Looking ahead: Ready or not, here comes 6G

By the end of 2026, there should be a clearer view of 6G technologies, the role of AI and how much the new G will rely on the previous one.

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6G standards discussions started in earnest in early 2025, kicking off a period of studies and workshops to build consensus among the industry for the next mobile generation. As the work continues, a clearer picture of 6G is expected to come into view by the end of this year.

The first commercial 6G services are anticipated to appear around 2030. The US will get a taste of what is to come at the 2028 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, as the NTIA plans to host demonstrations of the emerging tech during the event.

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CommScope goes back to the future with Aurora Networks rebrand

Amphenol is getting the CommScope brand after closing its deal to purchase CommScope's Connectivity & Cable Solutions unit. What's left of CommScope is becoming Vistance Networks, with its access unit rebranding as Aurora Networks.

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After completing its $10.5 billion acquisition of CommScope's Connectivity & Cable Solutions unit, Amphenol is taking over the CommScope brand. Meanwhile, what is left of CommScope, including its cable access tech unit, is undergoing rebranding, and the new name of its cable tech unit might ring familiar to industry vets.

What's left of CommScope – previously referred to as "RemainCo" – is being renamed Vistance Networks. That newly named parent company will begin trading on the Nasdaq stock exchange under the "VISN" ticker, effective January 14. Vistance is led by CEO Chuck Treadway, who joined CommScope as CEO back in 2020.

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CableLabs advances on coherent PON and DOCSIS 4.0

Advancing the ball on both FTTP and HFC, CableLabs has issued specs for a 100-Gig coherent PON platform and verified that a DOCSIS 4.0 modem interoperates with DOCSIS 3.1 networks.

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From a tech standpoint, the "cable" industry has been shifting significantly in recent years. Alongside advancements on its widely deployed hybrid fiber/coax (HFC) network, operators have been increasingly focused on fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) platforms as they edge into adjacent markets and build new networks in rural areas. And, yes, wireless is now a key part of this increasingly agnostic mix of access technologies.

That refined focus is also taking shape at CableLabs, which serves as the industry's R&D house and head of certain interoperability programs and specification projects. CableLabs says it's making progress with both HFC and FTTP. On the fiber side, it has issued a new specification based on coherent PON (CPON) technology and advanced the ball on DOCSIS 4.0, an emerging platform capable of delivering symmetrical multi-gigabit speeds on cable's widely deployed HFC networks.

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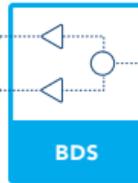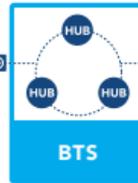
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