6G TWIN

INTEGRATING NETWORK DIGITAL TWINNING INTO FUTURE AI-BASED 6G SYSTEMS

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Concept and objectives

Enabling a Cyber-Physical Continuum for Next-Generation 6G Systems
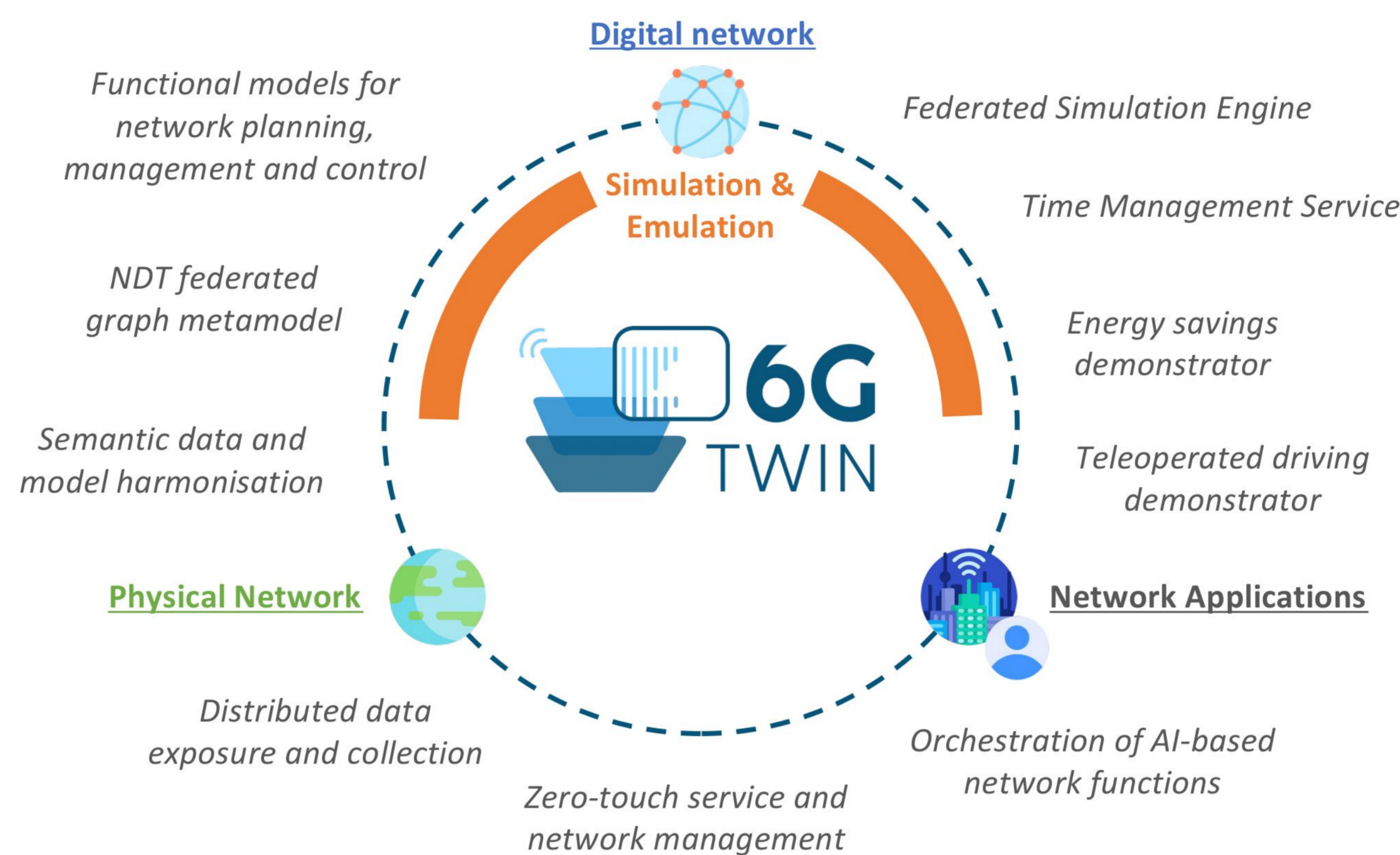
Networks are becoming increasingly complex and distributed, requiring a large variety of technologies to operate. With 6G, which is now on the horizon for around 2030, it is essential to design, experiment and standardize new network architectures with more intelligence and automation.

6G-TWIN will provide the foundation for the design, implementation and validation of an **AI-native reference architecture** for 6G systems that incorporates **Network Digital Twins (NDT)** as a core mechanism for the end-to-end, real-time optimisation, management and control of highly dynamic and complex network scenarios.

Creating a real-time digital replica of the physical network infrastructure (i.e., NDT) means creating a sandbox in which it is possible to train models and test different scenarios before deploying them on physical network controllers.

> **On-the-fly AI approaches for orchestrating** network functions (NF) and services (NS).
> **AI-based NF/NS** for data analytics and/or decision-making to optimise network performance.
> Accurate, reliable, open and secured **modelling and simulation framework** for representing a networked environment and testing the functionalities of the 6G architecture.
> **Two demonstrators** with key targets for KPIs and KVIs.

Digital network
Simulation & Emulation
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Physical Network
Network Applications

Functional models for network planning, management and control
NDT federated graph metamodel
Semantic data and model harmonisation
Distributed data exposure and collection
Zero-touch service and network management
Orchestration of AI-based network functions
Teleoperated driving demonstrator
Energy savings demonstrator
Time Management Service
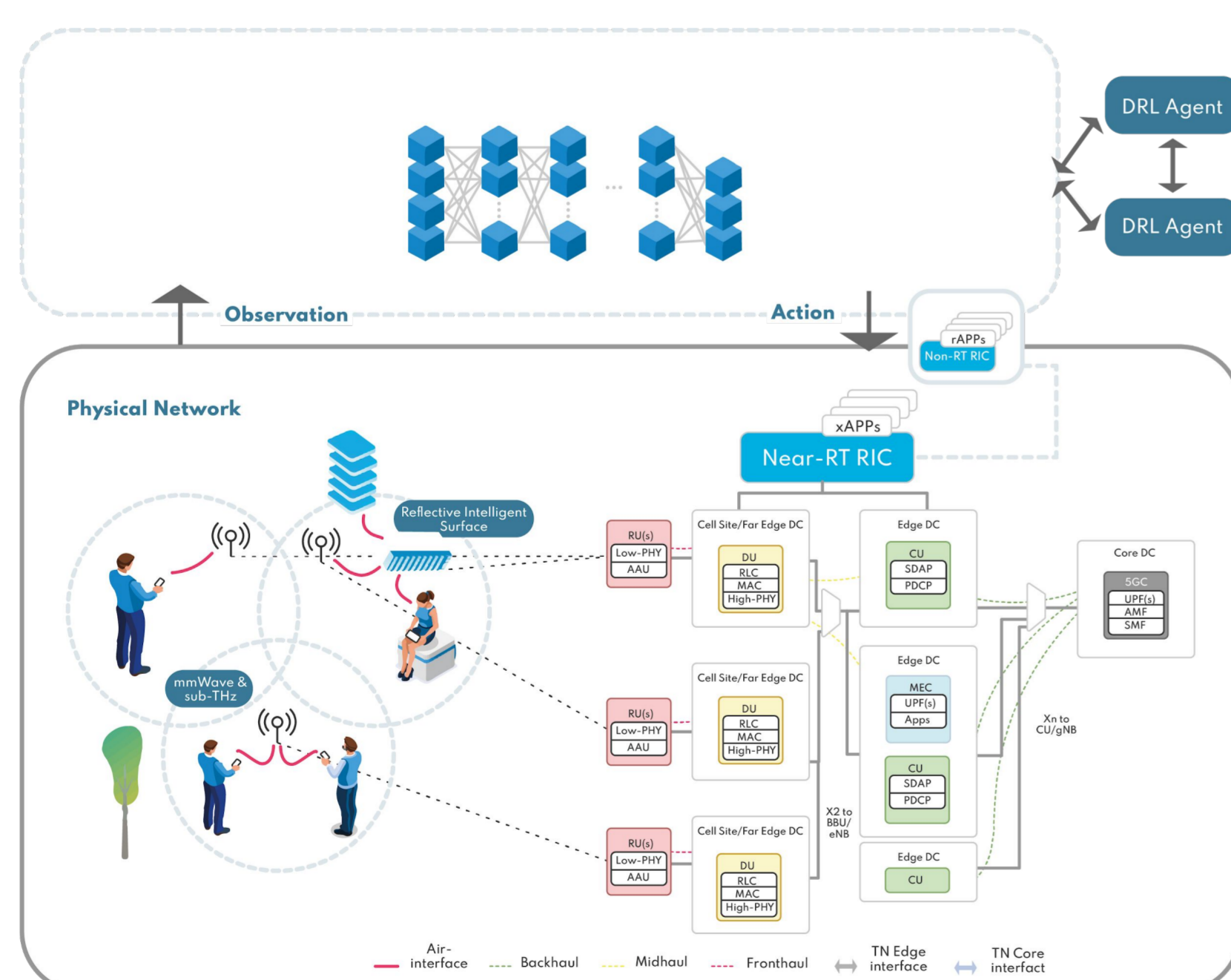Federated Simulation Engine

6G-TWIN will achieve its objectives through the integration of 10 technology components (TCs) over 4 dimensions.

Key expected results include:
> **Federated and AI-native network reference architecture that integrates multiple NDTs** for real-time data analytics and decision-making.
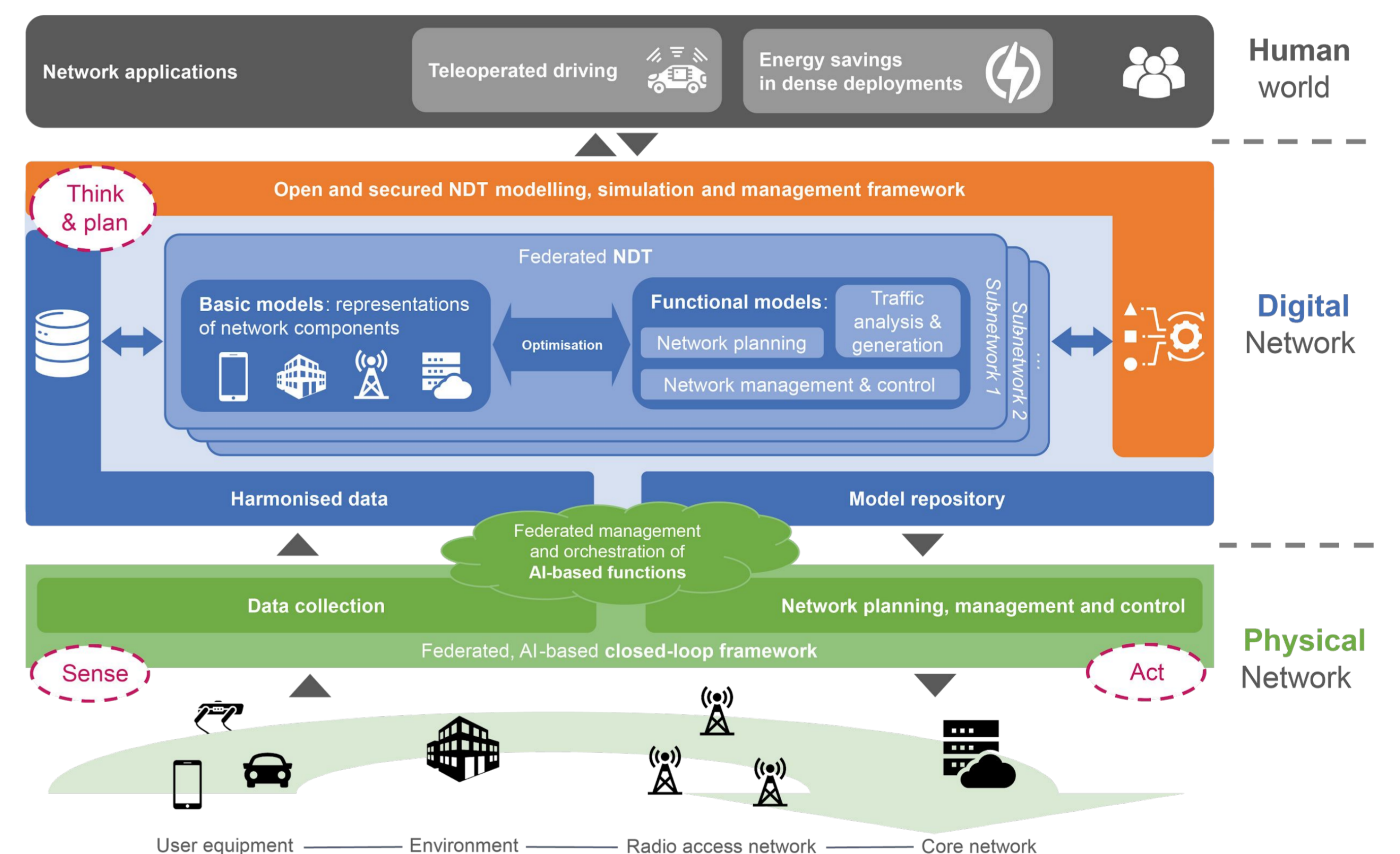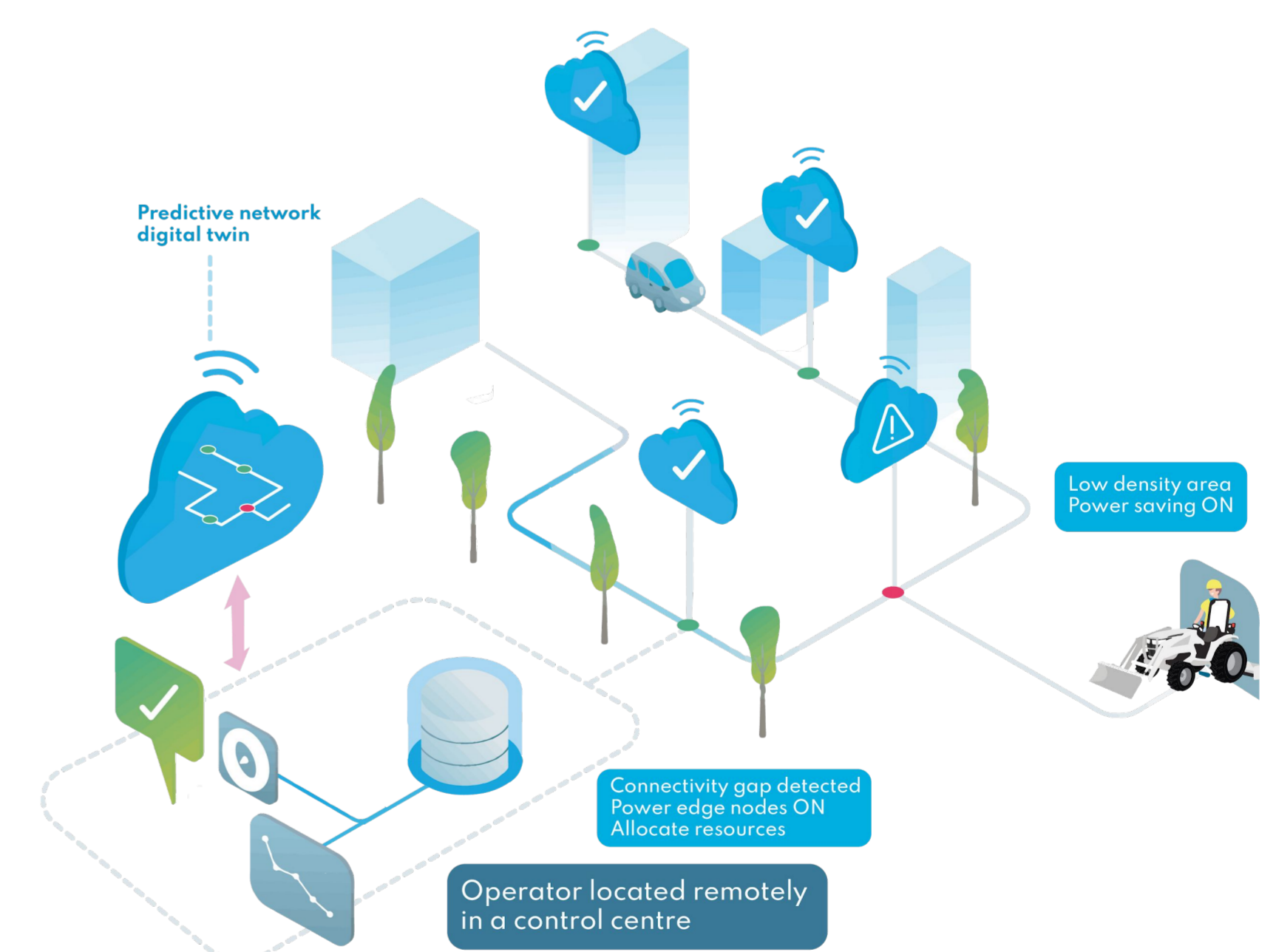

Demonstrators

1. Teleoperated driving

NDT solutions to anticipate the network behaviour that could face a teleoperated vehicle prior to its departure, to ensure an extreme quality of service and availability of the network resources all along its journey (i.e., **predictive** DT).

2. Energy savings

NDT solutions to adapt the network behaviour in near real time with the objective to optimise the overall, end-to-end energy efficiency of the network (i.e., **reactive** DT).

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