



# Wireless Technologies for the Enterprise

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# Agenda

- How smartphones are changing the network
- Wireless technologies
- Wi-Fi update
- White spaces
- Concluding thoughts

# Smartphones Need Wireless Bandwidth

- Smartphone market is set for fast growth
  - Converging on 2 platforms: Apple iPhone and Google Android
- Operators, accustomed to having tight reigns over traffic on their networks, have now lost control over hundreds of thousands of mobile applications consuming wireless bandwidth.

By the end of 2010, smartphone sales will pass 250 million units worldwide - a rise of over 35% and representing 1 in 5 of all handsets sold.

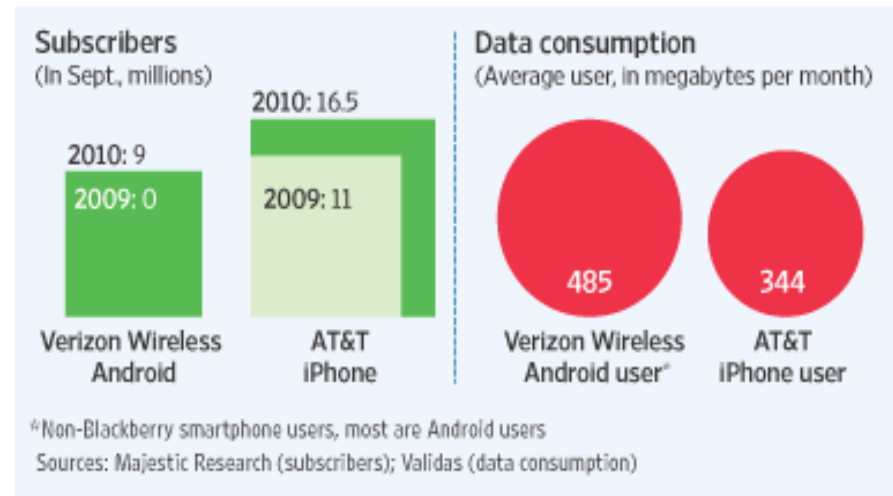
20% market share smartphones consume over 80% of mobile bandwidth.

Source: [Informa Telecoms & Media](#)

# Smartphones Load Mobile Nets

- Priority for carriers like Verizon and AT&T is to optimize smartphone user experience
  - Ensure adequate bandwidth on their networks
  - Verify application behavior in the presence of network impairments (delay, jitter, packet loss), roaming and physical layer conditions
  - Optimize range and throughput on the physical layer (radio and antenna)
- Verizon's ODI and other certification programs are a vehicle to optimize smartphone user experience.

Verizon “has been meeting with Apple, adding capacity and testing its networks to prepare for the heavy data load from iPhone users. The carrier is seeking to avoid the kind of public-relations hit AT&T Inc. took when iPhone users overtaxed its network”, [WSJ](#).



# Smartphones Drive Mobile Broadband

- Traditionally voice-centric mobile industry is bracing for the flood of smartphones that are...
  - Running data-centric apps
  - Equipped with multiple radios

Mobile data revenues in the U.S. approached \$25 billion during the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2010, up 27% from 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2009

Source: CTIA

CDMA  
 GSM  
 WCDMA/HSxPA  
 Wi-Fi  
 Bluetooth  
 and soon LTE



**WEB ACCESS**  
**Email**  
**Skype**  
**VPN**  
**File Sharing**

Motorola's Droid Pro features corporate email, a unified calendar with additional work tools and Quickoffice Mobile Suite

Source: [FireceWireless](#)

# Complex Smartphone Technology

- New smartphone challenges include
  - Performance and responsiveness of apps
  - Roaming functionality and speed
  - Simultaneous operation of multiple radios
  - Battery life

## Applications

Circuit calls

Web access

Email

VPN

File sharing

Handovers

## Radio interfaces

Bluetooth

Wi-Fi

CDMA

WCDMA/HSxPA

GSM

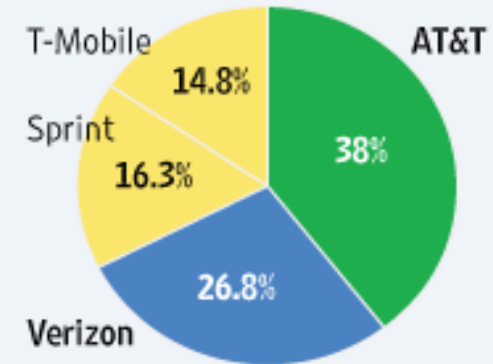
LTE

Exponential # of Use Cases

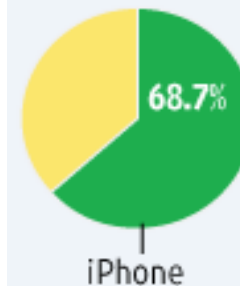
# Operators Focusing on the Enterprise

- Smartphones are computers connected over the operator network to enterprise IT services
  - Email, file sharing, VPN, collaborative apps
- Due to explosive growth of smartphones, pads and mobile applications, mobility is now part of the Enterprise IT's budget.
- Operators can use this budget to optimize IT user experience.

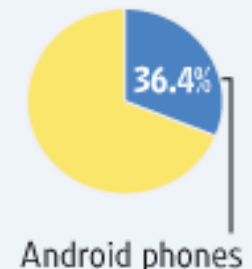
Share of U.S. smartphone subscribers, August 2010



AT&T smartphones



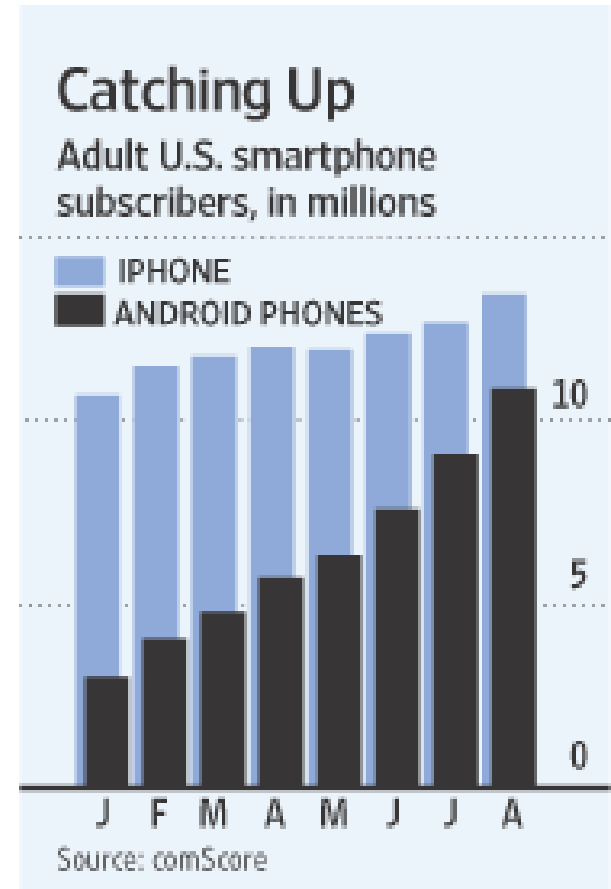
Verizon smartphones



Source: comScore

# iPhone vs. Android

- In the last 6 months, Android has been the most popular OS; BlackBerry and Apple are equal contenders for 2<sup>nd</sup> place.
- 100,000 Android applications are available to download.
- Major adopters of Android
  - Motorola, Samsung, HTC
- Next version of iPhone will support Verizon's CDMA network; iPhone 4 supports AT&T's GSM and UMTS





## Transition to LTE

- By the end of 2010 Verizon plans to have LTE networks in 38 cities, including New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Boston.
- LTE, being the first all-IP mobile network, will present operators with new challenges
  - Ensuring end-to-end network QoS
  - High-quality service delivery
  - IMS for the delivery of multimedia services

***Applications need to work during handovers among 2G/3G/4G RANs.***

More than a dozen LTE networks will go live by the end of this year and more than 60 operators have committed to LTE deployments.

Source: Infonetics Research

101 LTE network deployments are in progress in 41 countries around the world.

Source: [GSA](#)

# The G's

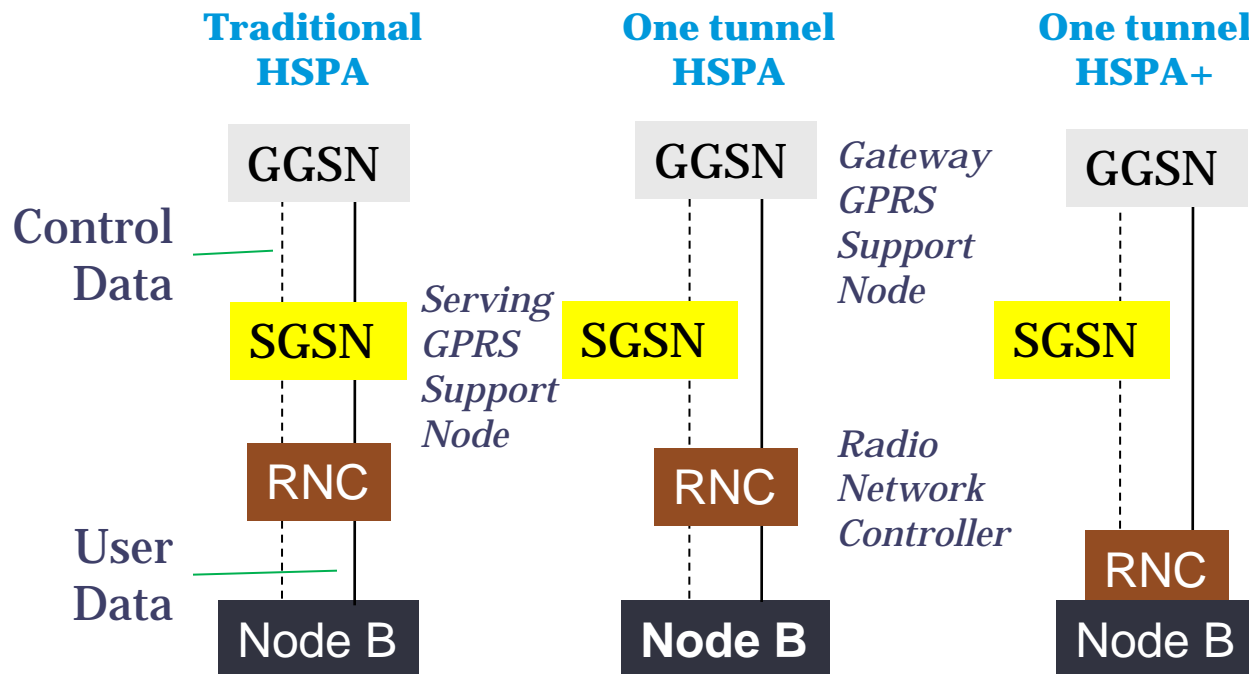
G		Peak Data Rate (Mbps)	
		Downlink	Uplink
1	Analog	19.2 kbps	
2	Digital – TDMA, CDMA	14.4 kbps	
3	Improved CDMA variants (WCDMA, CDMA2000)	144 kbps (1xRTT); 384 kbps (UMTS); 2.4 Mbps (EVDO)	
3.5	HSPA (today)	14 Mbps	2 Mbps
3.75	HSPA (Release 7) DL 64QAM or 2x2 MIMO; UL 16QAM	28 Mbps	11.5 Mbps
	HSPA (Release 8) DL 64QAM and 2x2 MIMO	42 Mbps	11.5 Mbps
3.9	WiMAX Release 1.0 TDD (2:1 UL/DL ratio), 10 MHz channel	40 Mbps	10 Mbps
	LTE, FDD 5 MHz UL/DL, 2 Layers DL	43.2 Mbps	21.6 Mbps
	LTE CAT-3	100 Mbps	50 Mbps

**OFDM**

Maximum LTE data rates in the 20 MHz channel are  
326 Mbps DL (4 streams), 172 Mbps UL (2 streams)

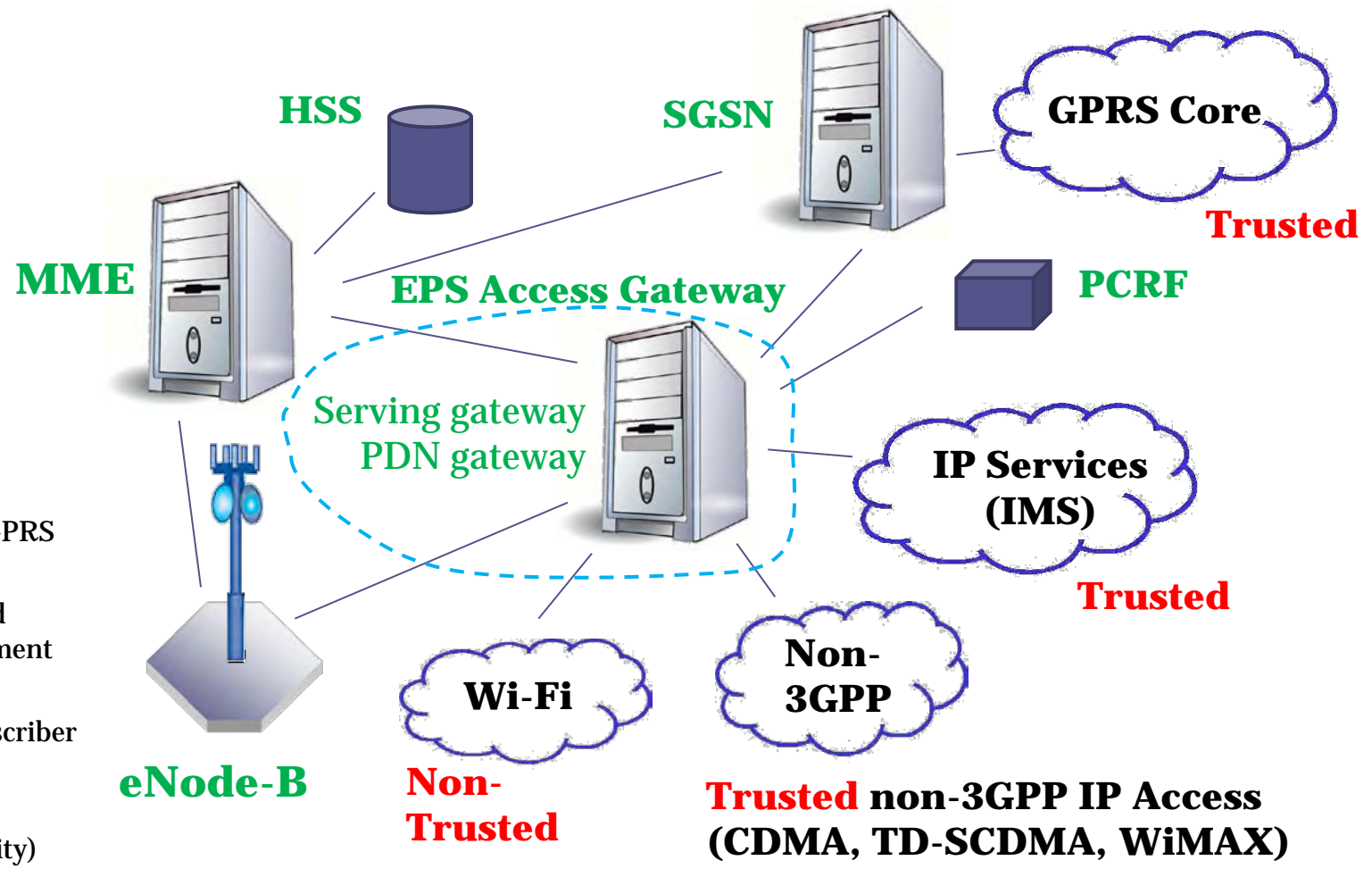
# HSPA and HSPA+

- HSPA+ is aimed at extending operators' investment in HSPA
  - 2x2 MIMO, 64 QAM in the downlink, 16 QAM in the uplink
  - Data rates up to 42 MB in the downlink and 11.5 MB in the uplink.
- HSPA+ is CDMA-based and lacks the efficiency of OFDM



One-tunnel architecture flattens the network by enabling a direct transport path for user data between RNC and the GGSN, thus minimizing delays and set-up time

# LTE EPS (Evolved Packet System)



- SGSN** (Serving GPRS Support Node)
- PCRF** (policy and charging enforcement function)
- HSS** (Home Subscriber Server)
- MME** (Mobility Management Entity)
- PDN** (Public Data Network)

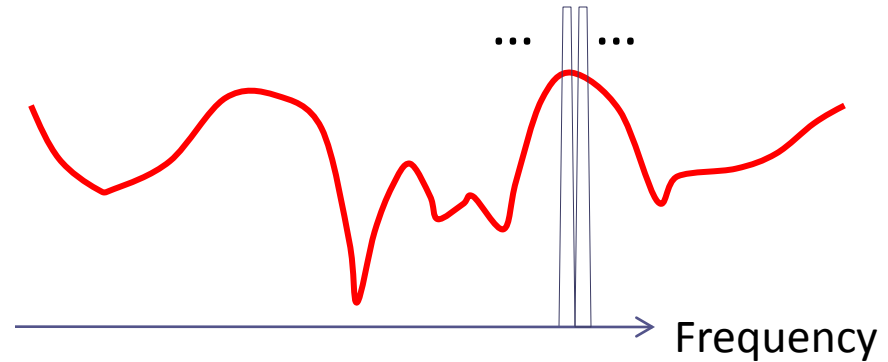
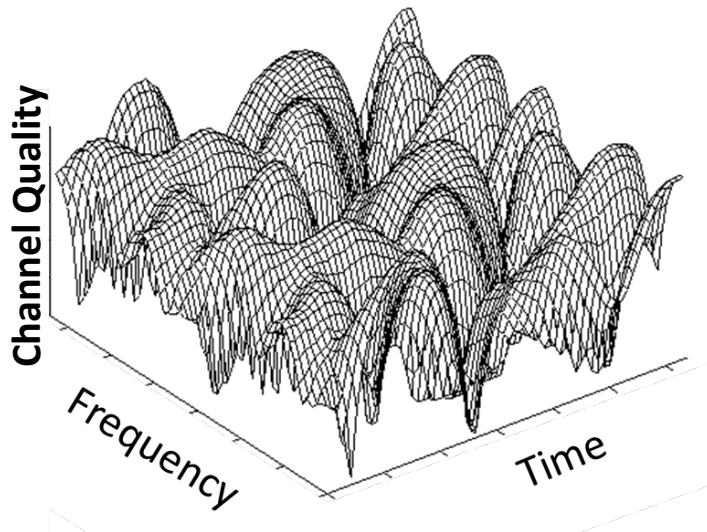
**Flat, low-latency architecture**

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# OFDM

- OFDM transforms a frequency- and time-variable fading channel into parallel correlated flat-fading channels, eliminating the need for complex equalization



Frequency-variable channel appears flat over the narrow band of an OFDM subcarrier.

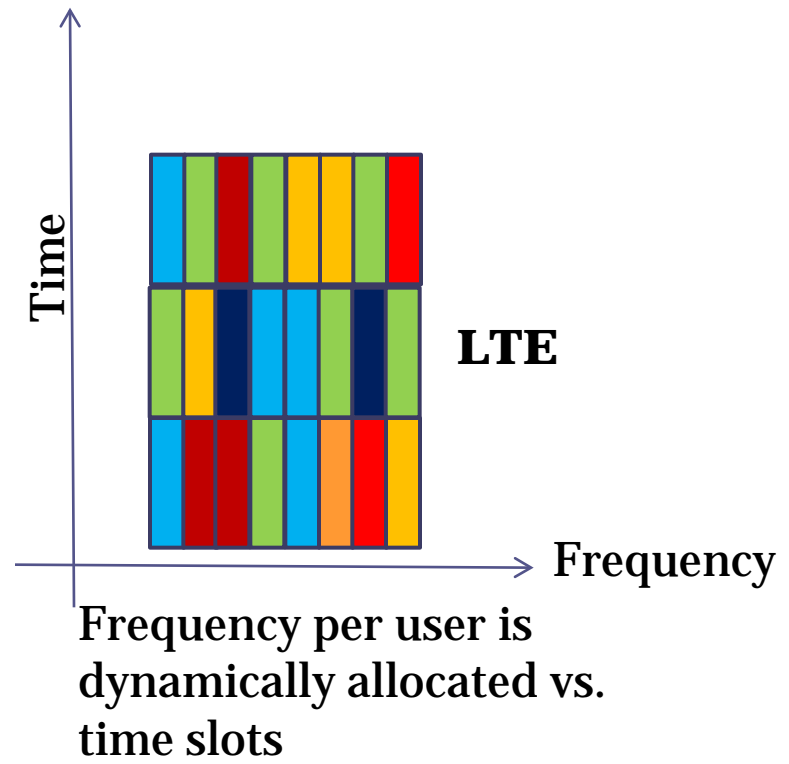
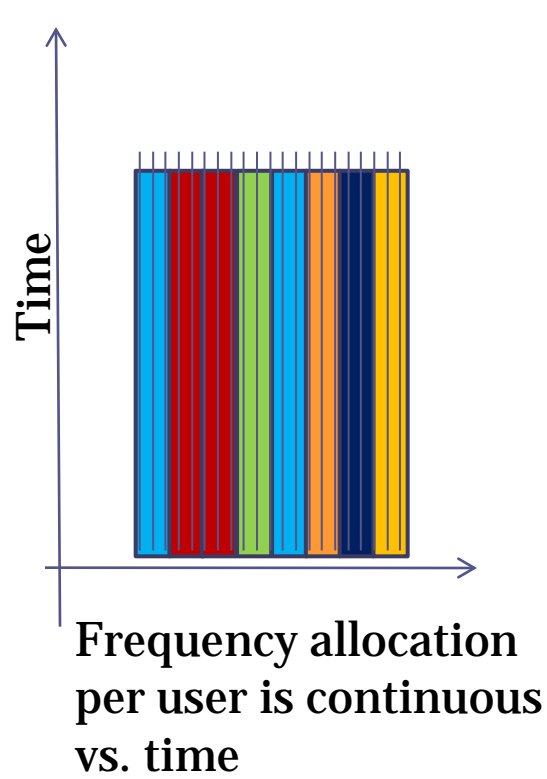
OFDM combined with MIMO combats time- and frequency-variability of the wireless channel

# OFDMA

OFDM is a modulation scheme

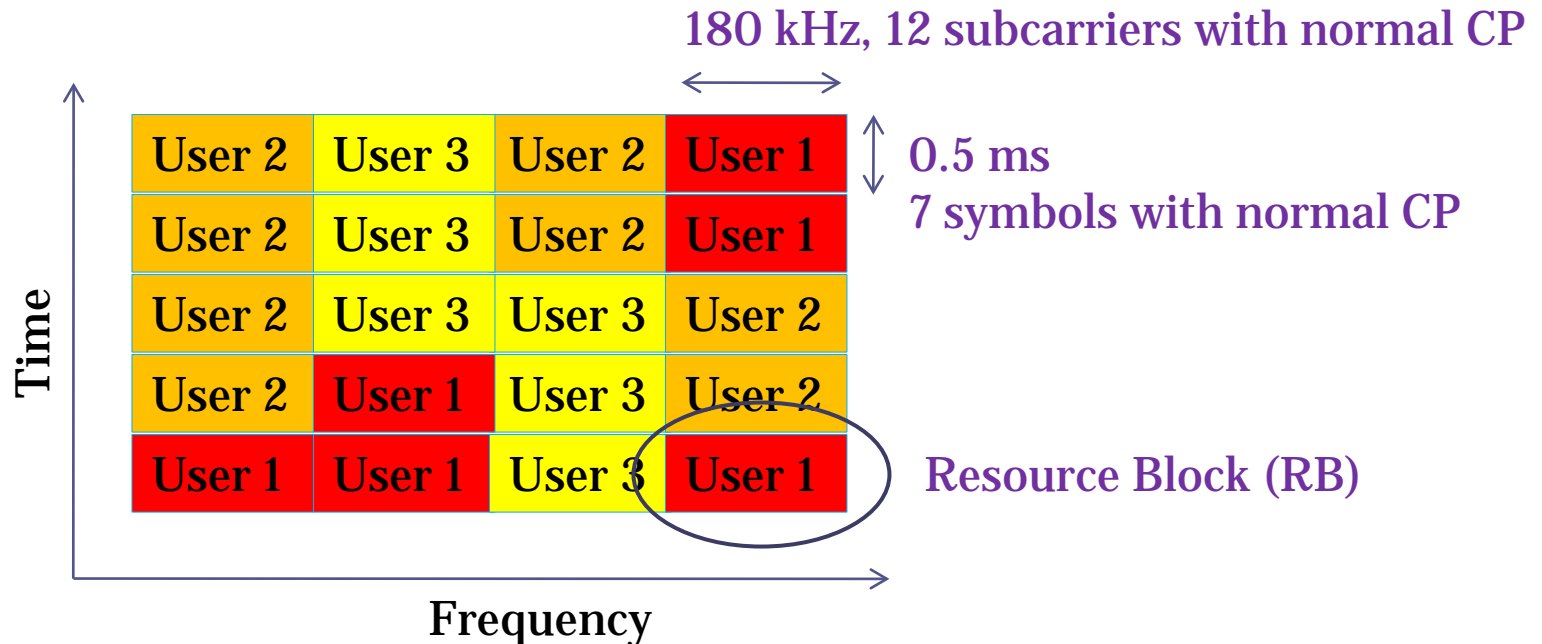
OFDMA is a modulation and access scheme

Multiple Access



OFDM = orthogonal frequency division multiplexing  
 OFDMA = orthogonal frequency division multiple access

# LTE Resource Allocation

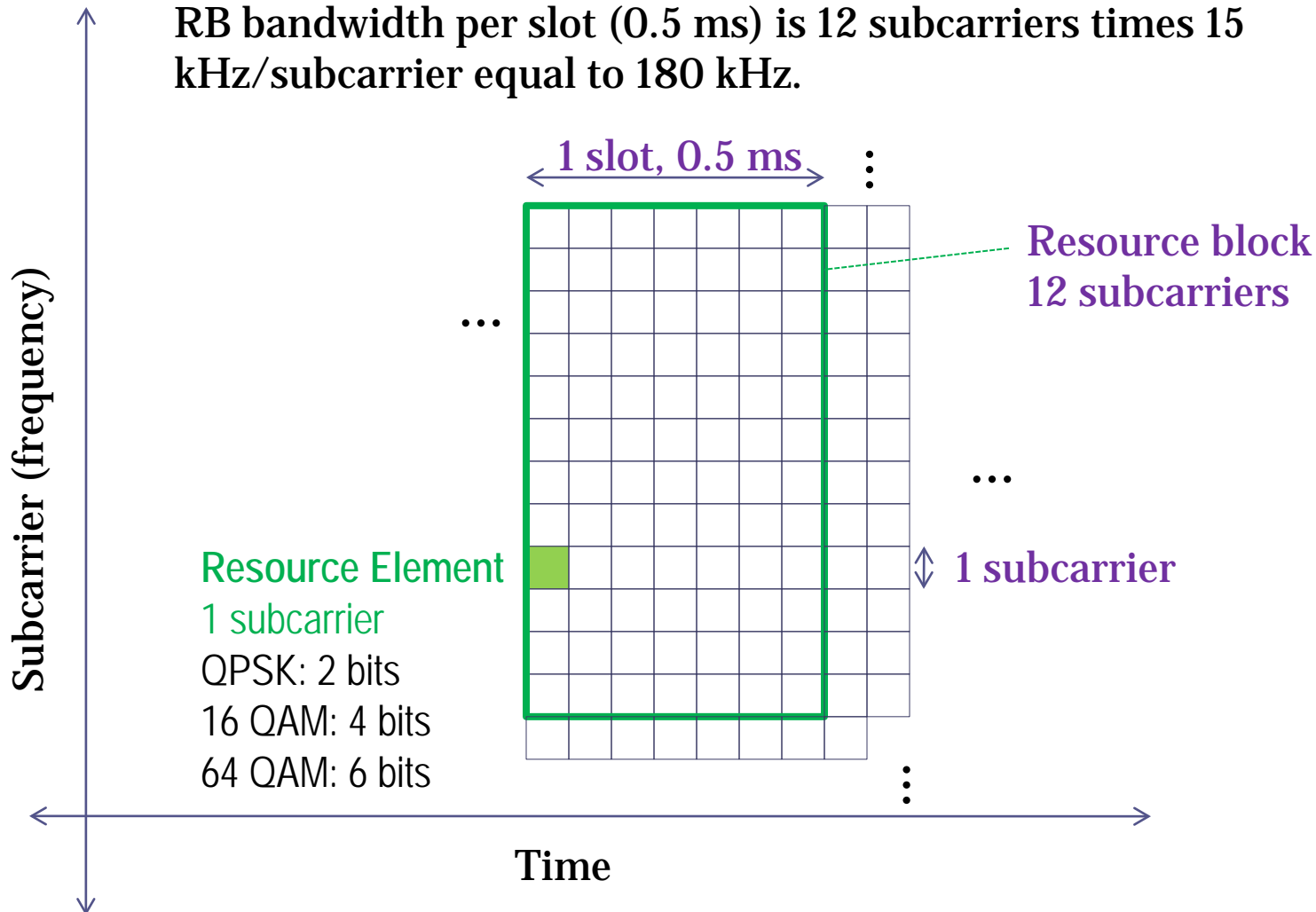


- Resources are allocated per user in time and frequency. RB is the basic unit of allocation.
- RB is 180 kHz by 0.5 ms; typically 12 subcarriers by 7 OFDM symbols, but the number of subcarriers and symbols can vary based on CP

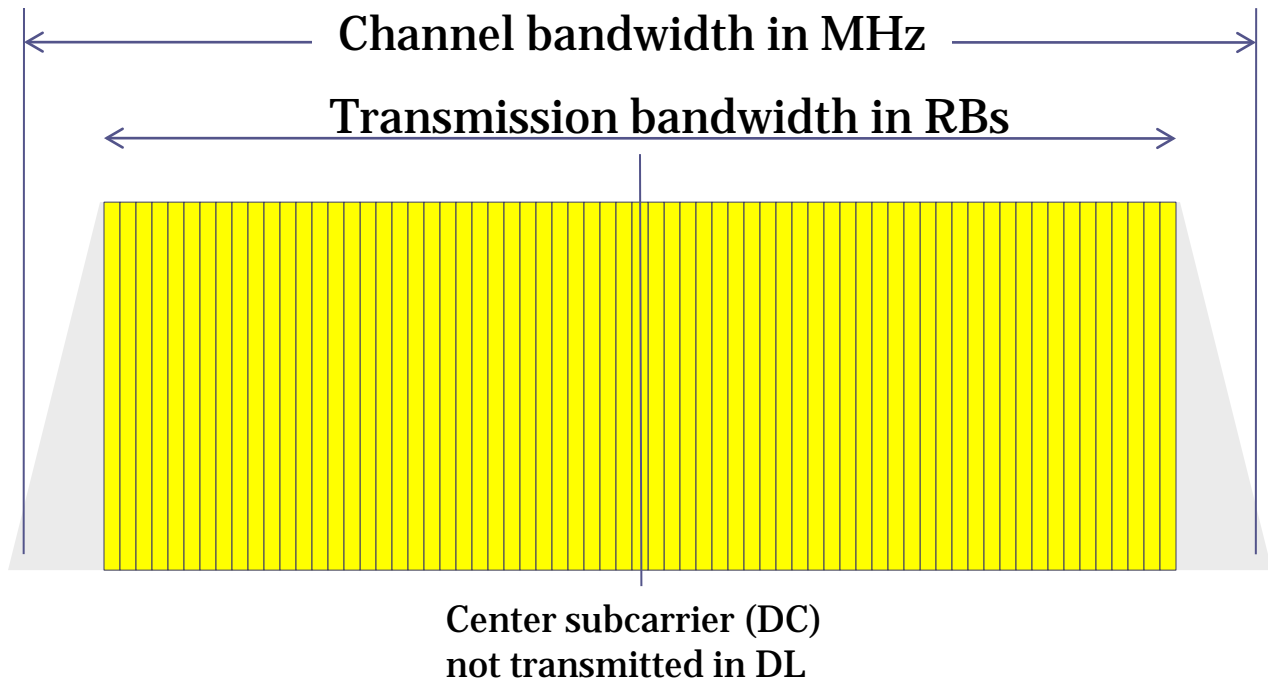


# Resource Block

A resource block (RB) is a basic unit of access allocation. RB bandwidth per slot (0.5 ms) is 12 subcarriers times 15 kHz/subcarrier equal to 180 kHz.



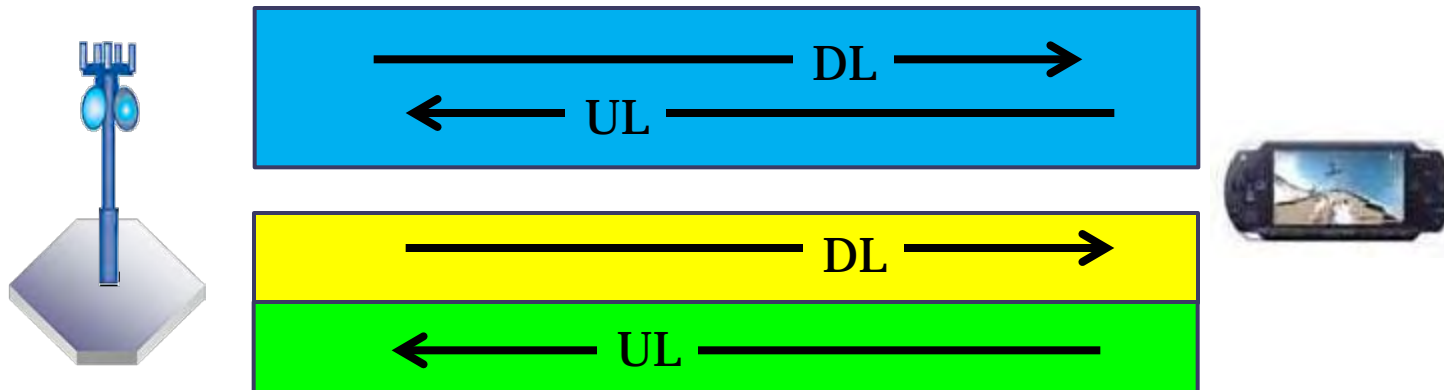
# LTE Scalable Channel Bandwidth



Channel bw	<b>1.4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	MHz
Transmission bw	1.08	2.7	4.5	9	13.5	18	
# RBs per slot	6	15	25	50	75	100	

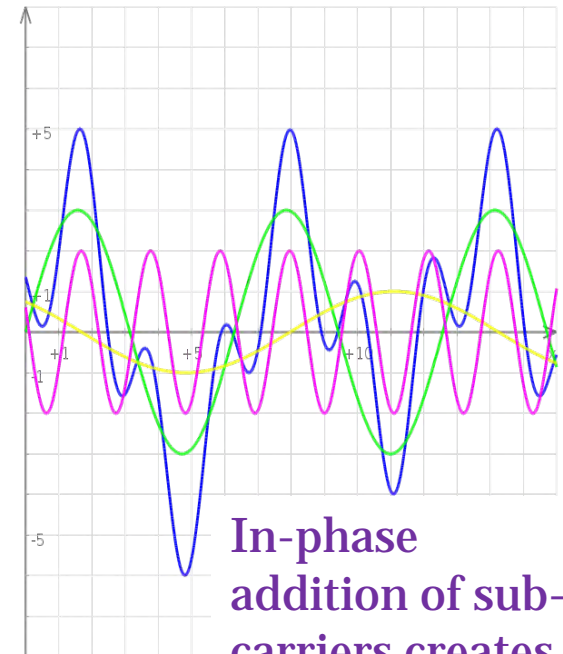
# FDD vs. TDD

- FDD (frequency division duplex)
  - Paired channels
- TDD (time division duplex)
  - Single frequency channel for uplink and downlink
  - Is more flexible than FDD in its proportioning of uplink vs. downlink bandwidth utilization
  - Can ease spectrum allocation issues



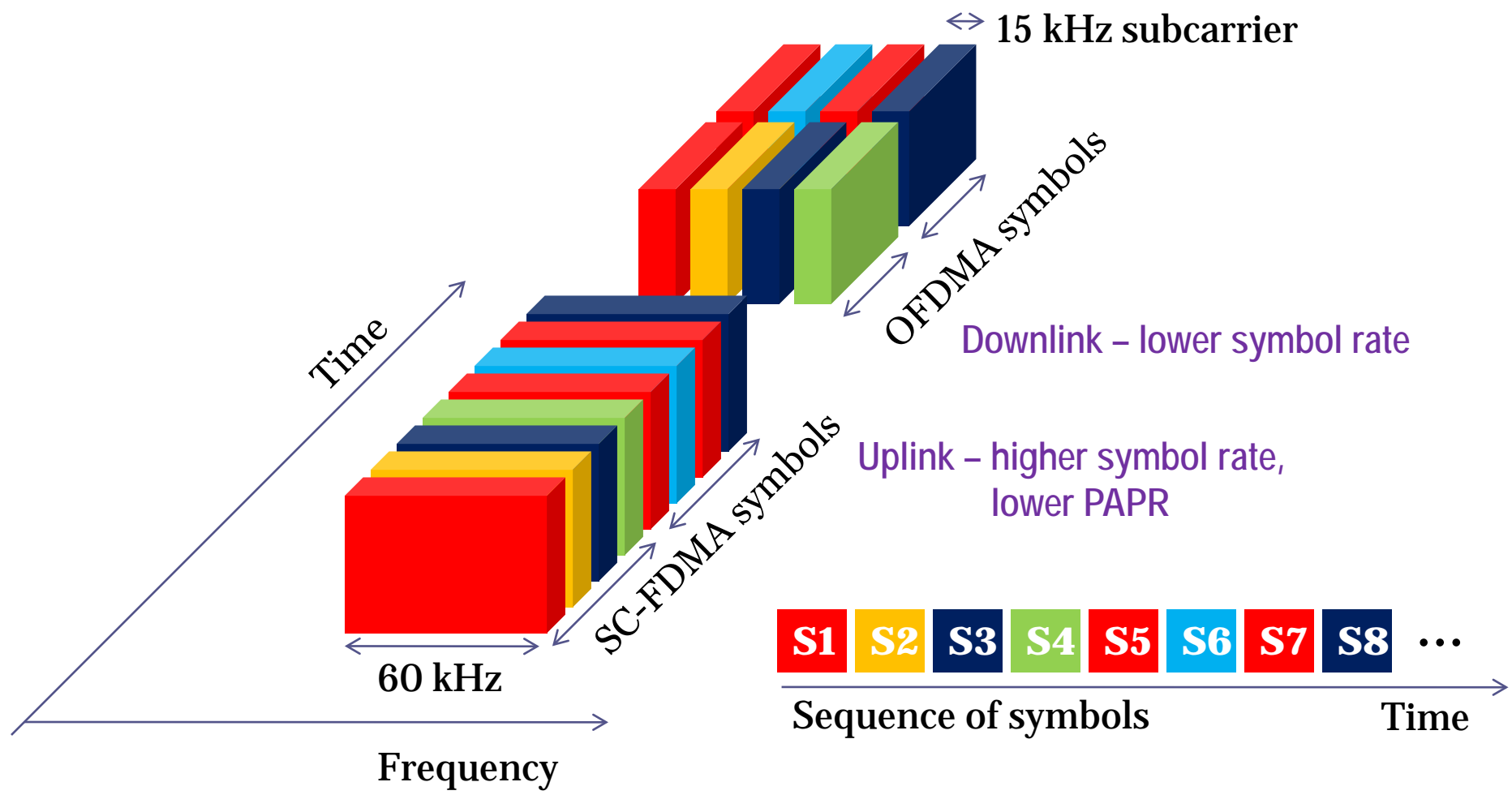
# OFDMA vs. SC-FDMA (LTE Uplink)

- Multi-carrier OFDM signal exhibits high PAPR (Peak to Average Power Ratio) due to in-phase addition of subcarriers.
- Power Amplifiers (PAs) must accommodate occasional peaks and this results low efficiency of PAs, typically only 15-20% efficient. Low PA efficiency significantly shortens battery life.
- To minimize PAPR, LTE has adapted SC-FDMA (single carrier OFDM) in the uplink. **SC-FDMA exhibits 3-6 dB less PAPR than OFDMA.**



**In-phase addition of subcarriers creates peaks in the OFDM signal**

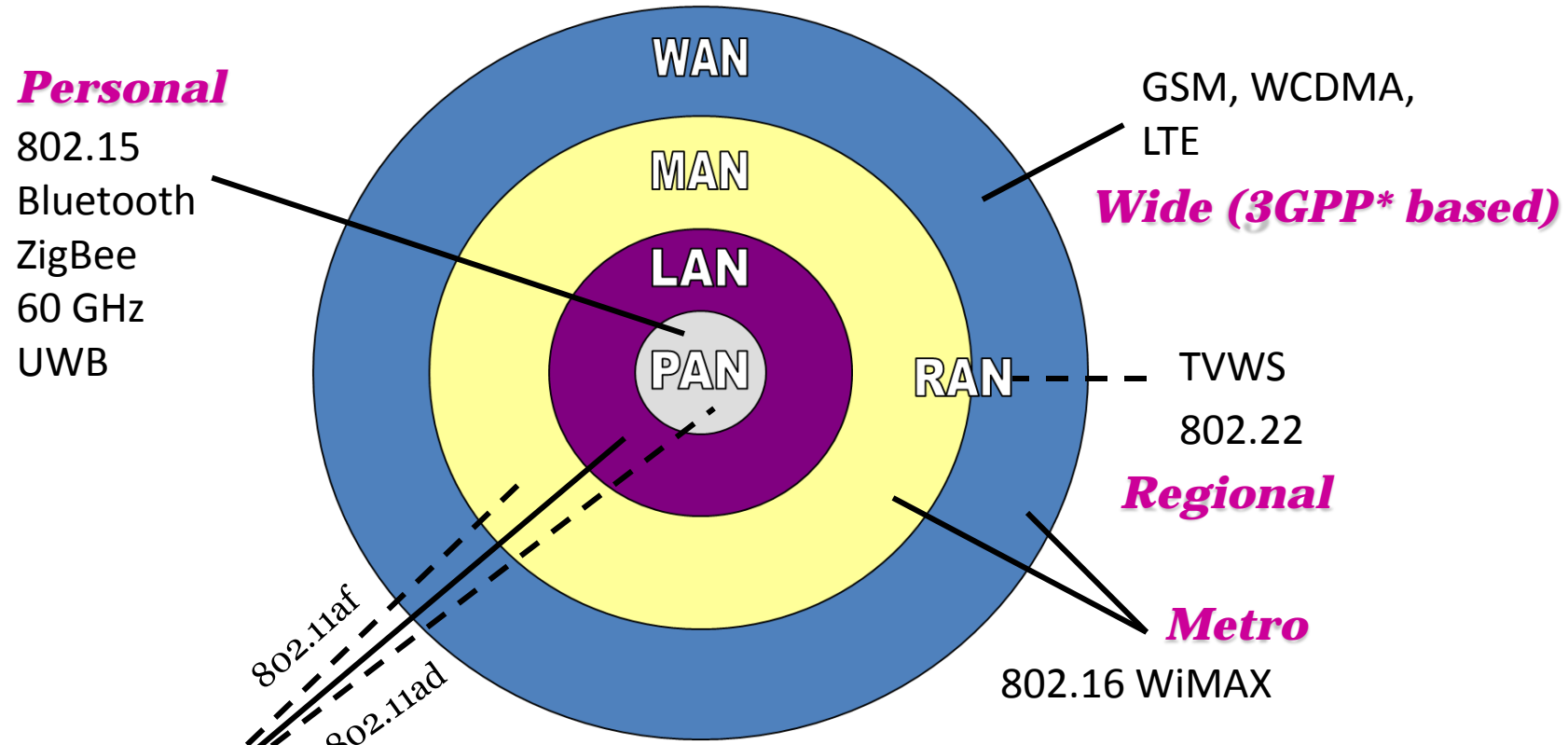
# SC-FDMA vs. OFDMA



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# IEEE 802 Wireless



LAN = local area networking  
 PAN = personal area networking  
 MAN = metropolitan area networking  
 WAN = wide area networking  
 RAN = regional area networking  
 TVWS = television white spaces  
 3GPP = 3<sup>rd</sup> generation partnership project

# IEEE 802.11 Active Task Groups

- **TGp** – Wireless Access Vehicular Environment (WAVE)
- **TGs** – ESS Mesh Networking
- **TGu** – InterWorking with External Networks
- **TGv** – Wireless Network Management
- **TGz** – Direct Link Setup
- **TGaa** – Robust streaming of AV Transport Streams
- **TGac** – VHTL6 (very high throughput < 6 GHz)
- **TGad** – VHT 60 GHz
- **TGae** – Prioritization of Management Frames
- **TGaf** – TV Band Operation

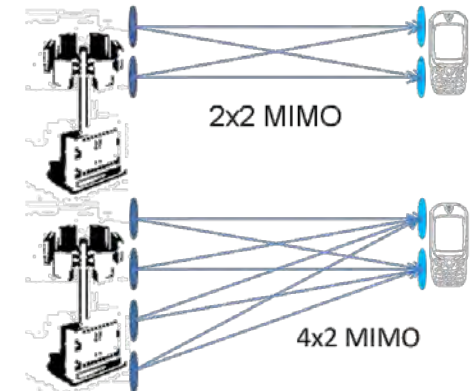


<http://grouper.ieee.org/groups/802/11>

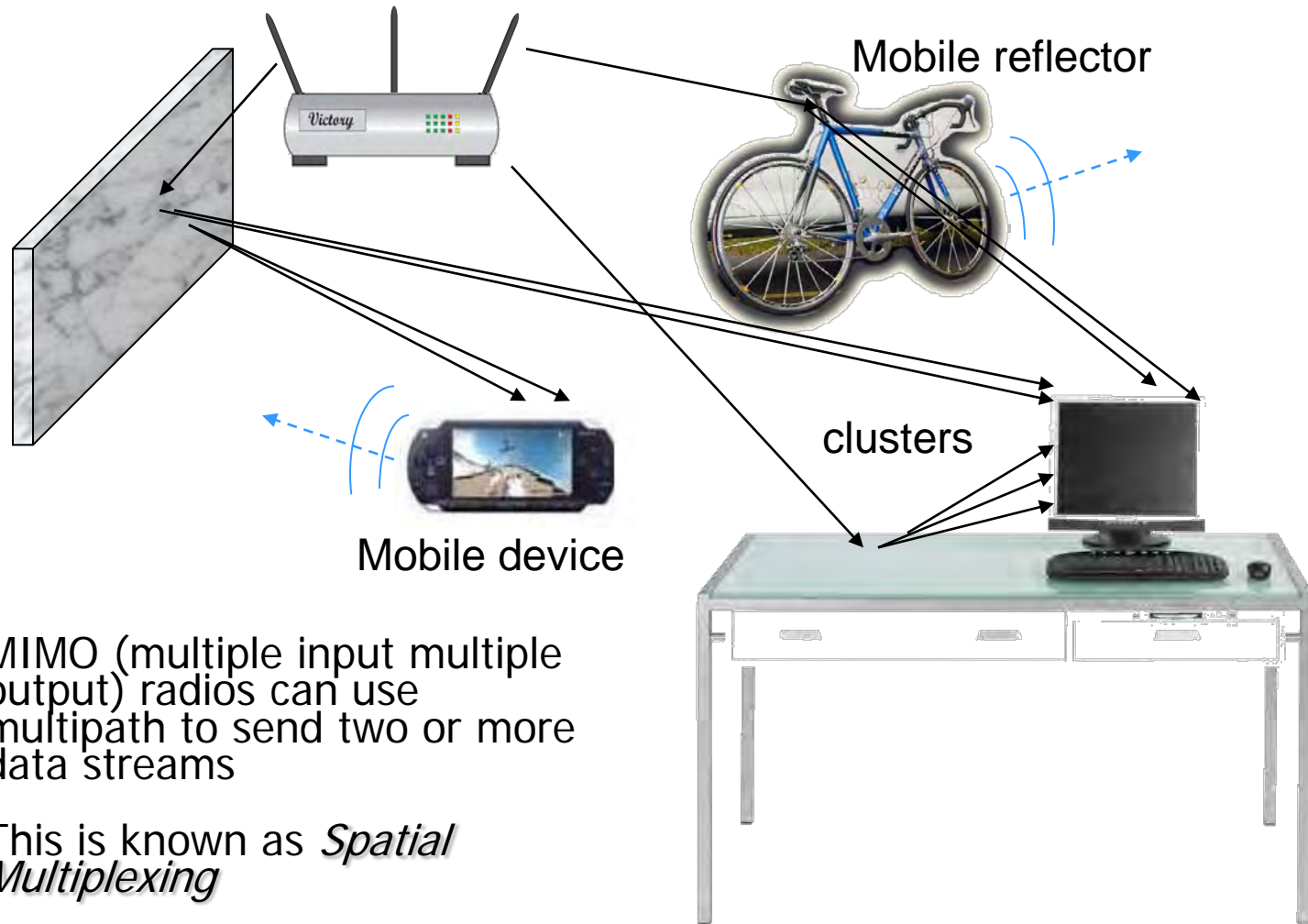


# 802.11n MIMO Technology

- Goal: 100 Mbps of real throughput; data rate up to 600 Mbps with 4 spatial streams in a 40 MHz channel
- PHY improvements
  - MIMO – Spatial Multiplexing, Beamforming, up to 4x4 MIMO, 40 MHz channels
- MAC improvements
  - Frame aggregation, block acknowledgements
- Battery life improvements for handsets
  - Sleep mode with scheduled packet delivery



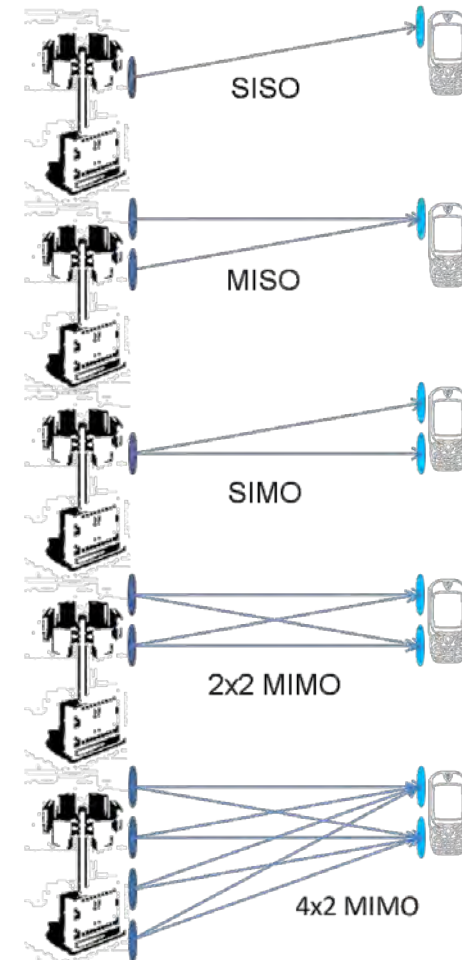
# Multipath and Spatial Multiplexing



- MIMO (multiple input multiple output) radios can use multipath to send two or more data streams
- This is known as *Spatial Multiplexing*

# Multiple Antenna Techniques

- **SISO (Single Input Single Output)**
  - Traditional radio
- **MISO (Multiple Input Single Output)**
  - Transmit diversity
  - Space Time Block Coding (STBC) or Cyclic Delay Diversity (CDD)
- **SIMO (Single Input Multiple Output)**
  - Receive diversity
  - Maximal Ratio Combining (MRC)
- **MIMO (Multiple Input Multiple Output)**
  - Spatial Multiplexing (SM) to transmit multiple streams simultaneously; can be used in conjunction with Cyclic Delay Diversity (CDD); works best in high SNR environments and channels de-correlated by multipath
  - TX and RX diversity can be used independently or together to enhance throughput in the presence of adverse channel conditions



STBC = Space Time Block Coding  
 CDD = Cyclic Delay Diversity  
 MRC = Maximal Ratio Combining  
 SM = Spatial Multiplexing

SISO = Single Input Single Output  
 MISO = Multiple Input Single Output  
 SIMO = Single Input Multiple Output  
 MIMO = Multiple Input Multiple Output

## 802.11n Throughput Enhancements

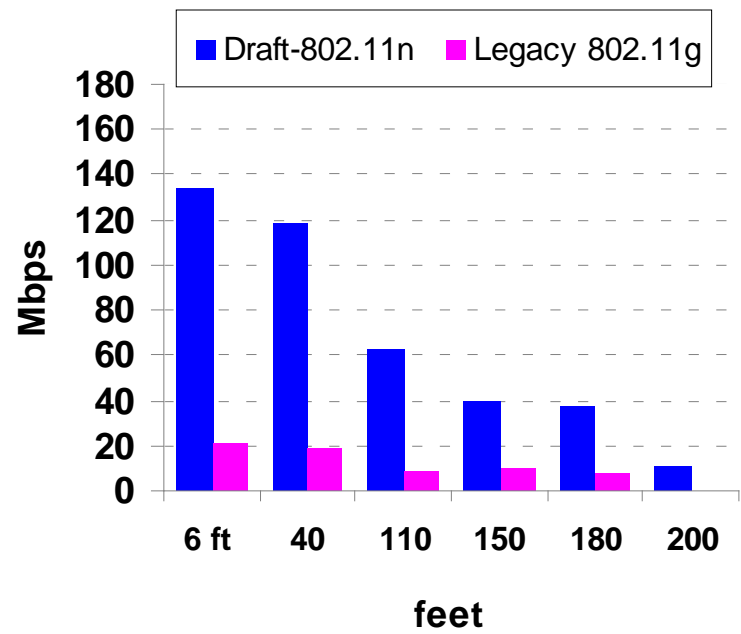
802.11n throughput enhancement	Description	Throughput enhancement over legacy
<b>Spatial multiplexing</b>	With 2 spatial streams throughput can be double that of a single stream.	100%
<b>40 MHz channel width</b>	Doubling the channel width over the legacy 20 MHz channel can double the throughput.	100%
<b>More efficient OFDM</b>	With 52 data sub-carriers vs. 48 for the legacy networks, the highest data rate per stream is 65 Mbps vs. the 802.11a/g 54 Mbps	20%
<b>Shorter GI (guard interval)</b>	The short GI of 400 ns allowed by 802.11n reduces the symbol time from 4 microseconds to 3.6 microseconds increasing the symbol rate by 10%.	10%
<b>Frame aggregation and Block ACK</b>	64k bytes A-MPDU; 8k bytes A-MSDU	Up to 100%

# IEEE 802.11a,b,g,n Data Rates

	20 MHz Channel				40 MHz Channel			
	1 stream	2 streams	3 streams	4 streams	1 stream	2 streams	3 streams	4 streams
	Data Rate, in Mbps							
<b>802.11b</b> 2.4 GHz	1, 2, 5.5, 11							
<b>802.11a</b> 5 GHz	6, 9, 12, 18, 24, 36, 48, 54				<b>Top rate commercially available today</b>			
<b>802.11g</b> 2.4 GHz	1, 2, 6, 9, 12, 18, 24, 36, 48, 54							
<b>802.11n</b> 2.4 and 5 GHz	6.5, 13, 19.5, 26, 39, 52, 58.5, 65	13, 26, 39, 52, 78, 104, 117, 130	19.5, 39, 58.5, 78, 117, 156, 175.5, 195	26, 52, 78, 104, 156, 208, 234, 260	13.5, 27, 40.5, 54, 81, 108, 121.5, 135	27, 54, 81, 108, 162, 216, 243, 270	40.5, 81, 121.5, 162, 243, 324, 364.5, 405	54, 108, 162, 216, 324, 432, 486, 540
<b>802.11n, SGI enabled</b> 2.4 and 5 GHz	7.2, 14.4, 21.7, 28.9, 43.3, 57.8, 65, 72.2	14.4, 28.9, 43.3, 57.8, 86.7, 115.6, 130, 144.4	21.7, 43.3, 65, 86.7, 130, 173.3, 195, 216.7	28.9, 57.8, 86.7, 115.6, 173.3, 231.1, 260, 288.9	15, 30, 45, 60, 90, 120, 135, 150	30, 60, 90, 120, 180, 240, 270, 300	45, 90, 135, 180, 270, 360, 405, <b>450</b>	60, 120, 180, 240, 360, 480, 540, <b>600</b>

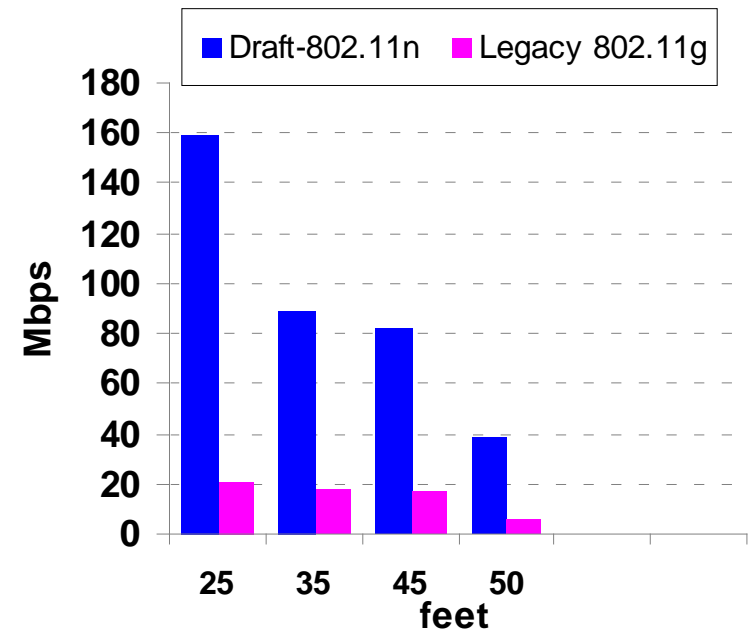
# MIMO vs. SISO Throughput Performance

Draft 802.11n vs. Legacy - Office



*Vendor 1*

Draft 802.11n vs. Legacy - Home



*Vendor 2*

MIMO = multiple input multiple output  
 SISO = single input single output

# IEEE 802.11 – Very High Throughput

- The goal of the 802.11 VHT effort is to achieve 1 Gbps throughput at nomadic (walking speeds) to support HD video transmission and high speed data applications and to satisfy the IMT-Advanced requirements
- The work is ongoing at TGac and TGad
- TGac
  - under 6 GHz; same channels as 802.11 in the 5 and 2.4 GHz bands
  - Considering more efficient OFDM and 80 MHz channels
- TGad
  - 60 GHz band
  - May capitalize on work already done by 802.15.3c in the 60 GHz band

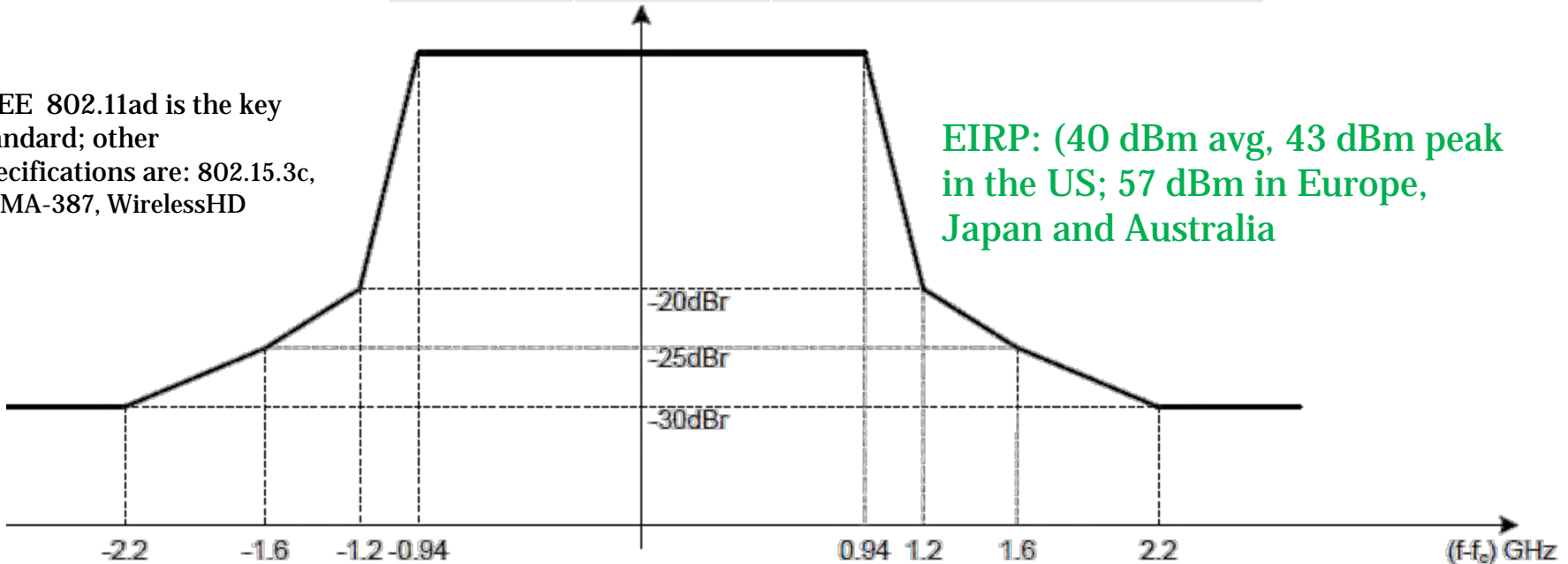


# 802.11ad 60 GHz Frequency Bands

Channel 2  
must be  
supported

Channel	$f_c$ (GHz)	Country
1	58.32	US
2	60.48	US, Japan, EU, Australia
3	62.64	US, Japan, EU
4	64.80	Japan, EU

IEEE 802.11ad is the key standard; other specifications are: 802.15.3c, ECMA-387, WirelessHD

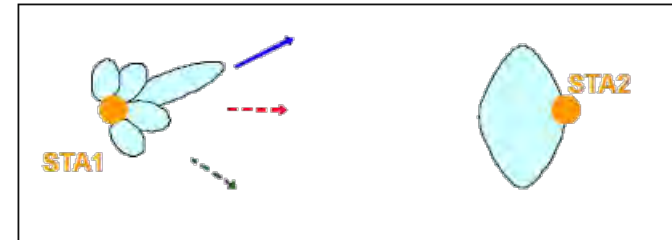
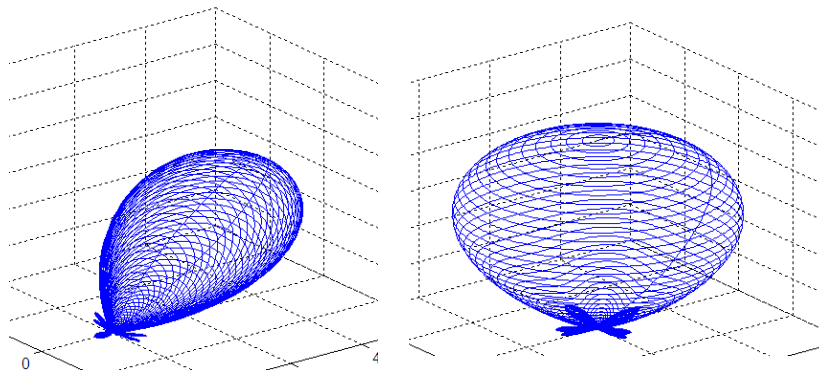


Channel spacing = 2160MHz

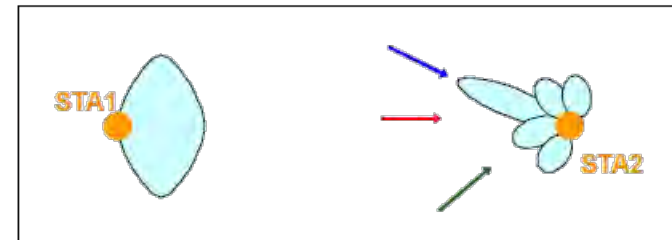


# Beam Steering

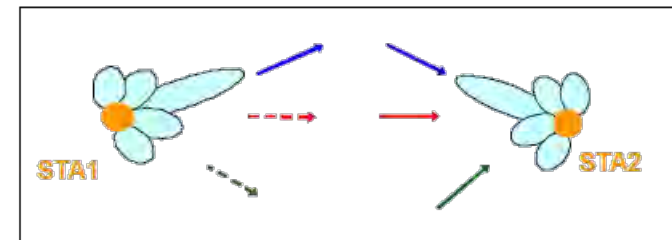
- Beam steering, central to 802.11ad, optimizes the range by focusing the energy between transmitting and receiving nodes
  - Involves two-way channel sounding, sector sweeping and beamforming to make optimum use of a lossy 60 GHz channel



(a) I-TXSS in SLS



(b) I-MID



(c) I-BC (Beam Combining)

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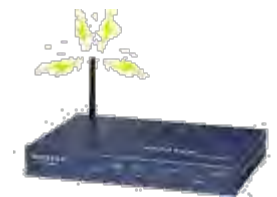
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## FCC to Open Unused TV Airwaves, Extending Wi-Fi's Possibilities

- Sep 23, 2010 The FCC reaffirmed a 2008 decision to open the broadcast airwaves
- Enables Wi-Fi networks with longer range
  - Microsoft reports achieving a mile of operating range on their Redmond, Wash., campus
- Broadcasters and wireless microphone operators expected to resume the law suit filed against the FCC in 2009 to stop new uses of the TV spectrum

# Introducing TV White Spaces

- Spectrum under 3 GHz has significant unused capacity
  - Average occupancy over various locations studied is 5.2% and the maximum occupancy is 13.1% (in New York City)
  - Shared Spectrum Company, NSF funded measurements, <http://www.sharespectrum.com/measurements>
- Only 10% of Americans receive broadcast TV
  - J. H. Snider and Max Vilimpoc, "Reclaiming the vast wasteland" <http://vilimpoc.org/research/policy/Issue-Brief-12-Unlicensed-Sharing-of-Broadcast-Spectrum.pdf>
- The economic potential for the TV white spaces was estimated at \$100 billion
  - R. Thanki, "The economic value generated by current and future allocations of unlicensed spectrum," [http://www.ingeniousmedia.co.uk/websitefiles/Value\\_of\\_unlicensed\\_-\\_website\\_-\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.ingeniousmedia.co.uk/websitefiles/Value_of_unlicensed_-_website_-_FINAL.pdf)
- Modern technology allows effective sharing of sparsely used TV broadcast spectrum
- In 2004, the FCC started investigating the potential of allowing operation of unlicensed 2-way data communications in the TV broadcast VHF and UHF bands



**TVBD**  
TV Band Device

# History and Regulatory Landscape

- NPRM in May 2004
  - [http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/FCC-04-113A1.pdf](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-04-113A1.pdf)
- November 4, 2008 FCC approved Report & Order 08-260, allowing unlicensed use of TV band spectrum
  - [http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/DA-01-260A1.pdf](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA-01-260A1.pdf)
- February 17, 2009, the FCC released the final rules for “Unlicensed Operation in the TV Broadcast Bands”
  - <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-3279.pdf>
- Ofcom (UK) is in the process of making this Digital Dividend band available
  - <https://mentor.ieee.org/802.18/dcn/09/18-09-0059-00-0000-ofcom-update-on-the-digital-dividend.ppt>
- ECC of CEPT in Europe is conducting consultation on the band
  - <http://www.ero.dk/D9634A59-1F13-40D1-91E9-DAE6468ED66C?frames=no&>
  - Requirements for operation of cognitive radio systems in the "white spaces" of the frequency band 470-790 MHz
  - Consultation closes 11/30/10
- China TV band regulations expected in 2015

ECC = Electronic Communications Committee

CEPT = European Conference on Postal and Telecommunications

NPRM = Notice of Proposed Rule Making

# Frequency Allocation of TV Channels

	Channel #	Frequency Band	
Fixed TVBDs only	2-4	54-72 MHz	VHF
	5-6	76-88 MHz	
	7-13	174-216 MHz	
	14-20	470-512 MHz**	UHF
	21-51*	512-692 MHz	

\*Channel 37 (608-614 MHz) is reserved for radio astronomy

\*\*Shared with public safety

<http://www.fcc.gov/mb/engineering/usallochrt.pdf>

Transition from NTSC to ATSC (analog to digital TV) in June 12, 2009 freed up channels 52-69 (above 692 MHz)

# Unlicensed Bands and Services

Frequency range	Bandwidth	Band	Notes
433.05 – 434.79 MHz	1.74 MHz	ISM	Europe
420–450 MHz	30 MHz	Amateur	US
868-870 MHz	2 MHz	ISM	Europe
902–928 MHz	26 MHz	ISM-900	Region 2
2.4–2.5 GHz	100 MHz	ISM-2400	International allocations (see slides 7, 8 for details)
5.15–5.35 GHz	200 MHz	UNII-1,2	
5.47–5.725 GHz	255 MHz	UNII-2 ext.	
5.725–5.875 GHz	150 MHz	ISM-5800 UNII-3	
24–24.25 GHz	250 MHz	ISM	US, Europe
57-64 GHz 59-66 GHz	7 GHz	ISM	US Europe

TVB

Medical devices  
Remote control

RFID and other  
unlicensed services

Smart meters, remote  
control, baby  
monitors, cordless  
phones

802.11b/g/n, Bluetooth  
802.15.4 (Bluetooth,  
ZigBee), cordless phones

802.11a/n, cordless phones

Emerging 802.11ad  
802.15.3c, ECMA-387  
WirelessHD

Americas, including US and  
Canada; Australia, Israel

European analog of  
the ISM-900 band

ISM = industrial, scientific and medical  
UNII = unlicensed national information infrastructure

# Operation in TV Bands – Latest Rules

*Access based on geo-location & database  
or spectrum sensing*



Fixed

For fixed TVBDs max output power < 4 Watts EIRP

Must access a TV bands database over the Internet to determine channel availability



Personal /portable

For PP TVBDs max output power < 100 mW EIRP on non-adjacent channels and < 40 mW EIRP on adjacent channels

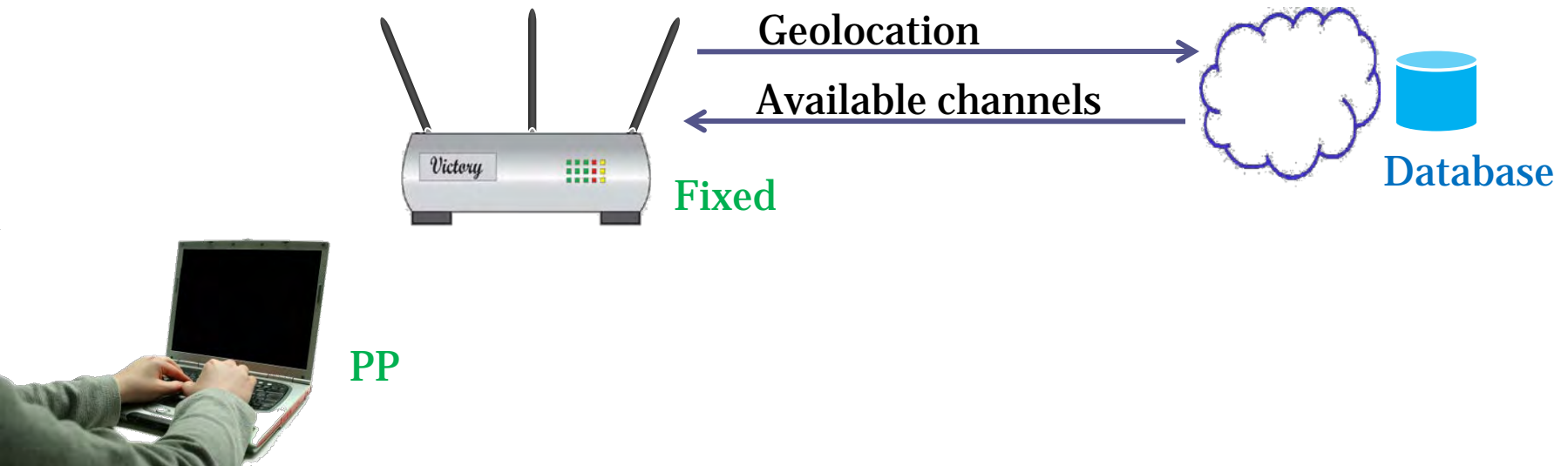
Mode I: obtain a list of available channels from a master device

Mode II: incorporate geo-location capability

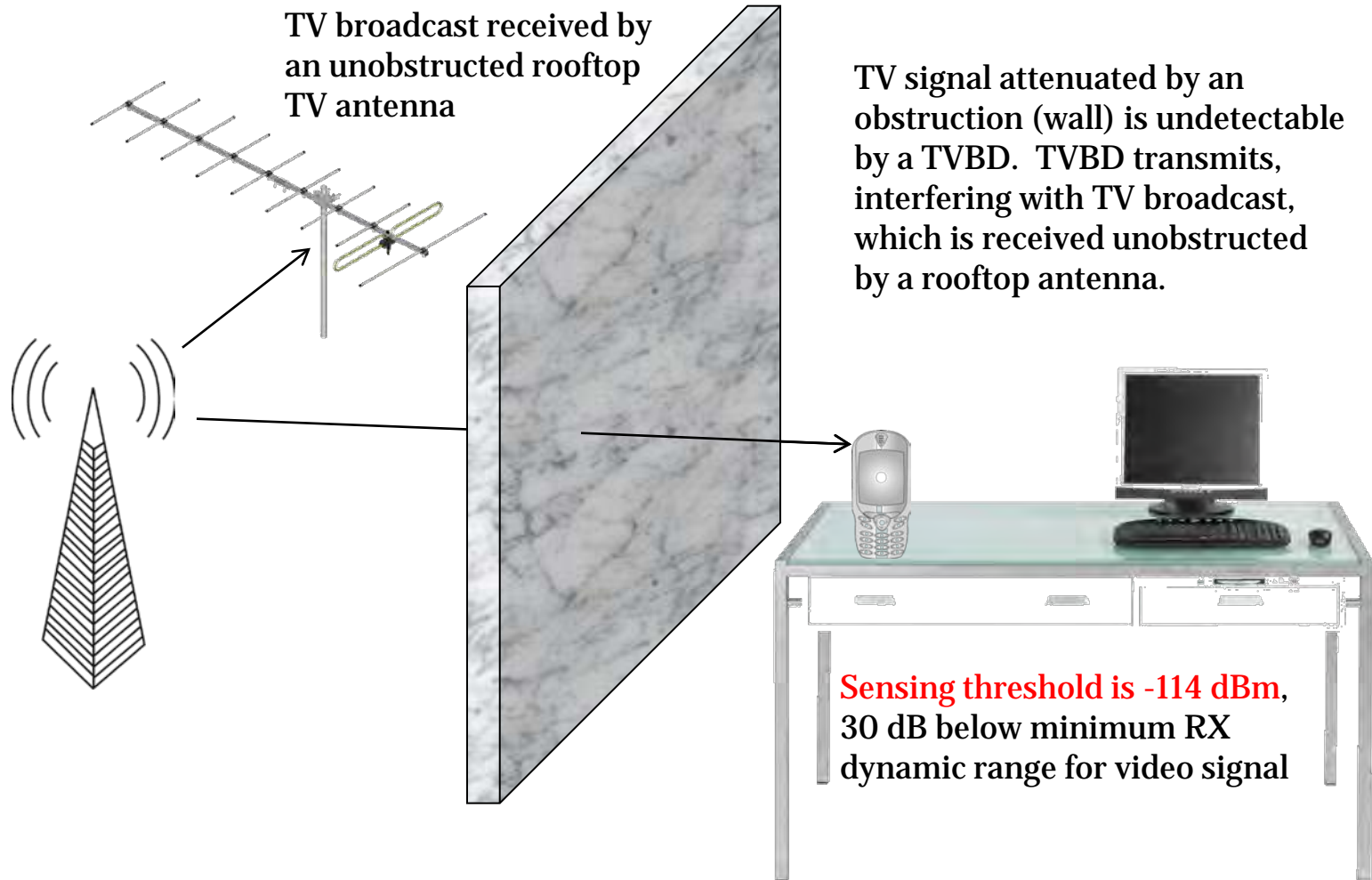


# Database

- Fixed TVBDs require geolocation capability and Internet access to a database of protected radio services.
- *White Spaces Database Group* was started by Google and other companies to create and standardize the database.

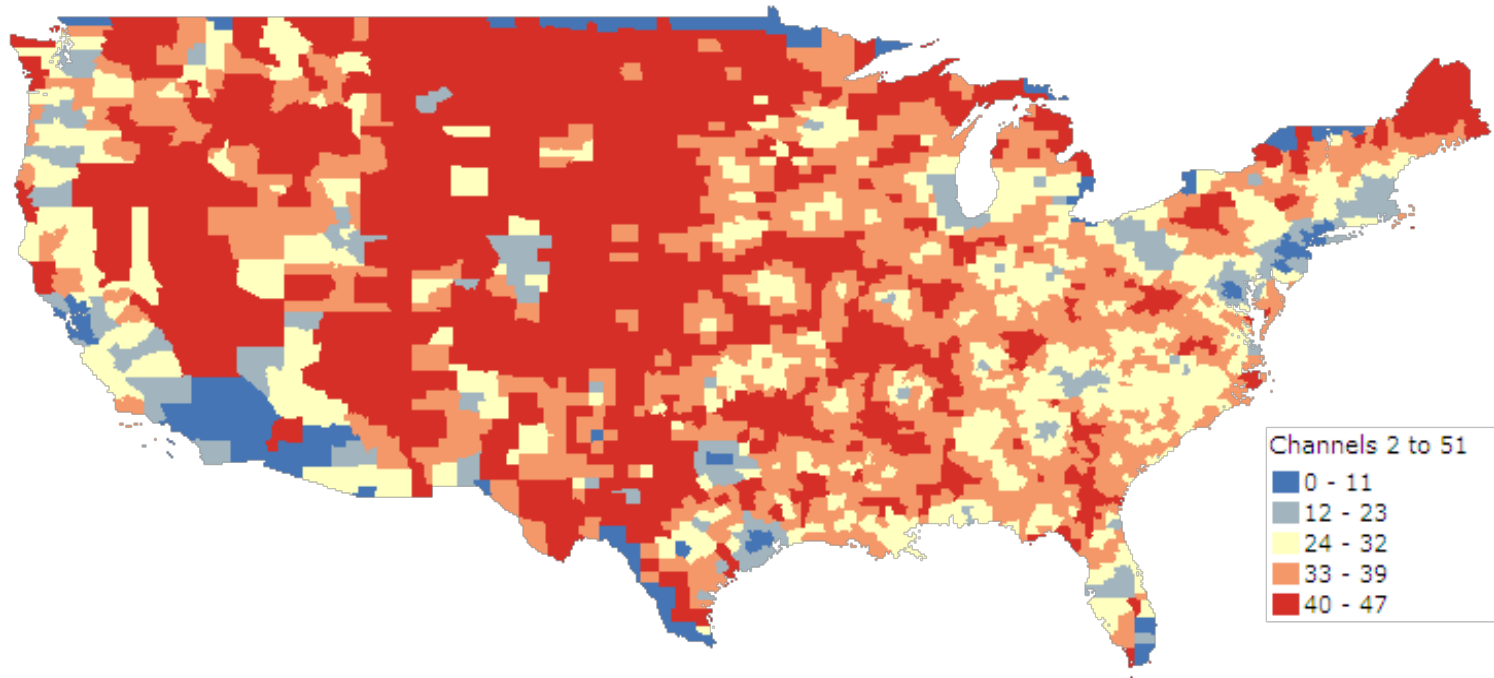


# Spectrum Sensing



# Taking Advantage of TV White Spaces

- Channel availability based on the geolocation query of TV band internet database



Source: Rick Tornado, Spectrum Bridge

# IEEE TV Band Related Standards

- **802.11af** – formed in January 2010 to adapt 802.11 to TV band operation
- **802.16h** – originally organized to adapt 802.16 to the 3650-3700 MHz contention band now working on TV band operation of 802.16
- **802.22** – cognitive radio approach
  - Regional Area Networks group that guided the FCC in the recent TV band regulations
  - Uses spectrum sensing and location information to determine whether given transmit frequencies and power levels will cause harmful interference to licensed services.
- **802.19** TAG – defines coexistence among dissimilar networks that will operate in the TV band
- **SCC 41** – defines layers above the MAC and PHY for dynamic spectrum access networks

# Contention Band

- March 2005 FCC offered 50 MHz 3650 to 3700 MHz for *contention-based protocol*
  - 802.11y and 802.16h are expected to share this band
  - 21<sup>st</sup> century regulation geared for digital communications
    - multiple services to share the band in an orderly way
- ❖ **300 Million licenses one for every person or company**
  - ❖ **\$300 per license for 10 years**
  - ❖ **Registered stations (base stations): 1 W/MHz, ~15 km**
  - ❖ **Unregistered stations (handsets, laptops): 40 mW/MHz, 1-1.5 km**

# 802.11af

IEEE P802.11af™/D0.05, August 2010  
(Draft Amendment to IEEE P802.11mb/D5.0)



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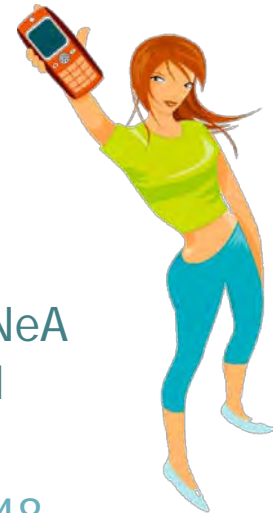
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**Draft Standard for Information Technology—**

- Re-band the popular 802.11 systems; capitalize on work already done for 802.11y
  - Use 5, 10, 20 and 40 MHz wide channels
  - FCC EIRP: 4 W, 100 mW, 50 mW
- Possible deployment scenarios
  - Indoor (< 100 m): like present WLAN
  - Outdoor (< 5 km): comparable to the range of typical urban model
- Database is considered out of scope of 802.11af

# Ecma and CogNeA TV Band Standard

- Ecma International TC48-TG1 is developing PHY-MAC and coexistence protocols for wireless networks in the TV band <http://www.ecma-international.org/memento/TC48-TG1.htm>
- Sponsor Organization: Ecma International (<http://www.ecma-international.org> ) and CogNeA (<http://www.cogneatv.org> )
- CogNeA and Ecma TC48-TG1 standard
  - CogNeA is an industry alliance formed in 2008 to develop a specification for white spaces.
  - In March 2009 the draft/early specification developed by CogNeA was transferred to the Technical Committee 48 – Task Group 1 (TC48-TG1) within Ecma-International
  - <http://www.ecma-international.org/publications/files/drafts/tc48-tg1-2009-132.pdf>



## Future of TV Band Use

- Dynamic spectrum market with the database access capability
  - Buy spectrum for a slice of time/space/band
- Protocol? Contention-based Wi-Fi?
- Technology must evolve to make flexible use of available channels up to 6 GHz
  - RF front end technology still not ready for this



# Agenda

- How smartphones are changing the network
- Wireless technologies
- Standards
- White spaces
- **Concluding thoughts**

# Pervasive Connectivity

- Smartphones and pads will continue to drive mobile broadband
  - Billions of dollars in Enterprise IT budgets are now shifting from wired to wireless networks
- The war between LTE and WiMAX is over; WiMAX will remain a niche
- Wi-Fi will continue to dominate in-doors with a stable, reliable and high-performing 802.11n
- White spaces – a frontier for now
  - Wi-Fi (802.11af) is emerging as the dominant signaling scheme, but contention access is not FCC mandated in this band



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