# Advanced Topics in Wireless Networks Low Power Local Area Networks

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#### **Introduction to IoT Communication**

- Multitude and variaty
  - diverse Quality of Service (QoS)
  - huge amount of traffic
  - huge address space
- Self-organization
- Reliability and robustness
- Security and privacy

### **Introduction to IoT Communication**

- Capillary M2M
  - low power
  - low cost
  - short range
- Cellular M2M
  - long distance

## **Introduction to IoT Communication**

- LPWAN
  - NB-IoT
  - LoRaWAN
    - Sigfox
- LPLAN
  - BLE
  - Zigbee
  - WiFi

#### **IEEE 802.11/WiFi**

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- It uses 900 MHz license exempt bands to provide extended range Wi-Fi networks, compared to conventional Wi-Fi networks operating in the 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz bands.
- It also benefits from lower energy consumption.
- It aims at providing connectivity to thousands of devices under an access point.
- Relay Access Point
- Power Saving:
  - TIM
  - non-TIM

## **IEEE 802.11/WiFi**

802.11 proto- col	Release date	Frequency (GHz)	Bandwidth (MHz)	Stream data (Mbit/s)	rate
ac	Dec 2013	5	20, 40, 80, 160	Up to 346.8, 1733.2, 3466.8	800,
ad	Dec 2012	60	2, 160	Up to 6,757	
ah	Dec 2016	0.9	1–16	Up to 347	



- Robustness
- Low Power
- Low Cost

- Bluetooth 1.1
- Bluetooth 4.0 + LE (Bluetooth Smart)
  - As an alternative to the Bluetooth standard protocols that were introduced in Bluetooth v1.0 to v3.0, it is aimed at very low power applications running off a coin cell.
- Bluetooth 5
  - Double the speed (2 Mbit/s burst) at the expense of range
  - Up to fourfold the range at the expense of data rate
  - Eightfold the data broadcasting capacity of transmissions, by increasing the packet lengths.

#### **Piconets**

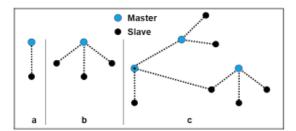
- Bluetooth enabled electronic devices connect and communicate wirelessly through short-range, ad hoc networks known as piconets.
- Each device can simultaneously communicate with up to seven other devices within a single piconet.

#### **Features**

- Bluetooth wireless technology is geared towards voice and data applications and able to penetrate solid objects.
- It is omni-directional and does not require line-of-sight positioning of connected devices.

## **PHY Layer**

- 2.4 GHz frequency band
- 79 Channels, each channel has 1 MHz bandwidth
- 3 Power class for 1, 10 and 100 meter transmission distance
- Physical Links
  - Data Link: Asynchronous Connectionless (ACL)
  - Voice Link: Synchronous Connection Oriented (SCO)



- IEEE 802.15 serial standards are established by IEEE 802.15 Working Group for Personal Area Network or short distance wireless networks.
- Zigbee is built on the IEEE 802.15.4. The two lower layers: the physical (PHY) layer and the medium access control (MAC) sublayer of Zigbee stack architecture is pecified in IEEE 802.15.4.

#### **IEEE 802.15.4 Features**

- Data rates of 250 kbps, 40 kbps, and 20 kbps. Symbol rate is 62.5 ksymbol/sspm
- Two addressing mode: 16-bits short and 64-bit IEEE addressing
- Optional use Star-topology or Peer to Peer topology, and also supposes Cluster Tree nowdays.
- CSMA-CA channel access
- Automatic network establishment by the coordinator
- Full handshake protocol for transfer reliability
- Power management to ensure low power consumption

#### IEEE 802.15.4 Features

- 16 channels in the 2.4GHz ISM band, 10 channels in the 915MHz and one channel in the 868MHz
- Optinal to use Acknowledgement packet
- Transmit Power: About 1 mW transmit power
- RSSI (Received signal strength indication) measurement

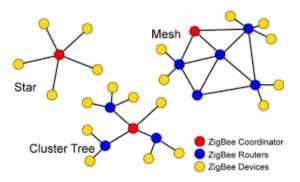
## **Type of Device**

- RFD (Reduced Function Device)
  - Coordinator
  - Router
  - End Device
- FFD (Full Function Device)
  - End Device

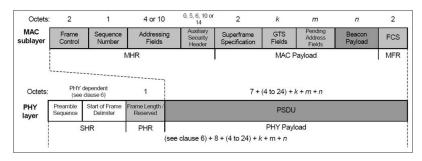
## IEEE 802.15.4 Topologies

- Star
- Peer to Peer

# Zigbee Topologies

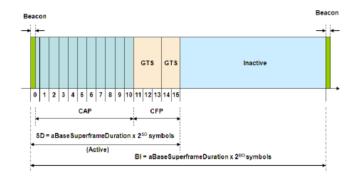


#### **IEEE 802.15.4 MAC-PHY**

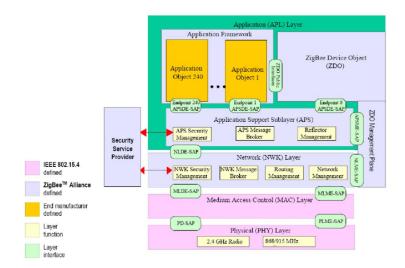


## Superframe Structure

- CAP: Contention Access Period
- CFP: Contention Free Period
- GTS: Guaranteed Time Slots



# Zigbee Stack



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# A Closer look to Zigbee

## Zigbee Problems

- Energy Efficiency
- Routing
- Localization
- Data management
- Reliability
- Security

### A Closer look to Zigbee

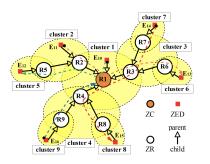
# An Energy Efficient Schedule for IEEE 802.15.4/Zigbee Cluster Tree WSN with Multiple Collision Domains and Period Crossing Constraint

- A collision-free cluster schedule that meets all the data flows deadlines
- Minimization of the energy consumption of the nodes

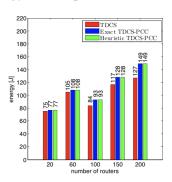
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flow ID	source(s)	sink	e2eDeadline		reqPeriod	sampleSize	sampleACK
k	$(\alpha_{f_k})$	$(\beta_{f_k})$	[s]	[ptu]	[s]	[bit]	
1	1	5	1.5	1563	1	64	0
2	2	6	2	2083	2	16	1
3	7	8	2	2083	1	16	1
4	9	1	2	2083	2	64	0



# Average network energy consumption within 40 min



#### Network retransmitions

