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1. Introduction

The 60 GHz band has been allocated in many geographic regions because it coincides with an oxygen absorption band. In the center of this band, this increases the attenuation in air by about 15 dB/km. However, at the 10 m range envisioned for 802.15.3c, this attenuation is only 0.15 dB.

Many of the geographic regions in the world have made available a very large spectrum for unlicensed or similar operation, typically 7 GHz. This makes it possible to easily send > 1 Gbps of data using just a portion of this allocation. However, because of the higher frequency, relatively high gain transmit and receive antennas (about 10-15 dBi) are required to satisfy the link budget. This is an advantage from the point of view of coexistence in that the transmitters are focusing the transmit power in a specific direction, rather than spreading the transmit energy in an omni-directional manner. Likewise, the receiving antennas are focused in the direction of the transmit power and attenuate the power from potential interferers in other directions.

For hand-held devices, e.g., cell phones, personal music players or personal video players, the user will simply point the device in the general direction of the receiver. These devices will typically have fixed antenna patterns with somewhat lower gain antennas and connect over relatively short distances (about 2 m).

For video sources, e.g., video disc players, set-top boxes, and video sinks, e.g., flat panel displays, the location and position of the devices is typically fixed. Therefore, these devices will typically use dynamically adaptable transmit and receive antennas to be able to adapt to a changing environment due to the movement of people in a room. These devices will need to make connections over a somewhat greater distance (5–10 m).

1.1 Regulatory information

A summary of key requirements for selected regulatory regions is given in Table 1. The list is neither exhaustive nor complete. In addition, the rules in many countries are under development and may change.

Table 1—Requirements for selected geographic regulatory regions

Region	Regulatory document	Band	Maximum EIRP	Other
Canada	RSS-210, Issue 6, September 2005	57.05-64 GHz	40 dBm average 43 dBm peak	
Japan	Regulations for the enforcement of radio law, 6-4.2 specified low power radio station (17) 59-66 GHz band	59-66 GHz	57 dBi	< 2.5 GHz occupied bandwidth
USA	47CFR15.255	57.05-64 GHz	40 dBm average 43 dBm peak	
EU	ETSI DTR/ERM-RM-0491	59-66 GHz	57 dBm	ETSI recommendation
South Korea		57-64 GHz	27 dBm	Under development
New Zealand	Radiocommunication Regulation (General User Radio License for Short Range Devices) Notice 2007	57.05-64 GHz	40 dBm average 43 dBm peak	

1.2 Overview of 802.15.3c

This standard defines the PHY specification and MAC extension based on 802.15.3 for high data rate mmWave WPAN systems. An objective of this standard is to achieve coexistence with other systems operating on 60 GHz band. A number of methods are specified for coexistence, including common channelization, common transmission power spectral density (PSD) mask, enhanced clear channel assessment (CCA) by common mode signaling (CMS), transmission directivity and Sync frame transmission.

1.2.1 Common channelization

The frequency band available for mmWave WPAN systems is allocated in the range of 57.0-66.0 GHz. 802.15.3c generates four channels with central frequencies of 58.320, 60.480, 62.640, 64.800 GHz. This channelization is also adopted by ECMA and WirelessHD, which gives the basis of harmonized co-existence of mmWave WPAN systems in unlicensed bands. The channelization for the mmWave PHY is defined in Table 2.

Table 2—mmWave PHY channelization

CHNL_ID	Start frequency ^a	Center frequency	Stop frequency ^a
1	57.240 GHz	58.320 GHz	59.400 GHz
2	59.400 GHz	60.480 GHz	61.560 GHz
3	61.560 GHz	62.640 GHz	63.720 GHz
4	63.720 GHz	64.800 GHz	65.880 GHz

^aThe start and stop frequencies are nominal values. The frequency spectrum of the transmitted signal needs to conform to the transmit power spectral density (PSD) mask for the PHY mode as well as any regulatory requirement

1.2.2 Common transmission PSD mask

A common transmission power spectral density (PSD) mask is used for all three PHYs. The transmission PSD mask for the PHYs is illustrated in Figure 1.

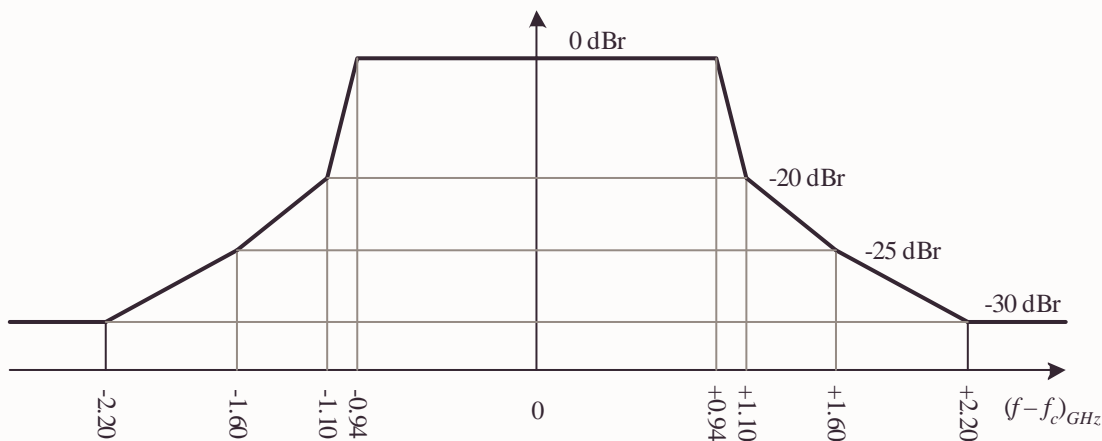


Figure 1—Transmit spectral mask

Devices that implement the mmWave PHY support at least one of the following three PHYs.

- a) Single carrier mode in mmWave PHY (SC PHY),
- b) High speed interface mode in mmWave PHY (HSI PHY),
- c) Audio/visual mode in mmWave PHY (AV PHY),

The common transmission PSD mask limits the allowable out-of-band spectrum, so to limit the adjacent channel interference (ACI) for better coexistence.

1.2.3 Passive scanning

All 802.15.3c PNC capable DEVs (i.e. ACs) are required to passively scan, as described in 8.2.1, a potential channel before attempting to start a piconet, as described in 8.2.2. The PNC capable DEV will, at a minimum, be looking for a channel that is relatively quiet. Passive scanning implies that the PNC capable DEV, when starting a piconet, or other DEVs that wish to join an existing piconet will not cause interference while searching the channels.

1.2.4 Dynamic channel selection

The PNC will periodically request channel status information, as described in 8.9.4, from the DEVs in the piconet via the Channel Status Request command, as described in 7.5.7.1. If the PNC determines, from the number of lost frames, that the channel is having problems then it would search for a new channel, as described in 8.11.1, that had a lower level of interference. If the PNC finds a channel with less interference then the PNC uses the Piconet Parameter Change IE in the beacon, as described in 7.4.6, to move the piconet to a quieter channel.

Thus, if another network is present, the 802.15.3c piconet would change channels to avoid interfering with the other network.

1.2.5 The ability to request channel quality information

Dynamic channel selection, as described in 8.11.1, requires the ability to obtain an estimate of the interference in a channel. In the case of 802.15.3, not only does the DEV sense the channel in its area, but it is also capable of asking any other DEV to respond with its own estimate of the channel status, as described in 8.9.4. These commands indicate the frame error rate at a remote DEV. This command is useful for detecting coexistence problems in remote DEVs by the PNC or other DEVs that are unable to detect an interference environment (for example during a passive scan).

1.2.6 Link quality and RSSI

The mmWave PHY specifies that a DEV returns the received signal strength indication relative to the sensitivity (RSSI_r), signal and interference to noise ratio (SINR), and frame error ratio (FER) as described in 12.1.8.3. The RSSI_r provides an estimate of the strength of the received signal relative to the DEV's sensitivity, which is useful for transmit power control. The RSSI combined with SINR, provides a method to differentiate between low signal power and interference causing the loss of frames. For example, if the RSSI_r is low and frames are being lost, then the cause is low receive power. On the other hand, if the RSSI_r is relatively high, but the SINR is low, that would indicate the possibility of interference in the channel.

1.2.7 Neighbor piconet capability

The neighbor piconet capability, as described in 8.2.6 of IEEE Std 802.15.3-2003, allows a DEV, which may not be fully 802.15.3c compliant, to request time to operate a network that is co-located in frequency with the 802.15.3c network. This allows a dual mode (e.g., 802.15.3c/802.11ad) device to cooperatively share the time in the channel.

1.2.8 Directivity

Transmission directivity, an effective way to avoid interference and improve the coexistence capability due to narrow directional beam for transmission and reception, is supported by the standard with the beam forming technology. Two types of beam forming procedures, namely pro-active beam forming and on-demand beam forming. Both of them support a multitude of antenna configurations. Pro-active beam forming may be used when the PNC is the source of data to one or multiple devices. It allows multiple devices to train the receiver antennas for optimal reception from the PNC with low overhead. On-demand beam forming may be used between two devices or between the PNC and a device. Both of these two beam forming procedures can be completed within one super frame, which minimizes the potential interference to other systems during beam forming set-up.

1.2.9 Sync frame transmission

Hidden devices in the different piconets may generate strong interference which may dramatically impact the performance. This standard defines an optional Sync frame transmission function to address this issue. A device capable of Sync frame transmission may transmit a Sync frame in the obtained CTA to extend the detection range of the exiting piconet. The Sync frame contains CTA information of the existing piconet, which can be utilized by a device receiving it as time reference to mitigate interference and enhance coexistence.

1.2.10 Enhanced CCA with CMS

To promote coexistence and interoperability, a CMS is defined based on a robust SC PHY mode. All PNC capable devices shall transmit and receive CMS to improve CCA capability by detecting signals instead of detecting energy. The start of a valid CMS preamble sequence at a receive level equal to or greater than the minimum sensitivity for the CMS shall indicate medium busy with a probability of $> 90\%$ within $5\ \mu\text{s}$. The receiver CCA function shall in all circumstances report medium busy with any signal 20 dB above the minimum sensitivity for the CMS.

1.2.11 Limited propagation range

Because of the attenuation of typical walls, devices implementing the 802.15.3c standard will normally be limited to connections within a single room. Devices will see little to no energy from the transmitters in adjacent rooms

1.3 Characteristics of typical implementations

Typical implementations of 802.15.3c systems include uncompressed video content streaming, PC/laptop peripherals connection and handheld device sync-and-go applications. For uncompressed video streaming, the typical settings are TX power of 10 dBm, antenna gain of 13 dB (half power bandwidth (HPBW) 30° for 15 dBi) and non-line-of-sight (NLOS) channel over a 5 m range. For PC peripheral connections, the typical settings are TX power of 10 dBm, antenna gain of 10 dB (HPBW 60° for 9 dBi) and line-of-sight (LOS)/NLOS over 2-3 m. For sync-and-go applications, the typical settings are TX power of 0 dBm, antenna gain of 10 dBi and LOS channel over 1 m. For fixed devices, steerable antennas are assumed, and for handheld devices and PCs, fixed antennas are assumed.

Different networks are supposed to perform channel scanning and occupy different channels for operation. For example, a laptop-to-handheld network before occupying a channel shall scan the channels for any existing network. If it discovers an existing network already operating in the same channel, it seeks to search for adjacent or alternate channels. If all channels are full, no further networks are permitted in the same location.

This channel scanning feature prevents multiple networks to collide in the same channel. If the channel scanning fails, the new incoming network will occupy the same channel as the existing network, thus generating co-channel interference (CCI). Successful channel scanning although preventing the generation of CCI, networks occupying adjacent channels may still interfere with each other through undesired out-of-band spectrum in fading environment, adjacent channel interference (ACI). This is also known as the near-to-far problem.

In a typical scenario, a victim receiver (e.g. a video streaming network with TX power 10 dBm, TX antenna gain 13 dB) may be separated 5 m away from the desired transmitter and 1m away from the interferer (e.g. a handheld device connection with TX power 0dBm, TX antenna gain 10 dB). In this case, the desired-to-undesired signal ratio (DUR) is -1 dB. This gives the equivalent carrier-to-interference ratio (CIR) (i.e. the ACI after filtering or CCI-equivalent) of approximately 30 dB. With this amount of interference, the observed degradation is insignificant in the victim receiver. In the worst scenario, the interferer may have even a nearer distance to the victim receiver of say, 0.1 m. In this case, the DUR becomes -20 dB and the CIR becomes 10 dB. This causes a considerable degradation to the victim receiver. Details of the calculation can be found in Table 3.

Table 3—DUR calculation

Scenario	Network	Tx Power (dBm)	Antenna Gain (dB)	Distance (m)	Path loss (dB)	Power at receiver (dBm)
	Victim Network	10	13	5	82	-59
Typical case	Interferer Network	0	10	1	68	-58
Worst case	Interferer Network	0	10	0.1	48	-38

1.4 Other systems using the 60 GHz band

The 802.11ad task group is developing a high-speed wireless system that will share the 60 GHz band with 802.15.3c. The 802.11ad TG has not yet selected a PHY or the MAC modifications that they will put in the standard. However, it is important to consider the potential impact of these systems with 802.15.3c systems.

In order to model this unknown system, some assumptions need to be made. In this analysis, the following assumptions are made about the future 802.11ad:

- The RF channelization is roughly the same in bandwidth (~2.1 GHz) and center frequencies
- Because the data rate targets are similar to 802.15.3c, assume that the sensitivity levels are similar
- The traffic on the network is predominantly data
- The transmit power and antenna gains are similar to those for either hand held devices or laptops

2. Coexistence scenarios and analysis

Although there are many features of 802.15.3c to prevent destructive co-channel interference (CCI), such as the common mode signaling and sync frame. There could be situations, where co-channel interference may occur. In such a situation, video transmission with low BER requirement and higher sensitivity to latency is more sensitive to interference compared to a data receiver.

2.1 Scenario 1: Video and data transmission

The first scenario is illustrated in Figure 2. The video devices DEV1 and PNC1 both have antenna gains of 15 dB with 3 dB beamwidth of 30 degrees. PNC1 streams video and has the transmit power of 10 dBm. RX1 is the PNC controller.

PC peripheral (non-video) PNC2 may start a piconet in the same channel, if all 802.15.3c channels are occupied and it cannot decode the CMS beacon correctly. In this case DEV2, which tries to communicate with PNC2, will cause CCI to the DEV1. For CCI calculation, we assume DEV2 has transmit power of 0 dBm, with antenna gain of 10 dB and 3dB beamwidth of 60 degrees. The relative positions are illustrated in Figure 2.

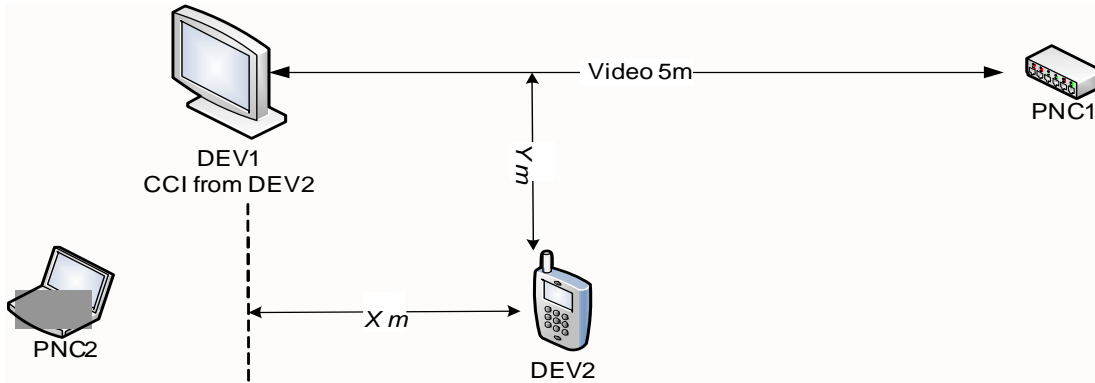


Figure 2—Relative position of devices for coexistence scenario 1.

The C/I level used as the metric for video applications is the value at which BER has increased to an unacceptable level, which set to 10^{-4} . The threshold C/I level is 10 dB for uncompressed HD content streaming (1080p, 24 bit color, 60 Hz refresh rate).

The results indicate that if the DEV2 is in a zone in front of the video receiver approximately 3 m long and 2 m wide, it will create a C/I level lower than 10 dB. For the AV receiver, the high interference zone in which it would have visibly degraded video quality is illustrated in Figure 3

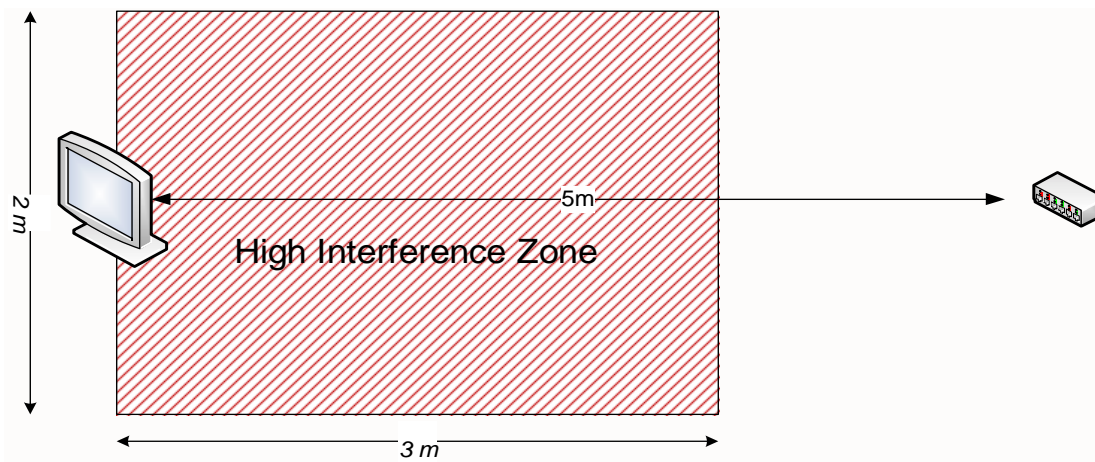


Figure 3—High interference zone for AV receiver.

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Even in this case video receiver can beamform to a reflection other than the LOS path to improve performance or reduce the video resolution into half to keep the system.

An example of the link calculation is shown in Table 4

Table 4—Example link budget calculation

Paramter	Value
Video communication link	
Tx Average Power (dBm)	10.00
Tx Antenna Gain (GT)	15.0
Path Loss at 1m (dB)	68.00
Propagation Loss Index	2
Distance(m)	5.0000
Rx Antenna Gain (dBi)	15.0
Carrier Power (dBm)	-41.9794
Interferer calculation	
Tx Average Power (PT)	0.00
Tx Antenna Gain (GT)	10.0
Path Loss at 1m (PL0)	68.00
Propagation Loss Index	2
x(m)	2
y(m)	0.5
Distance(m)	2.0616
Rx Antenna Gain (dBm)	13.0
Interference Power (dBm)	-51.2839
C/I Ratio	9.30

2.2 Scenario 2

In this scenario, both networks are engaged in data communication. The devices DEV1 and PNC1 both have antenna gains of 10 dB with 3 dB beamwidth of 60 degrees. PNC1 streams data at 3 Gb/s and has the transmit power of 10 dBm. RX1 is the PNC controller.

Assuming PNC2 started a piconet in the same channel, PNC2, which tries to communicate with DEV2, will cause CCI to the DEV1. For CCI calculation, we assume PNC2 has transmit power of 10dBm, with antenna gain of 10dB and 3dB beamwidth of 60 degrees. The relative positions are illustrated in Figure 4.

We assume that PNC2 antenna is aligned towards to DEV2. At 3 m, the SNR is high enough that the CCI determines the throughput. We also assume that the CCI behaves like AWGN with a 1dB difference loss. In this case any CCI level more than 12.5 dB won't have any performance degradation. A CCI level of 12.2 dB

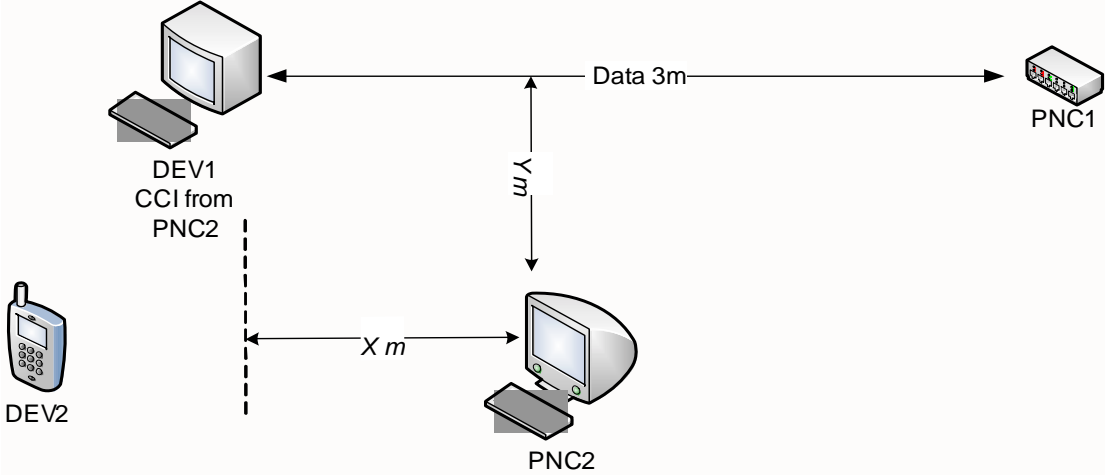


Figure 4—Relative position of devices for coexistence scenario 2.

will cause BER of 10^{-6} and approximately 98.4% throughput with 2 kbyte frame size, whereas 11.5 dB will decrease the BER to 7×10^{-5} to with a throughput of 31% and at 7 dB, the throughput will diminish to zero. According to previous results, the limitation due to CCI happens in at 3 m to 11 m range.

The results are summarized in Table 5.

Table 5—Throughput results for data interference scenario 2

y	x									
	2m	3m	4m	5m	6m	7m	8m	9m	10m	11m
0 m	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	20%
0.5 m	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	30%
1 m	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	40%
1.5 m	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	80%
2 m	100%	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	20%	95%
2.5 m	100%	100%	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	31%	95%	100%
3 m	100%	100%	100%	98.4%	80%	40%	95%	90%	100%	100%

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