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Introduction of Human Body Comm.

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Purpose and Contents

- This document presents the comm. method for the BAN
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 - Challenge
 - HBC System Review
 - Summary

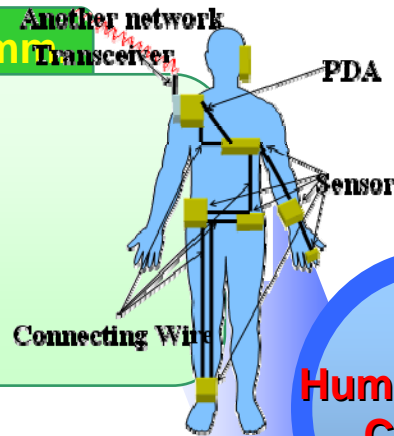
What is HBC ?

Introduction

- BAN Comm. Tech. to transfer information through a human body

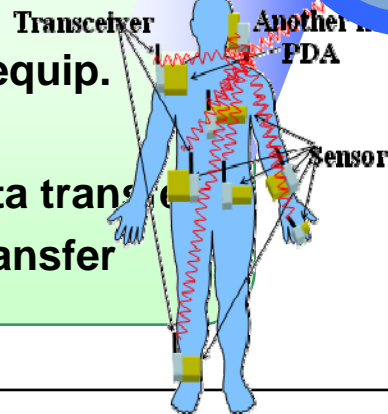
Wireline Comm.

- Heavy wiring
- High S/N ratio
- High data rate
- Uncomfortable



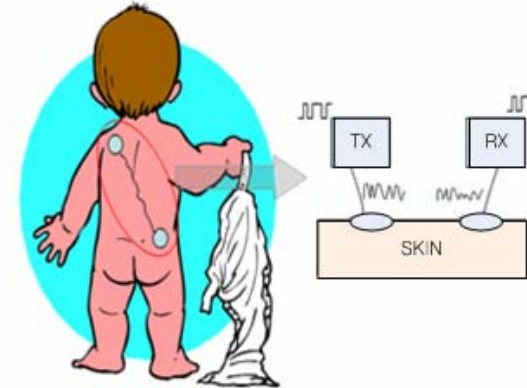
Wireless Comm.

- Heavy wireless equip.
- Uncomfortable
- Low efficient data transfer
- Errors in data transfer



Human Body Comm.

- Less expensive
- No wiring
- Small size
- Small power consumption
- High data rates
- High signal to noise ratio



HBC Application

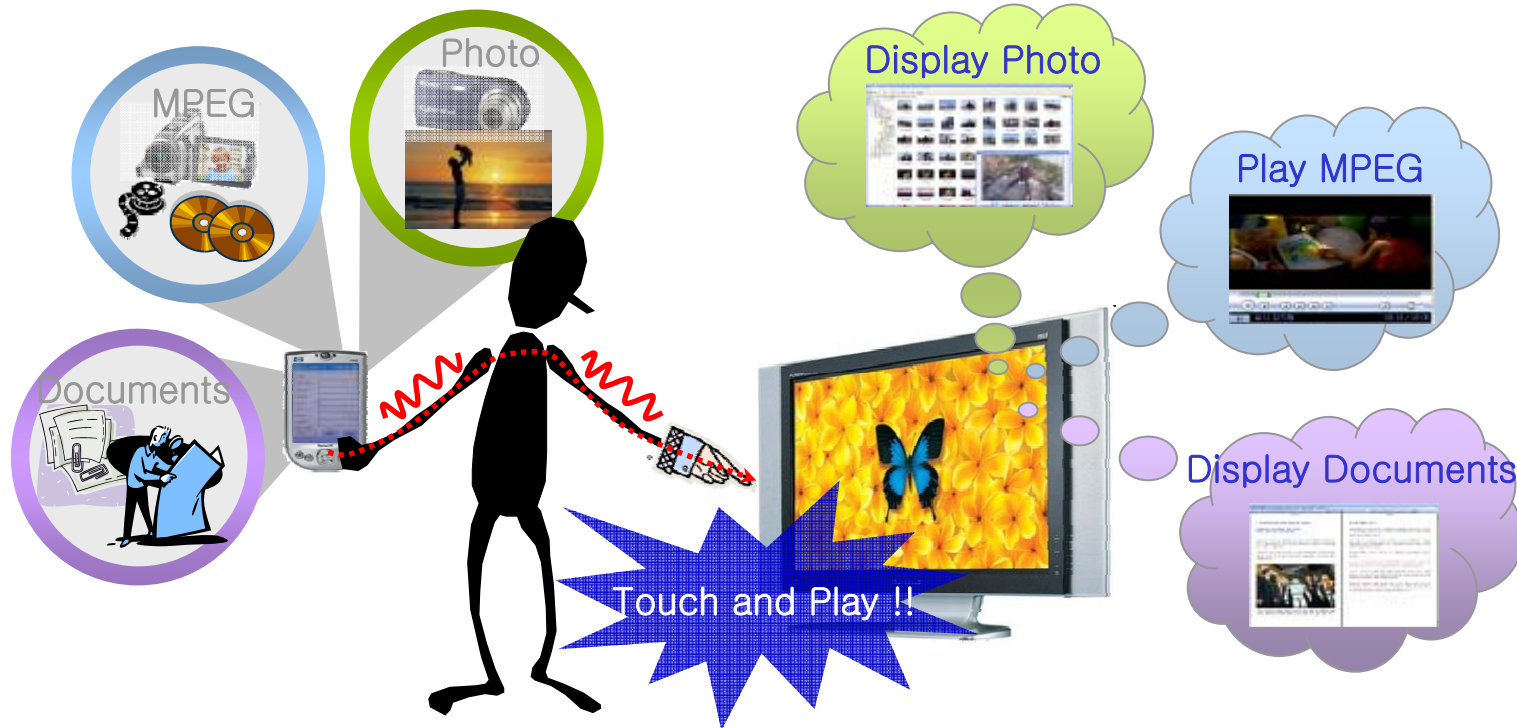
Introduction

- Build up Network among a lot of digital equipments
 - Loaded in Mobile phone, TV, MP3 Player, Digital Camera, Notebook, Printer, Smart Home Network, Endoscope, ...
 - Support Ubiquitous Service by intuitive touching



HBC Application

Introduction



Why HBC ?

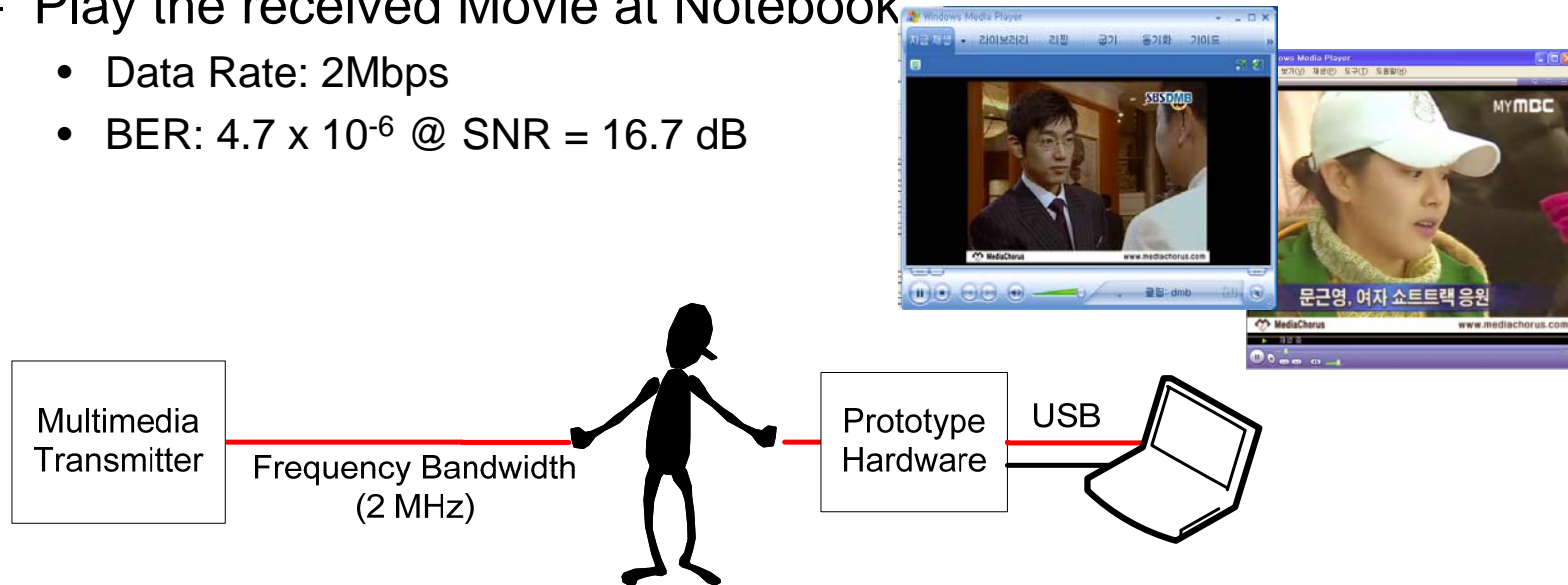
Introduction

- Competition Service
 - Bluetooth, ZigBee, UWB, NFC ...
 - Takes long times to setup a call
 - Power Consumption by using RF signaling
- Requirements...
 - Protocol:
 - Context Aware Service, Intuitive Service, Quick Development
 - Expandability, Coexistence with Other Technology
 - Ad hoc Sensor Monitoring
 - PHY
 - Low Power Consumption for Mobile Equipment
 - Support High Data Rate

Challenge

Human Body as a Channel?

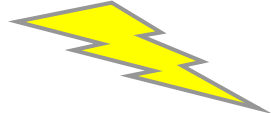
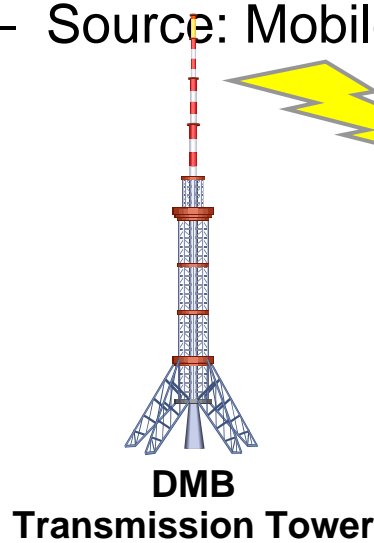
- The First Try...
 - Source: Multimedia Transmitter
 - Connect IF Signal of Multimedia Transmitter to the Human Body
 - Play the received Movie at Notebook
 - Data Rate: 2Mbps
 - BER: 4.7×10^{-6} @ SNR = 16.7 dB



Challenge

Human Body as a Channel?

- The Second Try...
 - Source: Mobile Phone to support DMB service



Prototype
Hardware

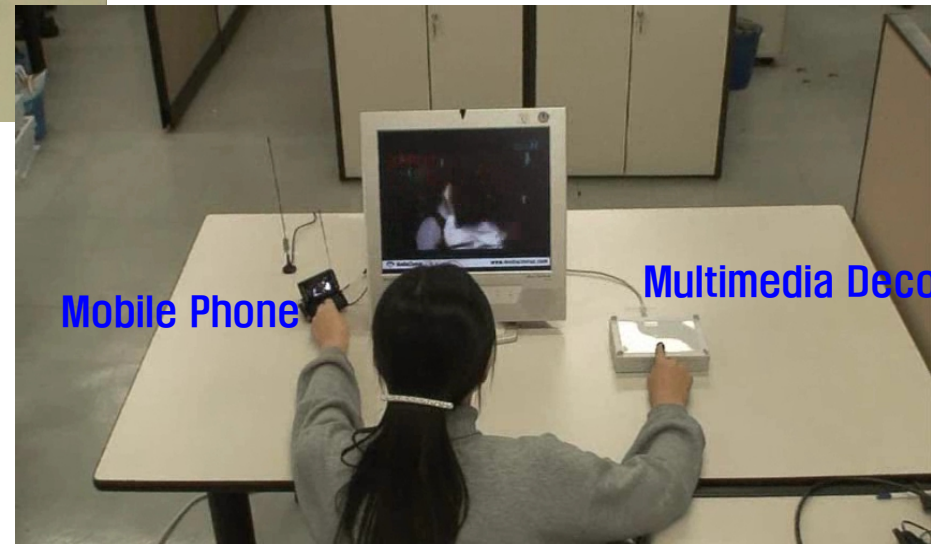
$BER \leq 10^{-3}$ @
 $SNR > 6$ dB

Demo

Challenge



There is the DMB transmitter under the table.



HBC System Review

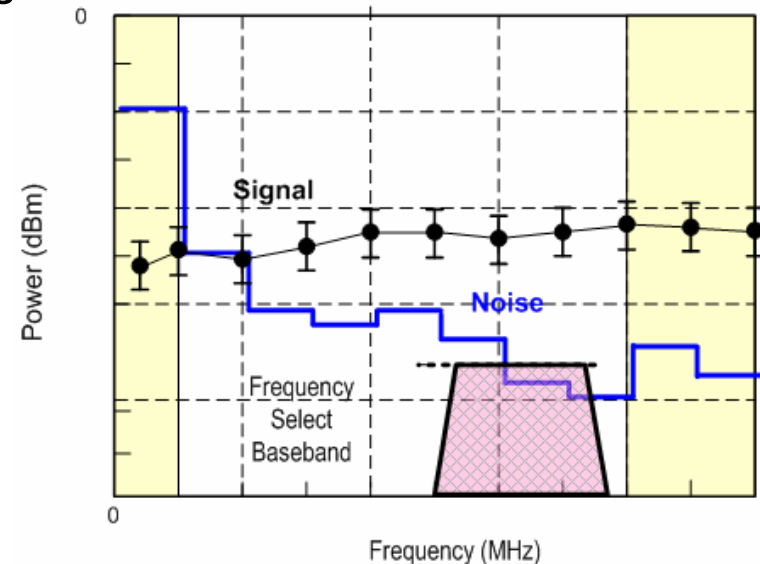
Characteristics of Signal and Noise

● Noise

- Heavy amount noise in Low Frequency,
- Need to escape Low Frequency Band

● Signal

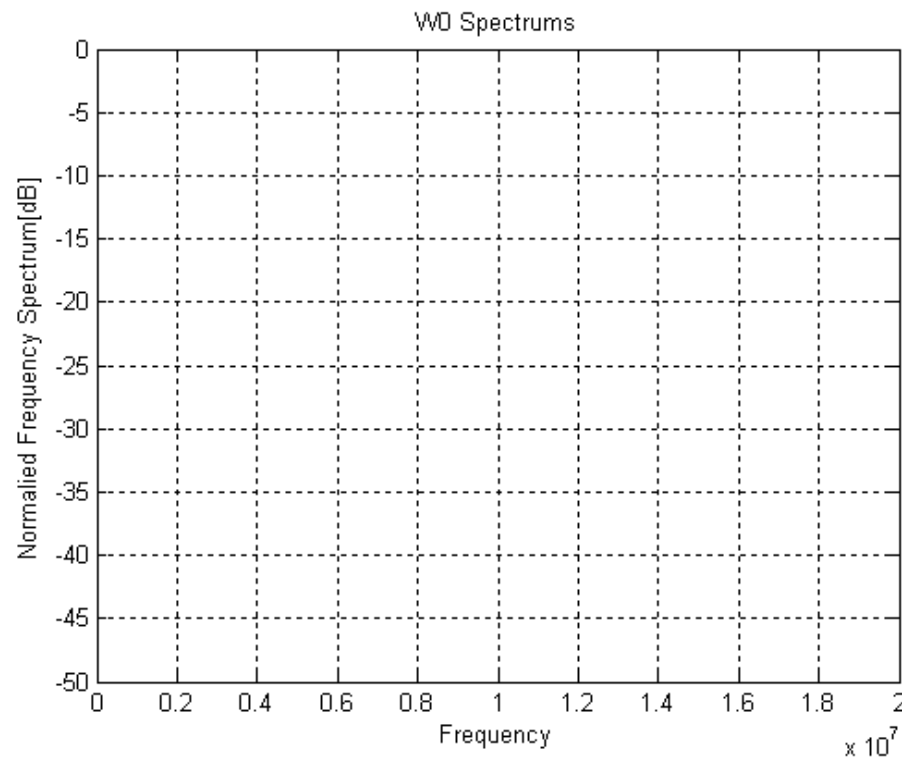
- Emit Bigger power outside body as Frequency increase
- Body become antenna
- Need to specify the effective band



HBC System Review

Characteristics of Walsh 64

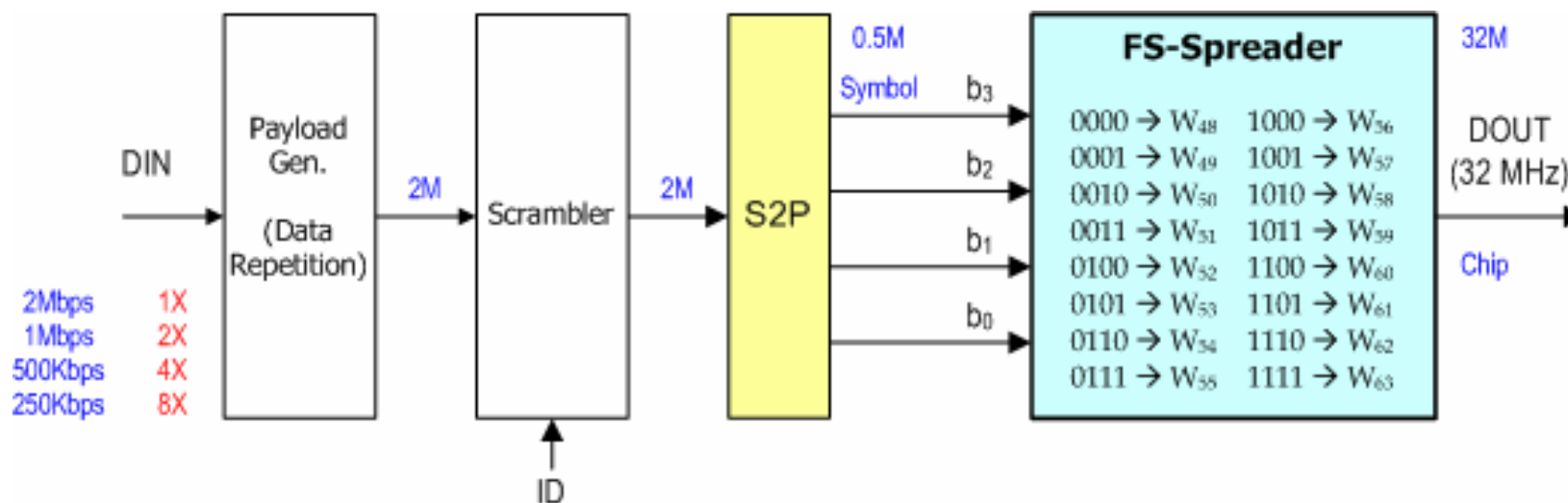
- Each Walsh Code has the major frequency components
- Select the 4th sub-group of Walsh 64



HBC System Review

FS-CDMA

- Method to transfer the baseband signal by using the characteristics of Walsh code
- S2P make 4bit symbols, then the symbols become the index of Walsh code
- FS-Spreader output the one code of the 4th sub-group



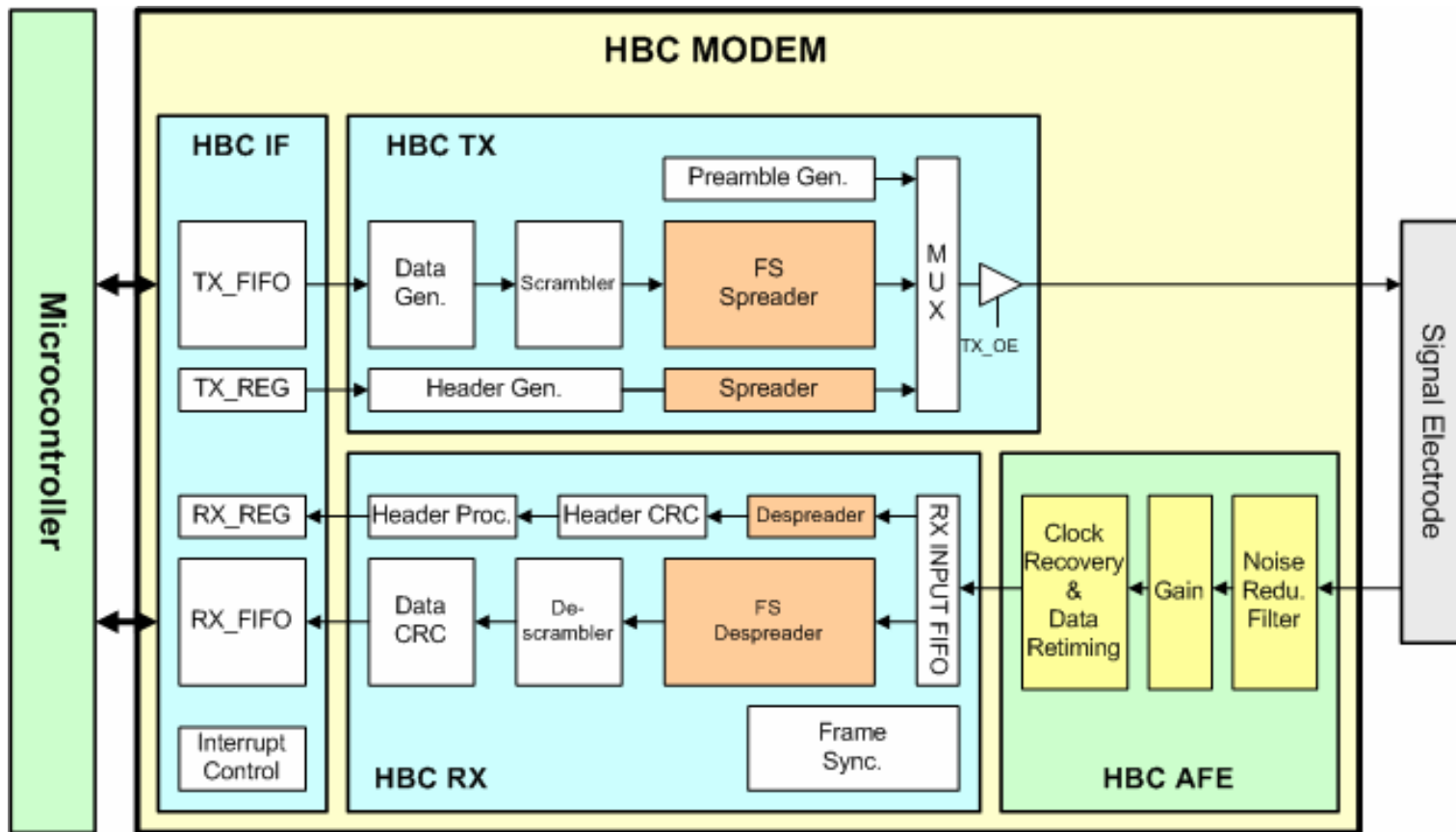
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Physical Parameter

Parameters	Values
Bandwidth	Frequency Selective Baseband (12 MHz ~ 16 MHz)
Comm. Env.	Intra Body Communication
TX Method	Direct Digital Transmission
Duplex	TDD
Frame Length	10 ms
Preamble	$P(z) = z^6 + z^5 + 1$
Scrambling	32bit PRBS generator : $P(z) = z^{32} + z^{31} + z^{11} + 1$
Spreading	Frequency Selective 64 chip Walsh Modulation
Data Rate	2 Mbps ~ 250 Kbps

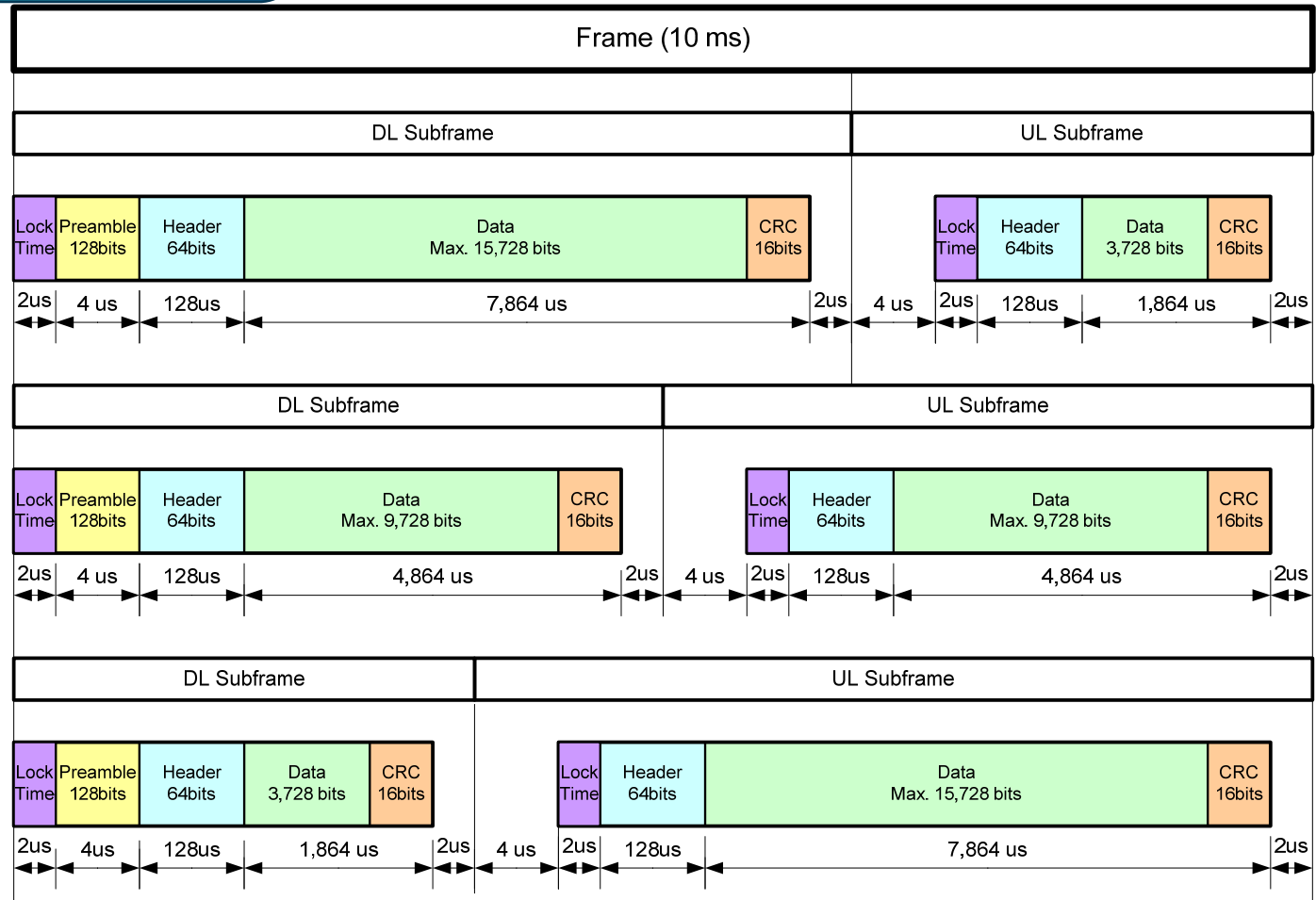
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Block Diagram of HBC PHY



HBC System Review

Frame Structure



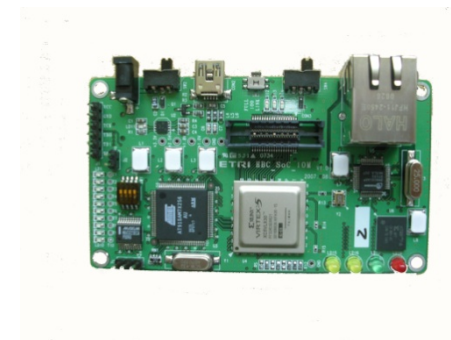
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Demo of Video transmission



Currently Status

- 2Mbps HBC Controller
 - Developed the Modules of HBC Controller
 - Obtained BER of 10^{-6}
 - Verified some applications: transfer Video, transfer high quality Picture, transfer photograph from UMPC to Printer, ...
 - Developed the chips of HBC Controller, being verified by some applications
- 10Mbps HBC Controller
 - Developed the Modules of HBC Controller
 - Being verified by some applications
- Safety Researches
 - Have been carrying out the safety researches for 3 years based on its standards



Summary

● What is Human Body Communication?

- BAN Comm. Tech. to transmit information through a human body

● Human body as a channel?

- It is possible to transfer digital signals through a human body

● HBC System Review

- Specify the effective Band
- Use Walsh Code to minimize interference → FS-CDMA

● Currently Status of HBC System

- Developed The 2Mbps modules and chips
- Developed The 10Mbps modules



Thank you for your attentions!