

# **Bluetooth Architecture Overview**

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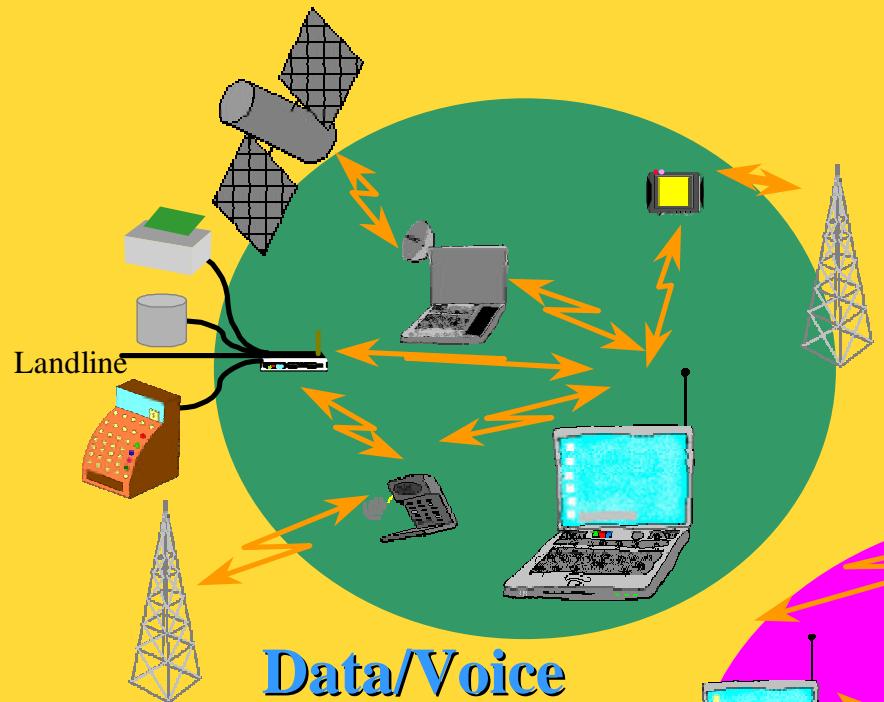
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All information regarding Bluetooth is subject to  
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# Agenda

- ◆ **What does Bluetooth do for you?**
  - ◆ Usage model
- ◆ **What is Bluetooth?**
  - ◆ Compliance, compatibility
- ◆ **What does Bluetooth do?**
  - ◆ Technical points
- ◆ **Who is Bluetooth?**
  - ◆ History
- ◆ **Architectural Overview of Bluetooth**

# What does Bluetooth do for you?



Data/Voice  
Access Points



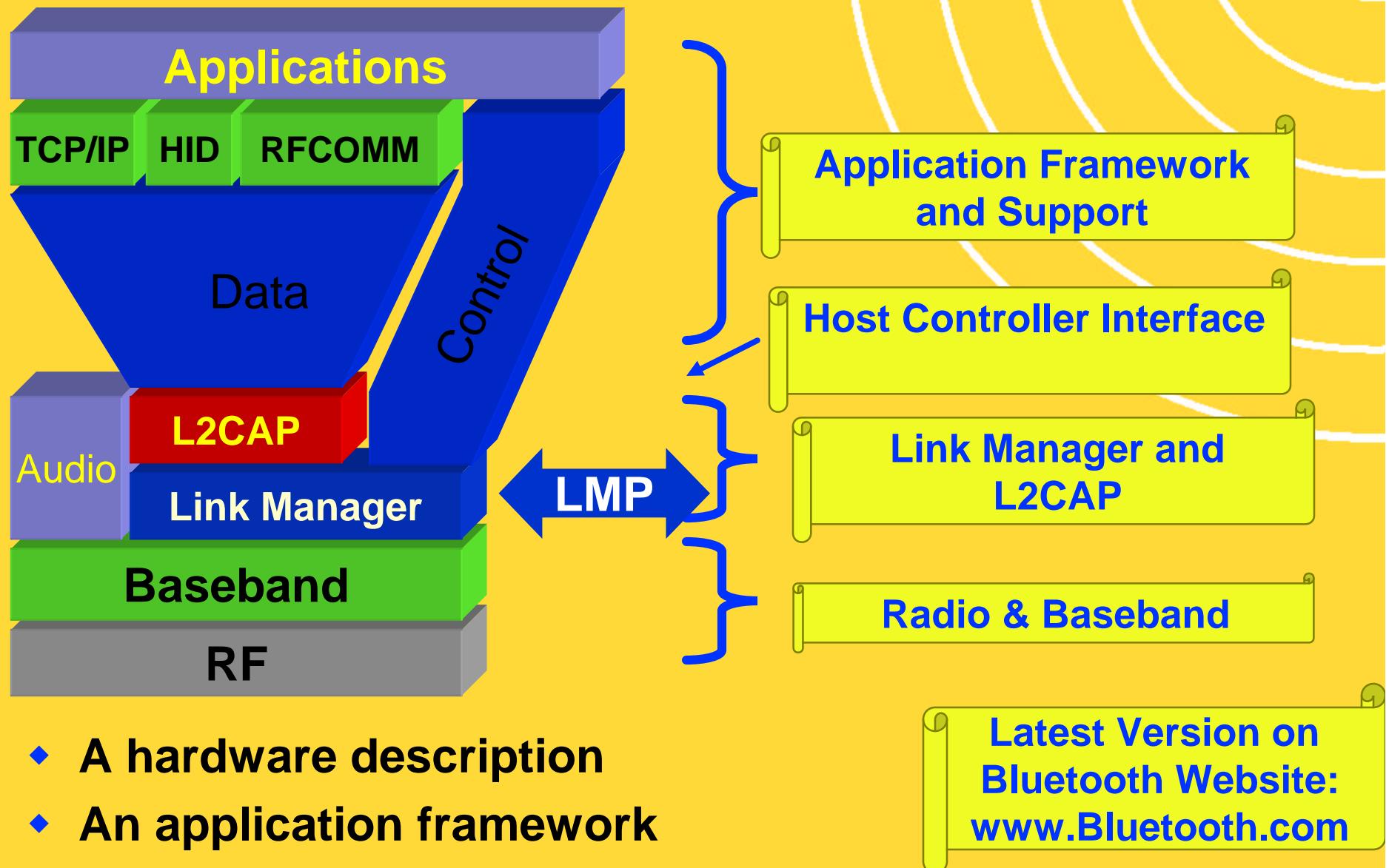
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Replacement



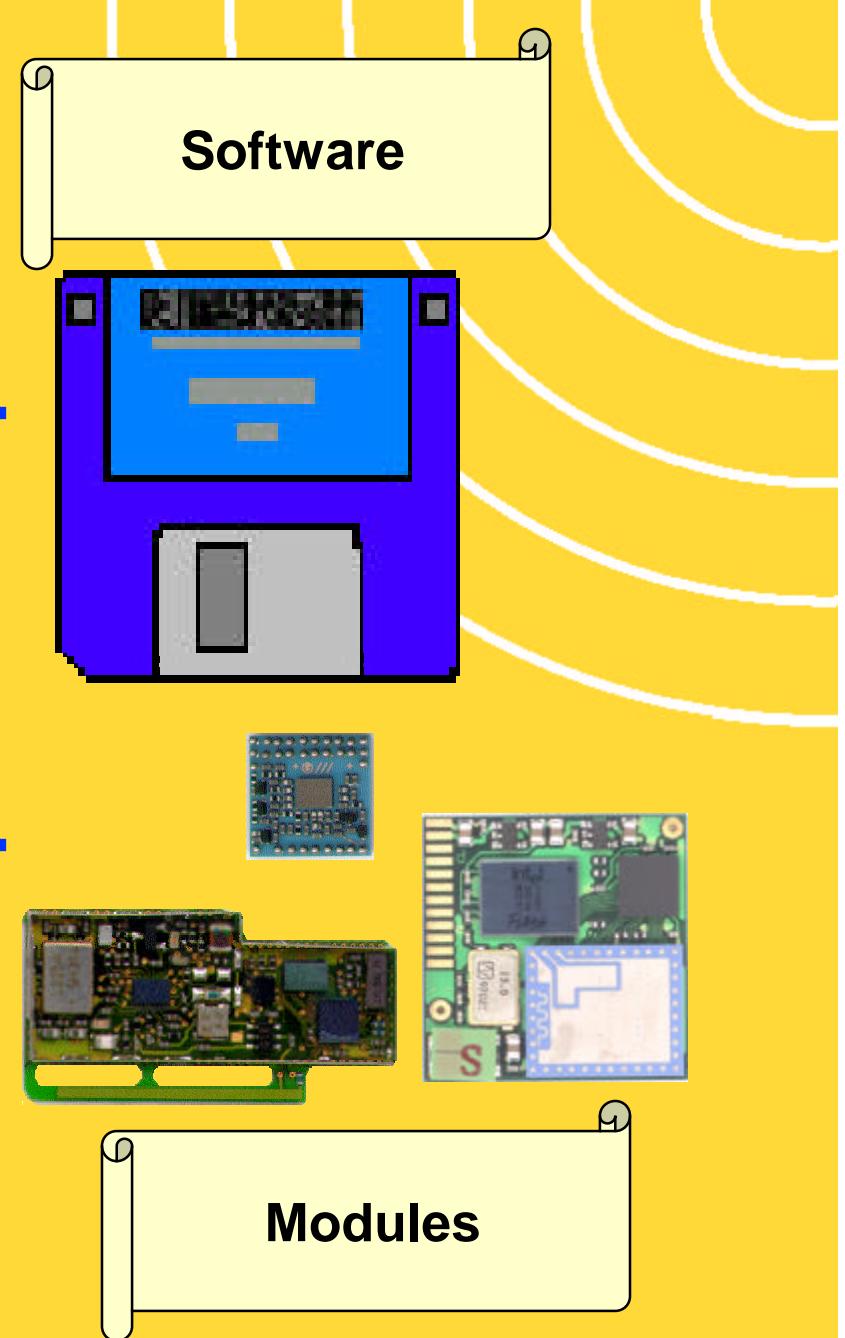
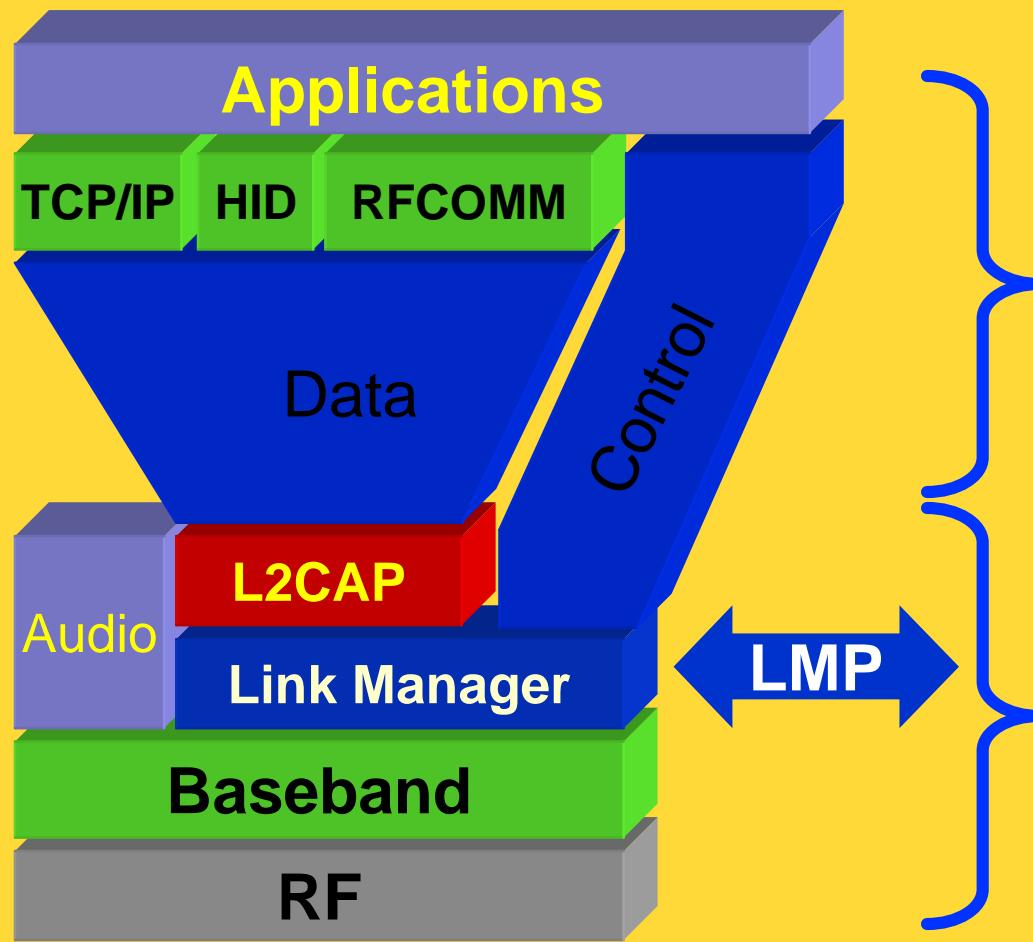
Personal Ad-hoc  
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Bluetooth

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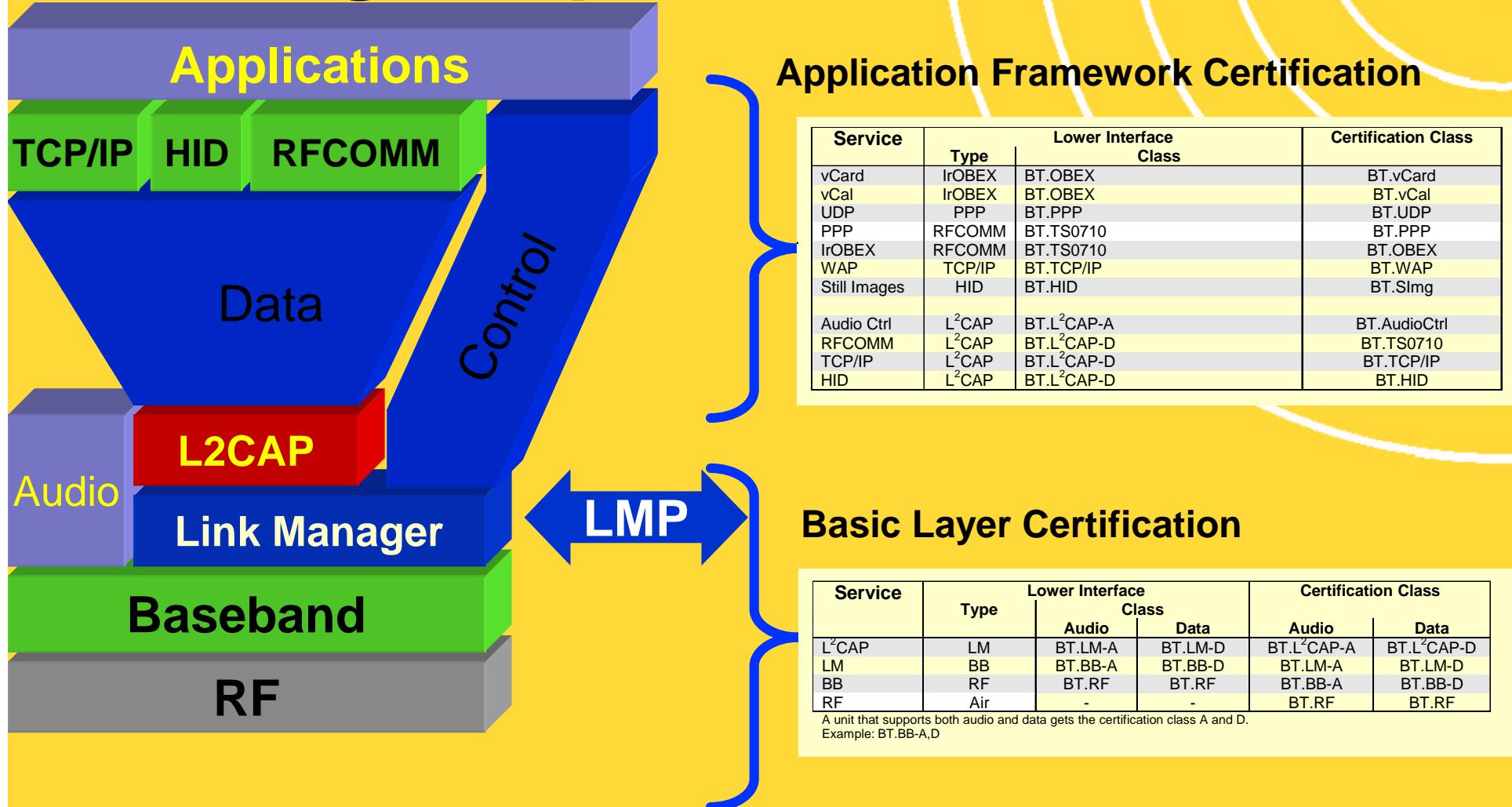


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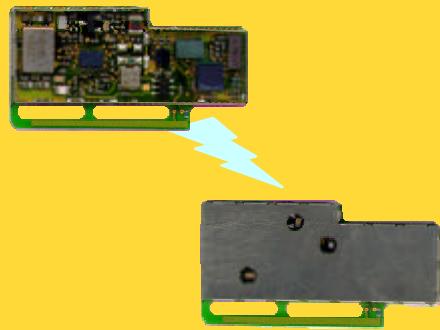
- ◆ A hardware description
- ◆ An application framework

# Testing to Specification



- Bluetooth devices will be tested against the specification

# What does Bluetooth Do?

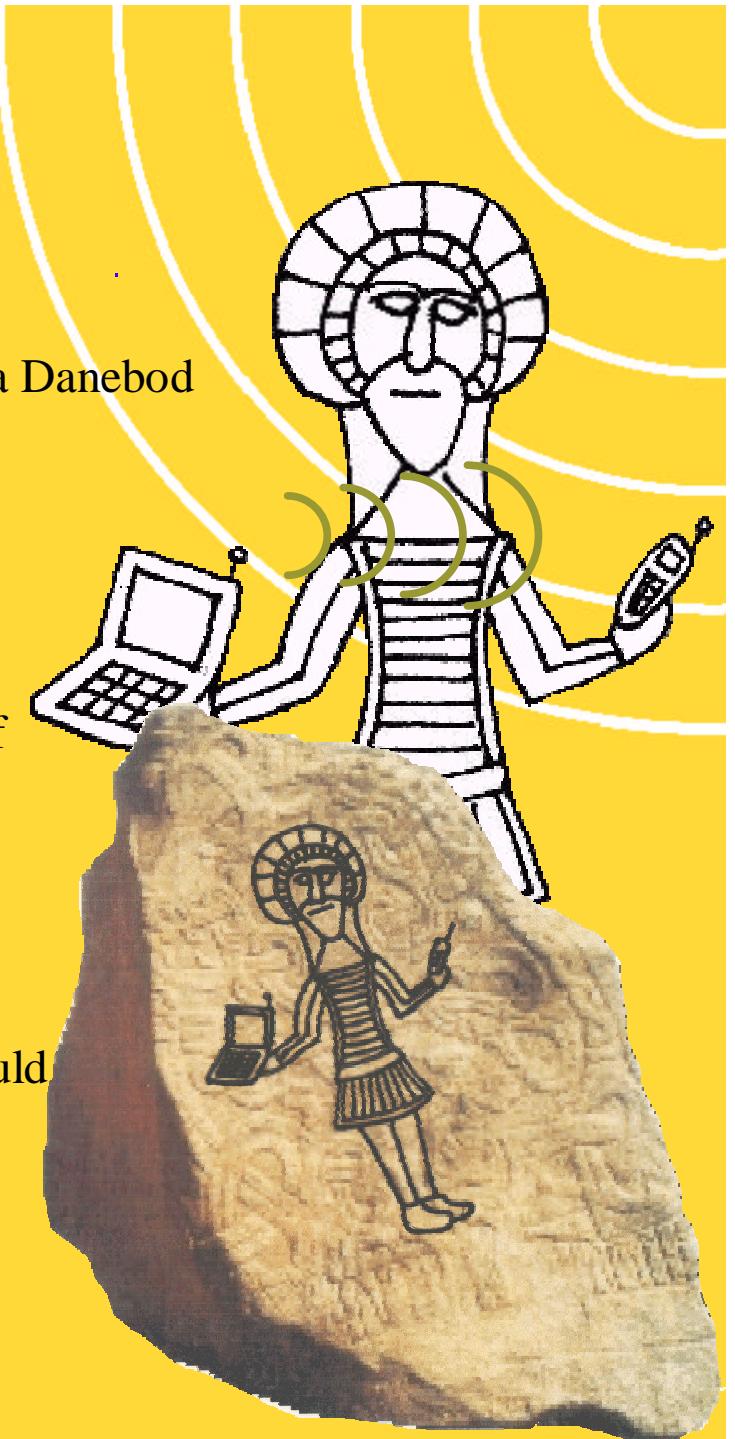


<b>Topology</b>	Supports up to 7 simultaneous links	Each link requires another cable
<b>Flexibility</b>	Goes through walls, bodies, cloths...	Line of sight or modified environment
<b>Data rate</b>	1 MSPS, 720 Kbps	Varies with use and cost
<b>Power</b>	0.1 watts active power	0.05 watts active power or higher
<b>Size/Weight</b>	25 mm x 13 mm x 2 mm, several grams	Size is equal to range. Typically 1-2 meters. Weight varies with length (ounces to pounds)
<b>Cost</b>	Long-term \$5 per endpoint	~ \$3-\$100/meter (end user cost)
<b>Range</b>	10 meters or less Up to 100 meters with PA	Range equal to size. Typically 1-2 meters
<b>Universal</b>	Intended to work anywhere in the world	Cables vary with local customs
<b>Security</b>	Very, link layer security, SS radio	Secure (its a cable)

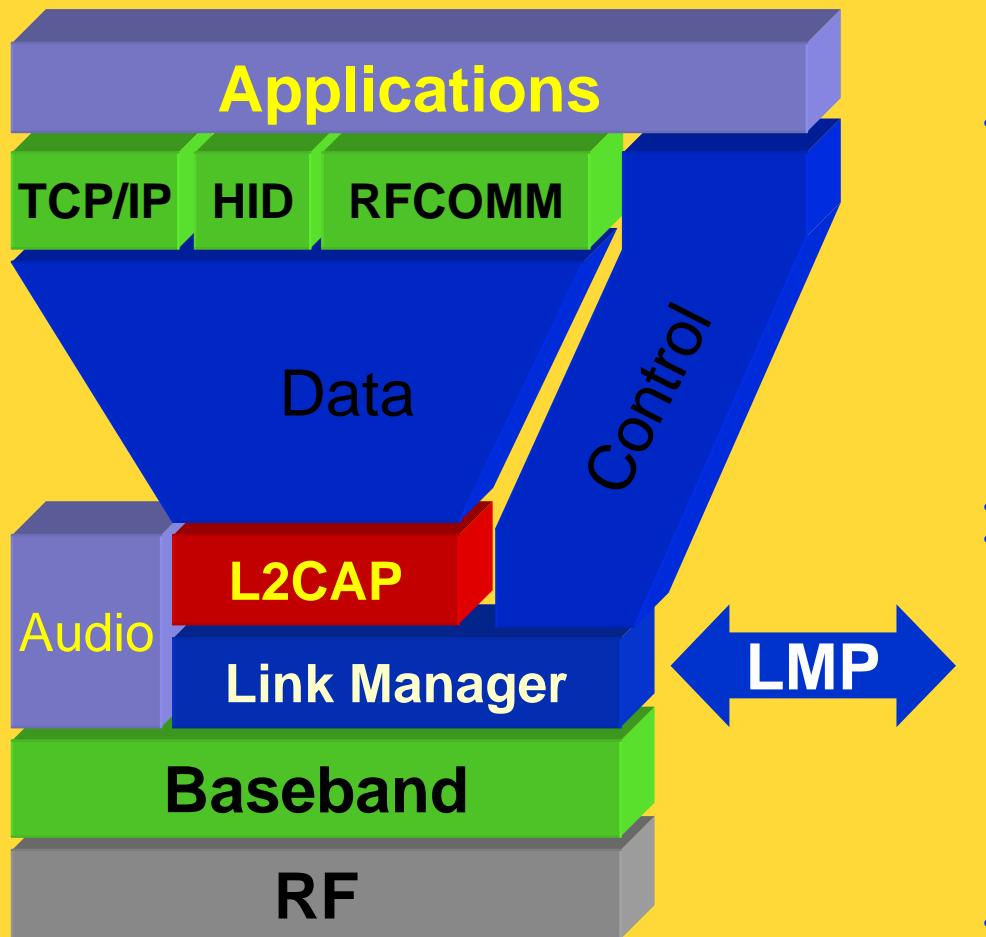
- ◆ **Cable Replacement**
- Bluetooth

# Who is Bluetooth?

- ◆ Harald Blaatand “Bluetooth” II
- ◆ King of Denmark 940-981
  - ◆ Son of Gorm the Old (King of Denmark) and Thyra Danebod (daughter of King Ethelred of England)
- ◆ This is one of two Runic stones erected in his capitol city of Jelling (central Jutland)
  - ◆ This is the front of the stone depicting the chivalry of Harald.
  - ◆ The stone's inscription (“runes”) say:
    - ◆ Harald christianized the Danes
    - ◆ Harald controlled Denmark and Norway
    - ◆ Harald thinks notebooks and cellular phones should seamlessly communicate



# Architectural Overview

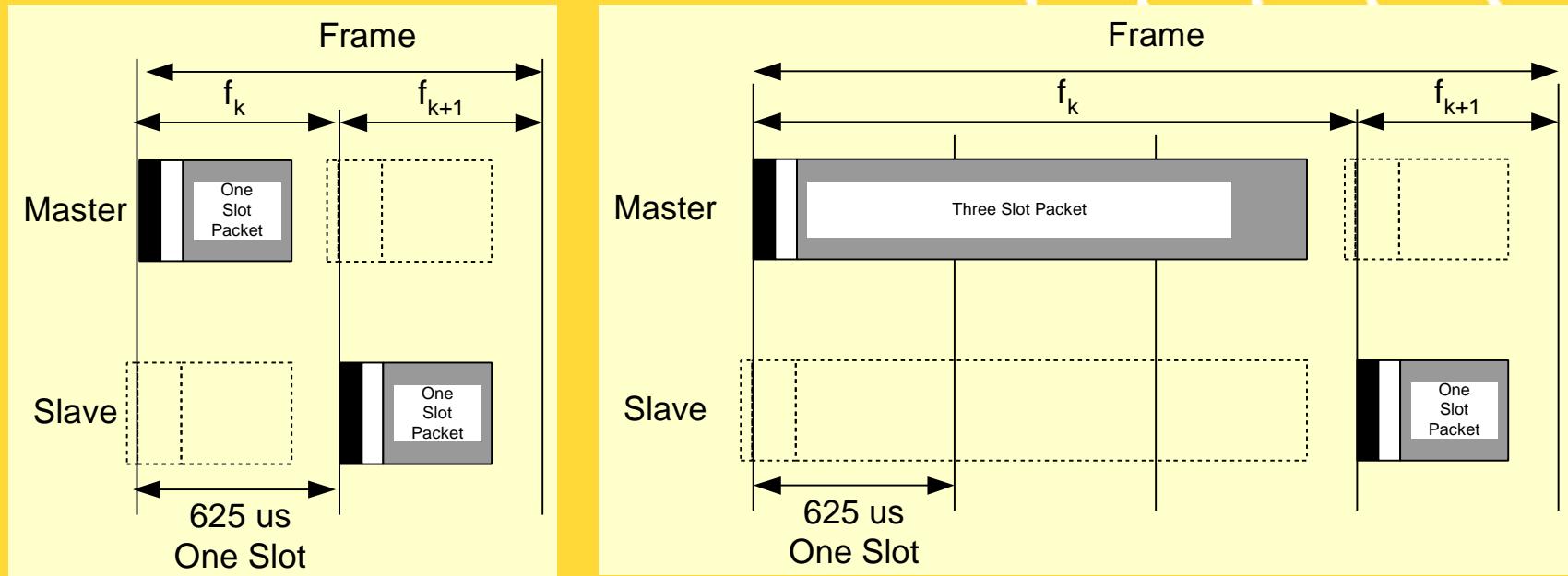


# Bluetooth RF Specifications

**Specified for low cost, single chip implementation**

- ◆ Noise floor margin for substrate noise and low current LNA
- ◆ Linearity set by near-far problem
- ◆ In-band image allows low-cost low IF
- ◆ VCO phase noise enables integrated VCO
- ◆ TX-RX turn around time enables single synthesizer
- ◆ 2.4 ISM band chosen for global use and process capabilities

# Basic Baseband Protocol



- ◆ Spread spectrum frequency hopping radio
  - ◆ 79/23 one MHz channels
  - ◆ Hops every packet
    - ◆ Packets are 1, 3 or 5 slots long
  - ◆ Frame consists of two packets
    - ◆ Transmit followed by receive
  - ◆ Nominally hops at 1600 times a second (1 slot packets)

# Network Topology

- ◆ **Radio Designation**

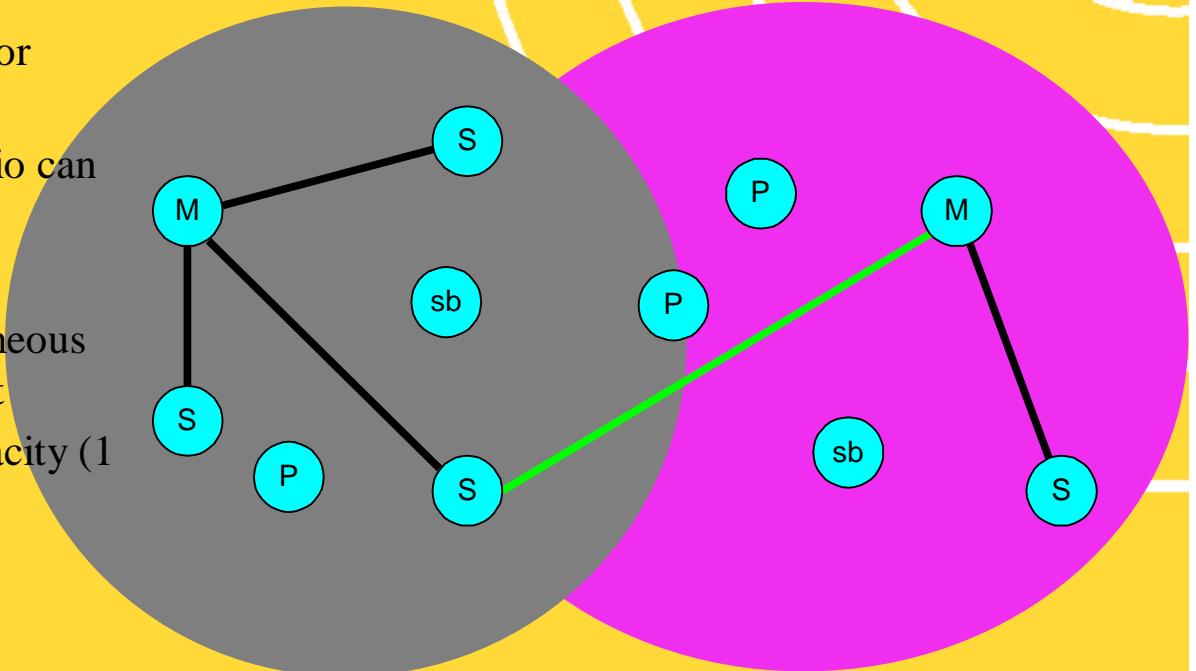
- ◆ Connected radios can be master or slave
- ◆ Radios are symmetric (same radio can be master or slave)

- ◆ **Piconet**

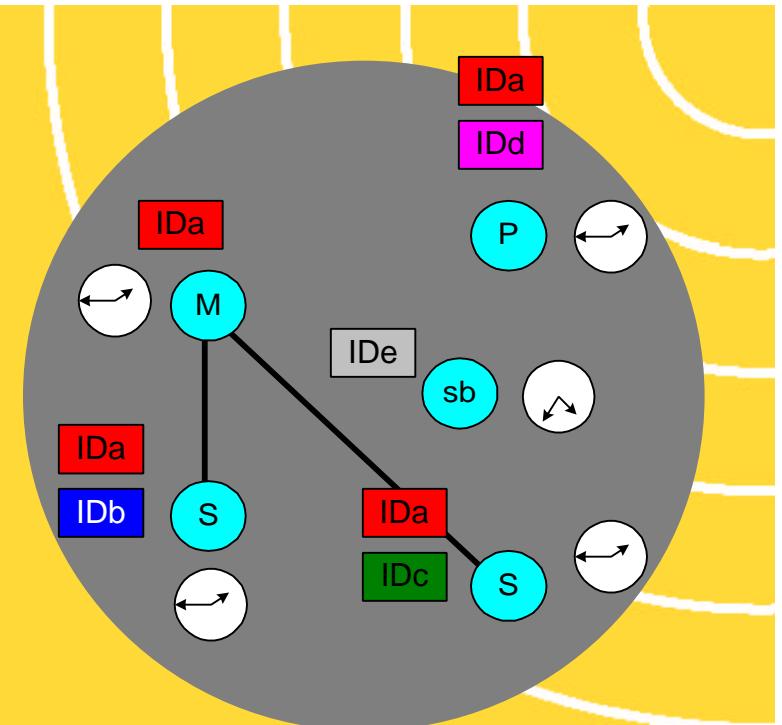
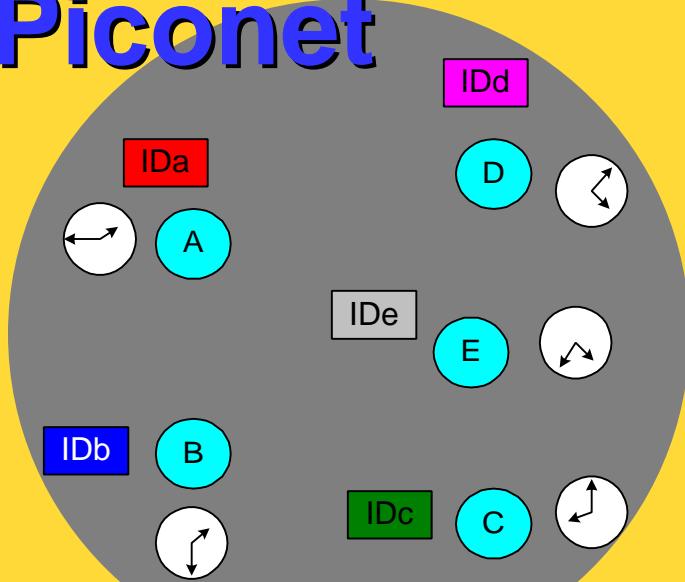
- ◆ Master can connect to 7 simultaneous or 200+ active slaves per piconet
- ◆ Each piconet has maximum capacity (1 MSPS)
  - ◆ Unique hopping pattern/ID

- ◆ **Scatternet**

- ◆ High capacity system
  - ◆ Minimal impact with up to 10 piconets within range
- ◆ Radios can share piconets!



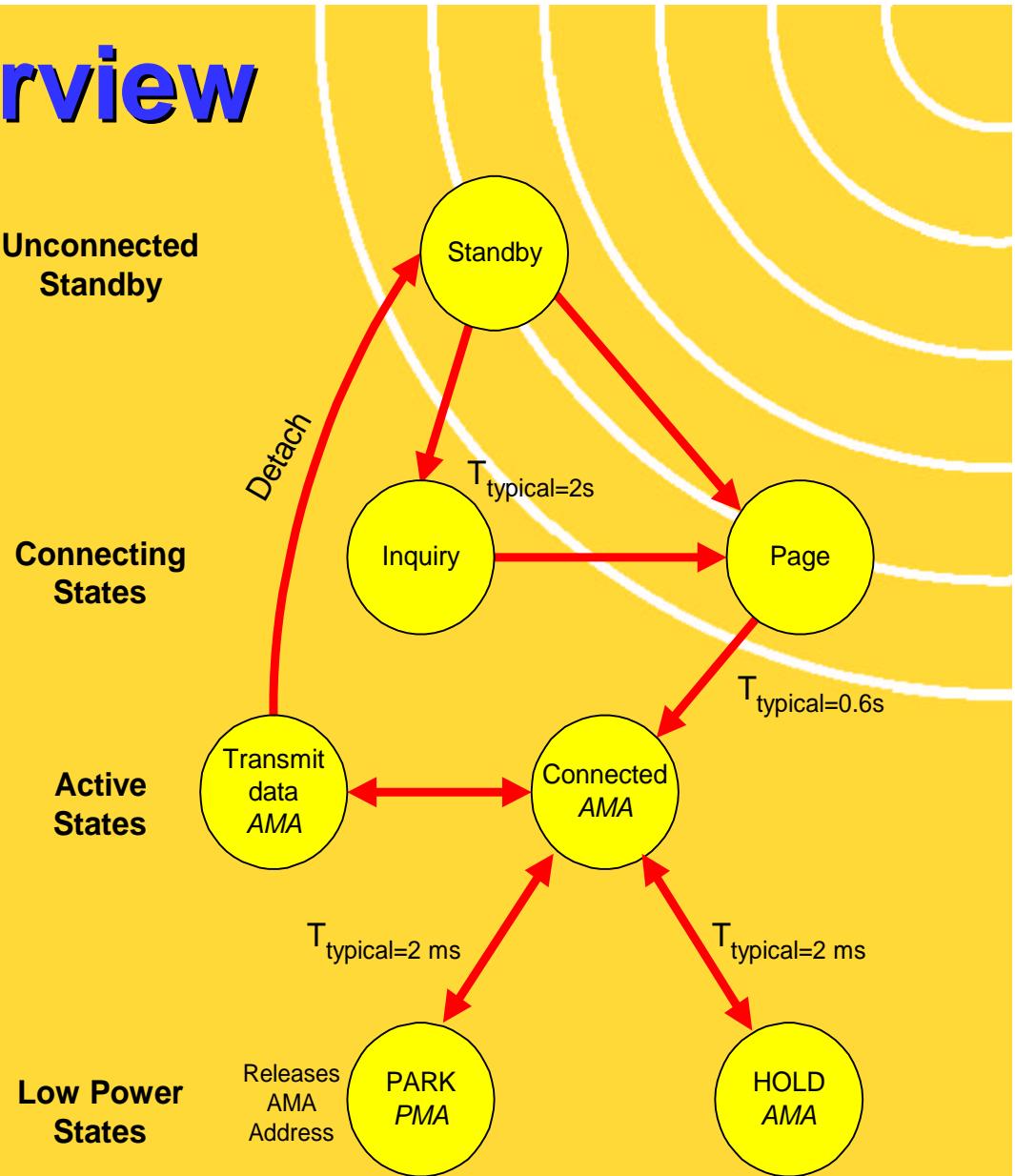
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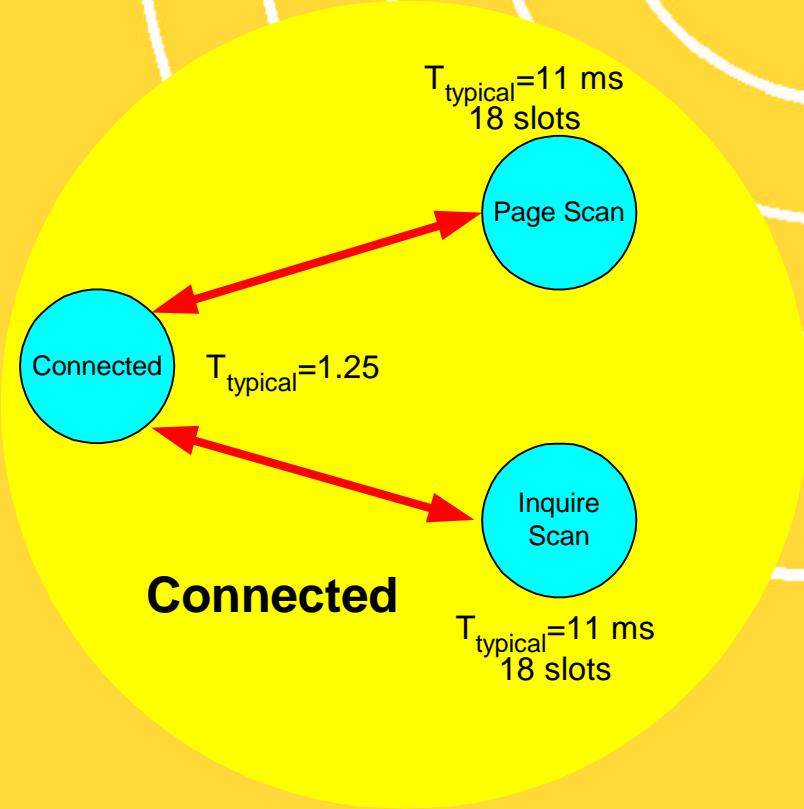
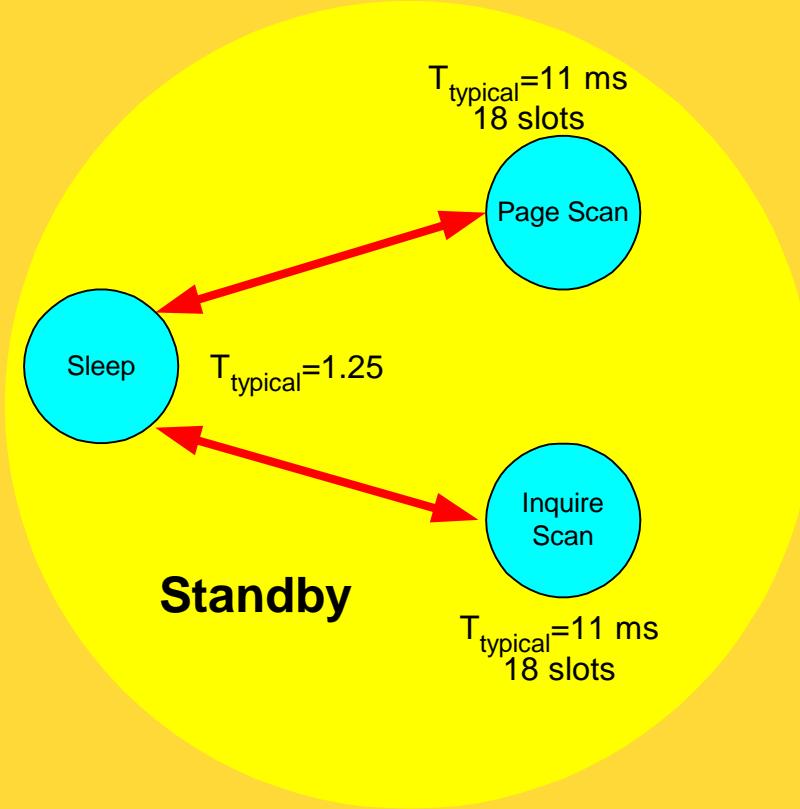
- ♦ All devices in a piconet hop together
  - ♦ In forming a piconet, master gives slaves its *clock* and *device ID*
    - ♦ Hopping pattern determined by *device ID* (48-bit)
    - ♦ Phase in hopping pattern determined by *Clock*
- ♦ Non-piconet devices are in standby
- ♦ Piconet Addressing
  - ♦ *Active Member Address* (AMA, 3-bits)
  - ♦ *Parked Member Address* (PMA, 8-bits)

# Functional Overview

- ◆ **Standby**
  - ◆ Waiting to join a piconet
- ◆ **Inquire**
  - ◆ Ask about radios to connect to
- ◆ **Page**
  - ◆ Connect to a specific radio
- ◆ **Connected**
  - ◆ Actively on a piconet (master or slave)
- ◆ **Park/Hold**
  - ◆ Low Power connected states

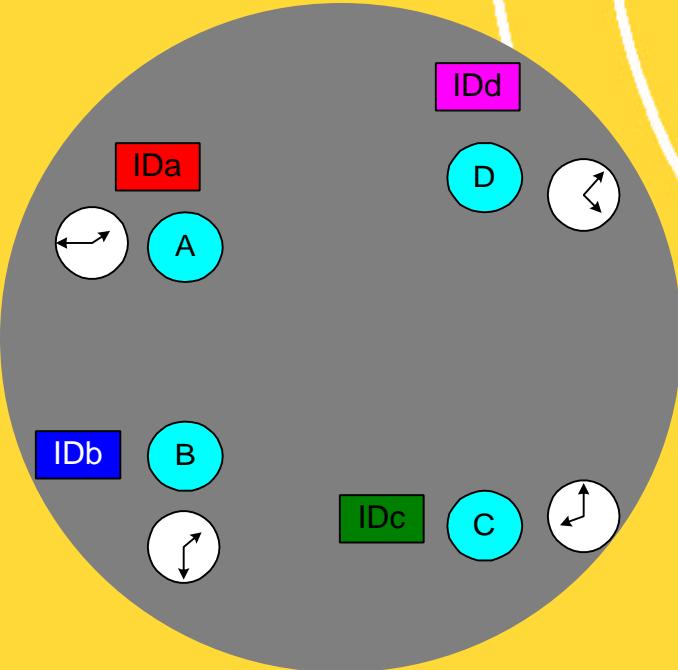


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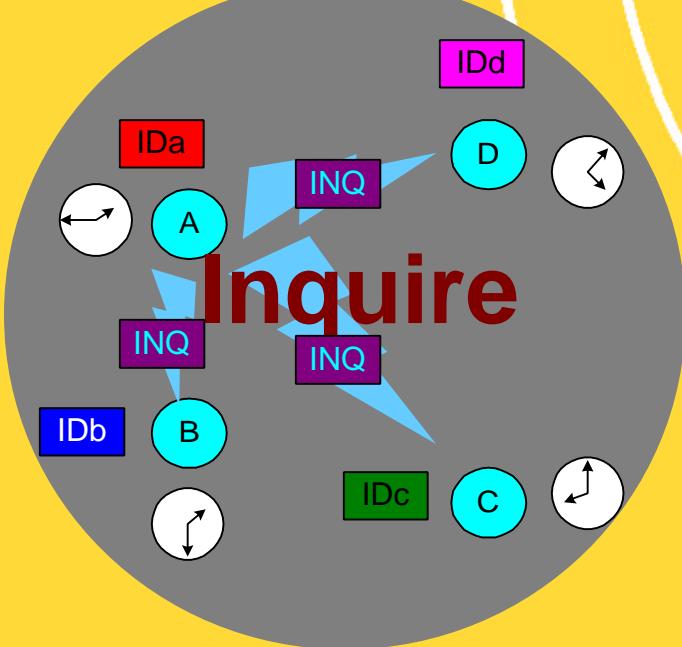
- ◆ A radio must be enabled to accept pages or inquiries
  - ◆ Consumes 18 slots every 1.25 s (or so) for each scan
    - ◆ slot is 0.625 ms

# Inquiring for Radios



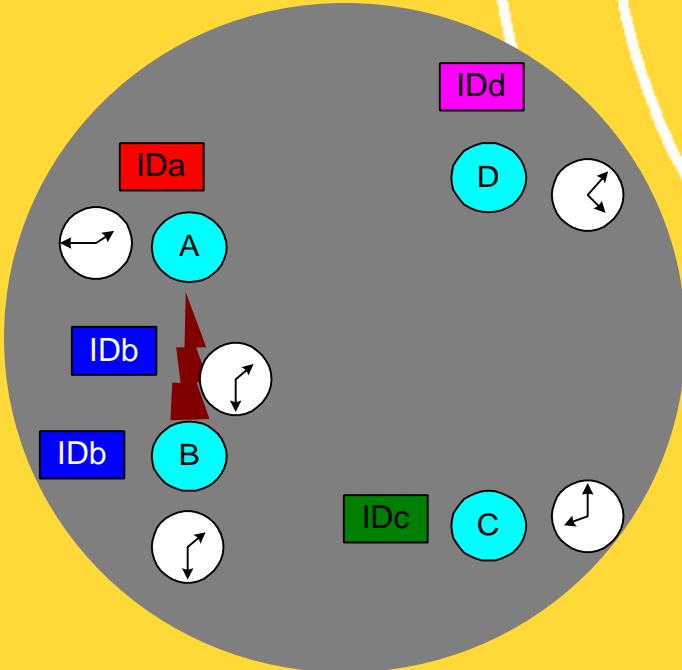
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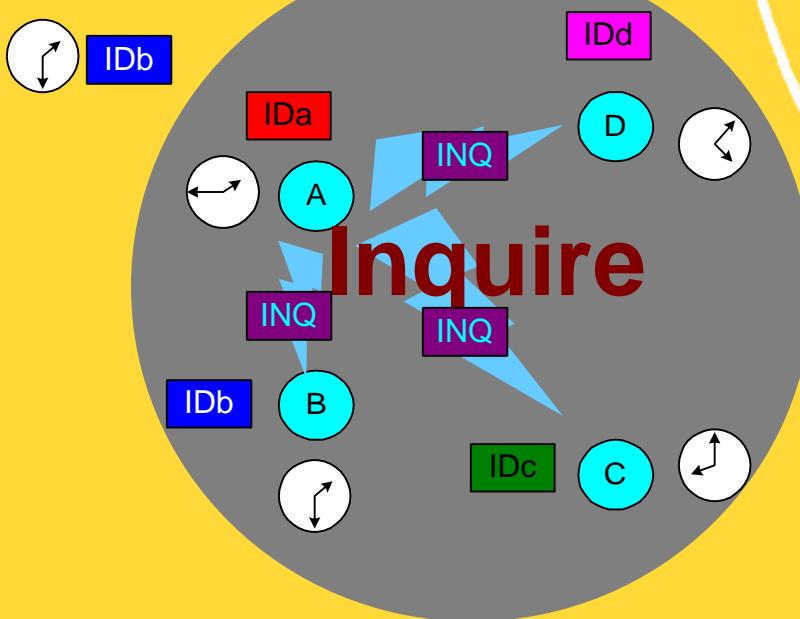
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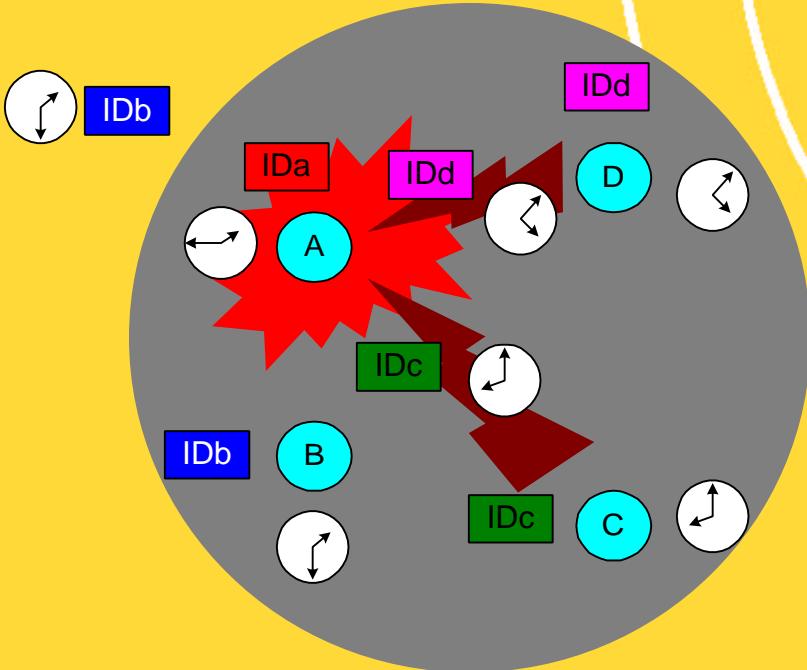
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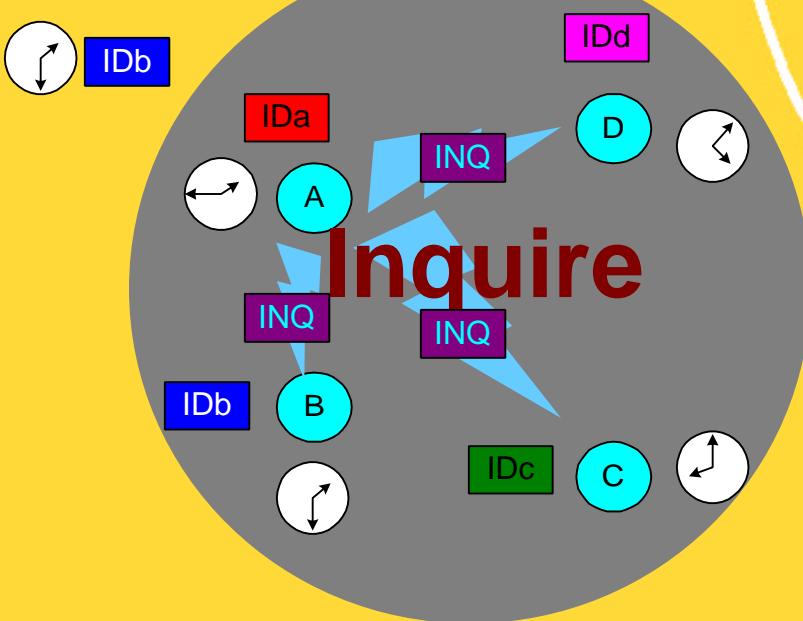
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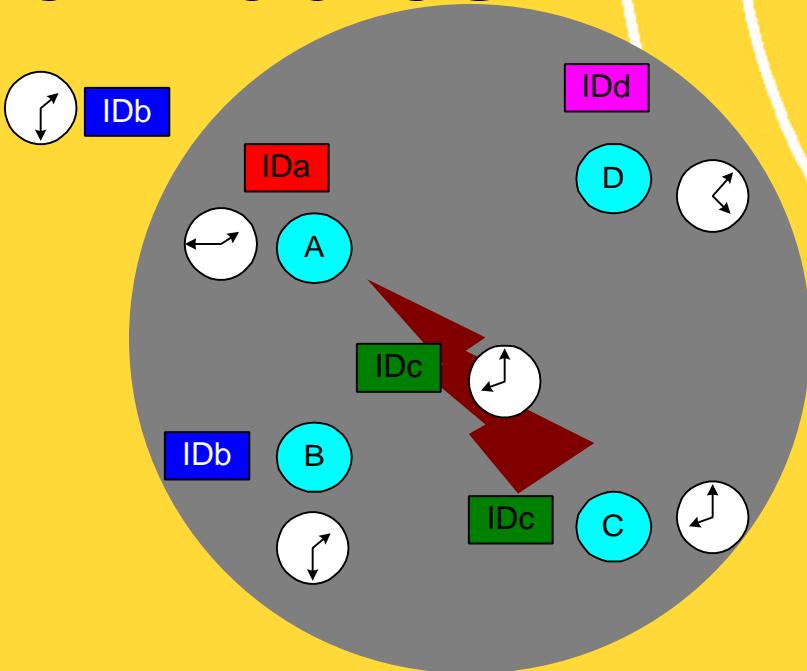
- ◆ **Radio Wants to find other radios in the area**
  - ◆ Radio A Issues an Inquire (again)
  - ◆ Radios C and D respond with FHS packets
    - ◆ As radios C & D respond simultaneously packets are corrupted and Radio A won't respond
    - ◆ Each radio waits a random number of slots and listens

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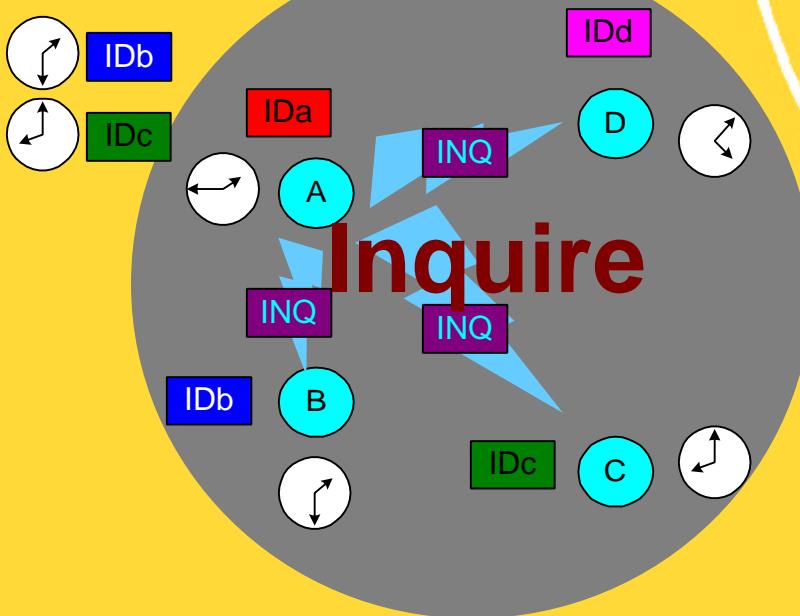
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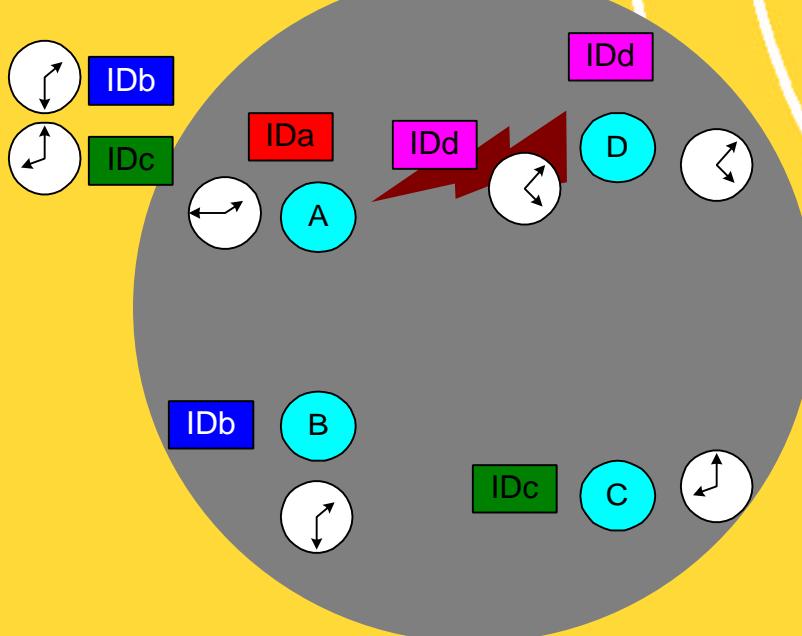
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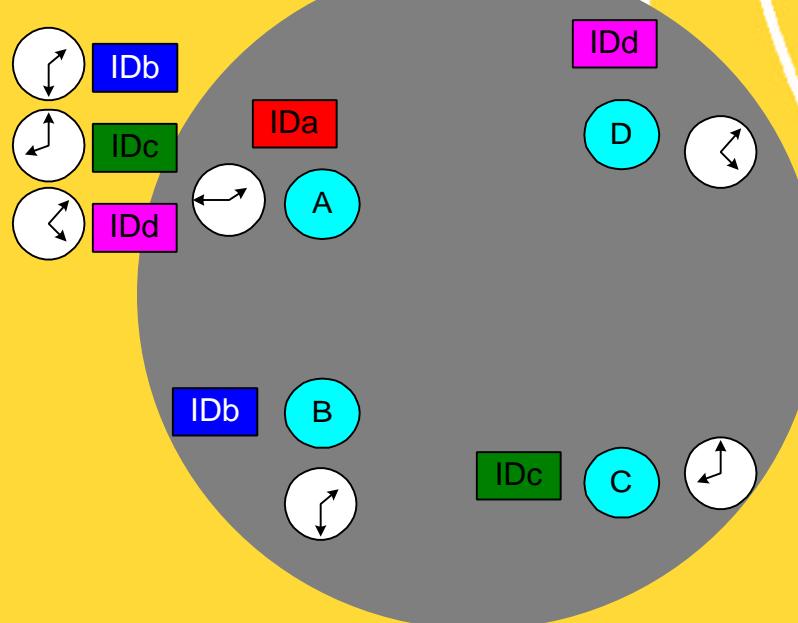
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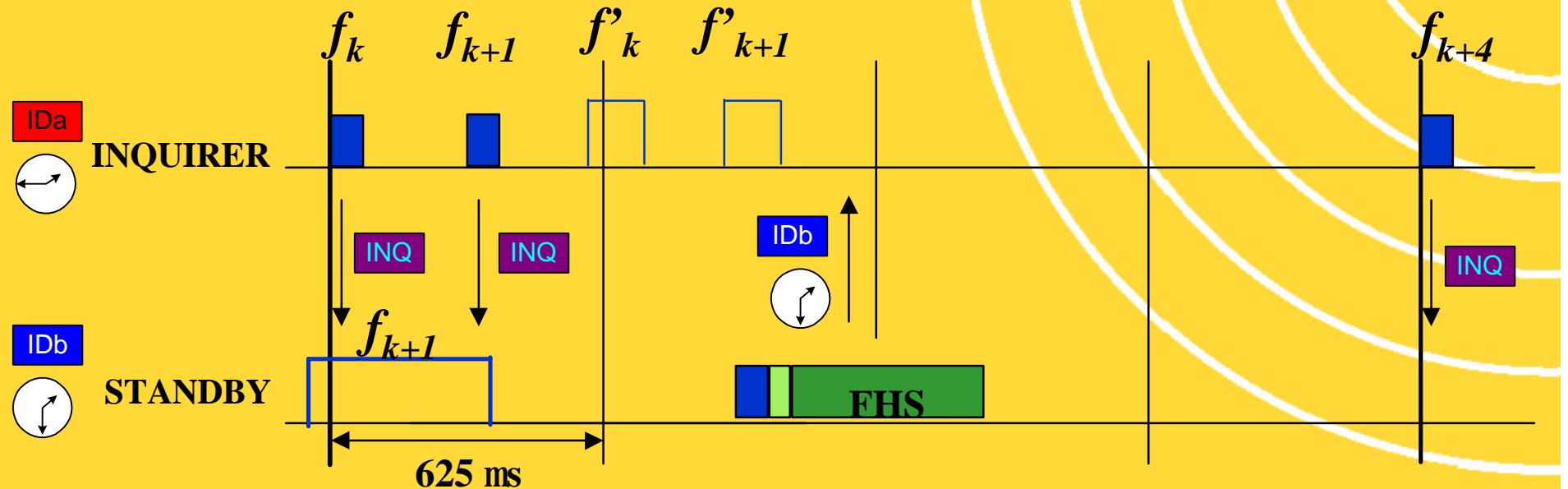
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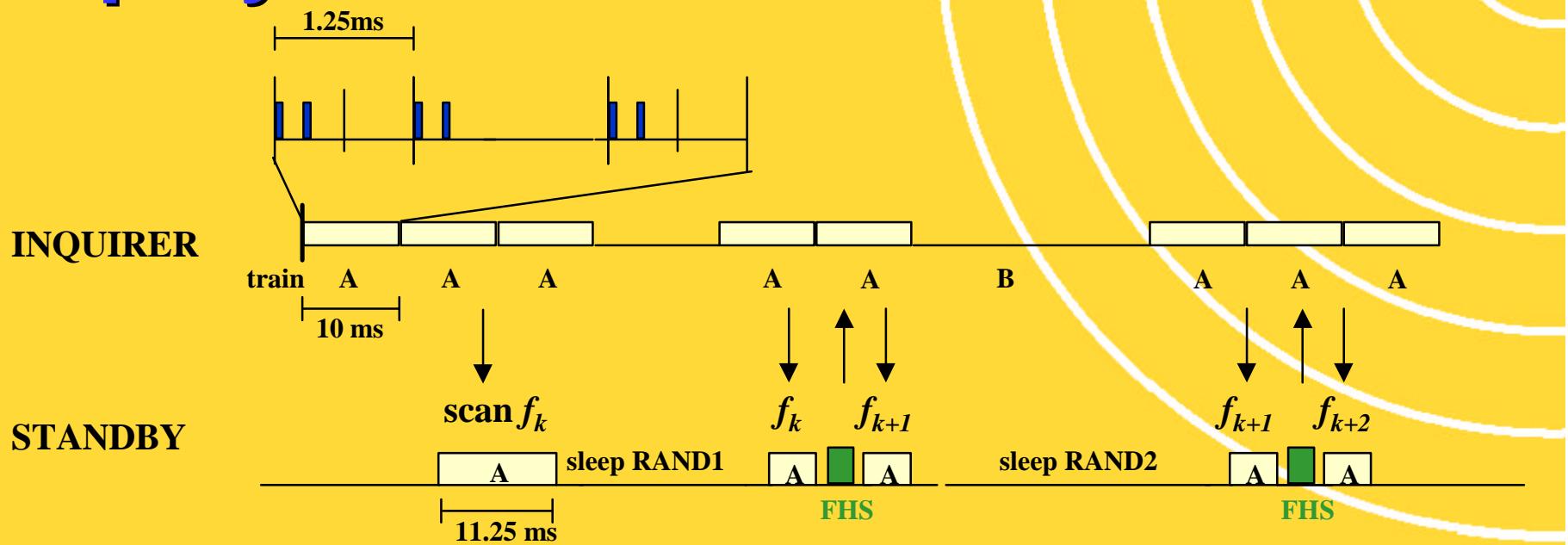
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  - ♦ Radios D respond with FHS packets
  - ♦ Radio A now has information of all radios within range

# Inquiry Procedure



- ◆ Inquiry has unique device address (all BT radio use)
  - ◆ Unique set of “Inquiry” hop frequencies
- ◆ Any device can inquire by paging the Inquiry address
- ◆ Correlater hit causes slave to respond with FHS packet
  - ◆ *Device ID*
  - ◆ *Clock*

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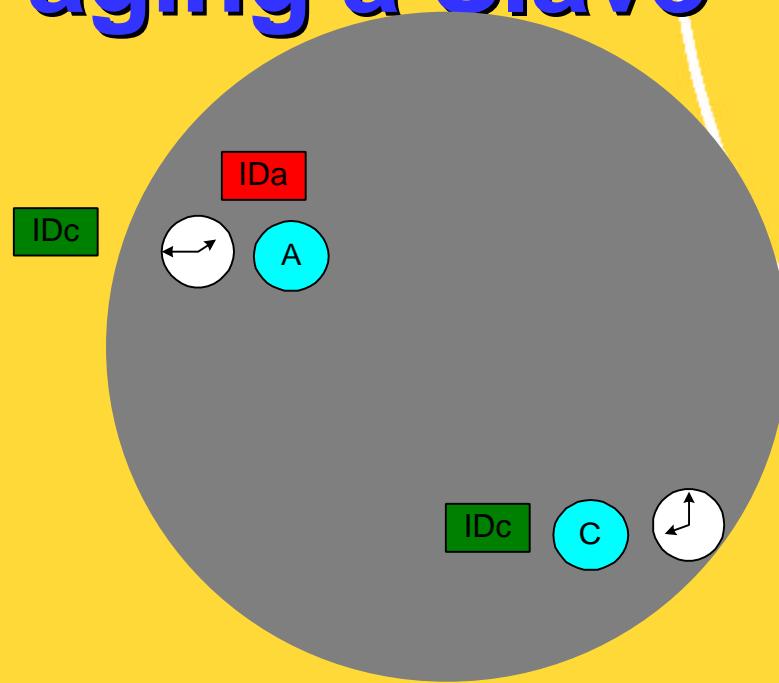


- ◆ **Multiple slaves are expected to respond**
  - ◆ Correlater hit causes slave to
    - ◆ respond with FHS packet
    - ◆ Wait a random number of slots
    - ◆ Wait for another Inquiry page and repeat
- ◆ **Master should end up with a list of slave FHS packets in area**

# Inquire Summary

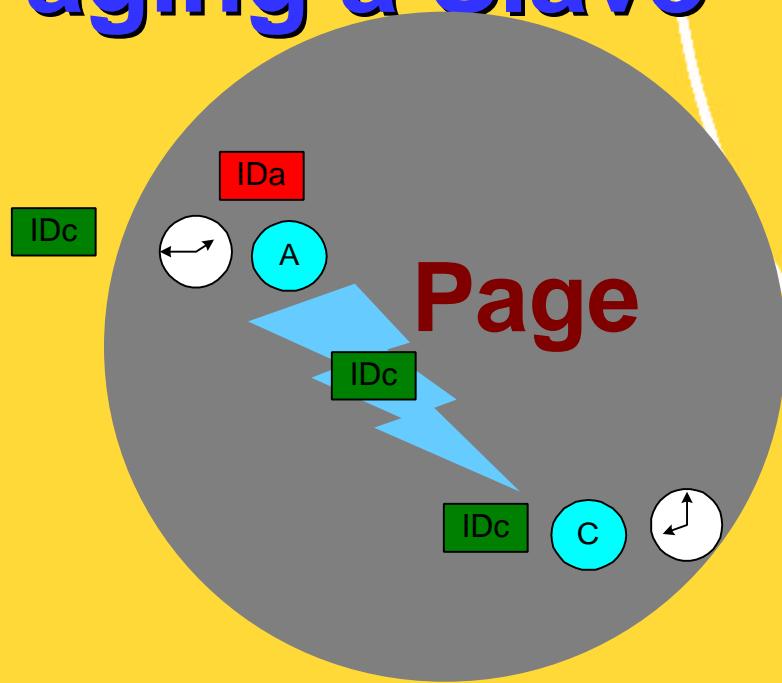
- ◆ Paging radio Issues page packet with Inquire ID
- ◆ Any radio doing an Inquire scan will respond with an FHS packet
  - ◆ FHS packet gives Inquiring radio information to page
    - ◆ *Device ID* 
    - ◆ *Clock* 
  - ◆ If there is a collision then radios wait a random number of slots before responding to the page inquire
- ◆ After process is done, Inquiring radio has *Device IDs* and *Clocks* of all radios in range

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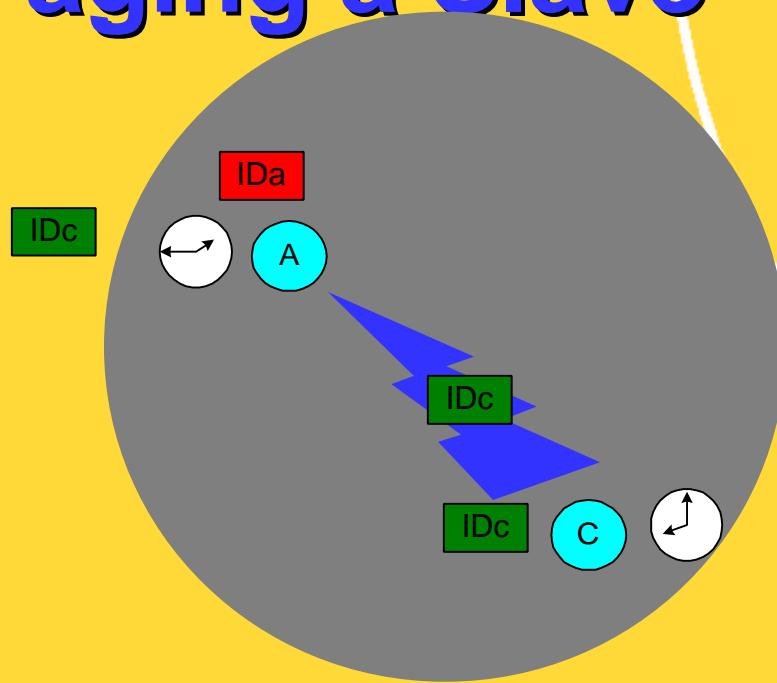
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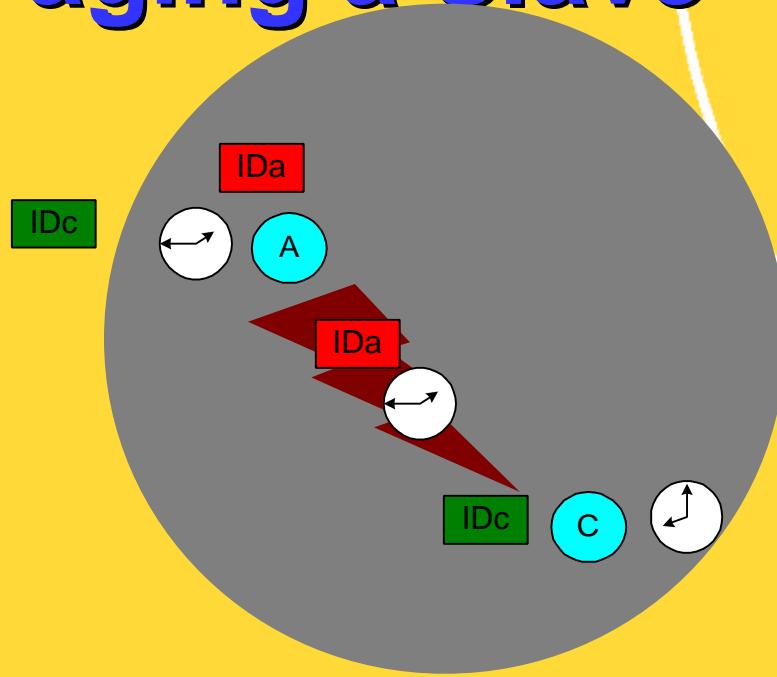
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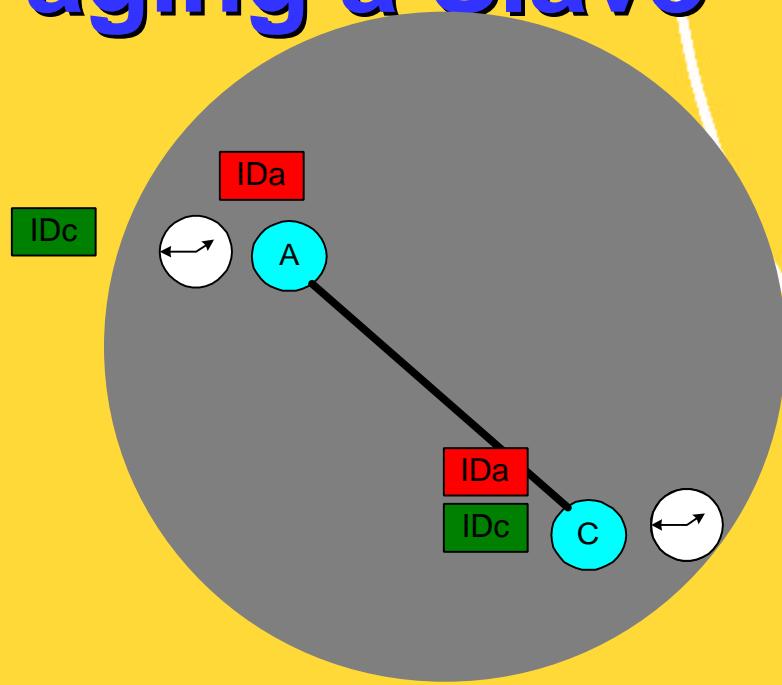
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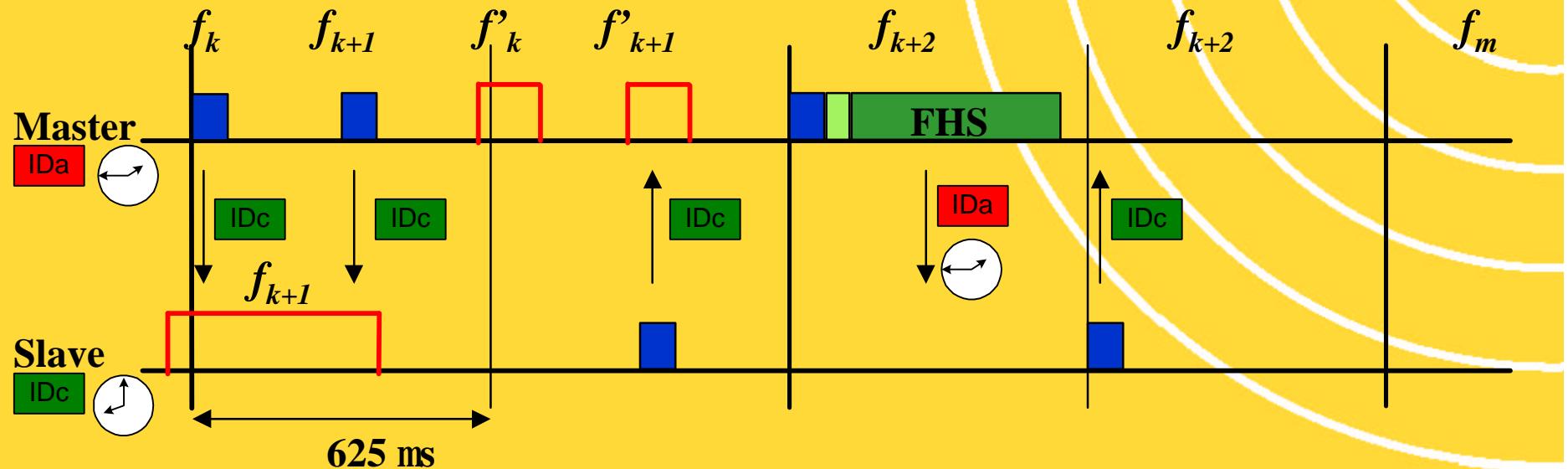
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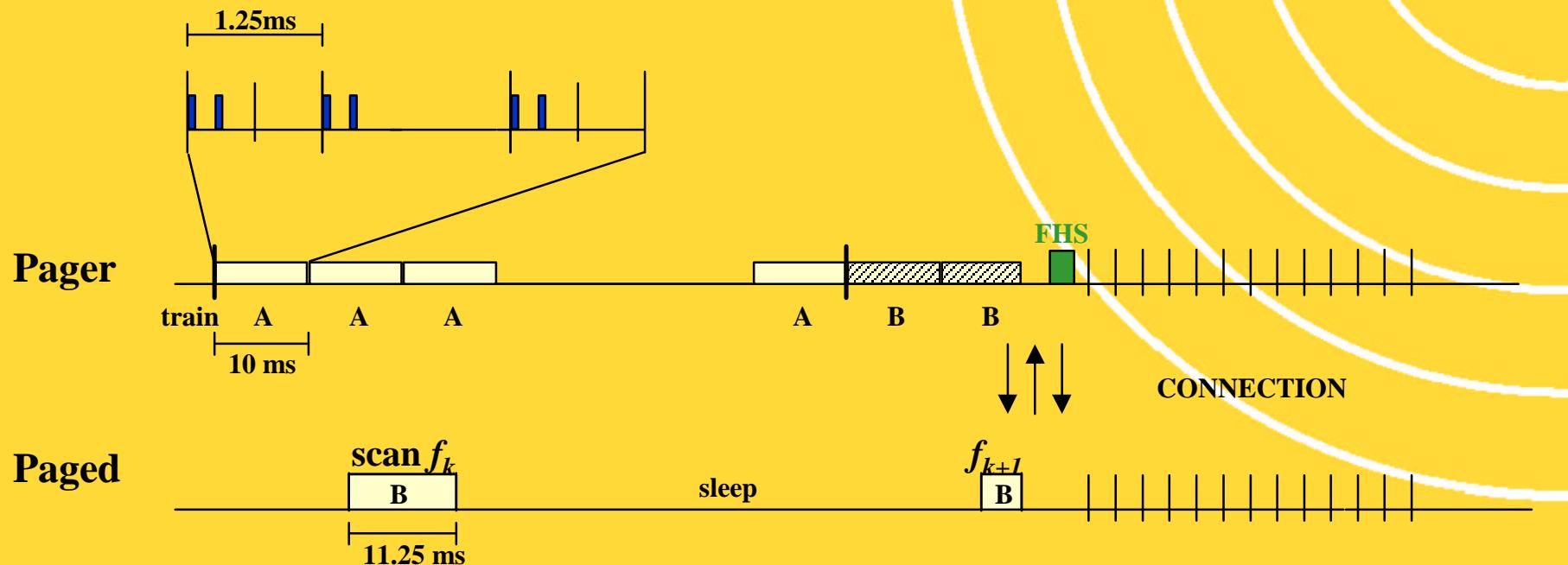
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  - ◆ A connects as a master to C

# Master Paging a slave



- ◆ **Master pages slave (packet has slave ID) at slave page frequency (1 of 32)**
  - ◆ Master sends page train of 16 most likely frequencies in slave hop set
    - ◆ Slave ID sent twice a transmit slot on slave page frequency
    - ◆ Master listens twice at receive slot for a response
  - ◆ If misses, master sends second train on remaining 16 frequencies
- ◆ **Slave listens for 11 ms (page scan)**
  - ◆ If correlator triggers, slave wakes-up and relays packet at response frequency
  - ◆ Master responds with FHS packet (provides master's ***Device ID*** and ***Clock***)
  - ◆ Slave joins piconet

# Paging Procedure



- ◆ **Each slave page scans on unique sequence of 32 channels  $f_k$** 
  - ◆ Master pages 16 most likely channels for entire sleep period (nominally 1.25 seconds)
- ◆ **If clocks are off, then second train sent on last 16 frequencies for entire sleep period**

# **PHYSICAL LINK DEFINITION (II)**

## **SYNCHRONOUS CONNECTION-ORIENTED (SCO) LINK**

- ◆ circuit switching
- ◆ symmetric, synchronous services
- ◆ slot reservation at fixed intervals

## **ASYNCHRONOUS CONNECTION-LESS (ACL) LINK**

- ◆ packet switching
- ◆ (a)symmetric, asynchronous services
- ◆ polling access scheme

# Packet Types/Data Rates

Packet Types				Data Rates (Kbps)			
SEGMENT	TYPE	SCO link	ACL link	TYPE	symmetric		asymmetric
1	0000	NULL	NULL	DM1	108.8	108.8	108.8
	0001	POLL	POLL	DH1	172.8	172.8	172.8
	0010	FHS	FHS	DM3	256.0	384.0	54.4
	0011	DM1	DM1	DH3	384.0	576.0	86.4
2	0100		DH1	DM5	286.7	477.8	36.3
	0101	HV1		DH5	432.6	721.0	57.6
	0110	HV2					
	0111	HV3					
	1000	DV					
	1001		AUX1				
3	1010		DM3				
	1011		DH3				
	1100						
	1101						
4	1110		DM5				
	1111		DH5				



# Mobile = Battery life

- ♦ **Low power consumption\***

- ♦ Standby current < 0.3 mA
  - ♦ 3 months
- ♦ Voice mode 8-30 mA
  - ♦ 75 hours
- ♦ Data mode average 5 mA
  - (0.3-30mA, 20 kbit/s, 25%)
  - ♦ 120 hours



- ♦ **Low Power Architecture**

- ♦ Programmable data length (else radio sleeps)
- ♦ Hold and Park modes 60  $\mu$ A
  - ♦ Devices connected but not participating
  - ♦ Hold retains AMA address, Park releases AMA, gets PMA address
  - ♦ Device can participate within 2 ms

\* Estimates calculated with 600 mAh battery and internal amplifier, power will vary with implementation

# Bluetooth Security

- ◆ **Provides link layer security between any two Bluetooth radios**
  - ◆ Authentication (E1 algorithm)
    - ◆ Challenge/Response system
  - ◆ Encryption (privacy)
    - ◆ Encrypts data between two devices
    - ◆ Stream cipher with E0 algorithm
  - ◆ Key management and usage
    - ◆ Configurable Encryption key length (0-16 bytes)
      - ◆ Government export regulations
      - ◆ Radio negotiate key size
    - ◆ Key generation with E2-E3 algorithms
      - ◆ Authentication and Encryption keys



# Bluetooth Radio Modules

- ◆ Complete radio on a module
  - ◆ Designed to meet “Limited Module Compliance” requirements
    - ◆ Pre-certified to meet global regulatory requirements
    - ◆ Allows devices assembled with modules to be “self-certified”
  - ◆ USB or Serial Interface
  - ◆ Solder-ball connections
  - ◆ External Antennae



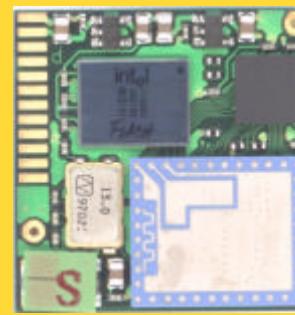
Production  
Module

25 mm dia

17x33mm



19x35mm



25x25mm

Compact  
FLASH  
Card

36x43mm

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# The international 2.4 GHz ISM band

- ♦ Requirements

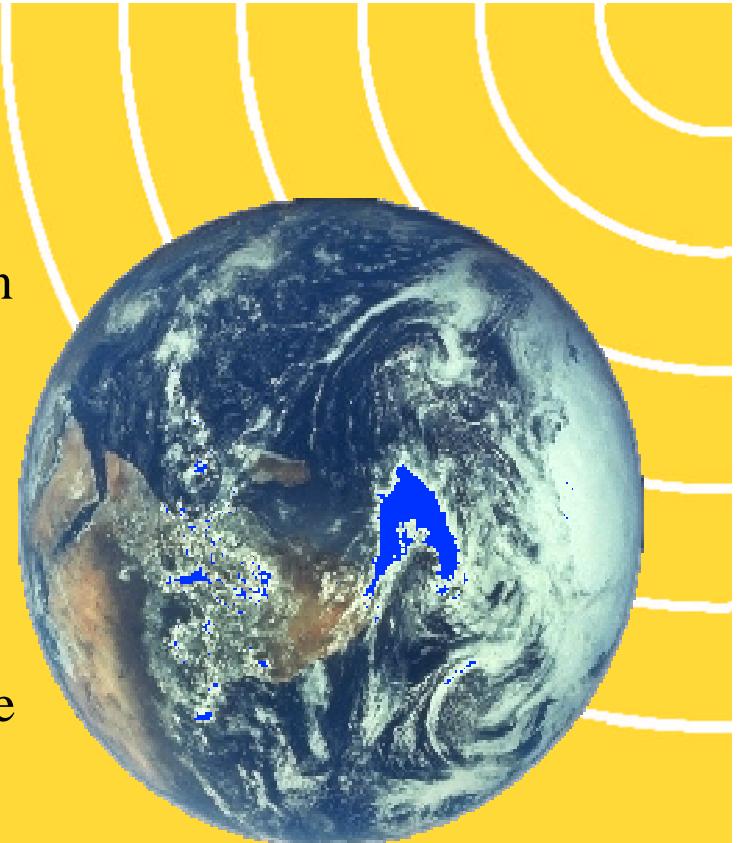
- ♦ Channel bandwidth limited to 1 MHz
- ♦ Spectrum spreading must be employed
- ♦ Multiple uncoordinated networks may exist and cause interference
- ♦ Microwave ovens also use this band
- ♦ 2.4 GHz IC electronics must run at high current levels

- ♦ Bluetooth solution

- ♦ 1 Mb/s symbol rate exploits maximum channel bandwidth
- ♦ Fast frequency hopping and short data packets avoids interference
- ♦ CVSD voice coding enables operation at high bit error rates
- ♦ Air interface tailored to minimize current consumption
- ♦ Relaxed link budget supports low cost single chip integration

# Bluetooth is global

- ◆ One version for the world
  - ◆ Architecture compliant with global emission rules (2.4 GHz ISM band)
    - ◆ Working through FCC, EC, MPT for spectrum and power harmonization
  - ◆ Architecture compliant and safe for use on airlines
    - ◆ Working with FAA, JAA, FCC, airplane manufacturers and airlines
  - ◆ Reviewing security architecture with affected countries



# Software Goals

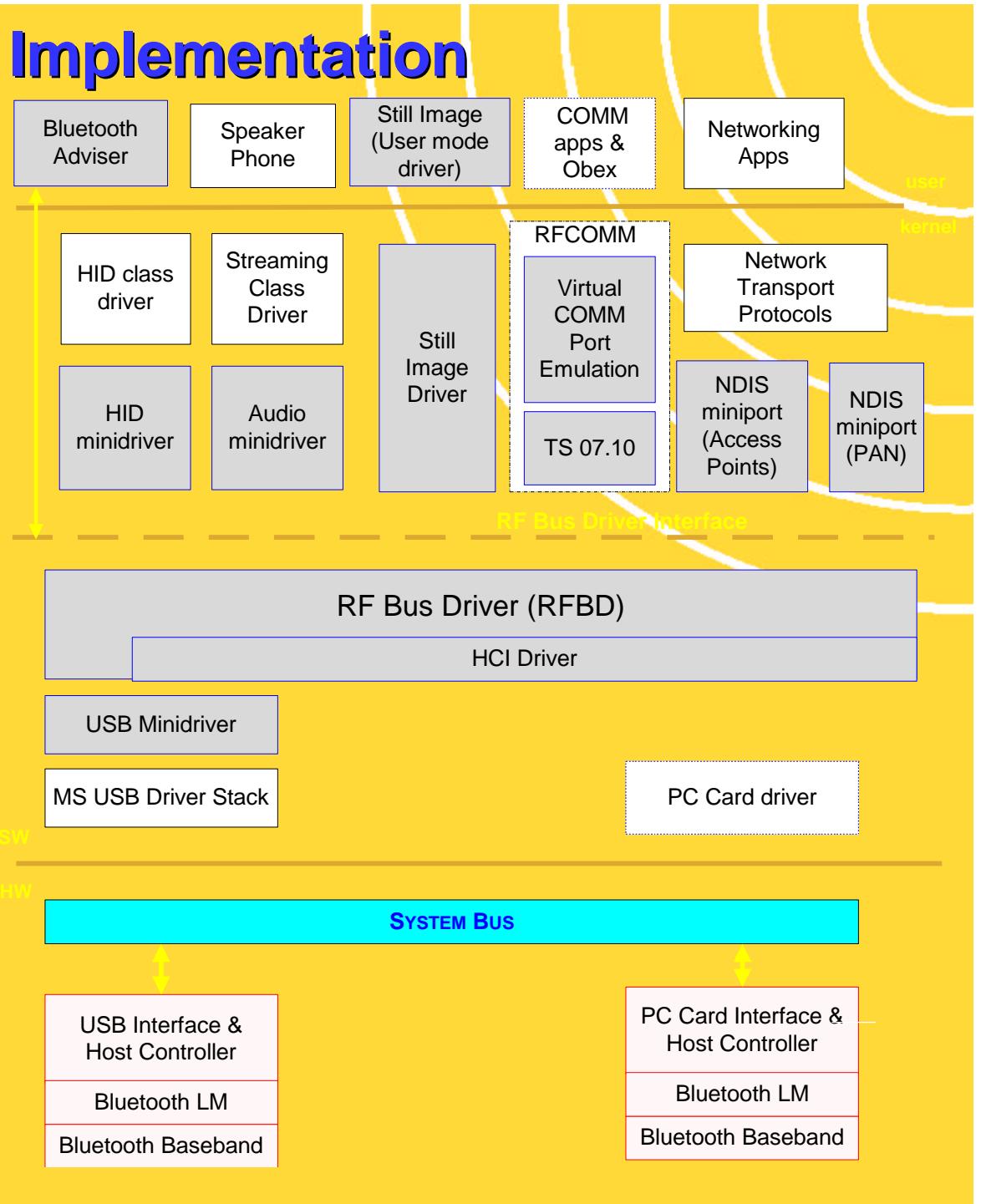
- ◆ **Good out of box experience**
  - ◆ Should provide value with existing applications
    - ◆ Utilize existing APIs and protocols where possible
  - ◆ Should be introduced with hardware that provides value
    - ◆ Notebooks
    - ◆ Cellphones
    - ◆ Handhelds
  - ◆ Should support the usage model
    - ◆ Data access points (POTS Modem, cellphone, ...)
    - ◆ Cable replacement (Speaking laptop, instant postcard, ...)
    - ◆ Ad-hoc networking (File exchange, ...)

# Example Software Implementation

- PC Windows\* example supporting the Bluetooth usage model

- WDM Driver

- Windows\* 2000
    - Windows 98\*



# Summary

- ◆ **Bluetooth is a radio system (not a radio)**
  - ◆ Hardware
  - ◆ Software framework
  - ◆ Interoperability requirements
- ◆ **Bluetooth Radio System is optimized for mobility**
  - ◆ Primarily cable replacement
    - ◆ NOT a WLAN technology
  - ◆ Targeted for Global use by mobile users