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Abstract: Proposes comment resolutions for a set of CIDs

Purpose: Contribution to IEEE 802.15.7 TG-VLC

CID 54

Comment

- "The mechanism by which identifiers are chosen is outside the scope of this standard." is redundant as that is defined elsewhere.

Suggested Remedy

- Delete the sentence.

Resolution/instruction to editor

- IEEE 802.15.7 draft does not define which identifiers are chosen.
- So the sentence "The mechanism by which identifiers are chosen is outside the scope of this standard." is not redundant.
- So, my suggestion is "Reject".

CID 55

Comment

- All clauses and subclauses in the standard are normative, the group may not declare subclauses to be "informative"

Suggested Remedy

- Delete "informative" from the title. If the group wants to have informative text, create an informative annex to hold it.

Resolution/instruction to editor

- We have to delete "informative" or move it to annex.
- So, my suggestion is Accepted in principle.
- Instruction to editor: remove the word "informative" from the clause and subclause title.

CID 55a

Comment

- Is "radio sphere of influence" the same as "operating space"? If so use one and o nly one terminology if not then define RSOI..

Suggested Remedy

- None

Resolution/instruction to editor

- Accepted in principle
- This is achieved by choosing a WPAN identifier that is not currently used by any ot her network within the radio sphere of influence.
- Two or more devices within an operating space communicating on the same physi cal channel constitute a VLC−WPAN.
- So, my suggestion is: "radio sphere of influence" does not same as "operating space" and TG7 decides to replace "radio sphere of influence" with "coverage area" in CID 43.
- Instruction to editor: Nothing to do

CID 55b

Comment

- The statement that peer-peer network also have 'a coordinator' raises many questions. It would be useful to have a reference to a definitive section dealing with coordinator role in P-P network case. For example, P-P may not be able to guarantee that all devices are within range of a given device having the coordinator function....

Suggested Remedy

- Add reference… if such a section exists. If not, then add text to explain limitations of P-P topology

Resolution/instruction to editor

- In 5.3.2 page 5, there is already a sentence about coordinator in peer to peer mode
- "One device is nominated as the coordinator, for instance, by virtue of being the first device to communicate on the channel."
- So, my suggestion is reject.

CID 60

Comment

- This last sentence is probably the best description of modulation domain. This is all that really needs t o be said (that plus the figure).

Suggested Remedy

- Delete mos of this first paragraph, retaining this sentence.

Resolution/instruction to editor

- My suggestion is accepted in principle

- I think following sentence is redundant.

- "It will help the reader of this specification to understand such concepts as VLC CCA by thinking in the modulation domain."

- Instruction to editor: delete first paragraph "It will help the reader of this specification to understand such concepts as VLC CCA by thinking in the modulation domain. The "modulation domain" is based upon the premise (at the time of the writing of this specification) that VLC receivers are photodetector based and hence basically the receiver non-coherently detects the envelope of the lightwave carrier. The modulation domain is defined as what we observe at the output of the photodetector. So when the standard mentions detecting a carrier, the reference point for detecting said carrier is at the photodetector output, which was modulated on the lightwave carrier. That is, CCA is not detecting the presence of "light" but rather detecting the presence of modulation on a lightwave carrier wjeh (i.e. modulation domain). Figure 2 illustrates this concept." and insert following sentence " Figure 2 illustrates modulation domain spectrum concept"

CID 95a

Comment

- "The possibility which the flicker appears is higher in low data rates than in high data rates." Eh? What does this mean?

Suggested Remedy

- Possibly "Flicker is more likely at low data rates than at high data rates." . . . ?

Resolution/instruction to editor

- Accepted in principle
- See the remedy of CID 86

CID 185

Comment

- According to this paragraph, 'Apart from the two topologies, IEEE 802.15.7 devices may also operate in a broadcast only mode without being part of a network, i.e., without being associated to any device or having any devices associated to them.' However the Broadcast Mode is described and graphically depicted as one-way from coodinator to device only.
- Describe the device to coordinator broadcast mode in this draft and/or add a one-way non-associated Blink Frame with a data field which transmits from device to coordinator receivers.

Suggested Remedy

- One-way non-associated, non-acknowledged, Blink Frames with a data field, perhaps similar to the Blink Frame description and primatives in the draft TGe standard, must be included in this draft standard. One-way Blink Frame transmissions from devices to coordinator receivers would open additional applications (i.e. low energy device location tracking, remote control, sensors, etc.) and could compliment the already defined one-way broadcast mode.

Resolution/instruction to editor

- It is page 5 not page 19 in comment excel file.
- In TG7, broadcast mode is only one way communication from the coordinator to the device.
- We do not consider from device to coordinator receiver in broadcast mode.
- So my suggestion is reject.

CID 186

Comment

- 2009 IEEE Standards Style Manual 10.1 is not being followed.

Suggested Remedy

- Remove "(Informative)".   Body of standard is always normative.

Resolution/instruction to editor

- See CID 55

- So my suggestion is accepted in principle

- Instruction to editor: remove the word "informative" from the clause title.

CID 187

Comment

- Wrong level of indent. It should be under 5.6 as 5.6.5 as stated in 5.6.

Suggested Remedy

- Correct indent level

Resolution/instruction to editor

- In 5.6 functional overview, there is a sentence "A brief overview of the general functions of a VLC WPAN is given in 5.6 and includes information on the superframe structure, the data transfer model, the frame structure, robustness and security.".

- But, regulation is not functional overview. so, move subclause 5.7.1 Security to subclause 5.6.6 Security and leave 5.7 Regulation

- So my suggestion is Reject.

CID 188

Comment

- What is ecr?

Suggested Remedy

- Add to acronym list and spell out here on first usage

Resolution/instruction to editor

- Mr. Joachim found the definition of ecr.

- My suggestion is accept.

- Instruction to editor: Change "ecr" to "electroretinogram" and insert in acronym list.

CID 189

Comment

- For safety reasons, should not needs to be shall not

Suggested Remedy

- Change should to shall

Resolution/instruction to editor

- Safety is mandatory.
- So my suggestion is accept.
- Instruction to editor: Change "should" to "shall"

CID 191

Comment

- VLC security

Suggested Remedy

- mention VLC has advantages of security due to visibility

Resolution/instruction to editor

- Accept

- Instruction to editor: Insert following sentence at line 36 in page 19.

- VLC has a higher security characteristic due to the beam visibility, intrinsic element. If unauthorized receiver is in the path of the communication signal, it can be recognized.

CID 193

Comment

- A subclause cannot be declared to be informative. All Clauses and subclauses are normative in the standard. If informative information is required, it shall be in an informative annex.

Suggested Remedy

- Delete "(informative)" from the subclause title.

Resolution/instruction to editor

- My suggestion is Accept.

- Instruction to editor: Delete (informative).

CID 197

Comment

- There is no "user" in the next higher layer. The user sits above layer 7 (in the OSI model)."

Suggested Remedy

- Delete "user in the" so that you are just referring to "the next higher layer"

Resolution/instruction to editor

- Accept

- Instruction to editor: change the sentence at line 32 in page 20.

- "The services of a layer are the capabilities it offers to the user in the next higher layer or sublayer by building its functions on the services of the next lower layer."-> "The services of a layer are the capabilities it offers to the next higher layer or sublayer by building its functions on the services of the next lower layer."

CID 198

Comment

- I know this is copied exactly from 802.15.4-2006 and so the assumption is that it is correct. However, the figure gives an incorrect view. The MSC in this format would show that one entity, the line on the left, would communicate with the second entity, the line on the right. A request results in an action that may cause a confirm at a remote entity. The entity then may send a response, which may or may not result in a confirm. However, the figure does not illuminate this, but rather confuses it.

Suggested Remedy

- Delete the figure and the paragraph "The services ... peer protocol entities." The dashed list at the end of the subclause says it all. Plus, there is no definition of an "N-user" or "N-layer".

Resolution/instruction to editor

- Figure 18—Service primitives is from ISO/IEC 8802-2:1998 not 802.15.4-2008.
- So, my suggestion is accept in principle.
- Instruction to editor: Insert following definition in clause 3. Definitions page 2.
- N-layer: A subdivision of the architecture, constituted by subsystems of the same rank (N).
- N-user: An N+1 entity that uses the services of the N-layer, and below, to communicate with another N+1 entity.

CID 199

Comment

- This description is better, but is still confusing with the use of "N-layer" and "N-user".

Suggested Remedy

- Change the paragraph to be "The services are specified by describing the information flow between layers. These service primitives are an abstraction because they specify only the provided service rather than the means by which it is provided. This definition is independent of any other interface implementation."

Resolution/instruction to editor

- We refer ISO/IEC 8802-2:1998.
- So my suggestion is accepted in principle.
- "N-Layer" and "N-User" defined in CID 198

CID 200

Comment

- This paragraph, "Services are specified ... provide the service." adds no new information.

Suggested Remedy

- Delete the paragraph, it is not necessary.

Resolution/instruction to editor

- We refer ISO/IEC 8802-2:1998.
- So my suggestion is Reject.

CID 308a

Comment

- Pick one, packet or frame, and use it consistently.

Suggested Remedy

- Review the use of frame and packet to ensure that only one term is used throughout the draft.

Resolution/instruction to editor

- Packet is used in layer 3 and frame is used in MAC layer.
- So, my suggestion is Accept and use frame instead of packet.
- Instruction to editor: Change "packet" to frame" in the draft.

CID 311

Comment

- Figure 22—CSK PPDU has TBD in it, and question: "where is this defined?"

Suggested Remedy

- This needs to be finished.

Resolution/instruction to editor

- We already defined it in CID 311a.

- So, my suggestion is Accept.

- Instruction to editor: CE sequence is 8 bits in figure 22 at page 39. Update TBD to 32 bits. It is not variable – type it as 4 bytes

CID 314

Comment

- Need to mention about default preamble transmission illustrated in Figure 23 in the section.

Suggested Remedy

- Put an explanation about default preamble transmission illustrated in Figure 23 in this section.

Resolution/instruction to editor

- In page 39, last paragraph is about preamble explanation.
- So, my suggestion is Reject.

CID 317

Comment

- rate for PHR transmission is not mentioned

Suggested Remedy

- Lowest mandatory data rate should be used for PHR

Resolution/instruction to editor

- My suggestion is Accept.

- Instruction to editor: Insert following sentence at line 5 in page 39

- The lowest mandatory data rate should be used for PHR for each PHY type.

CID 321

Comment

- Figure 21: Having 1 reserved bit is not a good option. It caused a lot of problems during the transition from 11g --> 11n

Suggested Remedy

- Add at least 1 more reserved bit

Resolution/instruction to editor

- My suggestion is Accept.
- In CID 372, frame length field is 16 bit. then reserved bit should be 8bit.
- Refer CID 333
- Instruction to editor: Nothing to do. Because, frame format should be changed based on CID 333

CID 322

Comment

- Figure 22: Having 1 reserved bit is not a good option. It caused a lot of problems during the transition from 11g --> 11n

Suggested Remedy

- Add at least 1 more reserved bit

Resolution/instruction to editor

- My suggestion is Accept.
- See CID 321.

CID 325

Comment

- Both PPDU format have a frame length that is 7 bits, which implies that the PSDU can be no more than 127 bytes, but section 6.5 implies that the MAC payload could be 65535 bytes long

Suggested Remedy

- Fix inconsistency

Resolution/instruction to editor

- My suggestion is Accept.
- See CID 372.

CID 332

Comment

- "structure shall be formatted" -> "structure for type 1 and type 2 PPDUs shall be formatted" or "structure for non-CSCK PPDUs shall be formatted"

Suggested Remedy

- Change as indicated

Resolution/instruction to editor

- My suggestion is Accept.

- Instruction to editor: change the following sentence "The PPDU packet structure shall be formatted as illustrated in Figure 21" to " Structure for type 1 and type 2 PPDUs shall be formatted as illustrated in Figure 21." at line 5 in page 39.

CID 335

Comment

- Normally, a channel estimation field is used to improve the demodulation of data. In this case, the channel estimation field needs to precede the PHR and not be part of the data that is checked by the FCS.

Suggested Remedy

- Move the channel estimation field (CES) to between the SHR and PHR and have it as a new field for CSK modes.

Resolution/instruction to editor

- My suggestion is Accept in principle.

- CES moved to after PHR. Because, there is "alternated mode" indication in the PHR.

- Instruction to editor: See CID 333.

CID 346

Comment

- rate for preamble transmission is not mentioned

Suggested Remedy

- Lowest mandatory data rate should be used for PHR

Resolution/instruction to editor

- My suggestion is Accept.

- Instruction to editor: Insert following sentence at line 42. "Lowest mandatory data rate should be used for preamble field"

CID 356

Comment

- Why is preamble inversion allowed? Since the preamble is just a repetition of 10, won't an odd symbol delay due to multipath cause the receiver to have problems with timing?

Suggested Remedy

- Disallow inverted preambles

Resolution/instruction to editor

- We already presented about inverted preambles in 15-09-0660-00-0007
- And figure 24 is wrong. TG 7 preamble is even bit(16 bits).
- My suggestion is Reject.

CID 367a

Comment

- The length of the preambles is not clearly stated.

Suggested Remedy

- Please state the preamble pattern length for clarity.

Resolution/instruction to editor

- There is preamble length at line 43 in page 39. Please refer following sentence.

- "The preamble first starts with a fast locking pattern of at least 64 alternate 1's and 0's."

- So, My suggestion is Reject.

CID 372

CID 374

Comment

- HCS says "The combination of PHY header and the MAC header shall be protected with a 2 octet CCITT CRC–16 header check sequence (HCS)". This does not agree with the picture Figure 22 (page 53(39)) where HCS seems to be for PHY header only?

Suggested Remedy

- It is not clear but I would expect this HCS to apply to PHY only and not MAC. If this is so then remove reference to MAC header from this clause.

Resolution/instruction to editor

- My suggestion is Accept. And see CID 333

- Instruction to editor: change "The combination of PHY header and the MAC header shall be protected with a 2 octet CCITT CRC–16 header check sequence (HCS). " to "The PHY header shall be protected with a 2 octet CCITT CRC–16 header check sequence (HCS). " at line 3 in page 42.

CID 376

Comment

- The statement about this CRC applying to PHY header and MAC header is confusing. How can the MAC header be included if there are multiple MAC frames per PHY frame?

Suggested Remedy

- If the statement is supposed to be true, add text describing how this is done when creating for sending and decomposing when receiving.

Resolution/instruction to editor

- My suggestion is Accept

- Instruction to editor: See CID 374 and 333

CID 379

Comment

- Data scrambling is nor defined for HCS

Suggested Remedy

- Define data scrambling

Resolution/instruction to editor

- My suggestion is Accept.
- See CID 481

CID 380

Comment

- Assuming the HCS is intended to detect errors in the PHY header, the allocation of a 16-bit CRC to detect errors in the remainder 8 bit of the PHR seems excessive.

Suggested Remedy

- Use a more economical error detection scheme

Resolution/instruction to editor

- PHR is longer(Frame length 7bits->16bits) than D1 version.

- So, current HCS is not excessive.

- My suggestion is Reject.

CID 381

Comment

- FCS is generated in MAC

Suggested Remedy

- move FCS section to MAC

Resolution/instruction to editor

- My suggestion is Accept in principle.
- See CID 333

CID 382

Comment

- The entire section explain and showing the CRC should be taken out of here and put into an appendix.

Suggested Remedy

- Put CRC explanation and example in appendix

Resolution/instruction to editor

- CRC is normative text.
- My suggestion is Reject.

CID 383

Comment

- Where is data scrambling defined for the HCS?

Suggested Remedy

- Please define or remove data scrambling in this subclause.

Resolution/instruction to editor

- My suggestion is Accept.

- See CID 481

CID 384

Comment

- This paragraph is a mess. Plus, the MAC header isn't protected by the HCS.

Suggested Remedy

- Change "The CRC … shall be protected …" to be "The PHY header shall be protected "

Resolution/instruction to editor

- My suggestion is Accept.
- See CID 374

CID 385

Comment

- "The CCITT CRC-16 HCS" -> "The FCS"

Suggested Remedy

- Change as indicated

Resolution/instruction to editor

- My suggestion is Accept.
- See CID 375

CID 386

Comment

- Text says HCS should cover PHY and MAC headers, but figures for PPDU show that HCS only covers PHY header

Suggested Remedy

- Clarify and fix

Resolution/instruction to editor

- My suggestion is Accept.
- See CID 374

CID 386a

Comment

- The HCS subclause is confusing. On one hand, it states the HCS field is computed over the PHY header. On the other hand, it states "the combination of PHY header and the MAC header shall be protected with … (HCS)".

Suggested Remedy

- Fix paragraph

Resolution/instruction to editor

- My suggestion is Accept.
- See CID 374

CID 386b

Comment

- A figure of CRC implementation for HCS would be very helpful to reader

Suggested Remedy

- Reference Figure 26 for the HCS sections as well

Resolution/instruction to editor

- There is not reference sentence about figure 26. If there is not any reference sentence then we have to delete figure 26.

- My suggestion is Accept.

- Instruction to editor: Insert following sentence at line 4 in page 42. "A schematic of the processing is shown in Figure 26. ".

CID 389

Comment

- Phy Header field is not defined in PPDU

Suggested Remedy

- Define Phy Header field position in the PPDU

Resolution/instruction to editor

- We already defined in figure 21 and 22.
- My suggestion is Reject.

CID 390

Comment

- Text says that "all light sources shall transmit the same header contents simultaneously". What does simultaneously means? Can the preambles be offset? Do the first bits of preamble have to be aligned?

Suggested Remedy

- Clarify

Resolution/instruction to editor

- My suggestion is Accept.
- See CID 355

CID 391

Comment

- PHY Header is not defined in PPDU.

Suggested Remedy

- Please define PHY Header.

Resolution/instruction to editor

- We already defined in Table23.
- My suggestion is Reject.

CID 395

Comment

- CRC is not defined for the PHY Header in Table 23

Suggested Remedy

- Need the PHY header to be protected by CRC for o
bustness. Define CRC for the PHY header.

Resolution/instruction to editor

- My suggestion is Accept.

- See CID 333

CID 397

Comment

- Table 23 What is the meaning of the cloumn bit? Does it represent bit position? Number of bits?

Suggested Remedy

- I have no clue, since there is no place for the PHY header shown in Figure 21 or Figure 22

Resolution/instruction to editor

- My suggestion is Accept.

- See CID 333

CID 399

Comment

- It appears that multiple PHY headers are defined, e.g. in 6.4.2 as well as in Figures 21 and 22, presumably for the different modulation types. In the case of the latter, a frame length of 64kB cannot be supported, since the frame length field is 7 bits.

Suggested Remedy

- Clarify applicability of frame length constant and re-organize the sections on PHY header.

Resolution/instruction to editor

- My suggestion is Accept.
- See CID 333

CID 403

Comment

- Table 23 (PHY Header) is not consistent with the previously defined packet format.

Suggested Remedy

- Please define PHY Header.

Resolution/instruction to editor

- My suggestion is Accept.
- See CID 333

CID 476

Comment

- Since 6.7.3.2 does not contain the answer but is only a pointer, add the base reference here

Suggested Remedy

- Change 6.7.3.2 to [B24] Clause 11

Resolution/instruction to editor

- CSK uses scrambler instead of RLL.

- We will define scrambler in CID 481.

- So, my suggestion is Reject.

CID 478

Comment

- This section cannot consist of just a figure. It needs much more text.   In addition, the figure really doesn't look like a block diagram to me.

Suggested Remedy

- Add the necessary text to this section, and make the figure look like a block diagram

Resolution/instruction to editor

- My suggestion is Accept.
- See CID 488

CID 490

Comment

- Position of the training field is not defined wrt the PPDU

Suggested Remedy

- Establish the training sequence position

Resolution/instruction to editor

- We already defined in PPDU format in figure 22
- My suggestion is Reject.

CID 491

Comment

* In figure 41, coordinates of symbol positions should be replaced for following equations (in page 57).

Suggested Remedy

* The figure 41 should be replaced to the figure 34 in '15-10-0036-06-0007'.

Resolution/instruction to editor

* My suggestion is Accept.

* Instruction to editor: Do as suggested remedy

CID 492

Comment

- Symbol mapping is shown in Figure 41, but there are a lot of ambiguity in interpreting the symbol location in the figure.

Suggested Remedy

- Need to add numerical values for matehmatical expression to specify the symbol mapping correctly.

Resolution/instruction to editor

- My suggestion is Accept.

- See CID 477

CID 494

Comment

- Figure 40 shows a scrambler. No description for the scrambler in the draft.

Suggested Remedy

- Define scrambler

Resolution/instruction to editor

- My suggestion is Accept.
- See CID 481

CID 513

Comment

- Figure 35 replace with Figure 46

Suggested Remedy

- replace Figure 35 with Figure 46

Resolution/instruction to editor

- My suggestion is Accept.
- Please refer editorial sheet CID 370

CID 520

Comment

- Symbol mapping is shown in Figure 46, but there are a lot of ambiguity in interpreting the symbol location in the figure.

Suggested Remedy

- Need to add numerical values for matehmatical expression to specify the symbol mapping correctly.

Resolution/instruction to editor

- My suggestion is Accept.

- See CID 477

summary

❖ Accept (34 comments)
  - ■ 188, 189, 191, 193, 197, 308a, 311, 317, 321, 322, 325, 332, 346, 372, 374, 376, 379, 383, 384, 385, 386, 386a, 386b, 390, 395, 397, 399, 403, 478, 491, 492, 494, 513, 520

❖ Accepted in principle (9 comments)
  - ■ 55, 55a, 60, 95a, 186, 198, 199, 335, 381

❖ Reject (14 comments)
  - ■ 54, 55b, 185, 187, 200, 314, 356, 367a, 380, 382, 389, 391, 476, 490

❖ 57 comments are resolved