

# Digital connectivity drives climate action & sustainable development

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Climate change is real and having  
devastating impacts – now!

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2<sup>nd</sup> hottest

year on record 2020

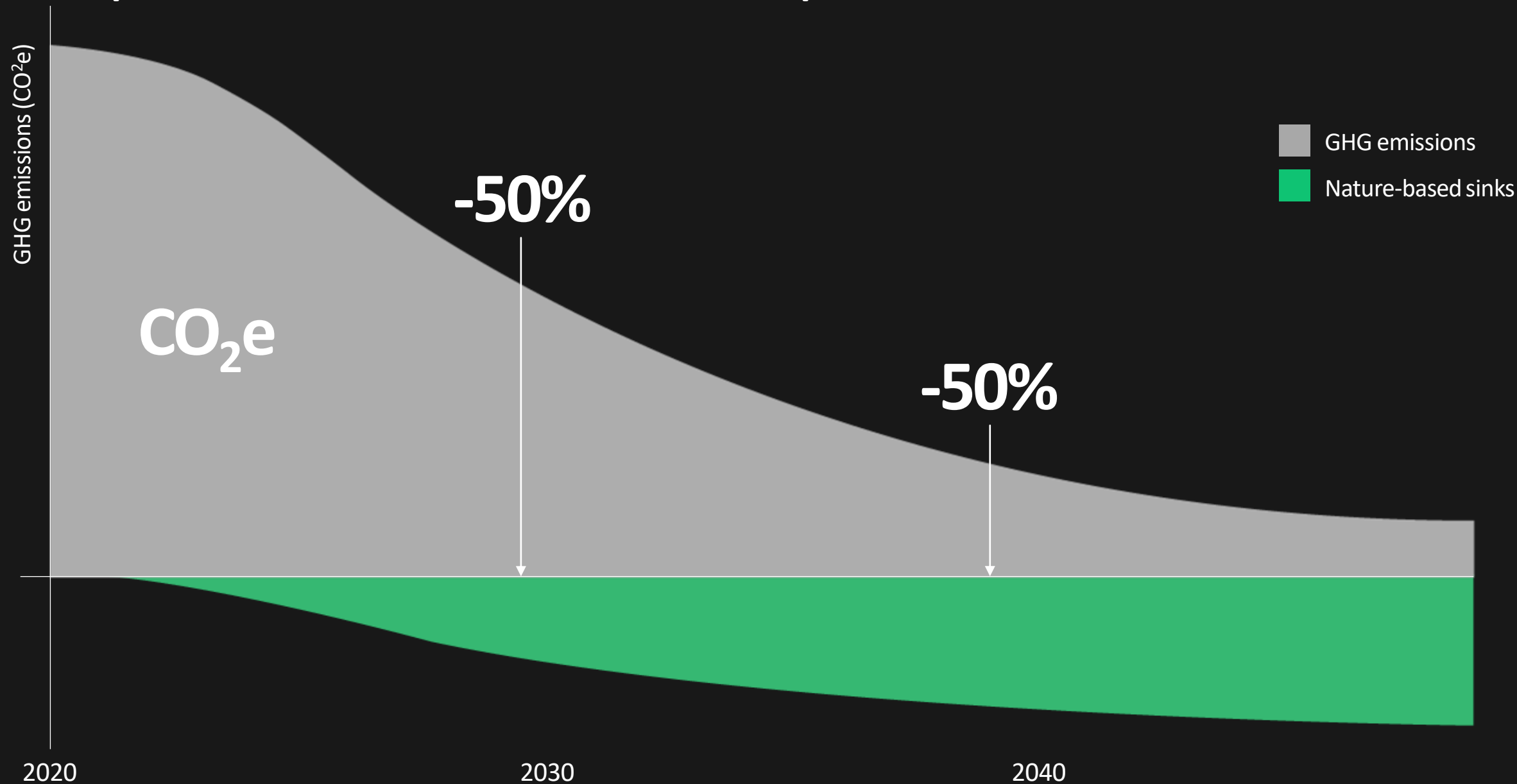
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\$45 billion

annual cost of extreme  
weather events in the United  
States



# Exponential climate action required now!



# By 2030 the information and communication technology sector can have a massive impact



<sup>4</sup> Malmodin, J. and Bermark, P. (2015), Exploring the effect of ICT solutions on GHG emissions in 2030, Proceedings for ICT for Sustainability Conference

<sup>5</sup> In a high reduction scenario based on the broad application of ICT in other sector to drive efficiency and transformation. The sum of individual sectors is around 16 percent, whilst double counting effects have been removed for the aggregated total of around 15 percent



# Ericsson is leading the way



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## CO<sub>2</sub> neutral

for company operations  
by 2030

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## 10X

more efficient 5G  
portfolio than 4G by  
2022



# Sustainability from the ground up -Ericsson USA 5G Smart Factory

24%

more energy  
efficient

100%

renewable  
energy

75%

lower indoor  
water use

40,000

gallon rainwater system

7 AFFORDABLE AND  
CLEAN ENERGY



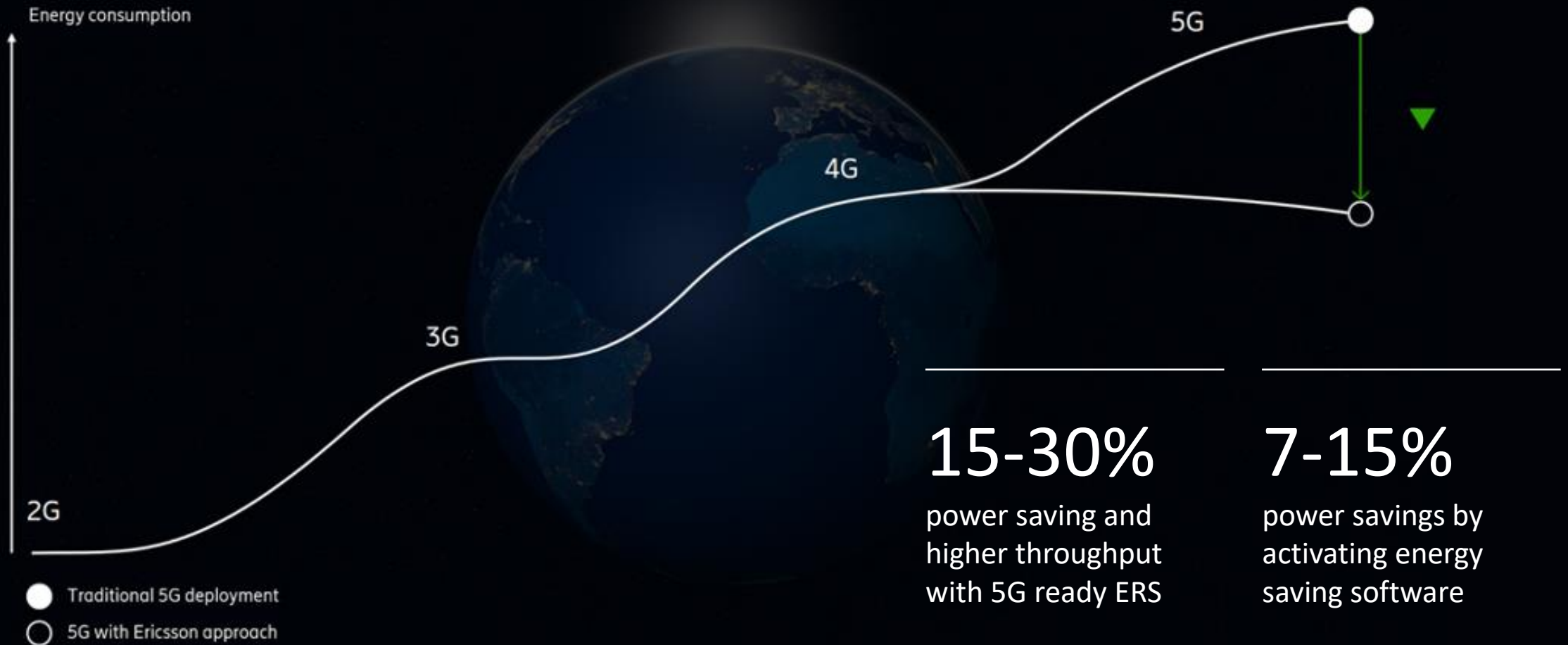
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ACTION



# Reducing the impact of digital networks



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# Transforming transportation



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90%

emission reduction

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60%

cost savings



Emission reduction based on Swedish electricity mix





# Bridging the digital divide



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37%

rural students without adequate connectivity

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21%

urban students without adequate connectivity

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\$130 million/day

economic loss from lack of connectivity

4 QUALITY EDUCATION




17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS





# 5G enabling the adoption of renewable energy sources



66%

global emissions for energy sector

85%

power from renewables by 2050

826 Gigawatts

new renewable capacity commitments

Reference: Exponential Climate Action Roadmap, Ericsson, UN summary for policy makers



# Digitalization is critical for decarbonization of the industrial sector

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32%

of global emissions

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20%

reduction with real-time monitoring and control

Reference: Exponential Climate Action Roadmap, World Economic Forum





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# Air travel contributes to emissions



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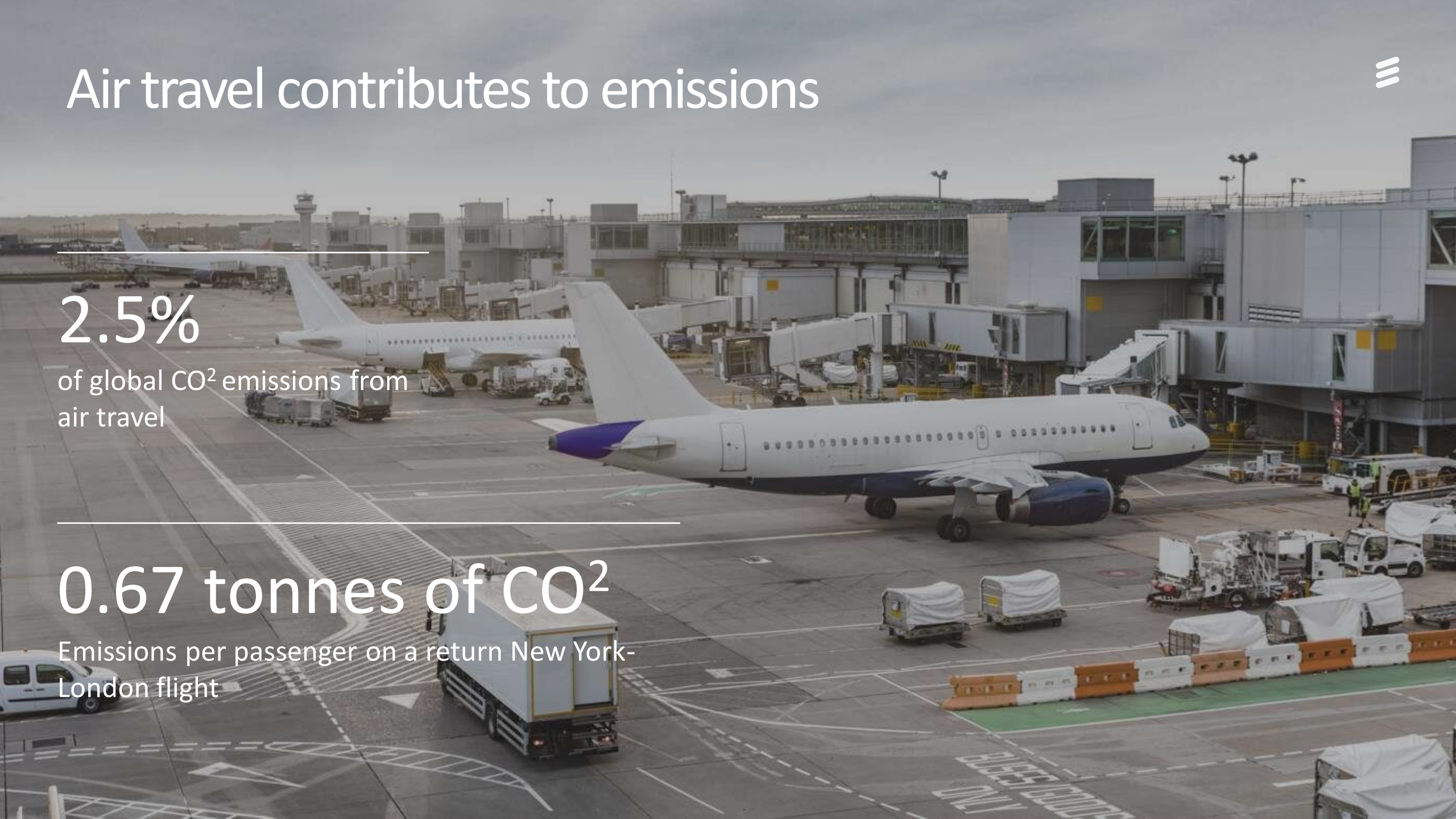
2.5%

of global CO<sup>2</sup> emissions from  
air travel

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0.67 tonnes of CO<sup>2</sup>

Emissions per passenger on a return New York-  
London flight







# AR/VR at Ericsson Research



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## 2025

Ericsson Research's vision is that advanced technology will enable a full internet of senses





# Spatial computing is critical for AR/VR

Interactive AR/VR needs to understand users' environments and the objects around them





# Overlays expand uses for AR/VR

## Rental Car

Return Date: February 15,  
2021

Price: \$50/day

AR overlays bring AI to real-world environments and make insights actionable





# Content placement is computationally complex



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AR/VR will not reach its full potential without real-time environmental understanding



Graphics  
acceleration  
simulation





XR headsets are evolving rapidly



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XR headsets on today's commercial market with embedded 5G chips

# Mobility

Without 5G chips, current AR/VR headsets cannot push data to the network unless connected to WiFi



# 5G addresses many technical problems

A hand is holding a tablet that displays a 3D architectural model of a city. The model shows various buildings, with one prominent modern building highlighted in green. The background of the image is a blurred office or public space with people and interior lights.

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## 1 ms

Dramatically reduced latency means AR/VR headsets can work with real-time data

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## 20 Gbps

Speed improvements reduce need to compress data, improving environmental understanding



# Edge computing unlocks spatial computing

A photograph of a server room. In the foreground, a server rack is open, revealing several network switches and blue Ethernet cables plugged into ports. The rack doors are black with a perforated mesh. In the background, other server racks are visible, and the floor is made of light-colored square tiles. The lighting is dim, with some blue light emanating from the equipment.

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Pushing data across the network to the edge and cloud enables rich, immersive, and mobile AR/VR experiences



# 5G means AR/VR headsets are evolving



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## Form factors

Offloading compute into the network reduces headsets' weight and size

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## Mobility

Experience XR outside the home and update content in real time

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## Battery life

Processing environmental data at the edge or cloud reduces energy consumption

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## Collaboration

Allow multiple users to experience the same content and environment at the same time

# Lenovo A3





# Nreal



# The Internet of Senses is coming

A man in a dark suit and glasses is seen from behind, looking towards a digital overlay of a person's face. The overlay is semi-transparent and shows a person's face and hand in a blue-tinted, pixelated style. The background is a blurred indoor setting with warm lighting and other people in the distance. A hamburger menu icon is visible in the top right corner.

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Travel, meet, and sense —  
without leaving the home





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