



# 18051 WNW

## Introduction to Wireless Networking (MiWi™ Protocol I)



# Class Objectives

- **Describe the physical layer options available in MiWi™ networks**
- **Describe the major services provided by the MiMAC layer to higher layers**
- **Be able to modify/debug a simple wireless application with the MiWi protocol Development Environment**

# Agenda

- **Introduction to MiWi™ DE**
- **Microchip Wireless MAC (MiMAC)**
  - Lab 1 – Configure the Transceiver
  - Lab 2 – Configure Security
- **Overview of Microchip Wireless Protocols and Application Layer (MiApp)**
- **Overview of MiWi™ PRO advanced functionality**
- **Summary and References**

# Class Folders

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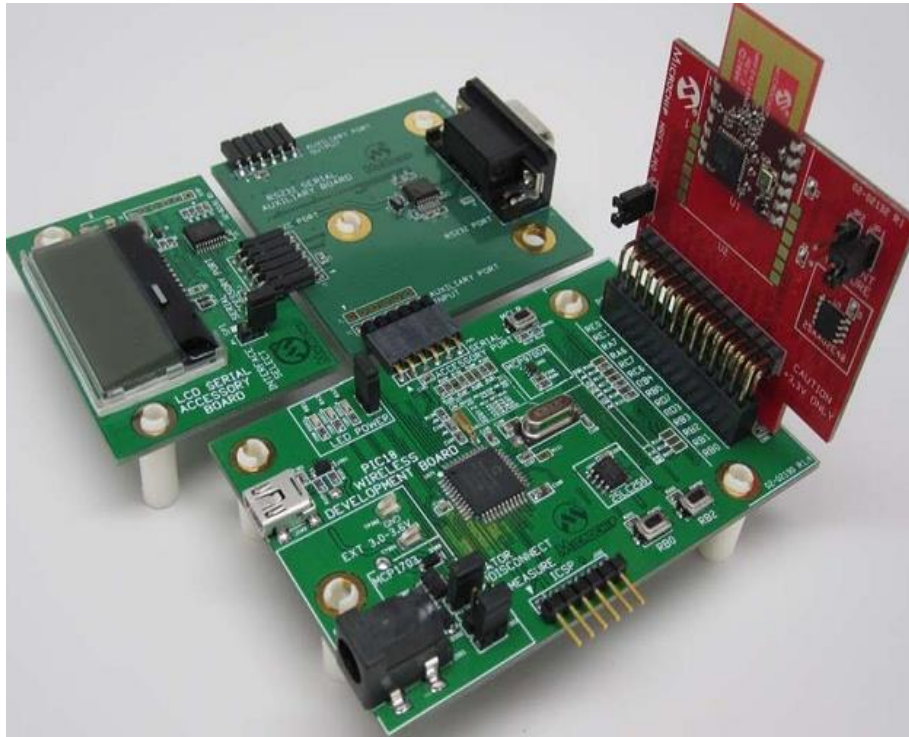
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# Development Platform



- **8-Bit Wireless Development Kit (DM182015-1)**
  - Provides 2-RF Nodes
    - PIC18F46J50 main board
    - MRF24J40 2.4GHz Radio PICtail™ Board
    - LCD Display board
    - RS-232 board
- **ZENA™ Wireless Adapter (2.4GHz MRF24J40) (AC182015-1)**
- **MPLAB® ICD 3 (DV164035)**



# Introduction to MiWi™ DE

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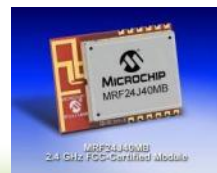
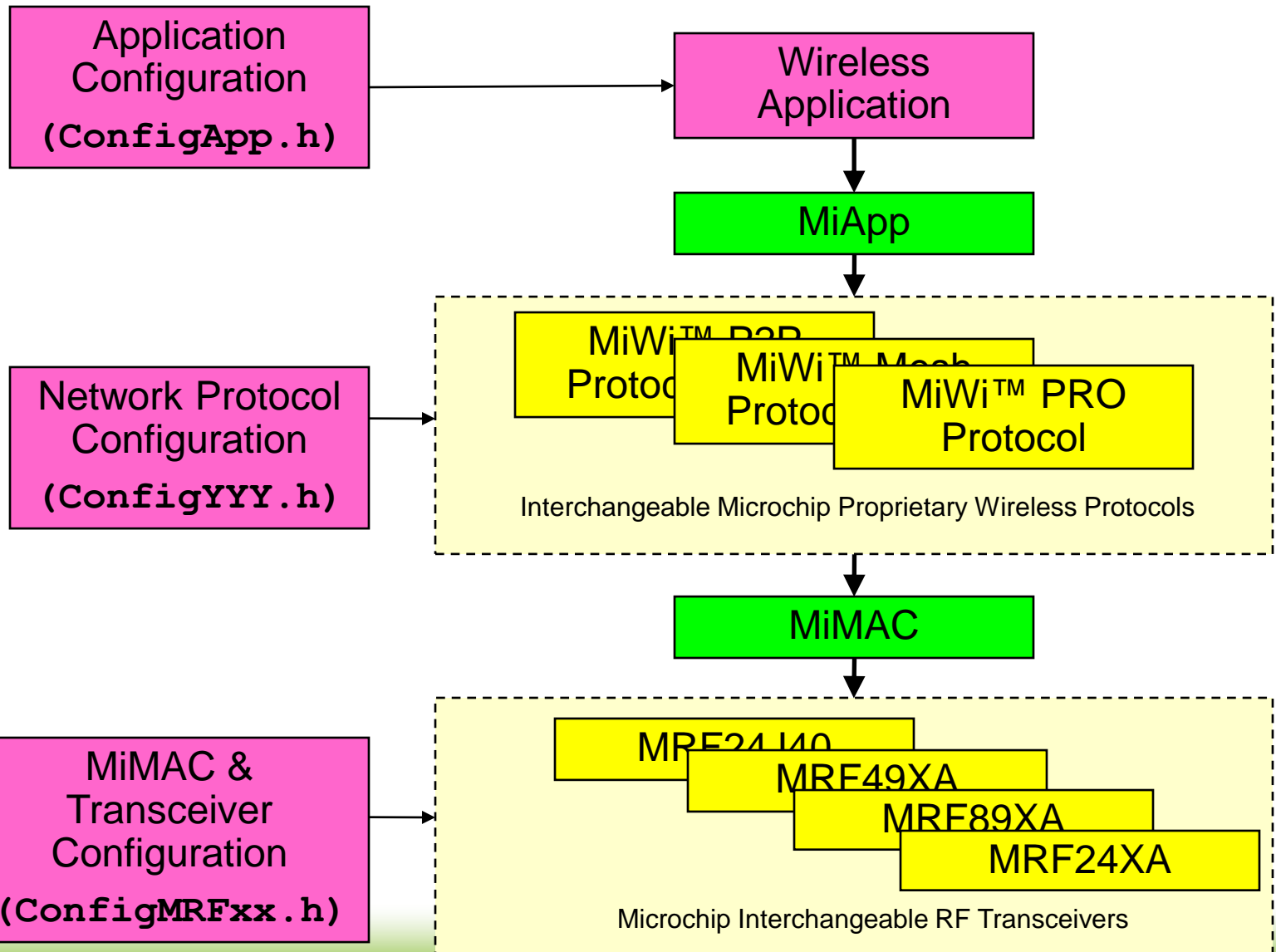
# MiWi™ DE At A Glance

- **What is MiWi DE?**
  - Microchip proprietary Wireless Development Environment:
    - **Agency-certified transceivers, Protocol Stack (Networking Protocols, MAC, Physical Layers)**
    - **Configuration and Debug tools**

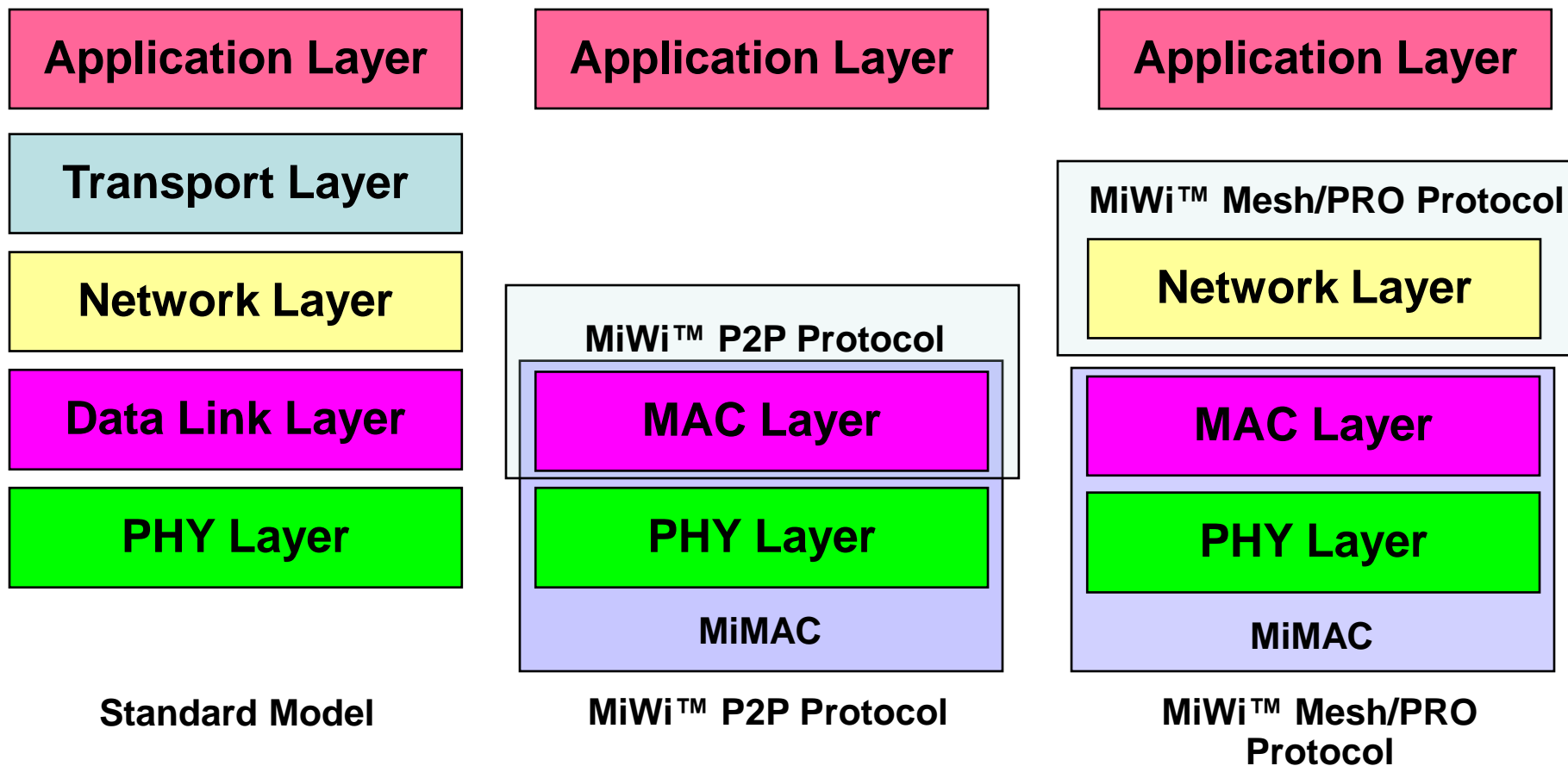
# MiWi™ DE At A Glance

- **Application Spaces**
  - Low-power, low-data-rate, cost-sensitive applications:
    - **Wireless sensor networks, mouse/joystick, toys & games, security/HVAC/lighting**

# Microchip Wireless (MiWi™) Development Environment



# MiWi™ Protocol Stack



# MiWi™ DE Benefits

- **Universal, Simple and Powerful Interface to Wireless Application Developers**
- **All Microchip Proprietary Wireless Protocols are Exchangeable**
- **All Microchip RF Transceivers are Exchangeable via MiMAC**
- **Minimize the Software Development Risk by Allowing Maximum Flexibility**

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# Regulatory Considerations

## ● Regulations

- Regulations govern the operation of the device
  - **It's not what the technology can do, it's what the regulations will permit you to do**
- Your product must conform to the regulations in the country you sell the device
- Each country has their own regulations
- International Telecommunications Union (ITU)  
<http://www.itu.int/>



# Regulatory Considerations

- **United States:**

- U.S. Federal Communications Commission

- <http://www.fcc.gov>

- Title 47 Part 15 Rules:

- <http://www.fcc.gov/oet/info/rules/>

- **Europe:**

- ETSI EN 300 220-1

- <http://www.etsi.org/>

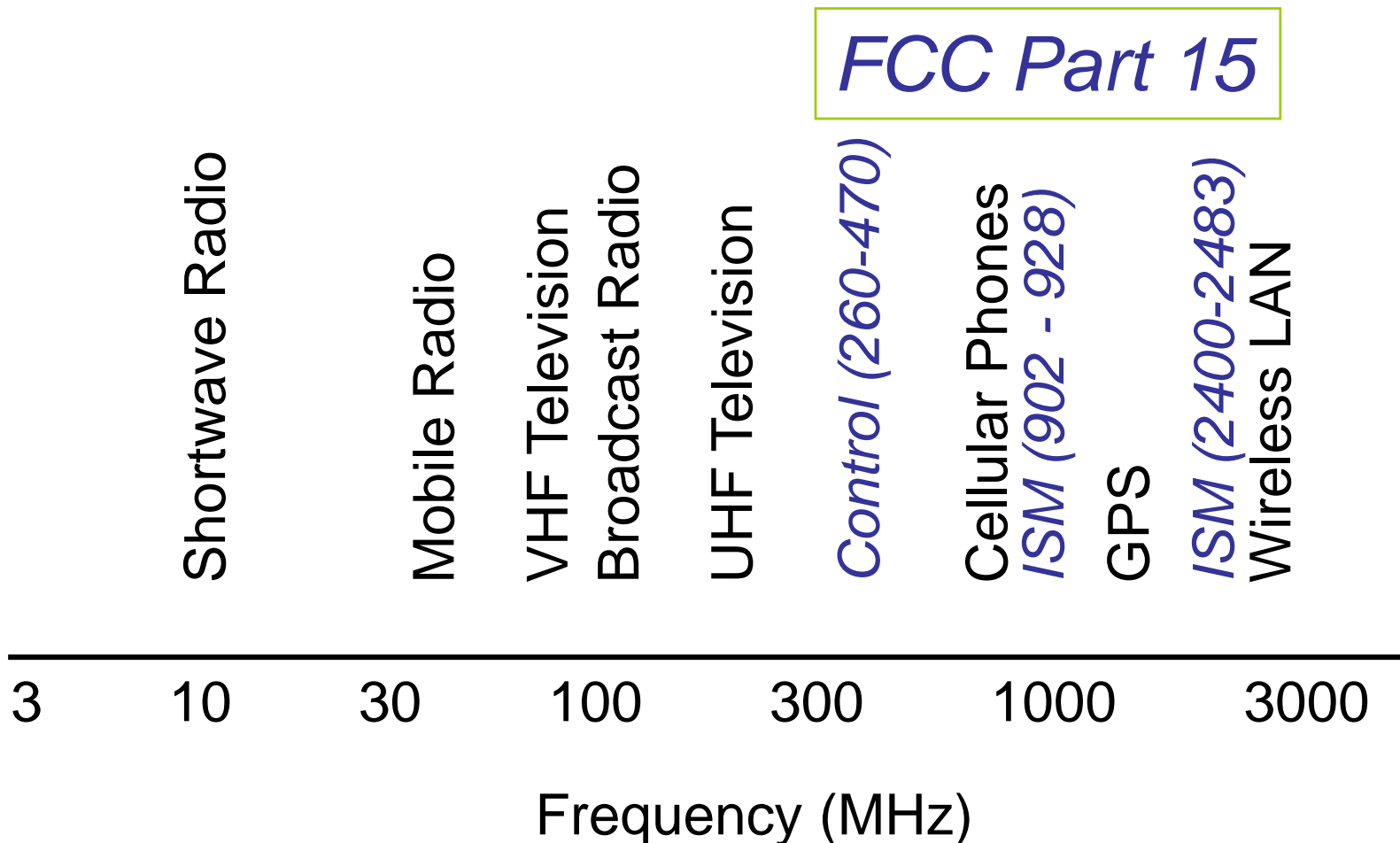
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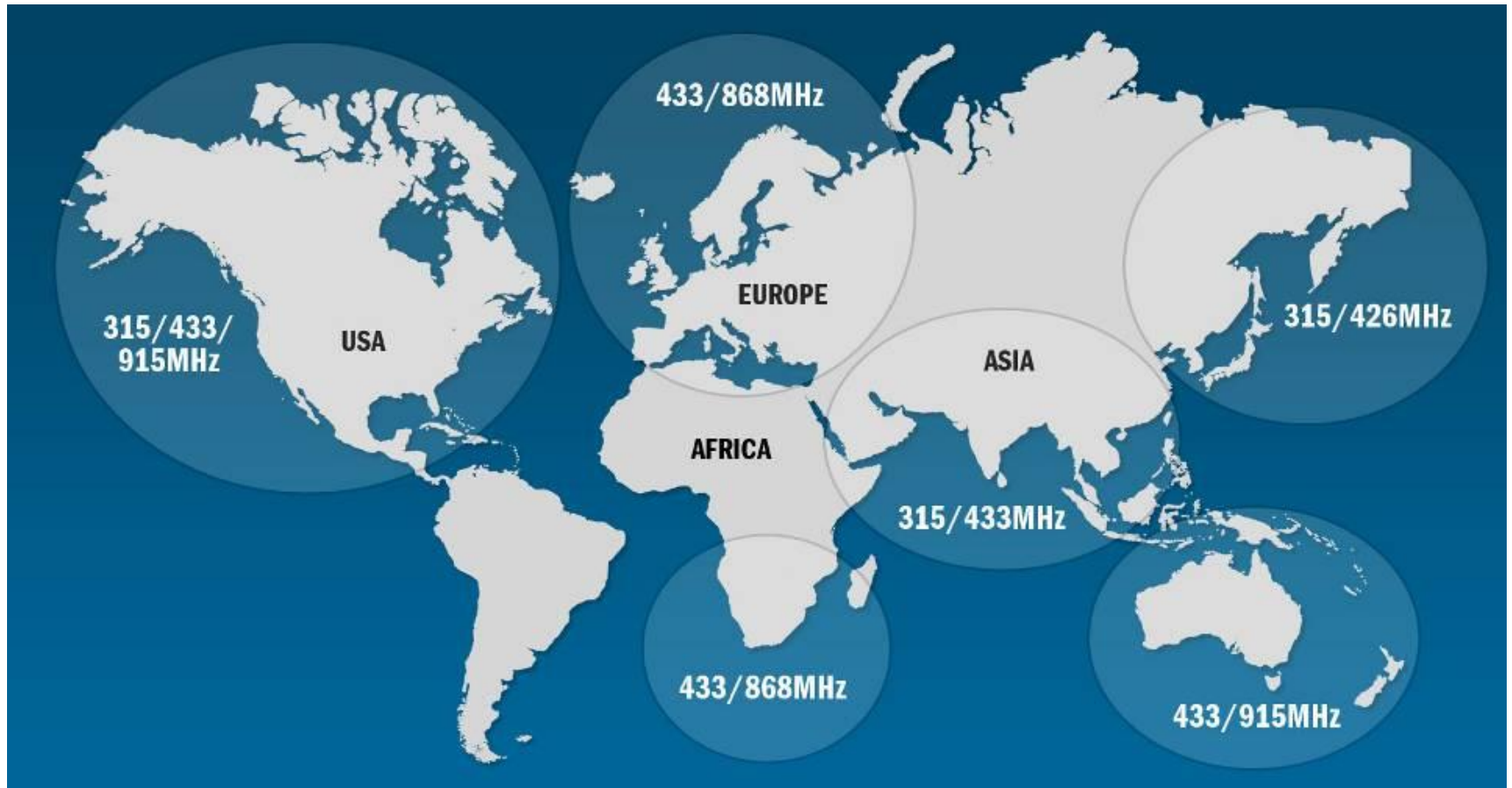
# Unlicensed Bands

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# Global ISM Bands



- **433MHz permitted everywhere except Japan**
- **2.4GHz permitted everywhere**

# Considerations

- **Your product has to live with interference from other devices in the same band**
- **2.4 GHz Band**
  - Is the worldwide standard (good for regulatory compliance), but...
  - Shared by IEEE 802.11<sup>TM</sup> (WLAN), Bluetooth, and IEEE 802.15.4<sup>TM</sup> (WPAN) traffic

# Product Support

- **MRF49XA**
  - 433/868/915MHz Support
  - No Module (reference design is available)
- **MRF24XA**
  - 2.4GHZ Support
  - No Module (reference design is available)
- **MRF89XA**
  - 868/915MHz Support
  - Agency certified module (FCC, IC, ETSI)
- **MRF24J40**
  - 2.4GHz Support
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# MiWi™ Transceiver Products

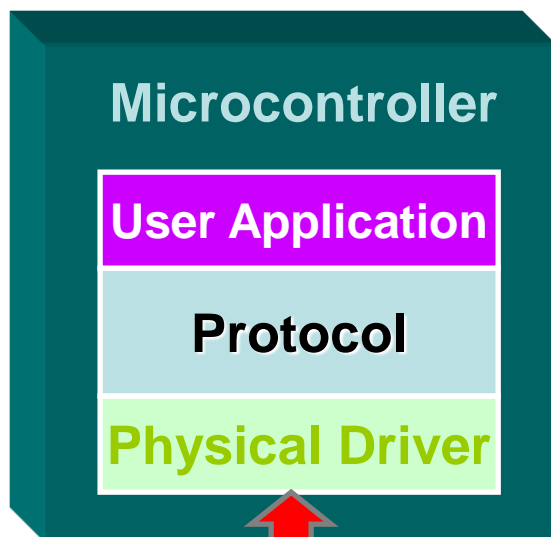
- **ISM Band - Sub-GHz**

- MRF49XA Transceiver IC
  - **433/868/915 MHz**
- MRF89XA Transceiver IC
  - **868/915 MHz**
- MRF89XAM8A Transceiver Module (868 MHz)
- MRF89XAM9A Transceiver Module (915 MHz)

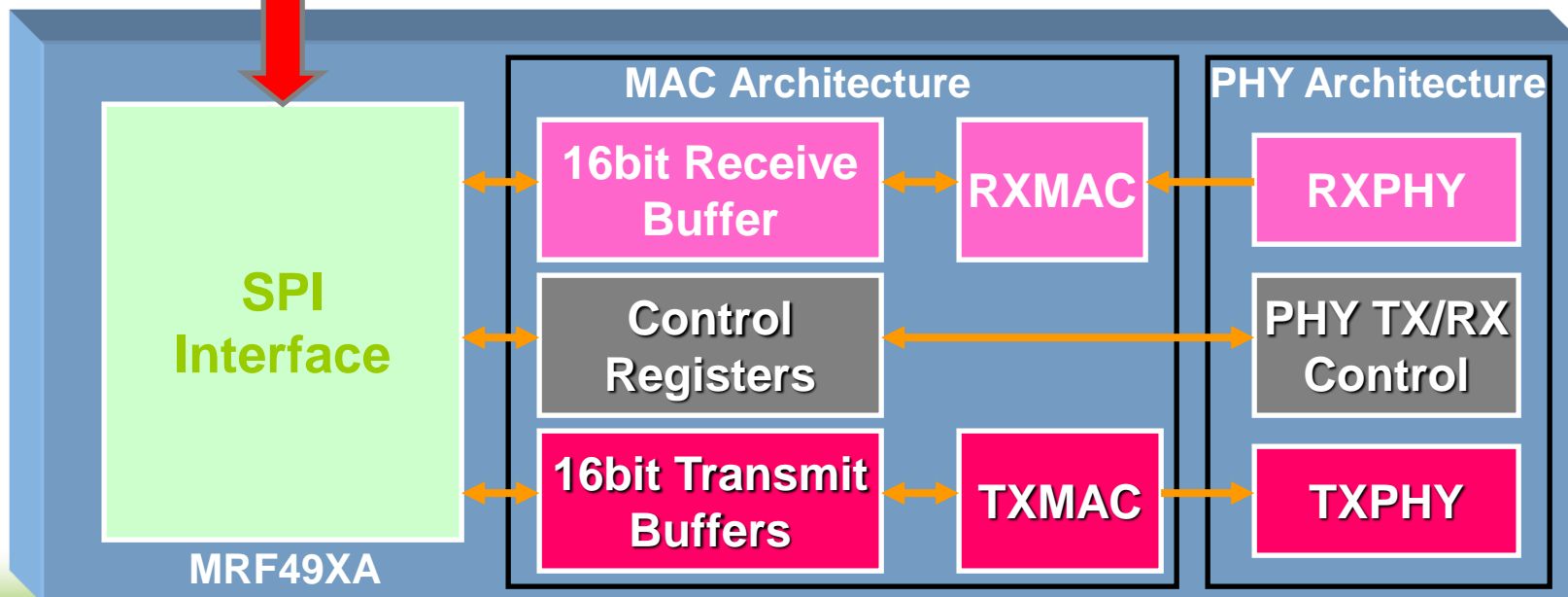
- **ISM Band - 2.4GHz (IEEE 802.15.4™)**

- MRF24J40 Transceiver IC
- MRF24J40MA Transceiver Module (+0 dBm)
- MRF24J40MB Transceiver Module (+20 dBm)
- MRF24J40MC Transceiver Module (+20 dBm + ext. ant)
- MRF24XA Transceiver IC

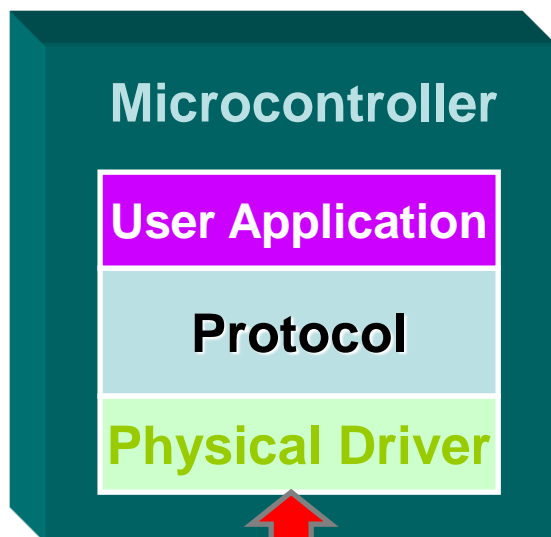
# MRF49XA Transceiver



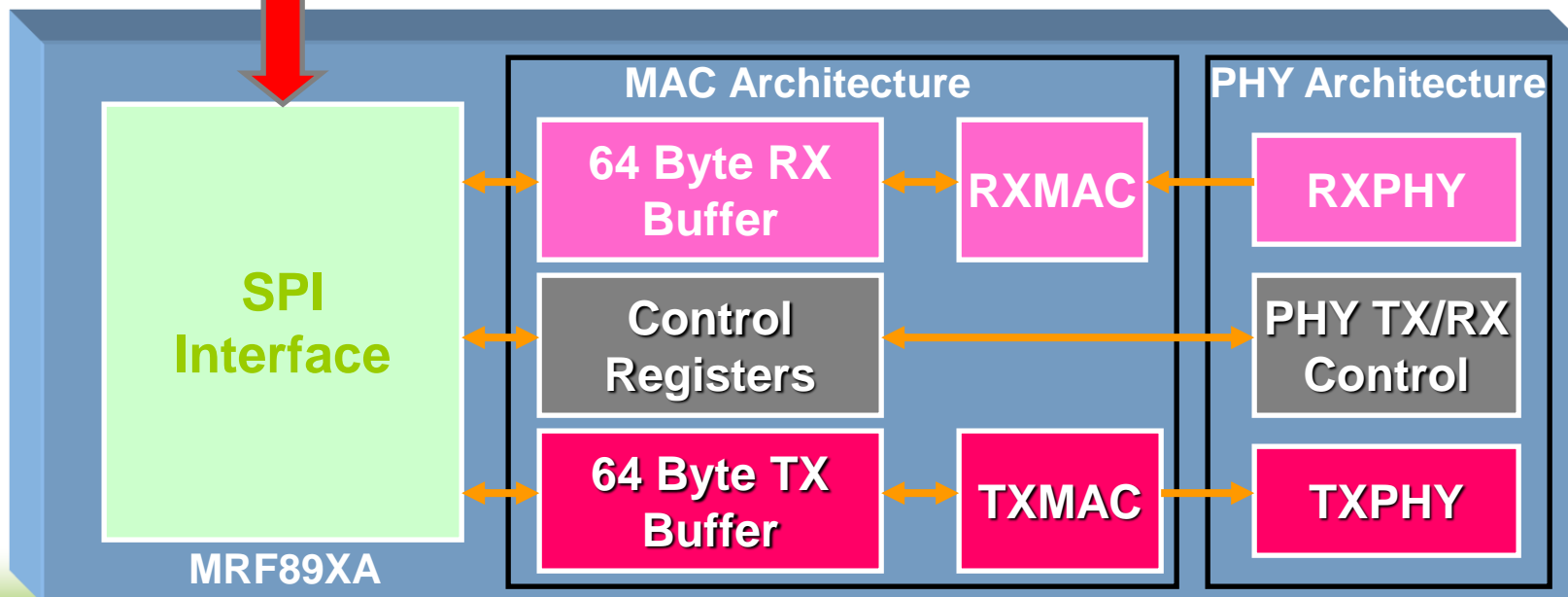
- 434MHz, 868MHz and 915MHz Proprietary RF Transceiver
- Supports MiWi™ Protocols via MiApp and MiMAC
- SPI interface
- 7dBm Output Power
- 11-13mA(RX) / 21-23mA(TX) / 300nA(Sleep)
- Up to 115.2kbps



# MRF89XA Transceiver

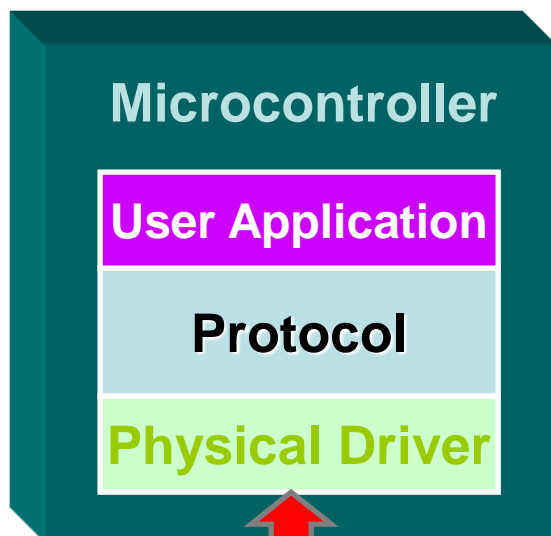


- 868MHz, 915MHz and 955MHz Proprietary RF Transceiver
- Supports MiWi™ Protocols via MiApp and MiMAC
- SPI interface
- 10dBm Output Power
- 3mA(RX) / 25mA(TX) / 100nA(Sleep)
- Up to 200kbps

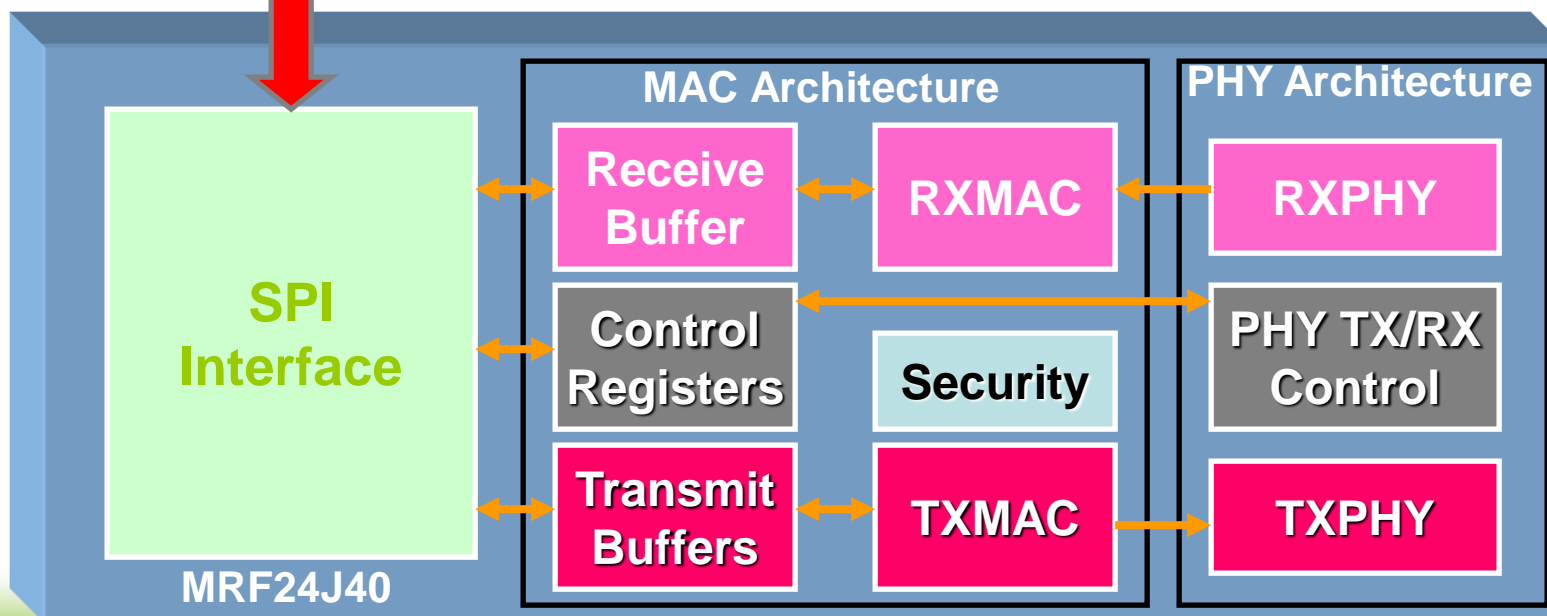




# MRF24J40 Transceiver

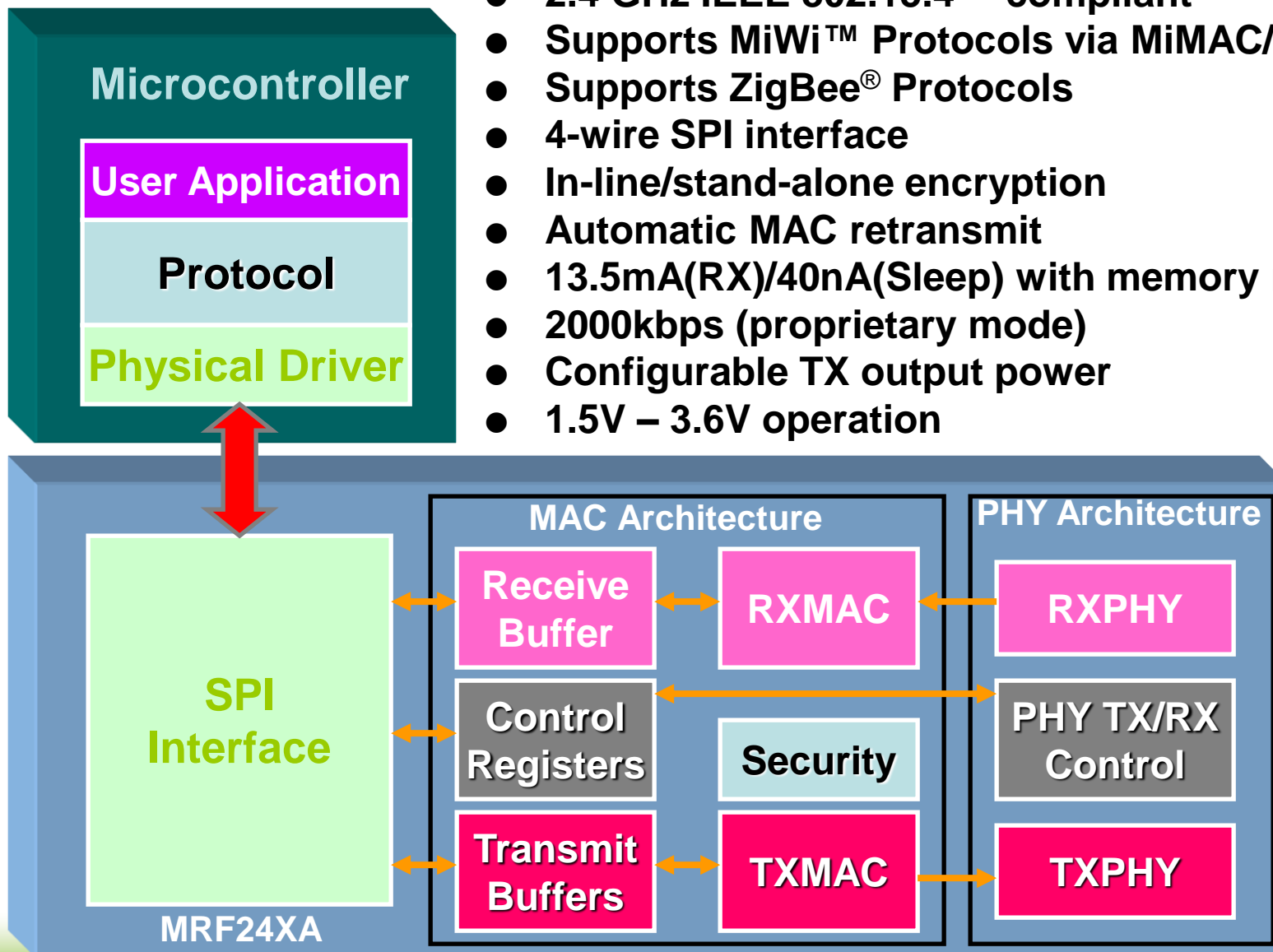


- 2.4 GHz IEEE 802.15.4™ compliant
- Supports MiWi™ Protocols via MiMAC/MiApp
- Supports ZigBee® Protocols
- 4-wire SPI interface
- In-line/stand-alone encryption
- Automatic MAC retransmit
- 18 mA(RX)/22 mA(TX)/2 µA(Sleep)
- 250kbps (802.15.4 mode), 625kbps (Turbo mode)



# MRF24XA Transceiver

- 2.4 GHz IEEE 802.15.4™ compliant
- Supports MiWi™ Protocols via MiMAC/MiApp
- Supports ZigBee® Protocols
- 4-wire SPI interface
- In-line/stand-alone encryption
- Automatic MAC retransmit
- 13.5mA(RX)/40nA(Sleep) with memory retention
- 2000kbps (proprietary mode)
- Configurable TX output power
- 1.5V – 3.6V operation



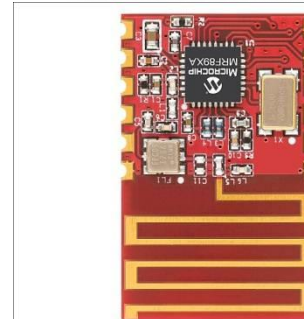
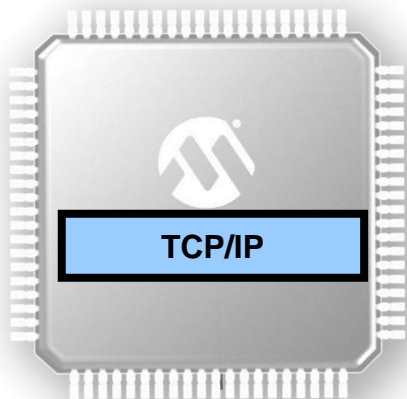
# MRF24XA

## Key Features and Benefits

Key Feature	Benefit
<i>1.5V – 3.6V, 13.5mA Rx and 40nA Sleep Current</i>	Low operating voltage and current enables longer battery life
<i>Proprietary mode – Up to 2 Mbps</i>	2Mbps frames can reduce radio ON-time of radio by a factor of 4 to 8 with respect to 250kbps
<i>Inferred destination addressing</i>	Destination address is computed as part of frame and is omitted from the frame header – thus saving overhead and save power
<i>Configurable Tx output power</i>	Output power can be configured from -17.5 to 0dBm depending on application requirements
<i>Hardware security engine</i>	Security algorithm implemented on hardware enables quick encryption and reduces the ON time of the MCU
<i>SPI interface</i>	Easy to interface most of the PIC® microcontrollers



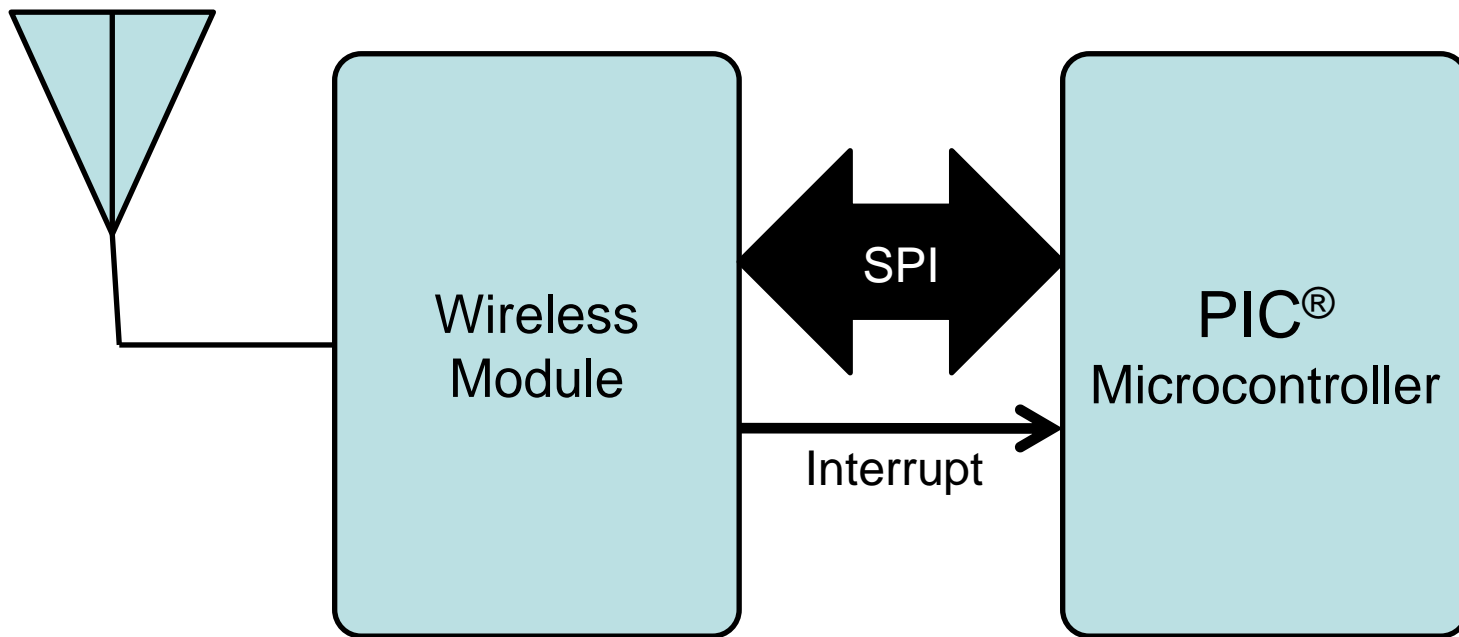
# Module Concept



- RF design complete, optimized antenna
- Agency Certified
- Surface Mount

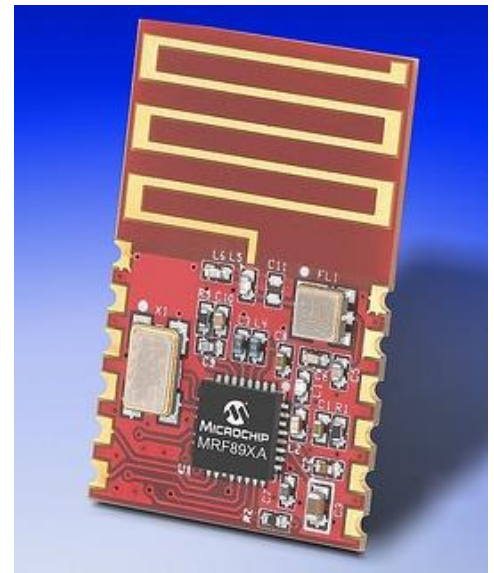


# Module



# MRF89XAMxA Module

- **FCC/IC/ETSI Certified**
  - **RF knowledge is NOT required**
  - **No Certification cost**
  - **Quick Time to Market**
  - **Proven Performance**
- 
- **MRF89XAM8A – 868MHz**
  - **MRF89XAM9A – 915MHz**



# MRF24J40MA/MB/MC Modules

- **2.4 GHz IEEE 802.15.4™  
Compatible**
- **FCC/IC/ETSI Certified**
- **Module features:**
  - Integrated PCB antenna
  - Matching circuit components
  - Surface-mountable PCB
  - MC and ME versions have external antenna
- Tx Power                      Rx Sensitivity
  - **MA = +0 dBm              MA = -95 dBm**
  - **MB = +20 dBm            MB = -102 dBm**
  - **MD = +20 dBm            MD = -104 dBm**
    - 77mA transmit for MD vs. 120mA for MB



# MRF49XA Development Boards

- **MRF49XA  
PICtail™/PICtail  
Plus Daughter  
Boards**
  - Part # AC164137-1  
(433 MHz),
  - Part # AC164137-2  
(868/915 MHz),
  - Two Daughter  
Boards per package





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  - Part # AC164138-1  
(868 MHz)
  - Part # AC164138-2  
(915 MHz)
  - Two Daughter  
Boards per package



# MRF24J40 Development Boards

- **MRF24J40MA**
  - Part # AC164134-1
- **MRF24J40MB**
  - Part # AC164134-2



# MRF24XA Development Boards

- **Development Support:**
  - MRF24XA PICtail™/ PICtail Plus Daughter Board
  - Part # AC164152-1, \$24.95
- **Compatible with**
  - Explorer 16 board (16/32-bit)
  - PIC18 Explorer board (8-bit)



**MRF24XA PICtail/ PICtail Plus**



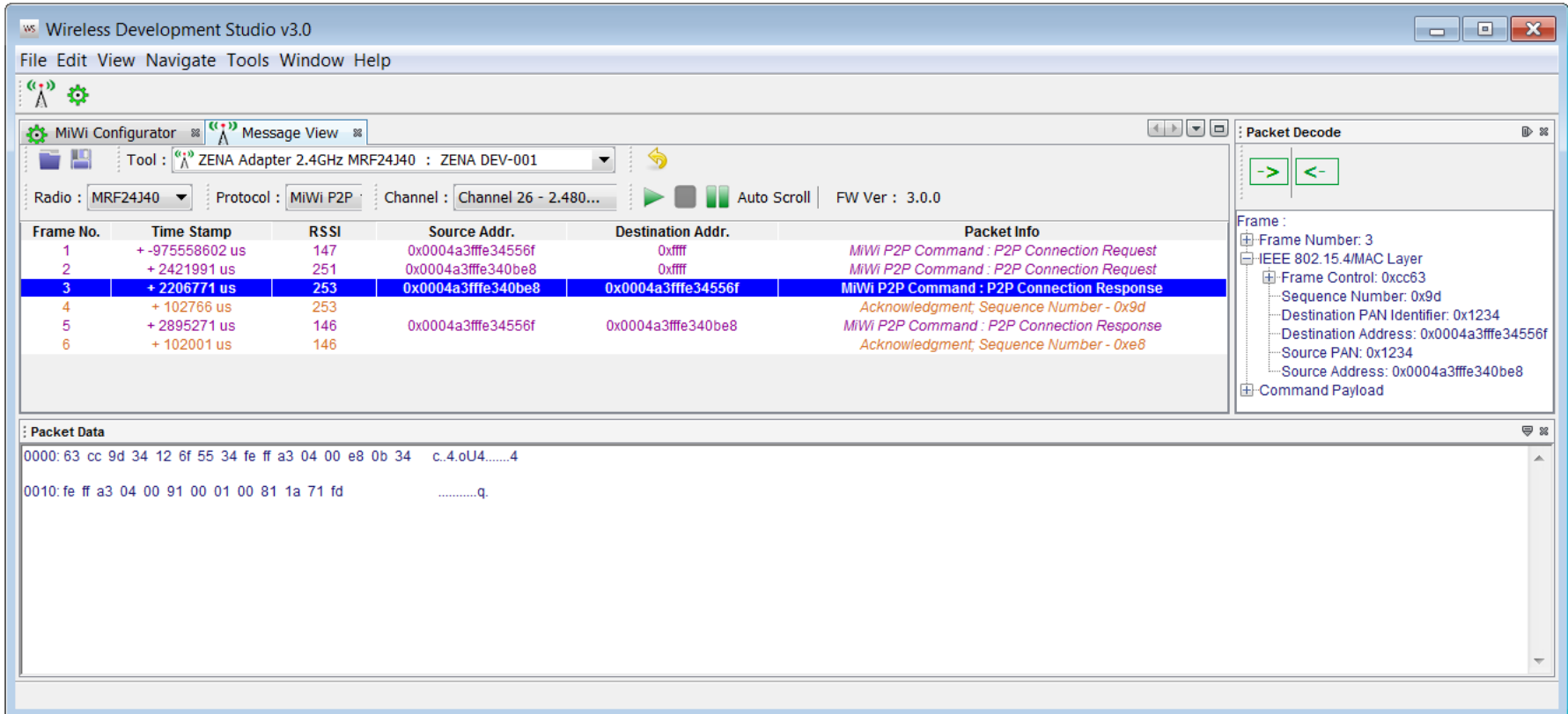
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# Debugging MiWi™ Applications

## - Wireless Development Studio (WDS) -



Wireless Development Studio v3.0

File Edit View Navigate Tools Window Help

MiWi Configurator Message View

Tool : ZENA Adapter 2.4GHz MRF24J40 : ZENA DEV-001

Radio : MRF24J40 Protocol : MiWi P2P Channel : Channel 26 - 2.480... Auto Scroll FW Ver : 3.0.0

Frame No.	Time Stamp	RSSI	Source Addr.	Destination Addr.	Packet Info
1	+ -97558602 us	147	0x0004a3ffe34556f	0xffff	MiWi P2P Command : P2P Connection Request
2	+ 2421991 us	251	0x0004a3ffe340be8	0xffff	MiWi P2P Command : P2P Connection Request
3	+ 2206771 us	253	0x0004a3ffe340be8	0x0004a3ffe34556f	MiWi P2P Command : P2P Connection Response
4	+ 102766 us	253			Acknowledgment; Sequence Number - 0x9d
5	+ 2895271 us	146	0x0004a3ffe34556f	0x0004a3ffe340be8	MiWi P2P Command : P2P Connection Response
6	+ 102001 us	146			Acknowledgment; Sequence Number - 0xe8

Packet Decode

Frame :

- Frame Number: 3
- IEEE 802.15.4/MAC Layer
  - Frame Control: 0xcc63
  - Sequence Number: 0x9d
  - Destination PAN Identifier: 0x1234
  - Destination Address: 0x0004a3ffe34556f
  - Source PAN: 0x1234
  - Source Address: 0x0004a3ffe340be8
- Command Payload

Packet Data

0000: 63 cc 9d 34 12 6f 55 34 fe ff a3 04 00 e8 0b 34 c.4.oU4.....4

0010: fe ff a3 04 00 91 00 01 00 81 1a 71 fd .....q.

[www.microchip.com/wds](http://www.microchip.com/wds)

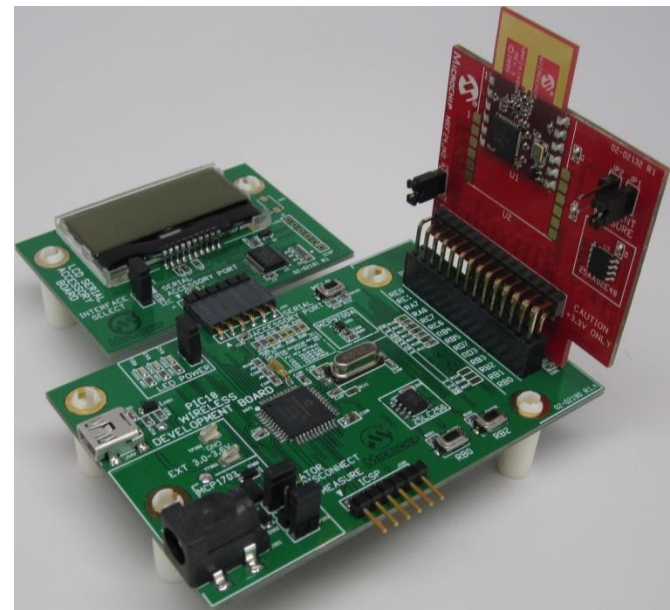


# Adapters

- **ZENA™ Wireless Adapter 2.4 GHz MRF24J40MA (AC182015-1)**



- **8-bit WDK Platform**
  - MRF24J40
  - MRF89XA (868/915)







# Microchip Wireless MAC (MiMAC)

## Foundation for Networking



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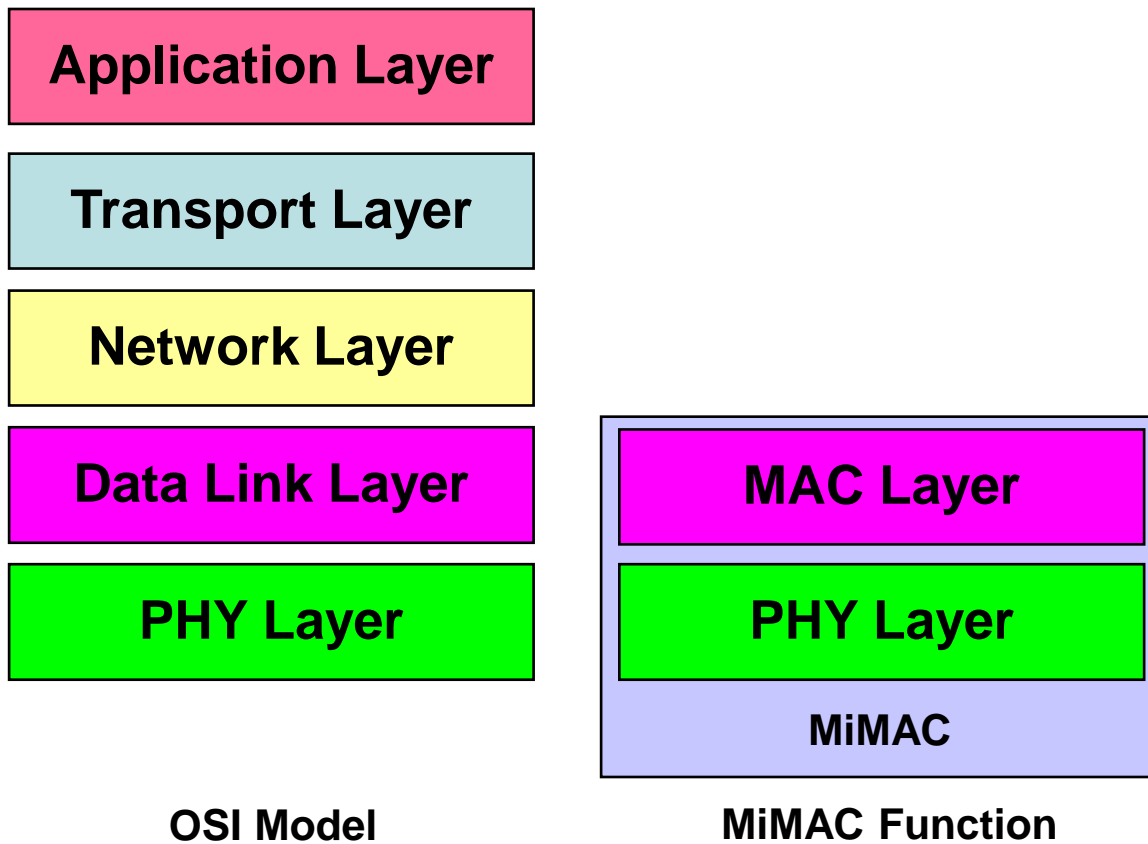
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# MiMAC Layers



# MAC Layer Functions/Services

- **Channel access (CSMA/CA)**
- **Frame validation**
- **Acknowledged frame delivery**
- **Security Mechanisms**

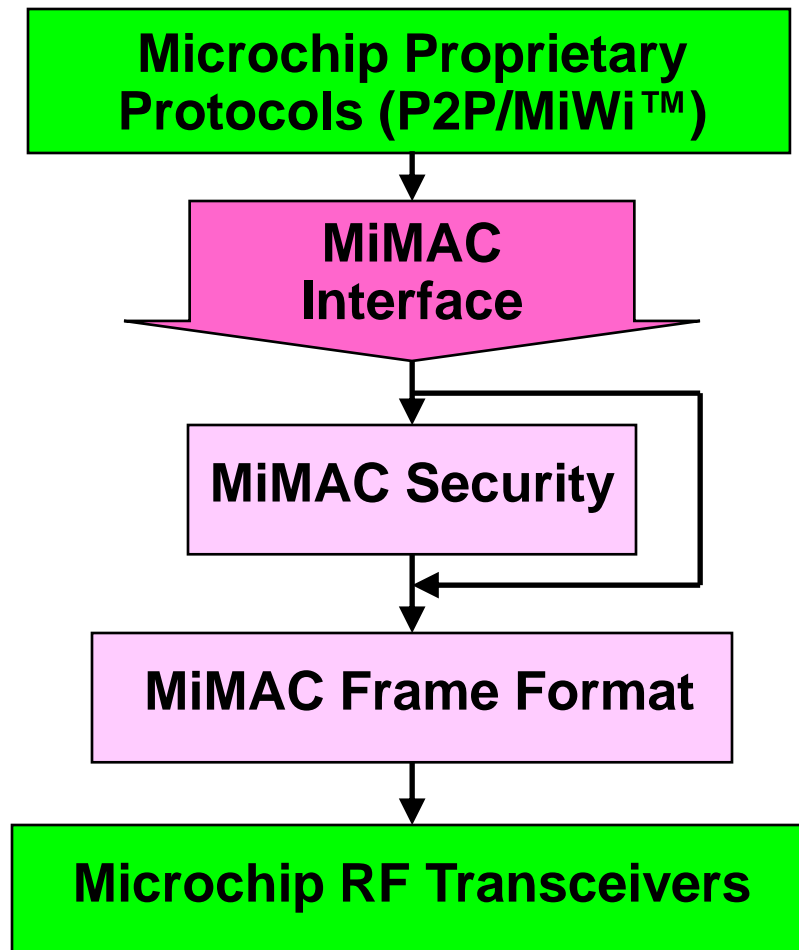
# Challenges in MAC Layer Design

- **Transceivers differ widely in features**
  - Some have a well defined MAC layer
    - **MRF24J40 and MRF24XA (IEEE 802.15.4™)**
      - Hardware-based. Includes frame format and security engine
  - Some do not
    - **MRF49XA and MRF89XA**
      - Require software-driven MAC function



# MiMAC Overview

- **Microchip Media Access Control (MiMAC) Layer**
  - MiMAC Software-based Frame Format
  - MiMAC Software-based Security Module
  - MiMAC Programming Interface to Microchip Proprietary Protocols



# MiMAC Physical Layer

## - Selecting the Transceiver -

- Application-layer macro
- ConfigApp.h

### ConfigApp.h

```
//-----  
// Definition of RF Transceiver. ONLY ONE TRANSCEIVER CAN BE CHOSEN  
//-----  
  
#define MRF24J40  
  
//#define MRF49XA  
  
//#define MRF89XA
```

# MiMAC Physical Layer

## - Configurable Transceiver Parameters -

- **Key configuration parameters**
  - Frequency band
  - Enable Clear channel assessment (CCA) for CSMA-CA
  - Enable acknowledgement of transmissions
  - Data transmission rate
  - Security Mode, Key
- **Not all parameters are available across all transceivers**
  - Proprietary transceivers need software-based MAC services → more macro options are defined

# MiMAC Physical Layer

## - Configuring The Transceiver -

- MiMAC-layer macro
- ConfigMRFxxx.h

ConfigMRF89XA.h

```
...  
#define BAND_902  
//#define BAND_915  
//#define BAND_863  
  
#define DATA_RATE_20  
//#define DATA_RATE_40  
//#define DATA_RATE_50  
//#define DATA_RATE_66  
//#define DATA_RATE_100  
//#define DATA_RATE_200  
  
#define ENABLE_CCA  
#define ENABLE_ACK  
...
```





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# Configure The Transceiver

## LAB 1

# Lab 1

## Configure The Transceiver



### Objective

- **Learn how to reconfigure an existing MiWi™ project to use a different transceiver.**
- **Learn how to configure/use Wireless Development Studio (WDS) with the ZENA™ adapter to capture and filter packets.**

# Lab 1

## Configure The Transceiver



### Procedure

- **Build/Run the base project using the default transceiver module (MRF24J40MA).**
  - Configure/Use WDS to capture packets.
- **Modify the project configuration settings to support a different module (MRF89XAM8A or MRF89XAM9A).**
  - Configure/Use WDS to capture packets.

# Lab 1

## Configure The Transceiver



### Results

- **Chat Demo runs unchanged.**
  - Easy to change the transceiver.
  - No application-layer code re-write is required.

# Lab 1

## Configure The Transceiver



### Conclusions

- **Learned how to edit the MiMAC configuration for a project in order to change the transceiver.**
- **Learned how to configure and use Wireless Development Studio to filter and capture MiWi™ packets.**



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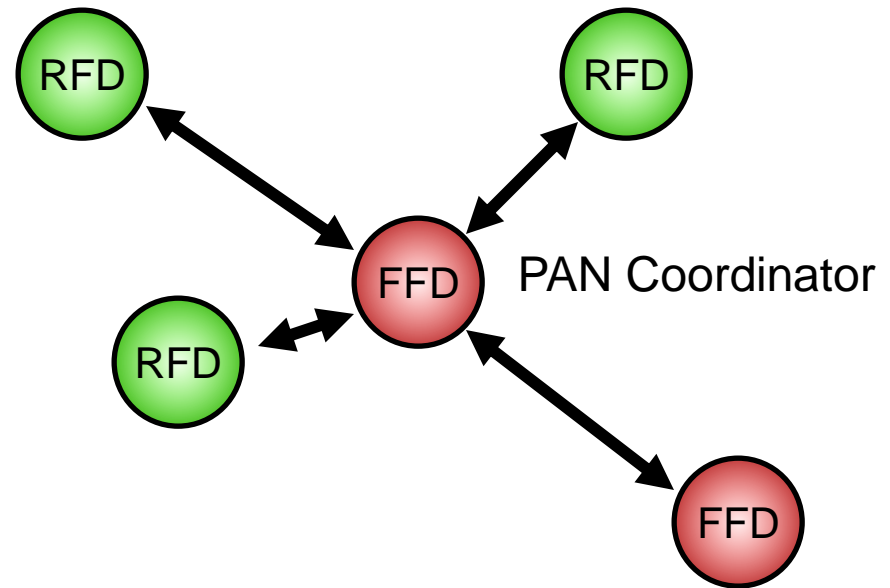
# Device Types & Roles

- **Full Function Device – FFD**
  - PAN Coordinator (Starts a MiWi network)
  - Coordinator (Can act as a router)
  - Network Device (only produces data)
- **Reduced Function Device – RFD**
  - Network Device role only
  - Minimal resources (power and memory)
  - Lowest cost



# Network Topologies

- **Star Topology**
  - Low message latency
  - Centralized network control
  - Can only cover a limited area (single hop)



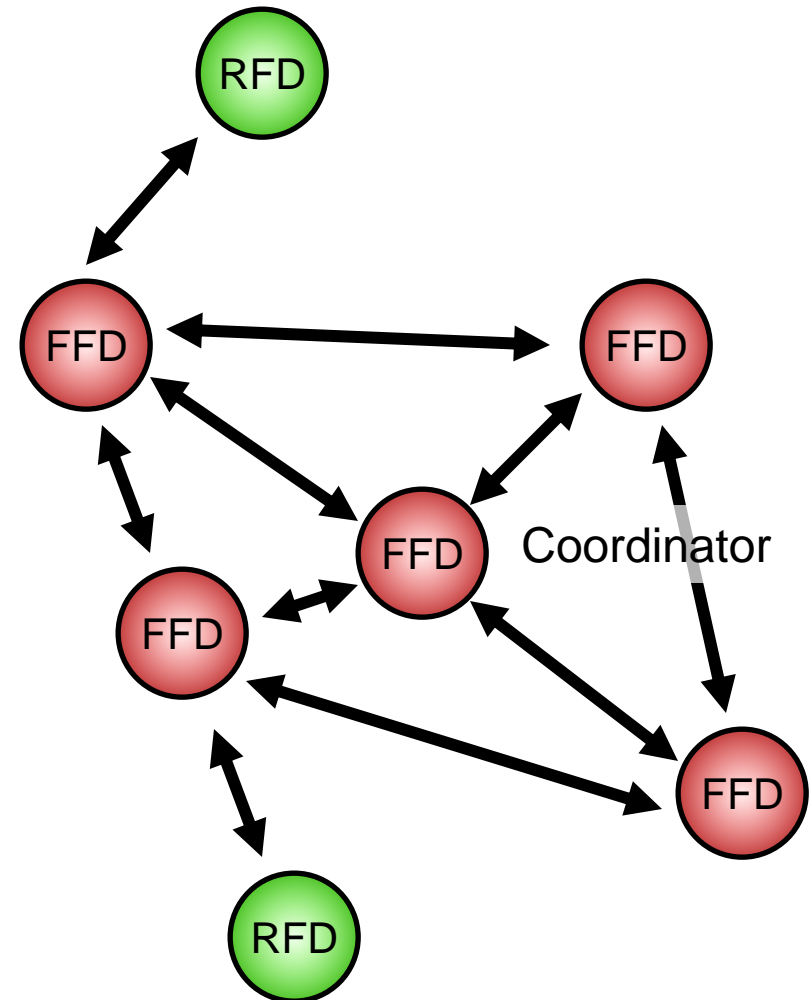




# Network Topologies

## ● Peer-to-Peer Topology

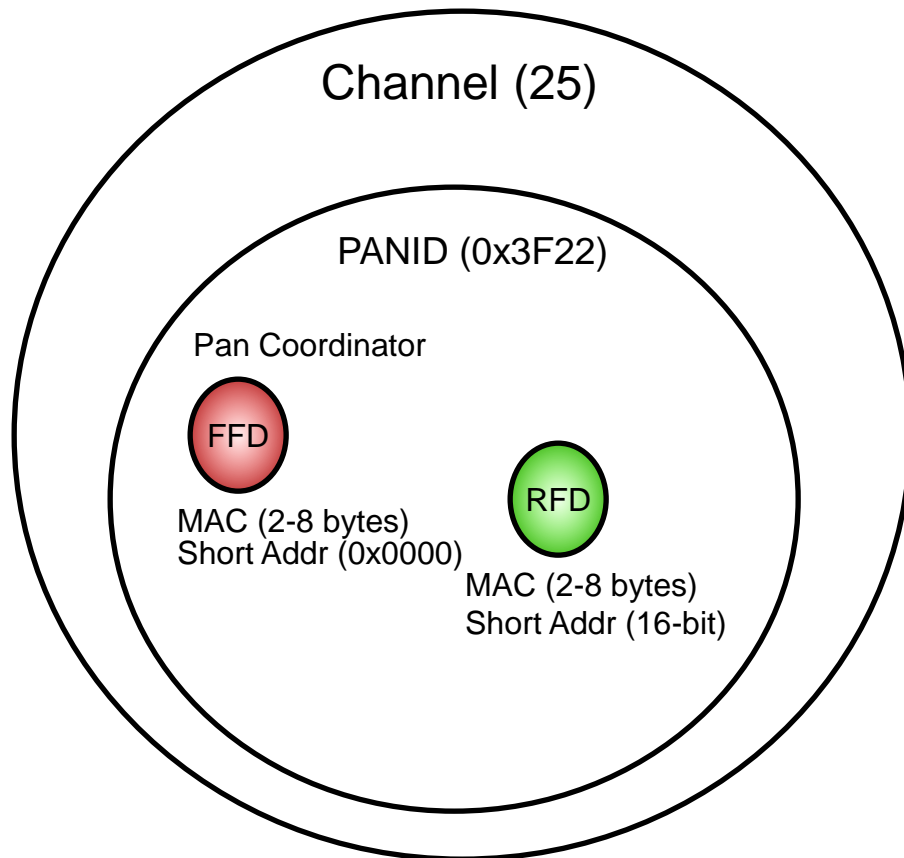
- Any device may communicate with any other in radio range (single-hop)
- Upper stack layers can create mesh, cluster and cluster tree topologies



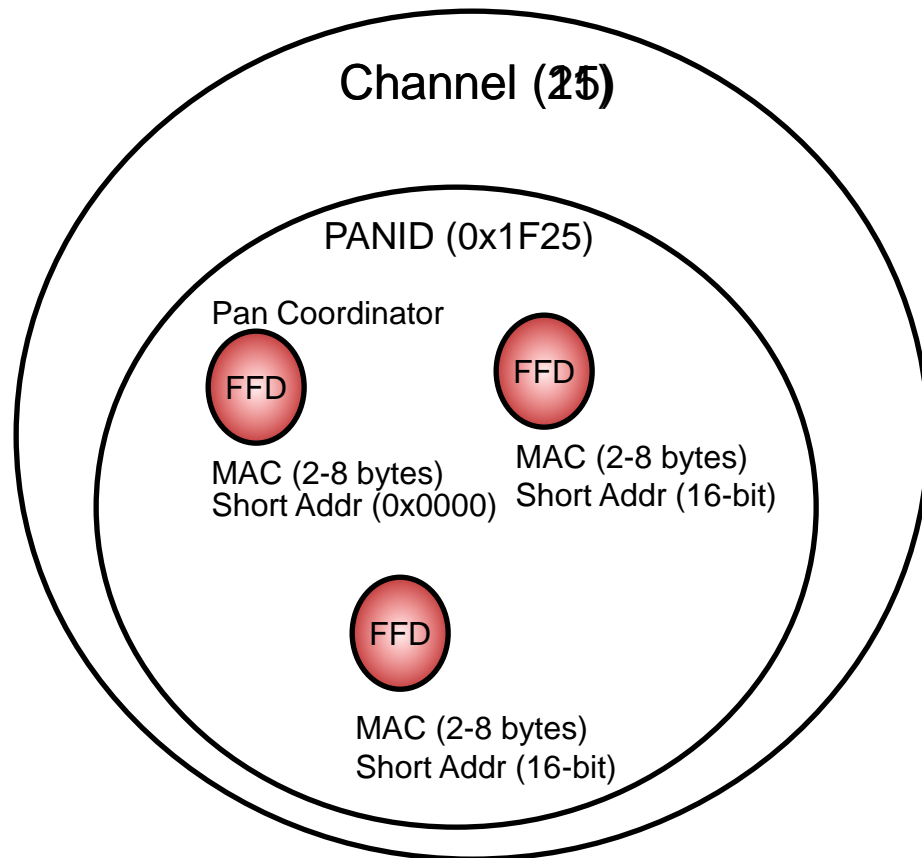


# Addressing Basics

MiWi™ Network A



MiWi Network B



**Can 2 networks use the same channel ?**

**...Yes, as long as the PANID is unique**

# Setting the Node Addresses

- **MAC Address (2-8 bytes)**
  - Assigned at manufacture.
  - Can be fixed at compile-time, dynamically programmed or can use IEEE EUI EEPROM (25AA02E48)
- **16-bit Short Address**
  - Dynamically assigned by a coordinator on joining a network (MiWi™ Mesh/PRO)
    - **Unique within a network**
    - **Node's Full Network Address = PANID:ShortAddr**

# Setting the Channel, PANID

- **Procedure for setting the channel is defined by the application**
  - Can be fixed at compile-time, or dynamically determined via channel assessment procedure
    - `BOOL MiApp_SetChannel(BYTE channel)`
- **Procedure for setting the PANID is defined by the application**
  - Can be fixed at compile-time, or dynamically determined via timer value, dip switches, or user-input
  - **ConfigApp.h**
    - `#define MY_PAN_ID 0x0134`
    - **Set to 0xFFFF to define a different procedure for setting PANID**



# Node ID

- An additional identifier that is exchanged between nodes on association and stored in each

ConfigApp.h

```
/*  
// ADDITIONAL_NODE_ID_SIZE defines the size of additional payload  
// will be attached to the packets in the handshake process. The  
// additional payload is defined by the application and declared in main.c  
*/  
#define ADDITIONAL_NODE_ID_SIZE 6
```

main.c

```
/*  
// Define AdditionalNodeID[] array  
*/  
#if ADDITIONAL_NODE_ID_SIZE > 0  
    BYTE AdditionalNodeID[ADDITIONAL_NODE_ID_SIZE]= {'S', 'W', 'I', 'T', 'C', 'H'};  
#endif
```



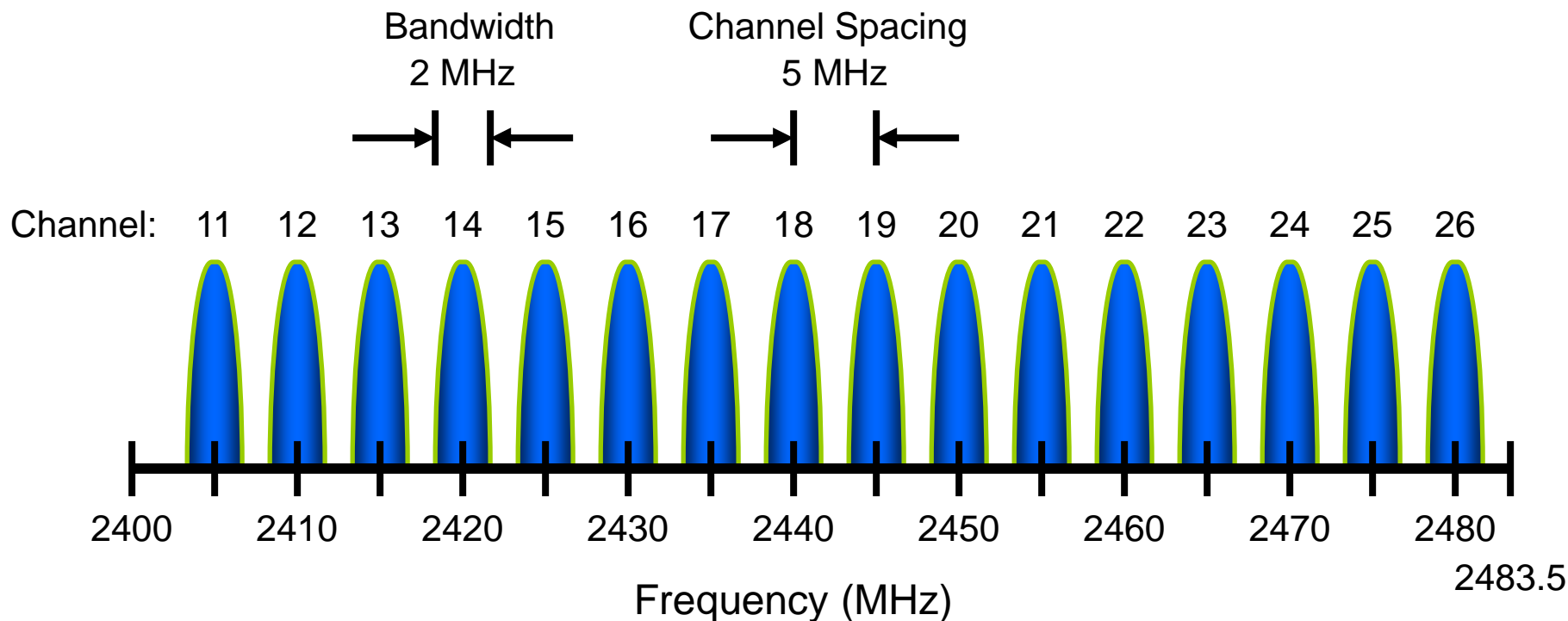
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# Channel Assignment IEEE 802.15.4™ Transceiver

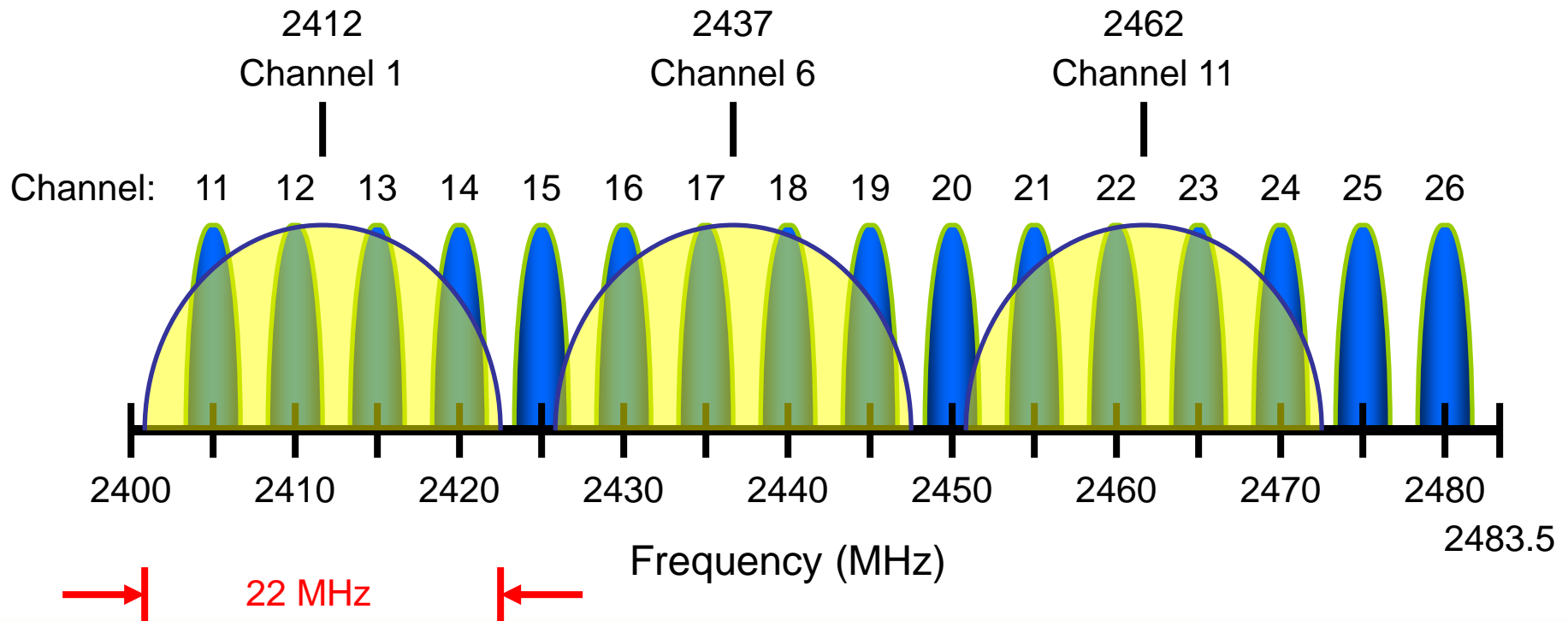
## 2.4 GHz PHY Channel Assignment





# Channel Overlap

2.4 GHz PHY Channel Assignment  
IEEE 802.15.4  
VS.  
IEEE 802.11 (United States)





# Channel Assignment Proprietary Transceivers

- Each ISM band is divided up to 32 channels
- Channel spacing (therefore number of channels available ) depends on bandwidth of ISM band and data rate setting.
  - See the transceiver header file for limits (eg. `MRF89XA.h`)
- Setting the channel requires defensive coding
  - `BOOL MiApp_SetChannel(BYTE channel)` returns **FALSE** if the channel parameter is not supported

# Channel Assessment

- **MiMAC enables channel scanning for upper layers**
  - Energy/Carrier Detection Scan
    - Can be used by the upper layers in the PAN Coordinator to find a suitable channel for starting a network
  - **MiMAC\_ChannelAssessment (AssessmentMode)**

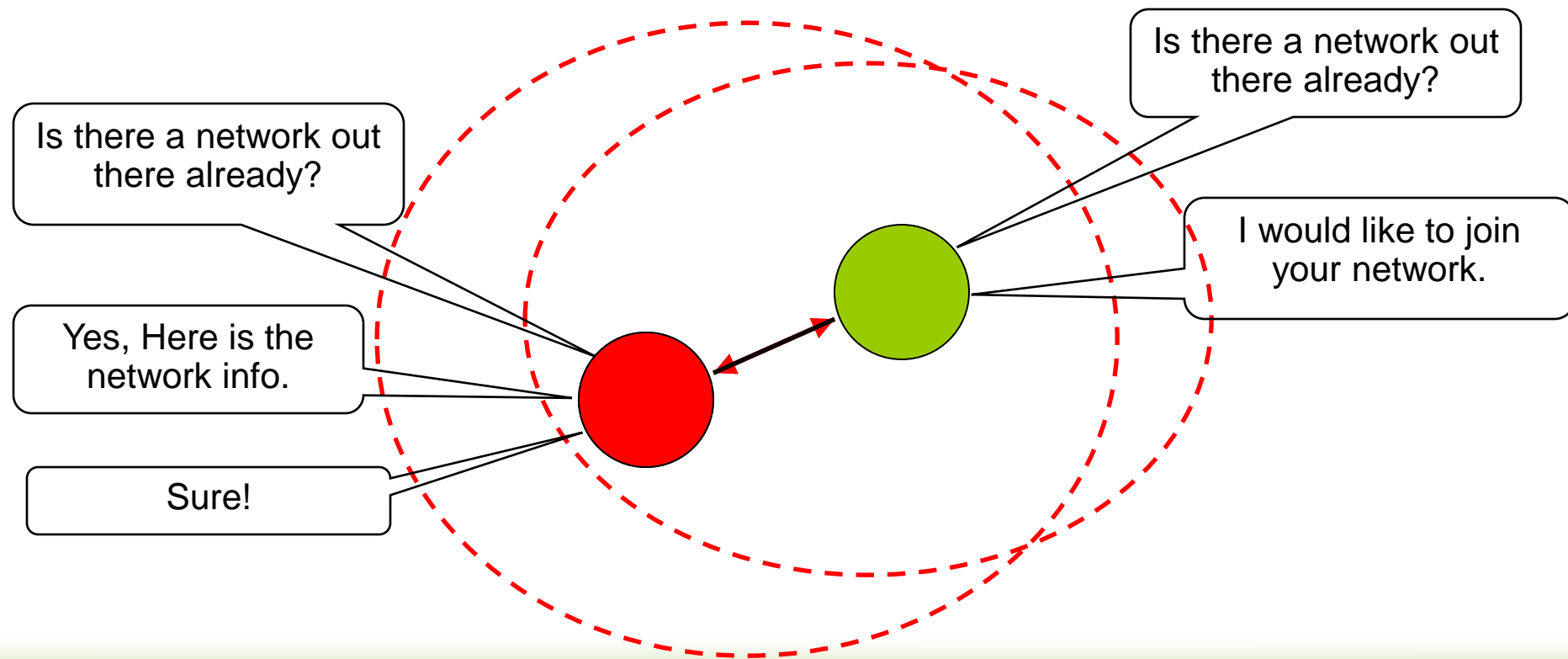
# Starting a PAN

- **A PAN is started by**
  - an FFD
  - after an active channel scan
  - a suitable PAN identifier is selected
- **The algorithm for selecting a suitable PAN identifier (PANID) from the list of PAN descriptors returned from the active channel scan procedure is controlled by the application layer.**



# Example

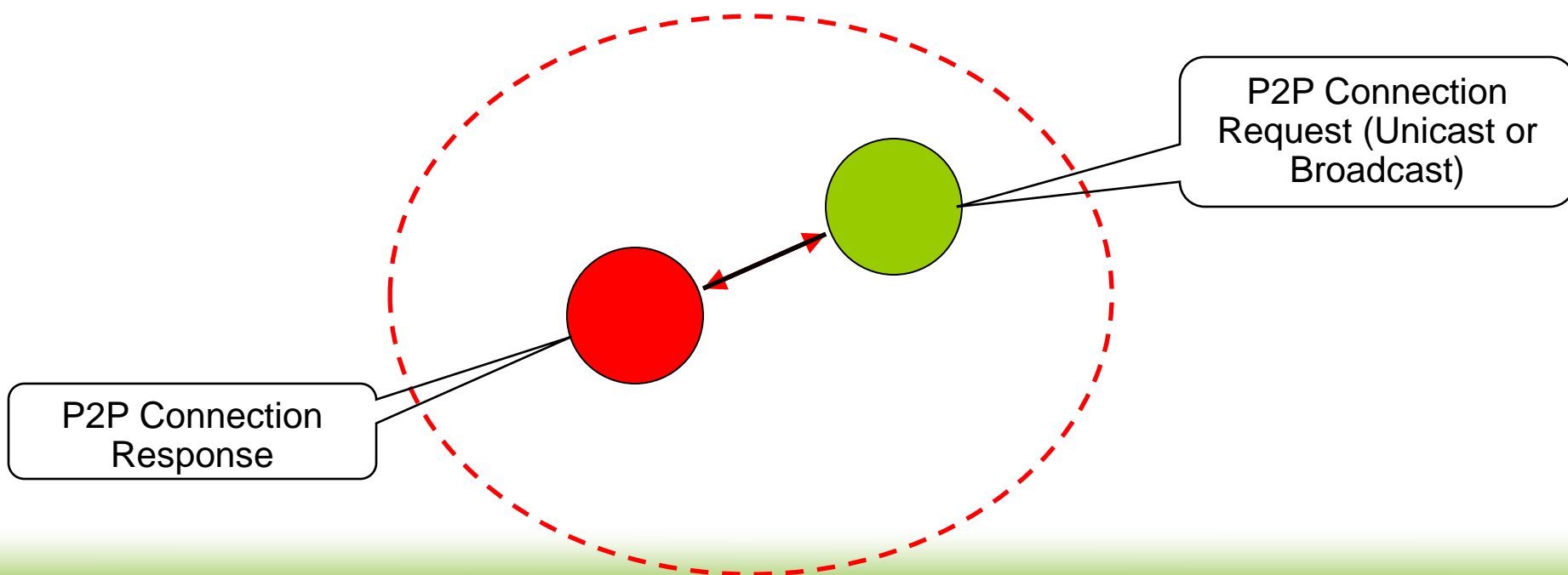
- **Network Creation & Association**
  - MiWi™ Mesh/PRO:





# Creating a P2P Connection

- **Designed for simplicity**





# PAN Coordinator Selection

- **Some application-dependent scenarios:**
  - *Dedicated PAN coordinator*
    - **Ex. Security panel (FFD) + sensors (RFDs)**
  - *Event-determined PAN coordinator*
    - **Button press by a user – all devices are FFDs**
  - *Self-determined PAN coordinator*
    - ***Ad-hoc network formation – doesn't matter who is the PAN coordinator – all devices are FFDs***



# Agenda

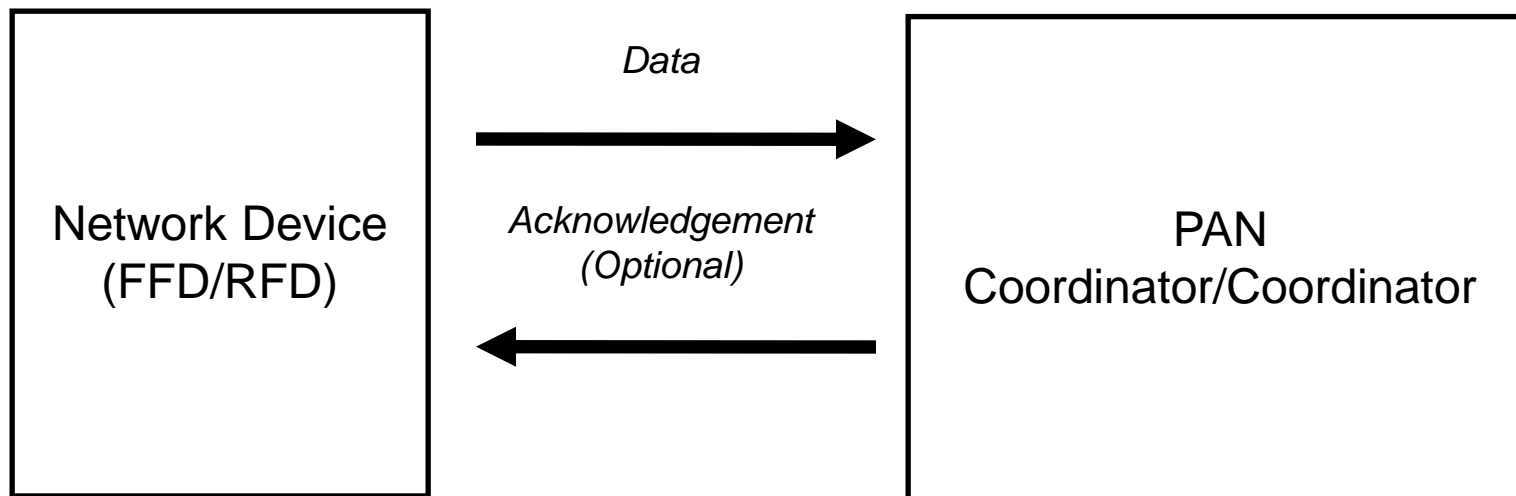
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# Data Transfer to a Coordinator/Device

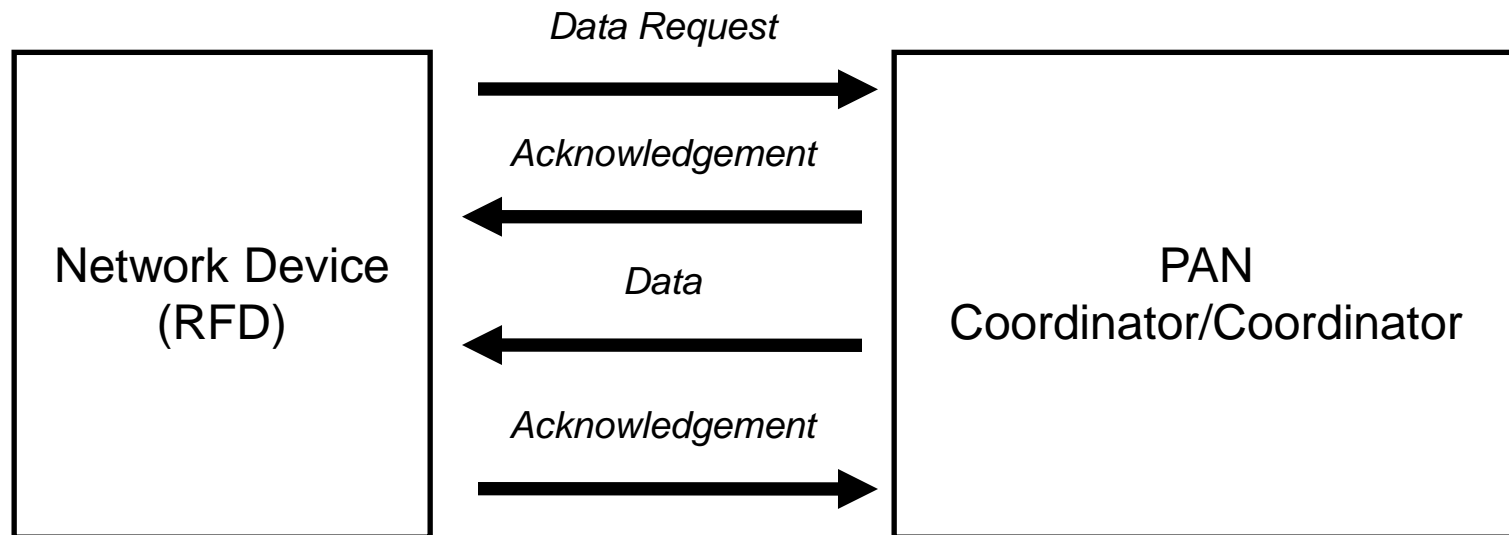
- Direct transmission mode





# Data Transfer to a Sleeping Device

- Indirect transmission mode
- Network Device (RFD) polls for messages stored on coordinator



# MiMAC Frame Format

- **MiMAC Frame Format Requirements**
  - Provide Network Capabilities
    - **Essentially the Same Capability as IEEE 802.15.4**
  - Provide Concise Frame Format
    - **MAC Header Length (Overhead):**
      - IEEE 802.15.4: Minimum **9** Bytes

Frame Control	Seq Num	Dest PAN ID	Dest Address	Source Address
2 Bytes	1 Byte	2 Bytes	2 Bytes	2 Bytes

- MiMAC: Typical **2** Bytes



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# Security Goals

- **Communicate sensitive data (Data Privacy/Confidentiality)**
  - Snooping or eavesdropping
- **Guarantee data is unmodified (Data Integrity)**
  - Tampering, “Man in the middle”
- **Assure source of data (Data Authenticity)**
  - Redirection, “Man in the middle”

# MiMAC Security Overview

- **Uses on-chip hardware security module where available**
  - MRF24J40
  - Encryption Engine: AES-128
  - Additional Modes: CTR, CBC-MAC, CCM
- **Otherwise uses a software module**
  - MRF49XA, MRF89XA
  - Encryption Engine: XTEA-64, XTEA-128
  - Additional Modes: CTR, CBC-MAC, CCM
- **References: AN1283A, 1561\_SEC, Schneier et al.**



# Enabling Security

- Application-layer macro
- ConfigApp.h

## ConfigApp.h

```
...  
/*****  
// ENABLE_SECURITY will enable the device to encrypt and decrypt  
// information transferred  
*****/  
#define ENABLE_SECURITY  
...
```



# Defining The Security Mode

- MiMAC-layer macro
- **ConfigMRFxxx.h**

ConfigMRF89XA.h

```
...
/*****
// SECURITY_LEVEL defines the security mode used in the application.
*****/
#define SECURITY_LEVEL SEC_LEVEL_CCM_16
...
```

- See **Security.h** & **MRF24J40.h**  
for available macro settings



# Defining the Encryption Key

- **MiMAC-layer macro**
- **ConfigMRFxxx.h**
- **Use any tool to calculate the key**
- **For 64-bit key designs, use key 00-07**

## ConfigMRF89XA.h

```
#define SECURITY_KEY_00 0x00
#define SECURITY_KEY_01 0x01
#define SECURITY_KEY_02 0x02
#define SECURITY_KEY_03 0x03
#define SECURITY_KEY_04 0x04
#define SECURITY_KEY_05 0x05
#define SECURITY_KEY_06 0x06
#define SECURITY_KEY_07 0x07
#define SECURITY_KEY_08 0x08
#define SECURITY_KEY_09 0x09
#define SECURITY_KEY_10 0x0a
#define SECURITY_KEY_11 0x0b
#define SECURITY_KEY_12 0x0c
#define SECURITY_KEY_13 0x0d
#define SECURITY_KEY_14 0x0e
#define SECURITY_KEY_15 0x0f
```

...



# Securing the Payload

- **Security settings are applied to the payload via an application-layer TX function parameter:**

```
BOOL MiApp_BroadcastPacket( BOOL SecEn );
```

```
BOOL MiApp_UnicastConnection( BYTE ConnectionIndex,  
                               BOOL SecEn);
```

```
BOOL MiApp_UnicastAddress( BYTE *DestinationAddress,  
                           BOOL PermanentAddr,  
                           BOOL SecEn);
```



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# Configure Security

## LAB 2

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## Configure Security



### Objective

- **Learn how to reconfigure an existing MiWi™ project to use a specific security setting.**
- **Learn how to use Wireless Development Studio (WDS) to verify that packets are encrypted.**

# Lab 2

## Configure Security



### Procedure

## ● Procedure

- Modify your project's security configuration settings to secure the communications:
  - **Enable security**
  - **Define the security mode**
  - **Define the security key**
  - **Encrypt the transmitted payload**
- Build, re-run.
- Verify that communications are secured.

# Lab 2

## Configure Security



### Results

- **Easy to apply and use the MiWi™ security modes.**

# Lab 2

## Configure Security



### Conclusions

- **Learned how to edit the MiMAC configuration for a project in order to configure the security mode.**



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# MiMAC Programming Interface

- **MiMAC API Details:**
  - Configuration File for Individual Transceivers
    - **ConfigMRFxxx.h**
  - 9 Function Calls from Microchip Proprietary Protocol Layers
    - **Configuration**
    - **TX/RX Operation**
    - **Special Functionalities (Sleep, Energy Scan)**
- **Reference:**
  - AN1283A, **MiWi DE Help.chm**



# Latency vs. MiMAC Operations

- **Channel Assessment (seconds)**
  - Typically done once during initialization
  - Possible concern for frequency-agile applications
- **Sending Data (milliseconds) – depends on:**
  - SPI data rate
  - RF Data Rate
  - Length of packet
  - Application of security mode to the data
  - Acknowledge enabled?
  - CCA Enabled?
  - # of Re-transmissions

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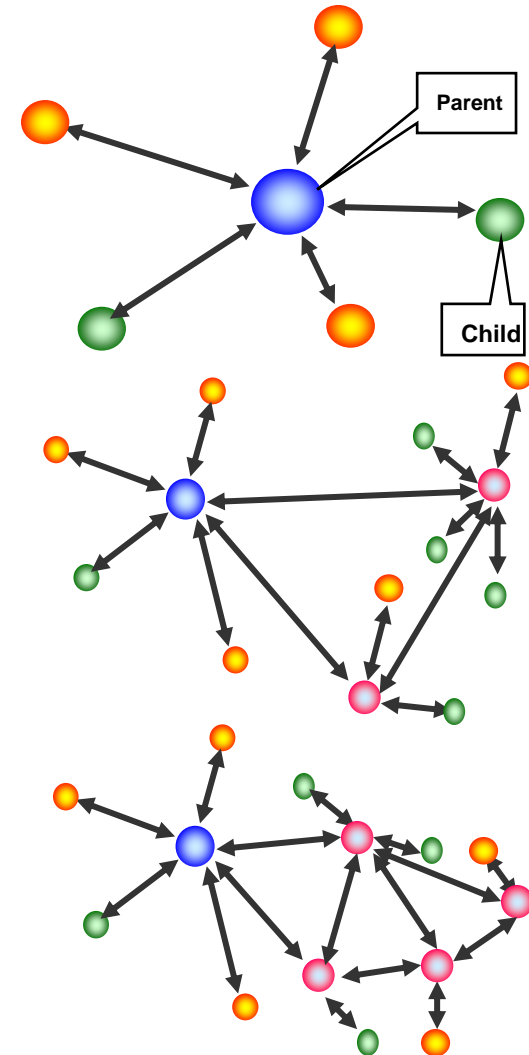
## Overview of Microchip Wireless Protocols and Application Layer (MiApp)

# Real Networking

- **Like most MAC standards, a “network” layer is not specified in MiMAC**
  - MiMAC Star/P2P topologies are single hop (radio range)
- **The Network & Upper Layers:**
  - Responsible for network formation,
  - End to end (source to destination) packet delivery
  - “Network” Addressing and assignment
  - Routing and route discovery
  - Adding and removing remote devices

# Microchip Wireless Protocols

- **Microchip Current Provides Three Proprietary Networking Protocols:**
  - **MiWi™ P2P Protocol**
    - **MiMAC Star/P2P Topology**
    - **One Hop, No Routing**
  - **MiWi Protocol**
    - **Star/Small Cluster Tree Topology**
      - Adds FFDs as Proxies/Routers
    - **Up to 4 Hops. Mesh Routing**
  - **MiWi PRO Protocol**
    - **Star/Cluster Tree Topology**
      - Adds FFDs as Proxies/Routers
    - **Up to 65 Hops. Mesh Routing**



# Selecting the Networking Protocol

- Application-layer macro
- ConfigApp.h

## ConfigApp.h

```
...  
//-----  
// Definition of Protocol Stack. ONLY ONE PROTOCOL STACK CAN BE CHOSEN  
//-----  
  
#define PROTOCOL_P2P  
  
//#define PROTOCOL_MIWI  
//#define PROTOCOL_MIWI_PRO  
  
...
```

# Configuring the Networking Protocol

- Networking-layer macros
- ConfigP2P.h, ConfigMiWi.h

## ConfigP2P.h

```
...
/*****
// ACTIVE_SCAN_RESULT_SIZE defines the maximum active scan result
// that the stack can hold. If active scan responses received exceed
// the definition of ACTIVE_SCAN_RESULT_SIZE, those later active scan
// responses will be discarded
*****/
#define ACTIVE_SCAN_RESULT_SIZE      4

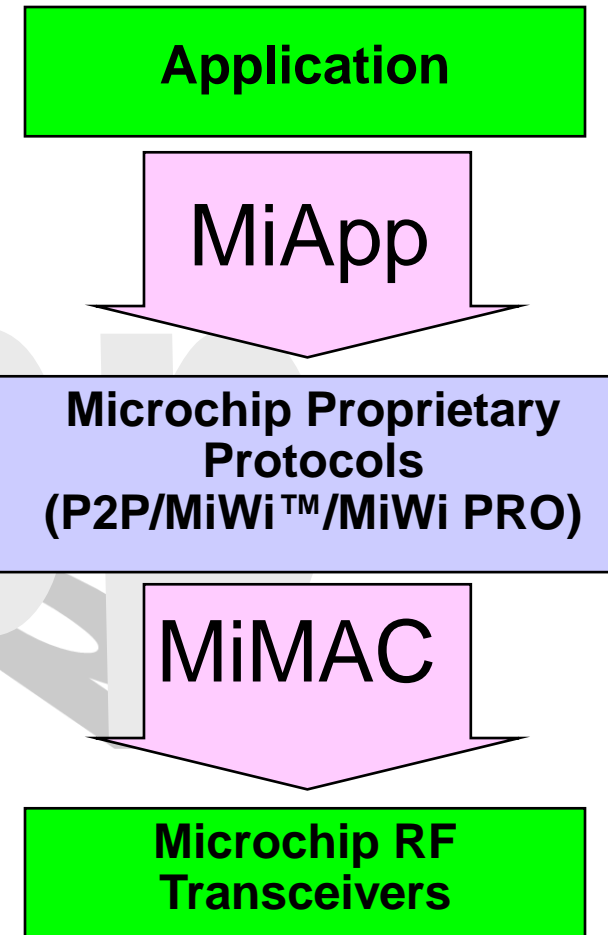
/*****
// INDIRECT_MESSAGE_SIZE defines the maximum number of packets that
// the device can store for the sleeping device(s)
*****/
#define INDIRECT_MESSAGE_SIZE        2
...
```



# MiApp Definition

- **MiApp Defines Interfaces Between Application and Microchip Proprietary Protocols**

- Configuration File
- Programming Interfaces





# MiApp APIs

- **Four Categories of APIs**

**Configuration**

**Connection**

**TX/RX Operation**

**Special Functionalities**





# MiApp APIs (Cont.)

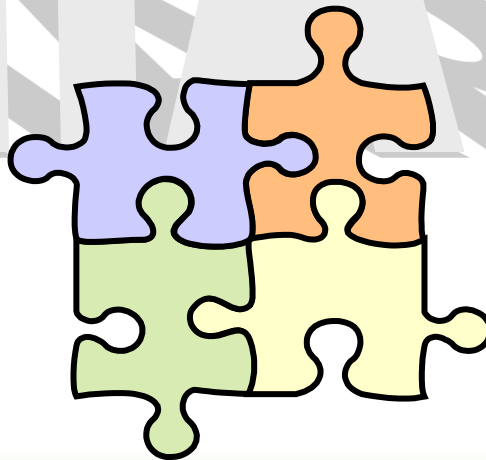
- **Configuration**

- Configuration File

- Configuration Functions

```
BOOL  MiApp_ProtocolInit(BOOL bNetworkFreezer);
```

```
BOOL  MiApp_SetChannel(BYTE Channel);
```





# MiApp APIs (Cont.)

- **Connecting**
  - Connection Mode
  - Establish Connection
  - Remove Connection

```
void    MiApp_ConnectionMode(BYTE Mode);
```

```
BOOL    MiApp_StartConnection( BYTE Mode,  
                               BYTE ScanDuration,  
                               DWORD ChannelMap);
```

```
BYTE    MiApp_SearchConnection( BYTE ScanDuration,  
                                DWORD ChannelMap);
```

```
BYTE    MiApp_EstablishConnection( BYTE ActiveScanIndex,  
                                    BYTE Mode);
```

```
void    MiApp_RemoveConnection(BYTE ConnectionIndex);
```



# MiApp APIs (Cont.)

## ● TX/RX Operation

- Transmitting
  - Use Global Buffer for TX
  - Broadcast
  - Unicast

```
void    MiApp_FlushTx( void );
```

```
void    MiApp_WriteData( BYTE OneByteToSend );
```

```
BOOL    MiApp_BroadcastPacket( BOOL SecEn );
```

```
BOOL    MiApp_UnicastConnection( BYTE    ConnectionIndex,  
                                  BOOL    SecEn);
```

```
BOOL    MiApp_UnicastAddress( BYTE    *DestinationAddress,  
                              BOOL    PermanentAddr,  
                              BOOL    SecEn);
```



# MiApp APIs (Cont.)

## ● Special Functionalities

- Transceiver Sleep/Wake up
- Noise Detection
- Frequency Hopping

```
BYTE  MiApp_TransceiverPowerState(BYTE Mode);
```

```
BYTE  MiApp_NoiseDetection(  DWORD    ChannelMap,  
                             BYTE      ScanDuration,  
                             BYTE      DetectionMode,  
                             BYTE      *NoiseLevel);
```

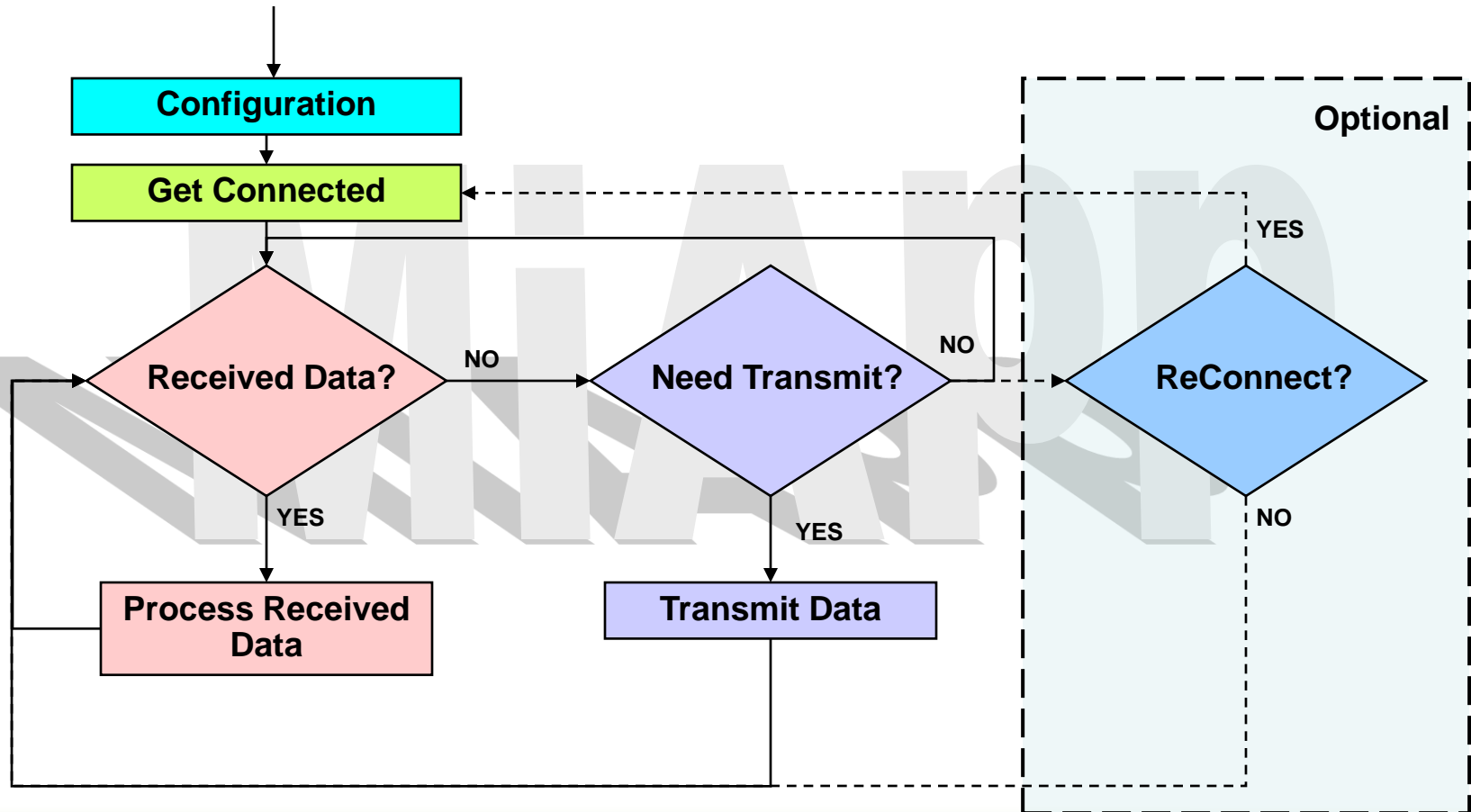
```
BOOL  MiApp_InitChannelHopping(  DWORD ChannelMap );
```

```
BOOL  MiApp_ResyncConnection(  BYTE      ConnectionIndex,  
                               DWORD      ChannelMap);
```



# MiApp

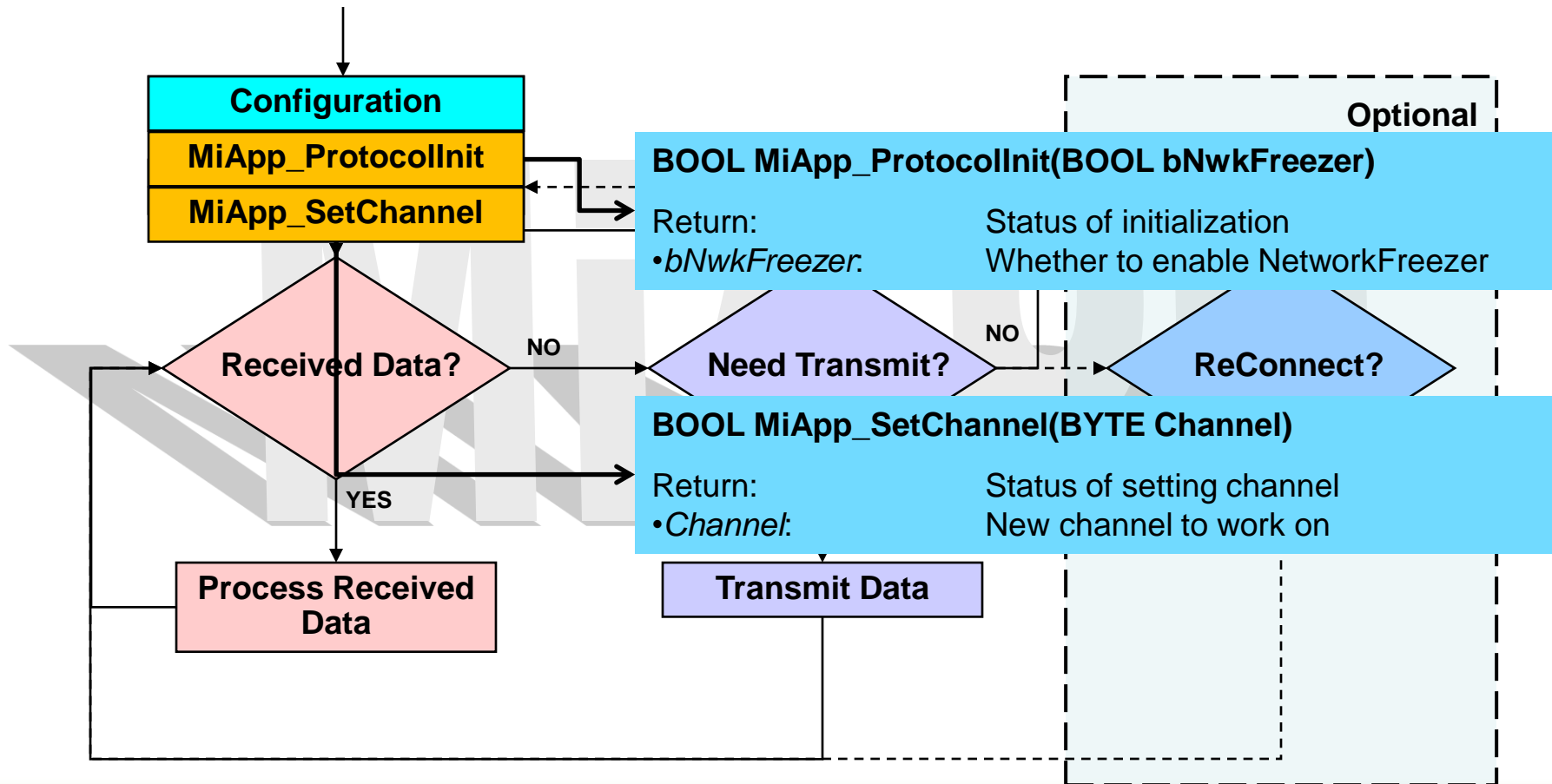
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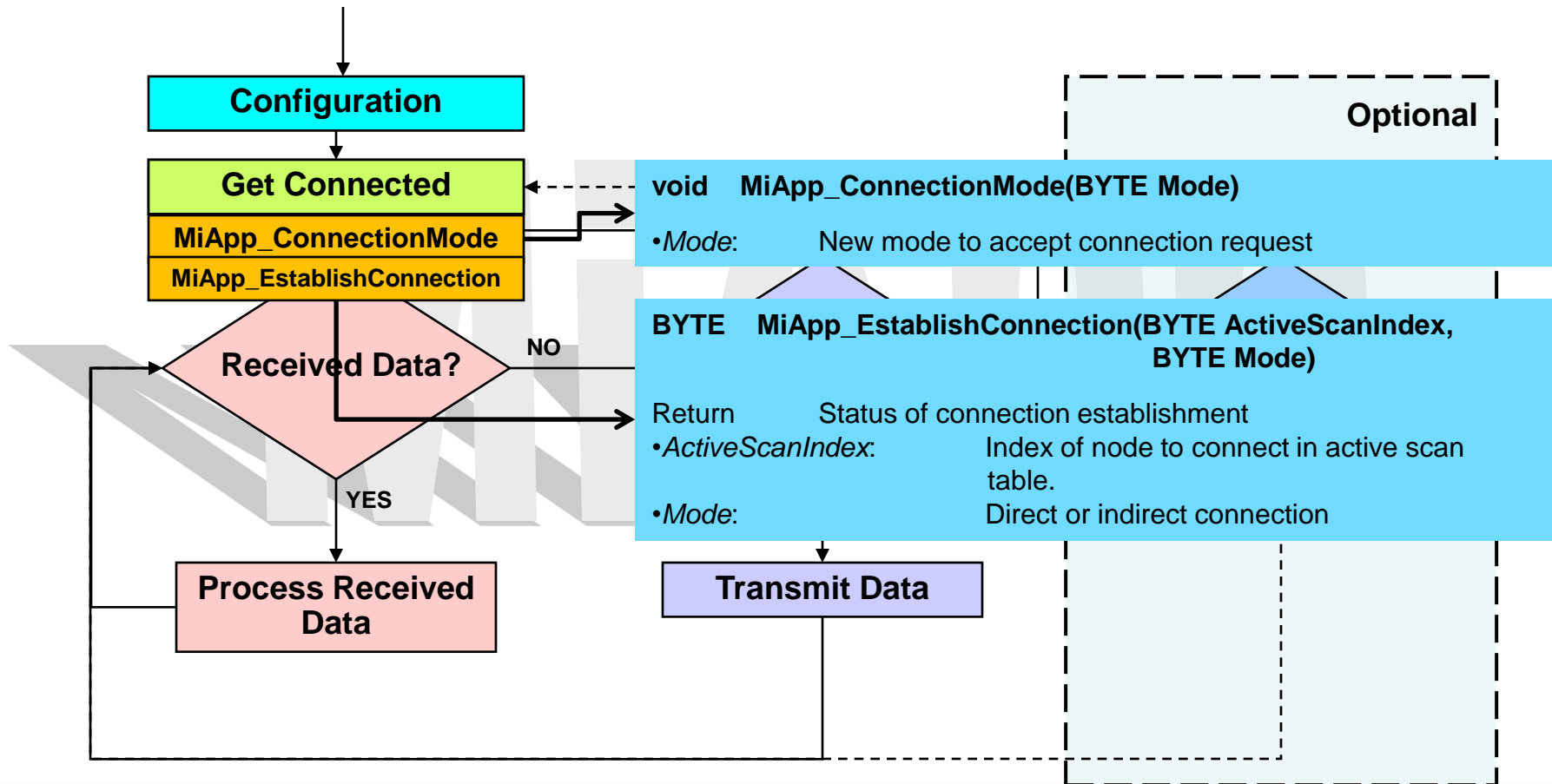
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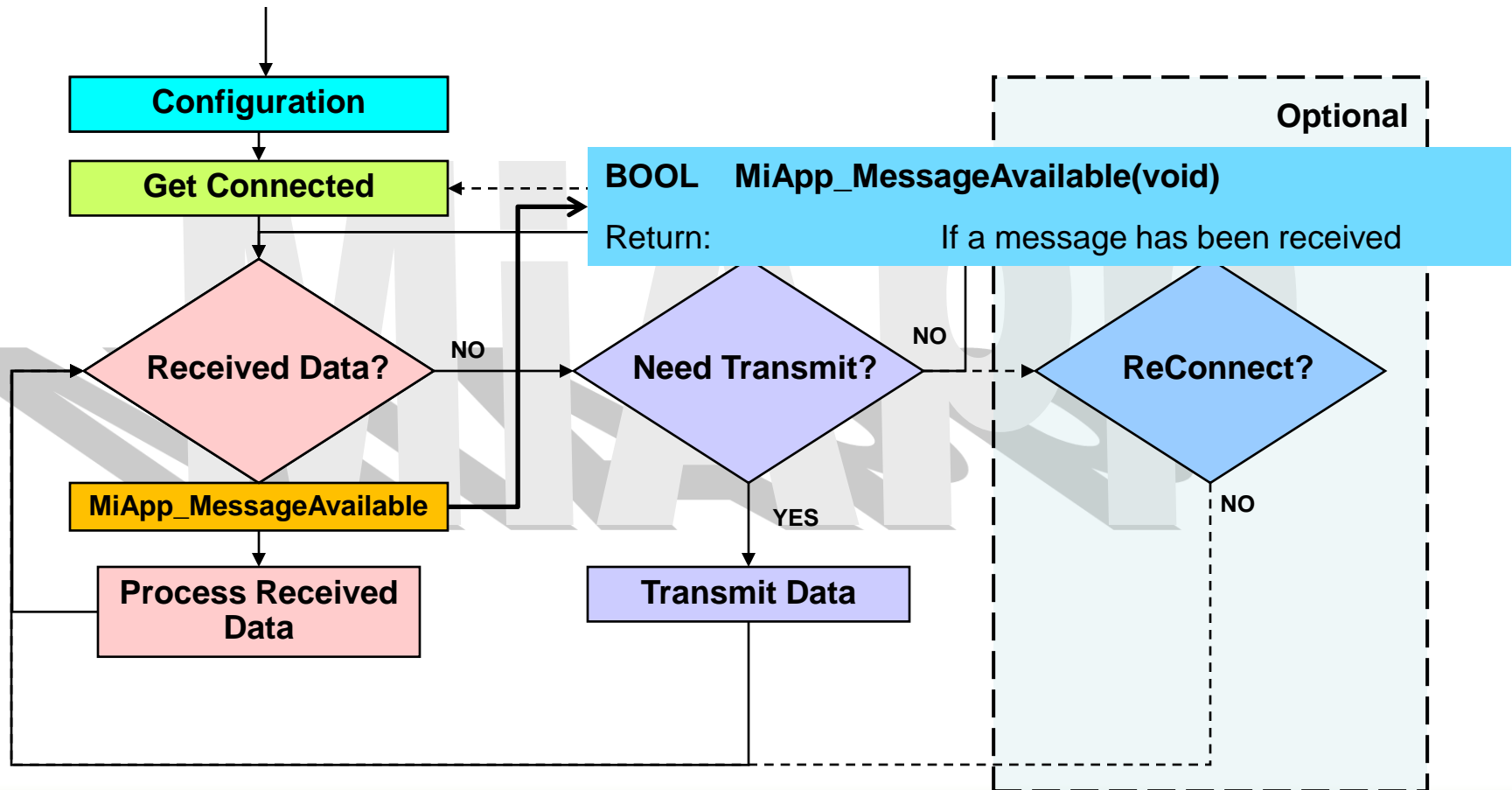
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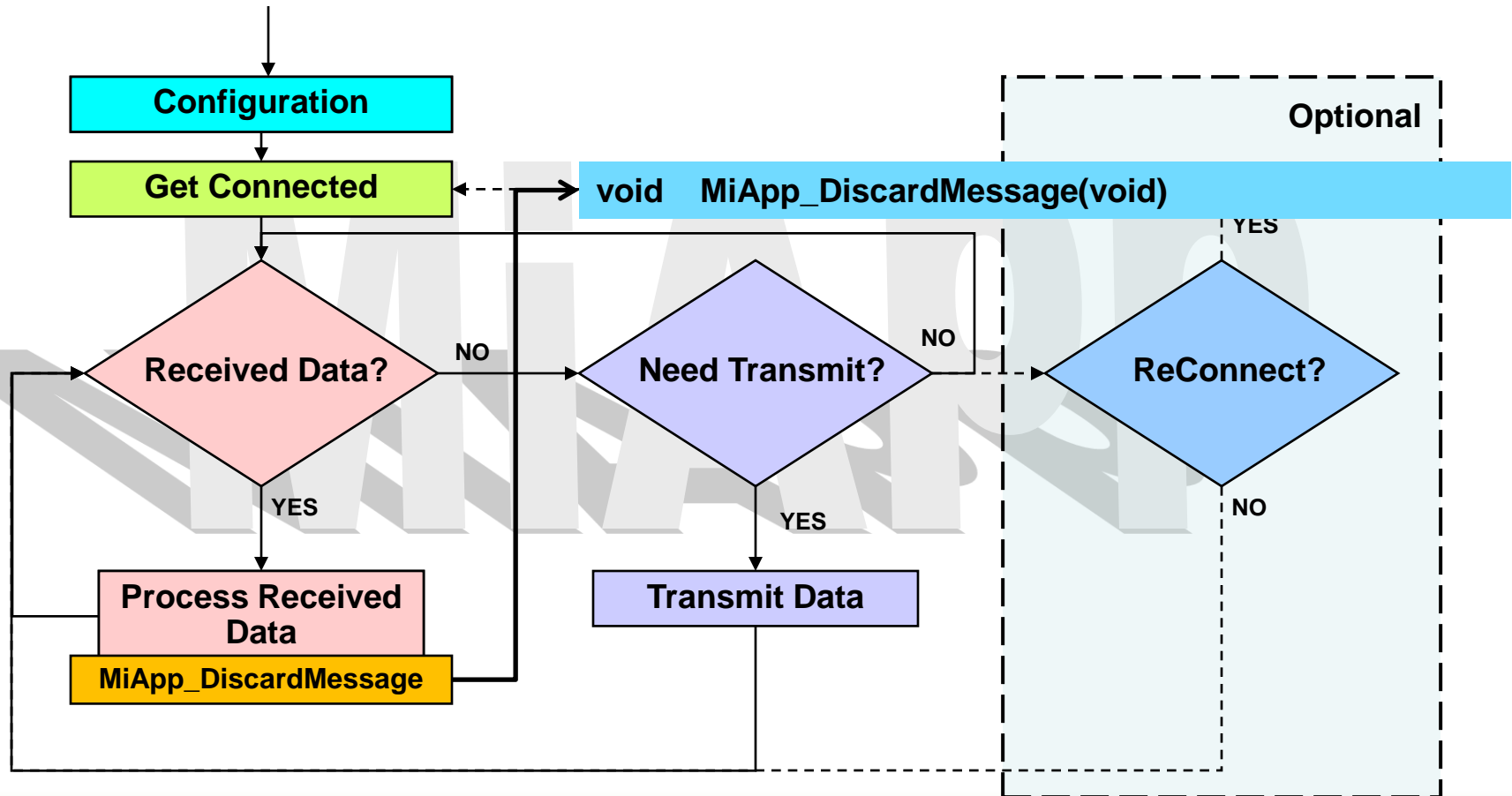






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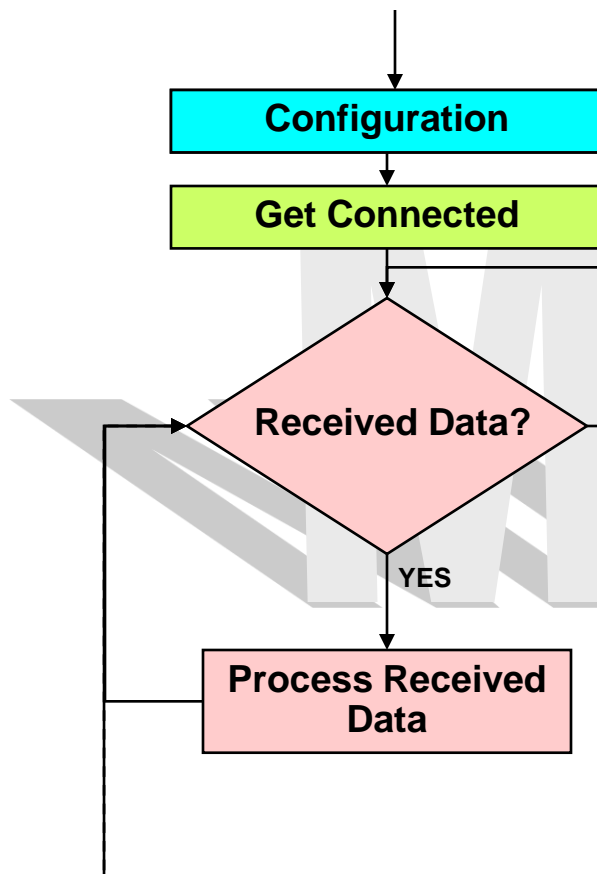
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# MiApp

## ● Typical Workflow



**BOOL MiApp\_UnicastAddress(BYTE \*Addr, BOOL PermAddr, BOOL SecEn)**

Return: Transmission status  
Addr: Pointer to the destination address  
PermAddr: Address the destination as permanent  
SecEn: Whether to encrypt transmission data

**BOOL MiApp\_UnicastConnection( BYTE ConnIndex, BOOL SecEn)**

Return: Transmission status  
ConnectionIndex: The index of the dest addr in connection table  
SecEn: Whether to encrypt transmission data

**BOOL MiApp\_BroadcastPacket(BOOL SecEn)**

Return: Transmission status  
SecEn: Whether to encrypt transmission data

**MiApp\_WriteData(BYTE byteToWrite)**

byteToWrite: A byte of data to the application payload buffer

**MiApp\_FlushTx(void)**

**Transmit Data**

**MiApp\_FlushTx**

**MiApp\_WriteData**

**MiApp\_BroadcastPacket**

**MiApp\_UnicastConnection**

**MiApp\_UnicastAddress**



# Typical Wireless Application

```
void main(void)
```

```
{
```

```
    // Configuration
```

```
    MiApp_ProtocolInit(FALSE);
```

```
    MiApp_SetChannel(25);
```

```
    // Get Connected
```

```
    MiApp_ConnectionMode(ENABLE_ALL_CONN);
```

```
    MiApp_EstablishConnection(0xFF, CONN_MODE_DIRECT);
```

```
    while(1)
```

```
    {
```

```
        // Receive Data
```

```
        if( MiApp_MessageAvailable() )
```

```
        {
```

```
            LED = RxMessage.Payload[0];
```

```
            MiApp_DiscardMessage();
```

```
        }
```



# Simple Application

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```
else if (ButtonPressed())  
{
```

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```
// Transmit LIGHT_ON to Peer  
MiApp_FlushTx();  
MiApp_WriteData(LIGHT_ON);  
MiApp_UnicastConnection(0, TRUE);
```

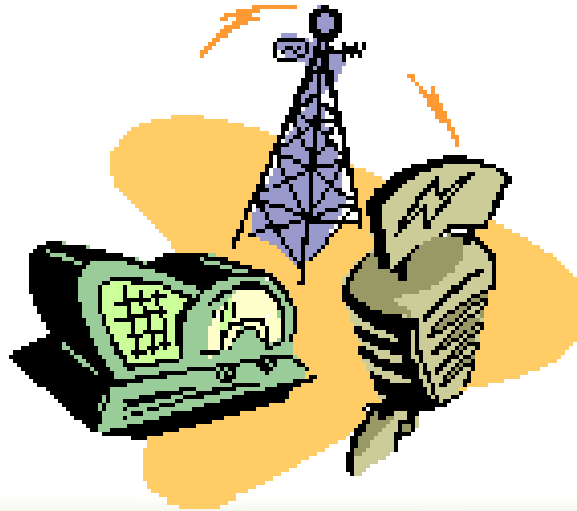
```
}
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

# MiWi™ PRO: Expanding for Greater Coverage

- **Enhanced Broadcast**
- **Enhanced Network Routing**
- **Enhanced Frequency Agility**



# MiWi™ PRO: Expanding for Greater Coverage

## ● Support Multicast in Network Layer

- 0xFFFF All Devices
- 0xFFFFE All Non-Sleeping Devices
- 0xFFFFD All Coordinators

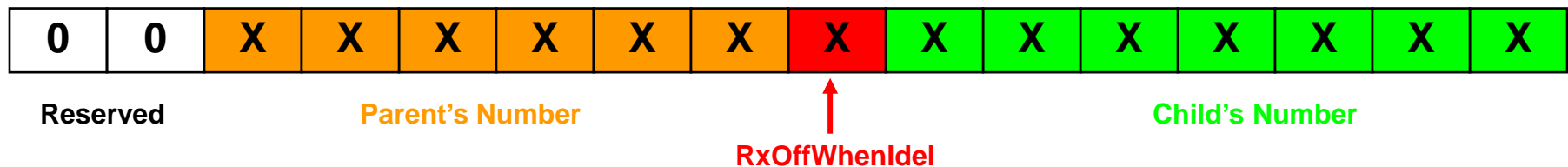
## ● Broadcast Tracking

- Do not Rebroadcast Second Time
- Eliminate Unnecessary Messages to Pollute the Spectrum

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## ● Short Address Assignment

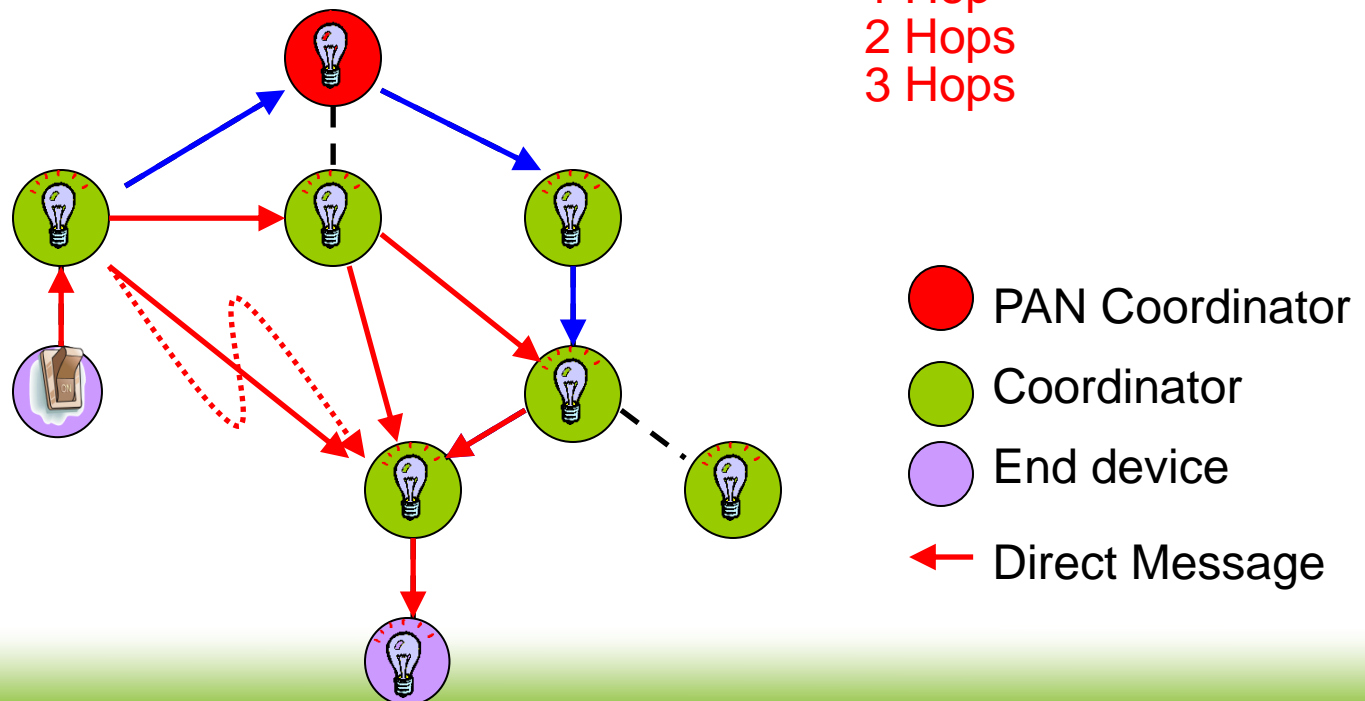
- Parent's number
  - Reserved for Coordinator
- RxOffWhenIdle
  - 1 bit
- Child's Number
  - 7 bits



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## ● MiWi PRO Routing Mechanism

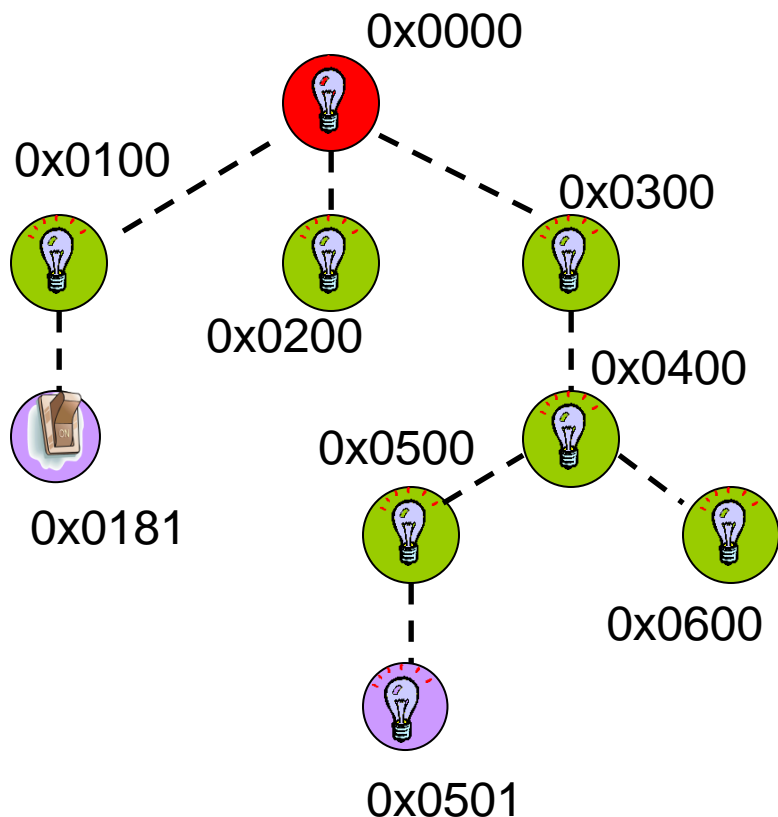
- Old Rules: Only Coordinator is able to Route Messages; Route to Destination's Parent for End Device; Route to the Neighbor Coordinator; Route to Parent/Child
- New Rules:
  - Find Hops for Tree Routing  $N_{tree}$  4 Hops
  - Check if N hops can reach Destination with Mesh Routing (N Starts with 1). If Cannot Reach, Increase N, until  $N_{tree}$
  - Use Tree Routing





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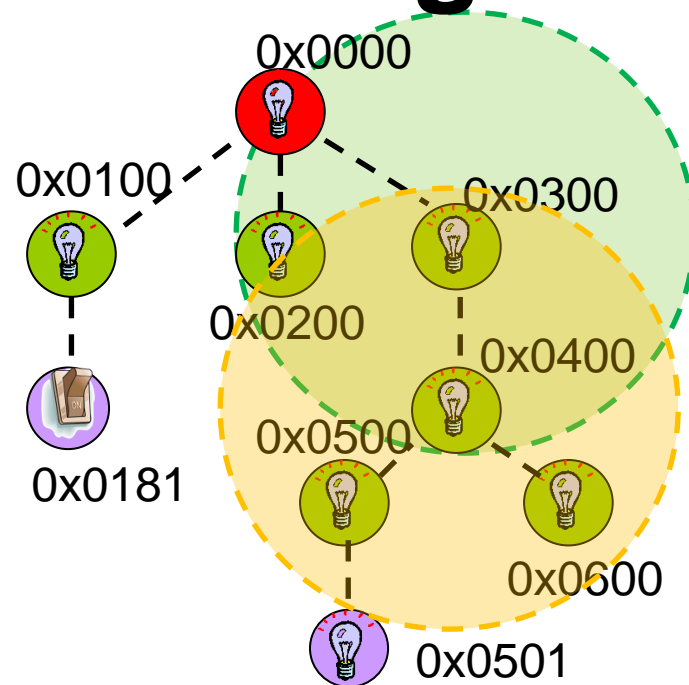
## ● Family Info



Higher Byte of Coordinator Address (Implied by Table Index)	Higher Byte of Parent Address for Coordinator	Description
00	0x00	PAN Coordinator 0x0000 has no Parent, point its parent to itself
01	0x00	Coordinator 0x0100's Parent is 0x0000
02	0x00	Coordinator 0x0200's Parent is 0x0000
03	0x00	Coordinator 0x0300's Parent is 0x0000
04	0x03	Coordinator 0x0400's Parent is 0x0300
05	0x04	Coordinator 0x0500's Parent is 0x0400
06	0x04	Coordinator 0x0600's Parent is 0x0400
07	0xFF	Coordinator 0x0700 does not exist yet
.....	.....	
n	0xFF	Coordinator 0xn00 does not exist yet

# MiWi™ PRO: Expanding for Greater Coverage

- **Neighbor Table**
  - Bit Map to Indicate Known Coordinators
- **Neighbor's Neighbor Table**
  - Bit Map from Each Neighbor to Indicate Their Known Coordinators



## Neighbor Table of Coordinator 0x0400

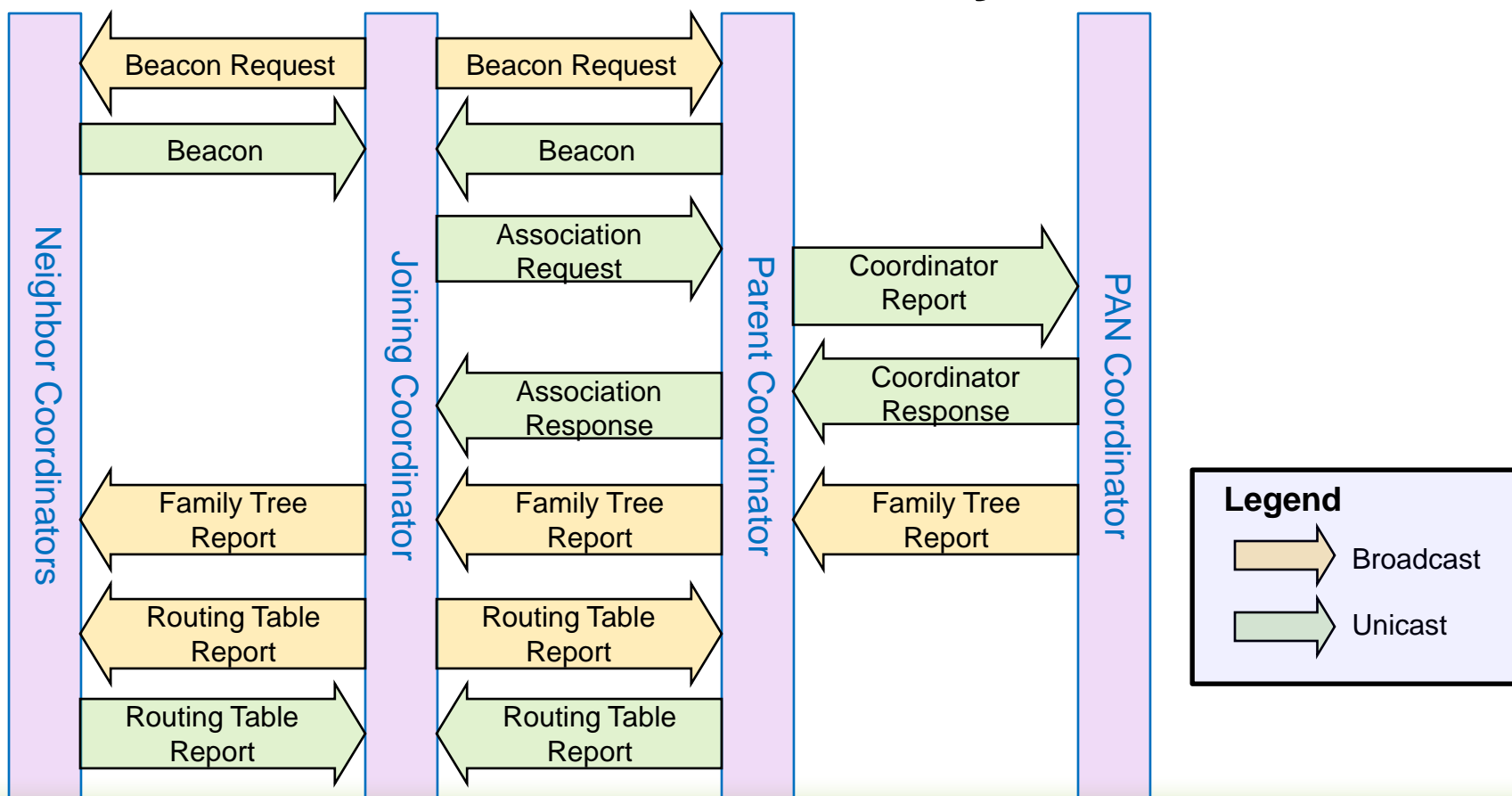
0b01101100 (I Know Coordinator 0200, 0300, 0500 and 0600)

## Neighbor's Neighbor Table of Coordinator 0x0300 on 0x0400

0b00010101 (My Neighbor 0x0300 Know Coordinator 0000, 0200 and 0400)

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- **MiWi PRO Joining Procedure**
  - **Network Freezer Mandatory**

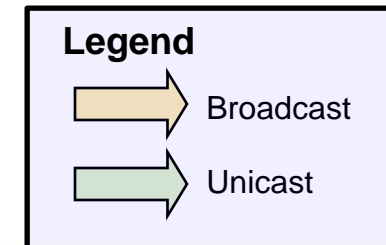
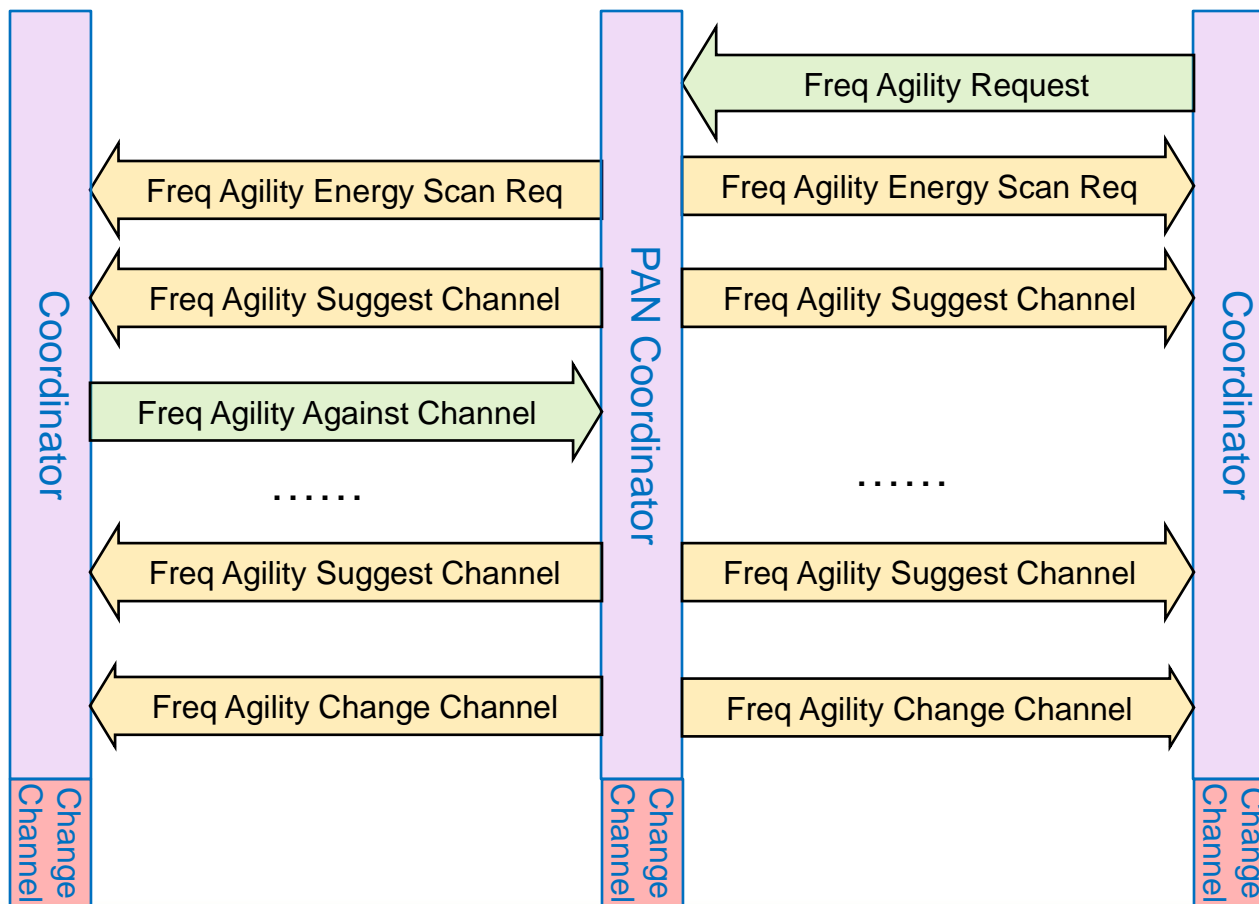


# MiWi™ PRO: Expanding for Greater Coverage

- **MiWi P2P and MiWi Protocol Depends on PAN Coordinator to do Frequency Agility**
  - It's Simple
  - It's Doable: The Network Covers a Small Area
- **MiWi PRO Must Handle Frequency Agility Differently**
  - Noise Distribution of PAN Coordinator may NOT Represent the Whole Network
  - Voting System Developed for MiWi PRO Frequency Agility

# MiWi™ PRO: Expanding for Greater Coverage

## ● MiWi PRO Frequency Agility





# Summary and References

# Summary

- **We learned about the MiWi™ DE transceiver options available and how to configure them.**
- **We learned about the services provided to the upper layers by MiMAC and how to configure them.**
- **We reconfigured and debugged a simple wireless application using MiWi™ DE.**
- **We learned the basics of the MiWi™ PRO addressing and functionality**

# References

- **MiWi™ Application Design Page:**  
[www.microchip.com/miwi](http://www.microchip.com/miwi)
- **Links to:**
  - Microchip Application Libraries
    - **MiWi Stack source code and demo projects**
  - Development Platforms & Transceiver Cards:
    - **Explorer 16 (PIC24/PIC32)**
    - **PIC18 Explorer (PIC18)**
    - **8-Bit Wireless Development Kit (PIC18)**
  - Application Notes



# References

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  - MiWi Application Note (AN1066)
  - MiWi PRO Application Note (AN1371)



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