

# Meeting the *Bluetooth*<sup>®</sup> Challenge with

Frontline's BPA 600 Dual Mode *Bluetooth* Protocol Analyzer

# BPA 600<sup>™</sup>

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# Frontline Test Equipment

- 27 years of protocol analysis expertise
- 84 of the Fortune 100 companies use our protocol analyzers
- Involved with Bluetooth wireless technology initiatives from the beginning (~12 years)
- Work closely with the Bluetooth SIG – specifications, working groups, technology committees
- Frontline products support every Bluetooth specification, profile, and protocol



# Bluetooth® Wireless Technology

- BPA 600 - Bluetooth v4.0 + HS – v4.1 when ready
  - “Classic” (BR/EDR)
  - low energy
  - 802.11 - High Speed



# *Bluetooth®* Challenges

- Dual Mode “Classic” (BR/EDR) and low energy
- Complex software
- Ever changing specifications
- Interoperability
- Time to market

# Why *Bluetooth*® Dual Mode Tools?

- Many next generation *Bluetooth* devices use both Classic and low energy
- Powerful portability in a handheld box
- Simplifies development and debugging of *Bluetooth* devices



# BPA 600™

- Dual Mode – “Classic” (BR/EDR) and low energy
- Live decoding
- Easy to use
- Bluetooth industry Standard
- Debug, Test, & Verify FAST!



# BPA 600 – Key Features

- Improved synching without the need for a second ComProbe (Interlaced Page Scanning as standard)
- Support every *Bluetooth* specification, protocol and profile
- Includes “*ProbeSync*” for accurate time stamped data.
- Includes Frontline’s DecoderScript™
- Improved capture of pre-connection traffic (FHS packet visibility)
- MSC (Message Sequence Chart)



# Air Sniffing Features: Low energy

- Easy setup - Just start capturing
- No need to synchronize to devices
- Scans and captures all three advertising channels concurrently
- Follow multiple CONNECT\_REQ from the same master and capture the resulting connections
- Follow CONNECTION\_UPDATE\_REQ and CHANNEL\_MAP\_REQ
- Follow pairing and decrypt encrypted traffic





# Points of Observation

*Bluetooth low energy*



*Bluetooth Dual Mode*



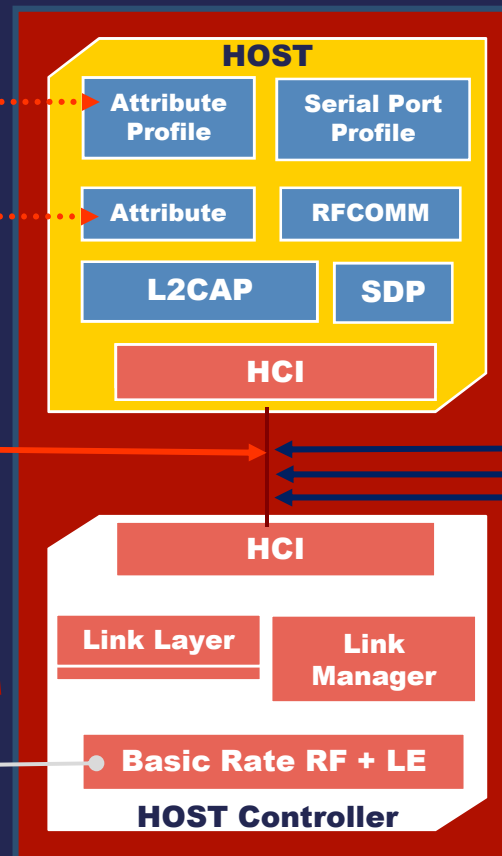
*Bluetooth "Classic"*



Virtual Sniffing

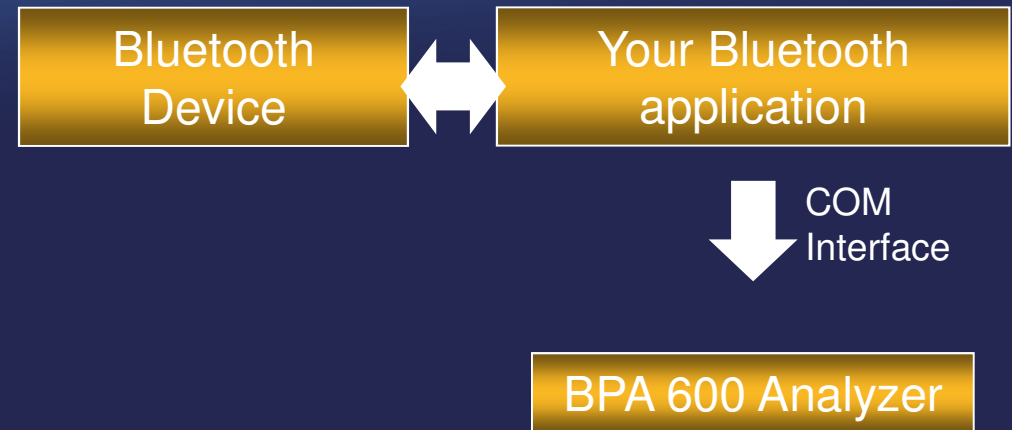
HCI Sniffing

USB  
SDIO  
UART



# Sniffs “Virtually”

- The Live Import feature permits any application to feed data into BPA 600
- Use virtual sniffing instead of rudimentary hex dumps and traces



# User Interface Features

- Familiar tree protocol decode display
  - single-click protocol filtering
- Decodes & displays multiple protocol layers of multiple data packets simultaneously
- Detects and displays protocol errors (in red) in real-time
- Session notes and annotated bookmarks
  - allow for quick identification of questionable packets



# Additional Features

- Continuous direct logging to disk
- Audio extraction
- Counts



# Frame Display

The screenshot shows the 'Frame Display' application window. The top menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Format, Filter, Options, Window, and Help. Below the menu is a toolbar with various icons. The main window is divided into several panes. The top pane is a table of frames with columns: B..., Frame#, CPH, Chan, Packet Status, DS, Len, Fra, Delta, and Timestamp. Frame 2,776 is selected. Below the table, the left pane shows a tree view of the selected frame's details, including LE BB, LE PKT, LE DATA, and L2CAP. The right pane shows the raw data for the selected frame, including a hex dump and a packet capture view.

B...	Frame#	CPH	Chan	Packet Status	DS	Len	Fra	Delta	Timestamp
2,769	1	14	SUCCESS	N	2	15	Supported L2CAP spec version: eL2CAP		44421...
2,770	0	37	SUCCESS	N	20	33	00:00:00.0...	3/11/2009 5:10:28 45362...	
2,771	1	19	SUCCESS	N	2	15	00:00:00.0...	3/11/2009 5:10:28 46273...	
2,772	1	19	SUCCESS	N	2	15	00:00:00.0...	3/11/2009 5:10:28 46296...	
2,773	1	24	SUCCESS	N	27	40	00:00:00.0...	3/11/2009 5:10:28 48148...	
2,774	1	24	SUCCESS	N	2	15	00:00:00.0...	3/11/2009 5:10:28 48191...	
2,775	0	37	SUCCESS	N	20	33	00:00:00.0...	3/11/2009 5:10:28 48986...	
2,776	1	29	SUCCESS	N	29	42	00:00:00.0...	3/11/2009 5:10:28 50023...	
2,777	1	29	SUCCESS	N	2	15	00:00:00.0...	3/11/2009 5:10:28 50068...	
2,778	1	29	SUCCESS	N	29	42	00:00:00.0...	3/11/2009 5:10:28 50091...	
2,779	1	29	SUCCESS	N	2	15	00:00:00.0...	3/11/2009 5:10:28 50136...	
2,780	1	29	SUCCESS	N	29	42	00:00:00.0...	3/11/2009 5:10:28 50159...	
2,781	1	29	SUCCESS	N	2	15	00:00:00.0...	3/11/2009 5:10:28 50204...	
2,782	1	29	SUCCESS	N	29	42	00:00:00.0...	3/11/2009 5:10:28 50227...	
2,783	1	29	SUCCESS	N	2	15	00:00:00.0...	3/11/2009 5:10:28 50271...	

Frame 2,776: Len=42

- LE BB:
  - CP #: 1
  - Channel Index: 29 - 2464 MHz
  - Meets Predefined Filter Criteria for BT low energy devices: No
  - Decrypted by Analyzer: No
  - Event Status: Everything was ok.
  - PDU Length: 29
- LE PKT:
  - Preamble: 0xaa
  - Access Address: 0xcc81bc0e
  - CRC: 0x4f96d8
- LE DATA:
  - LLID: Start
  - NESN: 1
  - SN: 1
  - MD: 1
  - Payload Length: 27
- L2CAP:
  - PDU Length: 3673
  - Channel ID: 0x0042
  - Payload is fragmented. Decode is in another frame

Raw Data (Hex):

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00111110 00100001 00000010 00010000 00011101 10101010 00001110 10111100 10000001 11001100
00011110 00011011 01011001 00001110 01000010 00000000 01100011 01100011 00100000 00110000
01111000 00110000 00110000 00110000 00110010 00110101 01100010 00110000 00110001 01100010
01100110 00111000 00110100 00001101 00001010 01110011 01101100 01100101 01100101 01001111
10010110 11011000

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Packet Capture View:

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8e 21 02 10 1d aa 0e bc 81 cc 1e 1b 59 0e 42 00 63 63 20 30 78 30 30 30 32 35 62 30 31 62 66 38
34 0d 0a 73 6c 65 65 4f 96 d8

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Summary:

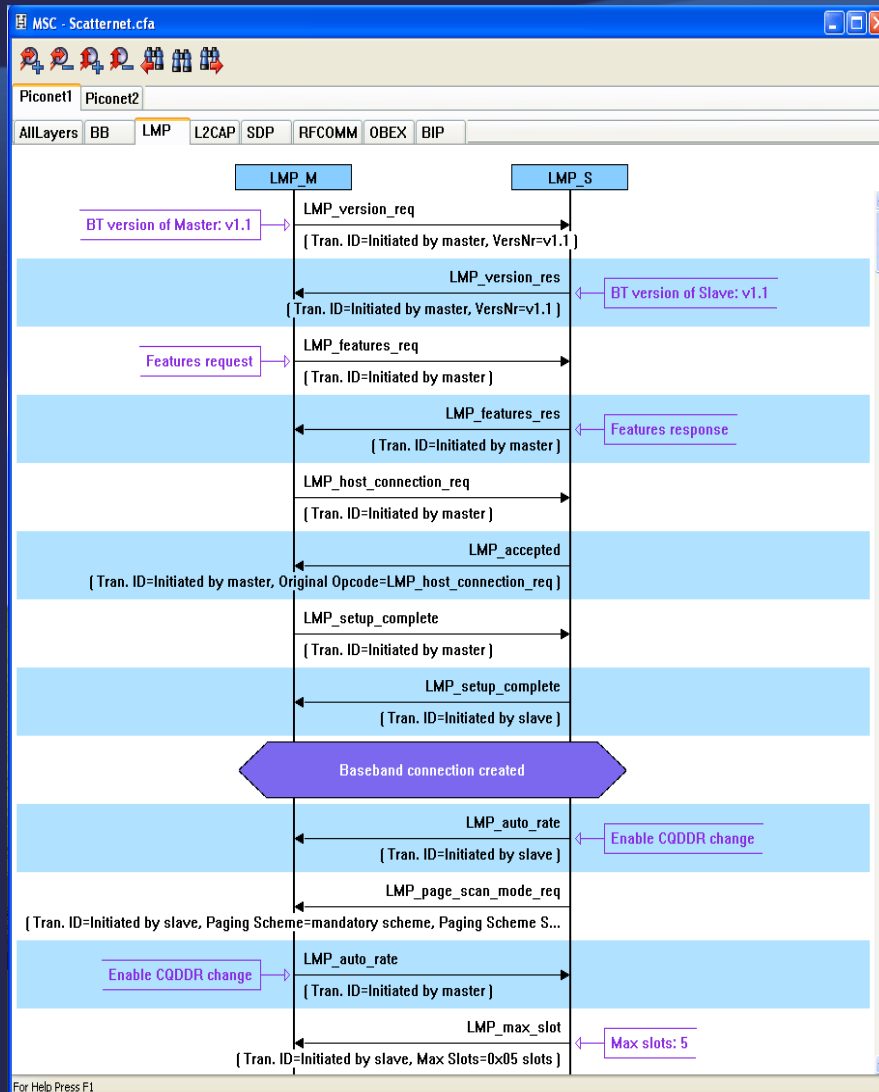
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For Help Press F1

Panes:

- Summary
- Detail
- Radix
- Protocol Filter tabs

# MSC: Message Sequence Chart



- All in simple terms and easy to understand
- MSC makes it easy to see
  - Physical link activities
  - Logical links activities
  - Protocol level activities
  - Profile level activities

# Supported profiles & protocols

◆ 802.11 MAC	◆ AVDTP Recover	◆ H4DS	◆ BIP	◆ UDI	◆ LE LL Ctrl
◆ 802.11 Radio	◆ AVDTP Report	◆ Hands-Free	◆ BPP	◆ Bluetooth USB	◆ LE PKT
◆ <i>Bluetooth</i> PRP	◆ AVDTP	◆ HCI SCO/eSCO	◆ FTP	◆ VCP	◆ SMP
◆ 802.11 AMP	◆ Signaling	◆ HCI UART	◆ MAP	◆ VDP	
◆ NMEA_0183	◆ AVDTP	◆ HCI	◆ OPP	◆ <i>Bluetooth</i> Virtual	
◆ Virtual Sniffer	◆ AVRCP	◆ HCRP Control	◆ PBAP	◆ Transport	
◆ PTS	◆ Browsing	◆ HCRP Data	◆ SYNC	◆ Frame Info	
◆ WiMedia	◆ Baseband	◆ HDP (Health	◆ OBEX	◆ Encapsulated	
◆ BlueCore Serial	◆ BNEP	◆ Device Profile)	◆ RFCOMM	◆ AsyncPPP	
◆ Protocol	◆ CAPI	◆ Headset	◆ SCO/eSCO	◆ mSBC	
◆ Three-Wire	◆ CMTF	◆ IEEE11073	◆ SDIO	◆ MCAP Control	
◆ UART	◆ Extended Inquiry	◆ BT-HID	◆ SDIO-HCI	◆ SyncML	
◆ A2DP	◆ Response	◆ L2CAP	◆ SDP	◆ WUSB	
◆ AMP Manager	◆ FAX	◆ LMP	◆ SIM Application	◆ ATT	
◆ AVRCP	◆ <i>Bluetooth</i> FHS	◆ LPMP	◆ SIM ACCESS	◆ LE ADV	
◆ AVCTP	◆ GAP (Generic	◆ Non-Captured	◆ SPP	◆ LE BB	
◆ AVDTP Media	◆ Access Profile)	◆ Info	◆ TCS	◆ LE DATA	

# Sniffs Air – Dual Mode

- Sniffs low energy and “Classic” Bluetooth devices
- Displays all packets into a single view

Dual Mode *Bluetooth* Device



LE *Bluetooth* Device

Classic *Bluetooth* Device





# BPA 600 Addons

- **802.11 ComProbe Addon**

*802.11 ComProbe with antennas to monitor Bluetooth packets across a WiFi transport*

- **USB ComProbe Addon**

*USB HCI sniffer hardware using the USB ComProbe II.*

- **SDIO ComProbe Addon**

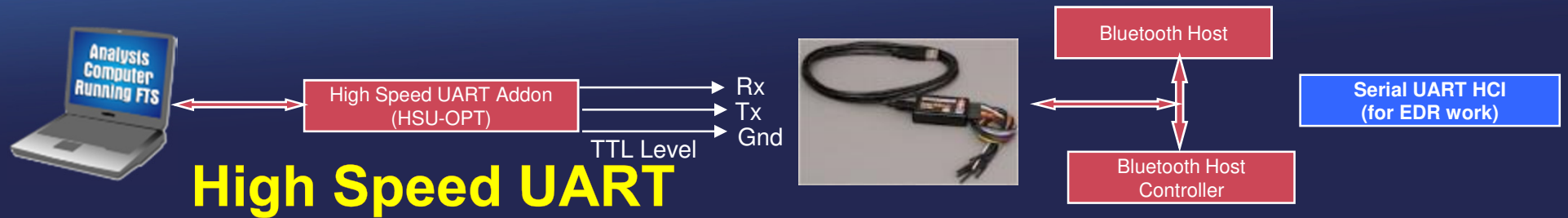
*SDIO sniffer hardware using the SDIO ComProbe*

- **High Speed UART Addon**

*UART HCI sniffer hardware*



# HCI Sniffing – Add-ons Summary



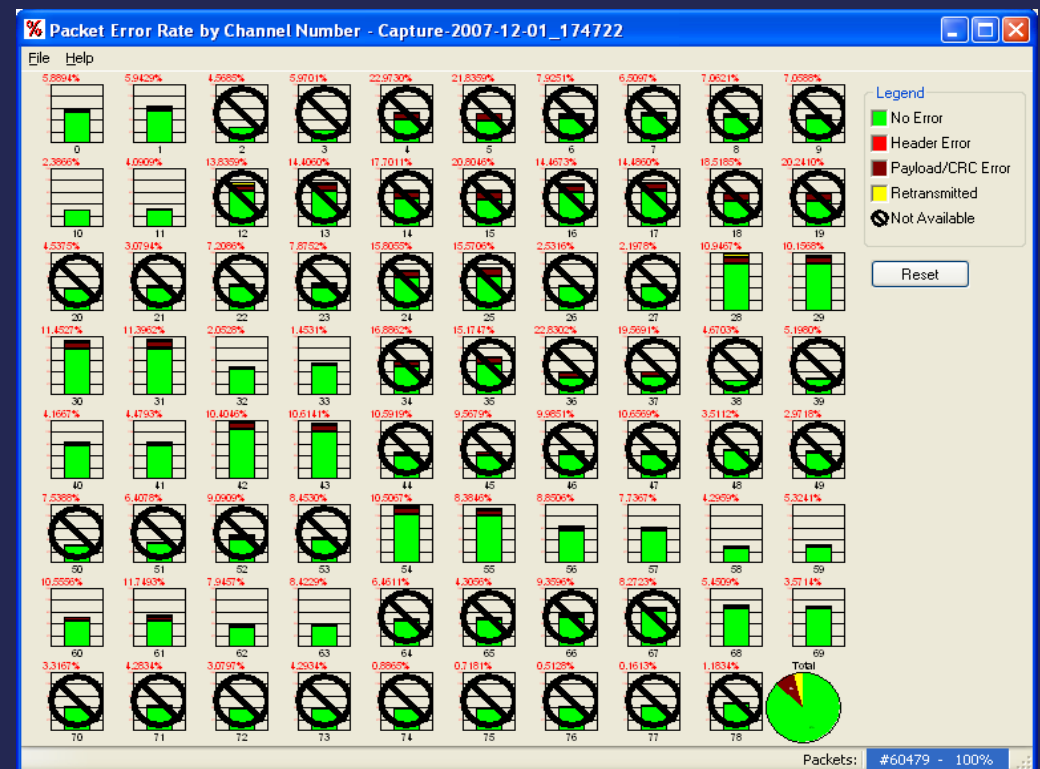
# 802.11 Sniffing Addon

- Bluetooth specification Bluetooth 4.0 +HS
- Combined Bluetooth and Wi-Fi throughput graph
- Numeric Data throughput readout for Average and Live (1 second window) payload
- Wi-Fi and Bluetooth channels identified on a single display
- Combined Bluetooth/Wi-Fi capture log
- Full, stand-alone Wi-Fi decoding and protocol analysis
- Detachable antenna to enable conductive capture of Wi-Fi data



# Other Useful Features

- Real-Time Packet Error Rate analysis
  - CRC and Header Errors for all 79 RF channels
  - Understands performance around other 2.4Ghz devices



# Bluetooth Classic Time Line

Average Throughput

One Second Throughput

Legend –  
Highlighted (selected packet)  
Bold (At least one packet seen)

Throughput Over Time

Summary info for  
selected packet

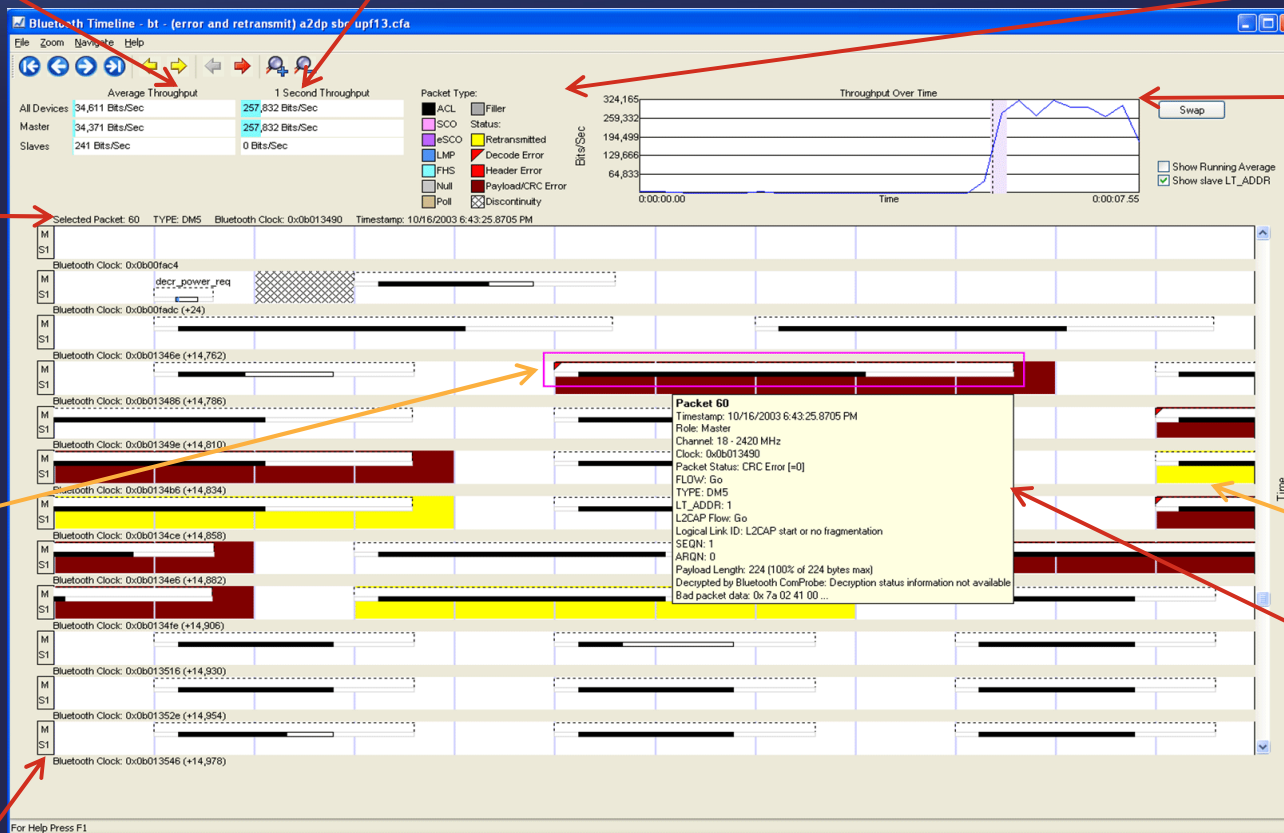
Packet

Retransmit Packet

Tooltip – Detailed Information  
about packet on mouse over

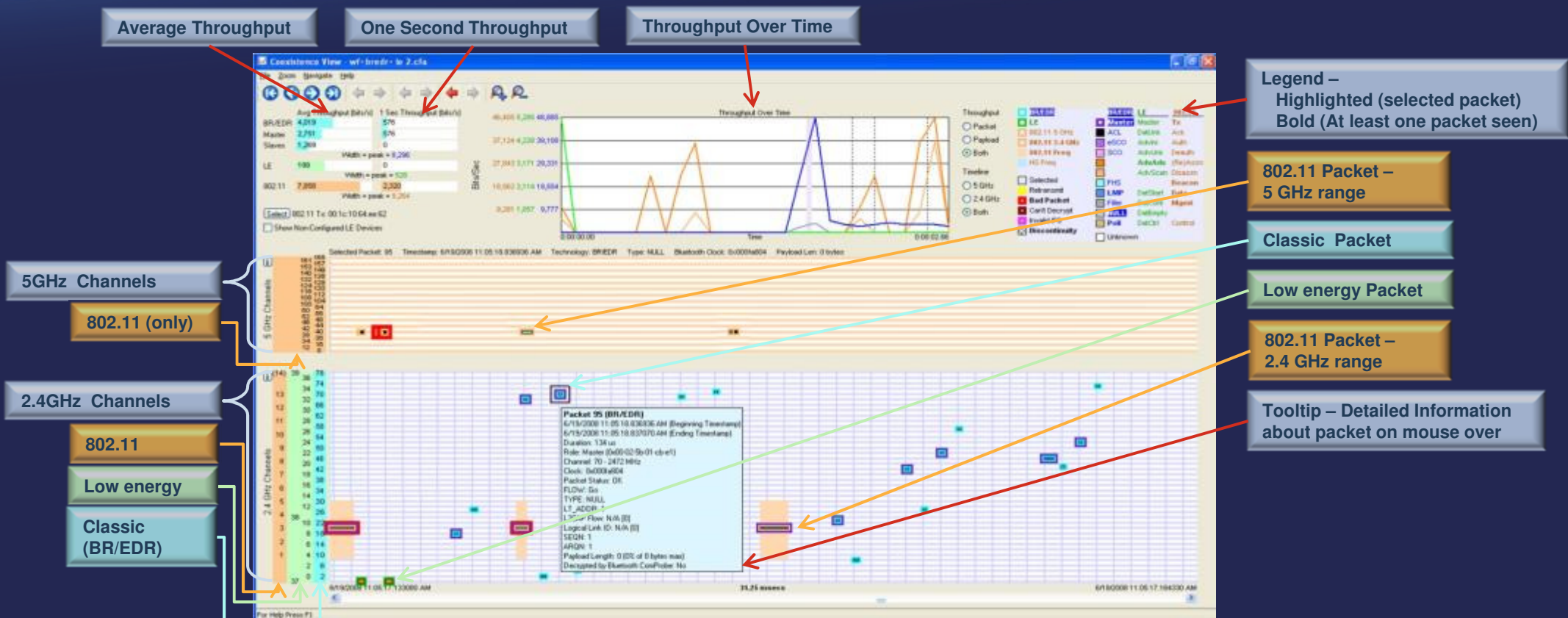
Master / Slave

Time flows left to right and down

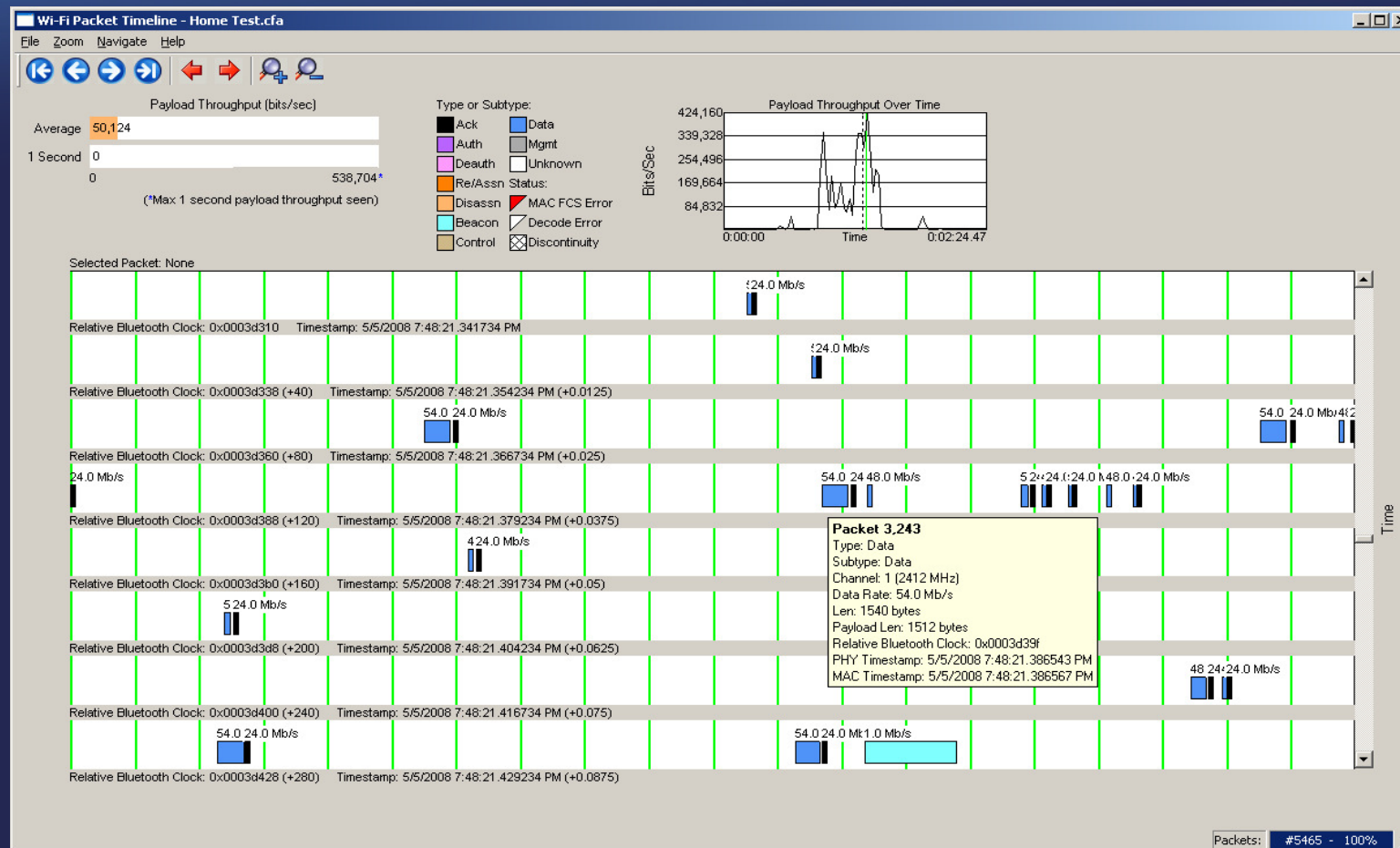




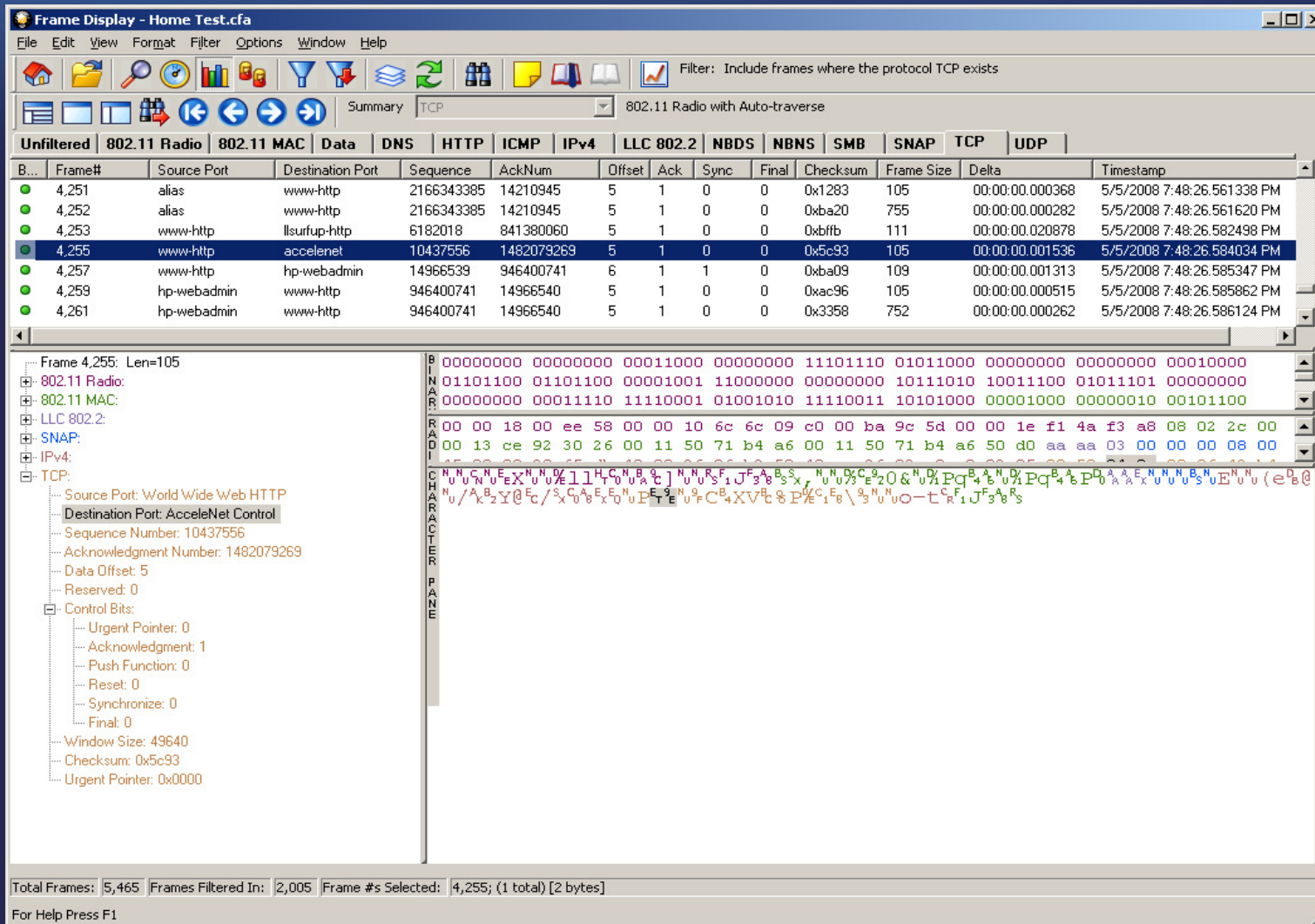
# Bluetooth Classic, 802.11, LE Coexistence Timeline



# Bluetooth/Wi-Fi compatibility Time Line.



# Wi-Fi Frame display





# Bluetooth/Wi-Fi Coexistence view

Frame Display - Amp Manager.cfa

File Edit View Format Filter Options Window Help

Filter: Include frames where the protocol "AMP Manager" exists

Frame 242 (Master) Len=59

- Baseband
  - Role: Master (0x00:50:43:20:b8:71)
  - Channel: 75 - 2478 MHz
  - Clock: 0x050918b8
  - Packet Status: OK
  - FLOW: Go
  - TYPE: 2-DH1
  - LT\_ADDR: 1
  - L2CAP Flow: Go
  - Logical Link ID: L2CAP start or no fragmentation
  - SEQN: 0
  - ARQN: 0
  - Payload Length: 50
  - Decrypted by Bluetooth ComProbe: Yes
- L2CAP
  - Role: Master
  - Address: 1
  - PDU Length: 46
  - Channel ID: 0x0033 (AMP Manager)
  - Control Field:
    - FCS: 0xc543
- AMP Manager
  - Code: Create Physical Link request
  - Identifier: 0x05
  - Length: 38
  - Initiator Controller ID: 1
  - Responder Controller ID: 1
  - 802.11 AMP Assoc:
    - Type: MAC address
      - Length: 6
      - Address: 00:50:43:20:b8:70
    - Type: Preferred channel list
      - Length: 3
      - ISO/IEC 3166-1 Country Code: US
      - Operating Environment: 2 environments in the country
      - Number of Triplets: 2
      - Regulatory Triplet:
        - Channel Group:
          - First Channel: 11
          - Number of Channels: 1
          - Max Transmit Power (dBm): 20
    - Type: PAL Capabilities
    - Type: PAL Version

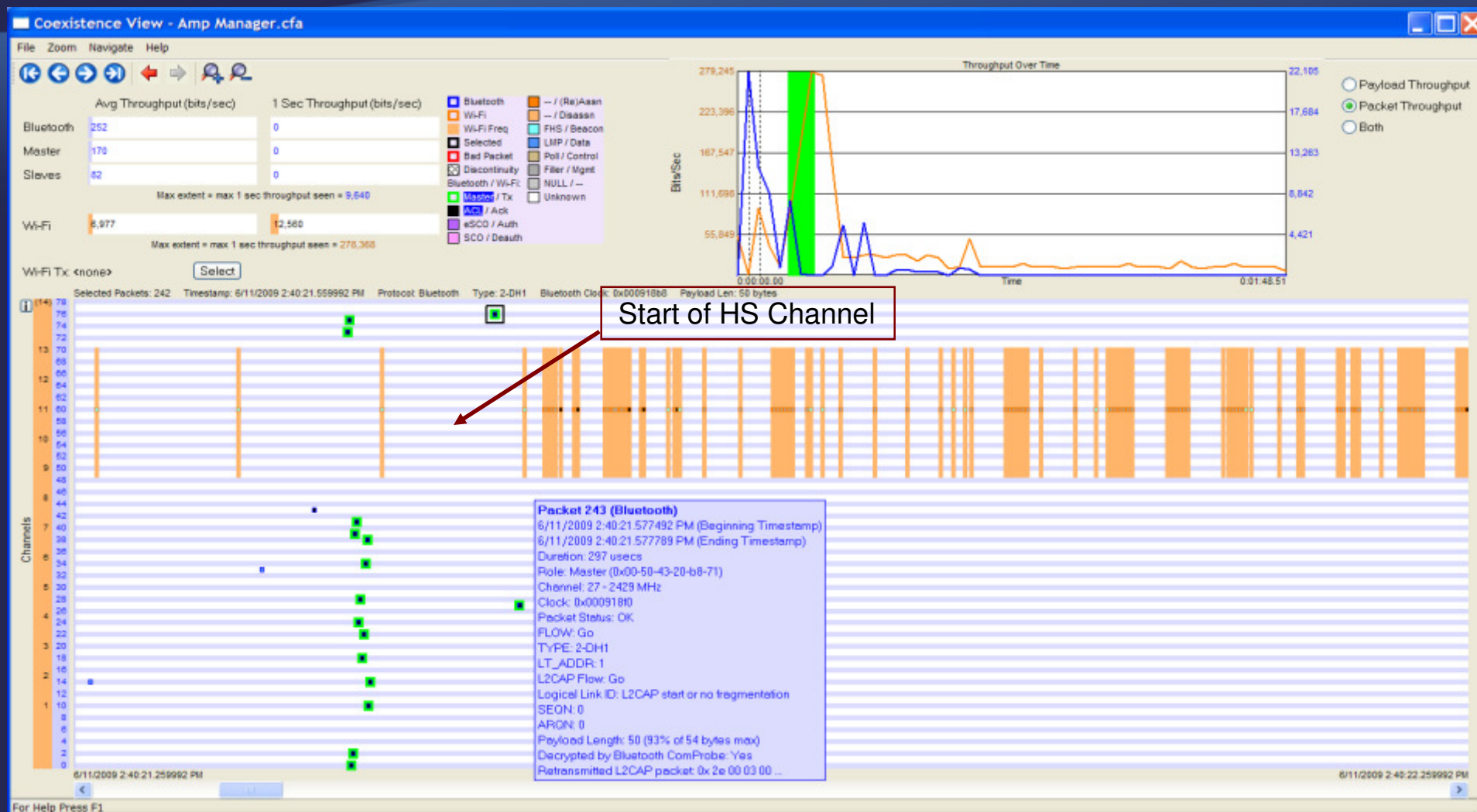
B.	Frame#	Id...	Code	Status	Init.	Re...	Le...	Fr...	Delta	Timestamp
	88	0x01	Discover request				4	25		6/11/2009 2:40:17.385615 PM
	91	0x01	Discover response				10	31	00:00:00...	6/11/2009 2:40:17.413738 PM
	94	0x01	Discover request				4	25	00:00:00...	6/11/2009 2:40:17.447488 PM
	95	0x01	Discover response				10	31	00:00:00...	6/11/2009 2:40:17.460615 PM
	96	0x02	Discover request				4	25	00:00:00...	6/11/2009 2:40:17.482488 PM
	97	0x02	Discover response				10	31	00:00:00...	6/11/2009 2:40:17.494365 PM
	98	0x03	Get Info request				1	22	00:00:00...	6/11/2009 2:40:17.499988 PM
	99	0x03	Get Info response	Success			18	39	00:00:00...	6/11/2009 2:40:17.518115 PM
	100	0x04	Get AMP Assoc request				1	22	00:00:00...	6/11/2009 2:40:17.532488 PM
	112	0x02	Change notify				6	27	00:00:02...	6/11/2009 2:40:20.255618 PM
	130	0x02	Change response				0	21	00:00:00...	6/11/2009 2:40:20.279991 PM
	152	0x04	Get AMP Assoc response	Success			35	56	00:00:00...	6/11/2009 2:40:20.335618 PM
	242	0x05	Create Physical Link request		1	1	38	59	00:00:01...	6/11/2009 2:40:21.559992 PM
	244	0x05	Create Physical Link response	Success	1	1	3	24	00:00:00...	6/11/2009 2:40:21.578120 PM

AMP Manager negotiate Channel 11 for HS

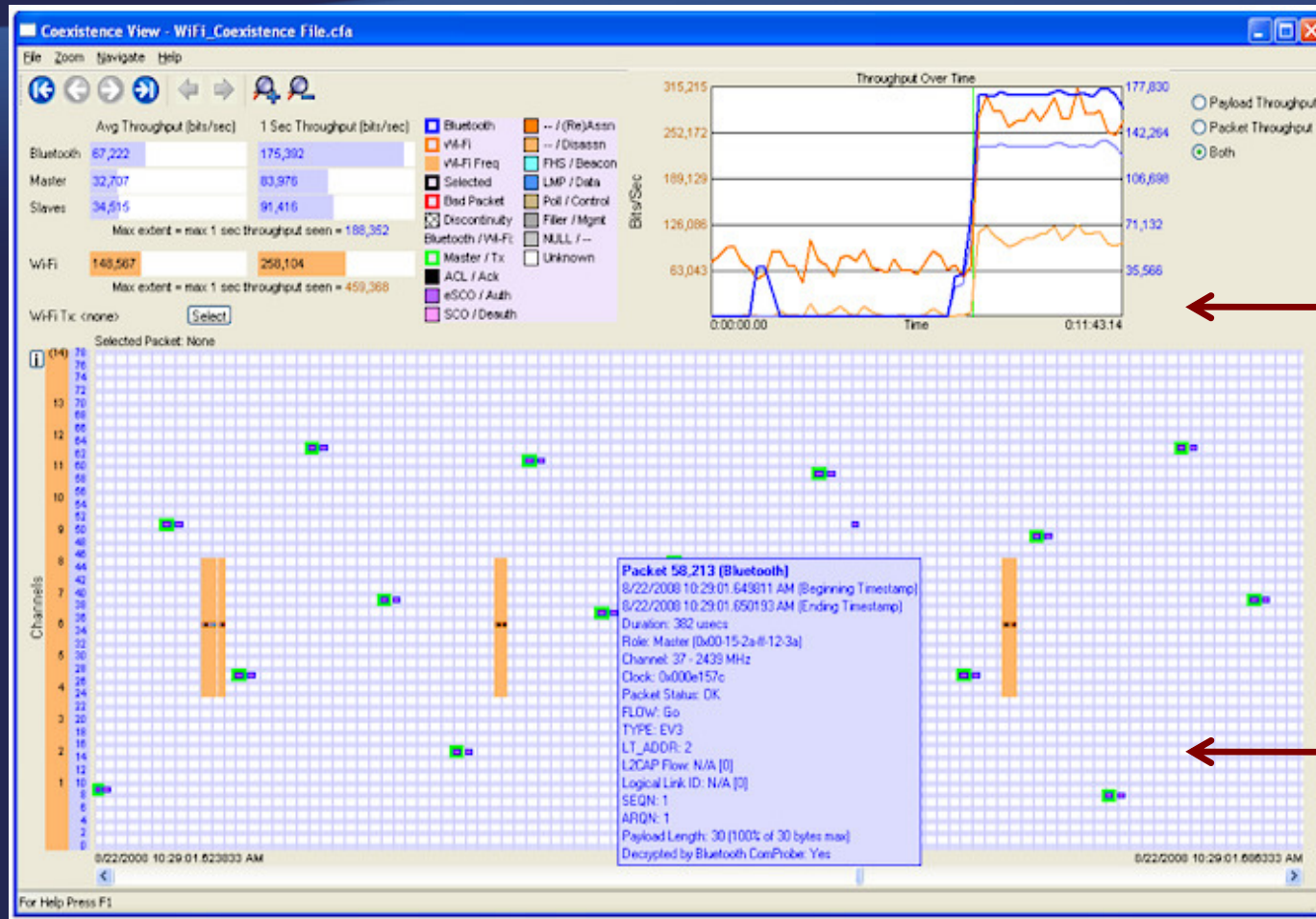
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00000001 00000001 00000110 00000000 00000000 01010000 01000011 00100000 10111000 01110000  
4c b8 18 09 00 a1 58 06 01 2e 00 03 00 0c 06 0a 05 26 00 01 01 01 06 00 00 50 43 20 b8 70 02 09  
00 55 53 20 c9 0c 00 0b 01 14 04 04 00 03 00 00 00 05 05 00 01 48 00 01 00 43 c9  
L B C H R A S . U X U X F G U H H X U P C Y P X Y U S Y S W X Y S Y S U S Y S H U S N C S

Total Frames: 946. Frames Filtered In: 14. Frame #s Selected: 242; (1 total) [1 bytes]  
For Help Press F1

# Bluetooth/Wi-Fi Coexistence view



# Bluetooth/Wi-Fi Coexistence



**Measure and compare Data Throughput for Bluetooth and Wi-Fi.**

Data Throughput stats enable you to monitor Data Throughput activity (average or instantaneous) on Bluetooth and Wi-Fi simultaneously.

**Analyze *Bluetooth/Wi-Fi* payload efficiency at a glance.**

*Bluetooth* and Wi-Fi data is displayed in a common graph to assure that your application is operating at its intended efficiency.



# Scatternet Support

- Low cost solution with multiple Bluetooth ComProbes
- No restriction on sniffing additional Piconets
- Scatternet support



# Frontline Future Roadmap

- Further development for CPAS software.
- New and more Hardware interfaces.
- Support WBS and Aptx audio extraction.
- Exceed customers expectations.



# Further development for CPAS

- Continued improved development of CPAS
- Speed
- Stability
- Larger File Limits
- Cross-platform
- Better UI
- Easier to Extend



# BPA 600 versus BPA 500

## The BPA 600 replace the BPA 500

- Smaller Form Factor...Thinner
- 7 Radios so it can handle more scenarios
  - Example: LE and 2 classic connections at same time
  - Radios are Symmetrical.
- Can use USB Power or External Power Supply  
(On USB Power fewer radios will be enabled)
- ♦ Multi Connection decoding support with one BPA 500



# Comparison

Features	FTS4BT	BPA 500	BPA 600
<b>100% Syncing</b> Guaranteed. If syncing is a problem, we'll make it right.	✗	✓	✓
<b>Bluetooth low energy</b> "Explosive growth" is the phrase commonly heard in relation to Bluetooth low energy. Developers need tools to debug it today.	✗	✓	✓
<b>Number of Classic Connections</b> More is better, particularly as users demand more of their devices.	1	1	3
<b>Role-less Connections</b> The user no longer has to choose which is the master and which is the slave in a single classic connection!	✗	✗	✓
<b>Dual Mode (Classic and low energy)</b> Classic without low energy gives the developer half the picture in a world of increasingly intelligent smart devices.	✗	✓	✓
<b>No External Power Supply Needed</b> Portability made FTS4BT appealing - the BPA 600 offers the same level of portability, but with far more reliability, ease of use and features.	✓	✗	✓
<b>Bluetooth 4.1 Support</b> The new spec is coming - Bluetooth developers are going to need it, and FTS4BT will never have it, nor the BPA 500 but the BPA 600 but the BPA 600 will fully support 4.1 in August 2013!	✗	✗	✓



# The Frontline Edge

- Outstanding Technical Support
- Trusted Bluetooth Expertise

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# Why use Frontline?

- **You need to know your device will work with other devices** – we have a comprehensive, in house, current, and ever expanding device library. You can have confidence that your devices will work seamlessly with other key components in the ecosystem.
- **You need to know your device will work in North America** – our testing facility is located in Charlottesville, VA where we test using North American mobile networks.
- **You want to leverage Frontline as an extension of your QA department** – we have the experience and expertise in house and have pre-existing relationships with all of the key chip manufacturers, phone companies, and peripherals companies. If there is a problem, we'll help you solve it.



# Why use Frontline?

- You want to improve your “out of box” experience – we use pre-defined and customized test plans that will thoroughly test your devices so that your can be sure it will work for your customers the first time and every time.
- You need to test your products in automotive environments – Frontline is building a comprehensive library of Bluetooth car kits and cars used in mass produced vehicles.
- You want to reduce the costs involved with testing – no more sending your employees around the world to test specific networks or devices. We’ve got everything you need in our labs.

