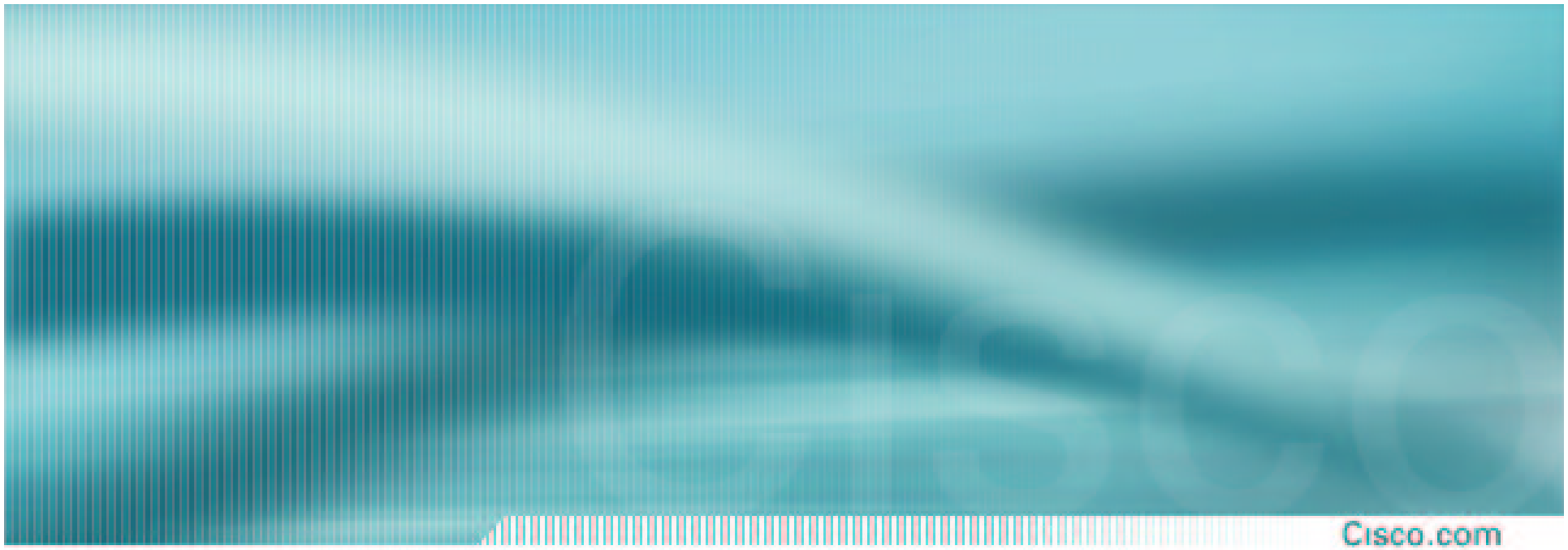

Wireless LAN Evolution

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Extended Connectivity with Wireless LAN

Point-to-Point/Multipoint Wireless

Building Wireless LAN

Public Access Hot Spot

At Home

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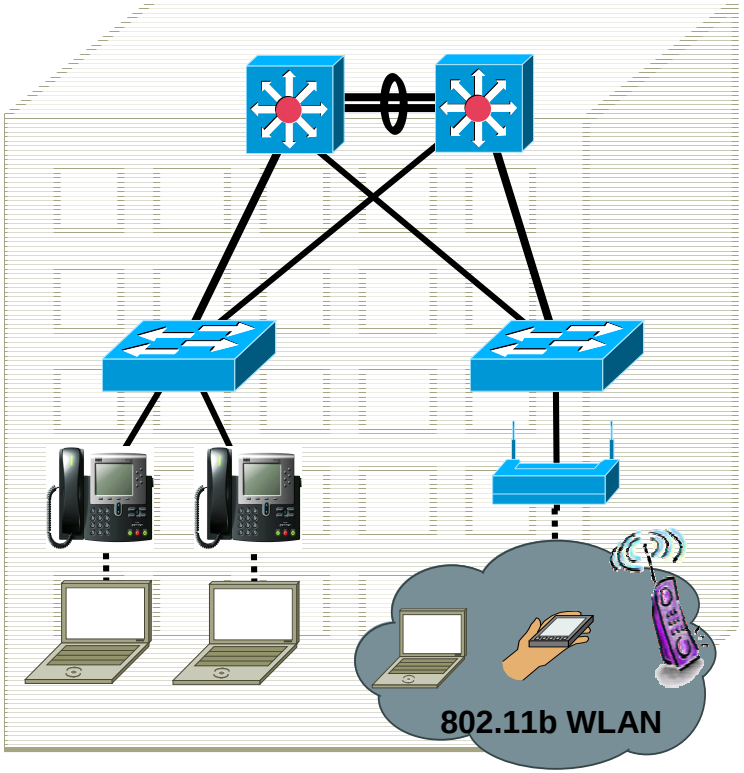

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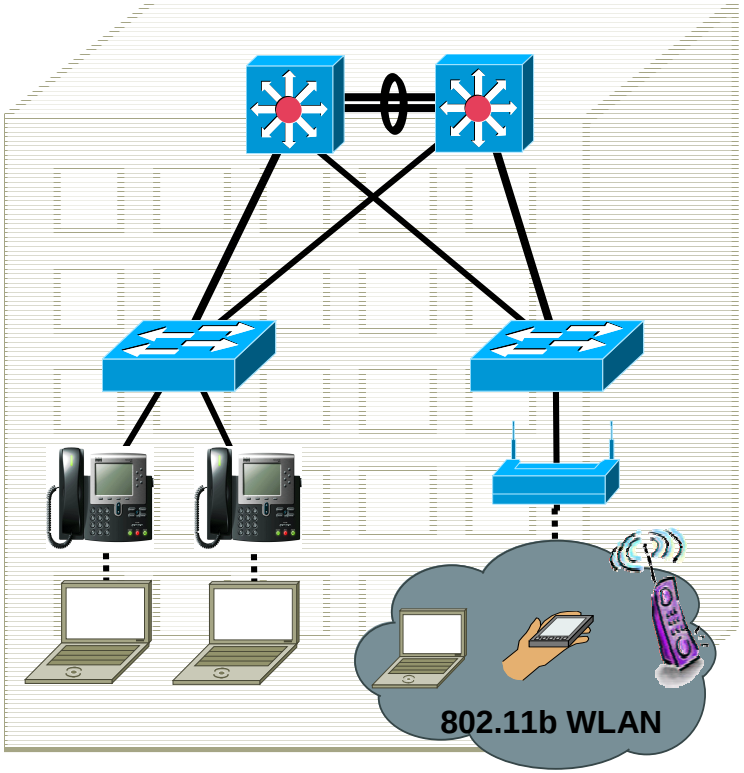
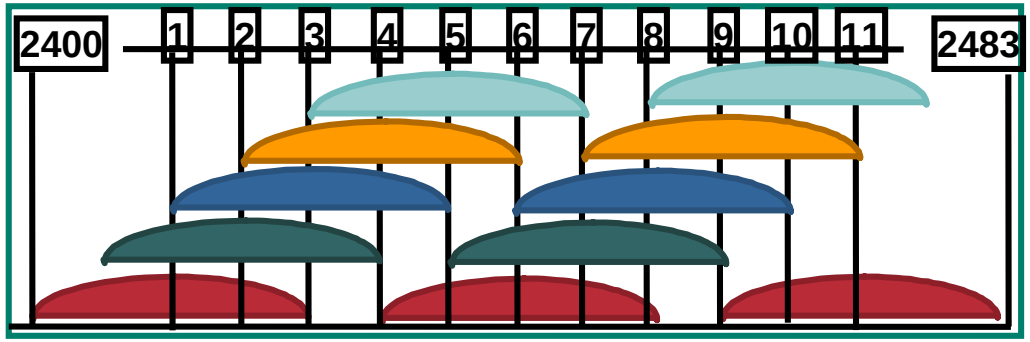


802.11b 11Mb 2.4GHz Direct Sequence



- Ratified as standard in Sept. 1999
- 11Mb 2.4GHz
- 11 US channels
- 13 ETSI channels
- 14 Japan channels
- Power levels of 36dBm EIRP-FCC 20dBm EIRP-ETSI
- Virtually approved for worldwide use

Characteristics of 802.11a

- **Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing (OFDM)**

  Data rates supported: 54, 48, 36, 24, 12 and 6Mbps

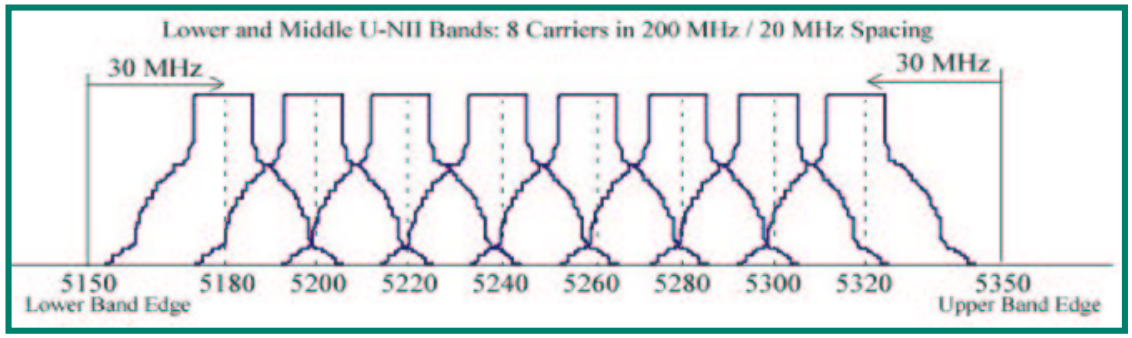
  Can "downshift" to lower data rates for longer range

- **Compliant with FCC and Japanese regulations**

  Initial offering will not be available in EMEA and portions of Asia/Pacific

- **5GHz band has more channels than 2.4GHz band**

  UNII-1 + UNII-2 = 8 non-overlapping channels
  (vs. 3 channels for 2.4GHz)



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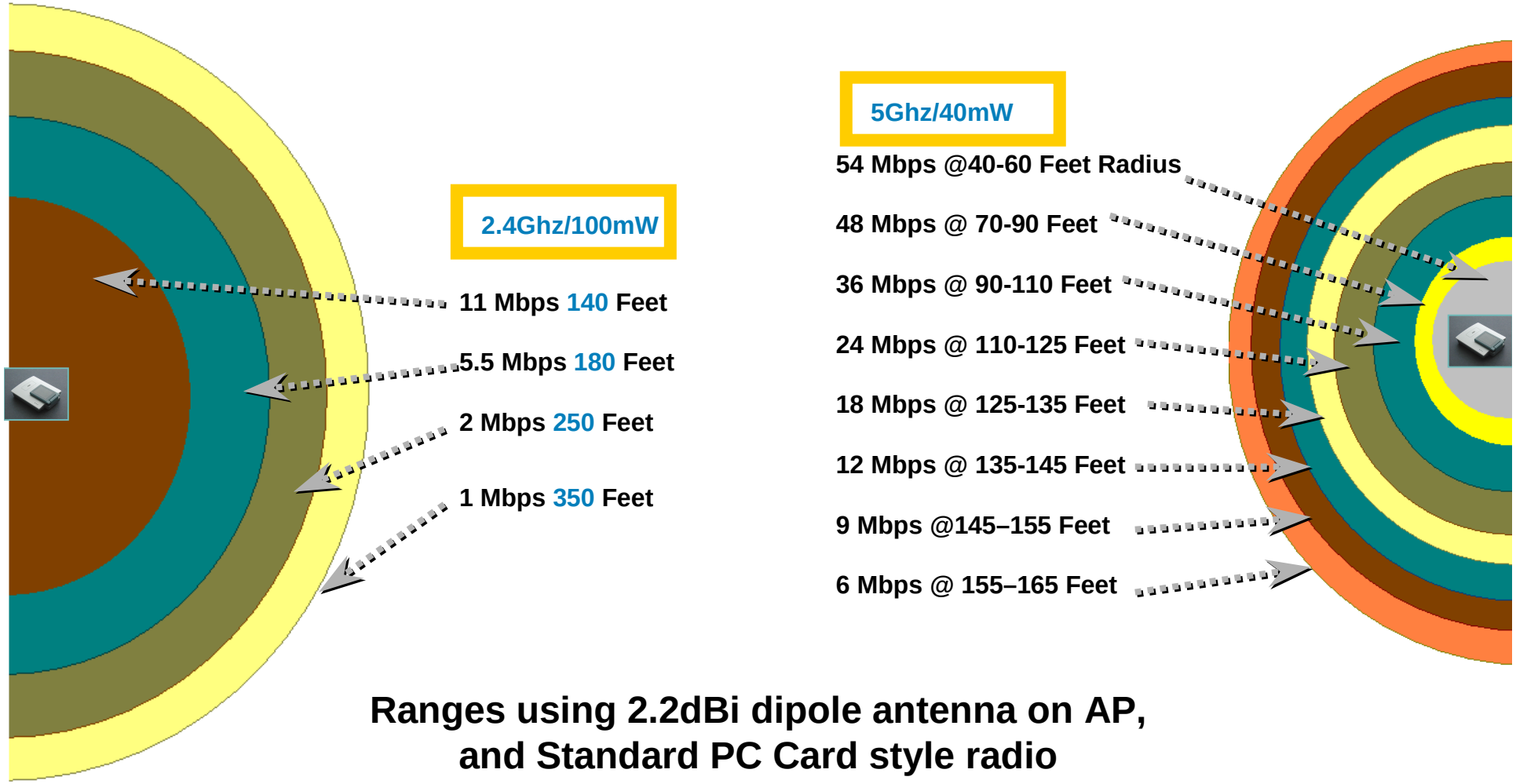

Ranges using 2.2dBi dipole antenna on AP, and Standard PC Card style radio

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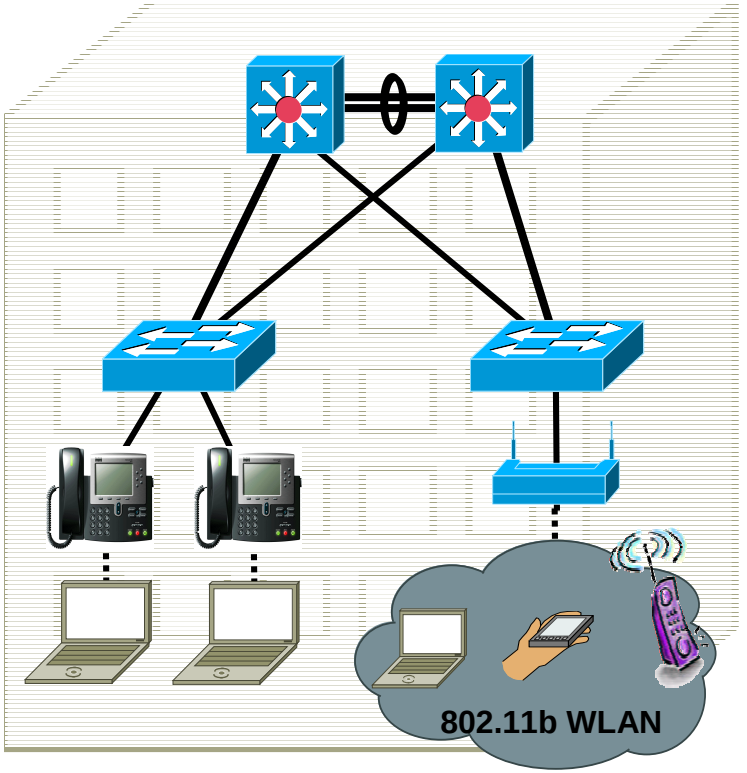
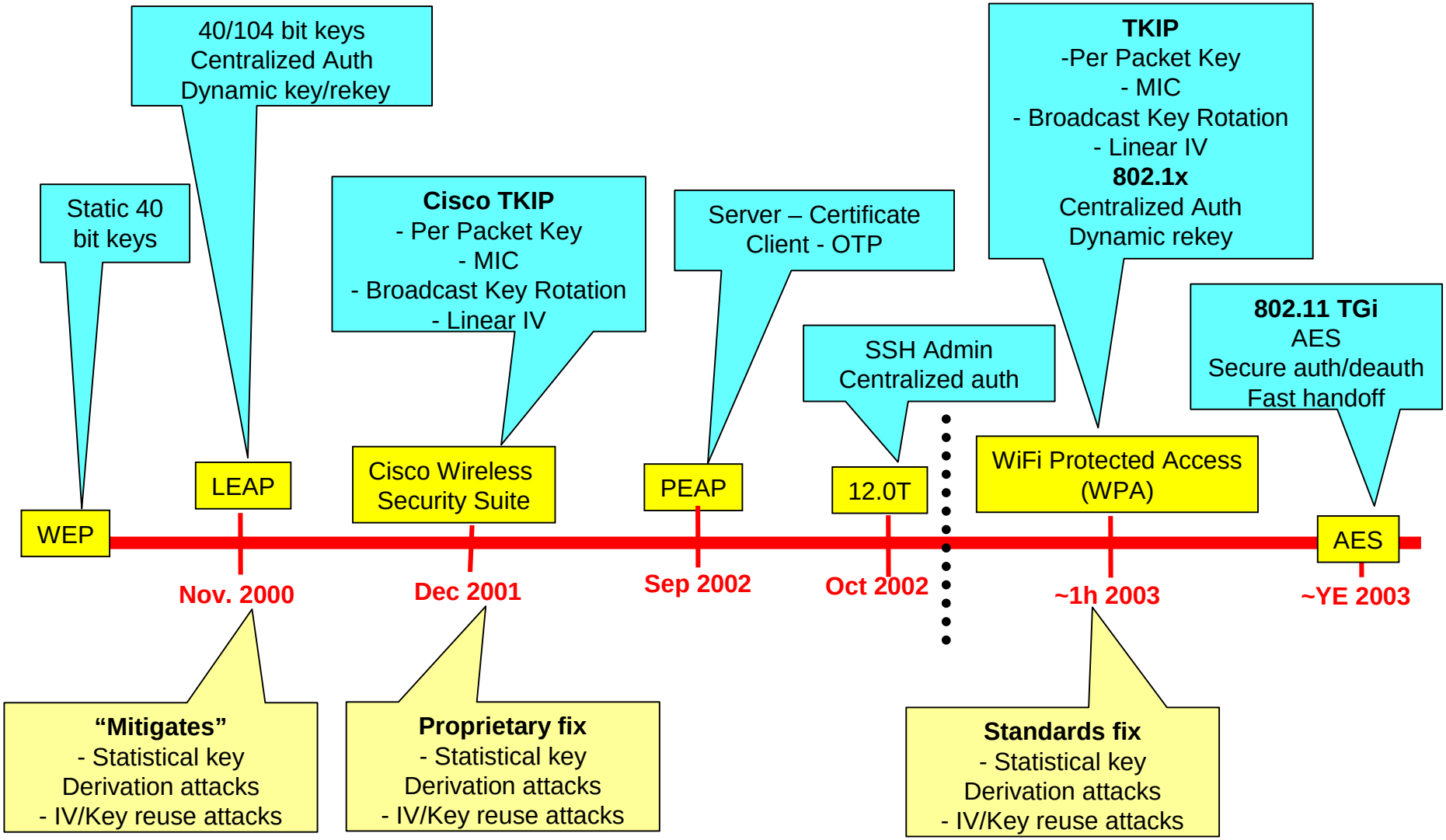


Cisco WLAN Security suite



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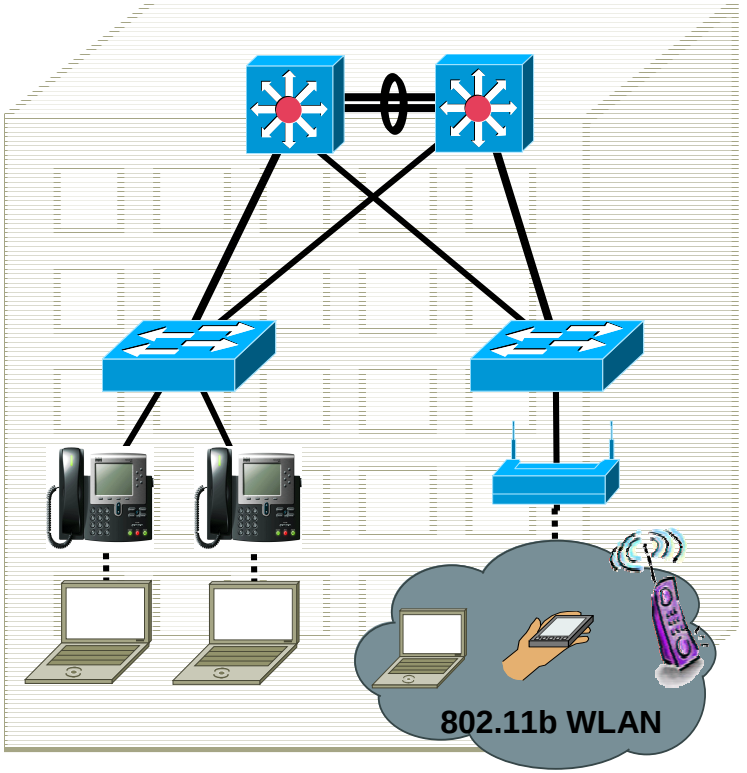


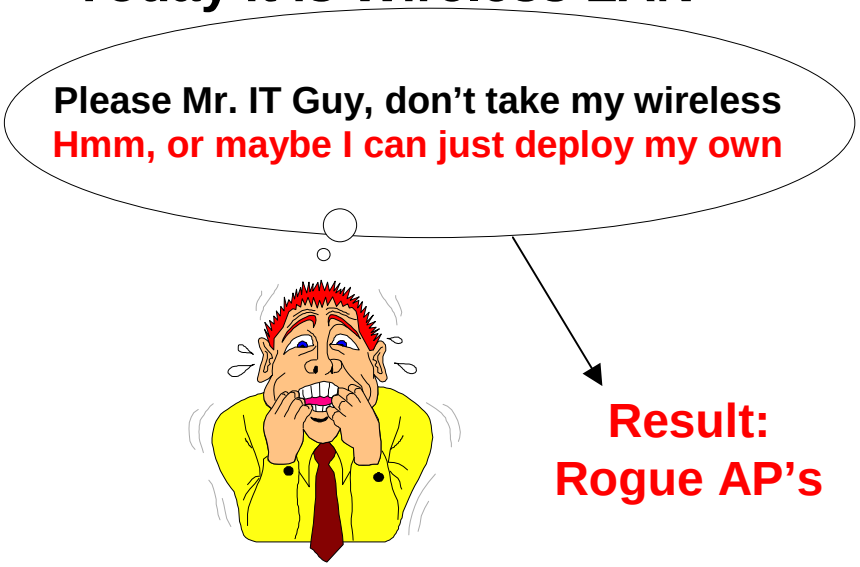
History Repeats Itself

What happens when there is a technology that is relatively *simple* to deploy, can *dramatically improve* the way we work, but is not made *readily available* to employees?

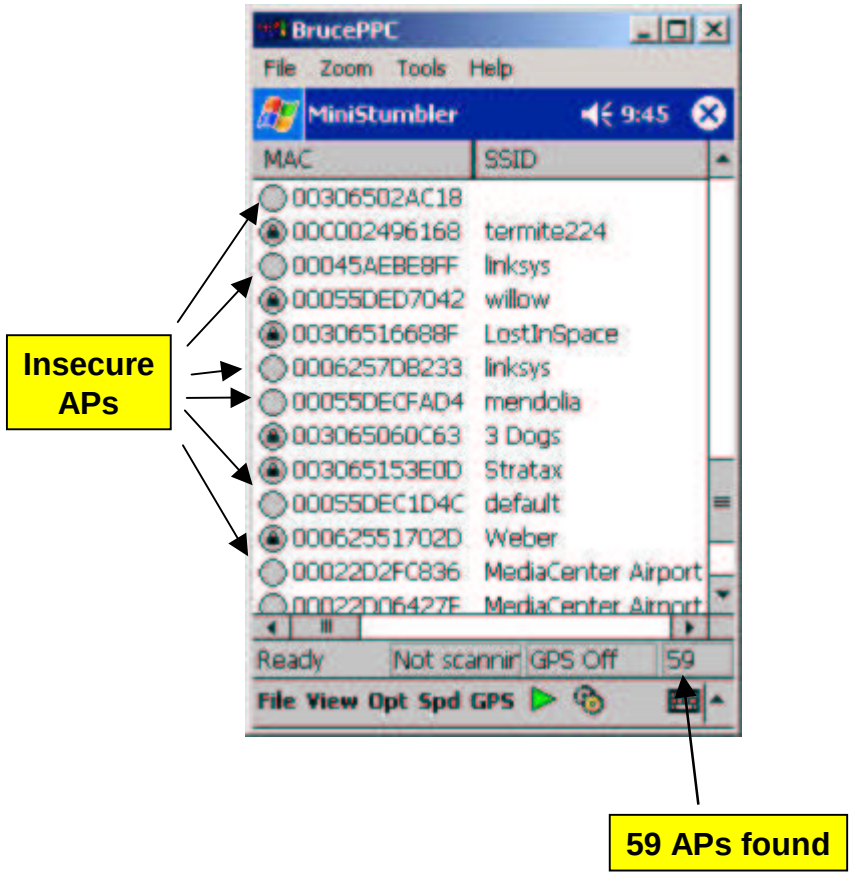
Employees will "deploy their own" and Network *stability* and *security* can be compromised

15 Years Ago it was Desktop modems

Today it is Wireless LAN



Prevalence of Rogue AP's
Example: 59 APs in 7 miles in SJ Commute

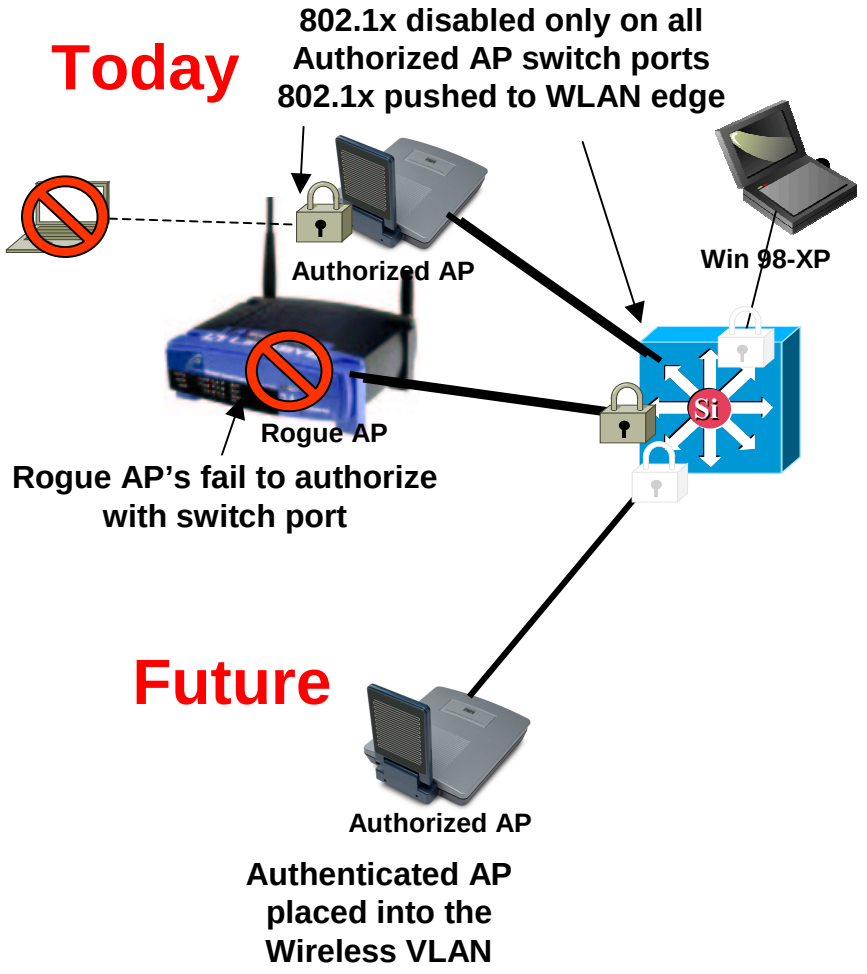


- **A daily drive to work taken within the car at normal speeds with an IPAQ running a freeware application (Mix of Residences and Enterprises)**
- **Insecure Enterprise Rogue AP's are a result of:**
  - **Well intentioned self-install due to absence of sanctioned WLAN deployment**
  - **An infrastructure that is not "Wireless Ready" to protect against Rogue APS**

Campus Mobility – Rogue AP Detection/Denial

What can be done now/soon/future?

- You probably already have a WLAN deployment in your corporate network (whether you know it or not)
- An IT deployed and supported WLAN is the best way to prevent insiders from installing their own APs
- Use a combination of scripts and wireless analyzers to regularly audit for rogue APs



Why worry about 802.1x on switch ports?

802.1x on switch ports can;

- **Prevent rogue APs from connecting**
- **Prevent any unauthorized device from connecting**

- **Allow user-based policy to be dynamically applied to switched ports**

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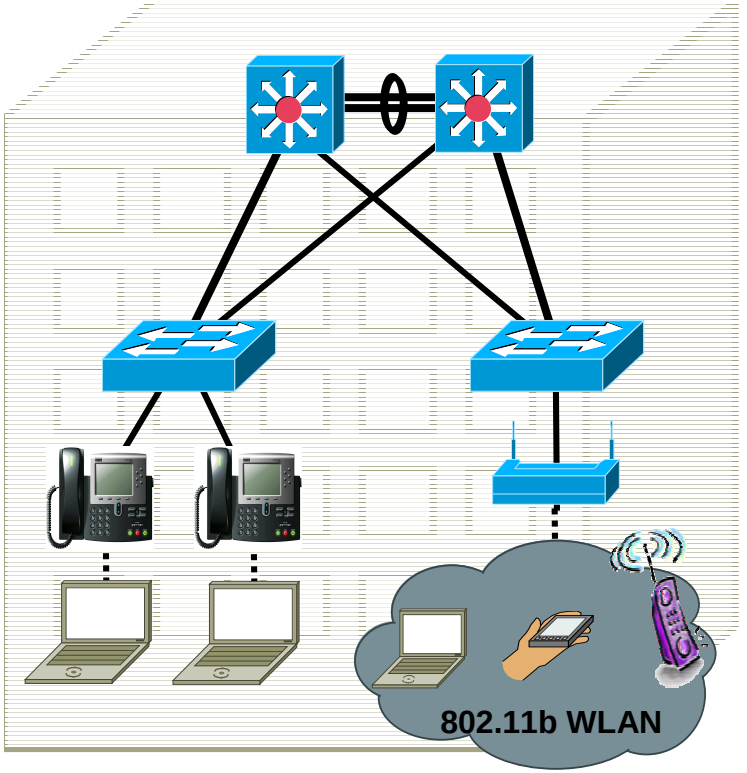
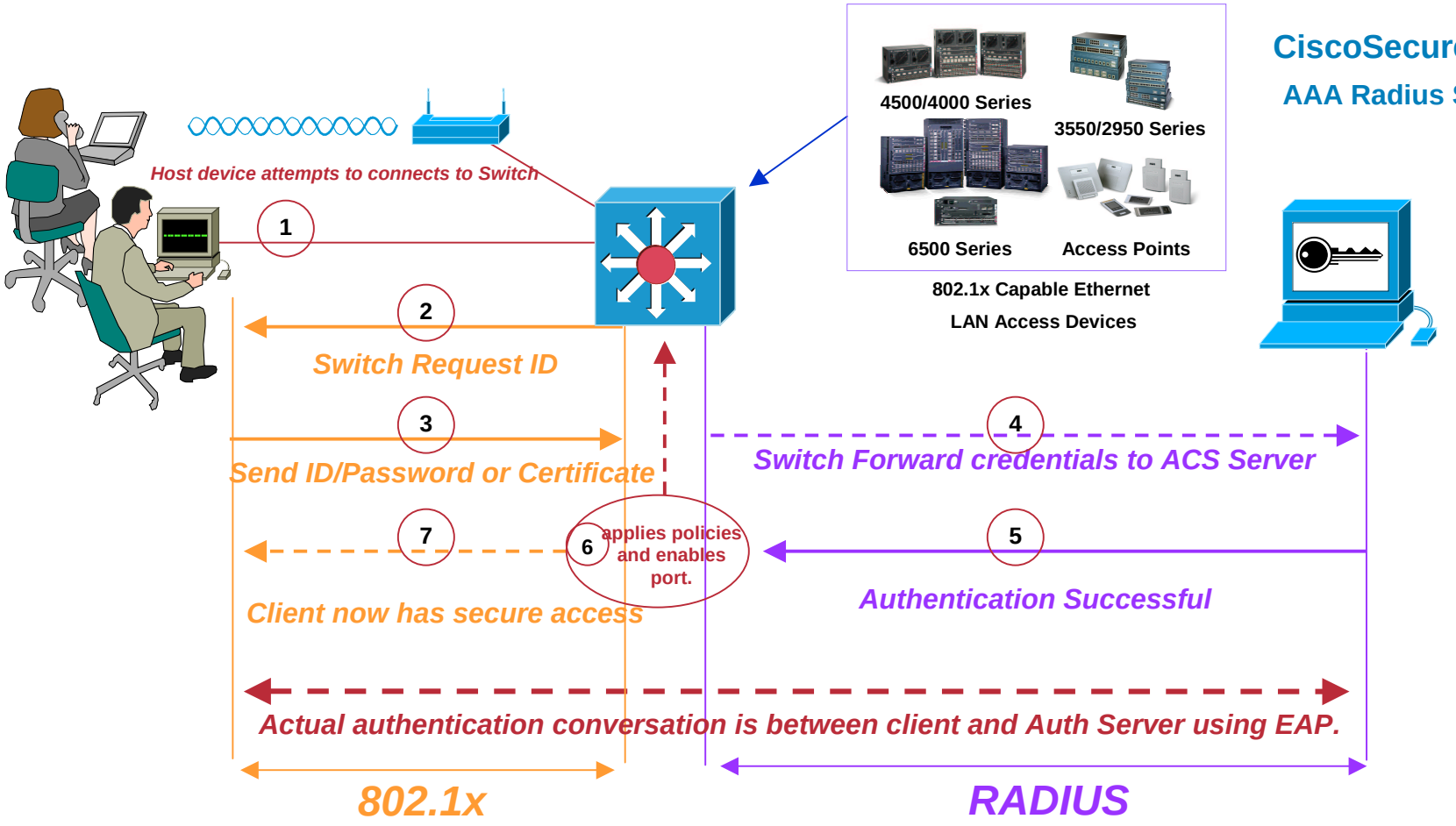


How Does Basic Port Based Network Access Work?



The switch detects the 802.1x compatible client, forces authentication, then acts as a middleman during the authentication, Upon successful authentication the switch sets the port to forwarding, and applies the designated policies.

802.1x Configuration Options

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Client OS	•WinXP (SP1) •Win2K (SP3) •Win 98 •Win ME	•Apple OS X •RedHat Linux •HP/UX •Sun Solaris
Supplicant	•OS Integrated •MeetingHouse •Open1x	•ACU
RADIUS Server	•MS Win2K IAS •CiscoSecure ACS •MS .NET Server IAS	•FreeRADIUS •SteelBelted RADIUS •MeetingHouse Aegis
Authentication Method	•EAP-TLS •EAP-MD5 •MS PEAP w/MSCHAPv2 •MS PEAP w/EAP-TLS	•Cisco PEAP w/MSCHAPv2 •Cisco PEAP w/EAP-GTC •MS PEAP w/EAP-GTC
PKI CA	•MS Win2K Certificate Server •OpenCA •Entrust	•Verisign
Authenticator	•Catalyst 6500 •Catalyst 4500 •Catalyst 2950	•Catalyst 3550 •Aironet 350 •Aironet 1100/1200

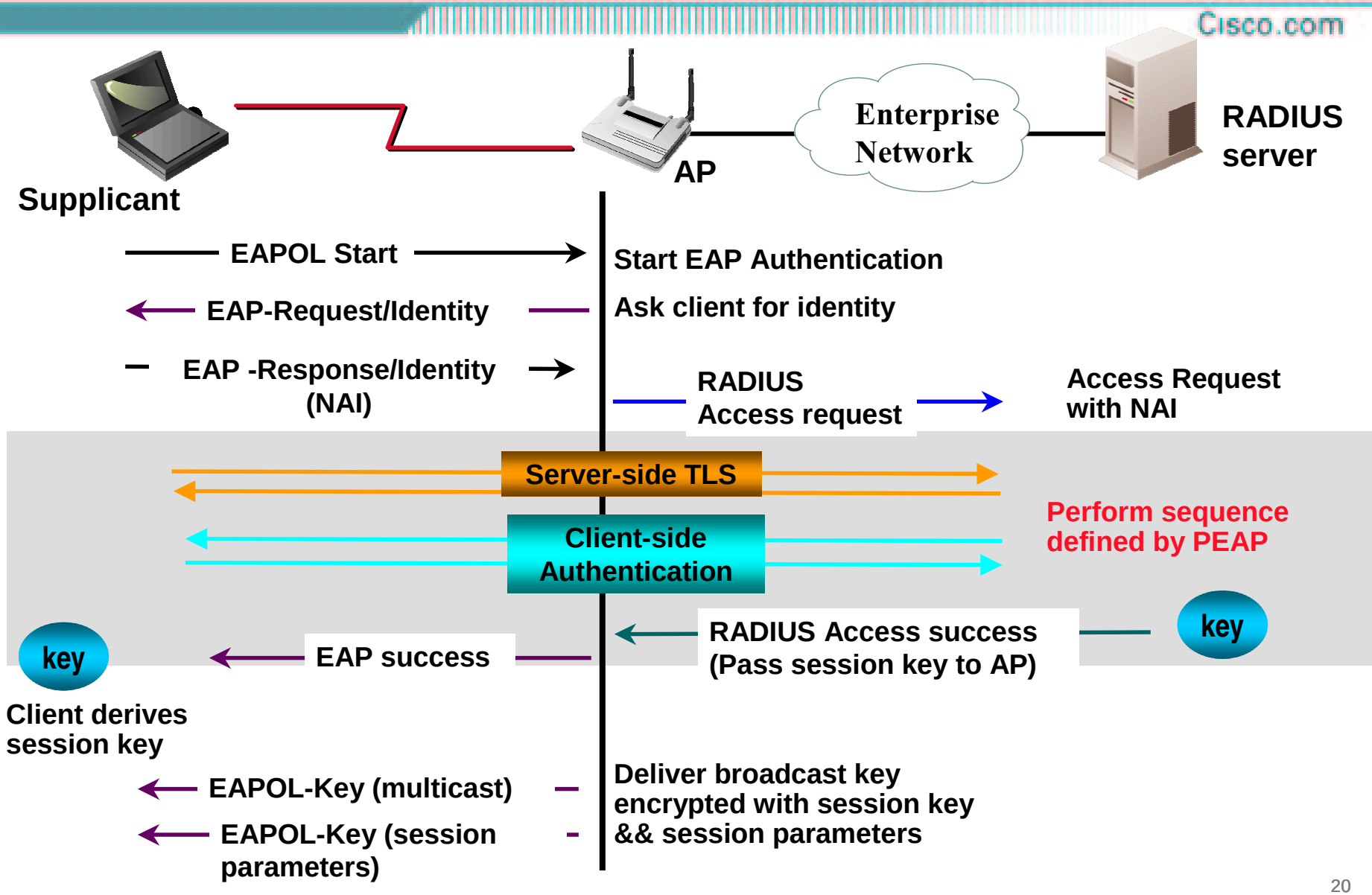
Operating System 802.1x Support?

- **Microsoft Windows XP Professional Microsoft Windows 2000 & 2000 Server, NT4.0, ME, 98 & 98SE (Microsoft add-on)**
  http://www.microsoft.com/windows2000/server/evaluation/news/bulletins/8021xclient.asp
  http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;313664
- **Linux (Open Source add-on)**
  http://www.open1.com/
- **Sun Solaris (Open Source add-on)**
  http://www.open1.com/
- **Cisco LEAP/PEAP client (wireless only)**
- **Funk client (wireless only?)**
  http://www.funk.com/
- **MeetingHouse Client**
  http://www.mtghouse.com/

Some 802.1x supplicants for wired and wireless

 Wireless	 Wired
EAP-Cisco (LEAP)	—
PEAP (Cisco or MS supplicant)	**PEAP** (MS supplicant)
EAP-TLS (MS supplicant)	**EAP-TLS** (MS supplicant)
—	**EAP-MD5** (MS supplicant

A Closer Look at PEAP Auth



Example Solution — Access Control and User Policy Enforcement

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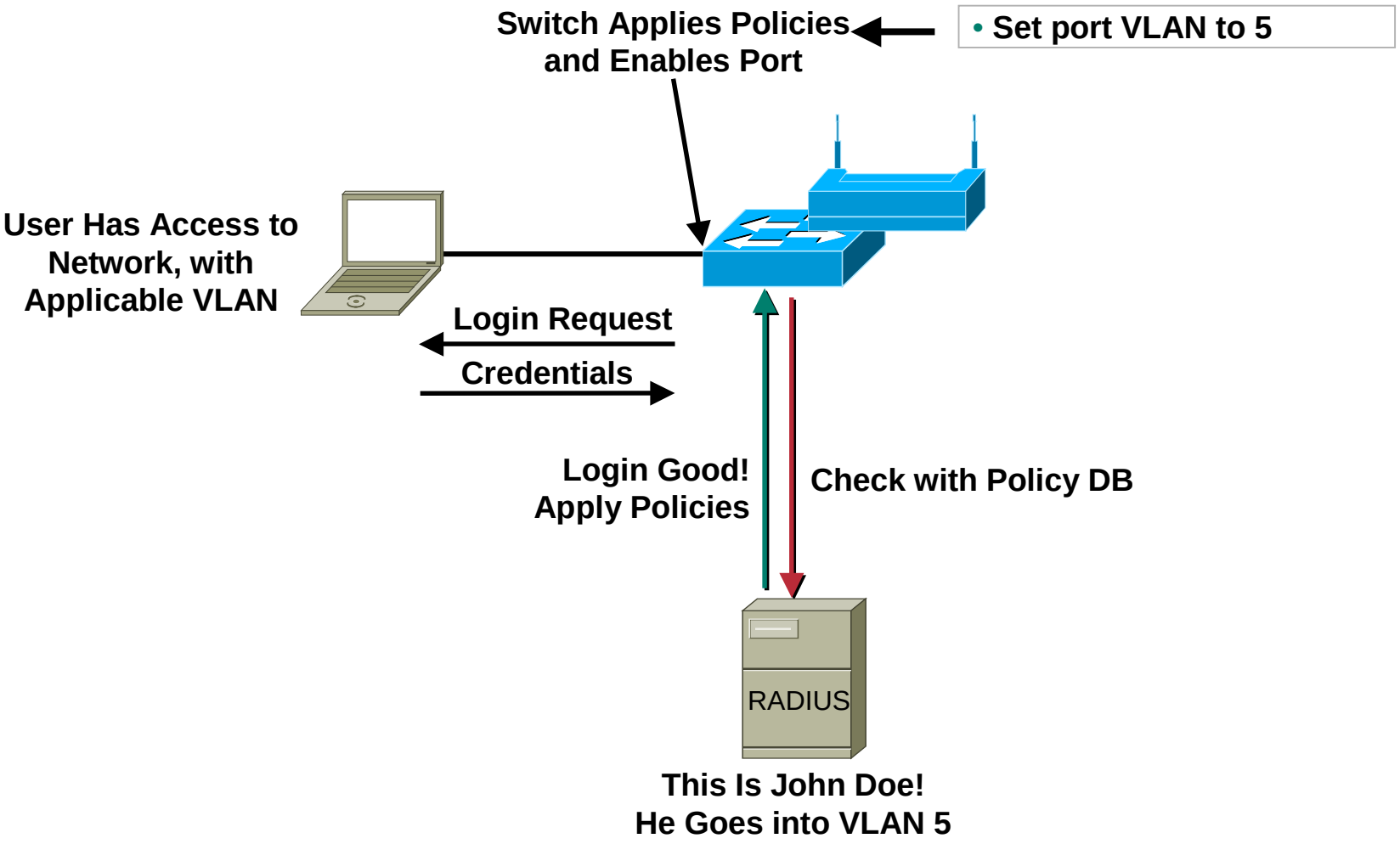

Deployment Recommendations

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- **If deploying or testing 802.1x in the next 3-4 months:**

  Wired Authentication

  For authentication using Username/Password credentials use WinXP or Win2K clients with PEAP/MS-CHAPv2 against MS Win2K Server IAS. Provides single login for Windows & 802.1x. -> ACS 3.2

  For stronger security use WinXP or Win2K clients with EAP-TLS against ACS 3.1.1 if group policies are not needed, and Win2K Server IAS if group policies are needed. SmartCards are an additional option with EAP-TLS. -> ACS 3.2

  Wireless Authentication

  For wireless authentication using ACU, use LEAP or Cisco PEAP against ACS 3.1.1.

  For Wireless authentication using Windows wireless client use EAP-TLS against ACS 3.1.1.

- **If deploying or testing 802.1x 4+ months out:**

  Use ACS for all AAA functionality once PEAP/MS-CHAPv2 is available.

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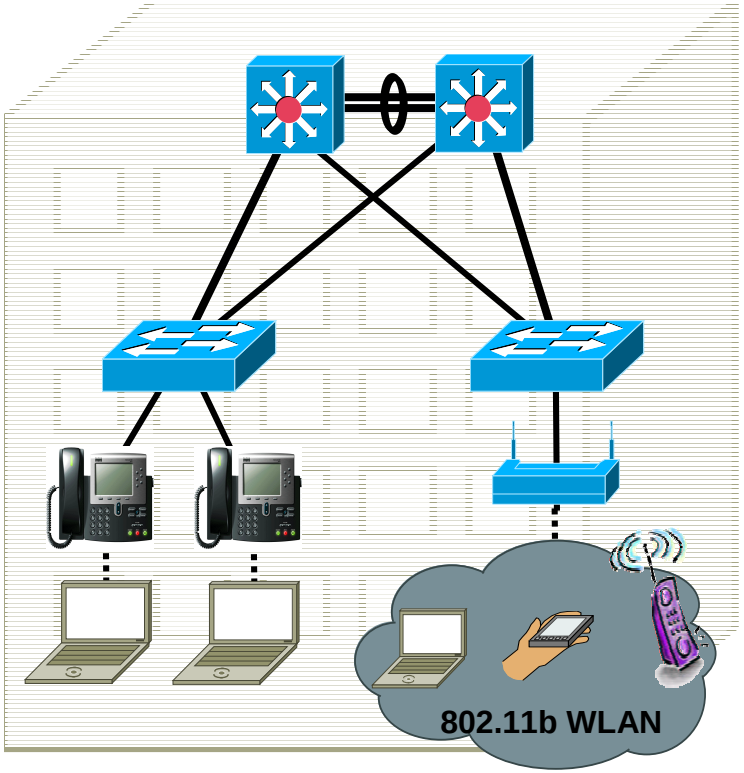
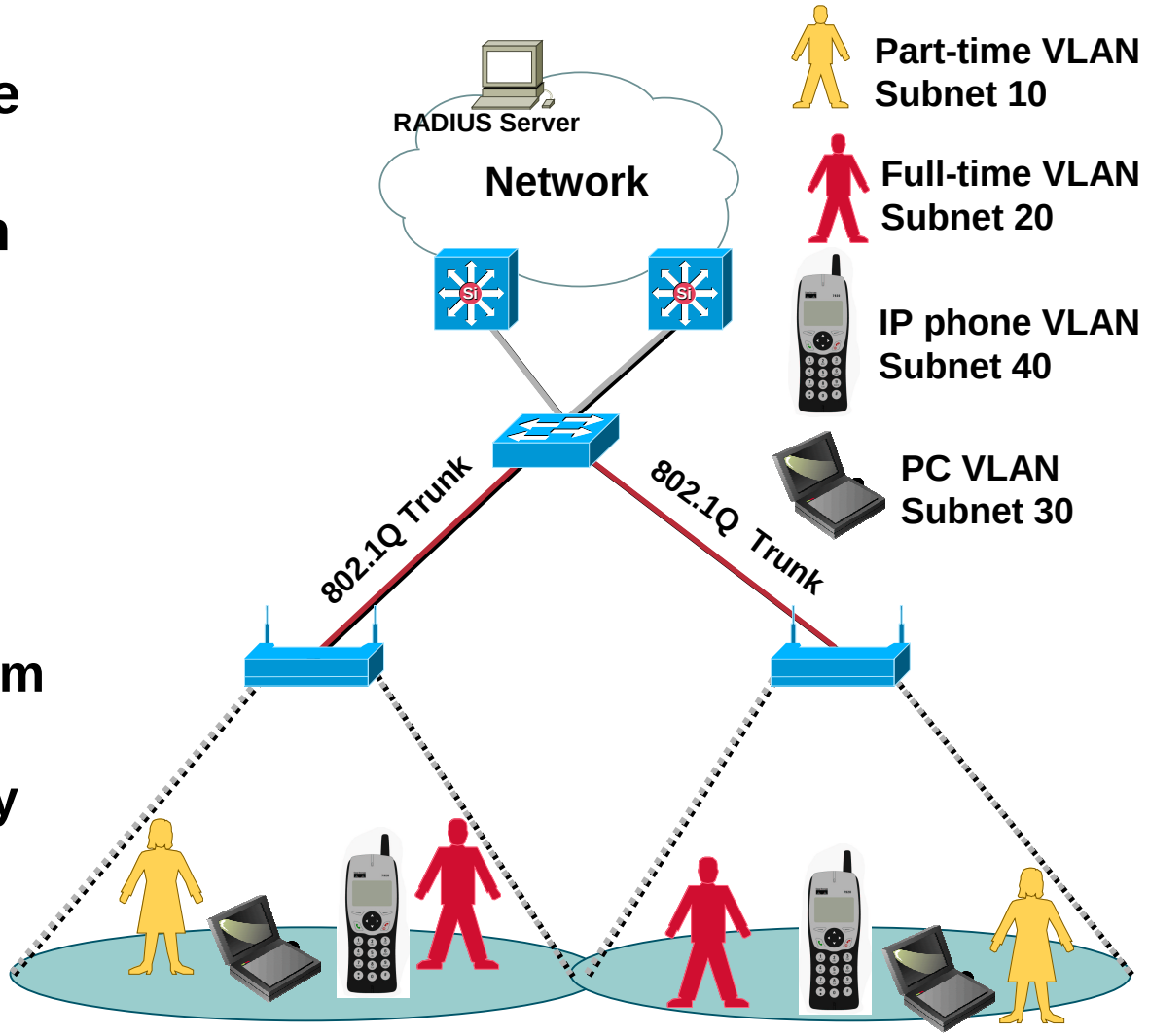


Extending Wired VLANs to Wireless

- Use AP VLANs to implement user/device differentiation
- Use multiple SSIDs on the wireless interface
  - –SSID to VLAN-id mapping done by AP and enforced by RADIUS server
  - –Implement an Authentication and Encryption mechanism per VLAN/SSID
  - –Implement a security and QoS policy per VLAN/SSID both on wireless and wired sides



Summary of Rules for VLAN Deployment

1. Ability to provision an 802.1Q hybrid trunk on the Switch between it and the AP/Bridge
2. Maximum of 16 VLANs per ESS are supported; each wireless VLAN is represented with a unique SSID name
3. Maximum of 1 “primary”/Guest SSID per ESS is supported (This is the only SSID that is broadcast by the AP)
4. Maximum of 1 unencrypted VLAN per ESS is supported
5. User must configure a unique broadcast key per VLAN
6. Ability to enable TKIP/MIC/Broadcast key rotation per VLAN
7. Ability to configure OPEN, Shared-Key, MAC, Network-EAP (LEAP), and EAP authentication types per SSID

Summary of Rules for VLAN Deployment

8. Shared-Key Authentication supported only on the SSID mapped to the native VLAN (this is most likely to be the "Infrastructure" SSID)
9. A unique policy group (set of L2/L3/L4 filters) is allowed per VLAN
10. Each SSID is mapped to a default wired VLAN; Ability to override this default SSID to VLAN-id using RADIUS-based VLAN access control mechanisms are supported
    - RADIUS-based VLAN-id assignment per user is supported
    - RADIUS-based SSID access control per user is supported
11. Ability to assign a CoS mapping per VLAN (8 different levels of priorities are supported)
12. Ability to control number of clients per SSID

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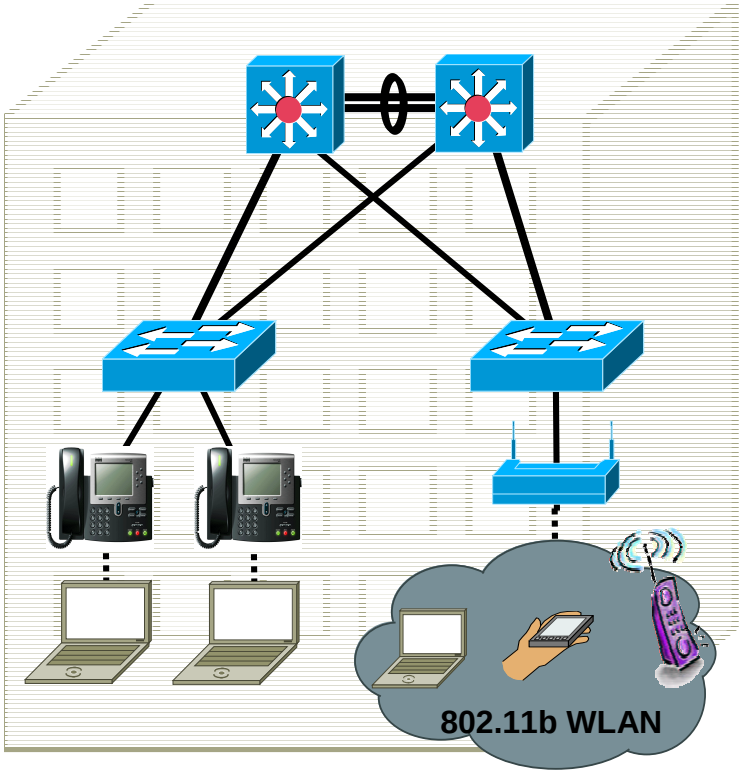
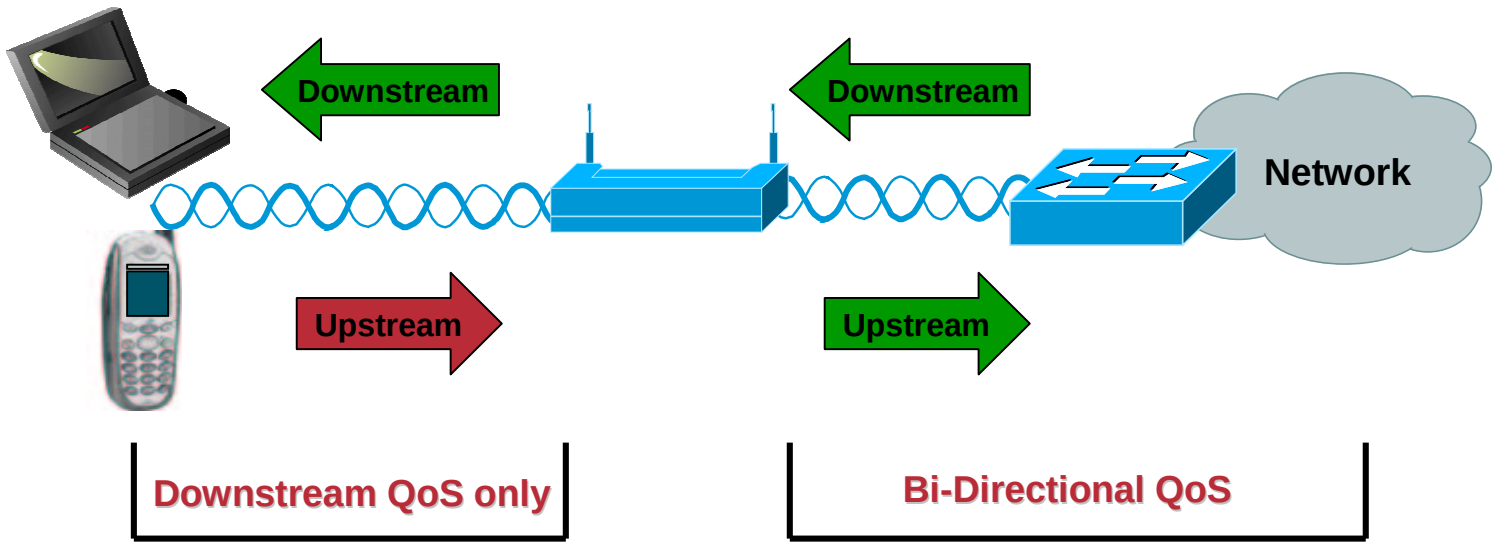


Drivers for QoS in WLAN Networks

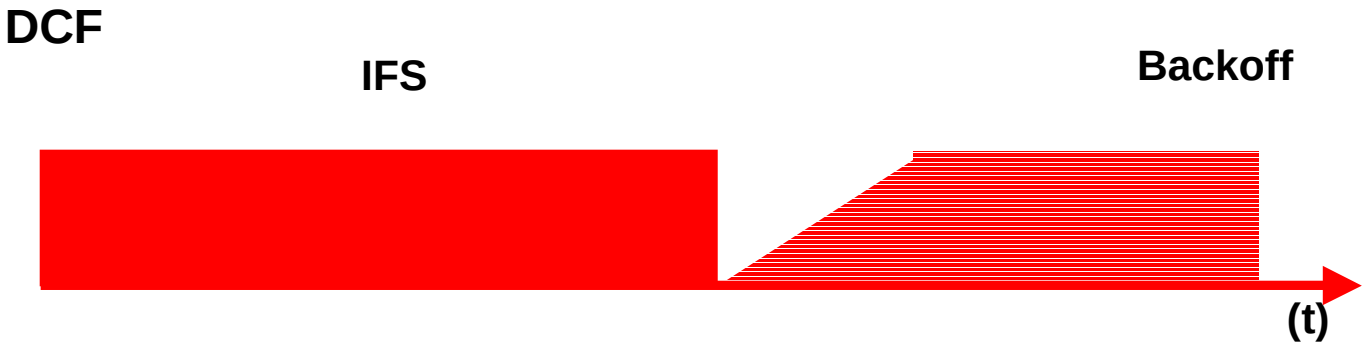
- **Combined deployment of data, voice, and video applications over WLAN – Converged networks**
- **Having the ability to minimize end-to-end delay and jitter for voice and video applications**
- **Becomes critical in a congested WLAN environment**
- **Mobility in clients means that simple capacity planning is insufficient to control quality –QoS is perhaps more important in Mobile Networks**

WLAN QoS

- **WLAN AP can use “EDCF like” functionality to provide “soft” QoS for downstream traffic based on packet classification**



Distributed Coordination Function (DCF)



- **What is DCF?**

  Distributed Coordination Function

- **Uses IFS and backoff for CSMA**
- **Use RTS/CTS for CA**

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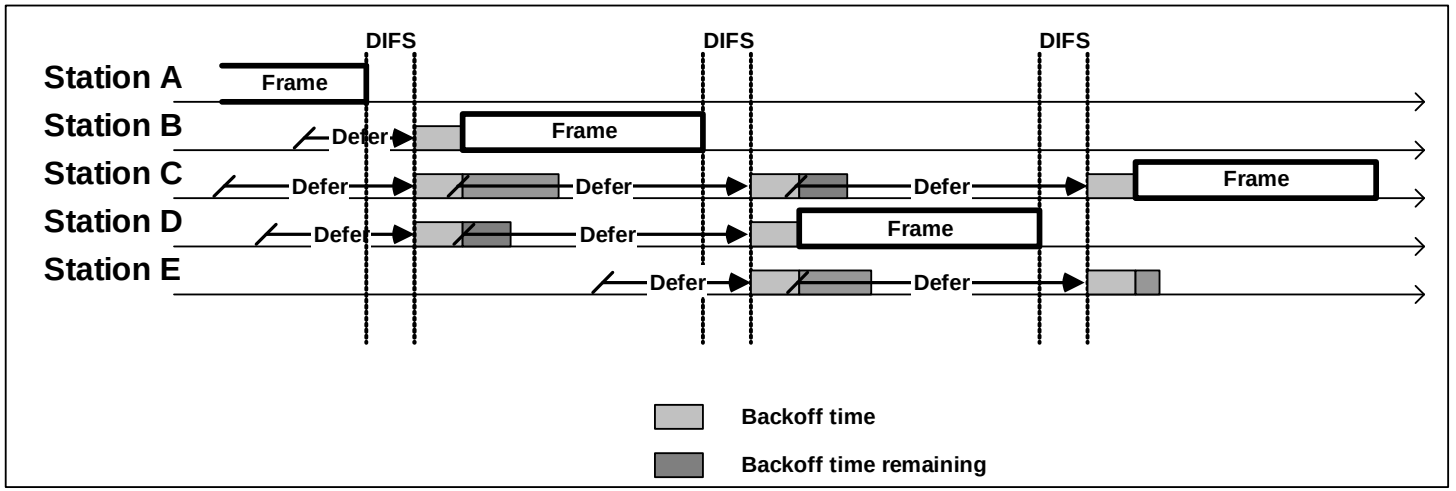
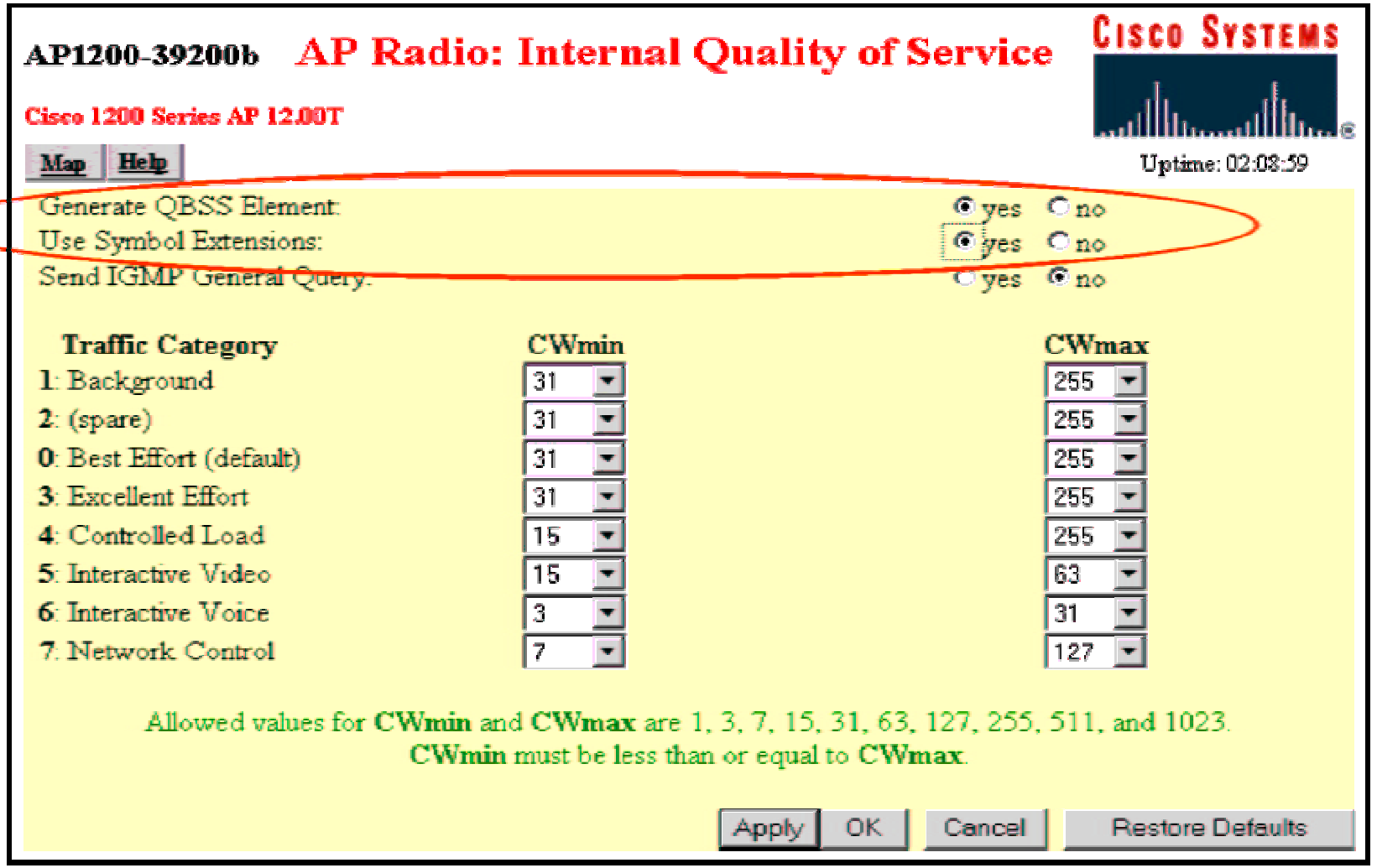
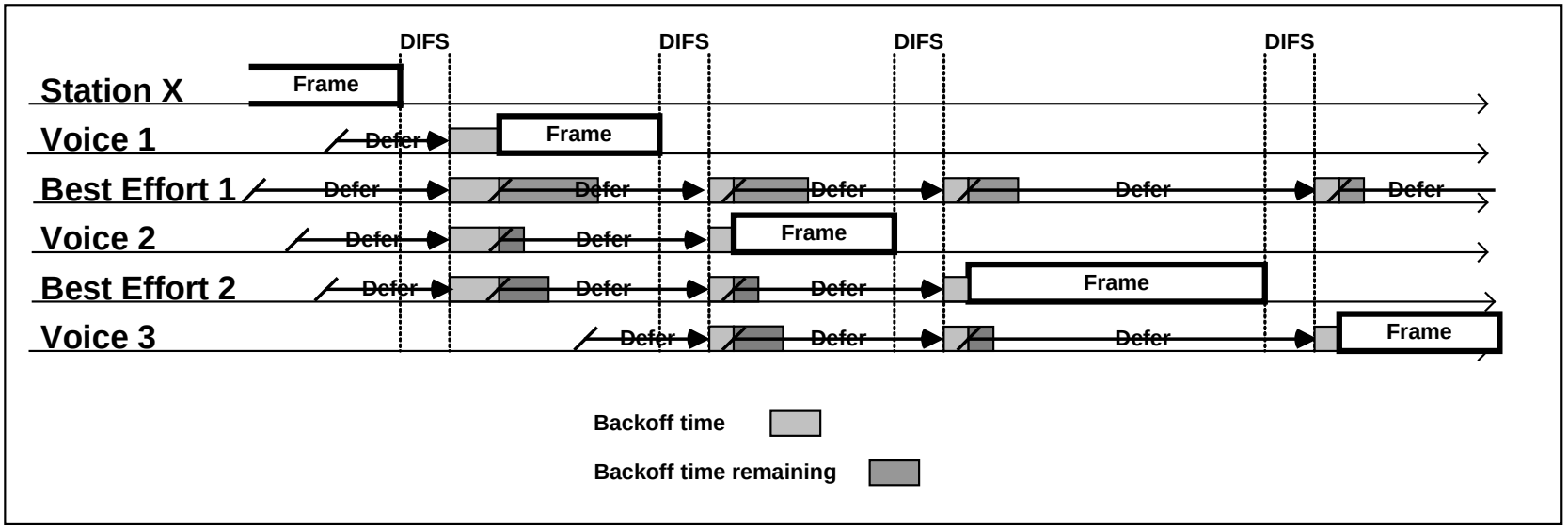


- **The interframe space begins when the medium becomes free**
  - **SIFS, and PIFS are shorter than the DIFS**
- **Once the DIFS expires the random back off mechanism kicks in**
  - **First random backoff number is between 0 and CWmin**
  - **If retransmission is required CWmin doubles until it reaches CWmax**

Altering Random backup

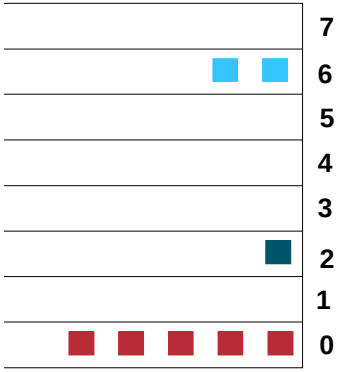


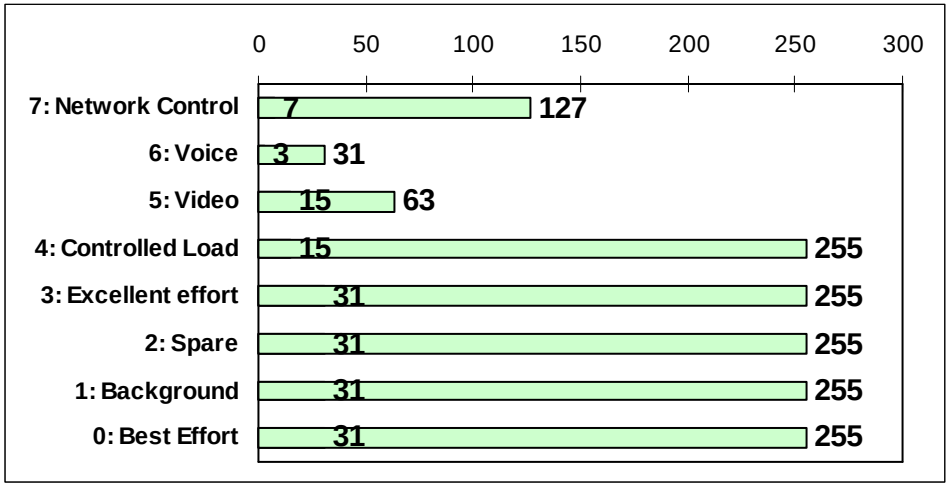
EDCF: CWmin and CWmax



- **CWmin and CWmax a manipulated to give different QoS**
- **This is a statistical process**

“EDCF like” QoS in 12+ code on AP





- **Per-Station QoS mapping (for the VoIP handsets)**
- **802.1p (802.1Q priory bits) to CoS Mapping**
- **Egress Policy-Group (Filter) based CoS Mapping**
- **IP Differentiated Services Code Point (DSCP) to CoS mapping**
- **VLAN-id to CoS mapping**

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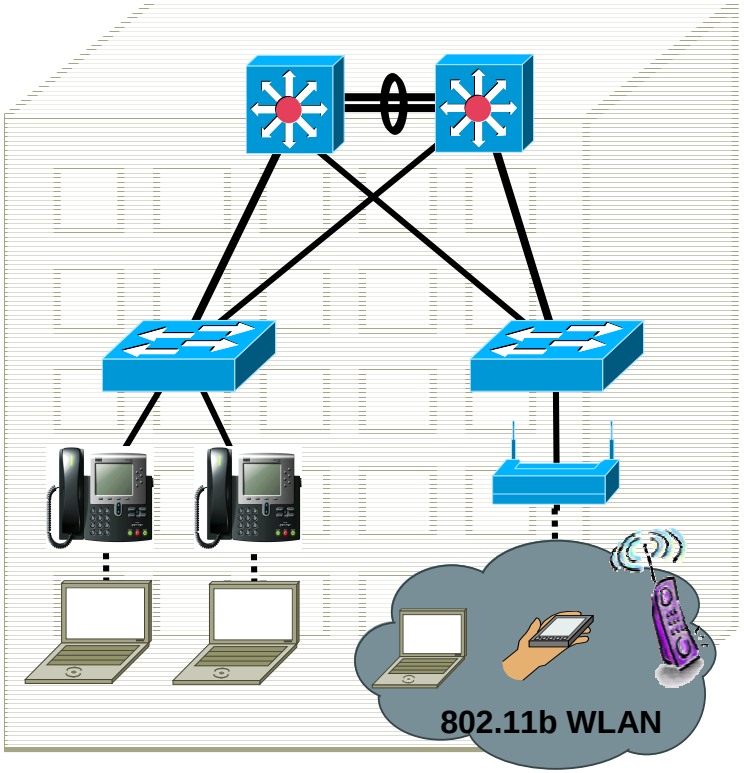

Roaming Types
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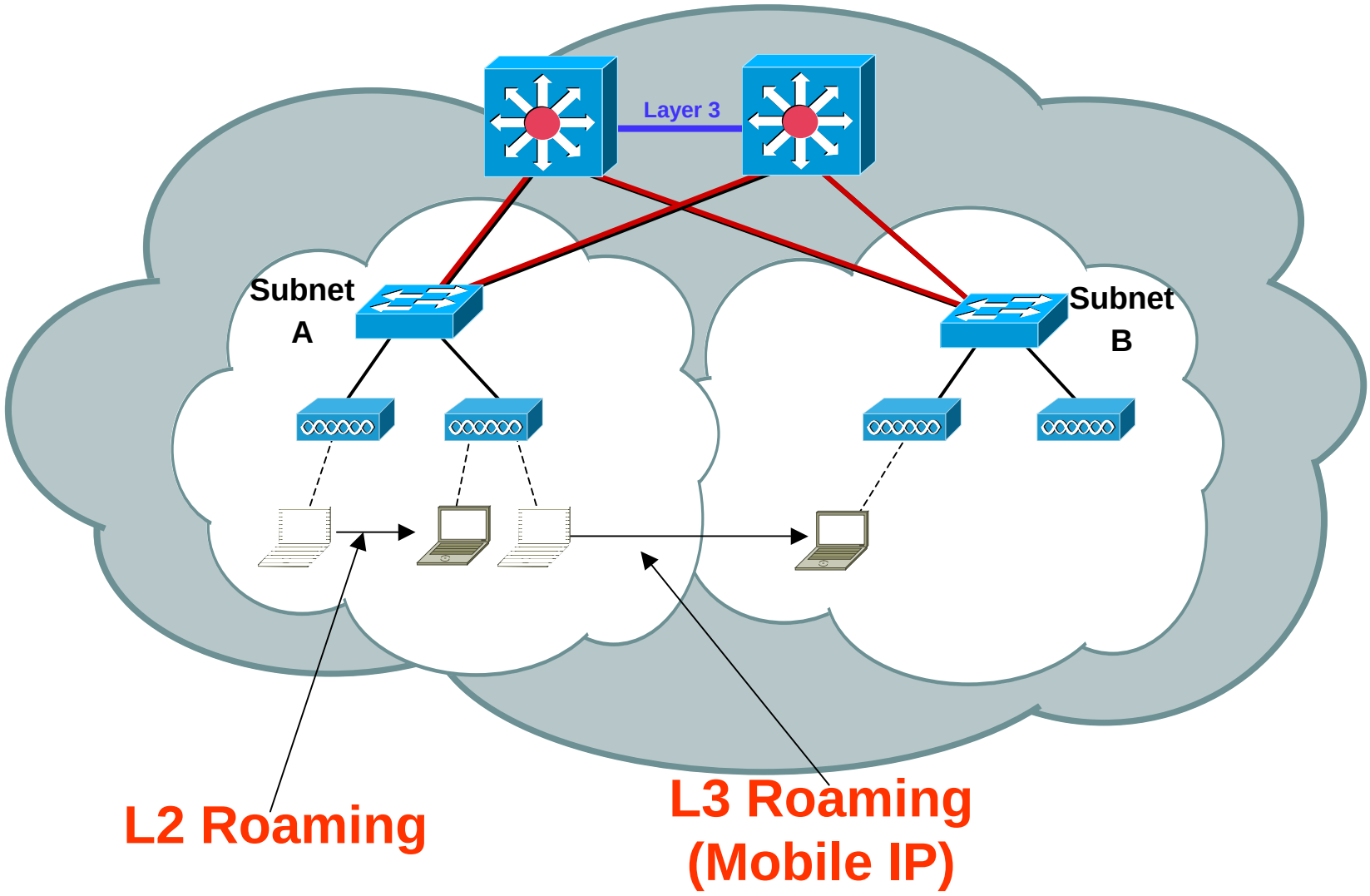
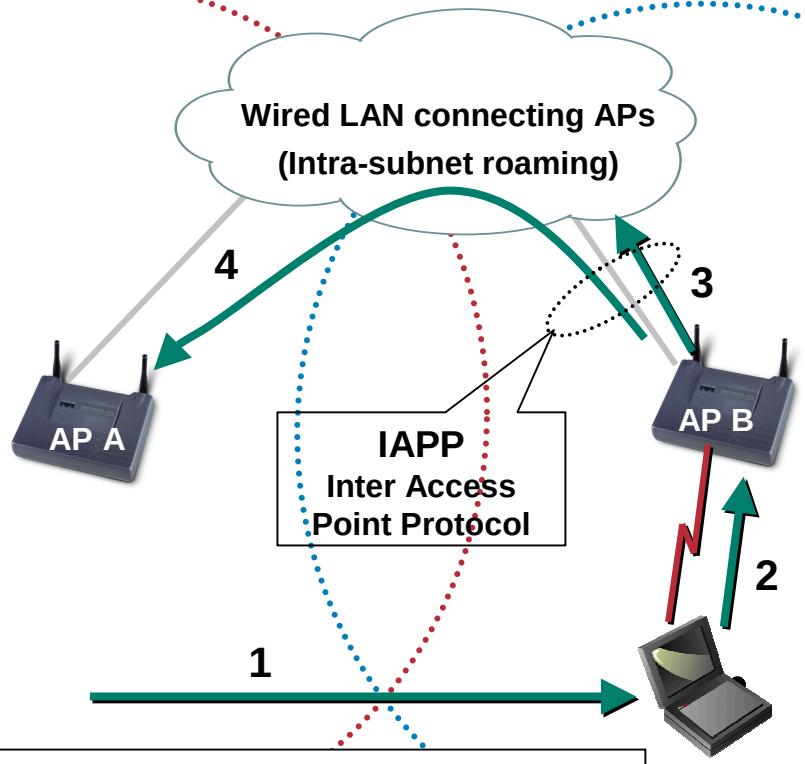


Same VLAN Roaming



4. AP "B" sends a MAC multicast using its own Source Address telling the "old" AP that AP "B" now has the client associated to it. AP "A" receives this multicast and removes the client MAC address from its association table.

3. AP "B" sends a null MAC multicast using the Source Address of the client. This updates the CAM tables in upstream switches and directs further LAN traffic for the client to AP B, and not AP A

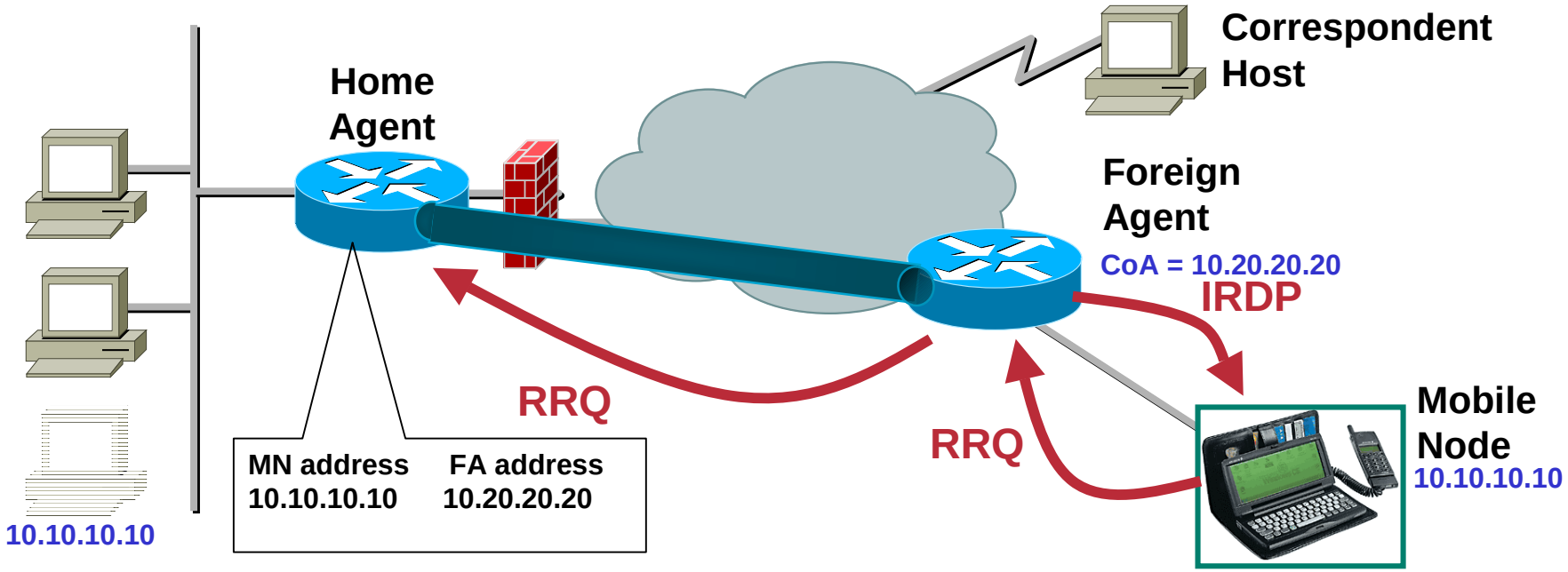
2. The client then scans all 802.11 channels for alternative APs. In this case the client discovers AP "B" and re-authenticates and re-associates to it.

1. A Client moves from AP "A" coverage area into AP "B" coverage area (both APs in same subnet). As the client moves out of AP "A" range a "Roaming Event" will be triggered (e.g. Max Retries).

Mobile IP - What Do I Gain?

- **Hierarchical network design for WLAN**
  - Mobile IP makes both network designer and mobile user happy
- **Seamless transition between Layer 2 connections**
  - Continuous “best available” network connectivity
  - Any media that supports IP can support Mobile IP
    - Wired (Ethernet), Wireless (Cellular – 2.5G, 3G and WLAN)
- **Application transparency**
  - Works with all IP applications
  - Maintains the same IP Address while roaming
  - No authentication is required at each network change
  - Ability to “Push” to the mobile user any time anywhere

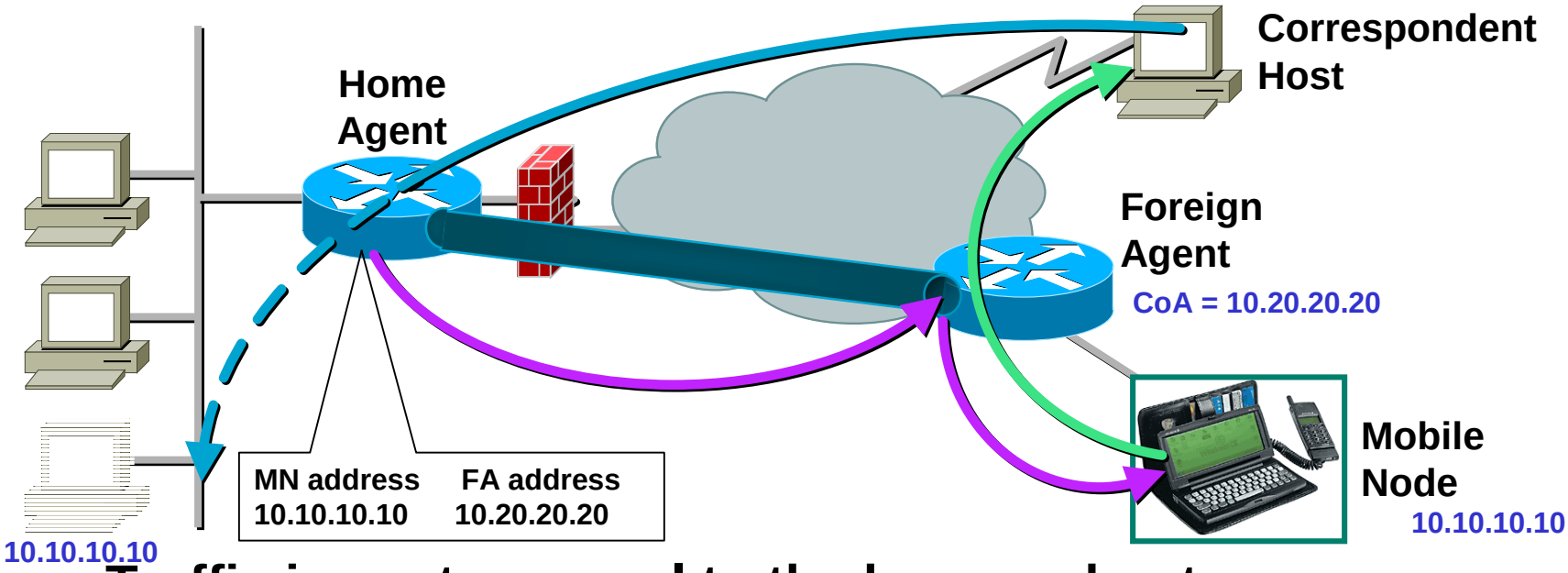
Mobile IP
(registration)



- MN discovers FA – IRDP, MN can solicit IRDP advertisement
- MN sends Registration Request (RRQ) to FA
- Foreign Agent checks RRQ, and forwards to Home Agent
- Home Agent checks RRQ (authentication), and creates binding

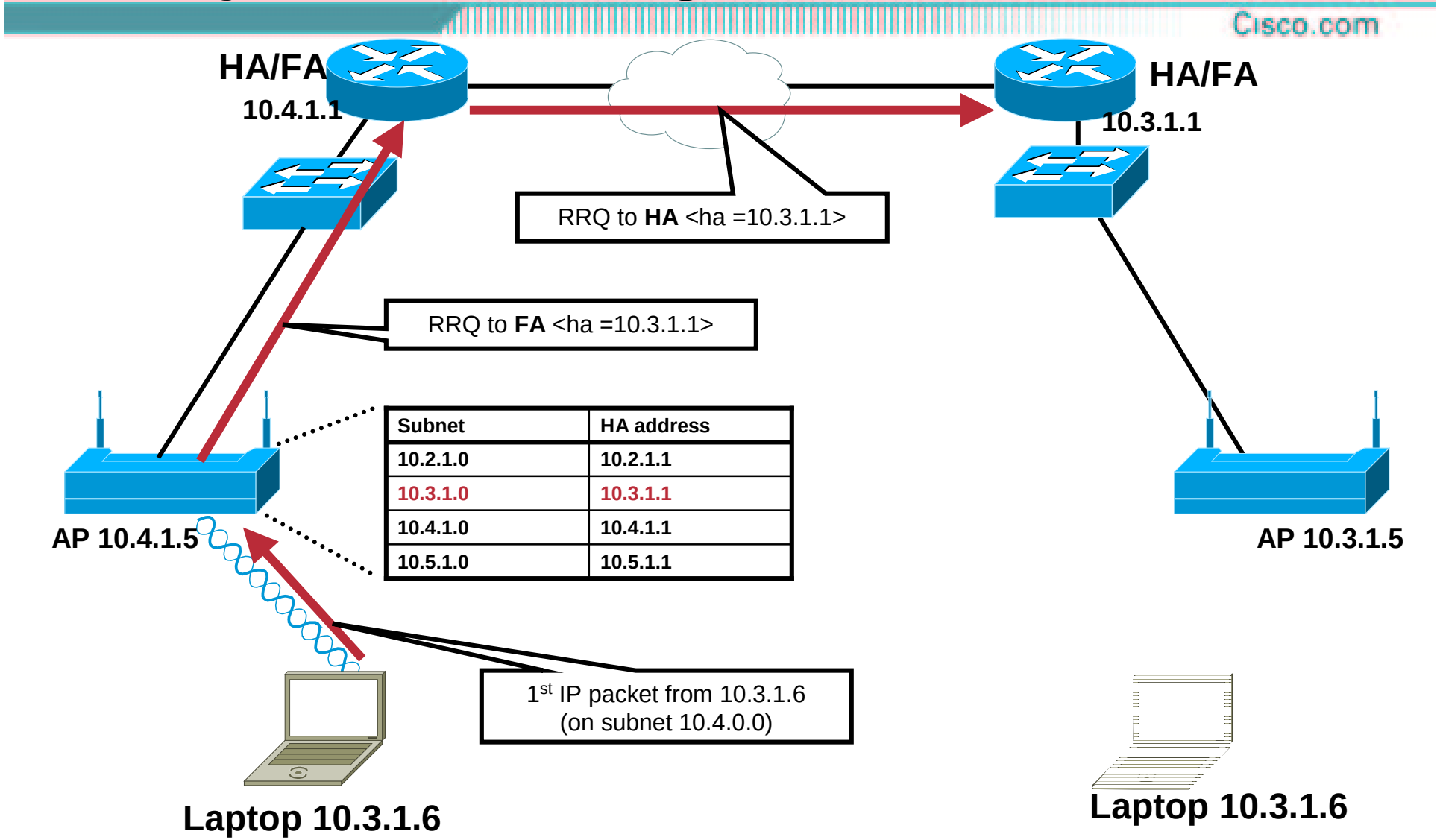
Table entry correlating MN IP address with FA Care of address (CoA) address

Mobile IP
(Standard Packet Forwarding)

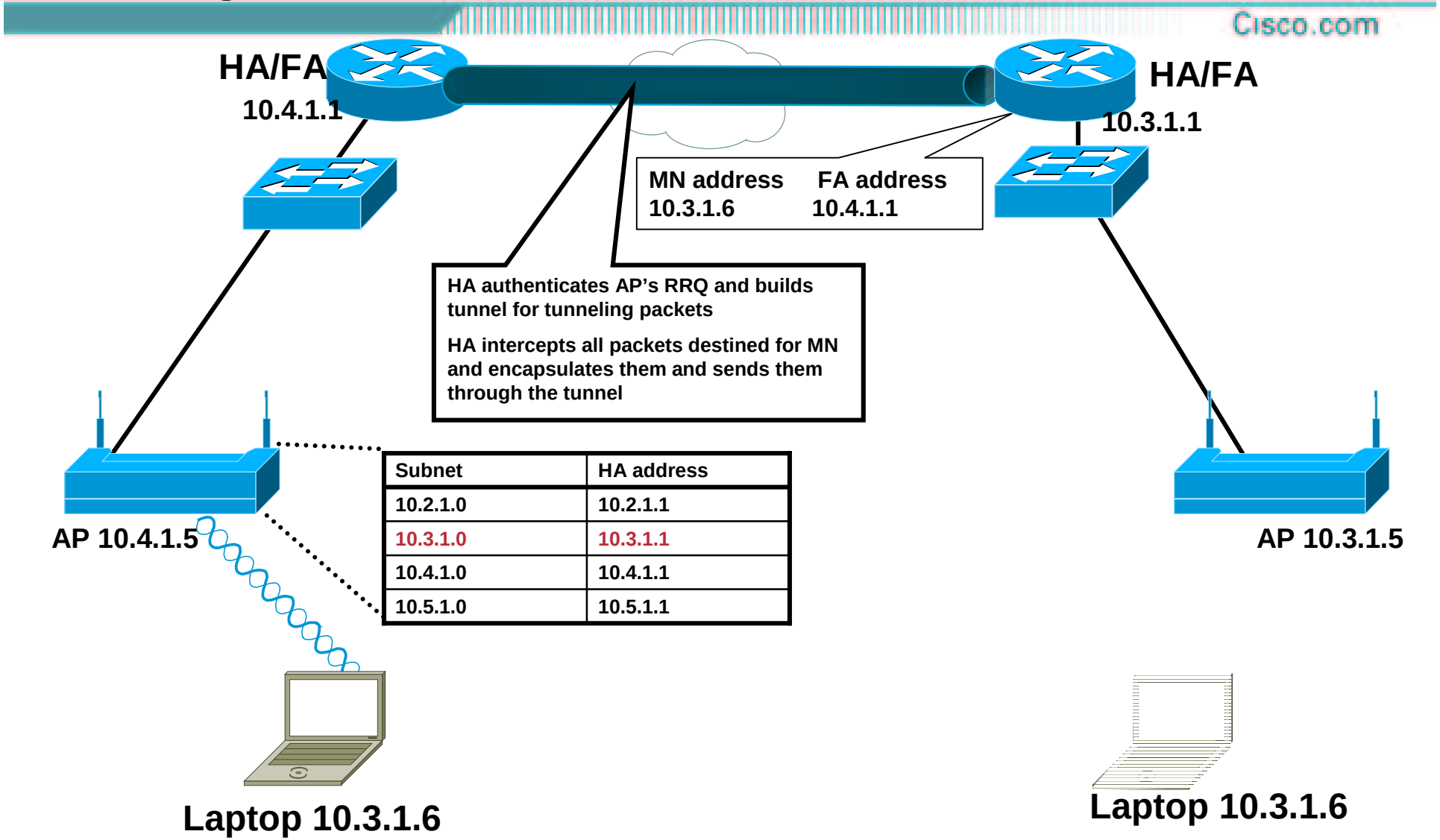


- Traffic is sent as usual to the home subnet
- The home agent intercepts the traffic while the mobile node is registered as away
- Traffic is tunneled to the CoA of the MN and forwarded to MN
- Traffic from the mobile node can go directly to the correspondent host

Proxy Mobile IP - registration



Proxy Mobile IP – Tunnel built



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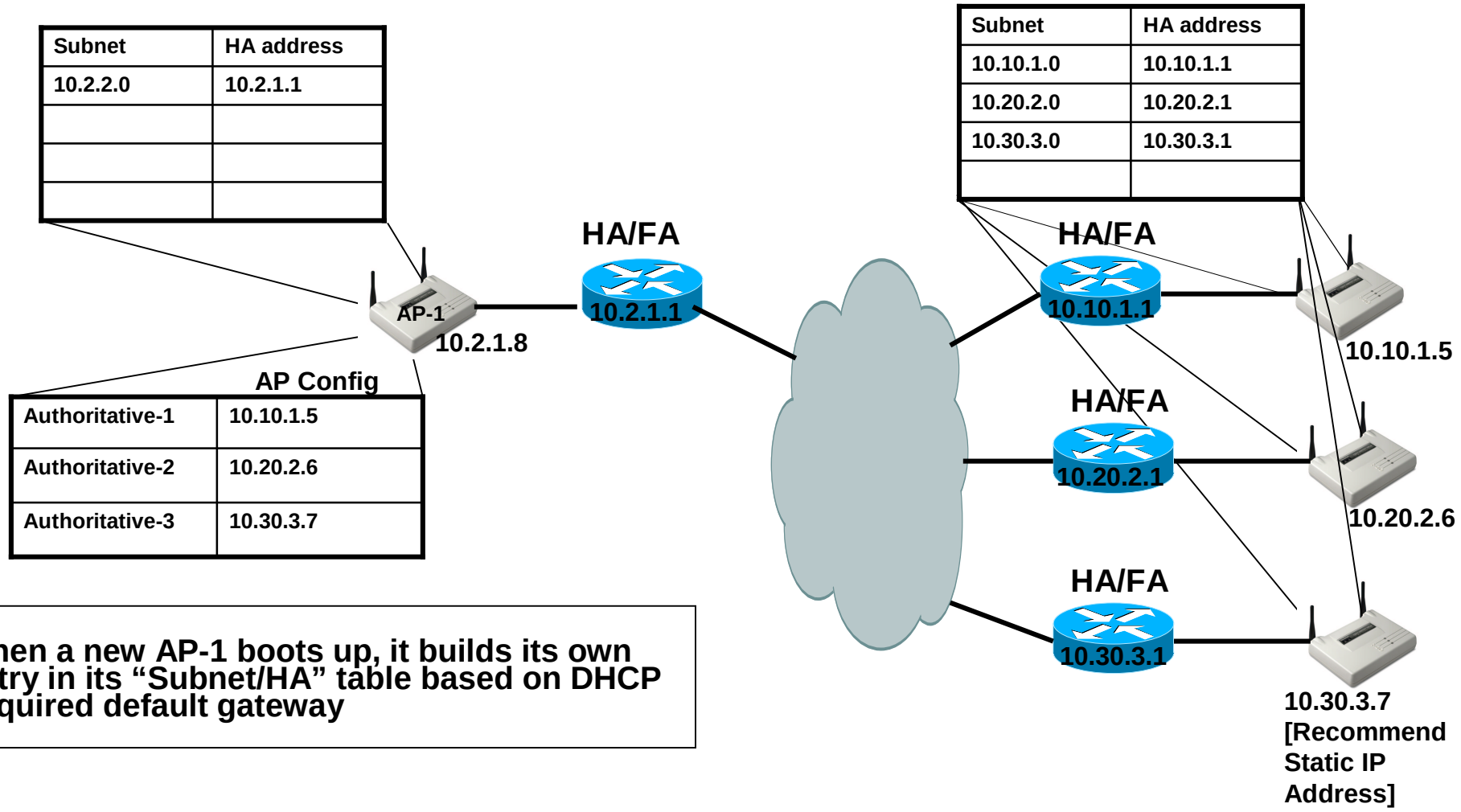

When a new AP-1 boots up, it builds its own entry in its "Subnet/HA" table based on DHCP acquired default gateway

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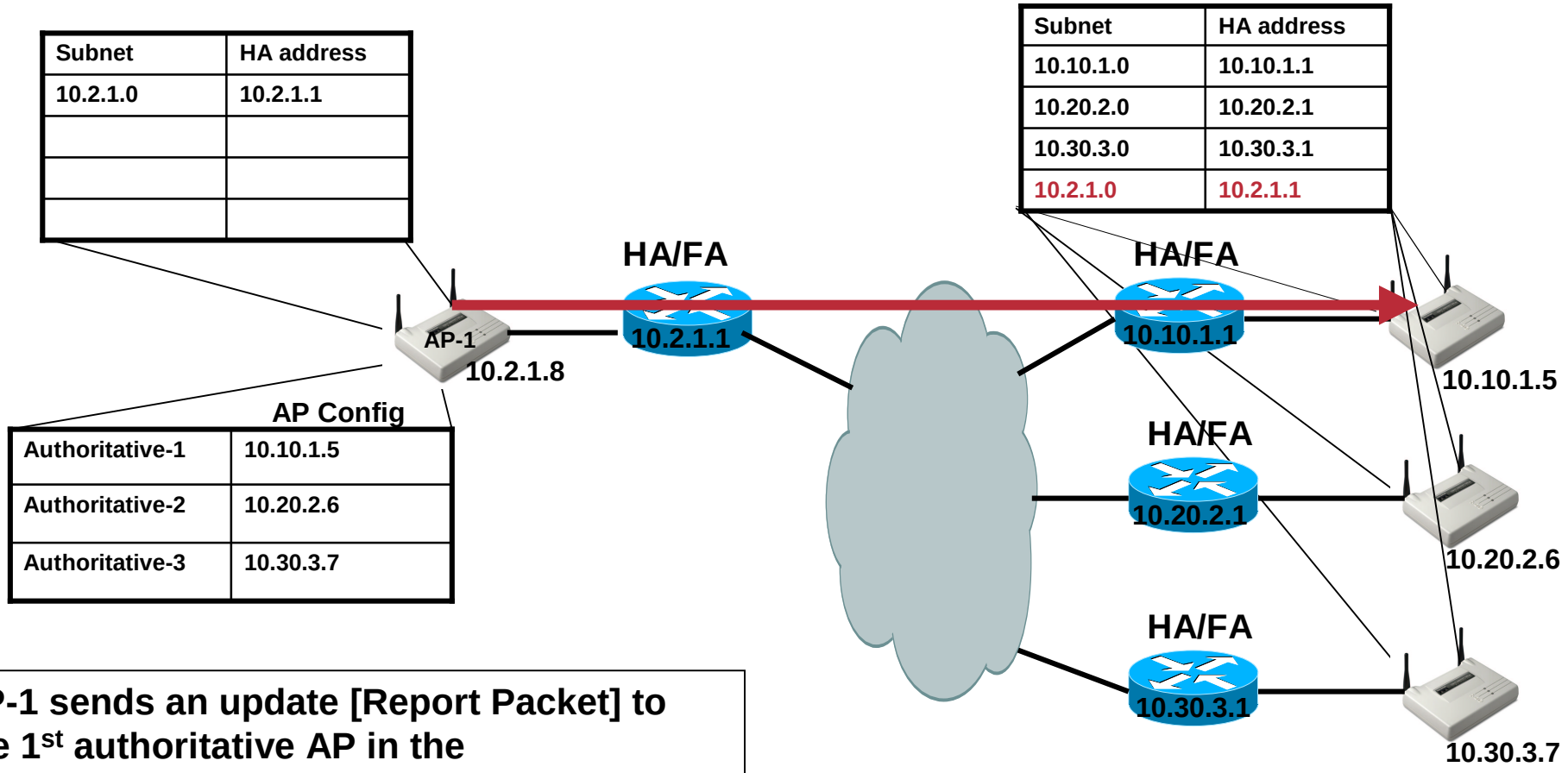

AP-1 sends an update [Report Packet] to the 1st authoritative AP in the "authoritative" list

Authoritative-1 updates its Subnet/HA table with the new AP information

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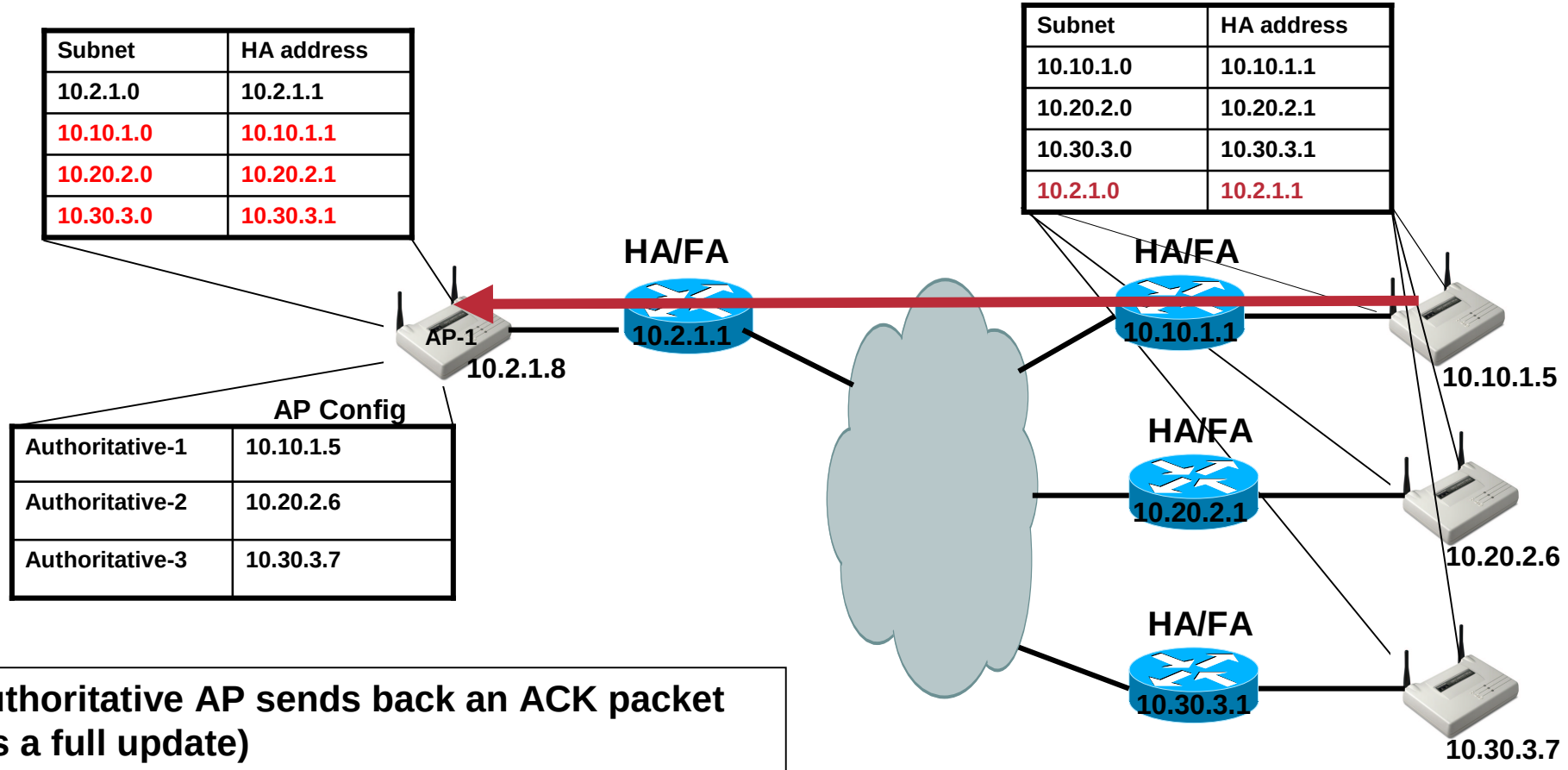

Authoritative AP sends back an ACK packet (as a full update)

If AP-1 does not get an acknowledgement from Authoritative-1 within a timeout period, it will try Authoritative-2, then Authoritative-3

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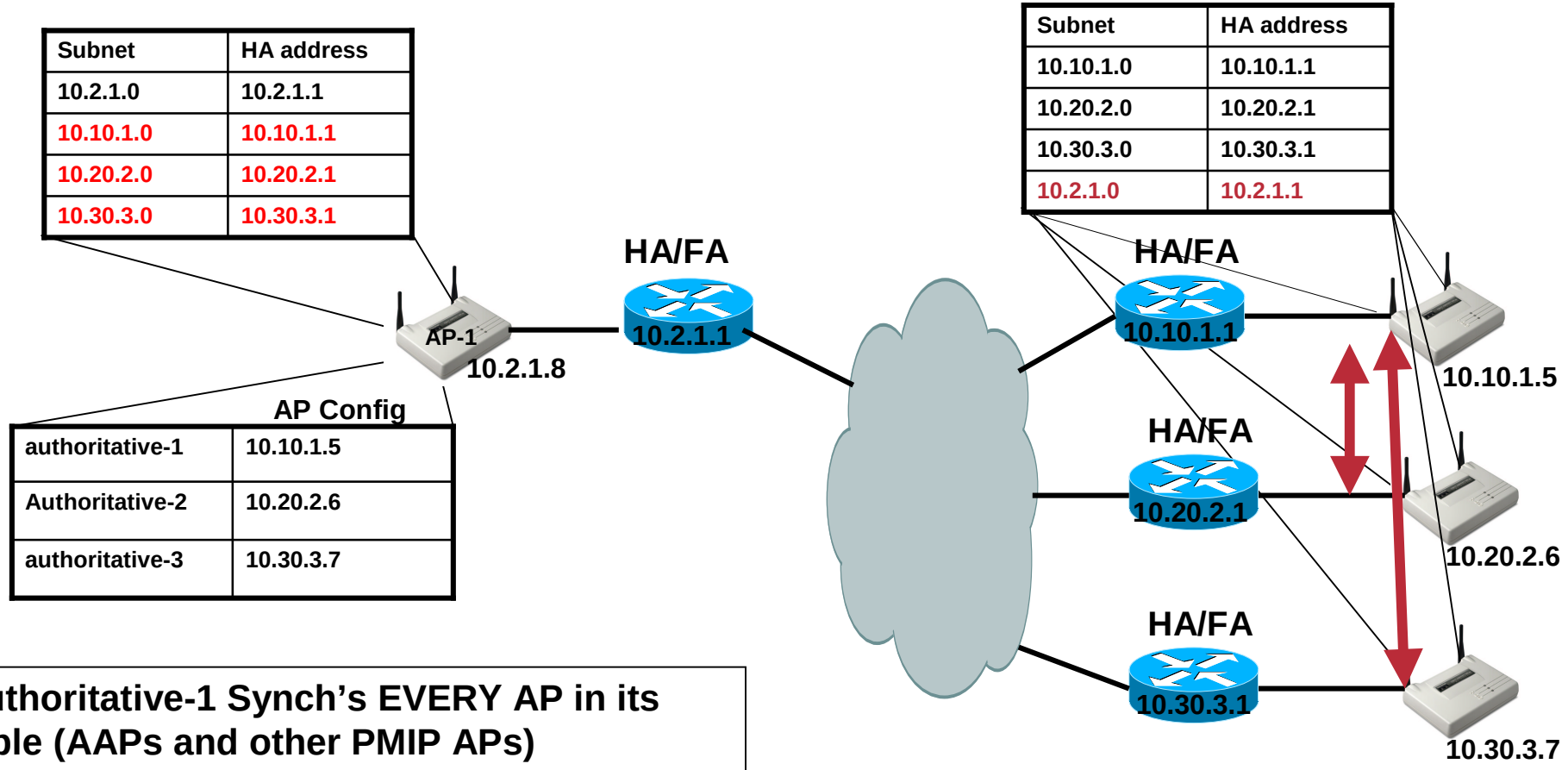

Authoritative-1 Synch's EVERY AP in its table (AAPs and other PMIP APs)

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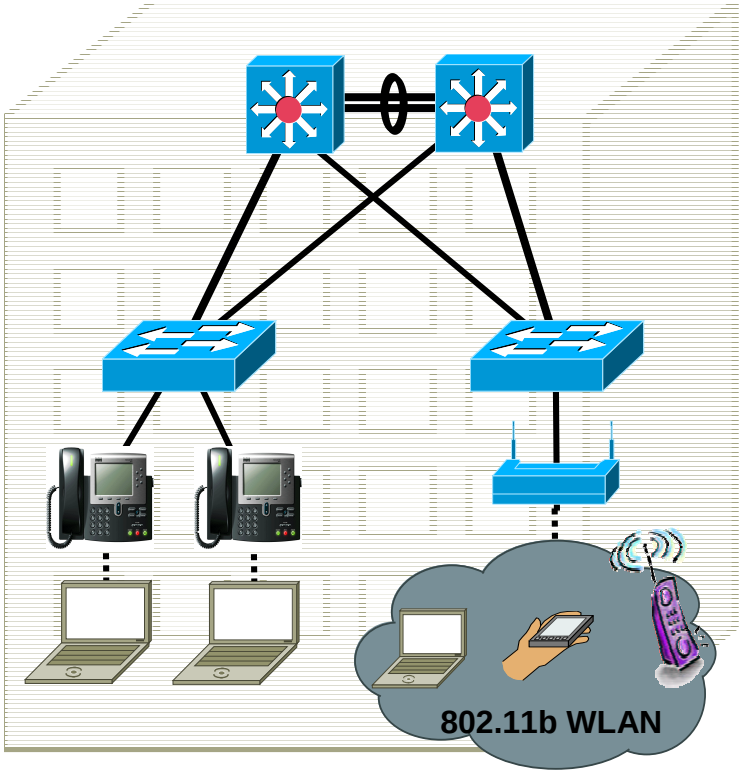
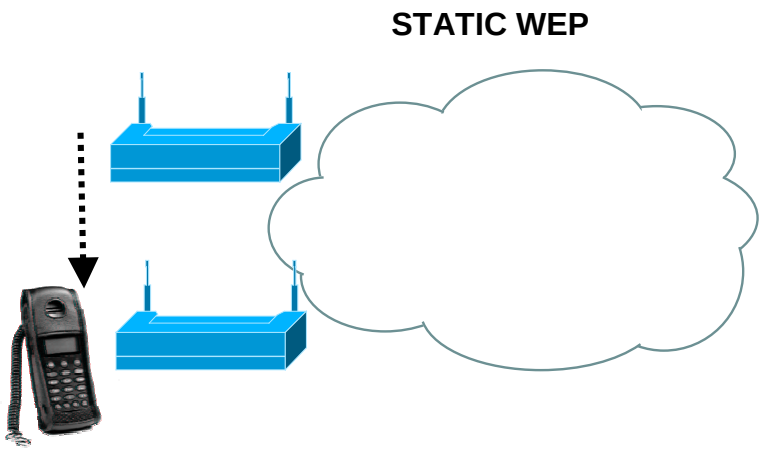
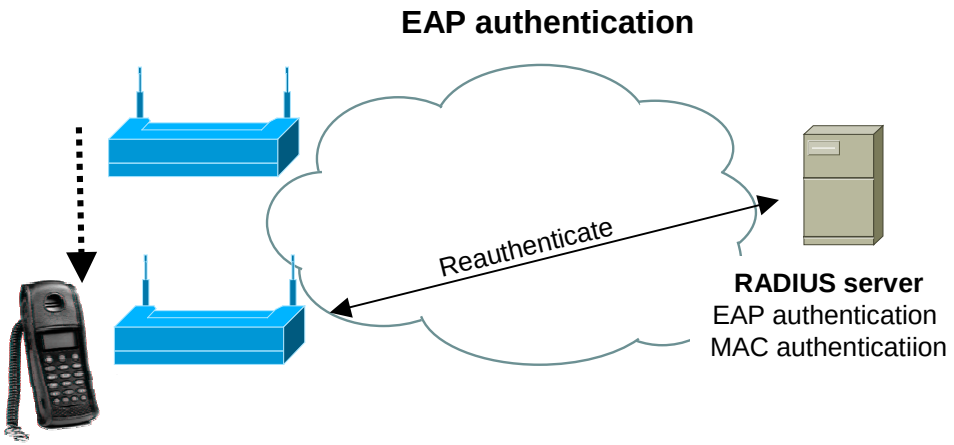


Voice and L2 roaming

- Be aware that a WLAN station re-authenticates every time it roams to a new AP
- Additional latency will be introduced when this re-authentication requires a radius server
  - Is RADIUS server on Campus or WAN
- Consider using static WEP and VLAN with L3 filters instead of EAP or MAC security





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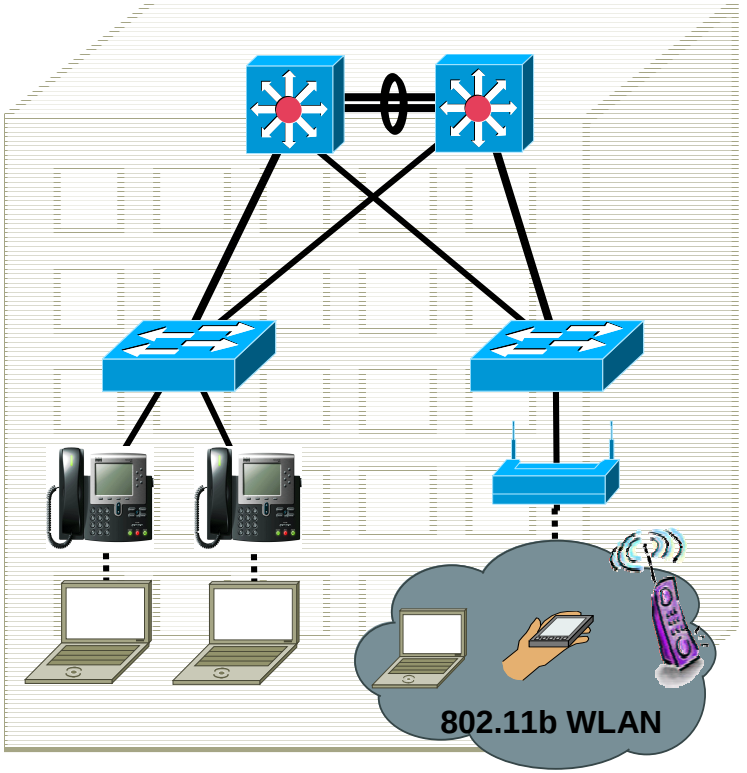

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			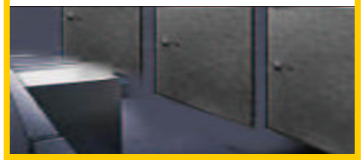
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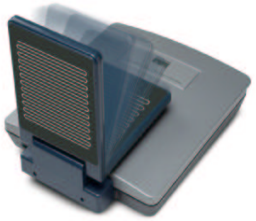

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