

# Green and Secure Networks: Can 6G deliver the Duo?

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# Security Issues in 5G

Security issues in 5G stem from some of its main features:

Network  
Softwarisation  
(SDN) and  
Virtualization

Cloud Computing

# Security threats in 5G

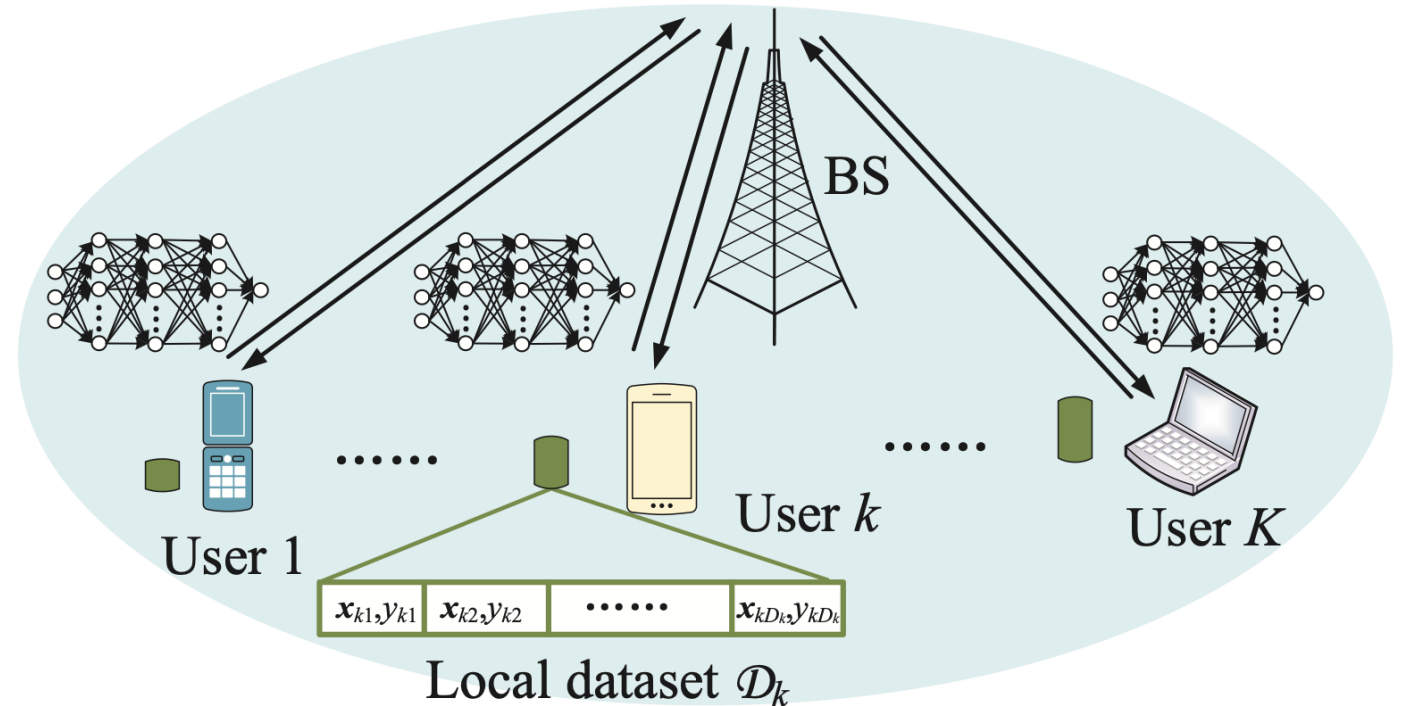
Cyber attacks can infiltrate virtual and softwarised networks, and have detrimental impact on the physical realm: e.g. in Autonomous Vehicles

Software defined networks are increasingly becoming reliant on AI; this provides new means to detect security attacks

AI, however, can be a source of new security threats: the AI system can be fooled

# Connected Intelligence in 6G

- Sharing intelligence can help with:
  - ❖ Computation energy saving (reduced local complexity)
  - ❖ Improved Security (sharing local model rather than full data)



# 5G: Machine Learning for improved Wireless Com

## 6G: Communication for AI



Wireless Communication for distributed learning/Federated Learning



Wireless Communication for Cooperative Inference



Security can be compromised in both



Energy limits in sharing training data/model

# Distributed Learning: Learning Accuracy v Energy



With less learning accuracy we can reduce local computation energy at each station



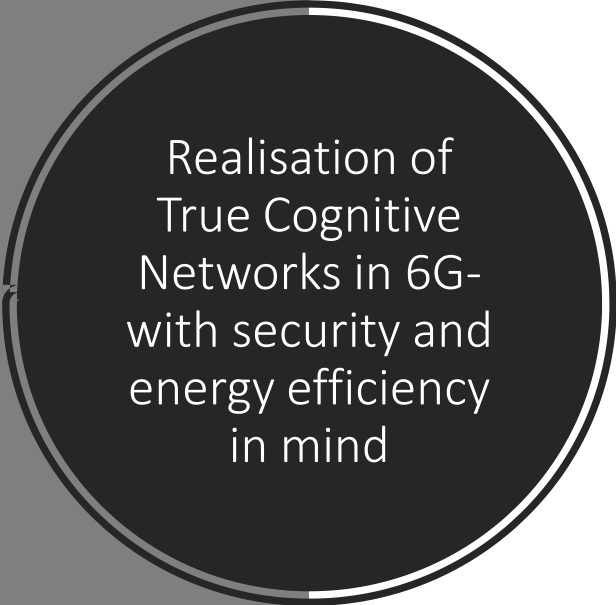
But we usually need more iterations of wireless transmission, hence more transmission energy



Z. Yang, W Saad, M. Chen, C. Shong, M. Shikh-Bahaei, "Energy Efficient Federated Learning Over Wireless Communication Networks," IEEE Transactions on Wireless Communications, Vol. 20, pp. 1935-1949, Mar. 2021

# Full Duplex Networking

- Was planned for 5G, and now a contender for 6G technologies:  
NOT only for Spectral Efficiency
- Improves quality of Machine Learning for Communication and Communication for ML
- Improves networking secrecy- specially with Modern Channel Coding
- J. Zang, M. Shikh-Bahaei, "An Adaptive Full-Duplex Deep Reinforcement Learning-Based Design for 5G-V2X Mode 4 VANETs," IEEE WCNC conference 2021



Realisation of  
True Cognitive  
Networks in 6G-  
with security and  
energy efficiency  
in mind

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**Cognitive** radio and **Cognitive** networking  
require information of the available spectrum  
and surrounding, and timely reaction to it

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**Distributed Machine Learning and Full Duplex  
Networking:** More Energy efficient and robust  
Cooperative Spectrum Sensing

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ML can also make the fusion process in  
Cognitive Networks more robust against  
security attacks

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Y. Zhang, Q. Wu, M. Shikh-Bahaei, "On Ensemble Learning Based  
Secure Fusion Strategy for Robust Cooperative Sensing in Full-  
Duplex Cognitive Radio Networks," IEEE Transactions on  
Communications, Vol. 68, pp. 6086-6100, October 2020.



# 6G's Enabling Technologies: Energy saving and Security

Combination of Full Duplex and mMIMO communication with Intelligent Reflecting surfaces result in:

Higher energy efficiency

More secure communication

Z. Yang, C. Huang, J. Shi, C. Yuen, W. Xu, Z. Zhang, M. Shikh-Bahaei, "Optimal Control for Full-Duplex Communications with Reconfigurable Intelligent Surface," to appear in ICC 2021, May 2021



# Impact on Future Networks

- Moving towards **Distributed Learning** will have positive impacts as well as potential challenges on Network Security and Energy/Spectral Efficiency
  - **Full Duplex Networking** can address some of the challenges. On the Theoretical side, there is room to enhance security and efficiency by **modern Channel Coding techniques**
  - And Intelligent Surfaces can play a role in the trade-offs....
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