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Bluetooth RF Fundamentals

Orientation

- Some History
- iBeacon & security
- Scan Rates & Duty Cycles
- W-EID
- Background Scanning
- Signal Physics
 - Signal Strength, Shape, Measurement, Fluctuation & Attenuation
 - Link Budget
 - Materials
 - Orientation





The Mother of Bluetooth

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

2,292,387

SECRET COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

Hedy Kiesler Markey, Los Angeles, and George Antheli, Manhattan Beach, Calif.

Application June 10, 1941, Serial No. 397,412

6 Claims. (Cl. 250—2)

This invention relates broadly to secret communication systems involving the use of carrier waves of different frequencies, and is especially useful in the remote control of dirigible craft, such as torpedoes.

An object of the invention is to provide a method of secret communication which is relatively simple and reliable in operation, but at the same time is difficult to discover or decipher.

Briefly, our system as adapted for radio control of a remote craft, employs a pair of synchronous records, one at the transmitting station and one at the receiving station, which change the tuning of the transmitting and receiving apparatus from time to time, so that without knowledge of the records an enemy would be unable to determine at what frequency a controlling impulse would be sent. Furthermore, we contemplate employing records of the type used for many years in player pianos, and which consist of long rolls of paper having perforations variously positioned in a plurality of longitudinal rows along the records. In a conventional player piano record there may be 88 rows of perforations, and in our system such a record would permit the use of 88 different carrier frequencies, from one to another of which both the transmitting and receiving station would be changed at intervals. Furthermore, records of the type described can be made of substantial length and may be driven slow or fast. This makes it possible for a pair of records, one at the transmitting station and one at the receiving station, to run for a length of time ample for the remote control of a device such as a torpedo.

The two records may be synchronized by driv-

Fig. 2 is a schematic diagram of the apparatus at a receiving station;

Fig. 3 is a schematic diagram illustrating starting circuit for starting the motors at transmitting and receiving stations simultaneously;

Fig. 4 is a plan view of a section of a record strip that may be employed;

Fig. 5 is a detail cross section through a record-responsive switching mechanism employed in the invention;

Fig. 6 is a sectional view at right angles to view of Fig. 5 and taken substantially in plane VI—VI of Fig. 5, but showing the record strip in a different longitudinal position; and

Fig. 7 is a diagram in plan illustrating how the course of a torpedo may be changed in accordance with the invention.

Referring first to Fig. 7, there is disclosed mother ship 10 which at the beginning of operations occupies the position 10a and at the end of the operations occupies the position 10b. The mother ship discharges a torpedo 11 that travels successively along different paths 12, 13, 14, and 16 to strike an enemy ship 17, which initially occupies the position 17a but which has moved into the position 17b at the time it is struck by the torpedo 11. According to its original course the enemy ship 17 would have reached the position 17c, but it changed its course following the firing of the torpedo, in an attempt to evade the torpedo.

In accordance with the present invention, the torpedo 11 can be steered from the mother ship 10a and its course changed from time to time as necessary to cause it to strike its target.

Hedy Lamarr's
Patent for
Frequency-
hopping spread
spectrum

History

- Started in 1997
 - Intended for short-range PC-peripheral communication,
 - Pioneered by Ericsson
- Named after medieval King of Denmark
 - Harald Bluetooth
- First 1.0 specification (BR, 1999),
 - Gets traction in audio wireless application
- Nokia releases Wibree in October 2006
 - Foundation of 4.0 (Low Power, LE PHY)
- Bluetooth Smart formally adopted into the Bluetooth v4.0 core specification in June 2010
- iPhone 4S first Bluetooth Smart Ready device October 2011



Apple's iBeacon Standard

- OEM Specific Profile
- Licensed under MFI
- 1.0 Launched in 2013
- Triggers for Apps
- ...



iBeacon is in the clear

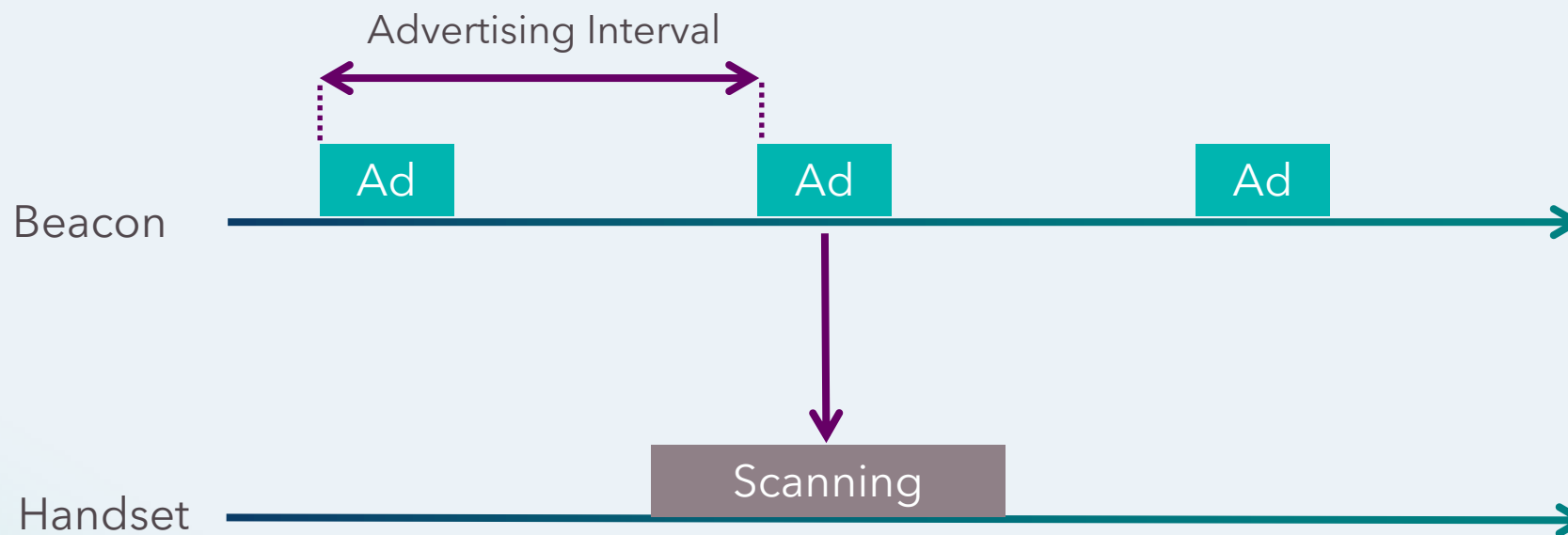
- Data is unencrypted
- Prone to Spoofing
 - IDs can be replayed
- Privacy Issues – Unauthorized Tracking



Transmit and Receive Duty Cycle



Advertising versus Scanning Interval



Duty Cycle Examples

Beacon Types - Transmission

- iBeacon 600/min (a minute)
- Wiliot Battery Assisted Pixel Tag 15/min
- Wiliot (Battery Free) Pixel
 - 120 /min - when Energy source is Close
 - 1/min - when energy source is close

Bluetooth Scan Rate - Pacing Reception

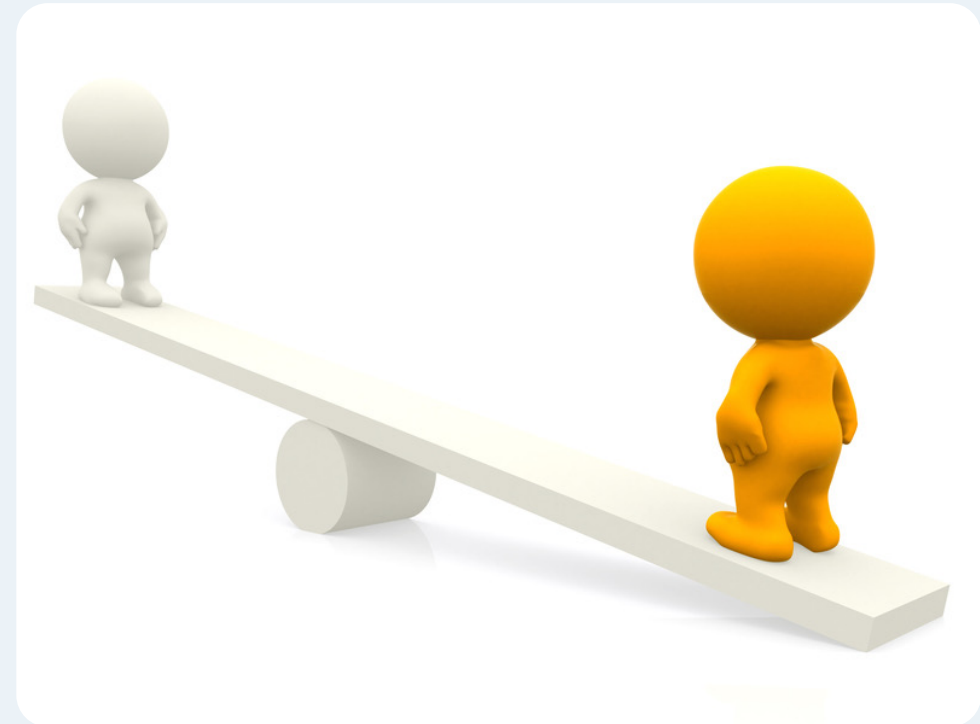
- Phone OS scan rate +
- Wiliot App - 10 seconds
- Works with Wiliot Bridge
 - Duty Cycle 5 ms TX + 10 ms RX
 - Pacing - Upload to cloud every 60 seconds
 - Adjustable via Wiliot Cloud
 - For earlier hardware - Nordic nRF Connect app / Energous App

Cloud Sample Rate

- Will be configurable / priced based on frequency

Role of the Mobile OS

- Support of Bluetooth Hardware
- Balance
 - Battery use with responsiveness
 - RSSI fidelity with smoothing
 - Privacy management with opportunity
 - Scheduling and exhuming background and killed processes with resources
 - Notifications with user experience

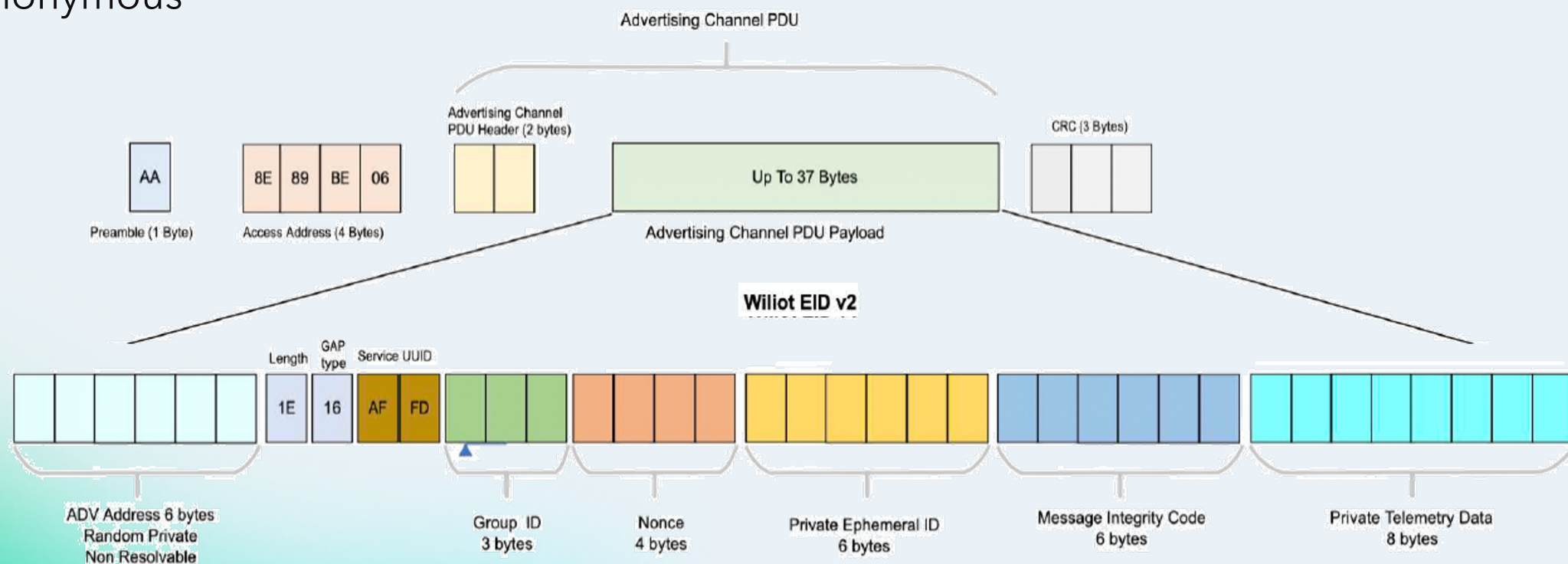


Bringing apps back from the dead



Wiliot Ephemeral ID Format

- Transport Identity and Sensor (Telemetry) data
- Encryption and authentication
- Anonymous



Harvesting and Applications

- **RF Scavenging**

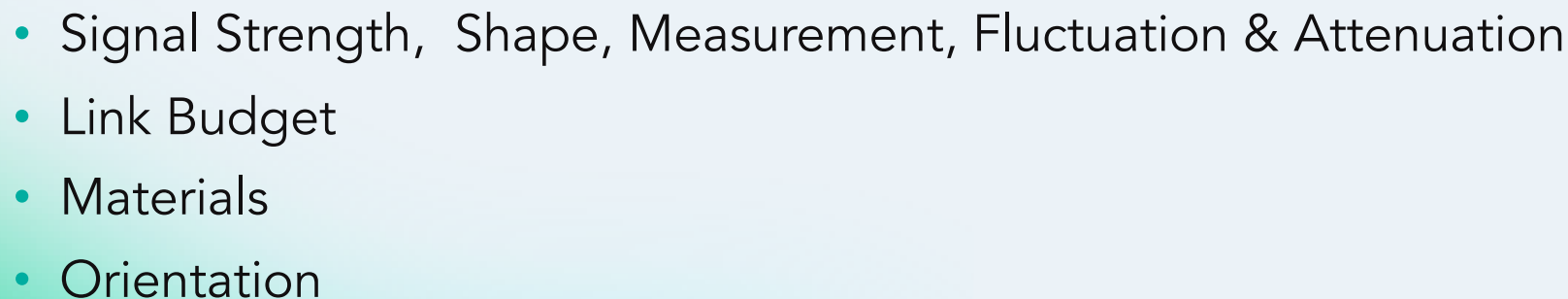
- Opportunistically recycling the RF ambient energy (cellular, Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, TV/FM radio)
- Intermittent signal not generated on purpose from devices
- Weak and persistent signals from broadcast towers (future)
- Can't guarantee latency – stochastic application

- **RF Energy Transfer**

- Energy source deterministic in terms of power levels and time
- Needs intentional radiators (e.g. gateways)
- Easier to predict latency – deterministic application

- **Wiliot technology can work with both scavenging and energy transfer**

- Choice is determined by application requirements
- Need to consider system architecture requirements



RSSI

Power of the radio signal

- RSSI = Received Signal Strength Indicator
- An abbreviation for the power ratio decibels (dB) of the measured power referenced to one milliwatt (mW).
- 0 dBm corresponds to a power of 1 mW



Signal Strength:
Excellent

> -50 dBm



Signal Strength:
Good

-50 to -60 dBm



Signal Strength:
Fair

-60 to -70 dBm



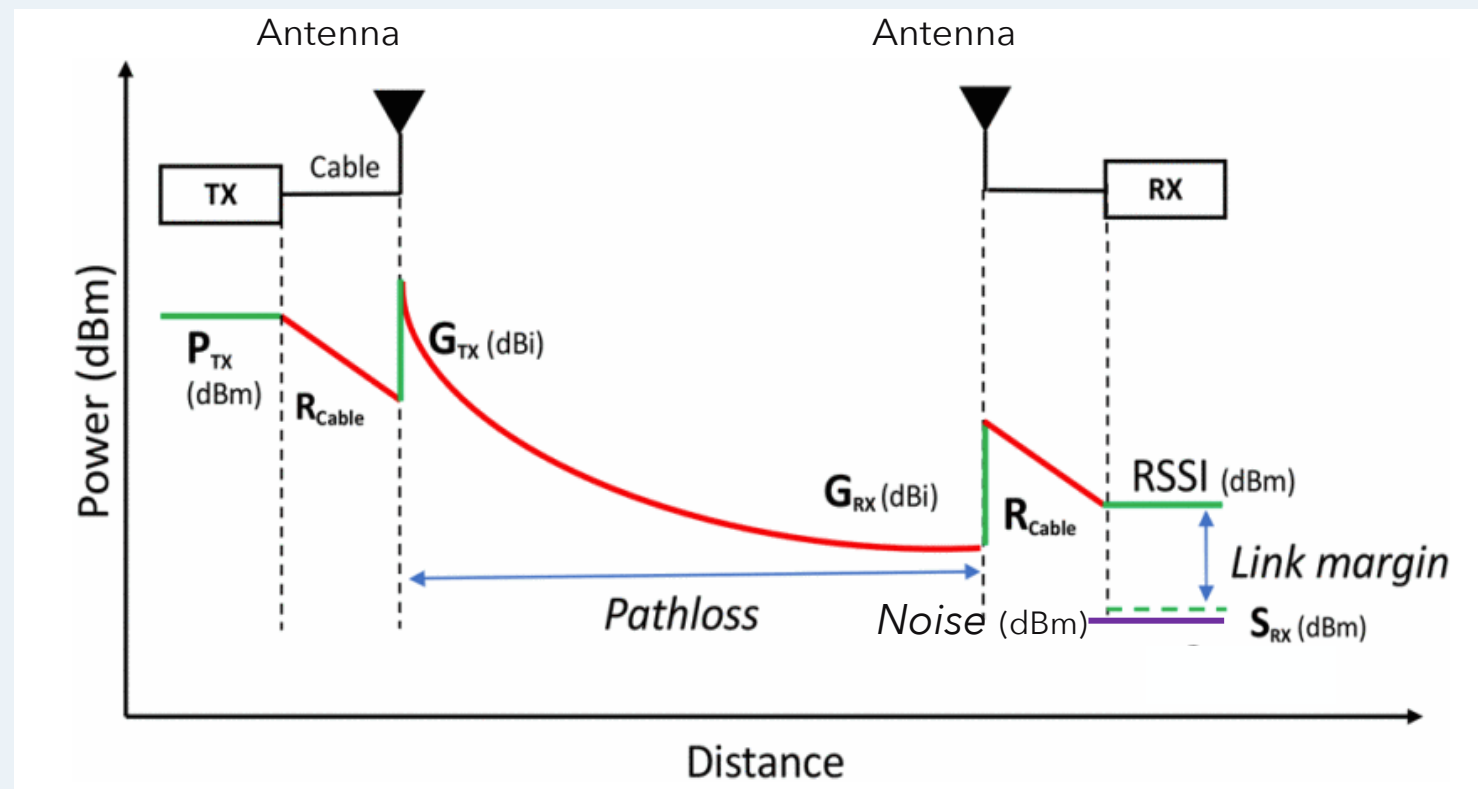
Signal Strength:
Poor

< -70 dBm

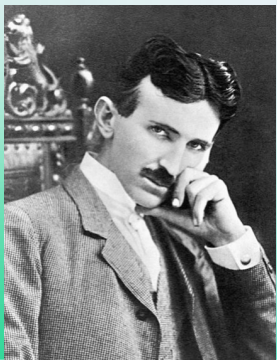
Radio Communication Crash Course

The Radio Link Budget

- The link budget is the total of all power gains and losses in the telecommunications system from the sender ("Tx") through free air space to the receiver ("Rx")
- The lowest power level at which the receiver can still receive or demodulate is known as receiver sensitivity S_{Rx} .
- dBm are units for power level

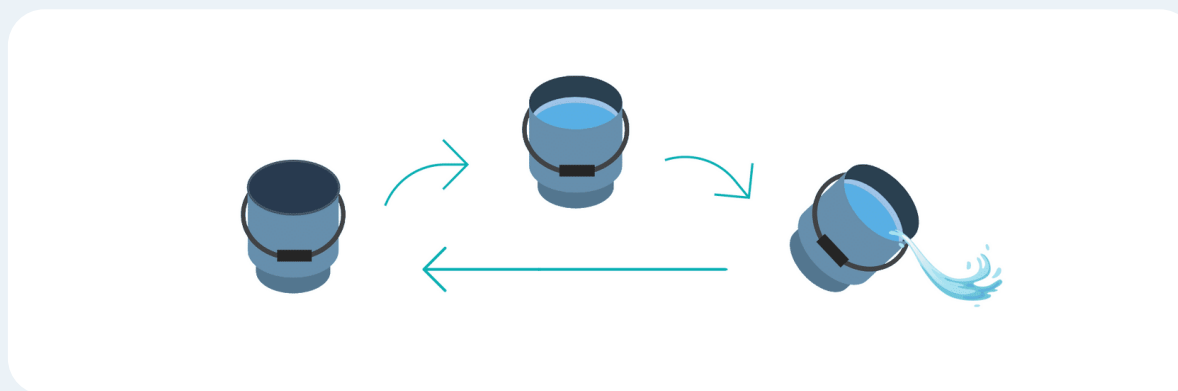


Misbahuddin, L. "Compromise of 915 MHz LoRa Transmission Parameters in A Single-hop Uplink," COSITE), 2021



The Harvesting Duty Cycle

- Wiliot Battery Free Tags Broadcast once they have harvested enough energy
- ... to boot-up, calibrate the radios, compute, sense, encrypt and transmit



- The more energy, the faster this cycle continues
- Energy is driven by:
 - strength of the transmitter, antenna gain/efficiency
 - distance, energy transmission duty cycle, frequency of the signal, environment
 - correct calibration of the radio/materials the tag is on

Signal Shape

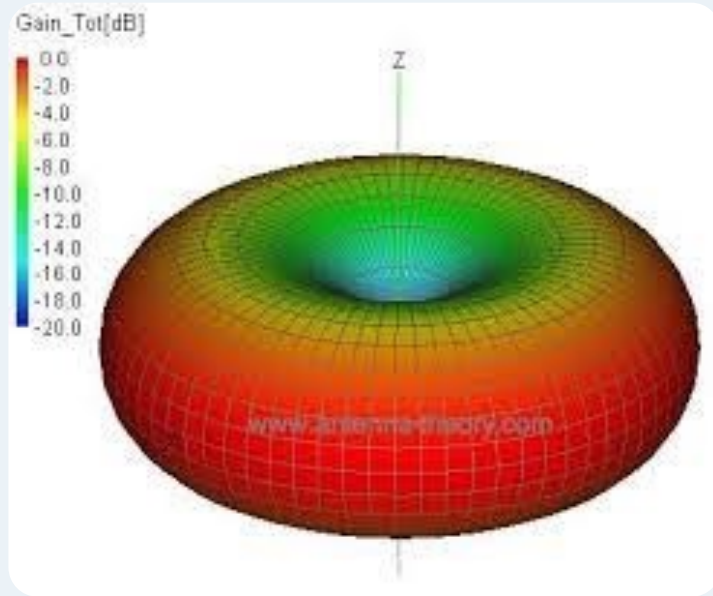


Omni-Directional

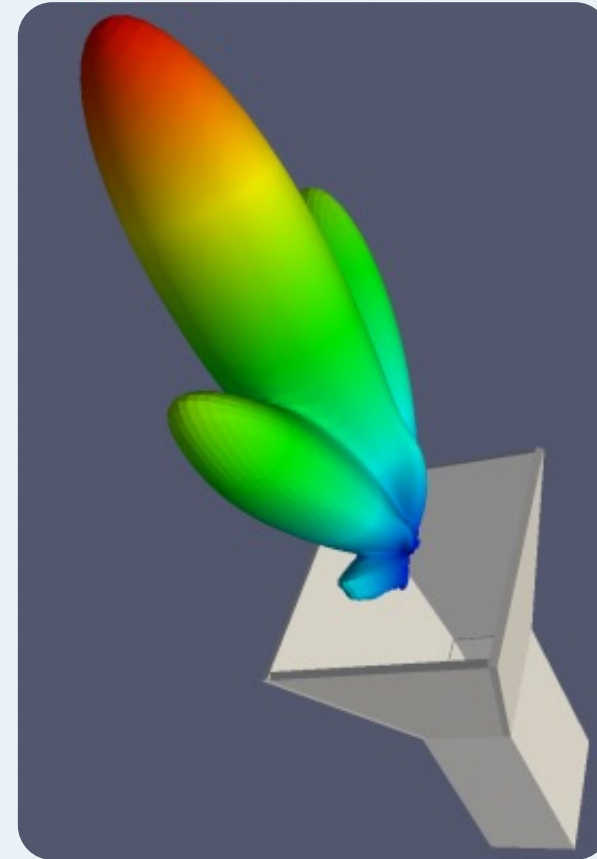


Directional

Signal Shape



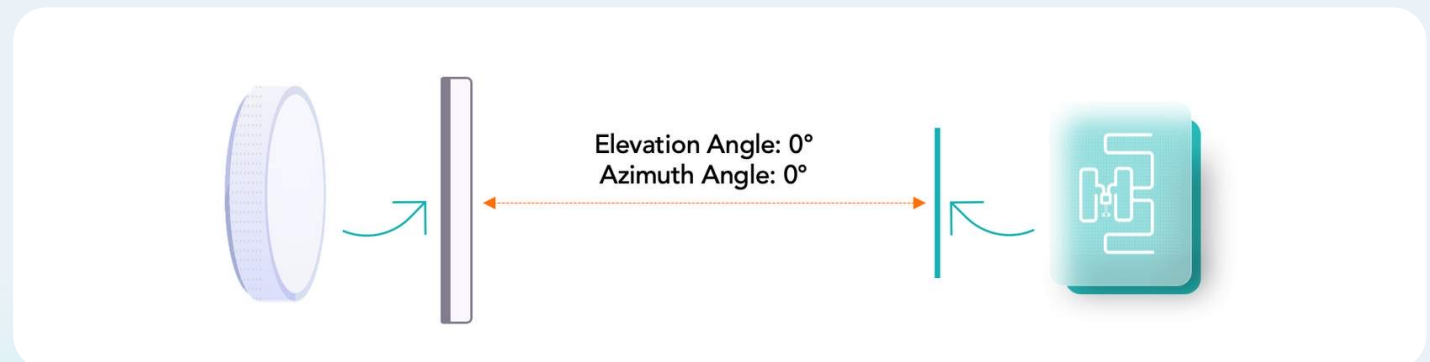
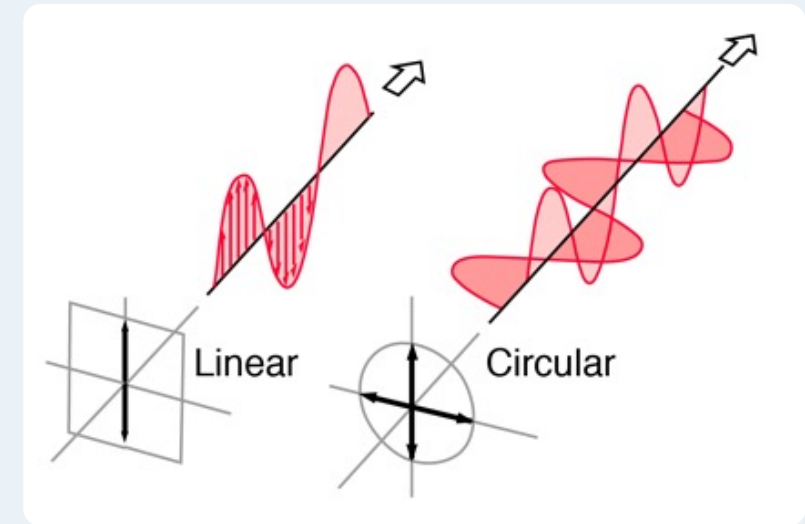
Omnidirectional
Antenna Gain pattern



Directional antenna
gain pattern

Orientation Matters

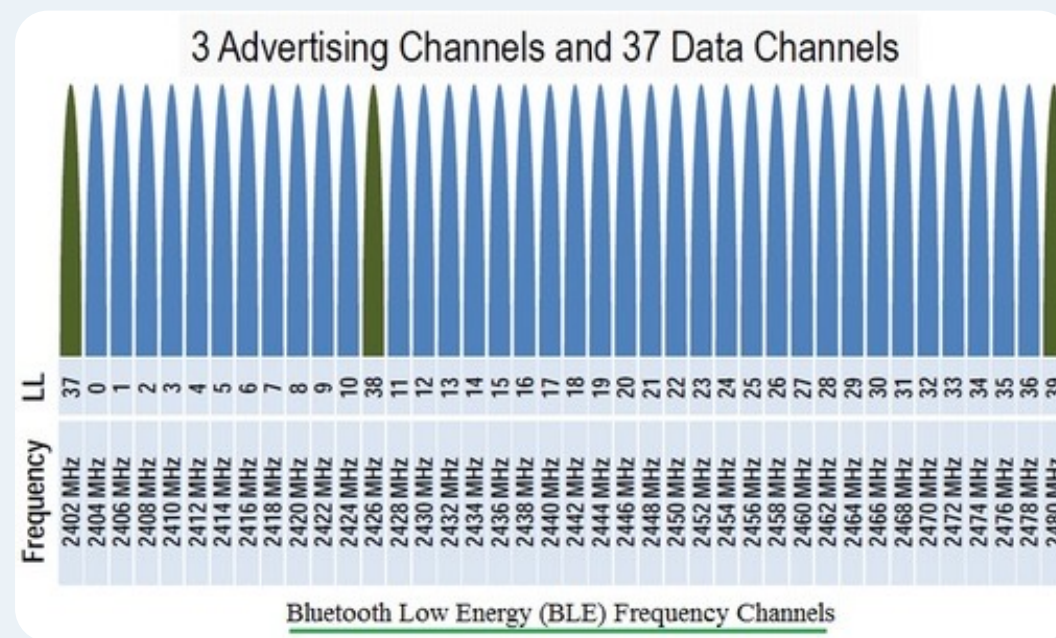
- RF Energy harvesting is impacted by the antenna of the energy source and the antenna of the harvester/tag
- Bridge antenna polarization
 - Linear travels further
 - Circular – tags and readers can be at different heights
- Angle of Elevation (Up & Down) & Azimuth Angle (Left & Right)



Noise Matters

If there is a lot of conflicting RF Signals

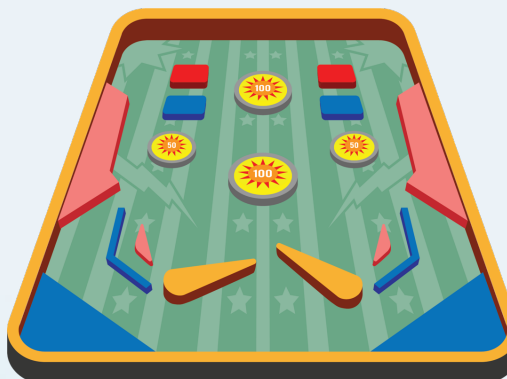
- Weak tag signals can be drowned out by strong ones
- Battery-free calibration can be confused
- Wi-Fi & Bluetooth broadcast on 2.4GHz ISM Band
- Energizing coexists on advertising channels with single band bridges and can be configured to coexist or not on dual band bridges



Obstacles Matter



- Metal Surfaces reflect
- Wavelength / frequency changes behavior – 2.4 MHz tends to bounce more
- Metal can block
- Or it can reflect so that the signal gets to the right place – Useful in storage cabinets, refrigerators, shipping containers



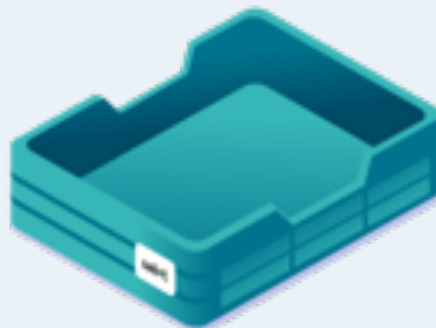
Obstacles Matter



- Some surfaces absorb radio signals more than others: foam, certain paint
- Wood can be an absorber



Surfaces Matter



- Glass
- Metal
- People, Animals, Birds
- Fabric
- Wood
- Liquids



Default SKU
In Kits

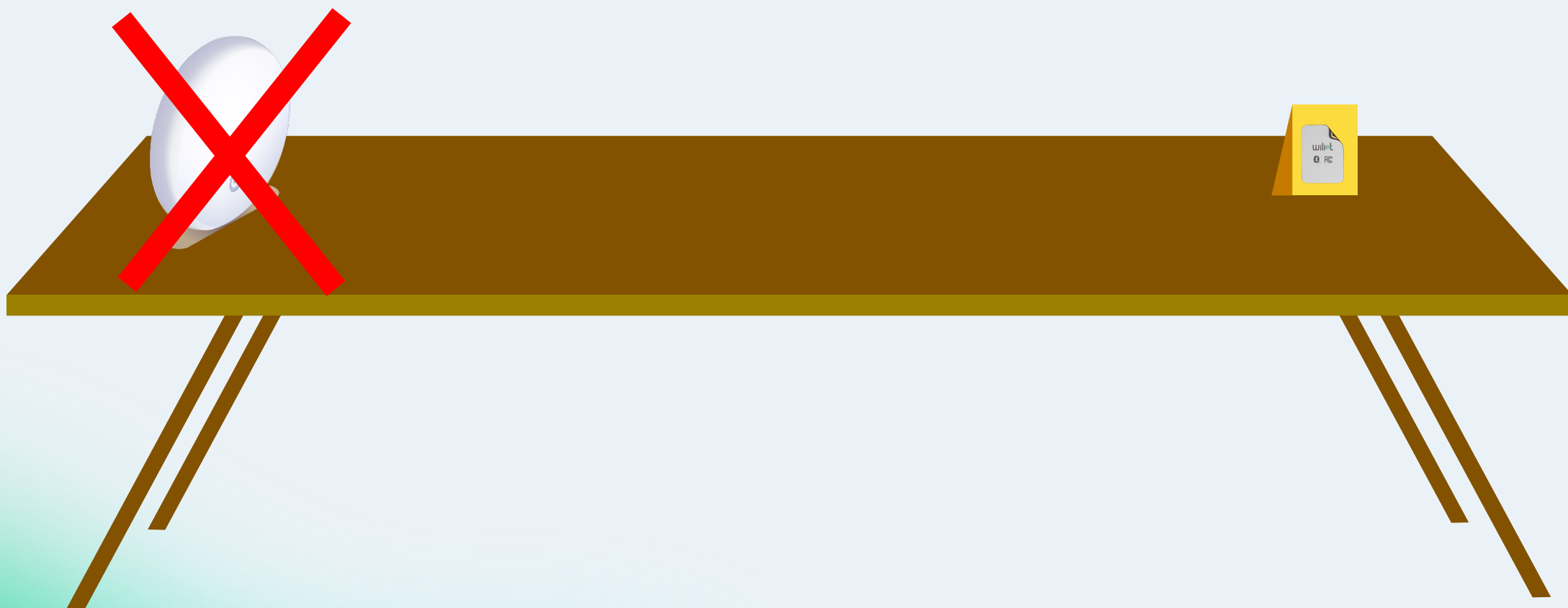


Plastic SKU

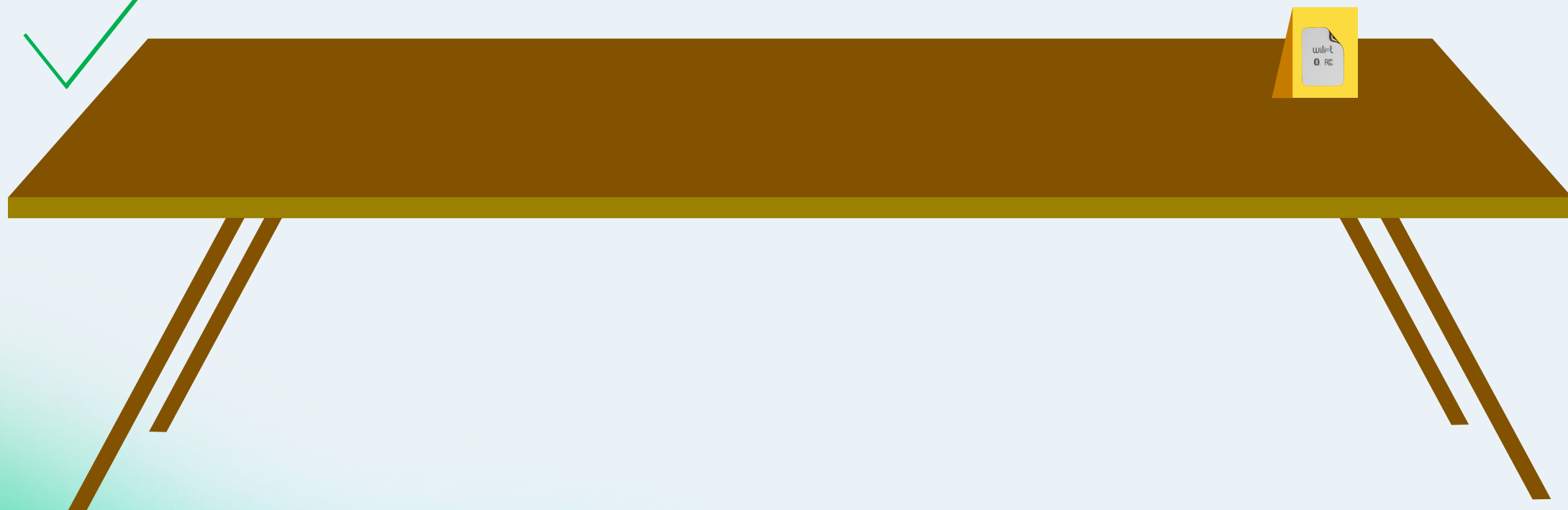
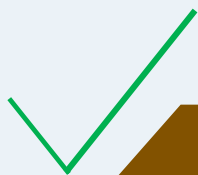


Custom SKU or
Spacer Required

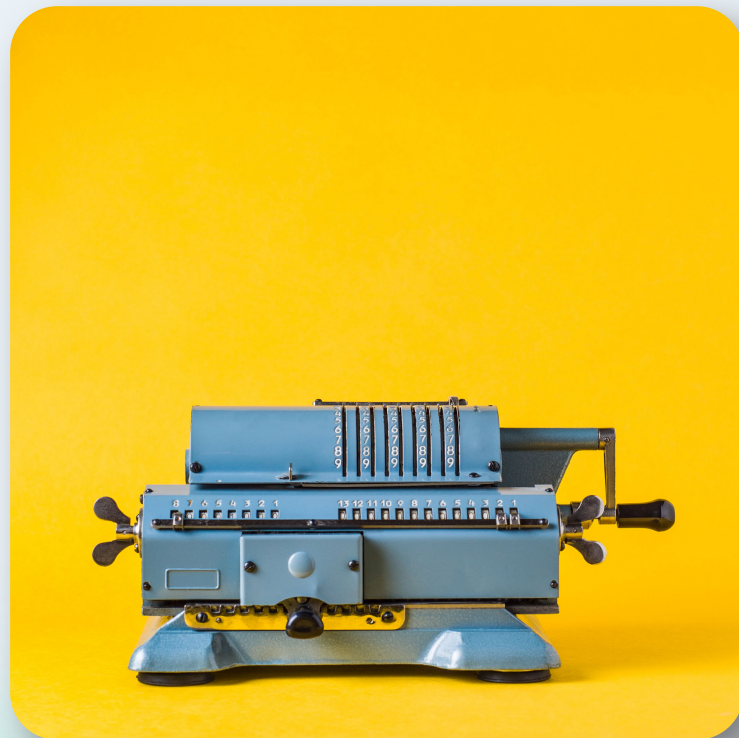
Surfaces & Paths Matter



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How we work together

Our shared vision

Avery Dennison and Wiliot share a vision for the future of the IoT – an Internet of Trillions (IoT2) – where almost everything is connected to the internet; not just phones, computers, and homes, but also food, medicine, clothing, and nearly everything else. By providing every item with a digital identity IoT2 transcends the current limitations of today's IoT to take global manufacturing and supply chains to another dimension helping to eliminate waste and providing unparalleled transparency.

As the world's largest UHF RFID manufacturer, Avery Dennison is well positioned to bring Wiliot's Bluetooth enabled tags to the market.

- Industry leader in antenna design, manufacturing, inlay assembly, and quality control processes
- Experts in RFID market adoption process across multiple industries

Our partnership

Avery Dennison and Wiliot have developed a strategic partnership dedicated to scaling the IoT to the next level, from billions to trillions of things – creating a new era of IoT that benefits people and the planet.

Avery Dennison provides Wiliot with specific R&D expertise, and the ability to scale inlay manufacturing capacity by 200% in the next 12 months. By integrating Wiliot sensing services (SaaS) with our atma.io connected product cloud, it will enable tag sensing information to be added to the end-to-end item-level data of a connected product.

BLE vs. UHF RFID, NFC & QR



	Barcode & QR Code	UHF RFID	NFC Tag	Battery Bluetooth Tags	Wiliot IoT Pixel
Tag Cost	—	⌘	⌘	⌘	⌘
Infrastructure					
Interaction Model					
Sensing	—	✓ ✗	✓ ✗	✓ ✗	✓
Privacy / Security	—	🔒 ✓ ✗	🔒 ✓ ✗	🔒 ✓ ✗	🔒 👤?

Typical Reading scenarios: UHF RFID vs BLE

Handheld (UHF is better)

- UHF RFID
 - Versatil mobile device. Solicited read, high density. Common use case: inventory stock take
- Wiliot
 - Slower response on high density. Not optimized for reading in motion

Portal/Tunnel (Both are equally good)

- UHF RFID
 - High density / High speed checkpoint. Higher cost. Solicited read
- Wiliot
 - Easier to deploy, lower cost. Multiple checkpoint scenarios. Unsolicited read

Overhead continuous reading (Wiliot tags are better)

- UHF RFID
 - Overhead, antenna arrays, complex reading infrastructure. Pour location accuracy
- Wiliot
 - Unsolicited read, permanent reading, simple reading infrastructure. Continuous inventory with item location

Customer interaction: NFC vs BLE

Wiliot BLE

- Unsolicited, no customer intervention required
- Home appliance interaction (any BLE enabled device)
- Longer distance (2-10m) with the appropriate infrastructure
- Security requires customer settings on multiple devices

NFC Tags

- Solicited, customer tap required
- Close proximity (5-10 cm)
- Higher privacy, direct user interaction control

Next generation Wiliot tags will target future use cases around consumer interaction



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Training Agenda

RFID Journal Live

- Wiliot Mobile App
- Wiliot Architecture
- Wiliot Signal Flow
- Wiliot Portal
- Building an Application
- Example Deployment
- Support Links



Great Journeys Start with Small Steps

Wiliot Mobile App

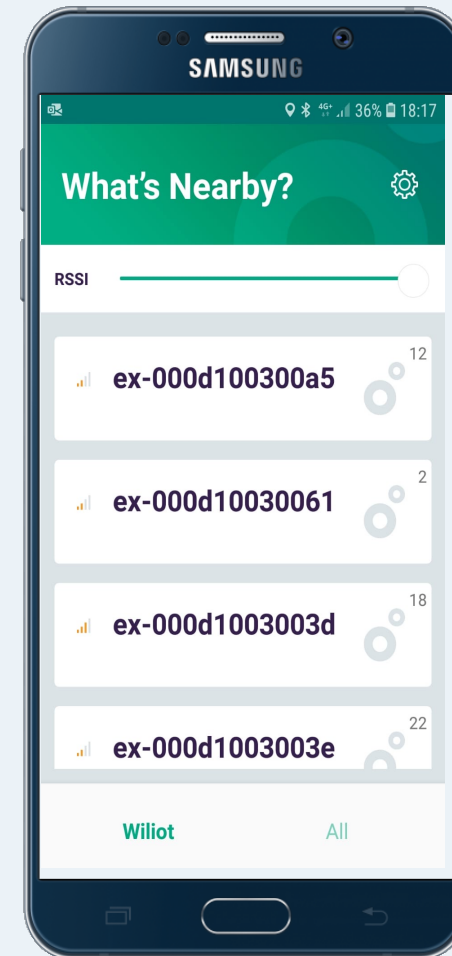
- Use the App to:
 - See Devices
 - Updating Bridge Firmware (Single and Dual Band)
 - Over the air updates on roadmap
- Note:
 - At this time Wiliot App does not allow for configuration changes Future Release to address
 - Navigate to the Management portal from you phone to accomplish this
- Wiliot App does not currently update FW or make configuration changes for Energous devices

Support Link

[App Install and Guide](#)

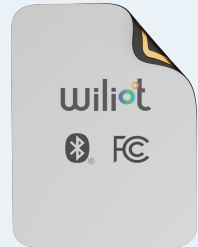
[Updating Bridge Firmware using the App](#)

Gateway



Three Tier Architecture : Pixel → Bridge → Gateway

Pixel/Tag



Pixel Data
Energize

Bridge



Repeated Data



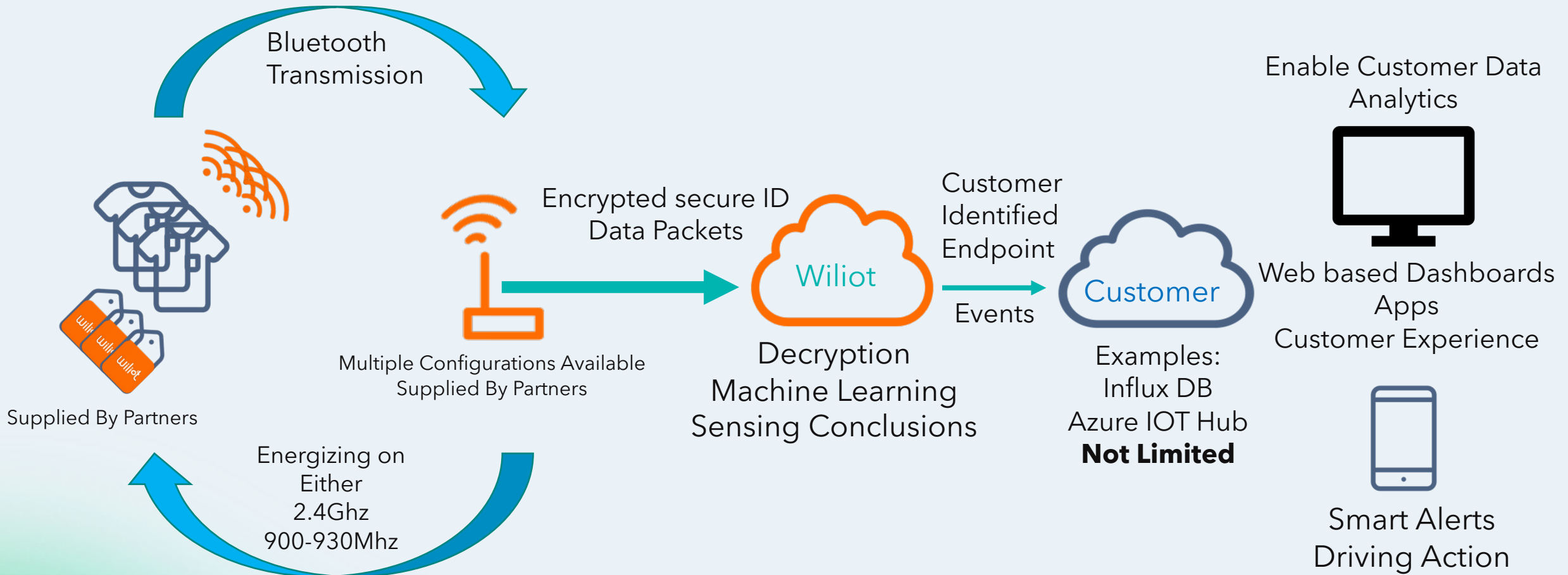
Gateway



Gateway 1.0



[Support From Wiliot](#)



Wiliot Management Portal

- Tool for:
 - Creating Labels
 - Associating Tags
 - Creating Applications
 - Managing Gateways and Bridges
 - Confirm Device Functionality
 - Manage Users
 - Manage Events
- How to use the Portal
 - POC
 - Small Deployment
- Account in UI is equivalent to Owner

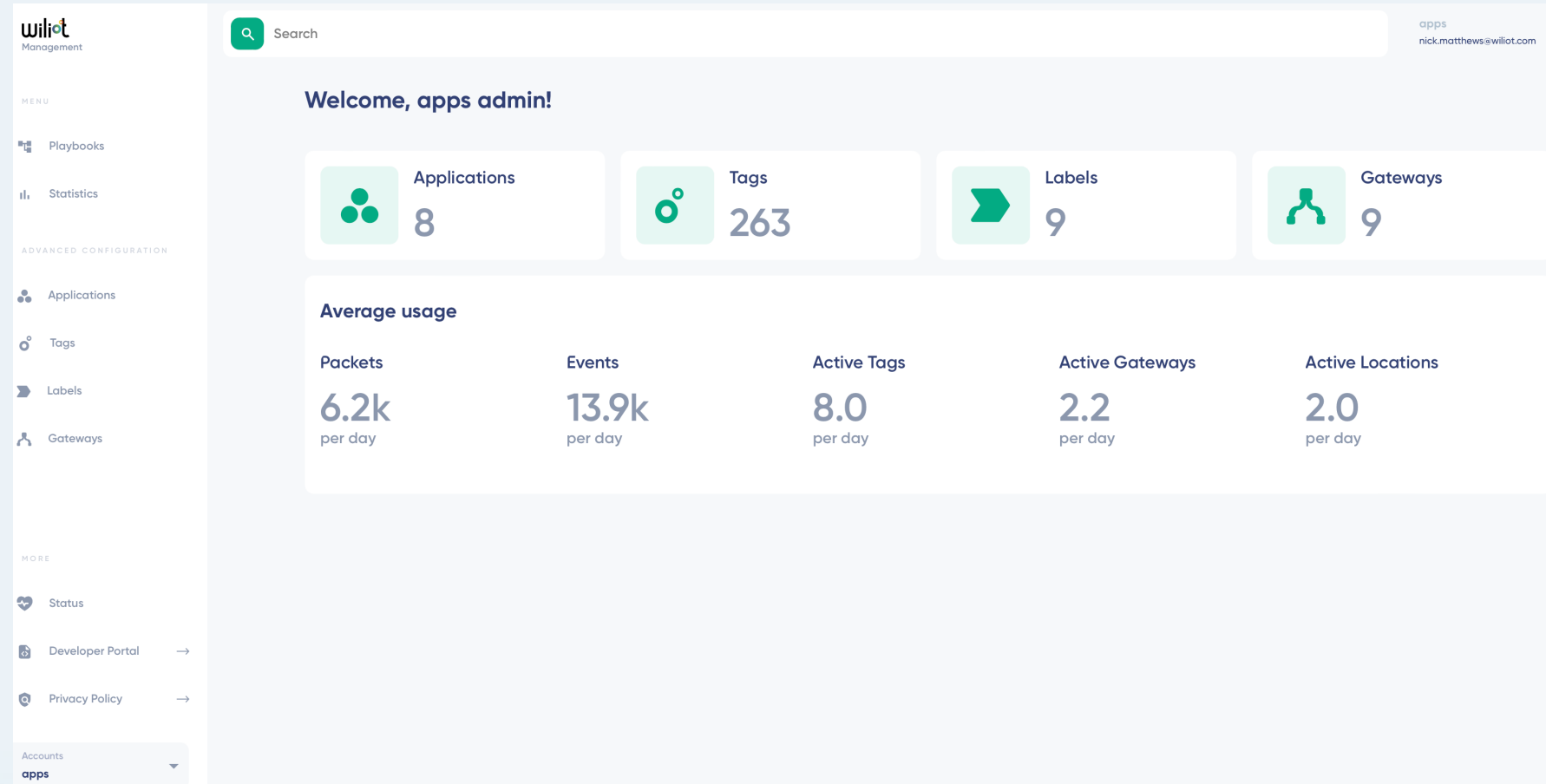
Support link

[Management-Portal Tags](#)

[Management Portal -User](#)

[Management](#)

[Management Portal -Controlling Event Generation](#)



Building an Application



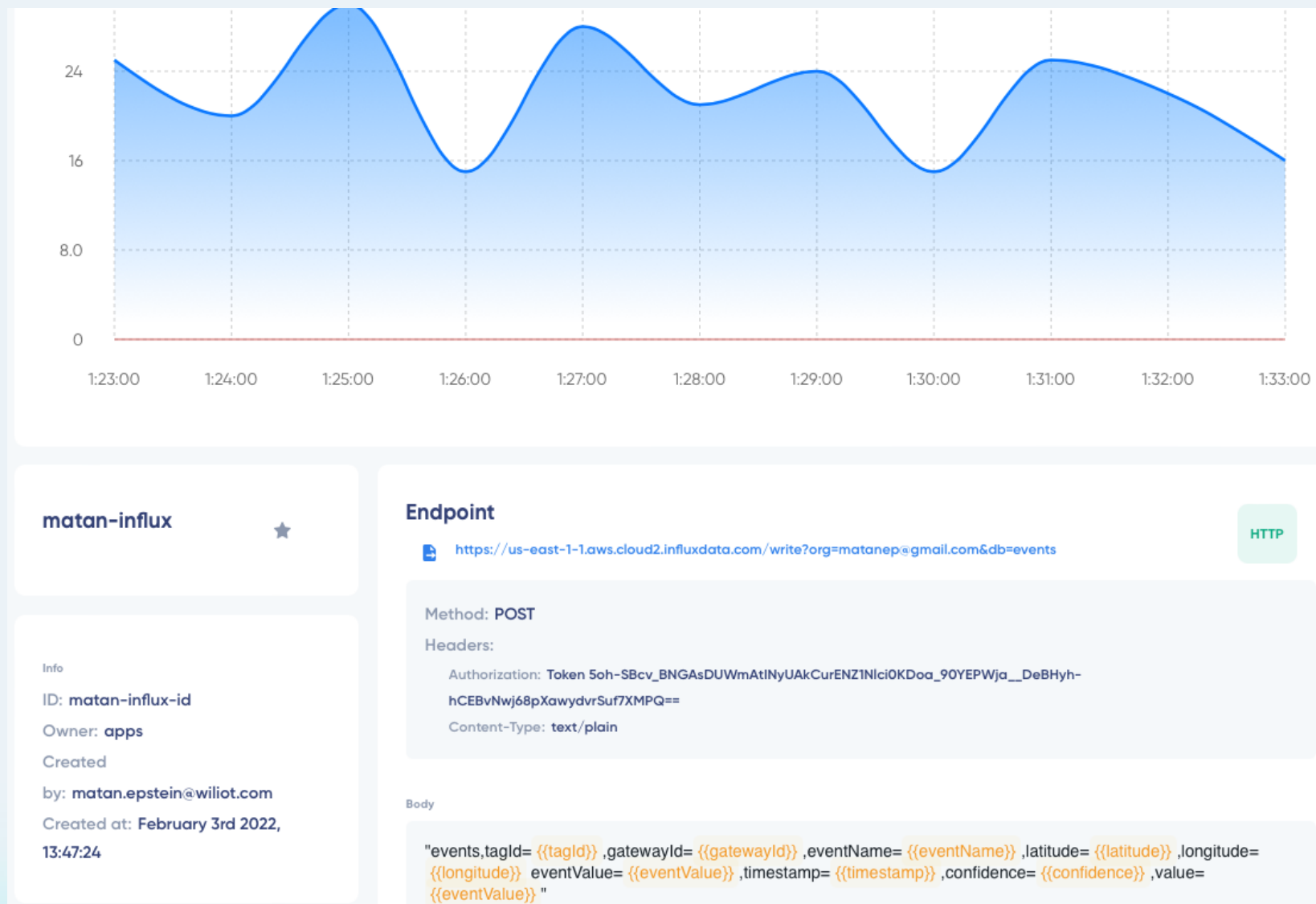
Cloud 2 Cloud Applications

Applications tell Wiliot Cloud what you would like to do with events.

You will need

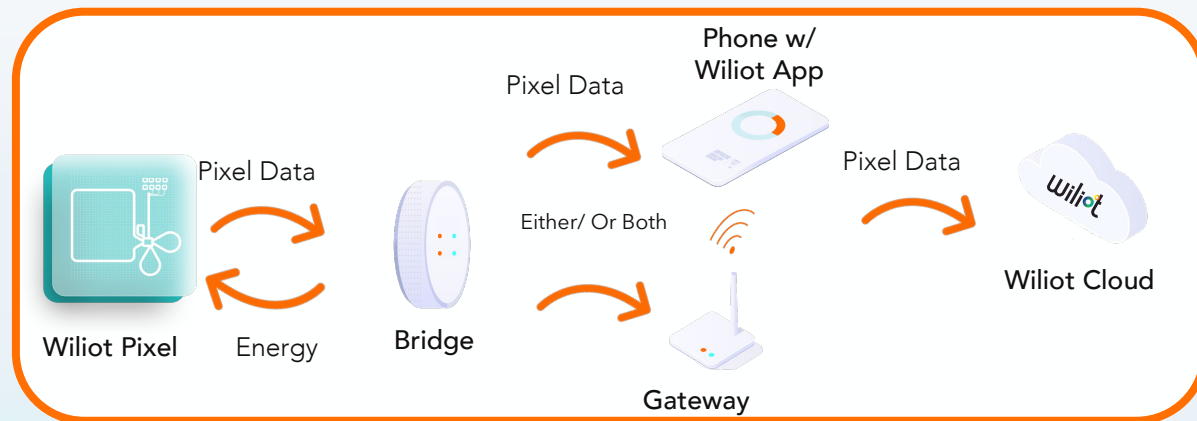
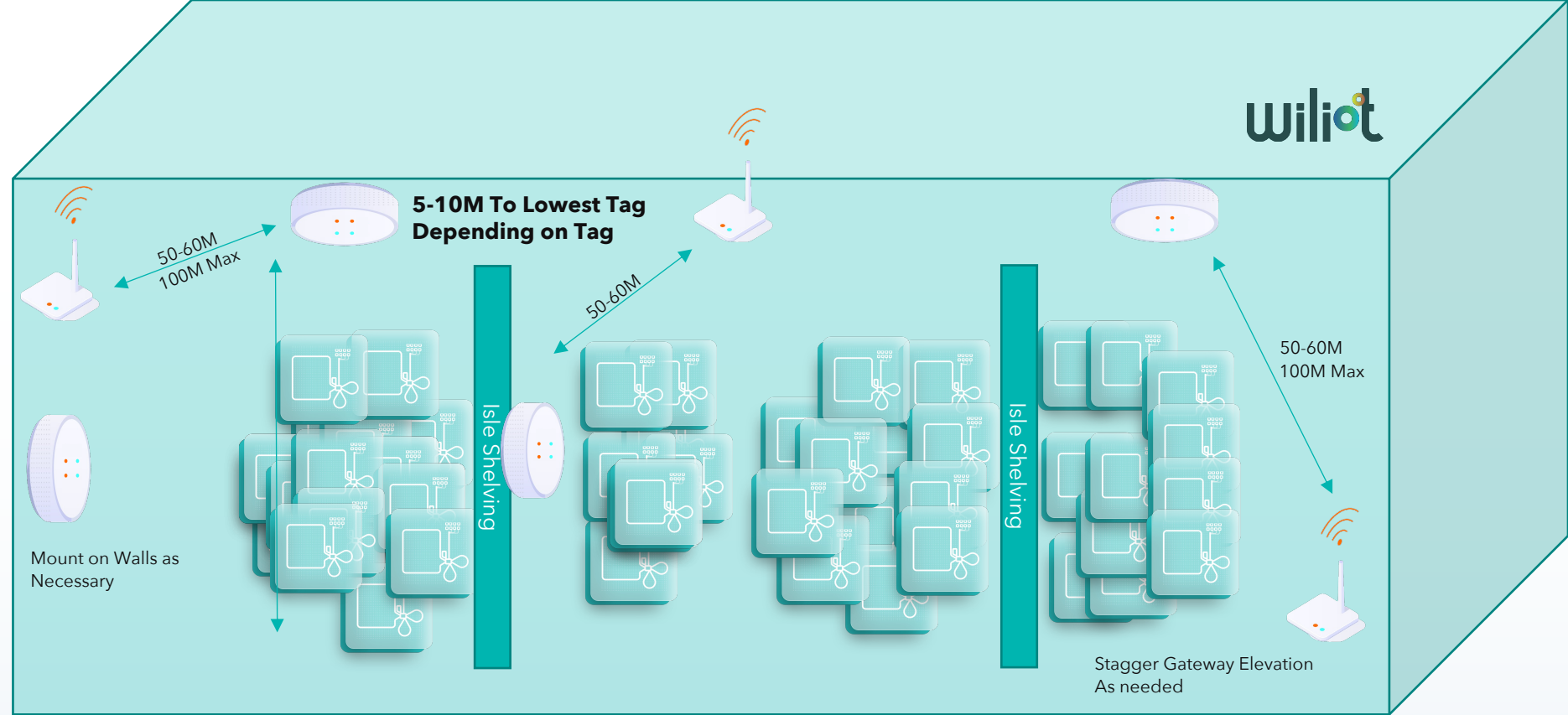
- An Endpoint (Destination)
 - Where you send the data
 - HTTP
 - MQTT
- Establish your Filter
 - What data you would like to send (Tailoring Event)
- Presentation
 - How you want the data to look

DEBUG Application



Inventory Monitoring

- Single Zone
- Density of HW depends on environment
 - Square Footage
 - RF Environment
 - % of Material Needed to Monitor
 - Access to Power
- DBUG Dashboard
- Test the dashboard you have built
- Monitor temperature changes



Troubleshooting and Debug Steps

Email: Support@wiliot.com

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Training Questions/Recommendations:
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In case you missed it:

[Getting Started](#)

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Q&A