



## Use of Open Standards for Smart homes and buildings

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# Smart Home/Buildings: general advantages

- Scalability – Investment in the future
  - first smart home installation may be limited to one single application
    - Lighting
    - Heating, ventilation, air conditioning
    - Shutters, blinds and sun shading
    - Metering, energy management
- Considerable reduction of energy consumption
  - Examples: presence detectors, window contacts, light intensity sensors
- Increased comfort/security
- Distant monitoring/maintenance of networked devices
- Answer to changing social trends
  - Ageing of people (Ambient Assisted Living)
  - Increase in single person households
  - Both adults in families working
  - Increased urbanization
  - Shrinking resources
    - Anyway requires increased use of ICT in homes and buildings



# Open Smart Home systems

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- What is open?
  - Internationally standardised as EN, ISO or IEC and with strong support in industry
    - Guarantee of availability over larger time span
    - Guarantee of backward compatibility of current installations to future extensions
  - Fully available specification for implementation
- Major assets of open smart home system
  - Full extendibility of installation
  - Free choice of home owner of material provider
  - Reduced use of gateways
    - Increased simplicity of installation
      - Increased acceptance of home or building owner



# The European Standard EN 50090 (1)

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## ▪ History

- Before 1997: 3 major bus associations in Europe
  - Batibus: medium originally developed by Schneider Electric – HVAC applications – mainly France/Italy/Spain
  - EIBA: association defending EIB protocol – developed by German consortium (a.o. Siemens) – mainly use in German speaking countries
  - EHSA: association resulting from European ESPRIT project for networked home appliances – paper standard
- After 1997: convergence of Batibus, EIBA, EHSA to KNX
- 2003: acceptance of jointly developed protocol as EN 50090 series, including:
  - 4 media: TP, PL, RF, IP
  - Entire protocol LL, NL, TL, AL
  - configuration procedures including
    - PC tool support
    - Easy installation mechanisms (controller, push button mode)



# The European Standard EN 50090

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- History
  - 2006
    - Approval of EN 50090 as [ISO/IEC 14543-3](#)
    - Approval of EN 50090 by CEN as [EN 13321-1 and -2](#)
  - 2007
    - Approval by SAC (P.R. China) as [GB/Z 20965](#)
  - 2010
    - Nearly 250 supporting industrial companies offering several thousands of devices
      - compatible to EN
      - certified by third parties
    - Members are SMEs as well as multinationals
    - From all over the world: Europe, US, Asia



# Multi-vendor and cross discipline Interoperability (1)

## ■ HBES

- Next to standardization of system (media, protocol)
- Standardization of useful data in HBES messages during run-time communication

## ■ HBES standardized data types for common functions like

- Switching, dimming, blinds control, integer and float values, percentage, date/time, HVAC modes, scene control,
- Data driven instead of command oriented...

## ■ System as well as data type conformity checked during product Certification

## ■ The advantages of HBES only truly become visible in a multi-vendor and cross-discipline environment

- Presence detector is part of the alarm system at night
- Room thermostat of Manuf A sets position of valves of Manuf B
- “All off” button of Manuf A switches the lights off, controlled by switching actuators of Manuf B, C, D, ...
- Scheduler of Manuf A ensures presence simulation, thereby controlling blinds of Manuf B

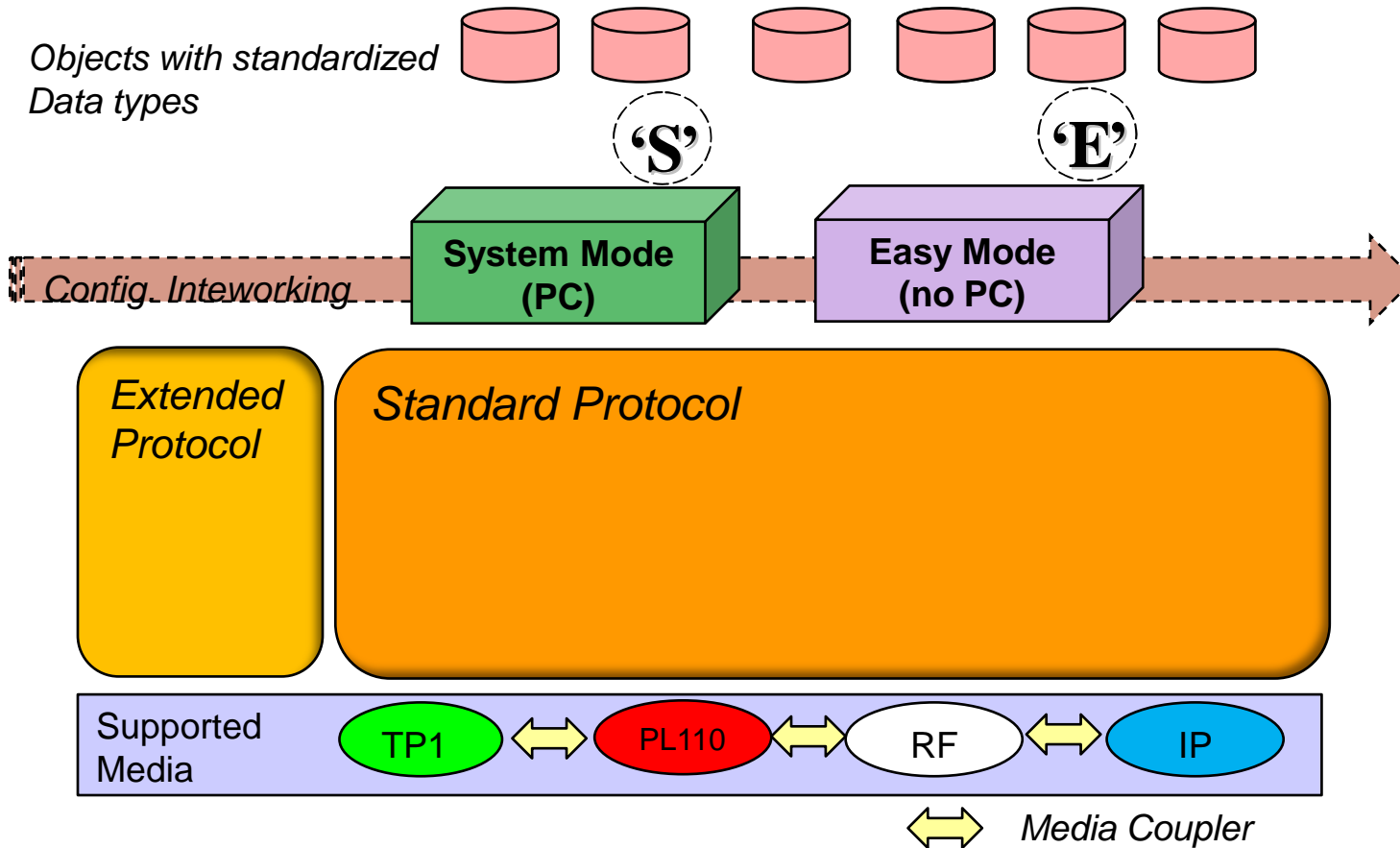


## Multi-vendor and cross discipline Interoperability (2)

- **Enormous benefit to end users**
  - Product line A is defective but Manuf A has discontinued product line → Find replacement at Manuf B
- **Interworking attracts manufacturers of niche products**
  - One single manufacturer is unable to offer all possible HBES solutions, from lighting to HVAC to Load management, etc.
  - Boosts OEM market: what Manuf A does not produce himself, he can easily find at another HBES manufacturer
- **Thanks to interworking, a common market infrastructure can be established**
  - Common configuration tool
  - Common training schemes
- **Gateways between HBES and proprietary systems are easier to develop**
  - proprietary coding can be easily mapped to common HBES data formats as described in EN 50090-3-3
  - Easy coupling of HBES to e.g. BACnet and DALI

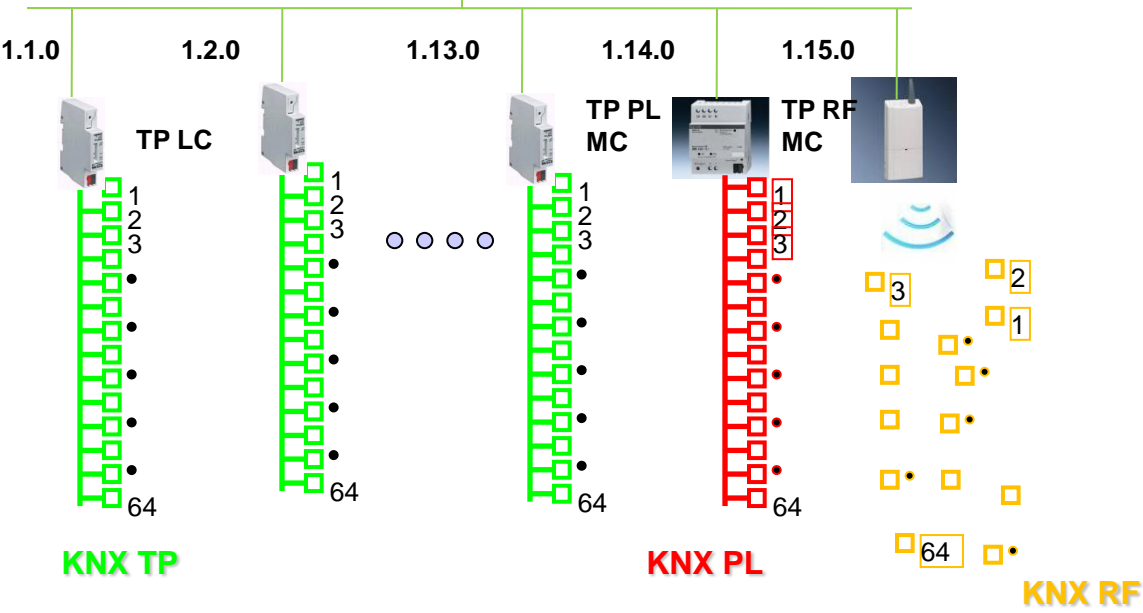


# HBES system architecture



# HBES – the overall picture!

KNXnet/IP Routing multicast address



## Addressing : Group

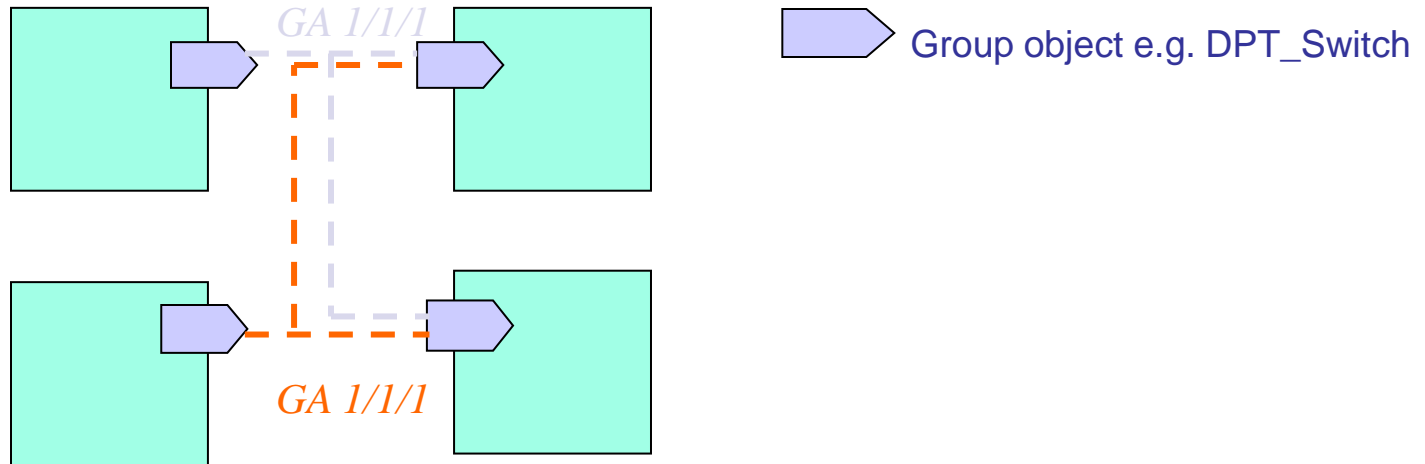
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- Two basic HBES addressing schemes:

### 1. Group Addressing

- In a running installation, main addressing scheme
- Process information of devices (e.g. state of relay, t°C value, ...) reflected in « Group Objects »
- GO's of same size can be linked via 16 bit group address (64K address space)
- The value of a GO can be read and written via the bus
- A GO can only have one sending GA
- A GO may listen to more than one GA
- With one message containing GA x, one can address all GO configured to listen to GA x ('multi-cast connectionless')
- If the message contains GA 0/0, all devices are addressed ('broadcast')
- Used addresses stored in « Address Table »

# Communication Model 1: Group Objects („Shared Variables“)



telegram example:

source address:	destination address:	service:	data:
individual address	group address	read / write	
1.1.40	1/1/1	write	On (1)/Off (0)

## Addressing: Individual

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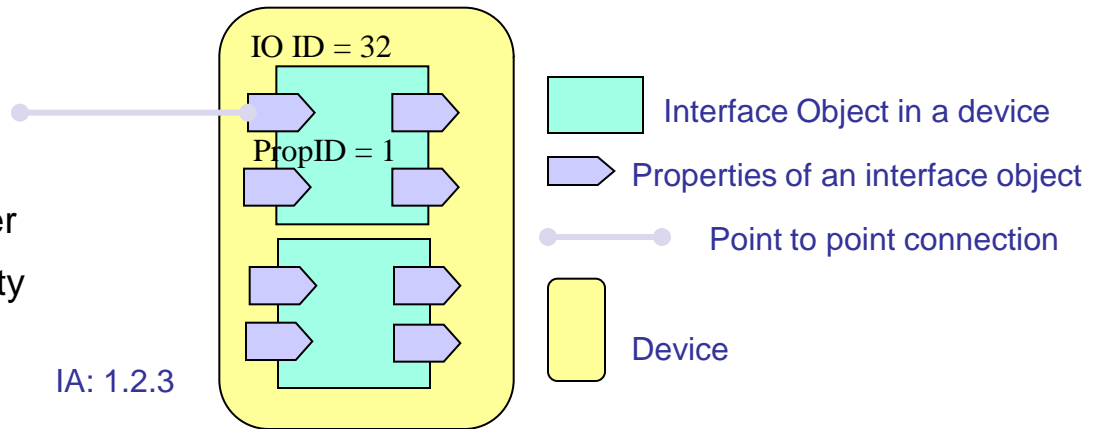
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### 2. Individual Addressing

- for point to point communication
- 16 bit device address (64K address space)
- On some media (TP): location of device in topology (area.line.device)
- connection-oriented or connectionless services
- mainly for configuration, visualisation, diagnostics & remote management
- Address also stored in « Address table »

# Communication Model 2: Properties of Interface Objects

- IO is a Collection of process data („properties“) of a device, typical for its functionality
- Device can have several IOs (max. 256)
- Type of IO is given by 16 bit identifier
- Type of property is given by 8 bit identifier
- Value of GO can be reflected in a property of an IO



## telegram example:

source address:	destination address:	service:	data:
individual address	individual address	read / write	object.property.value
1.1.40	1.2.3	write	Dimming speed= 1 dim step/100 ms

## Addressing: separation on open media

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- Powerline: 48 bit domain address added to each message
- HBES RF: in view of need for uni-directional senders
  - « Extended Group Address » = GA + Serial number of sender
  - For uni-directional senders: GA = pre-assigned

## Features of the HBES RF system

- retrofit market mainly
- home & residential market
- Decentralised (no master) but centralised functions possible
- usable as stand alone solution and together with other HBES media (gateways)
- Implementation on off-the-shelf components, small footprint
- Re-transmitter use only for bigger installations
- Bi- and unidirectional implementations possible
- Low power consumption
- for all application domains of home automation
  - lighting, shutters & blinds, security, HVAC, ..
- HBES RF metering protocol as subsystem to HBES RF
- Non-PC based programming (« Easy installation »), tool support planned



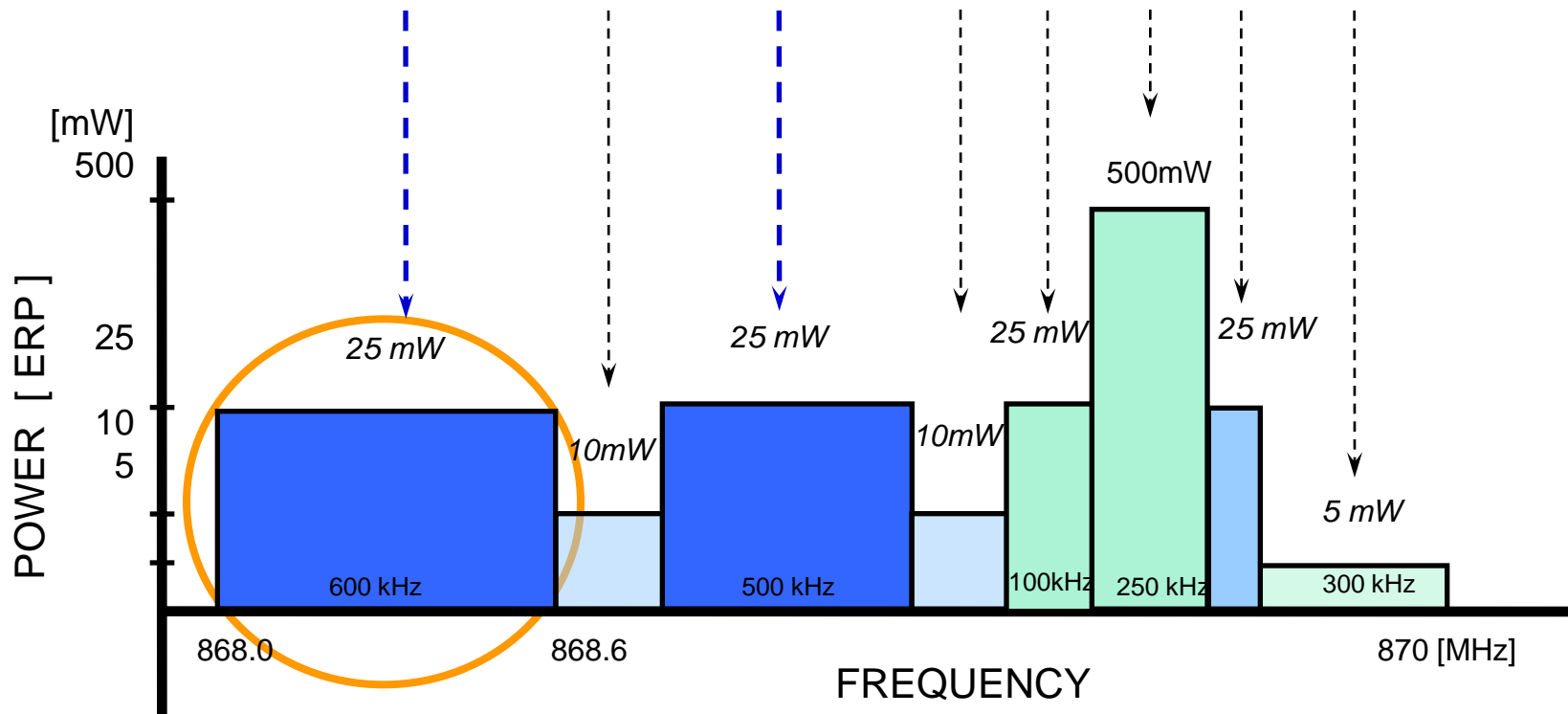
## Relevant Standards

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- Layers 3-7 = EN 50090-series
- Layers 1-2, approved by CLC/TC 205 as EN 50090-5-3
- common solution with/according to CEN/TC 294  
EN 13757-3/-4 (Metering!)
- RF according to CEPT/ERC 70-03 (868 MHz - Band)
- Data Link Layer according to IEC 870-5-2 (FT3 - Protocol)

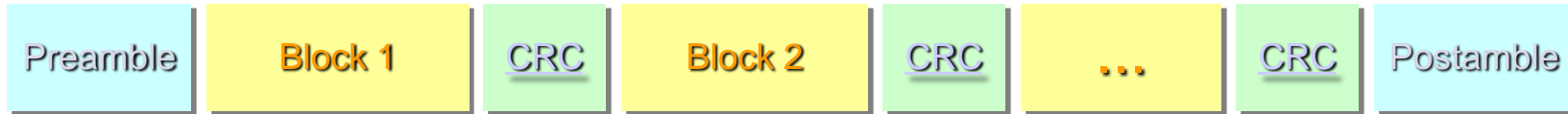
# HBES RF Physical Layer (1) acc. to CEPT/ERC 70-03

<i>Application:</i>	SRD	SRD	MAC, SRD	SRD
<i>Duty Cycle:</i>	< 1%	< 0.1 %	<0.1% t.b.d.	≤100%
	Alarms		Alarms	Alarms
	< 1%		<10 %	< 10%



# HBES RF general frame structure

IEC870-5-2 (FT3)

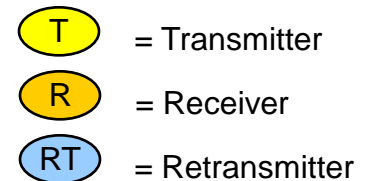
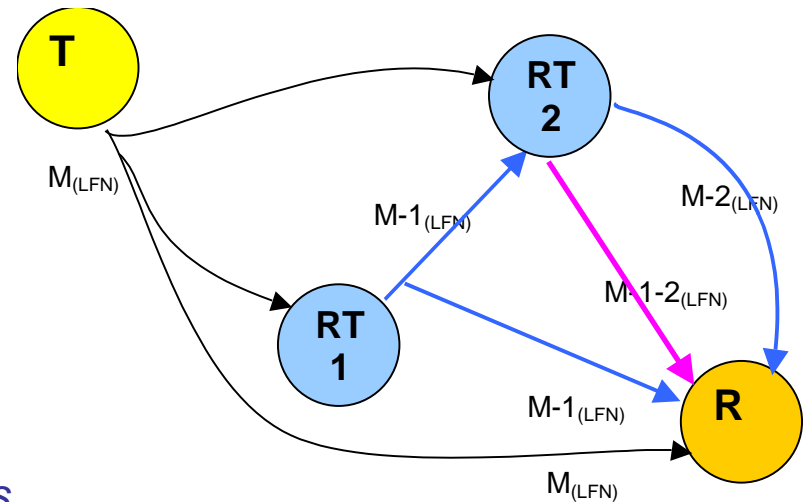


- Preamble
  - Manch. Violation
  - Sync Word
 max. 15 x 01 chip      preamble for synchronisation
- Block 1
  - 10 bytes      fixed length, more info on next slide
- CRC
  - 2 bytes CRC after each data block
- Further blocks
  - 16 bytes      details of block 2 on next slides
- Last block
  - 1 to 16 bytes
- Postamble
  - 2 to 8 chips      provides defined end of frame

# Re-transmitter Technology

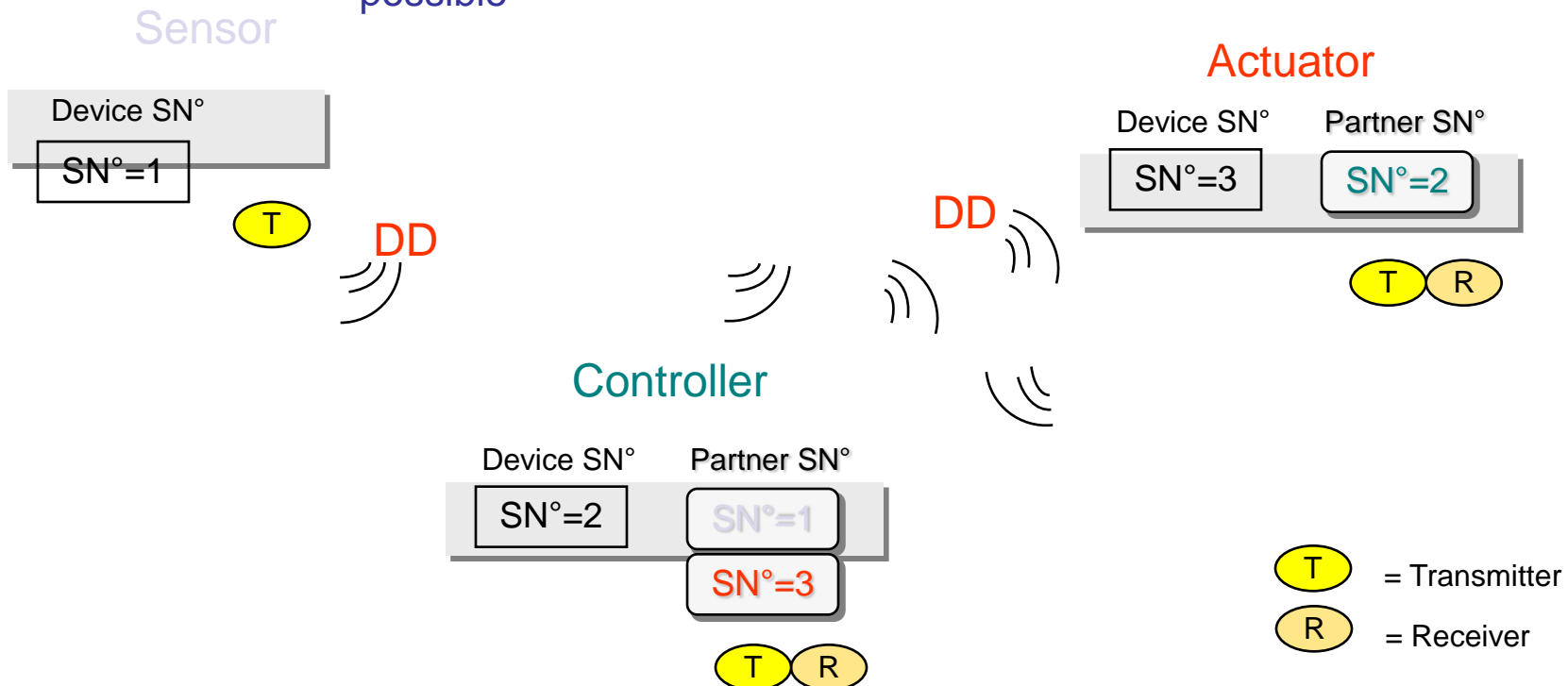
- up to 3 Retransmitters are supported
- No need for meshed networking
- *Link Layer Frame Number (LFN) + history list*
  - solution to multipath communication and avoiding message duplication:
- *routing counter*
  - Limitation of number of retransmissions
- *short interframe time + random delay: 0...10 ms*
  - avoiding collisions of retransmitted messages

➤ *Dedicated retransmitters avoid complexity and overhead in normal end devices!*



# Device Linking via Serial Number and optional Domain Address

- Controller Based : Devices report Device Descriptor (type of supported standardised easy channels) – controller knows which channels can be linked
- Push button: same approach but partner device decides whether linking is possible



## RF extension for bidirectional battery powered devices (BiBat)

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- Bidirectional battery-driven RF devices can't be in receive-mode all the time because of battery-lifetime
- The BiBat extension reduces the active receive windows of battery operated receivers to a minimum *by means of a time slot procedure*
- Application:
  - heating actuators for radiators
  - bidirectional room units
  - fire/smoke sensors remote controls with feedback
- Typical battery life times 1-3 years (with 2-3 AA batteries)

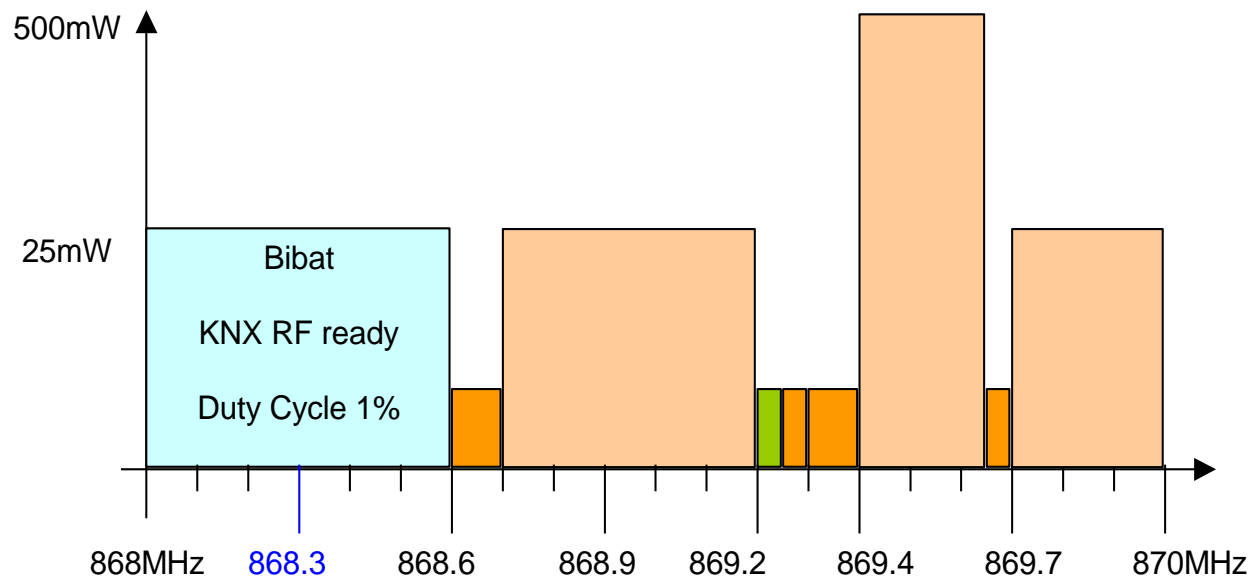
## Recent extensions HBES RF

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- RF « ready »
  - Single RF channel version – upgrade of version 1 of HBES RF
- RF « multi »
  - 3 fast RF channels and 2 slow RF channels
- Bibat
  - single RF channel version, unchanged compared to version 1 of HBES RF
- Bibat 2
  - 2 RF channels

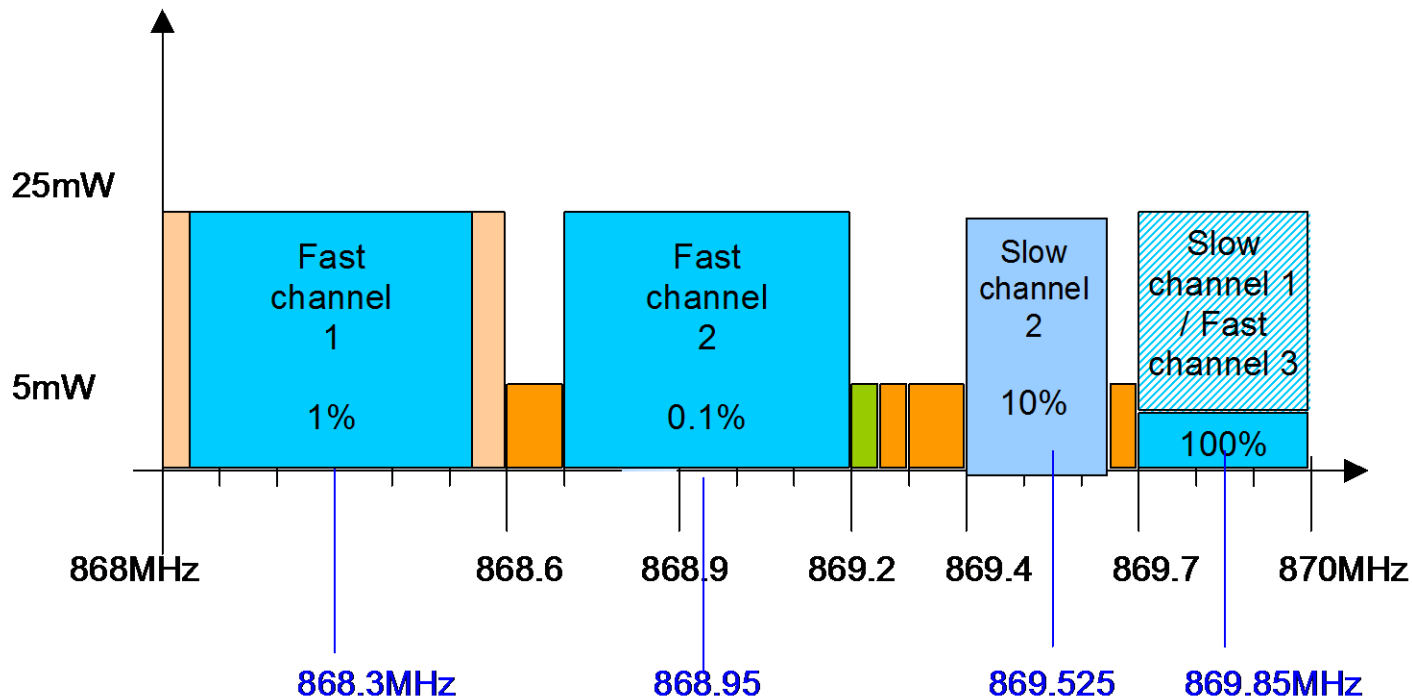
## HBES RF Ready

- Single channel, evolution with 4.8ms preamble for Tx
- Rx change to ignore some bits in CTRL field
- The rest of the stack remains the same
- Only a software upgrade of existing products
- *All new developments shall be RF ready*

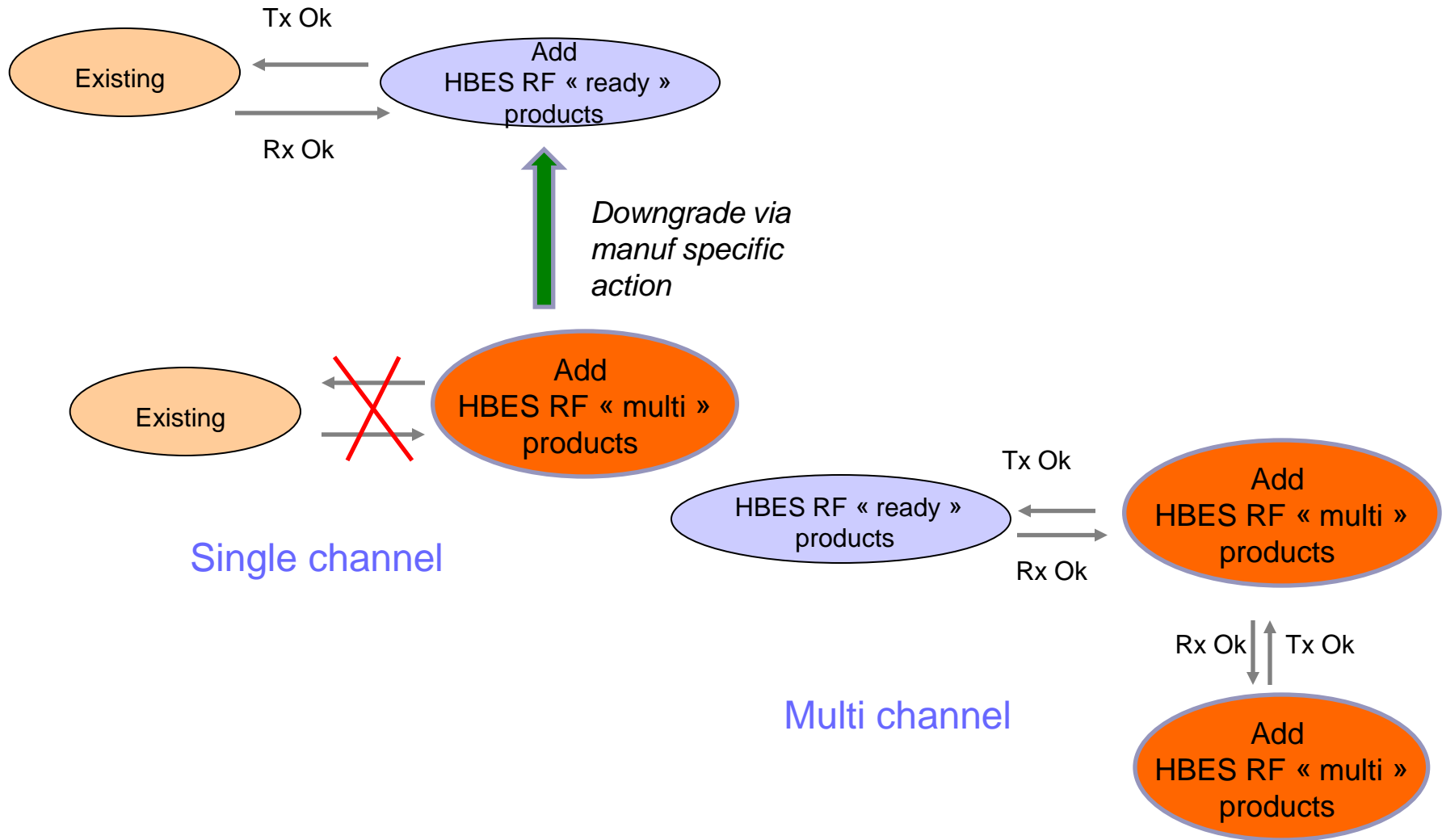


# HBES RF multi

- 3 RF fast channels for low latency devices
- 2 RF slow channels for battery powered devices
- F3 optional
- 25mW in F3 is now allowed by regulation
- Energy savings
  - Allow very low power consumption for receivers



# Compatibility scheme





**Thank you for your attention!**

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