



Mage Networks Inc.

MagiNet™ Data Pipeline

Description of Data Pipeline and Data Sheet of Data Pipeline Nodes

A MagiNet™ Data Pipeline is a novel way of providing high bandwidth service over long distances and large areas. Data Pipelines use the available frequency spectrum very efficiently. They marry the advantages of mesh networks with the data rate of point-to-point networks. They eliminate the need for towers as a Data Pipeline can be deployed at a height of 2-5 meters without compromising line of sight and still reach every customer in that area.

BACKGROUND

MagiNet™ is a network solution that expands the traditional point to point and point to multipoint networks to an every-point to every-point network. MagiNet™ is composed of a unique combination of technologies which enable it to outperform traditional networks in every measure of the quality of a telecommunication network:

1. **Capacity:** The amount of data available for the users.
2. **Coverage:** The ability of the signal to reach the customer.
3. **Range:** The distance that can be spanned by the network
4. **Deployability:** The ease of deploying a given network and the skill level required.
5. **Usability:** The network's self-configuring, self-healing and requires minimal training.

MagiNet™ uses the MagiLink™ technology to combine the simplicity, coverage and range of mesh networks with the capacity of infrastructure networks. MagiLink is the most robust mesh technology available. MagiLink™ is not just a wireless technology but also a routing technology. Meshing and routing is done across both wireless and wired interfaces. That feature enables a unique multi-hop meshing Data Pipeline.

DATA PIPELINE

A Data Pipeline carries data over long distances while eliminating the reduction in data rate caused by the multiple hops. Data Pipeline nodes consist of two MagiNodes™ with directional antennas connected back-to-back using their Ethernet ports. Each unit operates at a different frequency channel f1 and channel f2. The Data Pipeline consists of alternating sections with the different frequencies as shown in Figure 1. This allows the data to flow continuously from one Node to the next as every Data Pipeline Node in the "pipeline" transmits and receives simultaneously.

There is no theoretical limit to how many Data Pipeline nodes can be included in a single Data Pipeline. Any MagiNode™ can be connected to any other MagiNode™ in this manner without requiring any configuration of gateways, net masks or even using the same IP subnets. The routes are discovered automatically by the firmware.



Figure 1 Data Pipeline showing the operation at alternating frequencies on every hop. The MagiNodes are connected back-to-back using their Ethernet ports.

Data Pipelines eliminate the need for large towers. MagiNodes™ are mounted on telephone poles, lamp poles, fence posts, roofs, side of buildings, etc. Data Pipeline units would be placed in locations within 5 kms of each other. Because of that flexible deployment MagiNet™ can overcome large distances, physical obstacles (hills, mountains, ridges, and buildings) and follow the path of least resistance by going around woods and trees (or even under them!).

Data Pipeline units are lightweight and easy to mount. There are primarily 3 models of wireless Data Pipeline units allowing for versatility in deployment and use. All units work seamlessly together regardless of which type they are. The three types of units are:

- 1- MND5-G-27 (Figure 2): Operates in the 5GHz ISM band. It has a 27 dBi Antenna, is the workhorse of the system. Used for the longest hops.
- 2- MND5-M (Figure 3): has a built in 13 dBi Antenna. It is less expensive and can be used for shorter hops when needed. Has MIMO and therefore is capable of very high data rates.
- 3- MN-WW60-G-AD (Figure 4). Building block of 1 Gbps Data Pipeline. Used for distances of 700m in conjunction with MagiRouters™ to provide backbone to MagiNet™.

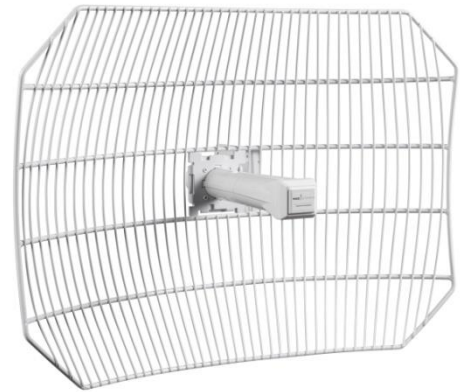


Figure 2 MND5-G-27 MagiNode™

The 2.4 GHz versions of the above devices can be made available on request.

The last type of unit, is the MagiRouter™. MagiRouters™ have MagiLink™ built in, so they follow the same routing protocol as the MagiNodes™. They are used for breakouts of multiple data pipelines, and to convert any wireless device into relays for Data Pipelines. In particular, it is used to convert the MN-WW60-G-AD into Data Pipeline relays. While many models of MagiRouters™ are anticipated at this time the only model available is the MNR-EP-R6.

The deployment and installation of Data Pipeline units is a lot simpler than the construction of a large tower. It is even simpler than deploying roof top units at customer sites when the locations are far from the towers as far as aligning the antennas. By using high gain antennas and yet restricting the distance between units to 4-5 kms (or as needed in case of obstacles), the throughput of the Data Pipeline doesn't decrease with distance

Additionally, the Data Pipeline can be deployed in a scalable manner as shown in Figure 5. Initially, with few customers in an area, a lower data rate Data Pipeline can be deployed. As the number of increase, the demand for throughput will increase. The data rate of the Pipeline can be increased relatively simply. Thus the capital costs of deployment are better matched to the actual revenue stream than in traditional networks.

It should also be noted that a MagiNet™ Data Pipeline does not have to be in a single line, it can be deployed in a tree structure, with a main trunk with multiple branches and multiple sub-branches to reach all the customers. It can also be deployed in a hub and spoke structure. More than two units can be connected to each other by using a regular Ethernet switch.

Finally, using the MagiNet™ Data Pipeline doesn't replace the existing systems and solutions that have been previously used. It can be seamlessly combined with the other approaches to provide a powerful tool kit which allows the service provider to overcome all obstacles and provide high quality service to its customers.

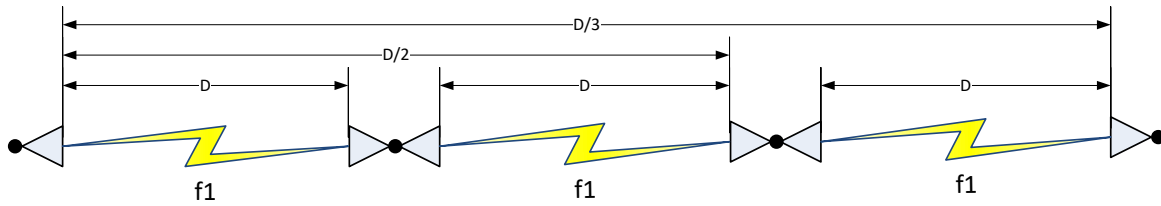


Figure 3 MND5-M MagiNode™

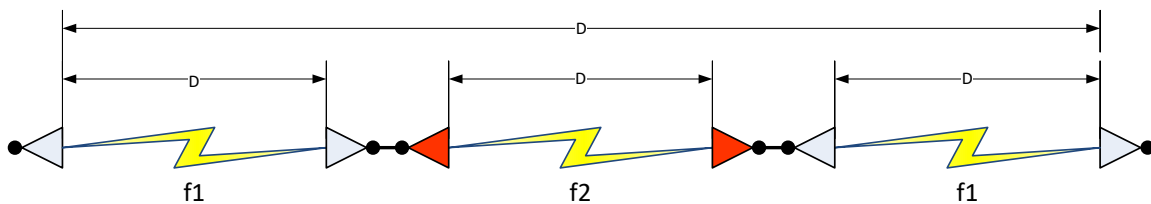


Figure 4 MN-WW60-G-AD MagiNode™

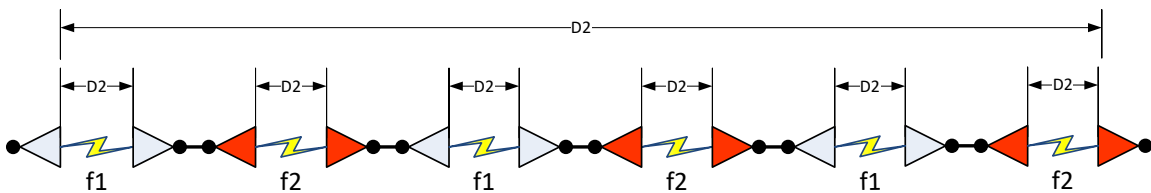
A) Multi-Hop Backhaul: Each hop has data rate = D and operates at frequency f_1 . Overall data rate is $D/3$



B) Data Pipeline: Each node in the Backhaul has a new node attached to it via the Ethernet port and the second antenna is removed to convert it to a Data Pipeline. Each hop has data rate = D , the hops alternate in frequency between f_1 and f_2 . Overall data rate is D .



C) Higher Throughput Data Pipeline: Additional Data Pipeline Nodes are added between the existing ones. The frequency of operation is adjusted accordingly. Now, each hop has data rate = $D/2$, the hops alternate in frequency between f_1 and f_2 . Overall data rate is $D/2$. Because of the distance reduction $D/2 > D$.



C) Parallel Data Pipelines: A second Data Pipeline Nodes is deployed in parallel with the first one. The overall capacity has increased to $2 \times D/2$.

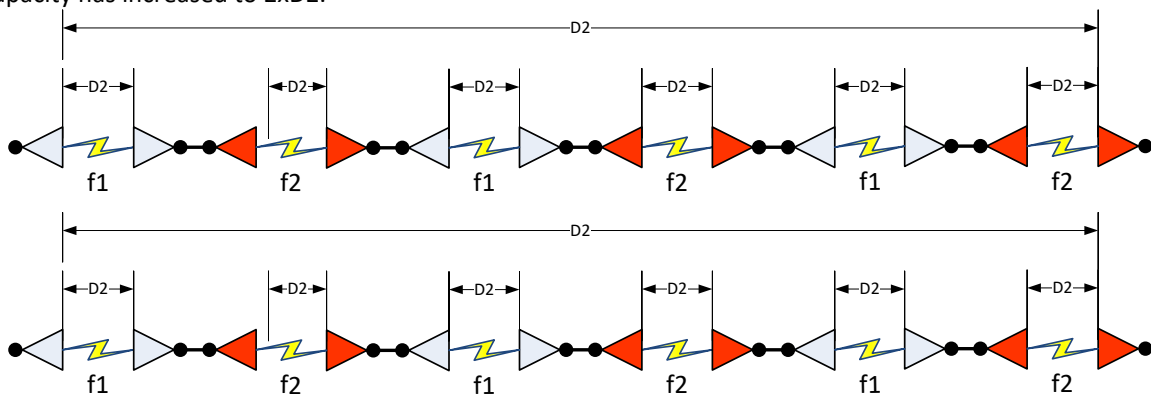


Figure 5 Four stages of Data Pipeline deployment showing how the performance can be increased with increased demand.

EXAMPLES OF DATA PIPELINE APPLICATIONS

Remote Internet Access, Nanton Alberta, 2017

The Mage Networks team deployed and operated a data pipeline in Nanton, Alberta to demonstrate how the network can be used to provide Internet access to remote locations. Access to the Internet was provided by Dayna Dickens and the network was used to connect the ranch of Mark and Kelly Fox 10 km outside town. Using a MagiPoint™ the team was able to use WiFi at all times during the deployment of the network. At the ranch we provided WiFi coverage for the ranch itself, but also up a hill behind the buildings. A video of that deployment can be seen at www.mage-networks.com/technology/.

Data Pipeline Field Test, Lochend Rd., Calgary Alberta, 2017

In this test, two engineers in a Honda CRV, deployed a 20 km long Data Pipeline as a test. The deployment and the tests were completed in a matter of hours. The measured data rate over that distance was 25 Mbps due to the longer hops we used. Note that Data Pipeline data rate is strongly dependent on the distance between hops. To achieve 50 Mbps the hops have to be up to 3 km.

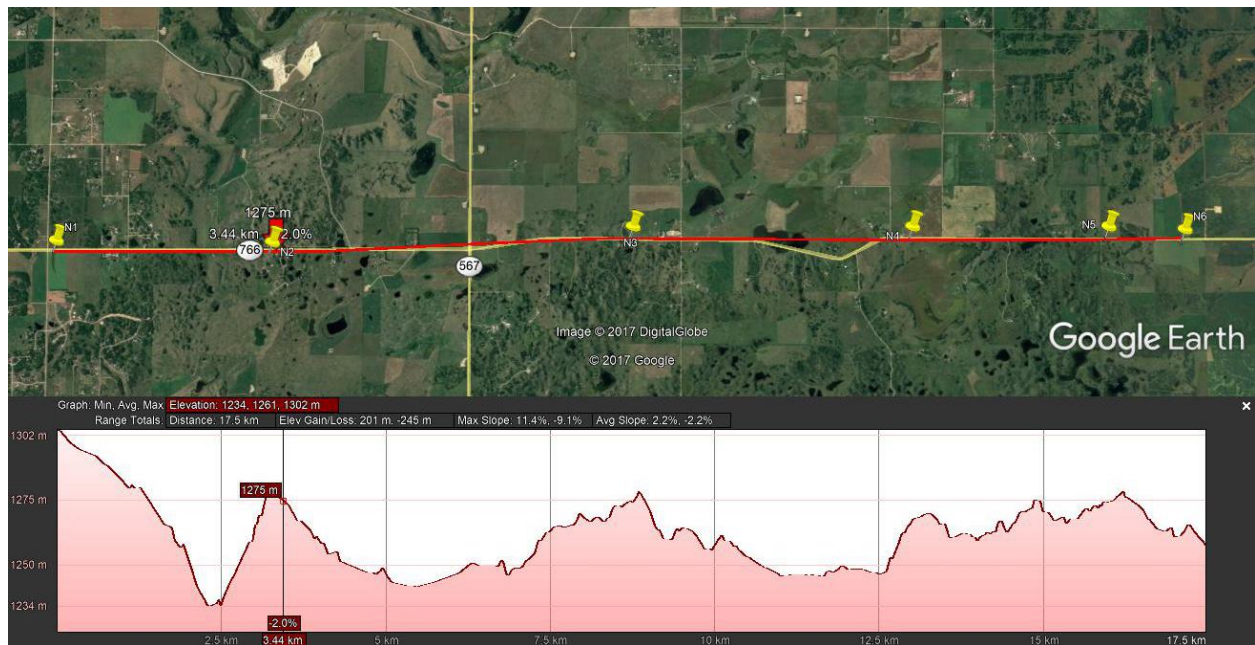


Figure 6 the location of the Data Pipeline units along Lochend Rd near Calgary, AB. The units were on 2m tripods. Nodes were placed whenever there was an obstruction due to terrain. The distance was limited to 5 km to maintain the high data rate.