CoAP over GATT

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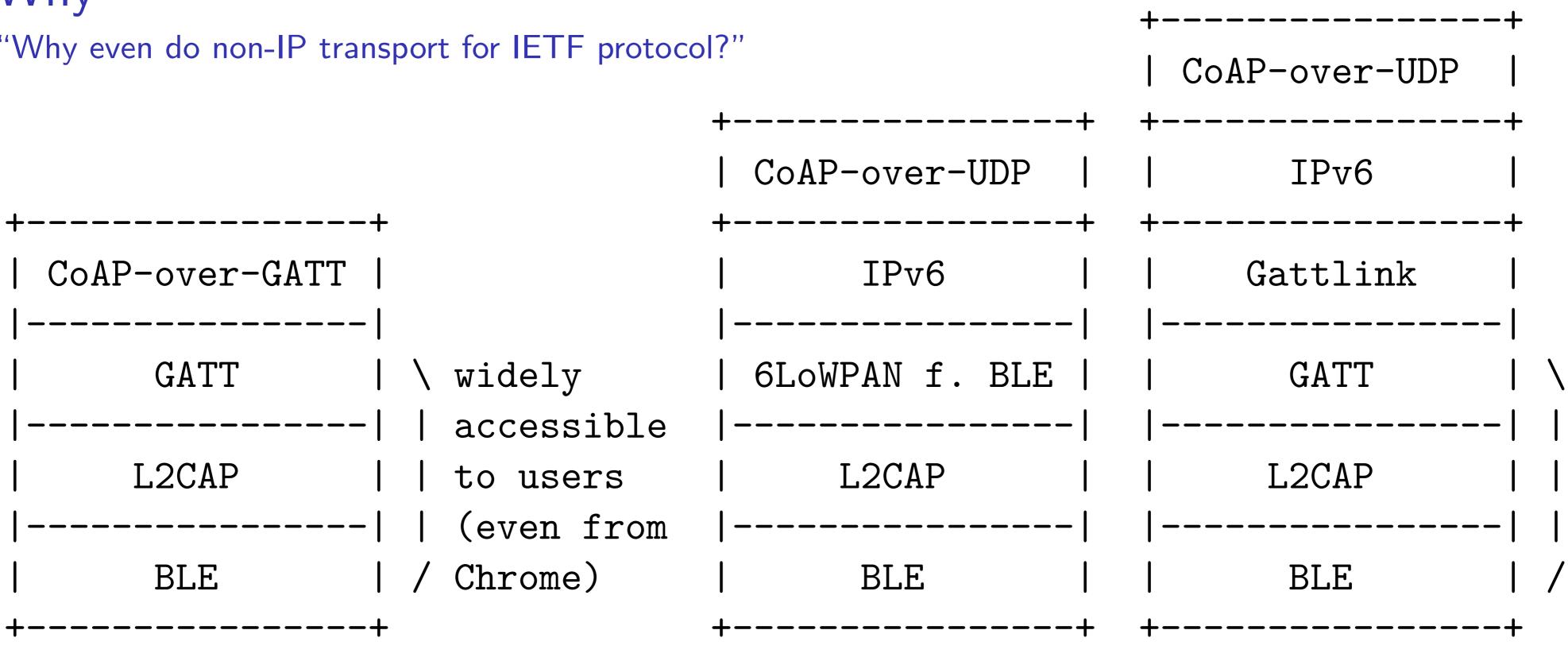
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Why

"Why even do non-IP transport for IETF protocol?"



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Same reasons as for CoAP-over-WebSockets: Can't escape limited APIs. $\mathcal{O} \mathcal{Q} \mathcal{O}$

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2022: Gathered implementation experience with -02

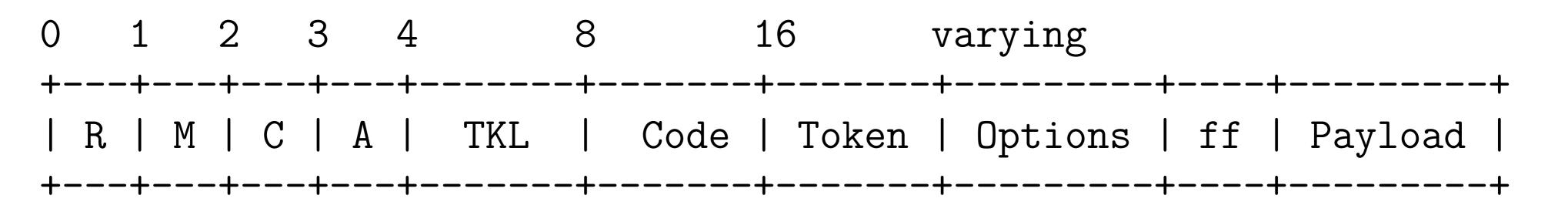
- BLE's reliability doesn't work exactly like I originally thought.
- Neither do BLE implementations.
- Lack of role reversal was limiting.
- Discovery is lacking.



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-03: Updated mechanism based on GATT's properties (ordered, unilateral reliability – highly unlike UDP)

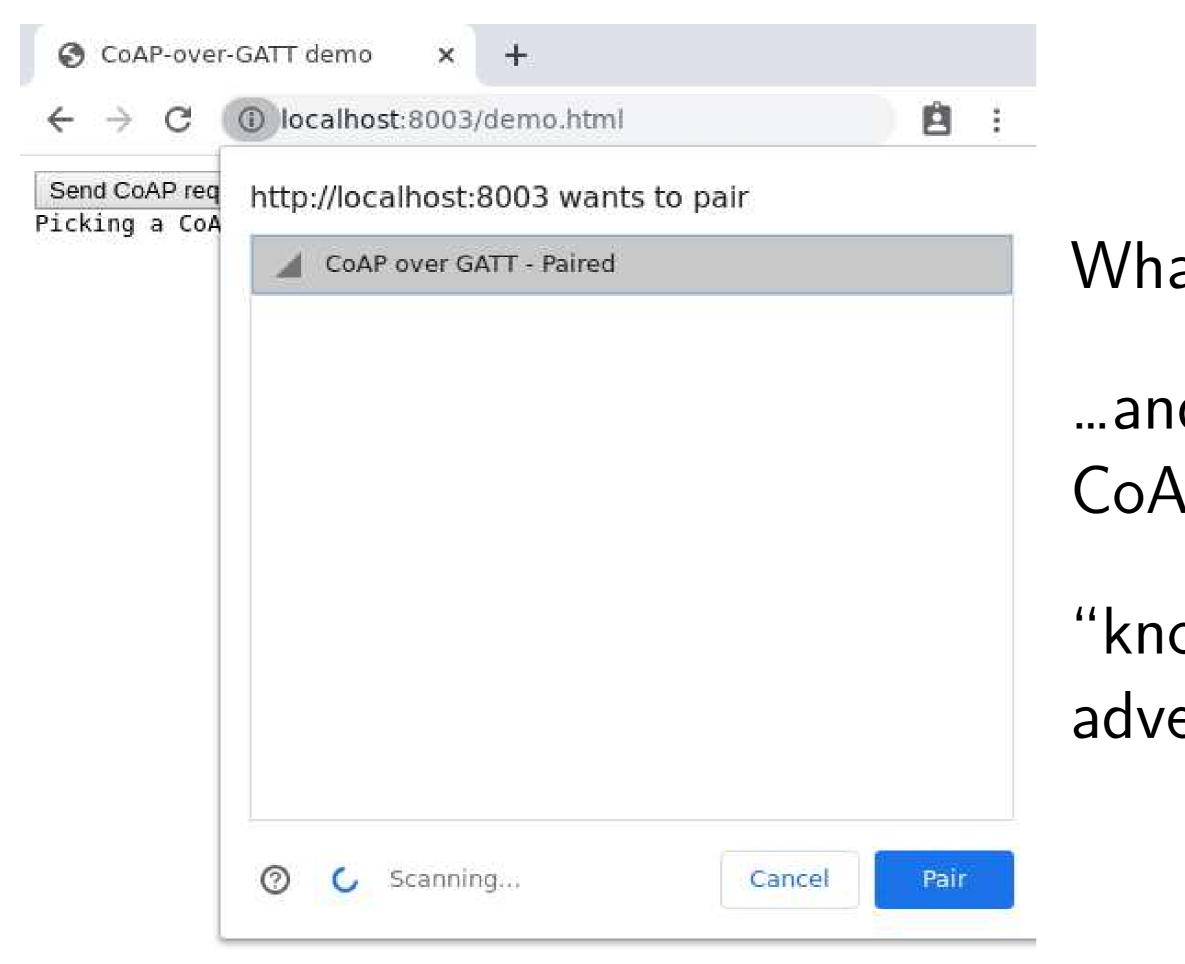


- Re-introduced token.
- 1-bit message ID only takes care of incomplete operations.
- R-bit prevents accidental message reflection.
- Mechanism for requesting confirmation (a bit like empty ACKs).

Similar to CoAP-over-UDP, but adapted to BLE. Single-byte header.

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For -04: More about discovery



- What if we already know our peer...
- ...and there are many CoAP-over-GATT devices around?
- "know": by URI, by AS/audience, by advertised resources?

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For further exploration, possibly in a later add-on

• Multicast by CoAP messages in beacons? SCHC retconning of non-CoAP attributes. ("Turn the temperature") into a CoAP addressable resource").



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Addressing

It could be simple... coap+gatt://00-11-22-33-44-55/.well-known/core

...but it is not, so we need protocol-indication (no updates here).



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Roadmap

- Update implementations, re-run tests.
- Keep using CoAP-over-GATT as driver for transport-indication (could also pick -over-WebSockets or t2trg-slipmux)
- Explore this in the WG?



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Thanks

Comments?

Questions?

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