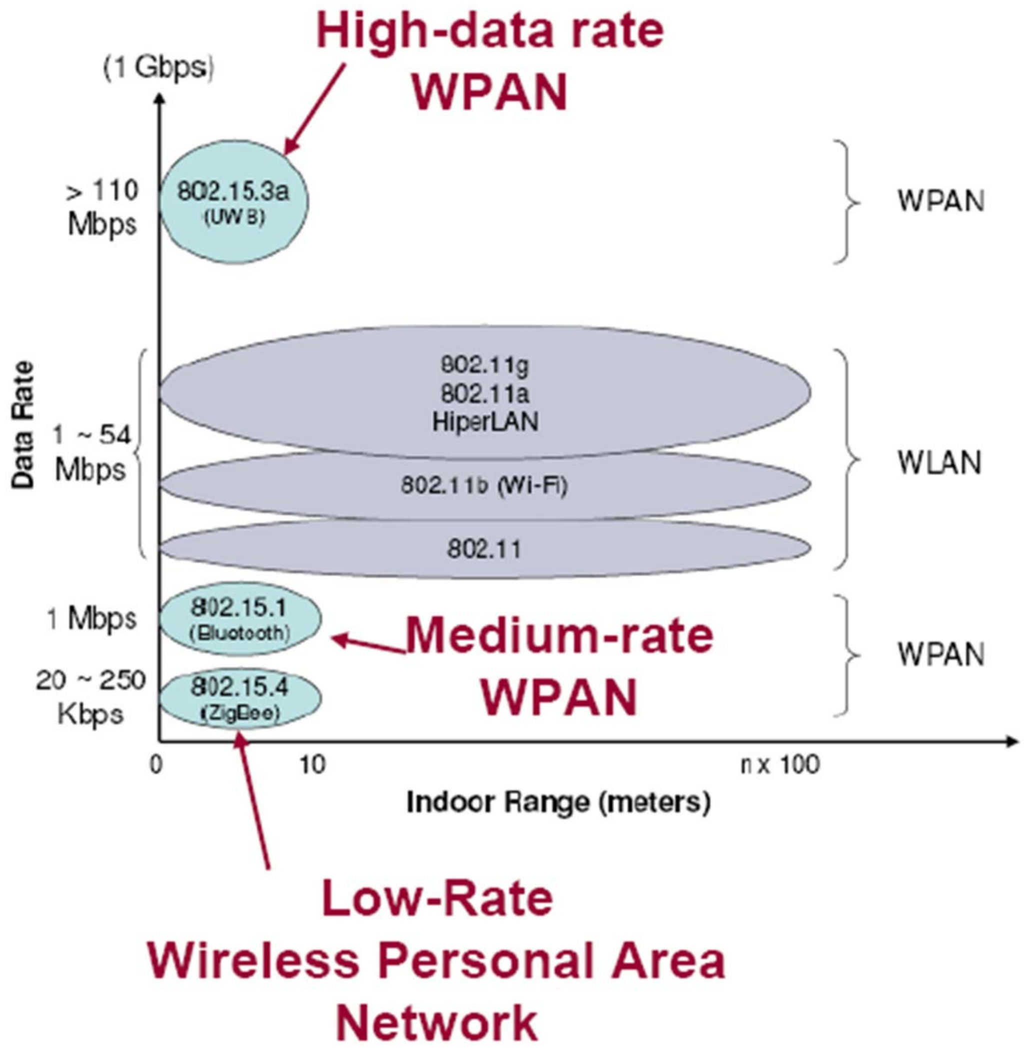
Wireless Networks and MAC Protocols

Some Wireless Technologies

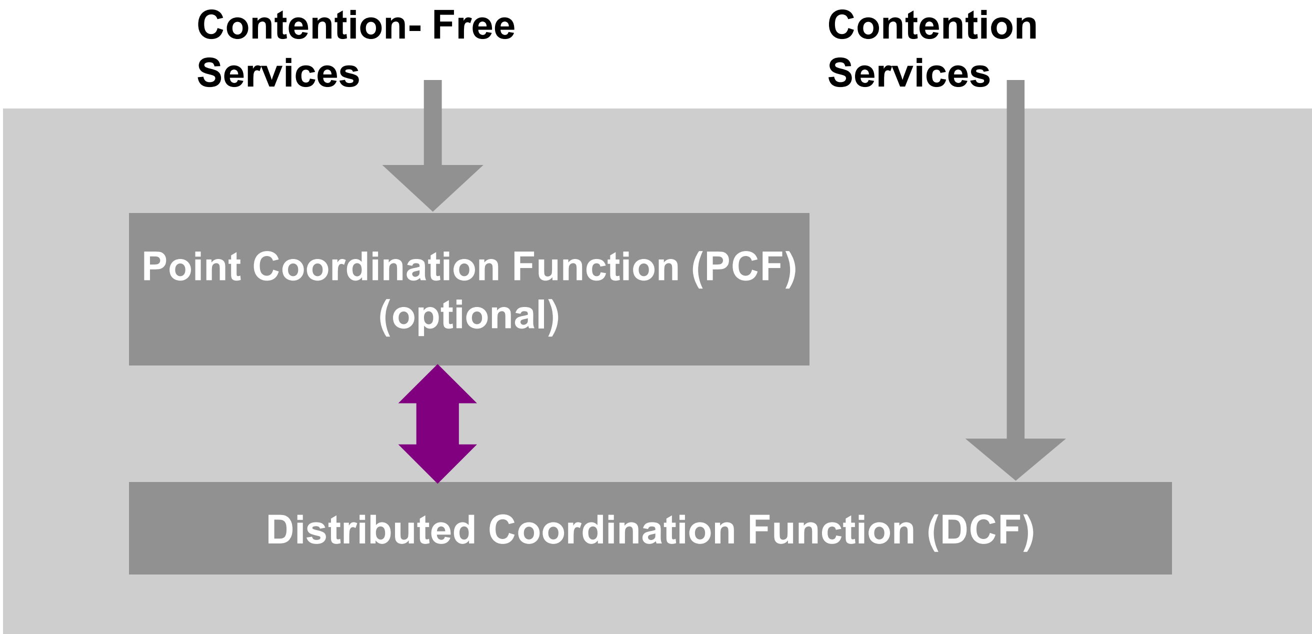


Wireless Technology Comparison Chart

Standard	Fre- quency	Bandwidth	Tx-Power (EIRP)	Range	Goal	Application
802.11 Wlan	2,4 GHz 5 GHz	<= 600 MBit/s	100 mW	250 m	High Data Rate	Internet Sharing, Media Streaming, File Transfer
802.15.1 Bluetooth	2,4 GHz	<= 2,1 MBit/s	100 mW 2,5 mW 1 mW	100 m 10 m 5 m	Low Power, Ease of Use, Security	Handsfree, Cable Replacement
802.15.4 Zigbee	0,8 GHz 0,9 GHz 2,4 GHz	<= 20 kBit/s <= 40 kBit/s <= 250 kBit/s	1 mW	10 m	Ultra-Low-Power, Timing Guarentees	Sensor networks, Remote control

IEEE 802.11 MAC Layer

MAC Architektur:

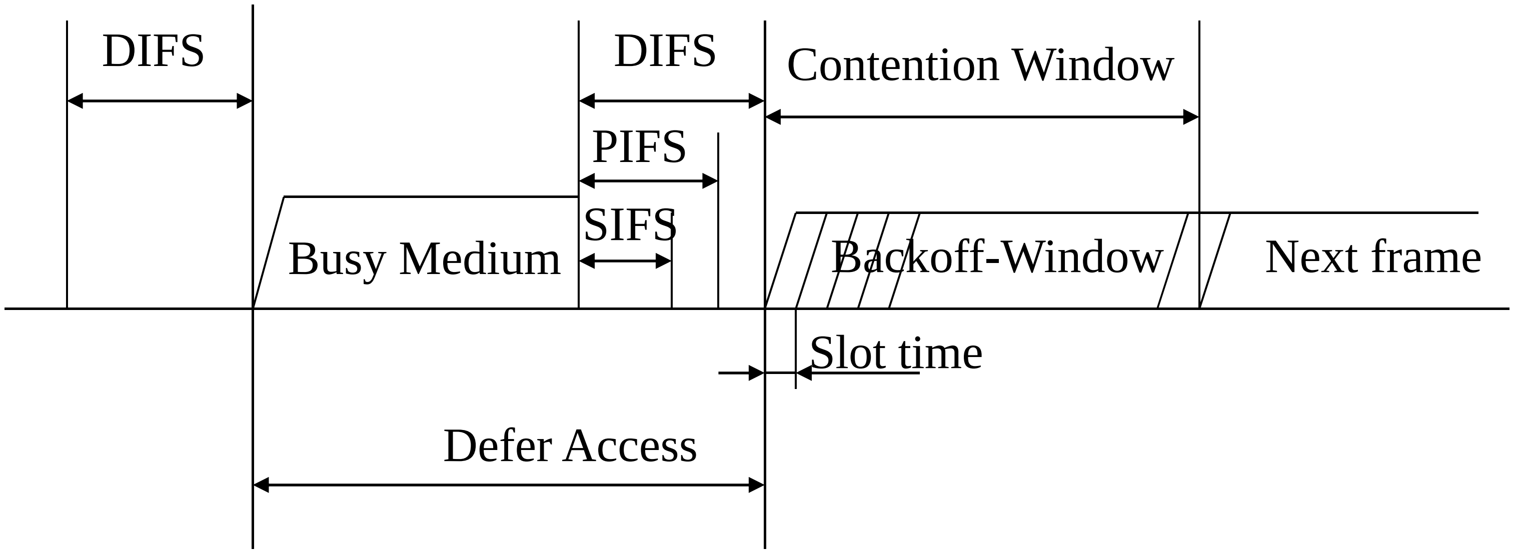


Distributed Coordination Function (DCF)

- CSMA/CA Protocol
- Collision Avoidance by random backoff procedure (p-persistent)
- All Frames are acknowledged, lost Frames are resend
- Priority Access by Interframe Space (IFS)

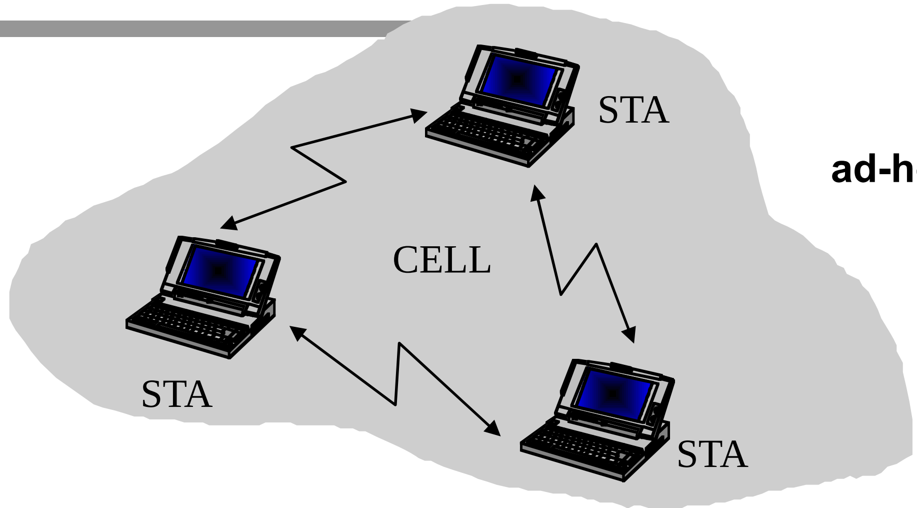
=> fair arbitration but no real-time support

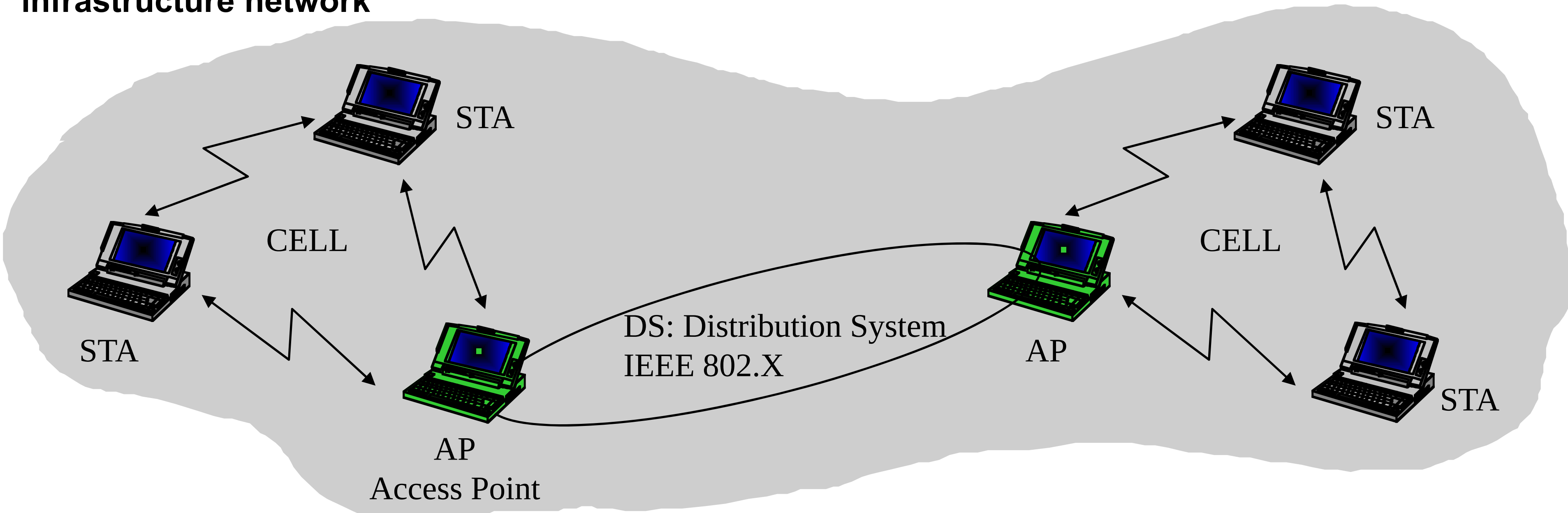
Relationship of different IFSs in 802.11



DIFS: DCF Interframe Space
PIFS: PCF Interframe Space
SIFS: Short Interframe Space

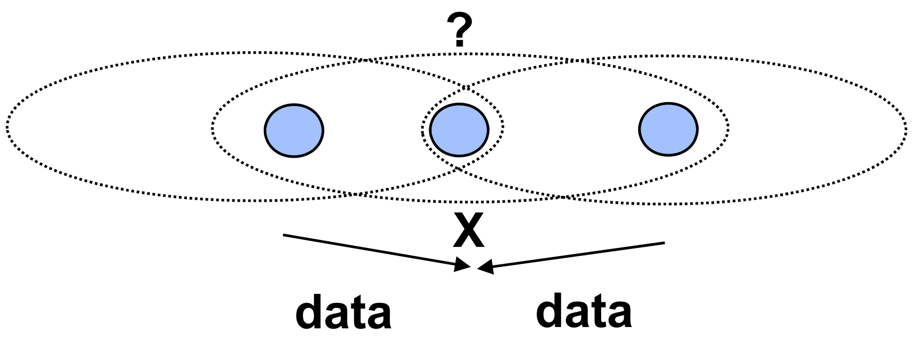
Network Types



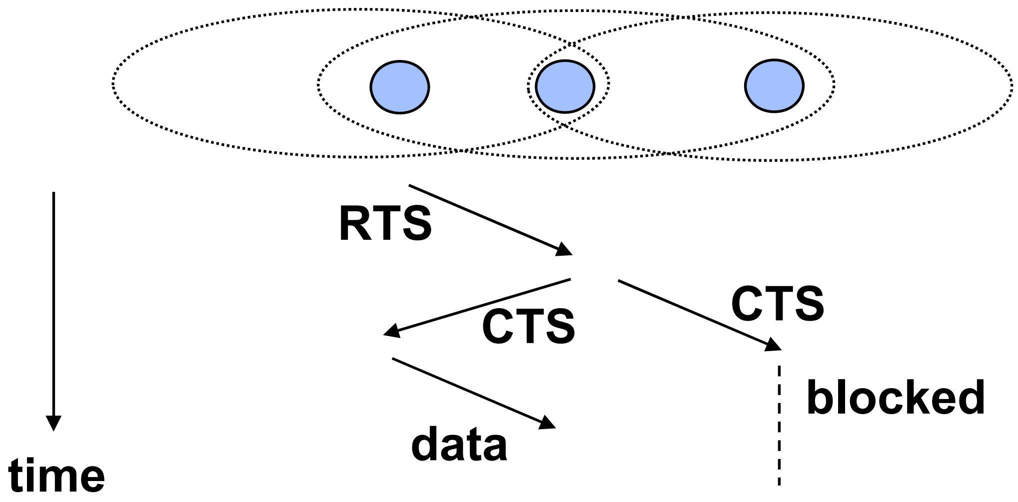


Problems

Hidden Terminal Problem

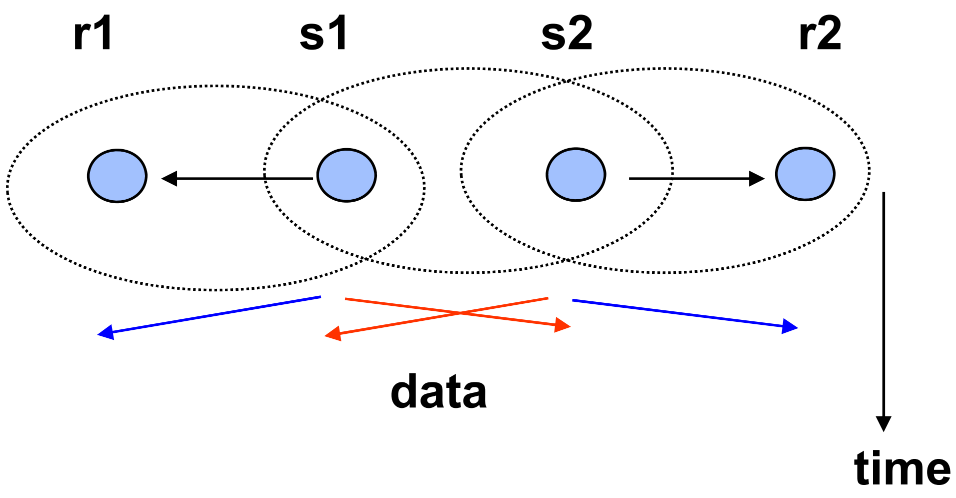


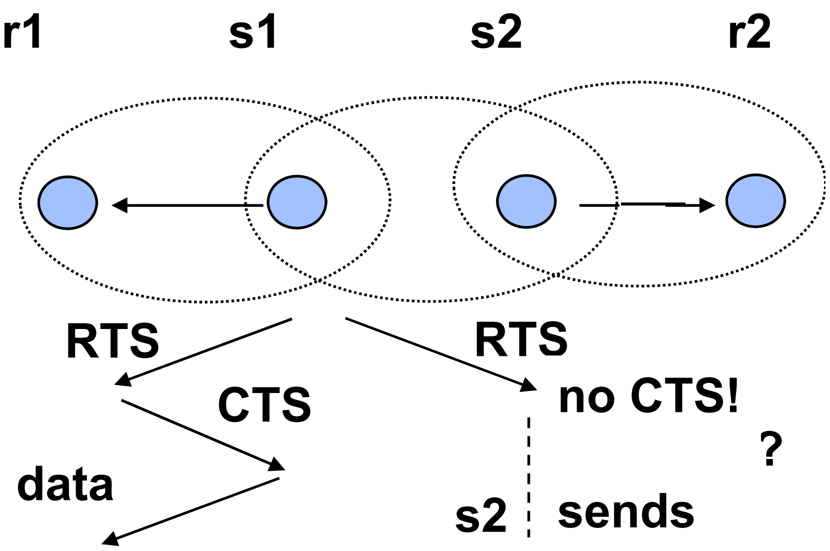
Multiple Access with Collision Avoidance (MACA)



More problems

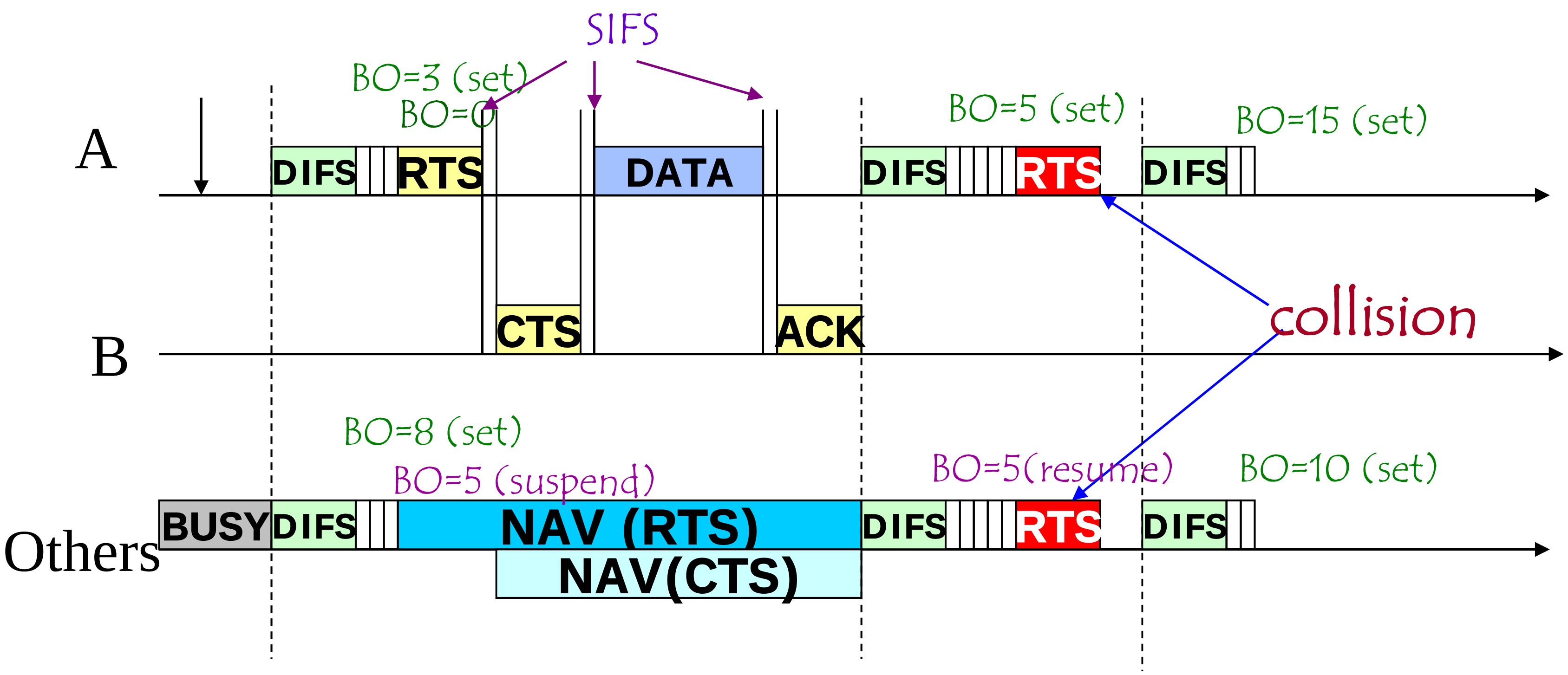
Exposed Terminal Problem





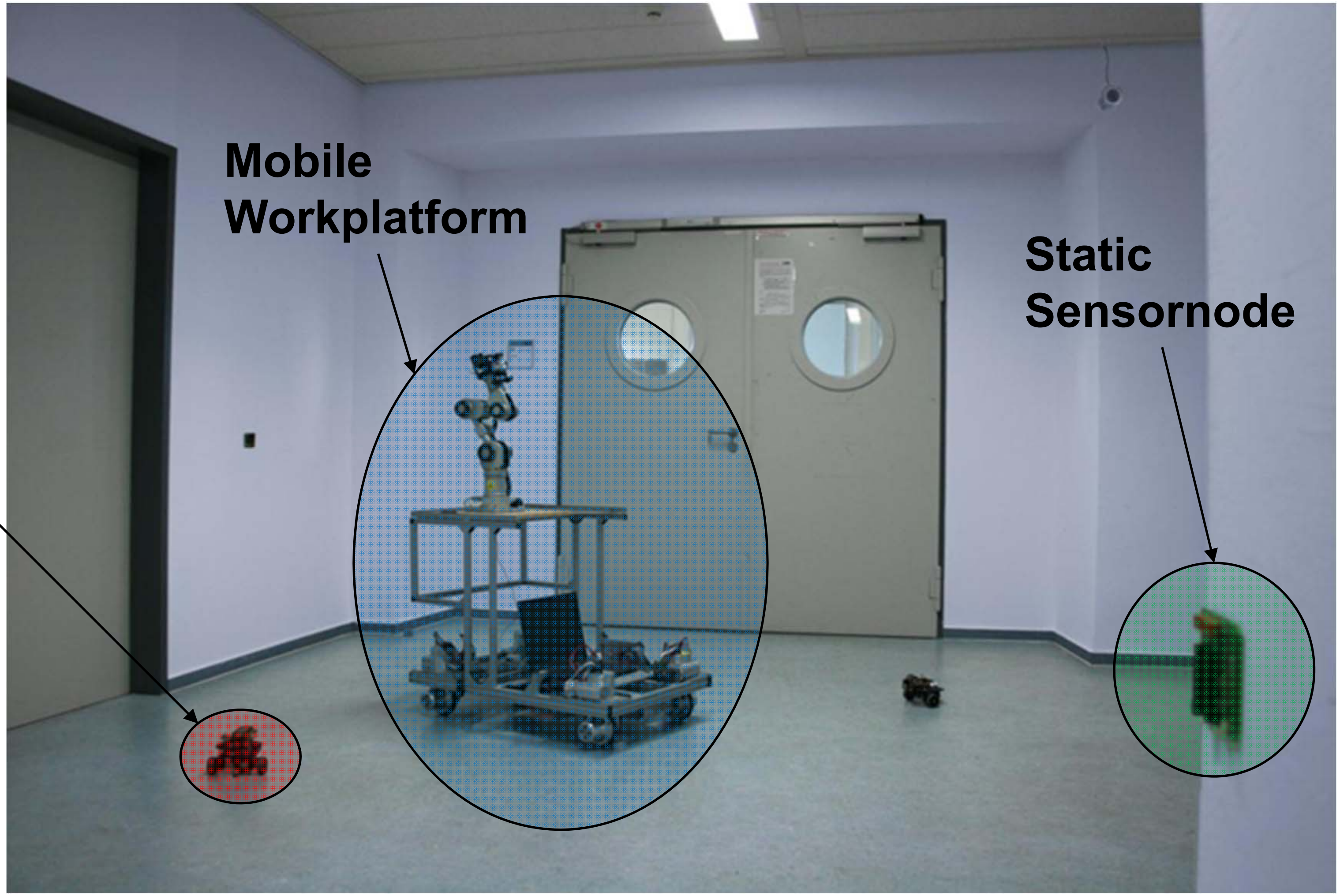
RTS/CTS to improve throughput

Example of 802.11 RTS/CTS/DATA/ACK Scheme



BO: backoff

Mobile Applications



-Battery driven

-Stored energy varies with size and price

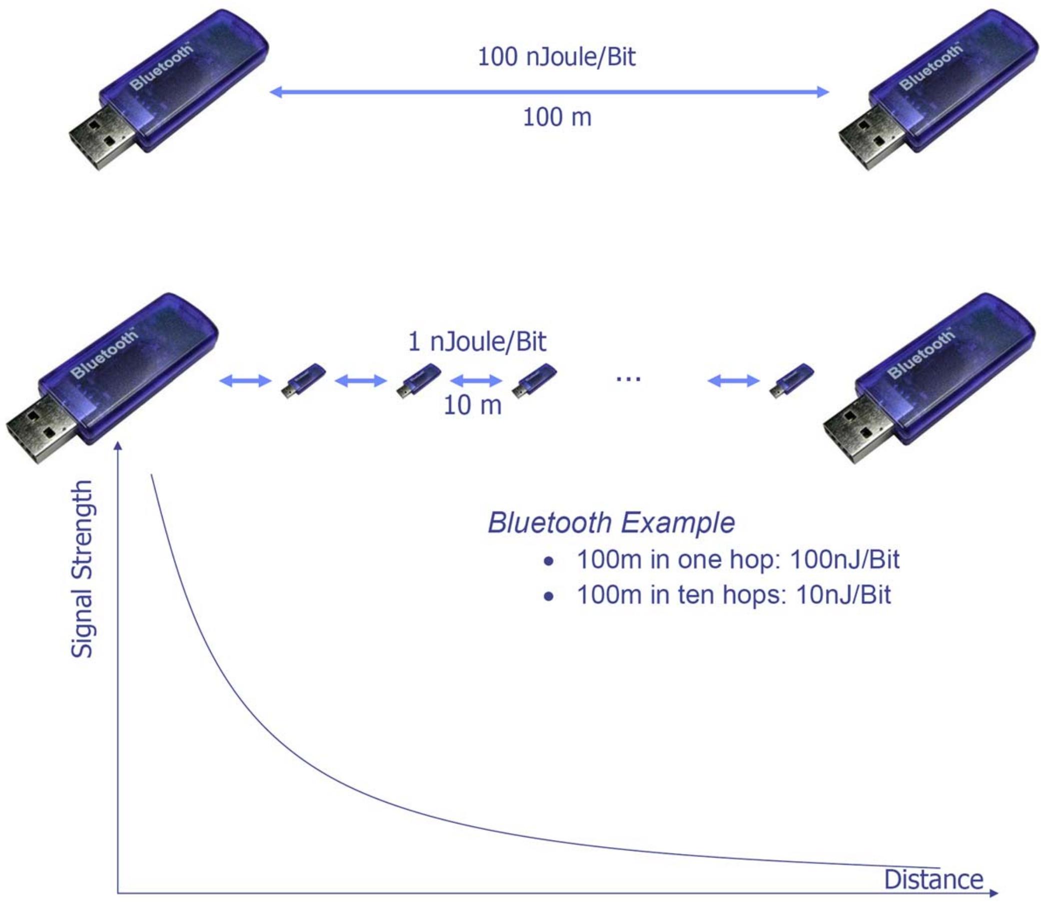
-Energy efficiency crucial

Sources of increased energy consumption:

active wait:	**If a node does not know when to expect a message, it must always remain in receive state.**
overhearing:	**A node receives a message for which it is not the destination.** **Better: switch off the node during this time.**
collisions:	**Energy which is used by sending a message during a collision is lost. The respective packet has to be resent completely. Collisions cannot be detected during sending.**
protocol overhead:	**Every additional measure like RTS/CTS or an acknowledge scheme increase the protocol overhead.**
Dynamic behaviour:	**Unbalanced load increases the probability of collisions (Thrashing).**

Multi-Hop vs. Single Hop

- Less Energy
- Less Collisions
- More Reliable



From: Holger Karl, Lecture
Sensor Networks, Uni Paderborn

Examplary Energy Consumption

AT86RF230: 802.15.4 compatible Radio

-Transmit 3 dBm: 33 mW
-Transmit 1 dBm: 29 mW
-Transmit 3 dBm: 27 mW
-Transmit -17 dBm: 19 mW
-Receive : 31 mW
-Standby : 15,6 mW
-Sleep : 0,04 mW

AR6102: 802.11b/g compatible Radio

-Transmit 15 dBm: 552 mW
-Transmit 12 dBm: 518 mW
-Receive : 145 mW
-Sleep : 0,6 mW

Big Problem: idle listening

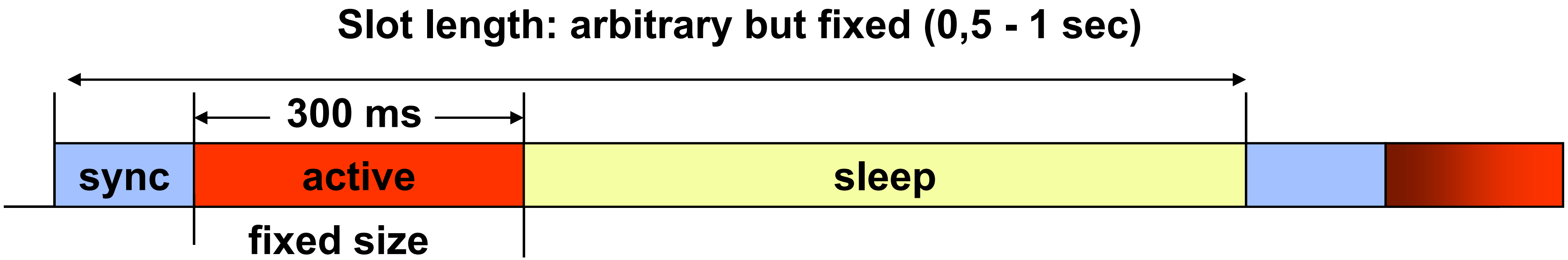
- **Rx active power is sometimes greater than Txactive power**, due to the larger number of signal processing circuits that must be active

- **It's more power-efficient to blindly transmit than to blindly receive**

Energy efficient protocols try to minimize the time of active listening!

Approaches:
- **Scheduling (TDMA)**
- **activation channel (narrow band additional channel)**
- **Preamble**
- **Adaptive schemes**

Slotted protocols

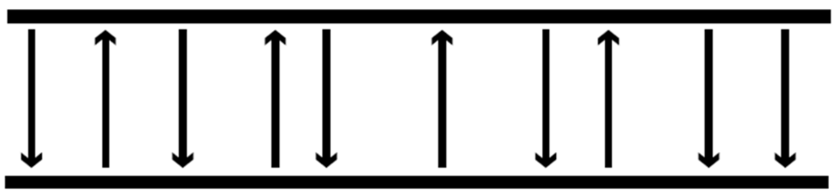


Example: S-MAC (Sensor -MAC) (Ye, Heideman, Estrin)

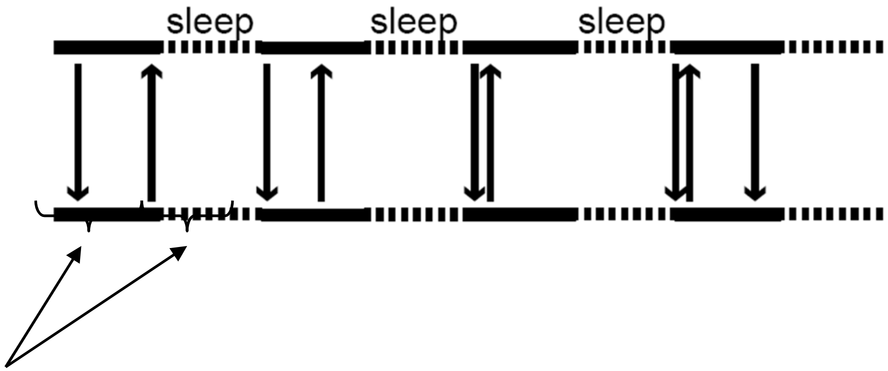
Nodes are organized in (virtual) clusters, which adopt a common slot format.

Variation T-MAC (Time-out MAC): Adaptively determining the relation between active and sleep periods. If the medium is idle the node can switch to sleep after a short interval.

CSMA



S-MAC

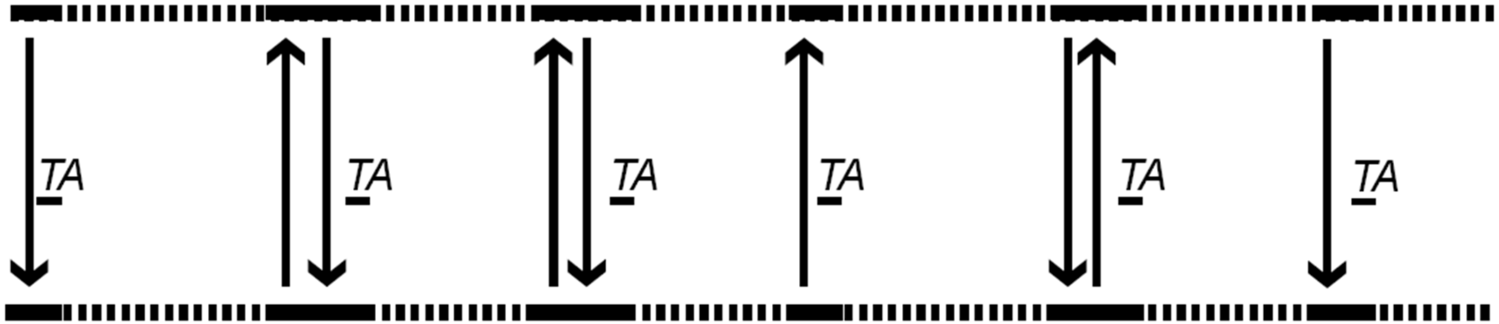


a priori fixed active and sleep intervals

During the activity periods the node must transmit local data + the messages which are relayed in the multi-hop network.

Problem with S-MAC: fixed periods

T-MAC: Time-Out-MAC



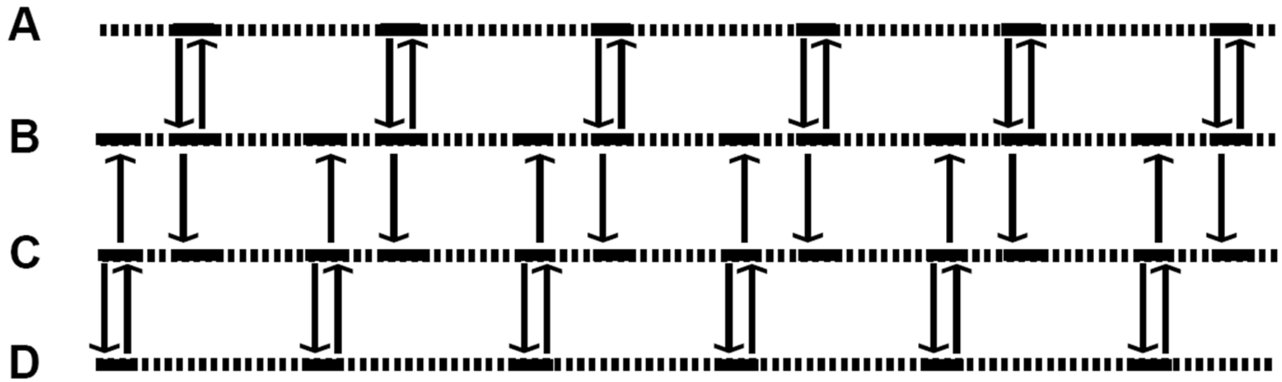
Determine the activity and sleep periods adaptivly.

T-MAC spans a time-out (active) interval of 15 ms. If no event is detected within this interval it enters the sleep state again. An activation event is given by:

- Alarm of a periodic timer;
- Reception of a message;
- Detection of some communication (also collisions are such events);
- Termination of the own transmision or of an ack.
- The knowledge that a communication by some neighbors has been terminated. (detected by overhearing)

All communication is performed in "bursts" at the start of the aktive period.

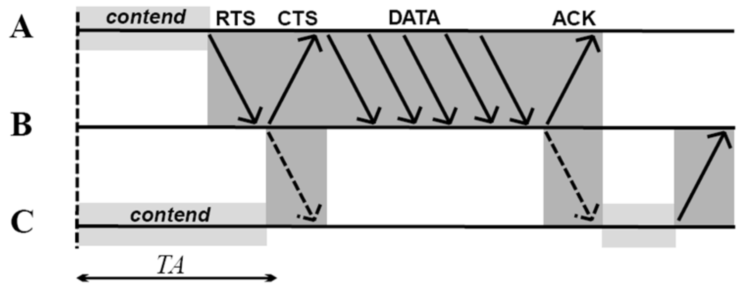
T-MAC: Communication over multiple clusters



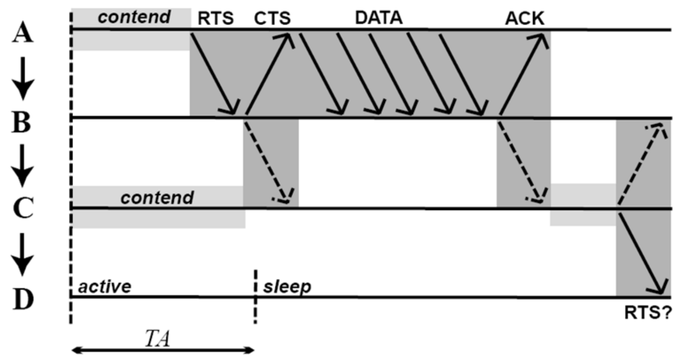
Communication between
"virtual clusters" in T-MAC

Messages to relay will be buffered. The size of the buffer determines the upper bounds of activity and sleep periods.

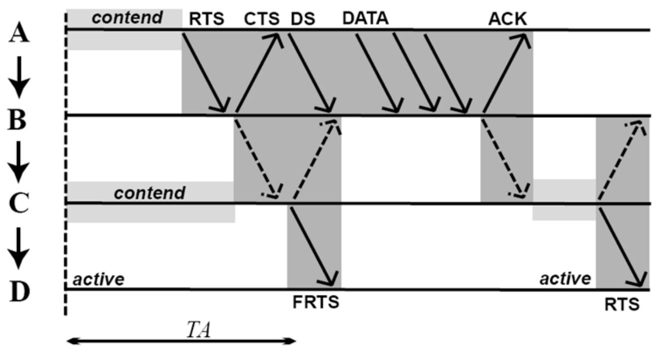
Further improvements: Early Sleeping Problem



Basic Cycle



Early Sleeping Problem.
Node D goes to sleep before
node C can send the RTS.



Future Requests to Send (FRTS)

As the FRTS packet would disturb the data packet that follows the CTS, the data packet must be postponed for the duration of the FRTS packet. To prevent any other node from taking the channel during this time, the node that sent the initial RTS (node A in Figure 3.5) transmits a small Data-Send (DS) packet. After the DS packet, it must immediately send the normal data packet. Since the FRTS packet has the same size as a DS packet, it will collide with the DS packet, but not with the following data packet. The DS packet is lost, but that is no problem: it contains no useful information.

J.M. van Dam: An Adaptive Energy-Efficient MAC Protocol for Wireless Sensor Networks June, 2003

Variations: Low Power Listening

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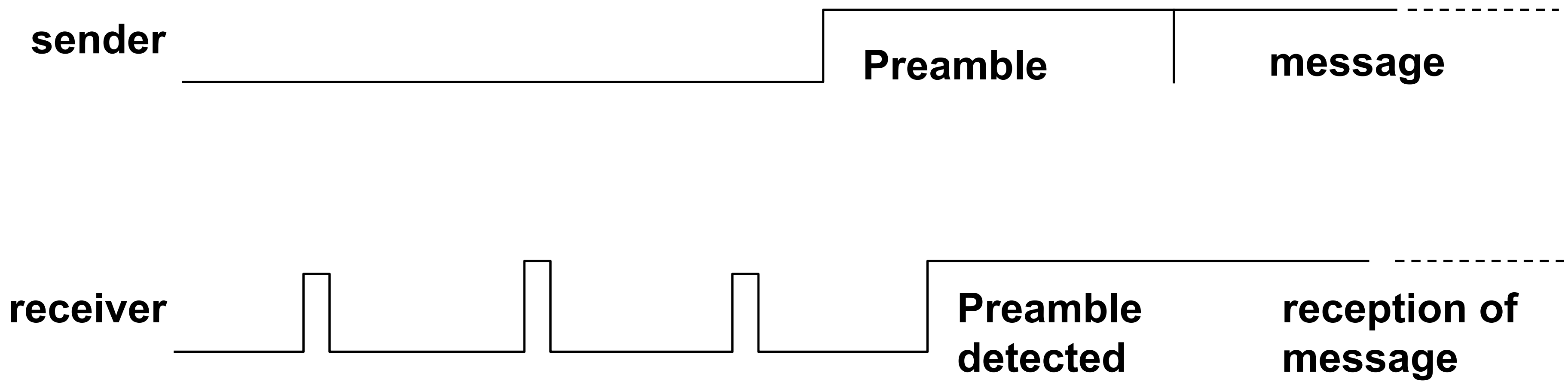

2.) Sender knows when the receiver is ready. Temporal coordination!

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Low Power protocol: WiseMAC

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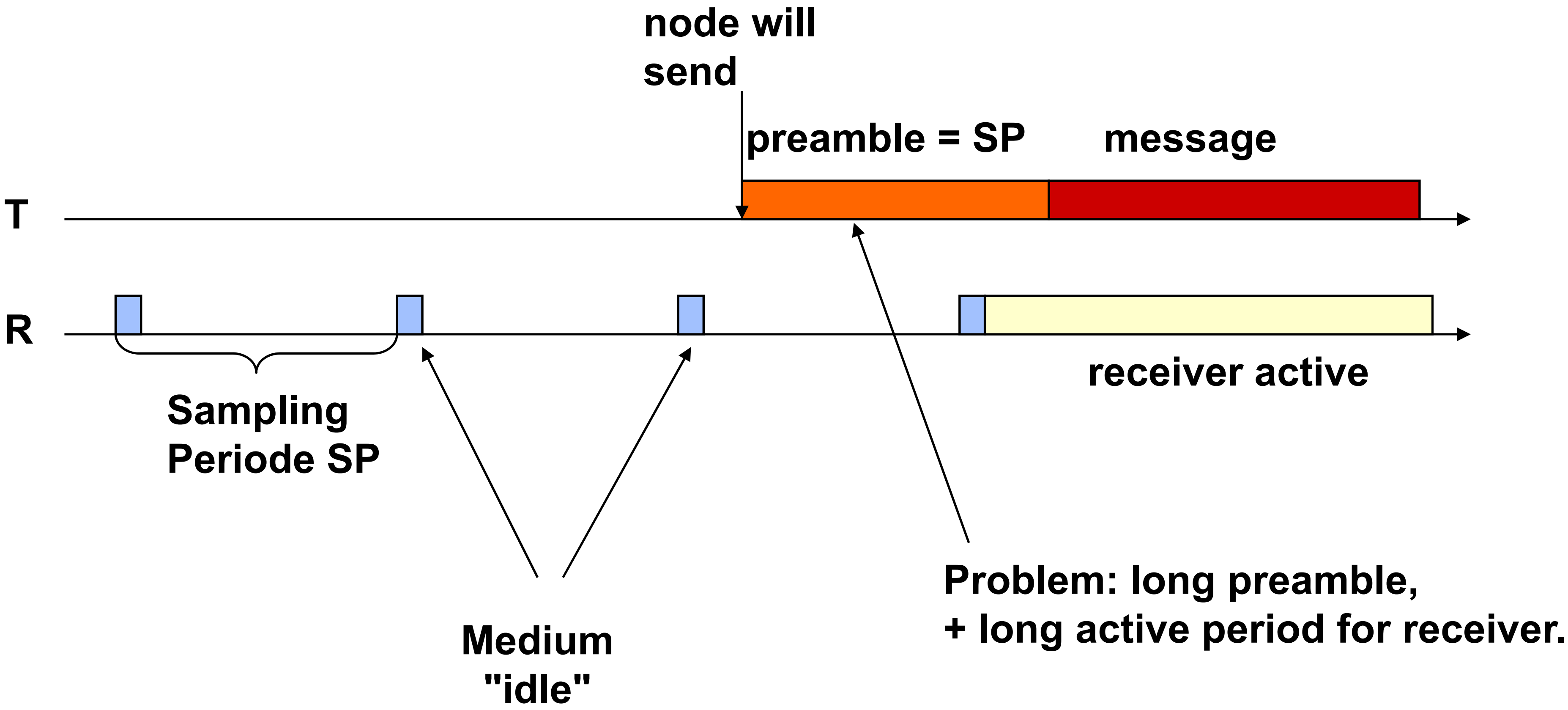
WiseMac exploits an optimized form of "Preamble Sampling"

Standard Preamble Sampling



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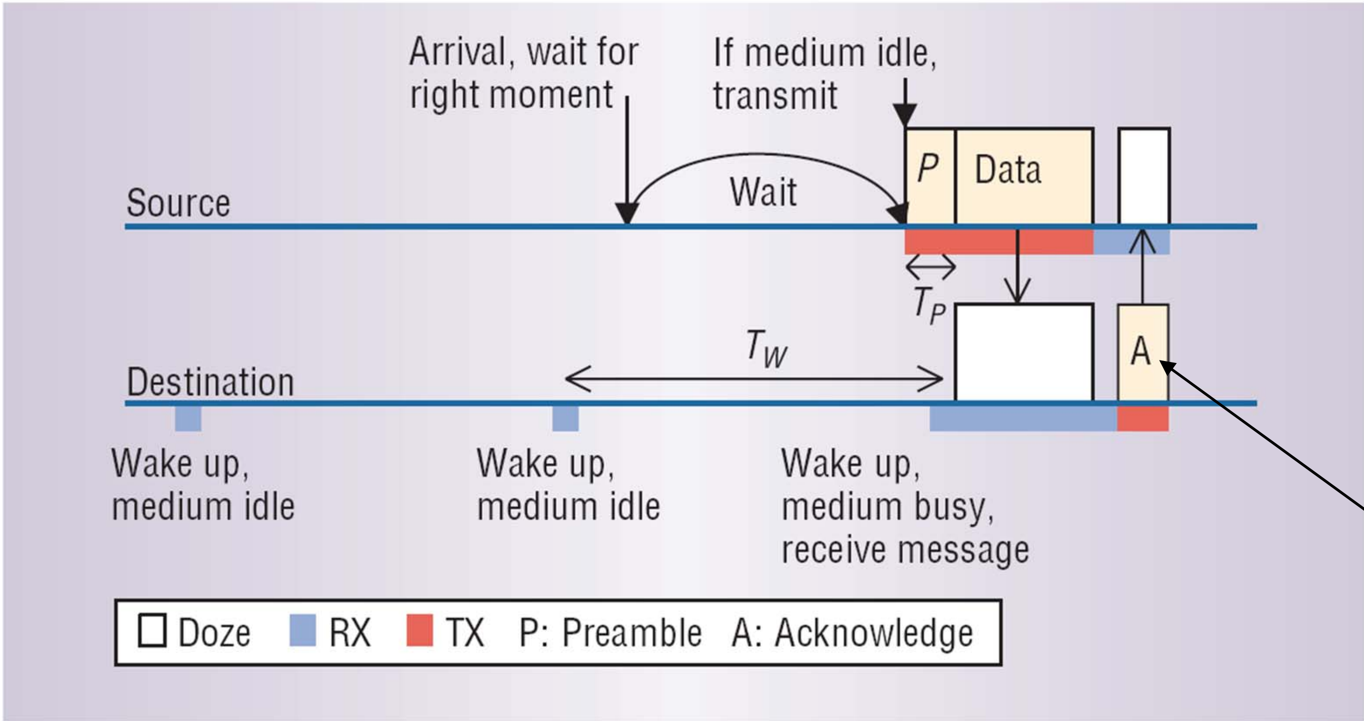

sampling period is piggy-backed in the ack.

In WiseMAC the sender adapts to the receiver's sampling period.

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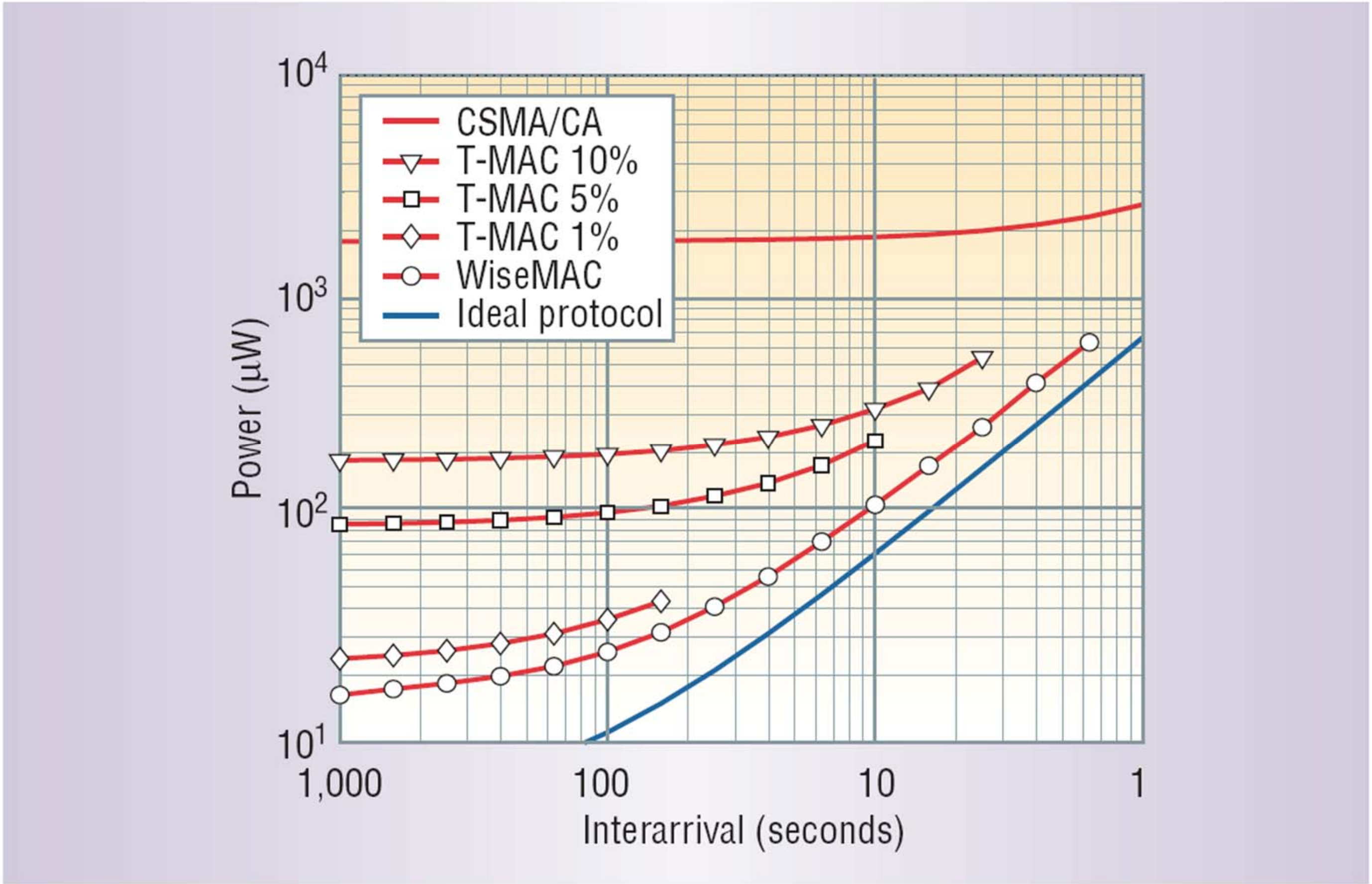
Comparing Low Power Protols; every node has 8 neighbors.



T-MAC:
% of packet loss because of collisions.

WiseMAC:

"With an interarrival time of 100 seconds, the power consumption amounts to as little as 25 microwatts—which translates into more than a five-year lifetime for a single AA alkaline battery."

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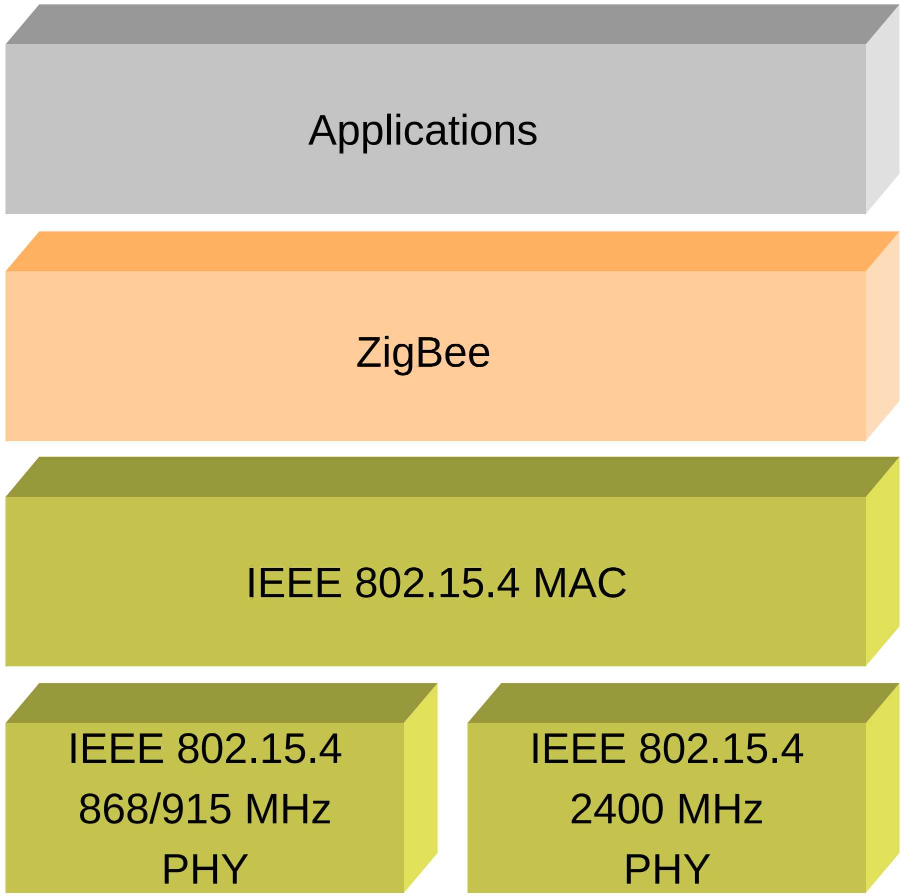
IEEE 802.15.4 WPAN

- 2 types of WPAN devices
- Network Topologies
- Architecture

Standard specifies:

- IEEE 802.15.4 PHY Layer
- IEEE 802.15.4 MAC Layer

ZigBee Alliance:
provides for upper layer services



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ZigBee vs. Bluetooth

	ZigBee	Bluetooth
Packet size	Small (128 Byte)	Large()
Network size	Large(multi-hop ~10 m)	Small (single-hop <= 10m)
Number of Nodes	Large(128 in PAN)	Small (8 in PAN)
Security	AES-Encryption	Authentication and Encryption
Complexity of Network Stack	Low	high
Timing	Critical	unimportant
Network Setup	Static and dynamic	dynamic

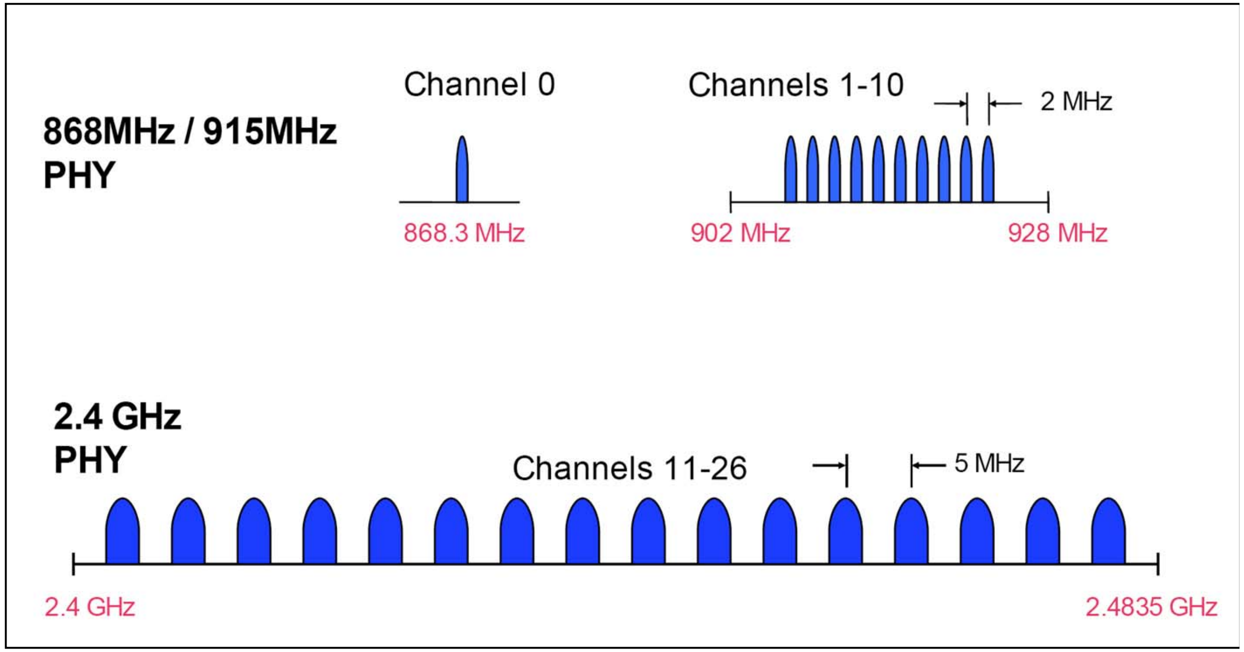
Provides two services to physical layer management entity (PLME)

– ***PHY data service***

- **exchange data packets between MAC and PHY**

– ***PHY management service interface***

- **Clear channel assessment (CCA)**
  - **– 3 methods:**
    Energy above threshold,
    Carrier sense only, or
    Carrier sense w/ energy above threshold
- **Energy detection (ED)**
  - **– Used by network layer (channel selection)**
- **Link Quality Indication (LQI)**
  - **– Used by higher layers**
  - **– Uses ED and/or SNR estimate**



802.15.4 Channel Assignment

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802.15.4 MAC Layer

Provides two services to the MAC sublayer management entity (MLME)

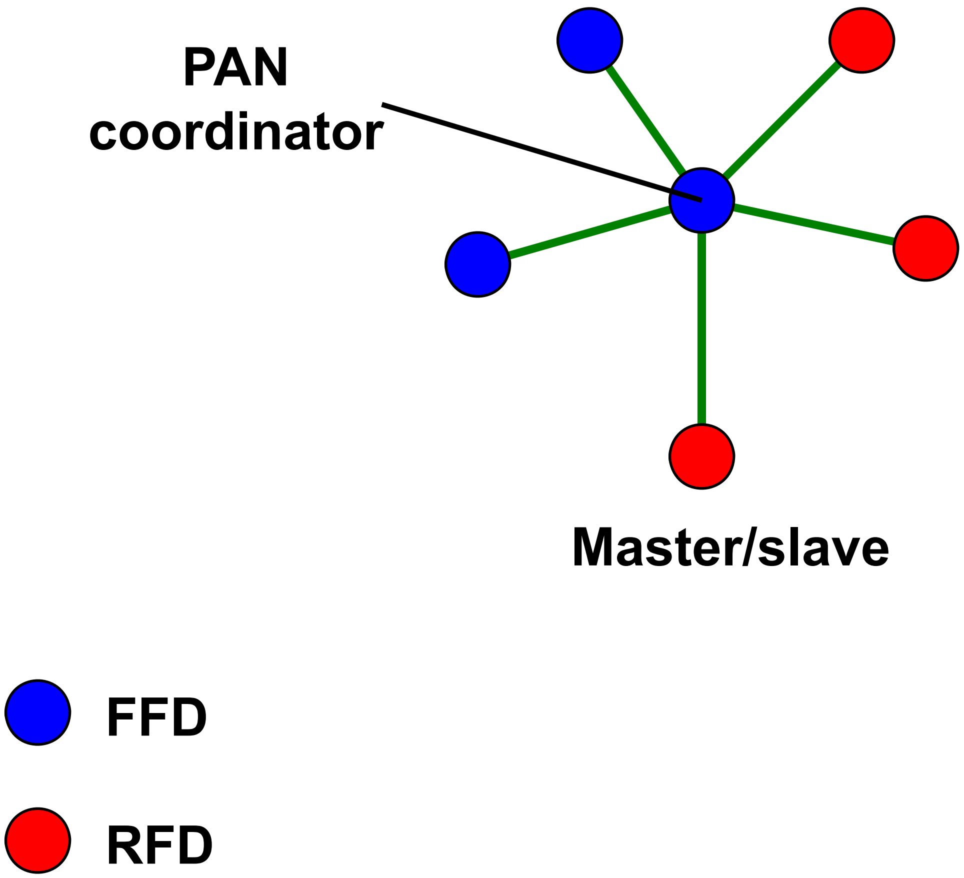
MAC data service

- **Enables transmission and reception of MAC protocol data units (MPDU) across PHY data service**

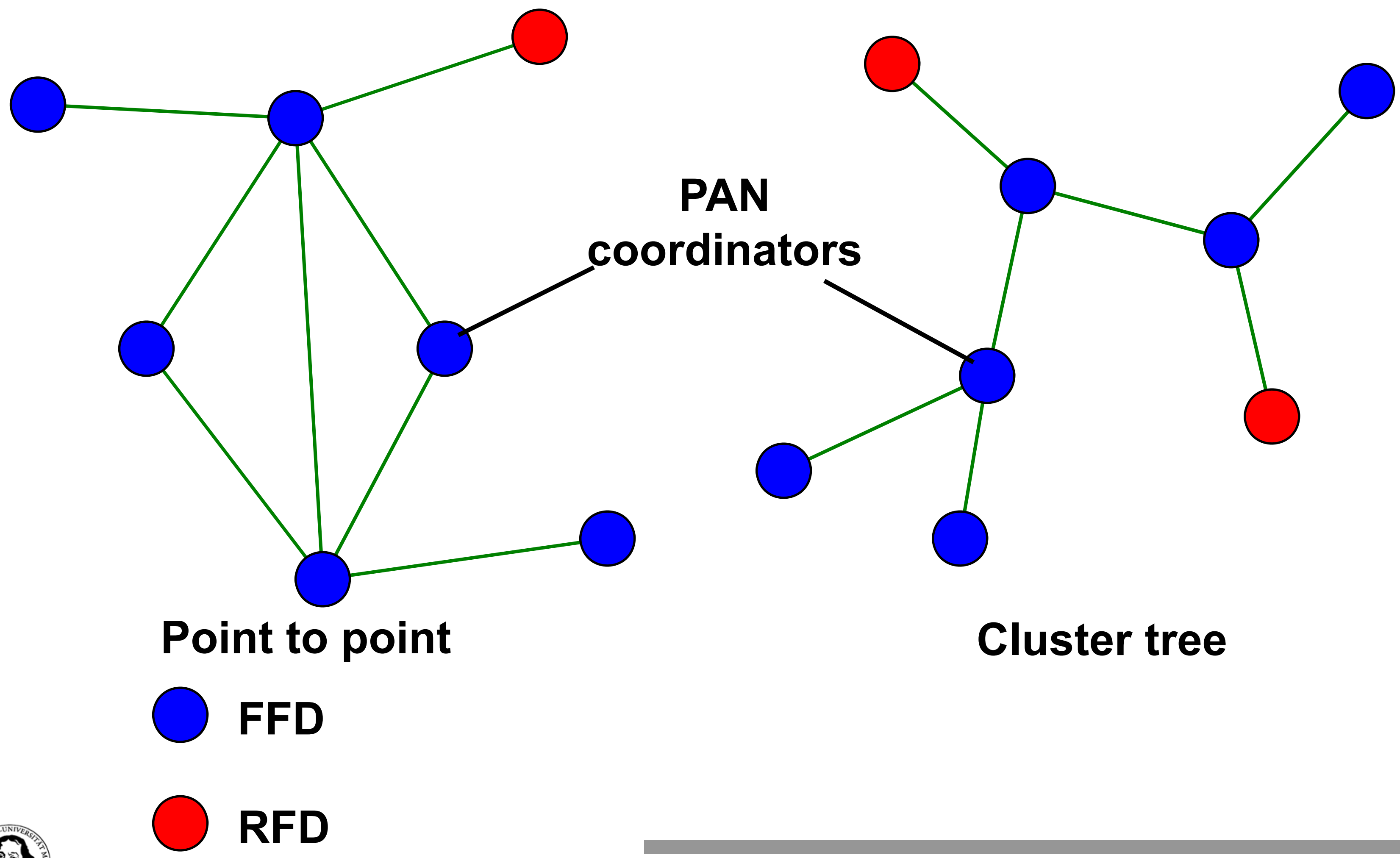
MAC management service

- **Beacon management**
- **Channel access**
- **GTS management (GTS:= Guaranteed Time Slot)**
- **Frame validation**
- **ACK frame delivery**
- **Association and disassociation**

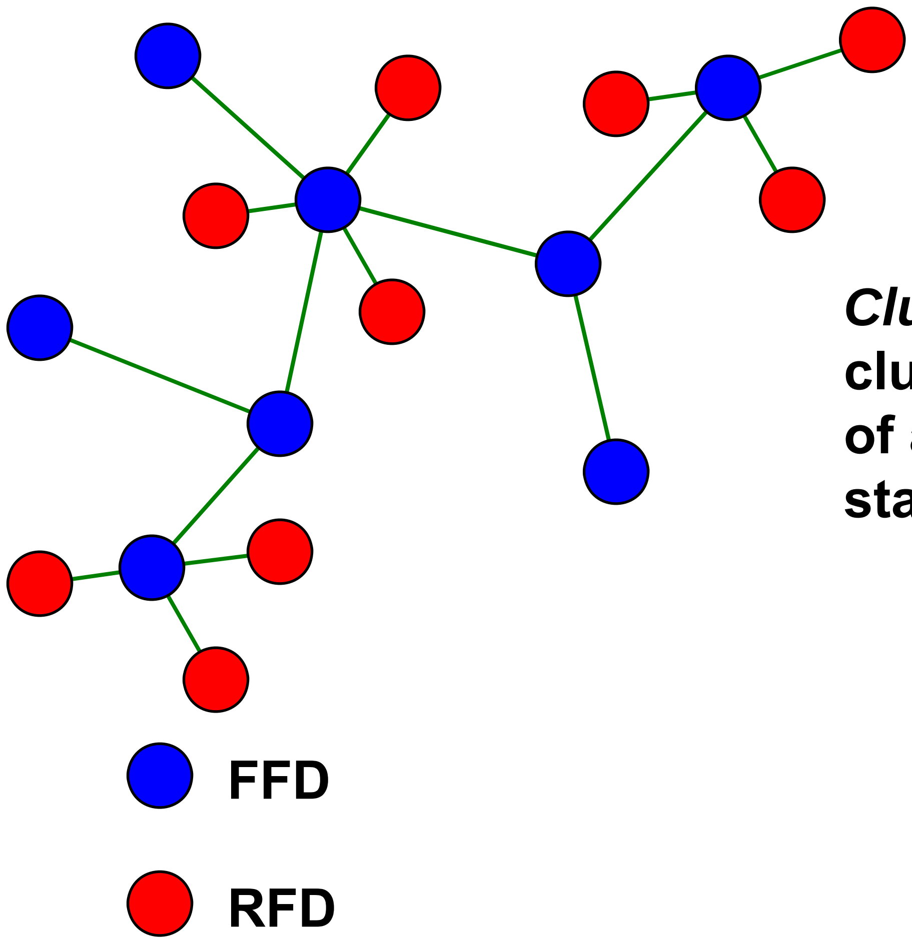
Star Topology



Peer-Peer Topology



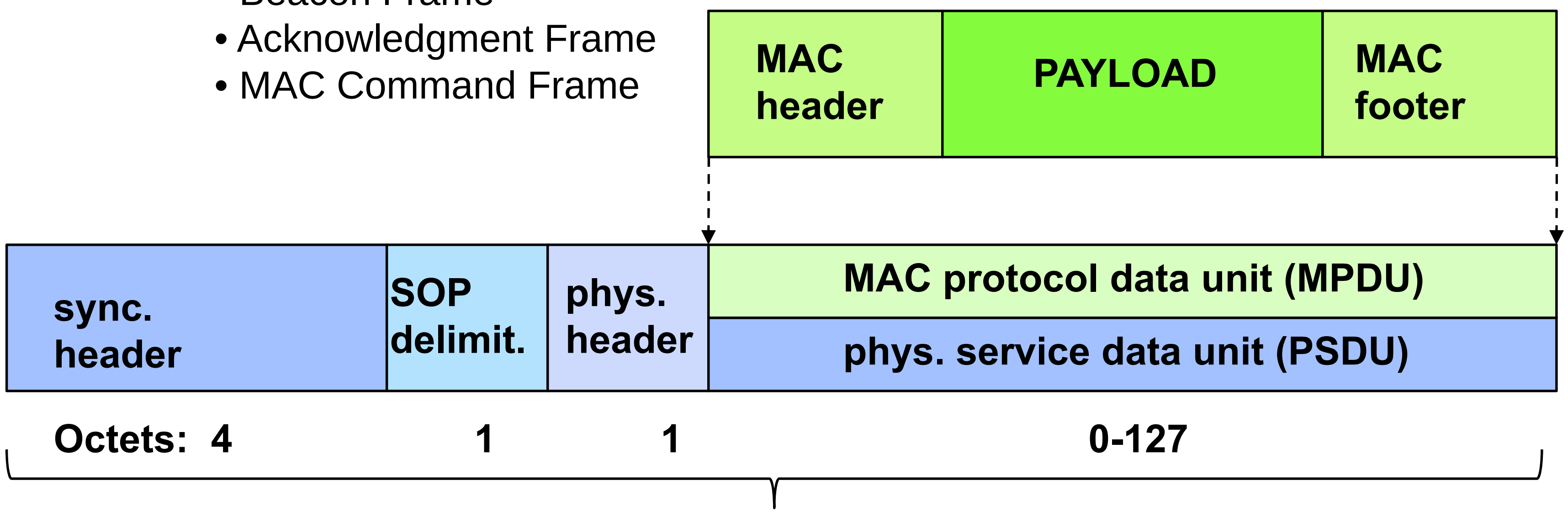
Clustered stars



Clustered stars **- for example, cluster nodes exist between rooms of a hotel and each room has a star network for control.**

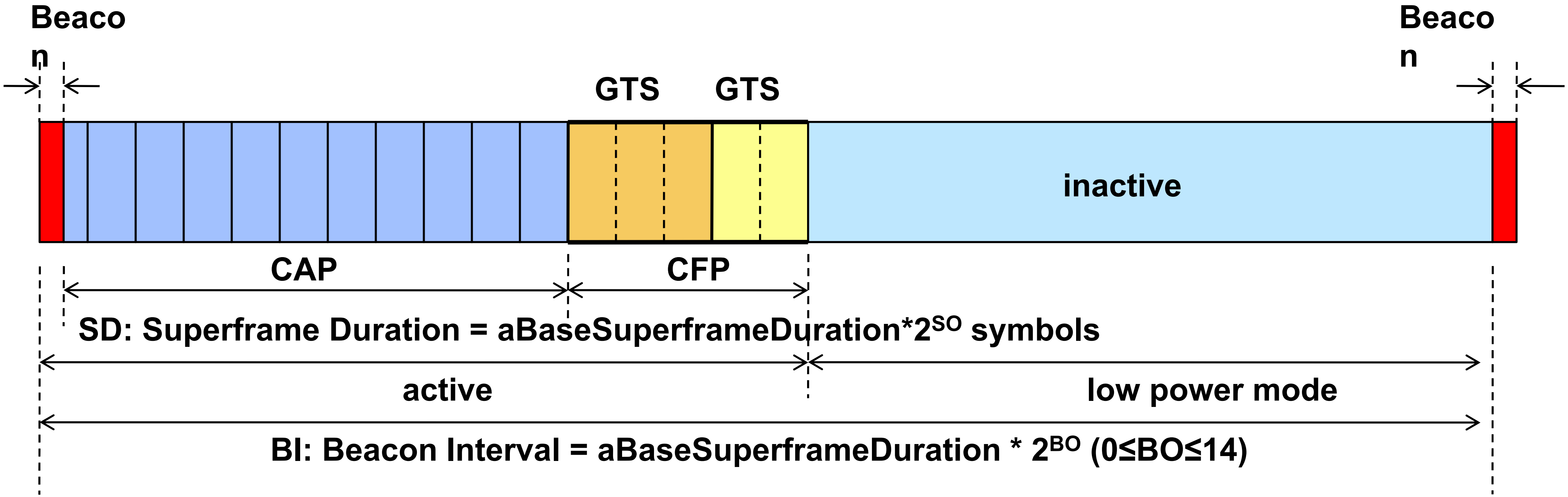
PHY packet format and MAC frame format

Types of MAC Frames:
- Data Frame
- Beacon Frame
- Acknowledgment Frame
- MAC Command Frame



PHY Packet Fields:
- Preamble (32 bits) – synchronization
- Start of Packet Delimiter (8 bits)
- PHY Header (8 bits) – PSDU length
- PSDU (0 to 1016 bits) – Data field

Optional Superframe Structure



Beacon: sent by PAN coordinator in the first slot of the superframe. Contains network information, frame structure and notification of pending node messages.

Contention Access Period (CAP): Communication using slotted CSMA-CA

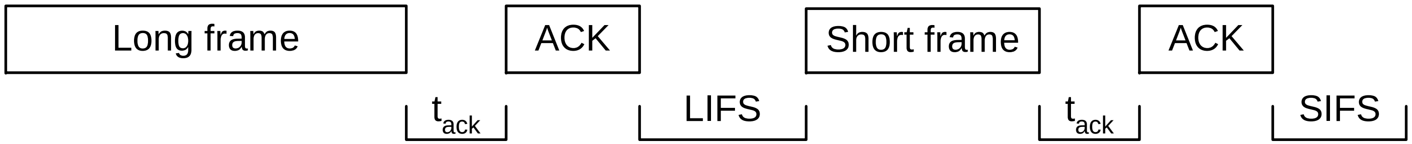
Contention Free Period (CFP): Guaranteed time slots (GTS) given by coordinator (no CSMA)

Beacon Order (BO): Describes the interval at which the coordinator shall transmit its beacon frames.

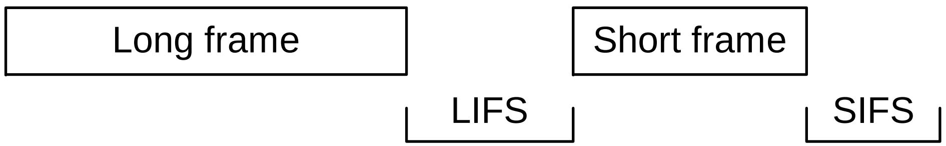
Superframe Order (SO): Describes the length of the active portion of the superframe.

Interframe Spacing

Acknowledged transmission



Unacknowledged transmission



aTurnaroundTime ≤ t_{ack} ≤ (*aTurnaroundTime* (12 symbols) + *aUnitBackoffPerio*d (20 symbols))
LIFS > *aMaxLIFSPeriod* (40 symbols)
SIFS > *aMacSIFSPeriod* (12 symbols)

For (short) frames ≤ *aMaxSIFSFrameSize use short inter-frame spacing (SIFS)*
For (long) frames > *aMaxSIFSFrameSize use long inter-frame spacing (LIFS)*

Collision Avoidance

Each device has three variables:

NB is the number of times the CSMA-CA was required to backoff while attempting a current transmission.

CW is the contention window length, which defines the number of backoff periods that needs to be clear of activity before a transmission can start.

BE is the backoff exponent, which is related to how many backoff periods a device shall wait before attempting to assess the channel.

Arbitration

Slotted CSMA-CA:

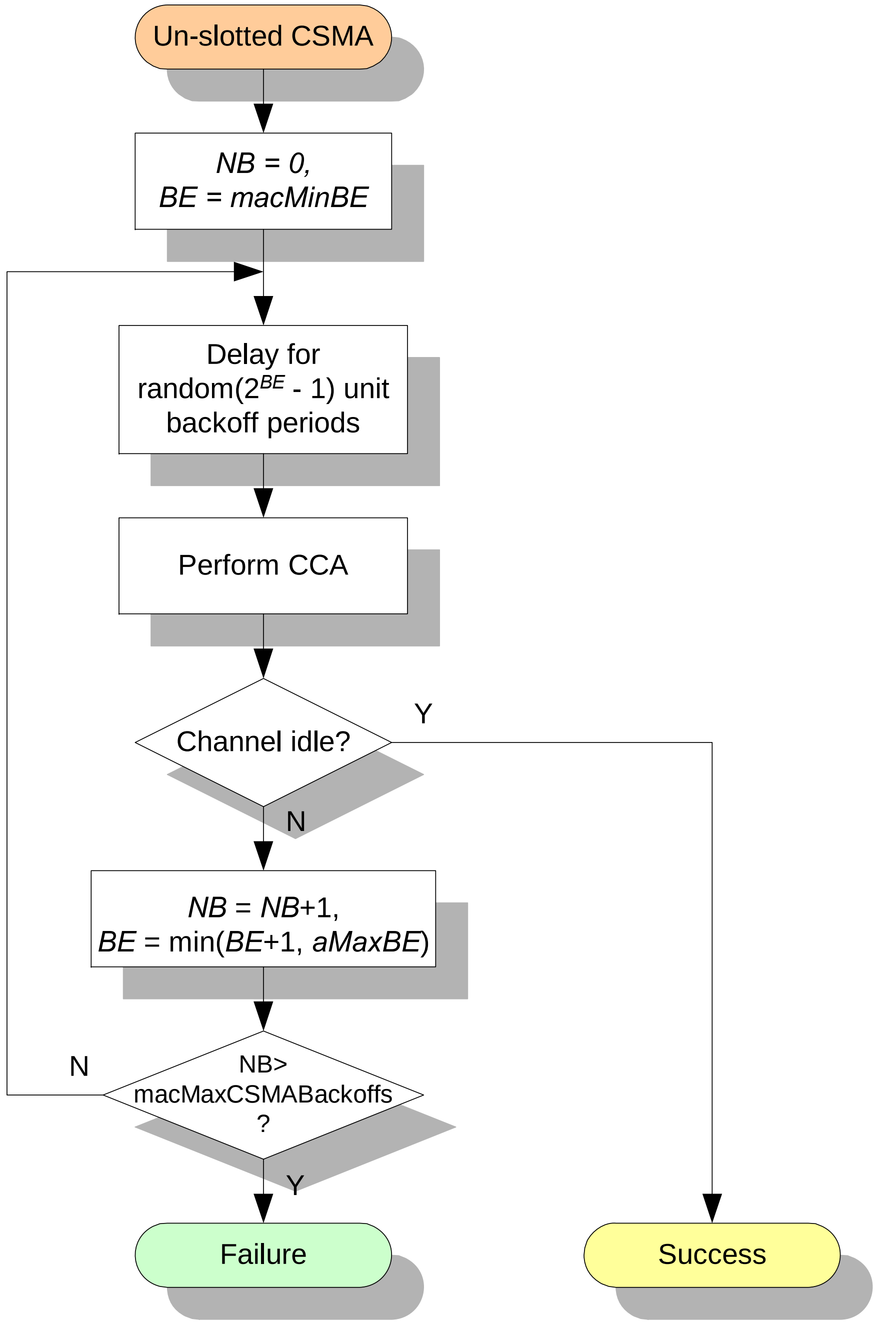
Used in superframe structure
Backoff periods are aligned with superframe slot boundaries of PAN coordinator

Used in CAP, must locate boundary of the next backoff period to transmit data

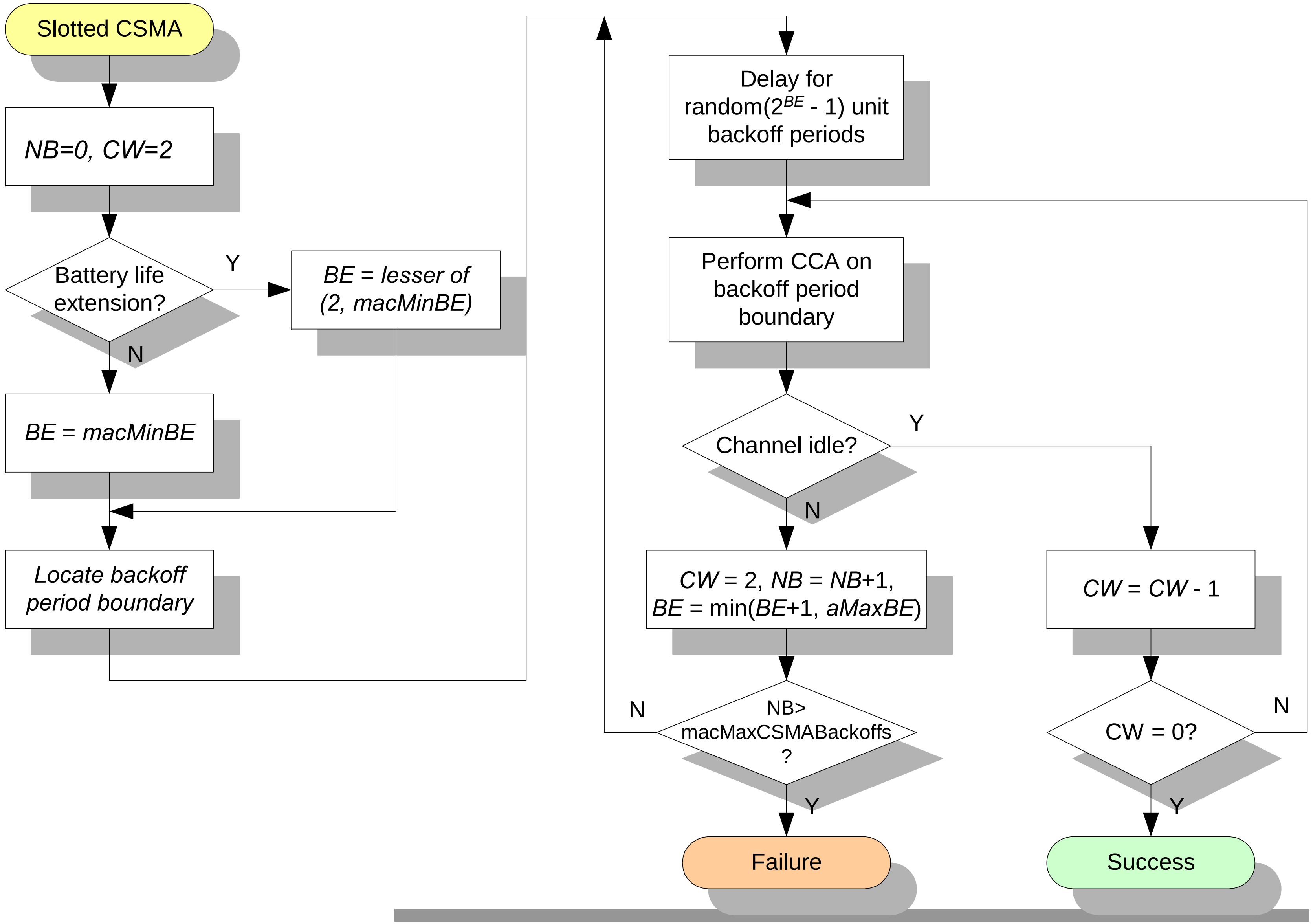
Un-slotted CSMA-CA:

Non beacon enabled network
Backoff periods are not synchronized between devices

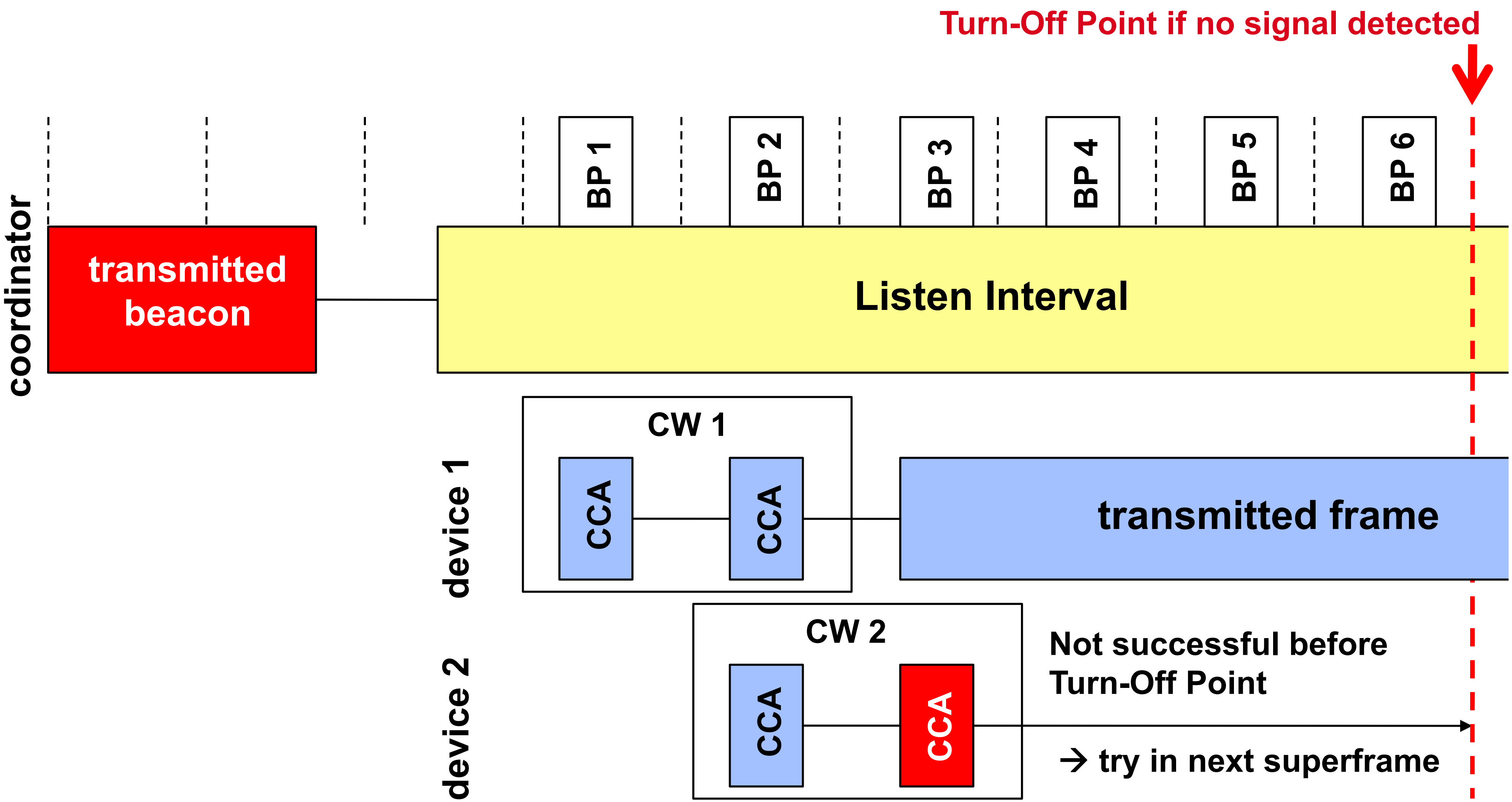
Arbitration in Unslotted CSMA



Arbitration in Slotted CSMA



Battery Life Extension (BLE)



Arbitration in Slotted CSMA and Battery Life Extension

- **The CW is used to safely detect that the a slot is free and no race condition because of slight skew between nodes will lead to collisions.**

- **The Battery Life Extension property ensures that the "BE" is low (min (CW, macMinBE)), i.e. if a message has to be sent, it will be sent at the beginning of the superframe. This allows the Turn-Off-Point to be set early to detect that no message is pending.**

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