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Re: [TG6 Call For Proposals, IEEE P802.15-08-0829-01-0006, 4th December, 2008]

Abstract: [A complete MAC proposal addressing the functional requirements of implant and on-body communications. Part 2 covers co-existence, network management, security and wakeup]

Purpose: [To trigger discussion and initiate merger with other group members of TG6]

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Co-existence

Network Management

Security



Co-existence: Among top Issues for UWB BAN

BAN needs to support at least 10 piconets in 6x6x6 m area

There are only 2 UWB bands available globally without DAA

• At least 5 piconets may need to share a band in a fully loaded system

PHY has been designed to accommodate this with preamble design and duty cycle [see PHY proposal]

MAC can further help with channel selection to mitigate interference

Samsung PHY proposal (See PHY proposal for details)

Low duty cycle waveforms for low power consumption.

Duty cycle varies between 4% to 50%, depending on data rate

Helps with co-existence



Samsung MAC proposal (See MAC proposal for details)

Single MAC

• Implant, on-body communications

Star topology

Polling based MAC

Device cannot initiate communication except to the response from a coordinator (MICS rule)

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Star Piconet Topology

Single controller (PAN co-ordinator)

Devices cannot talk to each other

Devices cannot talk unless told by controller

Controller makes all decisions

Device scans in all channels for association request from controller and connects on receiving request and association grant



Logical to physical channel mapping



Inter-piconet interference



Regulatory issues for unlicensed band

One user cannot dominate channel and prevent entry or unequal access to other users

Listen-before-talk or scanning other piconets to determine piconet (distributed co-ordination) for frequency selection and utilizing spectrum efficiently is OK (ECMA-368, for example, can use such mechanisms)

FCC Part 15.247, for example, specifies need for hopping for narrowband, high power, unlicensed systems: Operation within the bands 902 - 928 MHz, 2400 - 2483.5 MHz, and 5725 - 5850 MHz

 No requirement for hopping for UWB systems for interference avoidance from a regulatory perspective (ECMA-368 has hopping options for other reasons, but not for regulatory purposes)

Piconet co-ordination

Piconet co-ordination cannot be mandated for multiple reasons : regulatory, priority, bandwidth access, ...

Other MACs applicable for unlicensed bands, such as the IEEE 802.15.3 MAC, have similar concepts for inter-piconet coordination.

• Neighbor and child piconets

At this time, the authors have not been able to find an official reference which shows piconet co-ordination is <u>not allowed</u> for UWB – a wideband, low power, unlicensed system.

• We are investigating this further and will confirm by next meeting

Piconet co-existence

Shared Non-interference (NI) mode

- Piconet controllers can talk to each other
- Option 1a: Time resource sharing
- Option 1b: Offset piconet synchronization

Co-existence interference mitigation (CM) mode

- Piconet controllers cannot talk to each other
- Do not have enough bandwidth to accommodate
- Priority traffic and do not want to co-operate
 - Option 2a : Listen-only relay
 - Option 2b : Best-effort co-existence



C1 - C2 can talk to each other



Option 1a : Time resource sharing (NI)



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Option 1a: Time resource sharing





Option 1b: Offset piconet synchronization (NI)







Offset piconet synchronization

Piconet limits data rate for all devices to a certain duty cycle to allow an offset start for other piconets

Timing information must be exchanged. C2 uses the EOP of C1 to find the offset it needs to start a new piconet and the data rates/duty cycles it can use.

Allow gap for clock drifting and multipath, if possible



Option 2a :Piconet controllers cannot talk to each other (collisions possible) (C1 - D2 - C2)



C1-C2 not possible but C1-D2-C2 (CM)







Parameters used for new channel selection in CM mode

Number of devices in an existing piconet:

• This data provides information on the probability of interference seen and the amount of bandwidth available in an existing piconet.

Received signal strength indicator(RSSI)

• By looking at this information for an existing piconet, a controller trying to form a new piconet can tell how far away the devices are and what is the SINR to be expected at the receiver.

Data rates used in existing piconets:

• This information will tell the amount of interference the existing piconets will be able to tolerate if a new piconet will be formed by the controller.

Medical or QoS sensitive devices in piconet:

• This information will help manage co-existence to give priority to piconets that support such devices.

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Network setup (On-body devices) - 1

Channel selection process

Discovery process





Piconet join process



One representative node handles association for all the devices of a group application (EEG, ECG, EMG, Gaming)

Coordinator provides a pool of device IDs to representative

Multiple representatives to increase robustness

Group association process



Network Setup (Implant)

Wakeup devices

Start the Piconet

Single Device Wakeup

Wake up mechanism:

• In-band and out-of-band wakeup mechanisms are proposed

In-band Wakeup Mechanism

- MICS channel(s) cannot be fixed to wakeup an implant device due to LBT access criteria
- Implant device shall hop in all MICS channels to detect/wakeup signal sent by the coordinator
- Energy detector of implant receiver is duty cycled to detect wakeup signals



In-band Wakeup Mechanism – Single Device

Coordinator performs LBT and selects channel

Implant device sends an ACK on reception of intended wakeup signal and becomes active

On reception of signal (other than intended wakeup) device stops duty cycling on the channel for a specified duration



Intended Wakeup Signal

In-band Wakeup– Multiple Devices

Wakeup of devices one by one would lead to higher wakeup latency

Sending broadcast wakeup message for multiple devices

Collision between acknowledgement packets

Different device may be listening at different channels

Two Phases

Lockup Phase

- Intended devices get locked to the coordinator and go to active state
- Unintended devices stops duty cycling on the channel for a specified duration

Wakeup Phase

 Locked up devices in phase 1 are woken up individually





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Duty cycle of energy detector module of additional MICS RX



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Security in BAN

BAN Requirements:

- Multi-level security is desired
- Highest level of security shall be equal to or stronger than that provided by AES 128 bits

Features Supported:

- Authentication,
- Integrity
- Confidentiality
- Replay protection

Security procedure

One security level negotiated per session. The security parameters negotiated depend on application and device requirements.

A device (client) has the capability to store temporal keys and frame counters until keys are renegotiated in a later session.

Coordinator preconfigured with following details

- Security Table that stores shared keys for a client. Keys are identified by an identifier: Master Key ID- MKID
- One of the MKID is set as the default key

BAN device(client) also preconfigured with security keys and the corresponding MKID.

Security Control Field defined to facilitate the device to select one of the multiple levels of security available for wide range of devices and applications.

Security Algorithm specified in the Security_Algorithm_Used field.

Security Control Field, Security_Algorithm_Used are exchanged during piconet join procedure.

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Security procedure (contd.)

Authentication uses a 4-way handshake procedure which authenticates that both the peer devices share the same master key. Keys necessary for integrity and privacy protection are generated

Privacy - AES counter mode

Integrity – AES CBC-MAC used for MIC

For group devices - After association, only the representative node does the authentication procedure and then the coordinator broadcasts the MKID and random nonces used in key generation

Replay protection is provided by using a incremental counter that is present in data frames exchanged from BAN device.

Standard frames like Poll, Ack or other control frames, sent from the coordinator need not be encrypted or integrity protected; (this is to avoid possible brute force attack, with known plaintext.)

Bit 0 – Authentication	Bit 4 – Use 64 bit keys
Bit 1 – Integrity protection	Bit 5 – Use 128 bit keys
Bit 2 – Privacy	Bit 5 – Use 256 bit keys
Bit 3 – Replay protection using	Bits 6-7 – RFU
frame counters	

Simulations/Complexity

Complexity for messaging for piconet co-ordination similar to IEEE 802.15.3 MAC protocol

Simulations presented in part : Samsung PHY proposal and MAC proposal – part 1

Continuing testing and validation of design

• Value input for collaboration

Summary

Piconet co-existence among the most important issues for UWB in BAN

MAC can assist in piconet co-existence in BAN by forming noninterference and co-existence mitigation modes

Several methods proposed to attain piconet co-existence

Joint MAC and PHY design proposed to solve co-existence for BAN

Network management and security mechanisms also proposed for body area networks

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Back-up Slides

Denied Time Resource (NI/CM)



Denied association (CM)



Resource allocation

Each piconet can have a guaranteed resource reservation of up to x%. Piconet can reserve excess bandwidth for its applications, based on its estimate, which must be released for sharing with piconets, with higher or equal priority, when the controllers can talk to each other. [medical piconets]

• x = 10% (20% per frequency band) to support 10 medical piconets

Bandwidth management is performed only during piconet formation and termination

May require significant time to optimize across multiple piconets in a dynamic environment

Piconet termination



Sharing new CM piconet formation

