

# **Ubiquitous Global Coverage, Ample Throughput, Low Power, Low Latency & Zero Error...**

## **Would It Ever Work?**

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特别感谢组织者的盛情邀请，  
并向我的中国朋友和同行们致  
以热烈的欢迎！

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# Southampton Wireless Research Group

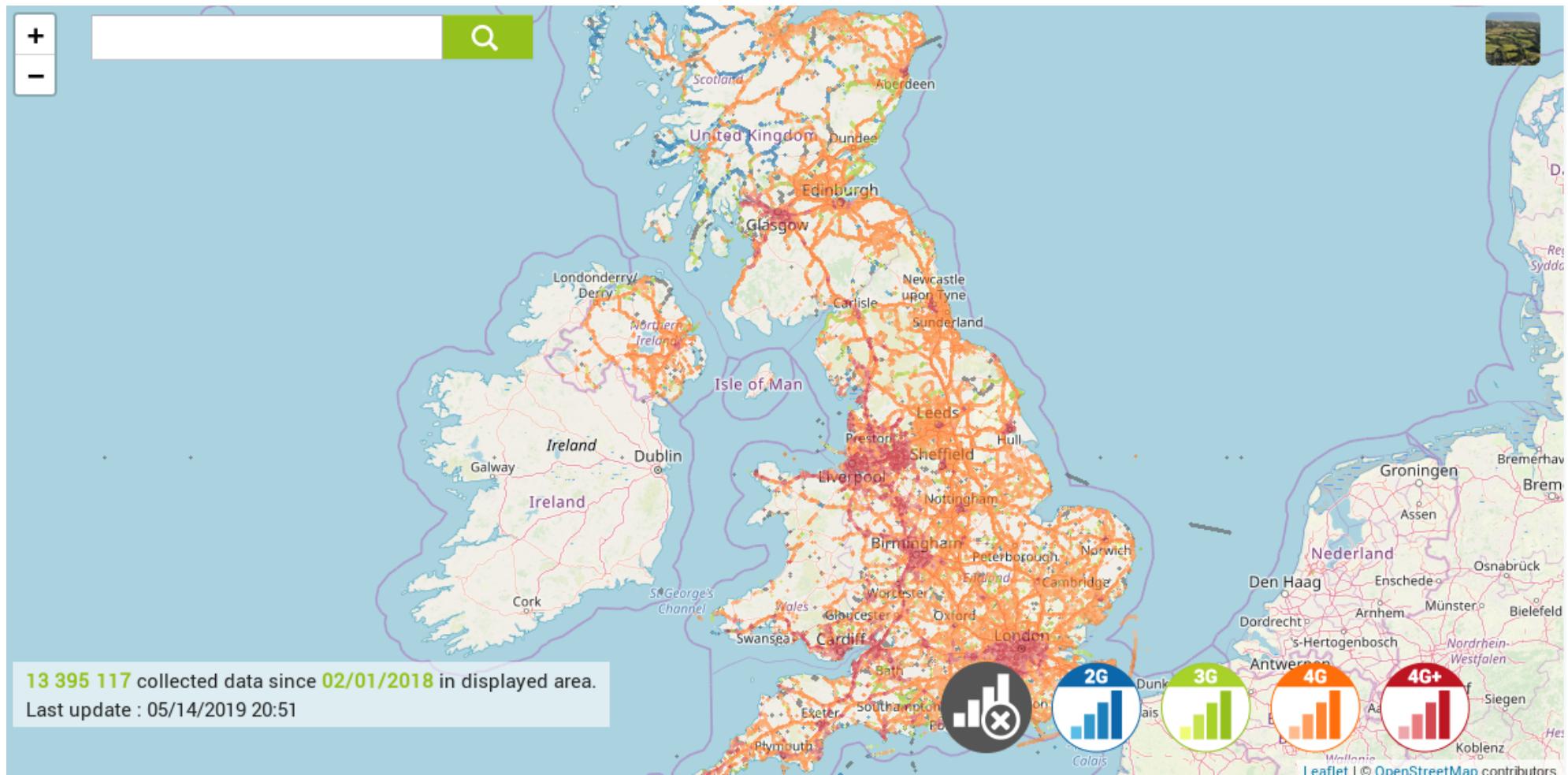


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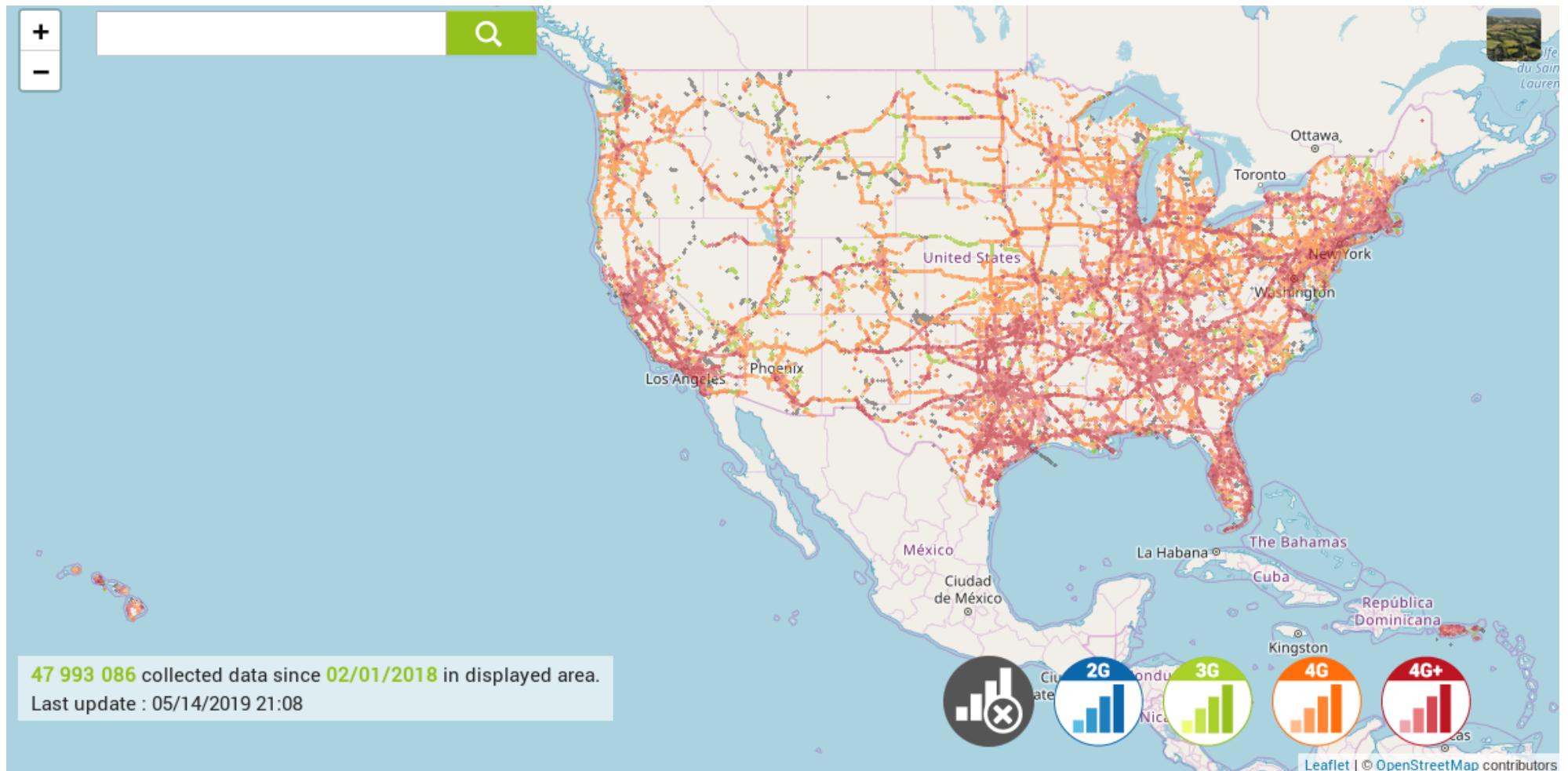
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- The Motivation...

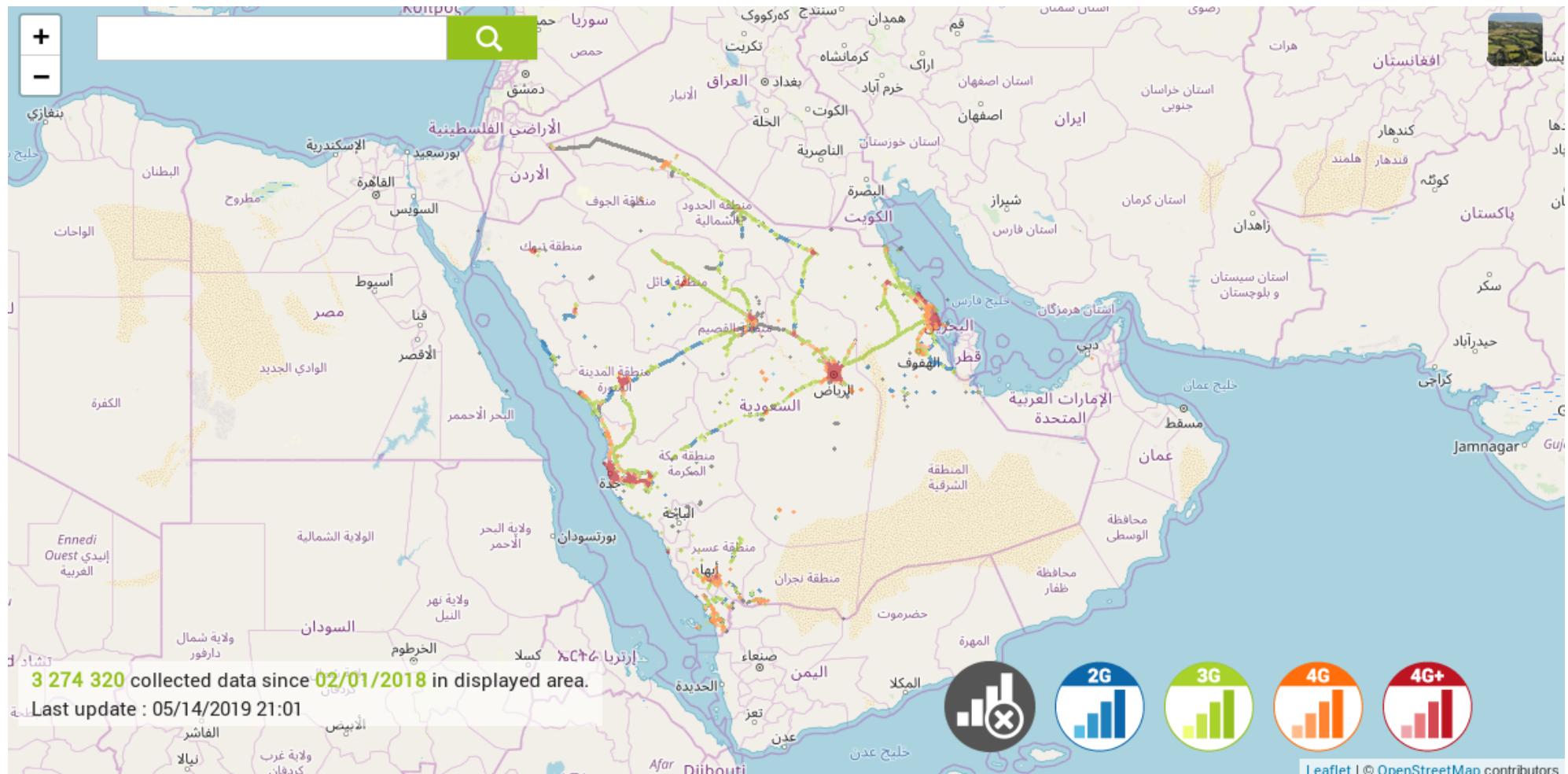
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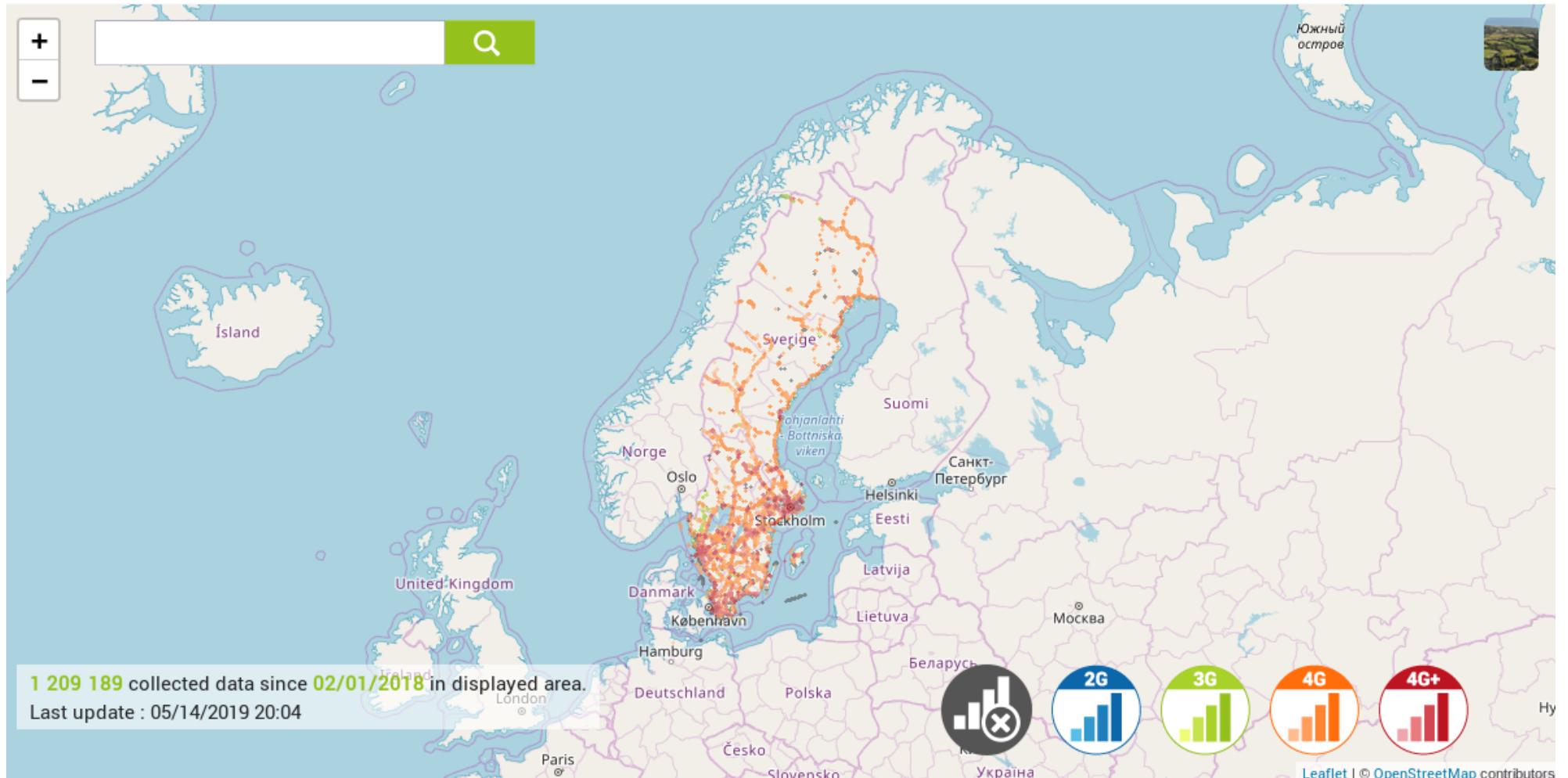
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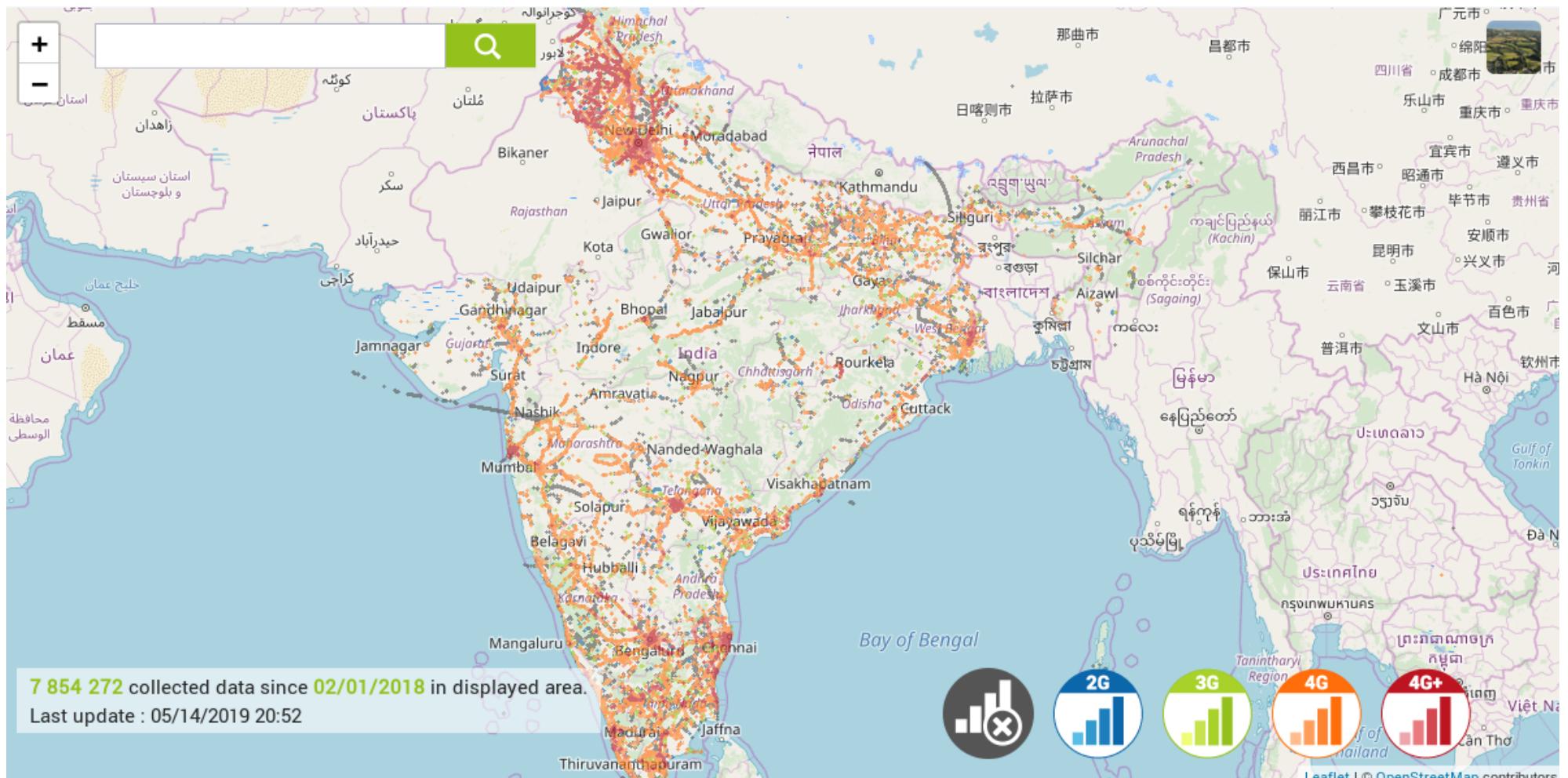
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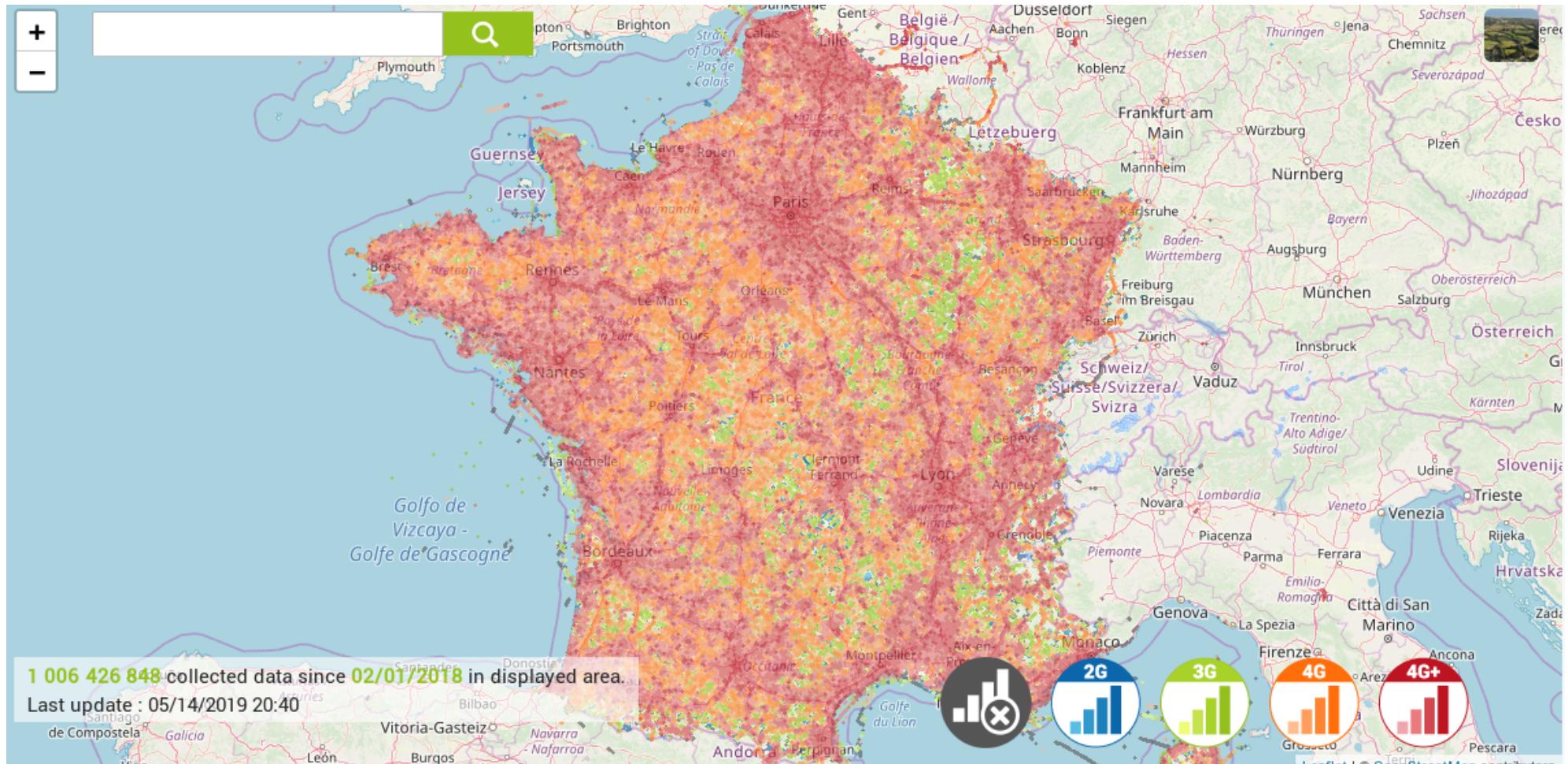
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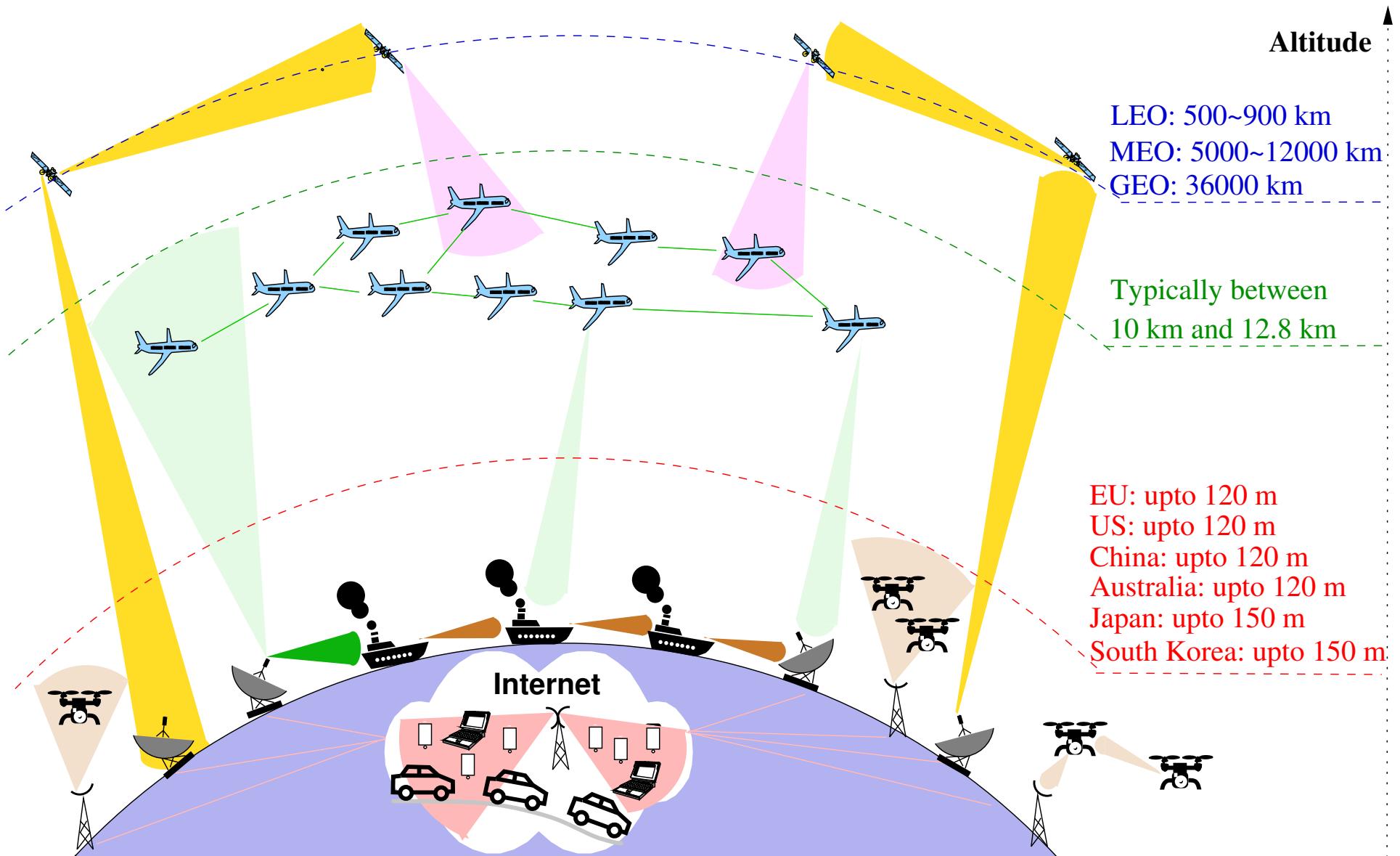
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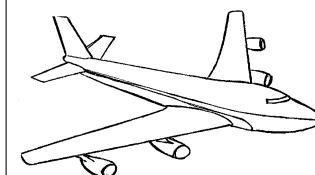
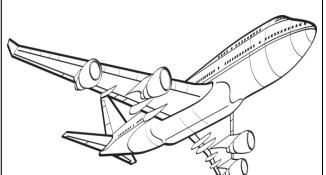
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# A Next-Generation Vision



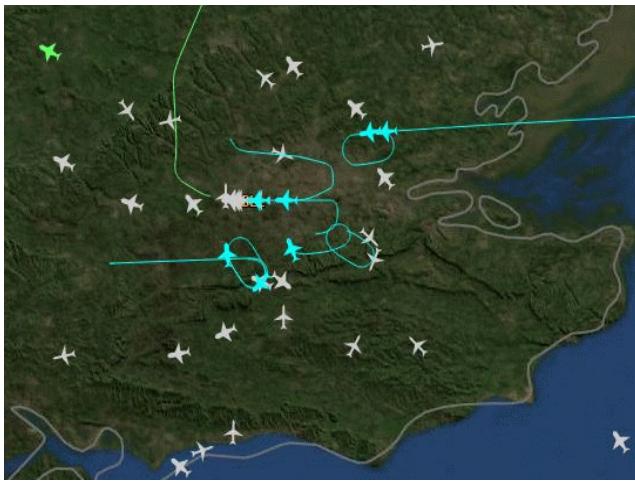
# The 3D Global Wireless System

Currently Upgrading 5G Wireless Network		Unmanned Aircraft Systems			Currently Upgrading Air Traffic Management
					
	Terrestrial cellular	Balloon/Airship	Rotary-wing quadcopter	Fixed-wing glider/aircraft	Civil Aviation
Altitude	Ground-level	Low/High (e.g. below 1200 ft/365 m or above 59000 ft/18 km)	Low (e.g. up to 400 ft/120 m without licensing)	Low → High (e.g. from near-ground to stratospace)	High (e.g. up to 59000 ft/18 km below stratospace)
Speed	Low (e.g. up to 310 mph/500 kmh for high-speed train)	Low (near static)	Low (e.g. up to 100 mph/160 kmh)	Low → High (e.g. may even exceed speed of sound 741 mph/1192 kmh)	High (e.g. generally under speed of sound 741 mph/1192 kmh)
Dynamic Maneuver	Low	Low	High	High	High
LOS Strength	Low	High	High	High	High
Terrain Shadowing	High	Low	High for near-ground	High for near-ground	Low
Multipath fading	High	Low	High for near-ground	High for near-ground	High during taxiing, taking-off, landing
Airframe Shadowing (During Maneuver)	None	None	High for maneuver	High for maneuver	Low for gentle maneuver
Doppler Frequency (Normalized by Symbol Rate)	Low	Low	High for control link	High for control link	High

- Xu, Bai, Zhang, Rajashekhar, Maunder, Wang & Hanzo: Adaptive Coherent/Non-Coherent Spatial Modulation Aided Unmanned Aircraft Systems, ResearchGate, 2019

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Heathrow Airport



European Airspace

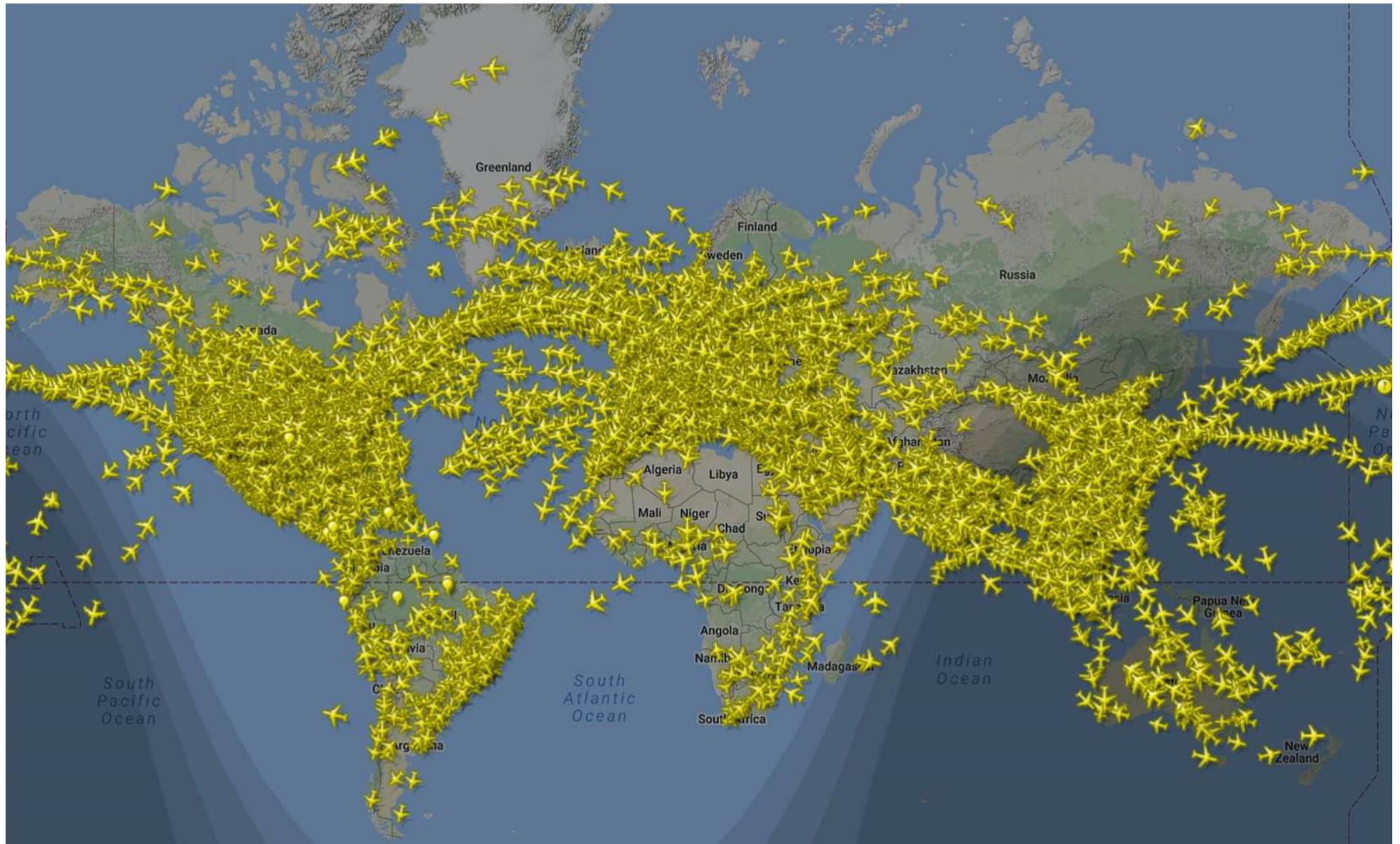


North Atlantic

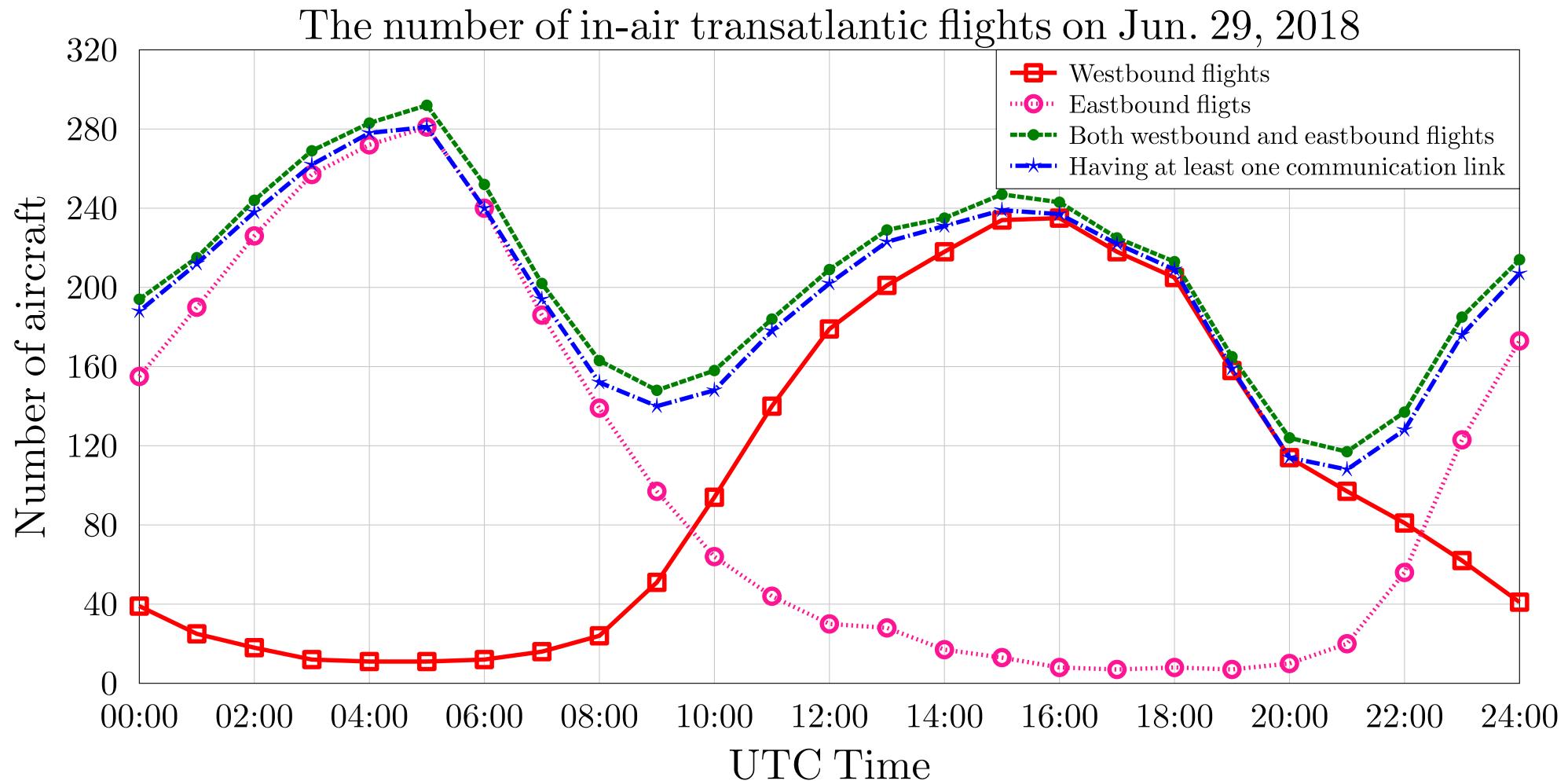
Figure 1: Aircraft mobility pattern for London Heathrow airport, from a populated area selected in the European airspace and in an unpopulated area over the North Atlantic captured from flight-aware.

- <https://uk.flightradar24.com/live/airport/EGLL>
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# A Global Snap-Shot



# Number of Trans-Atlantic Flights - 29th of June 2018



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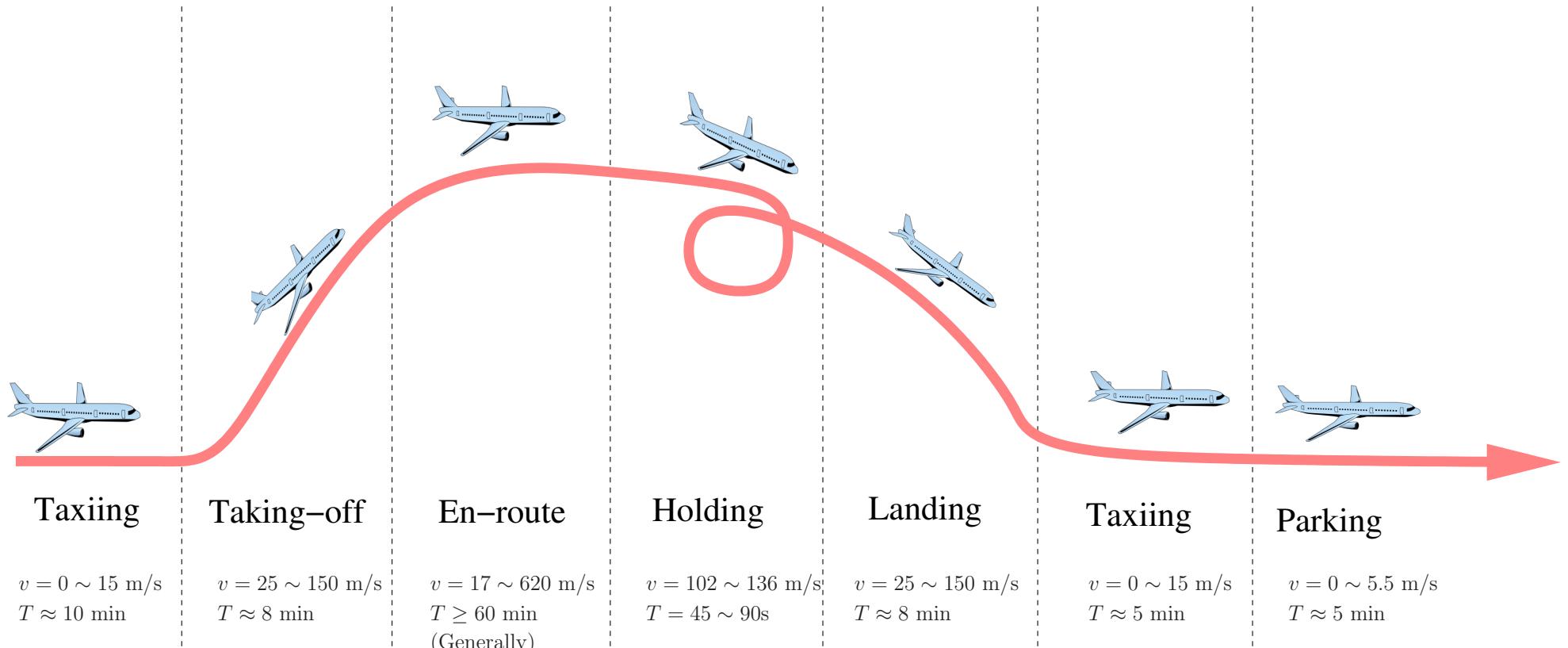


Figure 2: Different aircraft scenarios

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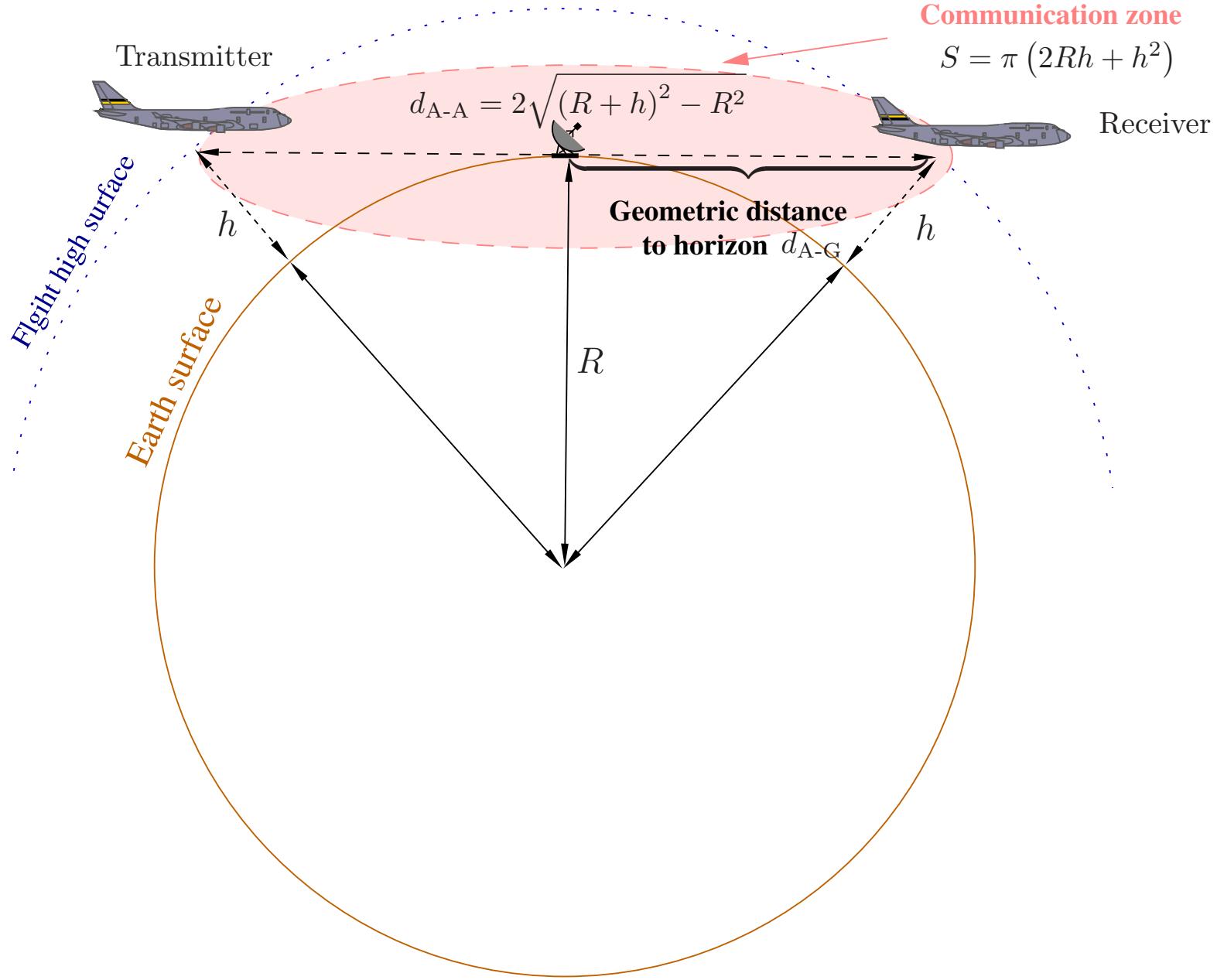


Figure 3: Over-the-horizon zone  $S$  for LOS, when flying at altitude  $h$ .

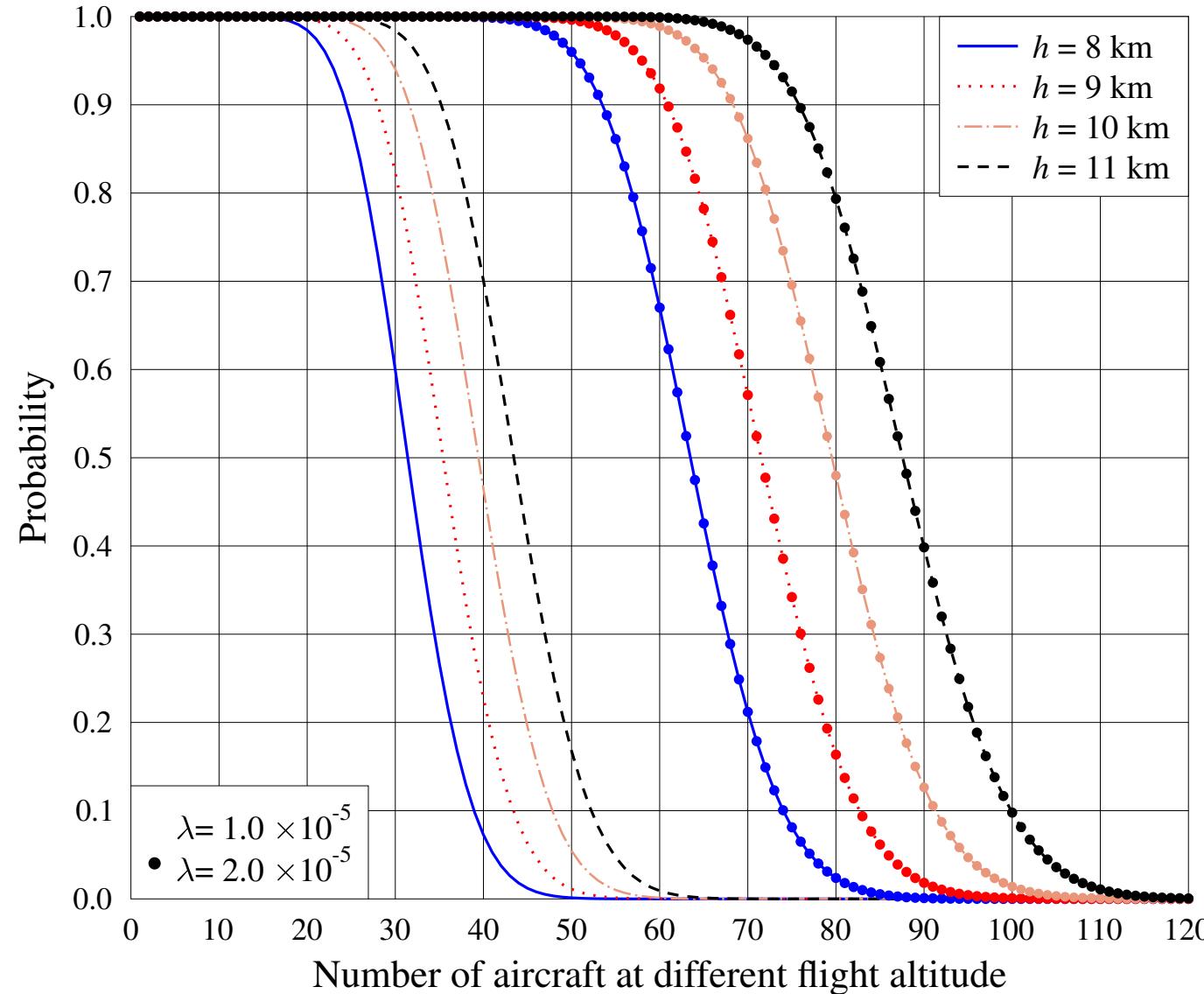


Figure 4: Probability of over-the-horizon communication with  $n$  planes at an altitude  $h$ , provided that  $P_{TX}$  is high enough, where  $\lambda$  is 900/1800 planes in the 9 000 000 km<sup>2</sup> Atlantic Ocean.

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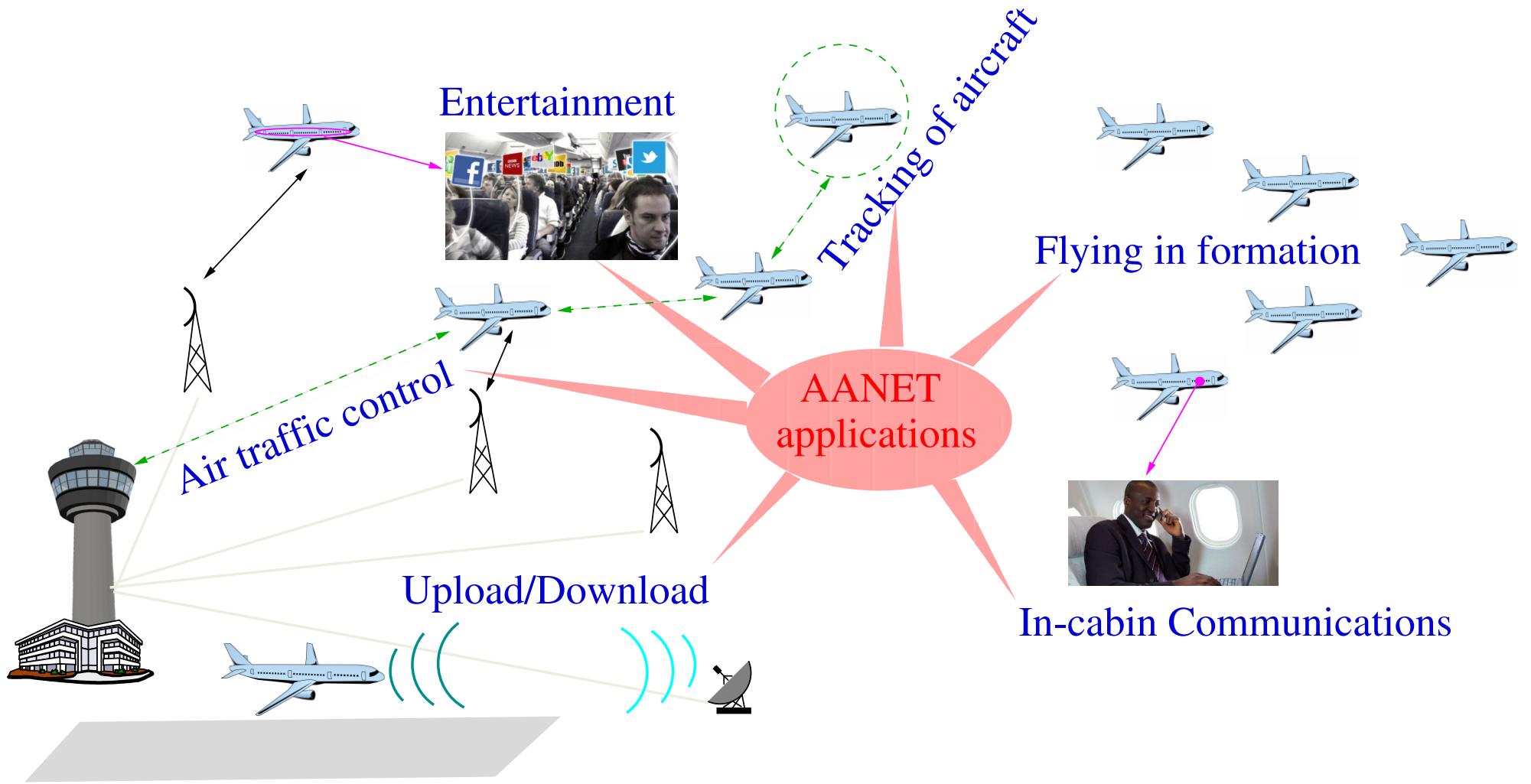


Figure 5: Potential applications of AANETs

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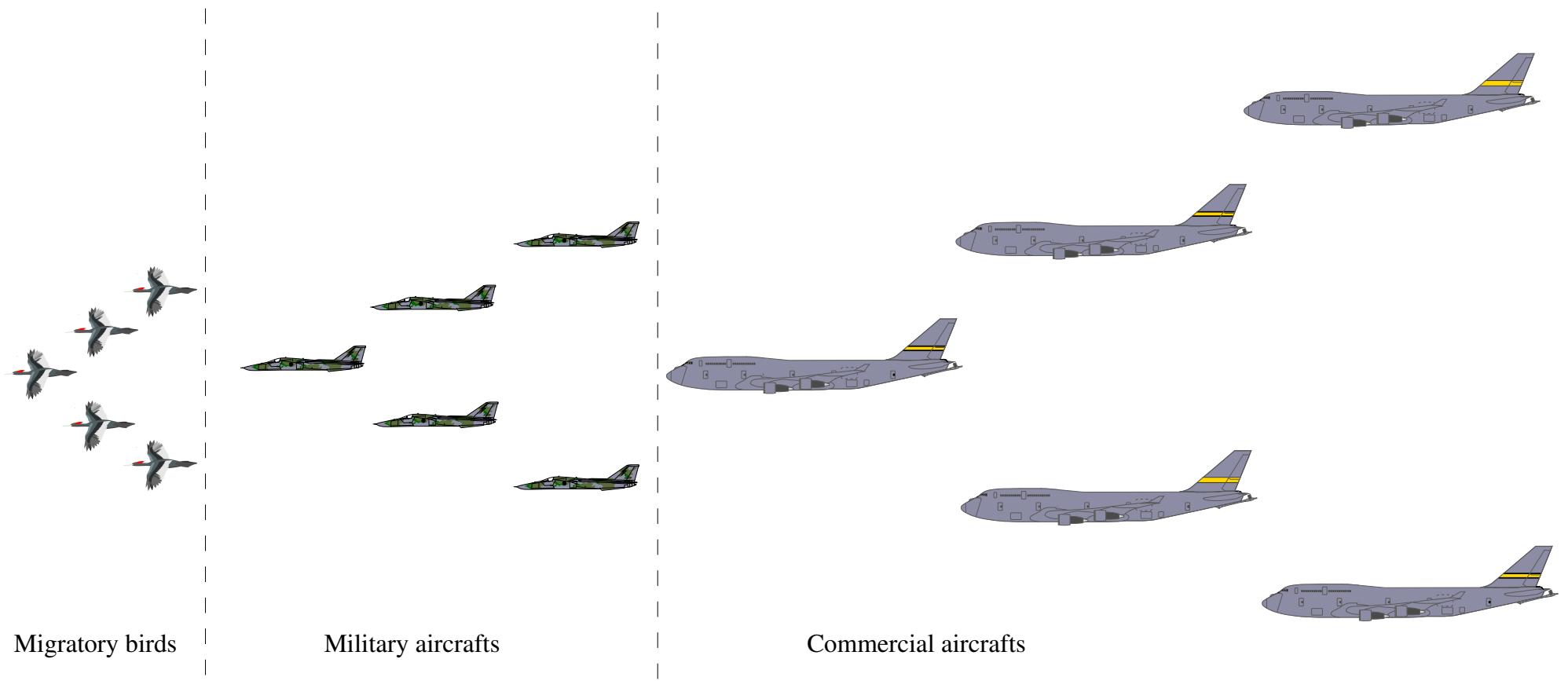


Figure 6: Flying in formation

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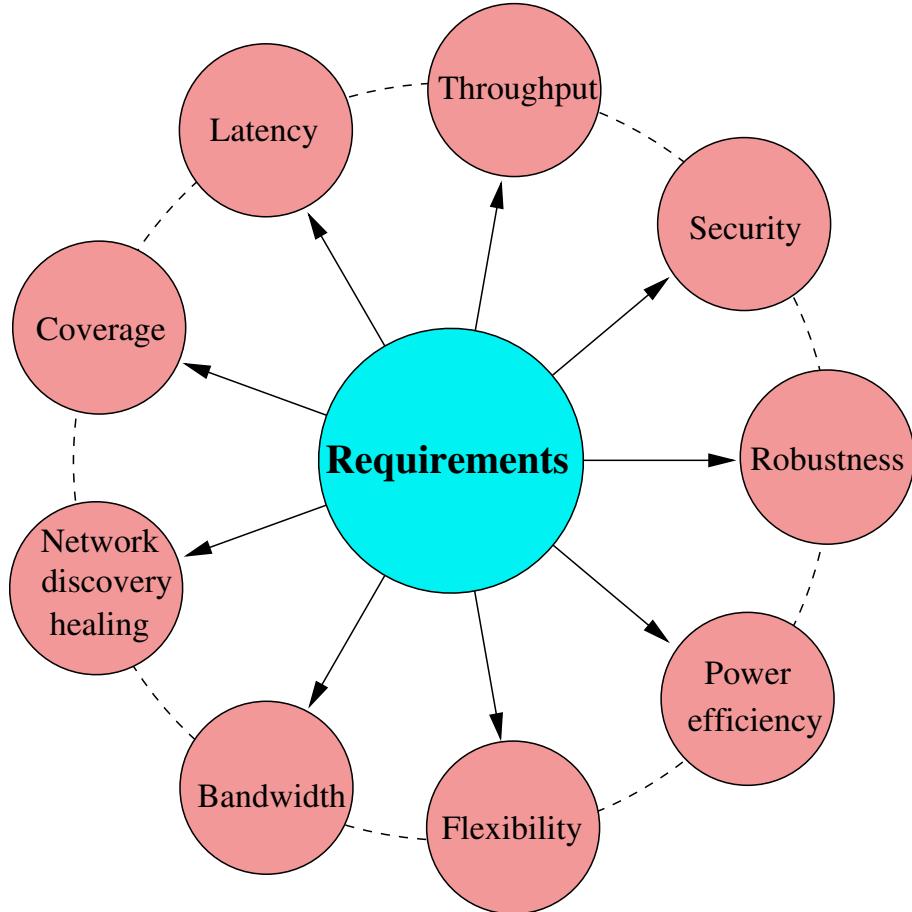


Figure 7: Multi-Component OF=[BER, Throughput, Power, Delay, Complexity, ...]

- Huge opportunities for optimization and machine-learning enthusiasts to find the optimum Pareto front
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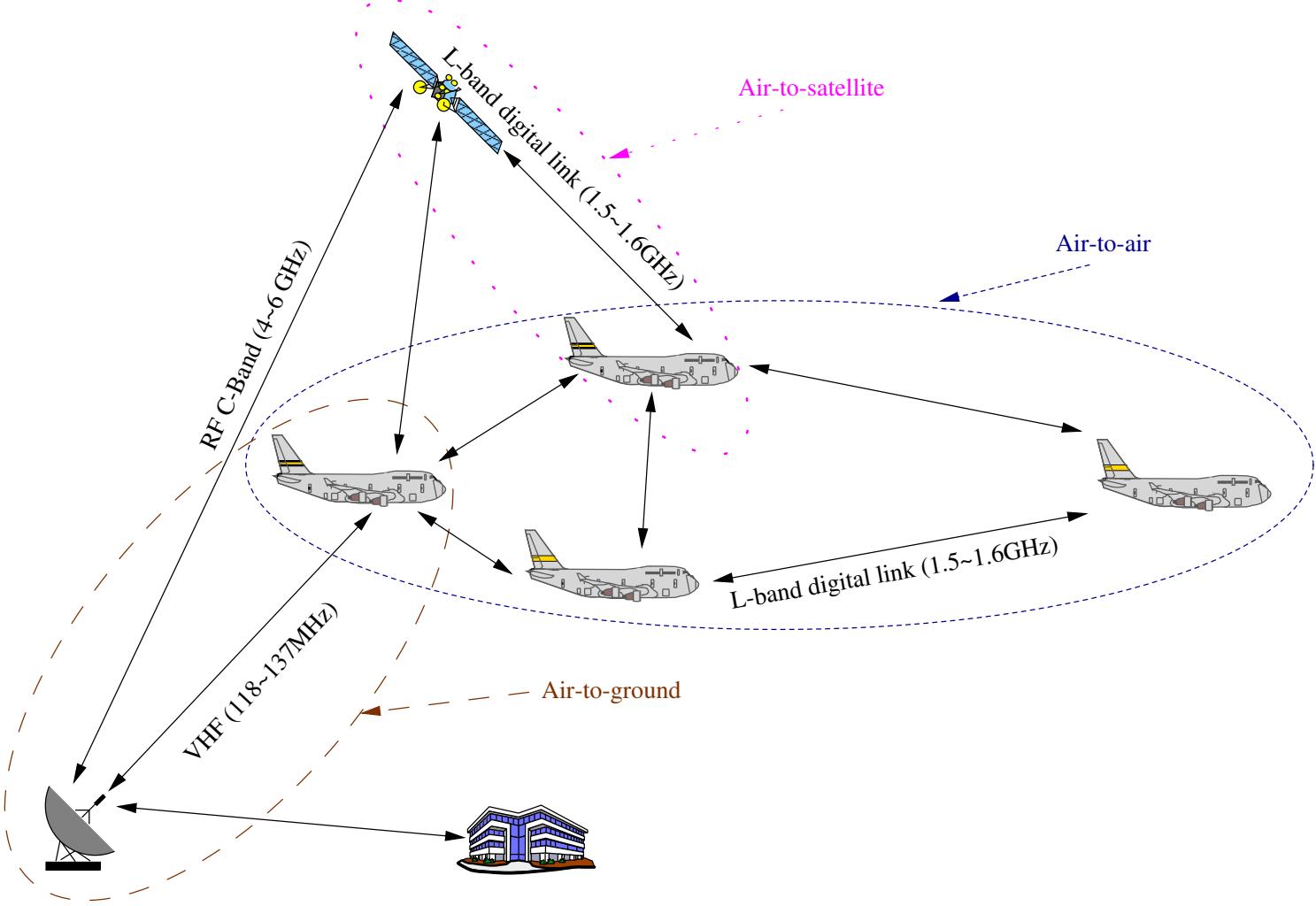


Figure 8: The spectrum used for various aircraft communication systems

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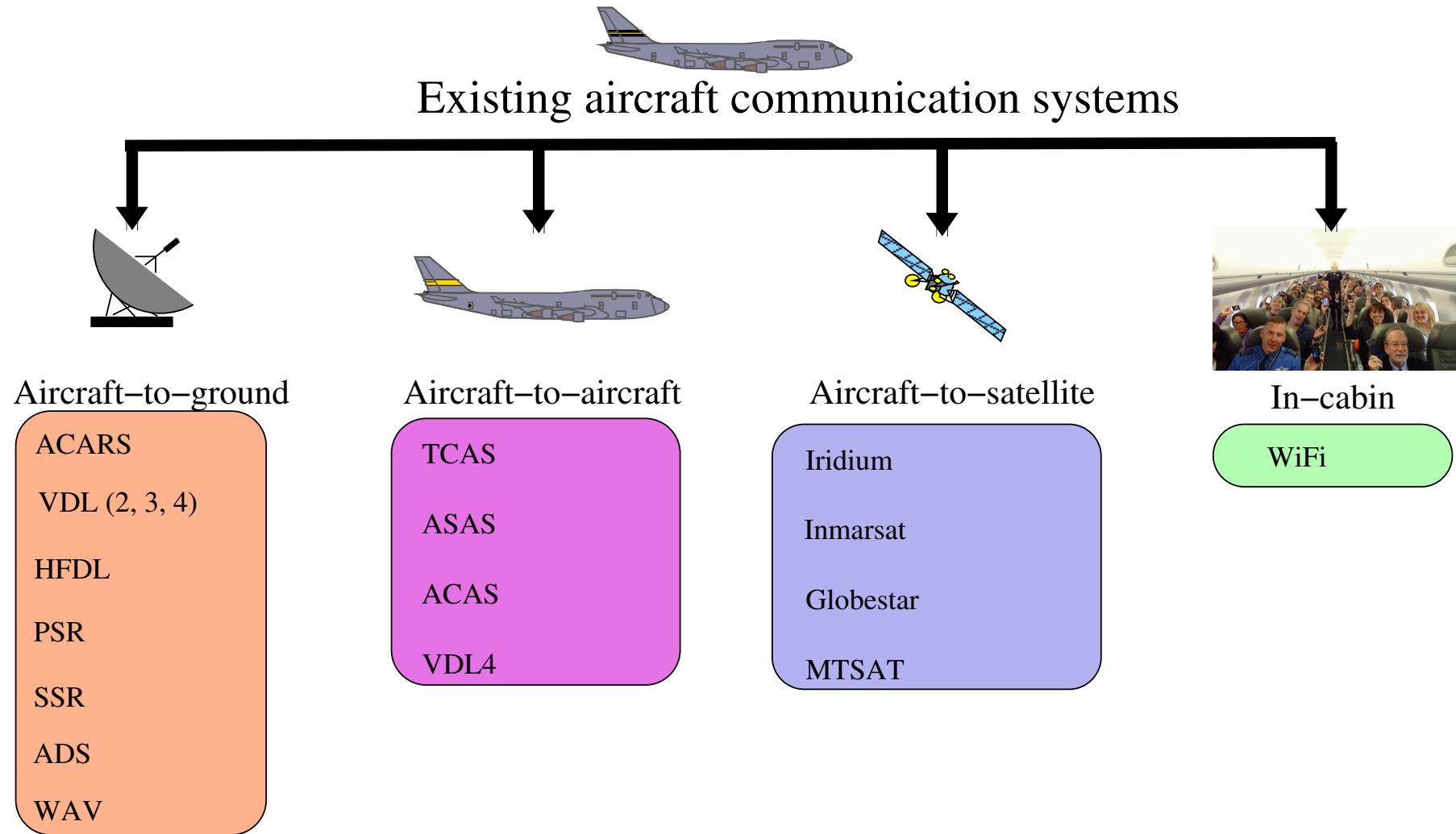


Figure 9: Existing aircraft communication systems

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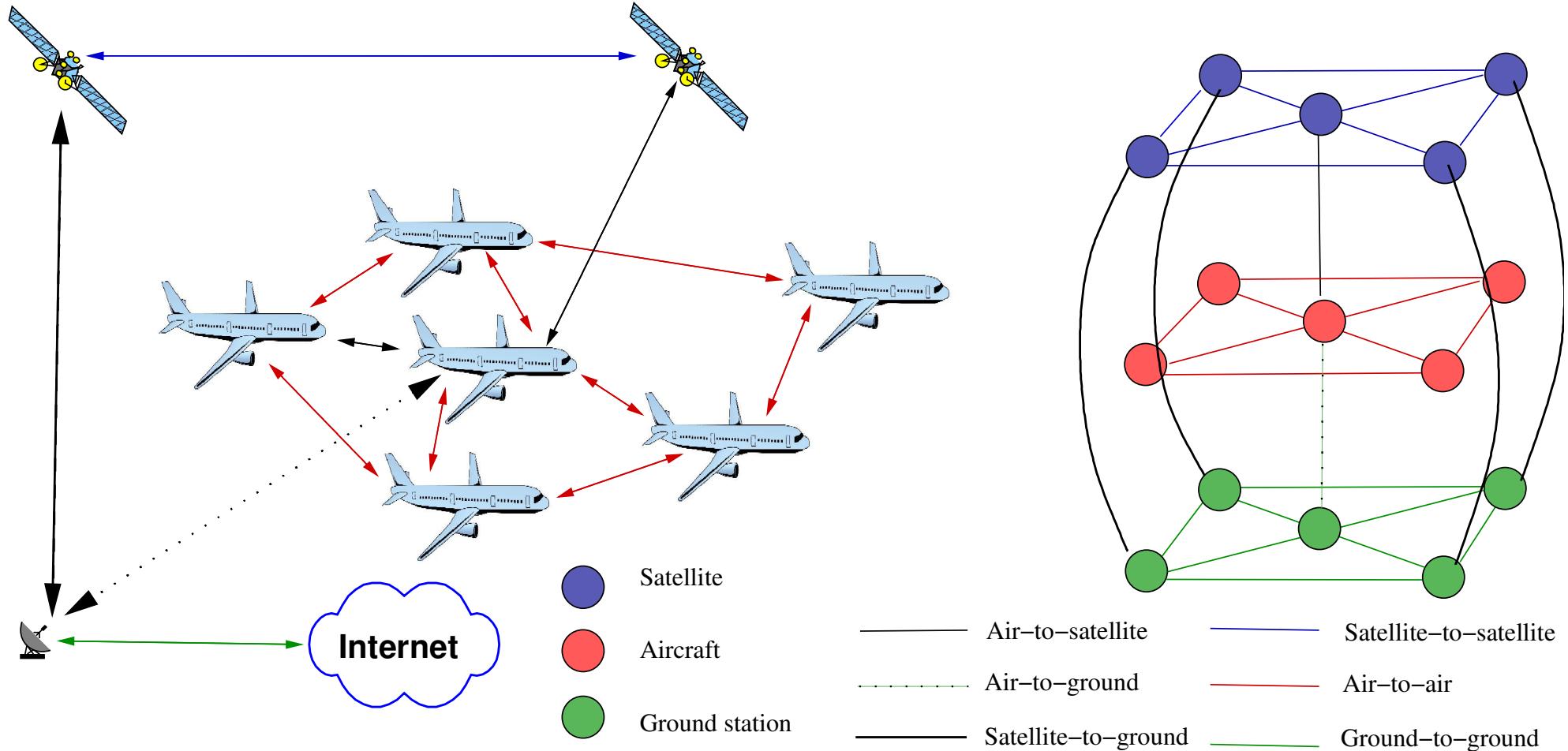
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# A Stroll with Shannon...

$$C = M_t \cdot B / N_f \cdot \log(1 + SINR)$$

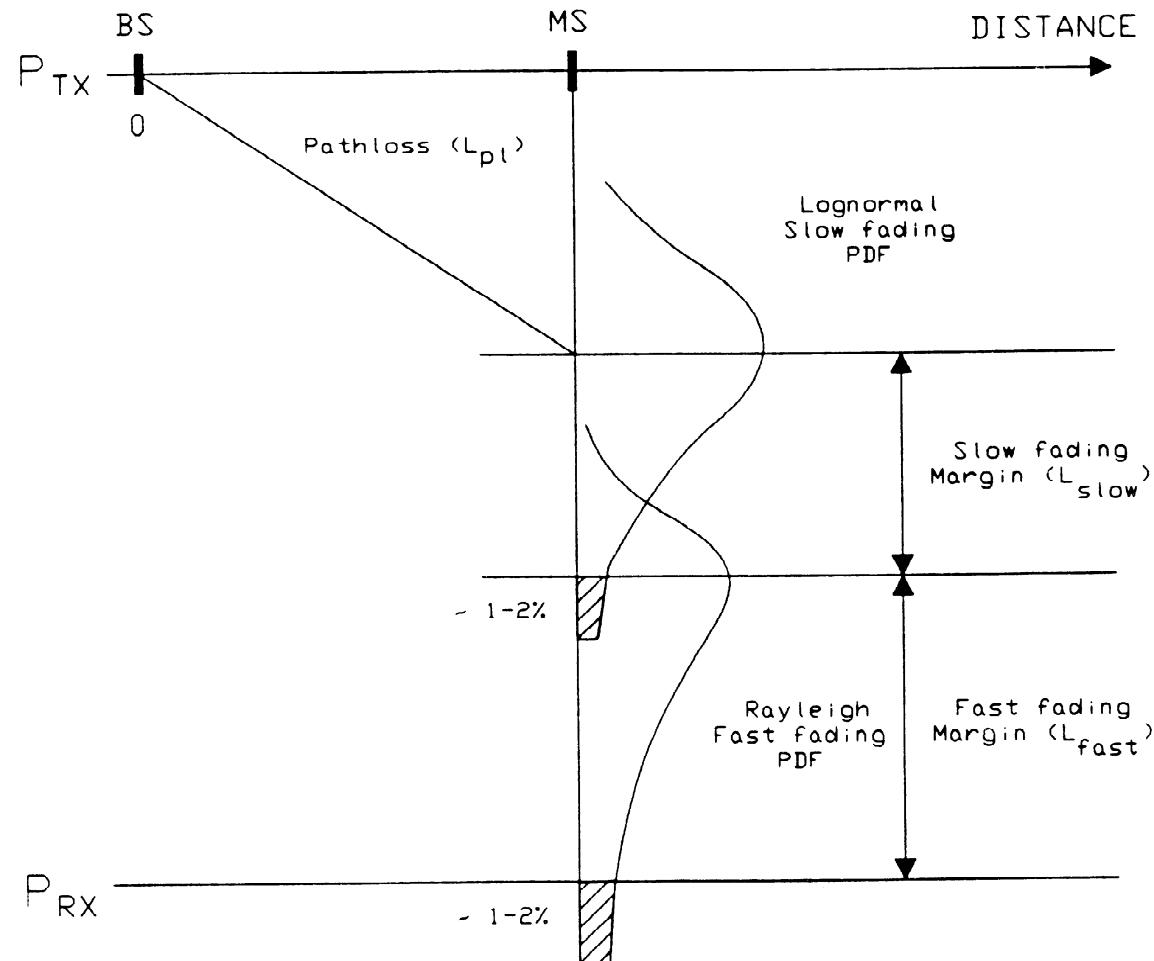
1. Shannon's Lesson # 1  $B$ : Bandwidth - **mm-Wave & Free-Space Optical Wireless**
2. Shannon's Lesson # 2  $N_f$ : Frequency-reuse & Cell-Size - **Terrestrial Small Cell BSs, UAV/AANET Mobile BSs, Satellites & HO-Rate, ASE**
3. Shannon's Lesson # 3  $SINR$ : No. of RX antennas ( $M_r$ ) - **Large-Scale MIMOs for RX-diversity, Beamforming & Interference Alignment**
4. Shannon's Lesson # 4  $M_t$ : No. of TX antennas - **Large-scale MIMOs for BLAST and Spatial Modulation**
5. *L. Hanzo, M. El-Hajjar, O. Alamri: Near-Capacity Wireless Transceivers and Cooperative Communications in the MIMO Era: Evolution of Standards, Waveform Design, and Future Perspectives Proceedings of the IEEE Volume 99, Issue 8, 2011, pp 1343 - 1385*

# A 6G Vision & Shannon's Lesson # 2



- With Optional UL/DL and Data/Control Plane Decoupling and latency/integrity classes
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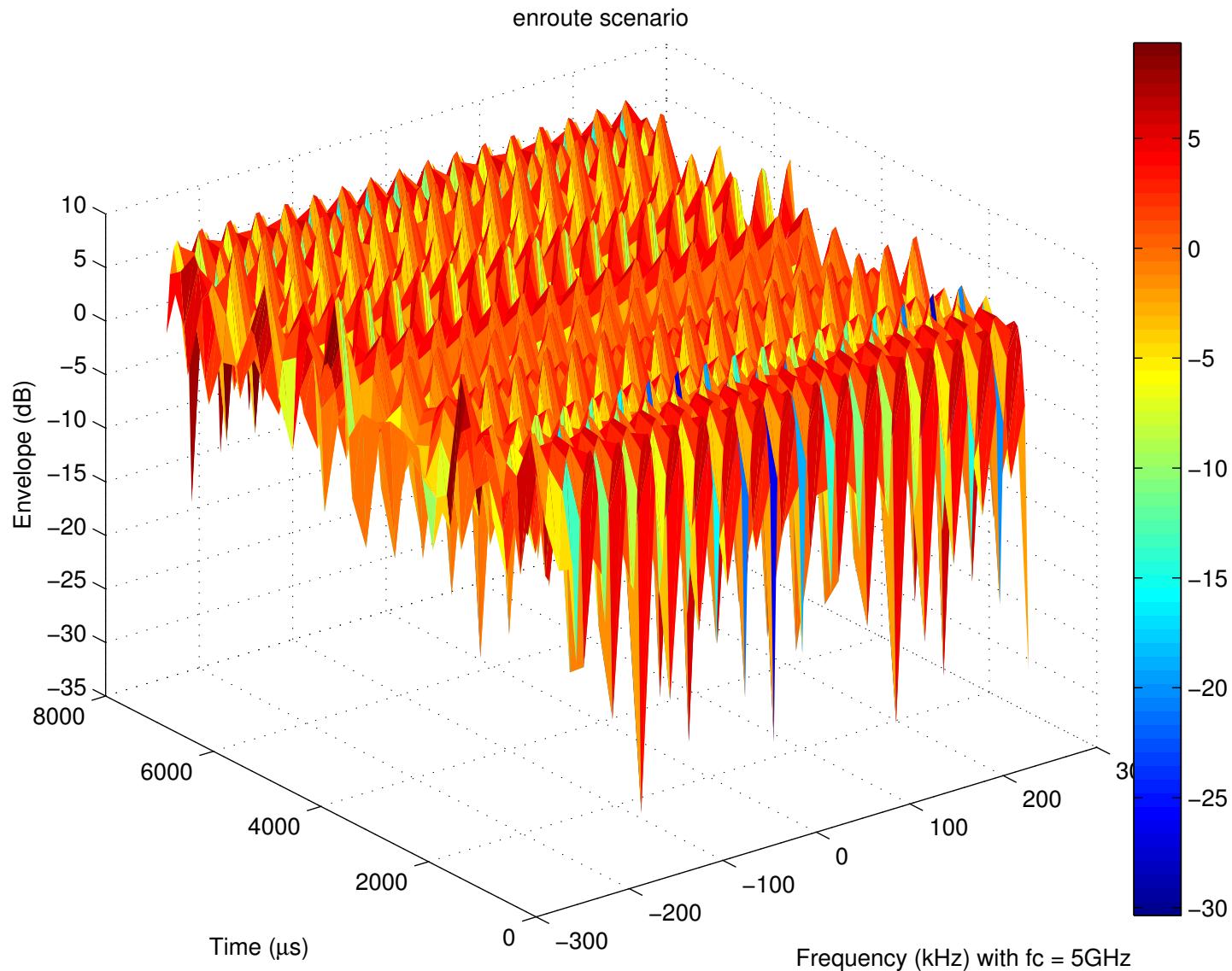
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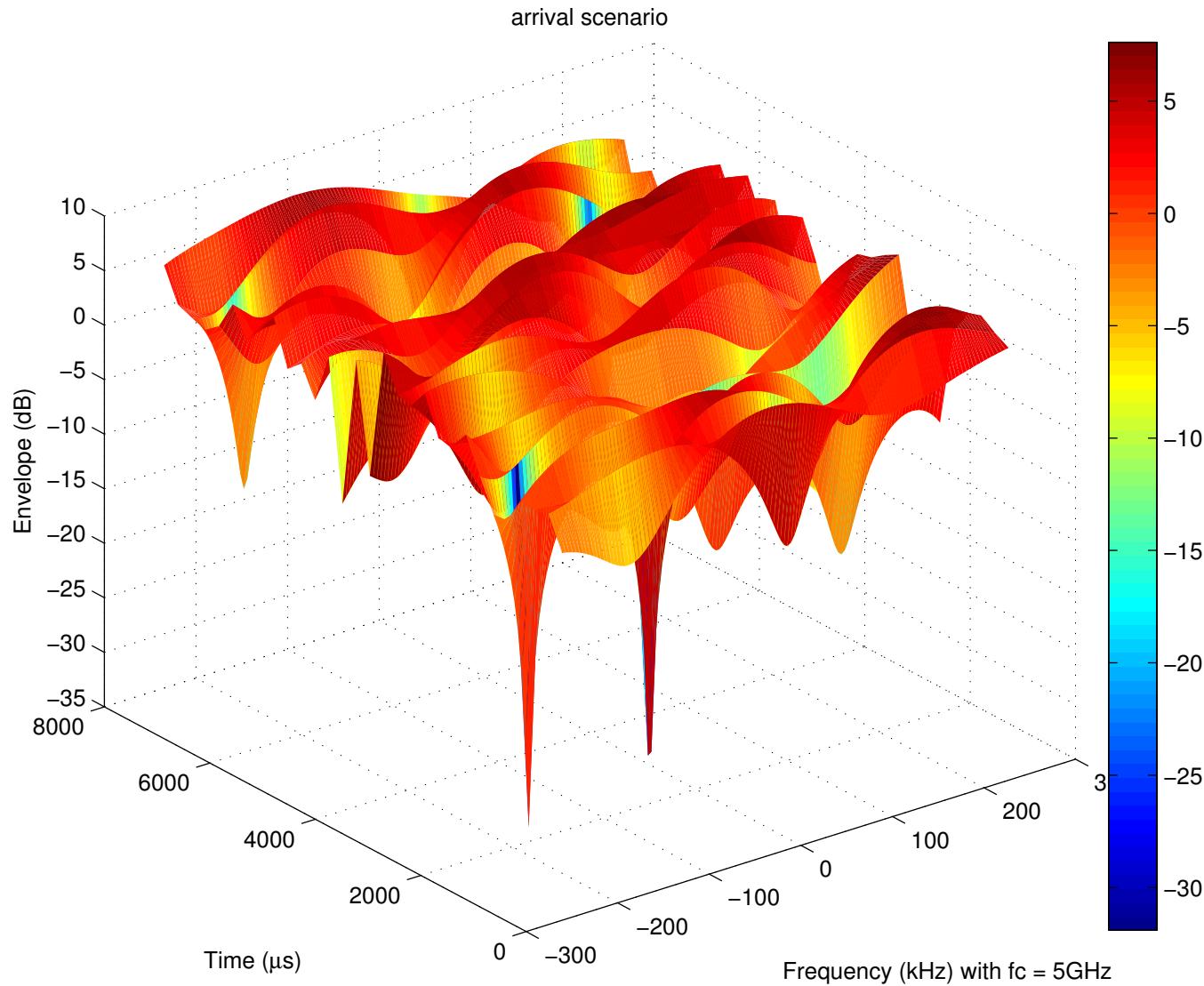
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- Arrival
- Taxiing
- Parking

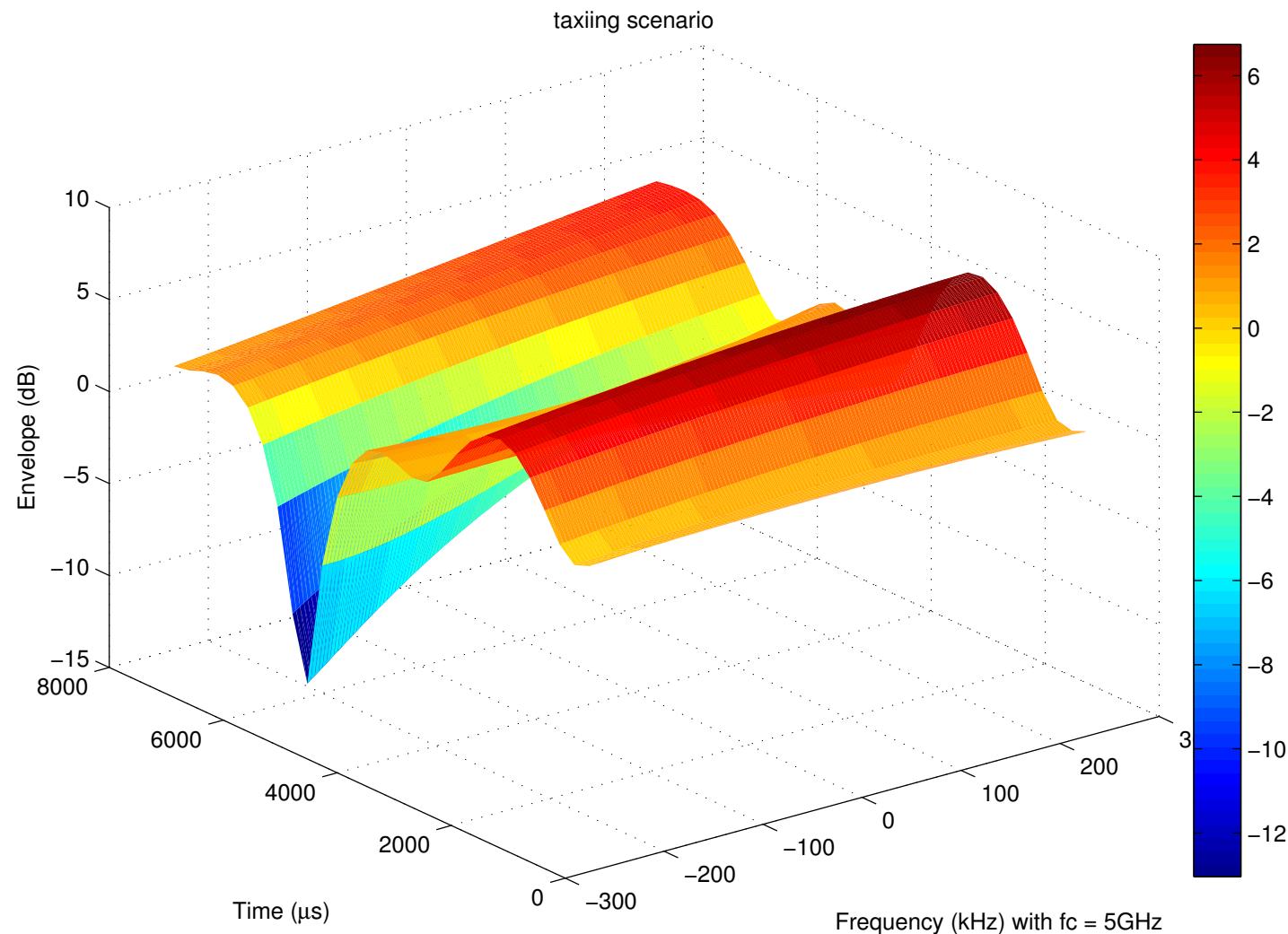
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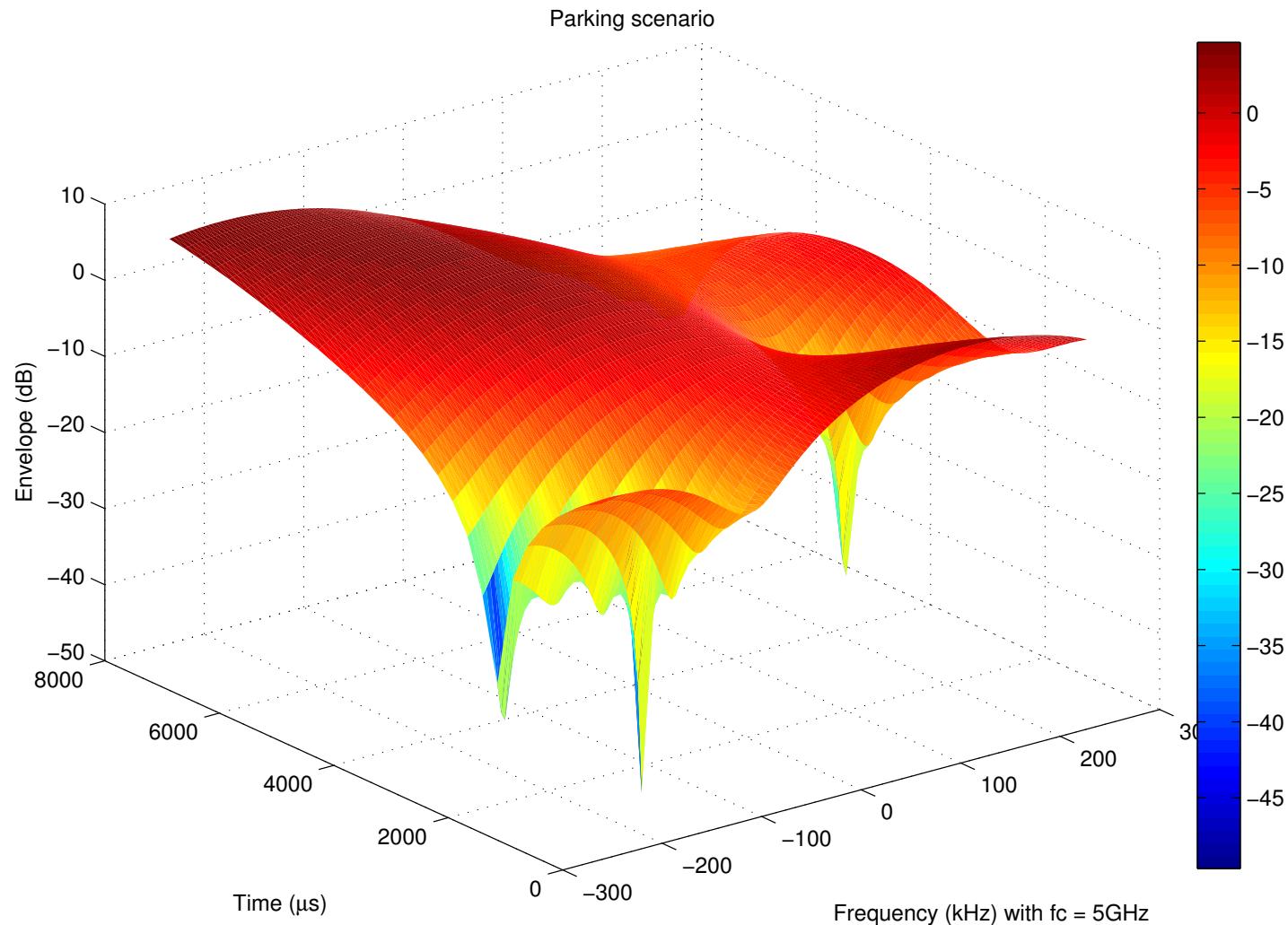
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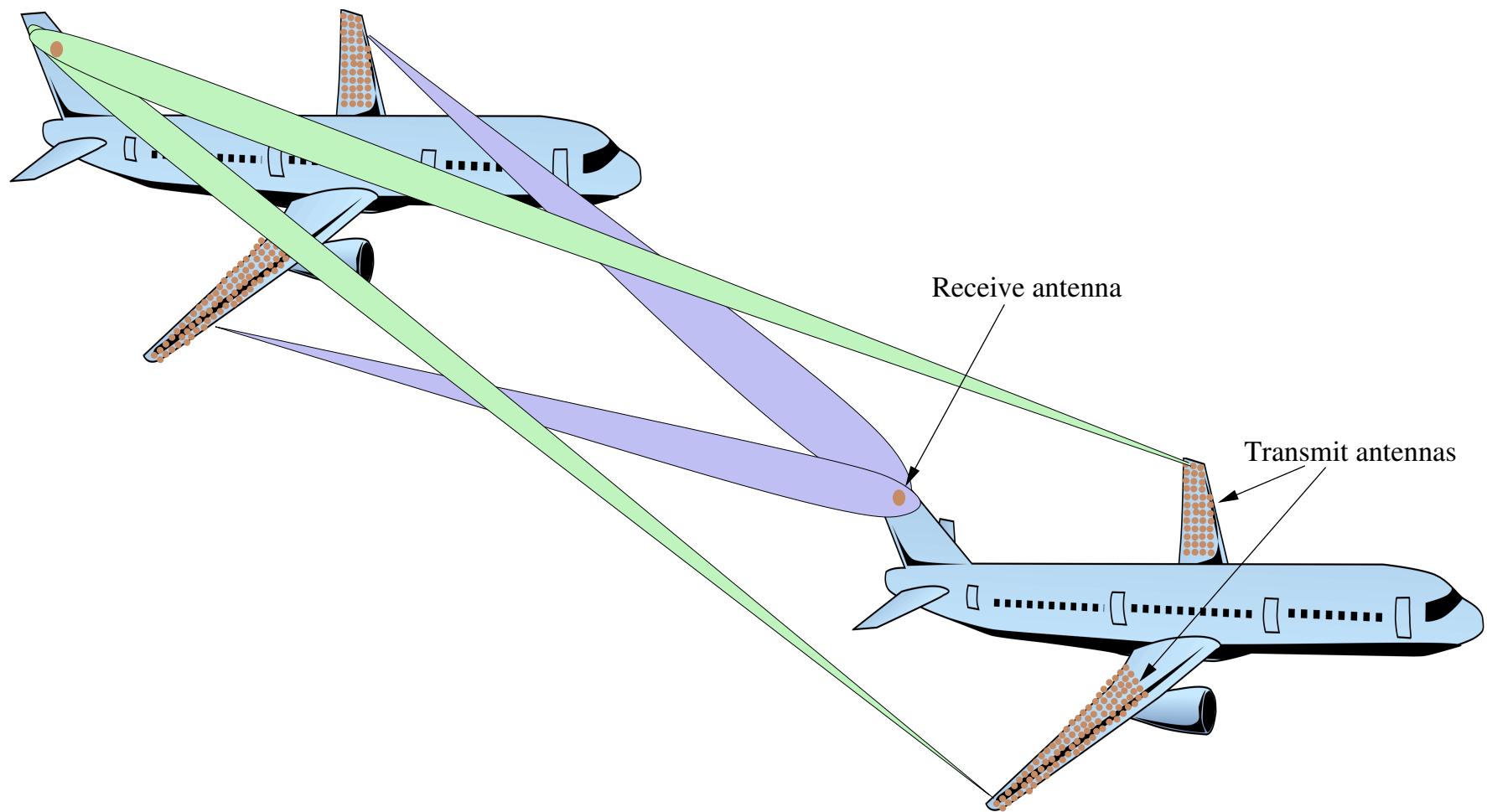
# Shannon's Lesson # 3 - Taxiing Scenario



# Shannon's Lesson # 3 - Parking Scenario

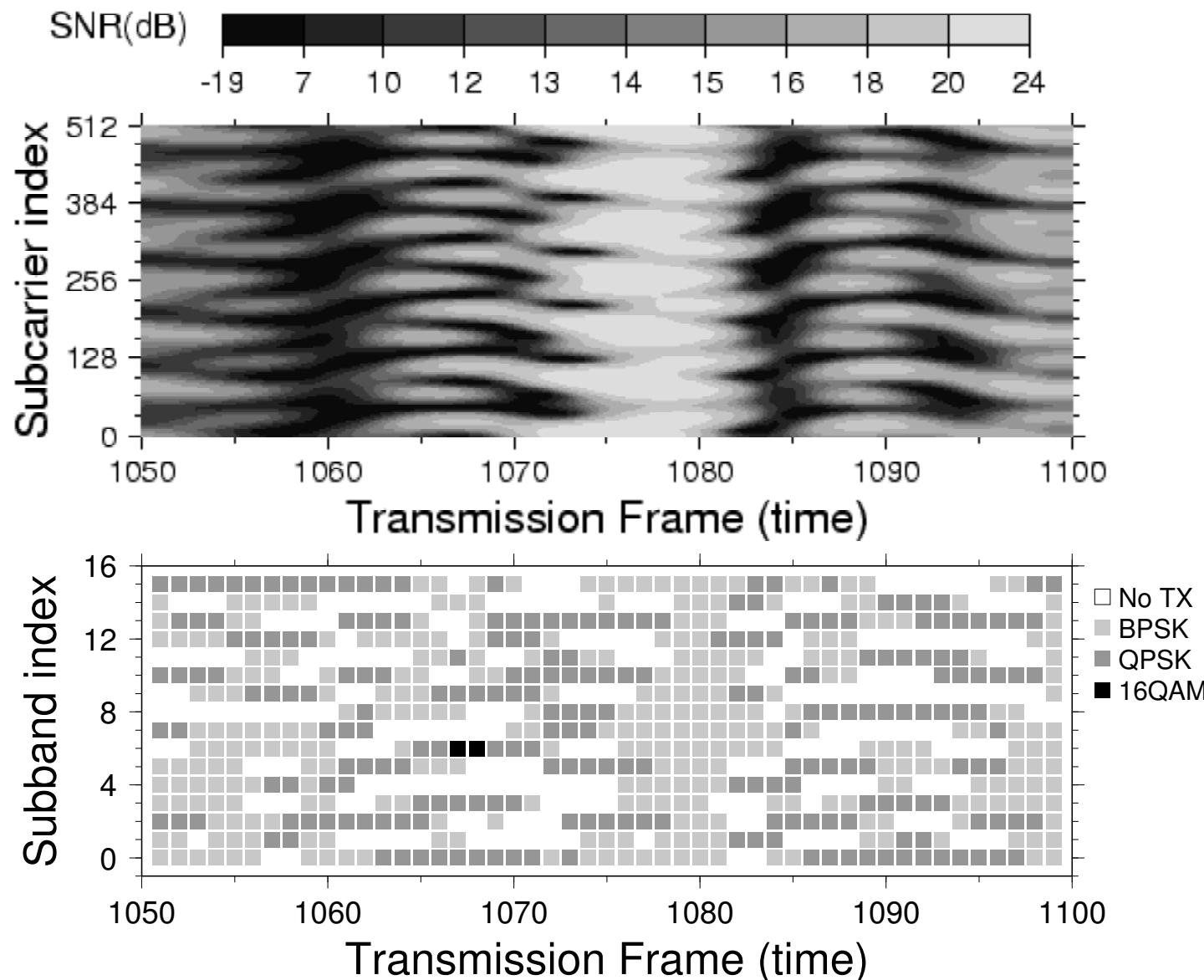


# Shannon's Lesson # 3 & 4 - Large-Scale MIMO-aided AANET

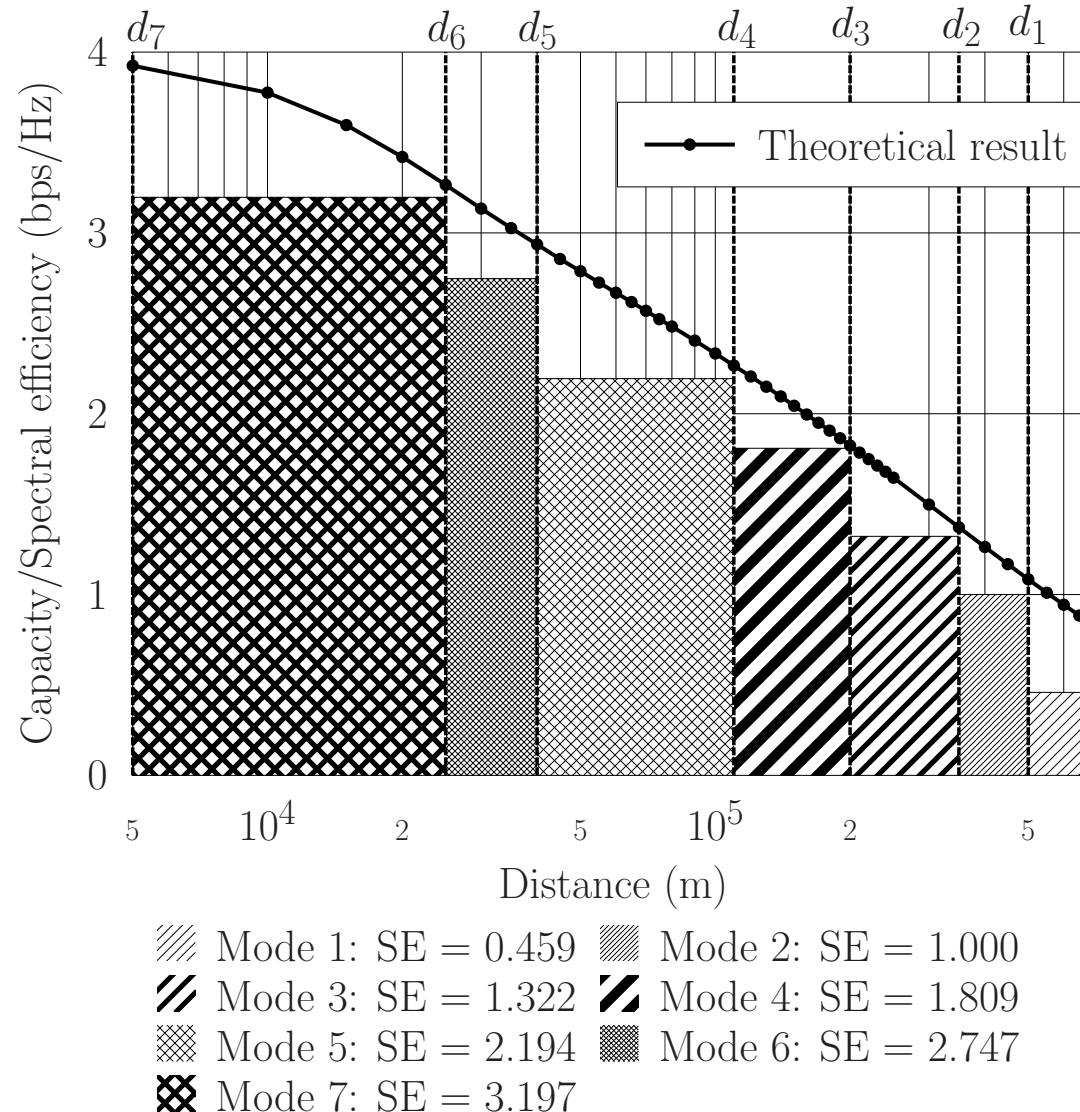


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# Shannon's Lesson # 3 Adaptive OFDM



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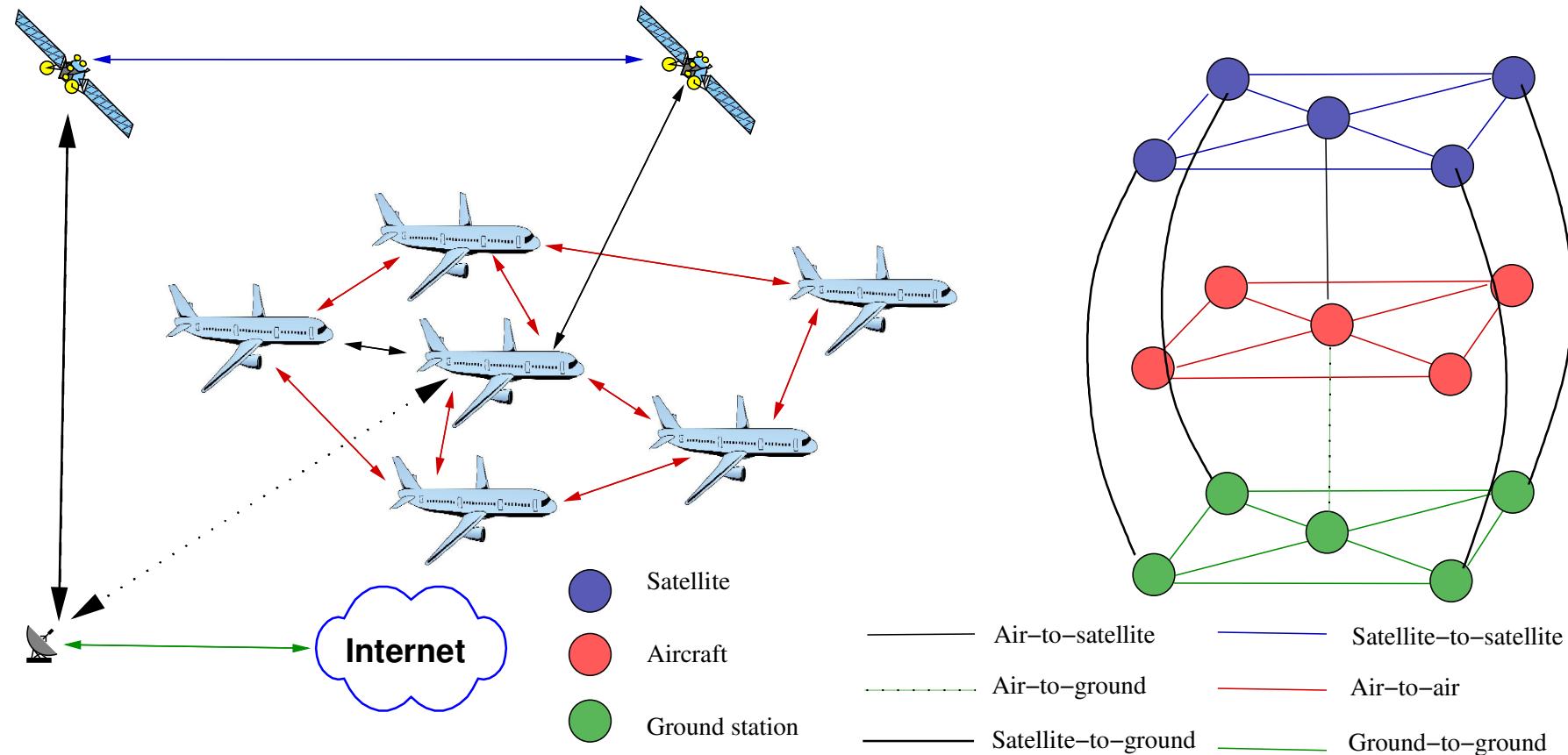


# Pareto-Optimal Networking

## *Multi-Component Pareto Optimization OF[THROUGHPUT, BER, DELAY, POWER & COMPLEXITY]*

- Alanis, D.; Botsinis, P.; Babar, Z.; Ng, S.X.; Hanzo, L.: Non-Dominated Quantum Iterative Routing Optimization for Wireless Multihop Networks, IEEE Access
- Alanis, D. ; Botsinis, P. ; Soon Xin Ng ; Hanzo, L.: Quantum-Assisted Routing Optimization for Self-Organizing Networks: IEEE Access, Volume: 2, 2014, pp 614 - 632

# A 6G Vision & Shannon's Lesson # 2 Pareto-Optimization



- With Optional UL/DL and Data/Control Plane Decoupling  
The Number of QOS-Classes is Vast - Reduced-Search ML Is Beneficial!
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# I Haven't Even Touched Upon...

- So, how do we design an optimum AANET, Dr. Shannon?
- Networking Information Theory, Machine Learning & Gupta-Kumar Law...
- ...and an FEC?
- ...and a modem...
- ...and an ARQ...
- ...and the seven OSI layers...
- ...what about network-information theory & networks...
- ...what about the optimum multiple access...
- ...what is optimum anyway, in what sense? MMSE, BER, FER, QoE?
- ...what is the price of approaching capacity?
- ...and how to optimize the holistic objective function - with ML?

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