

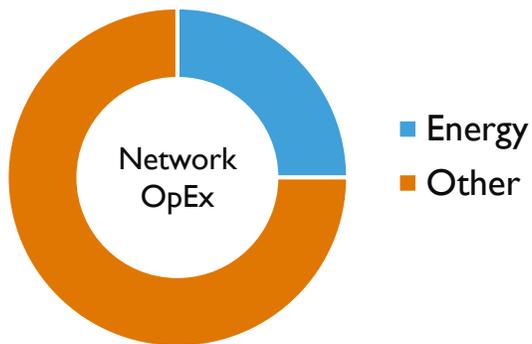
GREEN TECHNOLOGIES FOR 5/6G SERVICE-BASED ARCHITECTURES

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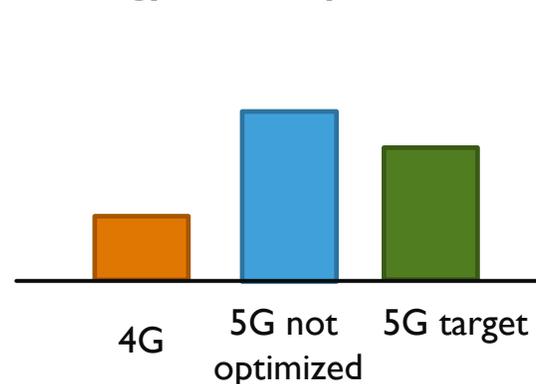
CONTEXT

- 5/6G and edge computing are intrinsically **distributed and pervasive** by design.
- Relevant **increase of computing resources** and associated infrastructure **OpEx and CapEx**, and, consequently, their carbon footprint and energy requirements.

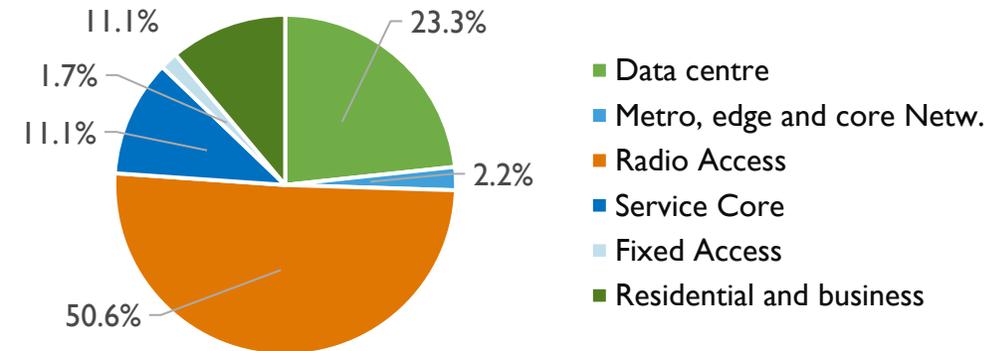


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Energy Consumption Level



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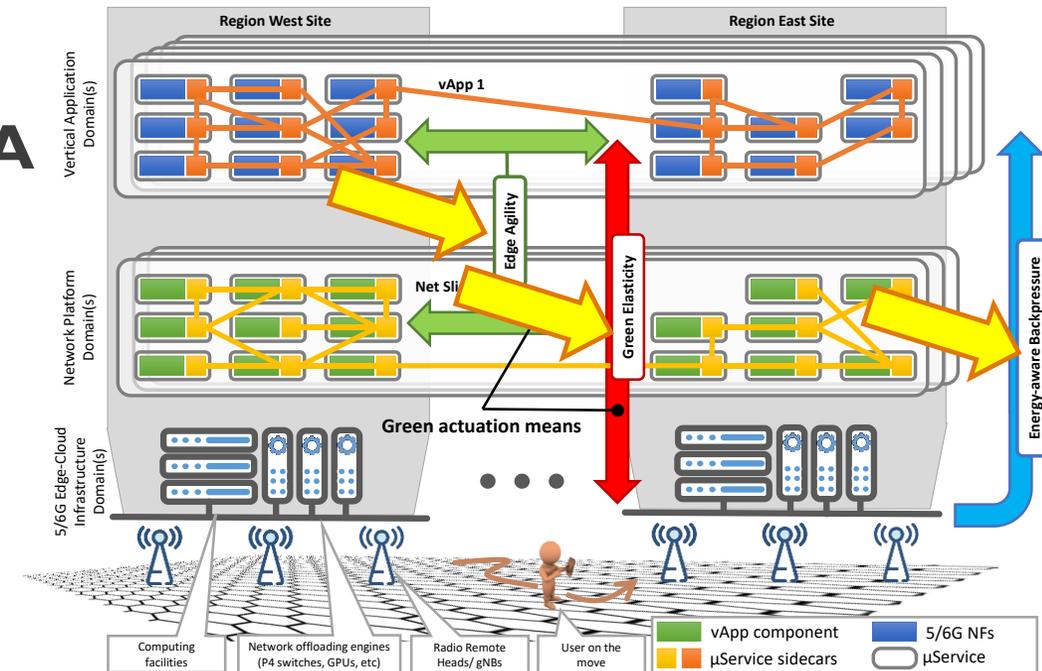
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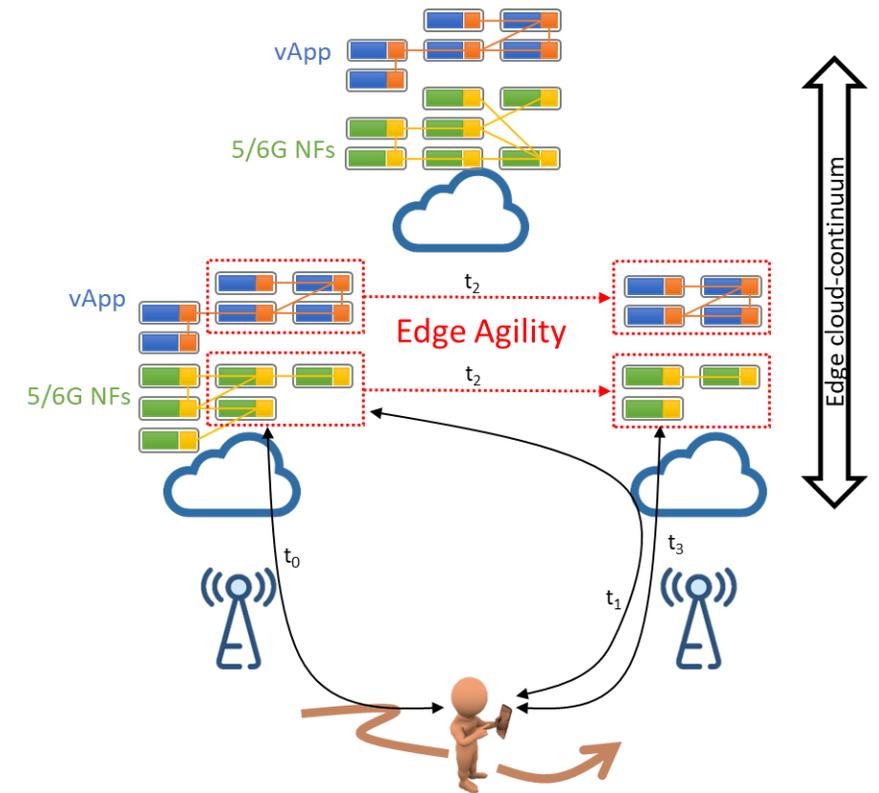
THE 6GREEN PROJECT

- Objective: **promote energy efficiency** across the whole **5/6G value-chain**, and enable **5/6G networks and vertical applications** to reduce their carbon footprint by a factor of 10 or more.
- How? Exploit and extend state-of-the-art **cloud-native technologies and the B5G SBA** with new cross-domain enablers to:
 - boost the global ecosystem flexibility, scalability and sustainability
 - enable all the 5/6G stakeholders reducing their carbon footprint by becoming integral parts of a win-win green-economy business.



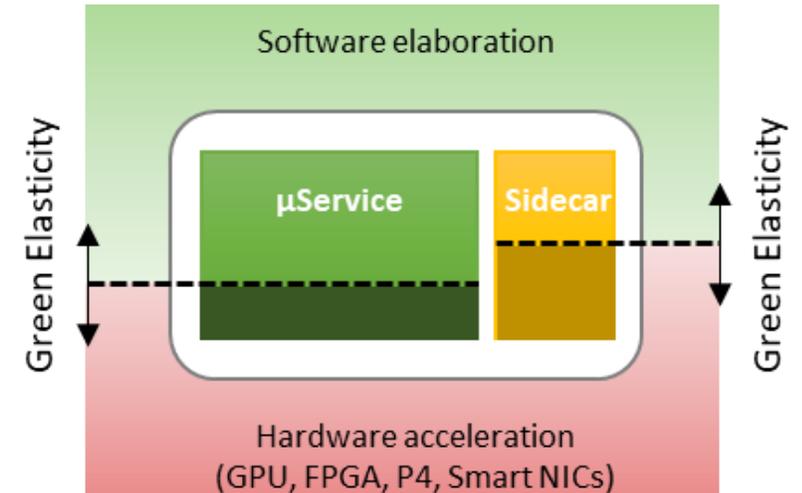
GROUND-BREAKING INNOVATIONS – EDGE AGILITY

- Roughly, a sort of handover procedure for SBA/application side. Provide **smart, fast, and automated horizontal scalability** to vertical application and related slices **across the 5/6G edge-cloud continuum**.
- **Workload redistribution** according to user or infrastructure-driven events, (e.g., user mobility, seamless workload replacement/migrations, etc.). **Opportunistically** move the **latency budget** between connectivity and computing.
- Enable the **5/6G SBA** to **autonomously proacting/reacting** to UE handovers or policy-driven events by triggering joint management operations on slice network functions and on the vertical application. Control plane integration to assure **seamless operations** through suitable procedures based on cloud-native service-mesh routing.
- Management operations will permit to rapidly **“scale to zero”** the footprint of the slice/vertical application in all not used continuum areas, and to quickly resume the operating capacity when needed.



GROUND-BREAKING INNOVATIONS – GREEN ELASTICITY

- Dynamically and adaptively provide **energy-aware hardware-assisted acceleration** to network functions and vertical applications to enable **smart vertical scalability** across the three domains of 5/6G environments.
- Rely on **hardware acceleration engines**, which exhibit low power-consumption dependency against their usage, to **lower processing latency** with respect to pure software artefacts and **reduce consumption** by exploiting **standby/low power** modes joint with optimal configurations/deployments.
- Dynamically distributing the time-varying, end-to-end latency budgets of vertical applications **across the domains**, while **holistically optimizing** the **trade-off** between the energy/carbon footprint and the performance of network and application artefacts.

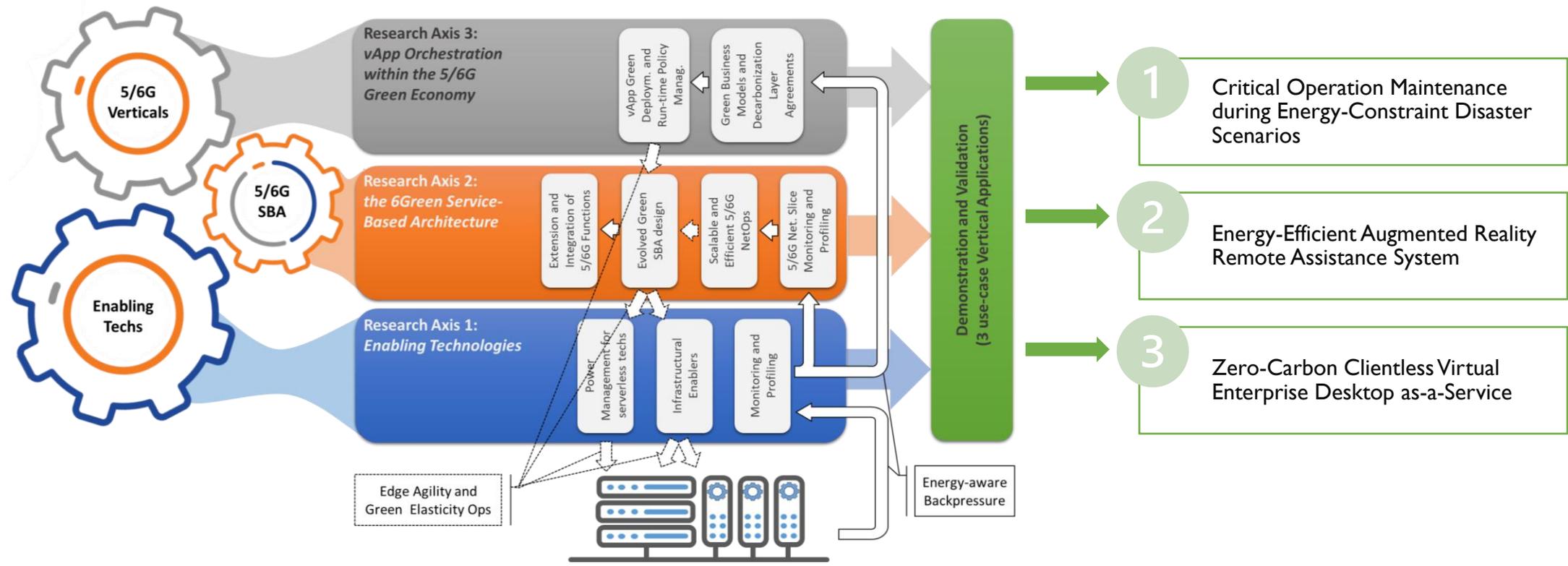


GROUND-BREAKING INNOVATIONS – ENERGY-AWARE BACKPRESSURE



- A set of **cross-domain** observability **mechanisms and analytics** to evaluate the energy and the carbon footprint that a vertical application, a slice, or the overall 5/6G network **induce onto the edge-cloud infrastructure**.
- To reach a **holistic green ecosystem** and to make all the stakeholders aware of the footprint they induce, 6Green aims to suitably **process, infer, and expose** this information at both the 5/6G SBA and vertical application (and their network slices) levels.
- Hardware-level **energy consumption metrics** will be collected by explicitly considering renewable energy contribution and will be **divided/mapped onto each hosted tenant** through **adaptive AI-driven analytics**.
- **SBA extension** to acquire these energy consumption metrics, and to further **classify and expose** them to the accountable vertical.

METHODOLOGY



RA #1: GREEN ENABLING TECHNOLOGIES FOR CLOUD-NATIVE SERVICES



- Optimize the execution environment of microservices and their mesh interconnectivity and network-related functions, to make them intrinsically **more elastic and agile** in heterogeneous serverless environments.
- P4-enabled NICs and switches, eBPF/XDP, and DPDK-accelerated SW switches, etc. will be exposed to microservices and sidecars as programmable offloading engines, and seamlessly integrated into the **6Green cloud-native VIM** to leverage the work of microservices sidecars and of containers networking.
- Map the **energy consumption** arising from the main hardware components of servers (i.e., CPUs, memory, disks, network I/O) to the hosted containers/pods.
- Support run-time policies and long-term optimizations for adaptive power management in serverless environments.

RA #2: THE 6GREEN SERVICE-BASED ARCHITECTURE



- Evolution of the 5/6G SBA towards the 6Green “Edge Agility,” “Green Elasticity,” and “Energy-aware Backpressure” paradigms.
- Exploit the new capabilities to realize extremely **efficient network slices**, and to **autonomically drive their lifecycle management** according to vertical applications’ **run-time requirements** and feedback.
- Innovative extensions of both the 5G SBA architecture and single NFs, managing the **lifecycle** of **deployed software components** and reserved resources in the **5/6G continuum**, and abstracting them to the **vertical stakeholders** (by means of the AF).
- Suitably map the **Energy-aware Backpressure KPIs** across the various domain layers (i.e., per platform, per slice, per application).
- **Reinforce** platform awareness to optimize the **placement** and the **configuration of microservices** across the continuum to correctly serve moving UEs, to exploit the availability of **renewable energy sources**, to meet the workload according to the dynamic requirements expressed by the stakeholders, etc.

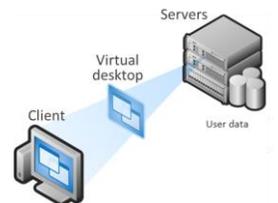
RA #3: VERTICAL APPLICATION ORCHESTRATION WITHIN THE 5/6G GREEN ECONOMY



- Showcase the mutual benefits related to a **win-win approach** based on the optimization of energy consumption, carbon footprint, and OpEx to **all members of the ecosystem**.
- **Extend agreements** between Telecom Operators and Vertical Stakeholders **to include carbon footprint and energy consumption** and/or requirements induced to the network.
- Define **economic incentives** to motivate upper stakeholders to acquire and use resources as-a-Service.
- Provide the **algorithms, policies, and run-time optimization** mechanisms driving **Day-0/I/2** lifecycle operations to reduce the energy consumption ascribable to the vertical applications.
- Use information retrieved during Day-0 and Day-I operations to **feed the analytics algorithms** of Action 2.d and **synthesize** them in specific **green KPIs** to be exposed to the verticals.

6GREEN USE-CASES

- Use-Case #1: Critical Operation Maintenance during Energy-Constraint Disaster Scenarios
 - Evaluation of the consequences of a **disaster** for the infrastructure essential for the functioning of a society and economy), and identification of countermeasures to preserve **stability** and **reduce negative impact** for society and economy.
- Use-Case #2: Energy-Efficient Augmented Reality Remote Assistance System
 - Evolution of a **Remote Visual Assistance** from a remote optimization tool for manufacturers towards a **key solution** for verticals to get closer to **carbon neutrality**, with AR features to collect live data and share it remotely to improve energy-efficiency.
- Use-Case #3: Zero-Carbon Clientless Virtual Enterprise Desktop as-a-Service
 - **Shift** most DaaS tasks from clients to servers to provide native 5/6G benefits such as security, slice integration with the private enterprise network infrastructure, and reduce **GHG emissions**.



6GREEN AT A GLANCE



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