

LAWRENCE TECH'S WIFI THRILLER:



**WIRELESS
INVASION**
2009

XIRRUS, THEIR JUST SO DIFFERENT

- *The Arrays are Just too big*
- *Just too expensive - \$\$\$\$\$*
- *Two radio APs are good enough*
- *Array is overkill, nobody needs that much Wi-Fi?*
- *Xirrus is only good for LPVs*
- *Just a big single point of failure*
- *Wi-Fi requires a controller*
- *Client's don't have directional Antennas*

WI-FI EVOLUTION: *USAGE MODELS*

2009



- **Overlay network**
- **More users than devices**
- **Design for coverage**
- **Design RF for laptops**
- **2.4GHz centric**
- **Application focus – Email**

2014



- **Primary network**
- **More devices than users**
- **Design for capacity**
- **Design RF for tablets/phones**
- **5GHz focused (2.4GHz still required)**
- **Applications– Anything & Everything**

WI-FI EVOLUTION: *DEVICES & APPLICATIONS*

Every day another 4 million+ wireless devices are activated

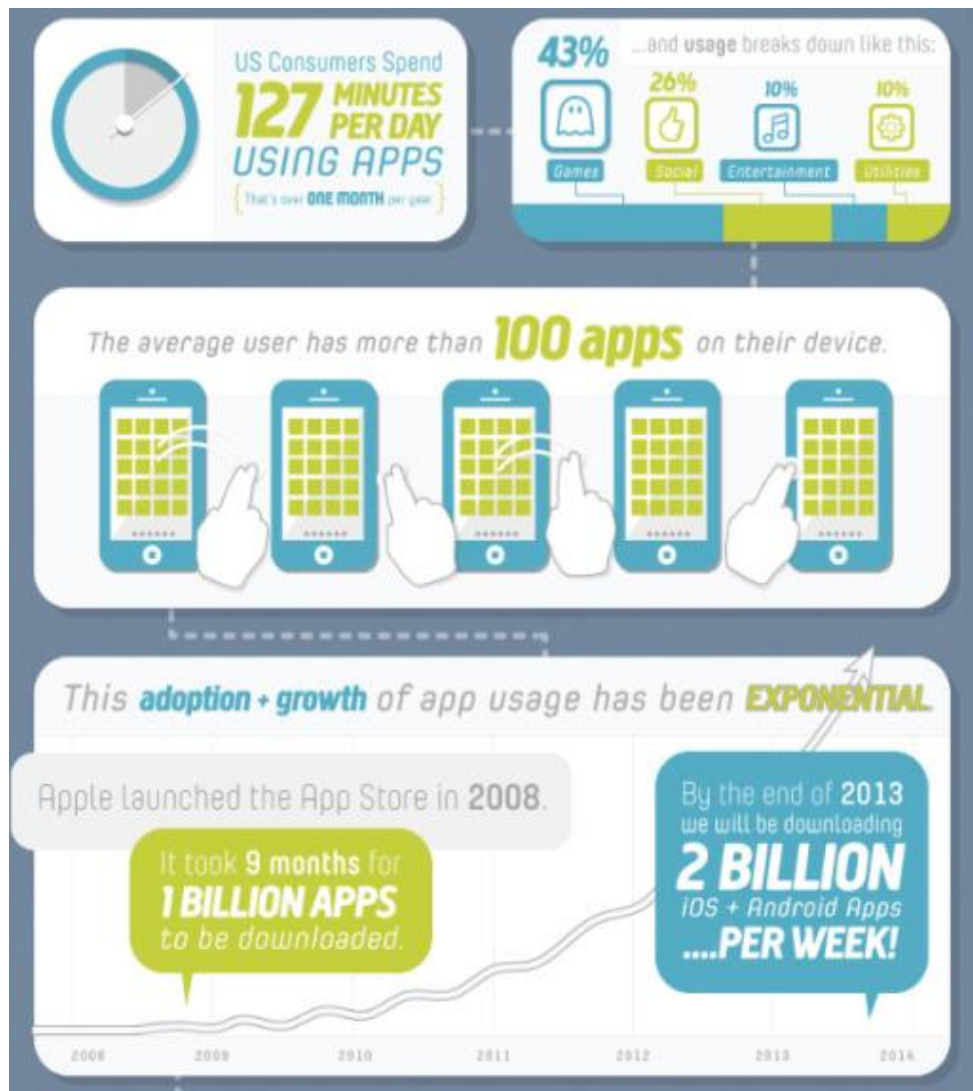
Flurry

In 2013 Smartphone/tablet sales exceed that of all consumer electronics combined

– IDC

Instagram video becomes #1 traffic on Internet day 1 of release

Most Networks are not prepared!



WI-FI - IT'S NOT ALL THE SAME



NOW IT HAS TO BE *EVERYWHERE*



DENSITY DEMANDS CONTINUE TO GROW



OPTIMIZING WIRELESS NETWORKS TODAY

Wi-Fi design

One size does

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Xirrus is abo
clients mix

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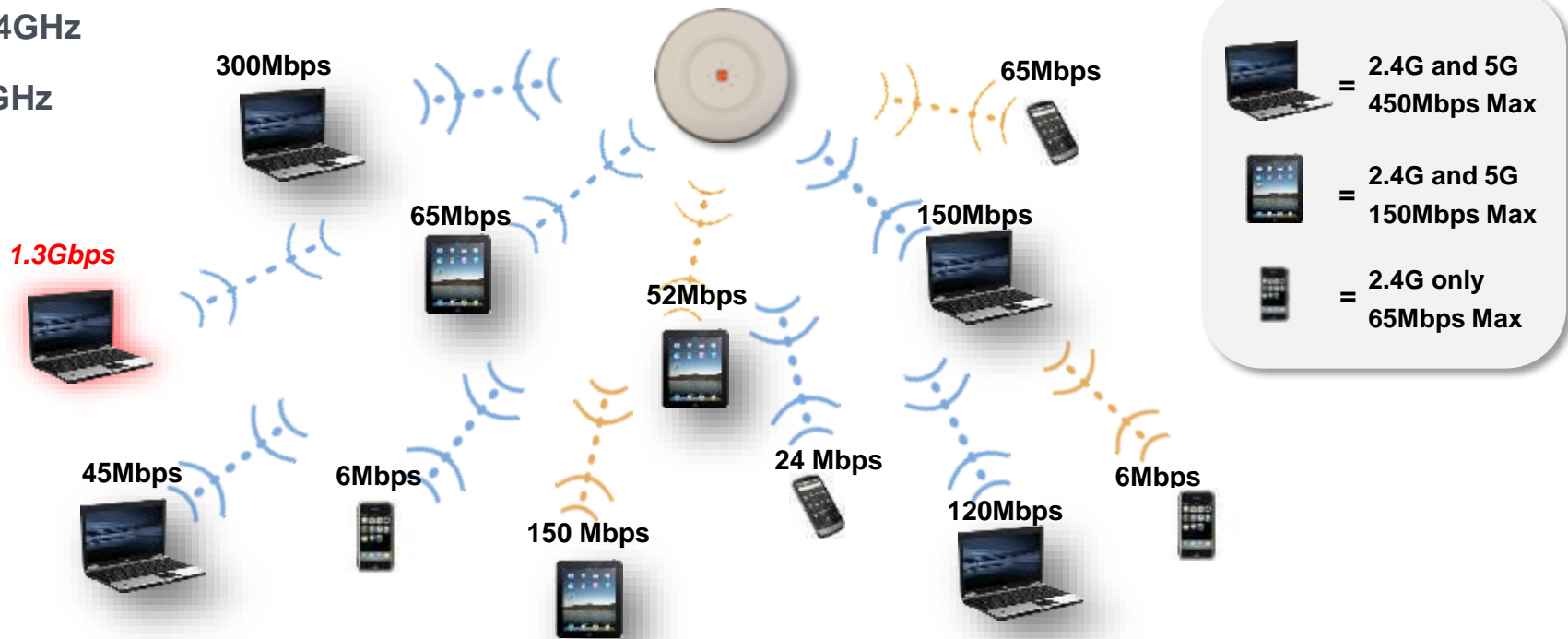
WI-FI DESIGN OPTIMIZATION

WHAT WE CAN (SHOULD) ALL AGREE ON

THE *REALITY* OF THE CLIENT ENVIRONMENT

■ = 2.4GHz

■ = 5GHz



In a Wi-Fi network, the user data rates varies with distance, device type, Wi-Fi band, and interference

WIRELESS DEVICES ARE NOT CREATED EQUAL

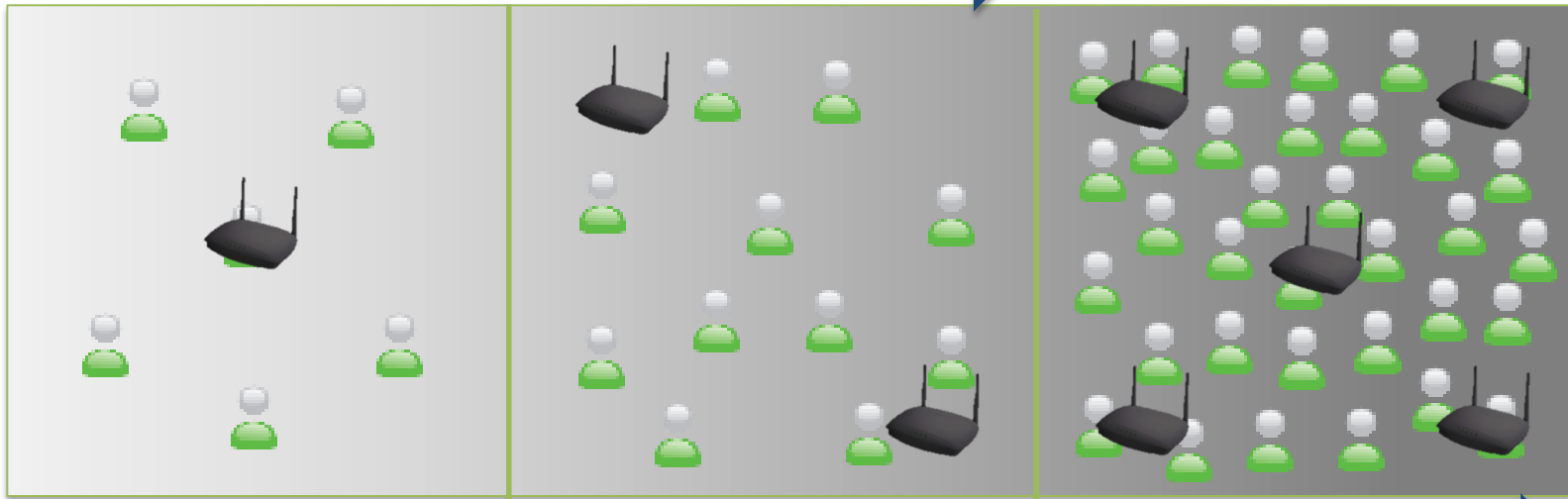
Capabilities vary greatly by type of device

| Device | 2.4GHz | 5GHz | Antennas | Max Rate |
|------------------------|--------|------|----------|------------|
| POS scanner | X | Some | 1 | 54Mbps |
| Media Players | X | Some | 1 | 65-150Mbps |
| Smartphones – low end | X | | 1 | 65Mbps |
| Smartphones – high end | X | X | 1 | 433Mbps |
| Tablets – low end | X | | 1 | 65Mbps |
| Tablets – high end | X | X | 2 | 433Mbps |
| Laptops | X | X | 2 or 3 | 1.3Gbps |



THE *REALITY* OF CLIENT DENSITY

As density and usage increases...

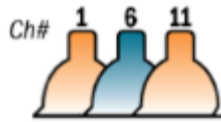


...wireless performance deteriorates

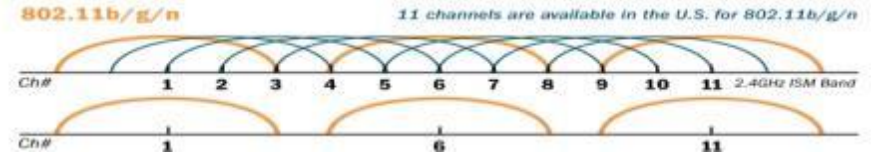
- Increasing numbers of devices per person and per square foot demand improved Wi-Fi design
- Increasing RF contention issues, especially in 2.4GHz
- **QoE vs. QoS**

THE *REALITY* OF WI-FI SPECTRUM

2.4GHz

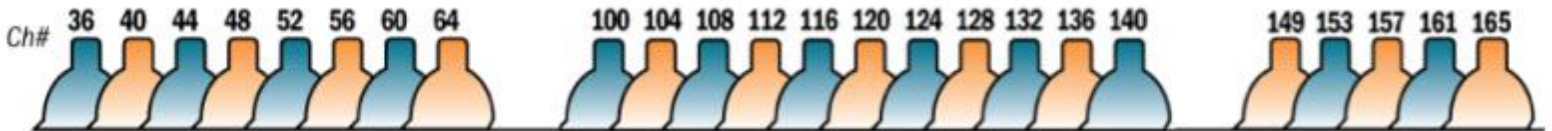


3 Channels

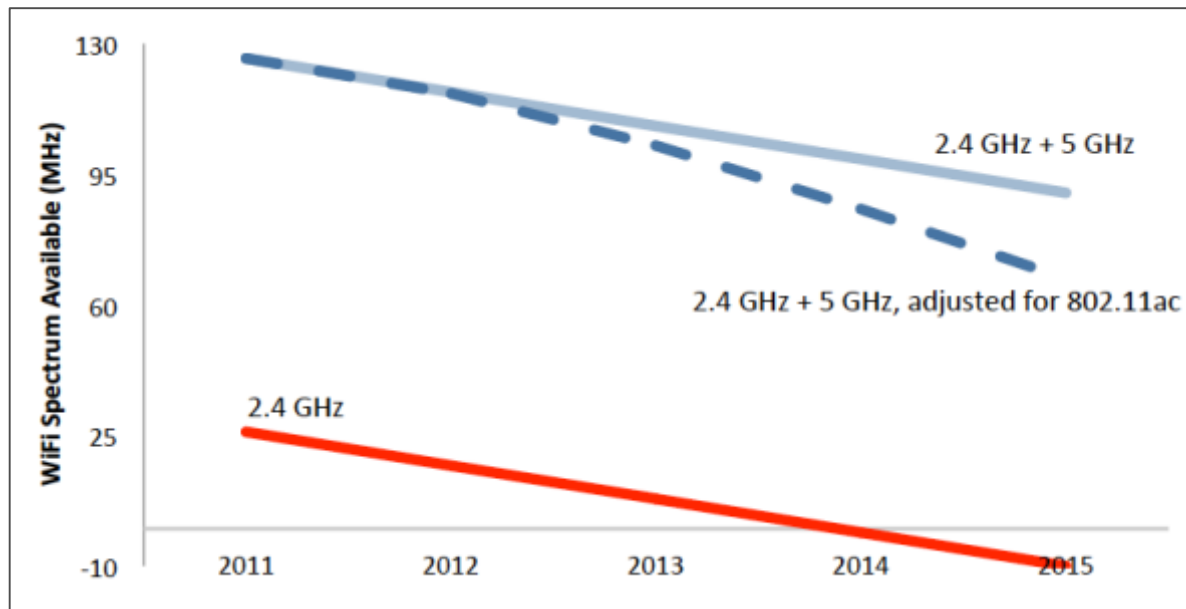


21 Channels

5GHz



Wi-Fi Spectrum Deficit Over Time

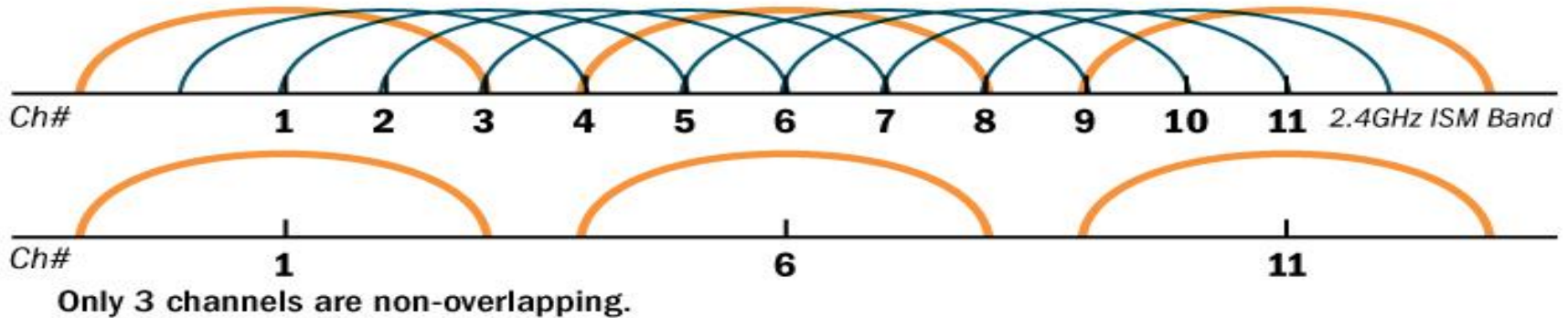


Source: CableLabs, 2013

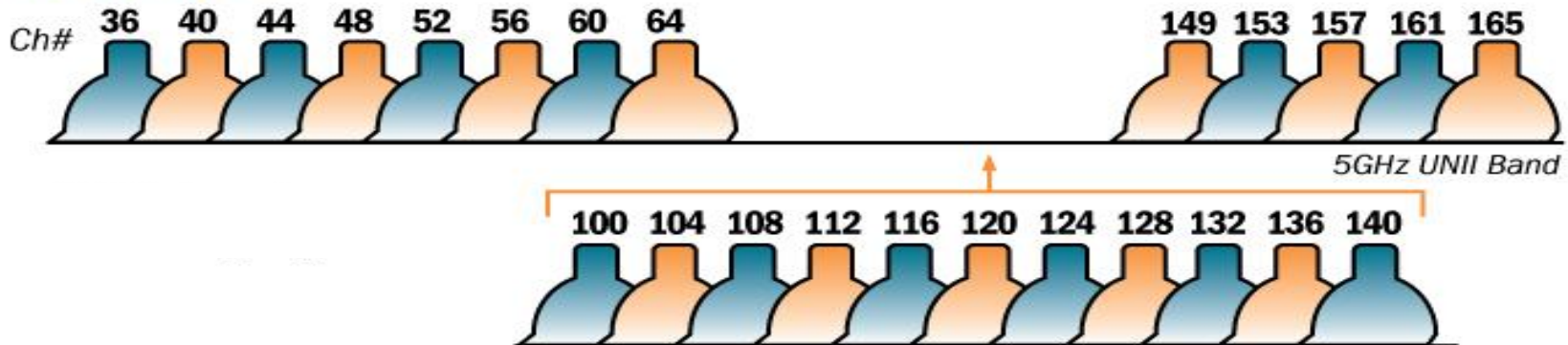
THE *REALITY* OF WI-FI SPECTRUM

802.11b/g/n

11 channels are available in the U.S. for 802.11b/g/n



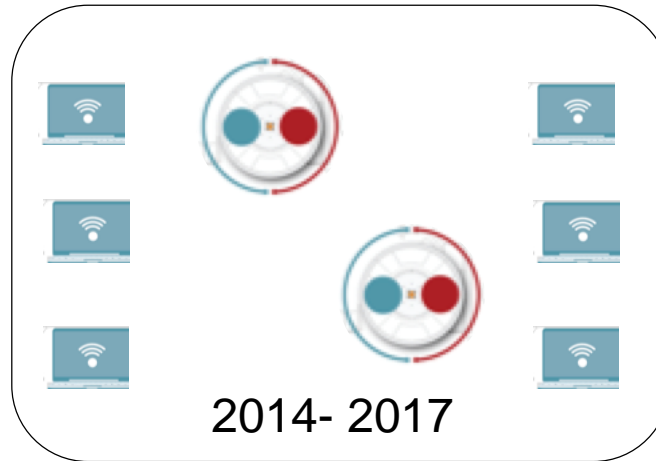
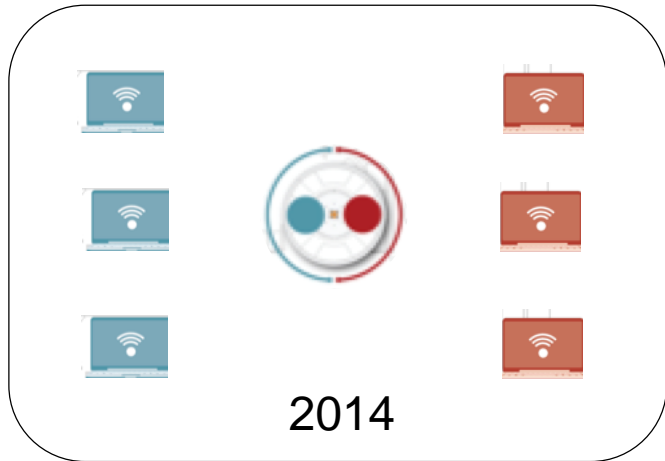
802.11 a/n/ac





Note: The above graphic identifies North American channel assignments, channels varies for different countries based on their regulatory domains

THE *REALITY* OF AP RADIO DESIGN

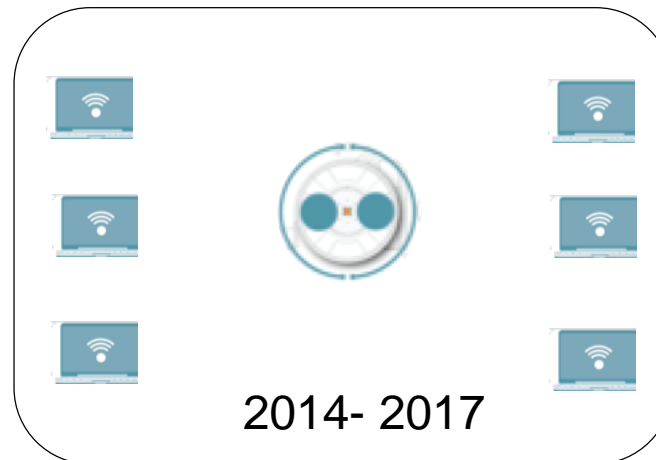
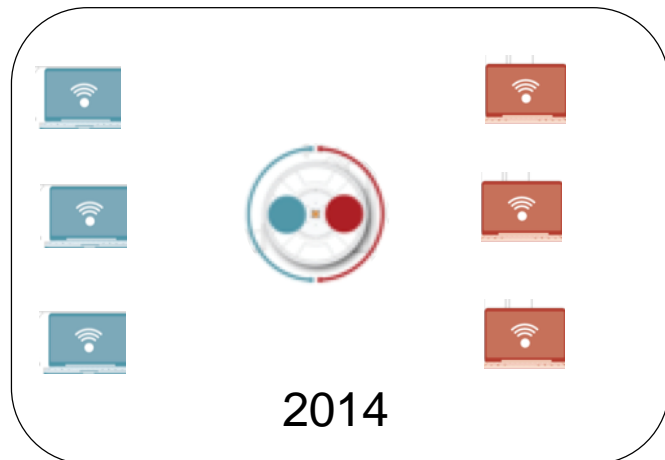
Traditional Fixed Radio APs



Non-Optimized Design

 = 5GHz/11ac
 = 2.4GHz/11n

Software Programmable Radio APs



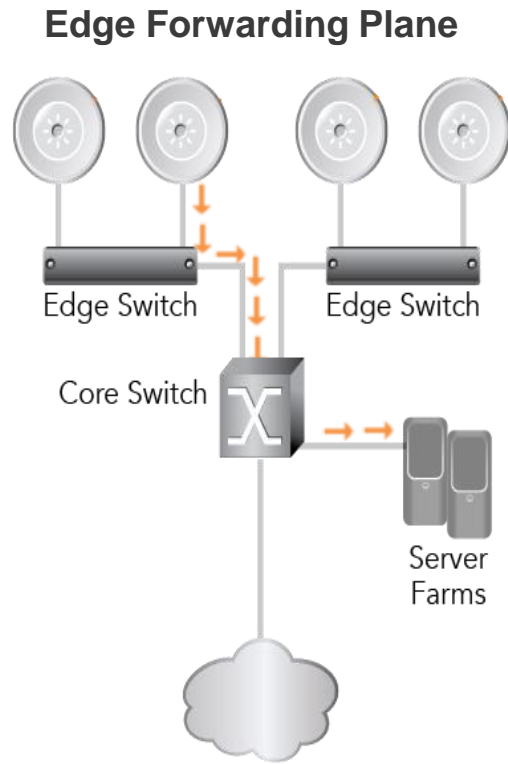
Optimized Design



WI-FI DESIGN OPTIMIZATION

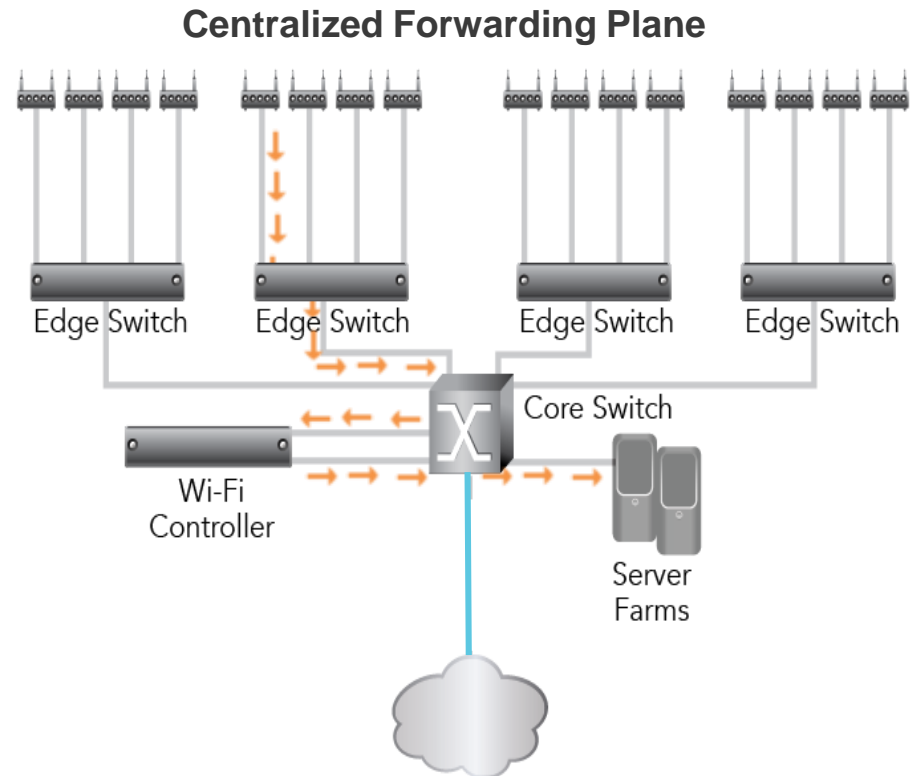
WHAT XIRRUS BELIEVES IS THE BEST APPROACH

NETWORK OPTIMIZATION = *ARCHITECTURE*



Distributed Control

- Control at edge for best performance
- No Single Point of Failure
- Seamless Scalability
- Distributed Intelligence



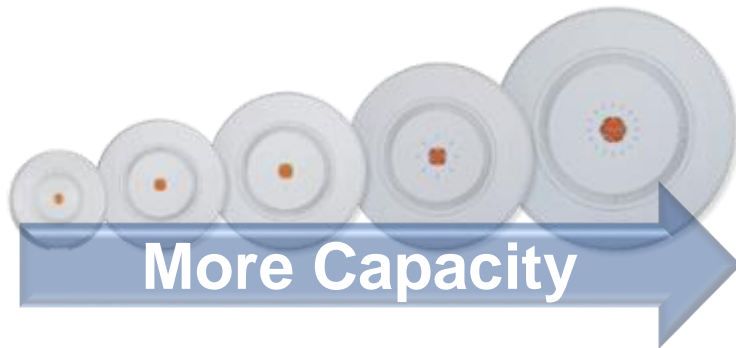
Central Control

- Central processing creates bottlenecks
- Single Point of Failures
- Stair step scalability
- Intelligence Choke Point

CAPACITY OPTIMIZATION = **SCALABILITY**

Xirrus

Right-size from 2 to 16 radios



Traditional

One size (does not!) fit all



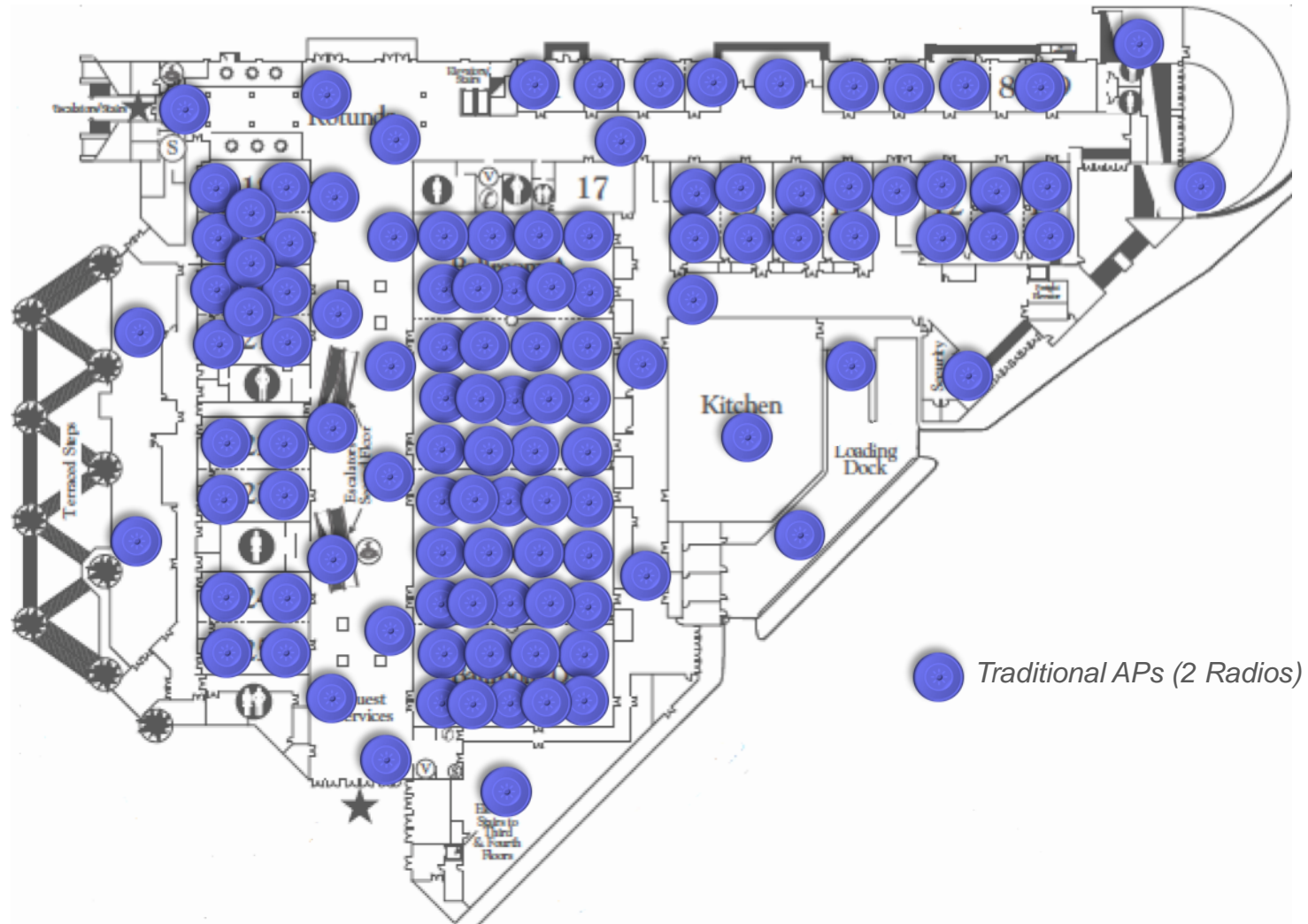
Benefits

Rock solid wireless...no matter how many devices

Less equipment = 20-30% lower TCO

ONE WAY TO DEPLOY - CONVENTION CTR

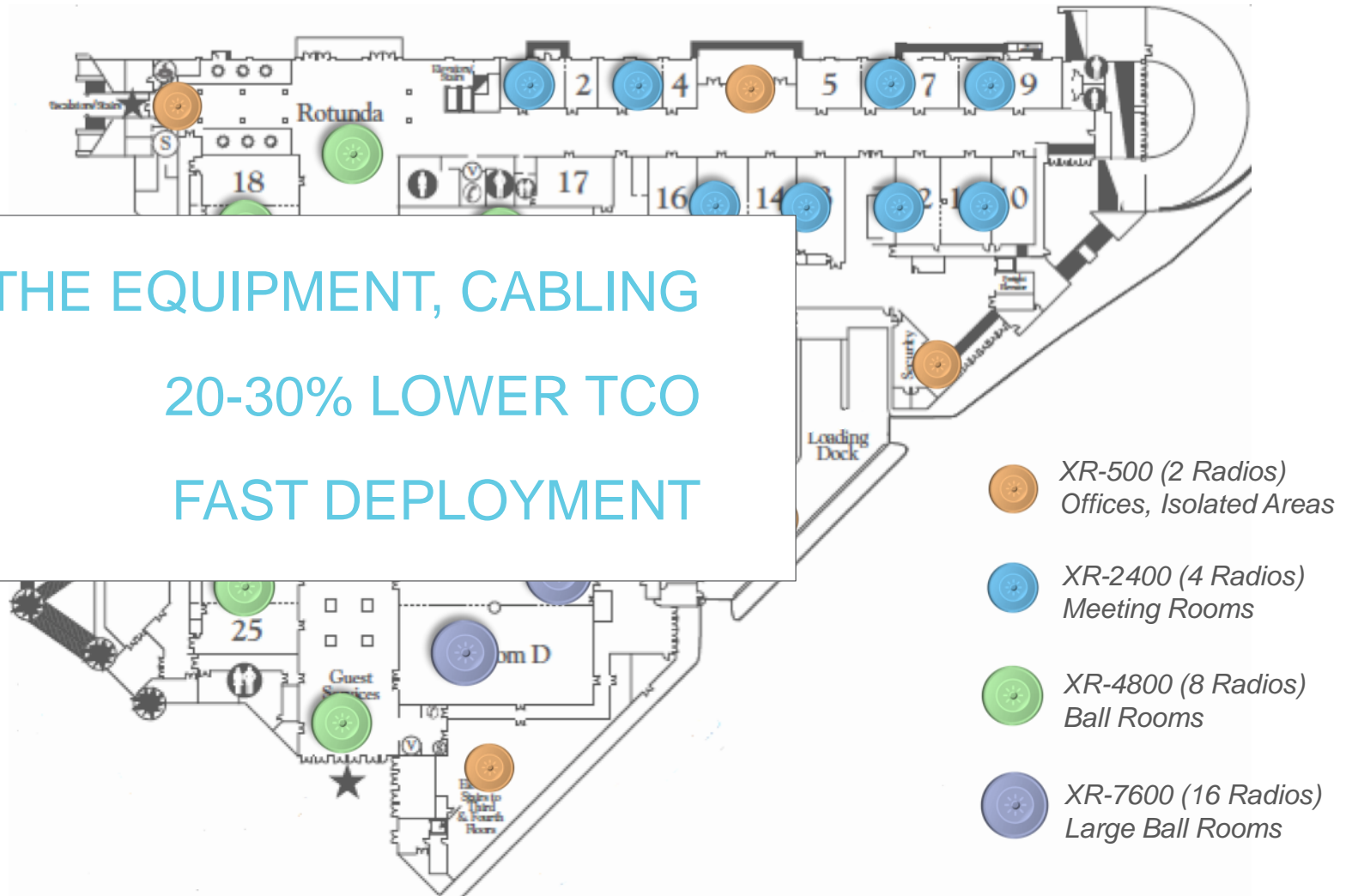
114 APs



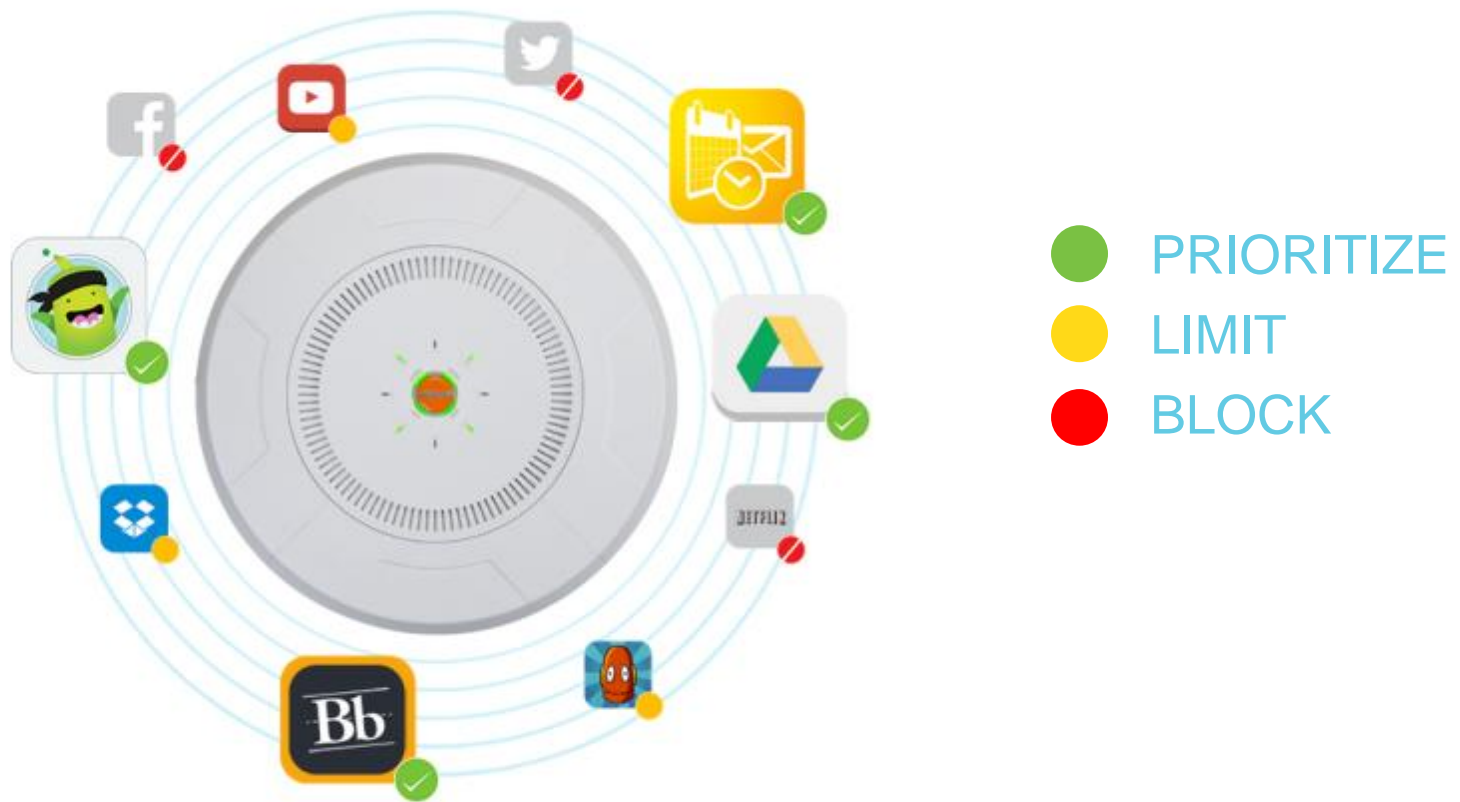
XIRRUS OPTIMIZED SOLUTION

29 Arrays/APs

1/3 THE EQUIPMENT, CABLING
20-30% LOWER TCO
FAST DEPLOYMENT



PERFORMANCE OPTIMIZATION = *APP CONTROL*

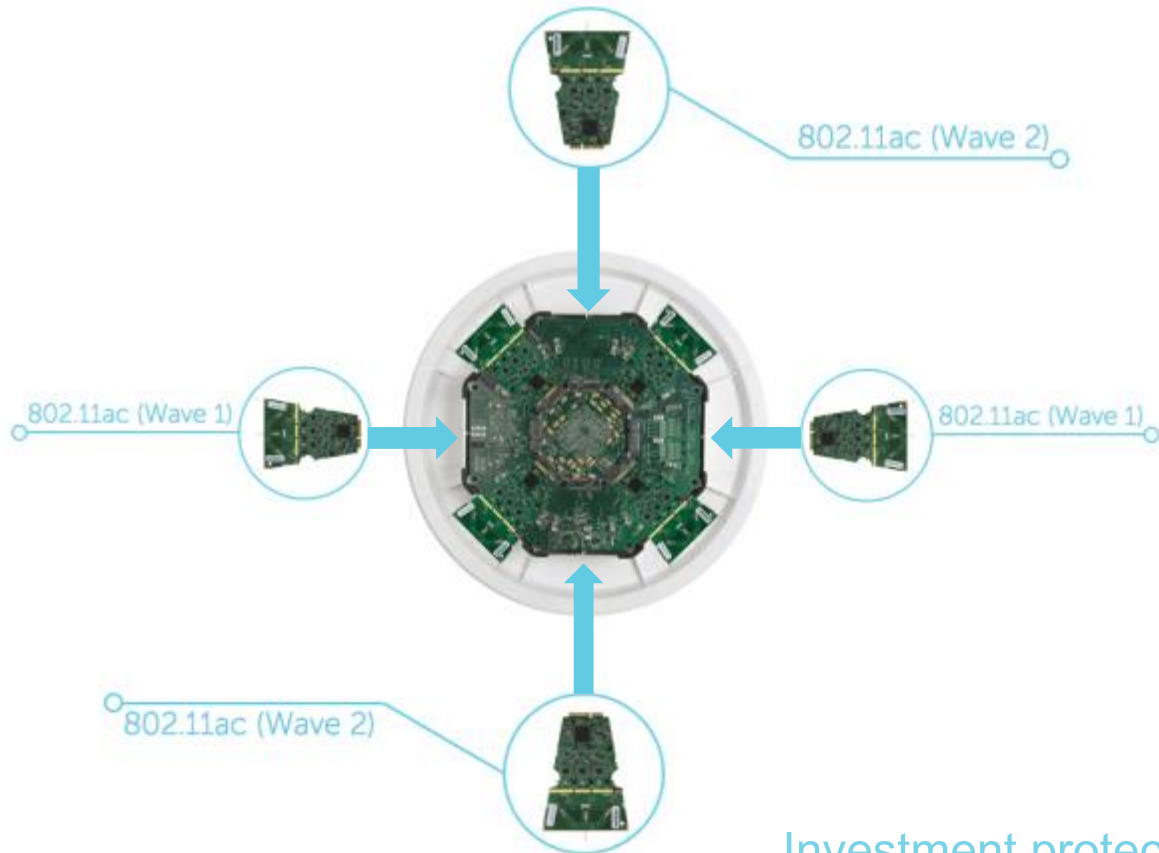


Ensure reliable performance for critical apps

WHY APPLICATION CONTROL ??



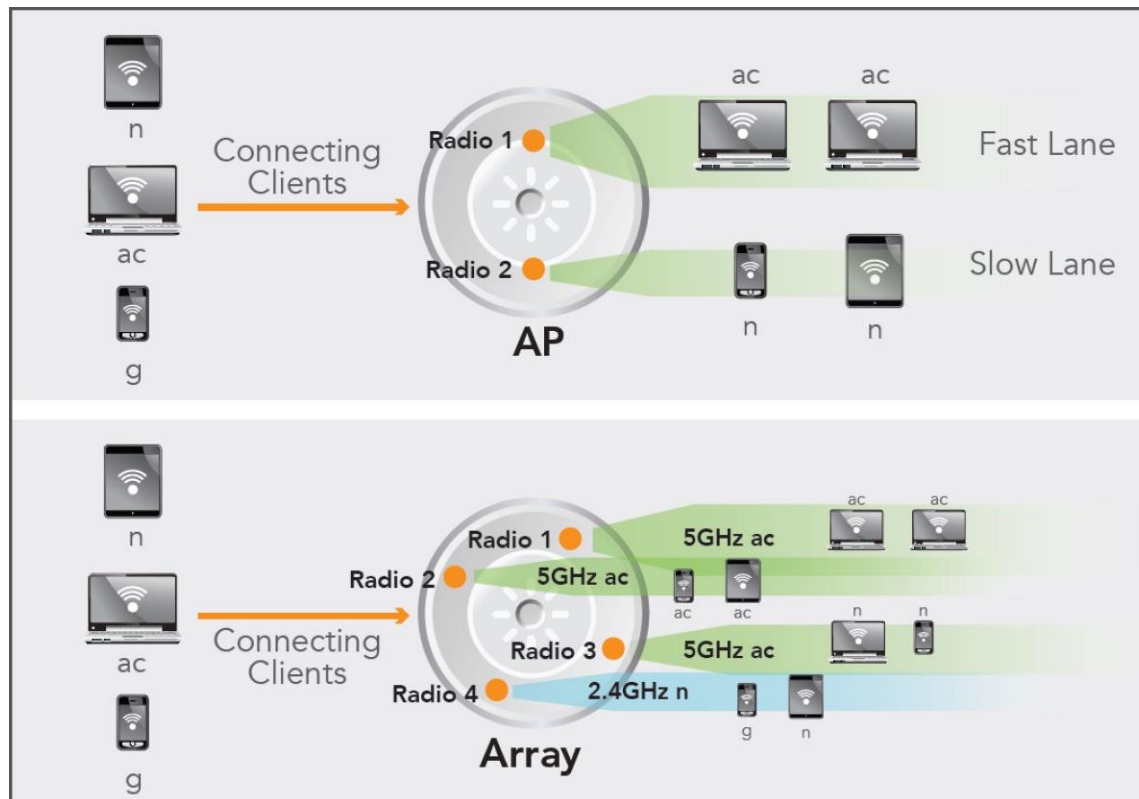
FINANCIAL OPTIMIZATION = *UPGRADABILITY*



Investment protection with no forklift upgrades

802.11AC OPTIMIZATION = **ACEXPRESS™**

- Wi-Fi is shared medium - slow clients reduce overall network speed
- The Solution – **Xirrus ACEXPRESS**
 - Separate high speed and low speed clients on different radios
 - Maximize system performance for ALL clients





High Performance Wireless Networks

XIRRUS:

DIFFERENT OR JUST AHEAD OF THE PACK

XIRRUS *ENGINEERING*

Recognized for *Product Innovation*, are deployed in over 4000 networks, serving the most demanding customers worldwide.



**Xircom
Netwave**

First -1994

Access Point



**Xirrus'
XS 3500/3700/3900**

First – 2007

Multi-State radios
High Density Radio Array



**Xirrus'
XN 4/8/16**

First - 2010

Upgradable Design (11abg - 11abng)



**Xirrus'
XR 2000/4000/6000**

First - 2012

Modular radios
11ac ready platform
11ac Wave 2 ready
ACExpress



High Performance Wireless Networks

THANK YOU