



Towards an intelligent, AI-native 6G network

Giacomo Bernini, R&D Operations Leader

Workshop on “Innovation and intelligence at the edge: the value of secure ICT services”

January 22nd 2025



NEXTWORKS
HEADING THE FUTURE

Company Overview & R&I&D technology areas

Base
Pisa 

Ideal location for the development of advanced technologies

Nextworks maintains excellent links with the local academia



Established
2002

Core team with 20+ years of experience in ICT, telecommunications, control & automation



R&D Expenditure
~20%

(out of 7 M€ turnover)
The time gap between technological innovation and obsolescence is narrowing, so it's mandatory to invest in research and innovation

5G/6G

5G/6G, AI/ML, NFV, MEC, SDN ARCHITECTURE AND TOOLS

- Network [data analytics](#) and [AI/ML](#)-based orchestration, slicing, and automation ([ETSI ZSM & ENI](#)) in cloud-native infrastructures
- Network [security](#) management
- Network Function Virtualization (NFV) and Multi-access Edge Computing (MEC)
- Software Defined Networking (SDN), OpenDaylight and TeraFlowSDN controller and vRAN controller ([O-RAN](#))
- [NTN](#) integration
- OpenStack, [Kubernetes](#)



CLOUD-NATIVE IoT SOLUTION DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

- Smart Home/Building solutions
- Smart Factories solutions
- Joint data and resource control in [device/edge/cloud continuum](#)
- Cyber-physical security for IoT platforms
- Big Data [analytics](#) in the Edge/Cloud for [predictions and optimizations](#)

Our research directions

Key Concepts

- ◆ Cognitive Closed Loop optimization
- ◆ Distributed and pervasive through AI-as-a-Service
- ◆ Network exposure exposure through MLOps APIs
- ◆ Distributed intent management translation and closed loops
- ◆ Network Digital Twins coordination
- ◆ Cross-stakeholder Network management and exposure
- ◆ DevSecOps to offer services from multiple providers



Multi-stakeholder collaborative and distributed framework

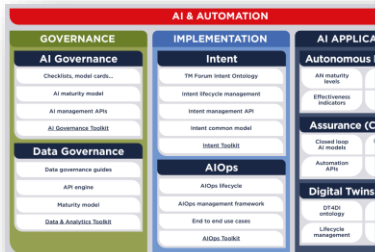


Non-public networks



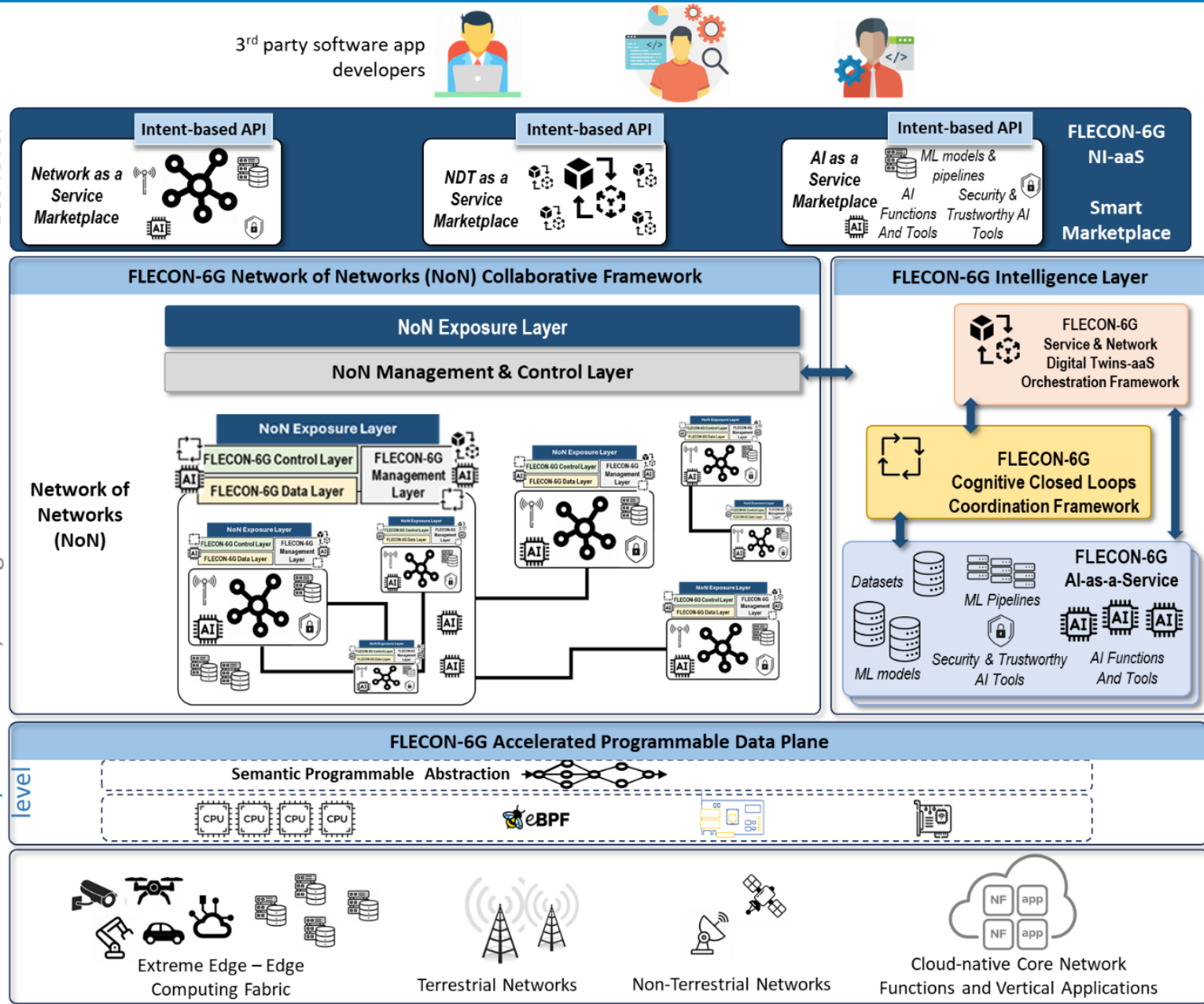
Public networks

Relevant standards



FLECON-6G Multi-technology and multi-domain infrastructure

Data plane level
Control, Management & Orchestration level
BSS level



Thanks!

Giacomo Bernini

R&D Operations Leader

g.bernini@nextworks.it

N E X T W O R K S
H E A D I N G T H E F U T U R E

info@nextworks.it
www.nextworks.it
HQ: via Livornese, 1027-29, 56122 Pisa (Italy)
Tel: +39-050-3871600
Fax: +39-050-3871601

