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Issues in WBAN Work Scope



Process Gain for Medical Use



Major Challenges of WBAN MAC (1)

- 1. On(In)-body / Out-body Mutual Interference
 - On-body transmission fatally obstructs reception from out-body
 - Conventional techniques(CSMA, LBT) are helpless
 - Any solution to overcome the On/Out problem?
- 2. Multiple PHY & Single MAC
 - Inevitable to use multiple PHYs, yet a single MAC is desired.
 - Any solution to support multiple speeds with a single MAC?

Major Challenges of WBAN MAC (2)

- 3. Power Consumption vs Speed & Duty Cycle
 - Higher Speed needs Higher power consumption
 - What will be the speed limit to compromise power consumption ?
- 4. Medical / Non-Medical Dual support
 - Medical : Low speed (~Kbps) ;

 high QoS (BER < 10⁻¹⁰)
 Non Medical : Higher Speed is Better ;

 Reasonable QoS (BER < 10⁻³)
 - Any solution to support dual purpose ?

On(In)-body / Out-body Interference



On(In) / Out Interference



Synchronized Frames



Synchronized (Super-)Frame



WBAN Selection Process



Conclusion

- On(In)-body / Out-body Interference is fatal in WBAN.
- MAC with Synchronized Frames can solve the On(In)/Out Problem.
 - not Rx during adjacent Tx, there is no interference
- Synchronized frames may also facilitate multiple payload speeds with a novel control packet design

Thus realizing a single MAC with multiple PHY

 Synchronized frames for both On(In)/Out Interference Avoidance and Multiple Speeds