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Aruba Campus Access Webinar Part 2

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What to expect

ENGLISH | Presenter: Jacob Stelmaszczyk

PART 1: February 6th, 2023 | 9AM-11AM PST

PART 2: February 8th, 2023 | 9AM-11AM PST

- Part 1 Introduces networking fundamentals, types of networking devices, VLANs, IP routing, switch virtualization, Aruba WLAN bridge mode
- Part 2 Covers VSX, Aruba WLAN tunneled & mixed mode, 802.1X authentication, Dynamic Segmentation and VxLAN GBP

SPANISH | Presenter: Alvaro Tellez

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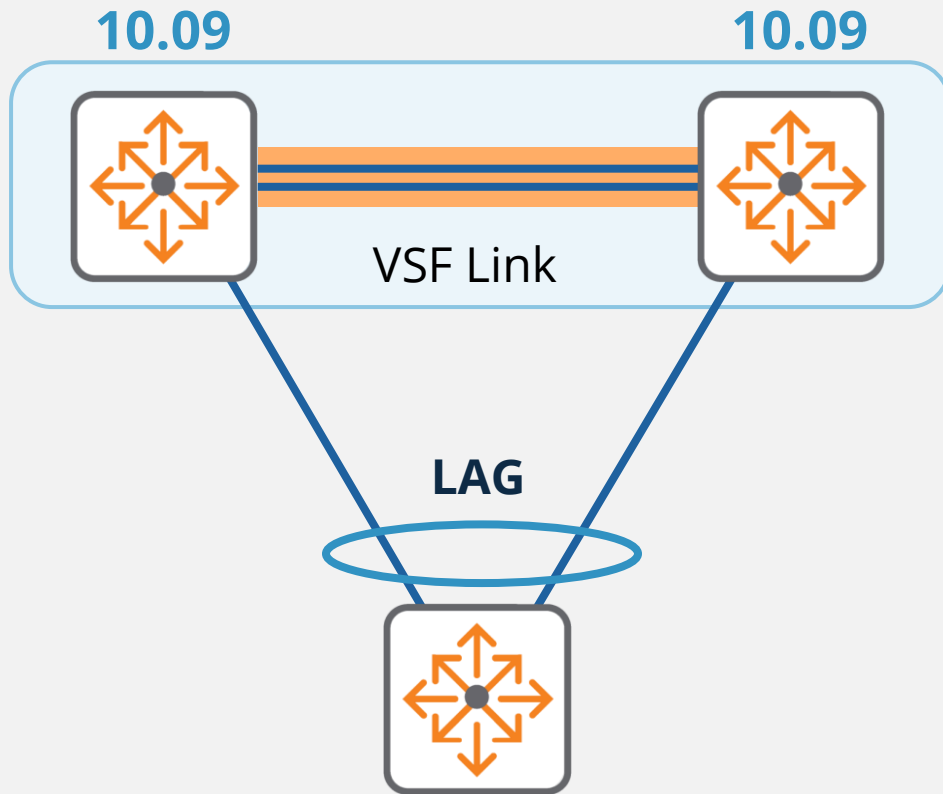


Aruba VSX

AOS-CX Switch Virtualization: VSX vs VSF

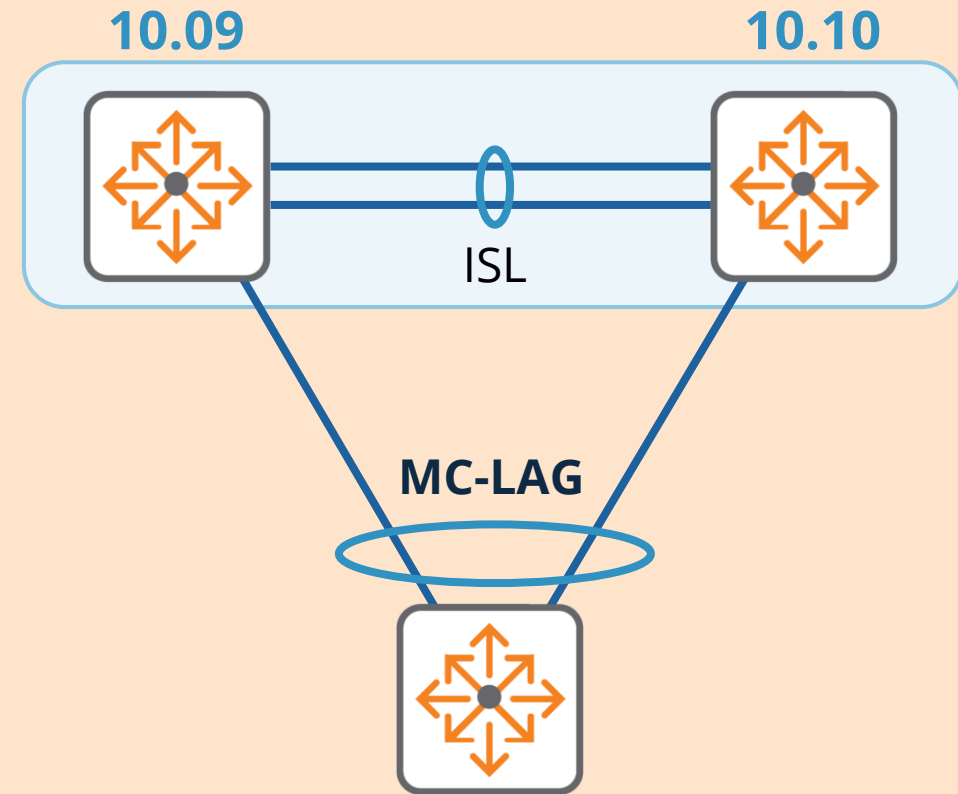
VSF

Both switches must run the same OS version
Predictable downtime during upgrade

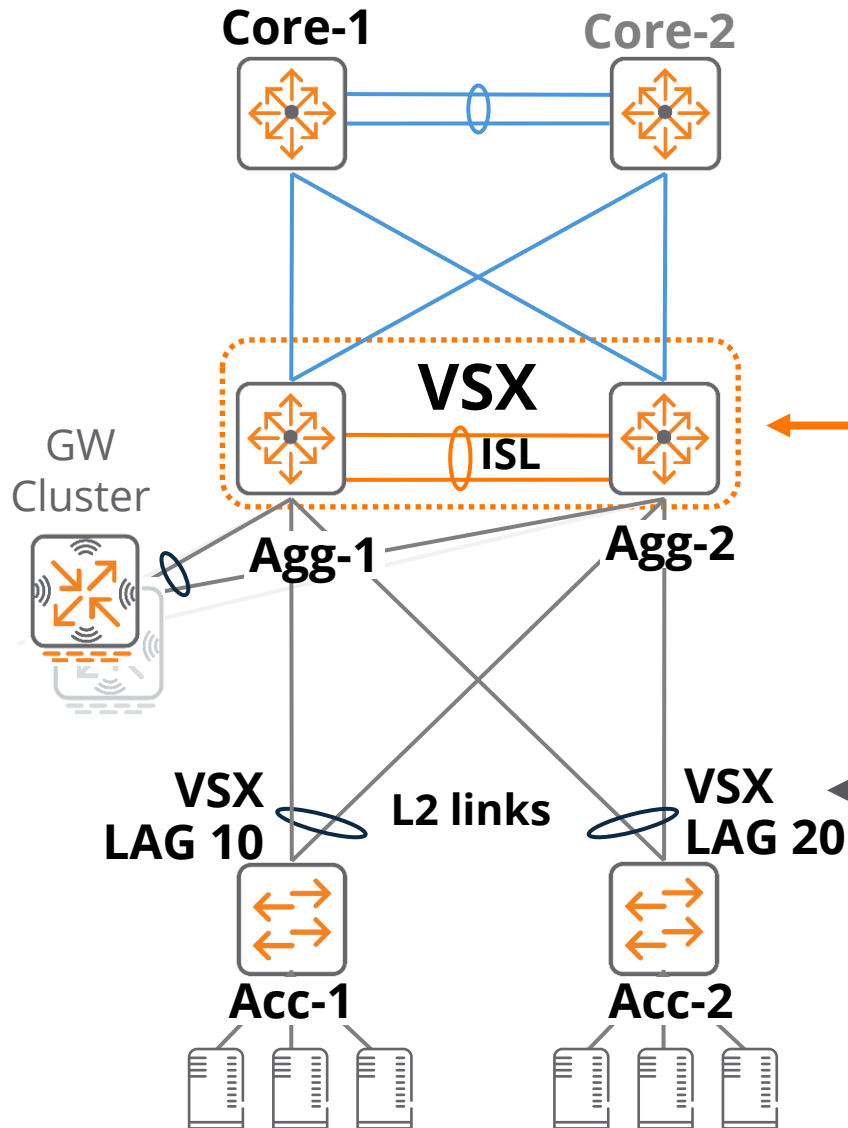


VSX

Switches can run different OS versions
No downtime during upgrade



VSX Benefits



Control Plane

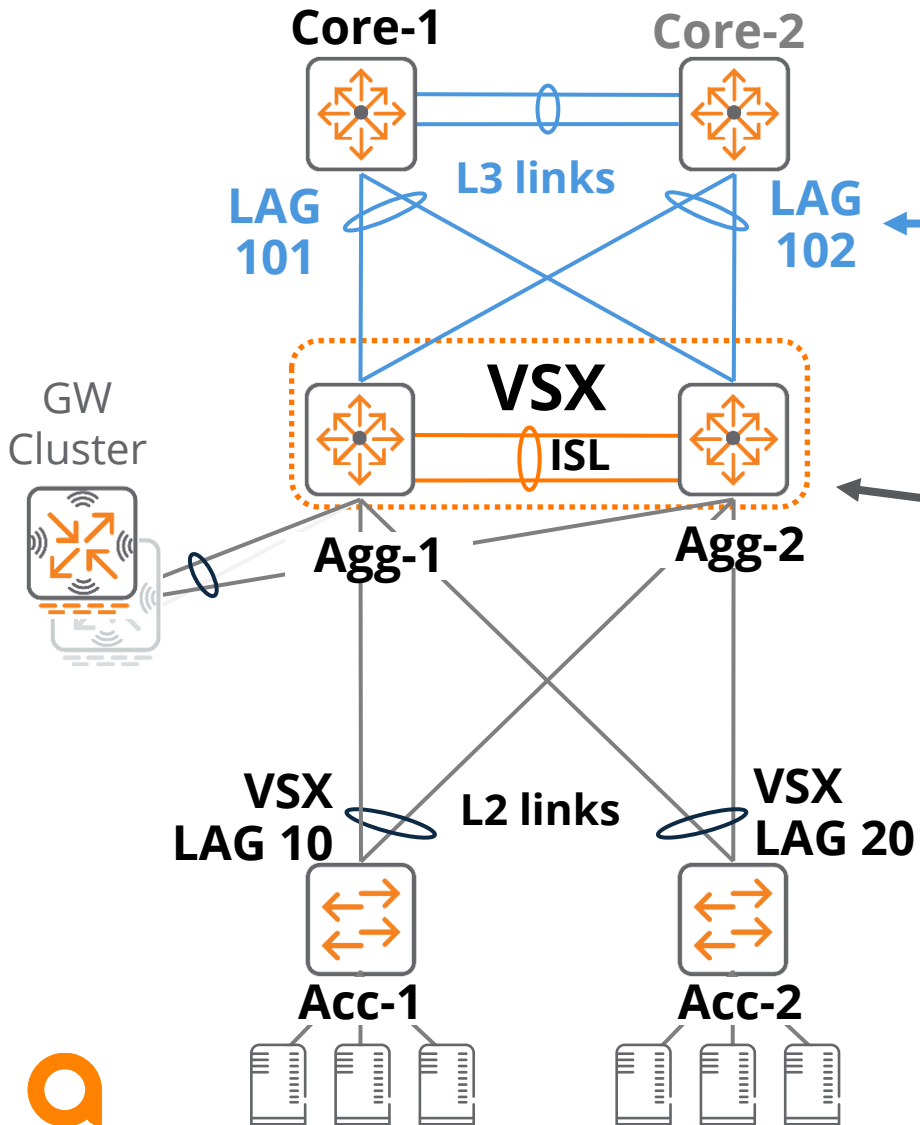
- Dual control plane: Better resiliency
- Unified management: Synced config, easy troubleshooting
- Independent software upgrades: Near zero downtime
- In-chassis (8400/6400) and device level redundancy

L2 distributed LAGs

- No spanning-tree requirement
- Loop-free L2 multi-pathing (active-active)
- Simple configuration
- Rapid failover



VSX Benefits: Layer 3



L3 Links

- Various options:
 - Routed only ports (ROPs)
 - L2 ports associated with dedicated SVIs
 - VSX LAGs associated with dedicated SVIs
- Unified data path: active-active L2/L3 forwarding
- L3 ECMP + L2 VSX LAG (highly fault tolerant)

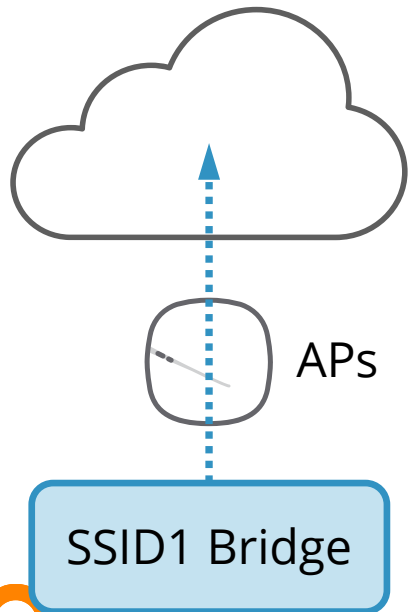
Active-Active Gateway

- Active-Active first hop gateway (VIP)
- No VRRP/HSRP
- Simple configuration
- No gateway protocol overhead
- DHCP relay redundancy

Aruba Gateways

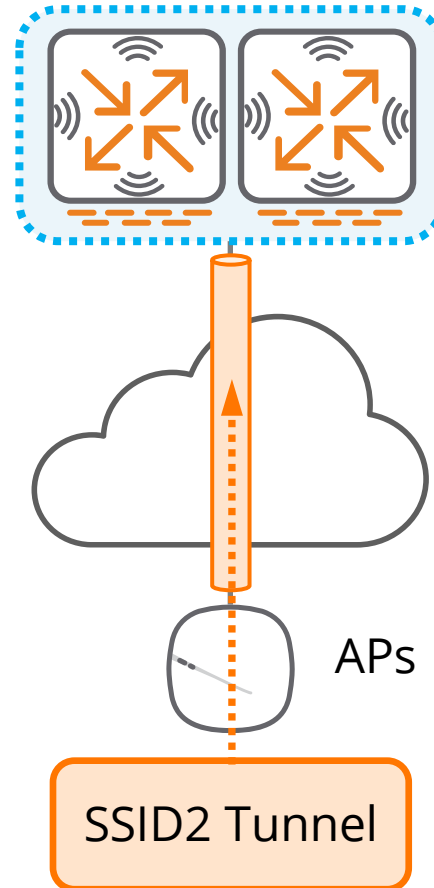
Aruba WLAN forwarding modes

Bridge



Tunnel Mode

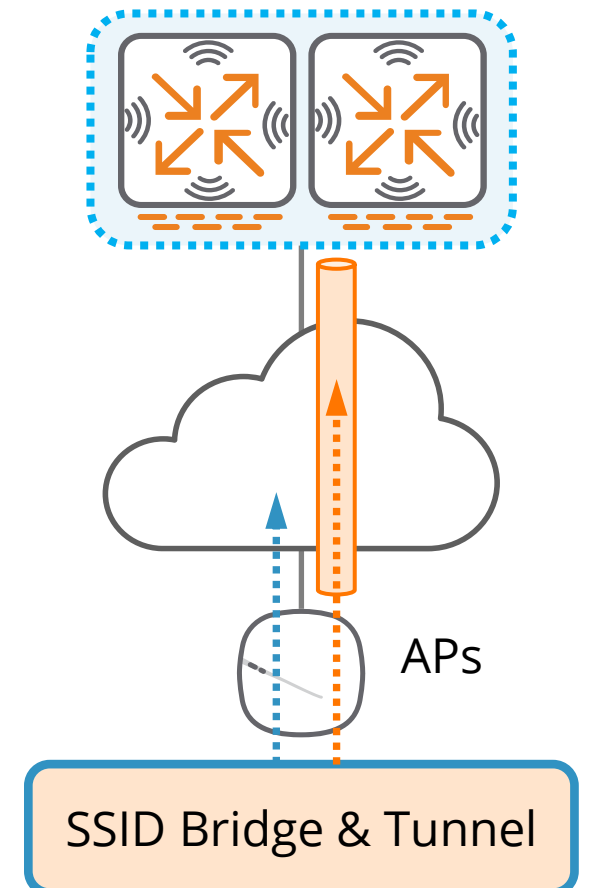
Gateway or Gateway Cluster



Mixed Mode

1 SSID: Bridge & Tunnel

Gateway or Gateway Cluster



When to Use Gateways

More than 5000
clients

Dynamic
segmentation

More than
500 APs

Enhanced
mobility

Tunneled
WLANs

Microbranch
deployments

Network
simplification

RADIUS
proxy

A key element in



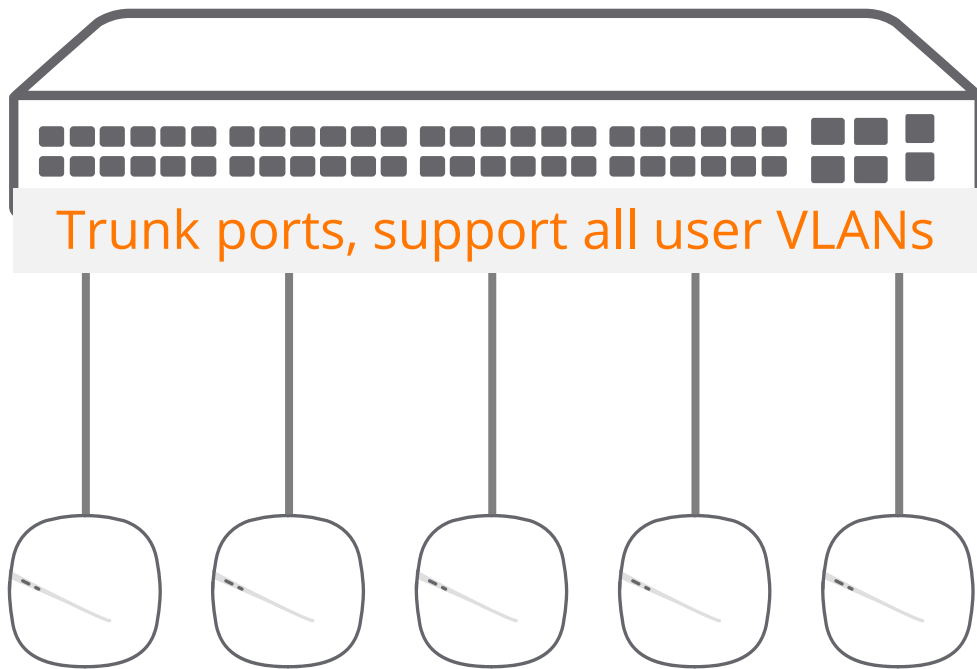
AOS10 architecture



Network Simplification

Must likely enable user VLANs on:

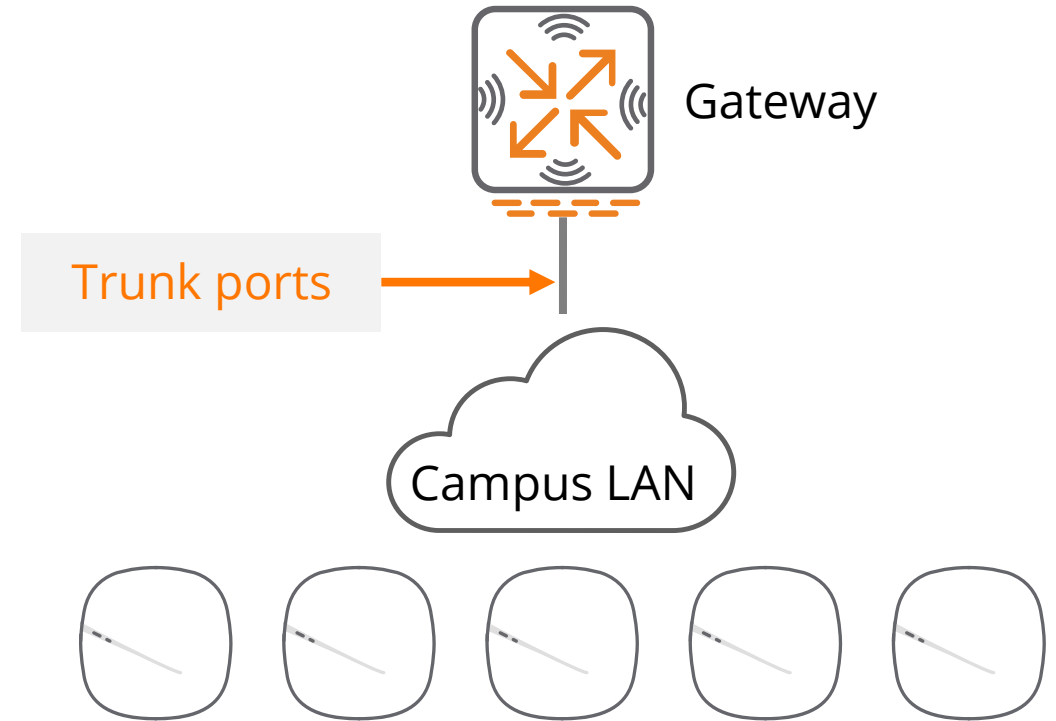
- Every AP-connected access switch
- Each AP port



User VLANs likely span entire network

Must only enable user VLANs on:

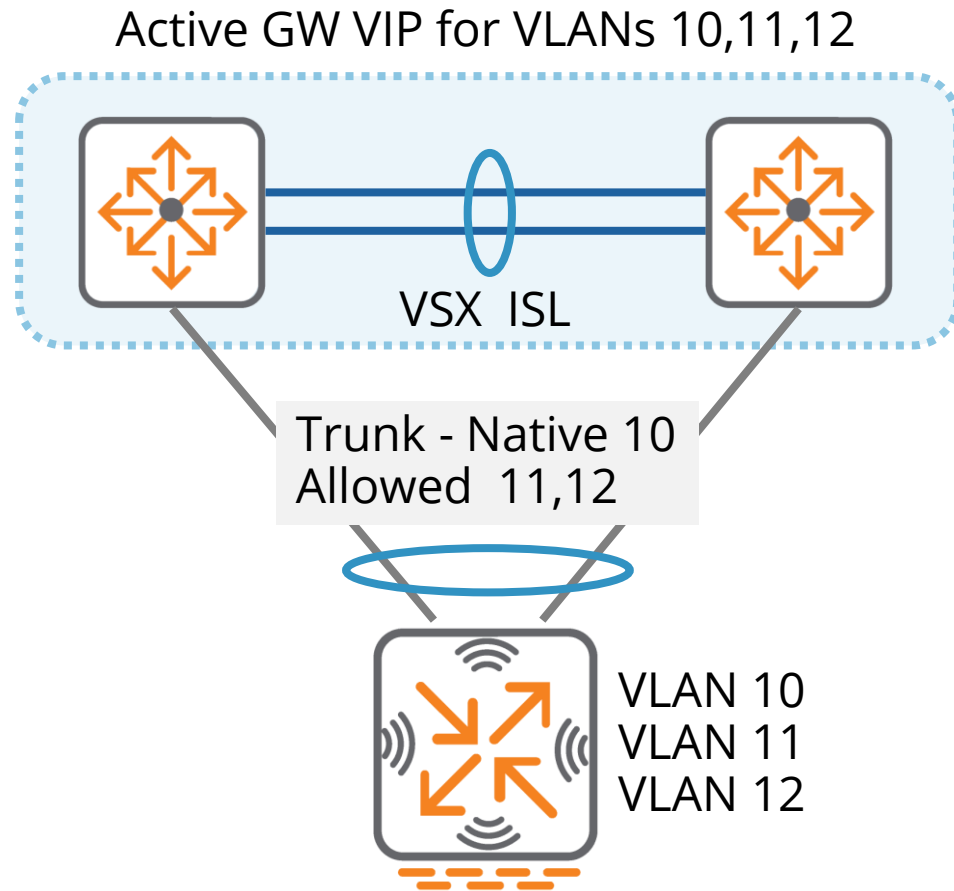
- Gateway
- Gateway ports on Core (Agg) switches



User VLANs do not span entire network

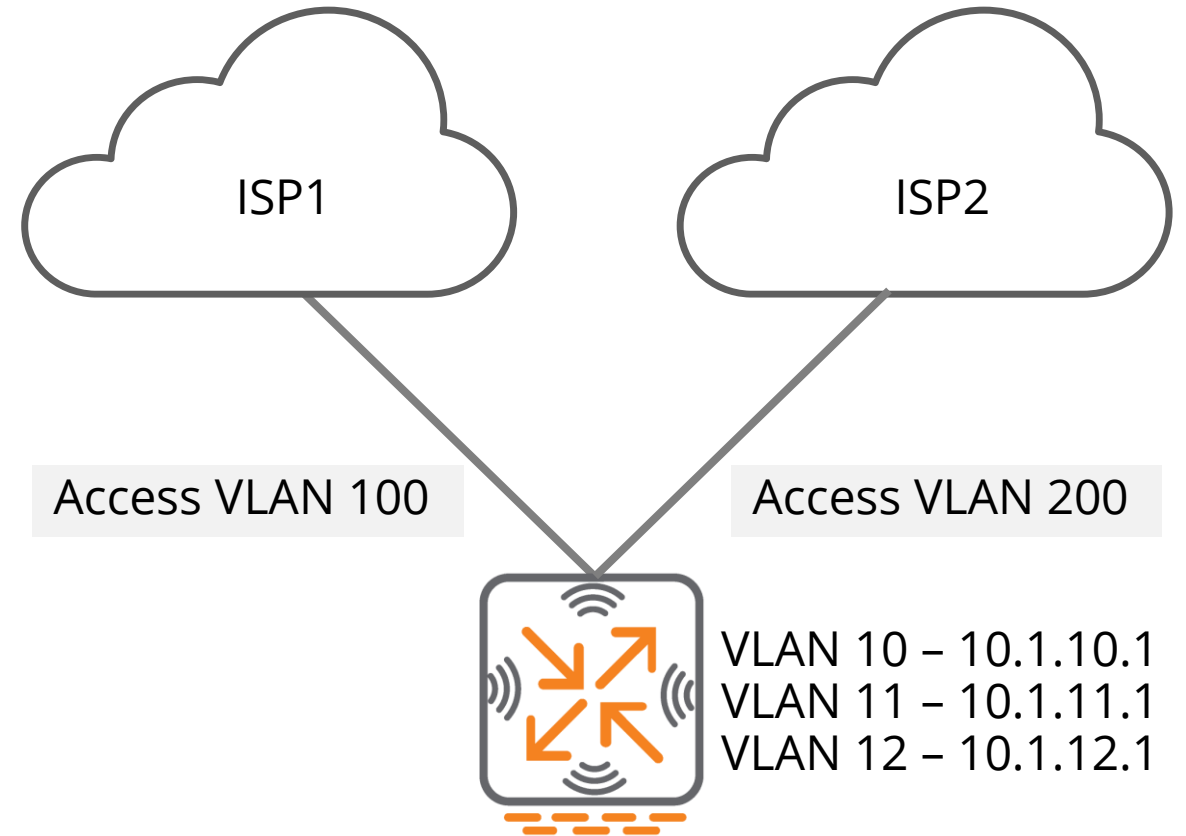
Gateway as L2 or L3 Device

Layer 2 mode



Typical for Campus deployment

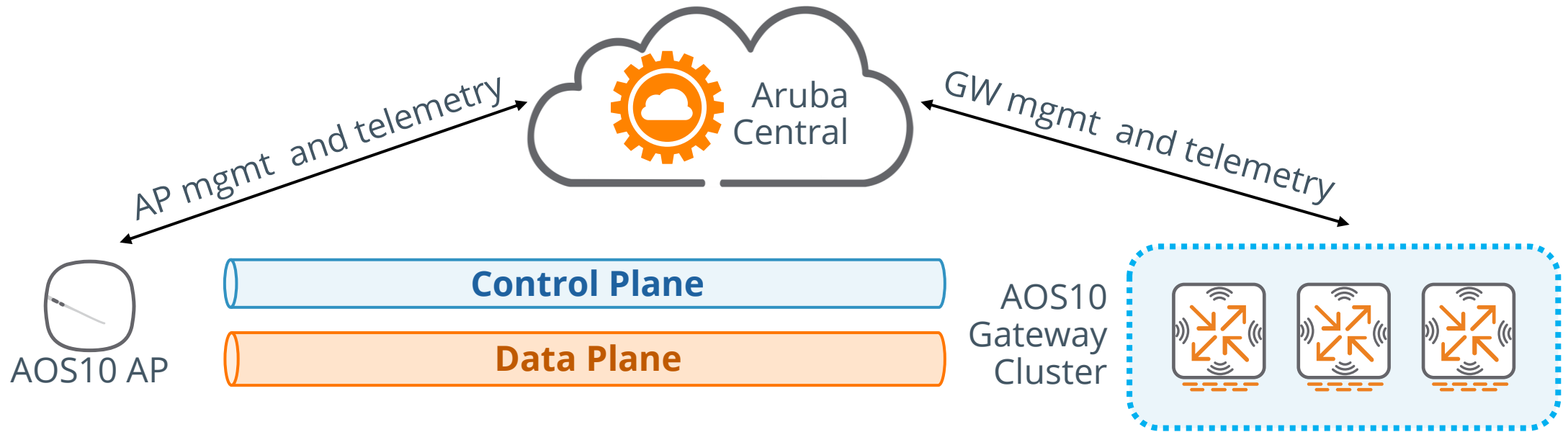
Layer 3 mode



Typical for Branch gateway deployment



Deployment with Gateways



Forwarding modes

- Tunnel mode
- Mixed mode
- Microbranch mode (VPNC)

AP - Gateway Communication

- Version independent
- IPsec for control plane
- GRE for data plane

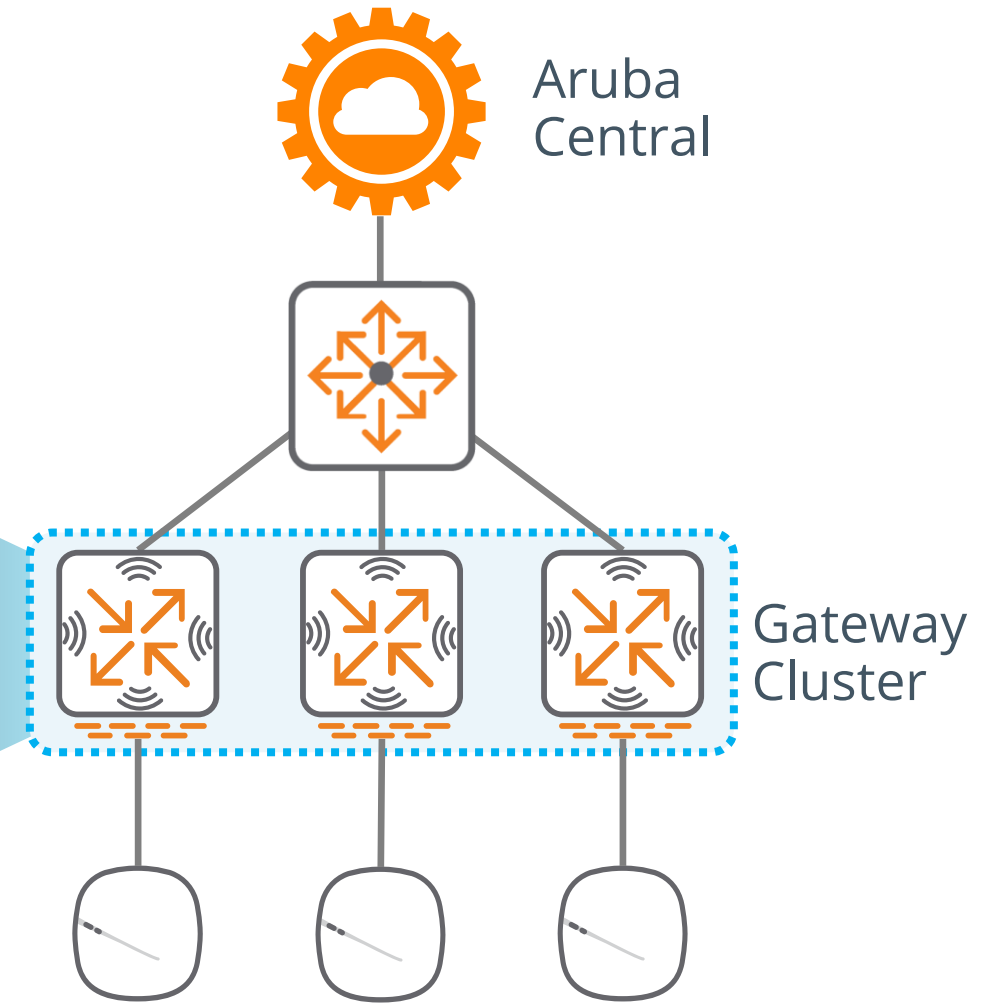
Authentication and Encryption

- AP is the authenticator
- Gateway act as a RADIUS proxy
- APs do encrypt/decryption



Gateway Cluster

Seamless roaming
Client/AP load balancing
Hitless failover
Client state sync
Ease of deployment



Automatic Cluster Mode

P24-T01-Gateway...

Manage

Overview

Devices

Clients

Guests

Gateways

SystemInterfaceSecurityRouting**High Availability**

ClustersRedundancy

Automatic: ☒

☒ Auto Group

☐ Auto Site

Warning

⚠

Existing auto-group clusters will be dismantled and gateways will be remapped to new site specific auto-clusters.

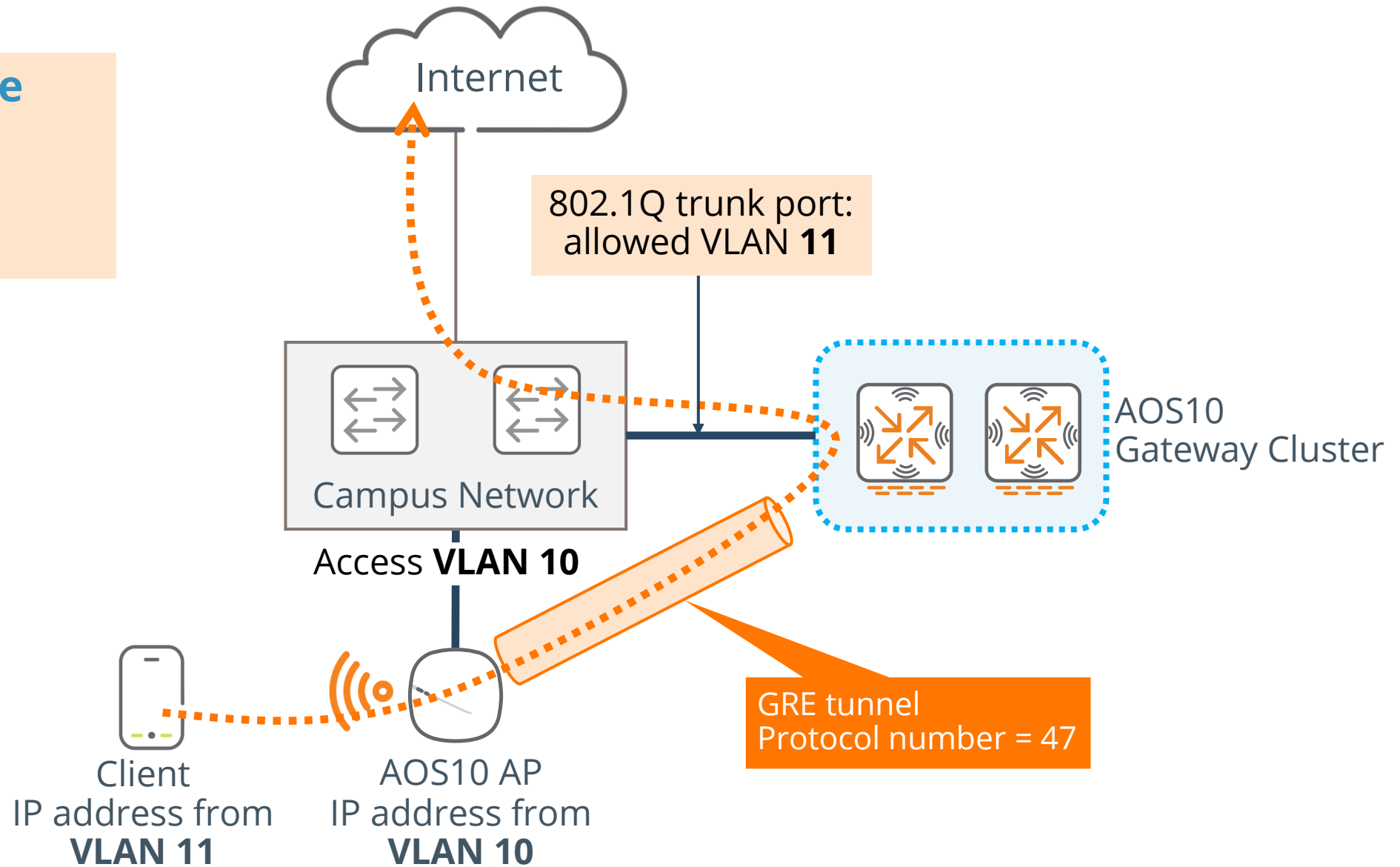
Do you want to save and continue?

Default

Aruba Tunneled Mode

Tunnel Forwarding Mode

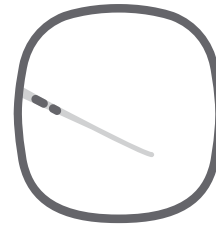
WLAN **Employee**
Tunnel Mode
802.1X
VLAN 11



AP to Gateway Connections

Control Plane

- AP-GW Heartbeats
- Cluster information
- RADIUS
- Roaming assistance
- Orchestrated tunnel

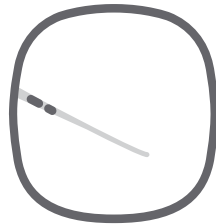


IPsec



Data Plane

- Client's traffic
- **Single tunnel for all SSIDs**

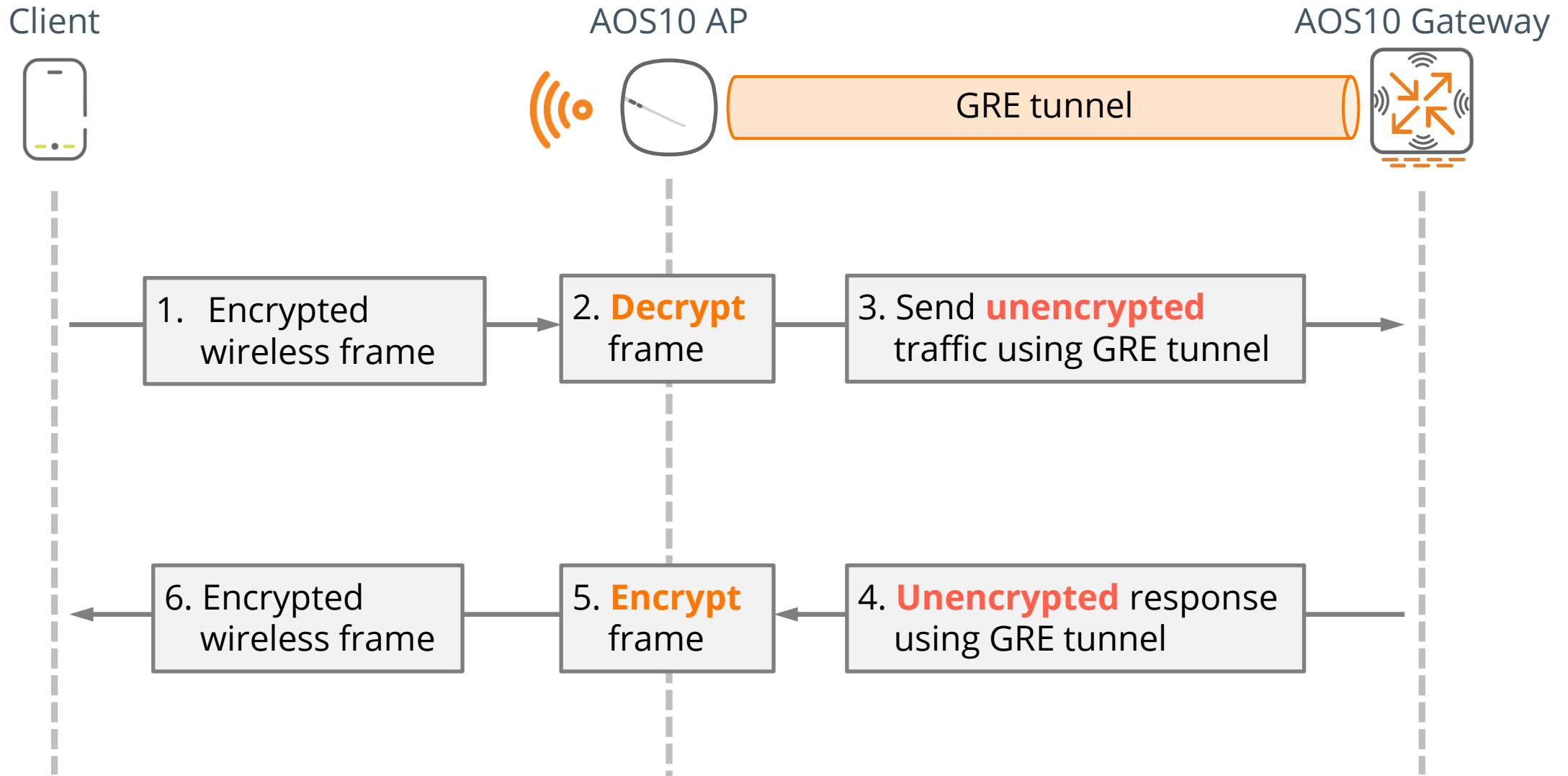


GRE

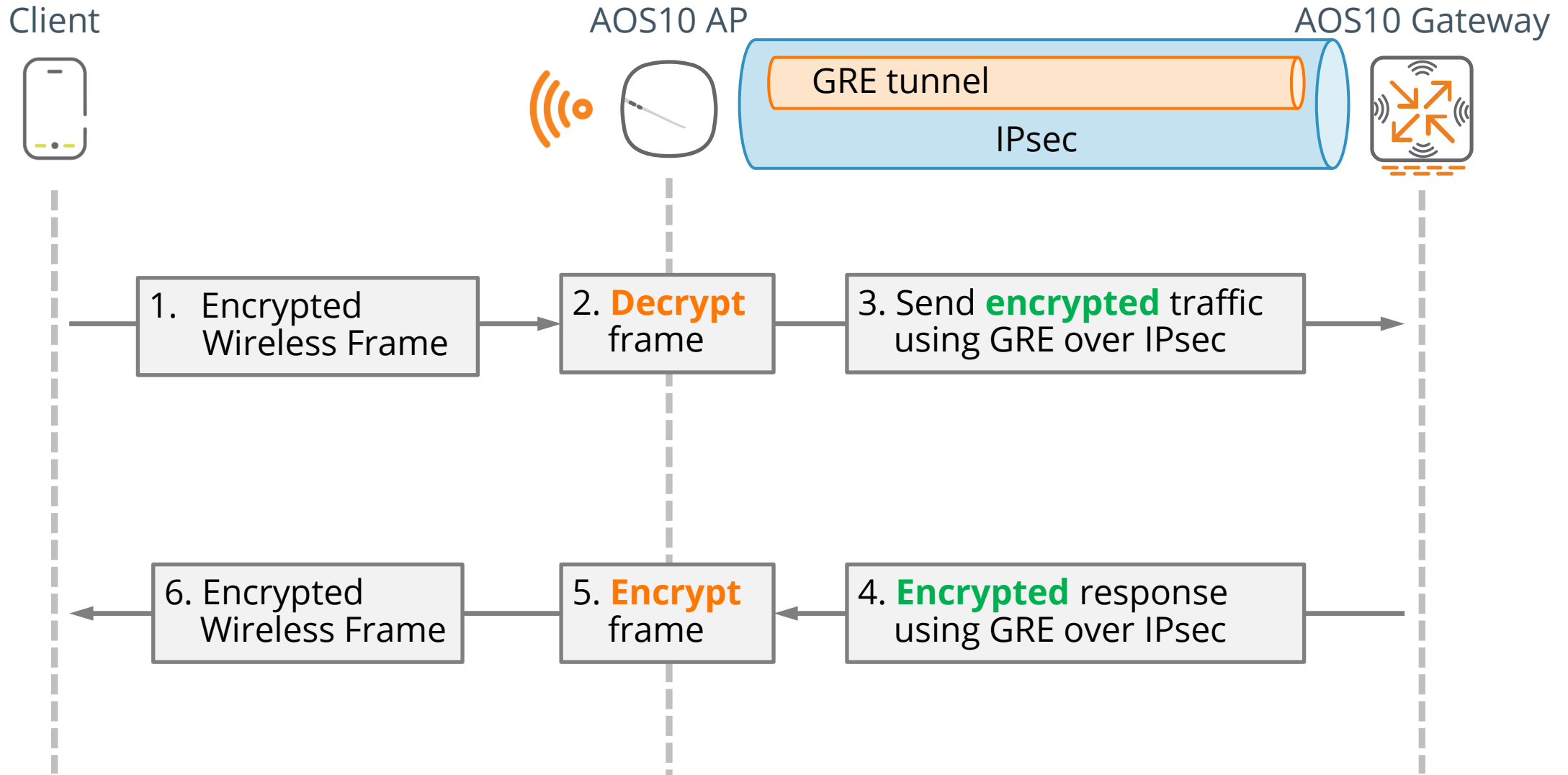


AOS10 GRE tunnel setup different from previous AOS versions

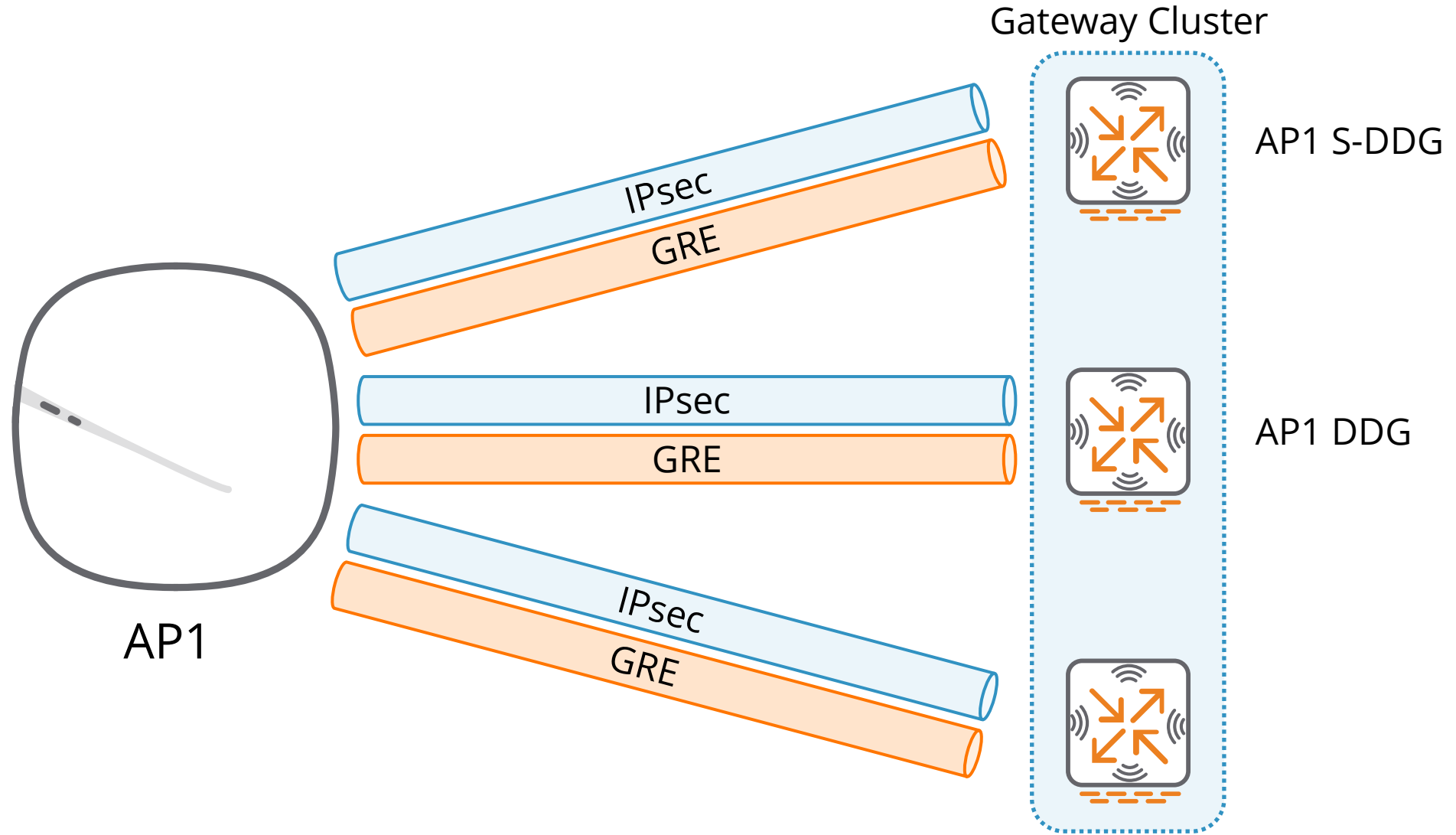
Tunnel Forwarding Mode



Data Encryption

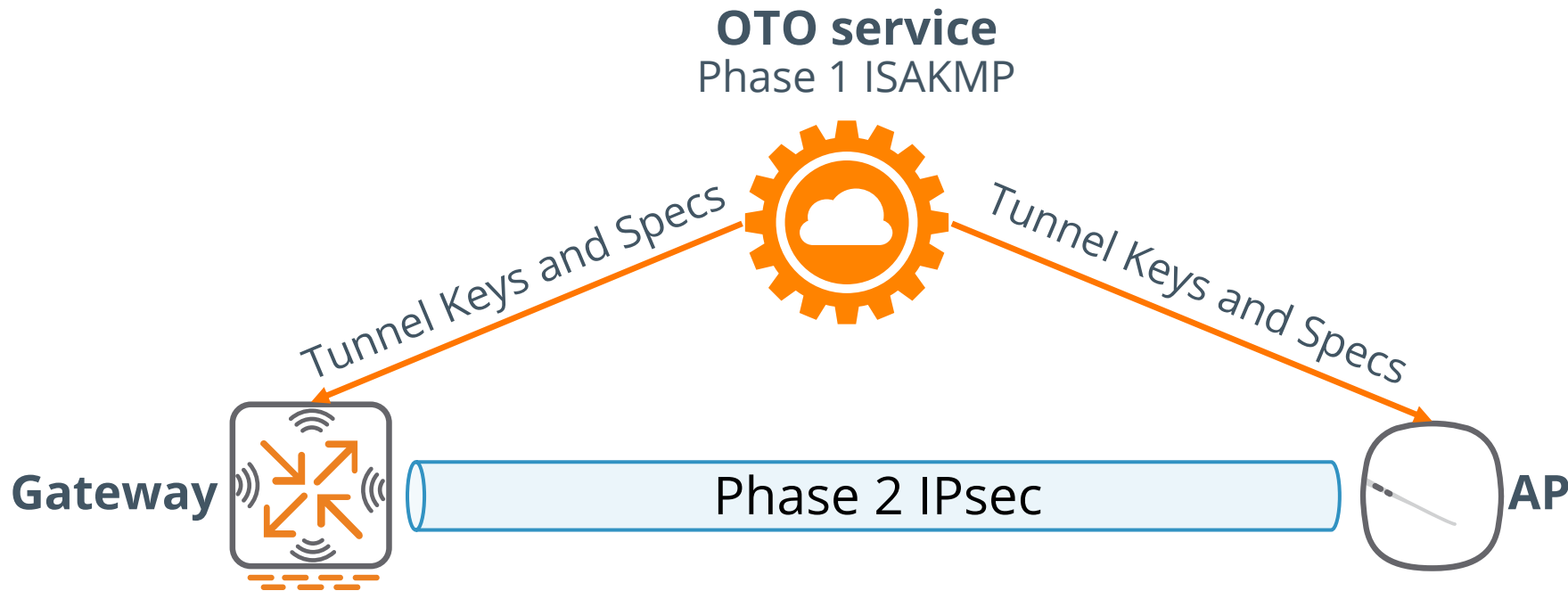


AP to Gateway Cluster Tunnels



A single IPsec & GRE tunnel to every Gateway

Overlay Tunnel Orchestrator



OTO Service

- Negotiate IPsec Phase1
- Share key material with APs and Gateways

APs and Gateways

- Negotiate IPsec Phase 2
- IPsec protect control plane communication

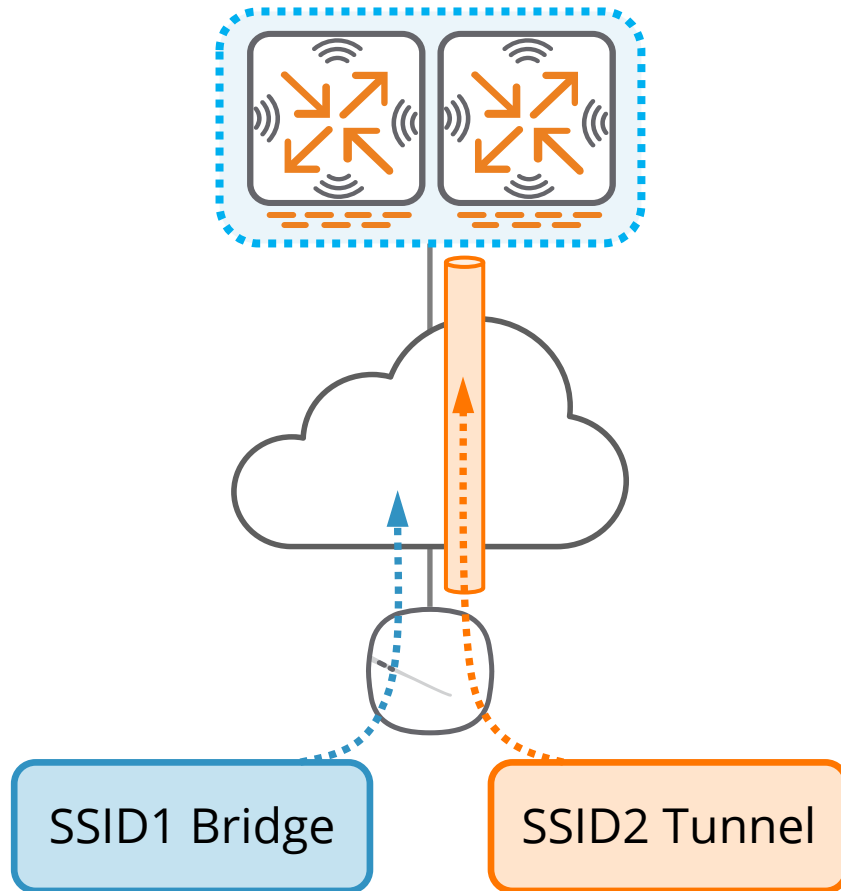
No controller discovery mechanism necessary

Aruba Mixed Mode

Introduction

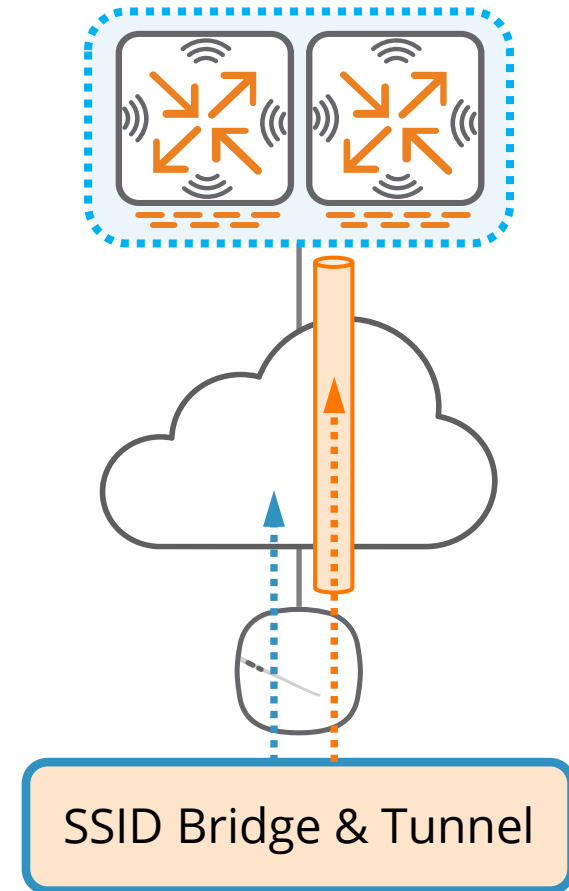
Bridge & Tunnel Mode

2 SSIDs: One Bridge, One Tunnel



Mixed Mode

1 SSID: Bridge & Tunnel

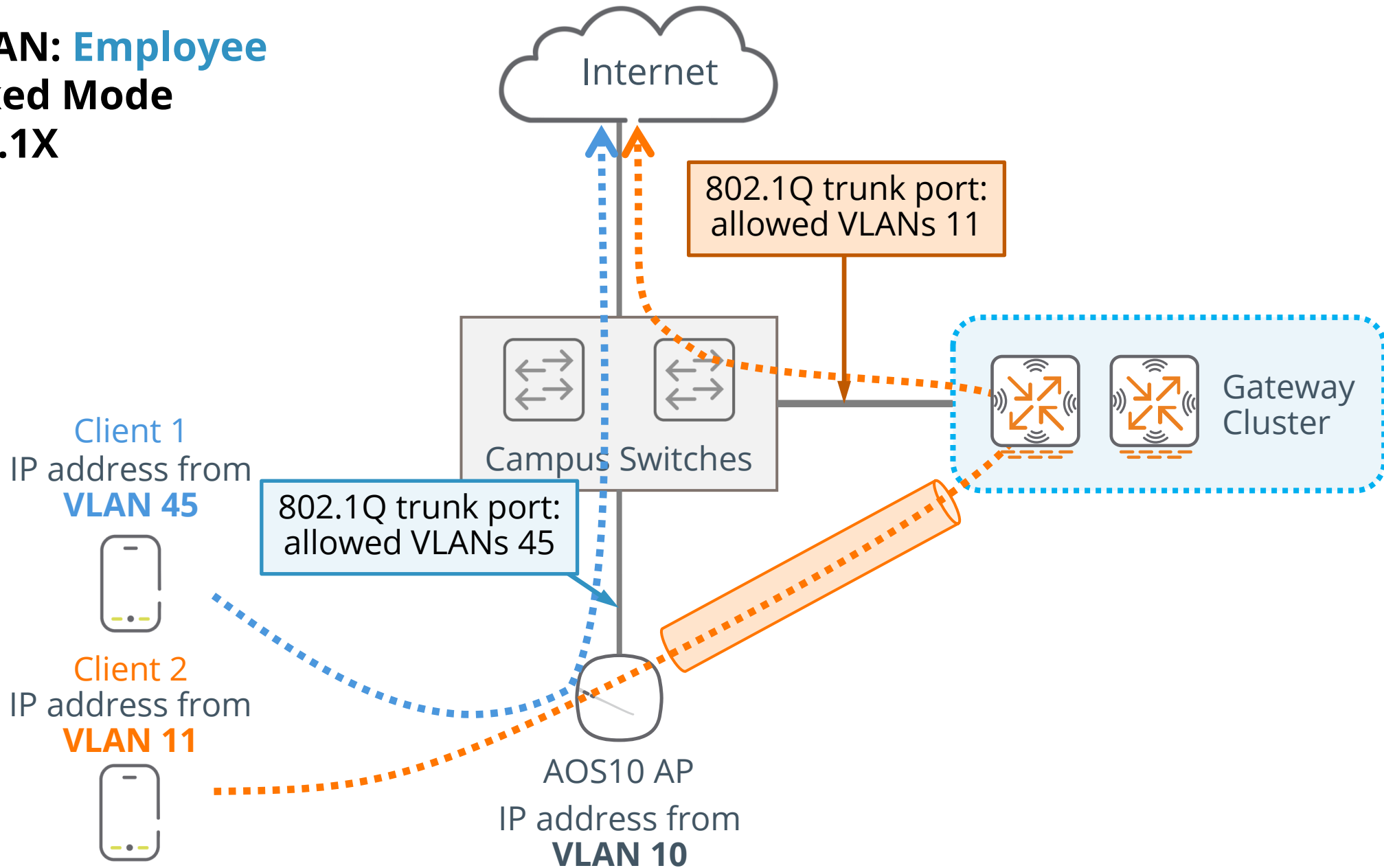


Reduced number of SSIDs in Campus

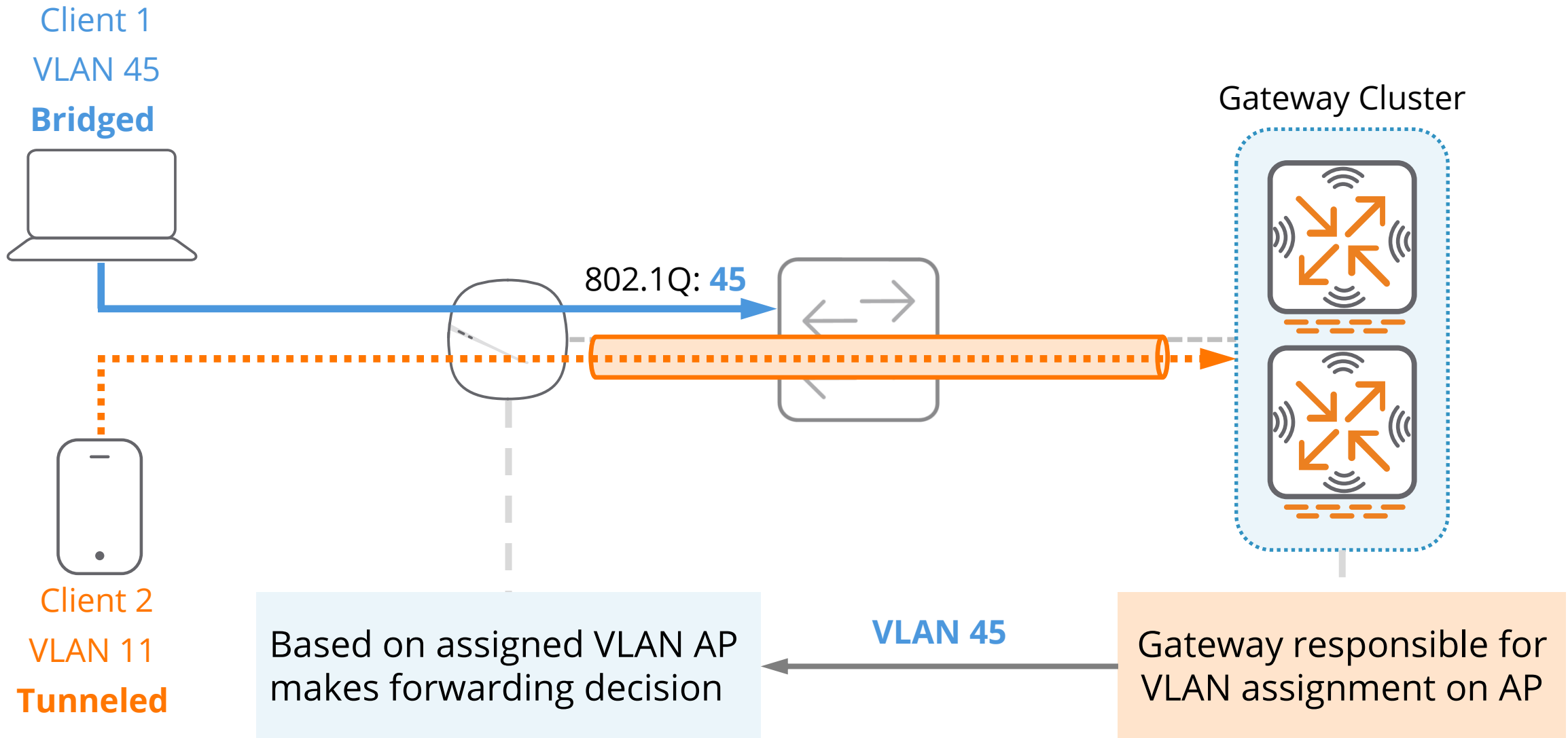


Mixed Forwarding Mode

WLAN: Employee
Mixed Mode
802.1X



Mixed Forwarding Mode Architecture



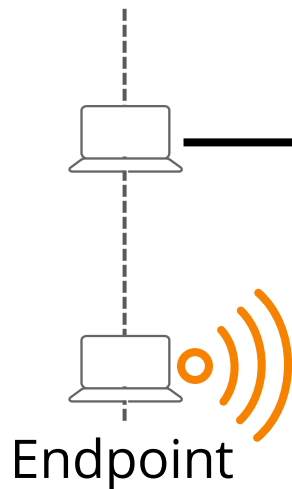
Switch must support bridged clients VLANs on AP port

Secure WLAN & 802.1X

Authentication Overview

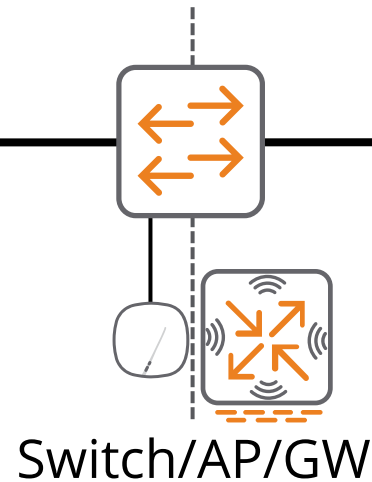
Supplicant

802.1X-capable
client software



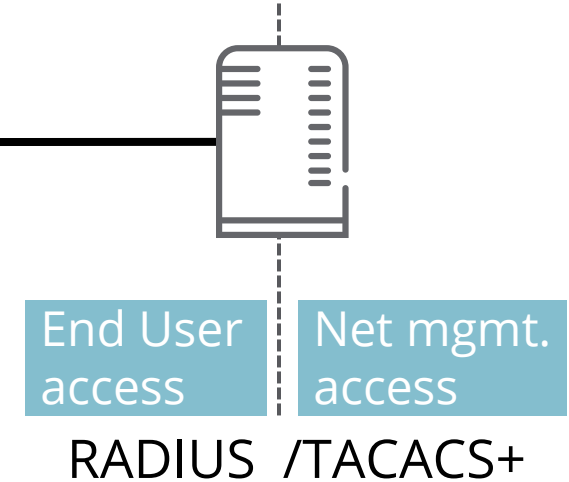
Authenticator

Controls initial access



Authentication Server

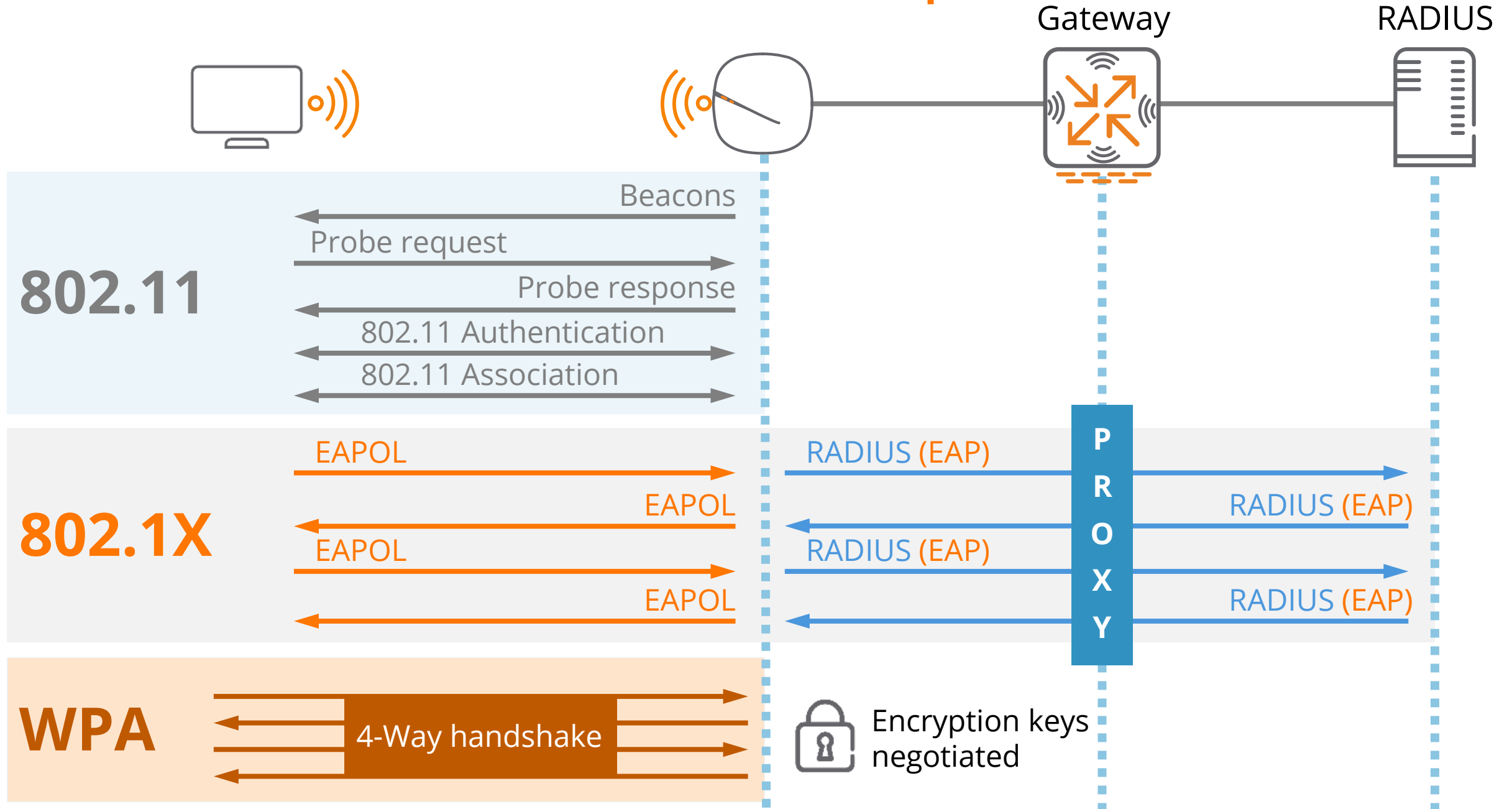
Grants / denies access



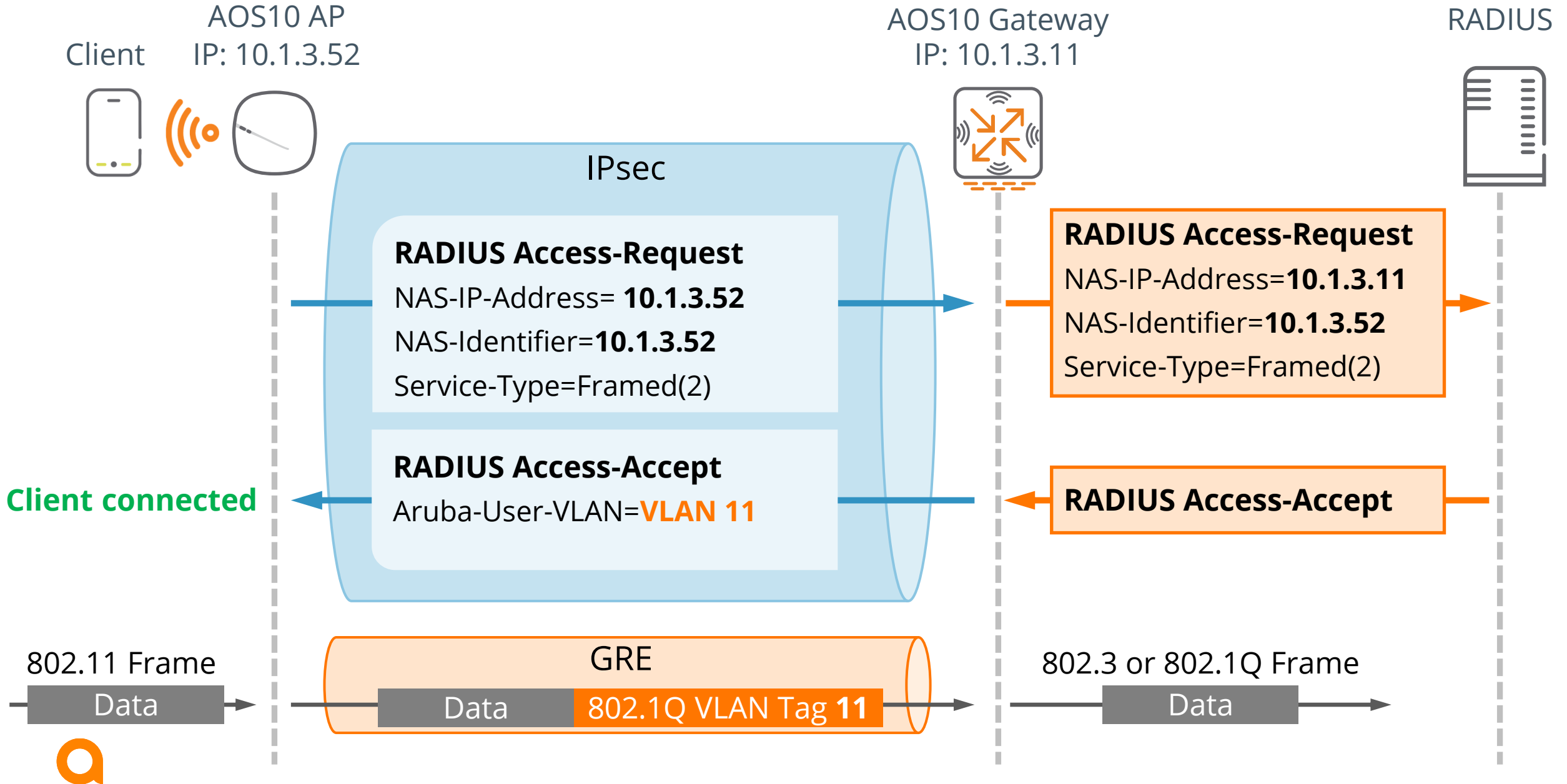
802.1X/EAP

RADIUS

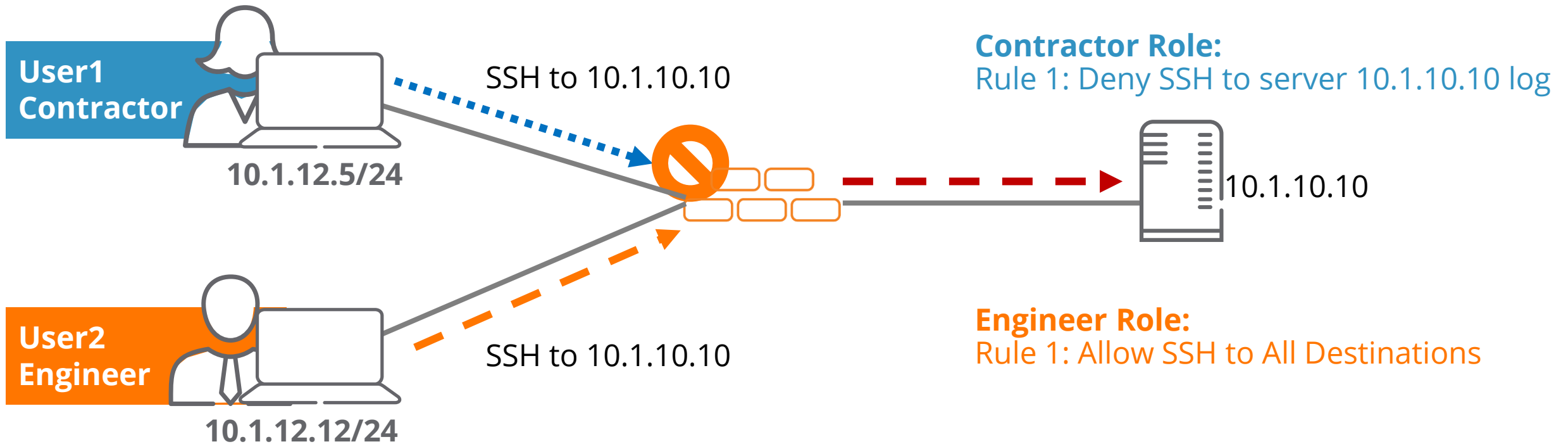
802.11 with 802.1X Connection Steps



Client Connecting to 802.1X SSID



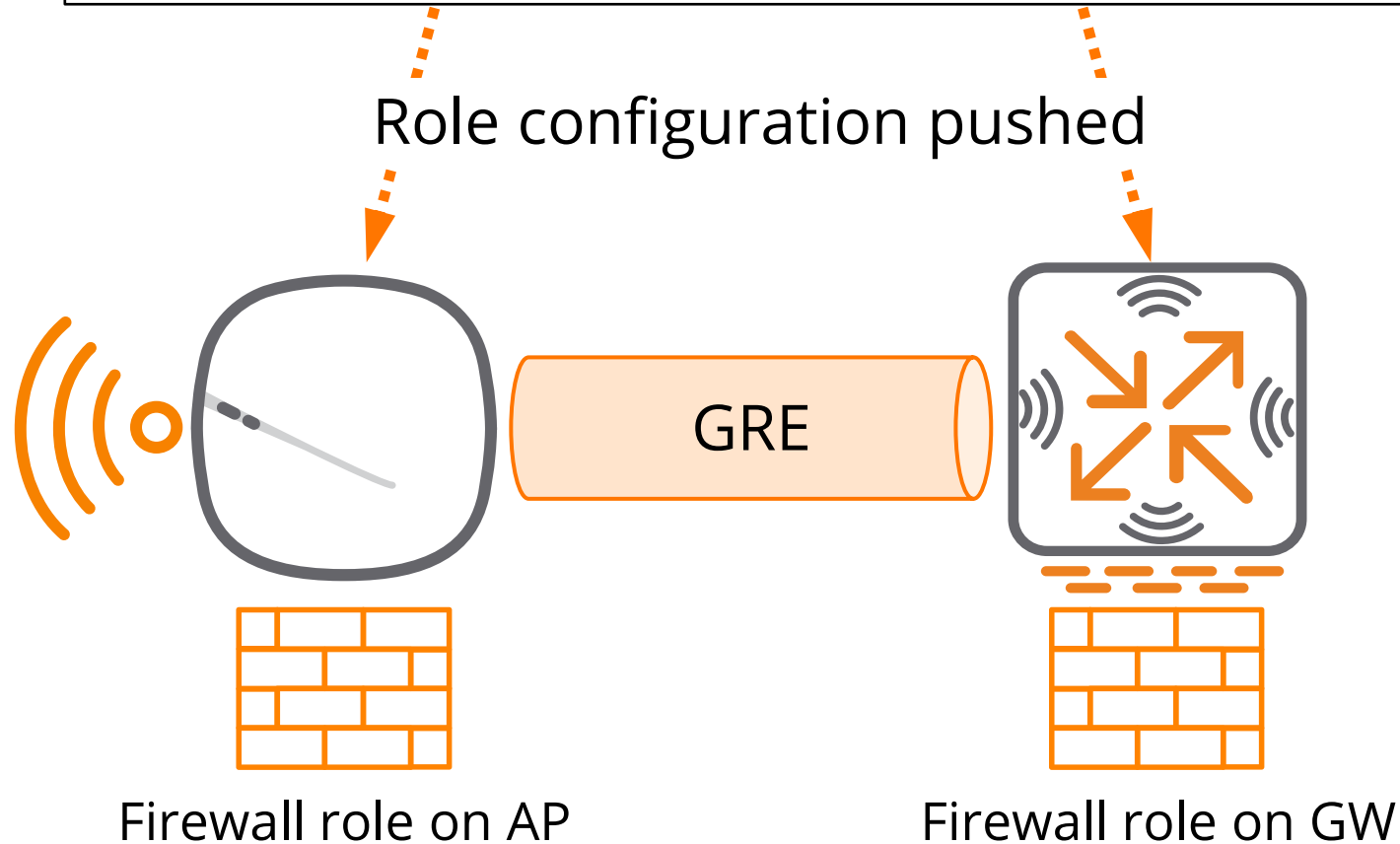
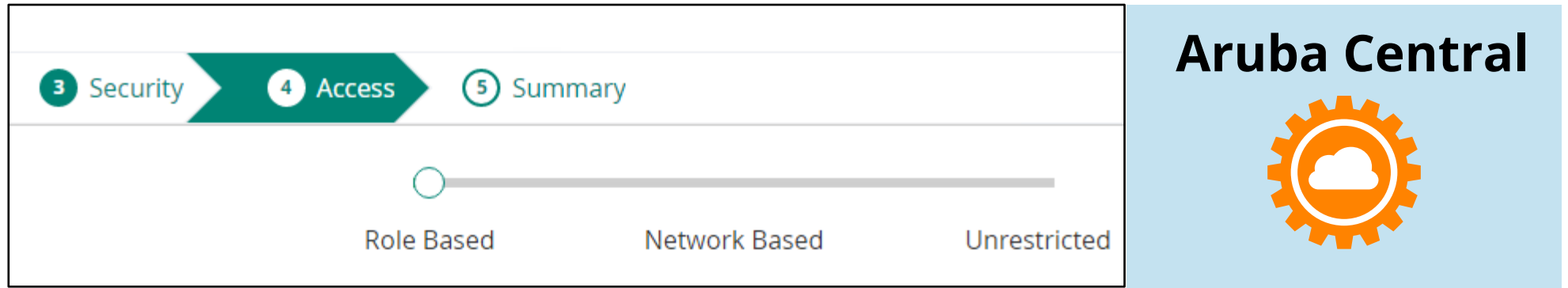
Role-Based ArubaOS Firewall



Same network subnet
Same destination and application
Different User = different handling

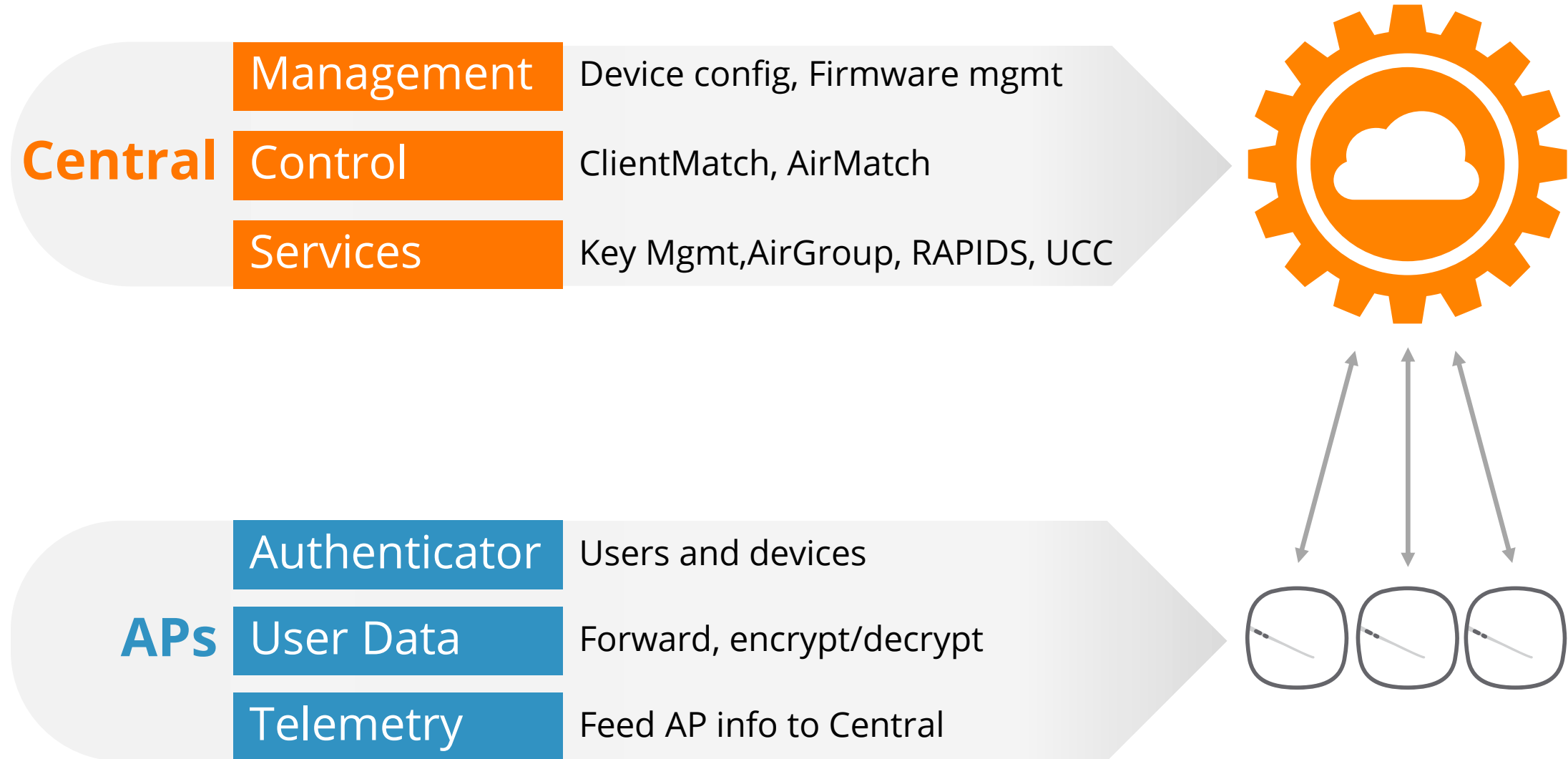


Firewall Roles in Tunnelled Mode



Survivability

Aruba AOS10 Architecture: Responsibilities



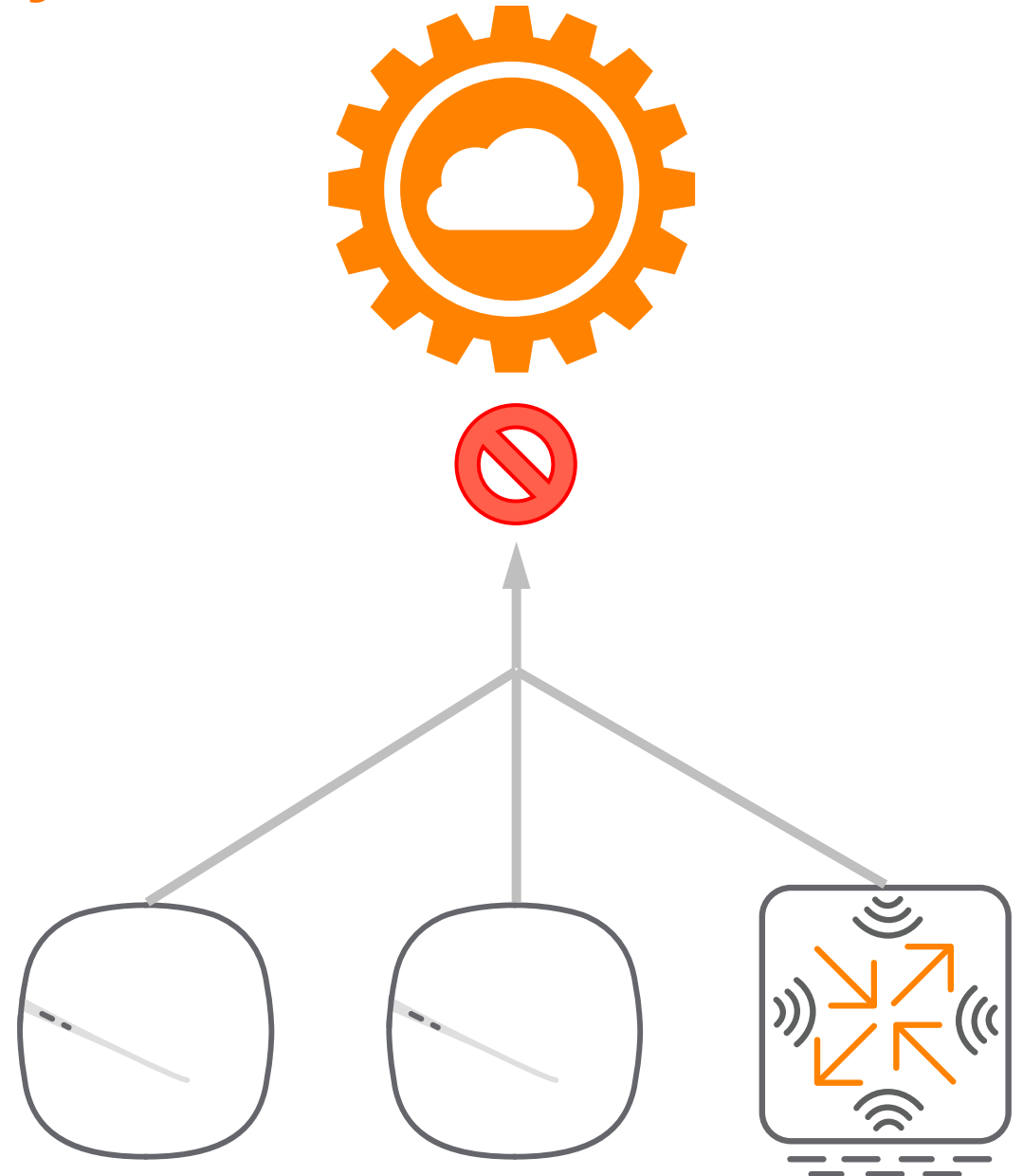
Key Management Survivability

Existing users

- Can continuously do fast roaming
- PMK or R1 keys exist for 8 hours

New users

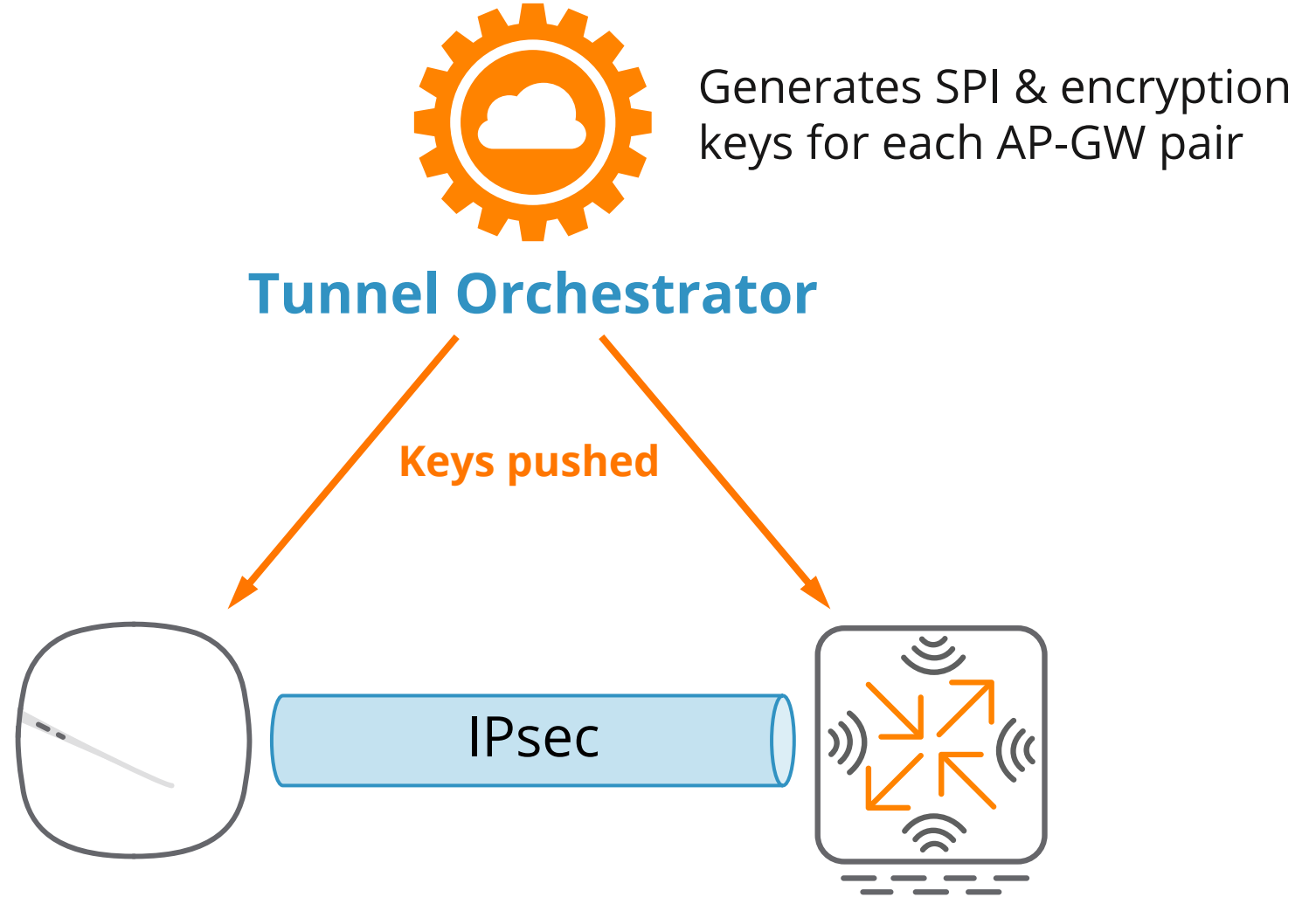
- PMK or R1 keys not shared between APs
- Must re-authenticate when roaming



Tunnels Rekeying

Keys

- Valid for 36h / AP-GW
- 12h before expiration, new keys are generated



Tunnels Survivability

Initial Orchestration

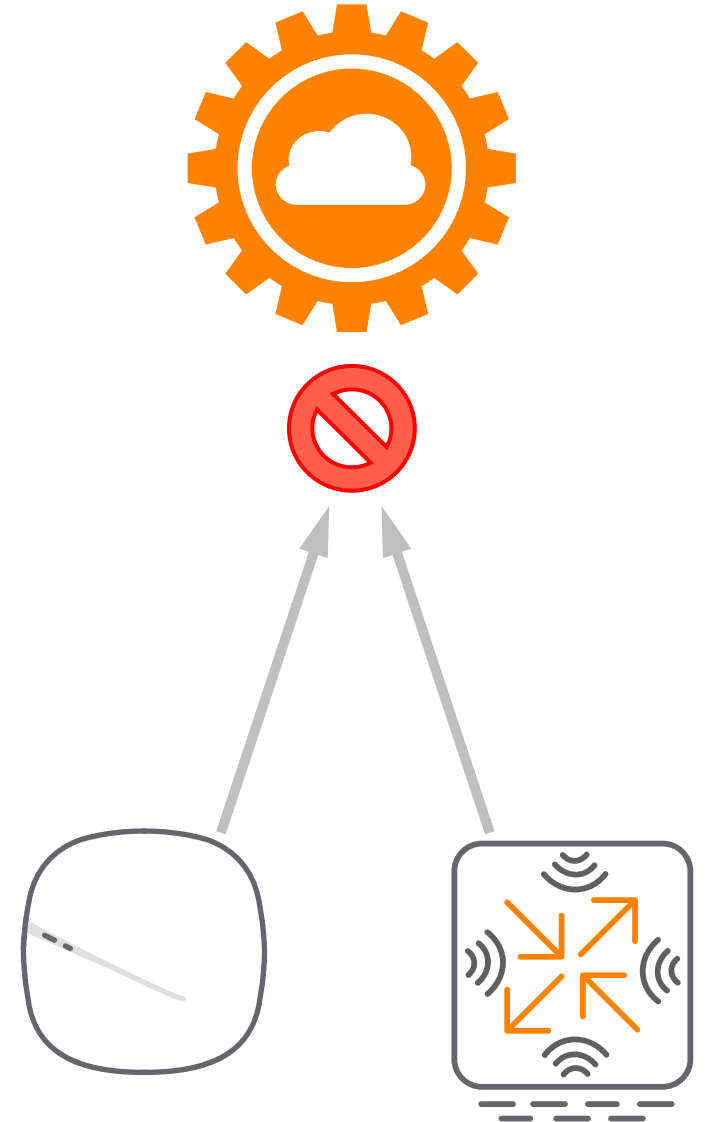
Cloud is mandatory for
initial tunnel orchestration

Survivability

Tunnel config from tunnel orchestrator
is preserved in both AP and GW

Legacy Mode

When both AP & GW fails rekeying,
AP and GW start legacy IKE process



Wired Port Access & Dynamic Segmentation

Common Authentication Methods

802.1X

- Supports bi-directional authentication
- Usernames/passwords and/or certificates
- Commonly used for employees

MAC Auth

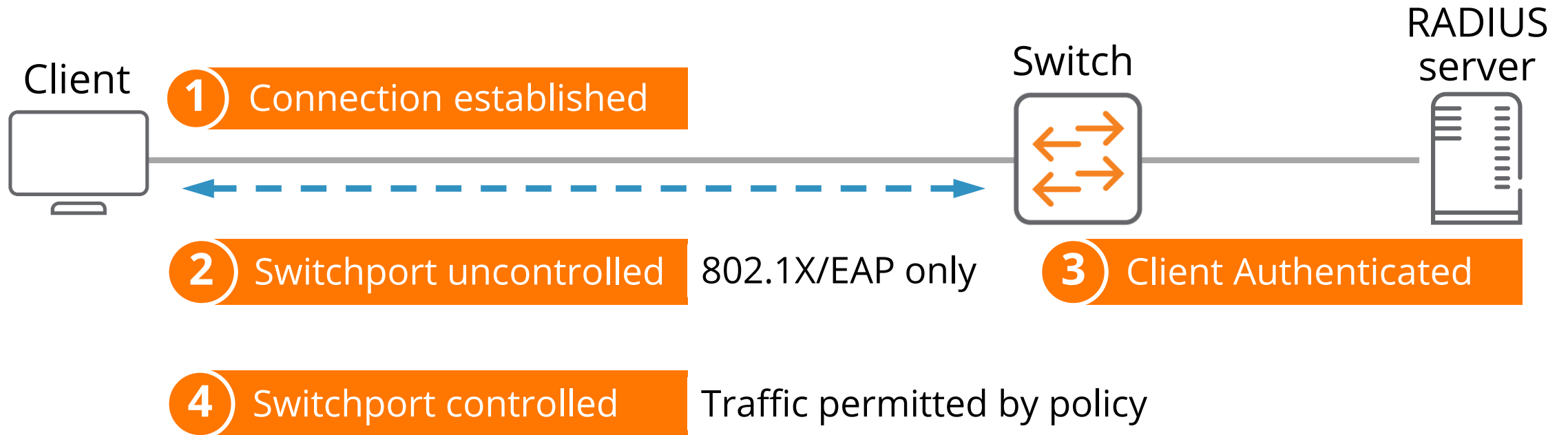
- Must manage MAC address DB
- Subject to spoofing, augment with ACLs and fingerprinting
- Commonly used for non-intelligent devices, like IoT

Web Portal

- Commonly used in guest networks
- User device uses a web browser to authenticate
- Commonly used for guests



802.1X Overview



Customizing Authenticated User Access

Legacy: Manually configure ports

- VLAN, ACLs, QoS
- Tedious and error prone

Modern: Colorless ports

- Minimally configured
- Automated, easy, scalable

Users and Devices



Corp



BYOD



IOT



Guest

Authenticate, determine context

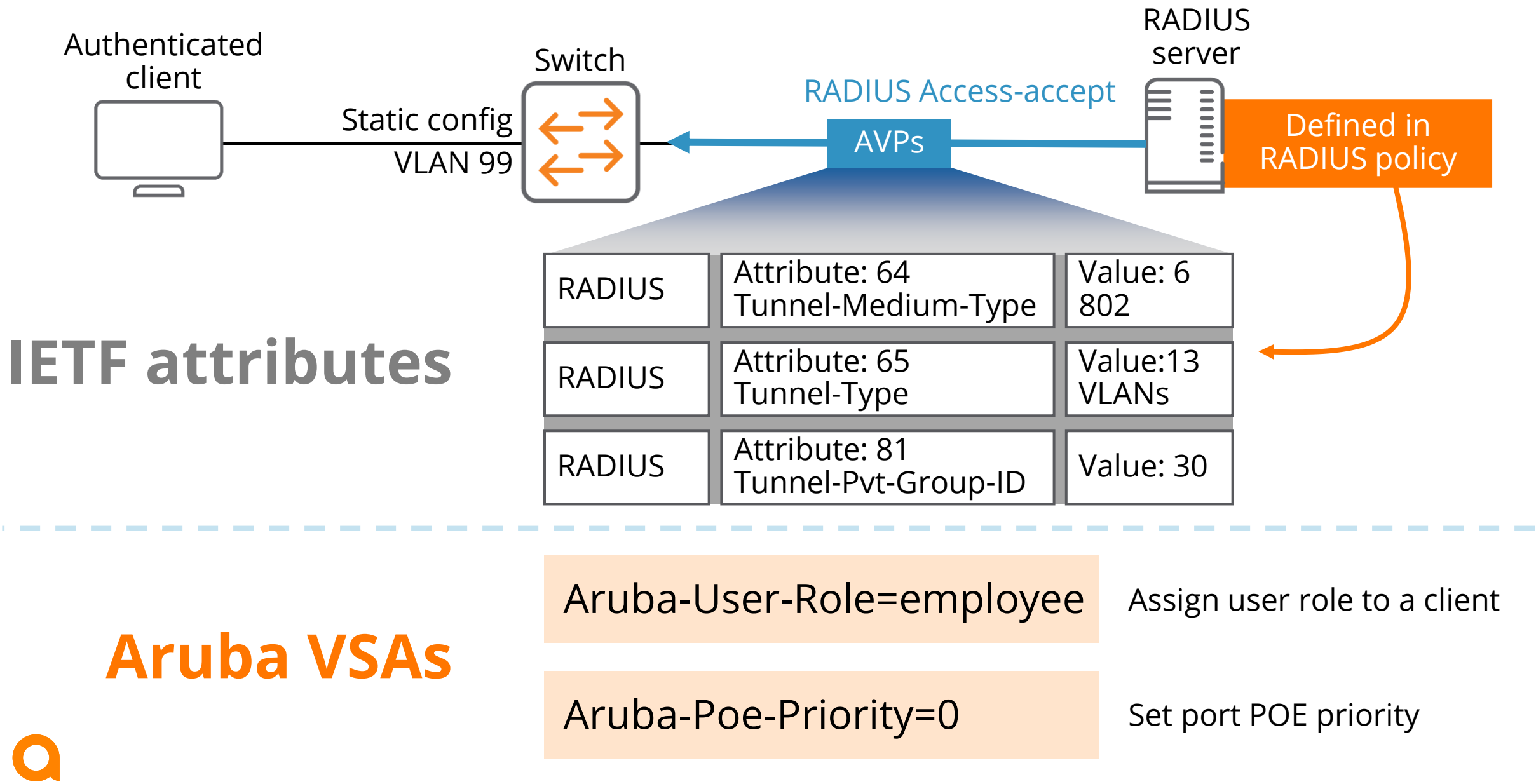
Access Switch

Color ports as appropriate

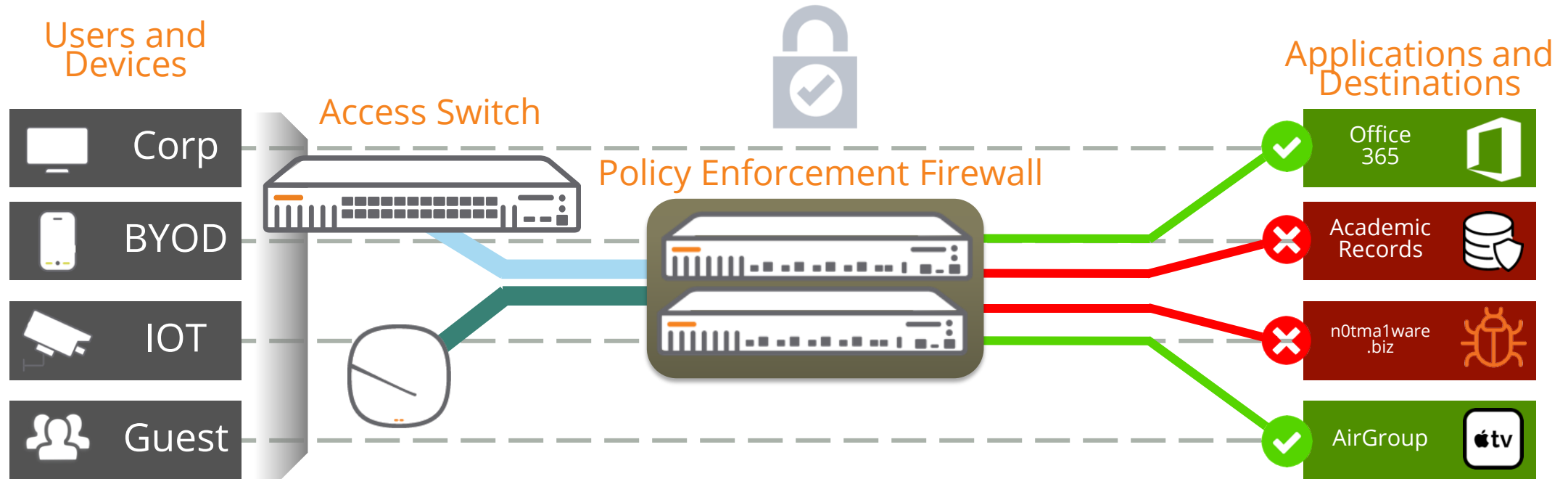
CLEARPASS
ACCESS
MANAGEMENT



How the RADIUS Server Sends Dynamic Settings



Dynamic Segmentation



User capabilities are centrally controlled

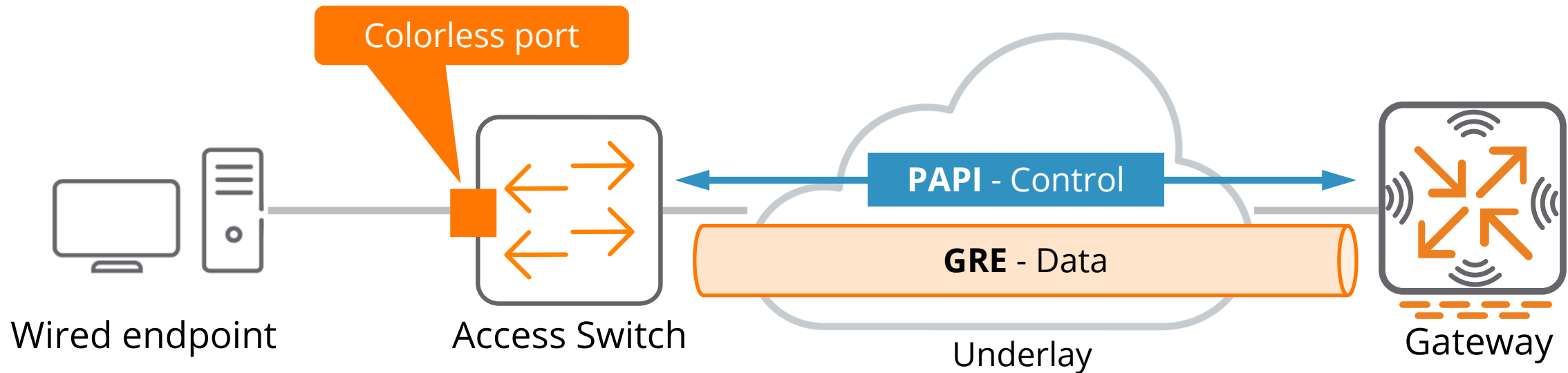
VLANs, security, and QoS are dynamically assigned

Tighter security, fewer config / mgmt. cycles



Dynamic Segmentation Overview

- ✓ Consistent wireless and wired network security
- ✓ Centralized role-based policy enforcement
- ✓ Access to Aruba gateway security features
- ✓ Redundant gateway and cluster support

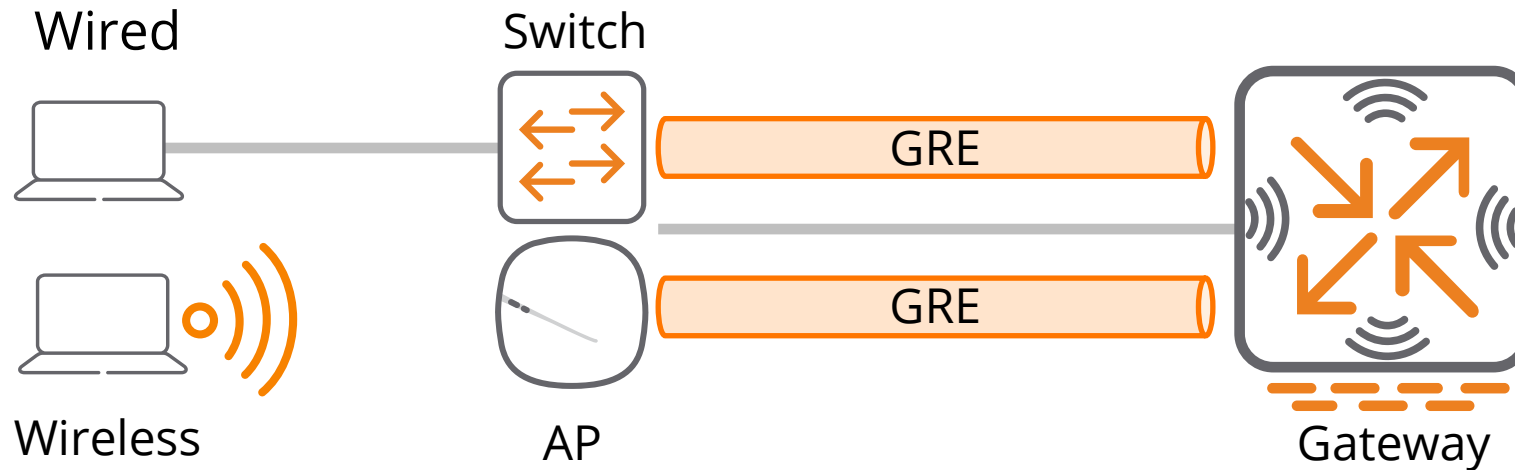


Use Cases

Wired/wireless traffic tunneled to Gateway

- ✓ Consistent user experience
- ✓ Centralized, role-based enforcement

RADIUS

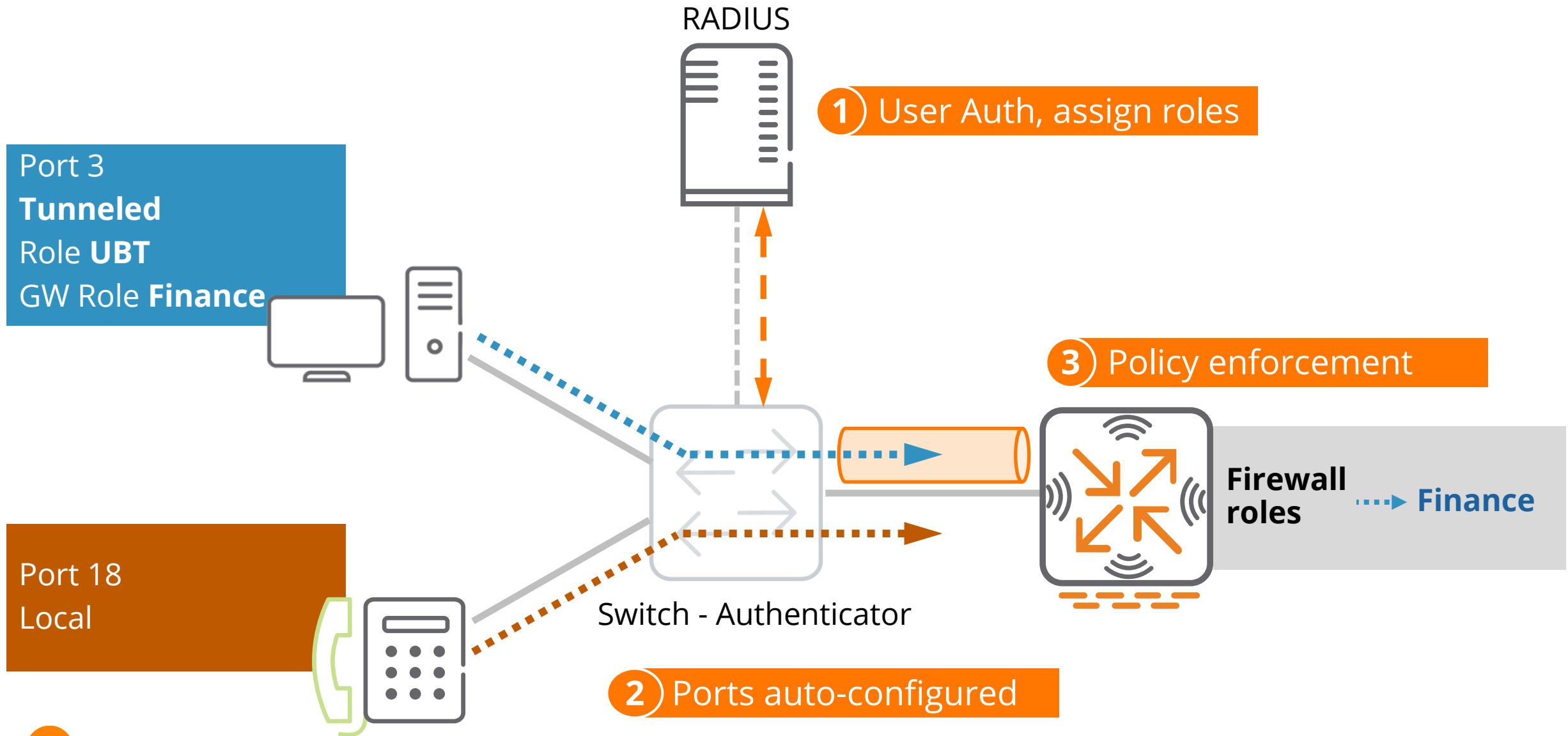


Security features applied to wired and wireless traffic

- Stateful firewall
- Deep packet inspection
- Device fingerprinting



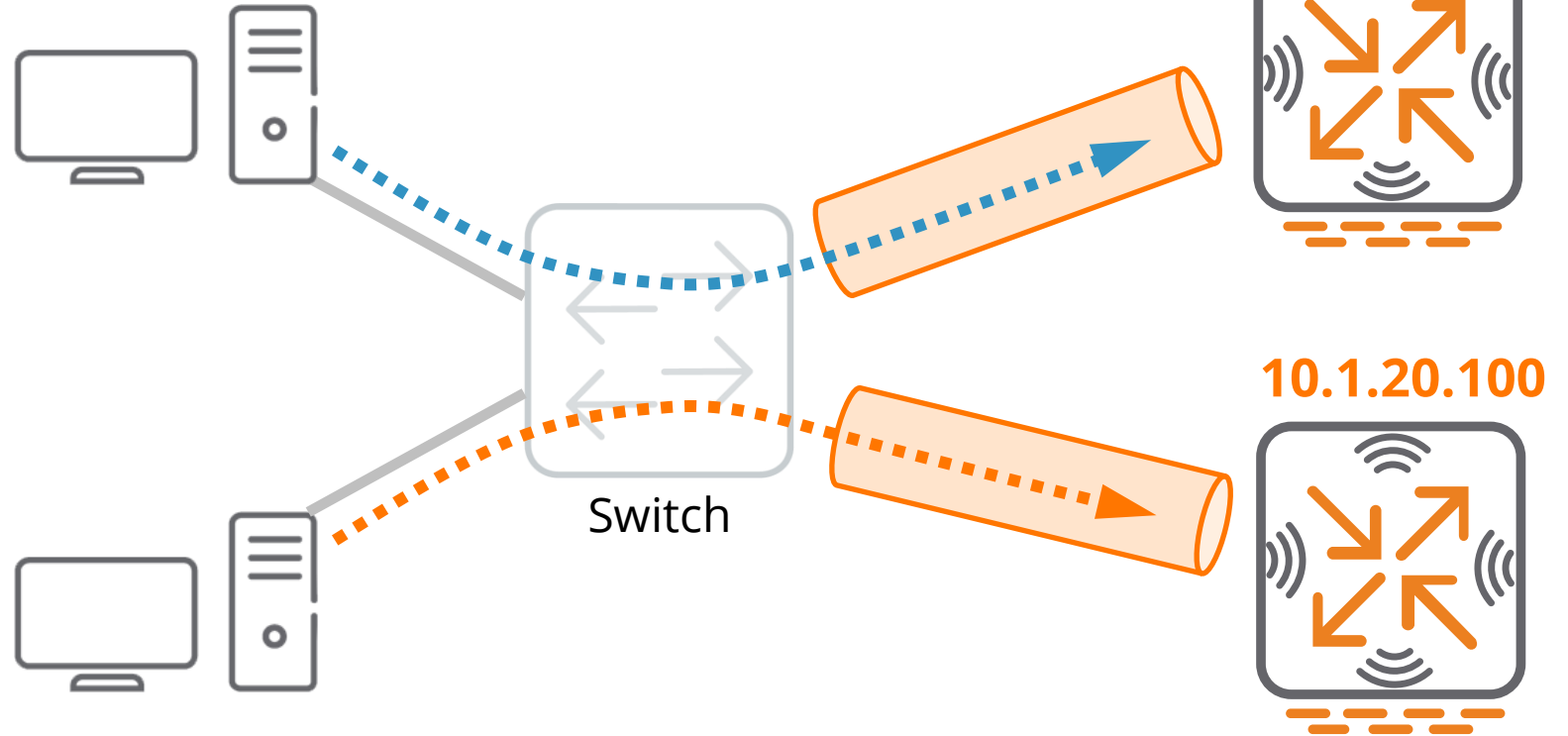
Operation Overview



UBT Zones

```
port-access role Employee  
gateway-zone zone Building1
```

```
port-access role Contractor  
gateway-zone zone Building2
```



```
ubt zone Building1  
  primary-controller ip 10.1.10.100  
ubt zone Building2  
  primary-controller ip 10.1.20.100
```

UBT clients terminate on different Gateways

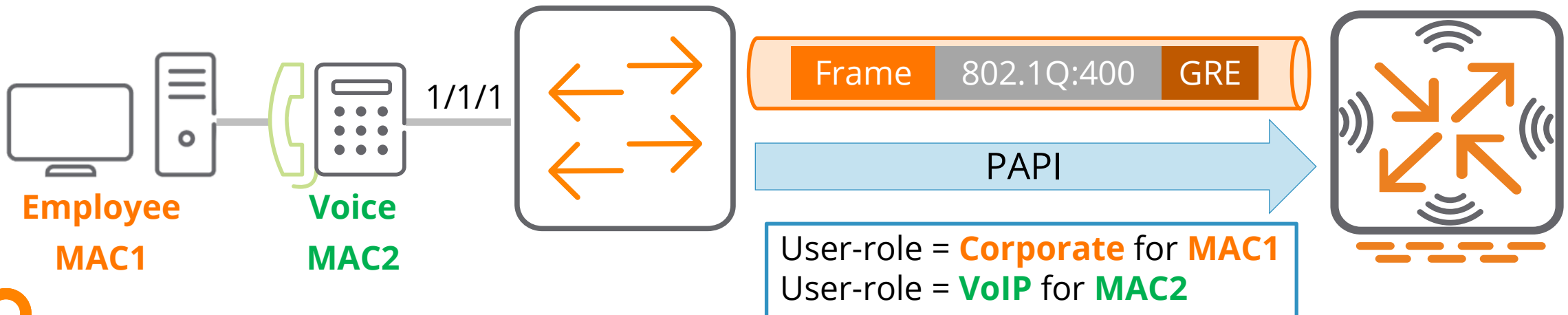
Tunneled Traffic Behavior: Multiple clients

Switch communicates gateway roles

```
ubt-client-vlan 400
port-access role Employee
  gateway-zone zone zonet1 gateway-role Corporate
port-access role Voice
  gateway-zone zone zonet1 gateway-role VoIP
```

Gateway applies policy and VLAN

```
User-role Corporate
  Policy 1
  Policy 2
  vlan 4000
User-role VoIP
  Policy 1
  Policy 2
  vlan 3000
```



VxLAN & GBP

Distributed Overlay Architecture

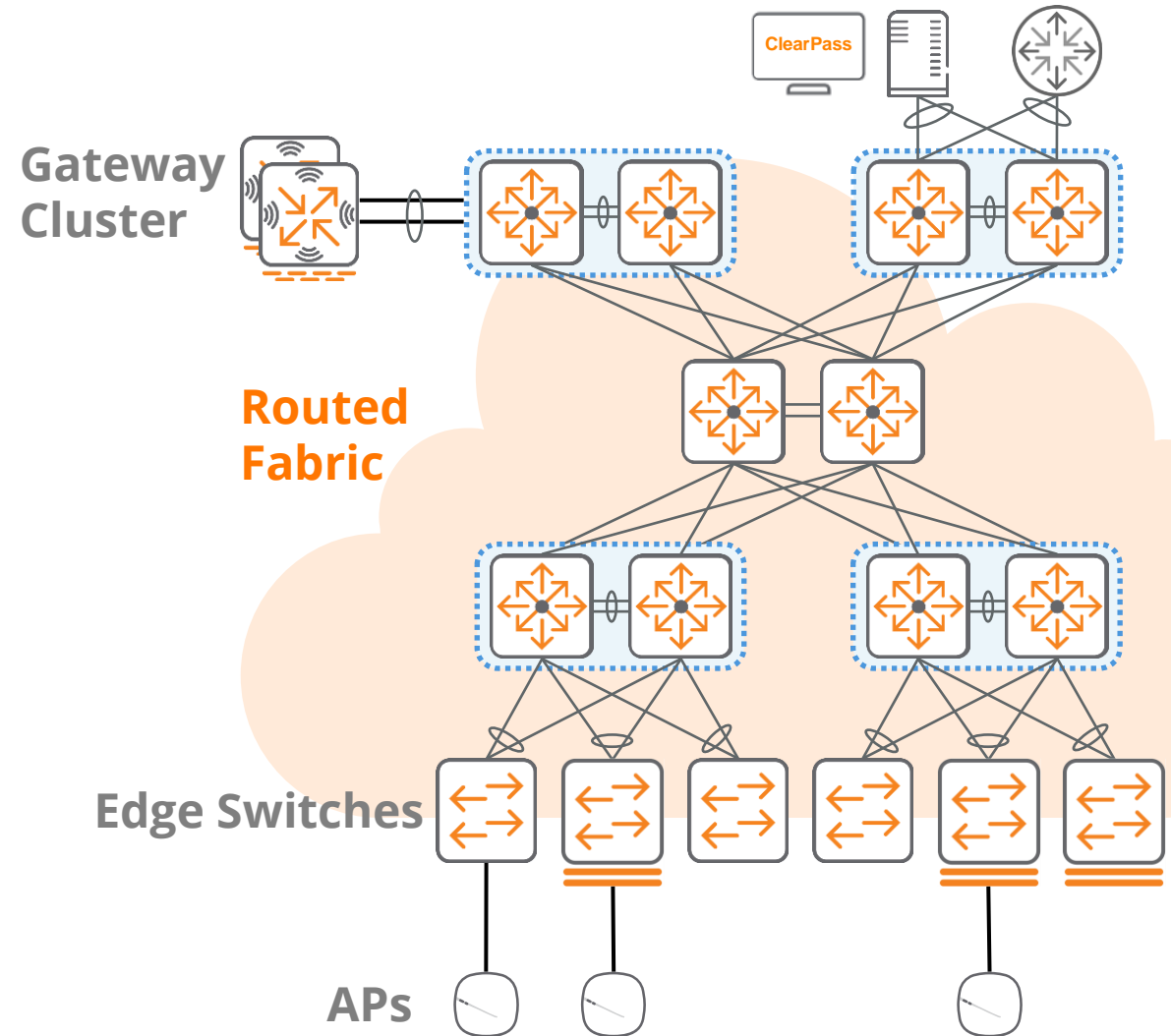
Uniform bridging & routing
across a campus topology

End-to-end segmentation using
VXLAN-GBP

Efficient layer 2 extension
across layer 3 boundaries

Transported across any IP
network

Stable, predictable IP based
backbone (no STP)



VXLAN Characteristics

Usage

- Focused on data centers & Aruba Campus
- IP-based overlay technology

Overlay

- MAC in UDP (IP) format
- Runs on any IP routed infrastructure

Scaling

- Can leverage IP ECMP for load sharing
- 24-bit VXLAN ID: 16M IDs



VXLAN Terminology

VXLAN

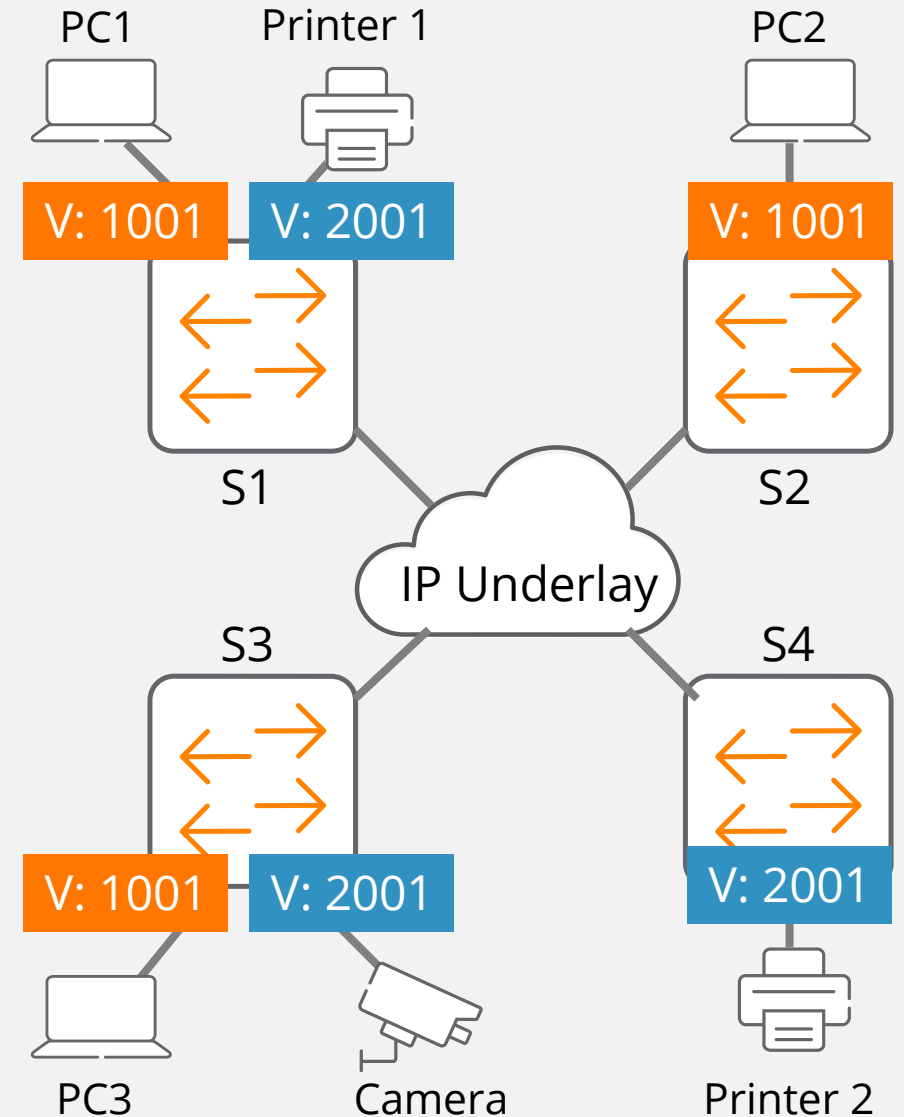
- Like classic VLAN without L3 IP Interface
- Totally isolated

VNI

- VXLAN Network Identifier
- 24-bit value

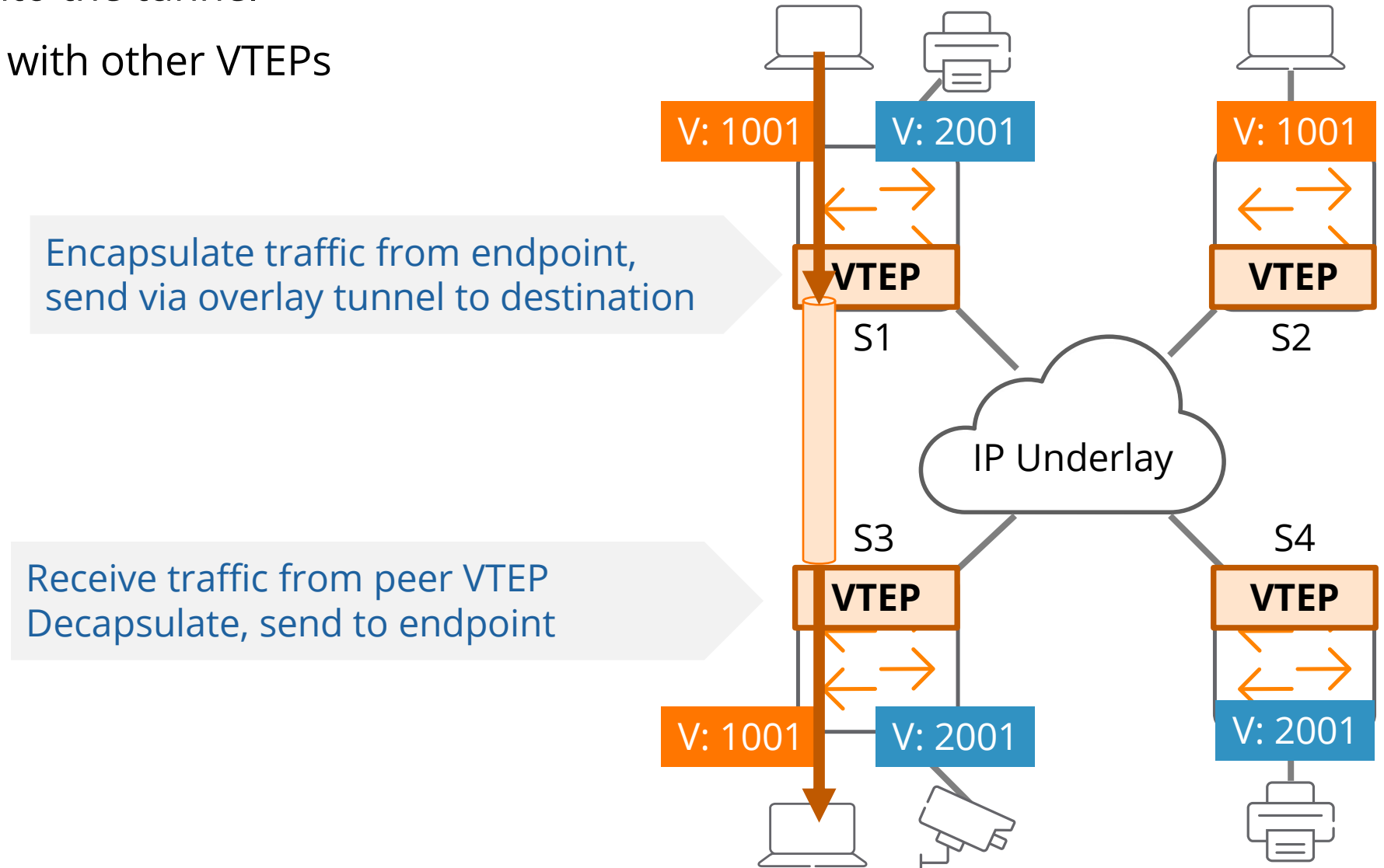


VXLAN overlay between switches



VXLAN VTEP

- Entry or “on-ramp” into the tunnel
- Device that interacts with other VTEPs



VXLAN Packet Structure

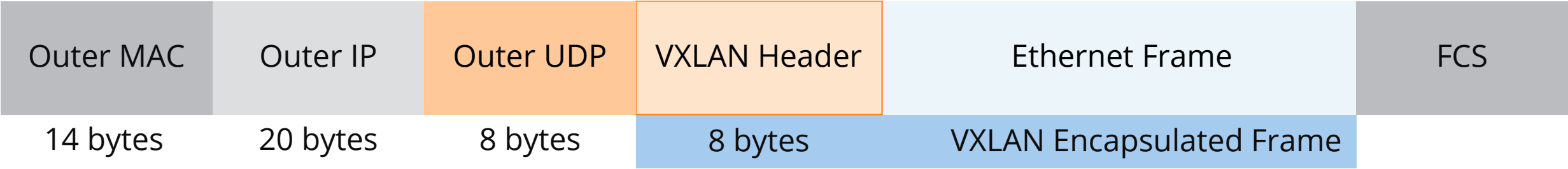
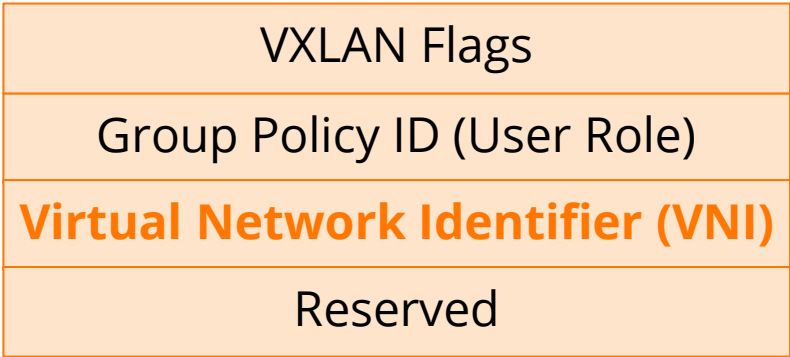
Header

- IP: 20 bytes
- UDP: 8 bytes
- **VNI: 3 Bytes (24 bits)**

50 bytes total

- 8 bytes VXLAN header
- 8 bytes UDP
- 20 bytes IP
- 14 bytes Ethernet

MTU greater than 1550 bytes



Aruba recommends enabling jumbo frames with VXLAN

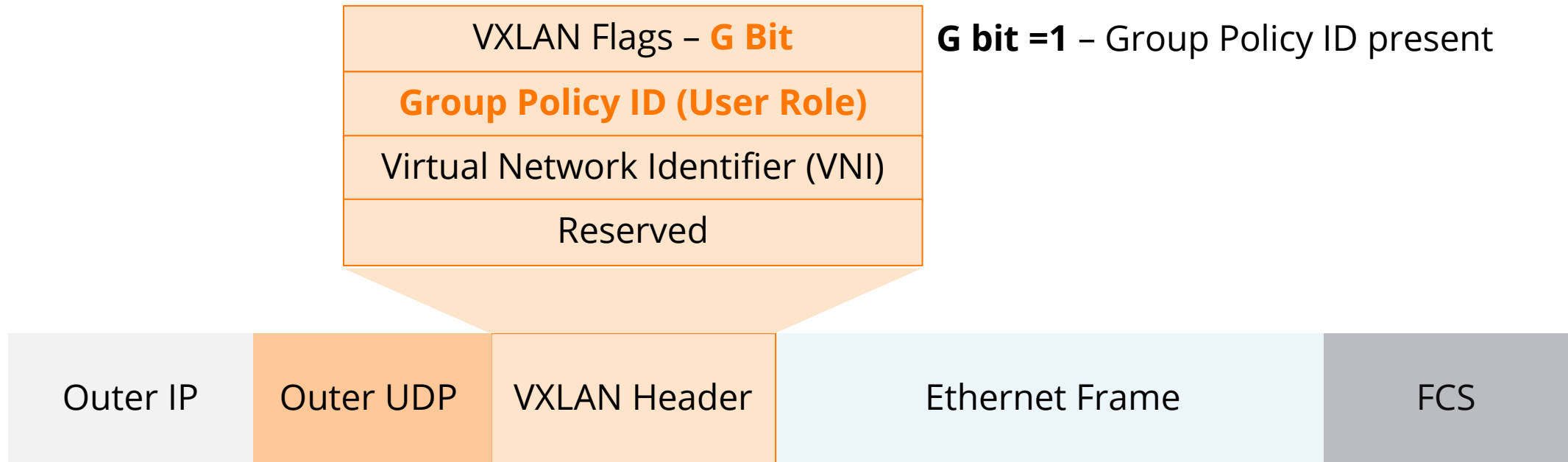
GBP Introduction

Enhances Campus VXLAN

Virtual network based tunneling solution

Enables role-based policies

Role based policies not tied to IP addresses

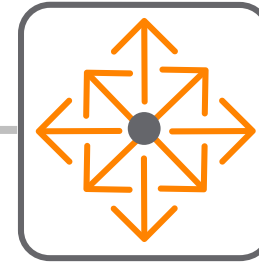
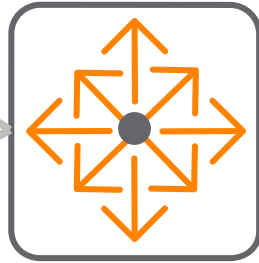


Problem with IP Based Policies

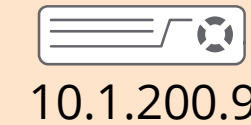
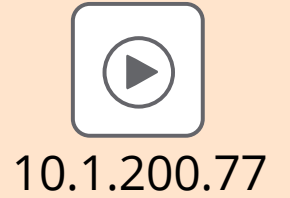
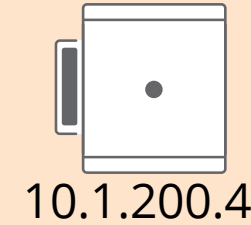
Role Contractor



Filtering done at the
ingress switch



Destination subnet
10.1.200.0/24



IoT devices with **DYNAMIC** IPs

Role Employee

Policy

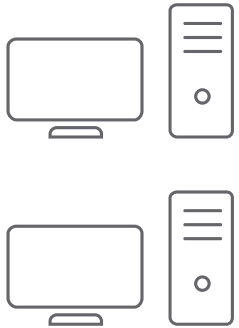
Contractor	Printer	Allowed
Contractor	Medical gear	Denied
Employee	Printer	Allowed
Employee	Medical gear	Allowed

Impossible to implement with IP based policies

Role to Policy ID Mapping

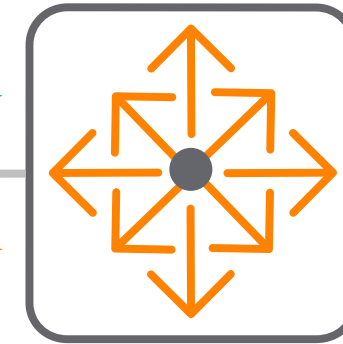
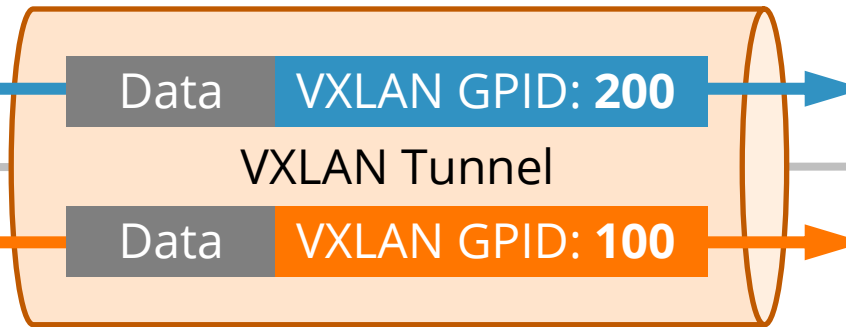
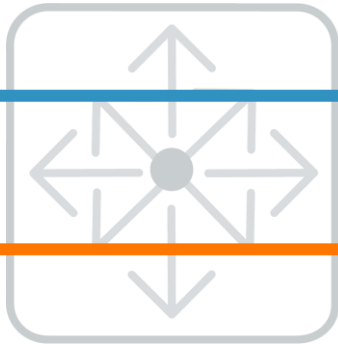
```
gbp enable  
gbp role-tag mapping Employee 100  
gbp role-tag mapping Contractor 200  
gbp role-tag mapping Camera 300  
gbp role-tag mapping Printer 400
```

Role Contractor

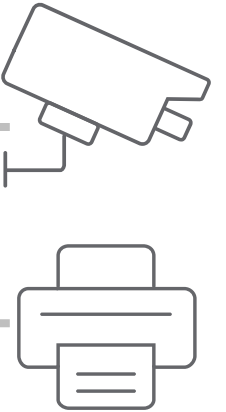


Role Employee

Roles applied
at ingress switch

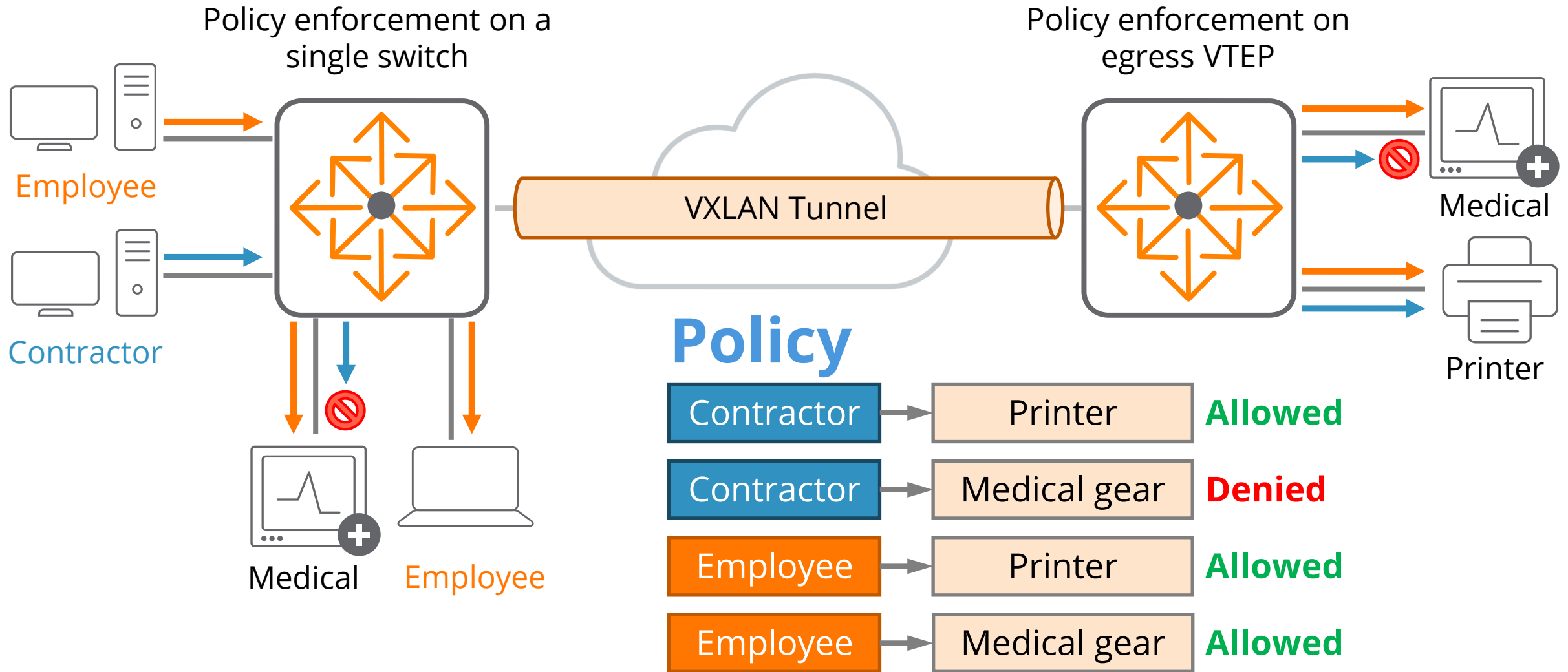


Roles communicated
to egress switch



Role names are created locally on every required VTEP and mapped to Group Policy ID

Policy Enforcement: IP Independent



Clients with the same role – default **allowed**, clients with different role – default **denied**

Managing policies in large network can be challenging



Aruba NetConductor

Policy manager

- Defines user and device groups
- Creates the associated traffic routing and access enforcement rules for the physical network

Group policy identifier

- Carries configuration and client policy information
- Reduces configuration and security overhead
- Increases mobility and scalability.

Fabric wizard

- Simplifies the creation of the overlays
- Intuitive GUI
- Eases configuration of switches and gateways

Thank You !