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President & CEO, Wireless Broadband Alliance

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Time	Presentation
11:10 AM (CDT)	<b>Moderator and CEO Welcome</b> Tiago Rodrigues, President & CEO, Wireless Broadband Alliance
11:15 AM (CDT)	<b>In-Building &amp; Wi-Fi Convergence</b> Cameron Dunn, Assistant Vice President, AT&T
11:25 AM (CDT)	<b>Fireside Chat - Impact of Convergence in the Home and Enterprise - Near and Mid Term</b> Dr. Sarper Gokturk, VP of Innovations, Airties; Dr. Derek Peterson, CTO, Boingo Wireless.
11:55 AM (CDT)	<b>Fireside chat: How do Current Wireless Trends Transition in Real Terms for End Users and Customers</b> Matt MacPherson, Wireless CTO, Cisco; Eric McLaughlin, VP & GM Wireless Solutions, Intel Corporation.
12:35 AM (CDT)	COFFEE & NETWORKING



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# WBA Services Automated Frequency Coordination (AFC)

21st May 2025

# WBA LAUNCH AS AFC OPERATOR



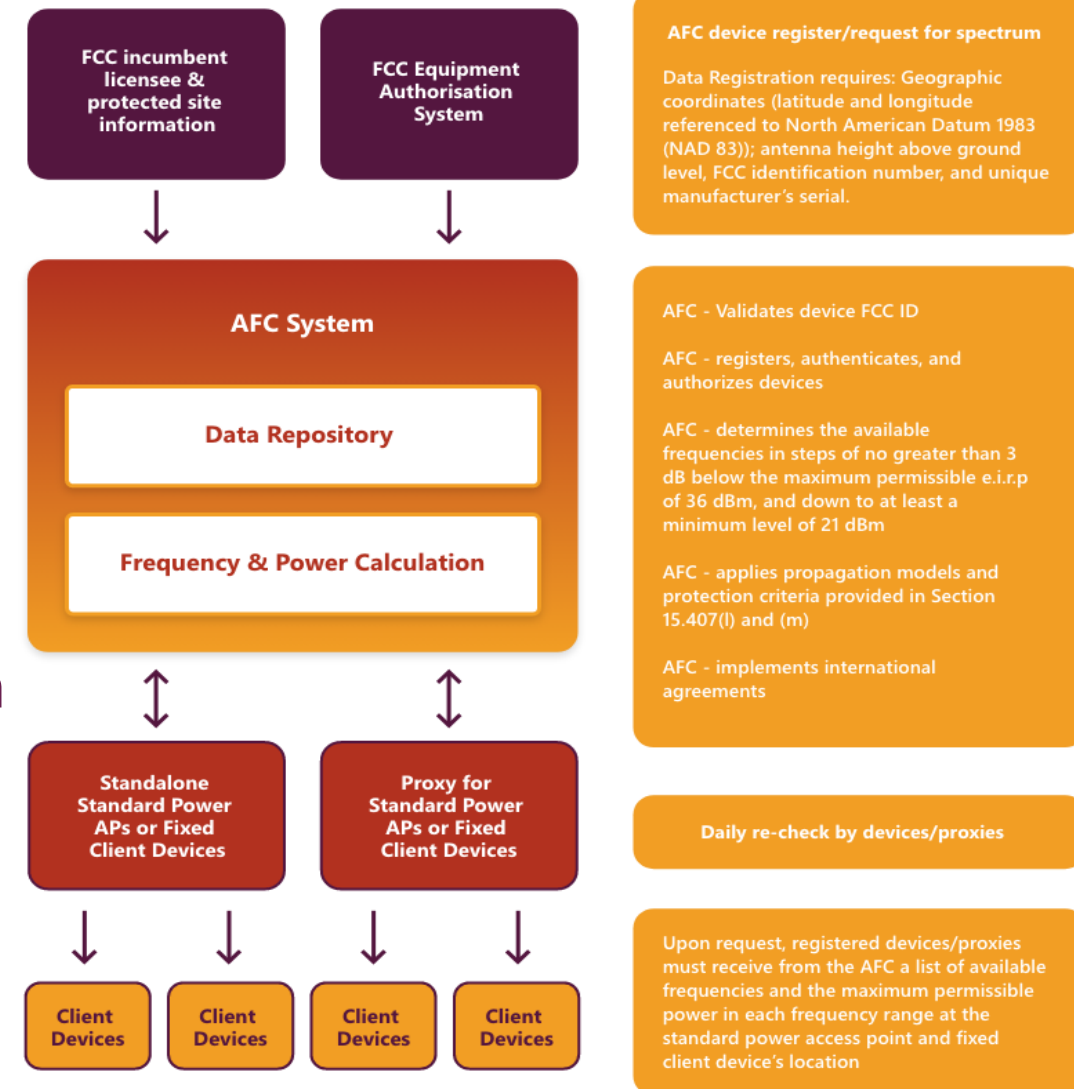
**FCC US Telecoms Regulator certified AFC operators to control Wi-Fi devices in the 6 GHz bands using Automated Frequency Coordination (AFC) for standard power to protect incumbent operations**



AFC Operators in the U.S. must be approved by the FCC.

# WBA SERVICES AFC – How It Works

- To operate at standard power devices must send daily request messages to its designated AFC
- AFC performs interference analyses in the geolocation of the device.
- AFC sends a response message back to the device specifying the channels/frequencies it can operate at and the maximum allowable power over each channel/frequency.



# SERVICES FOR WBA MEMBERS & CUSTOMERS



- **WBA Services AFC - a cloud service that all your Access Points communicate with**
  - Complies with FCC regulations
  - Based on Open AFC Specification
  - Returns usable channels/frequencies and allowable power levels
- **AFC Support Options**
  - Interference Incident Response: Engineering and analysis to respond to interference incidents and mitigate impacts.
  - Access Point Deployment Planning & Analysis: Survey analysis, implementation assessment, risk assessment, interference mitigation.
- **Enhancement Options**
  - Developing custom software, simulation, or analysis capability to support unique needs (e.g., increase accuracy, reduce interference risk)



# WHY WBA SERVICES AFC

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- The Wireless Broadband Alliance (WBA) has over 20 years of experience advancing Wi-Fi globally.
  - WBA Inc. Non-profit industry body founded in 2003
  - WBA Services Commercial unit delivering AFC services to the market
- While operated separately, both divisions share a deep commitment to advance Wi-Fi.
- Whilst WBA Services AFC is a commercial service, embedded in our DNA is delivering quality services that support industry standards to our customers at affordable prices
- WBA Services, is a wholly owned subsidiary of WBA Inc. (Non-profit industry body) - we are committed to continue to work to ensure your success.



# Wireless Broadband Alliance Services

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Cameron Dunn

Assistant Vice President, AT&T

## In-Building & Wi-Fi Convergence



# In-Building & Wi-Fi Convergence

Cameron Dunn, AVP In-Building Solutions  
AT&T Network Planning & Engineering

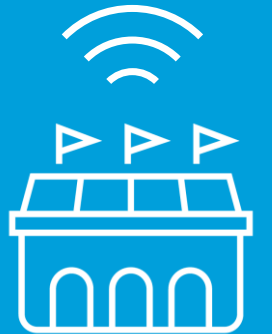
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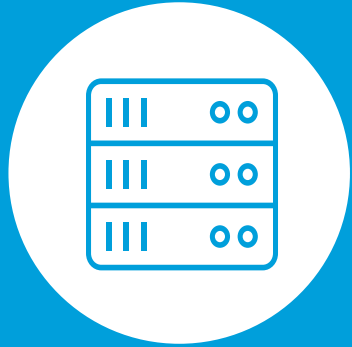


Provide AT&T subscribers with ***In-Building access*** through creation and support of best cost structures via:

1. In-Building Investment Strategies
2. Negotiation & Vendor Management
3. Alternative Technologies



# In-Building Solutions

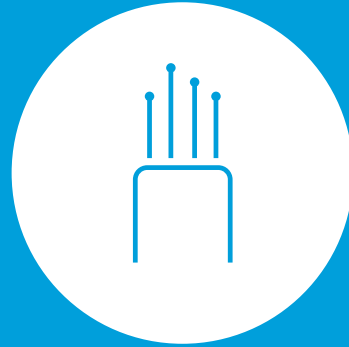


## Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS)

Tier 1-2-3 venues (leased & owned)

Very expensive and long technology roadmap

Need for alternative, cost-effective technologies



## Alternative Technologies

Wi-Fi & Neutral Host

Grow Passpoint footprint (roaming, owned, DePIN)

Cost-effective supplement or alternative to DAS



## Convergence Challenges

Seamless switching between Wi-Fi networks remains difficult

Customers must be on the best available network

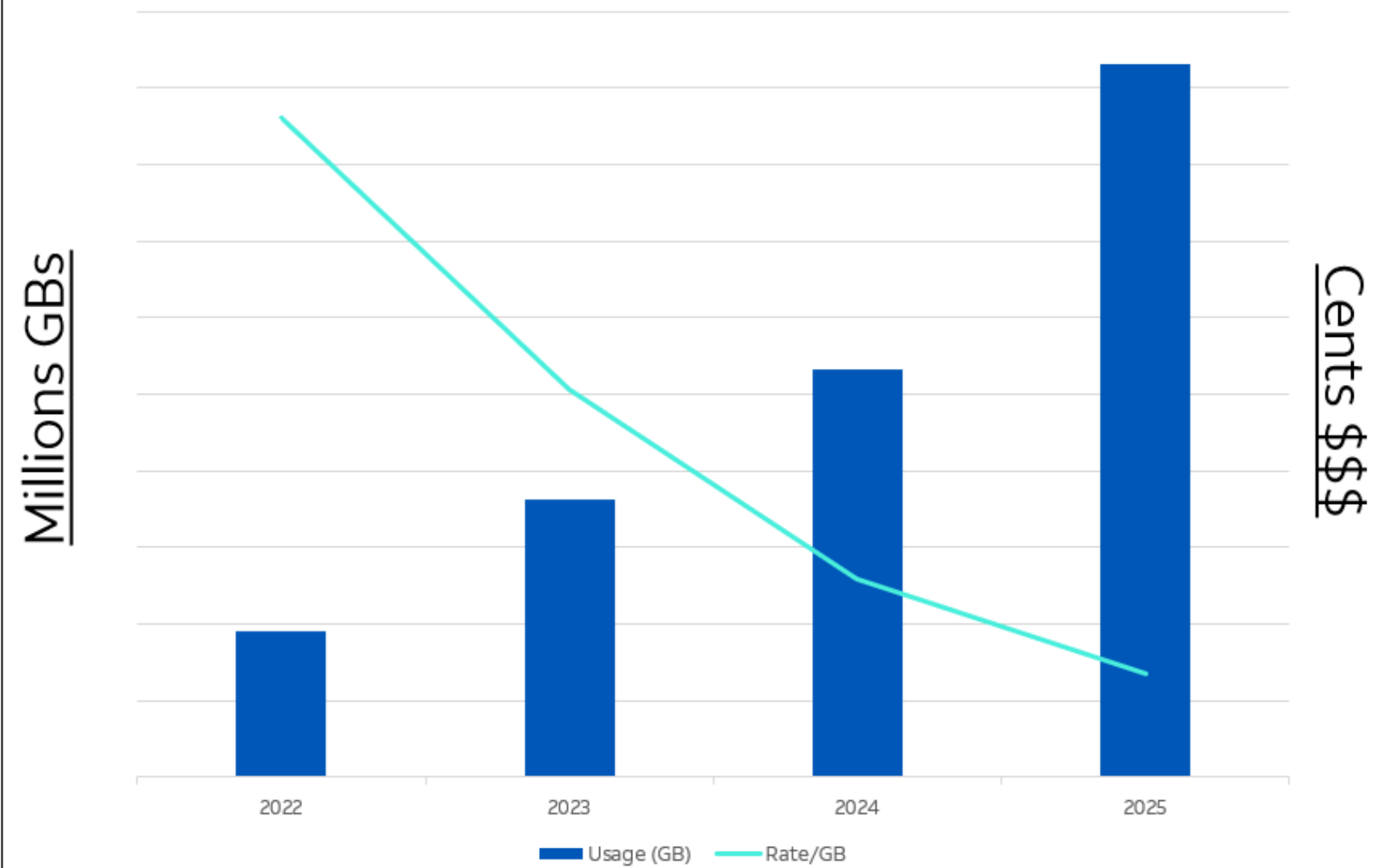
Investments in QoS needed

# Wi-Fi: A Key Pillar of In-Building Strategy



# Wi-Fi Roaming – Growth and Cost

April 2025 YoY YTD



Venue Type	Count
Retail Store	5,788
Restaurant	2,896
Office Building	1,512
Grocery Market	1,194
College	643
Recreational Centre	221
Medical Building	153
City Park	117
Hotel	117
Apartment Building	94
Military	69
Stadium	52
Airport	36
Campground	9
Casino	8
Marina	5
Bus or Boat Terminal	1
Subway	1
Grand Total	12,916

# Thank you!





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## Fireside Chat - Impact of Convergence in the Home and Enterprise - Near and Mid-term



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# Fireside Chat: How do Current Wireless Trends Transition in Real Terms for End Users and Customers



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Wireless CTO, Cisco



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Cisco



# Decades of Collaboration

Across Many Vectors

1 Standards and  
Regulatory



2 Product Leadership



3 Innovation



4 Industry Influence



## CISCO CCX

SU Throughput

DL OFDMA

UL OFDMA

DL MUMIMO

11mc FTM Ranging

Location Based Services

Concurrent Dual Band

Dynamic B/W

SMPS

Tx burst operation

Multi-AP coordinated  
spatial reuse

.11az, Wi-Fi Sensing, UWB

QoS

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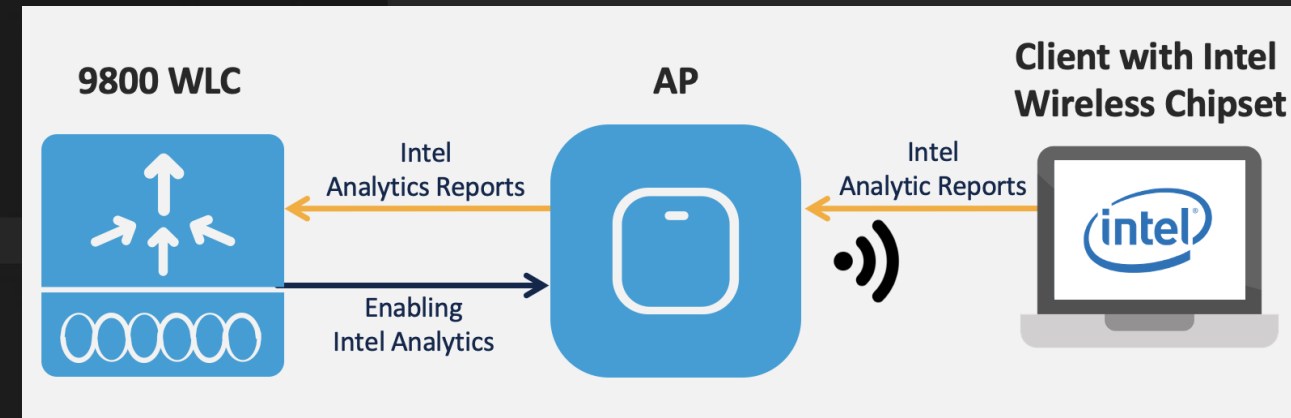
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## Wireless TSN

## Telemetry Analytics



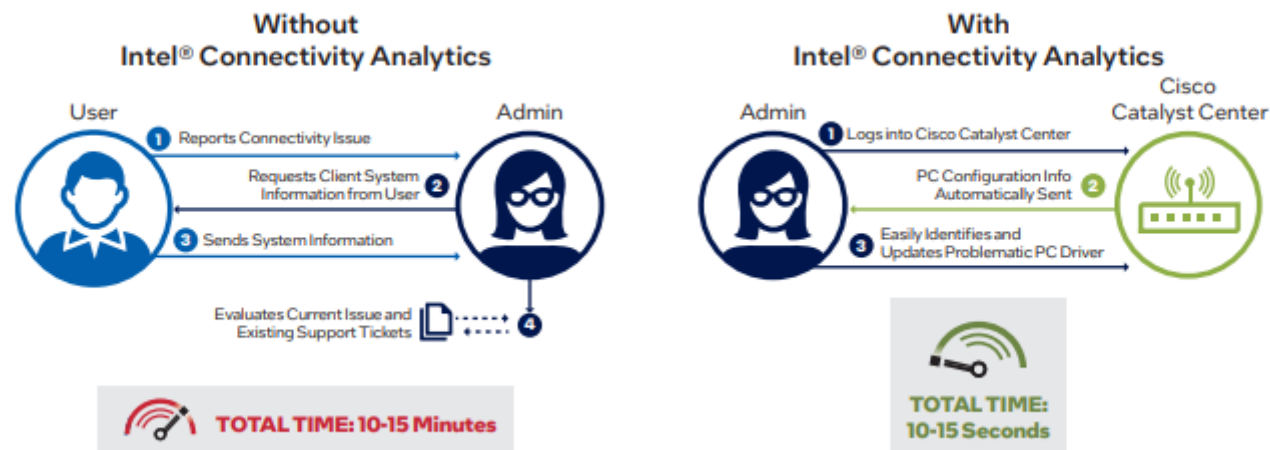
## OpenRoaming

# Recent Example

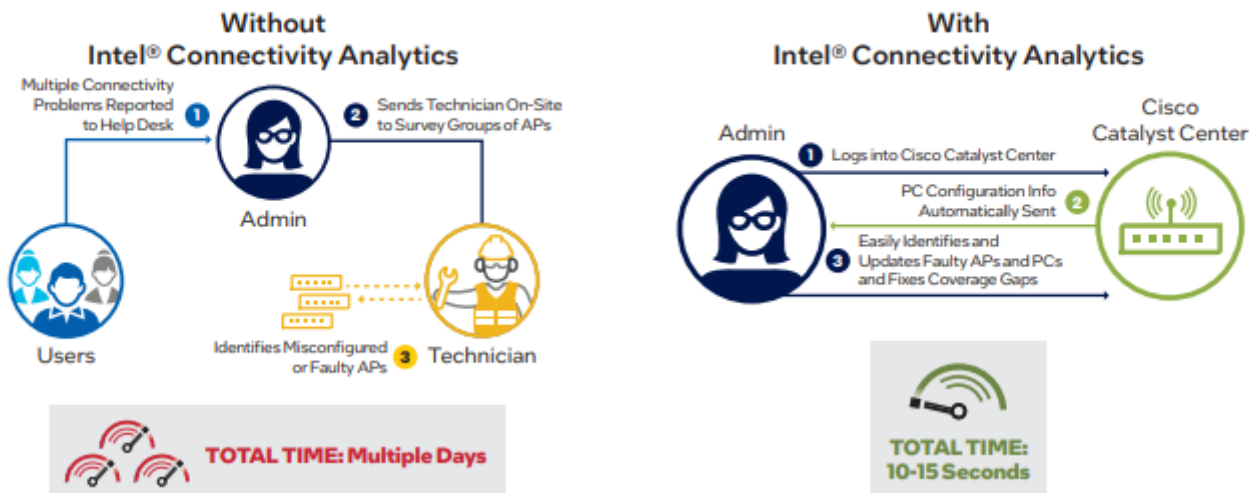
Collaborating for real end-user benefit

**Conclusion** Intel IT played a pivotal role in the collaboration between Intel's Connectivity Solution Group and Cisco. We use Intel Connectivity Analytics to improve the Wi-Fi network UX and network management efficiency. The solution's insights enhance network manageability, expedite troubleshooting, reduce MTTR, and deliver better overall network management total cost of ownership. The broader set of real-time data supports more sophisticated AIOps models that predict and self-heal client issues, ultimately resulting in a better UX.

## Client Connectivity Issues (Single User)



## Network Connectivity Issues (Multiple Users)







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**NETWORKING LUNCH**  
**BE BACK IN 55 MINUTES AT**  
**1:30 PM CDT**



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## Steve Andrews

TMT Chairman/NED, Board Advisor & Investor,  
WBA Board Advisor

# Moderator Welcome





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COX Communications



Mittal Parekh  
RUCKUS Networks



Eric McLaughlin  
Intel Corporation



Vijay Venkateswaran  
C3Spectra



Dr. Sarper Gokturk  
Airties



Huw Rees  
NetExperience



Joey Padden  
Helium



Stewart Goumans  
Ekahau



Robert Lamb  
Aprecomm

Time	Presentation
1:30 PM (CDT)	<b>Moderator Welcome</b> Steve Andrews, TMT Chairman/NED, Board Advisor & Investor
1:35 PM (CDT)	<b>Transforming the In-home Connectivity Landscape</b> GS Sickand, Vice President Engineering, Cox Communications
1:50 PM (CDT)	<b>Evolving Role of AI in Converged Network Management - From Planning to Support and From Cloud to the Edge</b> Mittal Parekh, Senior Director, Product Marketing, Ruckus Networks
2:10 PM (CDT)	<b>Connectivity Convergence: Uniting Technologies for a Flawless Consumer Experience</b> Eric McLaughlin, VP & GM Wireless Solutions, Intel Corporation
2:30 PM (CDT)	<b>Geo-Spatial AI-Driven Wi-Fi 7: Unlocking the Full Potential of 6 GHz for Next-Gen Connectivity</b> Vijay Venkateswaran, Head of Strategy and Business Development, C3Spectra
2:45 PM (CDT)	<b>PANEL: Unlocking Reliable Wi-Fi Connectivity For the Modern Consumer</b> Dr. Sarper Gokturk, VP Innovation, Airties; Huw Rees, Vice President Of Business Development, NetExperience; Joey Padden, VP of Network Architecture, Helium; Robert Lamb, Global VP Sales, SVP Strategy & Partnerships, Aprecomm; Stewart Goumans, Community & Customer Engagement Director, Ekahau.
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GS Sickand

Vice President Engineering, Cox Communications

## Transforming the In-home Connectivity Landscape



# Operator Perspective: Transforming the in-home connectivity landscape

May 21, 2025

Presented by:  
GS Sickand  
Wireless Engineering  
Cox Communications, Inc.





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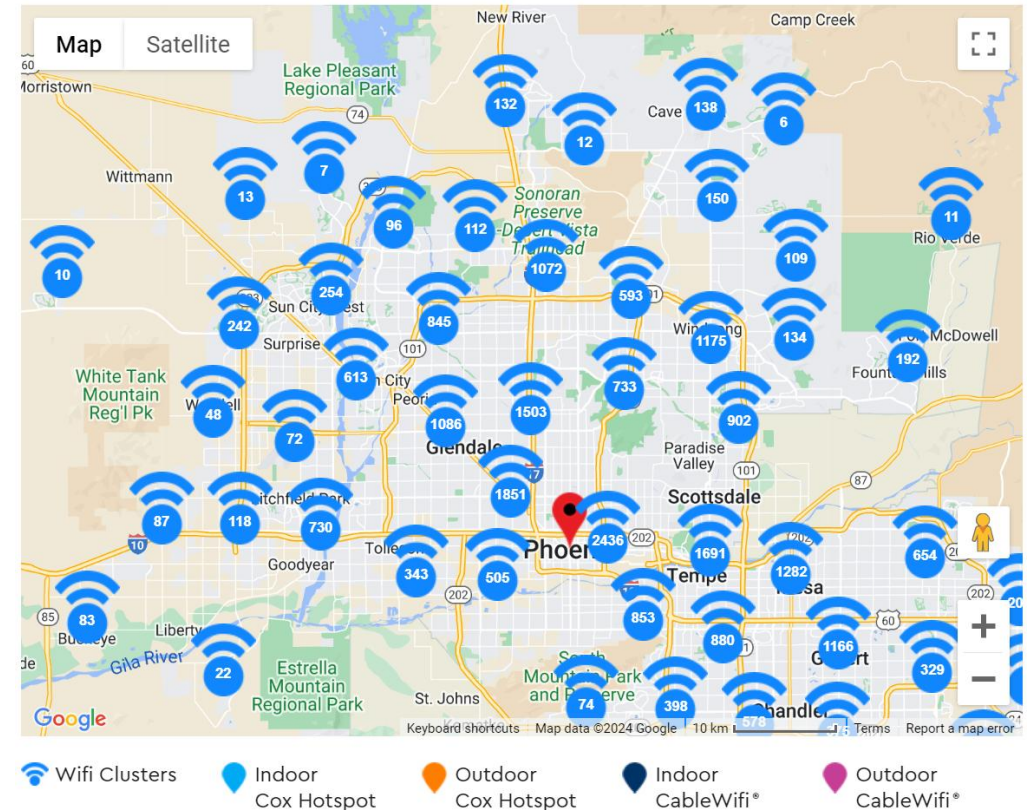
Wi-Fi where you need it

**Cox Hotspots provides access to four million Wi-Fi hotspots nationwide for all Cox Internet customers at no additional charge.**

- You can take Cox Internet with you when you leave home.
- Cox Hotspots provide fast, wireless, on-the-go internet connectivity for your tablet, smartphone, or other Wi-Fi enabled devices.
- Access more than four million hotspots to help you save on your wireless data plan
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**Cox Hotspots are available in all Cox markets at the following outdoor and indoor venues.**

- Central business districts where people often eat, shop, and socialize
- Waiting areas in professional small and medium size businesses
- Residential multi-dwelling unit (MDU) common areas, including the pool area, lobby, and recreational playground and parks
- Cox Retail Stores



# RESIDENTIAL: WHAT'S WORKING?

## Improvements

- 802.11 evolution, speed continues to improve
- More spectrum, more capacity - release of 6GHz is huge!
- Wi-Fi7 (be) adoption will continue to enhance customer experience – speed, latency, capacity, security
- Solutions are more easily integrated into operator dashboards/systems
- BYOD devices are more intelligent handling roaming, stickiness, near-far situations, etc. better than in the past





# SPEED AND SPECTRUM ON THE HORIZON



## Increasing User Speeds and Experience

- Wi-Fi is still typically the bottleneck – the last bridge to the **INTERNET!**
- User demands continue to grow
- More customer devices (UEs) are connecting to the network
- More APs being deployed
- More bandwidth @ wider channels == more contention across even the new spectrum...

## Help on the Horizon

- 6GHz adoption, Wi-Fi 7 –wider channels, Higher QAM, MLO, MRU & Puncturing
- Wi-Fi 8 future to better use of spectrum, UHR, Deterministic latency, cellular integration etc.
- QoS, guaranteed throughput and security to effectively communicate with 3GPP technologies
- **MORE, MORE, MORE...** continue to advocate for more spectrum and better performance to stay in front of user demands

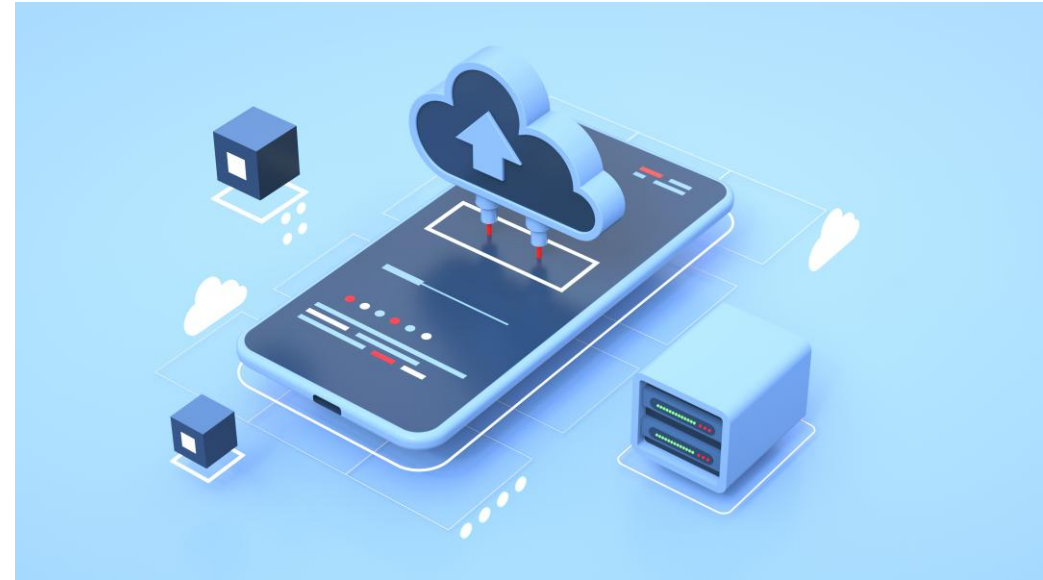
# UE OPPORTUNITIES

## Device Intelligence and Influence

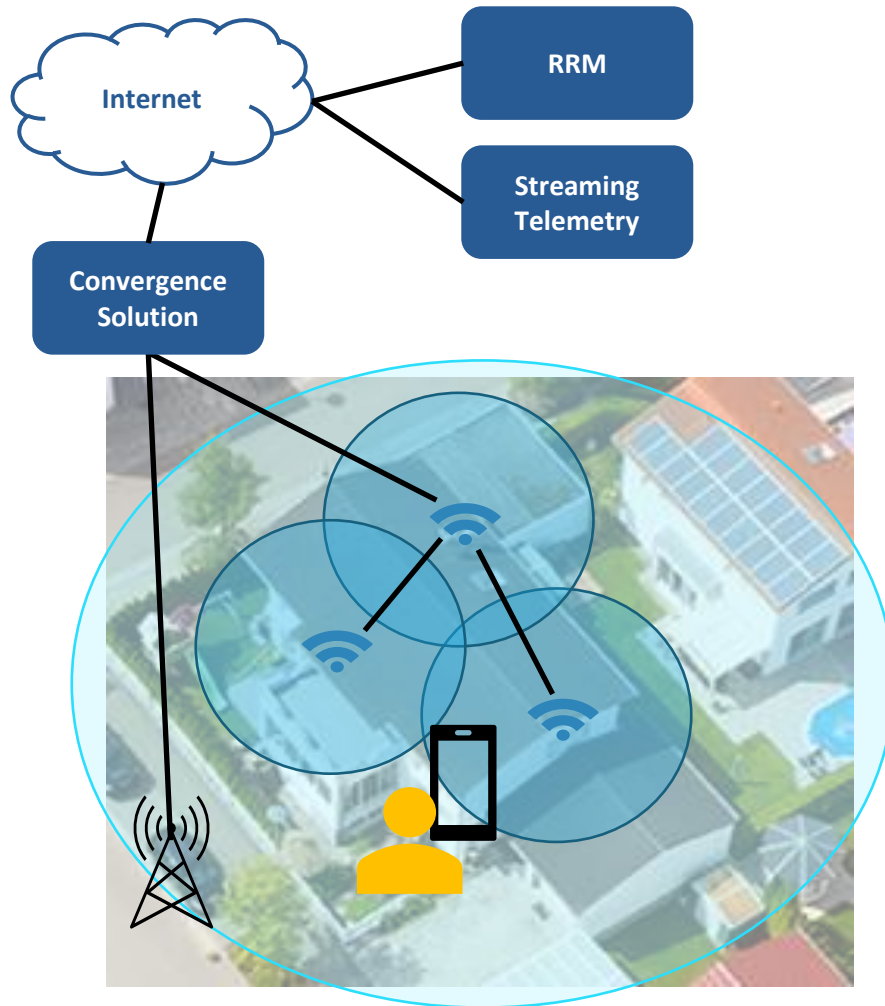
- Wi-Fi and Cellular convergence
- Algorithm should aim to enhance the user experience and reliability
- Provider influence of connection choices
- Network influence based on congestion

## Experience Visibility

- Operator visibility to UE experience
- Should apply to Mobile, Hotspot and Guest users
- Should be standards-based
- Should be device agnostic



# OPERATOR OPPORTUNITIES



## Raise the Residential Bar

- RRM (intra and inter-home)
- More APs less extenders
- Enhanced roaming/transition decisions
- Cellular/Wi-Fi Convergence/transitions
- Improved solution alignment across products (Res and SMB share APs, stepping up to Medium/Enterprise, etc.)
- Improved provisioning/automation alignment

## Streaming Telemetry Driven Reliability Analytics

- Know the customer experience as well as the customer (Wi-Fi performances defines Cx)
- Help and enable the customer self-solve
- Identify pain-points and trend to **Proactively** isolate Network Issues – bugs/defects, outages or performance
- Partner with device manufacturers

RELIABILITY IS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR SERVICES – NOT OPTIONAL



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Bringing us closer



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# Mittal Parekh

Senior Director, Product Marketing, Ruckus Networks

## Evolving Role of AI in Converged Network Management

- From Planning to Support and From Cloud  
to the Edge

# Evolving role of AI in converged network management - from planning to support and from cloud to the edge

21 May 2025

**Mittal Parekh**

Senior Director, Product Marketing and Technical Marketing



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# A New Era of Networking is Upon Us!

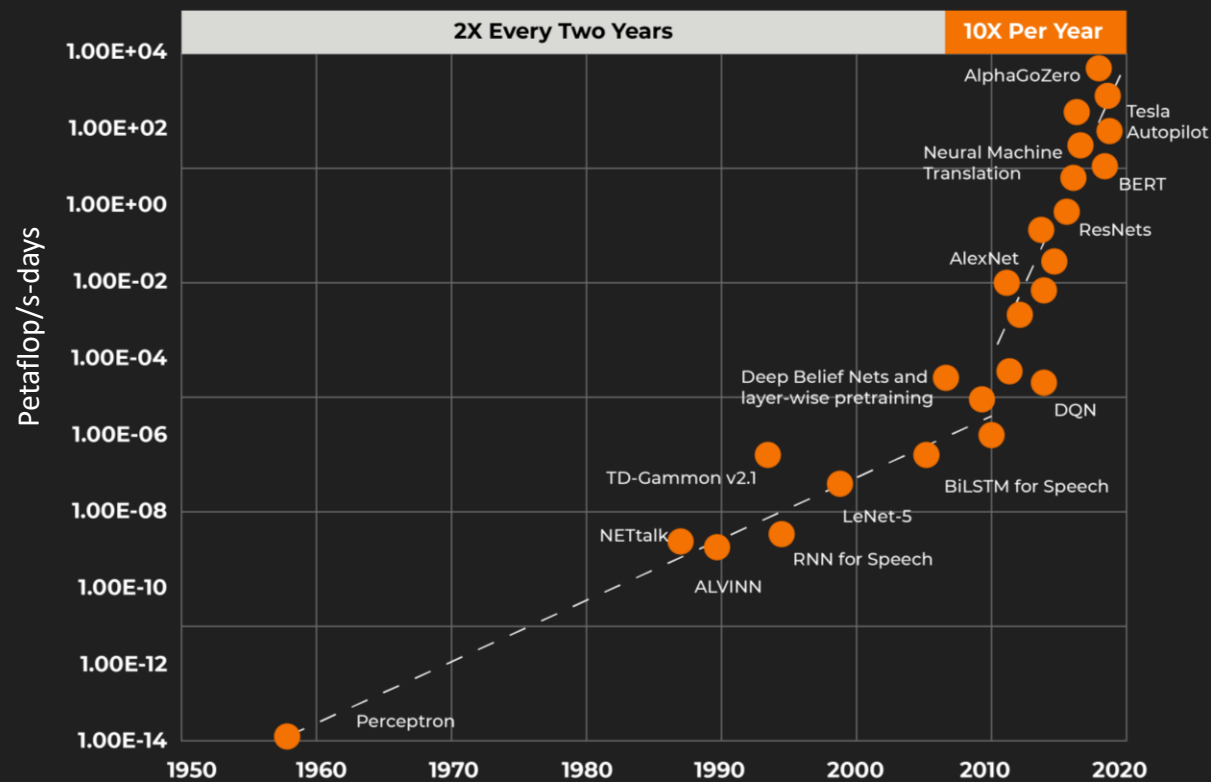


- Modern Networks are getting *more diverse and complex*
- IT is getting *leaner*
- It's all about *SLAs* and *accountability*
- Service Disruptions are getting *costlier*
- Helpdesk is getting *costlier to manage*
- Subject Matter Expertise (SME) is getting *expensive*

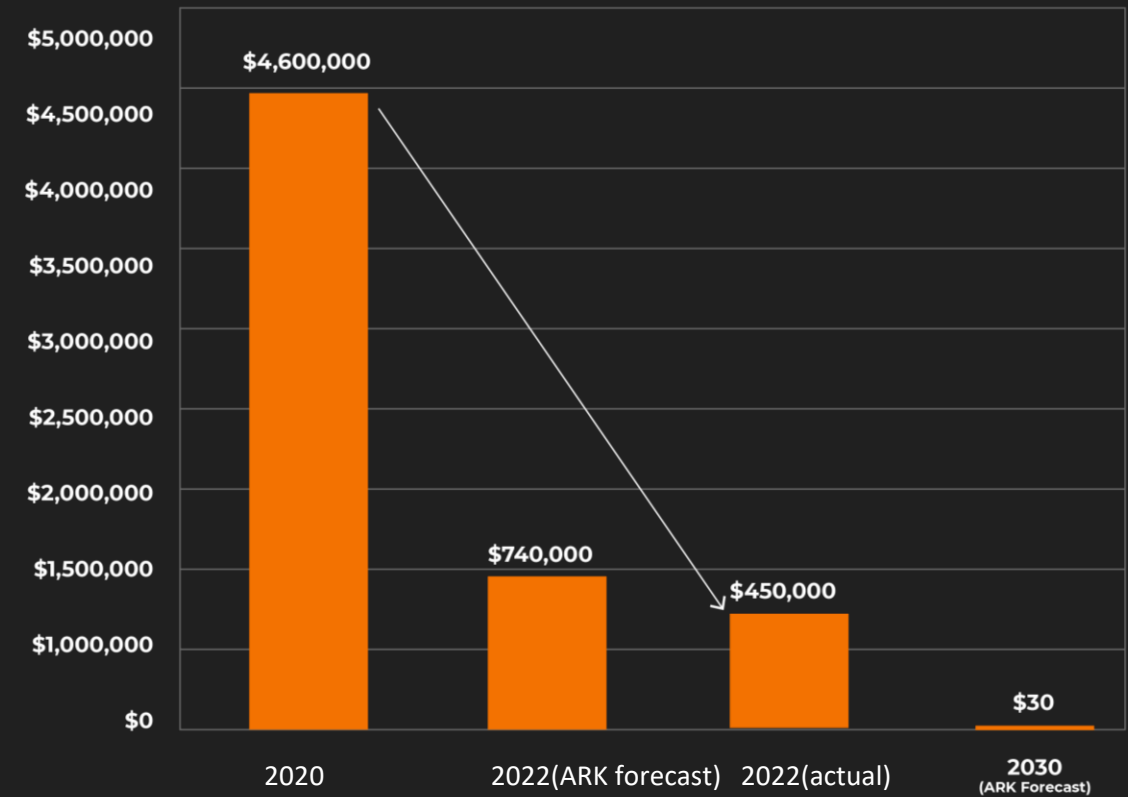
**YOU** have a choice  
**Flourish or Perish**



Two Eras of Compute Usage in Training AI Systems



Cost to train GPT-3 level Performance [ARK Invest Big Ideas 2023](#)



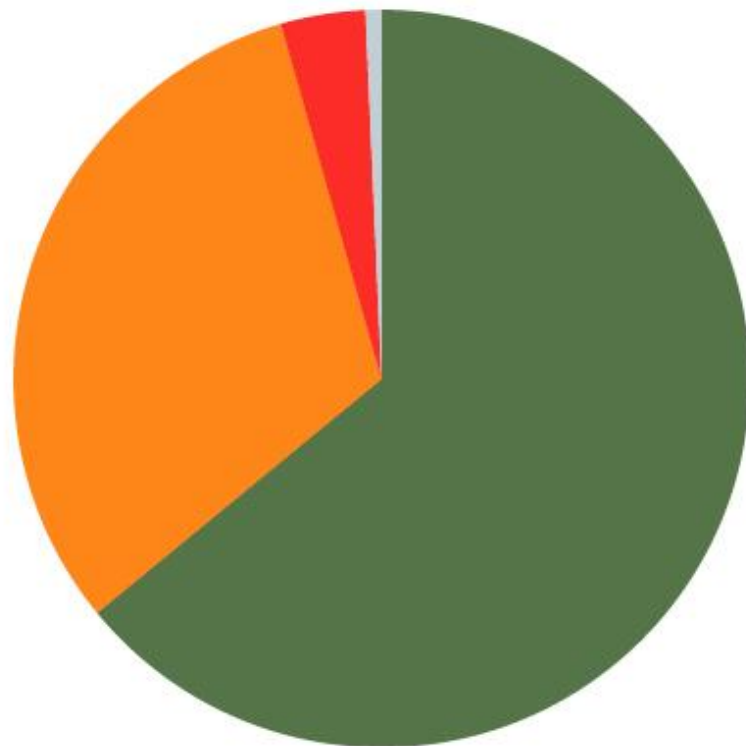
# AI is leading the charge in this **NEW** ERA OF NETWORKING



**AI Costs are  
Plummeting since  
2020**

**The Impact of  
Declining AI Training  
Costs - Leading to  
Mass Adoption**

**AI Everywhere**



- **64.0%** | Yes, we do this today
- **31.5%** | No, but we are interested in using this
- **3.7%** | No
- **0.7%** | Don't know

**DOES YOUR ORGANIZATION USE ANY AI/ML-BASED FEATURES DELIVERED BY YOUR NETWORK MANAGEMENT AND NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE VENDORS?**

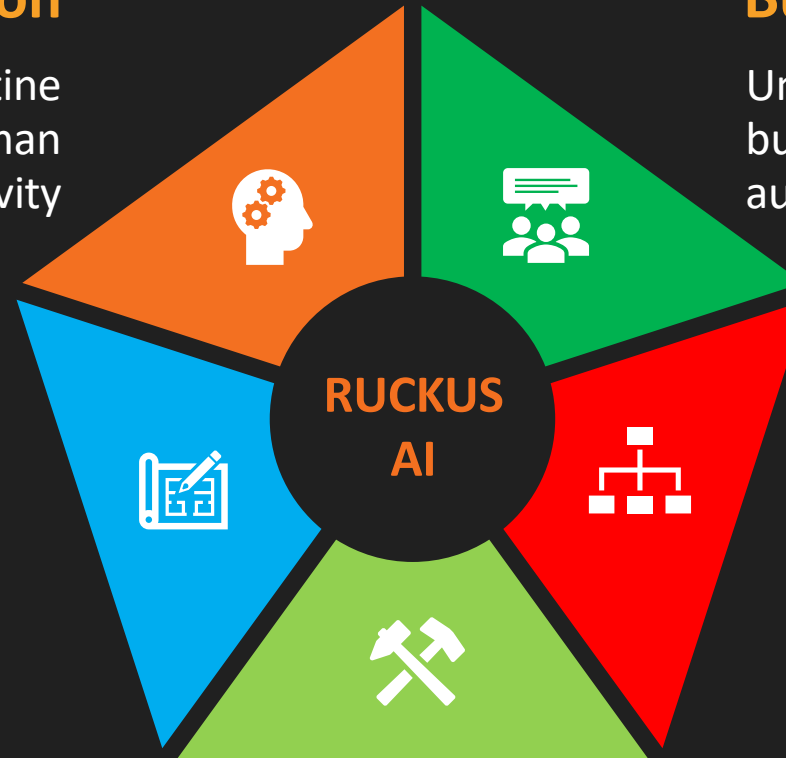
# Role of AI within enterprise networks

## Intelligent Orchestration

Orchestration and automation of routine and repetitive tasks to minimize human errors and improve productivity

## Business Intent Cognition

Understands the business intent and translate business requirements and policies into automated network configurations



## Design and Optimization

With the increasing complexity in wireless technologies, AI-Driven network optimization is essential to network performance

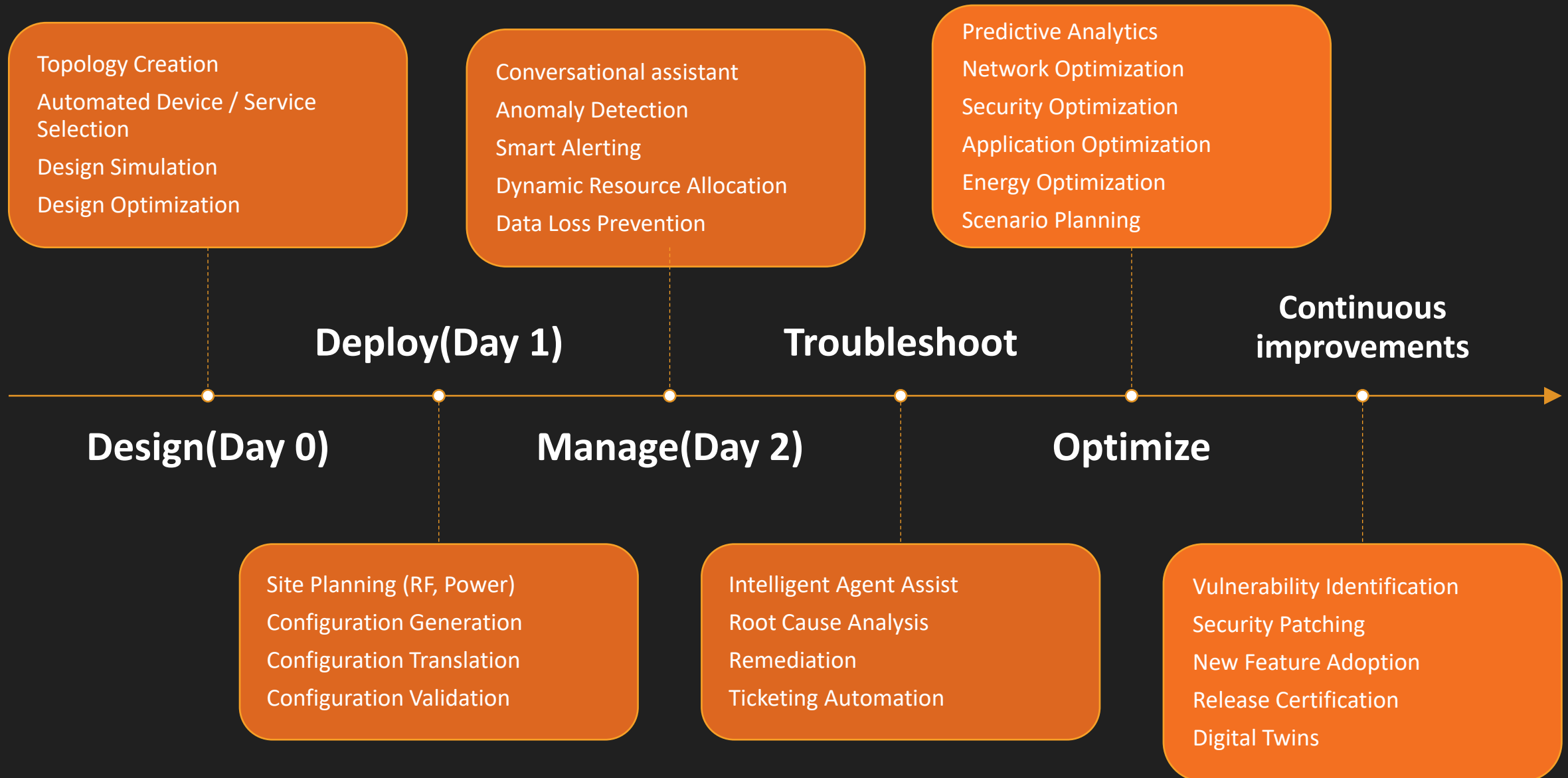
## Network Management

Dynamic network configurations to tune networks based on network usage, traffic patterns and RF environment

## Network Troubleshooting

Auto identification, root cause analysis and recommended remediation actions

# AI Across the Network Management



# AI Impact Across the Network Lifecycle

Topology Creation  
Automated Device / Service Selection  
Design Simulation  
Design Optimization



Design (Day 0)

AI-Driven RRM  
AIOps

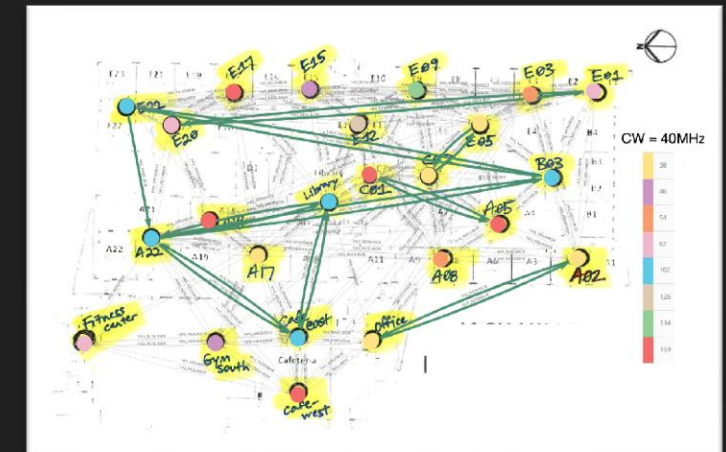


## Step 01 — Create a Digital Twin

Generate a RF Graph for every Zone and fuse it with the network configurations

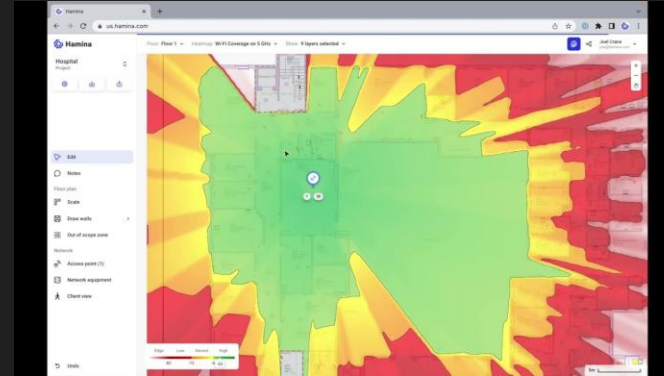
## Step 02 — AI-Driven Simulations

AI algorithms run simulations in the digital twin and select configuration permutations with the optimal outcome.

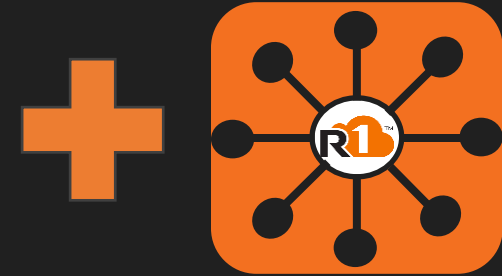


# AI Impact Across the Network Lifecycle

## Deploy(Day 1)

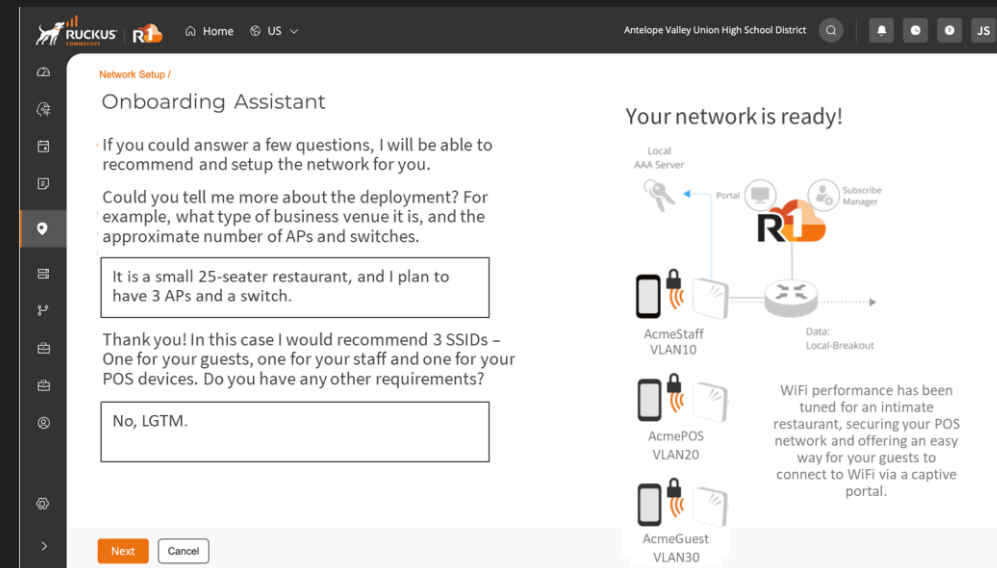


Site Planning tools  
e.g. Hamina, Ekahau



Service Catalog

Site Planning (RF, Power)  
Configuration Generation  
Configuration Translation  
Configuration Validation



Conversational  
Configuration  
With GenAI



# AI Impact Across the Network Lifecycle

Conversational assistant  
Anomaly Detection  
Smart Alerting  
Dynamic Resource Allocation  
Data Loss Prevention

**Troubleshoot**

**Manage (Day 2)**

Intelligent Agent Assist  
Root Cause Analysis  
Remediation  
Ticketing Automation

# AI in Network Efficiency

**Surface issues before  
they blow up**



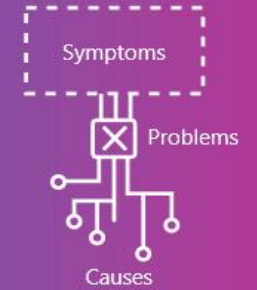
ML-driven incident and  
anomaly detection

**Address the most  
urgent issues first**



AI-driven prioritization

**Fix them fast**



ML-driven root cause  
and recommendations

**Compare network KPIs  
before and after a  
change to analyze the  
impact**



Config change analysis

**Let the system make  
recommendations on  
changes to improve  
network performance**



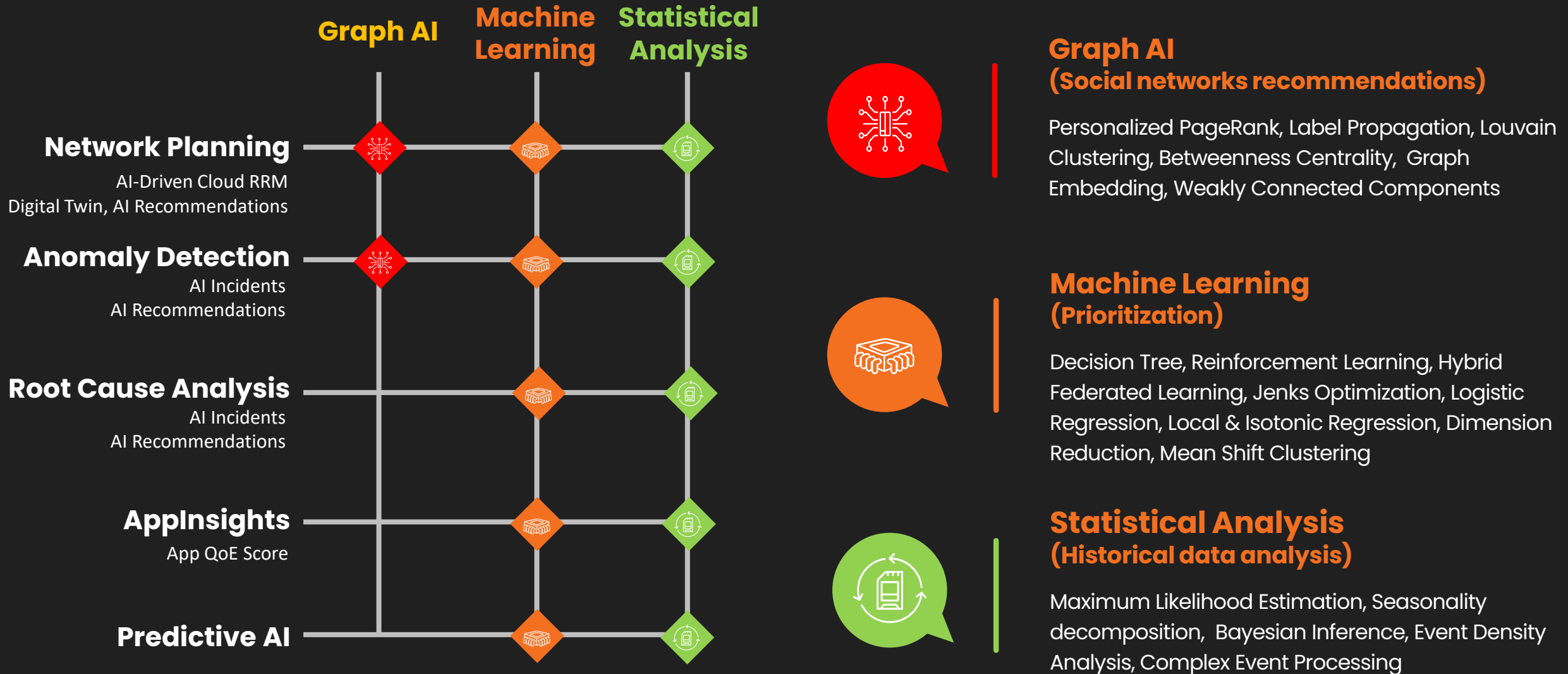
AI-recommendations

**Let Cloud RRM  
drive down  
interference and  
maximize capacity  
every day.**

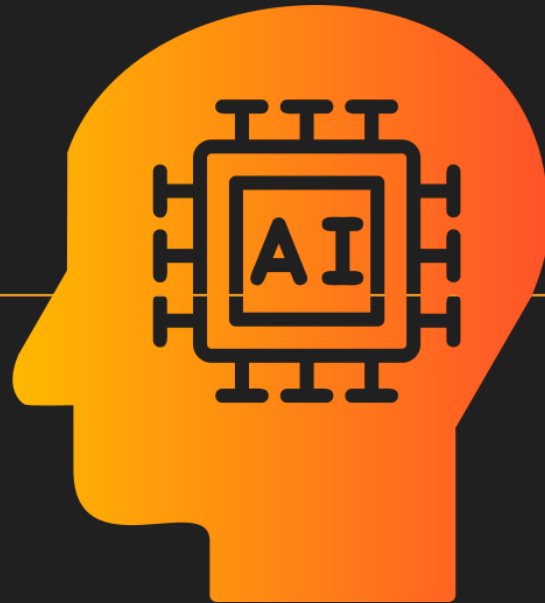


AI-Driven Cloud RRM

# AI For Network Efficiency



# AI Impact Across the Network Lifecycle



AI agents interact with the network to collect information or effect changes.

Predictive Analytics  
Network Optimization  
Security Optimization  
Application Optimization  
Energy Optimization  
Scenario Planning

**Continuous improvements**

**Optimize**

Vulnerability Identification  
Security Patching  
New Feature Adoption  
Release Certification  
Digital Twins



# The View Gets Only Better!



# The Future Is Here

## Self-Healing Networks

Networks will automatically detect and repair problems. This autonomy dramatically reduces downtime and minimizes IT intervention.

## Intent-Based Networking

Simply describe what you want accomplished. The AI translates business intent into technical implementations automatically.

## Digital Experience Assurance

AI will guarantee optimal user experiences. Networks adapt in real-time to changing conditions and priorities.

## AI at the Edge

Cloud processing combines with edge intelligence to create powerful, privacy-preserving machine learning systems.





# Intent-based Networking

## Business outcome-first approach to AI-powered Network Management



### Business-Focused Approach

Define what you need. The network handles the how. Business outcomes drive network configuration.

### Software-Driven Automation

Complex configurations happen automatically. Manual CLI commands become obsolete. Network intelligence handles implementation.

### Continuous Validation

Networks verify they're meeting your intent. Systems adjust when conditions change. Problems get solved proactively.

# Intent-based Networking

Business outcome-first approach to AI-powered Network Management



## Business Intents

Client Density OR Client Throughput

Time to Connect OR Client Density

Energy savings OR Performance

Compatibility OR Performance



AI agents are autonomous software systems that perform tasks, make decisions, and pursue goals on behalf of users or other systems, often without human intervention



- Focuses on specific, well-defined tasks within a limited domain
- Operates within predefined rules or learned patterns, with limited autonomy and adaptability
- Often requires reprogramming for new tasks; adaptation is limited
- Typically reactive, responding to user inputs or triggers as they occur
- Operates as an individual entity

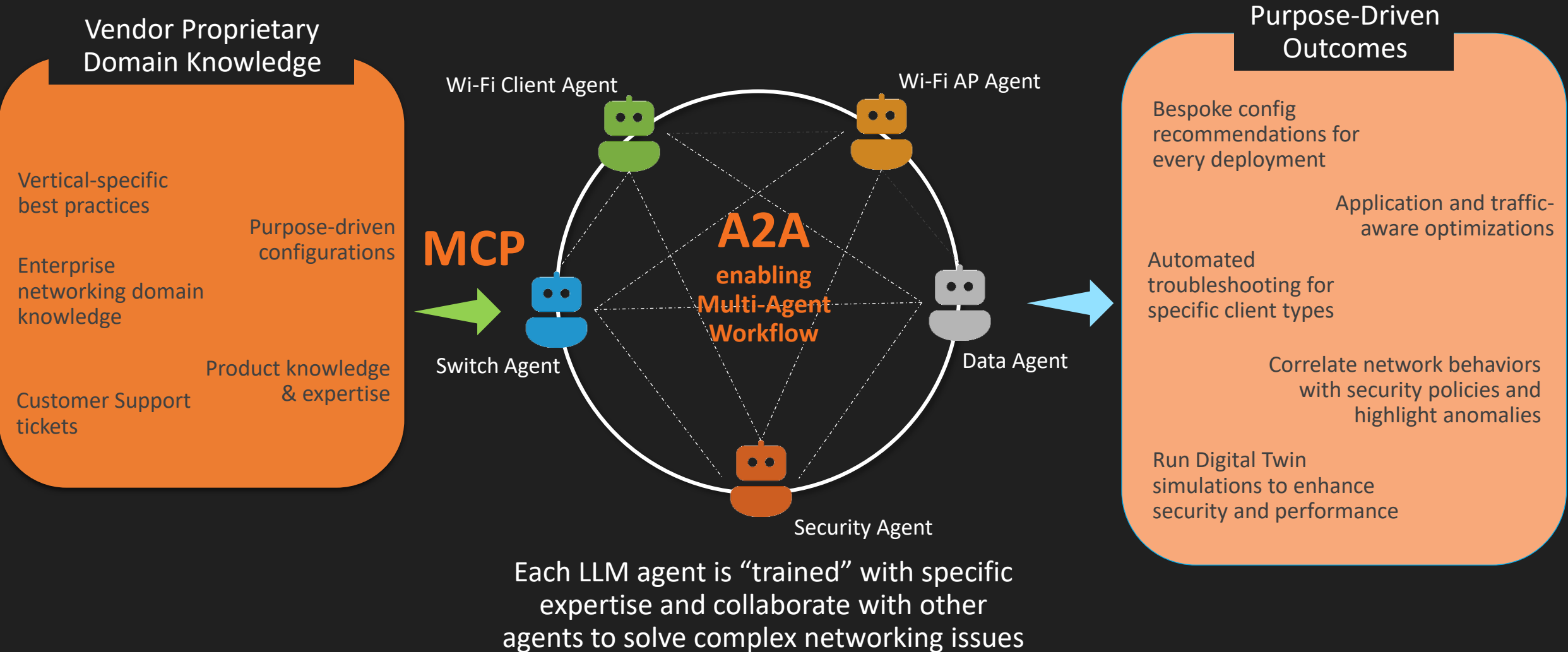


**Represents a higher-order, orchestrating intelligence that leverages multiple AI agents to autonomously solve complex, adaptive problems**



- Orchestrates multiple agents to solve complex, multi-step, and adaptive problems
- Higher autonomy, making independent, goal-driven decisions and adapting strategies in real time
- Continuously learns from feedback, adapts to new situations, and refines its approach dynamically
- Proactively identifies goals, anticipates needs, and orchestrates actions without explicit prompts
- Functions as a framework or conductor, integrating and coordinating multiple AI agents and tools for holistic outcomes

# Digital Experience Assurance with Agentic AI



## Distributed Intelligence

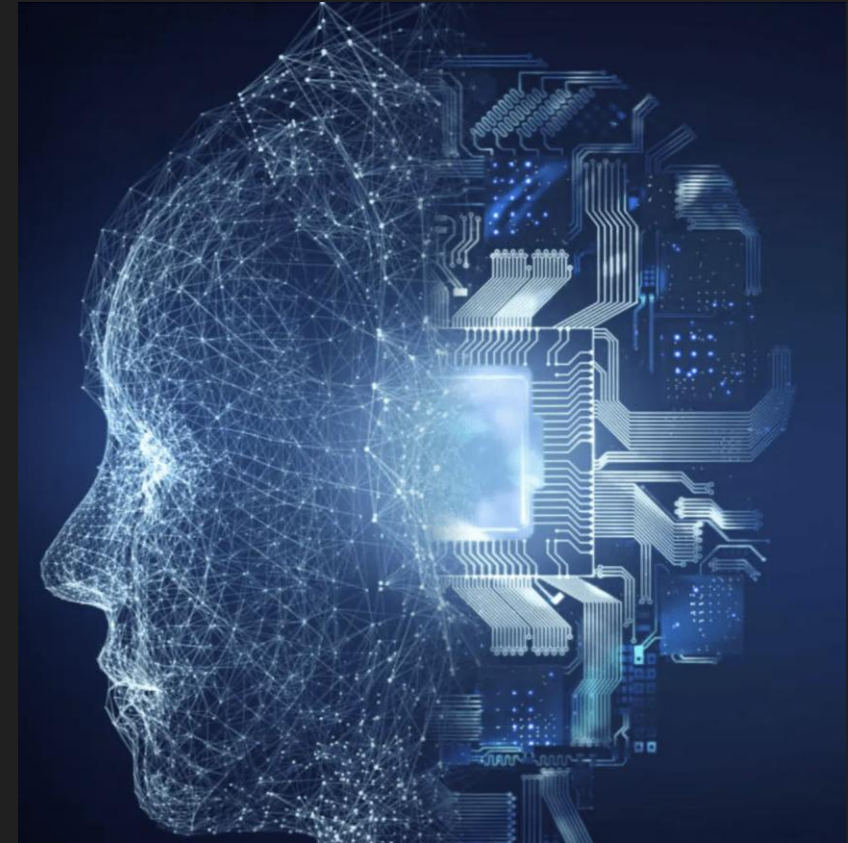
Machine learning happens across local nodes without centralizing data.

## Parameter Exchange

Only model weights travel between devices, not raw data.

## Data Privacy, Security, and Latency

Sensitive information stays local, leverages collective insights while reducing latency.





# Benefits of Edge AI



**Performance  
Boost**



**Reliability**



**Cost  
Efficiency**

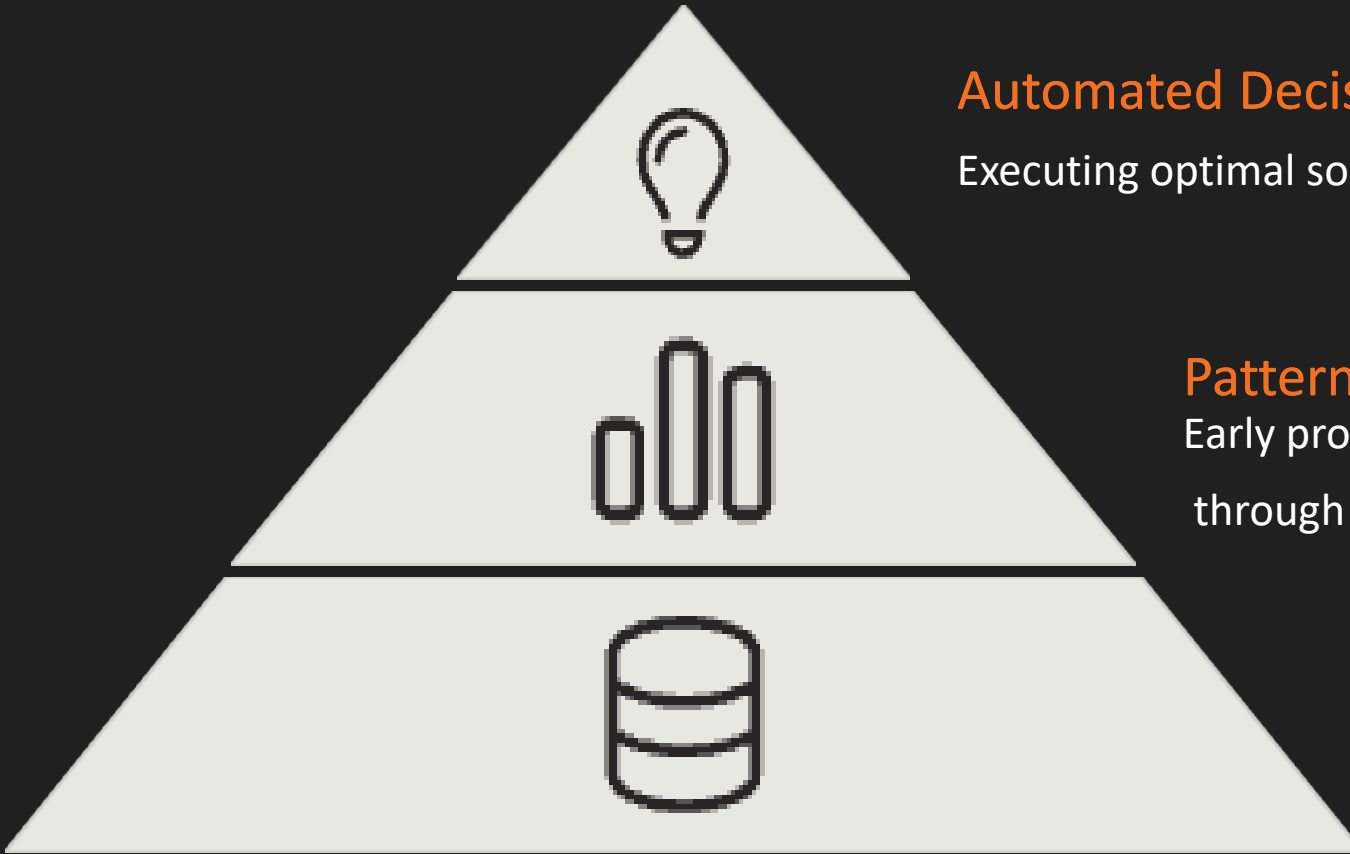


**Enhanced Privacy  
and Data Security**



**Resource  
Efficiency**

# Self-Healing Networks



## Automated Decision-Making

Executing optimal solutions based on data.

## Pattern Recognition

Early problem detection and opportunities to optimize through behavioral analysis.

## Baseline Establishment

Learning normal network behavior through data analysis.

Machine learning algorithms analyze data to predict failures and opportunities to optimize.  
Self-learning capabilities improve over time through experience.

# Self-Healing Networks: Are We There YET?



R1

License for 20 APs will expire in 25 days  
Ensure service level, Act now

Search

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JS

Dashboard

AI Analytics

Incidents

Recommendations

Health

Config Change

Occupancy

Timeline

Reports

Venues

Devices

Networks

Services

Policies

Collapse

AI Analytics /

Recommendations

Type: Network | APs: 451 | Clients: 551 | Switches: 33

Entire Organization

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# How Far We Truly Are?



	Manual	Assisted	Partial	Conditional	High	Full
	L0	L1	L2	L3	L4	L5
Execution	P	P/S	S	S	S	S
Awareness	P	P/S	P/S	S	S	S
Analysis	P	P	P/S	P/S	S	S
Decision	P	P	P	P/S	S	S
Intent/Experience	P	P	P	P	P/S	S

P = People (Manual) | S = System (Autonomous)





# PURPOSE-DRIVEN ENTERPRISE NETWORKS



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**Connectivity Convergence:**  
**Uniting Technologies for a Flawless**  
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# Connectivity Convergence:

Uniting technologies for flawless user experiences

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# Vision:

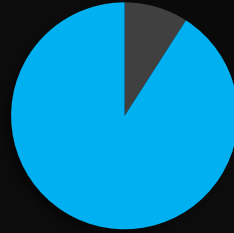
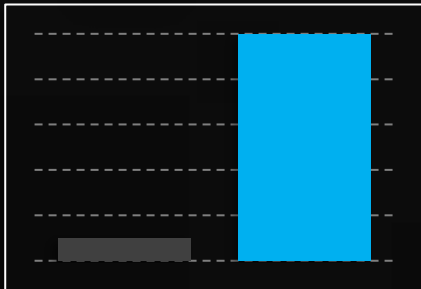
Deliver great connected client experiences  
that easily span technologies & environments

# Industry Data Points

**~10x**

Total Wi-Fi data  
vs. all cellular  
networks combined  
(including 5G)

- Comcast 2024



**~90%**

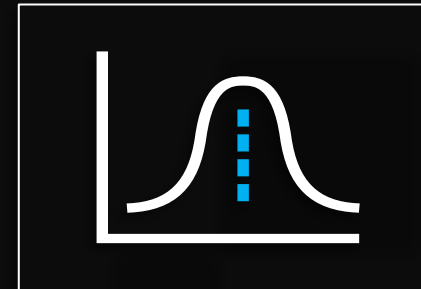
of  
smartphone data  
is over Wi-Fi

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**~20**

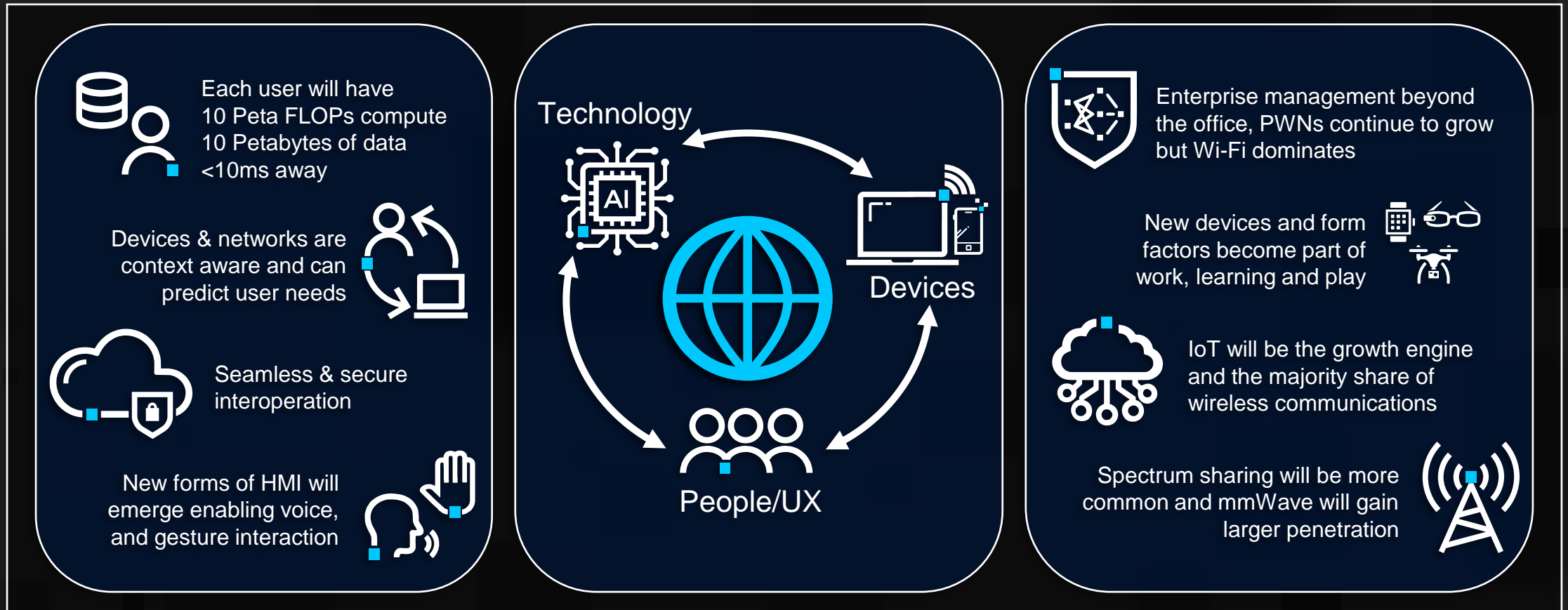
Average number of  
connected devices  
per home / per day  
(Top 1% ~150)

- Comcast 2024



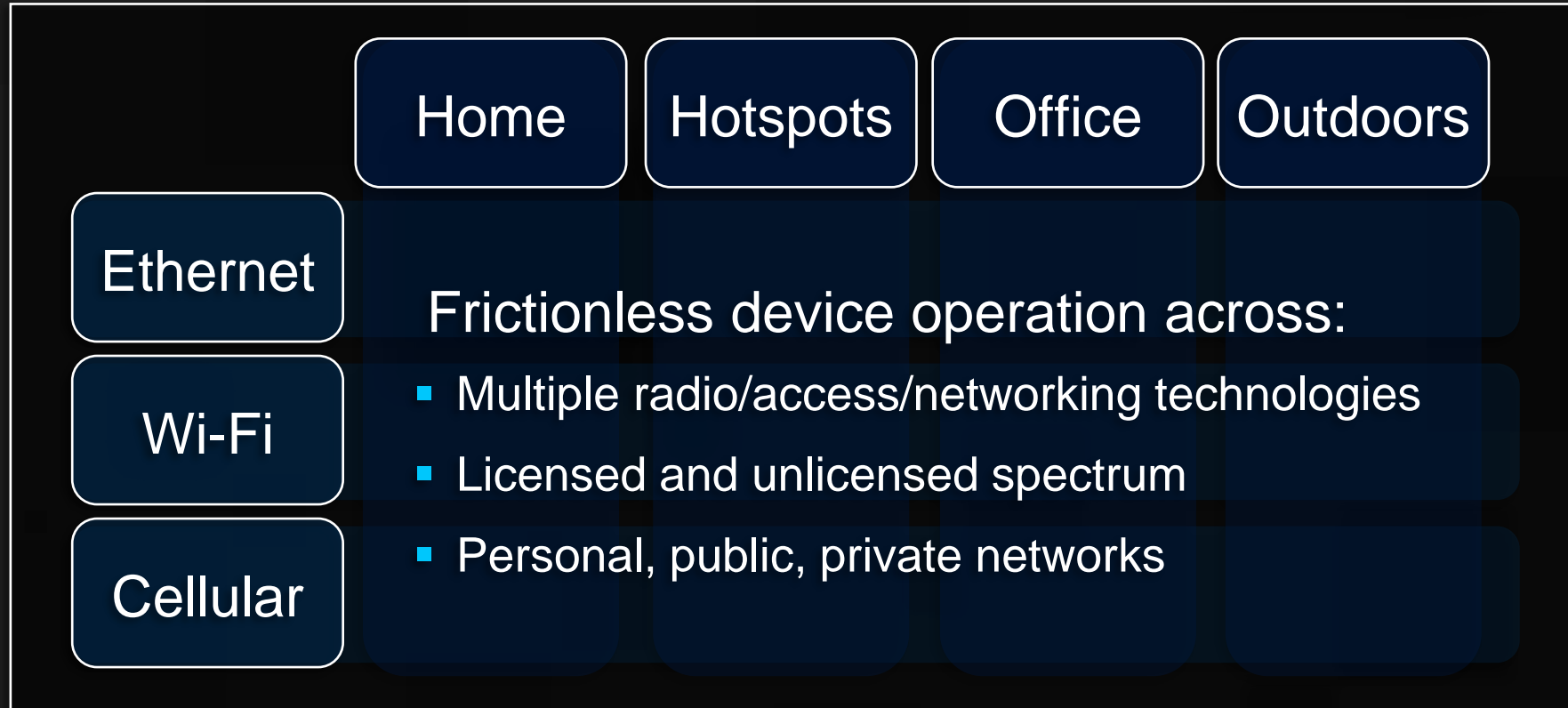
Wi-Fi technology has evolved to address continuously increasing challenges...  
(More networks, devices, applications, data, and AI)

# Megatrends: Impacting Wireless in 2030



Use cases, technologies, and markets will emerge based on the intersection of technology, human experience, devices, and the world around them

# Convergence is Key for Future Device Experiences



More intelligent devices, applications, and harmonized policies  
for simple location & technology-agnostic experiences



# Intel-Enabled PC Device Networking Convergence

**intel**  
**KILLER**

**intel**® Connectivity  
Performance Suite

- Advanced Connection Manager
- Smart AP Selection & Fast Switching
- Traffic Prioritization

## Intel® Connectivity Analytics

Unique/Real-time Data - from Intel's large PC footprint



Actionable Insights and/or SDK - Faster Resolution Time

Hardware	Wi-Fi Generation	Wi-Fi Coverage	Roaming Quality	Thunderbolt™
Device Setting	Wi-Fi Band	Congestion	LAN	Security
	2.4 GHz 5 GHz 6 GHz			

Device intelligence: Cellular, Wi-Fi, Ethernet  
AI monitoring, smart decisions, device/network insights

# Example: Network-Device Convergence Challenge

## Enterprise Roaming: Private 5G Networks and Wi-Fi-only PCs

### Private 5G networks

- 5G and Wi-Fi credentials are different
- Significant complexity required to enable
- Costly CAPEX & OPEX

### OpenRoaming Mitigation

- Federated roaming to help 5G roaming limitations
- Help with network discovery and selection
- Need to leverage/scale OR vs. Wi-Fi device exclusion

Industry harmonization is needed to meet market expectations:  
Seamless device authentication & access to core network services

# Closing Thoughts

- Wi-Fi devices & data demands will continue to grow exponentially
- Optimized client experiences will rely on the convergence of multiple radio/access technologies
- Simplified network/device solutions are needed for easy enabling, deployment, & management

Let's continue our industry collaboration  
and deliver access network-agnostic experiences

- Scale OpenRoaming for today's Wi-Fi-only devices and Private 5G Networks
- Enable simple 6G and Wi-Fi solutions that can be deployed and leveraged easily

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**Geo-Spatial AI-Driven Wi-Fi 7:  
Unlocking the Full Potential of 6 GHz for  
Next-Gen Connectivity**



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# Geo-Spatial AI-Driven Wi-Fi 7

Unlocking the Full Potential of 6 GHz  
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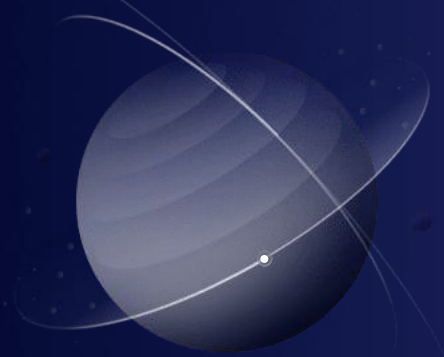


# C3Spectra Introduction



## Who We Are

AI-driven wireless network automation and spectrum management solutions provider.



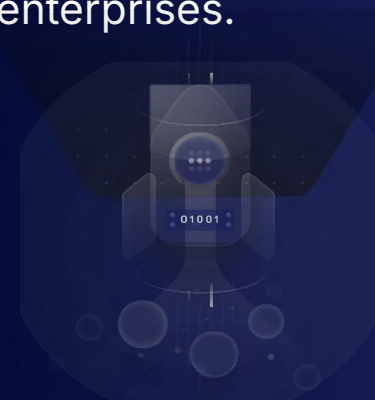
## Our Expertise

Wi-Fi 6 GHz, CBRS, private networks, AFC solutions, and geospatial and deep learning AI for wireless planning and optimization.



## Why We're Here

Driving innovation in Wi-Fi 7 and 6 GHz to accelerate deployments, improve performance, and drive growth for service providers and enterprises.





# Wi-Fi 7 + 6 GHz: A Strategic Leap for Next-Gen Connectivity

## Unleashing Wi-Fi 7 Performance through 6 GHz Spectrum

6 GHz is foundational to Wi-Fi 7's transformative capabilities

- Ultra-fast, low-latency, and high-capacity wireless experiences.
- Seamless, high-performance connectivity across residential, enterprise, and dense urban

### ✓ Wider Channels = Faster Speeds

320 MHz-wide channels unlock multi-gigabit performance for XR video, gaming, and deterministic enterprise networking.

### ✓ Lower Interference, Better Reliability

Cleaner spectrum reduces congestion in MDUs and dense indoor deployments. AFC coordinated Standard Power drives greater reliability.

### ✓ Multi-Link Operation (ML) Enables Dynamic Load Balancing

MLO intelligently shifts traffic between 5 GHz and 6 GHz bands, reducing interference and congestion while maintaining consistent service quality.

### ✓ 5G Offload & Network Convergence

Supports seamless traffic handoff from 5G to Wi-Fi for ISPs, MSOs, and MNOs seeking unified service delivery.

Wi-Fi 7's full potential hinges on intelligent use of 6 GHz.

Enabling value-driven standard power operations requires more than just spectrum access — it demands spatial intelligence, automated compliance, and adaptive network coordination powered by AI and AFC integration.

This is where the next wave of innovation begins.



# How Machine Learning and GeoSpatial AI Create Opportunities for Enhancing 6 GHz Wi-Fi 7 Deployments

## End-to-End Wi-Fi 6 GHz Planning & Deployment

- ✓ AI-assisted site selection, RF design integration, and field validation in a unified workflow.
- ✓ Automated AP registration, AFC-compliant geo-verification, and deployment lifecycle management.
- ✓ Smart self-configuration of standard power and low power APs for indoor, outdoor, and mixed environments.

## Seamless Network Automation

- ✓ Real-time spectrum intelligence to dynamically assign optimal channels for performance and compliance.
- ✓ Multi-vendor orchestration for streamlined provisioning and AFC integration without manual intervention.

## Interference Mitigation & Coexistence

- ✓ Continuous monitoring of channel conditions and adjacent AP behavior (Low/Standard Power).
- ✓ AI-powered policy adjustments for interference avoidance and efficient MLO-based load distribution.

## Geo-Spatial AI

- ✓ High-precision geo-location inference using digital twins and spatial data fusion, even in non-GPS environments (e.g., indoor facilities, venues, MDUs).
- ✓ Dynamic asset mapping and signal path estimation to accelerate AFC coordination and RF optimization.
- ✓ Real-time correlation of location, RF, and spectrum use data to guide placement and power decisions at scale.

Geo-Spatial AI and ML aren't just enablers — they're catalysts. They turn Wi-Fi 7 + 6 GHz into a platform for precise, adaptive, and intelligent connectivity across real-world indoor and urban environments.

GenAI detection and GIS integration provides critical geo-location data in GPS denied environments

GeoSpatial AI fused with interference avoidance information offers reliability for deploying Standard Power indoors for Wi-Fi 7 deployments

ML-based workflow automation brings together the power GeoSpatial AI with interference free operation of the network



GenAI  
Detection



GeoSpatial AI  
fusion

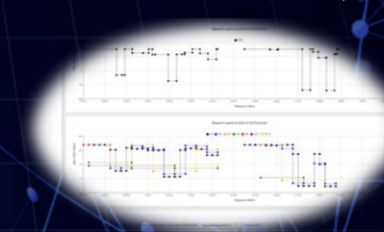
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Interference  
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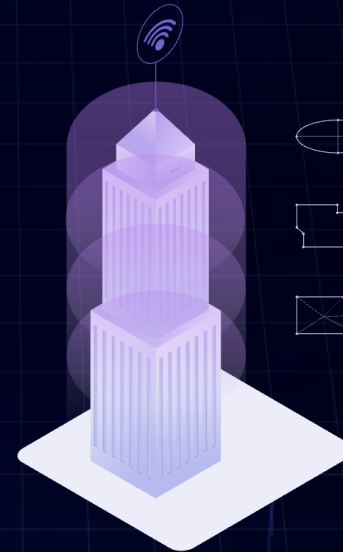
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Automation



Network  
Automation



RF Design  
ML  
Workflows





# Emerging Opportunities in 6 GHz with Wi-Fi 7 + Intelligent Spectrum Automation

1

## Residential & Small Business

- ✓ Multi-gigabit connectivity, low-latency gaming, and smart home reliability.
- ✓ Dynamic indoor/outdoor standard-power coordination ensures broader coverage and fewer support calls.
- ✓ Enhanced subscriber sales targeting of high-value speed tiers with greater confidence.

2

## Enterprise & Public

- ✓ Airports, arenas, and universities require cost-effective, resilient, interference-aware wireless.
- ✓ Automated planning, RF validation, and location-based frequency control enable deterministic performance in high-density areas.

3

## Network Operators

- ✓ 6 GHz and Wi-Fi 7 unlock high-capacity indoor offload and convergence across fiber and 5G for MNOs and MSOs.
- ✓ Cloud-based AFC integration and API-enabled deployment workflow automations accelerate time to coverage and compliance.

6 GHz and Wi-Fi 7 when paired with intelligent geo-location, coordination and automation, deliver synergies that unlock innovation and measurable business impact.



# The Path Forward – Why Now?

- ✓ Wi-Fi 7 is arriving faster than expected — now is the time for providers and enterprises to plan their 6 GHz strategy.
- ✓ Geo-spatial AI is transforming deployment readiness — enabling precise site planning, AFC compliance, and dynamic RF optimization in complex indoor and outdoor environments.
- ✓ C3Spectra is actively working with partners to drive real-world deployments of AFC-enabled Wi-Fi 6 GHz networks.
- ✓ Ecosystem innovation will shape the future of Wi-Fi 7 and 6 GHz — faster, smarter, and more efficient.



6 GHz is a catalyst, not just a capacity upgrade — it's opening the door to smarter Wi-Fi 7 deployments, new service models, and a more intelligent wireless ecosystem.





Interested in trials, AFC integration or learning more?

**Let's connect!**

C3Spectra's Spectra-XPro is ready to **integrate Machine Learning** with Geo-Spatial AI to enhance Wi-Fi 7 in 6 GHz today

**Reach out!**

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# Unlocking Reliable Wi-Fi Connectivity For the Modern Consumer



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**Moderator Welcome**

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Time	Presentation
3:50 PM (CDT)	<b>Moderator Welcome</b> Steve Namaseevayum, VP Membership & Industry Engagement, Wireless Broadband Alliance.
3:55 PM (CDT)	<b>Delivering Wi-Fi QoS in Decentralized Networks</b> Mario Di Dio, General Manager, Network, Helium.
4:15 PM (CDT)	<b>Connected Communities Forum - Addressing the Drivers for Digital Poverty, Innovation and Connected Cities</b> Steve Namaseevayum (Moderator), VP Membership & Industry Engagement, Wireless Broadband Alliance. TJ Forner, Sr. SP Account Manager, RUCKUS Wireless; Giovanni Guerri, CEO, Guglielmo; Drew Lentz, Senior Solutions Architect, Eero AI Jenkins, Connected Communities Advisor, Wireless Broadband Alliance.
4:45 PM (CDT)	<b>Fireside Chat - Edge AI for Wi-Fi IoT</b> Irving Ghai, VP, Silicon Labs; Tiago Rodrigues (Moderator), President & CEO, Wireless Broadband Alliance
5:05 PM (CDT)	<b>IoT in the Enterprise</b> Malcolm Smith, CTO Advisor – Wireless, Cisco.
5:25 PM (CDT)	<b>Enabling IoT connectivity in the rural, urban and enterprise environment</b> Bruno Tomas (Moderator), CTO, Wireless Broadband Alliance, Paul Lai, CEO, Asia RF, Venkat Rayudu, Senior Product Manager, Silicon Labs; Malcolm Smith, CTO Advisor, Cisco.
5:55 PM (CDT)	<b>End of Day 1 -Wrap Up</b> Tiago Rodrigues, President & CEO, Wireless Broadband Alliance
7:00 PM (CDT)	<b>NETWORKING PARTY – BAR LOUIE</b>



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# Delivering Wi-Fi QoS in Decentralized Networks





# Delivering Wi-Fi QoS in Decentralized Networks

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# Helium Network

HELIUM MOBILE HOTSPOTS & CONVERTED WI-FI



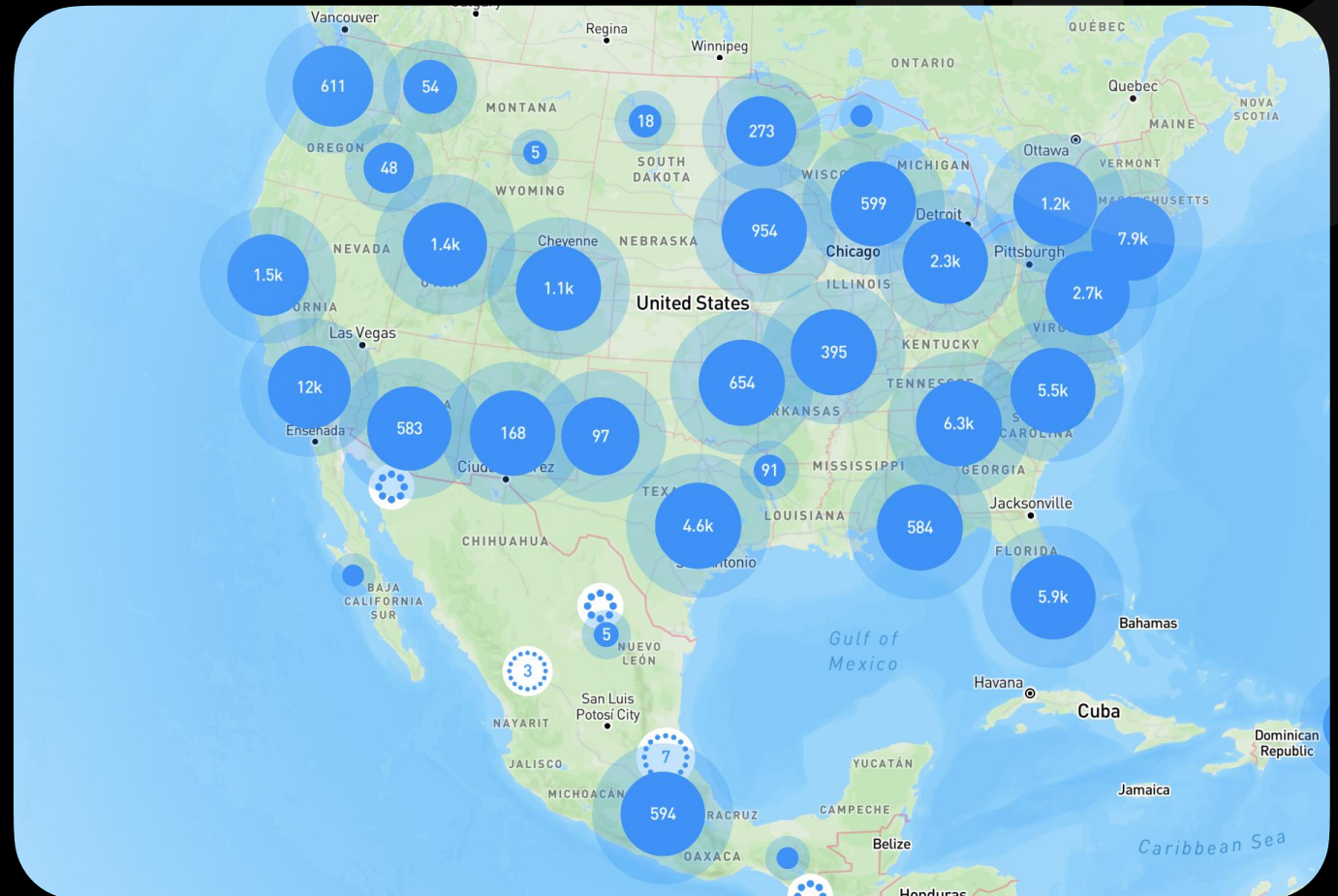
- The Helium Network is the world's largest, decentralized Wi-Fi Offload infrastructure
- Helium Community deploys carrier-grade coverage by purchasing and installing new hardware or by converting existing Wi-Fi networks
- Helium Community can also build targeted coverage where the carriers need
- In the US, the network serves 2 MNOs, and several MVNOs.
- Outside of the US, Telefonica Movistar in Mexico is using the Helium Mobile Network.



# Helium Network

## HELIUM MOBILE HOTSPOTS & CONVERTED WI-FI

- Helium Mobile Hotspots are easy-to-deploy, enterprise-grade Wi-Fi devices that can be installed wherever there is an internet connection.
- Existing Wi-Fi deployments can also be converted into Helium Hotspots via Passpoint/RADIUS configuration
- Over 90k Helium Mobile Hotspots are offloading over 25TB of mobile traffic daily.
- Hotspots Deployers are part of the Helium Network. Deployers earn \$HNT for deploying coverage and routing mobile data.
- To learn more: [world.helium.com](https://world.helium.com)





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↑ +15,773 7D

### Daily Users

**716,273 /day**

Cell phones from multiple carriers can connect to the Helium Network. This graph shows the number of unique cell phones that connect through Hotspots each day.



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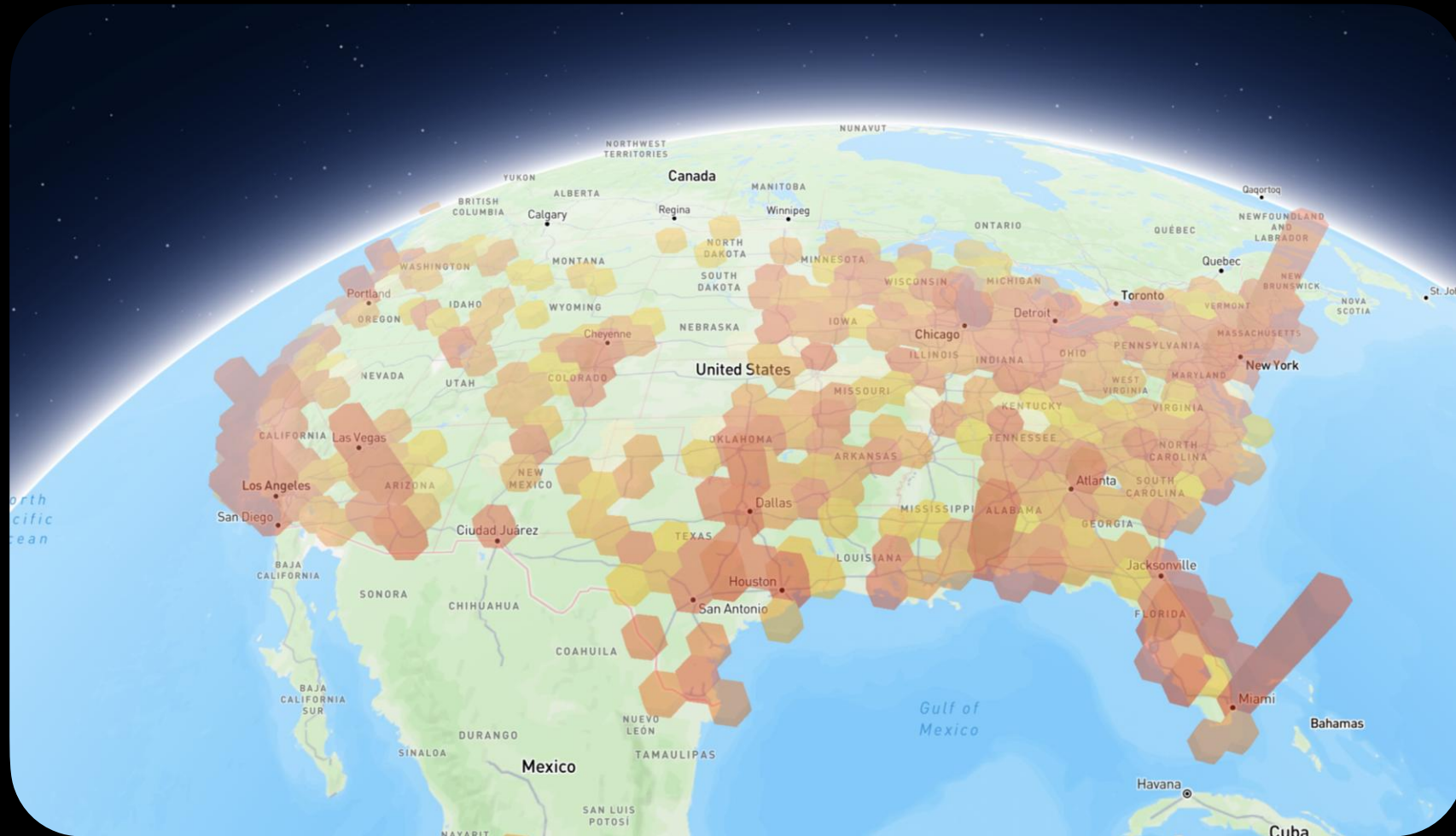
### Daily Data Transfer

**28.76 TB /day**

Cell phones can transfer data through the Helium Network. This graph shows the amount of production data (for example: sending messages, consuming YouTube, etc.) that users have transferred through Hotspots.



# Real-World Deployment Case Studies







## RESTAURANT

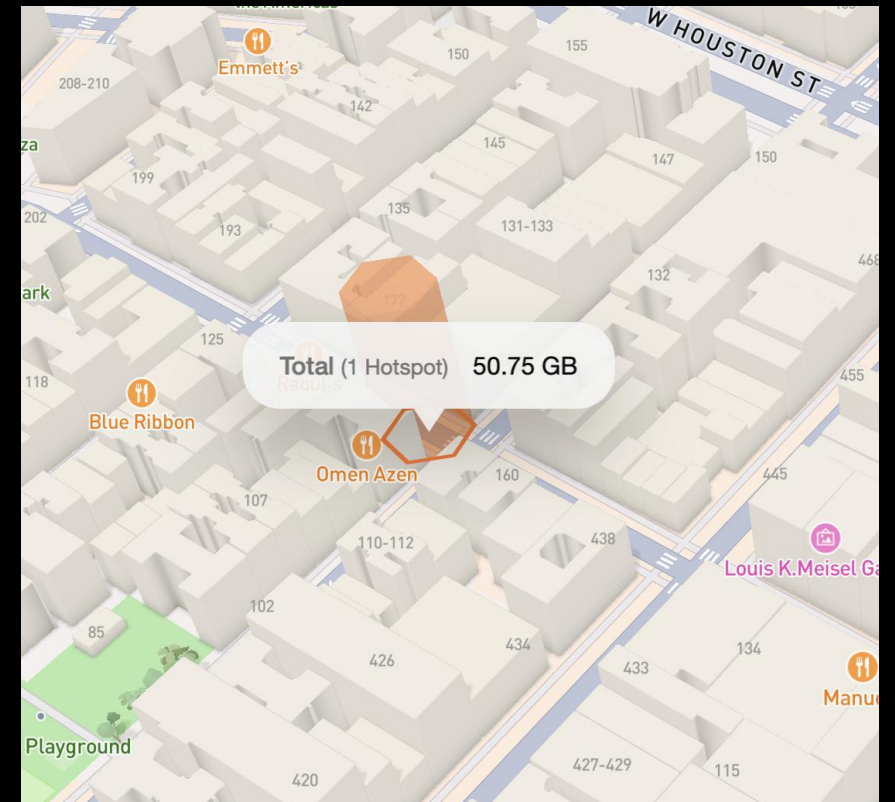
# Heavenly Market and Deli

1390

Carrier subs connected  
(daily avg)

13.8GB

Carrier data transferred  
(daily avg)





RAPID, RELIABLE OFFLOAD COVERAGE BUILT VIA

# Crypto Incentives

- The Helium Network is deployed by community.
- They are skilled radio deployers who optimize for capturing \$HNT, the utility token for the Helium Mobile Network.
- Radio owners are rewarded in two buckets:
  - Proof of Coverage
  - Data Transfer
- Proof of coverage earns variable amounts of \$HNT depending on location, quality of the backhaul, (soon) quality of the Wi-Fi metrics.
- Data transfer is a fixed rate per GB depending on region, carrier selection, users caps.
- These incentives result in highly-reliable, carrier-grade Wi-Fi offload infrastructure.



# Helium Carrier Offload Program

In the US, two MNOs and several MVNOs use the Helium Network to offload data for subscribers.

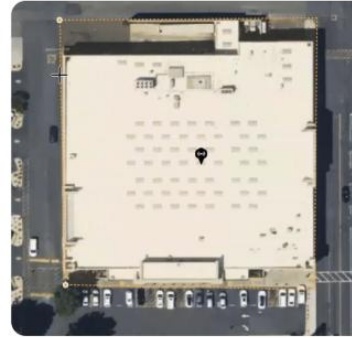
In Mexico, Teléfonos Movistar is bringing Helium to over 2 million subscribers.

- Added coverage in high usage areas, or areas with coverage challenges (indoor venues, shopping malls, restaurants, etc.)
- Zero Capex requirements to expand coverage
- Reduced cost per GB versus their existing roaming options (MVNOs)
- Quality-driven Wi-Fi offload strategy



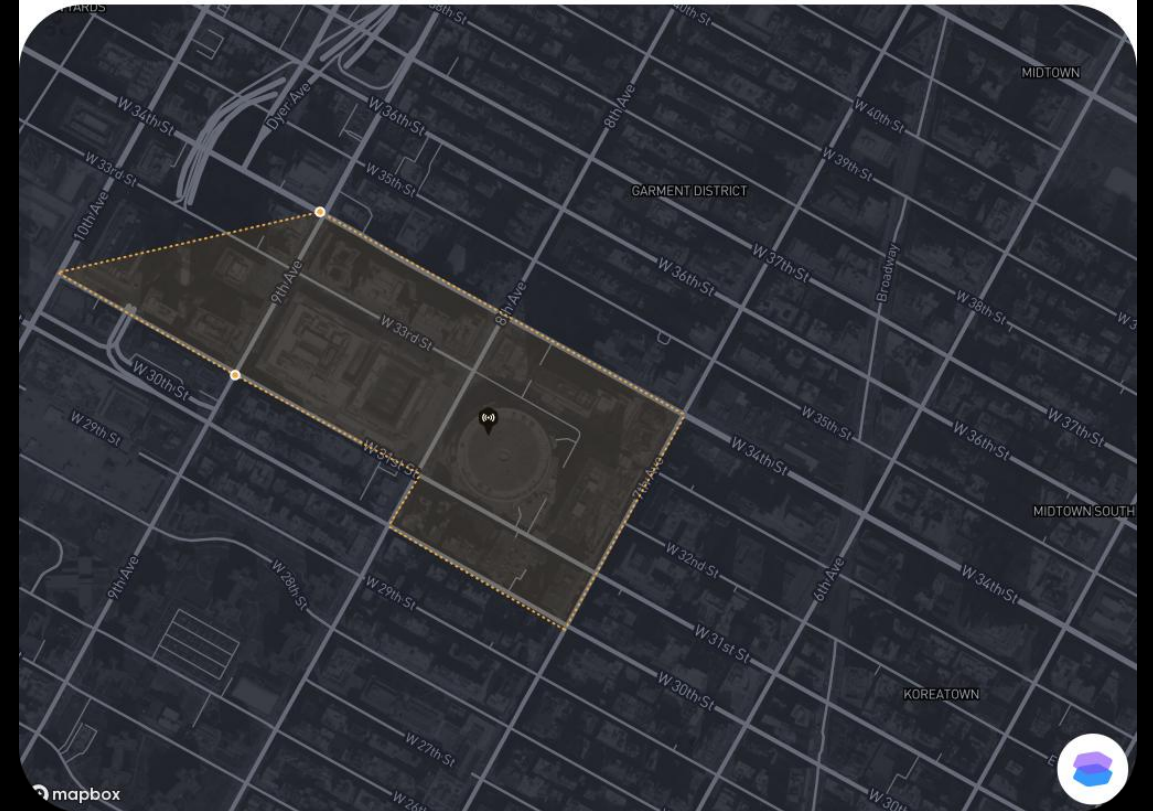
# Carrier Offload Manager UI

- Carrier Offload Manager is a UI for carriers to draw maps of where they need coverage.
- Helium deployers see these coverage requests and respond by creating coverage to capture the data traffic.



## DEFINE REGION

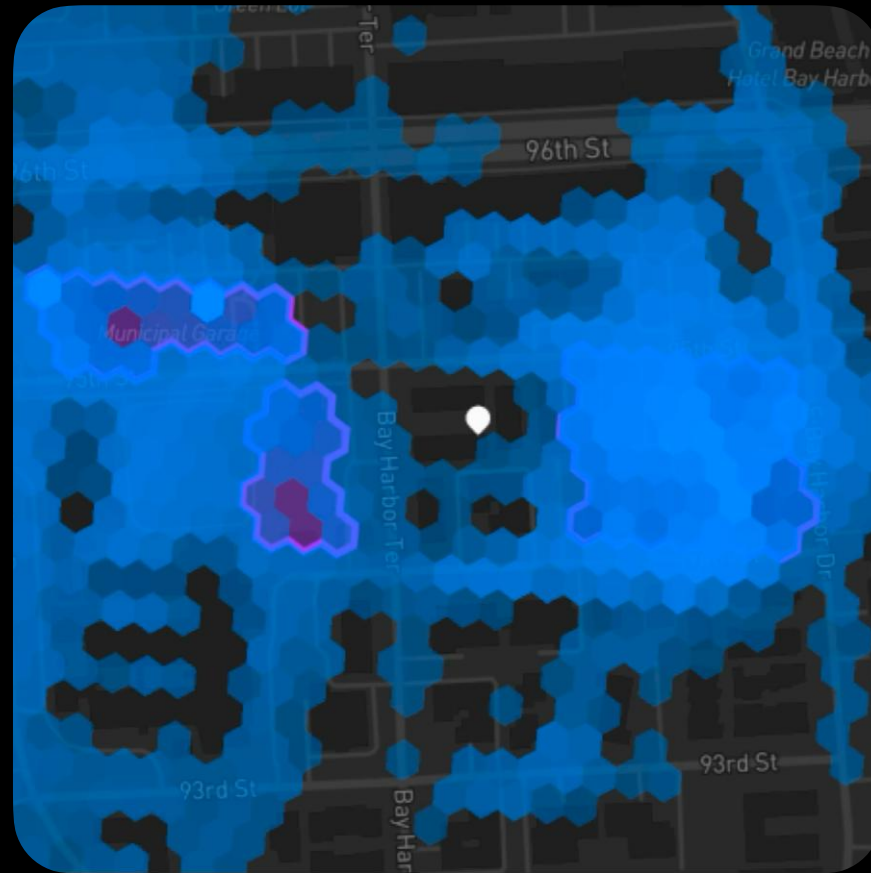
1. Begin by selecting a point along the outer most edge of the region you intend to select.
2. Continue selecting points around the region until you come back to your original point.
3. Click on the original point to complete the polygon.



# Miami



EXPANSION AREA



RESULTING COVERAGE

# Mexico City

## EXPANSION AREA



## RESULTING COVERAGE

# Helium QoS

The Helium Mobile Network ensures reliability by requiring hotspots to meet and maintain numerous QoS metrics.

QoS measurements are used to:

- align the incentives with quality
- select eligible hotspots
- automatically remove hotspots

## HEART BEATS

(EVALUATES STABILITY OF THE BACKHAUL)

4 heartbeats/hour => 96 heartbeats/day

Req: 1 heartbeat/hour in 12 hours of the last 24 hours

## LOCATION AWARENESS

(VALIDATES LOCATION ASSERTED BY DEPLOYER)

Indoor: Skyhook location service (randomly every 12 hrs)

Outdoor: GPS (randomly every 12 hrs)

Req: < 30 meters from asserted location (for boosted locations)

## BACKHAUL TESTING

(EVALUATES QUALITY OF THE BACKHAUL CONNECTION)

Downstream/Upstream/Latency test (randomly every 12 hrs)

Req: 100 Mbps Down/10 Mbps Up/50 ms

## WI-FI ACCESS TESTING

(EVALUATES QUALITY OF THE WI-FI CONNECTION)

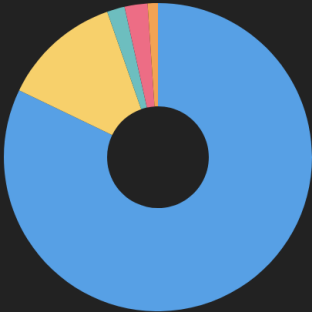
Wi-Fi Access Metrics AVP-77 (Connect-Info) collected via RADIUS

Req: grading algorithm (work in progress)

# Backhaul QOS

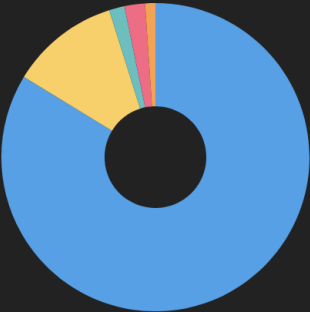
## Tiers

Acceptable	16269
Degraded	2478
Poor	368
Failed	477
N/A	213



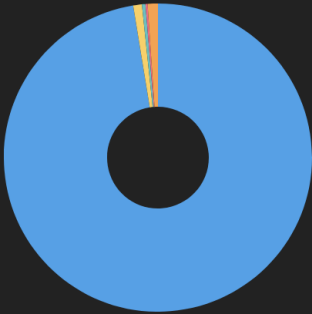
## Download Speed Tiers

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Poor	320
Failed	427
N/A	213



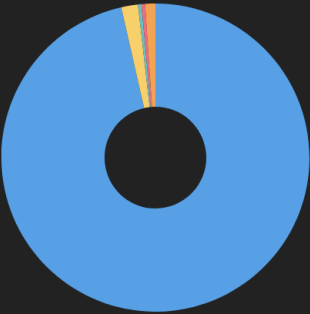
## Upload Speed Tiers

Acceptable	19295
Degraded	180
Poor	74
Failed	43
N/A	213



## Latency Tiers

Acceptable	19099
Degraded	347
Poor	72
Failed	74
N/A	213





# Wi-Fi Metrics QoS

- Format to be sent in Access-Request:

```
Connect-Info = "CONNECT 400.00 Mbps 802.11ac Channel: 36"
```

- Format to be sent in Accounting-Start:

```
Connect-Info = "CONNECT 400.00 Mbps 802.11ac Channel:36  
RSSI:48 RSSI-min:80 Noise:94 ChanUtil:25"
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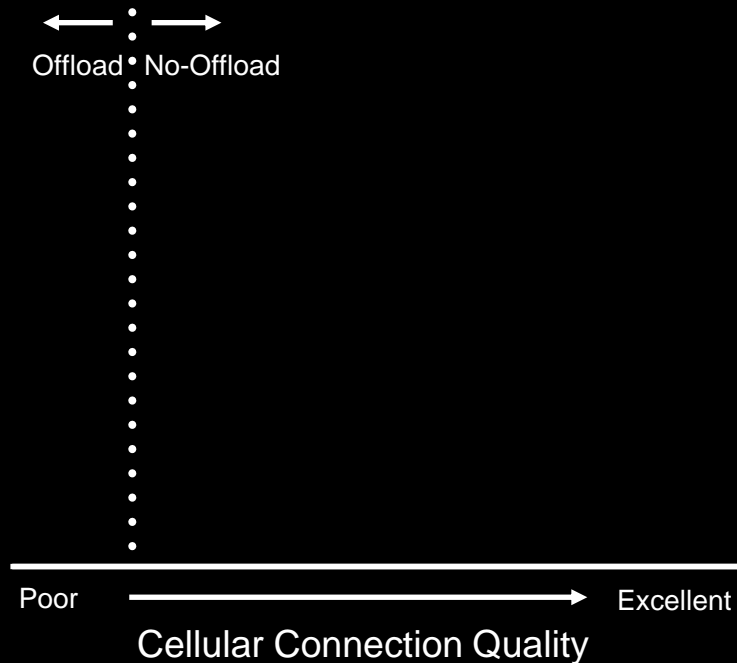
- Format to be sent in Accounting-Interim/Stop:

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Connect-Info = "CONNECT 400.00 Mbps 802.11ac Channel:36 Band:5  
RSSI:56 RSSI-min:80 Noise:90  
ChanUtil:35 TxBitRate:150.0  
RxBitRate:150.0 FrameLoss:3 FrameRetry:6"
```

- Metrics collected:
  - Connect Speed
  - Wi-Fi Standard
  - Channel
  - Band
  - RSSI
  - RSSI Minimum
  - Noise Level
  - Channel Utilization
  - TxBitRate
  - RxBitRate
  - Frame Loss
  - Frame Retry

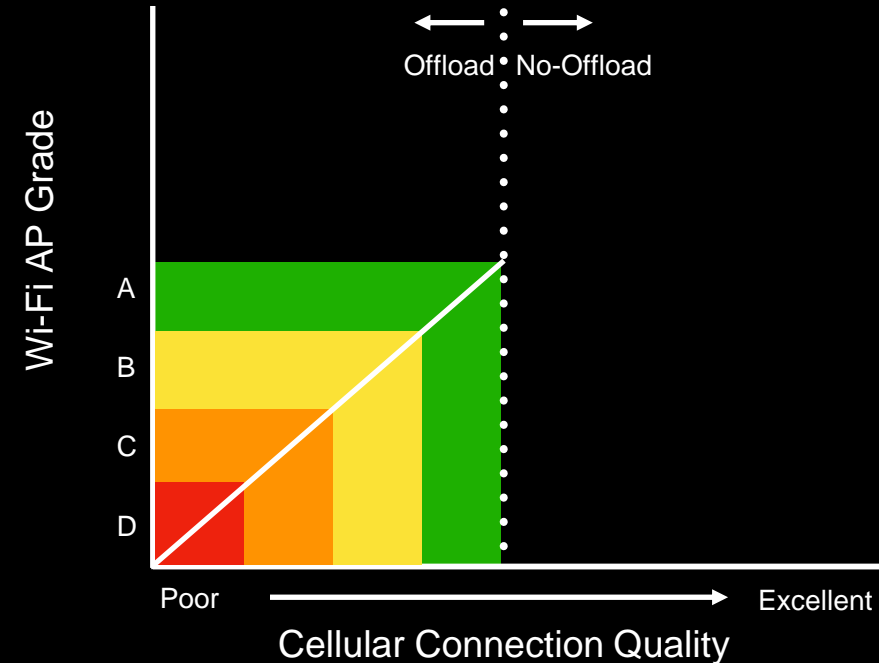
# Wi-Fi Metrics QoS

## No Wi-Fi Metric Offload Logic



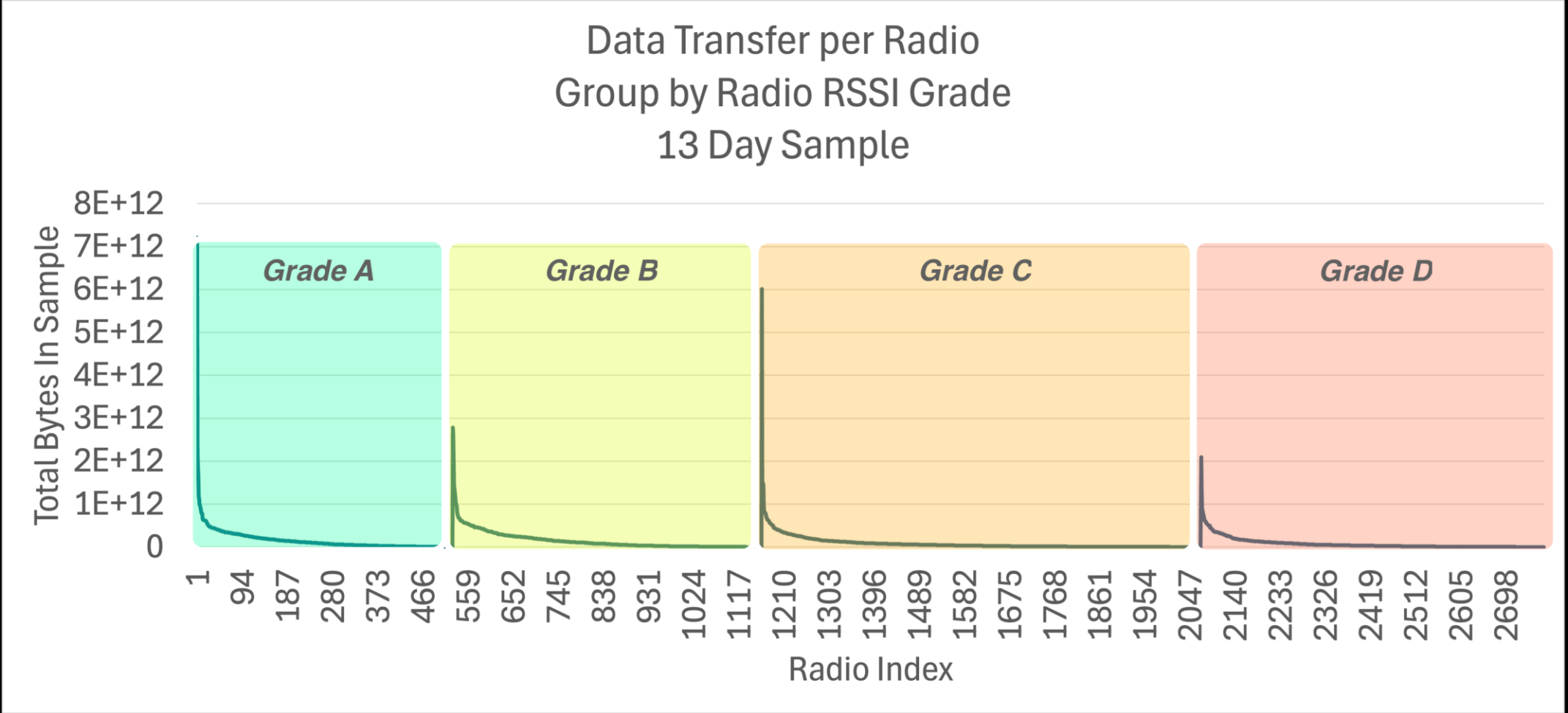
- Black box “offload and hope” subscriber UX
- Conservative offload threshold
- Cellular capacity burdened unnecessarily

## Wi-Fi Metric Informed Offload Logic



- Control of session UX when offloading
- Ability to use more aggressive offload threshold
- Ability to free cellular capacity proactively

# Wi-Fi Metrics QoS





# QUESTIONS?







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**IoT in the Enterprise**



# Innovations in Smart Enterprise Environments



# Cisco's Wi-Fi7 AP: A platform for Smart Spaces

## BLE 6.0 Radios

to connect and manage  
high density sensors

## GPS

auto-location capabilities

## UWB

next-level location accuracy

## Wi-Fi7

High density Wi-Fi for  
private and public use cases



# Cisco Spaces foundational technologies



## AI-Maps

AI 3D maps



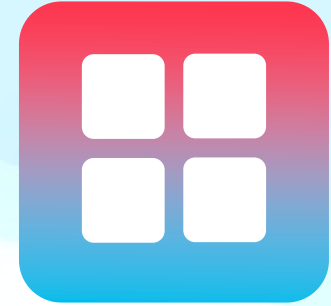
## Auto Onboarding Auto Location

Auto-onboard and Auto-locate Access points, Collaboration endpoints, sensors and People (OpenRoaming)



## Multi-sensor Connect

Onboard, manage, map & get telemetry from 3<sup>rd</sup> party sensors.  
Open Device & Partner ecosystem



## Apps, AI & API's

Cloud dashboard with Outcomes, AI Assistant and Open APIs

Digital twin

# The foundation: 3D Maps



Facilities CAD Maps



3D map

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Automatically digitize floor-plans and transform them into dynamic, digital maps - no physical site visits needed

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AI engine enhances accuracy and metadata extraction by automatically identifying rooms, furniture, and building outlines from CAD files

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Add overlay data to the model from different sources: Occupancy, Room availability, Collaboration endpoint and sensors, sensor data, ...

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Leverage across other platforms, share with partners



# Auto-onboard & Auto-locate Devices

## 1 Auto-onboard APs



Authenticate and  
Auto-onboard APs

## 2 AP Auto-placement – location anchors



Automatically determine the  
location of Access Points in  
your buildings and place them  
on a digital floor map using  
GPS, Wi-Fi FTM and UWB  
ranging data

## 3 Auto-onboard & Auto-place Webex devices & Sensors

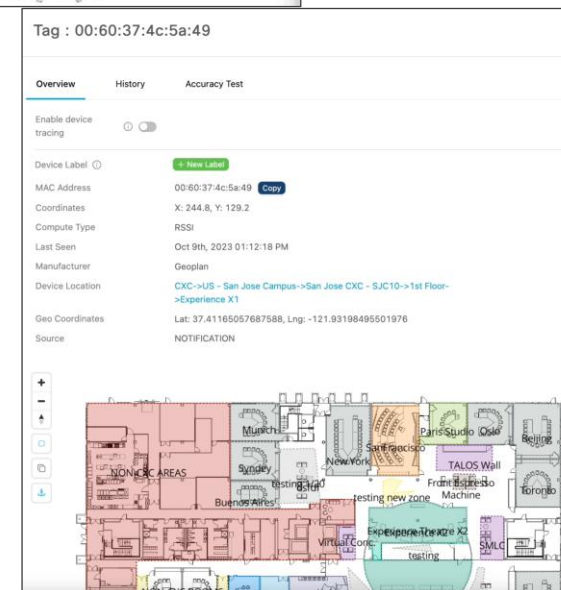
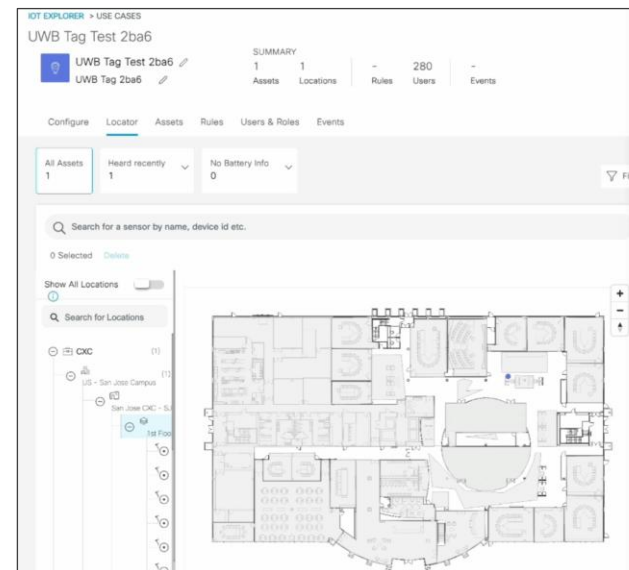
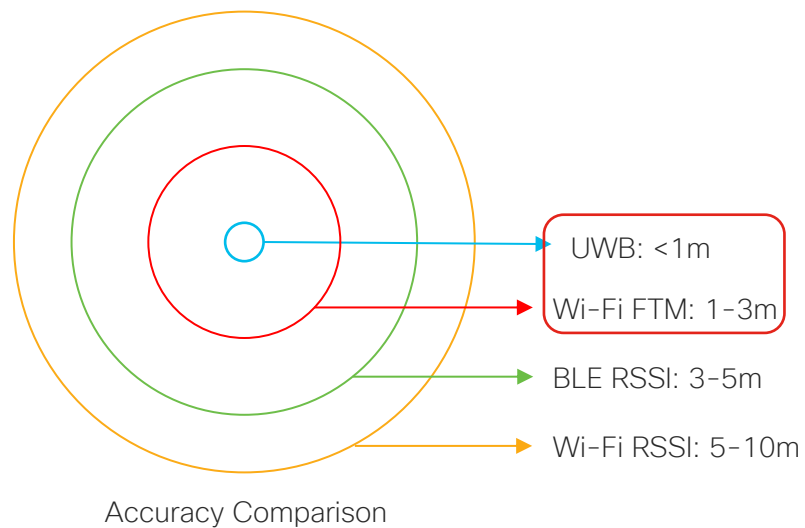
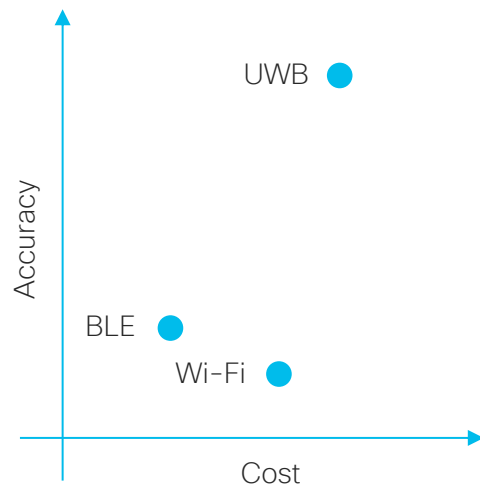


Auto-Locate Webex endpoints  
and sensors Leveraging BLE  
and UWB

Onboard Webex devices and  
sensors based on location



# Location technologies



# Occupancy

Leverage Cisco hardware as a sensor to anonymously track and analyze occupancy of buildings, floors, rooms



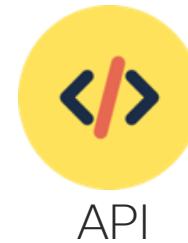
Wi-Fi Device data (RSSI)



Cameras (head count)



3rd party data



# Digitization Re-cap

- Deploy Wi-Fi 7 APs as a **sensor** platform
- Create a digital **twin** of the physical Space
- Gain **Insights** (occupancy, space and infrastructure usage, footfall, environment)
- **Optimize** Workspace and Retail experience

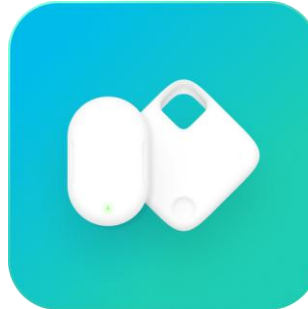
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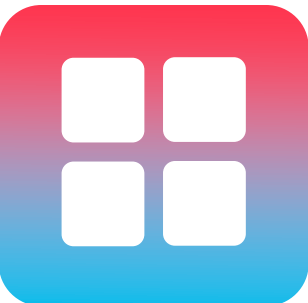
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