



# Meeting Subscriber Demands with WiFi 6/E

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# Wi-Fi is the Internet



# It needs to be Fast



# Wi-Fi is Continuously Fluid



# Wi-Fi is Not an Exact Science



There can be many factors associated with Wi-Fi

Setting the right expectations on what the subscriber could experience with Wi-Fi in their home is key

Wi-Fi networks have a range that's limited by the transmission power, antenna type, the location they're used in, and the environment

# Evolution of the Home Router



# Wi-Fi Then and Now

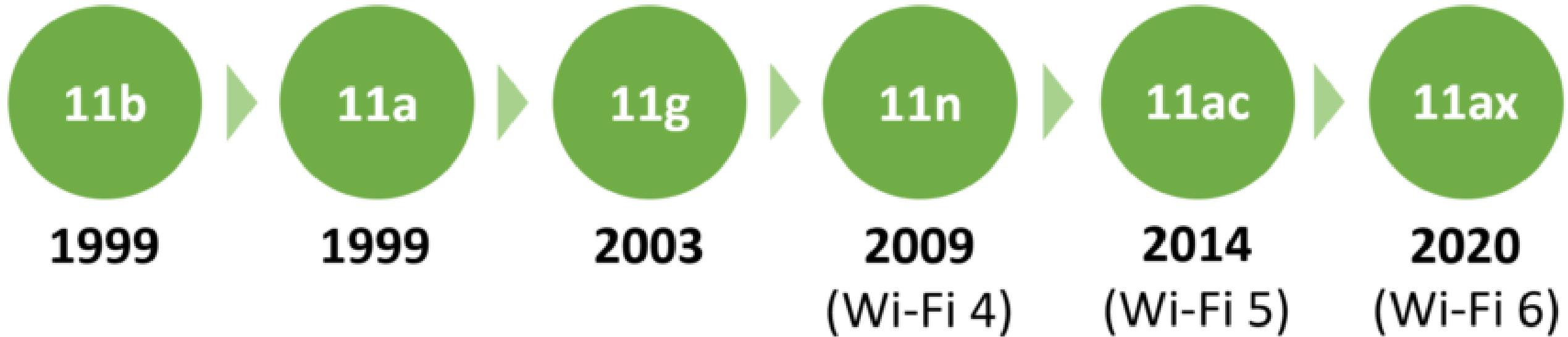
The modern day connected home has evolved in the last 20 years

15 years ago, most subscribers had about 2 to 3 Wi-Fi enable devices in the home

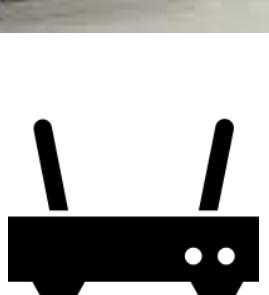
Nowadays, we can see triple the amount of Wi-Fi enabled connected devices in our homes



# Ever Evolving Wi-Fi Technology



# Challenges with Coverage



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50%

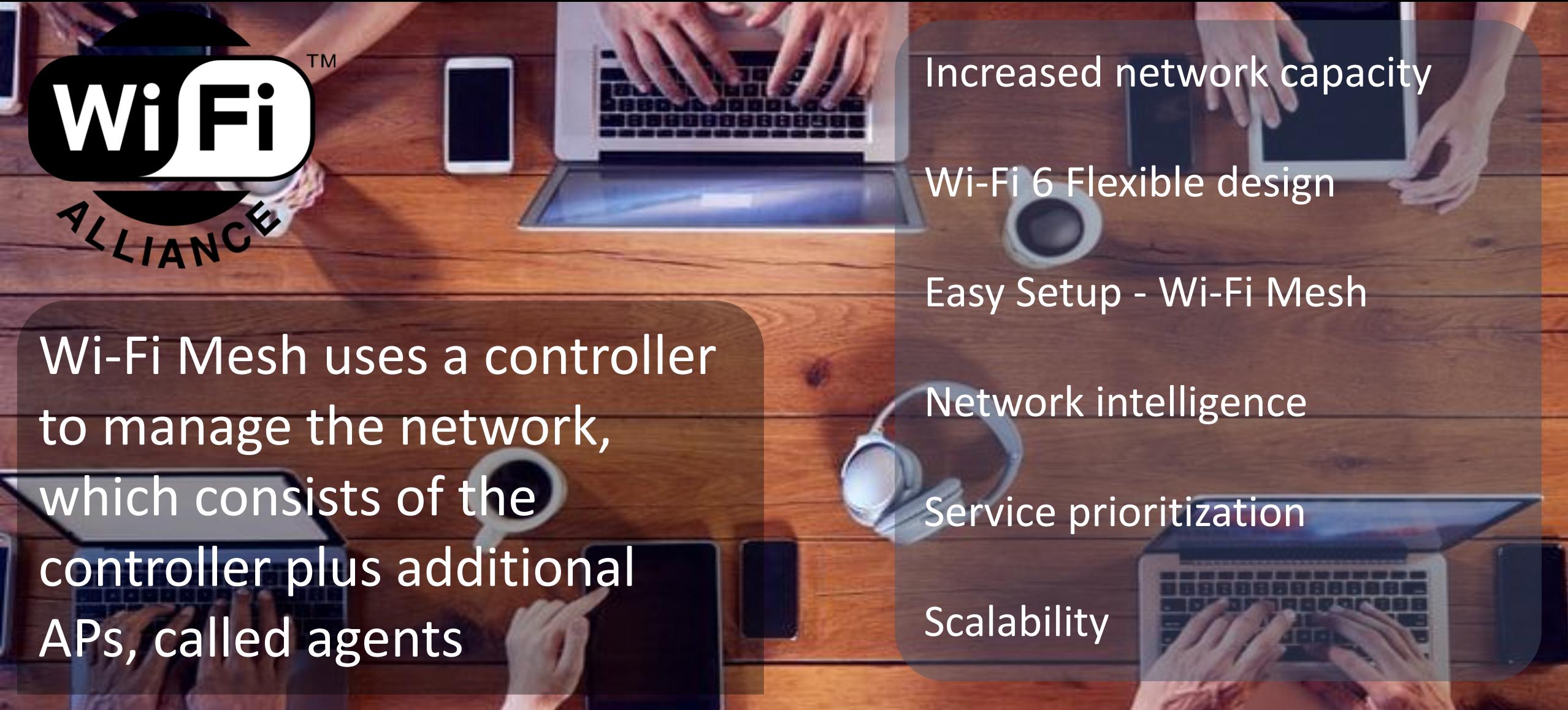


25%

# Wi-Fi Router or Just an Extender?



# What Mesh Offers



Wi-Fi Mesh uses a controller to manage the network, which consists of the controller plus additional APs, called agents

Increased network capacity

Wi-Fi 6 Flexible design

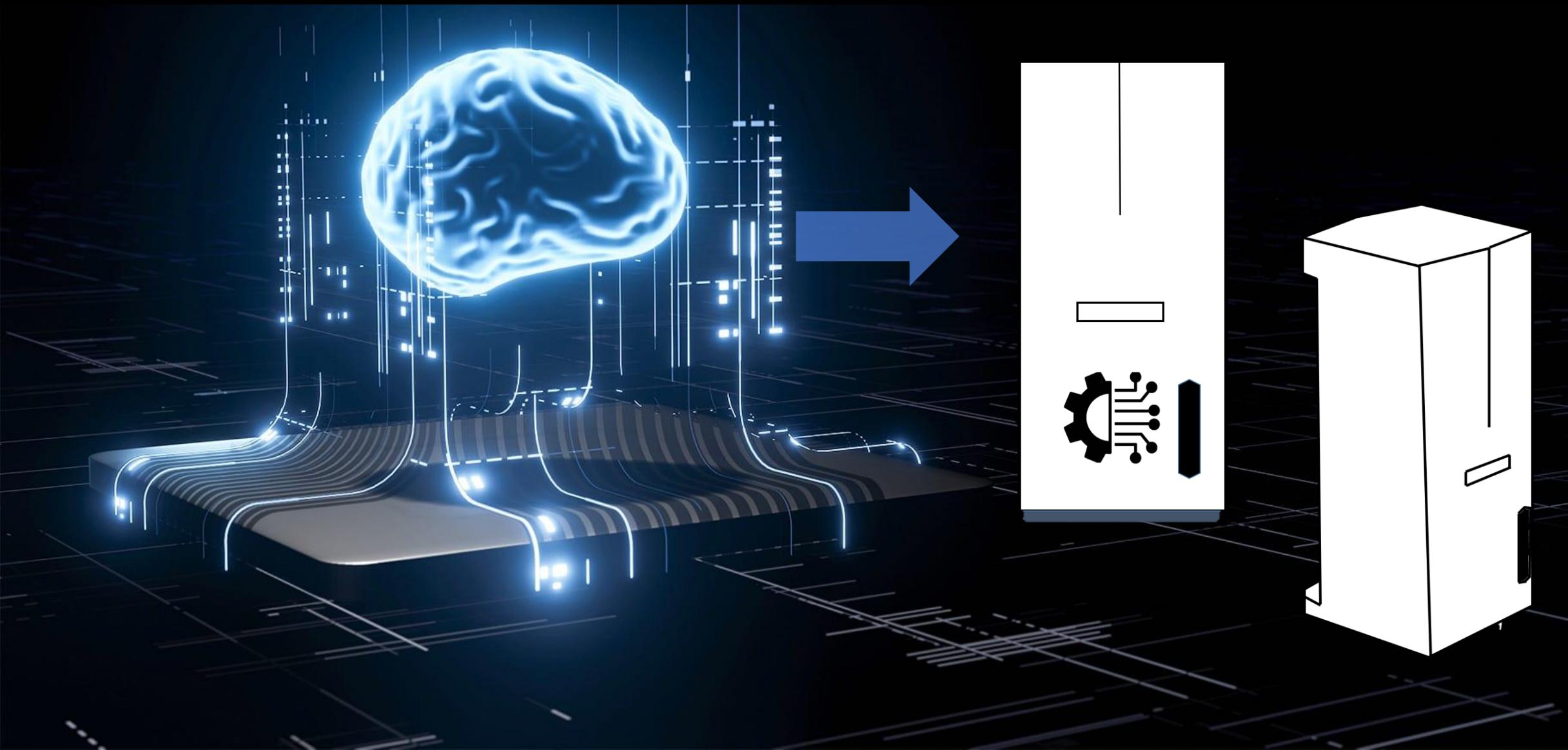
Easy Setup - Wi-Fi Mesh

Network intelligence

Service prioritization

Scalability

# Introduction of Intelligence – Thinking for Itself



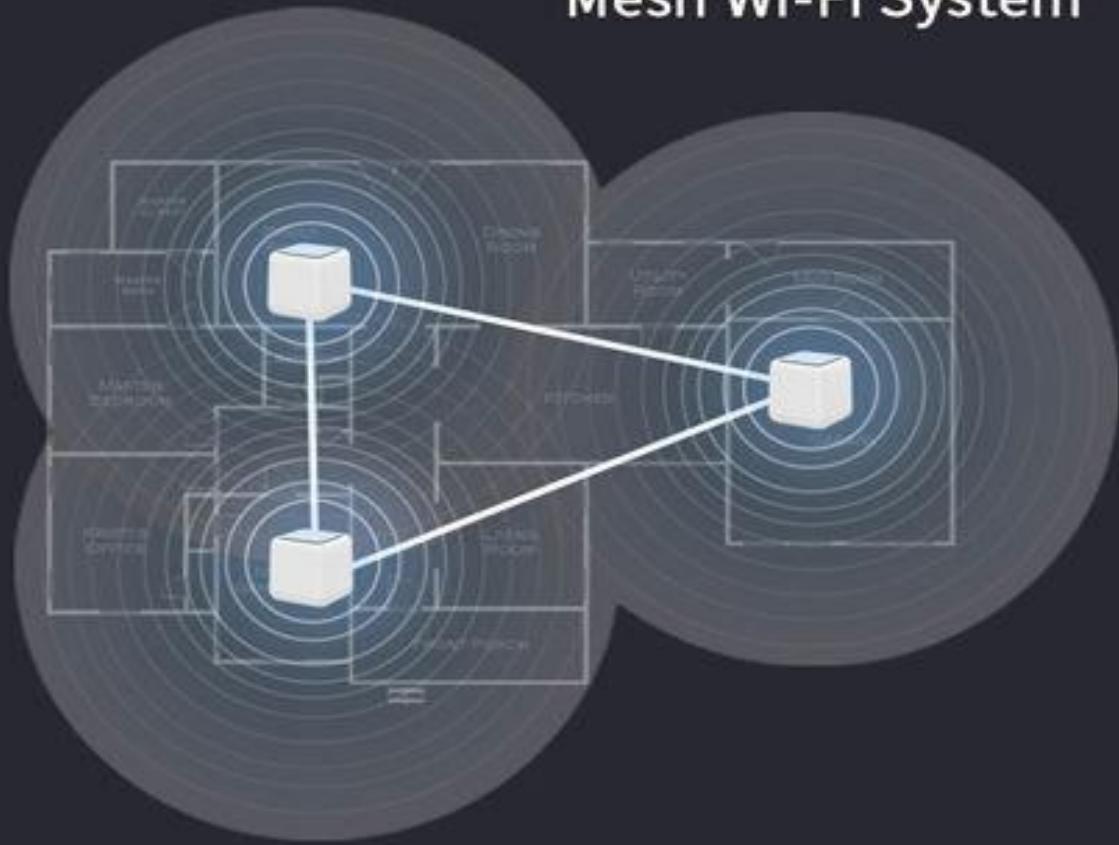
# Managed Wi-Fi with Mesh

One Single Network for All Your Devices

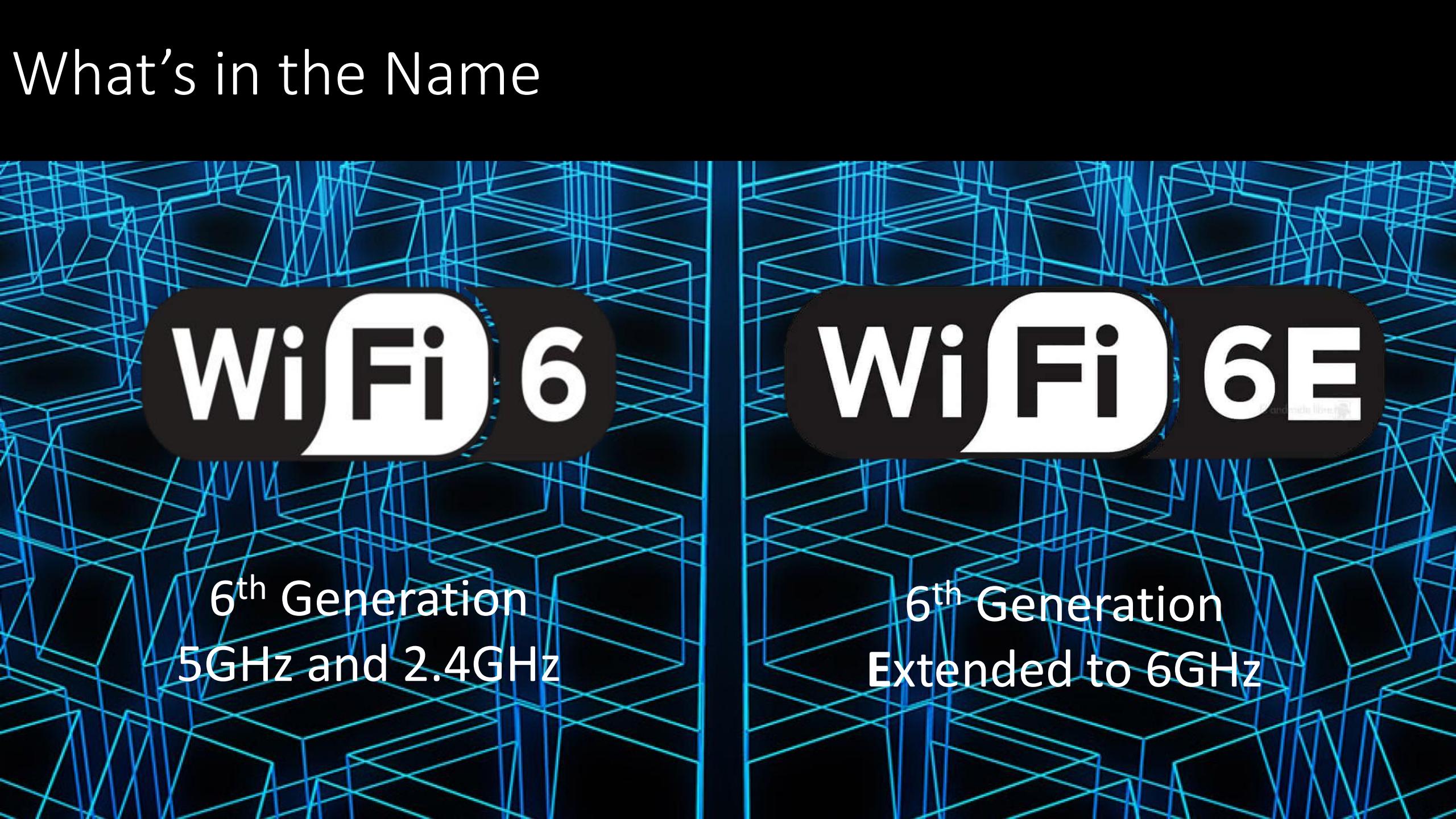


From room to room,  
100% seamless  
connection.

Mesh Wi-Fi System

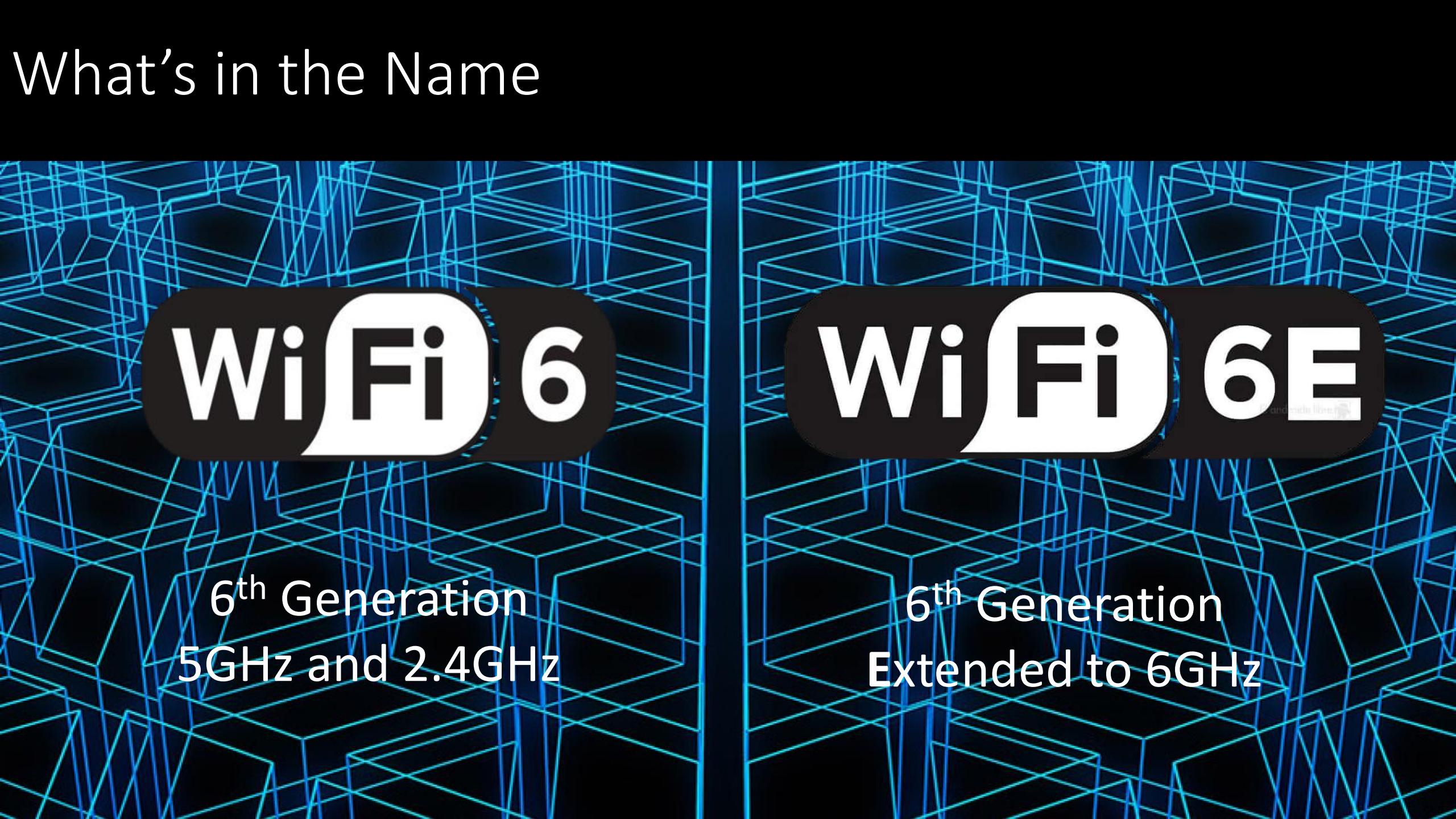


# What's in the Name



**WiFi 6**

6<sup>th</sup> Generation  
5GHz and 2.4GHz

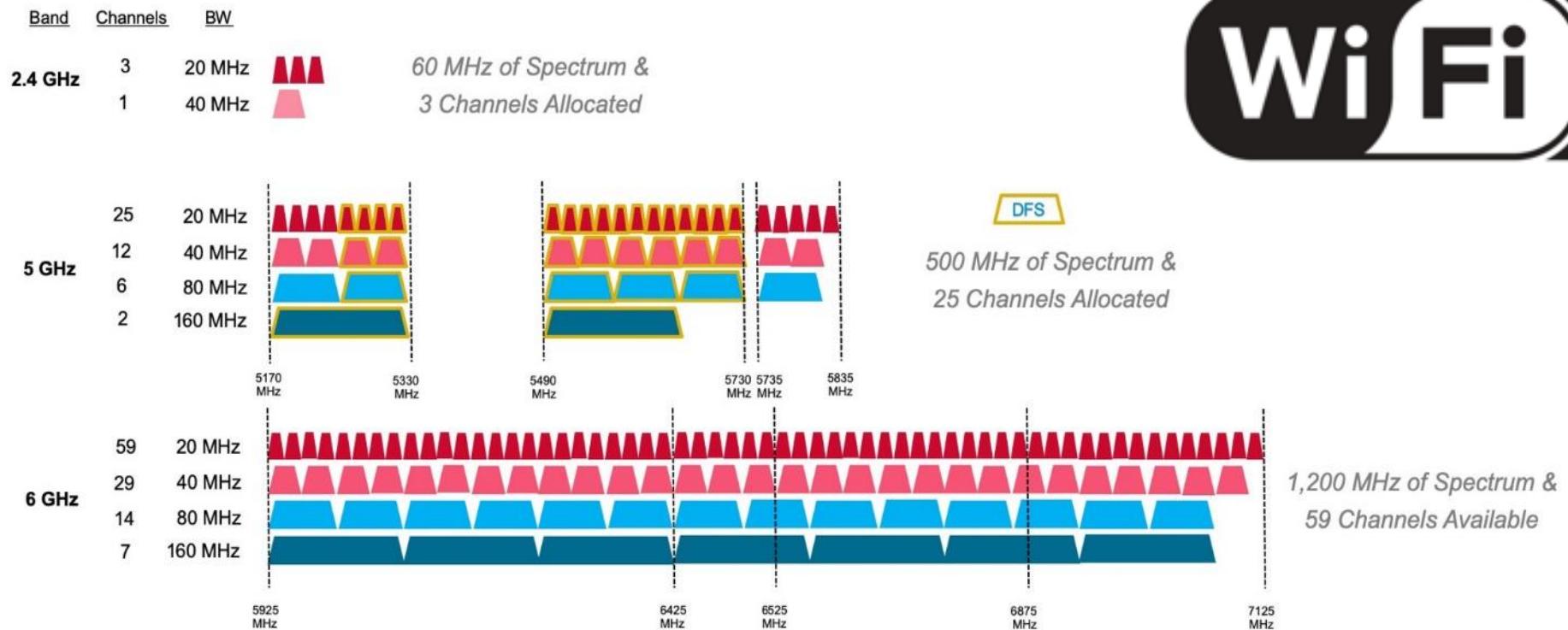


**WiFi 6E**

6<sup>th</sup> Generation  
Extended to 6GHz

# What is Wi-Fi 6E?

Wi-Fi 6E is a new extension to the existing Wi-Fi 6 standard to signify it's capable of supporting all-new 6 GHz frequencies. FCC opened up 1,200 megahertz of spectrum in the 6GHz band for different types of unlicensed uses.



Standard Wi-Fi is facing a spectrum shortage because of the increasing number of devices being used around the world and the addition of 6GHz will help mitigate this problem. However, regulators have yet to fully approve the band's use.

# What's the difference?

WiFi 6

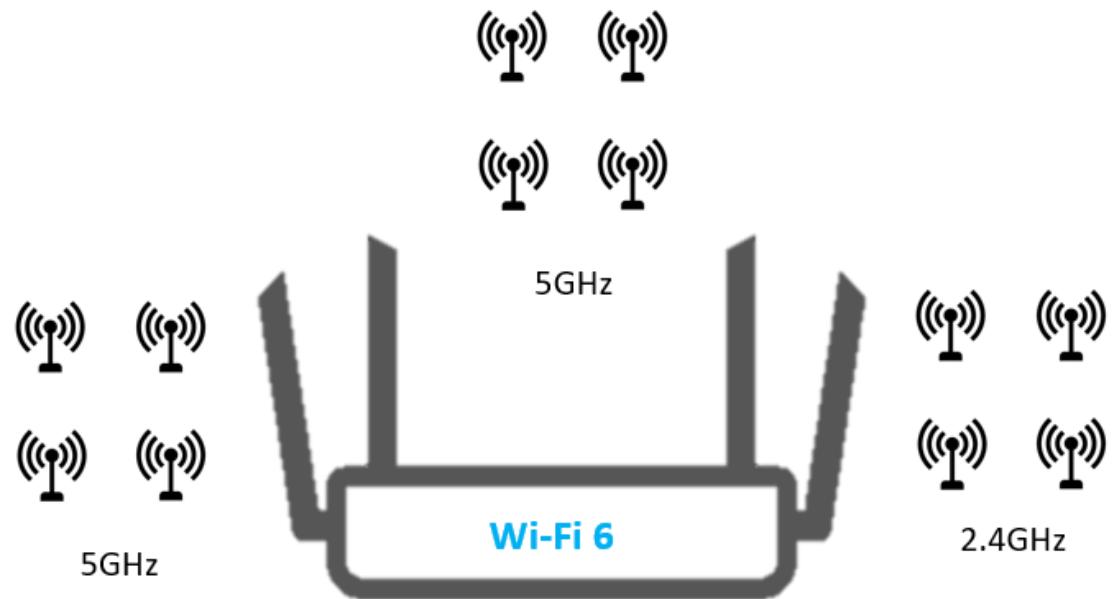
VS

WiFi 6E

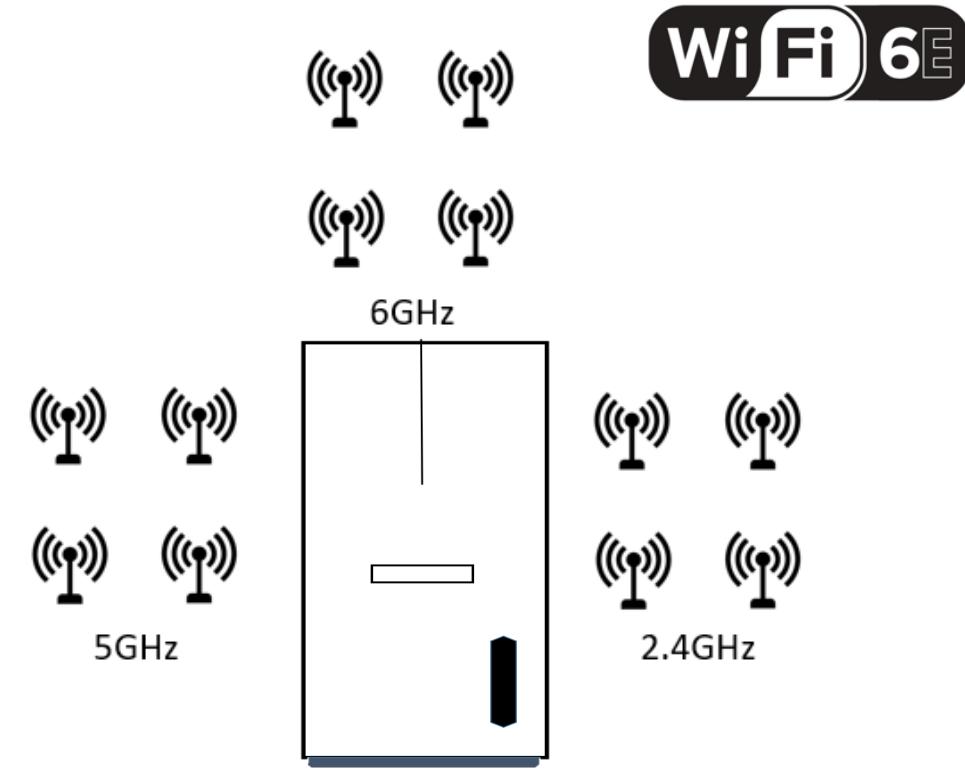
- › Two 160 MHz channels
- › 24 available channels
- › Data Bands: 2.4 GHz, 5 GHz
- › Number of 160-MHz-wide channels available: 1 (in 5 GHz band)
- › WiFi 6 is backward-compatible with earlier WiFi standards
- › Compatible with WiFi 5 and older WiFi devices

- › Seven additional 160 MHz channels
- › Hundreds of available channels
- › Data Bands: 2.4 GHz, 5 GHz, 6 GHz
- › Number of 160-MHz-wide channels available: 8 (1 in 5 GHz, 7 in 6 GHz bands)
- › WiFi 6E is not backward-compatible with earlier WiFi standards
- › WiFi 6E's support only WiFi 6E devices

# Wi-Fi 6 and Wi-Fi 6E – 3 Bands



Still Dual-Band  
Wi-Fi 6



True Tri-Band Router



# Up to 10 Gbps over Wi-Fi

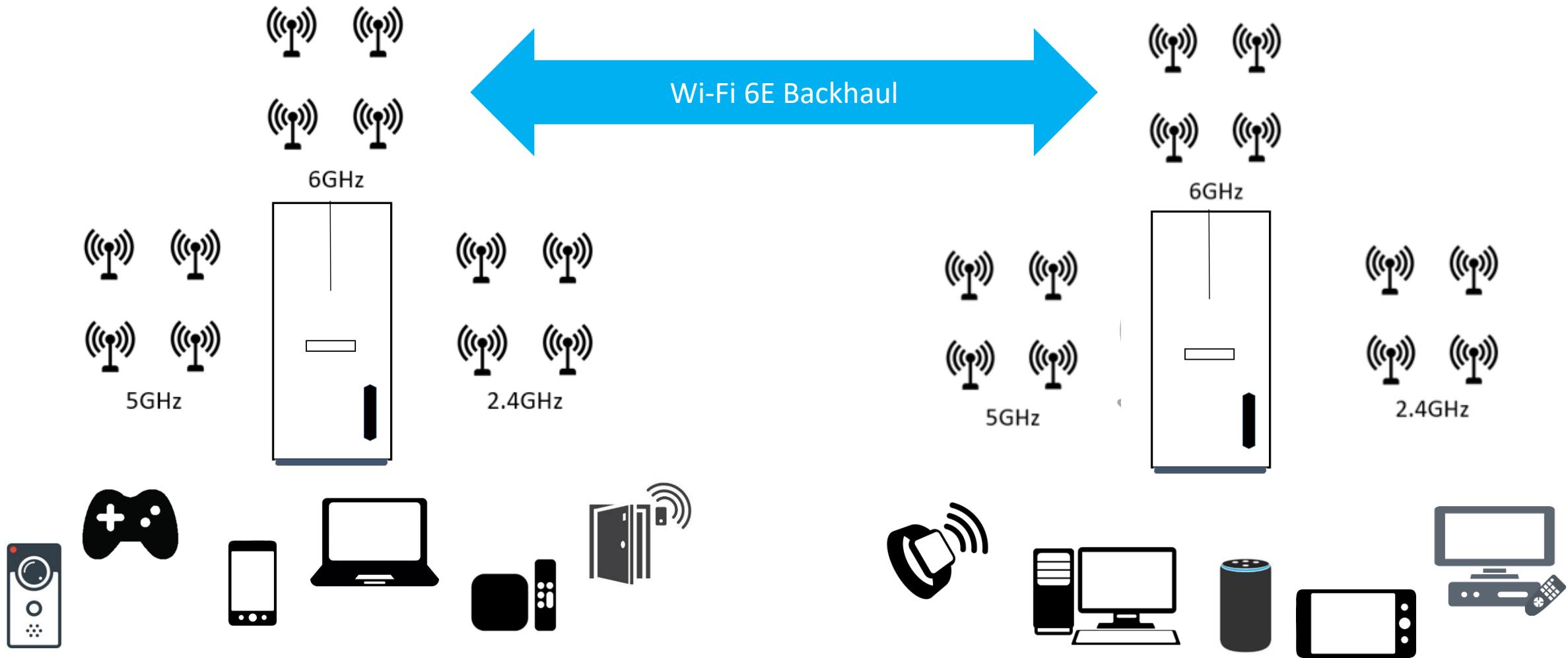
The maximum theoretical speed of the router chip ranges from 5.4Gbps to 10.8Gbps, which is greatly improved compared to Wi-Fi 6



The maximum theoretical speed of the Wi-Fi 6E mobile phone chip is **3.6Gbps**



# Wi-Fi 6E Home Network Usage

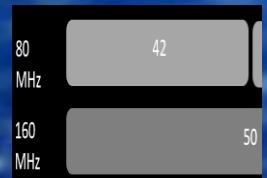


# Wi-Fi 6E Delivers Benefits into 6GHz

## Features



More contiguous spectrum



Wider Channels



Less Interference

## Benefits



Gigabit Speeds



Extremely low latency



High capacity

# Wi-Fi 6E Powers

Ultra High-Performance Short-Range Wi-Fi



**4K**  
**FULLHD**

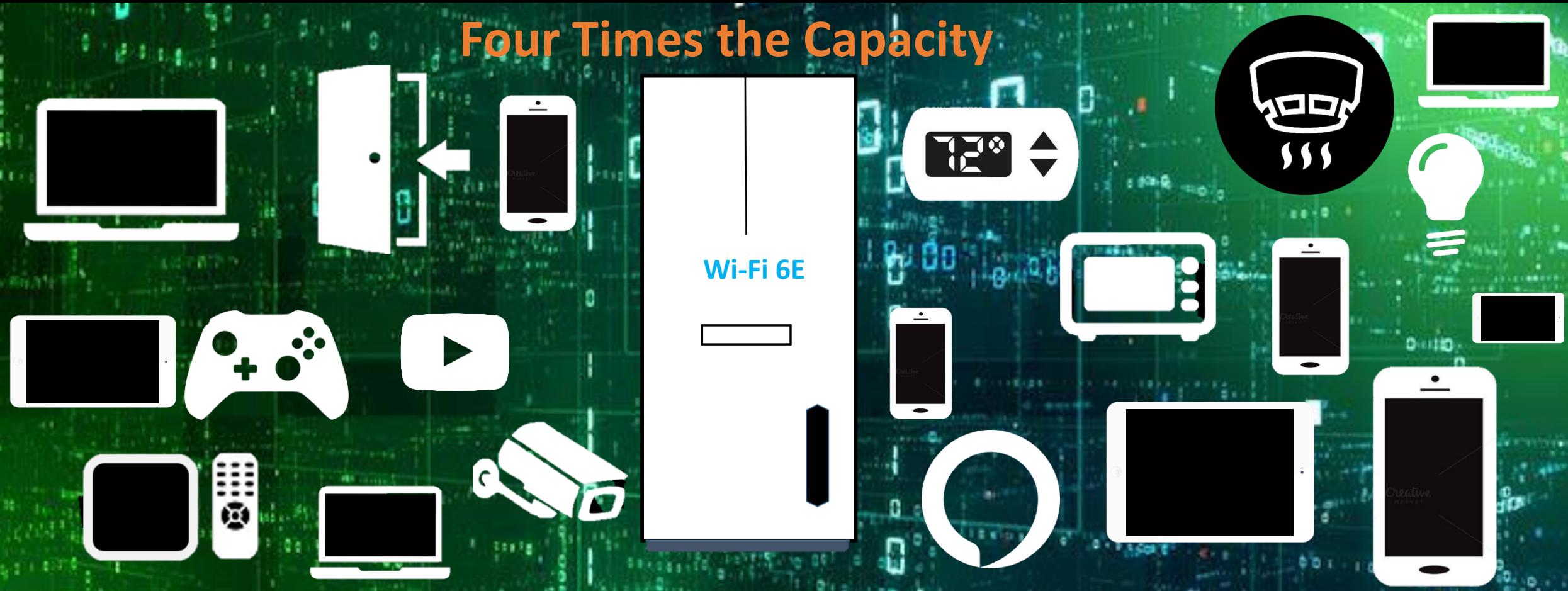


Tethering



2 Gbps throughput and sub-ms latency

# More Connected Devices with Wi-Fi 6E



Wi-Fi 6 improves over crowded Wi-Fi with an additional technologies with more radios and antennas to improve the overall Wi-Fi experience

# Connecting the New and the Legacy Wi-Fi



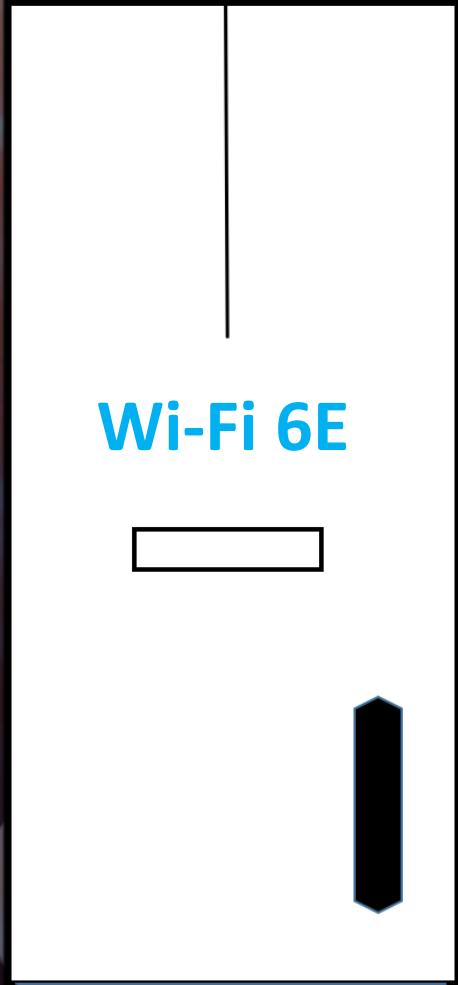
Backwards Compatibility



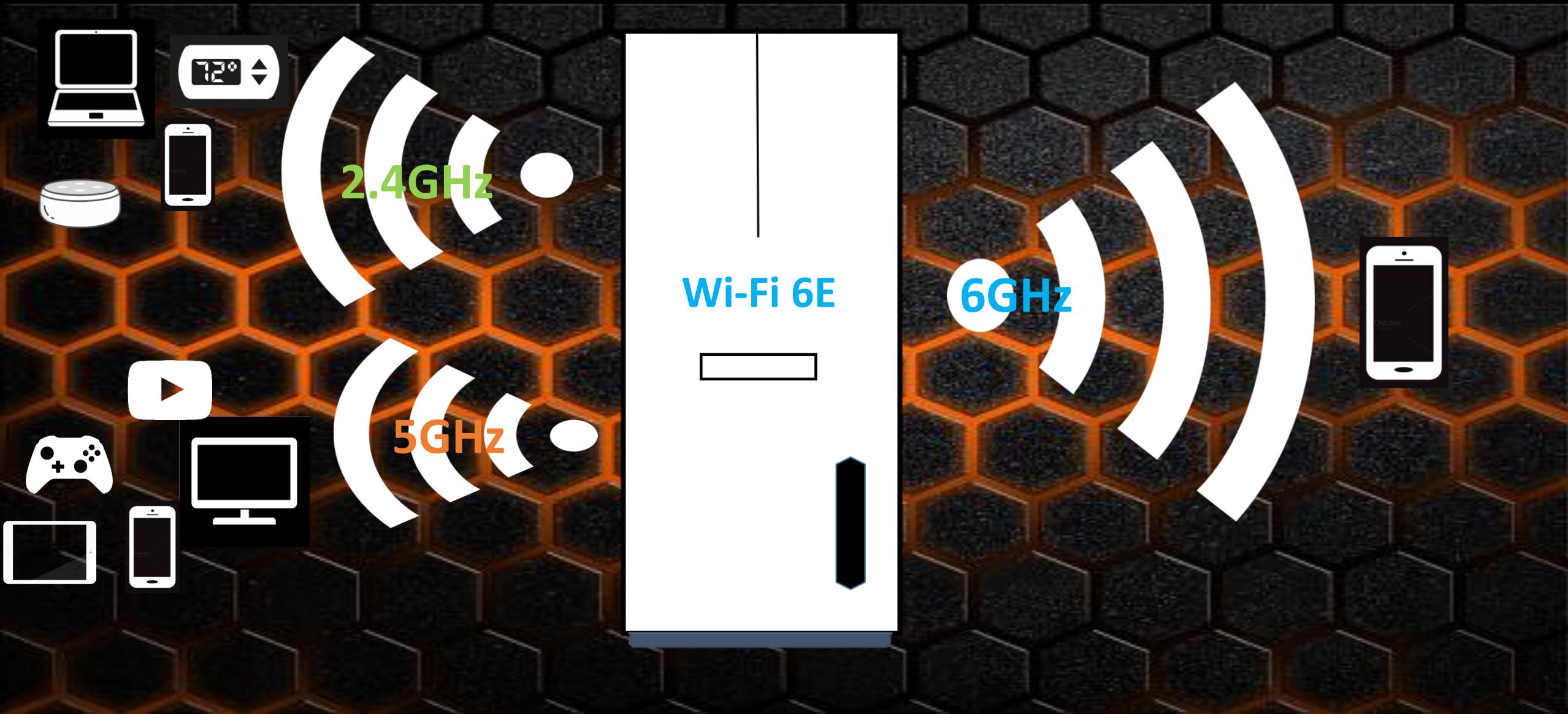
Wi-Fi 6E Routers are designed to handle existing Wi-Fi 4/5 Client devices at the same time as Wi-Fi 6 Client devices



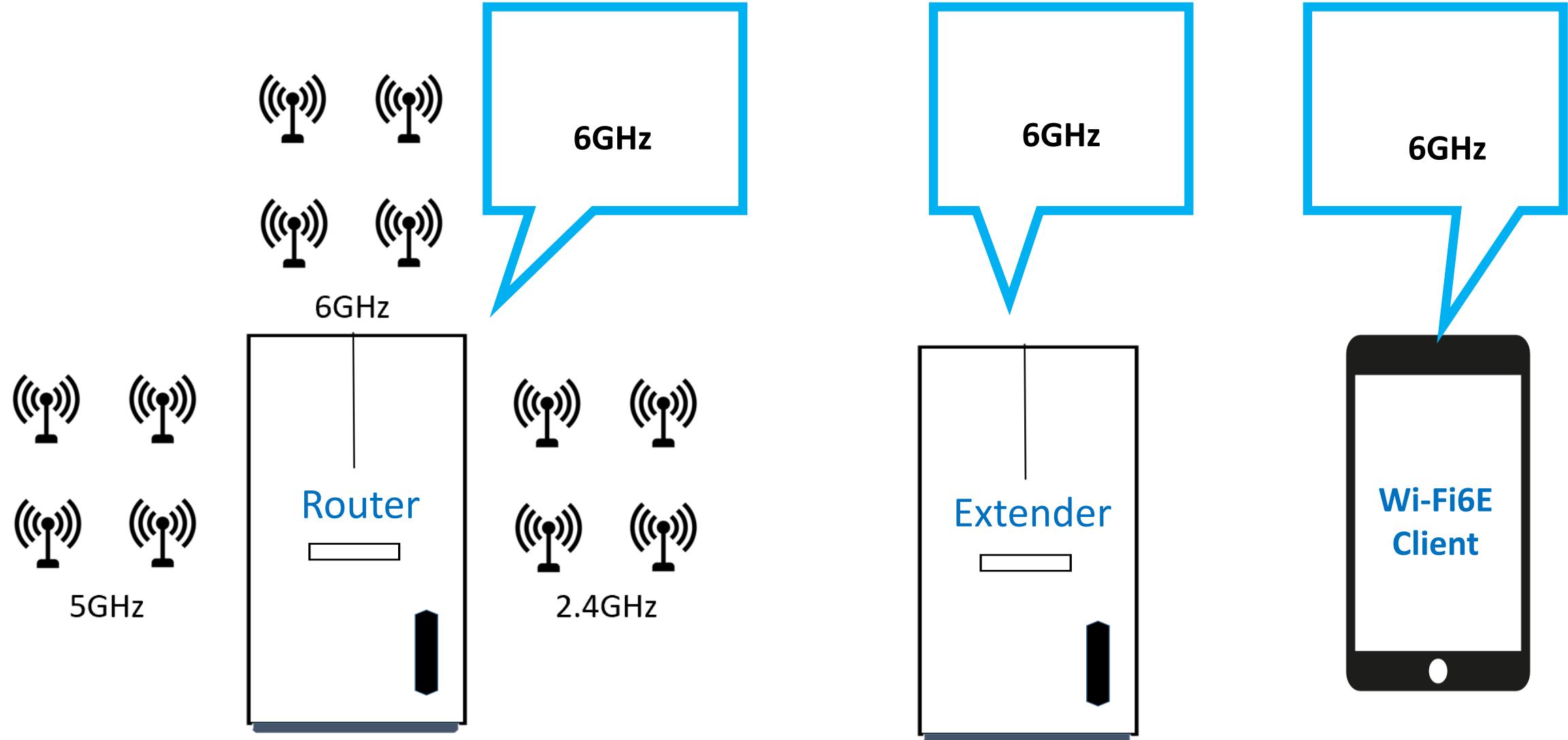
# Aggregation of the Wi-Fi Clients



# No Interference Between Spectrums

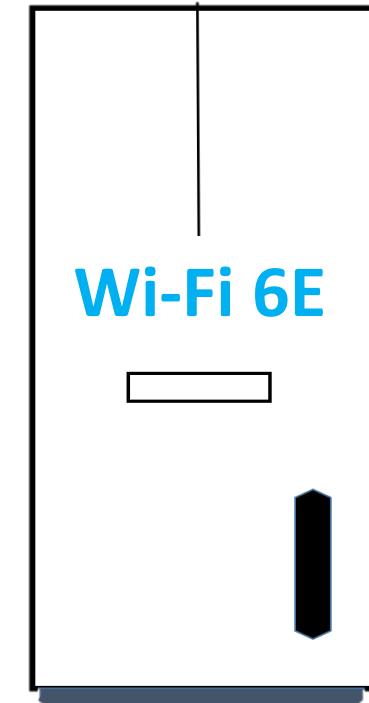


# 6GHz Devices Only



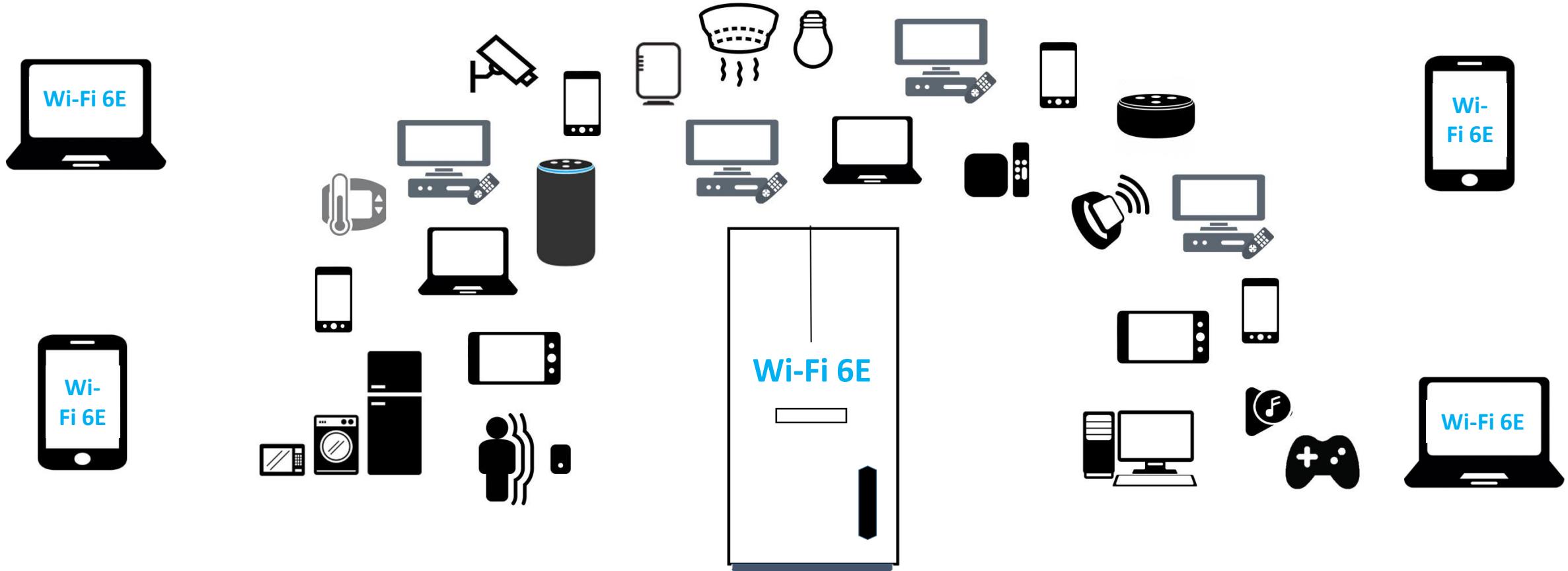
# Not Much Difference at First Glance

A single Wi-Fi 6E Client connecting to a Wi-Fi 6E Router may only be slightly faster than a single Wi-Fi 5 (11AC) Client connected to a Wi-Fi 5 Router



Things will start to change....

The home network performance will start to change as more Wi-Fi client devices are added especially Wi-Fi 6 client devices.



# Wi-Fi 6 Security

Wi-Fi started getting its biggest security update in a decade, with a new security protocol called WPA3



WPA3 makes it harder for hackers to crack passwords by constantly guessing them, and it makes some data less useful even if hackers manage to obtain it

WPA3 adds new features to simplify Wi-Fi security

Use the latest security methods

Disallow outdated legacy protocols

Require use of Protected Management Frames (PMF)

*WPA3 security is a requirement for Wi-Fi 6 certification, but it may not be included in all uncertified devices.*

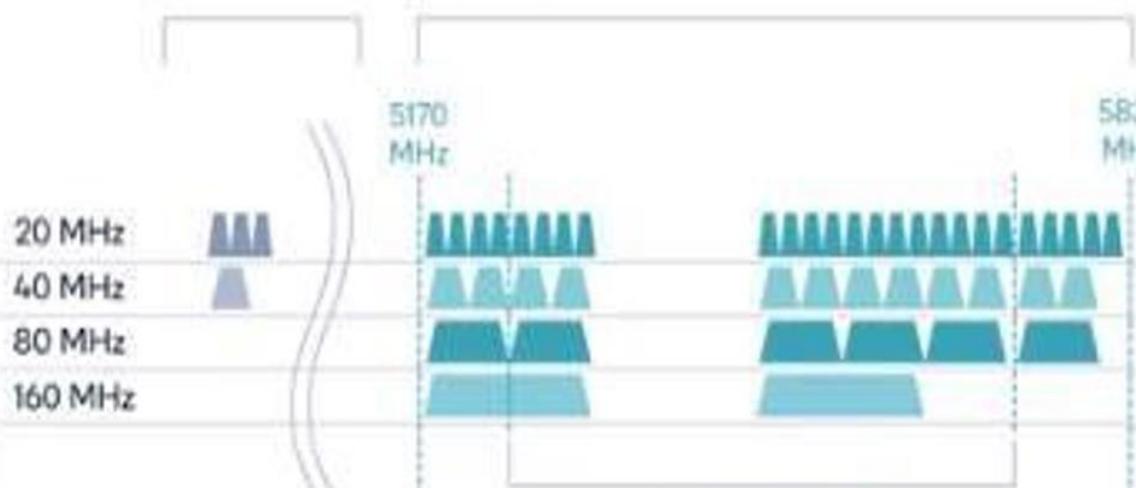
# What's Under the Wi-Fi 6E Technology Hood



WiFi 6E

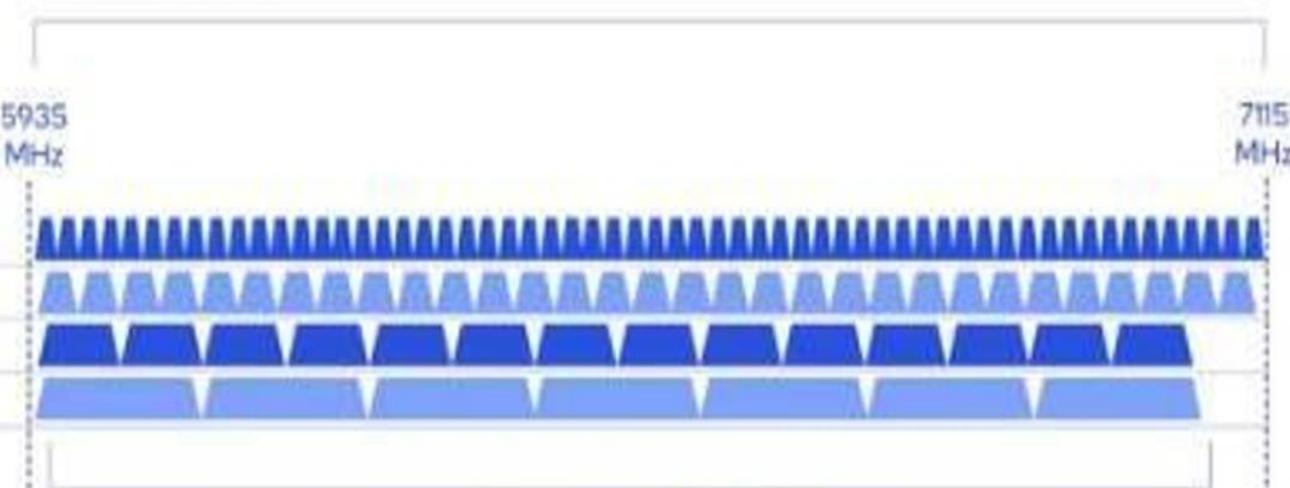
# Increased Spectrum

**2.4GHz 5GHz**



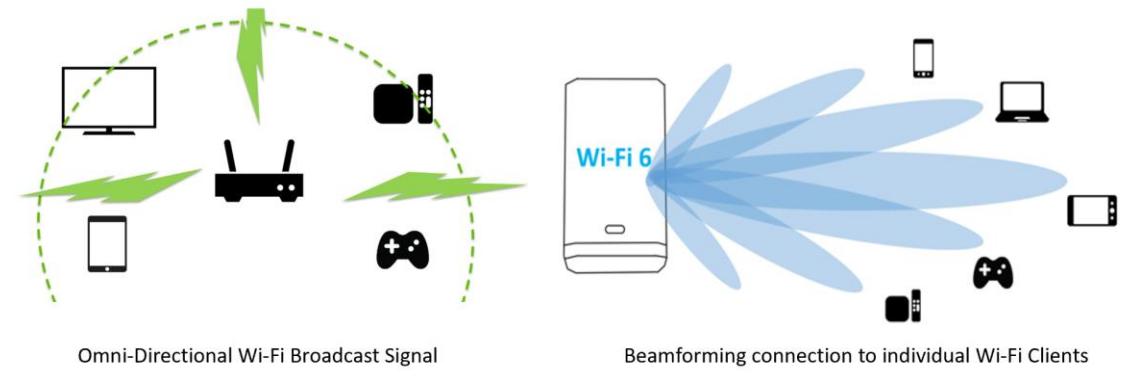
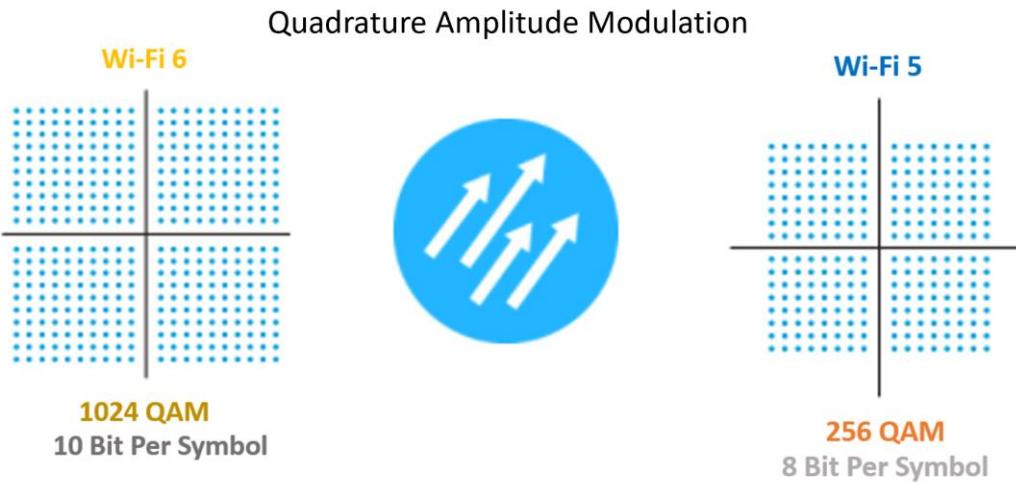
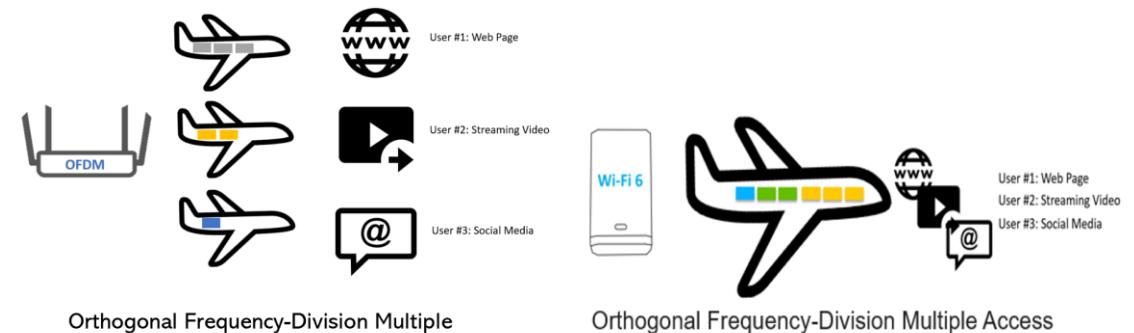
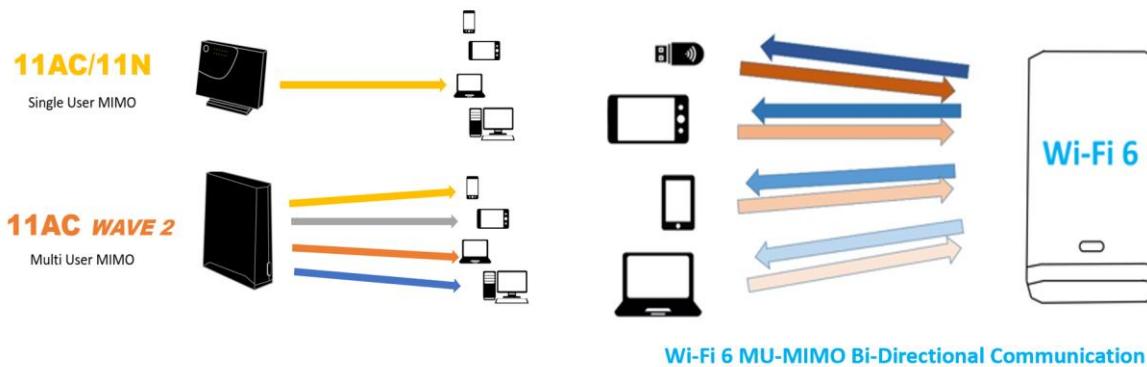
20 MHz	3
40 MHz	1
80 MHz	
160 MHz	

**6GHz (3X more than 2.4GHz and 5GHz)**



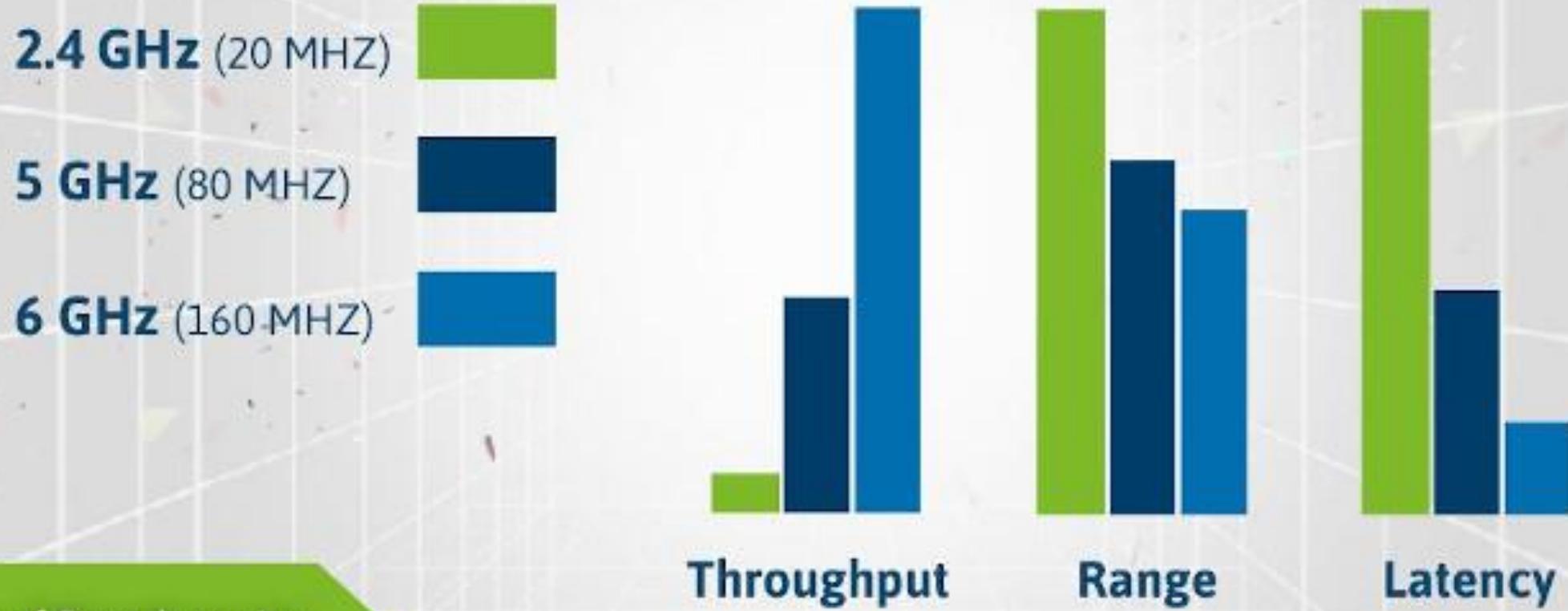
20 MHz	59
40 MHz	29
80 MHz	14
160 MHz	7

# Wi-Fi 6 Technology



# Wi-Fi 6E Trials with Performance

**6 GHz boosts Wi-Fi performance**



# The Future Wi-Fi: Wi-Fi 7

Wi-Fi Products Leverage the Latest Technologies  
to Support Evolving User Needs

## Wi-Fi 6

today

3x faster speeds<sup>7</sup>  
75% lower latency<sup>8</sup>  
4x device capacity<sup>9</sup>

## Wi-Fi 6E

~2021

Broad gigabit speed enabling  
Reduced interference  
Improved responsiveness

## Wi-Fi 7

~2024

Nearly 5x faster speeds<sup>10</sup>  
Ultra-low latency  
Enhanced reliability



# Why Just Stop at 1Gigabit Broadband?



PON technologies like XGS-PON are built upon existing GPON technology

When planning for your next Greenfield or looking to upgrade an existing brownfield fiber network 10G XGS-PON can co-exist on the same Fiber Optics

The 10G investment cost has been coming down over the recent years making it ideal for selecting electronics that have support for higher bandwidths

10G Broadband allows for Service Providers to offer a variety of different service tier package with 2 Gigabit, 5 Gigabit, and 10 Gigabit Internet access

Meet today's high demanding Broadband needs with technologies that deliver upon faster speed and overall performance

# Why 10 Gbps Gateway?

## Why we need a 10 Gbps Gateway:

Auto sensing bandwidth up to 10 Gigabit Broadband speeds

Pairs well with Wi-Fi 6/6E for faster speeds and improved coverage around the network

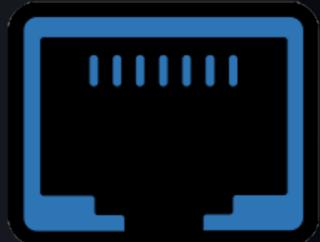
Ability for offer tiered service offering packages with more performance

Share high-speeds up to 10 Gig Broadband with all the in-home connected devices

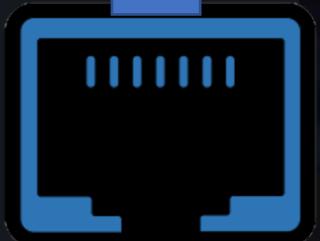


# 10 Gbps Broadband Advantage

10 Gigabit Ethernet Routers offers a variety of Internet access options to expand your Broadband services



10 G WAN



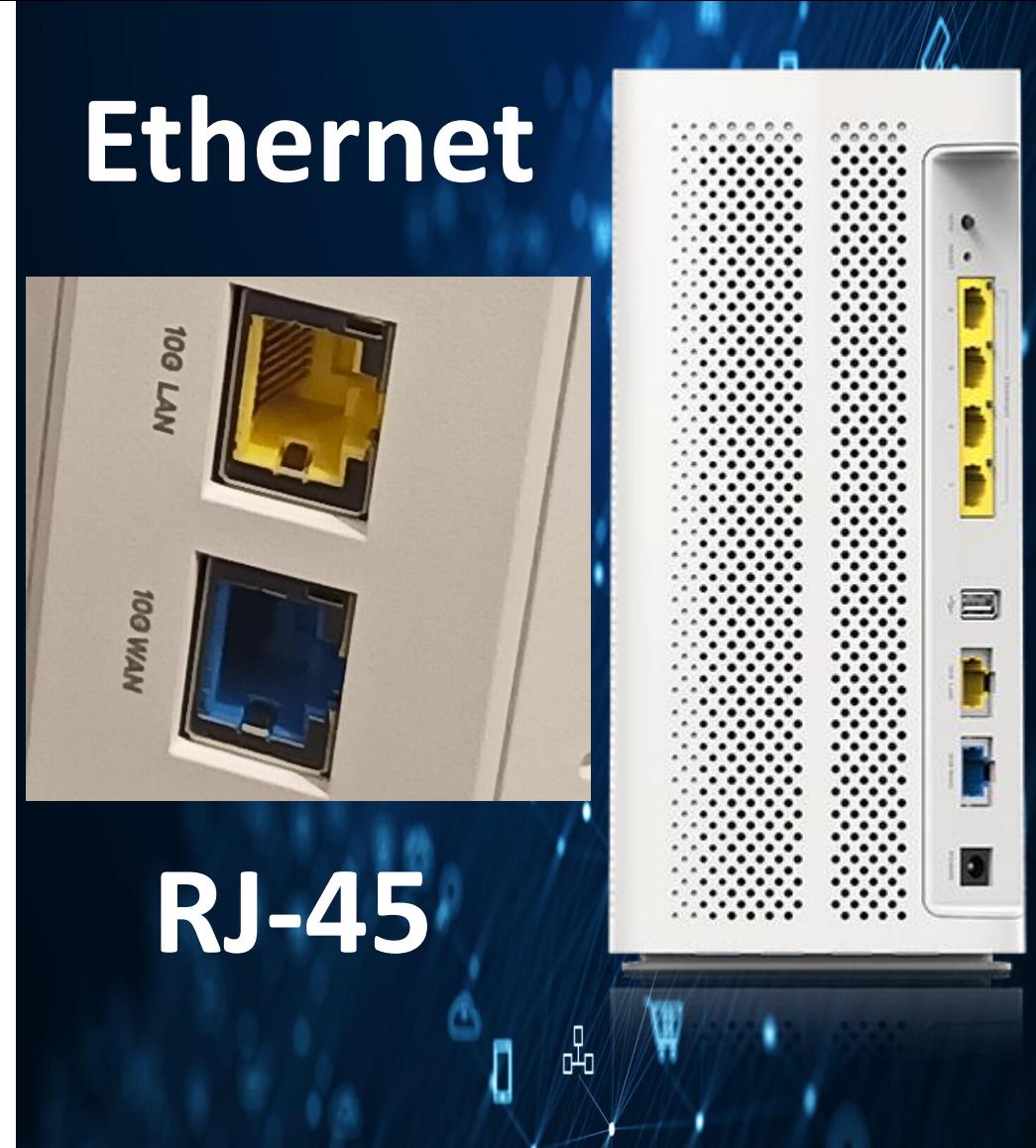
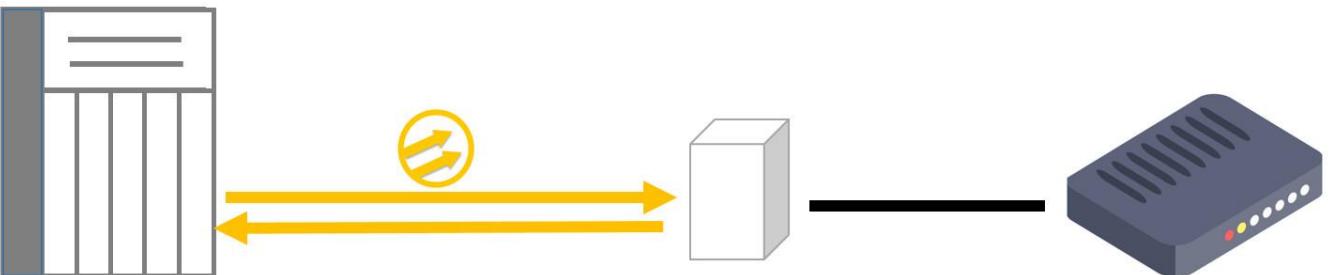
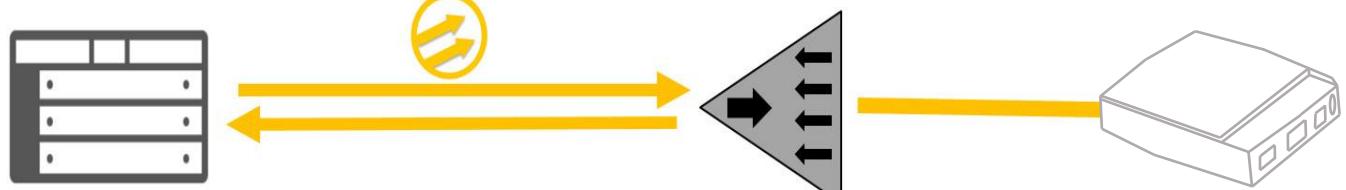
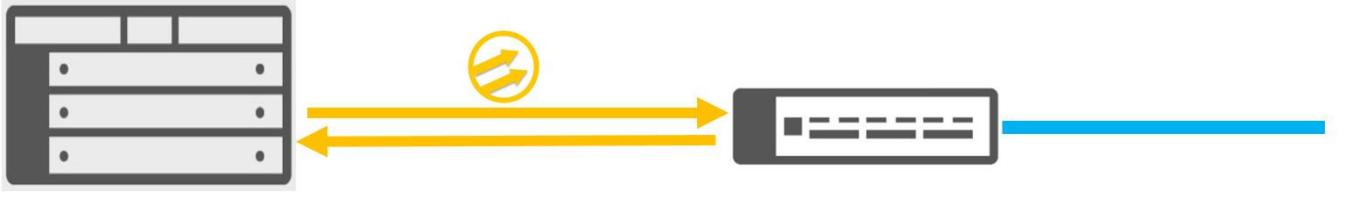
WAN  
(1Gig)

Up to 10 Gig Internet WAN

1 Gig Internet WAN



# Easy to Deploy and Upgrade

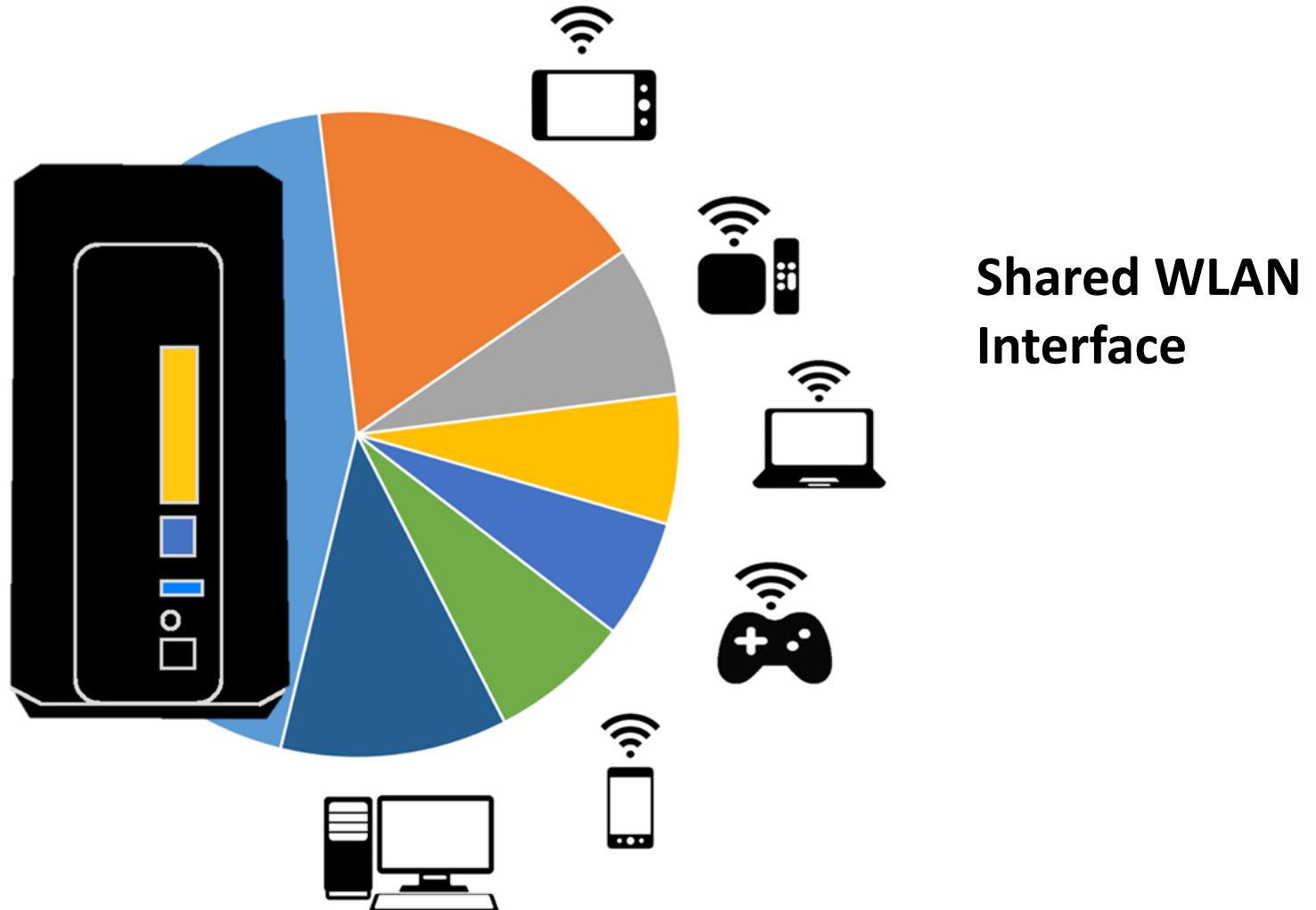


# Where Are the Gigs I'm Paying For?



# Sharing the Load

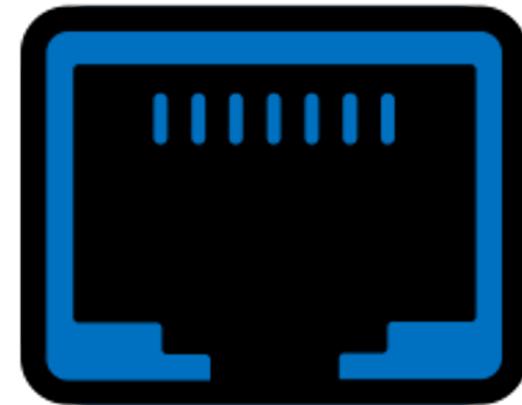
Wireline Connection 2 Gbps



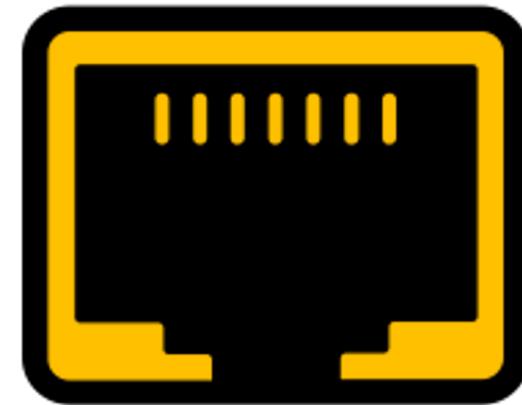
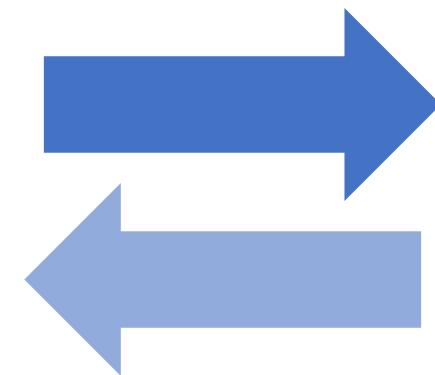
# How to Show 10 Gig Performance Testing



**10 Gig Internet WAN and 10 Gig LAN**

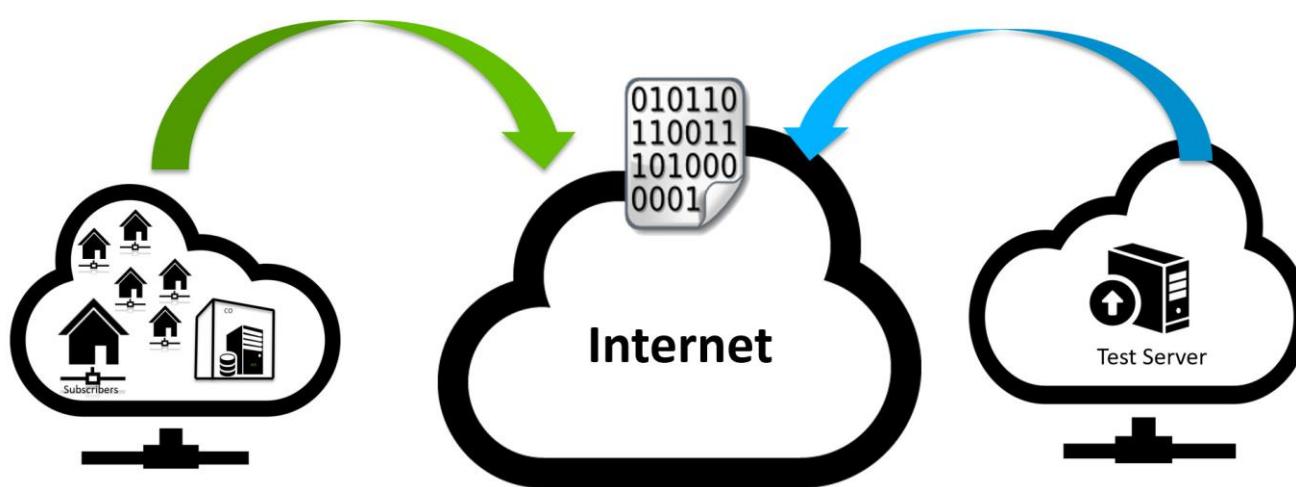


10 G WAN/LAN



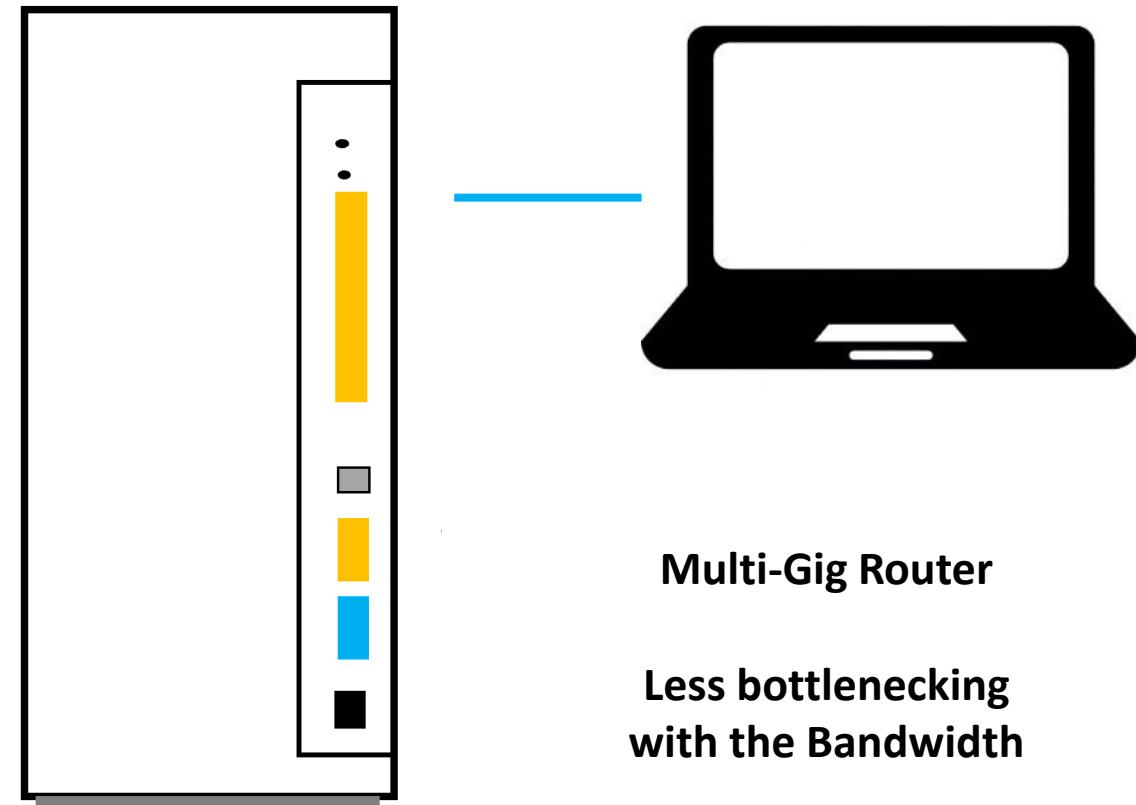
10 G LAN

# Ideal Set Up for Subscriber Speed Testing



Service Providers  
Network

FCC Designated  
IXP Servers



**Multi-Gig Router**

**Less bottlenecking  
with the Bandwidth**

# Will Any Old Router Do?

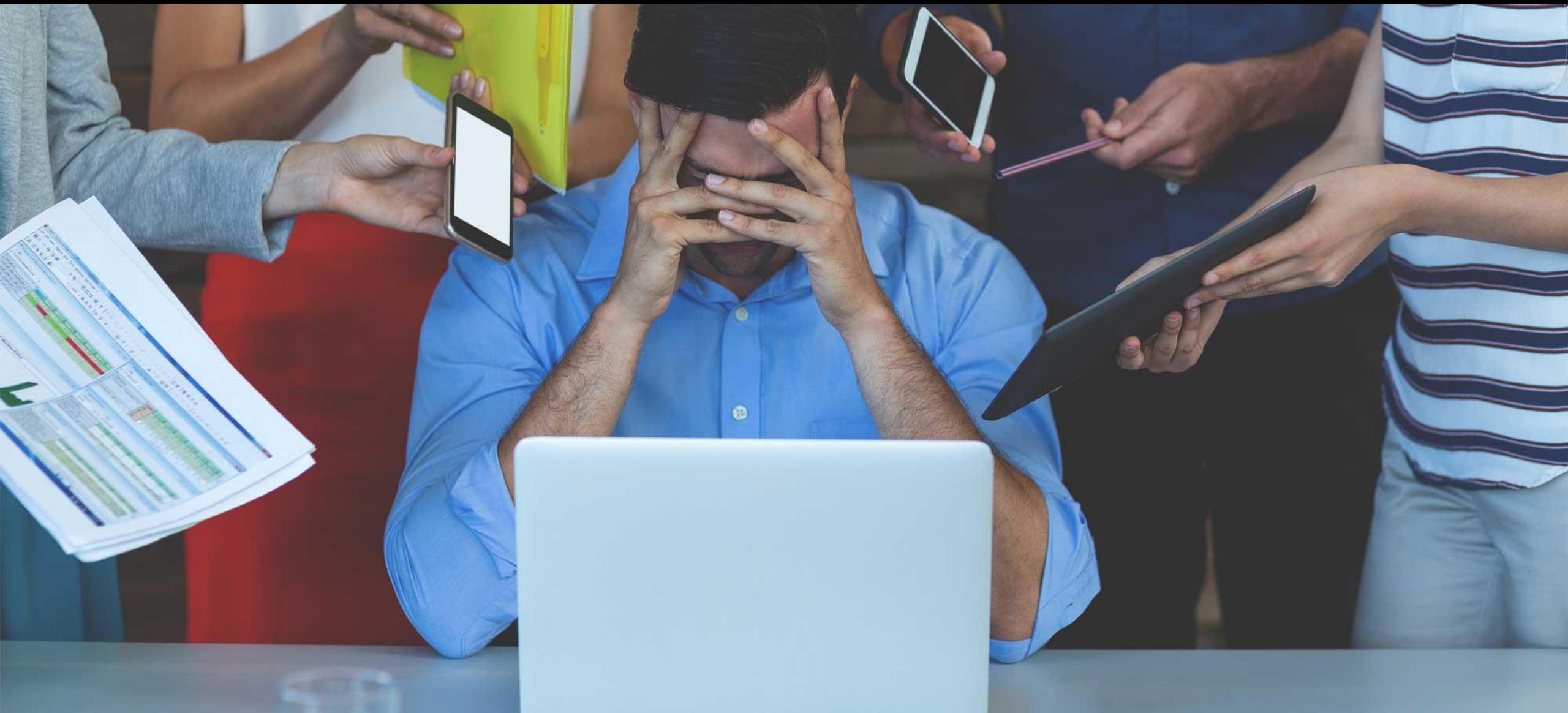
Home Wi-Fi Routers do have a lot of features built-in to enhance your online experience

However, enabling these features is a manual process which does require a level of knowledge to enable

Basic Wi-Fi Router lacks the intelligence to fully manage the connected Wi-Fi clients

No End-User App to provide a connection between the Wi-Fi Router and the user

# Wi-Fi and Managing your Subscribers



# Troubleshooting Wi-Fi 6E & 7



# Troubleshooting the Unknown



**Same steps apply to Wi-Fi 6E & 7**

Connect in a similar format

Wi-Fi 6E still has channels

Same kind of format for SSID and Password

Still will have some issues with Interference



# Wi-Fi Routine Maintenance

**Manage and Maintain the Subscriber's Home**

Monitor the connected Wi-Fi Client devices

Update the Wi-Fi Password

Add guest Wi-Fi networks

Add a new device

Instant Troubleshooting

Wi-Fi Parental Controls



# Remote Management with Wi-Fi



Instant Customer Care



Routine Maintenance



Saving Cost

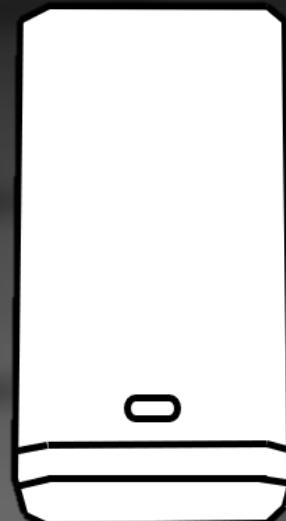


# Zero-Touch Configuration

No need for anyone to access the Gateway

Configurations and troubleshooting can be performed remotely over the Service Provider's network

[HTTPS://ISP.Com/ACS](https://ISP.Com/ACS)

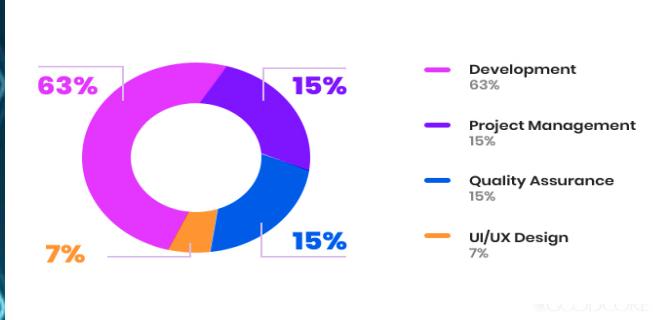


TR-069

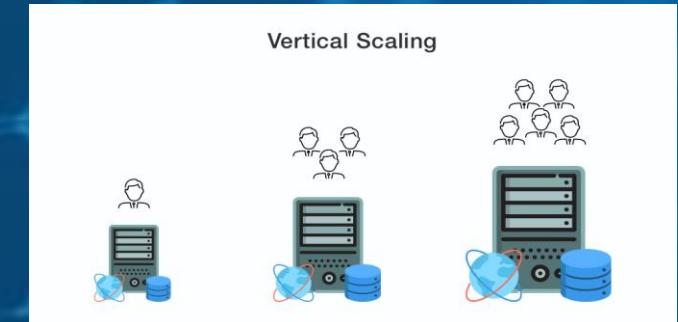


# Locally Hosted ACS

## Investment into TR-069



Remote  
Management  
Considerations



# ACS in the Cloud



# Cloud Hosted Remote Management

Managed Mesh Wi-Fi has opened the door for Service Provider to service offer their Subscribers a premium Broadband experience

Similar to TR-069's process, the cloud managed mesh solution does allow for the remote management system to be hosted in the cloud and saving the Provider's resources



**Cloud  
Managed**

# What Cloud Managed Wi-Fi Delivers

Enables new services to be deployment quickly

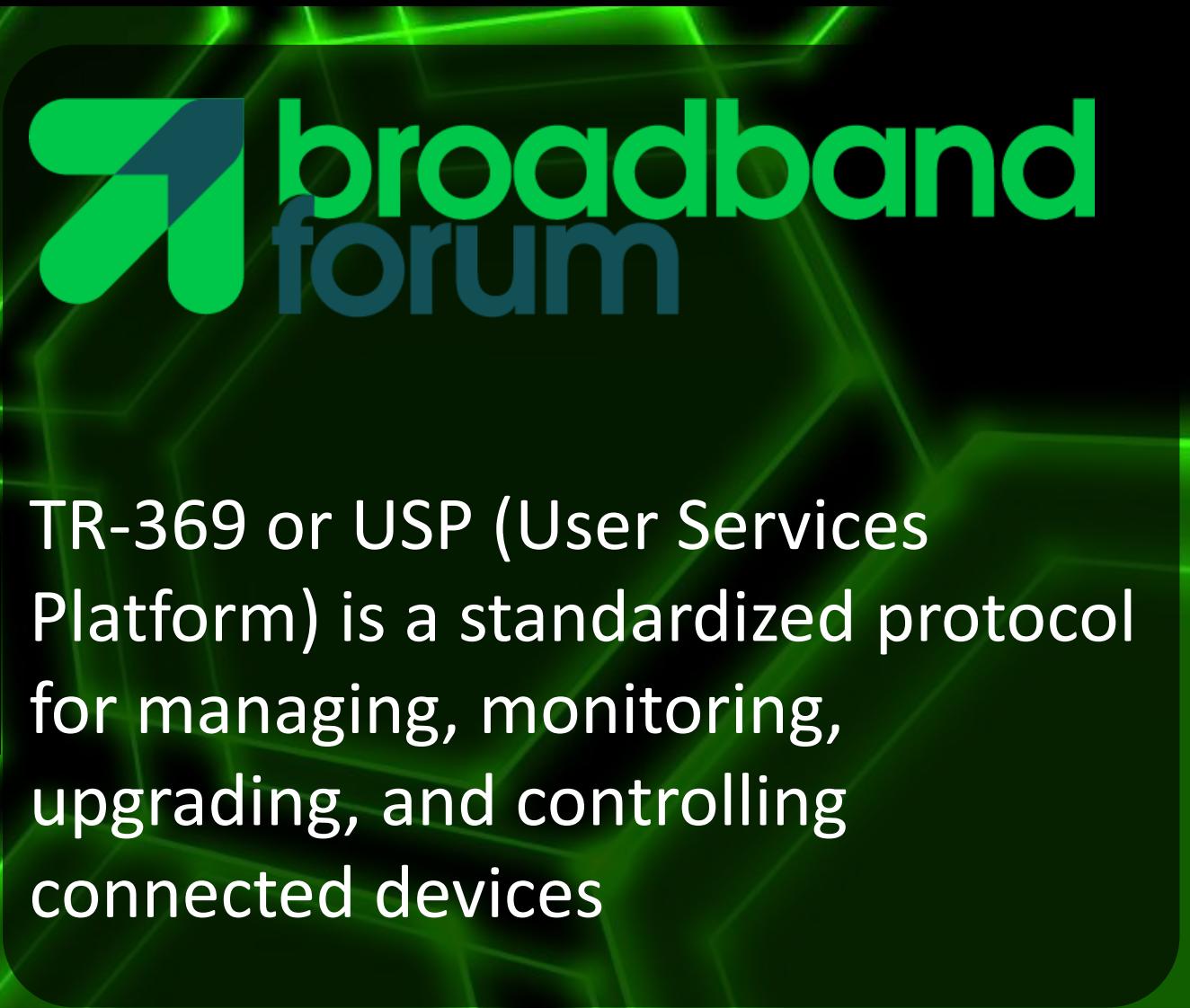
Reporting on vital statistics from the Subscriber's network

Works with multiple vendors and on multiple levels for open interoperations

Scalable and ready for new services that often require only Cloud Management



# IoT, Smart Home, and TR-369



TR-369 or USP (User Services Platform) is a standardized protocol for managing, monitoring, upgrading, and controlling connected devices



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