

Fundamental Truths of WLANs

What would I tell my past self...

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What would I tell my younger self?



Explaining the Complex & Invisible

- 802.11/Wi-Fi is incredibly Complex
- 802.11/Wi-Fi is incredibly Resilient

- How to explain?
- Use LEGO of course!

Unorganized Information/Data



Organized



Structured



Explained with a Story...



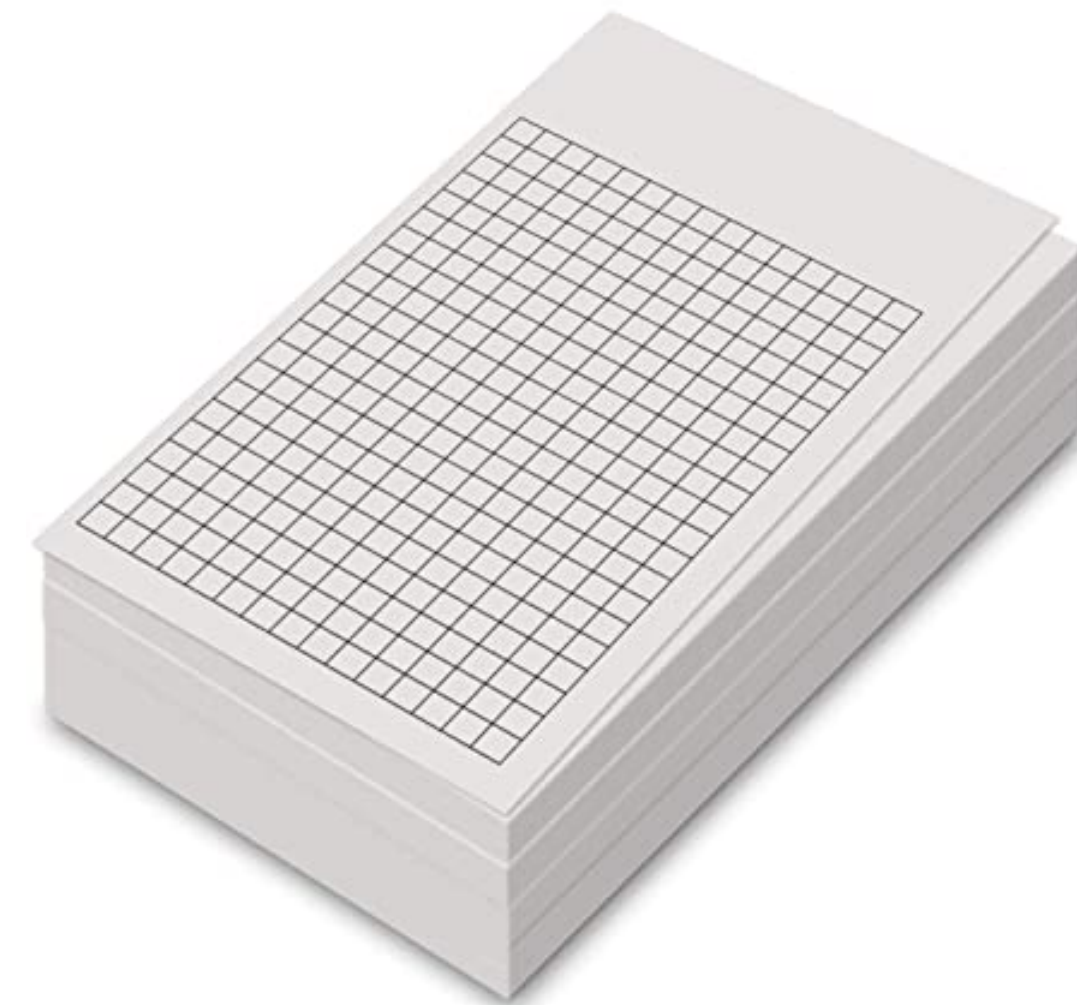
Know Yourself

Using stories... of course!

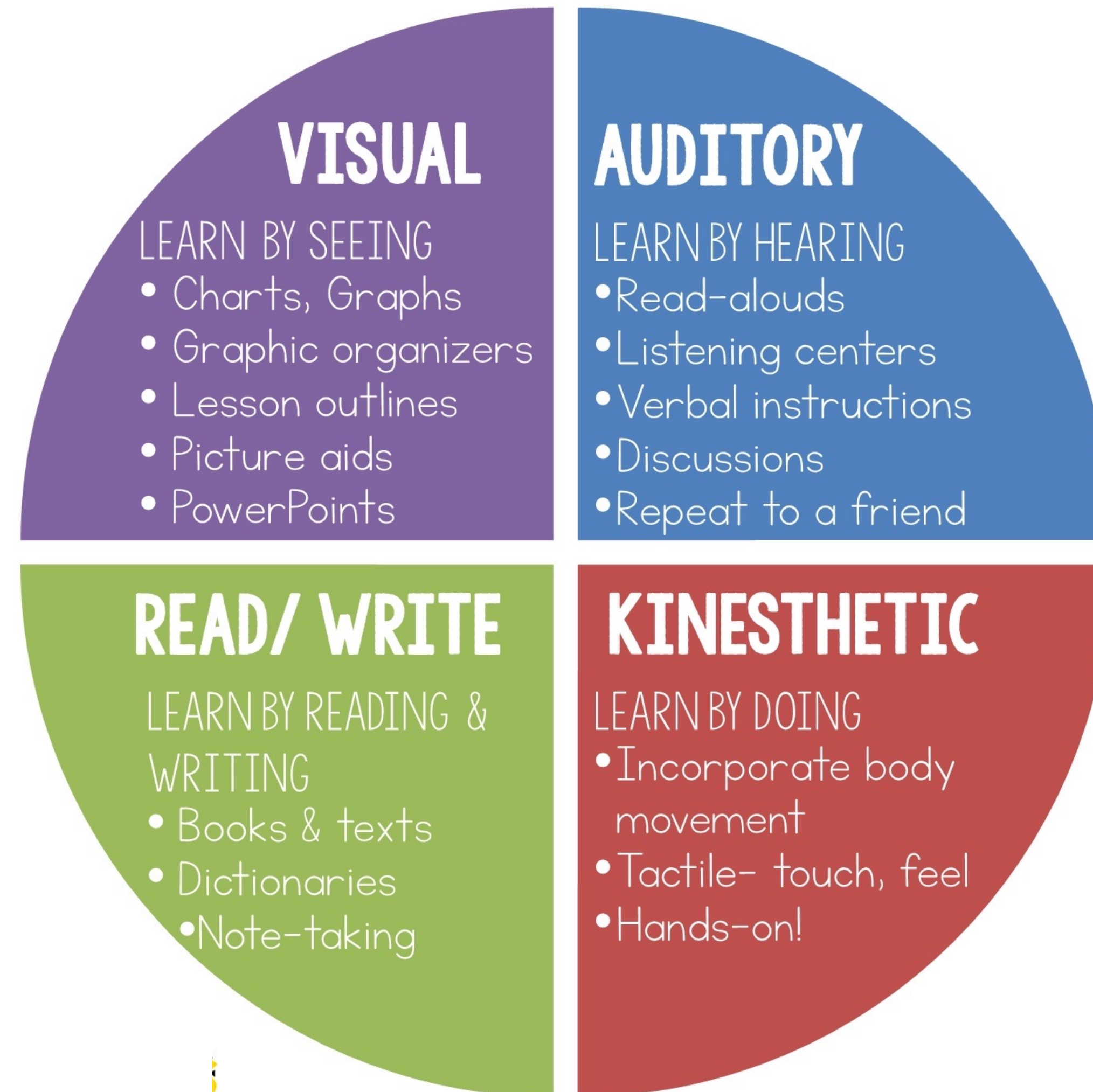
When I was younger...

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How Do YOU Learn Best?



Employment Options in Wireless LANs

Customer

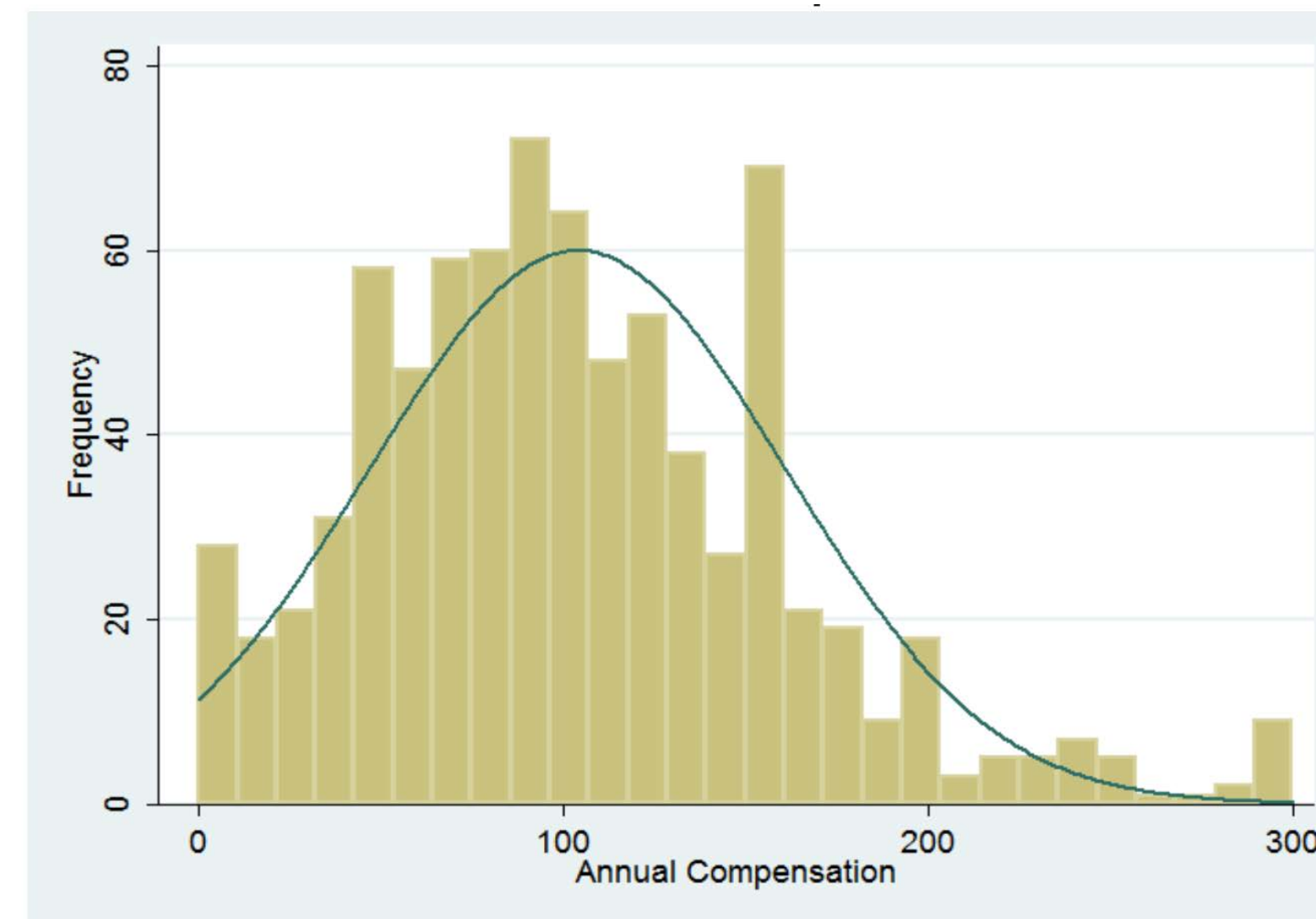
Reseller

Vendor

Consultancy

WLAN Compensation Analysis

Vendor	US	EU	RoW
Cisco	\$121,000	\$74,000	\$72,000
Aruba	\$122,000	\$70,000	\$79,000
Ruckus	\$128,000	\$89,000	\$54,000
Ubiquiti	\$97,000	\$43,000	N/A



Region	Average	No Cert	CCIE-W	CWNE	CWNA	Any Aruba	ACMX
<i>Overall</i>	<i>\$104,000</i>	<i>\$99,000</i>	<i>\$145,000</i>	<i>\$137,000</i>	<i>\$111,000</i>	<i>\$112,000</i>	<i>\$144,000</i>
US/Canada	\$121,000	\$107,000	\$175,000	\$157,000	\$132,000	\$128,000	\$150,000
Europe	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$82,000	\$84,000	\$69,000	\$76,000	\$100,000
Rest of World	\$77,000	\$88,000	\$77,000	\$101,000	\$86,000	\$92,000	\$160,000

Correlation does NOT infer Causality!



Know Your Priorities

Don't get stuck on the *WHAT*

- Focus on the **WHY** and the **HOW**
- Then when you completely understand them...
- Then move to the **WHAT**

- Three quick WISP gig stories
 - Cannabis Cameras, Marketing Numbers, Rural Internet

Tip on Scheduling Your Priorities

All about
the BIG
rocks!



Know the RF Fundamentals

So many protocols...



802.11 - Wi-Fi

802.15.4

LoRA/LoRaWAN

Sigfox

Bluetooth

BLE

6LoWPAN

Zigbee

Thread

Z-Wave

WirelessHART

ISA100.11a

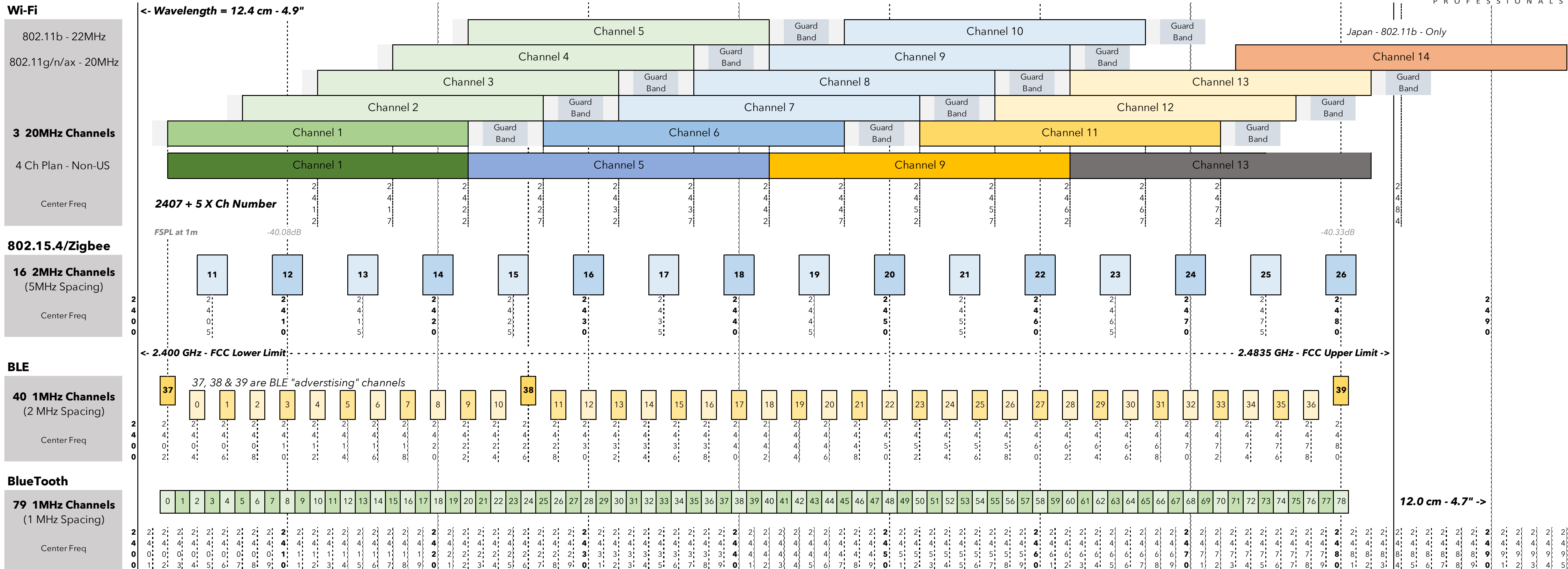
	Frequencies	Range (Single Hop)	Data Rates / Category	Authentication	Encryption	Integrity	Security Methods
802.11 - Wi-Fi	2.4 GHz, 5 GHz, and now 6 GHz	30 - 2,000 m	High LAN				
802.15.4	2.4 GHz, Sub 1 GHZ	30 - 10,000 m	Low/Medium	AES-CCM	AES-128 (DL)	MAC/Sequence Number	
LoRA/LoRaWAN	Sub 1 GHz	100 - 15,000 m	Low LPWAN	Root Session Keys	AES-128 (DL, App)	MAC/Sequence Number	
Sigfox	Sub 1 GHz	100 - 15,000 m	Low LPWAN	UL-AUTH	AES-128 (App)	CRC/Message Counter	
Bluetooth	2.4 GHz	10 - 1,500 m	Medium PAN/LAN	AES-CCM	AES-128	CRC/MIC	
BLE	2.4 GHz	10 - 1,500 m	Medium PAN/LAN	AES-CCM	AES-128	CRC/MIC	
6LoWPAN	2.4 GHz	30 - 300 m	Low/Medium PAN/LAN	AES-CCM	AES-128 (DL), IPSec (Net), TLS (Trans)	MAC/Sequence Number	
Zigbee	2.4 GHz, Sub 1 GHz	10 - 300 m (Line of Sight) 75-100 m indoors	Low PAN/LAN	Install Code	AES-128 (Net, App)	MAC/Sequence Number	Centralized (with install codes support), Distributed
Thread	2.4 GHz	30 - 300 m	Medium PAN/LAN	PAKE	AES-128 (DL)	MAC/Sequence Number	AES-128
Z-Wave	Sub 1 GHz	10 - 300 m	Low PAN/LAN	Inclusion	AES-128 (App)	MAC/Sequence Number	
WirelessHART	2.4 GHz	30 - 300 m	Low PAN/LAN	Join Key	AES-128 (DL, Net)	MAC/Sequence Number	AES-128
ISA100.11a	2.4 GHz	30 - 300 m	Low PAN/LAN	Join Key	AES-128 (DL, Net)	MAC/Sequence Number	AES-128

2.4 GHz Frequencies

Bluetooth, BLE, 802.15.4, 802.11



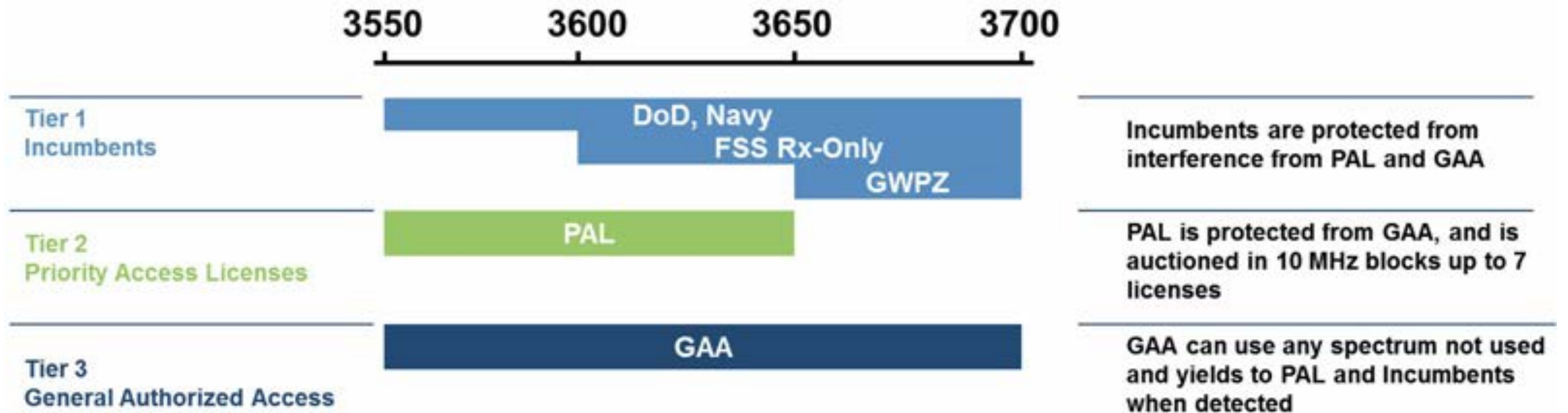
2.4GHz Unlicensed Spectrum



3.5 GHz Frequencies

CBRS - Private LTE

Opens up 150 MHz spectrum in a tiered model



5 GHz Frequencies

802.11 n, ac, ax



5 GHz Channel Allocations

500 MHz

Frequency	5000 + 5 X Ch. Number				DFS Channels				DFS Channels																165 was ISM, now U-NII-3					Proposed										
Radio Band	U-NII-1				U-NII-2a				Past Proposal UNII-2b								U-NII-2c (Extended)								U-NII-3					UNII-4										
Center Freq	5.180	5.200	5.220	5.240	5.260	5.280	5.300	5.320	5.340	5.360	5.380	5.400	5.420	5.440	5.460	5.480	5.500	5.520	5.540	5.560	5.580	5.600	5.620	5.640	5.660	5.680	5.700	5.720	5.745	5.765	5.785	5.805	5.825	5.845	5.865	5.885				
Qty																																	Qty	Qty						
25	36	40	44	48	52	56	60	64	68	72	76	80	84	88	92	96	100	104	108	112	116	120	124	128	132	136	140	144	149	153	157	161	165	169	173	177	25	28		
12	38		46		54		62		70		78		86		94		102		110		118		126		134		142		151		159		167		175		12	14		
6	42				58				74				90				106				122				138				155					171			6	7		
3	50								82								114												163								3	4		
FCC - US	1,000 mW Tx Power Indoor & Outdoor No DFS needed				250 mw w/6dBi Indoor & Outdoor DFS Required				Not Currently Available for Unlicensed								250 mw w/6dBi Indoor & Outdoor DFS Required				120, 124, 128 US - Allowed				144 Now Allowed				1,000 mW Tx Power Indoor & Outdoor No DFS needed					Not Currently Available For Unlicensed						
ISED - Canada	FCC - Except Outdoor License Req. >200 mW				Same as FCC												Same as FCC				TDWR Not Allowed				Same as FCC				Canada PtP allows Higher EIRP											
ACMA - Australia	200 mW EIRP Indoor				200 mW EIRP - DFS & TPC 100 mW EIRP - DFS-Only Indoor												1,000 mW - DFS & TPC 500 mW - DFS-Only - No TPC Indoor/Outdoor				TDWR Not Allowed				1,000 mW - DFS & TPC 500 mW - DFS-Only Indoor/Outdoor				4,000 mW Tx Power Indoor & Outdoor No DFS needed											
ETSI - EU	100 mW No DFS/TPC Indoor				200 mW EIRP DFS/TPC Indoor												1,000 mW EIRP DFS/TPC Indoor/Outdoor								UK No 144				4,000 mW EIRP DFS/TPC - Outdoor Fixed Wireless Access											
	200 mW EIRP DFS/TPC - Indoor																				10-min TWDR Scan Time								25mW SRD				25mW - SRD - No DFS							
20 MHz	36	40	44	48	52	56	60	64	68	72	76	80	84	88	92	96	100	104	108	112	116	120	124	128	132	136	140	144	149	153	157	161	165	169	173	177				
Center Freq	5.180	5.200	5.220	5.240	5.260	5.280	5.300	5.320	5.340	5.360	5.380	5.400	5.420	5.440	5.460	5.480	5.500	5.520	5.540	5.560	5.580	5.600	5.620	5.640	5.660	5.680	5.700	5.720	5.745	5.765	5.785	5.805	5.825	5.845	5.865	5.885				
	<- Wavelength 5.8cm - 2.3"																Wavelength 5.1cm - 2.0" ->																							
<i>Free Space Path Loss 1m</i>	-45.74	-45.77	-45.80	-45.84	-45.87	-45.90	-45.94	-45.97	-46.00	-46.03	-46.07	-46.10	-46.13	-46.16	-46.19	-46.23	-46.26	-46.29	-46.32	-46.35	-46.38	-46.41	-46.44	-46.48	-46.51	-46.54	-46.57	-46.60	-46.64	-46.67	-46.70	-46.73	-46.76	-46.79	-46.82	-46.84				

6GHz

6 GHz Channel Allocations

FCC - USA

<- Wavelength 5.1cm - 2.0"

1.2 Gigahertz of Spectrum

<- Wavelength 4.6cm - 1.8"

Wavelength 4.2cm - 1.6" ->

Low Power Indoor		5dBm/MHz - Net EIRP 18dBm = LPI															UNII-6					UNII-7															7/8	UNII-8																							
Qty	Radio Band	Center Freq																														Qty																													
59	20 MHz	1	5	9	13	17	21	25	29	33	37	41	45	49	53	57	61	65	69	73	77	81	85	89	93	97	101	105	109	113	117	121	125	129	133	137	141	145	149	153	157	161	165	169	173	177	181	185	189	193	197	201	205	209	213	217	221	225	229	233	59
29	40 MHz	3		11		19		27		35		43		51		59		67		75		83		91		99	107		115		123		131		139		147		155		163		171		179		187		195		203		211		219		227		29		
14	80 MHz	7				23				39				55				71				87				103				119				135				151				167				183				199				215				14			
7	160 MHz	15						47						79						111					143					175					207				7																						
3	320 MHz	31												95												159															3																				
Preferred Scanning Channels		In BOLD (PSC)																														Free Space Path Loss at 1m																													
		5, 21, 37, 53, 69, 85, 101, 117, 133, 149, 165, 181, 197, 213, 229																														-46.95, -46.98, -47.01, -47.03, -47.06, -47.09, -47.12, -47.15, -47.18, -47.21, -47.23, -47.26, -47.29, -47.32, -47.35, -47.37, -47.40, -47.43, -47.46, -47.48, -47.51, -47.54, -47.57, -47.59, -47.62, -47.65, -47.67, -47.70, -47.73, -47.75, -47.78, -47.81, -47.83, -47.86, -47.89, -47.91, -47.94, -47.97, -47.99, -48.02, -48.04, -48.07, -48.09, -48.12, -48.14, -48.17, -48.20, -48.22, -48.25, -48.27, -48.30, -48.32, -48.35, -48.37, -48.40, -48.42, -48.44, -48.47, -48.49																													

Standard Power AP		36dBm with Automated Frequency Coordination (AFC)															UNII-6					UNII-7															7/8	UNII-8																							
Qty	Radio Band	Center Freq																														Qty																													
59	20 MHz	1	5	9	13	17	21	25	29	33	37	41	45	49	53	57	61	65	69	73	77	81	85	89	93	97	101	105	109	113	117	121	125	129	133	137	141	145	149	153	157	161	165	169	173	177	181	185	189	193	197	201	205	209	213	217	221	225	229	233	59
29	40 MHz	3		11		19		27		35		43		51		59		67		75		83		91		99	107		115		123		131		139		147		155		163		171		179		187		195		203		211		219		227		29		
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Very Low Power AP		25mW/14dBm															UNII-6					UNII-7															7/8	UNII-8																							
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29	40 MHz	3		11		19		27		35		43		51		59		67		75		83		91		99	107		115		123		131		139		147		155		163		171		179		187		195		203		211		219		227		29		
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Client Devices 6dB Below AP Peak

ETSI - EU

500 Megahertz of Spectrum

Radio Band		5dBm/MHz - Net EIRP 18dBm = LPI															UNII-5					25mW/14dBm = VLP																																							
Qty	Radio Band	Center Freq																														Qty																													
24	20 MHz	1	5	9	13	17	21	25	29	33	37	41	45	49	53	57	61	65	69	73	77	81	85	89	93	97	101	105	109	113	117	121	125	129	133	137	141	145	149	153	157	161	165	169	173	177	181	185	189	193	197	201	205	209	213	217	221	225	229	233	24
12	40 MHz	3		11		19		27		35		43		51		59		67		75		83		91		99	107		115		123		131		139		147		155		163		171		179		187		195		203		211		219		227		12		
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Master dB math

Not merely memorize 10's and 3's... but **UNDERSTAND**

Easy dB Math in 5 Minutes

Rule #1

Left Side is Decibel

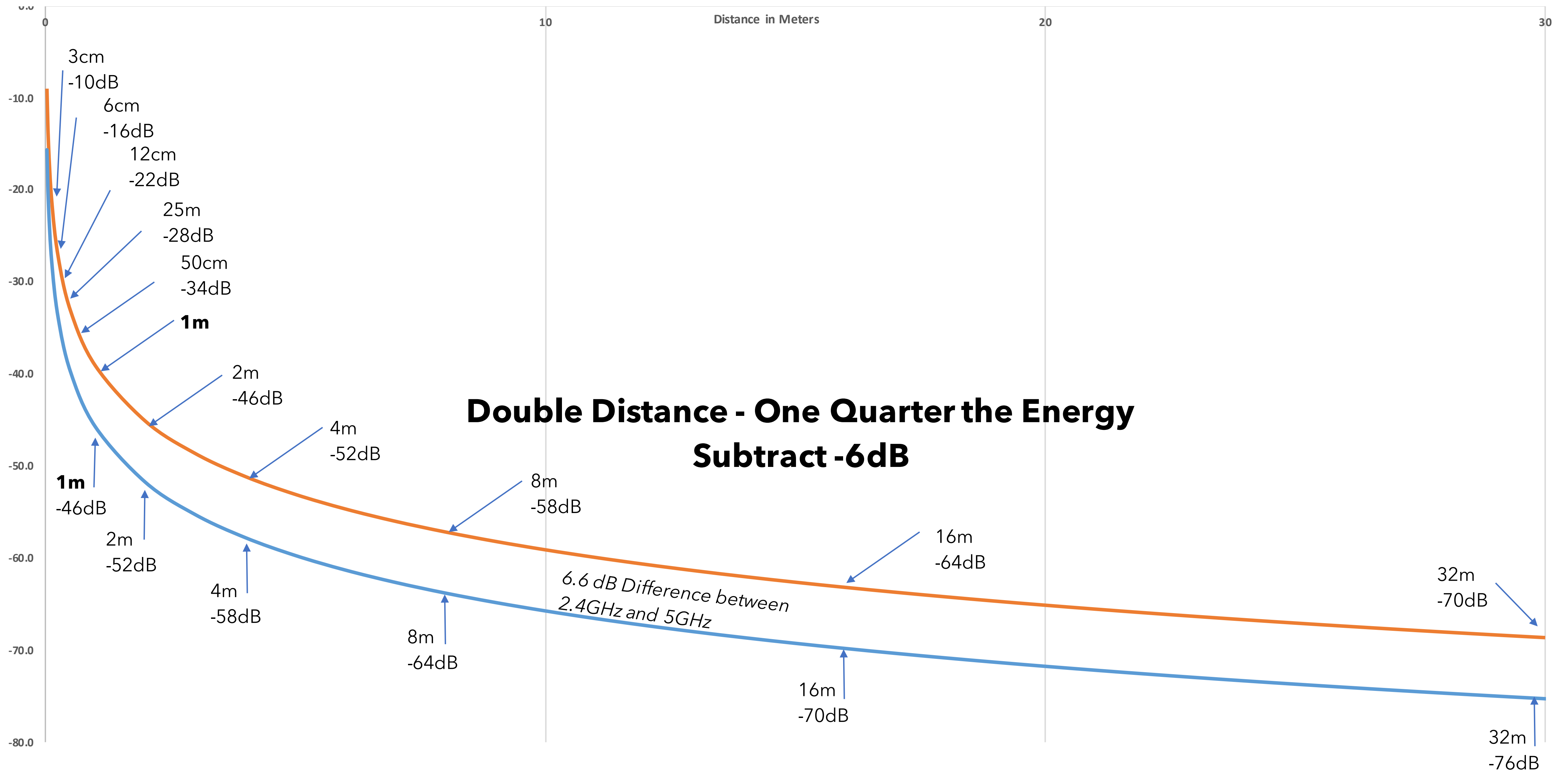
Right Side is Normal

Rule #2

Memorize These

dB	Normal
Plus	Times
Minus	Divide
10	10
3	2

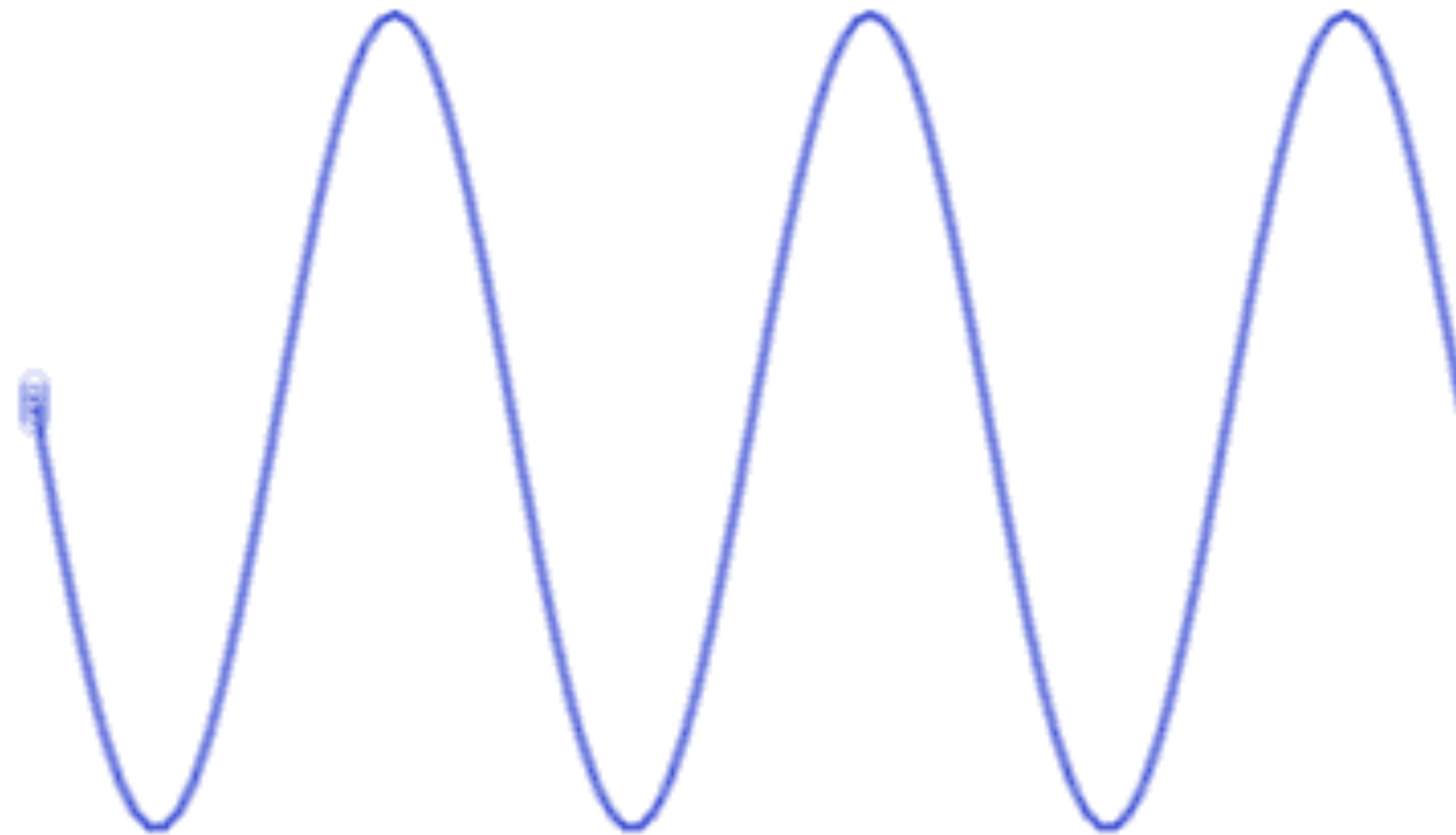
Free Space Path Loss



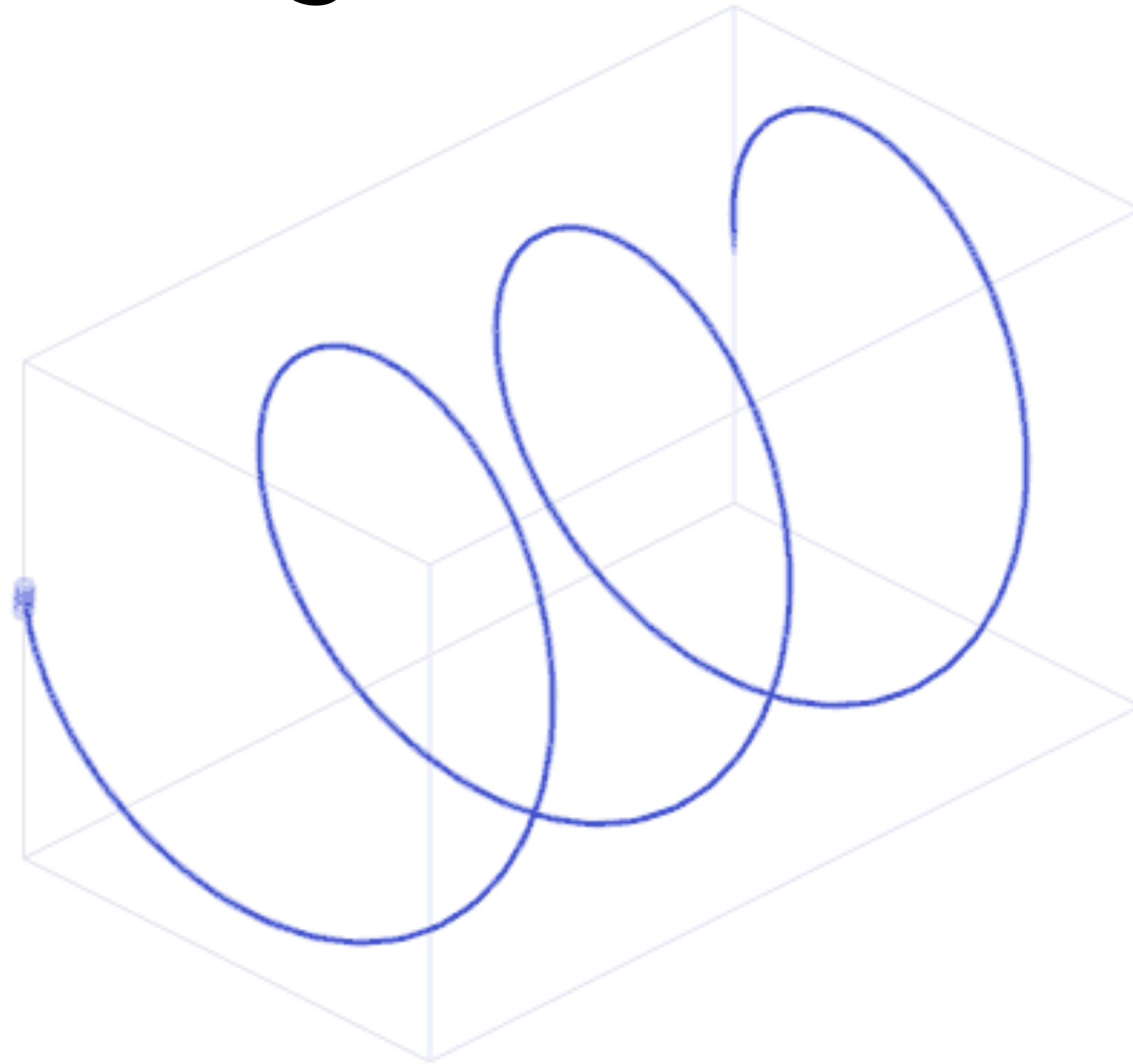
Understand RF Modulation Process

It is Core and Central to everything we do

Sine Wave (Front & Side View)



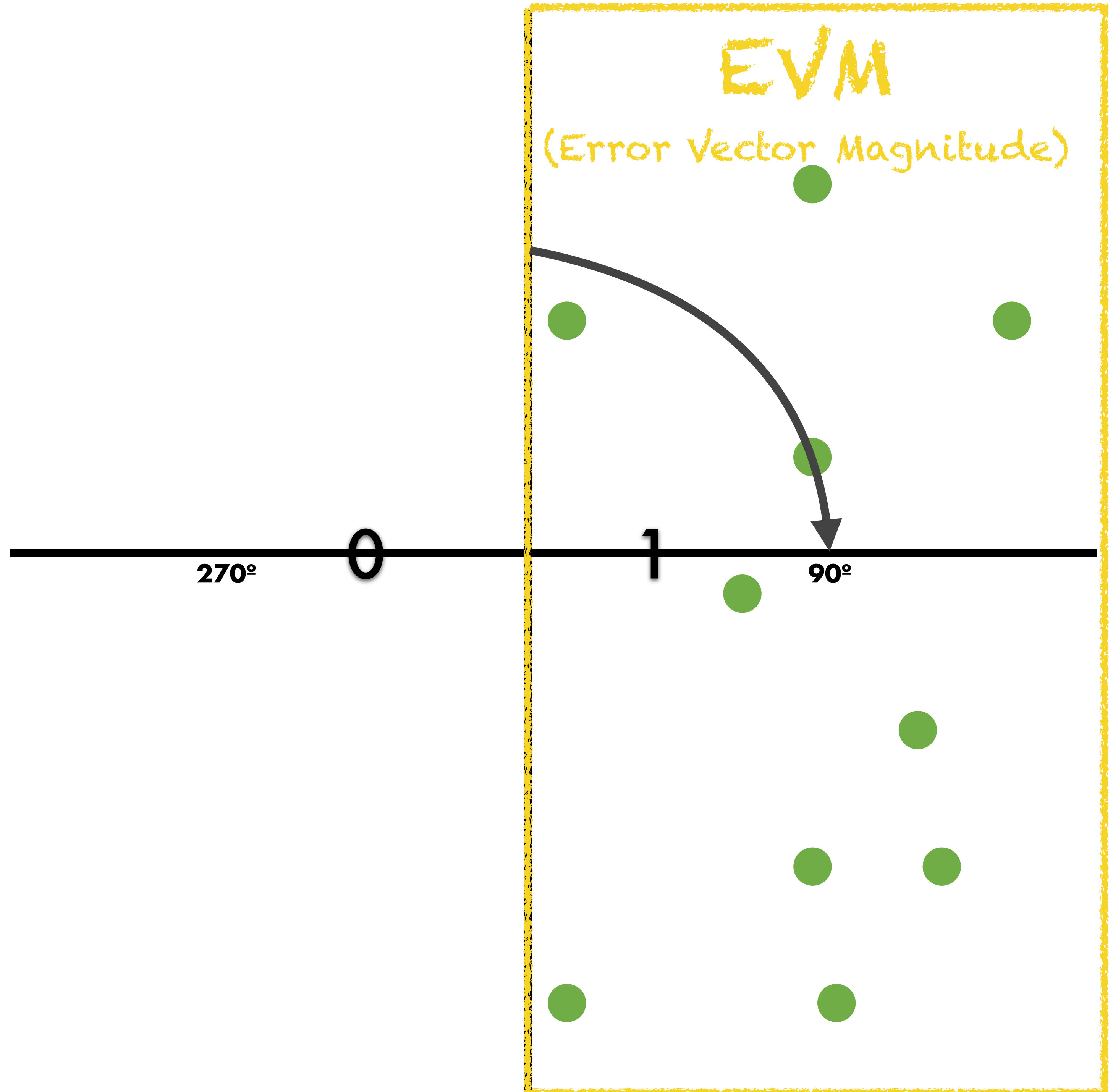
Sine Wave (Orthogonal View)



MODULATION CONSTELLATIONS

BINARY PSK (BPSK)

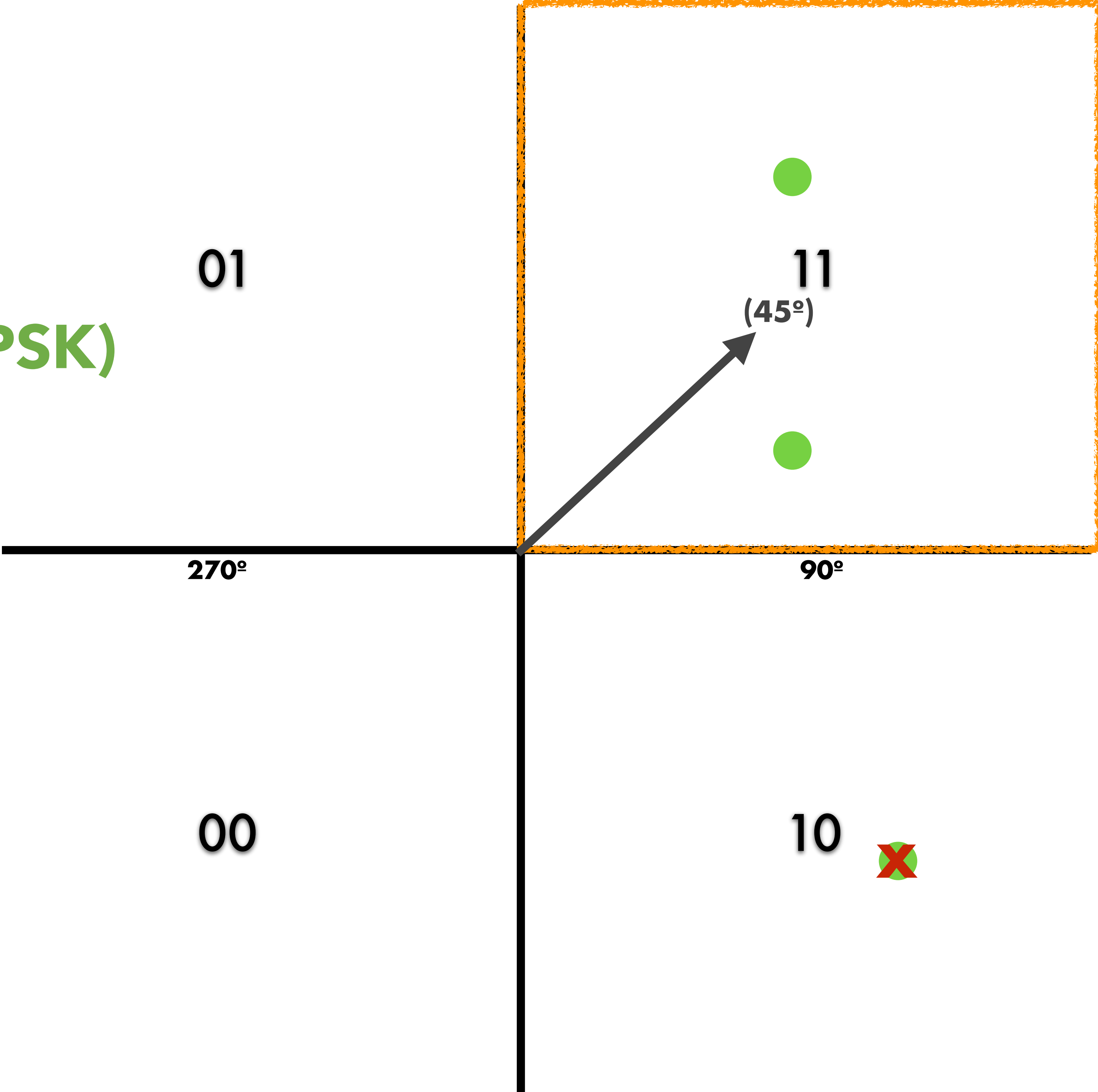
- **1** bit at a time
- Large EVM (Error Vector Magnitude)
- Very **SIMPLE**
- Very **ROBUST**
- Very **SLOW** (~6 Mbps)
- Around ~ 2-4dB SNR
- Very easy to achieve



MODULATION CONSTELLATIONS

QUADRATURE PSK (QPSK)

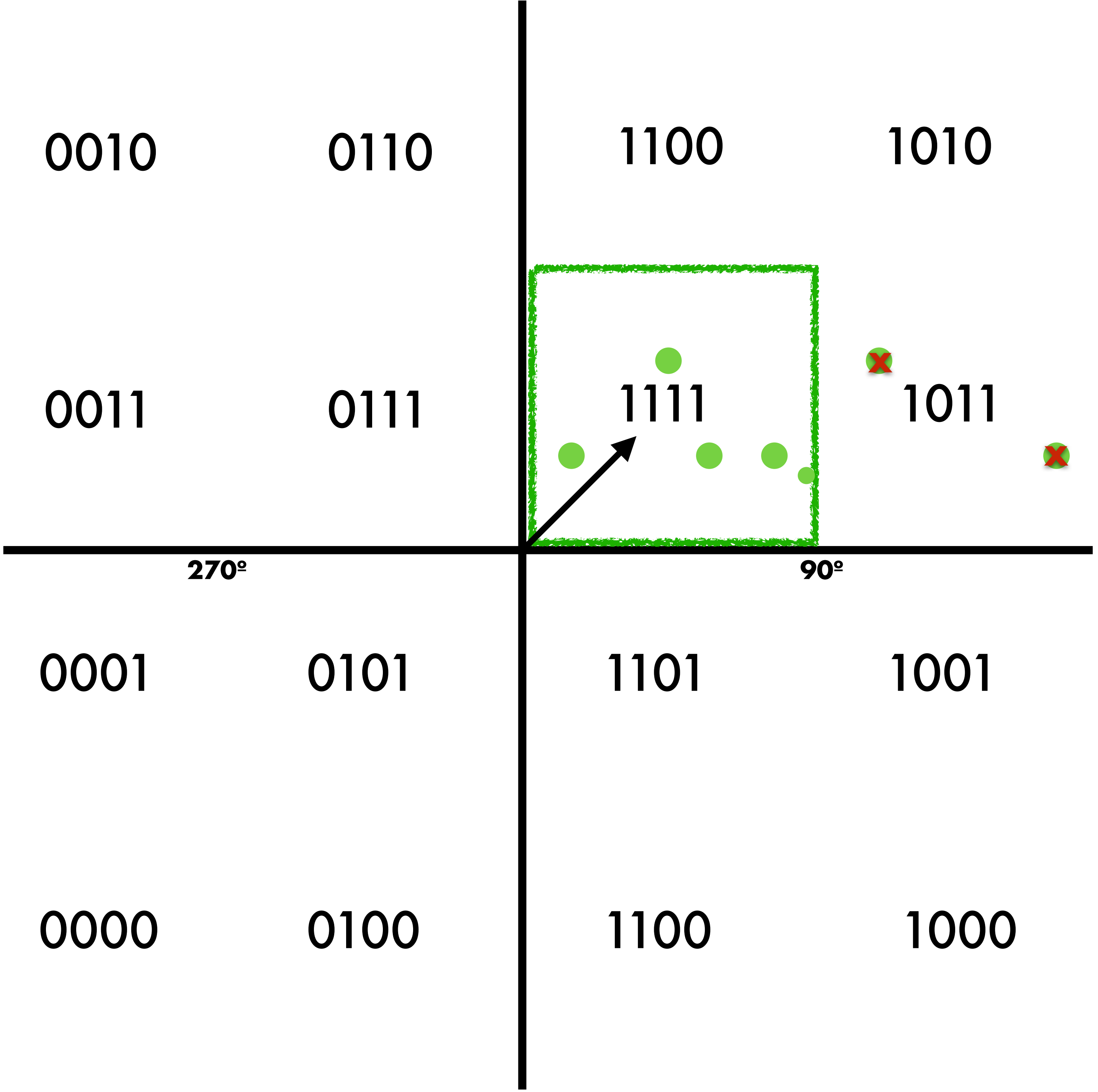
- **2** bits at a time
- **2X** more throughput
- **1/2** less EVM/Robustness
- EVM gets smaller
- A bit more complex
- Still **ROBUST**



MODULATION CONSTELLATIONS

16-QAM

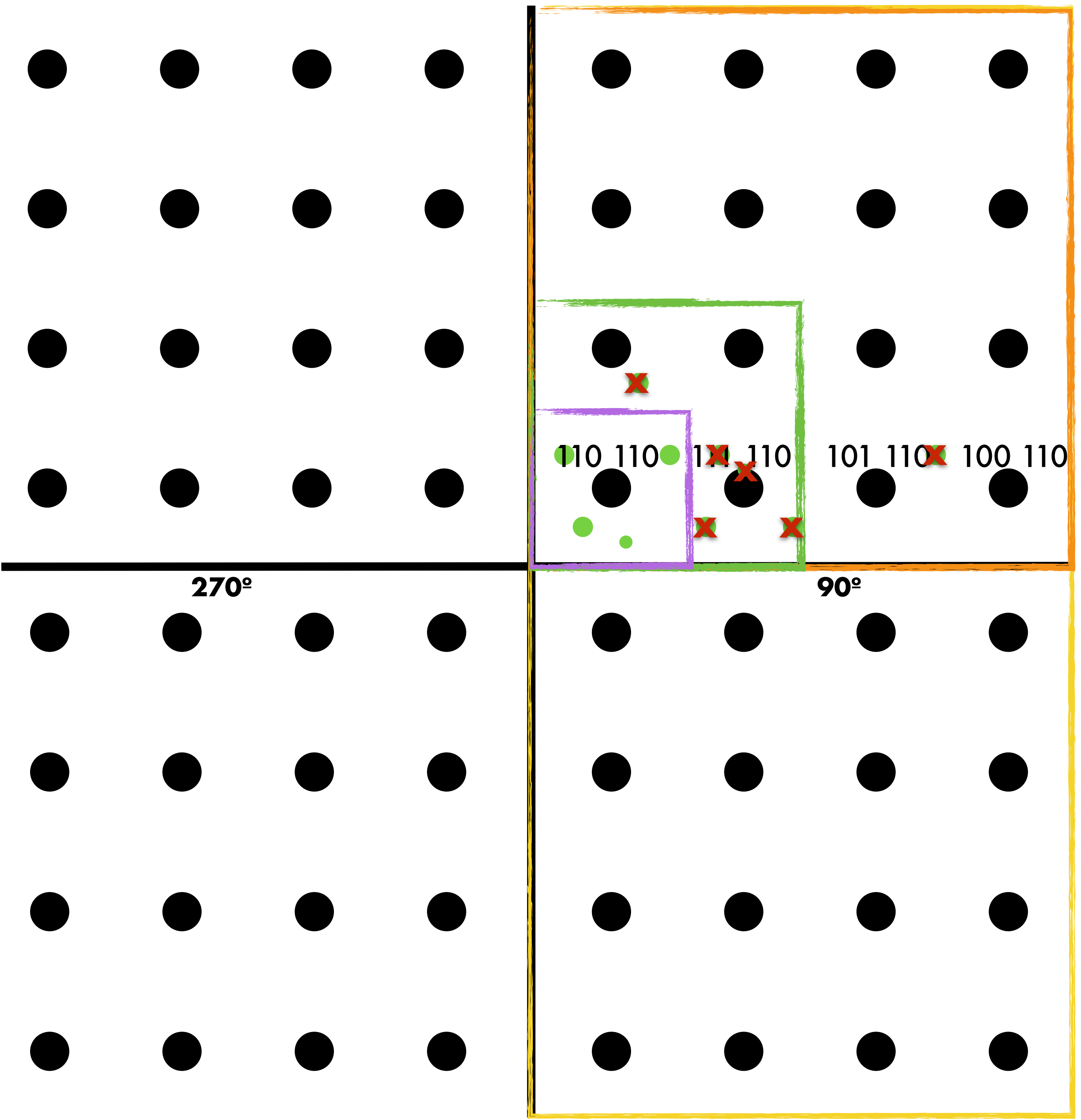
- 4 bits at a time
- EVM gets even tighter
- 2X more throughput
- 1/4 less EVM/Robustness
- Getting more COMPLEX
- But, still pretty EASY to achieve



MODULATION CONSTELLATIONS

64-QAM

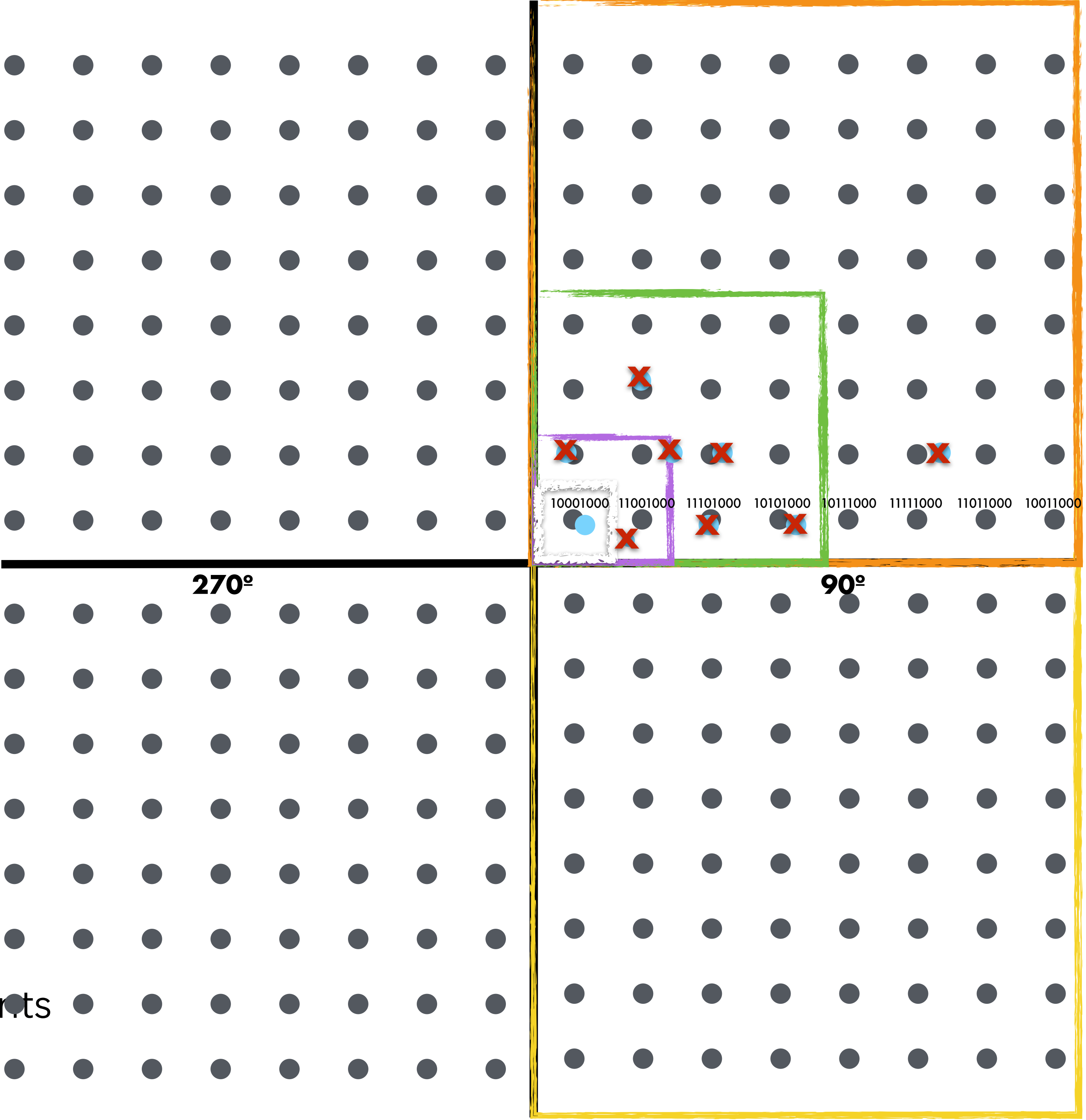
- Introduced with 802.11n
- **6** bits at a time
- **1.5 X** more throughput
- **1/4** less EVM/Robustness
- **EVM** is very small.
- Very **COMPLEX**
- Very **FAST** (150, 300, 450+ Mbps)



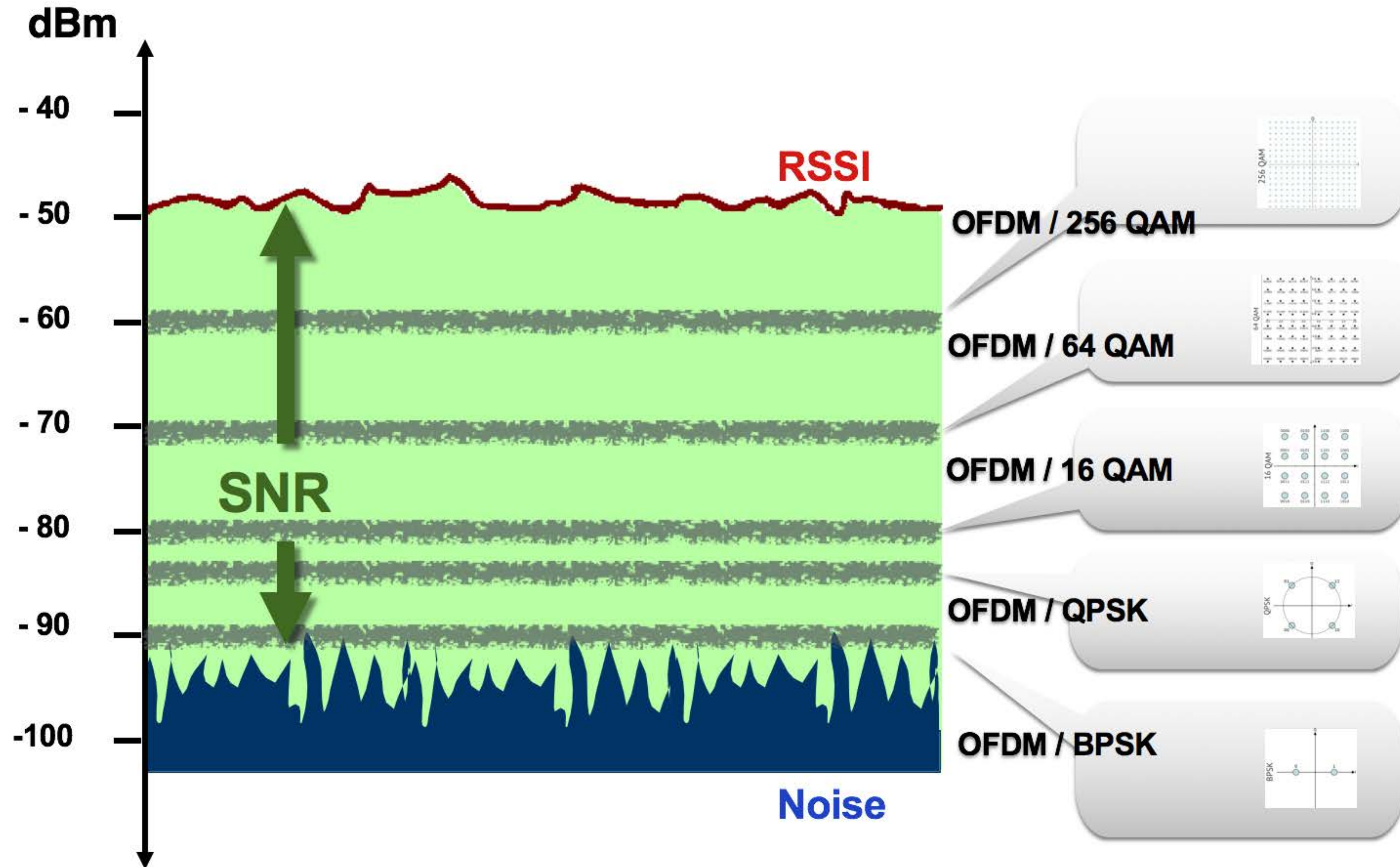
MODULATION CONSTELLATIONS

256-QAM

- Introduced with 802.11ac
- **8** bits at a time
- **1.3 X** more throughput
- **1/4** less EVM/Robustness
- EVM is even **SMALLER!**
- Extremely **COMPLEX**
- Extremely **FAST** (Up to 1.3 Gbps)
- **REQUIRES** -56, -53, -50dBm
- **SNR** of 30dB, or better
- **NOT** practical for most environments

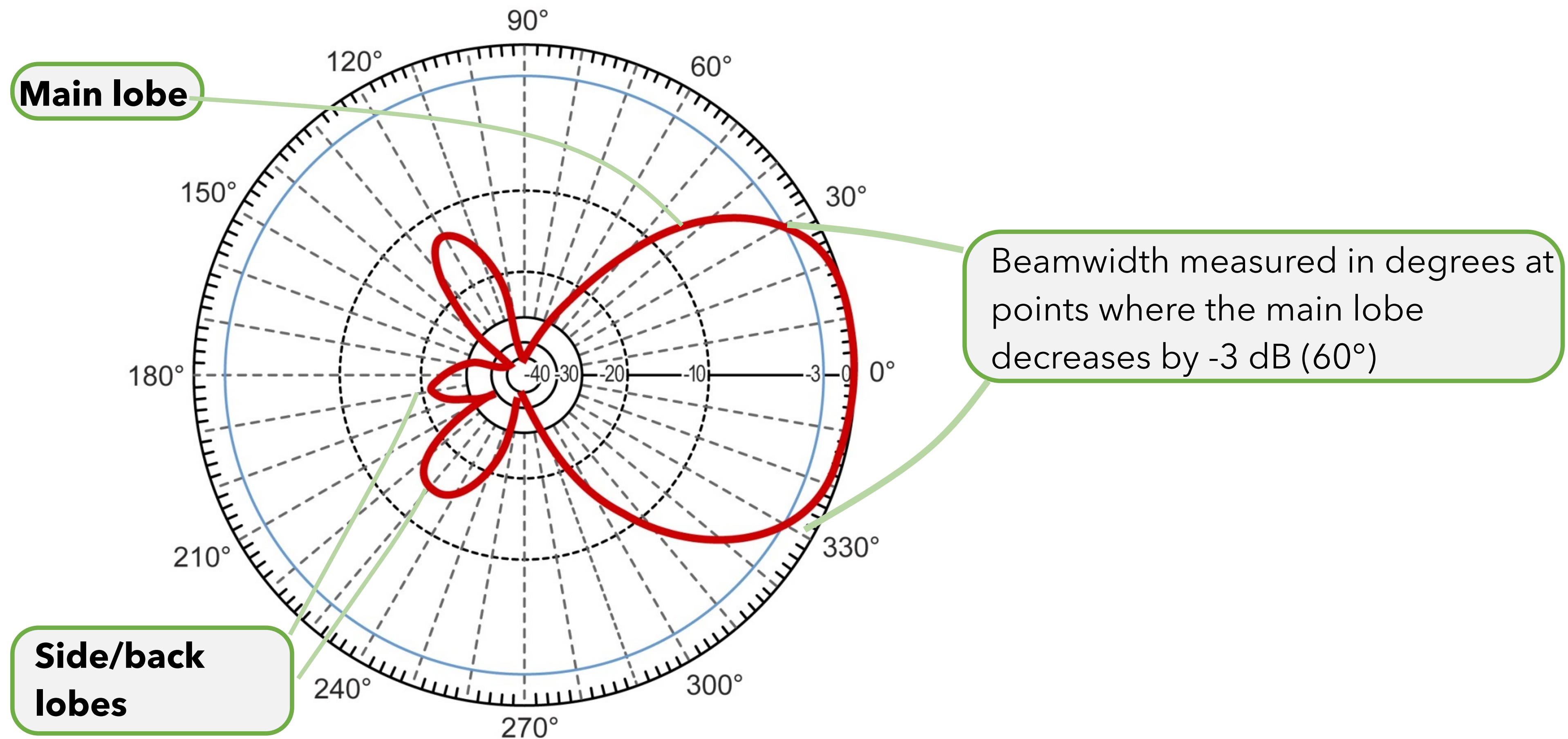


RSSI, SNR, Noise, Modulation

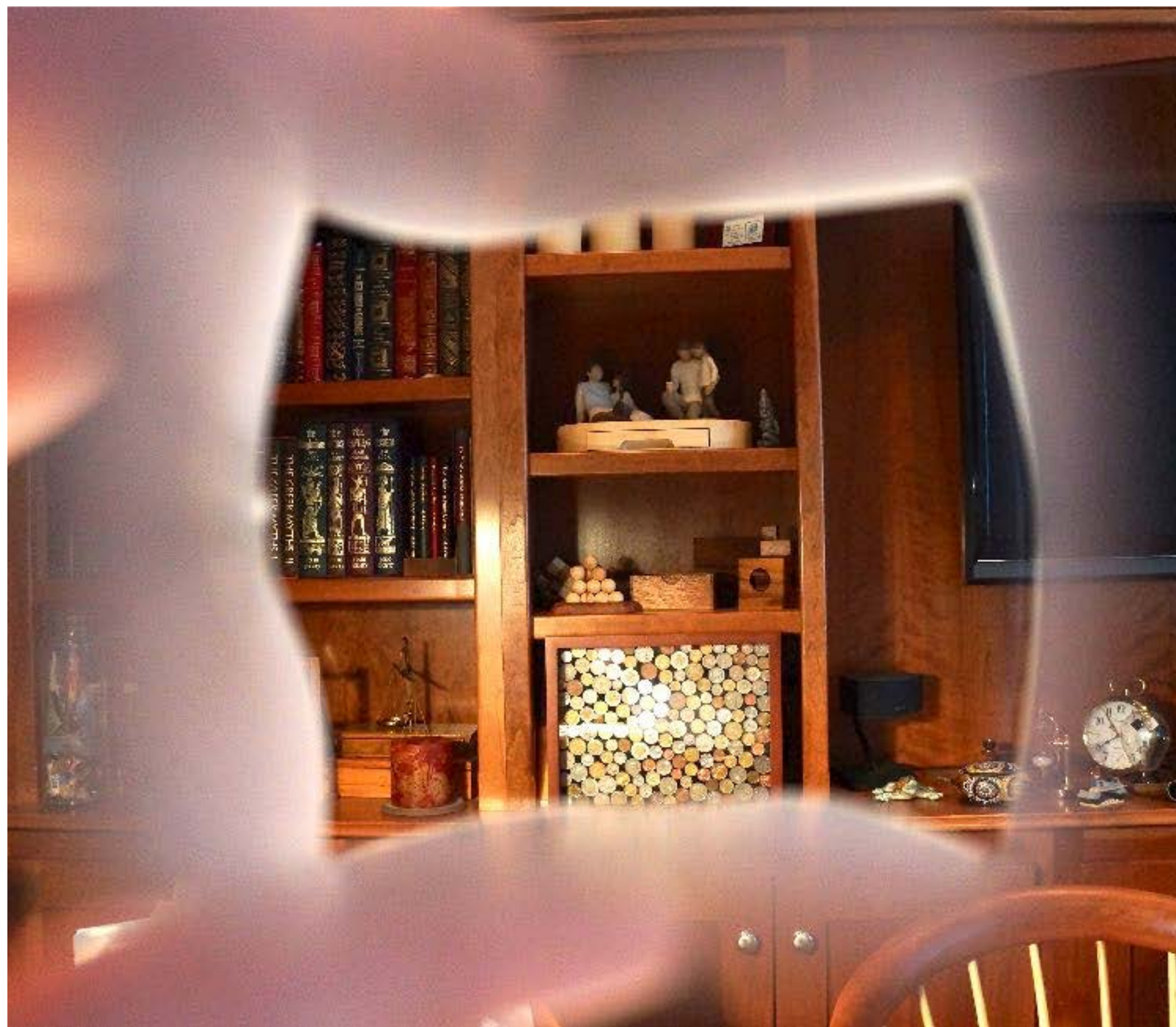
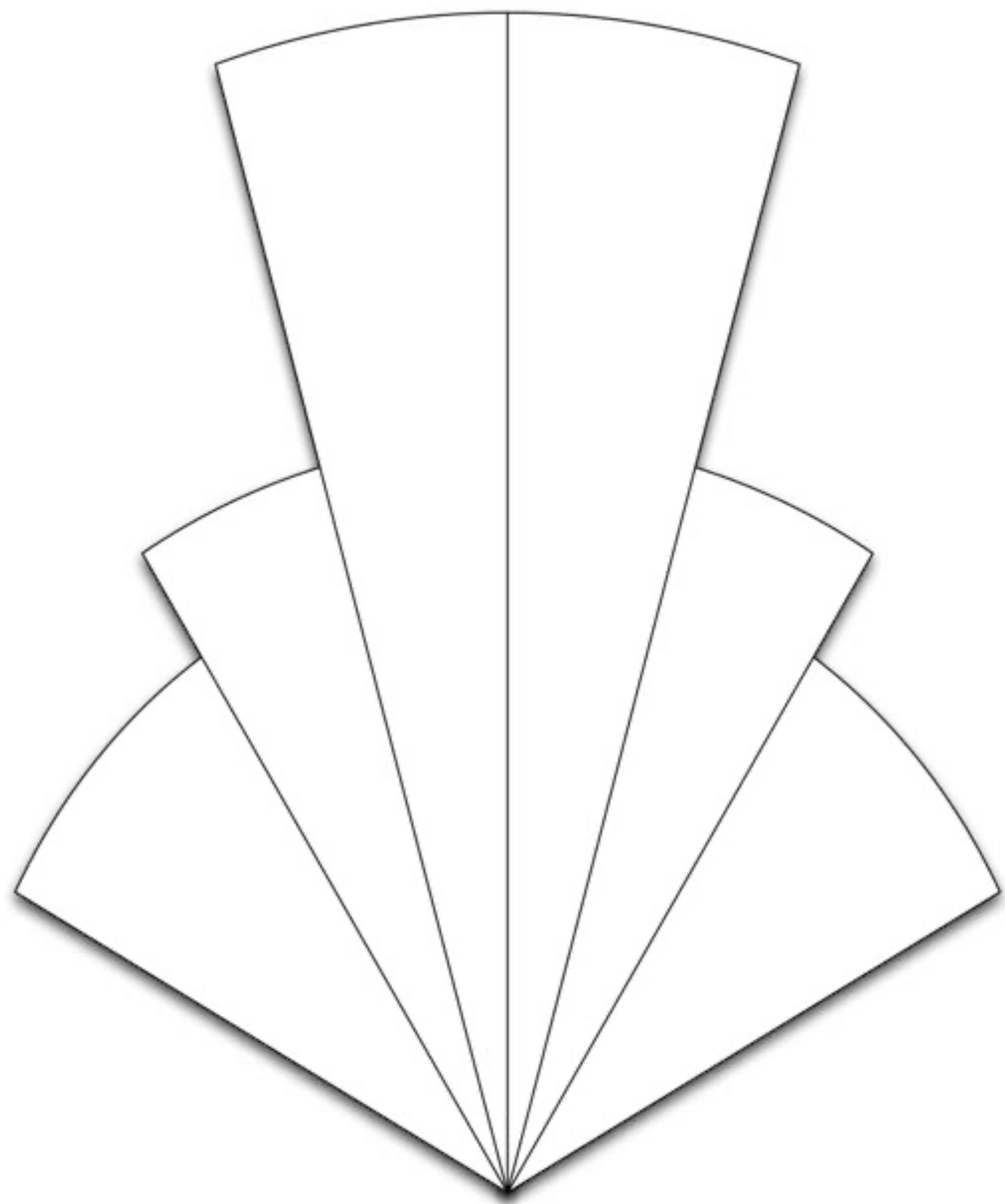


Know Antennas

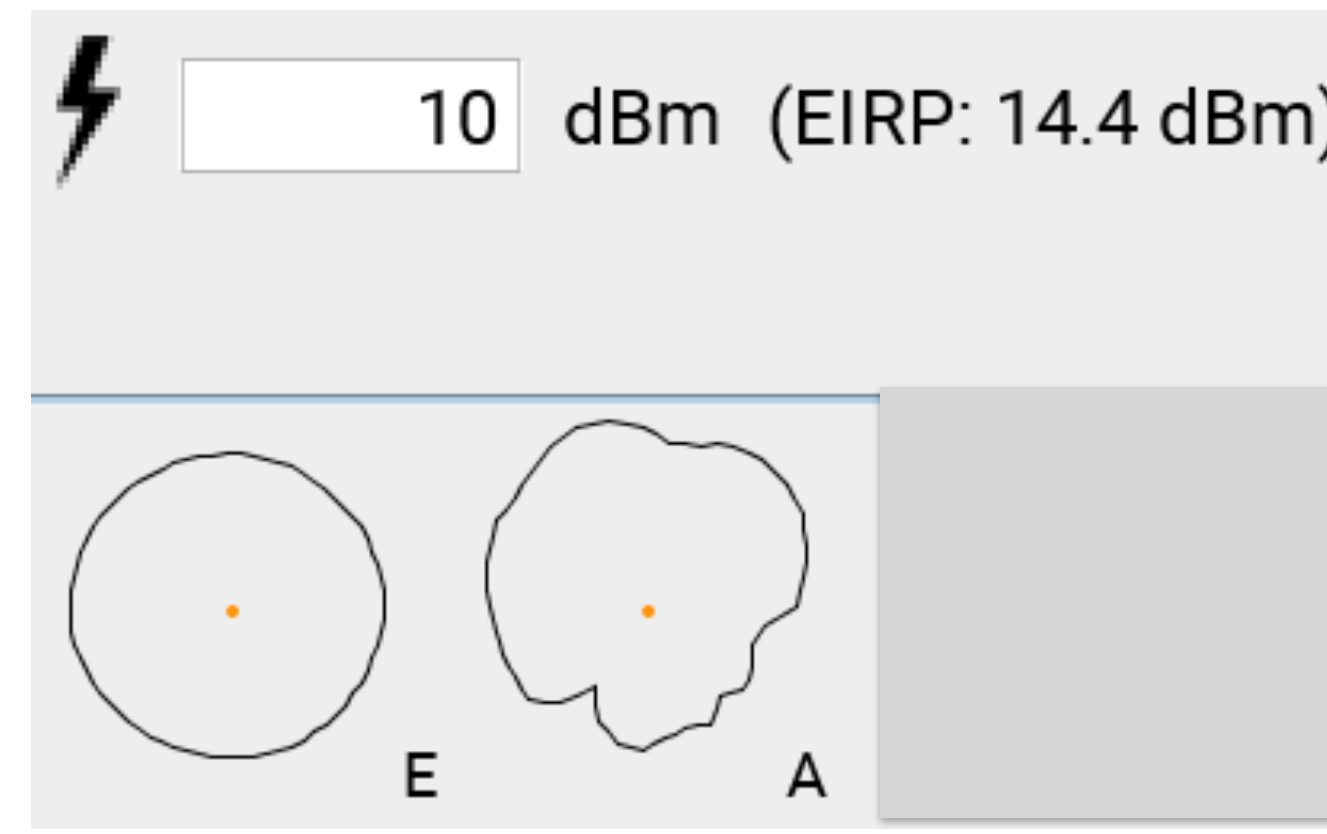
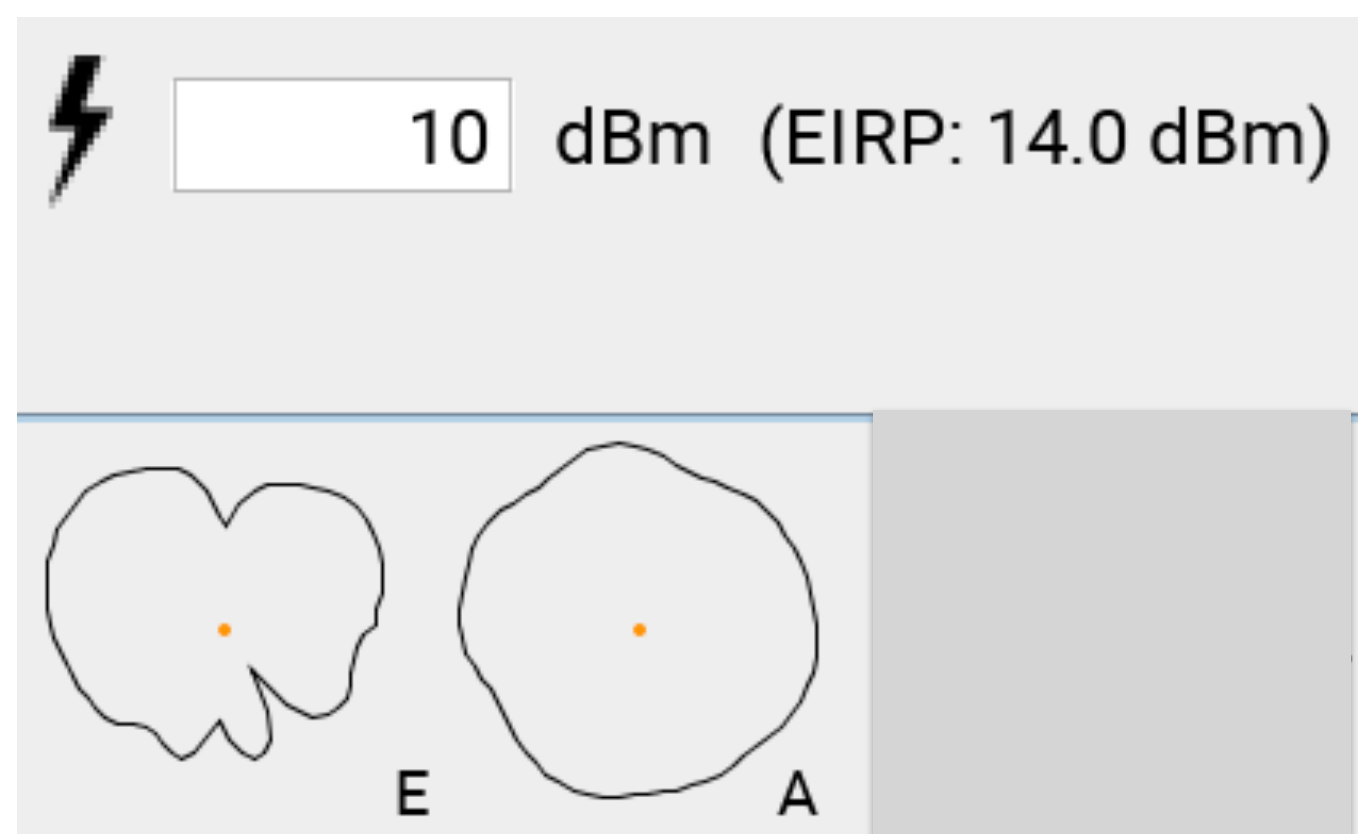
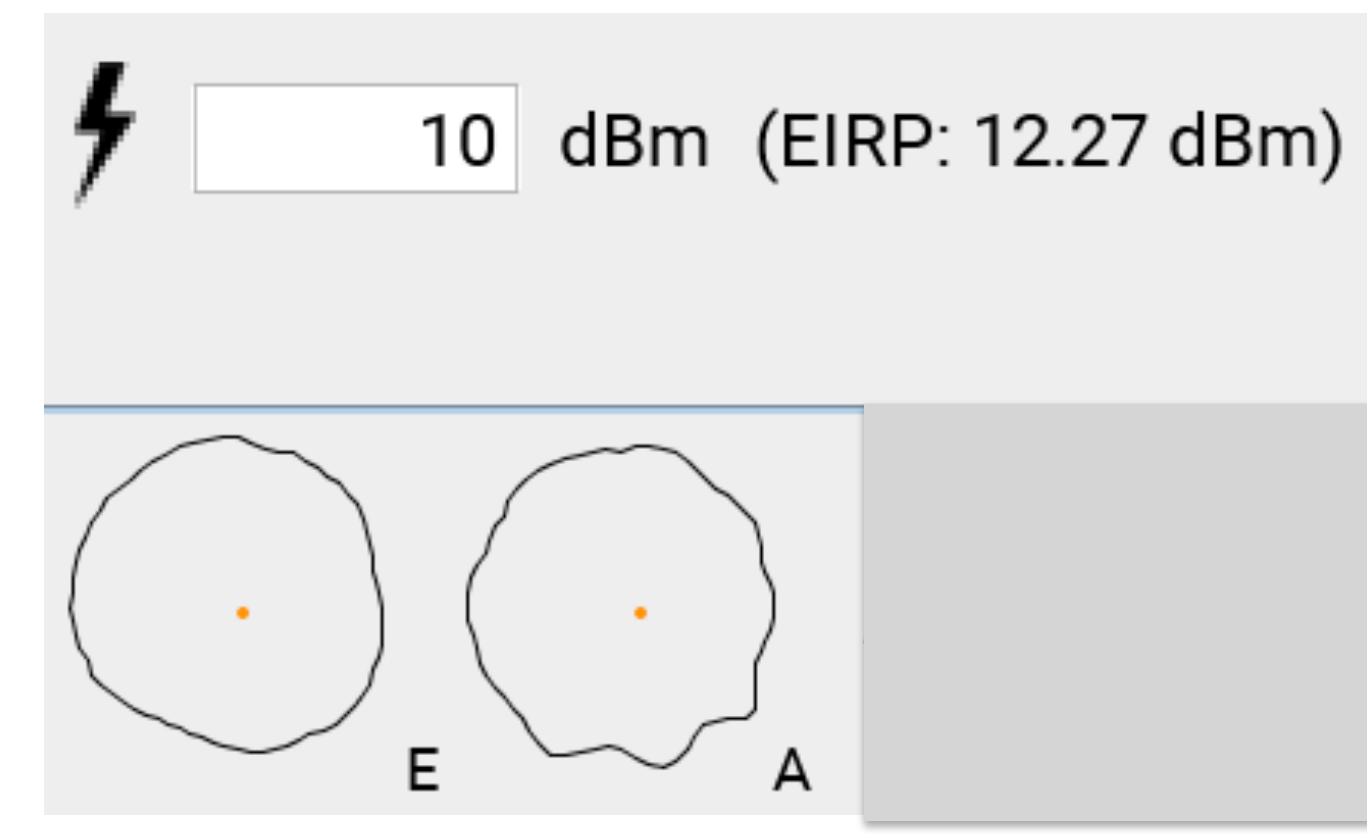
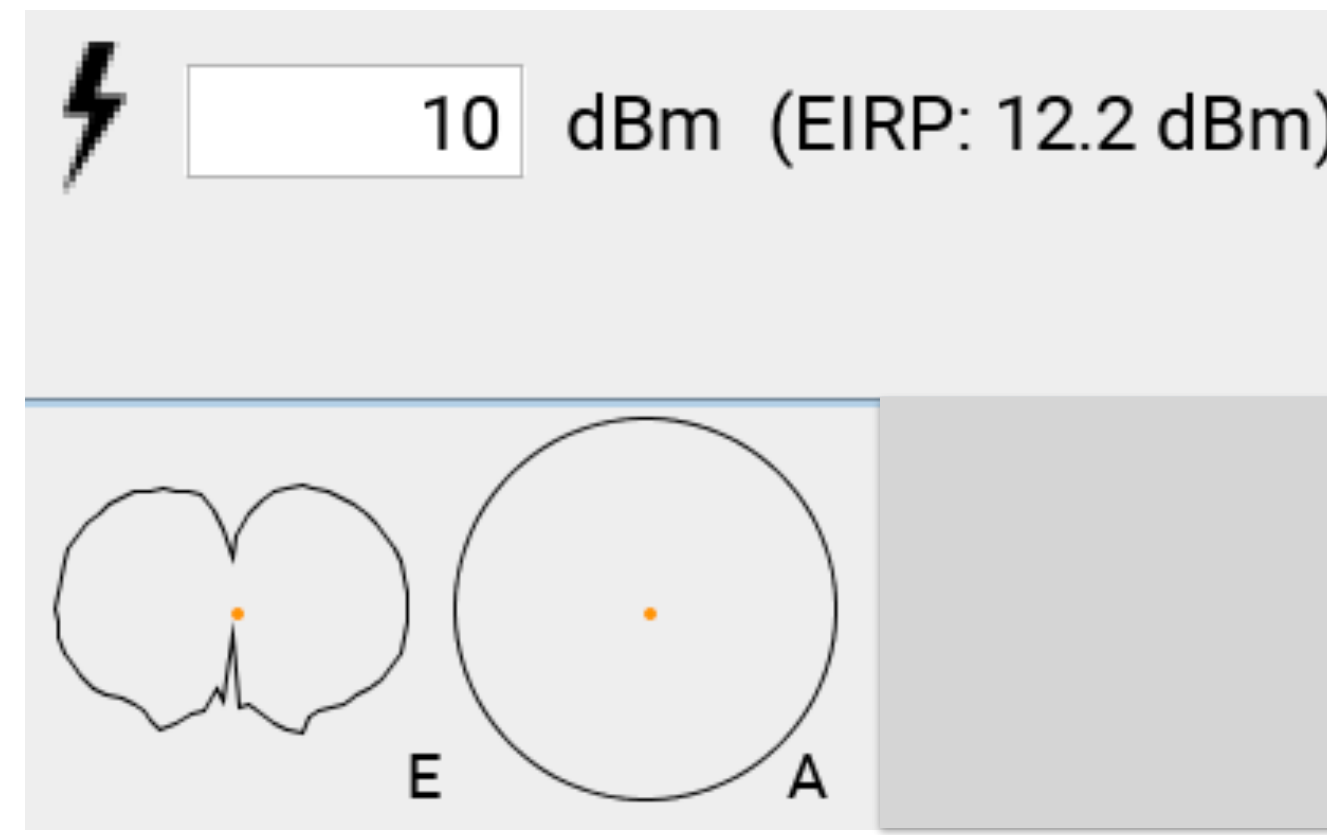
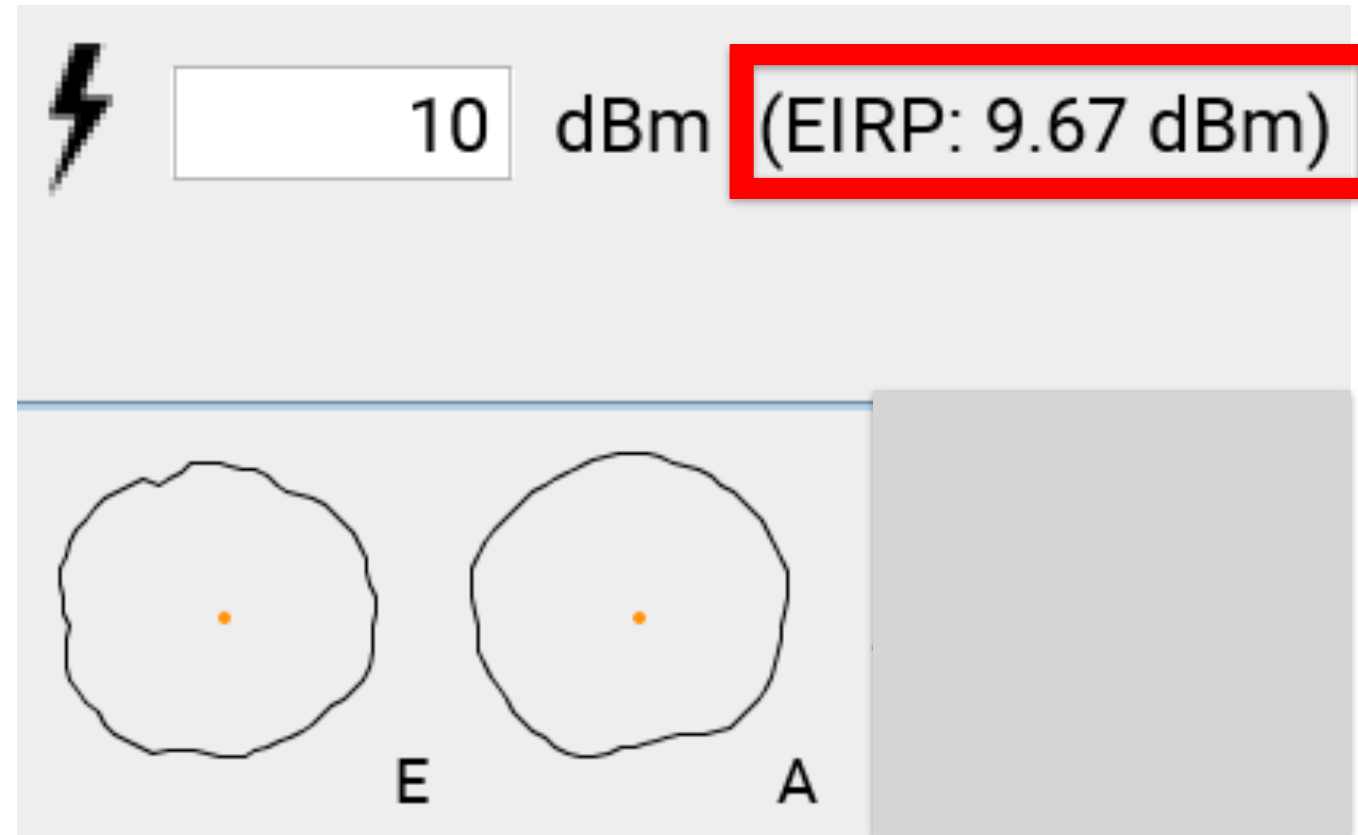
Cover what you want, while not covering what you don't want!



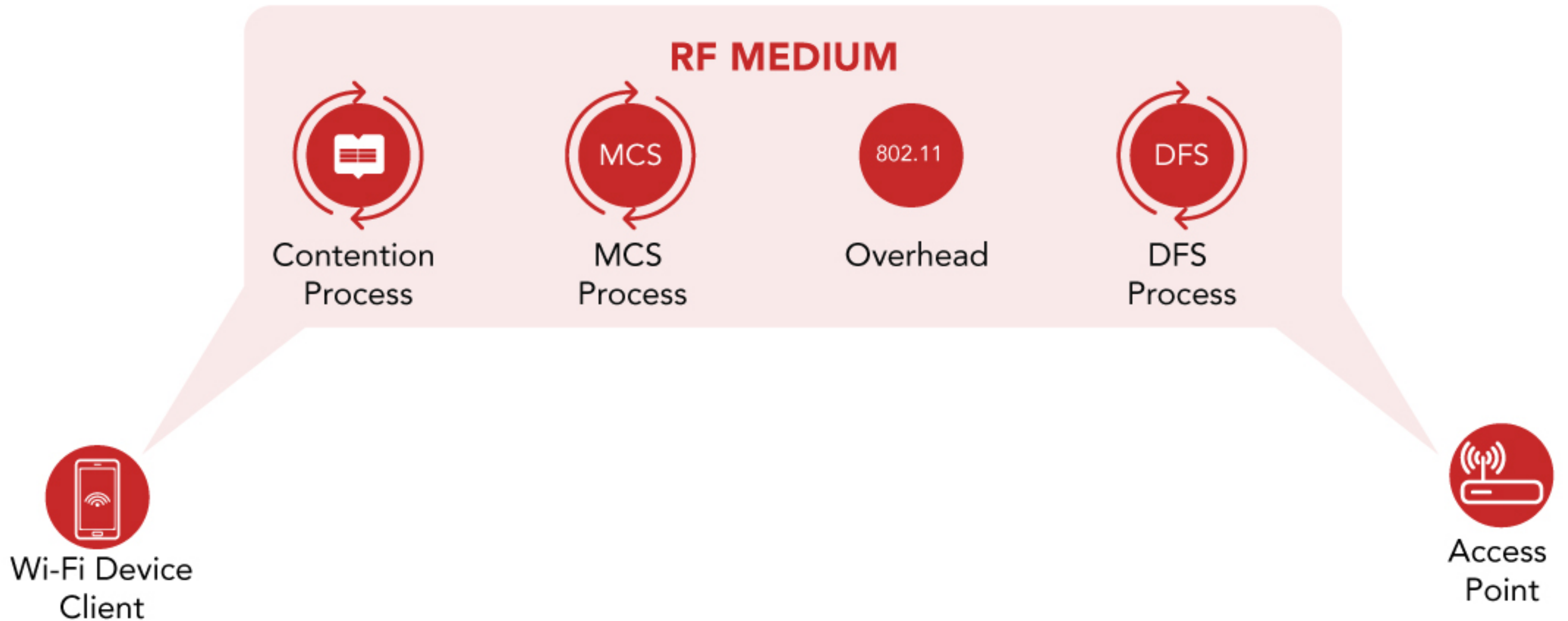
Paper Visualization Tool



Antennas are NOT created equally

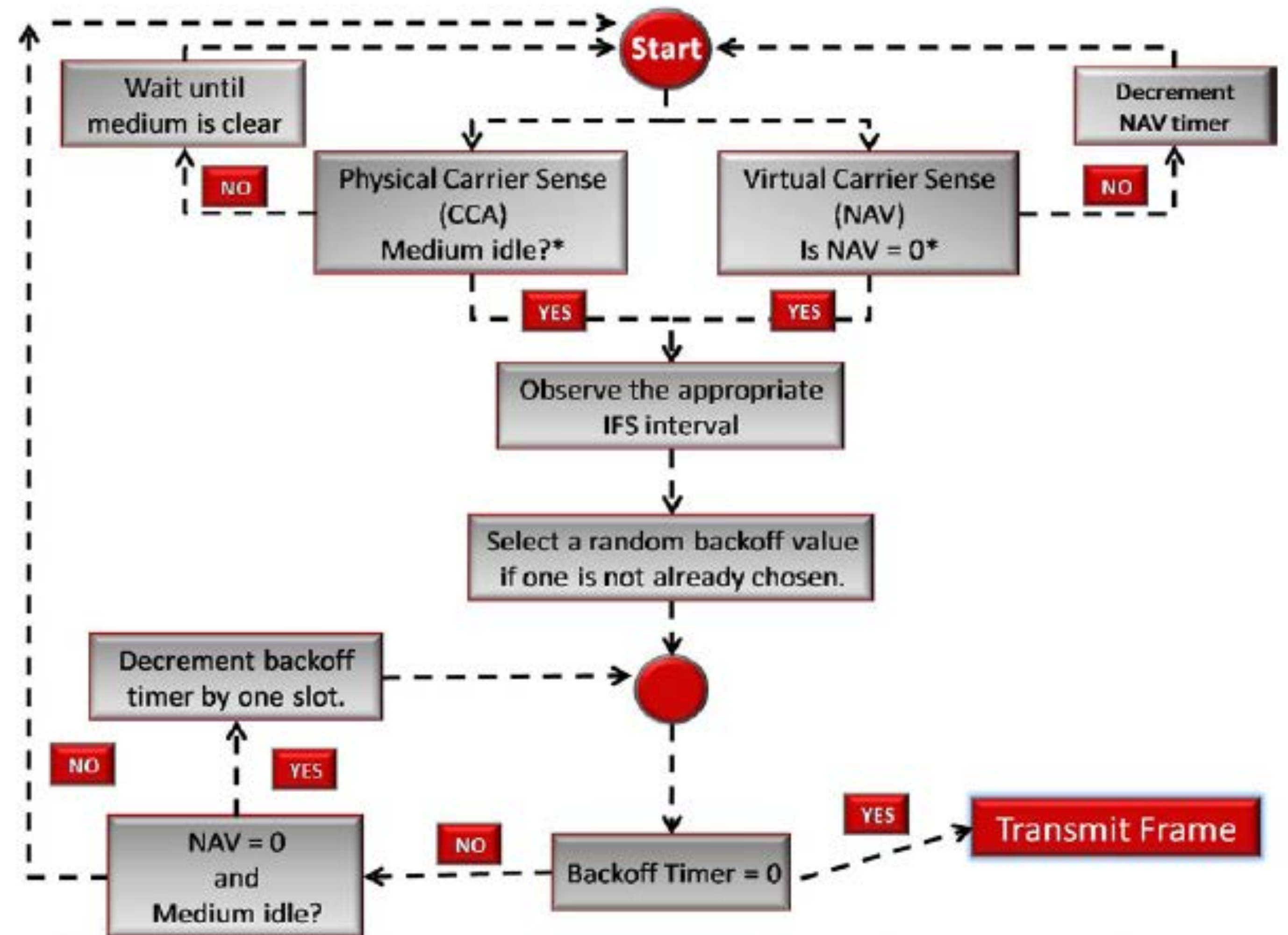


Know the PHY

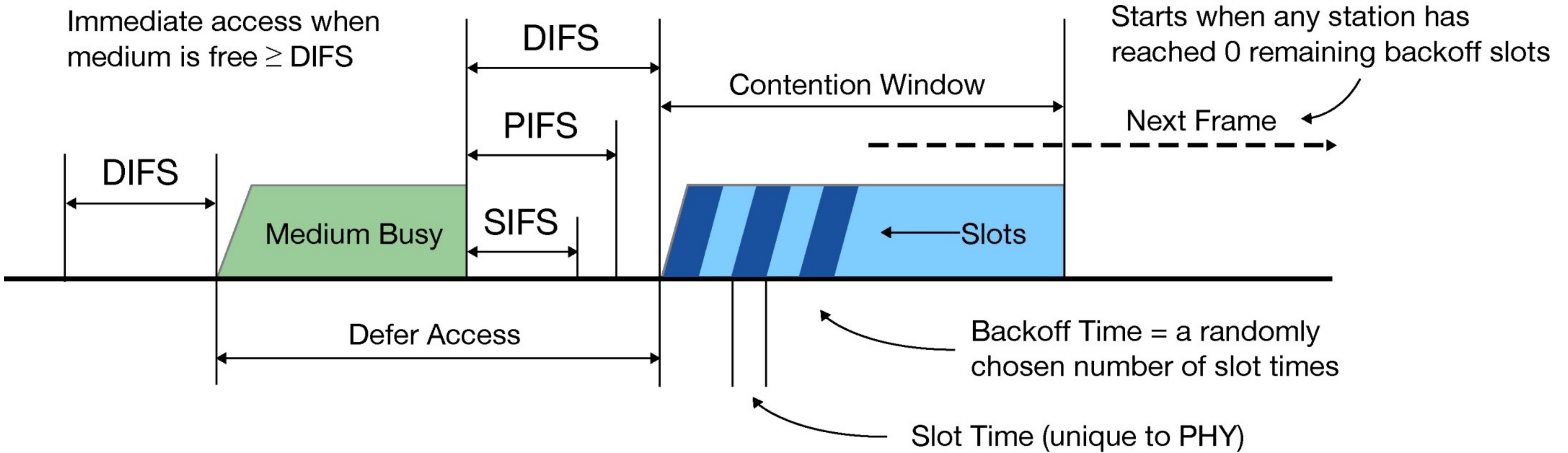


Contention Process

- How to Access RF Medium
- AKA - "The Game"
- Preamble Detect
- Energy Detect
- Transmit Opportunity TxOp
- Wait Time
- Random Slots (CW)
- QoS
- Duration ID



The "Game"



MCS Process

802.11n and 802.11ac

MCS, SNR and RSSI



HT MCS	VHT MCS	Modulation	Coding	20MHz				40MHz				80MHz				160MHz			
				Data Rate		Min. SNR	RSSI	Data Rate		Min. SNR	RSSI	Data Rate		Min. SNR	RSSI	Data Rate		Min. SNR	RSSI
				800ns	400ns			800ns	400ns			800ns	400ns			800ns	400ns		
1 Spatial Stream																			
0	0	BPSK	1/2	6.5	7.2	2	-82	13.5	15	5	-79	29.3	32.5	8	-76	58.5	65	11	-73
1	1	QPSK	1/2	13	14.4	5	-79	27	30	8	-76	58.5	65	11	-73	117	130	14	-70
2	2	QPSK	3/4	19.5	21.7	9	-77	40.5	45	12	-74	87.8	97.5	15	-71	175.5	195	18	-68
3	3	16-QAM	1/2	26	28.9	11	-74	54	60	14	-71	117	130	17	-68	234	260	20	-65
4	4	16-QAM	3/4	39	43.3	15	-70	81	90	18	-67	175.5	195	21	-64	351	390	24	-61
5	5	64-QAM	2/3	52	57.8	18	-66	108	120	21	-63	234	260	24	-60	468	520	27	-57
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MCS Index			OFDM (Prior 11ax)											OFDM (802.11ax)											
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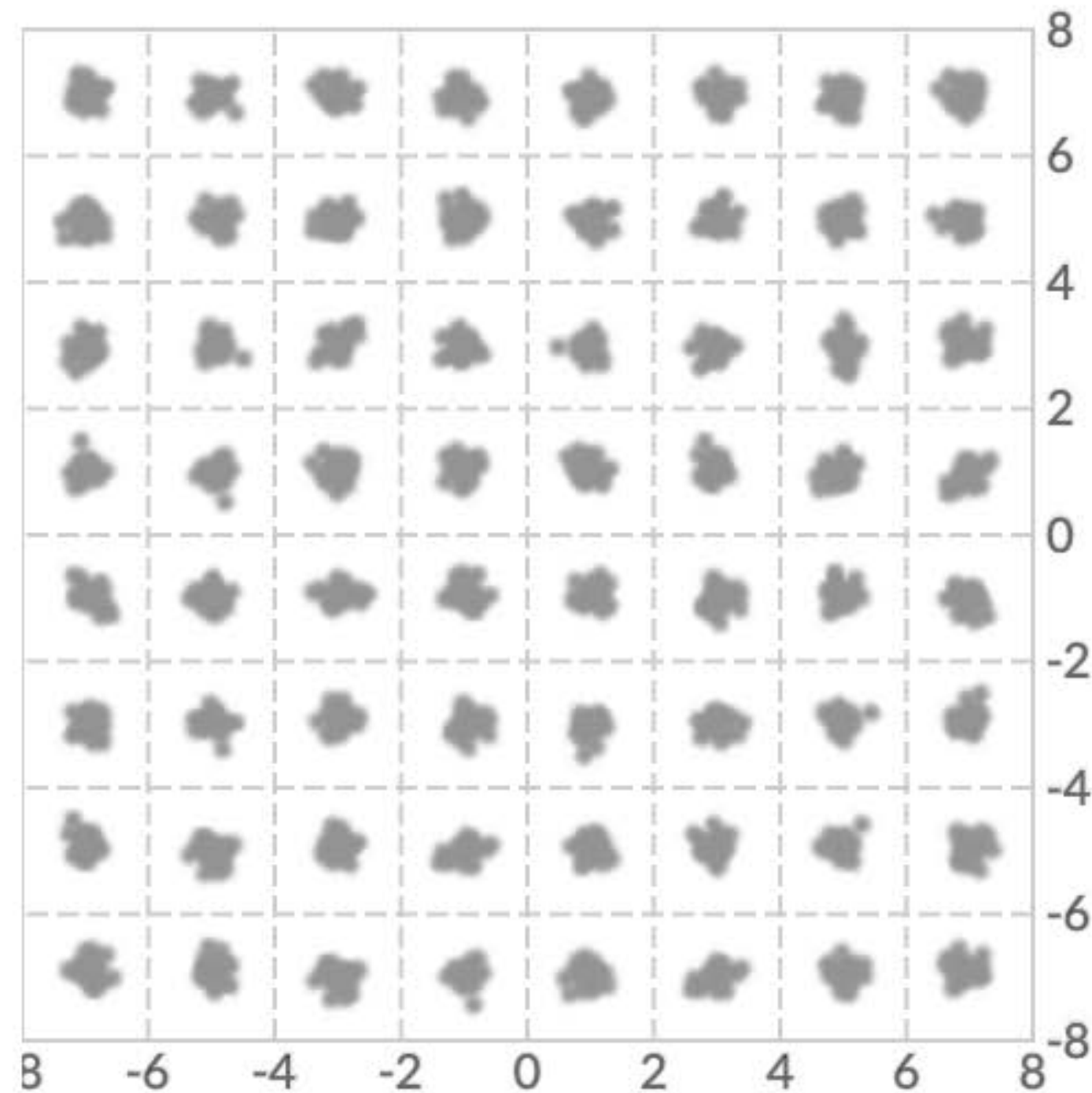
MCS Demo - Constellation Diagrams

LOCAL RX

DEVICE NAME **Bridge Demo Station**

CINR **31 dB**

POWER **-60 dBm**

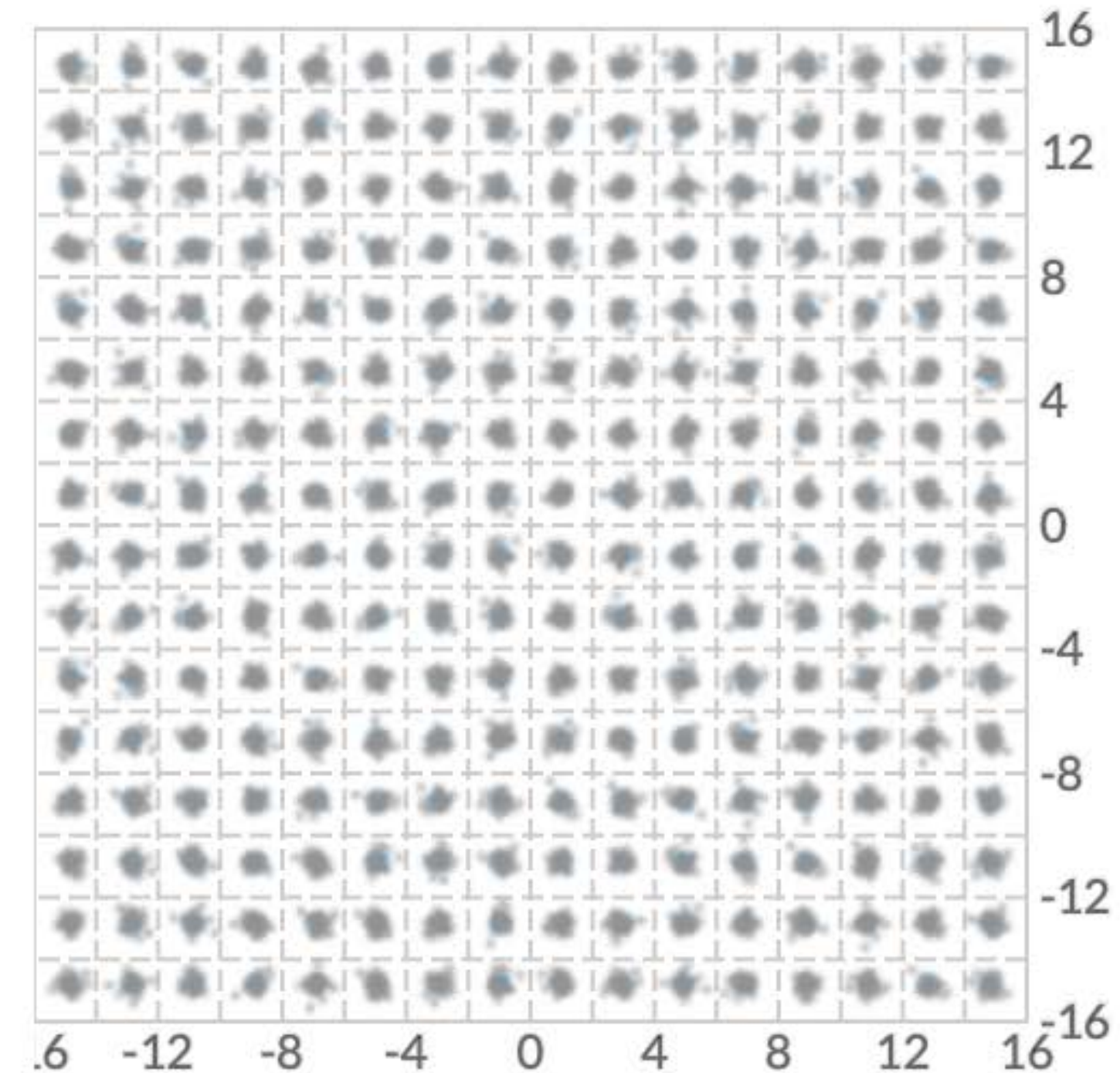


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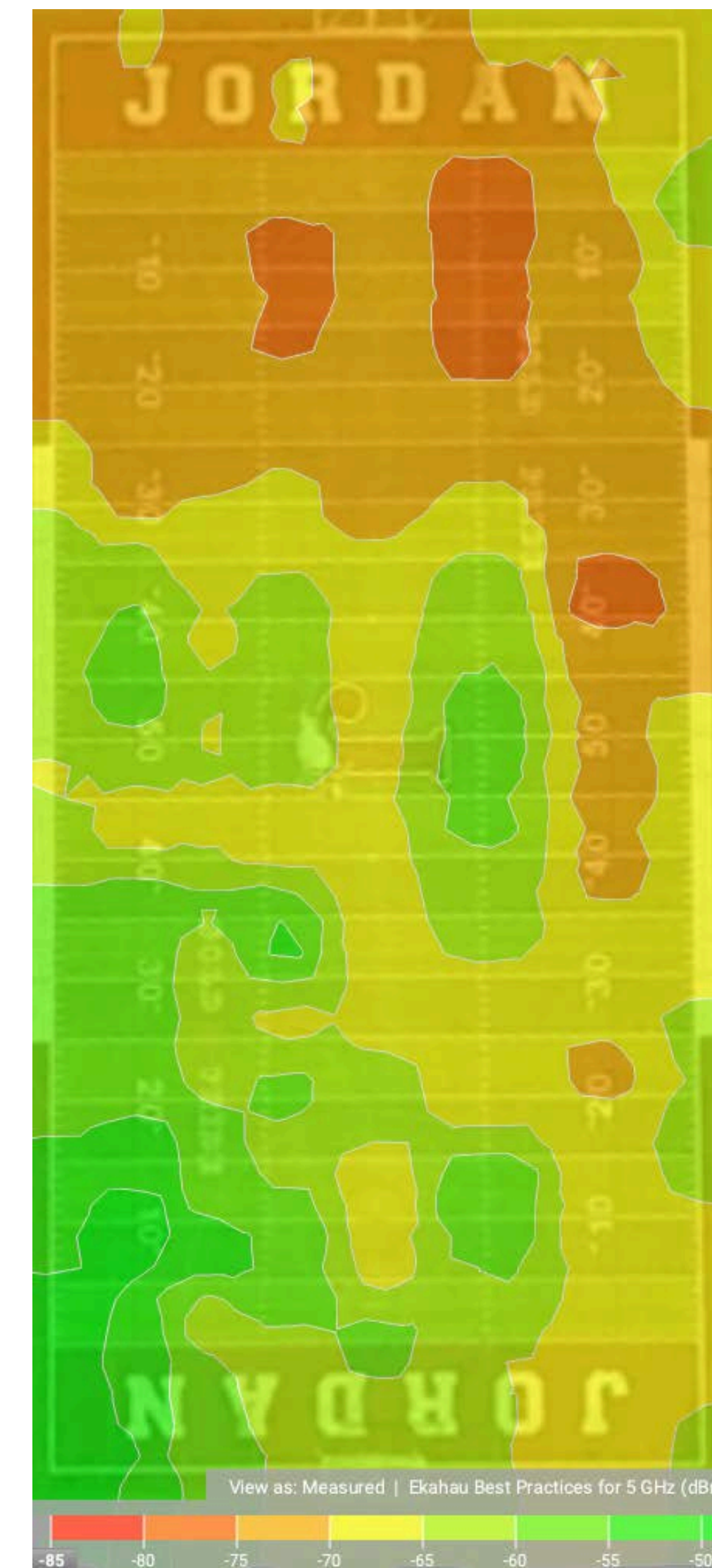
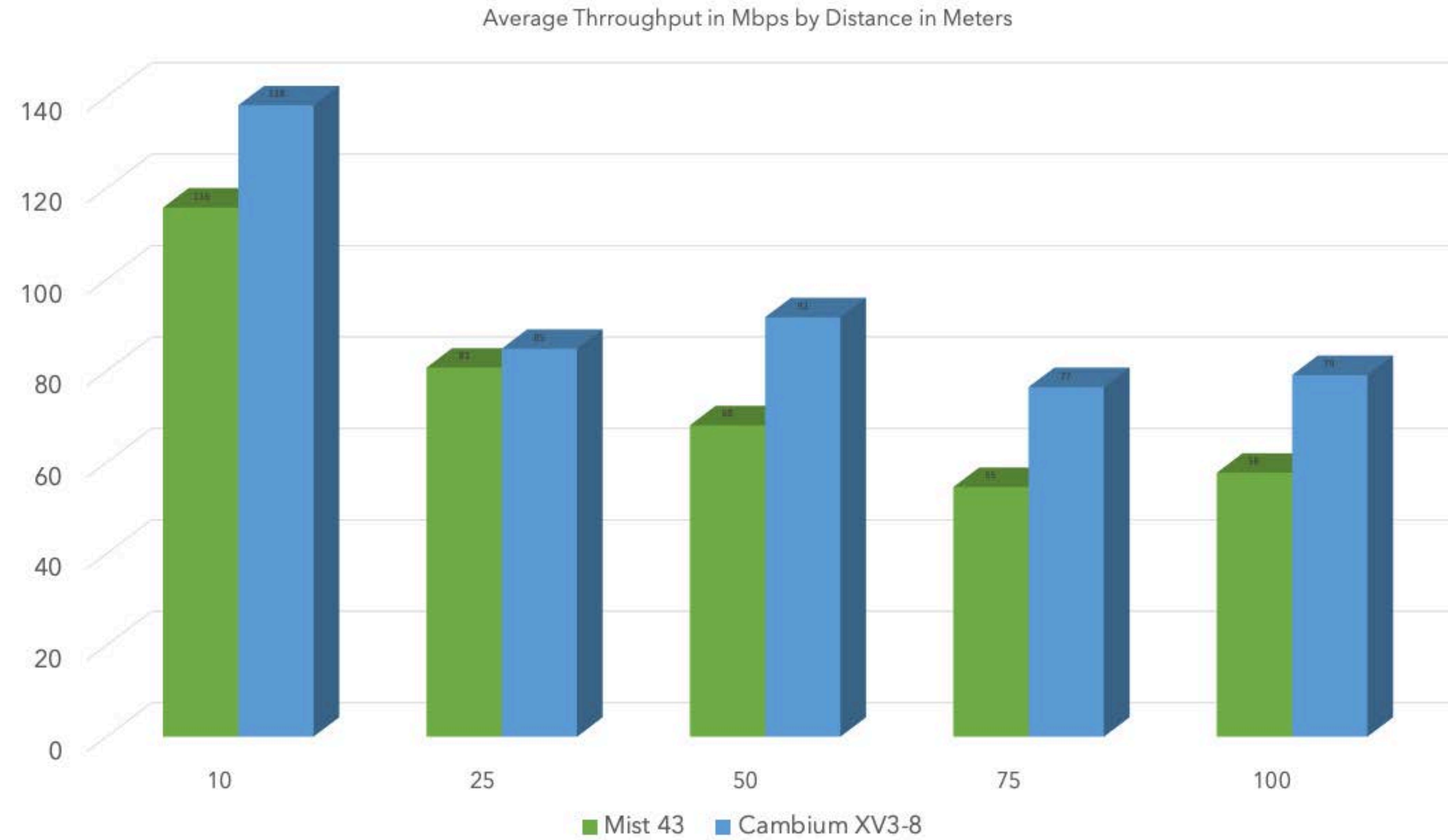
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CINR **33 dB**

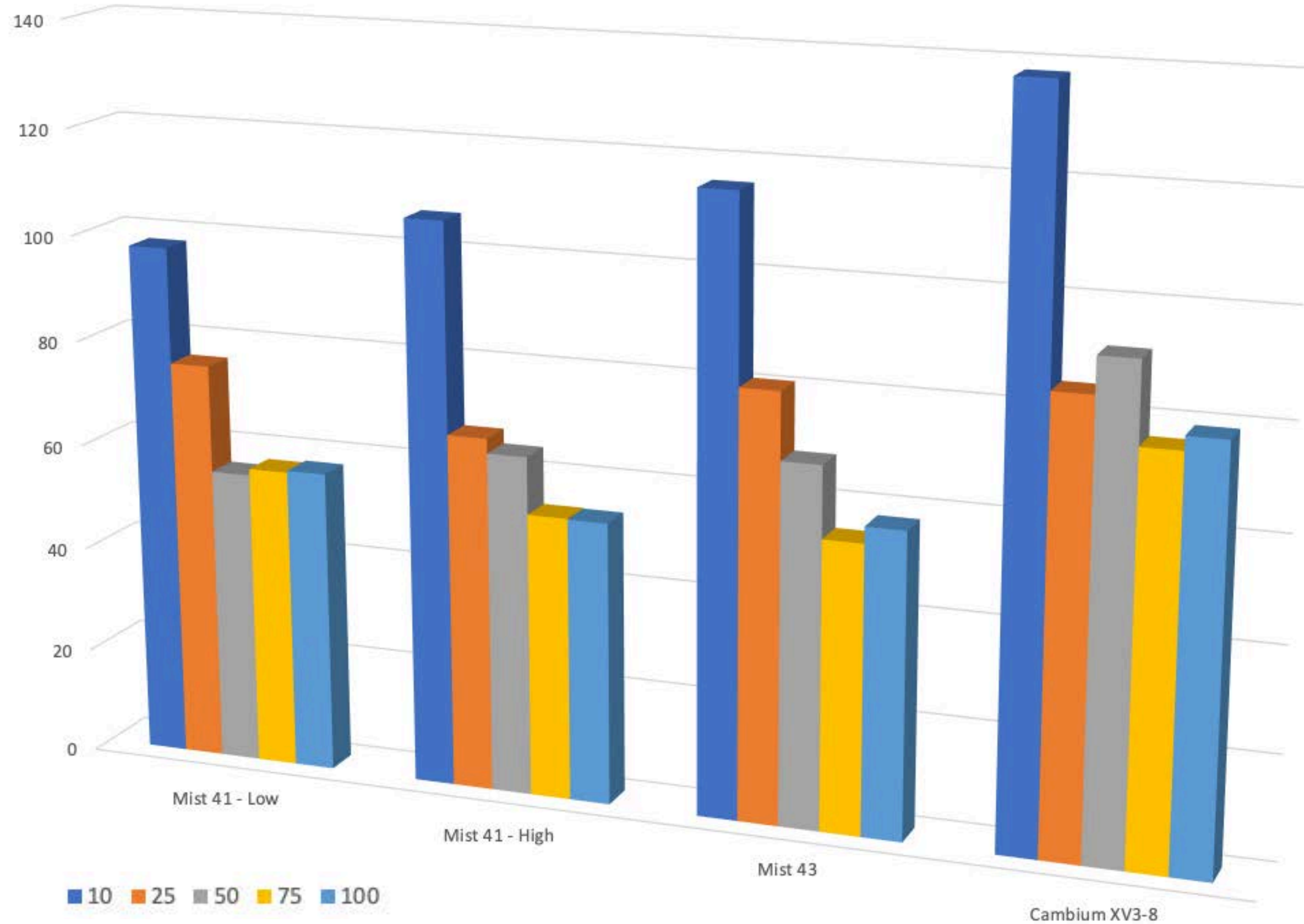
POWER **-58 dBm**



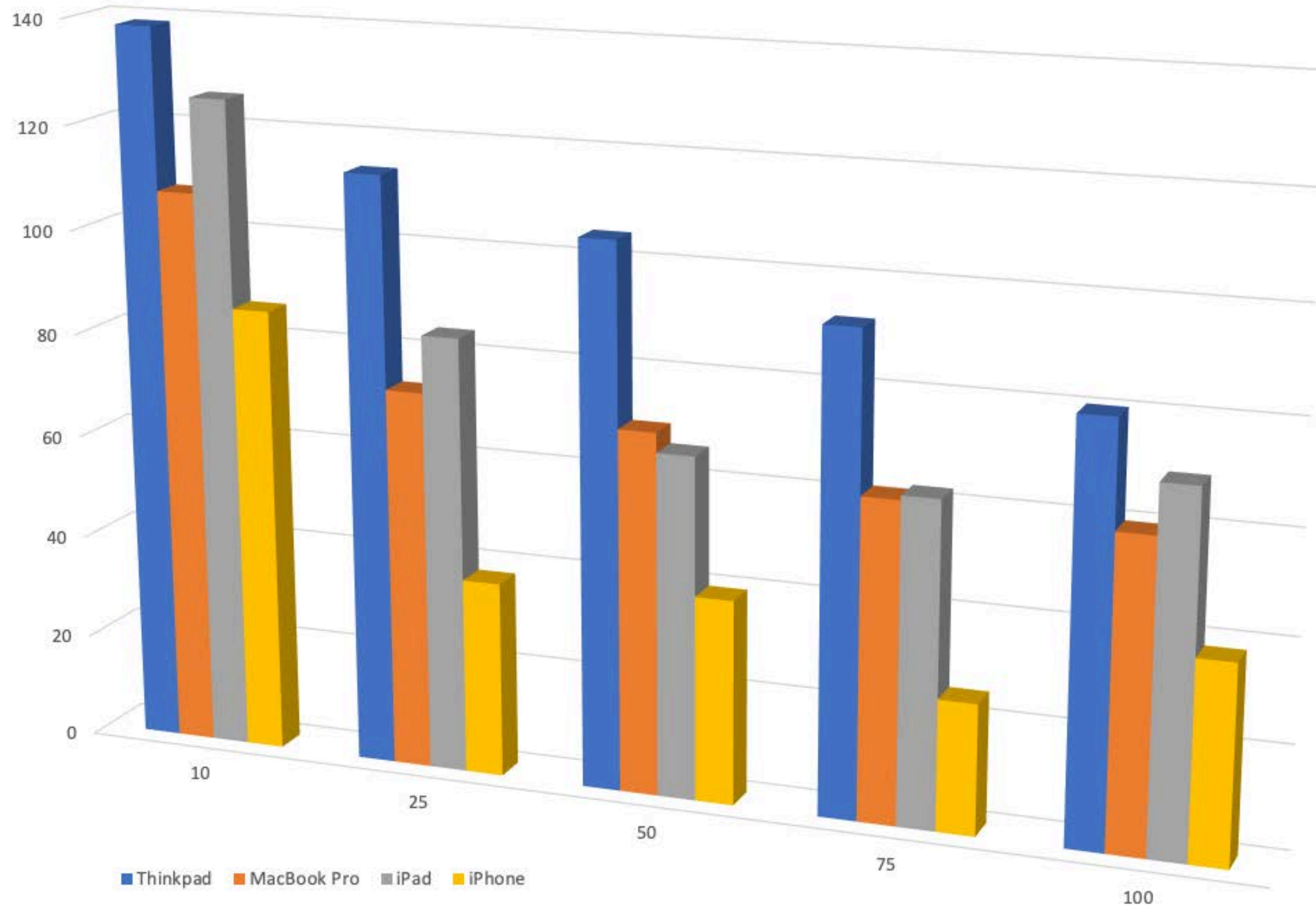
Not ONLY about the GREEN!



Spatial Streams

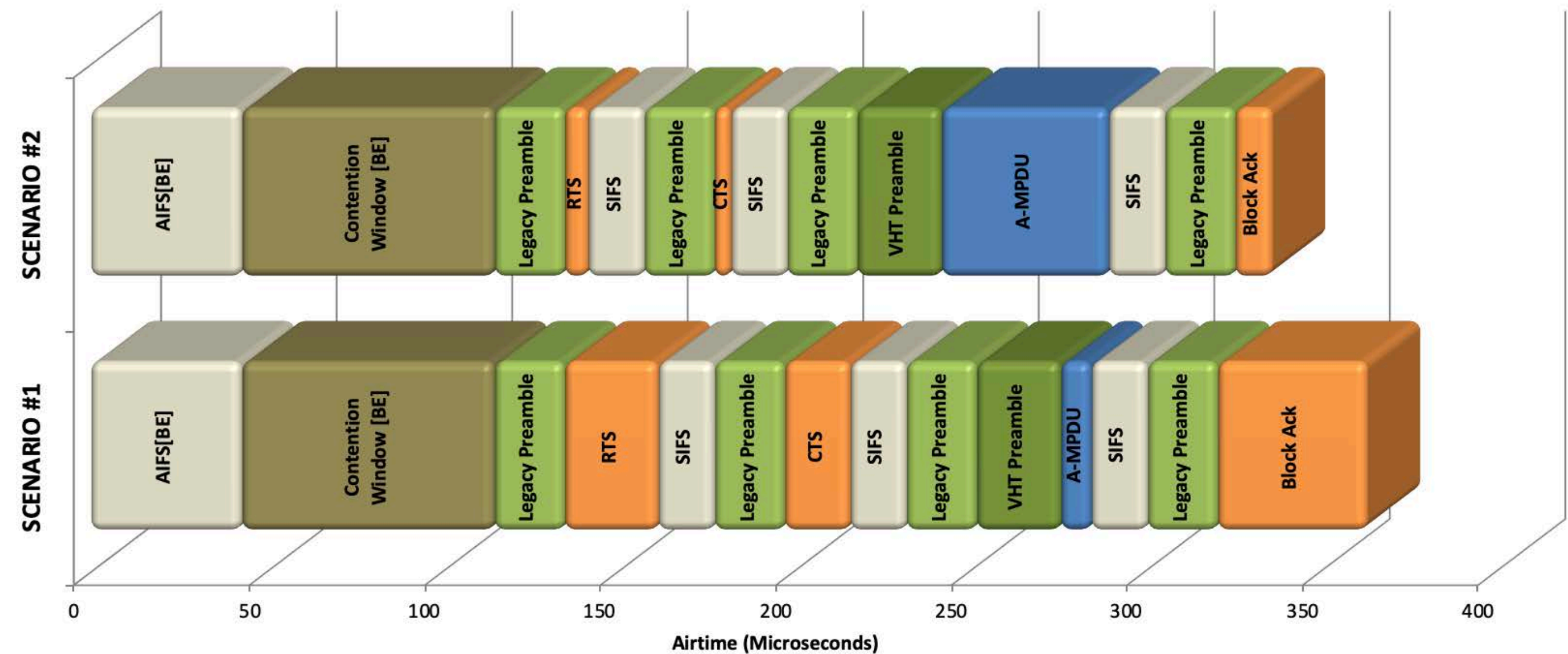
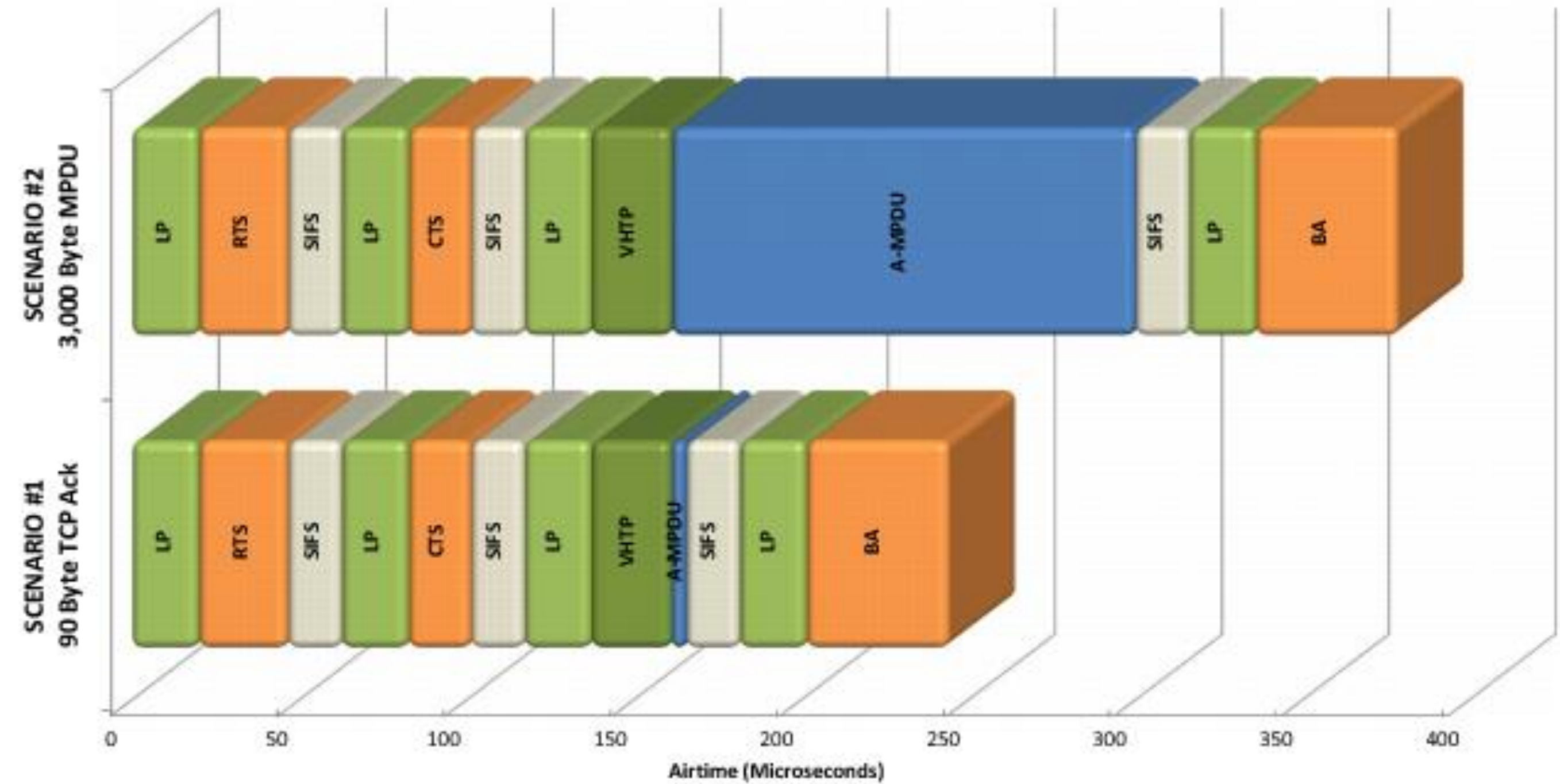


Wi-Fi 6 vs Wi-Fi 5

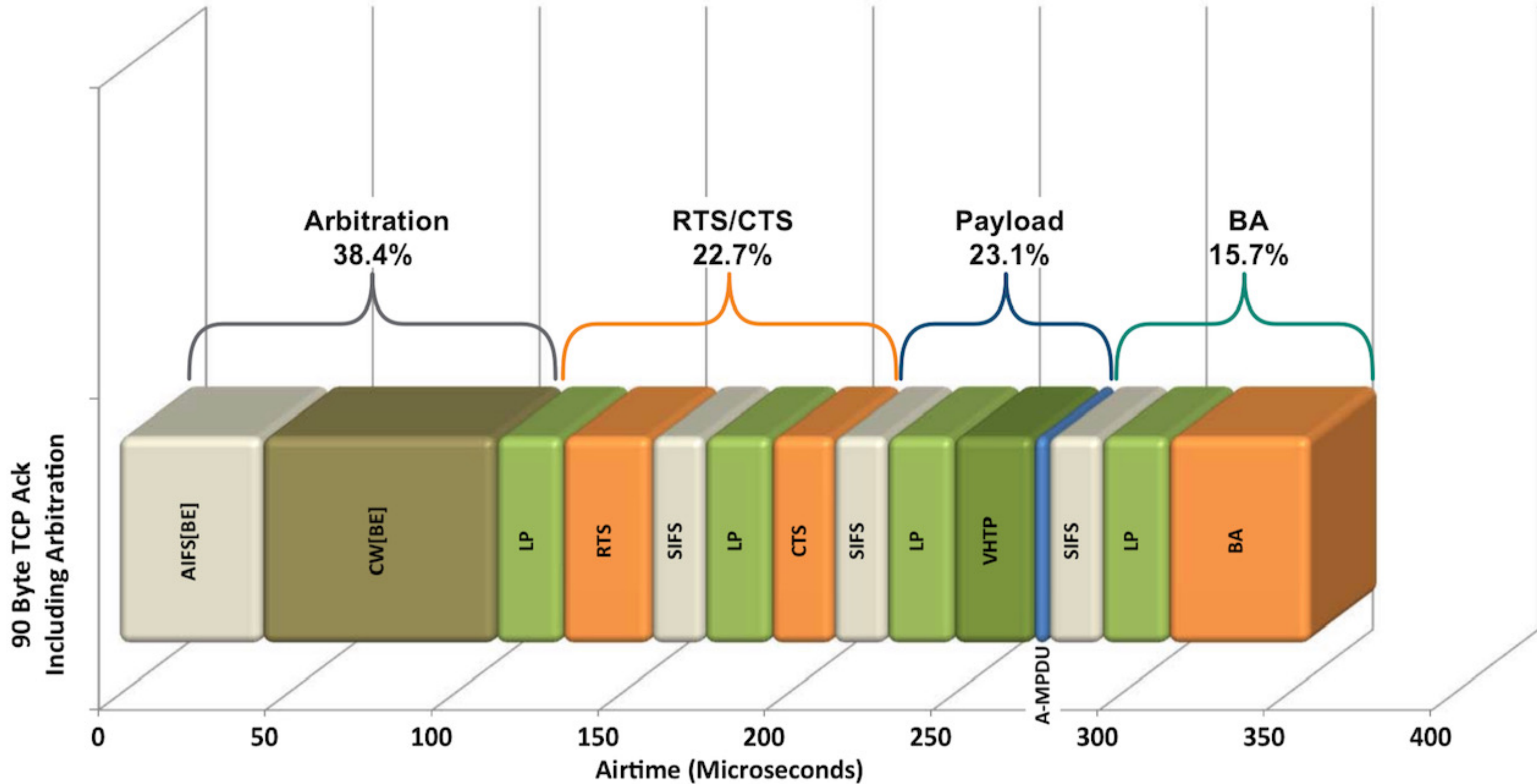


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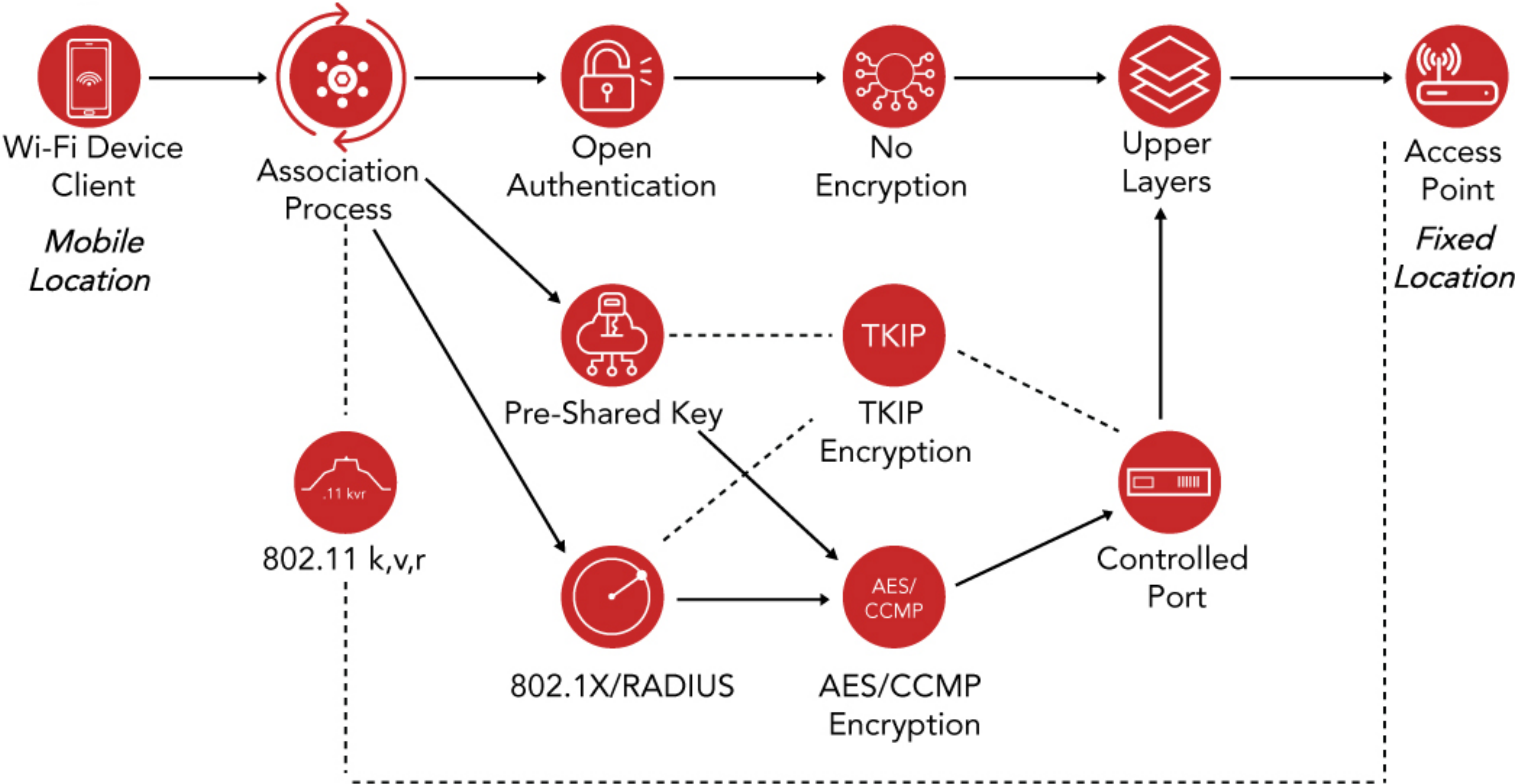
- AIFS - Arbitration Inter-frame Space
- Contention Window (CW)
- Preamble - BPSK
- RTS - MBR
- SIFS - Fixed Tme
- Preamble - BPSK
- CTS - MBR
- SIFS - Fixed Tme
- Preamble - BPSK
- Preamble - VHT
- Header - MBR
- Payload - PHY Rate
- CRC
- SIFS - Fixed Tme
- Preamble - BPSK
- ACK - MBR



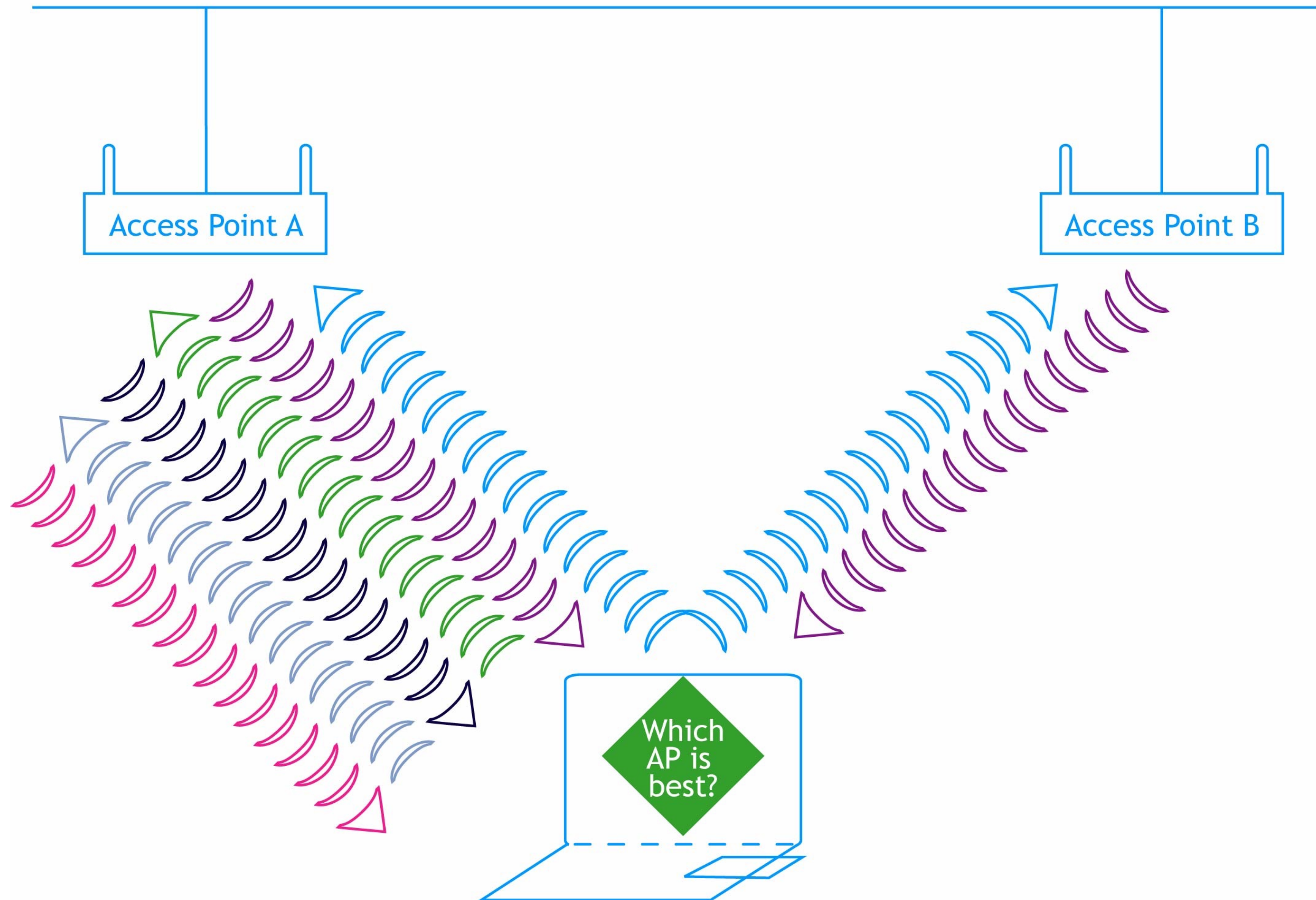
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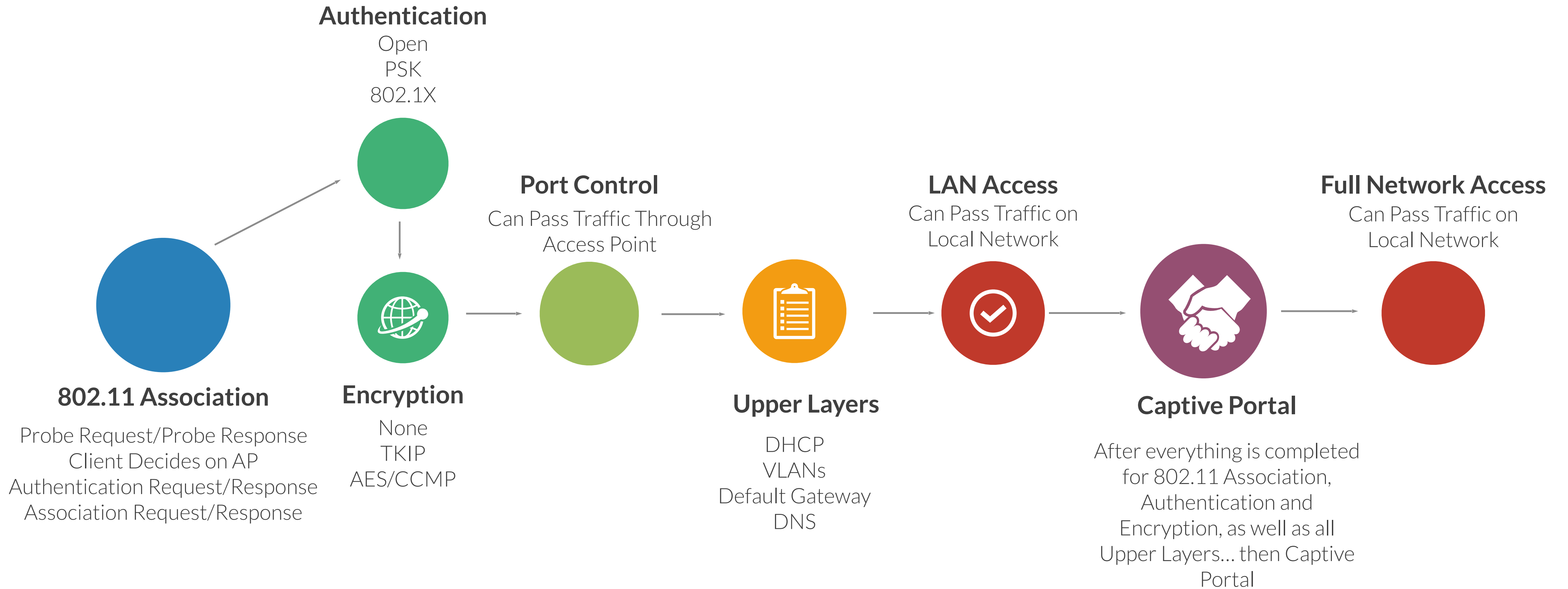
Know the MAC



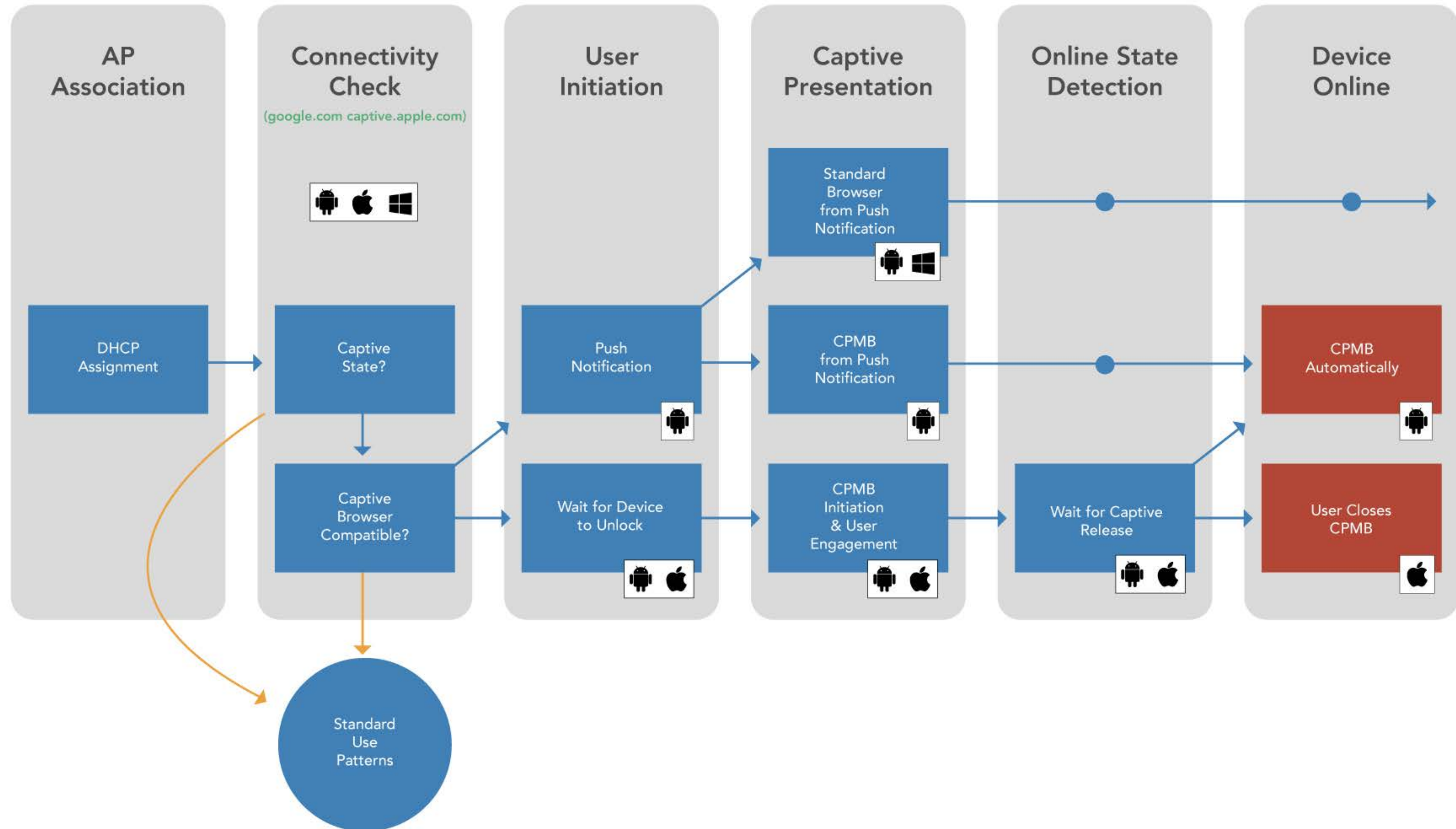
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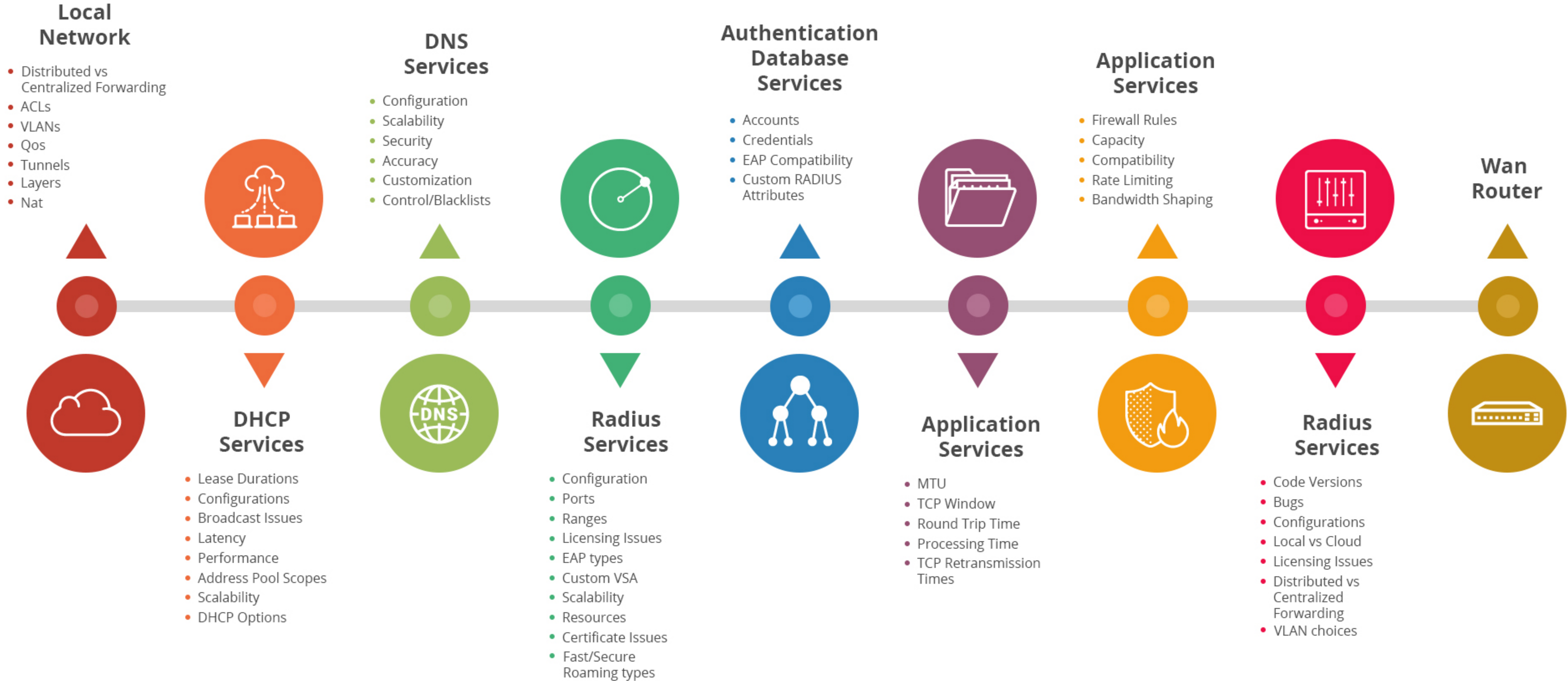
Client Joining a WLAN Process



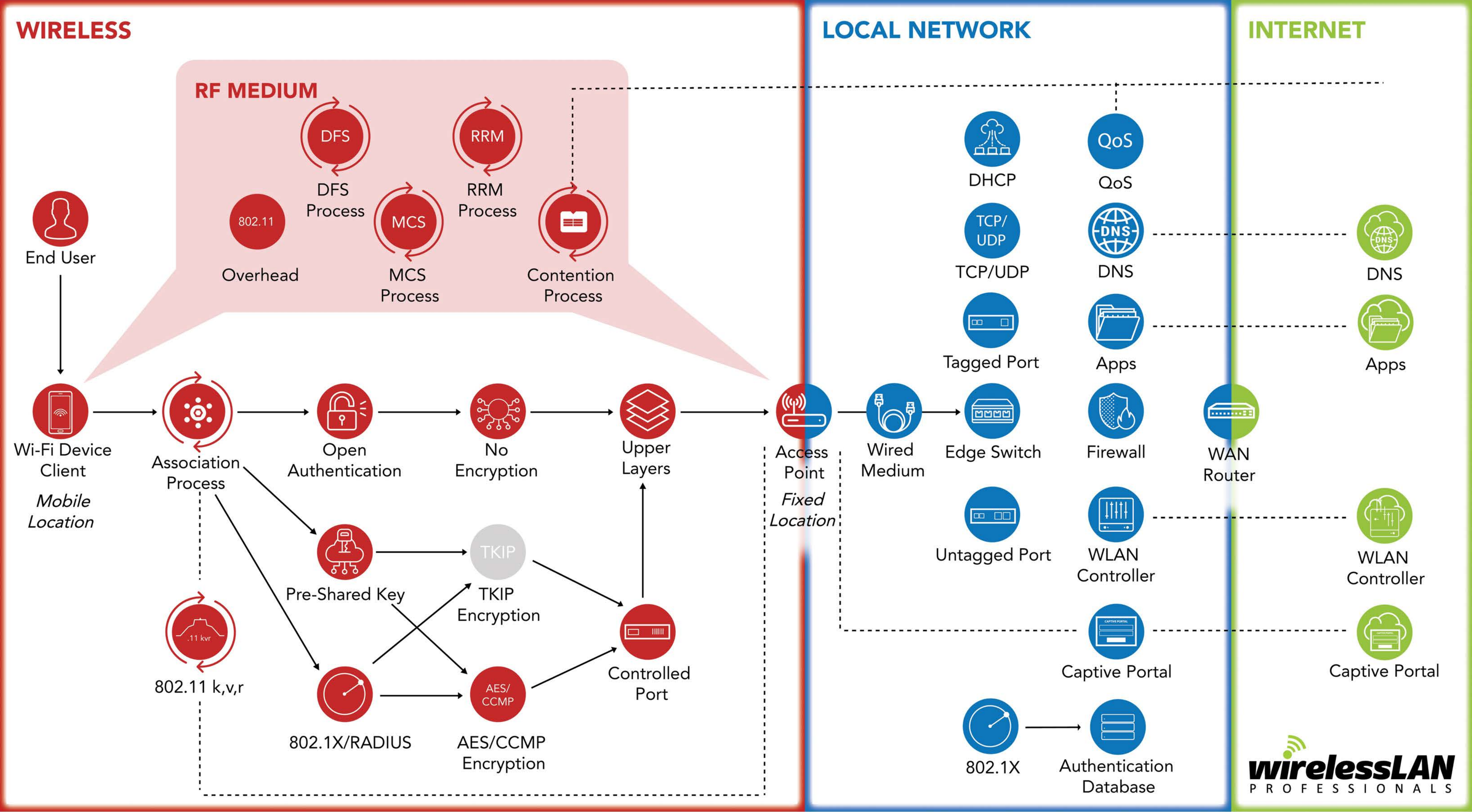
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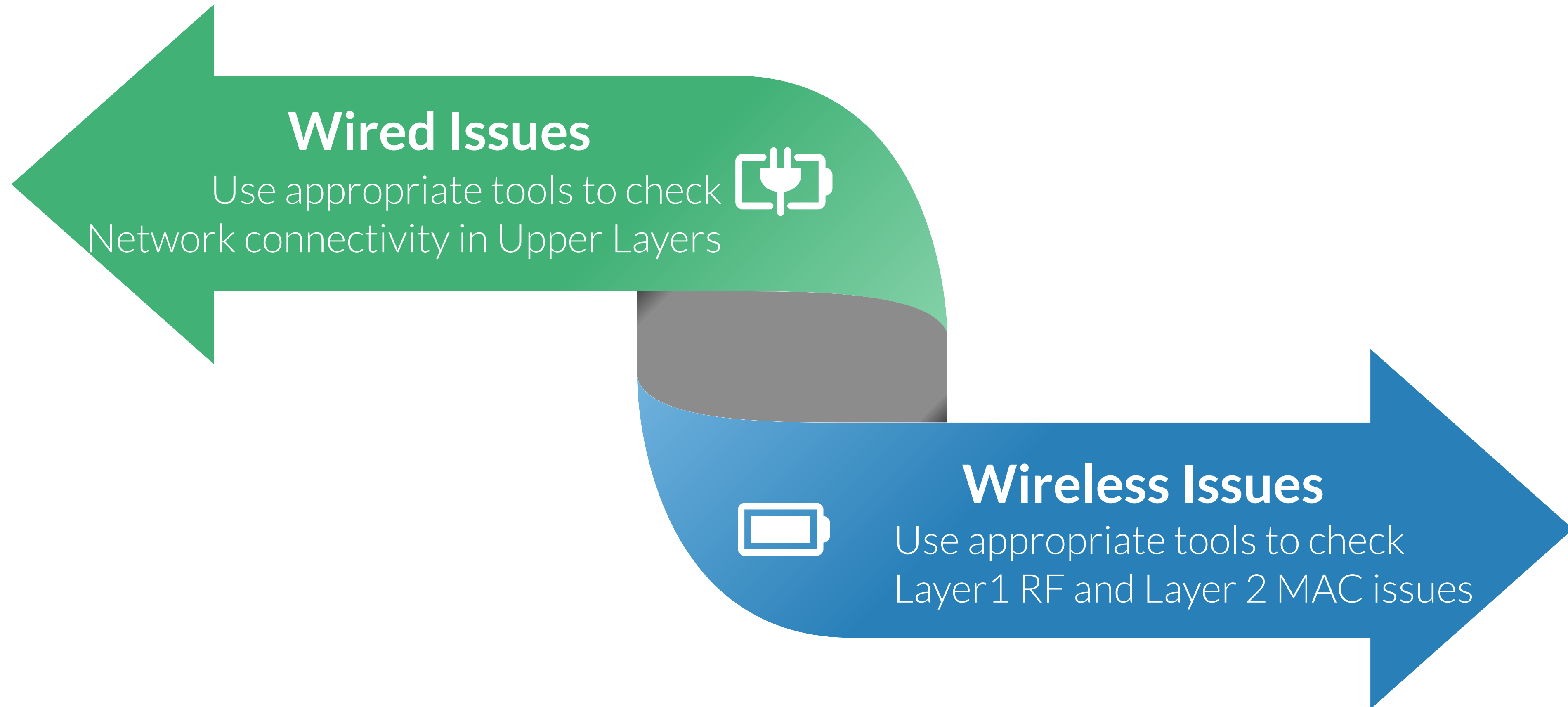
Network Services



Know the Big Picture



Understand Wired vs Wireless



How to Determine if Wired or Wireless

- **IP Address**

Does target Wi-Fi Client Devices have an IP Address?

- **Ping Wi-Fi Client**

Can you Ping your Wi-Fi Client Device from the Wired Network?

- **MCS of Wi-Fi Client**

Is the MCS of Wi-Fi client showing stress
MCS 5-9 means 64-QAM or Better
MCS of <5 means difficulty over RF



- **Compare Throughputs**

Compare Wi-Fi connection data rate to Internet Speed Test

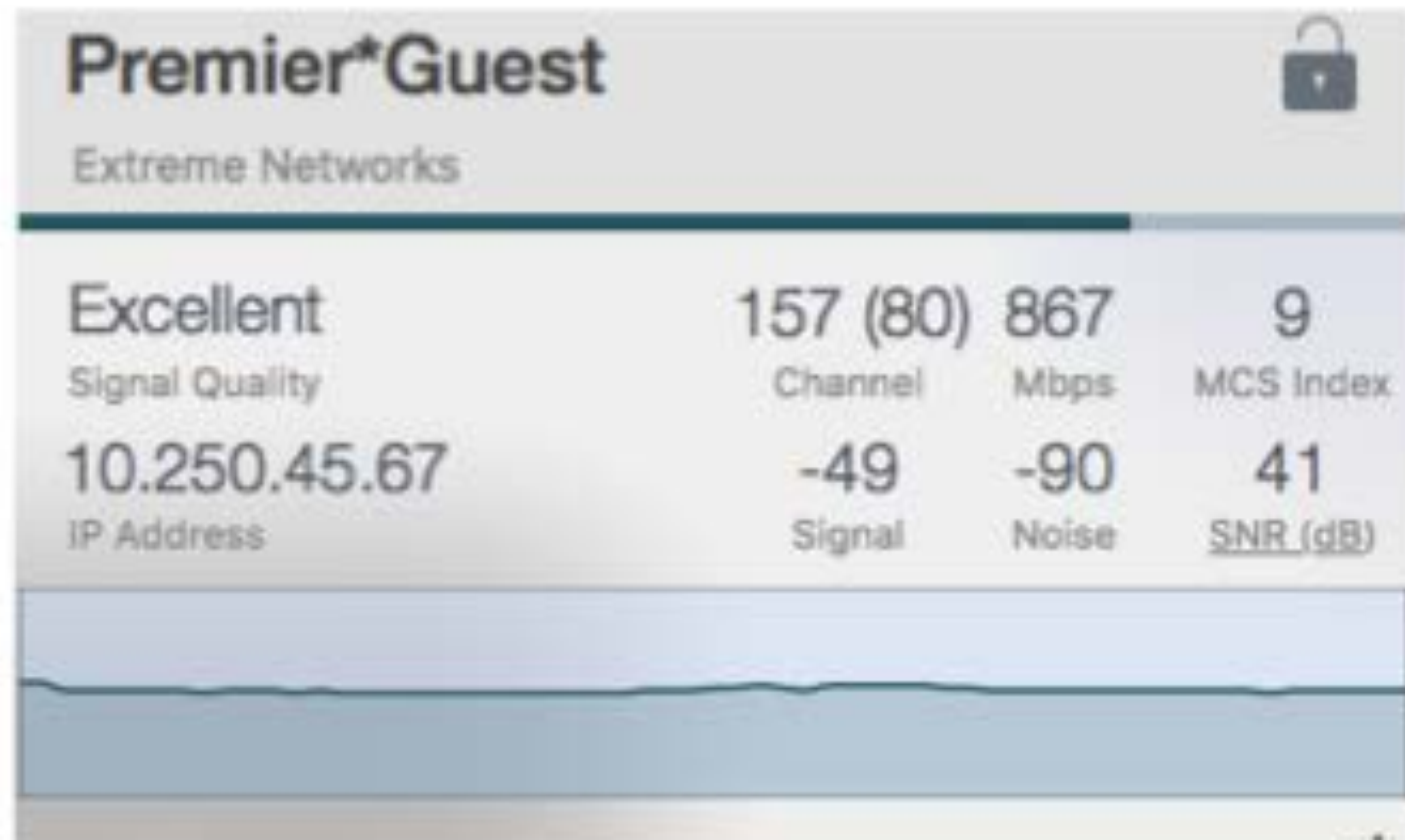
- **Check RSSI & SNR**

Both from the Client's point of view as well as from the Access Points'

- **Isolated?**

Are the issues isolated to only Wi-Fi devices or across network
Especially check network services

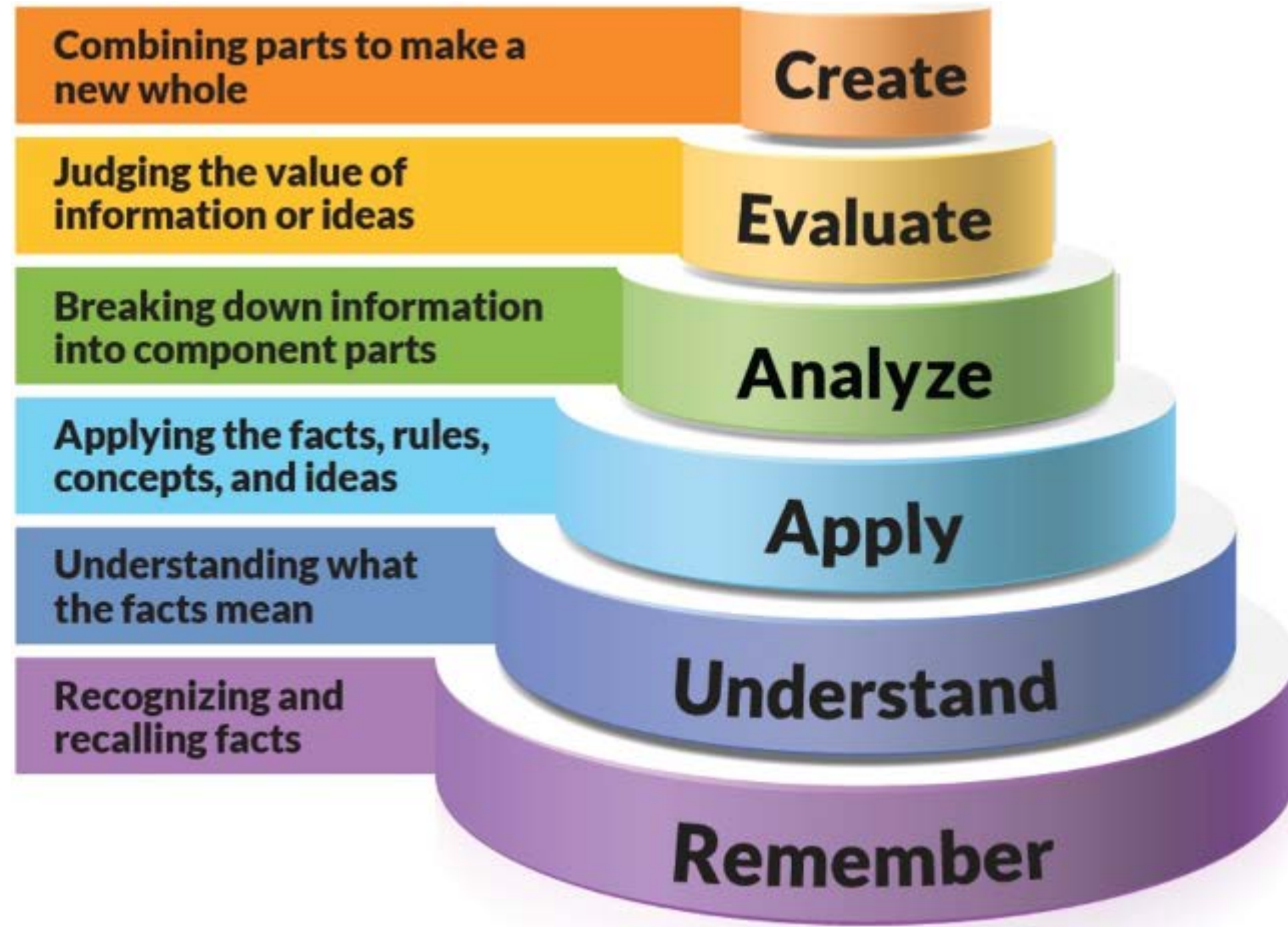
WiFi Signal vs Throughput



Business Requirements

- Where you fit in the grand scheme
- Who you report to
- What is your responsibility
- Use Bloom's Taxonomy & Business Vocabulary
 - What do YOU want to do?

Bloom's Taxonomy



Use Appropriate Vocabulary for The Job You WANT

REMEMBERING	UNDERSTANDING	APPLYING	ANALYZING	EVALUATING	CREATING
					
Copying Defining Finding Locating Quoting Listening Googling Repeating Retrieving Outlining Highlighting Memorizing	Annotating Tweeting Associating Tagging Summarizing Relating Categorizing Paraphrasing Predicting Comparing Contrasting Commenting	Acting out Articulate Reenact Loading Choosing Determining Displaying Judging Executing Examining Implementing Sketching	Calculating Categorizing Breaking Down Correlating Deconstructing Linking Mashing Mind-Mapping Organizing Appraising Advertising Dividing	Arguing Validating Testing Scoring Assessing Criticizing Commenting Debating Defending Detecting Experimenting Grading	Blogging Building Animating Adapting Collaborating Composing Directing Devising Podcasting Wiki Building Writing Filming

Know the Rules

And when to break them!

- #1 Rule - 802.11/Wi-Fi is EXTREMELY Resilient
- What does the above statement imply?
- LEGO House Requirements Example
 - Robust vs Brittle

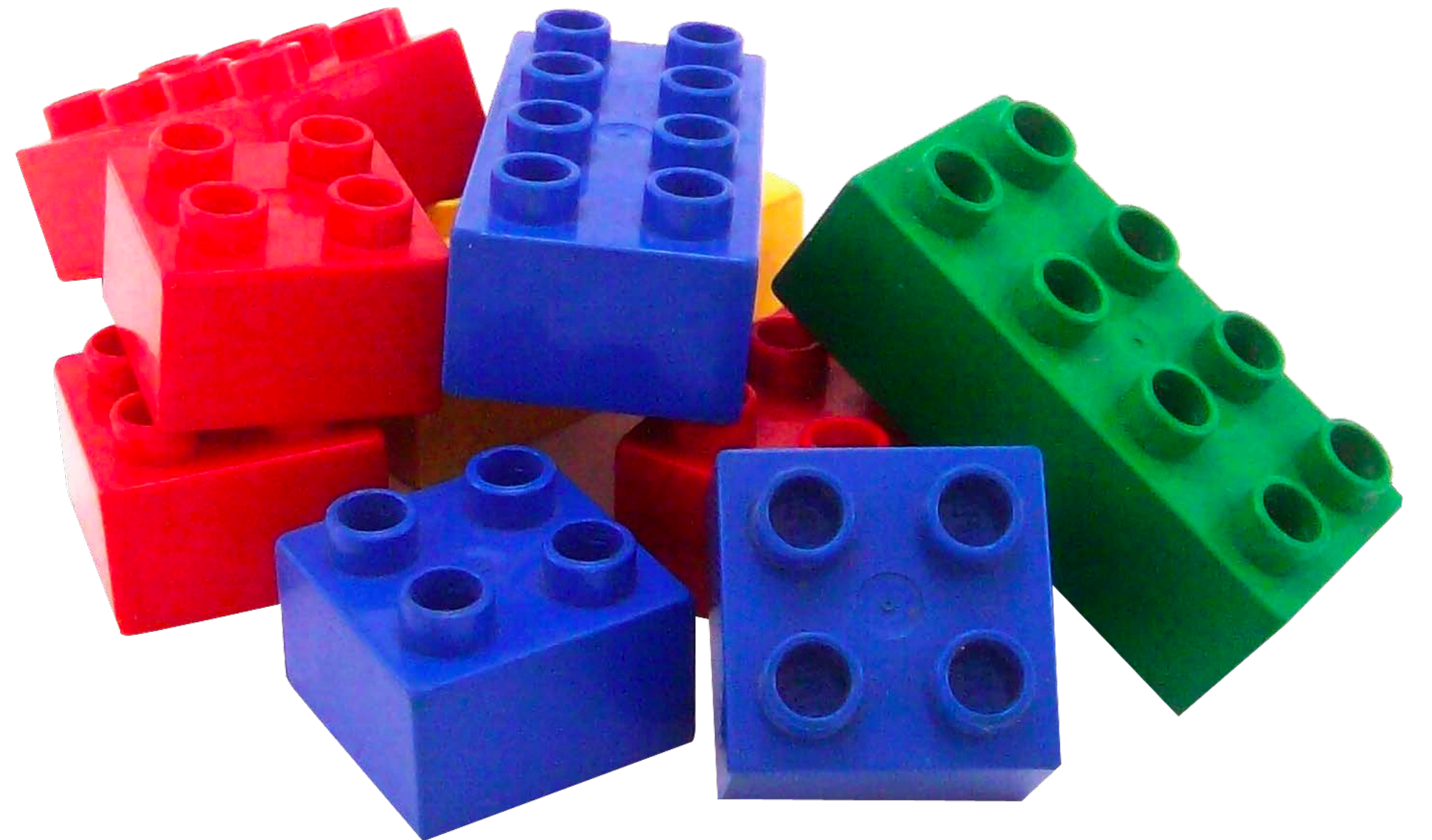
Building Requirements

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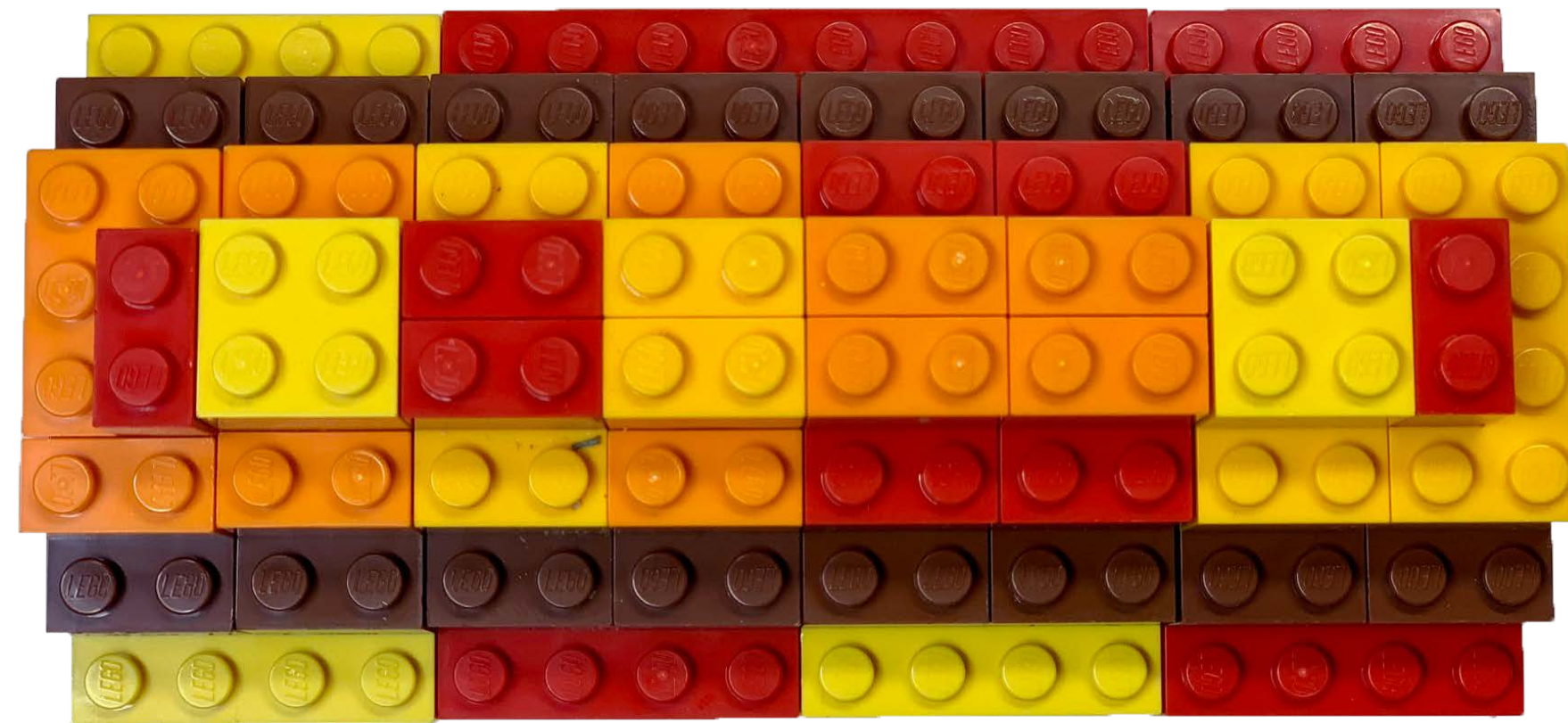
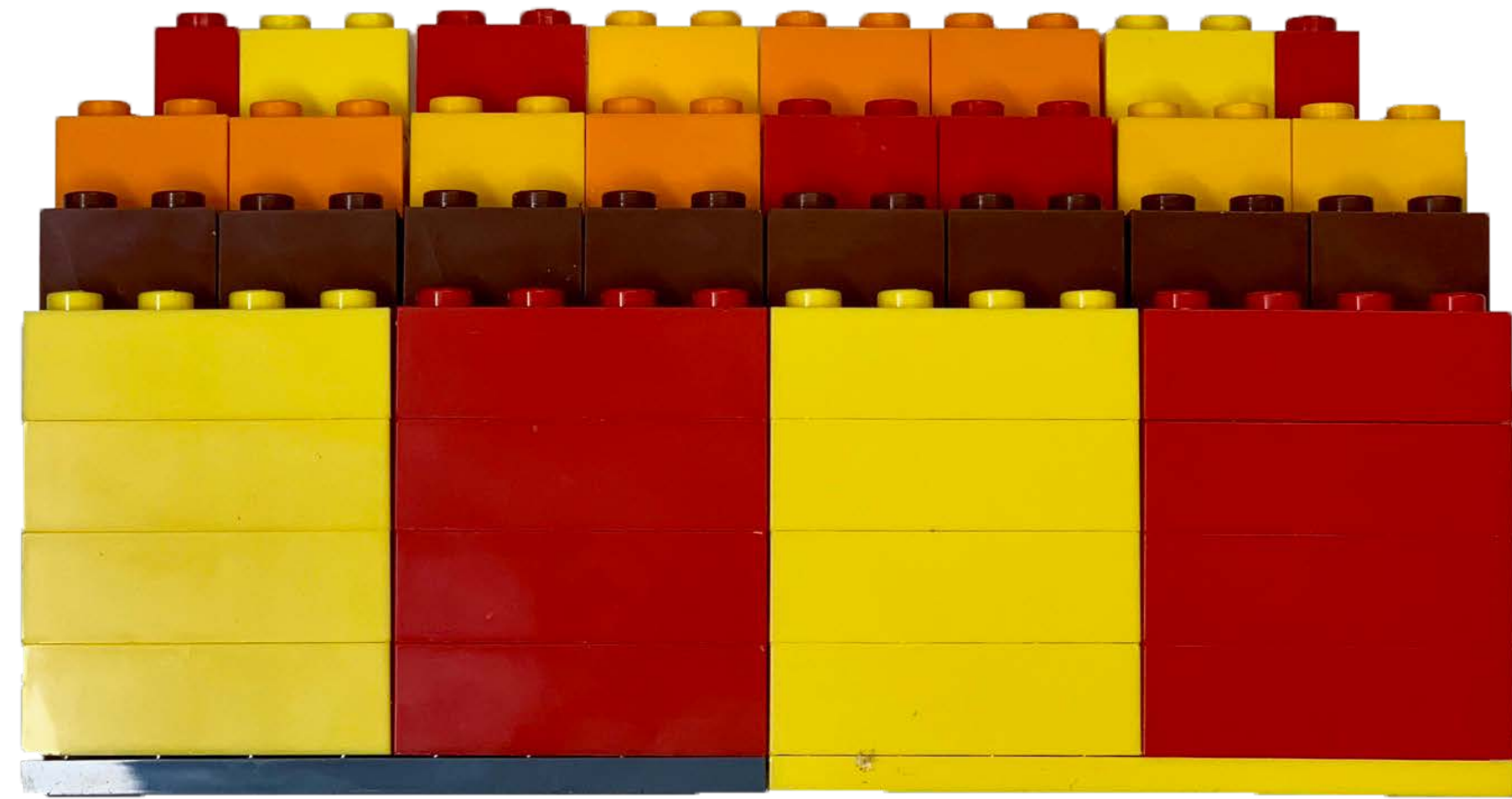
7 Bricks High

Sloped Roof

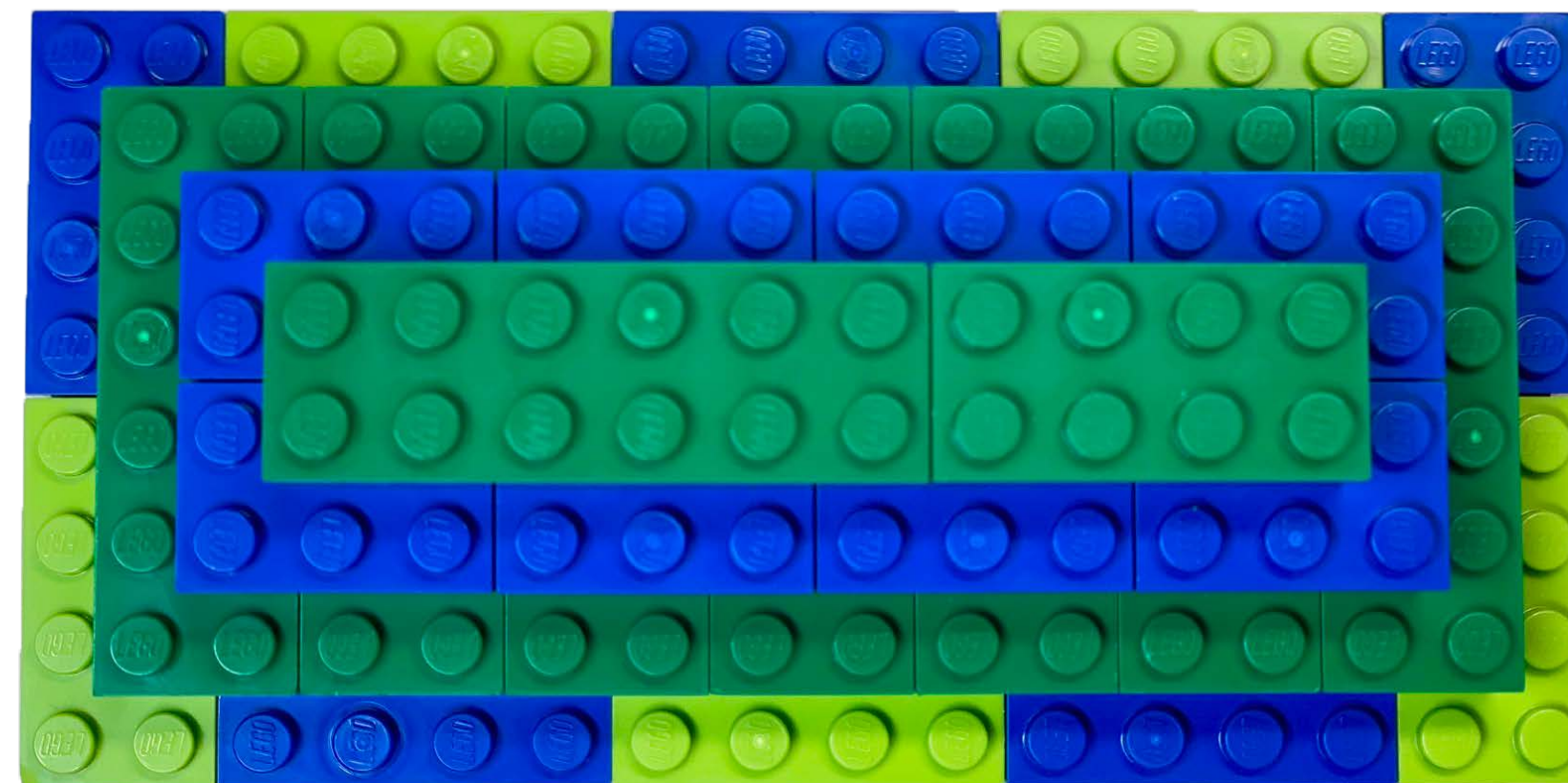
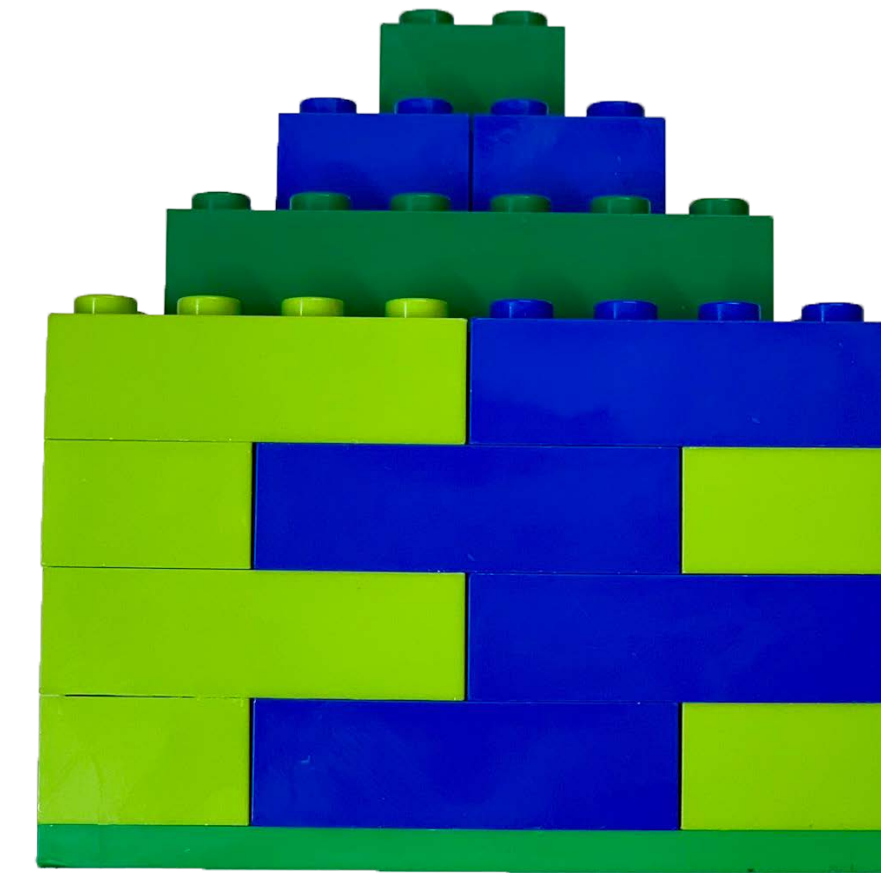
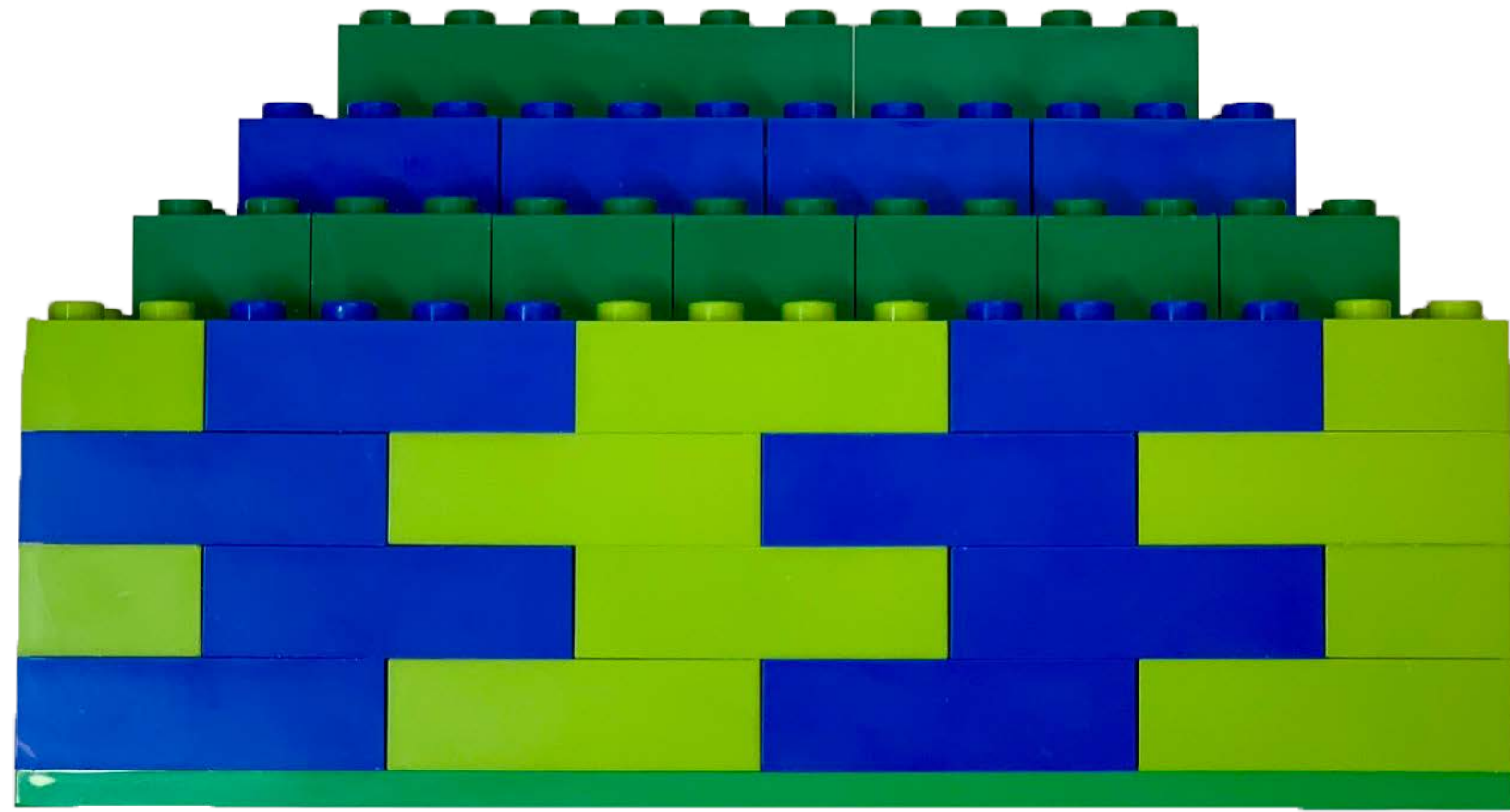
Fixed set of Bricks



One way of meeting the requirements

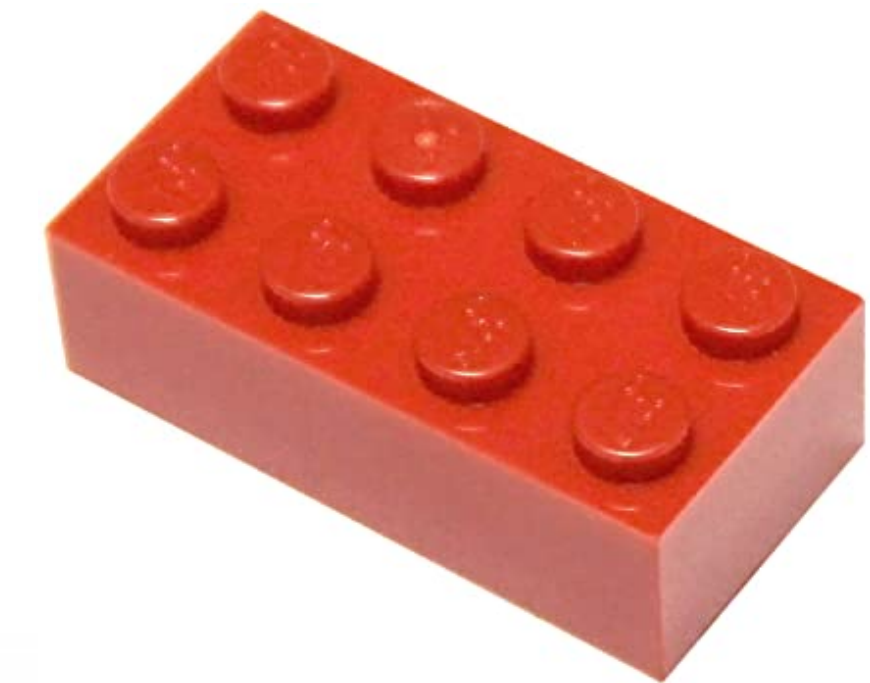
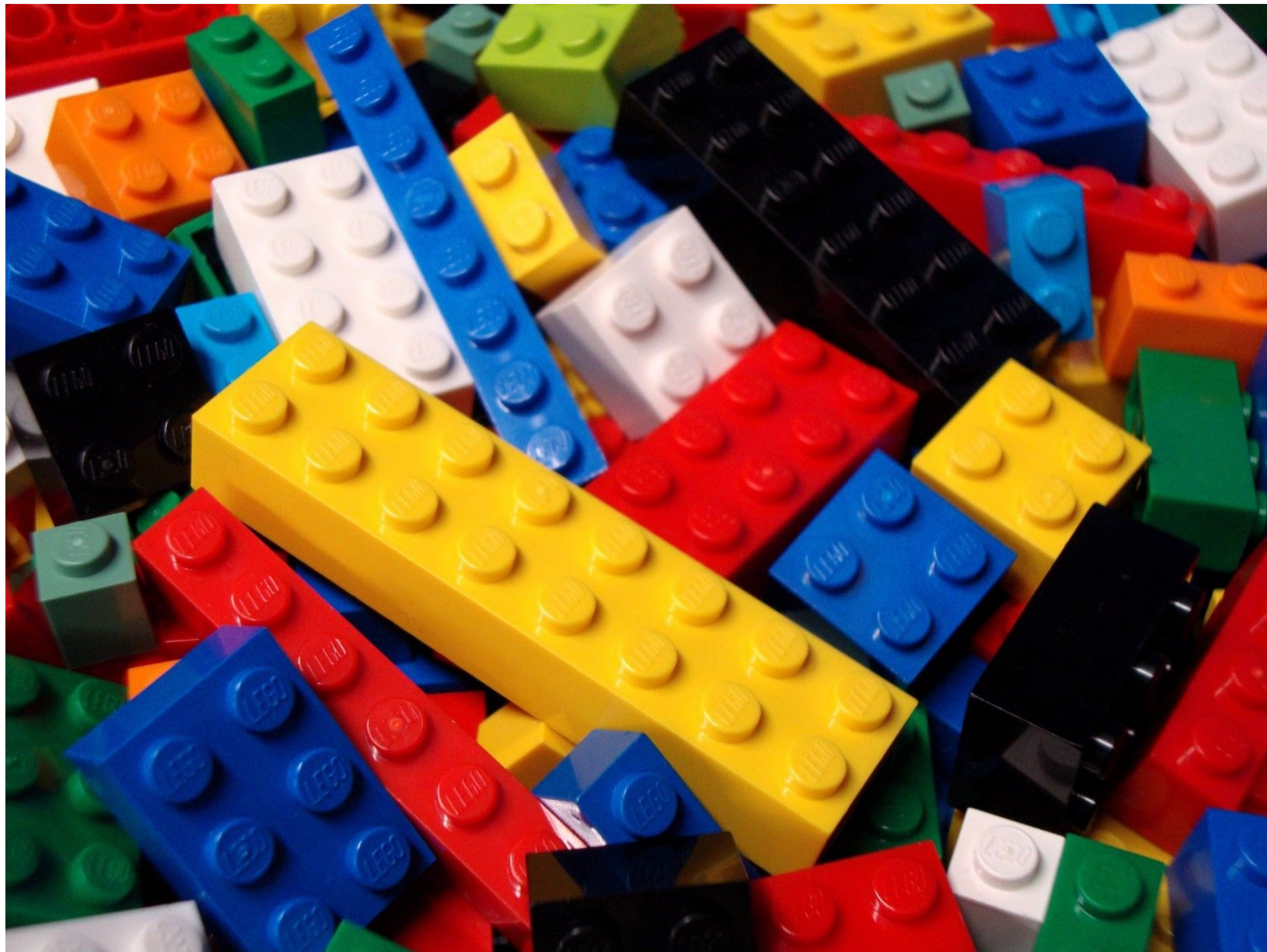


Same Bricks - Different Engineering



LEGO Building & Requirements

Choose the correct Brick for the job!



What to do next

- ENGAGE with the Wireless LAN Community
- Truly UNDERSTAND the parts of Wi-Fi
- Home Lab - Highly Recommended
- Never stop learning!
- Training, YouTube, Blogs, Websites

Top Ten WLAN Design Tips

1. Know the PHY
2. Know your Requirements
3. It is NOT about the Green
4. Follow Best Practices
5. Do NOT use Marketing Ratios
6. Always Validate, Always
7. Choose Access Points First
8. Meet ALL Requirements
9. Understand Capacity
10. Document Everything

Thanks!