

THE STATE OF THE UNION OF WIRELESS

APPROACHES FOR IMPROVING THE WIRELESS EXPERIENCE IN MDUS



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INTRODUCTION

Problem Statement

- How to bring better wireless connectivity-Wi-Fi, cellular and public safety-to MDUs

Solutions

- Bringing connectivity to the building
- Distributing connectivity within the building

Technologies

- Gigabit to the building over fiber and wireless
- Distributed antenna (DAS) architectures and design
- Living unit and common area Wi-Fi solutions



GIGABIT TO THE LIVING UNIT ANTENNA



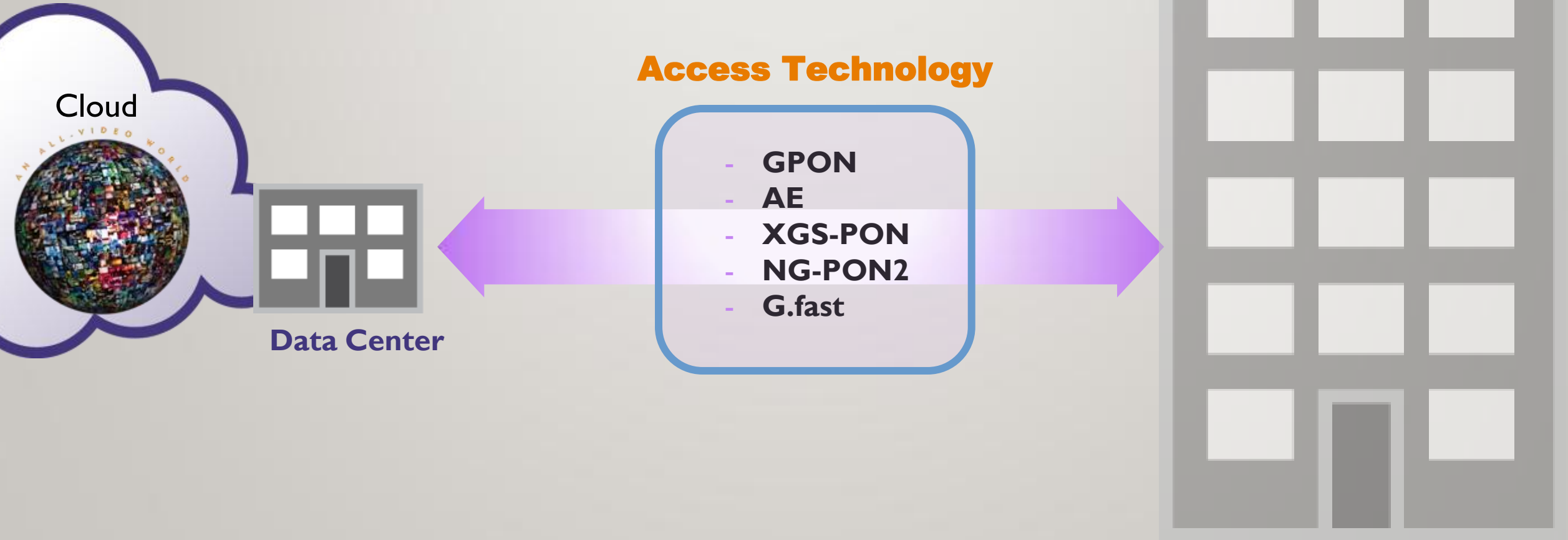
DEMANDING THE GIGABIT EXPERIENCE



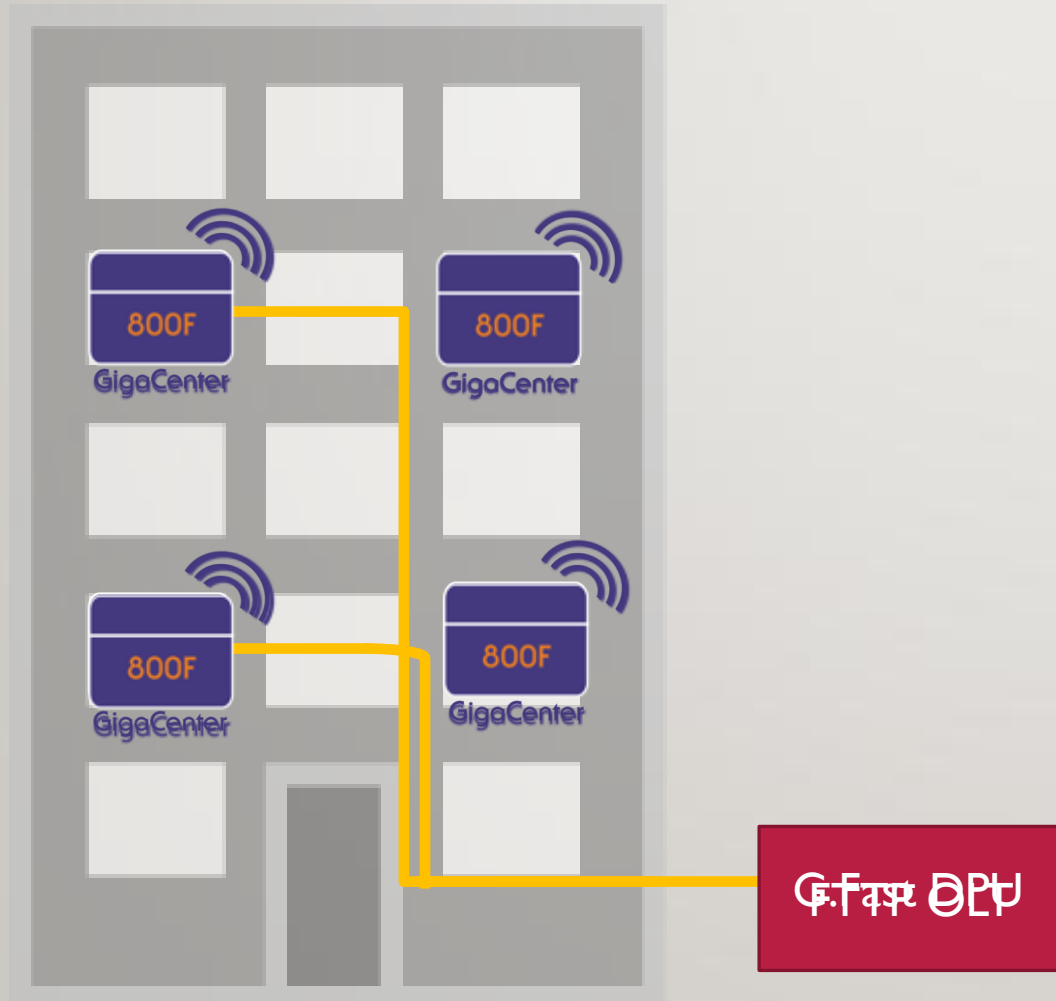
Anything, anywhere, any device!

A PREDICTABLE USER EXPERIENCE

A common subscriber experience no matter what technology serves the living unit



GIGABIT TO THE LIVING UNIT ANTENNA



Carrier class W-Fi

- Ubiquitous coverage
- DFS frequencies
- 4X4 MU-MIMO
- Near Gig OOKLA speeds
- IPTV over Wi-Fi
- Voice over Wi-Fi

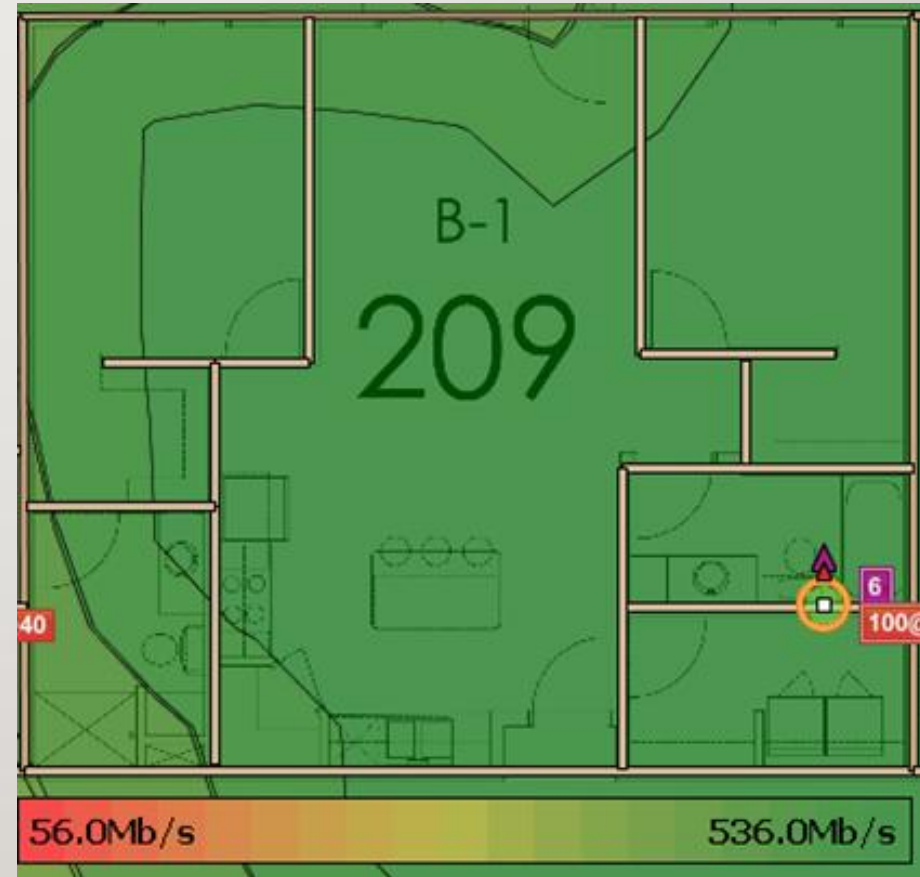
APARTMENT COMPLEX CASE STUDY

- 163 Living units – 3 buildings – 3 floors
- Fiber connected WAP in each unit for voice and broadband services
- Concerns about interference



WI-FI NETWORK BUILDING DESIGN

- Predictive design
 - Software tools to model structure, WAPs, and attenuation
 - Produce maps of predicted RSSI, SNR, PHY rates
 - Generate optimized channel plans (channel and power) in 3D



DESIGN VALIDATION

- Deploy WAPs as specified in predictive design
- Walk site with data capture tools to validate prediction
- Iterate design if necessary (adjust power, channels, etc.)



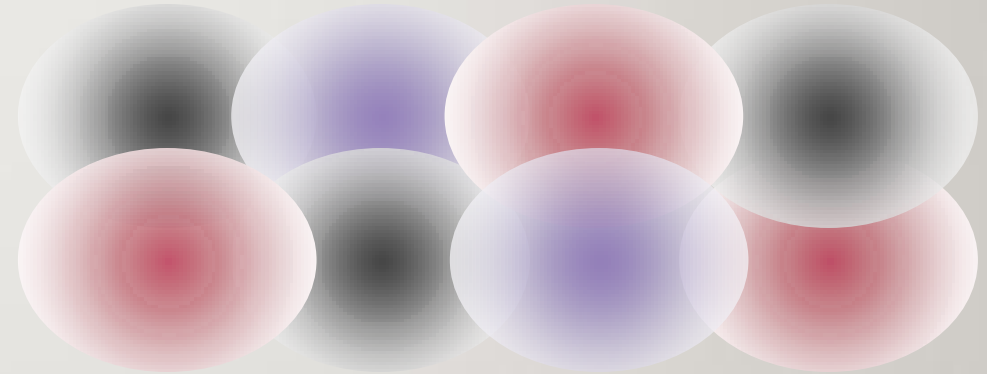
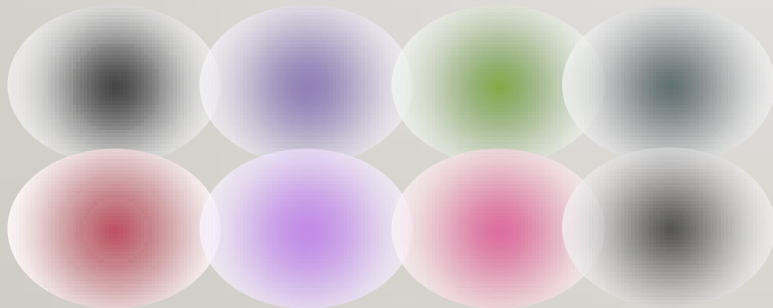
2.4 GHz Coverage (RSSI) of Unit 204



5.0 GHz Coverage (RSSI) of Unit 204

MDU DEPLOYMENT LESSONS LEARNED

- Design goals
 - One WAP per living unit
 - Approach building as a “system” to optimize
 - Minimize interference
 - Even WAPs you cannot control



- Implementation
 - Minimize power levels
 - Use more channels
 - Use 5GHz aggressively
 - Use DFS frequencies when possible
 - Reduce channel widths
 - Leverage technology in new standards
 - Beamforming, MU-MIMO