

Wireless Medium Access Technologies

ZigBee & RFID

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3.4.1 IEEE 802.15.4 – ZigBee

Due to the limited device capabilities, **IEEE 802.11** is usually **unsuitable** for sensor network applications, because it requires

- too many computational resources
- too much energy for transmitting and receiving.

An alternative is **IEEE 802.15.4**, also called **Zigbee**:

- specially designed for sensor network applications
- tailored towards **long lifetime**
- provides low data rates
 - sufficient for many applications
- **multi-hop networks** already supported in the standard
- special PHY layers for special purposes
 - e.g. Chirp Spread Spectrum
 - provides **robustness** and location services

WSN Application Scenarios





UvA Bird Tracking System

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Tracking bird movement and behaviour at multiple scales in space and time is no easy task. A team at the University of Amsterdam (UvA) have worked together to develop a flexible, state of the art, Bird Tracking System, the UvA-BiTS.

The system includes a solar powered, light weight GPS tag with rechargeable batteries, a tri-axial accelerometer, two way data-communication to a ground station network, automated data processing and visualization in the Virtual Lab. Researchers from multiple organizations are working with this system to study migration, navigation, foraging strategies on land and at sea. The system will continue to develop fostering research needs of a diverse community.

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Montagu's Harrier
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Lesser Black-backed Gull
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Oystercatcher
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Great Skua



Sallai et al.: "Acoustic Shooter Localization with a Minimal Number of Single-Channel Wireless Sensor Nodes" in Proceedings of SenSys 2011.



Crossbow/Memsic Hardware

- Mote platform MPR2600/IRIS for basic functionality
- Sensor data acquisition board MTS420 (accelerometer, light sensor, barometer, thermometer, humidity sensor, GPS receiver)
- Gateway MIB520 as interface to PC via USB
- Research platform TPR2420/TelosB (light sensor, thermometer, humidity sensor)



iSense Hardware

- modular hardware platform for combining multiple sensor modules
- core module
 - provides basic sensor functionality (OS, software)
 - CPU, clock, RAM, flash memory, radio
- environment module (thermometer, light sensor)
- security module (infrared sensor, accelerometer)
- gateway module: interface between sensor network and PC via USB



Resource Constrains

- Memory (e.g., 1024 kB ROM + 10 kB RAM)
- Processing Power (e.g., 8-16 MHz)
- Battery-driven

Plattform	TelosB	MicaZ	GNodes
MPU	MSP430	ATmega128L	MSP430
	8 MHz	8 MHz	16 MHz
	16 bit	8 bit	16 bit
ROM	48 kB	128 kB	116 kB
RAM	8 kB	4 kB	8 kB
Flash	1024 kB	512 kB	1024 kB
Radio	CC2420	CC2420	CC1101
	AES support	AES support	
	250 kbps	250 kbps	38,4 kbps
Frequenz	2,4 GHz	2,4 GHz	868 MHz

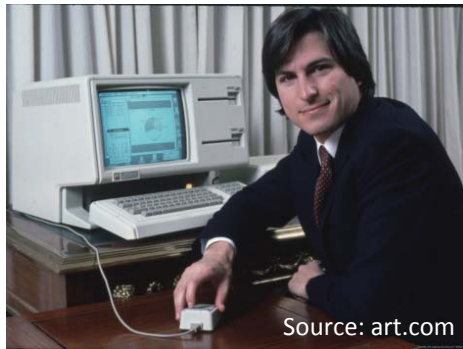
... compare it to something we all know ...

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IBM PC (1981)

- ~5 MHz, 16 Bit
- 16/64 kB RAM
- HDD 10MB (later versions)



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Apple Macintosh (1984)

- 8 MHz
- 128 kB RAM

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Amiga 500 (1987)

- ~8 MHz, 16 Bit
- 512 kB RAM

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IEEE 802.15.4-2006 is a standard which specifies the **physical layer** and **media access control** for low-rate wireless personal area networks (LR-WPANs). It is the basis for the **ZigBee**, WirelessHART, and MiWi specification, each of which further attempts to offer a complete networking solution by developing the upper layers which are not covered by the standard.

Features IEEE 802.15.4

- Data rates of 250 kbps, 40 kbps, and 20 kbps.
- Two addressing modes; 16-bit short and 64-bit IEEE addressing.
- Support for critical latency devices, such as joysticks.
- **CSMA-CA** channel access.
- Automatic network establishment by the **coordinator**.
- Fully handshaked protocol for transfer reliability.
- Power management to ensure **low power consumption**.
- 16 channels in the 2.4GHz ISM band, 10 channels in the 915MHz and one channel in the 868MHz band.

IEEE 802.15.4 - Konqueror

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IEEE 802.15 WPAN™ Task Group 4 (TG4)

Sunday, 7 February 2010

The IEEE 802.15 TG4 was chartered to investigate a low data rate solution with multi-month to multi-year battery life and very low complexity. It is operating in an unlicensed, international frequency band. Potential applications are sensors, interactive toys, smart badges, remote controls, and home automation.

IEEE 802.15 TG4 OFFICERS CONTACT INFORMATION

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- Vice Chair: [Phil Jamieson](#)
- Technical Editor: [Jose Gutierrez](#)
- Secretary: [Marco Naeve](#)

IEEE 802.15 TG4 CURRENT STATUS

The IEEE 802.15.4-2003 standard has been superseded by the publication of IEEE 802.15.4-2006. The new [standard](#) can be purchased from the IEEE store. The TG4 task group put itself into hibernation at the March 2004 meeting after forming a task group (TG4b). The new task group 4b completed its work with the publication of the revision. Additional information can be found on the [TG4b web site](#).

To get more information on TG4 and how to get involved check the [TG4 Expert](#) web site.

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IEEE 802.15 TG4 MAILING LIST

- Major announcements related to TG4 will be published on the 802.15.4 TG4 Public Mailing List [<stds-802-15-4@ieee.org>](mailto:stds-802-15-4@ieee.org).
- You can learn more about the 802.15 Mailing Lists by pointing your browser [here](#).
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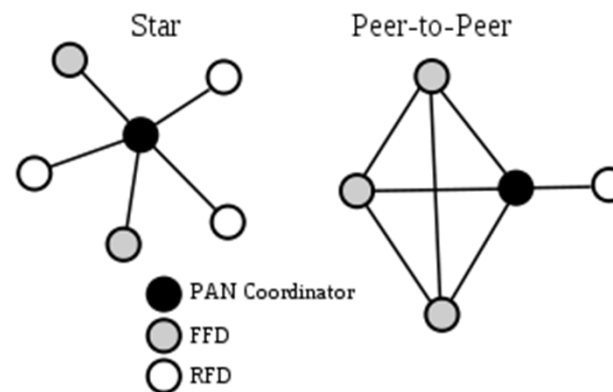
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Full-function device (FFD)

- can serve as the coordinator
- may relay messages
- every network needs at least one FFD

Reduced-function devices (RFD)

- extremely simple devices
- can only communicate with FFD's
- can never act as coordinators.



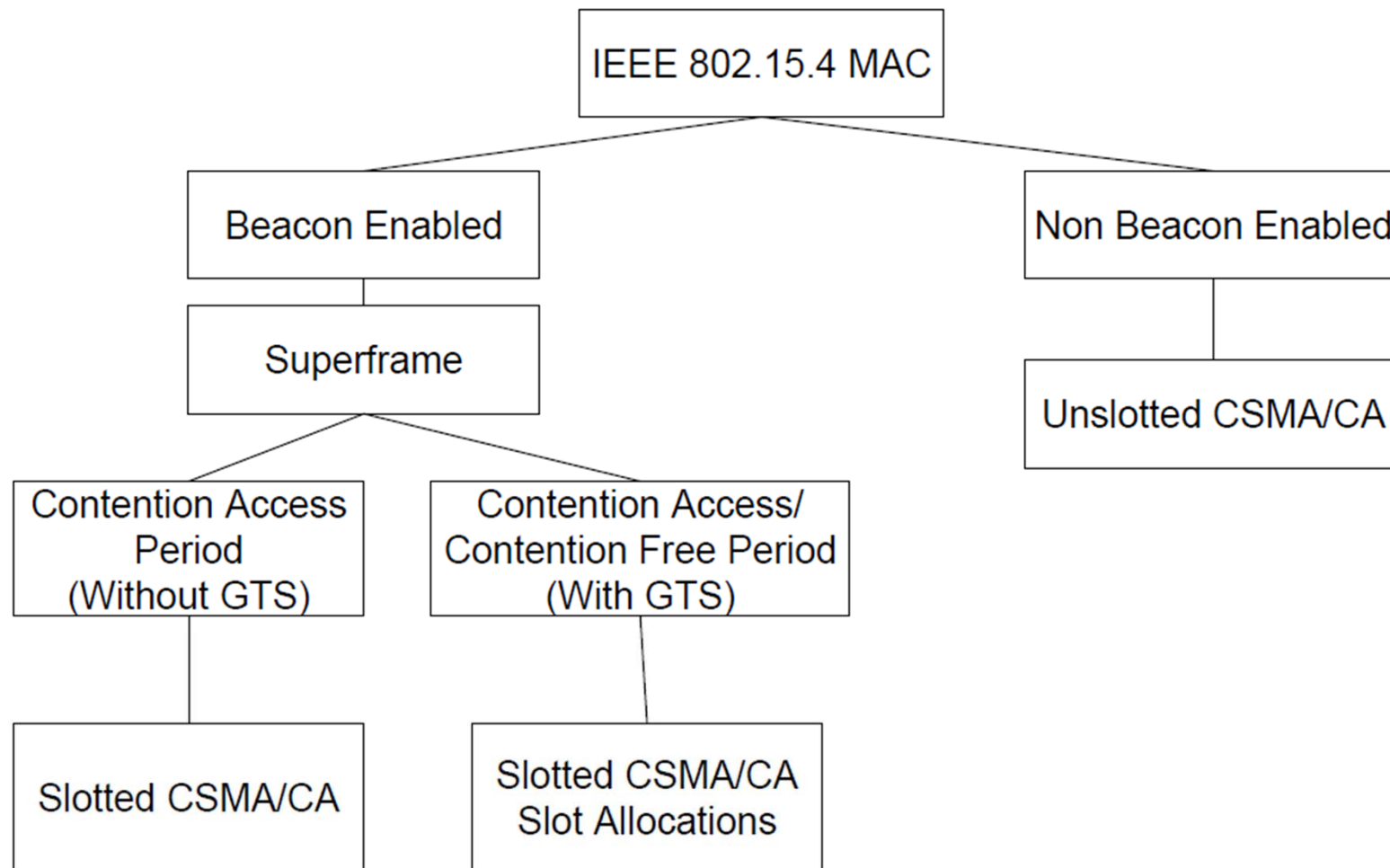
Peer-to-peer (or point-to-point) Topologies

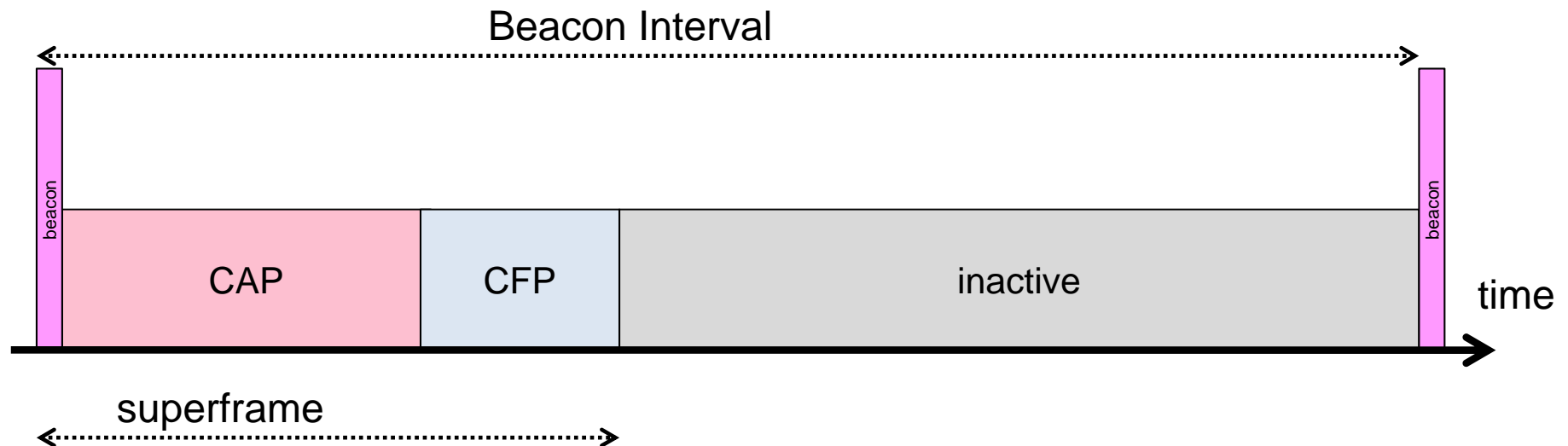
- arbitrary patterns of connections
- extension is only limited by the distance between each pair of nodes
- cluster-tree topologies special kind using cluster heads

Star Topologies

- the coordinator of the network will necessarily be the central node

- non beacon-enabled mode
 - simple non-slotted CSMA/CA
- beacon-enabled mode
 - PAN coordinator sends beacons
 - nodes synchronize using this beacons
 - slotted CSMA/CA
 - Guaranteed Time Slots (GTS) for real-time
 - nodes may sleep between beacons
 - either they have data to send
 - or the beacon tells them to listen
 - or they may sleep



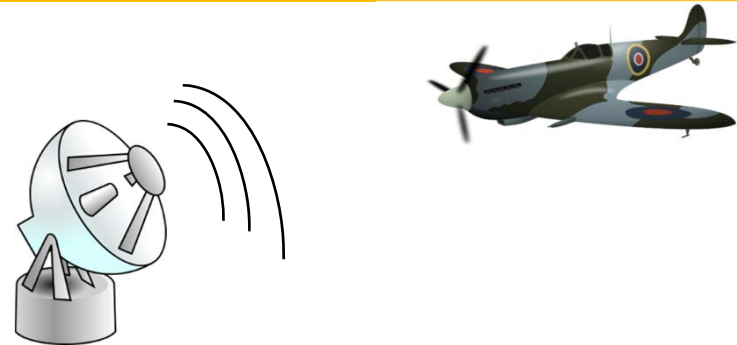


CAP – Contention Access Period

CFP – Contention Free Period
including Guaranteed Time Slot (GTS)

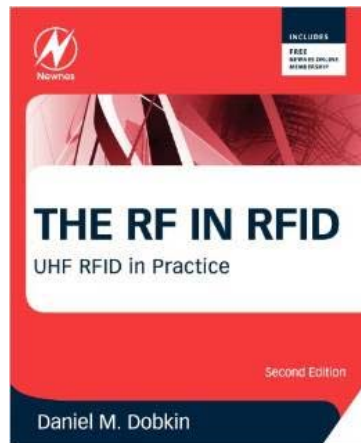
3.4.2 RFID

- since WW2: Identification Friend or Foe (IFF)
- radar technology



Literature:

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- Daniel M. Dobkin: “Quick Introduction to RFID”, <http://www.polygait.calpoly.edu/tutorial.htm>
- EPCglobal UHF Class 1 Gen 2 Standard: “EPC™ Radio-Frequency Identity Protocols Generation-2 UHF RFID - Specification for RFID Air Interface - Protocol for Communications at 860 MHz – 960 MHz”, Version 2.0.0, Nov. 2013, <http://www.gs1.org/gsmp/kc/epcglobal/uhfclg2>



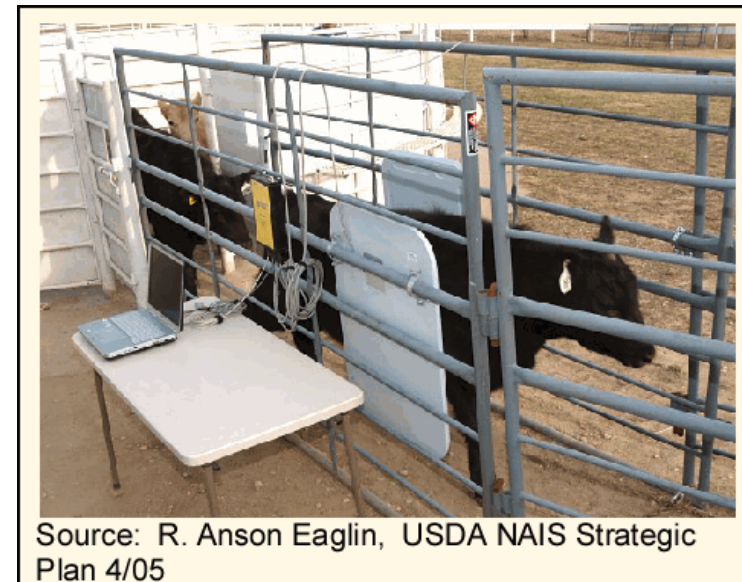
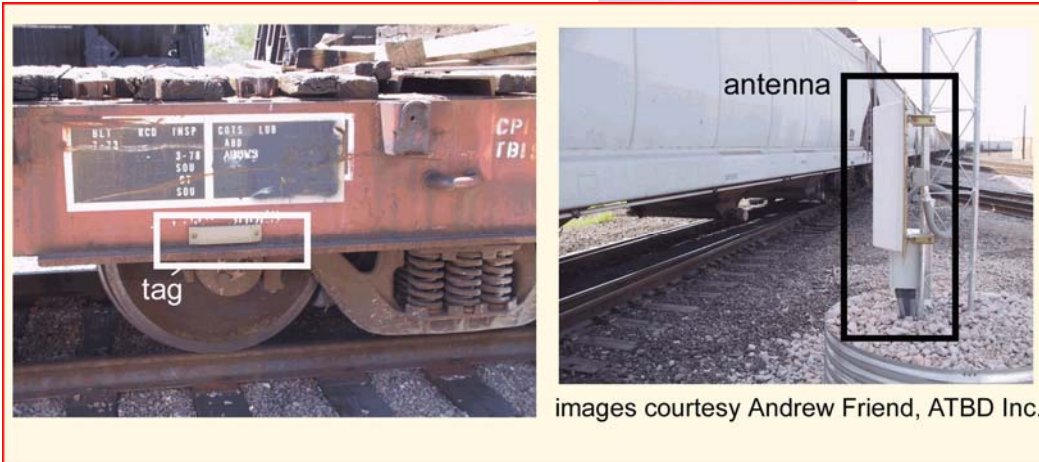
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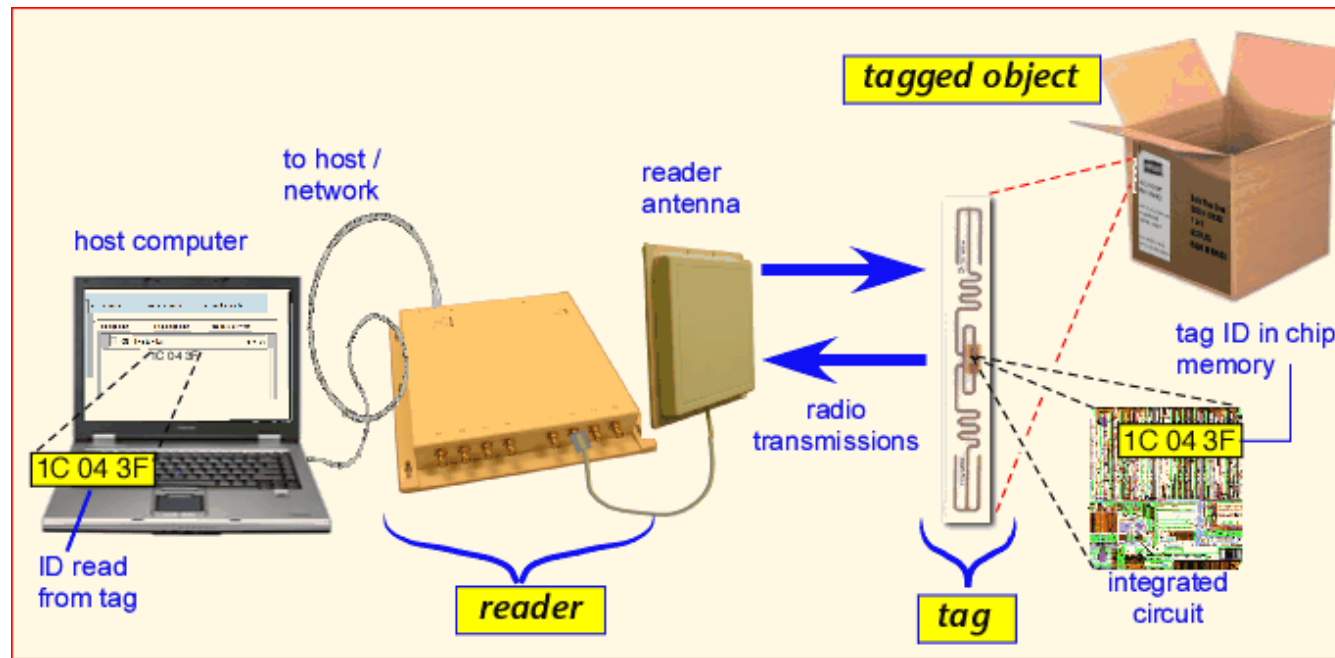
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RFID – Setup



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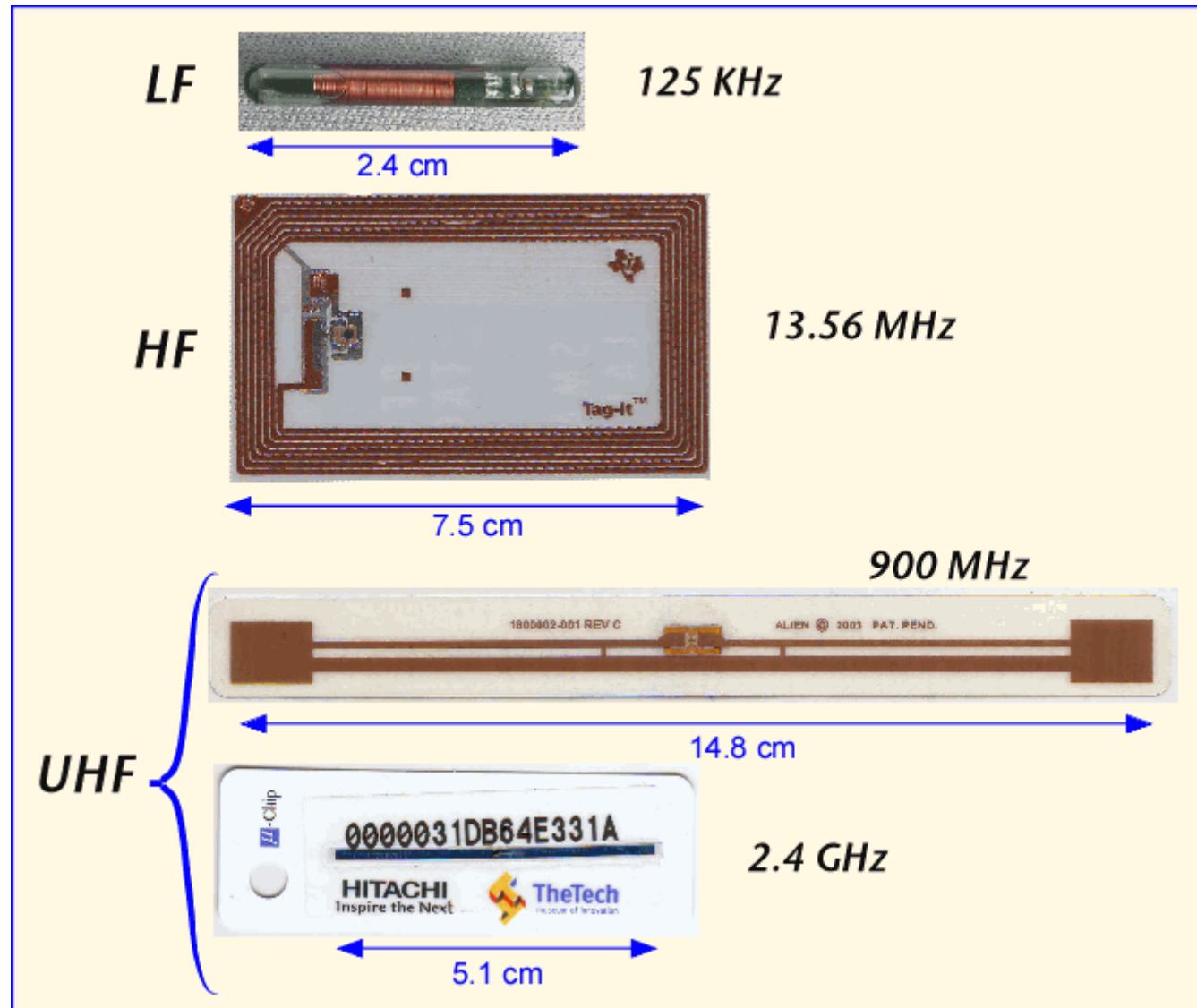
Types of RFID

	Typ. Frequenzen	Typ. maximale Reichweite (Tag passiv)	Typ. Anwendungen
Low Frequency (LF)	125/134 kHz	< 1 m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tier-Identifizierung • Zugangskontrolle
High Frequency (HF)	13,56 MHz	< 1 m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bargeldloses Bezahlen • Smart-Cards • Near Field Communication (NFC)
Ultra High Frequency (UHF)	860 – 960 MHz	2 – 10 m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logistik (EPCglobal C1 G2)
UHF „Microwave“	2,4 – 2,45 GHz	1 – 3 m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logistik (kleinere Tags)

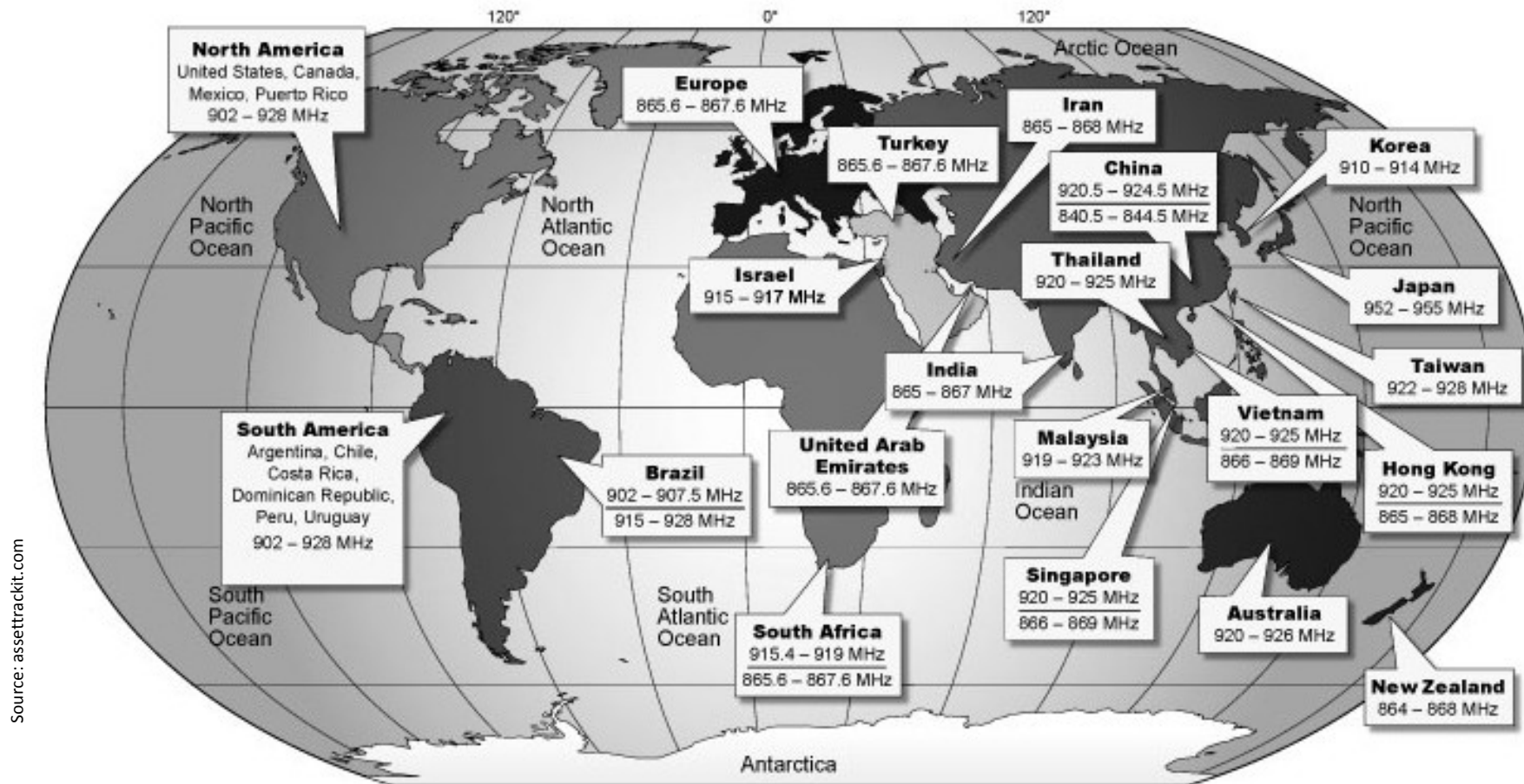
Vgl.: Daniel M. Dobkin, "The RF in RFID – UHF RFID in Practice"

- *Actual range depends on different factors:*
 - Reader: transmission power, antenna(s)
 - Tag: antenna
 - Environment: small scale fading: interference, multi-path effects, ...
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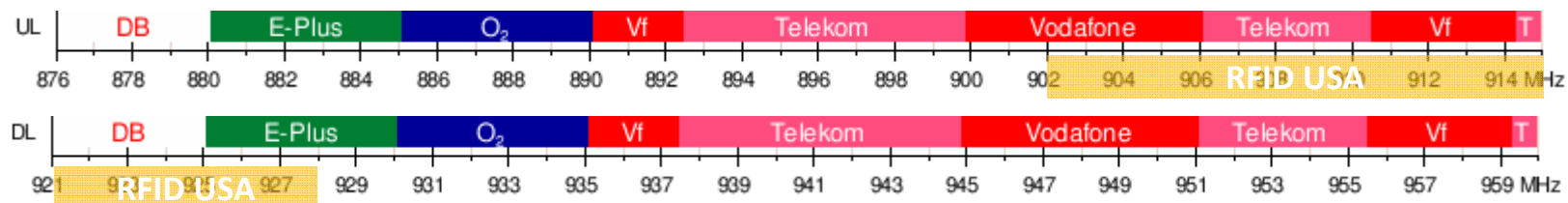
Types of RFID (2)



Bands available for UHF-RFID use in the 860-960 MHz range

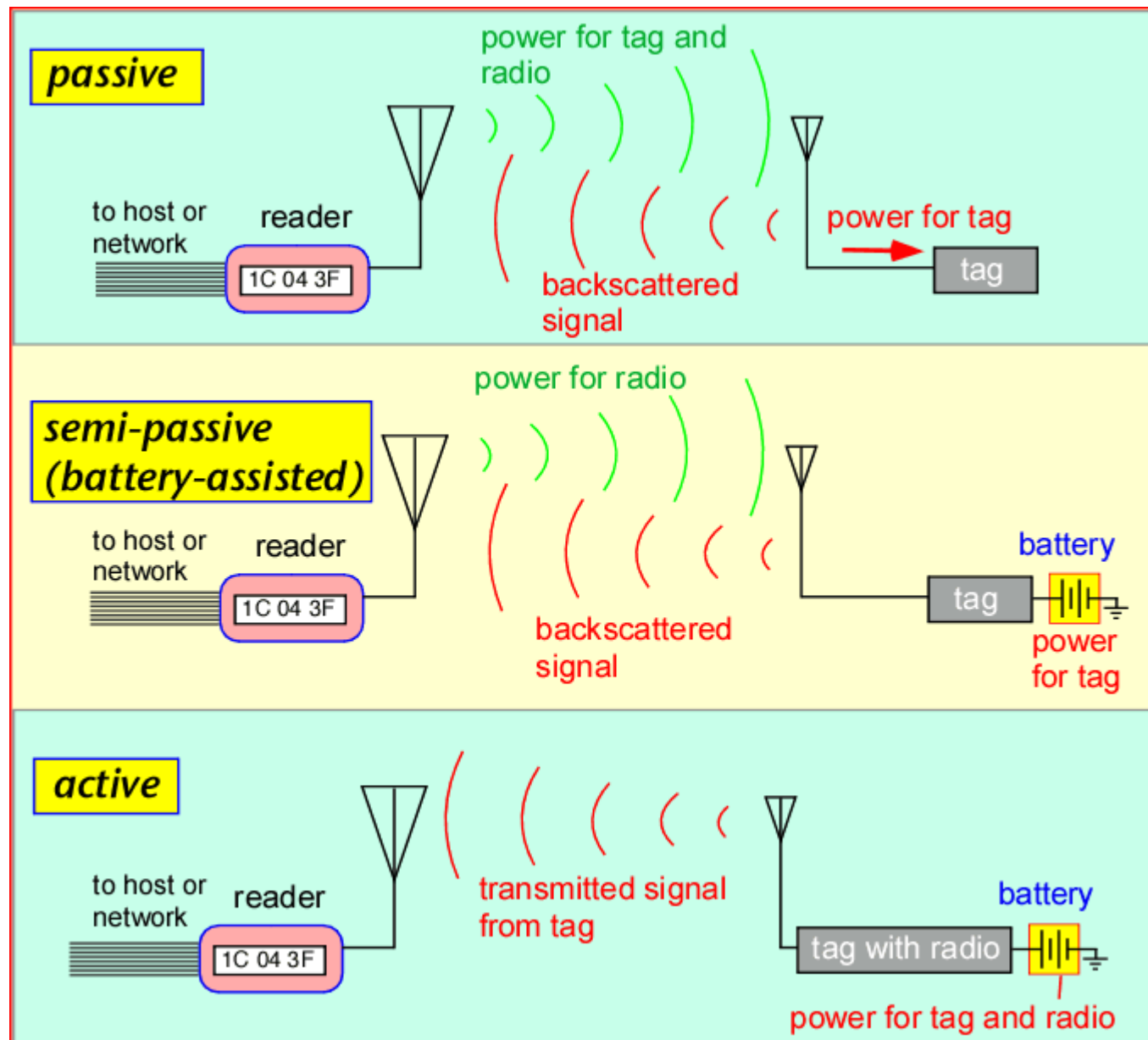


GSM 900 Germany



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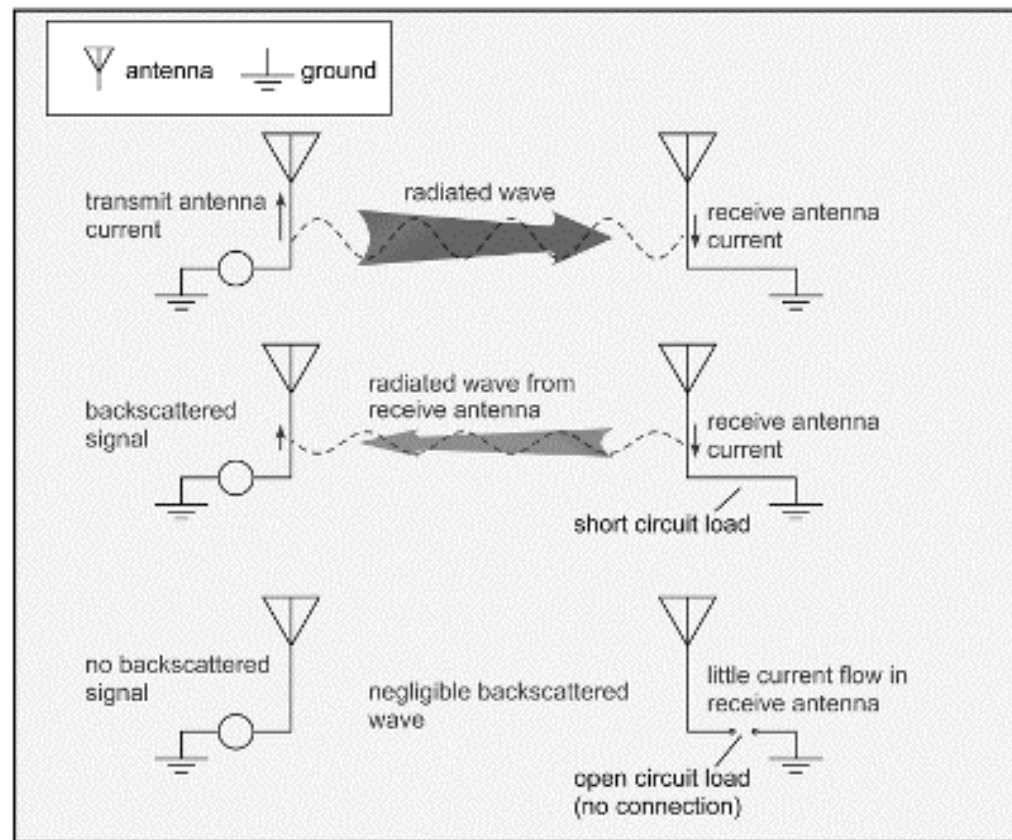
Tag-to-reader Communication



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Backscattering

- Stromversorgung durch Continuous Wave (CW) vom Lesegerät
- Tag kodiert seine Antwort durch die Veränderung seiner Antennen-Impedanz



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EPC Class 1 Generation 2 Uplink Encoding

- **Tag Antworten:**



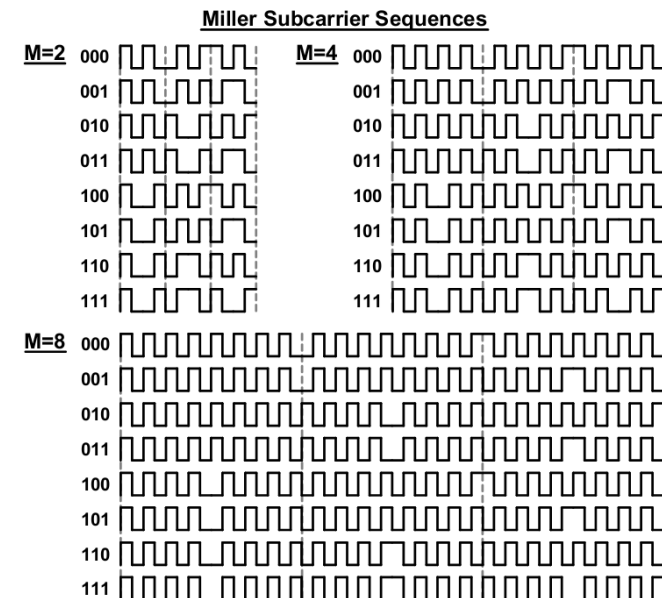
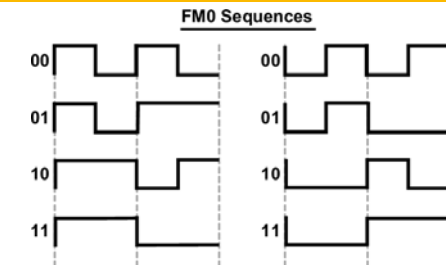
- **Encoding:**

- **FM0**

- Phasenwechsel in data-0 Symbol
 - Phasenwechsel nach jedem Symbol

- **Miller 2/4/8**

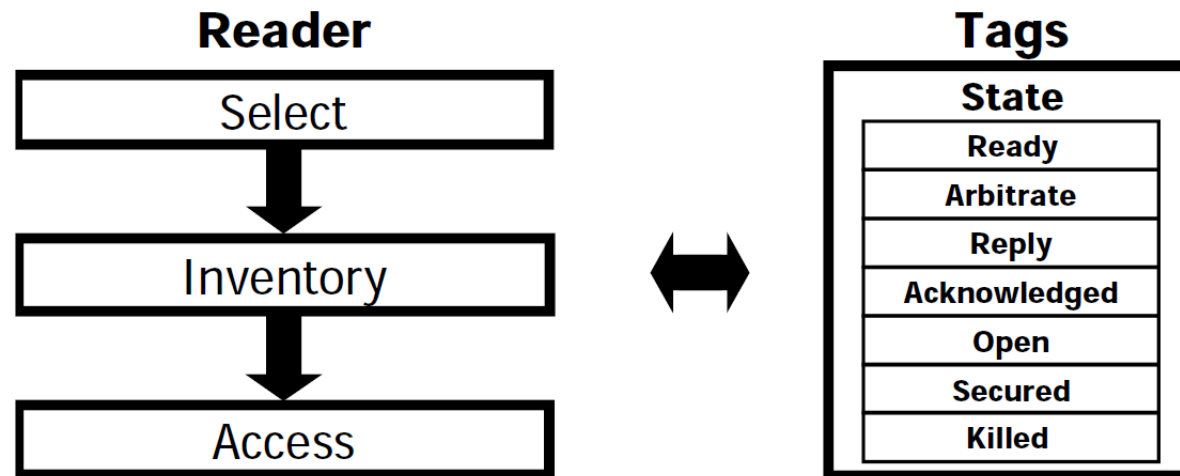
- Phasenwechsel in data-1 Symbol
 - Phasenwechsel nach aufeinanderfolgenden data-0 Symbolen
 - Rechteckkurve mit M-facher Symbolrate multiplikativ verknüpft



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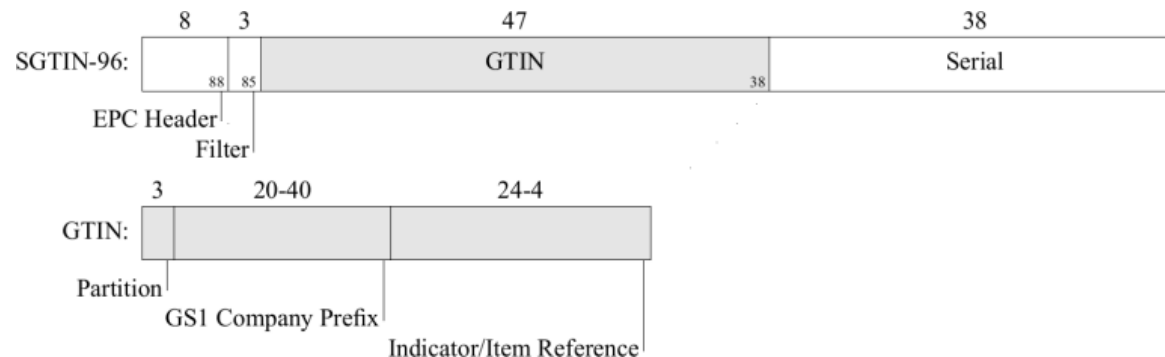
Geschwindigkeit vs. Robustheit

RFID Medium Access – Managing Tag Populations

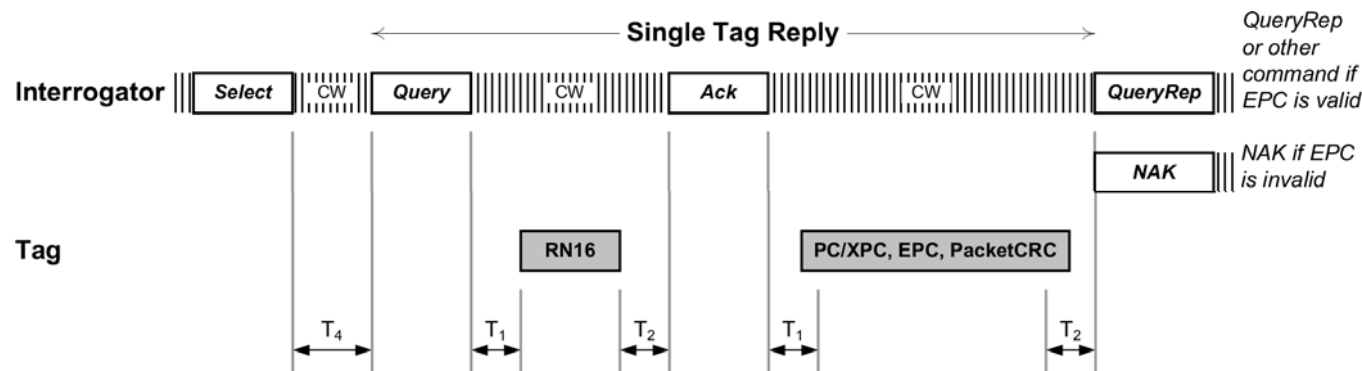


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- **Select:** Interrogator **selects a Tag population** for subsequent inventory
 - **Inventory:** Interrogator **identifies Tags** (detect EPC)
 - **Access:** Interrogator **transacts with an individual Tag**.
 - reads, writes, authenticates, ...
- **EPC – Electronic Product Code:**



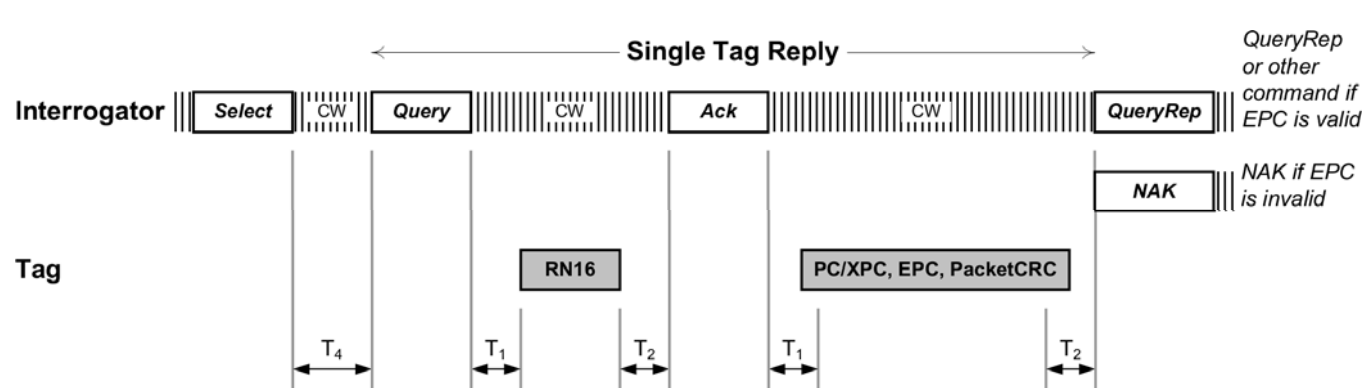
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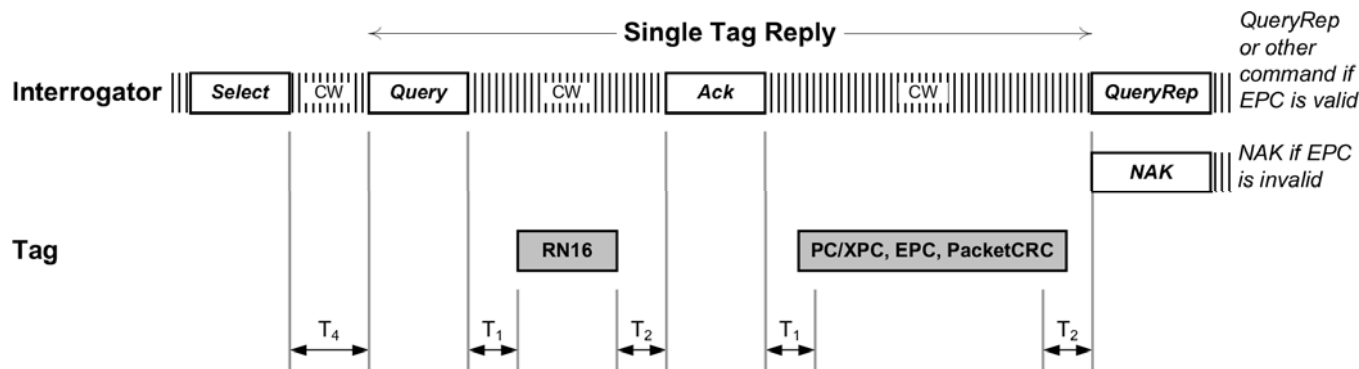
- **Select:** Interrogator **selects a Tag population** for subsequent inventory
 - selection is based on **user-defined criteria** (based on flags)
 - enabling union (U),
 - intersection (\cap), and
 - negation (\sim)
 - when (not-killed) Tag receives a **select**
 - returns to the ready state (“holding state” for energized Tags)
 - evaluates the criteria
 - modifies its SL or inventoried flag

RFID Medium Access – Managing Tag Populations (3)



- **Inventory:** Interrogator **identifies Tags** (detect EPC)
 - **Query**
 - contains a **slot-count parameter Q** in [0:15] (typically 4) and a **session** parameter (S0 .. S3)
 - Tags pick a random value in the range [0:2^Q-1]
 - 0 => reply immediately
 - !0 => transition to the **arbitrate state** and await a QueryAdjust /QueryRep command
 - **ACK** (reply the same RN16)
 - **QueryRep** (or QueryAdjust with new Q),
 - to make Tag change its flags (e.g., inventoried flag)
 - causing another Tag to initiate a query response dialog
 - repeat **session** parameter
 - **NAK**
 - all Tags in the inventory round that receive the NAK return to **arbitrate** without changing their inventoried flag

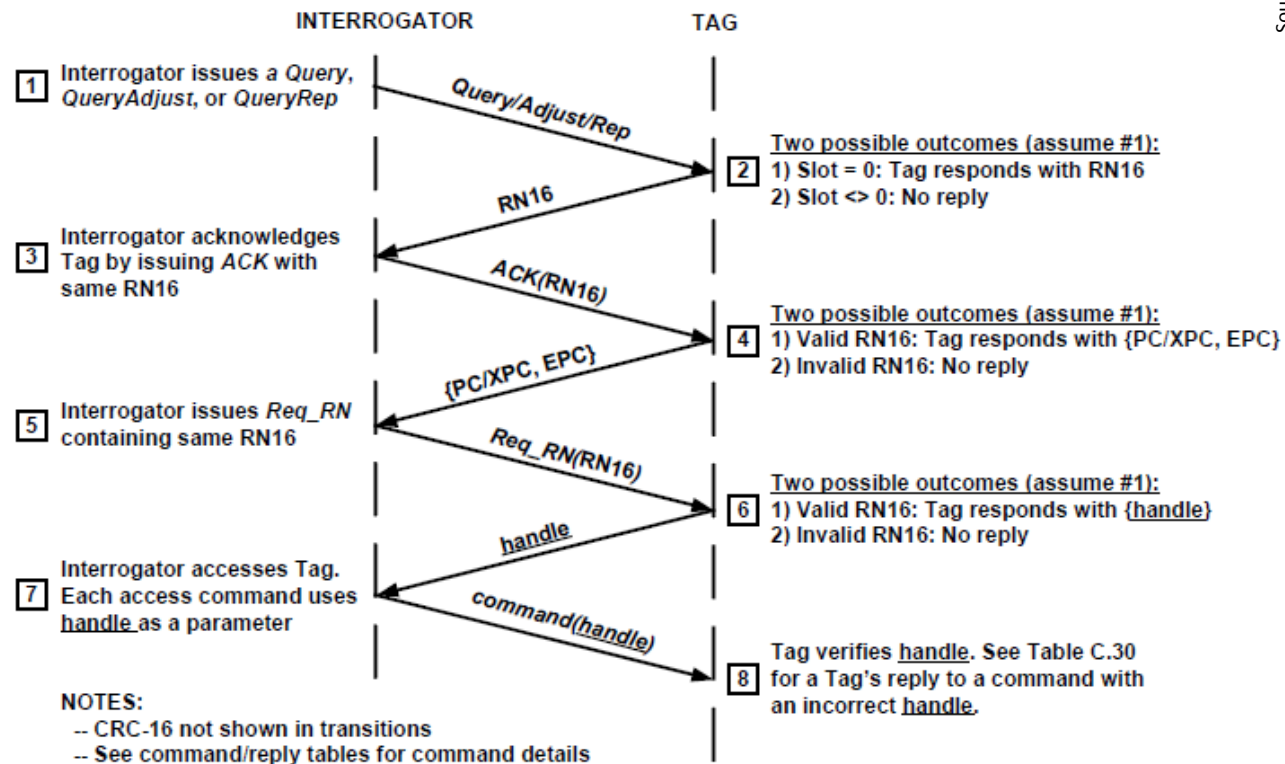
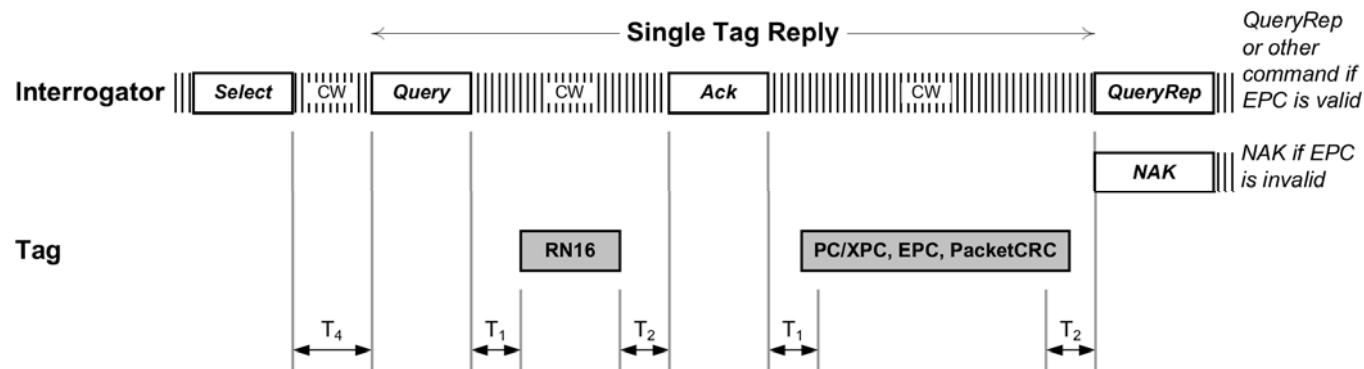
RFID Medium Access – Managing Tag Populations (4)



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- **Access:** Interrogator **transacts with an individual TagQuery**
 - an Interrogator may choose to access a Tag after acknowledging it
 - **Req_RN** to acknowledge Tag -> Tag's replies with **new RN16** (handle)
 - all following access commands include a Tag's handle
 - handle value is fixed for the entire duration of a Tag access
 - **Read** read Tag memory
 - **Write** write Tag memory
 - **Lock** configure portions of Tag memory to be (un)changeably
 - **Kill** kill a Tag -> once killed, a Tag shall not respond to an Interrogator thereafter
 - **Access** transition a Tag from the open to the secured state
 - ...

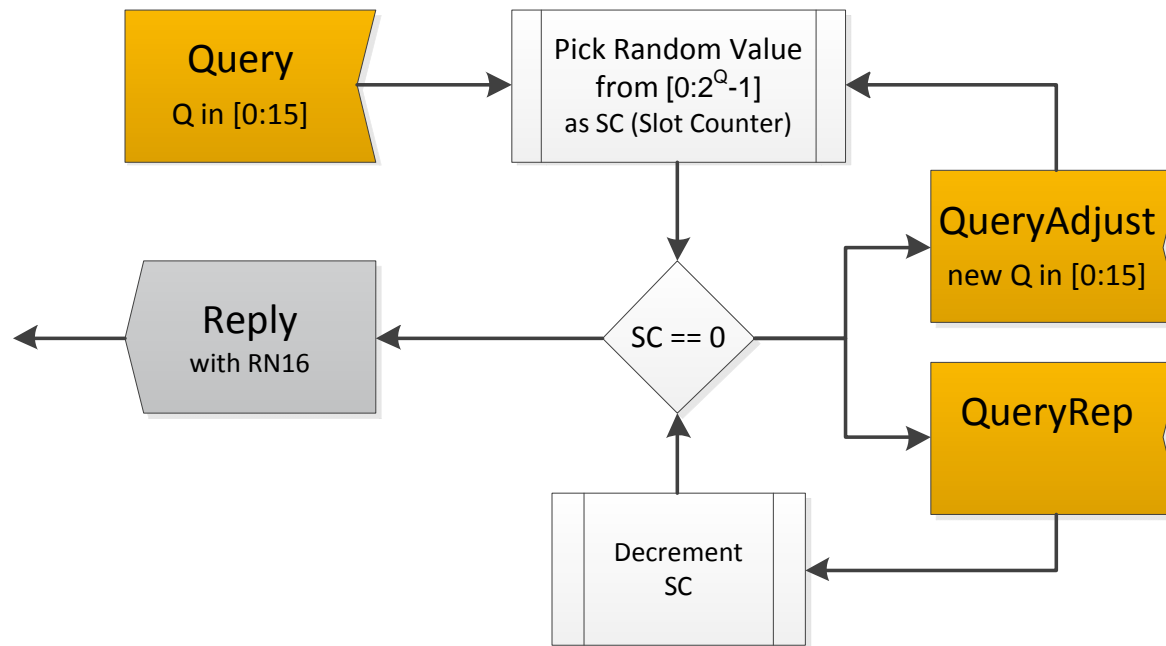
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RFID Medium Access – Q-Algorithm



Tag-response probabilities range from: $2^0 = 1$ to $2^{-15} = 0.000031$

Is it **polling** or is it **random access**?

- **Frame Slotted Aloha (FSA)**
- **Q Algorithm / Q Protocol** -> dynamic adjustment of Q

- 1) Effiziente Datensammlung
 - Wie kann man Tags effizient erfassen? (Durchsatz steigern, ..)
 - Kollisionsvermeidung (1:n) – ein Reader liest viele Tags.
 - Kollisionsvermeidung (m:n) – mehrere Reader lesen viele Tags.
- 2) Optimierung für Anwendungen
 - Abschätzung der Kardinalität (Anzahl Tags)
 - Missing-Tag-Identification
 - Lokalisierung mittels RFID
- 3) Sicherheit
 - Verschlüsselung
 - Architekturen
- 4) Integration von Sensordaten
 - Sensor-Tags
 - Optimierungen fürs Auslesen von Sensordaten
 - MAC-Protokolle
- 5) Kombination von RFID und WSN