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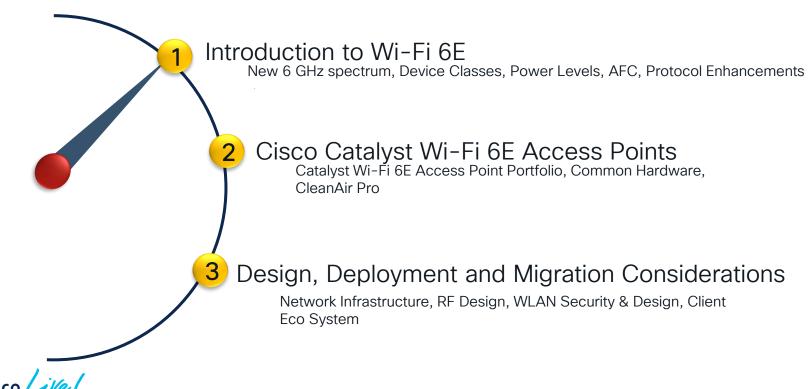
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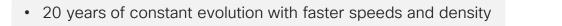
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Wi-Fi Evolution



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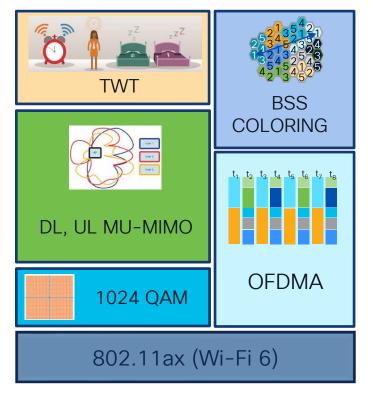
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Wi-Fi 6E Wi-Fi 6 and 6GHz are friends!









Setting the stage

Setting the stage

- New 6 GHz Band
- Regulatory Considerations
- Protocol enhancements

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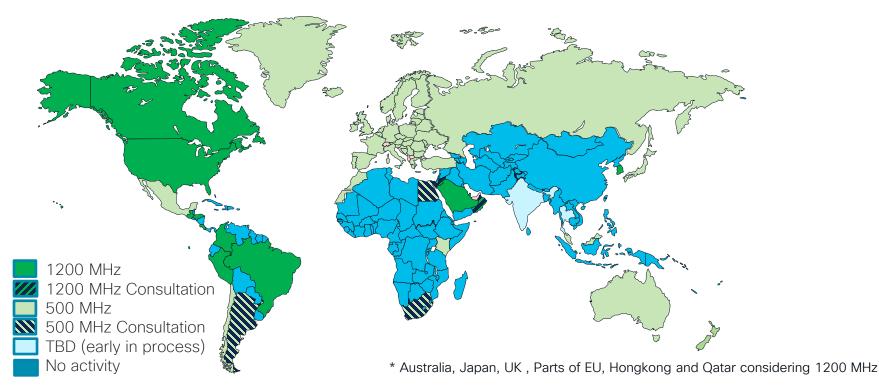
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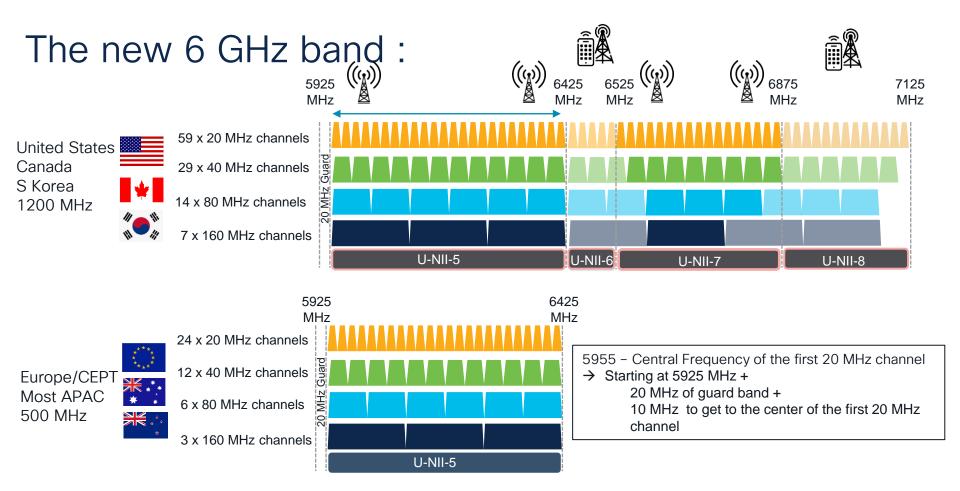


Global availability of 6 GHz band for Wi-Fi

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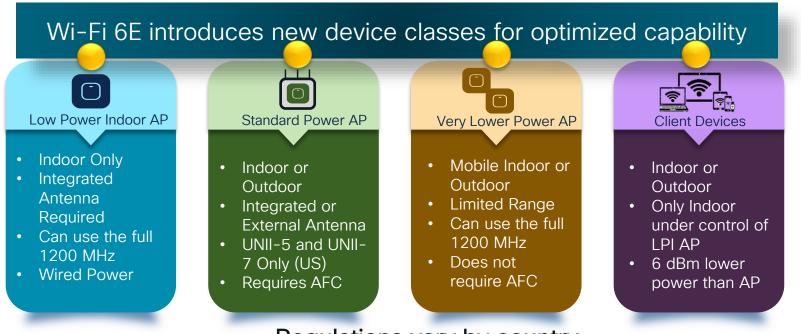


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6 GHz – New Device Classes



Regulations vary by country

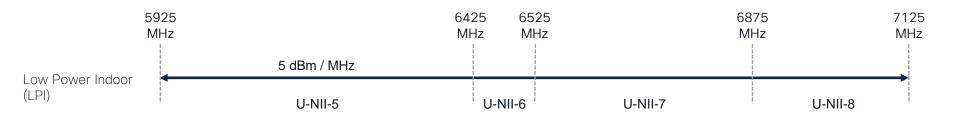


The new power levels

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	5925 MHz	6425 6525 MHz MHz		6875 MHz	7125 MHz
Standard Power (indoor-outdoor)	36 dBm EIRP with AFC (500 MH:	atic Frequ	Bm EIRP with AFC (350		
Low Power (indoor)	5 dBm / MHz (Max EIRP - 30 dBl				
	(20 MHz – 18 dBM, 40 MH	lz – 21 dBM, 80 MHz	- 24 dBM, 160 MH	lz – 27 dBM)	
Very Low-Power Devices (indoor-outdoor)	(under evaluation) -8 dBm / MH	lz			
Clients	6 dB lower than the AP (LPI: 24 dBM, SP	: 30 dBM)			
	U-NII-5	U-NII-6	U-NII-7	U-NII-8	3

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Low-Power Access Points (indoor)



6 GHz power is measured as **Power Spectral Density (PSD)** a Maximum of 5 dBm/MHz is permitted for LPI *(Power Spectral Density – Amount of power over a given bandwidth)*

5 dBm = 3.162278 mW

3.162278 mW x 20 MHz = 63.24556 mW = 18 dBm 3.162278 mW x 40 MHz = 126.4911 mW = 21 dBm

Client power also has a PSD rule of 6 dB less than the AP's max EIRP

Note: Indoor AP's with an external antenna, must operate under the Standard Power rules, LPI only applies to I models

Channel BW	AP EIRP	Client EIRP		
20 MHz	18 dBm	12 dBm		
40 MHz	21 dBm	15 dBm		
80 MHz	24 dBm	18 dBm		
160 MHz	27 dBm	21 dBm		



Wi-Fi 6E – Protocol Optimizations

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Wi-Fi 6E Beacon Changes

Legacy HT/VHT Information Element Removed



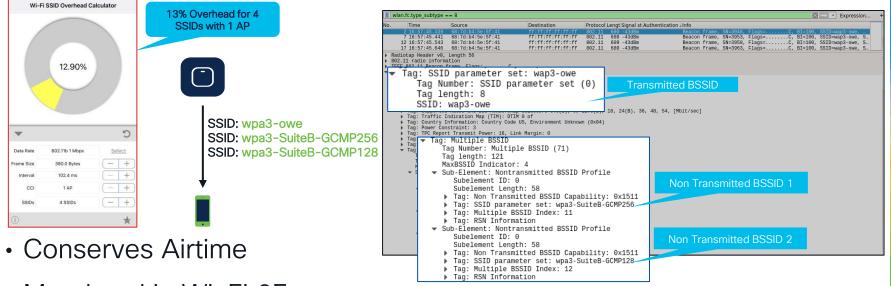
Comparison of Wi-Fi 6 and Wi-FI 6E Beacon Frame



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Multiple BSSID

- Capability originally specified in 802.11v
- Combines multiple SSID information in a single beacon frame



Mandated in Wi-Fi 6E

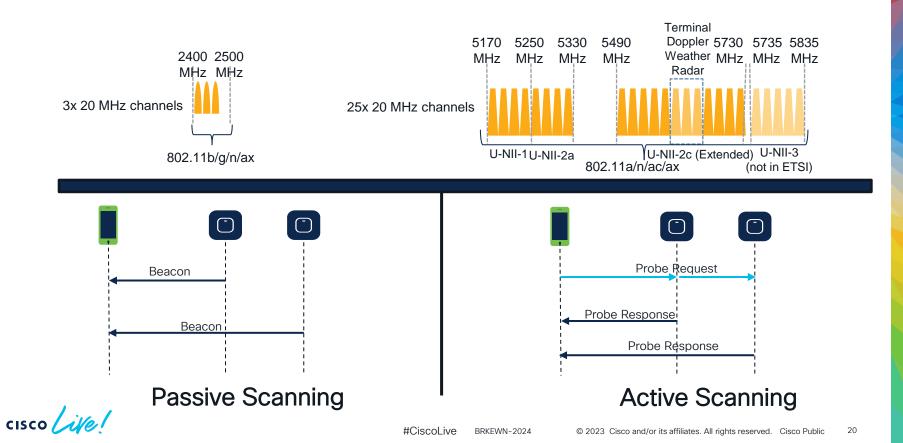
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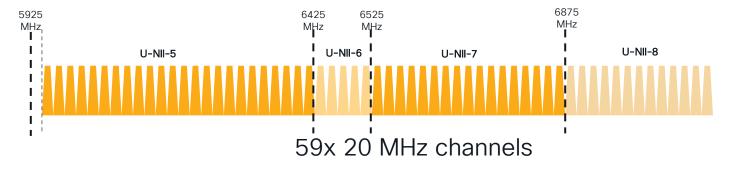
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AP Discovery by Wireless Clients – Legacy Methods

• Hunt and seek method to scan Basic Service Sets or for APs



Why won't Legacy Scanning Methods scale in 6 GHz ?



- A Whopping 59 x 20 MHz Channels!
- Wi-Fi Clients can send only Probe Requests on 20 MHz Channels
- 6 seconds to passive scan all 59 channels.

Wi-Fi 6E - New AP Discovery Mechanisms

Out of Band

Reduced Neighbor Report

Co-located Discovery



In Band

Passive Scan:

Fast Link Setup (FILS) Discovery Frames Unsolicited Broadcast Probe Response Frames

Active Scan:

Preferred Scanning Channels (PSC)





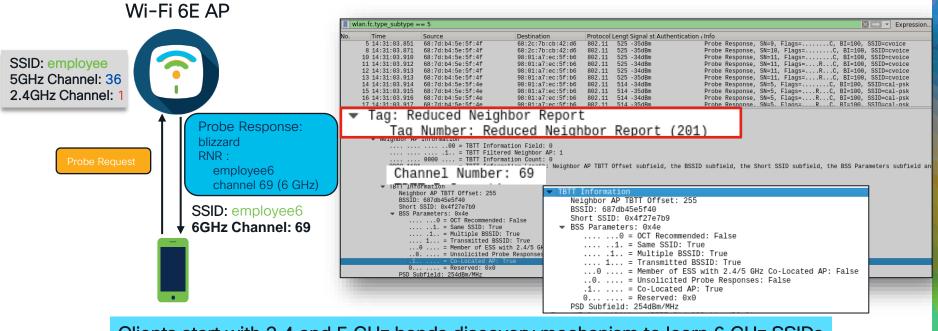


Wi-Fi 6E Out of Band AP Discovery

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Reduced Neighbor Report

Co-located "Neighbor" 6 GHz radio information in Beacon and Probe Response of 2.4 and 5 GHz radios.



Clients start with 2.4 and 5 GHz bands discovery mechanism to learn 6 GHz SSIDs

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Wi-Fi 6E Inband AP Discovery

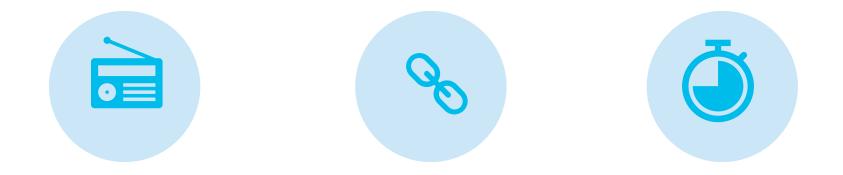


Wireless Clients always Probe!



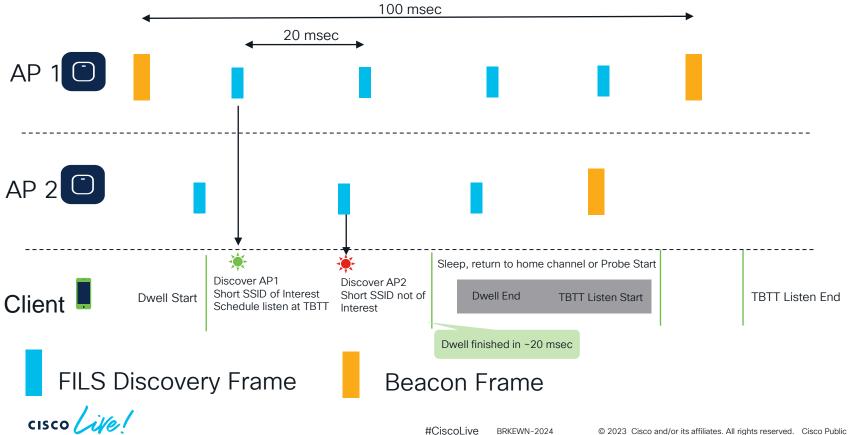
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FILS Discovery Frames helps AP Discovery Faster Reduces AirTime Utilization by Management Frames



SMALLER BEACONS THAT IS TRANSMITTED MORE FREQUENTLY (APPROX. 20 MSEC), CONSUMES LESS AIR TIME. CONTAINS INFORMATION FOR THE CLIENT TO DECIDE ON THE AP TO CONNECT (SHORT SSID, CHANNEL, TBTT ETC) REDUCES PROBE REQUEST OVERHEAD

Fast Initial Link Setup (FILS) Discovery Frames



FILS Discovery Frame – Packet Capture

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Broadcast Action Frames

Contains Short SSID, Channel, TBTT etc

Transmitted every 20 msec

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Unsolicited Broadcast Probe Response







In-Band (passive)

Reduces Probe Request Overhead

Broadcast probe response every 20 msec

Helps Avoid Probe Storm

Contains detailed information as a Beacon



In-Band (passive)

Broadcast frames

Transmitted every

Carry Multiple BSSID

information needed

20ms

Contains all

for association

Unsolicited Broadcast Probe Response Packet Capture

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3 16:36:27.597	68:7d:b4:5e:d2:f8		802.11 550 -36dBm	Probe Response, SN=2637, Flags=C, BI=100, SSID=wpa3-sae, SSID=GCMP256, SSID=w
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13 16:36:27.802	68:7d:b4:5e:d2:f8		802.11 550 -36dBm	Probe Response, SN=2647, Flags=C, BI=100, SSID=wpa3-sae, SSID=GCMP256, SSID=w
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New Probe Restrictions in 6 GHz Band

Clients cannot do blind probing. (Broadcast destination address using Wildcard SSID and BSSID not allowed)

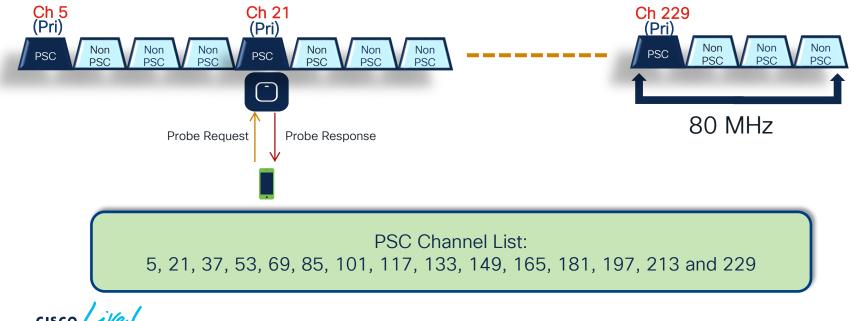
Clients must wait at least the duration of minimum probe delay interval (approx. 20 msec)

Probe responses are always broadcast.

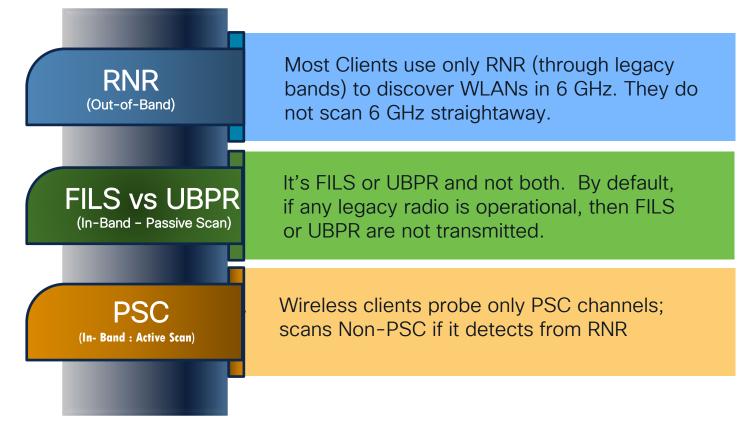
Broadcast probe requests and probes with wildcard SSID create probe storm and impacts performance

Preferred Scanning Channels (PSC)

- Every fourth 20MHz channel designated for active probing by Wi-Fi 6E Clients; restricts scanning to 15 channels, instead of 59.
- PSC channels serve as the primary channel for channel bonding in 80 MHz



Key Takeaways



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Section Summary

New 6 GHz Band: (5925 – 7125 MHz) 1200 MHz or 500 MHz

> Device Classes: Low Power Indoor AP, Standard Power AP and Very Low Power AP



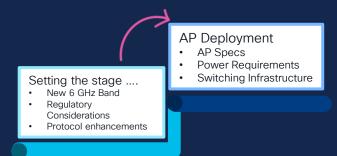
Protocol Optimizations: Reduced Beacon Size, Multiple BSSID (MBSSID)



AP Discovery: RnR (Out-of-Band), FILS, UBPR & PSC (In-Band)



AP Deployment







Catalyst Wi-Fi 6E Access Points

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Cisco Wi-Fi 6E premium portfolio





		Transmitters	Receivers
Î	2.4 GHz	4	4
	5 GHz	4	4
	6 GHz	4	4



Dual 5G mGig Uplinks with failover
 PoE+ and UPoE+ compliant
 IoT Radio
 Monitor Radio



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Dual 5G mGig Uplinks with failover
 PoE+ and UPoE+ compliant
 IoT Radio
 Scanning Radio
 Environmental sensors



One Product – Two Management Modes





Cisco DNA Management Mode C9800 & DNAC Stack



Meraki Management Mode MR Dashboard Stack



1 AP, 2 Ways: CW 916x Access Points

 Tx
 Rx

 2.4 GHz
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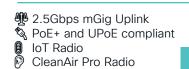
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Catalyst 9166 Tx Rx 2.4 GHz 4 5 GHz 4 6 GHz 4 5Gbps mGig Uplink Solution PoE + and UPoE compliant IoT Radio CleanAir Pro Radio XOR radios (low band/high band)

XOR radios (low band/high ba

Environmental sensors



2

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6 GHz

Full radio capability (6 GHz @LPI) on single 30W PoE+

AP power optimization | Dedicated radio for CleanAir® Pro | Same bracket, same industrial design

CleanAir Pro Radio

Let's talk External Antennas

- Focusing the RF signal requires
 directional Antennas
- Focusing the signal typically requires external antennas
- External antennas add to the cost and complexity of installations
- Often requiring additional items to mount, costly adapter cables etc.
- Today's indoor solution doesn't address
 6 GHz support



9120AXE + 6 dBi AIR-ANT-2566



9130AXE + 6 dBi C-ANT9103=



MR46F + MA-ANT-3-F6

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Solution: Add a directional array to the 9166 Series Introducing the CW9166D1 Series Directional AP

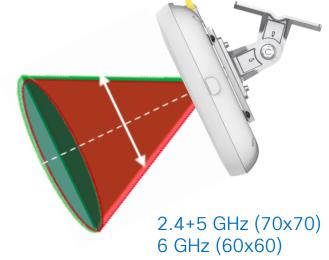


- Simplifies installation costs (less to mount)
- No bulky cables, expensive adapters...
- Similar coverage pattern as previous products using 6 dBi directional antennas
- Solves most popular external antenna cases world-wide irrespective of regulations
- Less components resulting in a better MTBF More aesthetically pleasing
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Antenna differences between CW9166i and CW9166D1





CW9166i designed with an integrated omni-directional antenna ceiling mount for a "360 degree" coverage pattern – ideal for offices, conventional buildings **CW9166D1** designed with an integrated directional antenna allowing the coverage pattern to favor the area the AP is facing – ideal for warehouse, auditoriums etc.

Cisco[®] Catalyst[®] 9166D1

Directional, Tri-Radio with 12 Spatial Streams!



9166D1 Wi-Fi 6 Access Point

Penta-Radio Architecture

- 1. 2.4 GHz Client Radio: 4x4:4SS
- 2. 5 GHz Client Radio: 4x4:4SS
- 3. 6 GHz Client Radio 4x4:4SS (XOR to 5GHz)
- 4. Dedicated tri-band auxiliary radio
- 5. 2.4 GHz loT Radio

Directional antenna architecture

- 2.4+5 GHz: 6 dBi gain (70x70 deg), 6 GHz: 8 dBi (60x60)*
- Same X,Y as CW9166I and only 0.1cm taller!
- Wide support for pan/tilt combinations



Internet of Things Capabilities

- Built-In Environmental Sensors
- Application Hosting Technology
- USB port with 4.5 W power output



5 Multigigabit (mGig) PoE Port

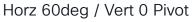
Optional DC Power

Subject to change *2/5/6 mode [†]SW support post-FCS



Articulating Mount Bracket Assembly (Wall / Pole Install)







Horz 0 / Vert -90 Pivot



Horz 60deg / Vert -60 Pivot



Horz 0 / Vert +60 Pivot







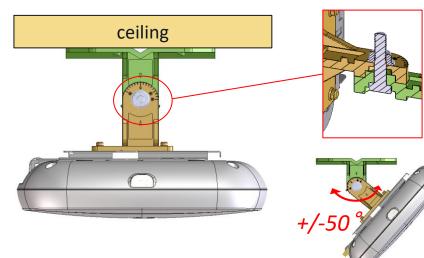
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Articulating Mount Bracket Assembly (Alternate Ceiling Single Axis Configuration)



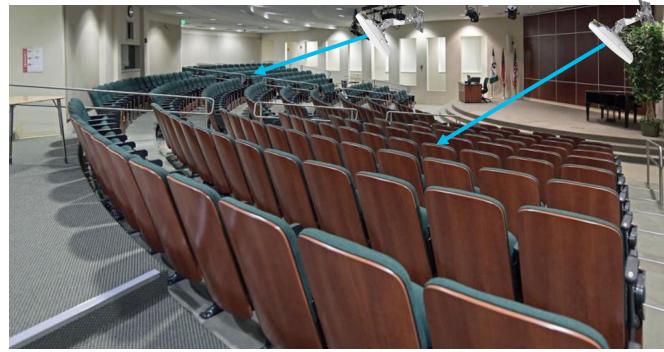
Ceiling 50deg (side view)





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Use cases - Auditoriums (Focused connectivity)





Focusing the direction of the signal improves range, increases signal strength and reduces retries improving overall performance

While an Omni-Directional would work, in this fashion, RF connectivity is optimized as each AP is focused into a specific area

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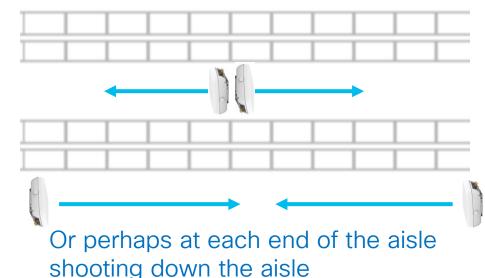
Use cases - Warehouse (High ceilings / long aisles)

Warehousing challenges

- High Ceilings
- Long aisles
- Stock material changes (seasonal)
- AP (distance to client) & mounting



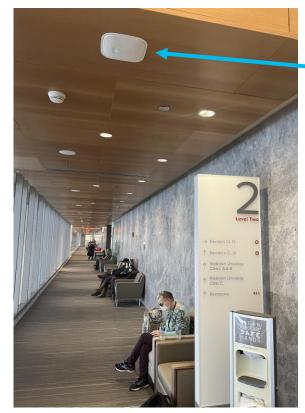
Back-to-Back units in center of aisle covering long aisles (Ability to adjust tilt)



Omni-directional pattern is problematic in these areas as AP should be directional and located high to avoid tow motors, changing stock material etc.

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Use cases – Healthcare (long hallways)



Long hallways are oftentimes handled with Omni-directional Access Points such as this Cisco Access Point flush mounted to a wooden ceiling.

When it becomes problematic or cost prohibitive to install multiple Access Points, a directional antenna unit can be installed on each end of the hallway assuming there are no metal doors or obstructions in the path



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Use cases – Airport Hangars and Bus Garages



Conventional Omnidirectional Access Points are not always compatible with high ceilings or areas with a lot of metal.

A directional AP can be mounted on the ceiling or wall allowing the RF energy to be focused where needed

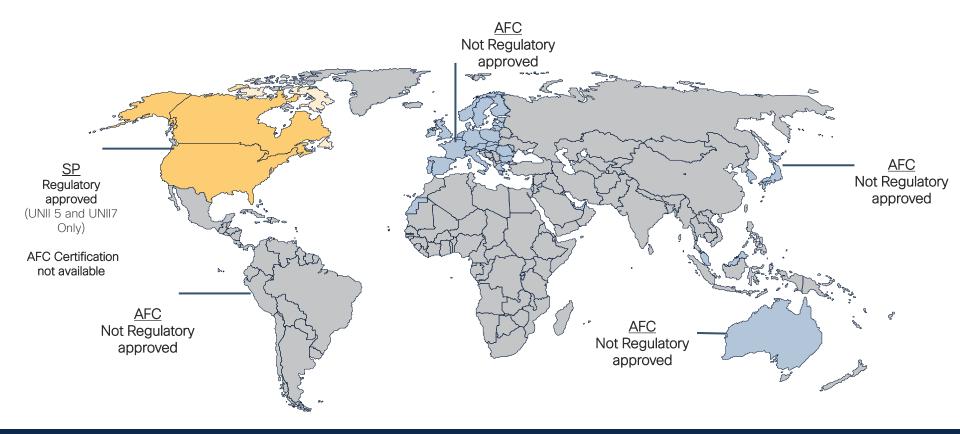
Note: Conventional APs very high on the ceiling and in near proximity to each other, can cause Radio Resource Management (RRM) to hear the AP stronger than the clients. This can result in RRM to believe there is over coverage turning the RF power down on the Access Points causing issues. Directional Access Points help mitigate this issue

Automated Frequency Coordination System (AFC)

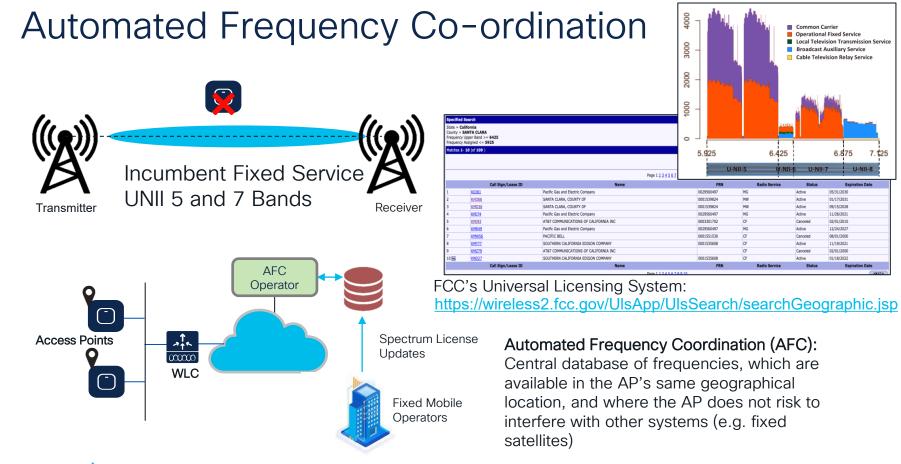
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External(SP)/Outdoor Antenna Wi-Fi 6E Status



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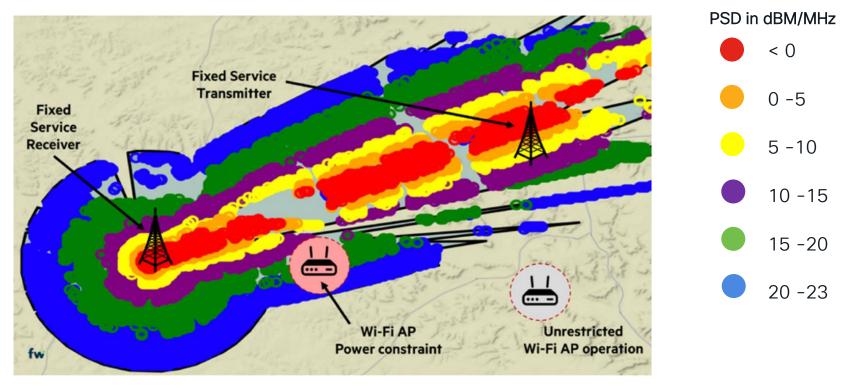
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Fixed Service Receiver Protection Contour



Courtesy: Federated Wireless

Access Point - GPS Module



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Current Status

Wi-Fi Alliance® advances testing of 6 GHz standard power devices controlled by the Automated Frequency Coordination (AFC) system

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Austin, TX and Washington, D.C. – May 24, 2023 – Wi-Fi Alliance® hosted member companies Broadcom, Cisco Systems, Extreme Networks, LitePoint, MediaTek, Qualcomm, and RUCKUS Networks/CommScope for an AFC Device Under Test (DUT) Test Harness event. The goal of the event was to validate test harness implementation and to assess standard power device readiness to operate in conformance with requirements established by regulatory authorities such as the U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The event successfully demonstrated compliance of all devices with the Wi-Fi Alliance System to Device Interface (SDI) specification and their readiness to effectively operate under the control of an AFC system.

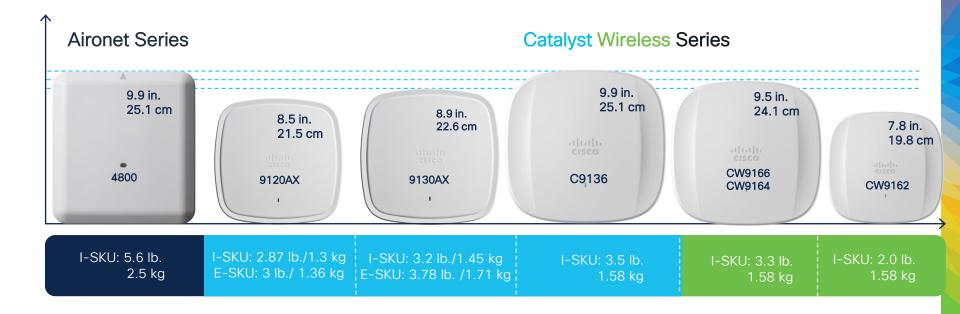


Mechanical Specifications





Indoor Access Point Dimensions Wi-Fi 6E - Similar in size but significantly more capabilities



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Catalyst C9136/CW9166/9164/9162

Enhanced cabling experience



Larger Recessed Area Allow Wires not to be Bent During Connection

More Easily Accessible Port Allow for Better Deployment Experience

AIR-AP-BRACKET-1 photos



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AIR-AP-BRACKET-2 photos



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Conversion overview



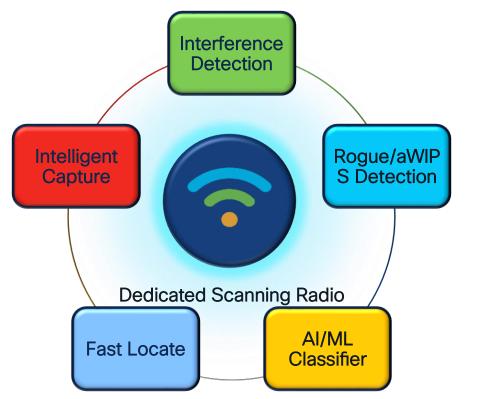


Migration Guide: <u>https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/products/collateral/wireless/catalyst-9100ax-access-points/migrating-dna-to-meraki-mgmt-mode.pdf</u>

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CleanAir Pro AI/ML Driven Dedicated Scanning Radio



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Full 2.4, 5 and 6 GHz Band Support

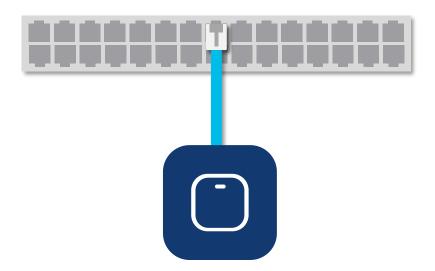
AI/ML Based Interference classification on the AP

Off-loads Monitoring functions from client serving radios

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Network Infrastructure





AP negotiates power, speed and duplex at boot time via CDP/LLDP

MGig switchport is recommended as Wi-Fi 6/6E speed may exceed 1 Gbps

> Cabling: Cat 6/6A recommended. Cat 5e can support up to 5Gbps

1	CDP = Cisco Discovery Protocol
÷	LLDP = Link Layer Discovery Protocol
÷	Cat = Category (of ethernet cable)
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Wi-Fi 6 needs 80 MHz for + 1 Gbps

3x Intel AX200 on 2.4 GHz @20 MHz and 3 x Intel AX200 on 5 GHz at 80 MHz

START TEST		⊕ 00:00:53 - 00:00:53				GENERATE REPO
View by: total						
THROUGHPUT 2.081 Gbps 3G 2C		IROUGHPL	JT 2.081 (Gbps 2.022 Gbps	Bytes sent by source by destination Bytes received	18,423,820,300 18,423,820,300 N/A 13,144,048,580
1G —					by source by destination	N/A 13,144,048,580
0G	0:10 00:00:15 00:	0:20 00:00:25 00:00:30	00:00:35 00:00:40	00:00:45 00:00:50	Measured time (sec)	52
	Datagrams sent 12,619,055 Datagrams received 9,002,773 GROUT THROUGHPUT MIN/MAX/AVG BYTES LOST Oroghpus	8	GHz			
FLOWGROUP 4 FLOWGROUP 5 FLOWGROUP 6 400M -			2	4 GHz		





C9136 has two mGig uplink ports

Dual port is for PoE power and uplink redundancy with hitless failover

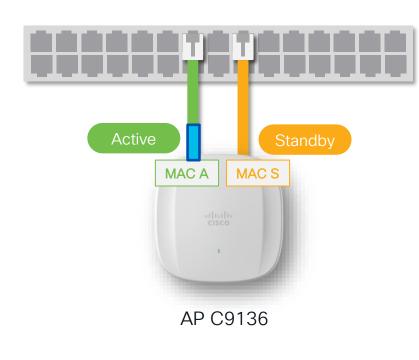
Switchport and AP can be configured for LAG or standalone ports (default)

į	mGig = multi gigabit ethernet
ļ	PoE = Power over Ethernet
ł	LAG = Link Aggregation Group



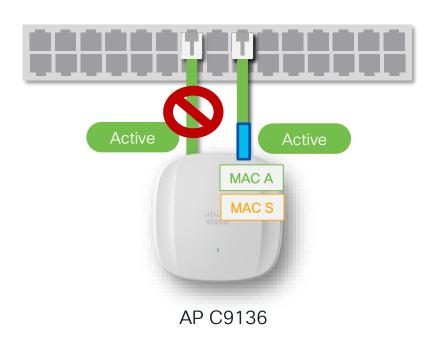
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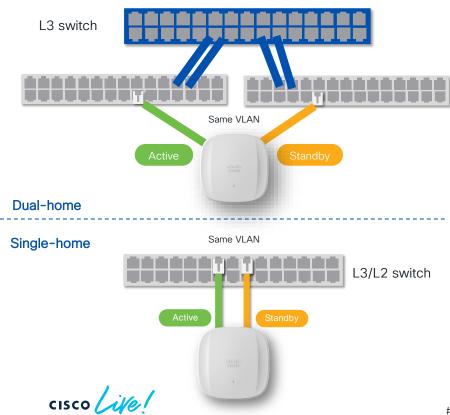
- When configured as standalone ports, one becomes active and the other one standby
 - If power is equal on both ports, Port 0 becomes active. Otherwise, the one with more power
- Traffic is exchanged on active port using active MAC A (CAPWAP, ARP, etc.)
- Standby port only exchanges CDP/LLDP messages with its own MAC S, no other traffic

MAC = Media Access Control ARP = Address Resolution Protocol CAPWAP = Control and Provisioning of Wireless Access	s Points
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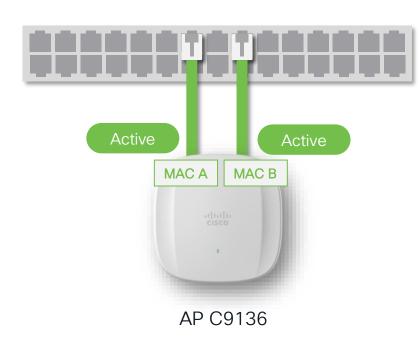
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- In case of active port failure, standby becomes active and exchanges traffic using MAC A. Minimal to zero traffic interruption





- When configured with standalone ports, you have two options...
- Dual-home to two different switches
- Recommend to connect to switches in different IDF, whenever possible
- Single-home to one logical switch (Stack Wise, vPC, Multi-layer switch, etc.)
 - Recommend to connect to two different members
 of the stack or line-cards
- In both scenario, the switchports must be configured in the same VLAN

	VLAN = Virtual Local Area Network
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j	vPC = virtual Port Channel



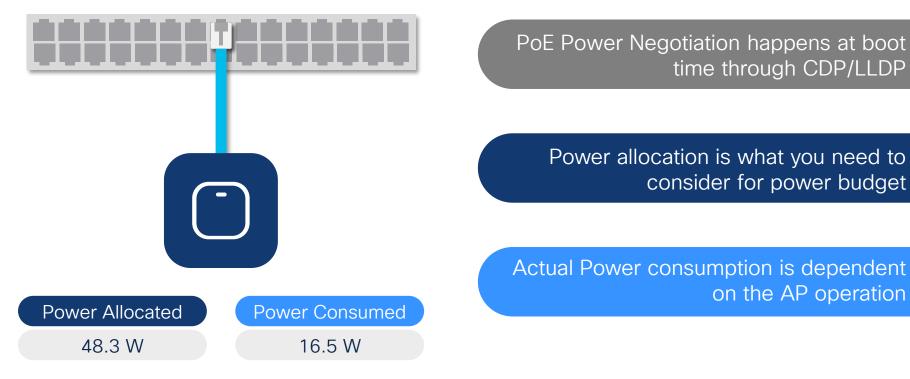
- When configured with LAG, both ports are Active
- LAG must be configured on both AP and switchport side.
- AP supports static LAG config (mode on) or dynamic with LACP
- Traffic is load balanced across the two links using src-dst-port algorithm. CAPWAP uses random source UDP ports
- LAG must be connected to one single (physical or logical) switch

i.	LACP = Link Aggregation Control Protocol	
į.	<pre>src-dst-port = source-destination-port</pre>	

Power considerations

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AP Power Consumption



Catalyst CW9162 Power over Ethernet

Default Configuration (Fixed Power profile)

Power Source	Number of Spatial Stream	2.4 GHz Radio	5 GHz Radio	6 GHz Radio	mGig Link Speed	USB	Al/ML Driven Scanning Radio
802.3af	2	Disabled	1x1	1x1	1G	Disabled	Y
802.3at	6	2x2	2x2	2x2	2.5G	Y/4.5 W	Υ
802.3bt	6	2x2	2x2	2x2	2.5G	Y/4.5 W	Y
DC Power	6	2x2	2x2	2x2	2.5G	Y/4.5 W	Y

Note:

1. AIR-PWRINJ7/AIR-PWRINJ6 is C9162I's official 802.3bt Power Injector

USB = universal serial bus AI = Artificial Intelligence ML = Machine Learning

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Catalyst CW9164 Power over Ethernet

Default Configuration (Fixed Power profile)

Power Source	Number of Spatial Stream	2.4 GHz Radio	5 GHz Radio	6 GHz Radio	mGig Link Speed	USB	Al/ML Driven Scanning Radio
802.3af	n.a.	Disabled	Disabled	Disabled	1G	Disabled	Y
802.3at	10	2x2	4x4	4x4	2.5G	Disabled	Y
802.3bt	10	2x2	4x4	4x4	2.5G	Y/4.5 W	Y
DC Power	10	2x2	4x4	4x4	2.5G	Y/4.5 W	Y

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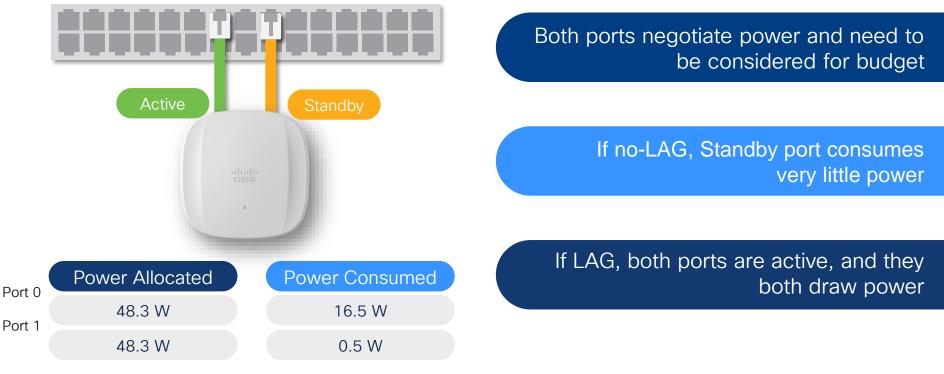
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802.3at	12	4x4	4x4	4x4	5G	Disabled	Υ	Y
802.3bt	12	4x4	4x4	4x4	5G	Y/4.5 W	Y	Y
DC Power	12	4x4	4x4	4x4	5G	Y/4.5 W	Y	Y

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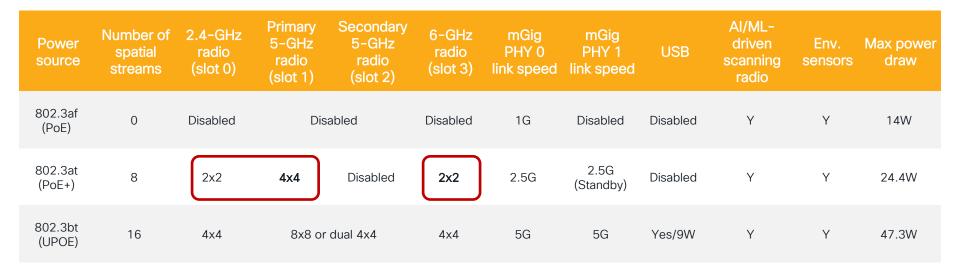
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Catalyst 9136 Power Consumption (dual port)



Catalyst 9136l Power over Ethernet Default Configuration (Fixed Power profile)



Note:

1. Slot 2 can operate only together with slot 1 in 8x8 mode. Independent slot 2 operation is not supported until a future software release.

2. AIR-PWRINJ7 is the 9136I's official 802.3bt power injector.

PHY = Physical layer PoE = Power over Ethernet UPoE = Universal Power over Ethernet

AP Power Optimizations Feature Suite Save Power, Reallocate Power, and Visibility into Savings

AP Power Save Mode

- Create a calendar profile for off-peak hours.
- Create a power profile to lower the power consumption budget during off-peak hours.
- Power Profile: Shut AP Radio or lower spatial Stream, lower port speed, disable USB port.

eneral	Client	CAPWAP	AP	Man	agement	Secu	rity IC	ар	QoS	
General	Power	Management	Нуре	rlocatio	n AP St	atistics				
> F	egular Pov	ver Profile								
		ver Profile ofile - Pow	er Profil	e Map						
	alendar Pr		er Profil	e Map						
✓ (alendar Pr	ofile - Pow			▼ Start Time	Ŧ	End Time	Ŧ	Power Profile	



- Reallocate extra AP Power to different radios while operating on PoE+ (30W).
- Customization of your PoE power budget.
- Example: Disable 2.4 GHz radio -> use extra power for 6 GHz radio.

Name*		Power Profile 1			
Description		Enter Descriptio	n		
+ Add		lete			
Sequence	Ŧ	Interface T	Interface ID	Parameter	Parameter Value
0		Radio	5 GHz	State	Disabled
1		Ethernet	GigabitEthernet1	Speed	5000 MBPS
2		Radio	6 GHz	State	Disabled
		Radio	Secondary 5 GHz	State	Disabled



- Cisco DNA Center PoE dashboard integration.
- Power Savings, Money Savings, Emissions Reductions.
- Visibility into trends and insights.
- Both site level and AP level view.



IOS-XE 17.8 IOS-XE 17.10 Supported on 9115, 9120, 9130, 9136, 9166, 9164, 9162



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Note: Cisco DNA Center integration is on the roadmap

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Section Summary

Catalyst Wi-Fi 6E Access Point Portfolio: CW9162, CW9164, CW9166(I & D1) & C9136 (Low Power Indoor AP)

> Common Hardware and Migration CleanAir Pro & IoT Capabilities



Switch Port Speed (> 1 G) Cabling : Cat 5e, Cat 6, Cat 6A and above

> PoE Requirements Power Optimizations



Catalyst 9136 Dual mGig Link and PoE Redundancy Options





AP Deployment • AP Specs

• Power Requirements

Switching Infrastructure

Setting the stage

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- New 6 GHz Band
- Regulatory Considerations
- Protocol enhancements

- RF Design
- AP Coverage
- AP Density
- Site Survey Mode



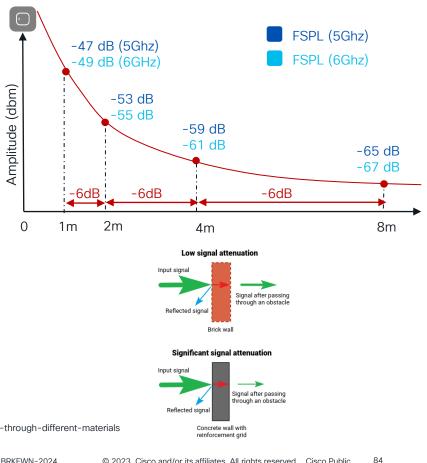
What you need to consider?

- Path Loss (FSPL)* Path loss in the first meter is on average 2dB higher at 6GHz vs. 5GHz. After that, the 6 dB rule applies: doubling the distance results in a 6 dB loss, regardless of the frequency
- Cell Size At 6 GHz @ same power level cell is smaller vs. cell size at 5 GHz
- Absorption/Reflectance 6 GHz will be attenuated more through wall or other surface
- Noise floor at 6 GHz is much lower than 5 GHz, at least for some time ©
- Coverage type: Today 6GHz is indoor only

(*) FSPL = Free Space Path Loss: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Free-space path loss https://help.keenetic.com/hc/en-us/articles/213968869-Wi-Fi-signal-attenuation-coefficients-when-passing-through-different-materials

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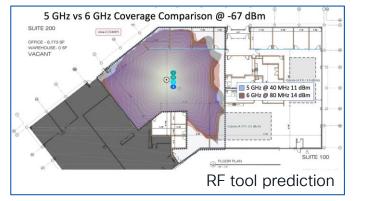
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RF Design considerations

- AP antenna patterns at 6GHz are similar to 5GHz
- AP coverage between 5GHz and 6GHz will be similar, especially in open spaces BUT it does require to compensate with power > 3dB higher in 6GHz



5GHz @40 MHz 11dbm

6GHz @80 MHz 14 dbm

• With brick walls, elevator and other environments, you would probably need to measure and add few APs

Where are we then on 5 and 6 GHz assumptions?

Q1: Can a co-resident 6 GHz radio provide the same coverage as the 5 GHz cell while dramatically increasing performance?

A1: Yes!

Q2: Can a one for one replacement of Wi-Fi 6/5 APs with Wi-Fi 6E APs be achieved?

A2: Yes!

*Assuming $1.2 - 2k f^2 (140-190 m^2)$ of average AP density, carpeted office normal ceiling (3 m /10 ft)



- 5 GHz network with RRM operating at power levels 3-4? >then equal 5 and 6 GHz coverage is possible with a one for one AP replacement in both ETSI and FCC. Assuming 80 MHz channel in FCC and 40 MHz channel in ETSI/UK
- If the power level is in 1–2, then you may need around 10 to 20% additional access points.

New Gear!!! Wi-Fi 6E Measurement !

Ekahau Sidekick 2

- 2.4, 5, 6 GHz
- Ekahau Al Pro
- Ekahau Analyzer



NetAlly Aircheck G3 Pro

- 2.4, 5, 6 GHz
- NetAlly Link-Live





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Catalyst Wi-Fi 6E Site Survey Mode



AP in standalone mode, broadcasting SSIDs across all 3 bands Embedded DHCP server provides Client IP

WebUI access for easy configuration and viewing of various RF metrics for RF coverage and planning

Supports configuration of channel number, channel width, Tx power, SSID, and data rates



Site survey mode configuration steps

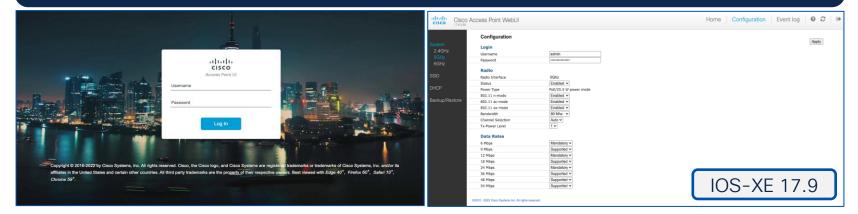
1. Change AP to site survey mode > Enter command "ap site-survey"

C9136#ap ?

capwap Switch to CAPWAP AP type

site-survey Switch to Site Survey AP type

- 2. After bootup, the AP is automatically assigned a static IP of 10.0.23.1.
- 3. AP will start broadcasting the C9136_site_survey with Open/OWE authentication security
- 4. Connect your wireless client with the site survey SSID and it'll receive an IP from 10.0.23.0/24
- 5. Access the Catalyst 9136 Site Survey WebUl via 10.0.23.1



6 GHz Predictive view with WCAE Tool

Get a taste of how the network would look, without adding any Aps!

WCAE Version: 0.9.11 or later

Configuration Checks:	<u>Controller Checks Results</u> <u>APs Checks Results</u>		
Controller: C9800-CL		Client Audit	AP Information
	Data Summary	Apple IOS	APs Configuration
	Log Summary	<u>Cisco 8821</u>	APs Slot Configuration
	Upgrade Advisor	Drager	APs Interface Status
	WLAN Summary	Spectralink	APs RF Summary 2.4GHz
	Interface Summary	Vocera	APs RF Summary 5GHz
	<u>RF Profiles 2.4 GHz</u>		APs RF Summary 6GHz
	<u>RF Profiles 5 GHz</u>		APs RF Health Details
	<u>RF Profiles 6 GHz</u>		APs NDP Summarization 2.4GHz
	Site Tags		APs NDP Summarization 5GHz
	Resources		APs NDP Summarization 6GHz
	AAA Server Details		APs RF Neighbors 2.4GHz
	WNCD Load Distribution		<u>APs RF Neighbors 5GHz</u>
	Tag/Policy Usage		APs RF Neighbors 6GHz
	<u>RF Stats 2.4GHz</u>		
	<u>RF Stats 5GHz</u>		6GHz Predictive Planning
	<u>RF Stats 6GHz</u>		
	RF Health 2.4GHz		
	<u>RF Health 5GHz</u>		
	RF Health 6GHz		
	Channel Stats 2.4GHz		
	<u>Channel Stats 5GHz</u> Channel Stats 6GHz		

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6 GHz Predictive view with WCAE Tool

6GHz predictive" view of how the power distribution, Nearby relationships, and RSSI for clients would look.

Name	Radio Mac	Slot	Country	5GHz Power Level	5GHz Power dBm		6GHz Predicted Level	6	6GHz Predicted dBm	5G	H Effective Neighbors	Predicted 6GHz Neighbors
AP1	08-4F-A9-9C-E3-00	1	US	5		8		4	8		15	2
AP2	08-4F-A9-9C-E3-01	1	US	3		14		2	14		11	8
AP3	08-4F-A9-9C-E3-02	1	US	4		11		3	11		12	9
AP4	08-4F-A9-9C-E3-03	1	US	4		11		3	11		8	6
AP5	08-4F-A9-9C-E3-04	1	US	4		11		3	11		19	14
AP6	08-4F-A9-9C-E3-05	1	US	3		14		2	14		10	8
AP7	08-4F-A9-9C-E3-06	1	US	3		17		1	17		11	7
AP8	08-4F-A9-9C-E3-07	1	US	4		11		3	11		16	10
AP9	08-4F-A9-9C-E3-08	1	US	2		17		1	17		4	4
AP10	08-4F-A9-9C-E3-09	1	US	4		11		3	11		13	12
AP11	08-4F-A9-9C-E3-10	1	US	1		20		1	17		4	3
AP12	08-4F-A9-9C-E3-11	1	US			8		4	8		22	13
AP13	08-4F-A9-9C-E3-12	1	US	4		11		3	11		10	8
AP14	08-4F-A9-9C-E3-13	1	US	3		14		2	14		11	8
AP15	08-4F-A9-9C-E3-14	1	US	4		11		3	11		24	16
AP16	08-4F-A9-9C-E3-15	1	US	5		8		4	8		12	9
AP17	08-4F-A9-9C-E3-16	1	US	5		11		3	11		23	16
AP18	08-4F-A9-9C-E3-17	1	US	9		8		4	8		10	10
AP19	08-4F-A9-9C-E3-18	1	US	5		8		4	8		16	12
AP20	08-4F-A9-9C-E3-19	1	US	4		11		3	11		16	10
AP21	08-4F-A9-9C-E3-20	1	US	4		11		3	11		11	9
AP22	08-4F-A9-9C-E3-21	1	US	5		8		4	8		11	9
AP23	08-4F-A9-9C-E3-22	1	US	5		11		3	11		18	9
AP24	08-4F-A9-9C-E3-23	1	US	4		11		3	11		17	10
AP25	08-4F-A9-9C-E3-24	1	US	1		20		1	17		1	1
AP26	08-4F-A9-9C-E3-25	1	US	4		11		3	11		11	6
AP27	08-4F-A9-9C-E3-26	1	US	2		17		1	17		9	8
AP28	08-4F-A9-9C-E3-27	1	US	1		20		1	17		1	1
AP29	08-4F-A9-9C-E3-28	1	US	5		11		3	11		24	13
AP30	08-4F-A9-9C-E3-29	1	US	5		11		3	11		24	17
AP31	08-4F-A9-9C-E3-30	1	US	4		11		3	11		11	10
AP-HOS-SON-2001	08-4F-A9-9D-B1-C0		US	4		14		2	14		16	10

Matches FCC or ETSI regulatory requirements.

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To get an in-depth understanding of RF Design Advanced RF Tuning for Wi-Fi6E with Catalyst Wireless: Become an Expert, while ☆ getting a little help from AI - BRKEWN-3413

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Wednesday, Jun 7 | 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM PDT | Level 2, Mandalay Bay G

Participants will learn the RF design and implementation guidelines necessary to plan, configure, and implement Wi-Fi networks that meet the evolving regulatory (6 GHz) and customers RF demands. Wi-Fi is changing and there has never been a more exciting time to be in RF technologies. In this session you will learn about Cisco's newest Catalyst Wireless Access Points and Antenna's including the latest Wi-Fi 6E Access Point and the new Wi-Fi 6 stadium antennas. Participants will learn and understand the current coverage and design best practices as well as what this means to the evolving RF landscape around the world. Everything we know is evolving. This session will provide a deep dive on how to think about and manage Wi-Fi6e, RRM, Spectrum Intelligence and the evolution of Multi Band Operations within the infrastructure. The evolution to Wi-Fi 6e brings amazing RF capacity gains. Wi-Fi6e also means new pressures on the wired infrastructures capacity and power that supports it. Attendees will learn what to expect and how to manage and plan the future needs now. Session attendees will be able to successfully use the information to navigate and understand todays fluid RF and Mobility landscapes and to articulate the benefits to their customers enabling the Best wireless and mobility experiences yet.

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WLAN Design

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• Power Requirements

• Switching Infrastructure

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RF Design

- AP Coverage AP Density
- Site Survey Mode



WLAN Network Design Wi-Fi 6E Security

 WLAN/SSID Design Client Ecosystem



Wi-Fi 6E – Security



Wi-Fi 6E Security



WLAN/SSID Design

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6GHz WLAN Design Considerations

What options would you have?

"All-In" Option: Reconfigure the existing WLAN to WPA3, one SSID for all radio policies (2.4/5/6 GHz) – Most unlikely

"One SSID" Option: Configure multiple WLANs with same SSID name, different security settings – Most conservative



"Multiple SSIDs" Option: Redesign your SSIDs, adding specific SSID/WLAN with specific security settings – Most flexible

Most likely your current SSID configuration would prevent it from being broadcasted on 6GHz Note: as 17.9.3, there is a limit of 8 SSIDs broadcasted on 6GHz radio



- Cleanest and simplest option
- No new WLAN and SSID to be managed
- Most secure with WPA3
 everywhere



- Breaks support for existing clients that don't support WPA3 and PMF in 2.4 and 5GHz
- Requires full control on client devices and drivers

Option 2

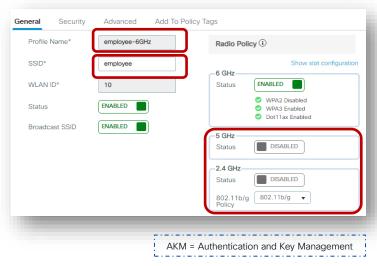


WLAN design considerations (Till IOS-XE 17.11.1)

 Option 2: Single SSID but different AKM per band. For Cisco today, this means creating an additional WLAN for 6GHz, with same SSID name but different WLAN profile name and security settings (AKM):

eral Security	Advanced Add To Pol	licy Tags
Profile Name*	employee	Radio Policy (i)
SSID*	employee	Show slot configuration
WLAN ID*	9	-6 GHz Status DISABLED
Status	ENABLED	5 GHz
Broadcast SSID	ENABLED	Status ENABLED
		2.4 GHz
		Status ENABLED
		802.11b/g 802.11b/g v Policy

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New WLAN, same SSID name serving 6GHz

Option 2 sub-options for 2.4/5 GHz

Two options for WLAN security settings in 2.4/5GHz band:

- a) WPA3 Transition mode
- b) WPA/WPA2

Things to keep in mind:

- From the initial testing done, some older drivers clients may have issues in connecting to a WPA3 transition mode
- Today Cisco doesn't support seamless roaming across WLANs, so for both options it will be a hard roam across bands.

Option 2a (dot1x SSID)

WLAN security configuration for 2.4/5GHz > Enable WPA3-Enterprise Transition mode (a.k.a. mixed mode):

O WPA + WPA2	• WPA2 + WPA3	ר	O WPA3	○ Static W	ΈP	() Nor	ne
WPA Parameters			- Fast 1	ransition			
WPA D	WPA2 Policy		Statu	s		Adaptive E	nabled .
GTK C Randomize	WPA3 Policy		Over	the DS	C)	
Transition Disable			Reas	sociation Timeout	t*	20	
WPA2/WPA3 Encryption				Key Mgmt			
AES(CCMP128)	CCMP256 GCMP256			2.1x 🗹	PSK		o
GCMP128	GCMP256	U		*KM U	SAE		
Protected Management	Frame			+ SAE	OWE FT +	: PSK	
PMF	Option	al 🔻	80	2.1x-]		

- L2 Security would be WPA2+ WPA3. AKM should be set to 802.1x-SHA256 and 802.1x (SHA1). PMF as Optional
- How to configure the client side?
 - For clients that don't support 6 GHz, configure a WPA2 profile
 - For clients that support 6 GHz, configure WPA3 Enterprise. They will use these settings to connect to both 2.4/5 GHz and 6GHz





- Provide an adoption path to more secure Wi-Fi via WPA3 Transition mode
- Maintain support for older clients using WPA/WPA2.
- No new SSID profile to be managed on the client side



- Older clients may have issues connecting to an SSID with WPA3 Transition mode
- Roaming across different WLANs (same SSID) is not supported
- Clients may complain going from a WPA3 SSID to a lower security
- Not supported by Cisco DNA Center Automation



Option 2b (dot1x SSID)

WLAN security configuration on 2.4/5GHz:

WPA + WPA2	O WPA2 + WPA3	O WPA3	O Sta	atic WEP	○ Nor	ne
MAC Filtering	0					- 1
Lobby Admin Access						
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GCMP128	GGMP256	-	802.1x		PSK	
Protected Managemen	t Frame		Easy-PSK		CCKM	
			FT + 802.1x		FT + PSK	
PMF	Disabled	•	802.1x- SHA256		PSK-SHA256	
			- MPSK Configur	ation		

- L2 Security would be WPA+WPA2. AKM should be set to 802.1x-SHA1. PMF Disabled
- Make sure you don't have WFA "Transition Disable" feature turned on on the 6GHz WLAN
- How to configure the client side?
 - For legacy clients just keep the existing WPA2 profile
 - For clients that are configured for 6GHz with a WPA3 profile, connecting to the 2.4/5GHz WLAN could be seen as a security downgrade attack. **Note**: MacOS gives you a warning:

	"test" was previously joined as WPA3 Enterprise, not WPA2 Enterprise.
•	Are you sure you want to join this network?
	Cancel Join

Important: This option should only be recommended if planning for a full coverage at 6GHz. In this case, 6GHz capable clients would not need to connect to 2.4/5GHz.



- Maintain support for older clients using WPA/WPA2.
- No new SSID profile to be managed on the client side



- WPA2 only for 2.4/5GHz > not as secure as using WPA3
- Clients may complain going from a WPA3 SSID to a lower security
- Roaming across different WLANs (same SSID) is not supported
- Not supported by Cisco DNA Center Automation



Going Forward ... (IOS-XE 17.12.1)

Single WLAN Profile for 2.4/5 and 6 GHz

eneral Security	Advanced Add To Po	nicy rags
Profile Name*	enterprise	Radio Policy (i)
SSID*	enterprise	Show slot configuration
WLAN ID*	8	Status ENABLED
Status	ENABLED	 WPA3 Enabled Dot11ax Enabled
Broadcast SSID	ENABLED	5 GHz Status
		2.4 GHz
		Status ENABLED 802.11b/g 802.11b/g v

- L2 Security would be WPA2+ WPA3.
- AKM should be set to 802.1x-SHA256 and 802.1x (SHA1) for Enterprise; SAE and PSK for Personal.
- PMF as Optional
- How to configure the client side?
 - For clients that don't support 6 GHz, configure a WPA2 profile or WPA3 Enterprise with PMF as Optional depending on the client support.
 - For clients that support 6 GHz, configure **WPA3 Enterprise**. They will use these settings to connect to both 2.4/5 GHz and 6GHz

General Security	Advanced Add To	Policy Tags		
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		- MDSK	Configuration	

WFA = Wi-Fi Alliance
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Option 3



Option 3 - WLAN design considerations

- Option 3: Redesign the SSIDs. This entails adding a WPA3 separate SSID for 6GHz and then decide which bands to enable to address different customer use cases.
 - Example 1: customer wants to adopt 6GHz without touching the existing SSIDs > add a separate SSID with WPA3 and broadcast it in all bands.
 - Example 2: Customer wants to redesign the SSIDs dedicating each band for a specific device/use case

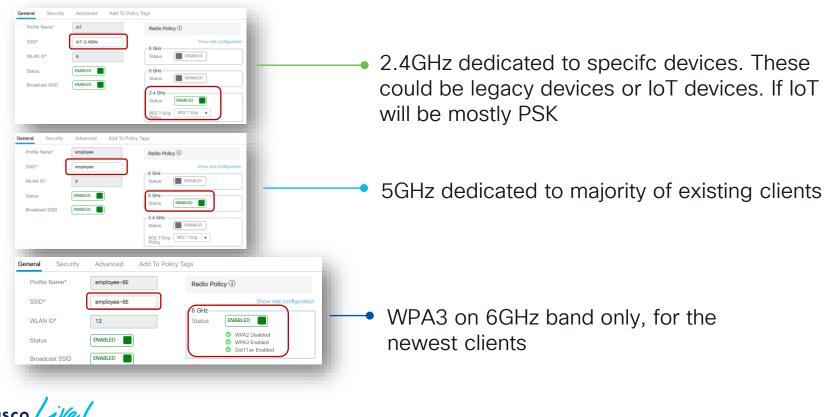
Option 3 > Example 1

Add a separate WLAN with different SSID name for WPA3 and broadcast it in all bands. Leave the existing WLAN/SSID untouched.

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Option 3 > Example 2

Redesign the WLANs, reserving each band for a specific device/use case





- Cleanest option from a client compatibility point of view
- Most secure options as clients can adopt WPA3 security
- WPA3 clients can roam across different bands
- Automated via DNA Center



- Additional SSIDs to configure & manage on WLC
- Need to manage additional SSID profiles on clients





Wi-Fi 6E – Client Eco System

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Getting clients to join 6E - from bad to better

Bad: Early days of 6E

6E Capable clients *always* preferred 5 GHz

Better: Now

More of 6E-capable clients join 6 GHz*







Working closely with client device vendors









* Assuming latest driver

Recommendations:

- 1. Upgrade to the Latest Driver
- 2. Configure Client Steering Feature

(to move 6 GHz capable clients to 6 GHz Radio)



Section Summary

Wi-Fi 6E Security Upleveled: WPA3 with PMF Mandatory

WLAN Design : 3 Options

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Wi-Fi 6E Client Eco System

("ALL-IN", "One-SSID" and "Multiple-SSIDs"

Recommendations



Wi-Fi Network Design AP Deployment • AP Specs

Setting the stage

- New 6 GHz Band
- Regulatory Considerations
- Protocol enhancements

RF DesignAP Coverage

Power Requirements Switching Infrastructure

- AP Density
- Site-Survey Mode

WLAN Design

- Wi-Fi 6E Security
- WLAN/SSID Design
- Client Ecosystem



Wi-Fi Network Design

Migration Scenarios

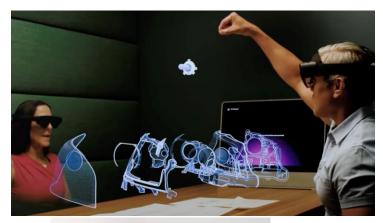
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Start with Use Cases

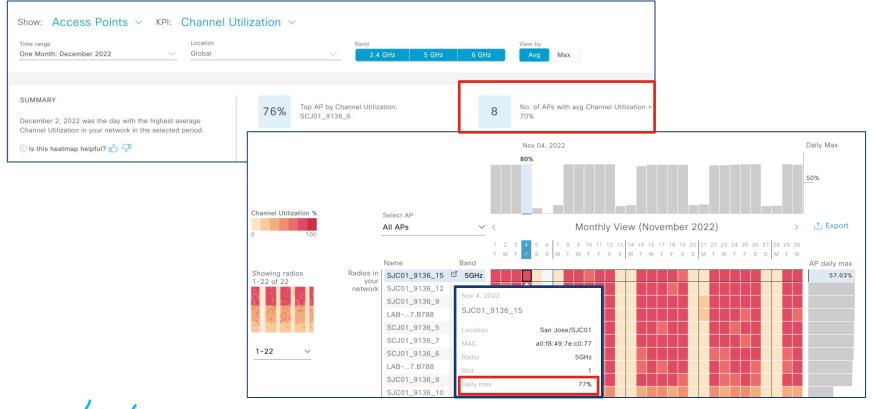






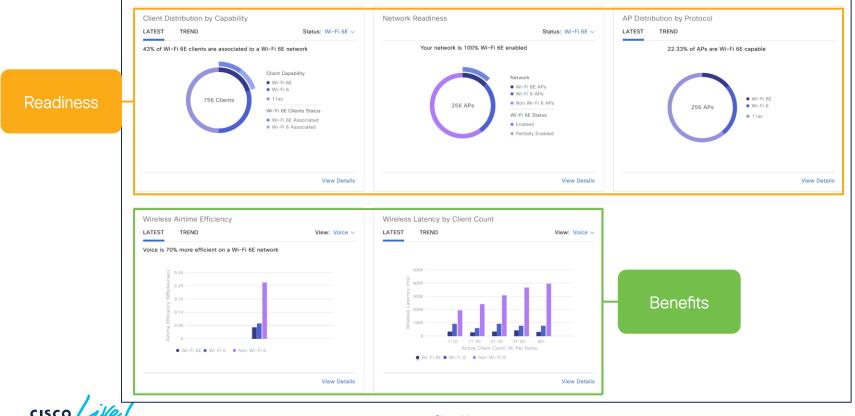


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Wi-Fi 6/6E runs on Cisco Catalyst Wireless



Legacy AireOS based Controllers (Recap)

Wi-Fi 6E APs are NOT supported in AireOS Controllers



- 5508 and 8510
- Supported on AireOS 8.5
- Allows IRCM with C9800 (IOS-XE)
- Supports both Wave 1 & Wave 2 Access Points



- 3504, 5520 and 8540
- Supported on AireOS 8.10
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 (IOS-XE)
- Supports Wi-Fi 6 APs (9100 series)

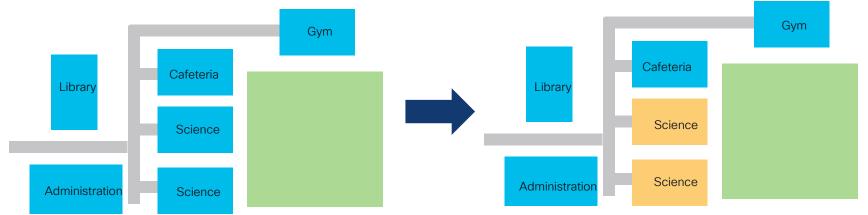


- 2504, WiSM2, vWLC and 7510
- No mobility with C9800
 (IOS-XE)
- Additional steps needed for migration



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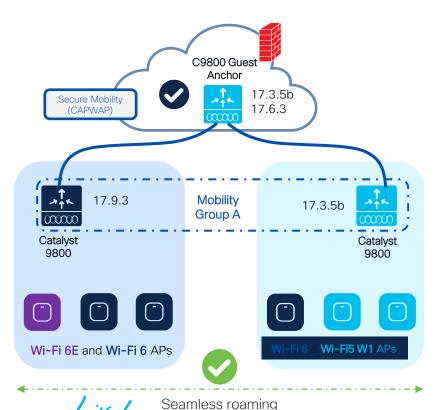
- Move "per RF blocks"
- Move a building or complete floor into the new hardware and software



Avoid "Sale & Pepper" Deployments. Do not mix APs on different controllers at same time.

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How do I start adopting 6GHz? Answer: Inter Release Controller Mobility (IRCM)

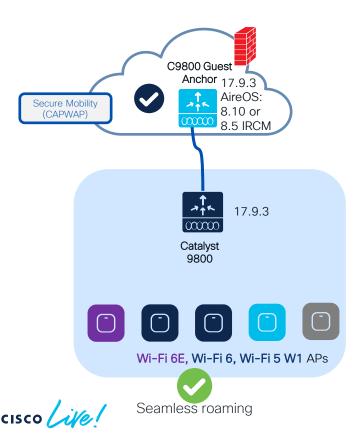


Scenario 1: If you're in IOS-XE 17.3.x code

- If you have already started your C9800 journey... & Wave 1 Aps are still present (1700/2700/3700).
- Introduce new AP hadware on the new supported IOS XE release and support seamless roaming and Guest Anchor with exsiting C9800 networks
- The release combinations shown have been tested at scale, check IRCM deployment guide*
- · Fast & secure roam will only be supported if the WLAN profile is the same on the two WLCs
- Note: Anchor can be on AireOS as well (8.10 or 8.5) **IRCM** latest

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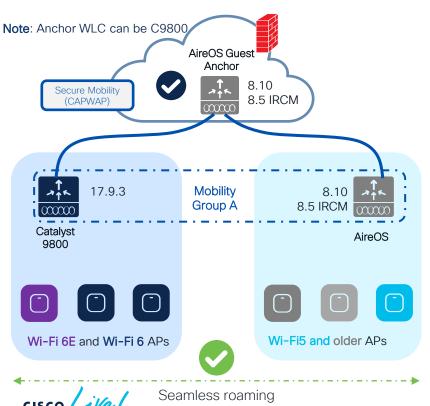


Scenario 2: If you have already started your C9800 journey

- Controller code is 17.9.3
- Wave 1 Aps support added in (1700/2700/3700).
- Note: Anchor can be on AireOS as well (8.10 or 8.5 IRCM latest

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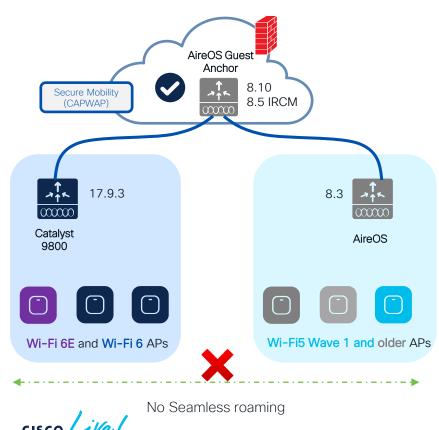


Scenario 1: Legacy Controller Supports IRCM

- Introduce new 6/6E AP hadware on the new C9800 and support seamless roaming and Guest Anchor with existing networks
- This method allows the smooth coexistence of both controllers, with RF areas migrated as needed, without any overnight switchover.
- Things to consider:
 - If the controller is limited to 8.5 (5508, 8510), we will need a special IRCM version (8.5.182.104), to connect them to IOS-XE
 - Best to split the RF network into different areas, configuring different RF group names between the legacy and IOS-XE controllers.
 - Always configure the primary/secondary controller name in access points. The new controllers will reject unsupported APs, but if any AP could work in both controller types, this will avoid APs joining the wrong one, or flip-flopping between them, until the migration is ready to proceed
- Fast & secure roam will only be supported if the WLAN profile is the same on the two WLCs

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How do I start adopting 6GHz? Answer: Inter Release Controller Mobility (IRCM)



Scenario 2: Legacy Controller not supporting IRCM

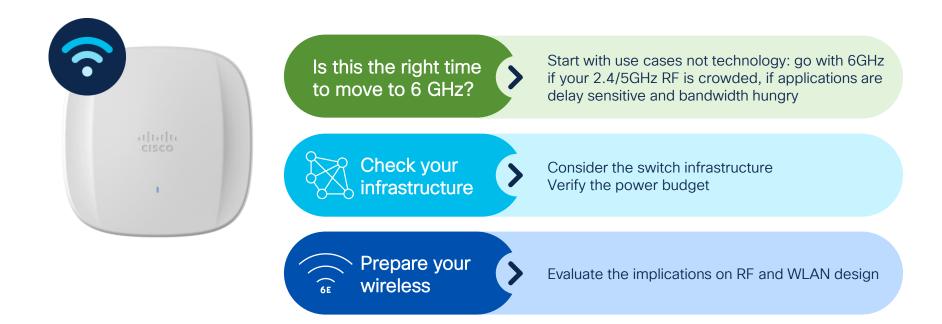
- Not possible to establish IRCM between old controller and new 9800 handling 6E Aps
- Limits options available. Forces more aggressive migration process.
- · Migration alternatives:
 - Keep the two networks separated ; migrate physical RF areas as new Aps are added.
 - Roaming is not possible.
 - Avoid migrations "per floor" as in most building types, it is normal to see clients roaming between Aps on different floor.
 - Temporarily, replace the legacy controller with one that supports IRCM.
- The release combinations shown have been tested at scale, check IRCM deployment guide*

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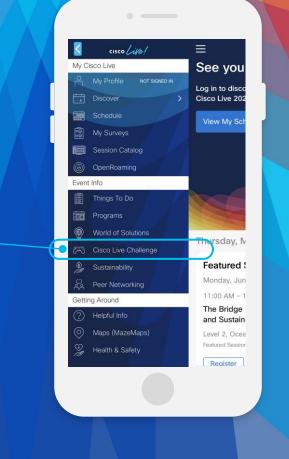
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