAPS works



## Mobile direct



## Sustainable



## State of the Art: Cambridge Consultants + SPL (Deutsche Telekom)

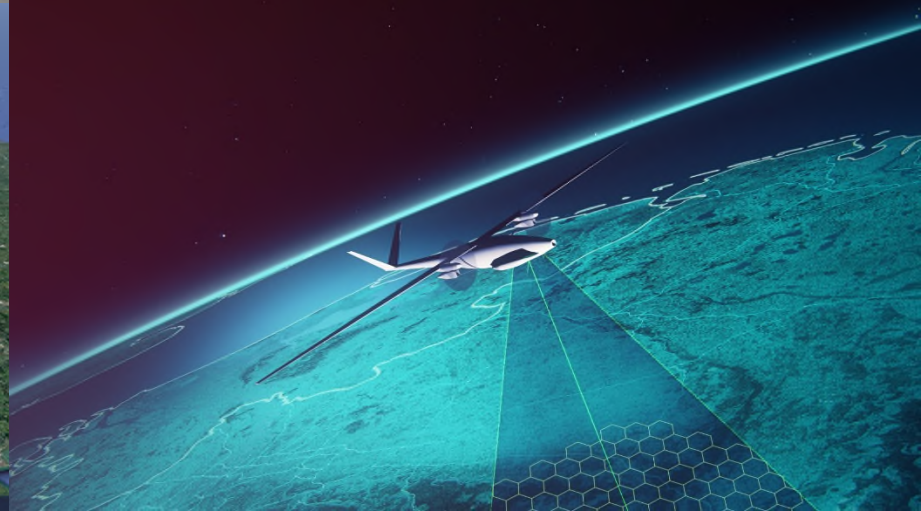
Started in late 2010s

Antenna: 3 m<sup>2</sup>, 120 kg

480 individually steerable beams

Total capacity > 100 Gbps

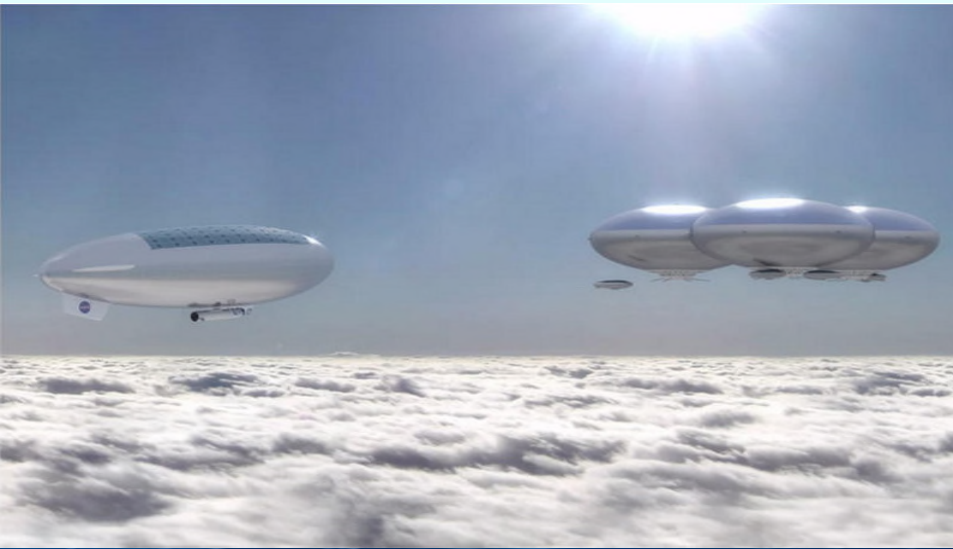
Target: 2024





## HAPS: **2030s and beyond** (6G | B6G Era)

- Deployments in metro (dense urban & suburban) regions
- ISS-size aircrafts and airships

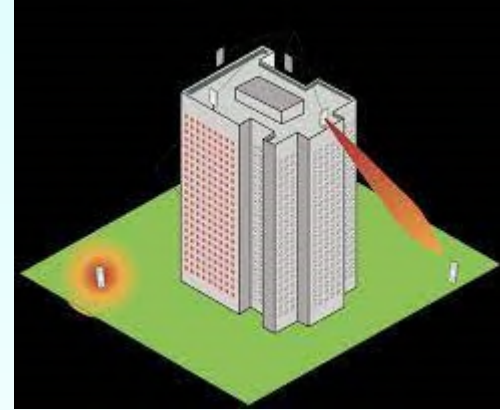
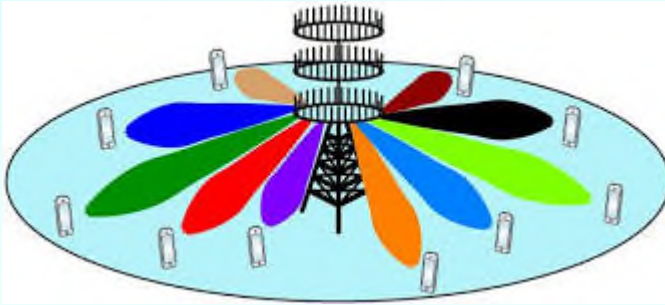


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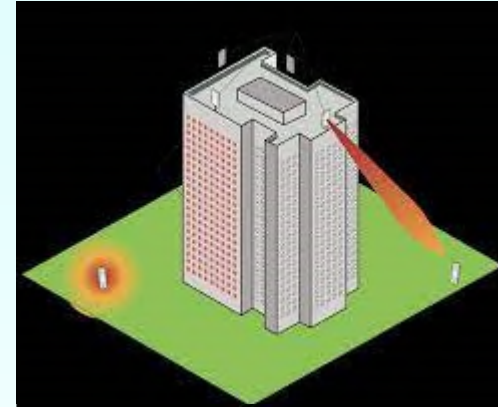
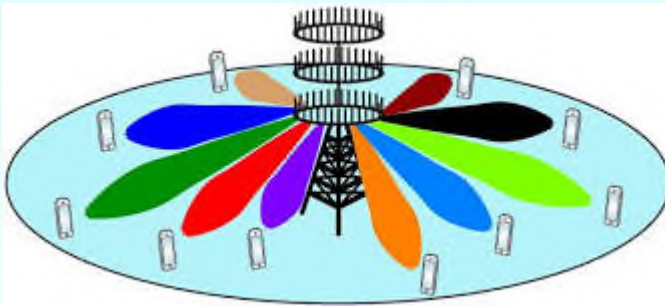
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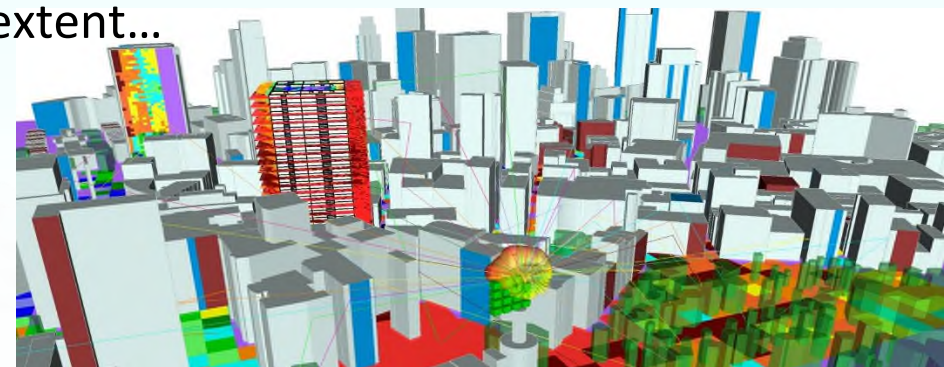


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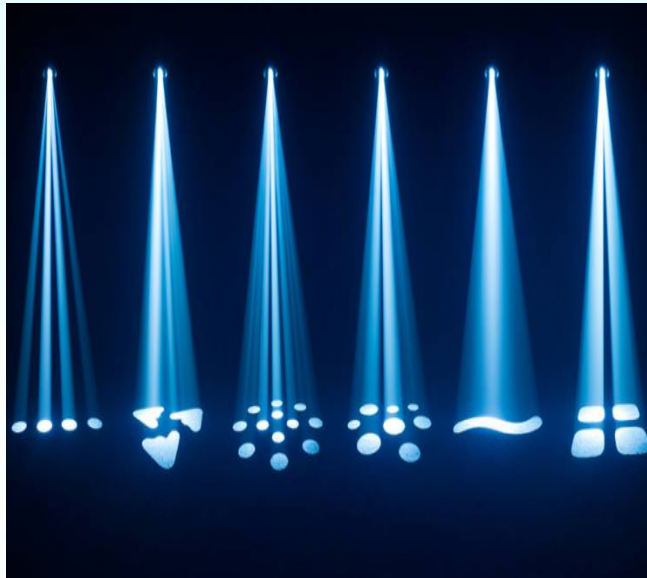
- ◆ How will the umMIMO capacity be utilized within an urban clutter?  
umMIMO advantage is lost to some extent...





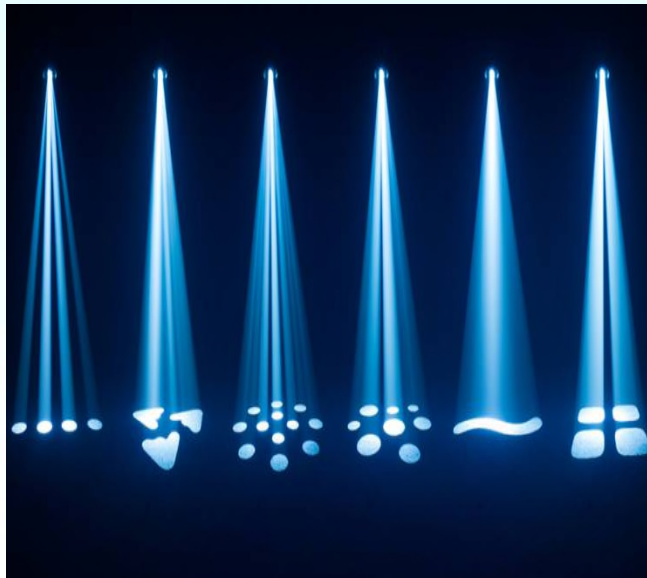
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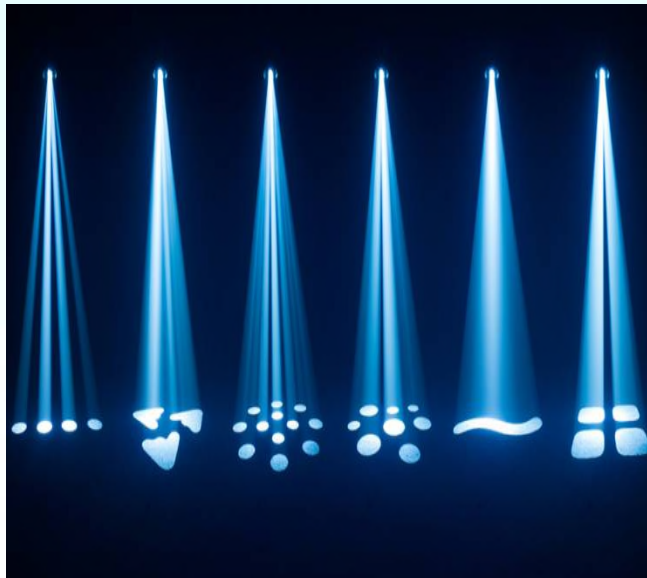
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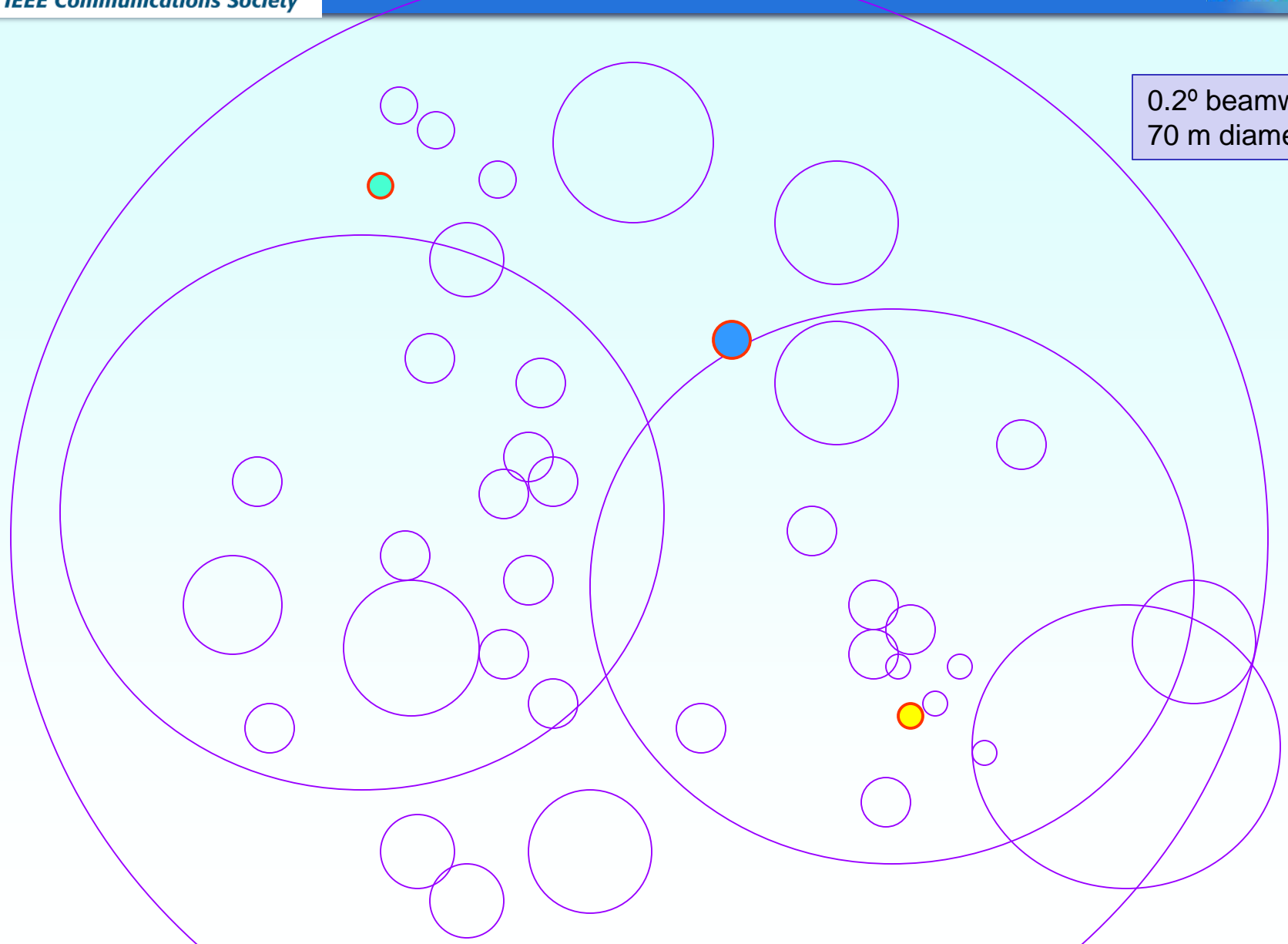


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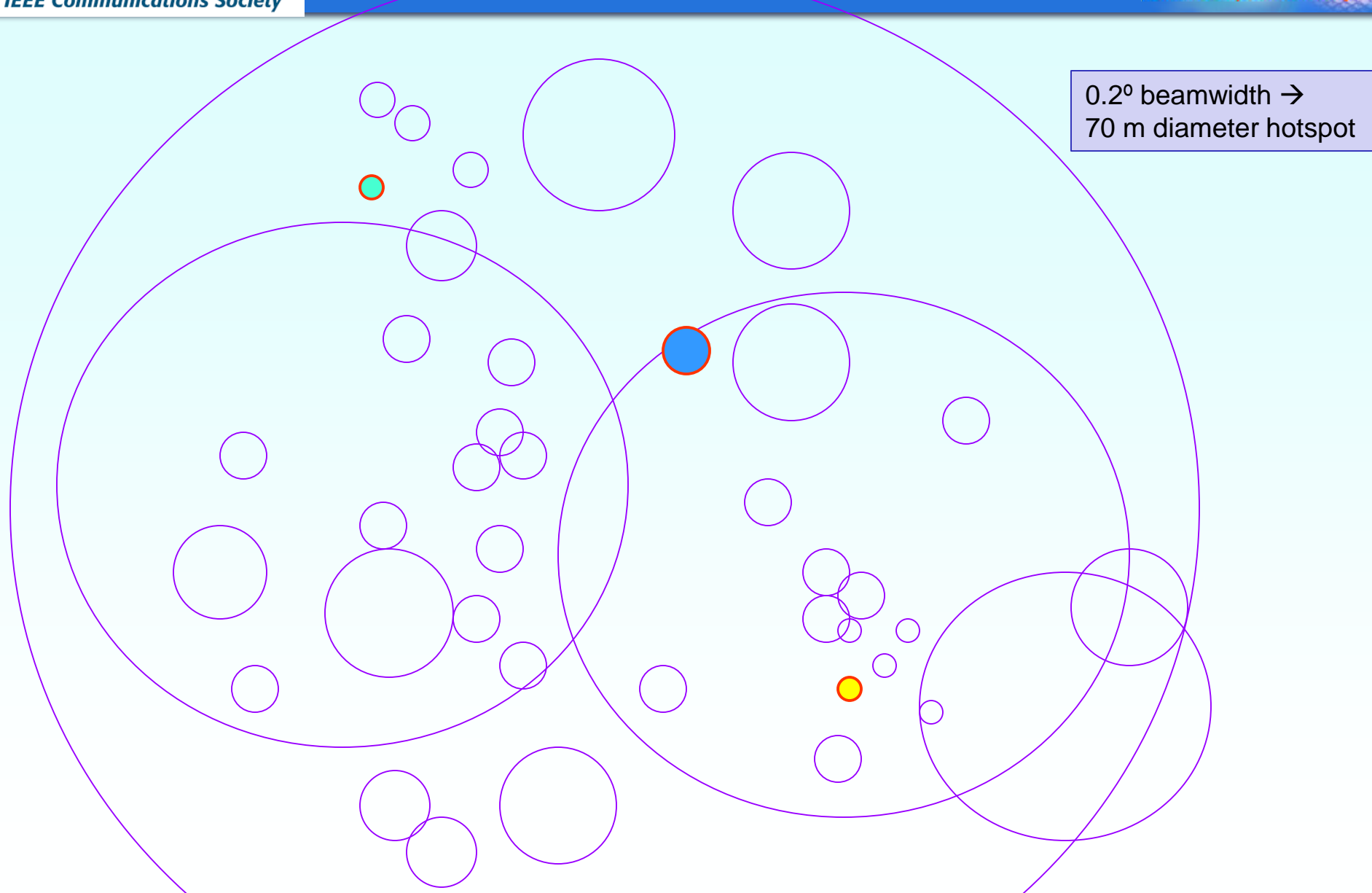
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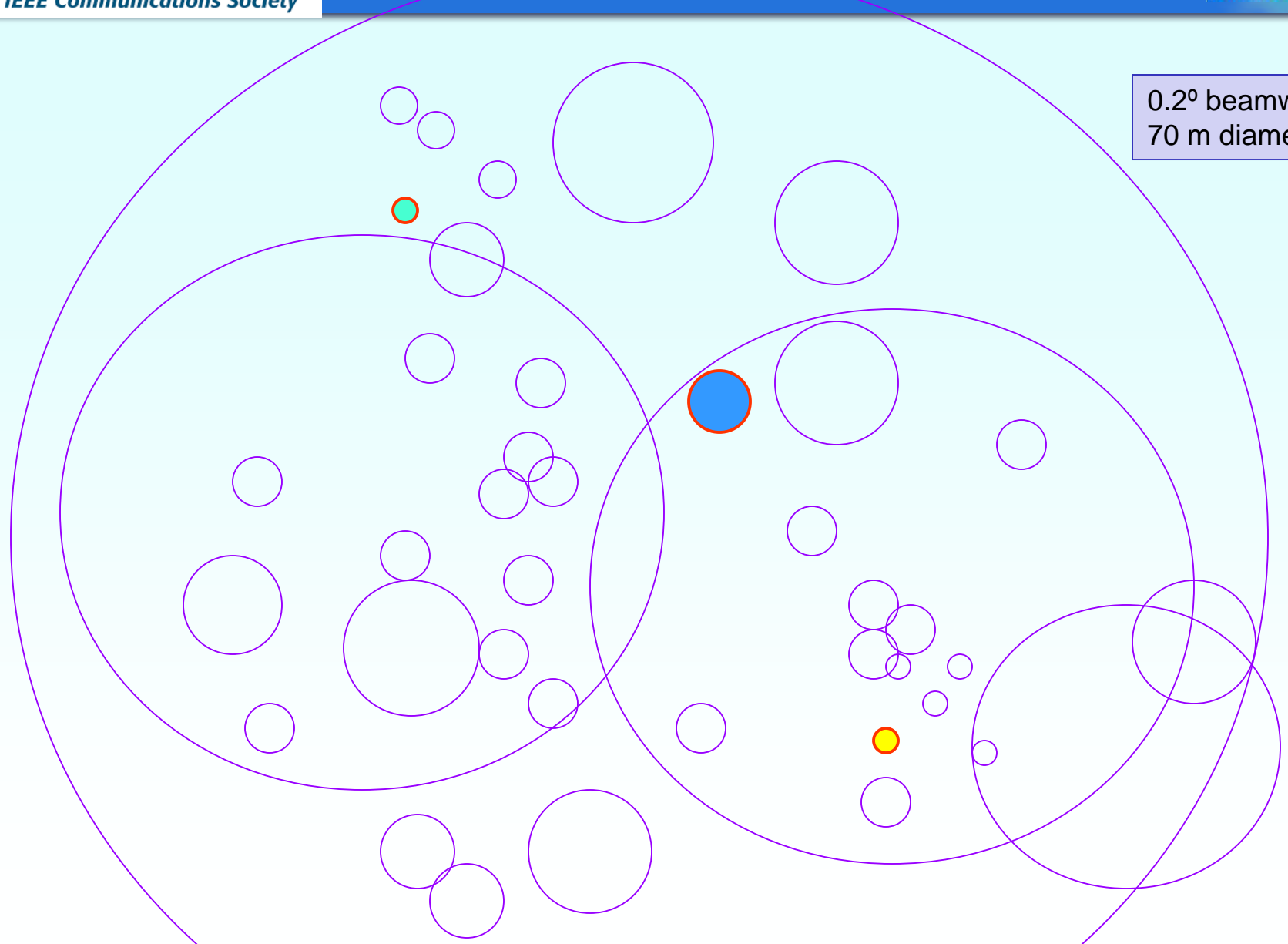
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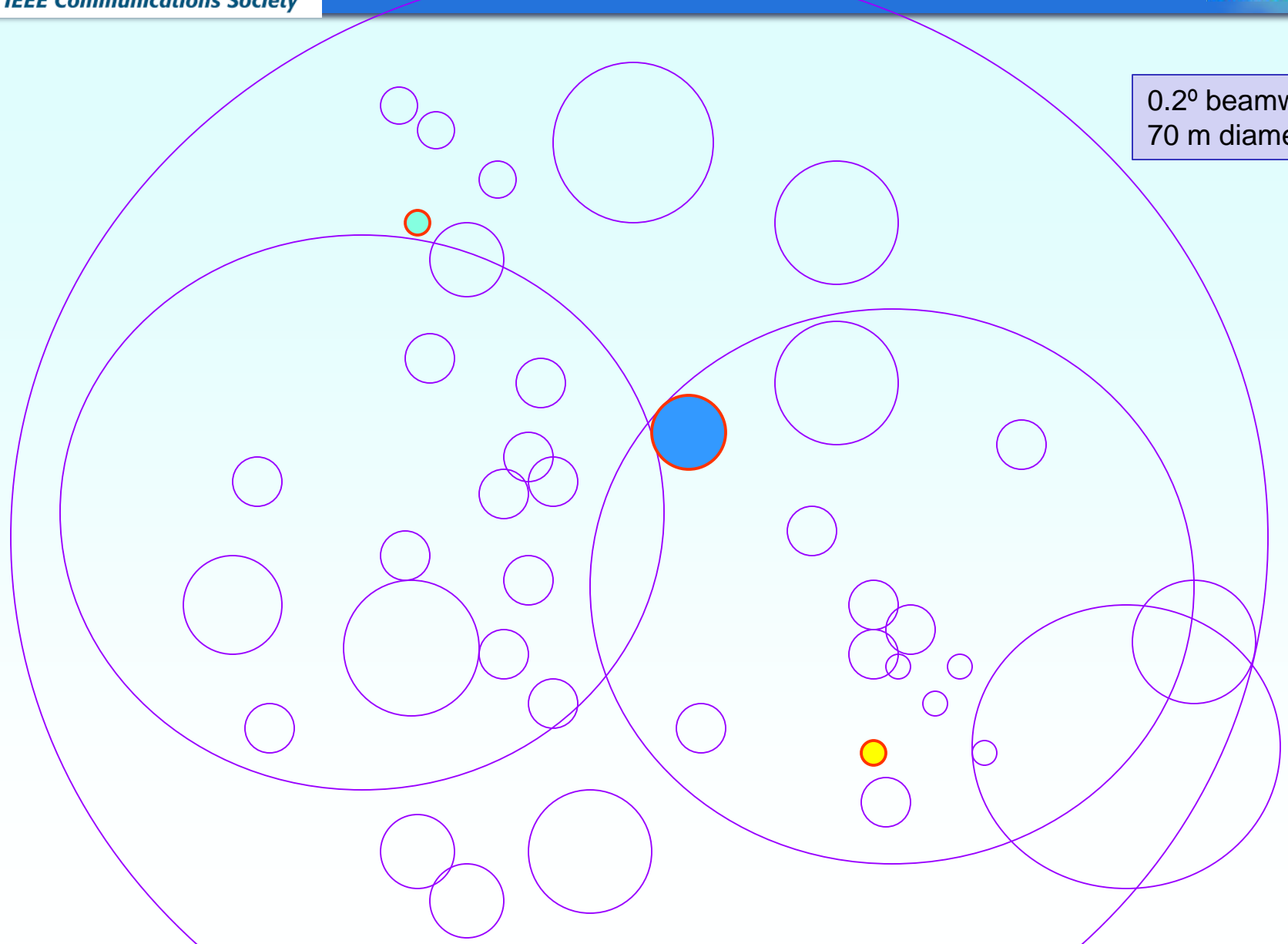




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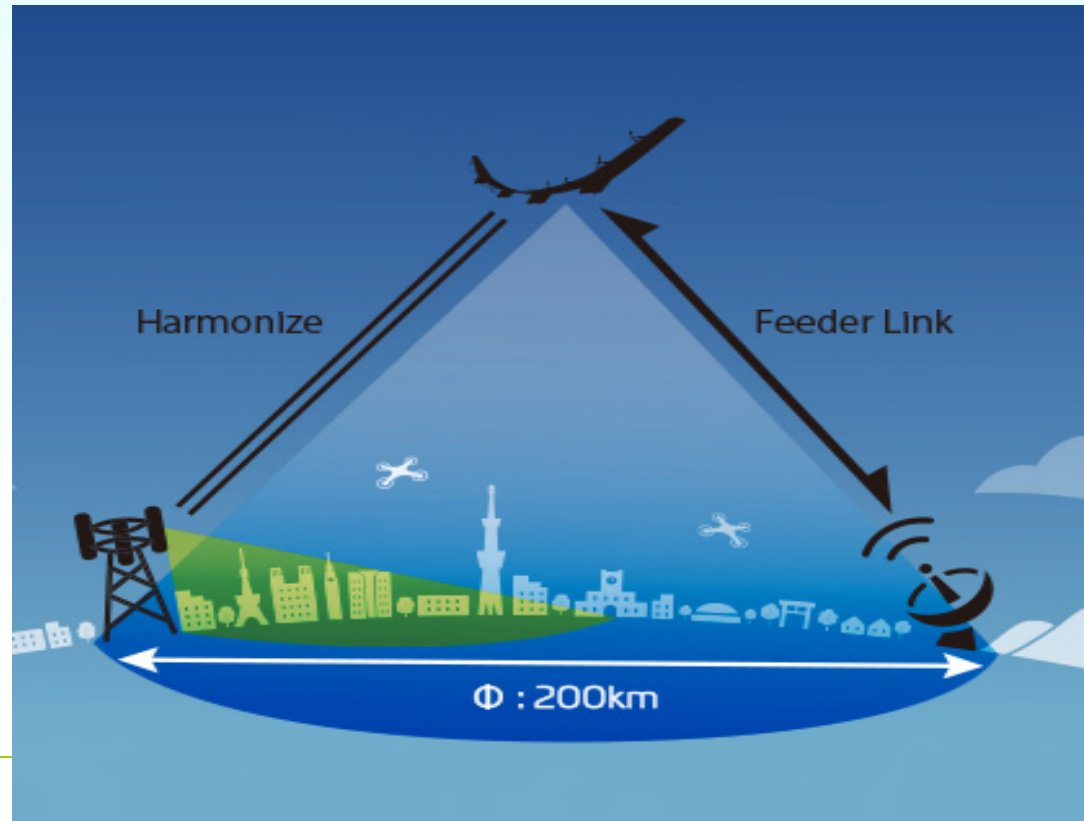


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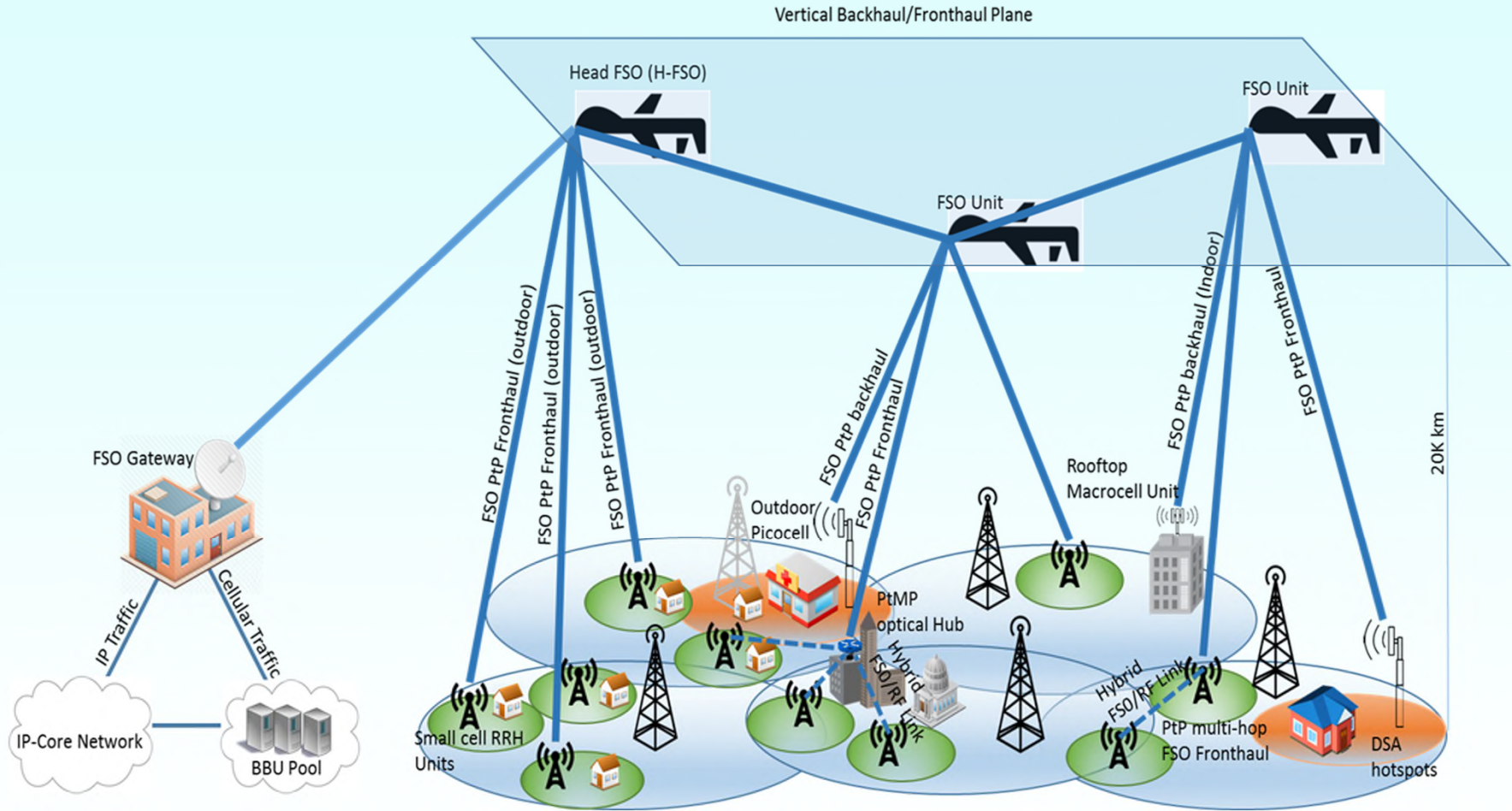
## HAPS-SMBS Characteristics

- ◆ How big should the footprint be? → Capacity or coverage?  
Coverage:  $h = 50 \text{ km}, r = 500 \text{ km} \rightarrow A = 800,000 \text{ km}^2$   
Capacity:  $h = 20 \text{ km}, r = 8 \text{ km} \rightarrow A = 200 \text{ km}^2$
- ◆ Indoors: Sub 6 GHz; Outdoors: Up to 170 GHz (D band)
- ◆ Access: Ultra massive MIMO  
Hundreds of beams
- ◆ SMBS rate: **> Tbps**
- ◆ Backhaul: FSO (?)
- ◆ **Centralized massive capacity**  
White spot filler  
Temporary hot-spots  
Coverage holes
- ◆ Very many other use-cases





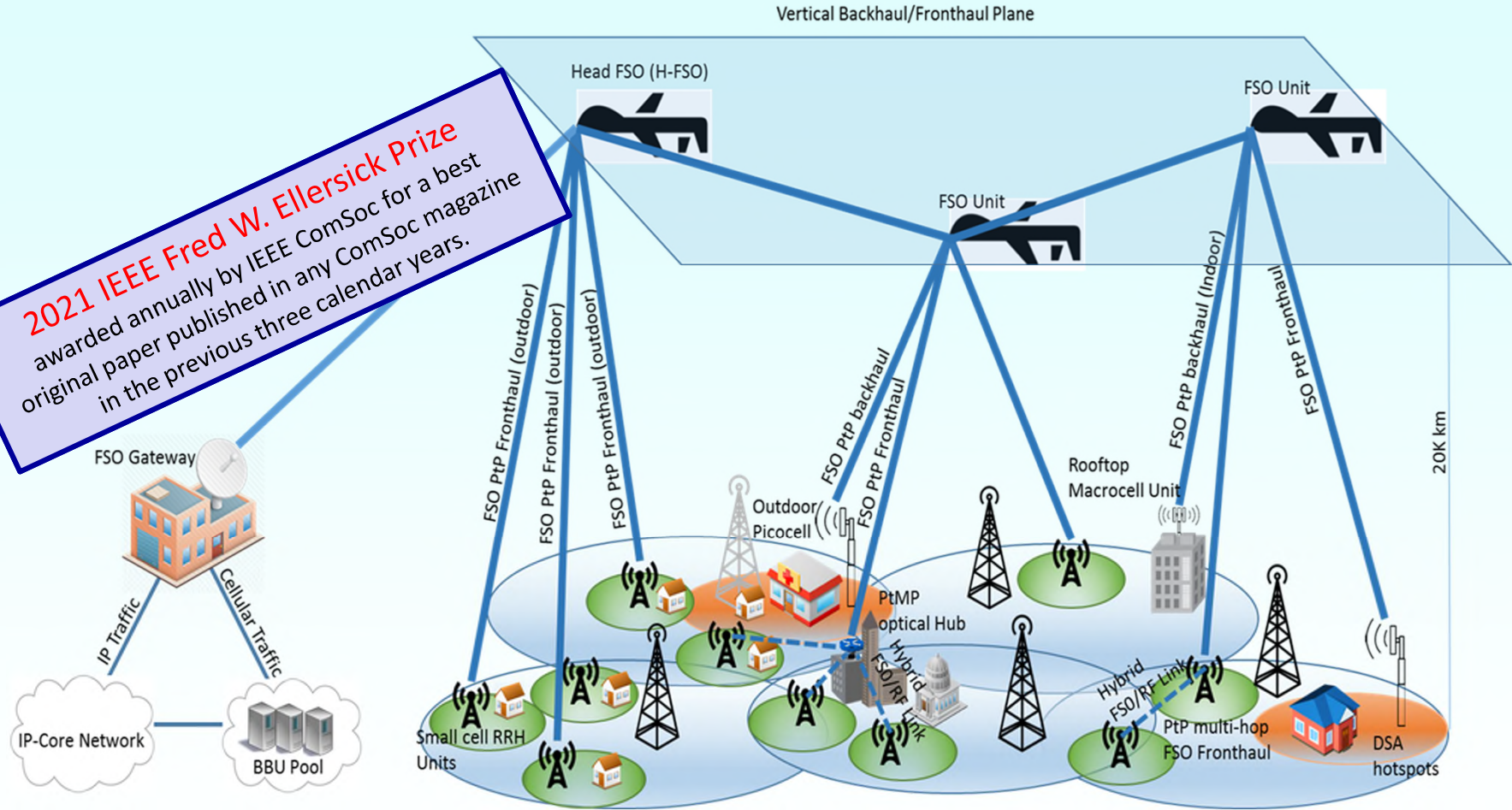
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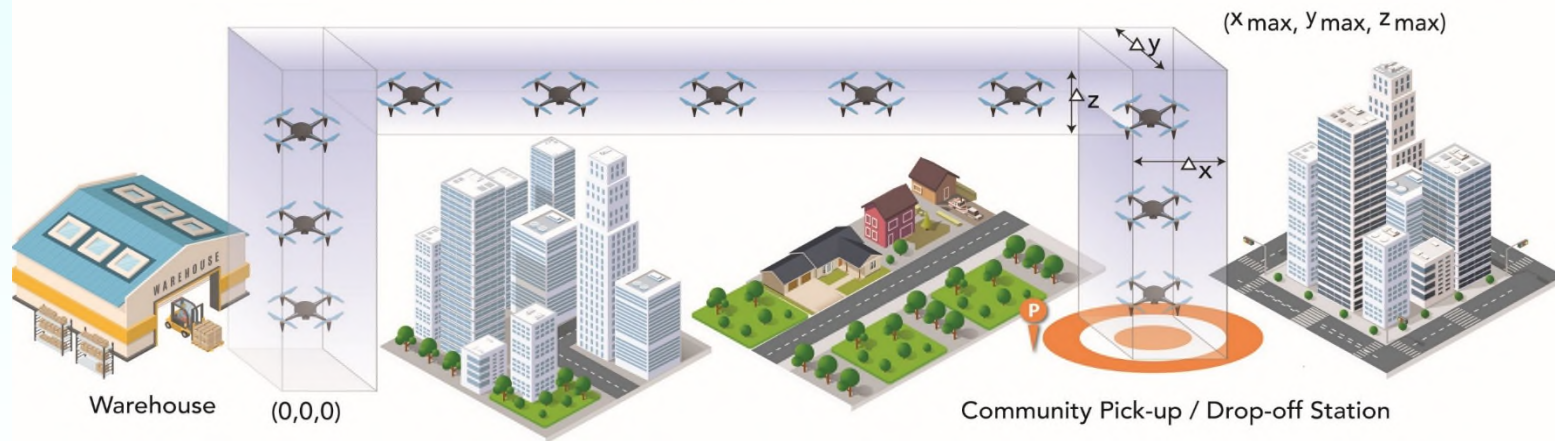
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## HAPS-SMBS for 3D Aerial Highways

### HAPS Services



- Communication
- Computing
- Caching



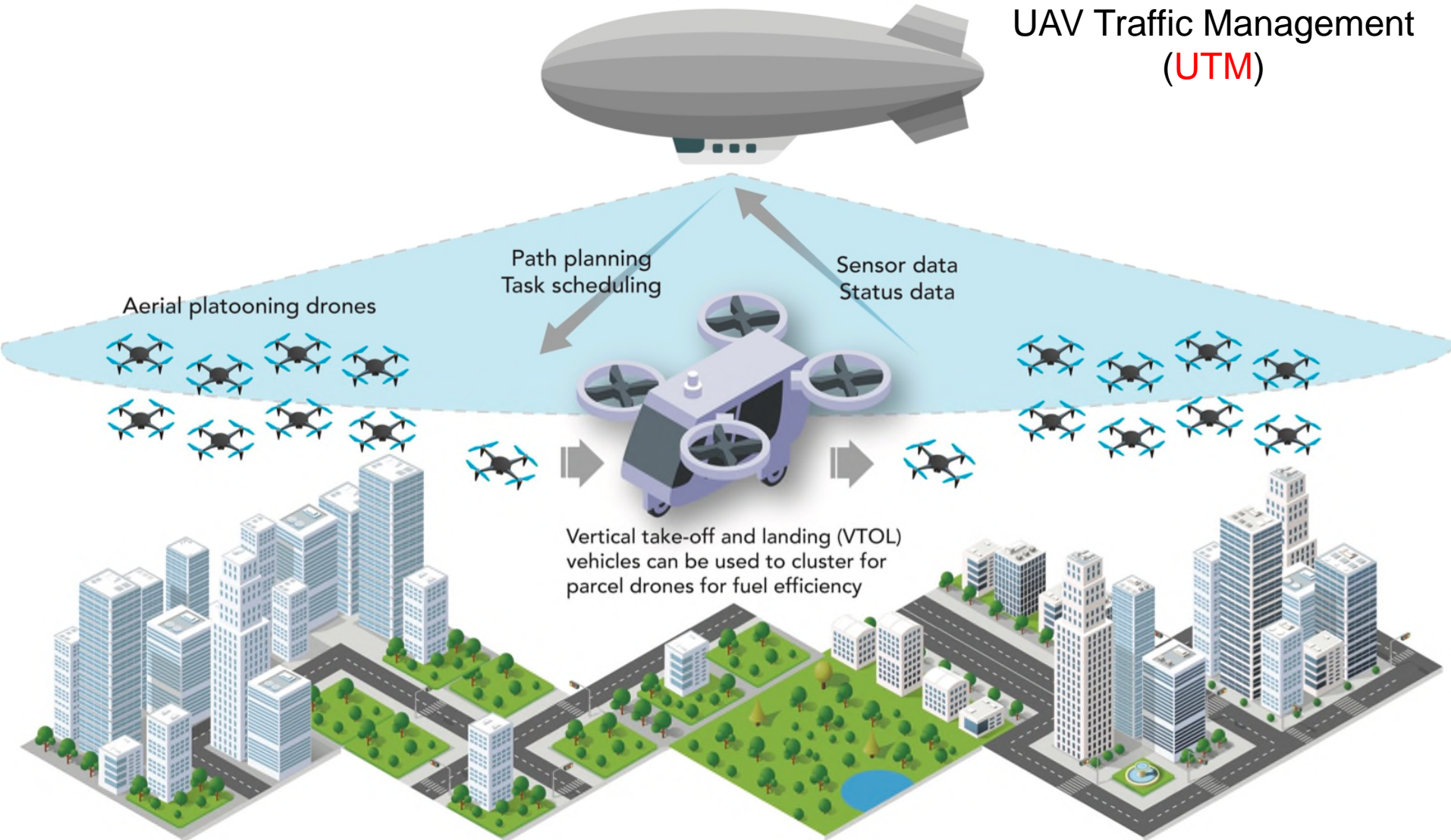
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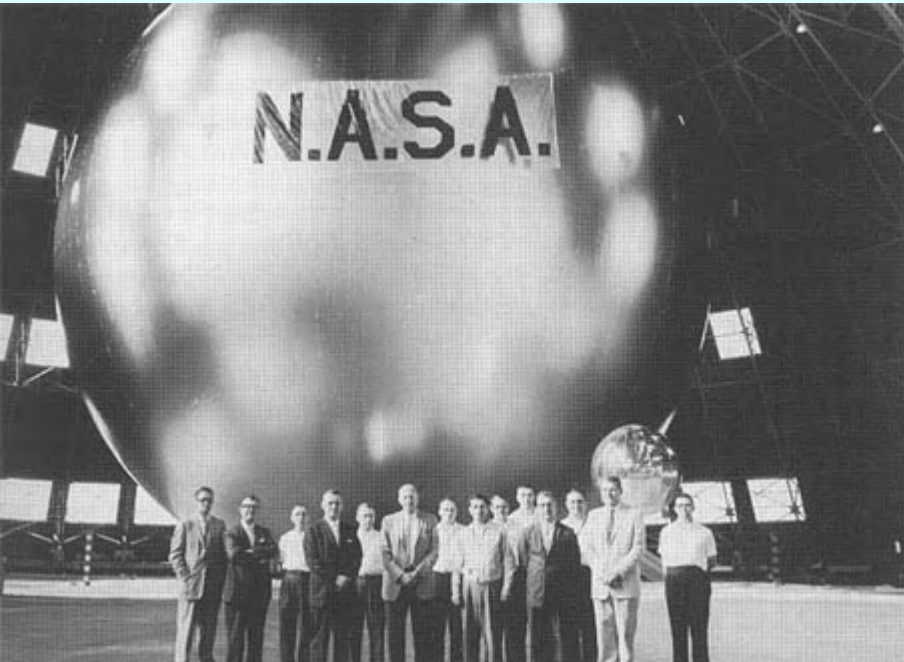
# Multi-Industry Artificial Intelligence Engine

UAV Traffic Management (UTM)





## Project Echo and PAGEOS

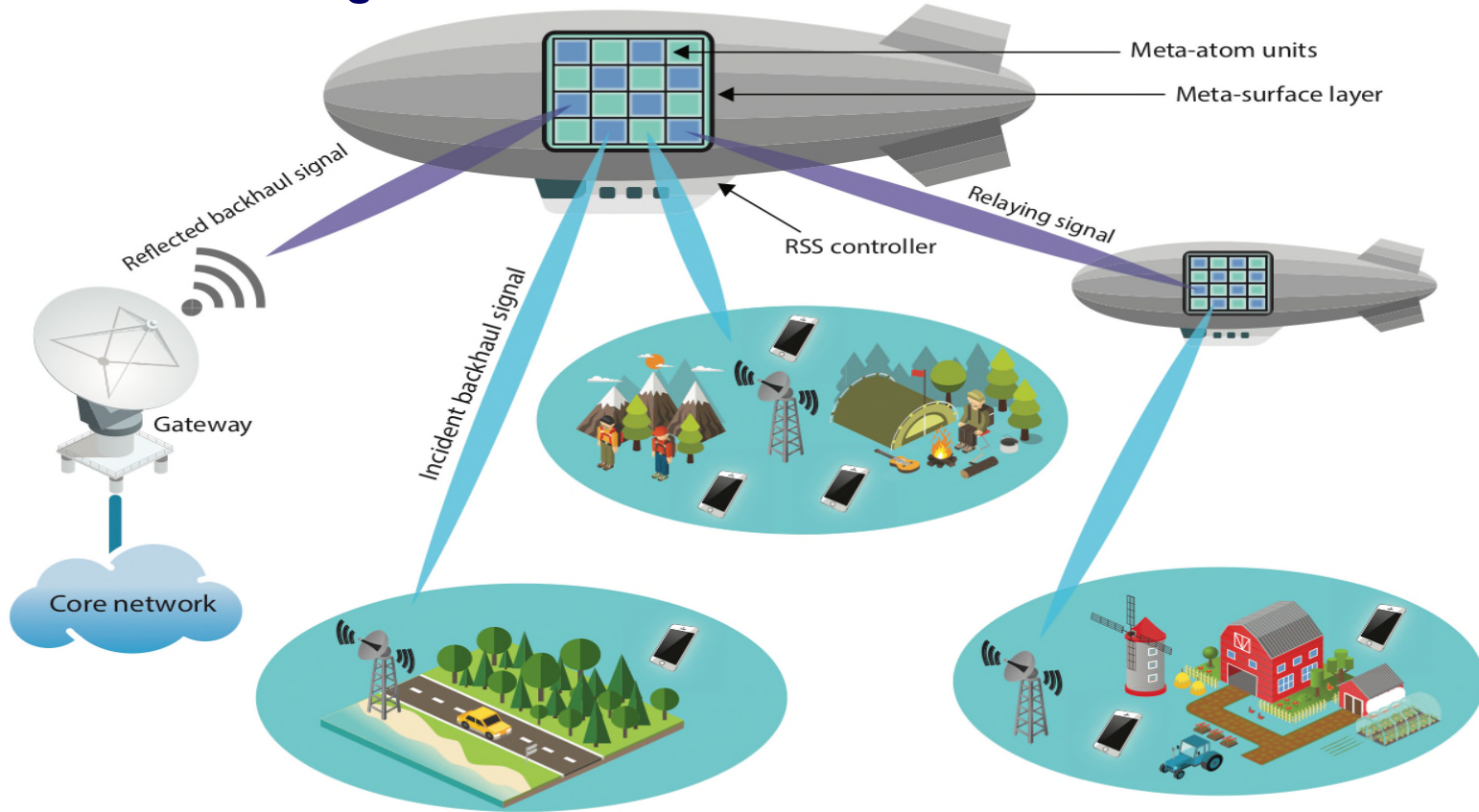


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100 ft = 30.48 m diameter; 1,600 km altitude



**PAGEOS** (PAssive Geodetic Earth Orbiting Satellite)  
A balloon satellite launched by NASA in June 1966  
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## HAPS + Reconfigurable Smart Surfaces

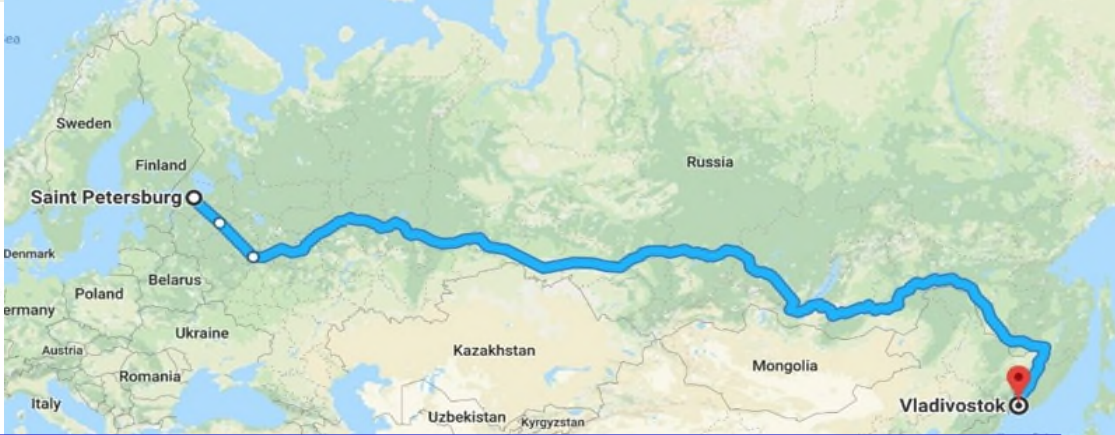


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# HAPS-SMBS Constellation for Intelligent Transportation Systems



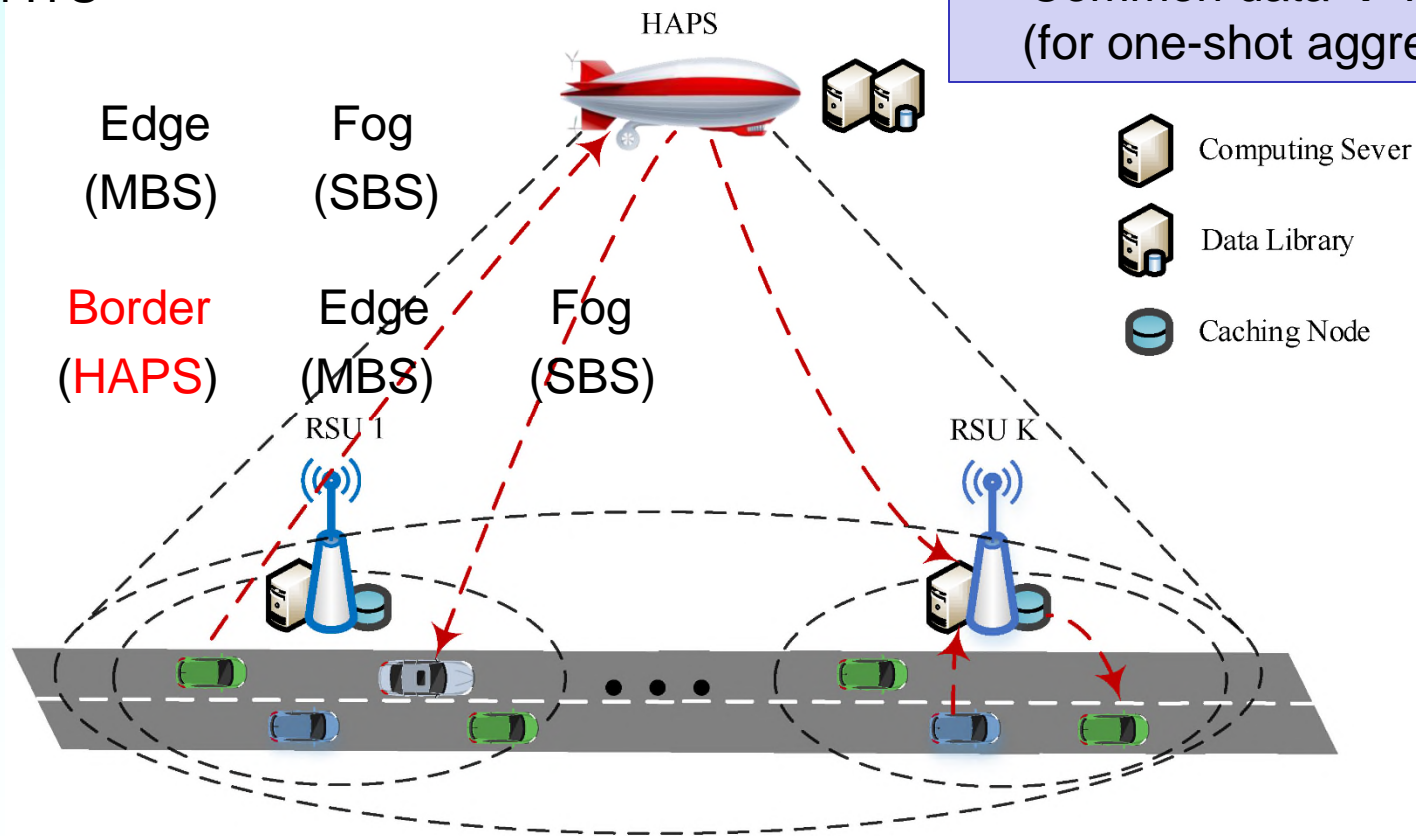
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## Edge Computing @ HAPS

- ◆ Terrestrial ITS
- ◆ Aerial ITS
- ◆ Core
- ◆ Edge (MBS)
- ◆ Fog (SBS)

Control plane → HAPS  
User plane

- User-specific data → RSU
- Common data → HAPS (for one-shot aggregation)

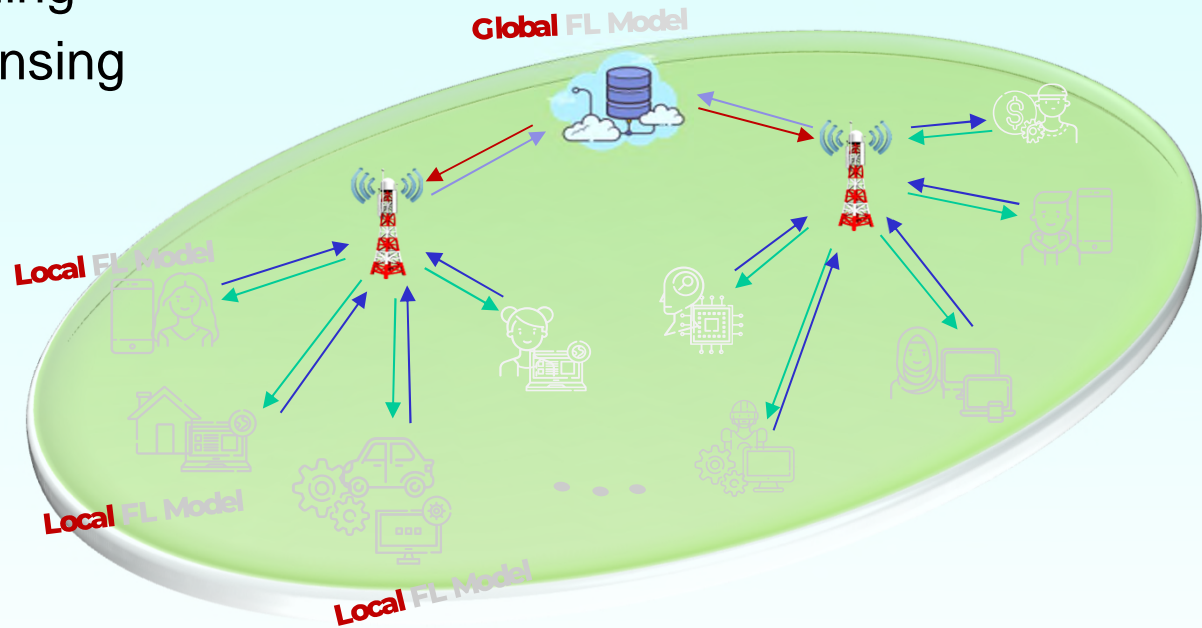


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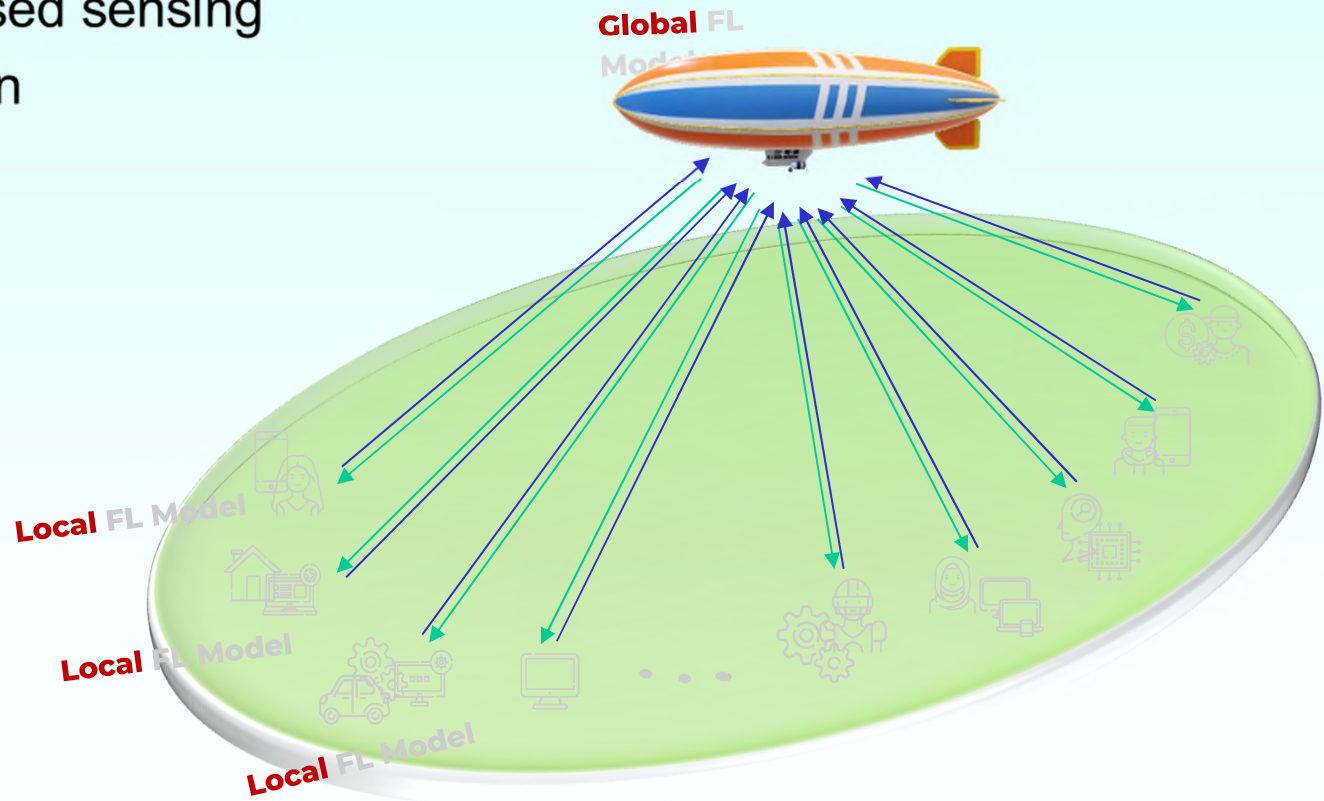
## One-Shot Aggregation

Ex: Federated learning  
Compressed sensing  
Digital twin



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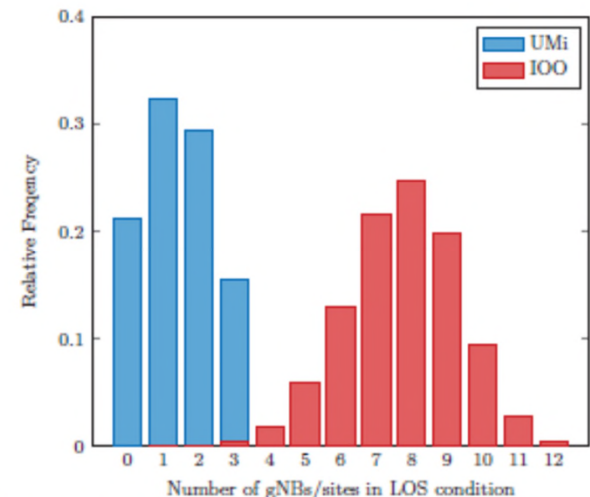
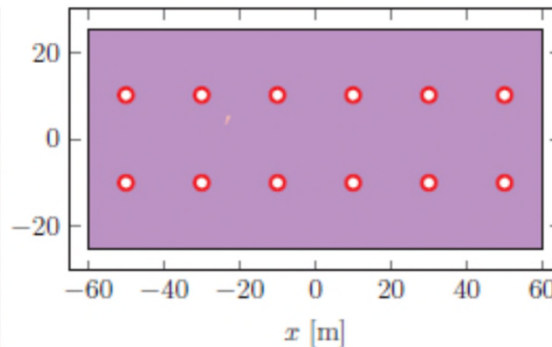
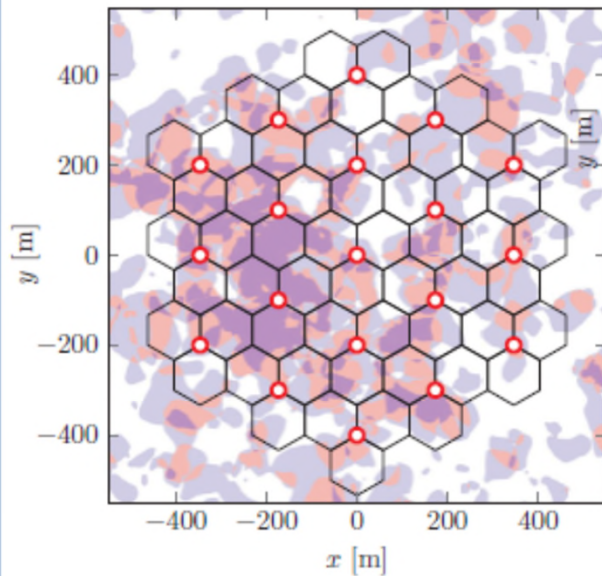
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# Localization

## 3GPP scenarios for 5G localization

- Examples: urban micro (UMi) and indoor open office (IOO) [3GPP TR 38.855]

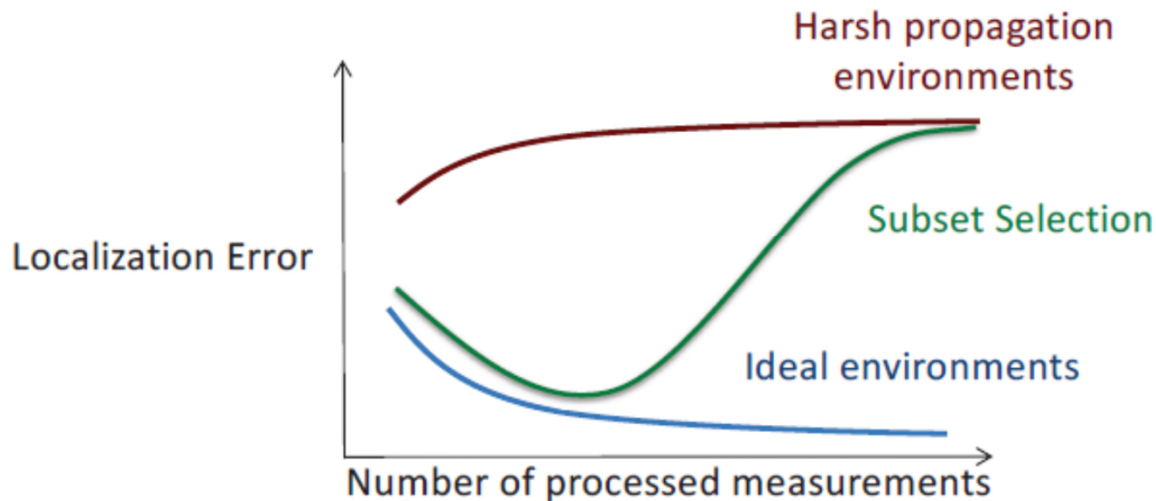


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## Localization

### Selection of representative observations

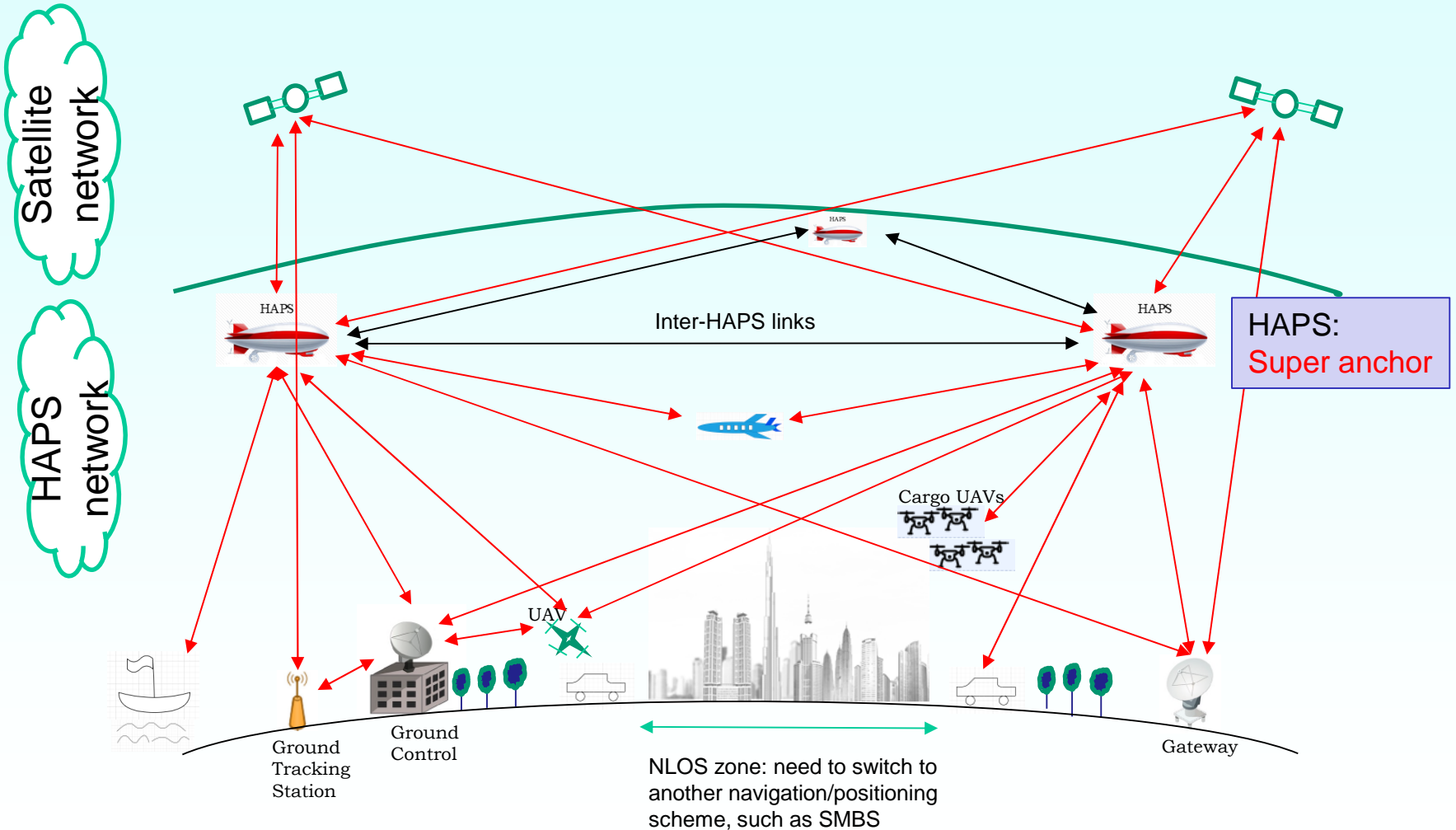


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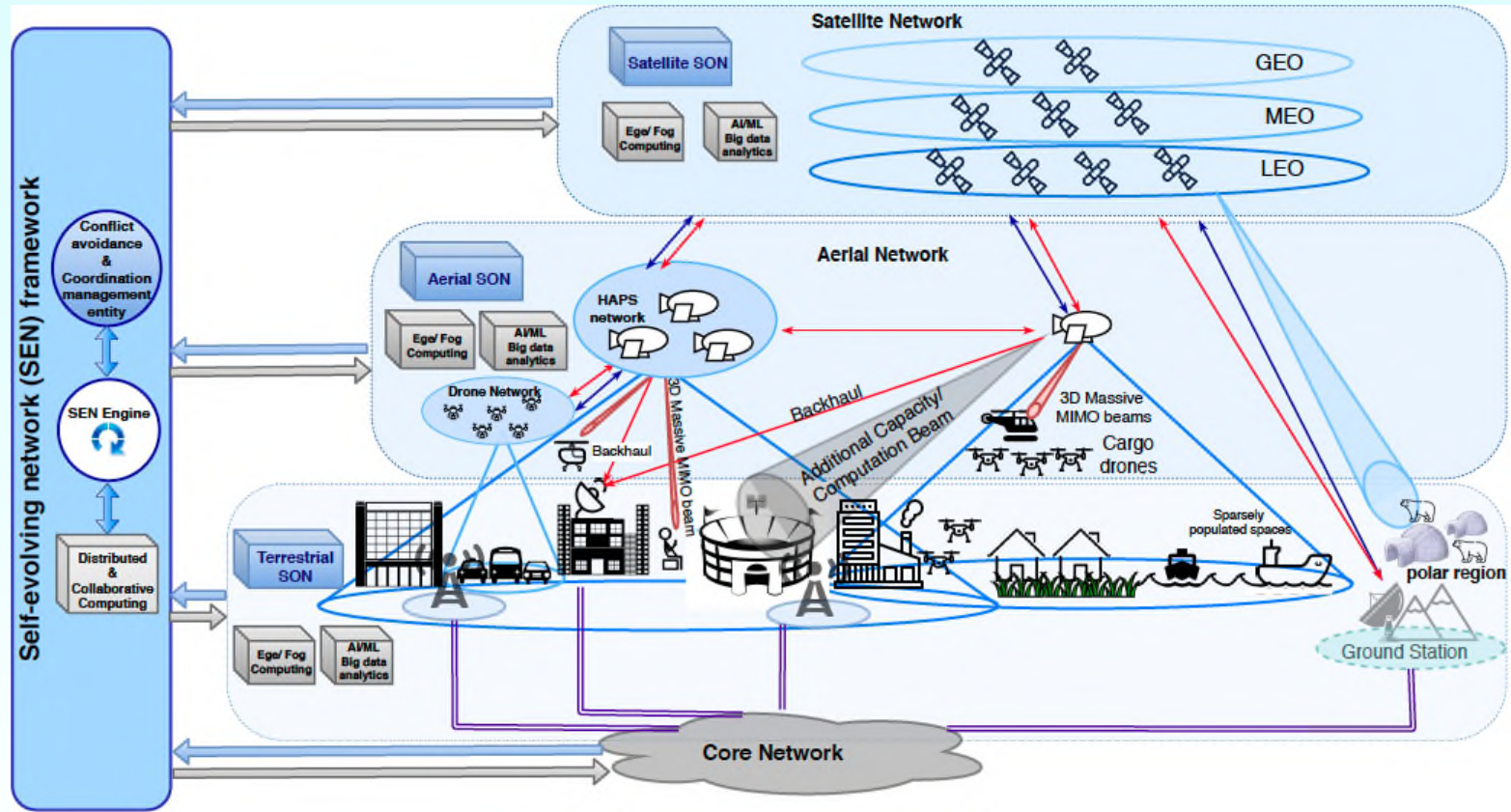
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# VHetNet for Localization / Navigation / Positioning



# AI/ML for Control & Management



End-to-end SDN, NFV, slicing, inter-domain  
in a network of networks

- Free Space Optical Link
- RF Link
- Fiber Optic Communication
- ← Communication for Intelligence
- Intelligence for Communications

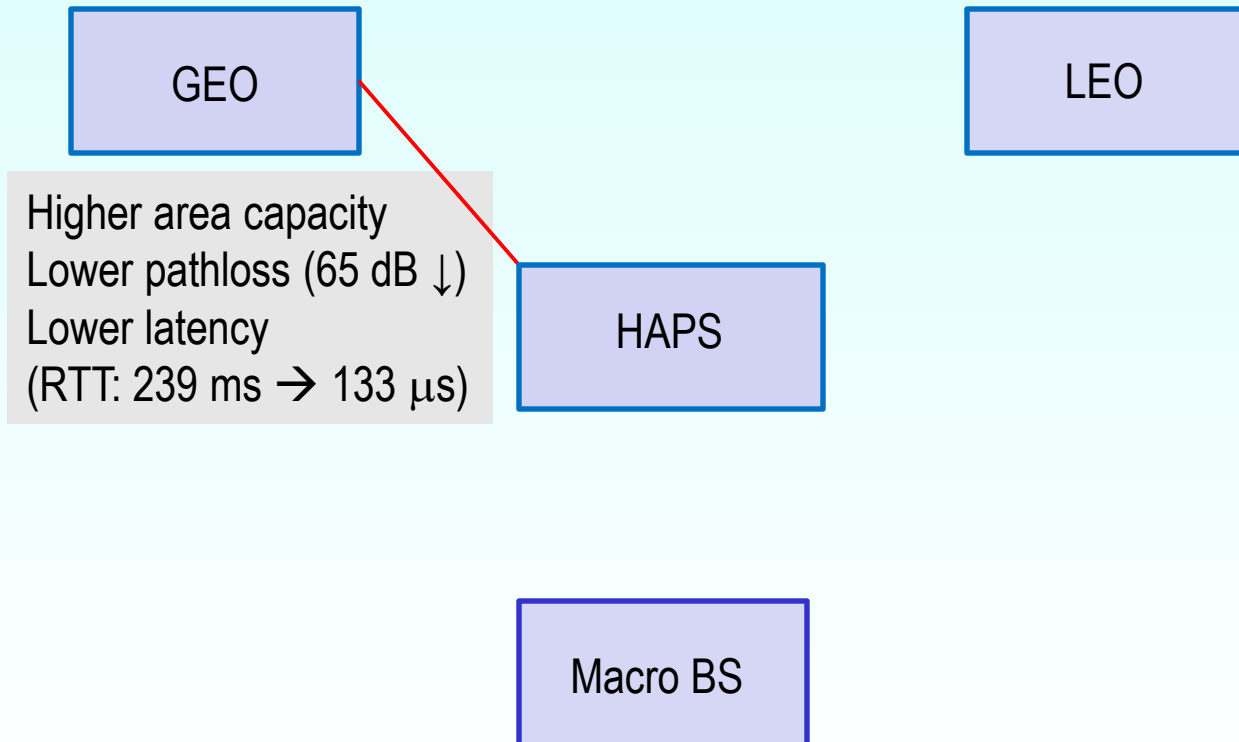
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## HAPS Features

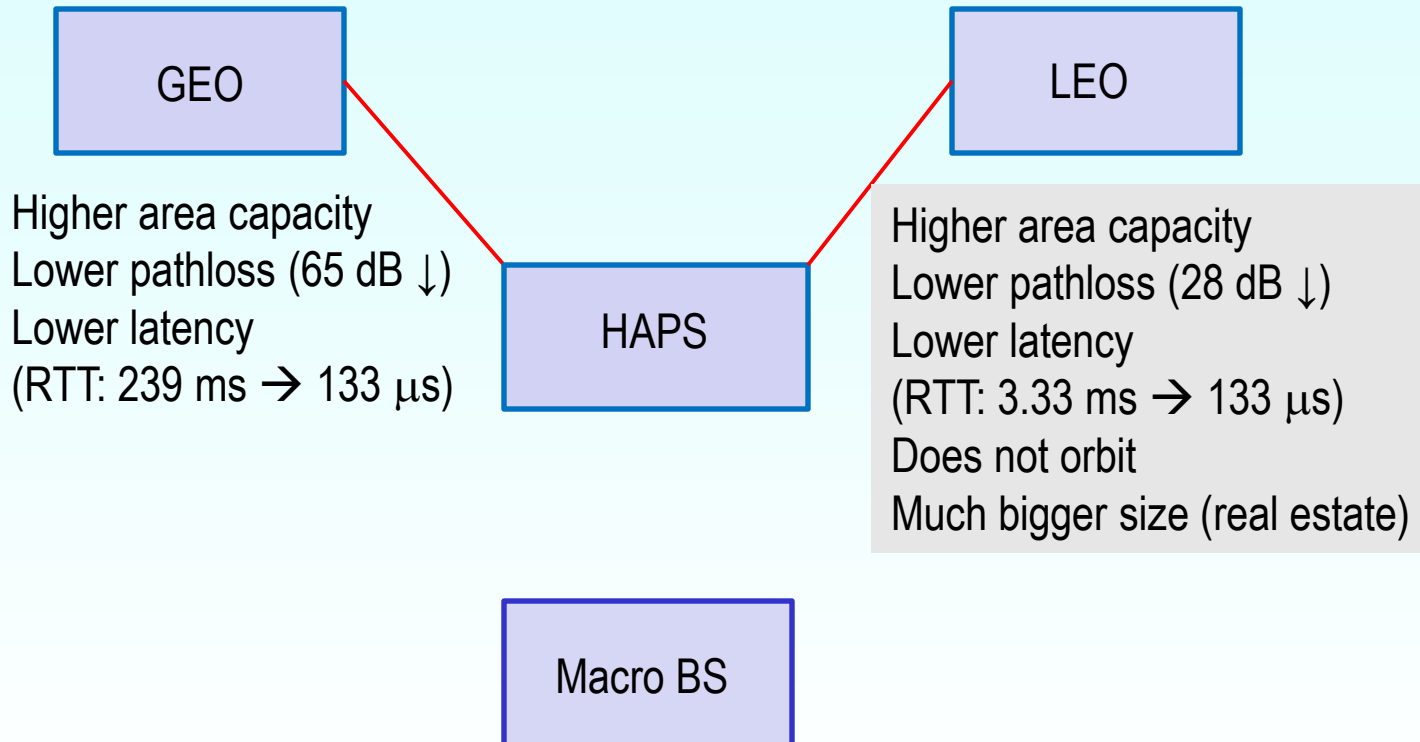
- ◆ **Scalable**; no big upfront investment; can start with 1 HAPS, no need for 1000s of LEOs
- ◆ Easy to launch (just an open field)
- ◆ Deploy wherever necessary
  
- ◆ **Evolutionary**; logical next level in multi-tier (V)HetNets, easy integration
- ◆ Owned by MNO, same/similar eco-system
- ◆ xG cellular air-interface (no need for dedicated air-interface)
  
- ◆ **Geostationary**
- ◆ No tracking on the ground
- ◆ No networking concerns (handoff, routing, addressing difficulties)
  
- ◆ **Closer to earth**
- ◆ Low latency
- ◆ Low pathloss: Direct link to UE
- ◆ Outdoors and indoors
- ◆ mmWave up to 100 GHz (high rates)
  
- ◆ **Legislation-friendly**; no data privacy concerns
- ◆ No international agreements, regularity barriers, spectrum rights

## Is HAPS like a GEO or LEO or Macro BS?

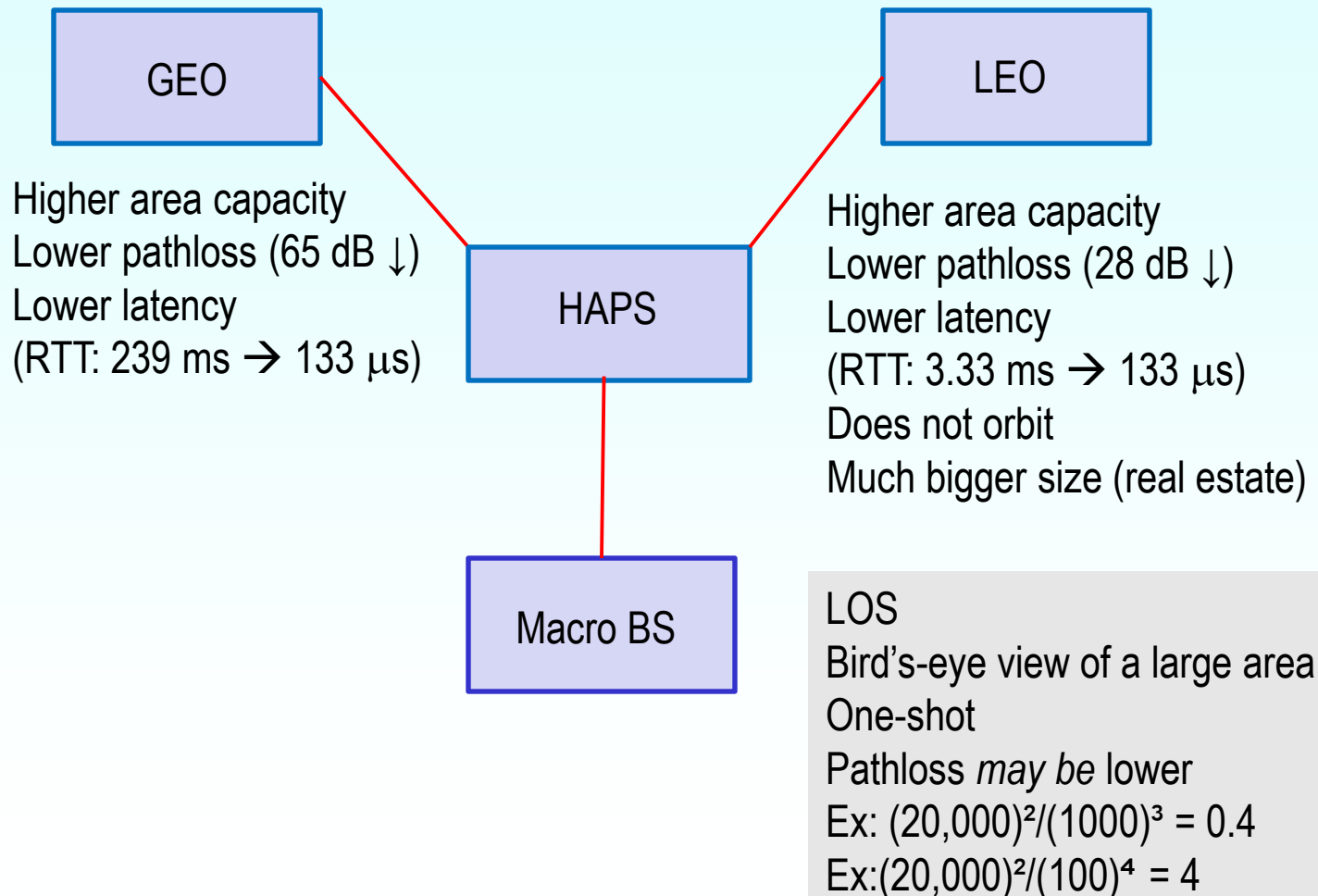




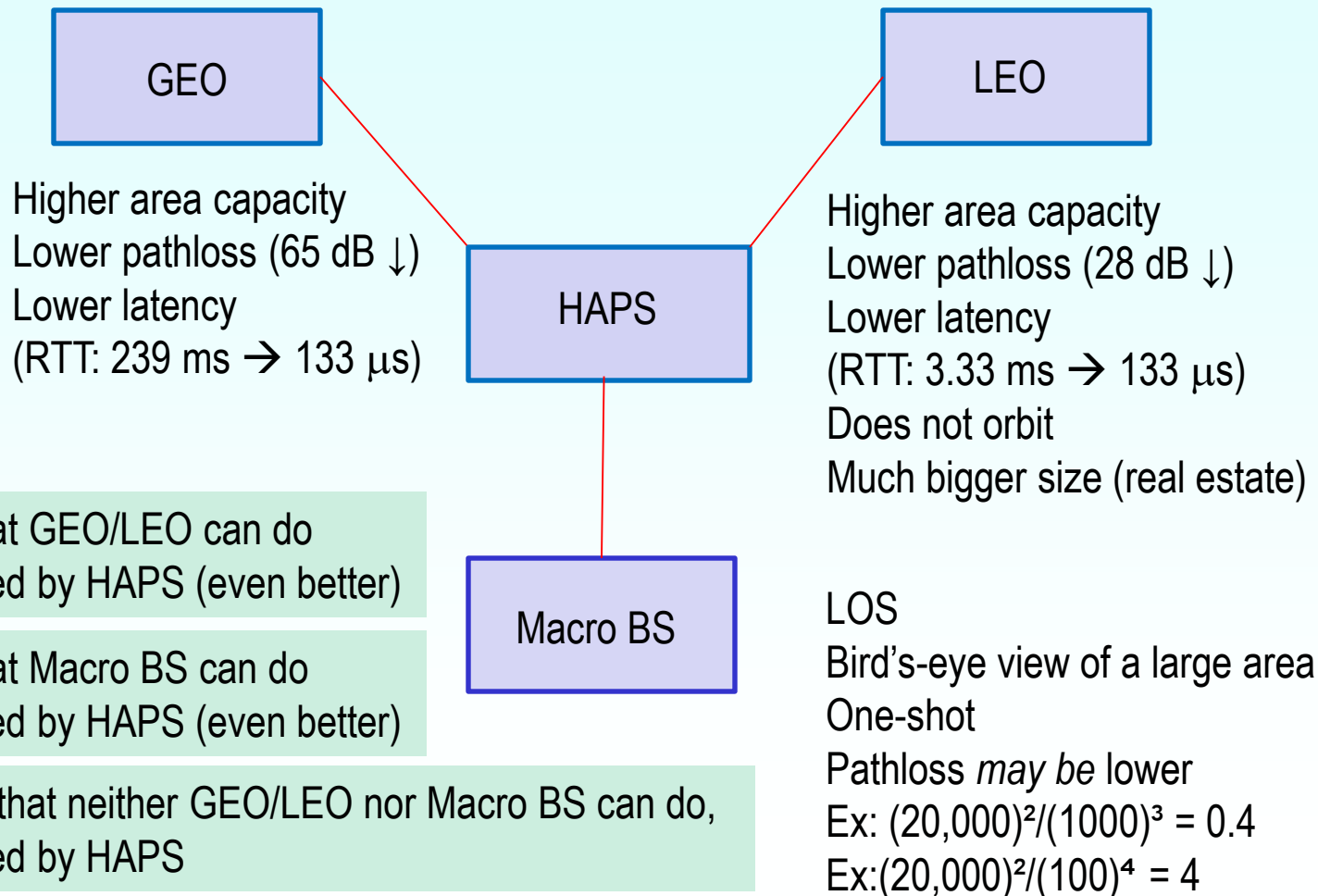
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LISL Range (km)	Average Number of Hops and Average Network Latency											
	New York–London				New York–Istanbul				New York–Sydney			
	$n_{hop}$	$d_{prop}$ (ms)	$d_{node}$ (ms)	$d_{total}$ (ms)	$n_{hop}$	$d_{prop}$ (ms)	$d_{node}$ (ms)	$d_{total}$ (ms)	$n_{hop}$	$d_{prop}$ (ms)	$d_{node}$ (ms)	$d_{total}$ (ms)
659.5	10.35	23.49	10.35	33.84	14.91	33.19	14.91	48.10	28.83	63.46	28.83	92.29
1,319	5.00	21.65	5.00	26.65	7.00	30.99	7.00	37.99	14.13	60.57	14.13	74.70
1,500	4.99	21.63	4.99	26.63	7.00	30.89	7.00	37.89	13.71	60.03	13.71	73.75
1,700	4.17	21.68	4.17	25.86	6.00	30.93	6.00	36.93	12.97	59.98	12.97	72.95
2,500	3.03	21.58	3.03	24.61	4.83	30.76	4.83	35.59	8.48	59.85	8.48	68.32
5,016	2.00	21.33	2.00	23.33	3.00	30.45	3.00	33.45	5.00	58.55	5.00	63.55

# LEO Constellation Advantage RTT in Long-Haul Links

- ◆ Laser links: More efficient than RF links
- ◆ Acquisition, tracking, pointing (ATP)
- ◆ Number and range of LISLs
- ◆ Latency analysis (round trip time)
- ◆ Substantial reduction in long-haul round trip time (ex: New York – Istanbul)

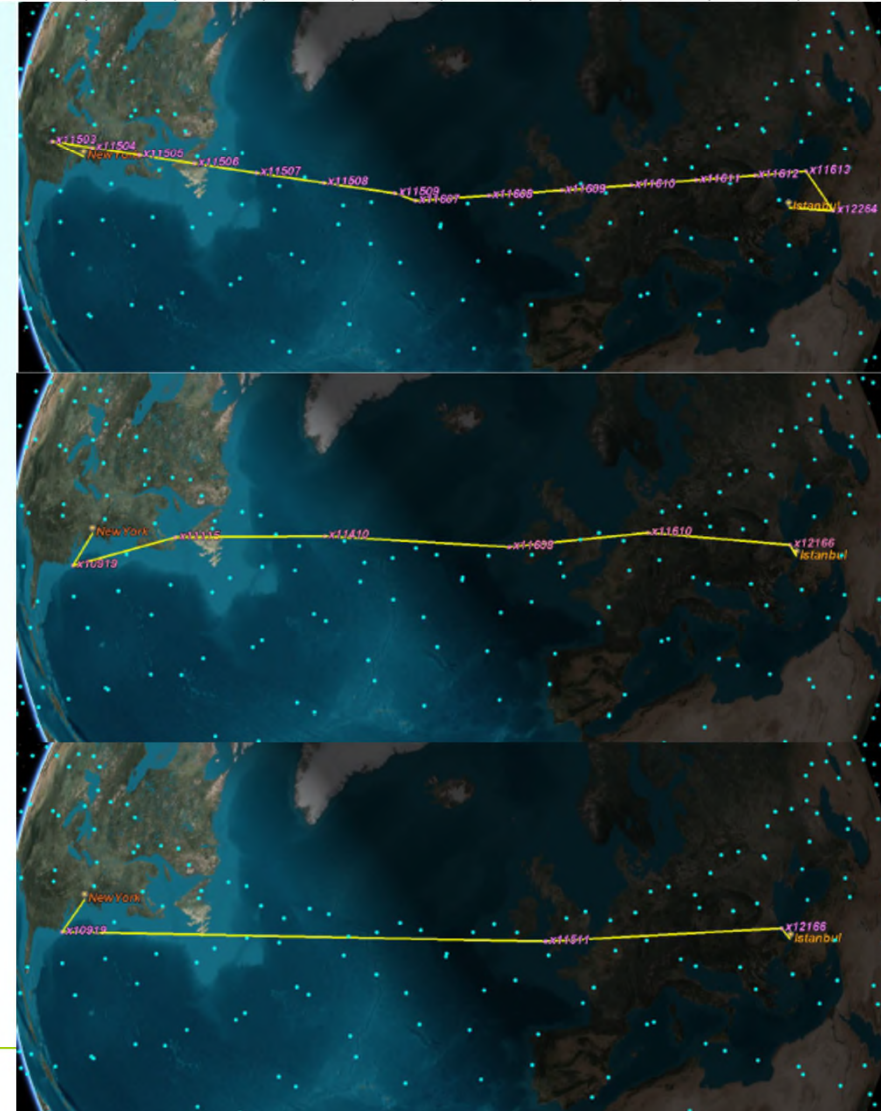
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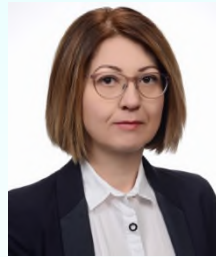


# AI-enabled Satellite Communication Networks

- Distributed Handover Management in Satellite Networks
- Data Packets Routing in Satellite Networks
- Laser Inter-Satellite Links (LISLs) in Satellite Networks



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## Agenda

- Concepts and Terminology
- High Throughput Satellites (HTS)
- High Altitude Platform Stations (HAPS) Systems
- VHetNet for Integrated Communications, Computing, Caching, Sensing, Navigation, Positioning, ...
- **2040 Outlook**

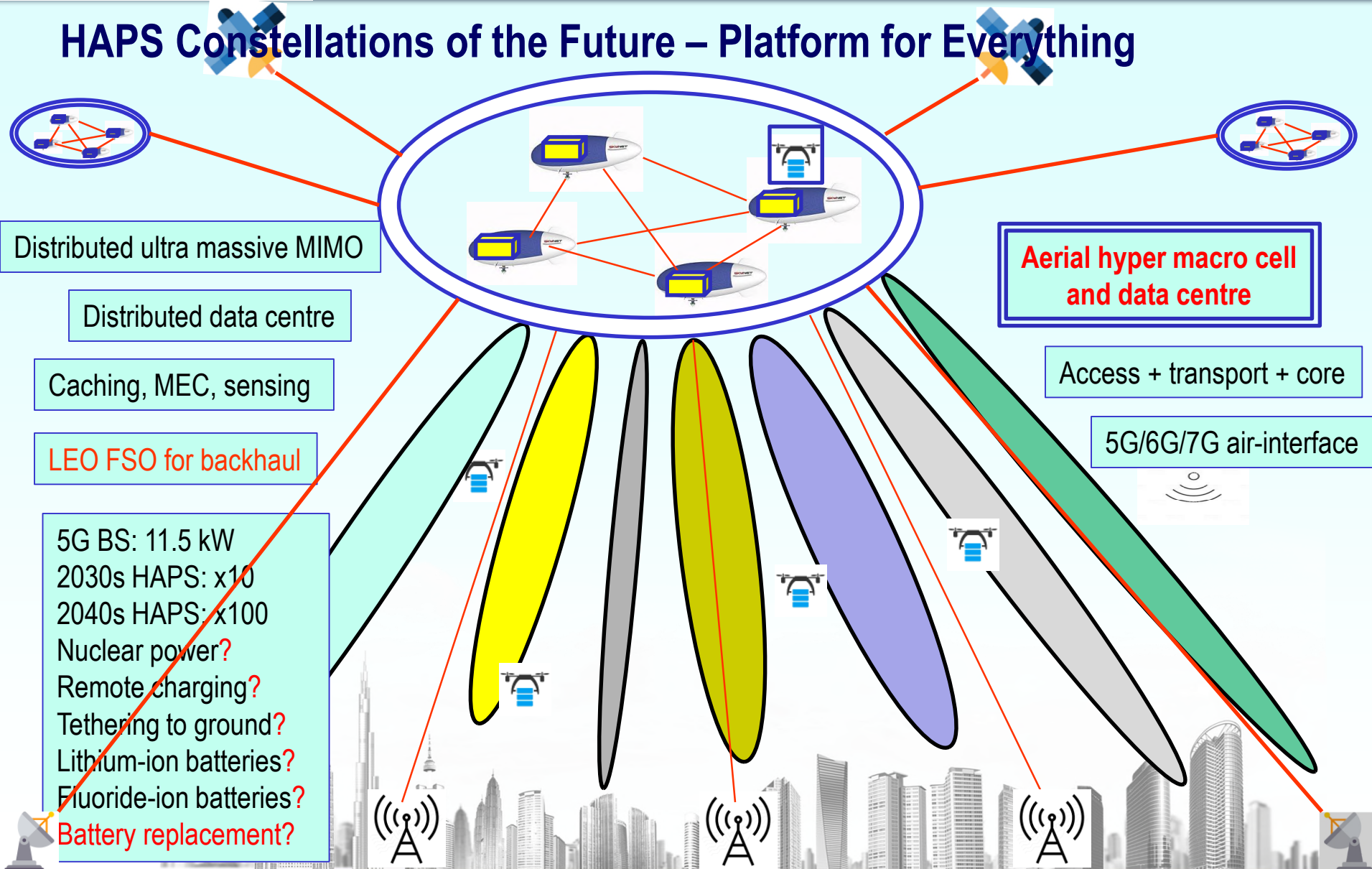
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- ◆ Endurance
- ◆ Energy
- ◆ ICT

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