

AI-RAN for Token Communication

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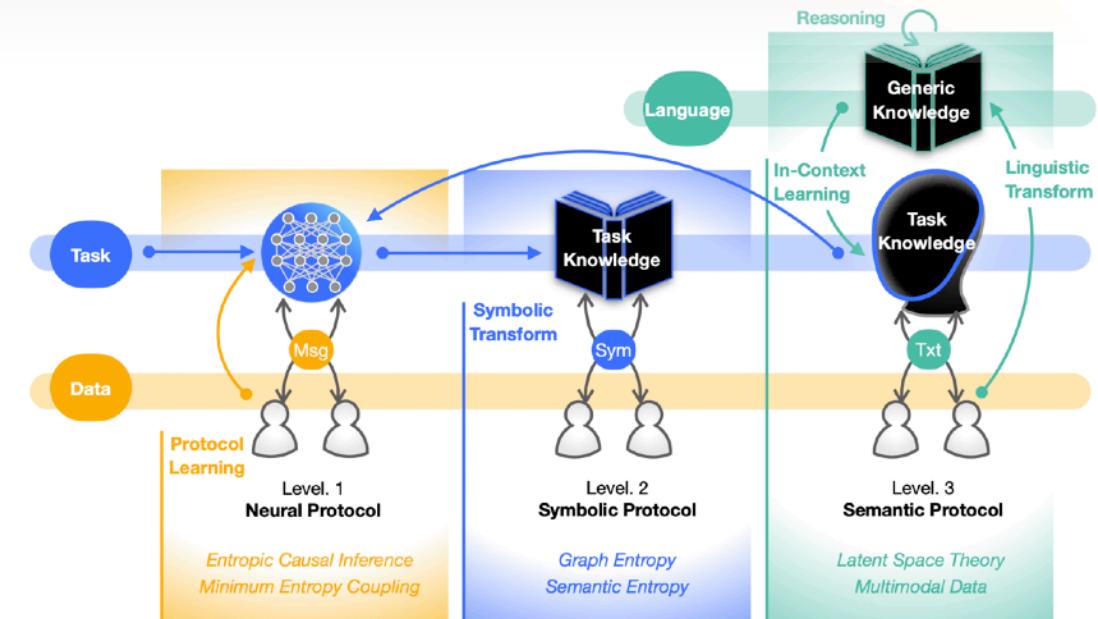
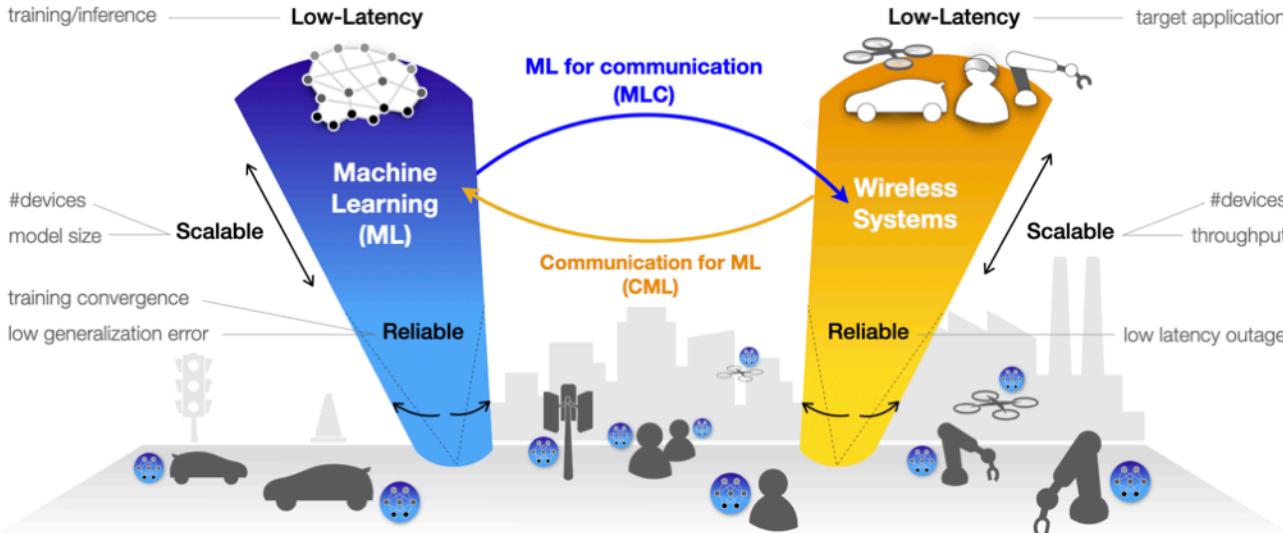
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Future Comms R&D Programme (FCP)

FCP set up in May 2021 under RIE 2020 with S\$68.7m initial investment

- We have under-invested in comms, which has 10 year cycles for development
- For 5G, now focusing on **regulations and facilitating commercialisation, not fundamental tech**
- Geo-political tech contestation could risk Singapore's access to key comms technology, we **need to build indigenous capabilities/ talent to afford resilience**
- Important to begin sustained investment to **develop niche leadership in beyond 5G and 6G**, as the first tranche

Evolution of mobile communications technologies – “10-year cycles”

| 1990s | 2000s | 2010s | 2020s | 2030s onwards |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|
| 2G | 3G | 4G | 5G | 6G & beyond |

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Prof Tony Quek
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Prof Quek is the Associate Provost (AI & Digital Innovation), Cheng Tsang Man Chair Professor and ST Engineering Distinguished Professor with the Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD), leading the Wireless Networks and Decision Systems (WNDS) Group. He is also the Chair of AI on RAN Working Group, Sector Lead of SUTD AI Program, and Deputy Director of the SUTD-ZJU IDEA, an IEEE Fellow, a WWRF Fellow, and a Fellow of Academy of Engineering Singapore. He has vast industry experience that includes collaborating with companies like Quanta Cloud Technology (QCT), VIAVI, ST Engineering.



Prof Chen Binbin
FCP Deputy Director
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Prof Chen's research has received several awards, including the Best Paper Award in ACM SIGCOMM conference 2010 for the work on Error Estimating Coding. His research capabilities has been acknowledged and funded by large agencies and organisations such as, National Research Foundation (NRF), Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA), Cyber Security Agency (CSA), Energy Market Authority (EMA), Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR), Building & Construction Authority (BCA), National Instruments, Keysight, LITEON, StarHub.



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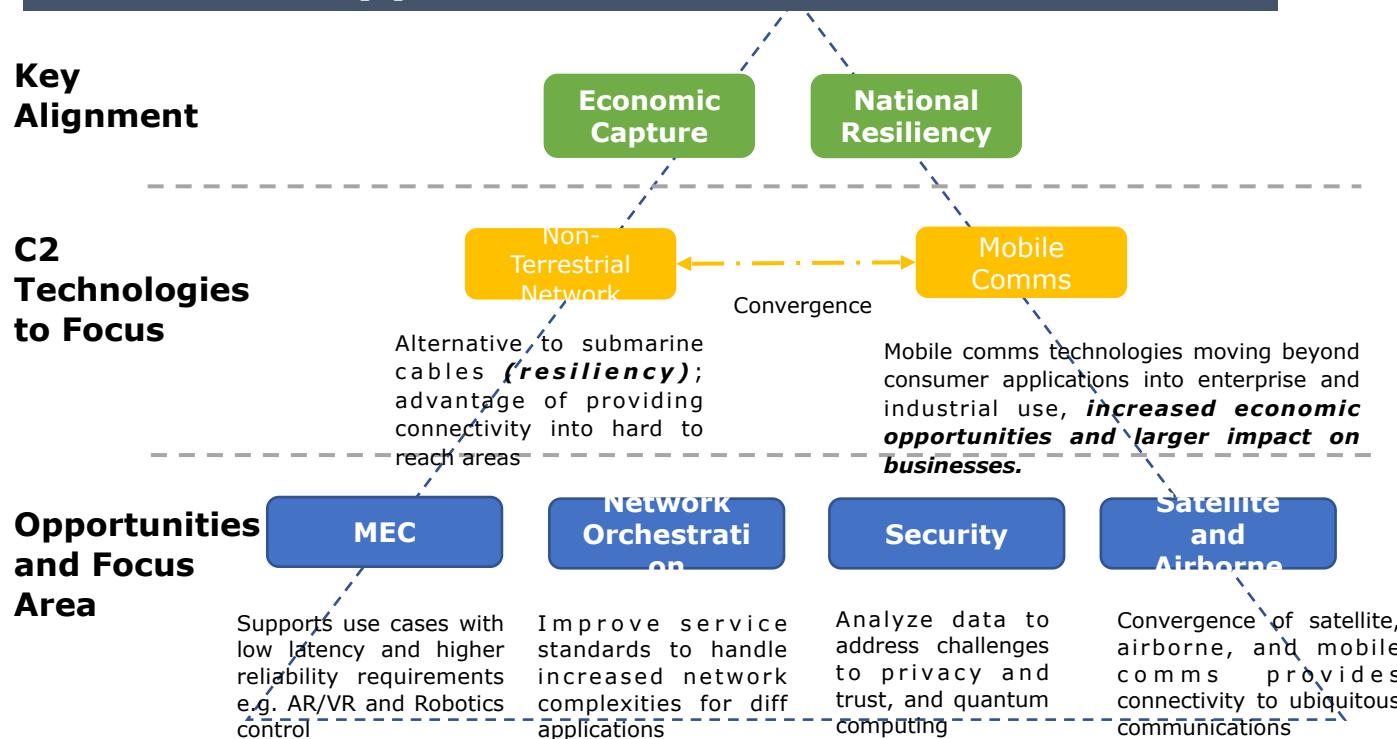
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Select the Right C2 Technology to Focus

- C2 technologies are wide, therefore it is important to narrow down the scope to the key alignment of (i) **economic capture** and (ii) **national resiliency**;
- Focus on selected C2 technologies; and
- Focus in areas where we have higher chance/opportunities to succeed

Identified Opportunities and Focus Areas

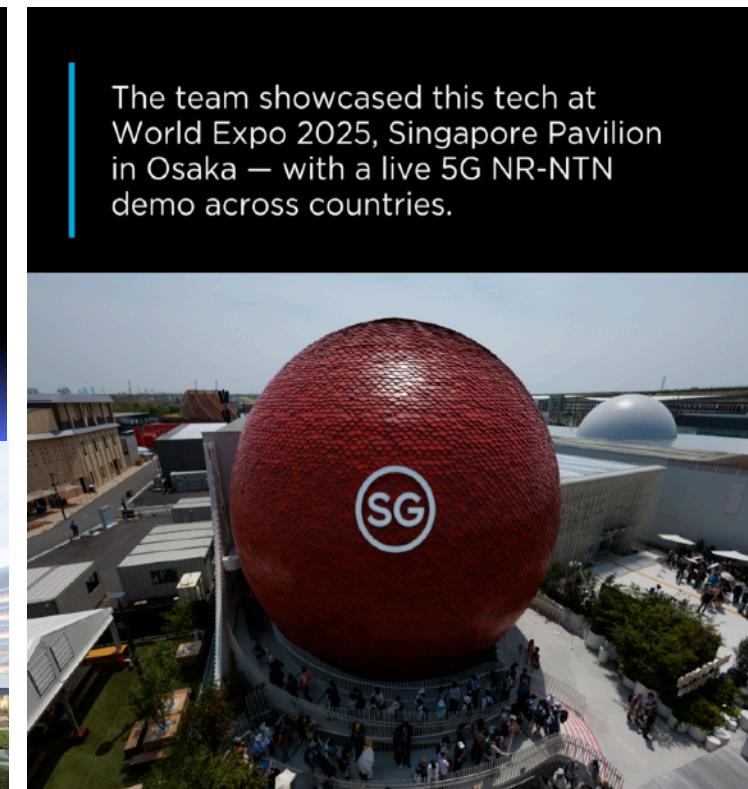


How Do We Achieve This ?

- 22 research projects awarded
 - MEC & Network Orchestration (9)
 - URLLC (4)
 - Security (4)
 - Integrated Sensing & Comms (3)
 - NTN (2)
- Research projects with key partners (academia and companies)
- Explore collaboration with adjacent research programmes in SG (AI.SG, QEP, FME2.0)

FCP1.0 (2021-2025): 5G NTN Live Demo (Osaka Expo'25)

- HD content can be delivered directly through satellites using OFDM signals in NR-NTN.
- E2E NTN testbed includes NTN UE-gNB emulators (VIAVI, R&S) and a **real GEO satellite** (JSAT, Japan)
- Live demonstration has been completed at the Singapore Pavilion in **Osaka 2025 Expo**, Japan.



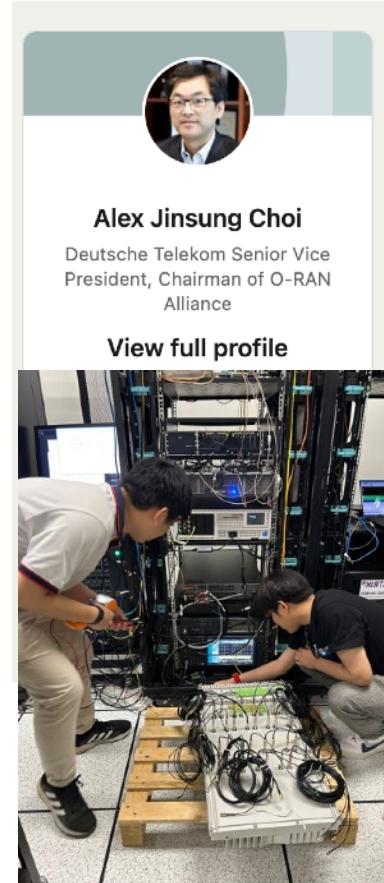
* **gNB**: a base station using 3GPP New Radio (NR) technology

* **JSAT**: a largest satellite vendor in the Asia-Pacific region

FCP1.0 (2021-2025): O-RAN OTIC

The first and only O-RAN Open Testing and Integration Centre (OTIC) in South-East Asia

- A member of the global OTIC network, approved by O-RAN Alliance in Feb. 2023
- To serve as the South-East Asia's hub & gateway to the global Open RAN ecosystem
- Co-located with FCCLab
- Focus areas: Security - Sustainability - AI/ML for strategic verticals (e.g., maritime)



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Deutsche Telekom Senior Vice President, Chairman of O-RAN Alliance
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O-RAN Alliance Global Open Testing and Integration (OTIC) Network

During this MWC Barcelona week, the 10th and 11th O-RAN Alliance OTICs were launched. One at SUTD in Singapore and the other at COSMOS Lab in NYC USA. With them, O-RAN Alliance's global OTIC network establishment is accelerating, and it is expected that 2-3 additional OTICs will be added within this year. In particular, SUTD in Singapore, the 10th OTIC, is the first in South-east Asia, and is supported by Singapore IMDA (Infocom Media Development Authority). They will provide rigorous cybersecurity testing and assurance for multi-vendor O-RAN solutions in addition to standard OTIC testing job. According to their PR, see the link, "The framework will facilitate security assessments modeled on diverse threats originated from multiple attack vectors, including compromised O-RAN RU and compromised network elements in fronthaul interfaces". So far there are 7 O-RAN Alliance security documents available on the website, and these documents will be the basis for the security tests conducted here. I hope that 'Test as a Service' framework for the regional specific use case (i.e., maritime industry in Singapore) will be successfully established here.

Achievement highlights:

- Test-automation solutions to reduce massive MIMO O-RU testing time to 3-days (in collaboration with Japan OTIC)
- Integrating NVIDIA stack with multiple O-RU vendors
- Integrating O-RAN solution with a local telco's live core

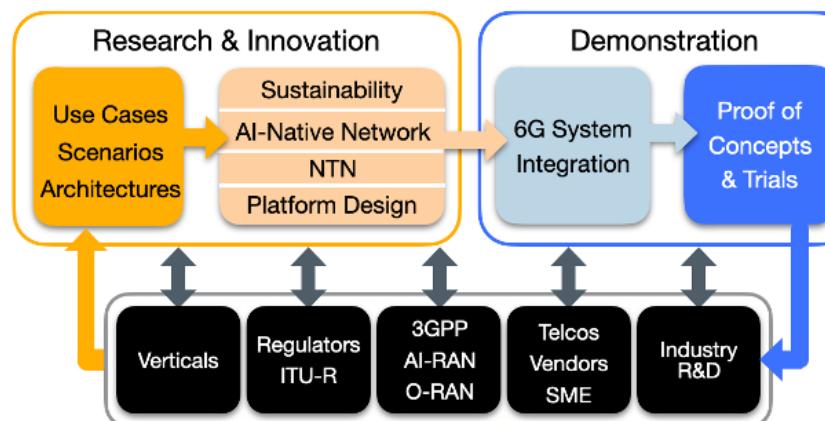
FCP1.0 (2021-2025): MediaTek-SUTD Joint Lab

MEDIATEK

- **SUTD-MTK-R&S joint live demo** of FR1 NR-NTN Video Call (with commercial phones and an emulated LEO satellite) at the 2025 Osaka Expo



- **MediaTek-SUTD Joint Lab** to be launched this year, initially with 8 projects, including a pilot project on “High-Fidelity 3GPP NTN Testbed,” which aims to provide the impact of key design parameters on KPIs, such as moving vs. fixed beams and other deployment plans



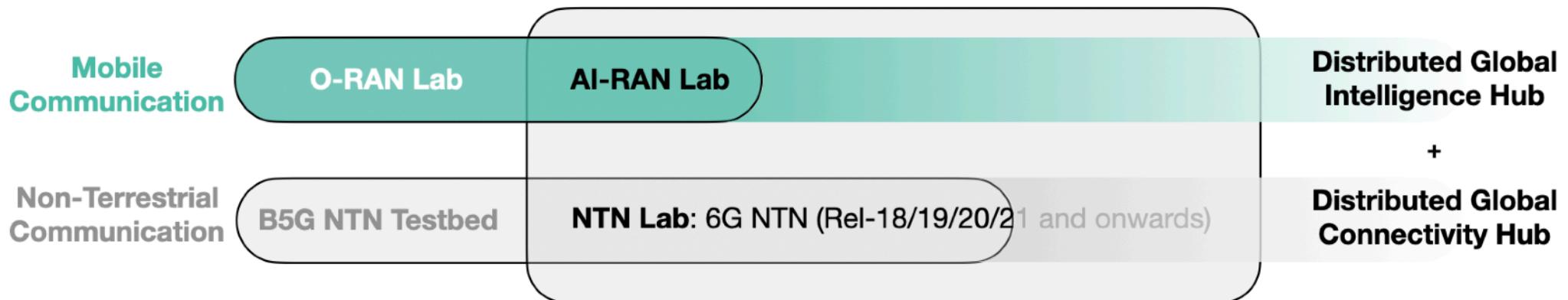
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FCP2.0 (2026-2030)

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Background and Impetus to start FCP2.0

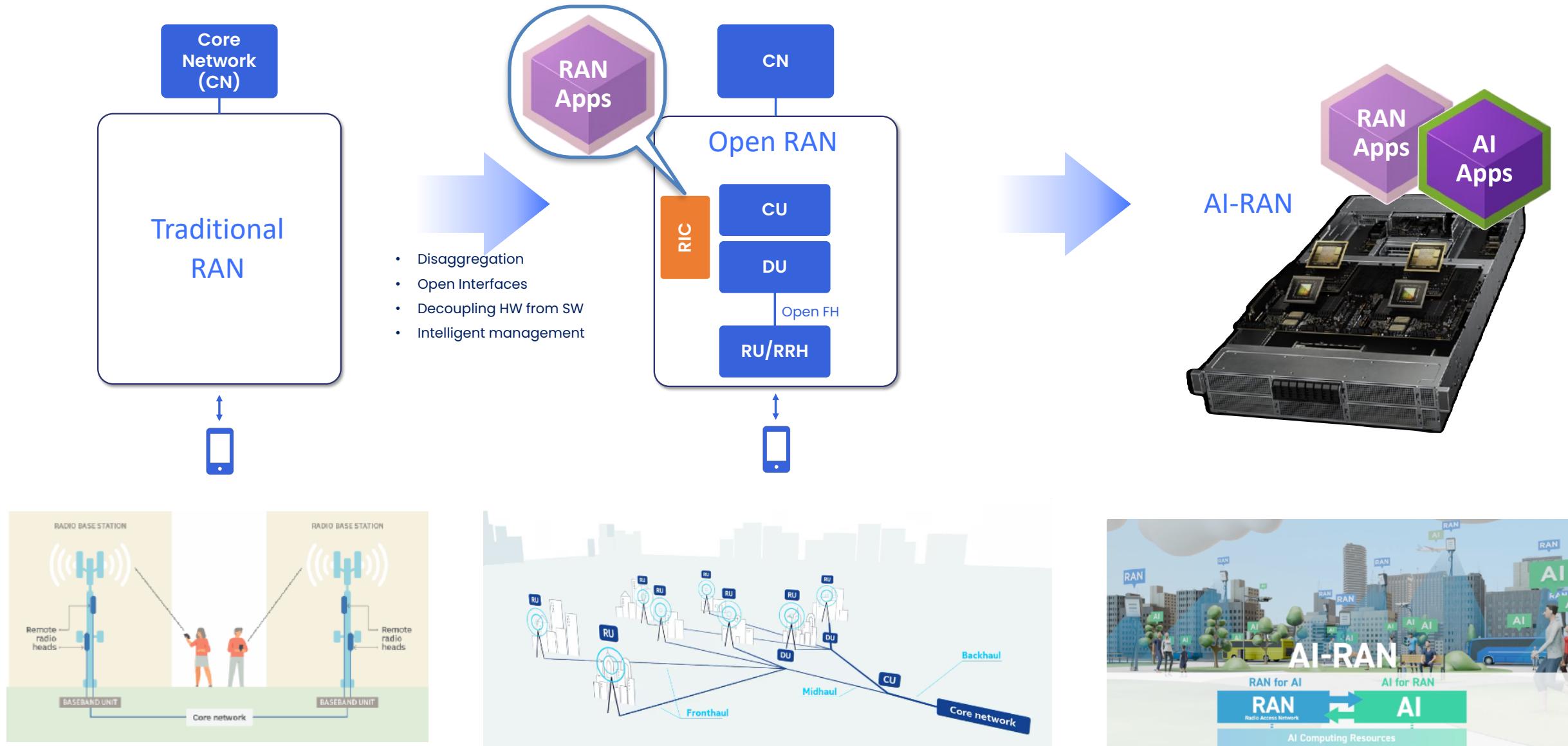
1. Wireless technologies like 5G and beyond is no longer just about mere connectivity, but is increasingly about providing integrated and comprehensive services (such as metaverse) This will further accelerate with the introduction of NTN.
2. FCP has made initial R&D investments in future communications since May 2021. Other countries are already moving to the next bound, 6G, an area where we need to make sustained and patient investments.
3. Singapore has made good progress in Open-RAN with setting up of O-RAN OTIC and initial investments by some O-RAN vendors. Therefore, we need to continue to establish our global presence and gain mind share.
4. Given limited budget and talent, it is not possible for us to compete in all fronts and need to leverage on FCP. Hence, we will need to focus our efforts for the investment in **national resiliency and economic capture**.

AI-RAN for Token Communication

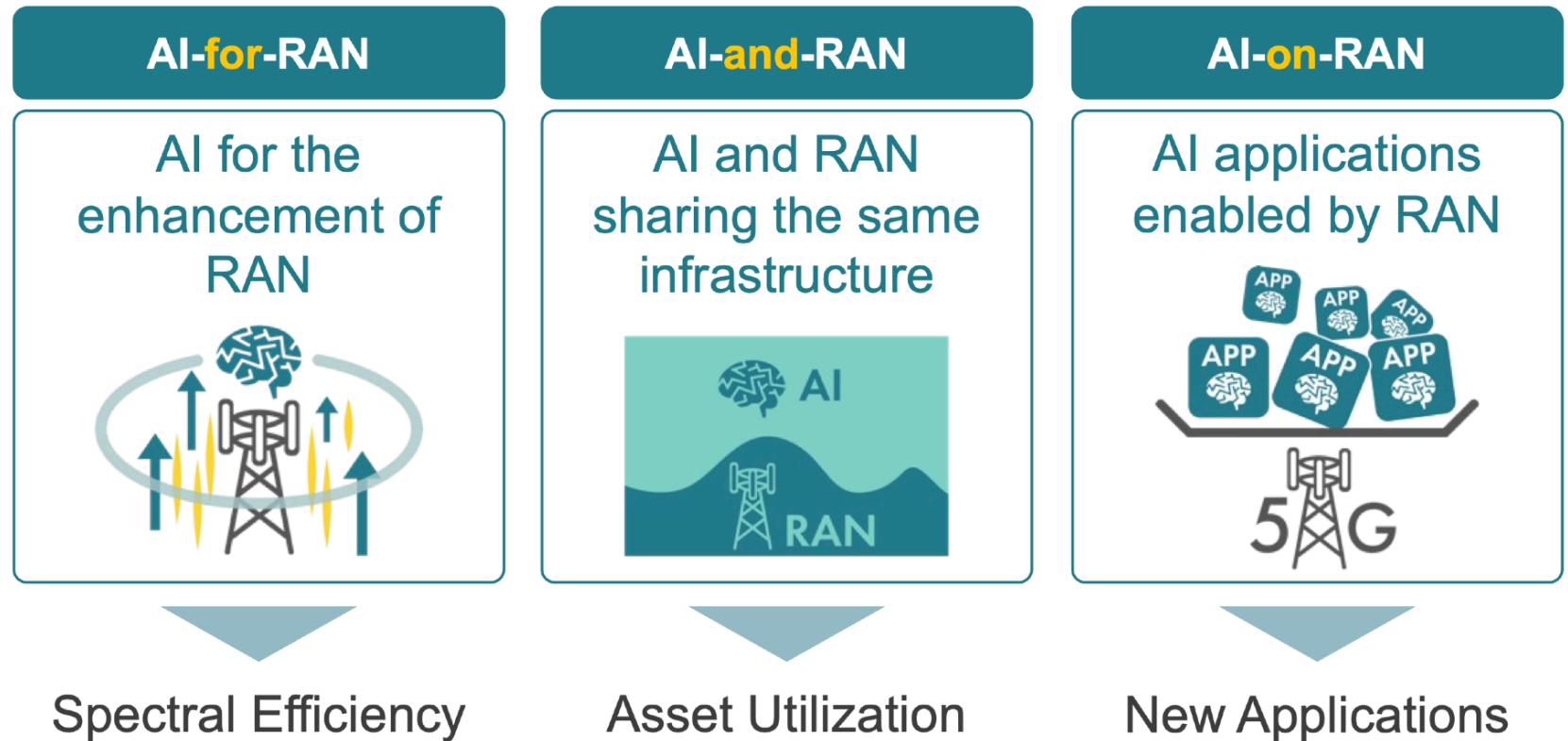
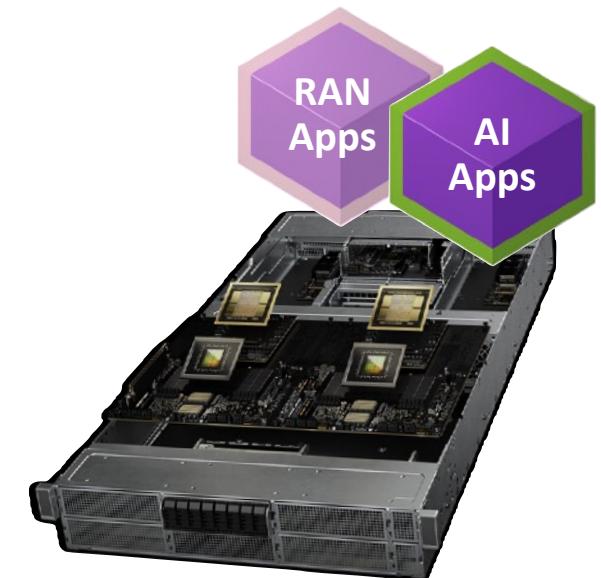
AI-RAN



AI-RAN: RAN + Programmability + Multi-functionality

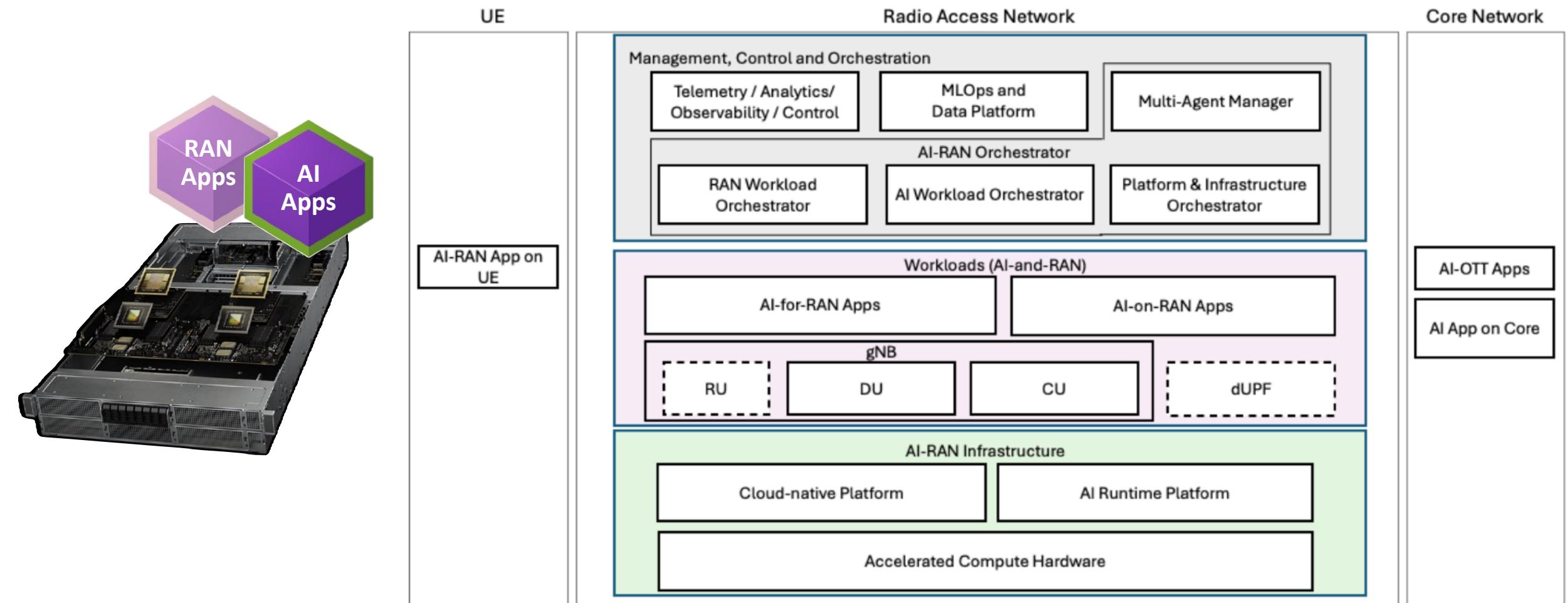


AI-RAN: Transforming RAN with AI



- Transforming mobile network into **distributed global inference engine**
- By integrating AI and mobile network
- Towards accelerating innovation in AI and mobile

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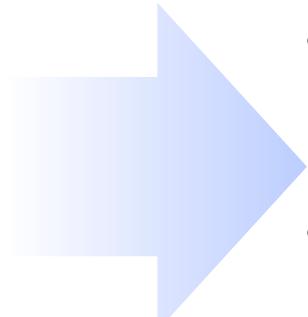


Candidate AI-RAN Reference Architecture

AI-RAN: AI-RAN Lab @ SUTD

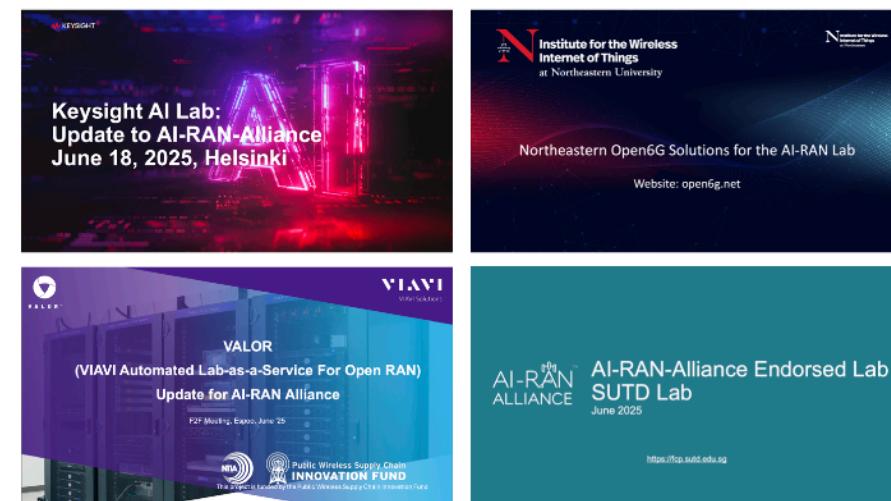
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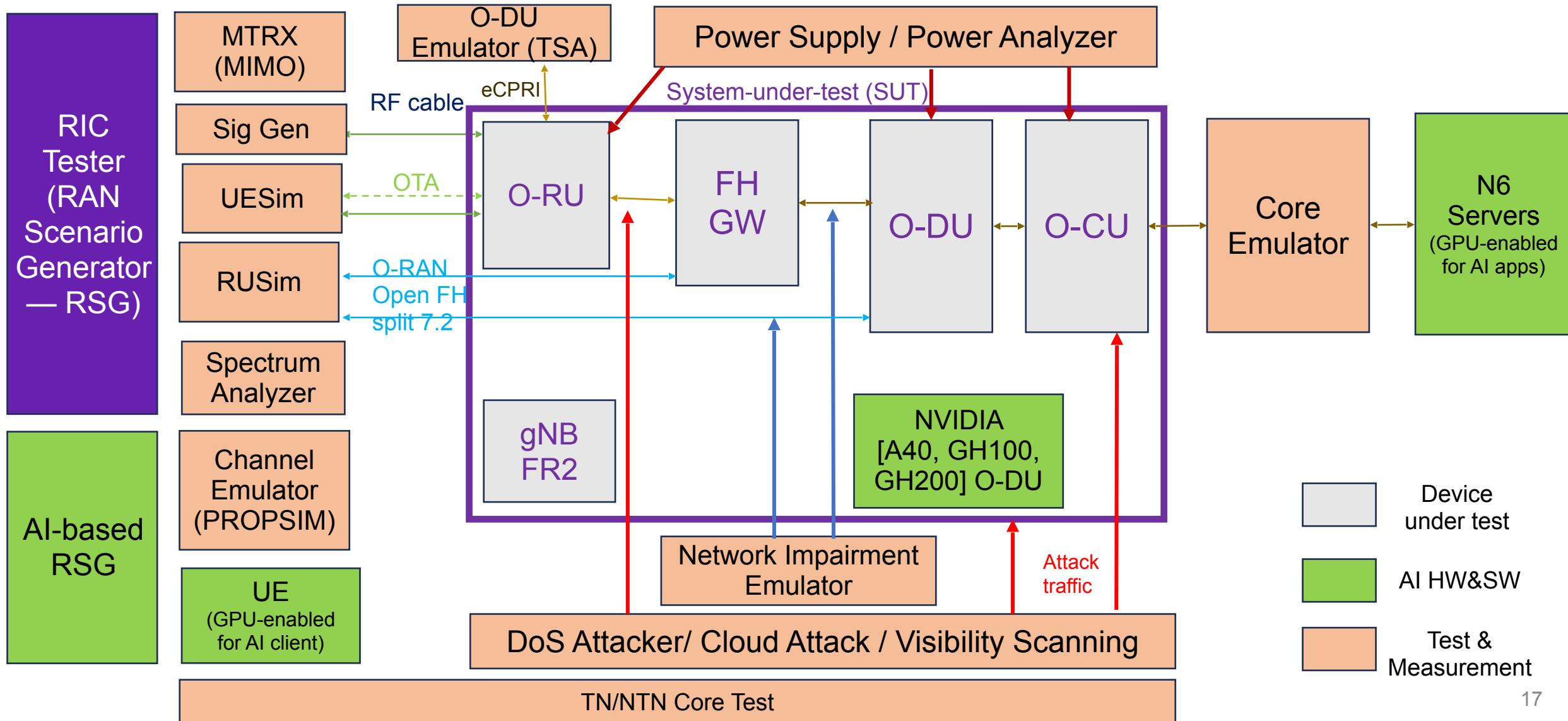


SUTD has established **one of the world's first AI-RAN Alliance-Endorsed labs**, providing a platform for:

- Developing and testing of AI-RAN solutions that enhance network efficiency, adaptability, and performance
- Bridging academia and industry, fostering collaboration between researchers, students, and AI-RAN Alliance member organisations
- Exploring next-generation AI algorithms that optimise network orchestration, energy efficiency, and spectrum utilisation



Near-RT RIC / SMO / Non-RT RIC



AI-RAN: AI-RAN Lab @ SUTD

5G Core



OAI 5G
Core Network



Core Network



Fraunhofer
open5gcore



Keysight Core Sim



QCT 5G Core



Ataya 5G Core

CU, DU



OAI with
GPU Accelerator,
Grace Hopper
MGX Systems



OAI, srsRAN with USRP
on Bare Metal Server



Synergy O-CU & O-DU

SynaXG BBU



HTC BBU



QCT BBU

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LITEON

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gNB

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Paragon Neo

Falcon Switch
PTP Grandmaster



Dell PTP Switch



NE3 Network
Emulator



Packet Capture
Appliance

RU



LiteOn O-RU



Delta O-RU



Foxconn 鴻海科技集團



Compal O-RU



SERA O-RU



WNC O-RU



X410, X310, B210



Indoor O-RU



Outdoor O-RU



RuSIM

Channel

Adjustable RF
Attenuator J720x



MTRX



PropSIM



RF shield
box



FR1: 3400 – 3450 MHz

FR2: 25900 – 26300 MHz



SUTD Campus



Aerial
Arena



ALifecom
NE7500/
NE6000



CMX500



CMW500

UE



Humanoid robot



AR/VR Goggle



5G 4K Camera
(Pegatron
Nura4K)



5G Cell Phone



TEMPS Pocket



Wheeled Robots
(AMR, Limo
ROS)



Pegatron FR2 CPE



PEGATRON 5G



5G Dongle
(Pegatron,
APAL)



UeSIM



VIAVI TM500

Server for RIC x/rAPP



Spectrum Analyzer



Power Analyzer

ALifecom
NE7500/
NE6000



CMX500

CMW500



VIAVI TM500

AI-RAN: Demo

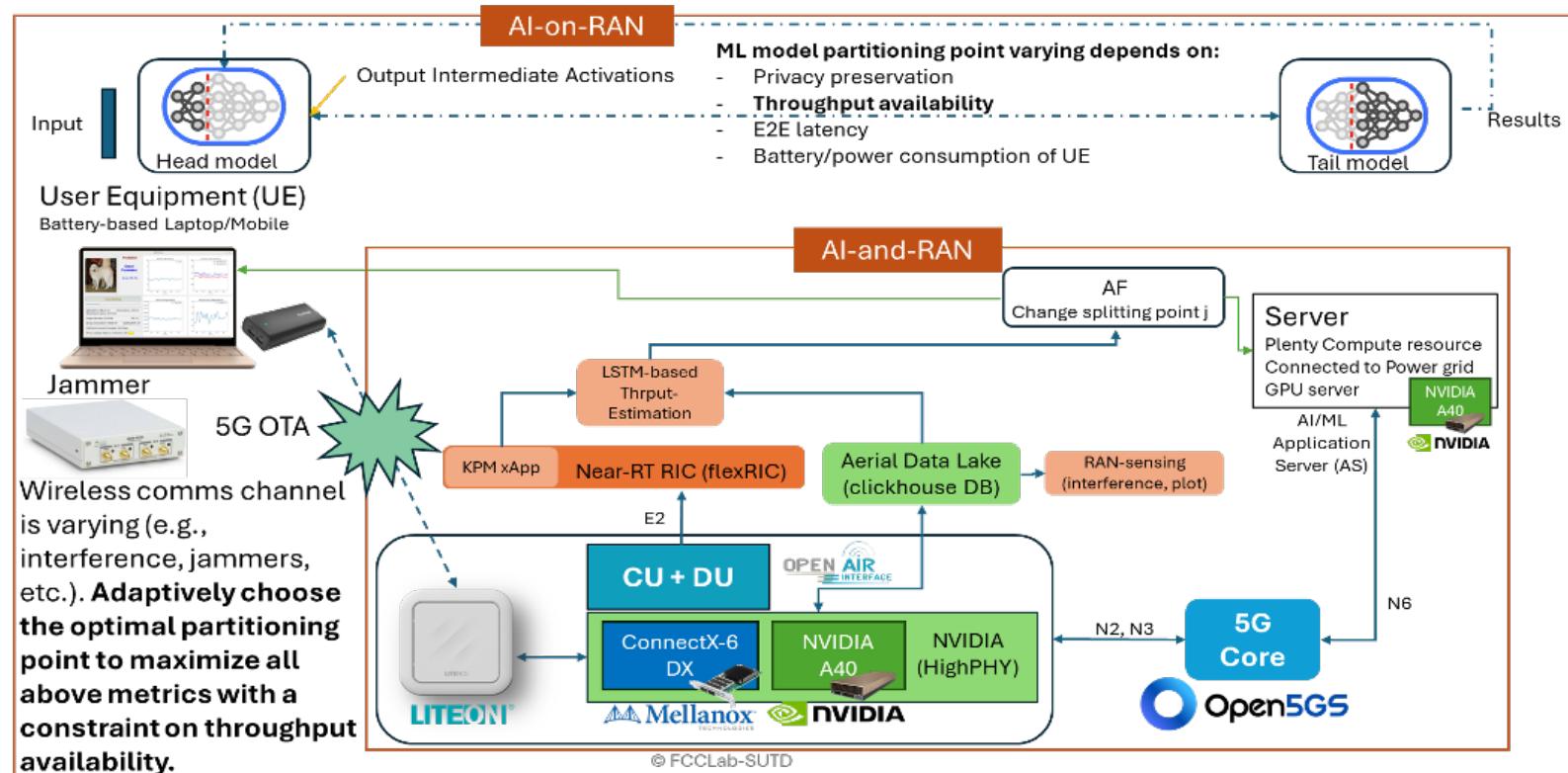
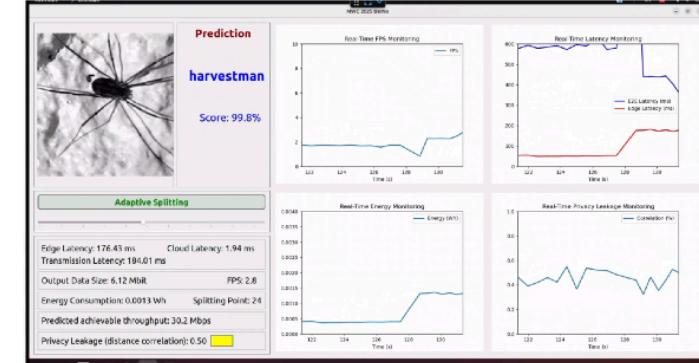


Channel-Adaptive Split Inference via Spectrum Sensing



Scenario: Split inference for remote image classification where 1 **spectrum sensing model** predicts throughput that determines a latency-optimal partitioning between:
2.1 **UE-side split model** and 2.2 **server-side split model**

Plan: Collect IQ data and RAN's KPM, E2E performance for the use case under different wireless environment in Lab setup, share the results and dataset.



AI-RAN: Industry Trials & Research Tools

Samsung, KT confirm viability of 6G AI-RAN tech on commercial network



Kim Boram

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NVIDIA and Nokia to Pioneer the AI Platform for 6G — Powering America's Return to Telecommunications Leadership

NVIDIA to Invest \$1 Billion in Nokia to Accelerate AI-RAN Innovation and Lead Transition from 5G to 6G

October 28, 2025

AI-RAN Goes Live and Unlocks a New AI Opportunity for Telcos

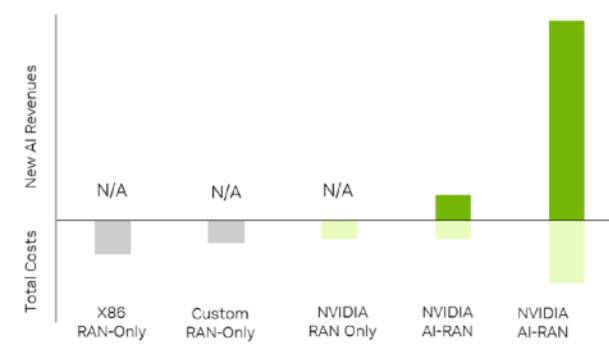


Figure 4. AI-RAN economics for covering one Tokyo district with 600 cells

| | 33% AI and 67% RAN | 67% AI and 33% RAN |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| \$ of revenue per \$ of CapEx | 2x | 5x |
| ROI % | 33% | 219% |

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Driving the Vision of Open Source RAN

AI-RAN for Token Communication

Token-based Communication



Motivation. AI-RAN Key Applications

Q. What are the key emerging applications of AI-RAN, in the era of GenAI and multimodal large language models?

AI-on-RAN

AI applications enabled by RAN



New Applications

On-Device



Generative



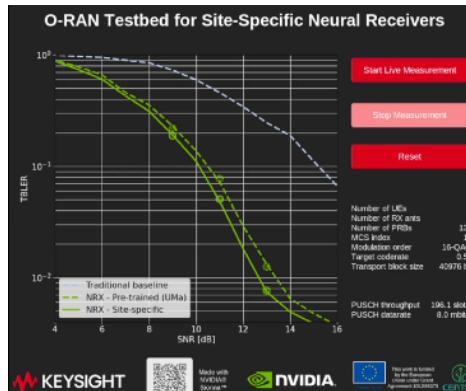
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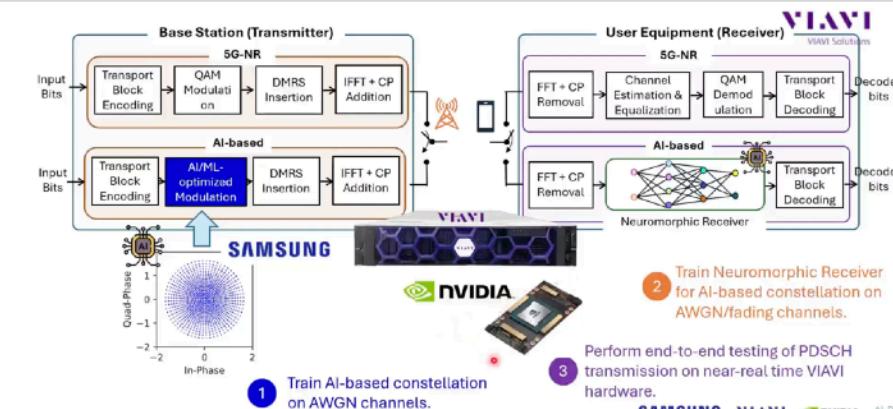
AI for the enhancement of RAN



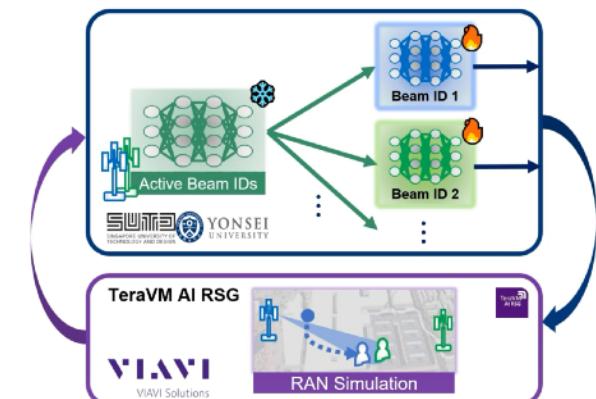
Spectral Efficiency



Site-specific



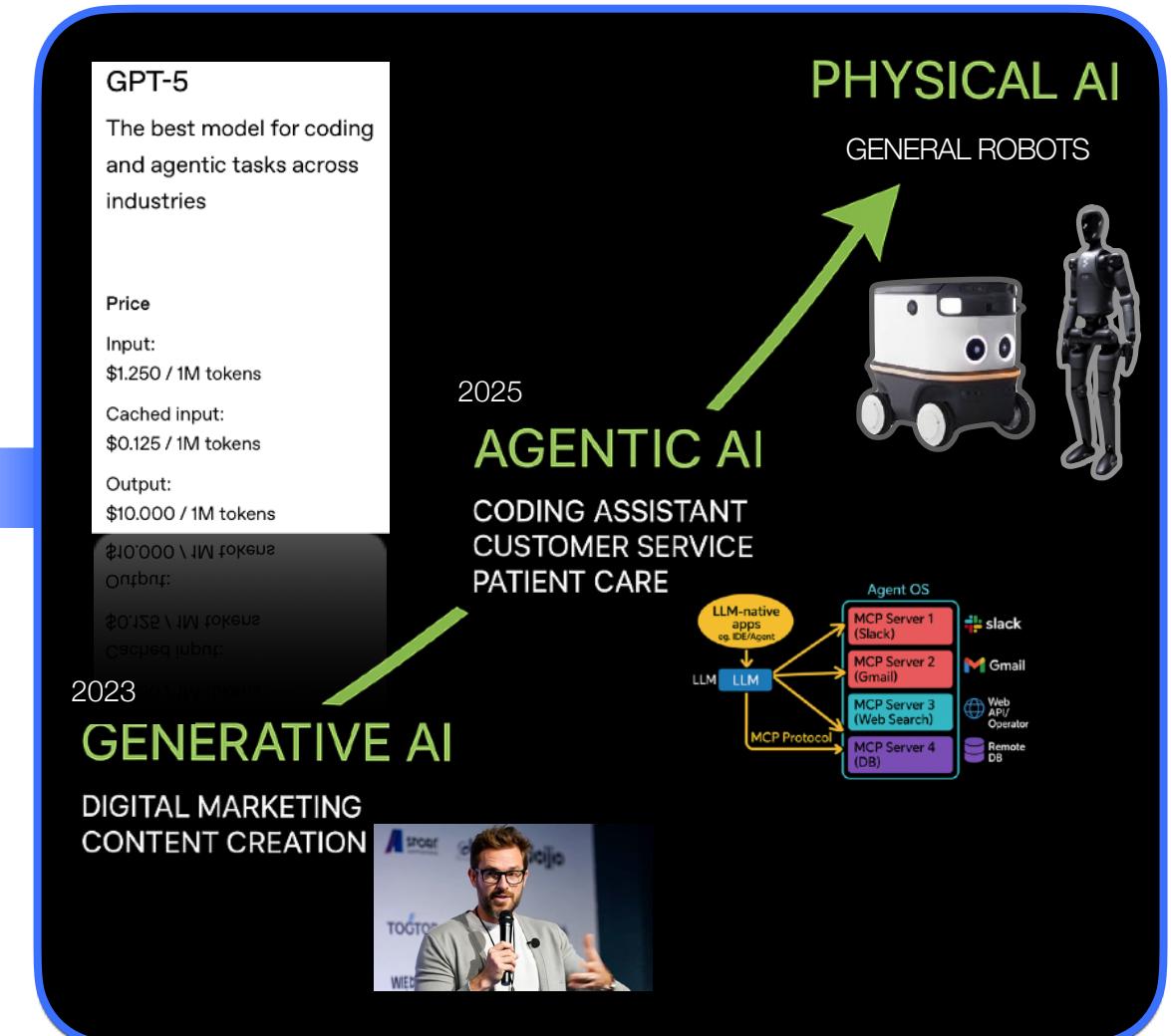
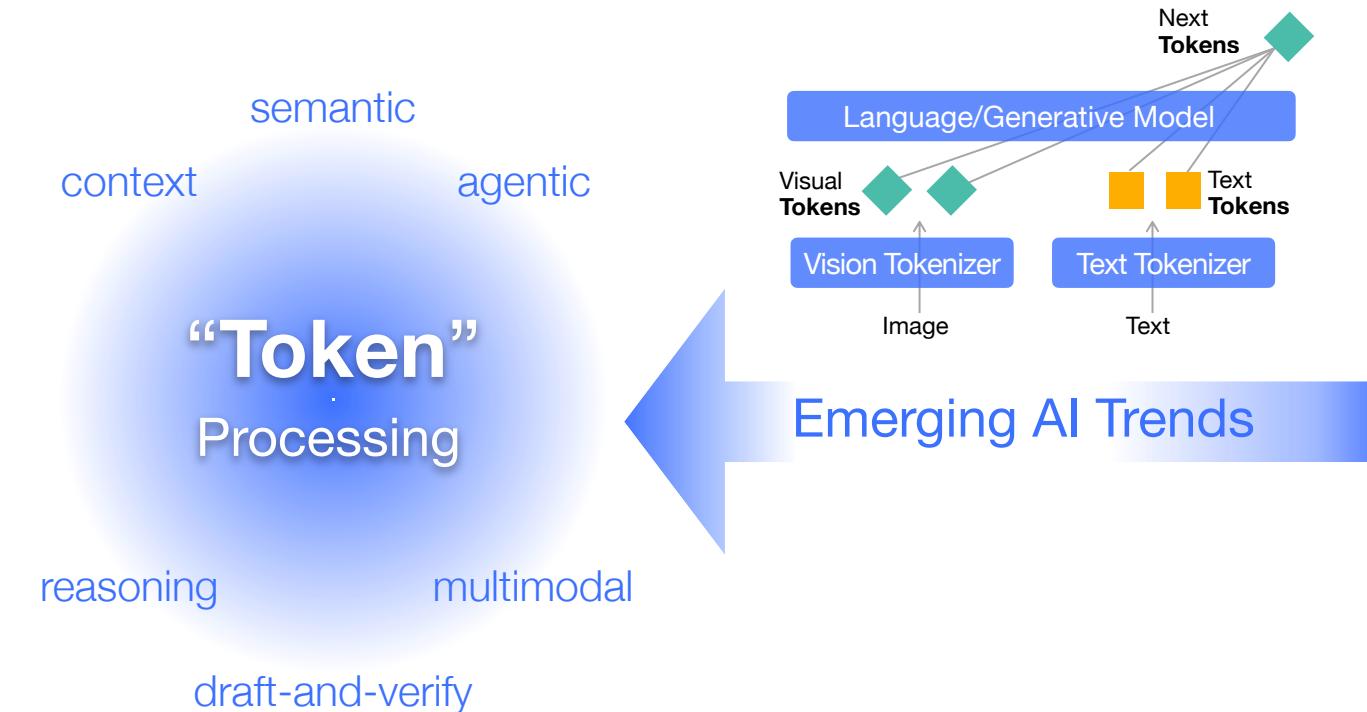
Joint Optimization



Predictive

Emerging AI Trends: **Token-based Processing**

Tokens are the fundamental units of processing in **generative & large language model-based applications**.

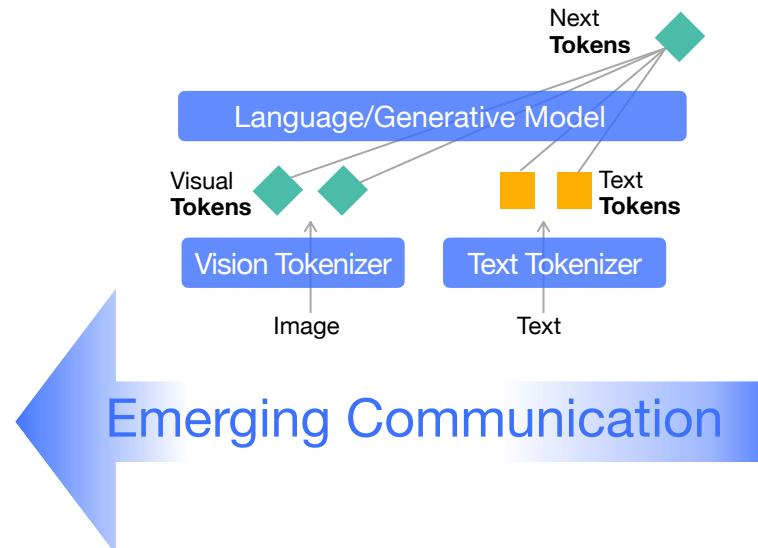


Source: NVIDIA

Emerging Communication Trends: **Token-based Communication**

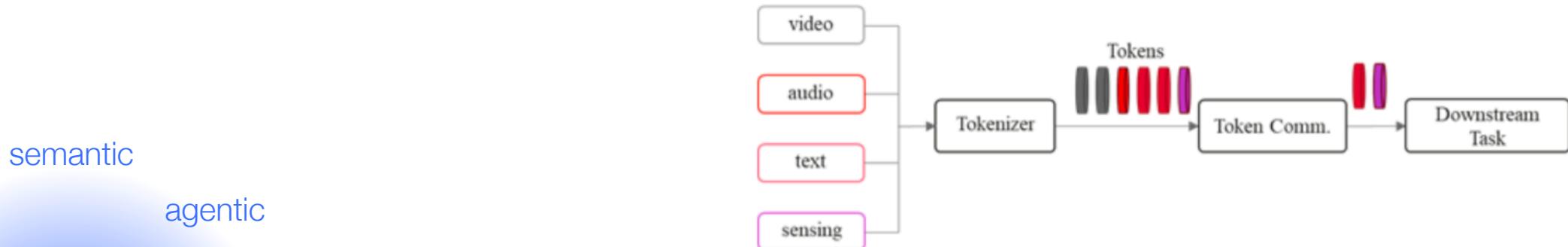
To address the shift from bits to tokens, **token-aware** communication & **token-level** multiple access have emerged.

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Multimodal data transmission: **Token traffic model** for generative multimodal data transmission

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New model 3:

Motivated by new services with AI related, e.g., immersive communication, token communication, etc.

- **Mentioned by:** *MediaTek, AT&T, Google, NVIDIA, Sharp, Huawei,*

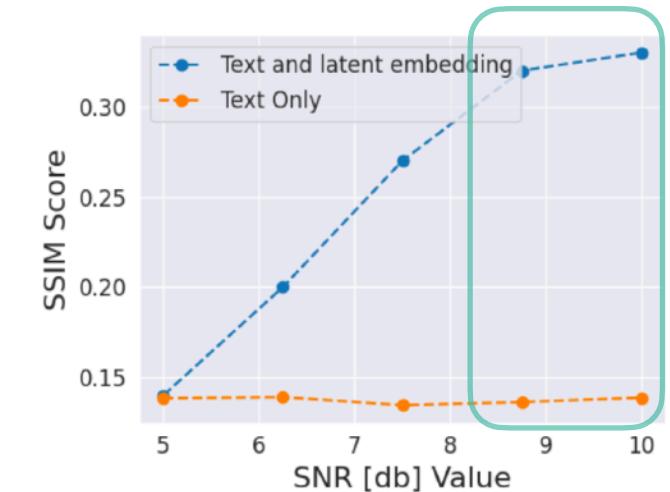
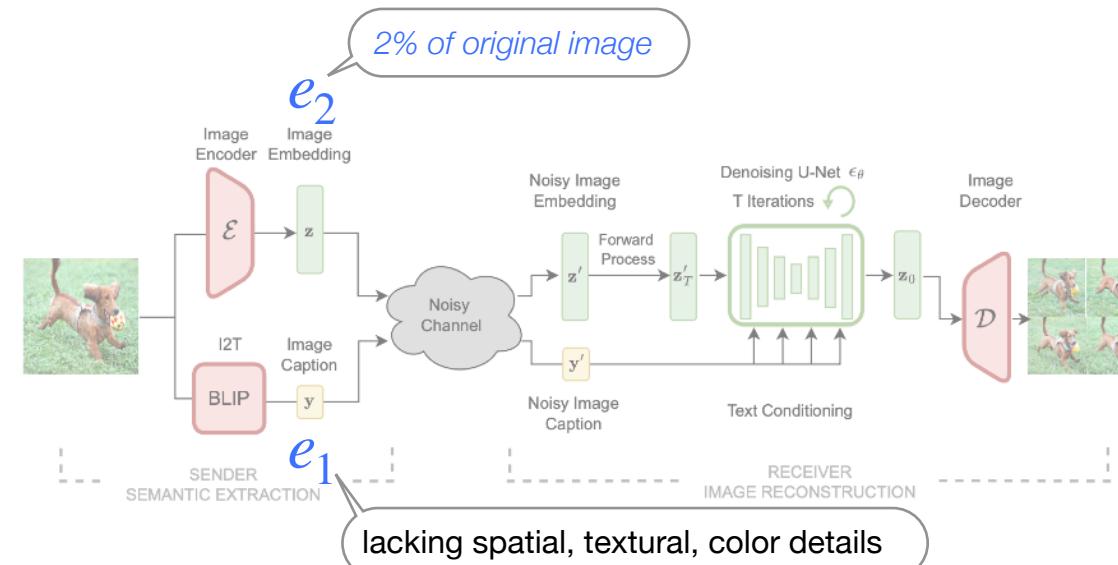
- uplink-heavy immersive
- AI applications related traffic.
- The token-streamlined traffic model

| Companies | Views from tdoc |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>MediaTek</i> | <i>AI applications: RAN1 to discuss whether a new traffic model is needed or not.</i> |
| <i>NVIDIA</i> | <i>Study traffic models for performance evaluation during 6GR study taking into consideration the unique characteristics (uplink-heavy, burst and highly dynamic with the uprise) of UL-heavy immersive and AI applications related traffic.</i> |
| <i>Sharp</i> | <i>RAN1 to discuss whether a new traffic model is needed or not for AI applications in 6G study.</i> |
| <i>AT&T</i> | <i>6GR SI to include a study of a new traffic model for generative AI traffic.</i> <i>For 6GR evaluation, define a revised mixed-traffic profile including XR and GenAI.</i> |
| <i>Google</i> | <i>The study should incorporate an AI-specific traffic model for evaluations.</i> <i>The token-streamlined traffic model is proposed to accurately represent the data patterns and requirements of future AI/ML services.</i> <i>The reliability of CSI reporting for AI traffic should be prioritized and considered to be higher than that for other traffic types.</i> <i>Evaluations should consider a CQI report with a 1% target BLER for traffics with stringent reliability requirement including AI traffic.</i> |

Token-based Communication: **Multimedia Communication**

Multimodal data transmission: **Text+Image tokens** for high-fidelity generative multimodal data transmission

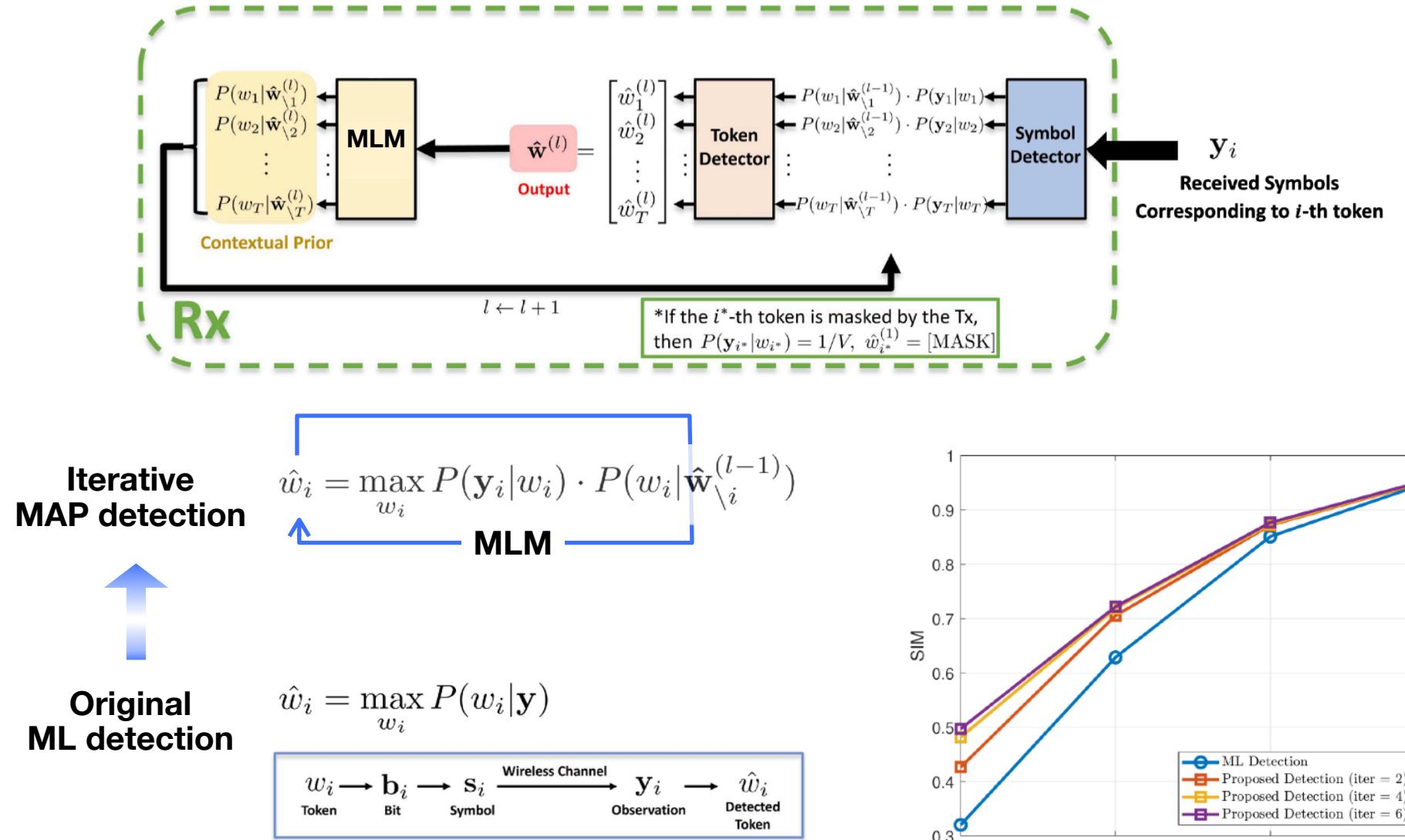
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Token-based Communication: **Multimedia Communication**

Multimedia Joint Detection-Decoding: **Context token priors** via masked language model (MLM) for token detection-decoding

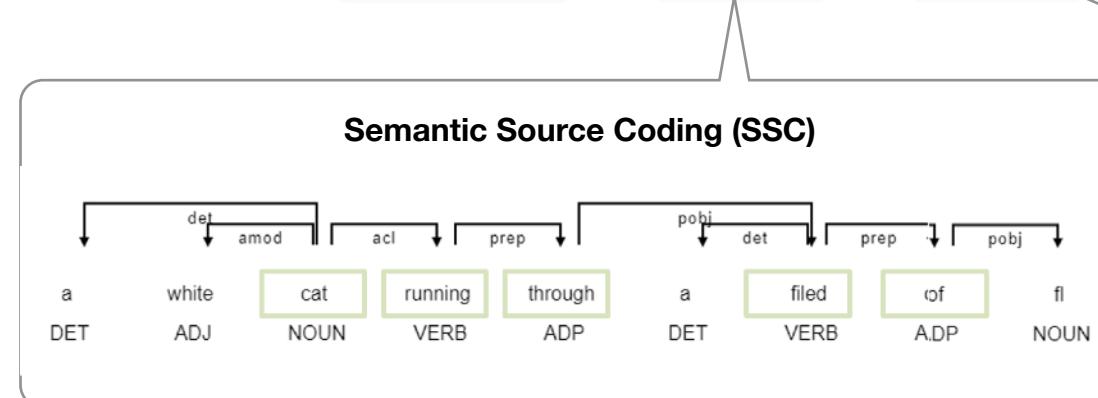
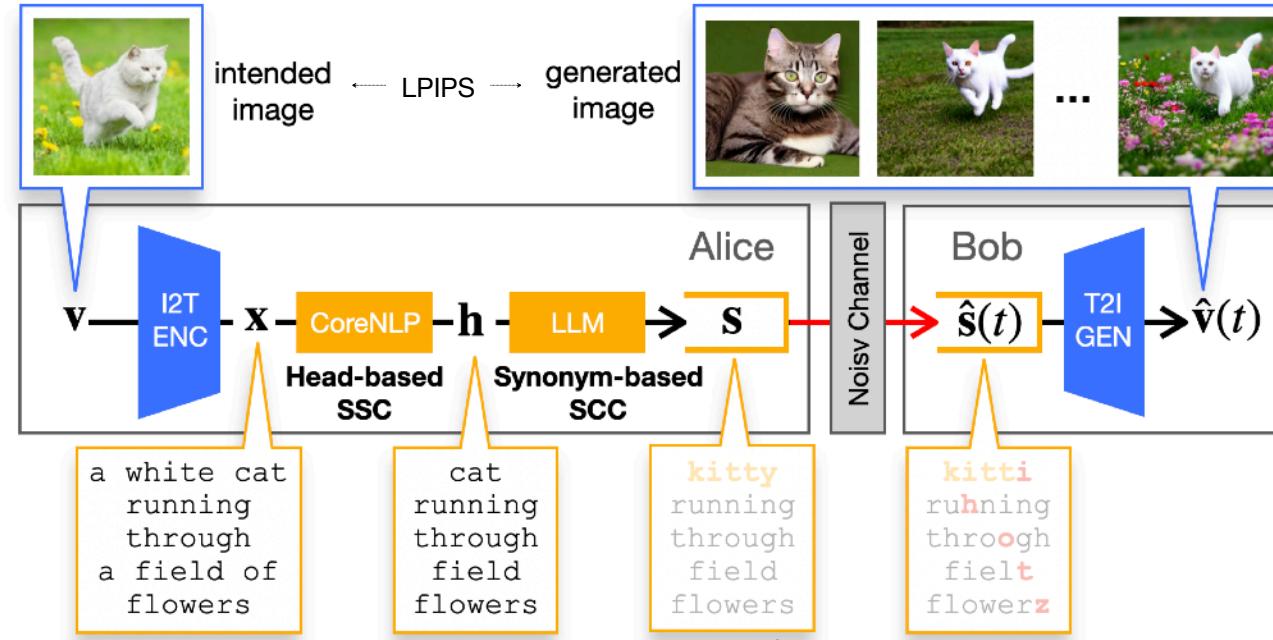
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Token-based Communication: **AI-generated Content (AIGC)**

AIGC: **Token engineering** for semantic pruning (compression), lengthening (robustness)

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Semantic Channel Coding (SCC)

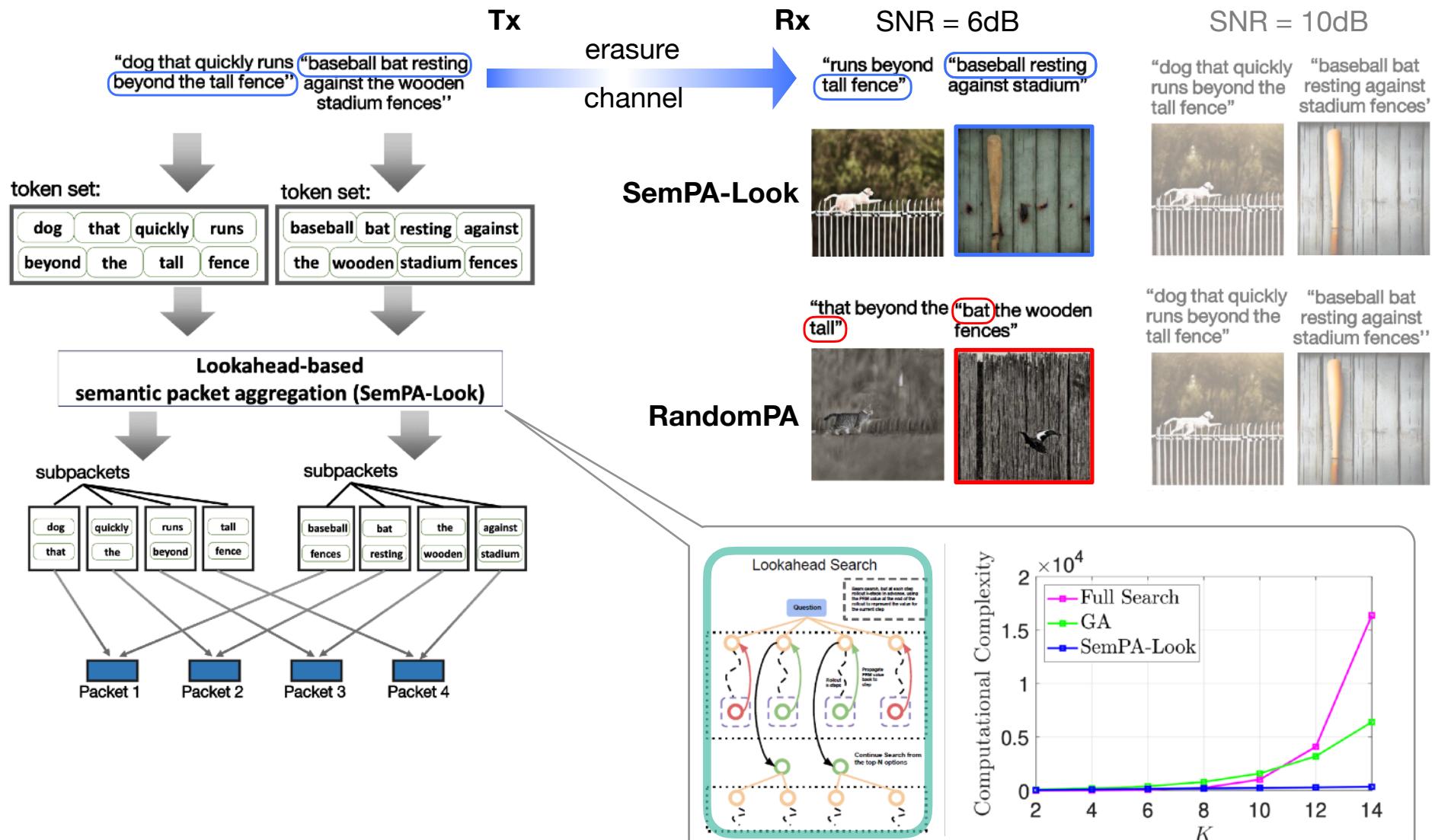
- "a white _____ running through a field of grass"
- cat**: This is the most general and neutral term. It's commonly used and fits naturally in a wide range of contexts.
 - Estimated probability: 0.95 (or 95%)
 - feline**: This is a more formal or scientific term for "cat". While it's technically correct, it might sound a bit out of place in such a casual sentence.
 - Estimated probability: 0.75 (or 75%)
 - kitty**: An informal and endearing term for a cat. It can fit in the sentence and might convey a playful or affectionate tone.
 - Estimated probability: 0.85 (or 85%)

Token-based Communication: **AI-generated Content (AIGC)**

AIGC: Token grouping for semantic packetization

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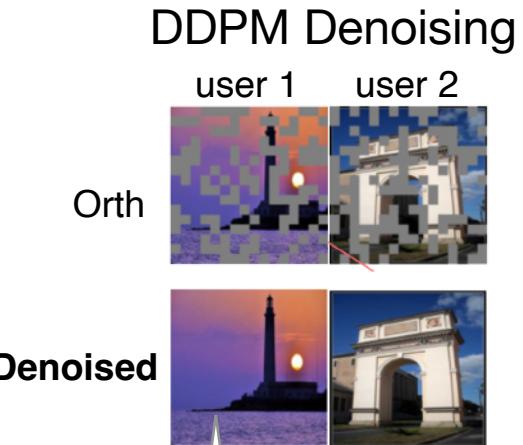
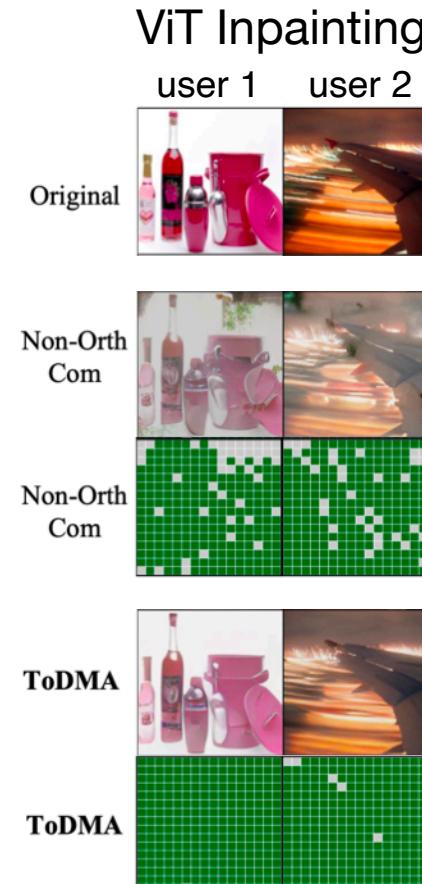
MAC: **Token interpolation** for semantic multiple access

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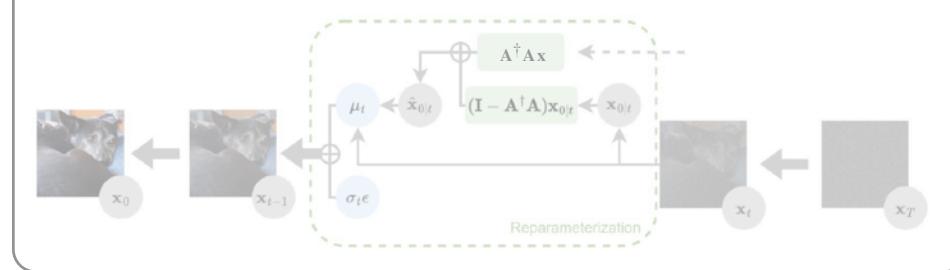


$\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times L}$: original sample

$\hat{\mathbf{x}} \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times L}$: generated sample

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^+ \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} + (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}^+ \mathbf{A}) \hat{\mathbf{x}}$$

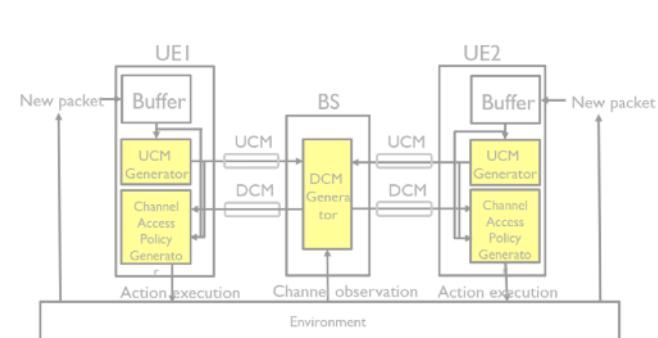
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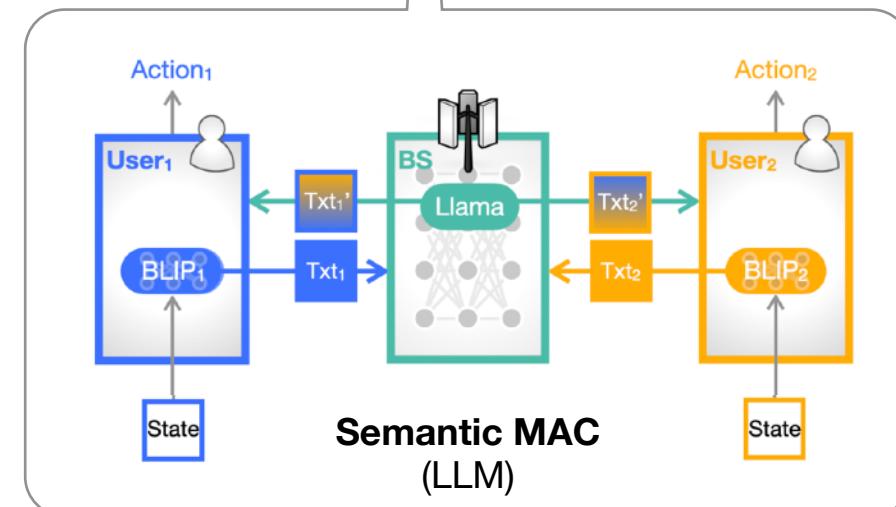
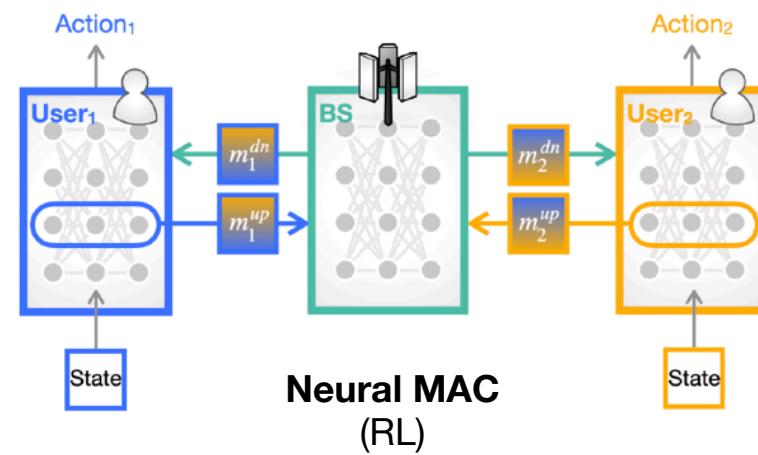
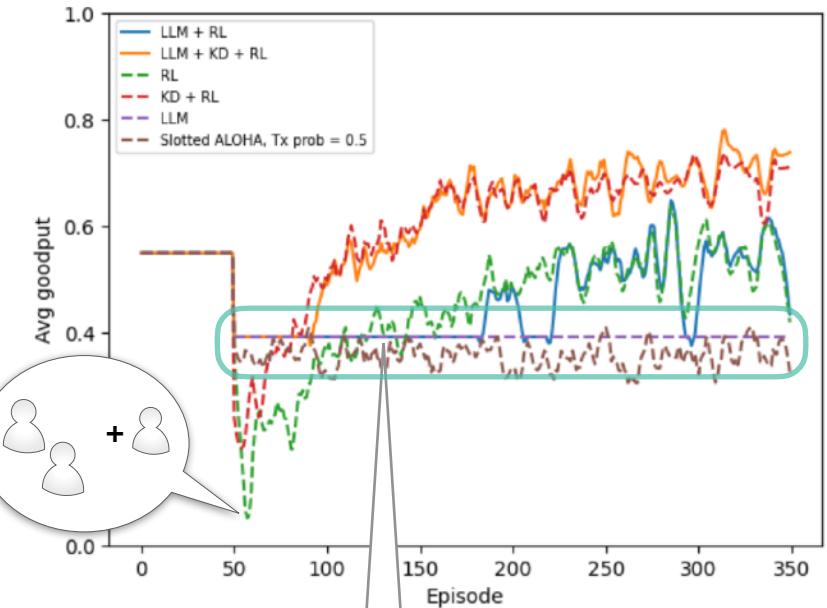
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| Scheme | Distribution shift | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| | $p_L^a \uparrow$ | $p_L^a \downarrow$ | $b_L^{\max} \uparrow$ | $b_L^{\max} \downarrow$ | $L \uparrow$ | $L \downarrow$ |
| S-ALOHA | 0.39 | 0.16 | 0.35 | 0.34 | 0.39 | 0.21 |
| ① Pre-trained NPM | 0.44 | 0.15 | 0.37 | 0.34 | 0.13 | 0.28 |
| ② Trained NPM | 0.72 | 0.24 | 0.55 | 0.52 | 0.60 | 0.34 |
| ②(Trained NPM) - ①(Pre-trained NPM) | 0.28 | 0.09 | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.47 | 0.06 |



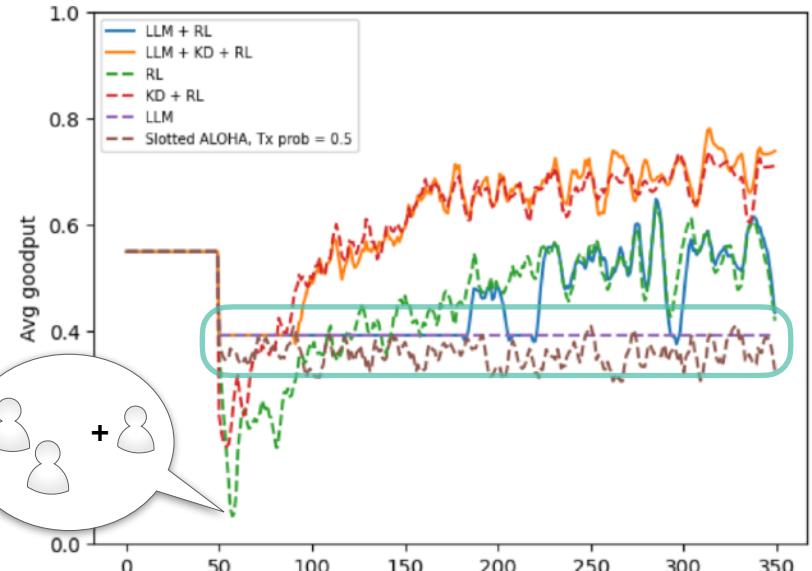
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[Instruction]
As the control tower (base station), your role is to manage the communications of multiple user equipment (or UEs) efficiently.
Each UE has its own buffer and packets are saved in the buffer.
Each UE can perform one of three actions based on your answer,
Action 0: Wait and do nothing.
Action 1: Transmit one packet via uplink channel if buffer each UE has is not empty.
Action 2: Delete one packet in the buffer.
Your challenge is to direct each UE individually, knowing that if multiple UEs select Action 1, interference will cause a decoding failure at the BS.
Also, if BS successfully decodes certain UE's packet, that UE should delete packet in order to transmit the new packet at the next step.
Remember:
Only one action must be assigned to each UE now. Do not give other options.
Make sure that only one UE transmits its packet each time if multiple UEs have packets in the buffer.
UE with empty buffer cannot transmit packet.
Deleting packet that has not been decoded at the BS loses important information.
However, deleting packet that has been decoded at the BS is important.
Make your decisions wisely to ensure smooth and efficient communication.
Do not explain the reason of decision.

[Question]
UE 1 said: 'I have to send 2 packets total. I can store maximum 3 packets in the buffer'
UE 2 said: 'I have to send 2 packets total. I can store maximum 3 packets in the buffer'
UE 3 said: 'I have to send 2 packets total. I can store maximum 3 packets in the buffer'
UE 4 said: 'I have to send 2 packets total. I can store maximum 3 packets in the buffer'
After executing previous action, base station successfully decoded UE 1's packet.
Which action should each UE choose right now?



$\hat{y} = f(x; \theta) = \text{LLM}(\text{System prompt}(\theta) : \text{"As a base station..."}
Train data input(x) : \text{"UE 1 has 2 packets in its buffer..."})$

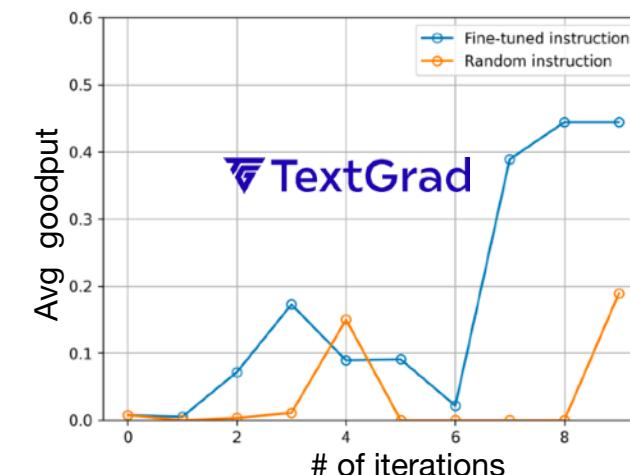
(a) Textual feed forward

$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} = \text{LLM}(\text{Conversation}(x, \theta, \hat{y}) : \text{"Here is a conversation with LLM : } \{\theta, x, \hat{y}\}\text{"})$
Objective function(L) : "The answer should prevent collision..."
Gradient calculation($\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta}$) : "Explain how to improve $\{\theta\}$ with given $\{\theta, x, \hat{y}, L\}$ "

(b) Textual backpropagation

$\theta_{\text{new}} = \text{LLM}(\text{Calculated gradient}(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta}) : \text{"Below is a feedback to the variable... } \{\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta}\}\text{"})$
Gradient descent(θ_{new}) : "Using the feedback, improve a system prompt."

(c) Textual gradient descent



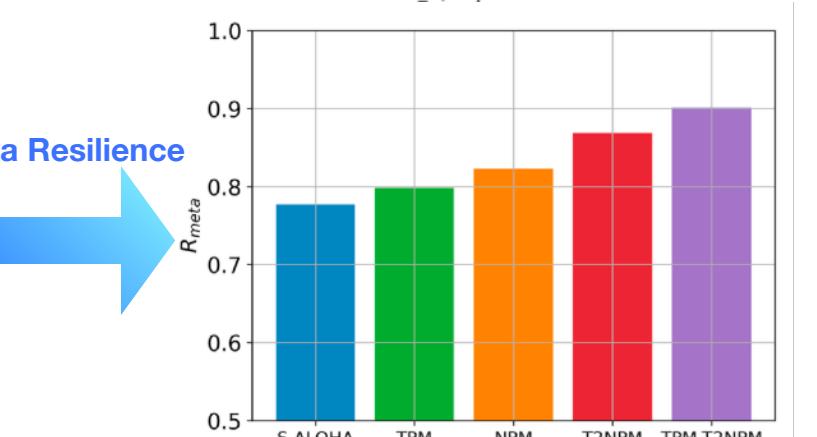
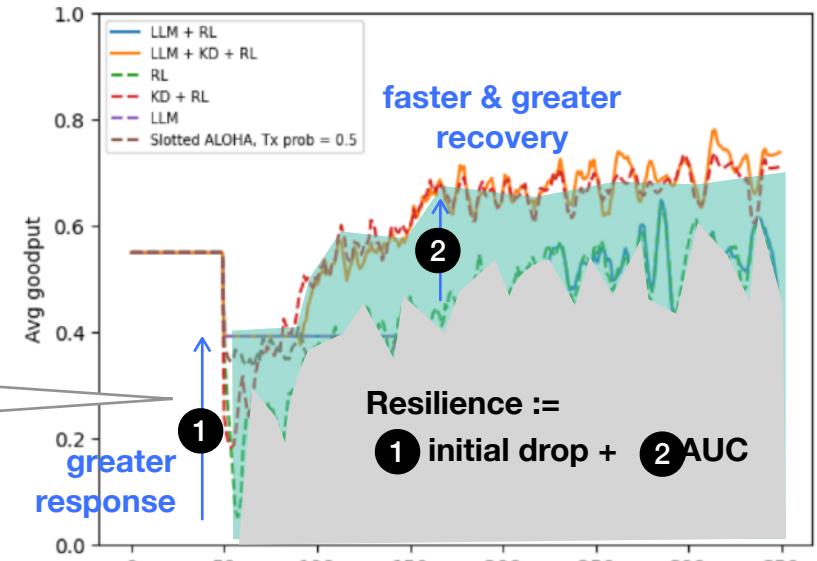
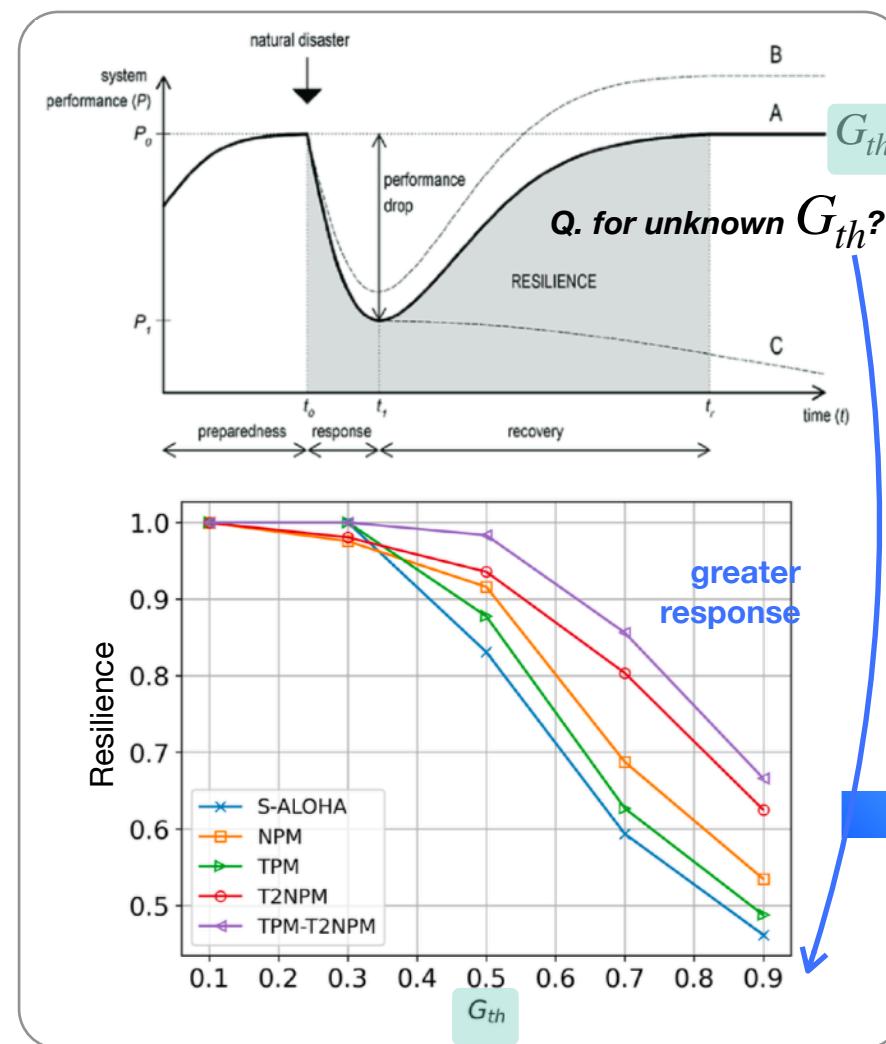
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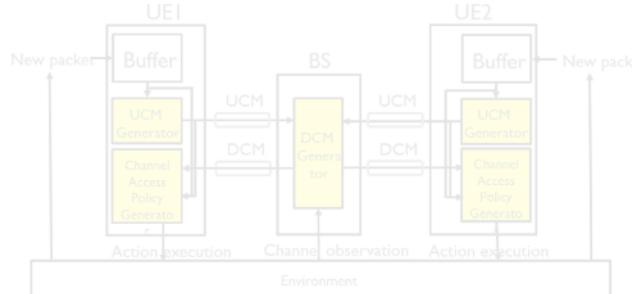
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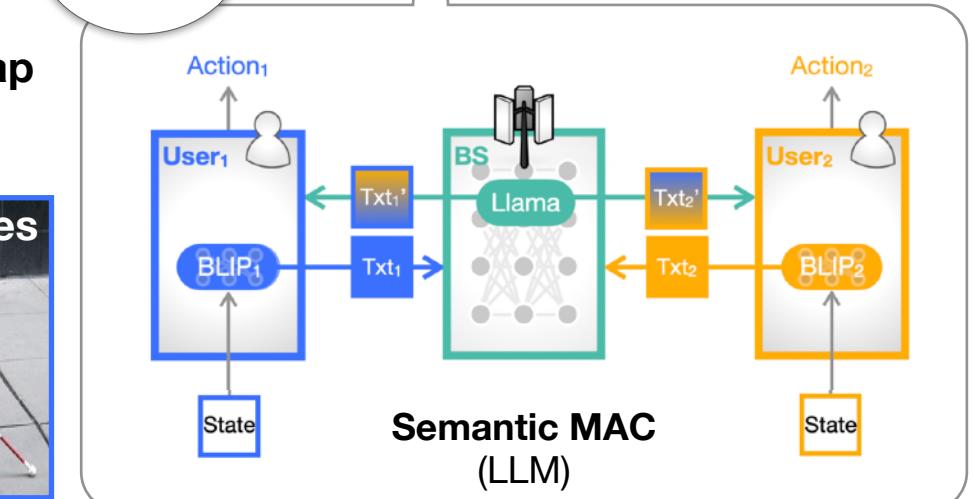
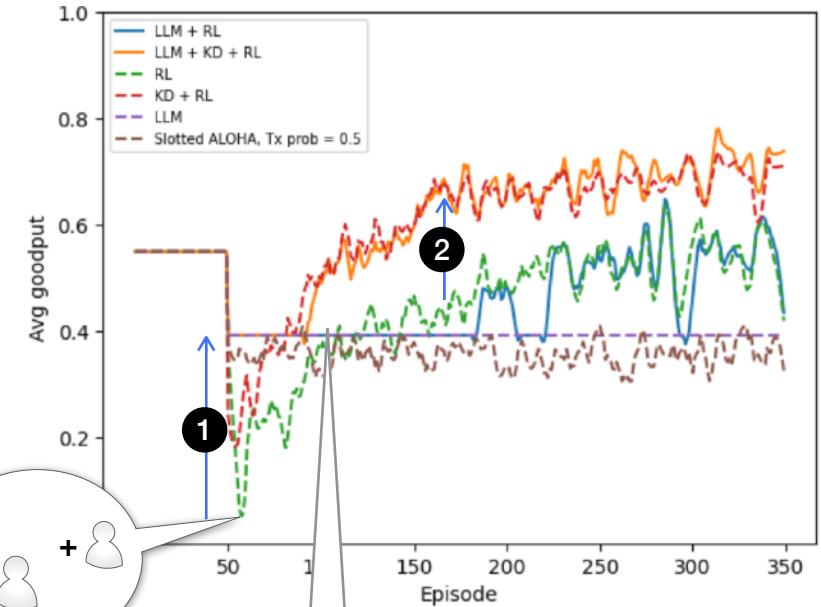
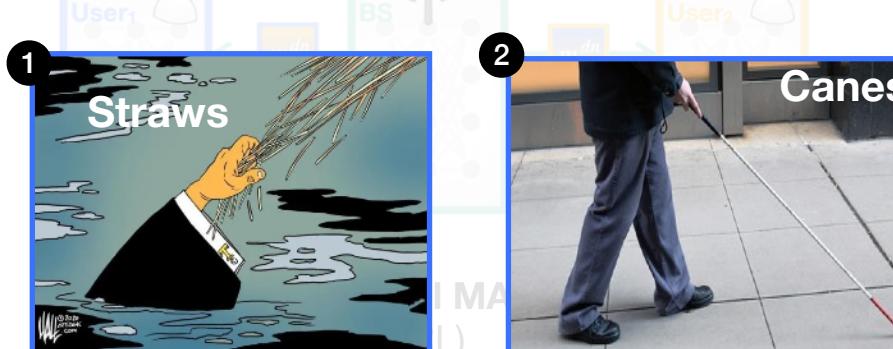
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$$r_{\ell}^t = \begin{cases} +\rho_1, & \text{If BS decodes new packet of } \ell\text{-th UE} \\ +\rho_2, & \text{If } \ell\text{-th UE discards packet that BS decoded} \\ -\rho_3, & \text{If BS discards packet that UE } \ell \text{ decoded} \end{cases}$$

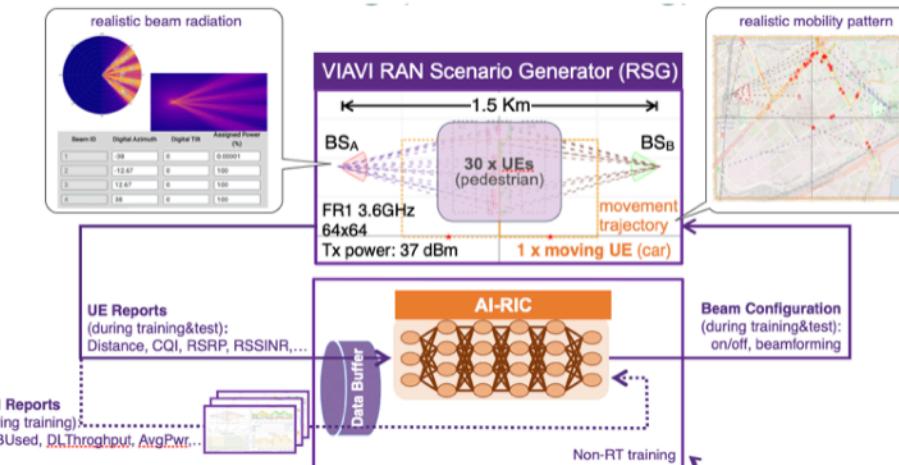
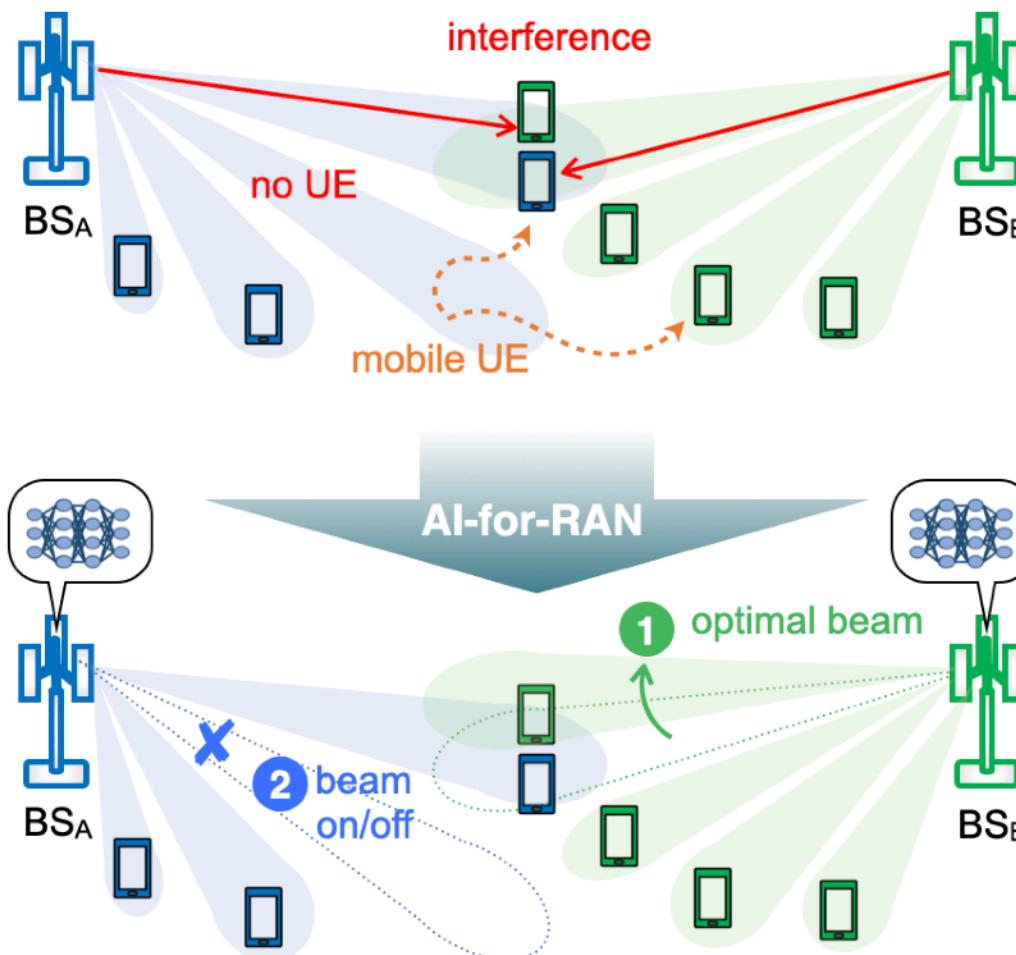


An LLM is **neither a Magic Wand nor a Map**
but it can be...



Token-based Communication: Resilient Beamforming

PHY: Token-based in-context learning for resilient PHY beamforming



Recorded demo of **AI-RIC** supporting

- 1 **Beam optimization** for interference mitigation
- 2 **Beam on/off** for energy saving

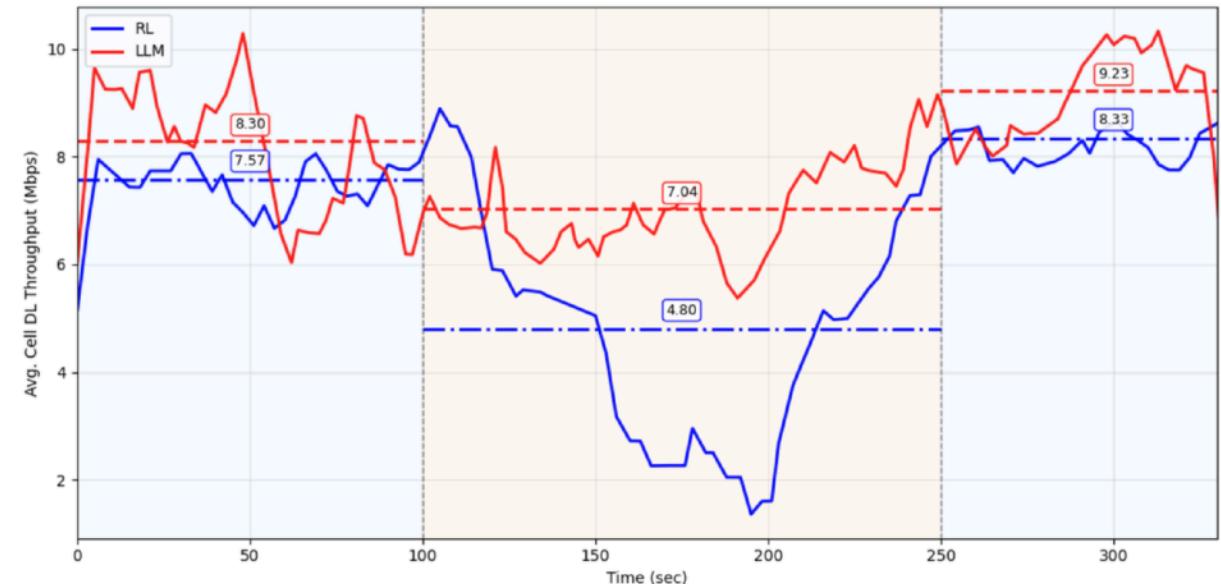
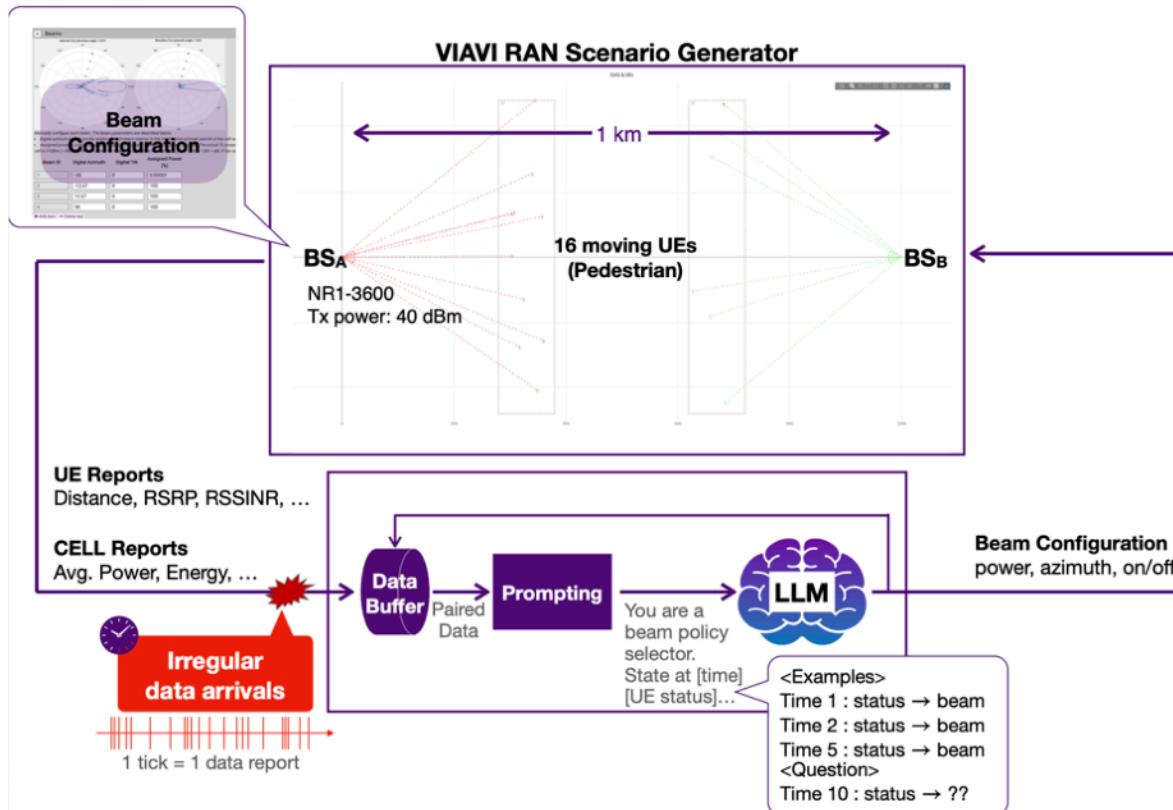
given **UE mobility patterns**

simulator for AI
training & test data



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AI-RAN for Token Communication

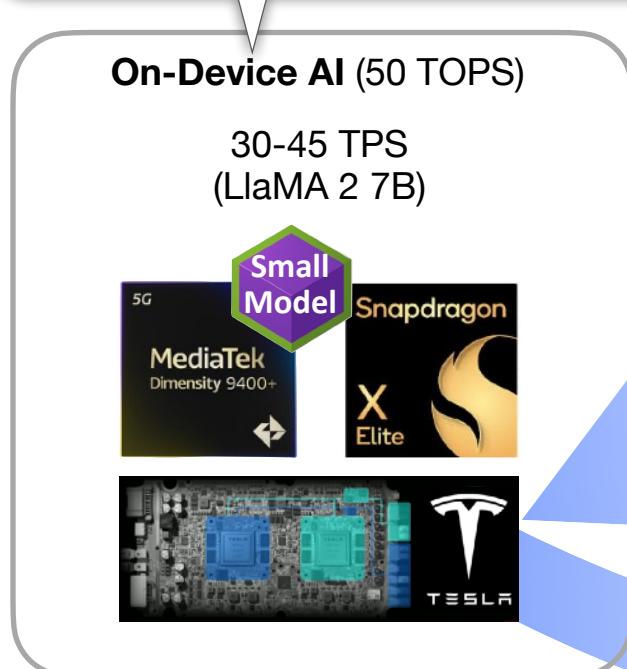
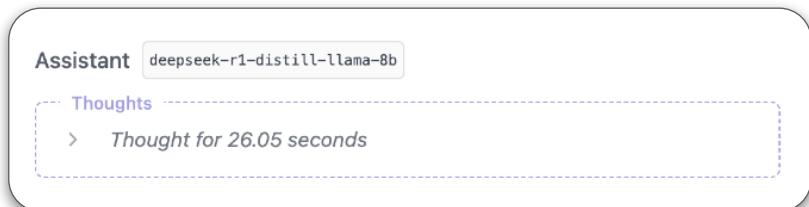
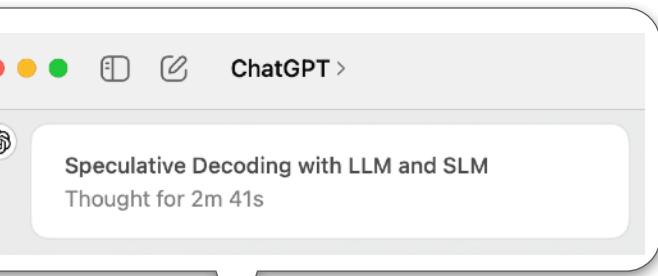
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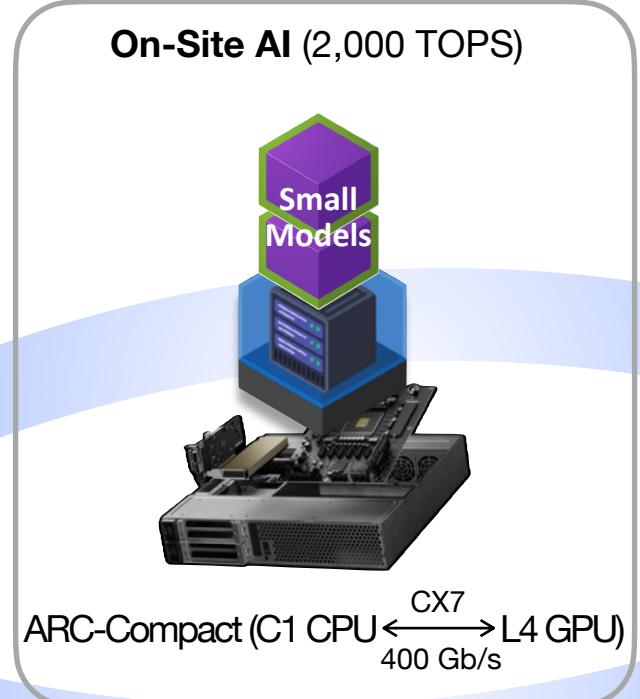
Challenge 1. Distributed, Heterogeneous AI

Q. Can token communication unify dispersed, heterogeneous AI resources for collective use?

Large Language Model (LLM):
high latency, but precise

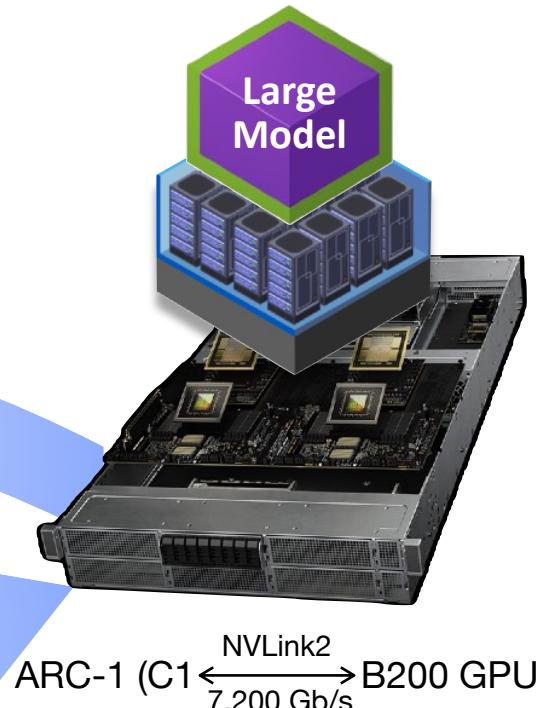


Small Language Model (SLM):
low latency, but coarse



Cloud AI (36,000 TOPS)

72,000 TPS/server
(LlaMA 4 400B)



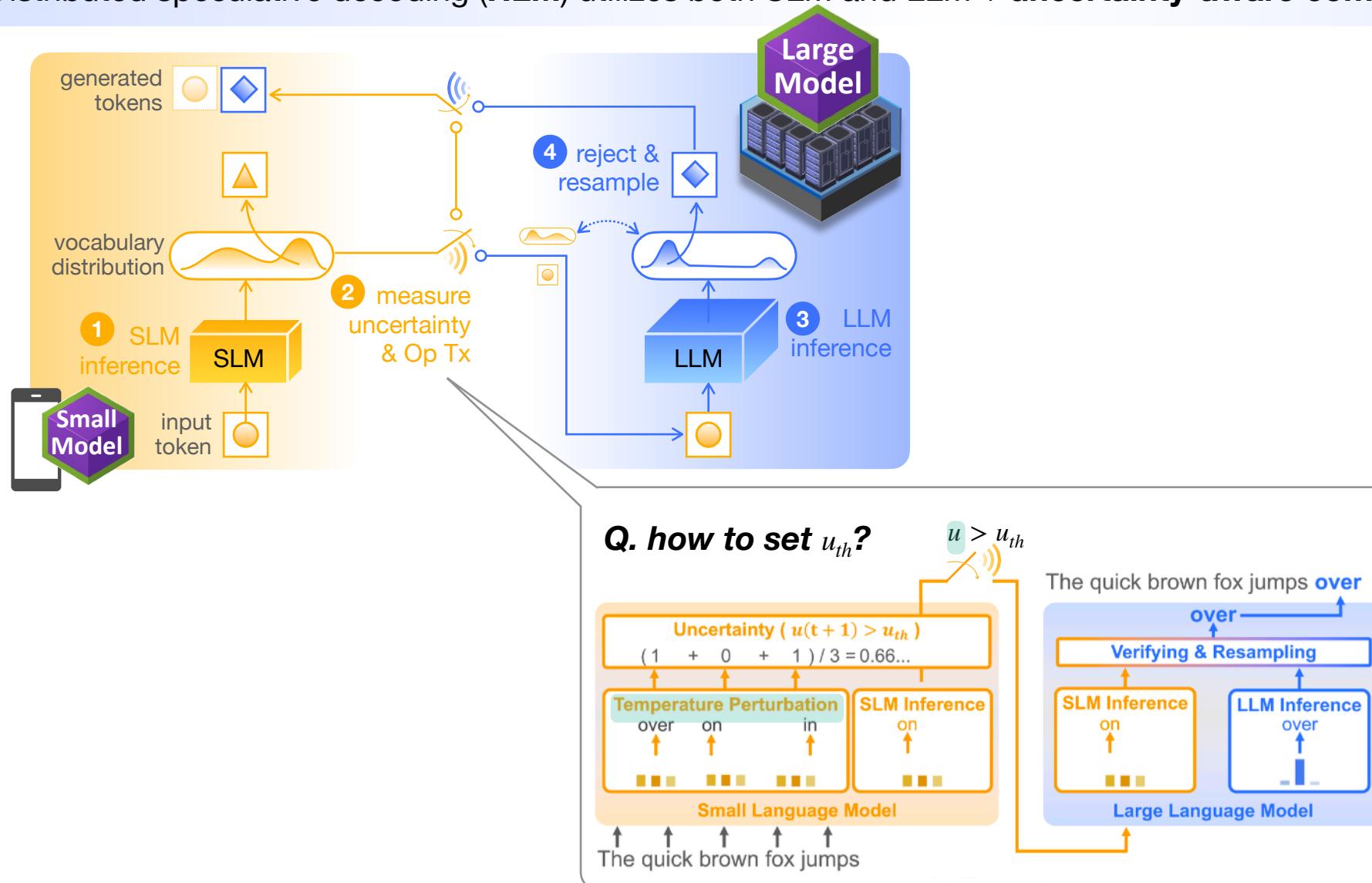
* TPS: Tokens Per Second

* TOPS: Trillion Operations Per Second

Source: NVIDIA, MediaTek, Qualcomm, Tesla

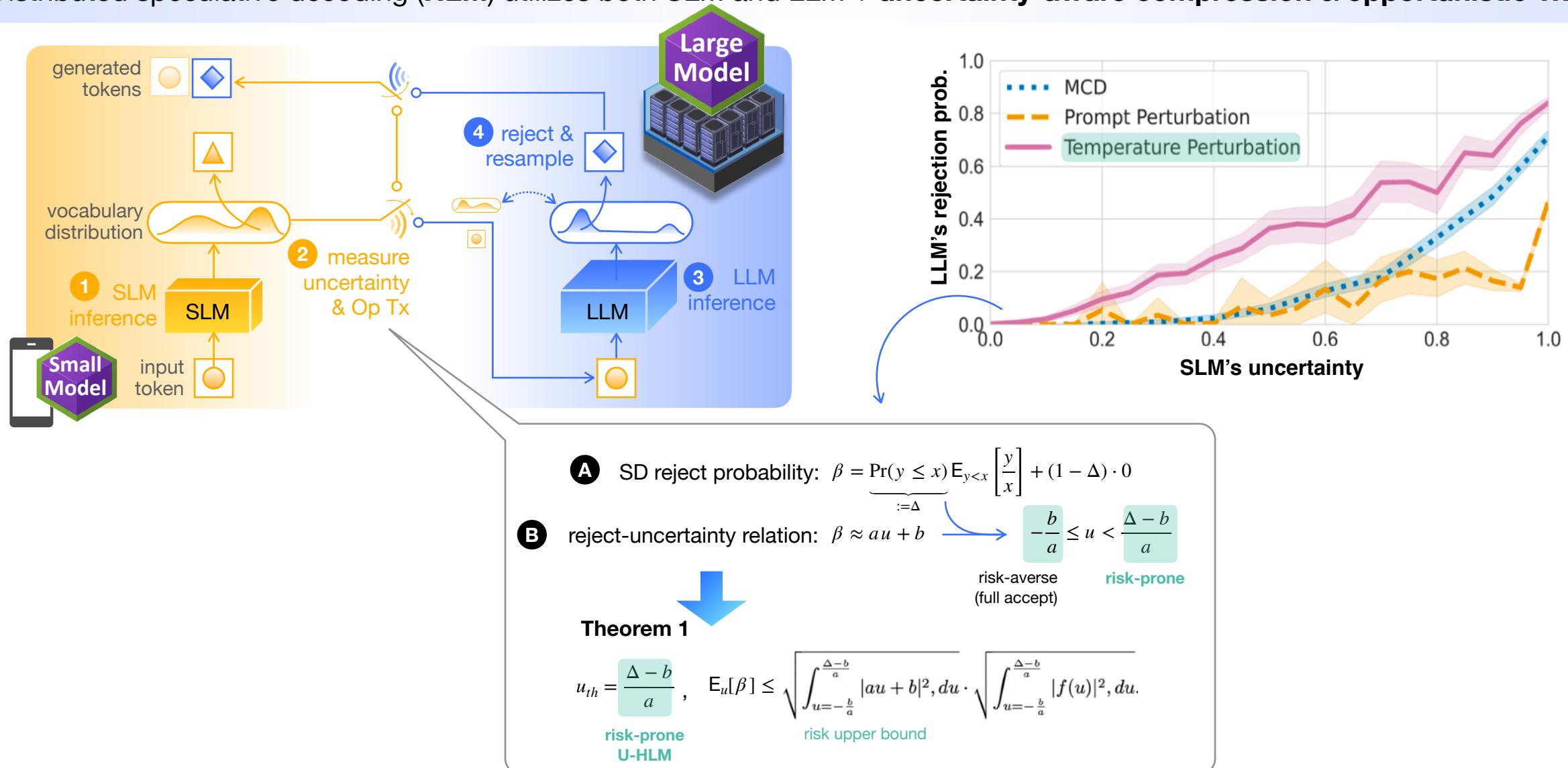
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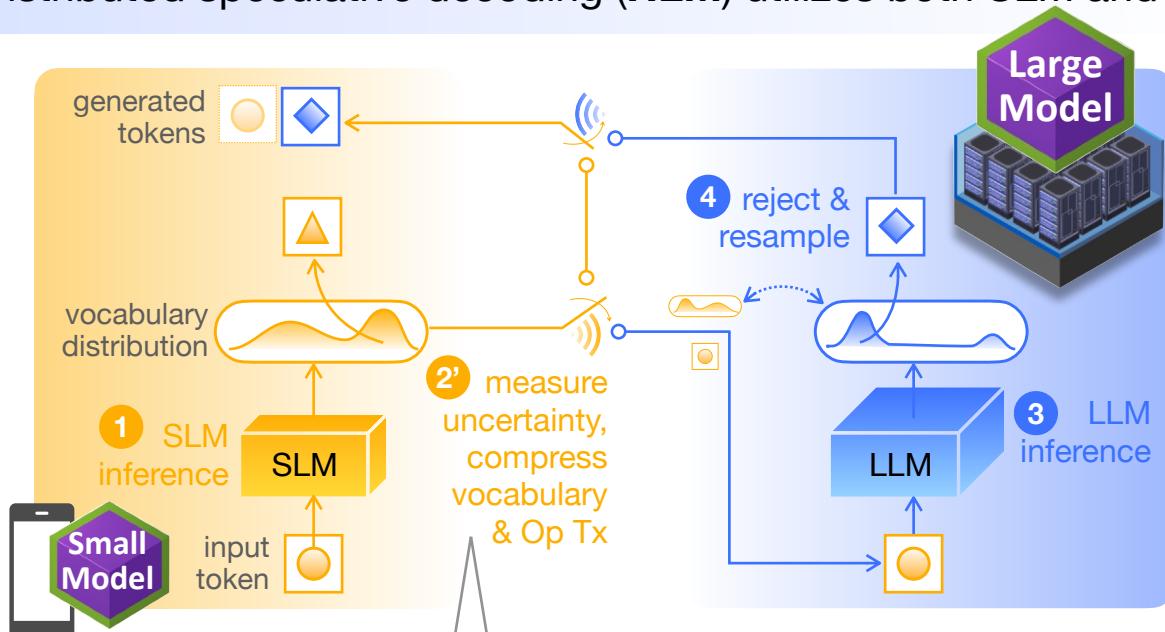
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$$\text{Top-}k: k(t)^* = \arg \min_{k(t)} \{k(t) \mid D_{\text{TV}}(\mathbf{p}(t), \mathbf{q}(t)) \leq \theta\} \quad \text{where TVD } D_{\text{TV}}(\mathbf{p}(t), \mathbf{q}(t)) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i |p_i(t) - q_i(t)|$$

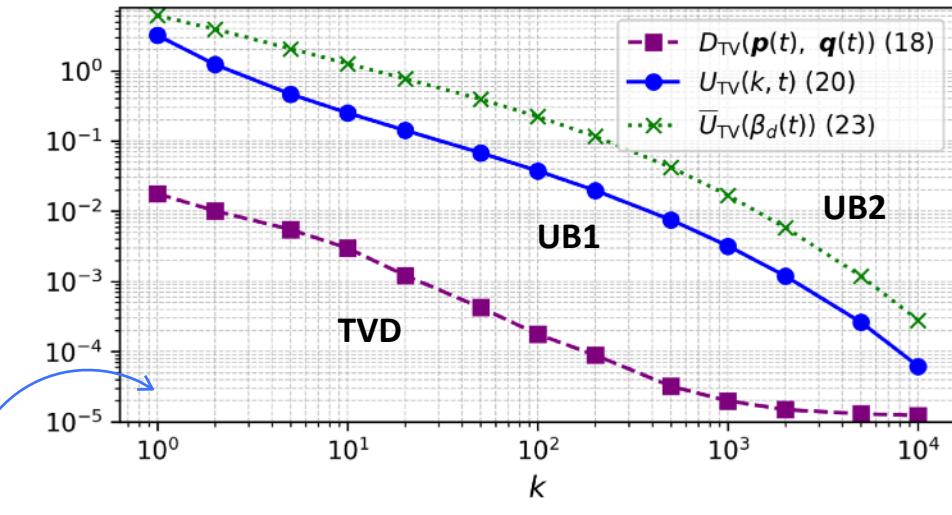
Offline Compression

$$\text{TVD UB1: } D_{\text{TV}}(\mathbf{p}(t), \mathbf{q}(t)) \leq \underbrace{\frac{\sum_{i=k+1}^{|V|} |x_i(t) - \hat{x}_i(t)|}{D_{\text{TV}}(\mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{y}(t))}}_{:= U_{\text{TV}}(k, t)}$$

$$k^* = \arg \min_k \{k \mid \mathbb{E}_t[U_{\text{TV}}(k, t)] \leq \theta\}$$

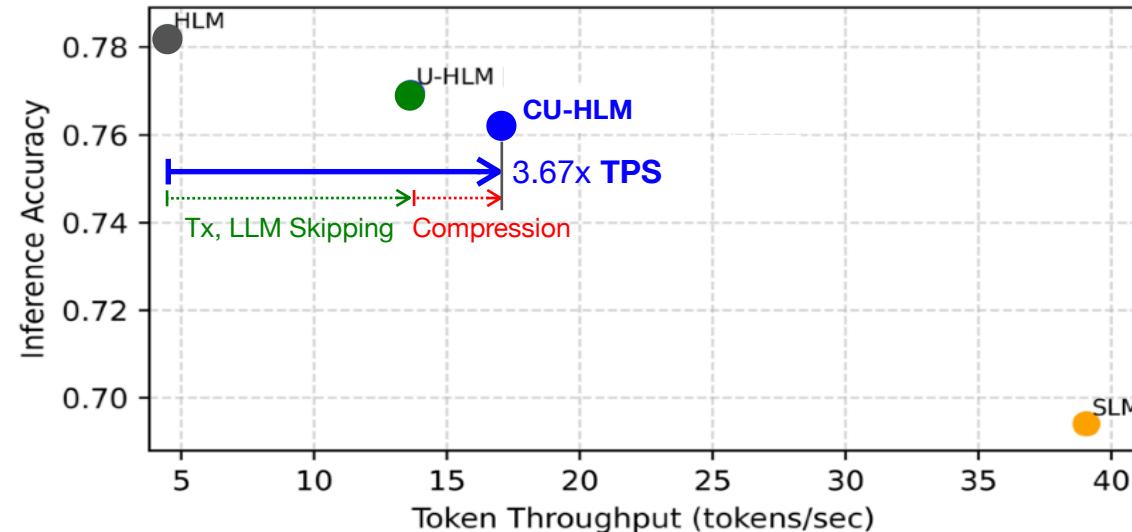
Online Compression

$$\text{TVD UB2: } \hat{U}_{\text{TV}}(k, t) < \underbrace{\frac{\sum_{i=k+1}^{|V|} |x_i(t) - \hat{x}_i(t)|}{(1 - x_d(t)) \cdot \ell(-1) + x_d(t) \cdot \ell(-\beta_d(t))}}_{:= \bar{U}_{\text{TV}}(\beta_d(t))}$$

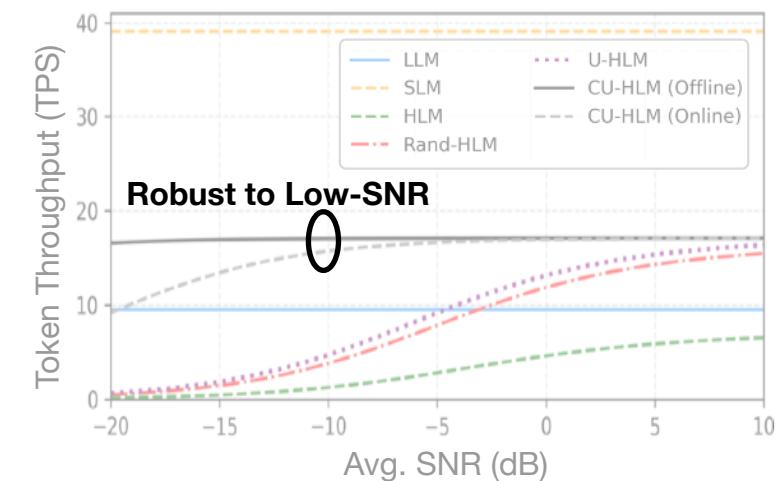
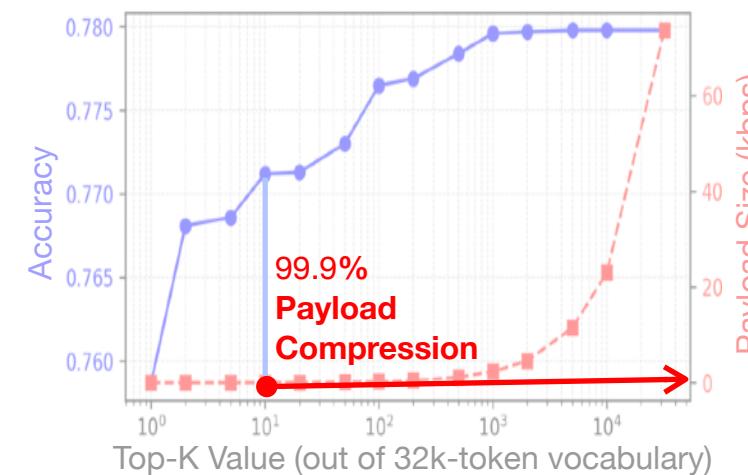
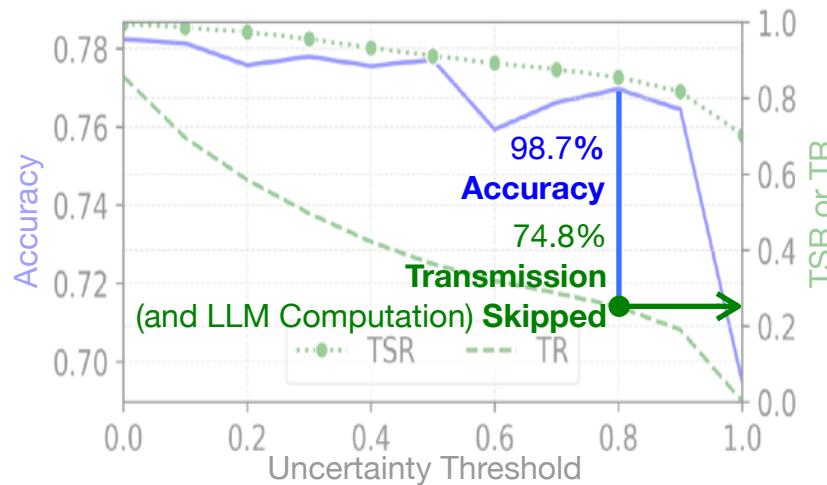


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| Method | Communication | LLM Computation | Token Throughput |
|------------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <i>Baseline: U-HLM</i> | | | |
| + No KD | 6.3 ms | 31.1 ms | 15.9 |
| + KD | 5.9 ms | 29.0 ms | 16.5 |
| + 7B-13B* | 2.8 ms | 13.8 ms | 12.4 |
| <i>CU-HLM (Online)</i> | | | |
| + No KD | 38.1 μ s | 30.0 ms | 18.0 |
| + KD | 35.5 μ s | 27.9 ms | 18.7 |
| + 7B-13B* | 16.2 μ s | 12.8 ms | 13.0 |

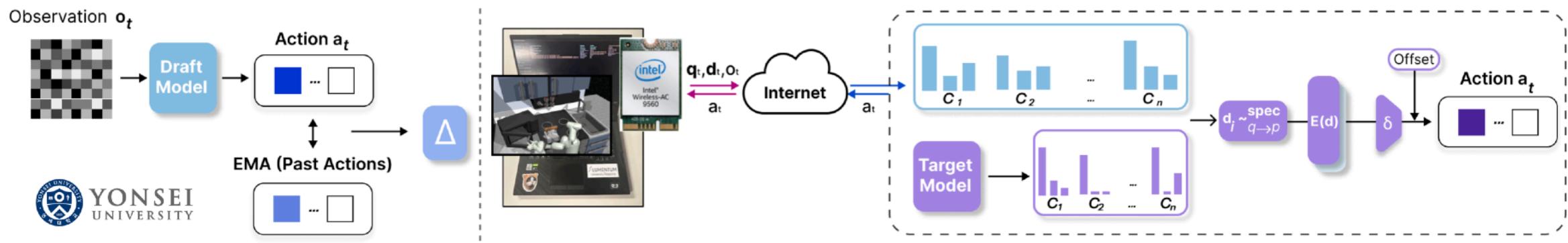
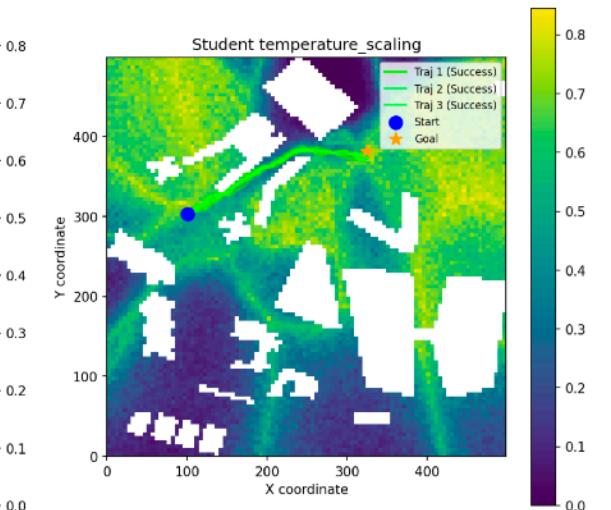
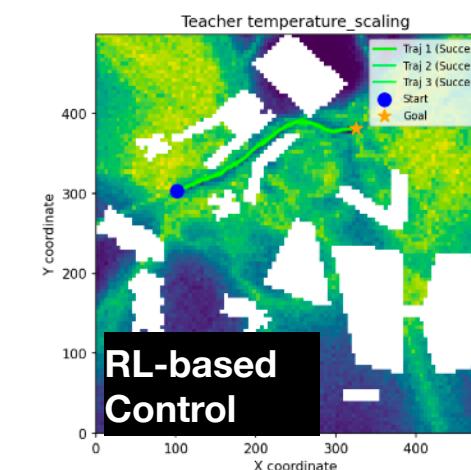


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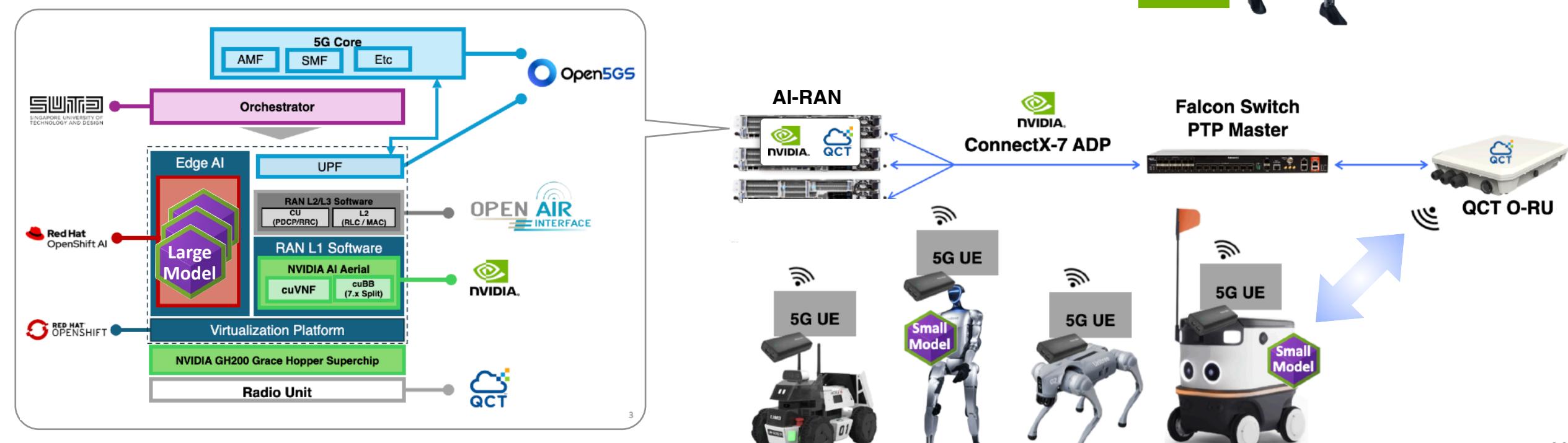
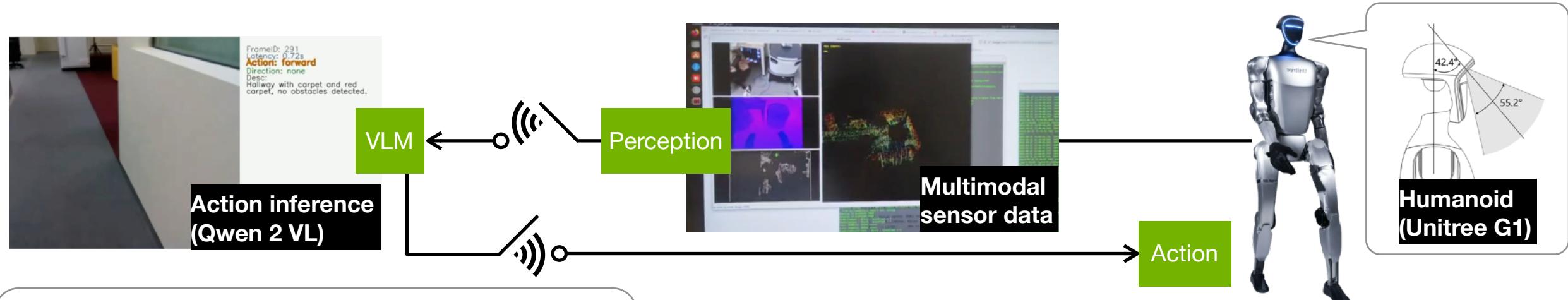
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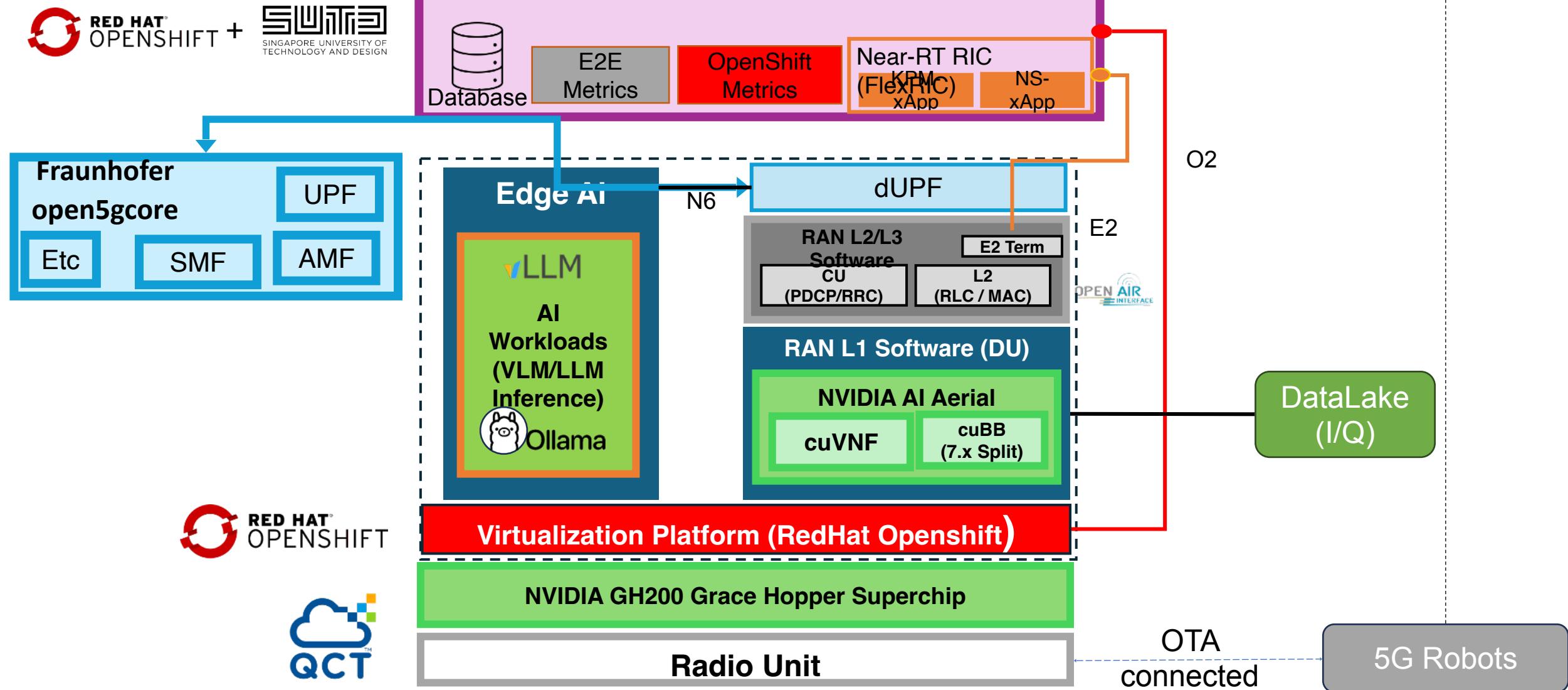
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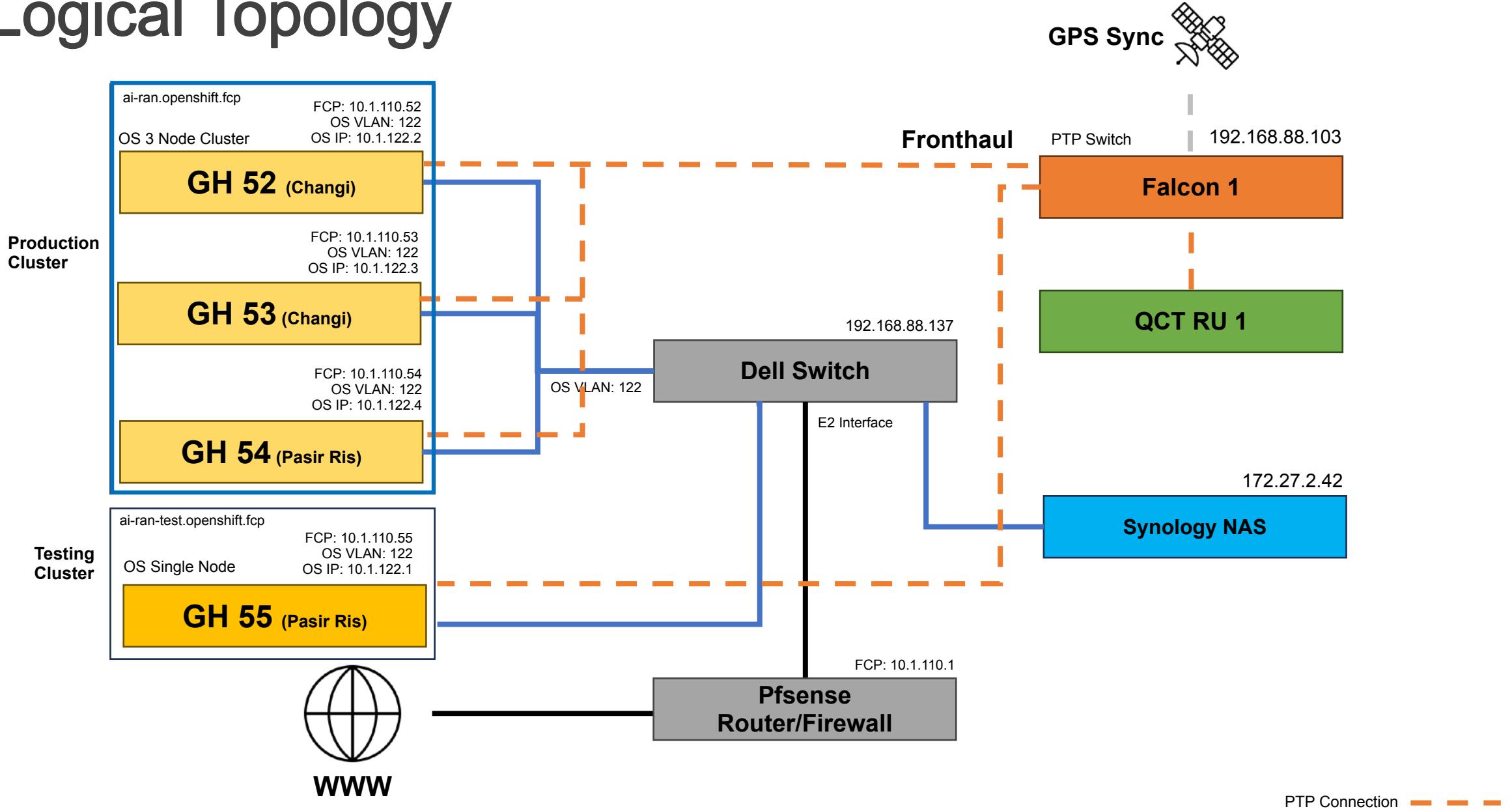
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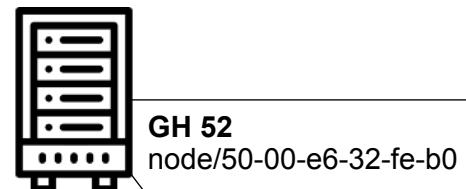
Logical Topology



Multi-Instance GPU (MIG) Availability

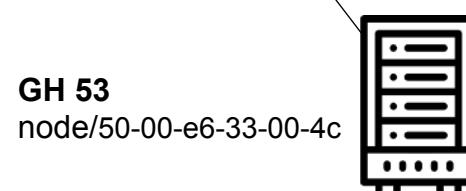
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Balanced workloads (gh200-3node-eq-balanced)

- 2 × 1g.12GB (small models)
- 1 × 2g.24GB (medium models)
- 1 × 3g.48GB (critical app eligible/ medium models)



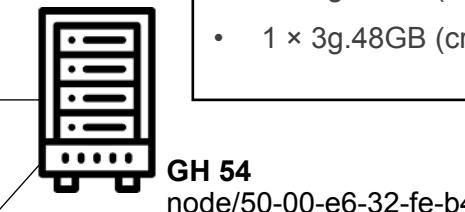
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Large workloads (all-disabled)

- Full GPU (critical app eligible/ large models)



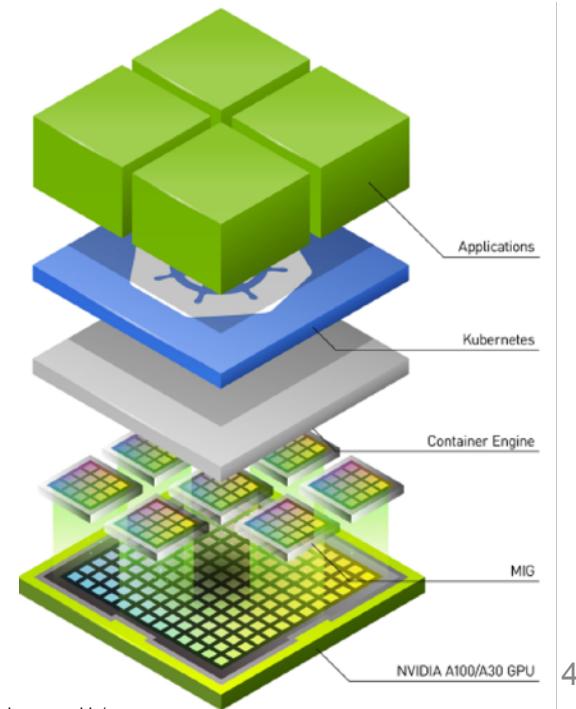
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| 7g.40gb | | | | | | | |
|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|--------|---|
| 3g.20gb | | | | 3g.20gb | | | |
| 2g.10gb | | 2g.10gb | | 2g.10gb | | X | |
| 1g.5gb | 1g.5gb | 1g.5gb | 1g.5gb | 1g.5gb | 1g.5gb | 1g.5gb | X |

- 1 × 7g.40gb
or
- 2 × 3g.20gb
or
- 3 × 2g.10gb
or
- 7 × 1g.5gb



Local/Edge AI Model Test (without Robots)

Inference Accuracy (Multimodal Benchmarks)

| Benchmark | qwen2.5vl:3b (Jetson) | qwen2.5vl:7b (Jetson) | llama3.2-vision-11b (Jetson) | Qwen2.5-VL-7B-Instruct (GH200) |
|-----------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| DocVQA | 93.0% | 94.5% | 92.0% | 95.7% |
| ChartQA | 83.0% | 85.0% | 82.0% | 87.3% |
| TextVQA | 81.0% | 83.0% | 80.0% | 84.9% |
| MathVista | 63.0% | 65.0% | 60.0% | 70.5% |

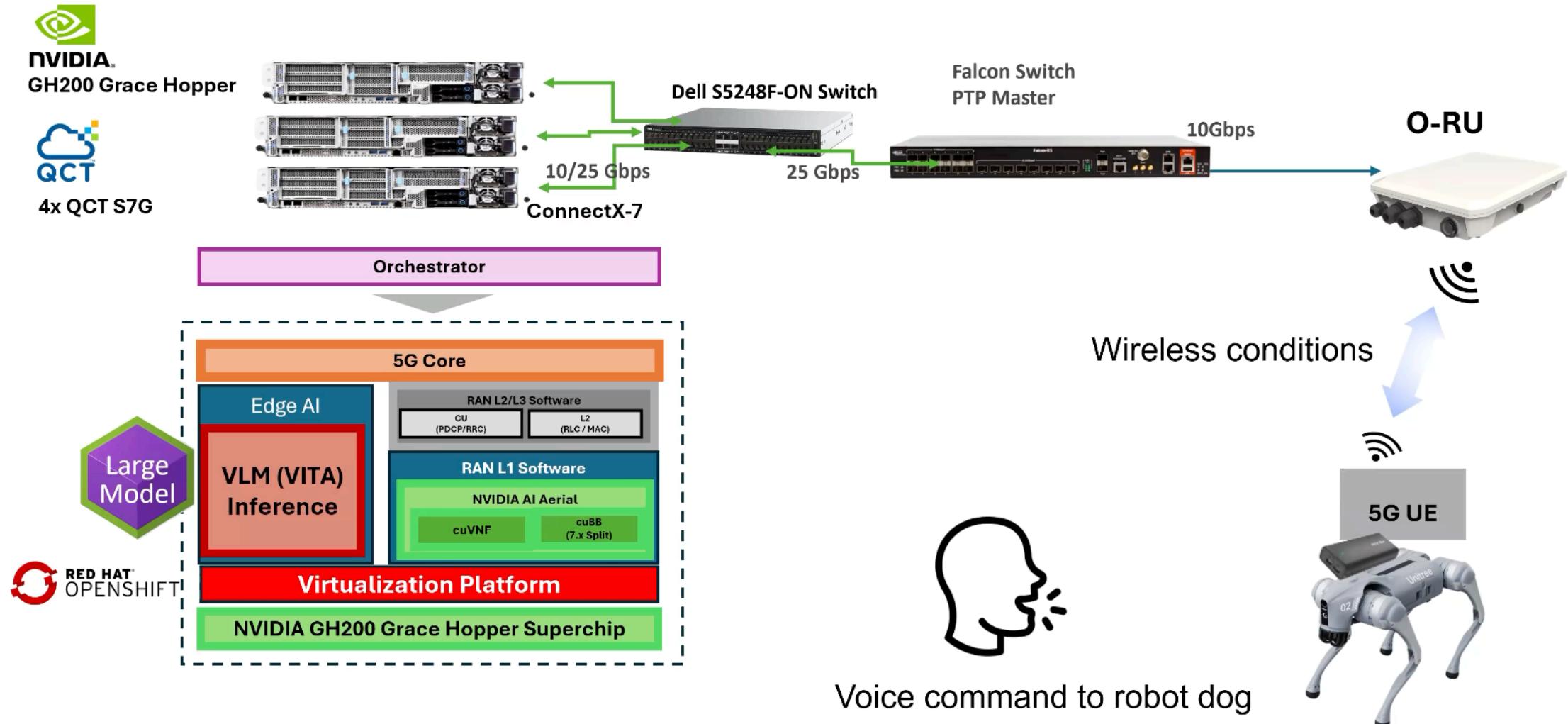
On-Device AI

Inference Latency

| Metric | qwen2.5vl:3b (Jetson Orin) | qwen2.5vl:7b (Jetson Orin) | llama3.2-vision-11b (Jetson Orin) | Qwen2.5-VL-7B-Instruct (GH200) |
|----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| TTFT (avg, s) | 0.340 | 0.440 | 0.520 | 0.024 |
| TPT (avg, s) | 0.156 | 0.272 | 0.298 | 0.0067 |
| TPS (tokens/s) | 6 | 4 | 3 | 1,017 |

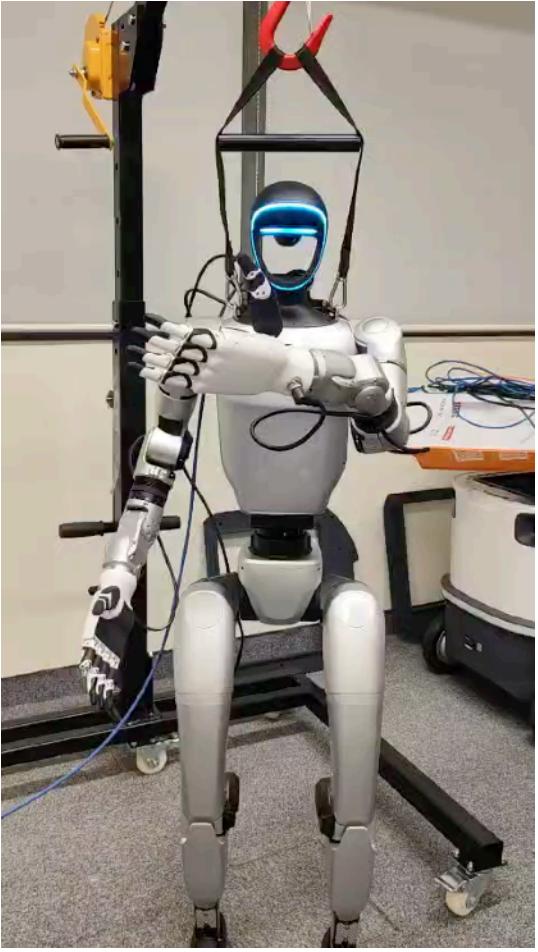
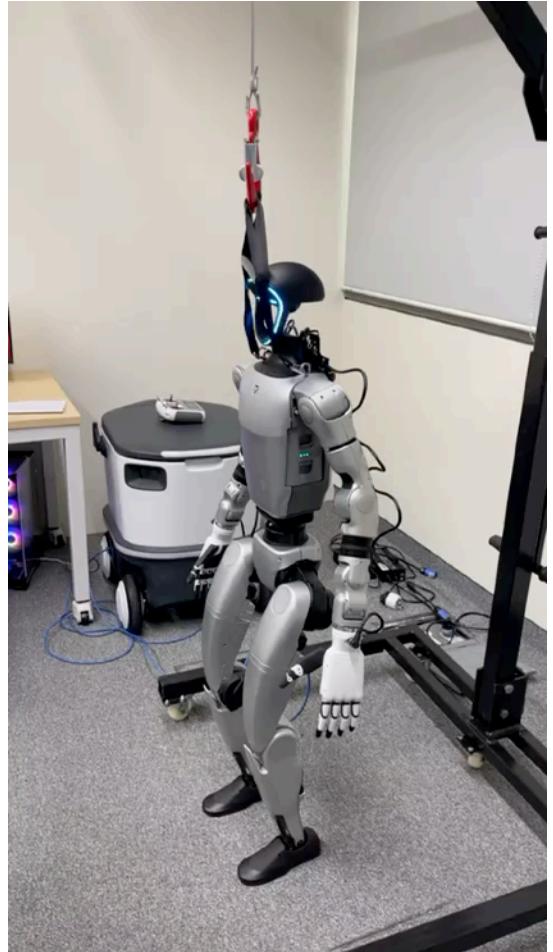
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Robot Test 1: Voice-Controlled Intelligent Robotic Dog

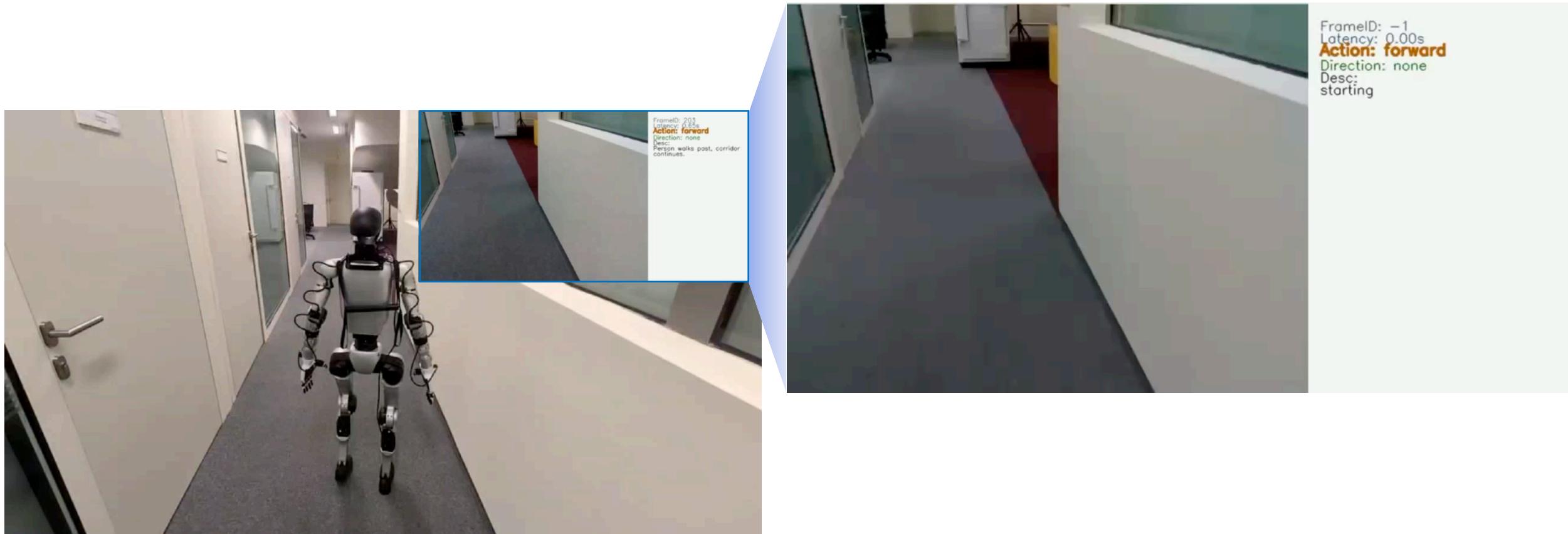


STT/TTS on Jetson Orin, Qwen2.5 7B LLM on GH200, connected over 5G-NR (FR1)

Robot Test 2: Voice-Controlled Humanoid

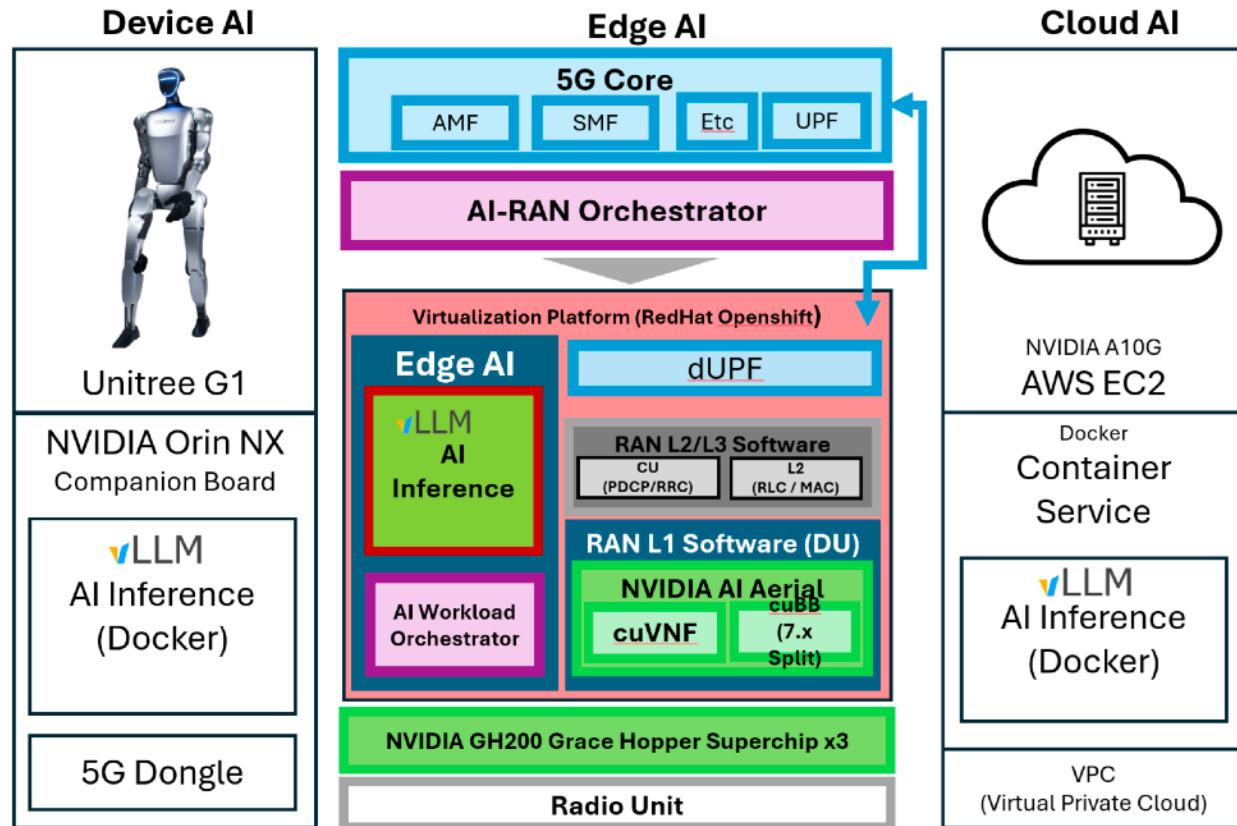


Robot Test 3: Vision-Controlled Humanoid

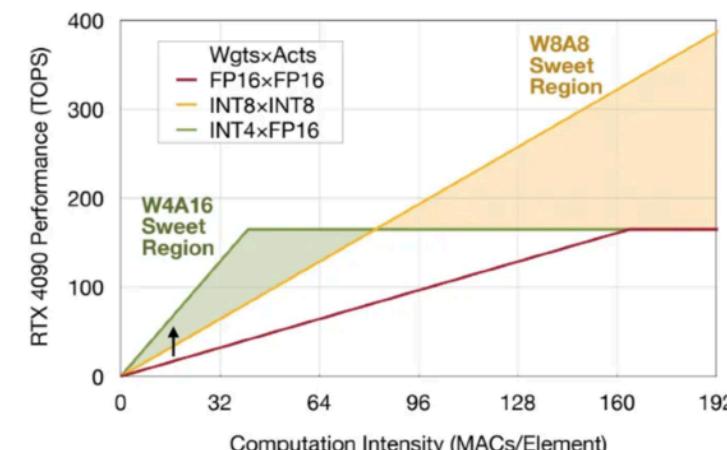


| GPU | VLM Model | Connectivity | Throughput (tokens/s) | TTFT (ms) | Compute Delay (ms) | Comm Delay (ms) | E2E Delay (ms) |
|-------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| GH200 | Gemma3-4B | Ethernet | 125.10 | 599.497 | 599.497 | 6.800 | 606.297 |
| GH200 | Gemma3-4B | 5G | 120.54 | 597.295 | 597.295 | 11.664 | 608.959 |
| Jetson Orin | Moondream2-1.8B | Local | 42.13 | 1.741 | 4,000.005 | 0.000 | 4,000.005 |

Robot Test 3: Vision-Controlled Humanoid

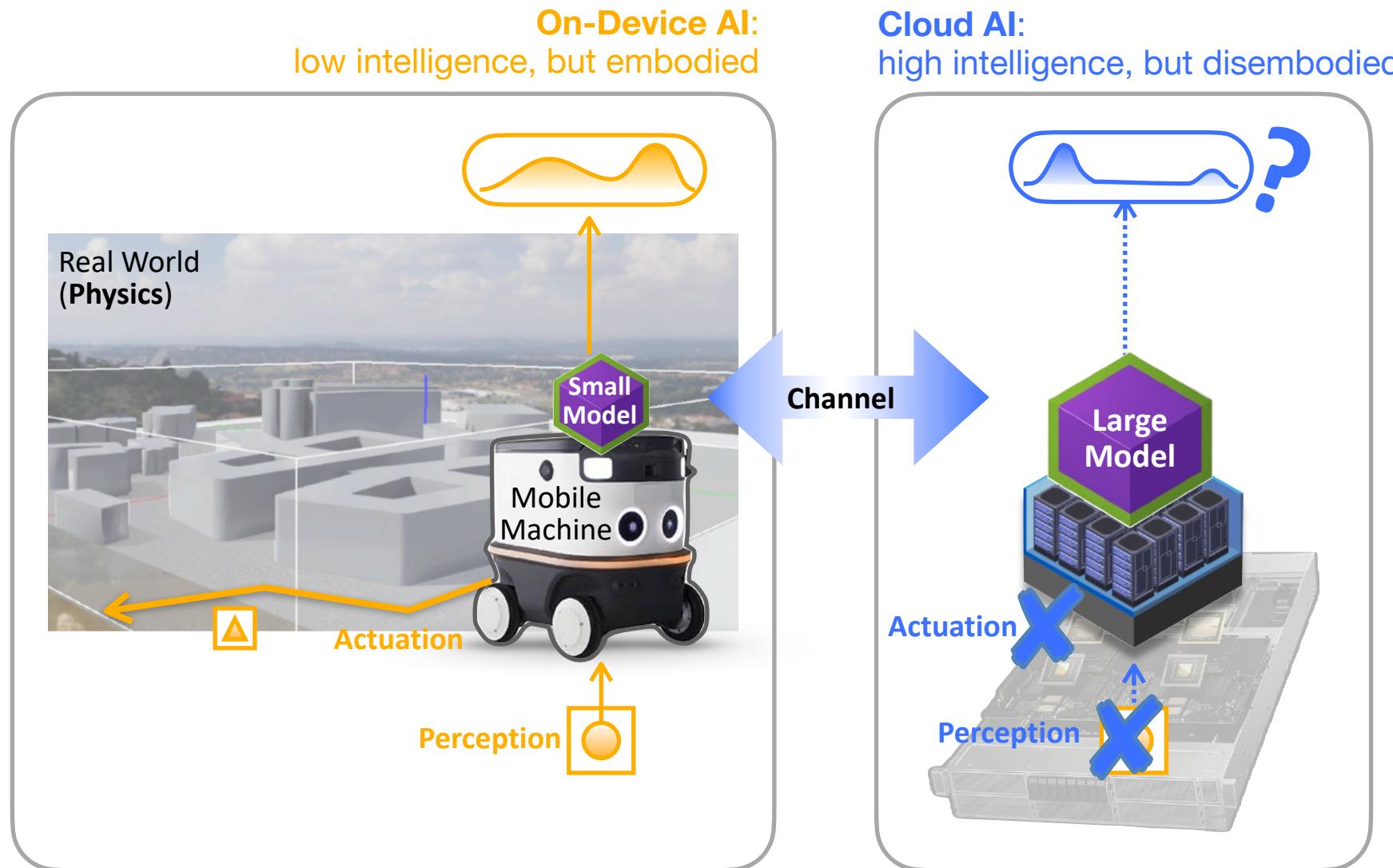


| Variant | Platform | E2E (ms) | σ_{RTT} (ms) | TTFT (ms) |
|----------|----------|----------|---------------------|-----------|
| 3B-FP16 | Local | 4710 | 0.0 | 4702 |
| | Edge | 551 | 1.1 | 537 |
| | Cloud | 1232 | 1.3 | 1218 |
| 3B-AWQ | Local | 5230 | 0.0 | 5217 |
| | Edge | 407 | 1.1 | 393 |
| | Cloud | 713 | 1.2 | 700 |
| 3B-W4A16 | Local | 5390 | 0.0 | 5373 |
| | Edge | 515 | 1.2 | 501 |
| | Cloud | 733 | 1.2 | 720 |
| 3B-W8A8 | Edge | 419 | 1.2 | 405 |
| | Cloud | 1023 | 1.1 | 1010 |



Challenge 2. **Disembodied AI** — Lack of Perception and Actuation in the Real World

Q. Can embodied on-device AI communicate tokens with disembodied cloud AI?

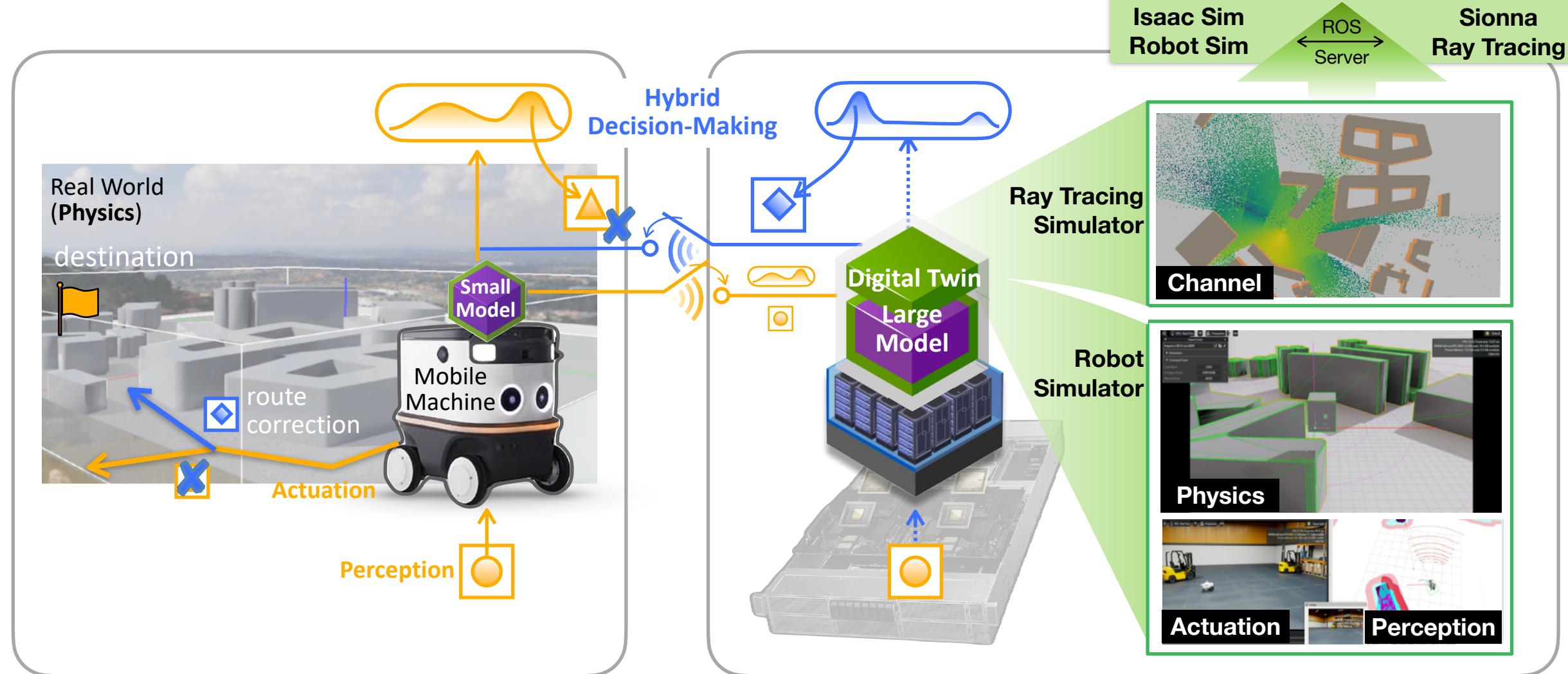


Enabling communication with embodied Cloud AI requires:

- Perception
- Actuation
- Physics
- Channel

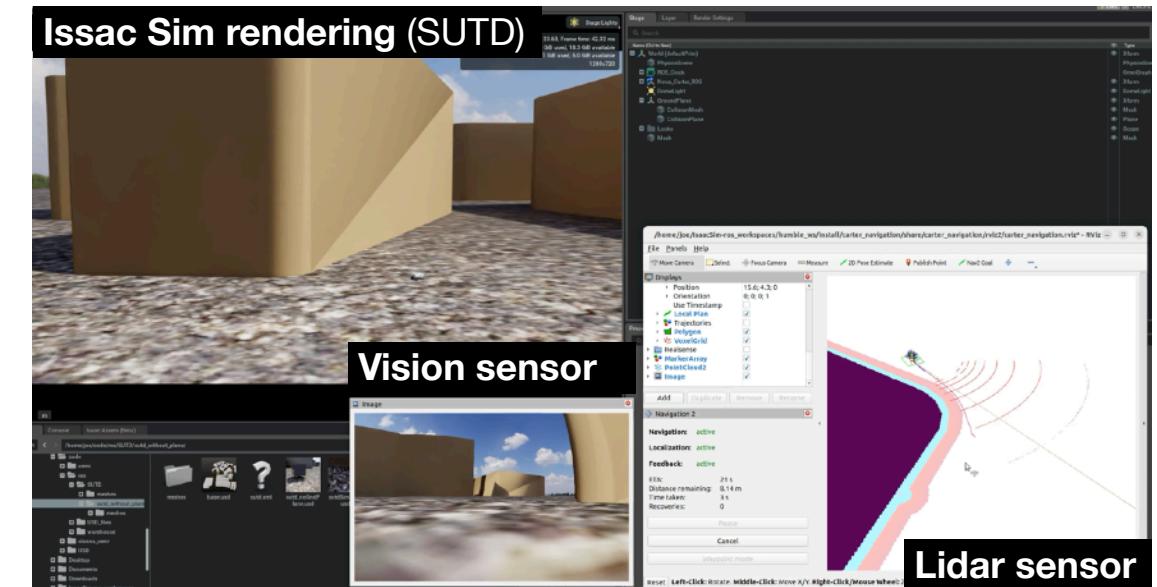
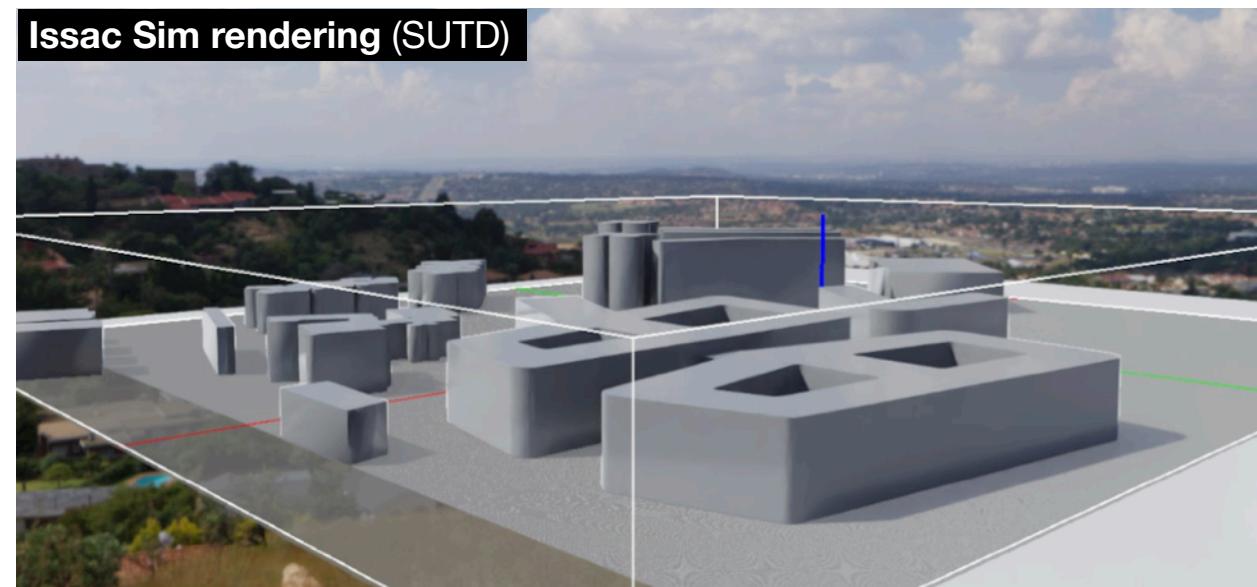
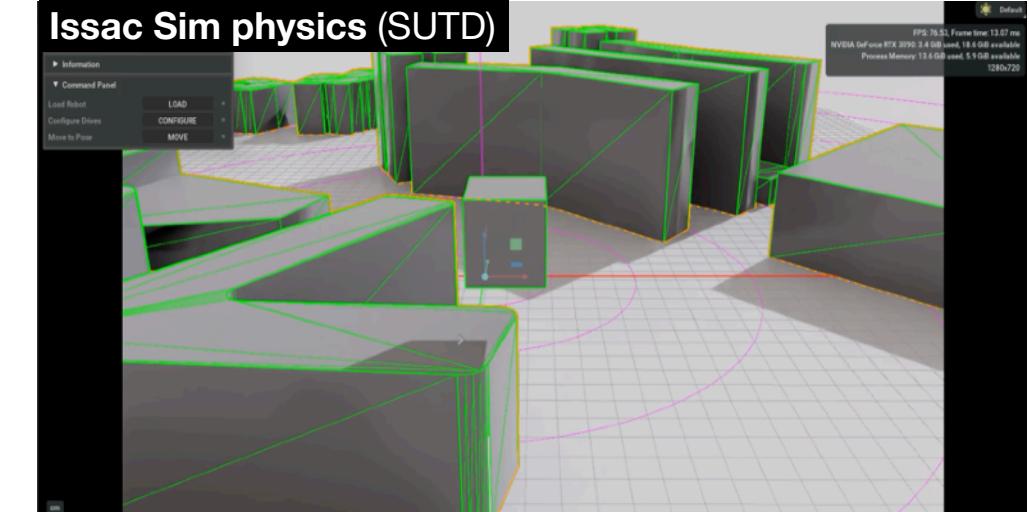
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Cloud AI with **wireless digital twin** enables token-based **hybrid decision-making** (← HLM).



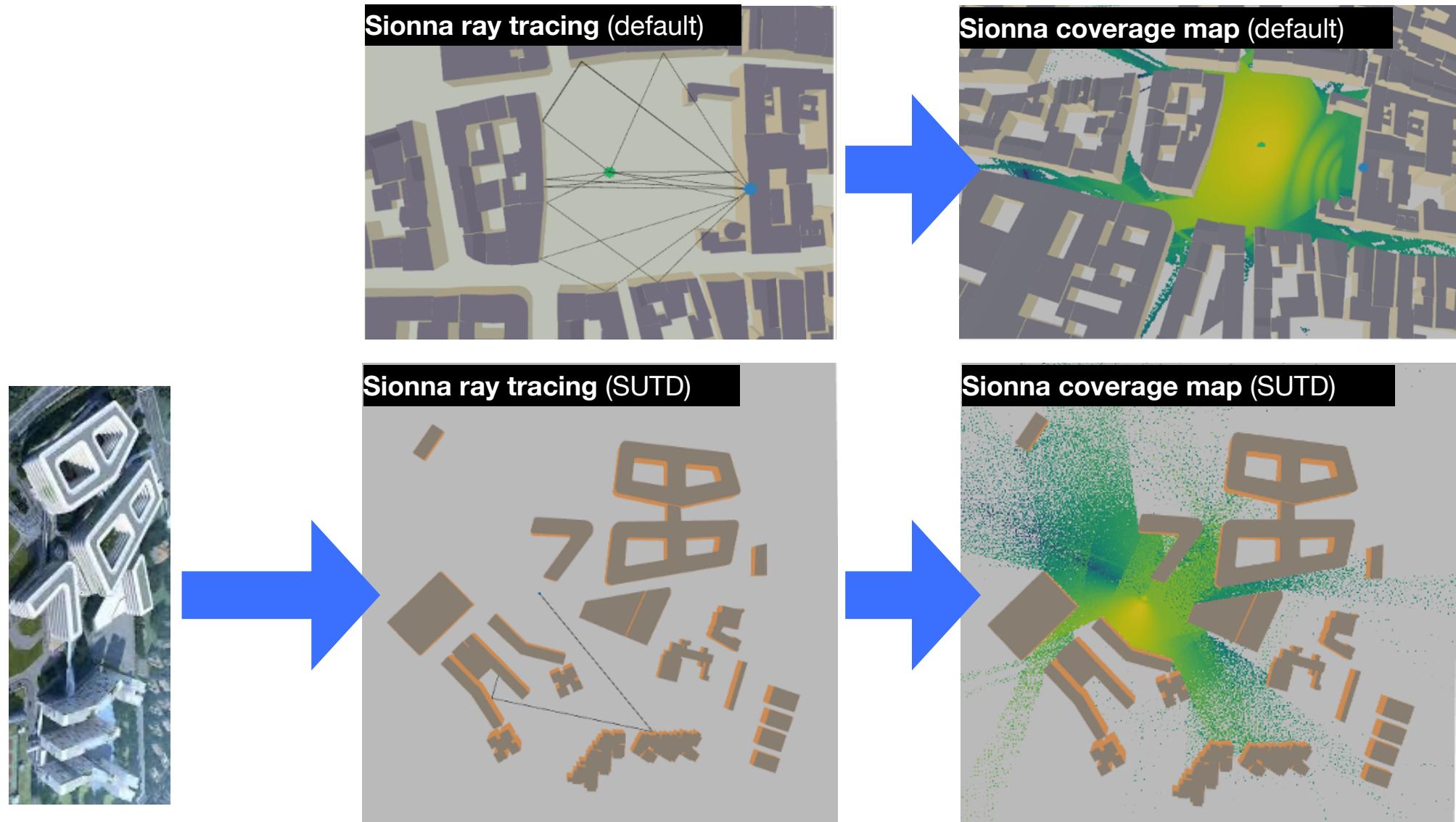
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(Robot) **NVIDIA Isaac Sim**: GPU-accelerated [robot simulator](#) with real-time rendering and high fidelity physics modeling



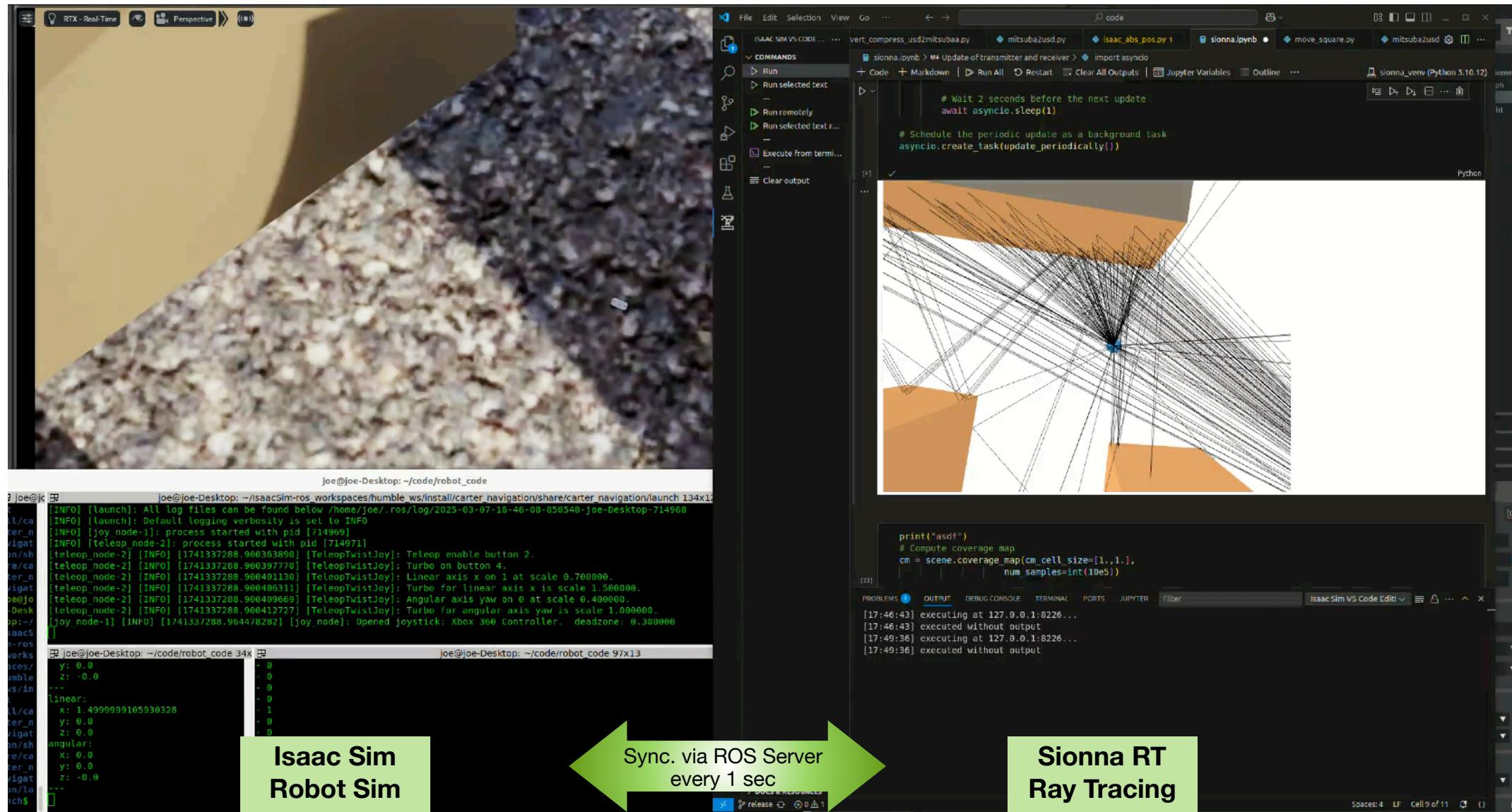
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(Communication) **NVIDIA Sionna RT**: GPU-accelerated electromagnetic (EM) ray tracing simulator



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Integrated Issac Sim + Sionna RT via ROS server (in progress)

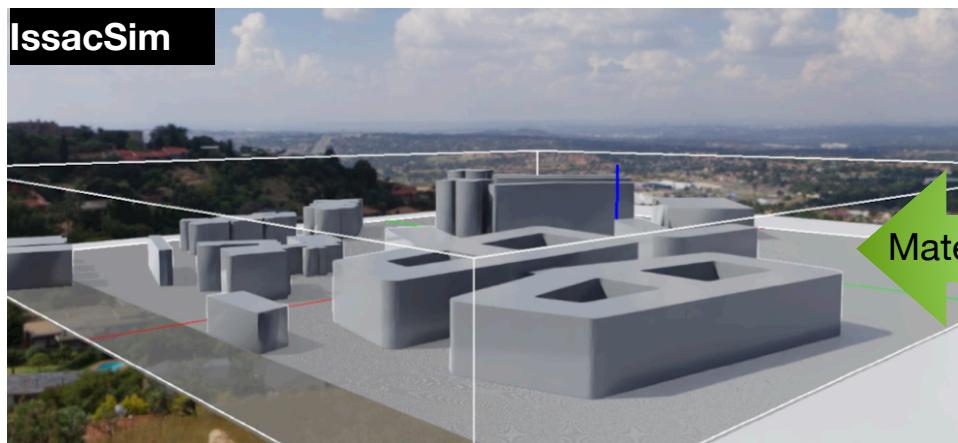


Challenge 3. **Wireless Digital Twin Construction** – Lack of High-Fidelity Environmental Information

Q. *How can we synchronize digital-physical worlds, despite limited access to high-fidelity environmental information?*



Robot HW mismatch



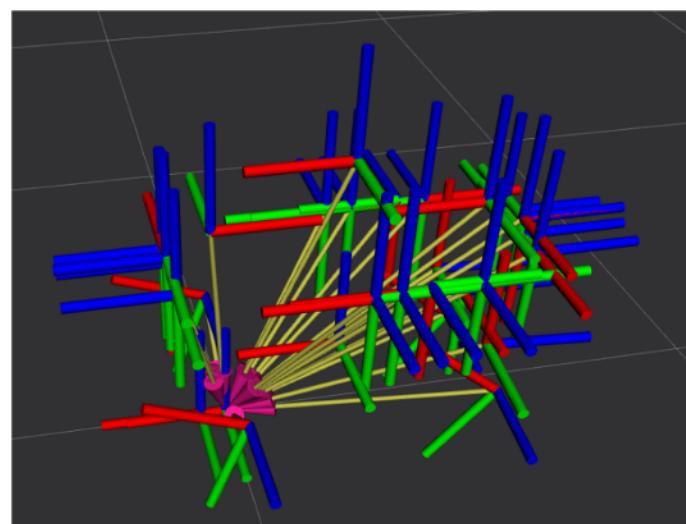
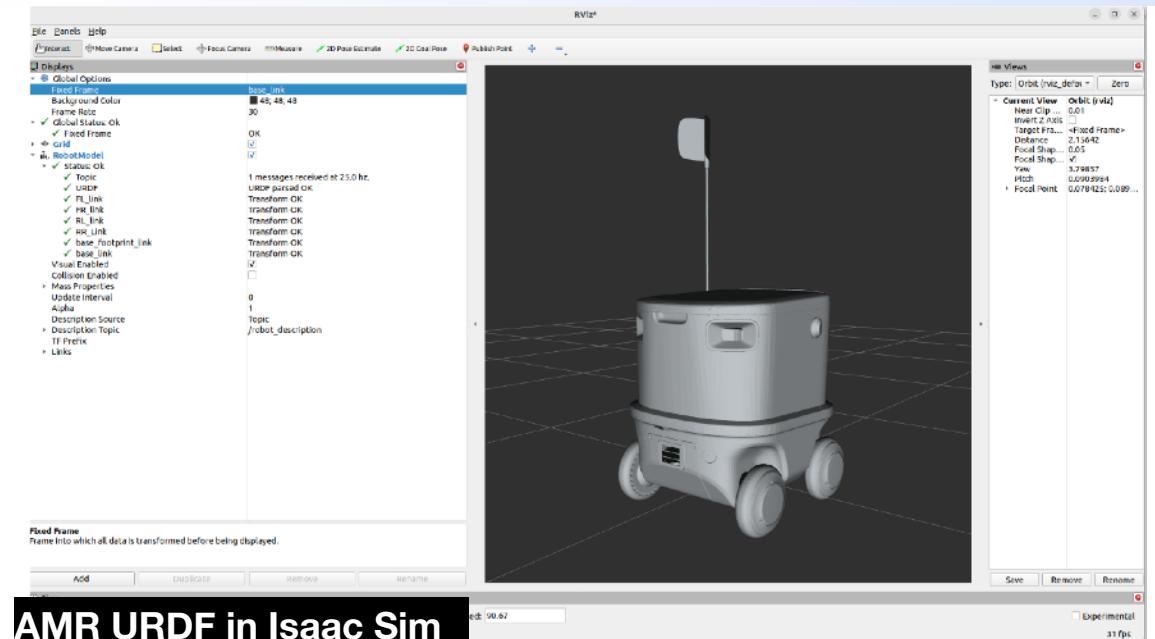
Material information mismatch

Opportunity 3. Integrated Robot-RT Simulator for Wireless Digital Twin

Differentiable RT enables to learn material parameters via GD, with Isaac Sim robot asset (**URDF**)



Autonomous mobile robot (AMR) in real world



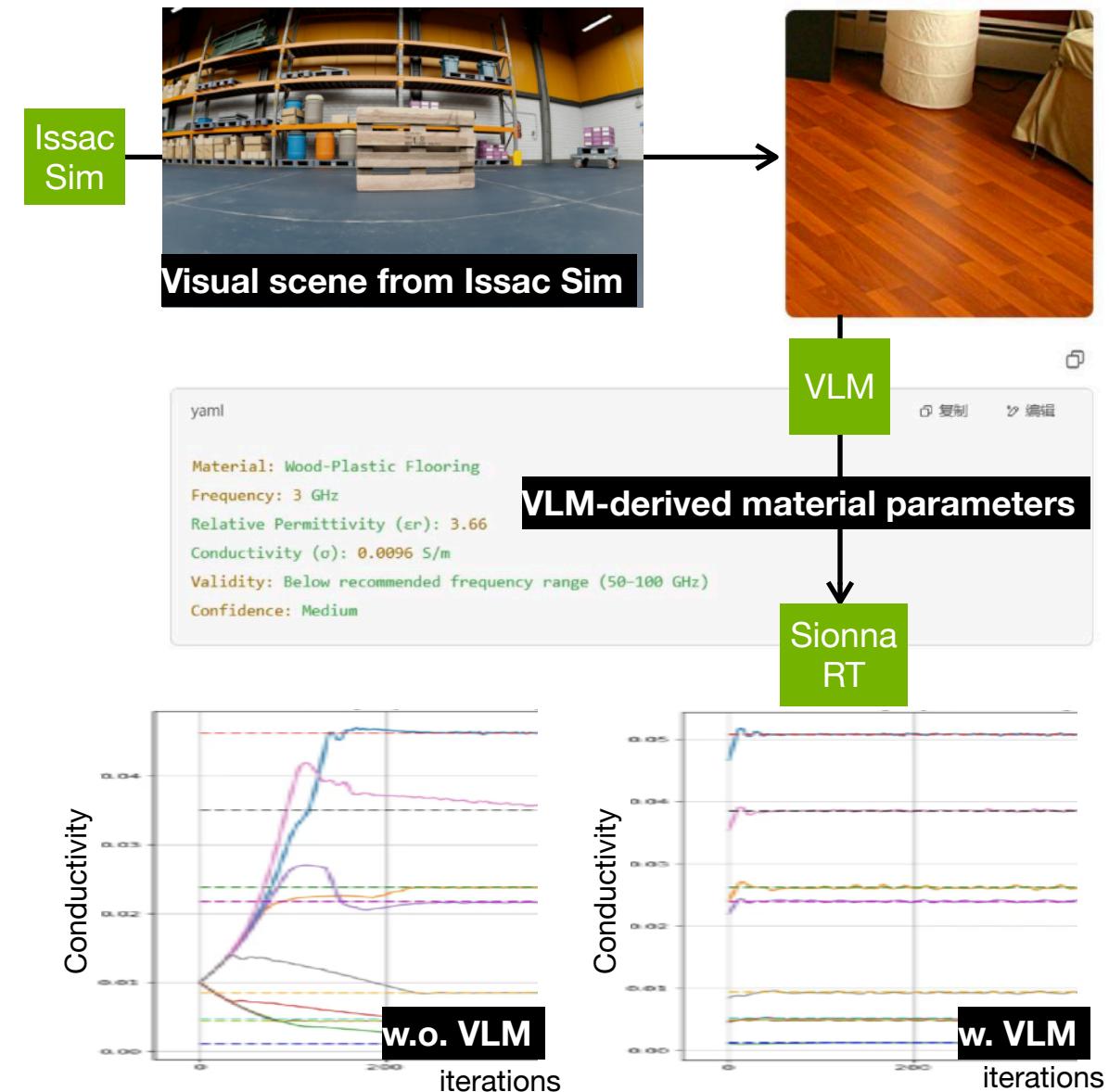
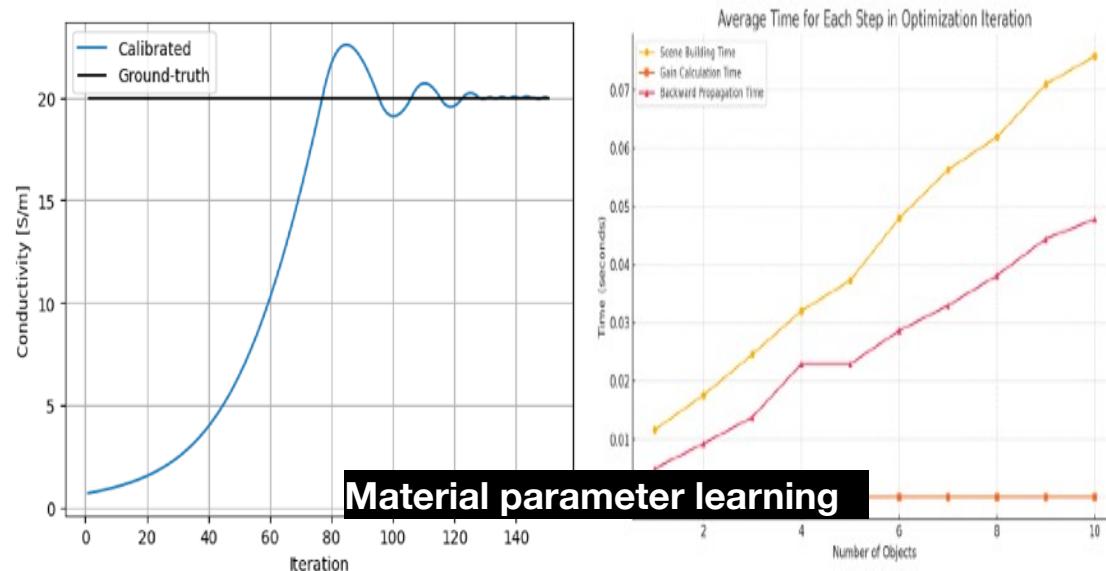
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Differentiable RT enables to learn material parameters via GD, with initial parameters obtained using vision-language model (**VLM**)

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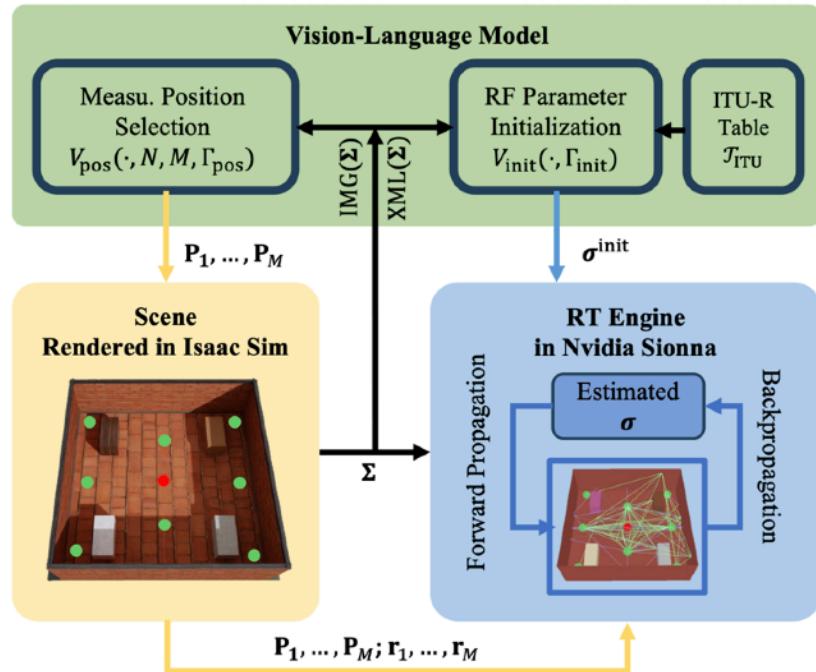
TABLE 3
Material properties

| Material class | Real part of relative permittivity | | Conductivity S/m | | Frequency range |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------|------------------|----------|-----------------|
| | <i>a</i> | <i>b</i> | <i>c</i> | <i>d</i> | |
| Vacuum (\approx air) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.001-100 |
| Concrete | 5.24 | 0 | 0.0462 | 0.7822 | 1-100 |
| Brick | 3.91 | 0 | 0.0238 | 0.16 | 1-40 |
| Plasterboard | 2.73 | 0 | 0.0085 | 0.9395 | 1-100 |
| Wood | 1.99 | 0 | 0.0047 | 1.0718 | 0.001-100 |
| Glass | 6.31 | 0 | 0.0036 | 1.3394 | 0.1-100 |



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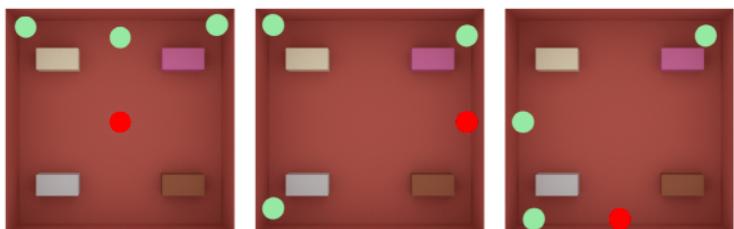
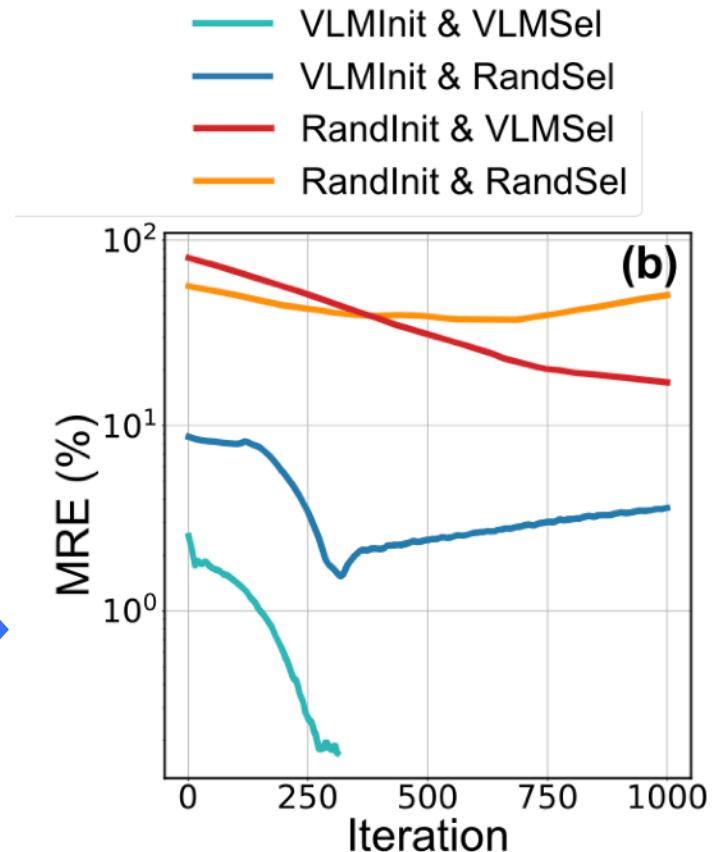
Detailed Prompt 2: VLM-Aided Measurement Position Selection

Inputs:

1. Scene Image: An overhead view or a key 3D perspective of the environment.
 2. Geometry XML: The structured XML description of the scene.
 3. Measurement Counts: N (Number of Receivers) = `N.VALUE`, M (Number of Tx-Rx measurement configurations) = `[M.VALUE]`.
- Prompt: You are an intelligent spatial planner optimizing RF measurement campaigns. Your goal is to select Transmitter (Tx) and Receiver (Rx) positions that maximize the diversity and information gain regarding the conductivity parameters of the materials in the scene.

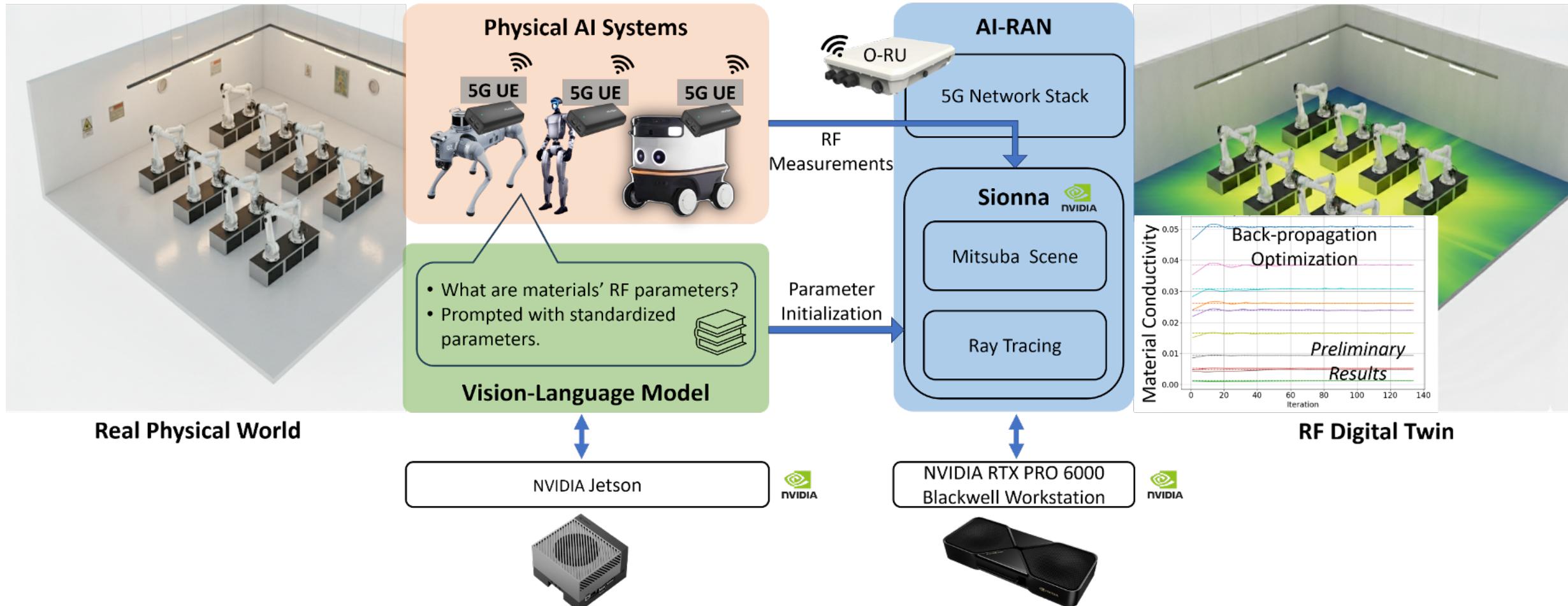
Task:

1. Analyze the XML and Image: Identify all distinct material interfaces and complex geometrical features.
 2. Strategy: Select N distinct Tx/Rx positions and form M pairs. Prioritize positions that force the RF path to interact with the different types of materials. For instance, select pairs to sample Non-Line-of-Sight (NLoS) paths or Reflection-dominant paths.
 3. Provide the selected positions as a JSON list. The coordinates must be valid and directly correspond to the XML's coordinate system.
- Output Schema: `[{"id": "P_1", "type": "Tx", "x": 2.5, "y": 1.0, "z": 1.5, "reasoning": "Placed to maximize transmission through the central concrete wall to the back area (NLoS)."}, {"id": "P_2", "type": "Rx", "x": -3.0, "y": 5.0, "z": 1.5, "reasoning": "Paired with P_1 to measure loss through multiple materials (wood table and brick wall)."}, ...]`
- // ... continue until R positions are defined and S pairs are formed implicitly by the list]



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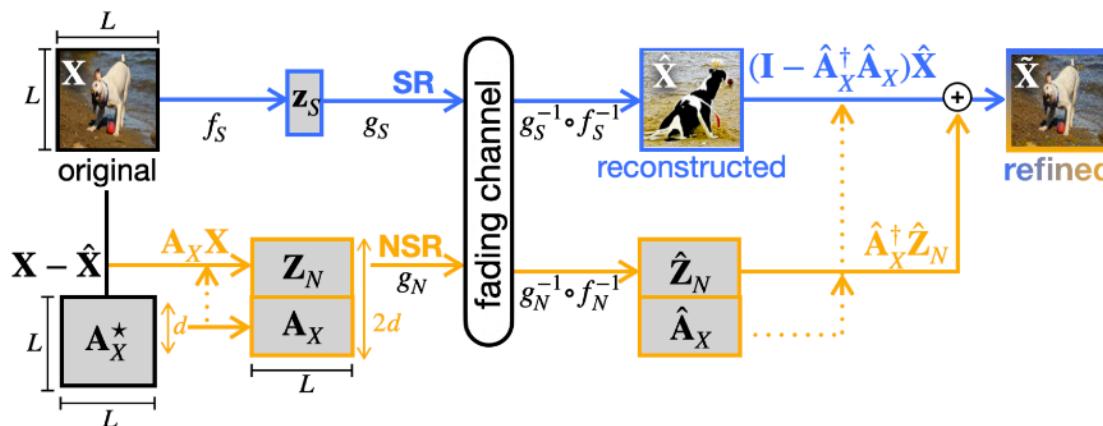


- Tokens are more coarse than bits:

- Language tokens: ~ 16 bits (50K vocabulary size)
- Vision tokens ~ 0.75 KB (16 x 16 patches, 8 bits/channel)

Q. For high-fidelity applications, should we rely solely on classical communication, or adopt a hybrid approach?

- Model Context Protocol (MCP) and Agent-to-Agent protocol (A2A) have emerged to support AI-to-App and inter-AI communication.
- Q. Should we **optimize concurrent slices, or create a new slice for token communication?**

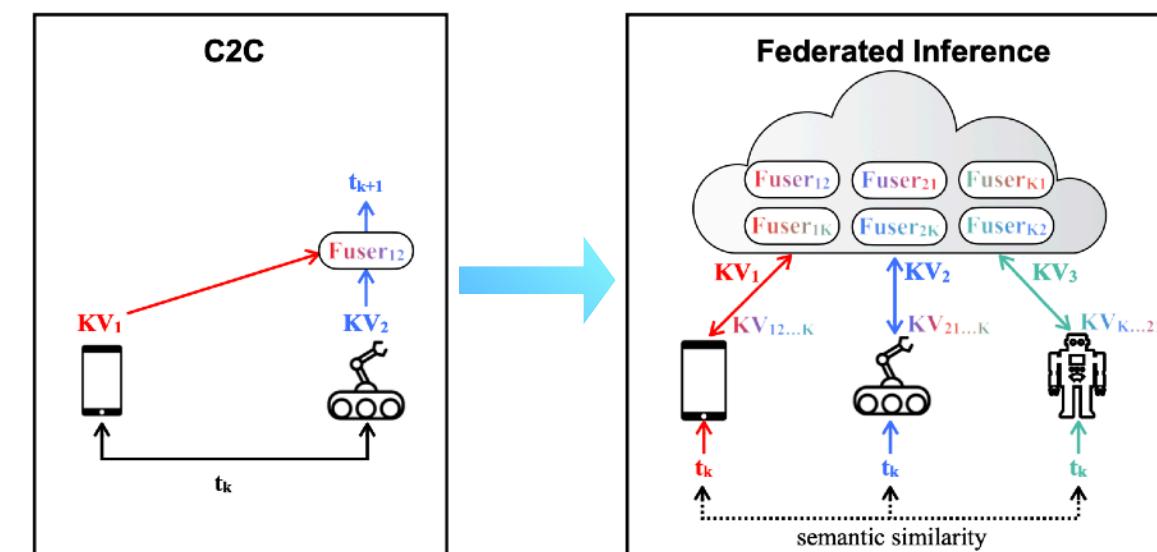
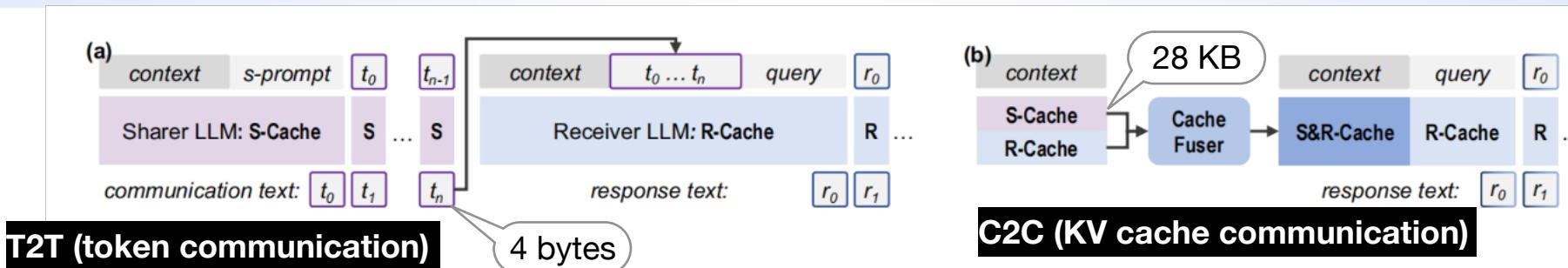


| Feature | HTTP | MCP (Streamable HTTP) | A2A (Agent-to-Agent) |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Duplex Type | Half-duplex | Full-duplex | Full-duplex |
| Transport | TCP | TCP/QUIC | HTTP / SSE / JSON-RPC |
| Persistent Conn. | No (by default) | Yes | Yes |
| HTTP Semantics | Native | Native | Native (built on HTTP + JSON-RPC) |
| Best For | Static/REST | LLMs, real-time APIs | Cross-platform agent collaboration |
| Setup Complexity | Low | Low–Moderate | Moderate |

Future Challenges. Token vs. Cache Communication

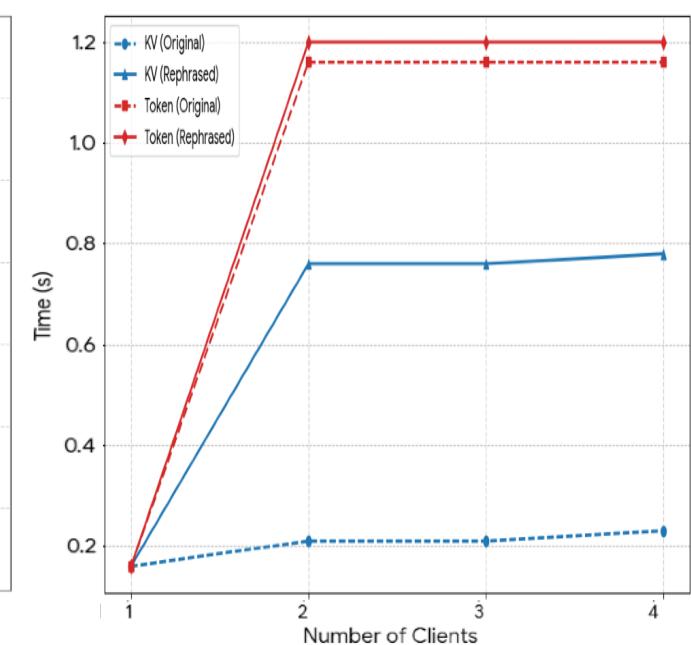
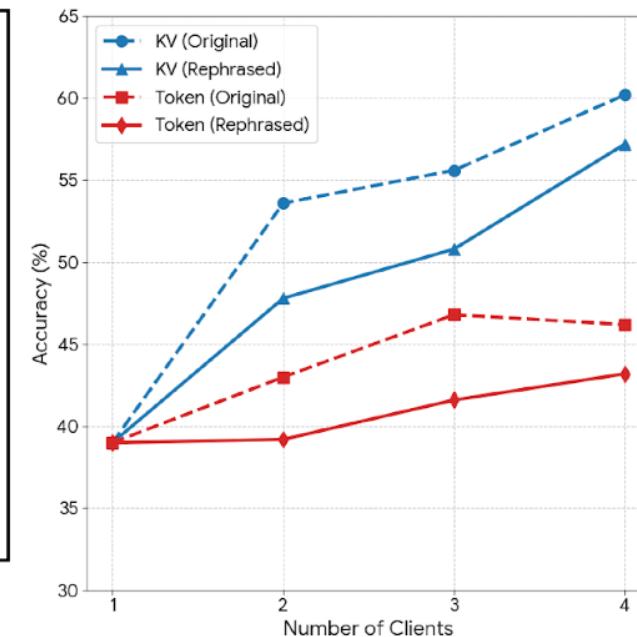
- Token communication: **\$Computation $\uparrow \Rightarrow$ \$Communication \downarrow**

Q. If computation dominates, can **\$Communication $\uparrow \Rightarrow$ \$Computation \downarrow ? \Rightarrow KV cache communication**



- Uni-directional
- Two clients
- Input token sharing

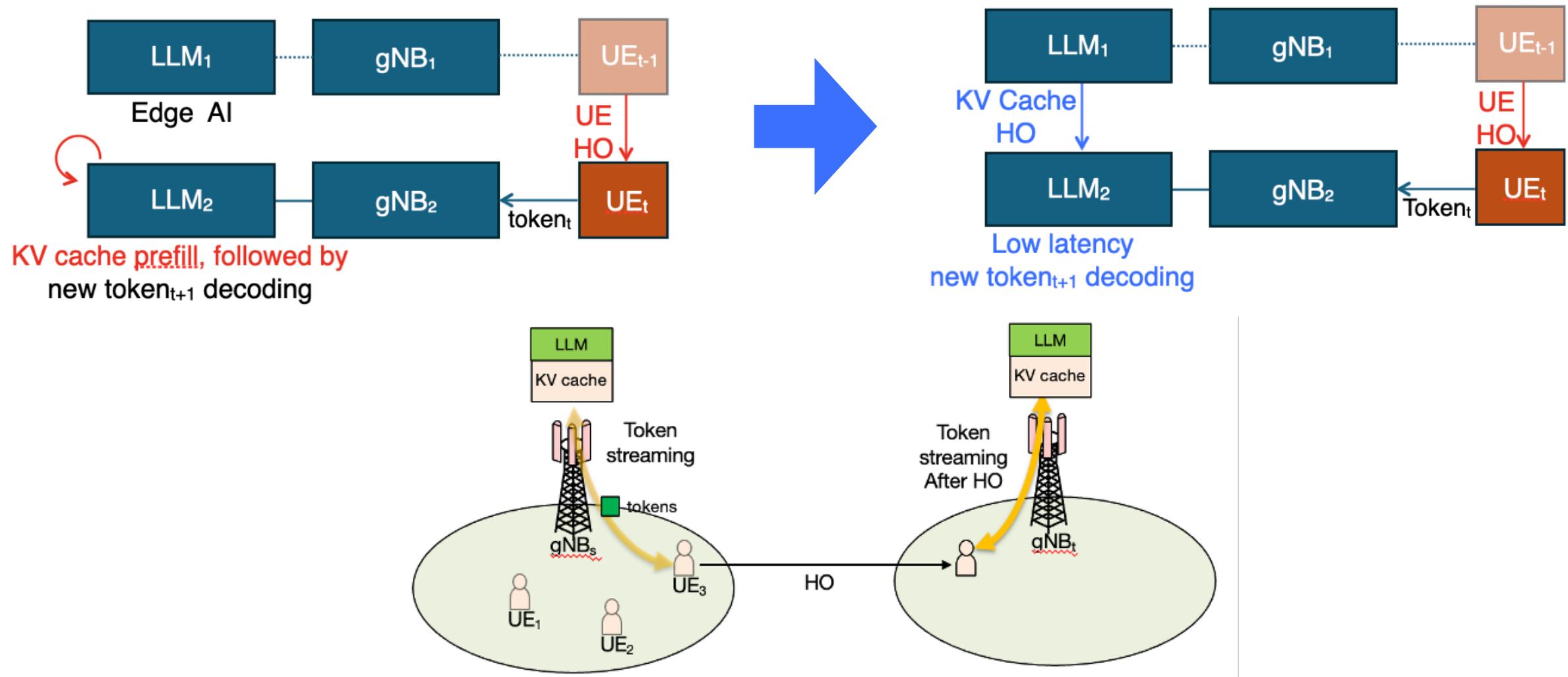
- Multi-directional
- Multi-Clients
- Private input tokens (w. similarity guarantee)



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Thank You

