



# GSM

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# Historic Cellular PHY Perspective

Coping with the **PA**

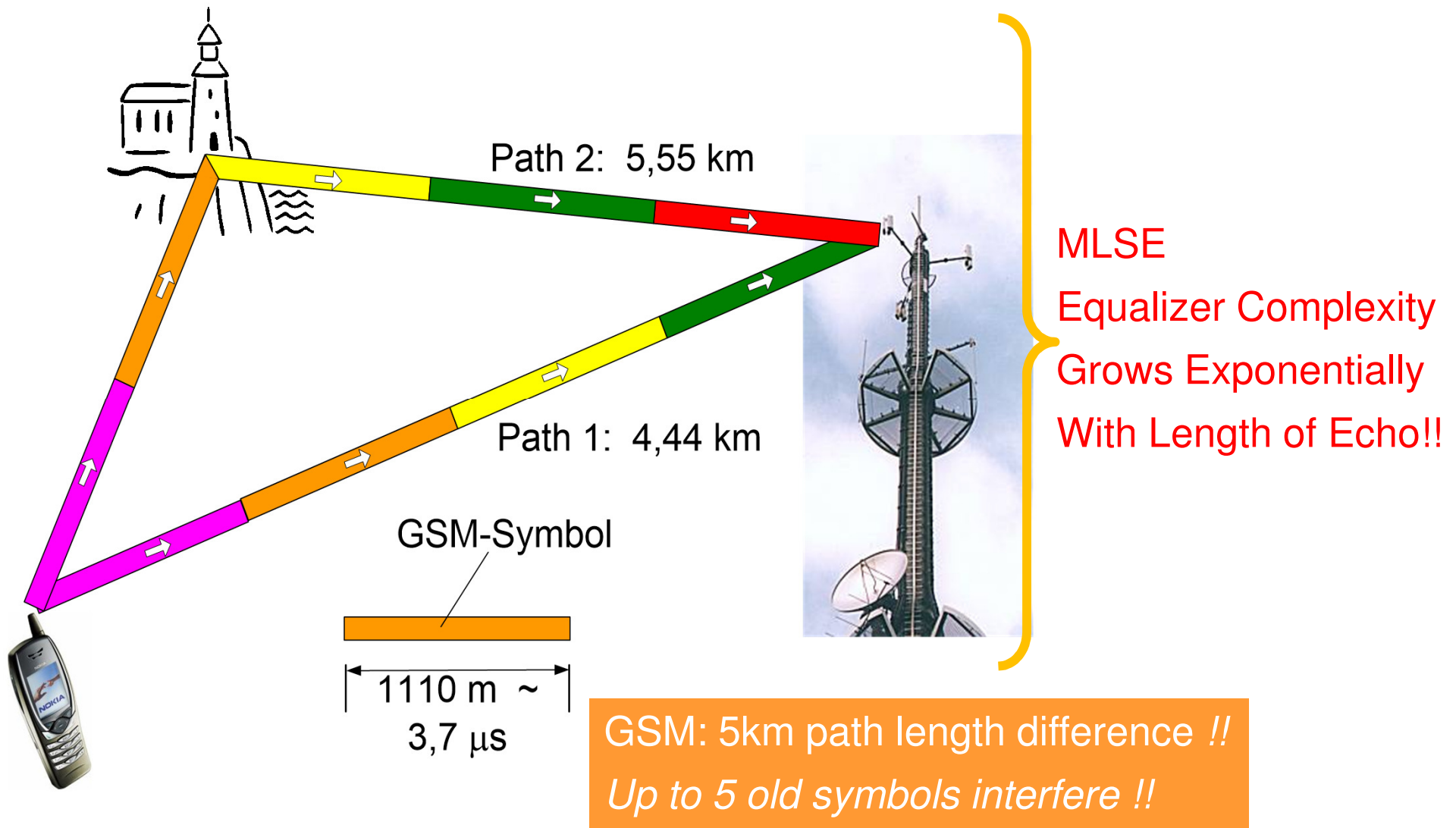
Coping with the **Channel**

Coping with **Time**

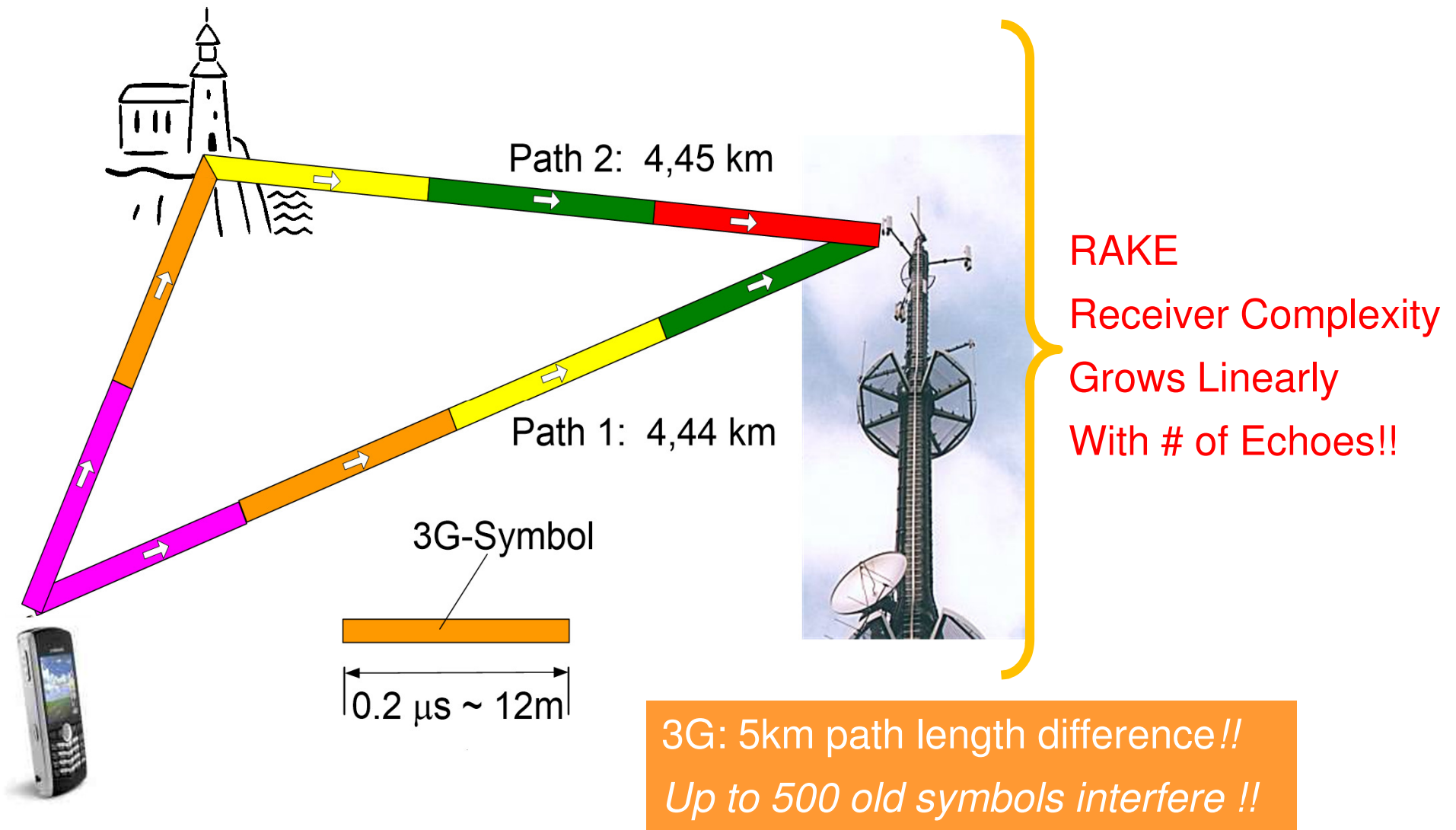
Coping with **Space**

Coping with **Frequency**

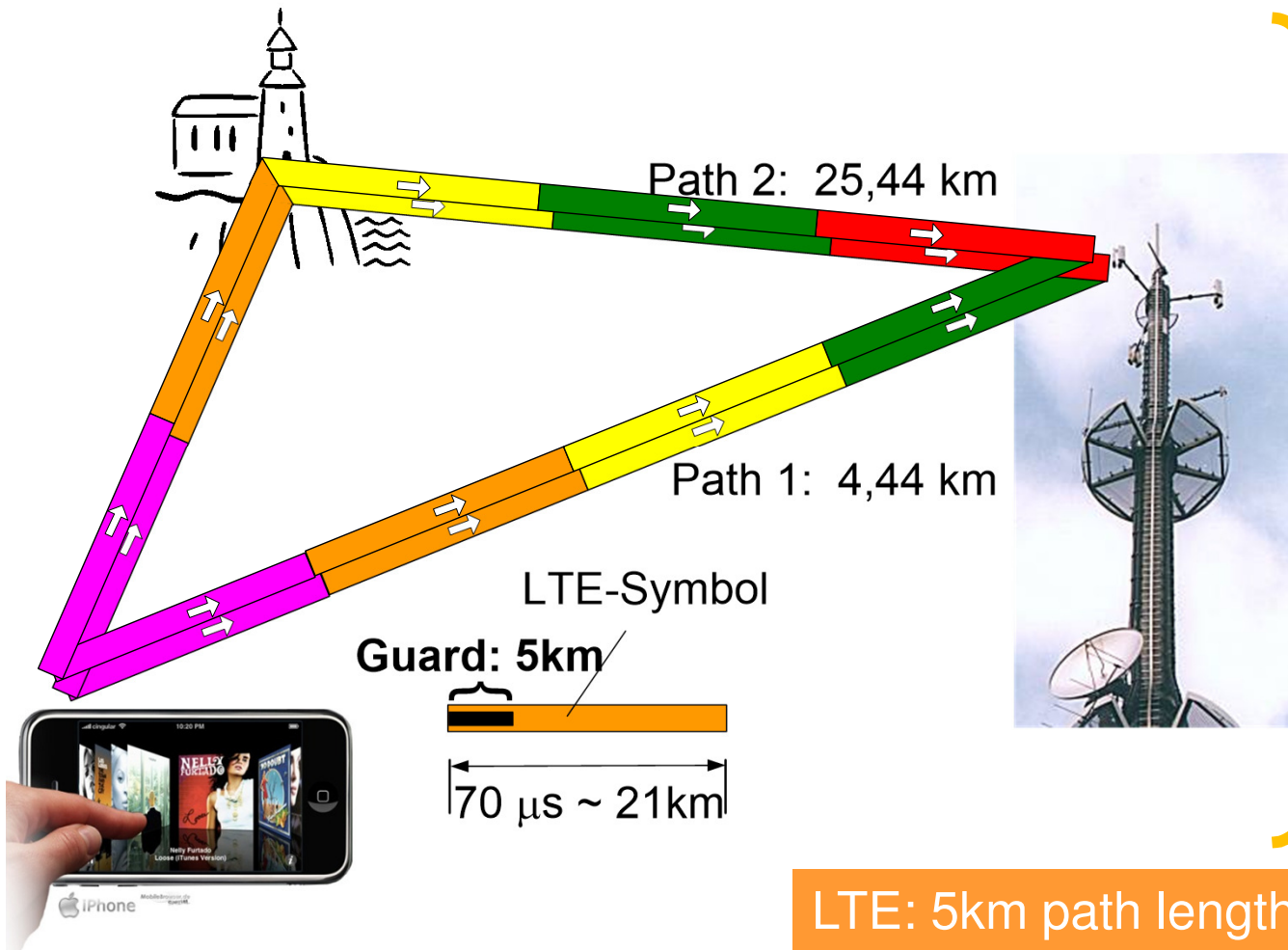
# Coping with Time: Single Carrier



# Coping With Time: Spread Spectrum



# Coping With Time: OFDM



OFDM Receiver  
Complexity Grows  
Logarithmically with  
Length of Echoes!!

LTE: 5km path length difference!!  
*ZERO old symbols interfere !!*

# Receiver Complexity Reduction

## **2G: MLSE**

Equalizer Complexity  
Grows Exponentially  
With Length of Echoes!!



## **3G: RAKE**

Receiver Complexity  
Grows Linearly  
With number of Echoes!



## **4G/LTE: OFDM**

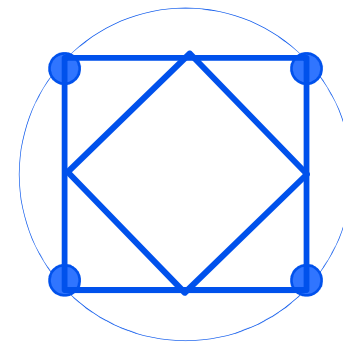
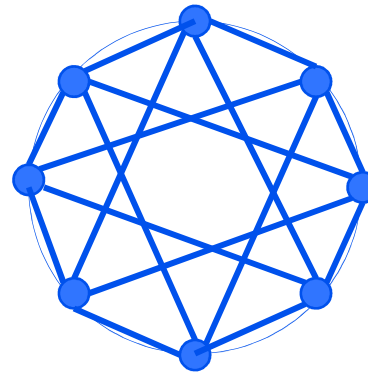
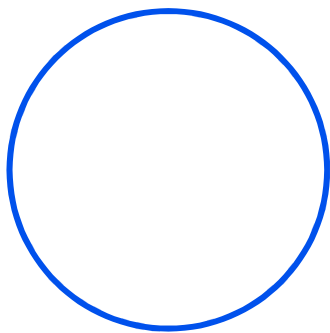
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# Power Amplifier

Original idea: 8W transmit power for car phones

- PAPR: Peak-to-Average Power Ratio
- PAPR determines the power amplifier required

→ GSM: GMSK Gaussian Minimum Shift Keying



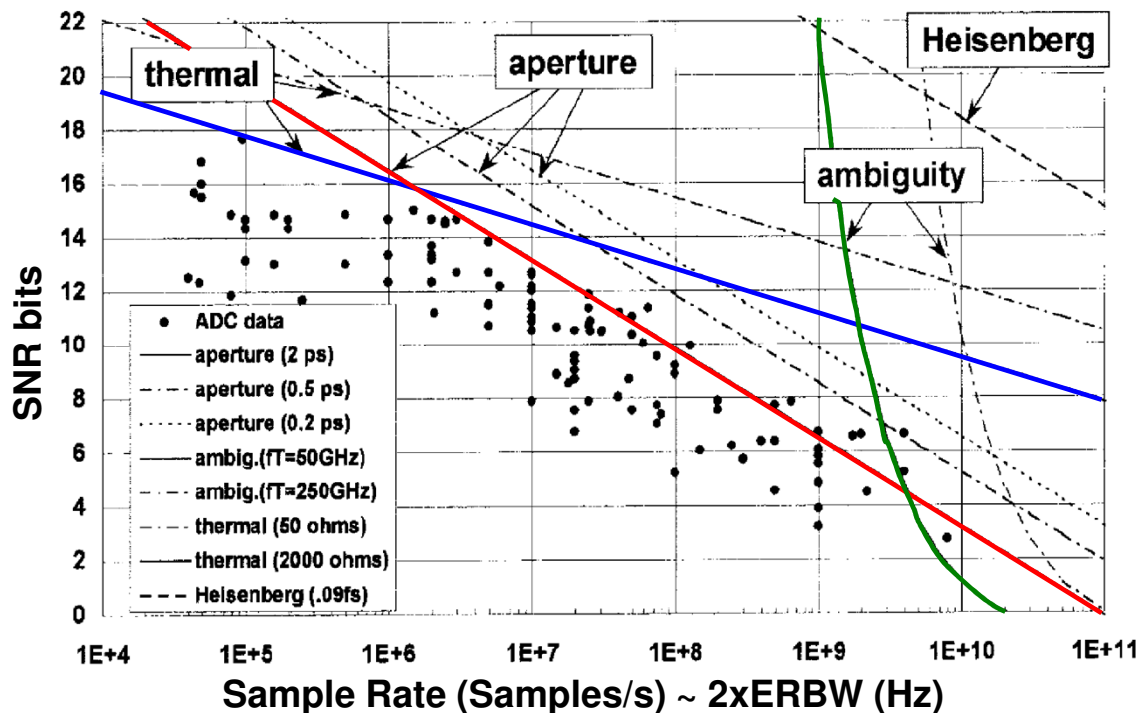
## Analog to digital conversion challenge

Choose an AD interface that can be implemented

- ❑ Concerning power budget
- ❑ Die size budget (AFE chip / analog front-end)



# Analysis of SNR limiting effects of (Nyquist-)ADCs



SNR performance limits due to:

- thermal noise
- aperture jitter
  - sampling time errors
- comparator ambiguity
  - quantization errors due to limited comparator speed

taken from: Walden, Robert H.: "Analog-to-Digital Converter Survey and Analysis." IEEE JSAC-17(4), 1999.

- For an effective resolution bandwidth (ERBW) range of about 1 MHz to 1 GHz **aperture jitter** is the dominating effect that limits the SNR of high resolution wideband ADCs.
- **In 1986: 8-bit ADCs at 200kHz were ok to be integrated in silicon!**

# Spectrum Limitations

## Requirements

- Spectrum availability
- Coverage “guarantee”
- RF circuit technology

## Solution

- ~ 900MHz

## A wireless channel

- Delay spread
- Doppler spread
- Coherence time
- Coherence bandwidth

# Physical Channel Limitations

35km cell radius

- Timing advance of  $100\mu\text{s}$
- Delay spread  $<6\text{km}$
- Delay spread of  $20\mu\text{s}$

@1GHz and 250km/h

- Doppler spread of approx. 500Hz
- Coherence time of approx. 2ms
- “Burst” packet  $577\mu\text{s}$  not  $\ll 2\text{ms} \Rightarrow$  sync midamble



training sequence

# HISTORIC REVIEW

## 2) The First Mobiles



1992

Motorola International  
1000



1993

Ericsson GH 172



1999

Nokia 7110 mit  
WAP-Browser

**GSM – God Send us Mobiles**





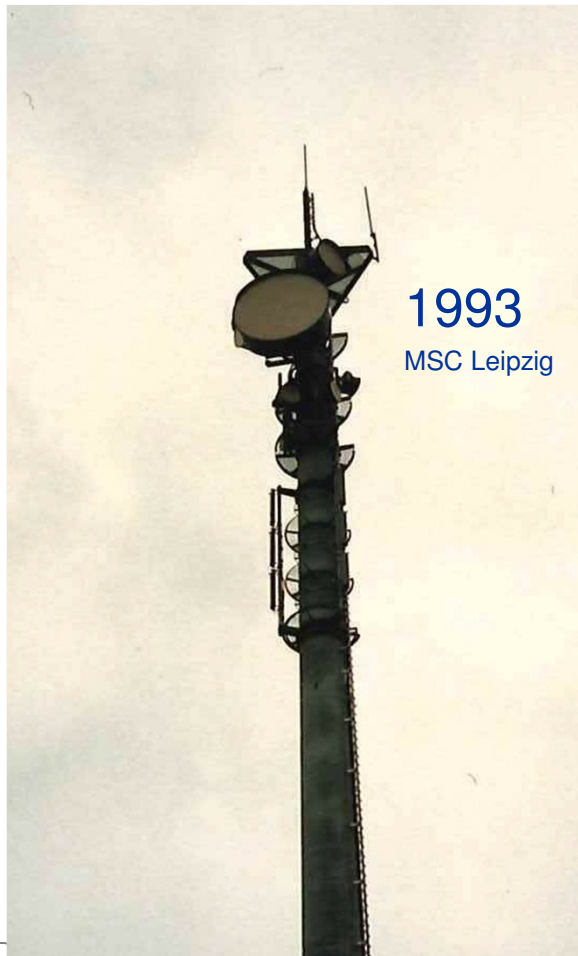




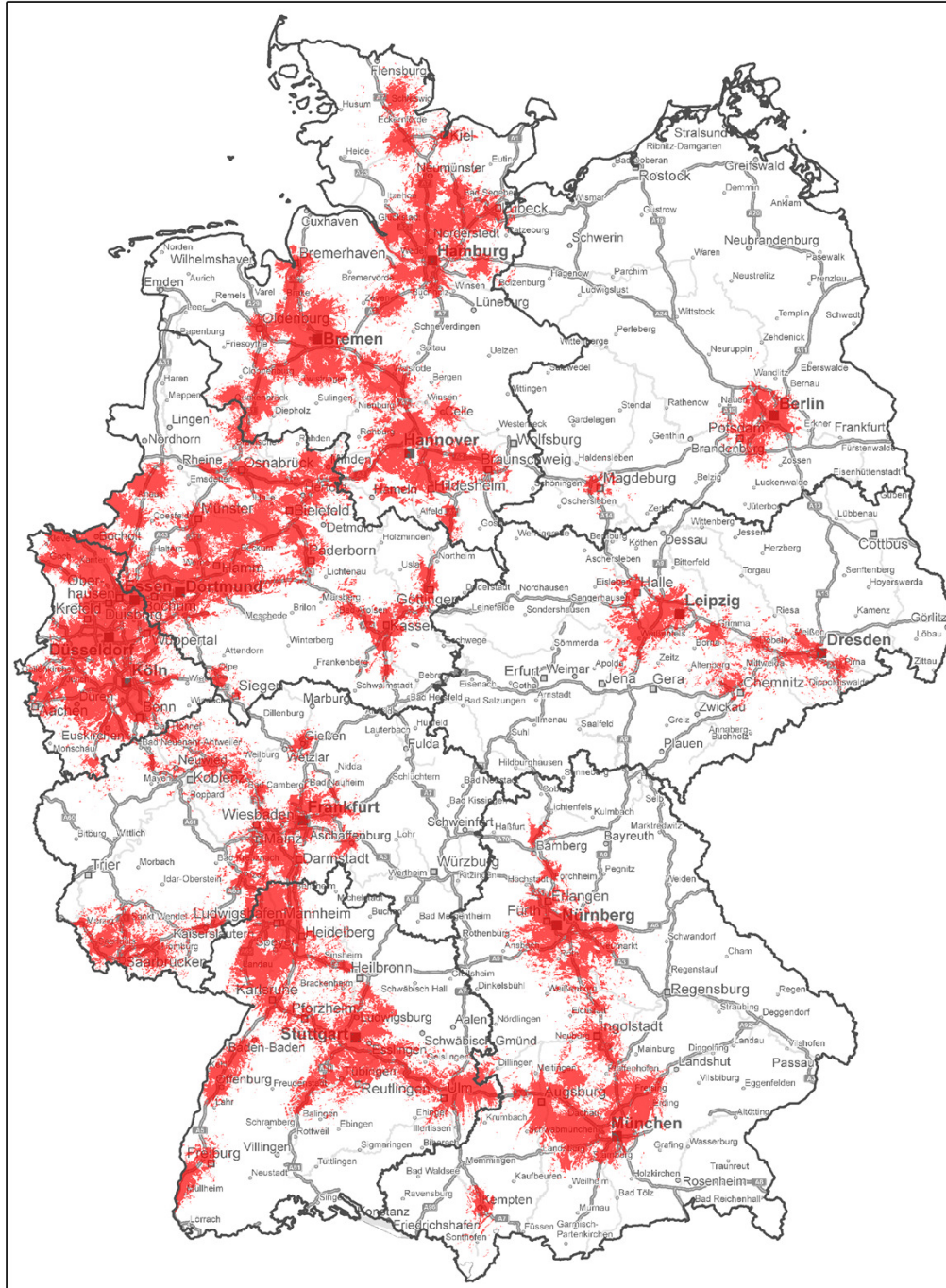
### 3) First Network Deployments

Antenna

Siemens GSM BSC  
1999

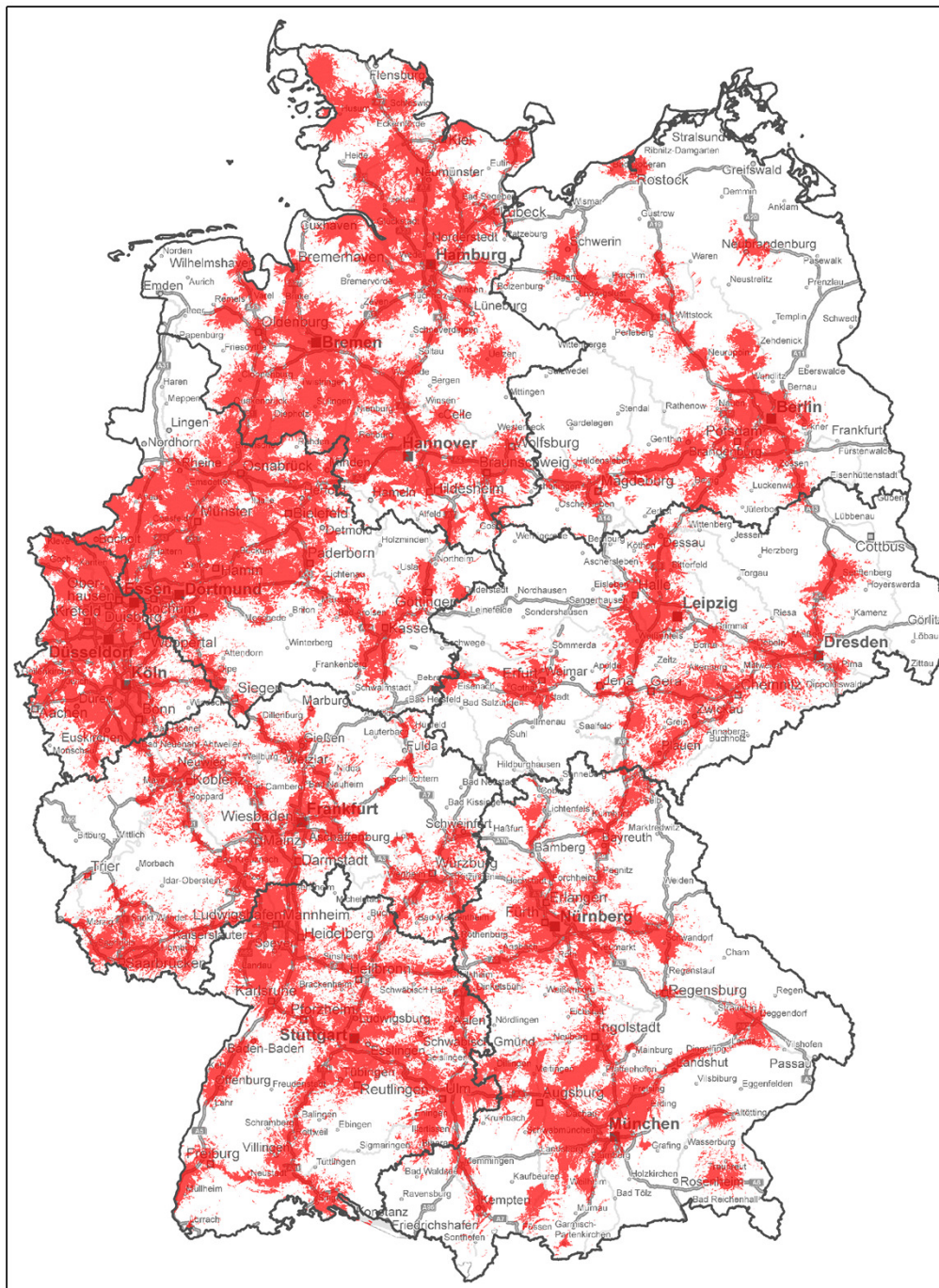


Mid  
1992



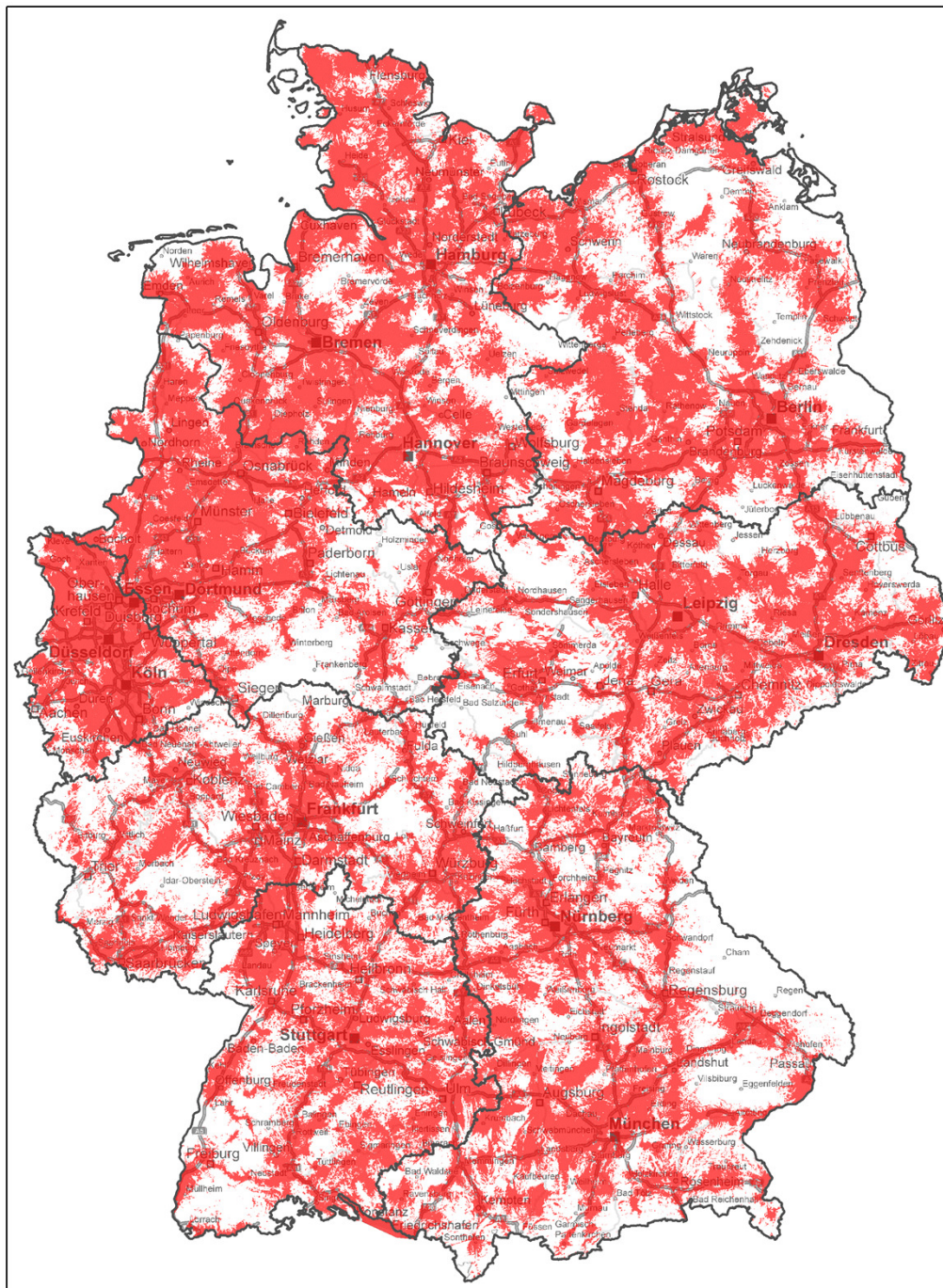
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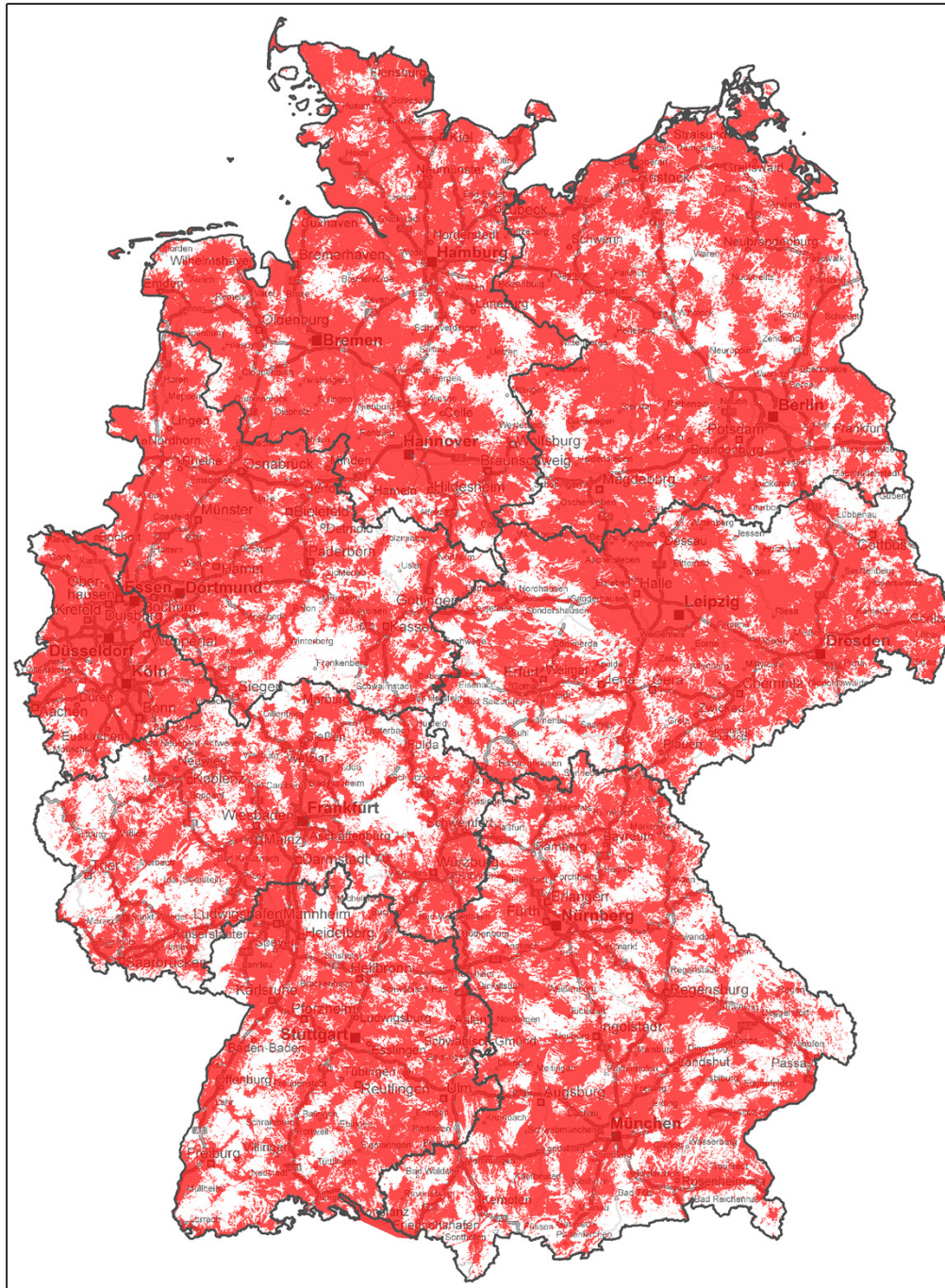
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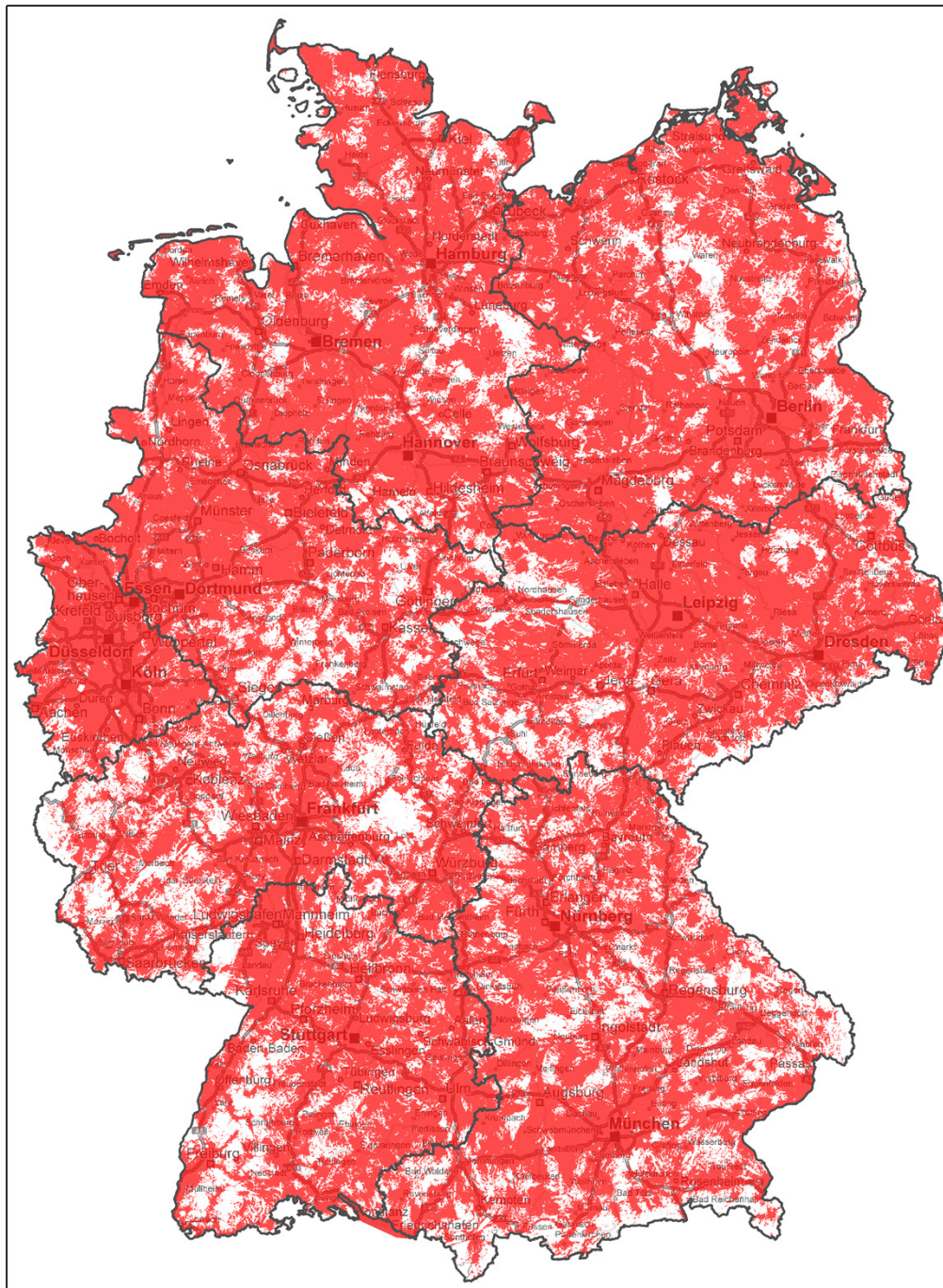
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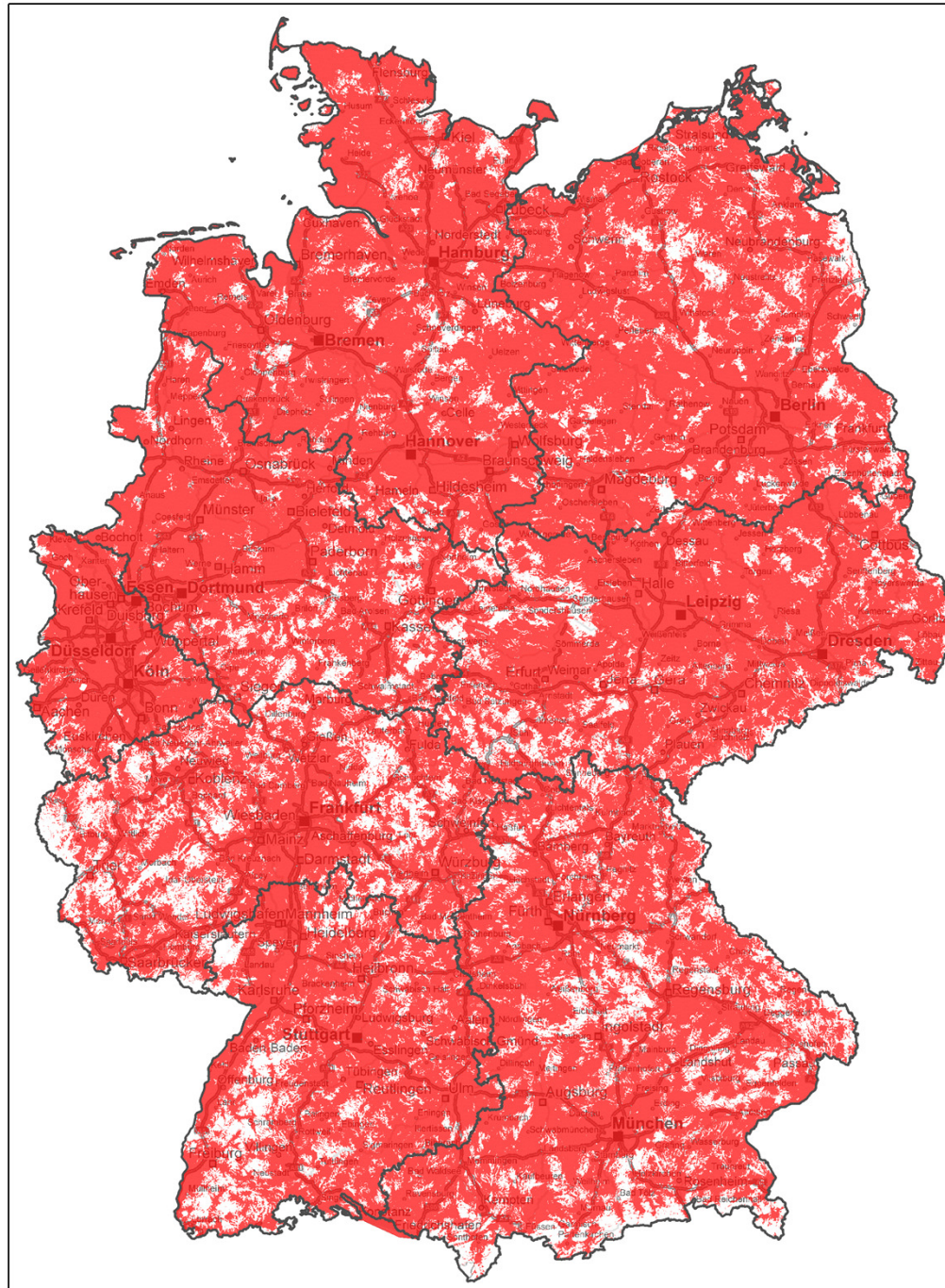
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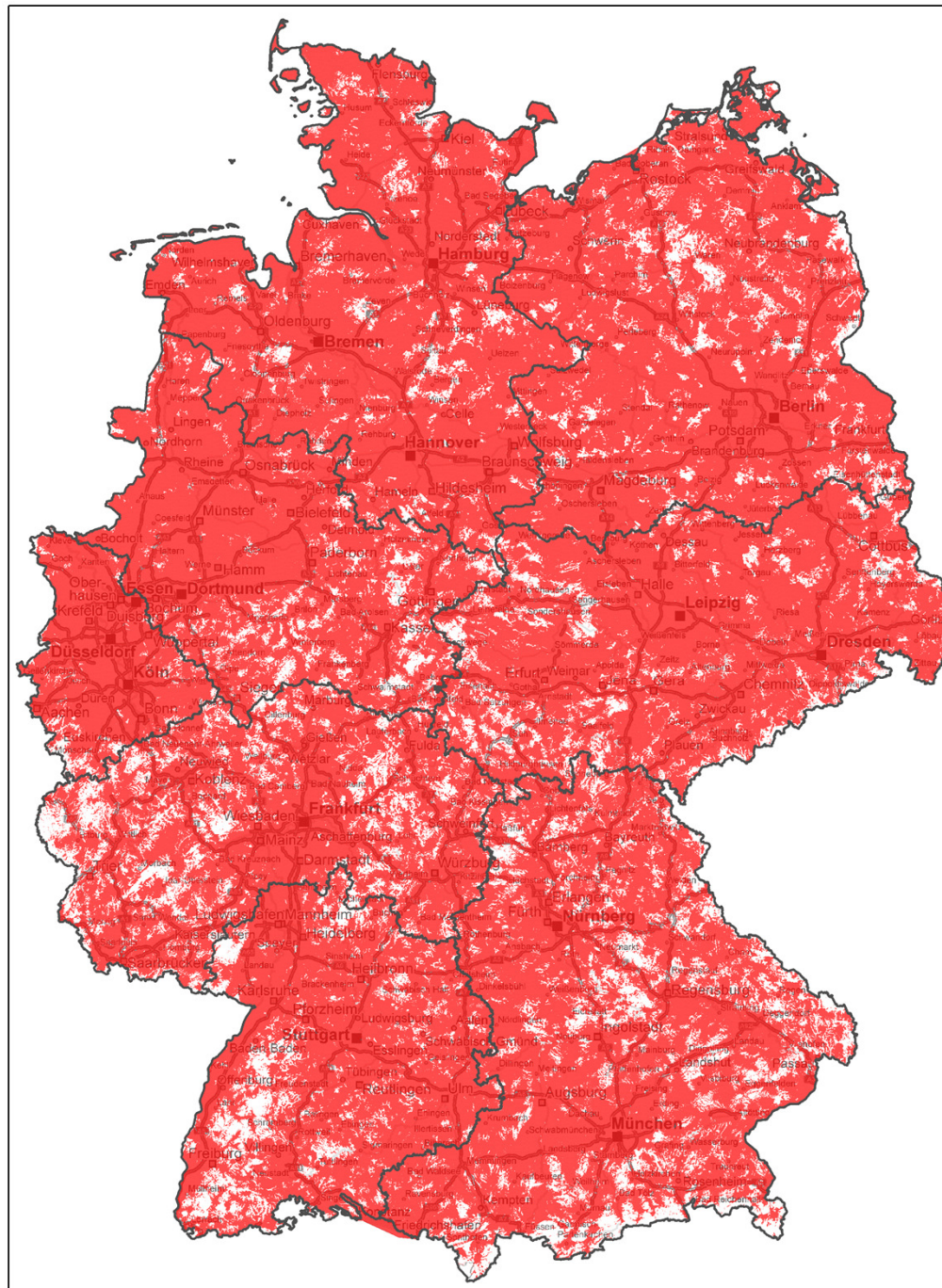
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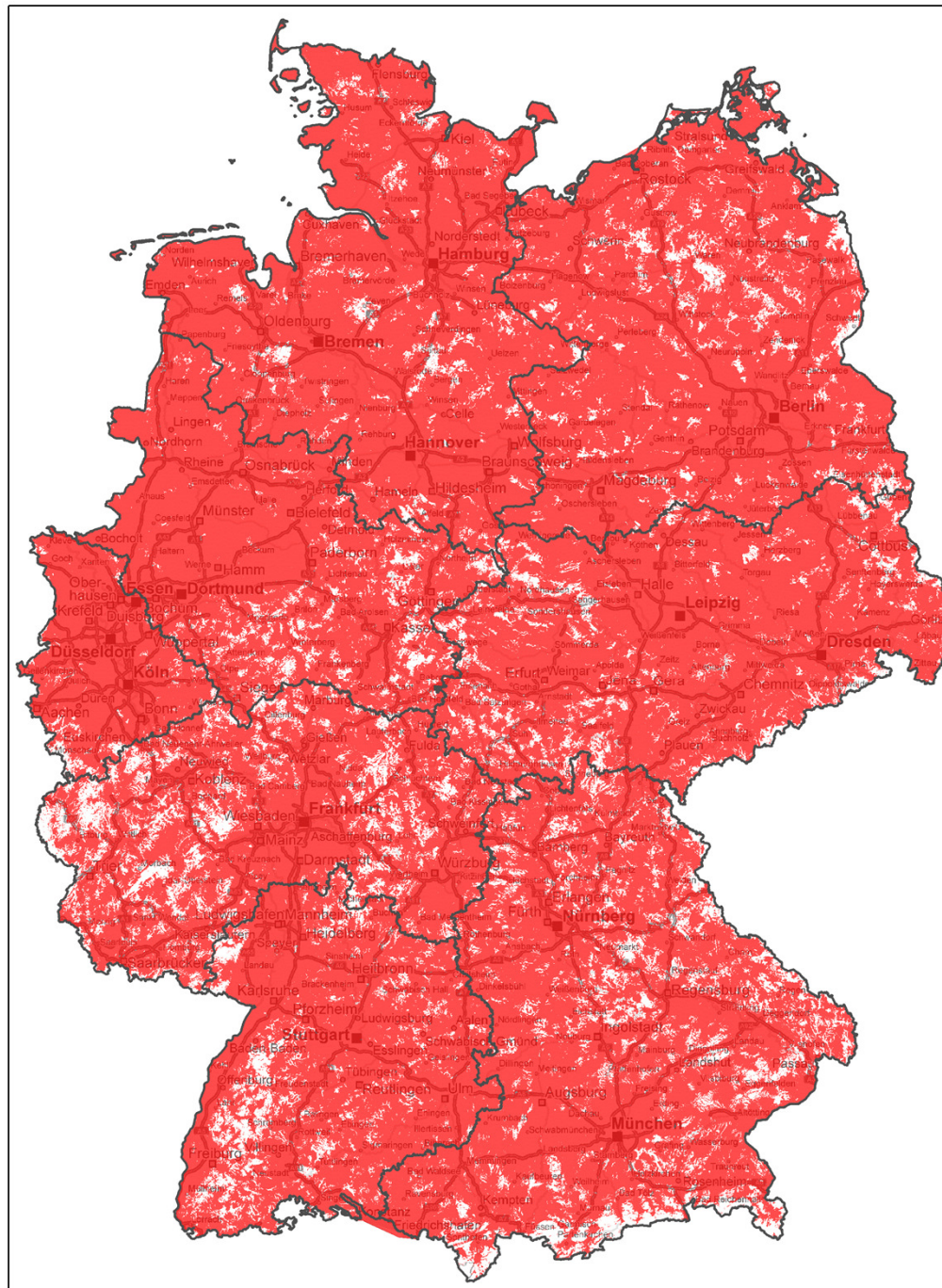


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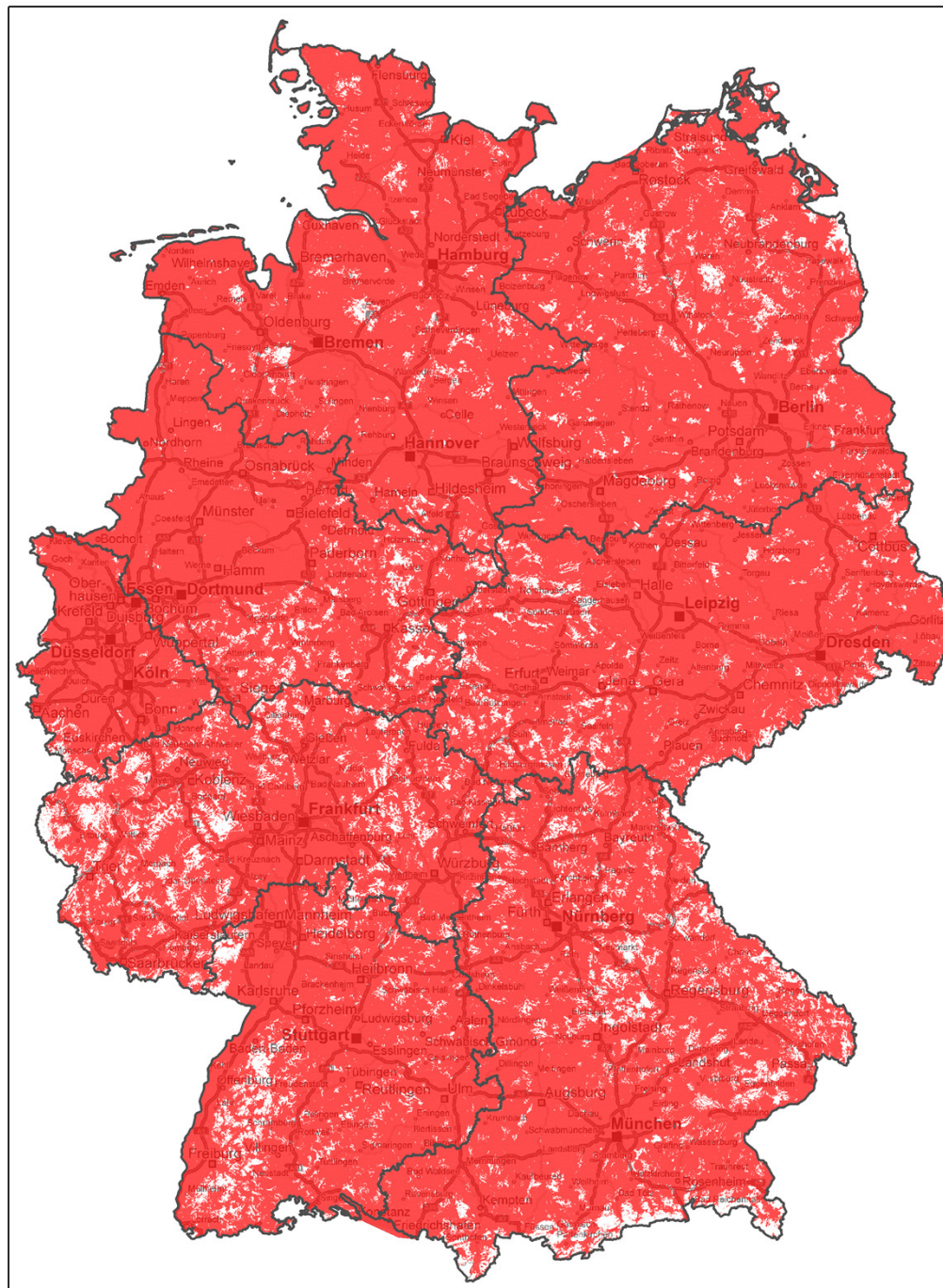
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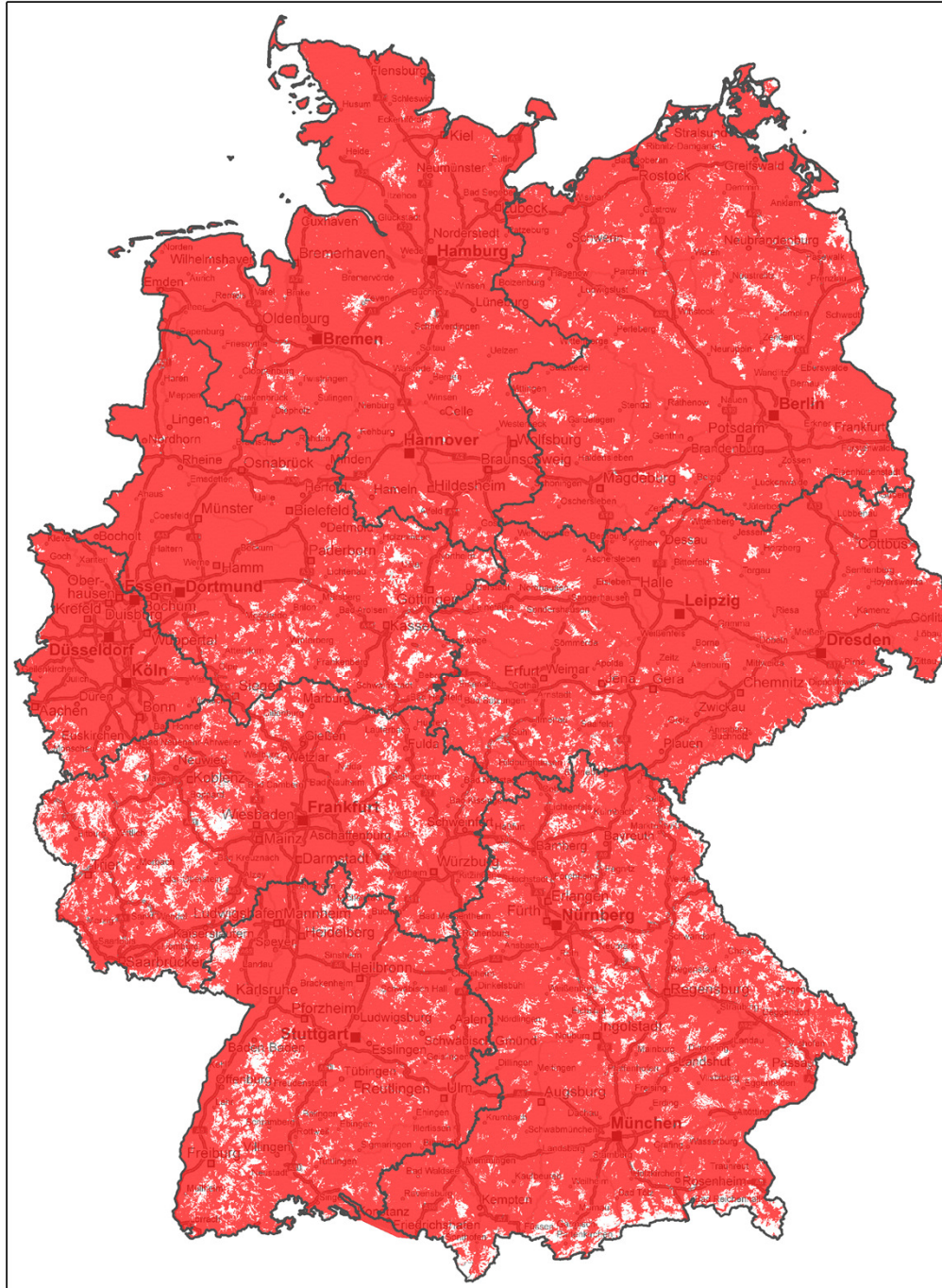
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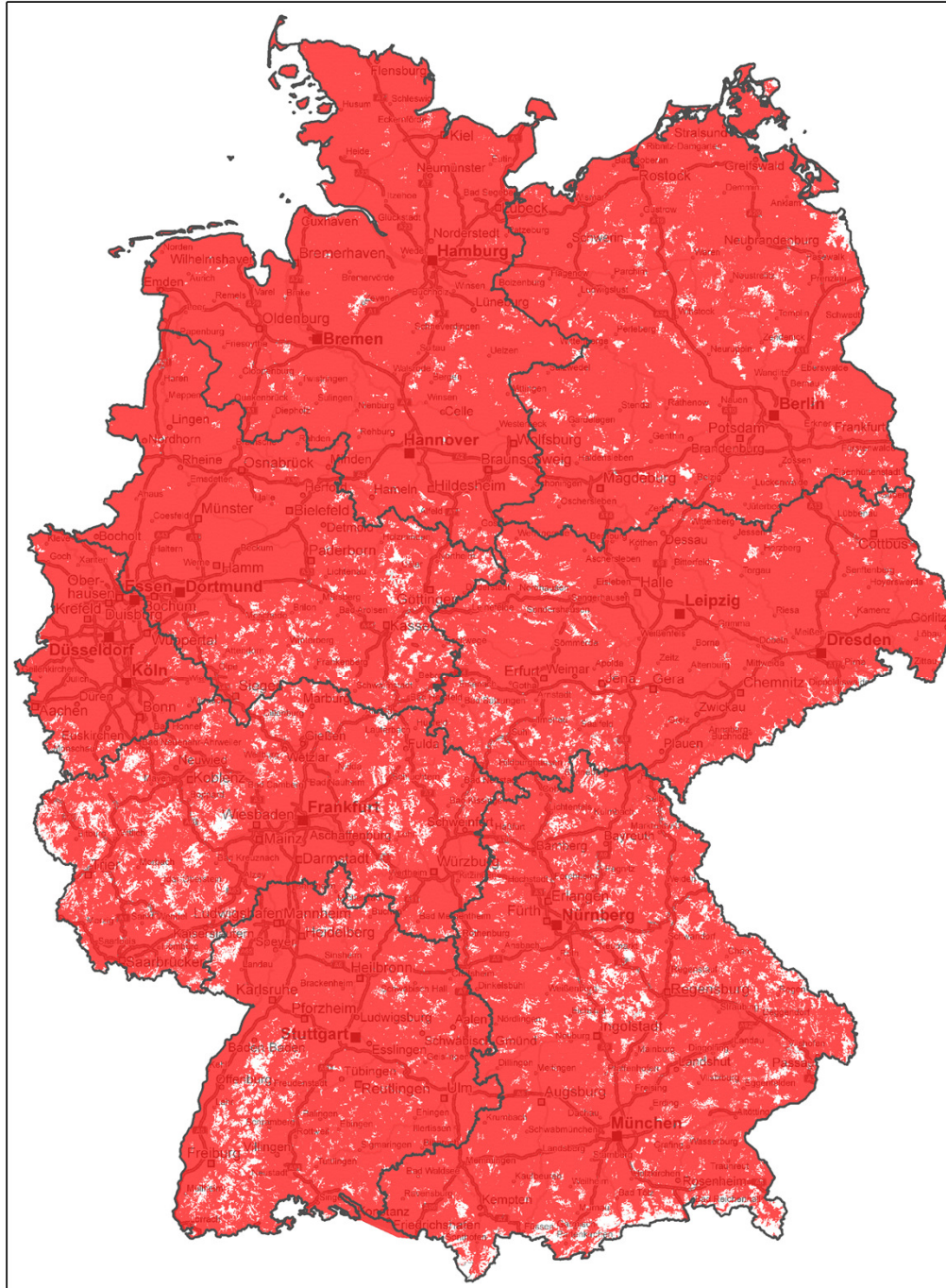
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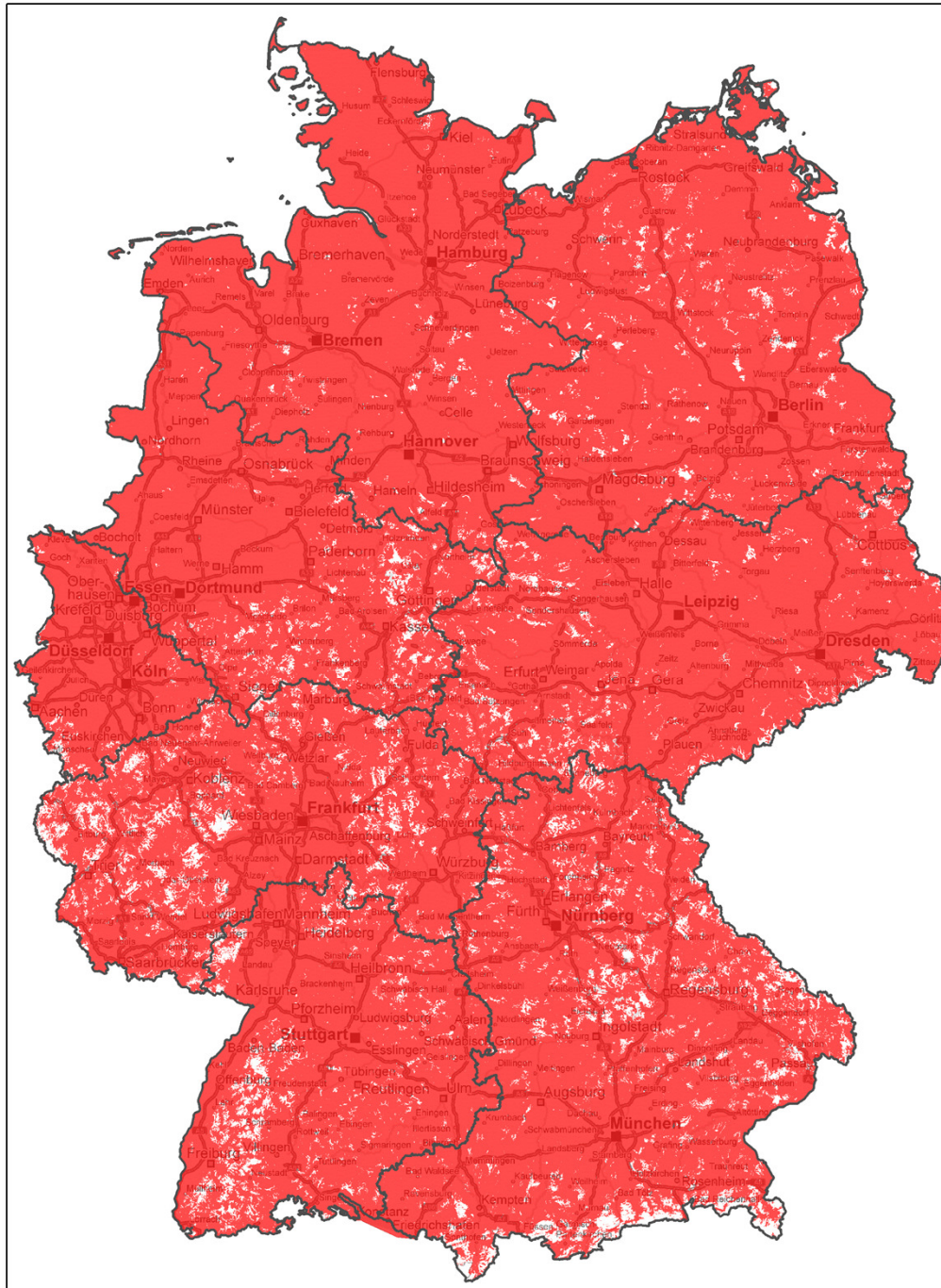
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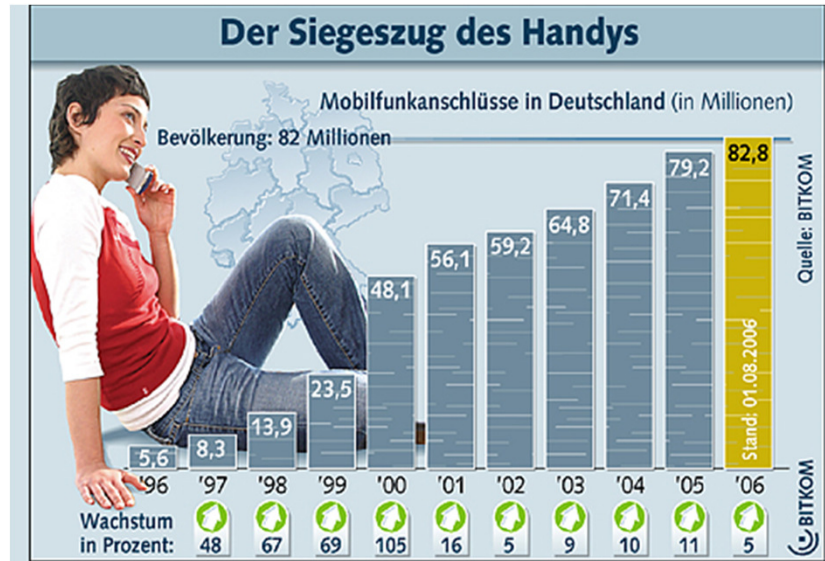
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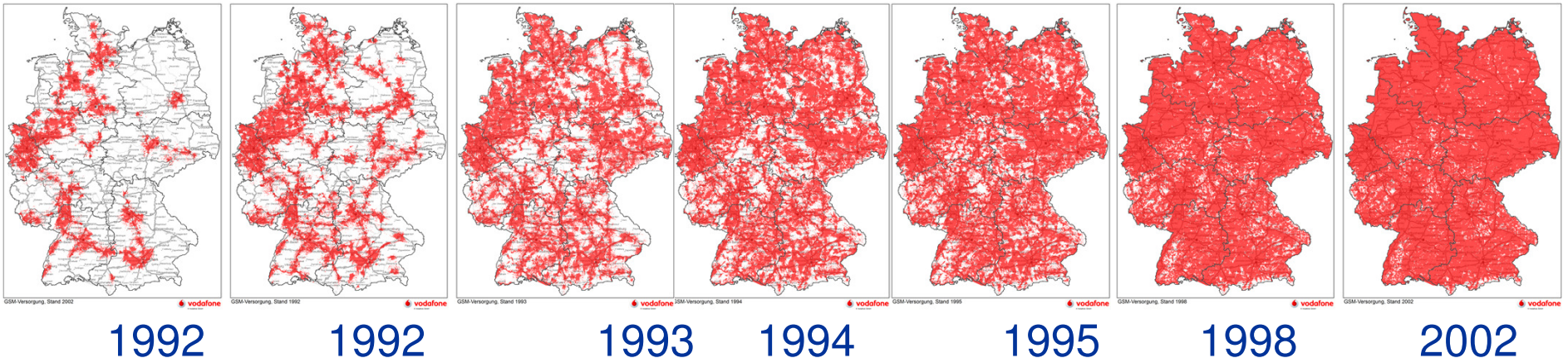


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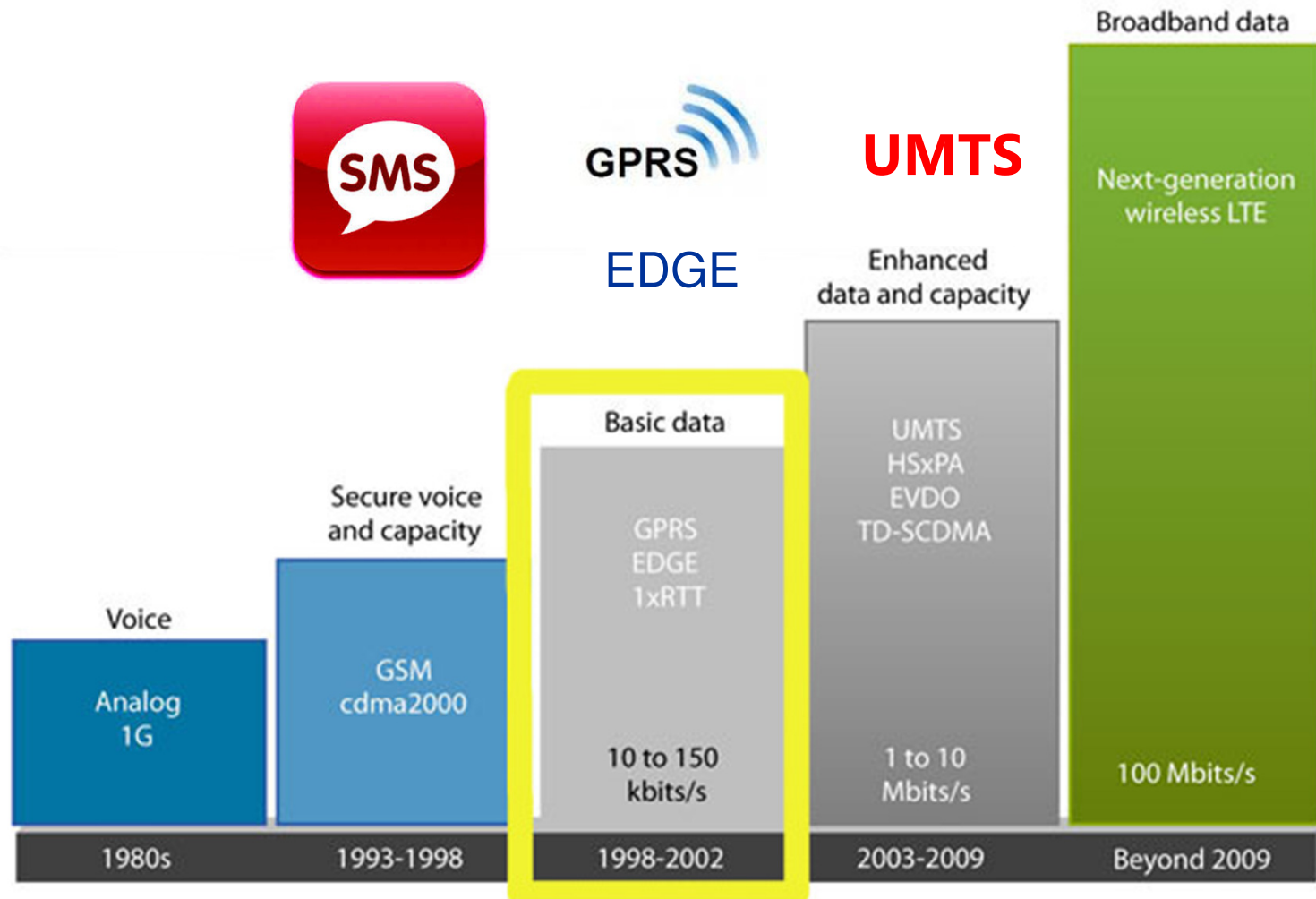
# 4) How it began in Germany



## Vodafone GSM Deployment



# 6) Mobile Services

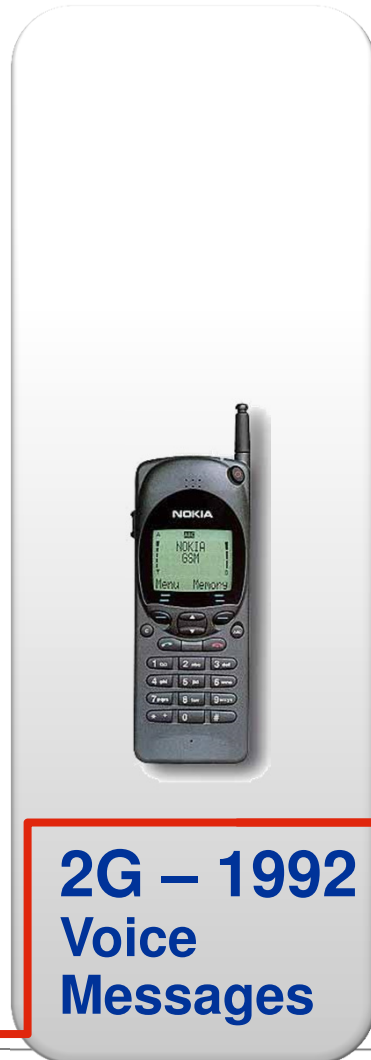


Cellular services have evolved from the analog first generation to today's 3G digital phones. The next step, Long-Term Evolution (LTE), promises downlink speeds of up to 100 Mbits/s and uplink speeds of up to 50 Mbits/s.



# GSM: Where It Began

## Cellular Roadmap





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