



# **K-Mesh for Ferries**

**High Capacity Ship to Shore Data Communications**





# **Global InterLink Corporation**

Provides

**High Capacity Wireless IP Connections**

**Over Great Distances**

**With Near Zero Packet Loss**

In a

**Robust Meshed Peer-to-Peer Network Topology**

With

**Assured Levels of Data Throughput**

# Origins: Real-Time Multimedia Collaboration



## Preparedness, Situational Awareness, and Response Real-Time Multimedia Collaboration



# INTERLINK Meshed IP over RF Networks

Mobile or Fixed with Real Time Multimedia Collaboration

Video in, Video Out, all radios, all phones.



Unmanned



Secure Private Wireless Networks For Airborne Surveillance

ROTARY



FIXED



Handheld Devices (tablets/ phones) have full secure access to Fusion Centers via Wi-Fi or LTE Video in, Video Out



Secure Tunnels through LTE Public Carrier Networks

Secure Media Portals for external viewing via browser when required. Enhanced Real Time Video



Other Agencies Or Commands as needed via Secure IP

Mobile Fusion Center(s) via Secure IP

Secure Private Networks (Wired and Wireless)

Secure Tunnels through Public Networks/Internet

Secure Private Networks (Wired and Wireless)

Fixed Fusion Center



Fixed and Wearable Personnel Surveillance with Fusion Center Access Over Private Secure Wireless networks video in and video out.



Vans and trailers

# K-Mesh: High Speed Data Transport Using Classic RF



- A proprietary MIMO protocol developed to provide superior performance
  - Widely used by military and special forces around the world
  - Now available for commercial applications
- Selectable Frequencies in the range from 400 MHz - 6.0GHz
- Highly efficient meshing algorithm that allows many nodes with very low loss of data transport capacity
- Defeats distance – if required can carry traffic hundreds of miles to reach a fibre gateway
- Ethernet IP – It is layer 2 IP - straight plug and play
- No third-party coding required for interface or optimization

# Buenos Aires: Background



## The Once Tragedy

- In February 2012 a train entered Once - the central station – and failed to stop, crashing into the station while still travelling at 16 mph; there were 51 fatalities and over 700 casualties
- The authorities launched an aggressive programme to prevent any recurrence – including videos in the cabs with live streaming to central observation points
- K-Mesh provides the connectivity that carries the live video feeds from all 26 trains on the Sarmiento line
- Now that same technology is being deployed on 4 other lines in Buenos Aires

# Buenos Aires Commuter Rail Lines



## Lines:

- Sarmiento (Completed)
  - Central Station ("Once")
  - 16 Stations
  - 26 trains
  - 4-tower backhaul
  - >30 km
- Mitre-3 Lines (in progress)
- San Martin (in progress)
- Roca (TBD)
- Belgrano (Norte and Sud, TBD)
- Urquiza (TBD)
- Going from 120 nodes to 1,000 over the next 12-15 months



# Sarmiento Line Topology



- 16 stations forming an end to end network
- Each station is a node as there is no fibre to the stations
- The specification is to provide a minimum of 30 Mbps to each train
- Streaming Video—Requires a Peer-to-Peer Network
- Each Train Brings with it its Own Contribution to Aggregate Network Capacity



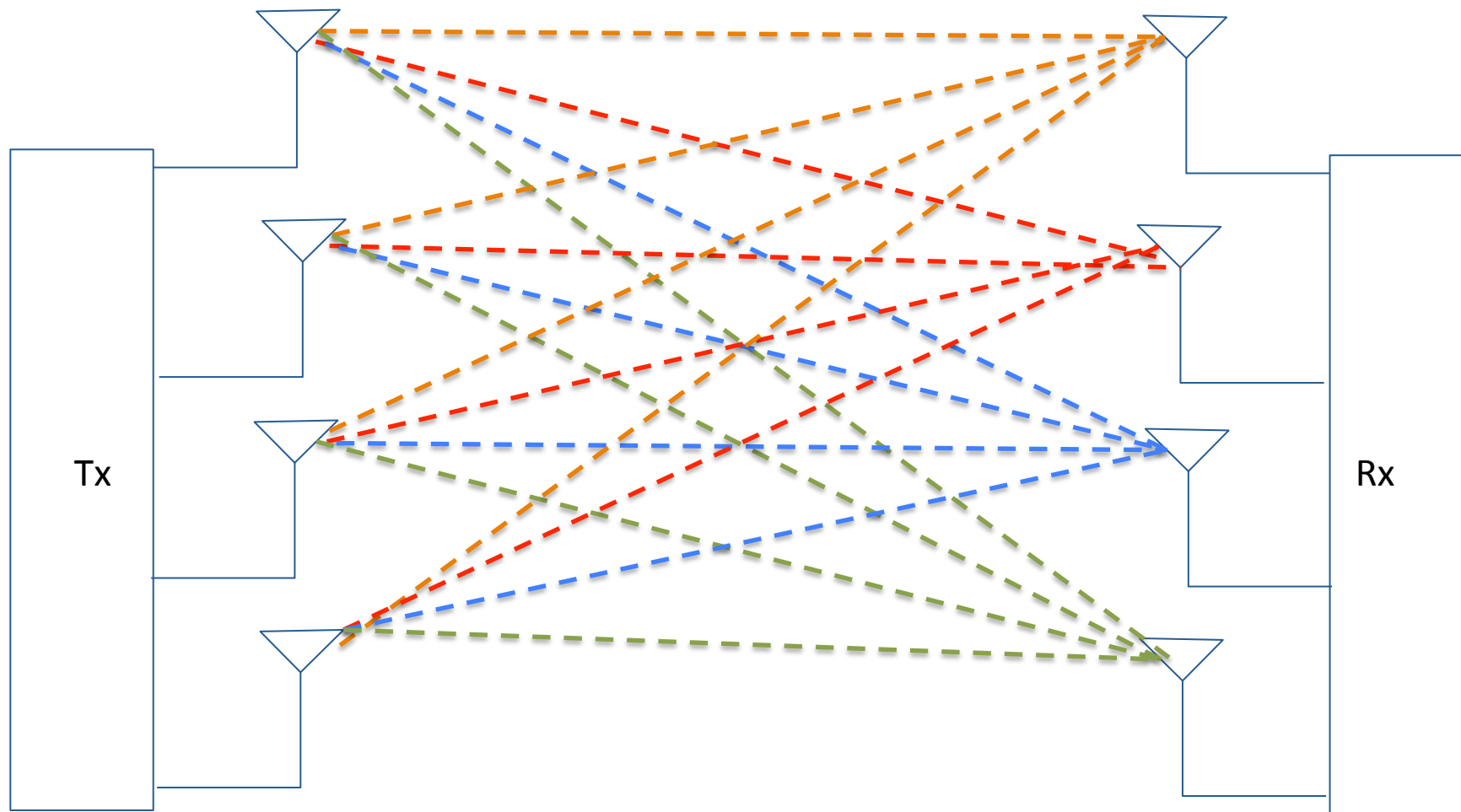




**Due to the extraordinary level of real-time, packet-level control and the advantages of 4X MIMO, MN-MIMO advantages over conventional WiFi Mesh include:**

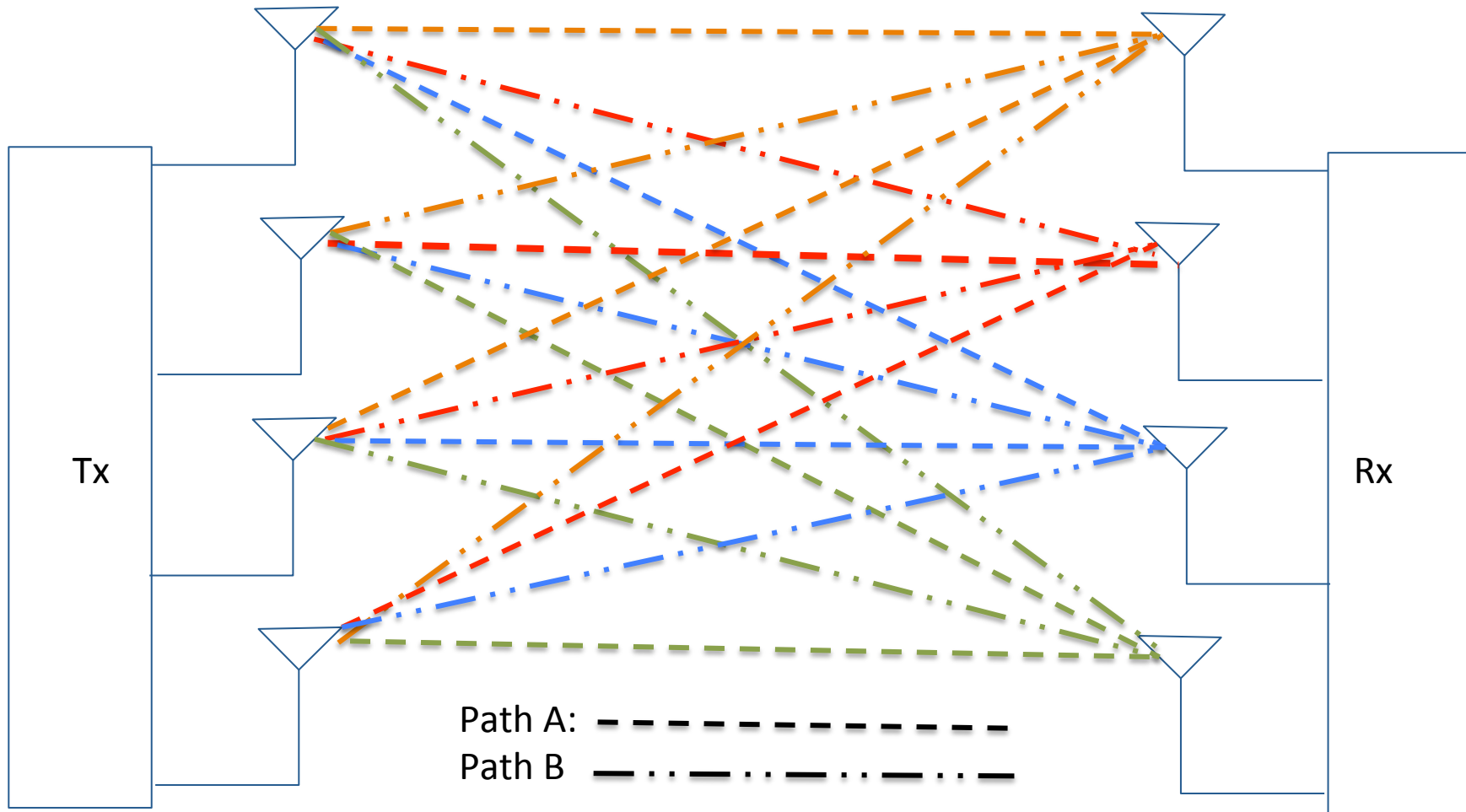
- Ability to route instantaneously each packet by the current optimal path
- Ability to select the optimal modulation scheme for each packet according to current conditions
- Space-Time coding distributes redundant copies of data across multiple antennas to improve robustness
- Spatial multiplexing permits multiple data streams to be sent simultaneously , increasing the capacity of the link
- Rx Beamforming allows radios efficiently to sum energy received by all receiving stations
- Tx Beamforming (in development) will soon allow radios to steer transmit beams toward the receiver on a real time basis

# MIMO—Quadruple Redundancy?



16 paths

# MIMO—Doubling the Data

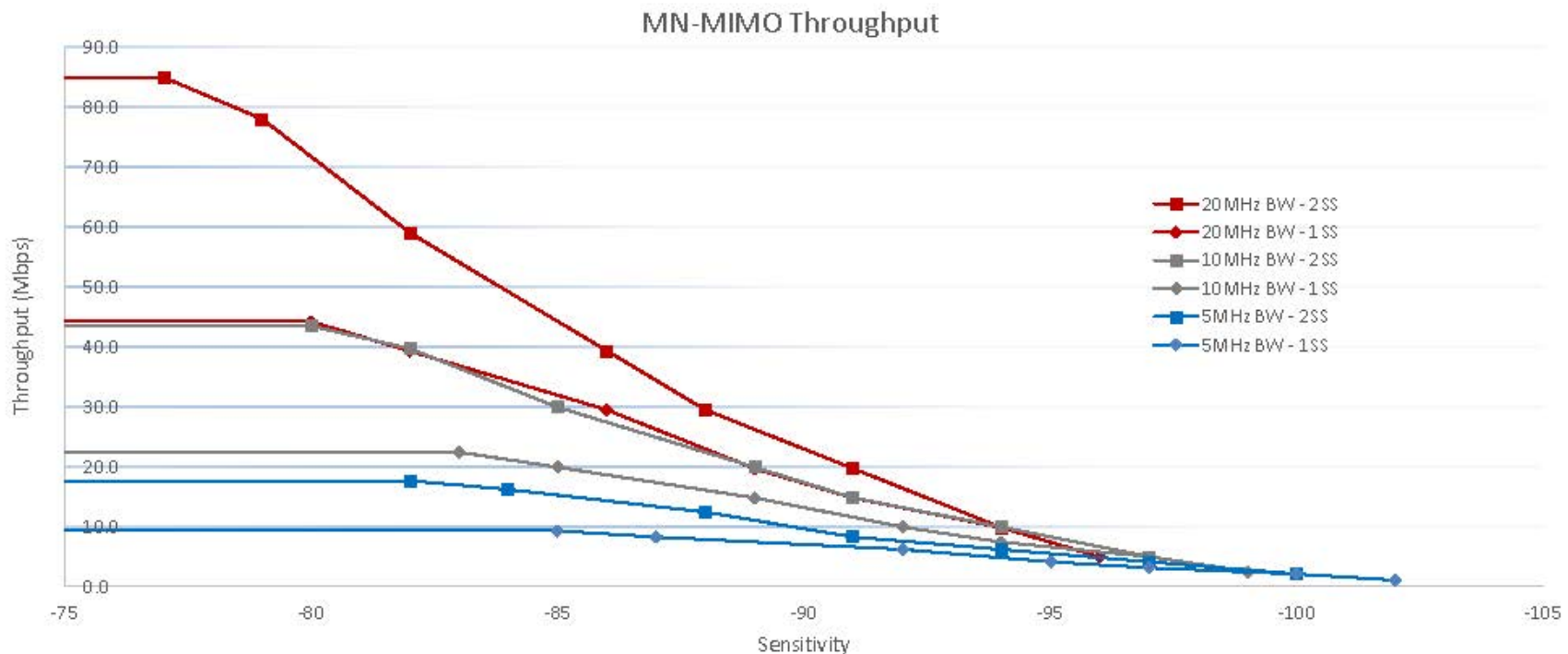


Note that 8 carry one set of data and 8 carry a second set of data.

# K-Mesh Throughput Modes



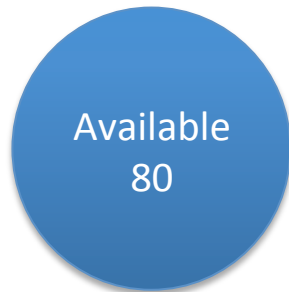
- Radios have several discrete modes that employ different modulation schemes, coding rates, and MIMO techniques
- Radios automatically and dynamically determine the best mode for transmitting to each of their neighbors individually
  - Will always select the mode which can provide the highest throughput



# K-Mesh: Air Time With Consistent Offload



- InterLink radios operating in the same frequency channel will share the air time
- A single frequency mesh can support up to 85Mbps\*, shared among all users
- If a relay is used, the effective network load is doubled
- Examples: The “Pipe” is 80 Mbs and each train transmits/recieves 30 Mbs



No Train



One Train



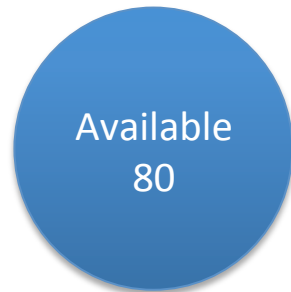
Two Trains



# K-Mesh: Air Time With One Relay for Train 1



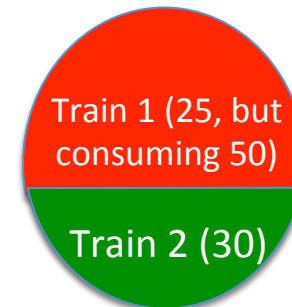
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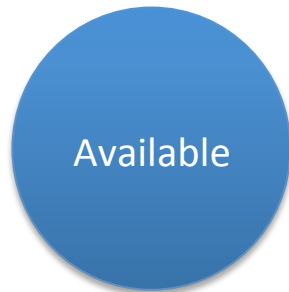
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# K-Mesh: Air Time With One Relay for Both Trains



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Available

No Train



Train 1 (30, but consuming 60)

Available  
20

One Train



Train 1 (20, but consuming 40)

Train 2 (20, but consuming 40)

Two Trains

1

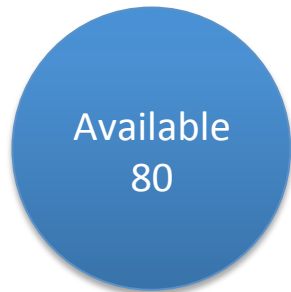


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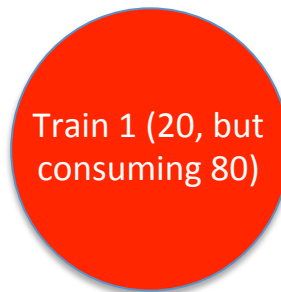
# K-Mesh: Air Time With Two Relays for Train 1



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One Train



Two Trains

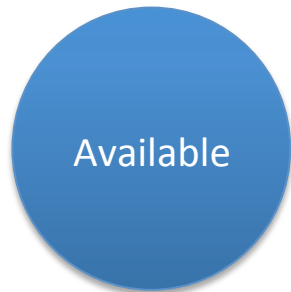




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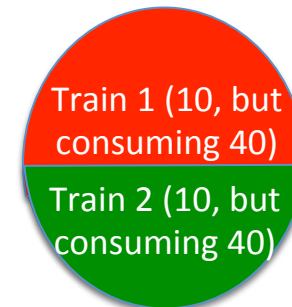
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Train 1 (20, but consuming 80)

Available  
20

One Train



Train 1 (10, but consuming 40)

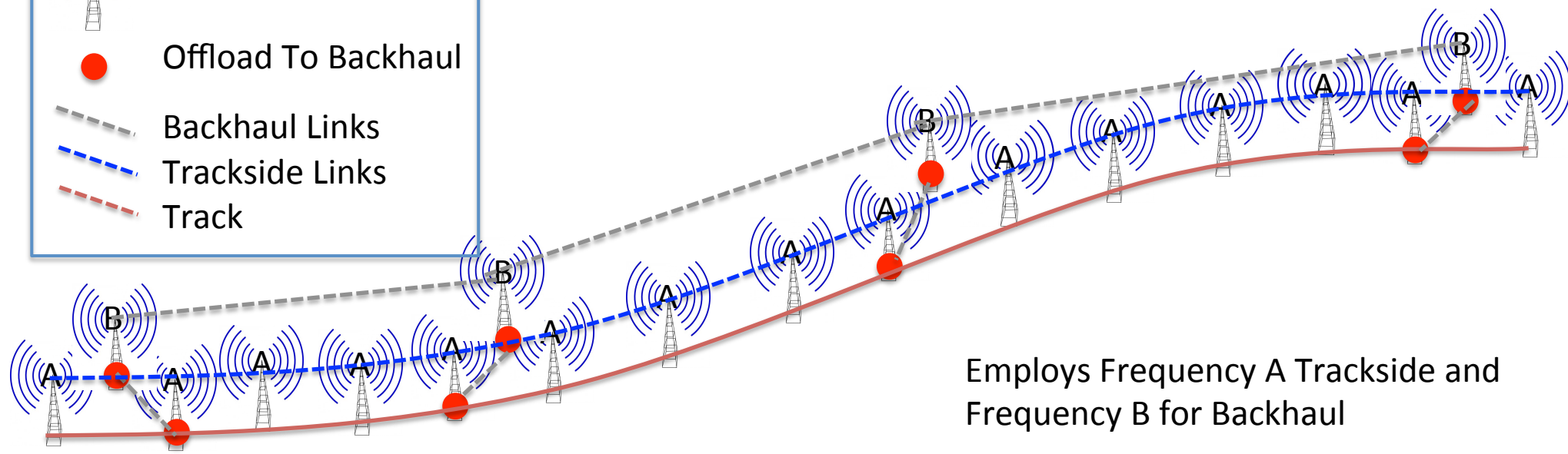
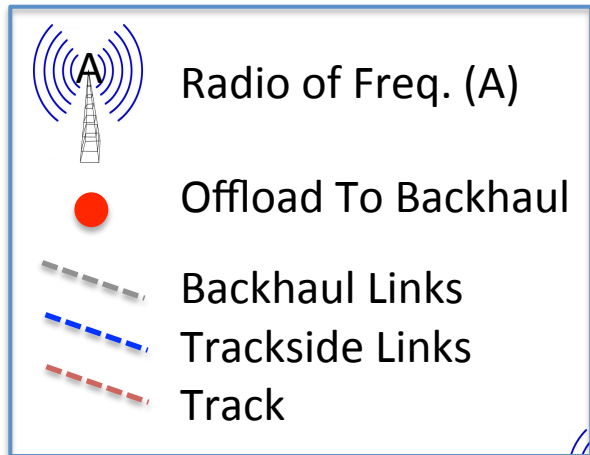
Train 2 (10, but consuming 40)

Two Trains



# K MESH EXAMPLE DEPLOYMENT

## Sarmiento Line

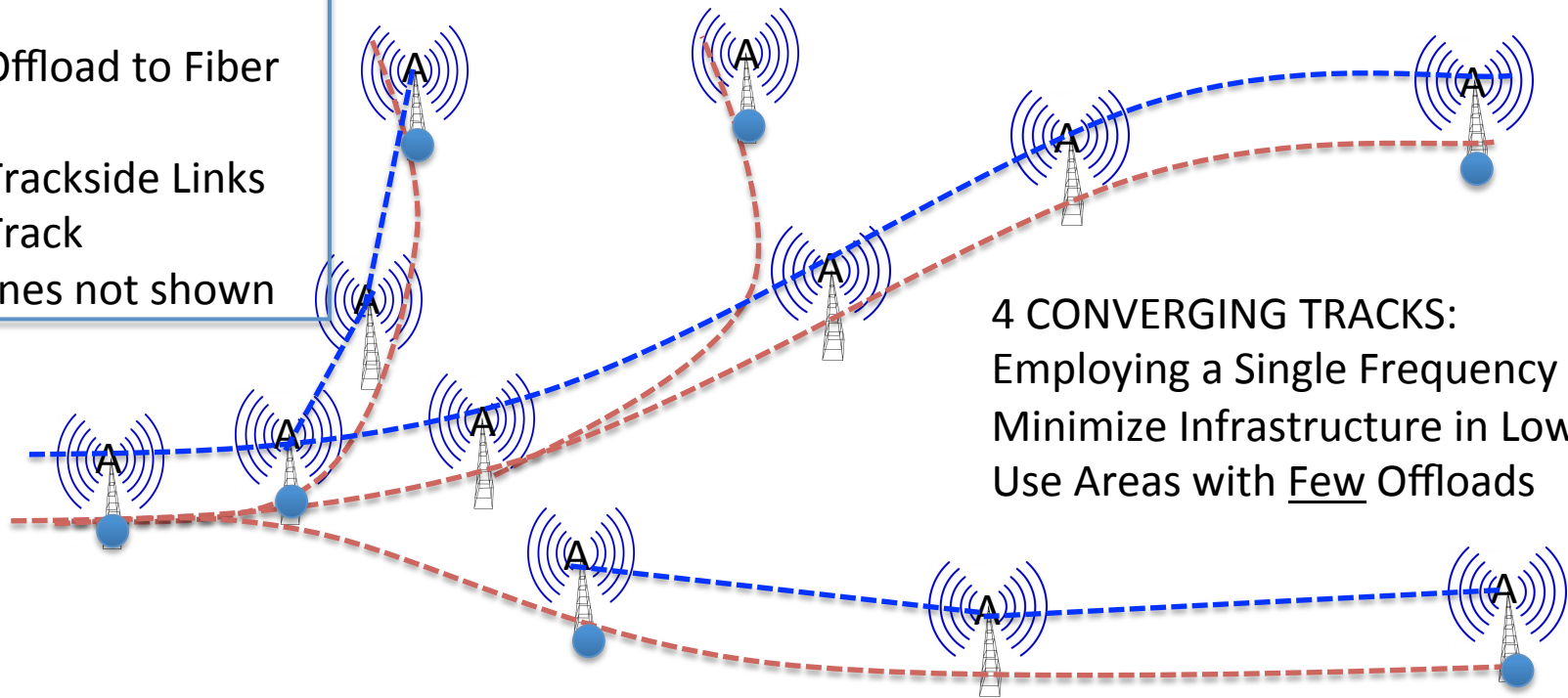
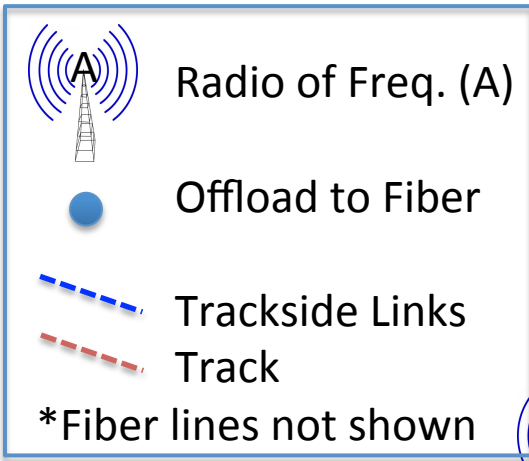


Employs Frequency A Trackside and Frequency B for Backhaul



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## Low Data Traffic

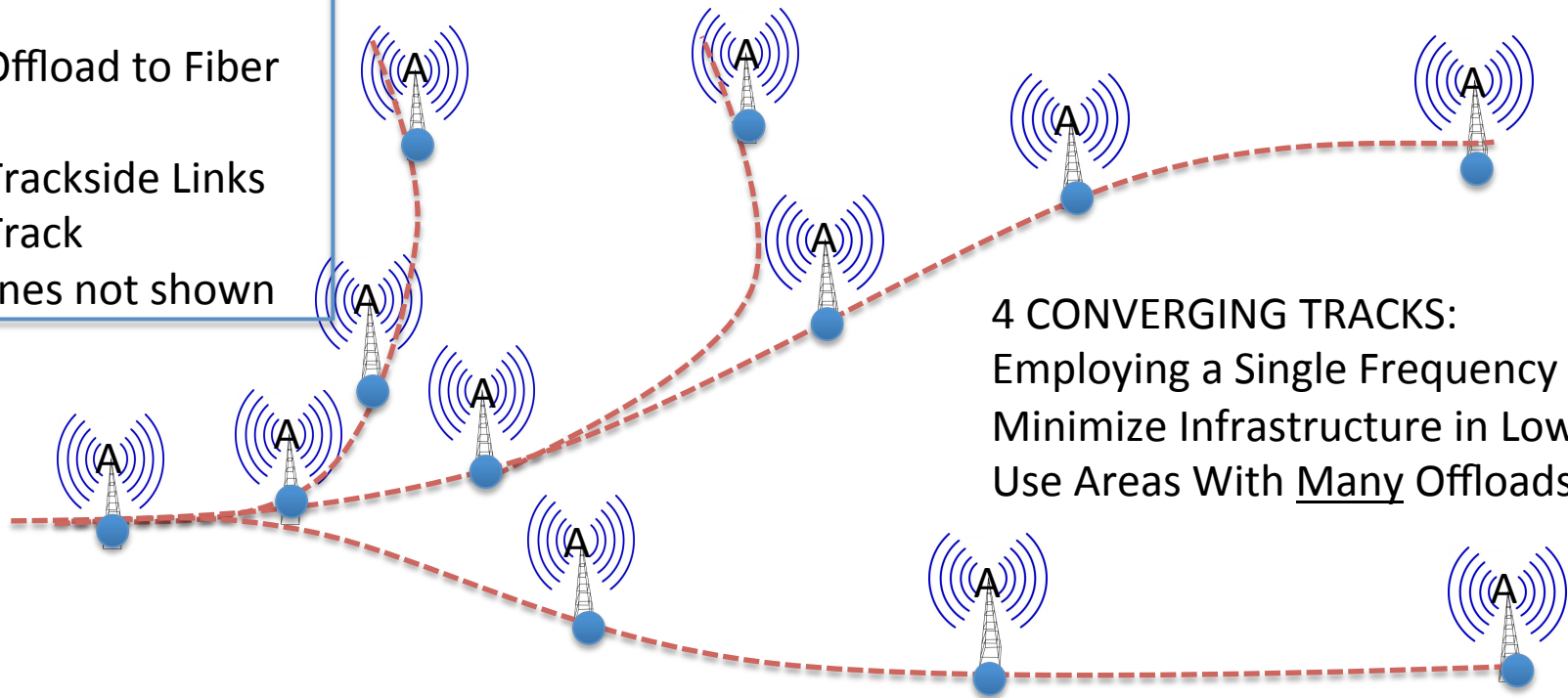
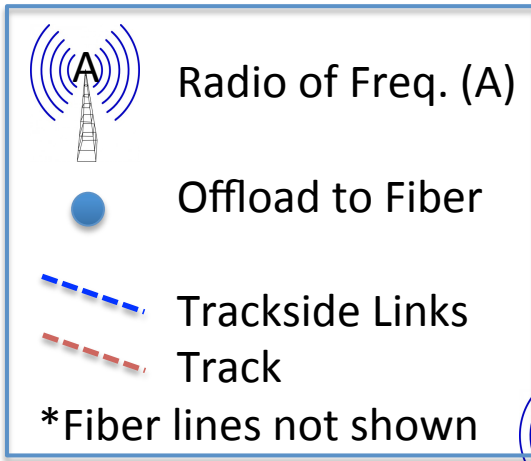


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## Moderate Data Traffic

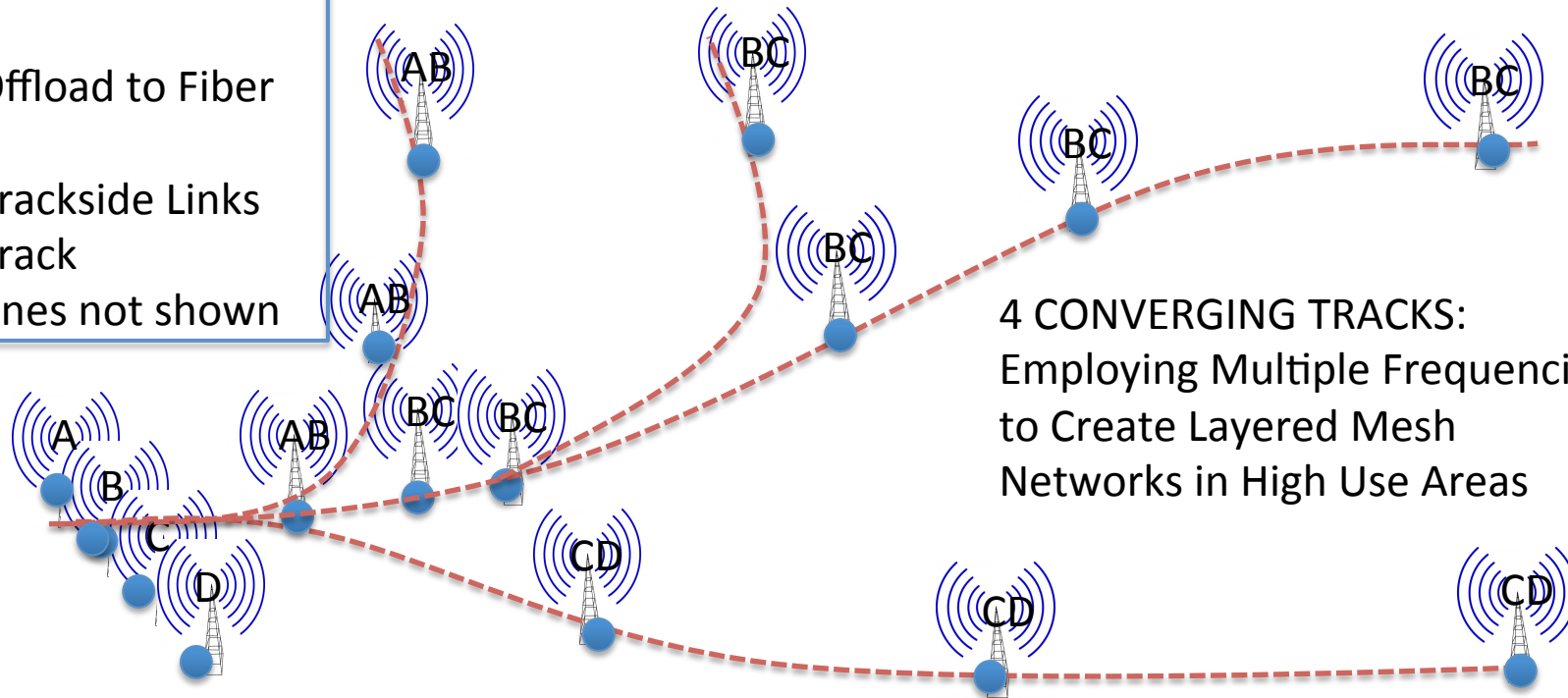
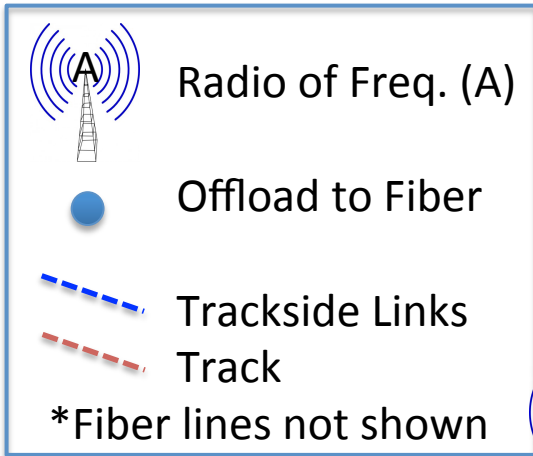


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## Very High Data Traffic

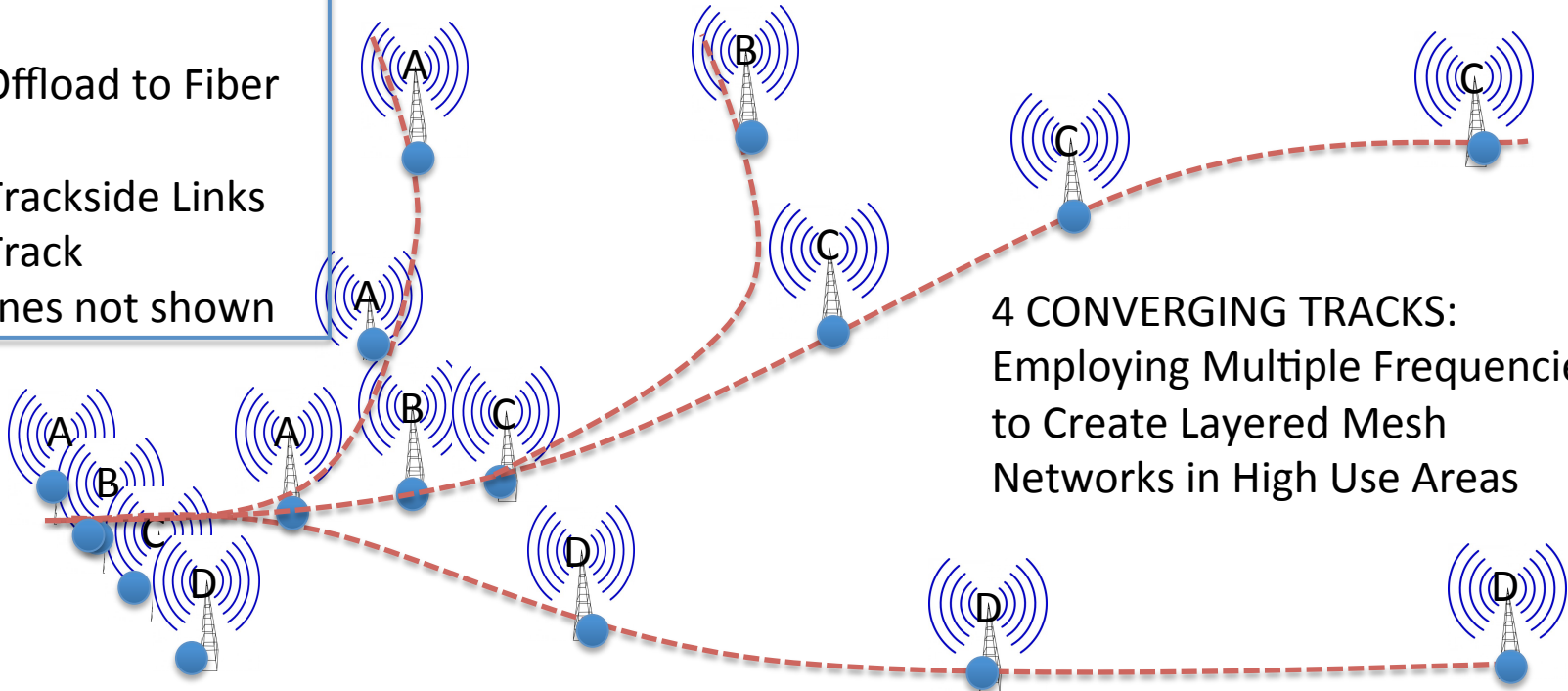
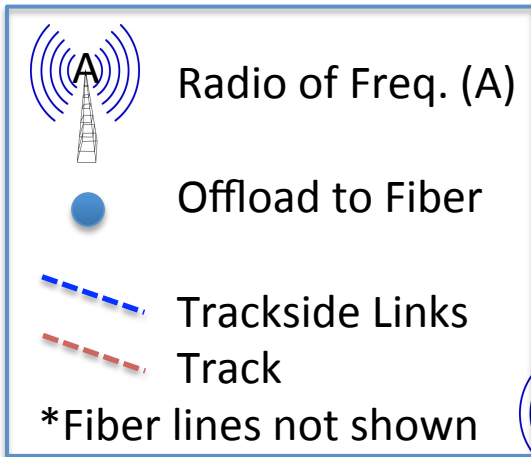


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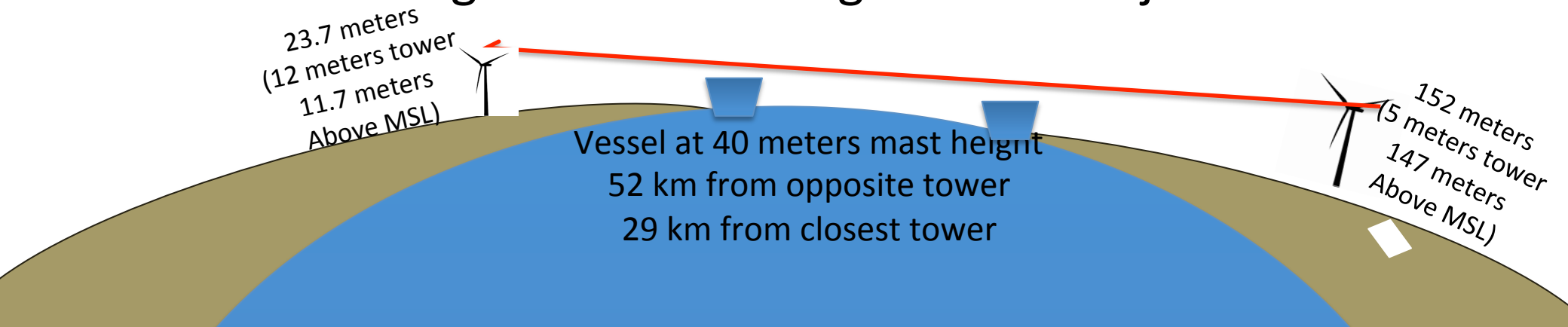


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# Determining Radio Line of Sight for an Object at Sea



$$\text{Horizon (km)} = 3.57 \sqrt{\text{Mast height (m)}}^*$$

\*or combined height of the  
mast and the tower

Tower A:

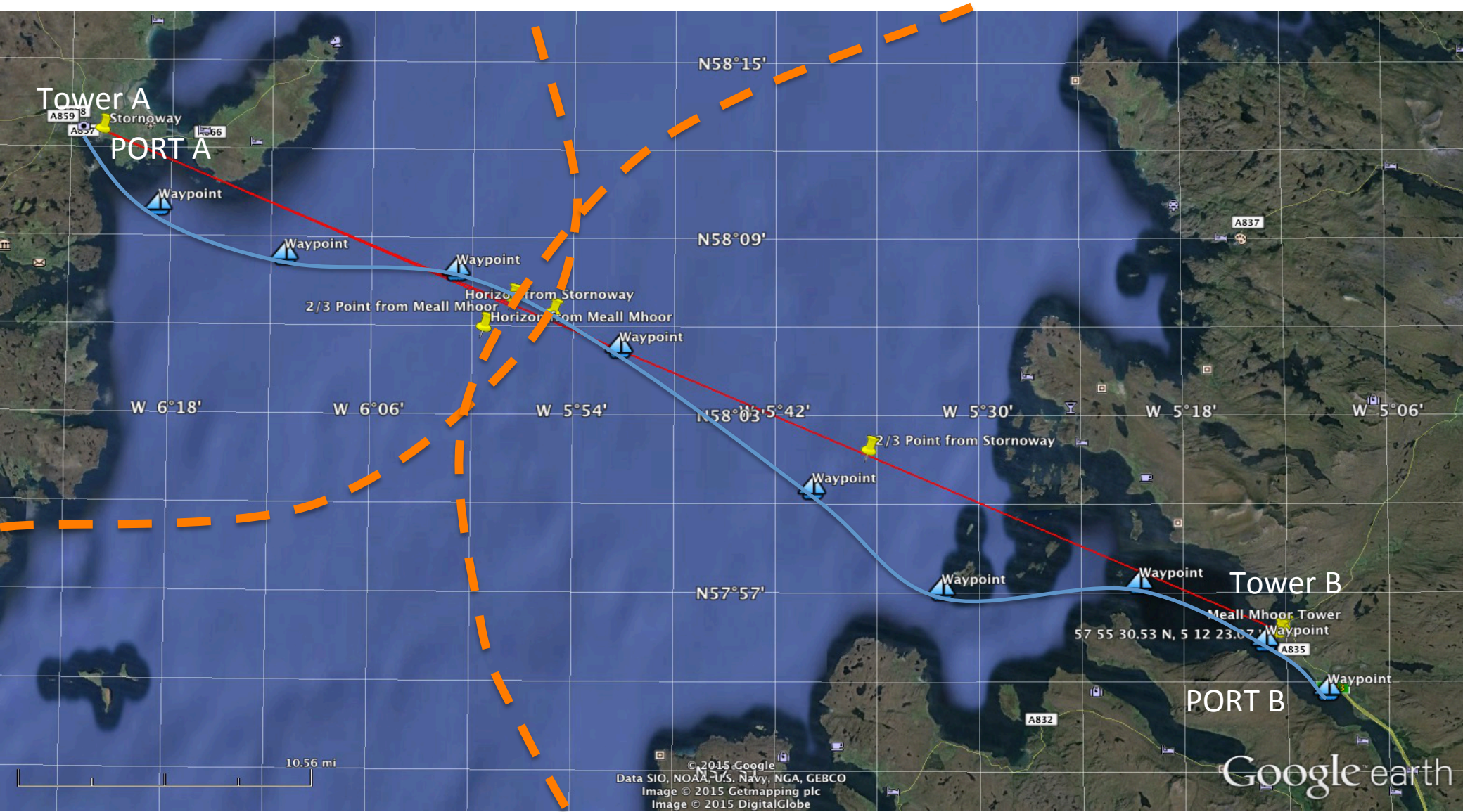
A point at 23.7 Meters above MSL will be Radio LOS at 40 Meters  
above MSL at a distance of 28 km

Tower B:

A point at 152 Meters above MSL will be Radio LOS at a distance of 49 km

The two towers would have an overlapping coverage of approximately 3 km.

# Port A to Port B Ferry Scenario



## Ferry Route



Tower A at 63.7 meters above MSL  
58 12 14.62 N  
6 22 20.50 W

## Vessel masts at 40 meters above MSL



78 km from Port A to Port B

Tower B at 152 meters above MSL  
57 55 30.53 N  
5 12 23.07 W



# The K-Mesh Advantage



- Using 0.5 or 1.0 Watts power it provides data throughput that would normally require an 8-15 Watt radio
- MANET Peer-to-Peer Network, not Hierarchical
- Packet Level Optimization
- Minimal Packet Loss
- No “handoff” from tower to tower
- Highly resistant to interference



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