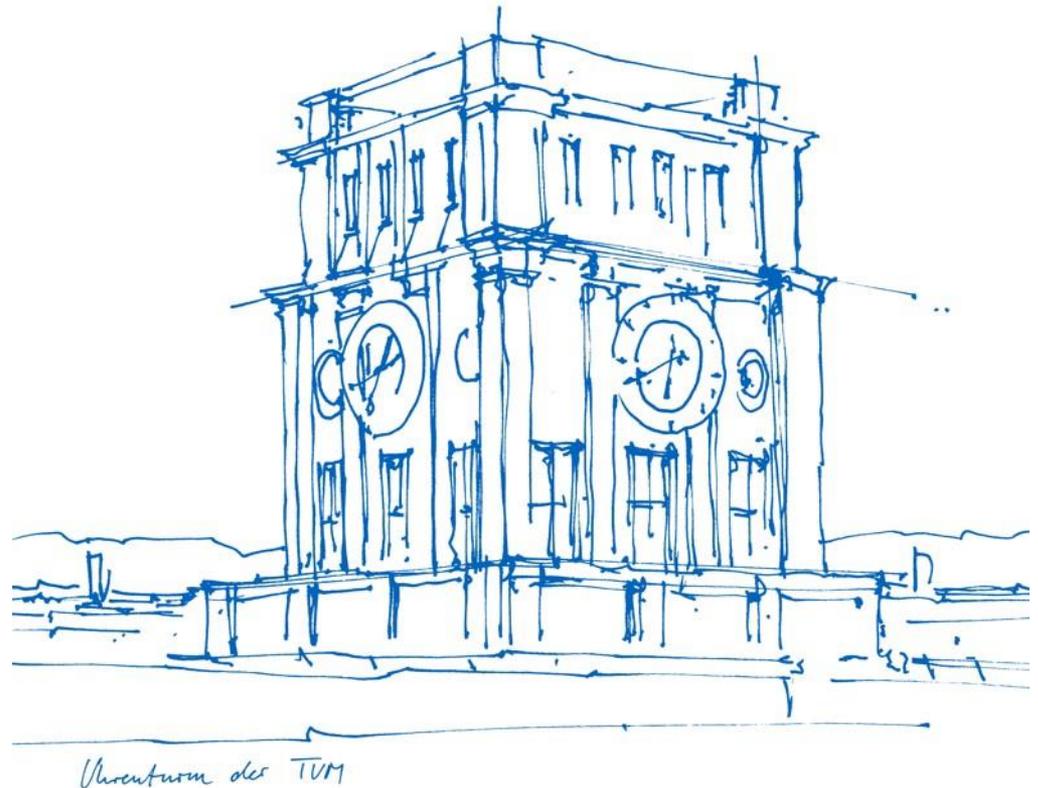


# Next generation access network planning

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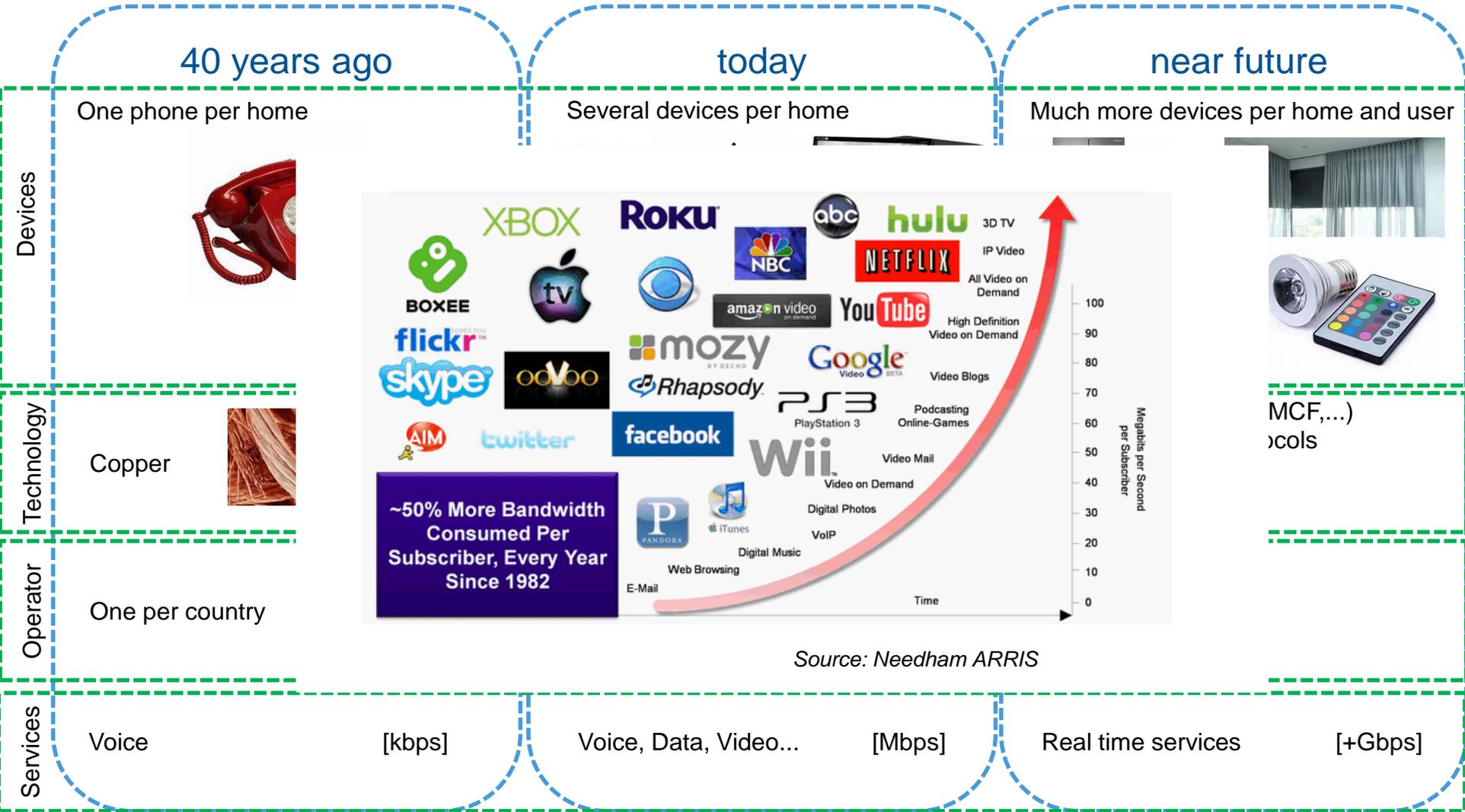




- Evolution
- Issues for operators

# Fixed access networks

## Evolution



SP: Service provider  
 NP: Network provider  
 PIP: Physical Infrastructure provider

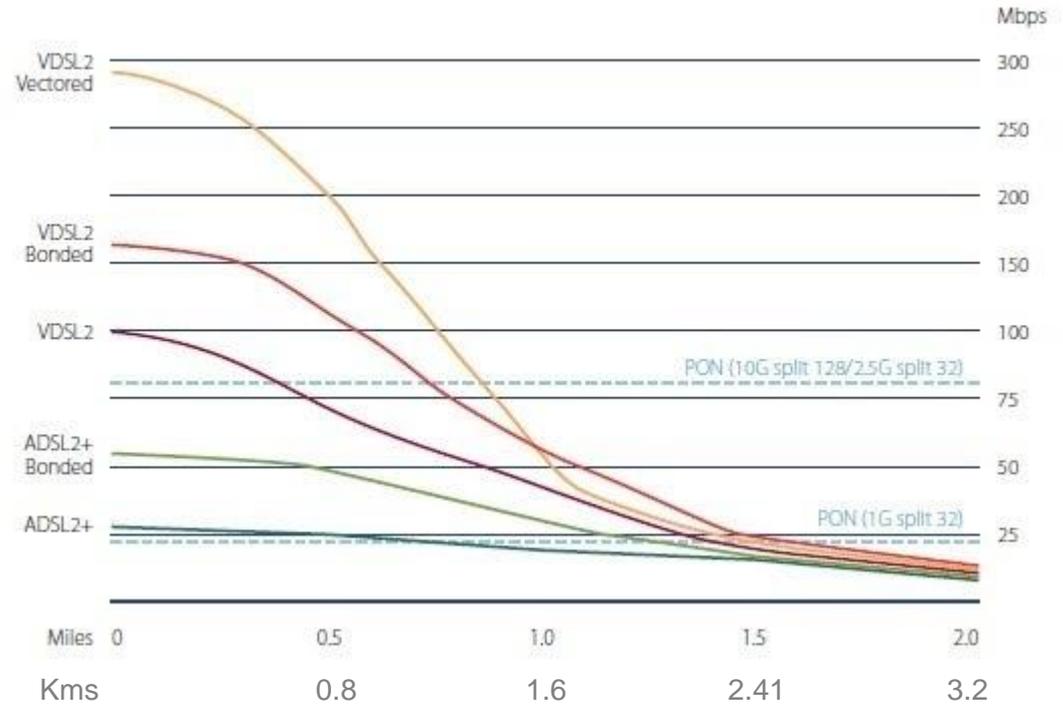
# Fixed access networks

## Evolution

xDSL technology is distance sensitive



How far are you from central office



Source: <http://www.unitrek.com.au>

Optical fiber (also) in access networks!



- ✓ Huge bandwidth (over 50 Tbps): 3-4 orders of magnitude higher than copper
- ✓ Low signal attenuation → less repeaters required, longer distances
- ✓ Immunity to electromagnetic interference → difficult eavesdropping → security
- ✓ No crosstalk between fibers of the same cable
- ✓ Low space requirement

# Fixed access networks

## Issues for the operators



### Infrastructure

- Huge investment → use it as long as possible
- Seamless upgrade/migration

# Fixed access networks

## Issues for the operators



Diverse user requirements



Investments required  
Network upgrade



Competitive telecom area



Limited/Conditioned ARPU



Objective: Maximize Profits

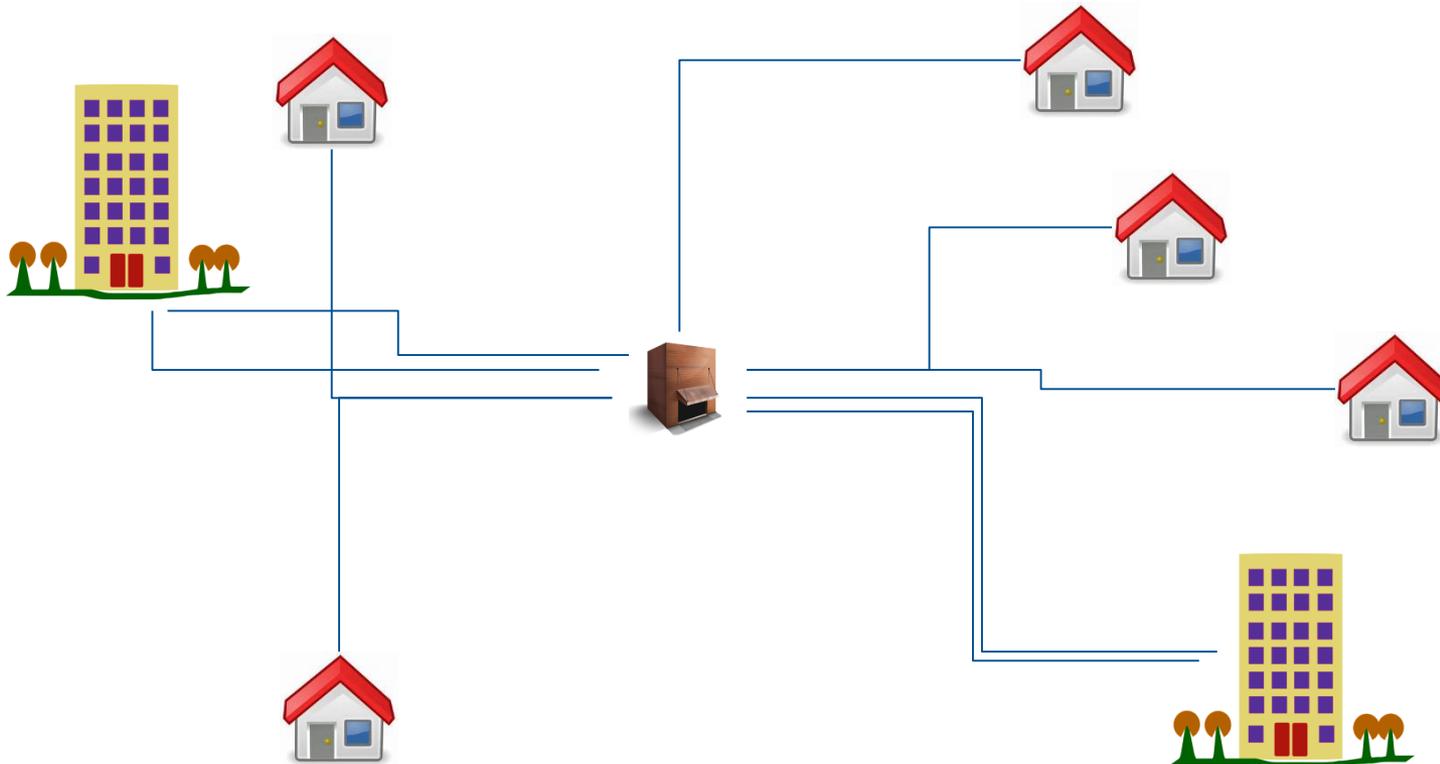
*ARPU: Average Revenue per User*



- Evolution and terminology
- Example of FTTB in Munich
- NGOA Architectures
- Converged access networks

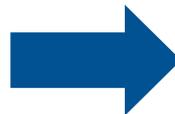
# Optical Access Networks

## Topology



Each cable is laid on demand:

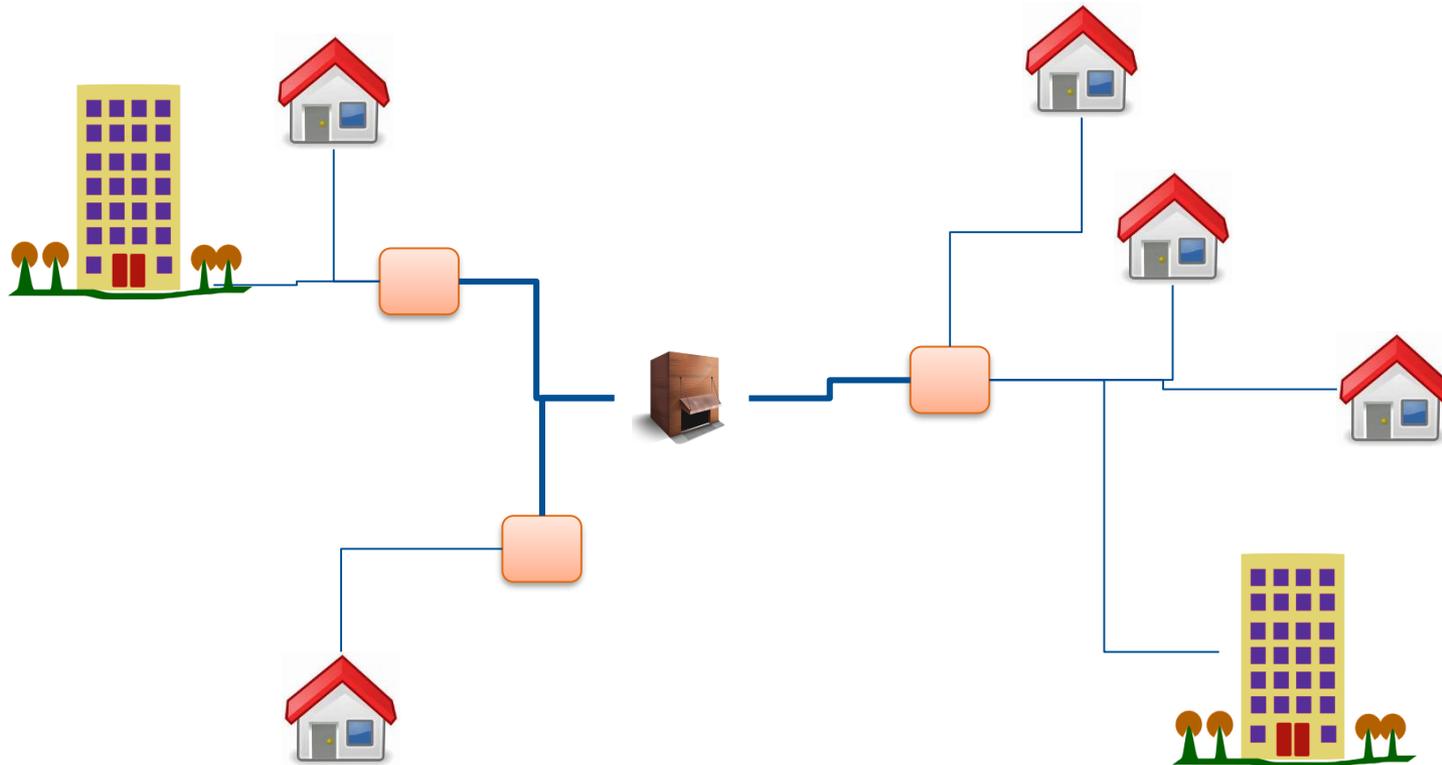
- unefficient,
- time and cost consuming
- no flexibility



Use of flexibility/distribution points → Tree topology

# Optical Access Networks

## Topology



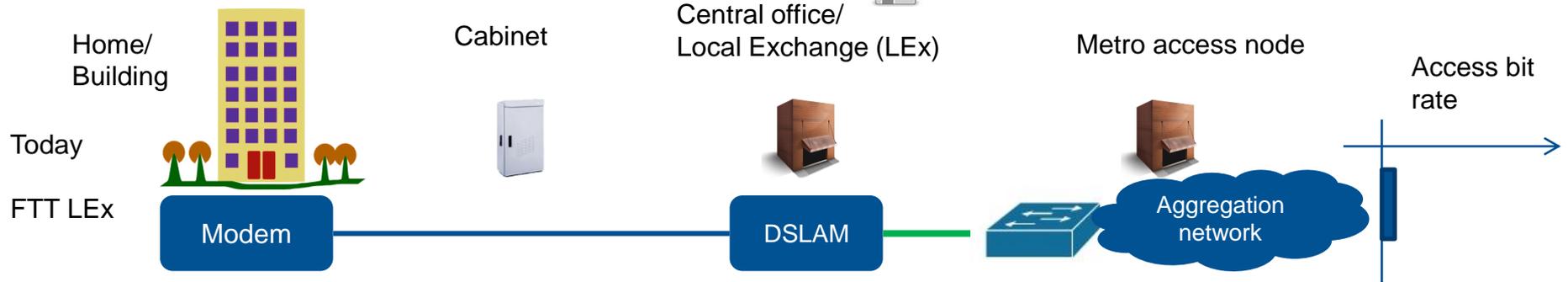
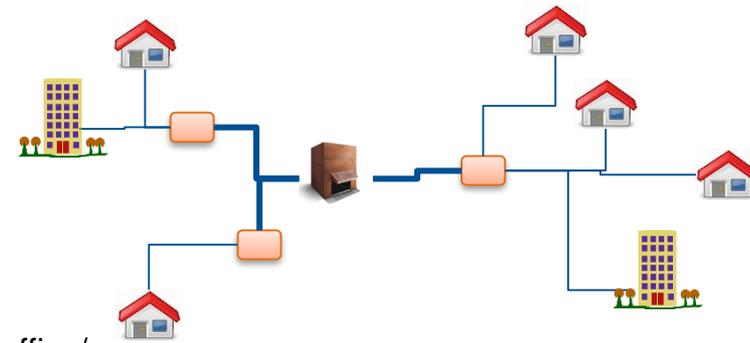
 Feeder Cable

Easier, faster and less costly to connect new users

 Distribution Cable

# Optical Access Networks

## Terminology



*DSLAM: Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexer*

*MDU: Multi-Dwelling Unit*

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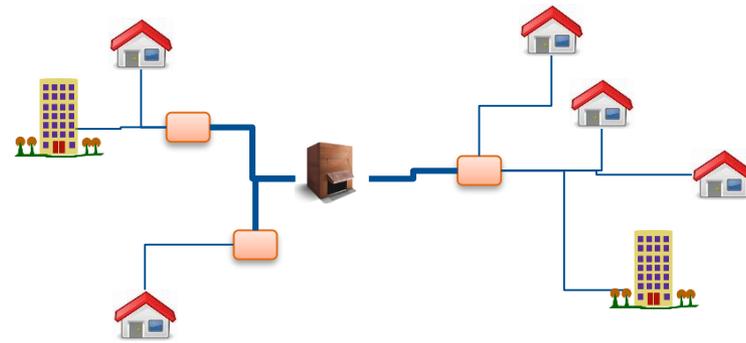
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*OLT: Optical Line Terminal*

*FTTx: Fiber to the x*

# Optical Access Networks

FTTB project in Munich






SP

NP

PIP

Use GPON to connect the powermeters of each building → FTTB

How to achieve



~7%  
4T buildings  
55T HH



~35%  
25T buildings  
260T HH



~50%  
44T buildings  
380T HH

1st Phase



~73%  
90T buildings  
550T HH

2nd Phase

Source: 

HH: Household

MDU: Multi-Dwelling Unit

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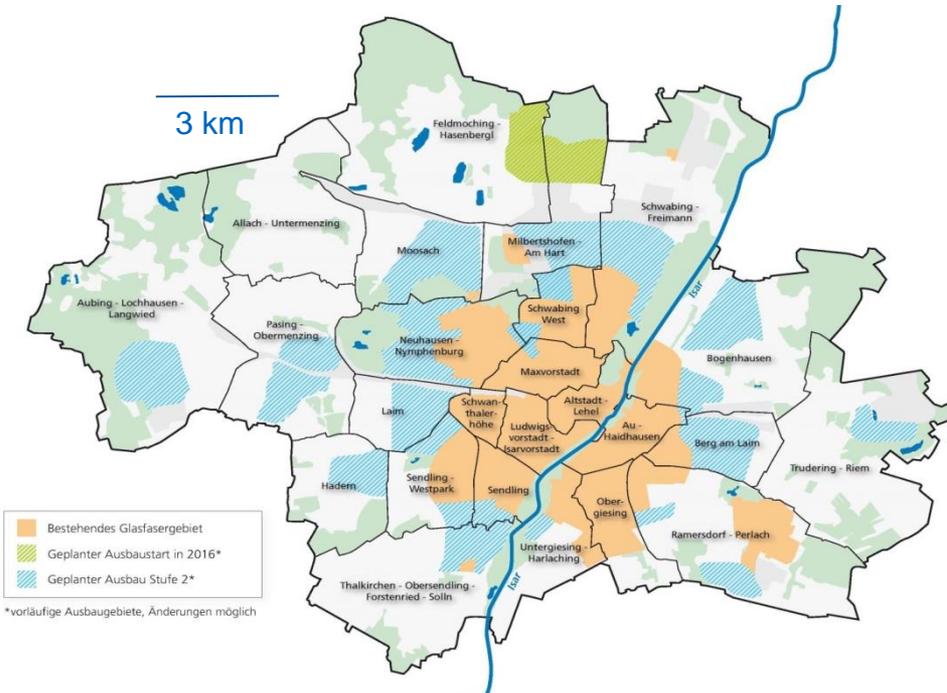
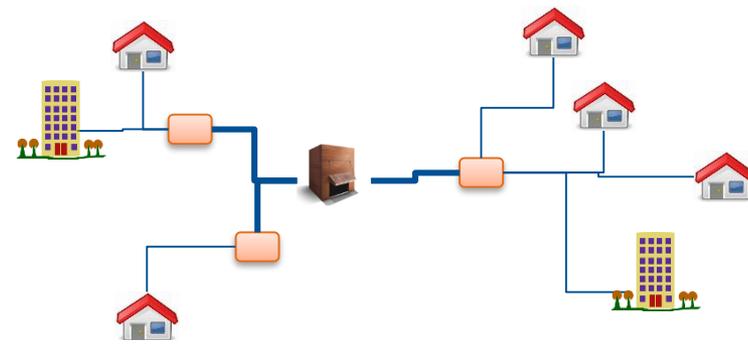
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# Optical Access Networks

FTTB project in Munich



1st Phase	2nd Phase
2009-2013	2016-2021
160 Mio. €	170 Mio. €
32.000 buildings	35.000 buildings
350.000 HH	230.000HH

70% of HH in Munich

Source: **SW/M**

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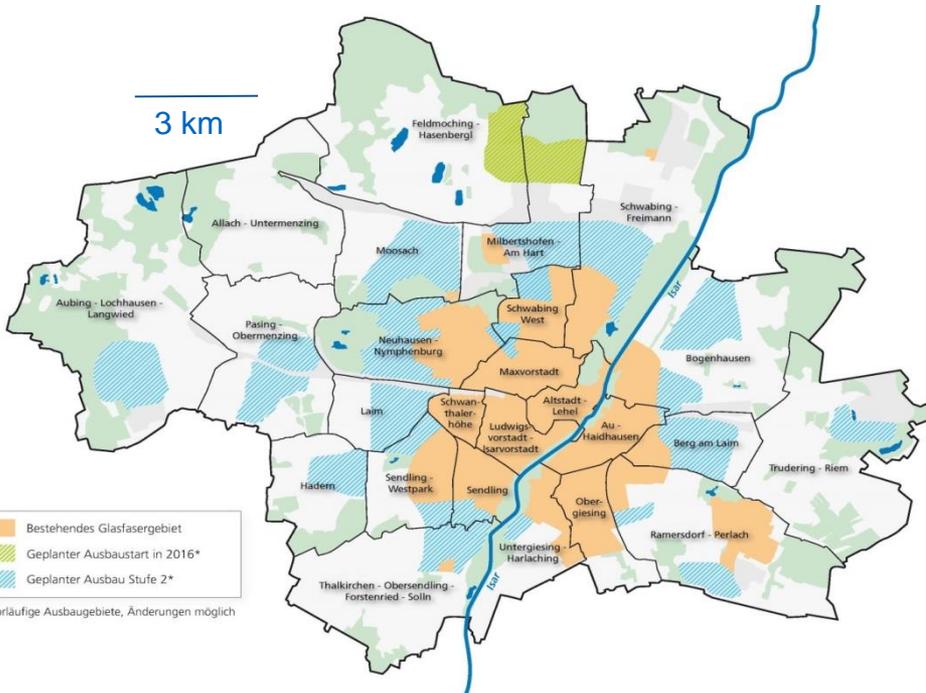
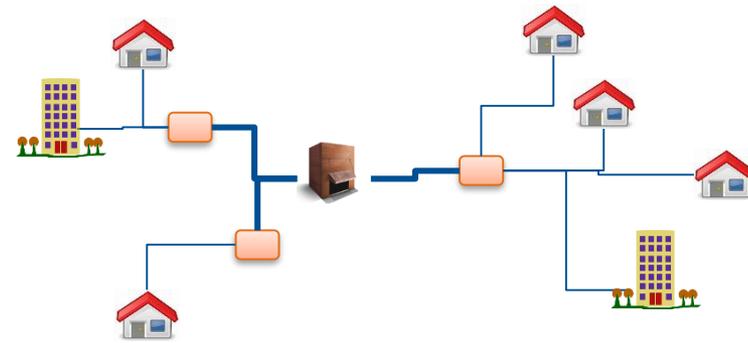
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# Optical Access Networks

FTTB project in Munich



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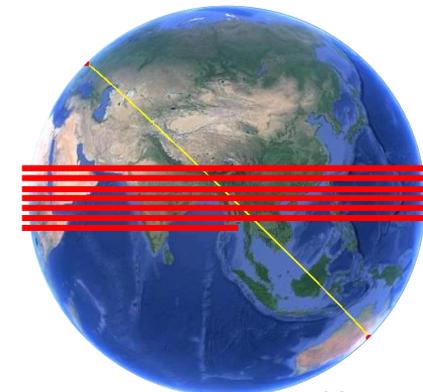
2009-2013

32.000 buildings

350.000 HH

Required cable?  
 ~7.000 km (from Munich to Sydney)

Required fiber?  
 ~260.000 km (6,5 x round-the-globe)



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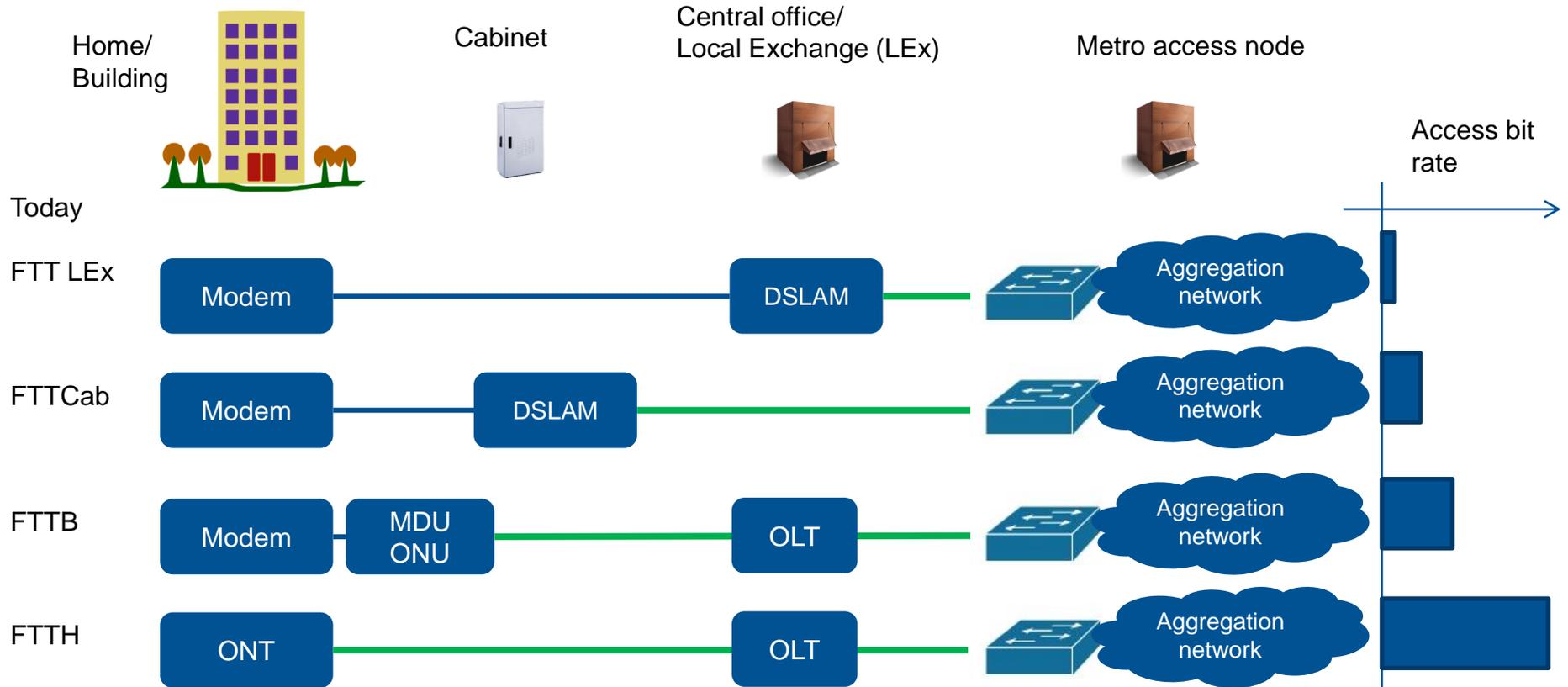
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## Towards NGOA



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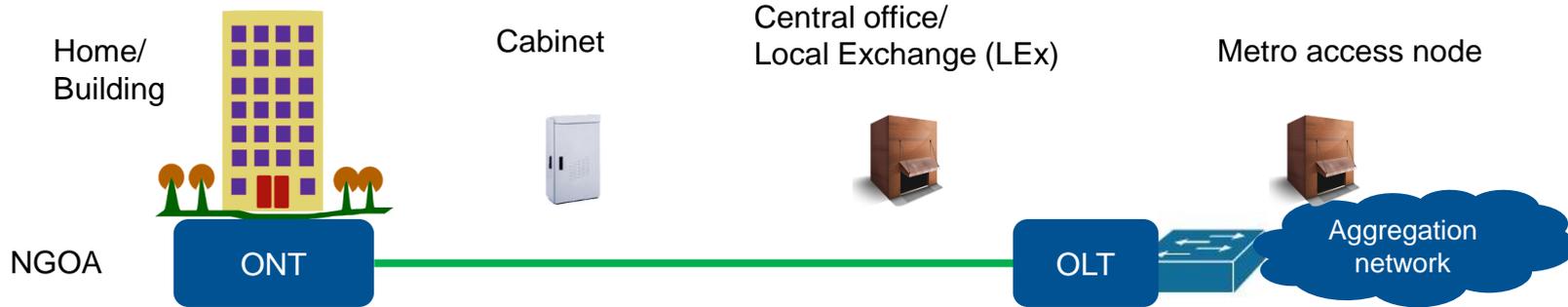
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## Towards NGOA



CO less than 20 km away from user

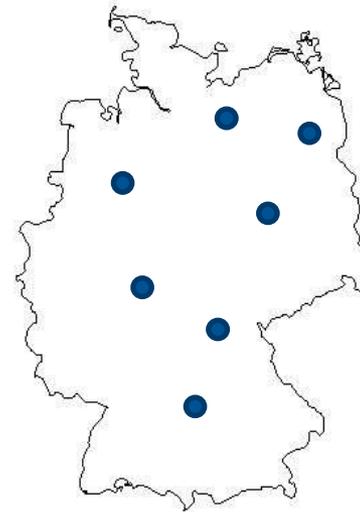


In Germany, ~8000 COs

No Consolidation



Aggressive Consolidation



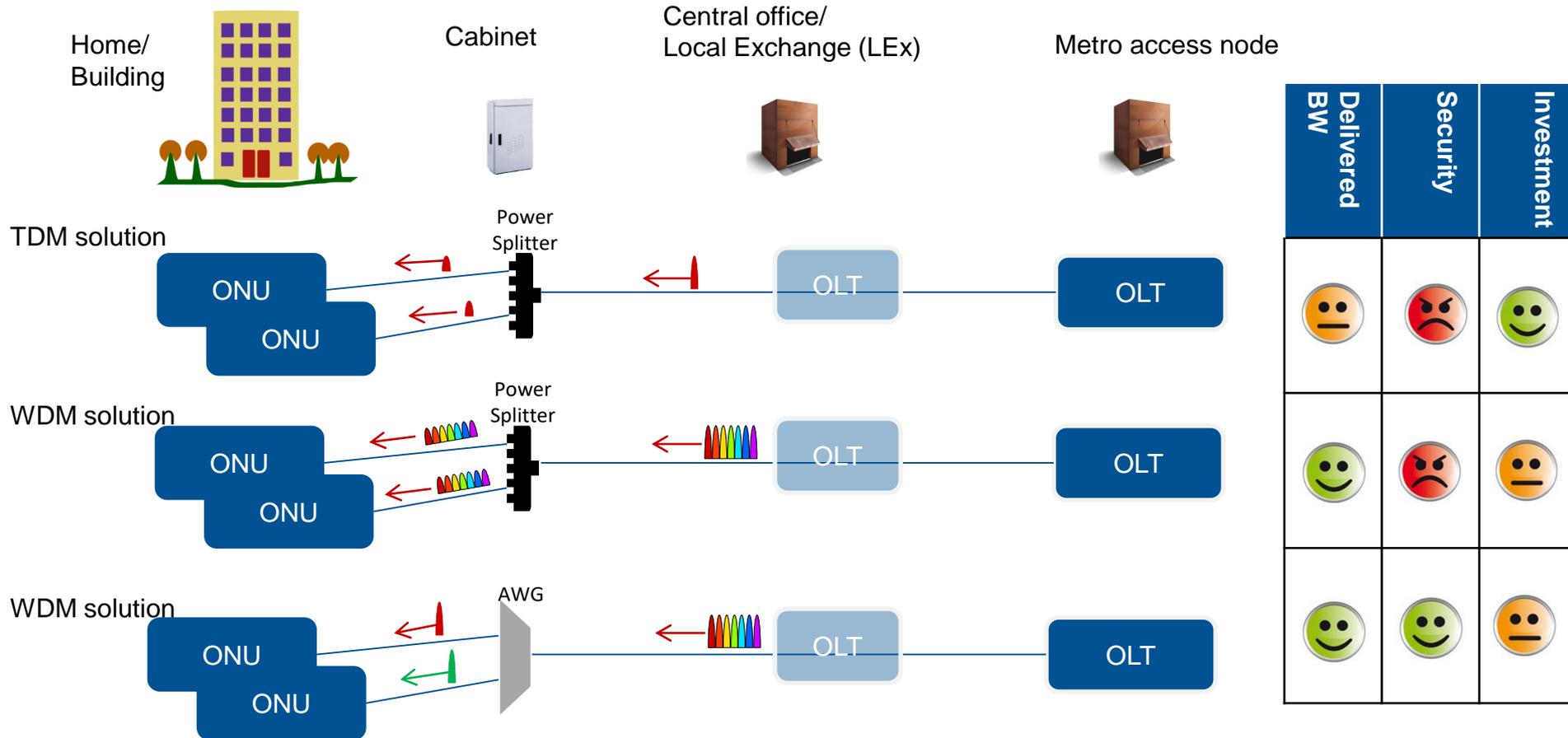
CO less than 60 km away from user



In Germany, ~800 COs

# Next Generation Optical Access (NGOA) Networks

## NGOA architectures



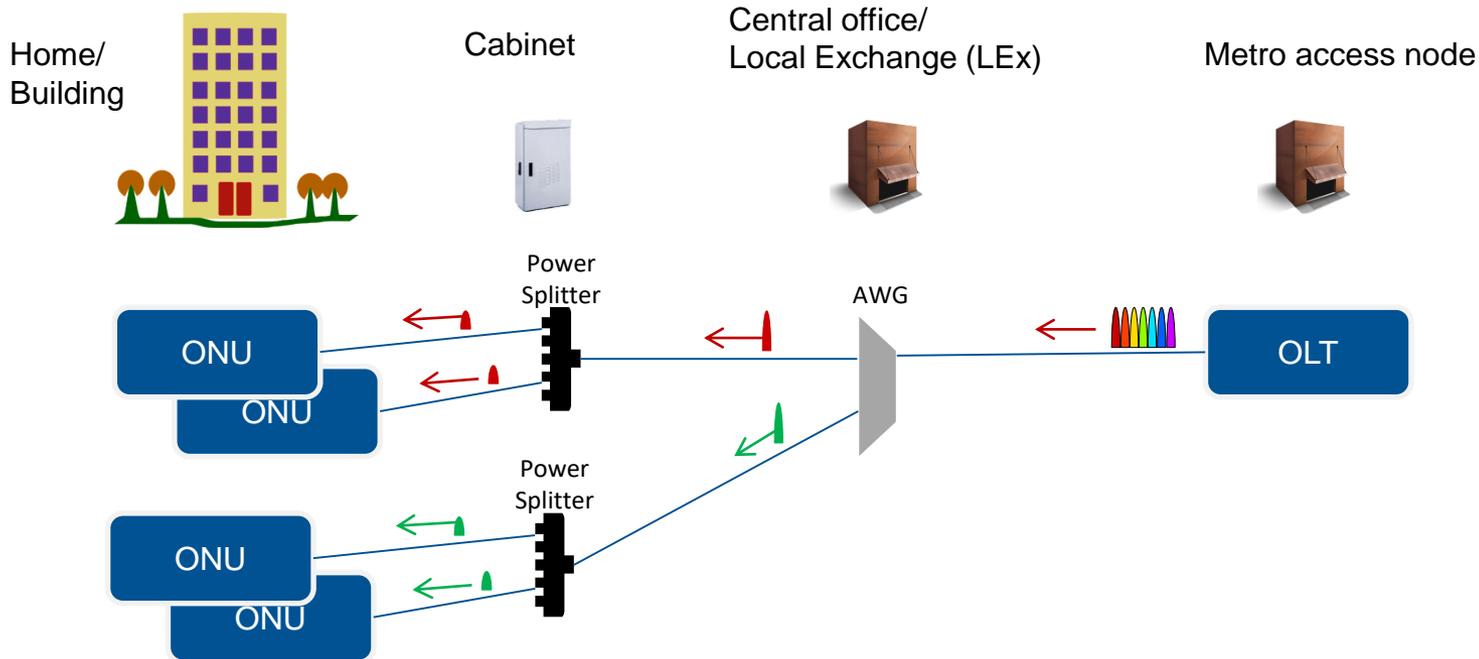
How to increase BW with limited investments? → Hybrid PON

AWG: Array Waveguide

ONU/ ONT: Optical Network Unit/Terminal  
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# Next Generation Optical Access (NGOA) Networks

## NGOA architectures



Delivered BW	Security	Investment
☹️	☹️	😊

### Achieved goals:

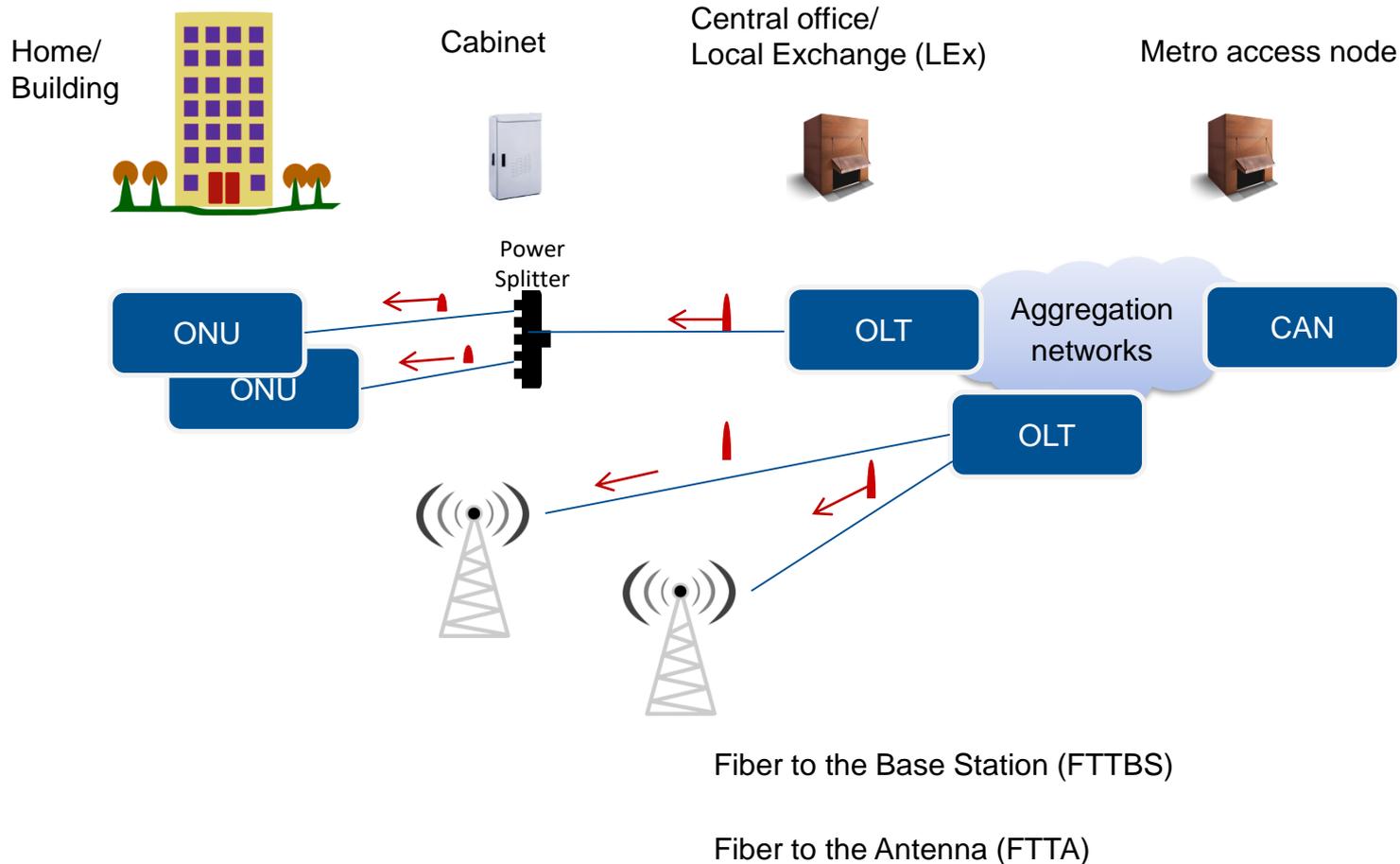
- Sustained bit rate per ONU: 150-500 Mbps
- Peak bitrate per ONU: 1-10 Gbps
- Reduction of central offices → node consolidation
- Maximum reuse of existing optical infrastructure → low cost migration

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# Towards Converged Access Networks

Nowadays

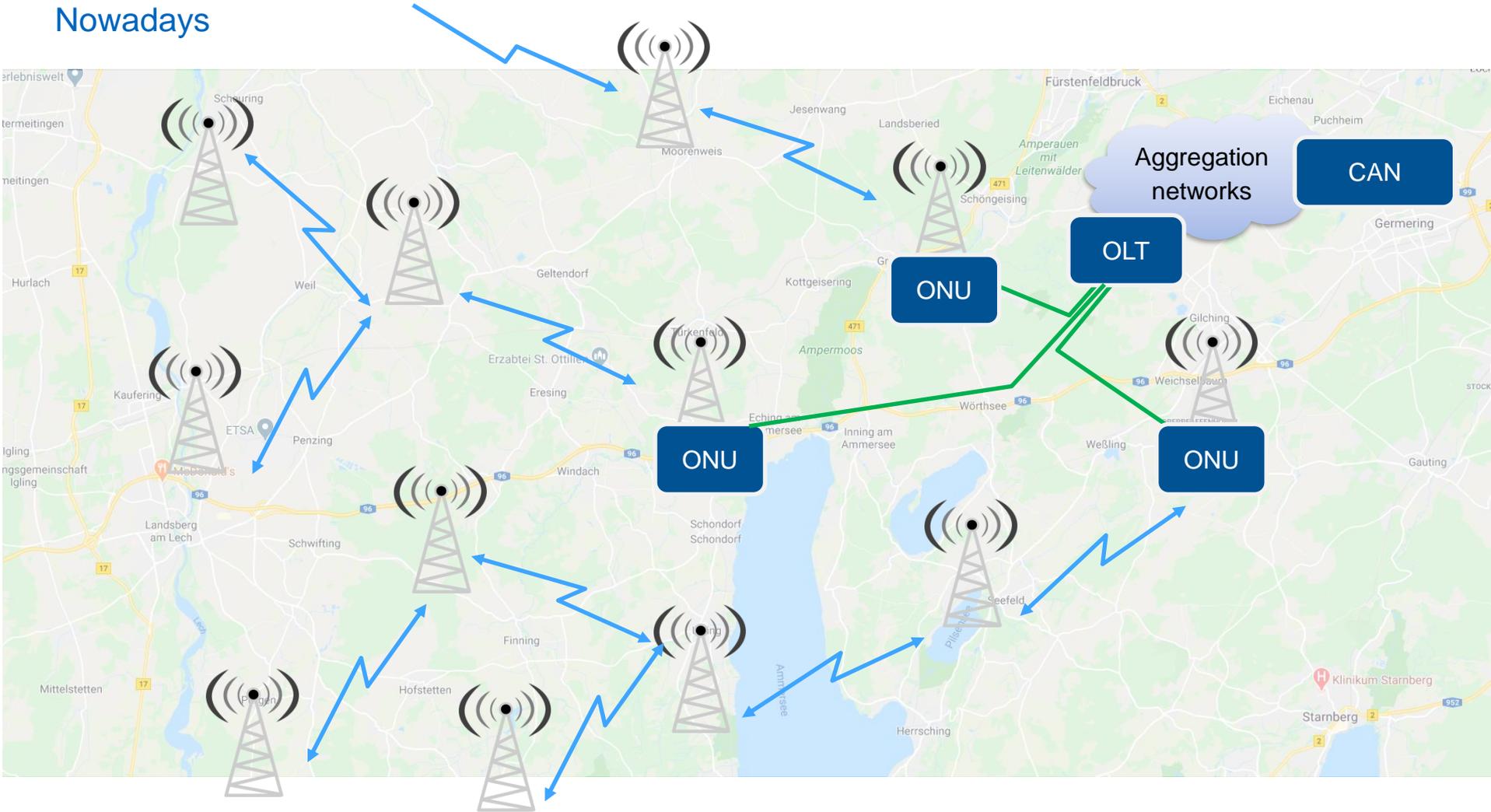


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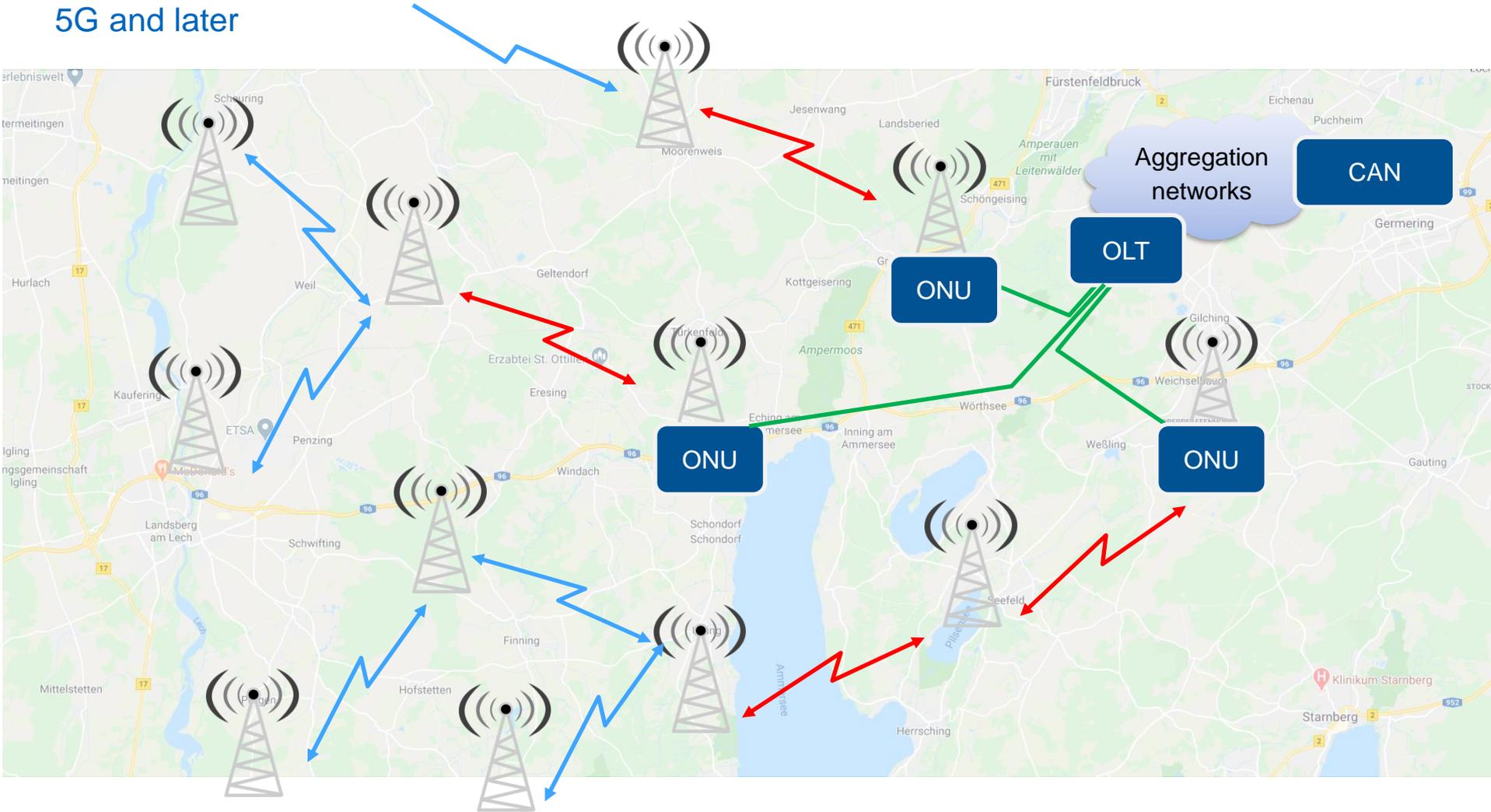
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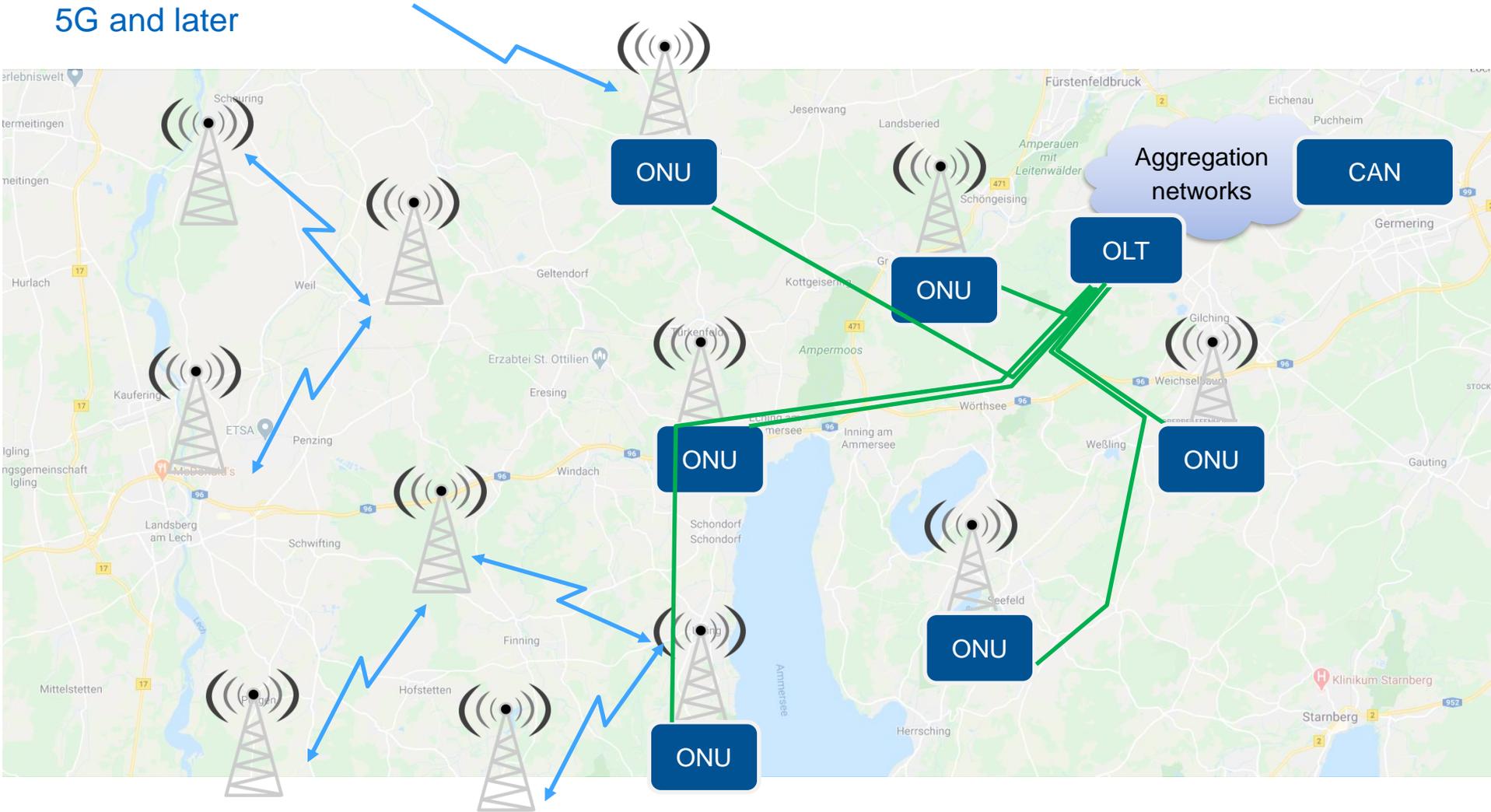
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5G and later



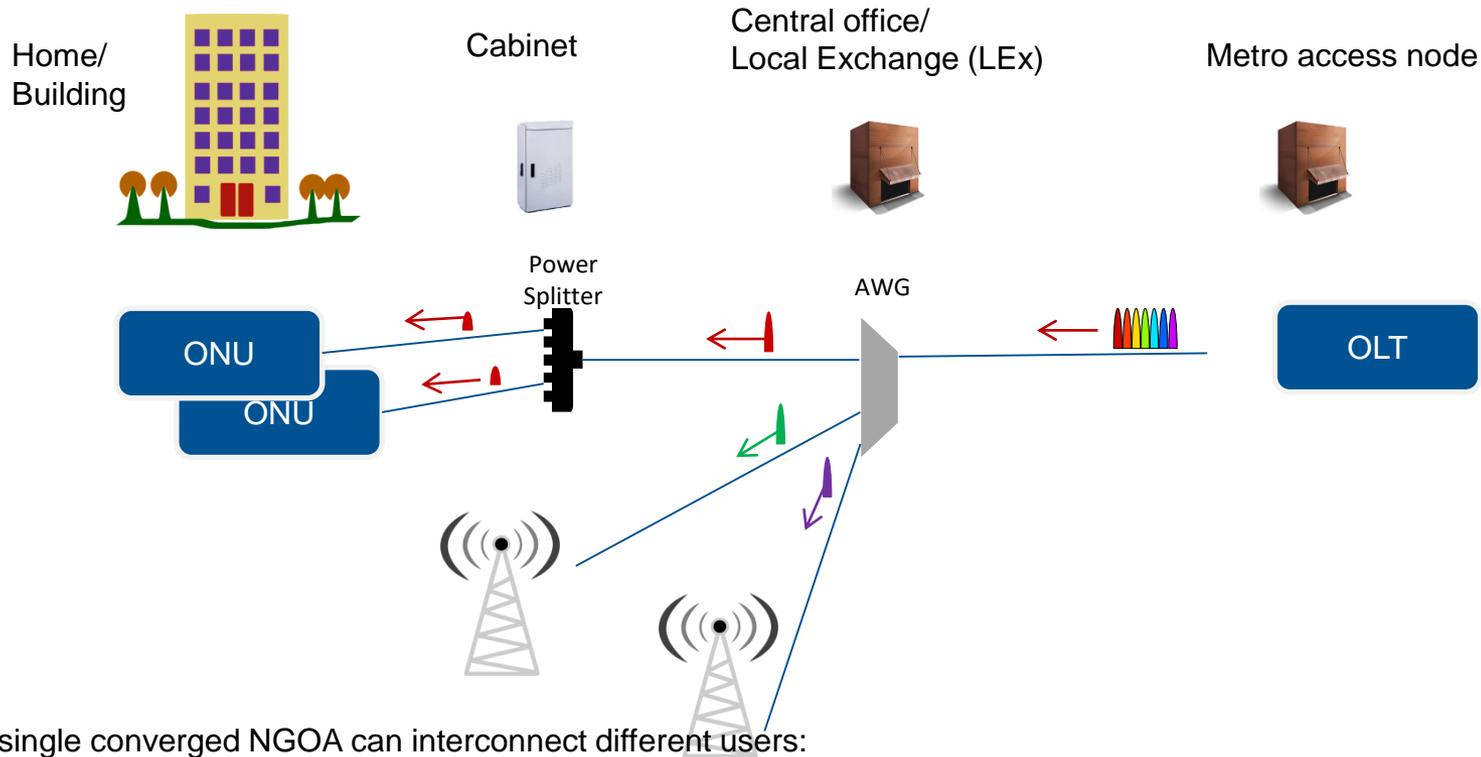
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# Towards Converged Access Networks

## Converged access networks



A single converged NGOA can interconnect different users:

- Residential users
- Business users
- Base Stations
- Small cells

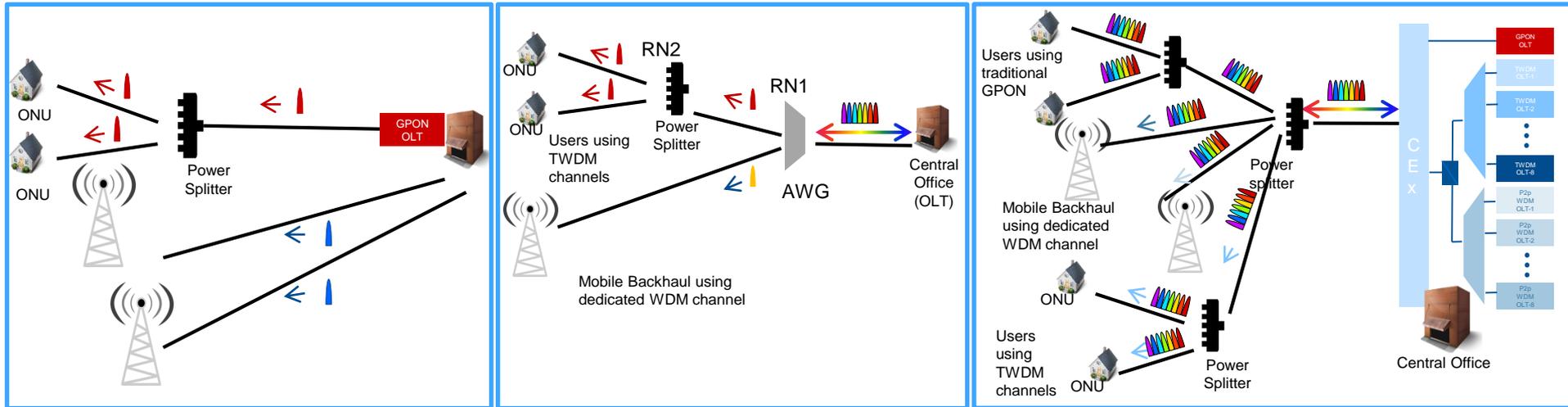
Each user gets the required bandwidth

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# Towards Converged Access Networks

## Converged access networks



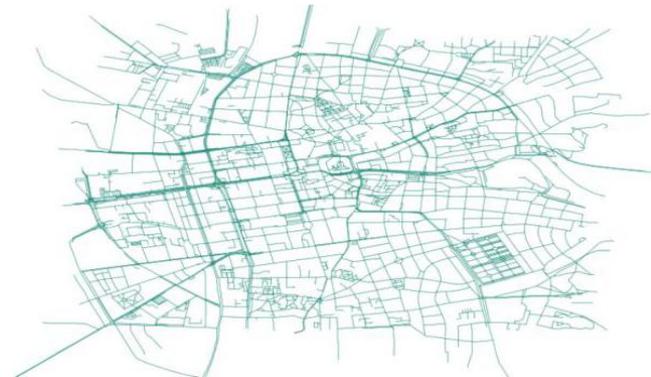
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GPON 1:32 for fixed users,  
P2P for BS

**Joint HPON:**  
HPON 40λ 1:32  
for all users and BS

**Joint NG-PON2:**  
1:16 (RN1) and 1:32 (RN2)

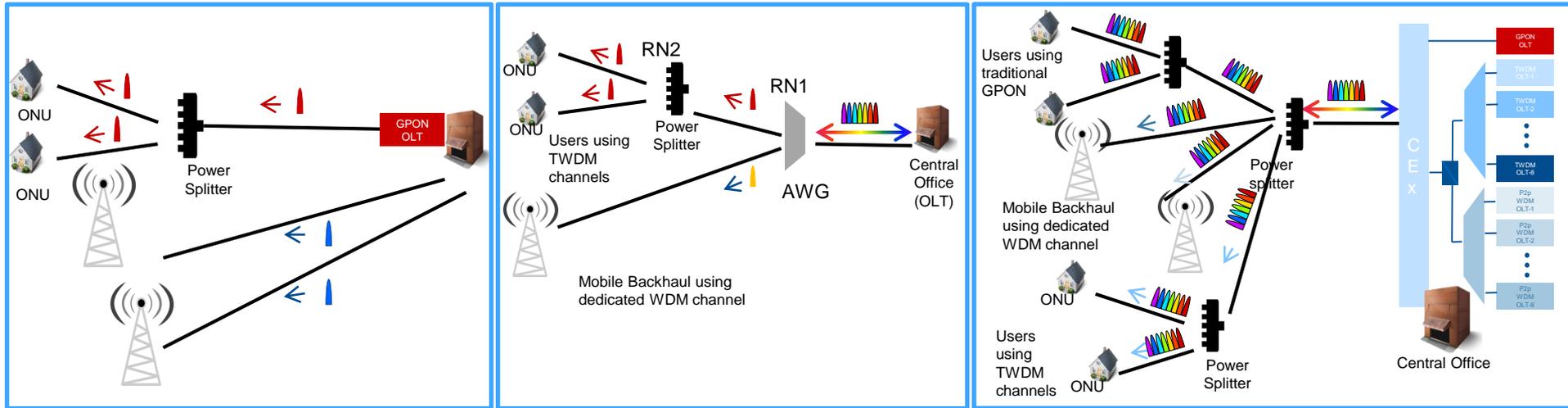
Case Study: Darmstadt (Germany)

- 9.63 km<sup>2</sup>
- 6056 buildings
- 32000 households
- Number of base stations: 5 (UMTS) and 37(LTE)

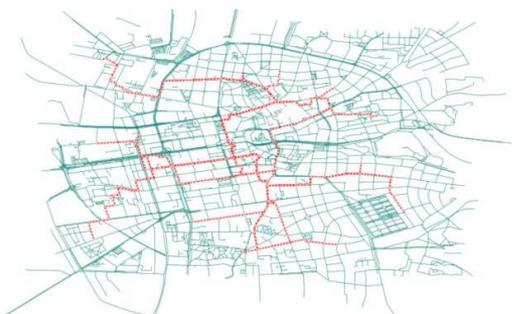


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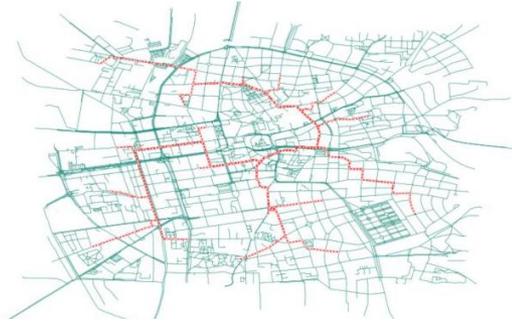
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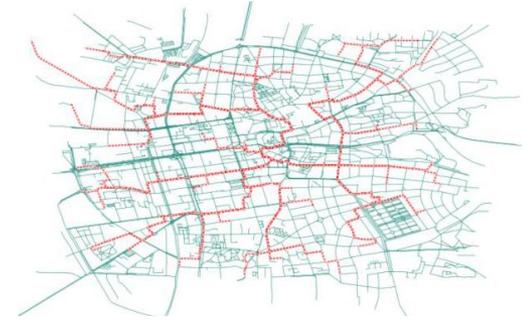
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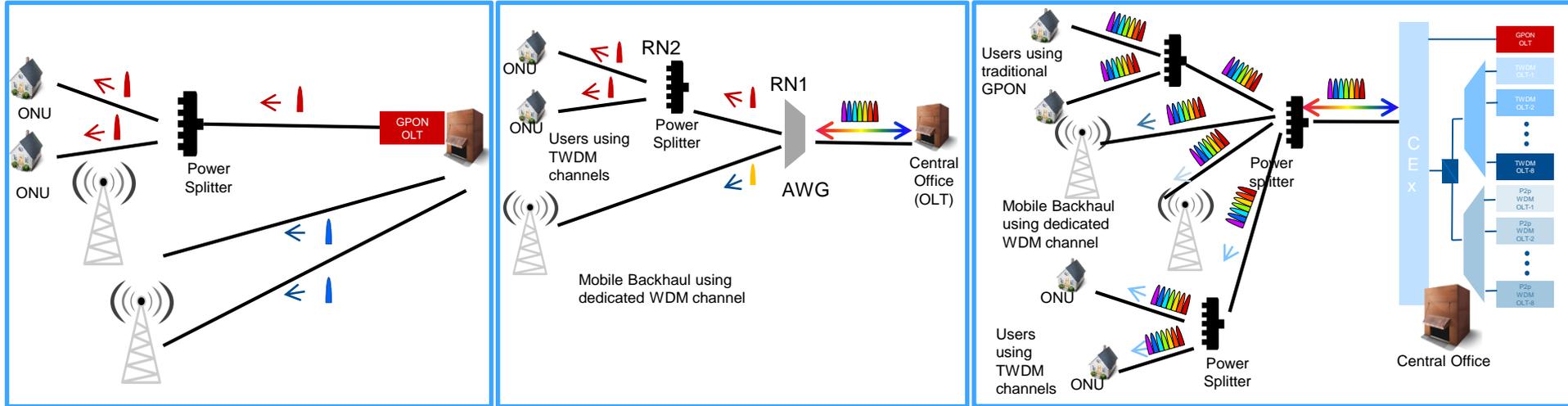


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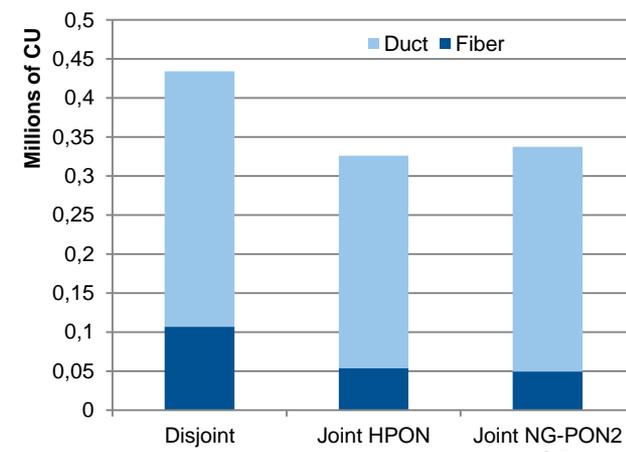
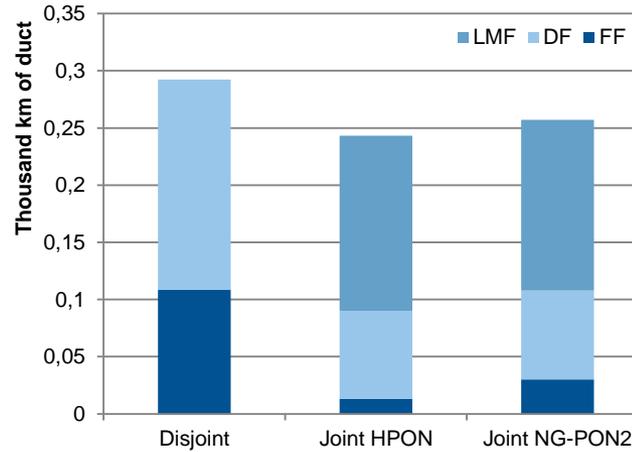
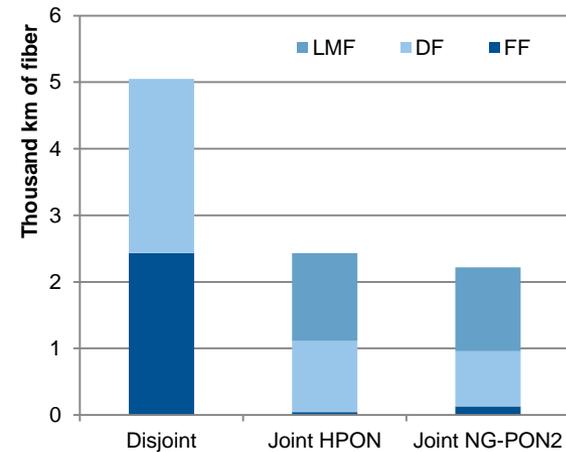
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# Towards Converged Access Networks

## Converged access networks

Important aspects to be taken into account:

- Existing infrastructure?
- Locations availability?
- Planning time span (5 years? 10 years?)
- Demands: type, distribution, etc.
- Costs (and time) factors
  - Techniques/expertise/availability/wages/permits...
- Protection?
- Flexibility

# Outline



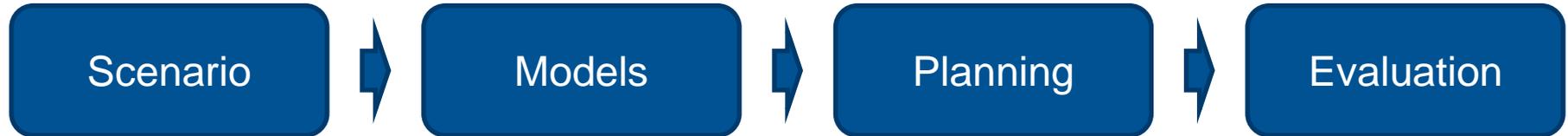
# Converged access network planning

## Objectives

- Deliver services requested by users
- Deliver acceptable throughput and response times
- Be within budget and maximize cost efficiencies
- Be reliable
- Be expandable without major redesign
- Be manageable by maintenance and support staff
- Be well documented

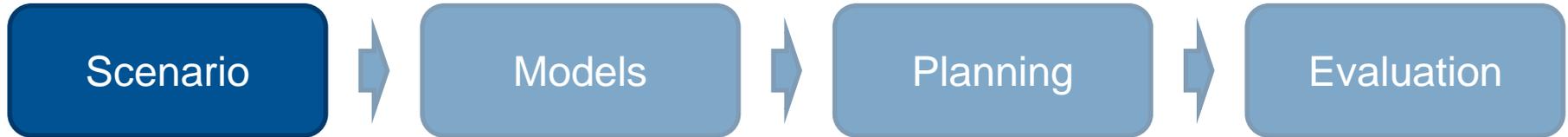
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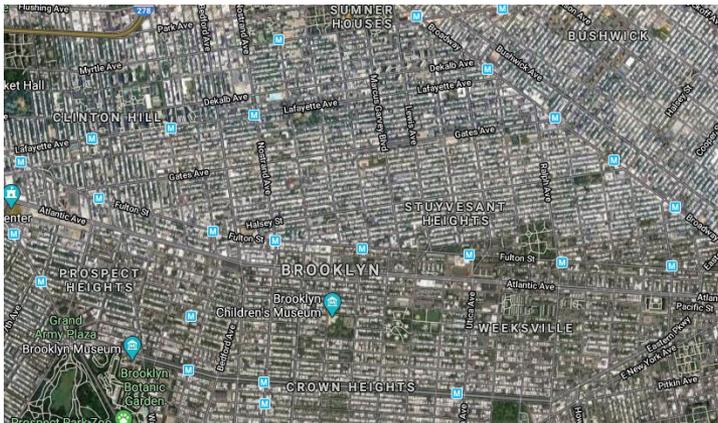


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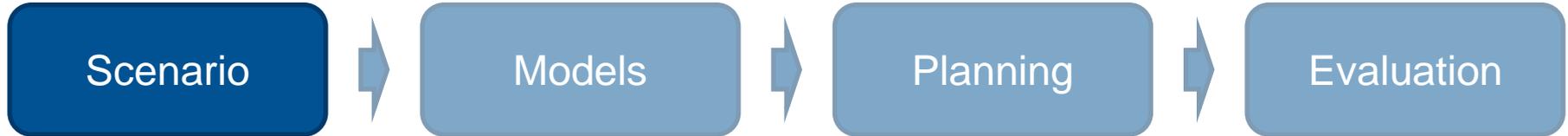


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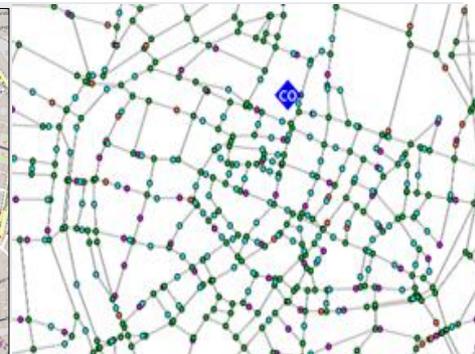
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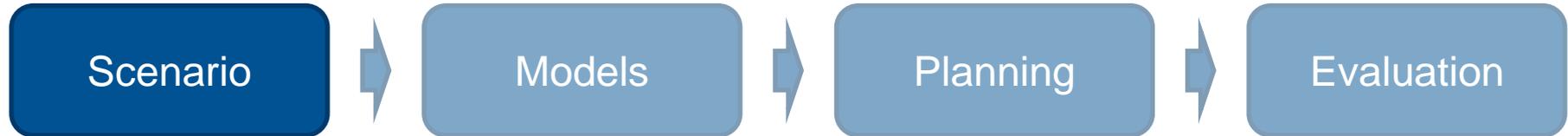
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Raster maps	Vector maps
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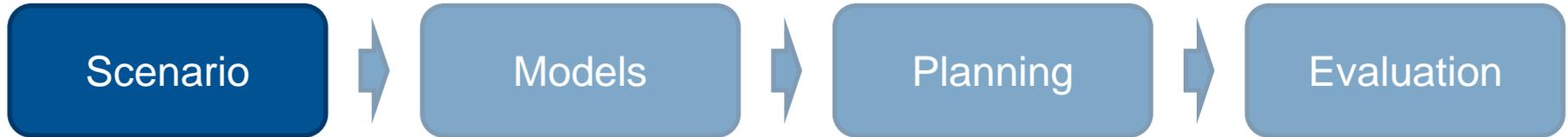


### ■ Area

- Dense Urban? Urban? Rural?
- Size?
- Available data?
  - Information?
    - For fixed access: Street type/size, public transport lines, bridges, etc.
    - For mobile access: Area topography, building high, building access, etc.

# Converged access network planning

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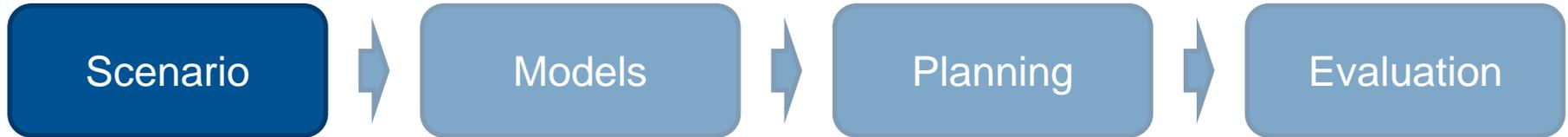
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- GF/BF

Existing ducts?  
Can be reused?

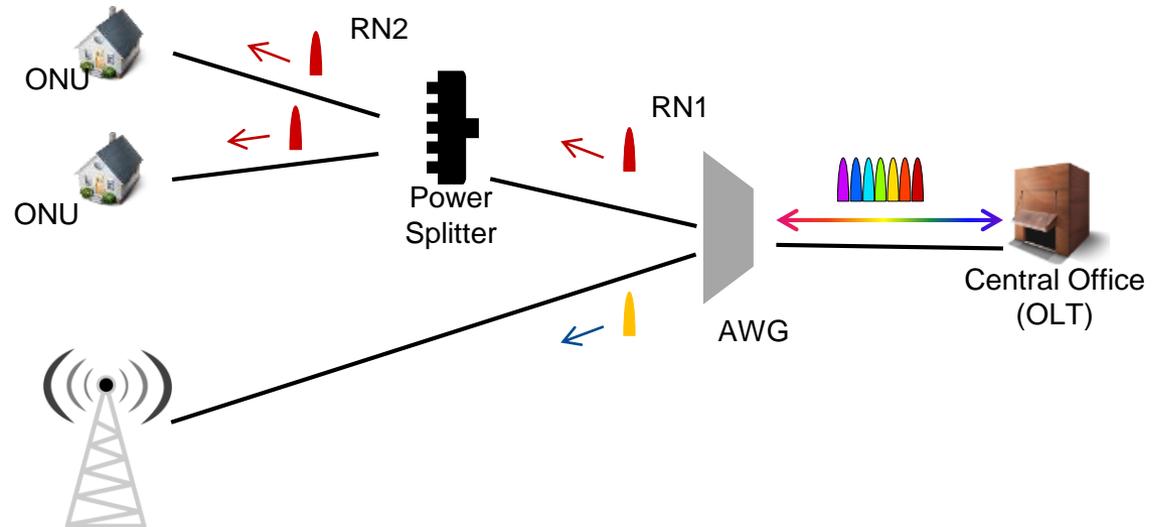


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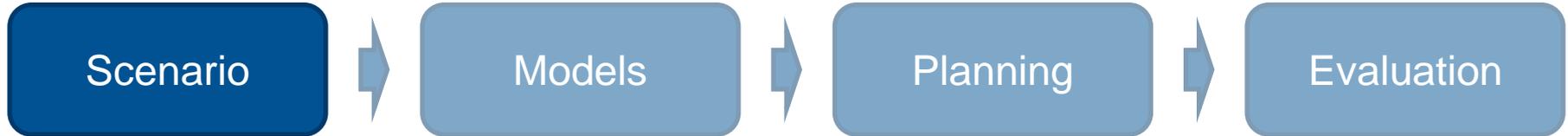
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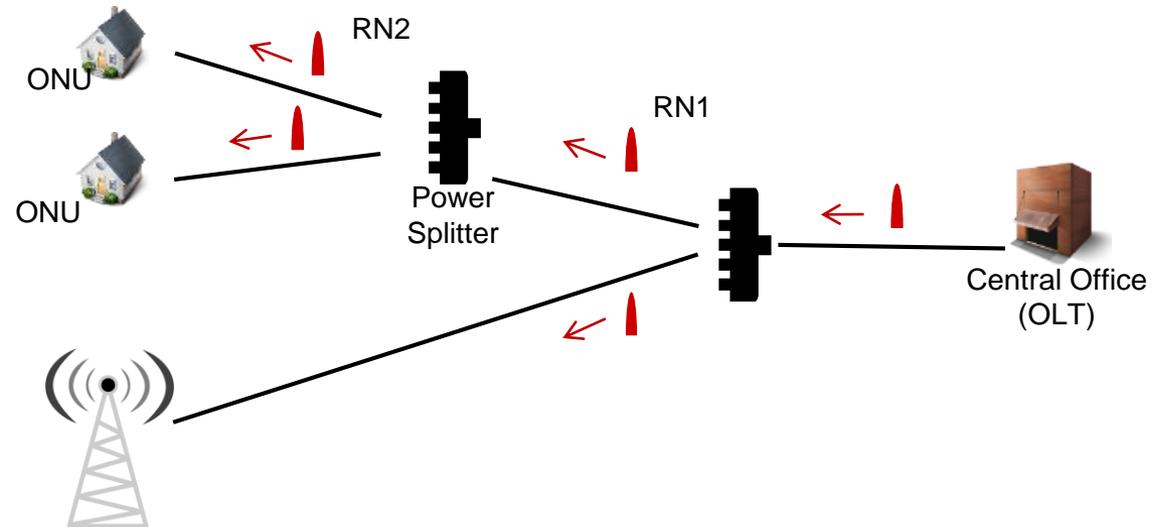
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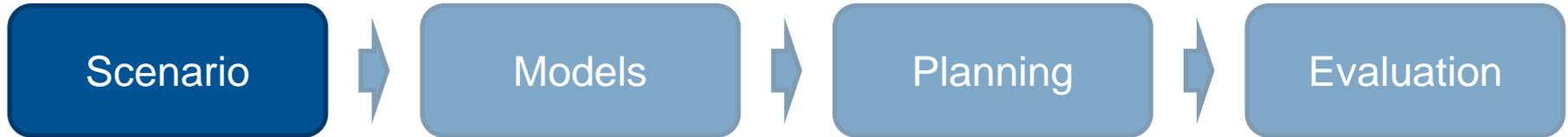
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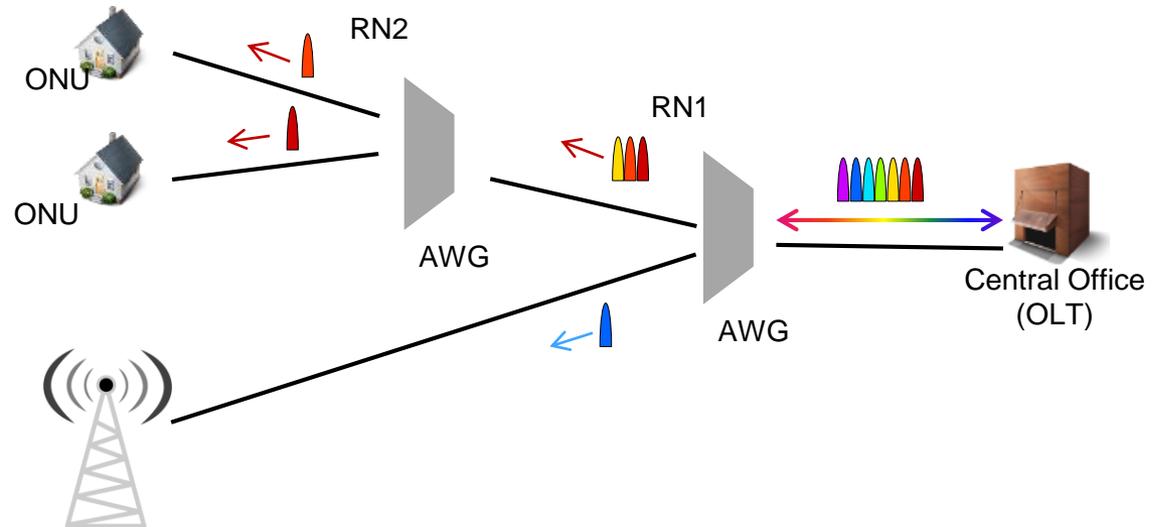
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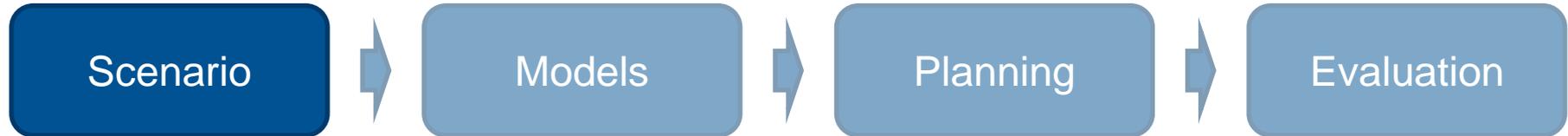
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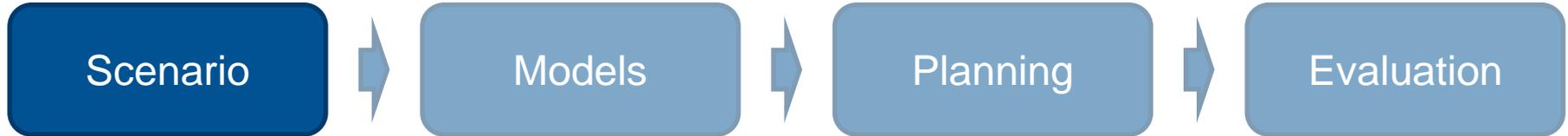


- Area
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- Technology
- Architecture
- End users different from requirements: BW, availability, max. delay, etc.
  - Residential
  - Business
  - MBS
  - SC
  - RSU
  - Others...

The location is crucial to be known....

# Converged access network planning

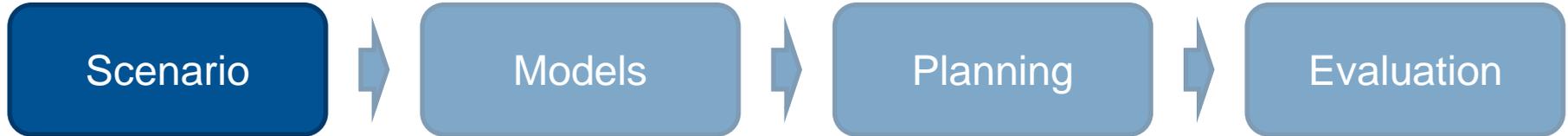
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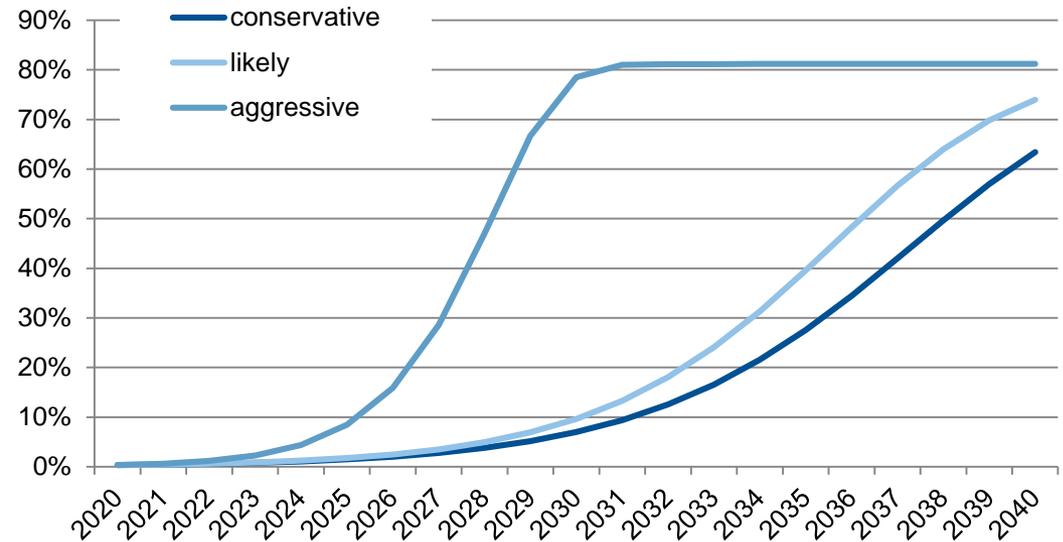
Residential	Based on maps. Based on building size and area → Number of HH/Building
Business	If no real data available → some models: e.g., based on building size and area
MBS	If no real data available → some models: e.g., grid. Realignment is required.
SC	If no real data available → some models: e.g., based on building type (hospital, shopping mall, etc.)
RSU	Distributed along streets/roads.

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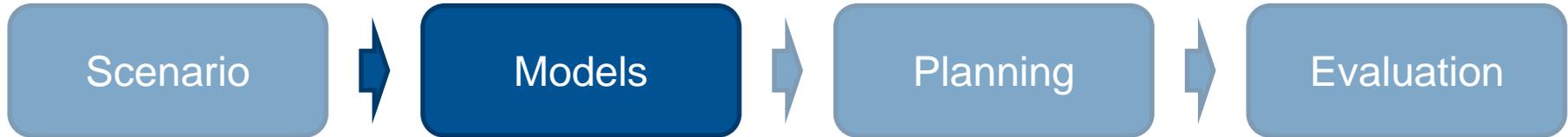
- Area
- GF/BF
- Technology
- Architecture
- End users
- Penetration curves



Impact of the location of new customers

# Converged access network planning

## Methodology



### ■ Cost models

#### CAPEX

- Infrastructure
  - On site
  - In field
- Equipment
  - On site
  - In field
  - Customer premises

#### OPEX

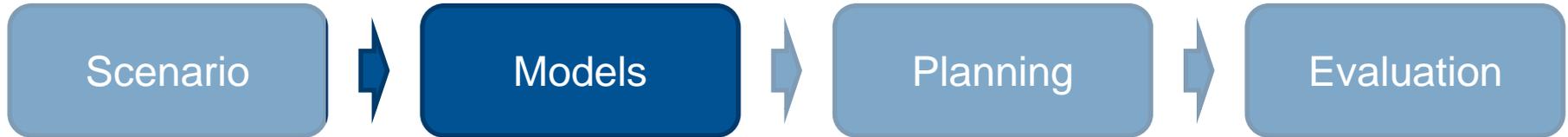
- Maintenance
- Failure Management
- Energy consumption
- Service Management
- ...

#### Depreciation

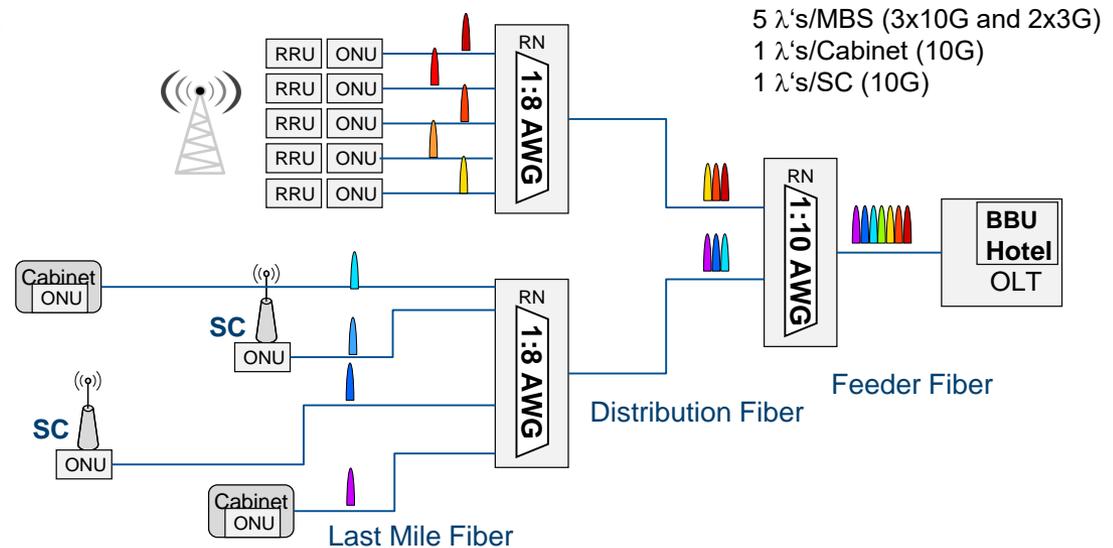
- Straight line
- Declining method
- Double declining method

# Converged access network planning

## Methodology



- Cost models
- Architecture model
- Splitting points
  - Single
  - Multiple
- BW

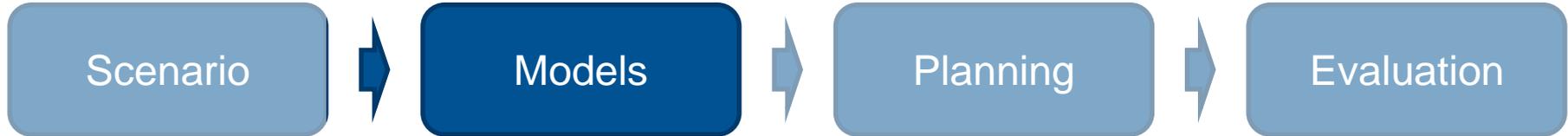


Fronthaul of MBS and SC  
(FH WR WDM-PON)

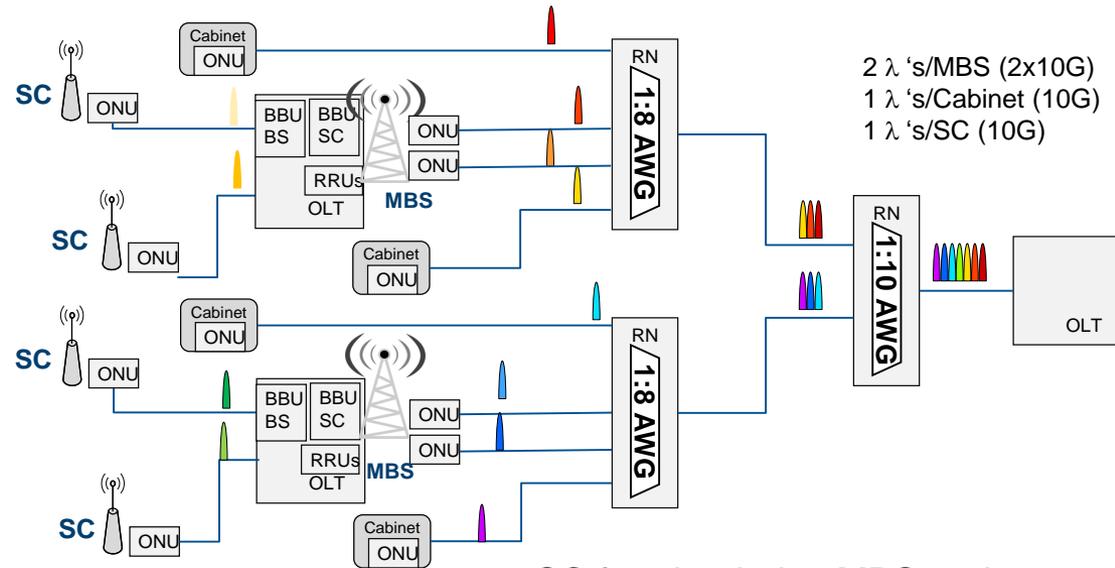
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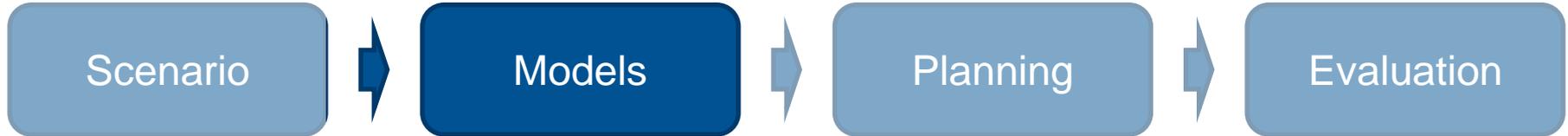


SC fronthauled to MBS and  
 MBS backhauled to OLT  
 (FBH WR WDM-PON)

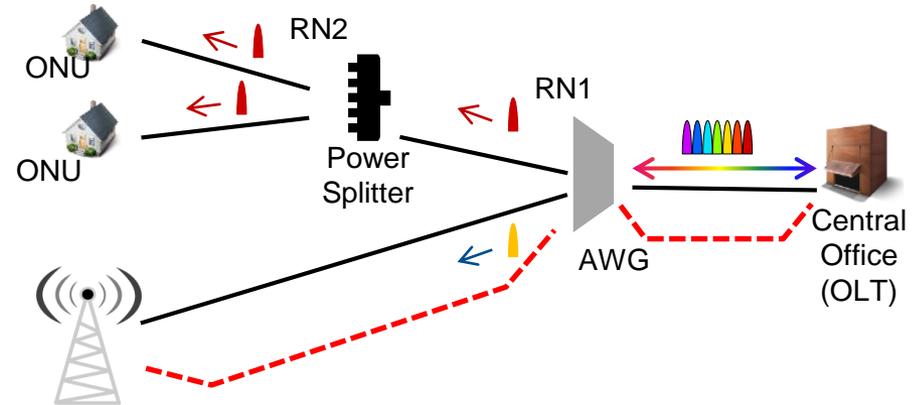
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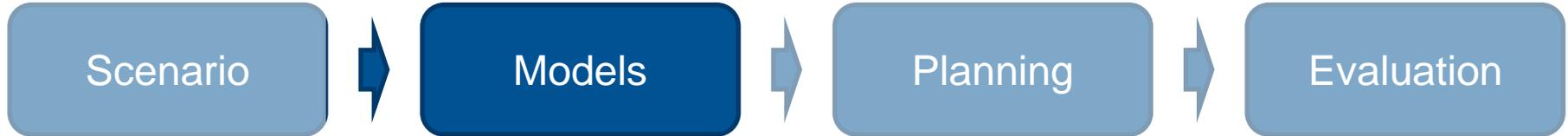
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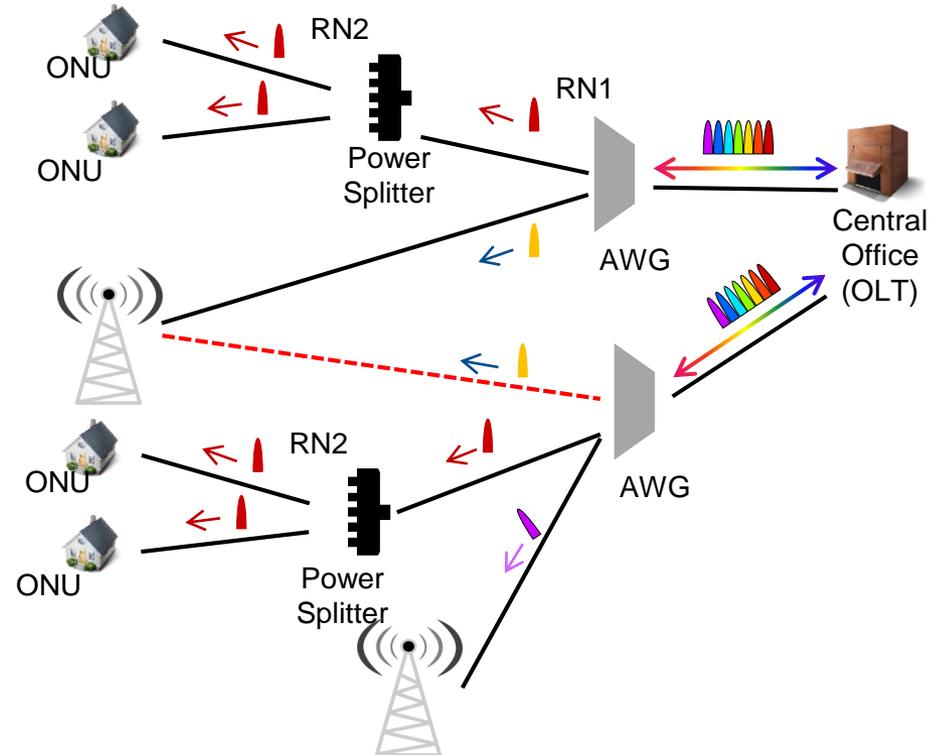
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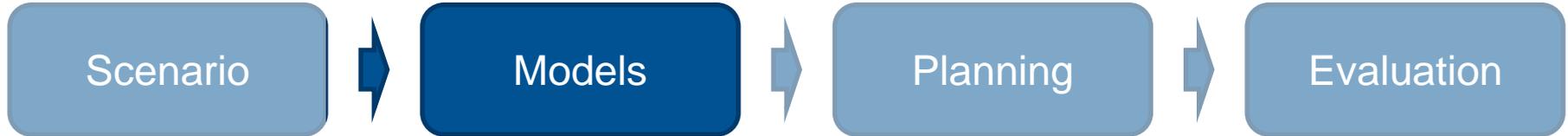
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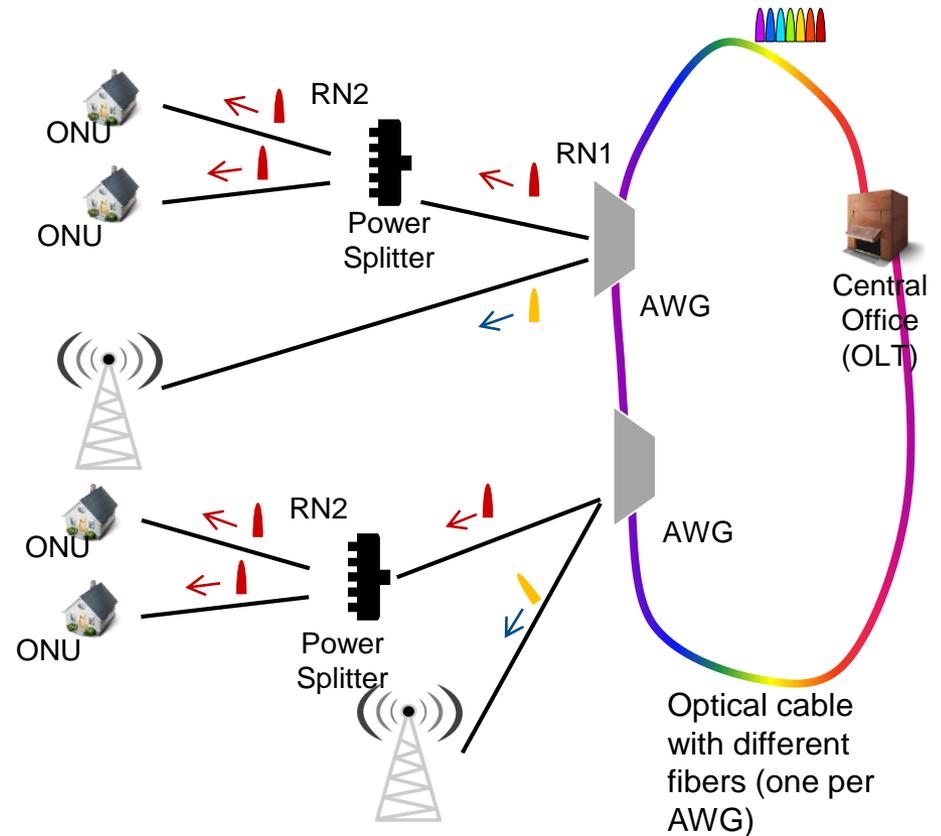
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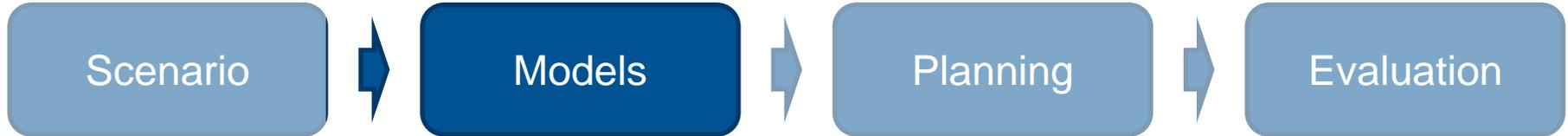
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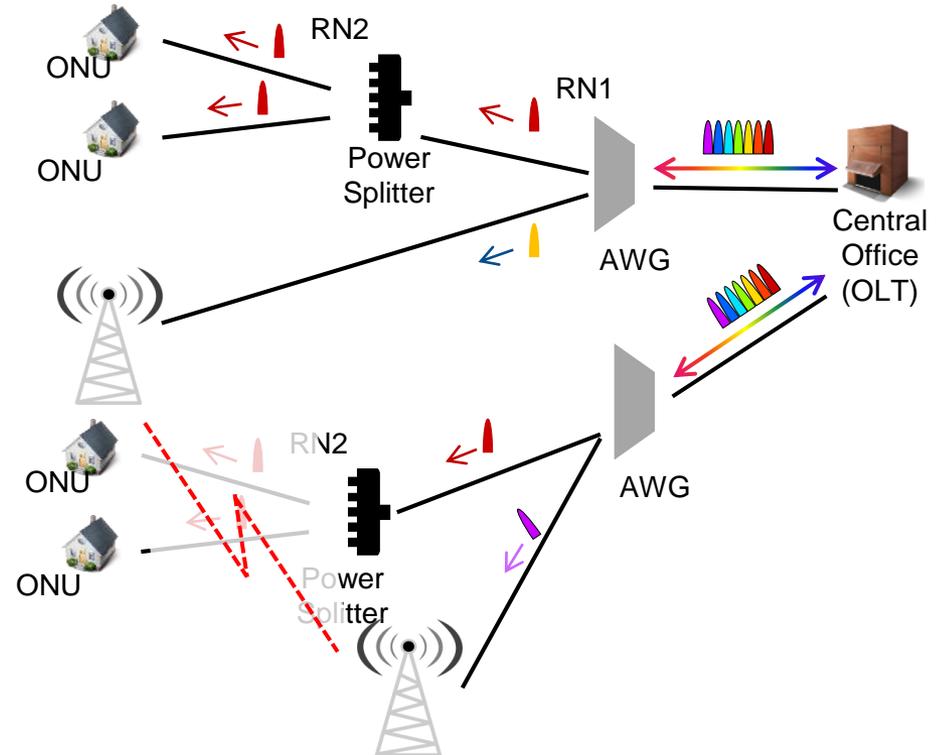
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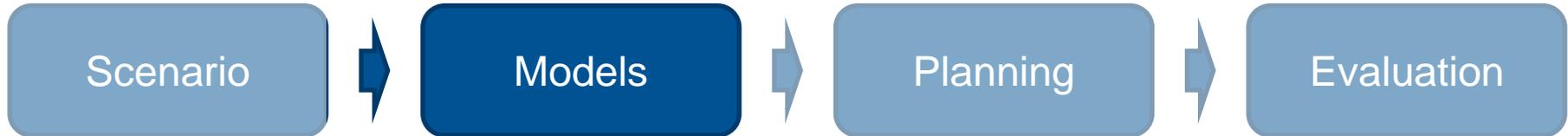
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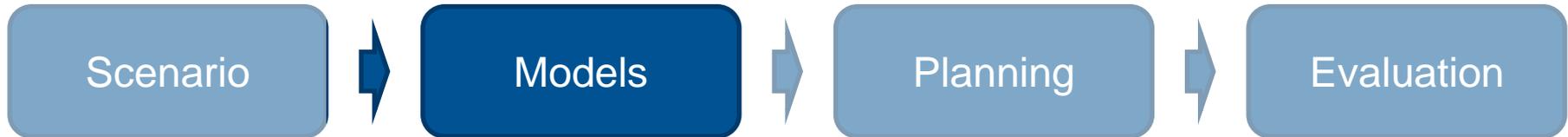
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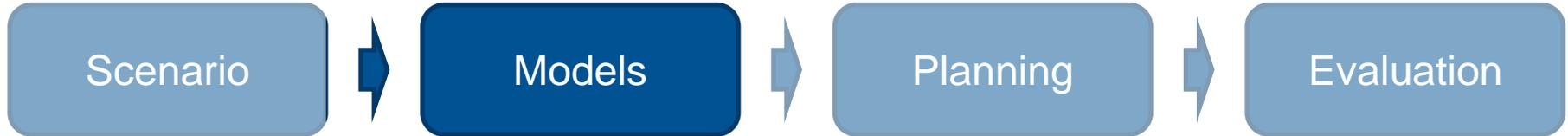
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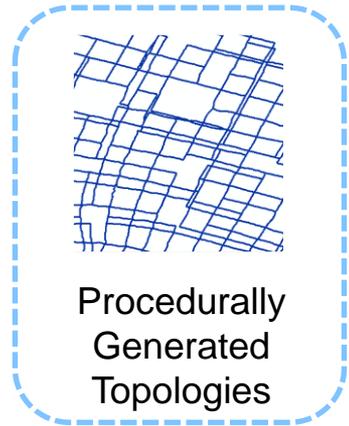
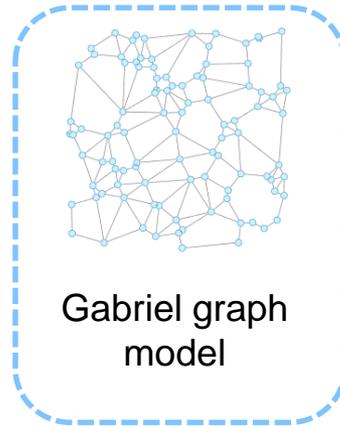
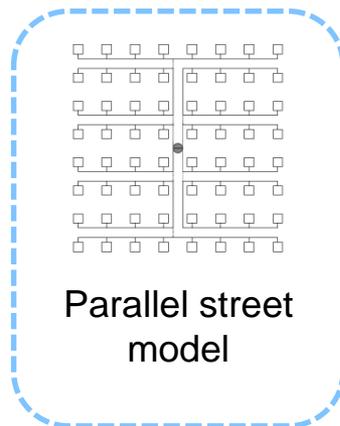
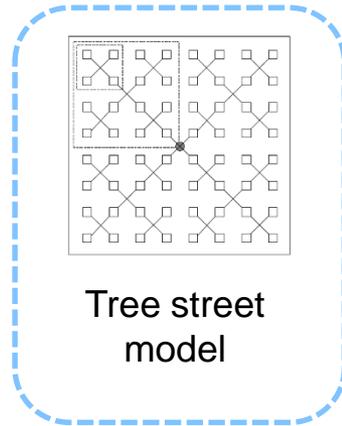
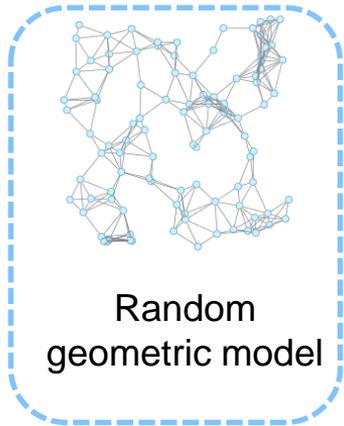
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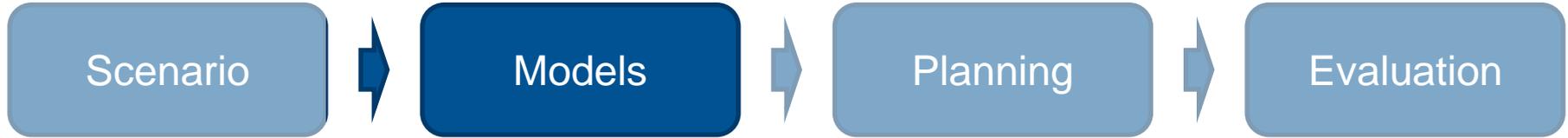


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- Geometric models

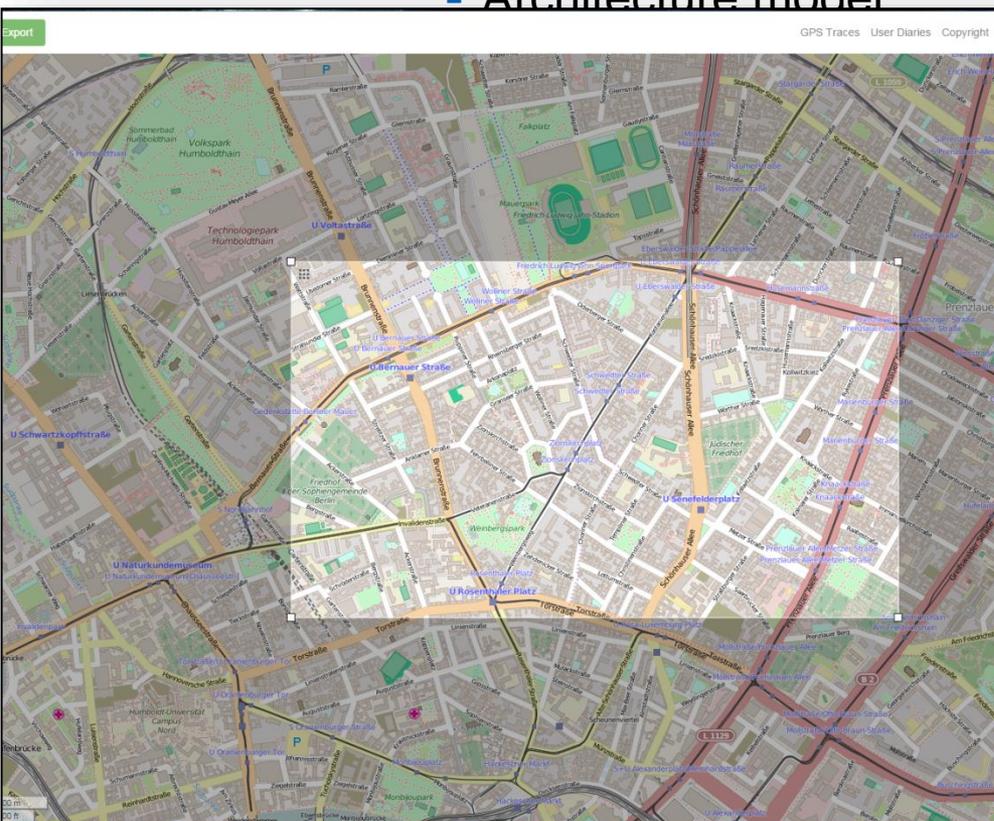


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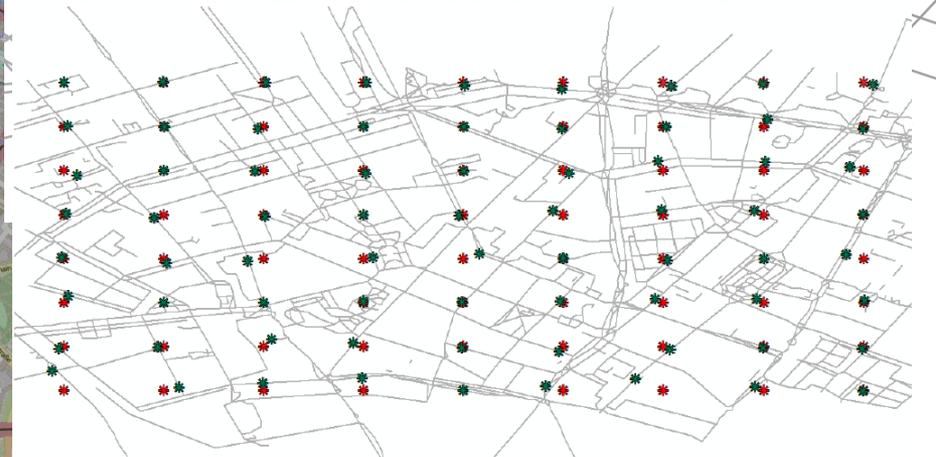
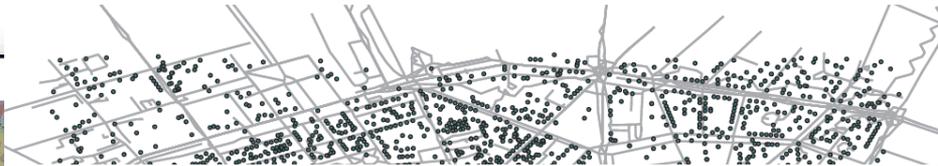
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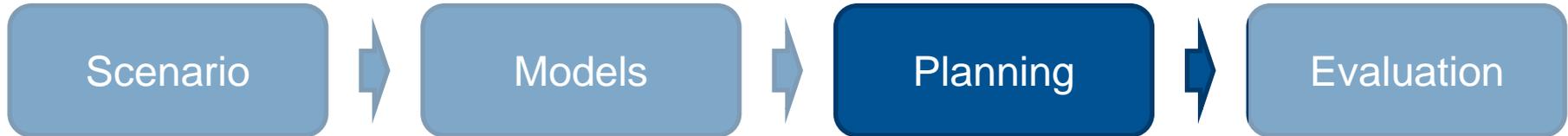
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ArcGIS

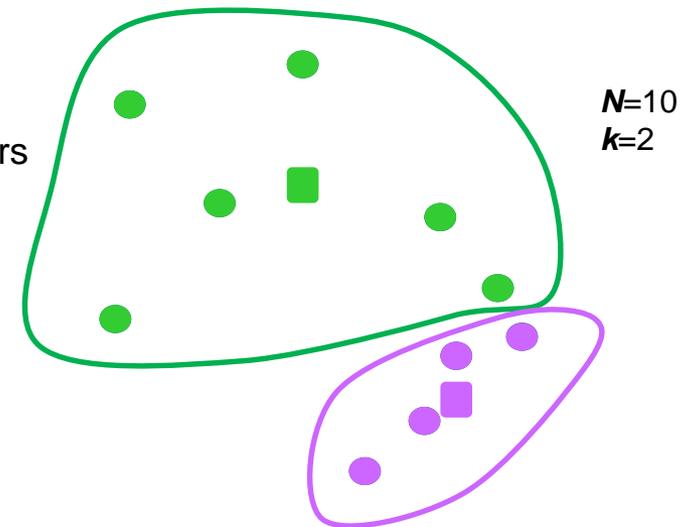
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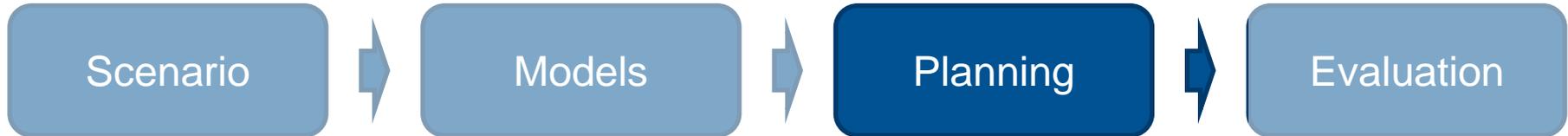
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- Clustering
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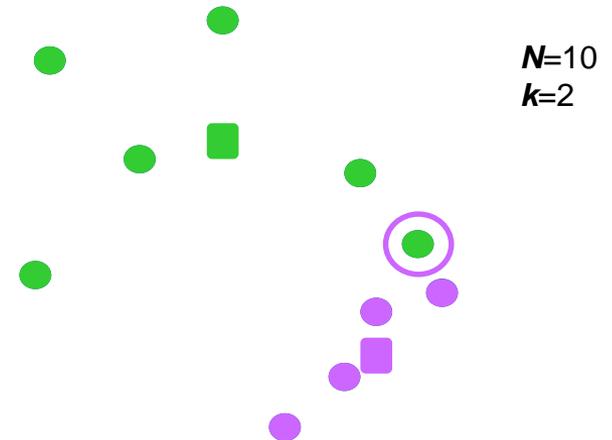
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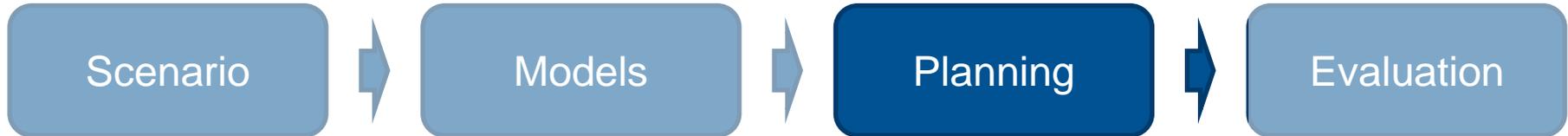
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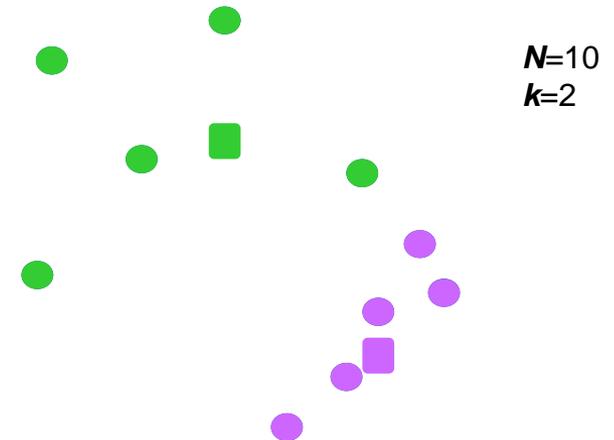
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    - Repeat until no new assignment is done



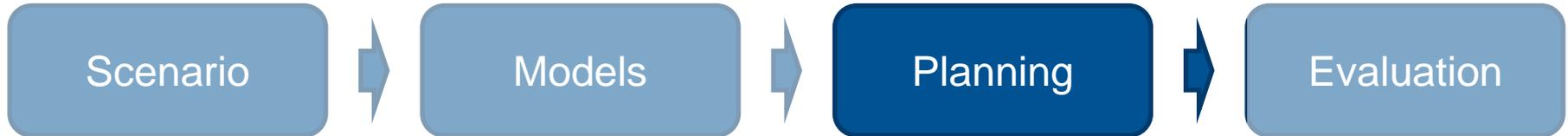
Converges fast but usually in a local optimum.

Global optimum → deterministic annealing and genetic algorithms

How to determine best  $k$  in advance?

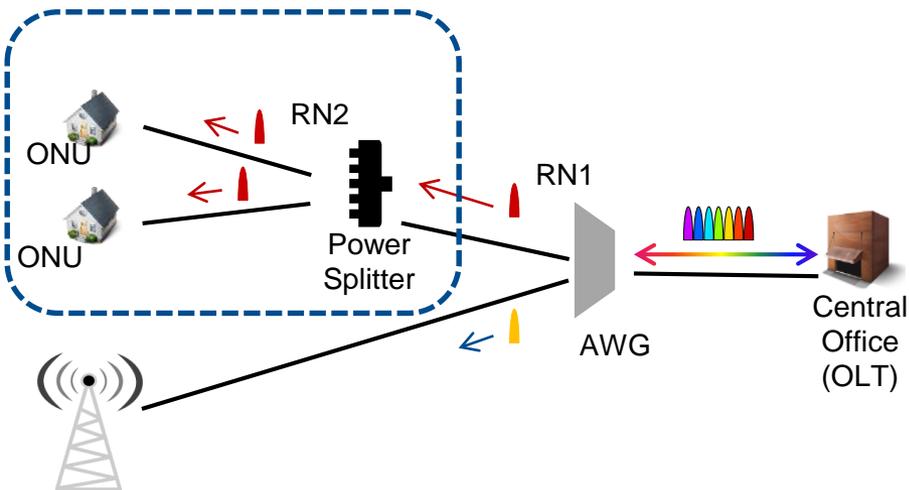
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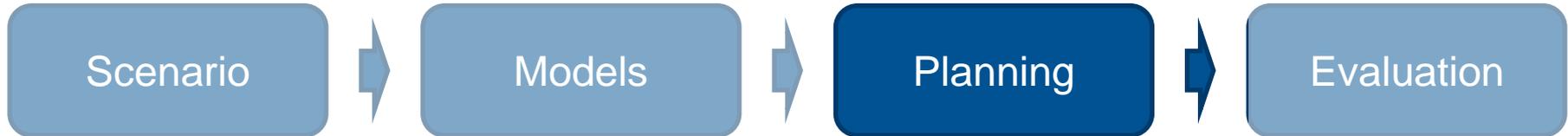


- Given splitting ratio of RN
- Allowing some spare ports → resilience, new ONUs, etc.
- Minimizing distance to each cluster centroid



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## Heuristics

- Fiber layout:

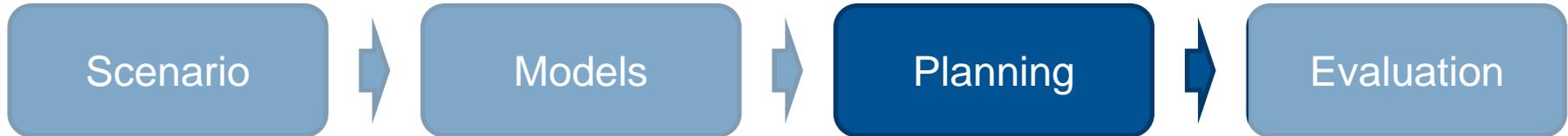
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Minimum Spanning tree: Very long paths

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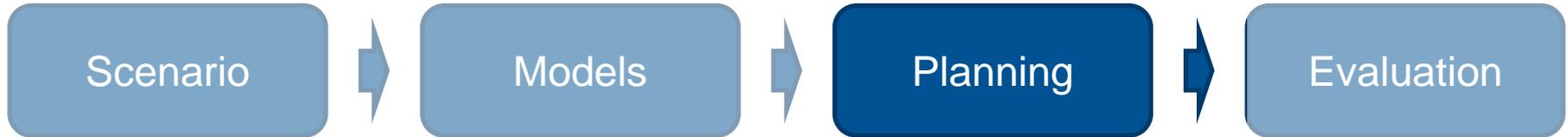
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Shortest path tree: High costs

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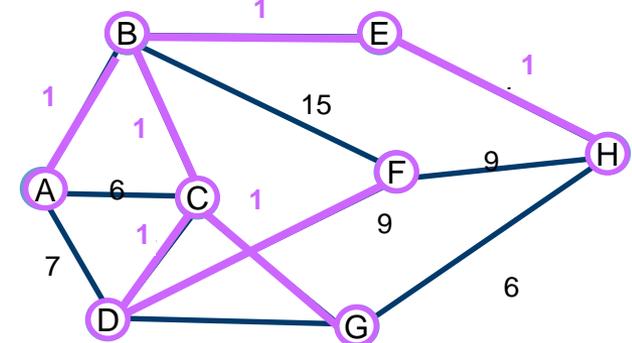
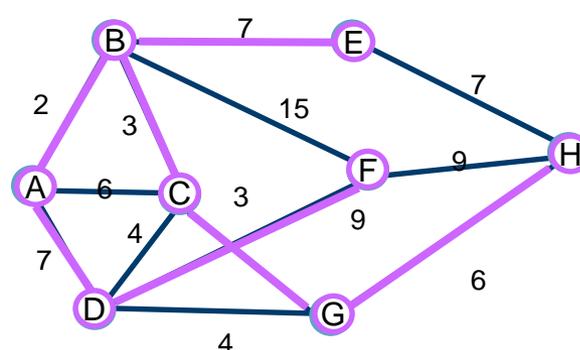
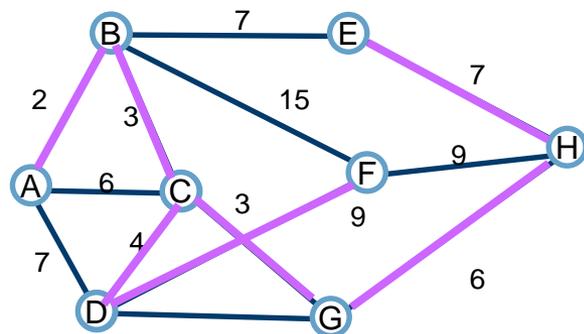
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- Bounded Radius Minimum Spanning Tree → Trade off between radius and cost
- Steiner Tree → finds a tree of minimum weight that contains all end nodes (but may include additional vertices).
- Modified Dijkstra (reducing weights –e.g., to 1- when a street segment has a duct)

Kruskal's algorithm

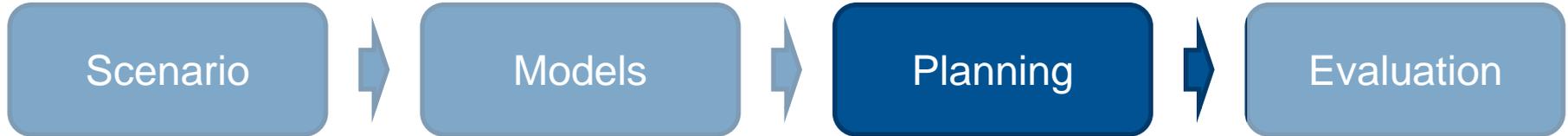
Prim's algorithm

Modified Dijkstra

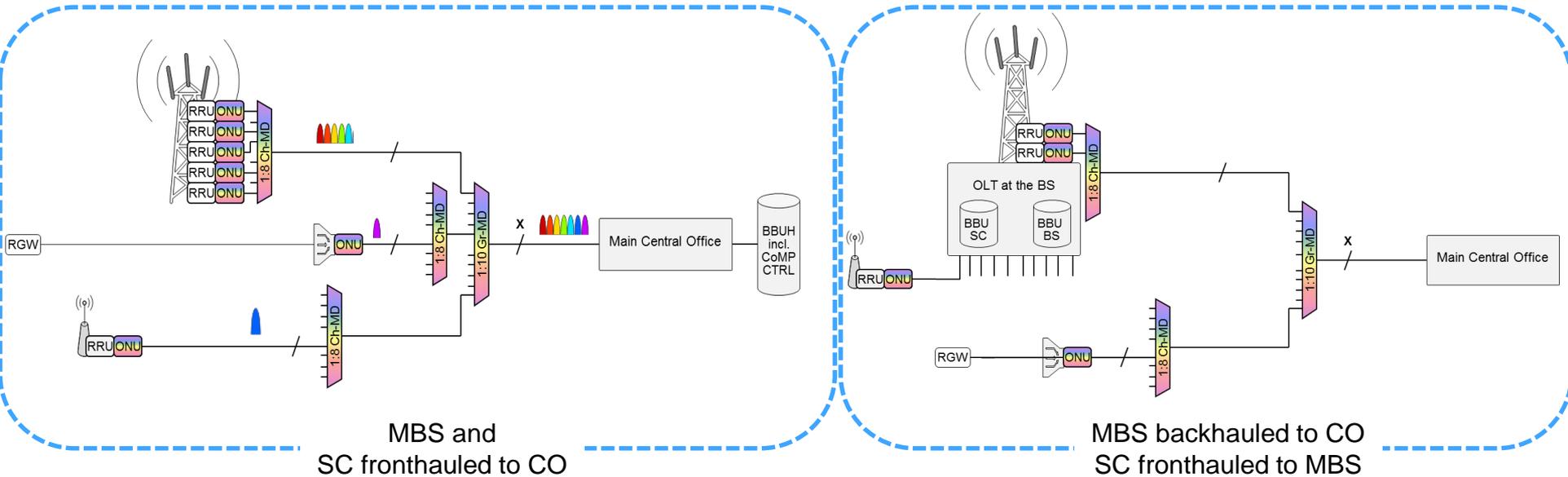


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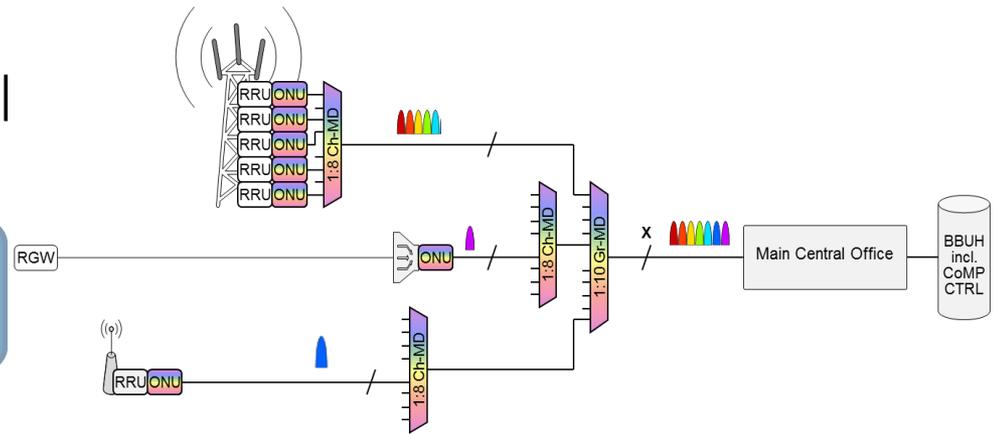
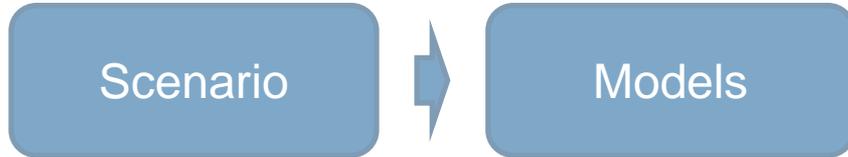


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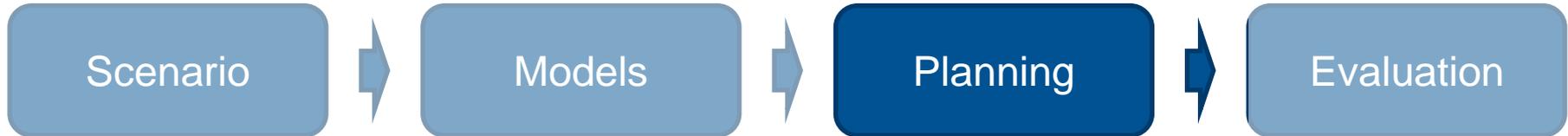
## ILP

- Objective Function to minimize the total equipment and infrastructure cost

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{Z} = & \sum_{i=0}^{n*m} C_{AWG2} * AWG2_i & + & \text{AWG costs at RN2 locations} \\
 & \sum_{i=0}^{n*m} (C_{AWG1} + C_{OLT/FF}) * AWG1_i & + & \text{AWG and CO costs based on number of RN1} \\
 & C_f * \sum_{i=0}^{n*m} (\sum_{i=0}^{n*m} d_{ij} * D_{MCO-AWG1j}) & + & \text{FF cost} \\
 & C_f * \sum_{i=0}^{n*m} (\sum_{i=0}^{n*m} e_{12ij} * D_{AWG1i-AWG2j}) & + & \text{DF cost} \\
 & C_f * \sum_{i=0}^{n*m} (\sum_{i=0}^{n*m} e_{ij} * D_{AWG2i-Cabj}) & + & \text{LMF cost} \\
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 & C_f * \sum_{i=0}^{n*m} (\sum_{i=0}^{n*m} BS_{ij} * D_{AWG2i-BSj}) & + & \\
 & C_t * \sum_{i=0}^{n*m} (Dt_j) & & \text{Duct cost}
 \end{aligned}$$

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## Methodology



## ILP

- **Objective Function to minimize the total infrastructure cost**
- **Constraints:**
  - **Every cabinet, SC and BS must be connected to a unique AWG2 :**

$$\text{For every } j, \sum_{i=0}^{n*m} e_{ij} = 1$$

$$\text{For every } j, \sum_{i=0}^{n*m} SC_{ij} = 1$$

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- **Every AWG1 must be connected to the MCO :**

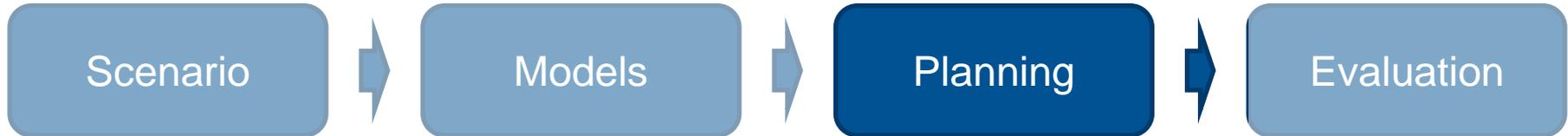
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- **The sum of the connections between one RN and its connected Cabinets, SC and BS must be smaller than the AWG2 capacity ( $k_2$ )**

$$\text{For every } i, \sum_{j=0}^{n*m} (e_{ij} + \text{Number\_per\_SC}_j * SC_{ij} + \text{Number\_per\_BS} * BS_{ij}) \leq k_2$$

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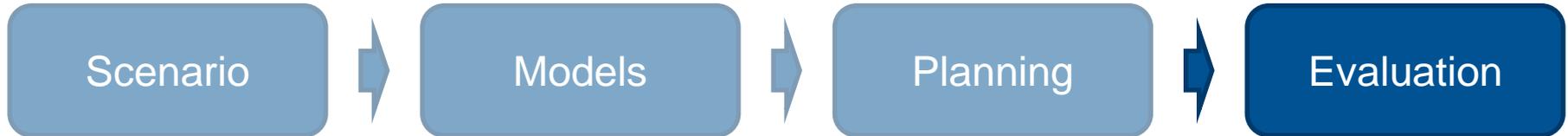
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- **Objective Function to minimize the total infrastructure cost**
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  - **The distances between the MCO and the cabinets must be smaller than the maximal reach :**  
For every  $i, j, l, v$  :

$$d_{ij} * D_{MCOi-AWG1j} + e_{12jl} * D_{AWG1j-AWG2l} + e_{lv} * D_{AWG2l-Cabv} \leq D_{max}$$

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## Evaluation metrics

- $TCO = CAPEX + OPEX(T)$
- Yearly Cash Flow
- Payback period
- Net Present Value (NPV)
- Discounted Payback period (DPB)
- Internal Rate of Return (IRR)

*TCO: Total Cost of Ownership*

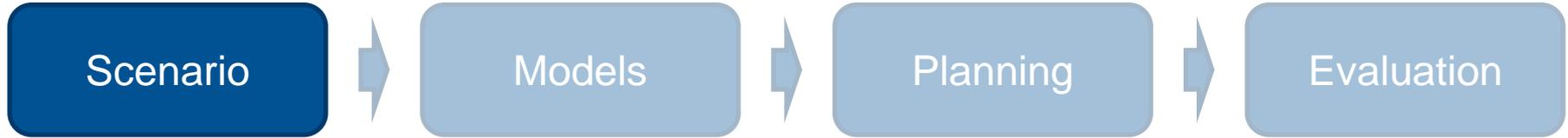
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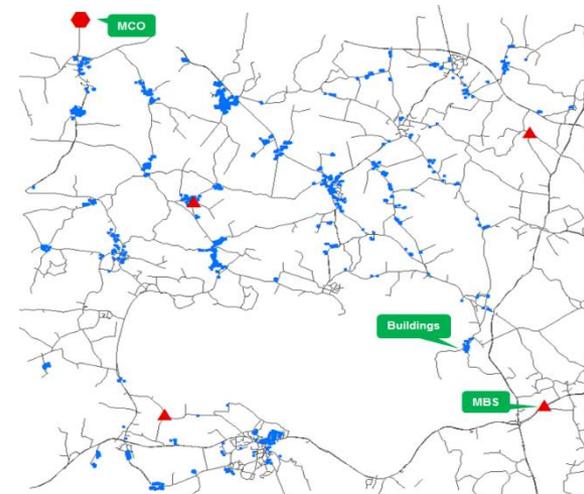
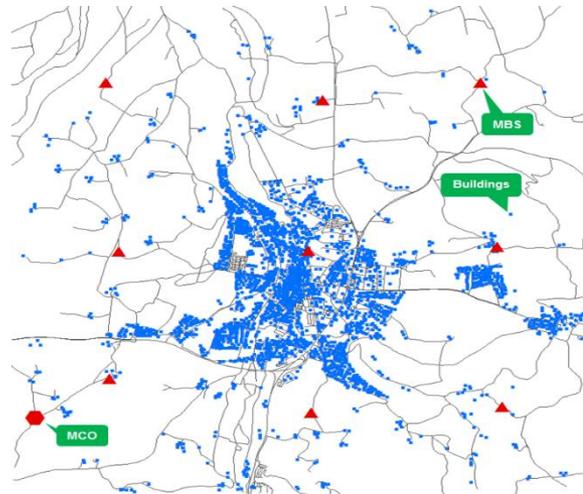
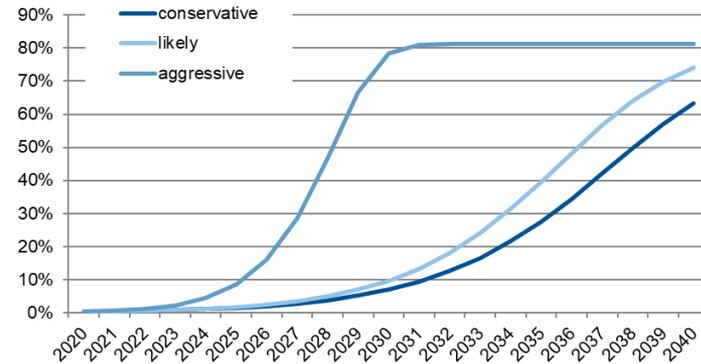
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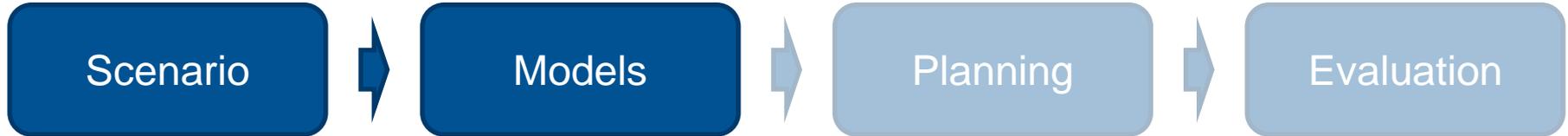
### Goal:

- Different areas (DU,U,R),
- Different penetration curves,
- Different ARPUs
- Greenfield/Brownfield



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Market penetration models:

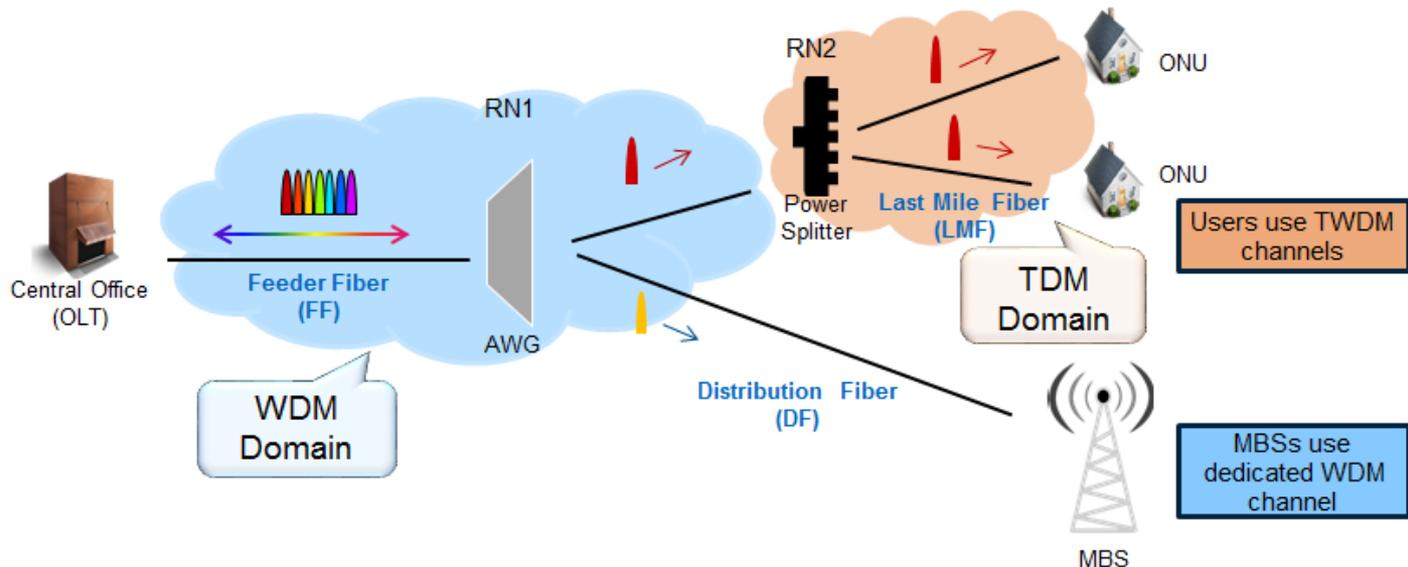
- Random
- Bass model

BS distribution

- Grid with different interBS distances depending on the area

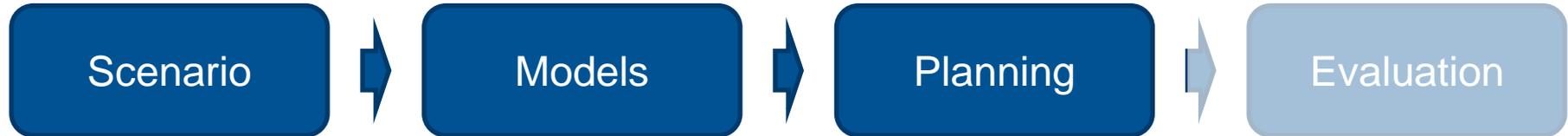
Geographic topology

Name	Type	Area	Total Buildings	Building Density	Total MBS	MBS Density
Munich	DU	4km <sup>2</sup>	2042	510/km <sup>2</sup>	12	3/km <sup>2</sup>
Miesbach	U	28km <sup>2</sup>	2730	98/km <sup>2</sup>	9	0.3/km <sup>2</sup>
Höhdorf	R	150km <sup>2</sup>	1163	8/km <sup>2</sup>	4	0.02/km <sup>2</sup>



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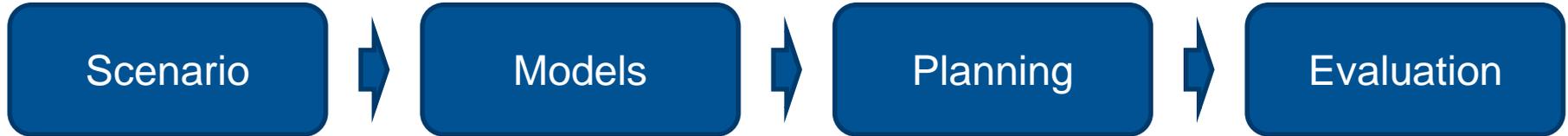


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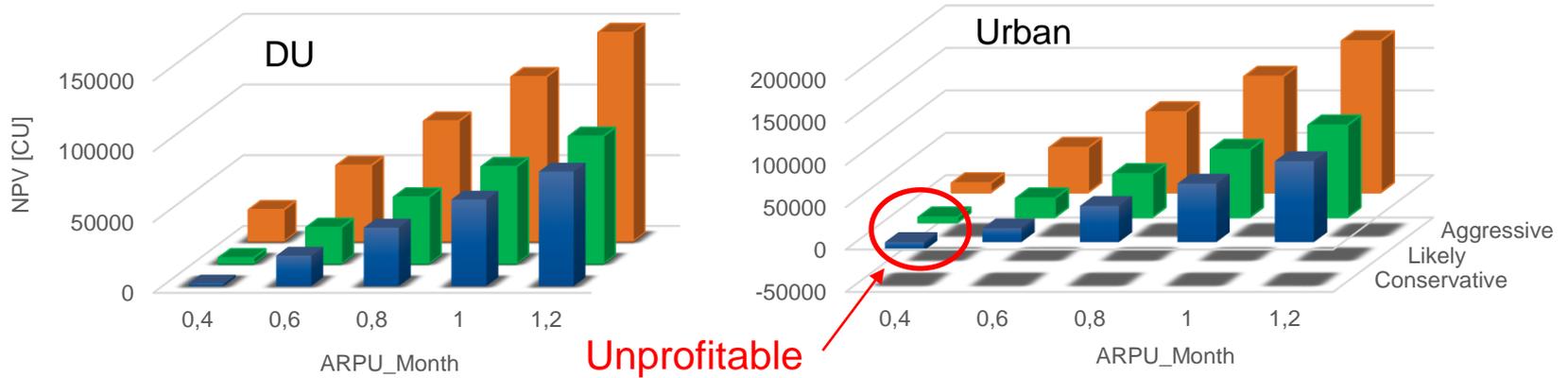
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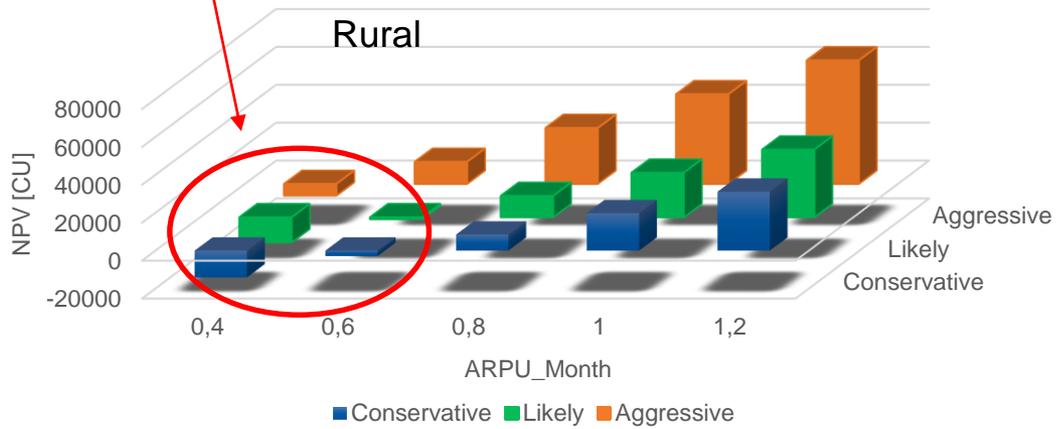


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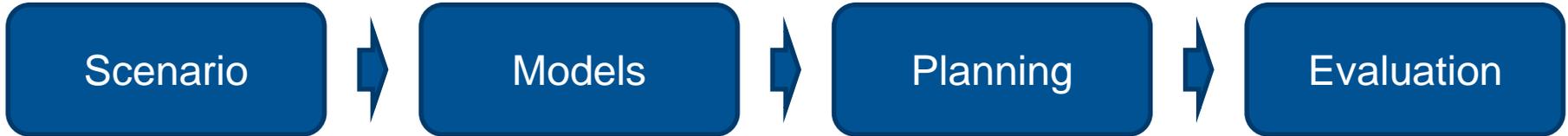
$$NPV = \sum_{n=0}^N \frac{(R - C)_n}{(1 + r)^n}$$

- R: Revenue of Buildings
- C: TCO
- r: Discount Rate (8%)
- n: time frame (20 years)

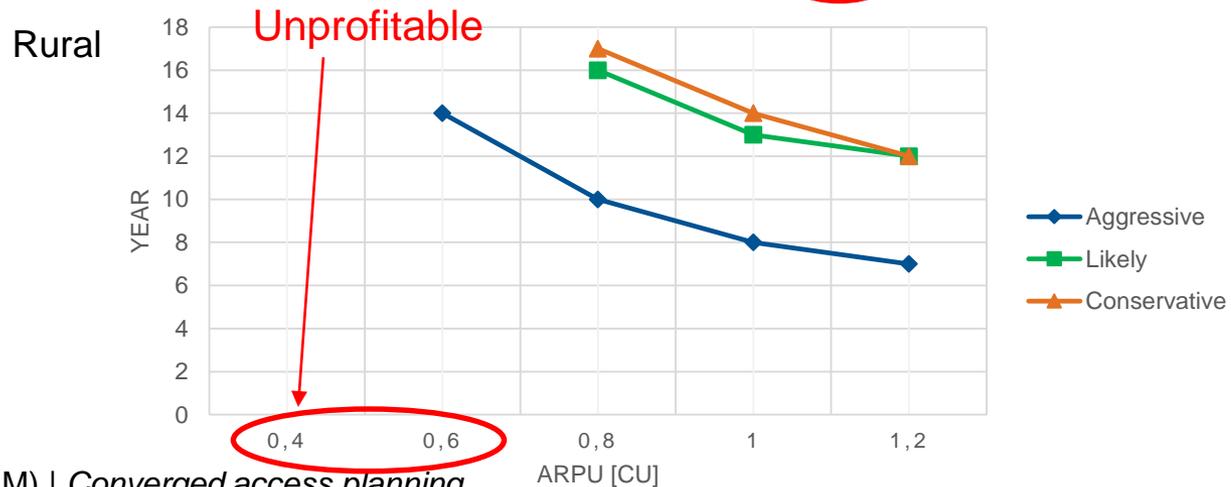
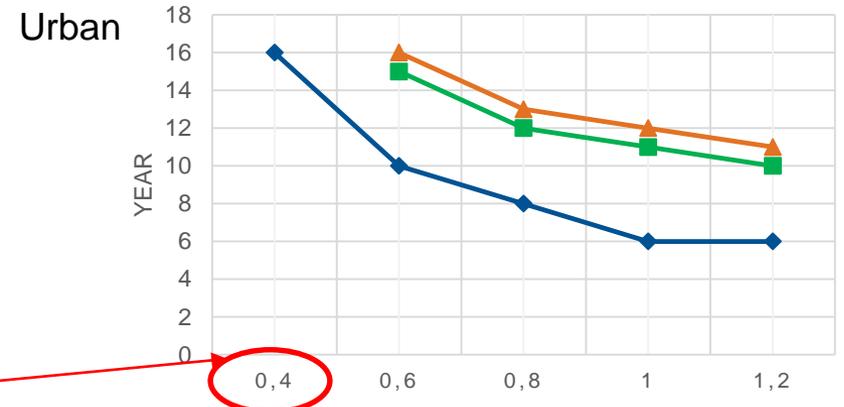
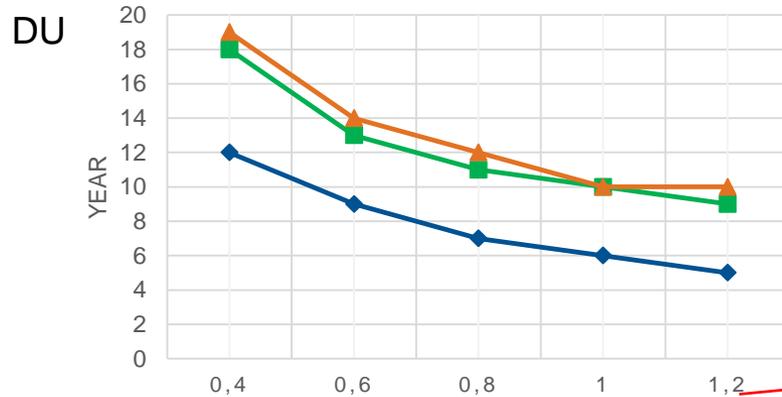


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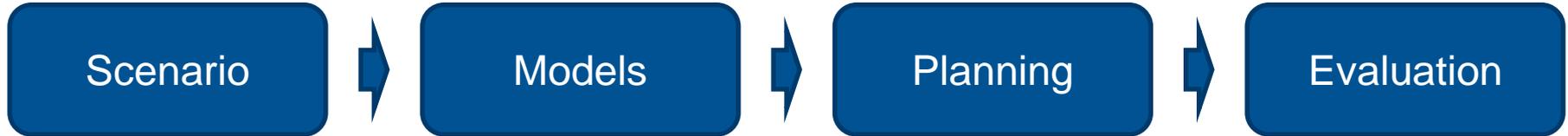


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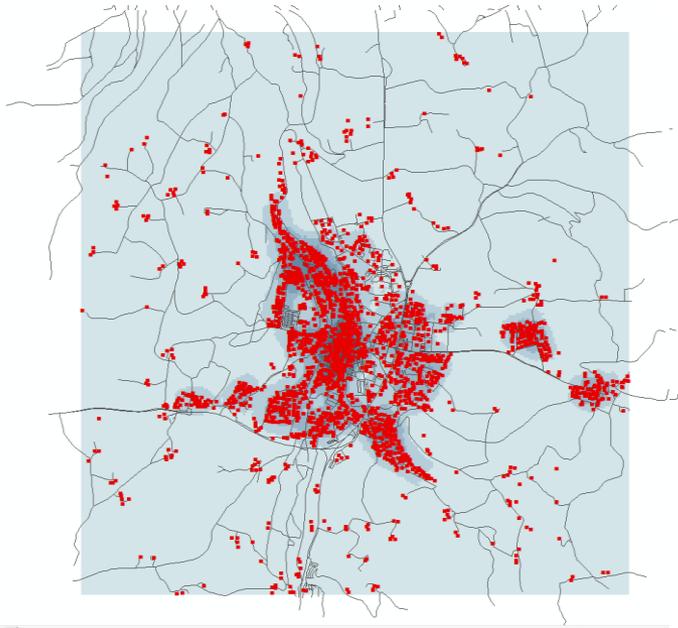
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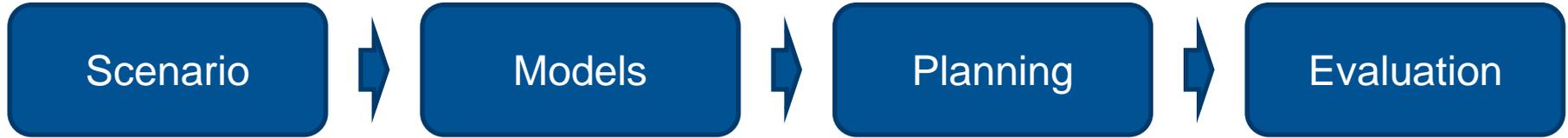
- First year users, then spread outwards following the adoption curves



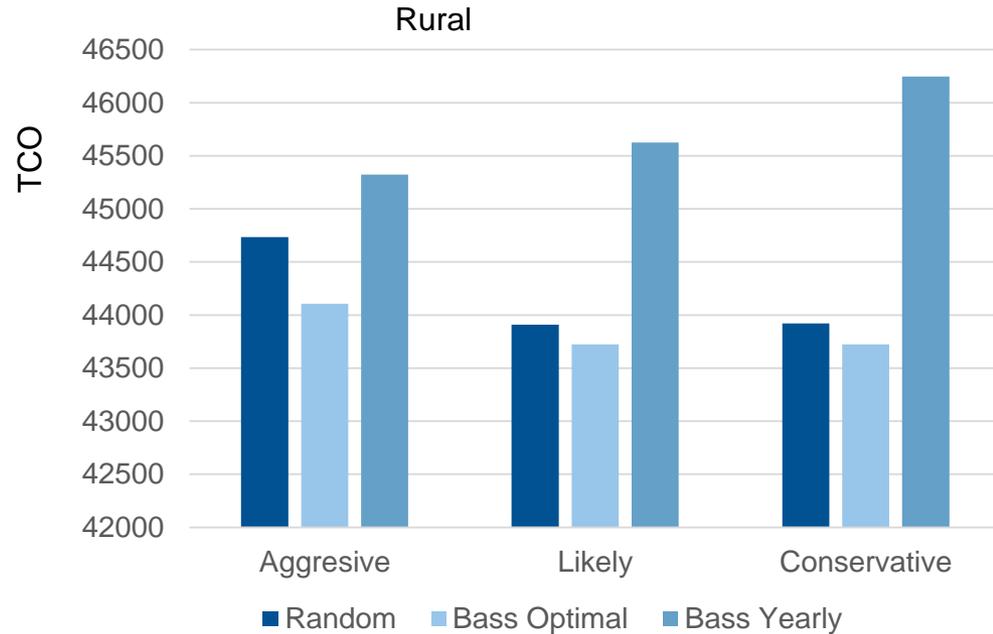
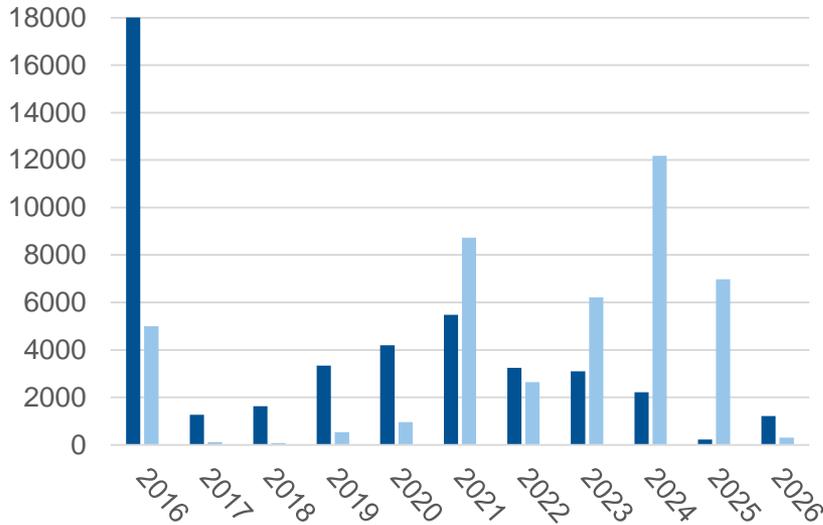
Which is the impact of planning according to Bass??

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# Tutorial Take away

- Strategic planning required by operators but also for manufacturers, regulators and governments.
- Planning depends significantly on the considered models and approaches
- These studies are useful but ...other aspects must also be considered
- Cost is important:
  - Specially infrastructure!
  - How to take advantage:
    - Converged Networks → More and diverse users sharing same ODN
    - Reuse ducts and fibers for protection
  - Do not underestimate OPEX!!!

More information on our tools at

<https://www.ei.tum.de/lkn/research/dfg-converged-access/>

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# Questions?