

# Wireless Communications I

## 1. Introduction

**Overview** An introduction and overview to the course topic and contents are given.

**Source** The material is mainly based on Chapter 1 of the course book.

# Outline of the Lecture

- Motivation
- Course Overview
- Communications Systems
  - Block diagram, channel, capacity, methods
- Course Objectives
- History of Wireless Communications
- Technical Challenges
- Current Wireless Communication Systems
- Spectrum Regulation
- Trends for Future Systems and Networks
- 6G Flagship

# Motivation

- **Why wireless communications?**
  - Reasons for no wires are manifold.
- Flexibility
- Mobility
- Robustness?
  - Yes and no.
- Faster to deploy than wired

# Course Overview

- 1 Introduction
- 2 Radio Channels
- 3 Digital Modulation and Detection
- 4 Coding for Wireless Channels
- 5 Performance over Wireless Channels
- 6 Diversity Techniques
- 7 Wideband Systems
- 8 Cellular System Principle

# Block diagram of communications system

## Format

## Source coding

- Inform
- remo
- Comp
- Digital

## Encryption: two goals

- privacy (sanoman yksityisyys):
- prevents the inappropriate users to get the information (useless to intercept)
- authentication (sanoman luotettavuus):
- prevents the inappropriate users to sent information (prevents false alarms)

- cannot be efficiently used to detect/correct errors

## Multiple access

- Also sharing of channel capacity
- Not necessary fixed but it depends on requirements of the users

## Spectrum spreading (spread spectrum systems)

- Signal spectrum is spread by a factor of
- Goals, e.g.,
  - Increase interference resistance
  - Decrease probability of interception
  - Tolerate multipath propagation
  - Multiple access (CDMA = code division multiple access)
  - Distance measuring
- Spreading is done using special spreading code

code word of length  $n \Rightarrow$  amount of redundancy is  $n/k$ ; inverse  $k/n$  is code rate

- Channel coding increases signals' distance in signal space, therefore error probability decreases
- Errors should be usually randomized using interleaving

one in frequency or time domain (locality)

frequency division multiplexing (FDM)

- Time division multiplexing (TDM)

# Block diagram of communications system

## Format

- Operation to convert signal into digital form (digital symbols)
  - E.g., A/D-conversion
- Does not remove redundancy

## Source coding

- Information signal's (from source) redundancy is removed (e.g., HUFFMAN-coding)
- Compressing the message
- Digital symbols have redundancy,
  - if symbols have not the same probability or
  - if symbols are not independent of each others
- Source symbols inherent redundancy is nonsystematic
  - wastes channel capacity
  - cannot be efficiently used to detect/correct errors

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## Channel coding

- Redundance is increased in a way, that the receiver can use it efficiently to detect and correct errors -> parity check bits (e.g., repetition codes, block codes, convolutional codes)
- Every sequence of  $k$  bits is presented as code word of length  $n \Rightarrow$  amount of redundance is  $n/k$ ; inverse  $k/n$  is code rate
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## Multiplexing

- Sharing of transfer capacity of channels to different users
- Is usually fixed
- Can be done in frequency or time domain (orthogonality)
  - Frequency division multiplexing (FDM)
  - Time division multiplexing (TDM)

# Block diagram of communications system

## Modulation

- To match the signal spectra in the band pass channel
- Can be changed carries wave amplitude, phase or frequency
- Line coding is corresponding process in low pass channel

## Spectrum spreading (spread spectrum systems)

- Signal spectrum is spread by a factor of 100-1000
- Goals, e.g.,
  - Increase interference resistance of the receiver
  - Decrease propability of interception (LPI)
  - Tolerate multipath propagation
  - Multiple access (CDMA = code division multiple access)
  - Distance measuring
- Spreading is done using special spreading code



# Block diagram of communications system

## Multiple access

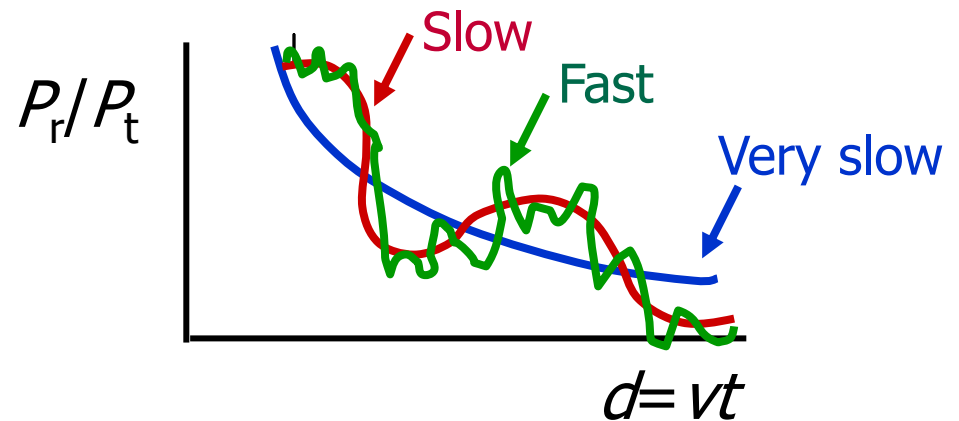
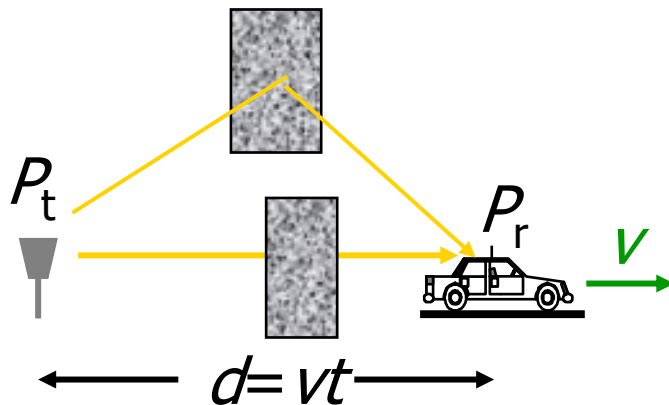
- Also sharing of channel capacity
- Not necessary fixed but it can be changed based on requirements of the users
- Access is controlled
- Examples
  - Frequency division multiple access (FDMA)
  - Time division multiple access (TDMA), e.g., GSM
  - Code division multiple access (CDMA), e.g., WCDMA
  - Space division multiple access (SDMA)
  - Polarization division multiple access (PDMA)

## Synchronization

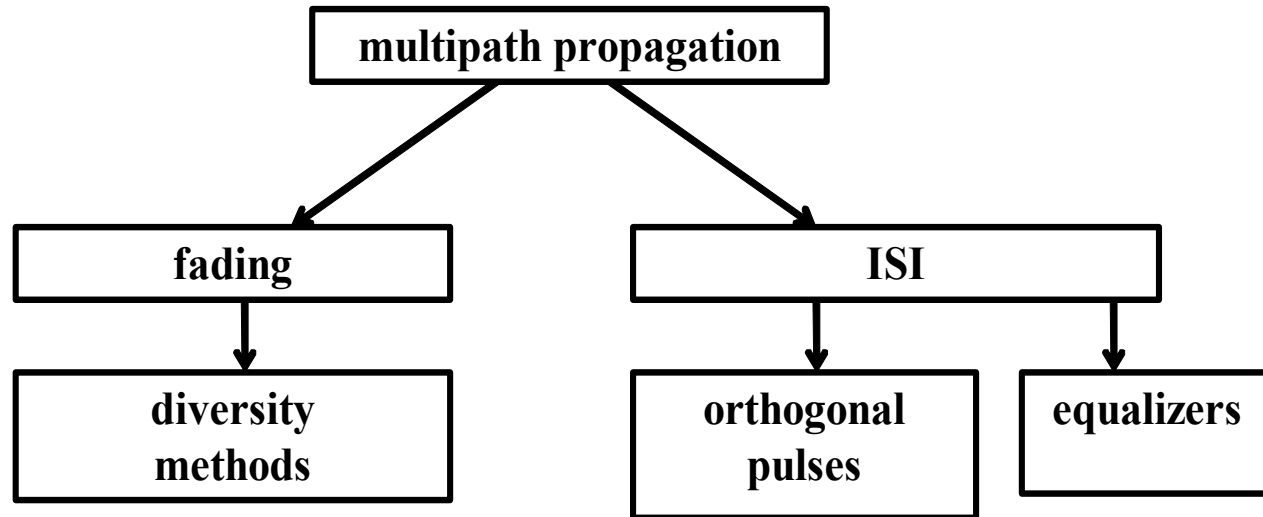
- To find meaningful time instants of the received signal time axis
  - Frequency (carrier synchronization) and time (symbol synchronization) estimation

# Propagation Characteristics

- Path loss (includes average shadowing)
- Shadowing (due to obstructions)
- Small scale multipath fading



# Multipath Propagation



- time (coherence time)
- frequency (coherence bandwidth)
- space (distance  $0,5...10 \lambda$ )
- polarization (orthogonality)
- FEC (channel coding)

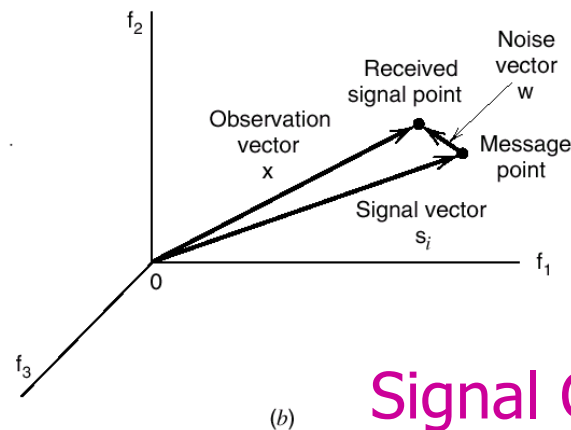
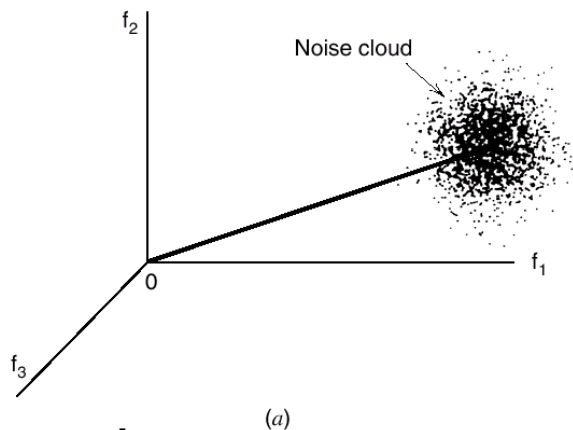
- parallel transmission
- spread spectrum
- linear
- nonlinear (DFE)
- Viterbi algorithm

# Channel Capacity

- Capacity defines theoretical rate limit
  - Maximum error free rate a channel can support
  - Depends on what is known about channel
- Unknown fading
  - Worst-case channel capacity
- Fading statistics known
  - Hard to find capacity
- Fading known at receiver only
- Fading known at transmitter and receiver
  - For fixed transmit power, same as with only receiver knowledge of fading
  - Transmit power  $S(\gamma)$  can also be adapted
  - Leads to optimization problem

# Decision Regions and Error Probability

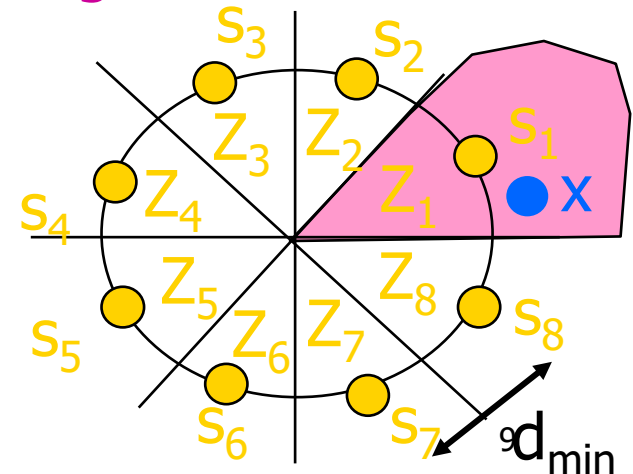
- ML (maximum likelihood) receiver decodes  $s_i$  closest to  $x$



- Assign decision regions:
  - $Z_i = \{x: |x - s_i| < |x - s_j| \text{ all } j\}$
  - $x \in Z_i \Rightarrow m = \underline{m}_i$
  - $P_e$  based on noise distribution

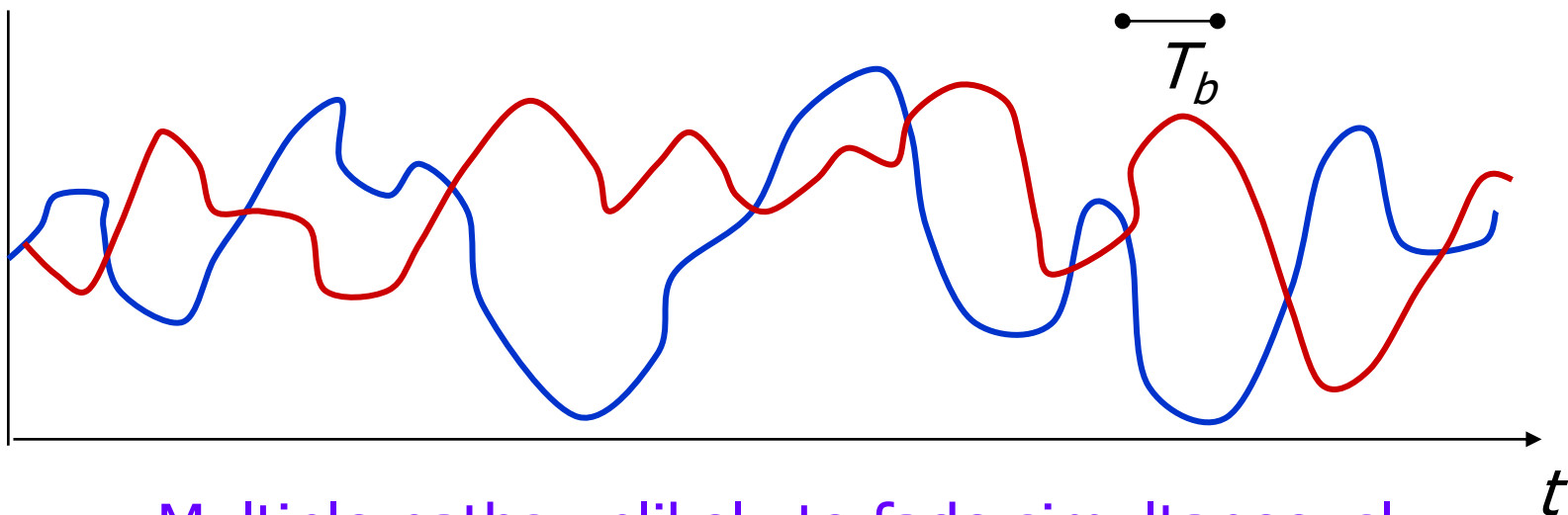
$$P_s \leq (M - 1)Q\left(\sqrt{d_{\min}^2 / (2N_0)}\right)$$

## Signal Constellation



# Diversity

- Basic Idea
  - Send same bits over independent fading paths
    - Independent fading paths obtained by time, space, frequency, or polarization diversity
  - Combine paths to mitigate fading effects

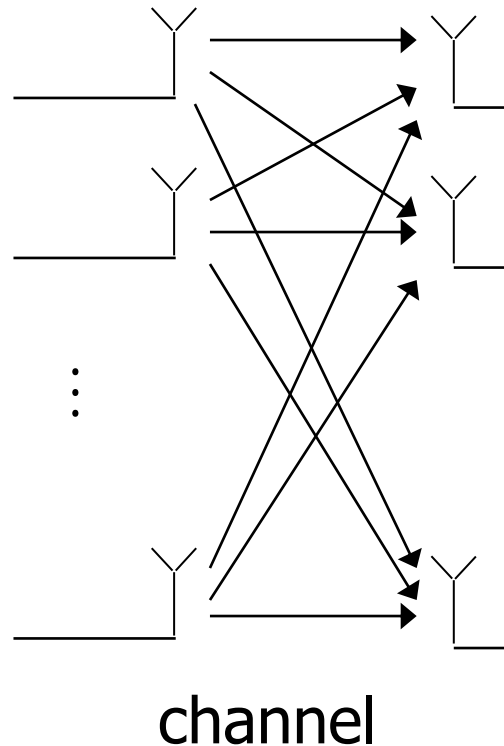


Multiple paths unlikely to fade simultaneously

# Multiple–Input Multiple–Output (MIMO) or Multiantenna Communications

multiple–input

- Beamforming (adaptive antennae)
- Antenna diversity
- Spatial multiplexing



multiple–output

# Course Objectives

## Core contents:

- Radio channel models and basic phenomena causing fading
- Digital modulation and detection
  - Signal space analysis, modulation principles, symbol and carrier synchronization
- Performance of digital modulation over wireless channels
  - In AWGN, in Fading
- Diversity
- Coding for wireless channels

## Additional knowledge

- Multicarrier systems and spread spectrum systems

## Special knowledge

- Cellular system principle



# Resources

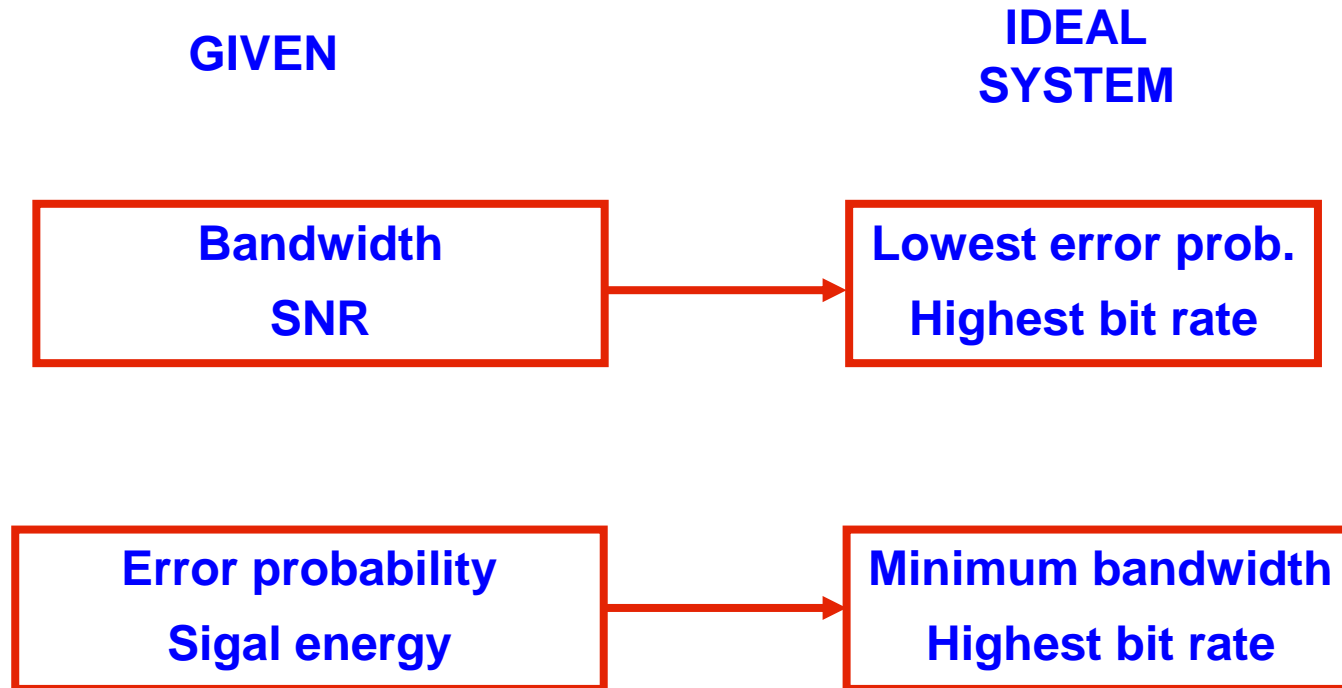
- Basic resources of the communication system:
  - **bandwidth** and
  - **transmit power**
- Error probability depends on symbols' average energy, noise power density and symbols' distance in signal space (measured by Euclidean distance)
- Tradeoff: increasing distance by signal design, error probability decreases but bandwidth increases
- Bandwidth is estimated using **power spectral density of the modulation method**
- Needed transmit power is estimated by **error probability of the modulation method**

# System division

- In bandlimited system, there is enough **transmit power**, but lack of spectrum (e.g., radio spectrum in general)
  - Need to be used signals having small distance (e.g., QAM)
- In power limited systems, there is lack of **transmit power**
  - Need to be used signals having large distance (e.g., channel coding in FEC systems, FEC = forward error correction)
- Use of channel coding to detect errors (ARQ = automatic repeat request) can be usefull both in bandlimited and power limited systems

# Performance evaluation

- Performance evaluation methods for communication system
  - Mathematical analysis
    - **Simplified assumptions, linear systems, Gaussian noise**
  - Computer simulation
    - **Complicated systems possible**
    - **Can be concentrated into one problem at a time, because nonidealities of the equipments need not to be taken into account**
    - **Easy to make changes**
    - **Simulation times can be a problem**
  - Building equipments
    - **Slow and expensive, difficult to make changes**
    - **However, are necessary, because models are always incomplete**
- Choice of the system is bounded by cost and complexity
  - > need to investigate also suboptimal systems



# History of Wireless Communications

- Ancient systems: smoke signals, carrier pigeons, semaphore flags at yards, flashing mirrors etc.
- **Wireline** electrical communications
  - Telegraph by Samuel Morse in 1838
  - Telephone by Alexander Graham Bell in 1875 (patent 1876)
- **Radio** and electromagnetism
  - Maxwell's equations by James Maxwell in 1873
  - Radio waves by Heinrich Hertz in 1888
- **Radio communications**
  - Nikolai Tesla in 1892 (patent in 1898)
  - Guglielmo Marconi in 1895 (patent in 1900)
    - Better public relations
    - Nobel prize 1909



# The first half 20th Century

- Audio **broadcasting** over radio
- Video broadcasting over radio (television)
- **Government** radio systems
  - Police radio
  - Military radio
- World War II
  - Secure communications and spread spectrum
- Theoretical breakthroughs
  - Wiener filter
  - Matched filter
  - Information theory

# Mobile Communications

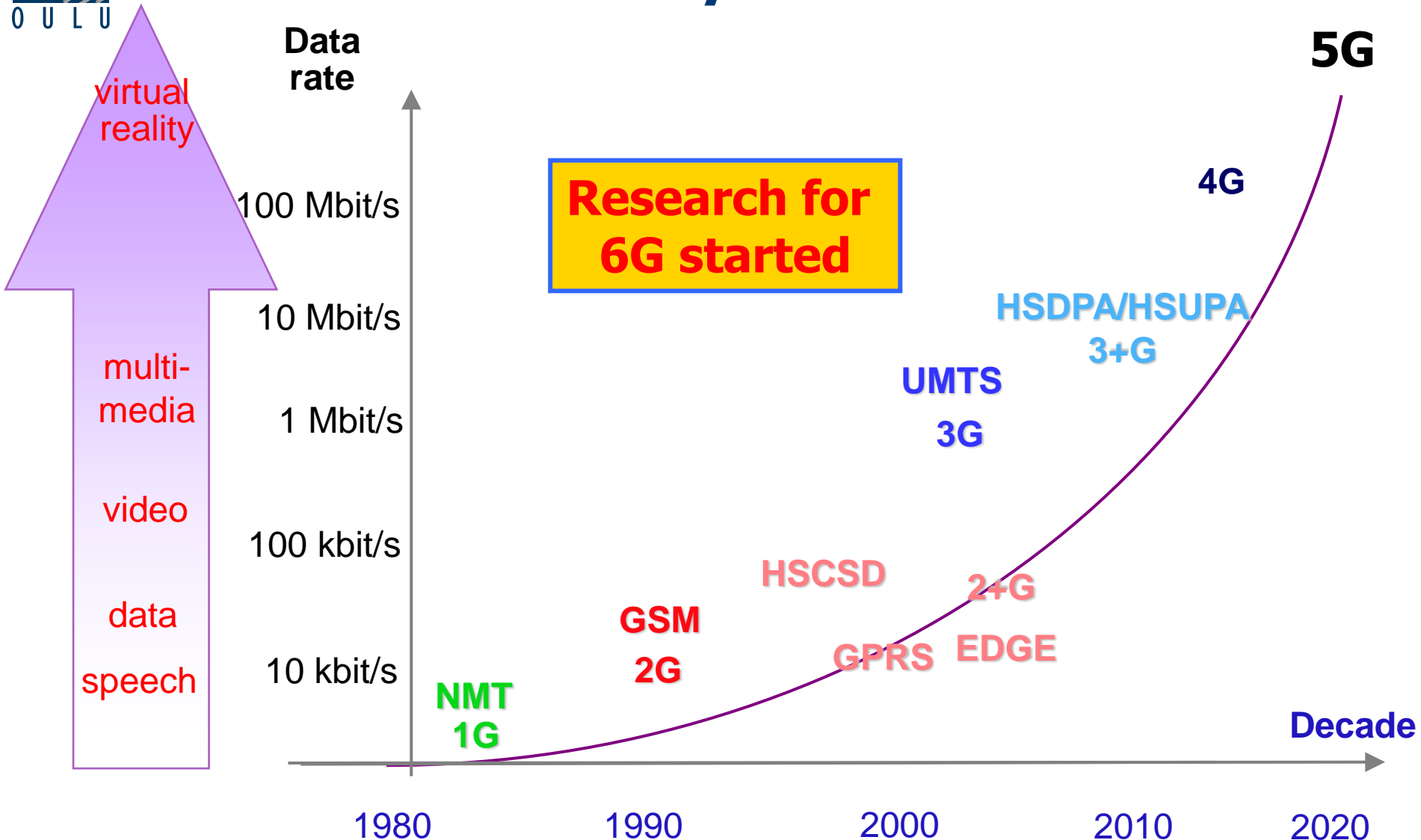
- Voice transmission between New York and San Francisco in 1915
  - convergence of telephone and radio started.
- Public mobile telephone introduced by AT&T in USA in 1946
  - FM radio transmission, 120 kHz per voice channel, limited to 80 km from base station, operator-assisted dialing.
- Mid-1960s: AT&T's IMTS (Improved Mobile Telephone Service) uses 30 kHz voice channels, narrowband FM and direct dialing
- Cellular concept introduced by AT&T in 1950s.
  - Spatial frequency reuse.
  - Concept designed completed in late 1960s.

# Cellular System Evolution

Decade	1980s	1990s	2000s	2010s	2020s	2030s
Generation	1G	2G	3G	4G	5G	6G
Access	NMT, AMPS, TACS,...	GSM, GPRS, EDGE, D-AMPS, ...	UMTS, CDMA	LTE, WiMAX	5G	6G
Platform	Analog	Digital	Packets	Broadband	Cloud	AI?
Application	Voice	Voice, SMS	WAP, Web	Web, Facebook, Youtube	IIoT, Verticals	?



# Cellular System Evolution



# Technical Challenges

- Wireless or radio communications pose a number of distinct technical and scientific challenges related to the fact that communication need to be *wireless* due to
  - radio propagation issues
  - power limitations if the terminal is also wireless in power supply sense.
- A wireless channel is inherently more difficult and fluctuating than a wired one.
  - Wireless connection is not always the best choice.

# Technical Challenges (2)

- **Terminal** challenges:
  - Power limitations in portable terminals  
=> power efficiency is a crucial issue.
  - Multitude of system standards  
=> need for flexible and reconfigurable terminals.
- Radio **spectrum** is a scarce resource.
  - Bandwidth efficiency is a critical design issue.
  - Frequency spectrum sharing and allocation is a big political/economical issue.
    - International standardization bodies and national regulators need to co-operate.
- **Security** concerns due to radio transmission.

# Wireless Channel

- Wireless channel distorts the signal in several manners:
  - free-space path loss (attenuation)
  - shadowing (large scale fading)
  - (small scale) fading due to multipath propagation.
- Wireless channels are always unpredictable to some extent.
- Wireless channels pose a main technical / theoretical design / research challenge for wireless communications.
- Understanding the channels is crucial.

# Examples of Quality of Service (QoS) Requirements

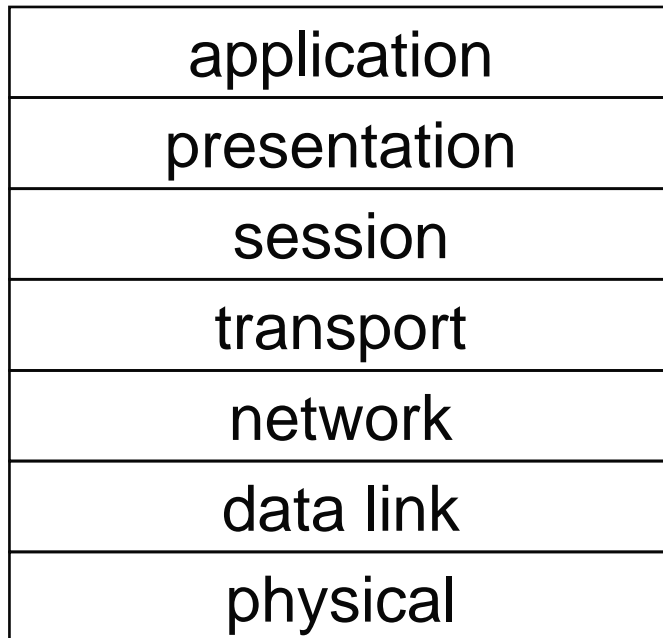
	Voice	Data	Live video
Delay	< 100ms	-	< 100ms
Packet Loss	< 1%	0	< 1%
BER	$10^{-3}$	$10^{-6}$	$10^{-6}$
Data Rate	8-32 kbps	1-100 Mbps	1-20 Mbps
Traffic	Continuous	Bursty	Continuous

# Wireless Networking

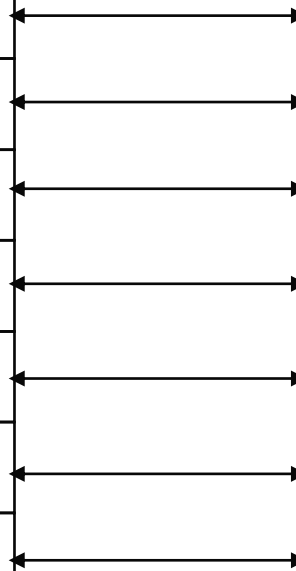
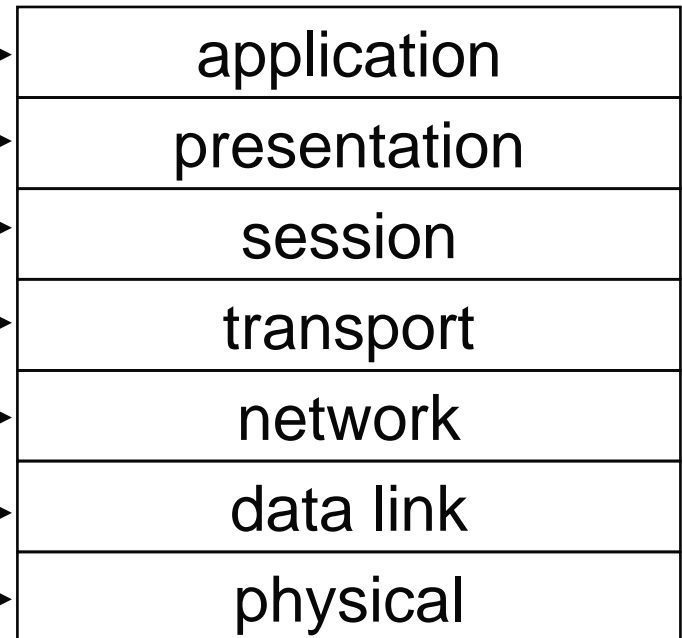
- Locating the users and routing the signal is not always trivial in mobile communications.
- The traffic patterns, user (also interfering ones) locations and service needs (data rate, delay requirements, reliability etc.) vary over time and space.
  - High mobility poses particularly significant challenges.
- Challenges to wireless networking protocols, media access, routing etc.
- *Cross-layer optimization* is needed for performance optimum.

# OSI Protocol Reference Model (1)

## Host A



## Host B



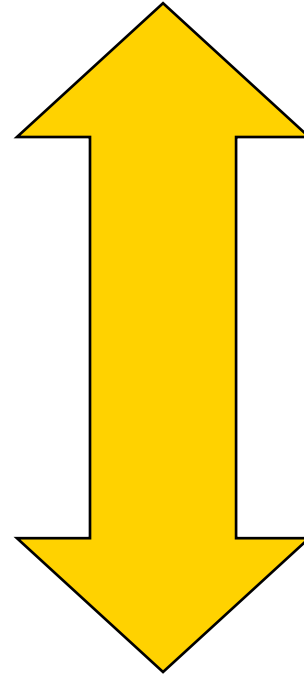
# OSI Protocol Reference Model (2)

- **Application layer**: user program that generates data.
- **Presentation layer**: changes syntax (data format) if necessary.
- **Session layer**: synchronizes sessions (dialogues).
- **Transport layer**: end-to-end connection management, error recovery.
- **Network layer**: routes data through network.
- **Link layer**: framing, error recovery on links, including MAC.
- **Physical layer**: point-to-point medium-dependent transmission.



# Crosslayer Design

- Hardware
- Link
- Access
- Network
- Application



Delay Constraints  
Rate Constraints  
Energy Constraints

Adapt across design layers  
Reduce uncertainty through scheduling  
Provide robustness via diversity

# Current Wireless Communication Systems

- Cellular communication (telephone) systems
- Cordless phones
- Wireless local area networks (WLAN's)
- Wireless metropolitan area networks (WMAN's)
- Wireless body area networks (WBANs)
- Fixed wireless access
- Paging systems
- Satellite networks
- Short range connectivity
- Emerging systems and technologies
  - *Ad hoc* wireless networks
  - Sensor networks
  - Distributed control networks

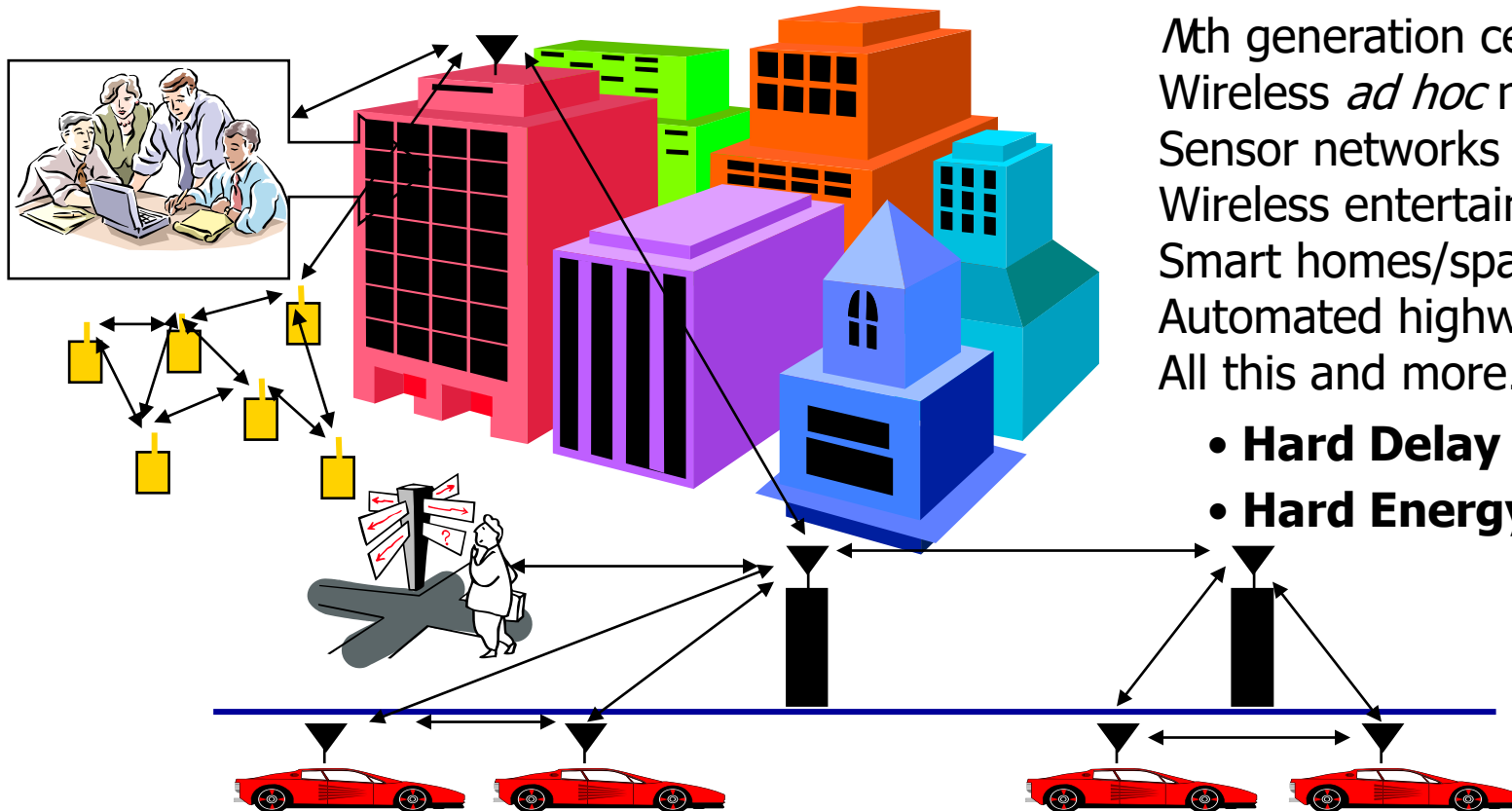
# Spectrum Regulation

- Radio spectrum is regulated by government offices.
  - Finland: Ministry of Transportation and Communications
  - USA: Federal Communications Commission (FCC) or OSM.
- Regulation utilizes system (international) standards:
  - International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
  - European Telecommunications Standardization Institute (ETSI)
  - FCC
  - Association of Radio Industries and Businesses (ARIB) in Japan.
- *De facto* standards by companies.

# Trends for Future Systems and Networks

*Convergence* of heterogeneous networks to enable ubiquitous communication among people and devices

Wireless internet access  
 4th generation cellular  
 Wireless *ad hoc* networks  
 Sensor networks  
 Wireless entertainment  
 Smart homes/spaces  
 Automated highways  
 All this and more...



- **Hard Delay Constraints**
- **Hard Energy Constraints**

# 6G Flagship



**6G FLAGSHIP PROGRAM 2018-2026,  
TOTAL BUDGET 251 MILLION €,  
OVER 300 RESEARCHERS**

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# Basic pillars enabling future smart society

**6G SYSTEMS:**  
WIRELESS COMMUNICATION  
AI DISTRIBUTED AT THE EDGE  
LARGE IOT NETWORKS

## Flagship focuses on 5G & 6G

- **Now:** Utilize benefits of 5G
- **Next:** Develop 6G enablers

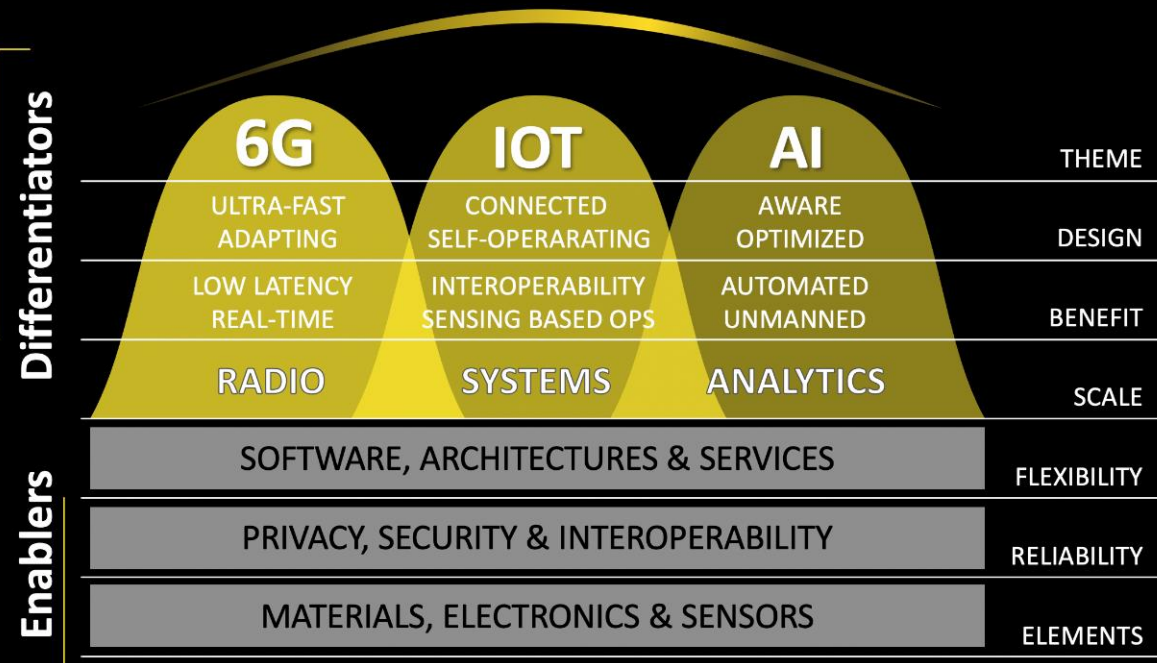
## Wireless intelligent edge

- Technology convergence
- Enablers for speed, experience, performance & security

## Next gen requirements

- Real-time
- Sensing-based
- Edge intelligence
- ..list goes on!

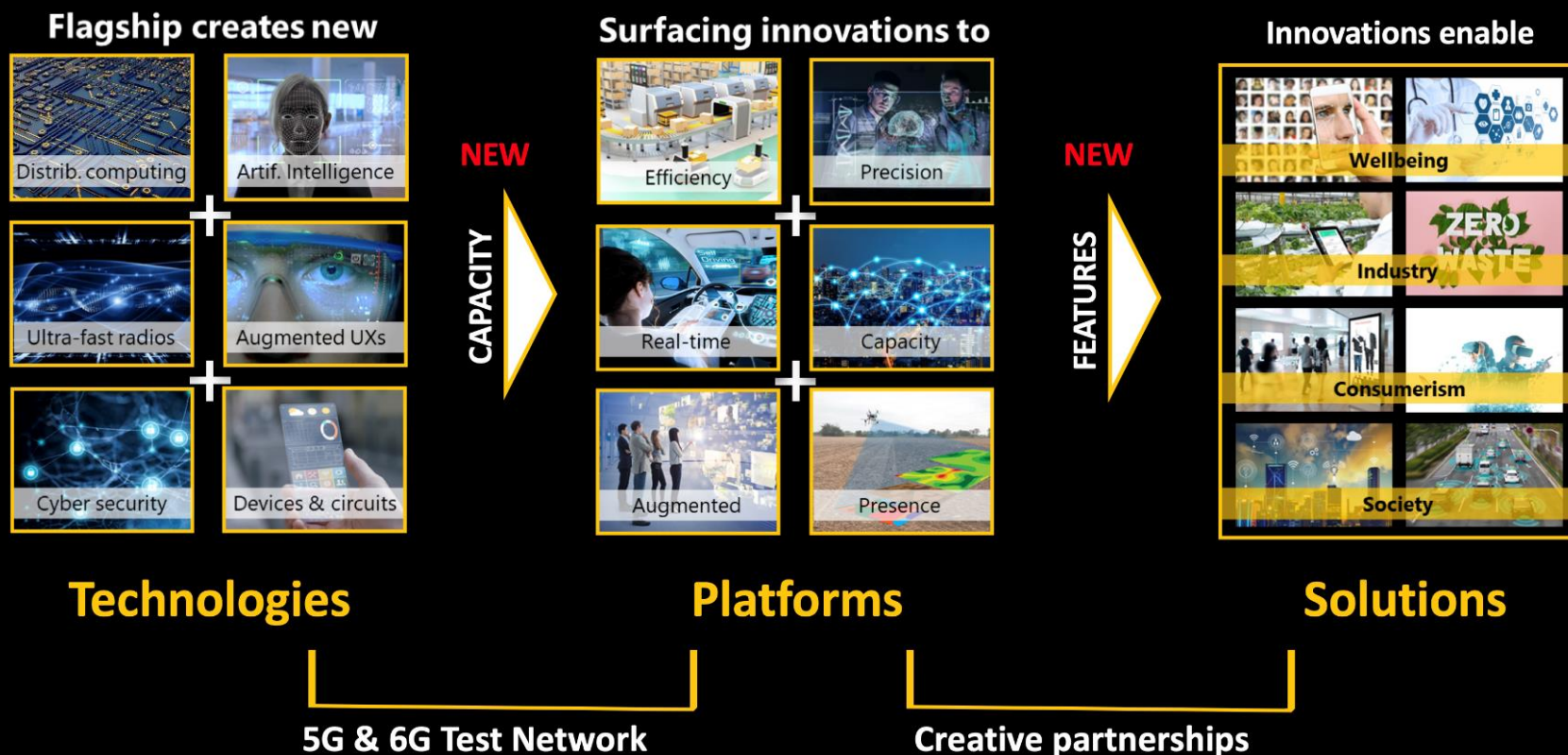
## WIRELESS INTELLIGENT EDGE





# 6Genesis takes on **grand challenges**

TOP CLASS BASIC RESEARCH  
LEVERAGED TO HIGH IMPACT  
THROUGH THE ECOSYSTEM



## ITEE RESEARCH FORMS A SOLUTION CREATION VALUE CHAIN

## BASIC RESEARCH

