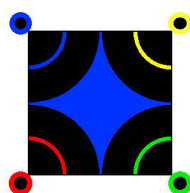


# Short-Range Medical Device Connectivity



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## Agenda

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  - Driving forces and trends
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    - NFC
    - Bluetooth – deep dive
  - Examples & Demo
  - Cybersecurity
  - Regulatory aspects
  - Question & Answer
- \*\* References provided for recommended guidance and standards docs...

## Who am I?

- \* EE, University of Rochester
- \* HP Calculators (HP-71B, HP-18/28)
- \* HP Cardiology (Pagewriter XL ECG, CodeMaster Defibrillator)
- \* Instromedix (LifeSigns Home Health)
- \* Medtronic Physio-Control (Dir. Adv. Dev.)
- \* Code Blue Communications (Bluetooth module disti, consulting)
- \* connectBlue (Sales and Marketing)
- \* Code Blue Consulting Communications (consulting)
- \* Coconut Manor (BTLE products - demo later)
- \* Currently accepting new clients (gratuitous plug #1)
- \* Cinq Cellars winery (gratuitous plug #2)

Device and systems experience with development, IP, and regulatory Consumer, Type I, II, III devices; 510(k), PMA, PMAs

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## Bluetooth history: BT and the Bovie: 2001 AAMI



No dropouts in 4 channel continuous waveform during 120W ESU/ECU usage in coagulation mode

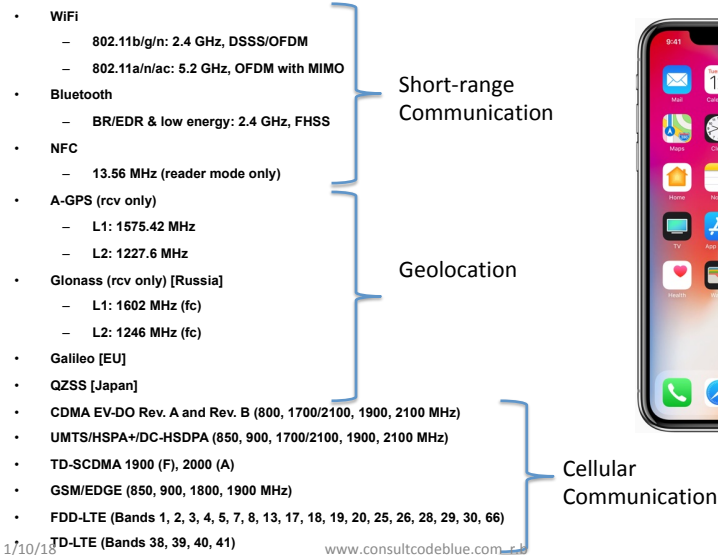
→ No observed effects

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General Scanning/Lumonics recorder prototype with connectBlue SPA, Anycom CF card (Class 3), J&J Ethicon ESU

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## Driving force 2018: mobile wireless



## Data communications driving forces

- Safety
- Effectiveness
- Security
- Mobility
- Data collection
  - Analysis
  - Billing
  - Liability
- Remote monitoring & treatment
- *Connectivity is the enabler*

## Connectivity options

- Long range wireless
  - Cellular 3G, 4G
  - 5G attempting to challenge short-range technologies, but a future
- Wired
  - LAN: wired is still a viable option as a part of the solution set!
- Short range
  - Ubiquitous
    - 802.11/WiFi
    - Bluetooth
    - NFC (Near Field Communications)
  - Other medical options
    - ZigBee (Continua), Thread (Consumer) – 802.15.4 based
    - Wireless Medical Telemetry Systems (WMTS)
    - Medical Implant Communications System (MICS)
    - MBAN (Medical Body Area Network) – virtually silent for 5 years
  - Custom...

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## Typical connectivity solutions

- Wired, fixed installations
  - LAN, but increasingly WiFi
- Wireless for mobility
  - Cellular for mobile gateway connectivity
  - WiFi where infrastructure exists
  - Bluetooth for mobile connection
  - Most likely a mixture of the above
- NFC can be a solution for authentication

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## Short range commercial wireless technologies - 1

- WiFi 802.11: Star topology
  - 2.4- GHz, Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum, 11 overlapping channels (US), 802.11 b/g/n
  - 5.8- GHz, DSSS, 21 discrete channels (US), DFS for some channels, multiple UNII bands, 802.11 a/n/ac
  - 20 dBm max
  - High speed, relatively high power, latency depends on network
- Bluetooth: Classic Bluetooth, Bluetooth low energy: Star and Mesh topologies
  - 2.4- GHz, Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum, 1600 hops/second
  - Classic: 79 discrete channels, Smart (low energy): 39 discrete channels
  - 10- dBm max (now for both due to CE)
  - Adaptive Frequency Hopping for coexistence
  - Low power, medium – low data rate, fair latency
  - High volume, low cost

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## Short range commercial wireless technologies - 2

- NFC/RFID: Point-to-point
  - Active and passive modes; passive tags
  - 13.56 MHz is most widely used
  - 4 cm between reader and tag
  - Typically 244 kbps
- Thread, Threadx, ZigBee 802.15.4: Mesh
  - 2.4- GHz, Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum, 16 discrete channels
  - Several of custom protocols on top of 802.15.4
  - Low data rate, mesh network, uncontrolled latency, no coexistence mechanism
  - Not applicable technology for medical usage – market forces as well as technology issues

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## IEEE 802.11 - WiFi

- Two frequency bands
  - 2.4 GHz: b/g/n IT infrastructure
  - 5.8 GHz: a/n/ac IT infrastructure
- Ubiquitous infrastructure (access points)
- Good/great speed
- Good range
- Interference/coexistence challenges; deployments need to be managed
- Setup requiring provisioning
- Allows roaming between access points
- Real world throughput and range depends greatly on infrastructure and environment
  - 802.11b: 7-8 mbps
  - 802.11g: 40 mbps
  - 802.11n: 200 mbps
  - 802.11ac: 900 mbps
- Real range (depends on implementation and environment)
  - 50 – 150 meters



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## NFC

- NFC (Near Field Communications), based on RFID standards
- Contactless, very short range communication
  - 0-3cm distance between device and reader
  - Electromagnetic induction
  - Relatively low data rates (106 – 424 kbps)
  - ISM band at 13.56 MHz
- Very good for authentication to establish security



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# Bluetooth

- Provides connectivity for all mobile platforms
- Operates well (cooperates) in RF noisy/crowded environments
  - Fast 2.4 GHz FHSS radio (Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum)
  - Adaptive Frequency Hopping
  - Error detection, retransmission, error correction
  - Advantages:
    - Ubiquitous
    - Low power
    - Low cost
    - Good coexistence and interference tolerance
- Bluetooth low energy versus Classic (BLE vs BR/EDR)
  - Greatly improved cost/power
  - Lower data rates, but increasing...
  - Greatly simplified communications stack
  - Flexibility for custom services & profiles
  - Years on coin-cell battery versus months on AA batteries



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# Bluetooth versus Bluetooth

- Classic – Basic Rate/Enhanced Data Rate (BR/EDR)
  - Throughput: BR > 600 kbps, EDR > 1.2 Mbps
  - 128 bit SAFER+ encryption (change approved to AES)
  - 1 master, 7 slaves
- BLE - Bluetooth low energy (4.2)
  - Simplified Bluetooth, different RF
  - 100kbit/sec (2-3x with v4.2)
  - 1 central, thousands of peripherals
  - Fast connection, low latency
  - Broadcast/beacon (iBeacon, Eddystone)
  - Mesh just introduced
- Both
  - Coexistence through AFH and fast hopping
  - Robustness through FHSS and built in error detection, correction (classic only) and retransmission
  - Pairing: Secure Simple Pairing and allows for out-of-band NFC

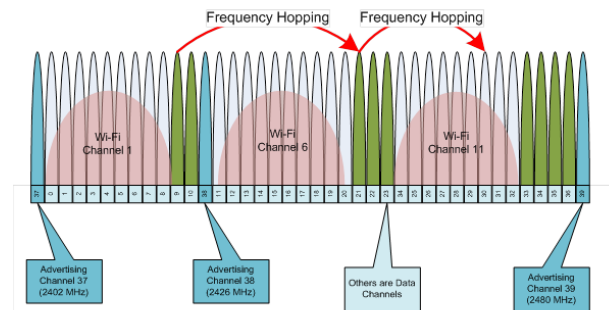
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## The Bluetooth low energy technology basics

- 2.4 – 2.485 GHz, Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum technology
- 40 discrete channels, 2 MHz wide, pseudo-random hopping sequence
- Dedicated Advertising channels
- Adaptive frequency hopping (AFH) for coexistence/interference
- 10dBm maximum power output; increased for BT5



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## Beacons

- A beacon is an undirected advertisement
- An advertisement can put out any information
- Two ad-hoc standards have evolved
  - iBeacon - iOS
  - Eddystone - Google/Android
- Payload of ~30 bytes (BT 4) + 30 bytes scan response
  - Can also be used to deliver sensor data (temperature, light, etc)
- Typical battery from CR2032 of 1-2 years (nRF52832)
- ~ \$5 FOB China in 10K+ qty
- Infrastructure starting to be built in to WiFi Access Points, but slow progress



iBeacon



Eddystone

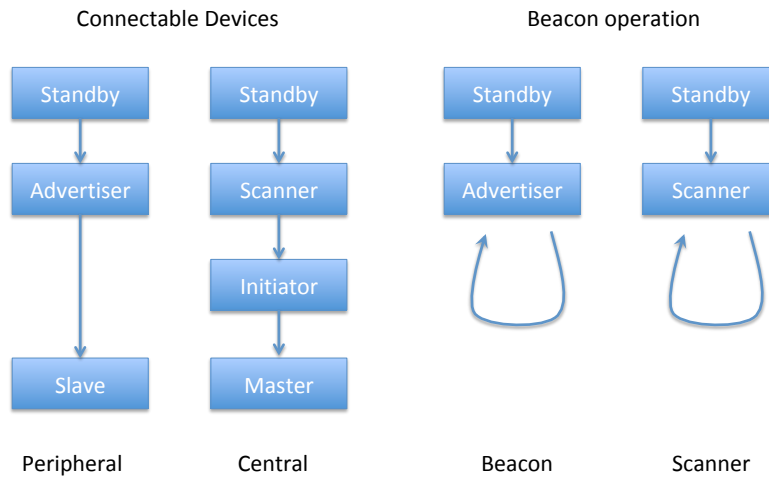
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## Bluetooth low energy operation



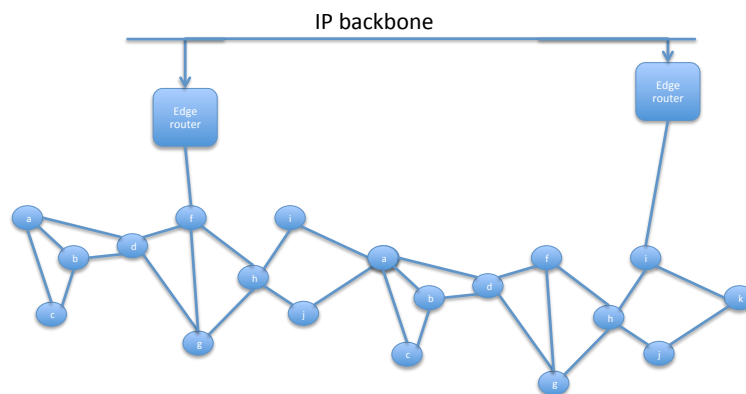
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## Bluetooth mesh 1.0

- Version 1.0 uses advertising and repeaters
- “Flood” network
- Doesn’t require Bluetooth 5



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## Bluetooth 5



- Released at the end of 2016 slowly being adopted
- Long range
  - Up to 4x
  - Tradeoff: lower speed
  - Also higher reliability...
- High speed
  - Same power
  - Tradeoff: reduced range
- Increased advertising capability
  - More broadcast data
  - Advertising on data channels to reduce congestion
  - Chaining
  - Periodic advertising
- Additional coexistence measures
- Features do not all work together!
- All of the above are optional and are negotiated after connection for backwards compatibility



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## Bluetooth examples and demo

- Medical IoT architecture - Personalized Medicine
- Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) product
- Insertable Cardiac Monitoring (ICM) product
- Coconut Manor interaction tracking demo

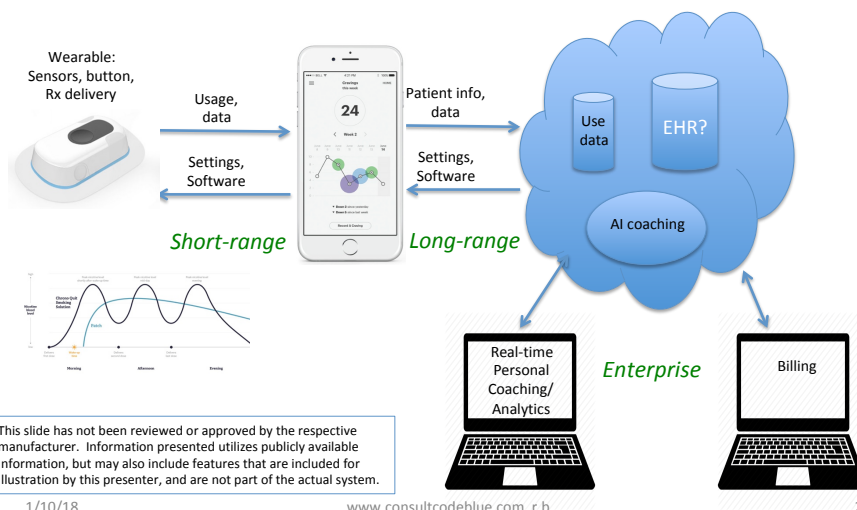
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## Example **system**: Personalized Medicine

Adapted from Chrono Therapeutics smoking cessation solution (investigational)



## Continuous Glucose Monitoring

- Dexcom G5® Mobile CGM System
- Wearable sensor with Bluetooth to phone as a primary display
- Watch as a secondary display
- FDA Approved for iOS (2015) and Android (2017)
- Similar system architecture as previous example



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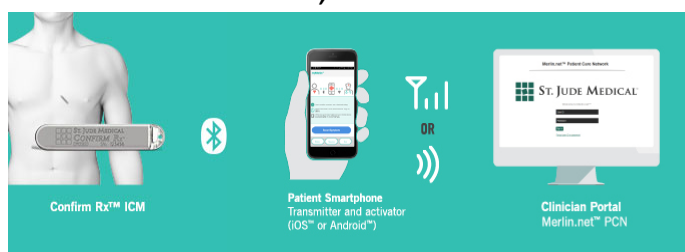
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## Insertable Cardiac Monitor

- Abbott Confirm™ RX ICM
- “The world’s first smartphone-compatible ICM”
- FDA cleared October, 2017



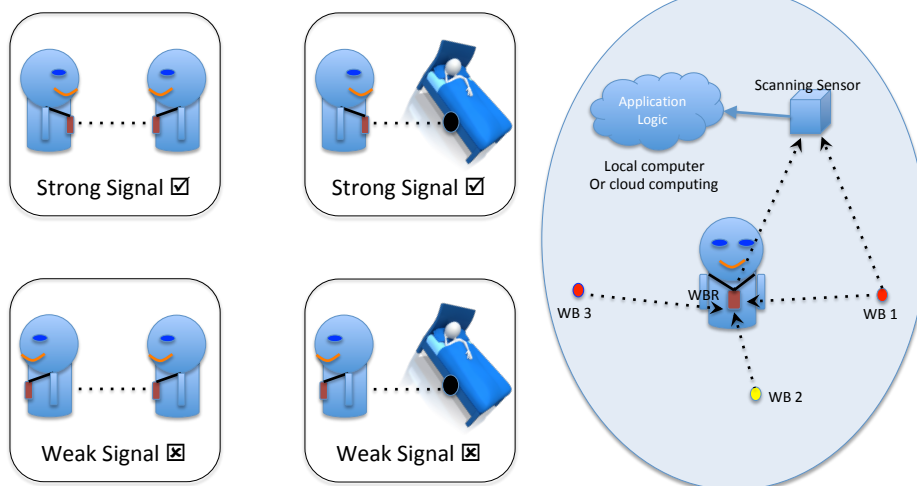
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## Interaction tracking demo

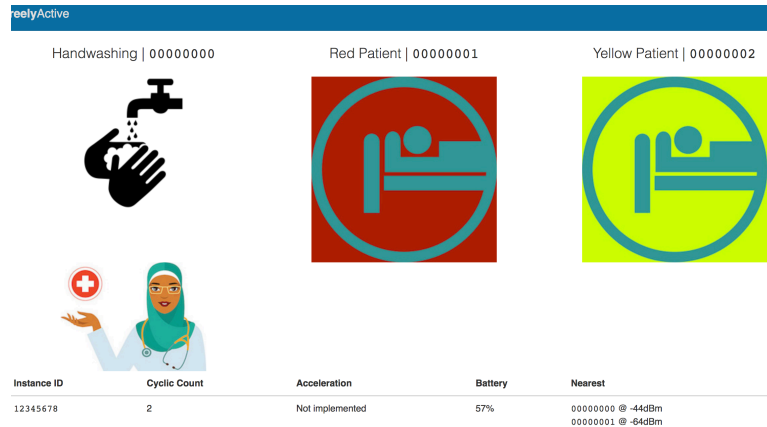


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## Interaction tracking demo screenshot



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## Cybersecurity

- Cybersecurity: measures taken to prevent information theft or alteration of data and damage or alteration to devices or systems

Wana Decrypt0r 2.0

Oops, your files have been encrypted!

What Happened to My Computer?

Can I Recover My Files?

How Do I Pay?

Send \$600 worth of bitcoin to this address:

1M4VW2dixYgKeQepoRbHSQup6NgeEb94

Decrypt

BlueBorne

Muddy Waters Research

MW is Short St. Jude Medical (STJ:US)

Key Reinstallation AttaCK

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## CyberSecurity issues for Medical Devices and networks

- All medical devices are now connected
- Medical Device data
  - Patient information (personal, medical)
    - PHI (Protected Health Information)
  - Measurements and waveform
  - Device & network configuration and provisioning
  - Device settings
  - Firmware upgrade
  - Security certificates
- The attack surface increases as connectivity increases

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## Why do we care?

- Patient lives are at stake, both directly and indirectly!
- HIPAA requirements – medical record portability & privacy
  - Protects you from unauthorized use of your medical information
  - Eg: employer discriminating for a medical condition
- FDA requirements
  - OTS software guidance
  - Premarket submission guidance
  - Postmarket management
- Company reputation and value is at stake
  - St Jude Medical/Muddy Waters
- Attack-of-the-month
  - Ransomware
  - Blueborne
  - Krack
  - Meltdown & Spectre



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## Cybersecurity 'tools'

- Hazard/risk analysis and mitigation approach
  - SYSTEM wide, end-to-end is essential
  - From design inputs through entire process
- Decide what is appropriate risk and mitigation
- Establish trust and security
  - Authentication
  - Encryption
- System policies and recommendations for use

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## Cybersecurity recommendations

- Design for Cybersecurity
- Limit vulnerabilities
  - Limit time and accessibility
    - Pairing
    - Security key exchanges
  - Eliminate unnecessary ports
  - Don't use unnecessary profiles
  - Set and enforce policies
- Limit information
  - Don't exchange unnecessary data
- Don't advertise promiscuously - Bluetooth

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## Regulations, Standards, and Regulators

- Three areas to consider
- Medical regulatory *requirements*
  - US FDA
  - EU Medical Device Regulation (UK?)
  - ...
- Wireless standards bodies
  - Bluetooth SIG – legal *requirement*
  - No IEEE approval (IEEE 802.11)
  - WiFi Alliance – marketplace requirement?
- Radio regulators - *required*
  - FCC – US (SAR for patient-worn devices)
  - IC – Canada
  - EU – ETSI, Radio Equipment Directive (was R&TTE)
  - Japan – MIC
  - And others...



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## What are agencies looking for from Wireless device submissions?

- Safety and efficacy in the intended use environment
- Compare the wired use with the wireless use
  - Interference & Coexistence
    - RF Guidance document
    - AAMI ad-hoc testing based on environment for Intended Use
  - Latency & Throughput
  - Consider degradation again based on environment
- Cybersecurity

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## ... and the 4<sup>th</sup> group: “interoperability”

- Interoperability is a dual-edge sword
  - It may help with marketing, but it may not...
  - It may increase testing complexity
  - It may expose competitive pressures



- AAMI – primarily for in-hospital devices



- Continua Alliance

- Bluetooth SIG profiles



- Bluetooth Transcoding Whitepaper
- Health/medical profiles – use them if you wish
- With Bluetooth low energy you can make your own

- FHIR, HL7, ...

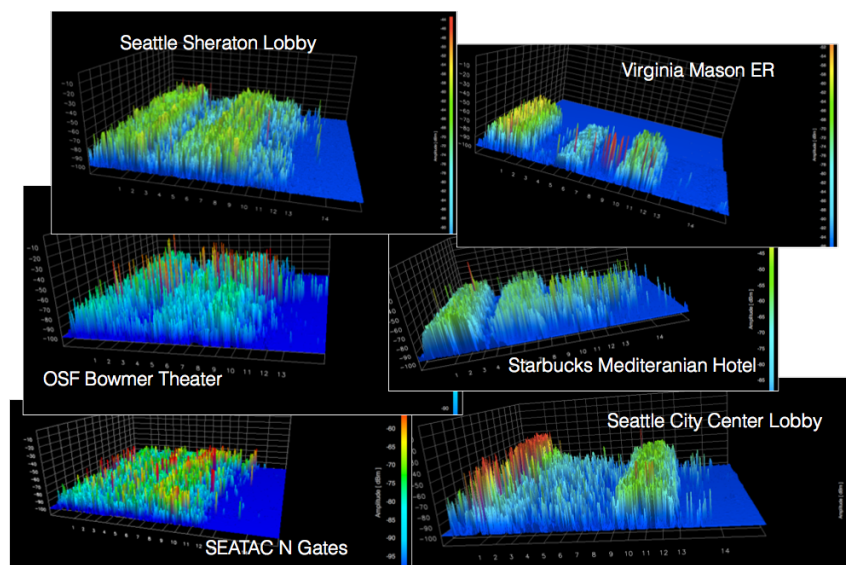


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## Coexistence



## Medical Device wireless trends

- Treatment and monitoring moving out of hospital
- Growth in health & fitness solutions
  - Is it sustainable?
- Internet of Medical: IoM
- Cybersecurity issues surface with increasing regularity and severity
- Changes in regulatory burden
  - For some intended uses
  - Clarification of MDDS paths
  - Admission of what will/won't be enforced
  - Better clarification and path for others

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## FDA guidance updates in 2017

- Software as a Medical Device (SAMD): Clinical Evaluation
- Clinical and Patient Decision Support Software (Draft)
- Changes to Existing Medical Software Policies ... 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act (Draft)
- Design Considerations ... Interoperable Medical Devices
- Medical Device Accessories – Describing Accessories and Classification Pathways...

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## Summary

- Wireless technology enables opportunities in healthcare applications for mobility and new modalities as well as increased data through connectivity
- There are several commercial options for short-range wireless connectivity with technical and practical trade-offs
- Bluetooth is a very useful short-range wireless technology with advantages that depend on the solution being implemented
- All wireless technologies require appropriate focus during design and implementation
- The FDA and non-US agencies are working to keep up with the new modalities and technologies

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## Question & Answer

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## Recommended FDA guidance

- FDA landing page for Digital Health
  - <http://www.fda.gov/medicaldevices/digitalhealth/>
- General Wellness: Policy for Low Risk Devices
  - <https://www.fda.gov/ucm/groups/fdagov-public/@fdagov-meddev-gen/documents/document/ucm429674.pdf>
- Mobile Medical Applications
  - <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/GuidanceDocuments/UCM263366.pdf>
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  - <https://standards.ieee.org/findstds/standard/C63.27-2017.html>

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## Bluetooth SIG

- Transcoding (and other) Whitepapers:
  - <https://www.bluetooth.com/develop-with-bluetooth/white-papers>
- Bluetooth 5 Standard:
  - <https://www.bluetooth.com/specifications/bluetooth-core-specification>

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## Acronyms

(google for definitions/information)

- AFH – Adaptive Frequency Hopping
- BLE – Bluetooth low energy
- BR/EDR – Basic Rate or Enhanced Data Rate (See Bluetooth specifications)
- FHSS – Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum radio transport
- ISM – Industrial, Scientific, and Medical: frequency bands allocated by the FCC
- LAN – Local Area Network: IEEE 802.3
- MBAN – Medical Body Area Network
- MDDS – Medical Device Data System (see Reference section)
- NFC – Near Field Communications
- PHI – Protected Health Information
- SIG – Special Interest Group, in this case the Bluetooth SIG
- WiFi – Wireless Fidelity: IEEE 802.11 specifications
- ZigBee – Wireless standard from the ZigBee Alliance, based on IEEE 802.15.4