



# InSPIRE

Innovation Summit for  
Preparedness & Resilience

Chad<sup>2</sup> – How Exponential  
Increases in Technology are  
Impacting Public Safety

# 01 | Introduction

# Meet the presenters



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## Objective

Explore advanced and emerging topics in public safety, current and perceived maturity levels, and potential avenues for advancing research and development.

## Underlying problem

How do we get from here



### **Operational Need**

Identify the best way to segment search areas/predict the appropriate amount of resources and workload



To here?



### **Technical Solution**

Utilization of best practices, POST, and other research into PAWSAR through MITLL (and then wider applicability for items like wildfire evacuations)

# 05 | Panel Discussion

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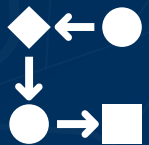
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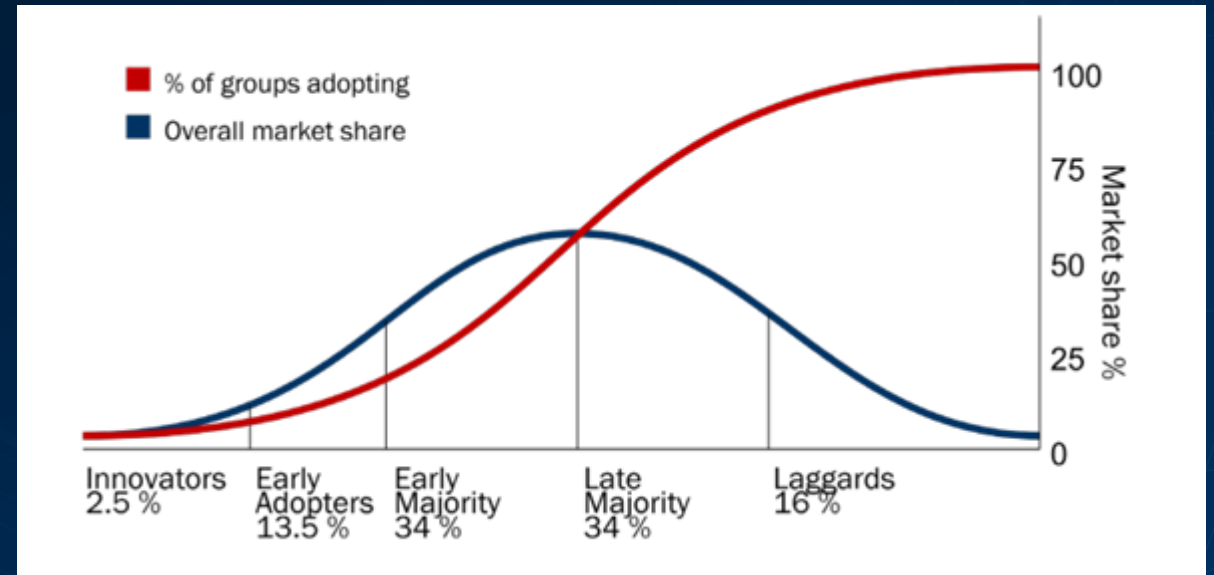
## Problem Statements

1. Technology is advancing so rapidly that public safety stakeholders lack the avenues to define requirements, test and exercise within current policies and procedures, and make fiscal decisions.
2. The research and development community moves faster than public safety stakeholders can provide feedback, and narrowly-focused projects limit SME input.
3. The private sector/developer community is fragmented into competing or disassociated technologies without a holistic view into how public safety stakeholders can or will use their technologies.
4. Technology has become so complex that gaps between operational requirements and technical feasibility is misunderstood.



# Accelerating Adoption

|       |                                                                                                 |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TRL 9 | Actual system “flight proven” through successful mission operations                             |
| TRL 8 | Actual system completed and “flight qualified” through test and demonstration (ground or space) |
| TRL 7 | System prototype demonstration in a space environment                                           |
| TRL 6 | System/subsystem model or prototype demonstration in a relevant environment (ground or space)   |
| TRL 5 | Component and/or breadboard validation in relevant environment                                  |
| TRL 4 | Component and/or breadboard validation in laboratory environment                                |
| TRL 3 | Analytical and experimental critical function and/or characteristic proof-of-concept            |
| TRL 2 | Technology concept and/or application formulated                                                |
| TRL 1 | Basic principles observed and reported                                                          |

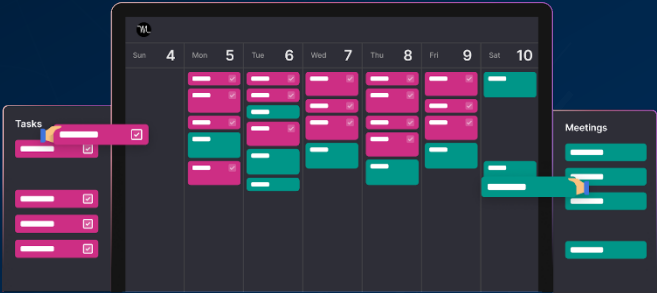


# 02 | Technology Interconnectedness

# From public tool to public safety use



Why did the police officer go to art school? Because he wanted to learn how to draw his weapon! 😄



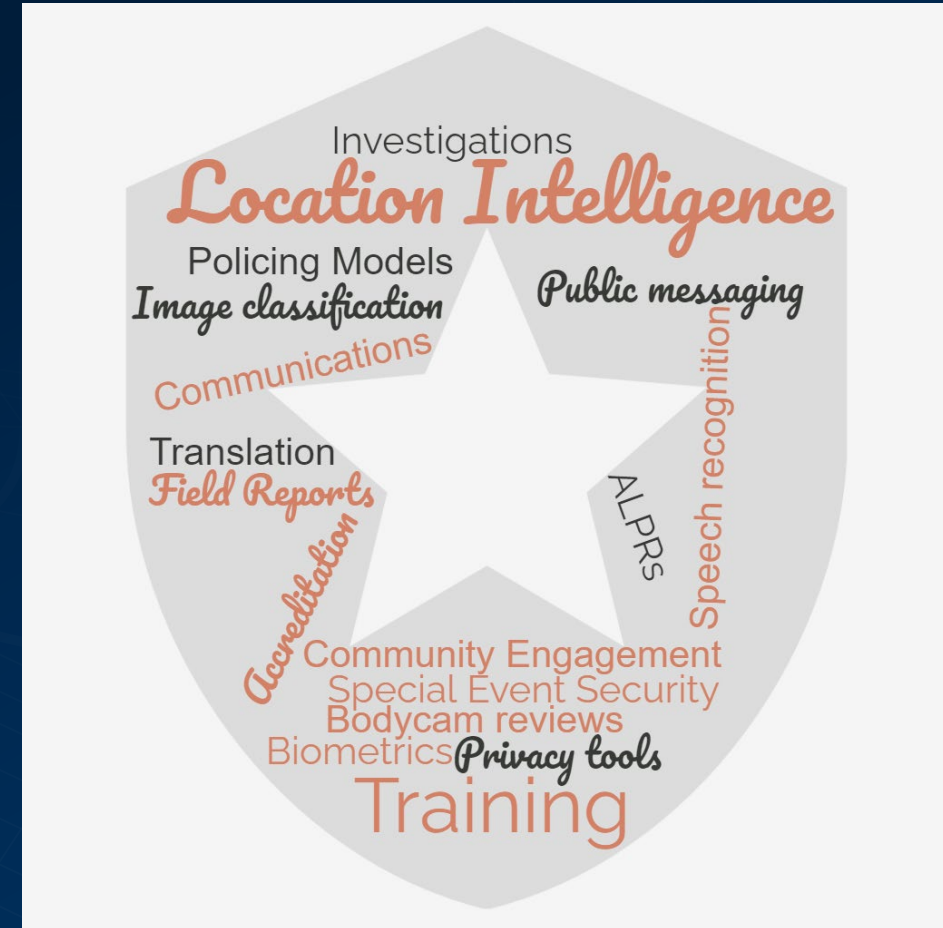
## LOCAL HAZARD



## MITIGATION PLAN



## What are some use cases?



## What are some challenges?







The chosen  
model only uses  
publicly available  
data



We pivot to an  
open-sourced  
model so we can  
use our own data



Next challenge: What is the difference between the 8B and 70B parameters models? Do we have enough compute power to run them?



What does  
this mean?

|                       | Meta<br>Llama 3<br>8B | Gemma<br>7B - It<br>Measured | Mistral<br>7B Instruct<br>Measured |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| MMLU<br>5-shot        | 68.4                  | 53.3                         | 58.4                               |
| GPQA<br>0-shot        | 34.2                  | 21.4                         | 26.3                               |
| HumanEval<br>0-shot   | 62.2                  | 30.5                         | 36.6                               |
| GSM-8K<br>8-shot, CoT | 79.6                  | 30.6                         | 39.9                               |
| MATH<br>4-shot, CoT   | 30.0                  | 12.2                         | 11.0                               |

|                       | Meta<br>Llama 3<br>70B | Gemini<br>Pro 1.5<br>Published | Claude 3<br>Sonnet<br>Published |
|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| MMLU<br>5-shot        | 82.0                   | 81.9                           | 79.0                            |
| GPQA<br>0-shot        | 39.5                   | 41.5<br>CoT                    | 38.5<br>CoT                     |
| HumanEval<br>0-shot   | 81.7                   | 71.9                           | 73.0                            |
| GSM-8K<br>8-shot, CoT | 93.0                   | 91.7<br>11-shot                | 92.3<br>0-shot                  |
| MATH<br>4-shot, CoT   | 50.4                   | 58.5<br>Minerva prompt         | 40.5                            |

How do we  
even deploy  
it?

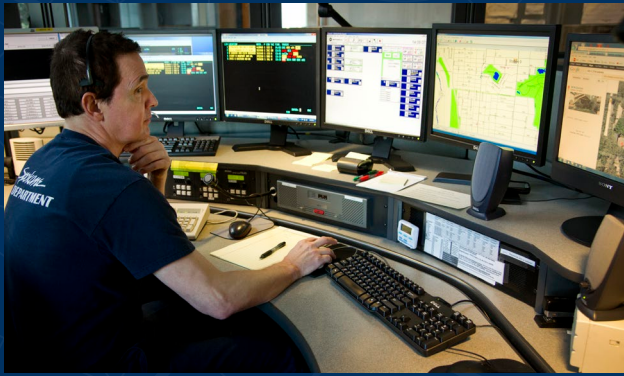


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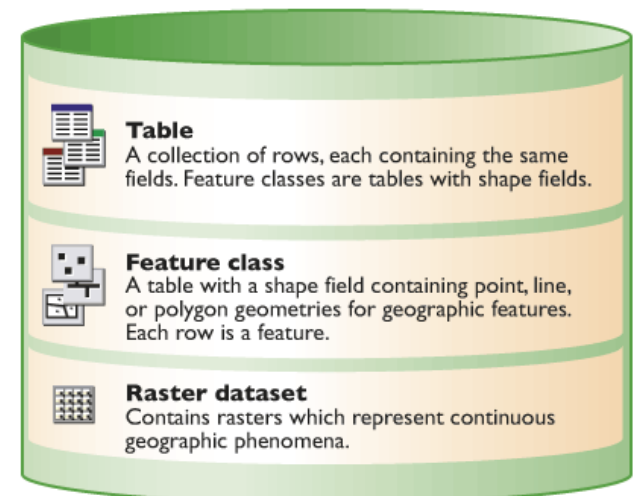
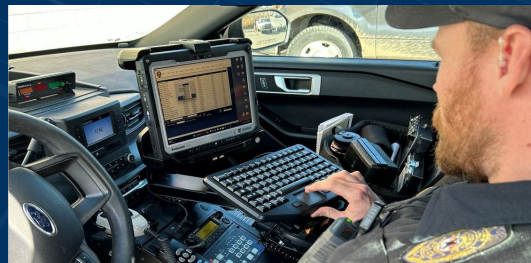
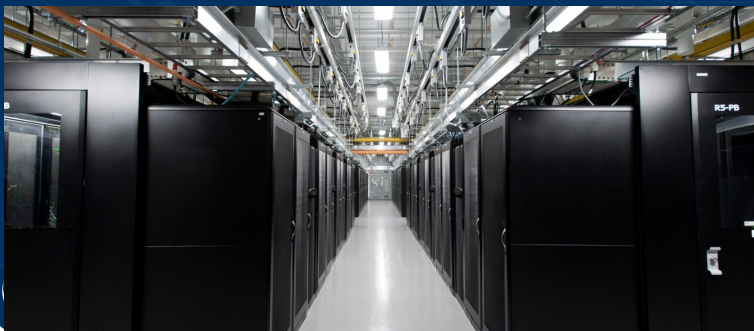
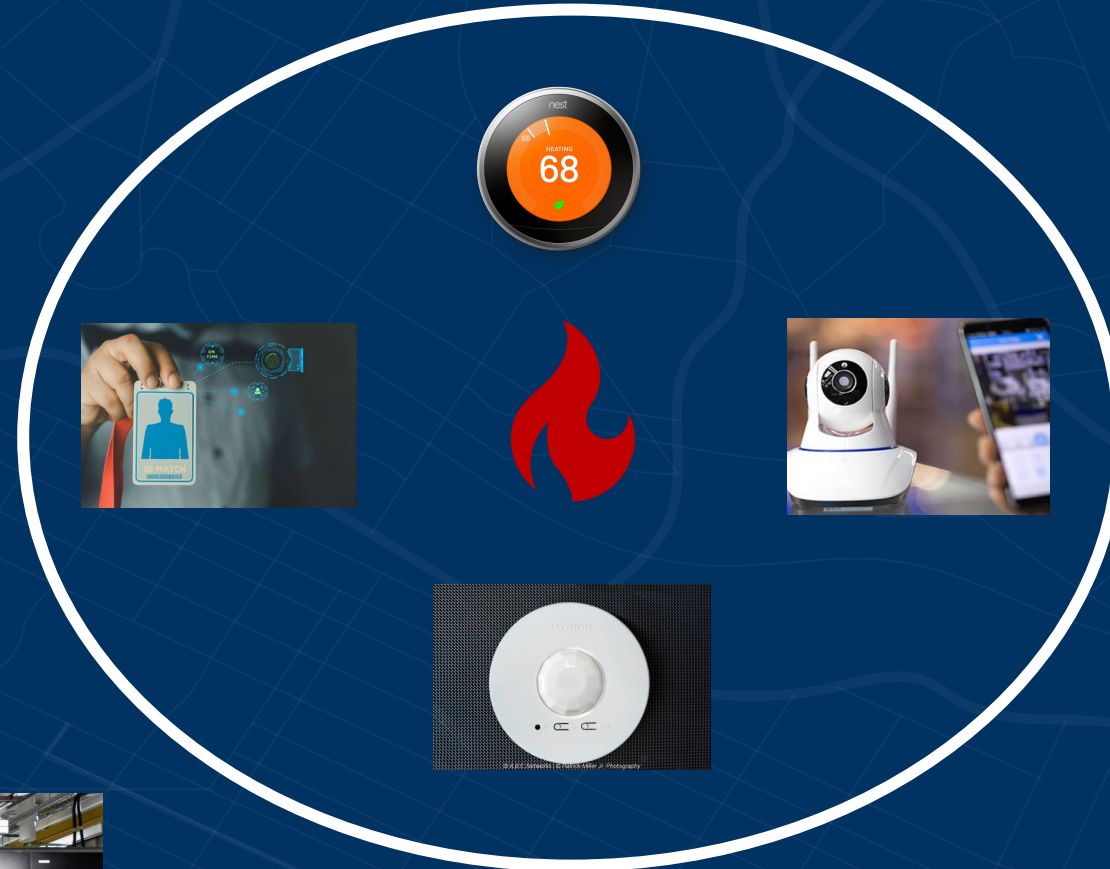
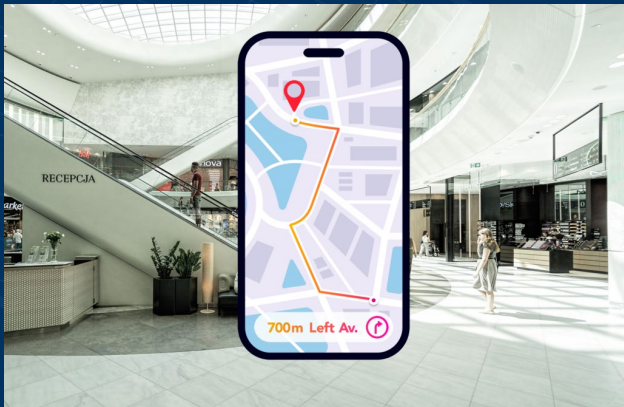
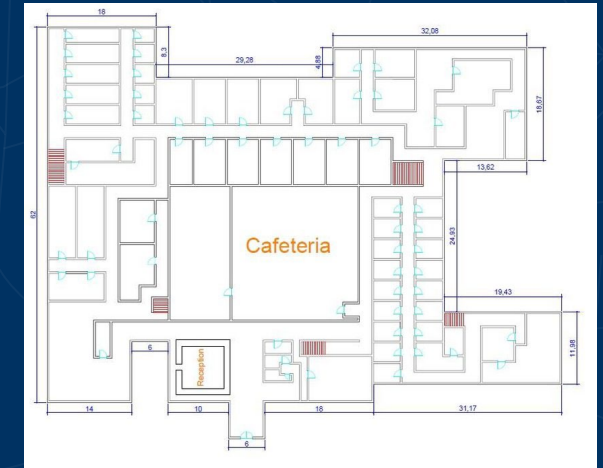
- Now we need to fine tune
- And we need to prepare our data to even be ingested
- And then do some prompt engineering
- Maybe do a little manual evaluation and some red teaming to validate the results
- Look for gender, racial, linguistic, cultural, and other biases







 matter +  HREAD





-  Pick outfit to look good on camera
-  Overcome procrastination
-  Python script for daily email reports
-  What to do with kids' art



You are a coding expert who specializes in ETL processes for public safety data.



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# **Advanced Technology In Public Safety: 2024 Workshop**

**Chad Council**

**NAPSG InSPIRE 2024**

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# Workshop Concept

## Find the right people

- Hand select a small group of representative experts from across the country

## Get them together

- Convene a 2 day workshop on Advanced Technology in Public Safety

## Workshop the challenges

- Establish a collaborative forum
- Identify or reaffirm current and future mission and operational priorities
- Cross reference with technical viability
- Brainstorm future visions



# Venue: DOT Volpe Center



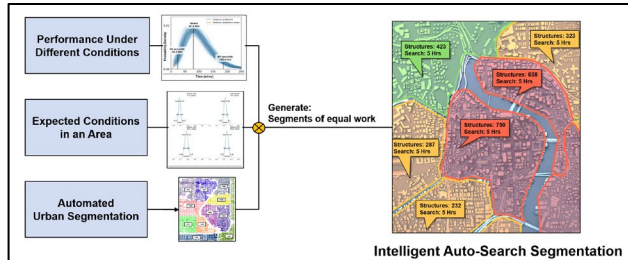
**DOT Volpe Center Conference Room, supported by FEMA Region 1 was an excellent venue.**



# Day 1 Format

## Blastwave in Danversport

### Scenario & Baseline Framework

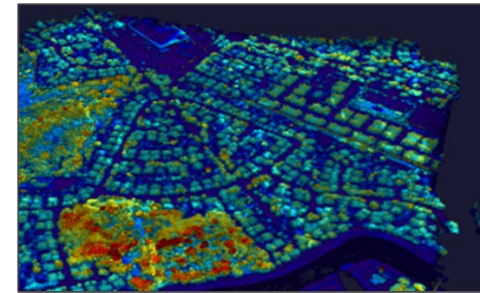


### PAWSAR: R&D Example

Morning: background and level setting



### AI/ML in Public Safety



### Remote Sensing

Afternoon: Topic specific discussions

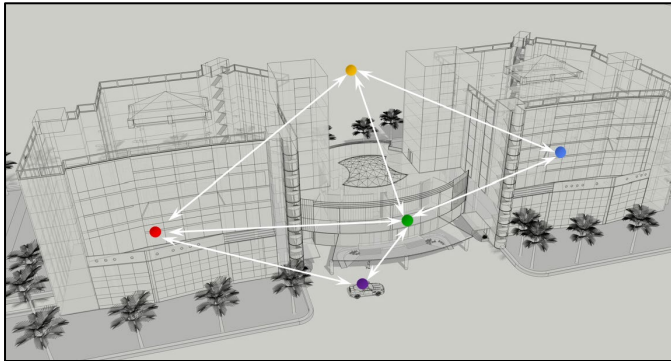
Each session included a short primer on the topic by an MIT LL expert followed by facilitated discussion.



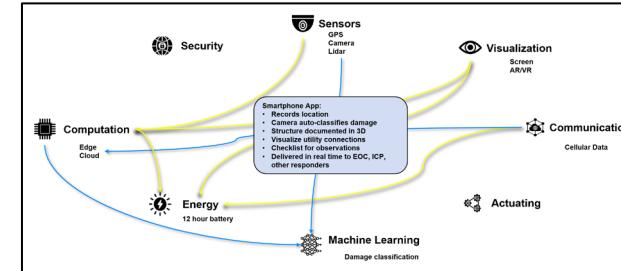
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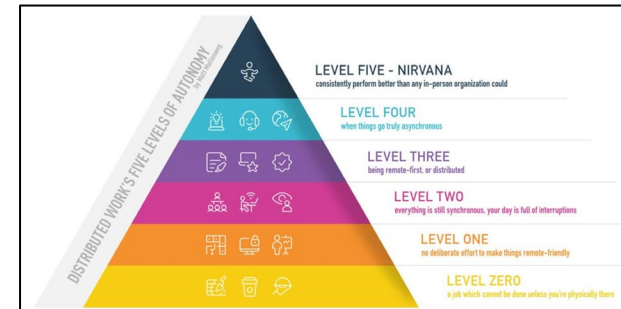
## Robotics in Disaster Response and Public Safety



## Indoor Localization



## Supporting Infrastructure



## EOC of the Future

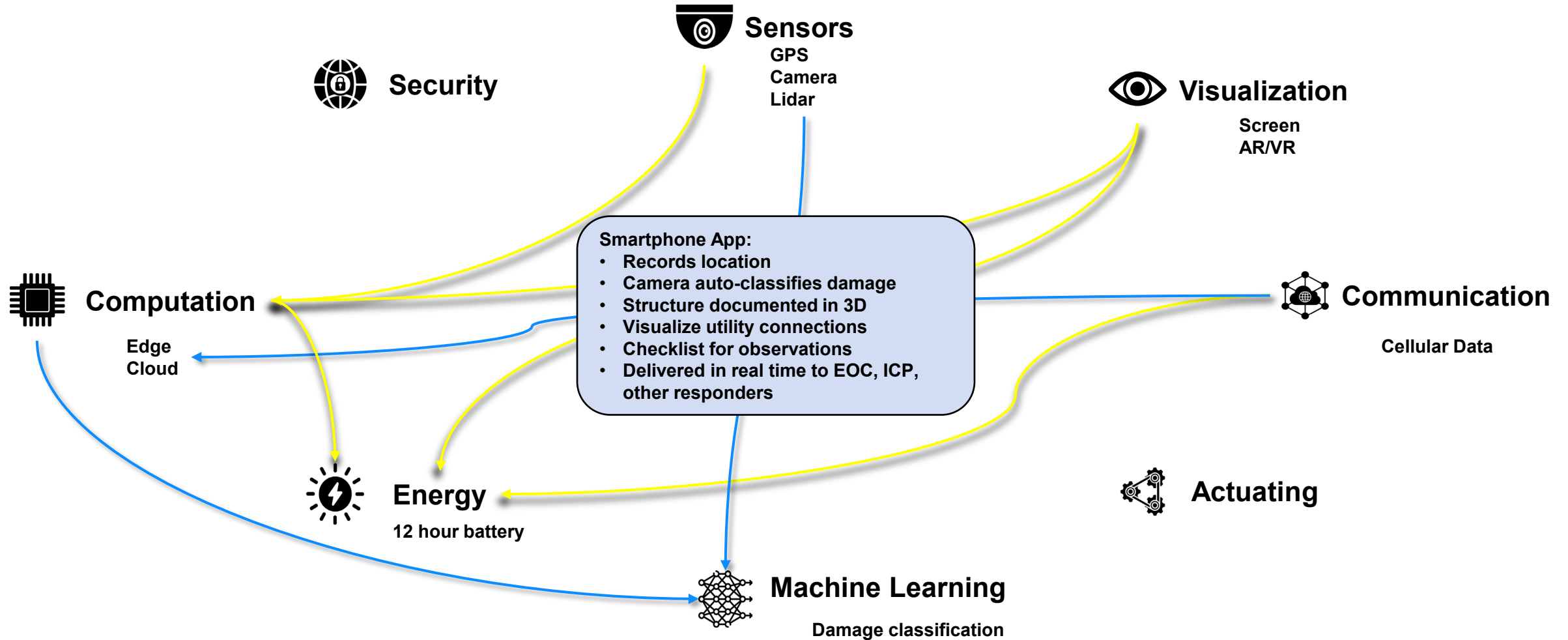
**Morning: Recap and topic specific discussions**

**Afternoon: Topic specific discussions**

**Day 2 followed the same structural format and built on the content from Day 1.**



# Technology Interconnected Relationships: Smartphone Structural Triage





# Technology Interconnectedness

**Remote Sensing:**  
Informed Decisions and Actions

**AI/ML:**  
Informed Decisions and Actions

**EOC Operations:**  
Future Concepts

**Robotic Assisted Public Safety:**  
Ground, Air, Water

## **Sensors**

- Higher Resolution
- Smaller Size
- Broader sensitivity

## **Computation**

- Edge computing
- Super computing
- Cloud computing
- GPU computing

## **Visualization**

- Augmented reality
- Virtual reality
- 3D Visualization

## **Machine Learning**

- Image classification
- Predictive analytics
- Large language models

## **Security**

- Encryption
- Authentication

## **Energy**

- Battery power density
- Energy harvesting

## **Communication**

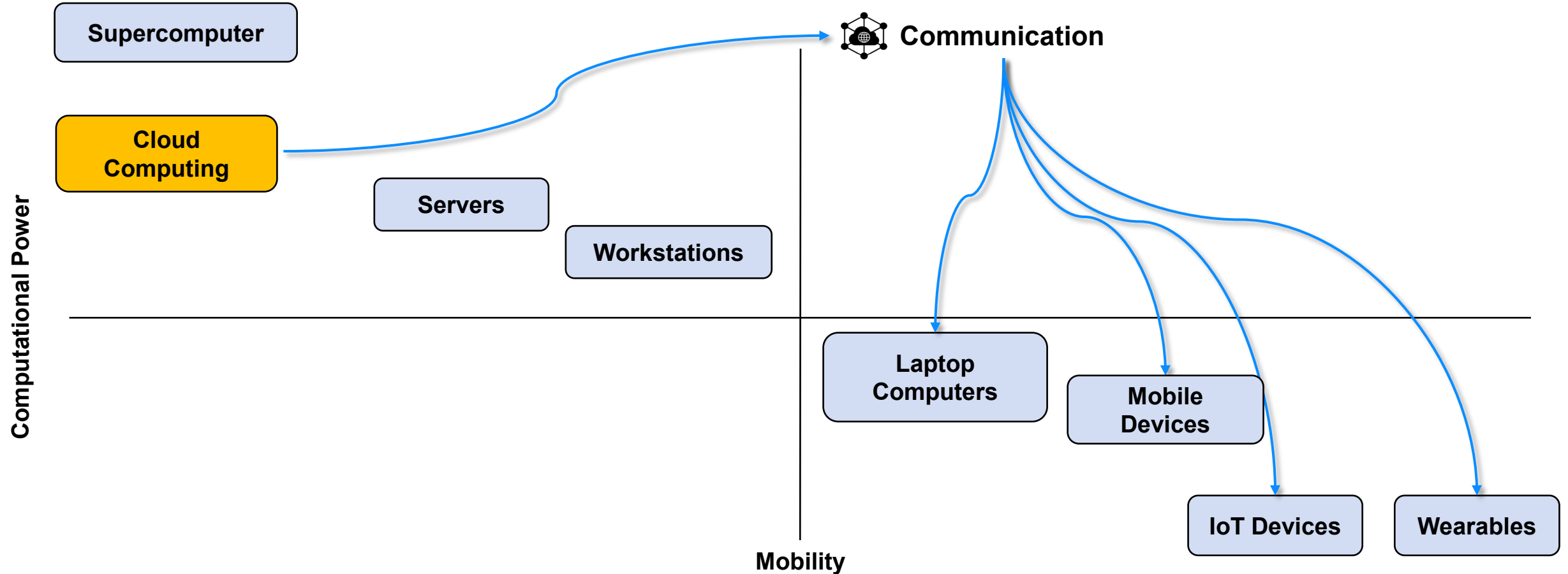
- Bandwidth
- Power requirements
- Architectures

## **Actuating**

- Actuator size
- Power requirements
- Operating environments



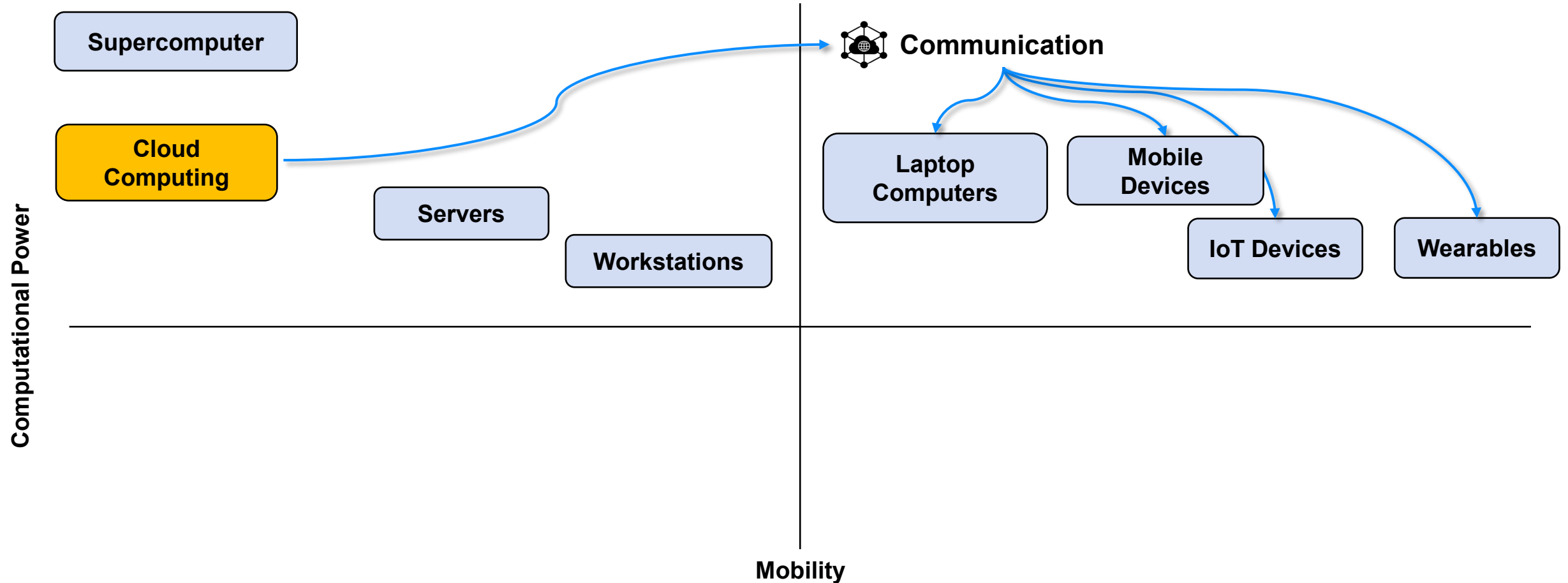
# Computation



Computer power continues to increase and become more mobile, enabling many new capabilities.



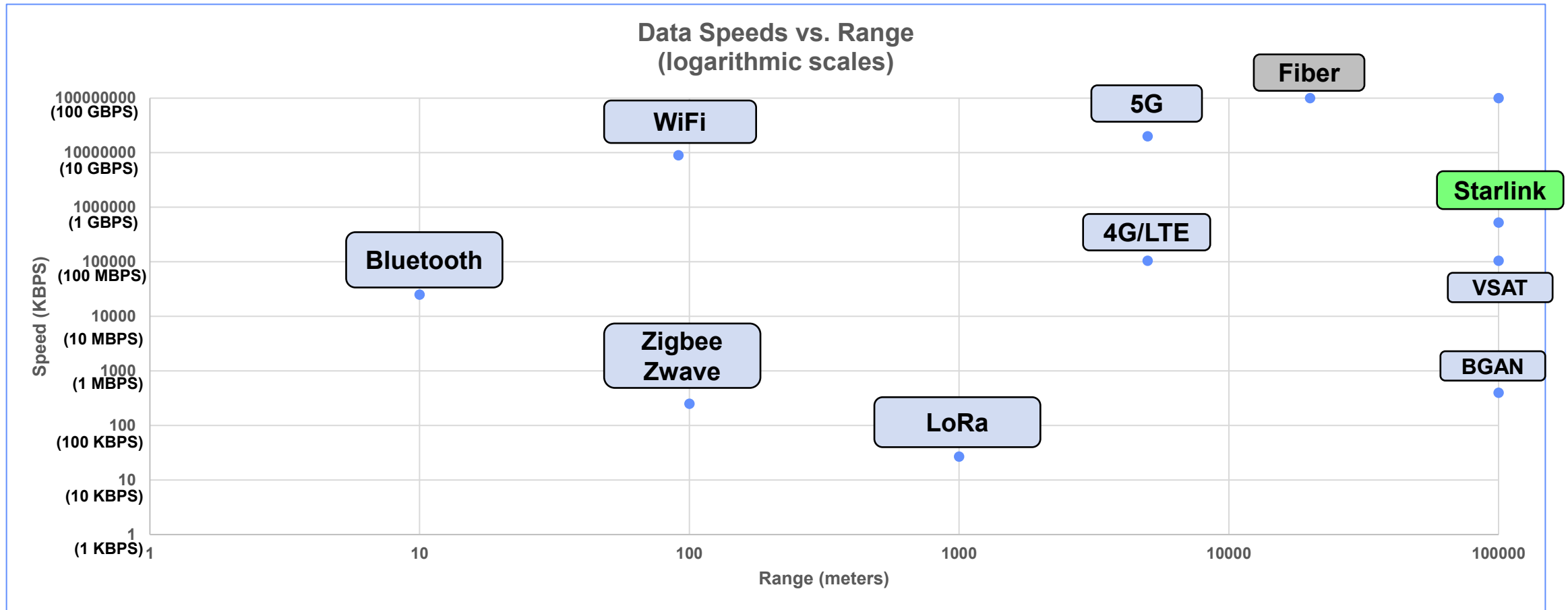
# Computation



**Robust, high bandwidth communications can dramatically increase the compute power available to the edge.**



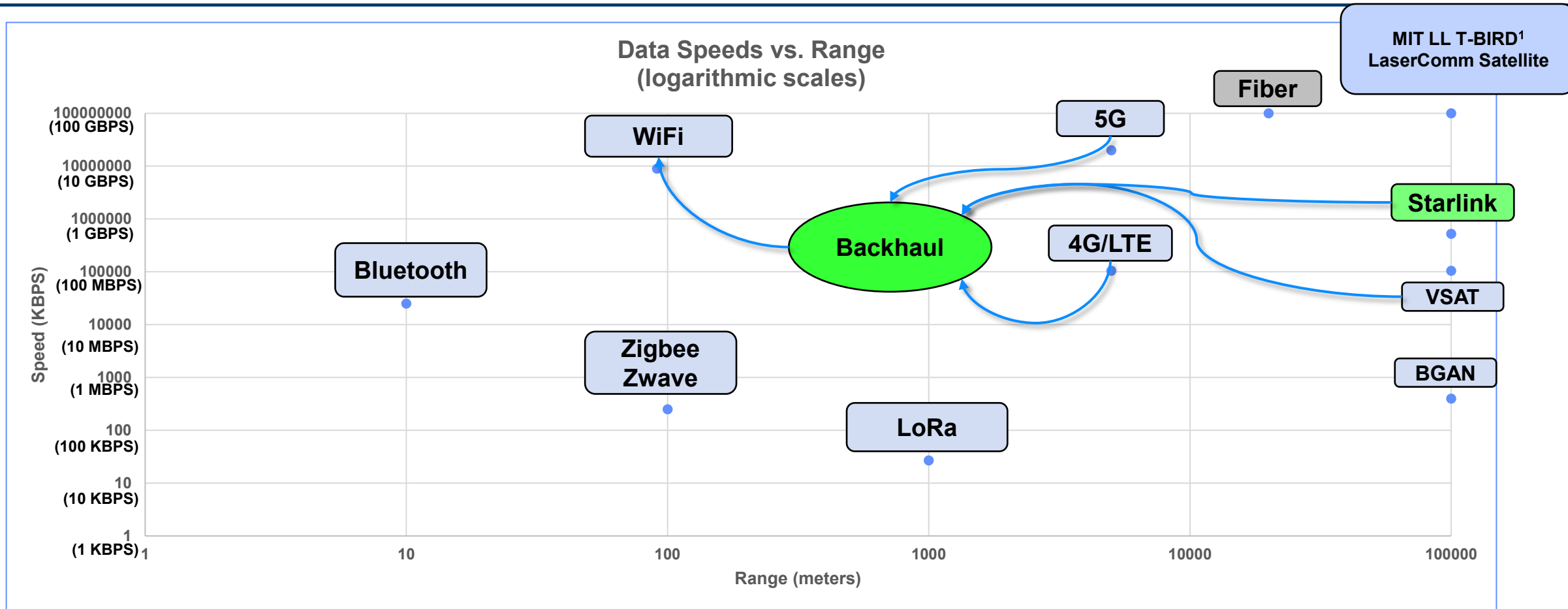
# Communications



Improvements in wireless communication data rates at greater range continue to improve public safety capabilities.



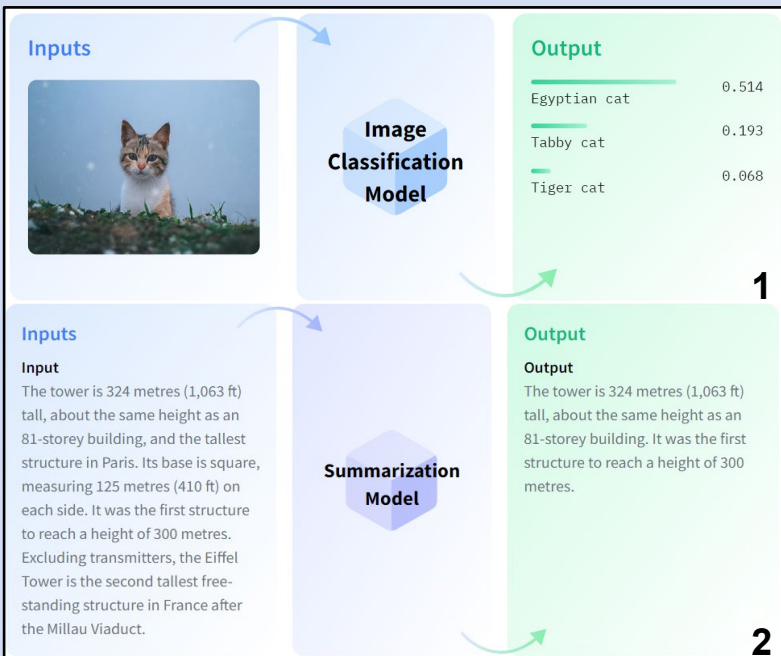
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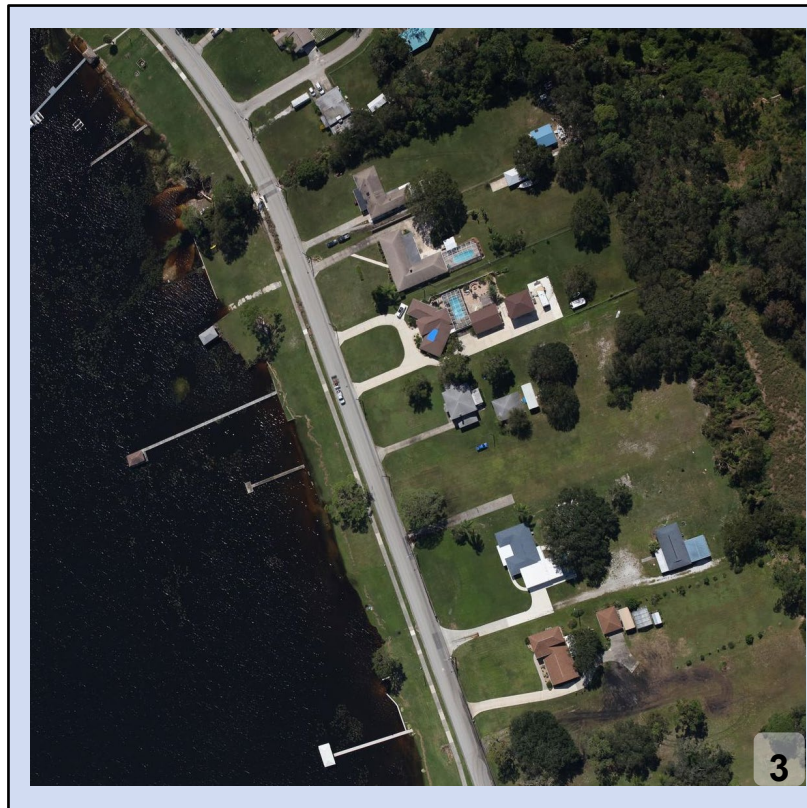
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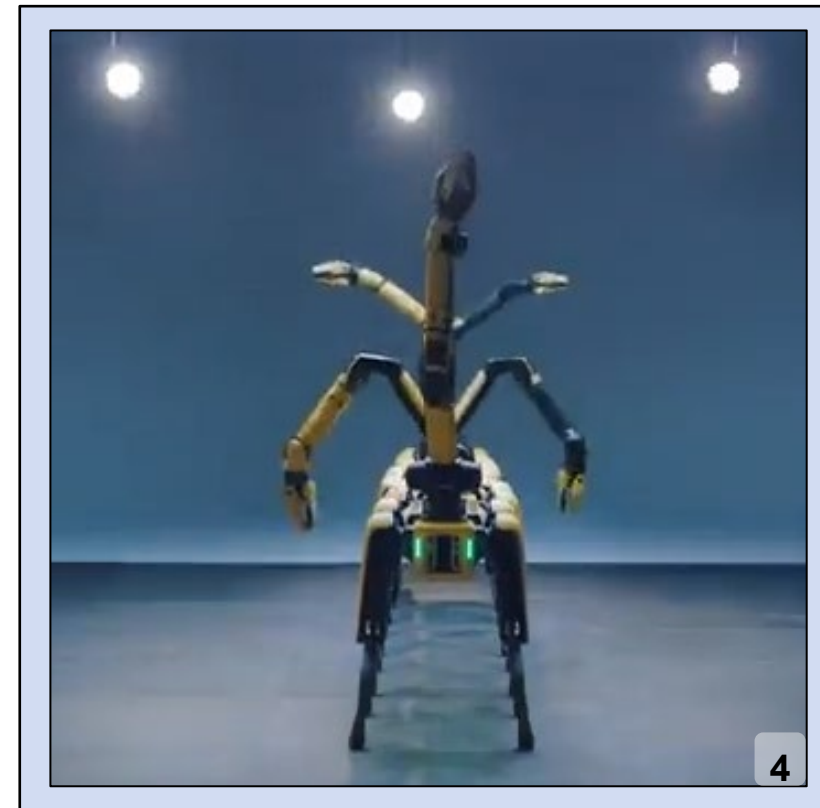
# InSPIRE Focus Areas



Artificial Intelligence



Remote Sensing



Robotics

This subset of workshop topics was selected based on attendee feedback.



# Artificial Intelligence

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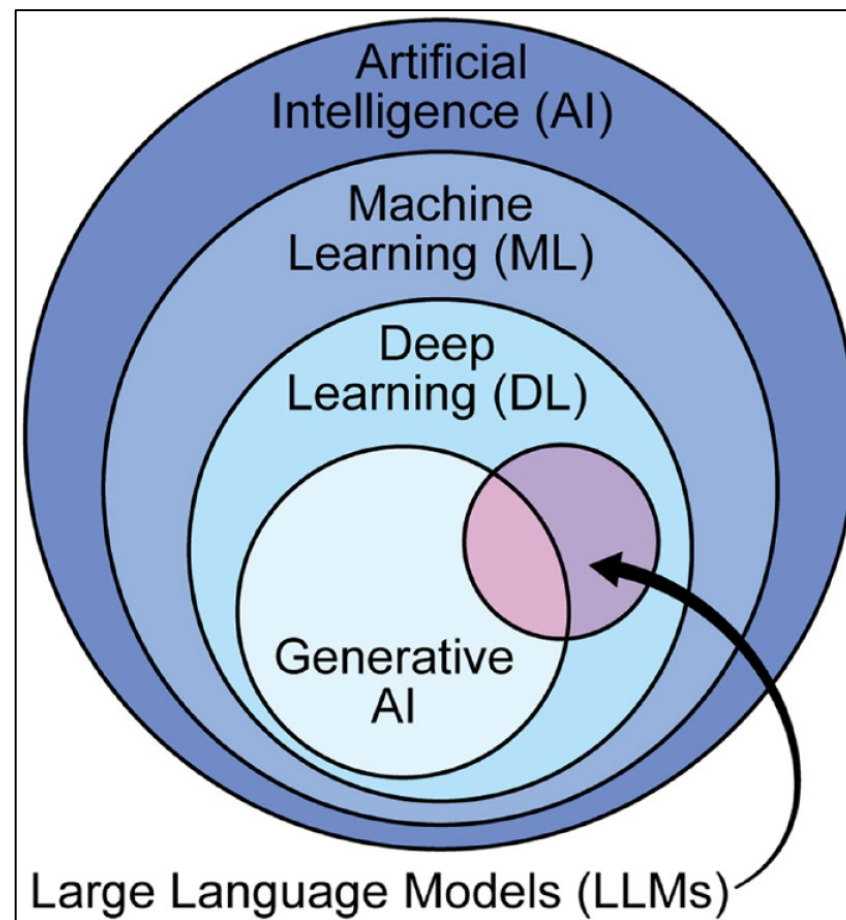
- Gulliver's Travels
- **Bayes Theorem**

1900s

- Electromechanical computation
- **Solid state computation**
- Perceptron
- AI Winter #1

2000s

- **Big Data**
- AI Winter #2
- **Computation density (GPU)**
- **Cloud architectures**



Artificial Intelligence concepts have been evolving for decades and encompasses many different subtopics



# Large Language Models

- **Text summarization/extraction**
- **Translation**
- **Question answering**
- **Categorization/classification**



## Capabilities

- **Searching through documents & websites**
- **Automatic report generation from notes/data**
- **Natural language interfaces**
- **Monitoring news/social media streams**

Chatbot, tell me joke

I got an email about how to read maps backwards. It was spam.

## Applications

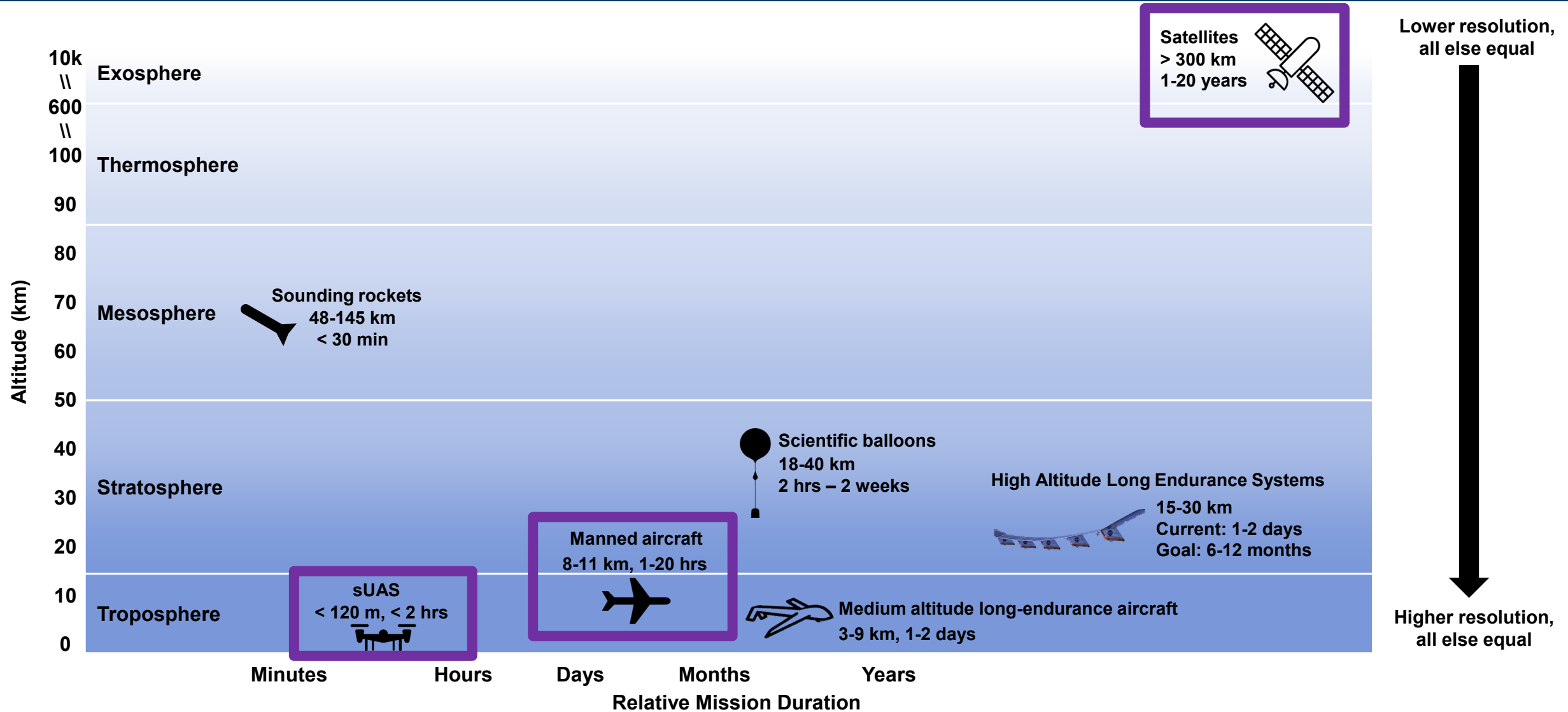
- **Accuracy and reliability**
  - LLMs are prone to “hallucinations,” where they make up facts
  - May pull from inaccurate sources
- **Bias, fairness**
  - LLMs reflect the biases in their training data

- **Computational requirements**
  - Computationally expensive, usually accessed on the cloud as a service
- **Ethical considerations**
  - Not entirely mapped out

## Challenges

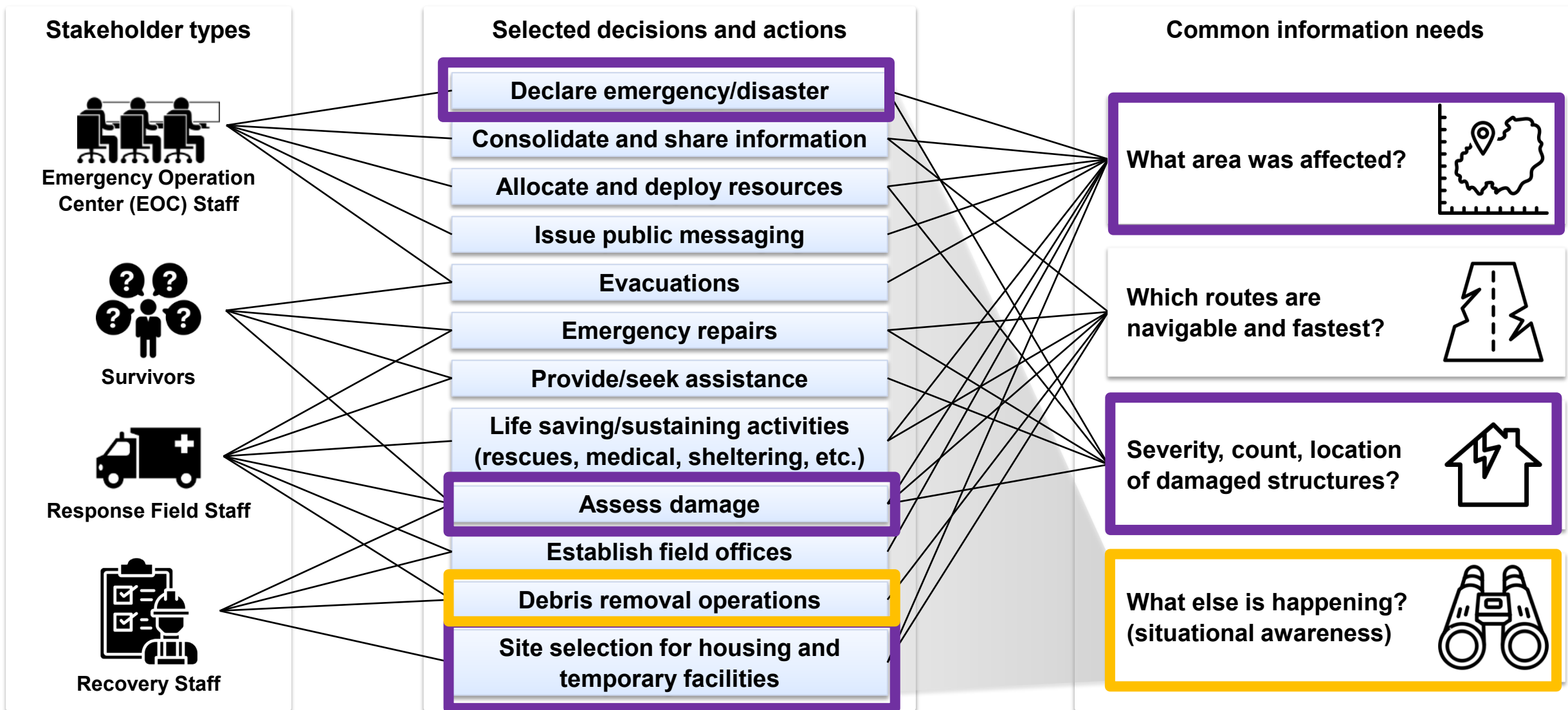


# Remote Sensing





# Current focus of many remote sensing efforts





# Remote Sensing

- **Overhead view of areas**
- **Color imagery**
- **Thermal imagery**
- **Material identification**
- **3D Models**



Capabilities

- **Damage and debris assessment**
- **Hazard boundary estimation**
- **Event planning**
- **Monitoring regions for change in land use**



Applications

- **Cost**
- **Timing and weather**
  - **Availability is dependent on satellite location and atmospheric conditions**
- **Data sharing**
  - **Data logistics and contracts can make it difficult to share**

- **Regulations**
  - **Privacy**
  - **Agency and flight**
- **Exploitation capacity**
  - **Human/machine processes**
- **Trust in AI/ML products**
  - **How good is good enough?**

Challenges



# Robotics



1

*Legged (Quadruped/Humanoid)*



2

*Wheeled/Tracked*

**Land**



3

*Fixed Wing*



4

*Multi-Rotor*

**Air**



5

*Underwater*



6

*Surface Craft*

**Water**

**Robots are best employed for tasks that are dull, dirty, or dangerous.**



# Robotics

- Remote Sensing
- Environment Manipulation
- Medical Support
- Incident Support



Capabilities

- Searching places that are dangerous to humans
- Rubble Removal
- Medical Supply Delivery
- Mobile Beacon or Repeater



Applications

- Autonomous extent
  - Performing tasks independently without human intervention
  - Safety Protocols
  - Fail-safes and redundancy
- GPS and Wireless-Denied Environments
  - Ability to control + electricity

- Human-Robot Interactions
  - Amount operator reasonably control
  - Survivor-robot interactions
  - Operator-robot interactions
- Extreme Terrains and Operating Conditions
  - Water + fine particulates

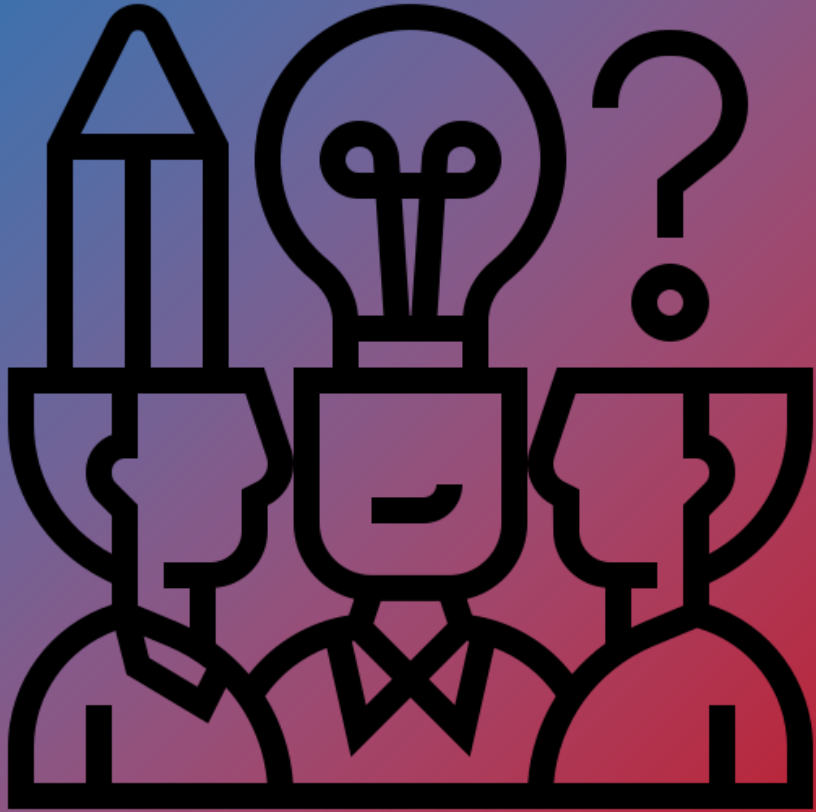
Challenges

# 04 | Group Breakouts

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## Objective

Determine significant challenges and possible solutions to pressing operational and technical workflows.



## How it will work

- In groups, identify challenges to your agency and/or discipline.
  - If needed, operational and technical challenges have been provided
- Work through the challenges in relation to the topics presented.
- We will brief back at the end.

# Example - Operational

- **Problem:** The US&R environment is too complex and dangerous for personnel to operate. There are limited US&R resources available in my jurisdiction.
- **Solution:** Autonomous systems (aerial, ground, underwater) with local mapping data.
- **Barriers:** Solutions must be low-cost, easily used by public safety personnel, rugged, etc.

# Example - Technical

- **Problem:** Geospatial data from neighboring jurisdictions/agencies lack interoperability. This includes operational, disaster, and other data sources.
- **Solution:** AI/ML learning to automatically extract, transform, and load based on industry standards.
- **Barriers:** Limited personnel with experience in AI/ML, data security concerns, bandwidth concerns.

# Example Challenges

## Operational

- Limited indoor mapping, tracking, and navigation capabilities
- Staffing for specialized teams/equipment
- Disparate technology among neighboring agencies

## Technical

- Lack of standards/interoperability
- Sensitivity around public safety data and info sharing
- Compute power for real-time operations
- Data complexity

## Challenges from breakout groups

- Interagency cooperation (inter/intra jurisdiction)
- Career fire vs volunteer fire technology (different software and some paper)
- Indoor localization (coming)
- Language and culture (AI solution, partly there)
- Systems integration (cost, effort)
- Everyone has unique requirements, so tech implementation is a challenge
  - Fire apparatus example – always custom
- Federal -> SLTT-> gradient
- Turnover in staffing/strategic planning
- No bandwidth to maintain what tech we already have – new tech is a challenge
  - What's the real benefit to the organization?
- Money. \$. Does a purchase decrease our work, or will it increase our work?
- Technical training availability (cost, time)

## Challenges from breakout groups : page 2

- Overarching problem: standardization.
- Accreditation is an example
- Policy
- Red tape
- Data sharing / trust
- Scale: small versus large department – how to standardize requirements so solutions can scale
- Blanket ban on AI due to policy.
  - Iterative, evaluating successes, generational staff changes.
- Staffing is prohibitively expensive (e.g. data scientist)

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## BEST SESSION EVER

- But we still miss Chad
- Operational vs technical requirements and language
  - How to best convey operational need to the folks who solve/fix it
- Simulating VR experiences for firefighters for better training
- Legislatures have a mandate to map schools – public safety wifi

# THANKS!

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