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# 8 Tips for Deploying Indoor Wireless Mobility

with Cisco Industrial Wireless

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# Agenda

- Introduction
- Analyzing the application
- Choosing the technology
- Choosing hardware
- Spectrum, Antennas, and more
- Commissioning, tuning, and troubleshooting
- (avoid the) Concussion

# Introduction







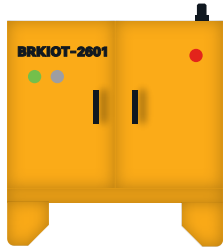
## What is... Industrial Wireless?

- 802.11 based technologies
  - n, ac, and ax products
- WiFi and Cisco Ultra-Reliable Wireless Backhaul (Cisco URWB)

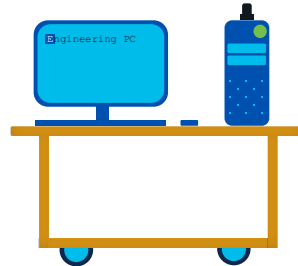
# What is Mobility?

- Wireless use cases in industry can generally be categorized as:
  - Fixed
  - Portable
  - Moving – this is what we will focus on

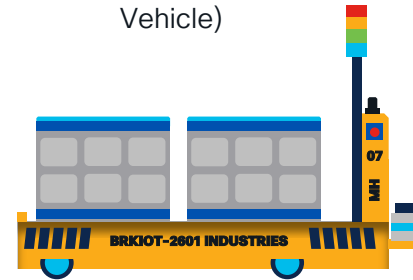
Industrial Control Cabinet



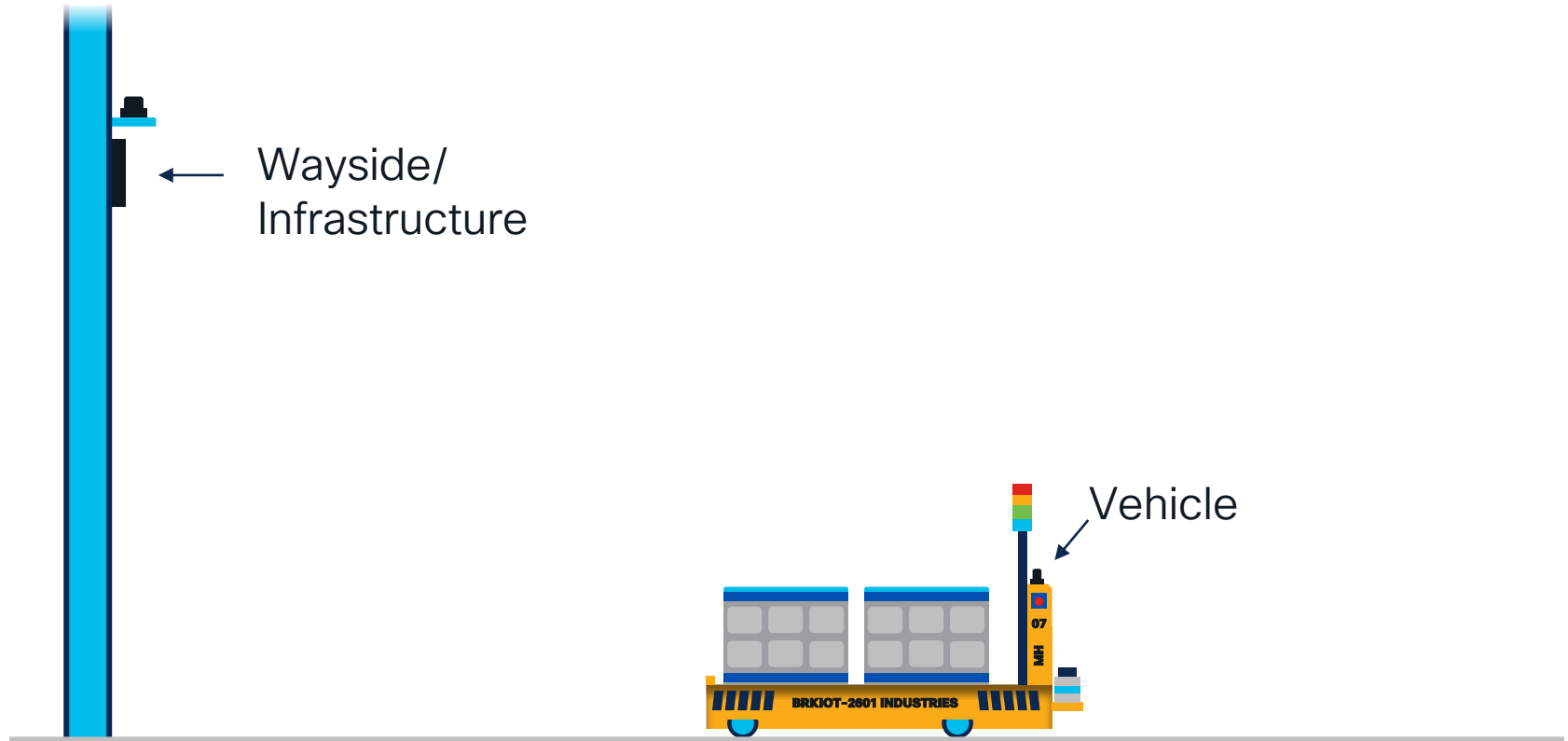
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AGV  
(Automated Guided Vehicle)



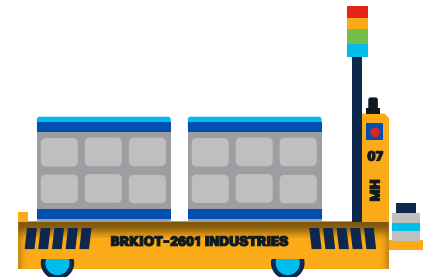
# Moving Mobility Nomenclature





# Moving Mobility Use Cases (Indoor)

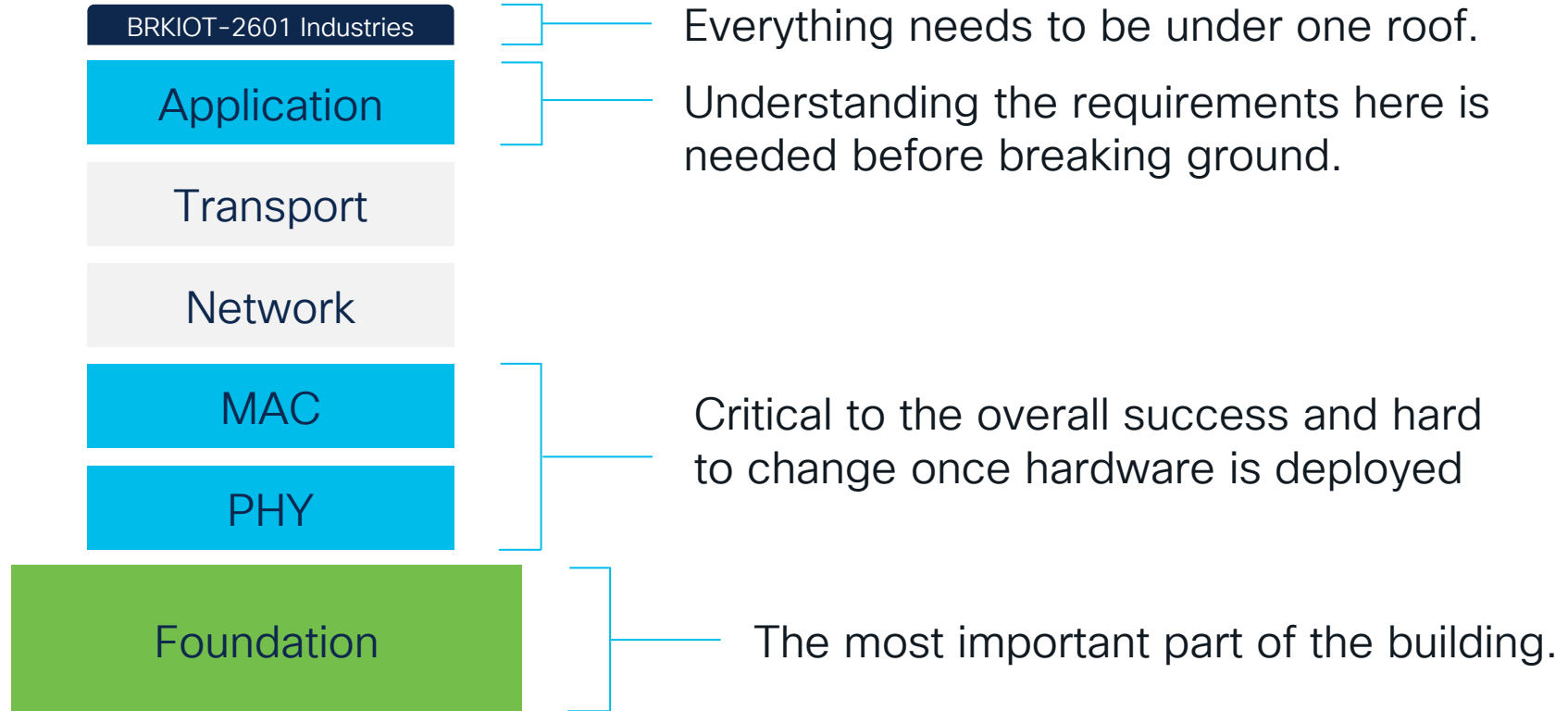
- Automated Guided Vehicles / Autonomous Mobile Robots
- Moving Machinery
- Overhead Cranes
- Forklifts / Material Handlers (human operated)



# Why is indoor mobility for industry different?

- Complex RF environments
- Needs to be highly reliable
- Targeted for automation
- Wireless and automations system are co-dependent in many cases

# Where do we start?



# Tip #1

## Understand the application

# Genres of industrial control communication

- Deterministic
- Non-deterministic
- Understanding the application communication thoroughly is critical

## Tip #2

“It’s the network...”

“until proven innocent”

# Types of Traffic

Deterministic  
Control

123101  
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Non-Deterministic  
Control

VarA=12  
VarB=4

VarC=7  
VarB=4

VarA=9

VarC=6  
VarB=2

VarA=0  
VarB=2

Non-Control

LOG MESSAGE:  
Welcome to Cisco  
Live

LOG MESSAGE:  
Don't forget the  
Survey



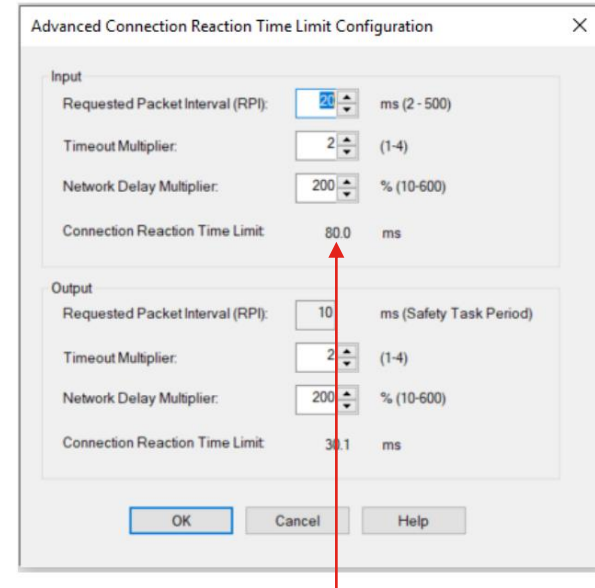
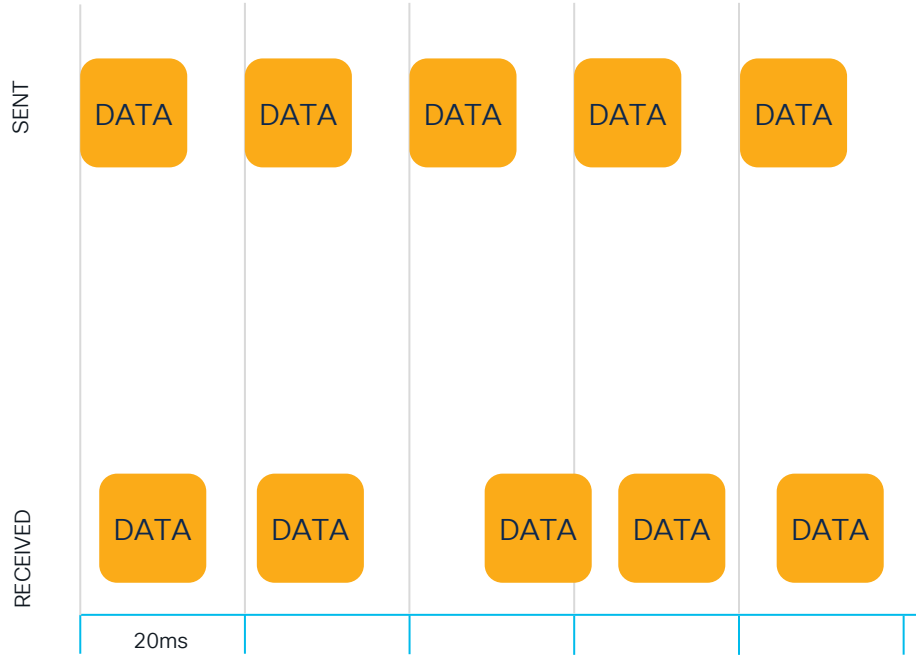
# Deterministic communication

- Two most common:
  - Common Industrial Protocol (CIP) over Ethernet/IP – Rockwell
  - Profinet – Siemens
- Both are used for safety applications
- Latency over Delivery

# CIP Safety Implicit Messaging

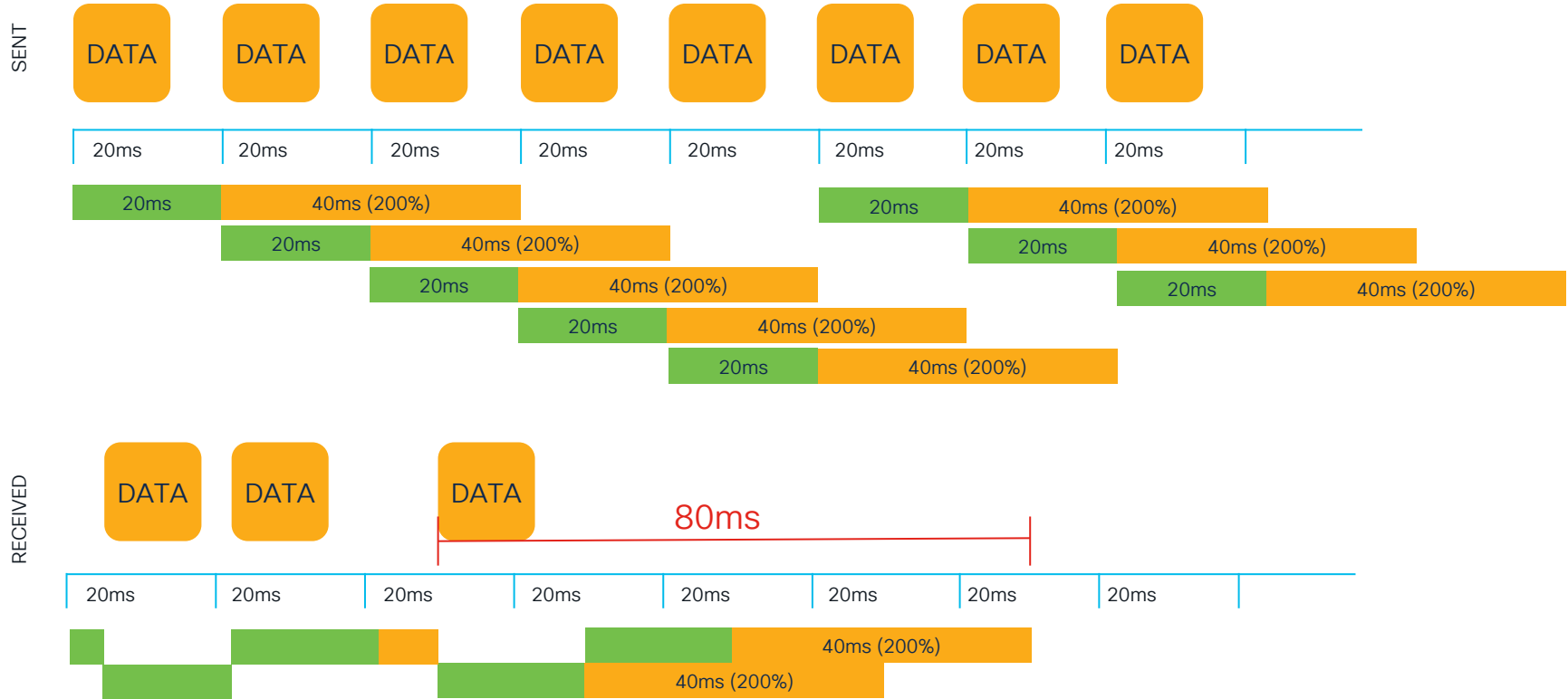
- Connection is established over TCP, data flows over UDP
- A new copy of data is sent at regular intervals (RPI)

# Timeouts can be tricky

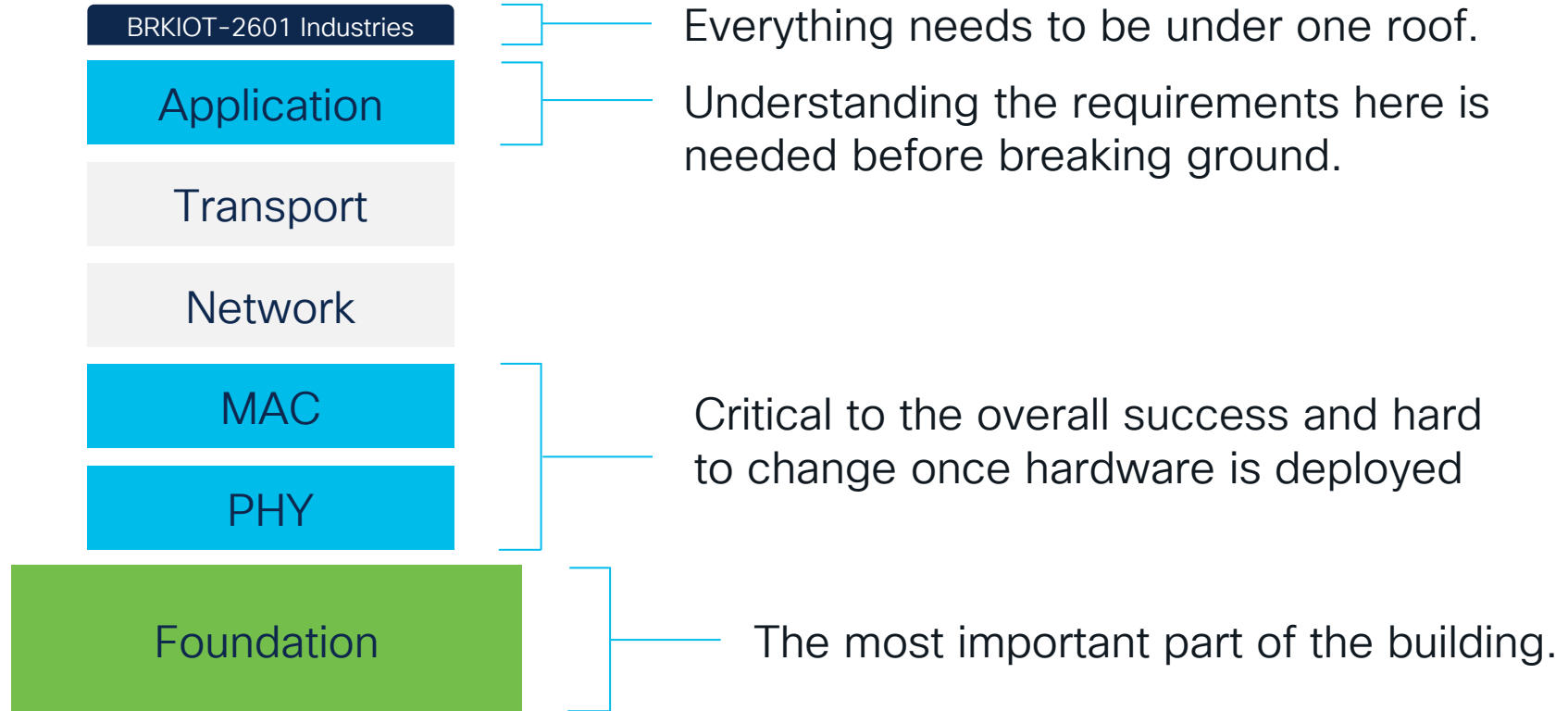


Studio 5000 gives 80.0ms  
for the Connection Reaction  
Time Limit (CRTL)

# Timeouts can be tricky



# Where do we start?

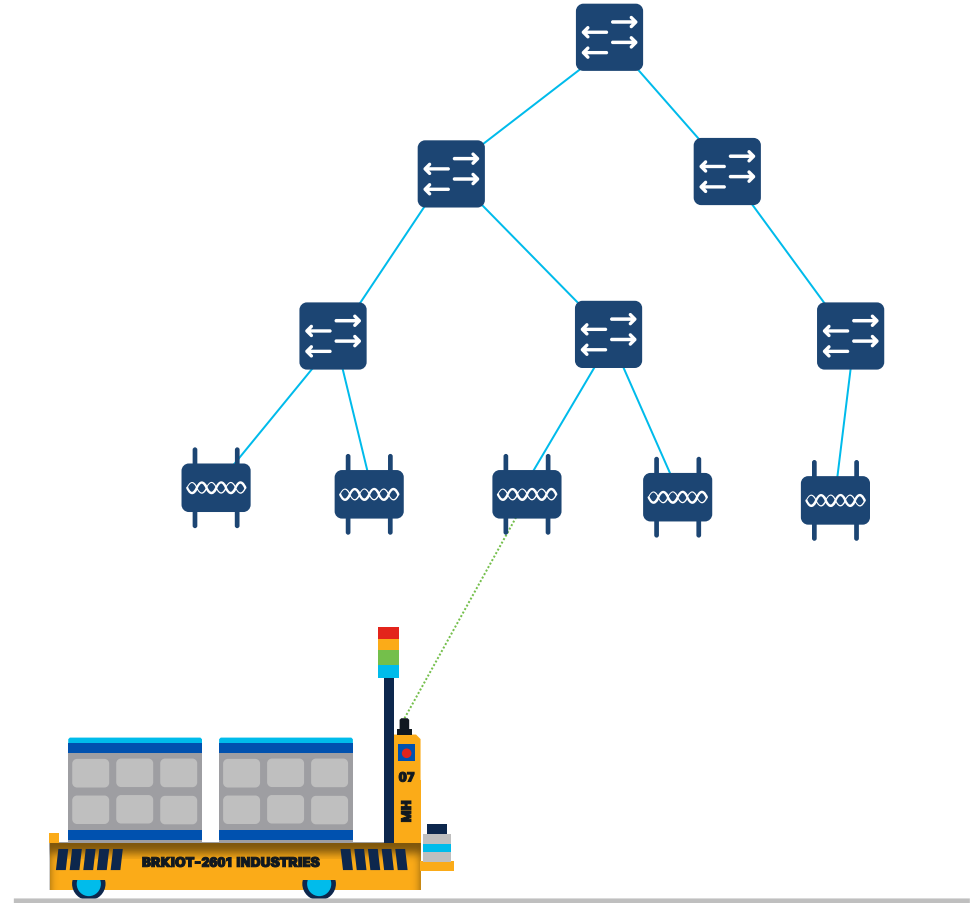


# Tip #3

## Choose the right technology

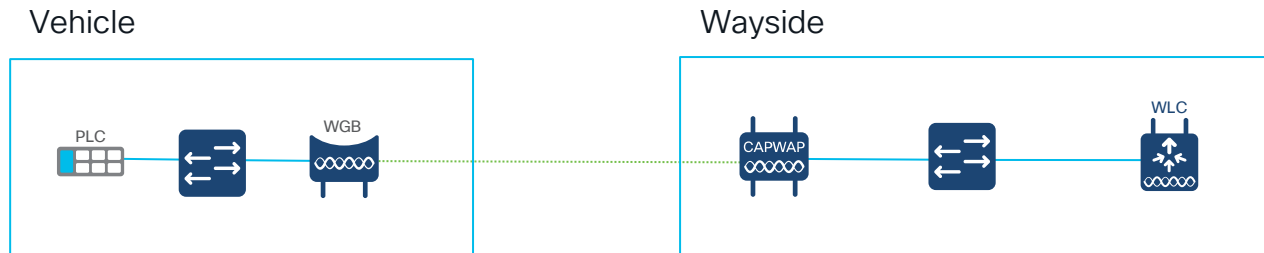
# The layers of mobility

- Network
  - MAC (Layer 2)
  - IP Address (Layer 3)
- Wireless
- Roaming Challenges





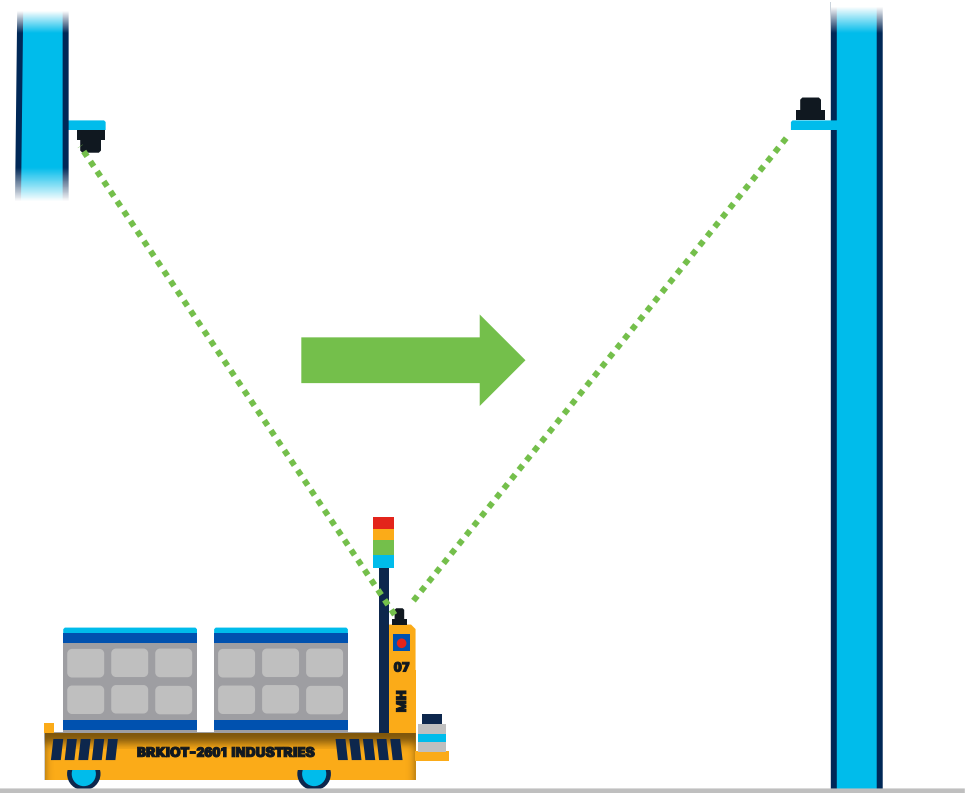
# WiFi and Workgroup Bridge (WGB)



- WGB joins SSID on WLC. Wired clients behind
- WGB sends information about wired clients to WLC using IAPP
- Roaming is triggered based on RSSI or data rate

# The challenges roaming presents

- Triggering and hysteresis (when to roam)
- Scanning (if needed)
- Authentication
  - PSK vs EAP
  - 802.11r helps, but...

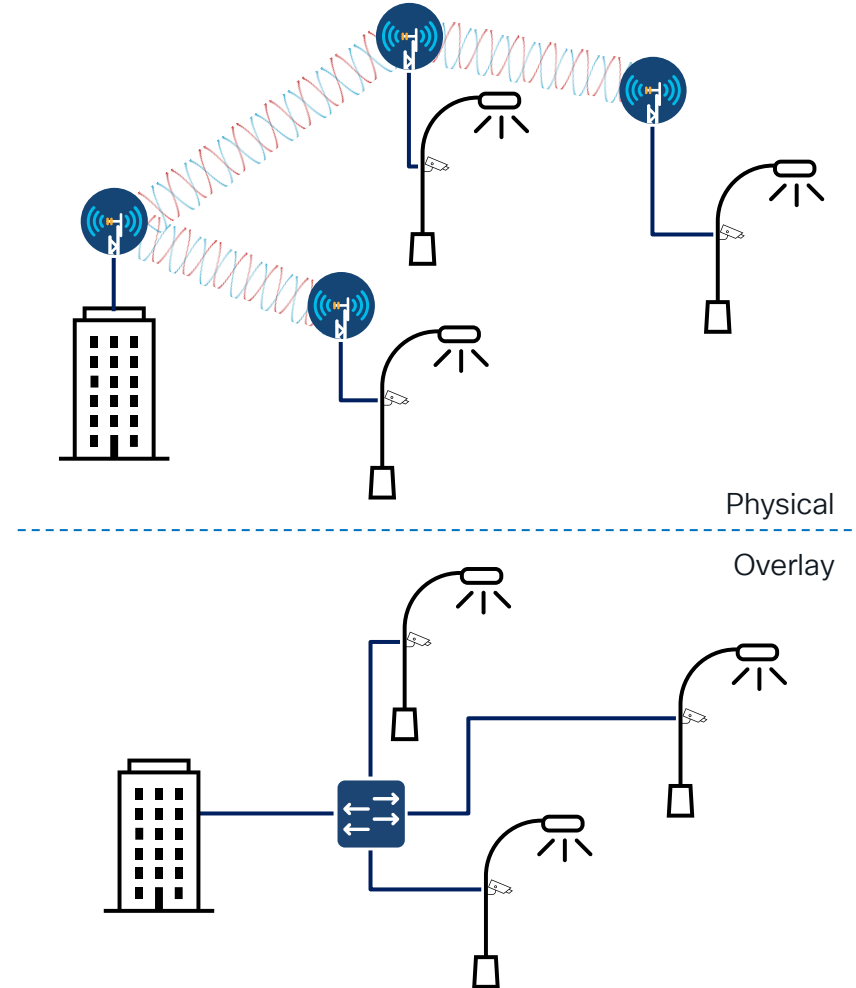


# WGB Performance

- Performance – typically characterized by roaming time
- Roaming time is the end-end solution
- WGB
  - Roaming Decision Time
  - Scan time ( avoided for SCA, minimized with scan list)
  - Association and Authentication (minimal with 802.11r, but can vary)
- Infrastructure plumbing time
  - Local mode – controller processing time
  - Flexconnect – L2 update times

# What is Cisco URWB?

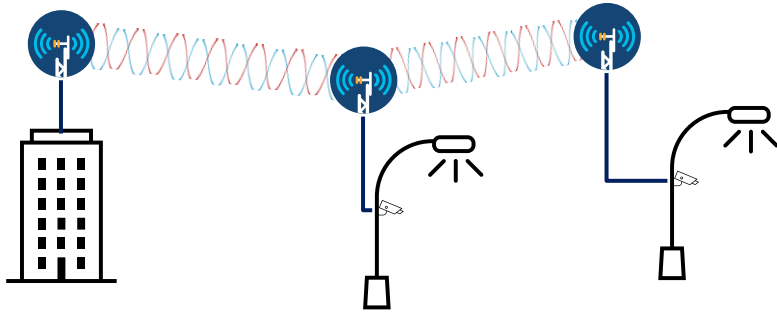
- Cisco UWRB is an overlay technology that emulates a virtual switch over wireless links
- Extends your network to fixed and mobile locations
- Supports VLANs and QoS
- Layer 2 switching or Layer 3 (for advanced mobility architectures)



# Backhaul modes of operation

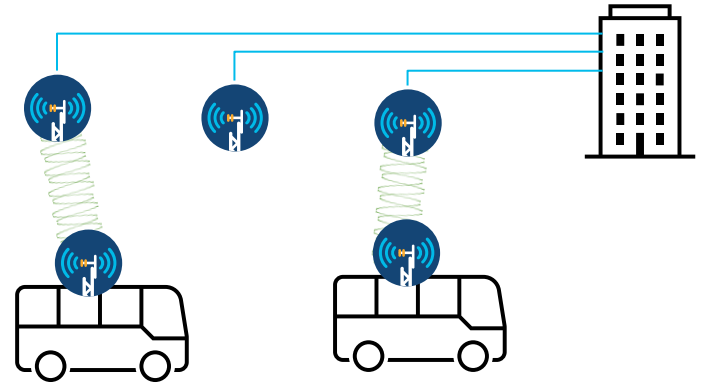
## Fixed

Connect wired networks between static or nomadic locations

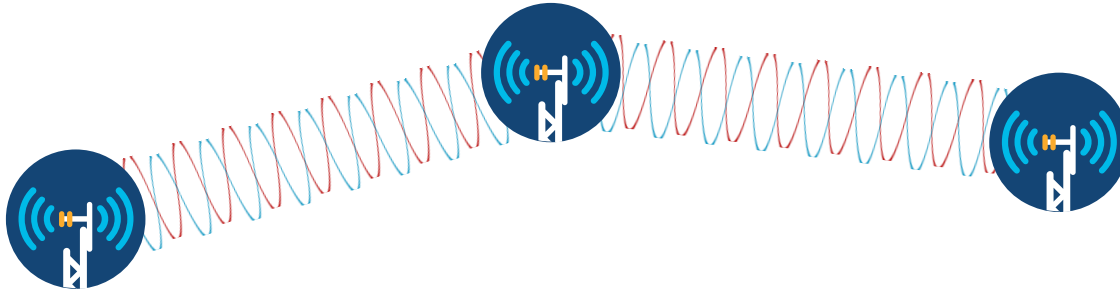


## Mobility

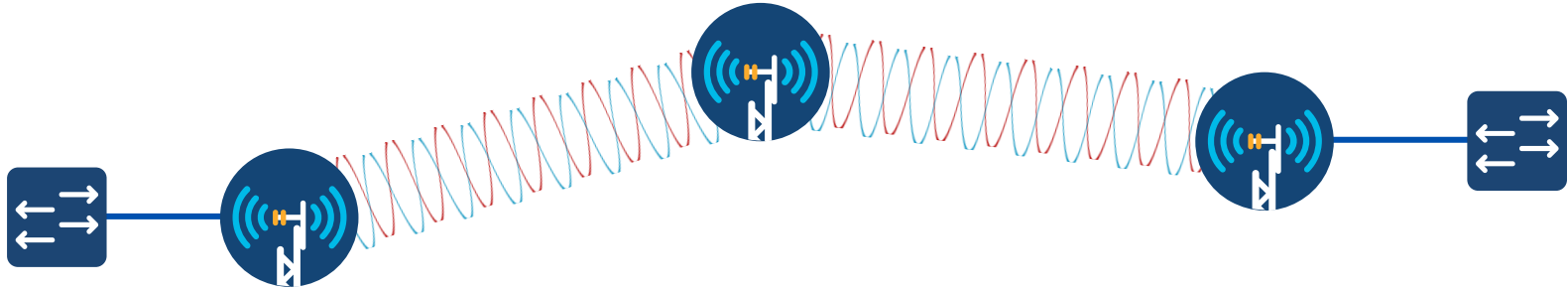
Extension of fixed functionality to optimize connectivity for mobile assets with predictive handoffs



# URWB Wireless Links



# URWB Overlay

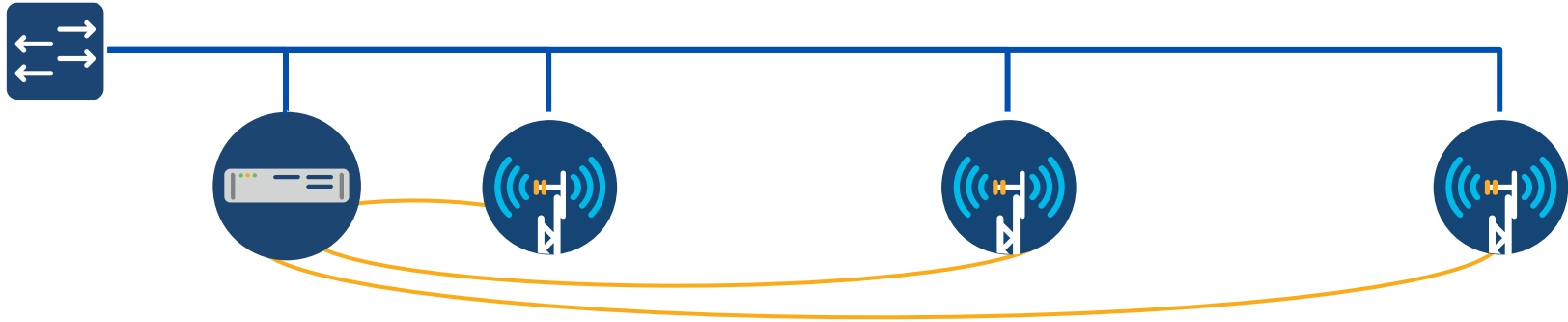




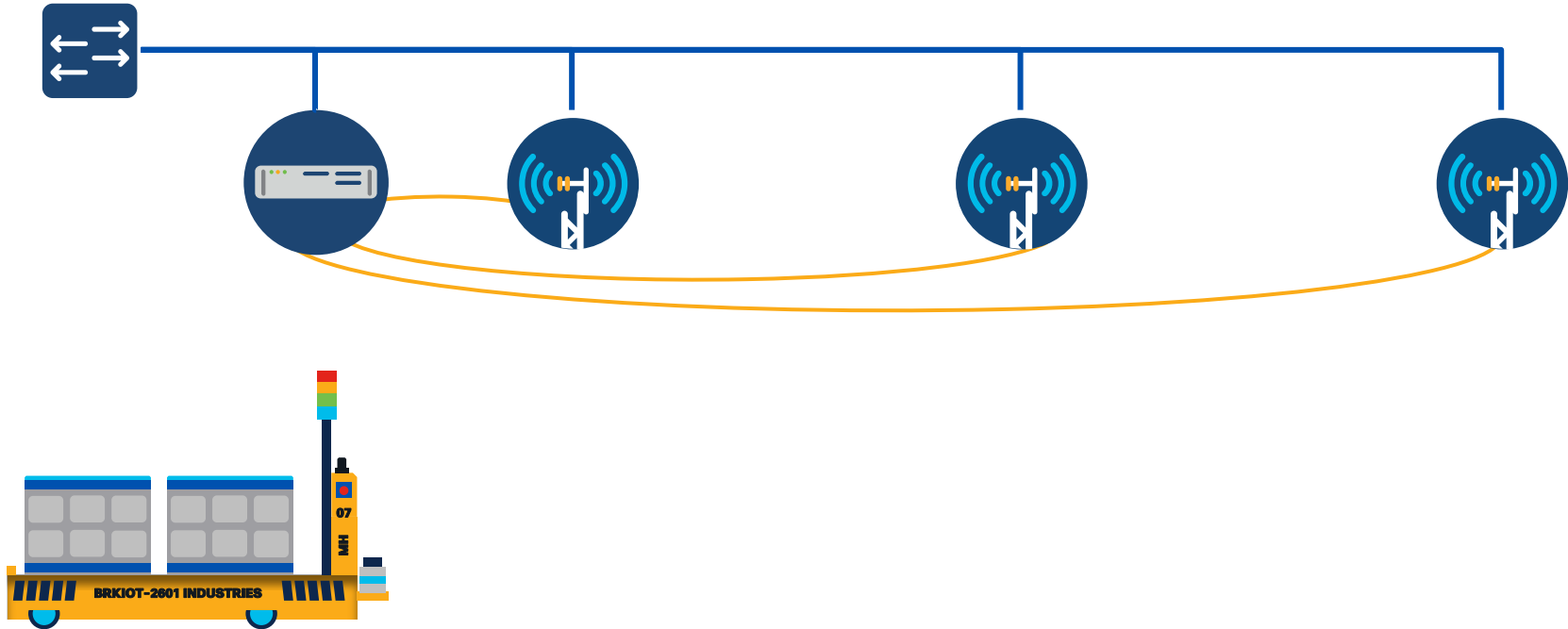
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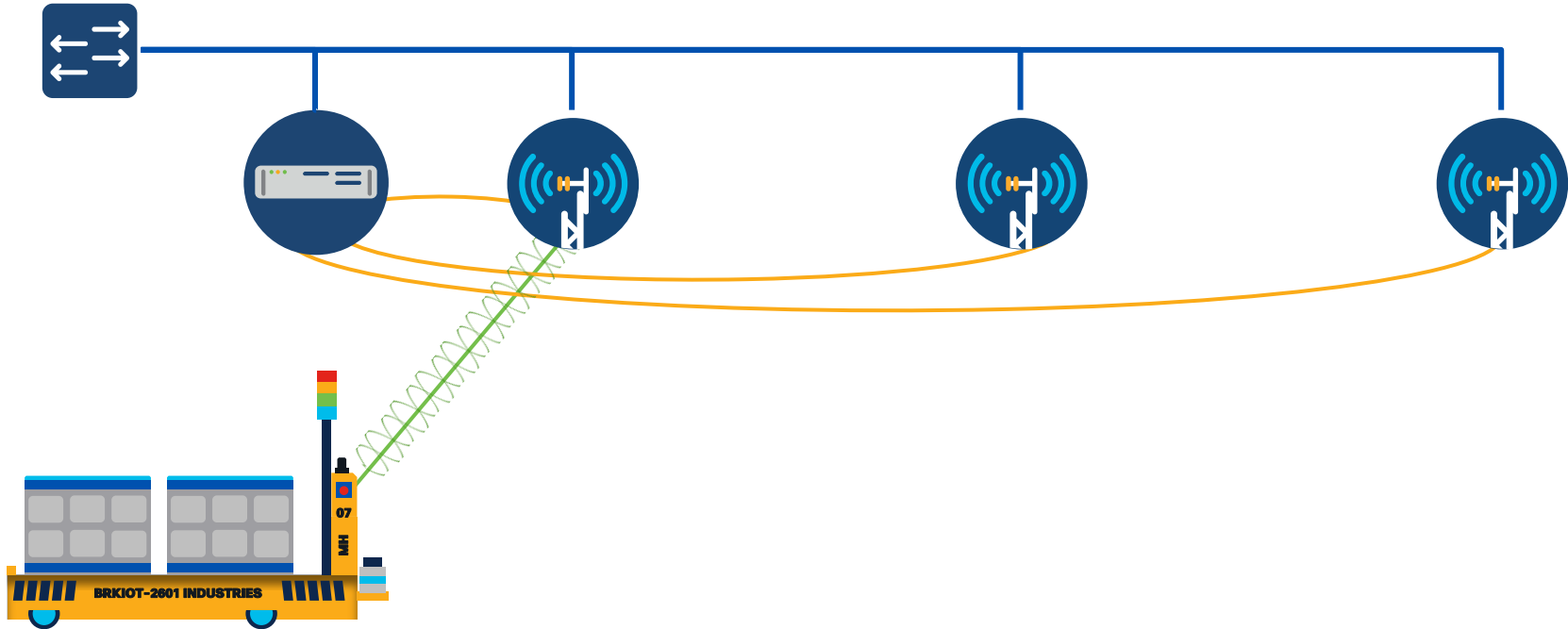
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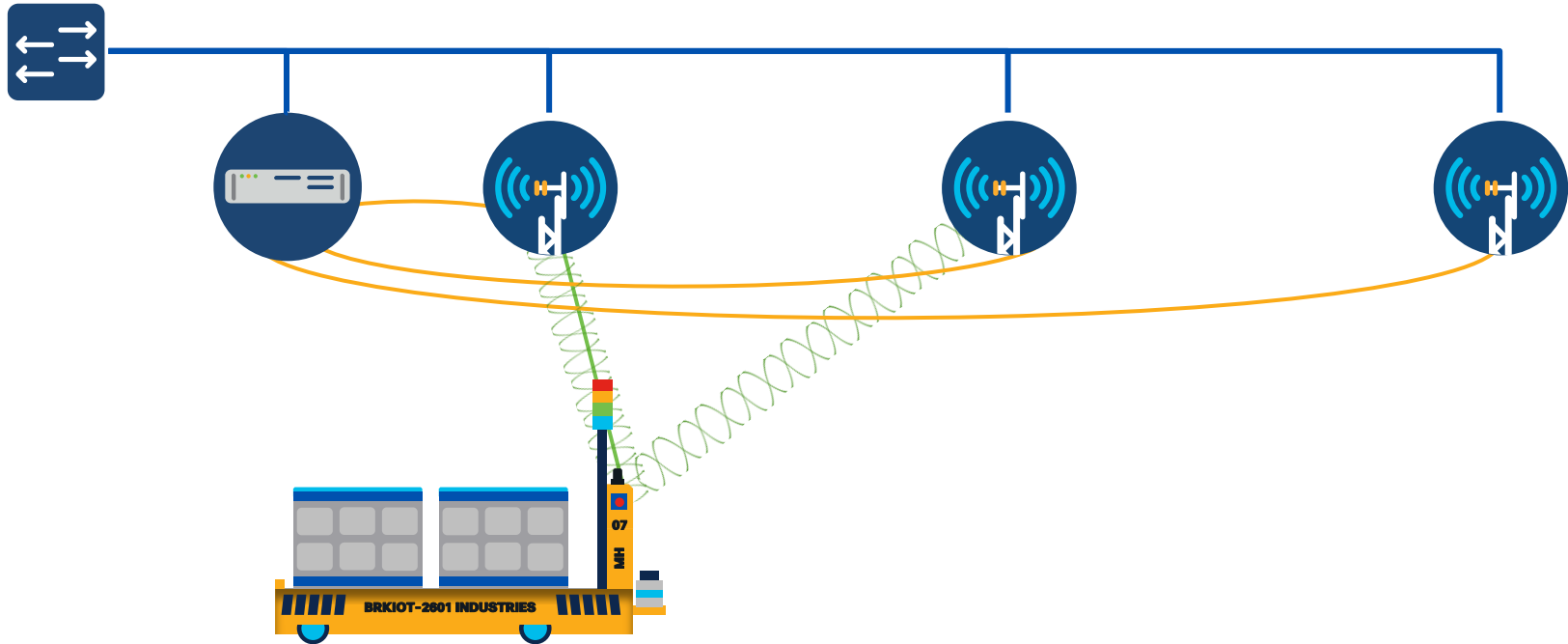
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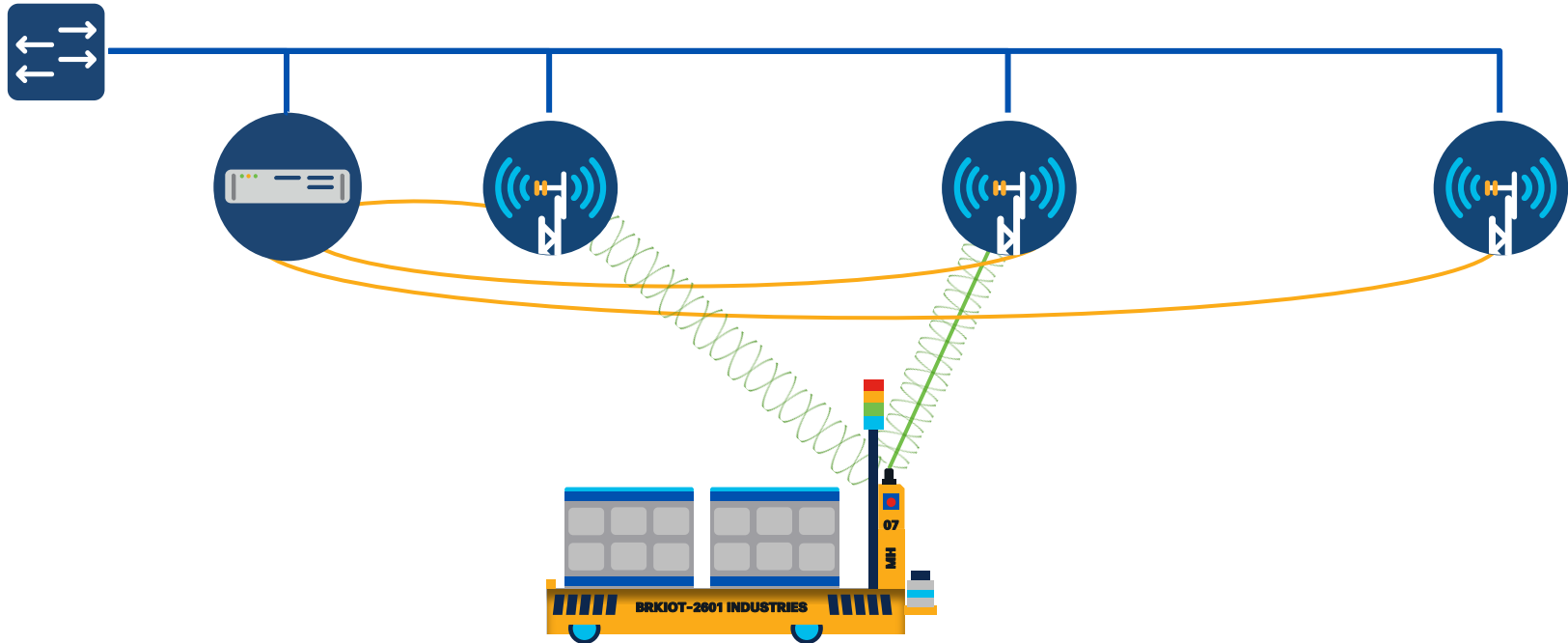
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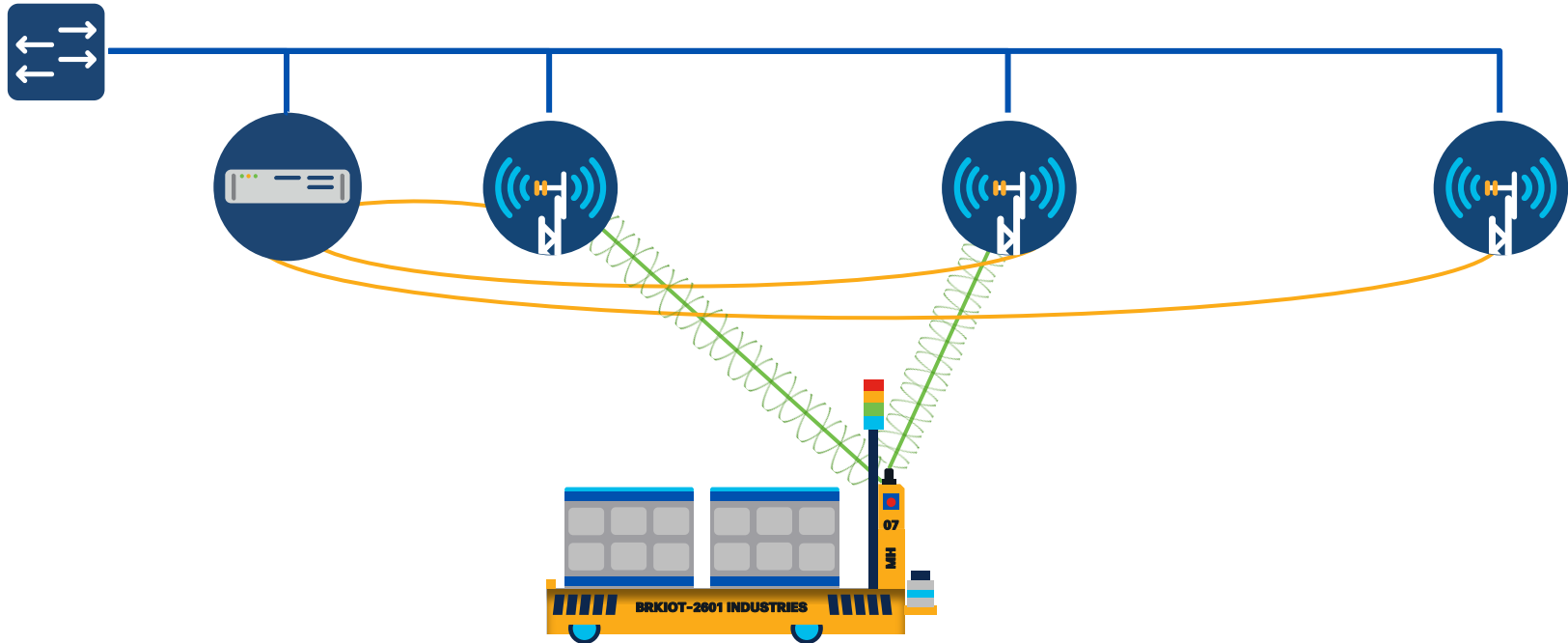
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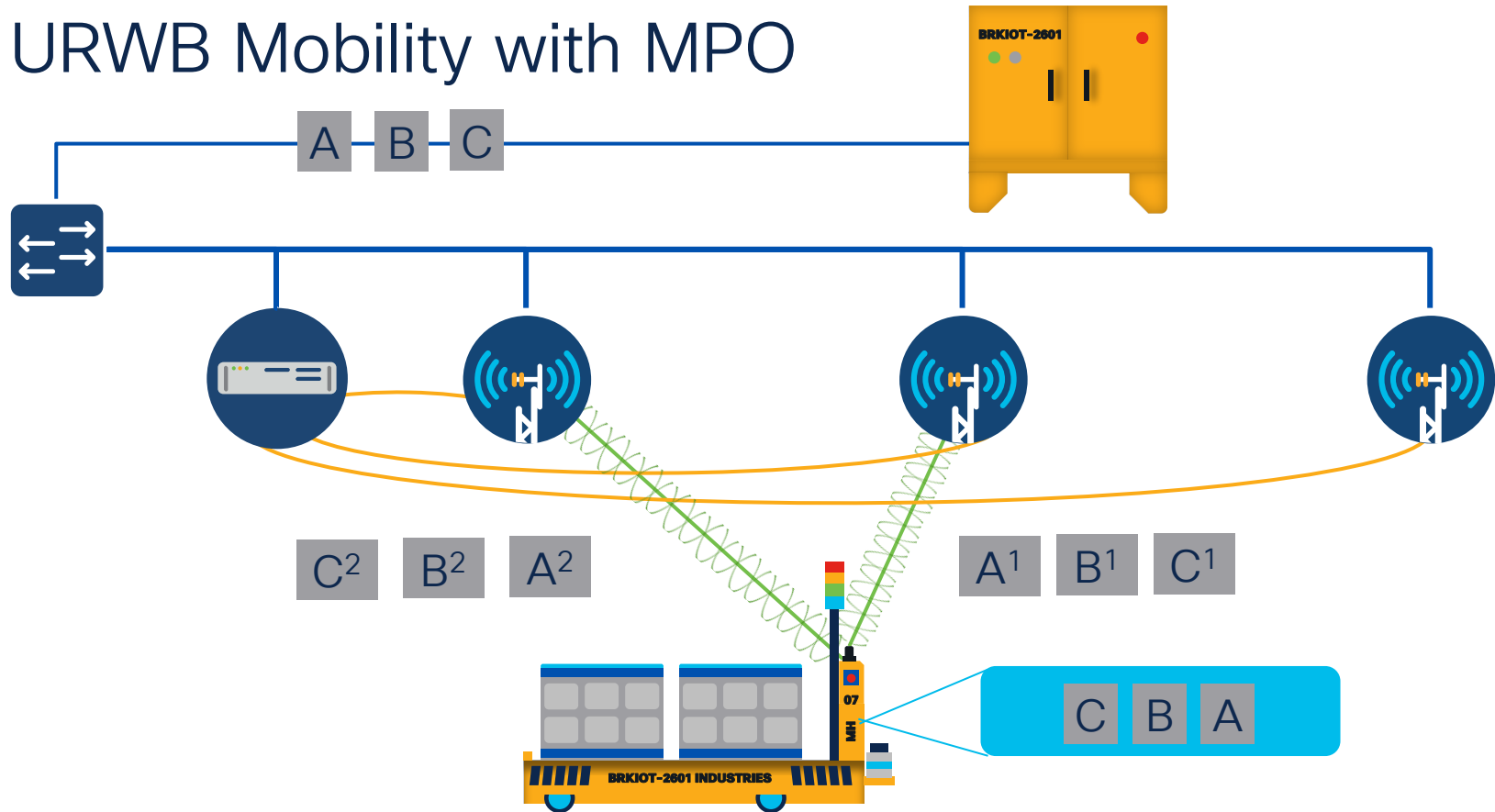


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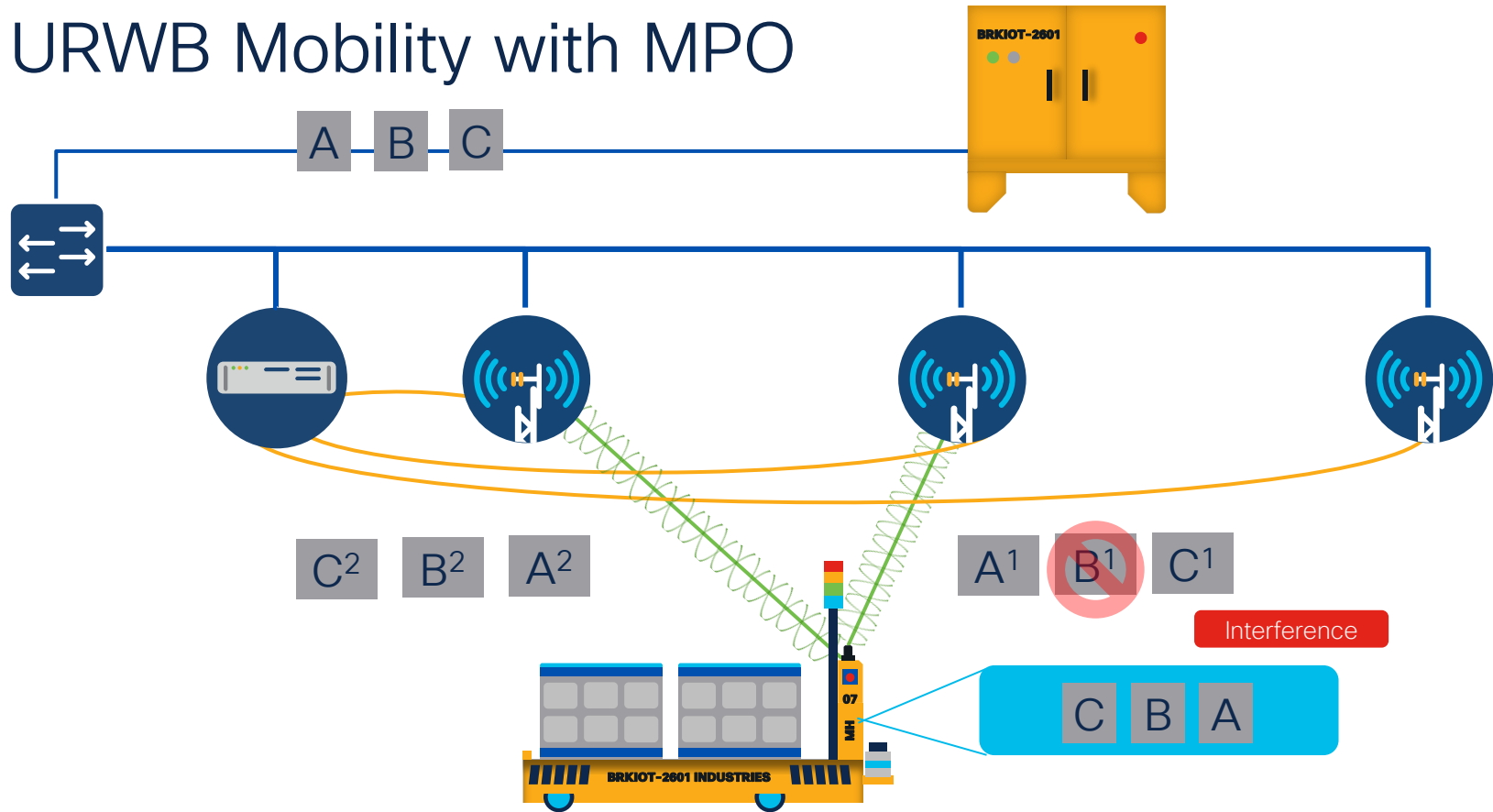




# URWB Mobility with MPO



# URWB Mobility with MPO



# Tip #4

## Choose the right Hardware

# IW Family Overview for Indoor Mobility



IW9165E



IW9167

Application	Wireless client for mobile assets	Wireless backhaul for fixed and mobile assets
Radio	2 x 802.11ax radios (5GHz, 5/6GHz)	3 x 802.11ax radios (2.4GHz, 5GHz, 5/6GHz)
Antenna	4 x RP-SMA	8 x N-Type (f)
Modulation	2x2 MIMO	4x4 MIMO
Wireless Mode	WGB or URWB	WiFi, WGB, URWB
Ethernet	1 x 2.5Gbps + 1 x 1Gbps RJ45 Optional M12 adapter	1 x 5Gbps RJ45 + 1 x SFP+ Optional M12 adapters
Expendability	BLE, GNSS, GPIO	BLE, GNSS
Certifications	IP30, EN50155 -20C to +50C	IP67, EN50155 -50C to +75C

# IW9167E Heavy Duty vs IW9165E Rugged



Prototype devices pictured. Production device may vary.

# WGB Selection for Mobility



IW3702  
(IOS)



IW9165E  
(AP-COS/UIW)



IW9167E  
(AP-COS/UIW)

# Cisco URWB Hardware Selection



IW9165E



IW9167E

# The “k9c1” feature set

- “Unified Industrial Wireless” (UIW)
- Combines URWB and WGB<sup>†</sup>
- Boot time target <2 minutes
- Still based on AP-COS platform

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## FeatureSet

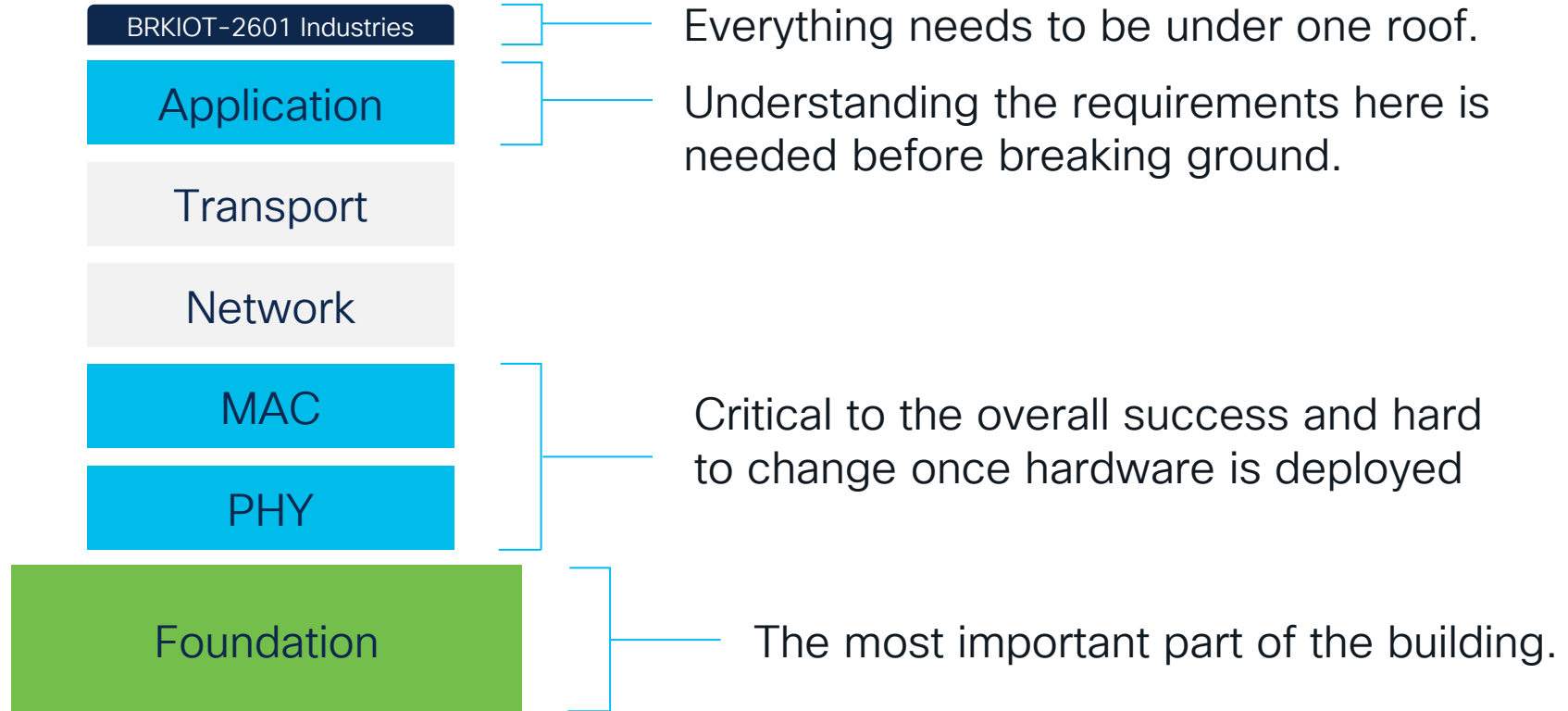
k9c1	Unified Industrial Wireless URWB and/or WGB <sup>†</sup>
k9w8	Full lightweight IOS/AP-COS

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<sup>†</sup> WGB available on IW9165 with IOS-XE / UIW release 17.13.1+



# Where do we start?



# Tips #5

## Survey the Spectrum

# The “foundation”

- RF is the part that hard to see

# The “medium”

- Spectrum availability is the largest limiting factor
- Coordination, surveillance, and elimination

# Tip #6

## Antennas matter!

# Propagation in indoor industrial environments

- Large spaces or small spaces, often tall or short
- Lots of reflective surfaces
- Usually not equal attenuation in walls, if present
- Multipath and fading play a major role in propagation paths

# Fast-fading and moving clients

- Motion complicates the already complex propagation path
- 5 GHz radio waves are ~5.8cm long
- Every point in space can have a different propagation path and resultant signal

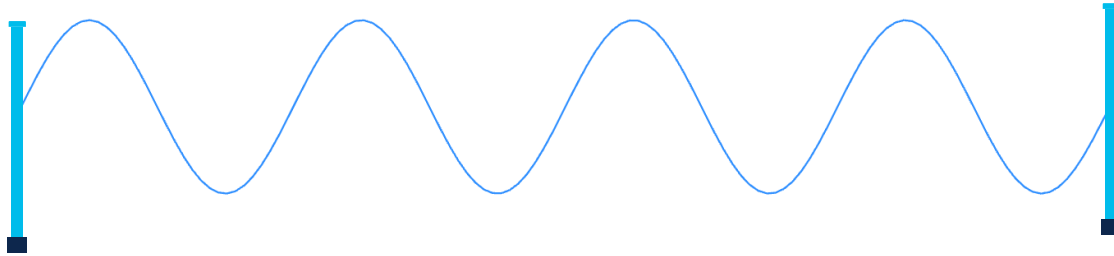
# What role do antennas play?

- Antennas further complicate the equation (physics)
- Two major factors:
  - Antenna Polarization
  - Antenna Pattern



# What is antenna polarization

## Linear Polarized

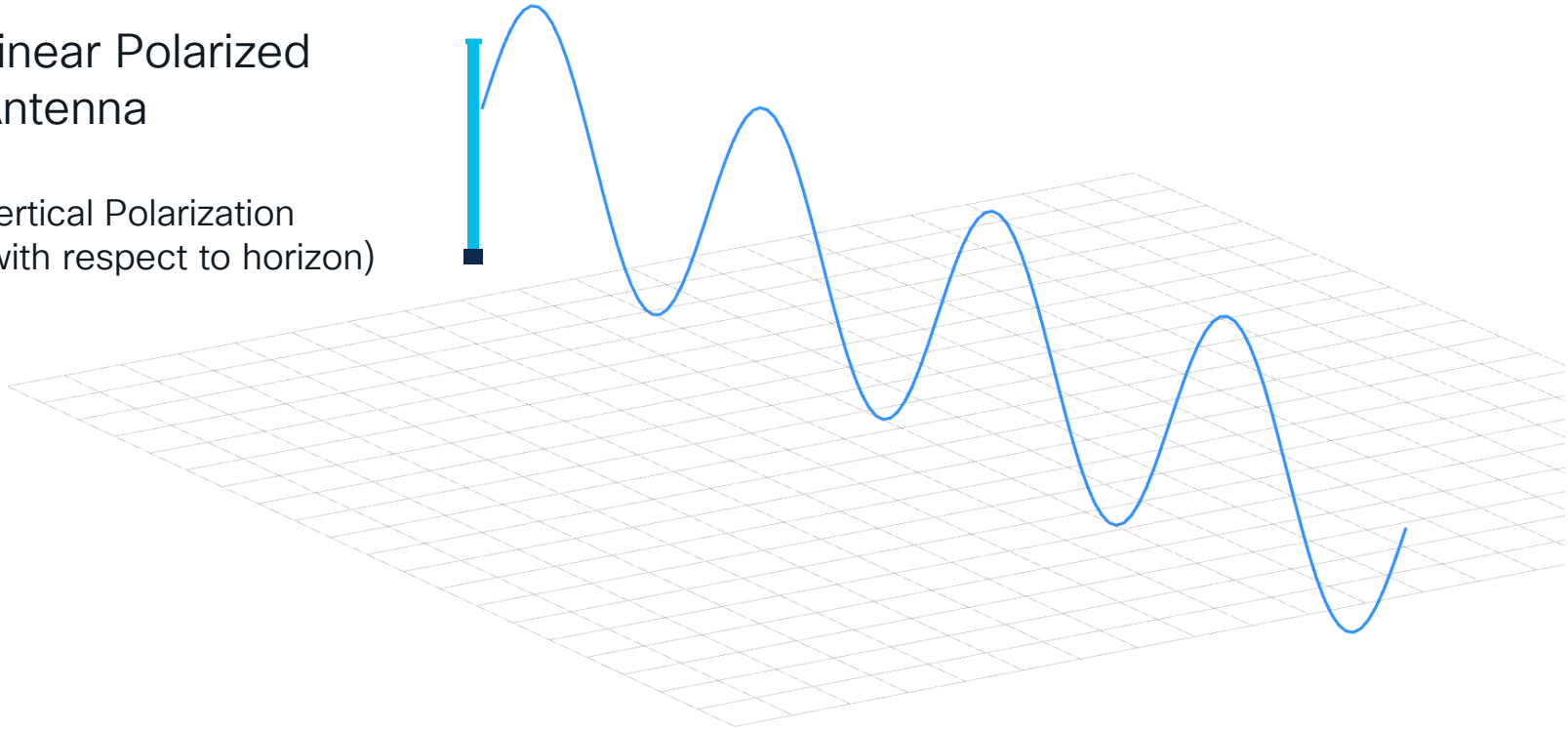


~ “direction of the electromagnetic fields produced by the antenna as energy radiates away from it”

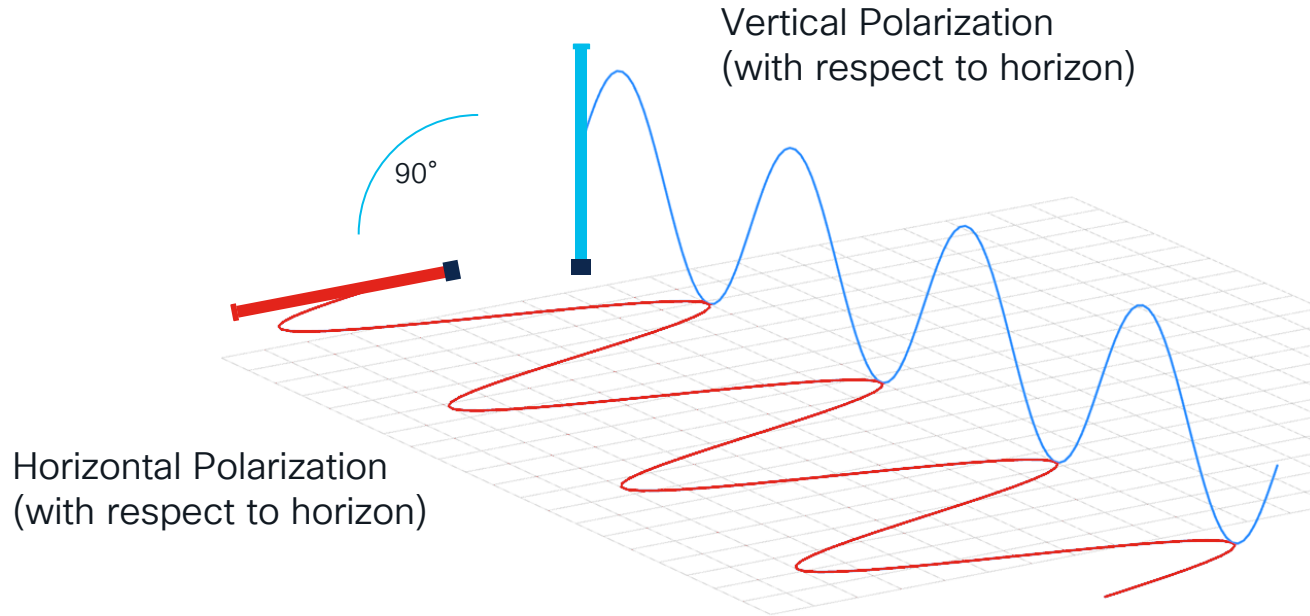
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Linear Polarized  
Antenna

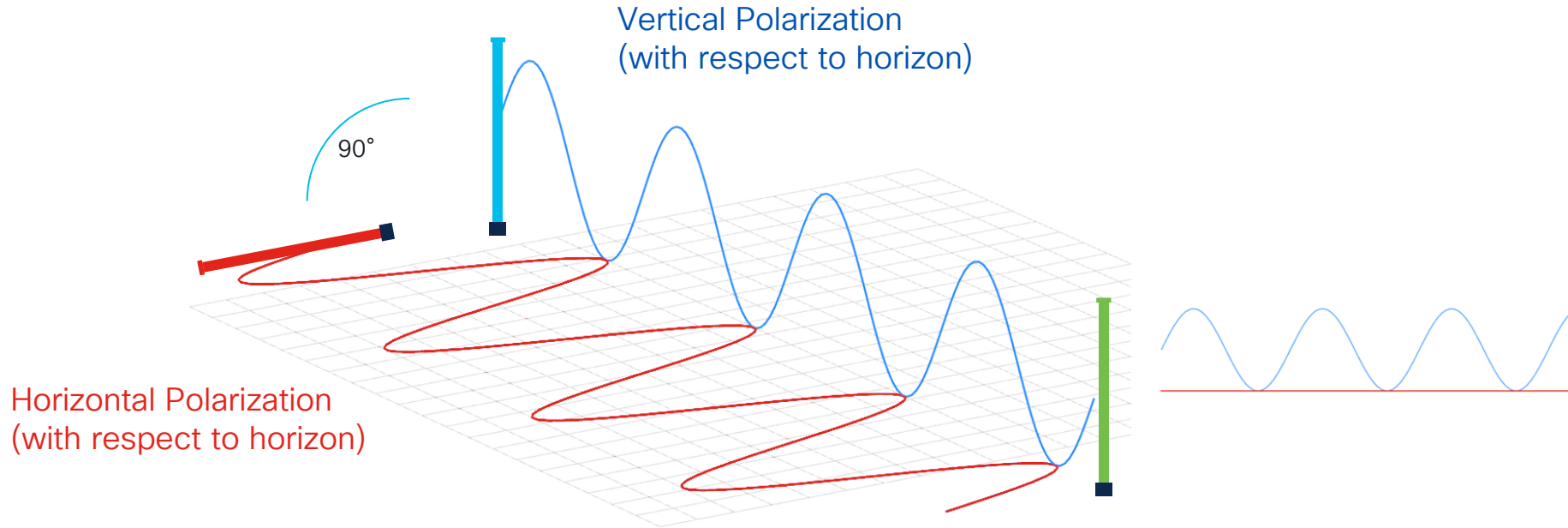
Vertical Polarization  
(with respect to horizon)



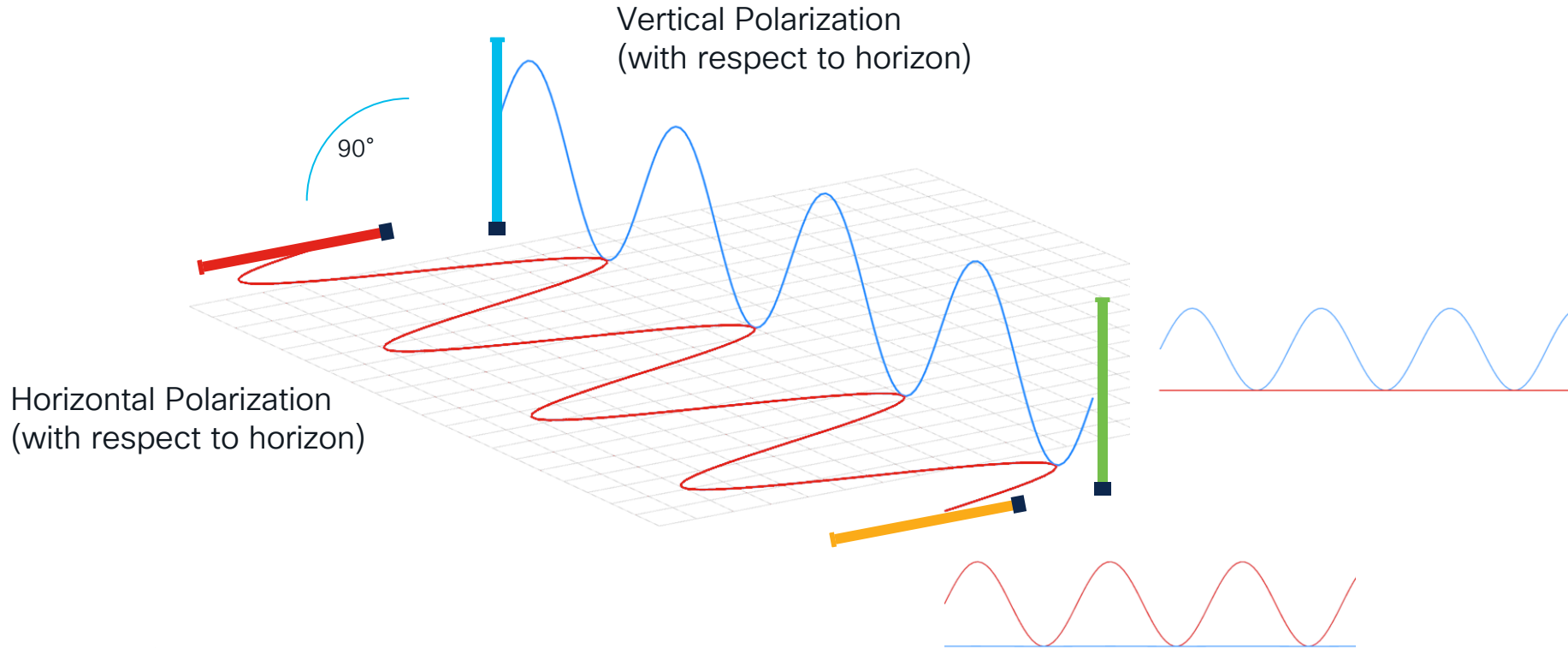
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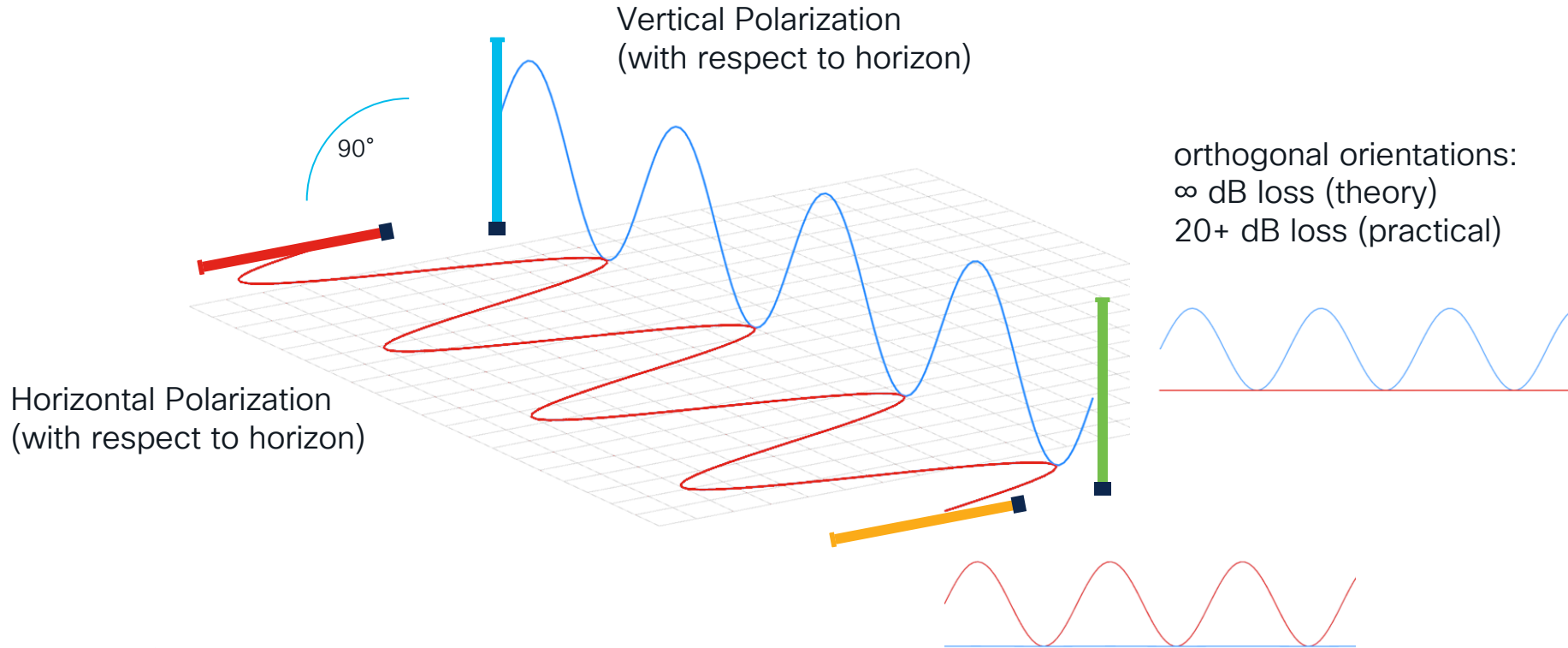
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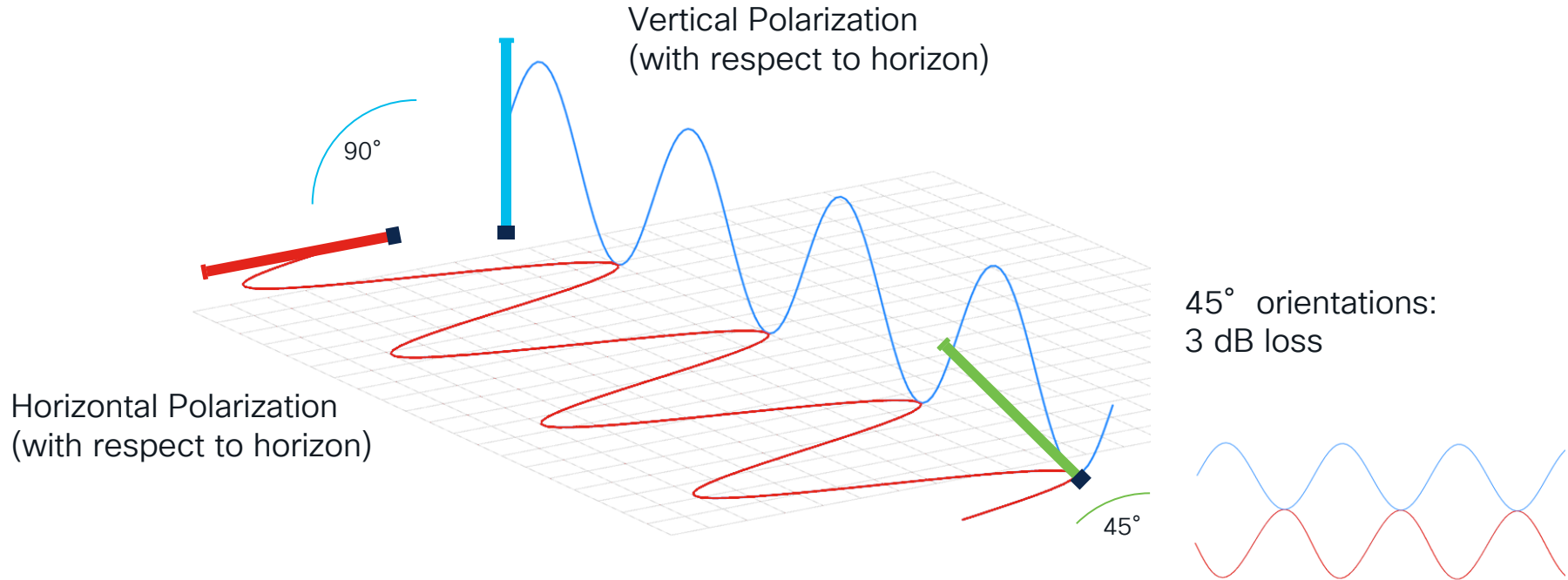
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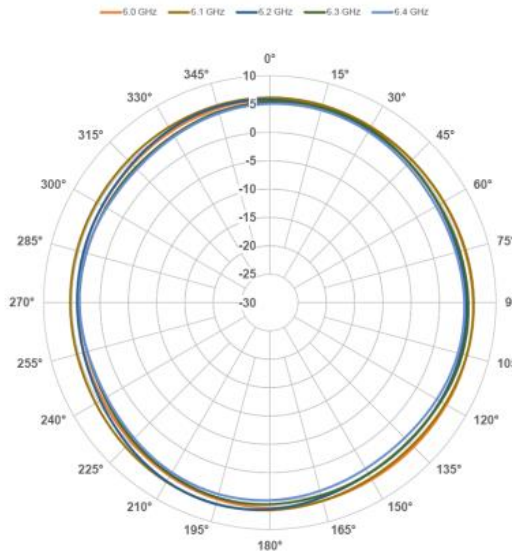


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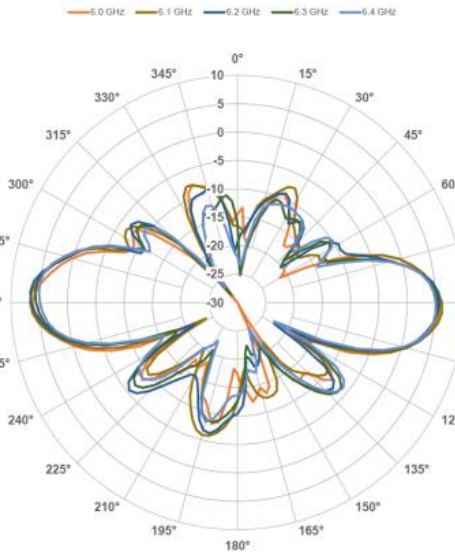


# Why antenna patterns matter

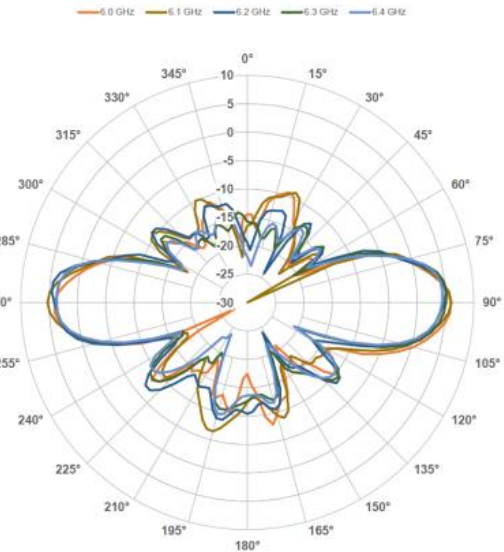
Azimuth Plane



Phi 0° Plane

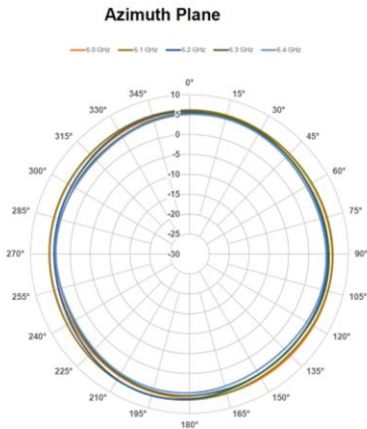
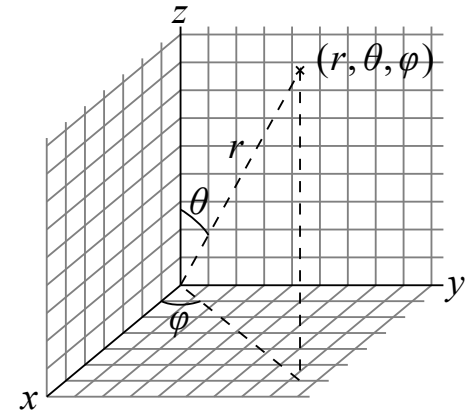
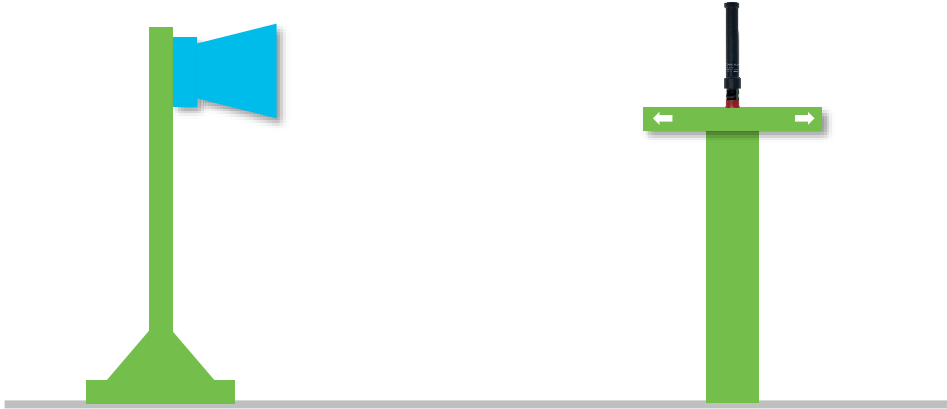


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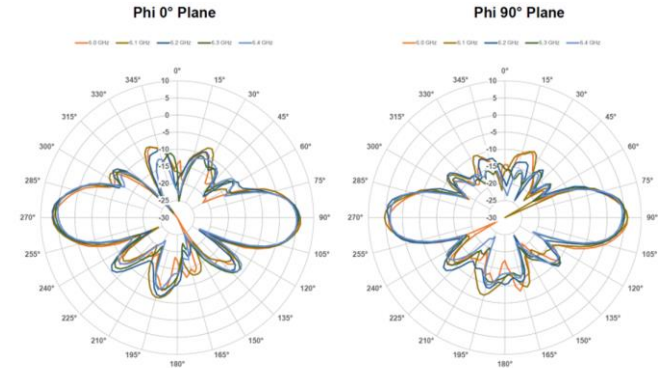
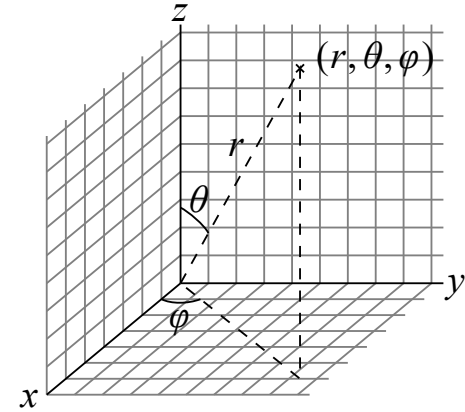




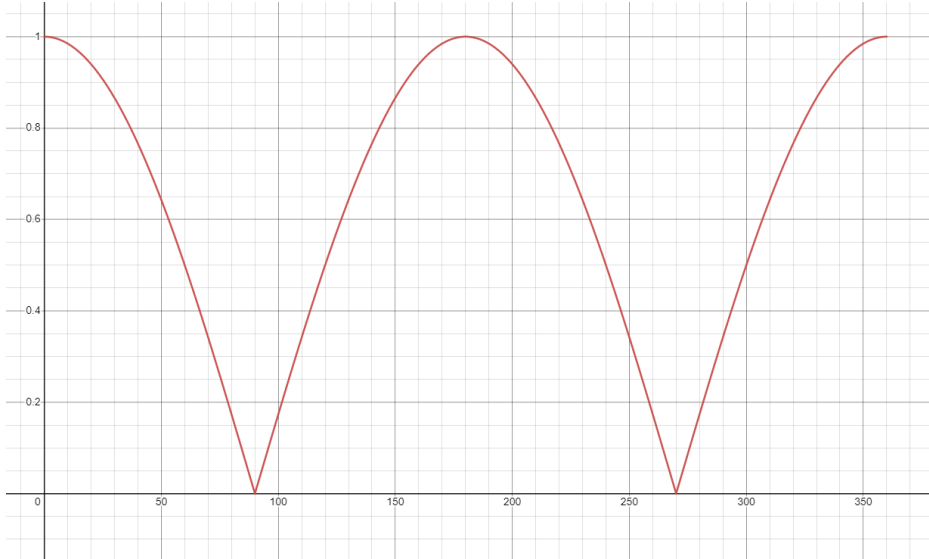
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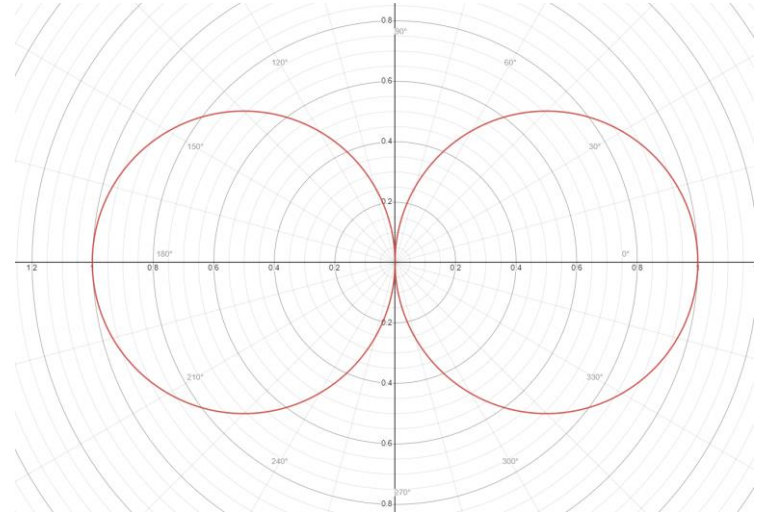
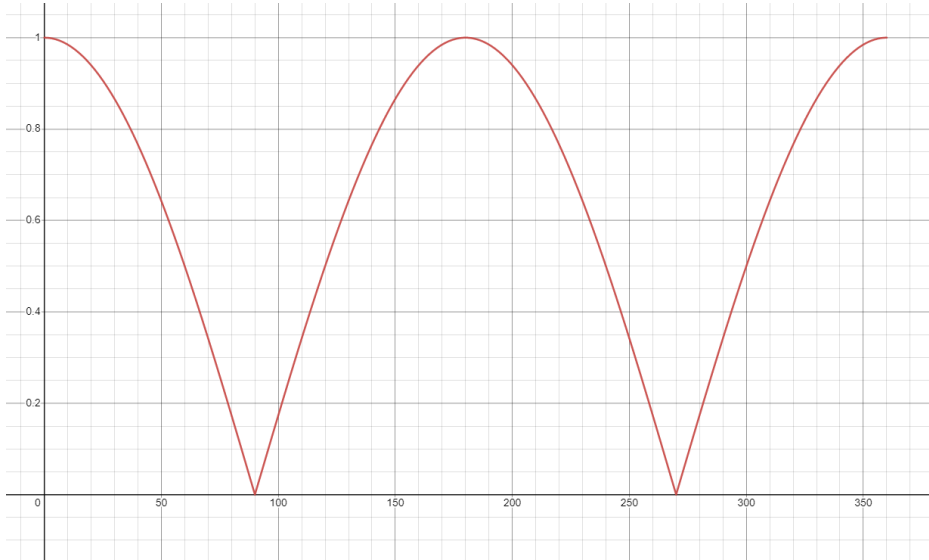
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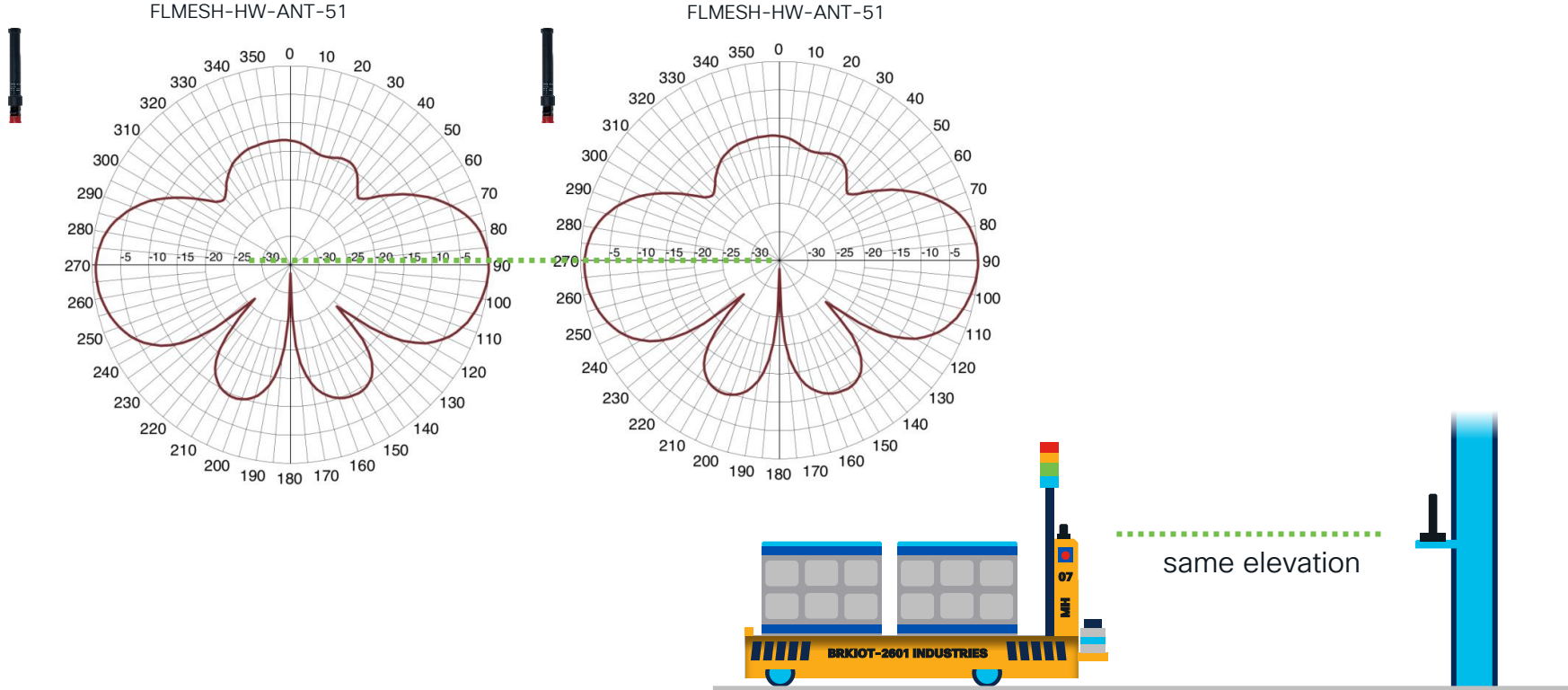
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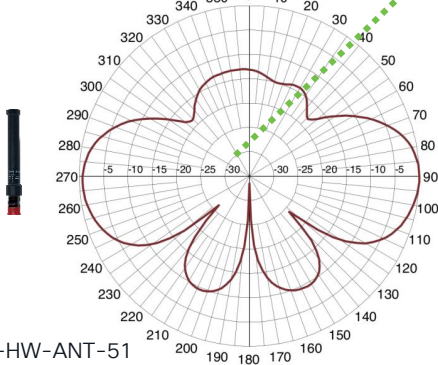
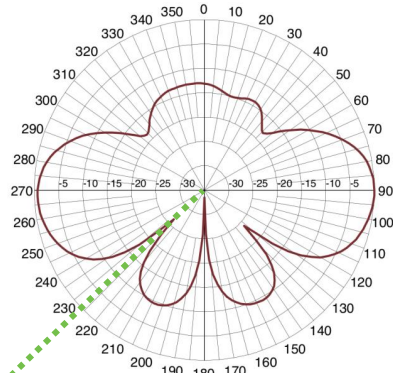


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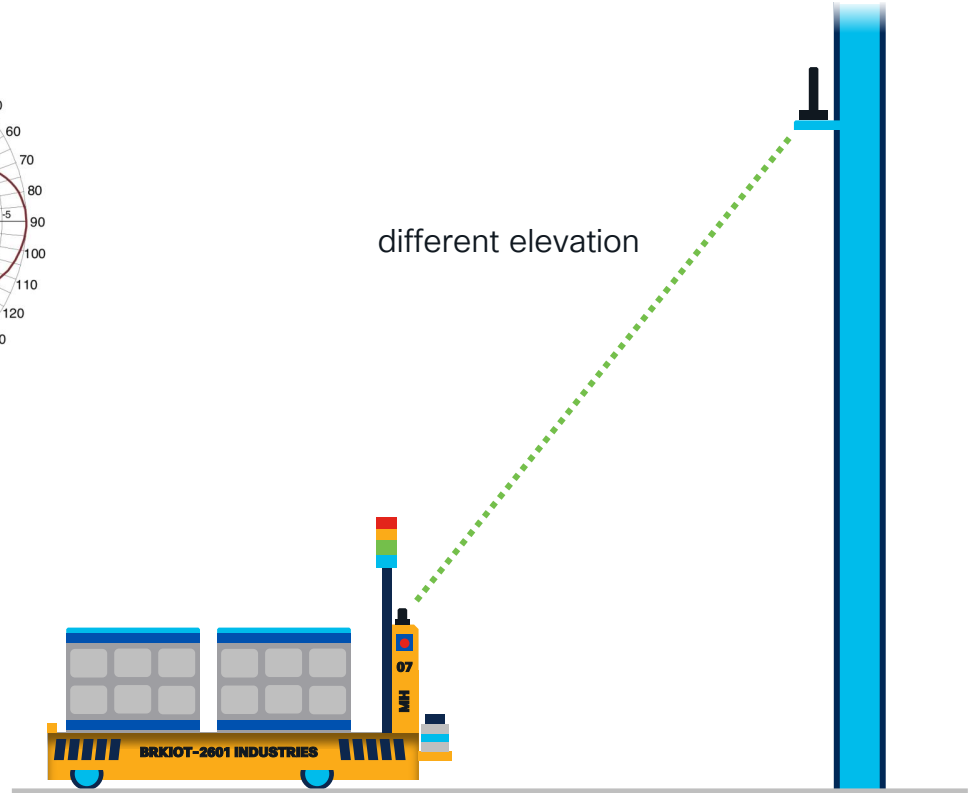


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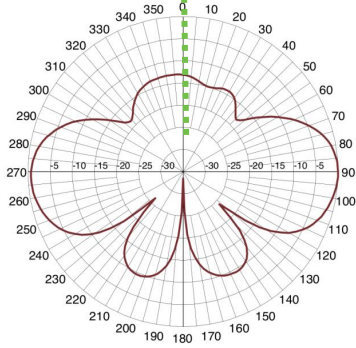
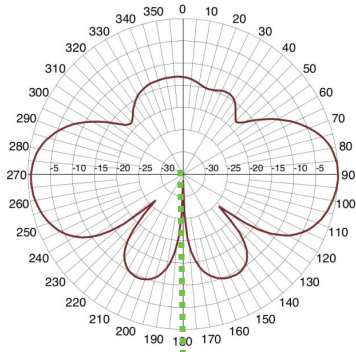
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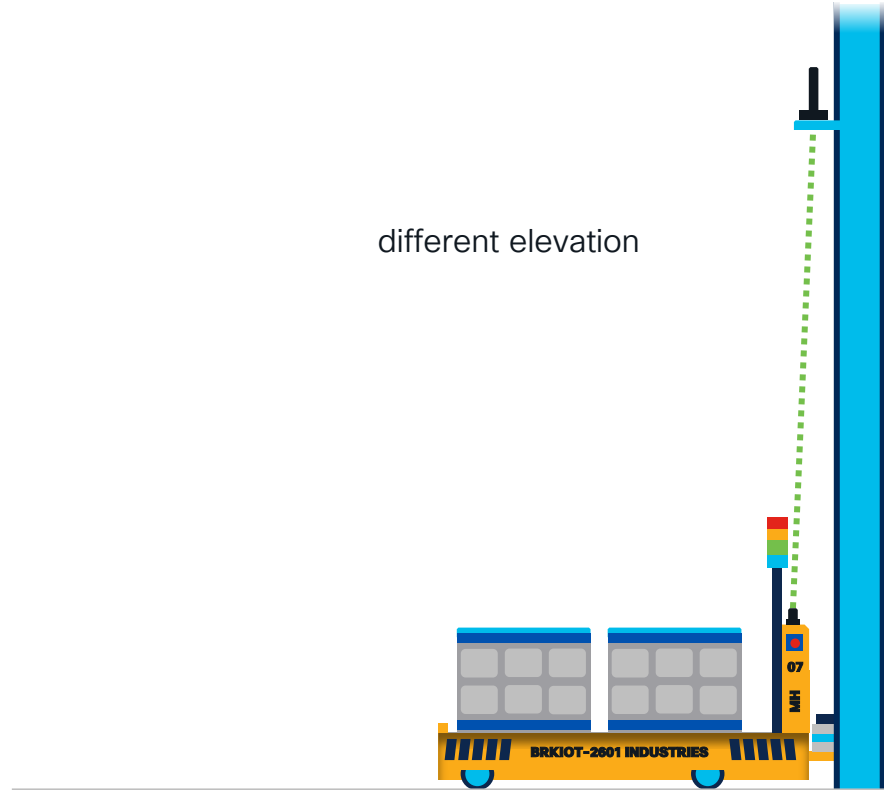
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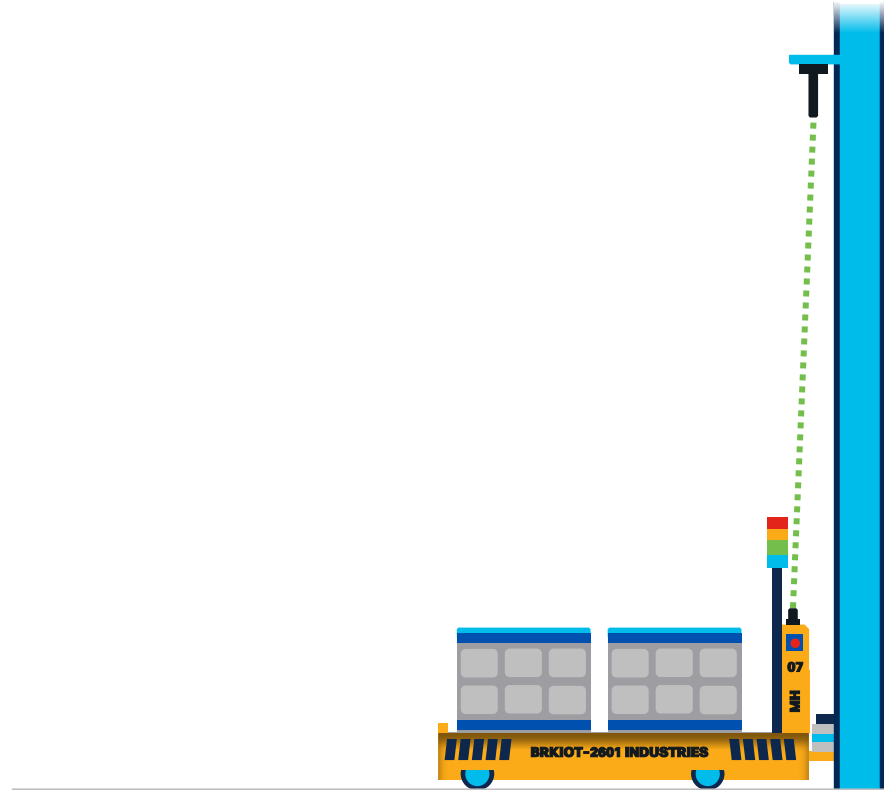
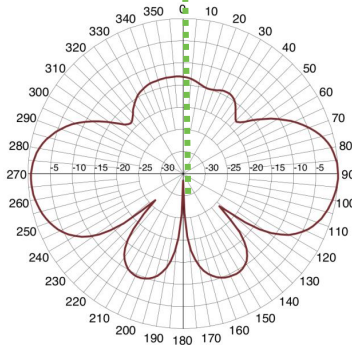
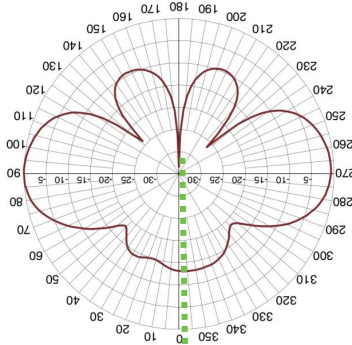
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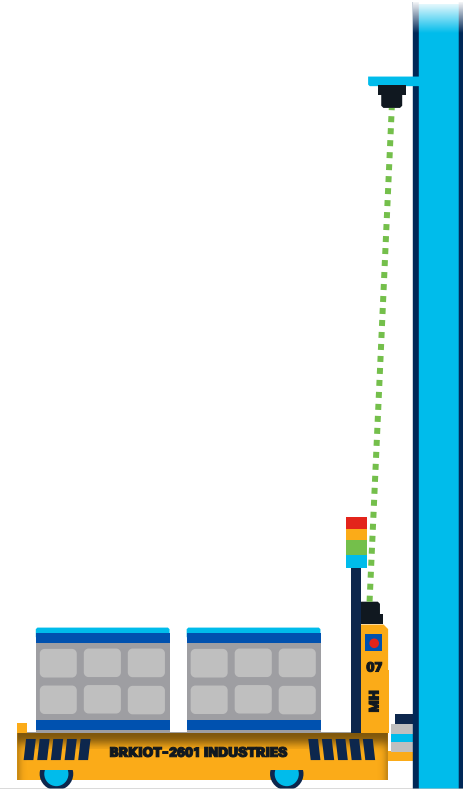
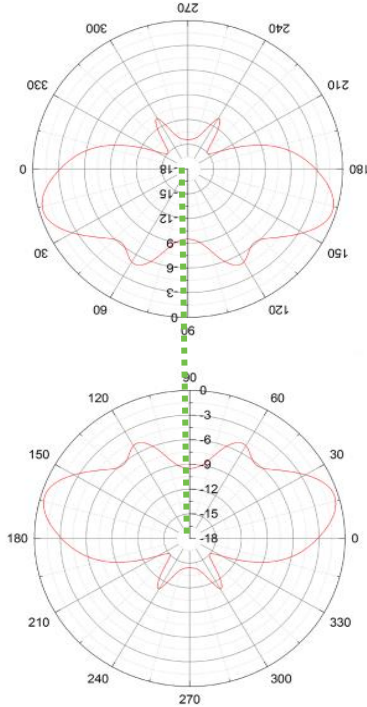
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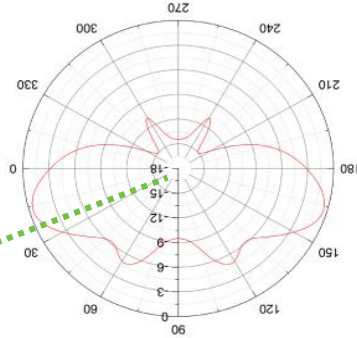
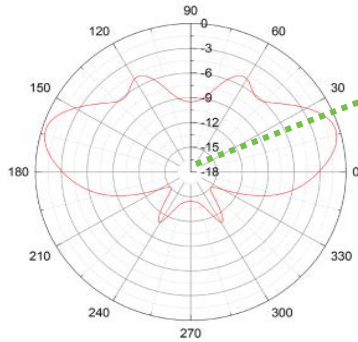


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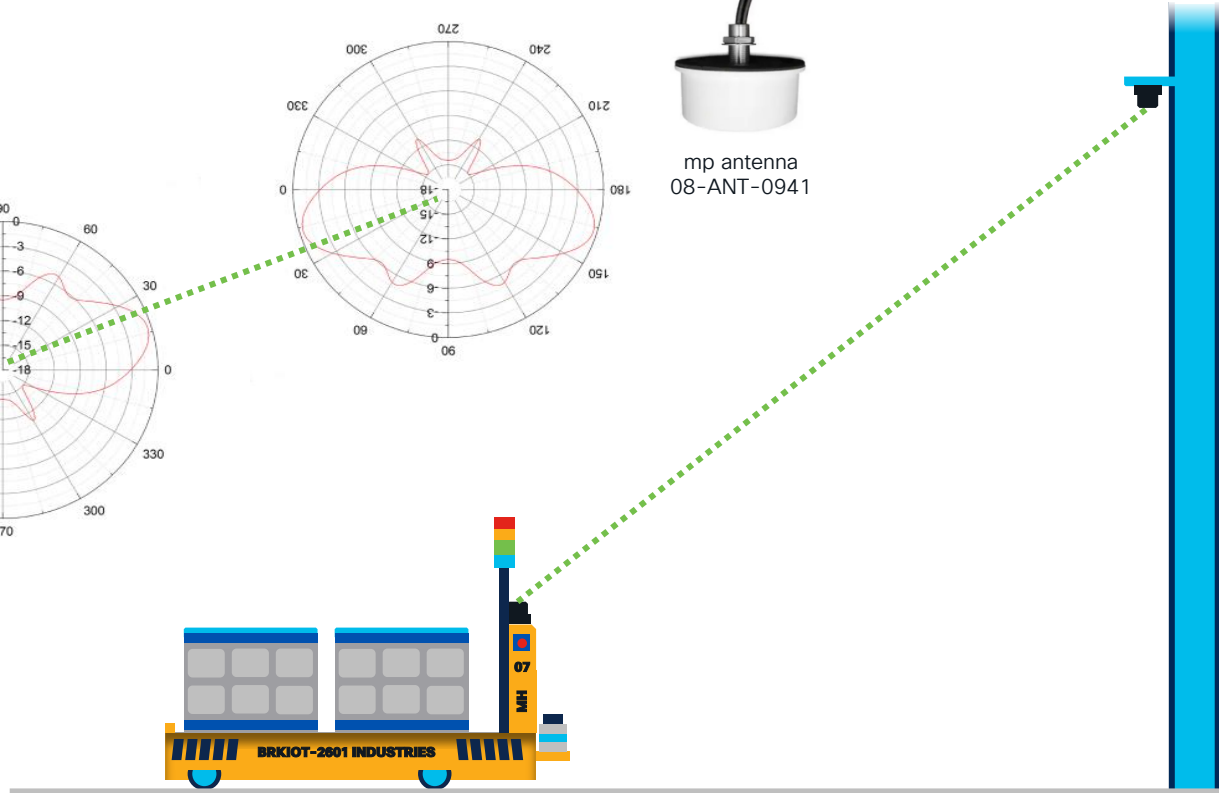


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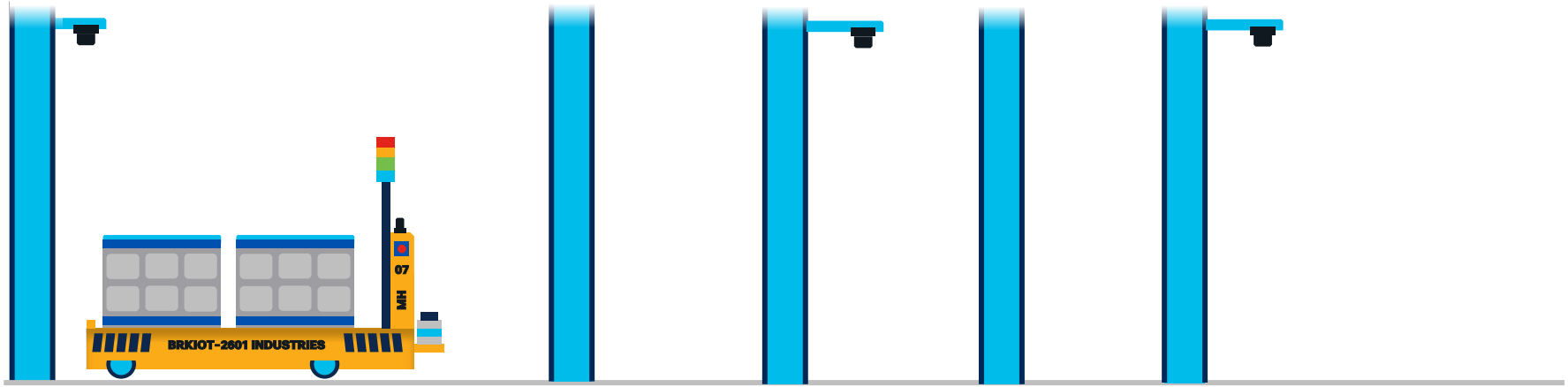
# Vehicle Antenna placement



- Antenna mounted near top of vehicle
- Clear line of sight above vehicle
- Cargo no higher than antenna

- Antenna mounted on side of vehicle
- Wayside close to same elevation

# Wayside Antenna spacing



- Keep the estimated signal within the operational range ( $-40\text{dBm}$  to  $-72\text{ dBm}$ )
- Use as few access points as possible
- Consider a single failure scenario

# Tip #7 Tuning is top-to-bottom

# Maintain Application Visibility

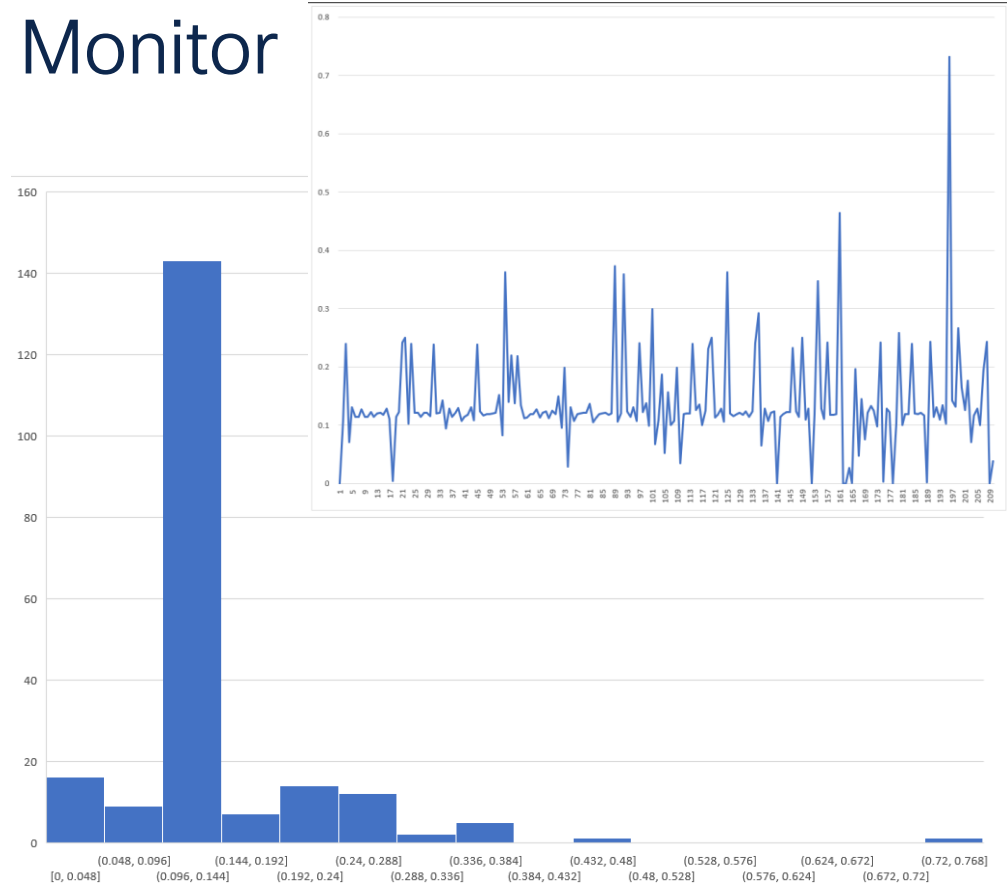
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2381507	19:18:07.120	CIP I/O	128	0xbc			222838 0x001f402a		Connection: ID=0x001F402A, SEQ=0000222838	
2381516	19:18:07.124	ENIP	148	0x6c	430365777				Register Session (Req), Session: 0x00000000	
2381526	19:18:07.130	CIP I/O	128	0xbc			2913 0x0461655b		Connection: ID=0x0461655B, SEQ=0000002913	
2381546	19:18:07.142	CIP I/O	240	0xbc			141 0x000e4999		Connection: ID=0x000E4999, SEQ=0000000141, T->O	
2381550	19:18:07.146	ENIP	148	0x6c	3239757508				Register Session (Rsp), Session: 0x4000001F	
2381555	19:18:07.148	CIP CM	254	0x6c	430365805				Connection Manager - Forward Open (Class (0x69)) ('	
2381580	19:18:07.162	CIP CM	210	0x6c	3239757536				Success: Connection Manager - Forward Open (Class (	
2381597	19:18:07.169	CIP I/O	240	0xbc			3795107 0x000c4014		Connection: ID=0x000C4014, SEQ=0003795107	
2381618	19:18:07.179	CIP I/O	128	0xbc			21094 0x02c1429d		Connection: ID=0x02C1429D, SEQ=0000021094	
2381626	19:18:07.183	CIP I/O	240	0xbc			12138 0x000240c5		Connection: ID=0x000240C5, SEQ=0000012138	
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2381719	19:18:07.228	CIP I/O	240	0xbc			87890 0x00094722		Connection: ID=0x00094722, SEQ=0000087890	
2381733	19:18:07.235	CIP I/O	240	0xbc			23583 0x02d1518c		Connection: ID=0x02D1518C, SEQ=0000023583, T->O	
2381770	19:18:07.262	CIP I/O	240	0xbc			142 0x000e4999		Connection: ID=0x000E4999, SEQ=0000000142, T->O	
2381779	19:18:07.272	CIP I/O	128	0xbc			34 0x02e163fe		Connection: ID=0x02E163FE, SEQ=0000000034, O->T	

# Maintain Application Visibility

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▼ CIP Connection Manager
  > Service: Forward Open (Request)
  ▼ Command Specific Data
    ...0 .... = Priority: 0
    .... 0101 = Tick time: 5
    Time-out ticks: 156
    Actual Time Out: 4992ms
    O->T Network Connection ID: 0x00000000
    T->O Network Connection ID: 0x01a16af7
    Connection Serial Number: 0x00b7
    Originator Vendor ID: Rockwell Automation/Allen-Bradley (0x0001)
    Originator Serial Number:
    Connection Timeout Multiplier: *4 (0)
    Reserved: 0x000000
    O->T RPI: 500.000ms
  > O->T Network Connection Parameters: 0x4802
    T->O RPI: 20.000ms
  > T->O Network Connection Parameters: 0x4872
  > Transport Type/Trigger: 0x81, Direction: Server, Trigger: Cyclic, Class: 1
    Connection Path Size: 26 words
```

# Benchmark Points to Monitor

- Application Latency (peak)
- Maximum consecutive packet drops





Tip #8  
Turning it on is just  
the beginning.



# Data Collection and Monitoring

- RF Link Metrics

IW Monitor  
(Cisco URWB)

fmstats  
(Cisco URWB)

- Data Packet Captures

Arkime  
(formerly Moloch)

PCAPs

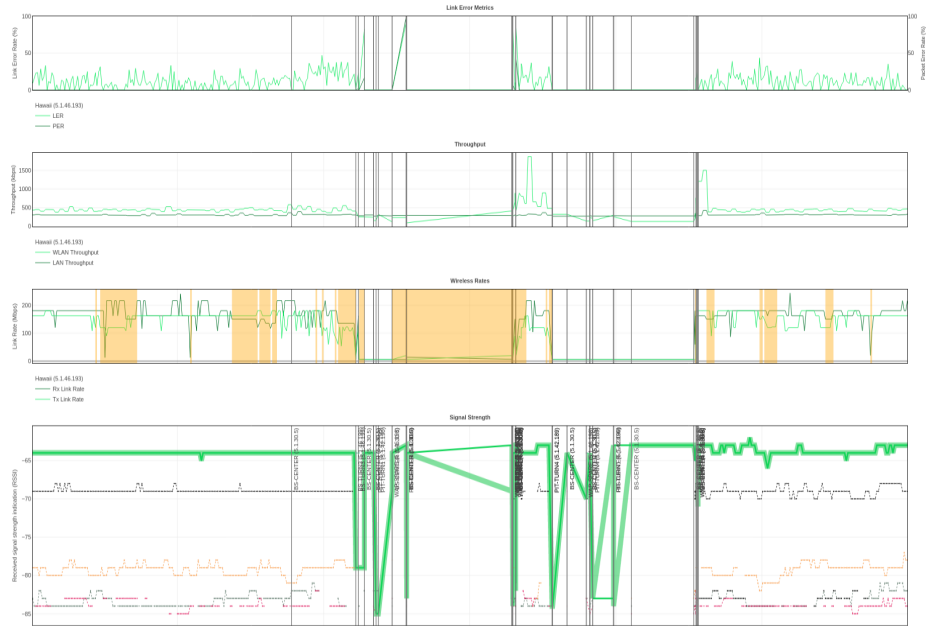
- Process / PLC Data

Historian

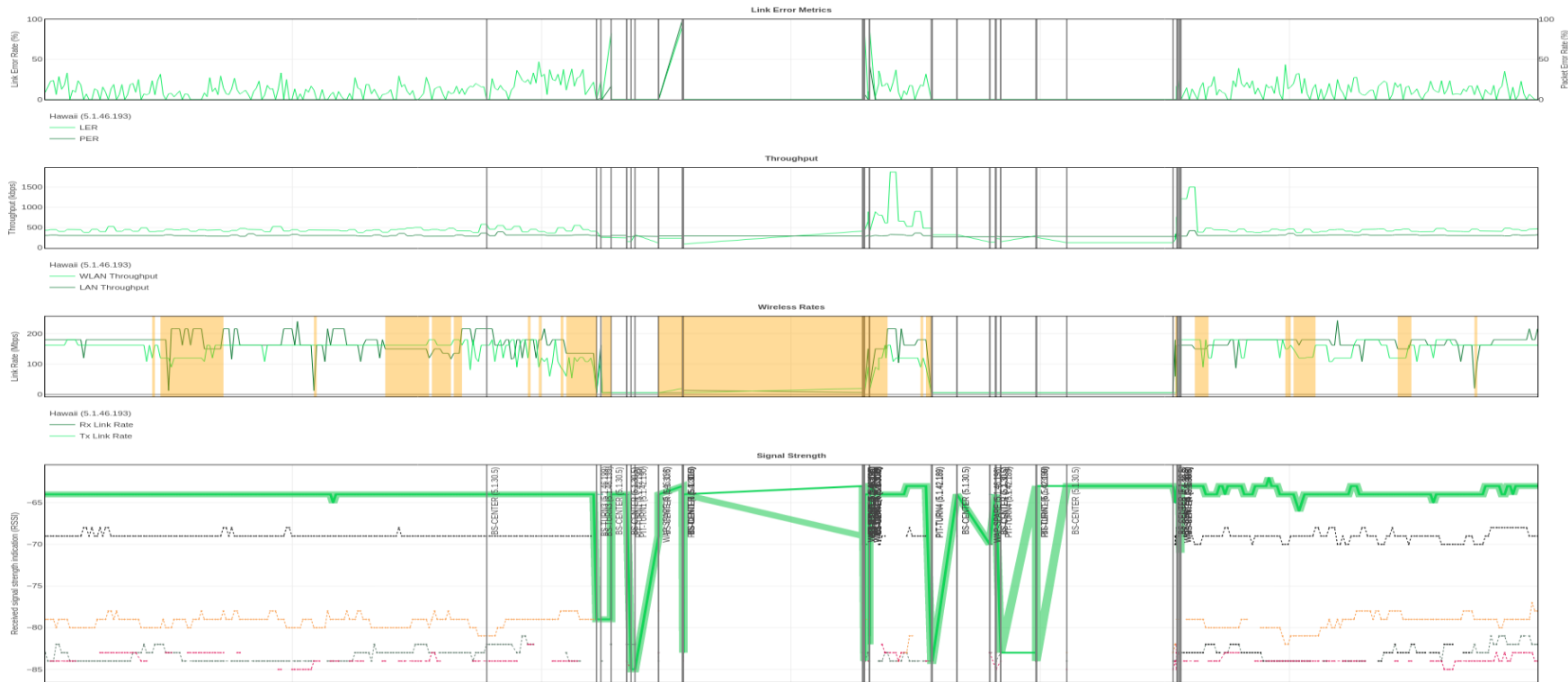
Alarms

# Identifying Issues

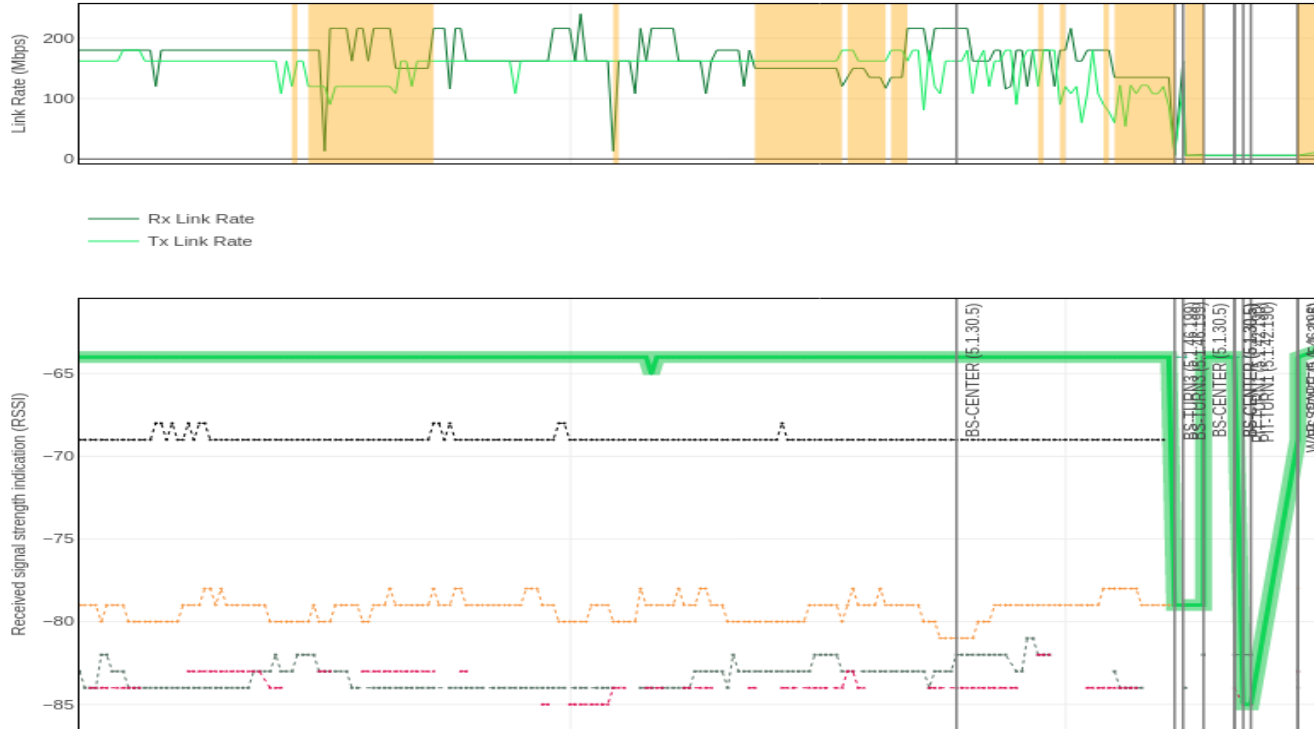
- “It’s the network.”
- Triage First – build a process to have the right data in one place



# Troubleshooting RF Issues



# Troubleshooting RF Issues



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# Thank you

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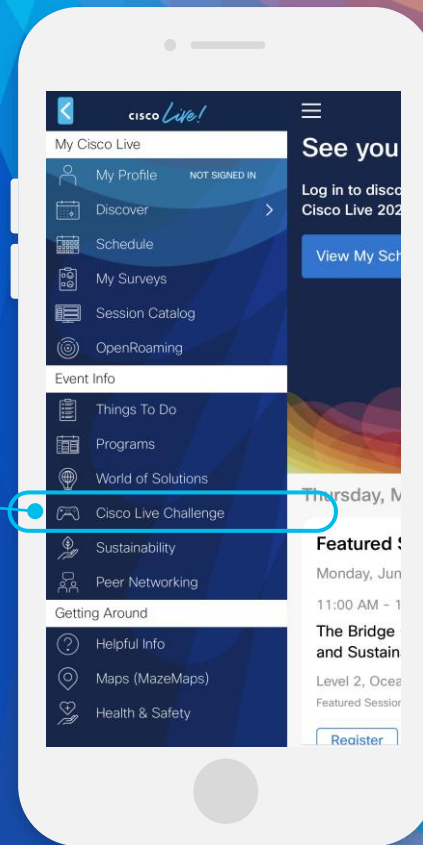


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