

# BIT Session 3: 5G Strategies for Airports

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# Wireless spectrum is not a valuable resource, **it's a vital one.**

For some organizations, wireless has become the "fourth utility;" a resource that's as vital as power, water and heating/cooling. As the vitality of wireless spectrum has increased, it's become clear that data demand is limitless; yet, this crucial resource is also a very finite (and increasingly scarce) one.

Source: CBRS Alliance

## SESSION GOALS

- Premise: **Wireless connectivity is strategic** for airports & big venue owners/operators
- Big **changes are coming** impacting wireless services and connectivity options
- Change is coming, **not just in the cellular space**, but also in Wi-Fi and a new service called Citizens Broadband Radio Service (CBRS)
- **Panel's goal** is to **pique your interest, level-set a bit and frame up the discussion** for our Airport wireless ecosystem



# PANELISTS



**Richard Van Wijk – Aviation Practice Leader, Nokia**

- Over 25 years of experience in Telecommunications business development & consultancy
- Contracted the first LTE Air to Ground Aviation project and private LTE networks for Airports in Europe



**Dr. Derek Petersen – CTO, Boingo**

- Visionary CTO with two decades + experience architecting and deploying award-winning wireless solutions
- Pioneering 5G, Wi-Fi and CBRS
- Board member CBRS Alliance, Wireless Broadband Alliance, MulteFire Alliance and New IP Agency



**Aura Moore – Deputy Executive Director – CIO, Los Angeles World Airports**

- Over 25 years of experience with telecommunications planning at the City of Los Angeles and delivering large-scale airport technology projects
- Credited with modernizing technology infrastructure and enhancing the LAX guest experience



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## LET'S SET THE STAGE

- Before turning it loose, let's set the stage from a tech perspective and frame up a couple of concepts and a baseline for CIOs:
  - 5G
  - Wi-Fi
  - CBRS – Private LTE



- I'm just a recovering economist turned CIO
- The thoughts are mine not those representing ACI or MSP

It's all about the  
Spectrum, Baby!



# UNITED STATES FREQUENCY ALLOCATIONS

## THE RADIO SPECTRUM

### RADIO SERVICES COLOR LEGEND

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### ALLOCATION USAGE DESIGNATION

SERVICE	EXAMPLE	DESCRIPTION
Primary	FSS	Fixed Station
Secondary	MSK	Not/limited with time sharing

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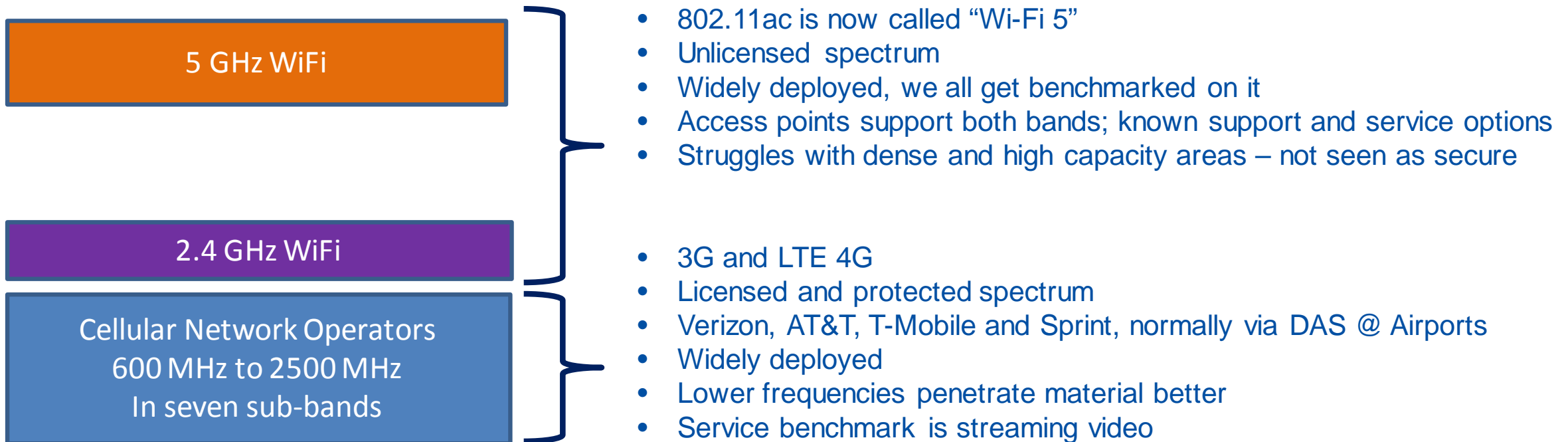


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# TODAY'S SPECTRUM, TODAY'S SERVICE





# TODAY'S SPECTRUM, TOMORROW'S SERVICE

5 GHz WiFi

2.4 GHz WiFi

Cellular Network Operators  
600 MHz to 2500 MHz  
In seven sub-bands

- Still Unlicensed
  - New 802.11ax standard will be called Wi-Fi 6
  - Wi-Fi 6 is much better at high capacity in dense network settings
  - Wi-Fi 6 is quite ideal for airport terminal needs
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- 4G LTE here to stay: estimated to be around for another decade
  - 4.5G will offer many 5G-like features
  - Extends the life of DAS
  - 5G “New Radio” will rollout in this band

# NEW SPECTRUM – 5G

38 GHz Cellular

26 / 28 GHz Cellular

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- 5G Realm
- Licensed and protected spectrum
- Verizon, AT&T carrier space
- These very high frequencies are called “millimeter wave”
- Very wide-band + high frequencies will lead to “stunning” data throughput
- Very short range; difficult penetrating objects
- Perfect for line-of-site areas with minimal physical barriers
- Carrier specific approaches; no common antenna approach available

# NEW SPECTRUM - CBRS

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3.5 GHz CBRS

2.4 GHz WiFi

Cellular Network Operators  
600 MHz to 2500 MHz  
In seven sub-bands



- Unlicensed (but coordinated) spectrum
- Requires a subscription to a “sniffing network” that protects legacy users (needs coordination to setup)
- Very fast, private, low latency & secure
- Wi-Fi easy, LTE good

# KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- Overall, think about it in terms of an overarching **wireless ecosystem**
- **Wi-Fi**
  - Take a look at what Wi-Fi 6 has to offer; it is designed to perform well in dense environments for increased demand.
  - **Consider upgrading**, whether is run by you or 3<sup>rd</sup> party provider
- **Cellular**
  - Existing 4G DAS networks and outdoor sites can be easily upgraded to 4.5G aka LTE Advanced Pro.
  - 4G here to stay due to performance and equipment refresh
  - 5G is on its early stages, has blazing potential, enables commercial use cases including self-driving vehicles, and *big* IoT
  - 5G will require new infrastructure; no neutral host options at this point
  - **Consider talking to your carriers about their 5G plans** & rollout intentions.

## KEY CONSIDERATIONS – CONT.

- **CBRS**
  - Valuable new spectrum, available for citizens to *leverage*.
  - Potential game changer for in building coverage options
  - LTE performance, Wi-Fi Simplicity
  - Outstanding technical attributes including speed, throughput, latency, security, quality of service and control
  - Commercially available options are here and growing
  - **Consider your options.** Depending on situation it can potentially be leveraged for exclusive airport use.
- **CBRS use cases for airports:**
  - Private LTE network for secure use by airport personnel and operations (voice, video, machine)
  - Surveillance, automation, building management
  - Potential neutral host LTE to connect any handset with a CBRS chipset