Selection Mechanism of the FCS Type

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Motivation

This document addresses some issues related to the selection of the FCS type. CID #325, #726 #729

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- ▶ a CRC-16 based FCS (ITU-T CRC)

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- not specified at all for the other SUN PHYs (MR-OFDM / MR-O-QPSK PHY), i.e. there is neither a dedicated information bit nor a PIB attribute.

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Hence

$$P_{ue}^{\text{CRC-32}} \ll P_{ue}^{\text{CRC-16}}$$

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 Hence for noisy channels, error detection capabilities of a CRC-32 based FCS are considerably reduced.

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- 3. Consider a PIB attribute indicating the FCS type