Wi-Fi 6E: benefícios, status da tecnologia e considerações de design e implementação



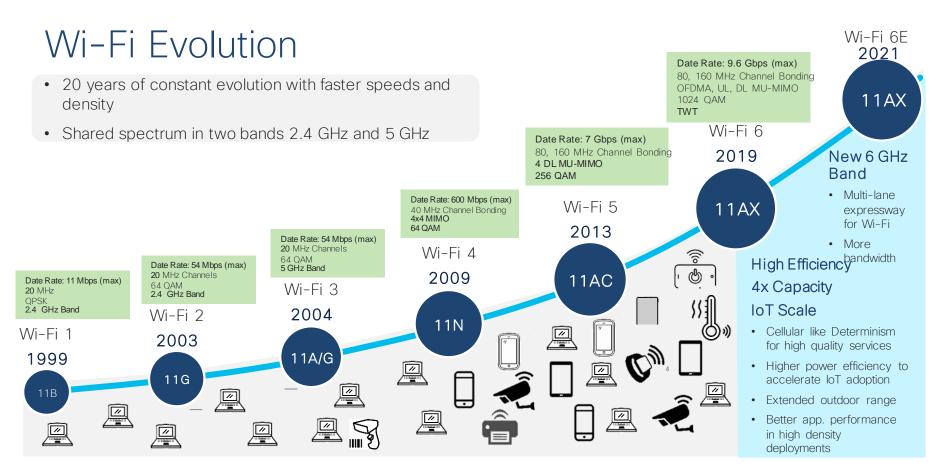
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Agenda



- Evolução do Wi-Fi e do Wi-Fi6
- Status do Wi-Fi6E
- Produtos disponíveis
- · Considerações de design
- 6 GHz AP Discovery
- Security in Wi-Fi 6E World
- Client Ecosystem
- DNA Center Wi-Fi6E Integration





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Experience: Wi-Fi 6 (802.11ax) What is the big deal?



For more information, see: <u>https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/products/collateral/wireless/white-paper-c11-740788.html</u>



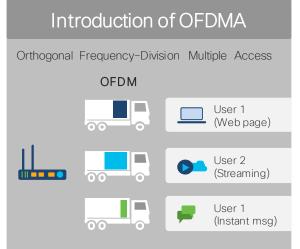
OFDMA – Using subcarriers more efficiently Maximizing client count – lowering latency

OFDM	OFDMA					
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Each User gets 1 time slot - whole channel bandwidth	Multi user Packet makes flight more efficient					
 Each User must wait t₈ before Next TX_op 	 Also provides much more regular and consistent TX_op 					
As more clients Join the cell, Latency - Jitter IncreasesQOS only manages TXop - someone has to wait	 Deterministic nature – miss this truck – no worries here comes another "meaning the truck" is always leaving "full" net result is lower latency 					
User 1 - Telemetry User 2 - Voip User 3 - Video User 4 - Voi	p 🧧 User 5 - Data 📕 User 6 - IoT 📃 User 7 - Data 📕 User 8 - Voip					
Each subcarrier is a transport - Latency goes up when subcarriers go out "half empty" OFDMA solves this by allowing multi-user packets to go out on one subcarrier						
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Device only improvements vs whole cell/network: OFDM vs. OFDMA and sub-carriers



- Fixed overhead Independent of payload size
- Uses full channel bandwidth – Per user



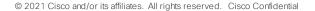


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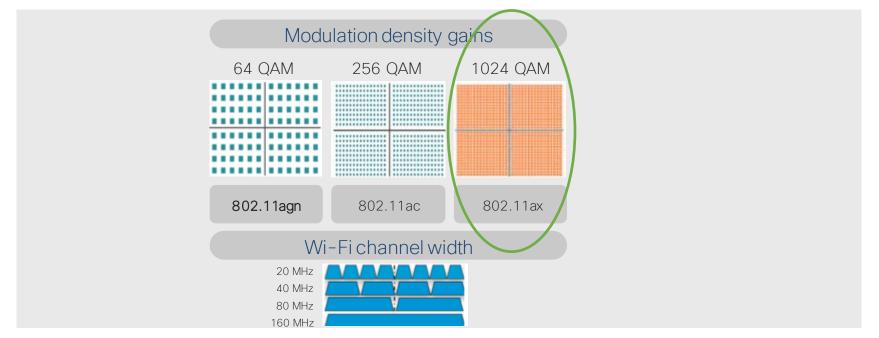
- Overhead Amortized between users
- Efficient use of Resources
- Scales resources for different traffic mix (IM vs Download)
- Increases overall Efficiency







802.11ax is all about high efficiency wireless These improvements are Wi-Fi 6 enhancements to make every microsecond "On THE AIR" matter.



Note: Channel Bonding reduces range as the power is spread out with each additional 20 MHz adding a 3 dB penalty in SNR and the greater the QAM the harder it is for the receiver to decode therefore it is more sensitive to noise.

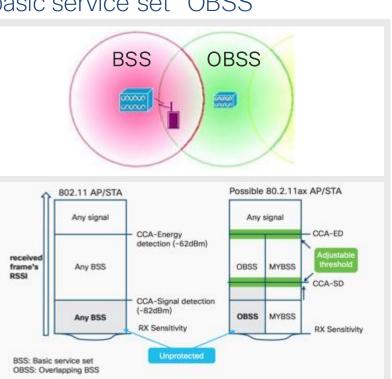


BSS Coloring – Spatial reuse and addressing interference

Basic service set "BSS" and overlapping basic service set "OBSS"

- BSS Color All devices within a BSS send the same value (color), which will be different than other nearby BSSs (or OBSSs)
 - Each BSS (AP) uses a different "color" (6 bits in the preamble)
 - Each user (station) learns its BSS color upon association, allowing it to identify other BSS's as OBSS
 - Stations detecting the same BSS color (intra-BSS) use a lower
 RSSI threshold for deferral which reduces Intra BSS collisions
 - Stations detecting a different BSS color (Inter-BSS) use a higher RSSI threshold, which allows more simultaneous transmissions
- OBSS Packet detection is dynamic and managed by the AP
- If a station reduces its TX power, the device **can** raise its **inter**-BSS CCA thresholds and transmit
 - TX Power reduction is based on sounding packets
 - Effectively RF locating the client within the cell
 - The closer the client is to the AP, THE LOWER it's transmitted power can be

Benefit – Overcomes the problem of Clear channel assessment limitations





802.11ax RU and target wake time benefits for IoT Better battery life and co-existence via RF efficiency improvements

- 802.11ax RUs and TWT available in 2.4/5G GHz for IoT
- Thanks to 2 MHz channels, Coexistence with other 2.4 GHz IOT technologies is much more effective
- Any channel can be left blank (no 802.11ax) to allow other technologies to operate



Target wake time



Target Wake Time (TWT) provides an effective mechanism to schedule transmissions in time.

Phones and IoT devices can sleep conserving battery life and then wake to take advantage of multi-user transmissions, and coexist in high-density RF environments with ease.





Wi-Fi 6 - Enhancements

network efficiency and lowers latency for high demand environments

devices by encoding more data in the same amount of spectrum



Uplink and Downlink Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiple Access (OFDMA): Increases Packet latency improvements Multi-User Multiple Input Multiple Output (MU-MIMO): allows more data to be transferred at

Channel Reuse

For your reference

With BSS Color

Parallel transmissions

Faster Speed more Radios and 1024 QAM

Better Battery Life



Target Wake Time (TWT): significantly improves battery life in Wi-Fi devices, such as Internet of Things (IoT) devices

once and enables an access point to transmit to a larger number of concurrent clients at once

Parallel processing: enables greater capacity by allowing MU-MIMO and OFDMA to function in

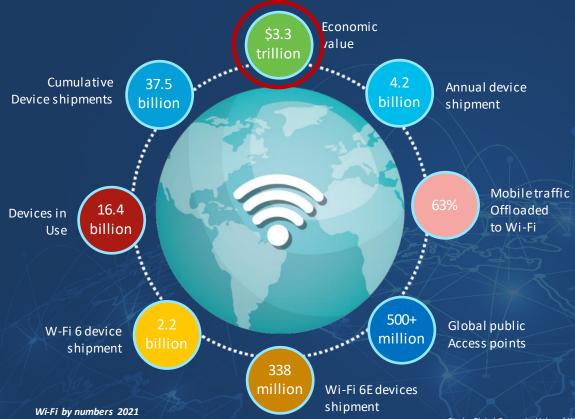
1024 Quadrature Amplitude Modulation Mode (1024-QAM): increases throughput in Wi-Fi

UPI INK and DOWNI INK mode



Wi-Fi 6E – O renascimento do Wi-Fi

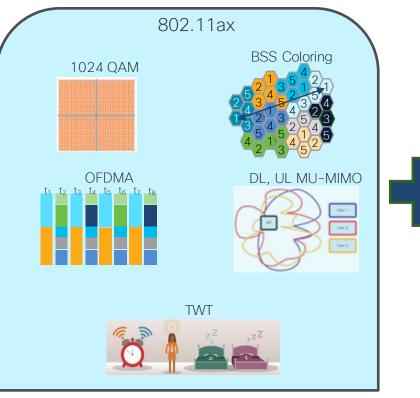
Global Economic Value of Wi-Fi



- The world runs on Wi-Fi
- Wi-Fi has proven to be a key driver of digital innovation
- Wi-Fi is foundational to consumer, enterprise networks, as well as the Internet of Things (IoT).
- Wi-Fi is also recognized as an essential part of delivering 5G service
- And in this pandemic, Wi-Fi has been critical in building social and economic resilience

Study: Global Economic Value of Wi-Fi^{*} https://www.wi-fi.org/download.php?file=/sites/de fault/files/private/Global_Economic_Value_of_Wi-Fi_2021-2025_202109.pdf

Wi-Fi 6 and 6GHz are friends



Additional Spectrum

- 1200MHz (5.925 GHz to 7.125 GHz)
 US
- 500 MHz (5.925 GHz to 6.425 GHz) i
- Wider Channels
- Clean RF
- No Slow Devices
- Security Upgrade
- 6 GHz WLAN Discovery

Wi-Fi 6E: Enabling new mobile experiences today

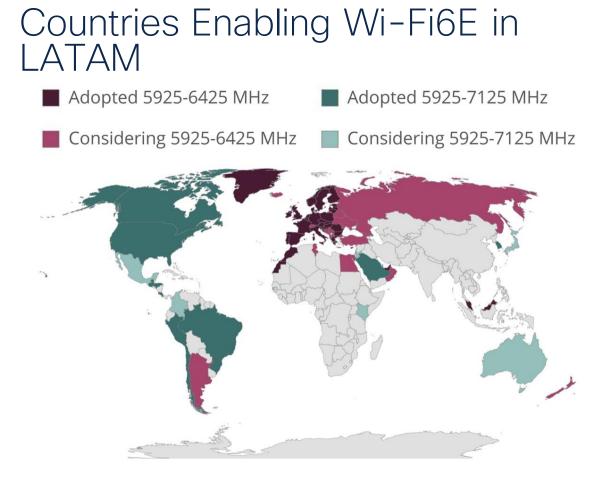
Improved security



Extended spectrum | Realized capacity | Improved experience

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Country	Status	Spectrum
Argentina	Considering	5925-6425 MHz
Brazil	Adopted	5925-7125 MHz
Chile	Adopted	5925-7125 MHz
Colombia	Considering	5925-7125 MHz
Costa Rica	Adopted	5925-7125 MHz
Guatemala	Adopted	5925-7125 MHz
Honduras	Adopted	5925-7125 MHz
Mexico	Considering	5925-7125 MHz
Peru	Adopted	5925-7125 MHz

Country

Status

Spectrum

https://www.wi-fi.org/countries-enabling-wi-fi-6e





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Board Decision at 25th February 2021

- Approved the Act nr. 1,306, of 26th Feb 2021, updating Act nr.14,448 with technical and operational characteristics of Wireless Access System (WAS, including RLAN) operating in the band 5,925 – 7,125 MHz.
- This Act entered into force in 1st of March 2021, with its publication in Anatel's Service Bulletin.



6 GHz is the biggest Wi-Fi spectrum expansion ever

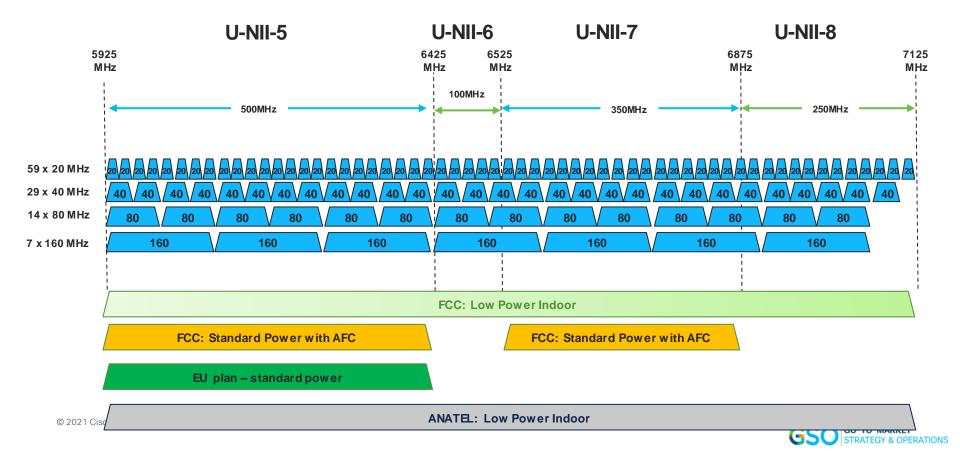
20 MHz 3 60 MHz of spectrum and 2.4 GHz 3x 20-MHz channels 40 MHz 1 20 MHz 25 40 MHz 12 500 MHz of spectrum and 5 GHz 25x 20-MHz channels 80 MHz 6 160 MHz 2 20 MHz 1200 MHz of 59 spectrum and 29 40 MHz 59x 20-MHz 6 GHz channels in US 14 80 MHz 500 MHz of 160 MHz spectrum in EU



Band

Channels Bandwidth

6 GHz Spectrum Availability



6 GHz – New Device Classes

- Wi-Fi 6E introduces new device classes for optimized capability
- Regulations vary by country

Low Power Indoor AP	Standard Power AP	Very Lower Power AP	Client Devices
 Indoor Only Integrated Antenna Required Can use the full 1200 MHz Wired Power 	 Indoor or Outdoor Integrated or External Antenna UNII-5 and UNII- 7 Only (US) Requires AFC 	 Mobile Indoor or Outdoor Limited Range UNII-5 and UNII- 7 Only (US) Does not require AFC 	 Indoor or Outdoor Only Indoor under control of LPI AP 6 dBm lower power than AP



.11ax Data-rate Chart for 1 Spatial Stream

Complex Modulation, Guard Interval and channel bonding is key to single radio performance.

MCS index ^[a]	Modulation type	Coding rate	Data rate (in Mb/s) ^[b]							
			20 MHz channels		40 MHz channels		80 MHz channels		160 MHz channels	
			1600 ns GI ^[C]	800 ns Gl	1600 ns GI	800 ns Gl	1600 ns GI	800 ns Gl	1600 ns Gl	800 ns Gl
0	BPSK	1/2	4(?)	8.6	8(?)	17.2	17(?)	36	34(?)	36(?)
1	QPSK	1/2	16	17	33	34	68	72	136	144
2	QPSK	3/4	24	26	49	52	102	108	204	216
3	16-QAM	1/2	33	34	65	69	136	144	272	282
4	16-QAM	3/4	49	52	98	103	204	216	408	432
5	64-QAM	2/3	65	69	130	138	272	288	544	576
6	64-QAM	3/4	73	77	146	155	306	324	613	649
7	64-QAM	5/6	81	86	163	172	340	360	681	721
8	256-QAM	3/4	98	103	195	207	408	432	817	865
9	256-QAM	5/6	108	115	217	229	453	480	907	961
10	1024-QAM	3/4	122	129	244	258	510	540	1021	1081
11	1024-QAM	5/6	135	143	271	287	567	600	1134	1201

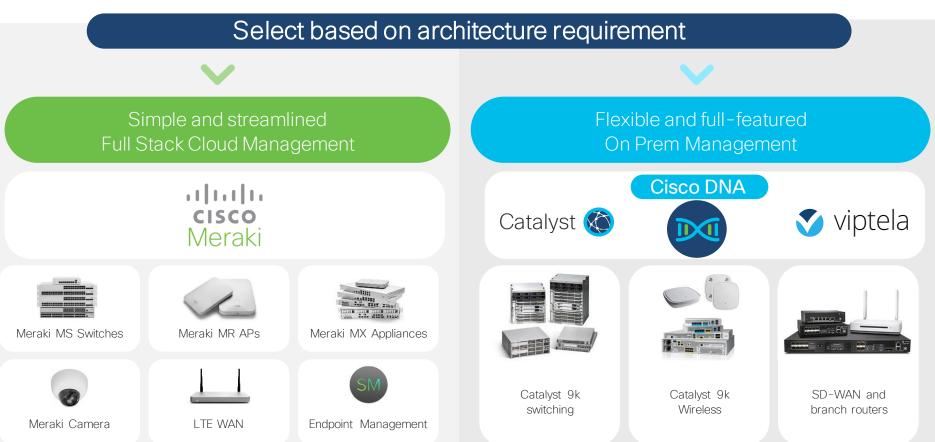
Modulation and coding schemes for single spatial stream

Up to 1.2Gb with 1 radio, up to 11 Gb* with 8 radios @ 160 MHz

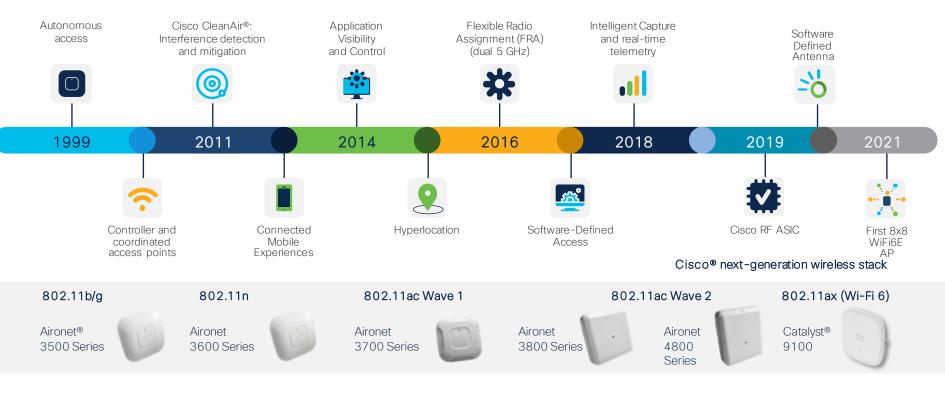
*Devices were presented at CES 2018 with a top speed of 11Gbit/s

Source https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IEEE_802.11ax

Cisco Meraki and Cisco DNA



Leading the industry with Wi-Fi innovations For every major change in WLAN over the last 20+ years





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MR57 in detail The flagship Meraki 6E access point

Feature highlights:

Wi-Fi 6E tri band, 4x4; 2.4/5/6 GHz

Seven times more 80 MHz channels (14) vs 5 GHz(2) Up to 6 Gbps of combined throughput (tri-band)

Dual 5 GHz support for high density

 $\mathsf{Expanded}\,\mathsf{IoT}\,\mathsf{support}\,\mathsf{with}\,\mathsf{Bluetooth}^{\circledast}\,\mathsf{Low}\,\mathsf{Energy}\,\mathsf{and}\,\mathsf{USB}$ port

Dual PoE 5 Gbps ports for high a vailability

Simple deployment with Cisco universal mount



Dual PoE provides redundancy for zero down

time use cases



Enhanced Catalyst Wi-Fi 6/6E Product Line

Purpose-built for Immersive Experiences



Powered by Cisco RFASIC



Cisco Catalyst 9136 Series access point

Cisco[®] Catalyst[®] 9136 Series Concurrent Tri-radio with 16 Spatial Streams!





Hexa-Radio Architecture

- 1. 2.4 GHz Serving Radio (Slot 0): 4x4:4SS
- 2. 5 GHz Serving Radio (Slot 1 + Slot 2): 8x8:8SS
- Dual 5 GHz Serving Radio (Slot 1 or Slot 2*) 4x4:4SS
- 6 GHz Serving Radio (Slot 3): 4x4:4SS
- Dedicated AI/ML-Driven Scanning Radio
- 2.4 GHz loT Radio 6



Dual PoE for Power Redundancy

- 2 x 5 Multigigabit (mGig) PoE Ports
- 802.3 Link Aggregation > up to 10 Gbps uplink



Internet of Things Capabilities

- Built-In Environmental Sensors
- Application Hosting Technology
- USB port with 9W power output

Analytics with Cisco DNA Center 2.3.2

Extending Cisco's Intent-Based Network

Location and IoT with DNA Spaces



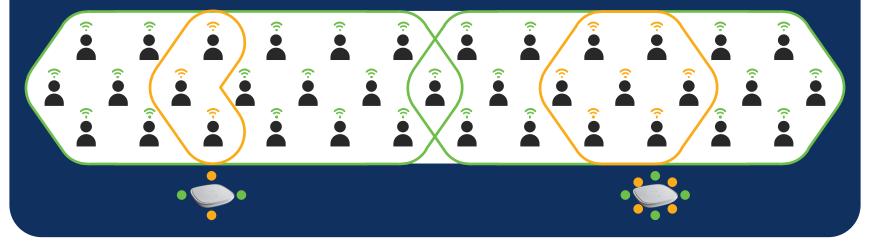
Best mobile user experience for high-density networks Higher throughput in a dense environment

Cisco Wi-Fi 5 Dual 5GHz Innovation

Some radios are overloaded, while others underloaded \rightarrow Throughput uneven depending on the radio connected

Improvements with Cisco Wi-Fi 6

Better workload distribution between the radios → Higher, more consistent throughput on connected devices



Introducing CleanAir Pro. 15 Years of Innovations and Excellence Carried Forward



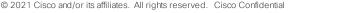
CleanAir

RF-ASIC Based Purpose built for 2.4 and 5 GHz Wireless



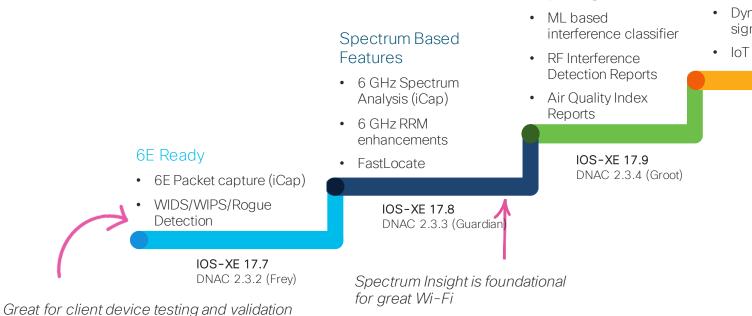


- Full 2.4, 5, 6 GHz Band Support
- Multi-Radio Architecture
- Al/ML-Driven Scanning Radio Decoding HE frames
- ML Based Interferer Classification, On-AP





Cisco CleanAir Pro. Evolving Wi-Fi Excellence into 6 GHz



Above & Beyond

Classification &

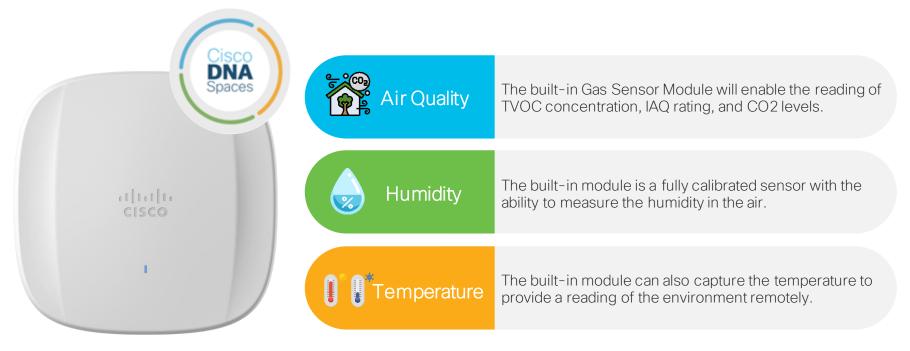
Reporting

- AFC integration**
- Dynamic Interference signature updates & capture**
- IoT Radio integration**





Catalyst 9136I has Three-Built in Environmental Sensors with Full DNA Spaces Integration



Note: The temperature generated by the AP will be considered during Temperature and AQI reading



IoT Enhanced Hybrid Work Experience C9136I Integrates with DNA Spaces for Back-to-Office Use Cases

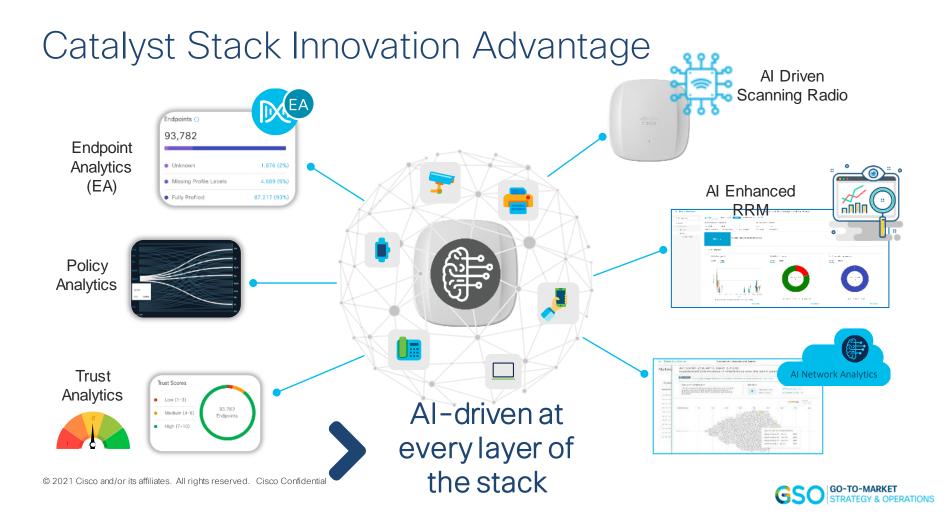


DNA Spaces will support Rich Maps for an Immersive Experience

Network Experience and BLE IoT Integration to Drive Business Outcomes

C9136I has built-in environmental sensors that feeds DNA Spaces Data





Deploying and migrating to Wi-Fi 6 and 6E



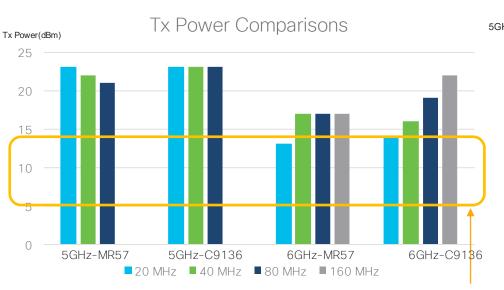
Bonded Channels and Noise 5 GHz vs 6 GHz

- A wider channel creates more noise
- Increased noise decreases SNR
- In 5 GHz, every doubling of a channel width takes a corresponding 3 dB hit in SNR,
- A 3 dB reduction in SNR is equivalent to a 3 dB decrease in the RSSI performance wise
- Wi-Fi 6 E power rules in PSD of 5 dBm/MHz increases the EIRP as the channel gets wider
- This off-sets the corresponding SNR loss
- Comparing Effective EIRP 6 GHz favors wider channels



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5GHz vs. 6GHz Coverage Planning



AP Tx Power Range of Typical Indoor Deployment (1200 – 2000 sqft.)

6GHz: 14 dBm 7

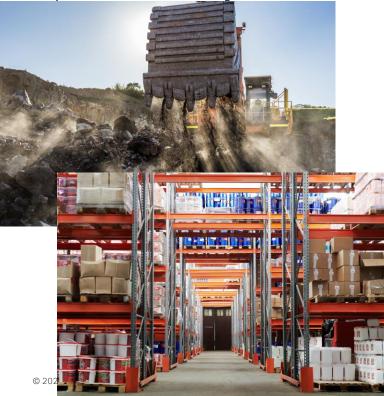


Wider is Better!

- Tx Power difference between 5GHz and 6GHz LPI are getting narrower by increasing Channel Width
- In 6 GHz, 80 MHz is the sweet spot from both coverage as well as throughput point of view
- Worst case, 6GHz radio might requires 10 % additional APs is needed if every deployed AP uses maximum power. While in most of normal deployment, 110 to 185 sq meters. coverage per AP, 5GHz coverage will be comparable to 6GHz



Wi-Fi6 with External Antenna for Outdoor and special indoor deployments. Wi-Fi6E is not an option today.



- Due to potential interference with incumbent in 6GHz frequency, it cannot be done without AFC.
- FCC & Wi-Fi Alliance is working on AFC
 Test Plan
- Continue to propose and use Wi-Fi 6
 Outdoor/Connectorized Product
- As always check your local regulatory body!

AFC still not available in LATAM.



Wi-Fi6 Access Points Ethernet Speeds





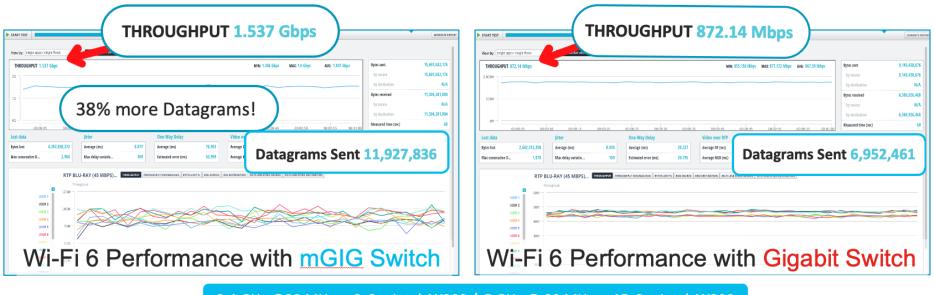
9115 & 9120 4x4 Multigigabit 2.5 9130 8x8 Multigigabit 5.0

But do I really need more than 1Gbps?



Conclusion – Yes, you will need an mGIG Switch It will be even more important in Wi-Fi6E and Wi-Fi7 due to wider channels

Wi-Fi6 tests:



2.4 GHz @20 MHz w 3x2ss Intel AX200 / 5 GHz @ 80 MHz w 15x2ss Intel AX200

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CISCO The bridge to possible

Wi-Fi 6E Speed Test Demo

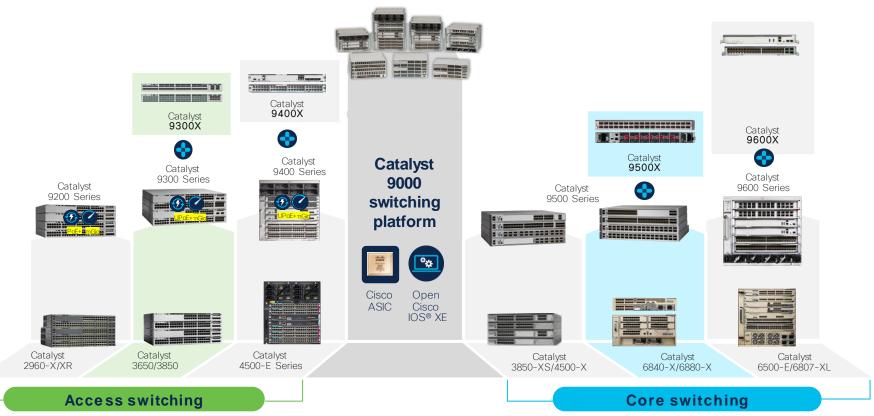


How much power will it need?

- It will vary model by model but in general. Check model specific power table
- UPOE .3bt can get you ready for top WiFi6/6E and WiFi7
- POE+ .3at can get you most of the Wi-Fi6 and 6E capabilities

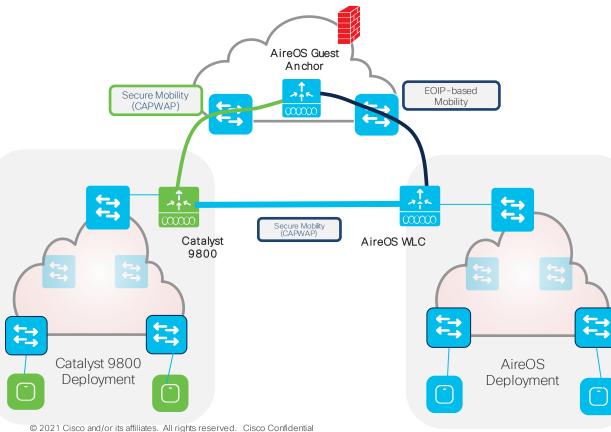


Catalyst 9000 Switching Portfolio





AireOS WLCs to C9800 WLCs Refresh



- Start a parallel 9800 Catalyst based cluster
- OPTIONAL: Build a Secure Mobility communication between them. If same are is covered or sharing same Guest Anchoring
- Add APP to 9800 or migrate APs to 9800 as required.



Deploying and migrating to Wi-Fi 6E Summary of recommendations, tips, and tricks

Migrating to 6 GHz	Power considerations	Security requirements	Wireless coverage
Top of mind: For brow nfield, 1:1 AP replacement. For greenfield, coverage area per AP is now 1500 to 2000 sq ft / 110 to 185 sq m.	Recommendation: 802.3bt (Cisco UPOE®) is the suggested pow er input.	Mandatory: WPA3 is required for Wi-Fi 6E netw orks to be enabled.	Recommendation: Use Ekahau and iBw ave to analyze 6-GHz AP coverage.
Legacy clients must still be considered. Shorter distance = Better data rate	802.3at (PoE+) and 802.3af (PoE) are also supported by the Catalyst and Meraki Wi-Fi6E APs.	WPA3 was not required for prior Wi-Fi generations; hence, it must be top of mind.	The 9136 / MR57 are available on Ekahau; as w ell as a generic 6- GHz AP.
Spectrum considerations	Multigigabit switching	Cisco DNA Center migration	WLAN considerations
Spectrum considerations Note: Wi-Fi 6Es wider spectrum enables 80/160-MHz channel widths to be viable.	Multigigabit switching Recommendation: Use a Multigigabit switch with 2.5/5Gbps capability.	Cisco DNA Center migration Note: Use AP refresh w orkflow to replace existing APs managed by Cisco DNA Center.	WLAN considerations Note: 8 Wi-Fi 6E SSIDs per AP can be created in Cisco IOS XE Release 17.7.1. Will be raised to 16 SSIDs in a future release.



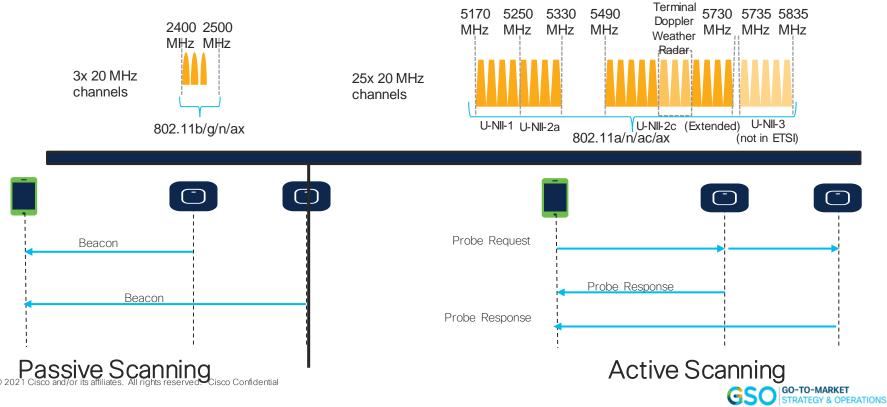


Wi-Fi 6E – AP Discovery

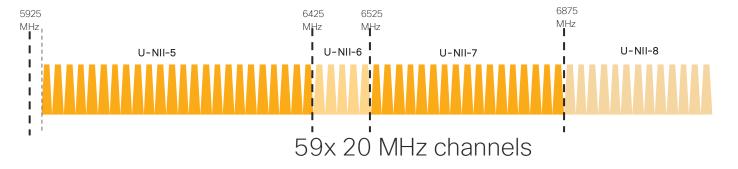


AP Discovery by Wireless Clients – Legacy Methods

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



Why Legacy Scanning Methods won't 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

(Preferred Method) Co-located Discovery

Multiple BSSID Beacon Frames

In Band

Passive Scan:

- Fast Link Setup (FILS) Discovery
 Announcement Frames
- Unsolicited Probe Response Frames

Active Scan:

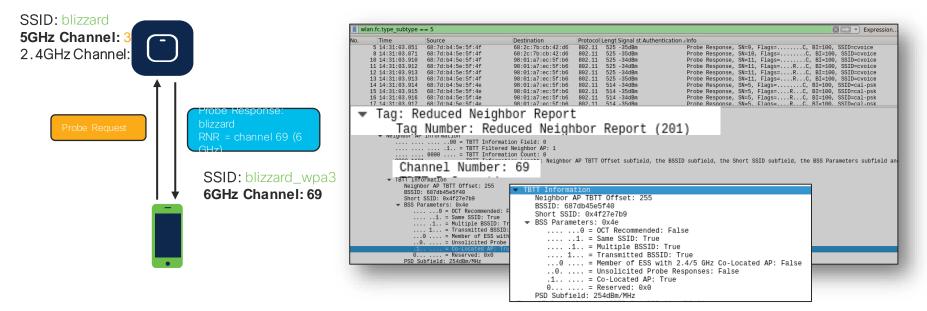
Preferred Scanning Channels (PSC)





Reduced Neighbor Report

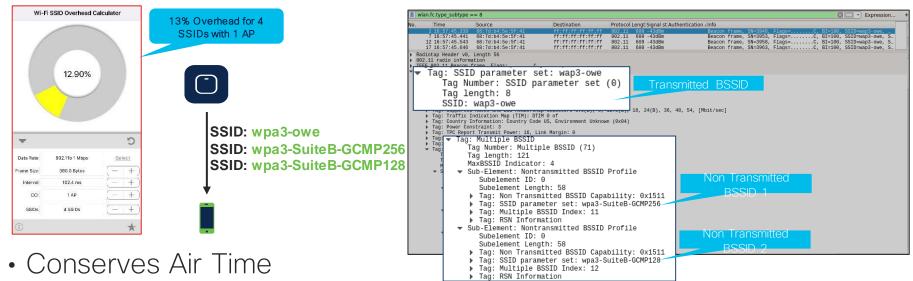
• Co-located "Neighbor" 6 GHz radio information in Beacon and Probe Response of 2.4 and 5 GHz radios.





Multiple BSSID

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

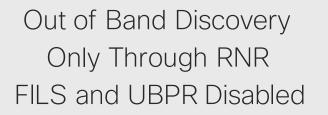


• Mandated in Wi-Fi 6E



Wi-Fi 6E – Deployment Considerations





Most likely Deployment

In Band Discovery Discovery through FILS or UBPR Default: FILS

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Least likely Deployment



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Wi-Fi 6E Security





Wi-Fi 6E Security Deployment Considerations

- Layers of Wi-Fi Security
 - Clients with WPA2/WPA/Open continue to operate in 2.4 and 5 GHz bands.
 - 6 GHz operates exclusively with WPA3 and Enhanced Open Security
- Use of different SSIDs for 6 GHz band

2.4 & 5 GHz Bands

SSID: employees (WPA2-Enterprise) SSID: employees-wpa3 (WPA3-Enterprise) SSID: guest (WPA2-Personal)



6 GHz Band

SSID: employees-wpa3 (WPA3-Enterprise) SSID: guest-wpa3 (WPA3-Personal/H2E*)

*Note: Only H2E is the supported SAE in 6GHz Band





Wi-Fi 6E – Client Eco System



Wi-Fi 6E Client Device Eco System

Wide range of client support ...



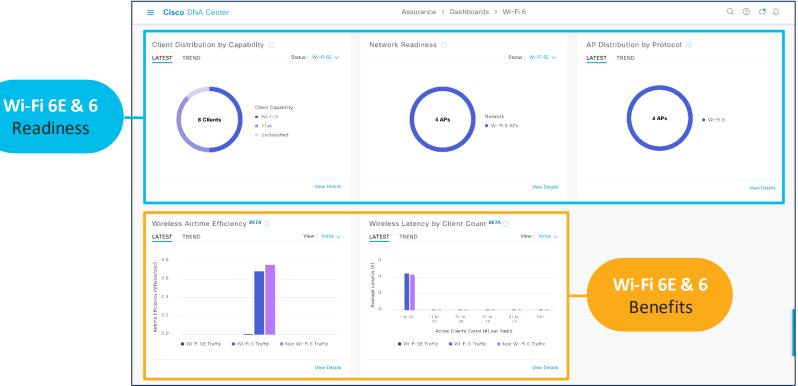
with more coming soon



Wi-Fi 6E Cisco DNA Center Integration



Wi-Fi 6E integrated into Wi-Fi 6 Dashboard Observe the Readiness and Benefits of 6 GHz





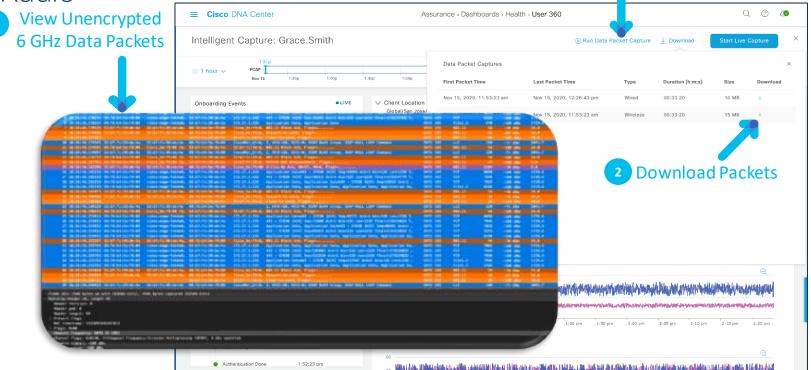
Intelligent Capture's Spectrum Analysis to Capture 6 GHz Enhanced with C9136I's AI/ML-Driven Scanning Padio





Intelligent Capture's to Support Packet Capture in 6GHz

Data, Live and Anomaly Packet Capture Inline on the Serving Radio

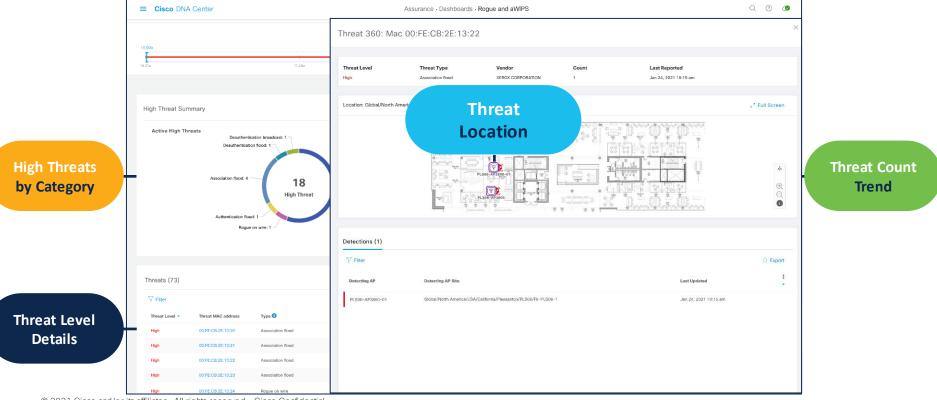


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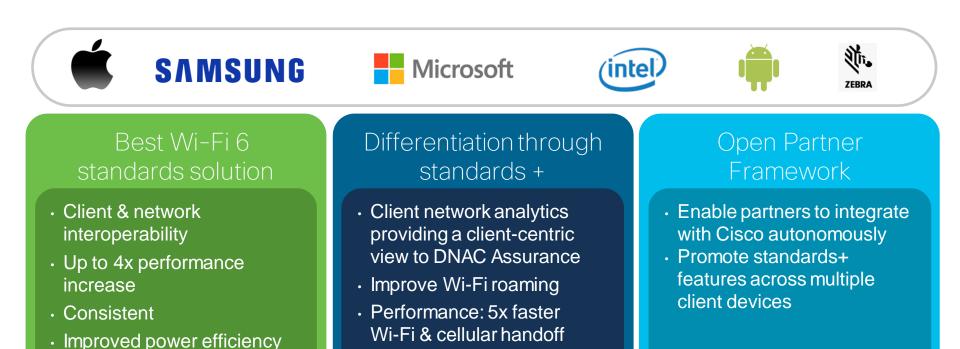
Rogue Management and aWIPS on Wi-Fi 6E Abolish your 6 GHz Network Vulnerabilities



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Measure Wi-Fi6 Benefits with Wi-Fi 6 Analytics Dashboard

18% of clients in the network are Wi-Fi 6 capable. Your AP Infrastructure is 25% ready for Wi-Fi 6.

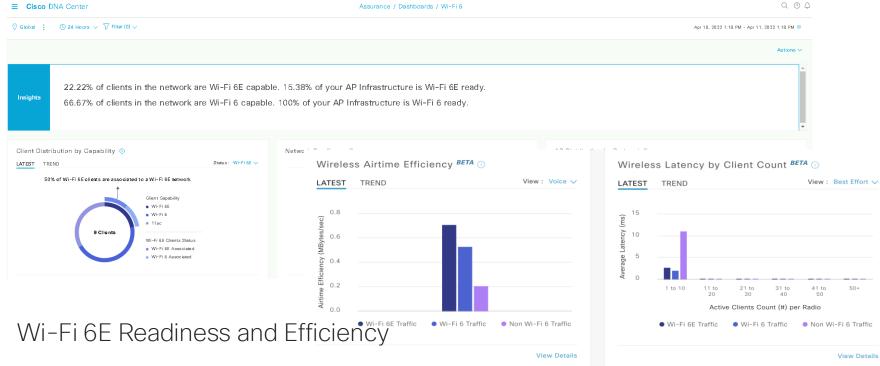
Insights Consider the following changes: (1) Upgrade your controller OS version to AireOS 8.10 or IOS-XE 16.12 to enjoy the benefits of Wi-Fi 6 network (2) Consider upgrading your AP hardware to Catalyst 9100 Series Wi-Fi 6 APs for better client experience



- Analytics on W-Fi 6 APs and devices
- Wi-Fi 6 readiness and benefits analytics
- Advanced wireless
 performance troubleshooting



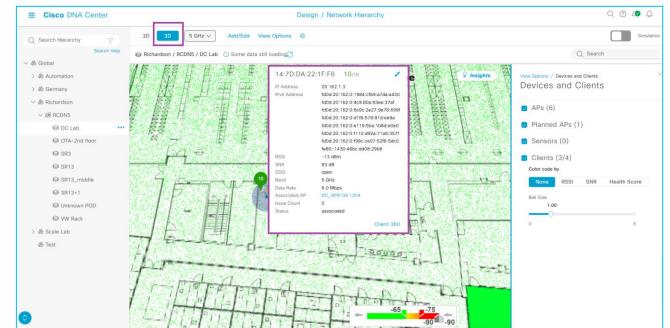
Wi-Fi 6E Visibility





3D maps integration with DNA Spaces/CMX

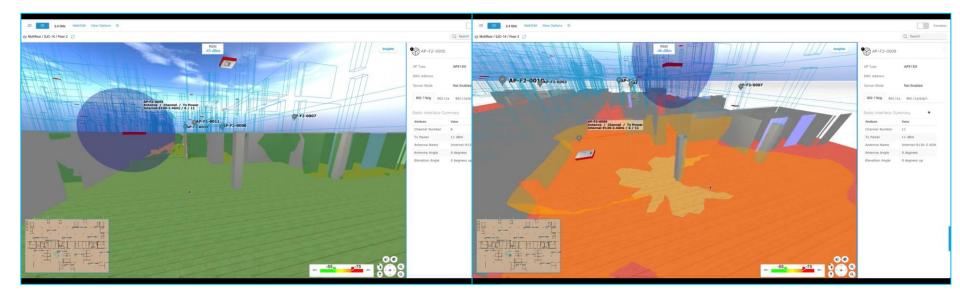
- Integration of DNA Spaces/CMX data to show clients on 3D maps
- Clients indicated by "Ball" icon
- Client details on to which AP it is connected and hyperlink to Client 360 for more details





Multi-Floor Penetration

- Ability to Visualize energy penetration alongside Contributing floors
- ✤ Heatmap metrics shown for RSSI, SNR, Interference and Leakage







- Evolução do Wi-Fi e do Wi-Fi6
- Status do Wi-Fi6E
- Produtos disponíveis
- Considerações de design
- 6 GHz AP Discovery
- Security in Wi-Fi 6E World
- Client Ecosystem
- DNA Center Wi-Fi6E Integration

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