

# **Caches as a new PHY Resource in 6G?**

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# This talk is about delivering VoD content....

- Video on-demand (VoD):  $\geq 70\%$  of traffic

Communicating VoD is very expensive

- For wireless network providers
  - Costly bandwidth and infrastructure
- Content providers (Netflix, Amazon, etc.) pay large fees per content

# Pros for Caches in PHY

- Most VoD content is cacheable
- Networks are already full of caches (your cell phone)
- Caches are currently used the wrong way (push closer to users)

## Consider Caches as a New Resource for PHY

- Use caches to alter structure (not volume) of the PHY problem

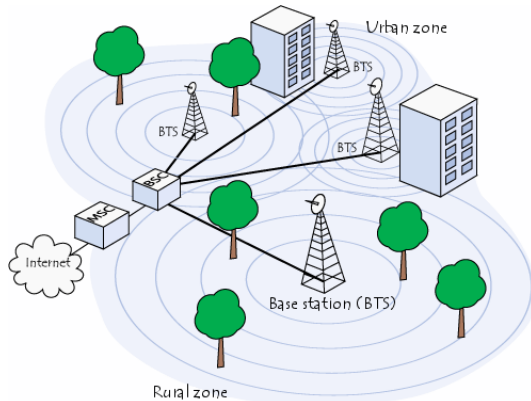
# Possible new 6G PHY Resource

Historically a new resource (e.g. MIMO) brings:

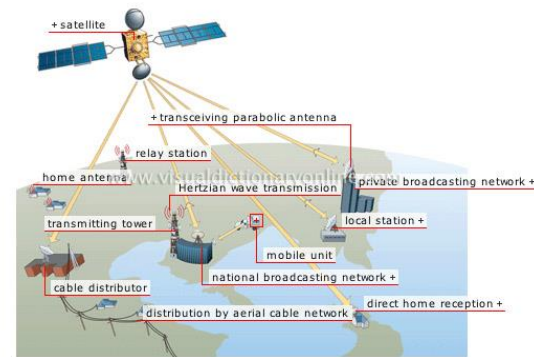
- Big algorithmic gains
- Interesting algorithmic challenges
- New resource must work well with existing solutions

# New resource applies in several downlink scenarios

## Wired or wireless communications

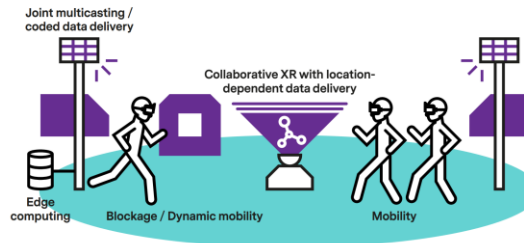


## Satellite communications



## Virtual Reality

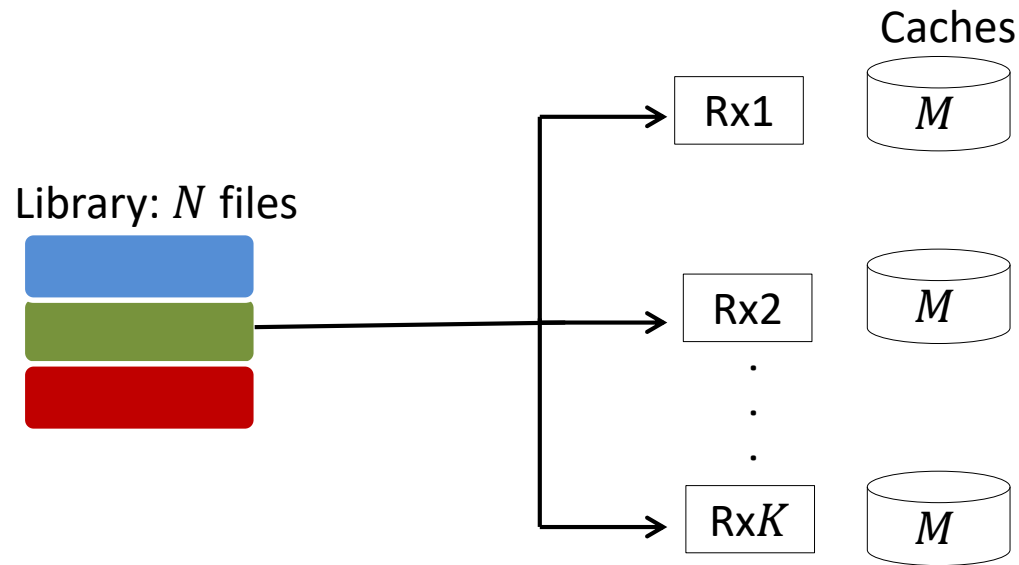
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## Cloud computing



# Let's slow down: Original idea of Coded Caching

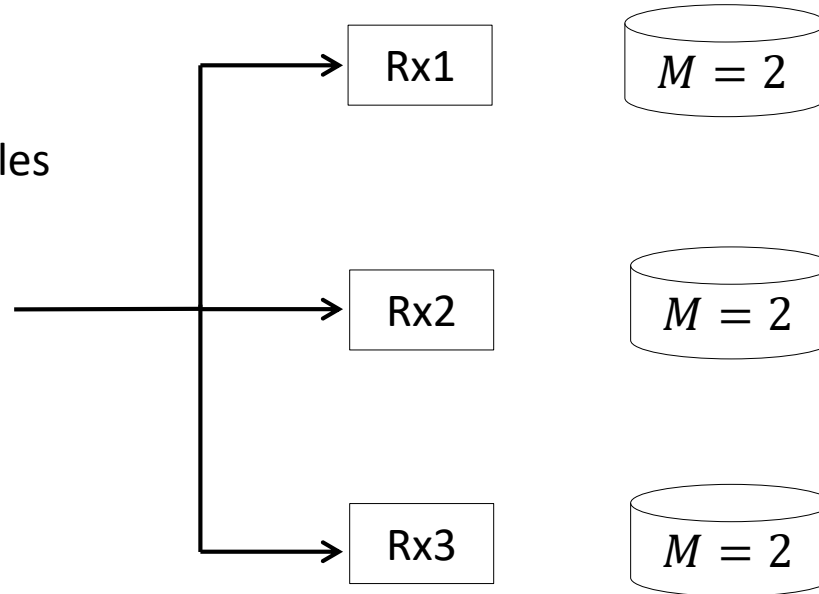
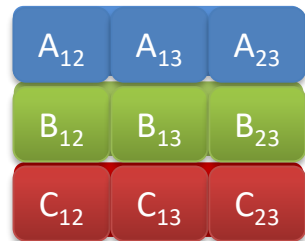


Key breakthrough: USE CACHES TO CANCEL INTERFERENCE

Result: Maddah-Ali, Niesen (Bell Labs - 2013)

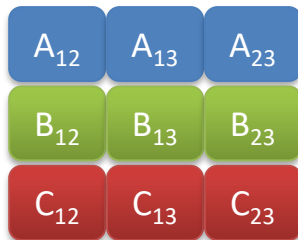
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Library:  $N = 3$  files

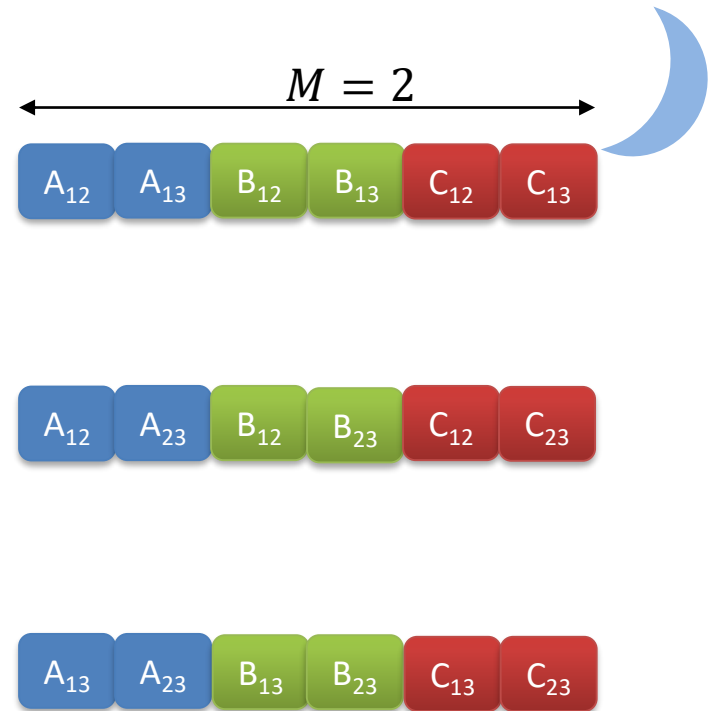
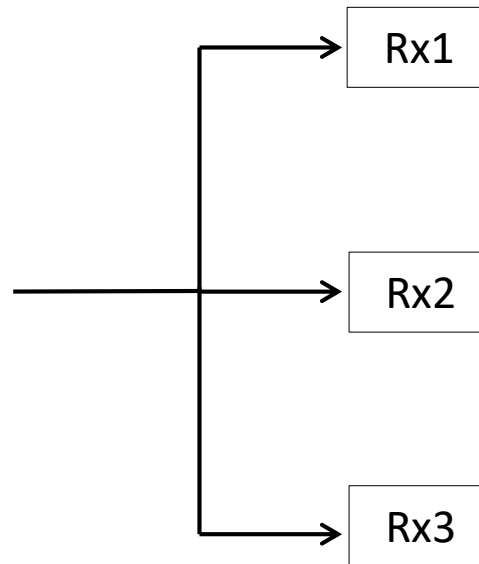


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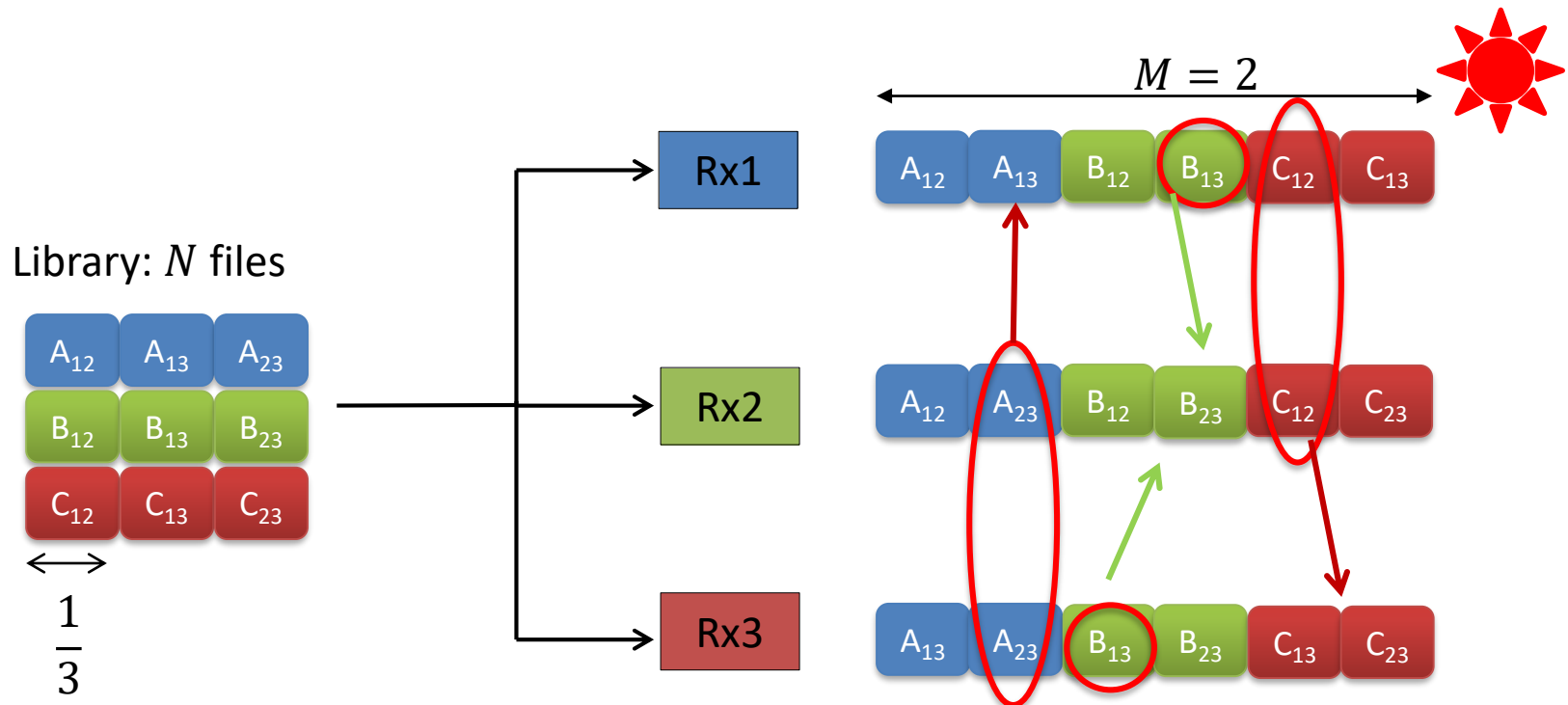


$\longleftrightarrow$   
 $\frac{1}{3}$





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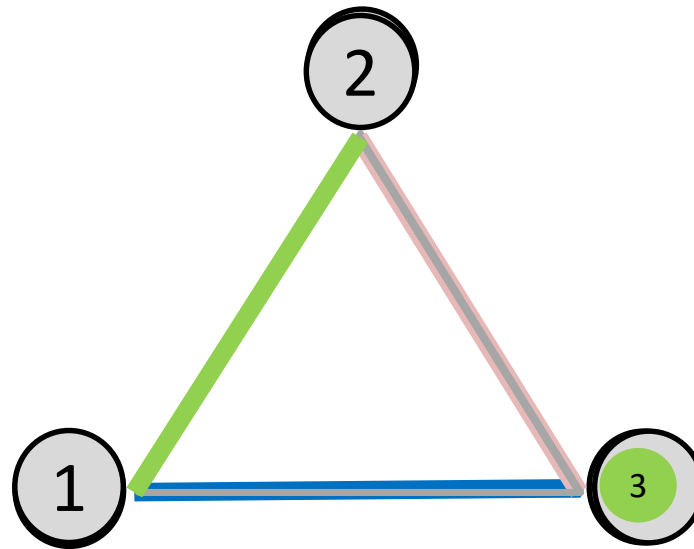


- Transmit :  $A_{23} \oplus B_{13} \oplus C_{12}$  (a common message for all)

*Speedup Factor =  $3 = K\gamma + 1$  users at a time*

# Coded Caching: Intuition - Clique

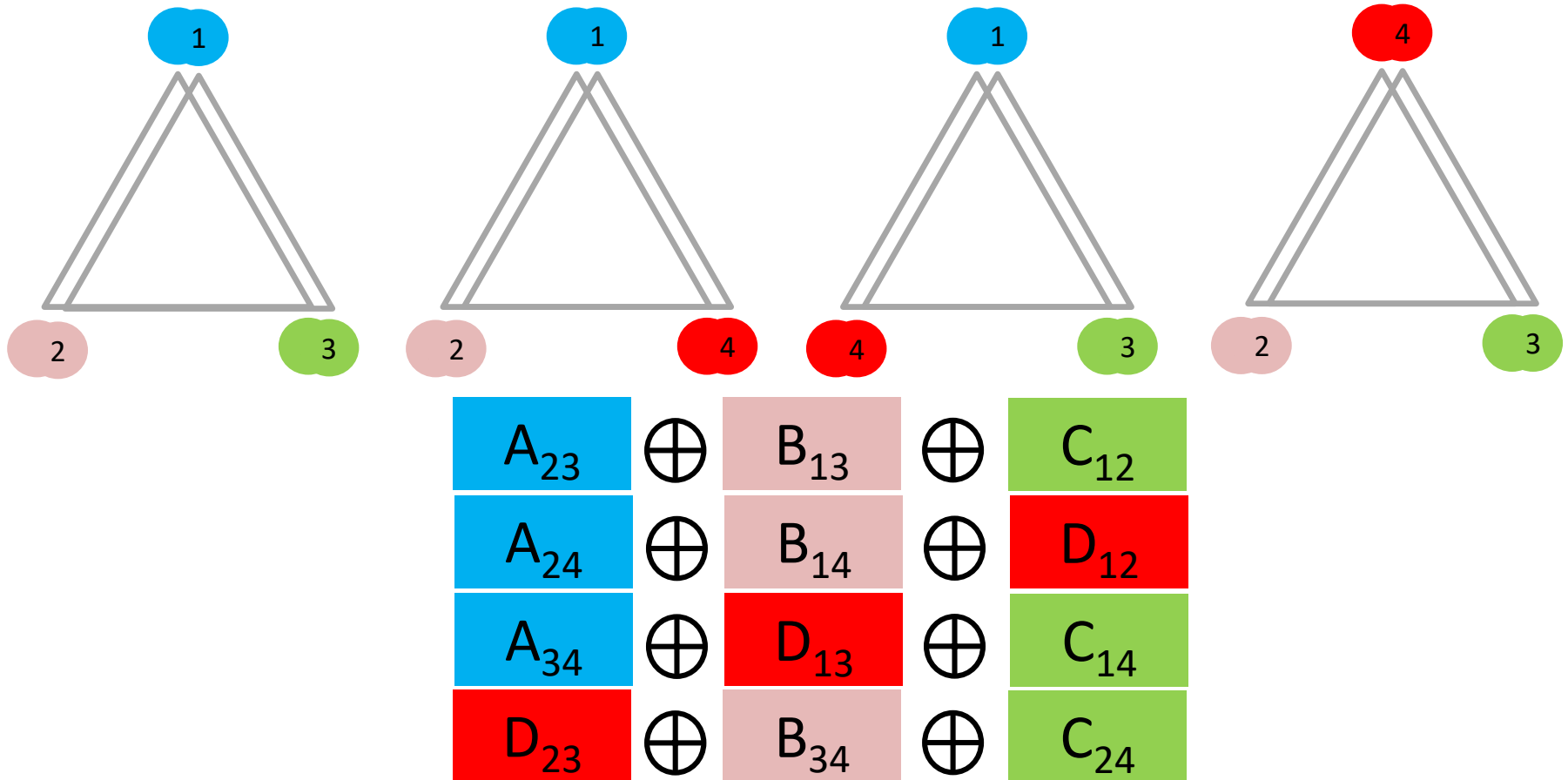
$$K = 3, \gamma = \frac{2}{3}, K\gamma = 2$$



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# Coded Caching: Intuition - Cliques

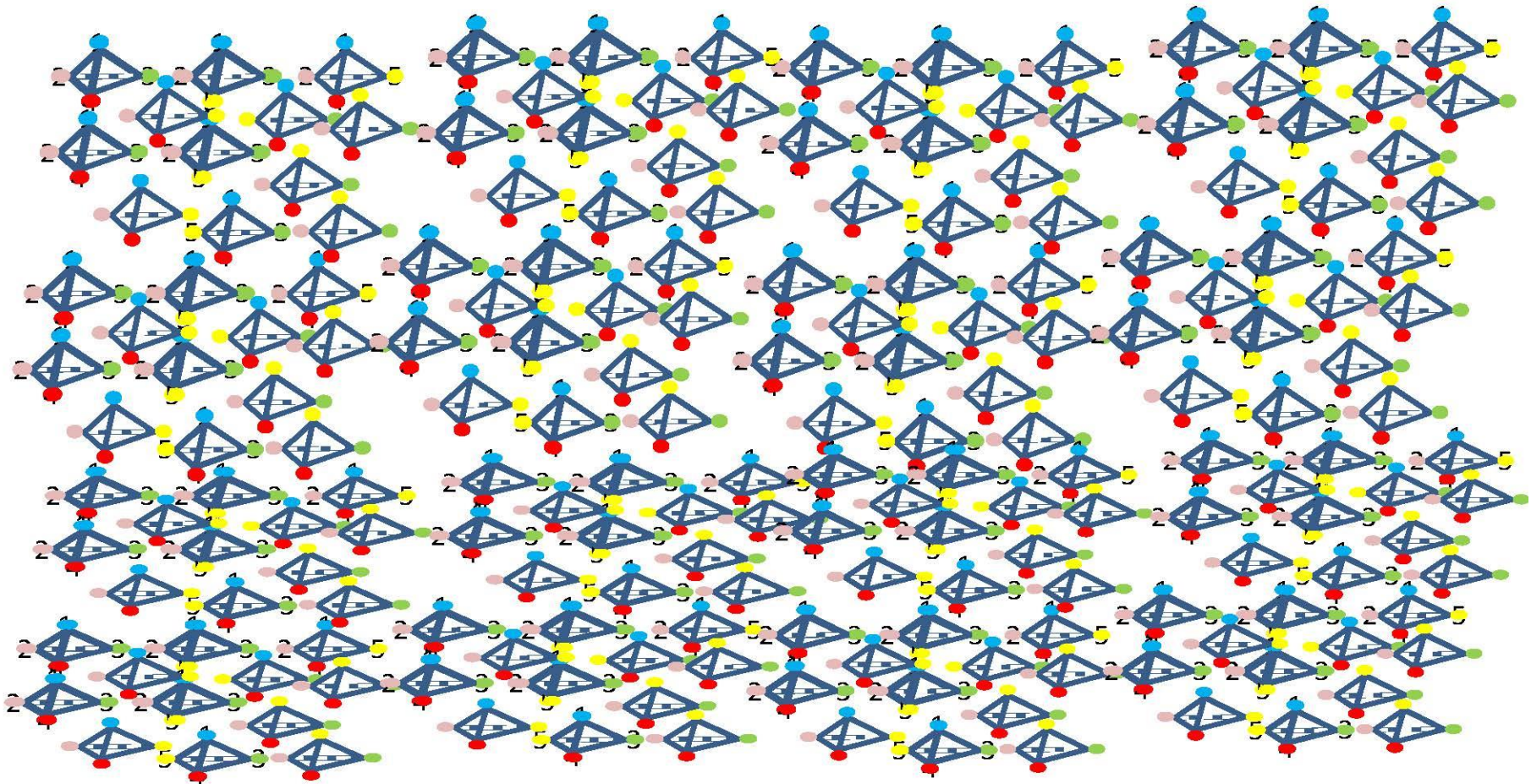
$$K = 4, \quad \gamma = \frac{2}{4}, \quad K\gamma = 2$$



# Coded Caching: Intuition – Problematically Many Cliques

$$K = 100, \quad \gamma = \frac{9}{100} \quad K\gamma = 9$$

*10 users at a time,  $2 \cdot 10^{13}$  cliques*



# Bad news: There exist 'fundamental' bottlenecks

- In Theory:  $\text{Speedup} = K\gamma + 1$

- *In theory, theory and practice are the same.  
In practice they are not."* Albert Einstein



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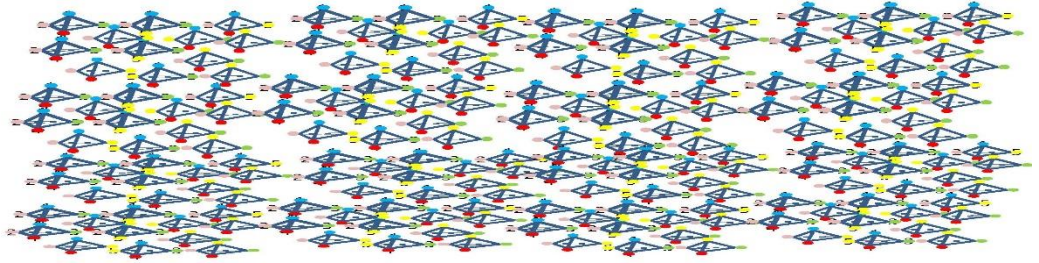
# Resolve fundamental limitations.

- Coded Caching requires infinite SNR
  - Gain goes to **zero** for smaller SNR
  - Reason: Worst-user multicasting
- Requires ASTRONOMICAL file sizes
  - Gain very small for reasonable file sizes
- Works for one transmit antenna
  - Discard multi-antenna systems? Absurd.

# Elevating to multi-antennas: Resolving file-size problem

- Gains vanish if files are not astronomically large!

Because we need  
astronomically many cliques



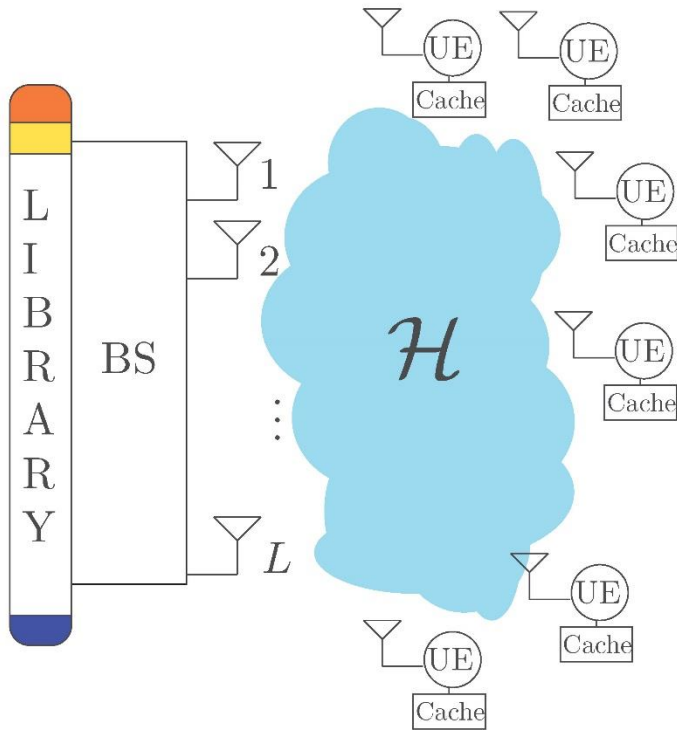
If you don't have astronomical file sizes, the gains almost VANISH  
Effective (MAX)  $K\gamma + 1 \rightarrow \approx 5 - 7$

Simple Solution: two birds with one stone

Massive CACHING gains



# Resolving file-size problem (Lampiris-Elia JSAC)



$L$  transmit antennas

Able to multiplicatively boost multiplexing gains

Subpacketization

$$S_{new} < \sqrt[L]{S_{old}}$$

e. g.  $L = 5$

$10^8 \text{ GBytes} \rightarrow 120 \text{ Bytes}$

# Massive boost of speedup factor

Harsh Reality

Limited File Sizes

Adding Antennas

$$1 + 7 \rightarrow 8$$

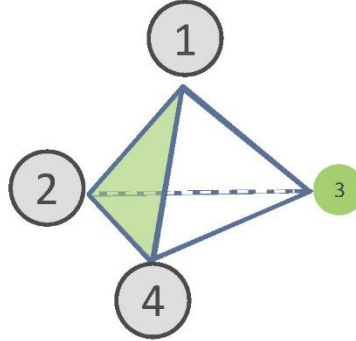
$$2 + 7 \rightarrow 16$$

$$3 + 7 \rightarrow 24$$

$$4 + 7 \rightarrow 32$$

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# New algorithm: Pyramid of vectors

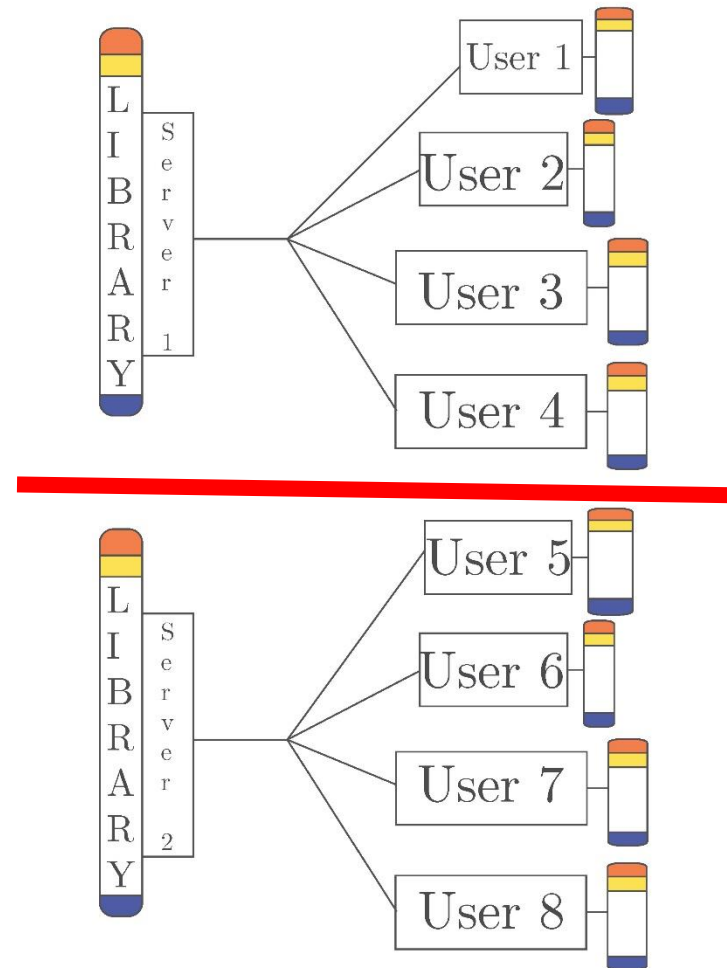
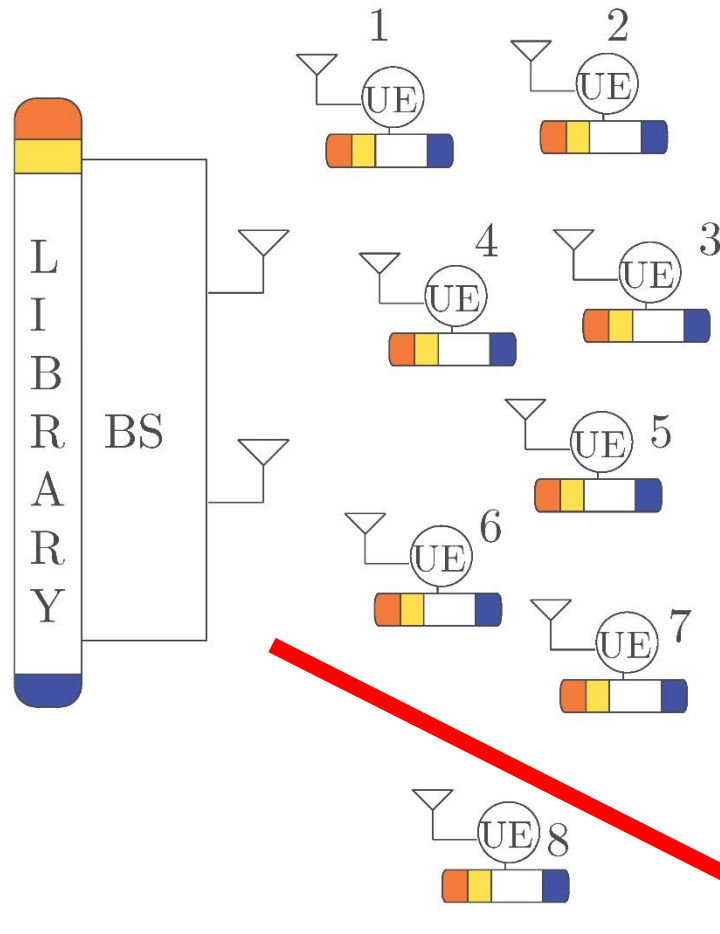


$$\boxed{D_{123}} \oplus \boxed{A_{234}} \oplus \boxed{B_{134}} \oplus \boxed{C_{124}}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{1234} = \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{G}_1}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} W_1^{234} \\ W_{11}^{234} \\ W_{21}^{234} \\ W_{31}^{234} \\ W_{41}^{234} \end{bmatrix} + \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{G}_2}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} W_2^{134} \\ W_{12}^{134} \\ W_{22}^{134} \\ W_{32}^{134} \\ W_{42}^{134} \end{bmatrix} + \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{G}_3}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} W_3^{124} \\ W_{13}^{124} \\ W_{23}^{124} \\ W_{33}^{124} \\ W_{43}^{124} \end{bmatrix} + \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{G}_4}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} W_4^{123} \\ W_{14}^{123} \\ W_{24}^{123} \\ W_{34}^{123} \\ W_{44}^{123} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{y}_{1234}^{(1)} = \underbrace{\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{G}_1} \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{G}_1}^{-1}}_{I_{L \times L}} \begin{bmatrix} W_1^{234} \\ W_{11}^{234} \\ W_{21}^{234} \\ W_{31}^{234} \\ W_{41}^{234} \end{bmatrix} + \cancel{\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{G}_1} \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{G}_2}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} W_2^{134} \\ W_{12}^{134} \\ W_{22}^{134} \\ W_{32}^{134} \\ W_{42}^{134} \end{bmatrix}} + \cancel{\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{G}_1} \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{G}_3}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} W_3^{124} \\ W_{13}^{124} \\ W_{23}^{124} \\ W_{33}^{124} \\ W_{43}^{124} \end{bmatrix}} + \cancel{\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{G}_1} \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{G}_4}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} W_4^{123} \\ W_{14}^{123} \\ W_{24}^{123} \\ W_{34}^{123} \\ W_{44}^{123} \end{bmatrix}}$$

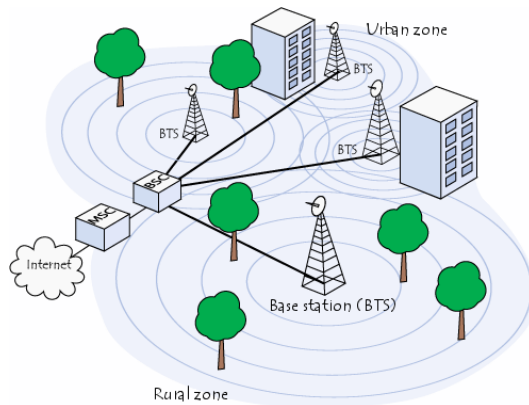
# Intuition: multiple decompositions with few antennas



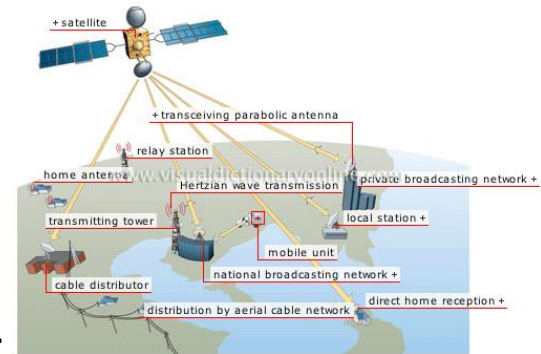
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- Theoretical gains are large.
- What happens when we move closer to practice
- ERC Proof of Concept – LIGHT

## Wired or wireless (Cellular-Wifi)



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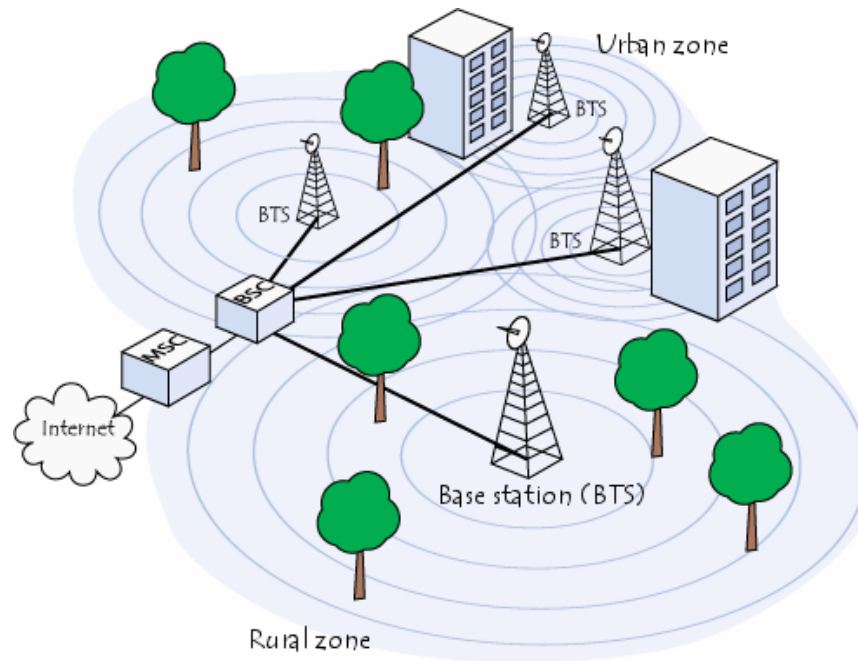
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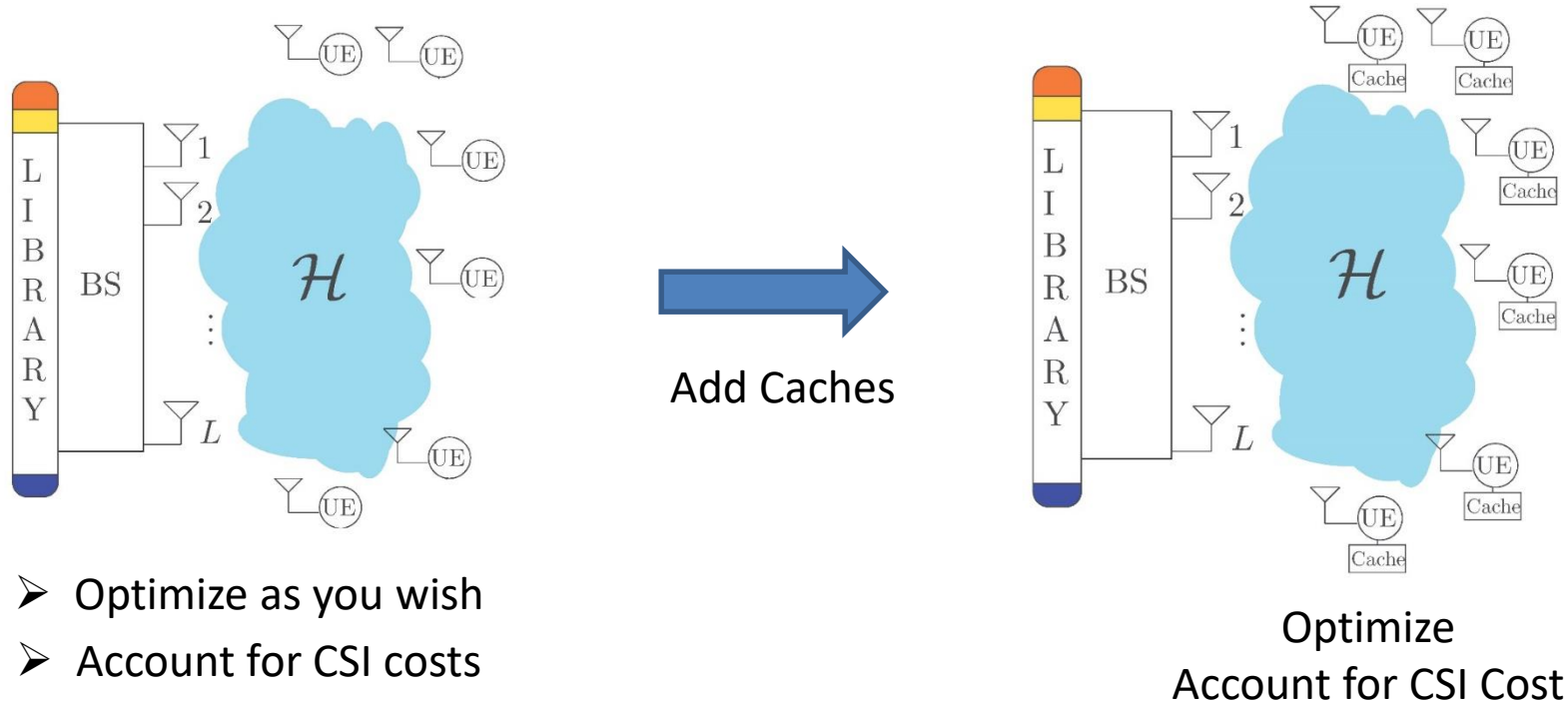
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- Focus on Multi-User MISO – Cellular, WiFi, etc.

## Wired or wireless (Cellular-Wifi) - DOWNLINK



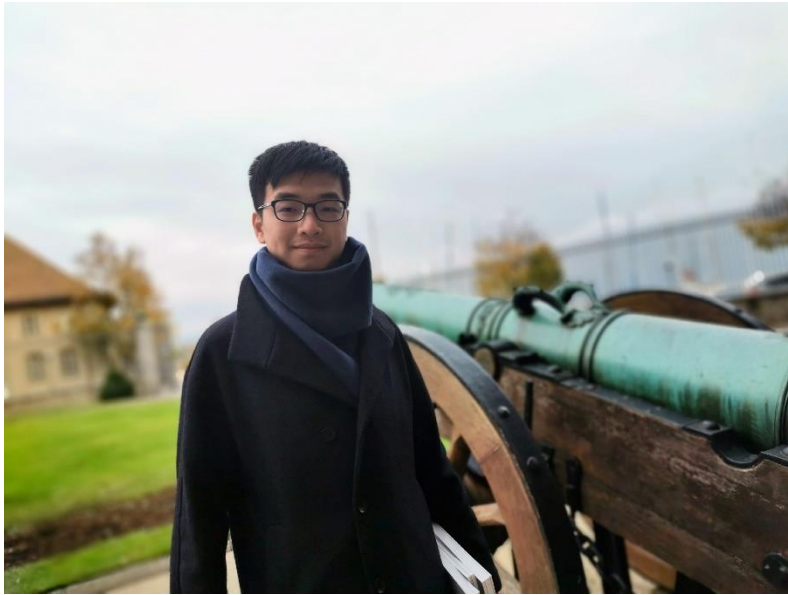
# Gains over OPTIMIZED MISO BC – Analysis and Sims



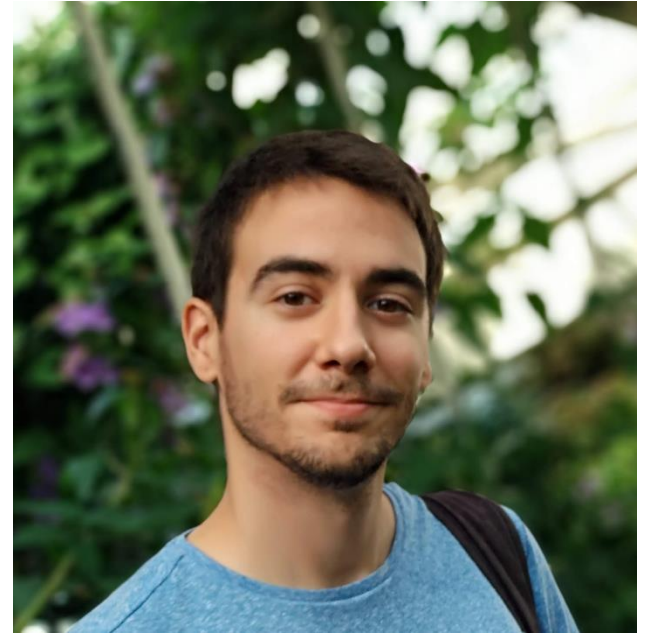
$$Gain = \frac{R_{\Sigma}^*(\text{cache} - \text{aided})}{R_{\Sigma}^*(\text{no} - \text{cache})}$$

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# Large Matrix Analysis and Sims of Cache-Aided MIMO-BC



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# Justifying Theoretical Gains $G: 5 \rightarrow 7$

Netflix movies - Zipf  $\approx 1.4$   
90% of traffic speeds-up by theoretical factor of  $G$

$$G = 7$$

- Cache: 25GB
- Movies: HD, 1.3GB, 90 minutes
- Latency: 2 min. (small buffer OK)
- Comm Packet: 50 bytes
- Subpacketization: 600K

$$G = 6$$

- Cache: 25GB
- Movies: Full-HD, 2.47GB, 90 minutes

$$G = 5$$

- Cache: 5GB
- Movies: SD-480p
- Comm Packet: 200 bytes
- Subpacketization: 600K

# Gains Across Various Precoders (MISO)

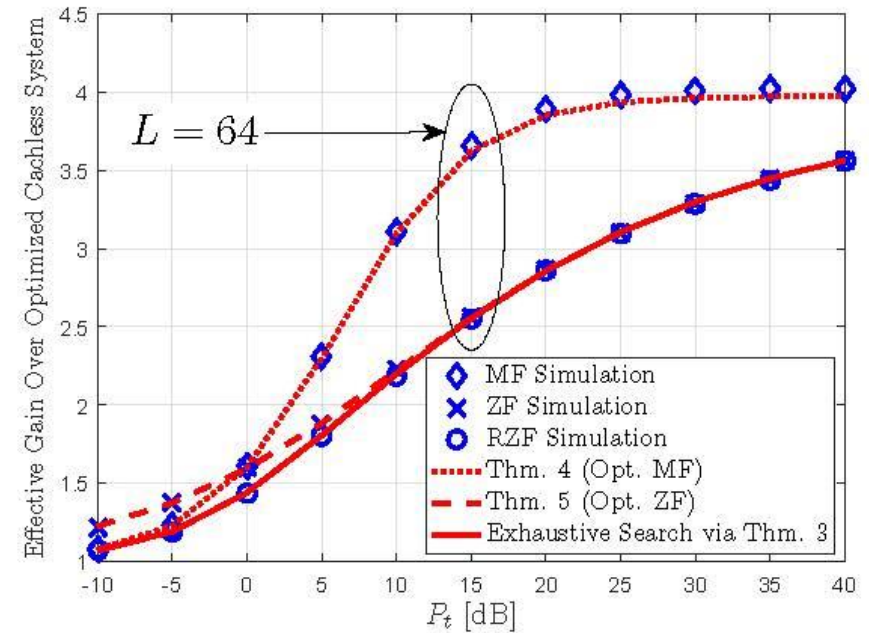
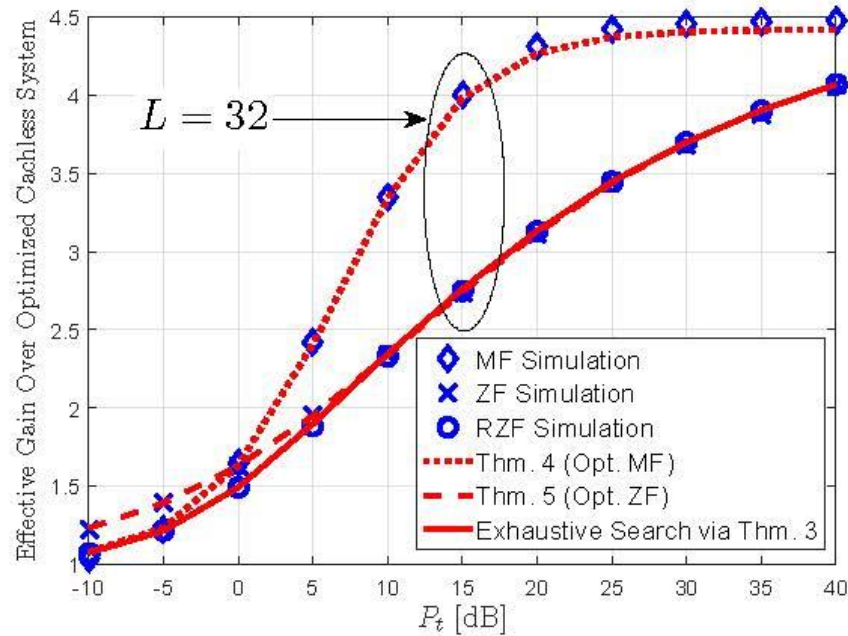
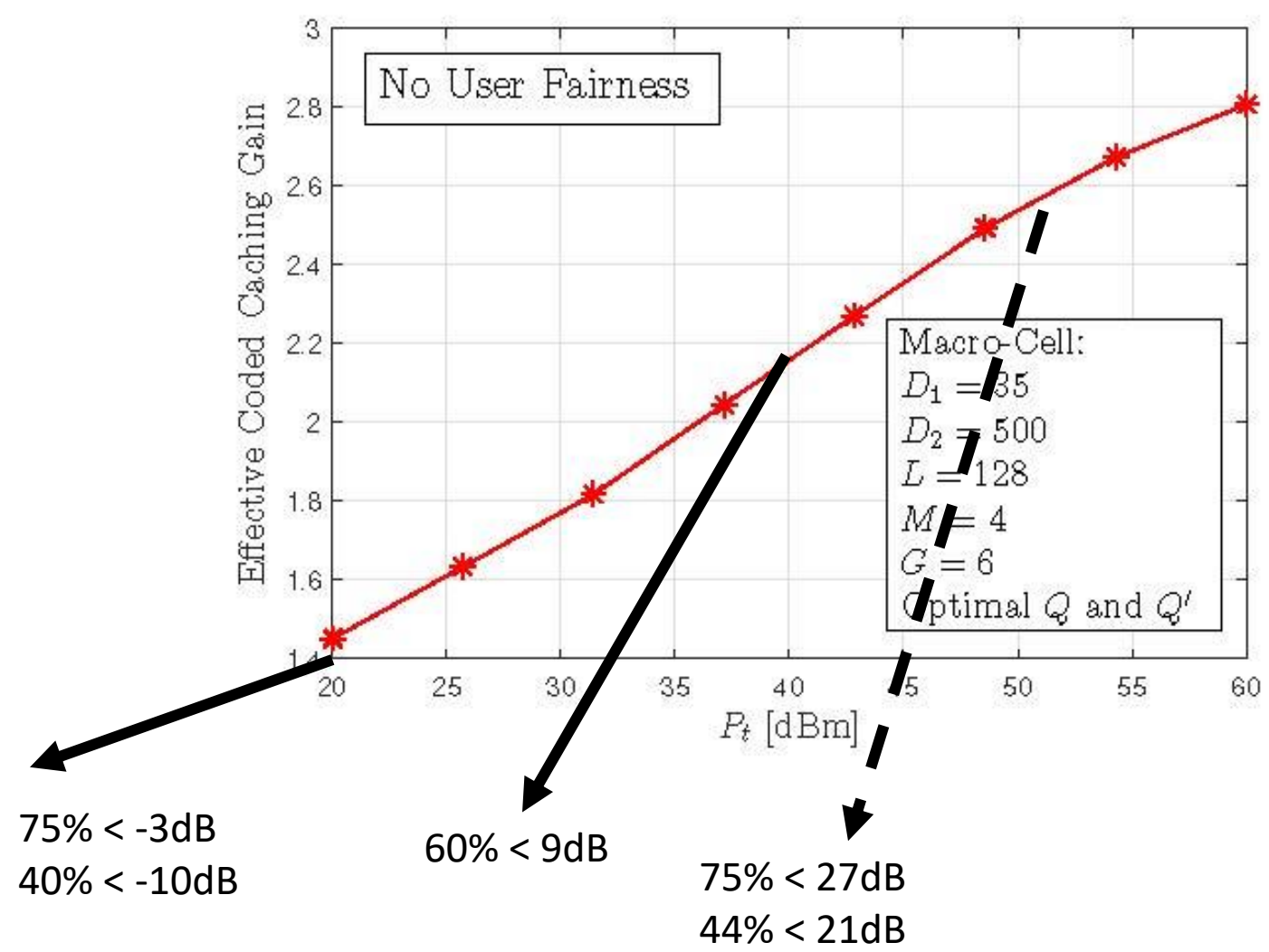
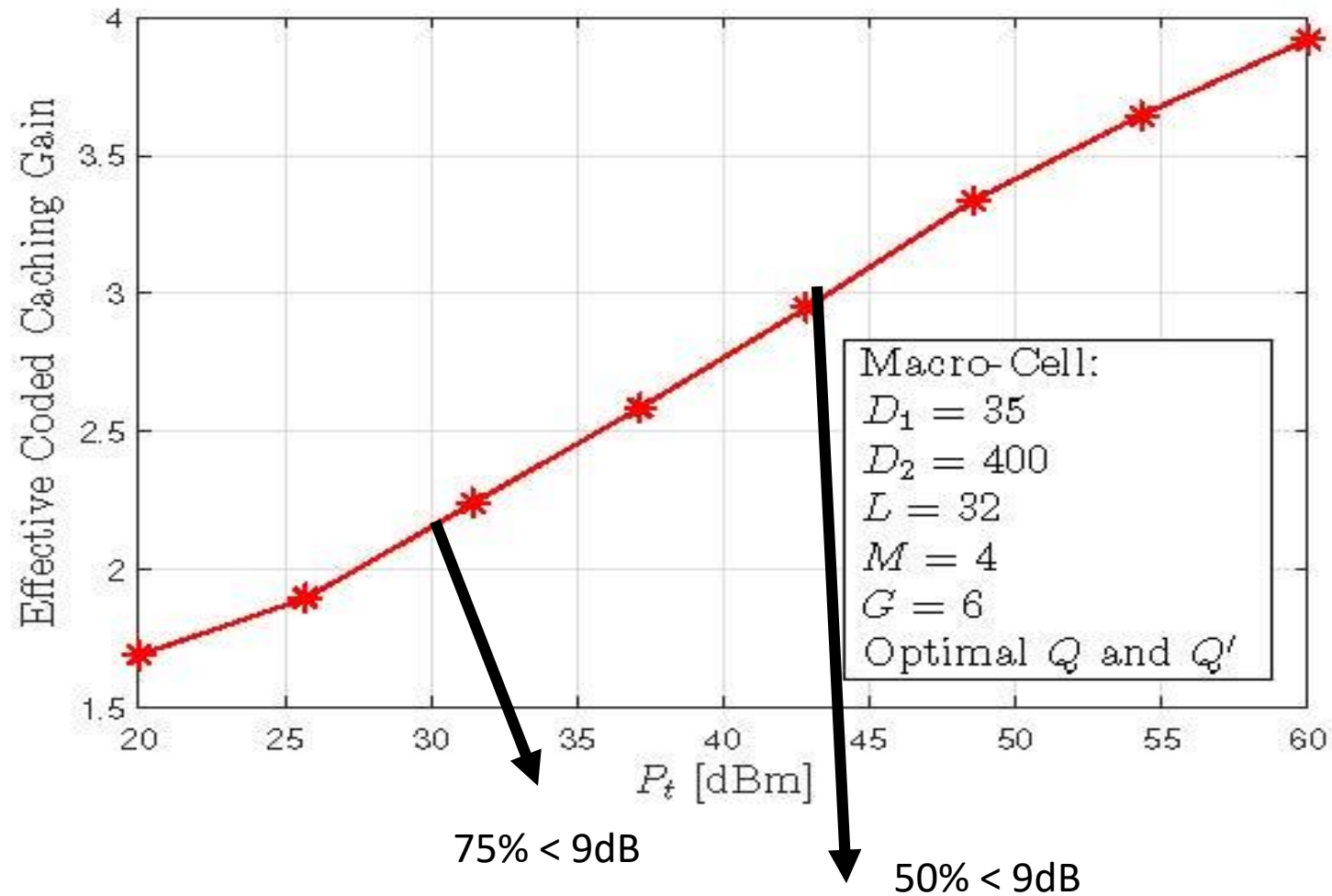


Fig. 2: Effective gain  $\mathcal{G}^*$  over optimized cacheless system for  $L \in \{32, 64\}$  and  $G = 6$ .

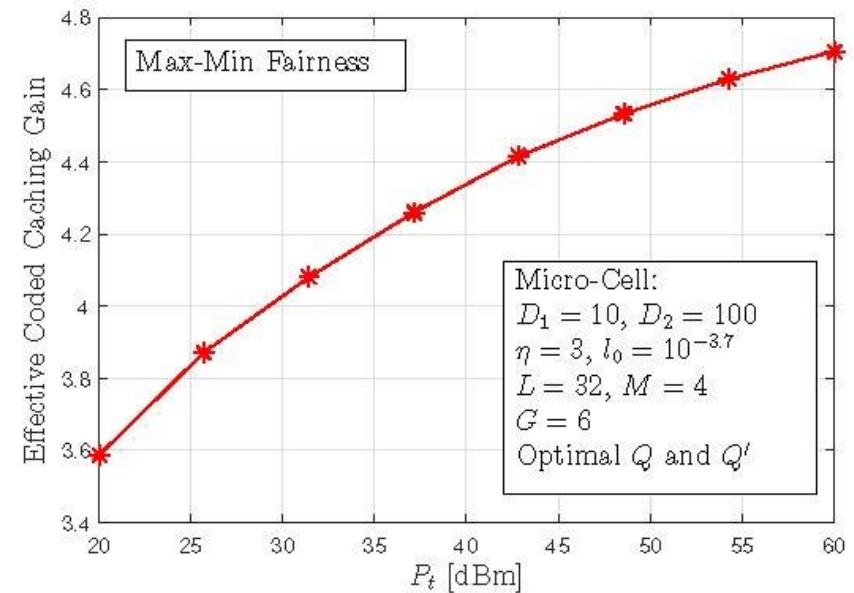
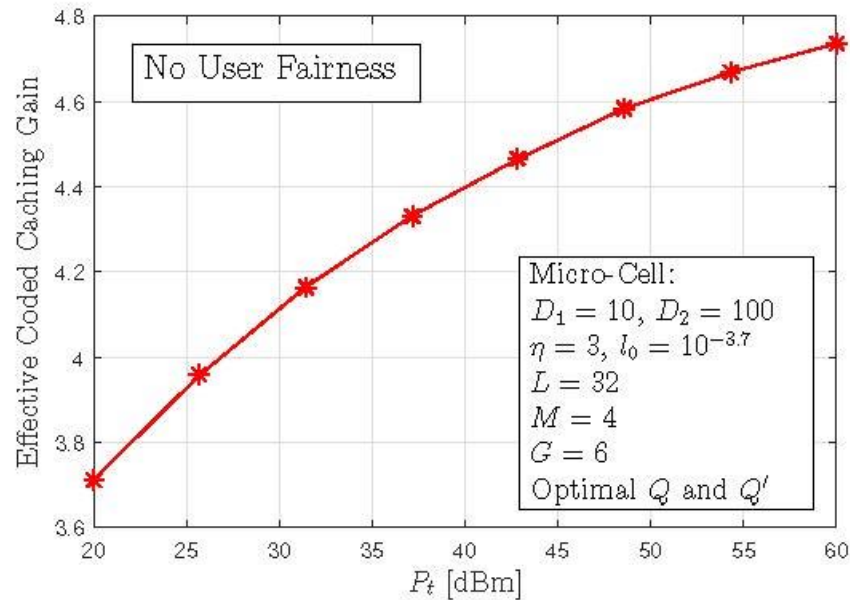
# Most Challenging Scenario – very large L, Large Cells, Lower power



# Large cell – 32 Tx-Antennas

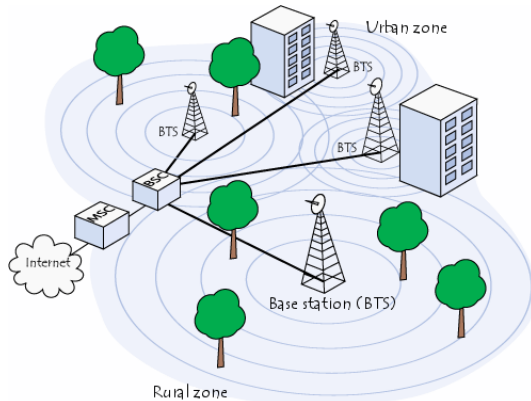


# Smaller cells – w. & w/o Max-Min Fairness MU-MIMO

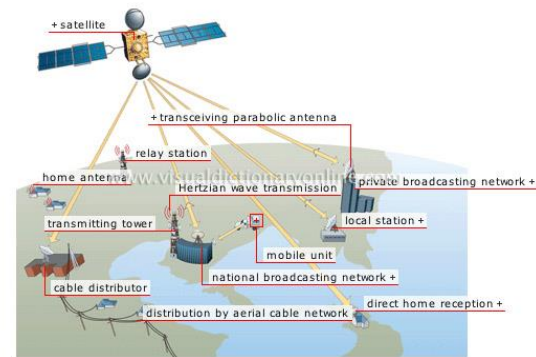


# Many Applications to be Explored...

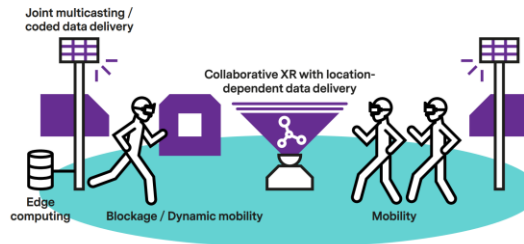
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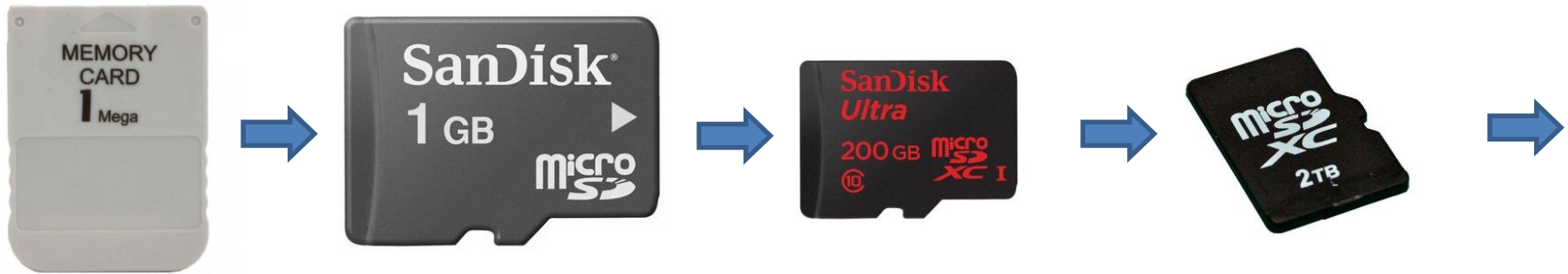


## Cloud computing



# Need and opportunity

- ✓ Abundant new resource
- ✓ Works well with other resources (very simple precoding)
- ✓ Very substantial gains



- ✓ Some VERY Simple algorithms
  - ✓ E.g. Superimpose ZF transmissions and read from memory
- ✓ Some very playful challenges (Satellite, Large Cells, Many users)



# Thank You!

