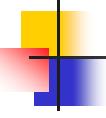# Chapter 14

Wireless LANs

14-1 IEEE 802.11

IEEE has defined the specifications for a wireless LAN, called IEEE 802.11, which covers the physical and data link layers.

Topics discussed in this section:

Architecture
MAC Sublayer
Physical Layer

A BSS without an AP is called an ad **hoc** network;
a BSS with an AP is called an **infrastructure** network.

Figure 14.1 *Basic service sets (BSSs)*
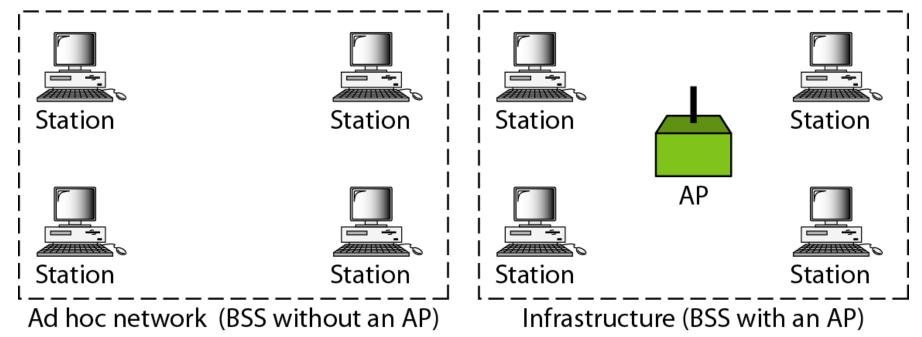
BSS: Basic service set
AP: Access point

Ad hoc network (BSS without an AP)

Infrastructure (BSS with an AP)

Figure 14.2 *Extended service sets (ESSs)*

ESS: Extended service set
BSS: Basic service set
AP: Access point

Distribution system

Server or Gateway
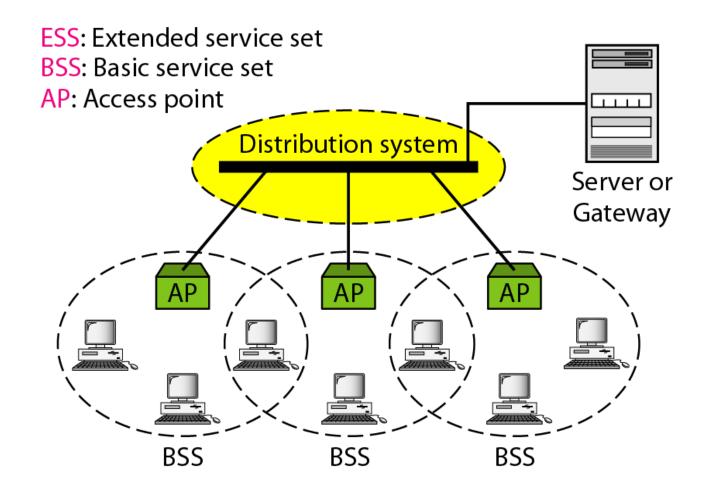
AP   AP   AP

BSS   BSS   BSS

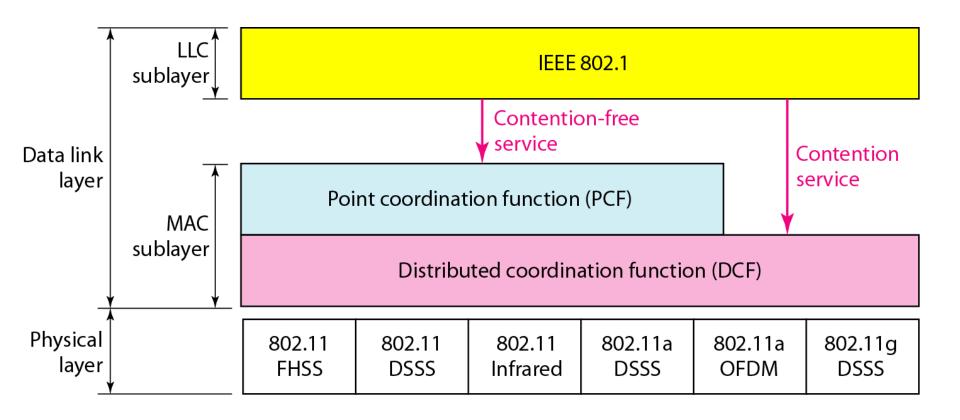# Figure 14.3 *MAC layers in IEEE 802.11 standard*

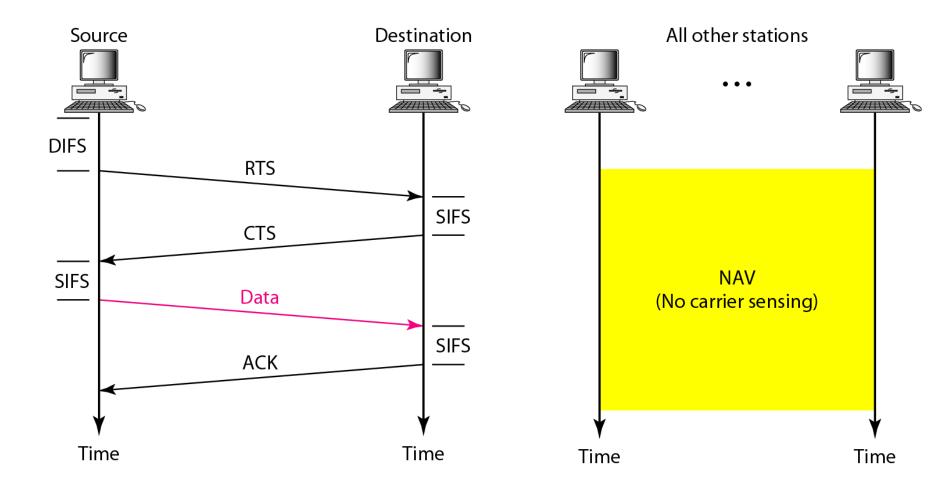# Figure 14.4 *CSMA/CA flowchart*
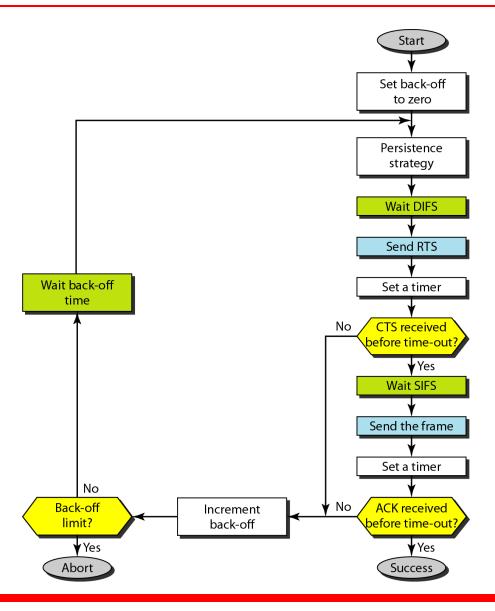
Figure 14.5 *CSMA/CA and NAV*
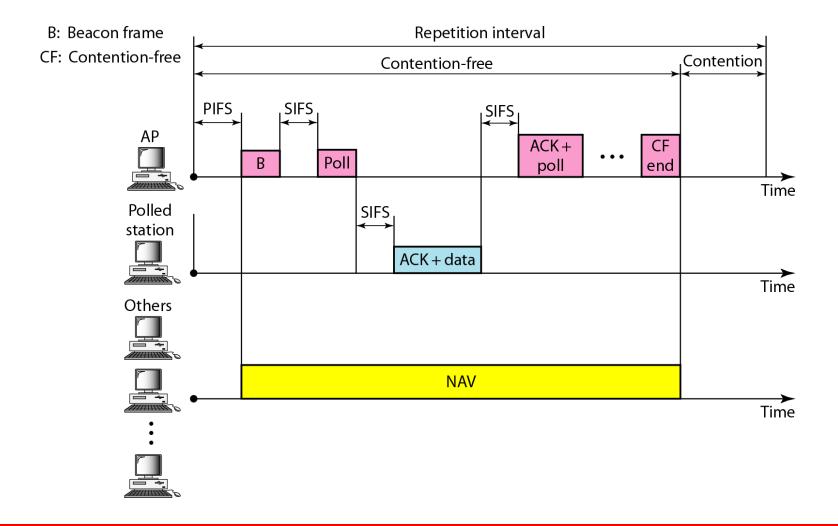
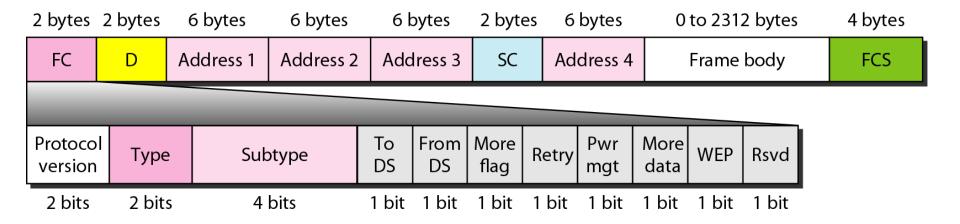# Figure 14.6 *Example of repetition interval*

Figure 14.7 *Frame format*

2 bytes	2 bytes	6 bytes	6 bytes	6 bytes	2 bytes	6 bytes	0 to 2312 bytes	4 bytes
FC	D	Address 1	Address 2	Address 3	SC	Address 4	Frame body	FCS

Protocol version	Type	Subtype	To DS	From DS	More flag	Retry	Pwr mgt	More data	WEP	Rsvd
2 bits	2 bits	4 bits	1 bit	1 bit	1 bit	1 bit	1 bit	1 bit	1 bit	1 bit

Table 14.1 *Subfields in FC field*

| Field	Explanation
Version	Current version is 0
Type	Type of information: management (00), control (01), or data (10)
Subtype	Subtype of each type (see Table 14.2)
To DS	Defined later
From DS	Defined later
More flag	When set to 1, means more fragments
Retry	When set to 1, means retransmitted frame
Pwr mgt	When set to 1, means station is in power management mode
More data	When set to 1, means station has more data to send
WEP	Wired equivalent privacy (encryption implemented)
Rsvd	Reserved

Figure 14.8 *Control frames*
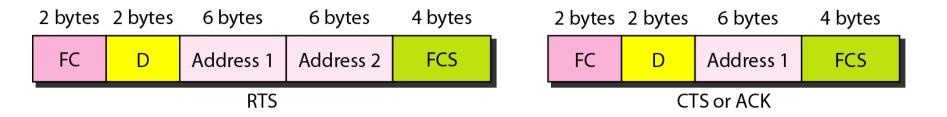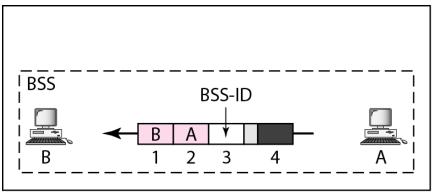
Table 14.2 *Values of subfields in control frames*

Subtype	Meaning
1011	Request to send (RTS)
1100	Clear to send (CTS)
1101	Acknowledgment (ACK)
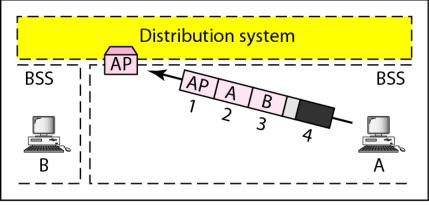
Table 14.3 *Addresses*

To DS	From DS	Address 1	Address 2	Address 3	Address 4
0	0	Destination	Source	BSS ID	N/A
0	1	Destination	Sending AP	Source	N/A
1	0	Receiving AP	Source	Destination	N/A
1	1	Receiving AP	Sending AP	Destination	Source
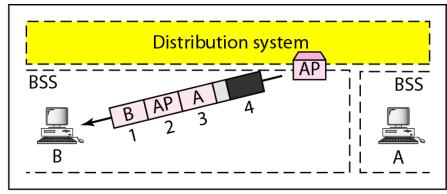
Figure 14.9 *Addressing mechanisms*

a. Case 1

b. Case 2

c. Case 3
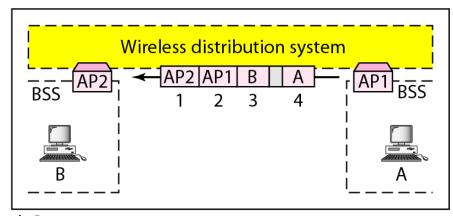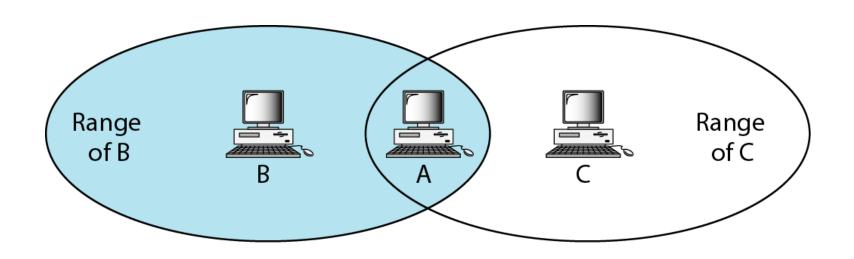
d. Case 4

Figure 14.10 *Hidden station problem*

Range of B

B

A

C

Range of C

B and C are hidden from each other with respect to A.

The CTS frame in CSMA/CA handshake can prevent collision from a hidden station.

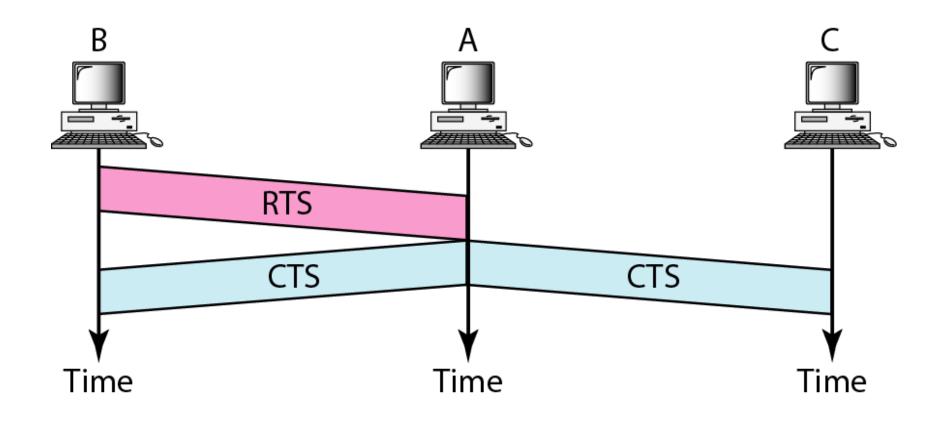# Figure 14.11 Use of handshaking to prevent hidden station problem
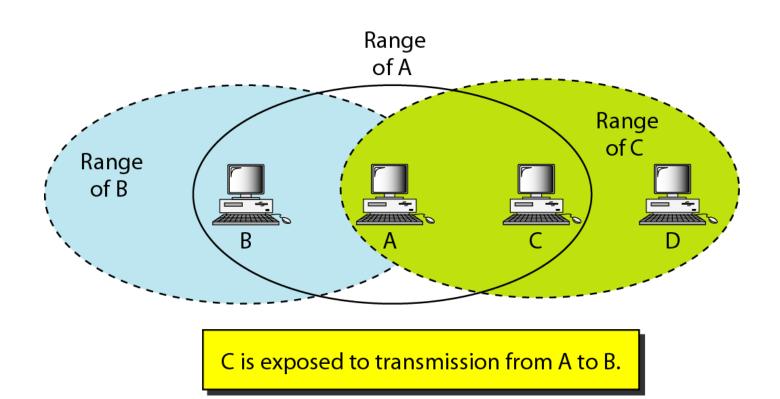
Figure 14.12 *Exposed station problem*

C is exposed to transmission from A to B.

Figure 14.13 *Use of handshaking in exposed station problem*
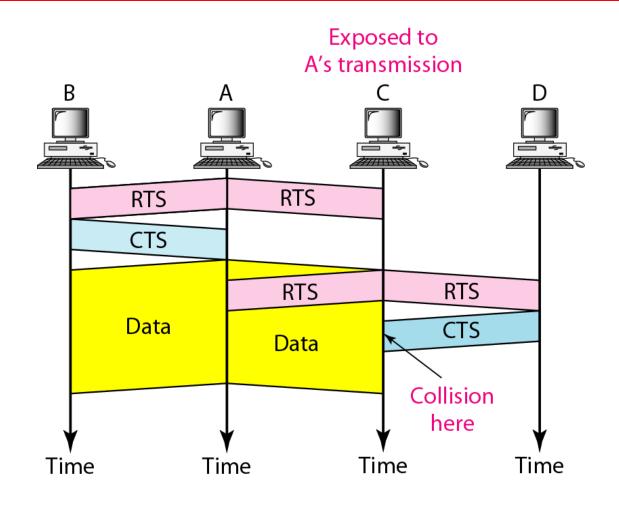
Table 14.4 *Physical layers*

IEEE	Technique	Band	Modulation	Rate (Mbps)
802.11	FHSS	2.4 GHz	FSK	1 and 2
	DSSS	2.4 GHz	PSK	1 and 2
		Infrared	PPM	1 and 2
802.11a	OFDM	5.725 GHz	PSK or QAM	6 to 54
802.11b	DSSS	2.4 GHz	PSK	5.5 and 11
802.11g	OFDM	2.4 GHz	Different	22 and 54

Figure 14.14 *Industrial, scientific, and medical (ISM) band*
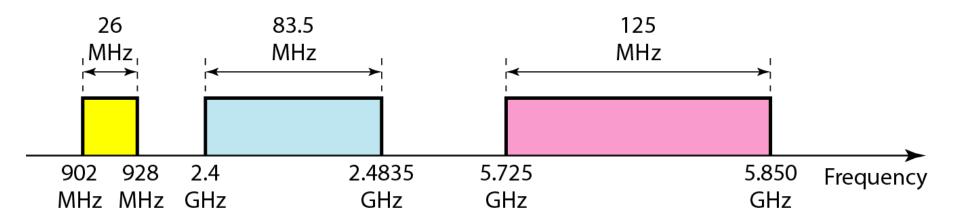
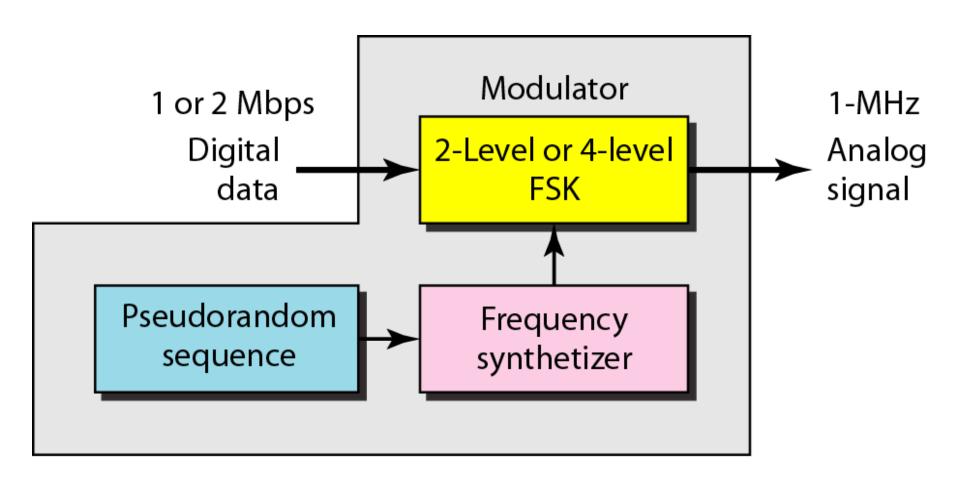**Figure 14.15** *Physical layer of IEEE 802.11 FHSS*

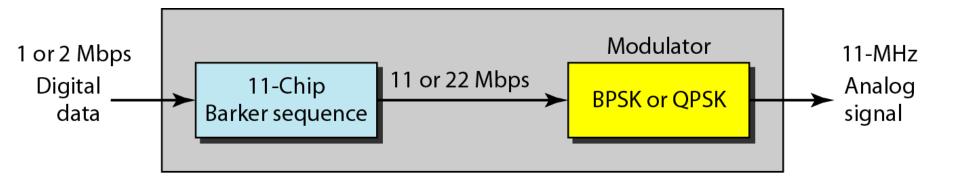# Figure 14.16 *Physical layer of IEEE 802.11 DSSS*

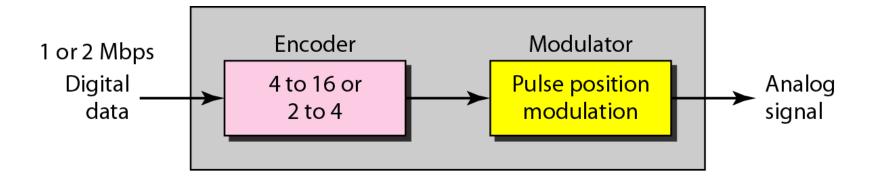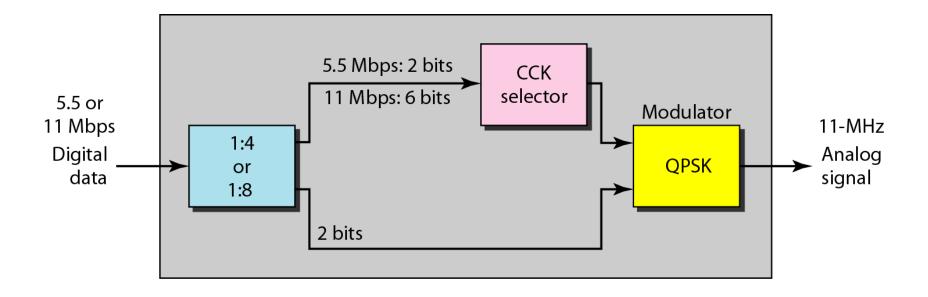# Figure 14.17 *Physical layer of IEEE 802.11 infrared*

Figure 14.18 *Physical layer of IEEE 802.11b*

14-2   BLUETOOTH

Bluetooth is a wireless LAN technology designed to connect devices of different functions such as telephones, notebooks, computers, cameras, printers, coffee makers, and so on. A Bluetooth LAN is an ad hoc network, which means that the network is formed spontaneously.

Topics discussed in this section:

Architecture
Bluetooth Layers
Baseband Layer
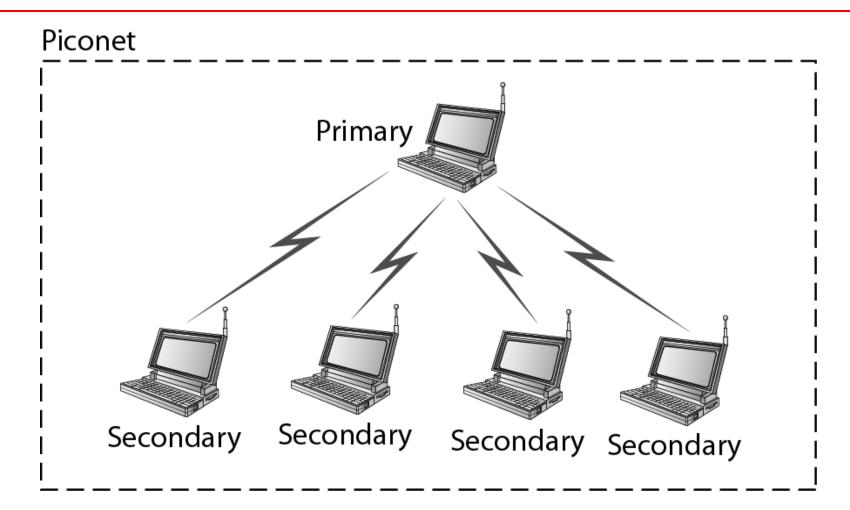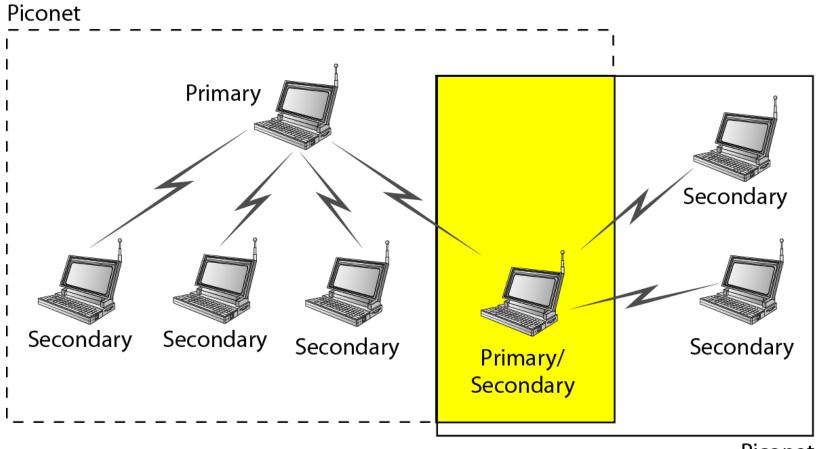**L2CAP**

Figure 14.19 *Piconet*

Figure 14.20 *Scatternet*
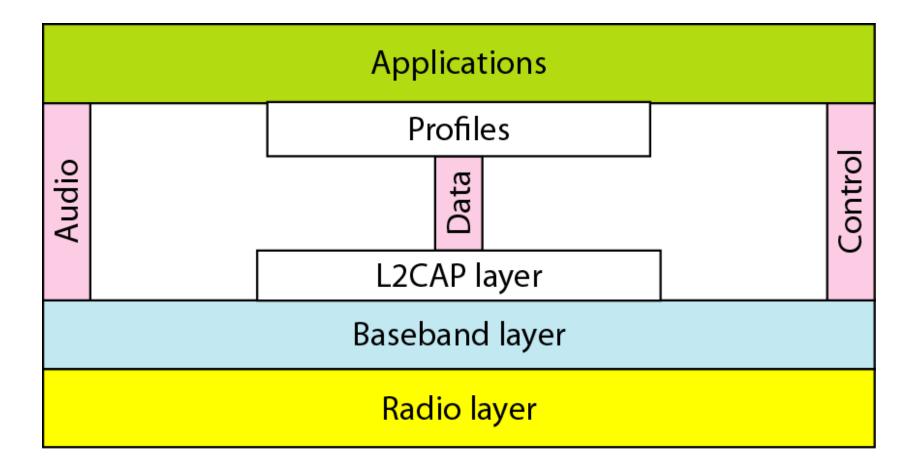
Figure 14.21 *Bluetooth layers*
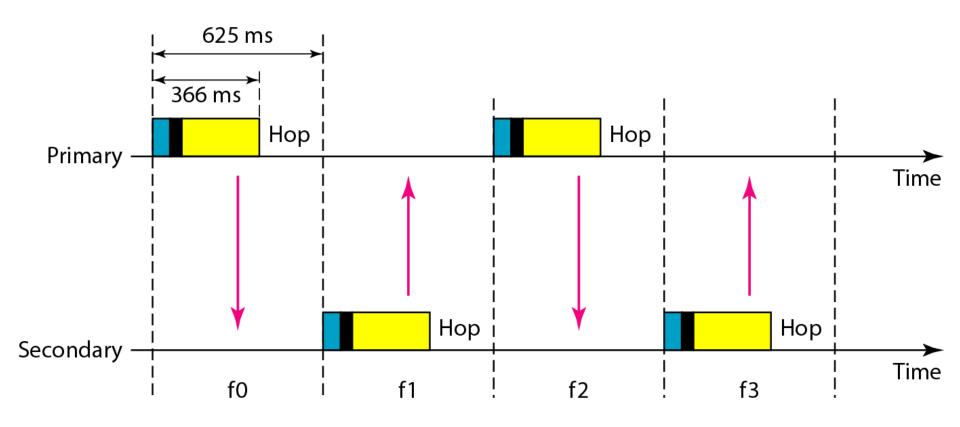
Figure 14.22 Single-secondary communication

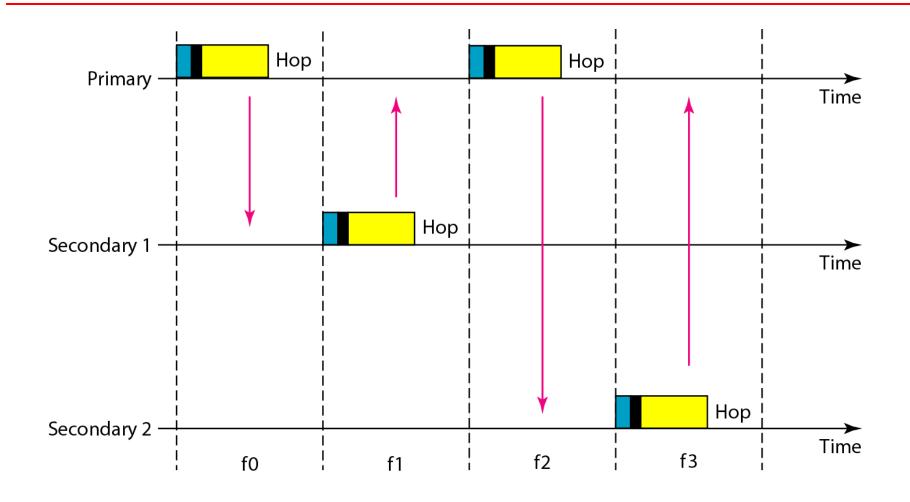# Figure 14.23 *Multiple-secondary communication*
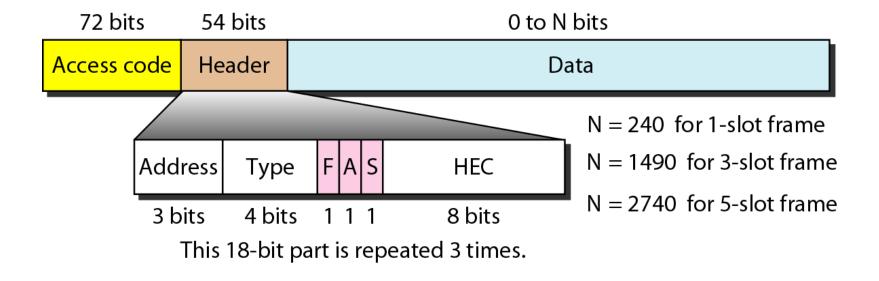
Figure 14.24 *Frame format types*

72 bits   54 bits   0 to N bits

| Access code | Header | Data |

Address   Type   F A S   HEC

3 bits   4 bits   1 1 1   8 bits

This 18-bit part is repeated 3 times.

N = 240 for 1-slot frame

N = 1490 for 3-slot frame

N = 2740 for 5-slot frame

Figure 14.25 *L2CAP data packet format*