Vodafone Tech Innovation Center

Applications driving 5G&6G

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Interdisciplinary Skills Hub

Co-Creation Space



Tech Innovation Center Dresden – Appraoch & Infrastucture



JOINT BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION



CO-CREATION WITH CUSTOMERS especially Germany and global players



TOP UNIVERSITY & RESEARCH LANDSCAPE
Strong collaboration with TU Dresden



FAST PRODUCT INCUBATION WITH PILOTS



PUBLICLY FUNDED INNOVATION PROJECTS



COOPERATION WITH CYBER SECURITY AGENCY



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INNOVATION PARTNERS

Institutions & Organizations



AR/XR



Research Institutions



Security



Technology



Automotive/Transportation



Healthcare & Chemistry





How do we know today what we need for 6G?



NGMN's PATH FROM 4G TO 6G

ITU-R Framework for IMT-2030 Review and Future Direction 6G **6G Position Statement, An Operator View 6G Requirements and Design** Considerations **6G Use Cases 5G White Paper 2 6G Drivers & Vision 5G White Paper (Requirements) Beyond HSPA & EVDO** 4G **White Paper Technology Evaluation**





6G POSITION STATEMENT

KEY MESSAGES

Overarching Statement

6G is the graceful evolution of communication networks building on and extend beyond existing 5G ecosystem

Innovations and New Services based on IMT-2030 features, facilitate seamless integration and interoperability with fixed and satellite networks and inherently support network related APIs

Operational Priorities

such as network simplification, absolute energy reduction, automated and proactive operations and quantum safe infrastructure.

Spectrum:

- Existing IMT spectrum remains essential
- 6-15GHz must be licensed for IMT
- Sub-THz bands may adopt a new radio technology

Guiding Principles:

- Global 6G standards
- No intrinsic need for hardware refresh
- Software upgrade to 6G
- No degraded performance for 5G customers
- No compromise to existing services
- Access across mobile, fixed and NTN
- Backwards compatibility with 5G
- Robust resilience





NGMN 6G GENERIC USE CASES

ENHANCED HUMAN COMMUNICATION

XR immersive holographic telepresence communication

Multi-modal communication for teleoperation

Intelligent interaction: sharing of sensation, skills & thoughts

ENHANCED MACHINE COMMUNICATION

Robot Network Fabric

Interacting Cobots

ENABLING SERVICES

3D hyper-accurate positioning localization, and tracking

Interactive mapping, digital twins & virtual worlds

Automatic detection protection & inspection

Digital healthcare

Smart Industry

Trusted composition of services

NETWORK EVOLUTION

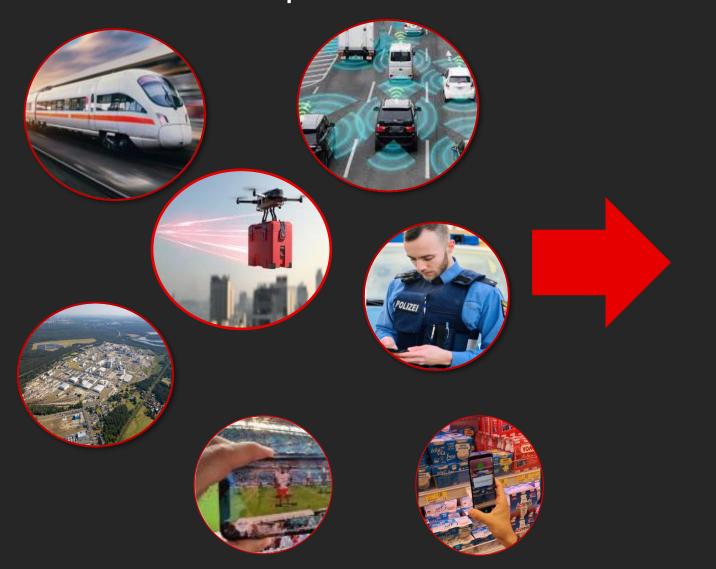
Trusted Native AI - AlaaS

Coverage expansion

Energy Efficiency



Hands on 5G/5G+ enterprise & consumer testbeds and demos help to drive 6G development















Connected Mobility Trains

Adressing railway challneges with 5G & 6G



Challenges in the railway environment

- Digitalization in rail and track
 - Railway operations
 - Passenger internet & infotainment
- Coverage @ 33.000 km track
- Network Technology LifeCycle 2G (GSM-R/TETRA) ..4G..5G ECTS/FRMCS
- Resiliency, Security
- International standards & regulatory approval





Driving solutions with innovative technologies



Annaberg | Erzgebirgsbahn (TU Chemnitz)

Europe's first 5G teleoperated train 2019 Europe's biggest 5G innovation playground for railway industry



Hamburg / Siemens @ ITS World Congress | SBahn

Sensor4Rails Use Cases; World first Automatic Train Operation (ATO) with network slice



Hamburg | SBahn

Automatic Train Operation (ATO) over Vodafone Network Slice with priority;



Schlettau/Braunschweig

Teleoperated Train as ATO building block



Operator 5G SLICE FOR NATIONWIDE RAILWAY NETWORK

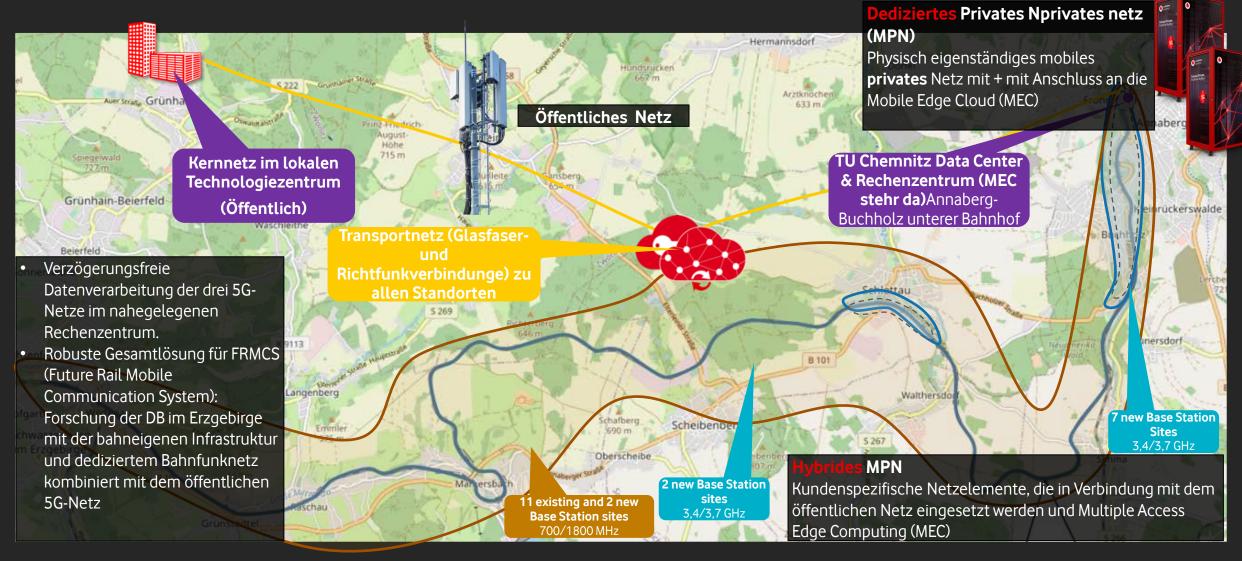
Support towards Railway 2030 Vision





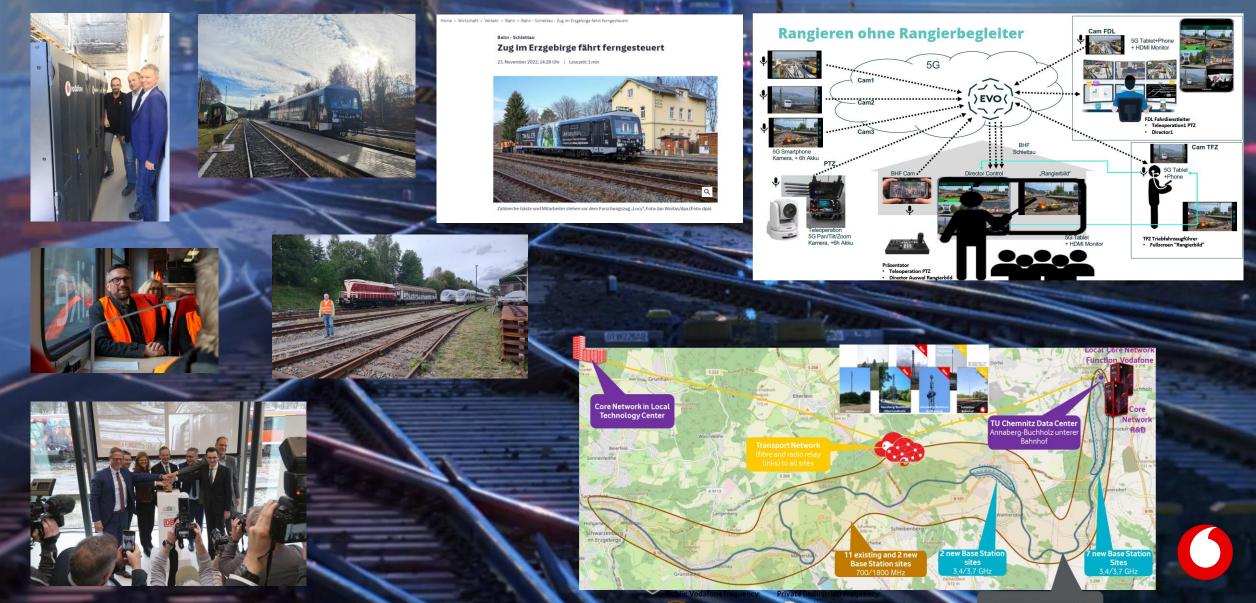


Das 5G Netz für die TU Chemnitz & Smart Rail Connectivity Campus (SRCC)





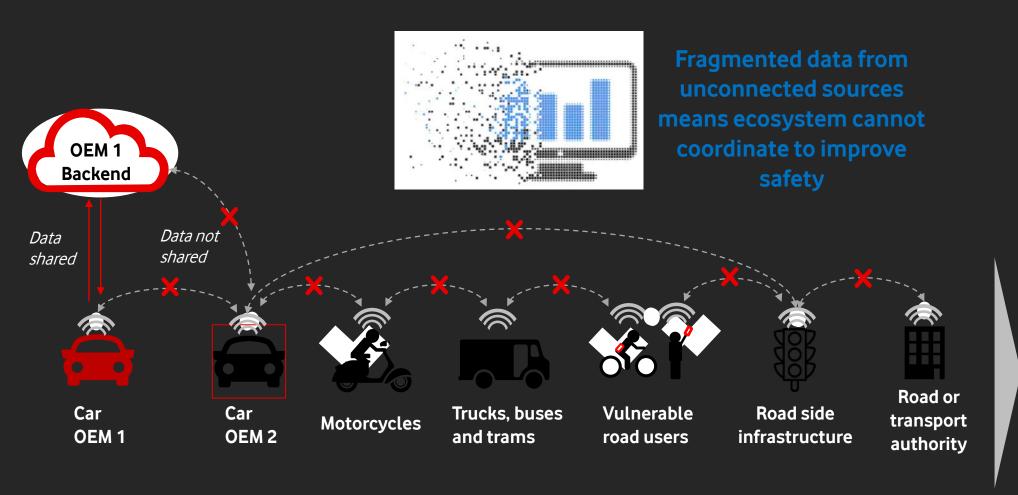
Smart Rail Connectivity Campus in Annaberg: 5G SA & MPN testbed as reference for digitalization of railways



Connected Mobility Cars



Data fragmentation currently limits the benefits that connectivity services can bring to road safety



Societal road safety and data sharing objectives not realised



National governments and the European Commission



STEP – Safer Transport for Europe Platform

Vodafone is committed to make European Roads safer for all STEP aims to scale – Starting in the V2X /
Connected Mobility space and using it for all types of realtime data broker applications

Platform to distribute, broker and validate V2X messages in real-time leveraging 5G and Edge Cloud

Hazard Warnings



VRU Assistance

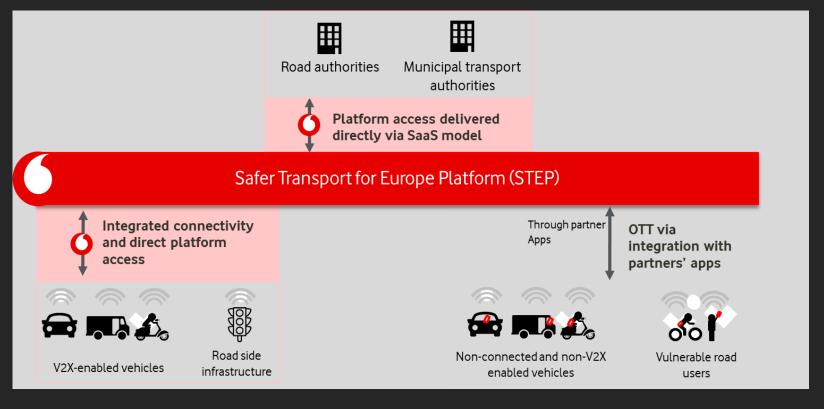


Infrastr. to Vehicle



Vehicle Probe Data







Project GAIA-X 4 AGEDA











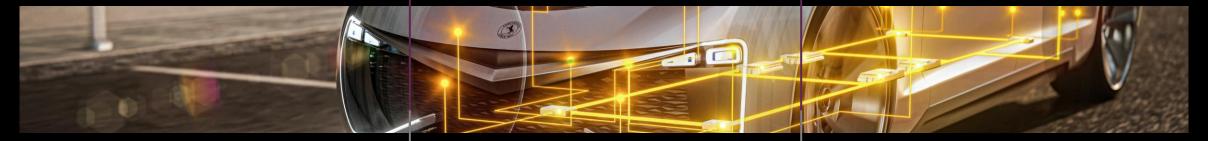
• Vision & Objectives - The vehicles as part of the cloud ecosystem GAIA-X











Vehicle as application platform

- Enabling seamless connectivity of the vehicle with the cloud through
 - Cloud based development methods
 - > Safety compliant distributed computing
- Pilot new cooperation models in practice and establish methodologies for sustainable development over the vehicle life cycle

GAIA-X compliant implementation of data-driven applications

- Harmonize data-driven approaches and established methods of distributed computing, including data protection requirements, and implement them consistently from vehicle to cloud
- > Build concrete applications to identify missing components and implement them in a reusable way while making them openly available

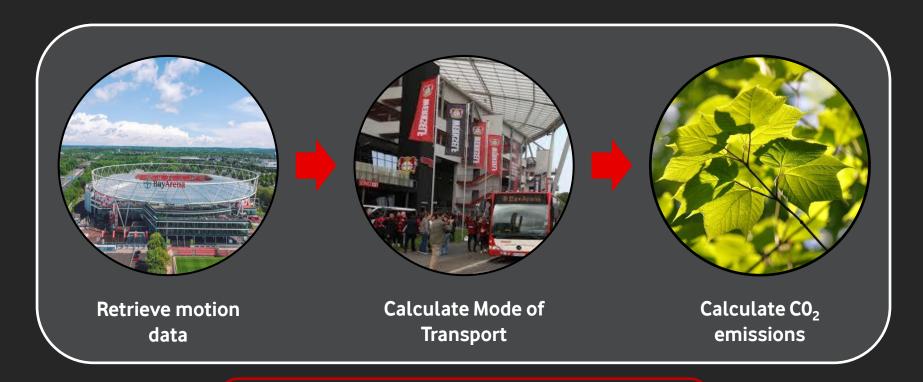
Competitive advantage through cooperation: increase efficiency and added value

- > Enabling new value chains
- Joining forces & tapping new competencies bringing together best practices for non-differentiating system and SW parts

A joint ecosystem - vehicle and cloud Creating the basis for new value chains in the networked mobility of the future

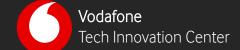


Al Focus for Connected Transport Vodafone Analytics – Mode of Transport & CO₂





Predict the **mode of transport** for any moving individual to **estimate CO₂ emissions** for travel.



Connected Mobility Drones

Mobile connectivity is critical for commercial drone operations, for different reasons and various use cases.



Why is mobile connectivity critical?

Safety critical

UAV operator has to provide evidence of sufficient connectivity

Mission critical

To deliver data from any aircraft – is there sufficient broadband for mission?

Operation critical

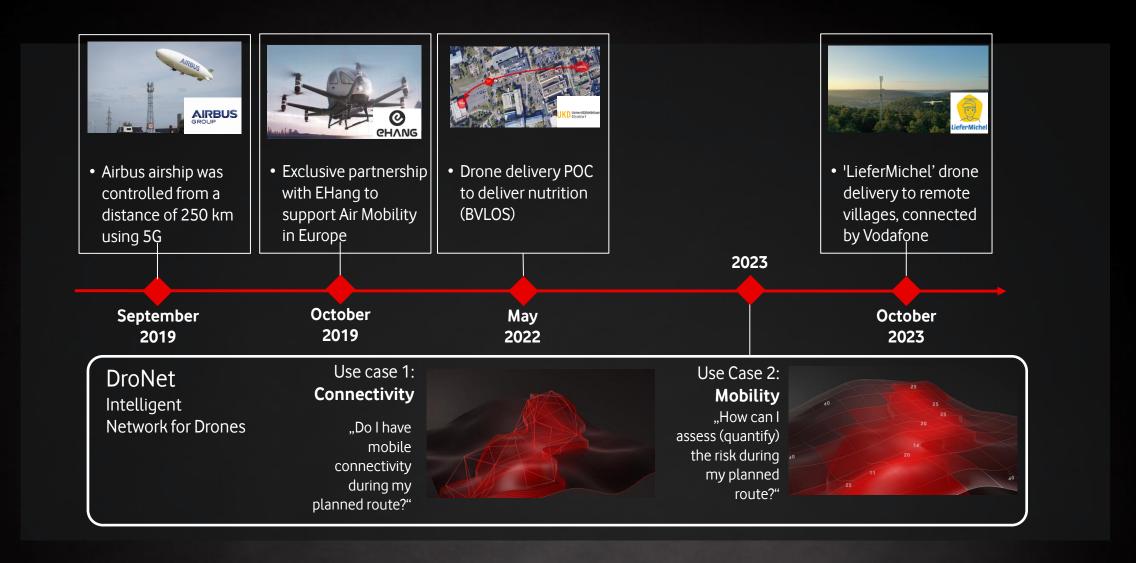
If connectivity is lost during flight, the drone will abandon the mission and return back to home!

Examples of BVLOS Use cases in Cellular Networks





Our vision: Make commercial drone flights in Germany safer and more efficient in the future.

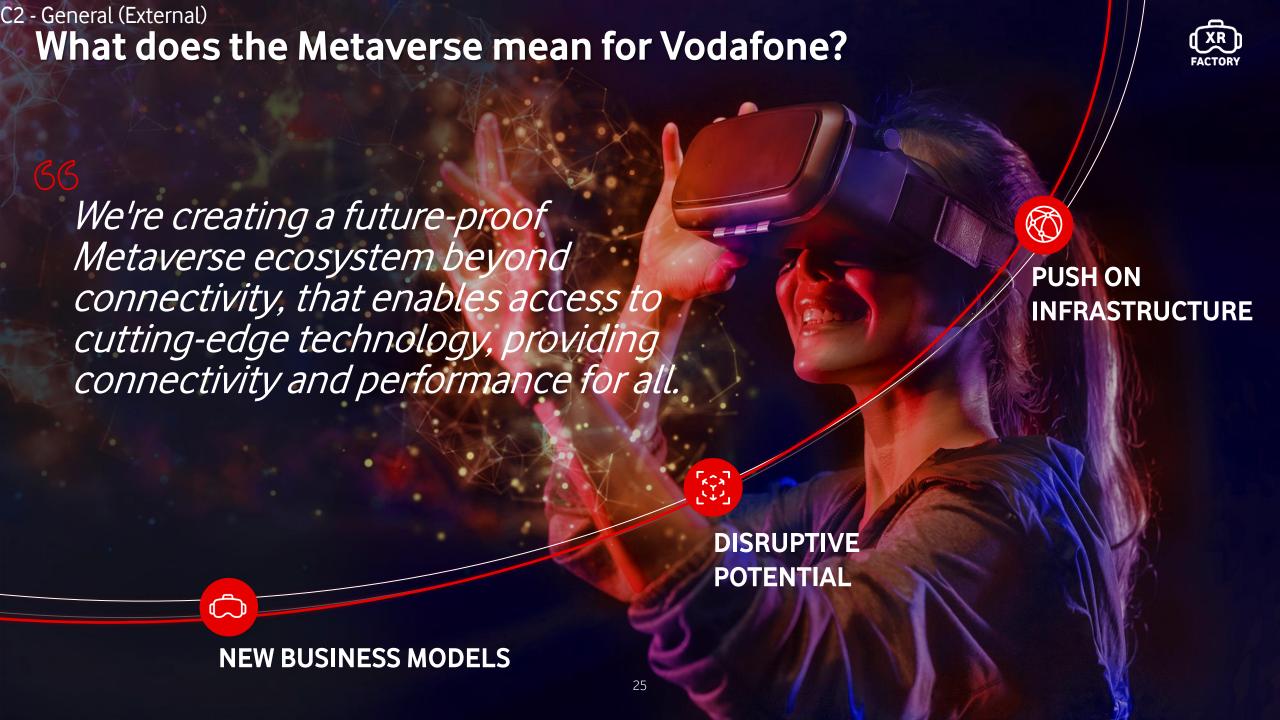






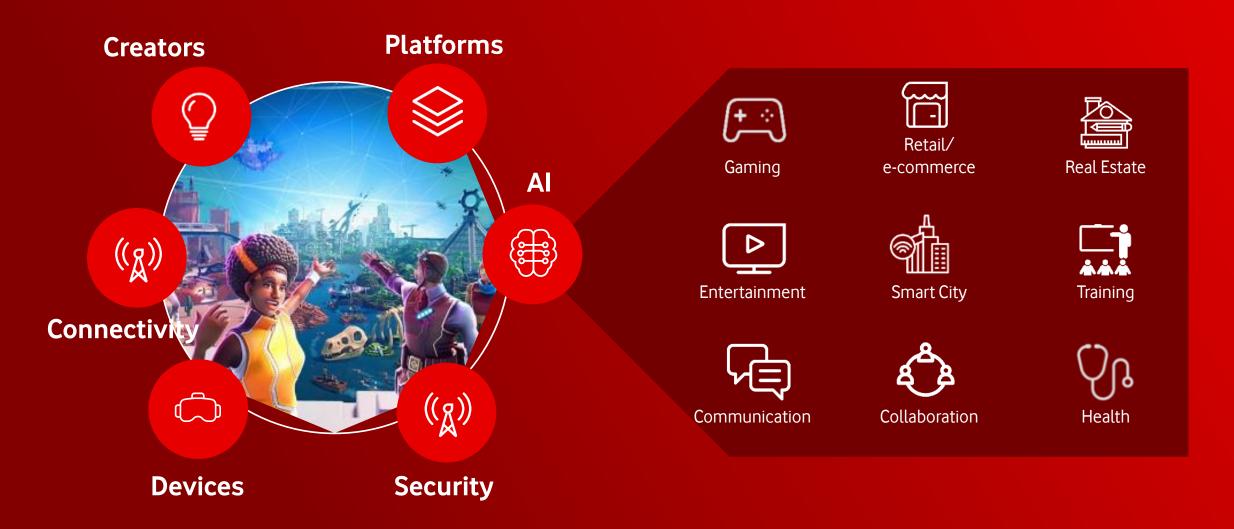
Addressing Consumers through B2BC @ New Devices





XR & the future of communication will change the world.







Startups we've already partnered with.



Magic Leap One Glasses





Nreal Glasses (AKA Xreal)

5G Stadium app with Kinexion & DFL





Firefighter VR with Northdocks

ApoQlar
Digital Health

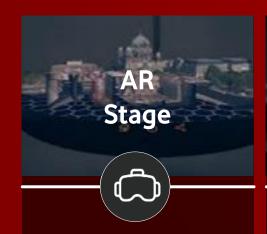




Highlights of our XR solutions.

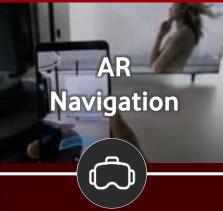


We craft tailored XR applications for clients, leveraging the advantages of high-speed 5G.



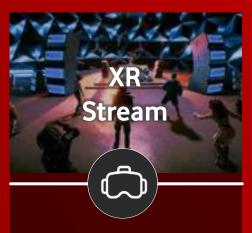
Experience limitless possibilities as we bring complex immersive content to life, expanding the boundaries of reality.

- Lufthansa
- Adler Immobilien
- ExpoReal fair 2023



Seamless AR navigation via smartphone guides users through buildings or unknown premises offer extra service insights.

- Audi Charging Hubs
- Future Floor
- Securitas



Empower shared virtual experiences in real-time with our cutting-edge live streaming and motion capture technology.

• Content Convention 2023



Unveil the future of opera with AR glasses transforming into digital opera glasses on the 5G network & immersive technology.

Deutsche Oper am Rhein



Revolutionizing XR with lightweight, affordable glasses for shared immersive experiences.

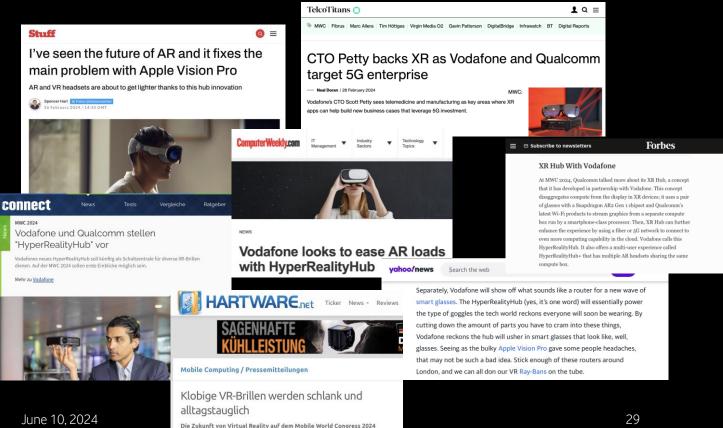
 Mobile World Congress 2024



Last but not least... **HyperRealityHub**

23. Februar 2024

- First hardware+software+service product candidate from XR Factory
- A cloud scalable hub to offload sensor and compute off bulky HMDs, igniting an industry of lightweight, affordable XR eye-wear without compromising performance, stamina and usability
- Showcased at MWC'24 and gathered international attention & media coverage:





5G & 6G for Healthcare



6G-Health

Holistische Entwicklung leistungsfähiger 6G Vernetzung für verteilte medizintechnische Systeme



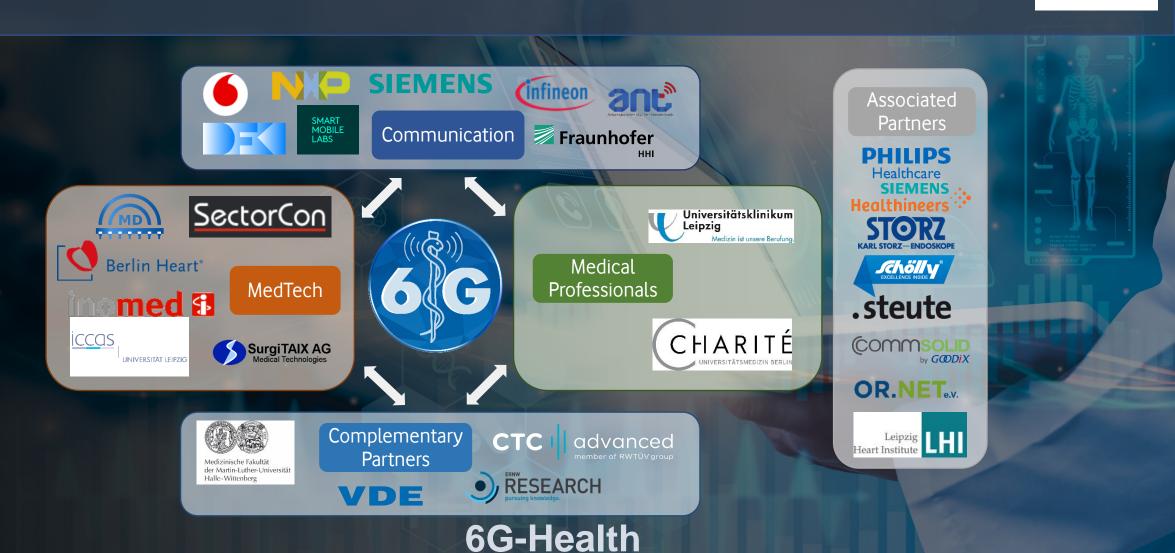
Medizinische Anwendungsfelder





6G-HELATH Project Partners





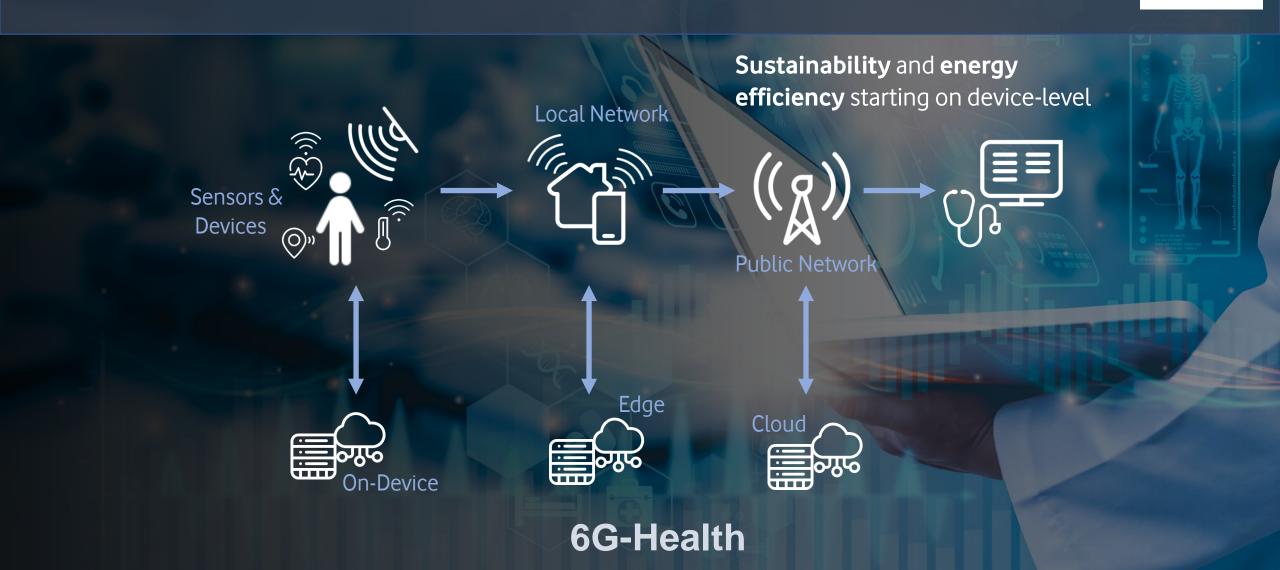
6G HEALTH Project



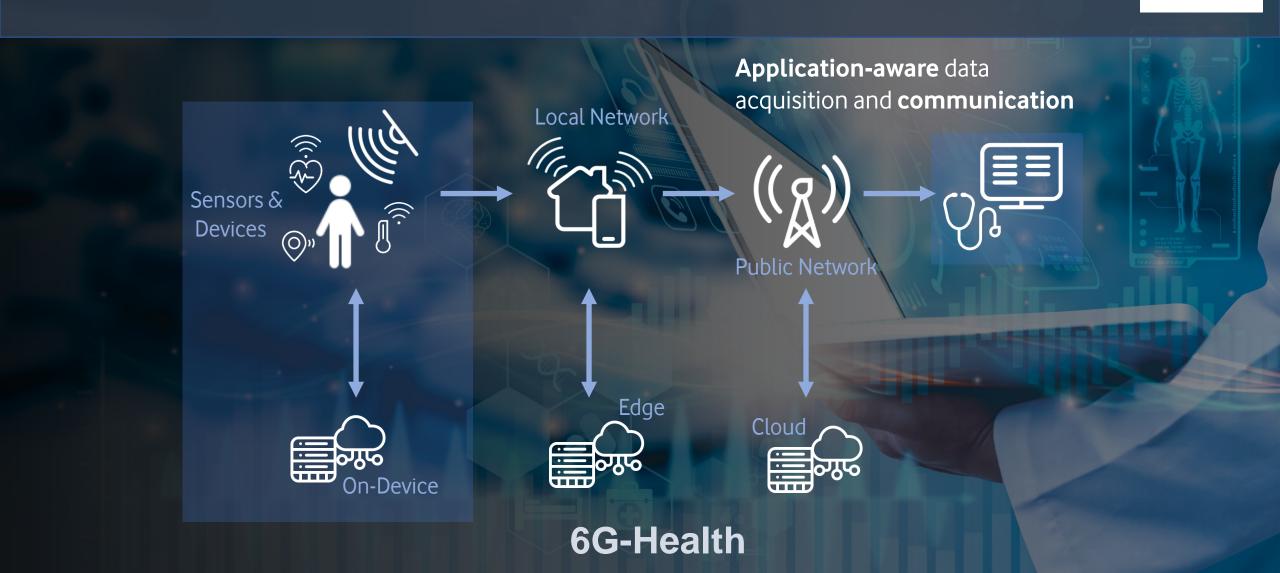


6G-Health

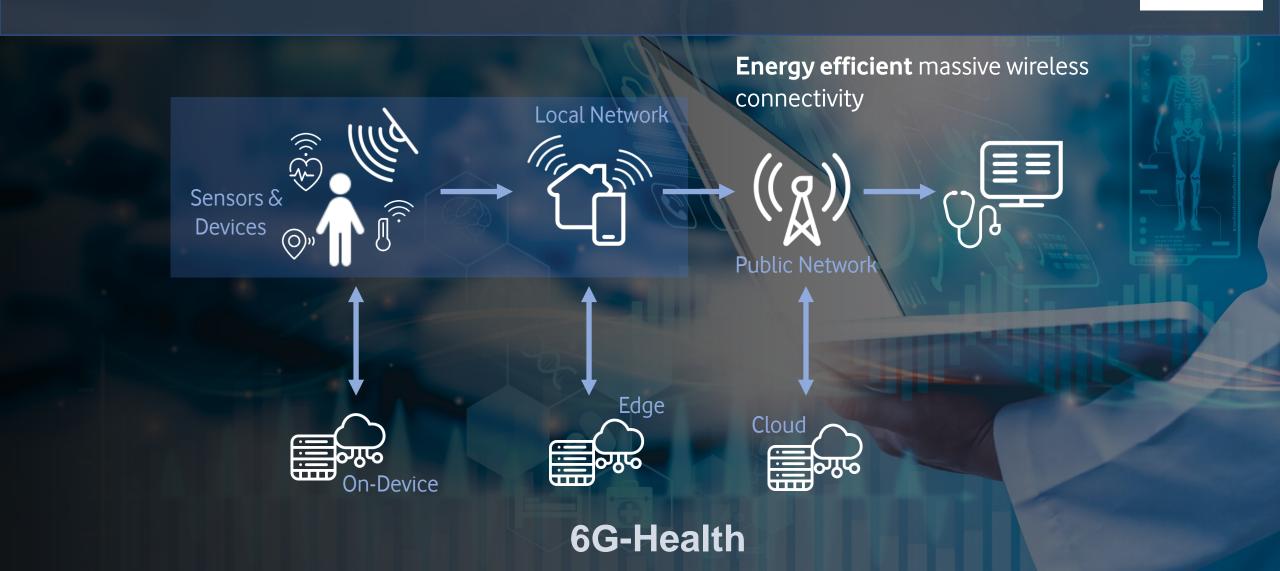




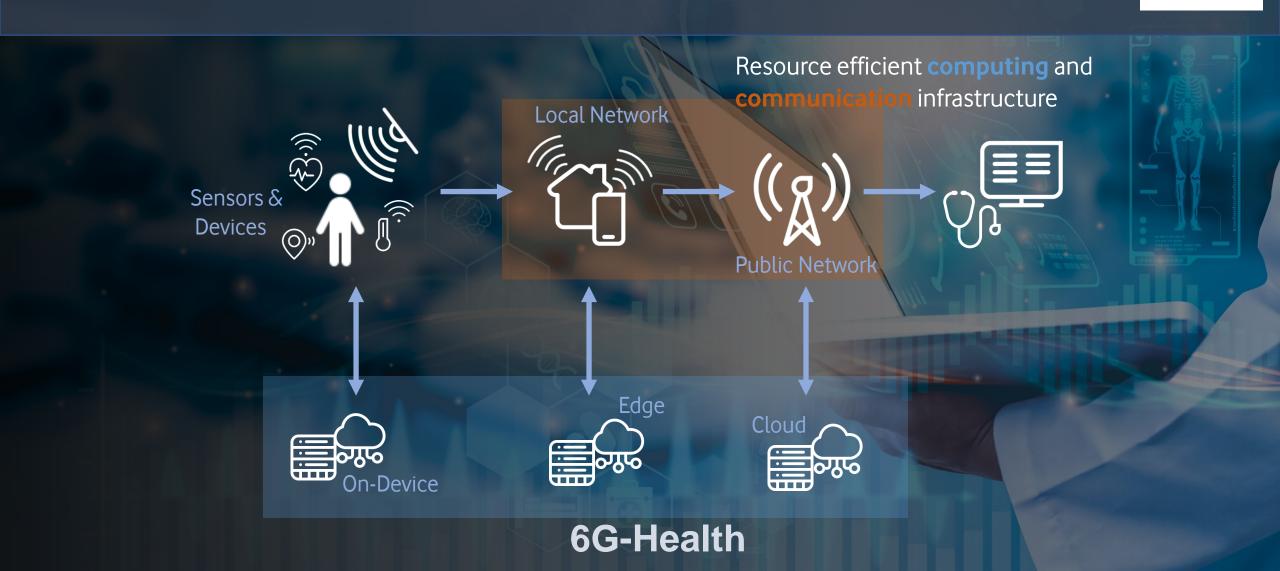




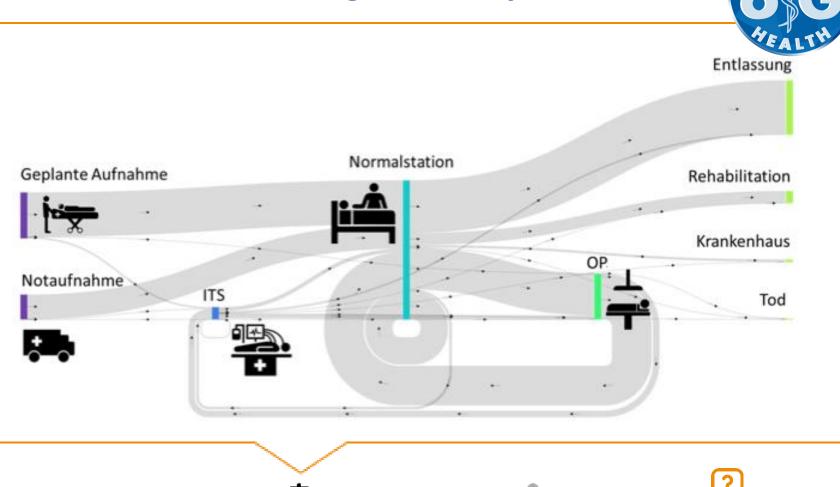








Biosignals: Inter- and intrasectoral networking necessary!









Patient centered Longterm outcome

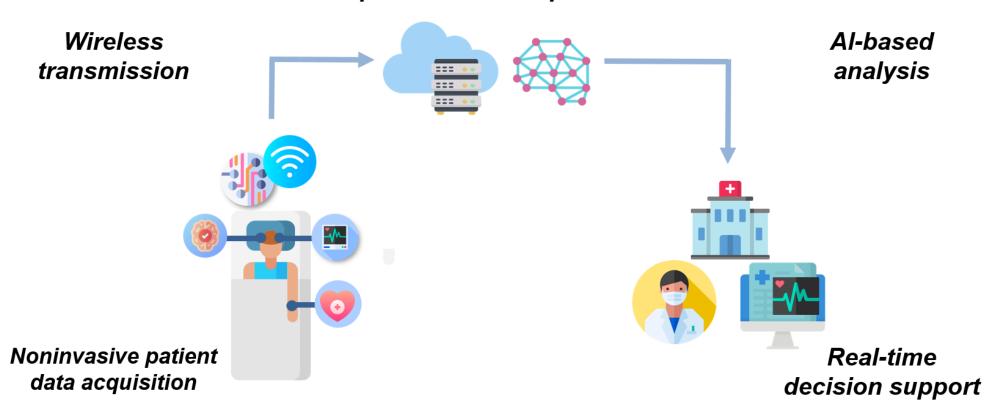




The vision: real-time support for the clinician!



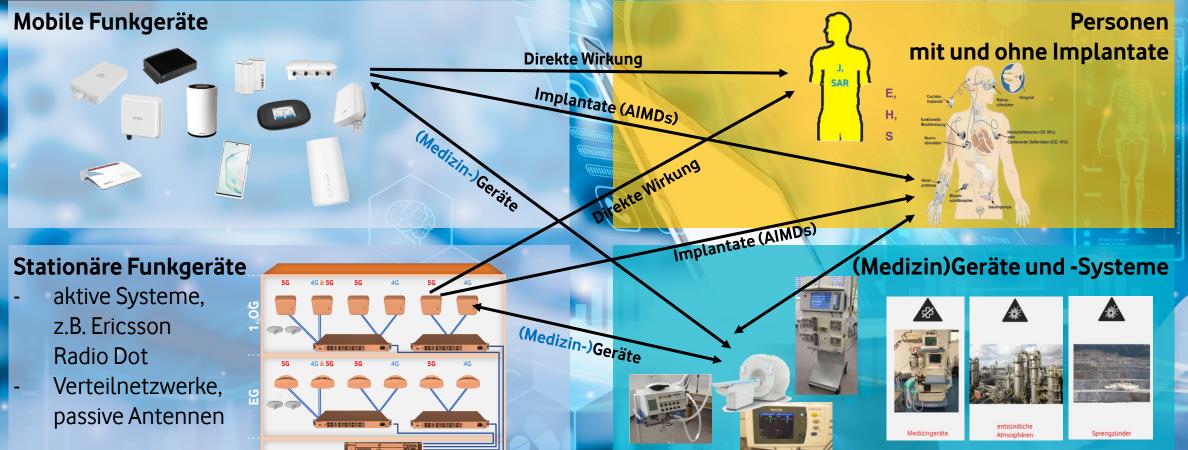
Cloud infrastructure Open Source components





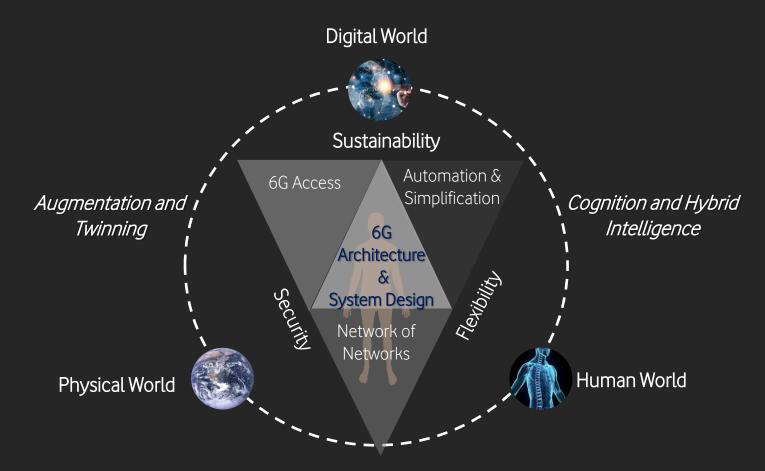
6G Development needs to consider regulatory environment upfront!





5G/6G technology as a base

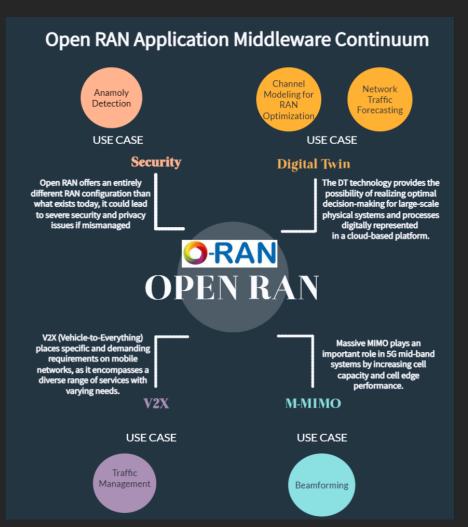
6G-ANNA: Lighthouse project towards 6G



Collaborative Spaces



6G-ANNA project: Advancing Open RAN towards 6G by focusing on use cases







Applications Driving 5G & 6G

Engage with other industries

Testbeds with today's leading edge technology & co-creation

Understand customer requirements

Design 6G together!



