



MONASH University

Information Technology

FIT5183: Mobile and Distributed Computing Systems (MDCS)

Lecture 8B

Enabling Wireless Networks and Technologies

First.. Let's take stock of the Assignments

□ Assignment 1

- They have been marked – please check that you can see grades and my detailed feedback comments to each group
- Good points and not so good points in the submitted reports
- Technical points: e.g.: PK/FK, ER Relations, Triggers and JSON

□ Assignment 2

- Expectations for the Code Development, Reporting and Demos
- Timeframe for completion over Semester Break

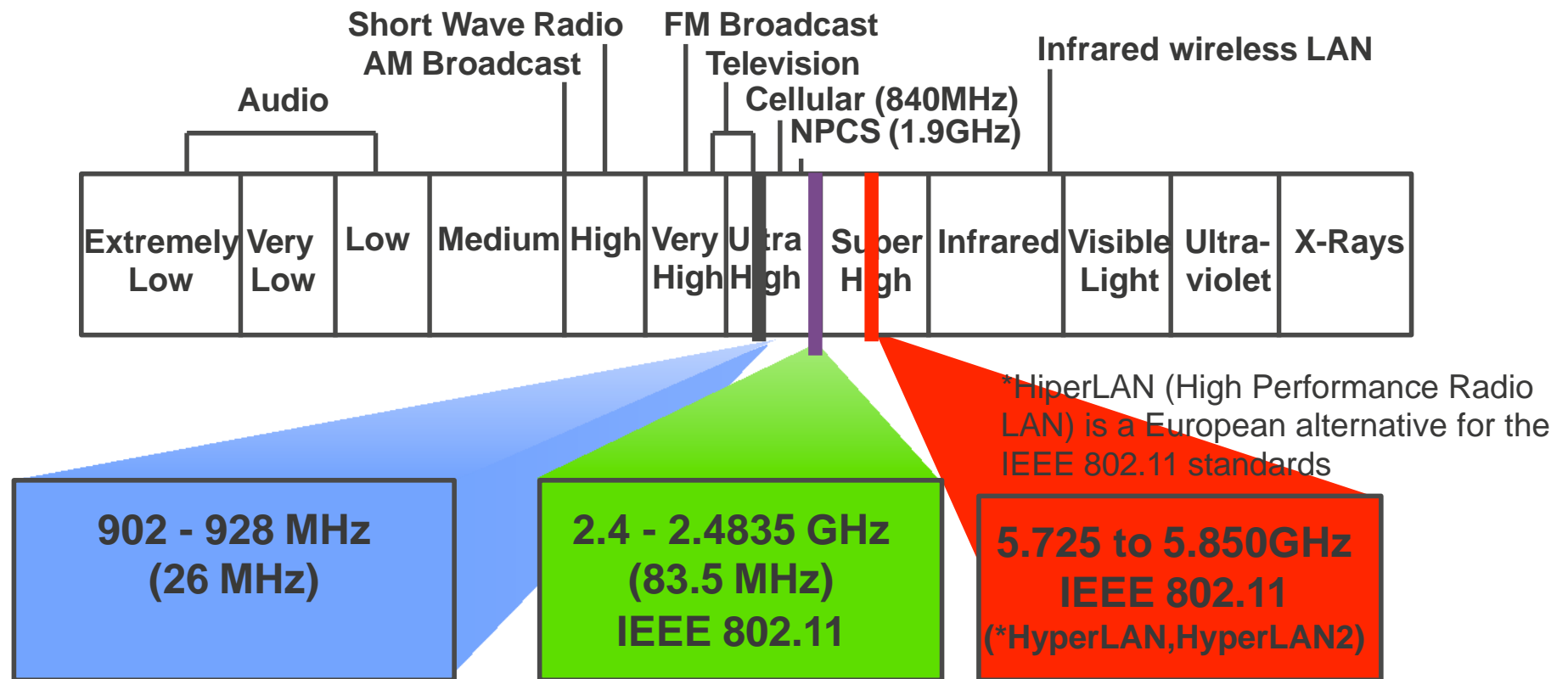
□ Assignment 3

- Prepare your power point presentation based on the works you have done in Phase I & II assignments
- All students in each group must do individual presentation which are integral parts of the group final presentation. Peer assessment of presentation will be implemented.

Overview

- ❑ Unlicensed ISM band and U-NII unlicensed bands
- ❑ Brief look at IEEE 802.11 standards and WiFi
- ❑ WiMax and LTE
- ❑ Bluetooth
- ❑ ZigBee
- ❑ Radio Frequency ID (RFID)
- ❑ Near Field Communication (NFC)

The Industrial, Scientific and Medical (ISM) Bands

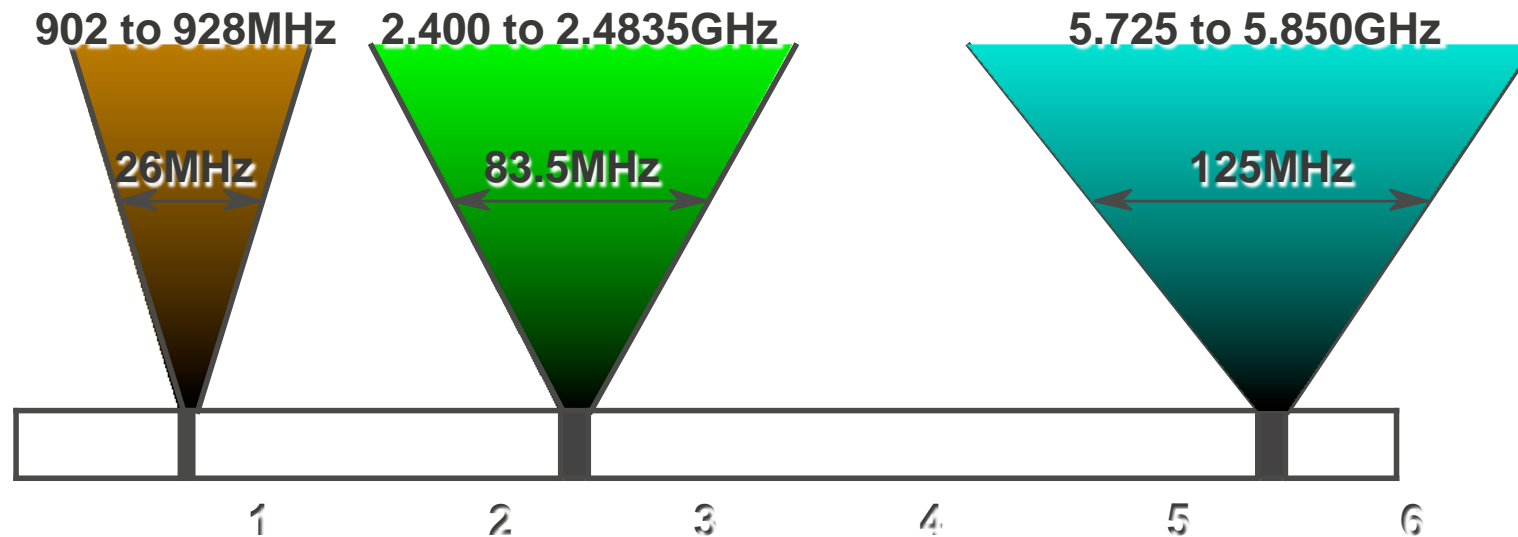


- ❑ The Industrial, Scientific and Medical (ISM) include the radio bands internationally reserved and can be used without a license

ISM band

- ❑ The ISM bands were introduced in 1947 by ITU (The International Telecommunication Union)
- ❑ The ISM bands were initially used for machines that emitted radio frequencies for industrial, scientific and medical purposes (not for radio communications)
 - E.g. RF welders, industrial heaters , microwave ovens, and medical diathermy machines
- ❑ In 1985, the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) allowed the ISM bands to be used for Wireless LAN
- ❑ Many other countries followed similar regulation but some countries apply a different regulation

ISM Bands



- ☐ **FREQUENCY (GHz)** 902-928 MHz: cordless phones (1993), amateur radio
- ☐ **2.4-2.4835 GHz:** WiFi (802.11b/g), Bluetooth, microwave ovens, baby monitors, cordless phones (1998)
- ☐ **Very crowded and saturated** due to a large number of devices operating in this band
- ☐ **5 GHz:** cordless phones (2003), WiFi – 802.11a/n

U-NII

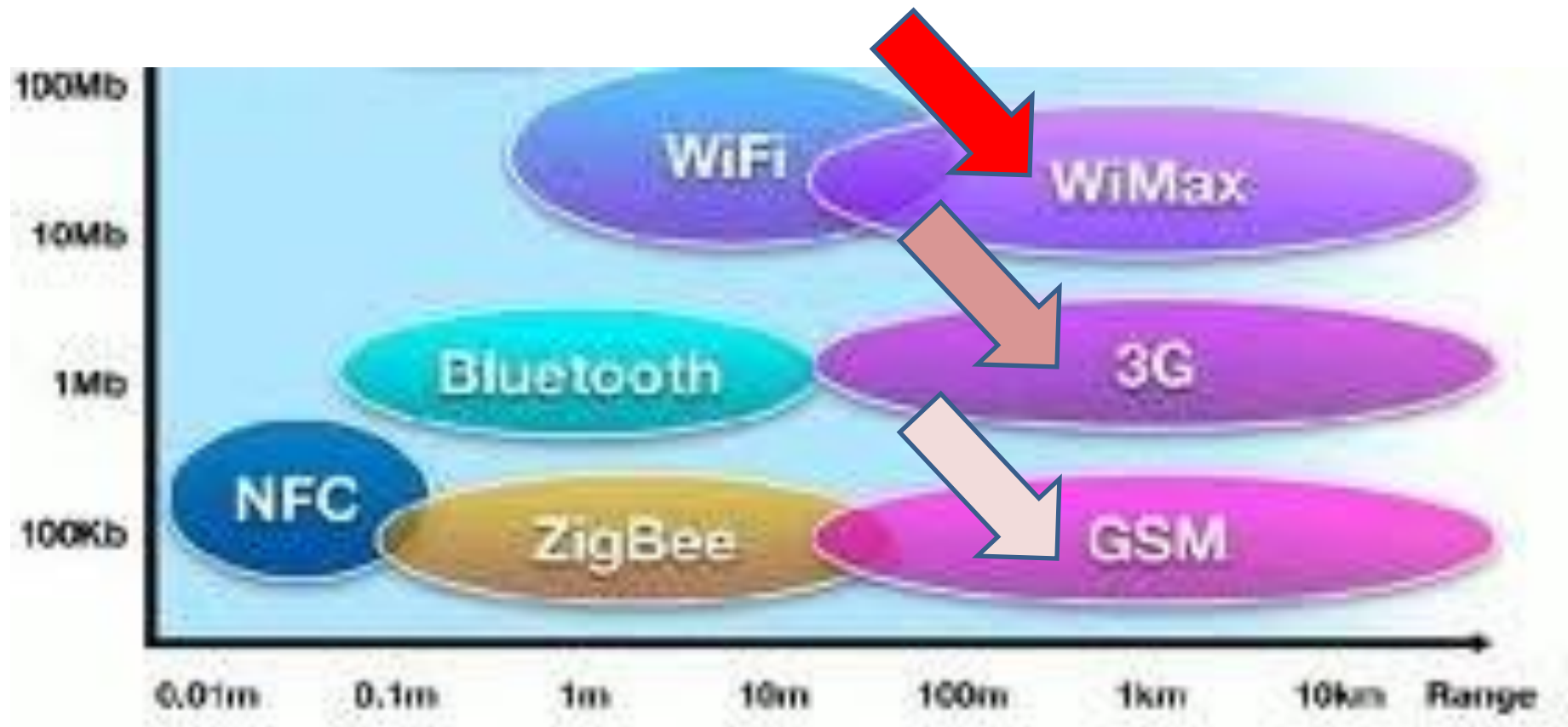
- ❑ FCC introduced new UNII bands in the 5 GHz range to provide high data rate communication
 - UNII (**U**nlicensed **N**ational **I**nformation **I**nfrastructure)
- ❑ Each band is 100MHz wide and divided into channels
 - UNII-1
 - Freq. range: 5.15-5.25 GHz
 - UNII-2
 - Freq. range: 5.25-5.35 GHz
 - UNII-2 Extended
 - Freq. range: 5.47 to 5.725 GHz
 - UNII-3
 - Freq. range: 5.725-5.825 GHz

Radio Frequency Ranges

- ❑ The **frequency** range directly affects the **data rates** to be transmitted
- ❑ The higher the **frequency** range (called bandwidth), the greater the **capacity** of the wireless circuit, allowing the signal to carry more data and faster
- ❑ Higher **frequencies** suffer **attenuation** more quickly than lower frequencies
- ❑ The higher the **frequency** of a wireless signal, the shorter its **range**. Thus the 2.4 GHz range signals can travel farther compared to the 5 GHz range transmission

Wireless Technology

Bit-rates versus Range Graph: 2G, 3G, ...



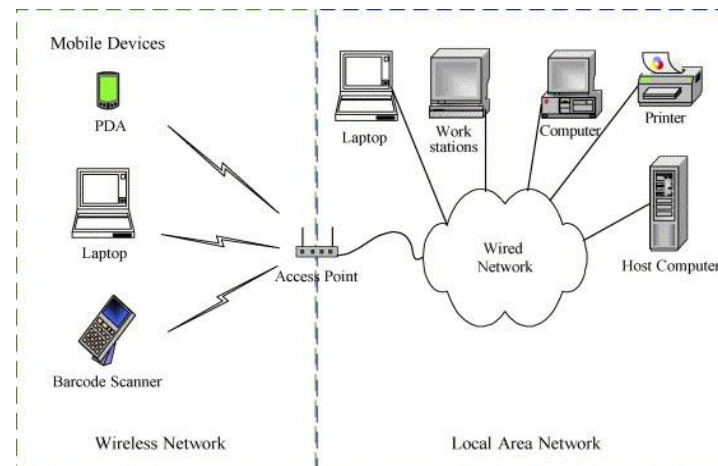
WLAN: Wireless LAN Extension

❑ Early wireless LAN products introduced in the late 1980s

Motivations:

- To save costs of cabling and easing the problems with relocation and modification to the network
- In buildings with large open areas like manufacturing plants
- Historical/old building with no cabling support
- Mobility

❑ In most of the cases, wireless LAN linked into a wired network



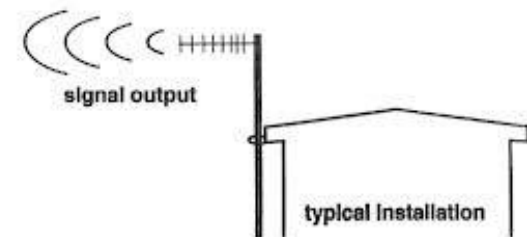
Wireless LAN Components

1. Communication medium
 - a set of radio frequencies replacing cables for data transmission
2. A wireless network adapter/card (radio card)
3. An antenna (usually internal)
4. Radio Transceiver that sends and receives radio signals through a short range
5. A wireless Access Point (AP)
 - It enables connection between mobile devices/laptops
 - It can act also as a Repeater and Router



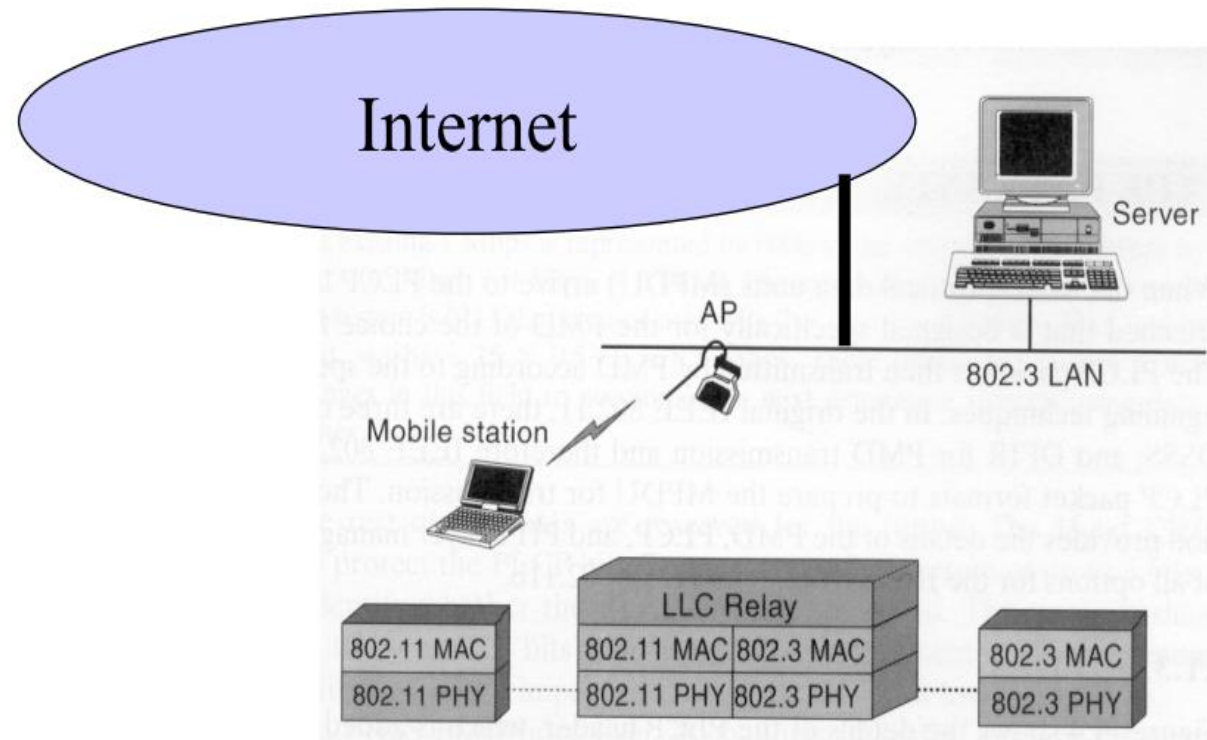
Antennas

- ❑ Two types
 - **Omnidirectional antenna** transmits in all directions simultaneously
 - **Directional antenna** transmits only on one direction
- ❑ Wireless Access Points (APs) have usually omnidirectional antennas
- ❑ To avoid transmission interference between close APs, usually each AP transmits on a different channel



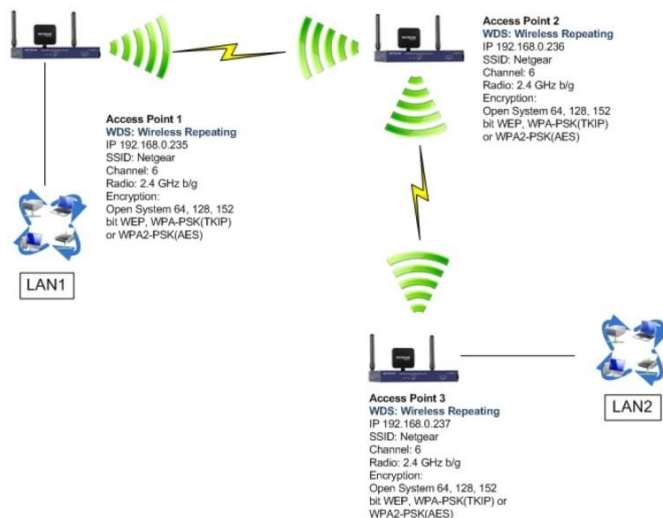
Wireless Access Point (WAP)

- ❑ A wireless AP can be connected to a wired LAN or backbone
- ❑ Wireless APs support Wireless LAN's infrastructure mode



Wireless Distribution System (WDS)

- ❑ WDS refers to two or more APs connecting wirelessly
- ❑ WDS offers two modes:
 - **Wireless Bridging** in which the APs communicate with each other and with other the wireless clients (as routers)
 - **Wireless Repeating** in which access points communicate only with each other (as repeaters), extending the wireless reach of an existing AP



The IEEE 802 Standards and 802.11 – WiFi

(Overview only)

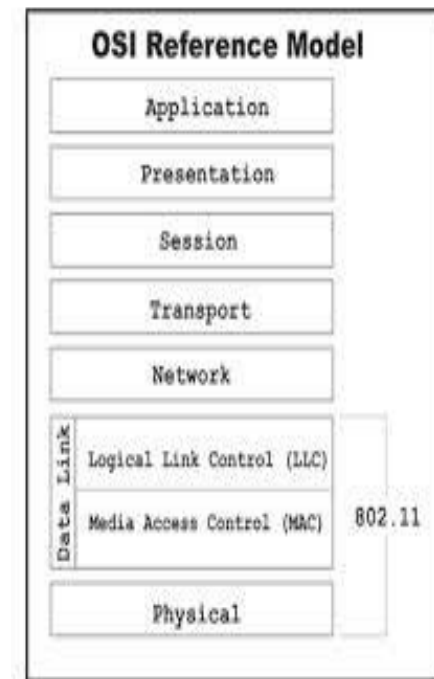
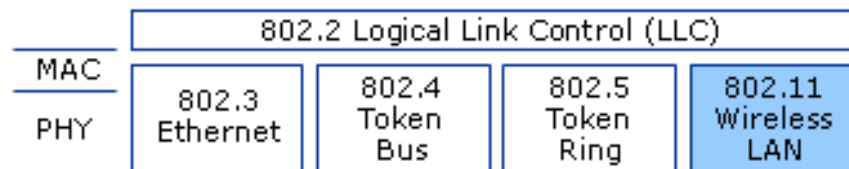
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Bit-rates versus Range Graph: *WLAN/WiFi*



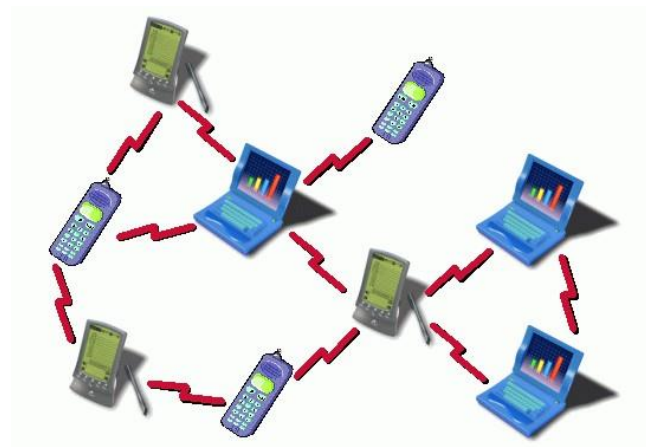
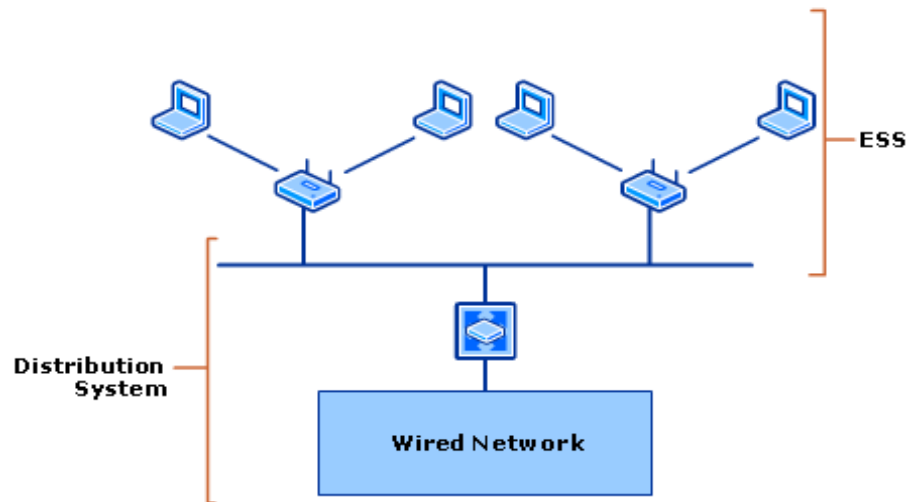
IEEE 802

- ❑ IEEE 802 is responsible for the general administration of the LAN and MAN standard activities
- ❑ Defines 2 layers for the Data Link layer:
 - 802.2 Logical Link Control (LLC)
 - Media Access Control (MAC)
- ❑ IEEE 802.11 became a standard in July 1997
- ❑ IEEE 802.11 is **a set of standards** for implementing **wireless local area network (WLAN)** computer communication



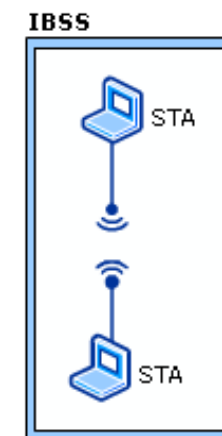
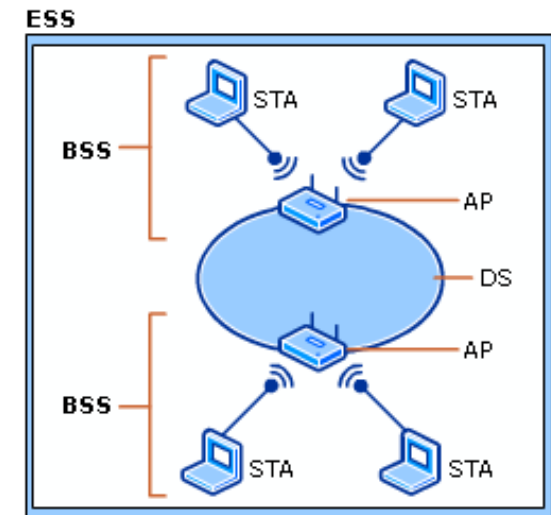
802.11 Operating Modes

- ❑ **Infrastructure Network:** wireless clients communicate with each other through a wireless AP
 - Includes one or more Access Points
- ❑ **Ad Hoc Network:** decentralized type and peer to peer networks set up temporarily
 - E.g. during emergency situations like natural disasters or in a conference room between employees



802.11 Architecture

- ❑ **Station (STA):** A laptop or mobile device with a wireless network interface
- ❑ **Access Point (AP):** acts as a relay point/bridge between STAs and the backbone
- ❑ **Basic Service Set (BSS):** consists of a single wireless AP supporting one or more STAs
 - In BSS client stations do not communicate directly with each other
- ❑ **Distribution System (DS):** provides distribution services to allow the roaming of STAs between BSSs
- ❑ **Extended Service Set (ESS):** A set of two or more wireless APs connected to the same wired network
- ❑ **Independent basic service set (IBSS):** stand-alone BSS
 - No AP involved and no connection to other BSSs



Wi-Fi

- ❑ Wi-Fi a trademark by WiFi Alliance
- ❑ Wi-Fi stands for Wireless Fidelity
- ❑ The Wi-Fi Alliance defines Wi-Fi as any "wireless local area network (WLAN) products that are based on the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers' **(IEEE) 802.11** standards".
- ❑ WiFi Alliance is a trade association that promotes and certifies products conforming to certain standards of interoperability



Wi-Fi Direct

- ❑ A specification and certification mark by Wi-Fi Alliance
- ❑ To enable Wi-Fi devices to connect directly in a simple and convenient way without an access point

<http://www.wi-fi.org/discover-wi-fi/wi-fi-direct>



<https://developer.tizen.org/development/training/native-application/creating-applications-connectivity-and-network/p2p-connections-wi-fi-direct%E2%84%A2#TDLS>

802.11 Standards (in brief)

IEEE 802.11a (1999)

- Operates in the 5 GHz band (5.3 GHz and 5.8 GHz)
- Due to higher frequency, more absorption of signals by walls and other physical obstructions
- Uses OFDM (Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing) modulation technique

IEEE 802.11b (1999)

- Operates in the 2.4 GHz band
- Up to 11 Mbps data rate
- High Rate HR-DSSS based on DSSS using *complementary code keying*
- Compared to 802.11a, it suffers less attenuation and the signal has greater range

802.11 Standards (in brief, cont'd)

IEEE 802.11g (2003)

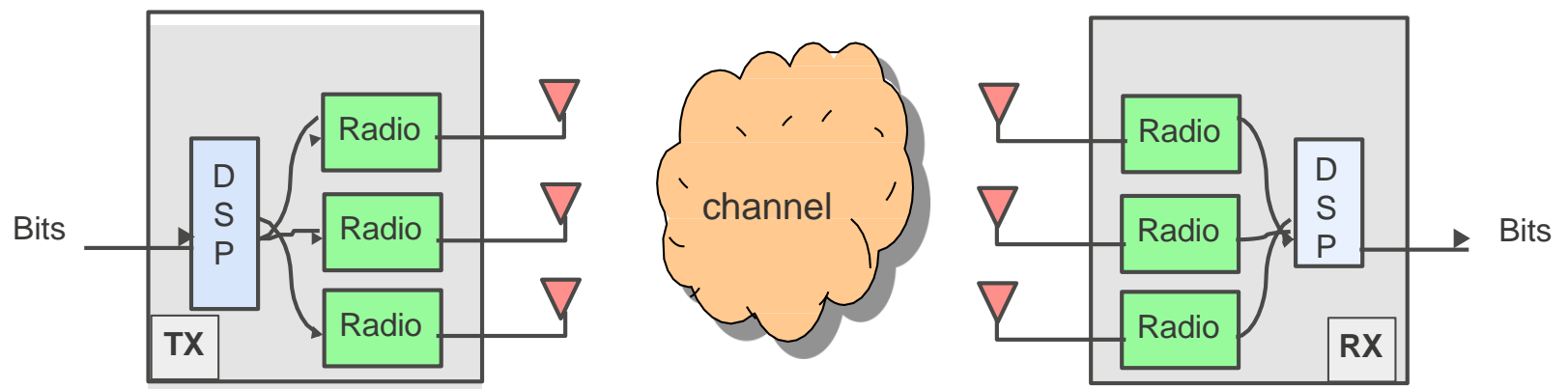
- Operates in the 2.4 GHz band, like the 802.11b standard
- Uses ERP-OFDM based on OFDM (Extended Rate Physical layer)
- Increased data rate (54 Mbps) compared to 802.11b

IEEE 802.11n (2009)

- Uses both 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz bands
 - Higher data rates (150-600 Mbps)
- Uses OFDM but using **MIMO** and **CB**
 - **MIMO (multiple input, multiple output antennas)** Capable of sending or receiving multiple streams of data
 - **CB (Channel Bonding)** Doubling the transmission rate by combining two 20 MHz channels to create a 40-MHz channel using OFDM

MIMO (Multiple Input Multiple Output)

- ❑ MIMO is a wireless technology using multiple antennas
- ❑ Transmit and receive more data simultaneously
- ❑ An example when 3 MIMO antennas used:
 - If 802.11n OFDM has a maximum data rate of 65 Mbps, multiplying that by the 3 MIMO antenna channels raises the data rate to 195 Mbps



DSP: Digital Signal Processors

<http://www.intel.com/support/wireless/sb/cs-025345.htm>

802.11 Standards (in brief, cont'd)

IEEE 802.11ac (2013)

- The 5 GHz band
- Wider channels up to 80 MHz (Wave 1) and 160 MHz (Wave 2)
- Data rates (433 Mbps to 7Gbps)
- Uses OFDM and MU-MIMO (Multi-User MIMO) Allows transmitting multiple streams to multiple clients simultaneously



IEEE 802.11 ad

- WiGig – ultra fast, short range technology in the 60Mhz band
- Difficulty in penetrating walls

IEEE 802.11 ah

- Operates in unlicensed 900MHz range
- Can easily penetrate walls..

Future of WiFi:

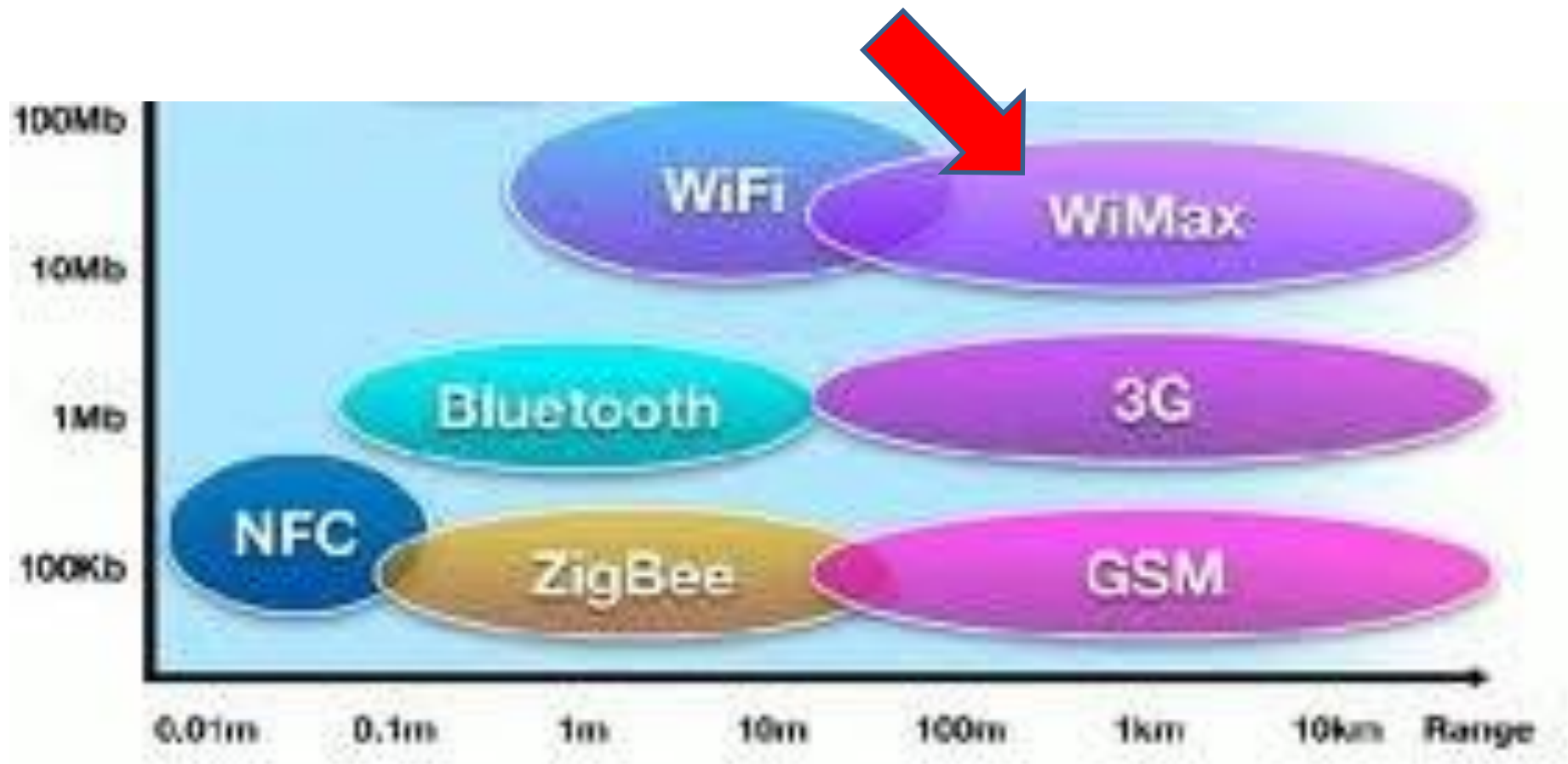
IEEE 802.11ax

- The successor of IEEE 802.11 ac
- To increase data rates **4X**
- It will (still) use OFDMA

WiMAX (IEEE 802.16)

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Bit-rates versus Range Graph: *WiMAX & LTE*



IEEE 802.16 and WiMAX

- ❑ IEEE 802.16 is a **family of standards** for WirelessMAN (Metropolitan Area Networks) for use in large, city-sized wireless networks
- ❑ The original 802.16 standard, published in December 2001
- ❑ About 25 standards (802-16-2001 to IEEE 802.16-2013) and most of them are superseded
- ❑ WiMAX (**Worldwide Interoperability for Microwave Access**)
 - Commercial name for IEEE 802.16 standards
- ❑ “WiMAX” supported by the WiMAX Forum industry alliance
- ❑ WiMAX also a competing technology used in 4G

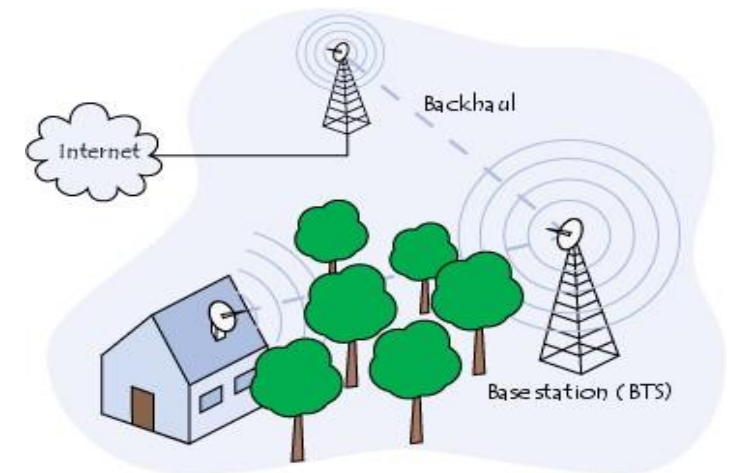
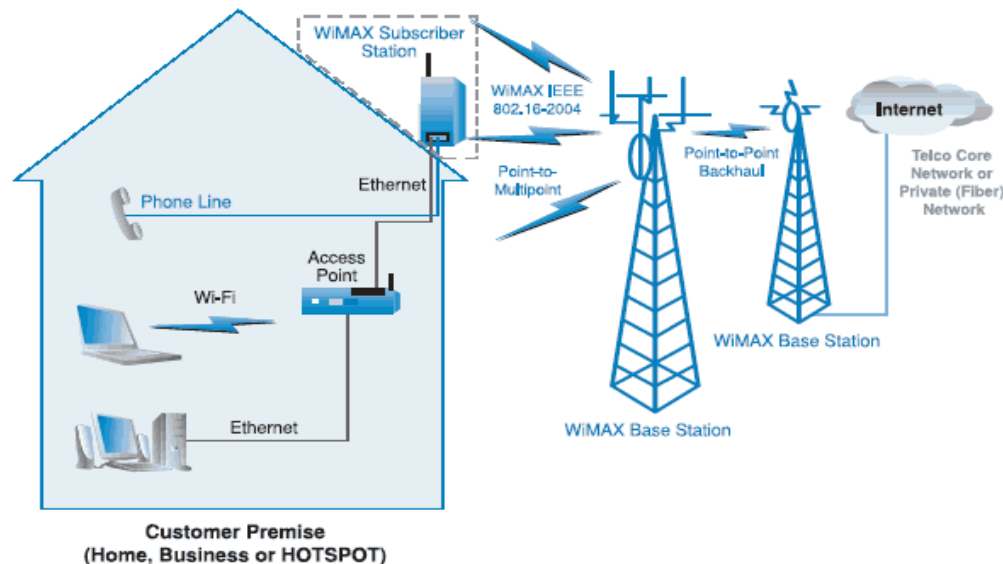


Fixed and Mobile WiMAX

- ❑ WiMAX operates the 2.3 GHz, 2.5 GHz, and 3.5 GHz frequency bands
- ❑ Based on OFDMA and OFDM
- ❑ The IEEE 802.16 standard **originally** aimed for a fixed wireless broadband access technique (Fixed WiMAX)
- ❑ **Fixed WiMAX** based on IEEE 802.16-2004
- ❑ Later mobility support was considered in **Mobile WiMAX**, a technology for wide area wireless networks

WiMAX Architecture (Fixed)

- ❑ WiMAX Base Station (**BS**): connected to a public network
- ❑ Subscriber Station (**SS**): usually serves a building
- ❑ WiMAX covers the **"last mile" area**, meaning providing high-speed Internet access to the areas which normal wired technologies do not cover



Mobile WiMAX

□ Mobile WiMAX

- Started with 802.16e-2005, then 802.16m-2011 (both superseded)
- 802.16-2012: Air Interface for Broadband Wireless Access Systems



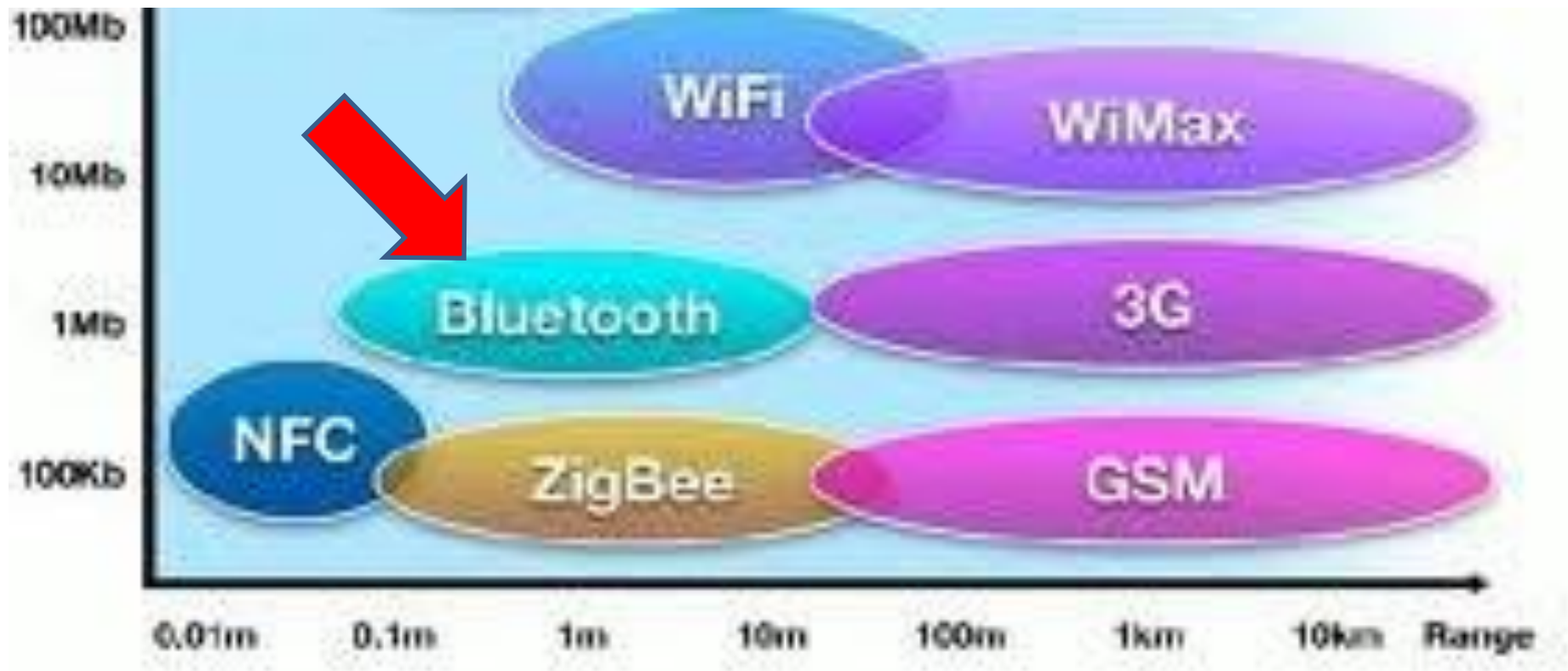
WiMAX and LTE

- ❑ WiMAX and LTE (Long-Term Evolution) are the two key 4G mobile broadband technologies
 - LTE standard by 3GPP (Third-Generation Partnership Project) and WiMAX an IEEE standard
 - Examples in Australia
 - Telstra 4G (LTE)
 - Vividwireless 4G (WiMAX), [Melbourne coverage](#)
- ❑ WiMAX was introduced to deal with the **last mile issue** and does not descend from cellular technologies
- ❑ LTE originally created for cellular networks
- ❑ **LTE “better integrated with other cellular technologies, making for smoother transitions between 3G and 4G”**

Bluetooth (IEEE 802.15.1)

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Bit-rates versus Range Graph: *Bluetooth*



IEEE 802.15

- ❑ IEEE 802.15: a family of communication specifications for **Wireless Personal Area Networks (WPANs)** managed by IEEE 802.15 Task Group
- ❑ Task group 1: **IEEE 802.15.1 (Bluetooth)**
- ❑ Task group 2: **IEEE 802.15.2-2003**
 - Provide interoperability and addresses the problem of coexistence of WPAN and WLAN
- ❑ Task group 3: **IEEE 802.15.3 (High Rate WPAN)**
 - Supporting the real-time video and music, better power management
- ❑ Task group 4: **IEEE 802.15.4 (Low Rate WPAN)**
 - For Low-Rate WPAN: very low-bandwidth low-energy communication at home (e.g. remote controls, alarms), WSN
- ❑ Basis for **ZigBee**

IEEE 802.15 Working Group

- ☐ Task group 5: **IEEE 802.15.5 (Mesh Networking)**
- ☐ Task group 6: **IEEE 802.15.6 (BAN: Body Area Networks)**
- ☐ Task group 7: **IEEE 802.15.7 (VLC: visible light communication)**
 - uses light to transmit data for wireless LAN and to create indoor positioning systems

☐ [Video](#)

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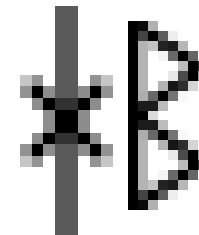
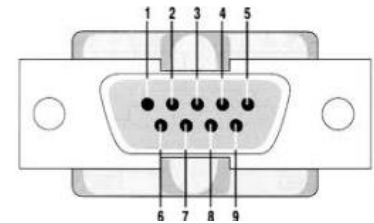


IEEE 802.15

- ❑ A communication specification for **Wireless Personal Area Networks (WPANs)**
- ❑ Technologies used for WPAN:
 - Wireless USB
 - ZigBee

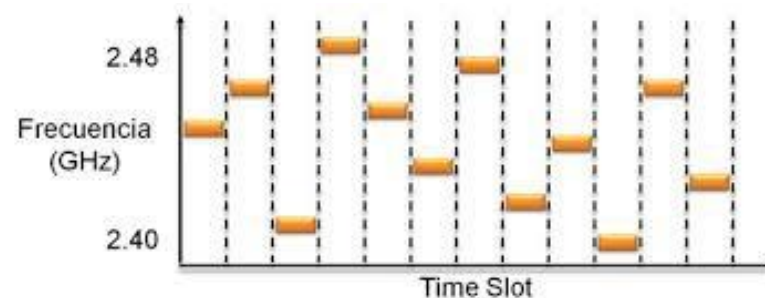
Bluetooth

- ❑ A short-range wireless communication technology and standard
- ❑ Standardised in 2002 as IEEE 802.15.1
- ❑ Short range, low power and efficient
- ❑ Operates in the ISM unlicensed band
- ❑ Originally aimed to be a wireless replacement to RS-232
- ❑ No line of sight issues compared to Infrared (IrDA)
- ❑ Bluetooth SIG (Special Interest Group) oversees Bluetooth standards



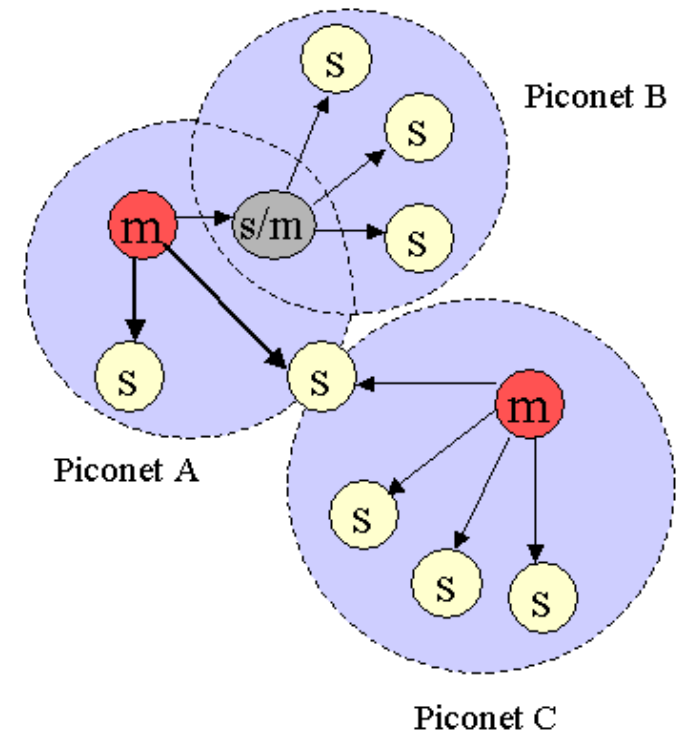
Bluetooth Technology

- ❑ IEEE 802.15.1
- ❑ Short range, low power and efficient
- ❑ No line of sight issues compared to IrDA
- ❑ Uses the 2.4 GHz ISM band (2402-2480 MHz)
- ❑ Uses FHSS (Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum) technique
 - 79 1-MHz channels (sub-bands)
 - 1600 hops per second



Piconets

- ❑ Bluetooth enables wireless communication between nodes
- ❑ Nodes dynamically paired with no prior knowledge
- ❑ **Master**: the initiating node and controlling the use of the channel
- ❑ **Slave**: the other connecting node
- ❑ Piconet consists of **one master** and **up to 7 slaves**
- ❑ Nodes in more than one piconet act as a **bridge**
- ❑ A device can act as both master and slave



Bluetooth Applications

❑ Sensors

- Sports and fitness
- Mobile healthcare
- Smart homes
- Cars

❑ Peripheral devices connected via Bluetooth

- Audio: headsets
- Human Interface Devices
- Network adapters & modems
- Using Mobile phones as a remote control
- Imaging: printers and cameras



Bluetooth Versions

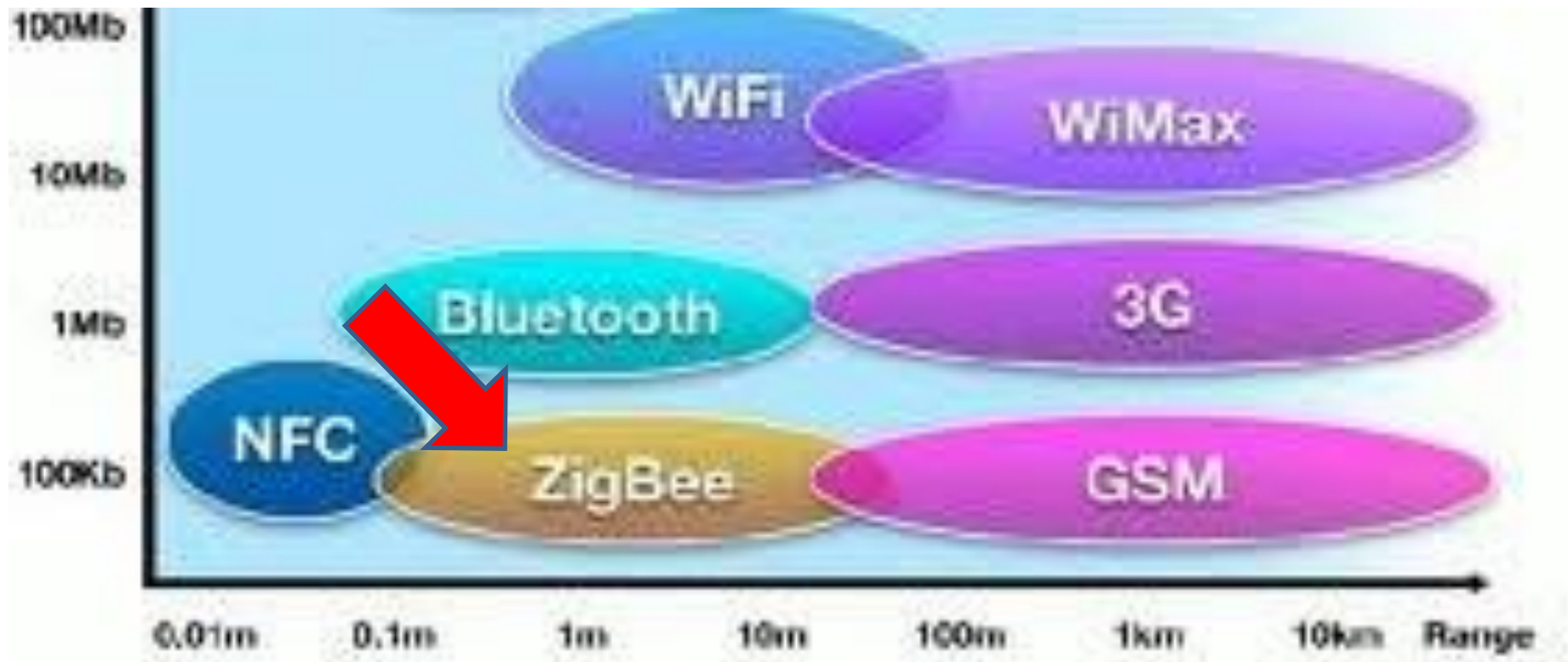
- ☐ Version 1.x
- ☐ Version 2.x
- ☐ Version 3.0
- ☐ Version 4.x
 - Bluetooth low energy (BLE) aka Bluetooth Smart
 - More energy efficient
- ☐ Version 5 (Bluetooth 5)
 - Longer range, and higher broadcasting capacity and speed
 - Support for IoT



ZigBee (IEEE 802.15.4)

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Bit-rates versus Range Graph: *ZigBee*



ZigBee

- ❑ Based on IEEE standard 802.15.4
- ❑ For **low-rate** WPANs (Wireless Personal Area Networks)
- ❑ Operates in the ISM unlicensed band
- ❑ Uses mesh networking which is flexible, self-forming and self-healing
- ❑ ZigBee benefits:
 - Easy to setup and maintain (mesh, self-organizing)
 - Reliability (self-healing)
 - Ability to scale to thousands of devices (nodes)
 - Long battery life
 - Low cost

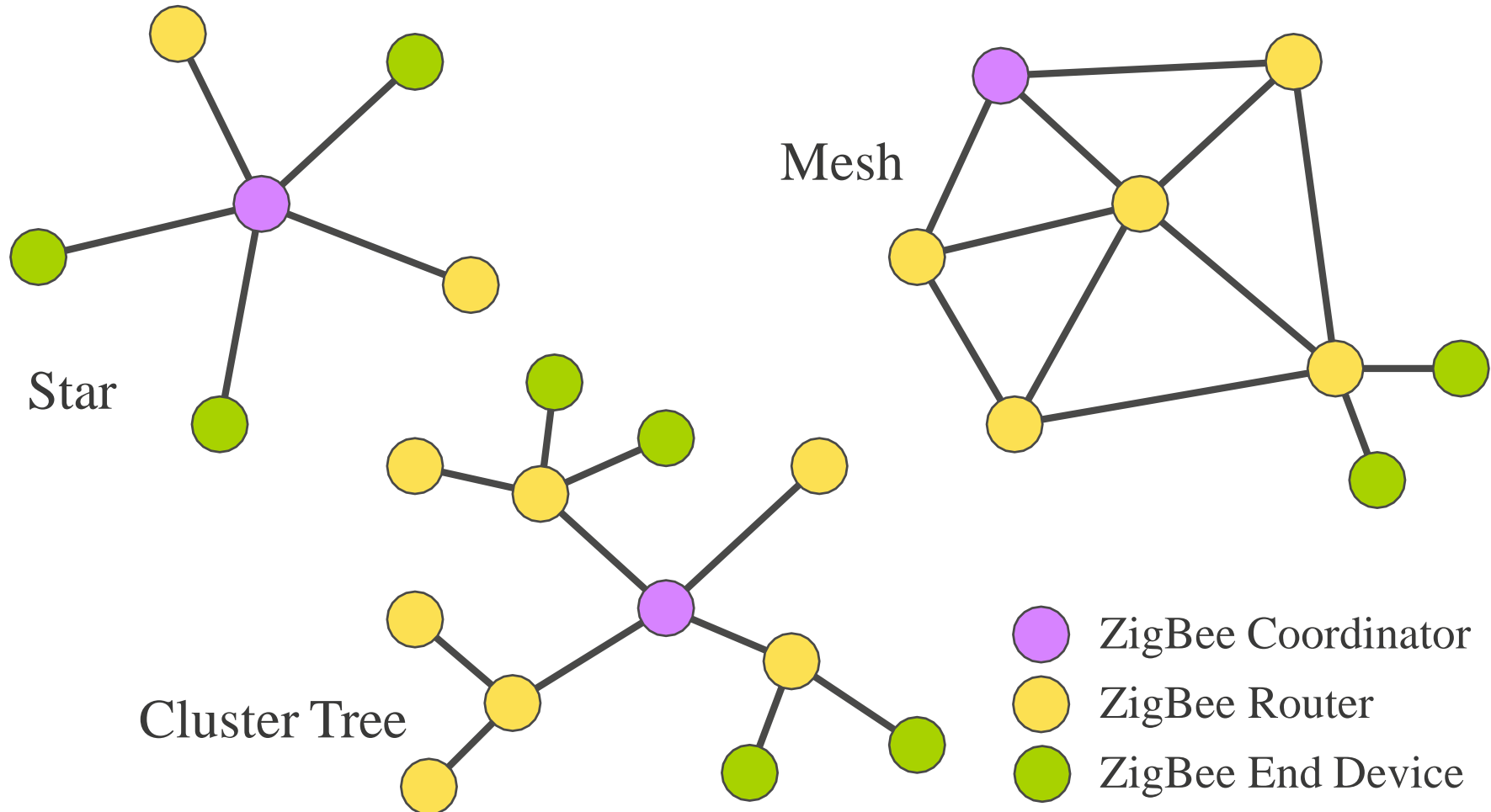


ZigBee Alliance

- ❑ ZigBee developed by ZigBee Alliance
- ❑ An open, non-profit association of members
- ❑ Established in 2002
- ❑ Supported by 400+ companies around the world



ZigBee Network Topologies



Network Components

❑ Coordinator

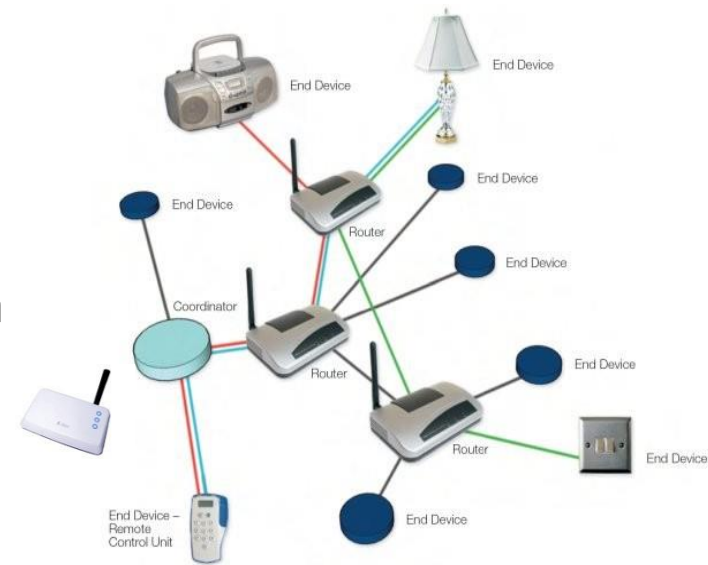
- All networks need one
- Starts the network and selects the frequency channels

❑ End Device

- Send and receive messages
- Perimeter or leaf nodes
- Often battery powered and sleep when not operating

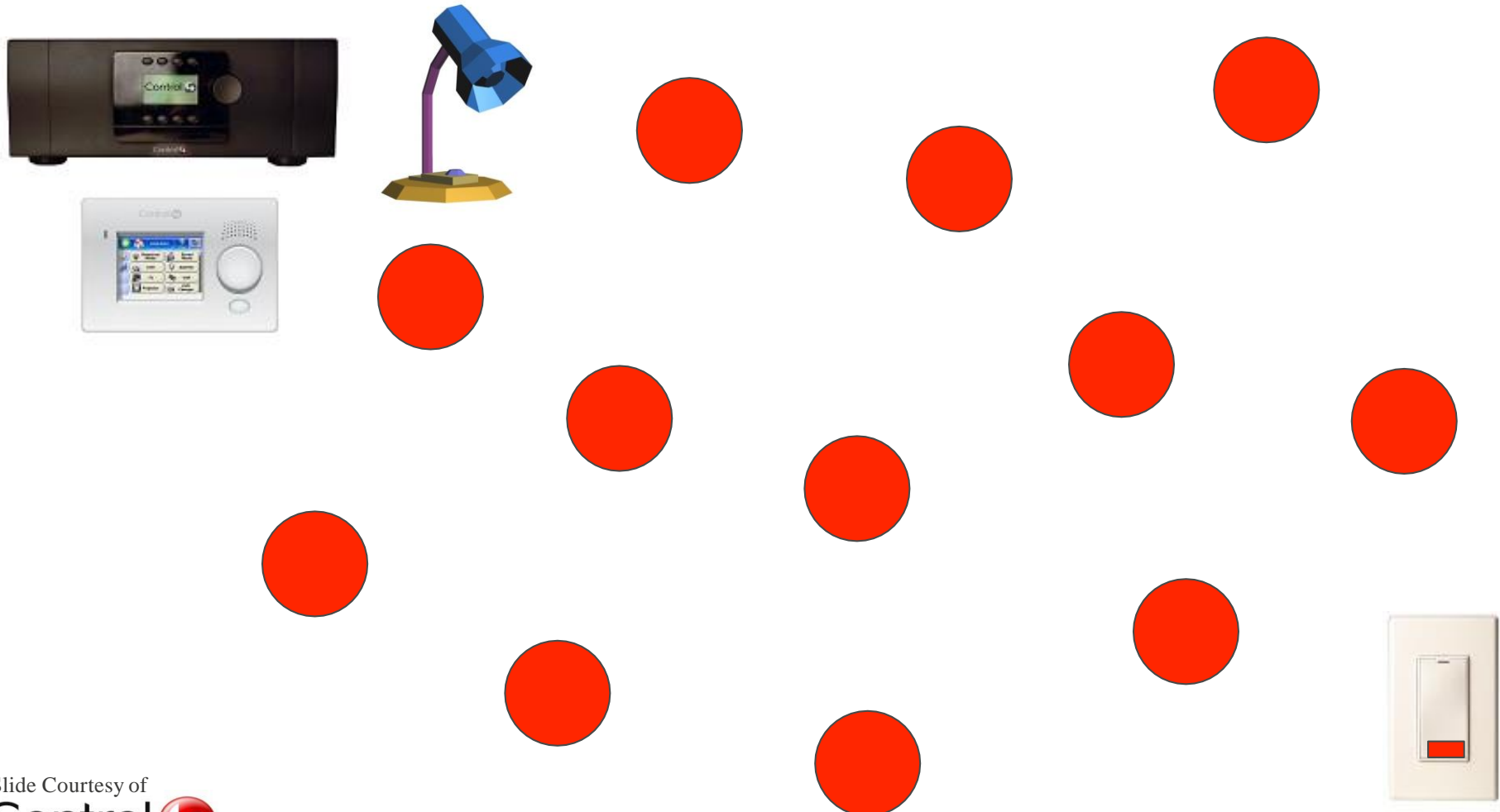
❑ Router

- Relays and passes messages from one node to another
- Allows sub-nodes to connect to it



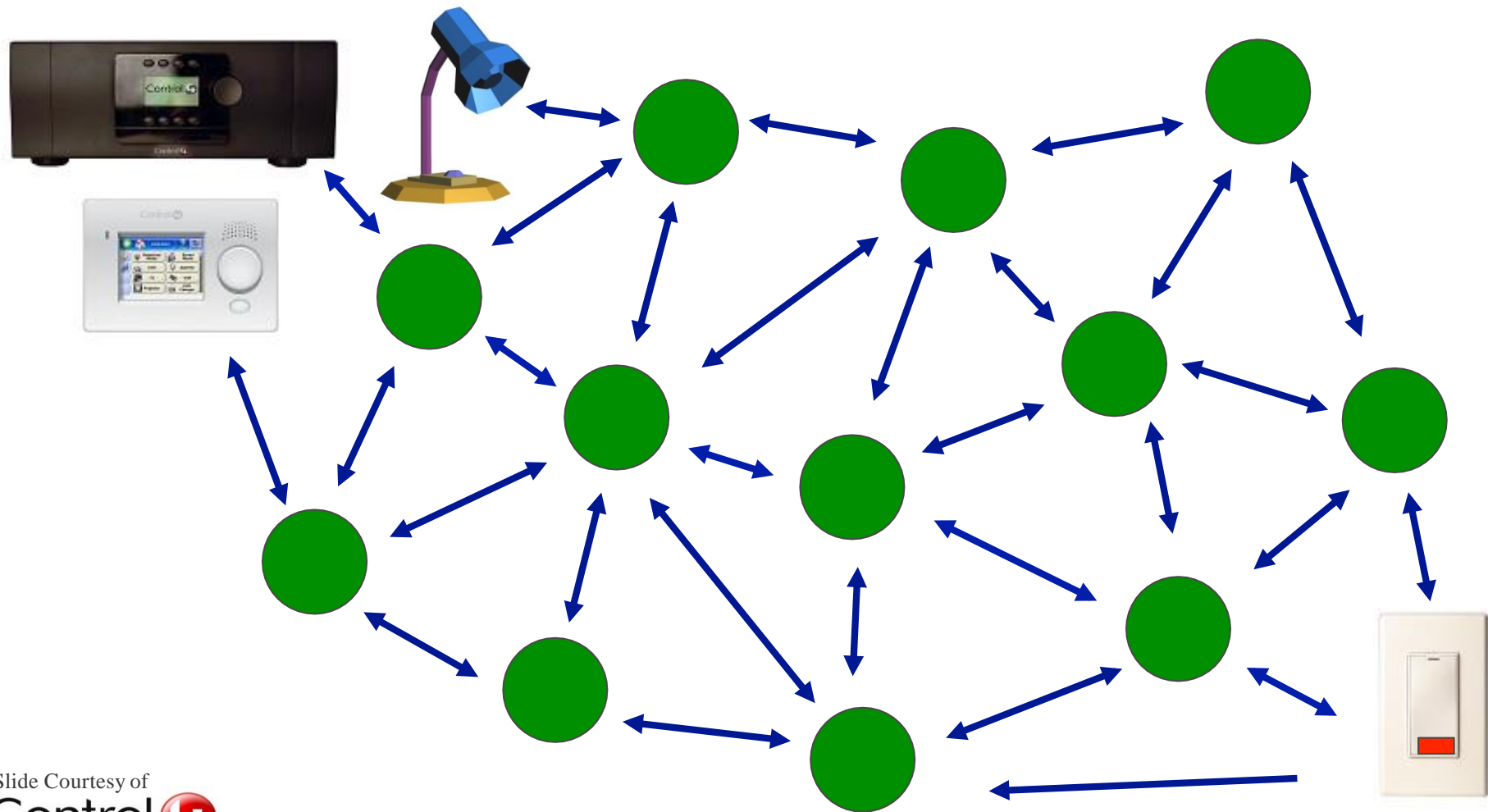
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ZigBee Mesh Networking



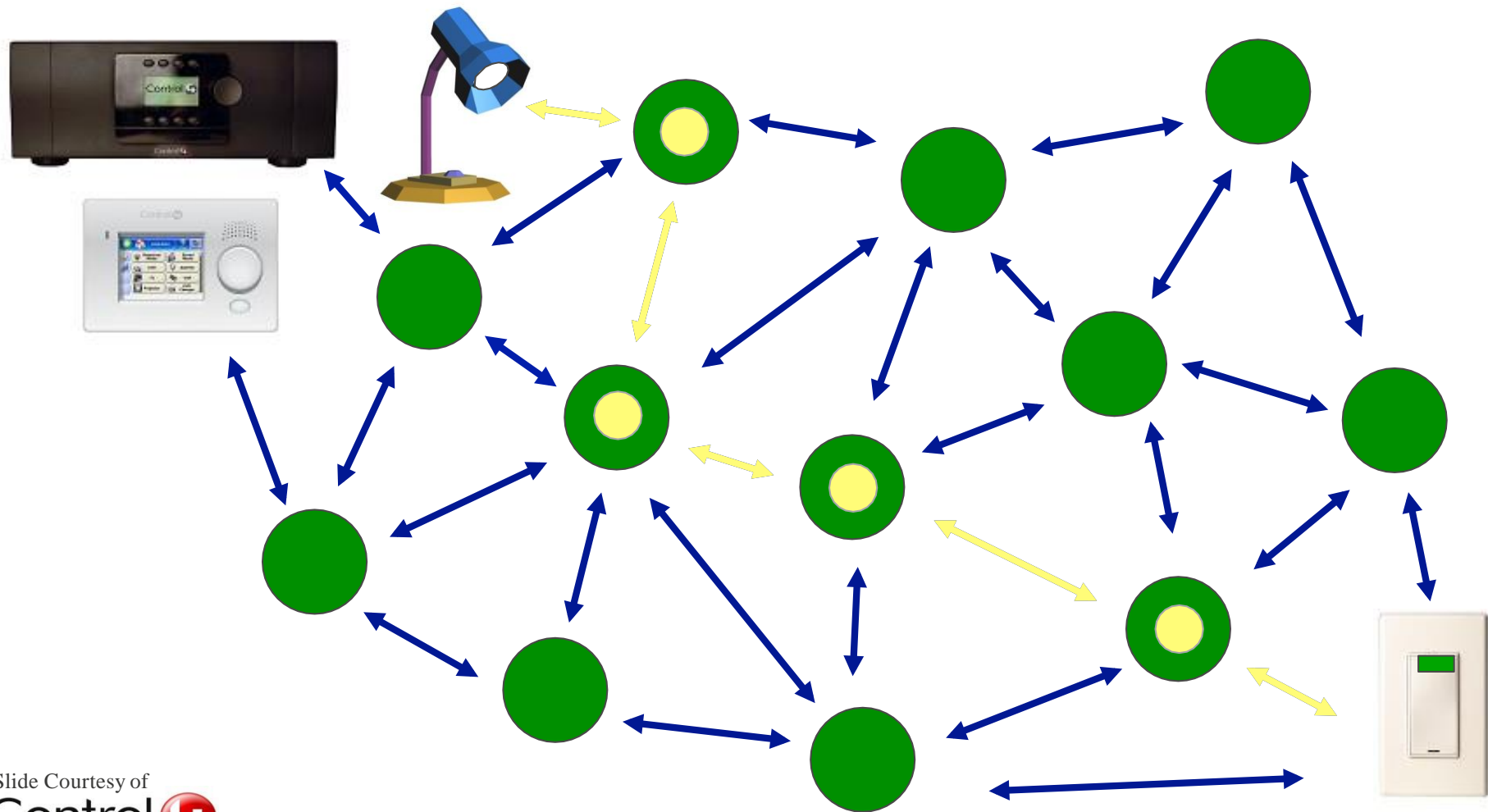
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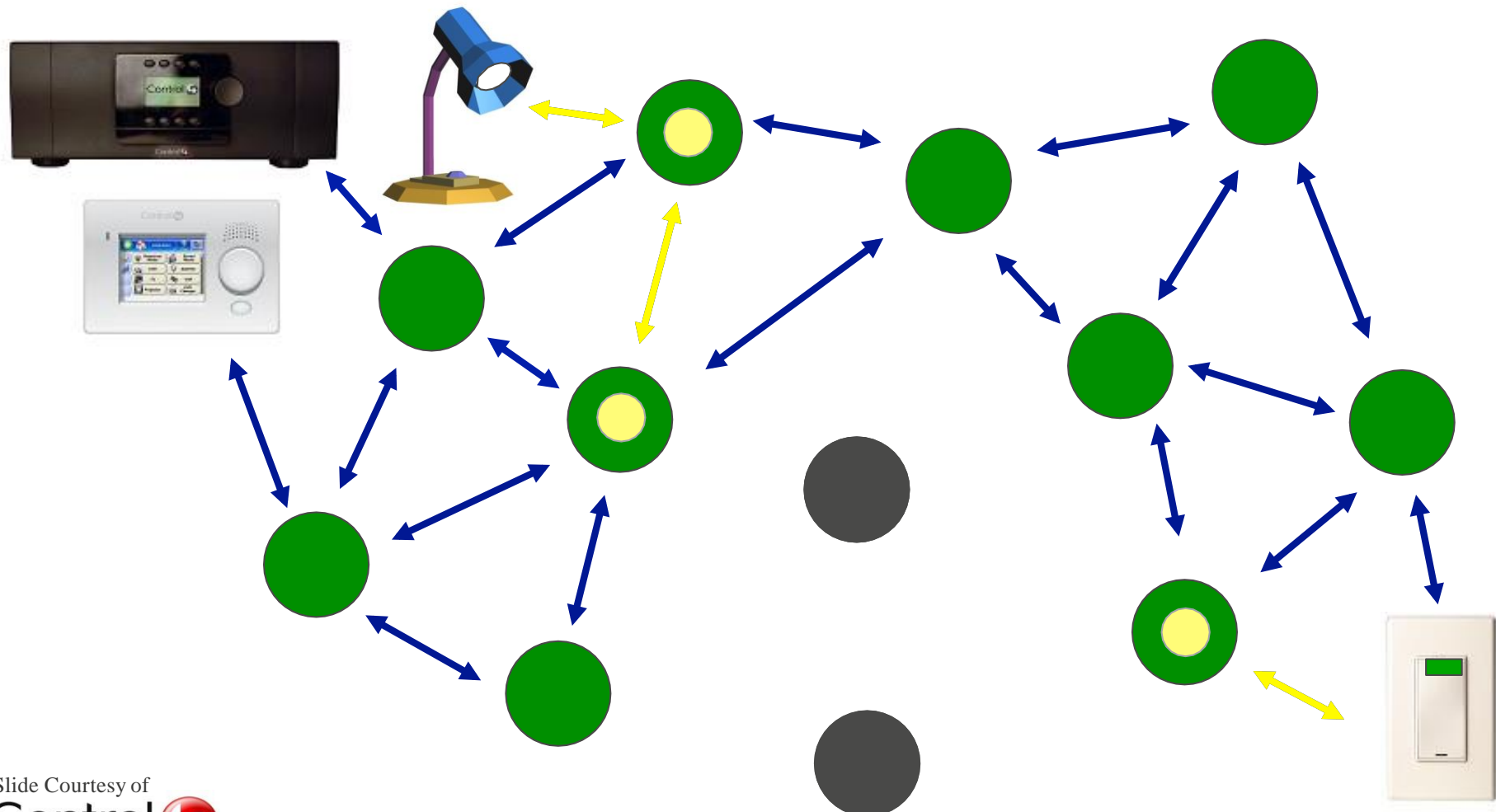
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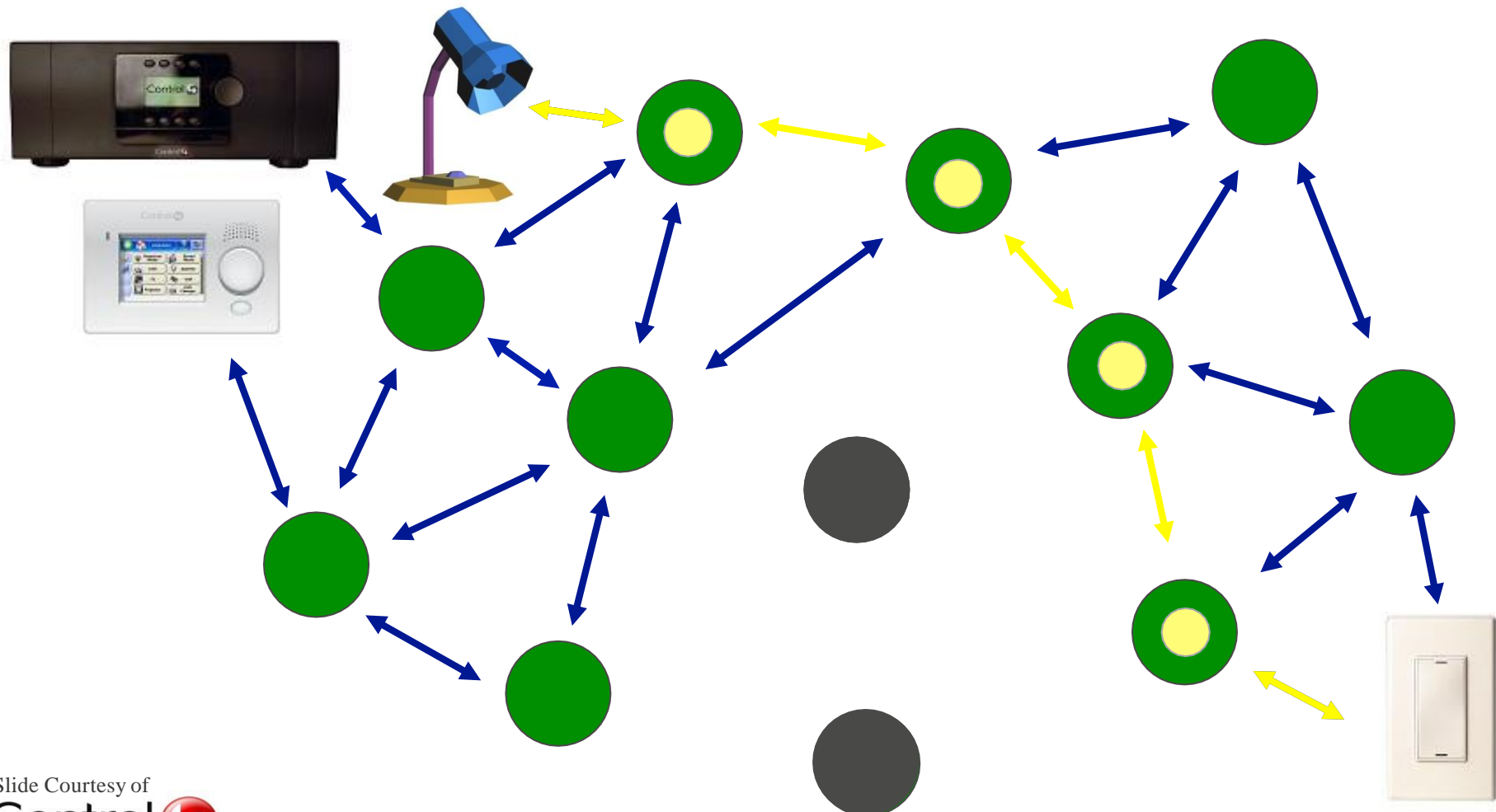
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ZigBee – Highly Reliable

- ❑ Mesh network is self forming and self-healing
- ❑ If a device fails the others can rejoin and re-connect through the remaining nodes
- ❑ Automatic retries and acknowledgements

ZigBee – Security

- ❑ Utilizes AES (**A**dvanced **E**ncryption **S**tandard) encryption
- ❑ The encryption algorithm is associated with keys



ZigBee Applications



Comparison of main Wireless Technologies

WiMAX vs WiFi

- ❑ WiFi for wireless LAN but WiMAX for more user and larger areas (MAN and WAN)
- ❑ WiMAX supports higher data rates
- ❑ WiMAX is a long range system
- ❑ There are some implementations of WiMAX for unlicensed spectrum but mainly WiMAX is licensed and WiFi is unlicensed

WiFi vs Bluetooth

- ☐ Both share 2.4 GHz band but WiFi also uses other bands like 5GHz
- ☐ WiFi aimed to achieve wireless LAN
- ☐ Bluetooth aimed to be a wireless replacement to RS-232 and cabling in personal applications
- ☐ WiFi has higher bandwidth and higher data transfer rates than Bluetooth
- ☐ Wifi has a longer range
- ☐ WiFi has better security
- ☐ WiFi has higher power consumption

Bluetooth vs ZigBee

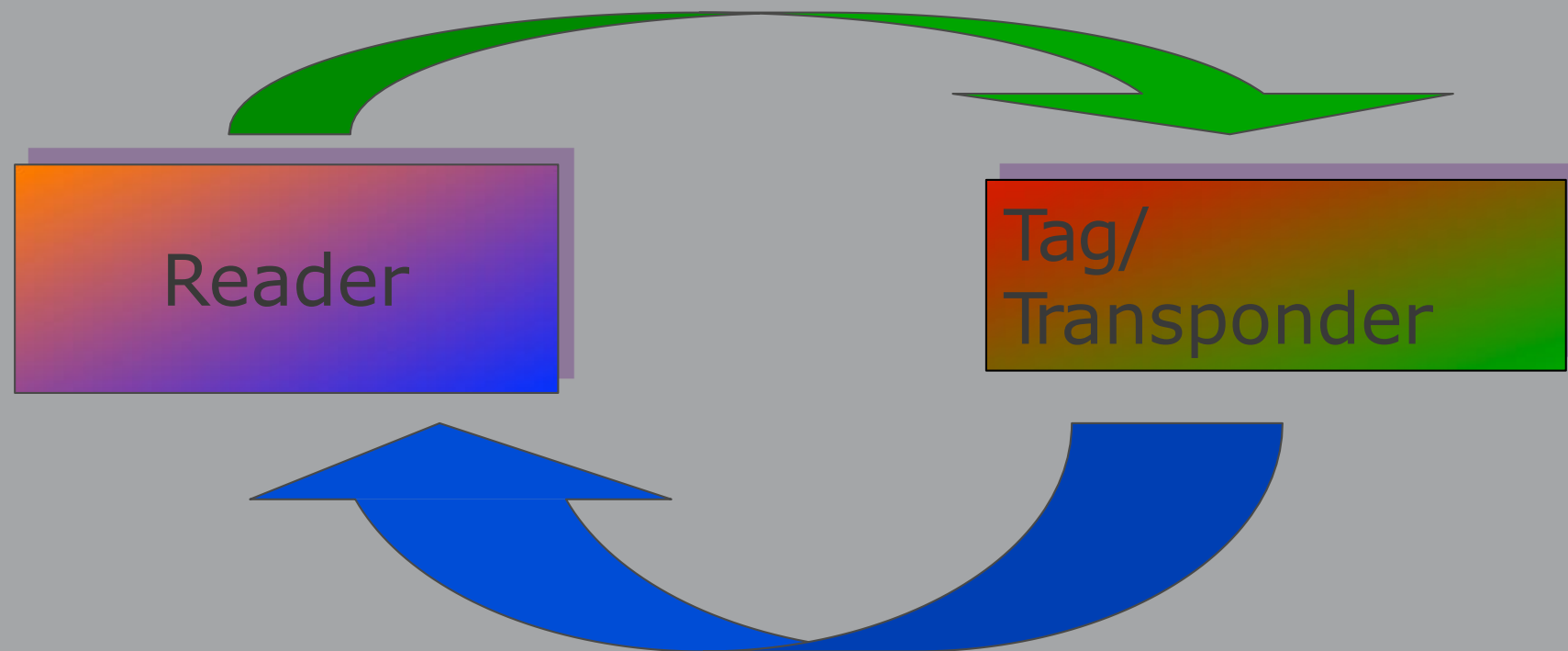
- ❑ ZigBee operates in the 868 MHz, 915 (900-928) MHz and 4 GHz ISM bands
 - Bluetooth operates in 2.4 GHz
- ❑ Uses Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS)
 - Bluetooth uses FHSS
- ❑ Network speed up to 250 kbps
 - Bluetooth up to 1-3Mbps
- ❑ ZigBee Alliance
 - Bluetooth SIG



ZigBee®

Certified product

Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)

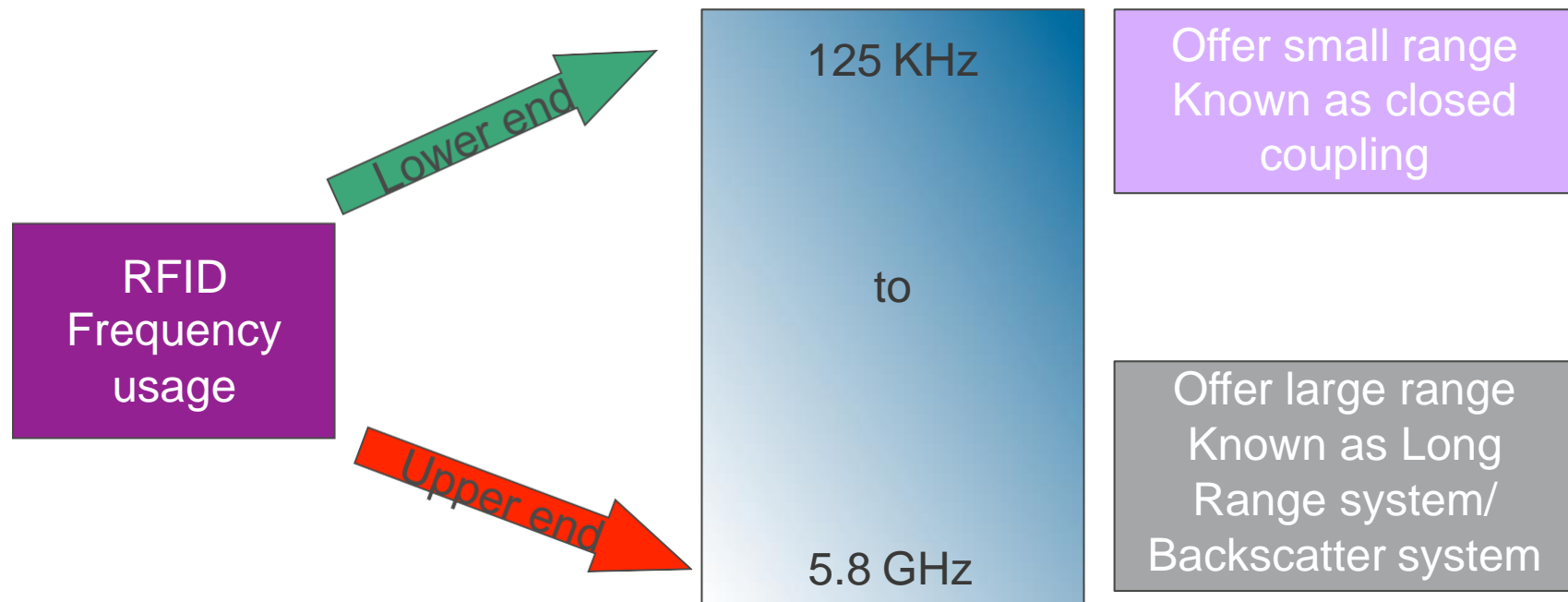


What is RFID?

- ❑ RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) is an electronic tagging/identification technology which facilitates automatic identification
 - Without any contact
 - Without the line of sight
 - By exchange of electromagnetic signals between readers and tags

Frequency spectrum

Electric, magnetic and electromagnetic field are used as physical coupling



- ❑ However, RFID system may not be limited by 125 KHz and 5.8 GHz. Systems are also being developed for frequencies outside this range.

Early history and evolution

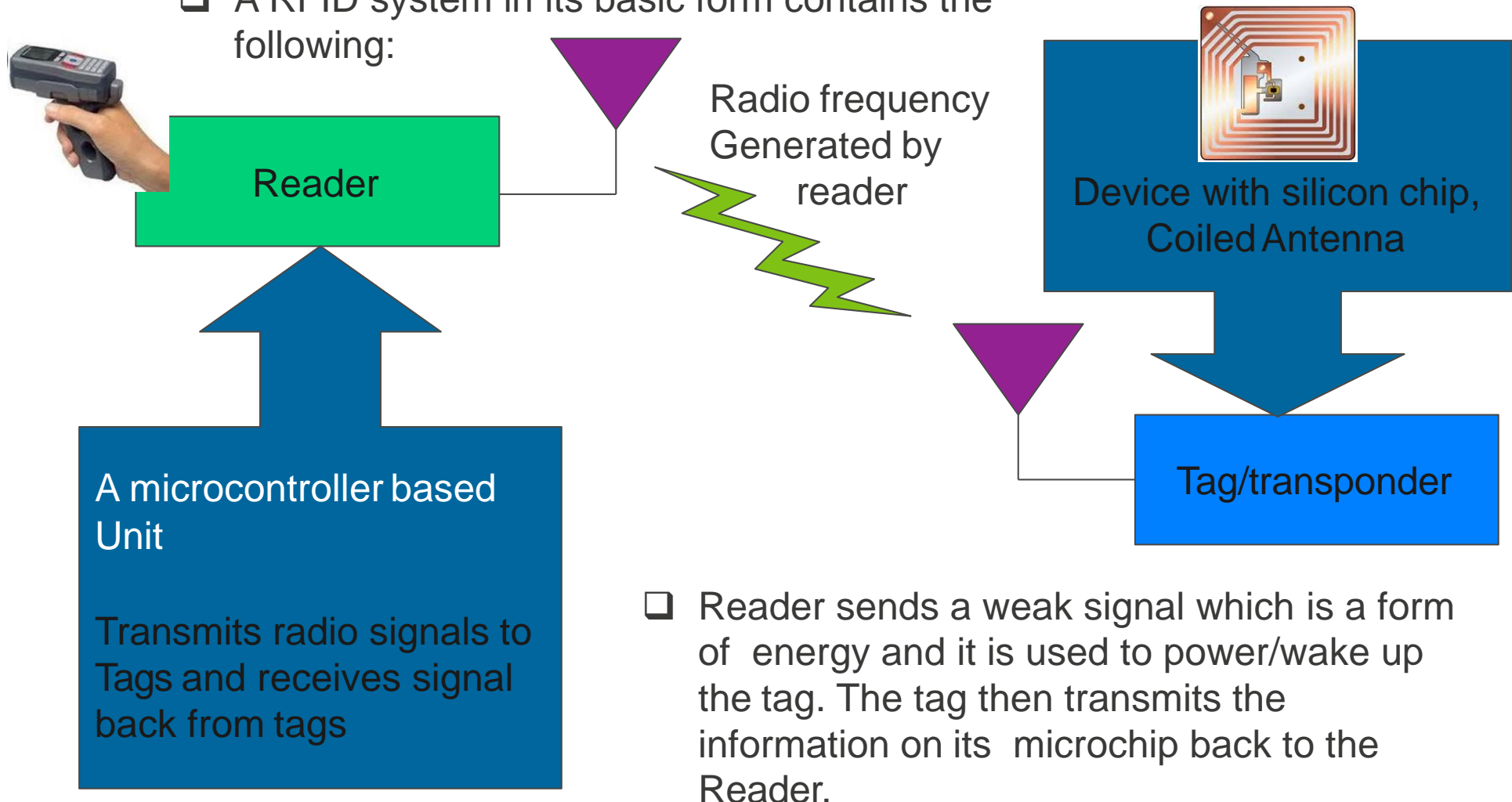
- ❑ Ideas about RFID can be traced back to World war II. **Radar** sends a radio wave and detects the reflected signal back from the object.
- ❑ Germans discovered that if a plane rolled over it changed the reflected frequency back to base, allowing for crude identification.
- ❑ British improved on this by placing a transponder beneath aircraft to identify friendly planes. RFID works on similar principle.

Types of Transponders/Tags:

1. **Passive**
2. **Semi-passive**
3. **Active**

RFID Demystified

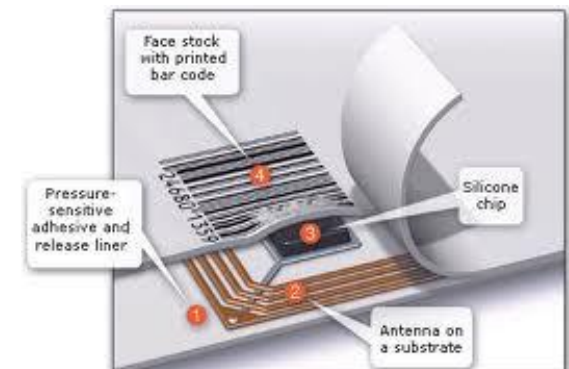
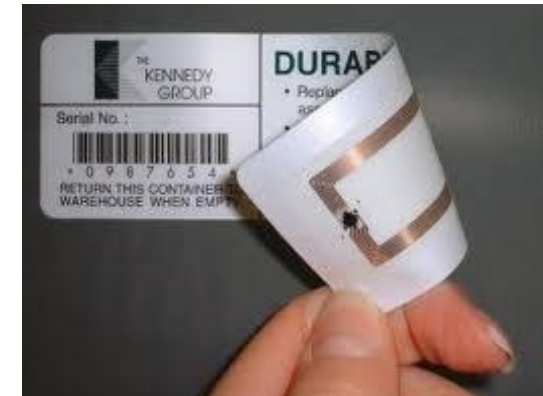
- ❑ A RFID system in its basic form contains the following:



- ❑ Reader sends a weak signal which is a form of energy and it is used to power/wake up the tag. The tag then transmits the information on its microchip back to the Reader.

Passive Tags

- ❑ No internal power source
- ❑ They draw their power from the electromagnetic field generated by the RFID reader
- ❑ When radio waves from the reader are encountered by a passive RFID tag, the coiled antenna forms a very small magnetic field
- ❑ The tag draws power from this field, energizing the circuits in the tag
- ❑ The tag then sends the information encoded in the tag's memory to the reader
- ❑ The information can be a single binary bit or arrays of bits like an identity code



Semi-active or semi-passive tags

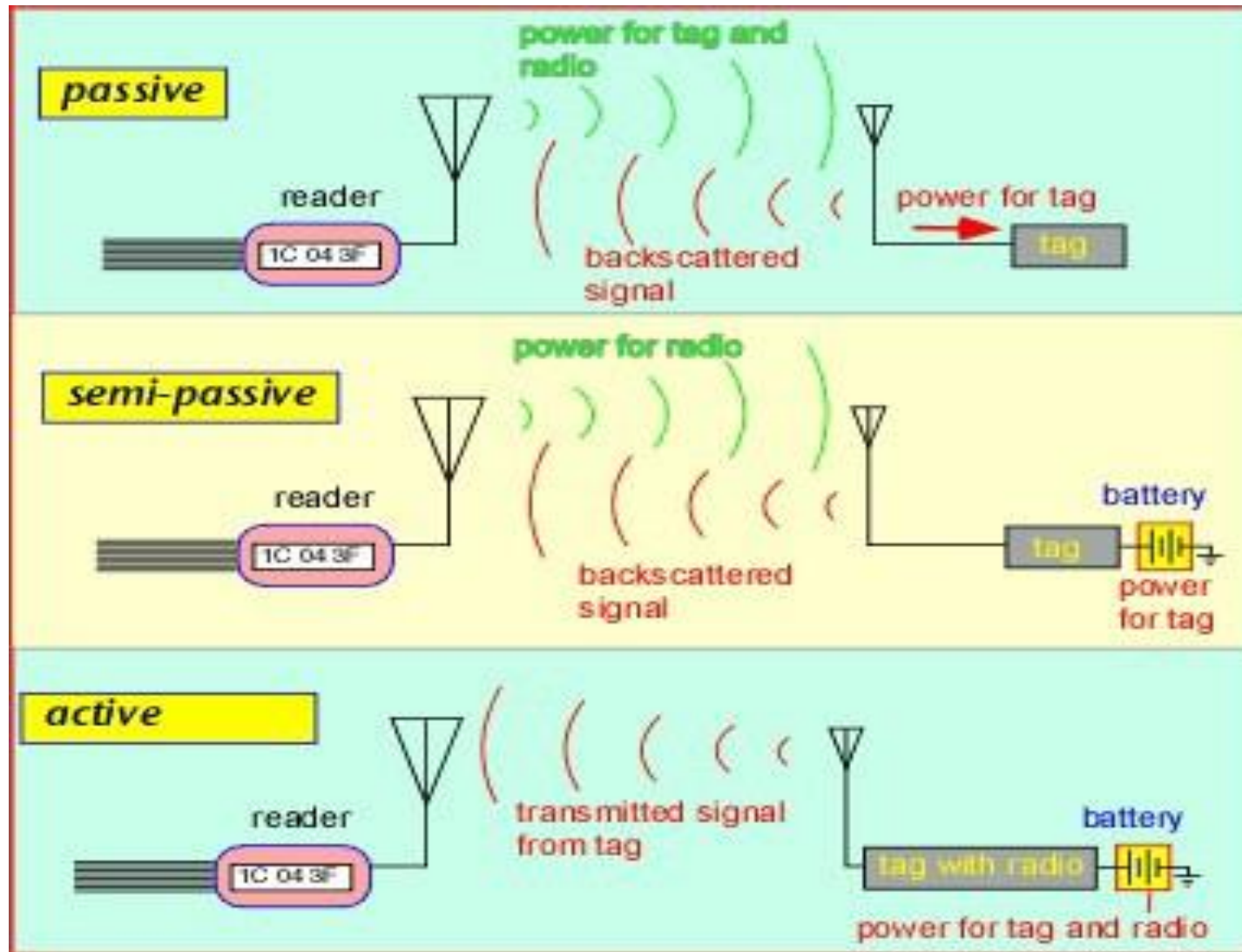
- ❑ Semi-Passive Transponders have their own power source (a small battery) that powers the microchip only
- ❑ The battery is needed only for the tag's operation (not for transmitting signal back to the reader)
- ❑ Like passive tags, they have no transmitter
- ❑ They can act faster than the passive tags
- ❑ The read range for a semi-active tag can be up to ~6-30 meters



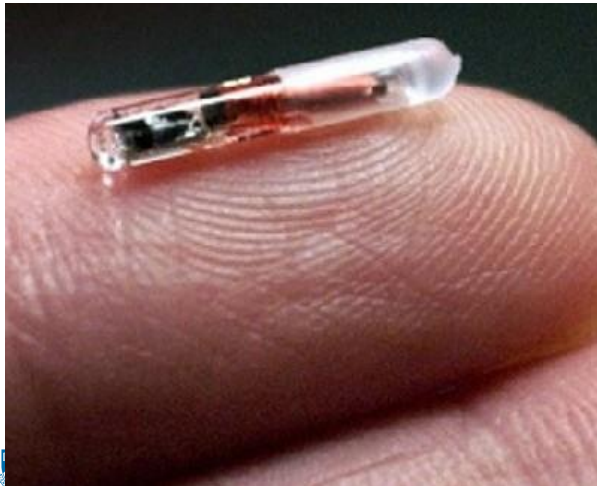
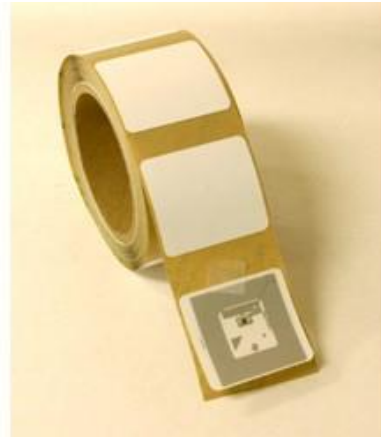
Active tags

- ❑ They have transmitters and internal power (on-board battery) to power up the microchip and transmit signals to a reader
- ❑ The read range is much greater than Passive ones, up to 100 meters
- ❑ Very expensive compared to passive tags and bigger in size
- ❑ Operates in high frequency range: e.g. 455 MHz, 2.45 GHz or 5.8 GHz
- ❑ Used for tracking expensive assets over a large area or vehicles (military, shipping or mining industries)





RFID Tags



Reading and Writing to RFID Tags

Read only (RO) tags

- The manufacturers of tags burn permanently data for the tag onto the microchip.
- It is also referred to as factory programmed tag.

Write-once, read many (WORM)

- This kind of tags enables the users to modify or update the tag's information. Security-wise these are better than RW tag.
- These are also available at a lower cost.

Read write (RW)

- Here the reader can be used to modify data in the tags.
- This kind of tags is also known as field programmable or re-programmable.

RFID Classes

EPC Class Type	Features	Tag Type
Class 0	Read Only	Passive (64 bit only)
Class 1	Write Once, Read Many (WORM)	Passive (96 bit min.)
Class 2 (Gen2)	Read/ Write	Passive (96 bit min.)
Class 3	Read/Write with battery power to enhance range	Semi-Active
Class 4	Read/Write active transmitter	Active

TABLE I**RFID FREQUENCY RANGES, STANDARDS AND THEIR KEY APPLICATIONS**

RFID	KEY APPLICATIONS	STANDARD
125 kHz (LF)	Inexpensive passive RFID tags for identifying animals	ISO 18000-2
13.56 MHz (HF)	Inexpensive passive RFID tags for identifying objects, e.g., library books identification, clothes identification, etc.	ISO 14443
400 MHz	For remote control for vehicle centre locking systems	ISO 18000-7*
868 MHz, 915 MHz & 922 MHz (UHF)	For active and passive RFID tags for logistics in Europe, United States & Australia, respectively	Auto-ID Class 0 Auto-ID Class 1 ISO 18000-6
2.45 GHz (microwave)	An ISM band, used for active & passive RFID tags, e.g., with temperature sensors or GPS localization	ISO 18000-4
5.8 GHz (microwave)	Used for long read range passive and active RFID tags for vehicle identification, highway toll collection	ISO 18000-5

RFID Application Areas

- ☐ Proximity access control (cards and key fobs)
- ☐ Passports
- ☐ Toll collection
- ☐ Transportation and logistics
- ☐ Hospitals and healthcare
- ☐ Livestock and wild animal tracking



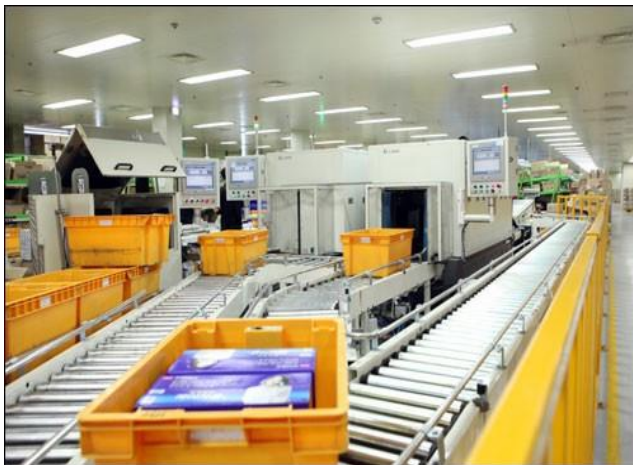
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RFID Applications Areas (Cont'd)

- ☐ Retail
- ☐ Supply Chain Management
- ☐ Asset tracking and Logistics
- ☐ Inventory systems



Near Field Communication (NFC)

Wireless Technology

Bit-rates versus Range Graph: *NFC*



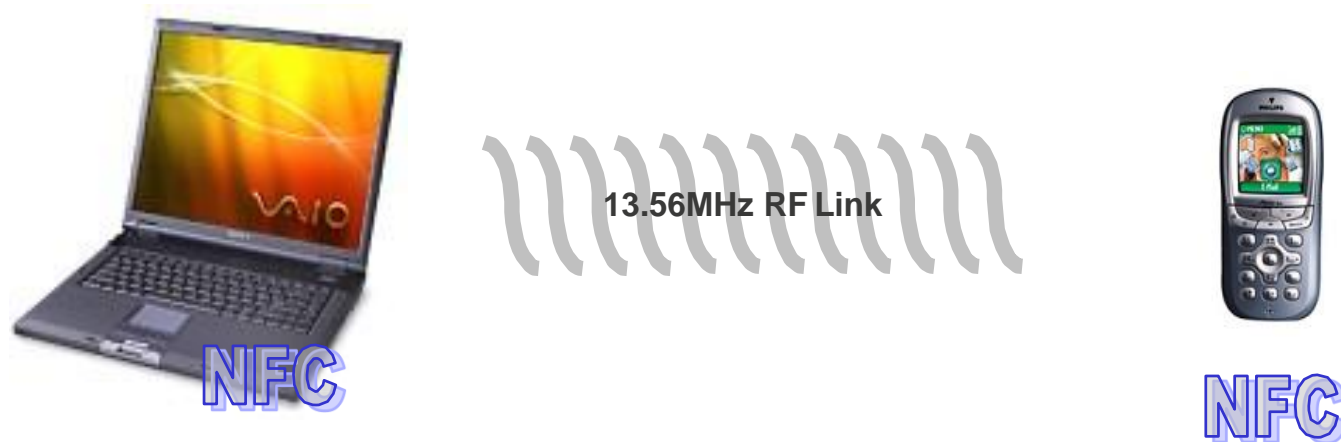
What is NFC (Near Field Communication)

- ❑ A very **short range** wireless radio communication technology between devices like smartphones or tablets
- ❑ Based on RFID technology



NFC - Technical Basics

- ❑ Operating at the **13.56 MHz** frequency and distance up to **10-20 cm**
- ❑ Compatible with the RFID technology



NFC Forum

- ❑ Developed and promoted by the NFC Forum
 - Founded in 2004 by Sony, Nokia, and Philips
- ❑ Collaboration with groups such as the Bluetooth SIG (Special Interest Group)
 - *Bluetooth Secure Simple Pairing Using NFC*
 - Provides developers with even more design options for connecting Bluetooth devices
 - Pairing devices with little or no user interface to smartphones



Types of Data Exchange

❑ Passive mode (between NFC device and tag):

- A passive device (such as an NFC tag) stores information that other NFC devices can read but it cannot read any information itself
- E.g. a sign on a wall

❑ Active mode (between two NFC devices):

- Both devices can be NFC readers and tags
- Like a smartphone that is able to collect information from NFC tags and also to store and exchange information with other compatible phones/devices
- **Peer-to-peer communication** through two active, allowing both devices to send and receive information

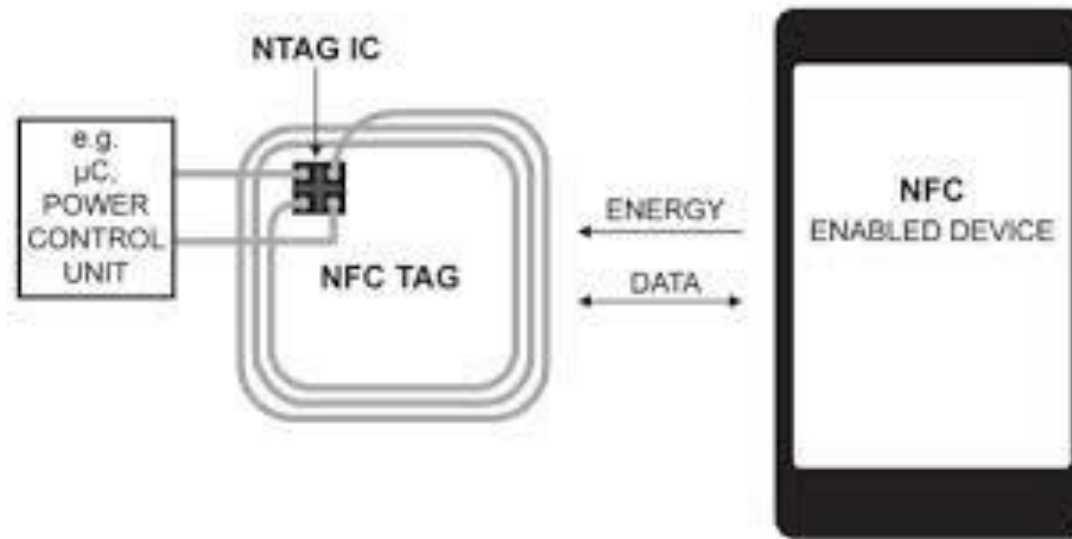


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How does NFC work?

- ❑ NFC allows a device (a reader) to create a radio frequency current that communicates with a small NFC tag holding the information
- ❑ NFC utilizes electromagnetic radio fields for mobile communication and data exchange between devices



NFC Applications

- ❑ Credit cards, debit cards and tickets, or e-cards
- ❑ Uses a secure channel and encryption for exchanging sensitive information



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