

Preparation Guide to Emergency Comms and Networking using Amateur Radios (HAM)

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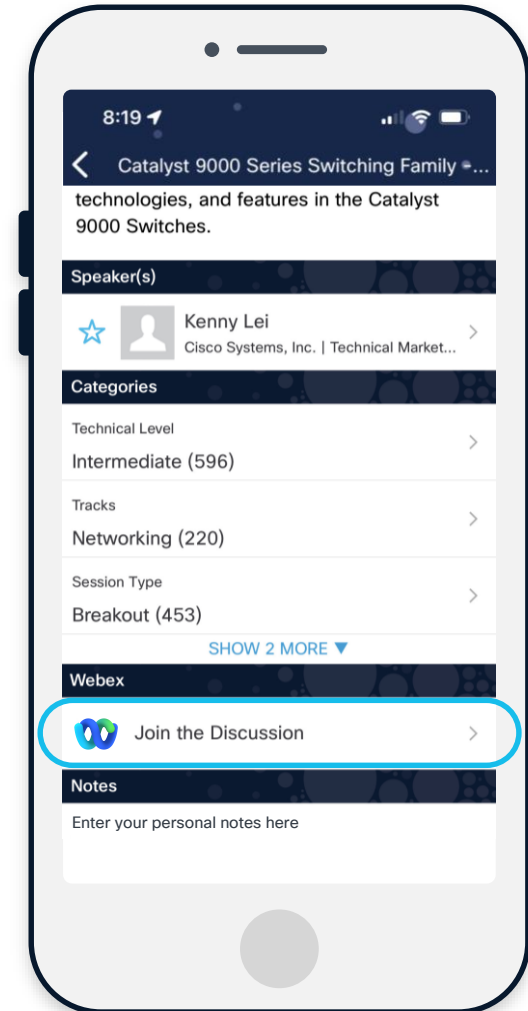
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- 2 Click “Join the Discussion”
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- 4 Enter messages/questions in the Webex space

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Agenda

- 01 EMCOMM
- 02 Amateur Radio (HAM)
- 03 Packet Radio Networking
- 04 Use Cases
- 05 FREE IPv4 Address Space
+Special Bonus



What is your current level of involvement with Amateur Radio?

Objective: Mission for Today

1. Importance of EMCOMM
2. Introduction to Amateur Radio
3. Discuss Packet Radio and it built the foundation of networking solutions used today.
4. Your use case.



EMCOMM

“How are you gonna call”

EmComm, short for **emergency communications**, is a program where Amateur Radio operators can assist through maintaining communications before, during and after emergencies and disasters.

<https://gtarc.org/emcom/>



**“How are you gonna call”
EMCOMM**

**Hurricane Helene North
Carolina 2024**

Hurricane Milton Florida Oct 2024

Hurricane Helene North Carolina Sept 2024

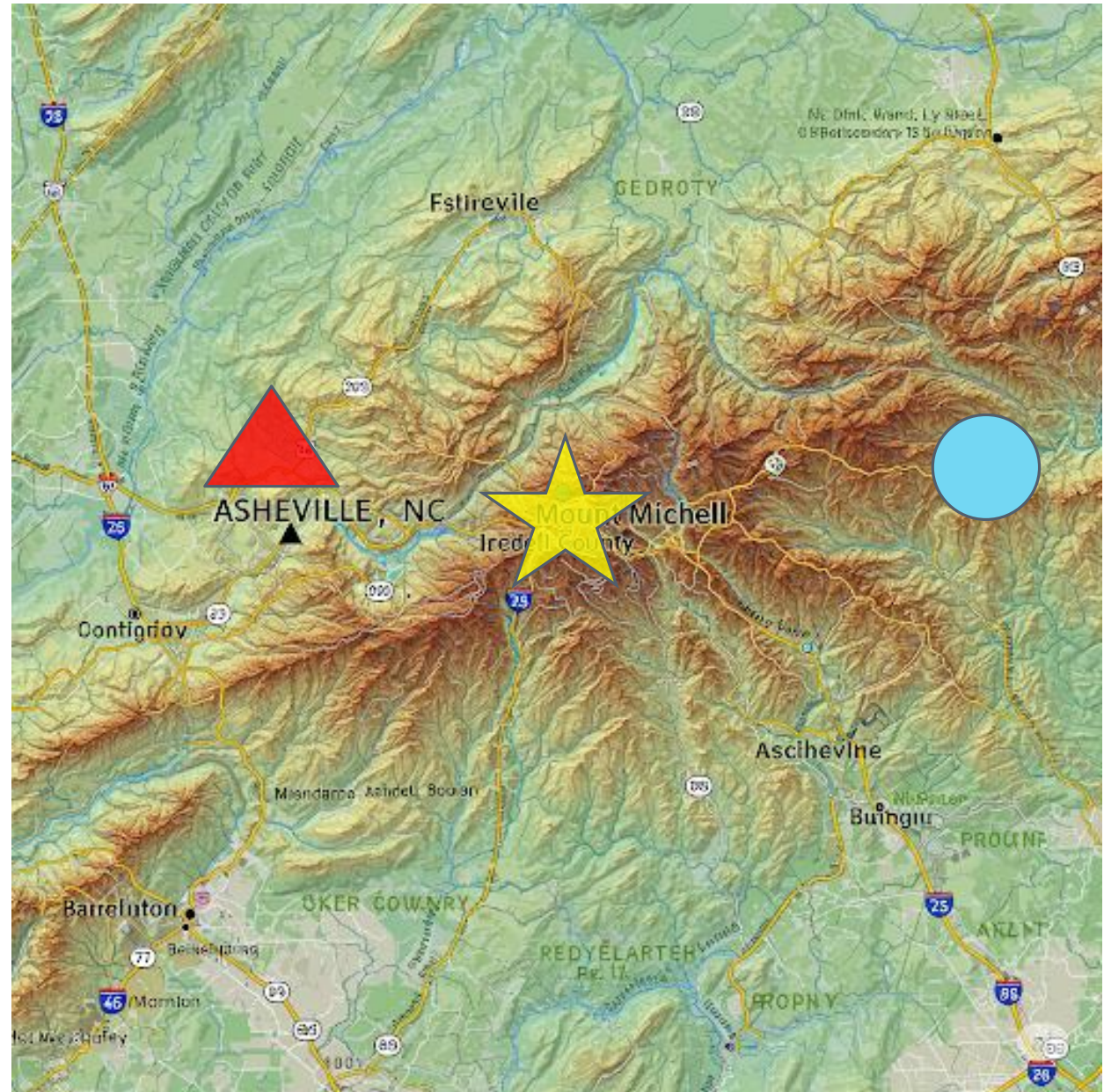


Cyberattacks, Electronic/Space Warfare, Vulnerabilities

Loss of Life, Power, Comms, and Road Access

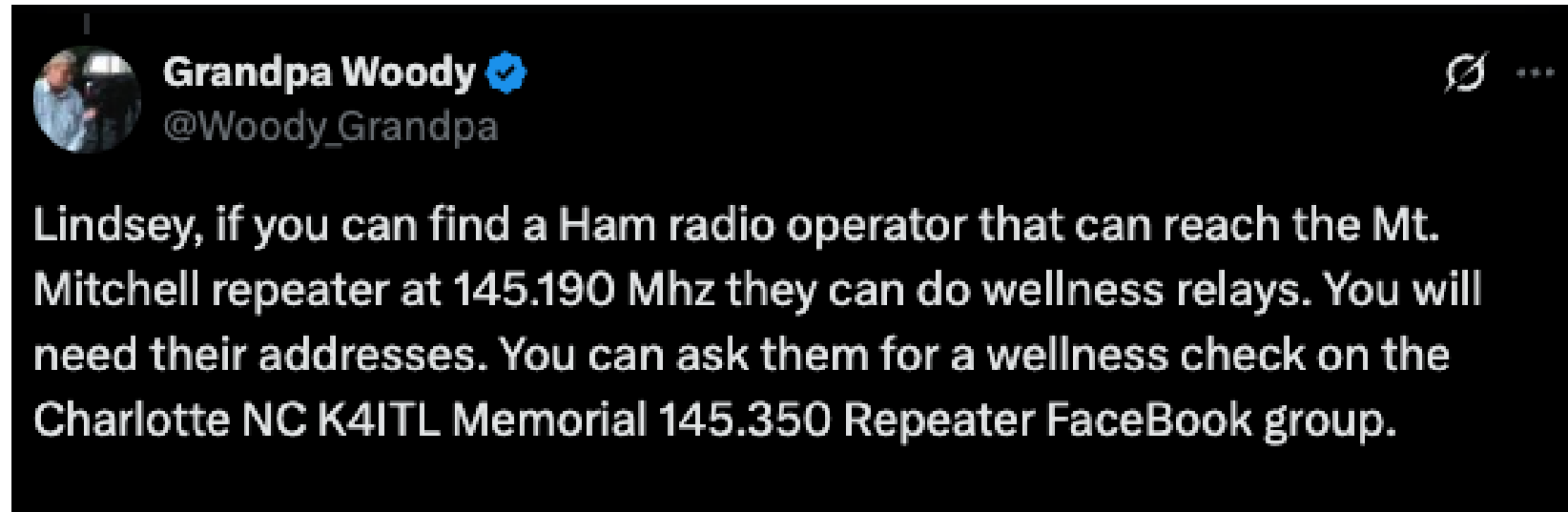
Amateur Radio key mode of communication

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IMMEDIATE NEEDS for "We The People Mission" Distribution Point

Please note: Items CAN NOT be delivered by Amazon at this time.

Do not ship items to the airport – this is a DROP OFF ONLY zone.

- VOLUNTEERS – VOLUNTEERS – VOLUNTEERS
- Buddy heaters
- Propane – 20 lb size
- Propane adapter hose for buddy heaters
- Generators 3000w
- Generators (any size)
- Extension cords (especially 12 gauge grounded)
- Dehumidifiers
- Antacids
- Chainsaws (150 chainsaws needed) – these items will need bar oil, oil/gas mixture (as per manufacturer), and a tourniquet
- Engine oil (10w30)
- Damp Rid
- Cold weather gear – like long johns (think outdoor protection)
- Kerosene
- Gas
- **Due to your generous support, we are currently overstocked with diapers, formula, socks, water, and radios.**

Hurricane Helene 2024

Lessons Learned

People

Local community self-reliance and volunteerism are paramount, filling critical gaps when official aid is delayed.

Process

Basic radio proficiency, including manual programming, is essential, and willingness to adapt rules for real-world emergencies is crucial

Technology

Individual radio, antennas, and portable power.
Simple 5W HT (handy talky)

Enable wifi calling, Alternative to MFA texting
(Cisco Duo)

Florida Statewide Amateur Radio Network

- The Statewide Amateur Radio Network (SARnet) is a network of linked UHF voice repeaters that serves the State of Florida.
- Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has partnered with the amateur radio community to use their radio systems throughout the state as part of a test bed to support the FDOT's research
- In exchange for supporting this research, the amateur radio community can talk across the state using the same amateur radio equipment they use everyday
- Others: New York, Empire State Network;
- Source: sarnetfl.org

EMCOMM Mobile Components (Example)



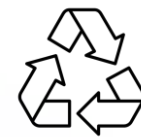
Radios & Gear

- VHF/UHF Radios
- HF Radios
- Digital Radios
- Portable Antennas
- Smart devices, PC, Mac



Modes & Protocols

- Voice: Analog & Digital
- Data: Foundational
 - Packet Radio (AX.25)
 - APRS
 - Apps Messaging



Power

- Power Generation
- Battery Systems
- Fuel & Solar Panels

Mobile HT Radios Power



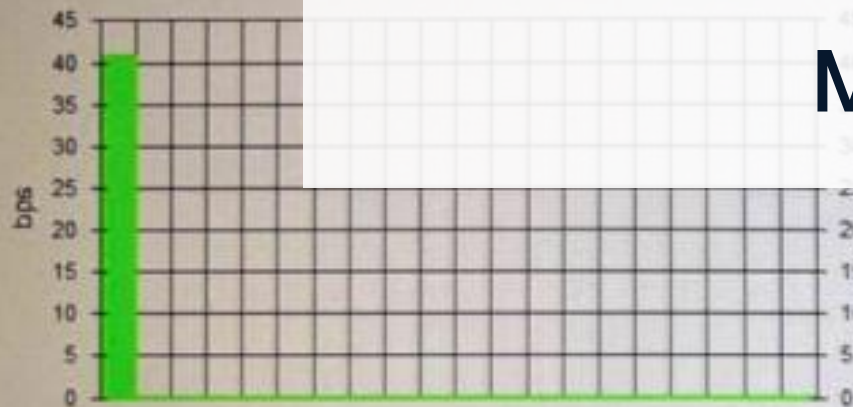


Protocols Packet Radio & APRS showing flood areas



VARA HF v4.8.9 W3ILD

Settings View Log* Monitor Help Upgrade



Messaging Software



Vara HF Winlink Session - W3ILD

Exit Settings Channel Selection Map Forecast Auto-connect Next chan. Start

KC0TPS Center Freq: 14098.700 Dial Freq: 14097.200 Bandwidth: 2300

Add to favorites Remove from favorites

Connected to KC0TPS

Winlink: Vara Connection to KC0TPS at 2024/11/24 12:40:40 -10.8 dB Dial: 14097.200 Signal bandwidth: 2300

*** Station Bearing: 268, Range: 1148 km

RMS Trimode 1.3,57.0 Carondelet Amateur Radio Society, St. Louis, MO - www.rfcars.com

W3ILD has 480 daily minutes remaining with KC0TPS (EM48VN)

(SFI = 200 On 2024-11-24 13:00 UTC)

*** MTD Stats Total connects = 0 Total messages = 0

[WL2K-5.0-B2FWIHJMS]

PQ: 38128996

CMS via KC0TPS >

;FW: W3ILD

[RMS Express-1.7.20.0-B2FHM5]

;PR: 40889543

;KC0TPS DE W3ILD (FM19MP)

FC EM 8P18BD9HRI7N 338 293 0

F> B4

FS Y

*** Sending 8P18BD9HRI7N.

FF

*** Completed send of message 8P18BD9HRI7N

*** Sent 1 message. Bytes: 313, Time: 07:20, bytes/minute: 43

FQ

*** End of session with KC0TPS at 2024/11/24 16:00:43 --

*** Messages sent: 1, Total bytes sent: 313, Time: 12:03, bytes/minute: 26

*** Messages Received: 0, Total bytes received: 0, Total session time: 12:03, bytes/minute: 0

*** Disconnecting

Winlink Express 1.7.20.0 - W3ILD

W3ILD

Settings

Message

Attachments

Move To:

Saved Items

Delete

Open Session:

Vara HF Winlink

Logs

Help

In Vara HF Winlink session.

System Folders

Date/Time

Message ID

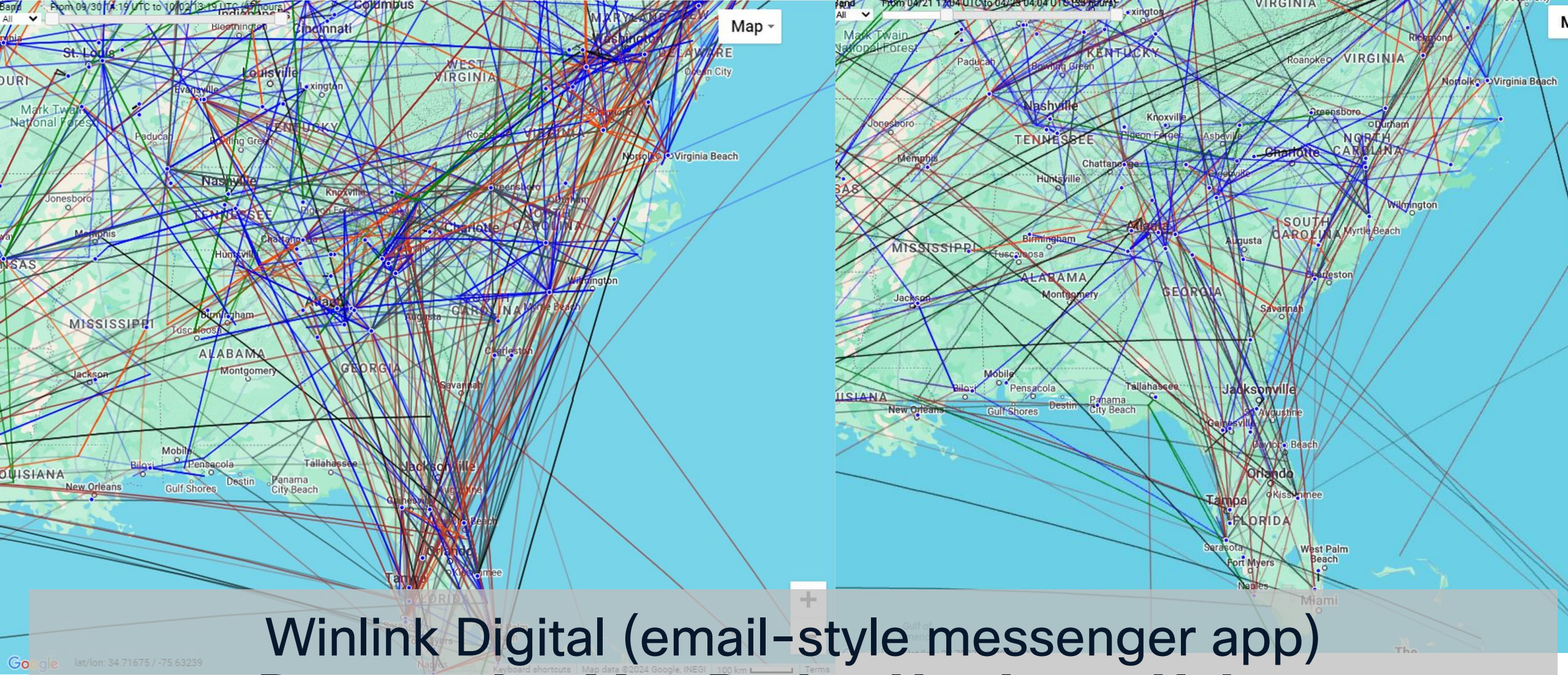
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Sender

Recipient

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Winlink Digital (email-style messenger app) Propagation Map During Hurricane Helene

source: <https://winlink.org/RMSChannels>

Local Civilian EMCOMM

100% Volunteers:

First responders, EOC, Hospitals,
Local & National Agencies

Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service - RACES

Government-backed service defined in FCC Part 97, specifically section 97.407.

Activated by local civil defense officials who support government agencies during emergencies subject to specific FCC rules.

Amateur Radio Emergency Service- ARES

Sponsored by American Radio Relay League (ARRL) and licensed HAM operators who register their qualifications and equipment. ARES have a greater flexibility.

National/Federal Agency Programs

SKYWARN

National Weather Service

Volunteers help keep their local communities safe by providing timely and accurate reports of severe weather

Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Emergency Services

Over 19,000 CAP members are trained in the using radios

Military Auxiliary Radio System (MARS)

Department of Defense (DoD) programs with U.S. Army, Air Force, Coast Guard

Program that trains, organizes and tasks volunteers

SHARED RESOURCES (SHARES)

High Frequency

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)

HF use with interop for national security and emergency preparedness missions to communicate when landline and cellular communications are unavailable.

Examples of Non-Governmental, Non-Profit, Commercial Organizations

National Organizations

- **American Red Cross** Disaster Services Technology (DST) team use a team of ham radio operators
- **The Salvation Army** Emergency Disaster Services
- **Southern Baptist** Disaster Relief
- **IEEE MOVE** International (move.ieee.org)
- **Information Technology Disaster Resource Center** (ITDC) (itdrc.org)

Enterprise Organizations w/ Response Teams

- **Cisco Crisis Response (CCR)** a dedicated team of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) / Emergency Communications specialists.
- **Ericsson** Response Team

Introduction

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- 30+ Yrs = Cisco Engineer (17+Yrs Cisco SE)
- 20+ Yrs = Amateur Radio HAM, W3ILD
- Volunteer = Fire Dept, Pickleball Coach & Referee
- Impactful events in my life...
 - Father was a 9/11 Survivor
 - Lead Network Architect for Army National Guard during Hurricane Katrina



Costliest and one of the deadliest hurricanes to hit the U.S., surpassing over \$202 billion



**What types of disasters have you experienced that disrupted of critical services in your community?
(Select all that apply)**

Amateur Radio

How are you gonna call?

Amateur Radio (Ham) is a personal radio **service** authorized by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

Governed by Part 97 of the FCC
Rules and Regulations

Fun Facts about Amateur Radio

- 1901 - Guglielmo Marconi, an Italian experimenter, transmitted the Morse Code letter “s” from Newfoundland to England
- 1909 **“HAM”** Origin theories...
 - Hamming it up
 - “Am” Amateur
 - Acronym for the initials of 3 College students from the Harvard Radio Club, Hyman-Almy-Murray
- 1912 - Congress passed the first laws regulating radio transmissions in the U.S
- Call Sign - Unique identifier assigned by the FCC to amateur radio licensees. Consists of a combination of letters and numbers. For example, mine is W3ILD

Source: <https://www.fcc.gov/wireless/bureau-divisions/mobility-division/amateur-radio-service/operator-class>

Amateur Radio

FCC Rules & Guidelines

US Rules & Regulations

The Amateur Radio Service is governed by Part 97 of the FCC Rules and Regulations.

Operators

No age limit. Anyone interested in becoming an operator just needs to pass a competence exam & file with the FCC.

Foreign amateurs can operate in the US under reciprocal agreements.

<https://www.fcc.gov/general/international-agreements>

Guidelines

Amateur Radio operators cannot accept payment of any type for operating their radio, whether money or other goods or services.

<https://www.fcc.gov/wireless/bureau-divisions/mobility-division/amateur-radio-service>

Amateur Radio

Purpose & General uses (FCC Part 97.1)



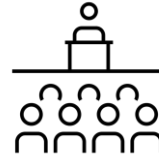
Radio & Tech

Advancement of the radio art and technology.



Communications & Technical Skills

Advancement of radio skills in both the art of communication and technical art.



Train All Levels

Provide a trained reservoir of operators, technicians and electronics experts.



Promote Goodwill

Promote and enhance international goodwill.

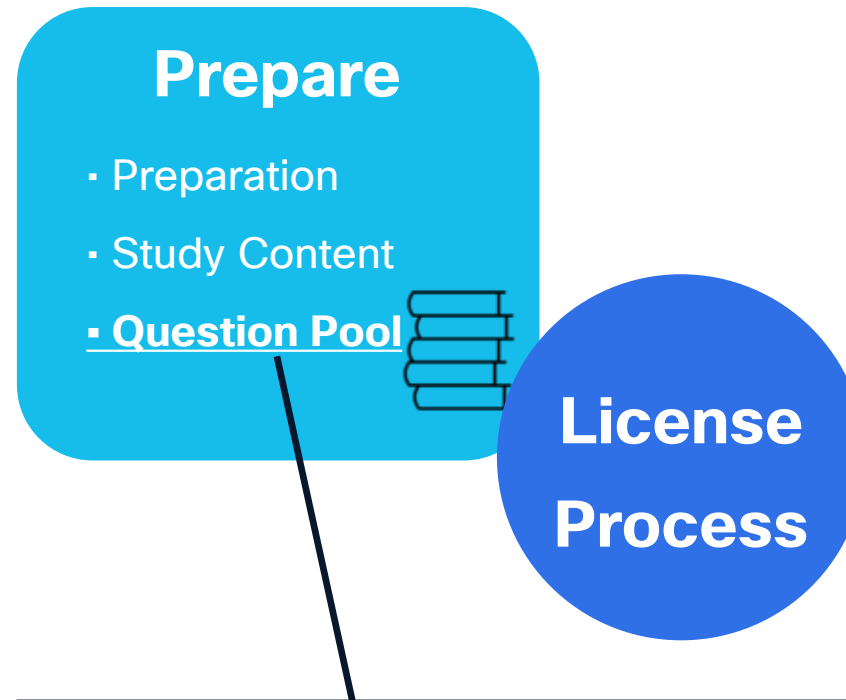
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FCC Three Operators Classes:

- **Technician:** Base-entry, may transmit on channels in any of 17 frequency bands above 50 MHz with up to 1,500 watts of power
- **General:** Authorizes privileges in all 29 amateur service bands
- **Extra:** Includes additional spectrum in the HF bands

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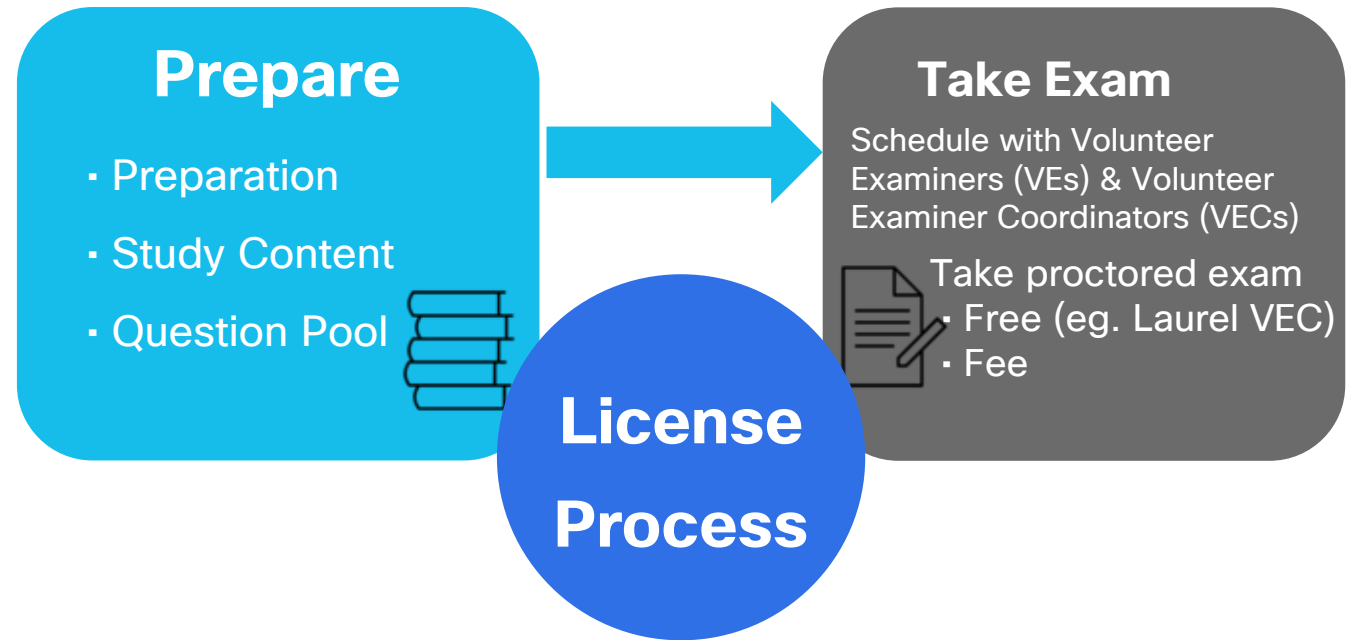
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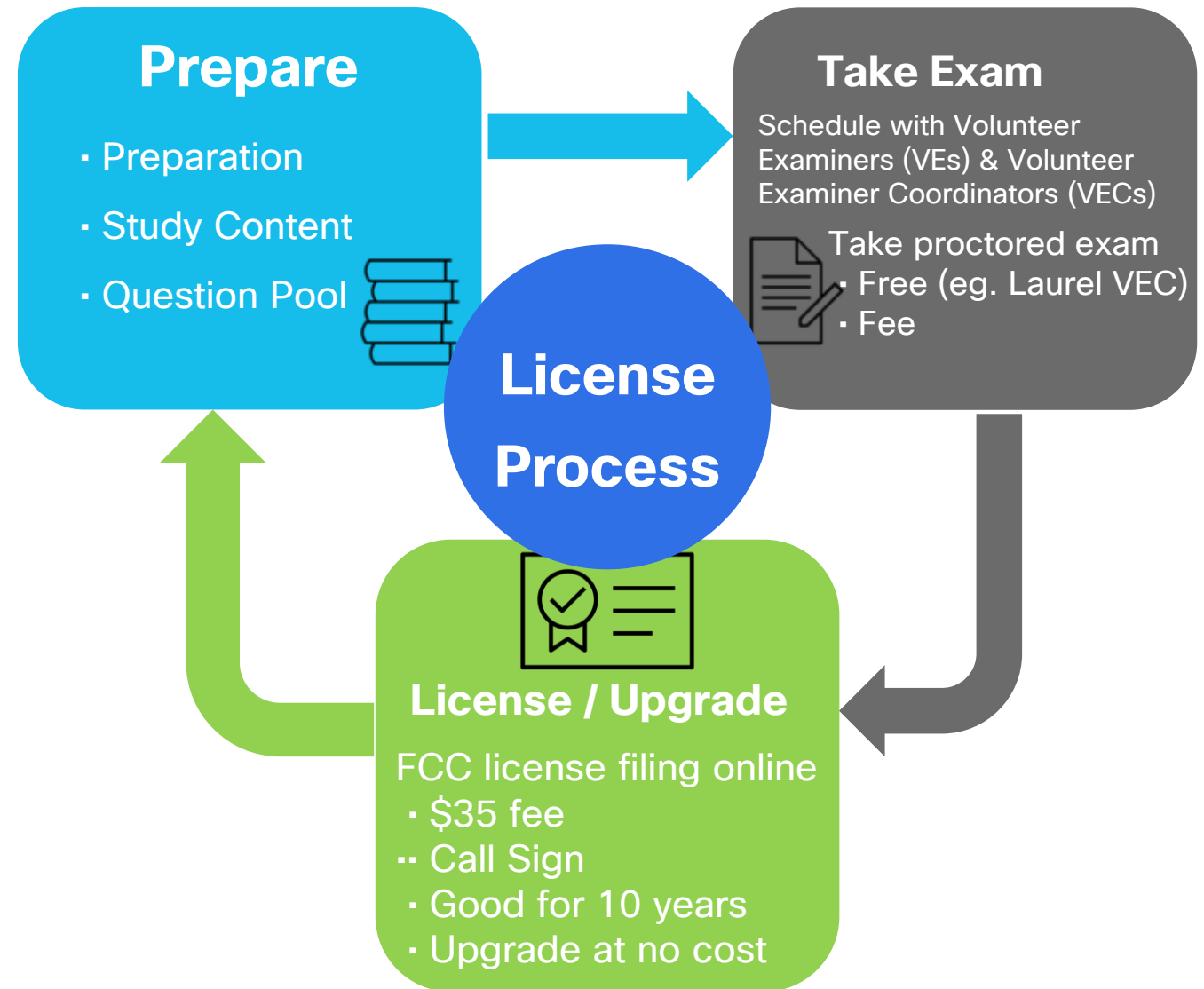
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<https://ncvec.org/index.php/amateur-question-pools>

Amateur Radio



Amateur Radio



Amateur Radio

Things you can do!




Maximum of 1500 watts peak envelope power (exceptions)



**Frequency Privileges
VHF/UHF/Microwave 2.4/5.8 GHz**



**EMCOMM, Contests, Dx'ing,
Go Portable: Parks, Summits,
Islands, Ships On-the-air**

AMERICA'S LIVING
SYMBOL OF FREEDOM

Q SEARCHVOLUNTEER

VISITGIVINGBE A MEMBERPLAN AN EVENTEDUCATIONABOUTCONTACT

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

HAM RADIO




Job Description:

Licensed HAM radio operators needed for monthly events (Second Saturdays) communicating between the ship (call sign NI6IW) and operators internationally. Also looking for operators who may also be capable of providing instruction to youth for merit badge program. For details, please contact the volunteer office.

APPLY FOR THIS POSITIONVIEW ALL

<https://www.midway.org/volunteer-post/ham-radio>

Balance power & Capabilities

CB Radio Max Power = 4 Watts Range = 4 miles	
GMRS Max Power = 50 Watts Range = 30 miles	
Ham Radio: Max Power = 1,500 Watts Range = Worldwide	

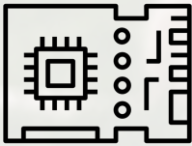
Packet Radio Networking

How are you gonna call?

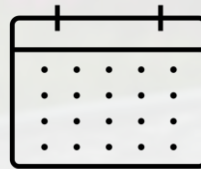


Which of the following networking technologies have you personally configured or used?

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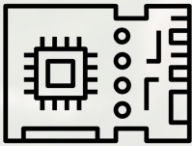


Packet Radio Architecture

Packet radio is a system of digital communication where data is transmitted over radio waves in discrete blocks called "**packets**".

- It's a form of packet switching, where data is broken down into packets, sent independently, and reassembled at the destination.
- In amateur radio, packet radio allows for data transmission, including digital communication and the creation of networks, even in the absence of internet infrastructure.

Packet Radio Networking



Components



Networking History



Packet Radio Architecture

Packet Radio Networking Components



Compute – Device that run software that generates AX.25 packets. (Linux, Raspi, Smart devices)



Terminal Node Controller (TNC) – software or hardware based



Radio connecting via sound card

Compute



Compute



Compute Messaging Software

Terminal Node Controller (TNC)



Radio & Gear

Sound card



Radio & Gear

LiFePO4 Batteries/Solar/Generator



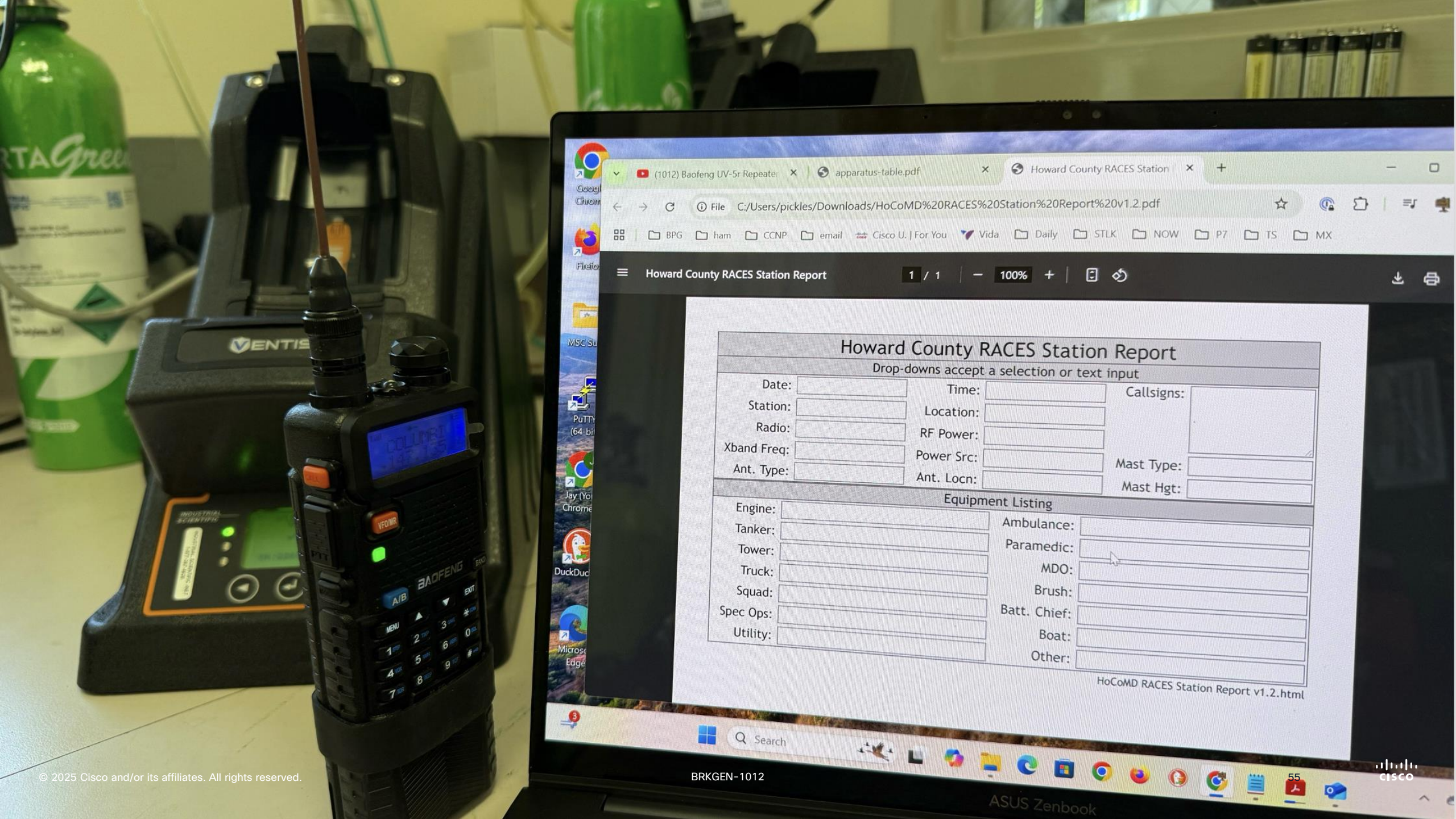
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Antennas



Radio & Gear

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Howard County RACES Station Report 1 / 1 100% +

Howard County RACES Station Report

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Equipment Listing

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ASUS Zenbook



**Importance of local volunteerism, how
are you involved in your community?
(Select all that apply)**

Packet Radio Networking



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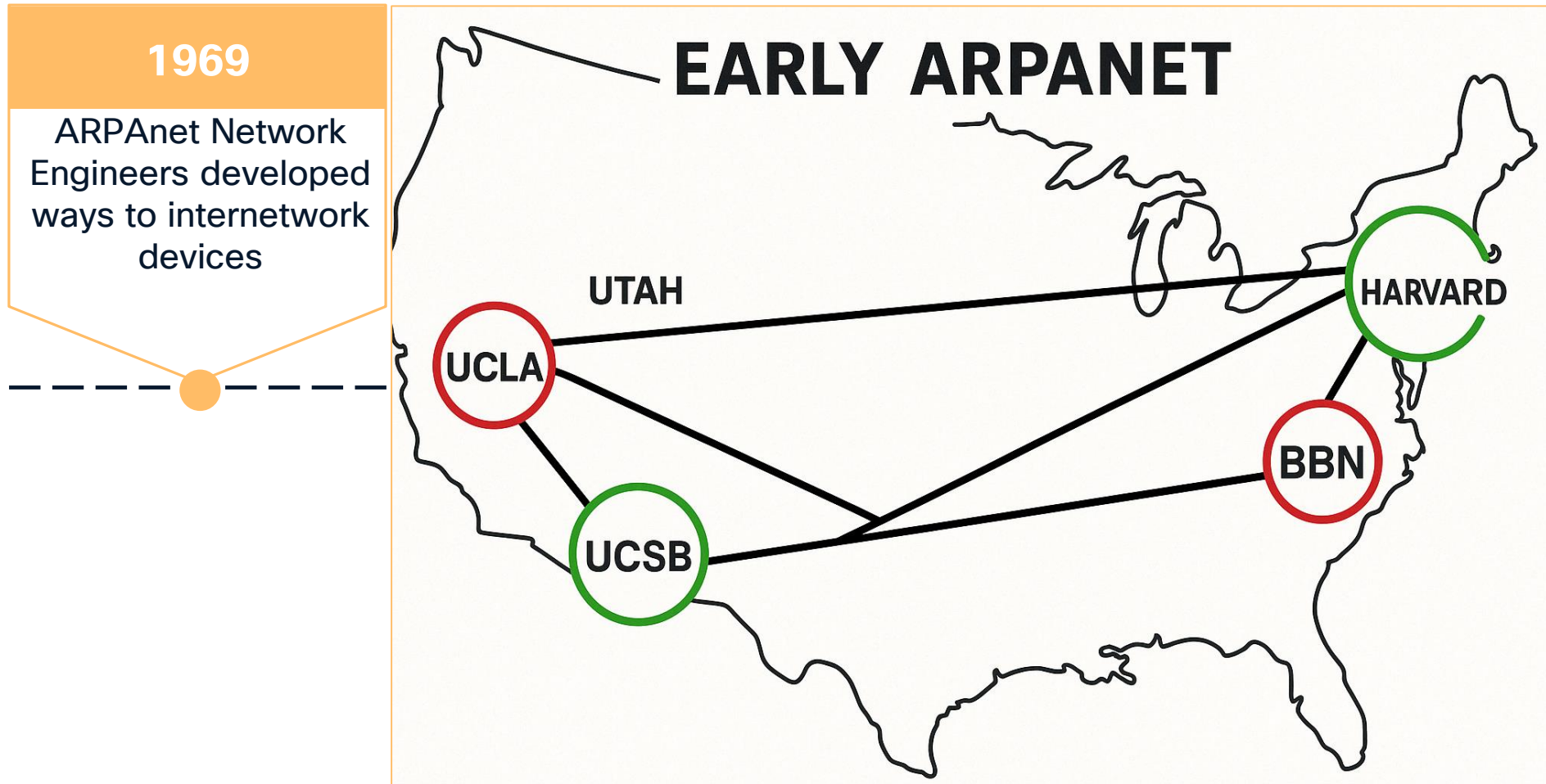


Networking History



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Timeline History of Packet Radio & Network Engineering



Timeline History of Packet Radio & Network Engineering

1969

ARPAnet Network
Engineers developed
ways to internetwork
devices

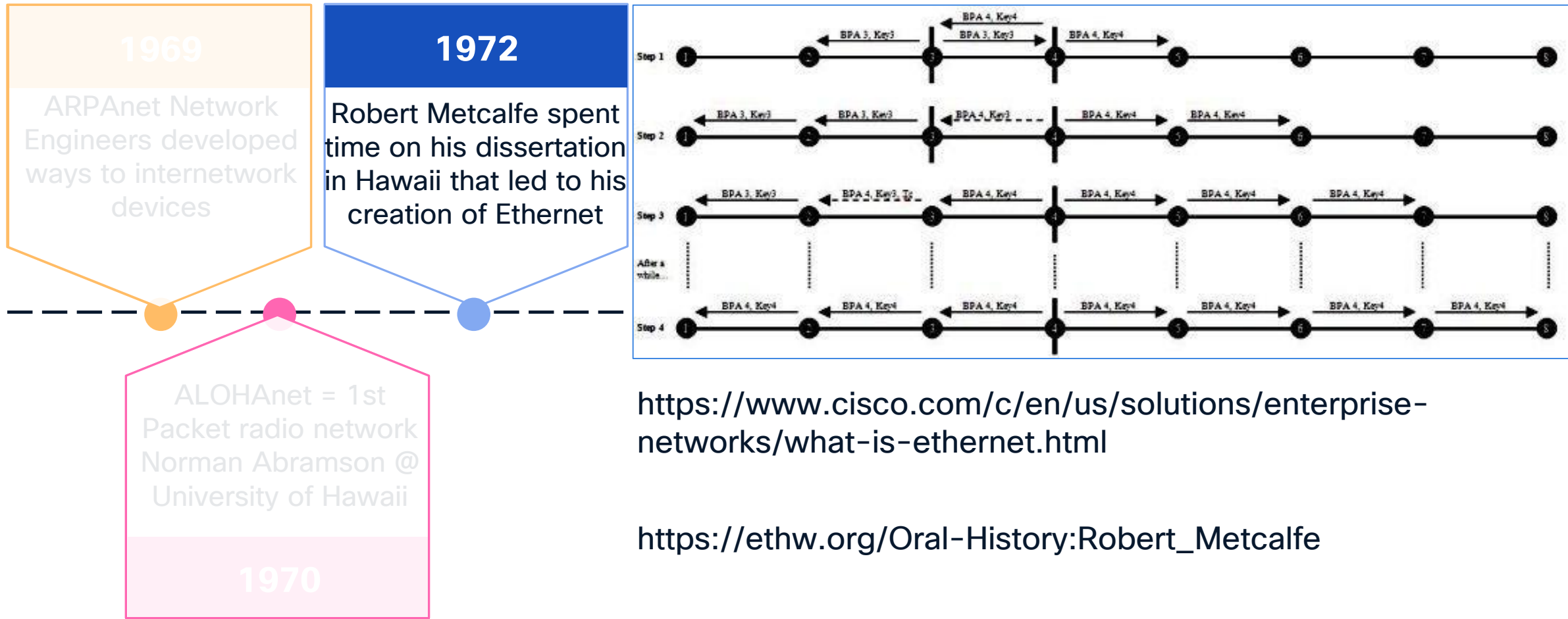
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<https://www.eng.hawaii.edu/about/history/alohanet/>

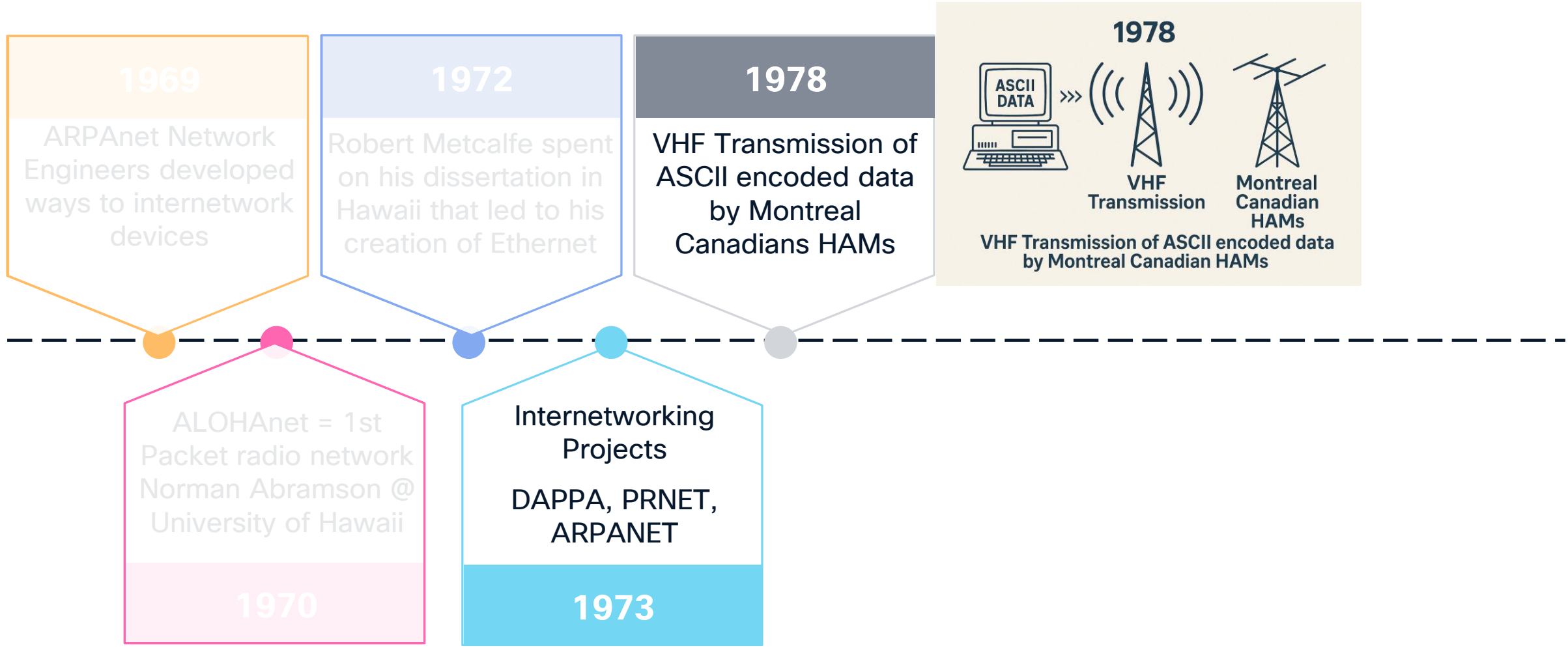
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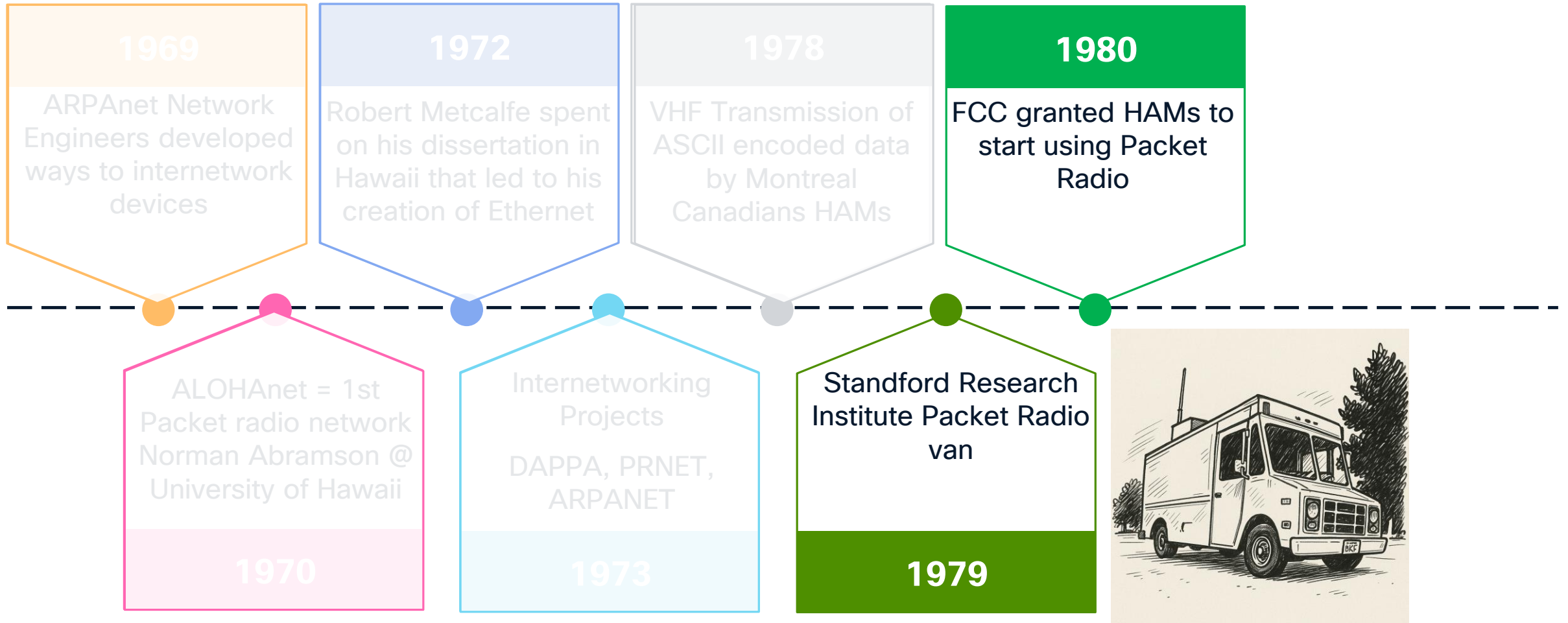
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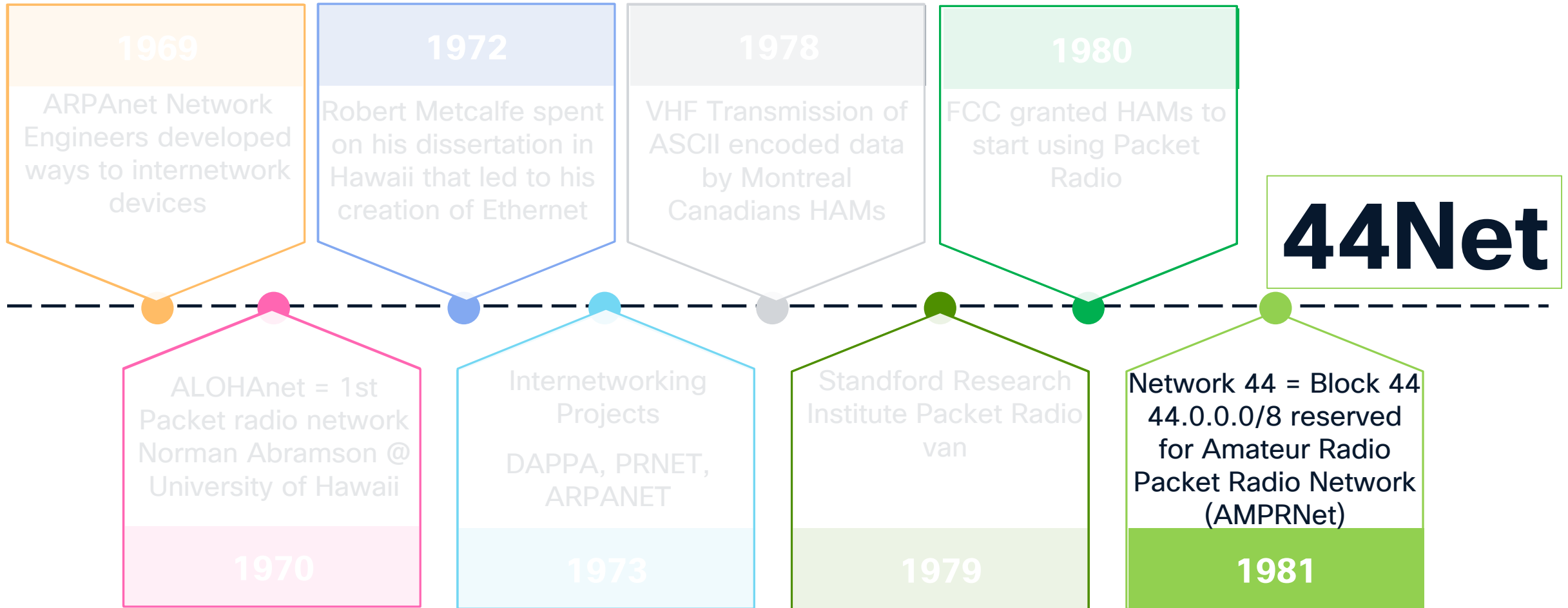
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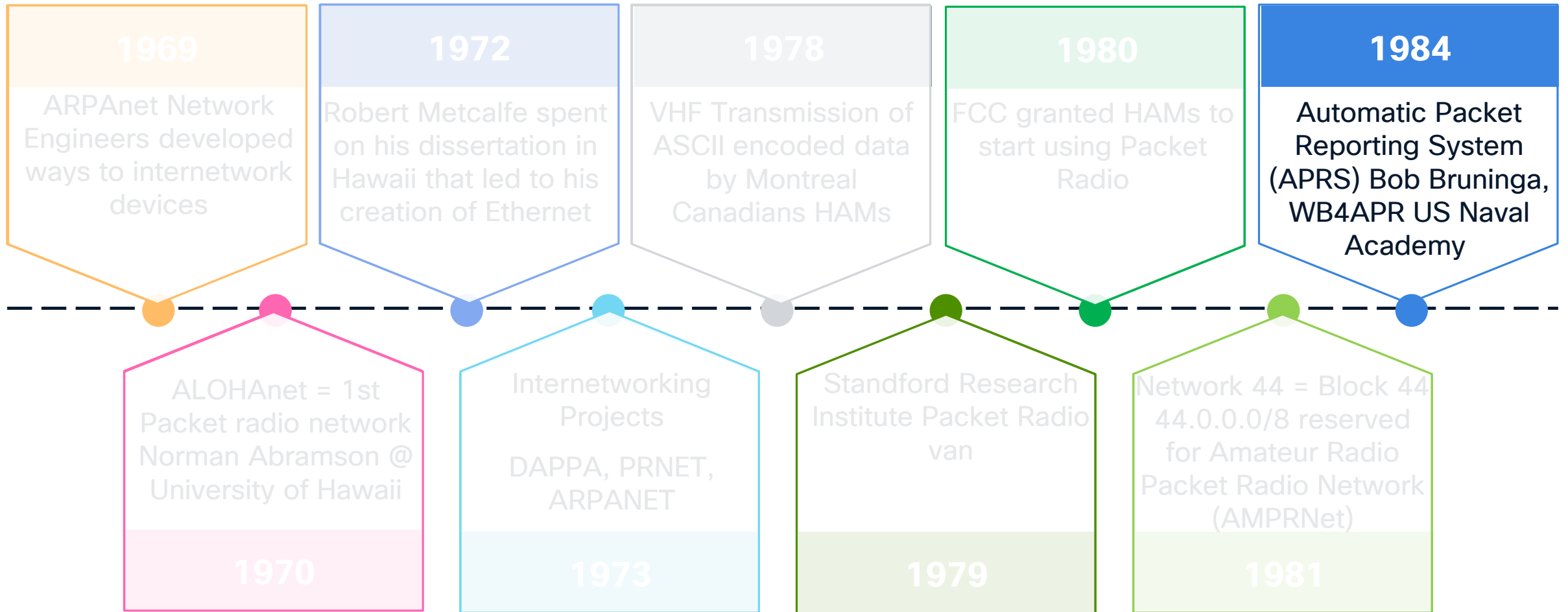
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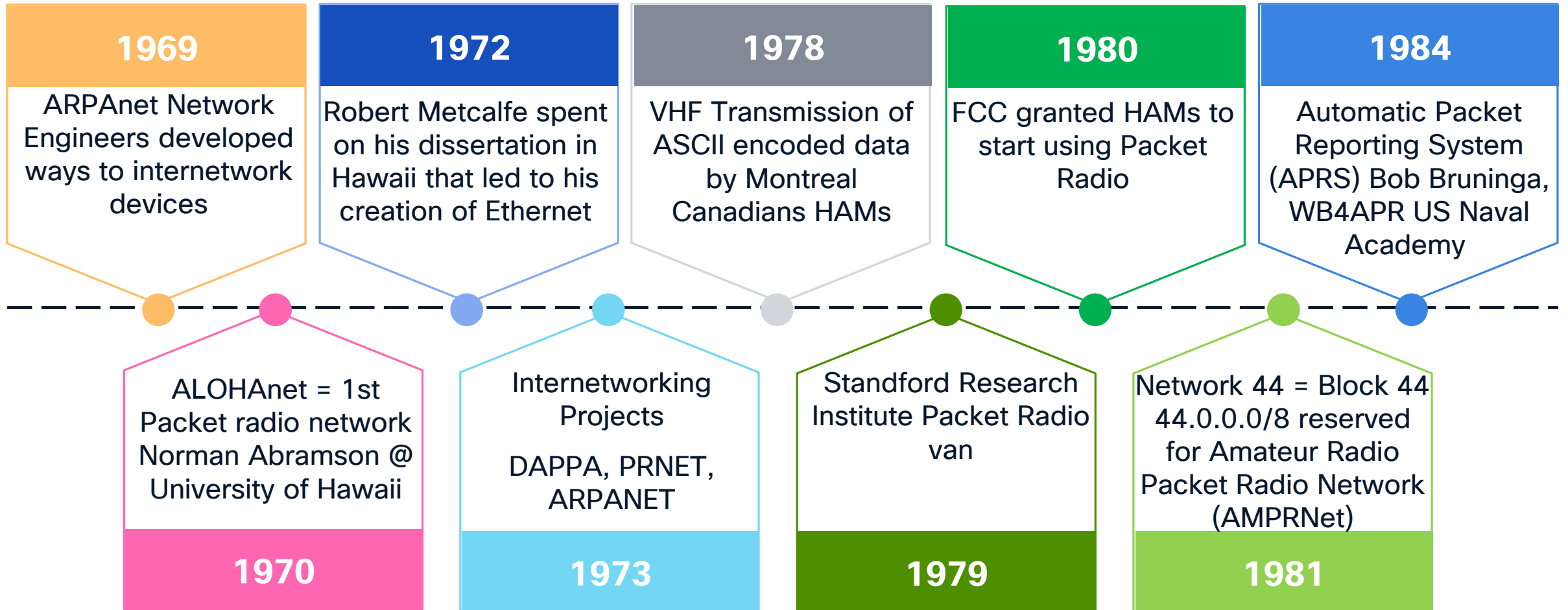
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How prepared do you feel for emergency communications?

Packet Radio Networking



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Packet Radio Architecture

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Physical Layer (Layer 1) Radio

Radio is similar to network cabling in our OSI Model

RF Engineering + Complexity

OSI Model

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LAYER	APPLICATION/ EXAMPLE	CENTRAL DEVICE PROTOCOLS	DOD4 MODEL
APPLICATION (7) Serves as the window for users and application processes to access the network services.	End User Layer: Program that opens what was sent or creates what is to be sent	User Applications SMTP	Process
PRESENTATION (6) Formats the data to be presented to the Application layer. It can be viewed as the "Translator" for the network.	Syntax Layer: Encrypt & decrypt (if needed)	JPEG/ASCII/EBDIC/ TIFF/GIF/PICT	
SESSION (5) Allow session establishment between processes running on different stations.	Synch & send to ports (logical ports)	Logical Ports RPC/SQL/NFS/ NetBIOS names	
TRANSPORT (4) Ensures that messages are delivered error-free, in sequence, and with no losses or duplications.	TCP: Host to Host, Flow Control	TCP/SPX/UDP	Host to Host
NETWORK (3) Controls the operations of the subnet, deciding which physical path the data takes.	Packets: "letter", contains IP address	Routers IP/IPX/ICMP	Internet
DATA LINK (2) Provides error-free transfer of data frames from one node to another over the Physical layer.	Frames: "envelopes", contains layer 2 address (ex MAC address)	Switch Bridge WAP PPP/SLIP	
PHYSICAL (1) Concerned with the transmission and reception of the unstructured raw bit stream over the physical medium.	Physical structure: Cables, hubs, etc.	Hub	



Data Link Layer (Layer 2)

AX.25 v2.2

AX.25 Amateur Packet-Radio link-layer protocol

Open-source Protocol created for Amateur Packet Radio.

Amateur X.25 – it’s a modified version of X.25 protocol by the International Telegraph and Telephone Consultative Committee (CCITT)

X.25 is an International Telecommunication Union Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) standard for packet-switched data communication in wide area networks (WANs). Predecessor to protocols like Frame Relay and ATM.

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Packet Radio Architecture

COMPUTE



Compute

Terminal
Node
Controller
(TNC)

Radio

Search for the
HAM Easter egg



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COMPUTE



Transmit AX.25 frames from a Host to a TNC over async serial link



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COMPUTE



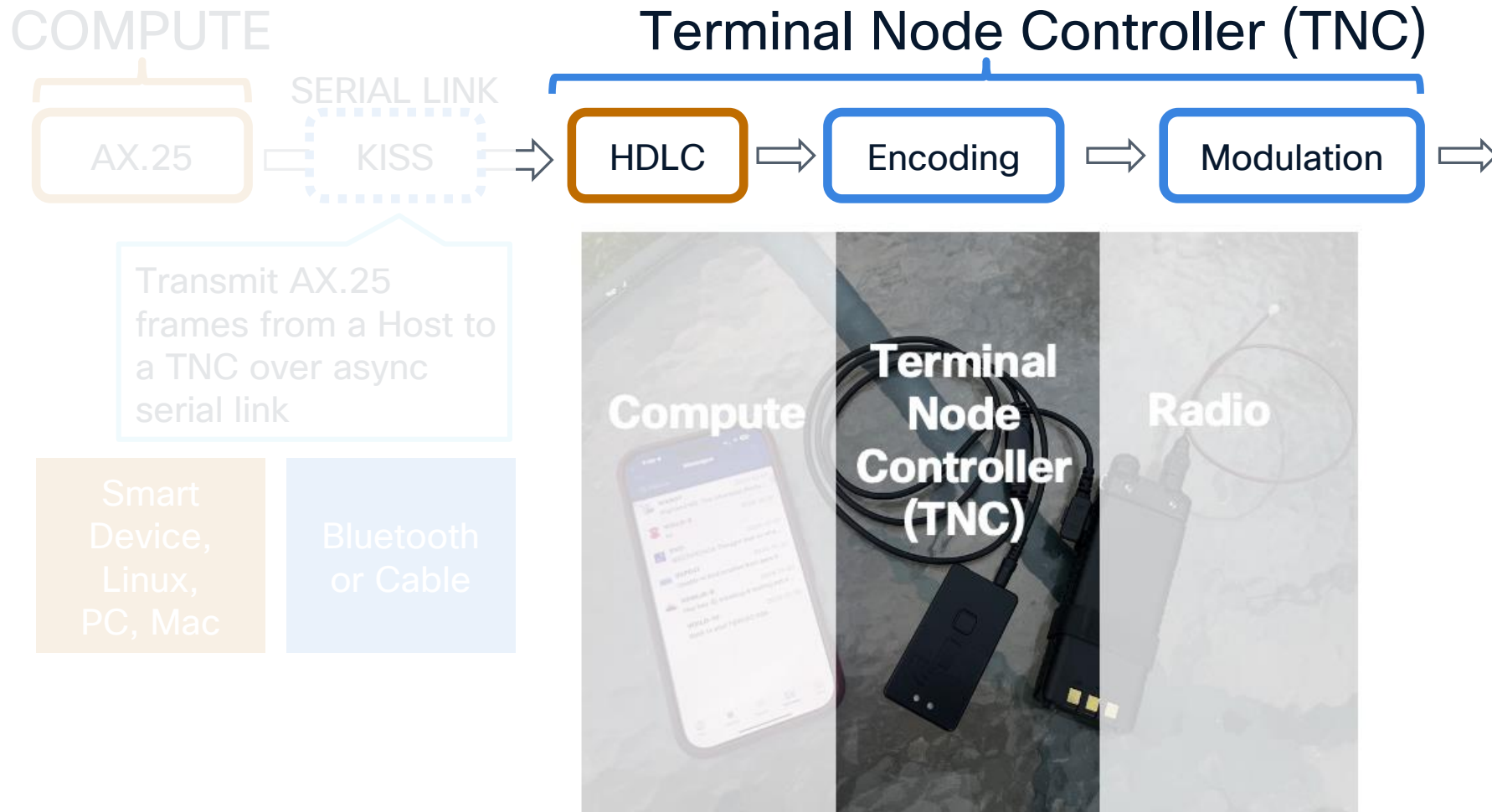
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Smart Device,
Linux,
PC, Mac

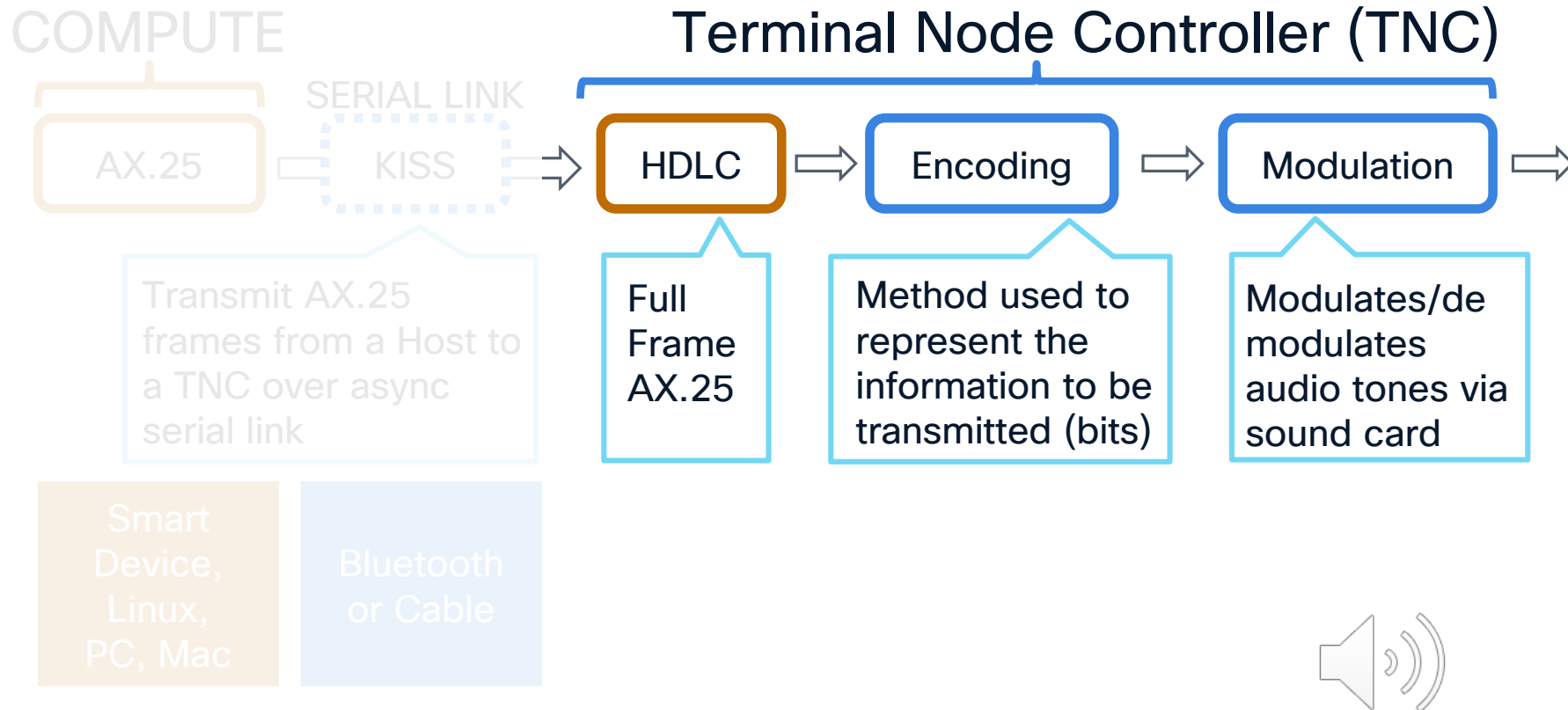
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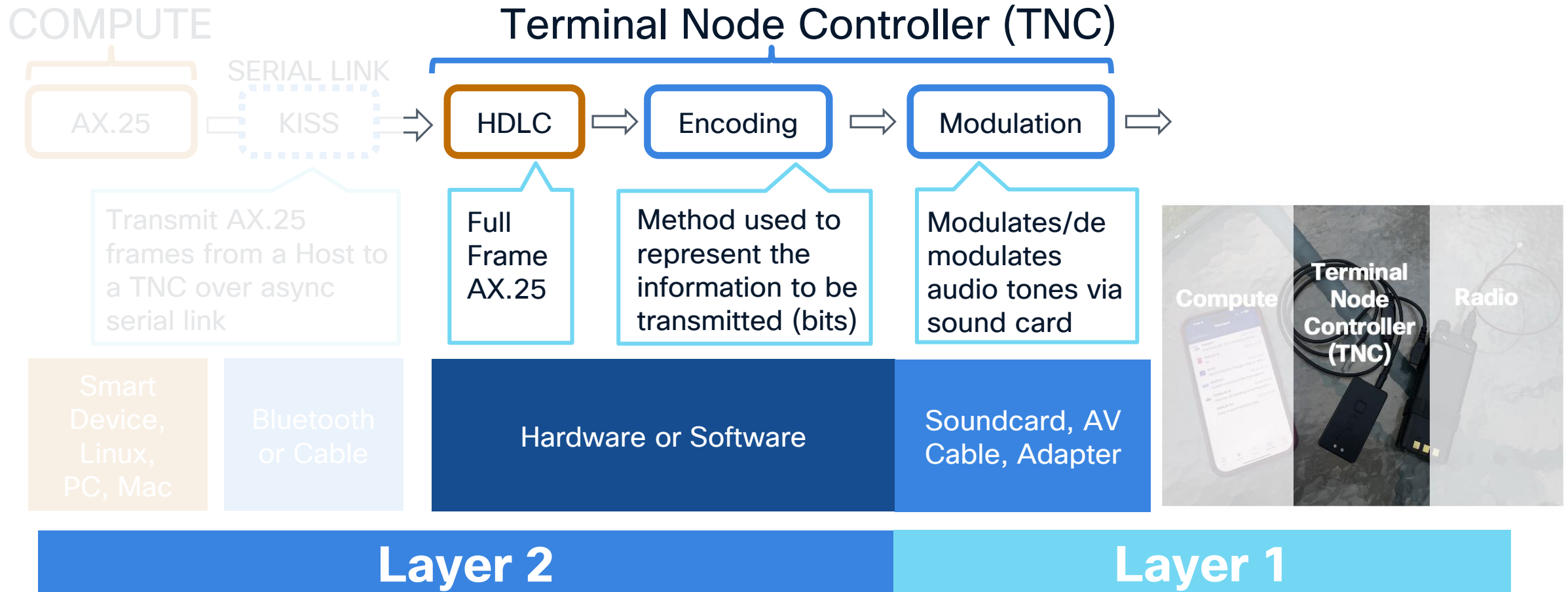
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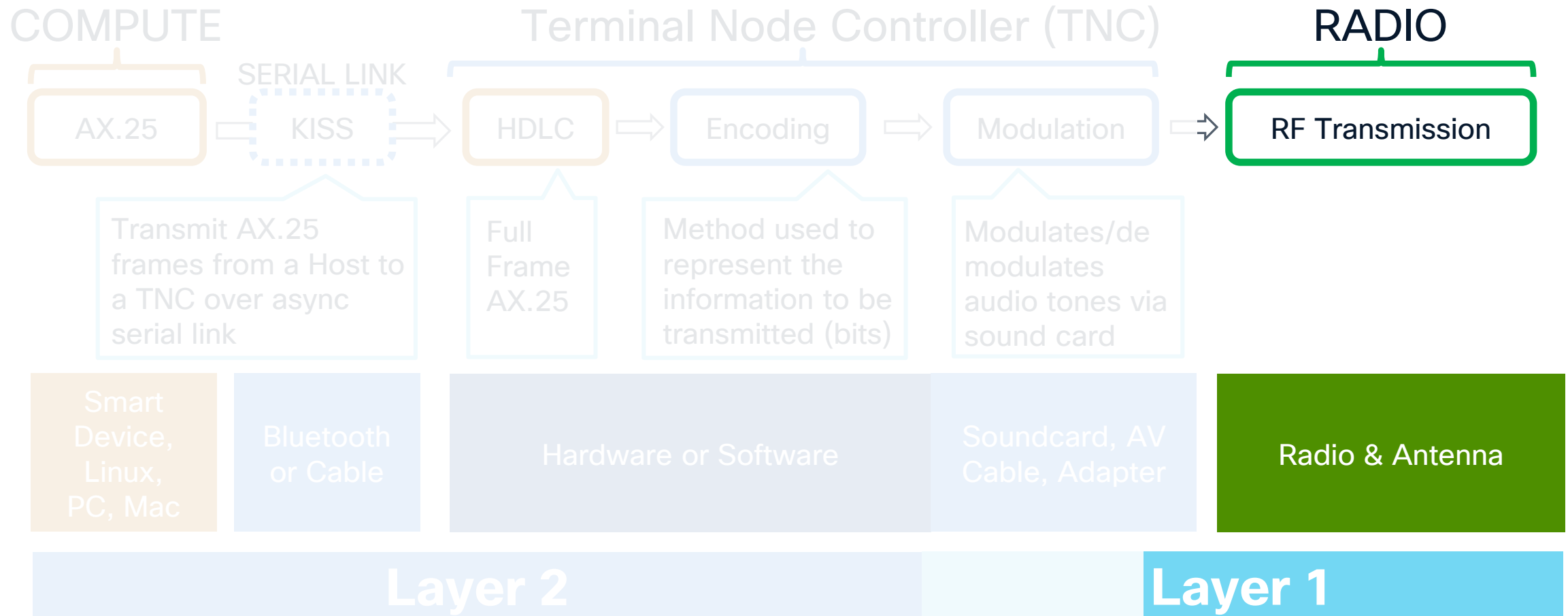
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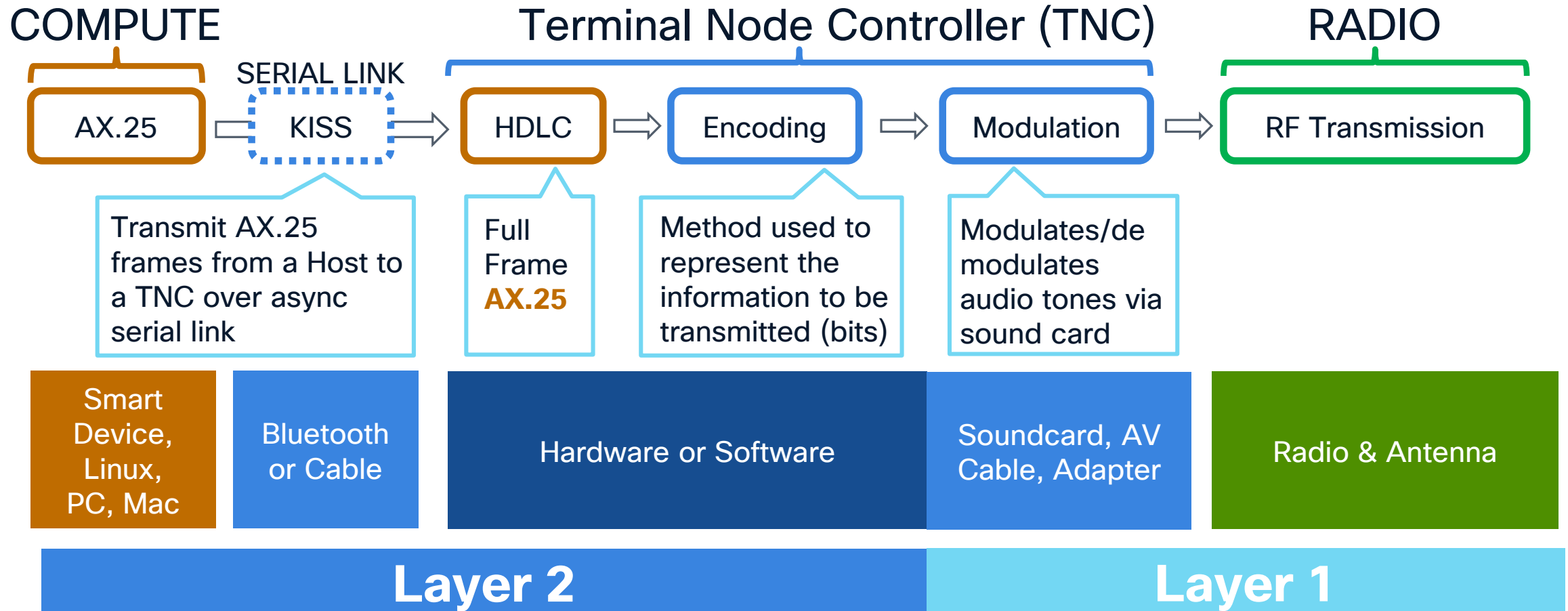
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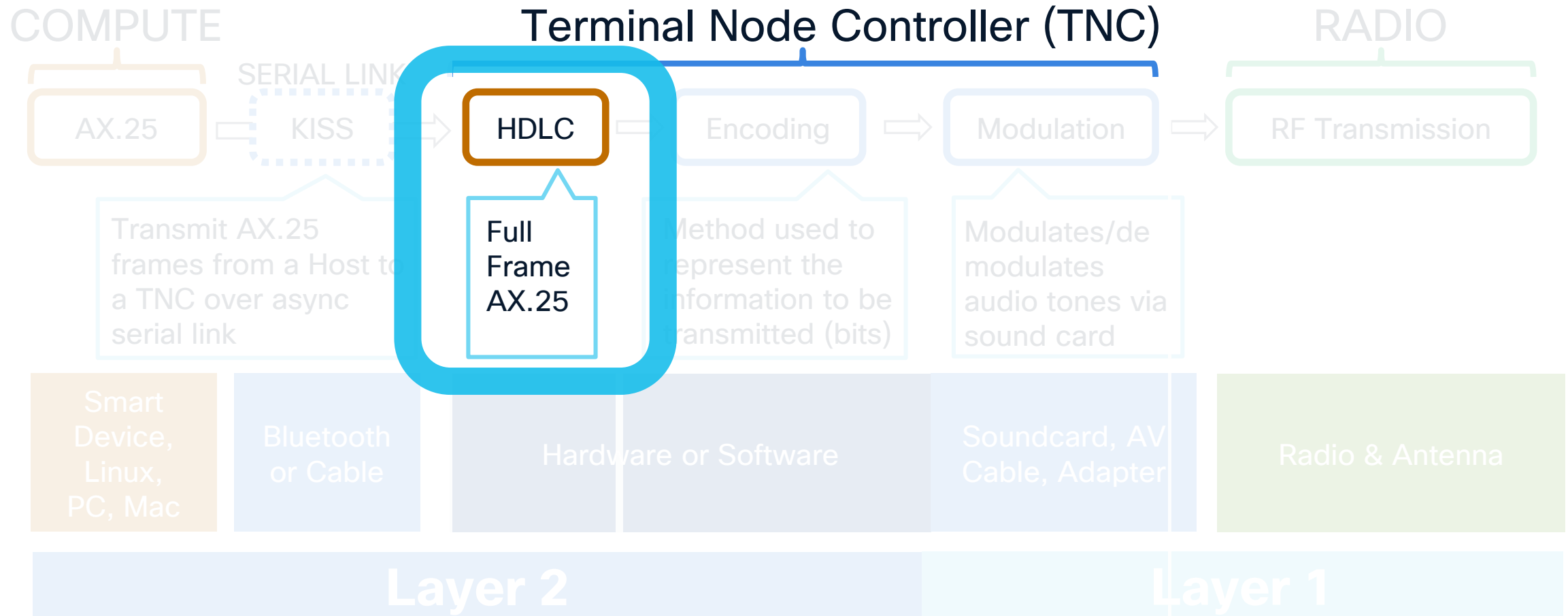


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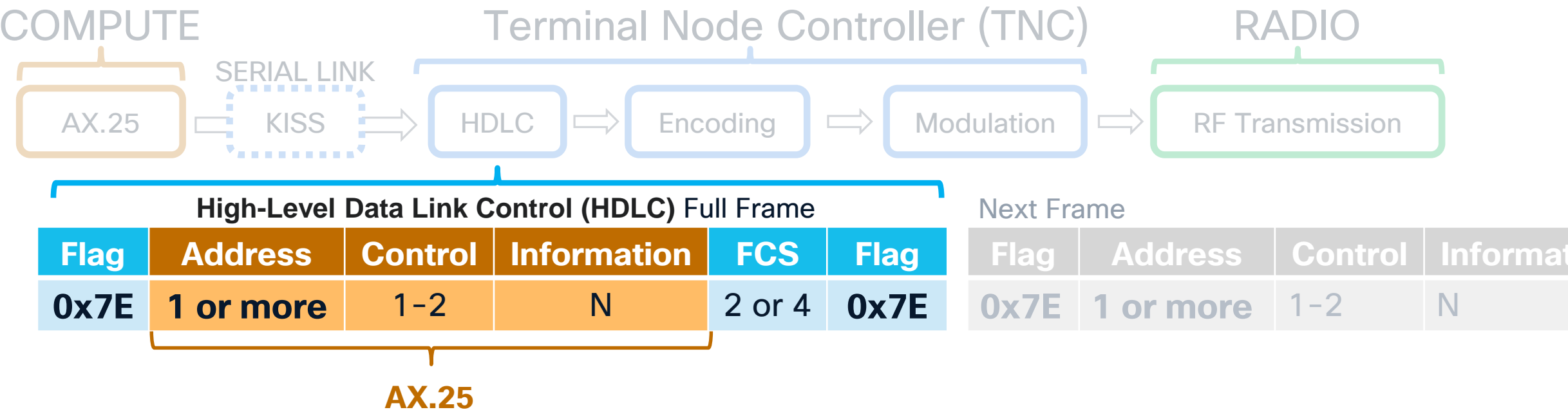


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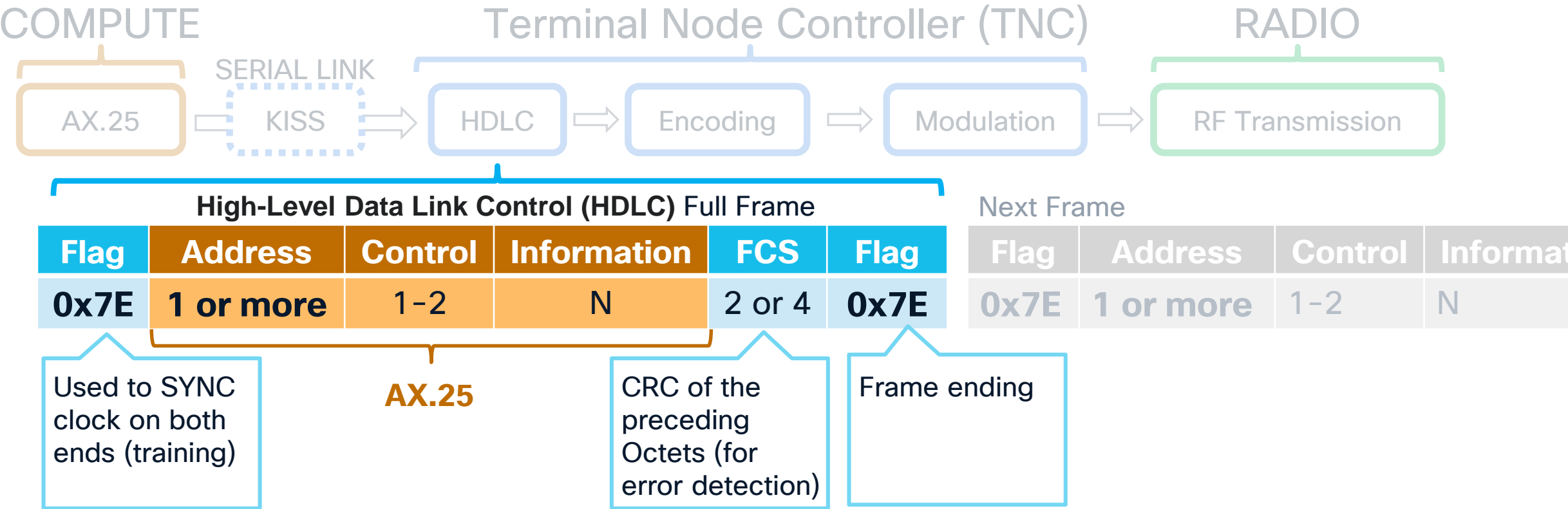
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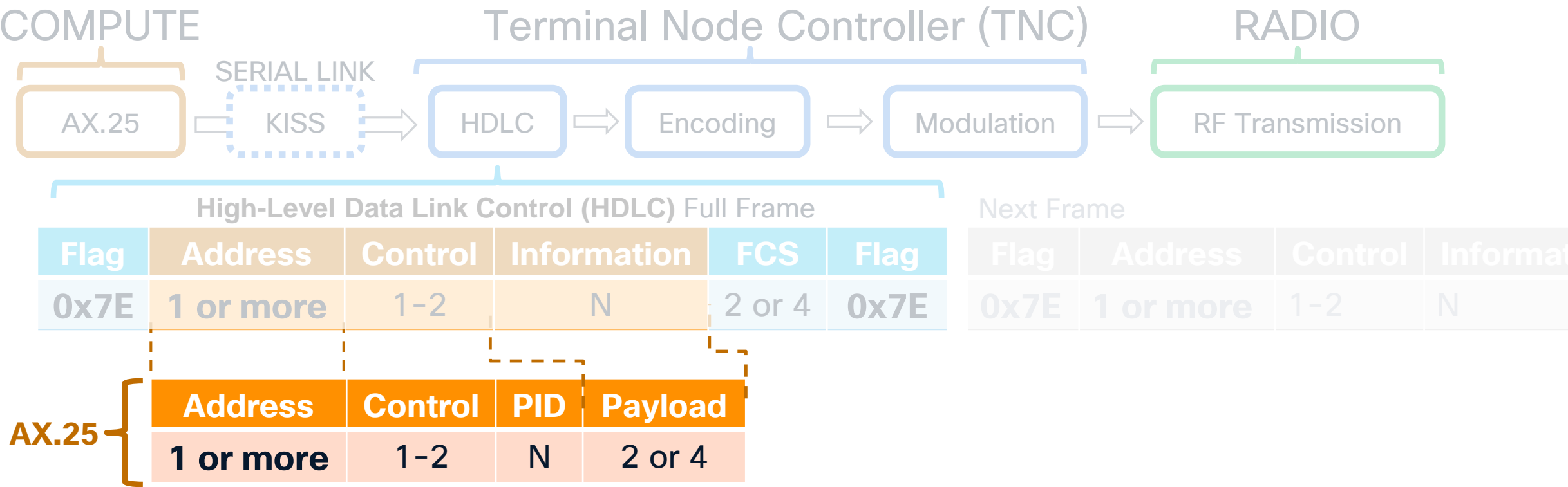
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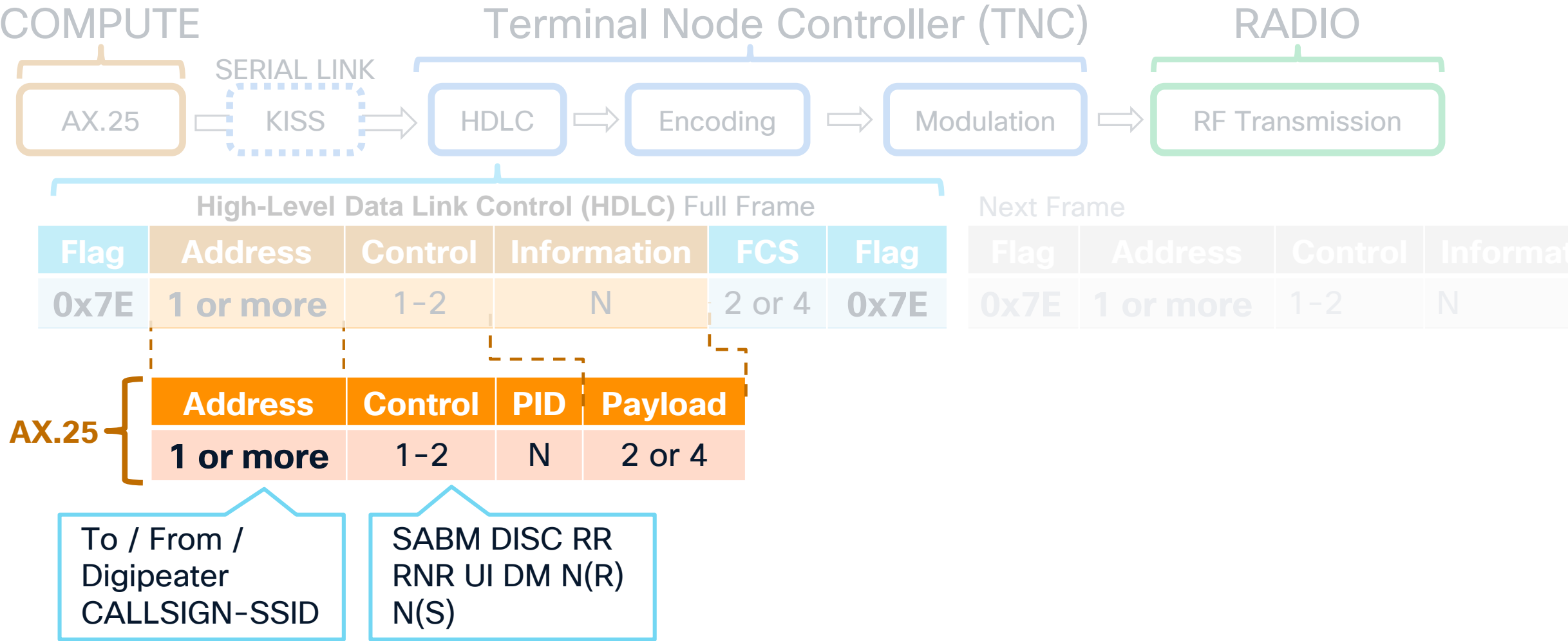
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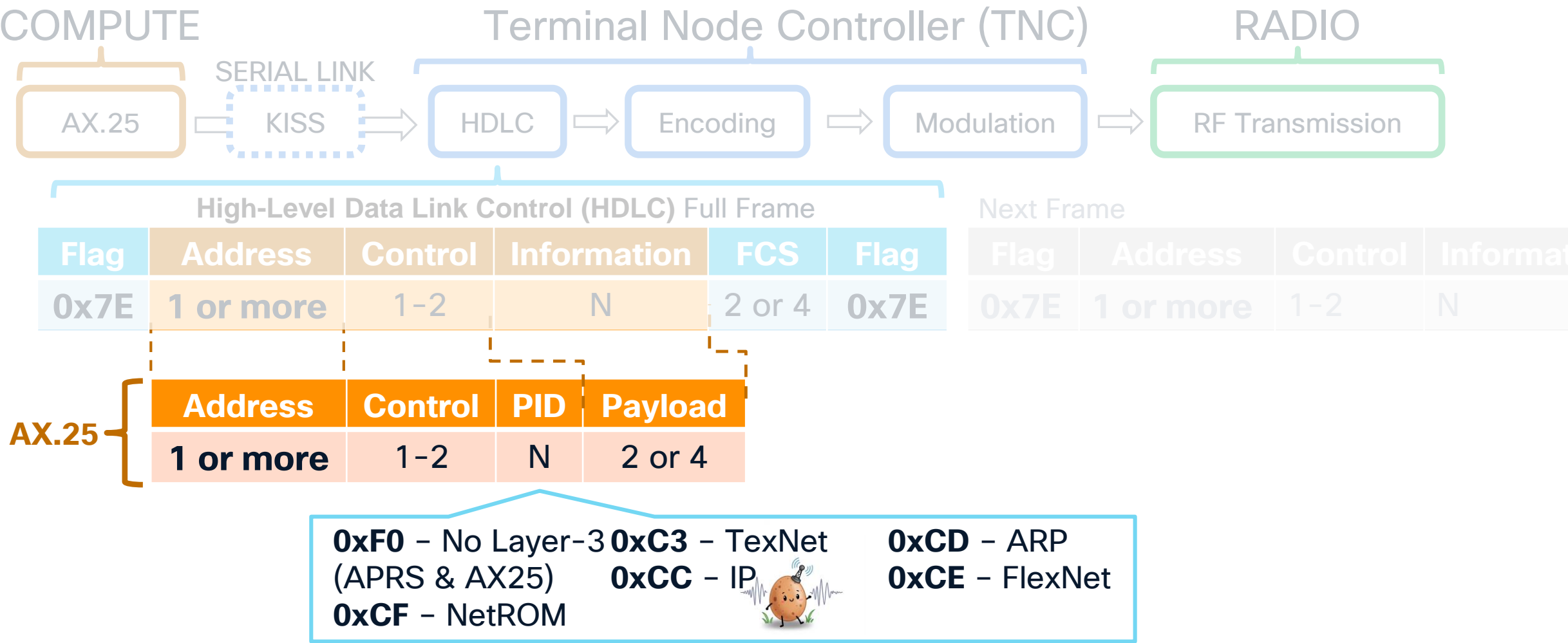
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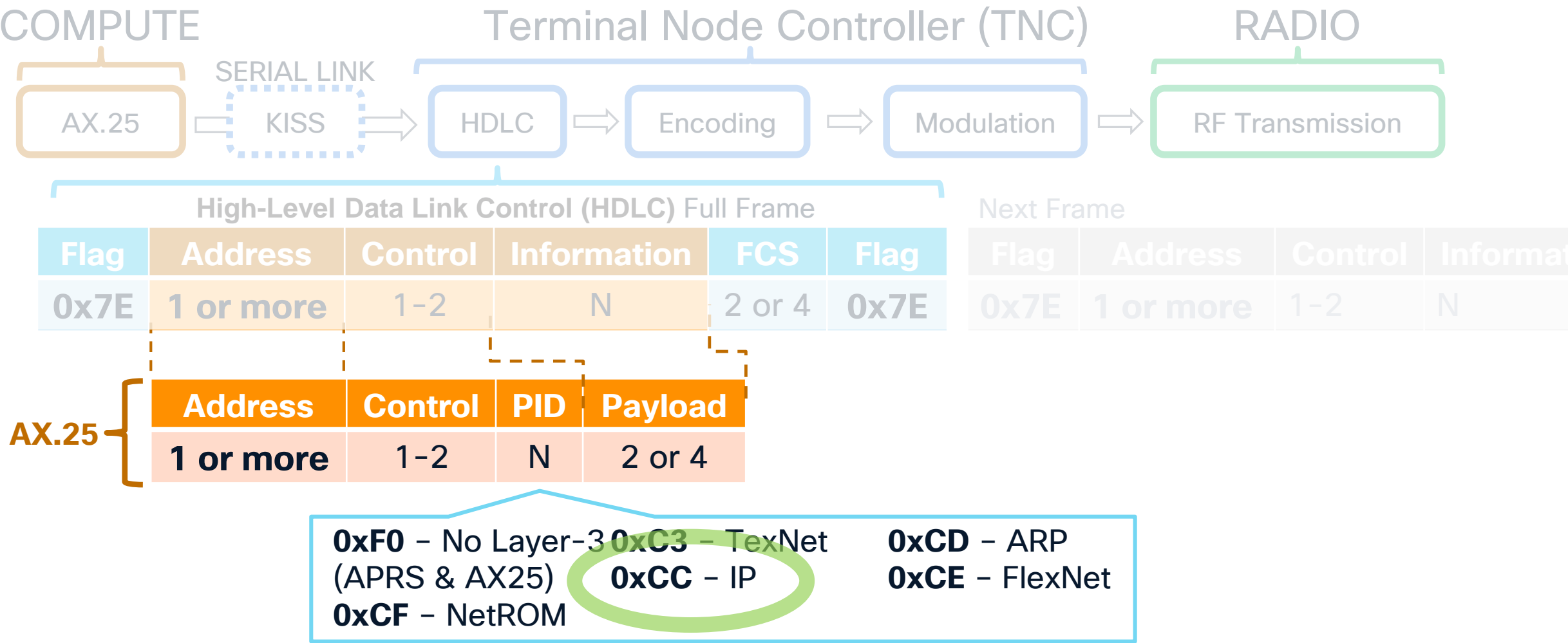
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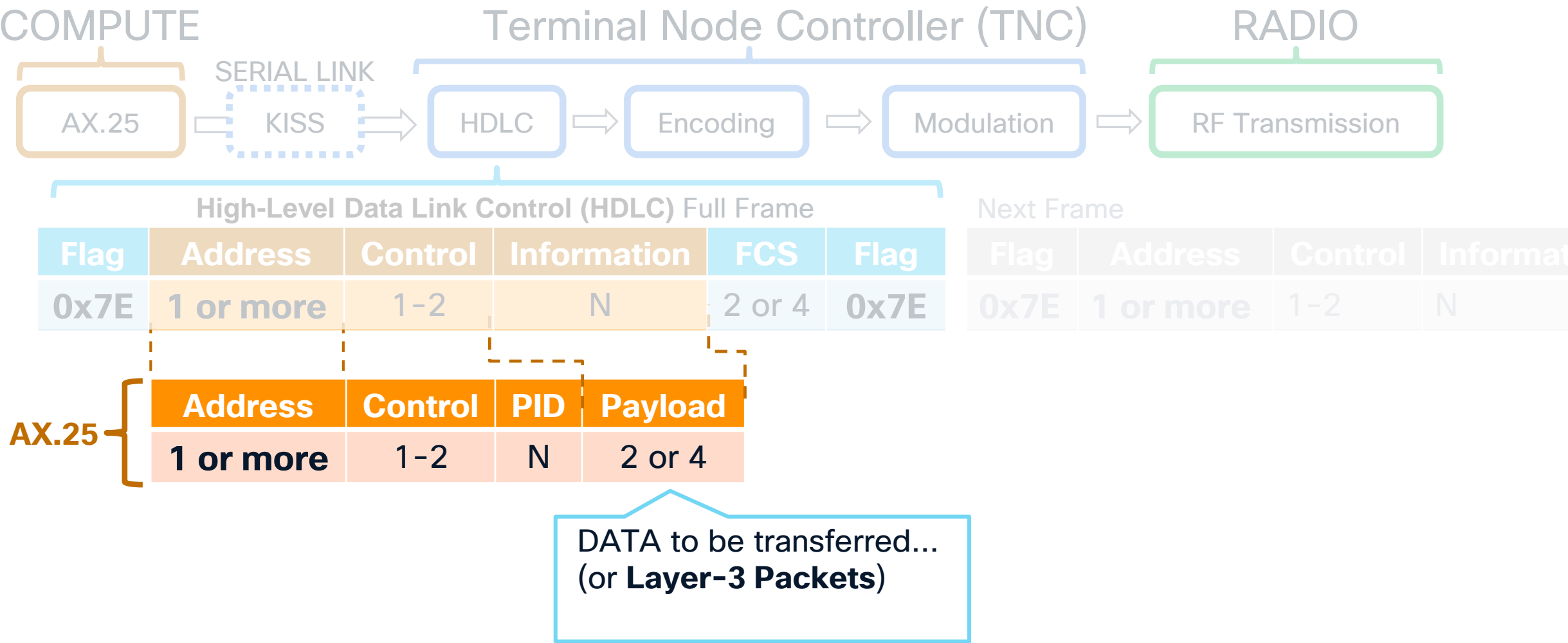
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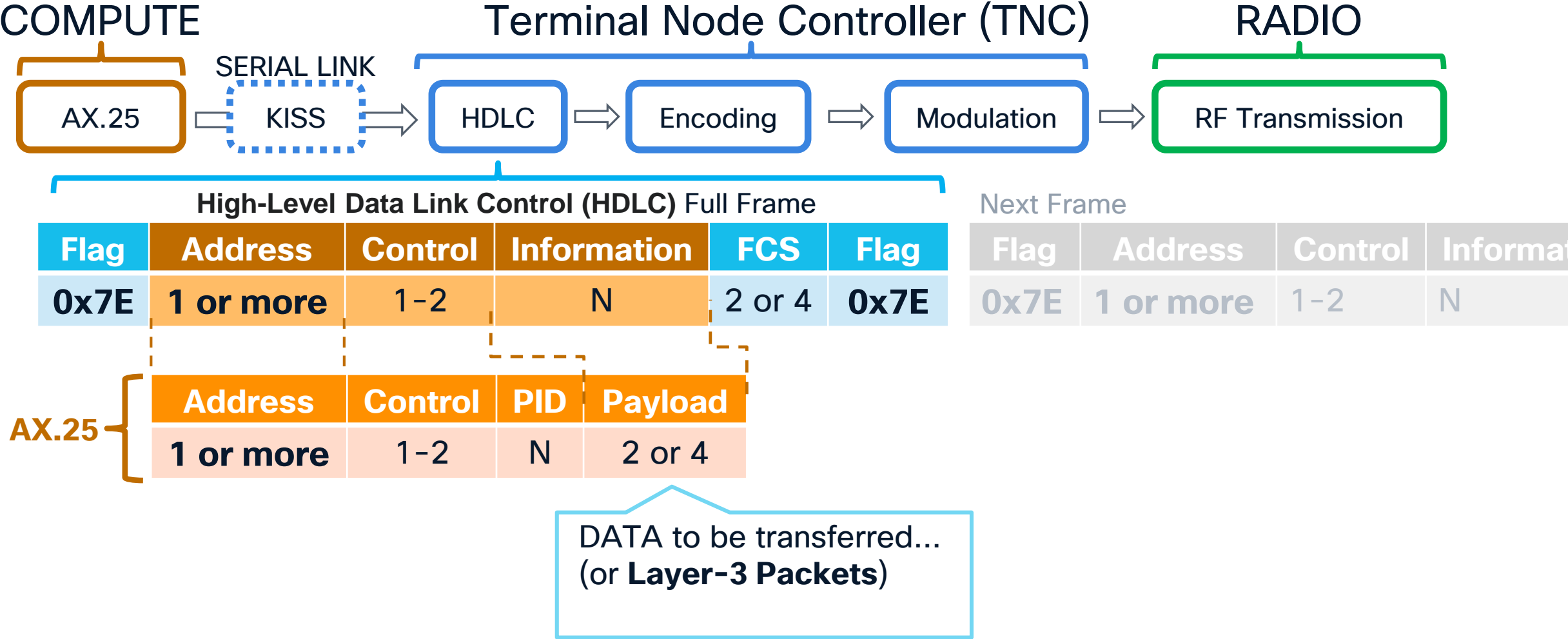
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Packet Radio Architecture



Use Cases

How are you gonna call?

Use Cases

Amateur Radio

Purpose & General uses (FCC Part 97.1)



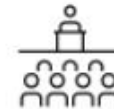
Radio & Tech

Advancement of the radio art and technology.



Communications & Technical Skills

Advancement of radio skills in both the art of communication and technical art.



Train All Levels

Provide a trained reservoir of operators, technicians and electronics experts.



Promote Goodwill

Promote and enhance international goodwill.

Source: <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-47/chapter-I/subchapter-D/part-97>

Advancement & Applications of Packet Radio: Automatic Packet Reporting System (APRS)

- Popular use of Packet Radio & AX.25
- Radio built-in Support – Standard for sending GPS position data over interval based on time and speed
- Send short messages
- Large Install base and extend APRS
 - Digipeaters – Repeats packets between repeater to expand range
 - APRS iGate (Internet Gateway) – routes RF packets to the Internet.

Advancement & Applications of Packet Radio:

Winlink (Winlink 2000)

email over HF/VHF radio

- **Transmission Protocols Used with Winlink:**

- **Packet Radio** – fully open-source, low-speed up to 9600bps
- **VARA** – A high-efficiency modem used over HF and VHF, speed up to 24kbps.
- **PACTOR (I-IV)** – Popular for long-distance email communications over HF.
- **ARDOP** – An open-source protocol for HF digital communications.

Advance Technology Open Source Projects: Hardware Radio New Packet Radio

- NPR (New Packet Radio) is a custom radio protocol, designed to transport bidirectional IP traffic over 430MHz radio links (ham radio frequencies 420-450MHz).
- <https://hackaday.io/project/164092-npr-new-packet-radio>



Advancing Technology Open Source Projects

Hardware TNC

Mobilinkd TNC4

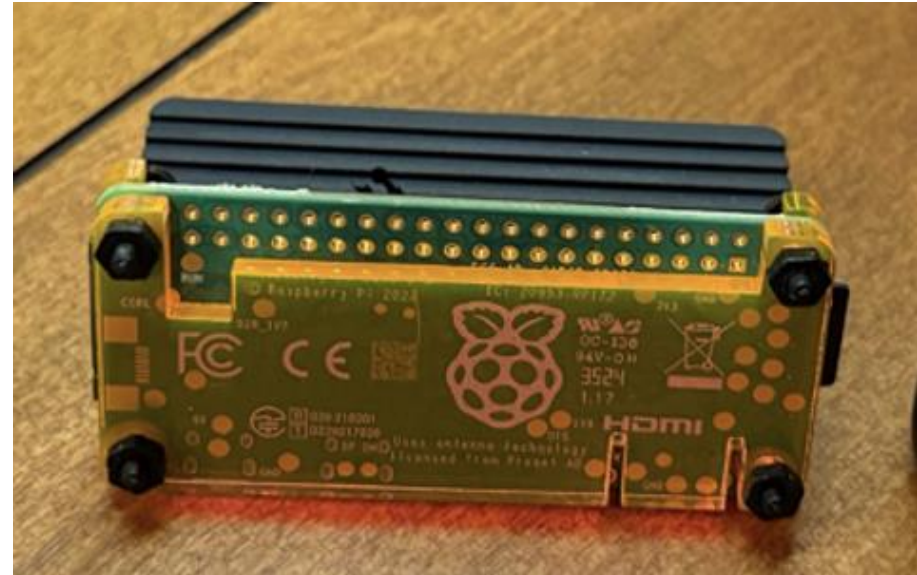
- Mobilinkd TNC - The Nucleo TNC is a breadboard implementation
- <https://github.com/mobilinkd>



Advancing Technology Open Source Projects

Software TNC

Direwolf



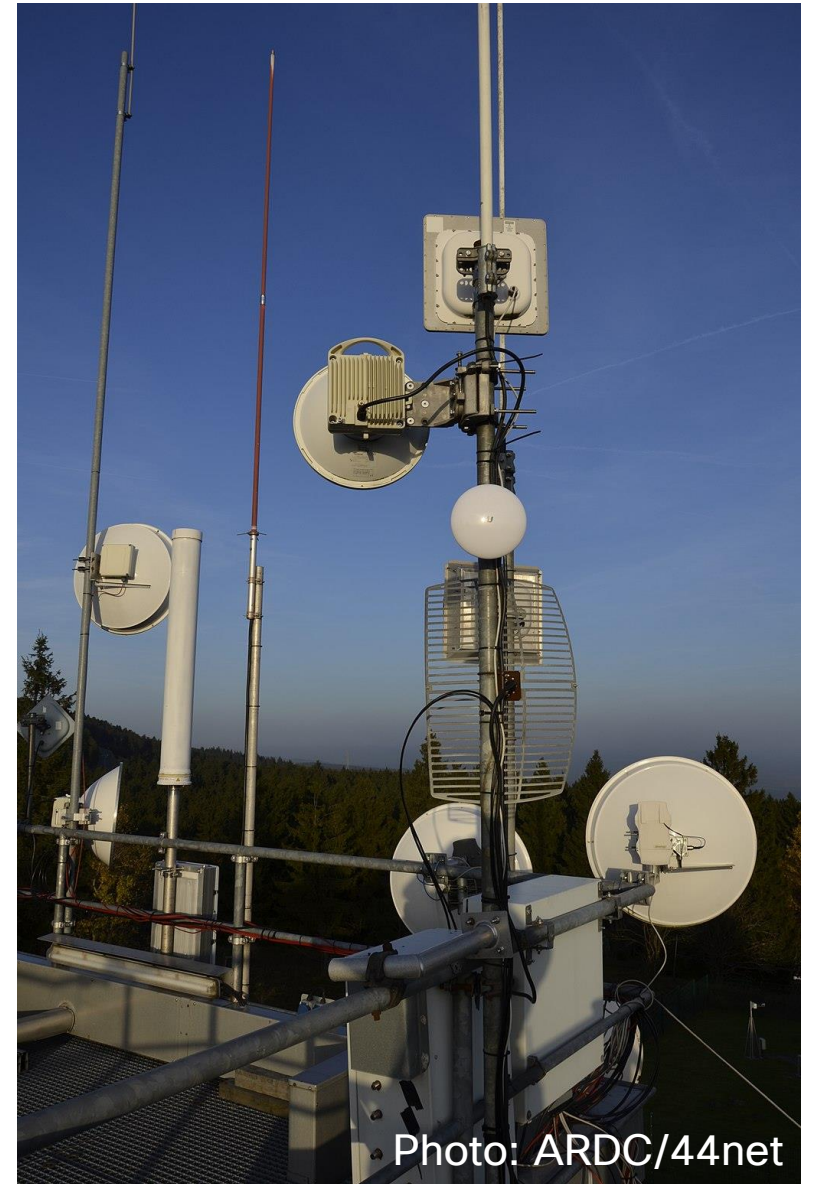
- Dire Wolf is a software “soundcard” AX.25 packet modem/TNC and APRS encoder/decoder
- Run on linux or raspberry pi
- <https://github.com/wb2osz/direwolf>

Advancing Technology

Wireless 2.4GHz & 5.8GHz

Highspeed Amateur Radio

- BPG Peers - <https://hamnet.eu/site/index.html>
- OSFP mesh Seattle/USA - HAMWAN
<https://hamwan.org/>
- EIGRP (Babel) mesh - AREDN Mesh
<https://www.arednmesh.org/>



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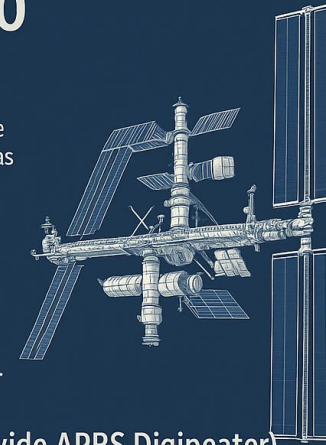
HAM in Space

- ARISS – Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (<https://www.ariss.org/>)
- Worldwide APRS Digipeater
- 2025 first amateur radio contacts from aboard a SpaceX Dragon capsule (<https://fram2ham.com>)
- AMSAT – Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation
<https://www.amsat.org/>

AMATEUR RADIO ON THE ISS

The Amateur Radio station aboard the International Space Station is known as the ARISS program – Amateur Radio on the International Space Station.

Amateur Radio communications between the ISS crew and stations on the ground energize students' interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).



Mode V APRS (Worldwide APRS Digipeater)
Most common operating mode

ISS AMATEUR RADIO FREQUENCIES

Uplink	Downlink
145.825 MHz	145.825 MHz
Mode V APRS (Worldwide APRS)	FM 1200 Packet



Training & STEM Education

MARS 100th Anniversary

U.S. ARMY MARS 100

One Time Pad

A	BCDE	FGH	IJK	LM	NO	PQR	ST	UV	WX	YZ
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
A	LIZJ	XRW	OMG	FU	PT	BDN	HS	VC	YE	KQ
B	QKSI	NYV	PUW	CM	JG	LTE	FZ	AX	DH	RO
C	XUOD	GMK	RVH	NB	ZA	SYT	FP	LW	QI	EJ
D	MCZV	GAX	NEO	YR	HS	UQJ	FI	WB	LP	TK
E	PWFK	TBR	JSD	OX	NV	QMC	YH	UZ	AL	IG
F	NHSM	RZB	WCV	LG	DE	ITA	UQ	KY	JO	PX
G	YOKF	PTB	EDZ	RV	CQ	NIU	MJ	LS	XA	HW
H	WXKB	LCF	TZP	JM	AY	SIO	VG	NU	ED	QR
I	BLYP	NHG	ZSK	OU	MJ	FRA	DX	WE	CV	TQ

U.S. ARMY MARS 100

MARS 100 CW Message Broadcasts

Broadcast Dates: 10, 12, 13, November 2025


Broadcast Times: to be announced

Dial Frequencies (USB): 5330.5, 7431.5, 13,528.5, 14,760, 18,211

Military Spec Broadcast Stations: MD, PA, TX, CO, MT, AZ, HI

Multiple messages, multiple speeds, one time pad encoded phrase

Correctly copy CW message, decode the phrase, and request a MARS 100 QSL Card!



<https://www.usarmymars.org/home>

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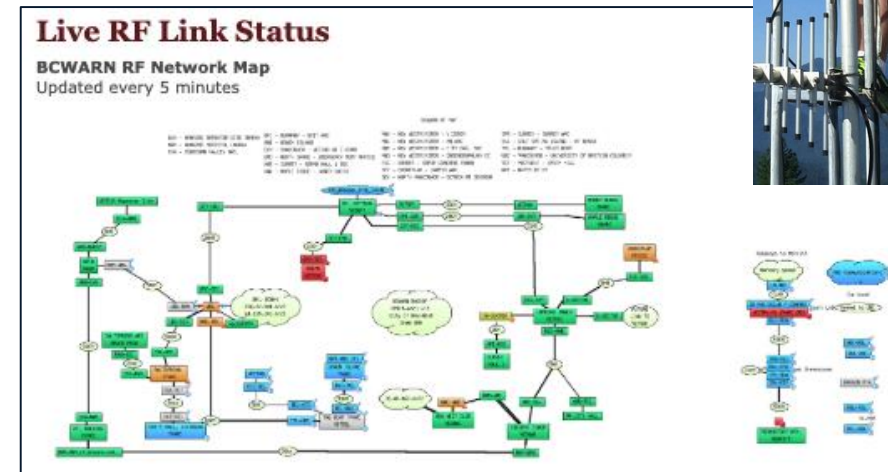
AI and Amateur Radio

- AI Operation w/ Tim N3QE
- Generative AI for Text-to-Speech & Speech-to-Text
- Voice Synthesis by Google, Amazon, Microsoft
- International Language translation services
- Other usage: Signal Processing to filter out noise, etc



Training & Operate: British Columbia Wireless Amateur Radio Network **BCWARN**

- BCWARN is an association of amateur radio groups sharing the common goal of building a high-speed data network
- 20 Years of operations wireless point to point to EOCs
- Ian Procyk, VE7HHS Cisco Wireless Solutions Engineer
- <https://www.bcwarn.net/>



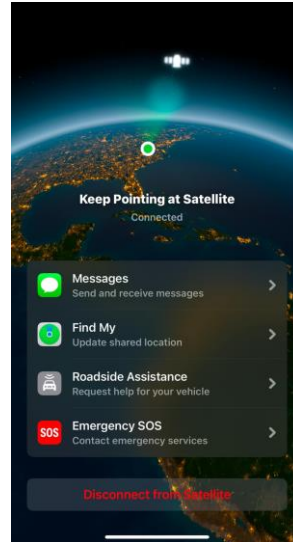


Services

Cisco IP Phones
Meraki MS

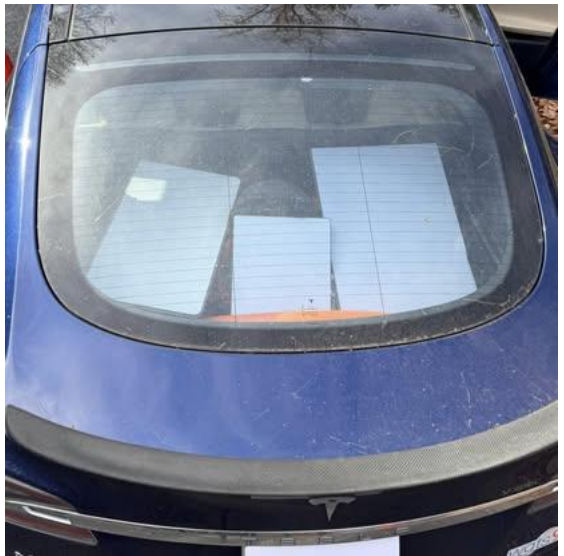


Training & Operating: Satellite Internet + Cisco Meraki + Amateur Radio



- Quick setup for Internet access
- Nontechnical personnel
- Connectivity & advanced network security that the modern world requires





Promote Goodwill: Cisco Crisis Response Team Network Emergency Response Vehicle (NERV)

Visit in the World of Solutions

Supported by Cisco Crisis Response (CCR), a dedicated team of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) / Emergency Communications specialists.



<https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/about/csr/impact/cisco-crisis-response.html>

Promote Goodwill: Cisco Crisis Response: Response Kits

Continuity of Operations (Continuity of Government), Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response teams.

- **Cisco Rapid Response Kit**
- **Emergency Communication Kit**
- **Mesh Response Kit**
- **Phone Kit**



<https://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/about/csr/impact/cisco-crisis-response/incident-response.html>

Cisco Ultra-Reliable Wireless Backhaul (CRUWB)

Cisco ultra-reliable wireless backhaul (URWB) quickly—it's built on 802.11 standards and deploys just like Wi-Fi.

Cisco Catalyst IW9167 Heavy Duty Series Access Points

Cisco Catalyst IW9165D

Cisco Catalyst IW9165E Rugged Access Point



FREE IPv4 Address Space
+Special Bonus
How are you gonna call?



What use cases are you interested in building with Amateur Radio and Cisco networking? (eg drones, sensors, meshtastic, AI, etc)

Build Your Use Case = DIY



Amateur Radio

EMCOMM, Digital/Packet
Radio, Contesting & fun



Cisco Networking

Core Networking
Foundations

010110
110010
001011

44net – IPv4 Address

IP Address Grant Space for
Amateur Radio

What is 44Net

Your Use Case

44Net = AMPRNet Internet network 44 (44.0.0.0/9, 44.128.0.0/10)

44Net is managed by Amateur Radio Digital Communications (ARDC) a private foundation that exists to support amateur radio and digital communication science and technology.

Their goals are to advance state of the art Amateur Radio networking and to educate amateur radio operators in these techniques.



How to request free IPv4 Addresses from 44Net

- Details @ <https://www.ardc.net/44net/>
- Portal @ <https://portal.ampr.org/>
 - 44.63.0.0/16 IPIP Tunnel Mesh, AKA AMPRNet
 - 44.61.0.0/16 - Standalone
 - 44.31.0.0/16 BGP announced assignment

The screenshot shows the ARDC (Amateur Radio Digital Communications) website's 'Request Address Space' form. The header includes the ARDC logo and navigation links for AMPRNet, Logout, Profile, Help, Maps, Account, Tickets, DNS, Networks, and Contact. The form itself is titled 'Request Address Space' and includes a note: 'Fields marked * are mandatory'. It features two dropdown menus: 'Address type:' with 'IPv4' selected, and 'Use case:' with a list of options including 'Select intended use case' (checked), 'IPIP tunnel mesh', 'BGP direct announce', 'Radio', 'Globally unique space', 'General address assignment', 'AREDN', 'HAMNET', and 'HamWAN'. Both dropdowns have a teal '?' icon. A teal 'Continue' button is located below the 'Use case' dropdown.

BGP = High-speed Amateur-radio Multimedia NETwork (HAMNET)

Packet radio, fast transmission of AX25 data

EchoLink

WinLink2000

Instant Messaging

VoIP

DATV/IP ATV

APRS

Amateur radio websites (exclusive HAMNET)

European-based High-speed Amateur-radio Multimedia NETwork (HAMNET) offered a multi-megabit using BGP and 44net

<https://www.de.ampr.org/>



<https://www.darc.de/der-club/referate/ausland/english-version/>

Other Cisco Live 2025 Sessions

Cisco Ultra-Reliable Wireless Backhaul (CRUWB)

- **Wednesday, June 11** 11:45 AM – 12:15 PM PDT
 - CSSEWN-1020 Building Digital Equity with Cisco Ultra-Reliable Wireless Backhaul CURWB IoT and Local Governments
- **Thursday, Jun 12** @ 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM PDT
 - BRKEWN-2049 Connectivity beyond the basics: Design and Deployment tips for MESH, WGB and URWB

Cisco Crisis Response Team

- **ALL WEEK @ World of Solutions** Cisco Crisis Response: Network Emergency Response Vehicle (NERV)
- **Monday, Jun 9^[L]_[SEP]** 1:30 PM – 2:00 PM PDT^[L]_[SEP] & **Thursday, Jun 12^[L]_[SEP]** 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM PDT
 - PP-1308 Small Team, Big Impact: How to Navigate Disasters with Cisco Crisis Response
- **Tuesday, Jun 10^[L]_[SEP]** 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM PDT
 - IF-1035 Backdoors and Breaches: Live! incident response tabletop session

Other Cisco Live 2025 Sessions

Satellite Internet / Starlink

- **Monday, Jun 9 @ 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM PDT**
 - BRKMSI-1000 Connecting the unconnected with Starlink & Cisco validated solution
- **Tuesday, Jun 10 @ 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM PDT**
 - BRKNWT-2505 Practical LEOsat Deployments – Technologies Use Cases and Outcomes
- **Tuesday, Jun 10^[L]_[SEP] 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM PDT**
 - BRKSEC-2173 Starlink Security Advanced

Action Items



Discover & Reach out

Next week:
Workplace,
Communities, Volunteer
to support EMCOMM



Amateur Radio

Month: learn more
about HAM & get
license



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Quarter: Build & test
use cases in your area



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