

# FiWi Access Networks: Recent Progress & Moonshot Perspectives

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II. Marie Curie IIF research project  
“Smart-FiWi-HetNets” (following CFPs)

III. Curiosity-driven research (not following CFPs)

# I. Intro

# Castelldefels 10 Years Ago



# Canada 2014



# INRS

UQ system similar to UC  
public university system

INRS is research arm of  
UQ system

INRS ranks first in Canada  
in terms of research  
intensity



# What is FiWi?

“It’s a typo.” (Konstantinos Ntontin, CTTC)

IEEE Sub-TC FiWi – what it does & what it doesn’t:

“The Sub-TC on Fiber-Wireless Integration addresses architectures, techniques, and interfaces for the integration of fiber and wireless network segments in a unified wired-wireless infrastructure ... It does not address architectures or techniques specific to individual optical or wireless networks.”

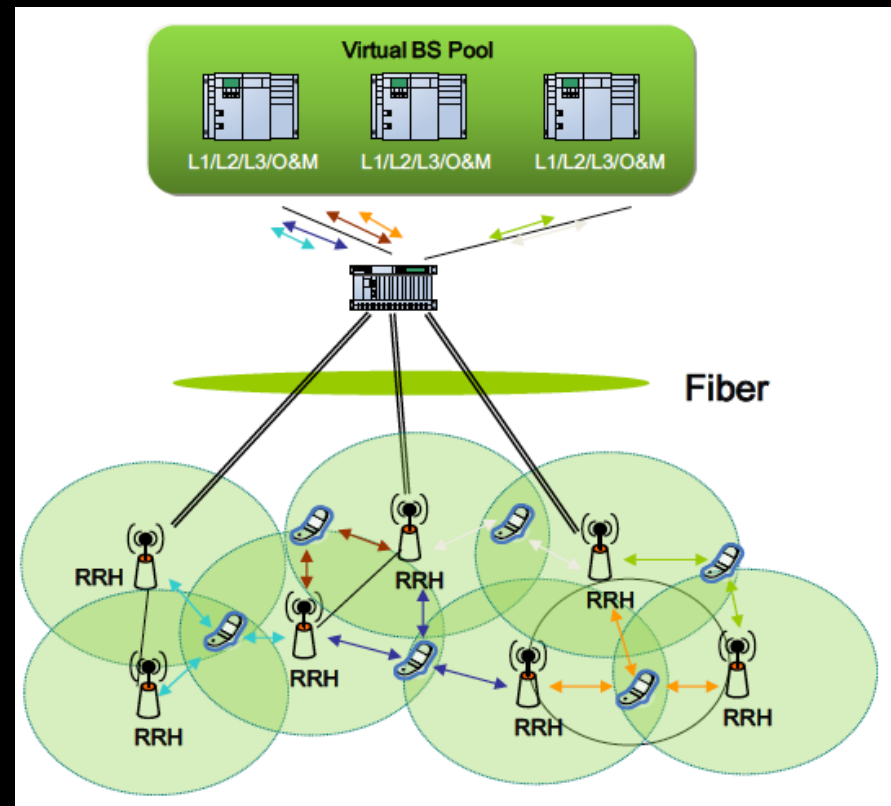
# FiWi vs. RoF

RoF: Separation of  
BBUs & RRHs

Centralized architecture

Focus on 4G cellular  
technologies

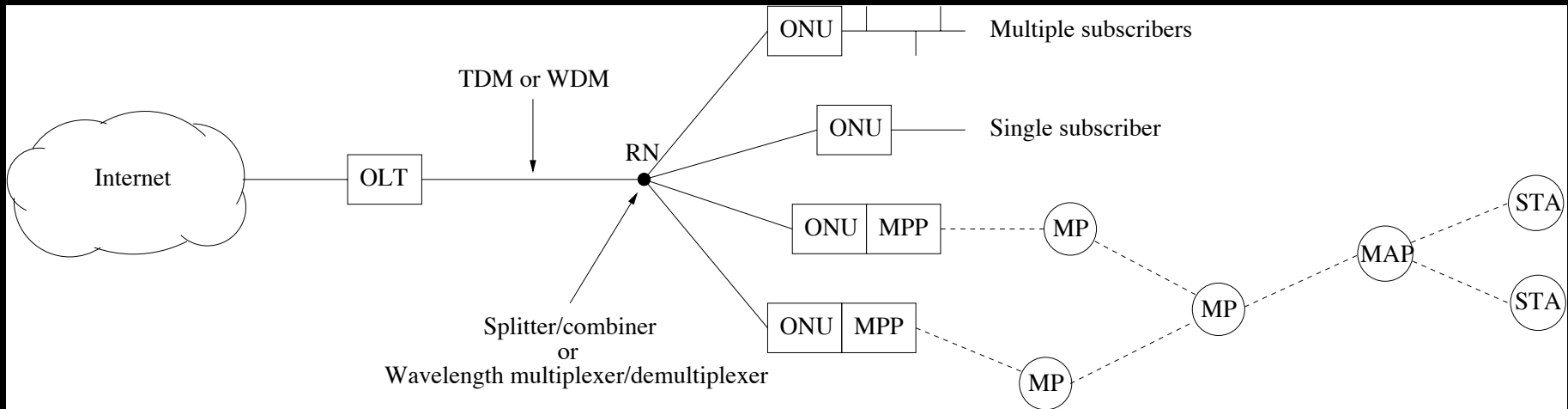
## C-RAN



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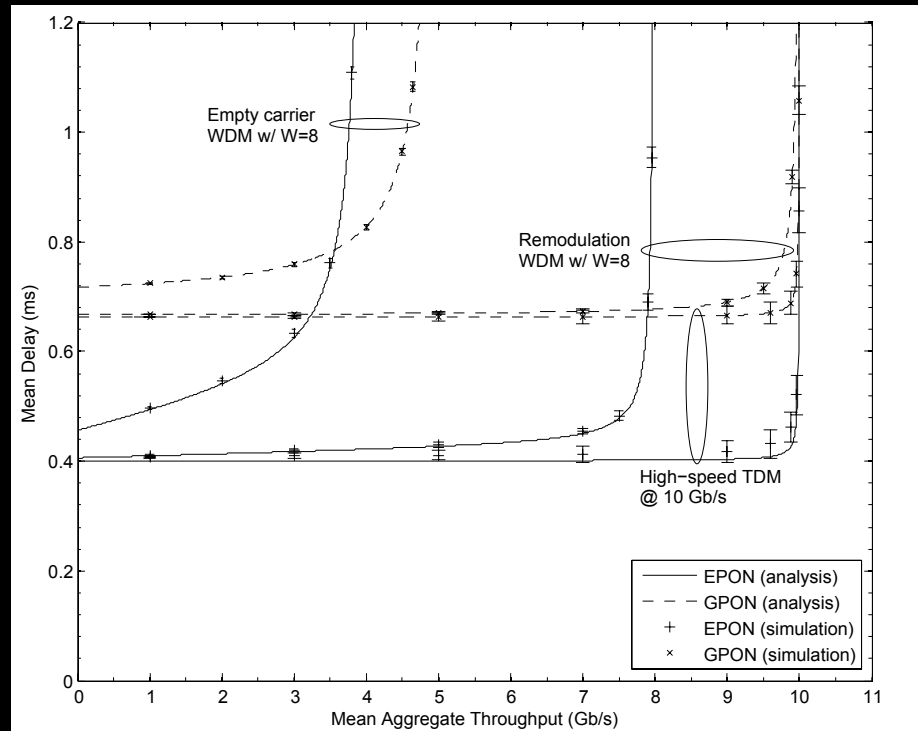
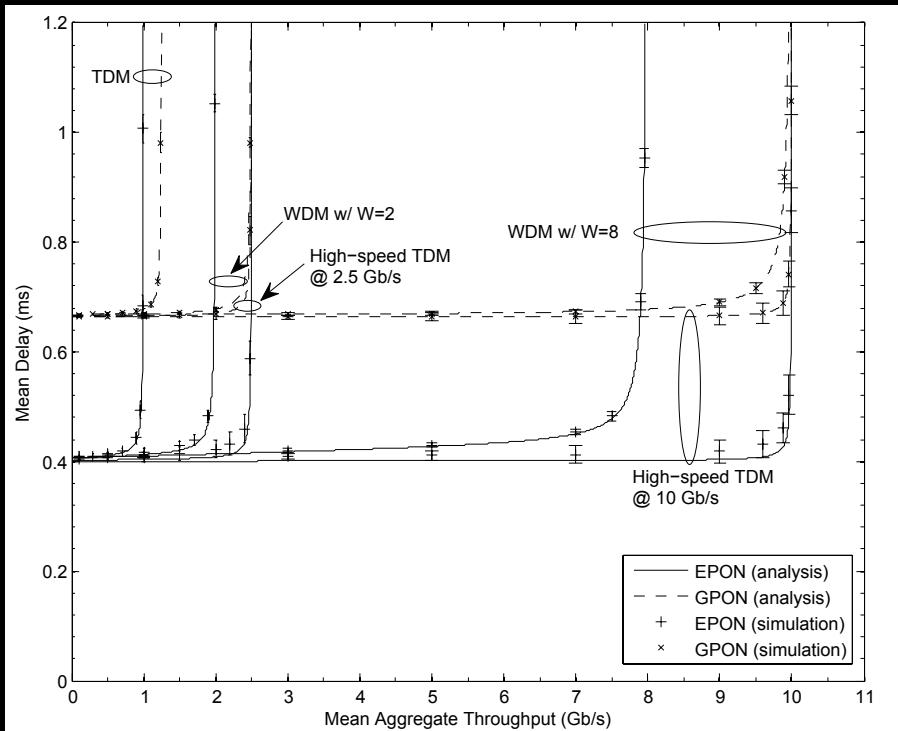
# FiWi vs. RoF



Vast majority of L2/L3 FiWi network studies focused on decentralized Ethernet technologies

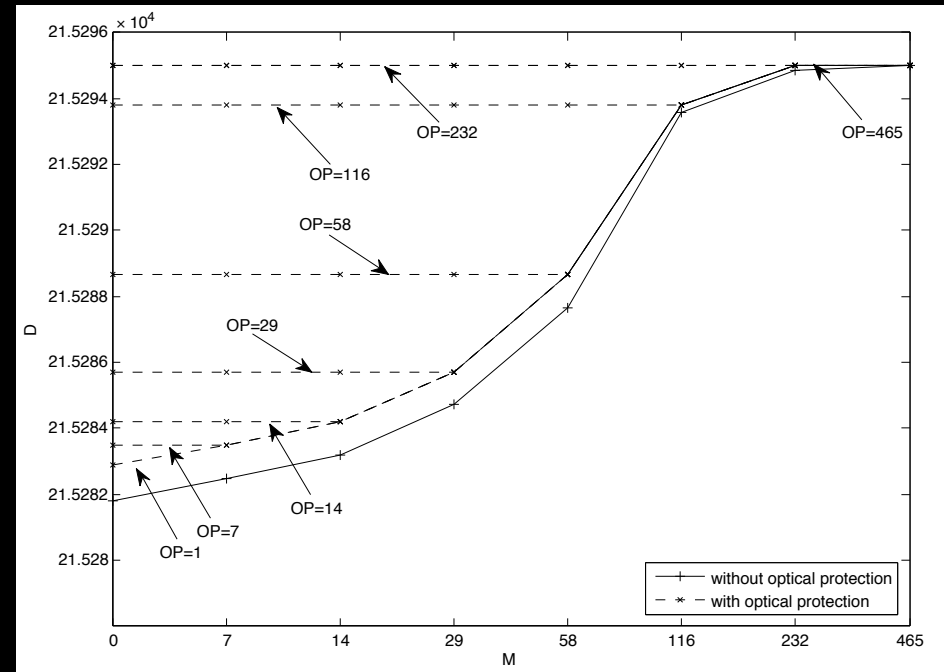
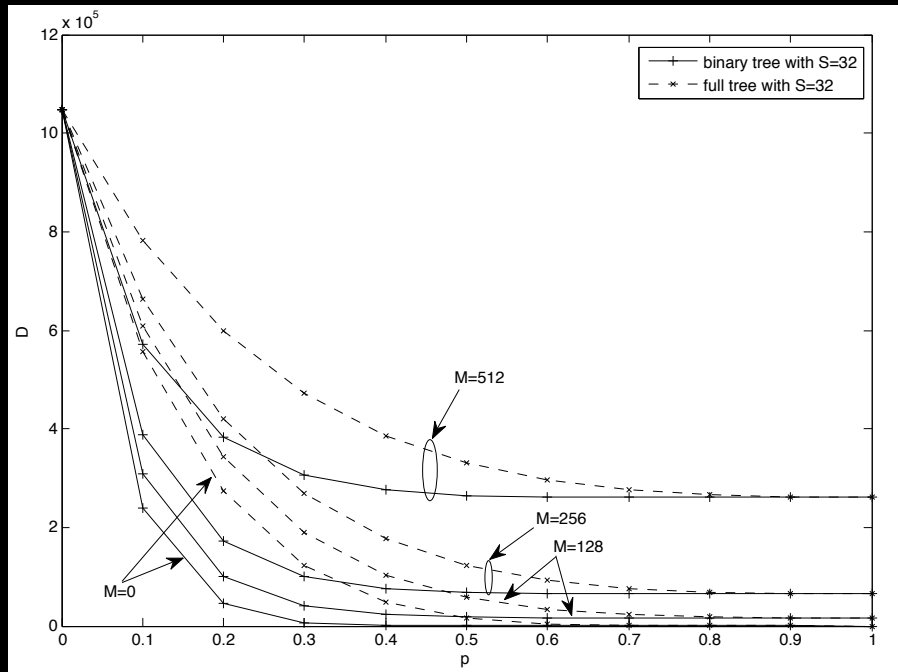
- IEEE 802.3ah EPON, IEEE 802.3av 10G-EPON, WDM PON
- IEEE 802.11b/g/n/s WLAN, IEEE 802.11ac VHT WLAN

# High-Speed TDM or WDM?



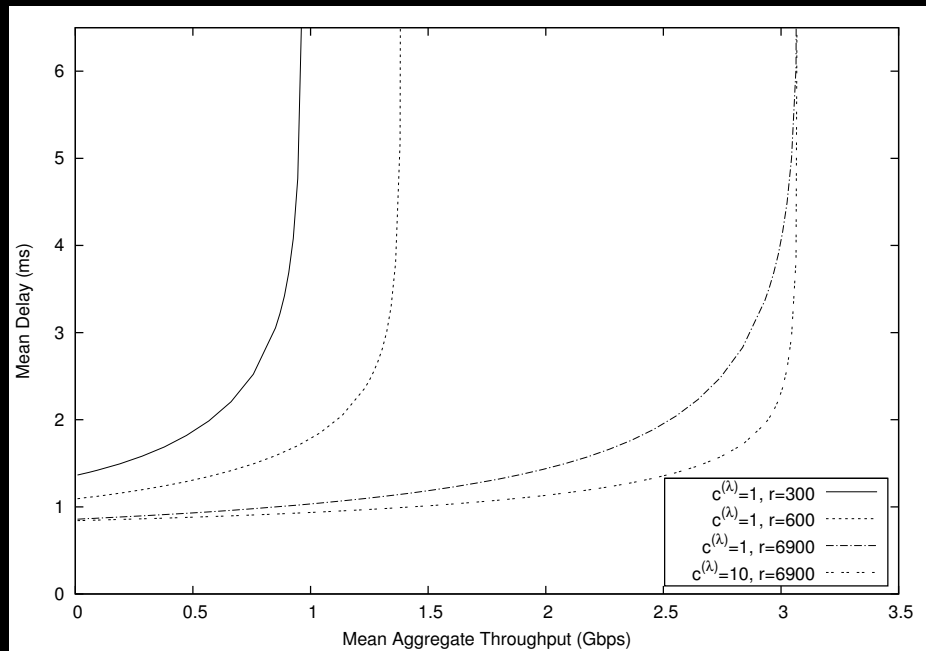
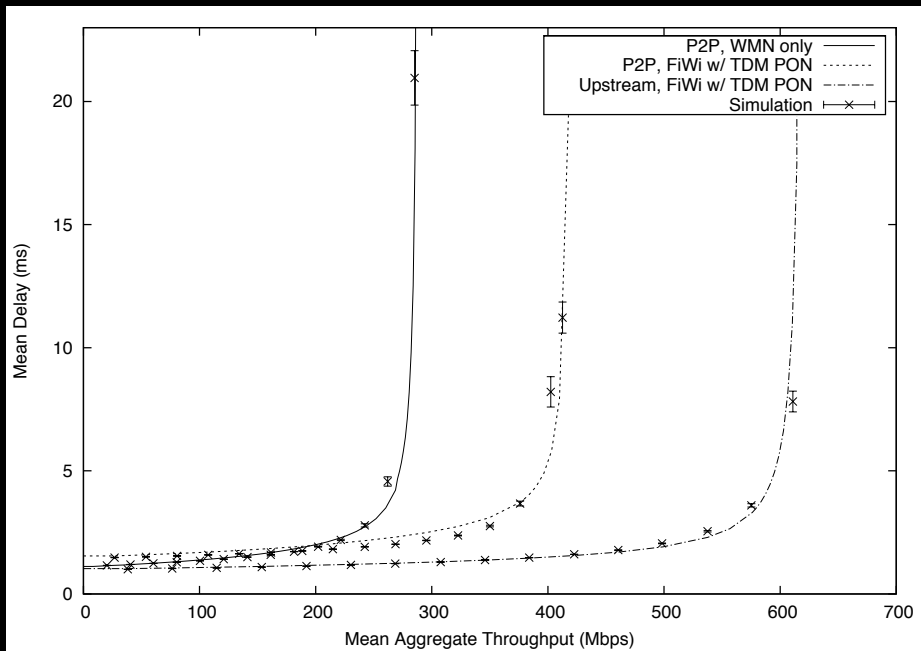
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# Will VHT Wireless Do It?



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# NSERC 2010

“In coming years, ICT industry will need to change its focus, becoming less an end in itself than a means to an end.”

# SmartGridCity

## Xcel Energy ruled out

- Satellite
- Wireless
- Cable
- DSL

## and relied on

- Own fiber
- BPL

INFORMATION SHEET  
SMARTGRIDCITY

## SmartGridCity™ Building a Clean Energy Future

Xcel Energy is building a clean energy future through our use of advanced technologies, expanded energy efficiency programs, and with innovative business strategies. Through projects such as SmartGridCity™ in Boulder, Colo., we are gaining experience and learning more about the possibilities.

### About SmartGridCity

SmartGridCity is a technology pilot that allows us to explore smart-grid tools in a real-world setting. It serves as a living laboratory that helps us determine:

- Which energy-management and conservation tools our customers want and prefer
- Which technologies are the most effective at improving the way we deliver power
- How best to incorporate smart technology into our business operations to improve efficiency, reduce carbon emissions and modernize the energy delivery system
- How to roll out the most promising smart components on a wider scale

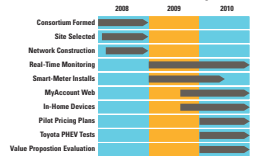
The smart-grid infrastructure is the backbone of the entire smart system we have installed in Boulder. The network went live in the summer of 2009 and allows the utility to communicate and connect with nearly 47,000 premises throughout the city. Since the project's beginnings, we have provided tours and demonstrations to numerous industry peers, as well as international representatives from more than 33 countries, in order to share the lessons we've learned.

SmartGridCity delivers choice and visibility through technology that can help customers save energy, save money and help preserve the environment. Boulder customers with smart meters can view their electricity consumption in up to 15-minute intervals using the MyAccount web site, which gives them a window of information for further conservation ideas to more closely manage monthly bills.

In 2010, we will focus on maximizing customer value through in-home energy management options, various pricing pilot programs and additional plug-in hybrid electric vehicle tests. With this test bed in place, additional smart grid pilots could extend beyond this year.

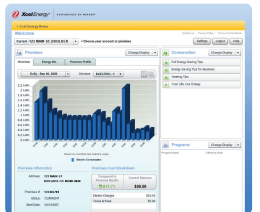
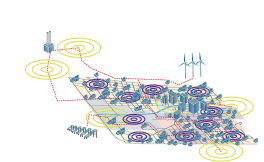


### SmartGridCity Project Development



SmartGridCity is already improving reliability. The new system gives operators the ability to monitor performance in near-real time, make adjustments based on available analytics and fine tune the grid. This allows Xcel Energy to better predict and avoid equipment failures, proactively make necessary repairs and quickly pinpoint potential problems.

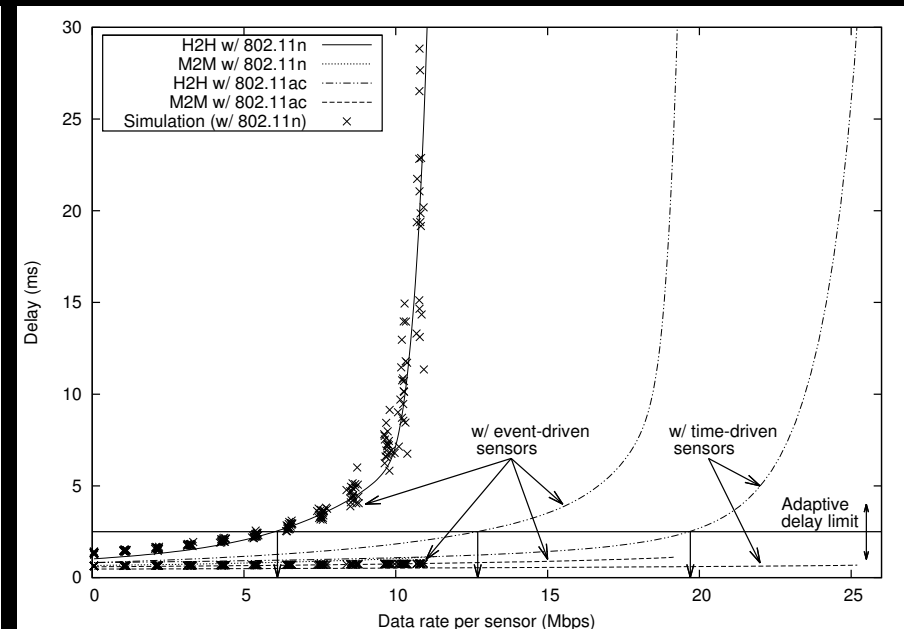
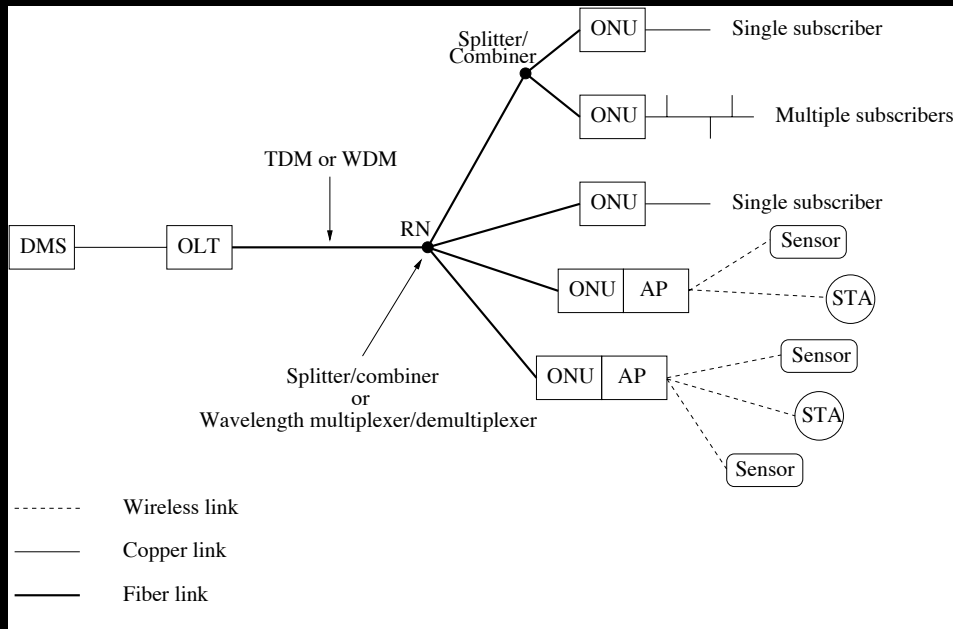
## SMARTGRIDCITY™



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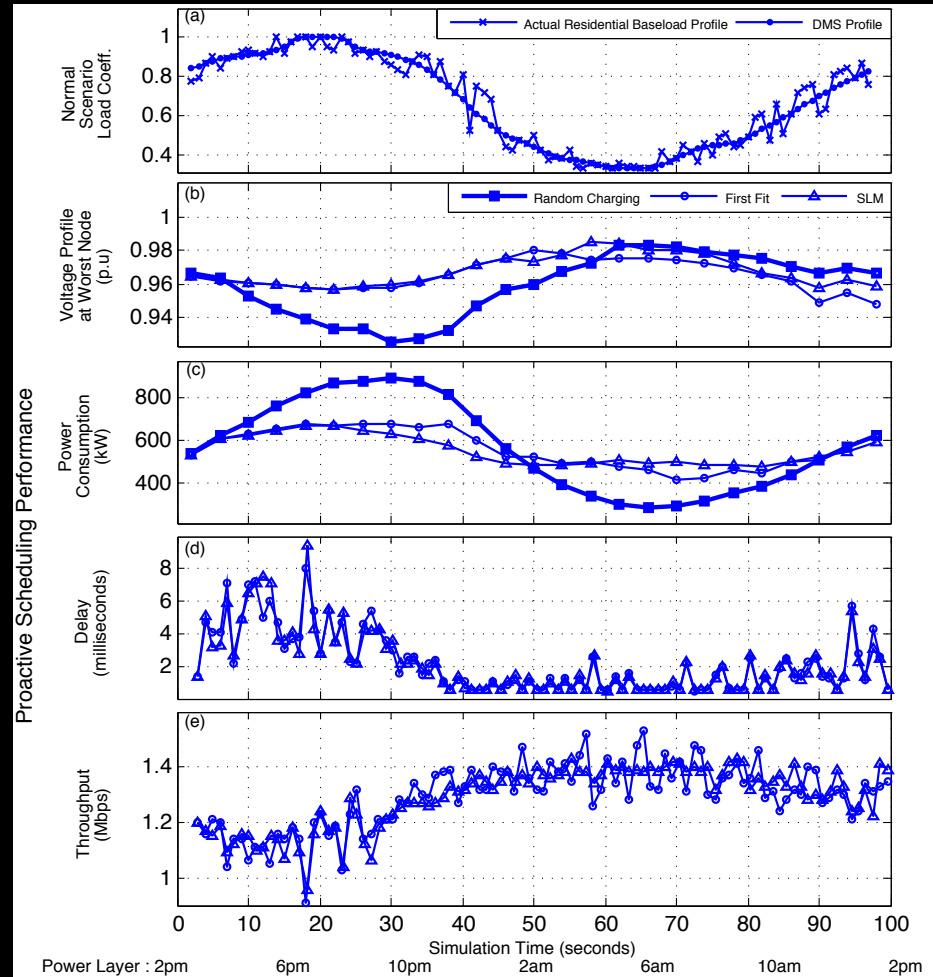
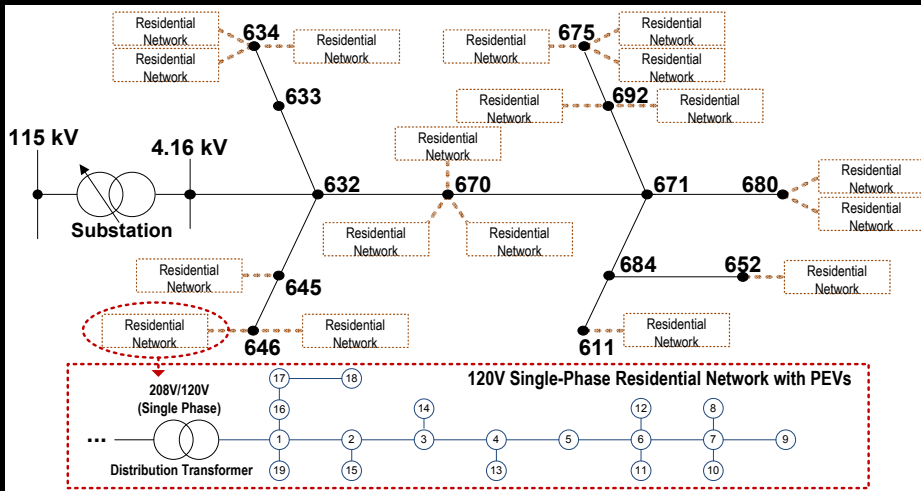
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# H2H & M2M Coexistence



M. Lévesque, F. Aurzada, and M. Maier, "Coexistence Analysis of H2H and M2M Traffic in FiWi Smart Grid Communications Infrastructures Based on Multi-Tier Business Models," *IEEE Transactions on Communications*, vol. 62, no. 11, pp. 3931-3942, Nov. 2014.

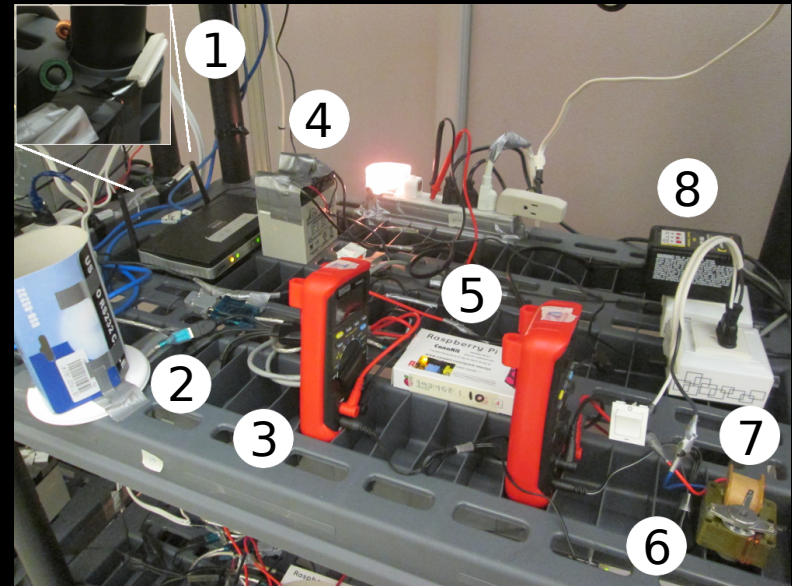
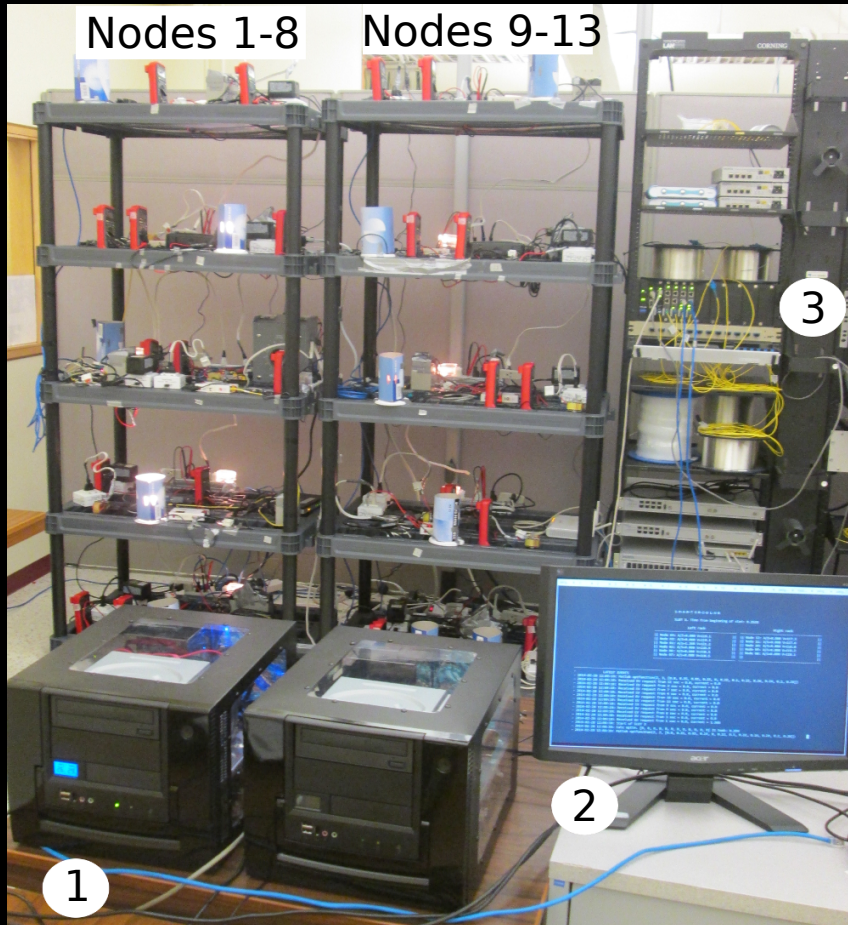
# Cosimulation



M. Maier and M. Lévesque, "Dependable Fiber-Wireless (FiWi) Access Networks and Their Role in a Sustainable Third Industrial Revolution Economy," *IEEE Transactions on Reliability*, vol. 63, no. 2, pp. 386-400, June 2014.



# Smart Grid Testbed



Central EV charging coordination  
Local demand response

# II. Marie Curie IIF research project “Smart-FiWi-HetNets”

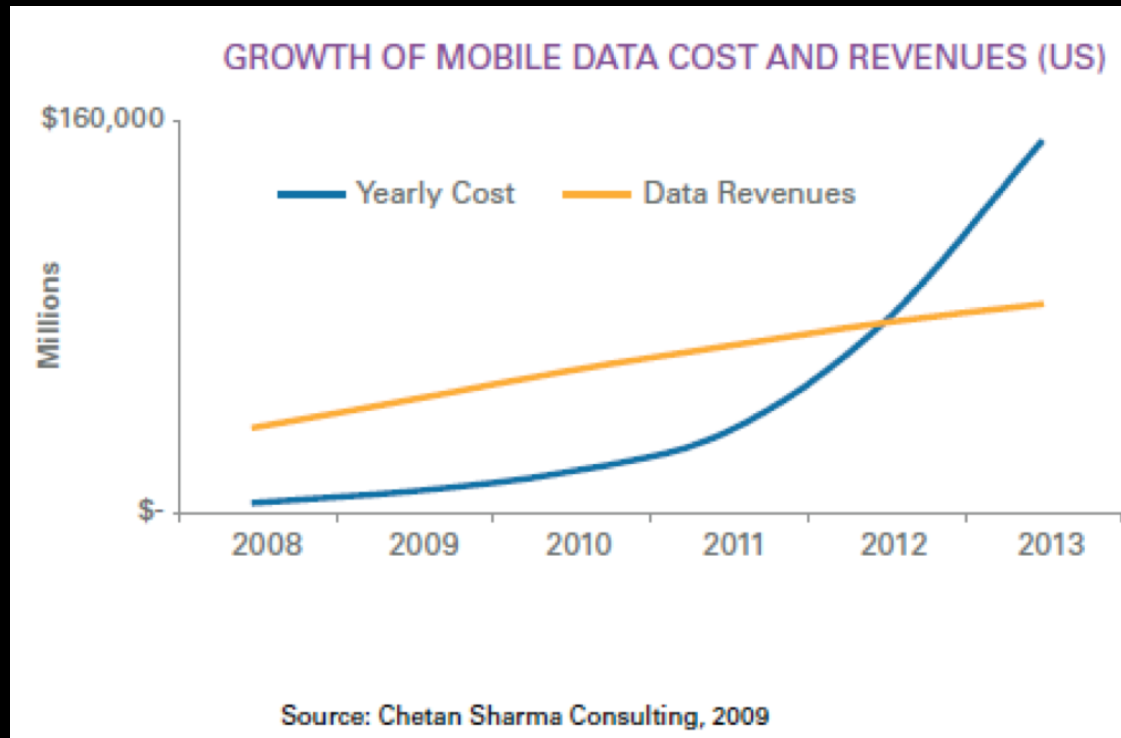
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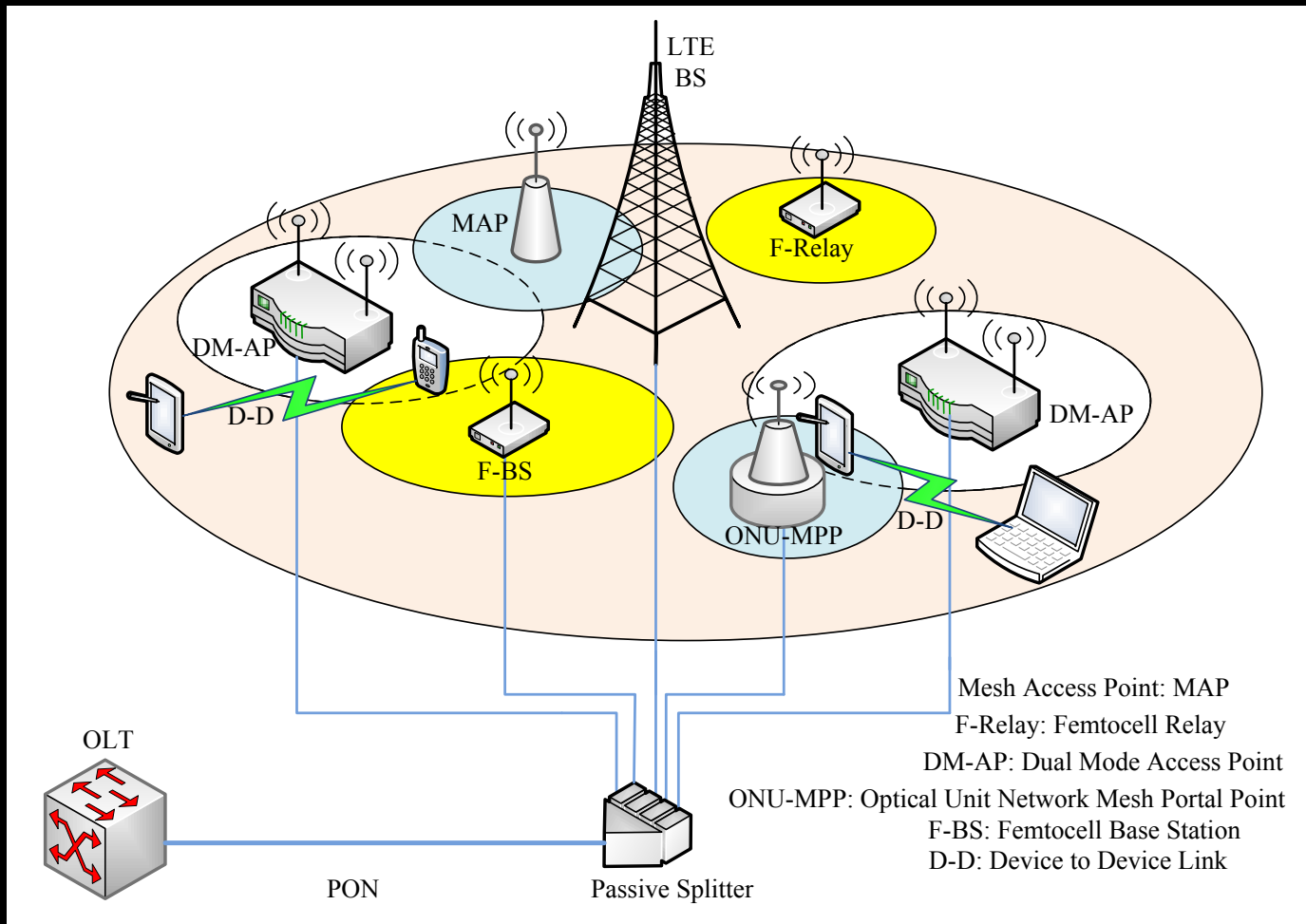
# Mobile Data Traffic

Unprecedented worldwide growth of mobile data traffic

- 13-fold increase between 2012 and 2017 (Cisco)



# LTE-A HetNets: Small Cells



# Backhaul Latency

HetNets raise new research challenges:

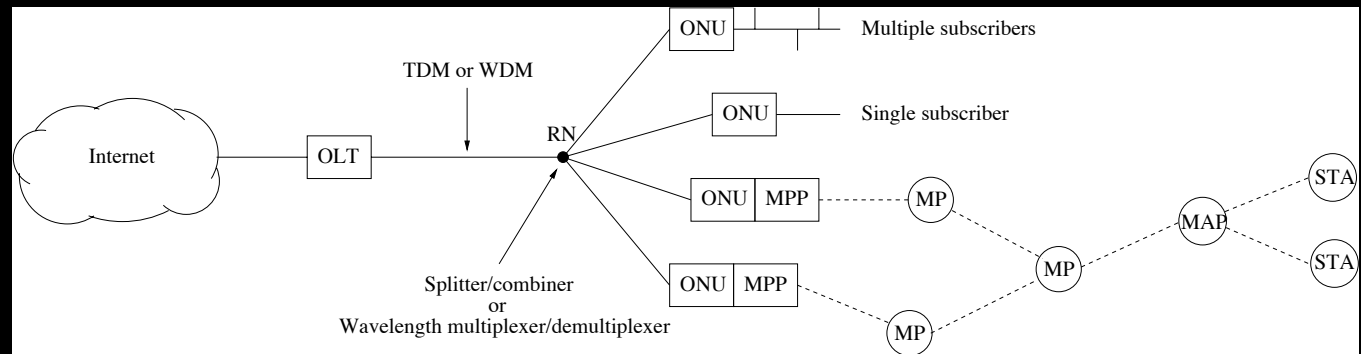
- Cell association & biasing
- Mobility management
- Interference coordination
- SON
- Backhaul bottleneck
  - ✓ Most 4G LTE research focused on wireless front-end only
  - ✓ Ultimately the major factor limiting CoMP performance is latency rather than capacity of the backhaul \*

\* T. Biermann *et al.*, "How Backhaul Networks Influence the Feasibility of Coordinated Multipoint in Cellular Networks," *IEEE Communications Magazine*, vol. 51, no. 8, pp. 168-176, Aug. 2013.

# Backhaul Reliability

## Fiber backhaul sharing

- Key to cost-effective deployment & operation of small networks
  - ✓ E.g., AT&T leverages existing PON based FTTN network, right of way, and powering facilities for small cell backhaul



## PONs

- Inherently low operational costs
- Reliability issues due to (typically unprotected) fiber cuts

# WiFi Offloading

FiWi vs. 4G LTE – the bugging question:

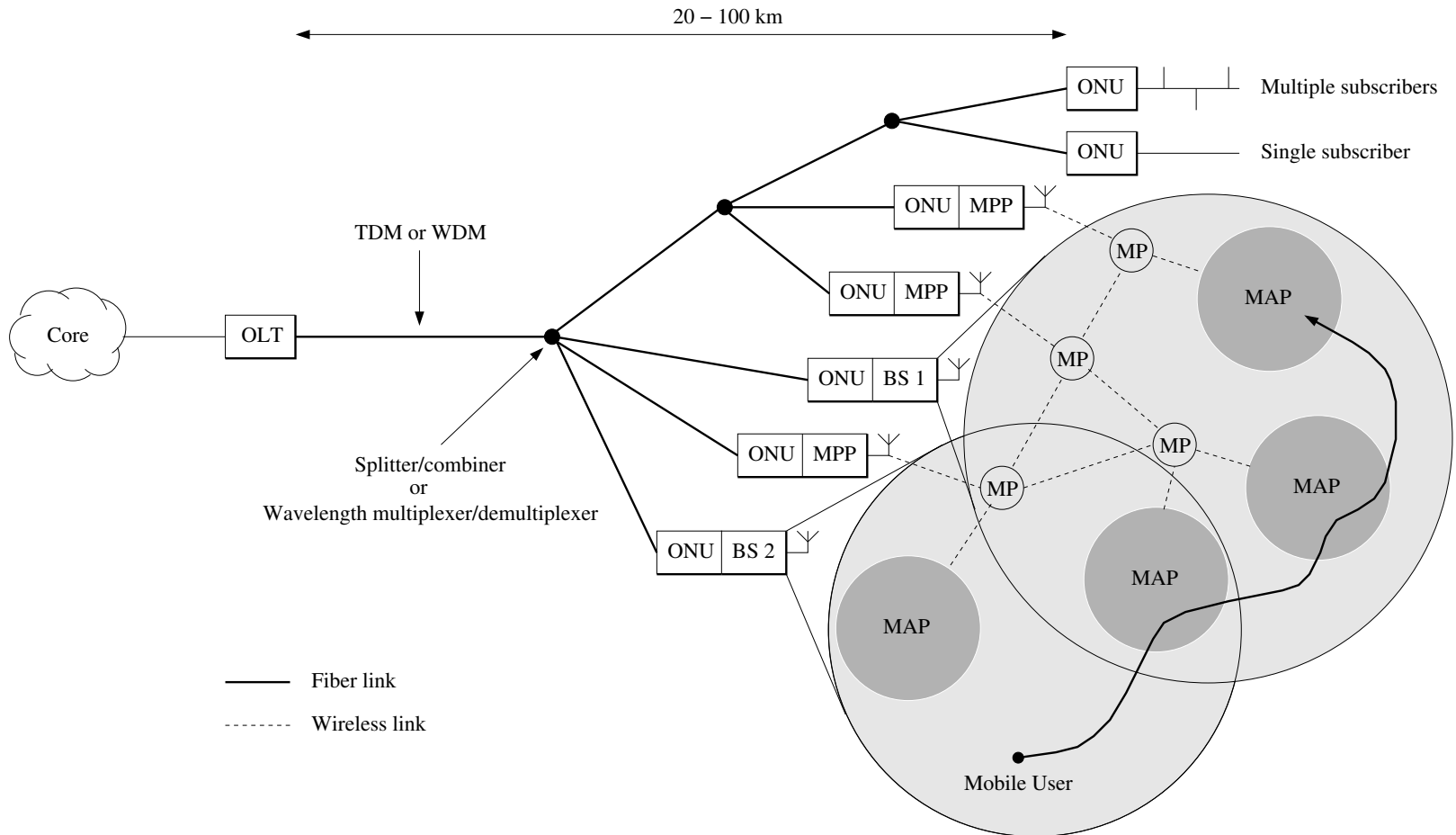
“Which role will data-centric Ethernet based FiWi access networks play in future mobile networks, if any?”

... and then came along WiFi offloading

- Already built-in WiFi in dual-mode (4G/WiFi) devices
- Free unlicensed WiFi bands
- Significantly less expensive than a network rollout
- Gigabit-class VHT WLAN provides higher data rates than any other wireless technology



# FiWi Enhanced LTE-A HetNets





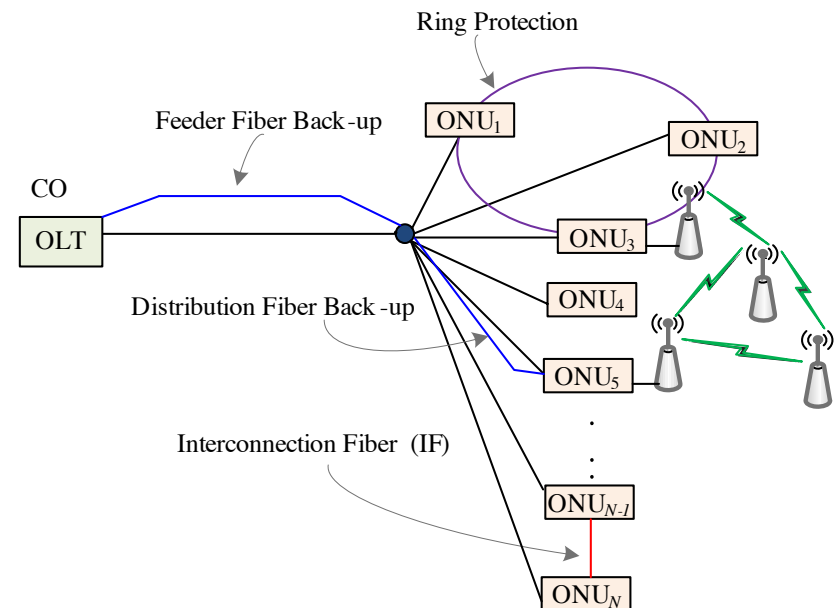
# FiWi Enhanced LTE-A HetNets

## Localized fiber-lean backhaul redundancy strategies

- Interconnection fiber
- Protection ring
- Inter-ONU communications

## Wireless protection

- Wireless bypassing of backhaul fiber faults



# Analysis

## Performance metrics of interest

- FiWi connectivity
- Delay
- Maximum aggregate throughput
- Offloading efficiency

# Analysis

## Assumptions

- Fiber link failure probability at PON stage  $n$ :

$$p_n$$

- Wireless service outage probability of MPP, MP, and MAP:

$$P_f^{MPP}, P_f^{MP}, \text{ and } P_f^{MAP}$$

- CCDF of WiFi connection and interconnection times fits truncated Pareto distribution:

$$\frac{\alpha \gamma^\alpha}{1 - \left(\frac{\gamma}{\nu}\right)^\alpha} \cdot x^{-(\alpha+1)}, \quad 0 < \gamma \leq x \leq \nu$$

# Analysis

## Assumptions

- Random spatial model for location of MAPs (and MUs)
  - ✓ Poisson point process with density:  
 $\lambda_{MAP}$  (and  $\lambda_{MU}$ )
  - ✓ Circular spatial coverage area with radius:  
 $r_{MAP}$
- Offloading deadline
  - ✓ On-the-spot offloading:  $d = 0$
  - ✓ Delayed offloading:  $d \sim U(0, D)$

# Analysis

## Assumptions

- Traffic model and routing
  - ✓ Arbitrary traffic matrix among OLT, MUs, FWUs  $i$  and  $j$ :  
$$\mathbf{S} = (S_{ij})$$
  - ✓ Arbitrary distribution of packet length  $L$ :  
$$\bar{L} \text{ and } \zeta_L^2$$
  - ✓ Arbitrary fault-aware routing algorithm

# FiWi Connectivity

Temporal FiWi connectivity probability of  $MU_k$ :

$$P_{C_{temporal}}^{MU_k} = p_{temporal}^{MAP} \left(1 - P_f^{MAP_q}\right) \left(1 - P_f^{MP_1}\right) \dots$$
$$\left(1 - P_f^{MP_l}\right) \left(1 - P_f^{MPP_y}\right)$$
$$\left(1 - \prod_{\forall x|x \leftrightarrow y} \left[1 - \left(1 - \prod_{i=1}^{N_{WP(y,x)}} P_f^{Path_i^{w(y,x)}}\right) \left(1 - P_f^{ONU_x}\right)\right]\right)$$

# FiWi Connectivity

Spatial FiWi connectivity probability of  $MU_k$ :

$$P_{C_{spatial}}^{MU_k} = \left( 1 - \left( \frac{A_{cell} - \pi r_{MAP}^2}{A_{cell}} \right)^{\lambda_{MAP} \cdot A_{cell}} \right) \left( 1 - P_f^{MAP_q} \right) \left( 1 - P_f^{MP_1} \right) \cdots \left( 1 - P_f^{MP_l} \right) \left( 1 - P_f^{MPP_y} \right) \left( 1 - \prod_{\forall x | x \leftrightarrow y} \left[ 1 - \left( 1 - \prod_{i=1}^{N_{WP}(y,x)} P_f^{Path_i^{w(y,x)}} \right) \left( 1 - P_f^{ONU_x} \right) \right] \right)$$

# End-to-End Delay

Routing path between  $FWU_i$  and  $MU_j$  using WiFi mesh and inter-ONU communications w/o traversing OLT:

$$\begin{aligned} D_{FiWi-IF(FM)}^{e-e} &= \sum_{i=1}^{N_{FP}} \left( \Phi \left( \frac{\bar{L}}{c_{PON}} \Gamma_i^{IF}, \bar{L}, \zeta_L^2, c_{PON} \right) + \frac{\bar{L}}{c_{PON}} + \tau_i \right) \\ &+ D_{MPP_\omega}^d + D_{MAP_\omega}^d + \sum_{i=1}^{N_{WP}-1} D_{MP_i}^d \end{aligned}$$

End-to-end delay is obtained as weighted sum of the above & 9 other routing paths



# Maximum Aggregate Throughput

Maximum permissible amount of traffic provided end-to-end delay remains below certain threshold  $D_{th}$ :

$$MAT = \min \left\{ MAT_{LTE-A}(M) \cdot \left( 1 - WAR + \frac{WAR}{1 - WOR} \right), MAT_{LTE-A}(M) \cdot (1 - WAR) + \frac{MAT_{WiFi}(WAR \cdot M)}{WOR} \right\} + S_{PON}$$

WiFi availability ratio (WAR):  $0 \leq WAR \leq 1$

WiFi offloading ratio (WOR):  $0 \leq WOR \leq 1$

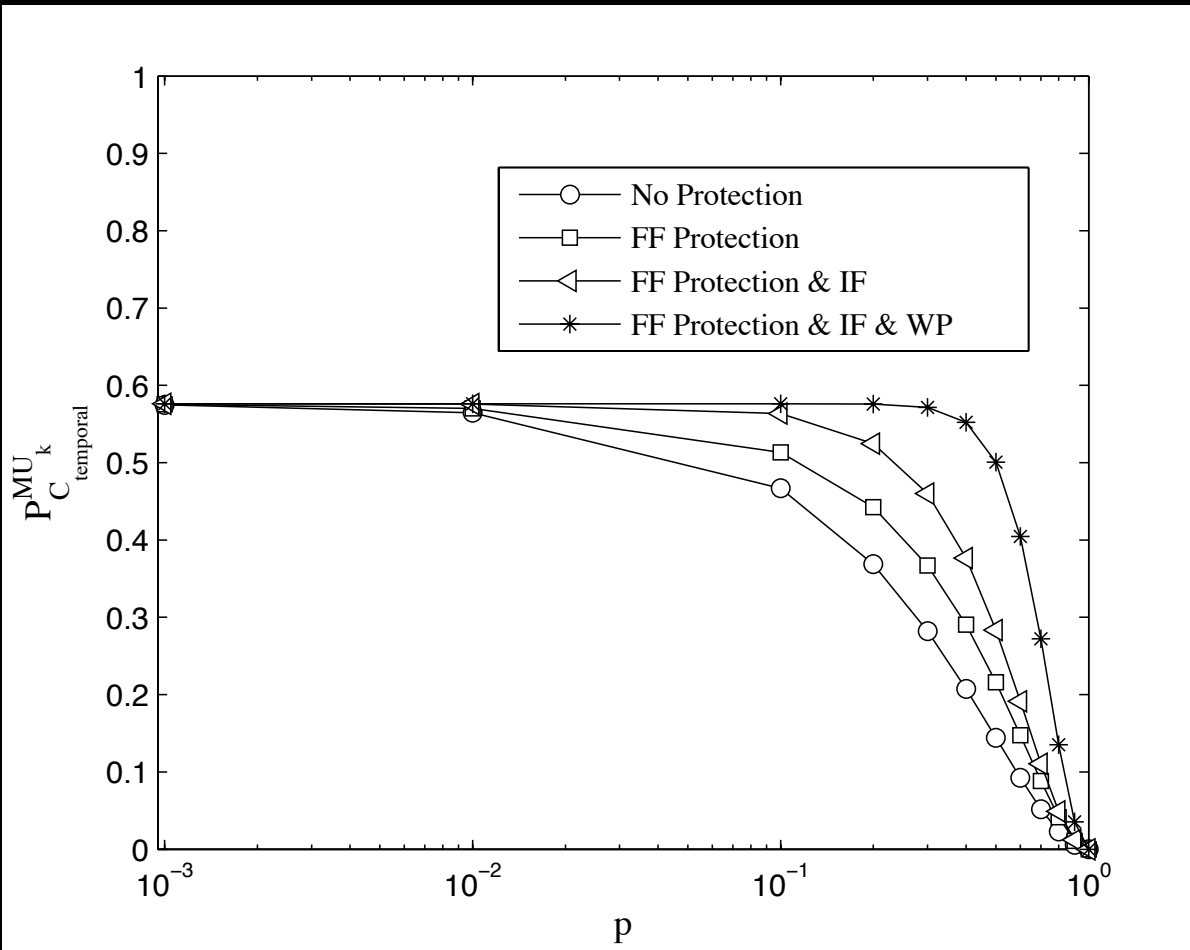
# Offloading Efficiency

Ratio of bytes transferred through WiFi & total number of bytes generated by MUs:

$$\eta_{off} = 1 - \frac{\sum_{k=2}^K \beta_k \pi_{(k,1)} + \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{k}{d} \pi_{(k,0)}}{\lambda}$$

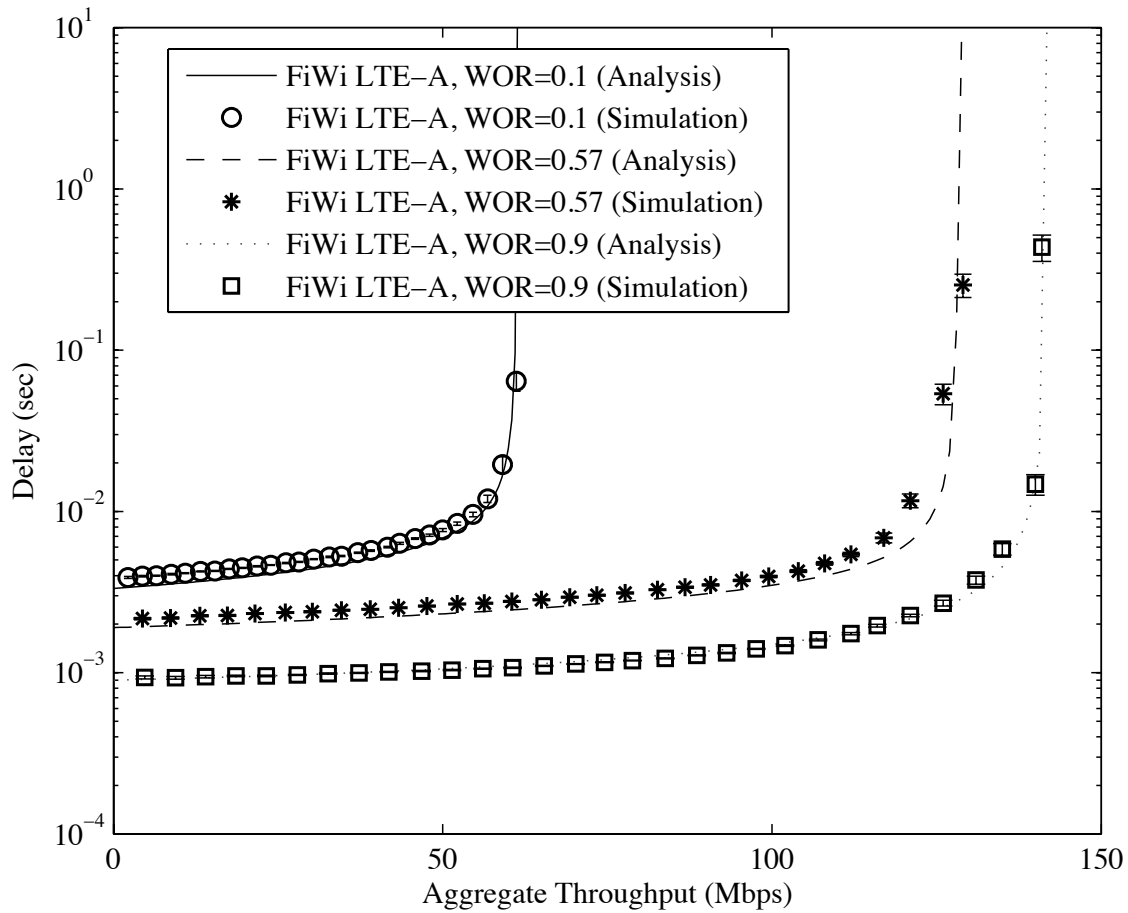
WiFi interconnection & connection times exponentially distributed with rate  $\theta_i$  and  $\theta_c$ , respectively.

# Results

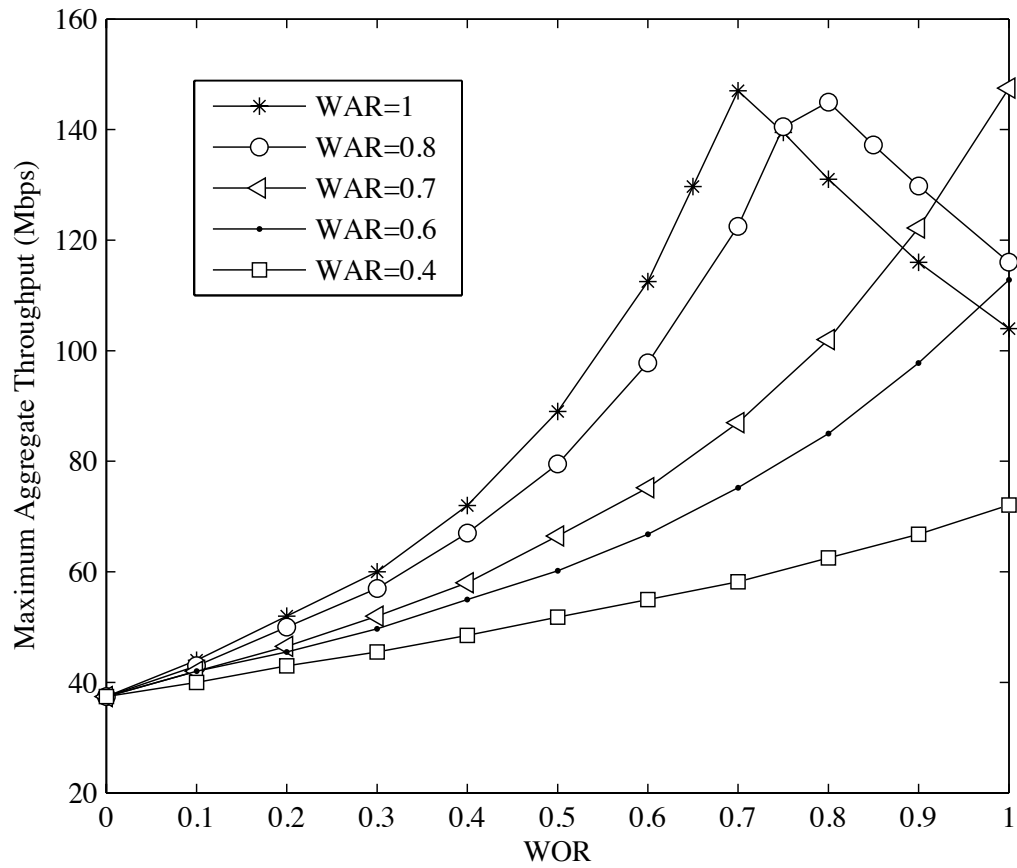




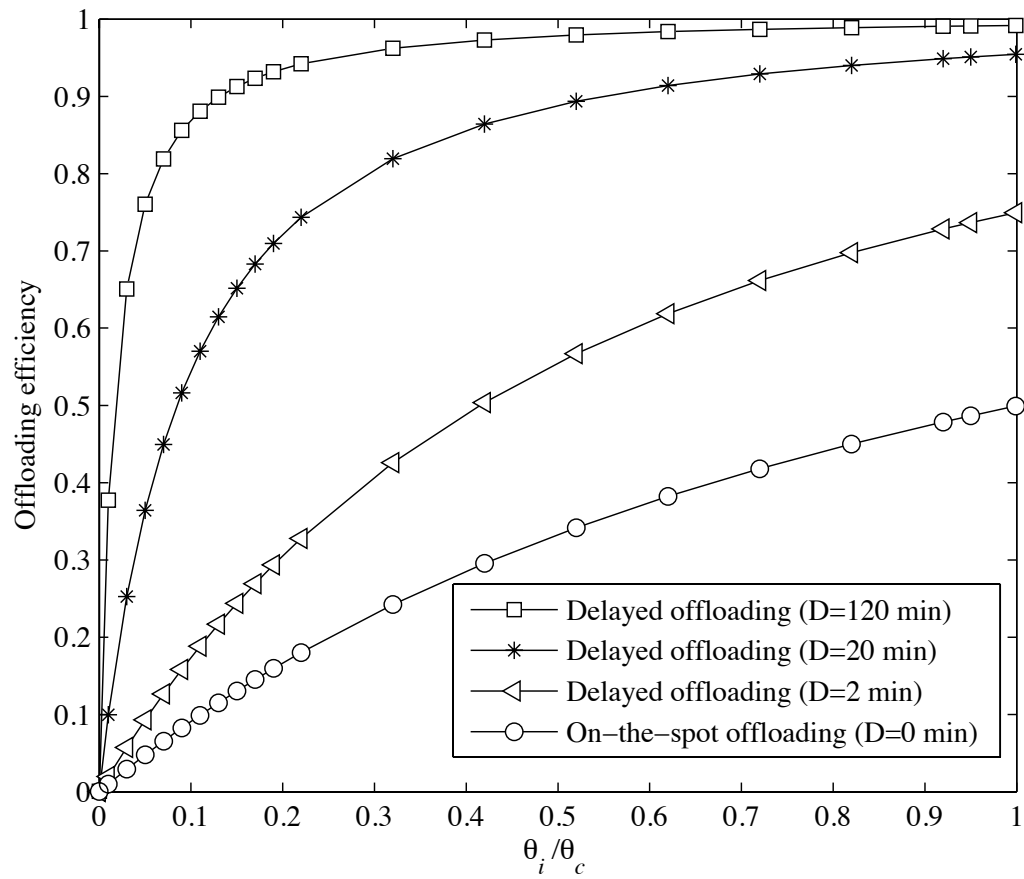
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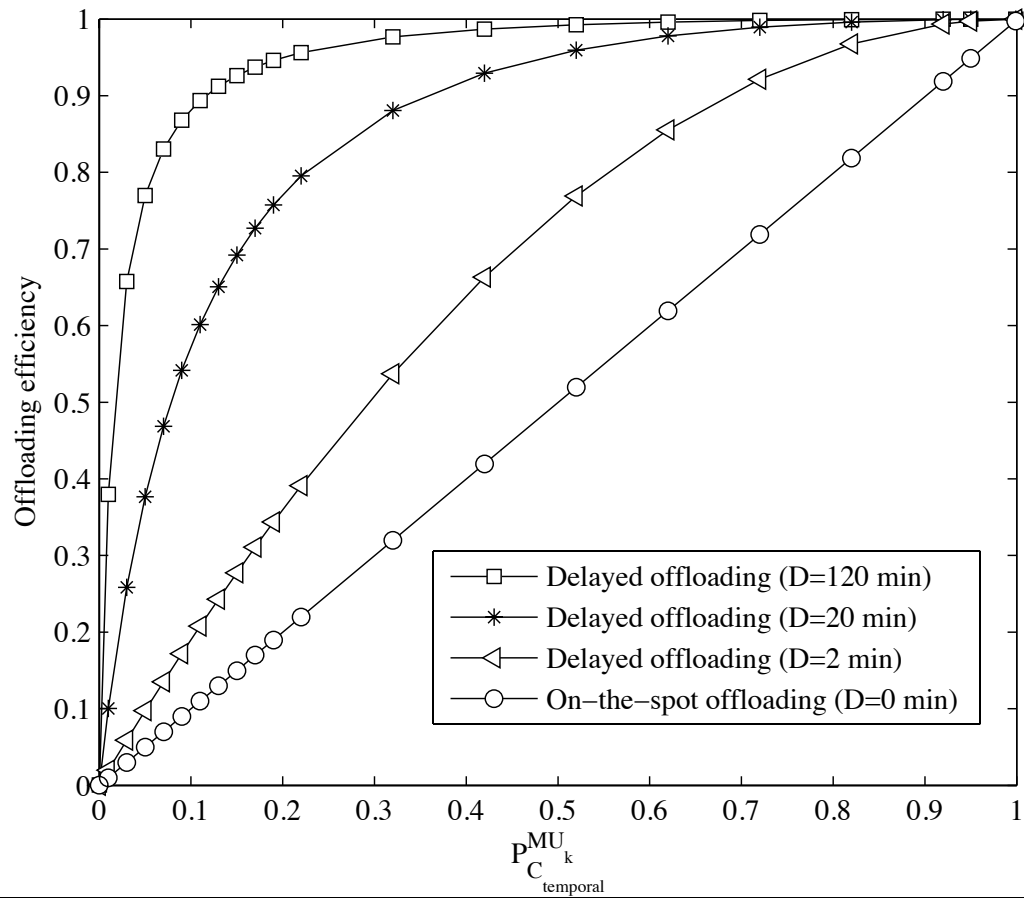
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# III. Curiosity-driven research

M. Maier

FiWi Access Networks: Future Research Challenges and Moonshot Perspectives  
(Invited Paper)

Proc., IEEE ICC Workshops, Sydney, Australia, June 2014

# Prof. Mirzakhani Wins Fields Medal

Stanford News, Aug. 12, 2014:

“... outstanding example of curiosity-driven research”




“... the thing that really separates her, is the originality in how she puts together these disparate pieces”



# Drawing Lessons From History

		INSTALLATION PERIOD	TURNING POINT	DEPLOYMENT PERIOD
GREAT SURGE	Date Technologies Core country	Bubble prosperity	Recessions	"Golden Age" prosperity
1 <sup>st</sup>	1771 The Industrial Revolution Britain	Canal mania	1793-97	Great British leap
2 <sup>nd</sup>	1829 Age of Steam and Railways Britain	Railway mania	1848-50	The Victorian Boom
3 <sup>rd</sup>	1875 Age of Steel and heavy Engineering Britain / USA Germany	London funded global market infrastructure build-up (Argentina, Australia, USA)	1890-95	Belle Époque (Europe) "Progressive Era" (USA)
4 <sup>th</sup>	1908 Age of Oil, Autos and Mass Production / USA	The roaring twenties in USA Autos, housing, radio, aviation, electricity	Europe 1929-33 USA 1929-43	Post-war Golden age
5 <sup>th</sup>	1971 The ICT Revolution USA	Emerging markets dotcom and Internet mania real estate and financial casino	2000 & 2007-08 -???	Sustainable global Golden Age"?

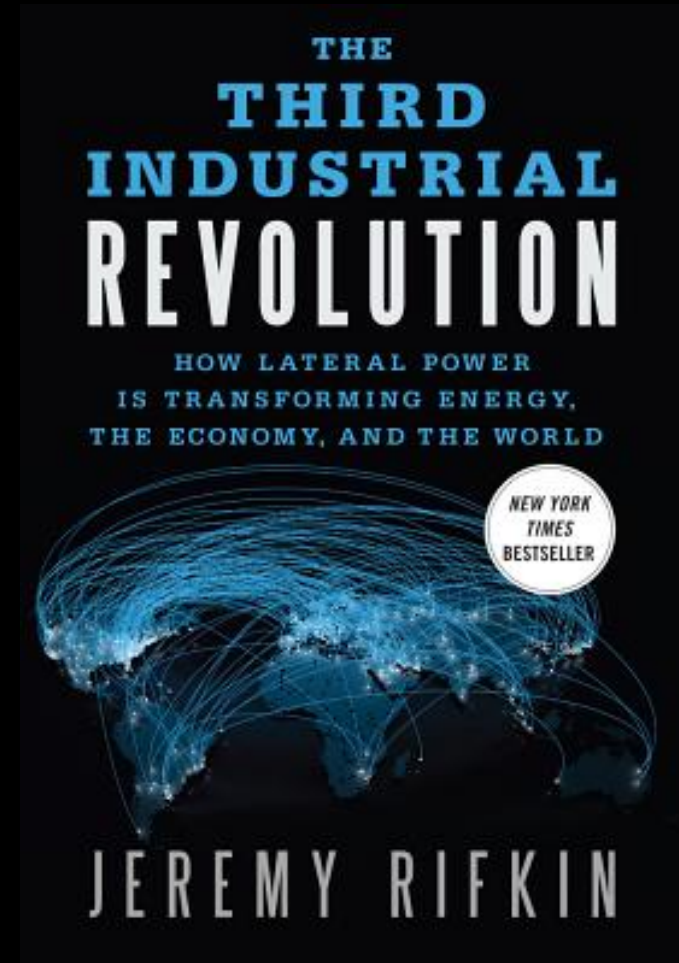
  
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# Internet of Things

The term “Internet of Things” was coined by Kevin Ashton, MIT, back in 1995.

# Third Industrial Revolution

- “The Five Pillars”
  - Renewable energies
  - Positive-energy buildings
  - Energy storage technologies
  - Electric vehicles
  - Energy Internet
- Officially endorsed by EC as economic growth roadmap toward a competitive low carbon society by 2050



# Europe 2020: EU's Growth Strategy

## 7 flagship initiatives to boost growth & jobs

### Smart growth

- Digital agenda for Europe
- **Innovation Union**
- Youth on the move

### Sustainable growth

- Resource efficient Europe
- An industrial policy for the globalisation era

### Inclusive growth

- An agenda for new skills and jobs
- European platform against poverty

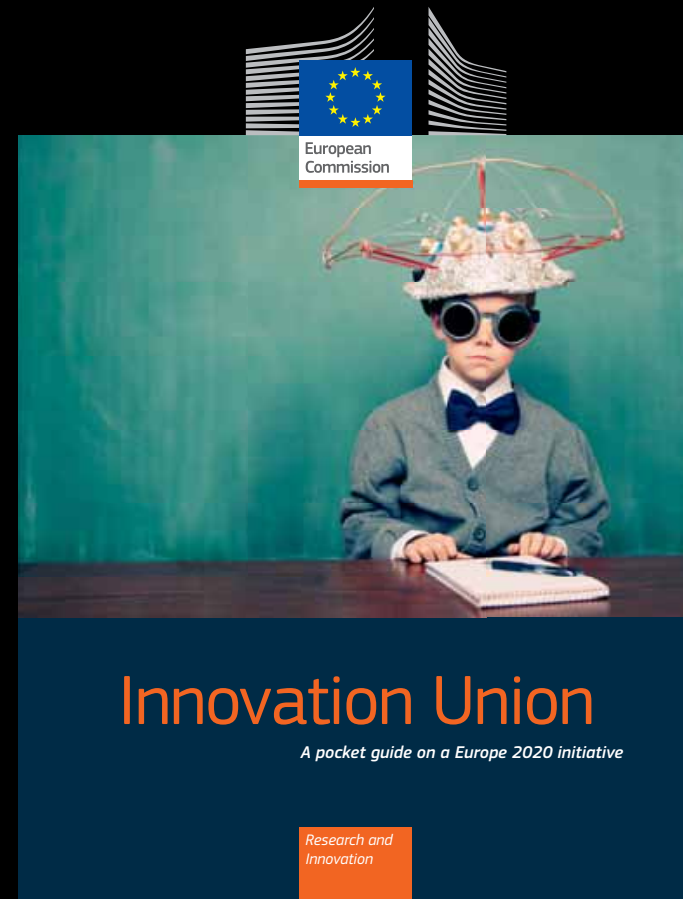
# Innovation Union

## European Union is turning into an Innovation Union

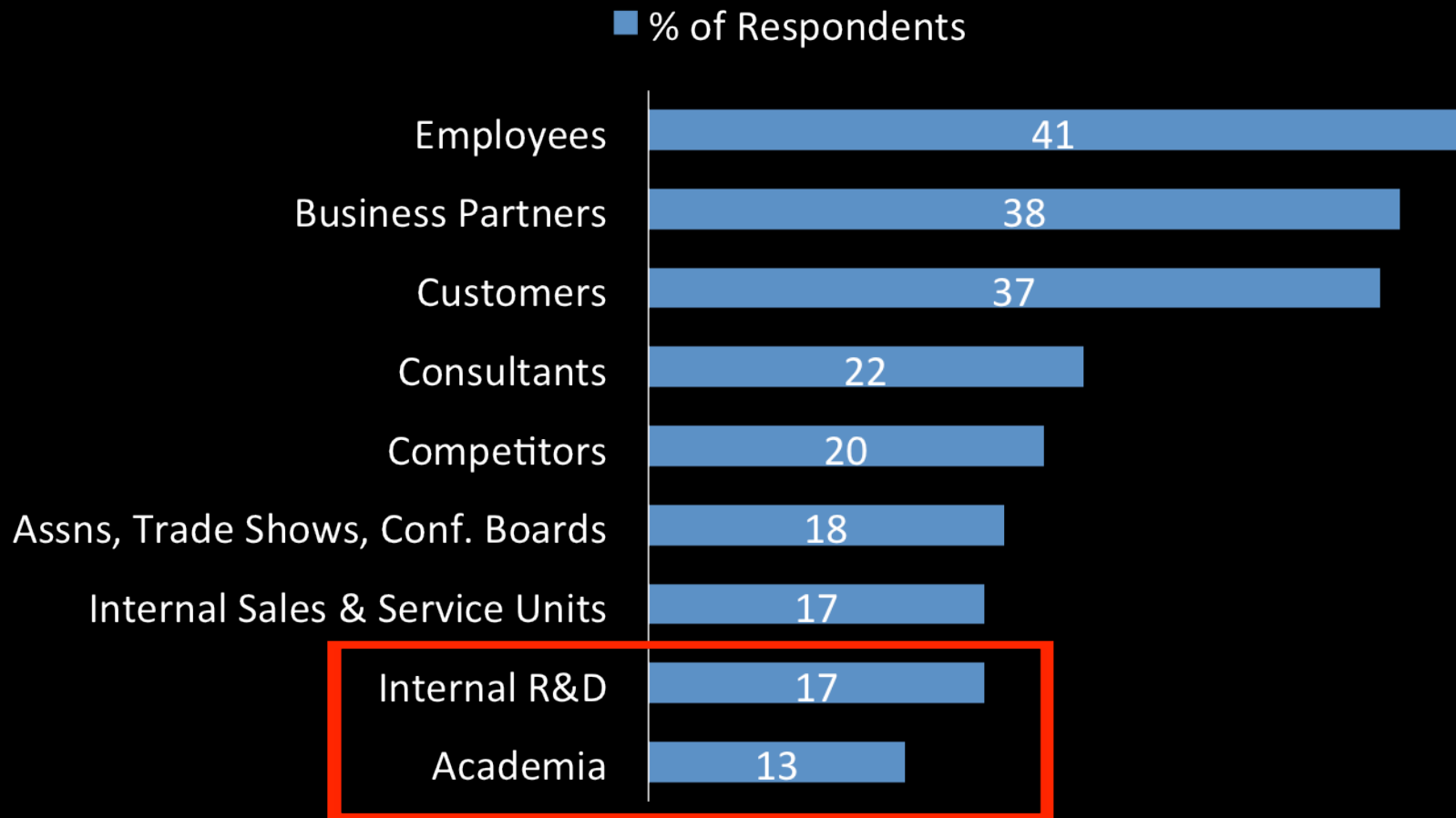
- Innovation is the main driver of economic growth in the EU

## What is Horizon 2020 ?

- Financial instrument implementing the Innovation Union
- Coupling research & innovation



# Sources of New Ideas & Innovation





# What is Innovation?

“Innovation is the market introduction of a technical or organizational novelty, not just its invention.”

Joseph Alois Schumpeter (1883-1950)

# How is Innovation Changing?

## 1) Traditional invention model

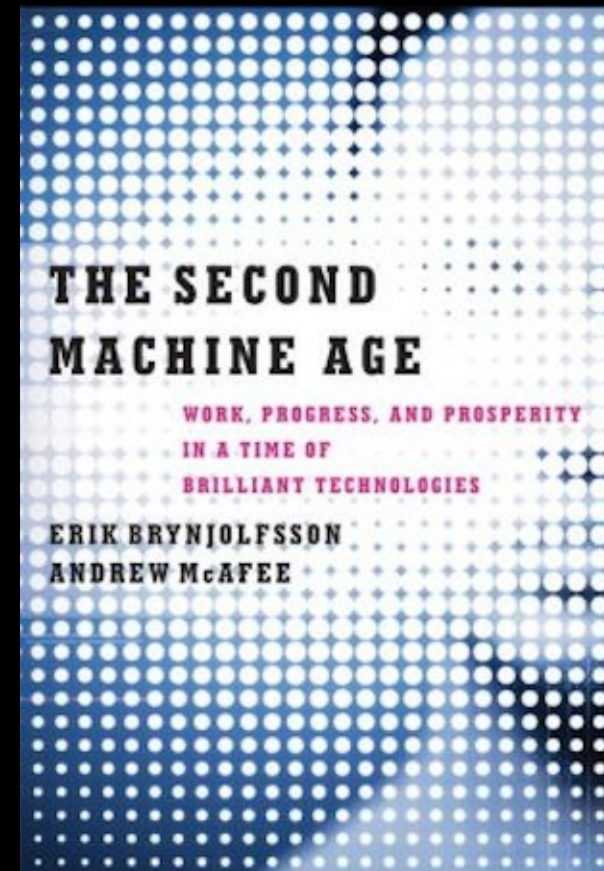
- Incremental steps, patents, etc.

## 2) “From R&D to C&D”

- Procter & Gamble, 2000:
  - Explosion of new technologies put pressure on innovation budget
  - Internal R&D productivity leveled off
  - Connect and Develop (C&D)
- Technology briefs

## 3) “Recombinant innovation”

- Rooted in New Growth Theory



# Vision: “A Robot in Every Home”

Bill Gates, Jan. 2007:

- Robotics industry is developing in much the same way as PC business did 30 years ago
- Vision: PC will get up off the desktop & allow us to see, hear, touch, and manipulate objects remotely
- FiWi connected personal/in-home computing facilities & low-cost domestic robots



iRobot Roomba

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# ROBOT

## IN EVERY HOME

*The leader of the PC revolution predicts that the next hot field will be robotics*

**By Bill Gates**

Imagine being present at the birth of a new industry. It is an industry based on groundbreaking new technologies, wherein a handful of well-established corporations sell highly specialized devices for business use and a fast-growing number of start-up companies produce innovative toys, gadgets for hobbyists and other interesting niche products. But it is also a highly fragmented industry with few common standards or platforms. Projects are complex, progress is slow, and practical applications are relatively rare. In fact, for all the excitement and promise, no one can say with any certainty when—or even if—this industry will achieve critical mass. If it does, though, it may well change the world.

Of course, the paragraph above could be a description of the computer industry during the mid-1970s, around the time that Paul Allen and I launched Microsoft. Back then, big, expensive mainframe computers ran the back-office operations for major companies, governmental departments and other institutions. Researchers at leading universities and industrial laboratories were creating the basic building blocks that would make the information age possible. Intel had just introduced the 8080 microprocessor, and Atari was selling the popular electronic game Pong. At homegrown computer clubs, enthusiasts struggled to figure out exactly what this new technology was good for.

But what I really have in mind is something much more contemporary: the emergence of the robotics industry, which is developing

AMERICAN ROBOTIC: Although a few of the domestic robots of tomorrow may resemble the anthropomorphic machines of science fiction, a greater number are likely to be mobile peripheral devices that perform specific household tasks.

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# Reality: SoftBank Mobile's "Pepper"

February 2015:

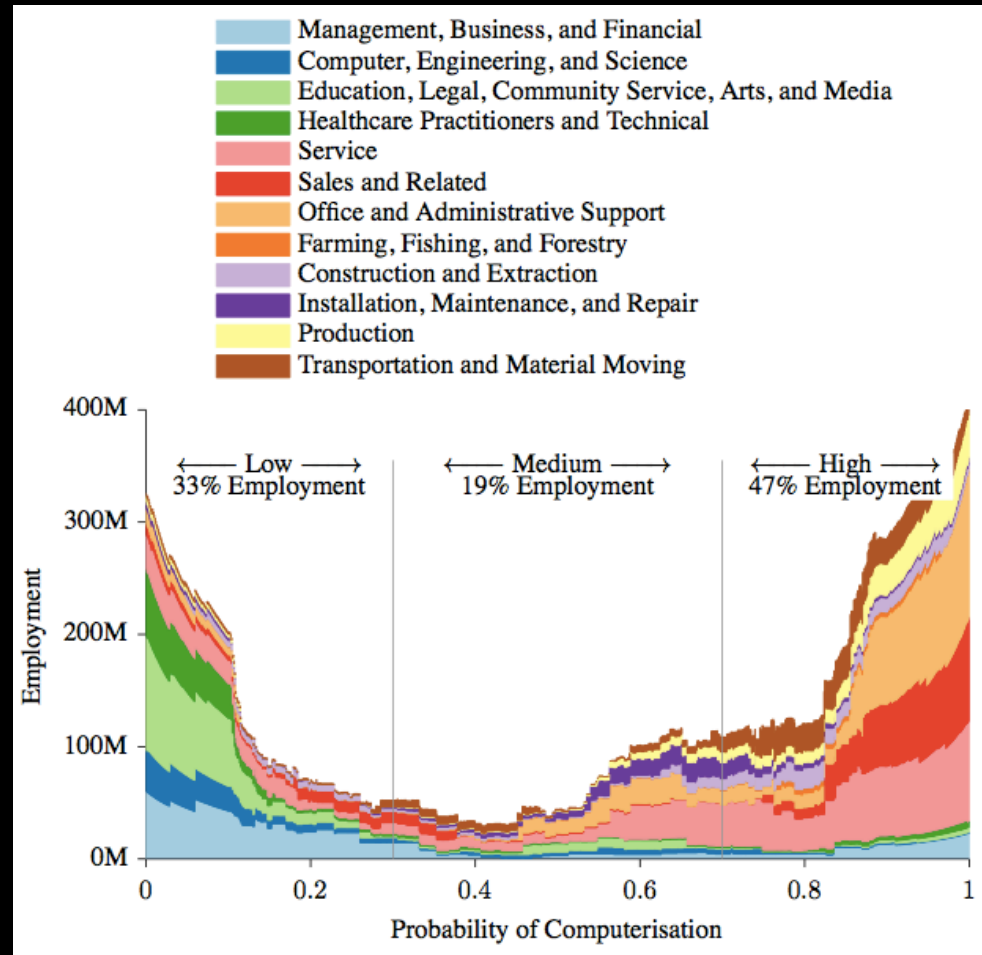
SoftBank Mobile starts selling humanoid robot "Pepper" (Japan & USA)

- WiFi & Cloud AI
- Open OS similar to Android
- Customization for use in health care, entertainment, and construction industries
- Long-term goal: Create a society that coexists with intelligent robots



# The Future of Employment

About 47% of total US employment at high risk of being automated (over a decade or two)



# Where Do Jobs Come From?

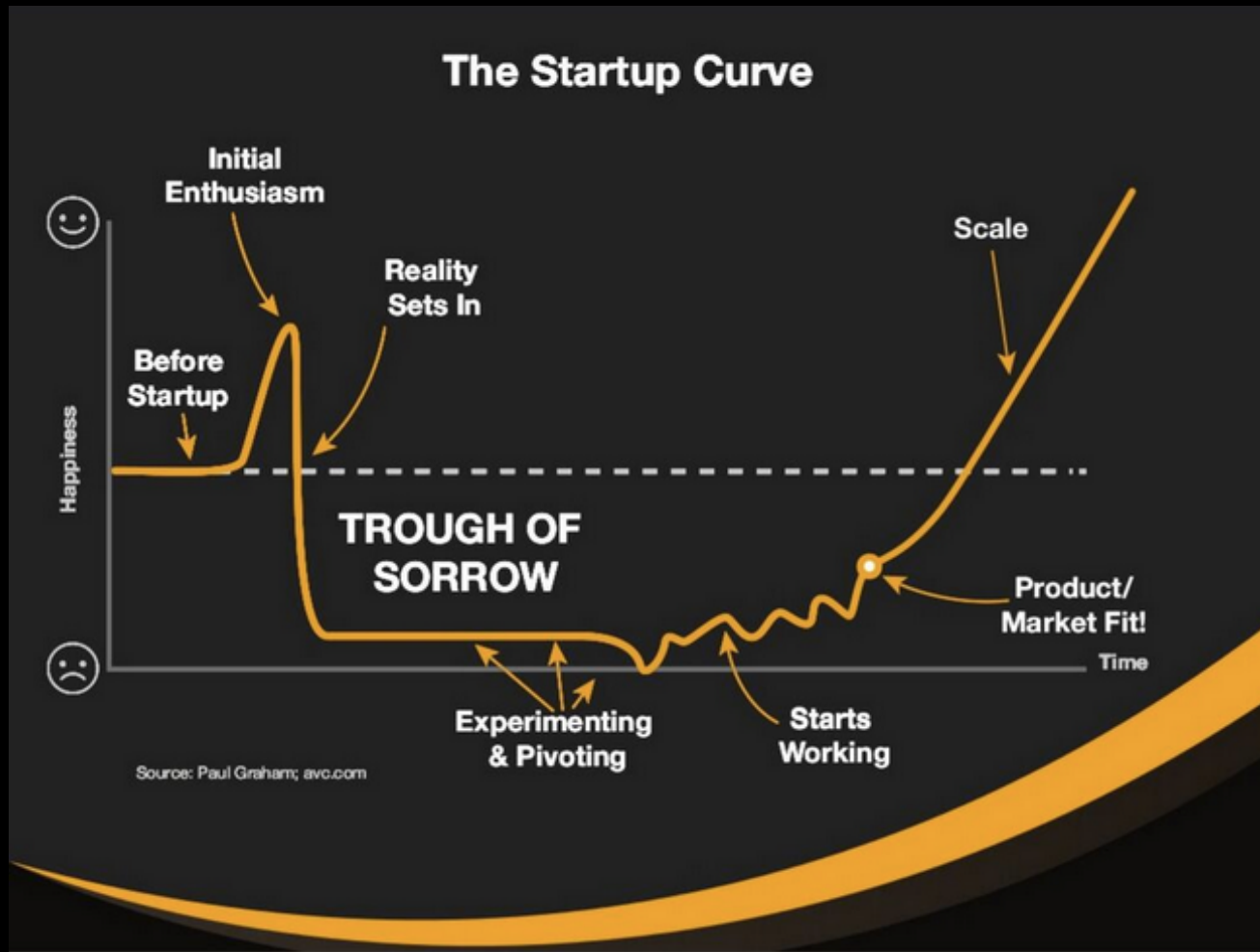
## US labor statistics:

- 70% of jobs come from small businesses  $\leq 500$
- 50% of jobs come from small businesses  $\leq 100$

## Gallup:

- Approximately one million small business startups per year needed in the US

# Avoid the “Trough of Sorrow”



# Minimum Viable Product (MVP)

Avoid risk of developing product nobody wants

Design MVP to test fundamental business hypotheses

Example:  **Dropbox**

- Simple three-minute video narrating technology as it is meant to work & beta waiting list
- Today a \$10 billion company





# How Can Science Have Impact on Society?

Increased focus on public return on research investment:

R&D

- Create startups!

Academia

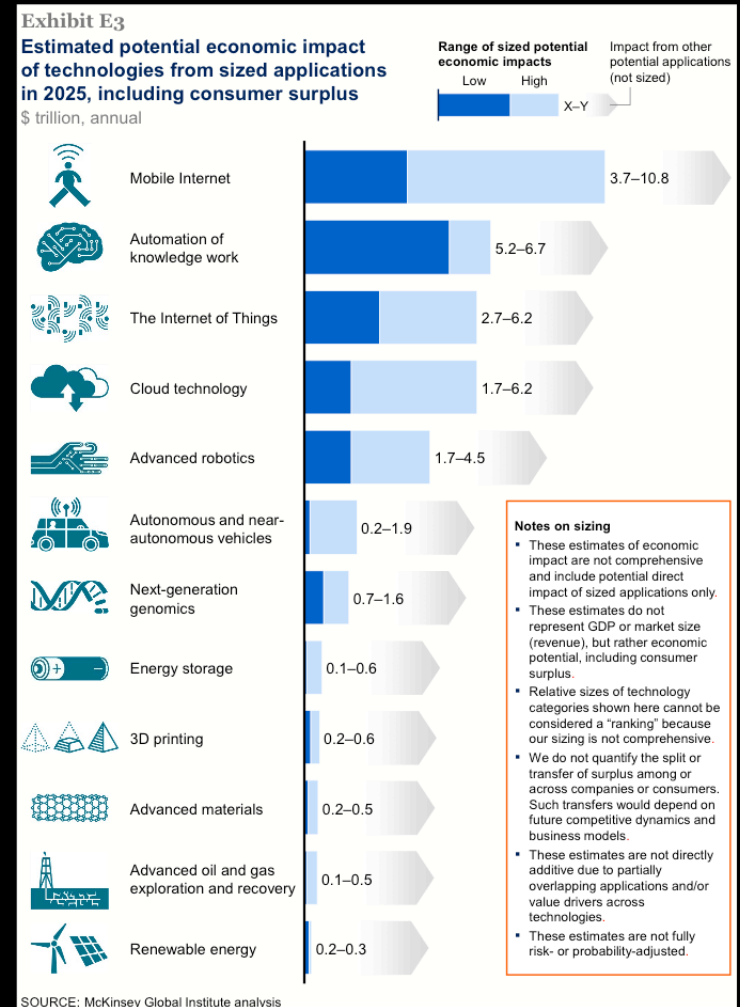
- Create wild ideas & PhD-Entrepreneurs!

# Technologies with Economic Impact

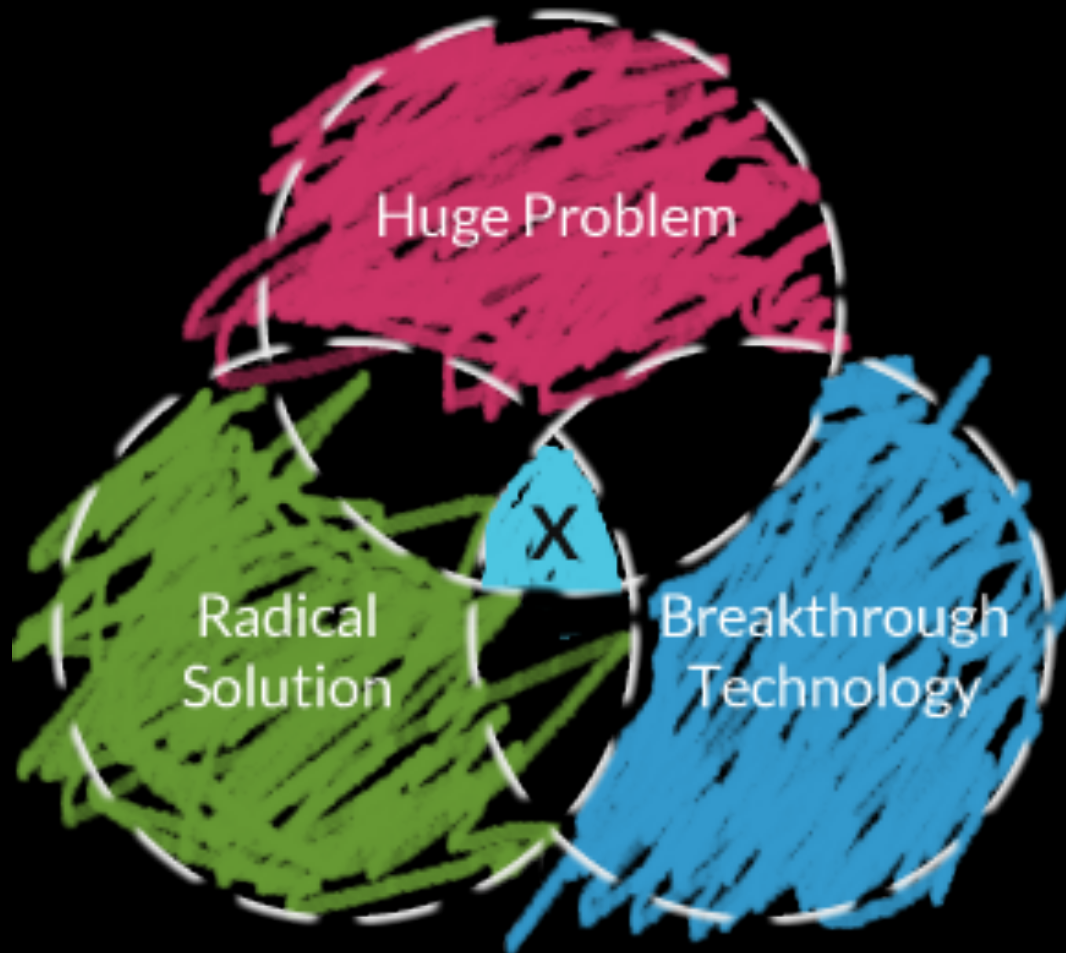
The 5 technologies with highest economic impact in 2025:

- Mobile Internet
- Automation of knowledge work
- Internet of Things
- Cloud technology
- Advanced robotics

Use FiWi to recombine these 5 GPTs and multiply their impact!?



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**It is better to be roughly right  
than precisely wrong**

John Maynard Keynes, British economist (1883 - 1946)



Thank you