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# IEEE 802.11技術簡介

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# Outline

- IEEE 802.11 Family
- IEEE 802.11 Standard's Evolution
- Management features of 802.11
- How does a station join an existing cell
- Competing technologies to IEEE 802.11

# Adv. vs. Disadv.

- Advantages
  - Without cabling for client devices
  - Low cost
  - “Wi-Fi Certified”
  - Widely available
  - ...
- Disadvantages
  - Spectrum assignments not consistent worldwide
  - Power consumption
  - Limited range
  - Wi-Fi pollution
  - ...

# 802.11 Family

802.11		
a	High-speed Physical Layer in the 5GHz Band	Finished
b	Higher-speed Physical Layer Extension in the 2.4GHz Band	Finished
d	Specification for operation in additional regulatory domains	Finished
e	MAC Quality of Service (QoS) Enhancements	
f	Inter-Access Point Protocol (IAPP)	Finished
g	Further Higher Data Rate Extension in the 2.4 GHz Band	Finished
h	Spectrum and Transmit Power Management Extensions in the 5 GHz band in Europe	Finished
i	MAC Security Enhancements	Finished
j	4.9 GHz – 5 GHz Operation in Japan	Finished
k	Specification for Radio Resource Measurement	
m	Revision of 802.11	
n	Enhancements for Higher Throughput	
p	Wireless Access for the Vehicular Environment	
r	Fast Roaming/Fast BSS Transition	
s	ESS Mesh Networking	
t	Recommended Practice for Evaluation of 802.11 Wireless Performance	
u	Interworking with External Networks	
v	Wireless Network Management	4

# Standards Evolution of 802.11

Mesh Extensions	802.11s
QoS Extensions	802.11e, 802.11r
Security Extensions	802.11i
Radio & Regulatory	802.11d, 802.11h, 802.11j, 802.11k
Higher Data Rates	802.11b, 802.11a, 802.11g, 802.11n

# Standard Evolution Goal

- Quality of Service
- Security
- Interconnection
- Performance & Coverage
  - Performance improvement
    - Modulation Scheme
    - Channel Bonding
    - Frame Burst mode
    - MISO, MIMO
  - Coverage extension
    - Smart Antenna
    - MIMO

# 802.11 Family

- 802.11: the original standard with 1Mbit/s and 2Mbit/s in the 2.4GHz band.
- 802.11a:
  - High-speed physical layer (OFDM)
  - operates in 5 GHz band with a maximum raw data rate of 54 Mbit/s
- 802.11b:
  - Enhancements to 802.11 to support 5.5 and 11 Mbit/s
  - FHSS, DSSS
  - Operates in 2.4 GHz band

- 802.11d:
  - International (country-to-country) roaming extensions (2001)
- 802.11e:
  - Medium Access Control (MAC) Quality of Service (QoS) enhancement
- 802.11f:
  - Inter-Access Point Protocol
- 802.11g:
  - Applied OFDM to the 2.4 GHz band
  - Data rate up to 54 Mbit/s
  - backwards compatible with b



- 802.11h
  - provides Dynamic Frequency Selection (DFS) and Transmit Power Control (TPC) to the 802.11a MAC
  - solves problems like interference with satellites and radar using the same 5 GHz frequency band
- 802.11i
  - Medium Access Control (MAC) security enhancements
- 802.11j
  - designed specially for Japanese market
  - allows operation in 4.9 to 5 GHz band
- 802.11n
  - Higher throughput improvements using MIMO (multiple input, multiple output antennas)

# Primary IEEE 802.11 Specifications

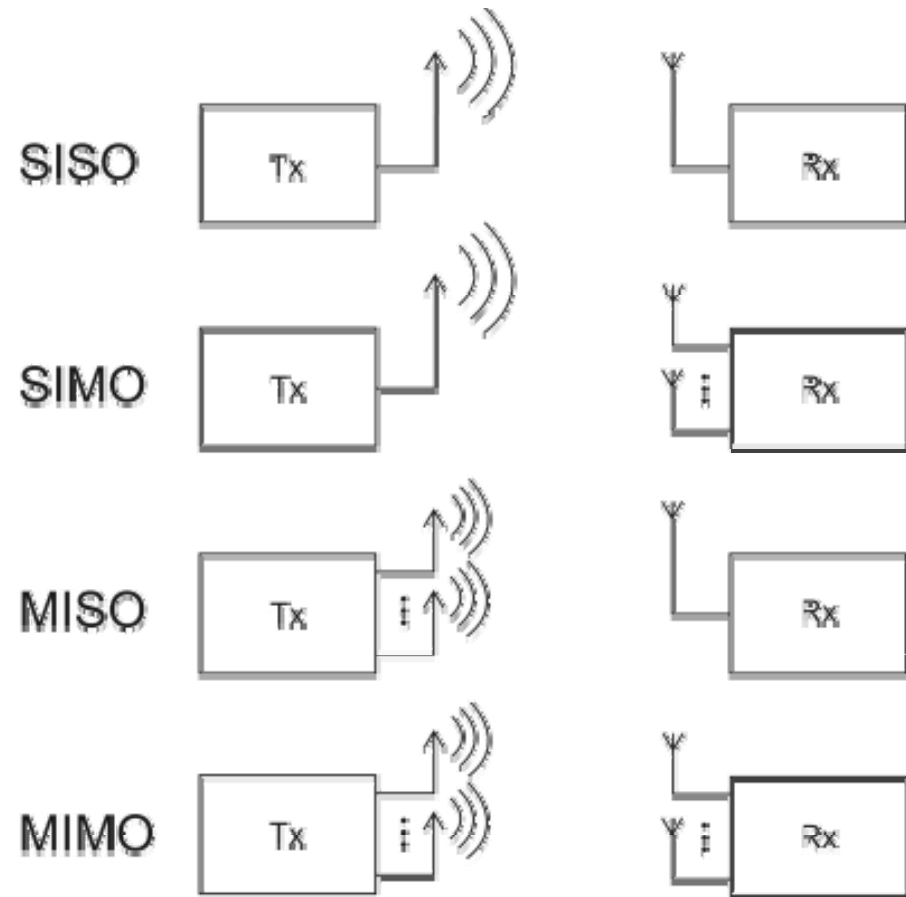
	<b>802.11b</b>	<b>802.11a</b>	<b>802.11g</b>	<b>802.11n</b>
<b>Standard Approved</b>	Dec-99	Jan-00	Jun-03	Dec-07 (Expected)
<b>Maximum Data Rate</b>	11 Mbps	54Mbps	54 Mbps	600 Mbps
<b>Different Data Rates Configurations</b>	4	8	12	576
<b>Typical Range</b>	70m	30 m	50m	60m
<b>Modulation techniques</b>	DSSS, CCK	OFDM	DSSS, CCK, OFDM	DSSS, CCK, OFDM (HT)
<b>RF Band</b>	2.4GHz	5GHz	2.4GHz	2.4/5GHz
<b>Number of Spatial Streams and Antenna</b>	1	1	1	1-4
<b>Channel bandwidth</b>	20MHz	20MHz	20MHz	20 or 40MHz
<b>Number of Non-Interleaving Channels</b>	3	23	3	26

# Pros & Cons

Standard	Pros	Cons
802.11b	lowest cost; signal range is good and not easily obstructed	slowest maximum speed; home appliances may interfere on the unregulated frequency band
802.11a	fast maximum speed; regulated frequencies prevent signal interference from other	highest cost; shorter range signal that is more easily obstructed
802.11g	fast maximum speed; signal range is good and not easily obstructed	costs more than 802.11b; appliances may interfere on the unregulated signal frequency
802.11n	fastest maximum speed and best signal range; more resistant to signal interference from outside sources	standard is not yet finalized; costs more than 802.11g; the use of multiple signals may greatly interfere with nearby 802.11b/g based networks

# Introduction of 802.11n

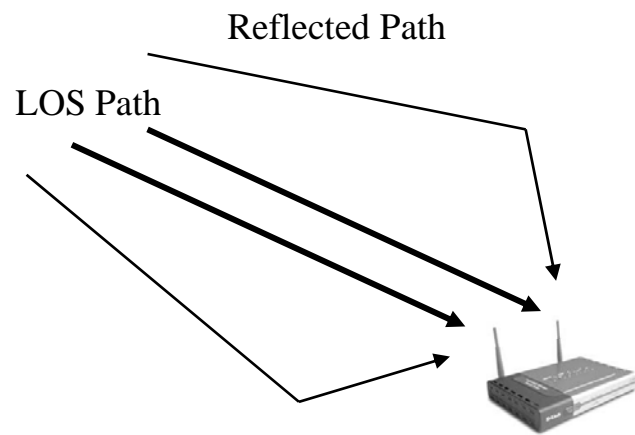
- SISO and diversity antennas
  - Single Input and Single Output is common architecture.



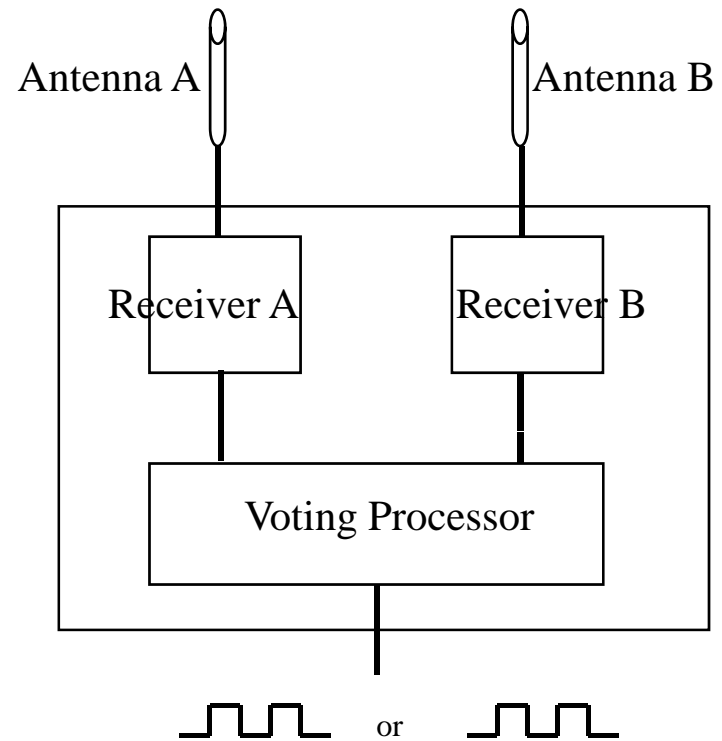
# Introduction of 802.11n

- Antenna Diversity
  - To reduce the effects of multipath, dropouts on signal quality and throughput.
  - Two independent antennas and radio systems are used for transmitting and receiving signals.
  - Voting processor choose which radio has better signal path to client.

# Introduction of 802.11n

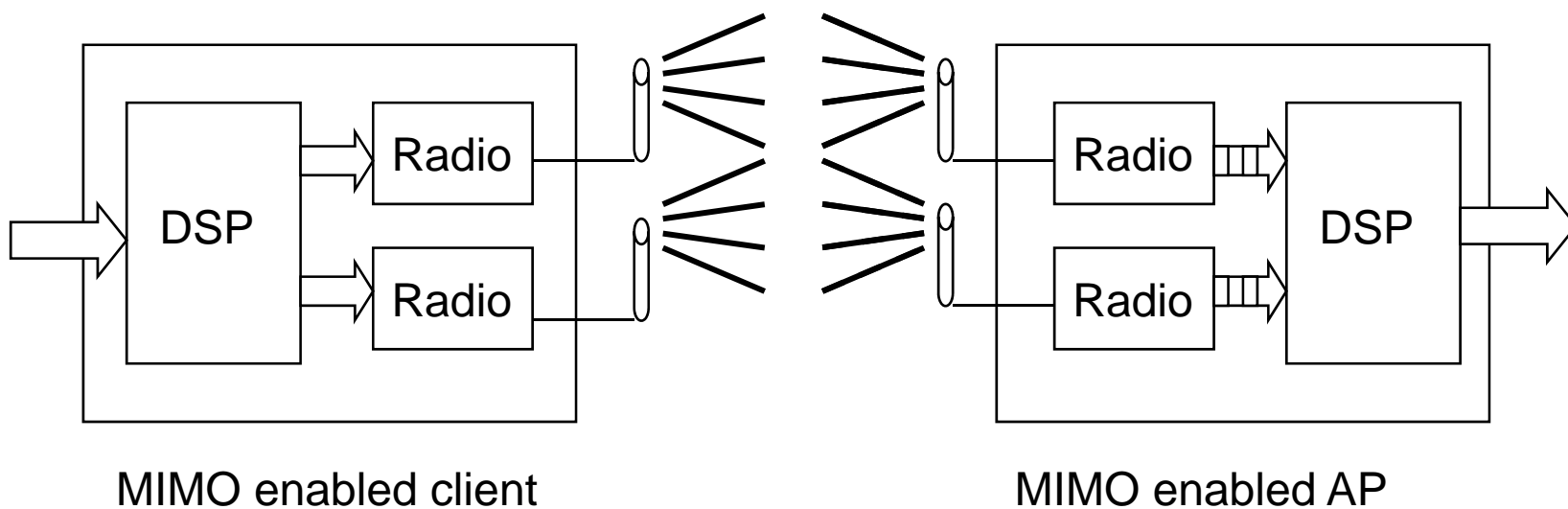


Diversity Reception



# How does MIMO works?

- A data stream is divided into multiple unique streams.
- Data streams are transmitted at the same time.
- MIMO takes the advantage of multipath.
- MIMO receiver combines all streams.



# Advantage of 802.11n

- Overcoming the multipath effect of RF
- Higher performance
- More coverage



# What is 802.11n

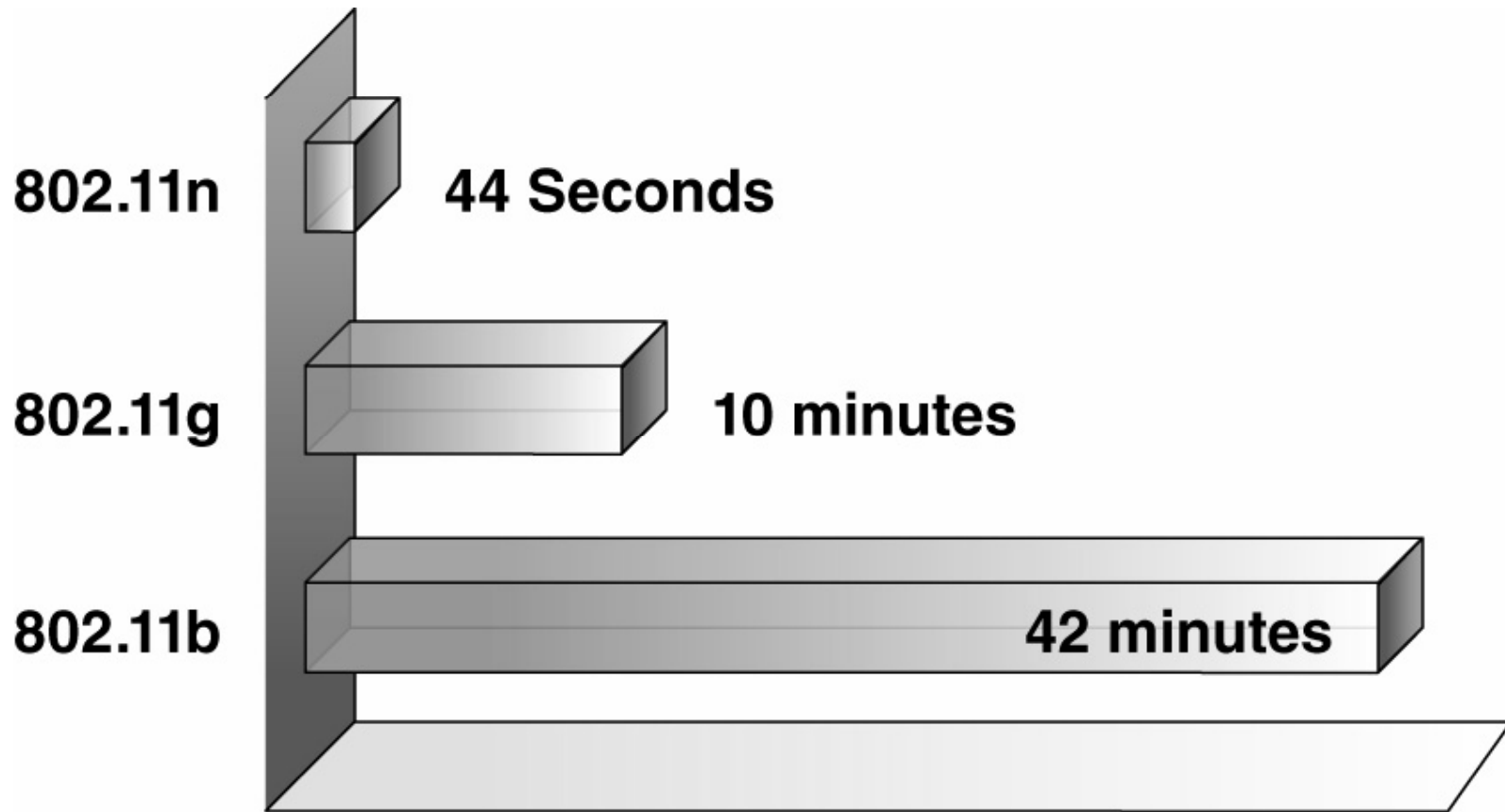
- New IEEE Standard (not approved yet)
- Uses MIMO radio technology
- Provides “wire-like” performance
- Data rate is from 100Mbps to 600Mbps which depends on implementation
- Supports both 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz
- Includes advances in QoS & Power Saving
- High definition video mode at 5 GHz
- Uses multiple streams
- Less interference and more channels

# Major components of 802.11n

<b>Features</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Standard Status</b>
<b>Better OFDM</b>	Supports wider bandwidth & higher code rate (max. data rate -- 65Mbps)	Mandatory
<b>Space-Division Multiplexing</b>	Multiple streams transmitted through multiple antennas	Optional Up to 4 spatial streams
<b>Diversity</b>	Exploits the existence of multiple antenna to improve range and reliability	Optional Up to 4 antennas
<b>MIMO Power Save</b>	Limit power consumption by utilizing multiple antennas only on as-needed basis	Mandatory

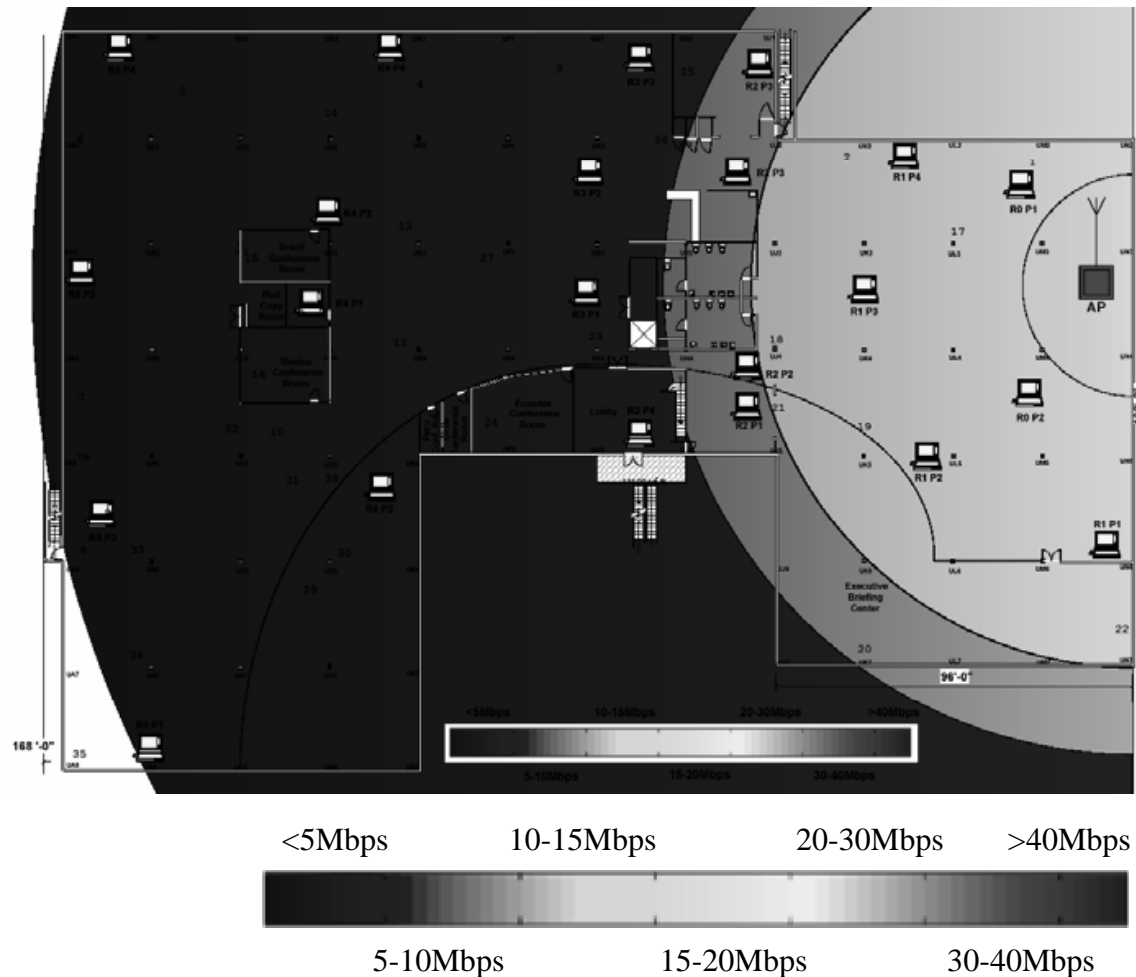
# Major components of 802.11n (cont)

<b>Features</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Standard Status</b>
<b>40MHz Channels</b>	Doubles data rates by doubling bandwidth from 20MHz to 40MHz	Optional
<b>Aggregation</b>	Allowing bursts of multiple data packets between overhead communications	Required
<b>Reduced Inter-frame Spacing (RIFS)</b>	Provides a shorter delay between OFDM transmissions than in 802.11a or g	Required
<b>Greenfield Mode</b>	Eliminates support for 802.11a/b/g devices in an all 802.11n network to improve efficiency	Optional

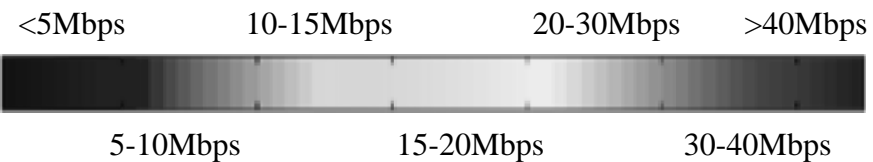
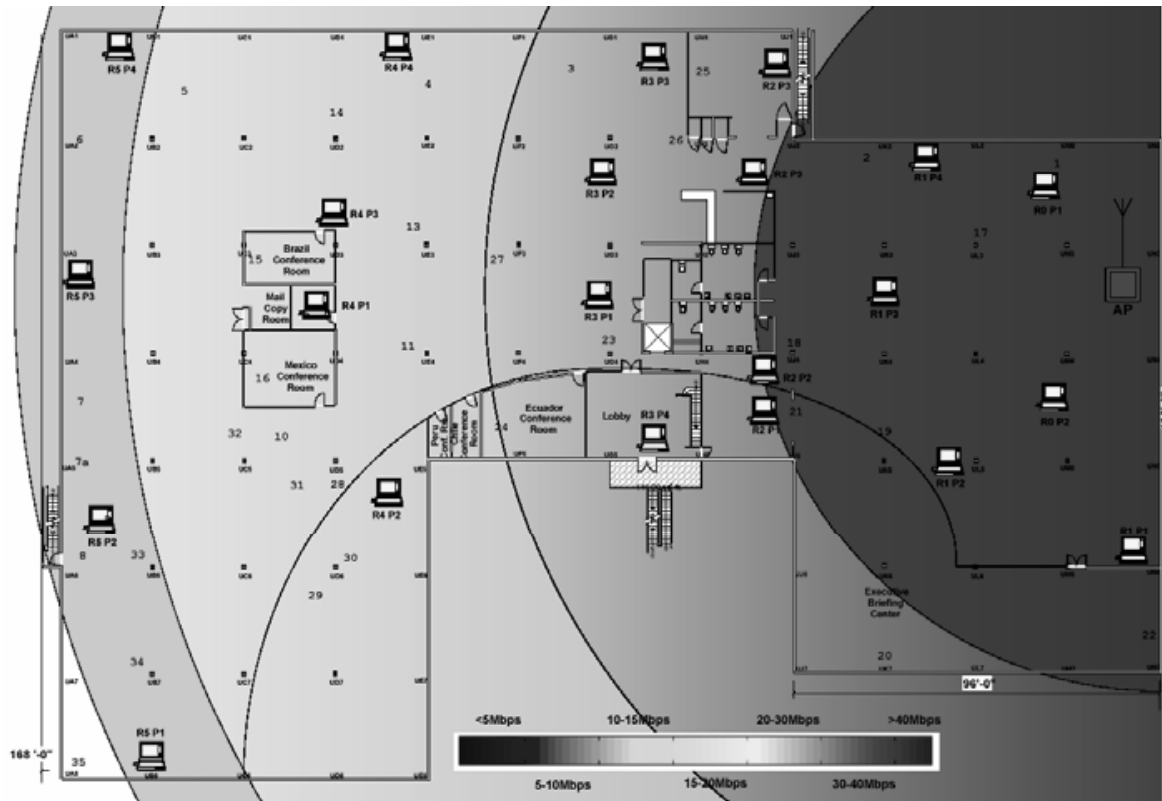


Time to transfer 30 min HD video.

# Legacy 802.11a/g AP



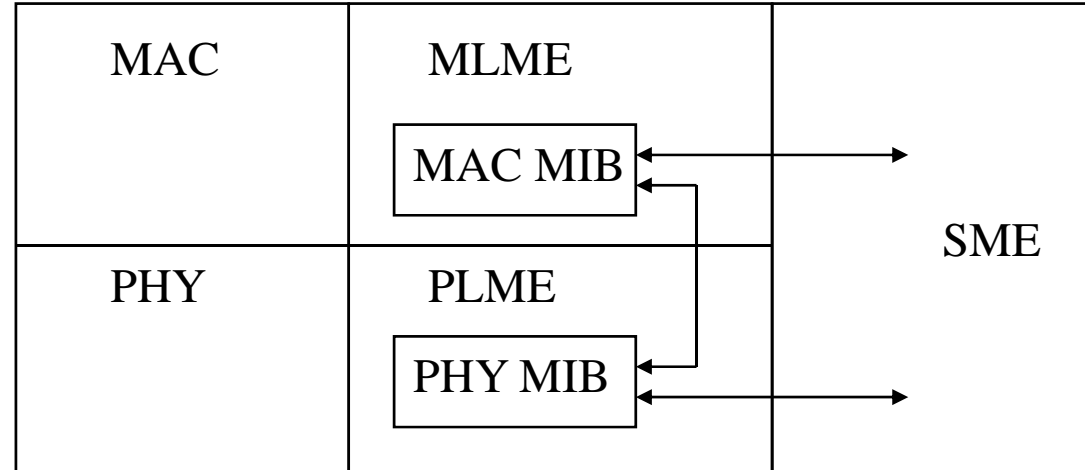
# MIMO Technology



# Management Issues

- Without tethering a wired network, the wireless medium is unreliable.
- Users can take advantage of the lack of physical boundaries.
- For a mobile devices, power consumption is always a critical problem.

# Management Architecture



Relationship between management entities and components of 802.11 specification

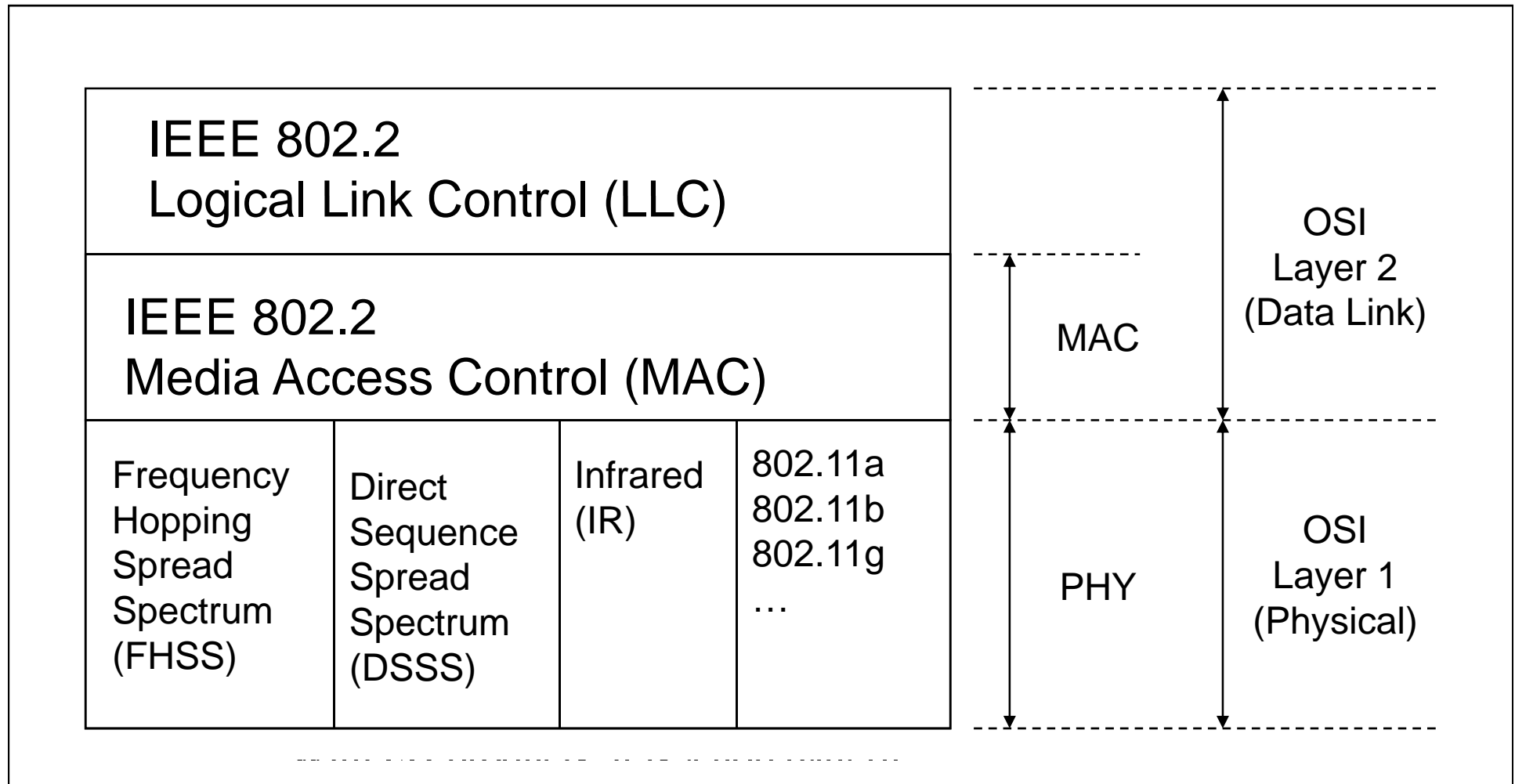
- MLME: MAC layer management entity
- PLME: PHY layer management entity
- SME: Station management entity
- MIB: Management information base



# How to join an existing cell

- Scanning
- Authentication
- Association

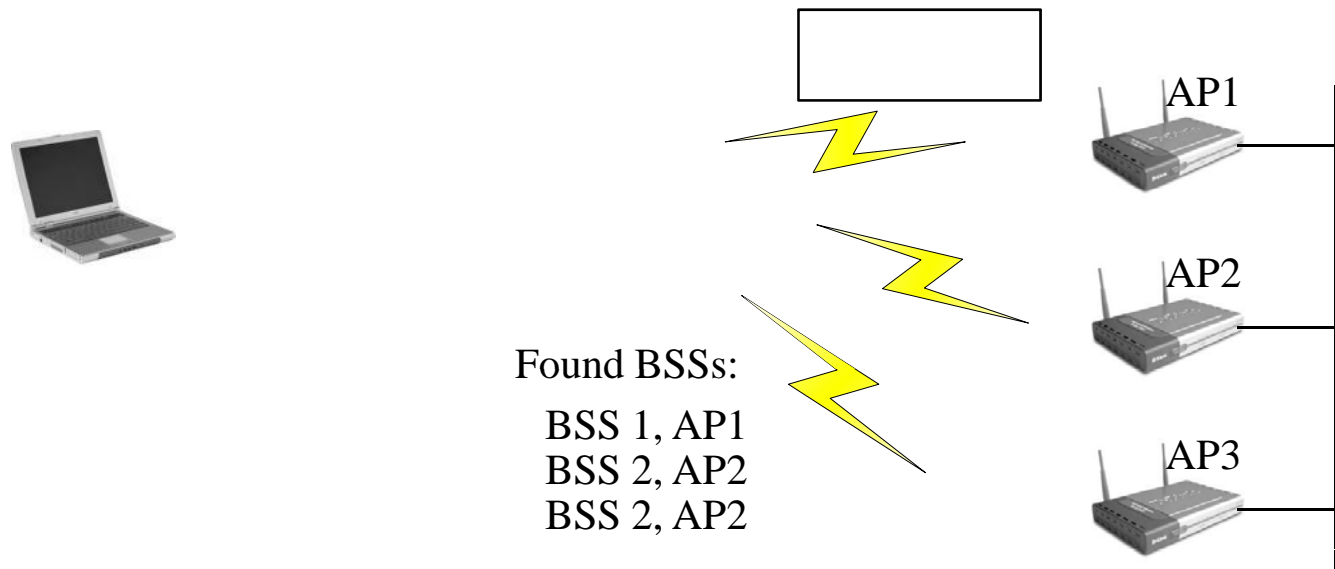
# Scanning



- ProbeDelay
- MinChannelTime
  - The minimum time to spend on each channel when scanning.
  - $\geq$  ProbeDelay
- MaxChannelTime
  - The maximum time to spend on each channel when scanning.
  - $\geq$  MinChannelTime

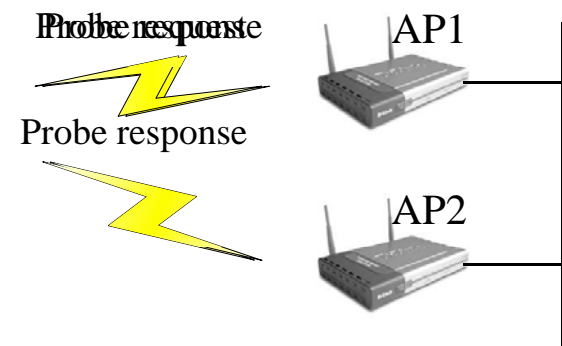
# Passive Scanning

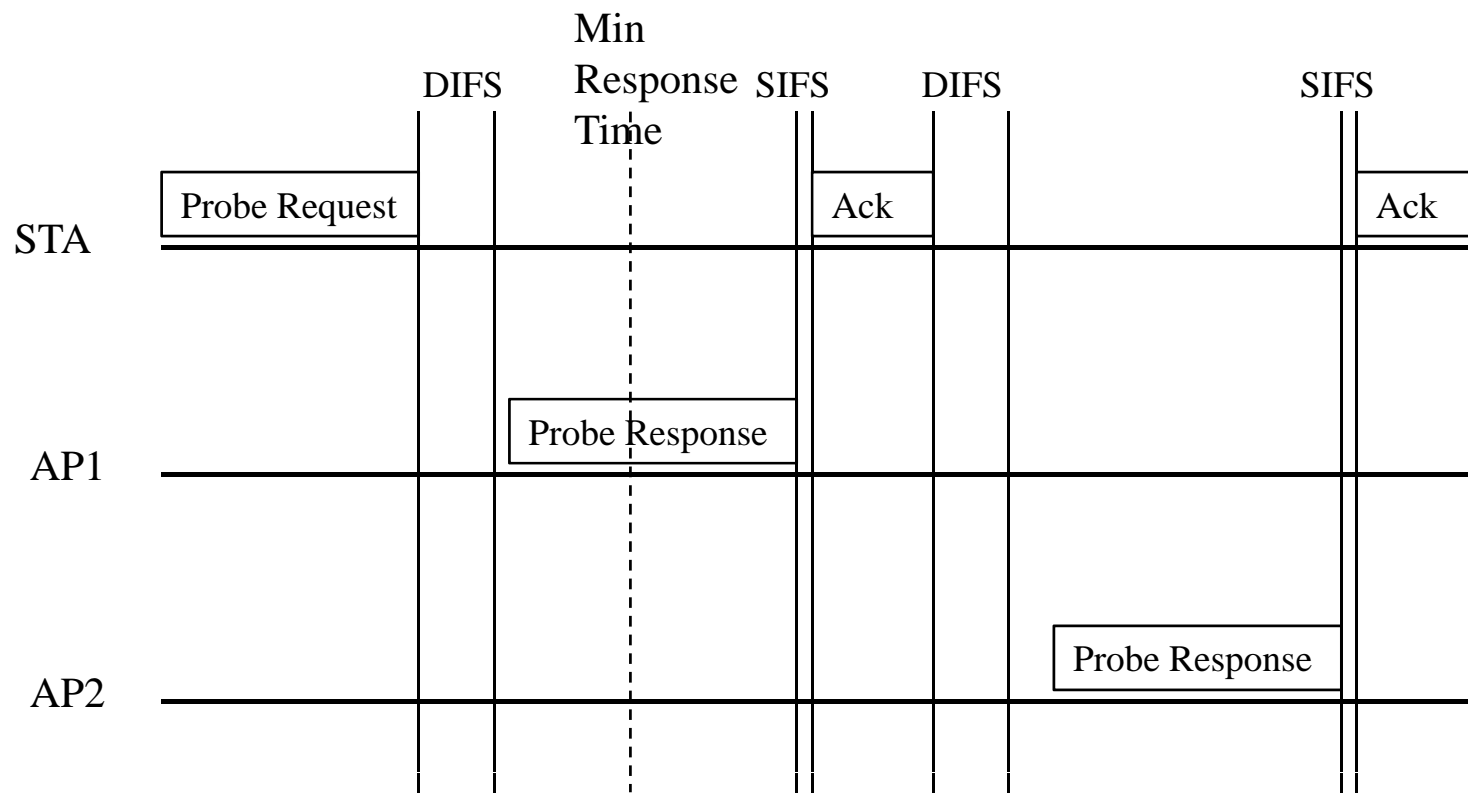
- Passive scanning saves battery power.
- In passive scanning, a station moves to each channel on the channel list and waits for Beacon frames.



# Active Scanning

- For each channel to be scanned,
  - Move to the channel and wait for either an indication of incoming frame or for the ProbeDelay timer to expire.
    - If an incoming frame is detected, the channel is in use and can be probed.
    - The timer prevents an empty channel from blocking the entire procedure.
  - Send Probe Request frame.
  - Wait for MinChannelTime and check if channel is busy
    - If idle, there is no network. Move to next channel.
    - If busy, wait until MaxChannelTime and process any Probe Response frames.





# Scan Report

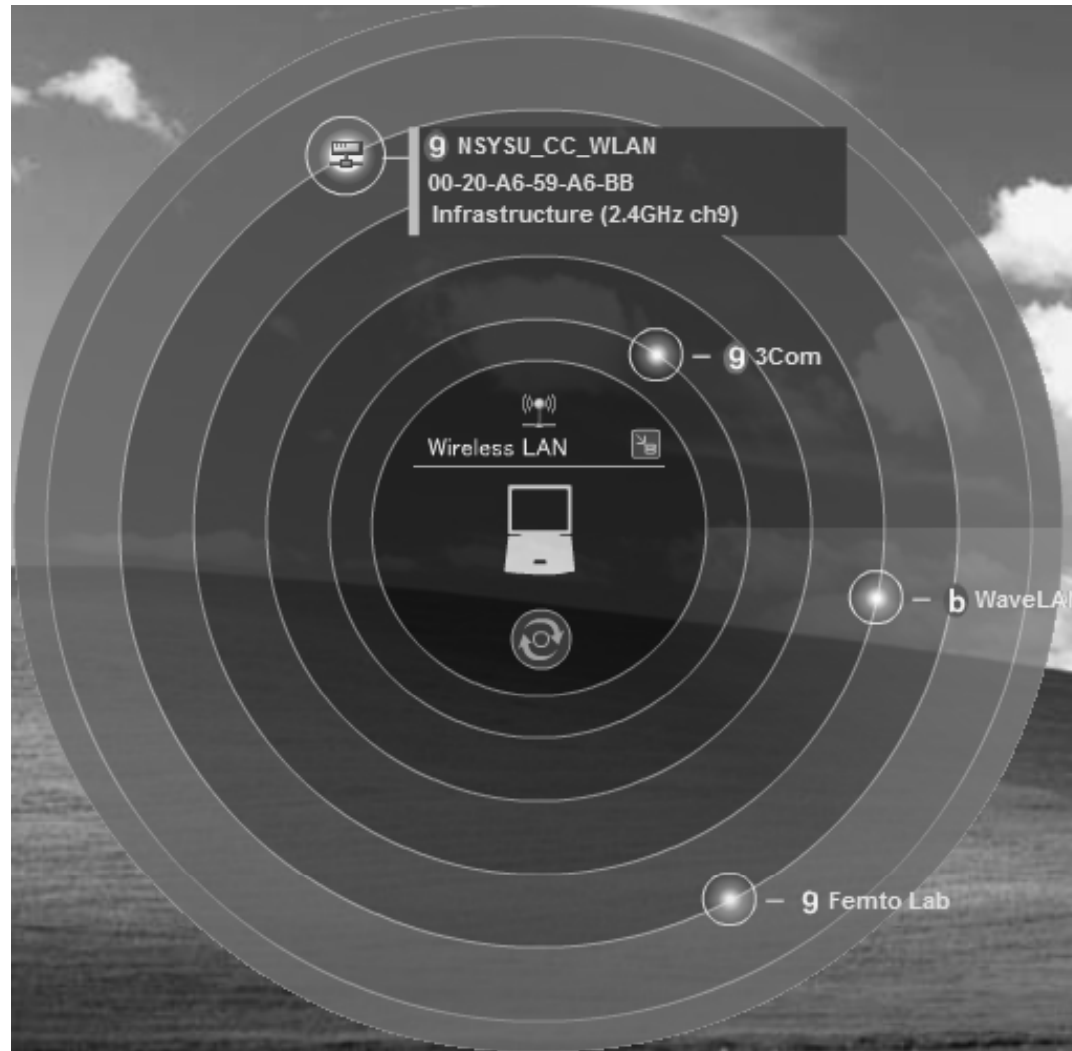
- The report lists all the BSSs that the scan discovered and their parameters.
  - BSSID
  - BSSType
  - SSID
  - Beacon intervals (integer)
  - DTIM period
  - Timing parameters: Timestamp, an offset
  - PHY, CF, IBSS parameters
  - BSSBasicRateSet: Stations must be able to receive data at all the rates listed in the set.



# Joining

- After compiling the scan results, a station can elect one of the BSSs to join.
- Choosing which BSS to join is an implementation-specific decision and may even involve user intervention.
  - Common criteria: Power level, signal strength.
- The joining process involves matching local parameters to the parameters required by the selected BSS.
- One of the most important tasks is to synchronize timing information.

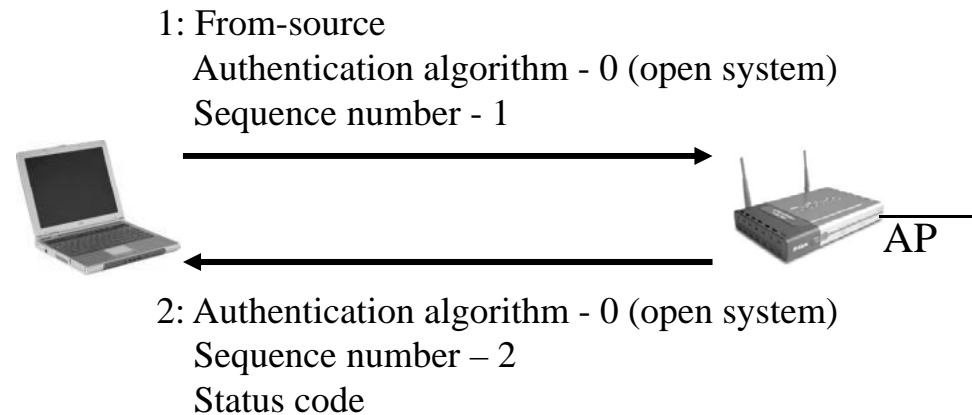




# Authentication

- Wireless networks are attractive in large part because physical access is not required to use network resources.
- The authentication process only proves the identity of one station (not mutual authentication).
- Network administrators may wish to authenticate mobile stations, but mobile stations can not authenticate the AP.
- One-way street: stations authenticate to network.
- A man-in-the-middle attack: a rogue AP could send Beacon frame to steal Authentication information.
- Two approaches: open-system and shared-key authentication.

# Open-system authentication.



Open-system authentication exchange

- The identity of any station is its MAC address.

無線 - 介面	
SSID :	default
頻道 :	Auto ▾
無線模式 :	Auto ▾ <input type="checkbox"/> 54g Protection
授權方式 :	Open System or Shared Key ▾
WPA加密 :	TKIP ▾
WPA金鑰(WPA-PSK) :	
WEP加密 :	WEP-128bits ▾
通行碼 :	None
WEP金鑰1 (10或26十六進位數) :	WEP-64bits 3B5D3C7D207E37DCEEEDD301E3
WEP金鑰2 (10或26十六進位數) :	WEP-128bits 3B5D3C7D207E37DCEEEDD301E3
WEP金鑰3 (10或26十六進位數) :	3B5D3C7D207E37DCEEEDD301E3
WEP金鑰4 (10或26十六進位數) :	3B5D3C7D207E37DCEEEDD301E3

? X
default 內容

關聯 驗證 連線

網路名稱 (SSID)(N):

無線網路金鑰

這個網路需要給下列一個金鑰:

網路驗證(A):

資料加密(D):

網路金鑰(K):

確認網路金鑰(Q):

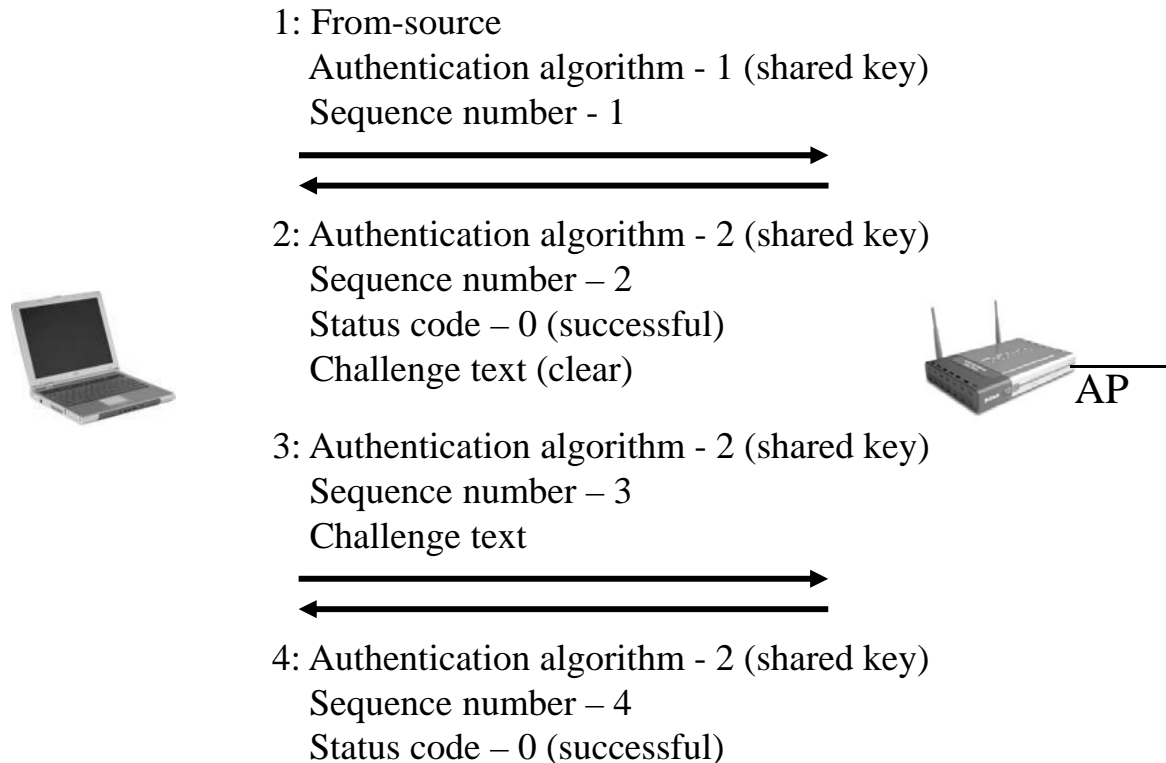
金鑰索引 (進階)(X):

金鑰會自動地提供給我(H)

這是一個電腦對電腦 (隨機操作) 網路; 不使用無線存取點(C)

# Shared-key Authentication

- Shared-key authentication makes use of WEP (Wired Equivalent Privacy).
- It requires that a shared key be distributed to stations before attempting authentication.
- The challenge text is composed of 128 bytes generated using the WEP keystream generator with a random key and IV.

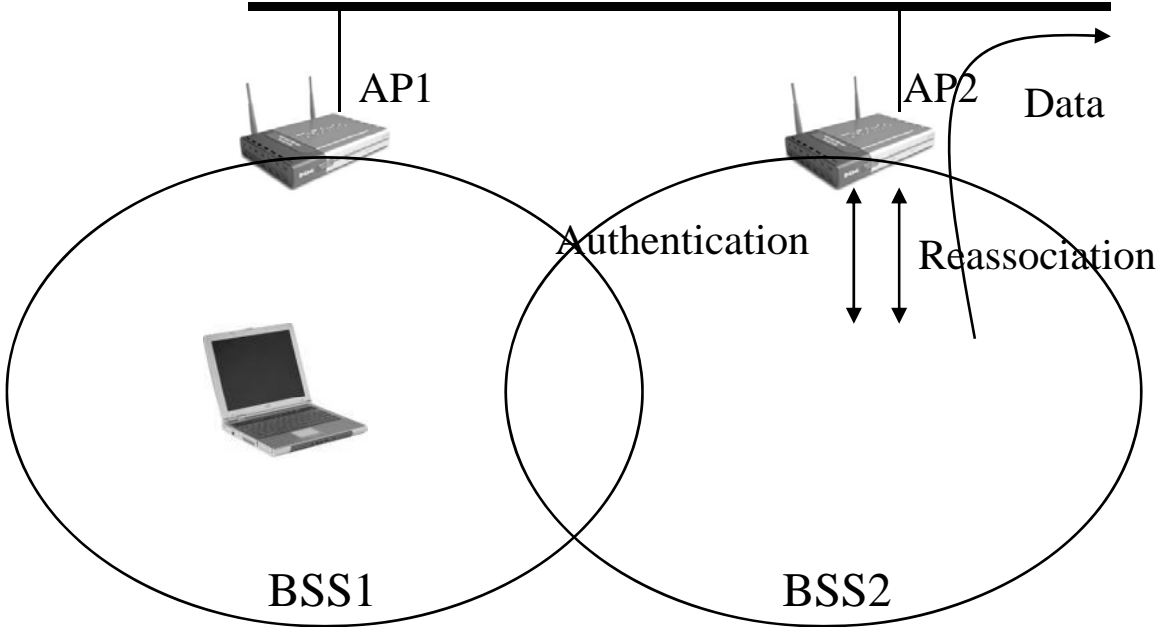


### Shared-key authentication exchange

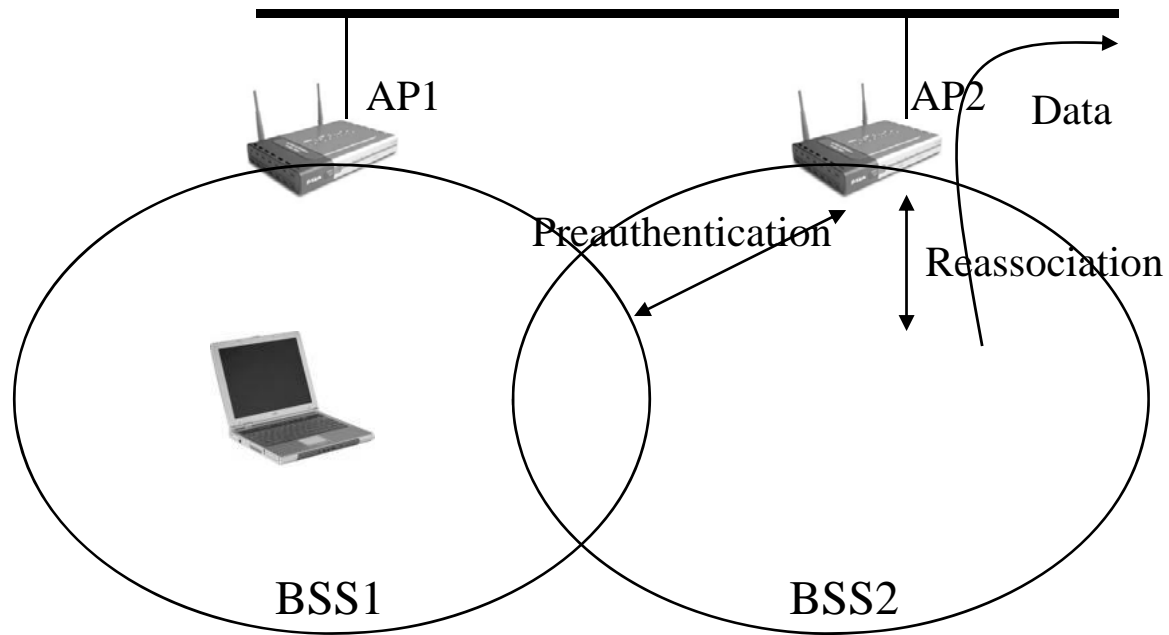
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# Preauthentication



Station begins signaling to AP2 while still connected to AP1  
Between BSS1 and BSS2  
Station reassociates to AP2

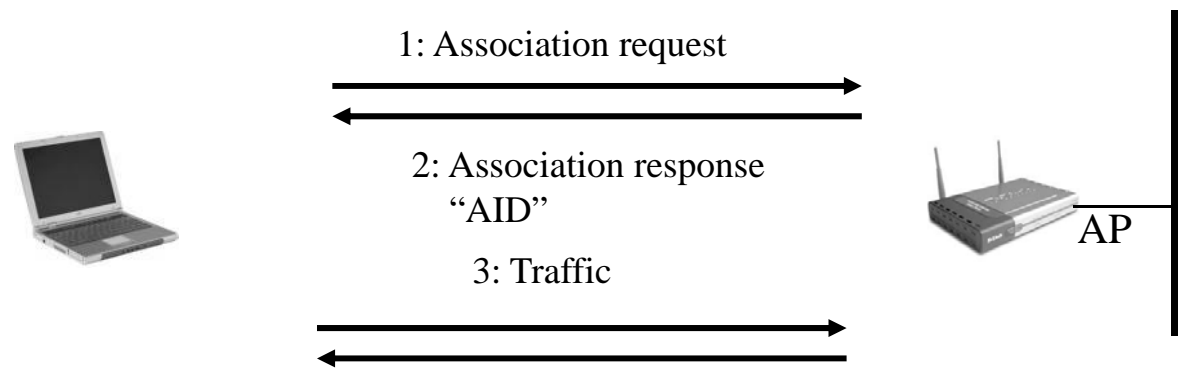


AP1 or AP2 is signaling the AP2 to  
 Pre-authenticate the laptop  
 between BSS1 and BSS2 on the AP2's  
 the presence of AP2

# Association

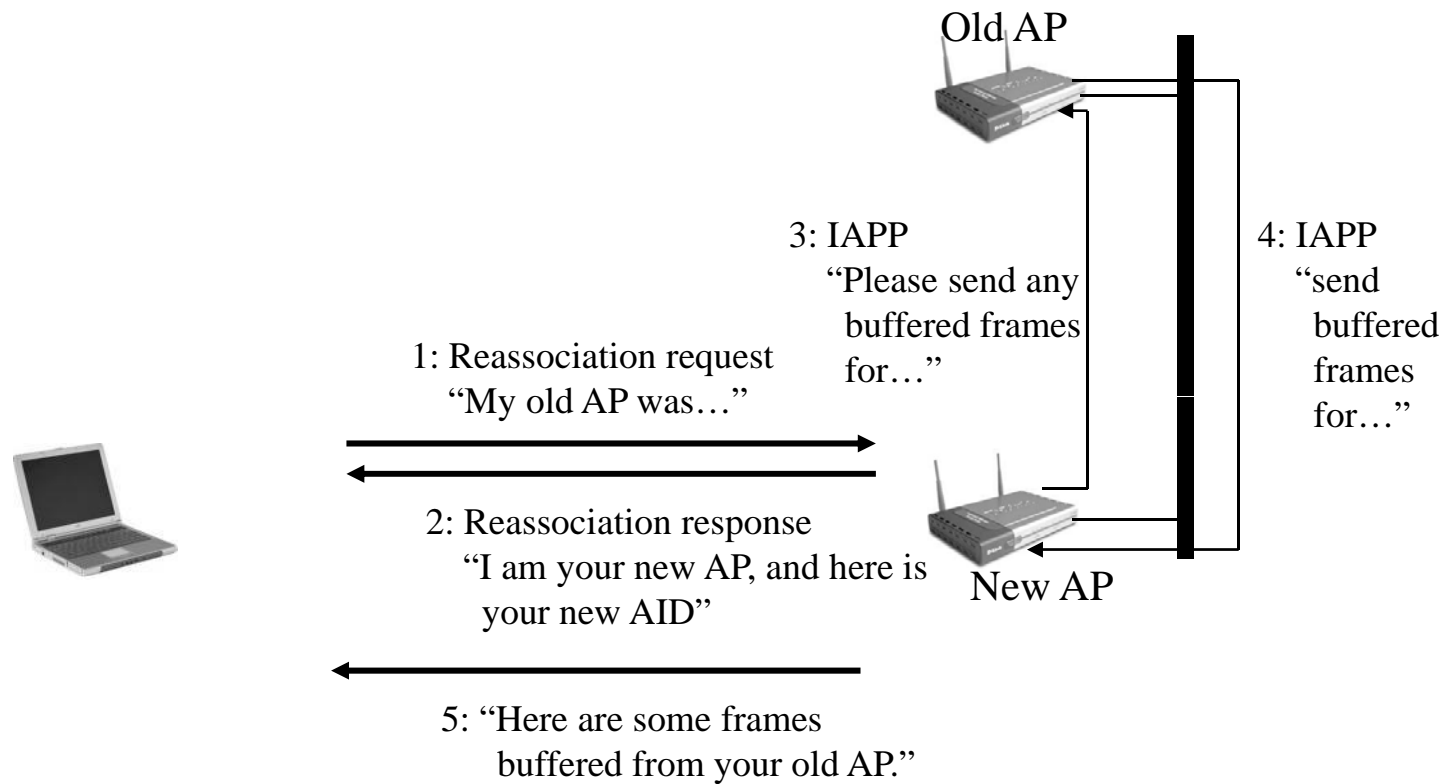
- Association is recordkeeping procedure that allows the distribution system to track the location of each mobile station.
- After association completes, an AP must register the mobile STA on the network so frames for the mobile STA are delivered to the AP.
- One method of registering is to send a gratuitous ARP.
- 802.11 explicitly forbids associating with more than one AP.

# Associated procedure

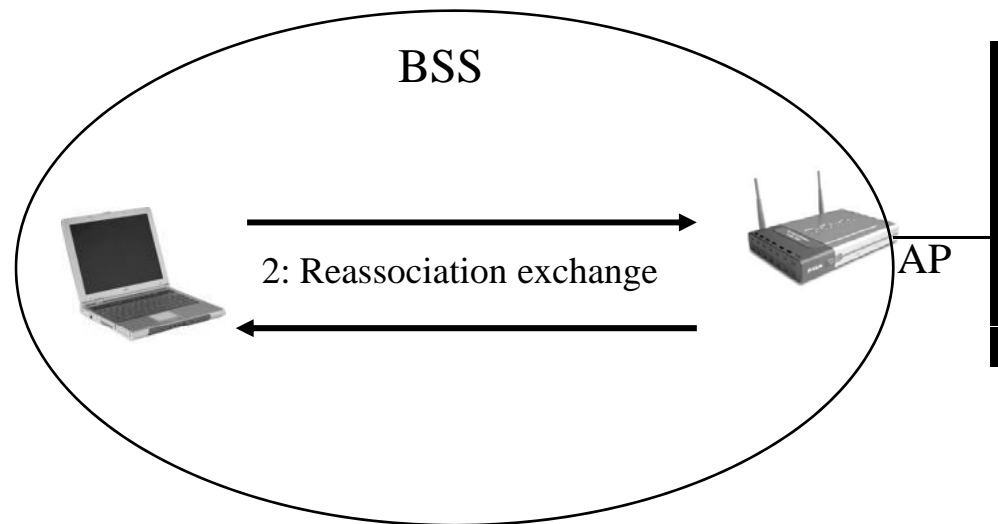


- Association request & reply are unicast frames. (ACK is required)

# Reassociated procedure



## Reassociation with the same AP



# Other Authentication Methods

- RADIUS (Remote Authentication Dial In User Service)
  - Account/Password
- Registration of MAC address of mobile station
- 802.1x (WIRE1x)



**Registered Users Authentication Server**

Any

User Name

Password

**Log In**

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**Change Password**

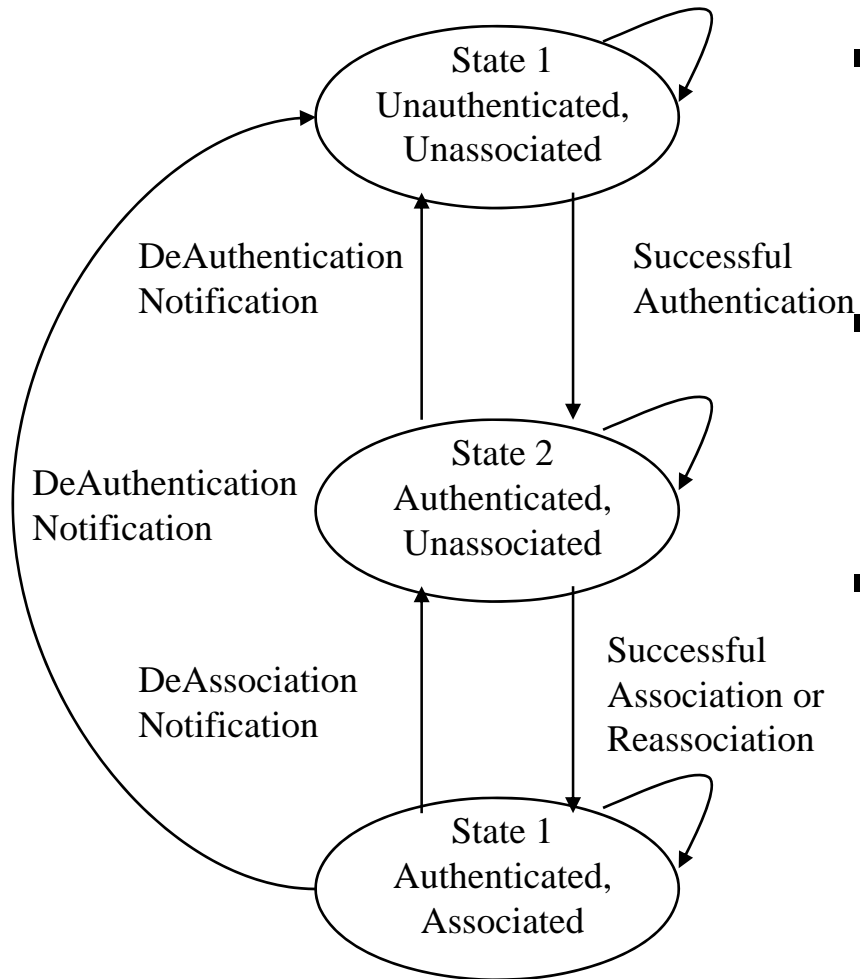
**Change Language**

**Install CA Certificate**

無線網路上網方式	<b>step 1:</b>	先安裝好無線網卡驅動程式 各作業系統 TCP/IP 設定，請設定成 "自動取得ip位址" DNS 設定，也請設定成 "自動取得" SSID 請選擇(或設定) "WaveLAN Network" (請注意大小寫)
	<b>step 2:</b>	開啓瀏覽器，例如 Microsoft Internet Explorer
	<b>step 3:</b>	假如有 "安全性警訊" 視窗跳出，則選擇 "是,繼續"
	<b>step 4:</b>	認證網頁出現，於左邊藍色頁面
	<b>step 5:</b>	請輸入學校 e-mail 帳號全名(含@前後所有字元，例如： b8934029@student.nsysu.edu.tw)、密碼，然後按 "Log in"， 完成身分認證，即可順利上網 (各系所內自建的帳號、密碼恕不能使用)
	<b>step 6:</b>	若要離開，請利用登入後產生的網頁視窗，點選"sign out"離開。



# States of Authentication and Association



- Unauthenticated and unassociated
  - The node is disconnected from the network and not associated to an access point.
- Authenticated and unassociated
  - The node has been authenticated on the network but has not yet associated with the access point.
- Authenticated and associated
  - The node is connected to the network and able to transmit and receive data through the access point.

# Power Conservation

- Powering down the transceiver can lead to great power savings in wireless networks.
- sleeping, dozing, PS mode vs. awake, active, on
- Power conservation
  - Minimizing the time spent in the awake stage.
  - Maximizing the time in the PS mode.

# Power Management in Infrastructure Networks

- In infrastructure networks:
  - APs remain active at all time.
  - APs are aware of the location of mobile STAs.
  - STA can communicate its power management state to its AP.
  - All traffic must go through APs.
    - APs are an ideal location to buffer traffic.
- APs play a key role on power management in infrastructure networks.

# Power Management in Infrastructure Networks (cont)

- AP have two power management-related task:
  - Buffering frames
    - AP can determine whether a frame should be delivered to the wireless network.
    - Frames should be buffered if the station is asleep.
  - Periodic announce buffer status
    - AP should periodically announce which stations have frames waiting form them.
    - A station only needs to power up the transmitter to transmit polling frames when there are buffered frames for it.

# Power Management in Infrastructure Networks (cont)

- Listen Interval is the number of beacon periods for which the mobile station may choose to sleep.
  - Longer listen intervals require more buffer space on the access point.
- AP must agree to wait for at least the listen interval before discarding frames.
  - If a mobile station fails to check for waiting frames after each listen interval, they may be discarded without notification.

# Unicast frame buffering and delivery

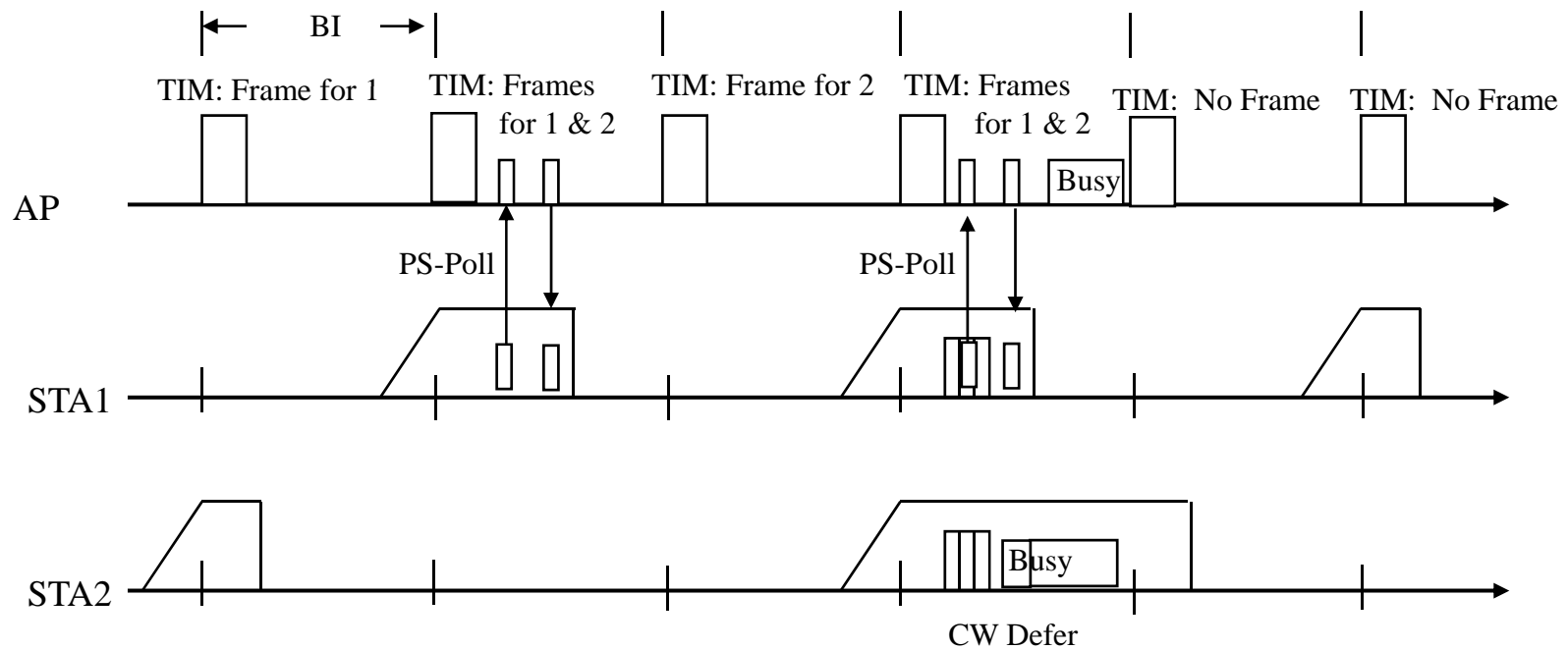
- When frames are buffered, the destination node's AID provides the logic link between the frame and its destination. (Multicast or Broadcast: AID = 0)
- APs assemble a TIM and transmit it in Beacon frames.
- TIM is a virtual bitmap composed of 2008 bits (251 B).
- Offsets are used so only a small portion of the virtual bitmap needs to be transmitted. Each bit corresponds to a particular AID.

# Unicast frame buffering and delivery (cont)

- To retrieve buffered frames, mobile STA use PS-Poll Control frame.
- When multiple stations have buffered frames, all STAs with buffered data must use random backoff algorithm to transmit the PS-poll.
- Each PS-Poll is used to retrieve one buffered frames. ACK is required.

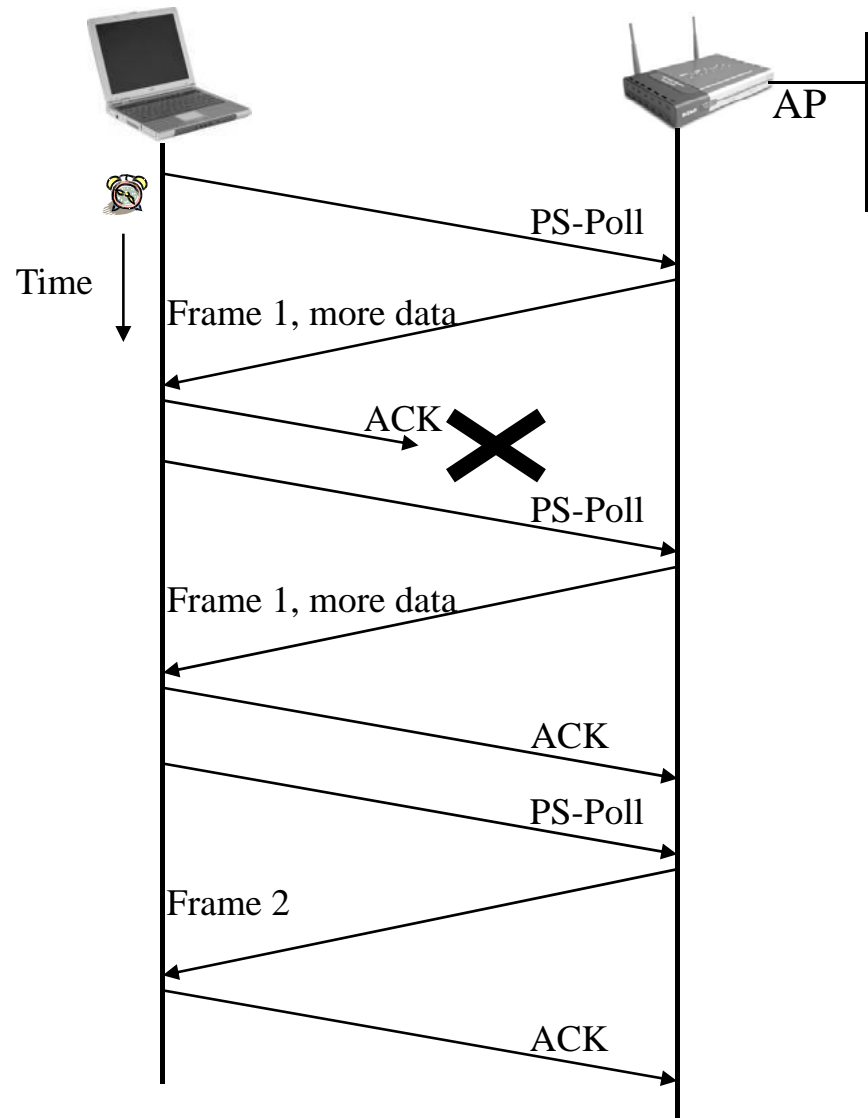
# Buffered frame retrieval process

Listen Intervals: 2 for STA1, 3 for STA2





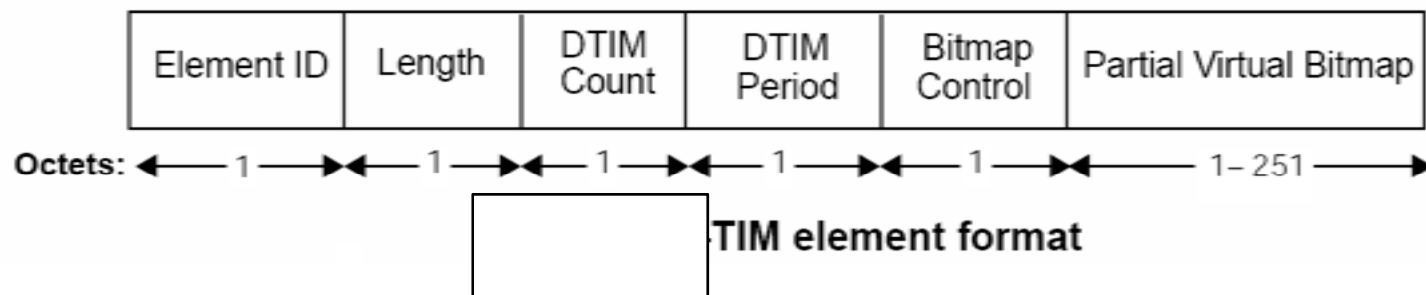
# PS-Poll frame retrieval



- STAs may switch from a PS mode to active mode at any time.
- If a STA switches to active mode, frames can be transmitted without waiting for a PS-Poll.
- APs use an aging function to determine when buffered frames are old enough to be discarded.
- Aging function should not discard frames before the listen interval has elapsed.

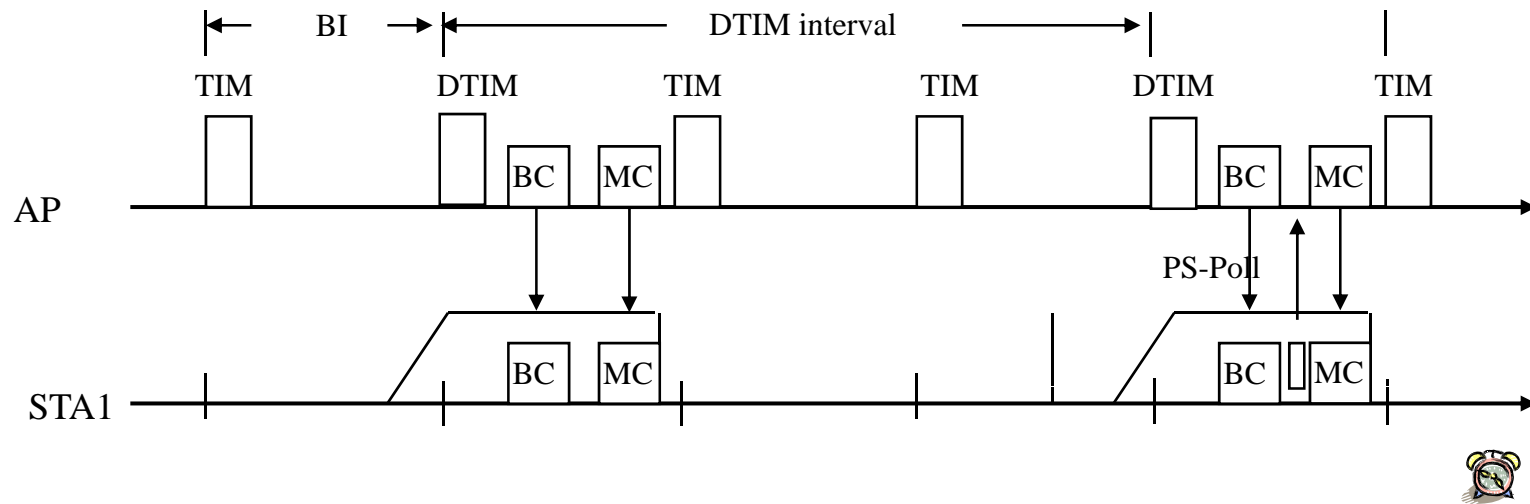
# Delivering multicast and broadcast frame: DTIM

- Buffered broadcast and multicast frames are saved using AID 0.
- DTIM period
- Buffered broadcast and multicast traffic is transmitted after DTIM beacon.
- The AP may choose to defer the processing of incoming PS-Poll frames.



# Delivering multicast and broadcast frame: DTIM

Listen Interval: 3 for STA1



Multicast and broadcast buffer transmission after DTIMs.

# Timer synchronization

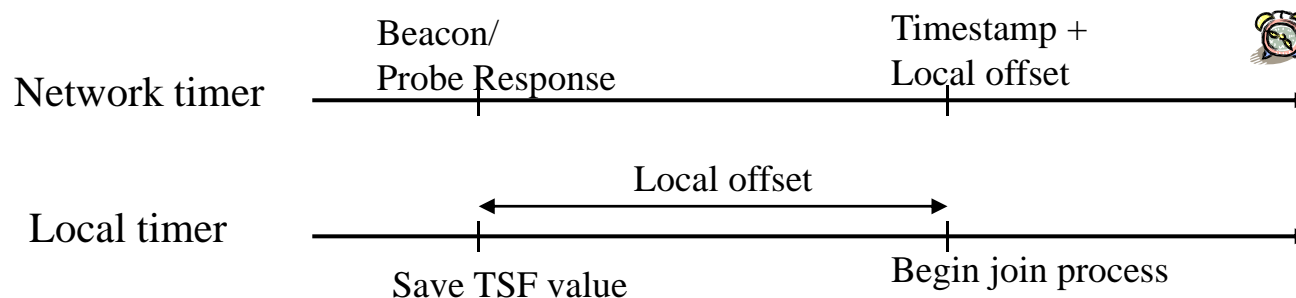
- Wireless network technologies depend a great deal on the distribution of timing information.
- Timing information is especially important in frequency-hopping networks.

# Timer synchronization

- Timing information is especially important in frequency-hopping networks
- Timing synchronization function (TSF) is based on a 1-MHZ clock.  
(one tick = 1 micro sec)

# Infrastructure timing synchronization

- APs are responsible for maintaining the TSF time, and any STAs associated with an AP must simply accept the AP's TSF as valid.
  - Associated STAs maintain local TSF so that they can still remain roughly synchronized with the global TSF when missing a Beacon frame.



Matching the local timer to a network timer

# Competing technologies

- Bluetooth

Version	Data Rate
Version 1	1 Mbps
Version 2.0 + EDR	3 Mbps
WiMedia Alliance (3.0?)	53 ~ 480 Mbps

- ZigBee

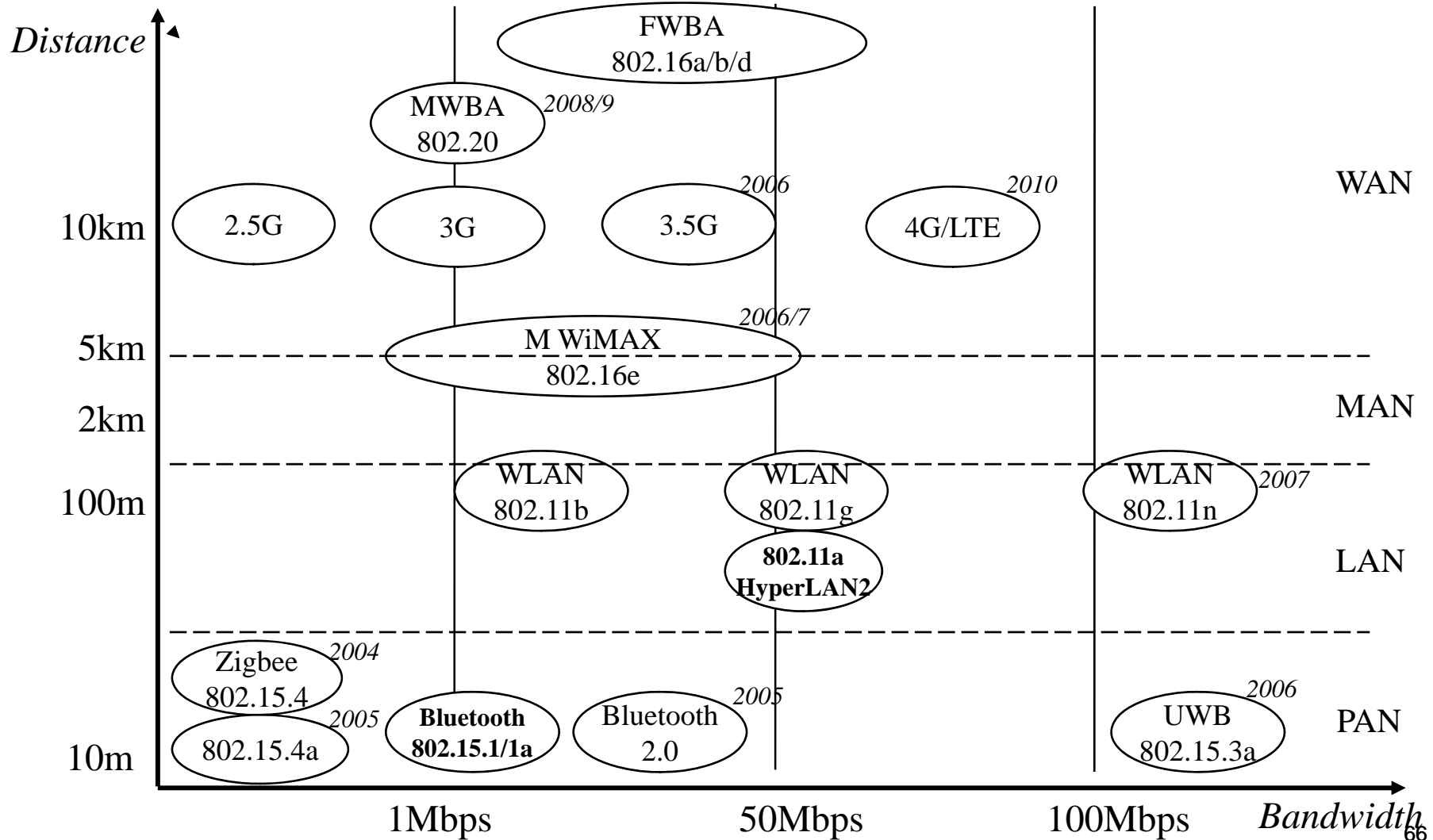
- IEEE 802.15.4
- operation in the unlicensed 2.4 GHz, 915 MHz and 868 MHz ISM bands
- 250kbps



# Competing technologies

- UWB
  - FCC authorizes the unlicensed use of UWB in 3.1–10.6 GHz.
  - 100 Mbps ~ 400 Mbps
- HomeRF
  - 2.4 GHz, WBFH (Wide band frequency hopping)
  - 10 Mbps, 150 ft.
- 3GPP
  - The 3rd Generation Partnership Project
  - 3.9G (HSDPA – 3.5G)
  - 100Mbps
- WiMAX

# Road Map of Wireless Communication



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