



Transcontinental Internet Network Architectures

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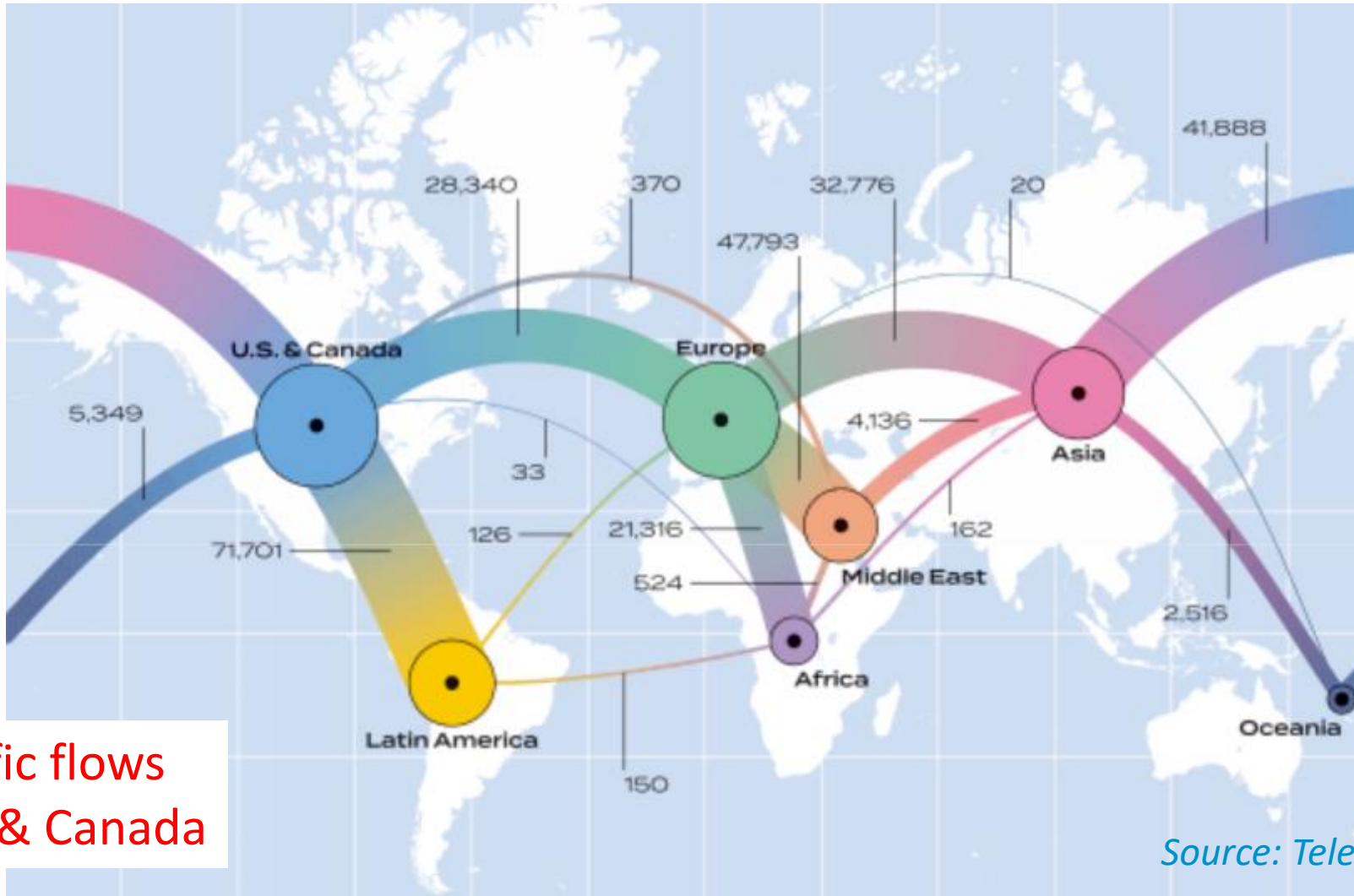
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Le Reti Internet Transcontinentali



Transcontinental Internet Map (Gigabit/s)

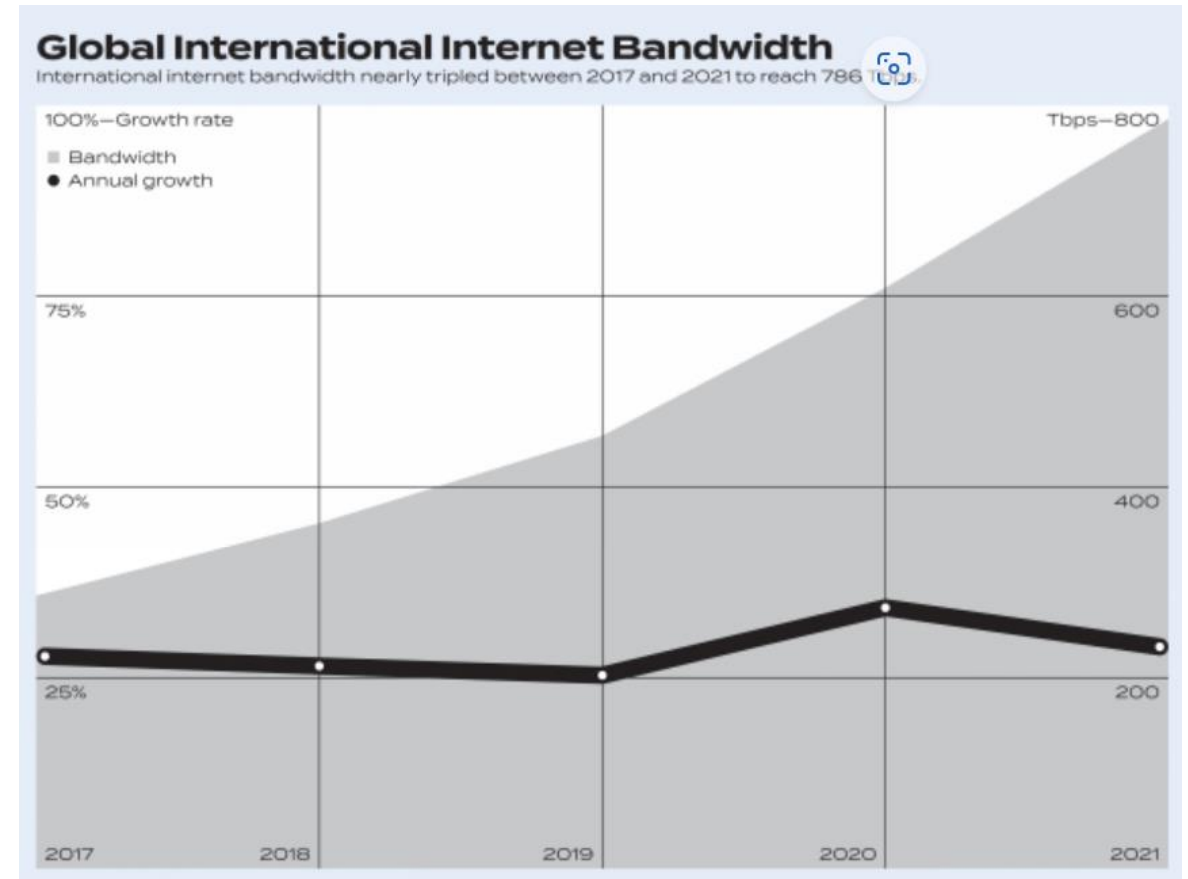
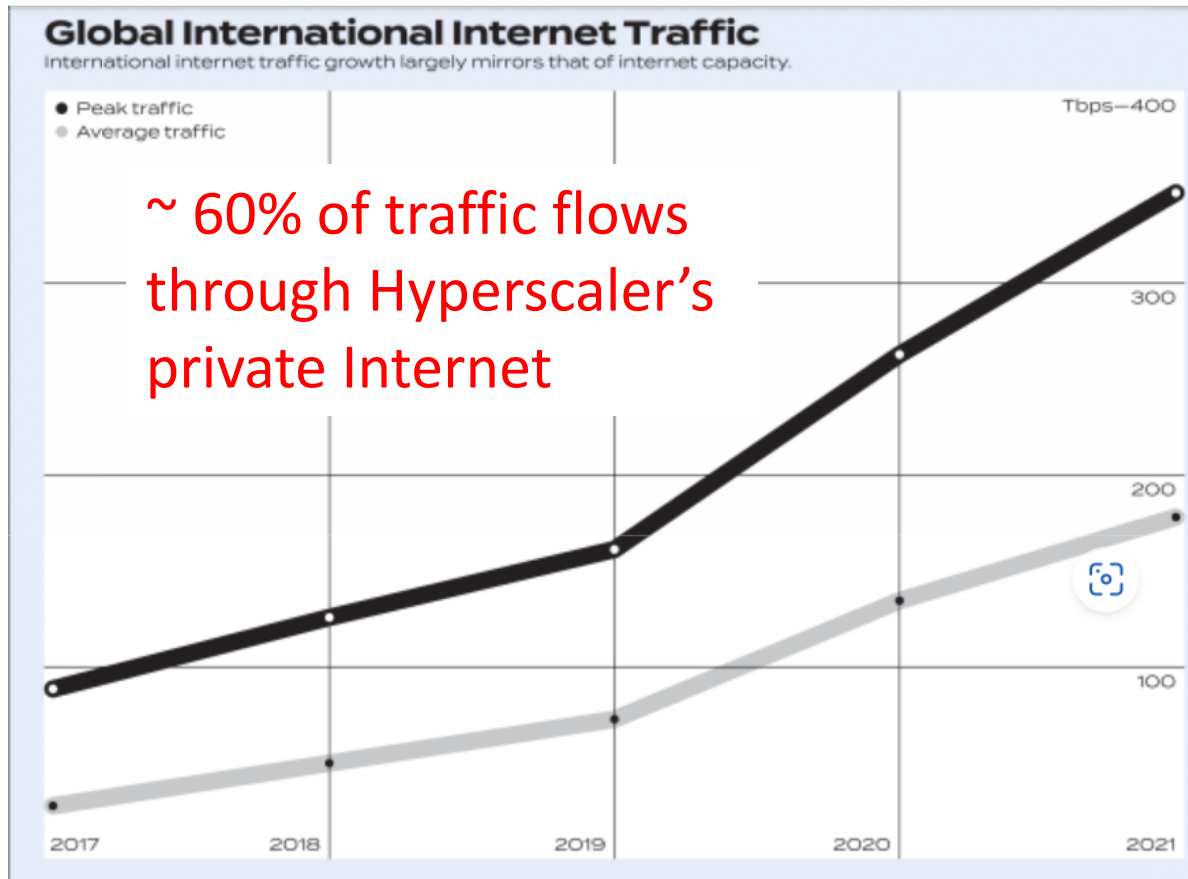


~2/3 of traffic flows
through US & Canada

Source: TeleGeography, 2022



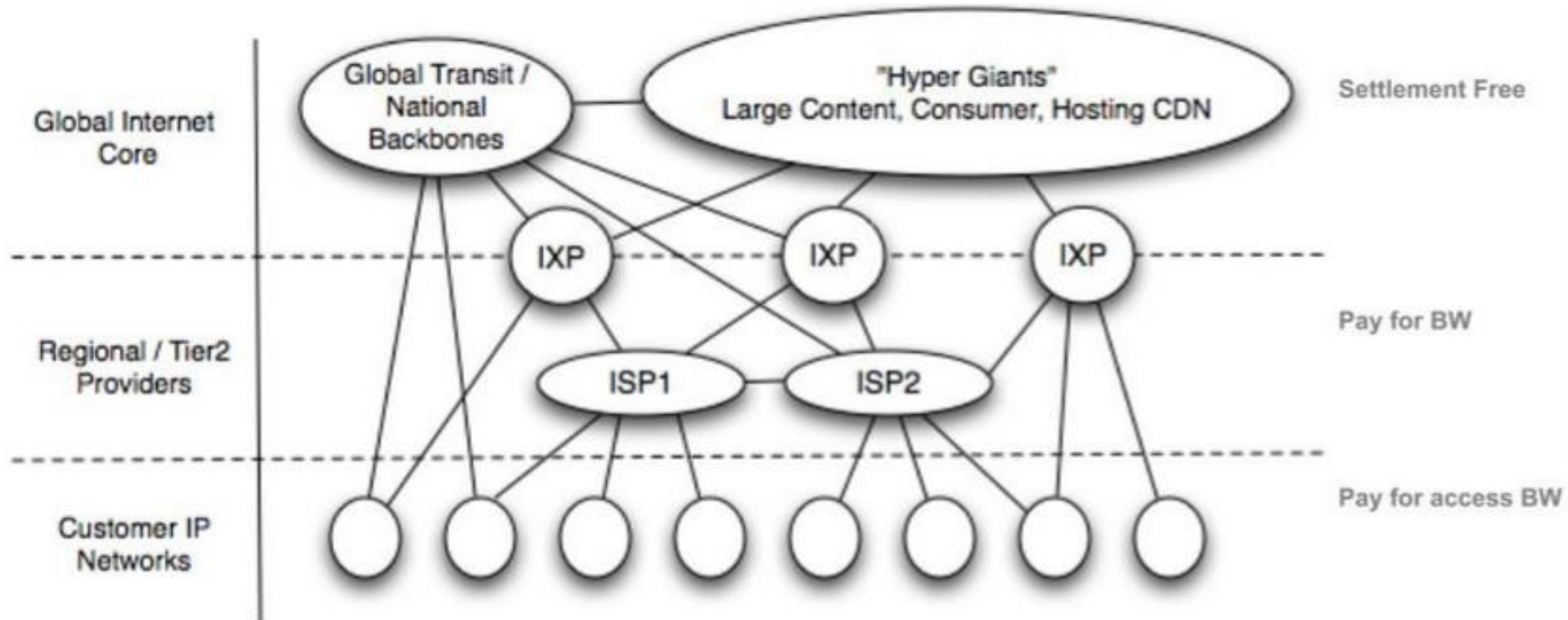
Global Internet Traffic & Bandwidth



Source: TeleGeography, 2022



The New Internet

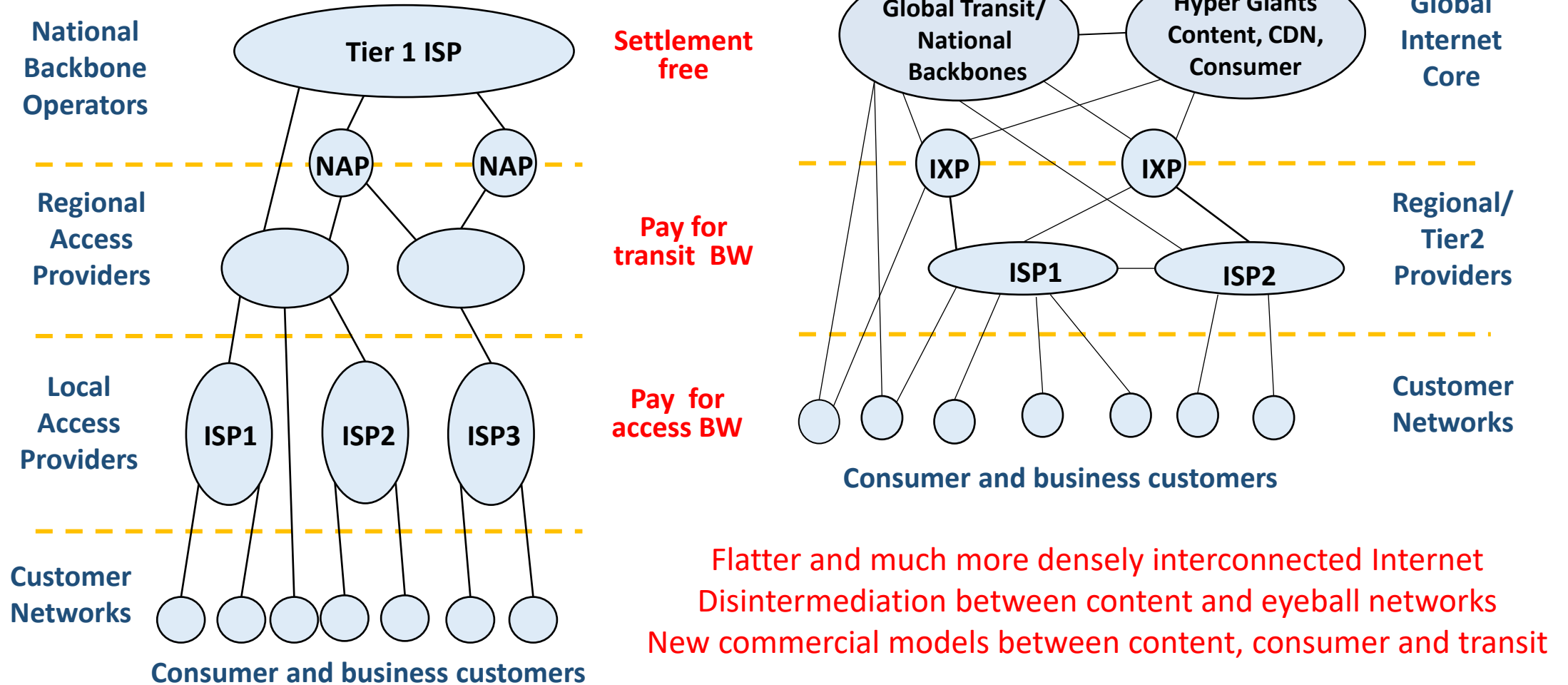


- Flatter and much more densely interconnected Internet
- Disintermediation between content and eyeball networks
- Complex commercial models between content, consumer and transit

Source: Craig Labowitz, Arbor Networks , 2011



Old and New Internet Architectures



NAP: Neutral Access Point

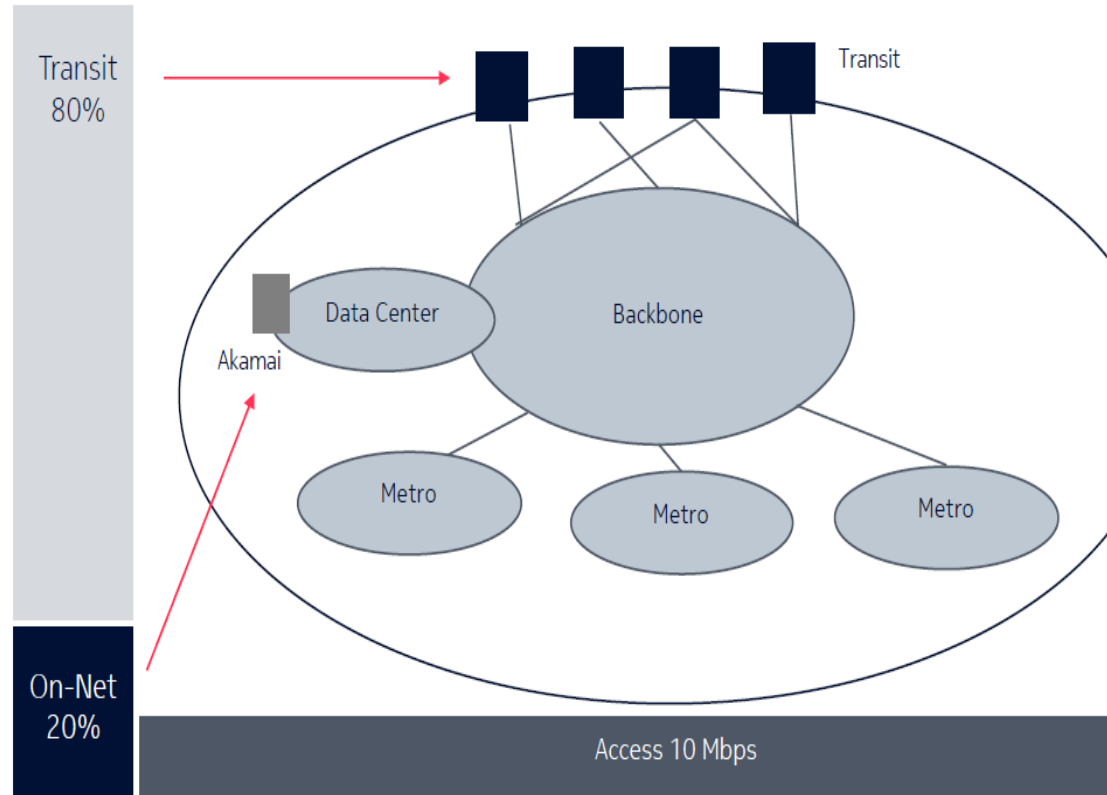
IXP: Internet Exchange Point

Source: Craig Labowitz, Arbor Networks , 2011

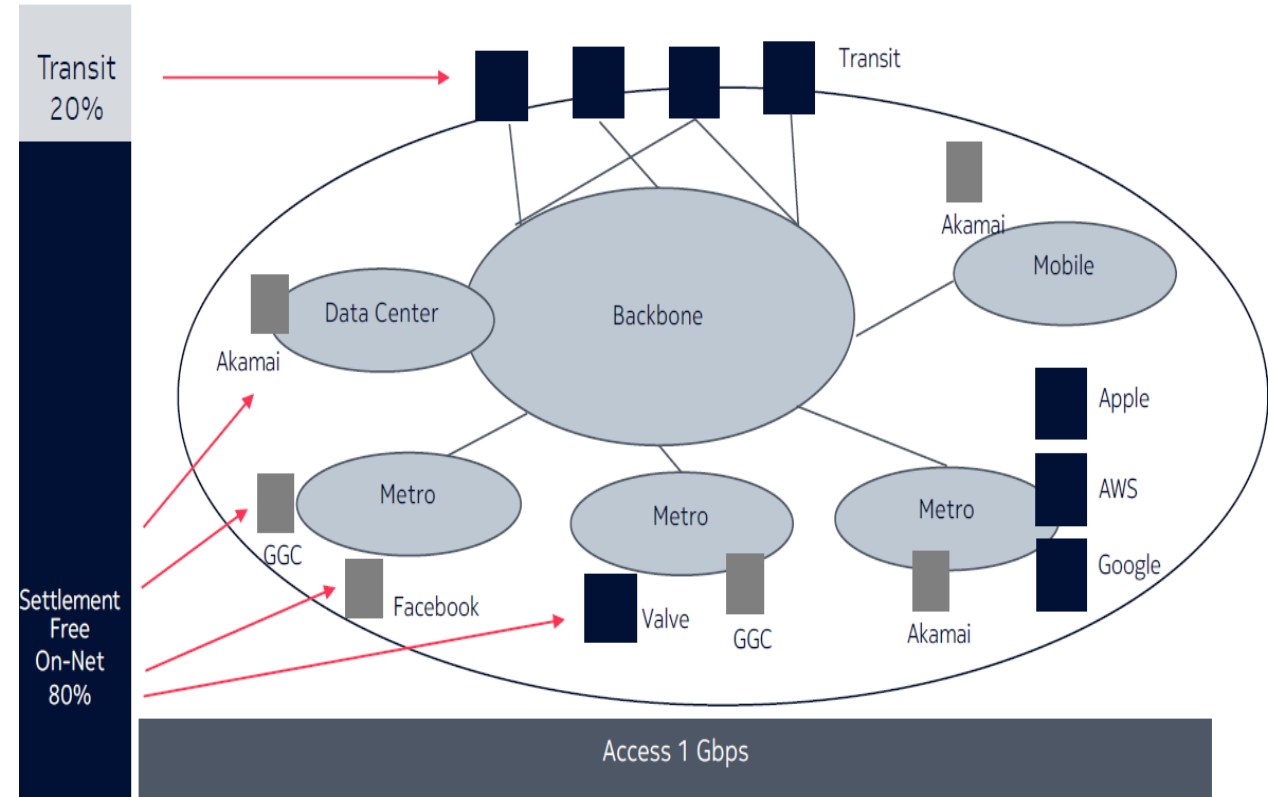


2009-2019 Internet Disruptive Evolution

2009 most Internet traffic is transit



2019 Most Internet traffic is settlement free or on-net cache



Source: Craig Labowitz, Nokia , 2020



Internet Traffic 2022

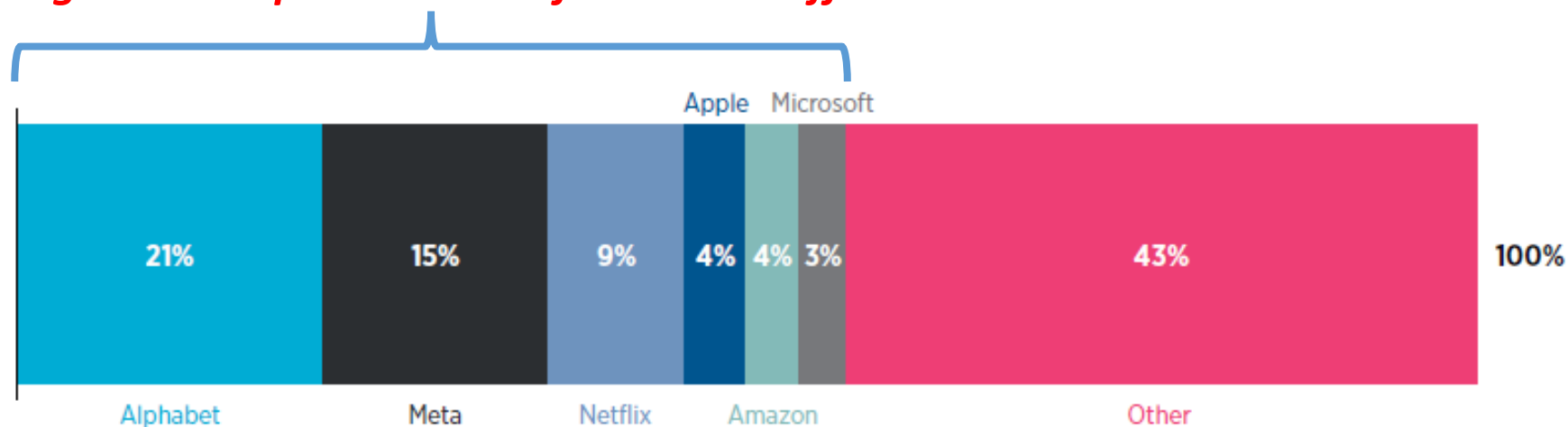
Internet traffic
by content (*)

In 2020, a share of around **80%** of traffic comes mainly from three segments: **video**, **social media** and **video games**

(*) Source: WIK 2022 «Competitive conditions on transit and peering markets. Implications for European digital sovereignty»

Larger OTTs represent 57% of internet traffic

Internet
traffic by
Large Traffic
Generators



Source: Sandvine Global Internet Phenomena Report, January 2022

Transcontinental Internet Networks

Terrestrial Networks: Cable & Radio (Mobile & Fixed)

Space/Satellite Networks (GEO, LEO, HAP & UAV)

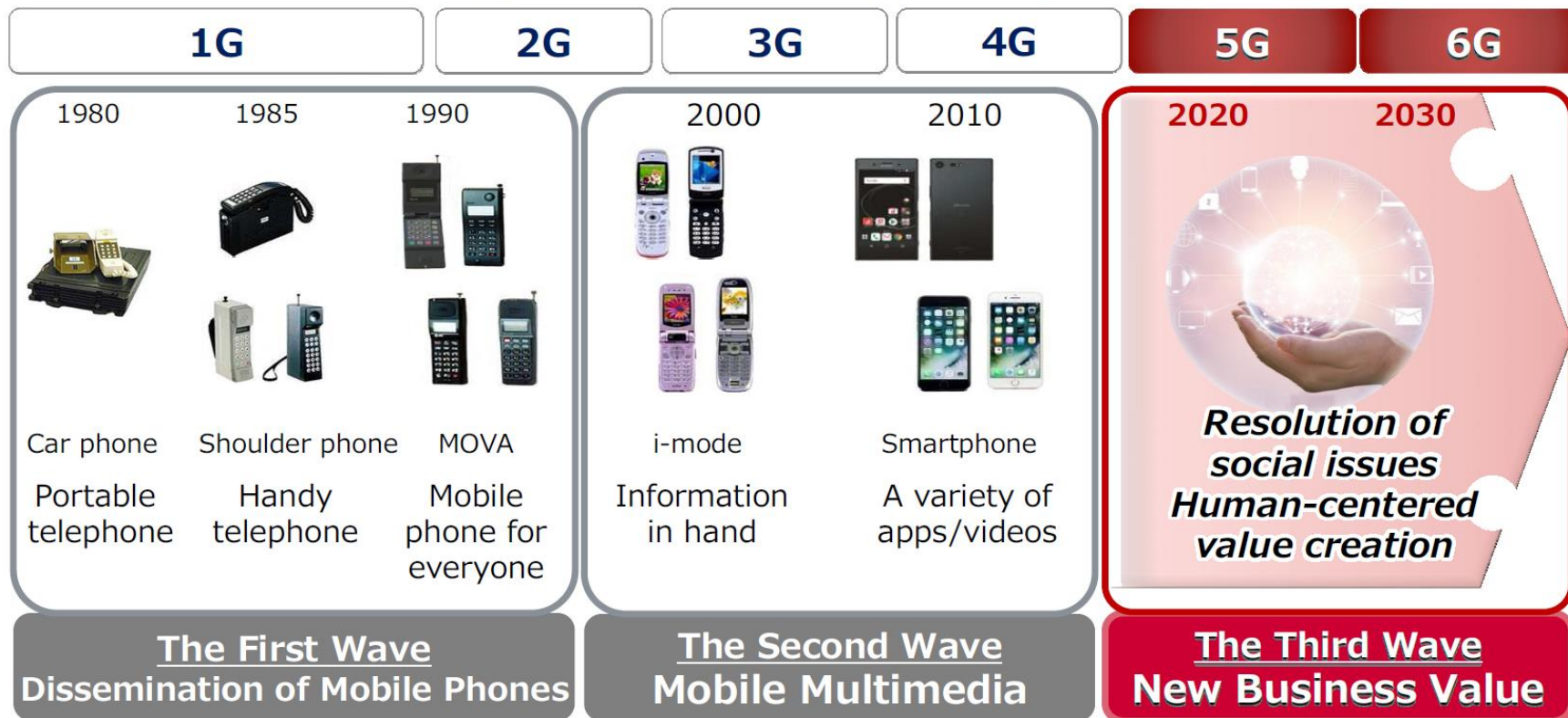
Submarine Cable Networks
Undersea Networks





Cellular Waves Every 20 Years

Technology evolution (every 10 years)

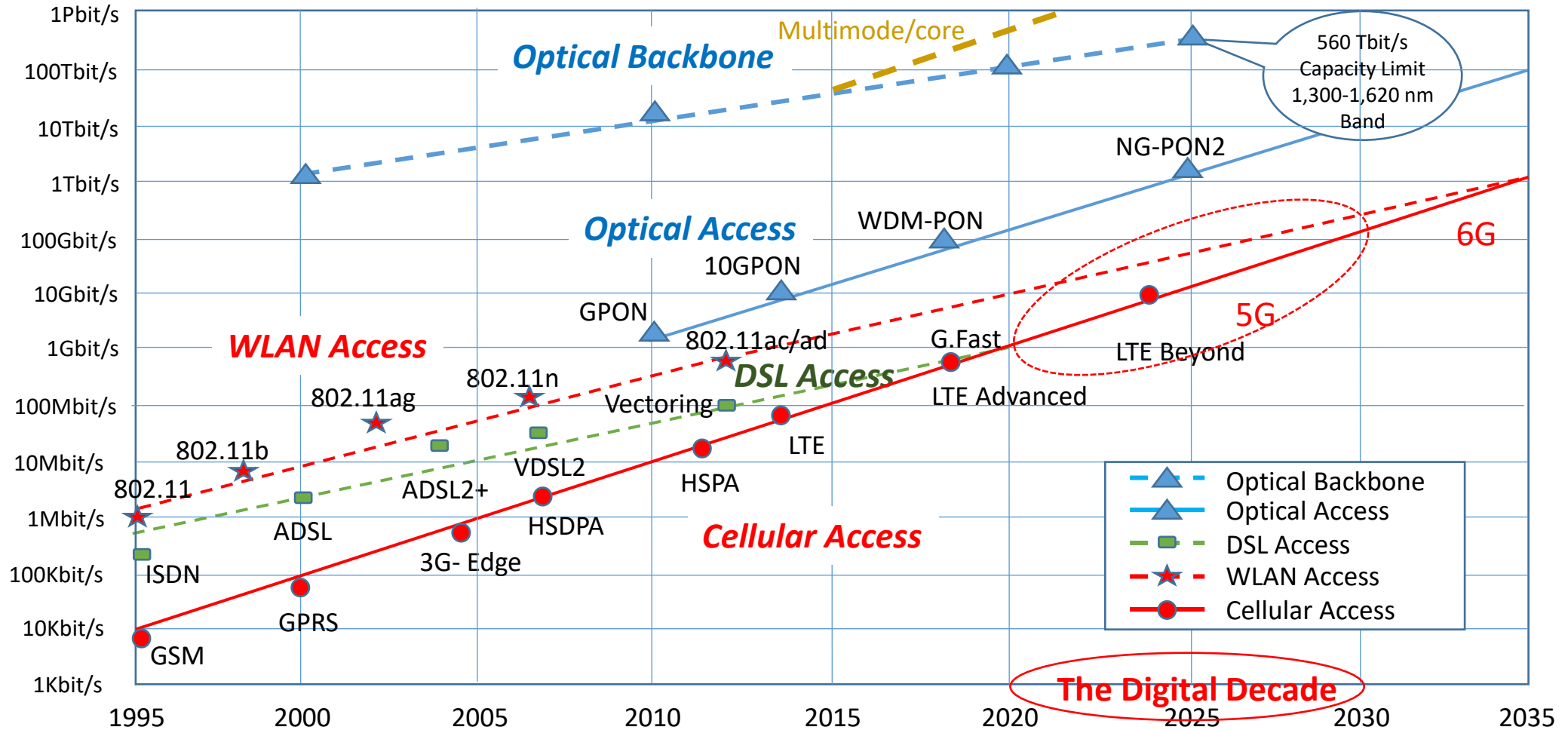


Creating new value for markets (every 20 years)

Source: NTT DOCOMO, 2020



Benchmark of Wired and Wireless Technologies with Projections

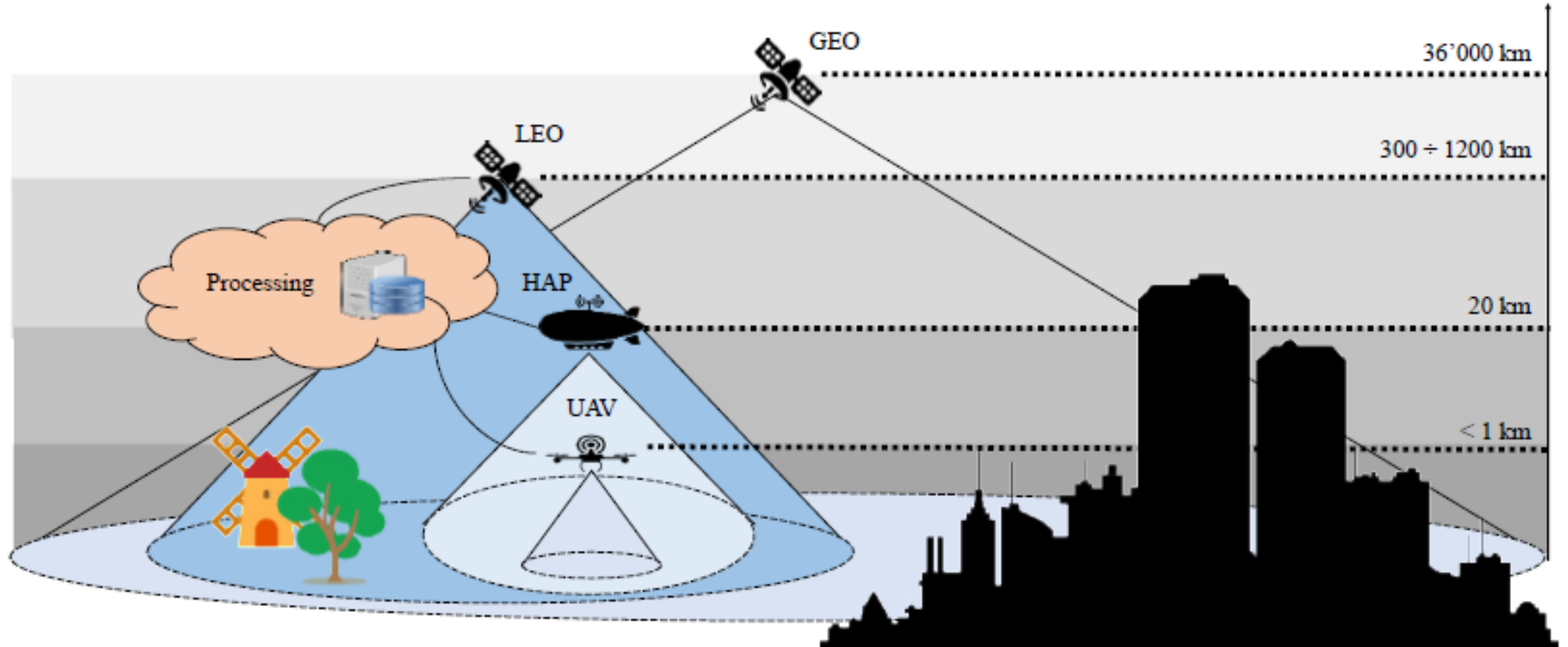


Source: M. Dècina, 2014, based on data by Bell Labs, G. Fettweis, and others



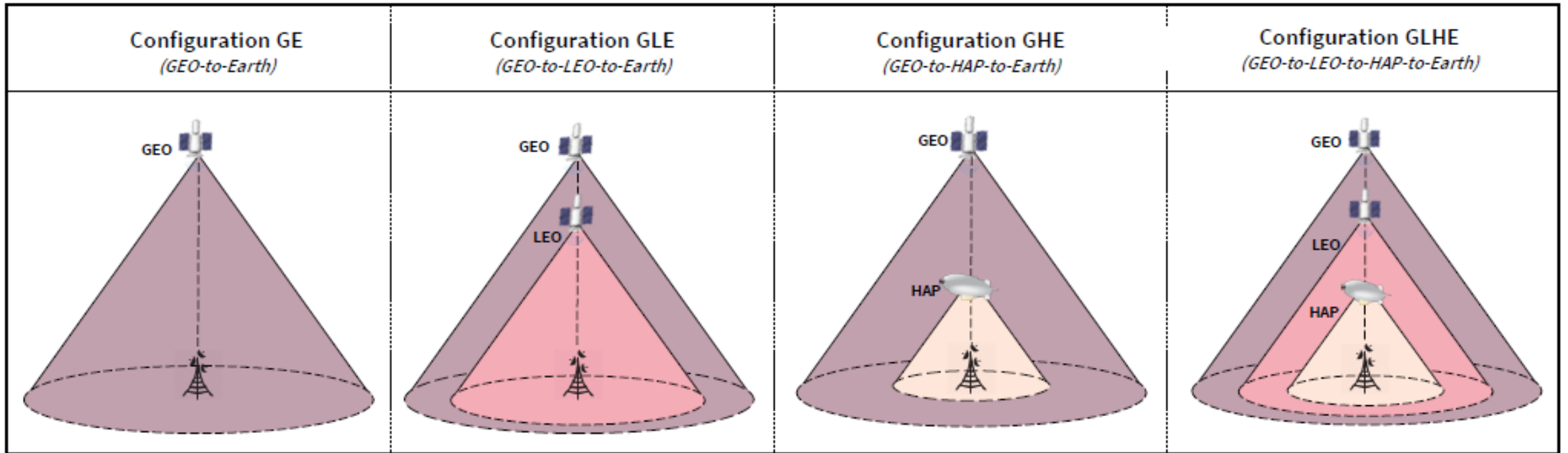
Satellite & Space Networks

GEO + LEO + UAV + HAP





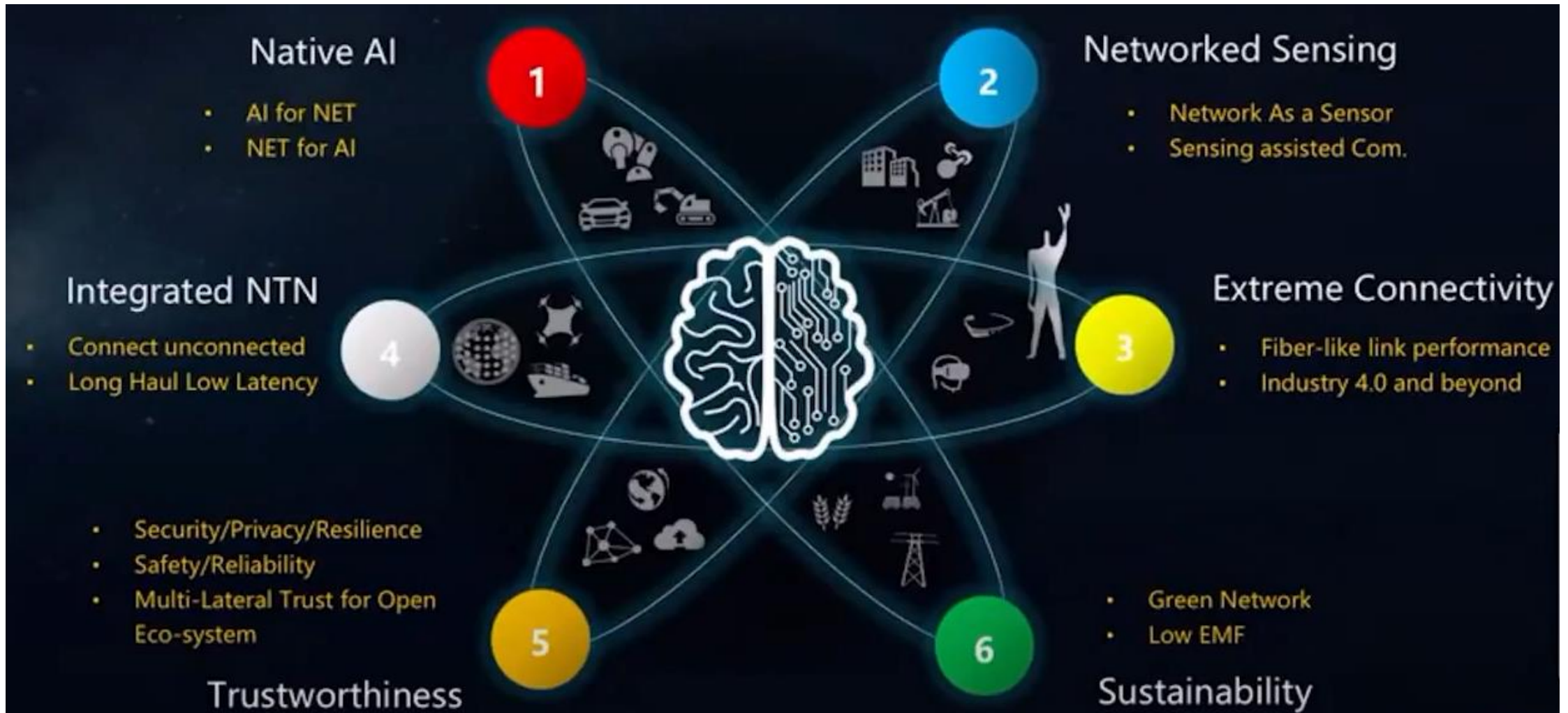
Multi-Layered Space Networks



Source: Michele Zorzi, 2022



6G Six Key Capabilities AI-Enabled

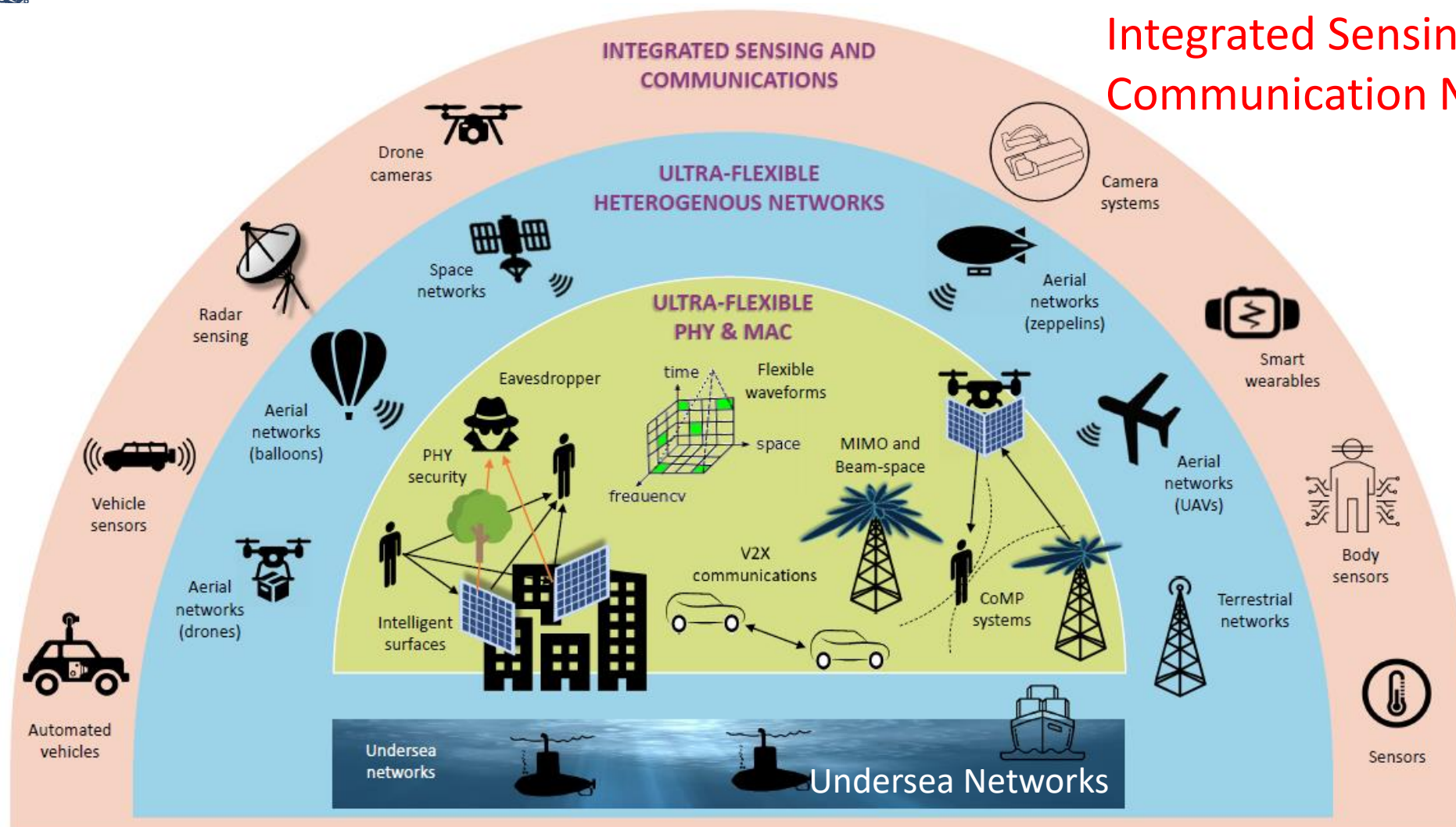


Source: Huawei, 2022



6G Global Networking Objectives

Integrated Sensing & Communication Networks

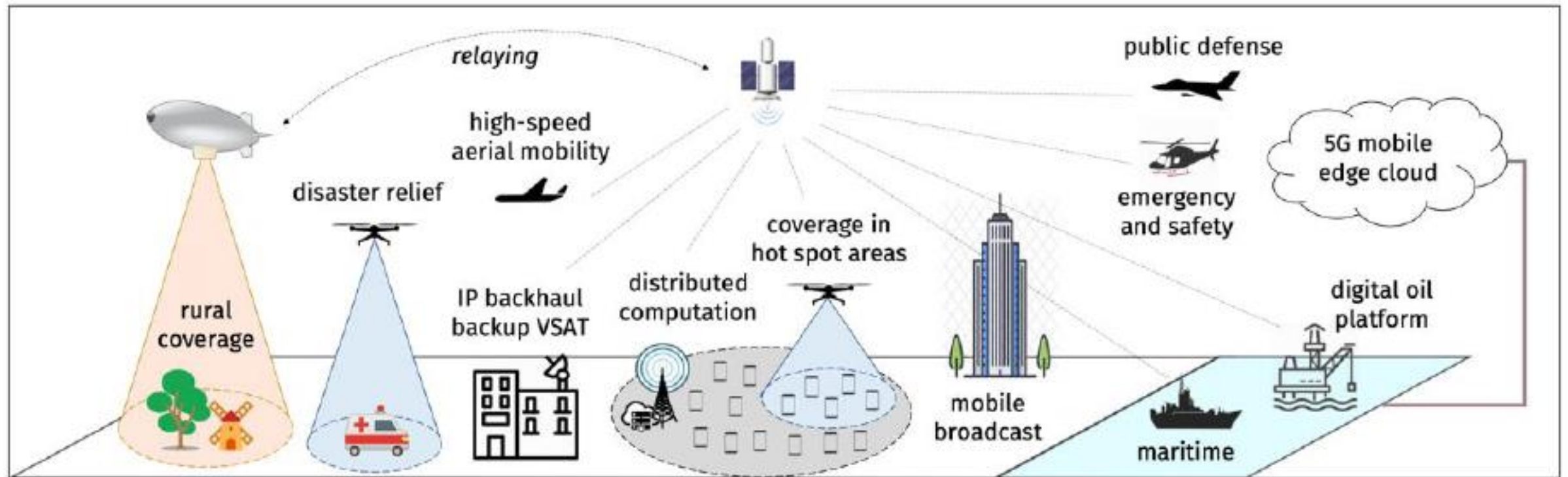


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Eterogeneous Networks

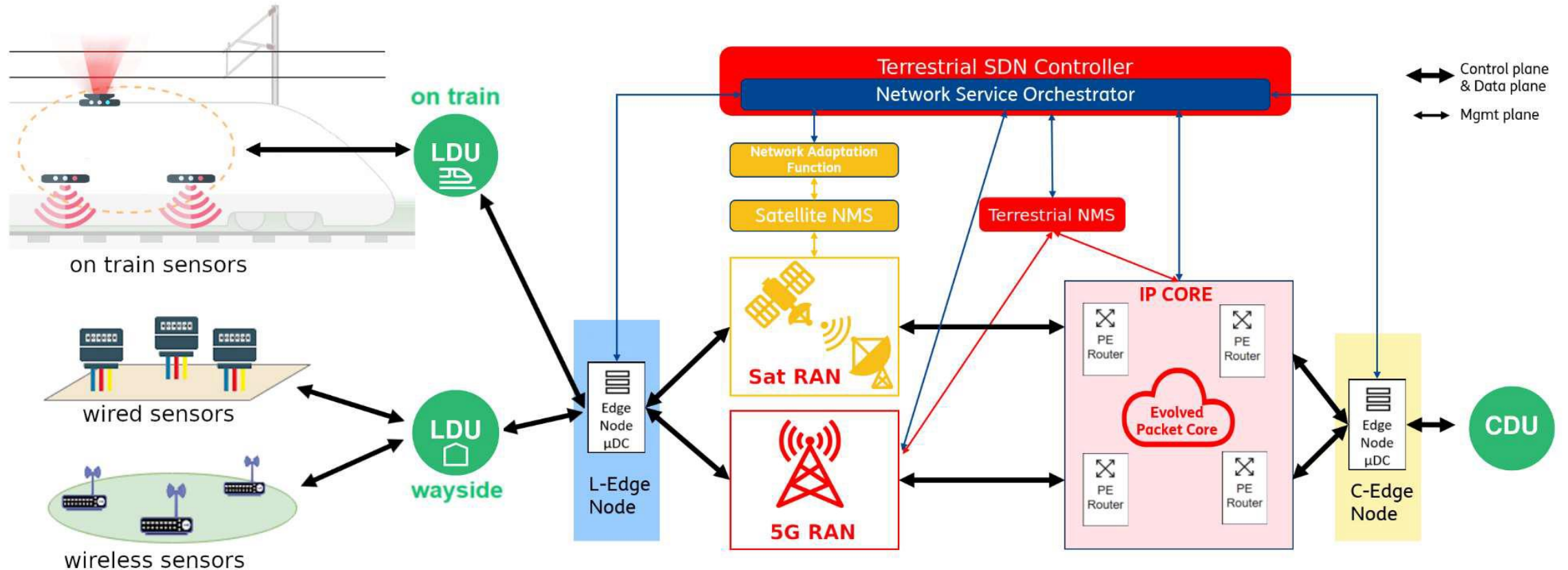
6G Research Areas & Applications



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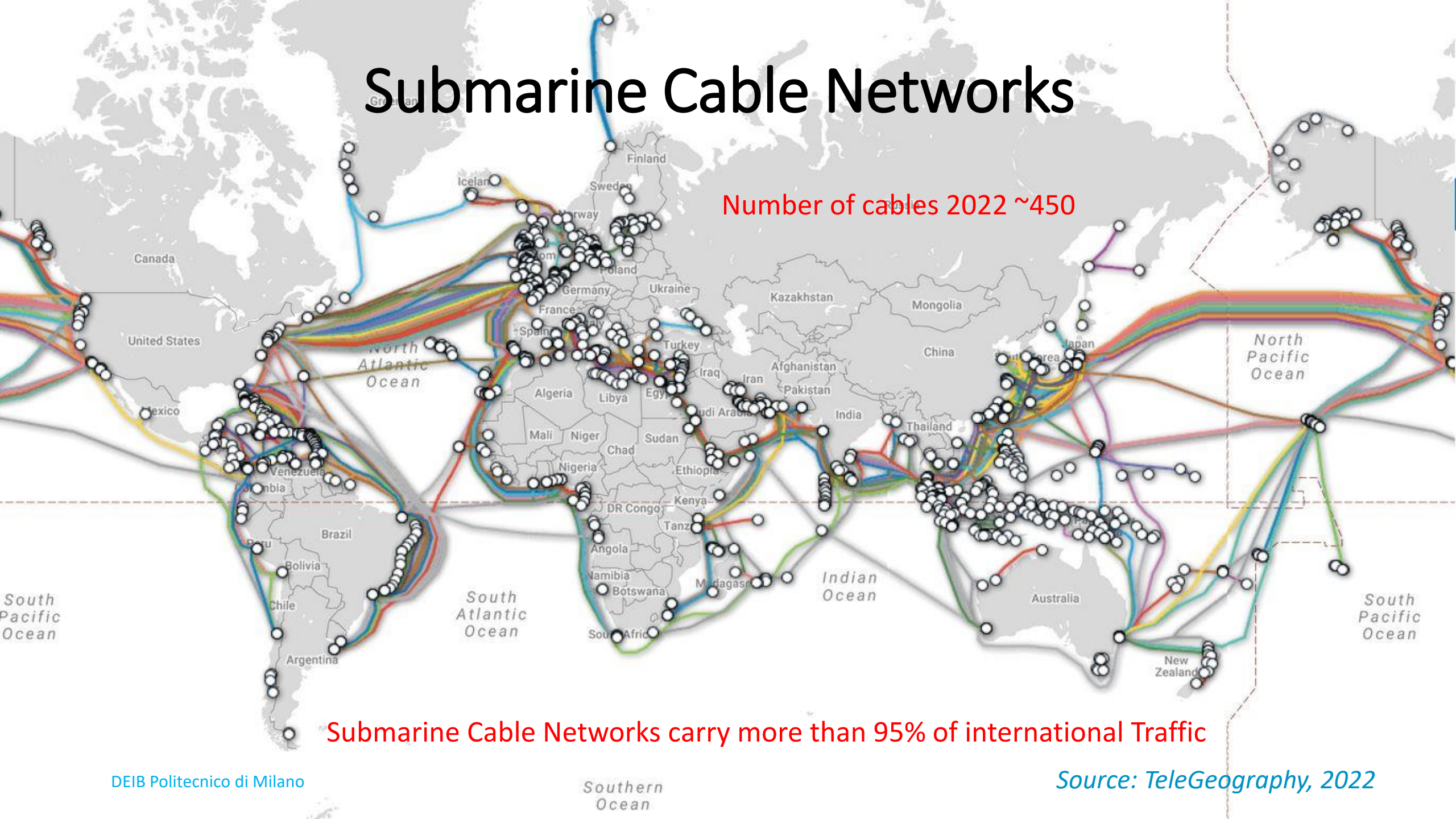
5G RAN & Sat RAN Integration (DINoS5G)



Source: Telespazio, 2022

Submarine Cable Networks

Number of cables 2022 ~450



Submarine Cable Networks carry more than 95% of international Traffic



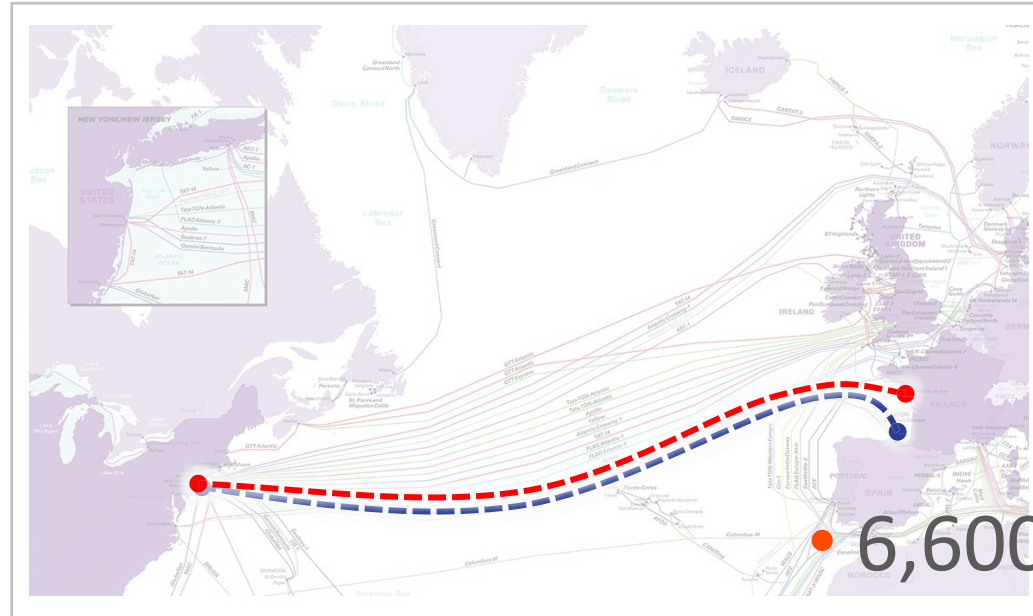
Recent Transatlantic Submarine Cables

- MAREA

State of the art
UNCOMPENSATED cable

- 6,600 km cable
- 8 fiber pairs
- 24 Tbit/s per fiber pair
- Total capacity **192** Tbit/s

Source: Infinera, 2021



SDM Roadmap

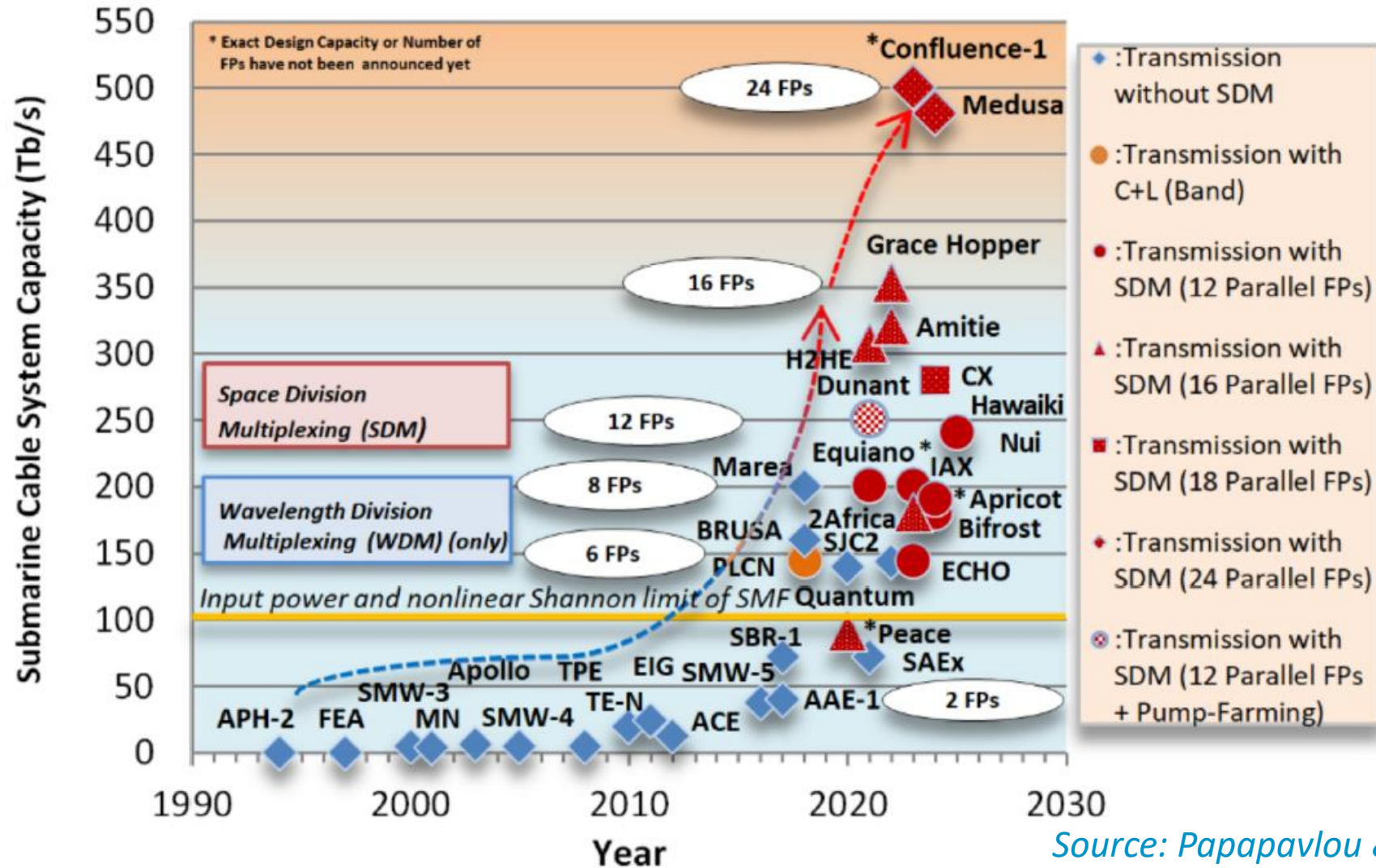
Future transatlantic cable
40 fiber pairs @ 25Tb/s
DDPetabit scale cable

DUNANT

- 6,600 km cable
- 12 fiber pairs
- 25 Tbit/s per fiber pair
- Total capacity **300** Tbit/s

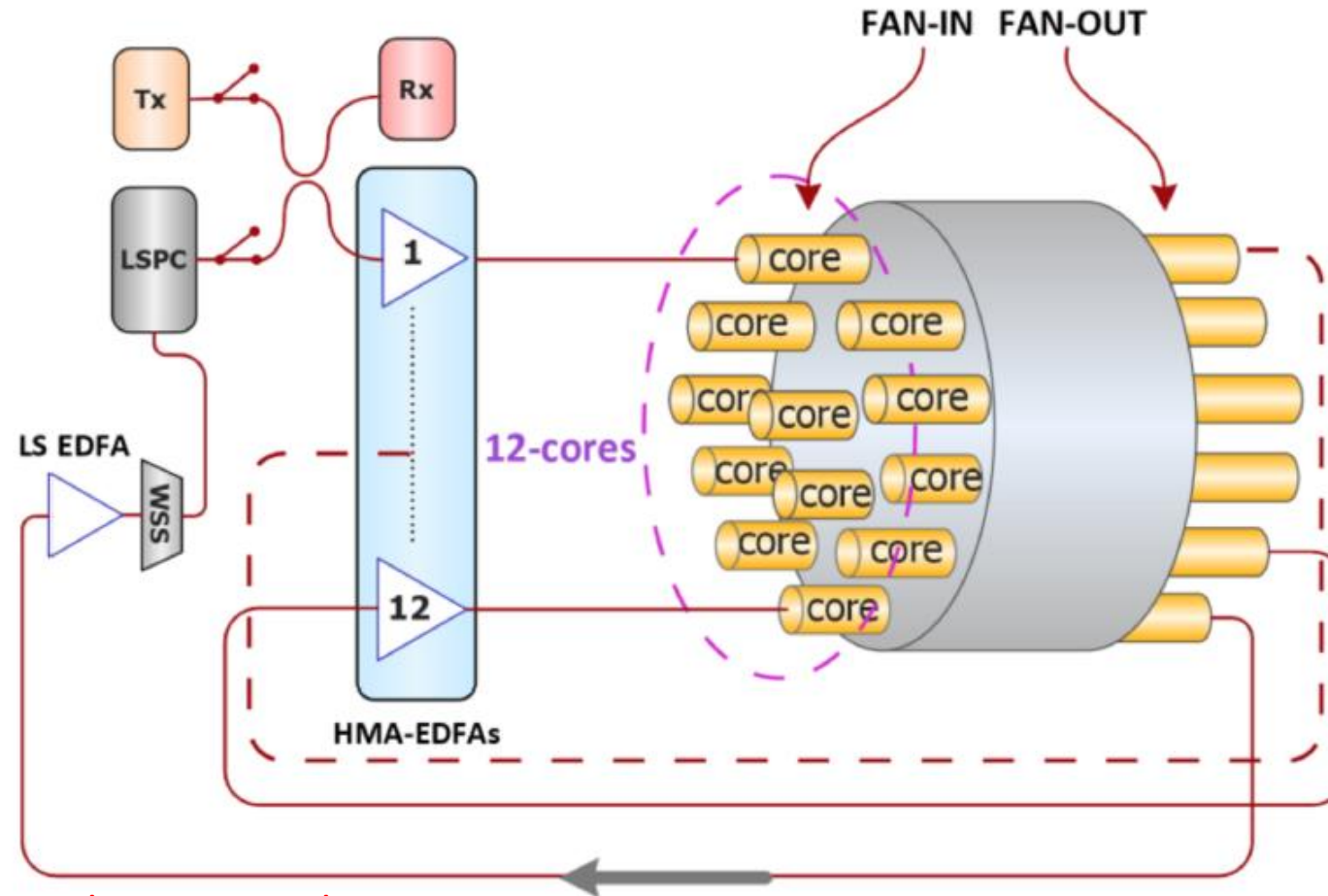


Submarine Cable's Capacity Growth





12 Core-Fiber Micro Amplifier Prototype



WSS: Wavelength Selective Switch

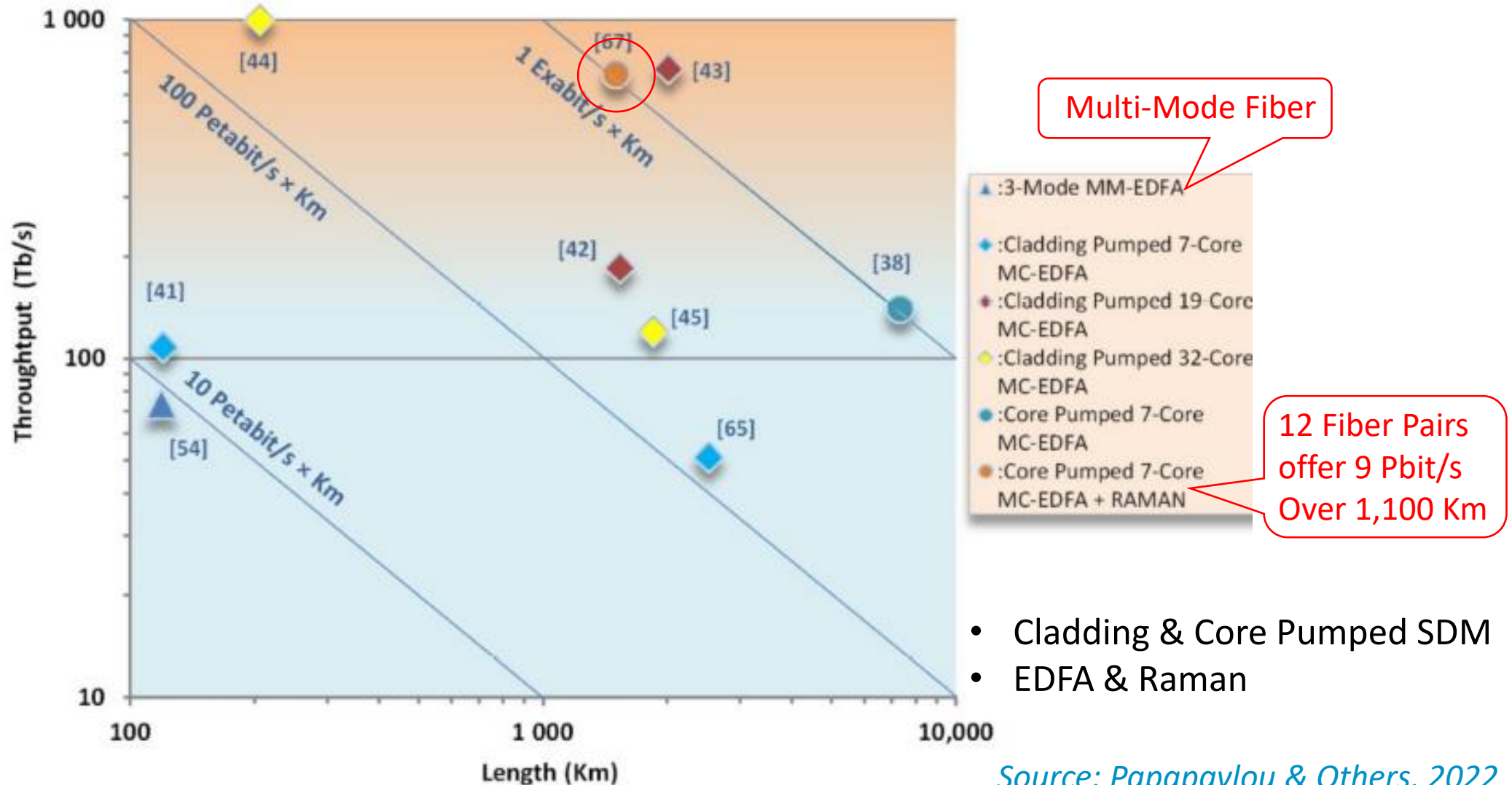
LSPC: Loop Synchronous Polarization Controller

HMA: Hybrid Microassembly Amplifier

Source: Papapavlou & Others, 2022



Single Multi-Core Fiber Experiments





Hollow Core Fibers

Critical use for deep undersea pressure





Subsea Cables as Sensing Network

REPORT

GEOPHYSICS

Optical polarization-based seismic and water wave sensing on transoceanic cables

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Earthquakes detected by phase/length changes in fiber (ultra-stable laser)

Good correlation with terrestrial seismometers

Potentially low impact on commercial telecoms systems

Source: Science, 2021

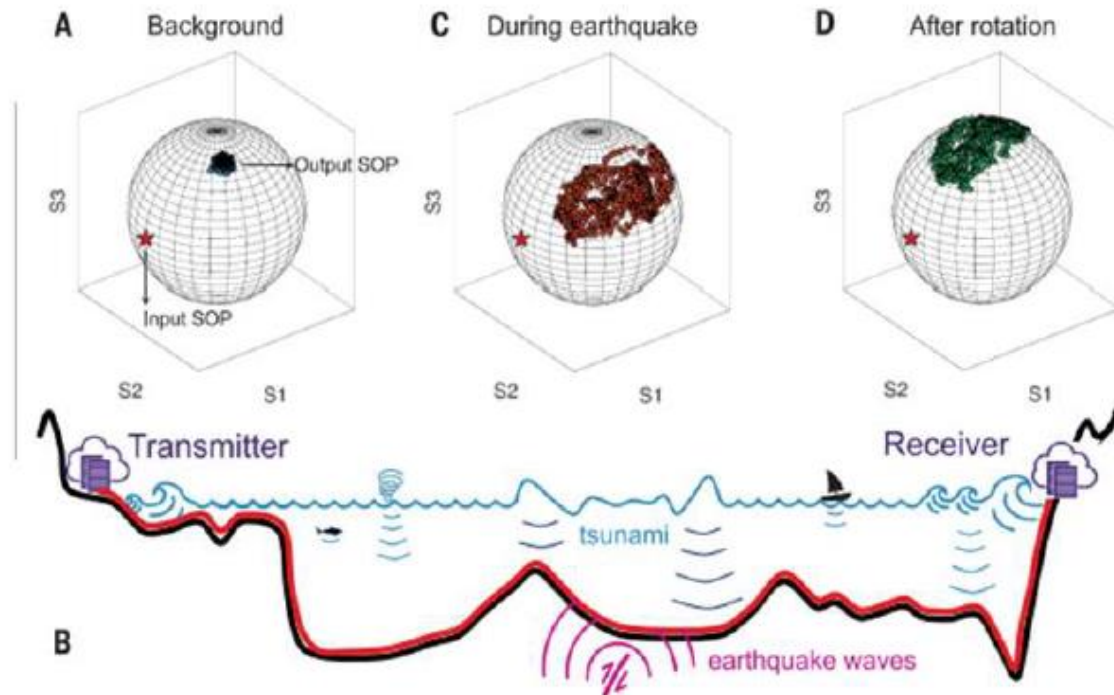


Fig. 2. Principles of polarization-based geophysical sensing. (A) The state of polarization (SOP) at the receiver is monitored routinely (blue dots on the Poincaré sphere) while the input SOP stays stable (red star). For the Curie cable, the output SOP is robust, owing to relatively minimal perturbations along most of its path in the deep ocean (B). The robustness allows us to detect earthquakes or ocean waves that produce SOP anomalies by shaking or pressuring the cable (C). Because the three Stokes parameters are normalized to 1.0, only two are independent. In this study, we rotate the Stokes parameters to the north pole of the Poincaré sphere (9) and focus on analyzing the S1 and S2 parameters after rotation (D).