## Next-Generation Communications & Networking

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#### Evolving digital landscape





### Global application traffic share (2021)



### AR/VR/XR/Metaverse



Low-latency, high-throughput network



Support multiple users and co-exist with other applications: slicing

Image source: https://www.purdue.edu/newsroom/releases/2020/Q4/augmente d-reality-to-provide-new-skills-for-manufacturing-workforce-education.html







# Configuration-free, secure, ubiquitous communication

- Handoff-free multimodal wireless connectivity
  - Non-Terrestrial (low-orbit satellites)
  - Cellular connections through mobile base stations
  - Wi-Fi
- Remote perception building and realtime control through a combination of cameras, radars, sensors

### Semantic communication

- Feature-based high-fidelity, low bandwidth audio-video communication
  - run-time feature extraction
  - Only the features and parameters transmitted over the network
  - AI-based reconstruction (avatars?) at the enddevice



# Extending cloud to the edge devices

- Ultra-low latency buffering-free transport over unreliable links
  - Messages as first-class primitives
  - Priorities associated with individual messages
  - Exploiting multi-path redundant messages





### Cloud synchronization

- Applications:
  - Trading exchanges for highfrequency trading:
    - Algorithms place orders at microsecond granularity
    - Need nano-second accuracy in ordering transactions
    - Fairness between participants
    - Latency arbitrage considered worth 5B USD
  - Scalable, replicated databases

### Informationcentric network

- Objects addressed by the content itself
- Subscribers can get the content from the nearest cache
- The network figures out the location of the content



### All-optical data center

- Latency and power requirements of optical-electrical interconnects is sub-optimal
- AI processing, storage, and memory need lower latencies and higher throughput
- All-optical-down to the CPU package-interconnect can help create a *disaggregated data center*
  - Nanosecond switching
  - Up to 50% reduction in power
  - Better utilization of resources



Image Source: https://arxiv.org/pdf/2008.10802.pdf

### Quantum Internet

- Communication security
  - Quantum key distribution: exchanging keys that cannot be intercepted
- Sensor networks
  - High-precision instruments
    generating massive data
- Scaling up quantum computing
  - Connecting quantum computers as one conglomerate

