Small Cell Technology Overview
(and 3.5GHz Small Cell CBS Band)

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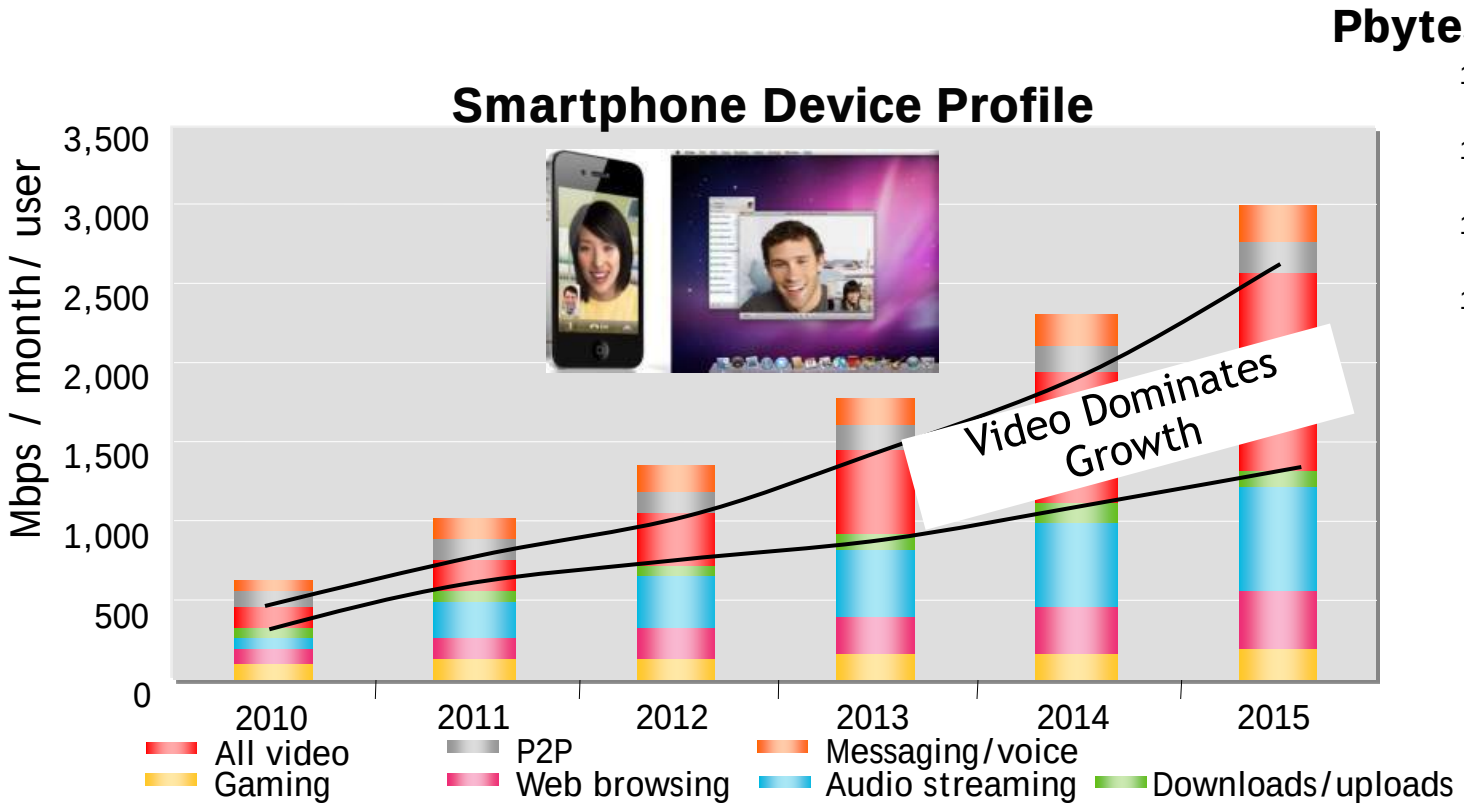
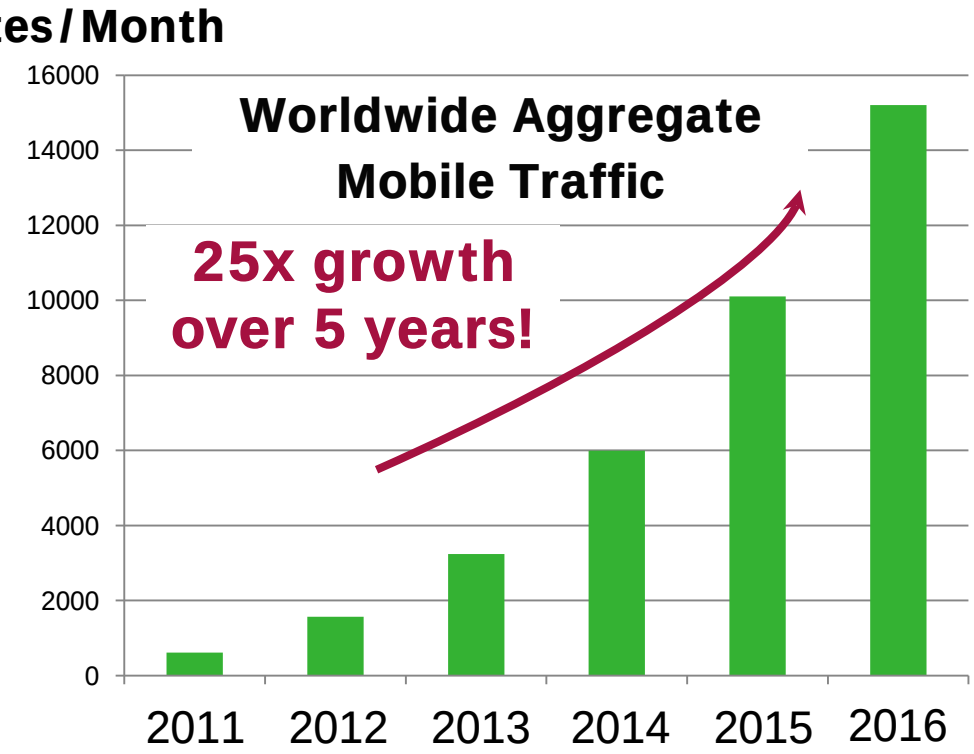
Bandwidth Hungry Applications will Continue the Wireless Data Explosion





4x growth per user/month & 25x growth in aggregate wireless data traffic over 5 years

Goal: Improving capacity to support high QoE and lowering cost

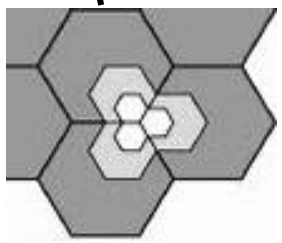
Source: Bell Labs modeling and forecasts

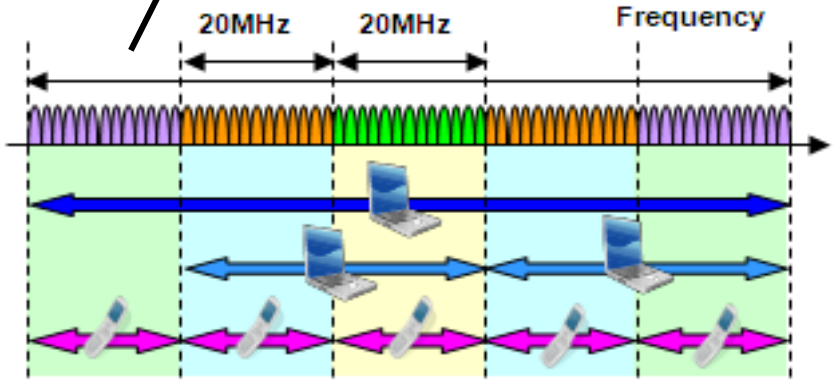
Options for increasing Wireless Capacity & Spectral Efficiency

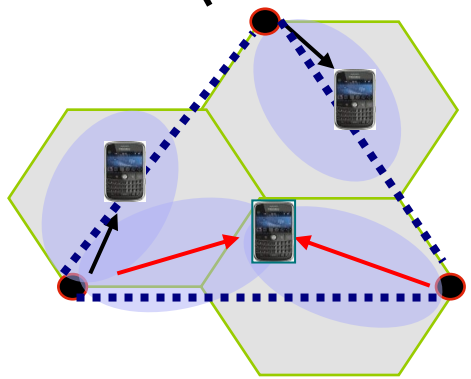
Focus of this talk

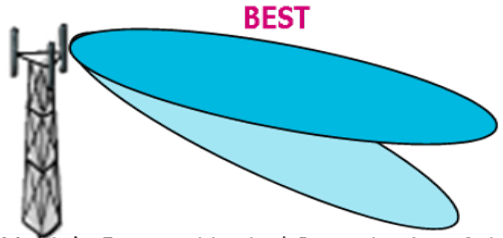
Downlink Comparison

Cell Split	Add Carriers	Carrier Aggregation	MIMO (4Tx)	eICIC	CoMP	AAA or 6 Sector	Metrocells / HetNet	Centralized Baseband
Expensive	Requires Spectrum	<1.2x gain under load	<1.2x gain under load	~1.25x gain on top of HetNet	<1.1x gain through Rel-11	1.4x to 2x for certain deployment scenarios	Gain = N (number of metros per eNB)	Large gains for stadiums, venues





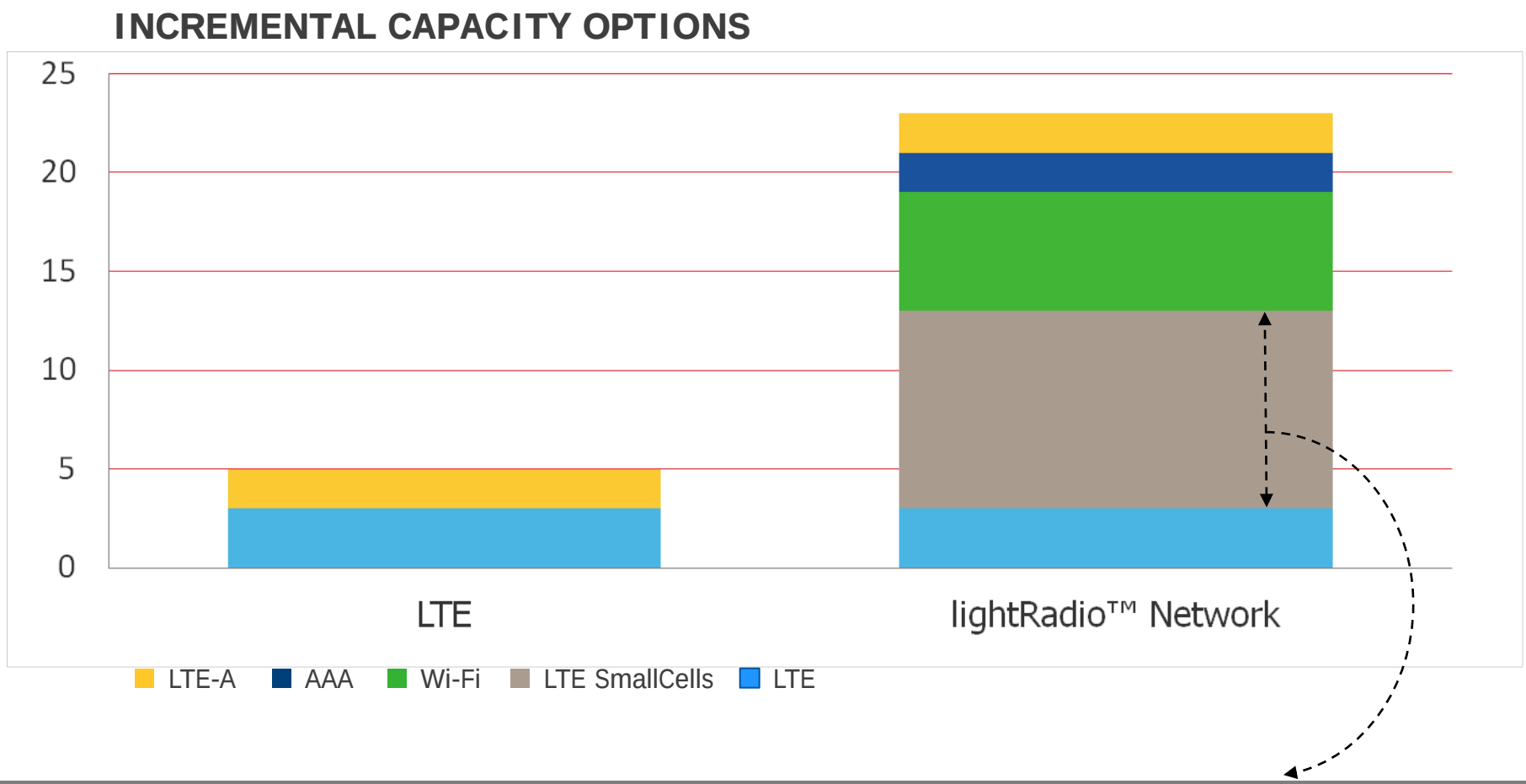




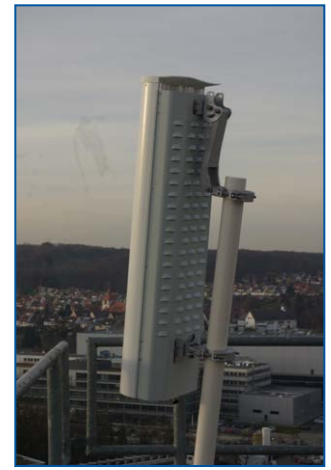
Multiple Beams: Vertical Sectorization → Virtual sectorization → 3D Beamforming

Solving the equation requires AAA, Metro Cells / HetNets and Centralized Baseband
The Essence of Alcatel-Lucent lightRadio

Solving the 25x Capacity Problem



Advanced Antennas



Small Cells

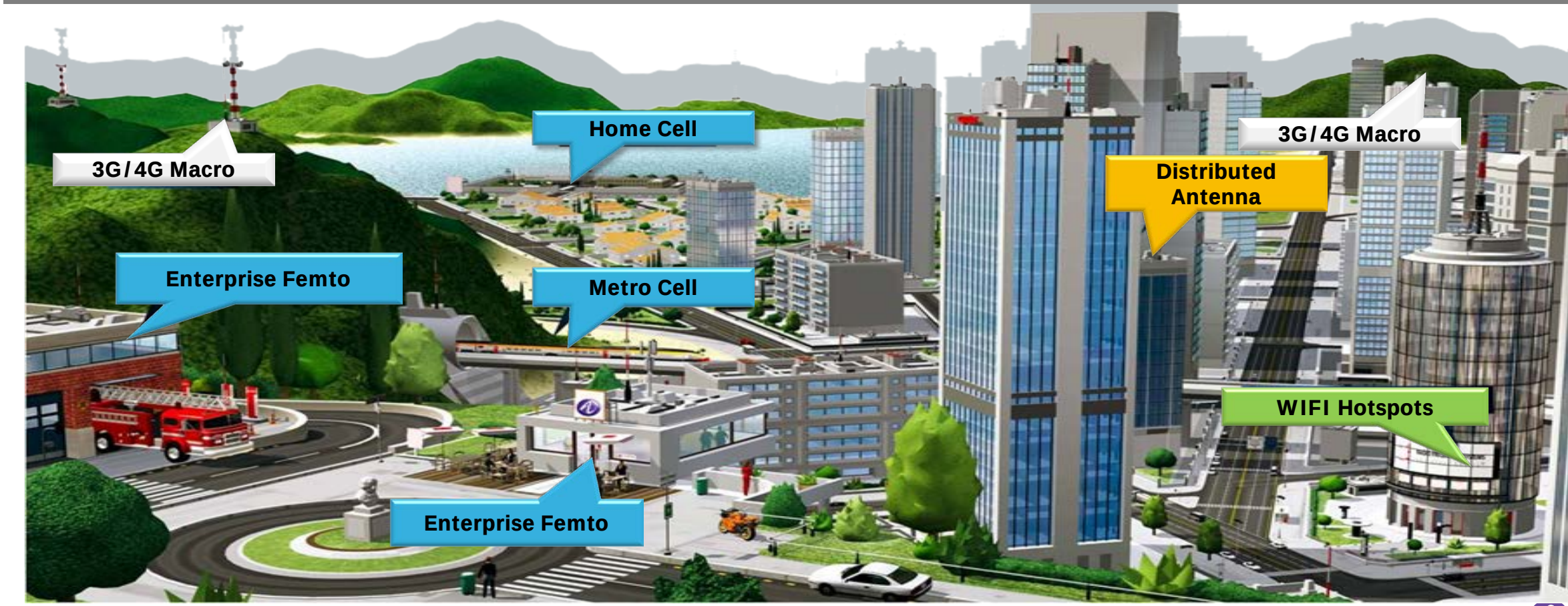
SMALL CELLS ARE NOW CRITICAL FOR ADDRESSING WIRELESS DATA

Small Cells: Indoor, Outdoor – Anywhere?

Better coverage, capacity and customer experience

Support new devices and services

Private vs. Public small cells



ALCATEL-LUCENT METRO CELL PORTFOLIO

METRO CELL INDOOR V2

1

W-CDMA

250mW
All-in-one

Available in
850 MHz
1900 MHz

METRO CELL OUTDOOR V2

2

W-CDMA

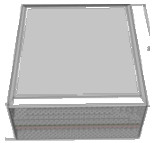
250mW
All-in-one

Available in
850 MHz
1900 MHz
2100 MHz

METRO CELL INDOOR (MCI)

3

LTE



2 x 250 mW
All-in-one
Cube-based

Avail Date:
Jun 2013 (B25)

METRO CELL OUTDOOR (MCO)

4

W-CDMA

1W
All-in-one
Cube-based
Wi-FI AP option

Avail Date:
Mar 2013 (B1)
Mar 2013 (B2)

5

Multi-standard

3x1W
All-in-One
Cube-based
Wi-Fi AP option

Avail Date:
Sept 2013 (B2)

6

LTE

2x1W
All-in-one
Cube-based
Wi-Fi AP option

Avail Date:
Mar 2013 (B25)
Sept 2013 (B2/B7)

7

LTE

2x5W
All-in-one

Avail Date:
Mar 2013 (B13)
Sept 2013 (B17)

Common Metro Dock
GE= Now
GPON = Q3 2013

Common Wi-FI AP
Sept 2013

METRO RADIO OUTDOOR (MRO)

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LTE

2 x 1W (B13)
2 x 5W (B38)
Distributed BBU
Cube-based

Avail Date:
Now (B13)
Sept 2013 (B38)

femtoforum femtocell industry Awards 2011
winner
Non-residential femtocell access point design and technology innovation
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Metro Cells: femtocell technology for increased capacity and coverage in urban and rural environments
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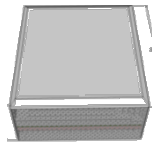
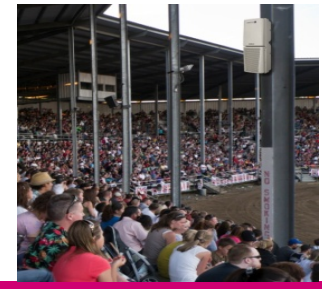
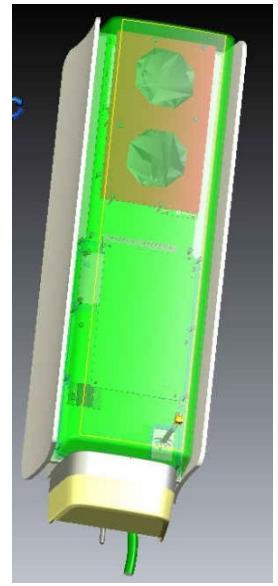
COVERING MULTIPLE TECHNOLOGIES AND DEPLOYMENT SCENARIOS

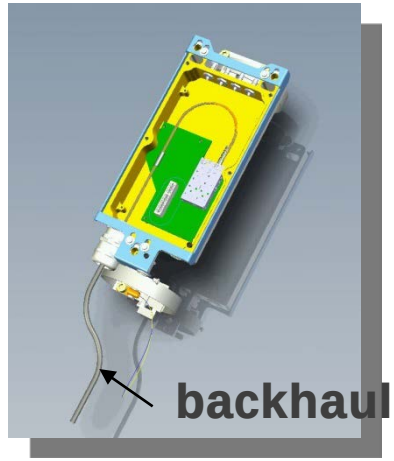
LTE METRO CELLS – WHERE TO USE THEM

PRODUCT	METRO CELL INDOOR LTE	METRO CELL OUTDOOR LTE	METRO CELL OUTDOOR LTE	METRO RADIO OUTDOOR LTE
				
POWER	2 X 250 mW	2 x 1 W	2 x 5 W	2 x 1 W
MAX ACTIVE USERS	64	64	200	~ 200
				
USE CASES	INDOOR HOTSPOTS	OUTDOOR HOTSPOTS INDOOR HOTSPOTS FROM OUTDOORS COVERAGE HOLE-FILL	MACRO EXTENSION LARGE PUBLIC VENUES RURAL AREAS	LARGE PUBLIC VENUES

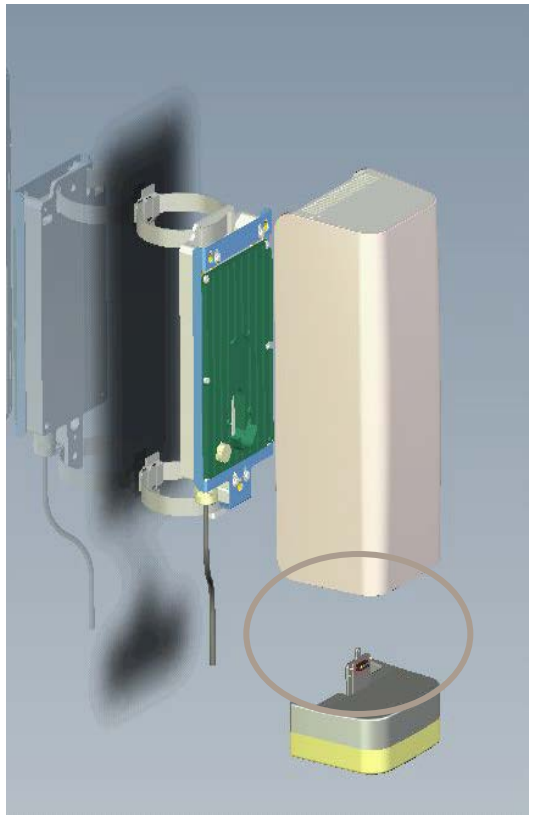
lightRadio™ Family Concept

RF Module	WCDMA (IuH architecture) LTE (eNodeB architecture) Up to 5W EIRP Directional Antennas Multiple band classes (w/ lightRadio cube)
Integrated Carrier-Grade Wi-Fi	Access Points Backhaul Including Daisy Chaining
MetroDock	GE GPON Wi-Fi Daisy chaining (cabled or Wi-Fi) Small Cell Router – for metro aggregation PoE+ injector NLOS LOS microwave





LightRadio™ Wi-Fi AP module



MCO WI-FI AP Module

FRONT

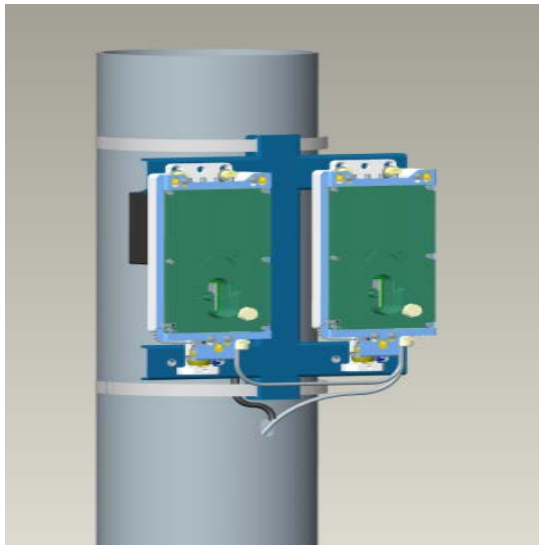
BACK

Dual-Band Dual-Concurrent Wi-Fi access point

- Supports **carrier grade Wi-Fi (Hotspot 2.0)**
- Simultaneous support of 2.4 / 5 GHz dual-band (802.11 b/g/n, 802.11a/n)
- output power for 2.4GHz and for 5GHz
  - up to 28dBm with integrated low-gain antennas
  - up to 32dBm with integrated high-gain antennas
- 20/40 MHz bandwidth
- 16 SSIDs (8 per frequency band)
- High capacity, up to 256 connected users
- Integrated directive antennas optimized for 2x2 MIMO
- Backhauled and powered via Metro Cell Outdoor module
- Passive cooling
- Seamless Wi-Fi / Cellular experience)

LTE Carrier Aggregation (CA) Readiness

MCO LTE 2x1W



MCO v1.1 LTE module can be operated

- as MCO using local modem
- as RRH connected to an external modem

Typical application: enablement of CA

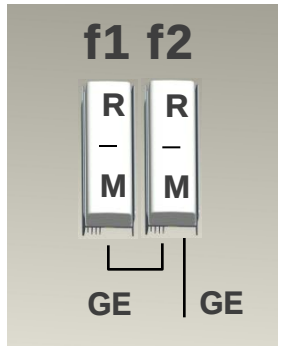
- **initial deployment all-in-one using on-box modem**
- **re-configuration into RRH for CA operation**

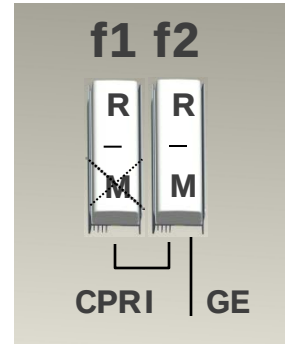
Other application: enablement of BBU centralized operation

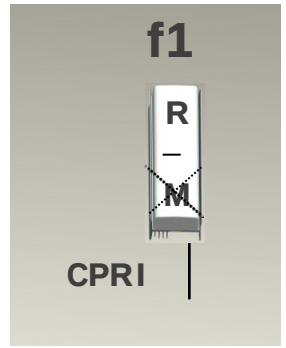
- **to benefit from Rel11+ COMP and other high capacity features**

MCOs in 13.3:

B4 (AWS)	B25 (PCS+ext)







Deployment of Small Cells: Shared Carrier Deployment Planned vs. Uniform

Shared Carrier: Same carrier channel used in macro and small cells leading to interference interactions

- Field studies show traffic in macro cells is often spatially clustered
  - Placing the metro cells within the hotspot results in **high amount of traffic offload** and **large throughput gains**
  - **~50% macro cells are amenable to >50% offload with Metros**
  - **~25% cells allow 25%-50% offload**

- Small cell effectiveness depends upon three key hotspot characteristics:
- **Distance from macro** – greater the distance, more effective small cells are
- **Amount of traffic in <u>each</u> hotspot** – the greater, the better
- **Number of hotspots** – too few will not allow much offloading, too many will result in inter-Metro interference

Shared Carrier approach provides Lower Economic Return, But Still 30 - 35% of Traffic Is Offloaded

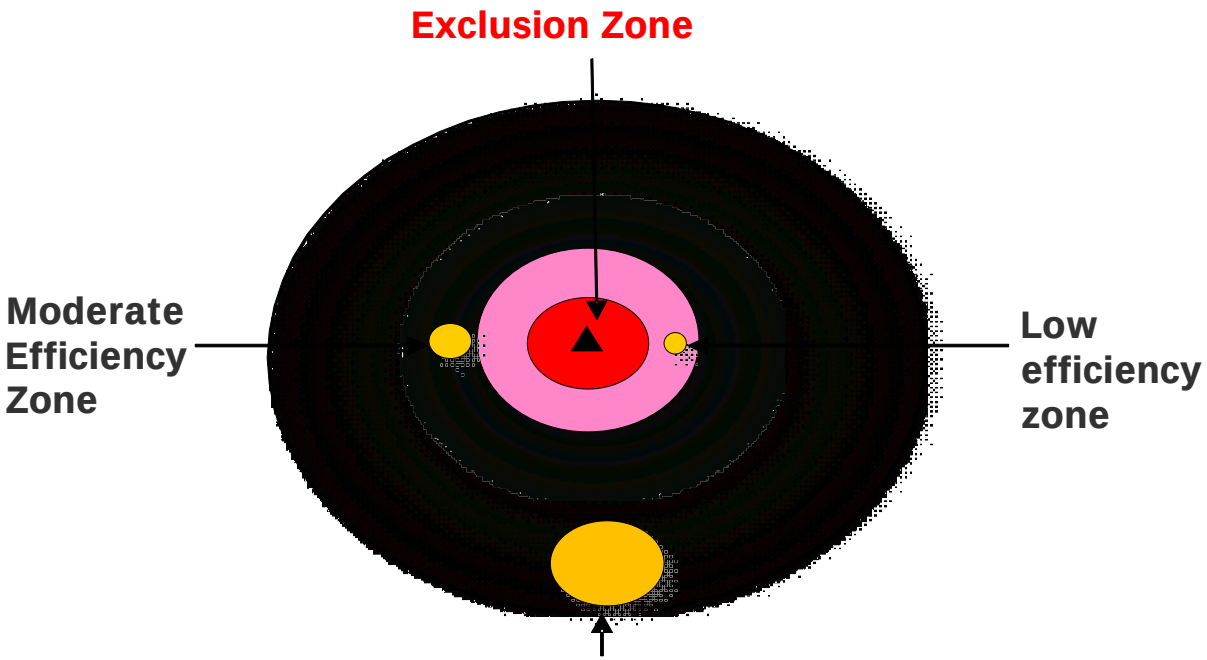
- Offers effective capacity and coverage for some use cases (indoor locations, etc.)
- Only option for operators with low-spectrum holdings

Metro Cell Coverage Area in a Shared Carrier Deployment

Field results and simulation data show all locations are not suitable for metro cells:

When the macro signal is very strong at a particular site, it causes two issues:

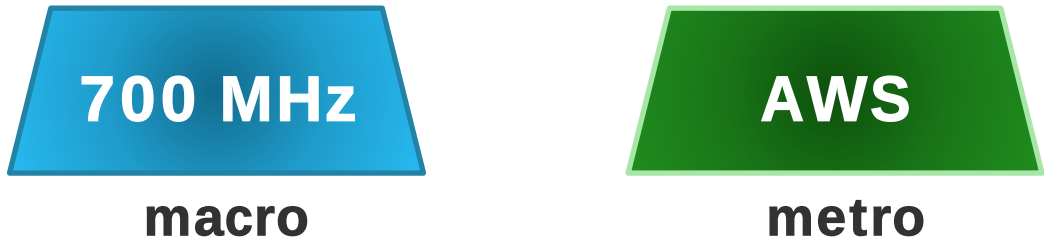
- **Shrinks metro cell coverage footprint → inefficient at macro offloading traffic**
- **High uplink noise rise at the metro cell → saturation due to dynamic range of metro cell receiver**



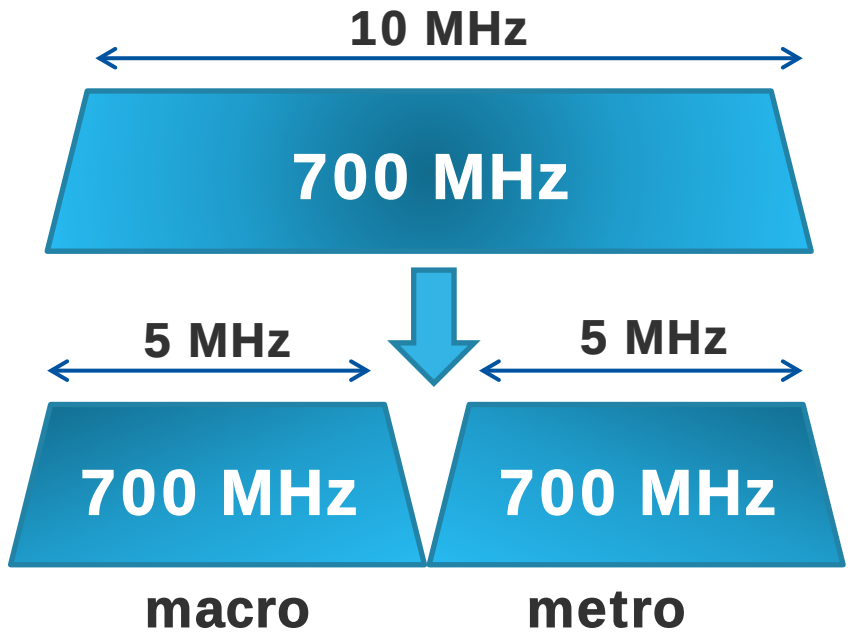
- **The "exclusion zone" is the region where the metro cell coverage is so small that it does not provide useful capacity offload from the macro**

Deployment of Small Cells: Dedicated Carrier for Small Cells

Two carriers from non-contiguous or separate band class



Or Two carriers created by splitting one contiguous carrier

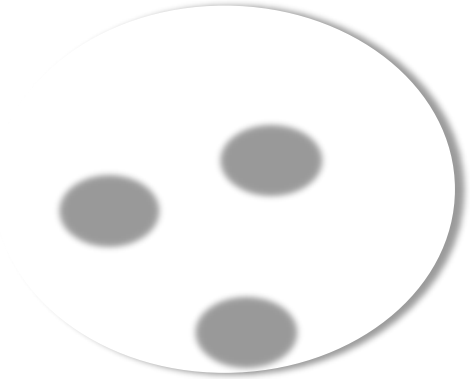


Dedicated Carrier

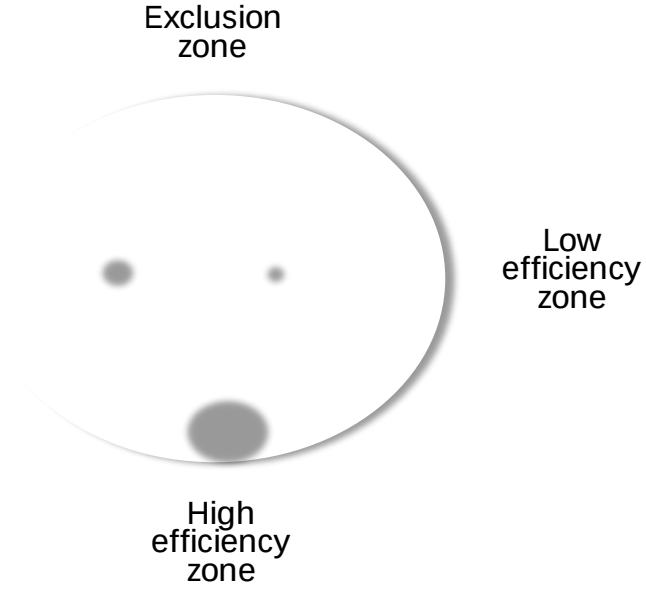
Independent (orthogonal) channels used in macro and small cells

Why Consider a Dedicated Carrier for Metro Cells?

Coverage area of metro cells deployed with dedicated carrier



Coverage area of metro cells deployed with shared carrier

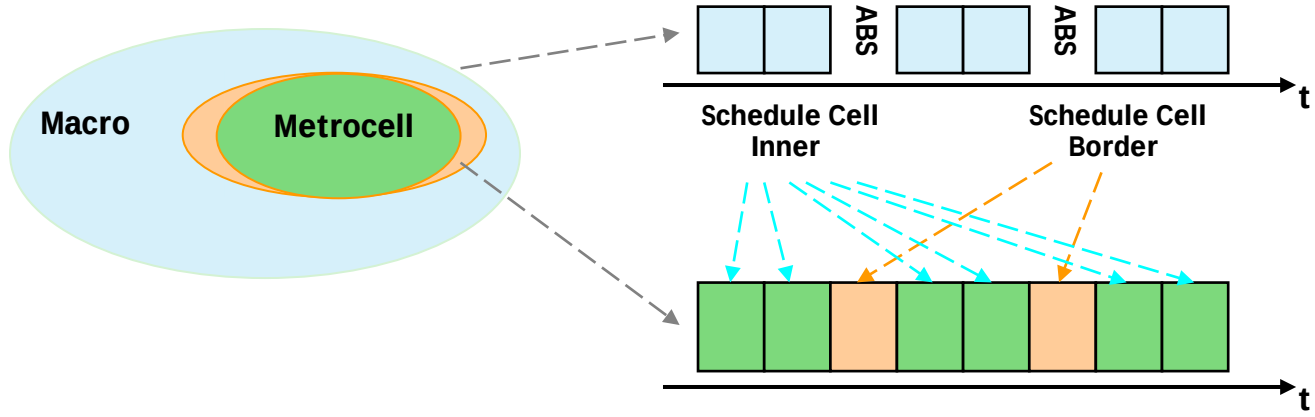


- Optimum amount of traffic offload (bias) increases with increasing number of metro cells per macro (result of load balancing with larger # of metros)
- **Clear gains in Cell Border Throughput (CBTP) from dedicated carrier**

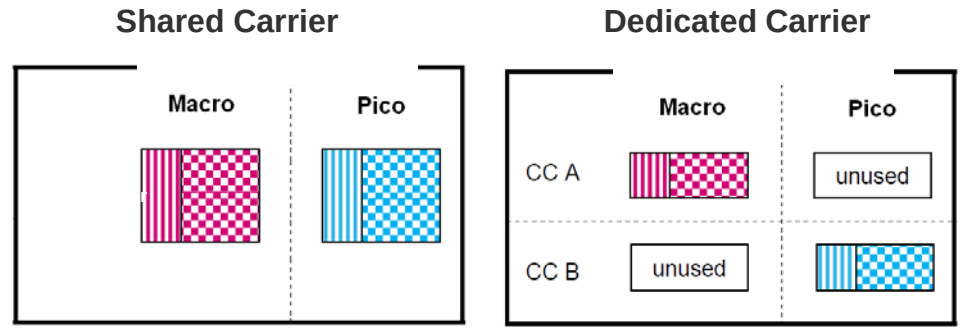
- **Without interference from macro, a dedicated carrier metro cell can cover a much wider area regardless of proximity to the macro**
  - **Coverage area configured through cell selection priorities and thresholds**
- **High efficiency traffic offloading without need for exclusion zone**
- **But… are we using the spectrum wisely? → Reduces spectral efficiency**

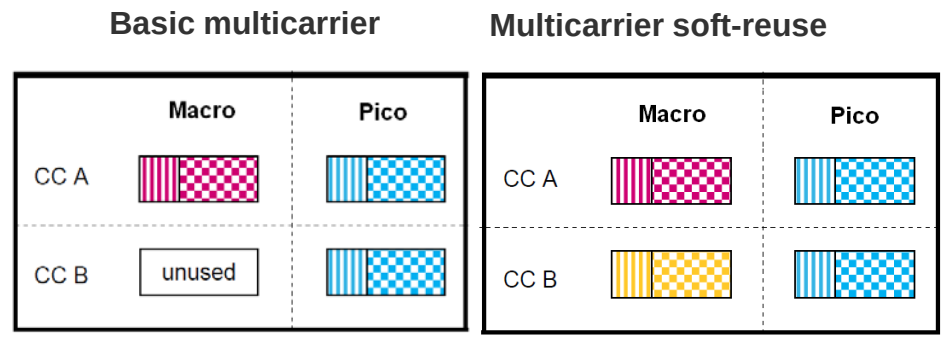
More advanced techniques

- **eICIC for shared carrier deployment**
  - **Almost Blank Sub-frames (ABS)**
  - Interference Cancellation (both UE and Network based solutions)



- **Multicarrier approach:** Metro cell uses two component carriers (CC A and CC B), macro uses just CC A alone (basic scheme) or CC A full power and CC B with reduced power (soft-reuse scheme)
  - With or Without carrier aggregation





3.5 GHz and Small Cells in Cellular Systems

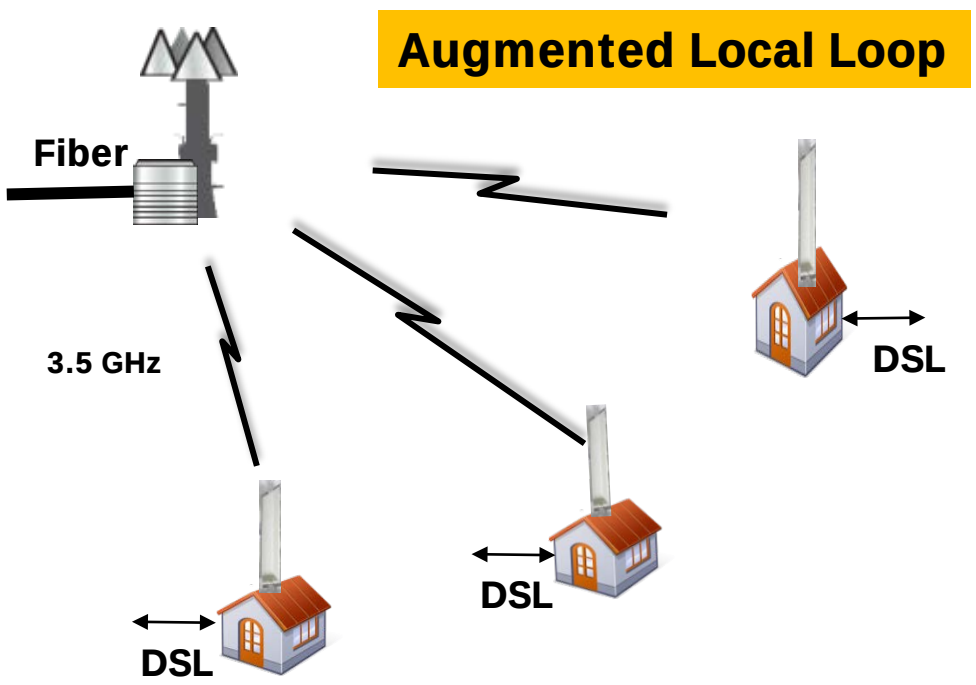
Small Cell Access

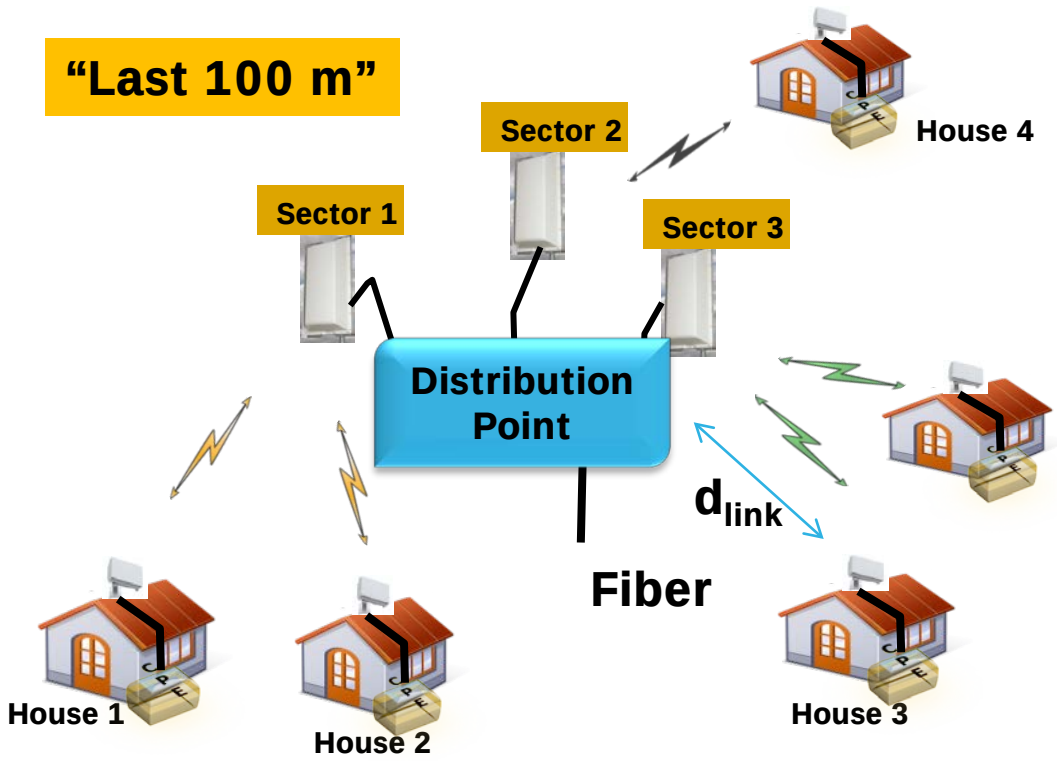
- Dedicated carrier small cell systems can leverage *priority access channels* in 3.5 GHz

Small Cell Backhaul

- Deployment in clutter at 8-20 feet
- Obstacles, foliage, rapid change in propagation environment → Line-of-Sight (LOS) at 30/60/80 GHz microwave fails. Microwave backhaul products are not suitable
- Non LOS (NLOS) or near-LOS (nLOS) backhaul required which needs sub-6 GHz spectrum
- 3.5 GHz can be ideal suited

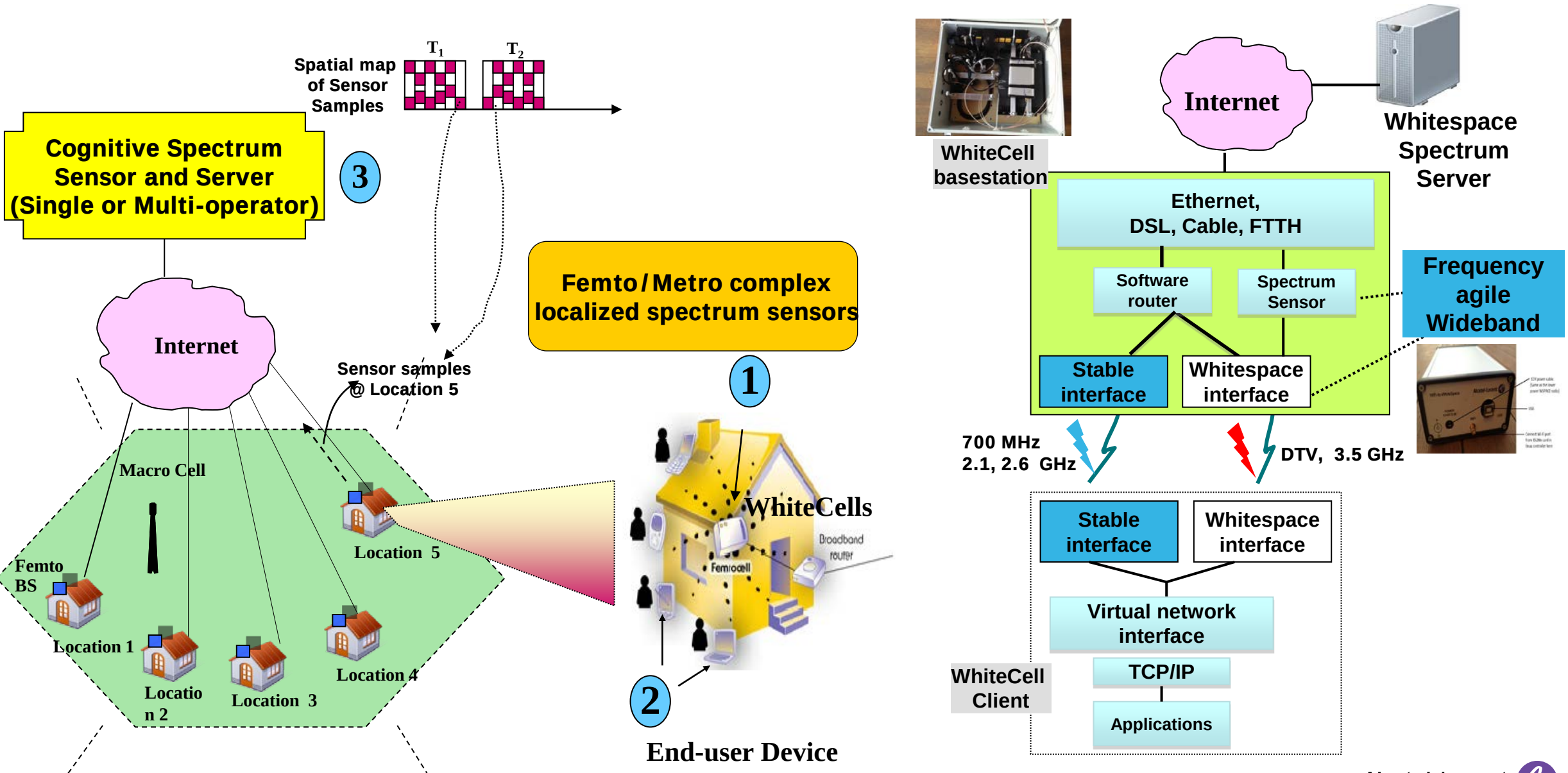
3.5 GHz and Fixed Wireless Access Using Small Cells





- Fixed broadband over copper pairs can be augmented with 3.5 GHz Fixed Wireless Access (FWA)
- Multi-antenna systems at 3.5 GHz can be small and efficient
- Effectively leverage small cell technology

WhiteCells: High Capacity Dual-Technology Small Cells (Research)



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