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## Introduction

### ⇒ This slide deck summarizes our C&I paper

- Download the paper for more C&I details

### ⇒ Topics

- Introduction to HomeGrid Forum
- Introduction to G.hn
- Overview of HGF C&I Program
- C&I Results
- Lessons
- Recommendations
- Q&A



## HGF – INTRO

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## HomeGrid Forum Primary Goals

- **Evangelize G.hn and HomePNA technologies while promoting market transition to G.hn**
  - Through Education
    - White Papers, Slides, Speaking roles
  - Meetings and Seminars
  - Interviews
  - Articles
- **State-of-the-art C&I program - certifying silicon and systems**
  - Silicon COMPLIANCE
    - Two certified as of June 2013
    - We will announce more in the coming months
  - System INTEROPERATION (and PERFORMANCE)
    - Test Specifications and Lab validated starting June 2013
    - First system certified as of Sept. 2013
- **Enhancing G.hn and wireline networking technologies**

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## Service Providers (20 more)



### From the previous slide

- AT&T
- British Telecom
- Chunghwa Telecom
- Telefonica

### Leading Service Providers

- Bell Canada
- Telecom Italia S.p.a

### Plus these others...

- 3 Rivers Communications
- Bell Aliant
- Connexion Technologies
- Consolidated Communications
- EATELCORP, Inc
- GVT
- Hawaiian Telcom
- Highland Communication Services

- Logic Communications
- Moapa Valley Telephone
- MTCC
- New Hope Telephone Cooperative
- Northeast Louisiana Telephone Co., Inc.
- Phonoscope
- Randolph Telephone Membership Corp
- Rural Telephone Service Co.
- Sandwich Isles Communications
- Smithville Telecom, LLC
- Tata Sky Ltd.
- TBayTel
- Triangle Communications
- yes (DBS Satellite Services)

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## G.HN INTRO

Wireline technology for in-home networks

The Best Platform for IPTV Delivery in the Home  
HD, 4KHD/UHD, 3D...

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## G.hn Intro 1

### Best in class technology, optimized operation over any wire architecture

- Same silicon used for any wire
  - Coax (BB & RF), PLC, Phoneline/Twisted Pair, POF
- Best noise robustness, FEC, retransmissions
  - Achieves  $10^{-8}$  PER
- Parameterized and Prioritized QoS
- TDMA with Bandwidth Reservations
- True Multicast
- Auto-Mesh Networking
- NDIM/Neighboring Networks
- MIMO option
- Very high MAC efficiency, means higher throughput, better robustness to noise

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## G.hn Intro 2

### Multi-source

- Multiple silicon sources

### One Technology works over any medium

- Reduces Costs to develop, deploy
- Same management for all

### Defined by Service Providers for Service Providers

- Standards developed in ITU-T
  - Global standards organization for Service Providers
  - SPs led requirements and standards development
- Strict focus on delivering high QoS TDMA traffic with best in class error avoidance and noise mitigation

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## Major Features of G.hn

- Operates over any wire
  - Coax
  - Copper Pair/Phoneline
  - Plastic Optical Fiber (POF)
  - Powerline

Any Wire



- PLC (SISO): 250-500 Mbps
- PLC (MIMO): 400-1000 Mbps
- Coax (BB): 700-1000 Mbps
- Coax (RF): 800-1000+ Mbps
- Phone: 350-700 Mbps
- POF: 700-1000 Mbps

Performance



- Parameterized QoS
- Error Correction

Robust operation  
in noisy  
environments

- State of the art  
**AES 128**  
encryption

Security



- G.cx  
specification  
for working with  
legacy PLC

Coexistence



- Diagnosis and  
control  
compliant with  
**TR-69**

Manage-  
ability

- Support for  
**extended  
range,  
automatic  
relays**

Mesh  
Networking

- Meets EU Code of  
Conduct (CoC) for low  
power
- Has a complete set of  
**EMC** tools for managing  
PSD and emissions

Low Power



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# ITU-T's G.hn Home Network Standards Family

Continuous Technology Evolution and Expansion

Standard	What	Status	Date
G.9960 (G.hn)	PHY, LCP & Architecture	Approved	2010
G.9961	DLL (MAC, LLC & APC)	Approved	2010
G.9972 (G.cx)	Legacy PLC Coexistence	Approved	2010
G.9964 (G.hn-psd)	Settings & Managing PSD	Approved	2011
G.9961 Amd 1	NDIM – Neighboring Networks	Approved	2012
G.9963 (G.mimo)	MIMO for PLC	Approved	2012
G.9980 (G.cwmp)	Remote Management (TR-069)	Approved	2012
G.9962 (G.hn-mgmt)	Management Plane, MIB	Approved	2013

## Publicly available to anyone

G.9960 (PHY and System Architecture):  
<http://www.itu.int/rec/T-REC-G.9960/en>  
 G.9961 (DLL):  
<http://www.itu.int/rec/T-REC-G.9961/en>

## Latest Milestones:

**Sept. 2012:** NDIM added to G.9961 as Amendment  
**July 2013:** G.hn Management Approved as Standard  
**July 2013:** IEEE 1905.1 Modifications for G.hn - Draft



## Service Provider Shifts to G.hn

### China Telecom

- Trials started, Deployments planned
- **China Unicom** has announced they will use G.hn

### Chunghwa Telecom

- Tests done, Deployments planned, using certified systems

### Telefonica

- Presence in 17 countries, PLC & Coax modes

### Being evaluated by over 25 other Service Providers

- All SP types: Telecom, Cable, Satellite
- Asia - Singapore, S. Korea, Japan, ...
- North & South America
- Europe
- Israel, India, ROW





# G.HN – THE HOME’S BACKBONE NETWORK

Delivering high QoS content & services throughout the home

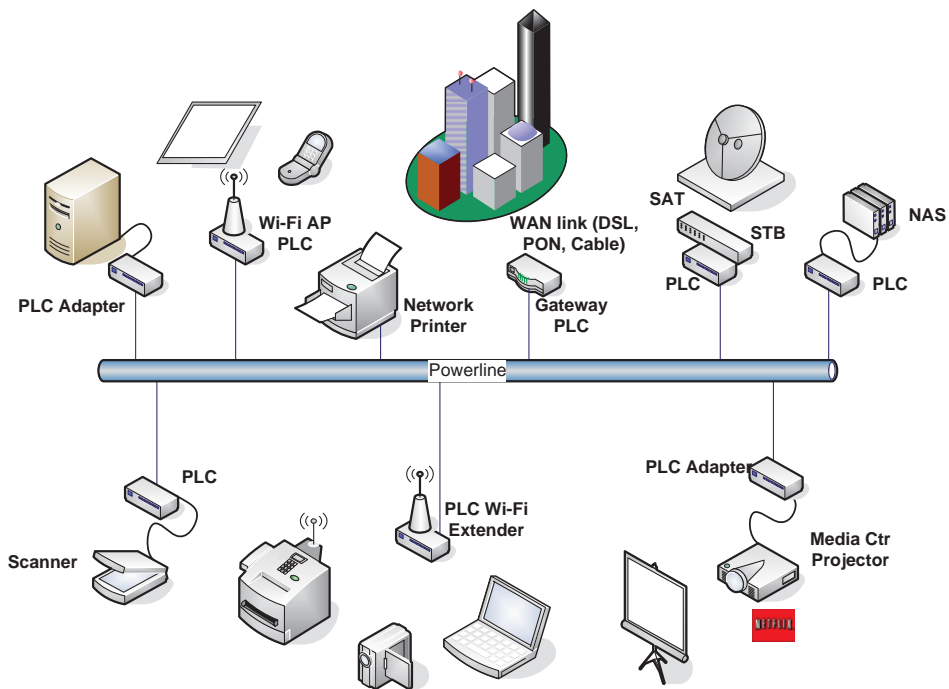
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## The G.hn Network (for example - PLC)



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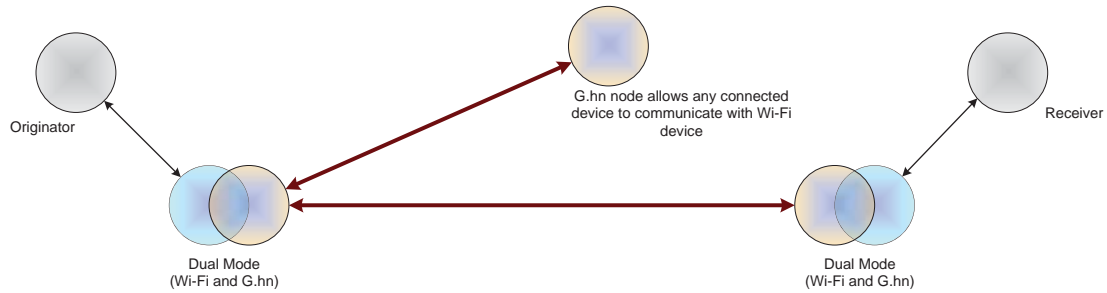
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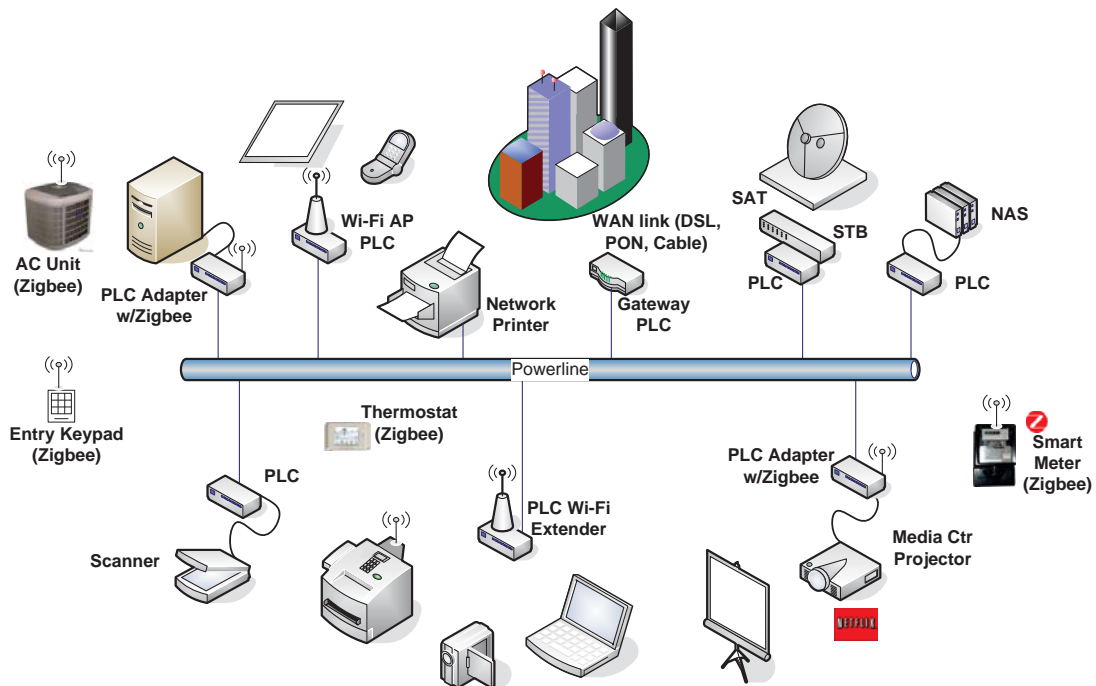




# G.hn Linking Wi-Fi Extenders and APs



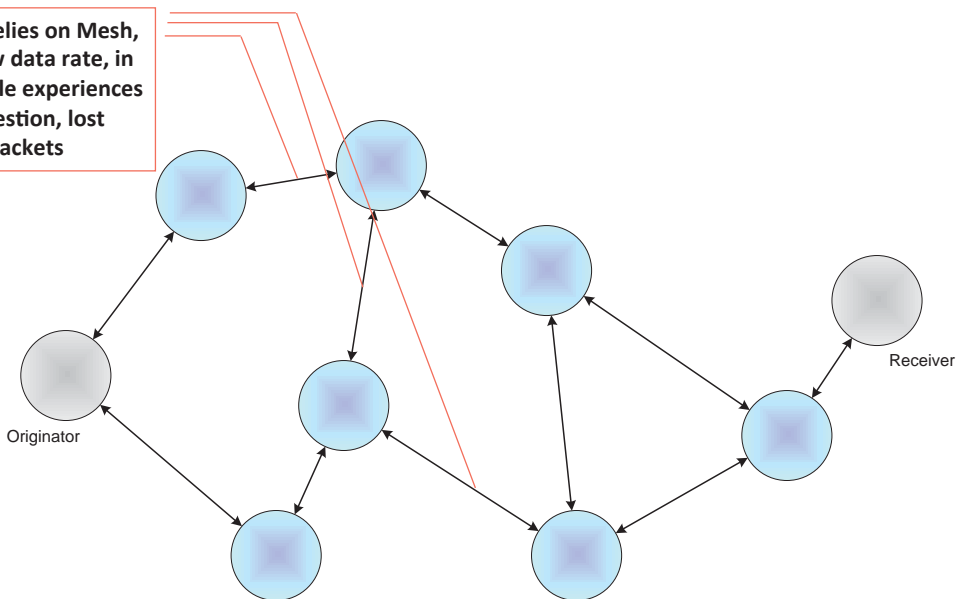
# Adding Other Service Platforms off a G.hn Backbone



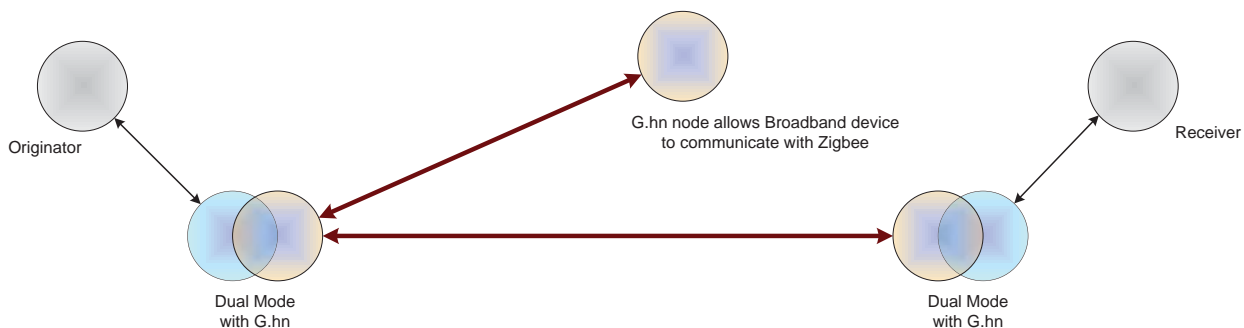


## ZigBee Mesh Networks Alone

ZigBee relies on Mesh, with low data rate, in the middle experiences congestion, lost packets



## ZigBee with G.hn Backbone (similar to Wi-Fi model)





## Summary

- ↻ **G.hn links all high demand, high QoS fixed devices**
  - Gateways
  - Set Top Boxes
  - TVs with embedded G.hn, etc.
- ↻ **G.hn links all wireless APs and Extenders**
  - Enables high traffic with handover
  - Reduces demand on RF, reducing congestion
- ↻ **G.hn link for all low bit rate networks**
  - Eliminates congestion, adds stability and throughput
- ↻ **The perfect backbone for the evolving home network**
  - IoT, Home Automation, Security, Energy Management



## COMPLIANCE & INTEROP



## C&I Program - Objectives

- Provide a state-of-the-art C&I program for certifying both silicon and systems**
- Ensure the highest level of compliance, interoperability, and performance**
- G.hn silicon complies to the latest standards and HGF requirements**
- Certified CE and Service Provider G.hn systems are guaranteed to interoperate and meet baseline performance levels**

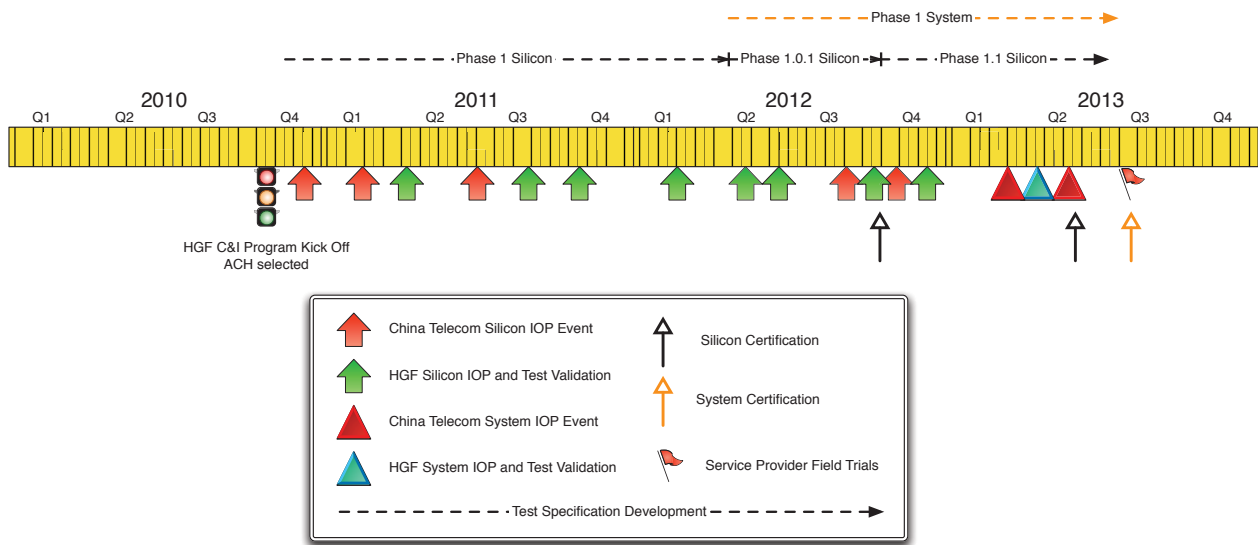


## Goal: Certified G.hn

- ⇒ **Brand new technology**
- ⇒ **Start C&I from scratch**
  - Cannot rely on past testing or technology definitions
  - Typically, new tech takes about 4 years to achieve Interoperation
- ⇒ **HGF C&I Program started Nov. 2010**
  - Selected Test House
  - In 24 months first silicon Compliance Certification achieved
  - In 30 months second silicon Compliance Certification achieved
  - In 30 months system testing ready
  - In 33 months certified our first system
- ⇒ **But, the market wanted it “yesterday...”!**
  - China Telecom held their own events in addition to HGF
    - Held the first G.hn IOP event
    - April-May 2013 event focused on system performance and IOP
    - Now moving to trials and deployments



## Timeline



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## The C&I Program

### Accredited Test House

- TRaC Global - UK

### C&I Work Group

- Chair – Abdul Khan – contractor to HGF
  - Members
    - Active: Marvell, Metanoia, Sigma, TangoTec, TRaC
    - Open to all HGF members above Adopter level
  - Have held Service Provider member specific meetings
  - Partnered with BBF for SP requirements and input
  - Defining Tests based on G.hn standards and HGF requirements
  - Writing all documentation
  - Technical Task Force
    - Chaired by TRaC
    - Focused on defining test specifications, validating tests and steps

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## Lessons Learned

- ⦿ **Avoid the “Golden Node” situation**
- ⦿ **Interoperation mandated and worked on from start**
- ⦿ **Vendor cooperation at a high level**
  - CTC & HGF pushed this
- ⦿ **Get test plans done, then have validation with optimization efforts at the test house with the TTF**
- ⦿ **Ensure Service Providers are involved from the start**
  - Hold meetings seeking input, sharing information
  - Provide information and documentation
- ⦿ **Once program running, get labs close to ODMs/OEMs**
- ⦿ **Define and enforce rules on derivatives**
- ⦿ **Have best in class documentation early on**

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## Recommendations

- ⦿ **Have strict requirements and testing to avoid FM band interference by any PLC technology operating at 80 MHz or above (or lower where FM band is lower)**
- ⦿ **Make G.9964 the PLC PSD management specification for all PLC systems, and other wire types, too**
- ⦿ **Neighboring PLC networks have severe cross-interference in high density multi-dwelling buildings**
  - G.hn PLC mode has NDIM and avoids this
  - G.hn can have G.9972 to avoid that PLC which also supports the ISP protocol (IEEE 1901)
  - NDIM mandatory for all PLC, and any 1901 PLC deployed where G.hn will be must be verified to have ISP

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## Follow Up

- **Associated detailed paper on the event web site**
- **HomeGrid has a substantial amount of literature on our web site**
  - [http://www.homegridforum.org/content/pages.php?pg=resource\\_overview](http://www.homegridforum.org/content/pages.php?pg=resource_overview)
  - Neighboring Networks interference – NDIM
  - PLC MIMO
  - Examples of adding G.hn where other networks exist
    - Convergence of HomePNA and G.hn
    - G.hn and HomePNA Today
- **Reach out to us**
  - Request discussions with our C&I people over G.hn planning and testing



## Join Us

- **Service Providers can be HGF members at no fee**
  - Membership level allows SPs to be in any of our Work Groups
    - We adjust WG conf. calls to meet the time zone of participants, so Asian members have convenient schedules
  - We seek SP input frequently on issues of importance
  - We have road map updates we publish for members to keep them aware of where we are going
- **Regulators and SDOs have HGF liaison agreements**
  - We have a liaison agreement with ITU-T, of course
  - We want dialogs with regulators globally
- **Questions for HomeGrid?**

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Thank You



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