

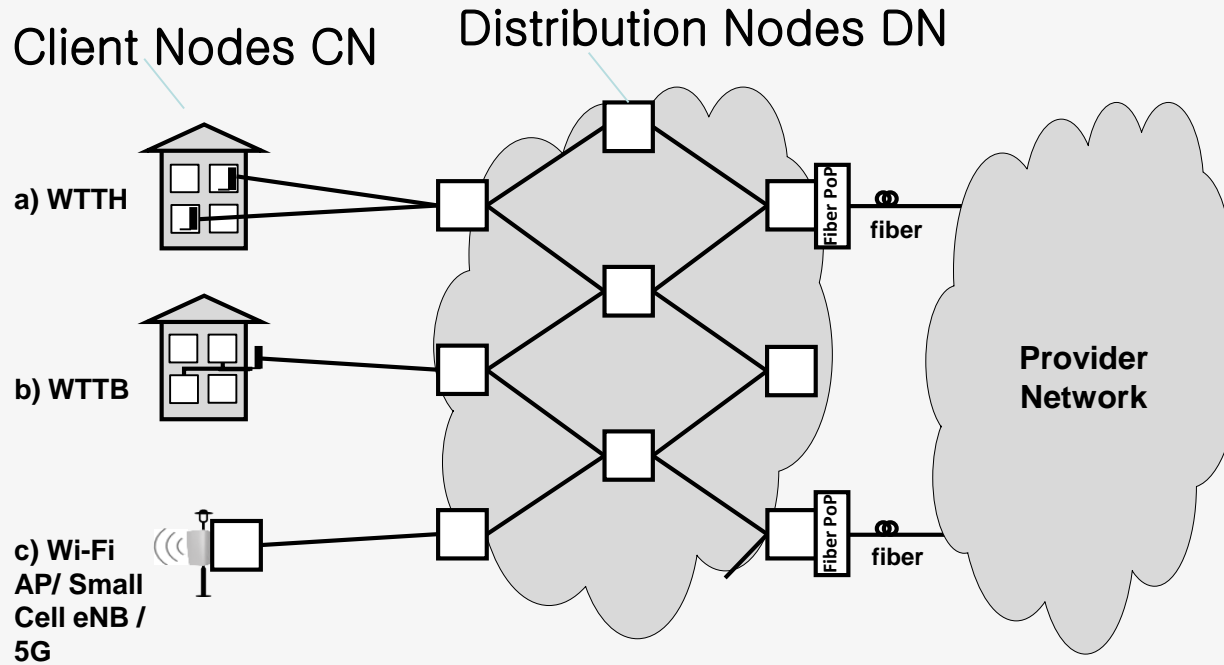


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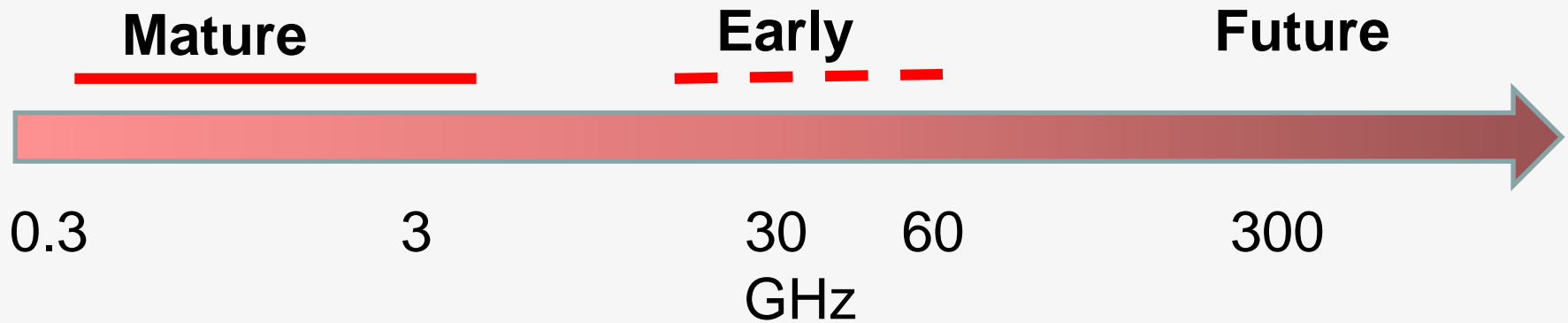
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“Wireless Fiber”

Source IEEE 802.11TGay

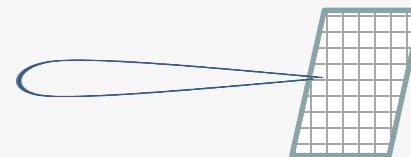
# Access Networks – Frequency Bands



# “Path Loss” Freq $f$ to $N * f$

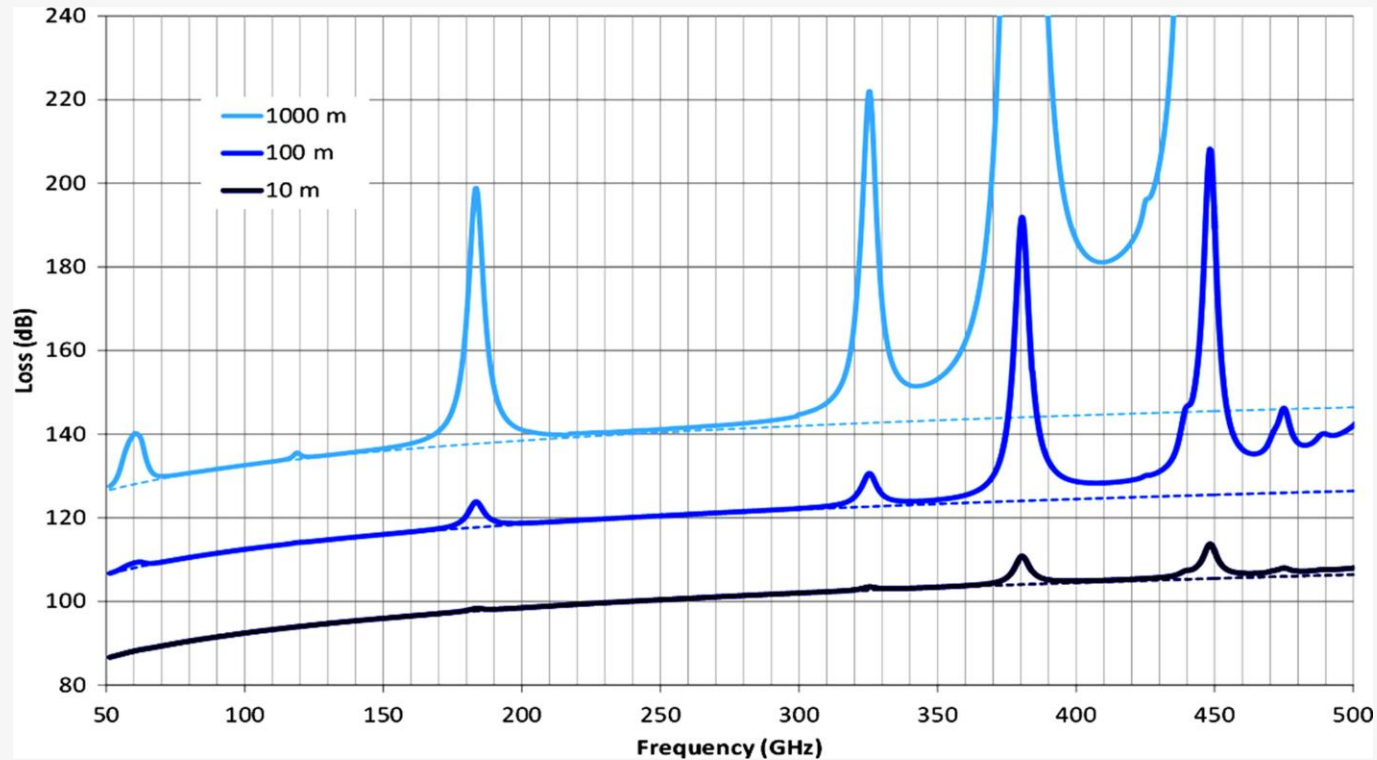


$20 \log N$   
addl “path loss”



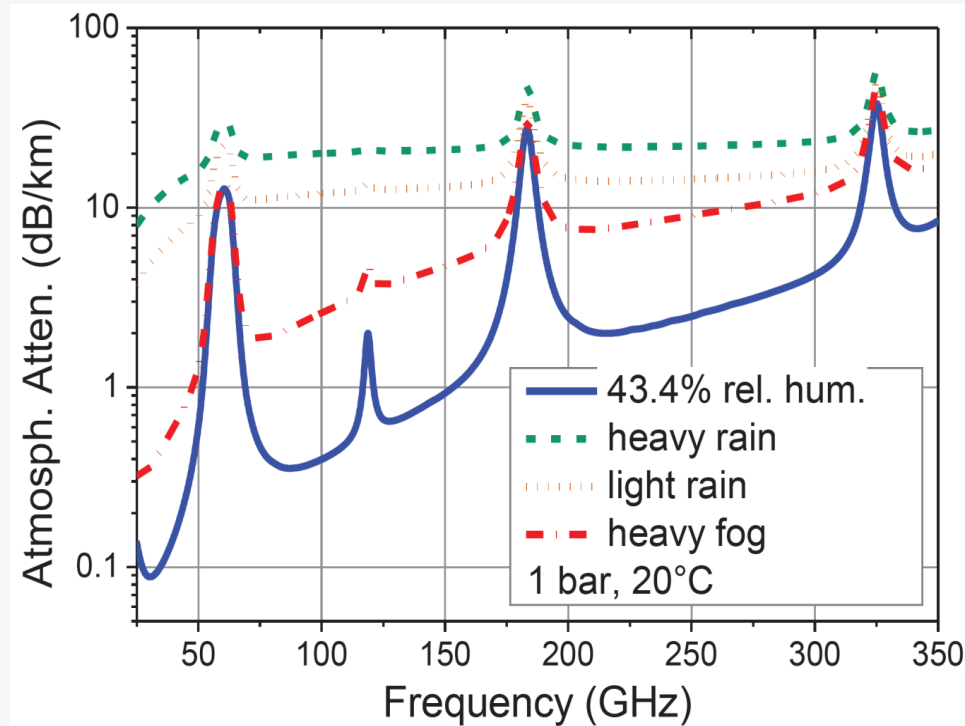
Maximizing Rx aperture  $\rightarrow$  narrow beams = adds array gain  
Use Beamforming for flexible pointing

# Atmospheric Loss



At 100M range the atmospheric absorption loss is negligible at 60GHz

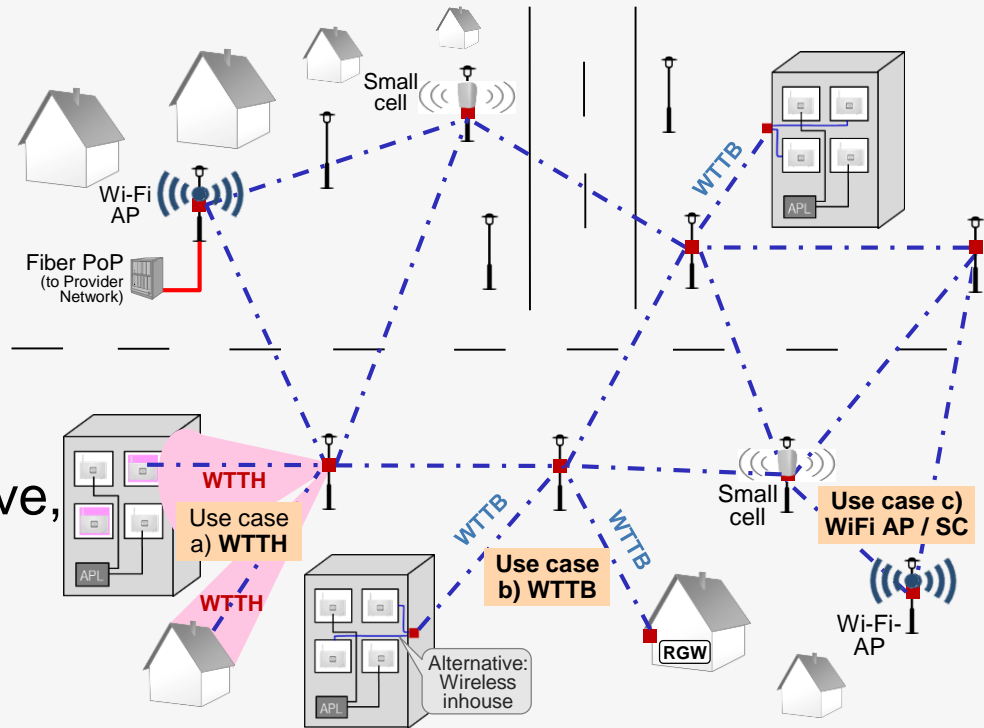
# Precipitation Loss



At 100M range the precipitation loss is negligible at 60 GHz

## MDN – Area View

- Narrow 2-4 Deg. Beams both ends of link
- LOS
- DNs on Lamp Post, Roof Top, Bldg. Side
- CNs on Window, Under Eave, Bldg. Side

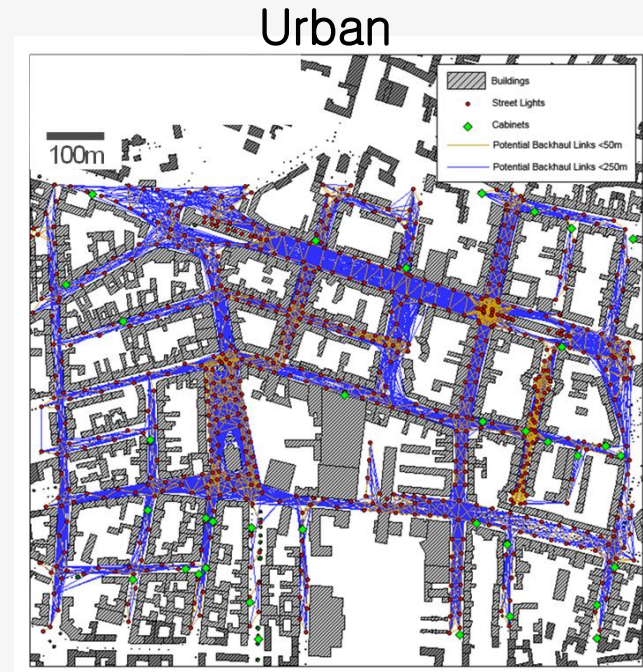


Deliver 5–10 Gbps every 50M Sq.

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## MDN Deployment

- Urban
  - LOS shoot must be above or below or away to avoid foliage
  - DN to CN 20 – 50M
  - DN to DN 60- 200M (300M)
- Suburban
  - Roof top also possible



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## MDN – 802.11ad Based

- MDN is currently based on 802.11ad WiFi / WiGig 60 GHz Unlicensed Band
- 11ad designed for indoor access application – multiple use cases. MDN is retargeting it for an outdoor backhaul application
- KPIs in a backhaul application are more stringent on throughput variability, delay and delay jitter than access application
- Unlicensed band MDN is vulnerable to out of network interference

## MDN – Current Eco System

- Semiconductors: Qualcomm, Intel, (Broadcom), Blu, Peraso,.. (11ad standard PHY / MAC or with prop. MAC)
- OEMs: Siklu, Nokia-FB, Vivint, Radwin, Airspan, Huawei, Taiwan ODMs
- Carriers: WISPs – Vivint,..., Deutsche Telekom, Jio, ...
- Ongoing Trials FB (San Jose), Jio (Mumbai), Vivint (Phoenix, Draper), ,,,

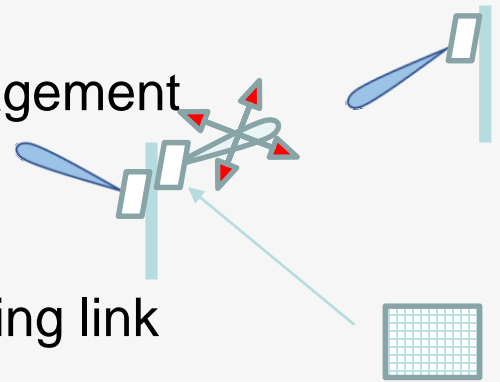
## MDN 60 GHz Propagation

- Foliage losses are high – a single tree can insert a 10-20 dB loss. We need to run links avoiding foliage
- Links have to be LOS - weak diffraction and strong shadowing. Cannot go through buildings,,...
- Very poor outdoor-indoor penetration
- 60 GHz oxygen absorption is ~ 1.5 dB per 100 M, Rain ~2 dB per 100 M

|                         | Current / 11ad     | 11ay WDN Proposal                                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Band                    | 57-64 GHz          | Same   |
| Channel                 | 2.16 GHz x 4 (max) | Same   |
| Modulation              | Single Carrier     | Same   |
| Beam Mgt.               | Node               | Network  |
| MIMO Streams            | Single             | Same   |
| Interference Management | CSMA/CA            | Interference Scan /<br>Beam Nulling<br>Power Control |

# Beamforming

- Needs beamforming at both ends.
- Needs Sector Searching and Beam Management to establish and maintain links
- Beamforming also causes deafness, making link management complicated
- Interference is spiky – search-light effect
- Adaptive beamforming to cancel interference



32 to 256 Patch  
Element Beamformer

| Current / 11ad TDD                                       | 11ay WDN Proposal                       |
|--|---|
| CSMA/CA or Prop. TDM                                     | TDD / TDM                               |
| No slot structure (CSMA/CA)<br>or<br>Fixed TDM. GPS lock | Hierarchical slot structure<br>GPS Lock |
| Fixed Allocation   | Demand Based Allocation                 |
| Per packet Ack   | Block Ack delayed to next slot          |
| Single Golay Code  | Multiple Golay Codes                    |

## Deployment

- Effective monitoring and operations is critical (high density and expensive to touch)
- Harder to bring up isolated nodes quickly – beam search
- GPS lock not reliable in urban canyons
- Picking good DN sites is complex (mmWave) and needs lots of foliage, bldg. and terrain data
- Rooftop vs Street Furniture

## Scheduling / SLAs

- Hop depth - Ingress to CN: ~3 for Backhaul, ~8 for WTTH
- Current TDM use “nailed up” Tx – Rx slots, moving to demand based adaptive TDM (in 11ay)
- Global Scheduling (TDD DI/UL ratios set every 20 ms)
- Fixed Ingress / egress policing for QOS moving to dynamic slicing



## Forwarding : L2 vs TRILL vs L3

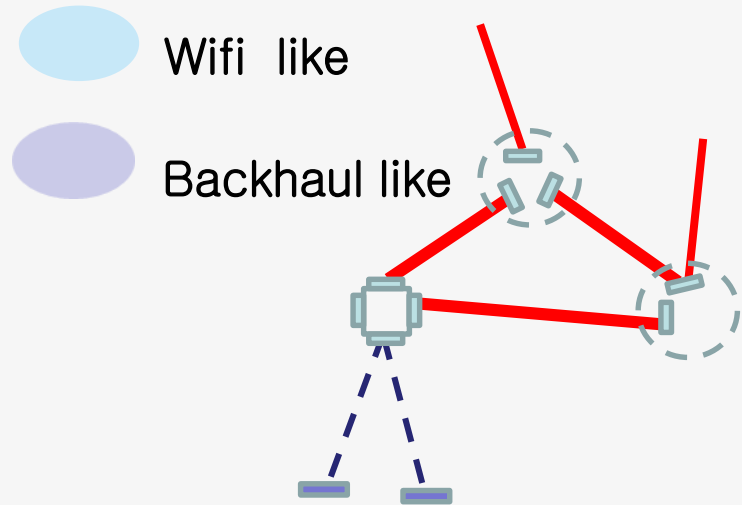


- L2 Switching – uses Spanning Tree Protocol
- TRILL – Transparent Interconnections of Large Number of Links
- SPB – Shortest Path Bridging (Q in Q)
- L3 Routing - OSPF (Mostly used now)

| L2 Switching      | TRILL                   | L3 Routing              |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Minimal Config    | Minimal Config.         | Geo addressing          |
| Flat addressing   | Hierarchical Forwarding | Hierarchical Forwarding |
| Plug and Play     | Plug and Play           | Plan and Play           |
| Slow Convergence  | Fast Convergence        | Fast Convergence        |
| Single Path / STP | Multi Path              | Multi path / Mul Tree   |
| Low Scalability   | Highly Scalable         | Highly Scalable         |

## Some MDN Debates

- PmP vs P2P on back bone / BH
- CSMA/CA vs TDD/TDM
- Managing interference L2 vs L1
- Unlicensed vs licensed bands
- Access and Distribution on same freq. channel
- Forwarding – TRILL / SPB vs L3
- Single vs multiple radio housing



## Applications - Outdoor

- High density backhaul (and later front haul)
- Add small cell LTE, WiFi and later 5G (eMBB, V2X)
- Add lighting, sensor package (cameras, gun shot, parking, Env. & Traffic)
- Add Edge Computing, and NFV
- With PV solar, grid free / wire free infrastructure!!

## Applications – Large Indoor / Stadiums

- Backhaul for consumer access on LTE, WiFi, and later 5G
- Backhaul for Cameras, Skycam and other robotic Drone cameras
- Facilities control and monitoring
- VR backhaul



## Some Research Areas

- You need a test bed!
- Adaptive beamforming for Intf. Management
- SDN ideas to centrally manage per link TDD slotting and frequency assignment
- Low order MU-MIMO
- Isolated node / segment recovery
- Antennas and RF circuit design

## Summary

- Small eco-system (for now), fragmented
- MDN leverages major investments made in WiFi 11ad / WiGig
- A few trials in progress, plenty of lessons for 28, 39 GHz 5G!
- Maturing technology
- **Huge Opportunity**



# Questions