

Wireless Networking Technologies for ICOM 5047

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Outline

- ▶ Objectives
- ▶ Introduction
- ▶ Wireless networks
- ▶ How to design?

The Objectives

- ▶ This talk is prepared for ICOM students who are taking course ICOM 5047 (capstone)
- ▶ The main objectives are
 - ▶ To present a wide range of available wireless networking technologies
 - ▶ To discuss how to select appropriate technologies for a capstone project
 - ▶ To provide information about regulation, standard, etc.

What Do We Have Today?

- ▶ Cellular networks

- ▶ AT&T
- ▶ Claro
- ▶ T-Mobile



- ▶ WiFi

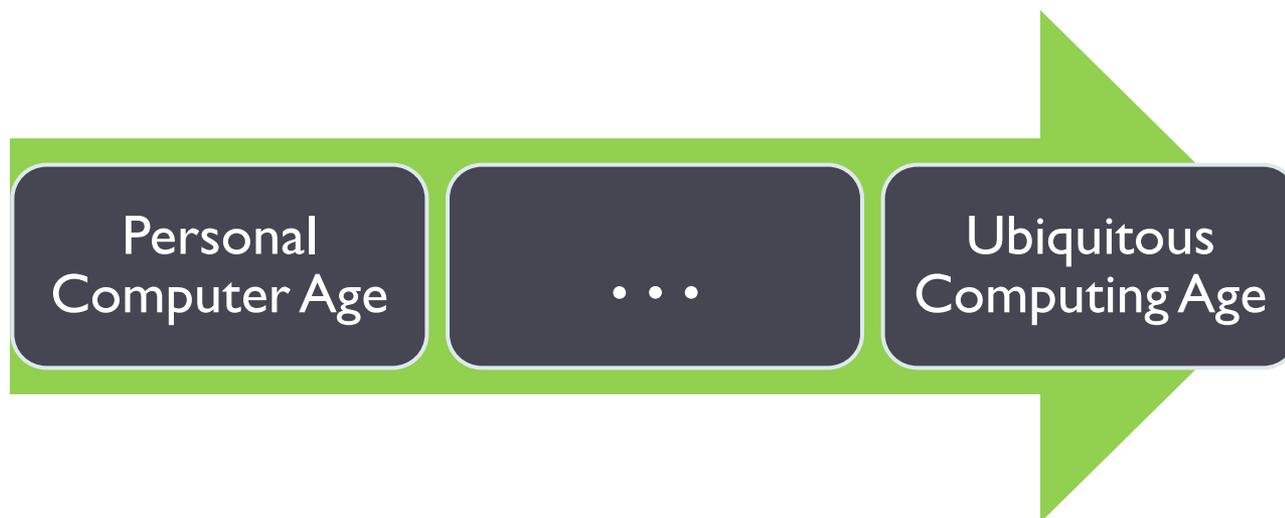
- ▶ IEEE 802.11 based wireless local area networks
- ▶ RUMNET

- ▶ Bluetooth



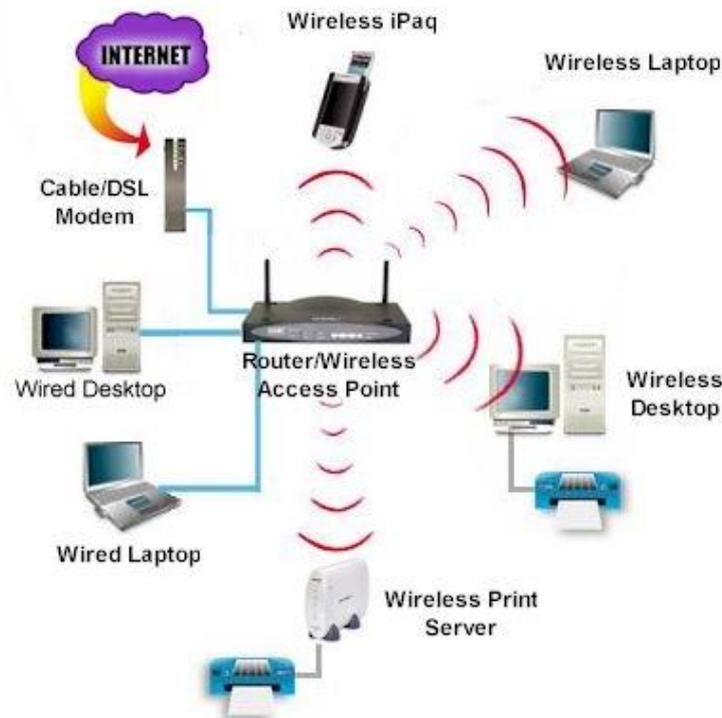
What's Next?

- ▶ We are currently moving from the *Personal Computer Age* towards the *Ubiquitous Computing Age*
 - ▶ People can access required information anytime and everywhere
- ▶ In this transition, wireless networks are the essential elements



Wireless Networks

- ▶ A network that uses radio/mechanical signals to enable communication among computers and other network devices
- ▶ One of the most important technologies today!



A wireless network in home

Benefits of Wireless Networks

Mobility

- People moves, devices too.

Cost

- Cheap to develop.

Installation

- Wireless can install anywhere.

Ease of use

- Plug & Play.

Transparency

- Users work similar like wired LANs.

Time savings

- Temporary networks

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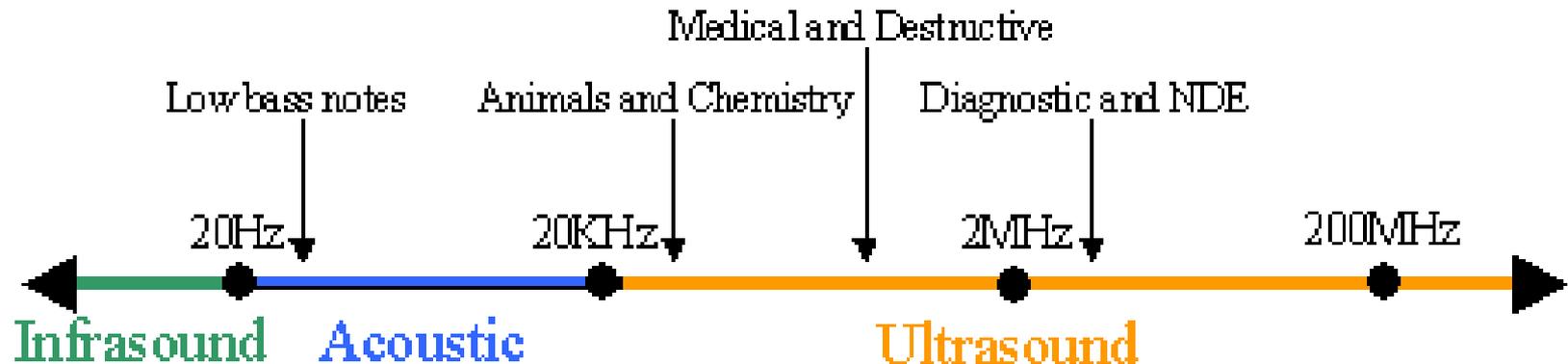
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Fundamentals

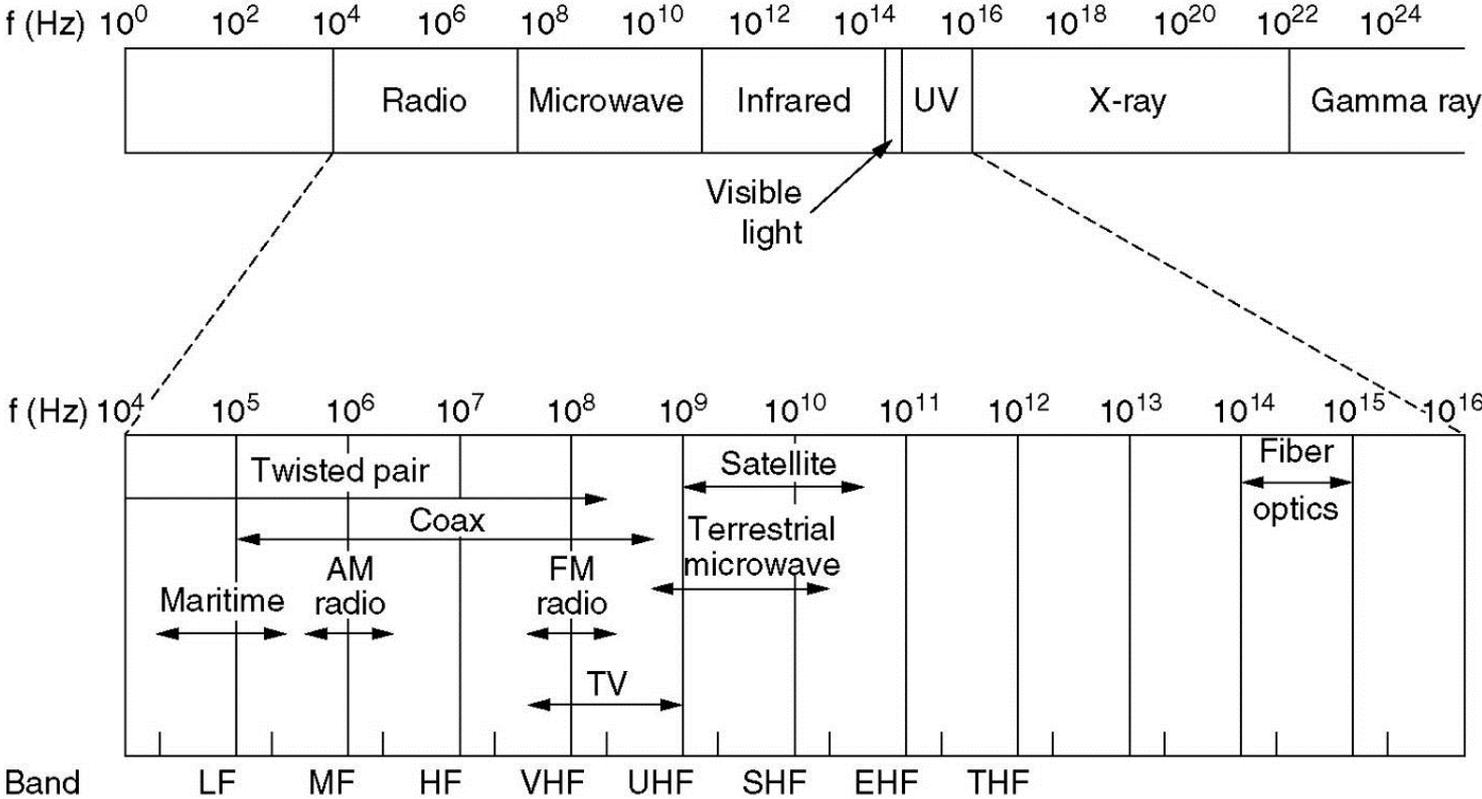
- ▶ Two types of waves can be used for wireless communications
 - ▶ Electromagnetic
 - ▶ Mechanical (acoustic)
- ▶ Frequency: the number of oscillations per second of a wave
 - ▶ Denoted as f and the unit of frequency is Hz (Hertz)
- ▶ Wavelength: The distance between two consecutive maxima (minima)
 - ▶ Denoted as λ and the unit of wavelength is meter (m)

Mechanical Wave

- ▶ **Mechanical** waves can be transmitted in gases, liquids, and solids



The Electromagnetic Spectrum



The Electromagnetic Spectrum

- ▶ Band names (defined by the ITU)

- ▶ VLF: very low frequency
- ▶ LF: low frequency
- ▶ MF: medium frequency
- ▶ HF: high frequency
- ▶ VHF: very high frequency
- ▶ UHF: ultra high frequency
- ▶ SHF: super high frequency
- ▶ EHF: extreme high frequency
- ▶ THF: tremendous high frequency

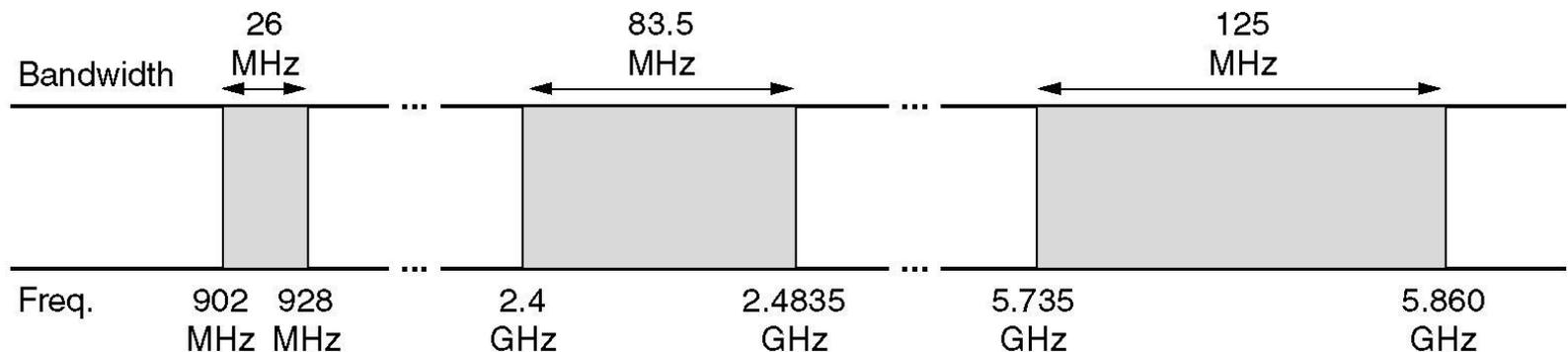


- ▶ ITU = International Telecommunication Union

- ▶ ITU-R = Radio communication sector

Regulation for Using the EM Spectrum

- ▶ US: FCC (Federal Communications Commission)
 - ▶ The ISM bands in the United States
 - ▶ ISM: Industrial, Scientific, Medical

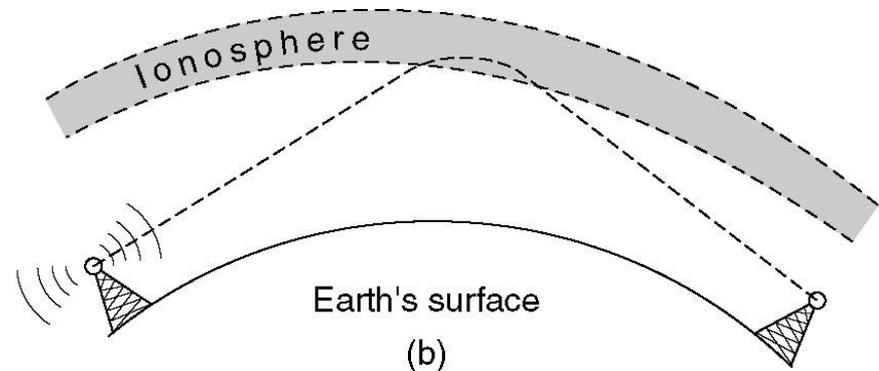
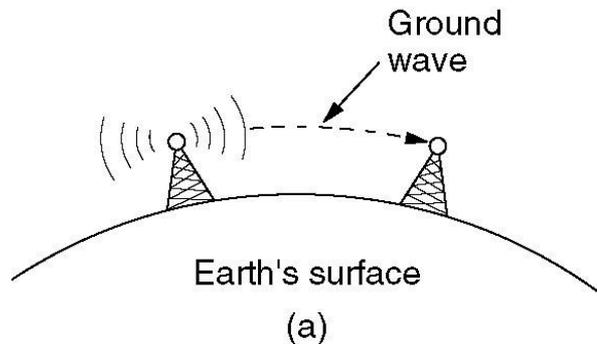


802.11b
Bluetooth
Microwave oven

802.11a

Radio Transmission

- ▶ In the VLF, LF, and MF bands, radio waves follow the curvature of the earth.
- ▶ In the HF band, they bounce off the ionosphere.



Microwave Transmission

- ▶ If the frequency of a wave is larger than 100MHz, then the transmission is nearly straight lines
 - ▶ Energy can be concentrated into a small beam
 - ▶ Wave can hardly pass through building
- ▶ Usage
 - ▶ Long distance telephone communications
 - ▶ Mobile phone
 - ▶ Television

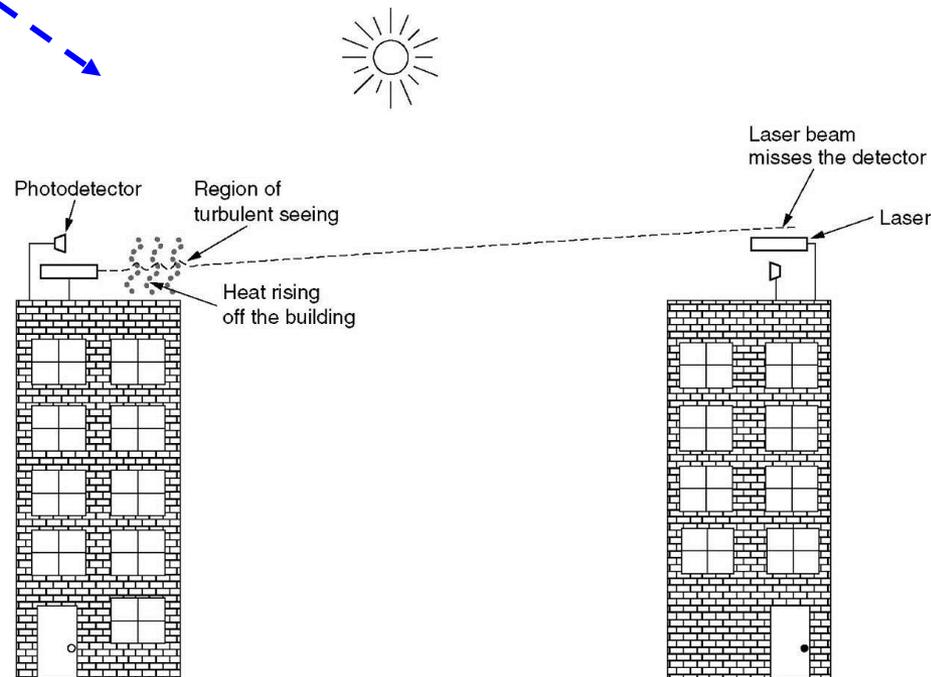
Infrared and Millimeter Waves

- ▶ Transmission: directional
- ▶ Cost: low
- ▶ Cannot pass object
 - ▶ Pros: less interference, security
 - ▶ Cons: limited coverage
- ▶ Usage:
 - ▶ Remote controller

Light Wave Transmission

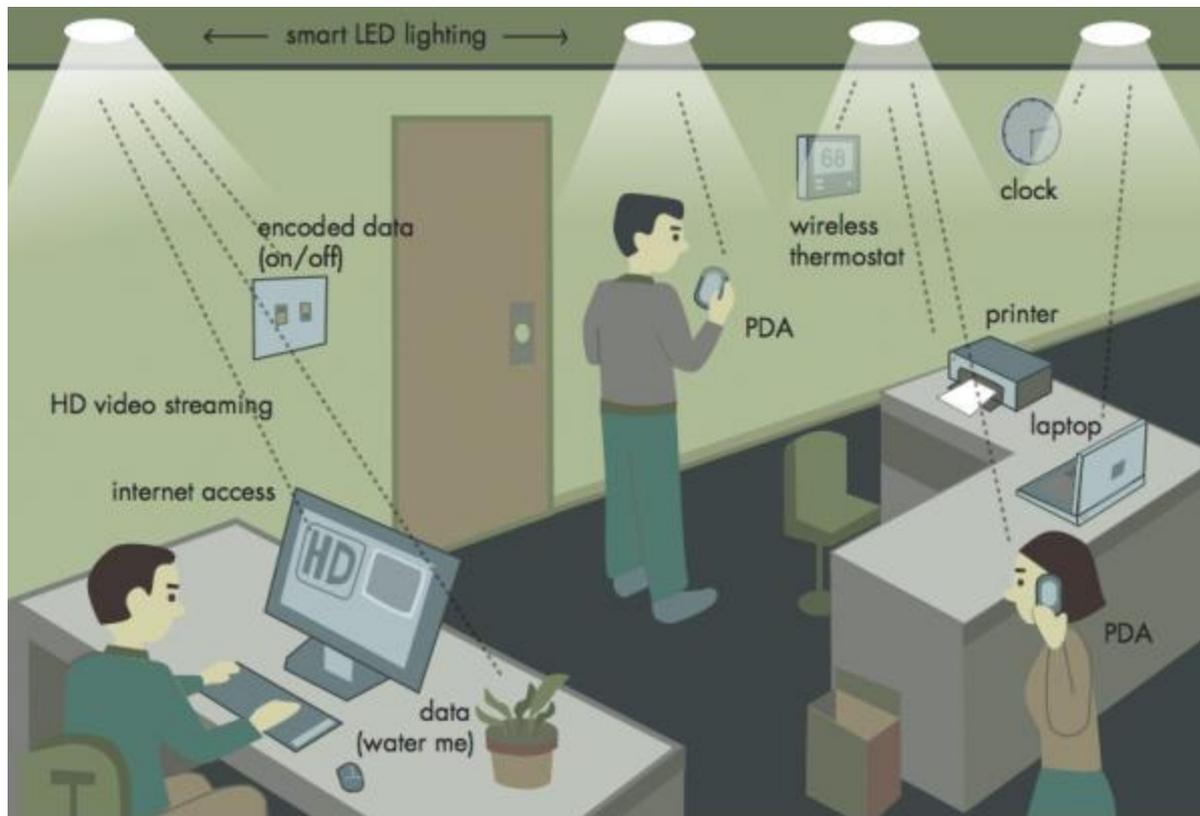
- ▶ A bidirectional system with two lasers

Convection currents can interfere with laser communication systems



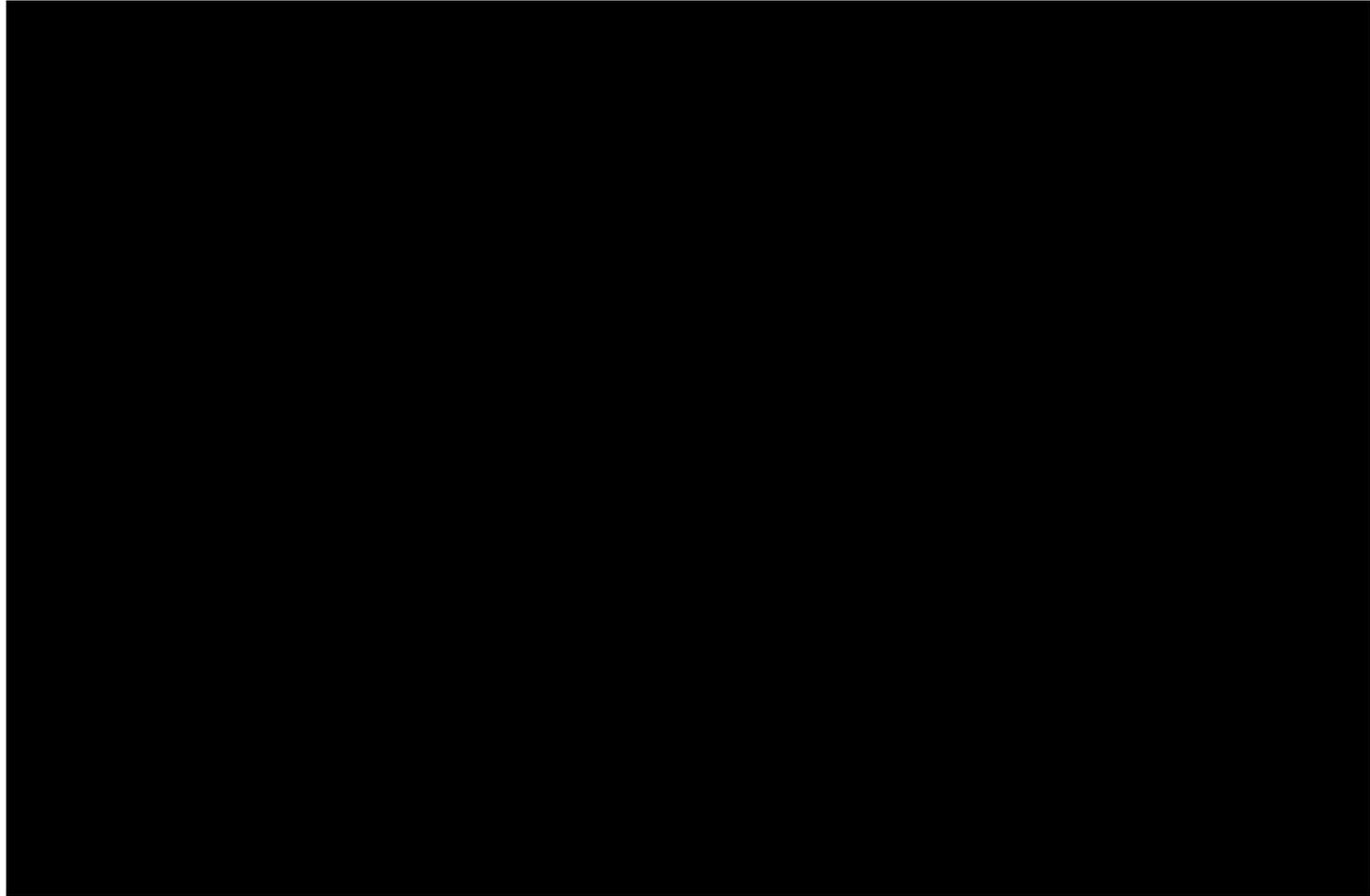
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Categories of Wireless Networks

- ▶ By scale
- ▶ By structure
- ▶ By application

Categories by Scale

- ▶ **Body area network (BAN)**
 - ▶ Cover 1 meter
- ▶ **Personal area network (PAN)**
 - ▶ Cover 10 meters
- ▶ **Local area network (LAN)**
 - ▶ Cover a few hundred meters
- ▶ **Metropolitan area network (MAN)**
 - ▶ Cover up to a few tens kilometers
- ▶ **Wide area network (WAN)**
 - ▶ Cover a large area

Categories by Scale

- ▶ Wireless Personal Area Networks (WPAN)

- ▶ Bluetooth, Wibree, Zigbee



- ▶ Standards in IEEE 802.15

- ▶ Wireless Local Area Networks (WLAN)

- ▶ Standards in IEEE 802.11 (Wi-Fi)



- ▶ Wireless Metropolitan Area Networks (WMAN)

- ▶ Standards in IEEE 802.16 (WiMAX)

- ▶ With a single base station



- ▶ Wireless Wide Area Networks (WWAN)

- ▶ Cellular networks

- ▶ 2G, 3G, 4G

- ▶ Satellite networks (GPS)



Categories by Structure

- ▶ One-hop networks
 - ▶ Wi-Fi, WiMAX
- ▶ Cellular networks
 - ▶ GSM, CDMA, WiMAX, 2G, 3G, 4G
- ▶ Mobile Ad Hoc Network (MANETs)
 - ▶ Nodes with mobility and ad hoc connectivity (e.g., soldiers and vehicles in battle field)
- ▶ Wireless Mesh Networks (WMNs)
 - ▶ Built with the existing network technologies: WPAN, WLAN, WMAN

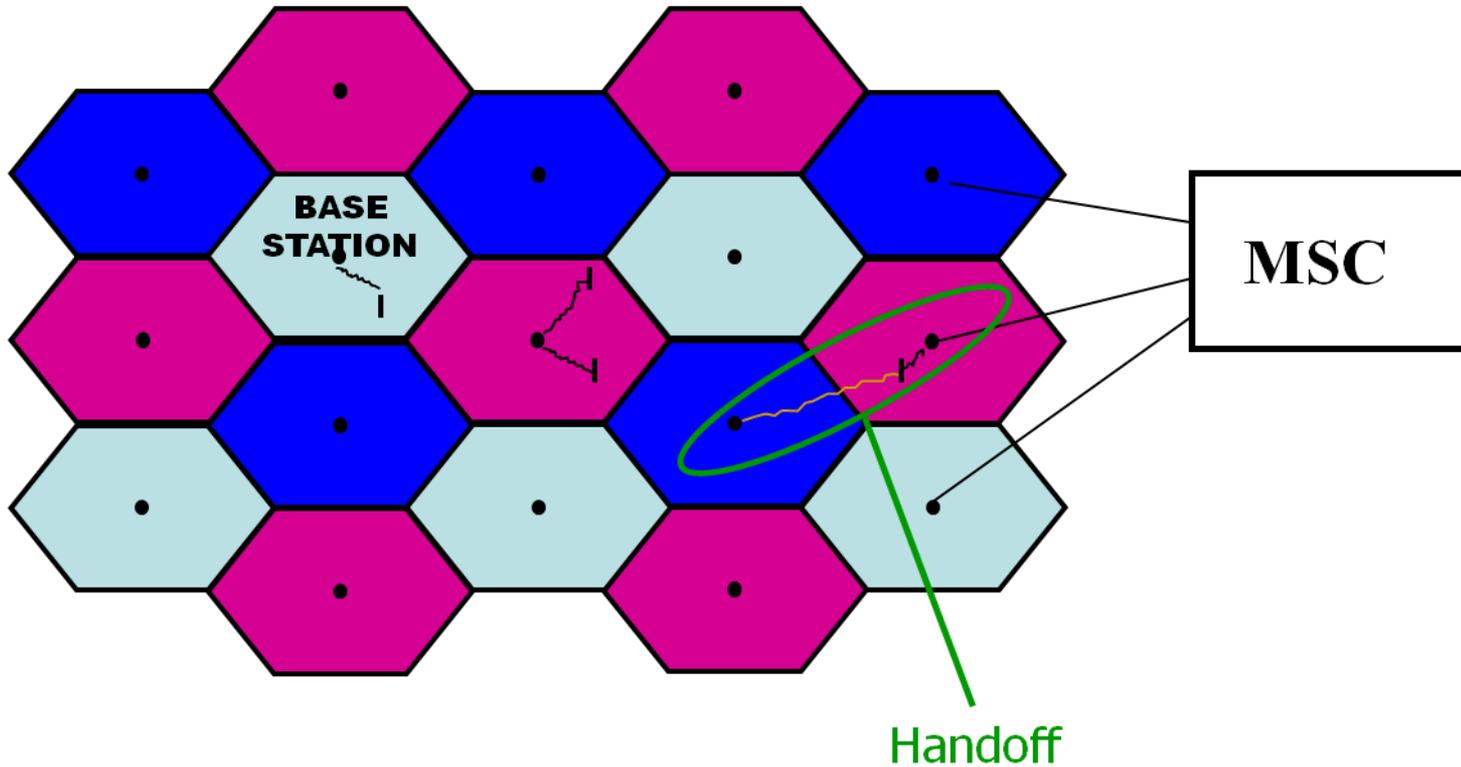
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► One-hop networks



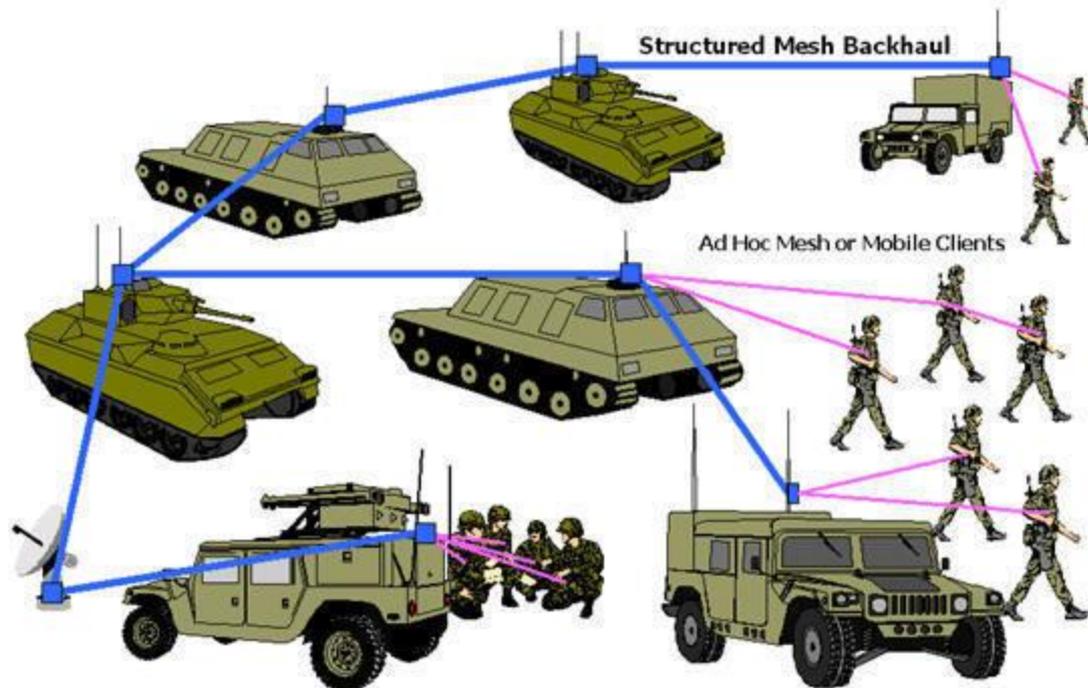
Categories by Structure

- ▶ Cellular networks



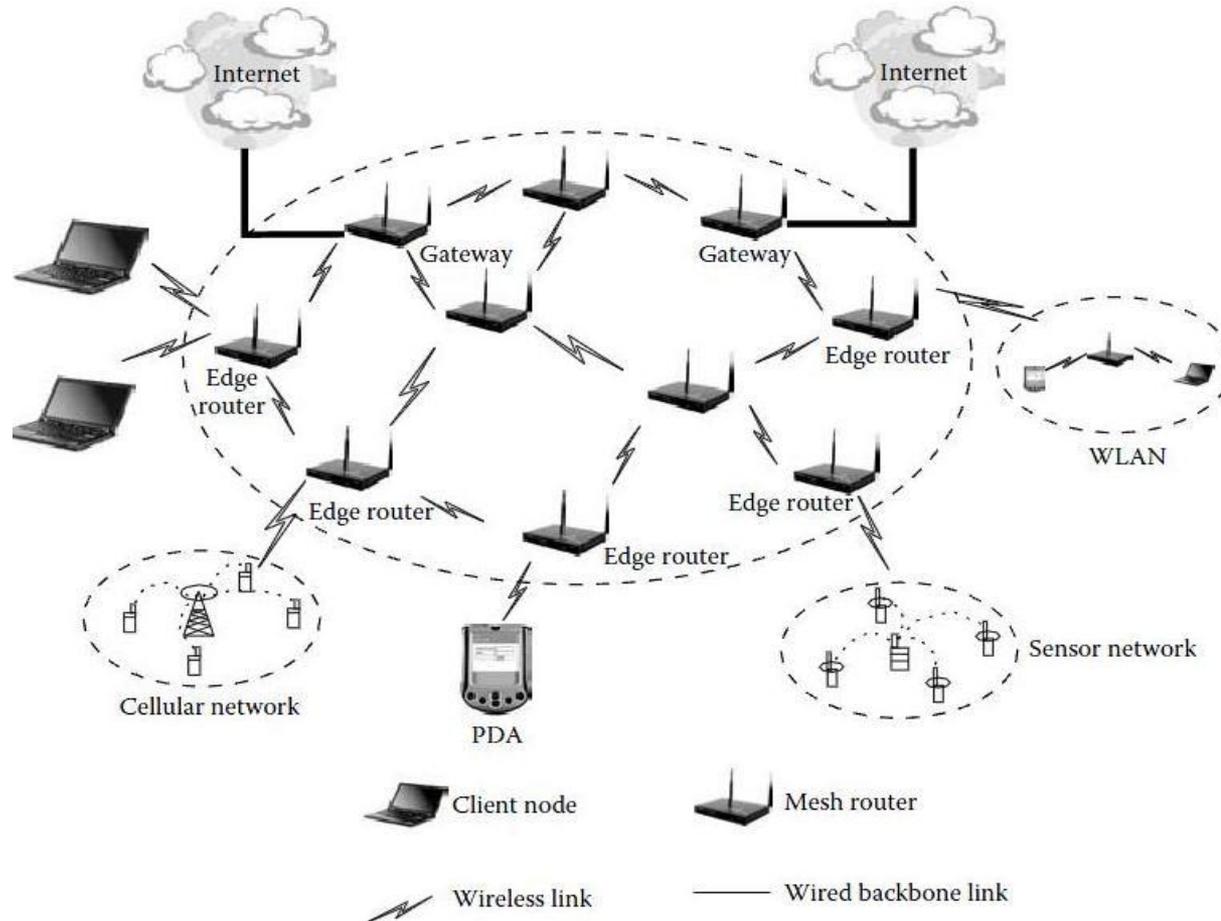
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- ▶ Mobile ad hoc networks (MANETs)



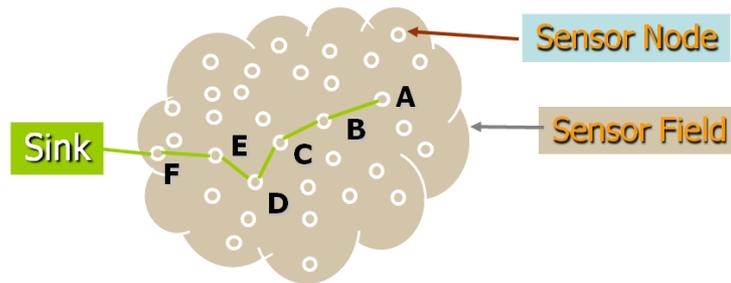
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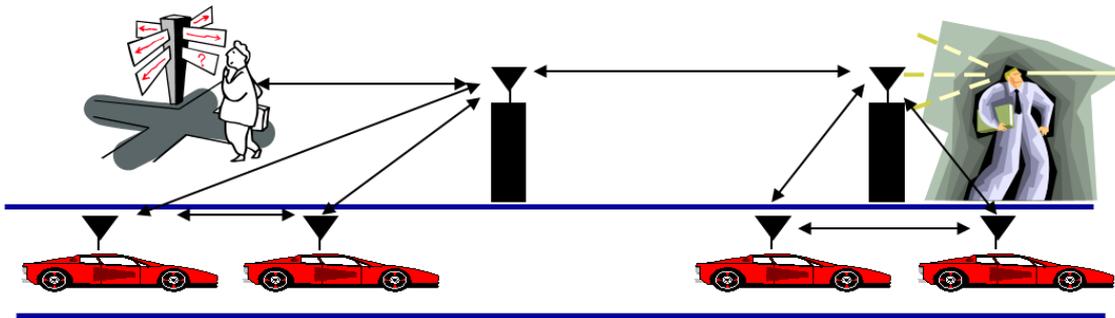


Categories by Application

- ▶ Wireless Sensor Networks (WSN)
 - ▶ Sense data from surrounding environment



- ▶ Vehicular Ad hoc Networks (VANET)
 - ▶ Exchange traffic related information



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Cellular Networks

Gen.	Technology	Features
1G	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AMPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analog Voice Communication only.
2G	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GSM• IS-95 CDMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Digital voice and data<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Simple email and text messages
3G	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WCDMA (European)• CDMA2000 (USA)• TD-SCDMA (China)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Based on CDMA• Data transfer rates up to 2.4Mbps• Supports better Internet connections<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Video
4G	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• IEEE 802.16m• LTE Advanced	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Based on OFDM and MIMO• Very high speed<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 100Mbps for high mobility• 1000Mbps for low mobility

LTE: Long term evolution

Wireless Personal Area Networks (WPAN)

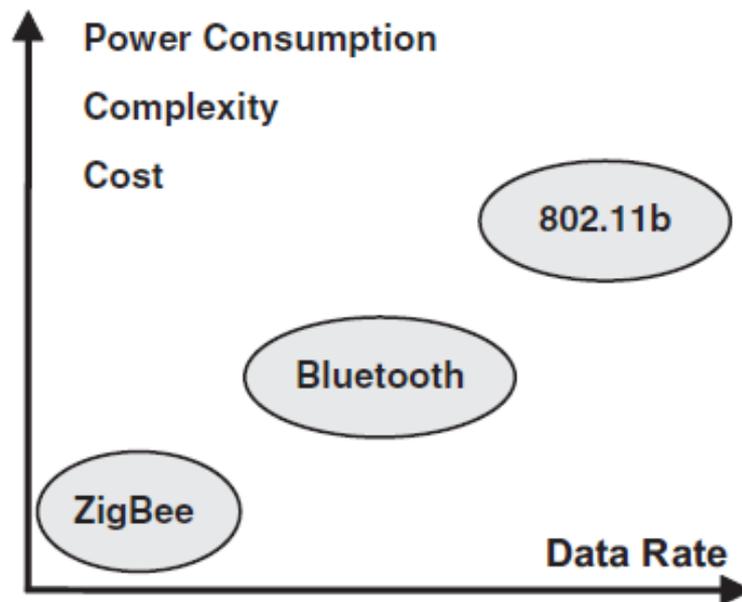
- ▶ Bluetooth, Wibree and Zigbee.
 - ▶ Features:
 - ▶ Low Power
 - ▶ Coverage (radius < 10 meters)
 - ▶  **Bluetooth™**
 - ▶ Operates in the 2.4 GHz spectrum.
 - ▶ Standards:
 - ▶ Bluetooth v1.1
 - ▶ IEEE 802.15.1
- wibree* 
- ▶ Bluetooth low energy technology
 - ▶ Bluetooth ULP (Ultra Low Power)



Zigbee - IEEE 802.15.4



- ▶ Zigbee Alliance
 - ▶ Group of developers, vendors and manufacturers.
- ▶ IEEE 802.15.4 standard
- ▶ Uses 2.4 GHz spectrum
- ▶ Features:
 - ▶ Low cost, power and bandwidth.
 - ▶ Powered by long-life batteries
 - ▶ Simpler, cheaper than Bluetooth

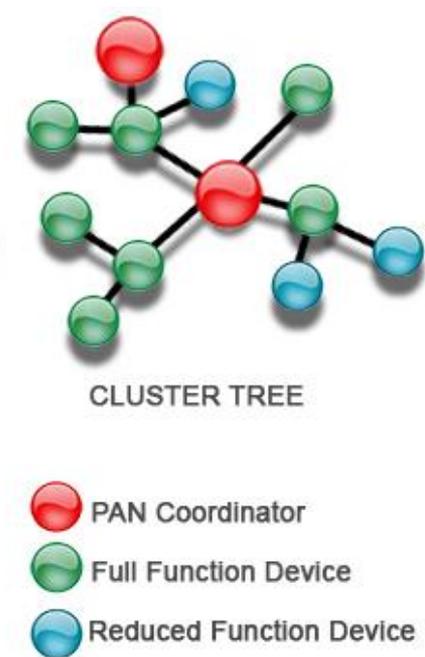
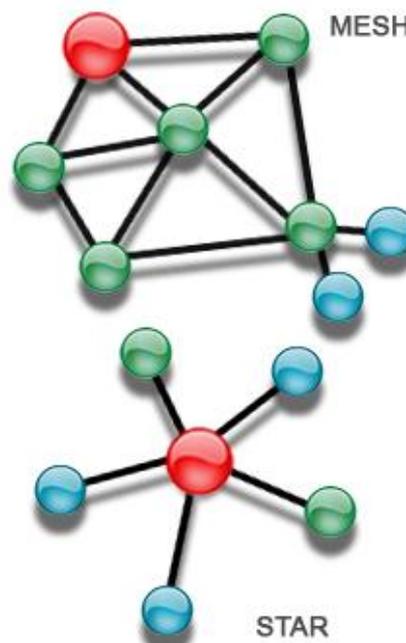
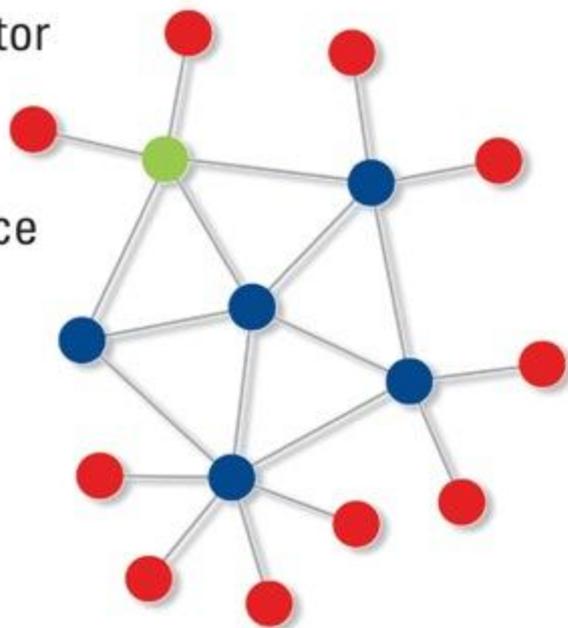


Zigbee: Topology

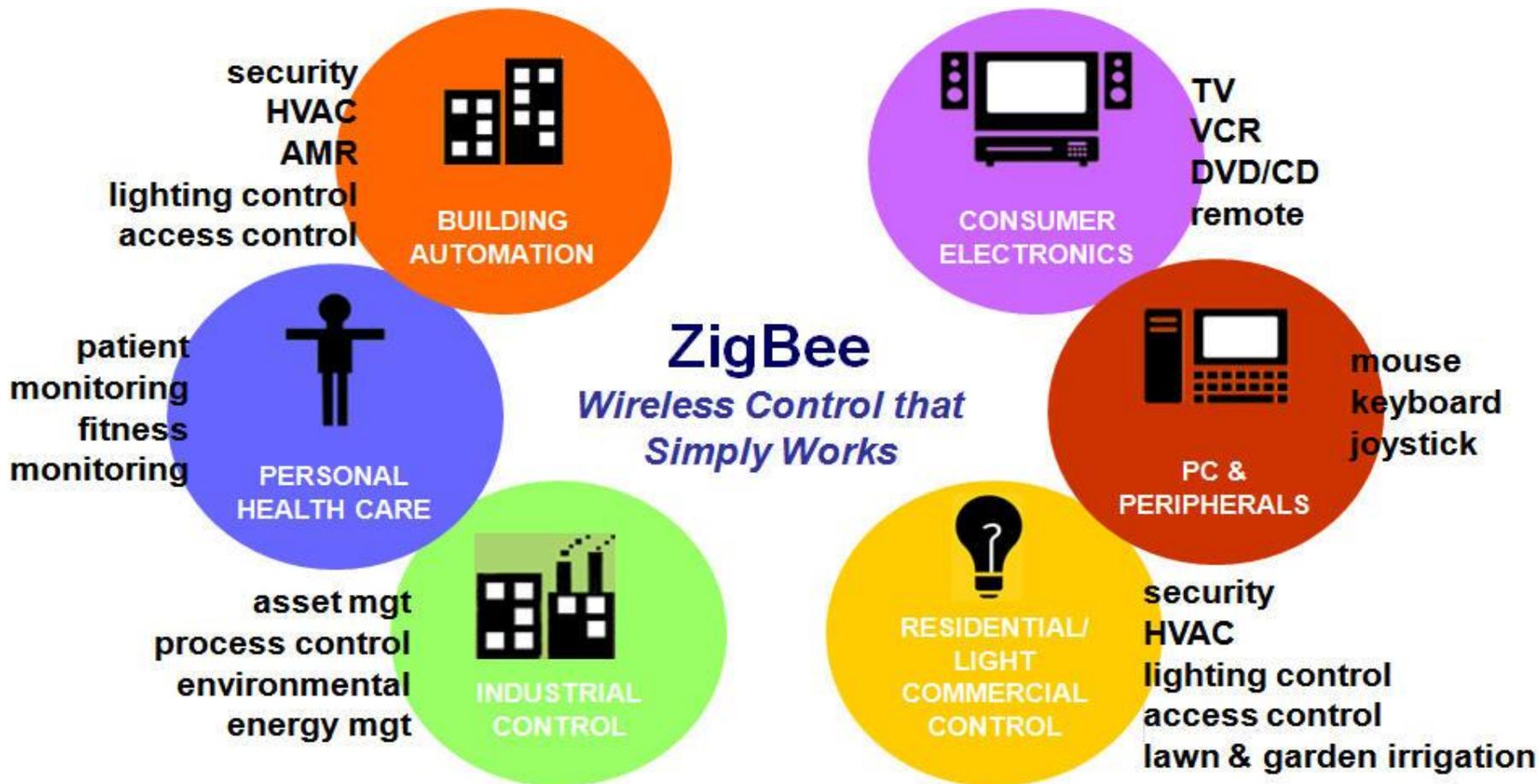


- ▶ Coordinator (ZC): Only one, Most Capability, functionality.
- ▶ Router (ZR): Passes data among end-devices.
- ▶ End Device (ZED): switches, detectors.

- Coordinator
- Router
- End Device



Zigbee: Applications



WPAN: Comparison

	Bluetooth	Wibree	ZigBee
Band	2.4GHz	2.4GHz	2.4GHz, 868MHz, 915MHz
Antenna/HW	Shared		Independent
Power	100 mW	~10 mW	30 mW
Target Battery Life	Days - months	1-2 years	6 months - 2 years
Range	10-30 m	10 m	10-75 m
Data Rate	1-3 Mbps	1 Mbps	25-250 Kbps
Component Cost	\$3	Bluetooth + 20¢	\$2
Network Topologies	Ad hoc, point to point, star	Ad hoc, point to point, star	Mesh, ad hoc, star
Security	128-bit encryption	128-bit encryption	128-bit encryption
Time to Wake and Transmit	3s	TBA	15ms

Wireless Local Area Networks (WLANs)

- ▶ The most popular Wireless network
- ▶ IEEE 802.11 standards.
- ▶ Coverage
 - ▶ radius < 200~500 meters
- ▶ Applications: Medicine, Education, Government, Public Access, etc.

Protocol	Release Date	Op. Frequency	Data Rate (Typ)	Data Rate (Max)	Range (Indoor)
Legacy	1997	2.4 -2.5 GHz	1 Mbit/s	2 Mbit/s	?
802.11a	1999	5.15-5.35/5.47-5.725/5.725-5.875 GHz	25 Mbit/s	54 Mbit/s	~50 meters
802.11b	1999	2.4-2.5 GHz	6.5 Mbit/s	11 Mbit/s	~100 meters
802.11g	2003	2.4-2.5 GHz	11 Mbit/s	54 Mbit/s	~100 meters
802.11n	2006 (draft)	2.4 GHz or 5 GHz bands	200 Mbit/s	540 Mbit/s	~250 meters

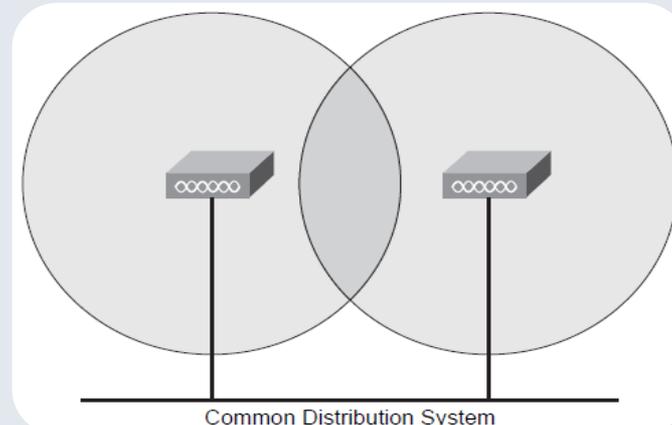
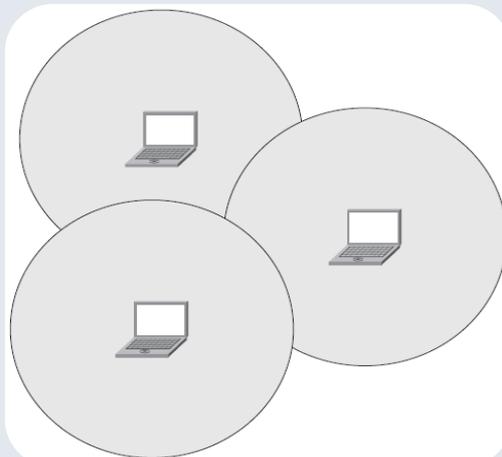
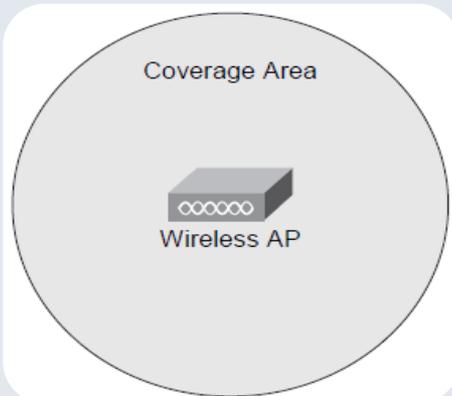
WLAN: More Standards (1)

- [IEEE 802.11a](#) - 54 Mbit/s, 5 GHz standard (1999, shipping products in 2001)
- [IEEE 802.11b](#) - Enhancements to 802.11 to support 5.5 and 11 Mbit/s (1999)
- IEEE 802.11c - Bridge operation procedures; included in the [IEEE 802.1D](#) standard (2001)
- IEEE 802.11d - International (country-to-country) roaming extensions (2001)
- IEEE 802.11e - Enhancements: QoS, including packet bursting (2005)
- *IEEE 802.11F - Inter-Access Point Protocol (2003) Withdrawn February 2006*
- [IEEE 802.11g](#) - 54 Mbit/s, 2.4 GHz standard (backwards compatible with b) (2003)
- IEEE 802.11h - Spectrum Managed 802.11a (5 GHz) for European compatibility (2004)
- [IEEE 802.11i](#) - Enhanced security (2004)
- IEEE 802.11j - Extensions for Japan (2004)
- IEEE 802.11-2007 - A new release of the standard that includes amendments a, b, d, e, g, h, i & j. (July 2007)
- IEEE 802.11k - Radio resource measurement enhancements (2008)
- [IEEE 802.11n](#) - Higher throughput improvements using MIMO (multiple input, multiple output antennas) (November 2009)
- IEEE 802.11p - WAVE - Wireless Access for the Vehicular Environment (such as ambulances and passenger cars)

WLAN: More Standards (2)

- IEEE 802.11r - Fast [roaming](#) Working "Task Group r" - (2008)
- [IEEE 802.11s](#) - Mesh Networking, [Extended Service Set \(ESS\)](#) (working - September 2010)
- IEEE 802.11T - Wireless Performance Prediction (WPP) - test methods and metrics Recommendation cancelled
- IEEE 802.11u - Interworking with non-802 networks (for example, cellular) (working - September 2010)
- IEEE 802.11v - Wireless [network management](#) (working - June 2010)
- IEEE 802.11w - Protected Management Frames (working - September 2009)
- IEEE 802.11y - 3650-3700 MHz Operation in the U.S. (2008)
- IEEE 802.11z - Extensions to Direct Link Setup (DLS) (August 2007 - December 2011)
- IEEE 802.11aa - Robust streaming of Audio Video Transport Streams (March 2008 - June 2011)
- IEEE 802.11mb - Maintenance of the standard. Expected to become 802.11-2011. (ongoing)
- IEEE 802.11ac - Very High Throughput <6GHz (September 2008 - December 2012)
- IEEE 802.11ad - Extremely High Throughput 60GHz (December 2008 - December 2012)

WLAN: Topologies



Infrastructure

- BSS
 - Basic Service Set
- Needs an AP
- BSSID = SSID
 - Basic Service Set Identifier

Ad-Hoc

- IBSS
 - Independent BSS
- Peer to peer
- AP is not necessary

Extended Service Set

- ESS=BSSs+DS
 - Multiple BSS
 - Distribution System

WLAN: Security

WEP

- RC4 Algorithm
- Vulnerable to attacks
- 64 & 128 bit keys

SSID Hiding

- Do not allow SSID broadcast.

MAC Filtering

- Set up into the router.

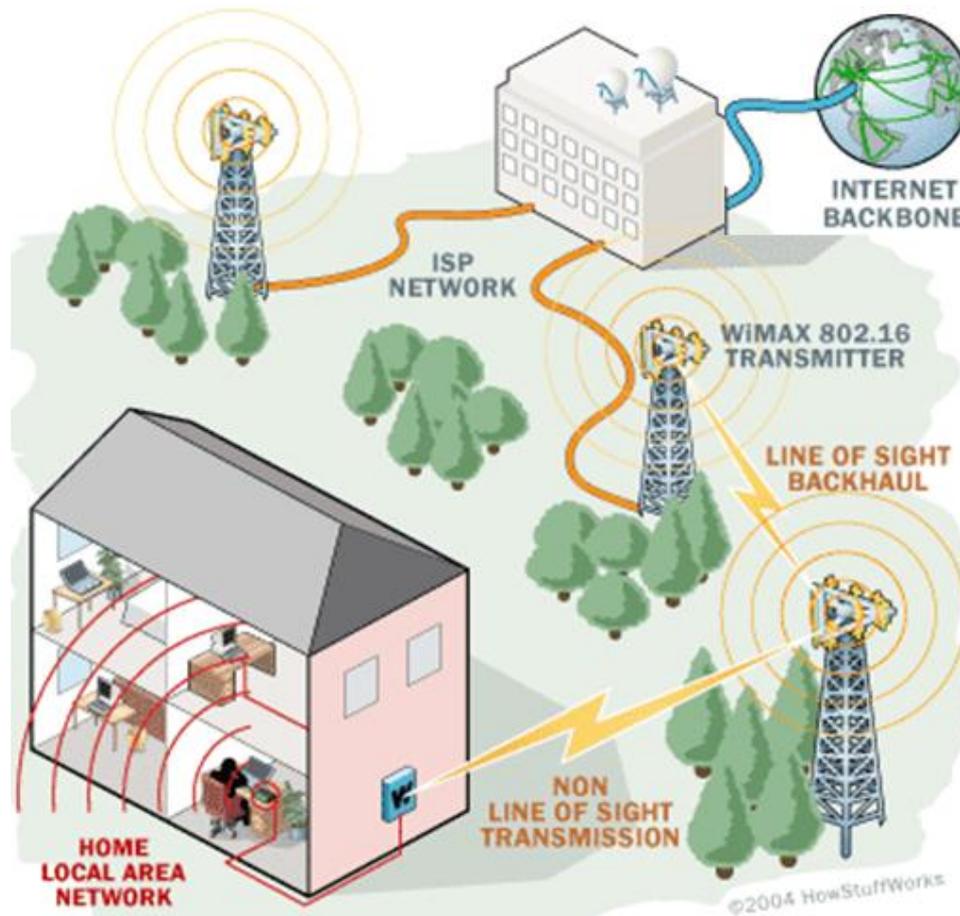
WPA & WPA2

- Replacement for WEP
- WPA2
 - Based on IEEE 802.11i
- Use AES & TKIP

Wireless Metropolitan Area Networks (WMAN)

- ▶ IEEE 802.16 (WiMAX).
- ▶ WiMAX Forum: To promote compatibility and interoperability

Extends
WLANs.

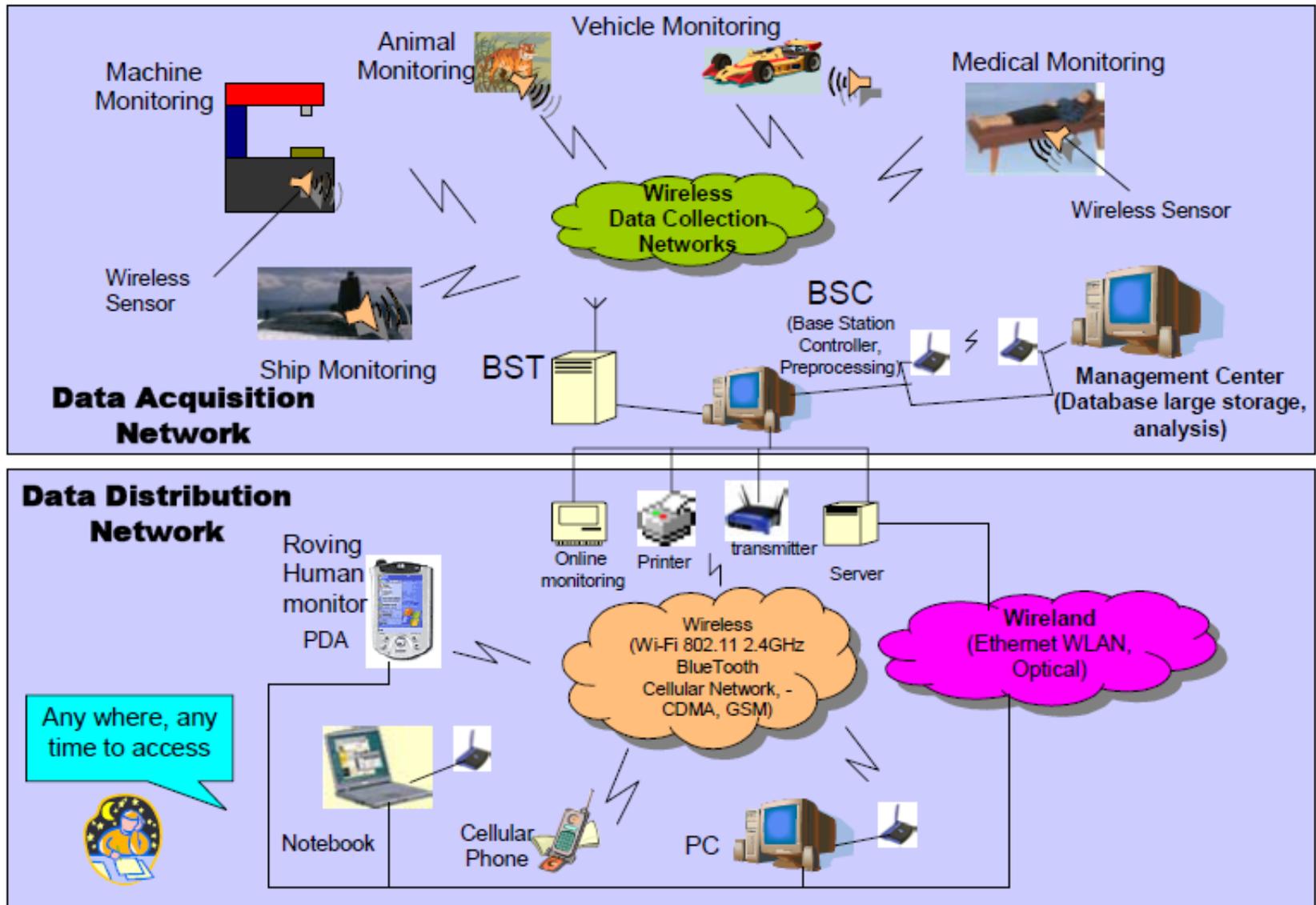


Up to 70 Mbps
data rate.

Connects Wi-Fi
hotspots to the
Internet

Provides a wireless
alternative to
cable and DSL

Wireless Sensor Networks (WSN)

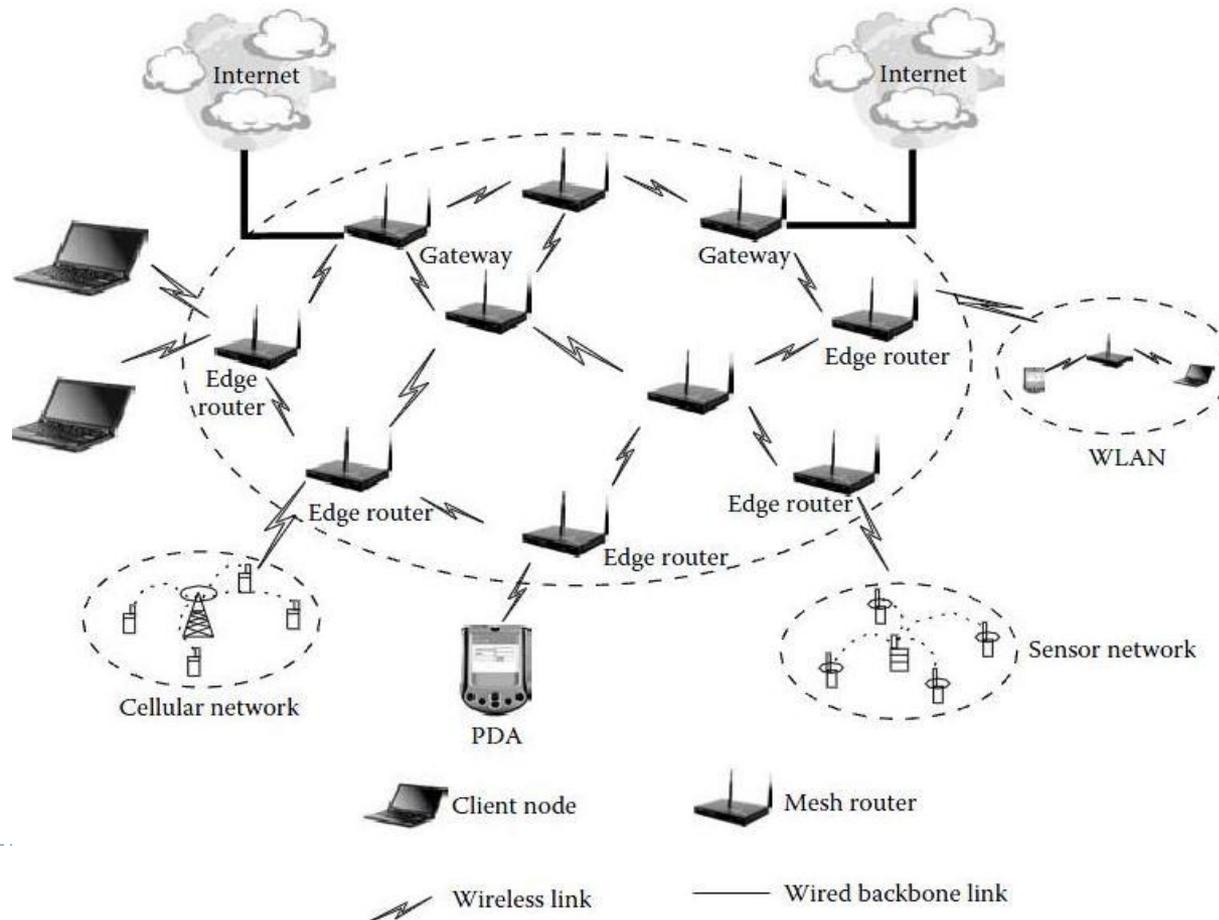


Wireless Mesh Networks (WMNs)

- ▶ Compared to mobile ad hoc network (MANET), WMN does not emphasize mobility
- ▶ Built with the existing network technologies
 - ▶ WPAN, WLAN, WMAN
- ▶ Focus:
 - ▶ Multihop communications.
- ▶ **Principal Features:**
 - ▶ Self-forming
 - ▶ Self-healing
 - ▶ Self-organizing

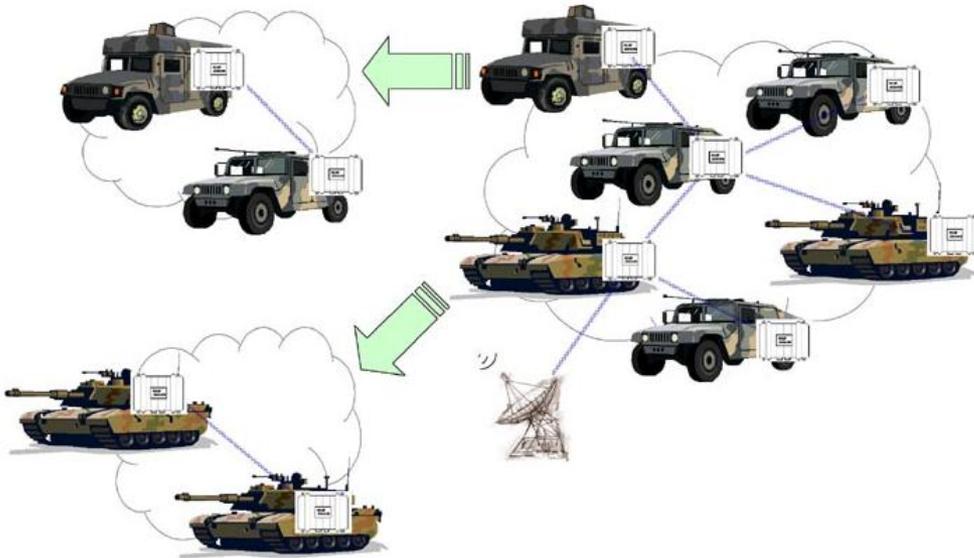
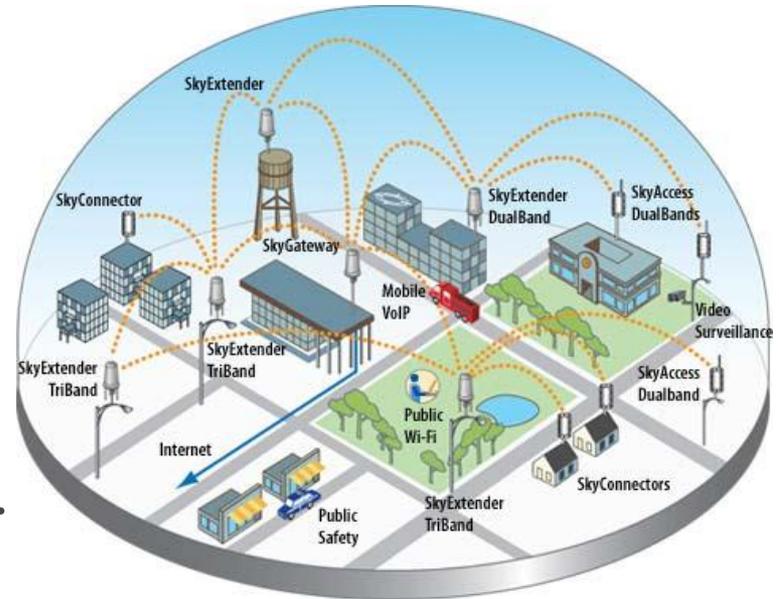
WMNs: Architecture

- ▶ Consist of mesh routers and mesh clients.
- ▶ Mesh routers have minimal mobility and form the mesh backbone for mesh clients.



WMNs: Applications

- ▶ Community networks
- ▶ Municipality networks
- ▶ Defense
- ▶ Emergency networks
- ▶ Intelligent transport systems, ..



Existing Testbeds

OVERVIEW OF WMNs TESTBED PROJECTS

Project	Nodes	802.11	Software	Routing		Roaming	Config	MANET
				Layer	Protocol			
MIT Roofnet	37	b/g	Linux	RL	SrcRR	–	×	–
Microsoft	21	a/b/g	Windows CE	MAC	MCL	–	×	×
USCB MeshNet	25	a/b/g	OpenWRT	IP	MCL	–	×	–
Purdue	32	a/b/g	–	IP	AODV	–	×	–
Georgia Tech	15	b/g	–	–	AODV,OLSR	–	–	–
Carleton Univ.	??	a/g	μClinux	IP	–	–	×	–
Hyacinth	10	a	Windows XP	–	OLSR	×	×	–
UMIC-Mesh.net	51	a/b/g	Linux	IP	DYMO,OLSR	×	×	×

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Design a Wireless Network: Requirements

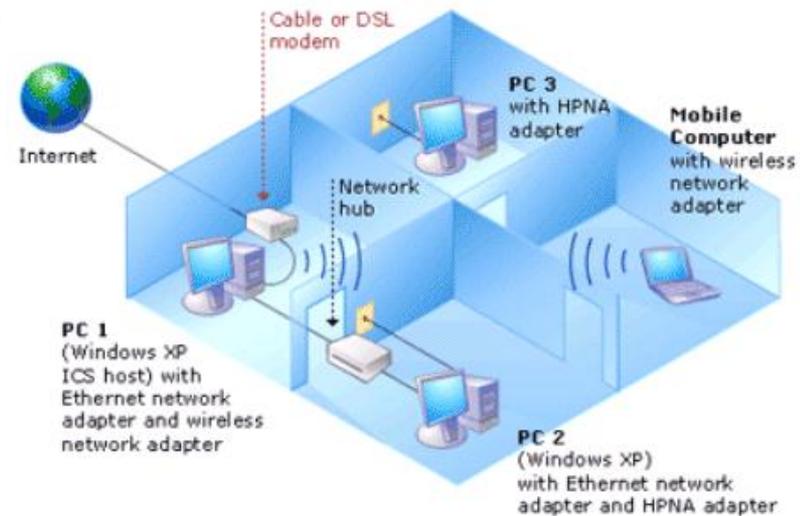
- ▶ Before choosing a wireless networking technology
 - ▶ Try to understand the requirements.
- ▶ Find the right technology



Design a Wireless Network: Examples

▶ In the office environment, we need:

- ▶ Basic deployment (<\$)
- ▶ Small coverage
- ▶ High data rate
- ▶ Low cost
- ▶ Moderate mobility
- ▶ Security



▶ In the battle field, we may need:

- ▶ Strong planning and design
- ▶ Large coverage
- ▶ High mobility
- ▶ Reliability
- ▶ Strong security

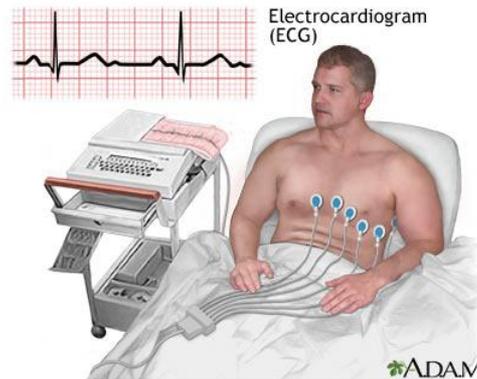


Some Commonly Used Technologies

- ▶ In the last few semesters, the following technologies have been used in different capstone projects
 - ▶ Bluetooth
 - ▶ Cellular network
 - ▶ GPS
 - ▶ Infrared
 - ▶ RFID
 - ▶ Wi-Fi
 - ▶ Zigbee

Case Study 1

- ▶ A capstone project in Fall 2008
 - ▶ Mobile Electrocardiogram (ECG)
 - ▶ To develop a portable device to sense the ECG signals and trigger alarm if abnormal conditions are detected



- ▶ The design utilizes the following wireless components
 - Bluetooth
 - GSM
- ▶ Why?

Case Study 1

- ▶ The team decided to design a system that consists of
 - ▶ A small device to sense the ECG signals and trigger alarm
 - ▶ A cell phone that can set up the small device and can receive/forward the alarm
- ▶ **Why choose GSM?**
 - ▶ It provides a large coverage
 - ▶ To send alarm to doctors, nurses, relatives
 - ▶ Cell phone is very common
- ▶ **Why choose Bluetooth?**
 - ▶ Short range communications
 - ▶ Bluetooth is supported by most cell phones

Case Study 2

- ▶ Team: a group of undergraduate students in UMASS
- ▶ Objective: to build a low-cost and long-range (>1 mile) communication system
- ▶ Solution
 - ▶ Using Wi-Fi adapter:
 - ▶ Low-cost
 - ▶ Using directional antenna:
 - ▶ Concentrating the energy to reach a longer distance
 - ▶ **Question: does this work?**



Case Study 2

- ▶ The Answer
 - ▶ Yes, after fixing a software problem
 - ▶ Wi-Fi is designed as a LAN technology
- ▶ Their design is used for the CASA project

Projects in the Previous Semesters

- ▶ Fall 2010
 - ▶ E.A.R.S. Electronic Attendance Registry System
 - ▶ Zigbee, RFID
 - ▶ Zero-Force Mouse
 - ▶ Zigbee
 - ▶ TempMon
 - ▶ Zigbee, infrared
 - ▶ OnPet
 - ▶ GSM, GPS

Projects in the Previous Semesters

- ▶ Fall 2011
 - ▶ Biometric access for electronic medical records
 - ▶ Bluetooth, GSM
 - ▶ Boardcaster
 - ▶ Wi-Fi
 - ▶ Ultra-Deep-Oceanic-Free-Vehicle
 - ▶ Bluetooth
 - ▶ Universal Remote for Disabled People
 - ▶ Infrared, GSM
 - ▶ Octo-Controller
 - ▶ Bluetooth
 - ▶ JAM2
 - ▶ Bluetooth, GSM
 - ▶ Smart Traffic Signal Preemption System
 - ▶ GSM
 - ▶ SZDS: Surf Zone Drifter System
 - ▶ Zigbee
 - ▶ Virtual Infrared Remote Control
 - ▶ Infrared, Zigbee



Questions