Developing Applications That Work with iPhone OS Accessories

Emily Schubert
Manager, Accessory Interface
iPod | iPhone | iPad Accessories

Introduction

- iPhone OS provides interfaces for applications to interact with external devices
- New opportunities in iOS 4

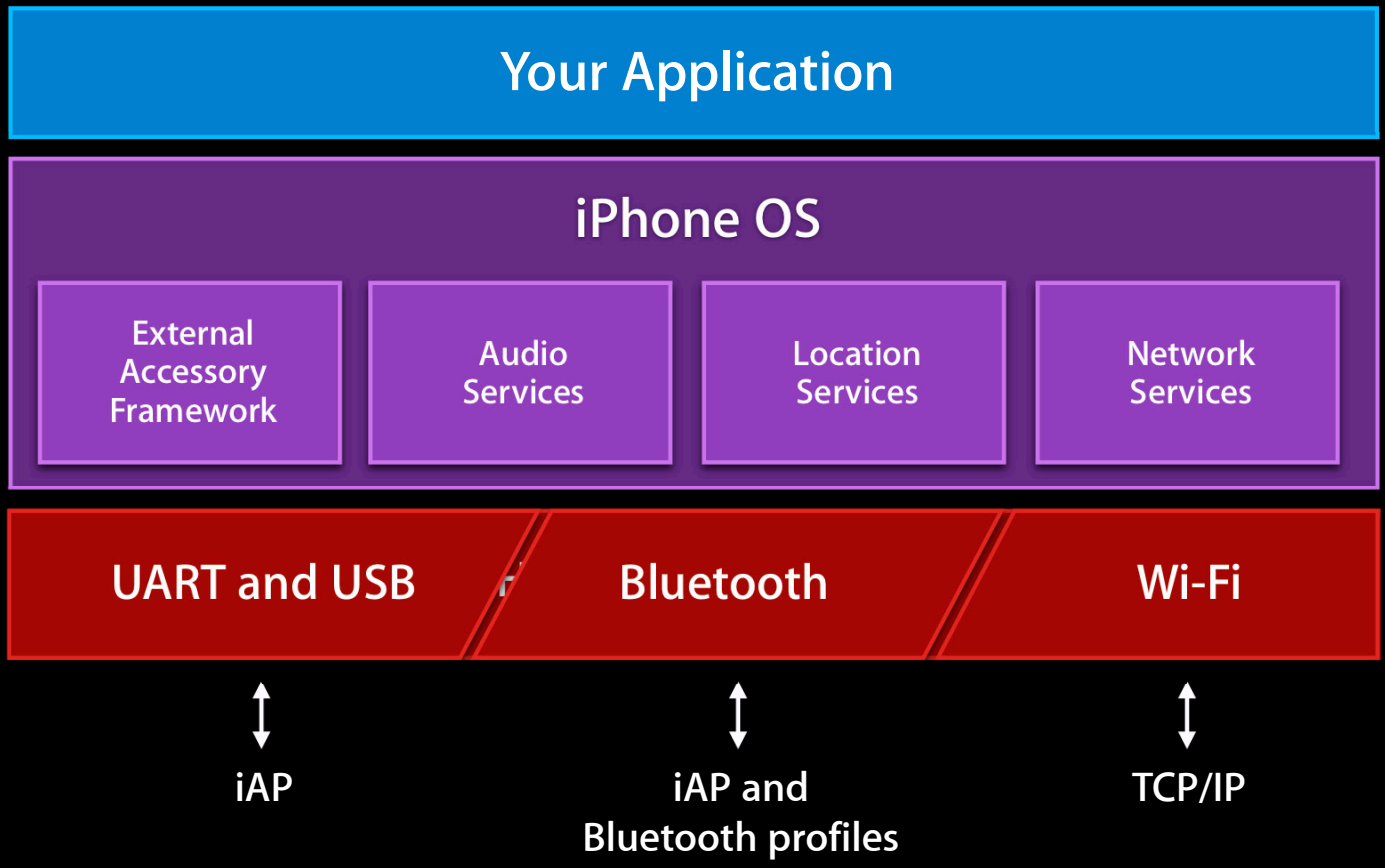
iPhone OS Accessories

30-pin

Bluetooth

Wi-Fi

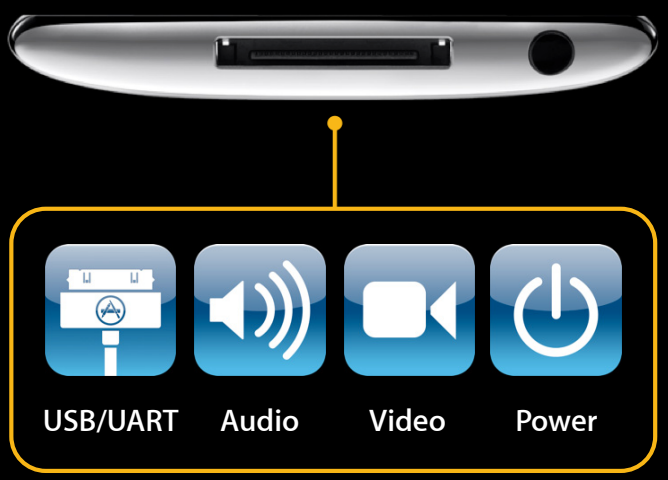
iPhone OS Accessories



Dock Connector

30-Pin Dock Connector

- Standard since 2003 on iPod, iPhone, and iPad
- Available interfaces
- Reference designs from several developers available



iPod Accessory Protocol

iPod Accessory Protocol (iAP)

- Allows accessories to communicate with and control iPod, iPhone, and iPad

- Details available through MFi Program
  http://developer.apple.com/mfi/

Features Available to Apps

- Standard command sets
  - Audio
  - Video
  - Location
  - Multimedia remote control
  - Keyboards
  - Accessibility
- Custom protocols over iAP
  - Defined by app or accessory developer

Audio

- Audio is routed to/from your app using Core Audio
- Supported audio features

Output	analog	line out, headset
	digital	USB, Bluetooth
Input	analog	line in, headset
	digital	USB

Audio

Supported models

	iPod touch	iPhone	iPad
Line out	✓	✓	✓
Headset out	✓	✓	✓
USB audio out	✓	✓	✓
Bluetooth audio out	2nd, 3rd generation	3G, 3GS, 4	✓
Line in	✓	3G, 3GS	
Headset in	2nd, 3rd generation	✓	✓
USB audio in	3rd generation	3GS, 4	✓

Video

- iPhone OS 3.2 and iOS 4
- Access external display using UIScreen

	iPod touch	iPhone	iPad
Component	✓	✓	✓
S Video	✓	✓	✓
Composite	✓	✓	✓
VGA Adapter		iPhone 4	✓

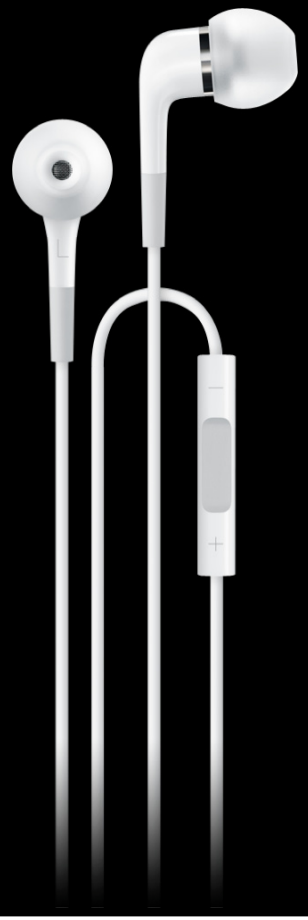
Location

- An accessory can provide location information to the iPhone OS device
  - GPS information
  - Heading
  - Information is then available to your app via Core Location

Multimedia Remote Control

iOS 4

- Your app can now receive multimedia remote control commands from an accessory



- Also available via the headphone remote and mic system

Keyboards

- More keyboards can now connect to iPhone OS devices
  - 30-pin keyboards
  - Standard Bluetooth keyboards
- In UIKit: UIKeyInput and UITextInput
  - See Text and Web Programming Guide for details
- Opportunity for interesting form factors

Accessibility

iOS 4

- Accessories can now leverage VoiceOver to control every app
- Gives control to users who cannot manipulate the device and to those who cannot see it
  - Move to <x,y>
  - Touch event <x,y>
  - Move to next, previous, etc.
- Make sure your app is accessible
  - Implement UIAccessibility API

Custom Protocols Over iAP

- With iPhone OS 3, apps were able to communicate with accessories using a custom protocol
- New in iOS 4
  - Ability for multiple accessories to communicate with the same app
  - Remote launch of app
  - Protocols can be declared optional

Summary

- Broad accessory support is available via iAP
- New features for iOS 4
  - Multimedia remote control
  - Keyboard
  - Accessibility
  - Features for custom protocols over iAP

Referenced Sessions

Simplifying Networking Using Bonjour	Nob Hill Wednesday 10:15AM
Accessibility on iPhone OS	Nob Hill Wednesday 4:30PM
Fundamentals of Digital Audio for Mac OS X and iPhone OS	Mission Wednesday 10:15AM

iPhone OS Accessories That Communicate Over Bluetooth

Brian Tucker
Senior Software Engineering Manager
Mobile Bluetooth Technologies

Who, What, Goal?

- Who is this for?
  - Bluetooth accessory manufacturers
  - iPhone application developers
- What do you get?
  - Better understanding of iPhone OS Bluetooth
  - Tips and tricks in making a better Bluetooth accessory
- Goal
  - Create the best possible Bluetooth customer experience!

Bluetooth on iPhone OS

- What's new in iOS 4
- State of Bluetooth on iPhone OS
- Three areas to improve Bluetooth accessory interaction with iPhone OS

What's New in iOS 4

- Keyboard support
  - HID profile

- MPEG-2 AAC LC audio codec for A2DP
  - Sampling rate: 44.1 kHz
  - Channels: Stereo
  - Bit rate: 128 kbps
  - VBR: Yes

What's New in iOS 4

- Voice commands over Bluetooth
- In-band ringtones
  - Ringtone on phone is now heard on Bluetooth accessory
- Braille keyboard support
- Support for multiple handsfree and A2DP connections
- iPhone volume control of A2DP audio streams

State of iPhone OS Bluetooth

- Standard protocols
  - Hands-Free Profile (HFP)
  - Phone Book Access Profile (PBAP)
  - Advanced Audio Distribution Profile (A2DP)
  - Human Interface Device Profile (HID)
  - Personal Area Networking (PAN)
  - Device ID Profile (DID)
- Custom protocols
  - iPod Accessory Protocol

Three Areas to Improve Accessory Interaction with iPhone Bluetooth

Overall
Bluetooth

Working
with GameKit

Wi-Fi
Coexistence

Three Areas to Improve Accessory Interaction with iPhone Bluetooth

Overall
Bluetooth

Working
with GameKit

Wi-Fi
Coexistence

Overall Bluetooth

- Implement Bluetooth 2.1 + EDR
- Support Secure Simple Pairing (SSP)
- Use Extended Inquiry Response for Friendly Name
- Implement Device ID Profile (DID)

Overall Bluetooth

- Support role switch without complaint
  - Embrace slave mode
- Support sniff
  - Variant intervals
  - iPhone OS will ask for sniff mode when appropriate
- Disconnect before power off

Profiles

- Advanced Audio Distribution Profile (A2DP)
  - Support high SBC bit rates: ~330 kbps (53 Bit Pool)
  - Implement AAC
  - Support AVDTP 1.3
    - Measured latency command
- Handsfree Profile (HFP)
  - Support Voice Recognition Activation (BVRA)
  - Support eSCO packets

Three Areas to Improve Accessory Interaction with iPhone Bluetooth

Overall
Bluetooth

Working
with GameKit

Wi-Fi
Coexistence

Three Areas to Improve Accessory Interaction with iPhone Bluetooth

Overall
Bluetooth

Working
with GameKit

Wi-Fi
Coexistence

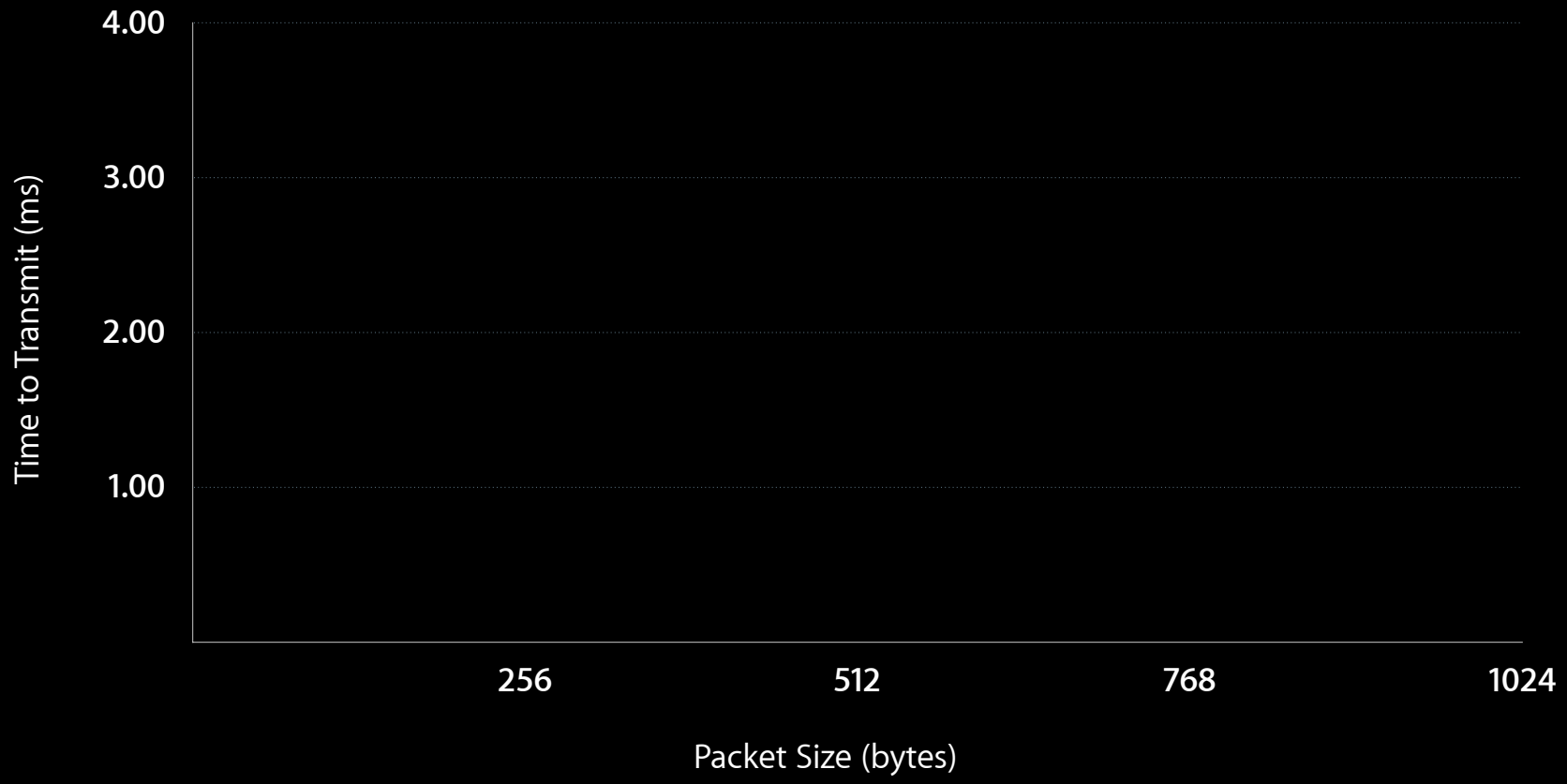
Working with Device to Device

- Use client/server when appropriate
- Only browse when browsing!
- Only advertise when advertising!

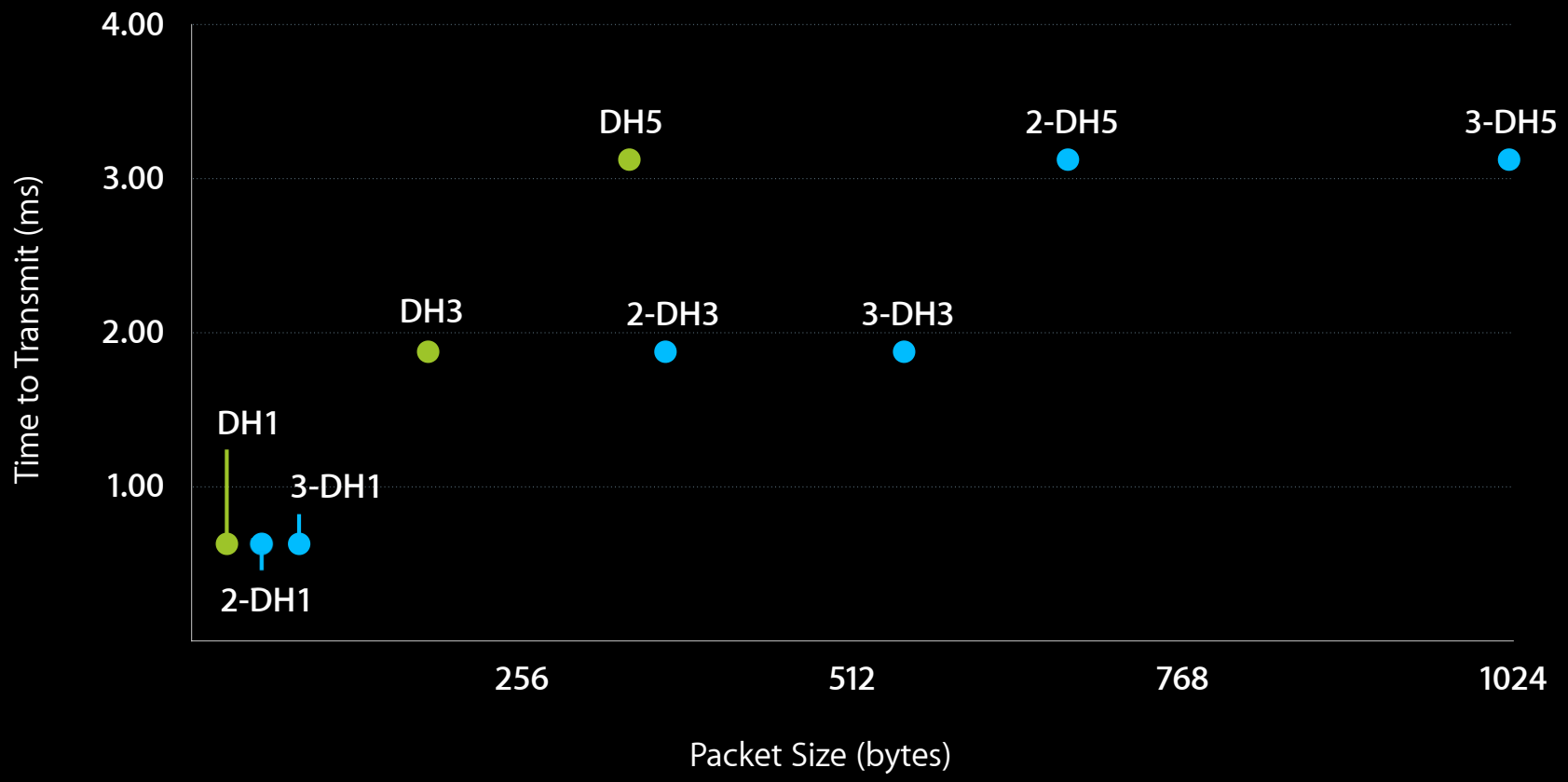
Working with Device to Device

- Maximize the wireless network
  - Understanding Bluetooth packets helps to understand Bluetooth performance
  - Wireless network ≠ Wired network

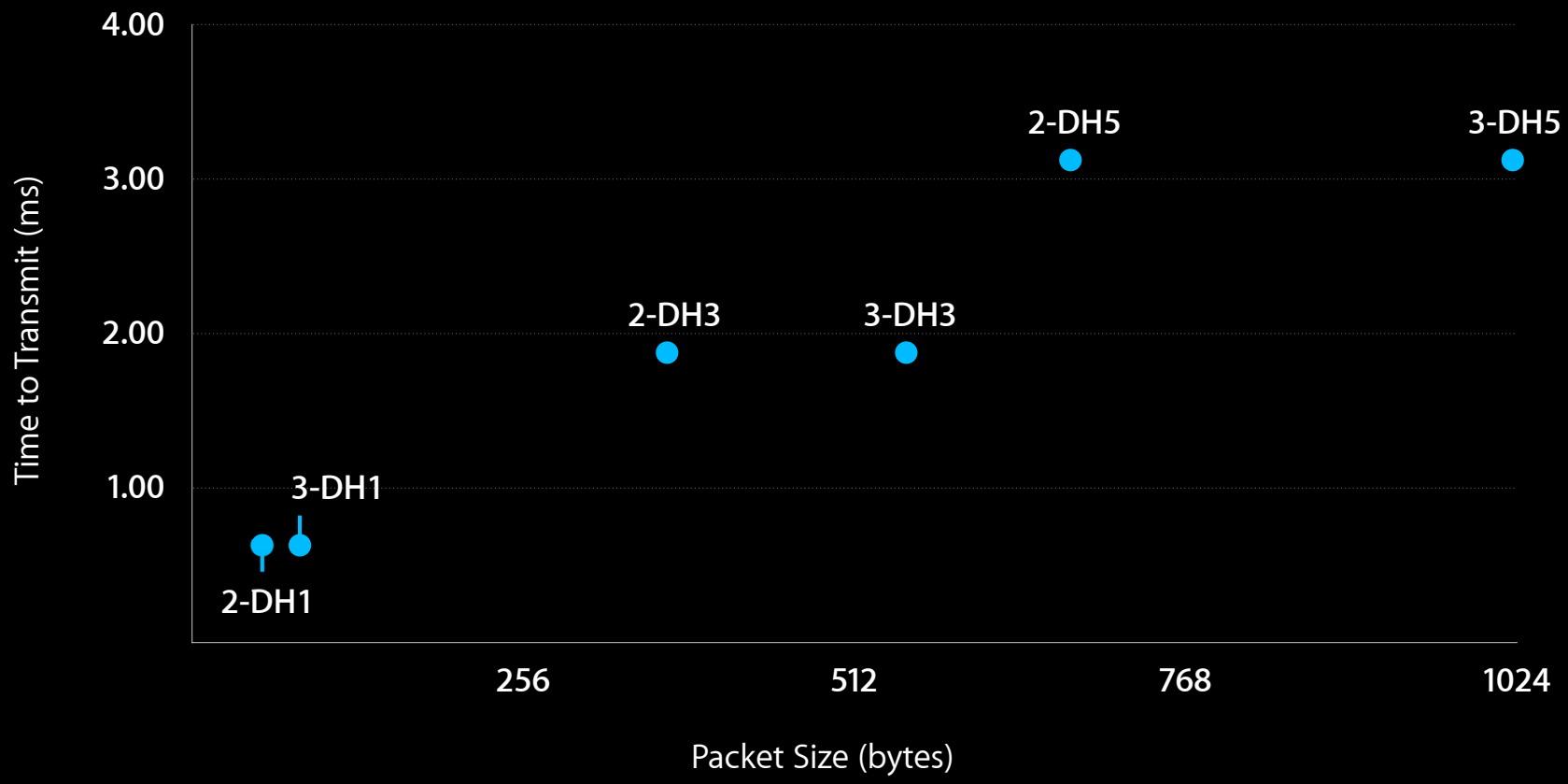
Bluetooth Packets



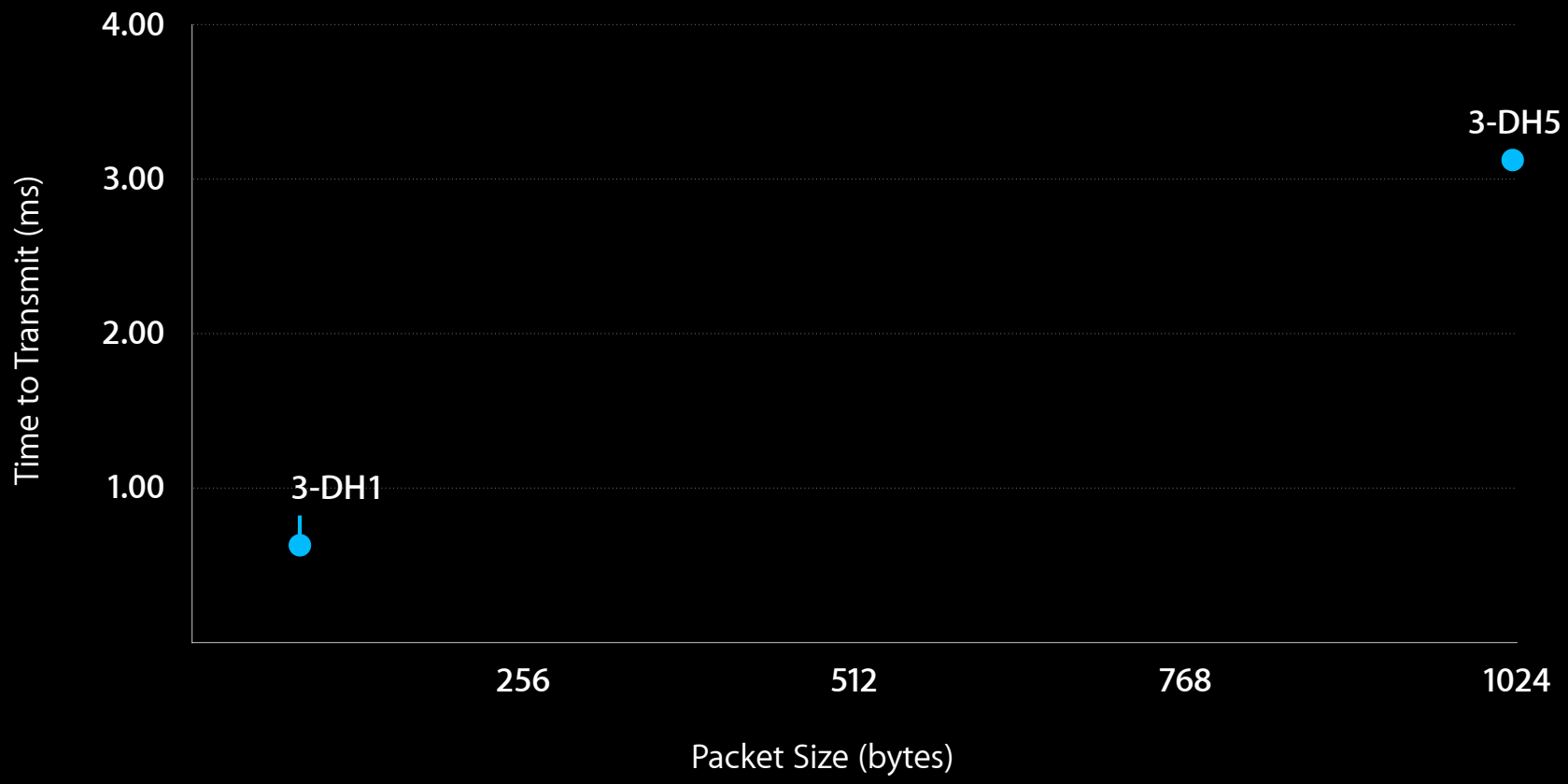
Bluetooth Packets



Bluetooth Packets



Bluetooth Packets



Packet Anatomy 101-3-DH1

Packet Anatomy 101-3-DH1

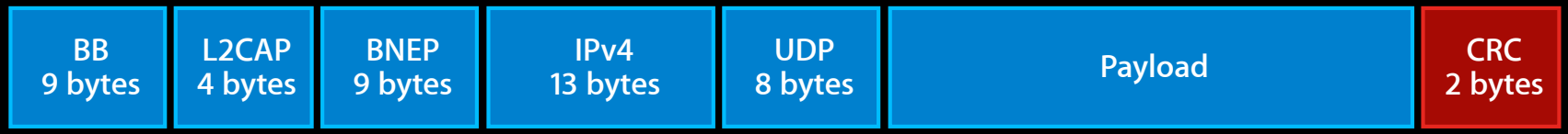
Packet Anatomy 101-3-DH1

Packet Anatomy 101-3-DH1

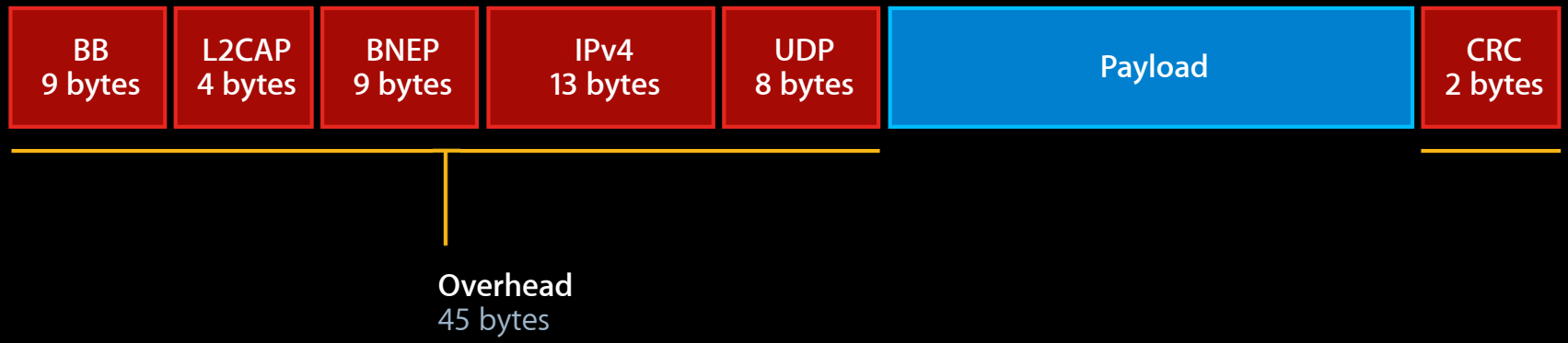
Packet Anatomy 101-3-DH1

Packet Anatomy 101-3-DH1

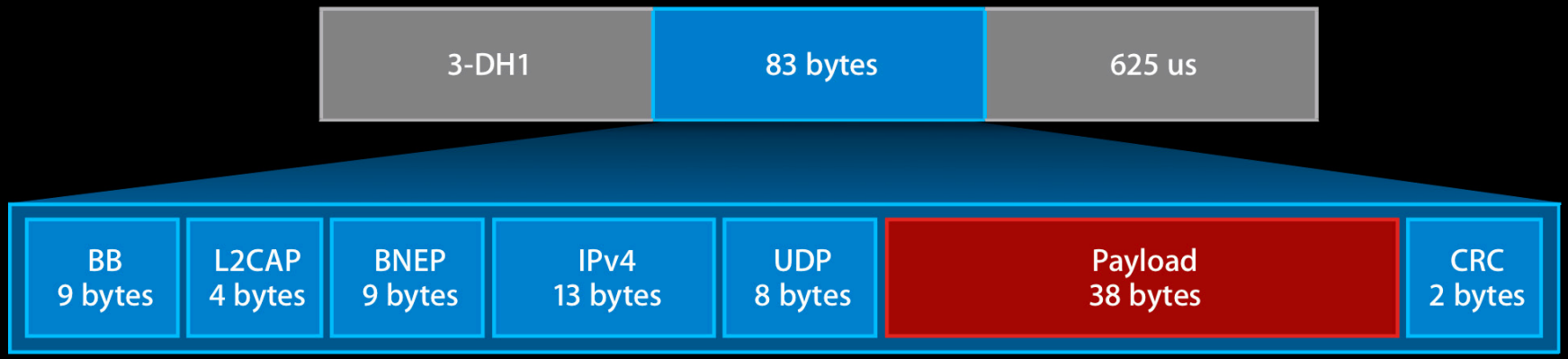
Packet Anatomy 101-3-DH1



Packet Anatomy 101-3-DH1



Packet Anatomy 101-3-DH1



Working with Device to Device

- High bandwidth
  - Maximum payload of ~980 bytes
  - Maximum duty cycle of ~5 ms
- High packet count
  - Maximum payload of ~30 bytes
  - Maximum duty cycle of ~2.5 ms

Working with Device to Device

- Be a good wireless citizen
  - Only use the bandwidth you need
  - Only transmit when necessary
  - Performance of Bluetooth and Wi-Fi affected
  - Avoid multicast if possible
    - Not everyone needs the packet

Three Areas to Improve Accessory Interaction with iPhone Bluetooth

Overall Bluetooth

Working with GameKit

Wi-Fi Coexistence

Three Areas to Improve Accessory Interaction with iPhone Bluetooth

Overall
Bluetooth

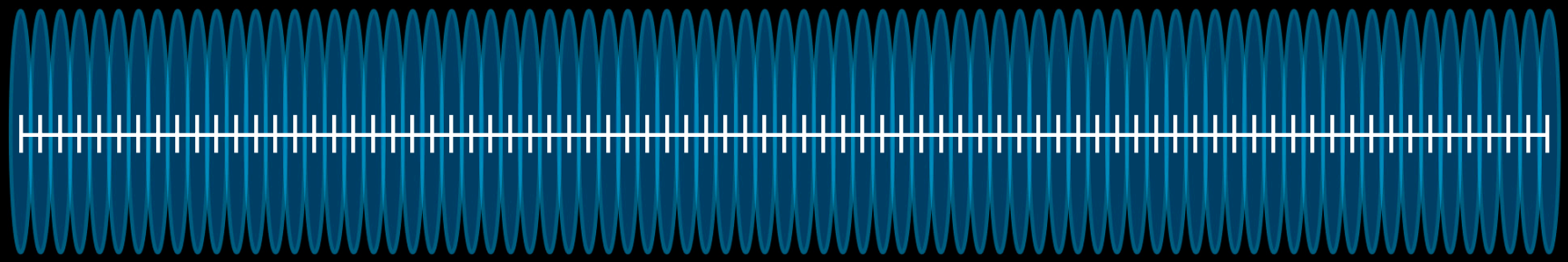
Working
with GameKit

Wi-Fi
Coexistence

Coexistence

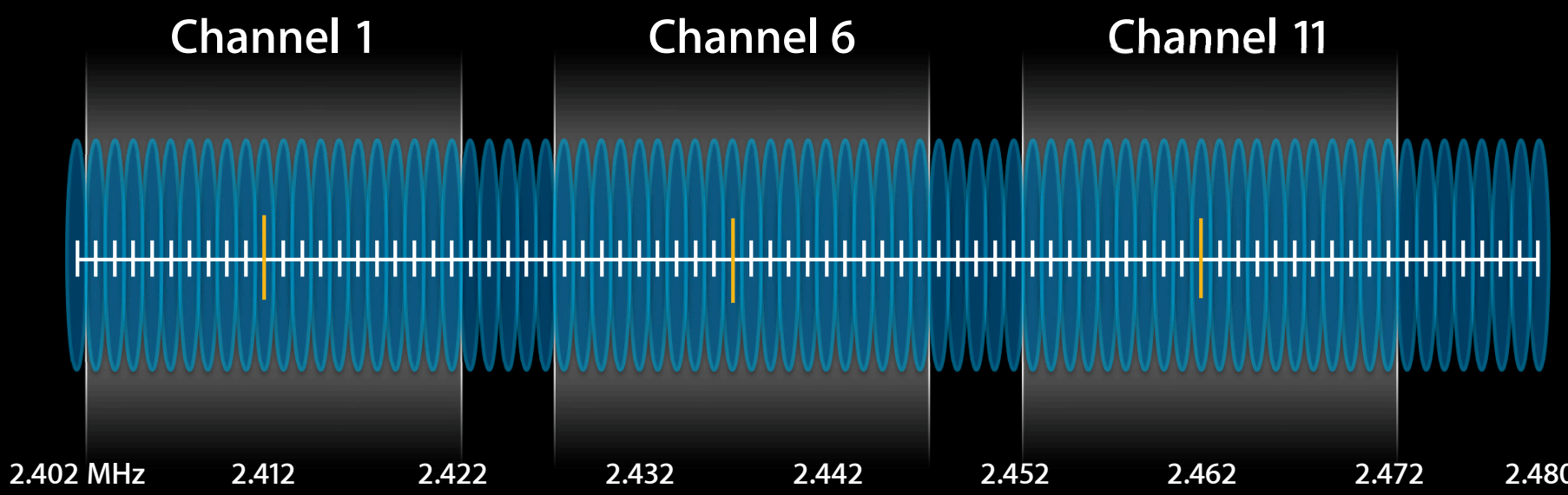
- Wi-Fi and Bluetooth must share the road
  - Industrial, scientific, and medical radio band - ISM
  - 2.4 - 2.5 GHz
  - Wi-Fi uses thirteen 22 MHz channels spaced 5 MHz apart
  - Bluetooth uses seventy-nine 1 MHz channels spaced 1 MHz apart

Bluetooth Channels

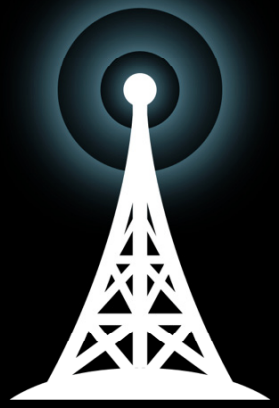


2.402 MHz 2.412 2.422 2.432 2.442 2.452 2.462 2.472 2.480

Popular Wi-Fi Channels

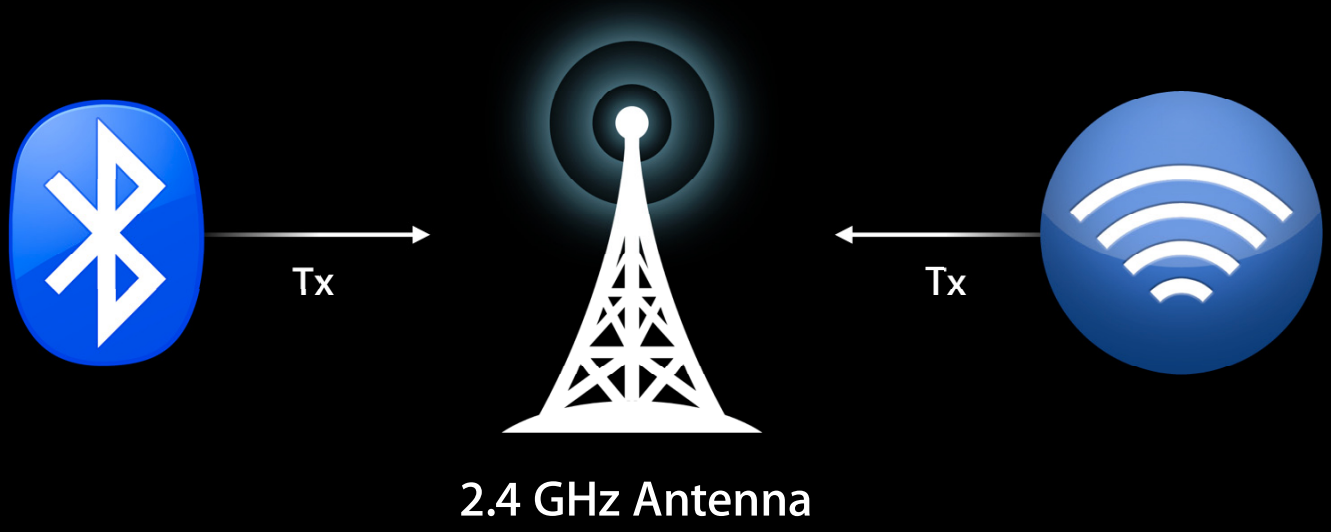


Sharing the Antenna

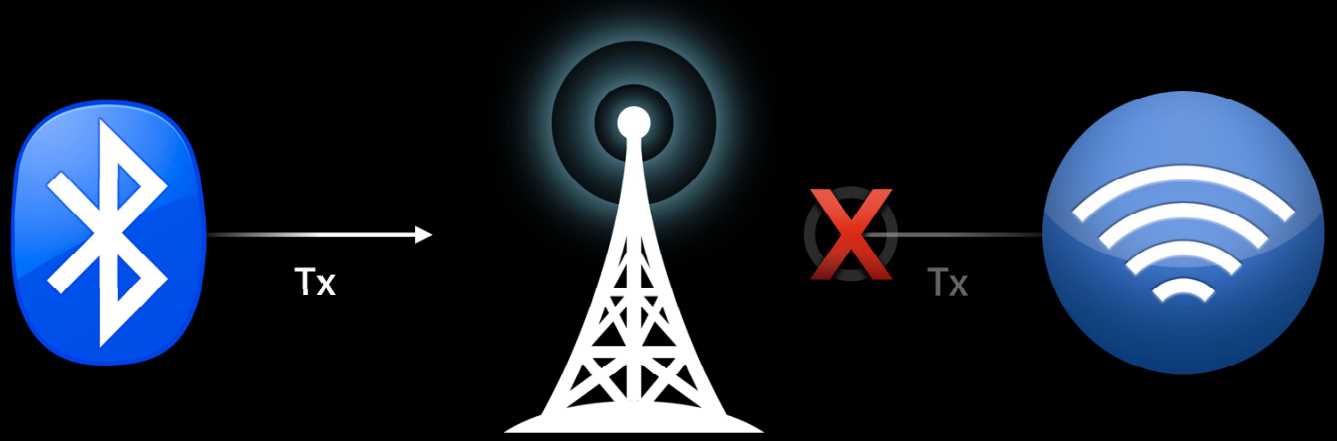


2.4 GHz Antenna

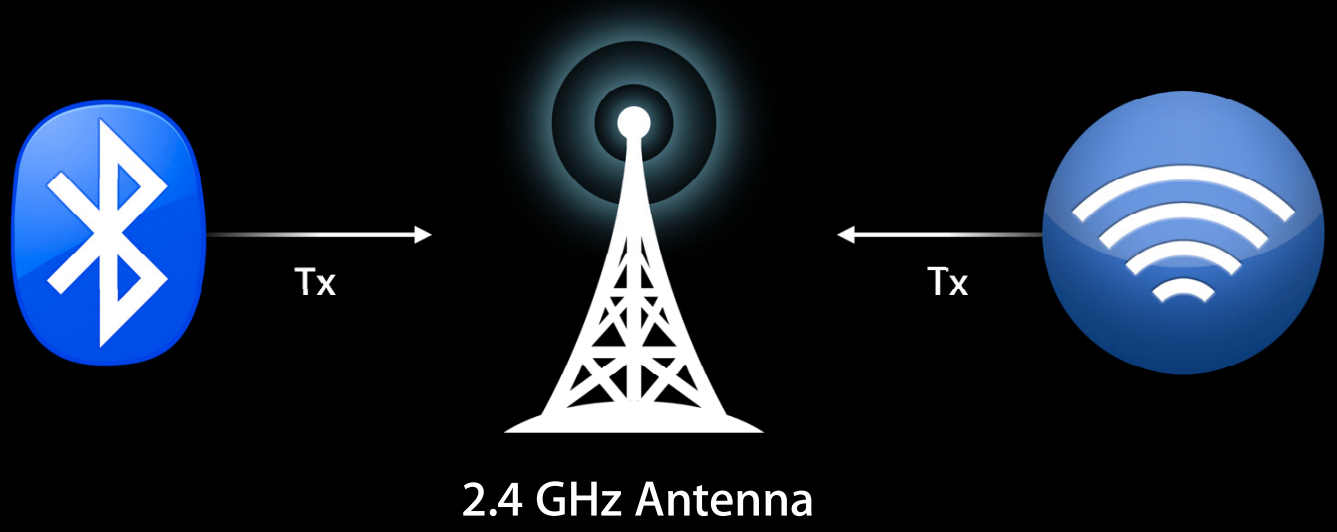
Sharing the Antenna



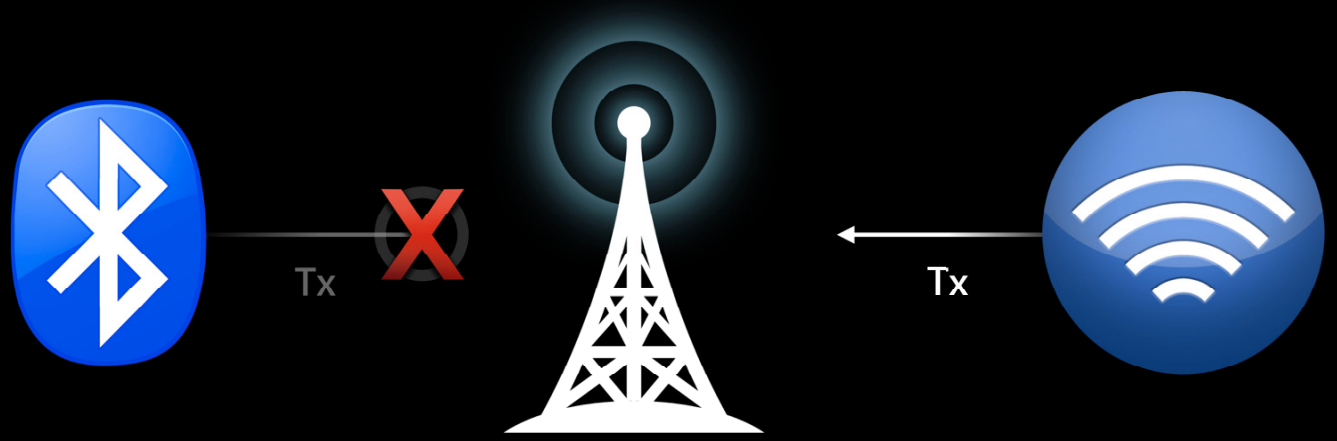
Sharing the Antenna



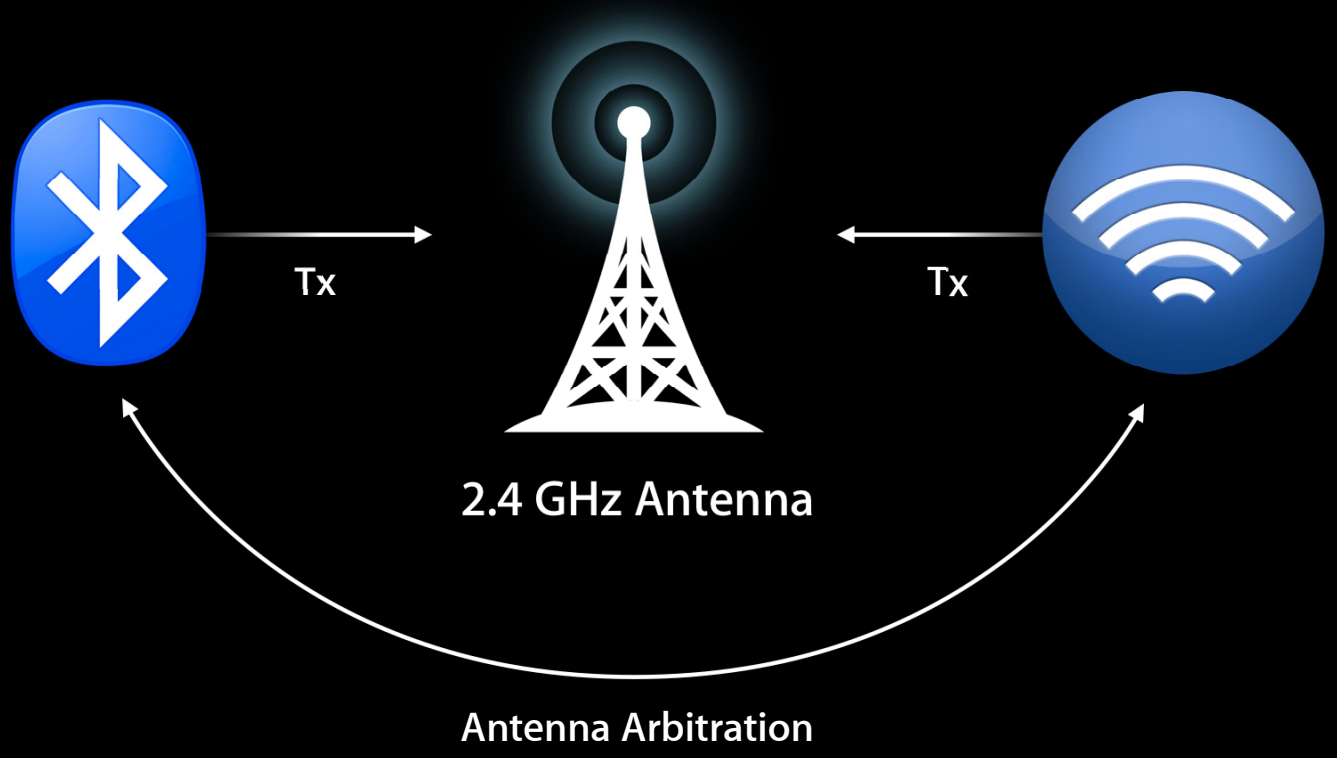
Sharing the Antenna



Sharing the Antenna



Sharing the Antenna



Help Us Help You

- Implement Bluetooth 2.1 + EDR
- Support sniff
- Optimize packet usage
- Support lower bandwidth codecs
  - AAC

Three Areas to Improve Accessory Interaction with iPhone Bluetooth

Overall Bluetooth

Working with GameKit

Wi-Fi Coexistence

Three Areas to Improve Accessory Interaction with iPhone Bluetooth

Overall
Bluetooth

Working
with GameKit

Wi-Fi
Coexistence

External Accessory Framework

Paul Holden
iPhone Applications Engineer

External Accessory Framework

- Architecture
- API review
- Multitasking
- AppStore

The EA Architecture

The EA Architecture—Connect

EA Protocol

The EA Architecture—Data Transfer

EA Protocol

EA Protocol with an associated EA session

External Accessory Framework

- EAAccessoryManager
- EAAccessory
  - EAAccessoryDelegate protocol
- EASession

EAAccessoryManager API

```
NSString *const EAAccessoryDidConnectNotification;
NSString *const EAAccessoryDidDisconnectNotification;

+ (EAAccessoryManager *)sharedAccessoryManager;

- (void)registerForLocalNotifications;
- (void)unregisterForLocalNotifications;

@property (nonatomic, readonly) NSArray *connectedAccessories;
```

EAAccessory API

```
@property(nonatomic, readonly) NSUInteger connectionID;
@property(nonatomic, readonly) NSArray *protocolStrings;
@property(nonatomic, assign) id<EAAccessoryDelegate> delegate;
```

EAAccessoryDelegate API

```
@protocol EAAccessoryDelegate <NSObject>
@optional
- (void)accessoryDidDisconnect:(EAAccessory *)accessory;
@end
```

EASession API

```
- (id)initWithAccessory:(EAAccessory *)accessory forProtocol:
  (NSString *)protocolString;

@property (nonatomic, readonly) NSInputStream *inputStream;
@property (nonatomic, readonly) NSOutputStream *outputStream;
```

One EASession per EA Protocol per EAAccessory

NSInputSteam/NSOutputStream

- Subclasses of NSStream
- “Introduction to Stream Programming Guide for Cocoa“
  - Available on ADC website

- Delegate handles stream events

```
- (void)stream:(NSStream *)theStream handleEvent:
(NSStreamEvent)streamEvent
```

What's New…

- Multitasking
- AppStore interactions

Multitasking

No EA events in background

UIApplicationDidEnterBackgroundNotification

EAAccessoryDidDisconnectNotification

UIApplicationWillEnterForegroundNotification

EAAccessoryDidConnectNotification

Multitasking

Release EASession instances on accessory disconnect

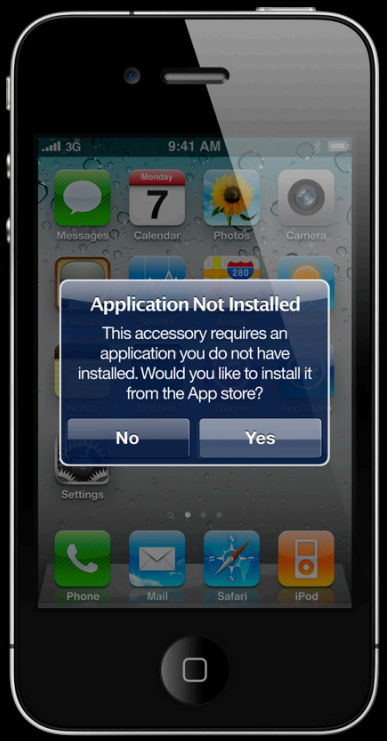
```
#import <ExternalAccessory/ExternalAccessory.h>


- (void)closeSession
{
    [[_session inputStream] close];
    [[_session inputStream] removeFromRunLoop:[NSRunLoop currentRunLoop]
forMode:NSDefaultRunLoopMode];
    [[_session inputStream] setDelegate:nil];

    [[_session outputStream] close];
    [[_session outputStream] removeFromRunLoop:[NSRunLoop currentRunLoop]
forMode:NSDefaultRunLoopMode];
    [[_session outputStream] setDelegate:nil];

    [_session release];
}
```

AppStore Interactions

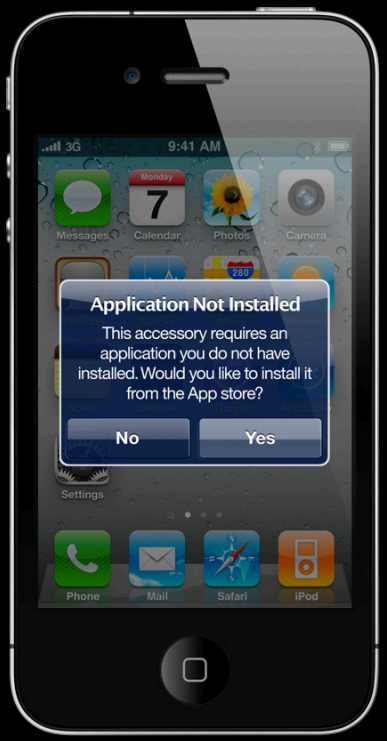


AppStore Interactions

Associating an app with EA Protocols using Info.plist

```
<plist version="1.0">
<dict>
    <key>CFBundleDevelopmentRegion</key>
...
    <key>UISupportedExternalAccessoryProtocols</key>
    <array>
        <string>com.yourcompany.p1</string>
        <string>com.yourcompany.p2</string>
    </array>
</dict>
</plist>
```

AppStore Interactions

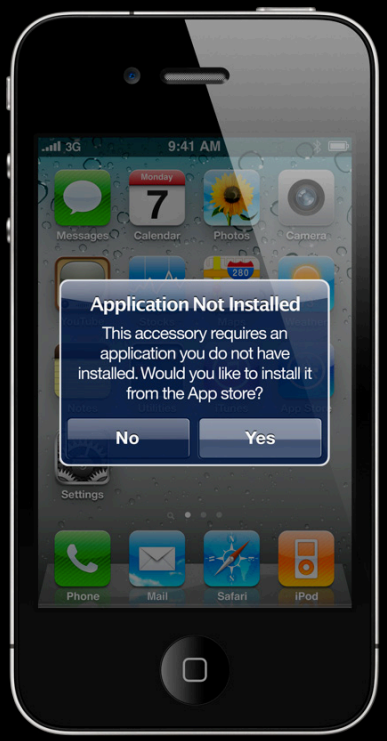


AppStore Interactions

- Properties for each EA Protocol
  - Show Alert if no EA Protocol is supported
  - Show Alert if EA Protocol x is not supported
  - No Alert
  - No Action
- Accessory adds these properties using iAP

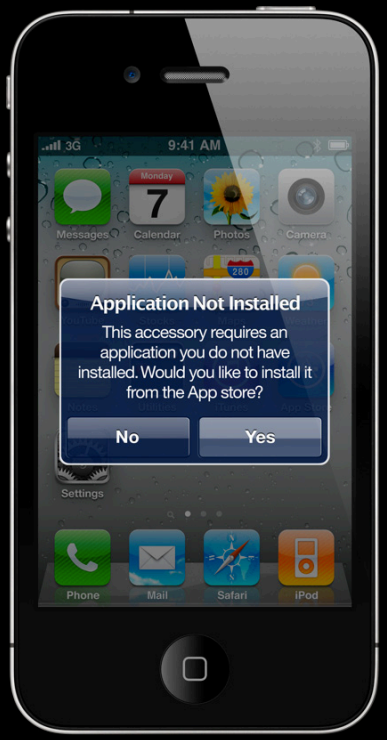
AppStore Interactions

Show Alert if no EA Protocol is supported



AppStore Interactions

Show Alert if EA Protocol x is not supported



AppStore Interactions

No alert

AppStore Interactions

No action

More Information

Stephen Chick
iPhone Evangelism
chick@apple.com

Craig Keithley
iPod Technology Evangelist
keithley@apple.com

Developer Programs
MFi Program
http://developer.apple.com/mfi/

Documentation
iPhone OS Accessories
http://developer.apple.com/iphone/program/accessories/

Apple Developer Forums
http://devforums.apple.com

Related Sessions

Simplifying Networking Using Bonjour	Nob Hill Wednesday 10:15AM
Accessibility on iPhone OS	Nob Hill Wednesday 4:30PM
Fundamentals of Digital Audio for Mac OS X and iPhone OS	Mission Wednesday 10:15AM
What's New in Cocoa Touch (R)	Marina Friday 11:30AM

Labs

iPhone OS Accessories Lab	Core OS Lab B Tuesday 2:00PM
Bluetooth Lab	Core OS Lab B Wednesday 9:00AM


WWDC10