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6G: What's Ahead?

Rajesh Pankaj EVP, Chief Technology Officer, InterDigital

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InterDigital combines five decades of wireless and video research and innovation

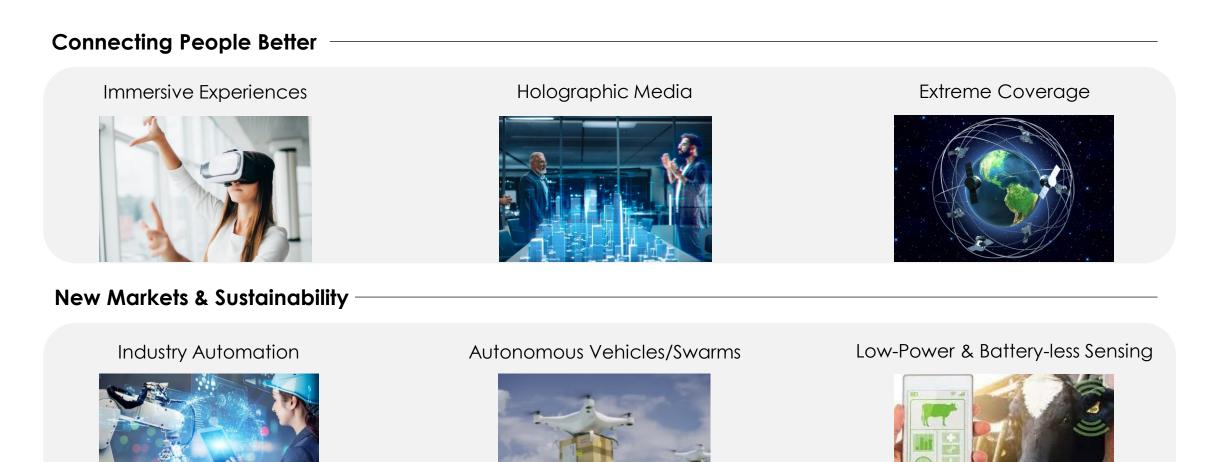
- with one of the strongest technology portfolios in wireless, video, and Al
- to develop and share core technology through standards and licensing,
- resulting in more than 7 billion devices under license in the last decade alone.

5G is not done yet...

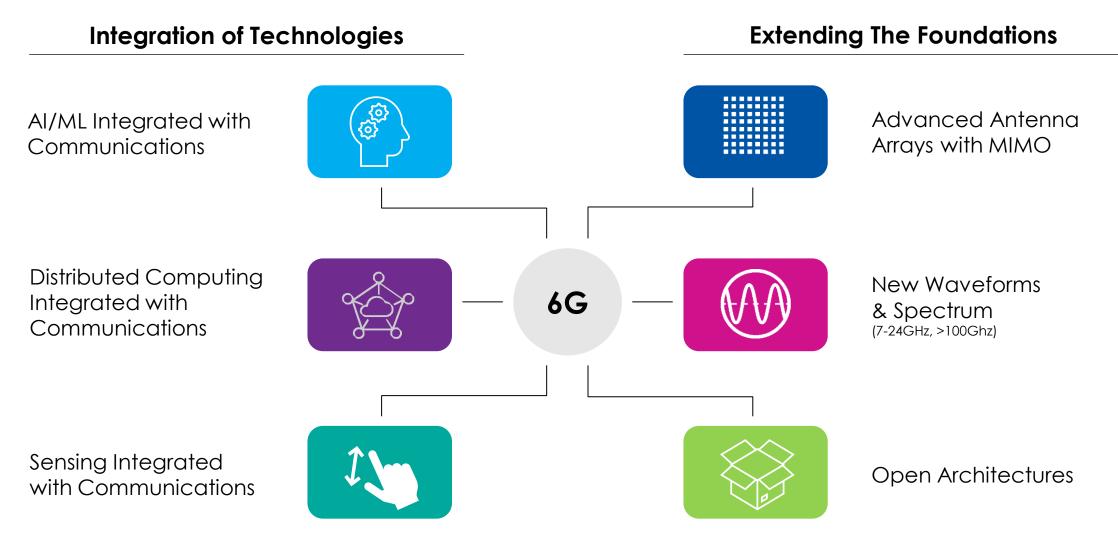
But we need to start thinking about 6G



What Are Some of the Next G Use Cases?

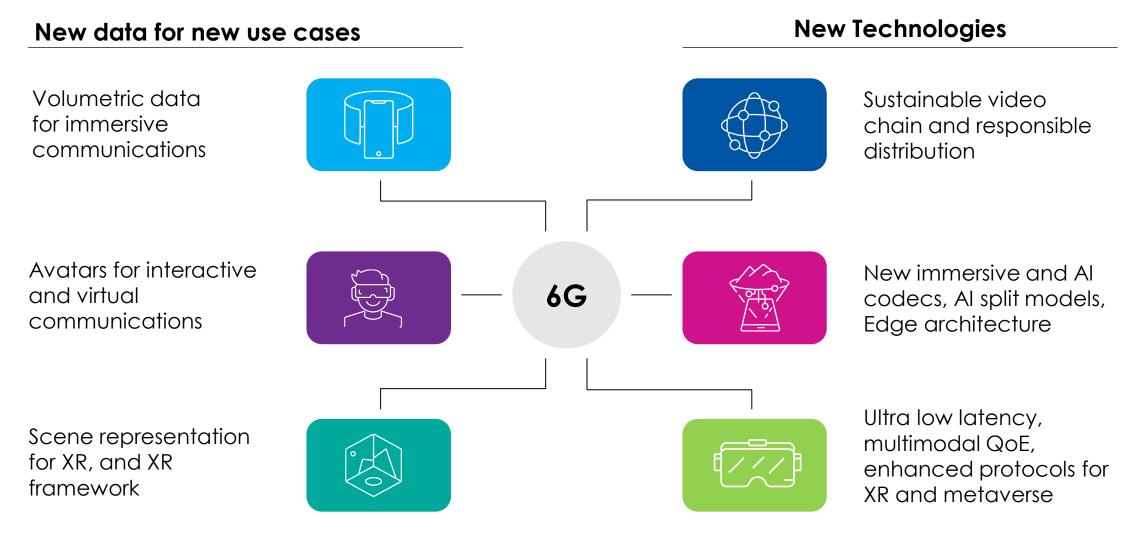


Key Wireless Technology Trends



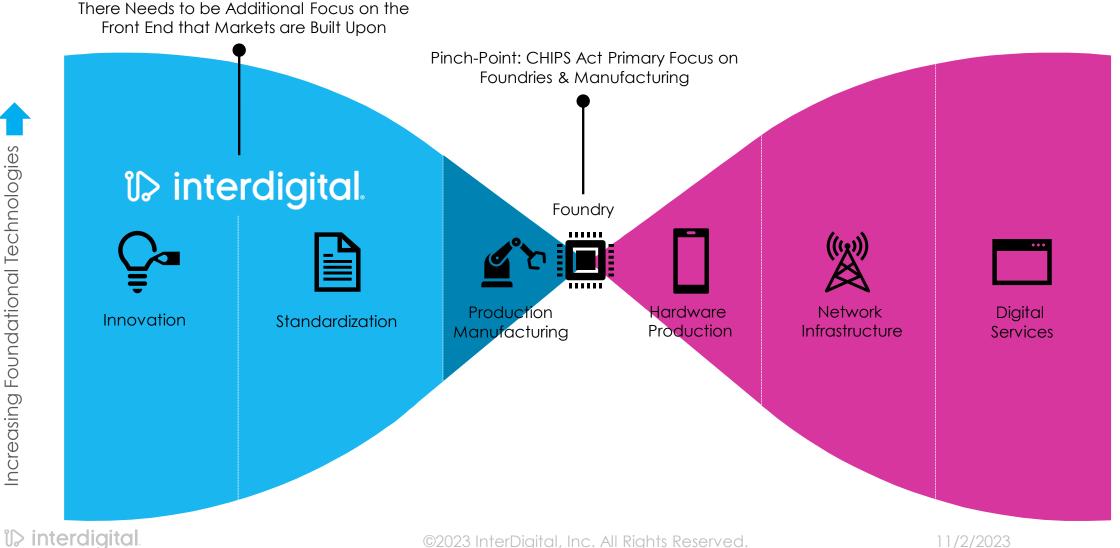
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Key Video Technology Trends



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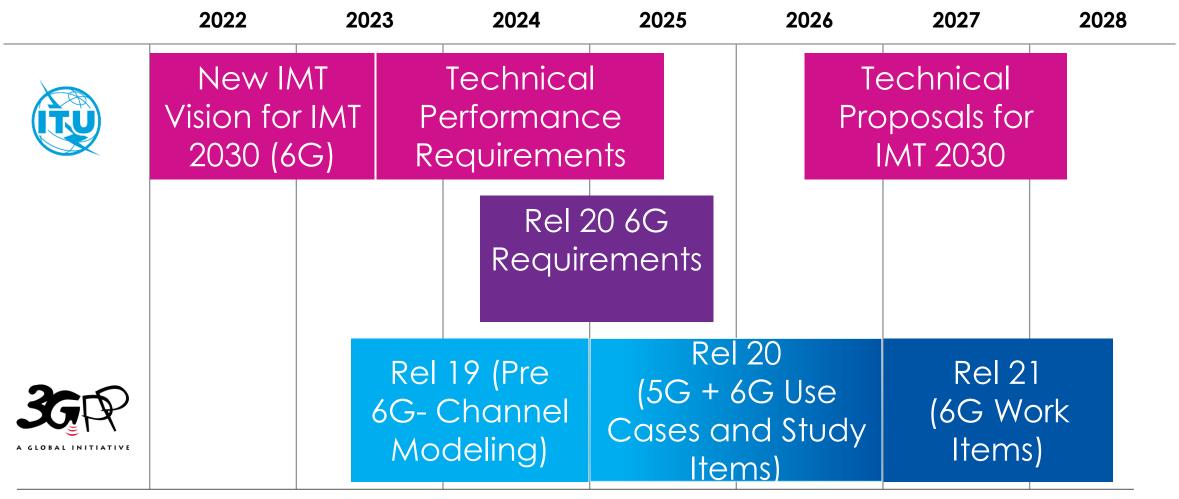
Why Standards Matter in the Wireless Supply Chain



Increasing Foundational Technologies

Timeline to 6G

Just as 3G, 4G and 5G will coexist for some time, 6G will exist simultaneously with 4G and 5G



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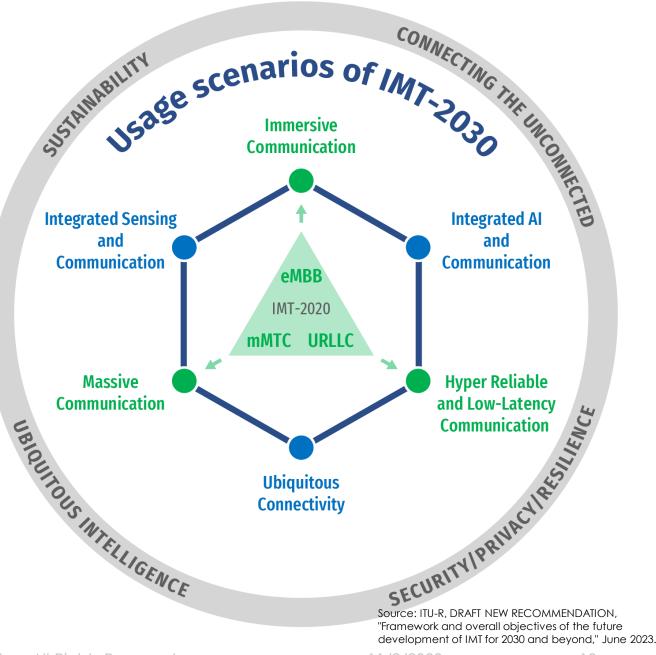
Emerging IMT-2030 View of 6G

Improve the 5G triangle

- eMBB
- mMTC
- URLLC

Enable new capabilities

- Integrated Sensing and Communication
- Integrated AI and Communication
- Ubiquitous Connectivity



The Path to 6G Around the World



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6G Symposium – Fall 2023 Creating a 6G Vision for the Future

An ATIS Initiative

Mike Nawrocki, ATIS, VP - Technology & Solutions October 18 , 2023 Washington DC

"Beyond the Hype"



hype - to promote or publicize extravagantly (Merriam Webster)



what is promised what is delivered **vision** – *charting the future with imagination and wisdom*



Roadmap to 2030 and beyond

Combining the revolutionary and evolutionary

Change How We Live





Home-based patient care Remote surgery and scanning Al-enabled patient digital twin

Ambient assisted living

V2V and V2P safety improvement and awareness

Autonomous, coordinated and remote driving

Real-time 360° situational awareness

Leveraging EGE innovation for education

Metaverse experiences

Immersive knowledge and learning

Hologram receivers

Next Gen mission critical communications

AR headsets and glasses

Networked robots and UAVs

Connected ambulances

Change How We Work





Factories of the future Al-managed automatic guided vehicles

Massive sensors to manage environment and resources

Movement between farming and road infrastructure

High precision irrigation and fertilizer treatments

Massive sensing and remote actuation

Communications across mobile and NTN Extreme connectivity

Tele-operation for hazardous environments

Use of digital twin replicas

High precision accuracy and tracking Urbanization density and access to resources

Zero energy IoT devices

Al-driven data decisionmaking

Government-provided playing fields for 6G innovation

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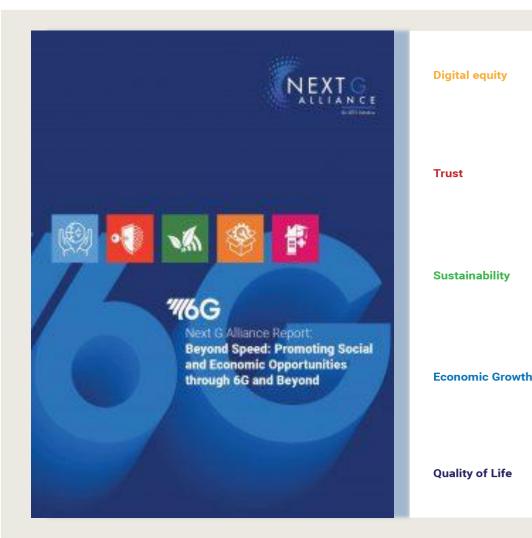
6G Spectrum Considerations





- > Published in August 2023 (living document)
- > First comprehensive survey of spectrum bands that have the potential to support 6G in North America
- > Serves as early engagement point for the challenges and promise of future 6G spectrum bands
- Companion document to follow covering drivers for 6G spectrum needs and characteristics
 - > Will include target performance requirements

6G Societal and Economic Needs













> Recently published report looks beyond 6G technologies

- > Identifies key societal NextG Outcomes
- > Societal/economic compass for future 6G research priorities
- Principles that will influence vision, use cases and applications

Solutions that are affordable, ubiquitous, broadly available and responsive to societal needs

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Creating the Foundation



NEXTG





NGA's publications have established a collective view, serving as a future 6G compass for North America

NGA's Top Ten Research Areas

Security, Trust and Resilience

Radio Access Technologies

NFX

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New Radio Components and Antennas





Joint Communications and Sensing

Network Convergence and Integration





Architecture and Control of Open, Disaggregated Systems

AI/ML



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Sustainability / Reduced Energy Consumption and Cost

Spectrum Sharing and Enhanced Spectrum Access





Cloud Native Networks and Distributed Cloud

NGA Global Collaboration





North American Voice for 6G





https://www.nextgalliance.org/research-priorities/

Align on a collective set of 6G Research Priorities



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Create 6G Public/Private Partnerships for Next Frontier of Innovation and Investment



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Building the foundation for North American leadership in 6G and beyond

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Institute for the Wireless Internet of Things at Northeastern University

"Open6G: Toward Open, Programmable, and AI-Driven Wireless Systems"

Prof. Tommaso Melodia William Lincoln Smith Professor melodia@northeastern.edu

WIOT Institute Mission



Research: Be a leading institution for research and development in smart and connected systems

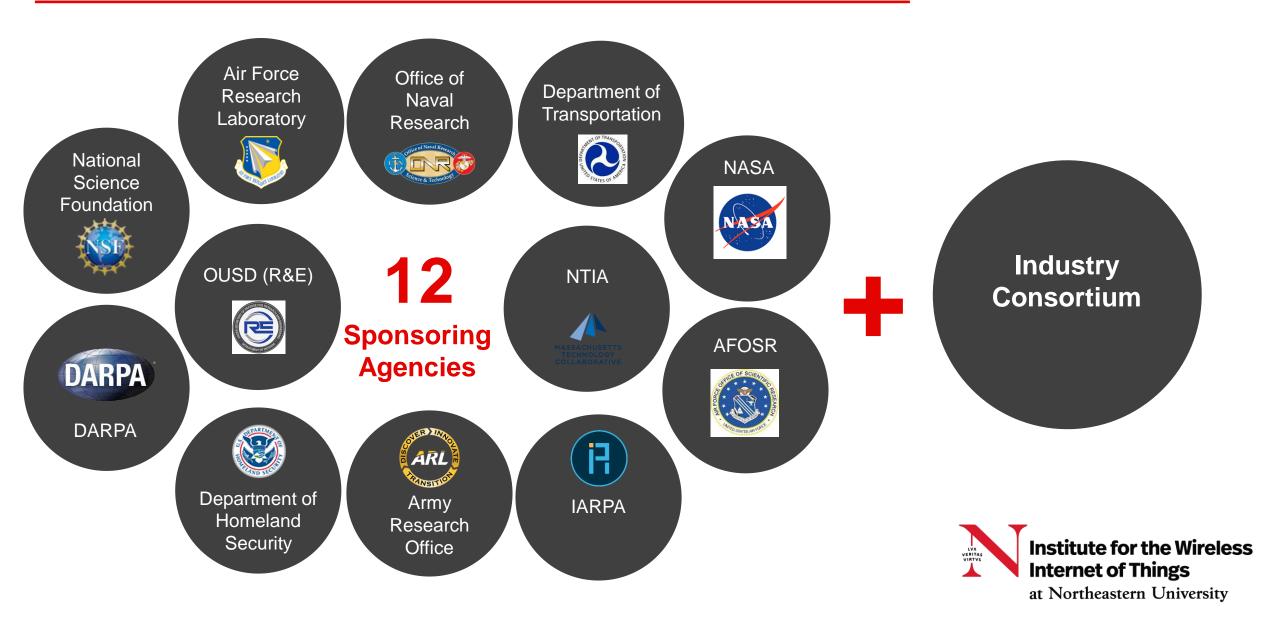
Education: Train the next generation of researchers and professionals in interdisciplinary and hands-on skills

Think Tank: Shape and influence the global conversation on the future of connectivity

Technology Incubator: Generate IP, software, commercialize through spinoffs and industry



Institute for the Wireless Internet of Things



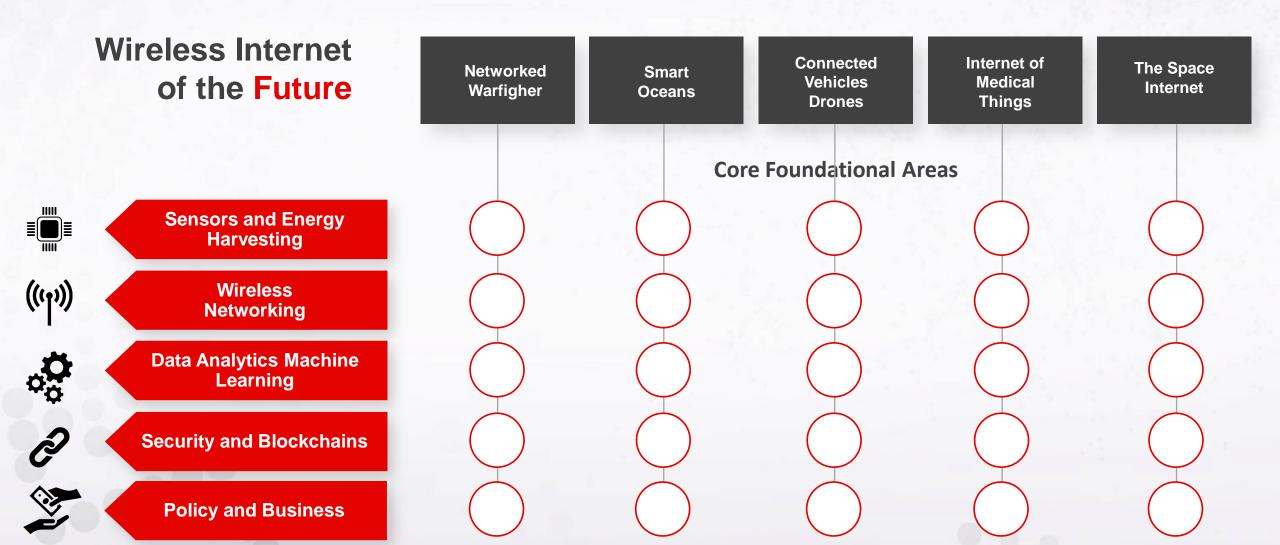
WIoT's Industry Partners

Strategic Partners	Qualcommunities of the second
Industry Partners	Red Hat Red Hat FUITSU MathWorks*
Small Businesses	MDRO AIRANACULUS® Ousignite NEXCEPTA ZTOUCH Openet Openet Openet Openet

IoT Core Areas and Verticals

Applications enabled by core research

- Multiple current and emerging verticals
- Interconnected and reliant on common foundations
- Joint work on multiple core areas necessary to enable a seamless vertical application



WIoT by the numbers



Over **\$100M** cumulative funding

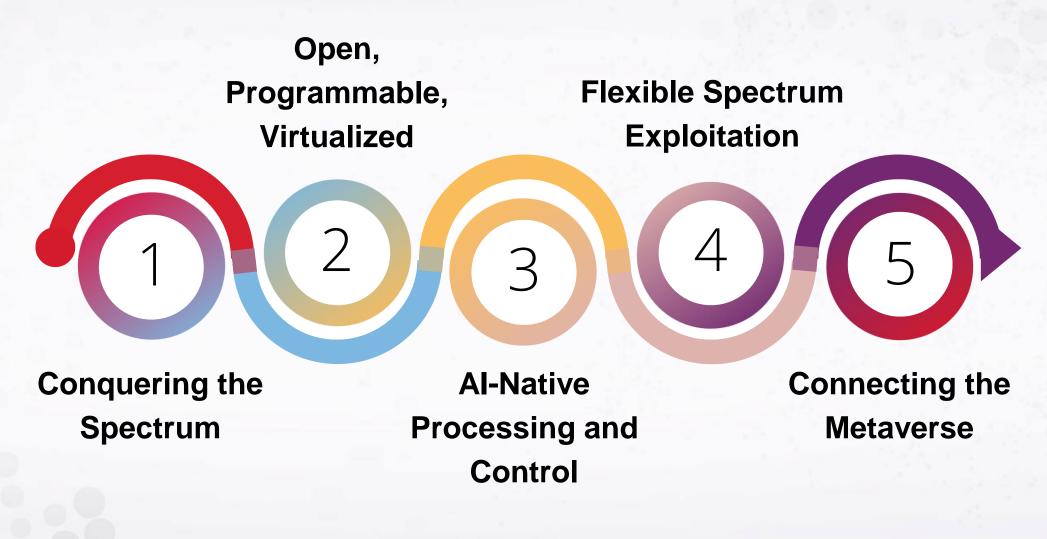
109 Ph.D. Students
25 faculty members
13 Research Scientists
5 Staff Members

25+ Industry Partners

5 Spinoffs

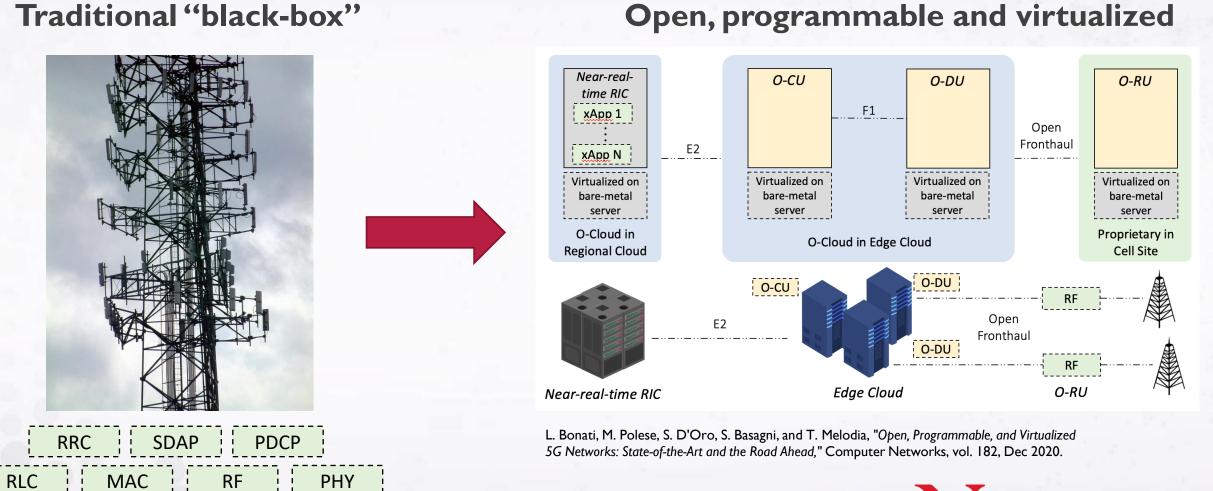
Strategic Roadmap Toward 6G





Open RAN

Traditional "black-box"





Open RAN is an Enabler for Artificial Intelligence

Currently supported by O-RAN

Control and learning objective	Scale	Input data	Timescale	Architecture
Policies, models, slicing	> 1000 devices	Infrastructure-level KPIs	Non real-time > I s	Service Management and Orchestration (SMO) non real-time RIC
User Session Management e.g., load balancing, handover	> 100 devices	CU-level KPIs e.g., number of sessions, PDCP traffic	Near real-time 10-1000 ms	AI gNB Near real-time E2 CU
Medium Access Management e.g., scheduling policy, RAN slicing	> 100 devices	MAC-level KPIs e.g., PRB utilization, buffering	Near real-time 10-1000 ms	FI
Radio Management e.g., resource scheduling, beamforming	~10 devices	MAC/PHY-level KPIs e.g., PRB utilization, channel estimation	Real-time < 10 ms	DU Open FH
Device DL/UL Management e.g., modulation, interference, blockage detection	l device	I/Q samples	Real-time < 1 ms	RU

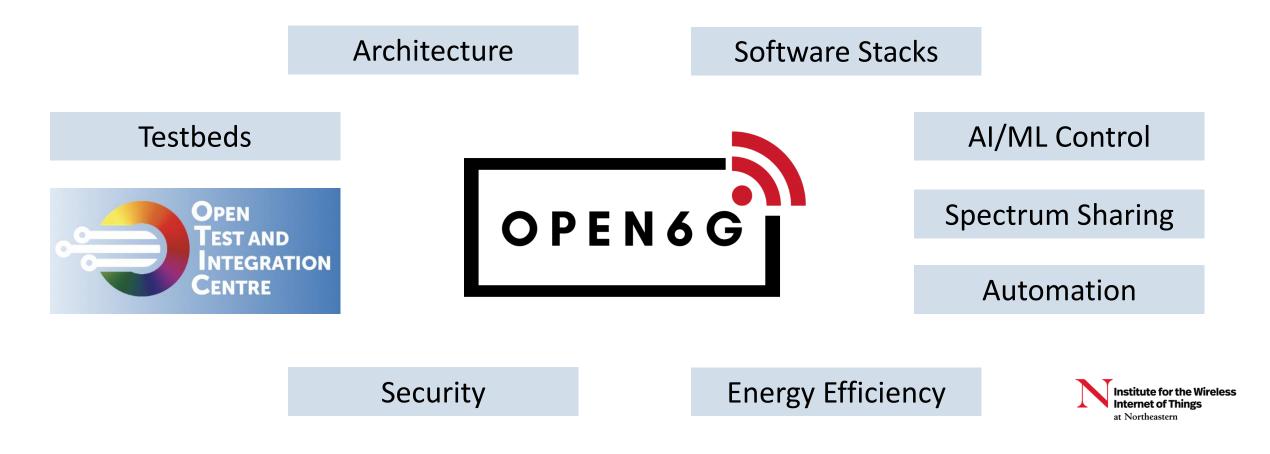
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Northeastern Open6G



Open, programmable, virtualized, and intelligent 5G and 6G networks in an Industry-University-Government R&D center



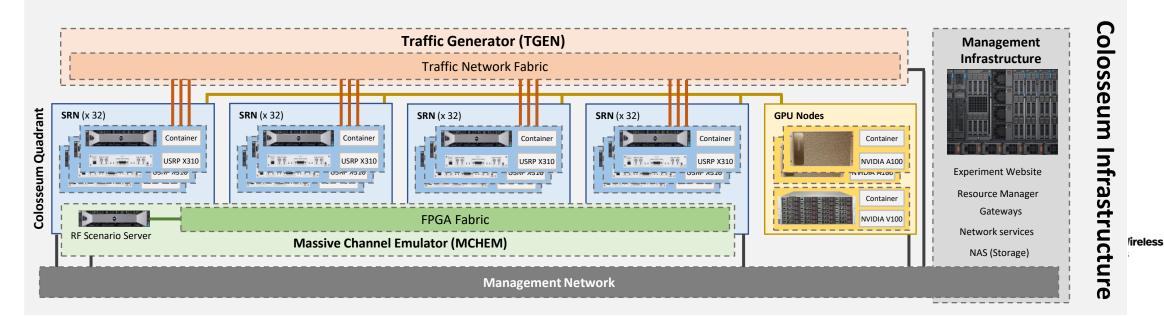
Colosseum as the Open RAN Digital Twin



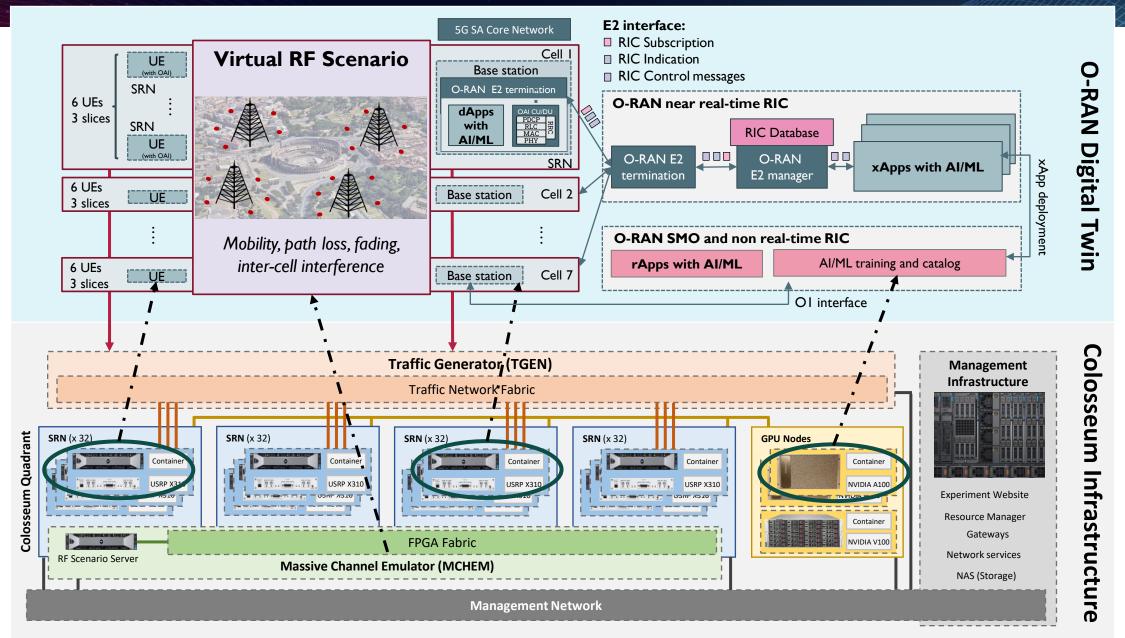
25 racks with

- 256 radio for users and emulation
- MCHEM FPGAs
- NVIDIA DGXs and GPUs
- Dell compute
- SDN infrastructure with SONIC

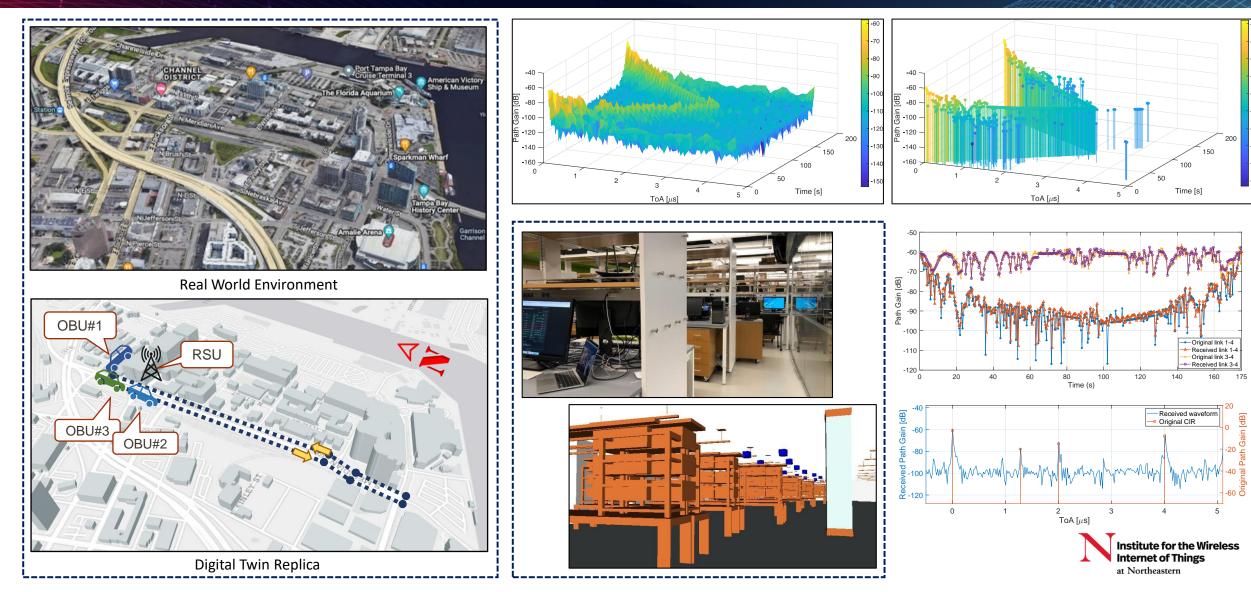




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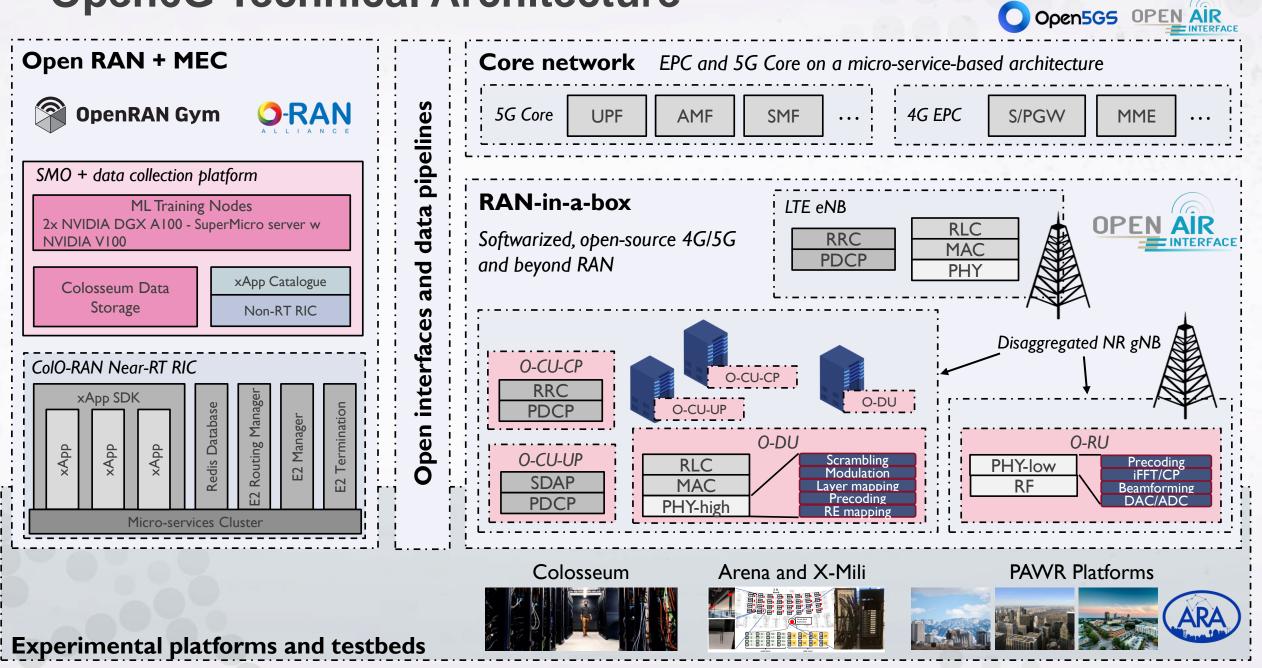
CAST: A Toolchain to Create Colosseum Scenarios



Outdoor Digital Twin, a V2X scenario in Tampa FL

Indoor Digital Twin, Arena & Colosseum

Open6G Technical Architecture

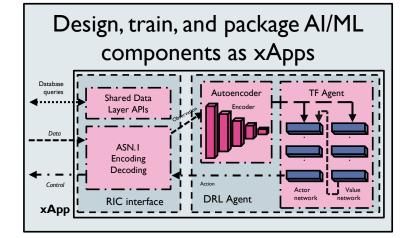


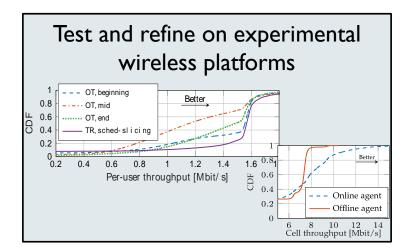
The OpenRAN Gym vision

Enable native O-RAN-driven experiments in large-scale experimental testbeds and networks

Collect data at scale on virtual RF scenarios





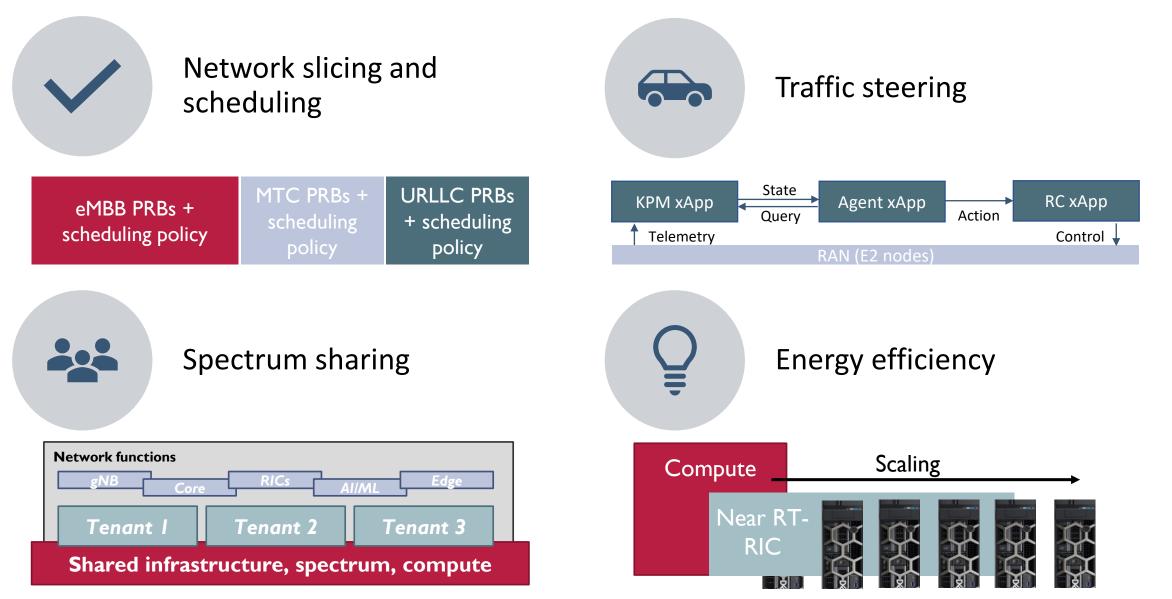


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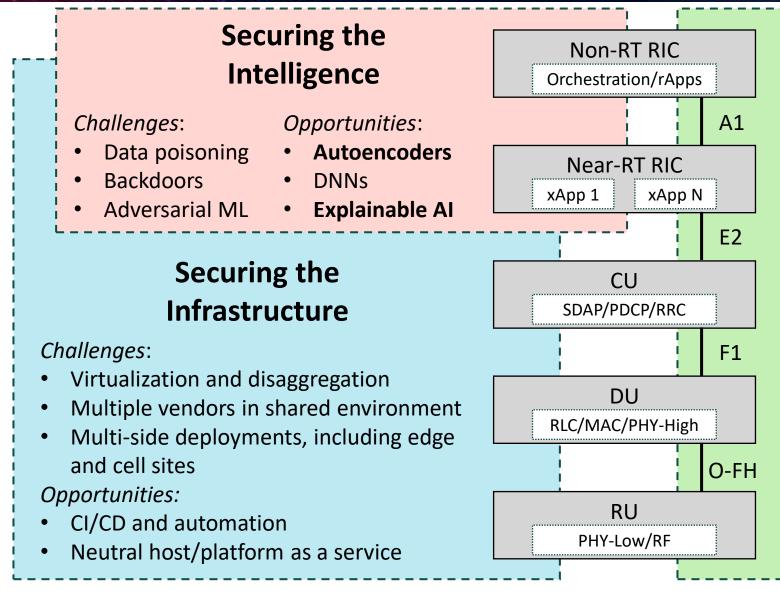


L. Bonati, M. Polese, S. D'Oro, S. Basagni, T. Melodia, "OpenRAN Gym:AI/ML Development, Data Collection, and Testing for O-RAN on PAWR Platforms," Computer Networks, vol. 220, pp. 1-11, January 2023

Intelligent Use Cases



Open RAN and Security Implications



Securing the Open Interfaces

Challenge: robust encryption and reliable authentication with

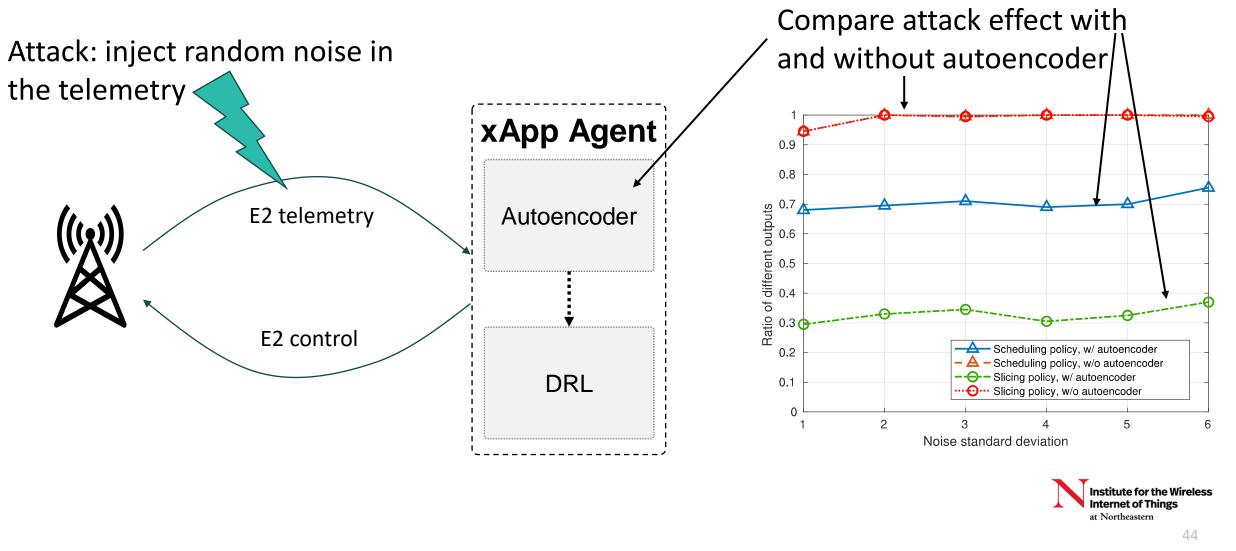
- Low overhead in cost and performance
- Latency guarantees for F1 and Open Fronthaul
- Interoperability

Opportunities:

- Adopt best practices for encryption/authentication
- Hardware acceleration
- Embed security profiles in testing requirements

J. Groen, S. D'Oro, U. Demir, L. Bonati, M. Polese, T. Melodia, K. Chowdhury, "Implementing and Evaluating Security in O-RAN: Interfaces, Intelligence, and Platforms," arXiv:2304.11125 [cs.CR], pp. 1-7, April 2023

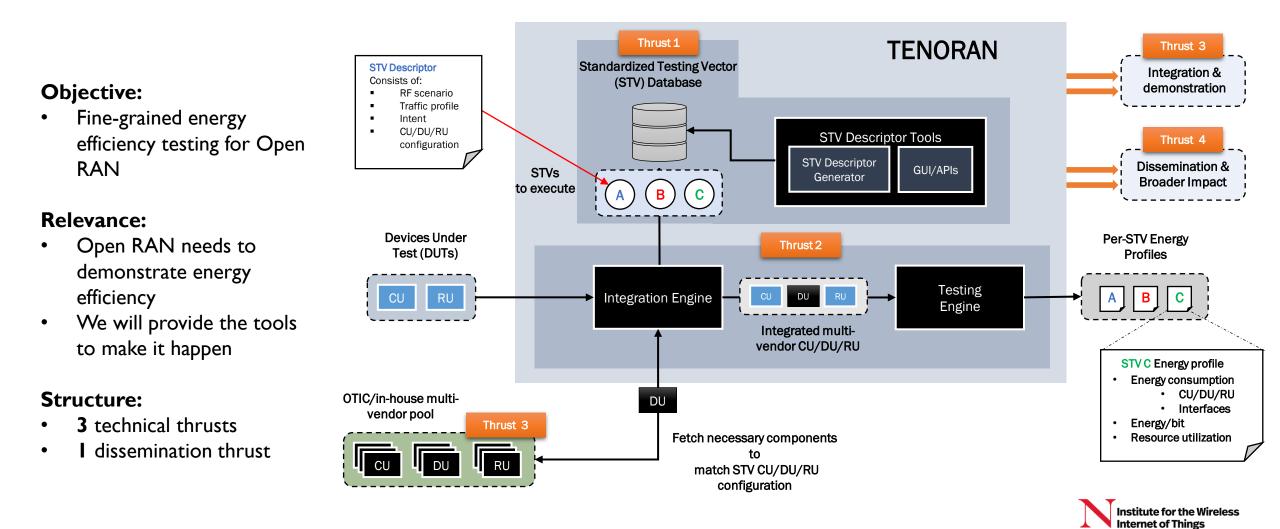
Protecting the Network Intelligence



Qualcomm

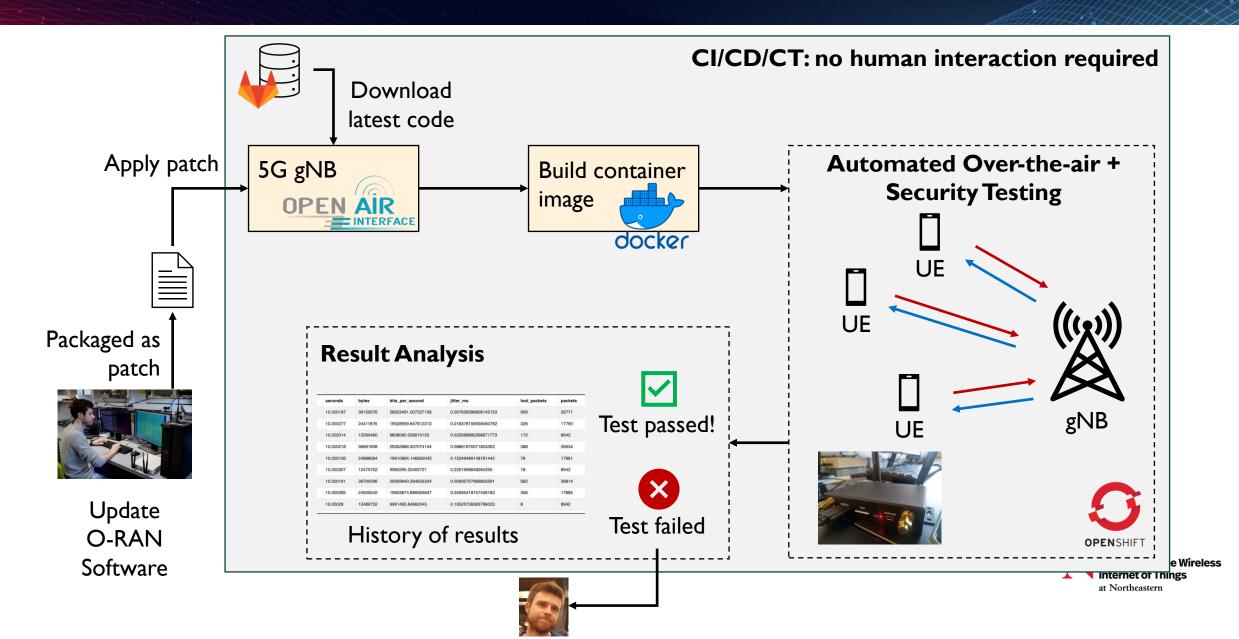
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TENORAN – Open RAN Energy Efficiency

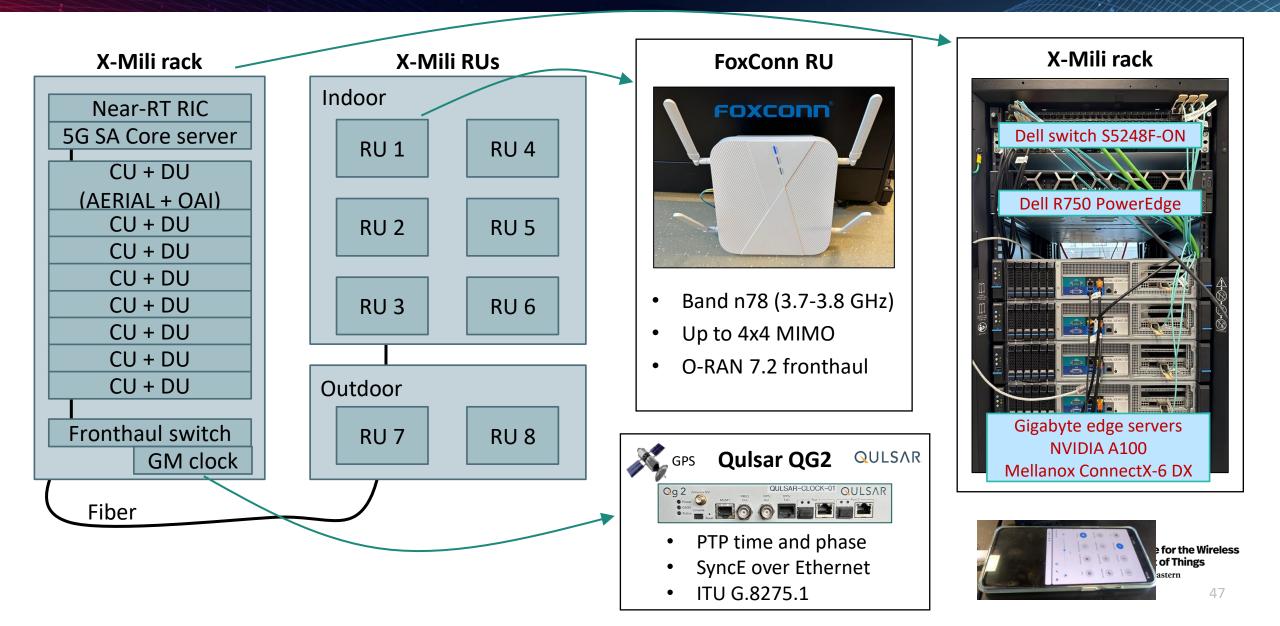


at Northeastern

CI/CD/CT and Automation for Secure O-RAN Software



Private 5G ORAN Multi-Vendor Testbed



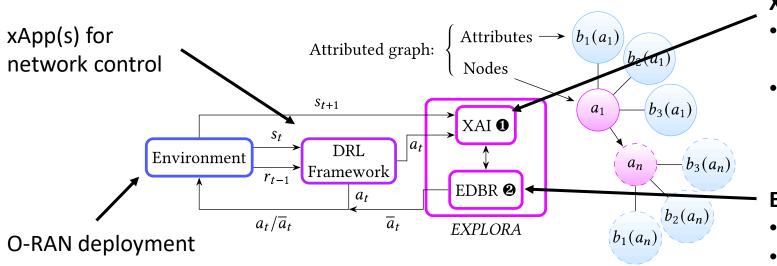
Explainable AI – the EXPLORA framework

Network slicing and scheduling

- DRL is effective at controlling and optimizing O-RAN systems
- Inherently hard to explain and interpret
- Operator trust?
- Expected/anomalous behavior?

EXPLORA: network-oriented explanations that link DRL action to network state

C. Fiandrino, L. Bonati, S. D'Oro, M. Polese, J. Widmer, T. Melodia, EXPLORA: AI/ML EXPLainability for the Open RAN, ACM CoNEXT'23



XAI:

- create attributed graph to connect actions
 (nodes) to effects on RAN (attributes)
- distill knowledge by analyzing **transitions** between actions (edges)



Explanation-Driven Behavior Refiner (EBDR):

- identify inefficiencies/anonatines at Northeastern
- adjust agent behavior with action steering

Putting it all together: zTouch OS

Network operator's intent

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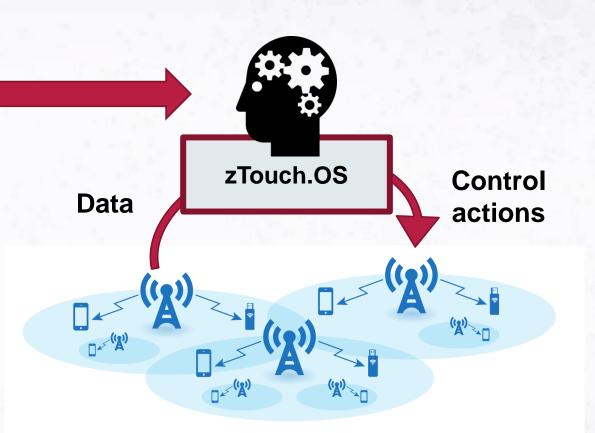
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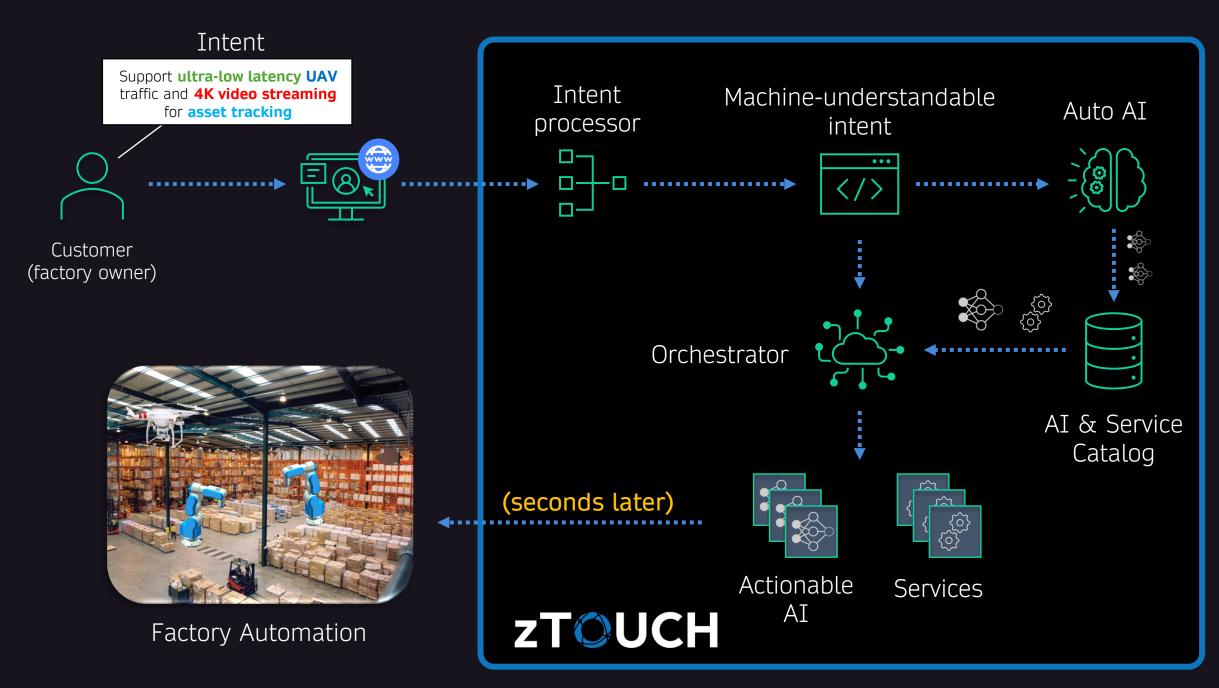
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I need to stream 4K video to 100 users in Times Square, NY from 8pm to 9pm

- Automated orchestration Intent recognition
- Adapt to network state and traffic demand
- Optimal performance Zero-touch reconfiguration







zTouch Networks Inc., Confidential and Proprietary

Open6G ORAN Testing and Integration Center

Open6G OTIC

- Testing and Integration center for nextgeneration wireless networks
- Leverage WIoT testbeds
- interoperability and AI research toward 6G

6G Innovation Ecosystem in MA

- Hub for economic development around Open RAN/6G
- Tech incubator for next-generation wireless startups
- WIoT consortium

6G Workforce Development in MA

- Unique hands-on training programs
- Outreach activities
- Open RAN 5G and 6G expert certification program





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CHIPS & Science Act Funding & Its Impact Shaping 6G



The Public Wireless Supply Chain Innovation Fund

6G Symposium October 18th, 2023









The Innovation Fund was authorized by the FY2021 National Defense Authorization Act and funded by the 2022 CHIPS and Science Act.

Per the NDAA, the Innovation Fund is charged with:

- Promoting and deploying technology that will **enhance competitiveness** in 5G and successor technologies.
- Accelerating commercial deployments of open / interoperable equipment. ٠
- Promoting and deploying **compatibility of new 5G equipment** with future equipment. Managing **integration of multi-vendor network environments**. ٠
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- Identifying criteria to define equipment as compliant with open standards for multi-vendor • network interoperability.
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- Promoting and deploying security features. Promoting and deploying network function virtualization.





Vision

 Develop a competitive global ecosystem of trusted telecommunications vendors that are fielding open interoperable network equipment domestically and overseas.

Mission

 Develop and implement a grant program that accelerates the adoption and deployment of open radio access networks through investments in interoperability, hardware maturity, security, and supply chain diversity.





Near-Term Objectives (Years 1-3)

- Support continued refinement and expansion of "Open RAN" specifications.
- Increase 5G Open RAN adoption by carriers and private networks.
- Develop third-party testing/certification in the U.S.
- Accelerate developments in 5G Open RAN performance, security, and interoperability.
- Advance 5G Open RAN trials and pilots.
- Develop 5G Open RAN best practices and training.

Long-Term Objectives (Years 3-10)

- Support advances in "Open RAN" specifications.
- Open RAN deployed by carriers and private networks.
- The U.S. is a competitive global player in telecommunications and Open RAN development and deployment.
- 6G specifications are inherently open and interoperable.
- Open RAN architecture boasts additional security, power consumption, cost, and product features.





The Innovation Fund's request for comment received 89 responses, from carriers, cloud/network edge providers, wireless equipment suppliers, academia, industry groups, and more. The responses highlighted the following themes:

Interoperability Testing	Network Security	Open RAN Specifications
76% of RFC respondents cited the need to prioritize testing through the Innovation Fund.	Nearly 70% of RFC respondents suggested that the Innovation Fund to invest in security.	Nearly half of RFC respondents emphasized the importance of specifications that could assist with Open RAN integration.





The Innovation Fund is moving rapidly to deliver critical investment into the wireless ecosystem.







Background on NOFO #1

- Focus: Investing in the testing & evaluation ecosystem for Open RAN and further research & development for testing methods.
- By the Numbers: \$140.5M in total funding; grants have a five-year period of performance.
- Why T&E + R&D: Aligns with industry's need for advanced testing and our short-term objective to improve the infrastructure around Open RAN.

Our First Grantees

- Northeastern University: Investing in an energy-efficient testing platform that'll help make wireless networks more sustainable.
- New York University: Supporting T&E for NextGen ran components with a focus on shared and adversarial spectrum scenarios.
- **DeepSig:** Aiding with its air-interface performance testing that leverages AI to improve accuracy.





- **5G is a Case Study for Proactive Solutions:** USG has made reactive investments to address security and trust challenges associated with already-deployed telecommunications equipment. *We should also proactively address the market dynamics that first allowed untrusted equipment to be deployed.*
- **The 6G Horizon is Shorter Than We Think:** Even if a network refresh is several years away, the R&D and testing that precede a network refresh *take several years.* We have a *2-3-year timescale* to make a major impact, not a decade.
- 5G is the Best Time to Pilot Best Practices for 6G+: Advancing open, interoperable, and standards-based networks is *a team effort* that will require *new industry-wide communications and organizational mechanisms*. We can't wait till 6G to pilot those best practices. We need to develop and refine them *now*.





THANK YOU

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CHIPS for America Briefing

6GSymposium Fall 2023

Ayodele Okeowo – Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, CPO



One Hundred Seventeenth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the third day of January, two thousand and twenty-two



An Act

Making appropriations for Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

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DIVISION A—CHIPS ACT OF 2022

Sec. 101. Short title.

- Sec. 102. Creating helpful incentives to produce semiconductors (CHIPS) for America fund.
- Sec. 103. Semiconductor incentives.
- Sec. 104. Opportunity and inclusion.
- Sec. 105. Additional GAO reporting requirements.
- Sec. 106. Appropriations for wireless supply chain innovation.
- Sec. 107. Advanced manufacturing investment credit.

The CHIPS and Science Act of 2022

CHIPS for America Programs

CHIPS for AMERICA

\$39 billion for manufacturing

Components:

- Attract largescale investments in advanced technologies such as leading-edge logic and memory
- 2. Incentivize expansion of manufacturing capacity for mature and other types of semiconductors

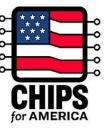
\$11 billion for R&D

- National Semiconductor Technology Center
- National Advanced Packaging Manufacturing Program
- Manufacturing USA institute(s)
- National Institute of Standards and Technology measurement science

Together with CHIPS initiatives from other agencies, including DOD, State, NSF, and Treasury

Workforce development

CHIPS for America Vision





Economic Security

The CHIPS Act will strengthen supply chain security and increase economic resilience in critical sectors.



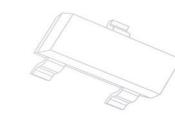
National Security

The CHIPS Act will ensure that the U.S. can manufacture advanced technologies, including secure chips for the U.S. military.



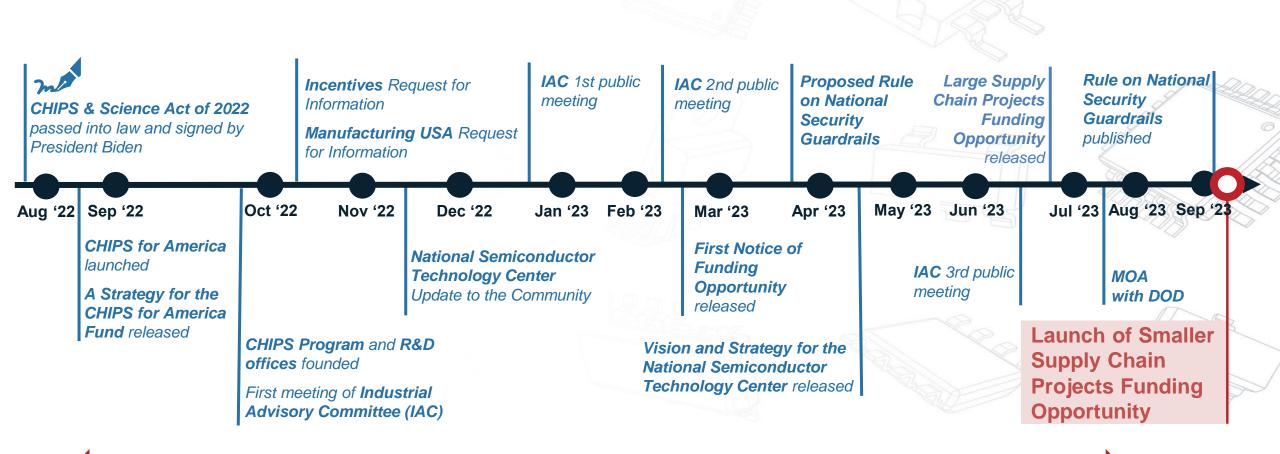
Future Innovation

The CHIPS Act will spur innovation, increase competitiveness, and ensure long-term U.S. leadership in the sector.



We are moving quickly to progress against program goals





CHIPS Webinars and Briefings

Funding Opportunities



February 28, 2023	June 23, 2023	September 29, 2023	
Funding Opportunity (Released)	Funding Opportunity (Released)	Funding Opportunity (Released)	Funding Opportunity
For <u>commercial</u> <u>leading- edge, current,</u> and <u>mature node</u> <u>fabrication facilities</u>	For <u>large</u> <u>semiconductor</u> <u>materials</u> and <u>equipment facility</u> <u>projects</u> \$300M+	For <u>smaller</u> <u>semiconductor</u> <u>materials</u> and <u>equipment facility</u> <u>projects</u> under \$300M	To support the construction of semiconductor R&D facilities

Focus of today's webinar

The CHIPS Program Office has received over 500 statements of interest and 100 pre-applications and full applications

Vision for Success

Leading-Edge Logic

- ✓ The U.S. will have at least two new large-scale clusters of leading-edge logic fabs
- U.S.-based engineers will develop the process technologies underlying the next gen of logic chips

Memory

- U.S.-based fabs will produce high-volume memory chips on economically competitive terms
- R&D for next-generation memory technologies critical to supercomputing and other advanced computing applications will be conducted in the U.S.



Advanced Packaging

- The U.S. will be home to multiple high-volume advanced packaging facilities
- The U.S. will be a global leader in commercialscale advanced packaging technology

Current-Generation and

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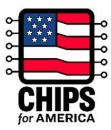
- ✓ The U.S. will have strategically increased its production capacity for current-gen and mature chips
 - Chipmakers will also be able to **respond more nimbly** to supply and demand shocks

Vision for Success



Strengthen Supply Chain Resilience

- ✓ The U.S. and its allies will reduce chokepoint risks flowing from geographic concentration
- Supply chain participants will improve the transparency of demand and supply to reduce the risks of production disruptions



Advance U.S. Technology Leadership

- The U.S. will have incentivized major U.S. equipment and materials suppliers to increase their footprints in the U.S.
 - Non-U.S. suppliers of the world's most advanced equipment, materials, and subsystems will also establish large-scale footprints in the U.S.



 Each CHIPS-funded fab cluster in the U.S. will be supported by dozens of suppliers, including many investing in the U.S. for the first time

By the

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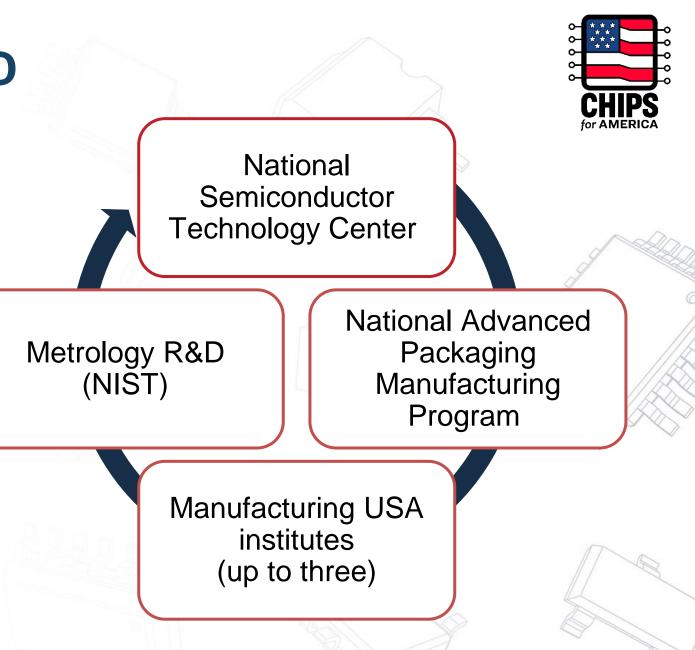
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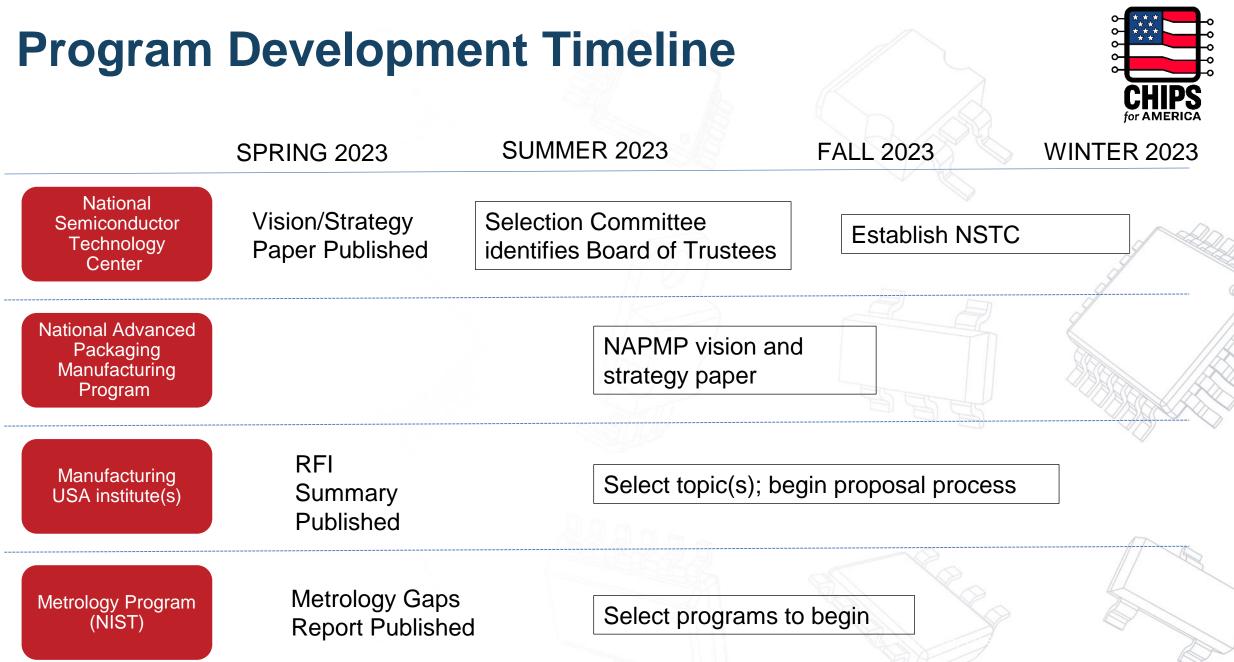


Research and Development

CHIPS for America R&D

- To strengthen and advance U.S. leadership in R&D
- An integrated ecosystem that drives innovation
- In partnership with industry, academia, government, and allies
- A strategic view of R&D infrastructure, participant valueproposition, and technology focus areas
- Informed by the Industrial Advisory Committee







Resources



Next Steps



- Visit <u>CHIPS.gov</u> for resources, including:
 - Notice of Funding Opportunity
 - Vision for Success paper
 - Applicant guides and templates
 - FAQs and fact sheet
 - Webinar schedule (and recordings of prior webinars)
- Teaming Partner List
- Join our mailing list
- Contact us
 - <u>askchips@chips.gov</u> general inquiries
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