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#### **Session 2**

ISAC/JCAS Research & Innovation, Validation and Challenges

**Moderator:** Kostas Trichias (6G-IA)

SNS Technology Board Chairman

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#### Validation Efforts & Achievements in SNS JU





- More than 120 Tests / Trials taking place in more than 25 EU countries
- Southern-European countries are leading in terms of tests/trials
- Good spread of test/trial sites across the EU
- 15 recent Key Achievements from 9 SNS Projects concern ISAC/JCAS

#### Test/Trials per country - Total Greece 15 Key Achievements Unique Projects Germany France Belgium **United Kingdom** iSEE-6G - Key Achievement 3 Poland **TIMES - Key Achievement 2** Opti-6G - Key Achievement 1 Hexa-X-II - Key Achievement 6 Hexa-X-II - Key Achievement 5 Netherlands ADVANCED PHY-LAYER DESIGN FOR THZ 5G OWC COMMUNICATION NETWORK **UAV-ASSISTED COMMUNICATIONS: FROM** AI-BASED AIR INTERFACE ARCHITECTURE FRAMEWORK FOR Romania INTEGRATED SENSING AND **ARCHITECTURE AERIAL CORRIDORS TO ISAC NOVEL 6G SERVICES** Finland COMMUNICATION (ISAC) TECHNOLOGY Switzerland Sweden South Korea 6G-SENSES - Key Achievement 3 Hexa-X-II - Key Achievement 3 **BeGREEN - Key Achievement 2** 6G-SENSES - Key Achievement 2 6G-SENSES - Key Achievement 1 Portugal Ireland **6G END-TO-END ARCHITECTURE** BEGREEN ISAC AND RIS OPTICAL TRANSPORT NETWORK **6G-SENSES NETWORK ARCHITECTURE 6G-SENSES ECOSYSTEM VIEW** INTEROPERABILITY OPTIMIZATION SUPPORTING INTEGRATED SENSING AND Slovenia COMMUNICATION SERVICES Luxembourd 6G-DISAC - Key Achievement 1 6G-MUSICAL - Key Achievement 3 6G-EWOC - Key Achievement 1 6G-DISAC - Key Achievement 3 6G-DISAC - Key Achievement 2 Cyprus Bulgaria DISTRIBUTED BEAMFORMING PIC PLATFORM ENHANCEMENT IN METHODS FOR DISTRIBUTED ISAC INTELLIGENT MANAGEMENT & DISTRIBUTED ISAC ARCHITECTURE FRAMEWORK FOR CELL-FREE ISAC SUPPORT FOR OWC BEAMFORMER OPERATION ORCHESTRATION FOR SCALABLE ISAC SYSTEMS WITHOUT MECHANICALLY MOVING PARTS Number of Tests/Trials per country by Call 2+3 projects

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Presenter: Dr Sebastian Robitzsch, InterDigital Europe Ltd

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#### **Multi-X Overview**





#### Research and innovation

- Aims to revolutionise the 3GPP Radio Access Network (RAN) design and operation by developing a pioneering MultiX fusion Perceptive 6G-RAN system (MP6R)
- Support an integrated multisensor, multi-static, multi-band, and multi-technology paradigm to enable multi-sensorial perception
- Address the 6G sustainability goals (where applicable)
- Explore Al's full potential across all layers of the MP6R and develop an energy efficient Al architecture for adaptive ISAC transmitter/receiver and distributed learning with a novel low power Al engine design.

#### Validation

- MultiX has two proof of concepting sites: Siemens lab, 5TONIC

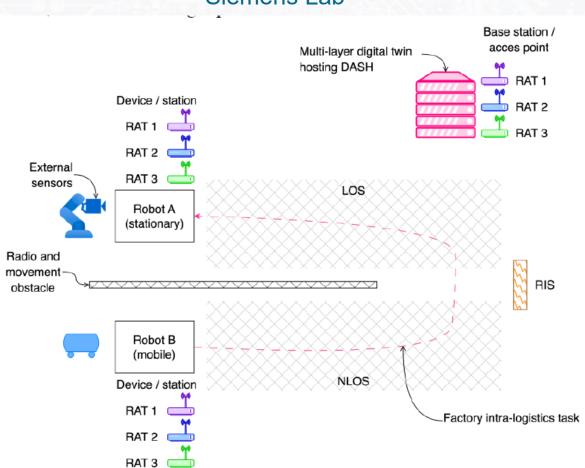
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#### **Test Sites in MultiX**

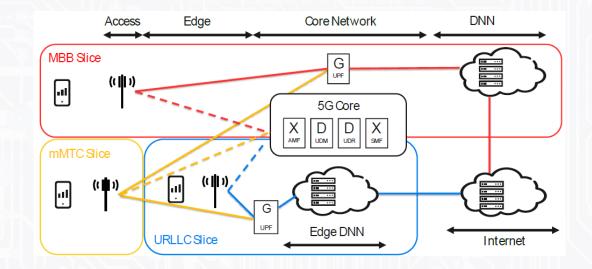




#### Siemens Lab



#### **5TONIC**





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Integrated Sensing, Energy and Communication for 6G
Networks

Presenter: Prof. Konstantinos Maliatsos, University of the Aegean, University of Piraeus, GR

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#### **iSEE-6G** Integrated Sensing, Energy and Communication for 6G Networks

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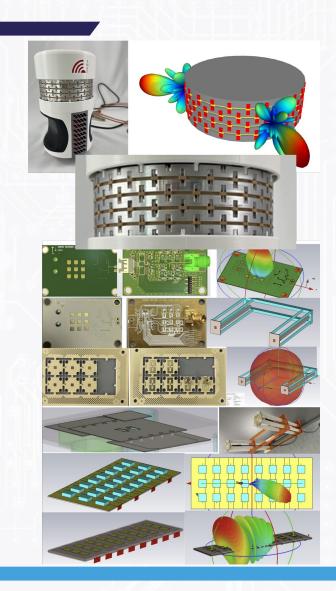


#### **ISAC/UAV** Radio Channel Measurement and Characterization

- Investigation of well-accepted radio channels and extension for ISACsupport
- Development of a RIMAX-based channel sounding and characterization process.
- Development and integration of a channel sounder.
- Performance of measurement campaigns
- ISAC channel modelling

#### **Design and development of**

- Antennas for characterization of the UA/ISAC channel.
- Antennas for ISAC operation (for discovery and tracking mode) at FR2 (UAV + ground)
- iSEE-6G Radio Unit with extra beamforming capabilities
- A RIS for FR2 communications and sensing.



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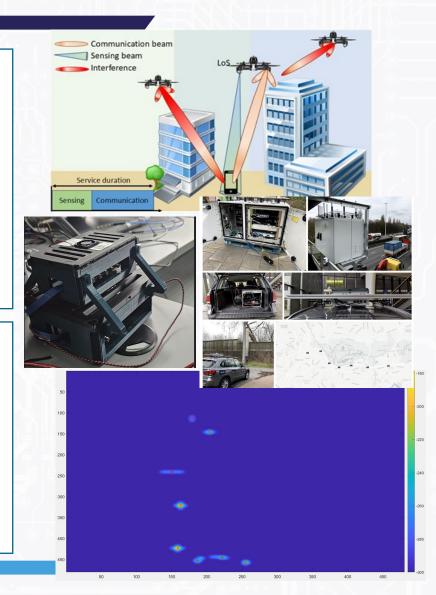


### **UAV-Assisted Communications: From Aerial Corridors to ISAC Technology**

- Performance investigations
- Corridor-assisted UAV-enabled communications
- Joint sensing and communication in UAV-assisted networks.
- Challenges:
  - Increased probability for collisions, air traffic disruption
  - Resource constraints exist in terms of size, weight, and power
  - Spectrum congestion and real-time sensing and fast decision-making.

#### PHY Design and Experimentation for JCCSP

- Design of an OFDM-based PHY frame (with 5G backwards compatibility) with JCCSP support.
- Integration of the iSEE-6G antenna achievements.
- Development of ISAC algorithms for the specific setup.
- Integration of the iSEE-6G transceivers towards the project PoCs.



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# 6G-DISAC: Distributed Intelligent Sensing and Communications for 6G



Physical-layer implications and enablers of ISAC

Presenter: Hui Chen (Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden)

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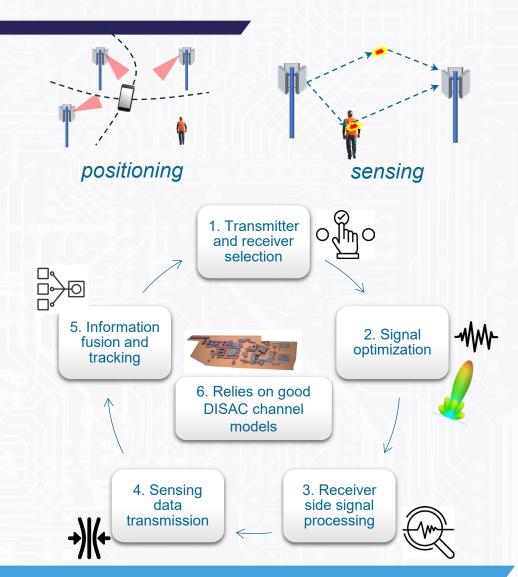
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#### **Physical Layer Solutions**





- Transmitter side
  - During sensing: signal design in time, frequency and space
  - After sensing: representation of sensing data
- Receiver side
  - Detection and tracking of objects/targets
  - Positioning and tracking of connected users
- Sensing-aided communication
  - Sensing-aided dynamic handover management
  - Sensing-aided full-duplex communication.
  - Sensing-aided beamforming and beam tracking.

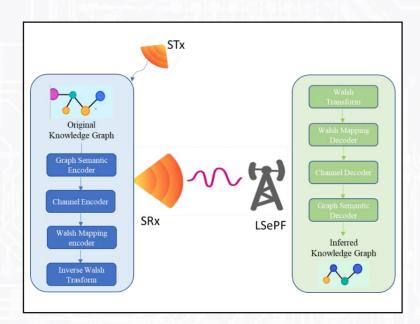


#### **Case Studies**

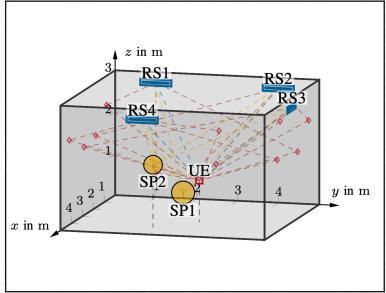




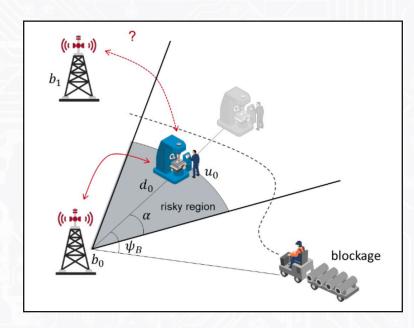
- Task 1: Physical Layer Optimisation and Adaptive Waveform Shaping
- Task 2: Sensing, Localisation, and Tracking of Active and Passive Objects
- Task 3: Sensing-Aided Communications



Case Study 1: Semantic-aware Communication of Sensing Data



Case Study 2: Joint Localization, Synchronization and Mapping via Phase-Coherent Distributed Arrays



Case Study 3: Sensing-/Location-aided Dynamic Handover Management

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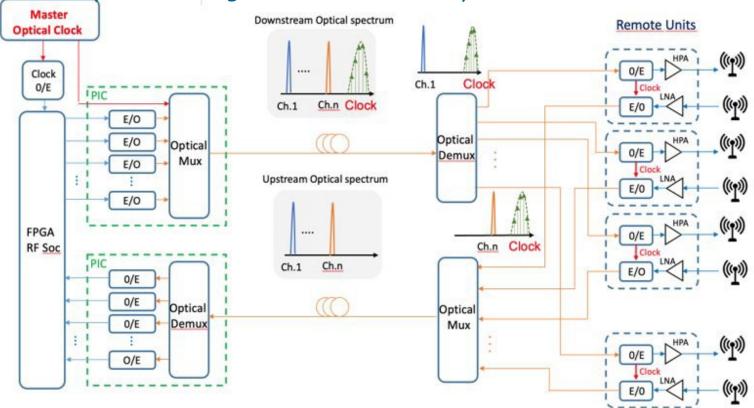
#### New Synchronisation architecture





Requires for cm level accuracy and no GNSS Stable sources, optical and wireless,

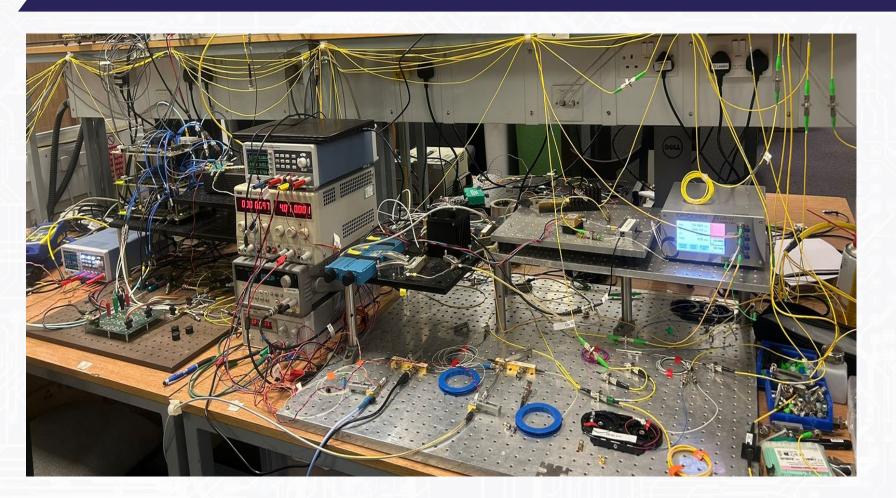
phase caching for cm level accuracy and no GNSS Downstream Optical spectrum

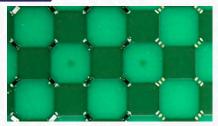


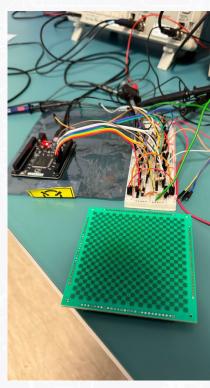
### World first: Optical RF test bed with highly stable clock and synchronization and Antennas/RIS











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# 6G-REFERENCE: OFDM Radar waveform with improved angular resolution



**Presenter:** Marc Bauduin

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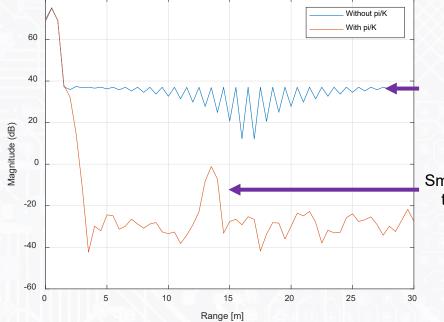
#### Radar waveform is optimized to improve sensitivity





#### Proposed ICAS system:

- Same front-end for communication and sensing
- Sensing and communication are done in different time slots



Reduced sensitivity due to IQ imbalance

Small obstacle detected with the optimized waveform

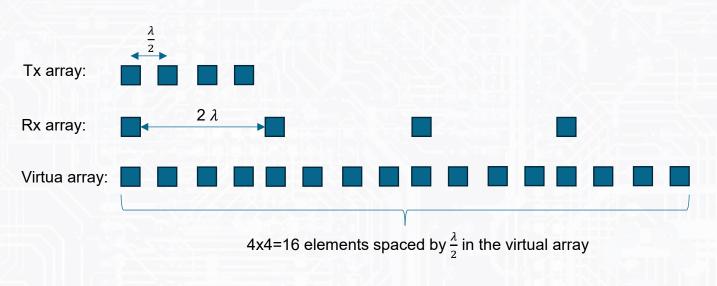
- OFDM waveforms are compatible with sensing
  - $\frac{\pi}{\kappa}$  phase rotation technique can be used to remove artifacts due to IQ imbalance
  - OFDM radar waveform can achieve low PAPR (<2dB)</li>

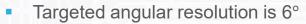
Bauduin M. and Bourdoux A., (2022), "Pi/K Phase Modulation for MIMO Digitally Modulated Radars", IEEE Radar Conference.

#### **Angular resolution limited by aperture size**

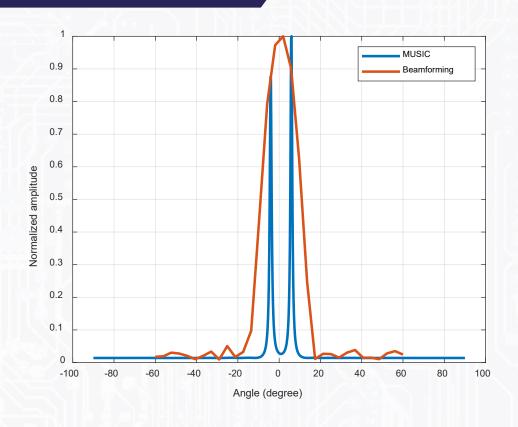












Super resolution algorithm combined with spatial smoothing techniques needed to improve angular separation with smaller antennas array

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Roy R., Paulraj A. and Kailath T. (1987), "Comparative performance of ESPRIT and MUSIC for direction-of-arrival estimation", IEEE ICASSP



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