



# Cisco's WiFi Solution

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# Agenda

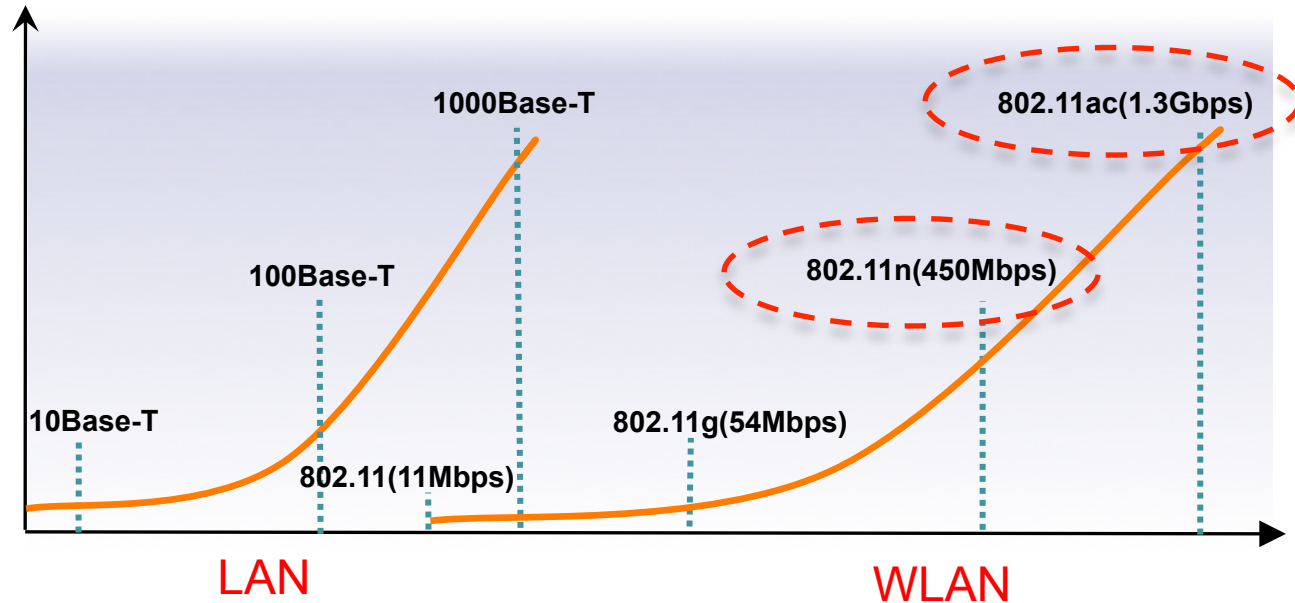
- Wireless Trends and Dynamics Roadmap / 20 Mins
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- Cisco's HDX Best Practices / 20 Mins
- Q&A

“WiFi is OxyGen”

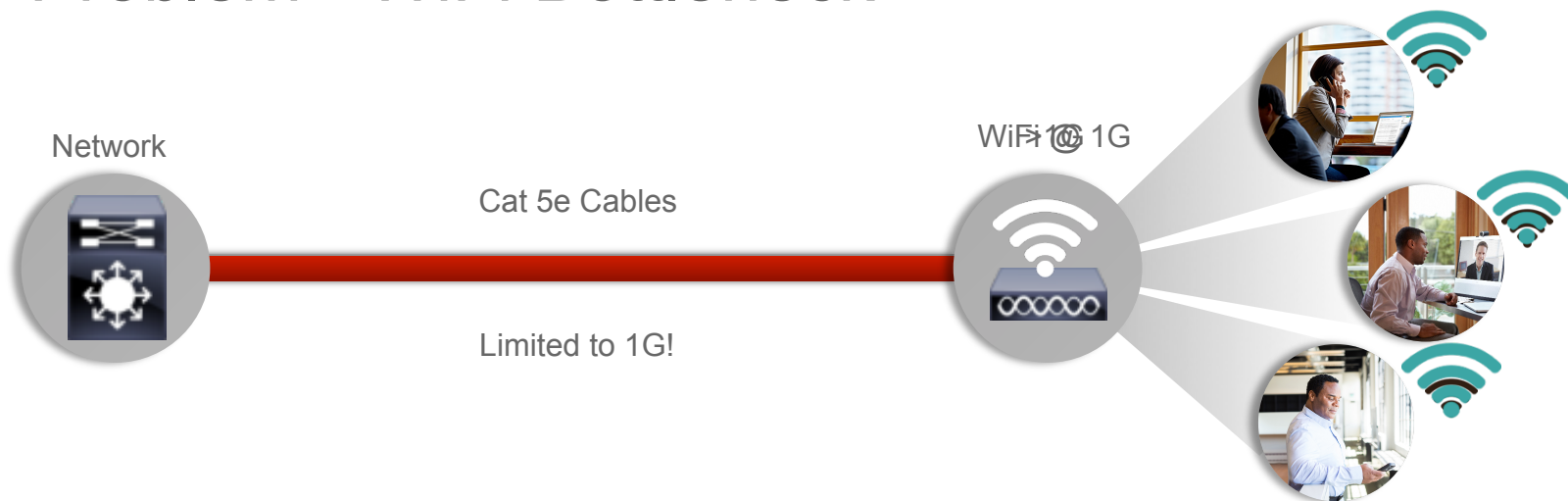


# Access Networking Trends The Age of Gigabit Wi-Fi...

- >50% of enterprise traffic will originate on Wi-Fi by 2017 (Cisco VNI)
- 50% of all new Wi-Fi devices in 2014 will be 802.11ac capable (ABI Research)
- Wave 1 802.11ac has 5+ years of affectivity for Smartphones and Tablets
- Wave 1 802.11ac improves battery efficiency by 2X for Smartphones, Tablets, and Laptops



# The Problem - WiFi Bottleneck



Existing Gigabit infrastructure  
is insufficient to handle

RF Optimization's share

Market needs an innovative  
technology to support > more  
clients

# Consumer environment Yesterday and Today



Mobile  
devices  
population



Mobile  
applications

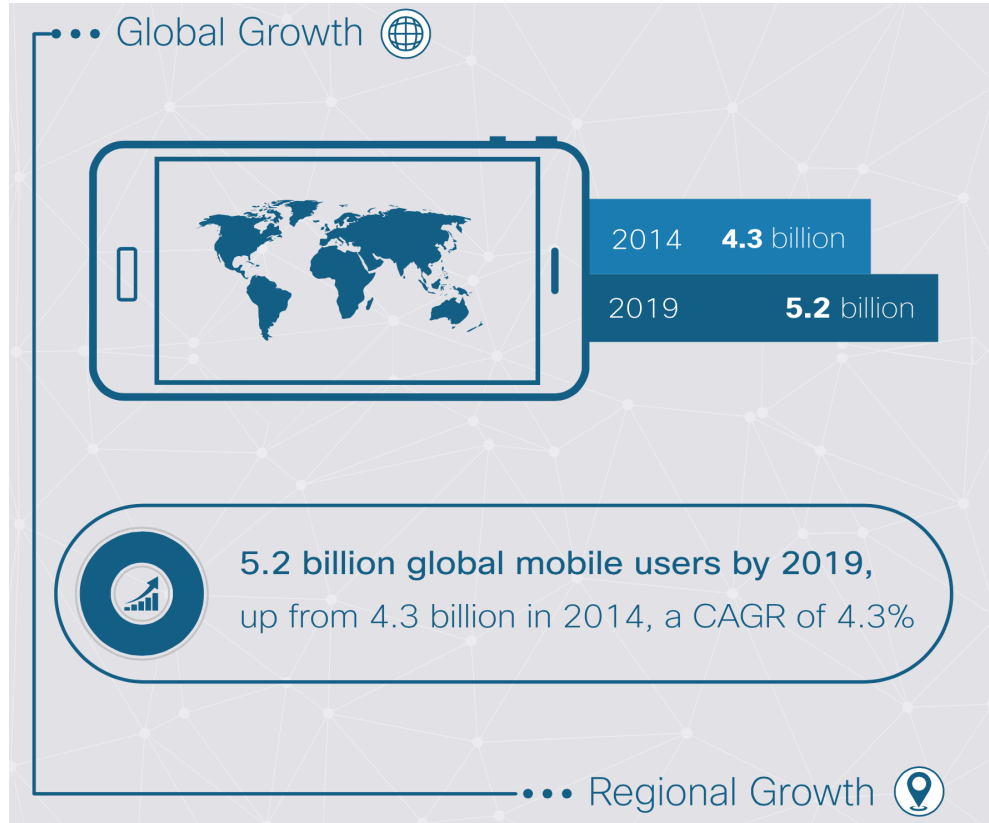


Mobile  
data traffic

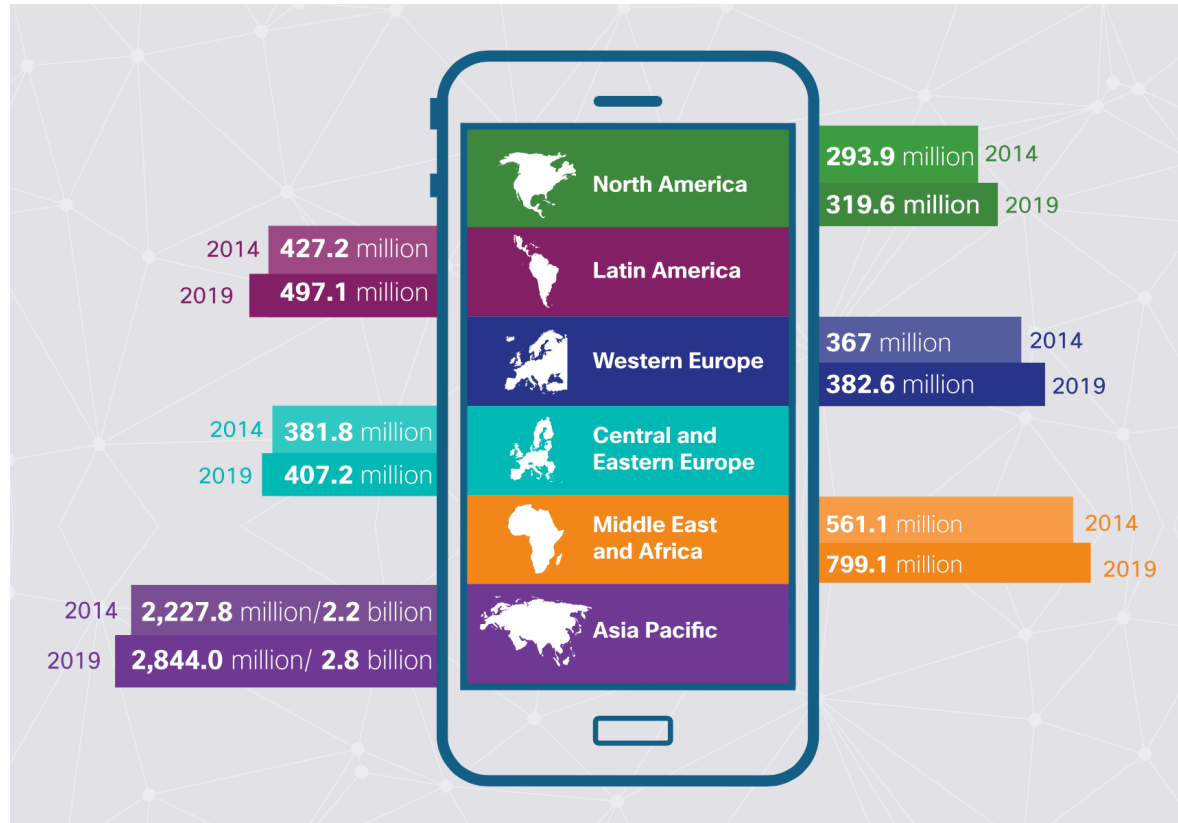


Broadband  
Wireless  
Access  
Networks

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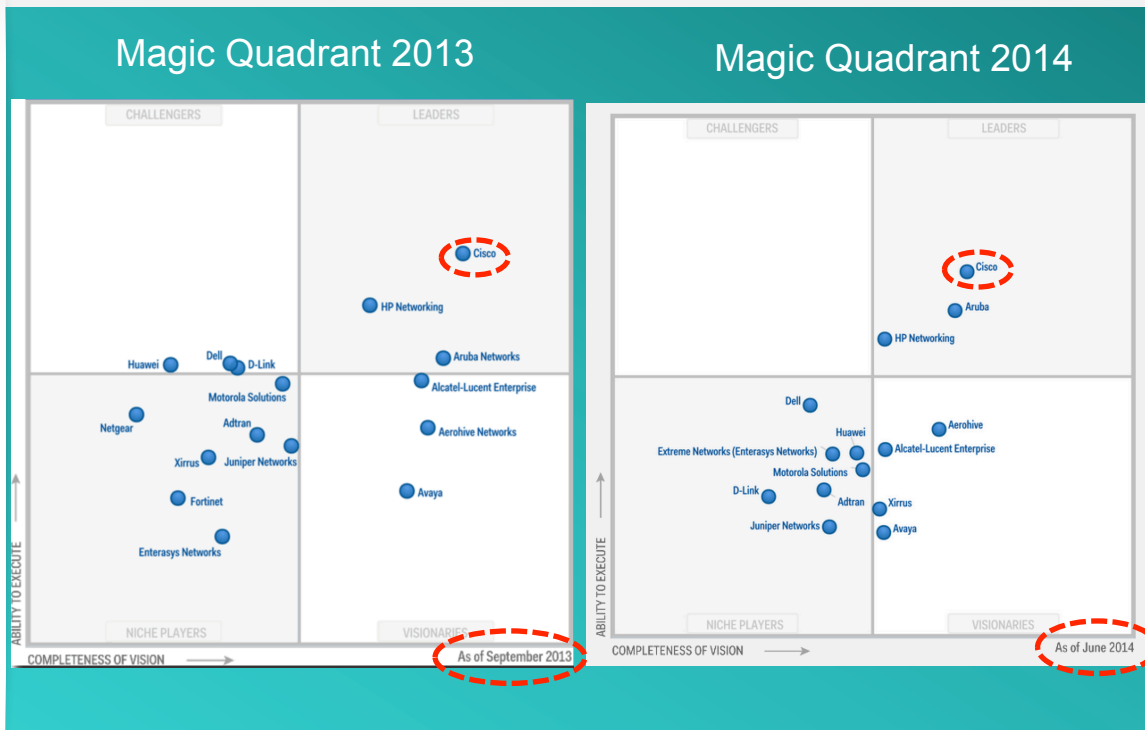


# Magic Quadrant for the Wired and Wireless LAN Access Infrastructure



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“ Cisco Blogs” Cisco Positioned as A Leader in the Gartner Magic Quadrant for Wired and Wireless LAN Access Infrastructure– For the 3rd Time in a Row.”

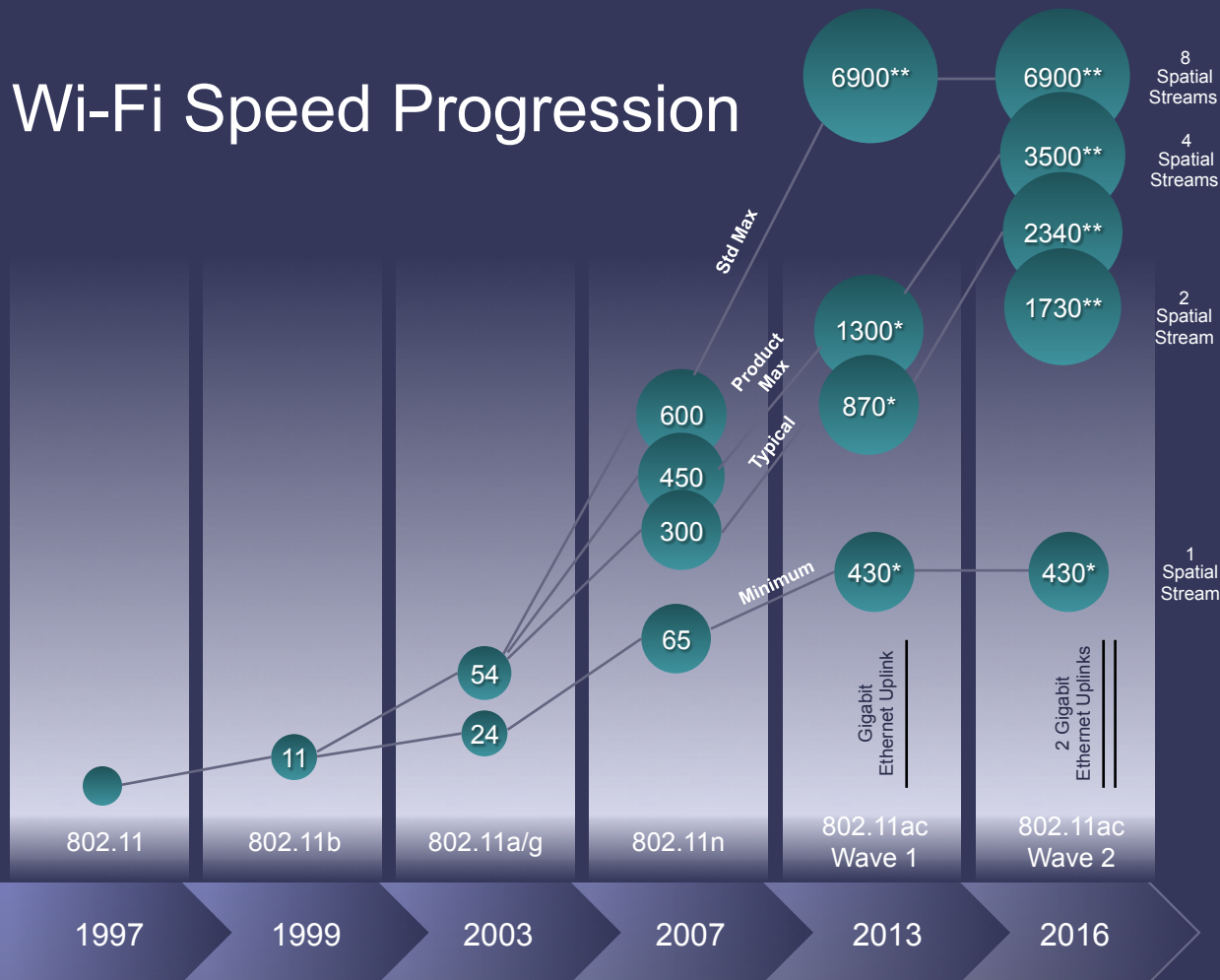


# Technology Transitions Discussion

1. WiFi Technology Speed 802.11 / 802.11n(450Mbps),802.11ac Wave I(1.3Gbps) ,802,11ac Wave 2(1.7Gbps)
2. Campus Technology (Multi-Gig Ethernet) / NBASE-T(IEEE Standard) Speed 1G,2.5G,5G,10G



# Wi-Fi Speed Progression



4SS	Desktops
3SS	Desktops / Laptops
2SS	Laptops / Tablets
1SS	Tablets / Smartphones

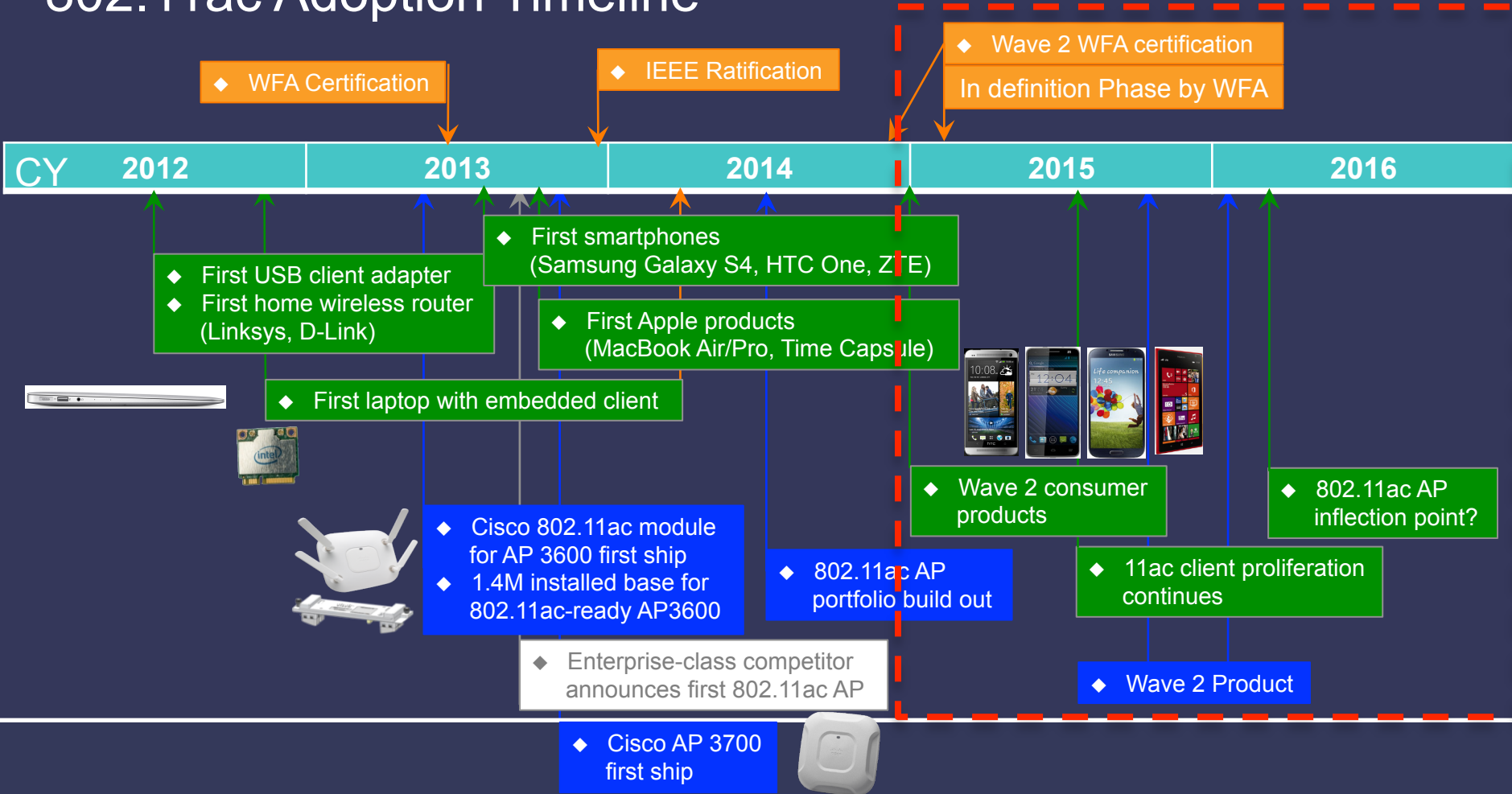
● = Connect Rates (Mbps)

SS = Spatial Streams

\*Assuming 80 MHz channel is available and suitable

\*\*Assuming 160 MHz channel is available and suitable

# 802.11ac Adoption Timeline



# 802.11 “Operating Mode” comparisons

802.11n	802.11ac Wave 1	802.11ac Wave 2
2.4 and 5.0 GHz band	5.0 GHz band only	5.0 GHz band only
3X3 or 4X4 MIMO	3X3 or 4X4 MIMO	4X4 MIMO
Single User MIMO (one to one)	Single User MIMO (one to one)	Multi User MIMO (one to many)
Fast Ethernet wired equivalent	Gigabit Wi-Fi wired equivalent	Multi-Gigabit Wi-Fi capable
Usually 20 MHz Channel Width	Usually 80 MHz Channel Width	Requires 160 MHz Channel Width
Single FE or GE uplink	Single GE uplink	Dual GE uplinks or mGig uplink
PoE for full operation	PoE+ for full 4X4 operation	PoE+ for full 4X4 operation
Support for AES128	Support for AES128	Support for AES256

# Expected 802.11ac Client Throughput

## 802.11ac Performance Table

BW (MHz)	#Spat Strm	MCS (QAMr5/6)	PHY rate (Mbps)	MAC thrupt (Mbps)*
80	1	64	290*	210
80	1	64	330	230
80	1	256	430	300
80	2	64	650	460
80	2	256	870	610
80	3	64	980	680
80	3	256	1300	910
80	4	256	1700	1200
80	8	256	3500	2400



Smartphones from 210 Mbps



Tablets from 460 Mbps



High End Laptops from 680 Mbps

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# How 802.11ac Wave 2 Works

BW (MHz)	# Spatial Streams	MCS (QAMr5/6)	PHY Rate (Mbps)	MAC Throughput (Mbps)*
80	3	256	1300	845
80	4	256	1733	1126
160	1	64	650	422
160	1	256	780	507
160	1	256	866	563
160	2	64	1300	845
160	2	256	1560	1014
160	2	256	1732	1126
160	3	64	1950	1268
160	3	256	2340	1521
160	3	256	2600	1690

\* Based on 65% MAC utilization

Potential throughput at 160-MHz channel widths:

Data rates introduced with 802.11ac Wave 2

- Multi-user MIMO (MU-MIMO)
- Wider RF channels



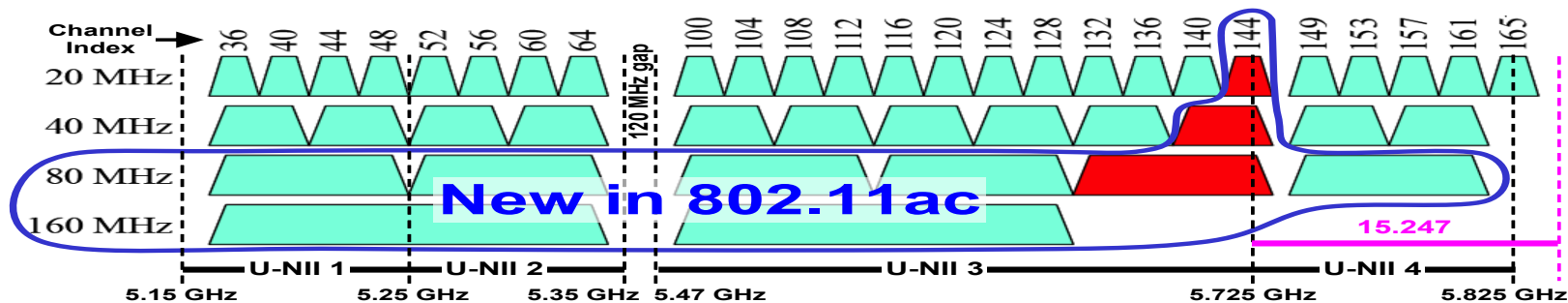
# 802.11ac Wave I

- Support for 802.11ac Explicit Beamforming at FCS

- Channel support

Full support DFS support

5 - 80 MHz wide channels, with potential for a 6<sup>th</sup> pending FCC approval

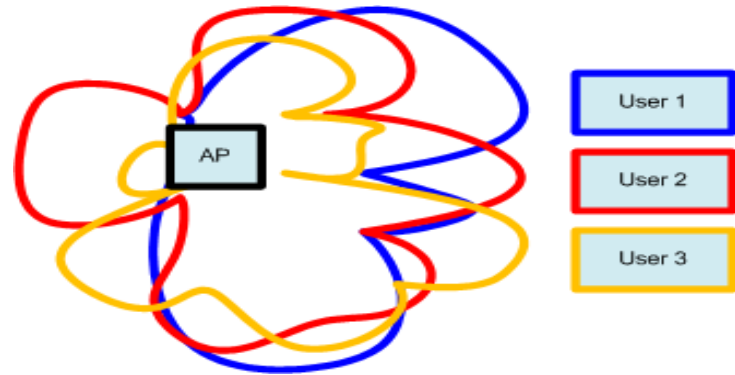


- Single GbE port on the AP3600

More than sufficient bandwidth from the full duplex GbE port on the AP3600

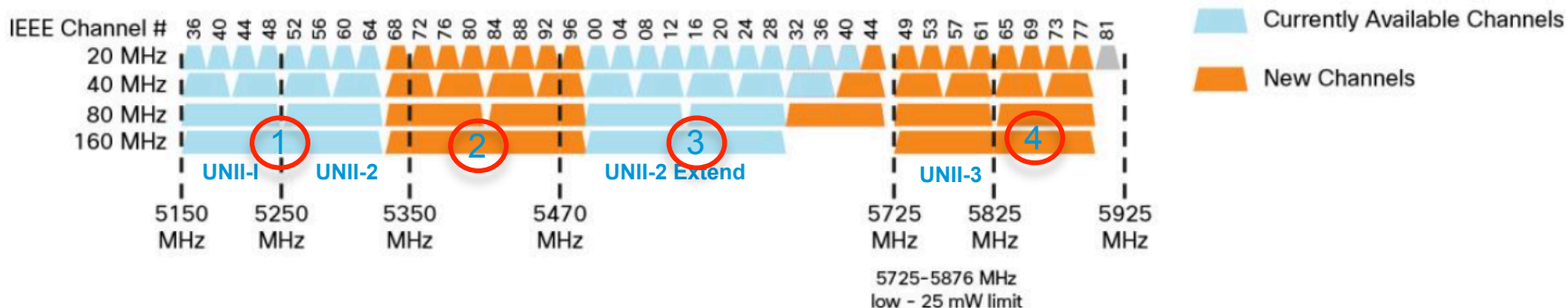
# 802.11ac Wave II

- Multi-User MIMO (MU-MIMO) – 802.11ac Spectrum Conservation - *Wave 2*  
Single User MIMO in 802.11n sends one frame to one receiver  
Multi-user MIMO in 802.11ac sends multiple frames to multiple



# 802.11ac Wave II (Continues...)

## European: 5 GHz Channel Plan - Snapshot as of January 2015



- **EC MANDATE TO CEPT on 5 GHz extension bands**
  - TO STUDY AND IDENTIFY HARMONISED COMPATIBILITY AND SHARING CONDITIONS FOR
  - WIRELESS ACCESS SYSTEMS INCLUDING RADIO LOCAL AREA NETWORKS IN THE BANDS
  - 5350-5470MHz AND 5725-5925 MHz ('WAS/RLAN EXTENSION BANDS') FOR THE
  - PROVISION OF WIRELESS BROADBAND SERVICES
- World Radio Communications Conference 2015 Preparation (identify candidate Mobile Broadband bands)
- Additional unlicensed use of 5350-5470 MHz and 5725-5925 MHz would allow
  - **Thirty six** 20 MHz channels, **Eighteen** 40 MHz channels
  - **Nine** 80 MHz channels
  - **Four** 160 MHz channels

# 802.11ac Wave II (Continues...)

802.11ac Wave 2 Max Data Rate at 80 & 160 MHz

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80	2	64	650	423	160	2	64	1300	845
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- With 802.11ac Wave 2 we have the ability to exceed 1 Gbps of uplink traffic

1 actively serving 5 GHz radio operating at **160 MHz**

e.g. 2SS at 256 QAM = 1126 Mbps

e.g. 3SS at 256 QAM = 1521 Mbps

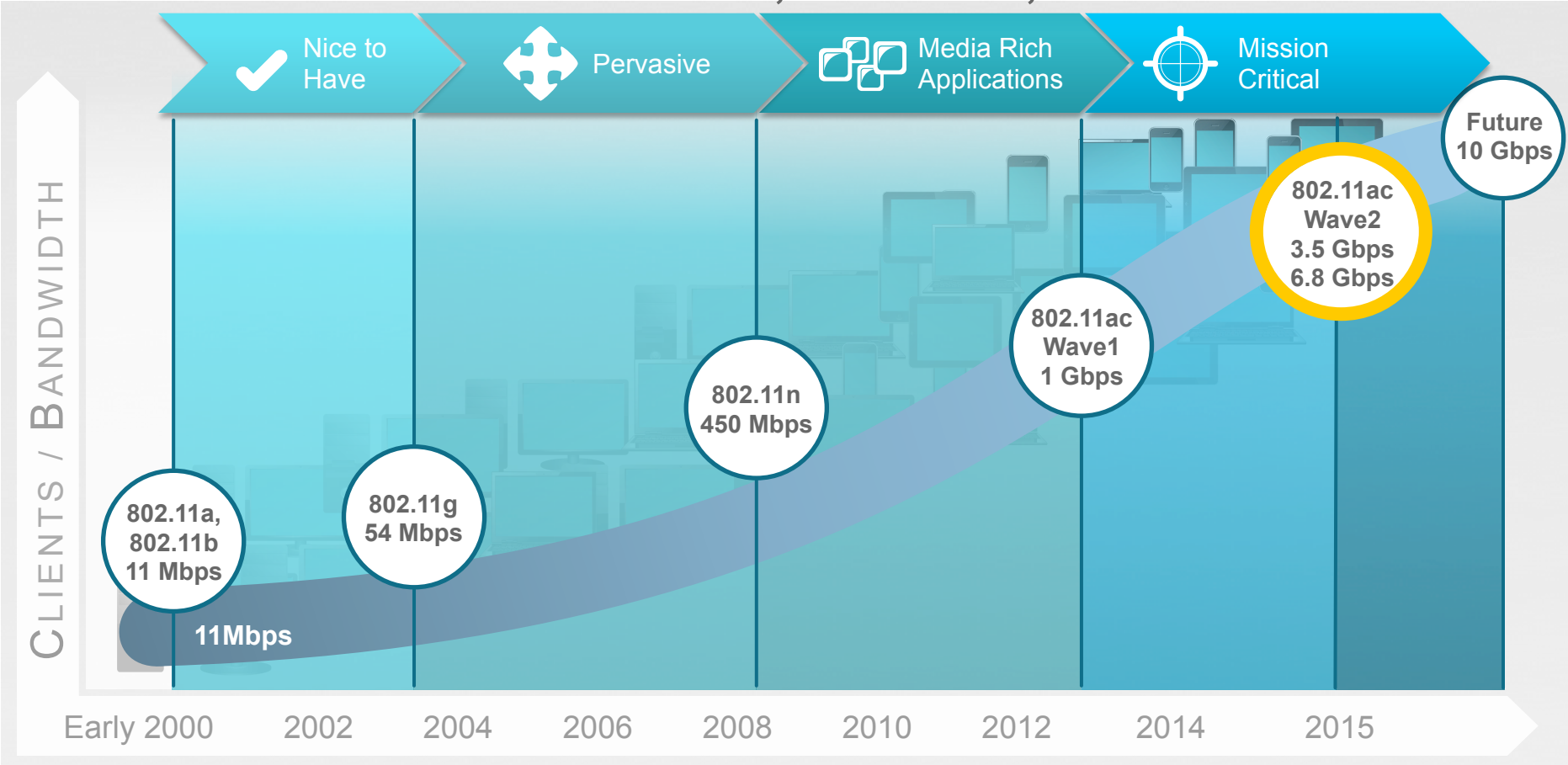
2 actively serving 5 GHz radio's at **80 MHz** wide

e.g. 3SS at 256 QAM = 780 Mbps x 2 = 1560 Mbps

\*Assumes 65% MAC efficiency

e.g. 2SS at 256 QAM = 520 Mbps x 2 = 1040 Mbps

# Wireless Standards – Past, Present, and Future

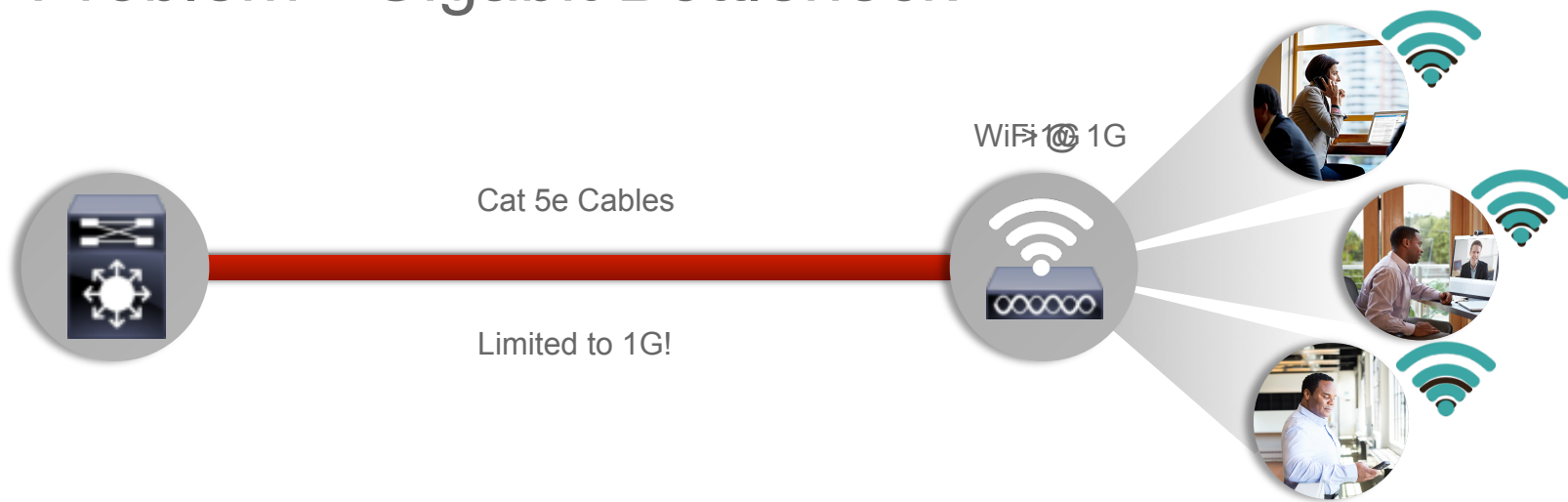




# What's Multi-Gigabit(M-Gig)



# The Problem - Gigabit Bottleneck



Existing Gigabit infrastructure is insufficient to handle .11ac growth beyond 1Gbps

Gigabit Ethernet has been around since 1999 and has now become the bottleneck

Market needs an innovative technology to support >1Gbps over existing cables

# Why Not Use 10GBASE-T?

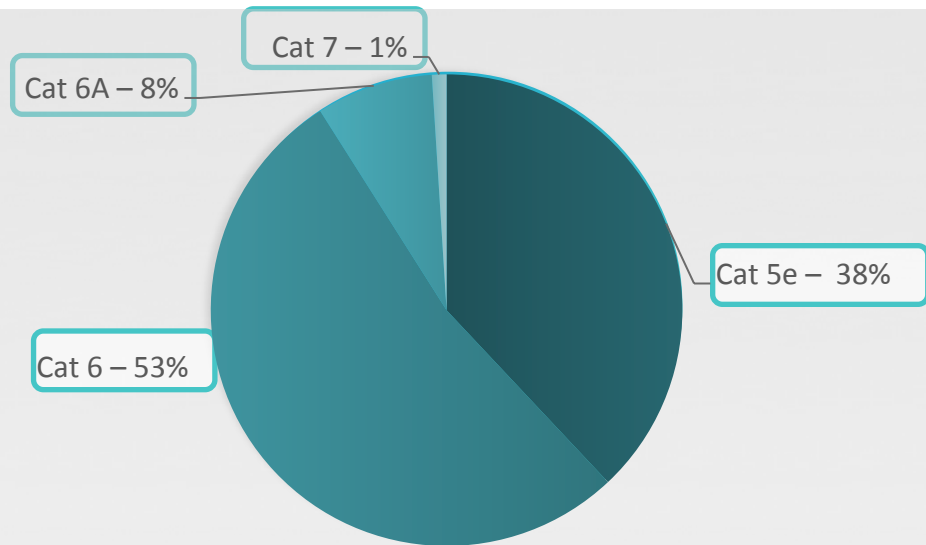
UTP Cable	IEEE 10G Spec
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CAT 5/5e	N/A
CAT 6	55 meters
CAT 6A	100 meters
CAT 7	100 meters

>75% of WW installed base is Cat 5e/6 up to 100 meters

10GBASE-T cannot work over vast majority of installed base

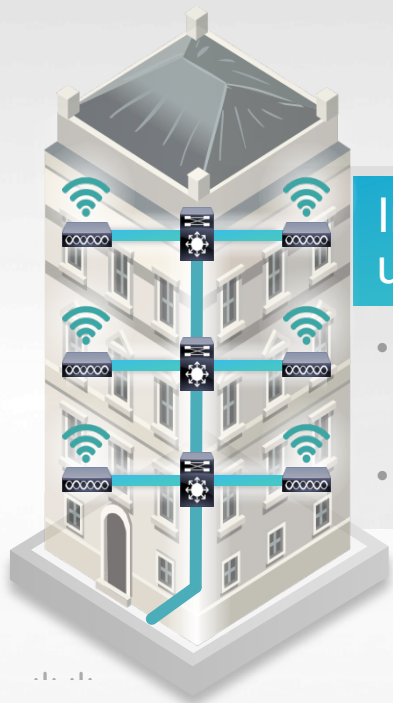
## Global Install Base-T Outlets



Source: BSRIA data presented at IEEE 802.3 NGEABT SG Jan 2015



# What About Pulling A Second Cable?



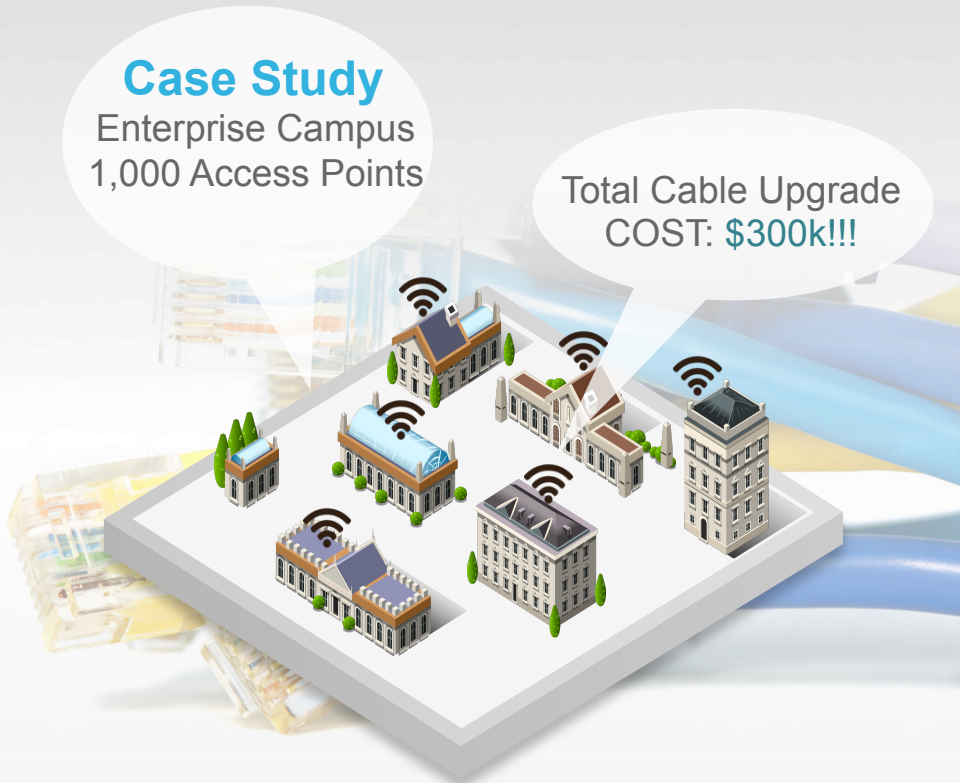
## Infrastructure upgrade involves

- New cable runs, including labor: average **\$300 per cable**
- Link Aggregation issues

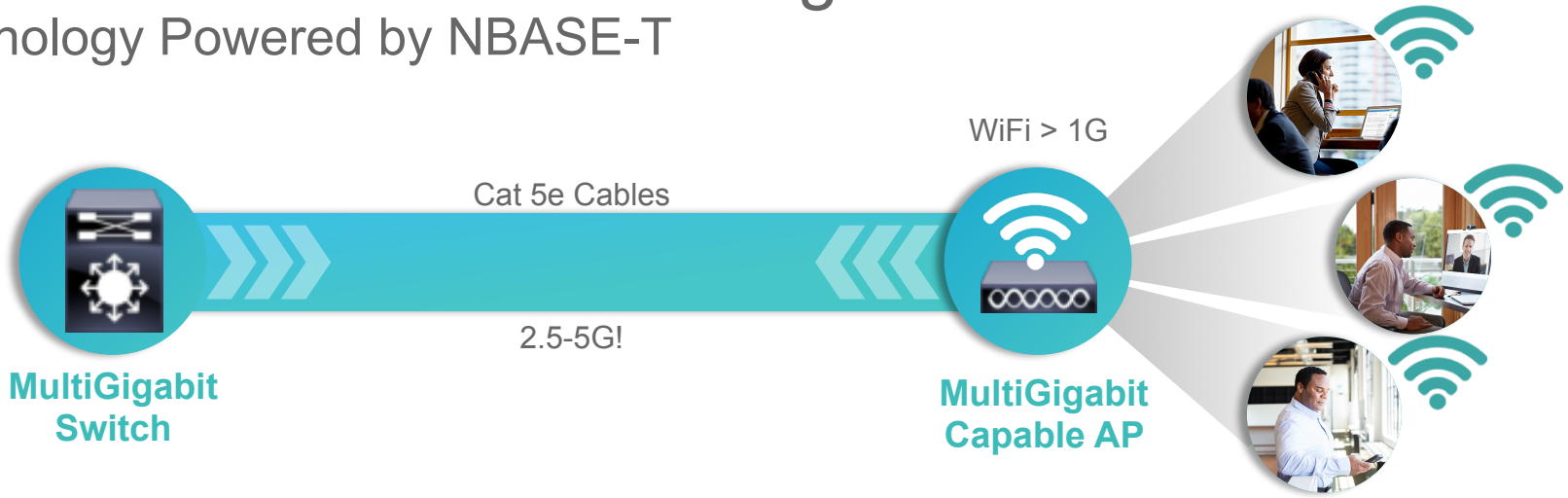
## Case Study

Enterprise Campus  
1,000 Access Points

Total Cable Upgrade  
COST: **\$300k!!!**



# The Solution – Cisco MultiGigabit Technology Powered by NBASE-T



Cisco MultiGigabit with **NBASE-T**™

Is a game-changing innovation allowing enterprise networks to evolve beyond 1G

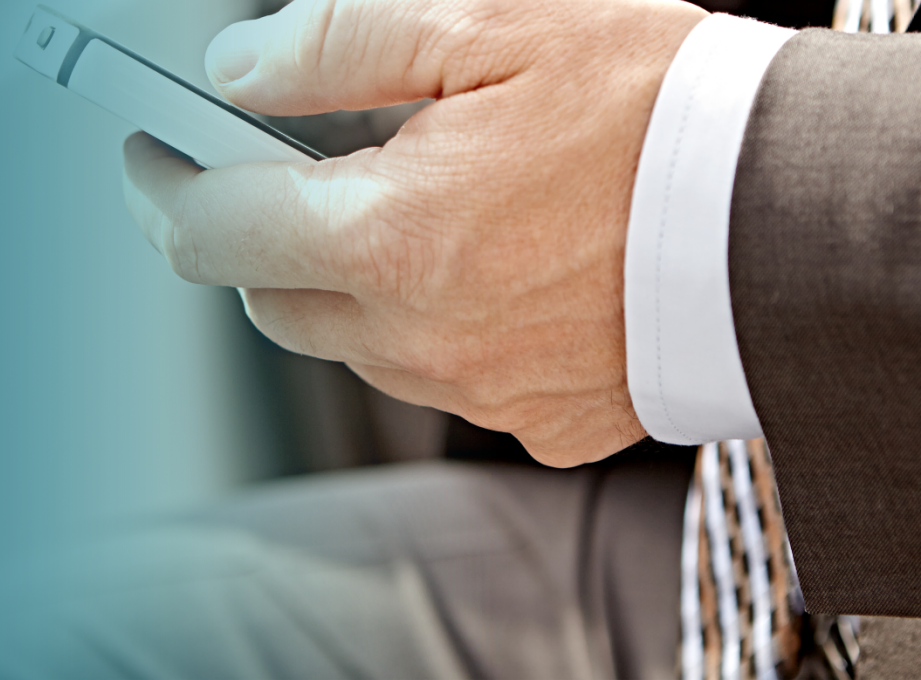
Enables 2.5 and 5 Gbps up to 100m on legacy cables

Supports all PoE standards up to 60W

Delivers up to 5X Speeds in Enterprise without replacing Cabling Infrastructure



# Cisco's Architecture for Cisco Mobility Solution



# Deploying the Cisco Unified Wireless Architecture

- Local Profiling and Policy Classification
- High Availability (AP and Client SSO)
- RF Optimization - AP Groups / RF Groups / HDX
- Application Visibility Control
- IPv6 Deployment with Controllers
- Branch Office Designs

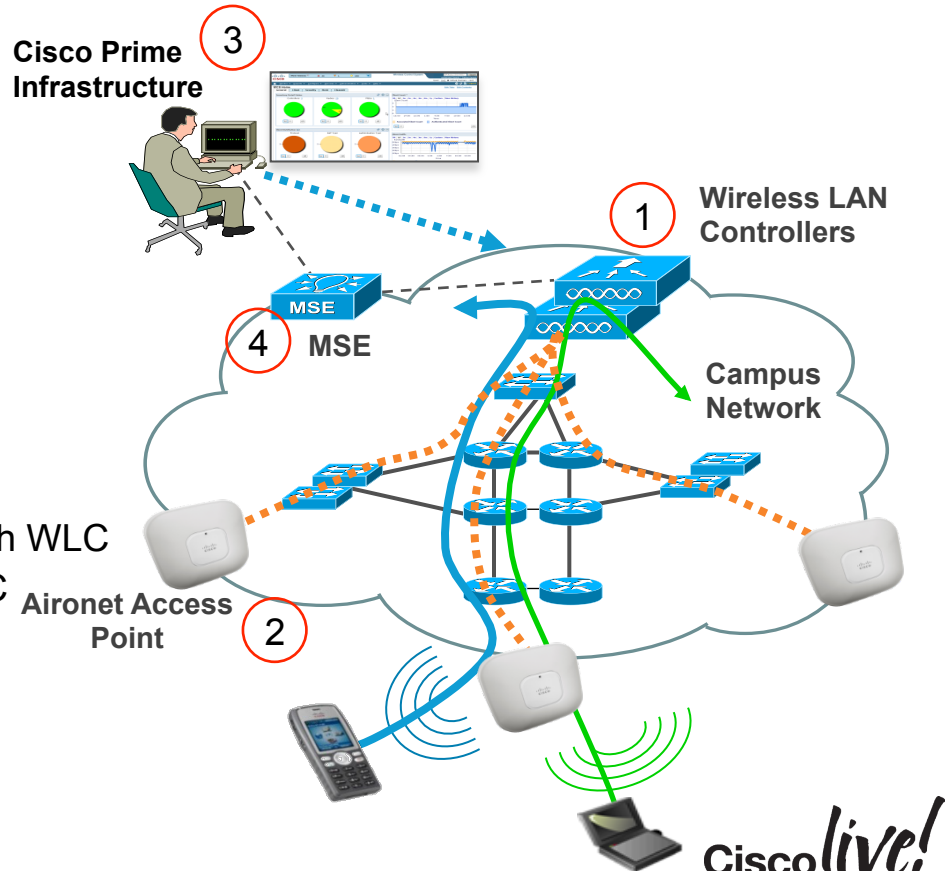
# Cisco Unified Wireless Principles

- Components

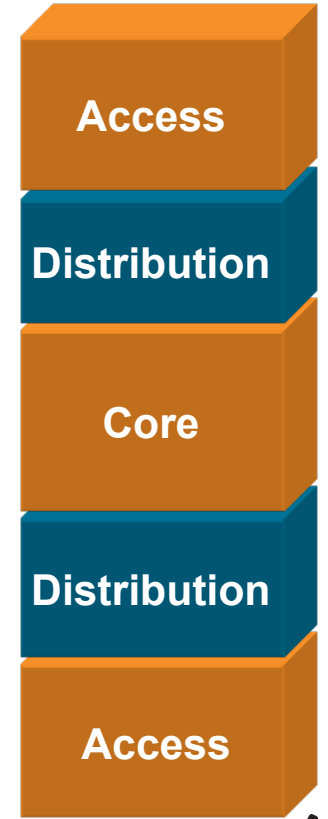
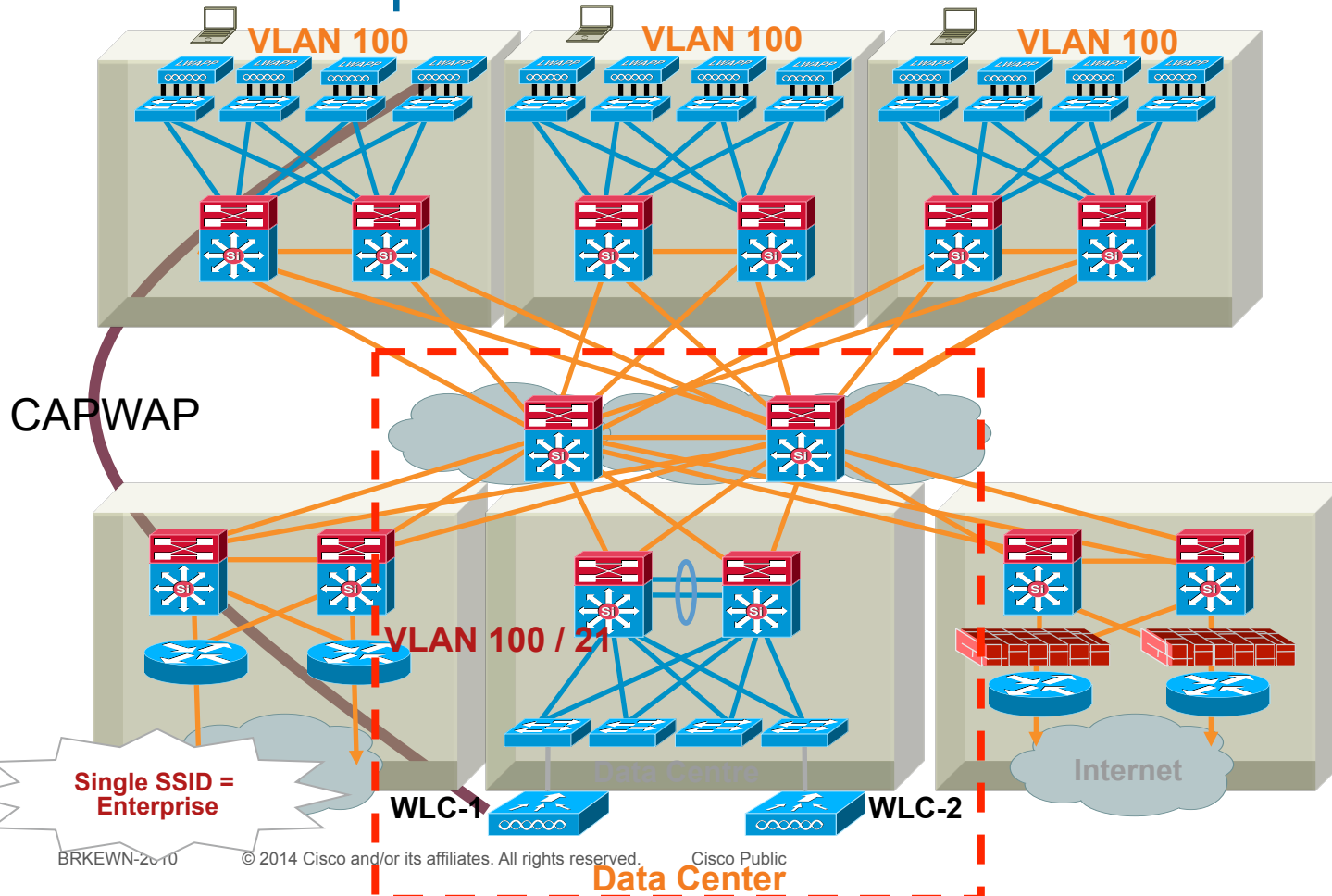
- 1. Wireless LAN controllers
- 2. Aironet access points
- 3. Management (Prime Infrastructure)
- 4. Mobility Service Engine (MSE)

- Principles

- AP must have CAPWAP connectivity with WLC
- Configuration downloaded to AP by WLC
- All Wi-Fi traffic is forwarded to the WLC



# AP in Campus



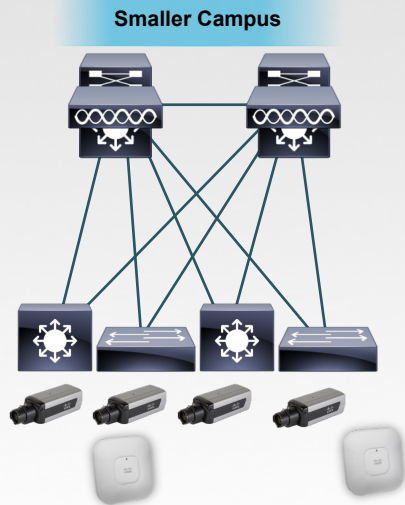
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# Campus Profiles

## Campus Design Difference Is Scale

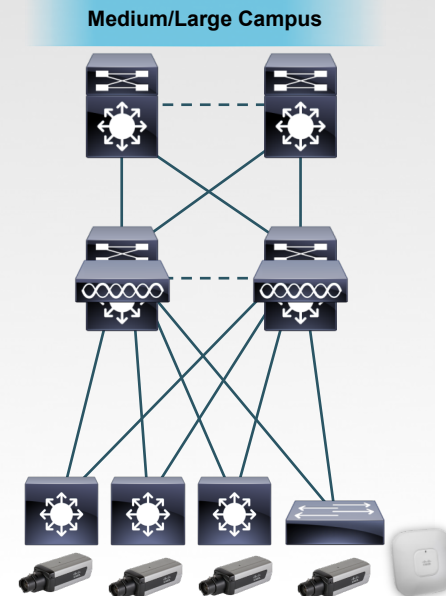
### Two-Tier Model

- Common to smaller campus environments
- Full functionality and all services
- Integrated or appliance-based services
- VSS and MEC for max performance and availability



### Three-Tier Model

- Scales to arbitrary size (1000s of endpoints)
- Consistent services and functionality with two-tier model
- Distributed or centralized services

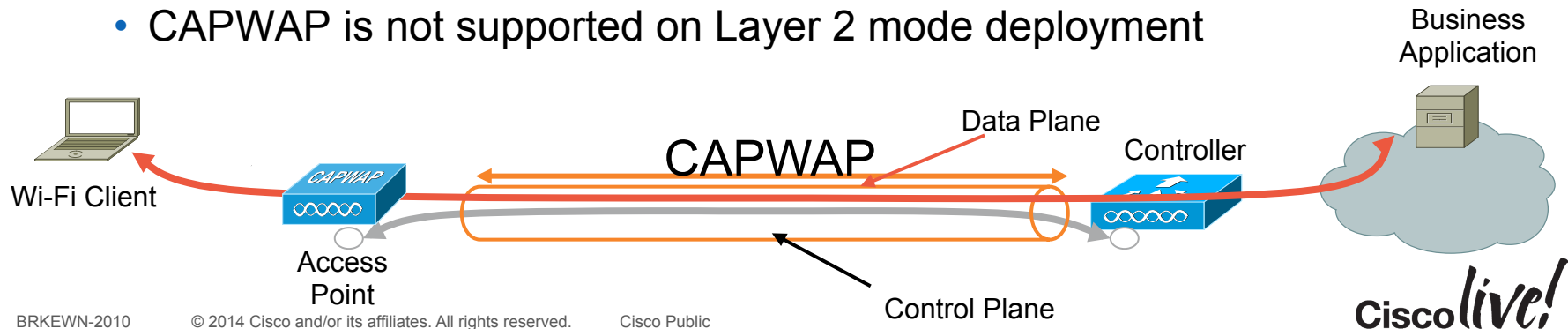


**Performance, Scale, and Availability**

# Centralized Wireless LAN Architecture

## What Is CAPWAP?

- CAPWAP: Control and Provisioning of Wireless Access Points is used between APs and WLAN controller and based on LWAPP
- CAPWAP carries control and data traffic between the two
  - Control plane is DTLS encrypted
  - Data plane is DTLS encrypted (optional)
- LWAPP-enabled access points can discover and join a CAPWAP controller, and conversion to a CAPWAP controller is seamless
- CAPWAP is not supported on Layer 2 mode deployment





# Wireless Comparison Unified WLAN vs Autonomous Deployments

## Unified WLAN

## Non Unified WLAN

Requirement	Description	Autonomous Solution
<b>Layer 2 Fast Secure Roaming</b>	Seamless client roaming within subnets across access points and virtual LANs (VLANs)	Add a wireless domain services (WDS) device (access point or switch module) to facilitate roaming
<b>Layer 3 Fast Secure Roaming</b>	Seamless client roaming between subnets across access points and VLANs	Not available in an autonomous access point. Requires a centralized solution to facilitate roaming
<b>Upgrade Costs</b>	Time to deploy additional management capabilities and push new images to access points	Deploy a centralized management station or use management scripts
<b>Intrusion Detection System (IDS)</b>	Ability to detect access point impersonation, attacks, and unauthorized access	Use a WDS-based IDS or add an overlay WLAN solution
<b>Location Services</b>	Visualization into received-signal-strength-indication (RSSI) information changes and location of Wi-Fi devices	Use a site survey solution or an overlay WLAN
<b>Dynamic RF</b>	Immediate, dynamic adaptation to RF environment	Use systems-level application appliance or a Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP); RF information is available for manual review and action

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## Non Unified WLAN

Requirement	Description	Autonomous Solution
<b>Load Balancing</b>	Auto-balance client loads between adjacent access points	Individual access points advertise load, but load is not automatically spread between access points
<b>Guest Networking</b>	Ability to provide customers, vendors, and partners with controlled access to the WLAN while keeping the network secure	Implement specialized trunk VLANs into each access point and propagate them across the enterprise
<b>Voice Over WLAN</b>	Cost-effective, real-time voice services using the existing wireless infrastructure	Implement access point-based Call Admission Control (CAC); control is on a per-access point basis and not coordinated across multiple access points
<b>Management</b>	Cost-effective, simplified WLAN management and deployment	Implement scripts or SNMP solution to configure WLAN management and individually configure each access point



# Cisco's HDX Best Practices



# Best Practices For High Performance Mobile Infrastructure

## RF Planning

Engineer the WLAN for data, voice, video, location, and client density

802.11ac : -65 to -67 RSSI  
10 – 20% cell overlap  
1 AP / 2500 sq ft

## RF Optimization

Optimize Gigabit Wi-Fi as primary connectivity – Gig Ethernet as fallback

Cisco CleanAir  
Clientlink  
RRM

## High Availability

Replicate the High Availability of the LAN on the WLAN

LAN SSO – Edge, Core, Disti  
WLAN SSO – Client, AP,  
Controller

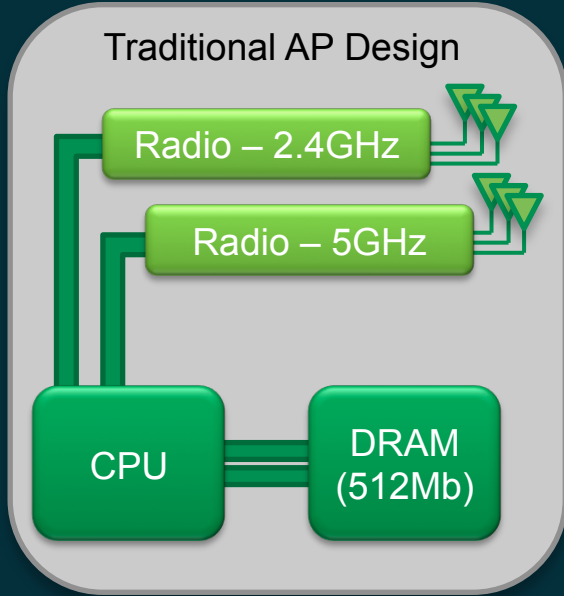
## Application Visibility & Control

Prioritize mission critical business applications over personal applications

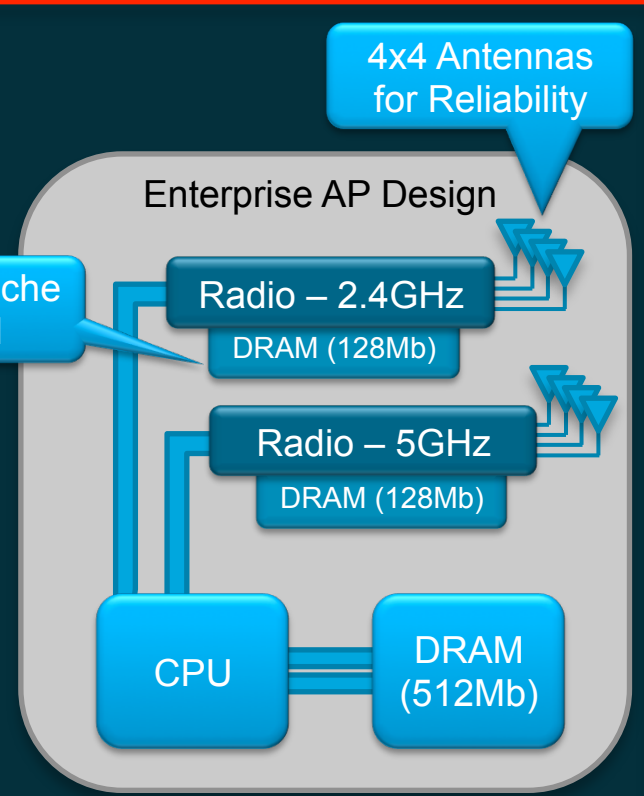
Cisco AVC– Identify,  
Prioritize, Control Apps  
across LAN, WLAN



# Multi-Client Performance Performance



- With 802.11ac, the total bandwidth available to clients is increased to 1.3Gbps, but this is still a shared medium technology.
- An efficient packet scheduler designed for the needs of 802.11ac is needed to keep up with client counts of 60+ per radio.
- Cisco's AP3700 provides on-radio caching technology which leverages additional RAM for per-client queuing techniques.



# Cisco 802.11ac with HDX at Mobile World Congress 2014

Barcelona, Spain

850 x AP 3700 + WLC 8500

## Data Consumption off the Charts

The Cisco Wi-Fi network supported an unprecedented level of data consumption

22,126 peak concurrent users



1.2 Gigabytes per second of Internet traffic at its peak

19.1 Terabytes of total traffic transmitted



2013

19.1 Terabytes of data used, up by

45%



2014

## Stand out statistics from MWC 2014



280 Gigabytes: the largest single upload by an individual



4pm on day two – peak time for data traffic (the same as last year!)

## The Venue

240,000 -square meters of high performance Wi-Fi



81,000 attendees from 75 countries

## Record Wi-Fi data usage

80,880 unique devices connected to the Cisco Wi-Fi network



45,000 devices connected daily

20 years: the total time devices spent connected to the Internet during MWC

# Why High Density Wi-Fi?

- Wireless has become the preferred access technology -- and in many cases the only practical one
- The need for high density started with stadiums and auditoriums – but has reached every network
- The explosion of smart devices and increasing connection counts per seat are everywhere
- Application demands are increasing
- Even with advances - wireless is still a shared half-duplex medium and requires efficient use to succeed.



# What are Some Typical Challenges?

- Interference from other WiFi networks in the venue
- Interference from non-WiFi systems operating in the same band
- Co-channel interference: Many APs in the venue, but effectively no more capacity
- Clients operating at low data rates (ex. 802.11b) pull down the performance of the network
- Clients mistakenly choose a 2.4 GHz radio (louder signal) instead of 5 GHz (less load)
- Sticky Clients: Clients mistakenly stay on the same AP, even when person has moved from one end of the venue to another
- Limitations on mounting assets. Hard to put APs where you want them
- Probe storms: 2.4 GHz clients probe on all 11 overlapping channels (3 Channel Non-Overlap)
- Ad Hoc Viruses: Clients forming bogus ad hoc networks such as “Free Public WiFi”



# HD Wi-Fi -- Best Practices

## Solid RF Design

- Constrain RF
  - Directional Antennas,  
Down-Tilt
- Good RF Layout/Design:
  - Channels, Tx Power
- Eliminate Interference
  - Rogues and Non-Wi-Fi  
Interference

## Basic Tuning

- Minimize SSIDs
- Disable Low Data Rates
  - Helps with Sticky Clients,  
Improves capacity
- Band Steering
  - Push dual-band clients to  
5 GHz
- RF Profiles

## Advanced

- Rx-SOP Tuning
  - Greatly improves capacity  
by reducing co-channel  
impact
  - Also reduces sticky  
clients
- Optimized Multicast Video

# Are you already seeing pressure?

## How do you know?

- Most IT's are reporting an increase in devices per user (2-4 average)
- January 2012 - Education communities reported as much as a 25% increase in devices following Christmas Break
- Each MAC/radio requires resources–
  - DHCP pool exhaustion/utilization – first sign of pressure
  - Channel Utilization – Logical Airtime availability
  - Increase in transient Rogue devices
  - Adhoc Rogues – My-Fi

Any device operating in your spectrum is using your bandwidth  
authorized or not

# Step 1: Migrate to 802.11n to Enhance Legacy Network Performance

## Challenge:

Scaling tablets and mobile devices accessing bandwidth intensive applications across the WLAN

## Advantage:

802.11n optimizes high bandwidth in the same spectrum  
7x higher throughput for Voice, Video, Data Applications  
More reliable and predictable coverage  
Backwards compatibility with 802.11a/b/g clients

### Multiple Input Multiple Output (MIMO)

- Maximal Ratio Combining
- Beam forming
- Spatial multiplexing

### 40 MHz Channels

- Two adjacent 20 MHz channels are combined to create a single 40 MHz channel

### Improved MAC Efficiency

- Packet aggregation
- Block Acknowledgements

All major devices entering the market are 802.11n today

# Step 2: Configure for High Density Wireless Deployments

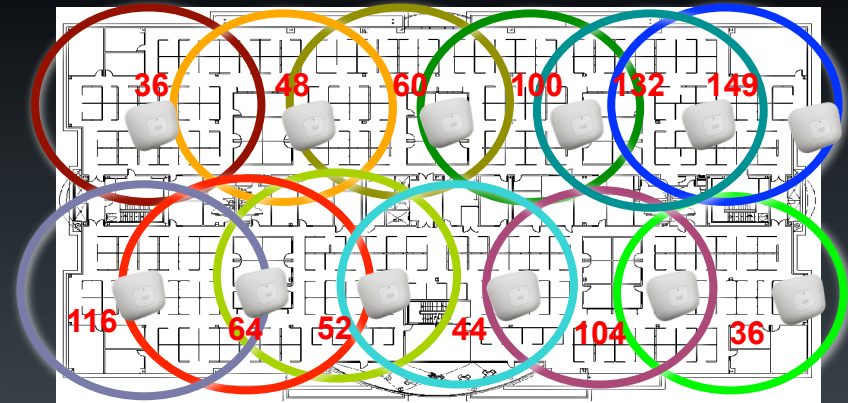
## Challenge:

Proper WLAN configuration to support Wi-Fi enabled devices in concentrated areas

## Advantage:

These RF design best practices help fine tune the network in advance to accommodate high density areas

- Assess Application Bandwidth Requirements
- Understand Wireless Protocol Selection
- Determine Required Number of AP Channels
- Optimize the Installation
- Understand what is using your spectrum and why

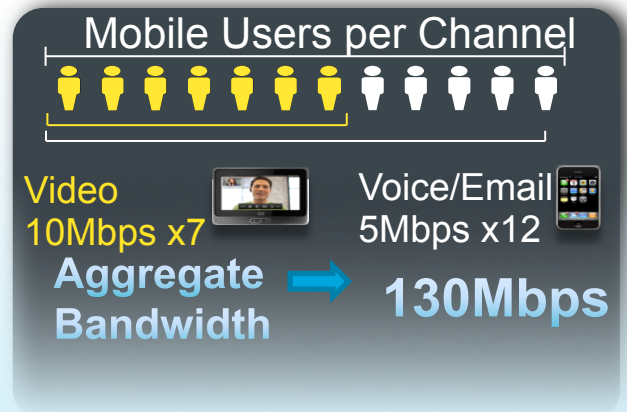


Efficient RF Design Improves Coverage for Mobile Devices in Concentrated Areas

# Step 2a: Assess Application Bandwidth Requirements and Supported Protocols

- Determine the bandwidth required for each user of the target application
  - Determine the minimum acceptable throughput applications require
  - Design for the highest bandwidth requirement
- Multiply this number by the number of connections/seats that you need to support
- This is the aggregate bandwidth you will require in your space

Protocol	Throughput (Mbps)
802.11b	7.2
802.11b/g mix	13
802.11g/a	25
802.11n HT20 SS	35
802.11n HT40	160



# Step 2b: Access Application Bandwidth requirements and protocols?

Often, less than you'd think...

- Its most likely that you won't be supporting just one application
- Design for the highest bandwidth demand that you intend to support

What you need - the minimum acceptable throughput that the application will require

It is advisable to measure this yourself

Multiply this number by the number of connections/seats that you need to support

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Application – by use case	Throughput – Nominal
Web - Casual	500 Kbps
Web - Instructional	1 Mbps
Audio - Casual	100 Kbps
Audio - instructional	1 Mbps
Video - Casual	1 Mbps
Video - Instructional	2-4 Mbps
Printing	1 Mbps
File Sharing - Casual	1 Mbps
File Sharing - Instructional	2-8 Mbps
Online Testing	2-4 Mbps
Device Backups	10-50 Mbps

# Step 2c: Determine the Required Number of AP Channels

Technology	Data Rate (Mbps)	Aggregate Throughput (Mbps)	Example User Count	Average per User Throughput
802.11b	11	7.2	10	720Kbps
802.11b	11	7.2	20	360Kbps
802.11b	11	7.2	30	240Kbps
802.11b/g	54	13	10	1.3Mbps
802.11b/g	54	13	20	650Kbps
802.11b/g	54	13	30	430Kbps
802.11a/g	54	25	10	2.5Mbps
802.11a	54	25	20	1.25Mbps
802.11a	54	25	30	833Kbps
802.11n MCS7	72 (400 nS GI)	35	10	3.5 Mbps
802.11n MCS7	72 (400 nS GI)	35	20	1.75 Mbps
802.11n MCS7	72 (400 nS GI)	35	30	1.16 Mbps

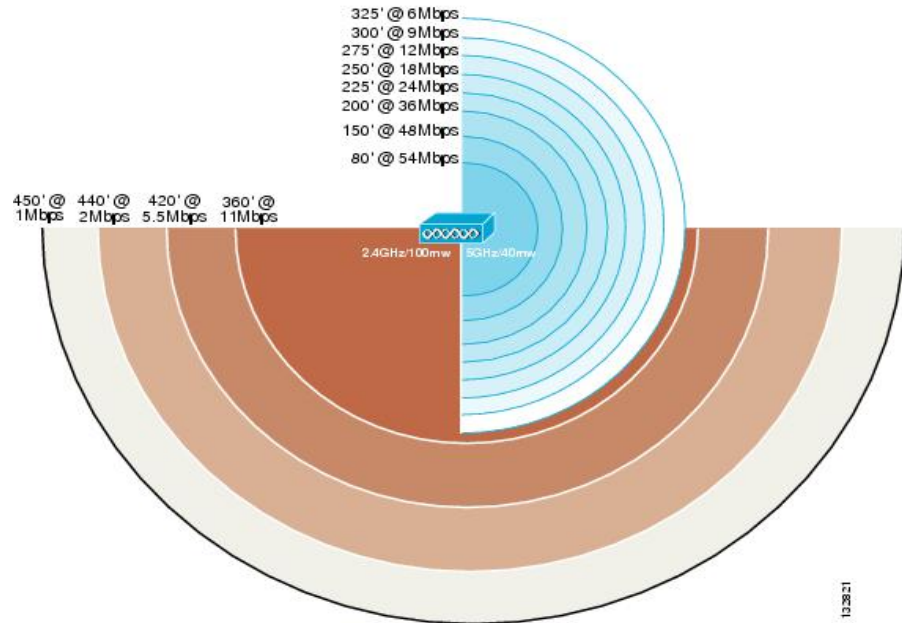
Maximize AP Channel Usage to Increase Bandwidth Efficiency

# Step 2d: 2.4 GHz Channel Efficiency

- Range versus rate is something that we are generally working to maximize in a coverage design - However
- In High Density Design, the reverse is actually true – we want to minimize the propagation of a cell
- For 2.4 GHz you can use 1-6-11 once every 10K ft<sup>2</sup> in open space
- Minimizing the cell size is a function of limiting the propagation, there are 3 ways to do this—
  1. Limiting supported rates
  2. Managing the power of the radio's (AP and Client)
  3. Using the right antenna's
- Properly applied, this will maximize channel re-use in a small space



# Step 2e: Cell Size – by protocol / speed

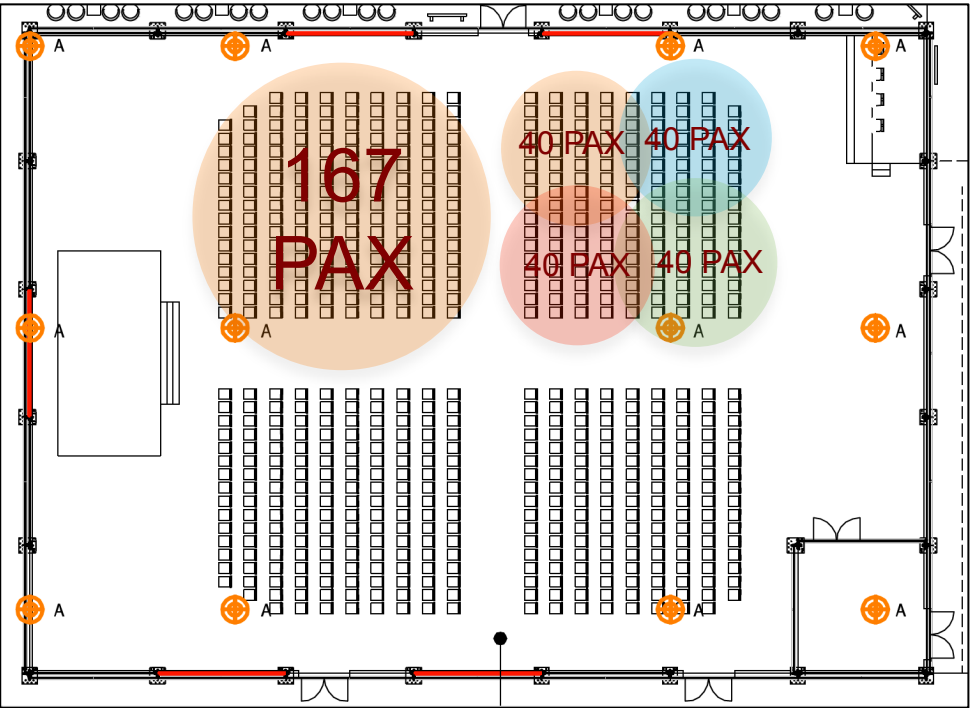


Assuming 10% PER

Speed	Required SNR	AP Sensitivity
1	0	-91
2	3	-91
5.5	6	-91
6	2	-87
11	9	-88
12	6	-86
24	11	-85
36	13	-85
48	17	-78
54	19	-77

Channel Utilization – is the aggregate of every radio on the channel that can be heard

# Bigger Cells, More Users



# Sample Auditorium



# Sample HD Design

- Dense open space: 560 square meter - 500 seats
- Where to put 2.4GHz Ap's? Open space = 10,000 ft/2 for single channel reuse
- Need to reduce cell size:
  - Lower power level/increase data rates
  - Use bodies to absorb RF ?
  - Use specific antenna types (patch, yagi)?
- RF survey can provide some information, but difficult to do when you most need it: when auditorium is full
- Difficulty of access during the semester since these are very busy facilities
- Facilities were not built to accommodate wireless
- Costs must be contained
  - Public Higher Ed, no major budget for these retrofits
  - Can't afford expensive coring and pathway installs

# Sample Antenna Placement Options

- Cisco HD design discusses high gain directional antennas
  - Patch or Yagi style
    - Downtilt adjust for focusing beam
    - Useful in auditoriums with high ceilings
    - Provides narrow coverage lobe for smaller cells
  - Could Locate APs/Antennas on walls, close to floor:
    - Typically the easiest installation in terms of cabling and access
  - However - Wall mounted may have issues with coverage in large auditorium
    - Need to turn power down to low levels to get channel re-use
    - **Reduced power may result in poor coverage in center of room**

# Sample 2.4 GHz Antenna Placement Options

- Locate APs/antennas under seat ?
  - Requires cabling access, typically need to install conduit
  - Can place antennas in center of room for improved coverage
  - Uses bodies to help absorb RF power and reduce effective cell size
- On the floor, pointing up ?
  - Requires enclosure to protect equipment
- Under the desk, pointing down ?
  - Need to route cables and make it all unobtrusive
- Locate APs/antennas under floor ?
  - If concrete is thin enough, isn't filled with rebar or stress cables, and access is available**
    1. Can provide good RF power absorption, leading to smaller cell size
    2. Makes it possible to locate antennas near center of room
    3. Avoids cables and conduits inside the auditorium, reducing trip hazards

# Sample 2.4GHz AP Placement

- Located 2.4 GHz APs/antennas under the concrete floor.
  - RF survey showed that using patch antenna and low power level could produce smaller cell size than under seat location inside room
  - Testing showed that a good signal could be seen in the room
- Made it possible to provide five 2.4 GHz channels
  - This meets the design goal of channel re-use
  - Provides adequate coverage and capacity
  - Sufficient in room channel isolation

BUT – PER IS INCREASED WITH HIGHER DENSITY RF PATH

# Sample 5GHz Antenna Placement

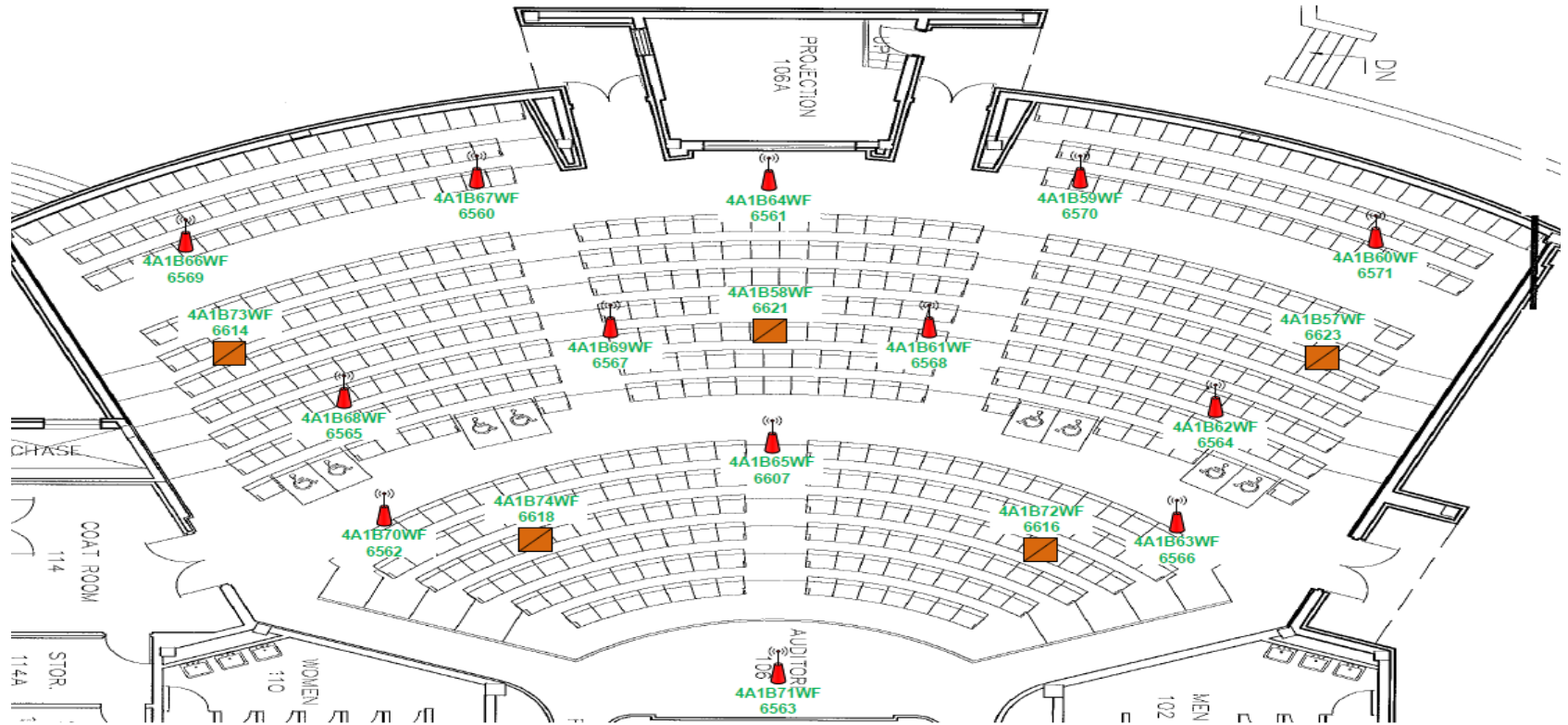
- Put 5GHz APs on ceiling
- Ease of access and cabling
- Provide multiple APs, one per channel
- Set power level high to encourage 5GHz use
- General campus uptake: 25 percent on 5GHz
- BUR 106 uptake: 50 percent on 5GHz



# Sample Auditorium at Class Time

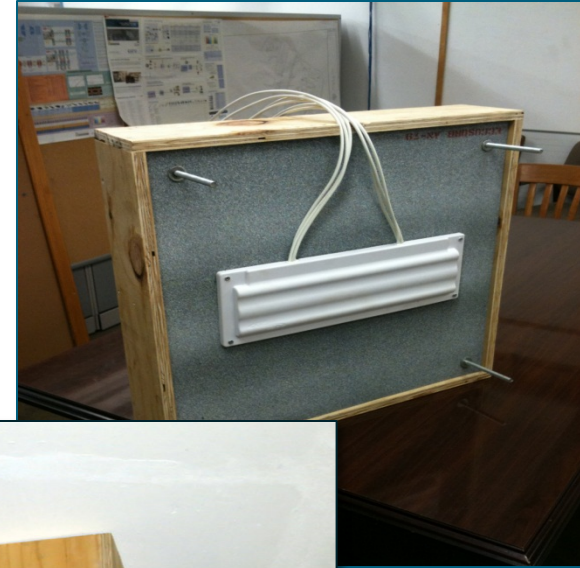


# Sample AP Layout



# Underfloor RF and Backlobe

- Antenna radiation pattern is 360 degree
- Front to back ratio (FTB) is measure of reduction in RF energy in opposite direction of antenna coverage (“backlobe”)
- However the antenna backlobes are being exposed to open space below the auditorium floor, no bodies and few walls to absorb energy
- How to reduce co-channel interference on backlobe?
- Answer: RF absorbing foam



# RF Absorbing Foam

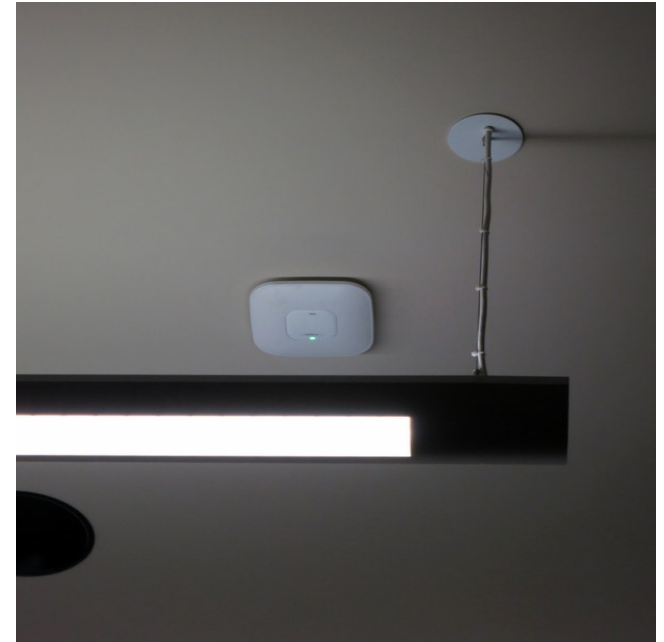
- Emerson and Cuming Microwave Products
- ECCOSORB AN 4.49 inch thickness
  - “used in reducing crosstalk between adjacent antennas, shrouding antennas to improve the antenna patterns and undesired backlobes”



<http://www.eccosorb.com/products-eccosorb-an.htm>

# Sample Ceiling APs

- 5GHz APs mounted on ceiling using Internal Omni antenna:



## 2.4GHz Configuration

- **Removed 802.11b rates for entire campus in May, 2011**
- 802.11g:
  - 12 Mbps set to mandatory on campus controllers
  - 18-54 Mbps set to supported
- No modification of 802.11n speeds:
  - MCS 0-23 all supported
- Manually configured power levels:
  - PL4 on four APs, PL3 on one AP

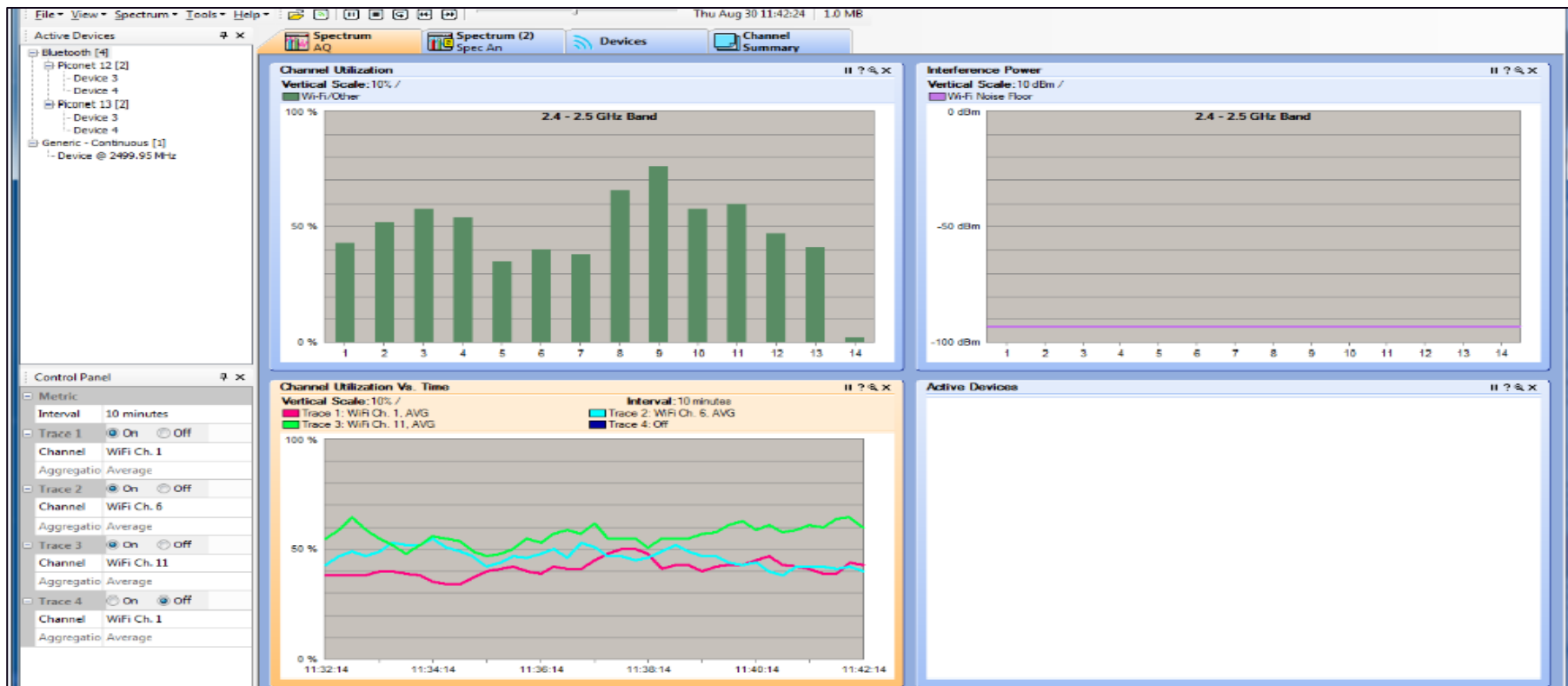
## 5GHz Configuration

- 802.11a Speeds:
  - disabled 6 and 9 Mbps.
  - Supported: 12, 18, 34, 48, 54
  - Mandatory: 24
- No modification of 802.11n speeds:
  - MCS 0-23 all supported
- Enabled “Extended UNII-2 channels”
  - Supports 21 channels to assist with Dynamic Frequency Selection issues

# Global Configuration

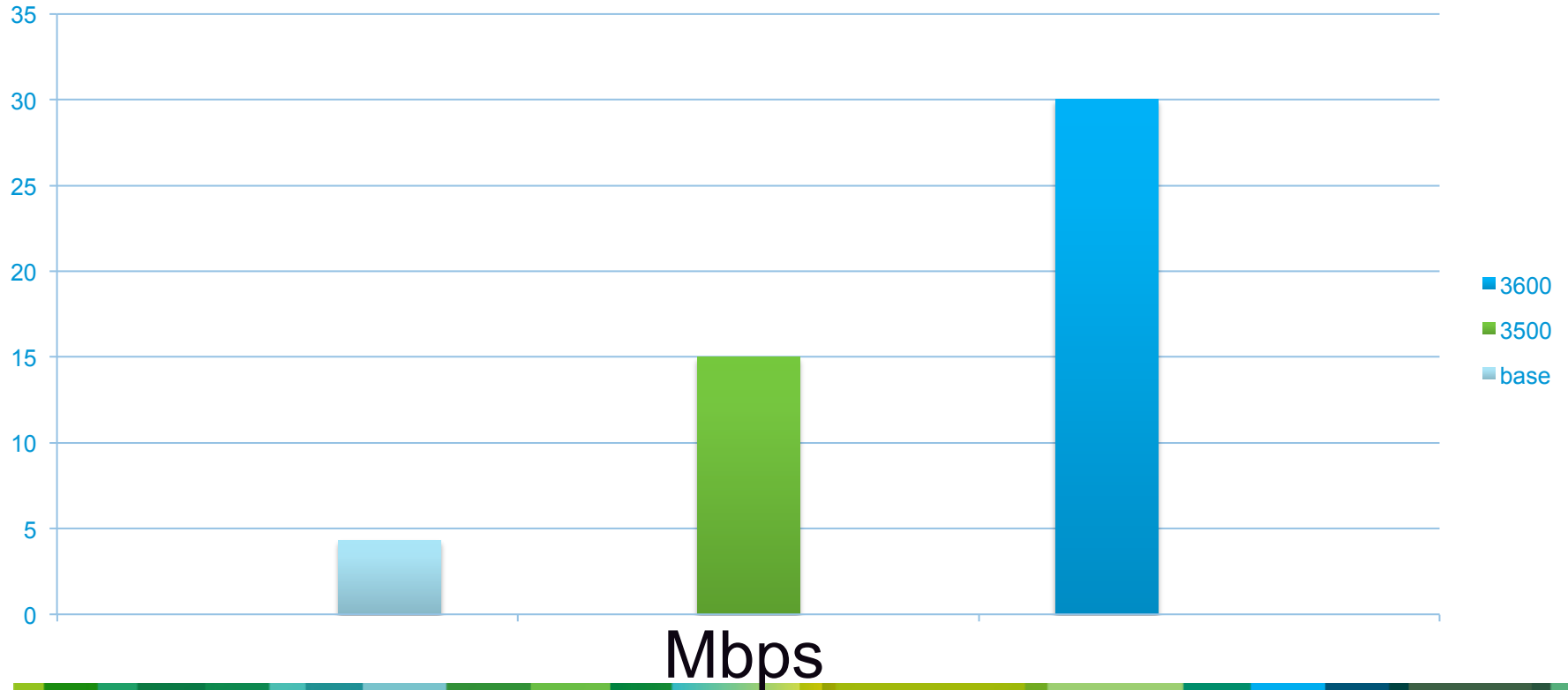
- Client BandSelect enabled
- Client Load Balancing enabled
- ClientLink enabled by default
- CleanAir enabled for reports
  - Not using CleanAir for RRM
  - CleanAir provides information on interferers

# Spectrum Expert

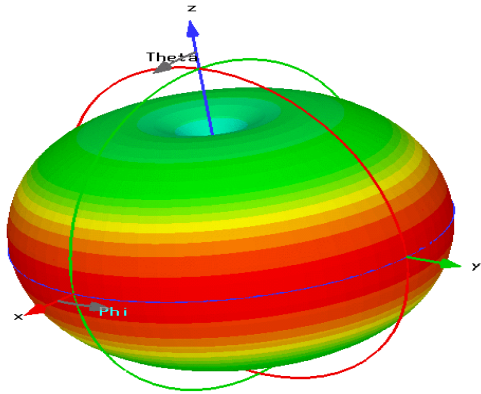




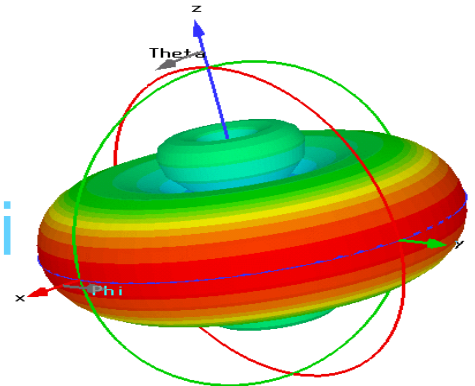
# Tuning Improvements



# Antenna Radiation Patterns

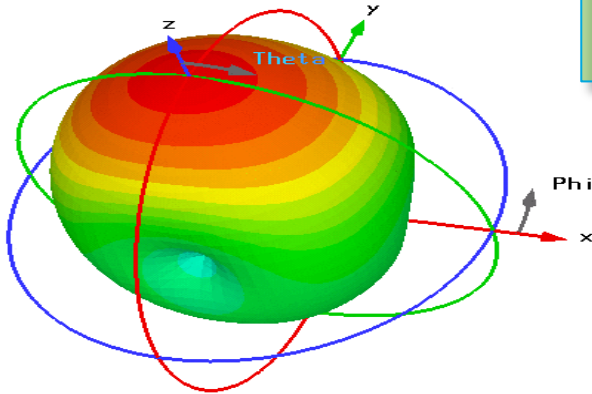


Dipole

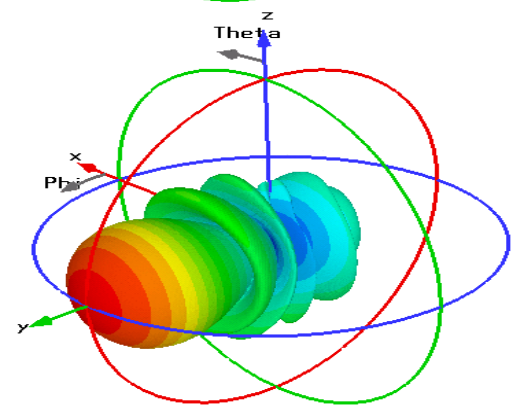


Omni

Antenna Choice Plays a Critical Part in Design for Proper Coverage



Patch



Yagi

# Expanded WLAN Controller Portfolio



## Large Campus and Service Provider

5508



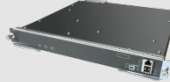
- 12 to 500 APs
- 7000 clients
- 8 Gbps

5760



- 25 to 1000 APs
- 12,000 clients
- 60 Gbps

WISM2



- 300 to 1000 APs
- 15,000 clients
- 20 Gbps

NEW

5520



- 10-1500 APs
- 20,000 clients
- 20 Gbps

8510



- 100 to 6000 APs
- 64,000 clients
- 10 Gbps

NEW

8540



- 100 to 6000 APs
- 64,000 clients
- 40 Gbps



## Small Campus and Branch (Controller on Premise)

2500



- 5 to 75 APs
- 1000 clients
- 1 Gbps

Catalyst 3650



- 1-50 APs per switch/stack
- Directly connected APs
- 1000 clients per stack
- 40 Gbps per switch

Catalyst 3850



- 1-100 APs per stack
- Directly connected APs
- 2000 clients per stack
- 40 Gbps per switch

Catalyst 4500-E SUP



- 1-100 APs per SUP
- Indirectly connected APs
- 2000 clients per stack
- 40 Gbps per switch

Virtual W  
NEW  
KVM



- 5 to 200 APs
- 6000 clients
- 500 Mbps

Flex 7500



- 300 to 6000 APs
- 64,000 clients
- 1 Gbps

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# Cisco Aironet 700W Access Point Series

- Target for Multi Dwelling Unit (MDU) Deployments seeking a high-performance in-room Wireless + Wired Access Device:
  - Hospitality
  - Higher Education for dorm-rooms
  - K-12 for dorm-rooms or other similar deployments
  - Health care (long-term care facilities or similar deployments)
- Designed for ease of mounting to numerous global wall junction standards. Specially designed brackets: default bracket included in the box (zero cost) or an optional bracket to cover local Ethernet ports.
- Sleek design in a small form factor: 15 x 10 x 3 cm (6 x 4 x 1.5 in)
- Robust enterprise-class design and RF performance
- Simultaneous Dual Radio, Dual Band with Integrated Antennas
- 4x GigE Ethernet Ports, 1x uplink GigE port
- Powered over Ethernet (PoE) or with AC Adapter
- PoE out port up to 803.af Class 0 (depending on powering options)



Cisco Aironet 700W Series

Wi-Fi Standards	802.11a/b/g/n
Max Data Rate	300 Mbps per radio
Radio Design MIMO: Spatial Streams	Dual-Radio, 2x2:2
Local Ethernet Ports	4 x GE
Powering Capability	1 x GE port PoE out
Port-based VLANs	(Future)

Autonomous	(Future) Cisco Confidential
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Data Uplink (Mbps)	10/100/1000
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# Cisco Aironet Indoor Access Points Portfolio

## Industry's Best 802.11ac Series Access Points

### Current 11ac AP Portfolio

Best in Class

# 3700



- 802.11ac W1, 1.3 Gbps PHY
- 4x4:3SS
- HDX: High Density Experience
- CleanAir 80 MHz
- ClientLink 3.0
- StadiumVision
- Modularity: Security, 3G Small Cell or Wave 2 802.11ac

Mission Critical

# 2700



- 802.11ac W1,
- 1.3 Gbps PHY
- 3x4:3SS
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- CleanAir 80 MHz
- ClientLink 3.0
- 2 GbE Ports

Enterprise Class

# 1700



- 802.11ac W1
- 870 Mbps PHY
- 3x3:2SS
- CleanAir Express
- Tx Beam Forming
- 2 GbE Ports

Enterprise

Mission Critical

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## Industry's Best 802.11ac Series Access Points



### Enterprise Class **1700**



- 802.11ac W1
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- 3x3:2SS
- CleanAir Express
- Tx Beam Forming
- 2 GbE Ports

### Enterprise Class **1850**



- 802.11ac W2
- 2.0 Gbps PHY
- 4x4:4SS
- Spectrum Analysis\*
- Tx Beam Forming
- 2 GbE Ports, USB 2.0

### Mission Critical **2700**



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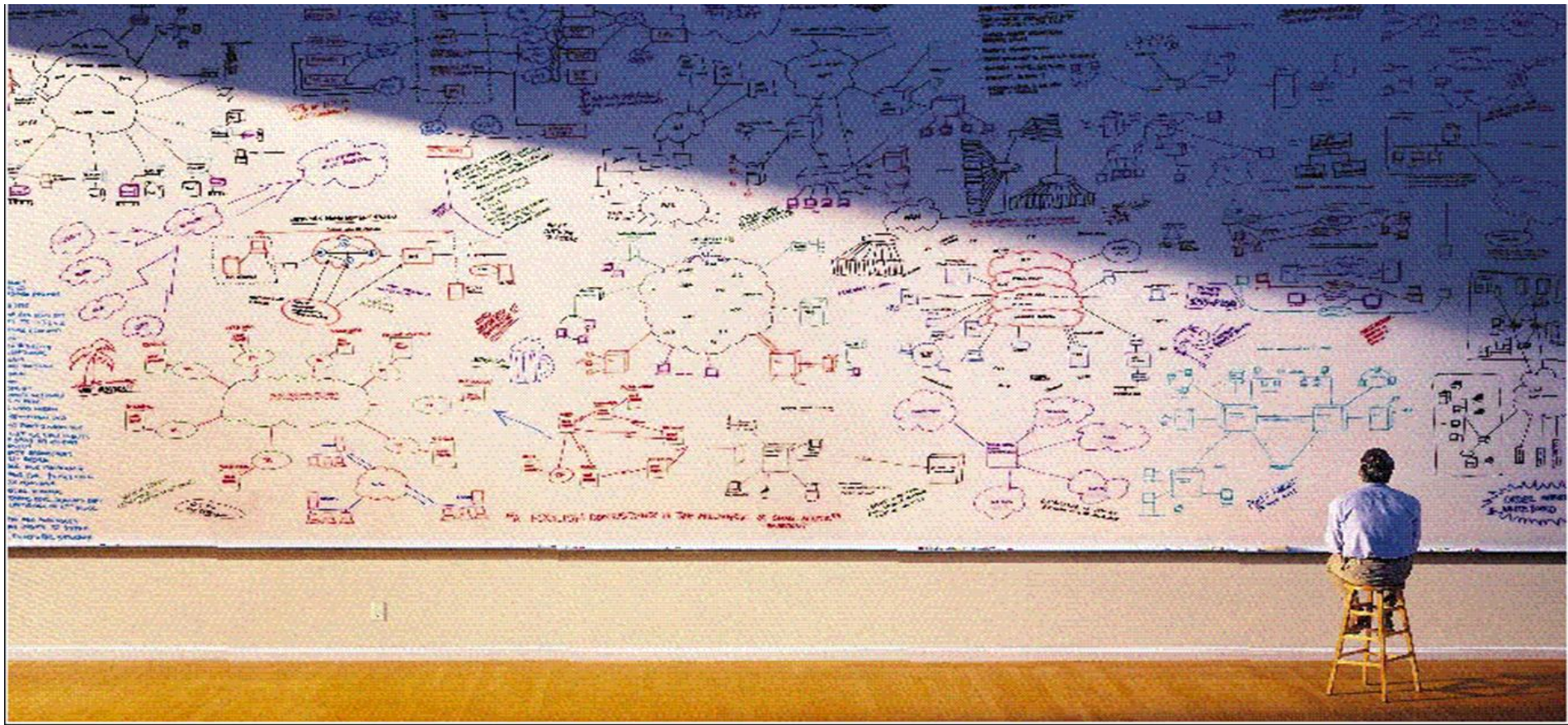


# Cisco Aironet 802.11ac Access Point Comparison

Indoor AP Access Points	Enterprise			
	AP-1700	AP-1850	AP-2700	AP-3700
Max PHY Data Rate (5GHz)	870 Mbps	1.7 Gbps	1.3 Gbps	1.3 Gbps
RF Design (MU-MIMO)	3x3:2, Dual SU-MIMO	4x4:4, SU-MIMO 4x4:3, MU-MIMO	3x4:3, Dual SU-MIMO	4x4:3, Dual SU-MIMO
Performance/Coverage/Investment Protection	◆◆	◆◆◆	◆◆◆◆	◆◆◆◆◆
Max No. of Clients per AP	400	400	400	400
RRM	✓	✓	✓	✓
High Density Experience			✓	✓
CleanAir	CleanAir Express	Spectrum Analysis*	✓	✓
Beam Forming	Tx BF	Tx BF	ClientLink 3.0	ClientLink 3.0
BandSelect	✓	✓	✓	✓
VideoStream	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rogue AP Detection	✓	✓	✓	✓
Adaptive wIPS	✓	✓	✓	✓
External Antenna Option		✓	✓	✓
Ethernet Ports	2 x GbE	2 x GbE	2 x GbE	1 x GbE
LAG Support	n/a	✓	n/a	n/a
USB		2.0		
Module Options				Security, 3G Small Cell, High Accuracy Location



# Q & A





Thank you.



# Gigabit Wi-Fi - 802.11ac

- 802.11ac is the transformational technology for the Gigabit Wi-Fi Edge
- Cisco is the Leader of 802.11ac amendment for the 802.11 standard
- Industry's only future proof modular (3) radio platform
- Supports 802.11b/g/n, 802.11a/n, and 802.11ac
- Support for Wave 1 and Wave 2 modules

