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# THE ROLE OF FORMAL VERIFICATION IN NEXT- GENERATION WIRELESS NETWORKS

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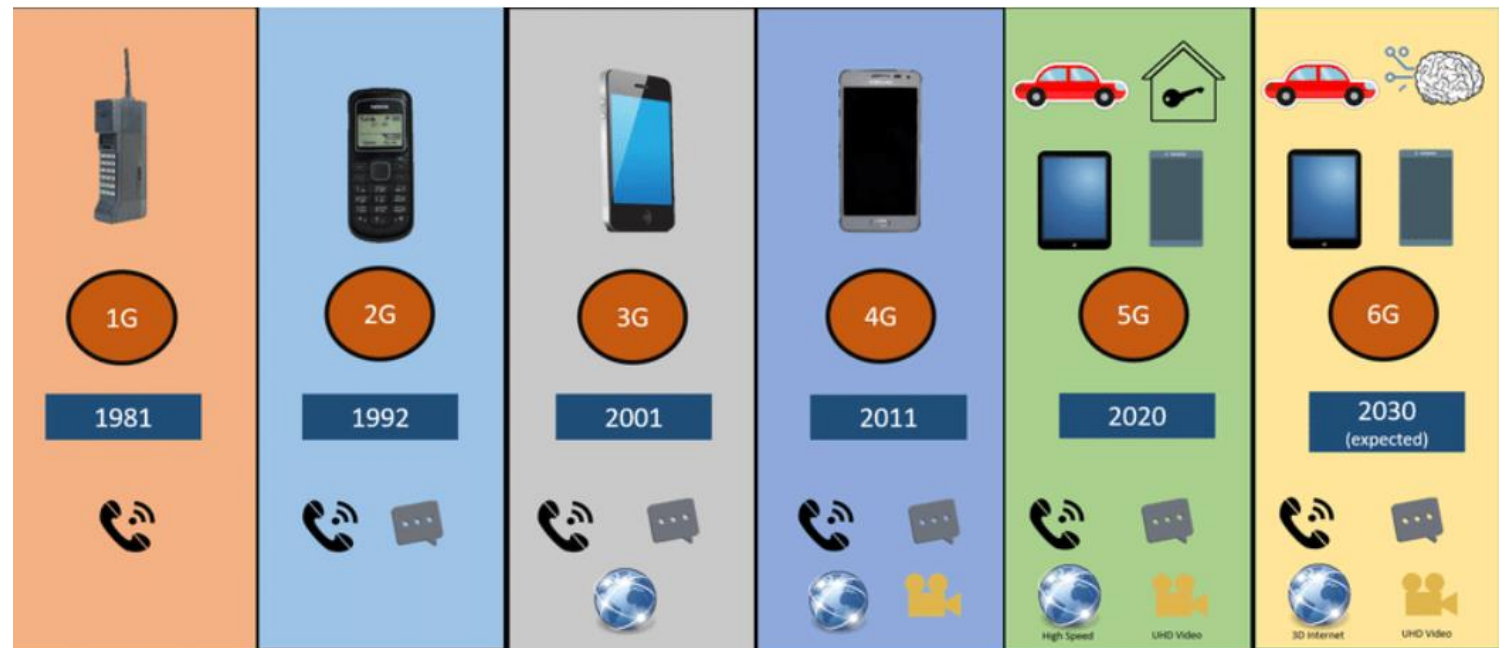
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# OUTLINE

- Overview of Next-Generation Wireless Networks
- Security and Reliability in Wireless Communication
- Why Formal Verification in Wireless Networks?
- Challenges of Formal Verification in Wireless Networks
- Open Issues and Future Directions

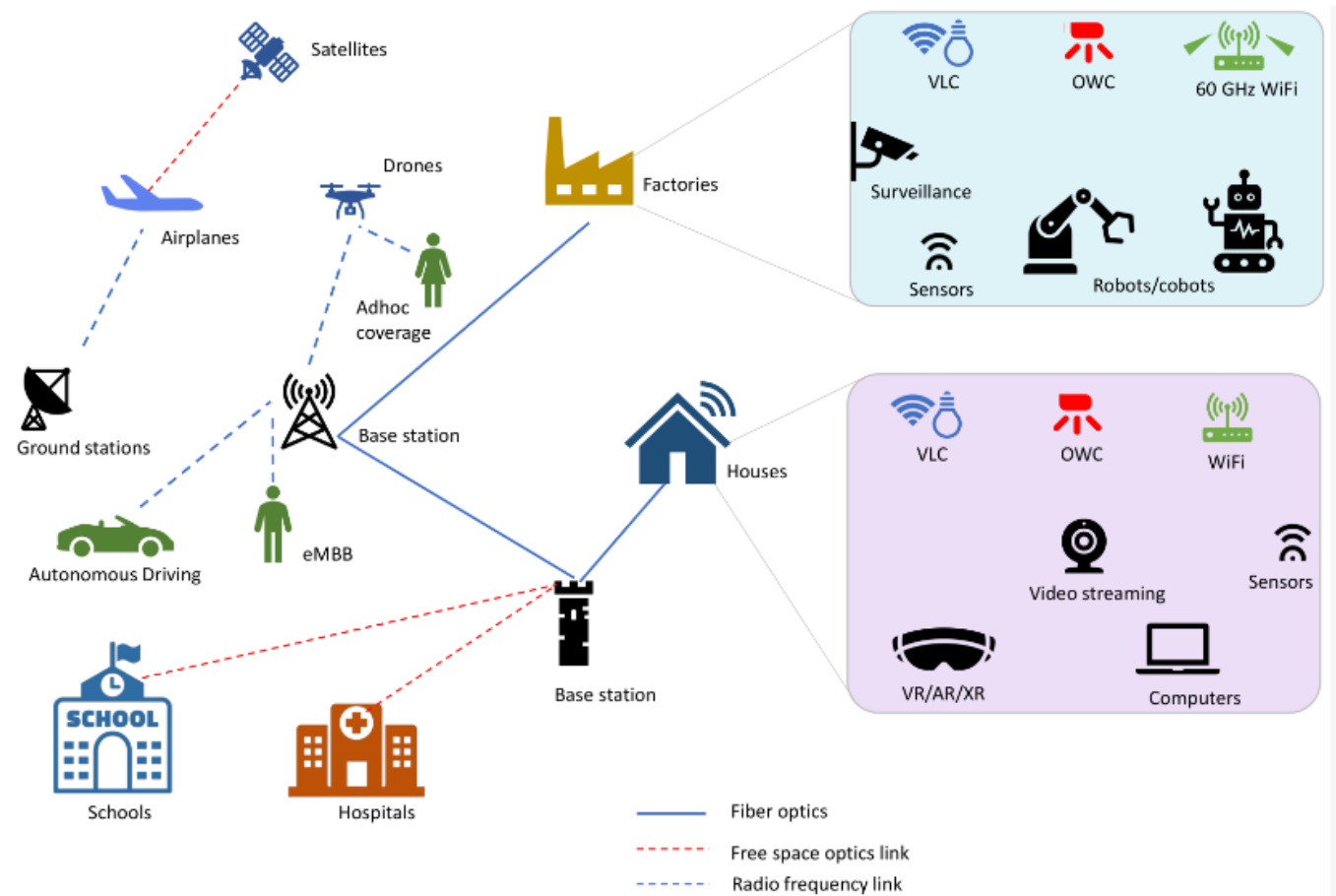
# OVERVIEW OF NEXT GENERATION WIRELESS NETWORKS

- Enhanced connectivity
- Multi radio access integration
- Network slicing / customized services
- Evolution of protocols
- Standardization



# SECURITY AND RELIABILITY IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

- Data protection
- Threat mitigation
- User trust and confidence
- Network integrity and continuity
- Reliability



# WHY FORMAL VERIFICATION IN WIRELESS NETWORKS?

- Ensuring protocol correctness
- Modeling and analyzing the design and the behavior of the network
- Assurance of security properties
- Fault tolerance and reliability
- Compliance and standardization
- Verification of real-time constraints

# CHALLENGES OF FORMAL VERIFICATION IN WIRELESS NETWORKS

- Complexity of models
- State space explosion
- Specification ambiguity and lack of standardization
- Verification complexity
- Dynamic and evolving systems



# OPEN ISSUES AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

- *Scalability of formal methods* to handle the increasing complexity and scale of network architectures and protocols
- *Improving the automation and tool support* for formal verification to reduce the expertise barrier and enhance accessibility to network designers and engineers
- *Integrate current cellular standards that are written in English text*—not machine readable (especially for 6G)
- *Integrating formal verification* into the network development lifecycle



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