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Evolution of Bluetooth 5, 5.1, & 5.2	10a.m., Tuesday, May 26
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802.15.4 Mesh Networking Overview

Zigbee and Thread

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The Benefits of Mesh Networks





Mesh Network



- Extend the range of connections from gateways or mobile devices with multi-hop communication
- Reduce power consumption in a system with shorter transmission distances between devices
- Increase system scale by supporting hundreds of devices in a single subnet
- Improve system reliability with self-healing networks that overcome node failures
- Deliver optimal responsiveness with device to device communication

Silicon Labs Zigbee Leadership

Pioneers in Mesh Networking

Leadership, Deep Experience, Strong Continued Investment

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A Common Platform

	🛞 Bluetooth		移 Bluetooth		🛞 Bluetooth		f fhread	💋 zigbee	FLEX SDK	Proprietary
Application	Customer Application		Customer Application	Customer Application						
	GATT Mesh Models (profiles / services) (e.g. lighting)		Application Layer (e.g. dotdot, CoAP)	Application Profile (e.g. HA1.2, ZLL, dotdot)	Customer Application					
			UDP							
Network / Transport	Bluetooth Bluetooth Me LE Core Core	Bluetooth Mesh Core	IPv6, Mesh Routing	Zigbee Core Stack	Connect Stack	Customer				
			6LoWPAN			Proprietary				
Link	Bluetooth Link Layer		IEEE 802.15.4 MAC	IEEE 802.15.4 MAC	IEEE 802.15.4 like MAC	Stack				
Physical	Bluetooth PHY (2.4 GHz)		Bluetooth PHY (2.4 GHz)		IEEE 802.15.4 PHY (2.4 GHz)	IEEE 802.15.4 PHY (2.4 GHz)	Propriet (2.4 GHz or	ary PHY [·] Sub-GHz)		
Platform	RA	AIL	RAIL	RAIL	RA	IL				
	Common I	Bootloader	Common Bootloader	Common Bootloader	Common B	ootloader				





- Standards-based
- Low power
- Low data rate (250 kbps) for monitoring & control
- 2.4 GHz global ISM band





- Intelligent Mesh Routing
 - Reliable and robust
 - Lower power vs. star topology
 - Efficient use of spectrum
 - Scalable for large networks





- Zigbee Cluster Library
 - 15 years of development and learning
 - 400+ companies (competing mfg.)
 - 1,000 page specification
 - 100+ clusters and device types
 Cluster = functional building blocks (e.g. level control)
 Device types = shade controller, on/off/dim light, t-stat



Zigbee Overview



Zigbee 3.0

- Unification of Zigbee profiles (except Smart Energy and RF4CE)
- Enhanced networking and security
- Backwards compatible
- Mandated since May 2017
- Zigbee Smart Energy 1.4



Zigbee PRO & Zigbee Green Power

Zigbee Green Power uses the same lower layers, with compressed messages (20% of Zigbee PRO energy)

Low power mesh technology built on 802.15.4 MAC/PHY



Zigbee Software Flash Memory Requirements Evolution



None

² Assumes same target device, same toolchain and similar Zigbee application

³ Some features may be optional based on Zigbee Alliance decisions during R23 specification development

Zigbee 3.0 (EmberZNet) SDK

- Dynamic Multiprotocol Zigbee and Bluetooth
 - Develop devices that work simultaneously over BLE and Zigbee
 - Fully integrated GATT configurator
- Zigbee Green Power (GPD, Sink, GPPB)
 - Proxy functionality required for Zigbee 3.0
 - Expand energy savings of Zigbee Pro by 5x
- Works With All Hubs
 - Easily integrate into Amazon ecosystem
 - Test harness provided by Silicon Labs running on EFR32

- Friends of Hue
 - Easily integrate into Philips Hue ecosystem
 - Sample applications for battery powered switches
- Low Power Support
 - EM2 to support long-lasting battery powered sensors
- Wi-Fi Coexistence
 - Managed coexistence with PTA interface
 - Un-managed coexistence with great blocking performance
- Upcoming Zigbee R23
 - Improved security and commissioning
 - Routing improvements





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Multiprotocol Definitions

Туре	Definition
Programmable	Device programmed with either Protocol A or Protocol B in manufacturing
Switched	Application switches between Protocol A and Protocol B via bootloader
Dynamic	Application runs simultaneously (time-sliced) Protocol A and Protocol B
Concurrent	Application runs both Zigbee and Thread in a single radio (on same RF channel)
Multiradio	Application runs multiple protocols with multiple radios at the same time (no time-slicing)

Switched Multiprotocol (SMP)

- Use Case 1: Bluetooth Commissioning
 - Initially configured as Bluetooth
 - Use phone to commission Protocol B
 - Switch to Protocol B via bootloader
- Use Case 2: Protocol Migration
 - Deploy with Protocol A
 - Switch to Protocol B in future





Dynamic Multiprotocol (DMP)

- Time-sliced operation between2 stacks running on Micrium RTOS
- Enables direct phone connectivity for local control and diagnostics
- Maintains critical Bluetooth connection interval timing

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or

Sleep mode support for low power

Reconfigure Radio



Network Analyzer

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	0001/00804.97	Frame type: Data frame (0)
	000.80	Destination address: 0xFFFF
	"*kust"	Source address: 0x0000
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	1 1.278362 0.001 Sensor/Sink: Advertise 0000 FFFF 1 Missing p	Sensor Sink Command Id. Advertise (0x01)
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		FF 00 00 00 FF FF 00 00
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	Zero or more of the previous type Sincrist a Network up form 0x00	
	counter (uint8_t> - sink>TX: Advertise to 0xFFF	FF: 0x00

- Network-wide view of all packet activity
 - Correlates network traffic into events
 - Custom decoding and filtering options
 - Log files accelerate Silicon Labs support
- Uses unique Packet Trace Port feature
 - 2-wire interface
 - Outputs every packet TX/RX with link quality
 - Can be used to output application debug statements



Advanced system-wide network debug and support

Network Analyzer

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- Adapters
- Map
- Transactions
- Events
- Event Details
- Hex Dump
- Filters
- Tools



Differences between using PTI and Sniffer

- Advantages when capture packet trace using PTI directly
 - EZSP trace (super important to debug host/NCP issues)
 - API trace and debug prints(enable the debug extended library plugin)
 - Dropped/corrupted packets (could provide useful hints in debugging certain tricky problems)
 - Know what the radio sends/receives without extra work
 - Can capture from multiple nodes simultaneously

2.410207	Packet	Data Request
2.410763	Packet	802.15.4 Ack
2.411828	UART	slept for 955 ms
0.444065	LIADT	

0.212627	Packet	ZCL: Toggle
0.214563	Packet	802.15.4 Ack
0.220005	APITrace	Message sent
0.220023	APITrace	Stack power down
1.215000	APITrace	Stack power up



Mesh SoC Portfolio Highlights



	Series 1 – MG12	Series 2 – MG21	Series 2 – MG22
Target applications	Mesh Routers and End Devices	Mesh Routers and End Devices	Zigbee End Devices only
Availability	Now	Now	Now
Zigbee features	Zigbee 3.0, Green Power, Concurrent Zigbee/Thread Multiprotocol (Zigbee/BLE)	Zigbee 3.0, Green Power, Concurrent Zigbee/Thread, Multiprotocol (Zigbee/BLE)	Zigbee 3.0 (SoC only), Green Power Green Power Device
Proprietary 2.4G	2/4(G)FSK, OQPSK/(G)MSK, DSSS, BPSK/DBPSK TX, OOK/ASK	N/A	2/4(G)FSK, (G)MSK, OQPSK, DSSS
TX / RX (802.15.4)	+19 dBm / -102.7 dBm	+20 dBm / -104.5 dBm	+6 dBm / -102.3 dBm
TX Current	9.5 mA (@ 0 dBm)	9.3 mA (@ 0 dBm)	4.1 mA (@ 0 dBm), 8.2 mA (@+6 dBm)
RX Current (802.15.4)	11.9 mA	9.4 mA	3.9 mA
CPU / Clock Speed	Cortex M4 (38.4 MHz)	Cortex M33 (80Mhz)	Cortex M33 (76.8MHz), Cortex M0+ for radio
Flash (kB)	1024	Up to 1024	Up to 512
RAM (kB)	256	Up to 96	32
Sleep Current (EM2)	1.5µA (16kB RAM)	4.5 μA (96 RAM)	1.4 μA (32kB RAM)
Active Current (EM0)	70 μA/MHz	51 μA/MHz	26 μA/MHz
Security	2x AES-128/256, ECC, SHA-1/224/256, TRNG	AES-128/256, SHA-1/2, ECC, ECDSA and TRNG DPA countermeasures Secure boot with RTSL Secure OTA and secure debug unlock + Secure Enclave (BG21B)	AES-128/256, SHA-1/2 ECC, ECDSA and TRNG Secure boot with RTLS Secure OTA and secure debug unlock
Operating Voltage	1.8V - 3.6V	1.71V – 3.8V	1.71V - 3.8V
Packages (mm)	7x7 QFN48	4x4 QFN32 (20x GPIO)	5x5 QFN40 (26x GPIO) 4x4 QFN32 / TQFN32 (18x GPIO)

Mesh Module Portfolio

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	MGM12P	MGM13P	MGM13S	MGM210P	MGM210L
Protocols	ProtocolsBluetooth 5.0 & meshBluetooth 5.1 & meshZigbee or ThreadZigbee or Thread		Bluetooth 5.1 & mesh Zigbee or Thread	Bluetooth 5.1 & mesh Zigbee or Thread	Bluetooth 5.1 & mesh Zigbee or Thread
Status	Production	Production	Production	Production	Production
EFR32 SoC	xG12	xG13	xG13	xG21	xG21
Antenna	Chip or U.FL	Chip or U.FL	Chip or RF pin	Chip or RF pin	PCB trace antenna
Max TX power	+8 / +19 dBm	+8 / +19 dBm	+8 / +18 dBm	+10 / +20 dBm	+12.5 dBm
(250 kbps O-QPSK)	-95 dBm	-95 dBm	-94 dBm	-104.5 dBm	-104.5 dBm
TX (125 kbps GFSK)	N/A	-103.2 dBm	-102.1 dBm	-105 dBm	-105 dBm
(1Mbps GFSK)	-95 dBm	-95 dBm	-94 dBm	-97 dBm	-97 dBm
Flash / RAM	512 / 64 kB	512 / 64 kB	512 / 64 kB	1024 / 96 kB	1024 / 96 kB
GPIO	25	25	30	20	12
Operating Voltage	1.8 to 3.6 V	1.8 to 3.6 V	1.8 to 3.6 V	1.71 to 3.8 V	1.8 to 3.8 V
Operating Temperature	-40°C to +85°C	-40°C to +85°C	-40°C to +85°C	-40°C to +125°C	-40°C to +125°C
Dimensions W x L x H (mm)	12.9 x 15 x 2.2	12.9 x 15 x 2.2	6.5 x 6.5 x 1.4	12.9 x 15 x 2.2	15.5 x 22.5 x 2.3
Certifications	BT, CE, FCC, ISED, Japan, S-Korea and TaiwanJ	BT, CE, FCC, ISED, apan, S-Korea and Taiwan	BT, CE, FCC, ISED, Japan & S-Korea	BT, CE, FCC, ISED, Japan & S-Korea	BT, CE, FCC, ISED, Japan & S-Korea
Other	Options with LNA available	Pin compatible with xGM111	World Smallest IoT Solution	No LF XTAL	No LF XTAL

Thread Overview



- IPv6-based, low-power, secure mesh networking protocol
- Built for the IoT smart home, commercial buildings
- Intended for control and automation (250 kbps)
- Scalable to 250+ nodes per subnet
- Runs on existing 802.15.4 wireless SoCs

Thread can support many popular application layer protocols



OpenThread Overview

OPENTHREAD released by Google

- OpenThread is an open-source implementation of the Thread networking protocol
- Thread 1.1 certification on EFR32 running OpenThread
- OpenThread GitHub example drivers
 - EFR32MG12
 - EFR32MG13
 - EFR32MG21
- Support for OpenThread Border Router
 - Raspberry Pi host
 - EFR32 NCP



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Company:

Model:

Thread Interoperability Certificate This certificate lists the features that have passed Thread specification compliance and interoperability testing. See http://threadgroup.org/technology/ourtechnology for more details



OpenThread SDK

OPENTHREAD released by Google

- Dynamic Multi-Protocol Thread and Bluetooth
 - Develop devices that work simultaneously over BLE and Thread
- OpenWeave Door Lock Sample App
 - Control via Thread and BLE
 - Easily integrate into Google ecosystem
- NCP Support
 - Develop a border router application using a Raspberry Pi
 - Works with the Thread commissioning app

- Development Tools
 - Network Analyzer
 - Large Network Testing
- Certification
 - Thread 1.1 certification on EFR32 running OpenThread
- Wi-Fi Coexistence (Roadmap)
 - Managed coexistence with PTA interface
 - Un-managed coexistence with great blocking performance





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SoC Selection Guidelines for Zigbee 3.x (R23) Specification 2020+

		OTA Image Storage	512kB Flash	768kB Flash	1MB Flash
Customer Use Case	Software Mode		EFR32MG13/21	EFR32MG21	EFR32MG12/21
Gateways, Touchscreens, Door Locks w/ Host Processor	Single Protocol NCP Mode	External Flash	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Lights, Sensors, Door Locks, Actuators, Smart Outlets, Switch/Dimmers, Thermostats	Single Protocol End Devices and Routers Dynamic Multi-protocol w/ BLE SoC Mode	External Flash	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
		Internal Flash	\checkmark^1	\checkmark	\checkmark
		External Flash	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
		Internal Flash			\checkmark

EFR32MG1/14 and EM35xx devices are **Not recommended for new Zigbee designs targeting R23** ¹ Depending on the combination of protocol optional features, it **may require** external flash for OTA

Flash estimations include: 50kB for Zigbee R23 code size growth, 16kB for bootloader, 15-36kB for CLI, 36kB for SimEEv2/NVM3, LZMA compression for OTA Consult Silicon Labs wireless support team or FAEs before making final architecture decisions.

SoC Selection Guidelines for OpenThread Ecosystems

	Software Mode	OTA Image Storage	EFR32MG1/14	EFR32MG22	EFR32MG13	EFR32MG21	EFR32MG12
Customer Use Case			256kB Flash	512kB Flash	512kB Flash	768kB/1MB Flash	1MB Flash
			32kB RAM	32kB RAM	64kB RAM	96kB RAM	256kB RAM
Gateways	Single Protocol RCP Mode ⁶	External Flash	? 1	? ²	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
	Single Protocol NCP Mode	External Flash			\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
HomeKit/ OpenWeave Devices	Dynamic Multi-Protocol w/ BLE SoC Mode	External Flash			Future⁵	? ³	\checkmark
		Internal Flash					Future⁵

EFR32 MG12 is the recommended device today for HomeKit and OpenWeave SOCs due to the large Flash/RAM requirements

EM35xx devices are not supported

¹MG1/14 are NRND and not supported

²MG22 support is not currently planned

³Little to no overhead in RAM

⁴Only MG12 and MG21 are certified today

⁵SoC support on 512kB parts is a goal but there are huge flash and RAM concerns today

⁶RCP mode should work but is still being validated

Consult Silicon Labs wireless support team or FAEs before making final architecture decisions.

What Is Coexistence?

- Different technologies share the same band
 - Thread, Zigbee, Bluetooth, and Wi-Fi share 2.4 GHz
- Signals from one radio interfere with another
 - Look like unwanted noise to the other radios
- Interference can negatively impact RF performance
 - Increase retries
 - Results in increased latency and reduced bandwidth
 - Negatively effects battery life
 - May result in message failures
 - Desired signal is weaker than the noise



Managed Wi-Fi Co-Existence

- Managed co-existence solutions for Zigbee/Thread/Bluetooth and Wi-Fi
- Based on IEEE 802.15.2 Packet Traffic Arbitration (PTA)
- Supports Network Co-Processor (NCP) architecture for gateway applications
- Flexible interface
 - 1- to 4-wire implementations
 - Configurable pin selections, active high/low, timing, etc.
- Performance tested with leading Wi-Fi chipsets
- See <u>AN1017</u> app note for more details



Mesh Networking Technology Comparison

	Bluetooth Mesh	Thread	Zigbee	
Market Focus	Lighting and Home Automation	Commercial/Industrial	Lighting, Home Automation, Metering	
Application Layer	Native Mesh Model	IP based Application Layers (e.g. Dotdot, OCF, Weave)	Comprehensive Zigbee Cluster Library (ZCL)	
IPv6	No	Yes	No	
Cloud Connectivity	Smartphone (temporary) Gateway	Border Router Gateway	Gateway	
Ecosystems	None	Nest	Amazon, Phillips Hue, IKEA, Samsung SmartThings, Comcast, Deutsch Telekom, and others	
Routing	Managed flooding	Full Routing	Full Routing	
Additional Notes	Beaconing, Direct phone connectivity	_	Most mature	

	Mesh Protocols							
Protocol	G WAVE	🖉 zigbee	Bluetooth Mesh	ੀHREAD	Bluetooth Low-Energy	O Proprietary	Wift	
Existing Ecosystem	Broad	Broad	Limited	Limited	Broad	No	Broad	
Interoperability	Full, Cross-Brand, Backward Compatible	By Application and Profile	Full, Cross-Brand, Backward Compatible	Defined by Application Layer	Full, Cross-Brand	WA	Partial, not all features	
Mature Smart Home Application Layer Command Class	Yés	Yés	Yés	No	No	No	No	
Topology	Mesh Routing	Mesh Routing	Mesh Managed flooding	Mesh with Border Routers	Point to Point	Point to Point	Star	
Band	Sub-GHz	2.4 GHz	2.4 GHz	2.4 GHz	2.4 GHz	142-1050 MHz + 2.4 GHz dual-band	2.4GHz	
IPv6	Yes/Z/IP	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Battery-Friendly Energy Draw	Yés	Yés	Yés	Yés	Yés	By Application	Yes	
Direct Node-to-Node Range (Indoor)*	50 -60 meters	40 -50 meters	30 -40 meters	40 -50 meters	20-30 meters	By Application	50 meters	
Maximum Number of Nodes Per Network**	100 veri fi ed, 232 theoretical	250 veri fi ed, 65,536 theoretical	1,000 veri f ied, 32,767 theoretical	300 veri fi ed, >65,536 theoretical	7	By Application	250 theoretical	
Automated Setup	Yes, SmartStart	Yes, proprietary implementation	Yés	No	No	No	Proprietary only	
Silicon Labs Products	EFR32ZG/ZGM	EFR32MG/MGM	EFR32BG/BGM	EFR32MG/MGM	EFR32BG/BGM	EFR32FG	WF200, WFM200S,	a Laka

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