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VLC Channel Models in VLCC

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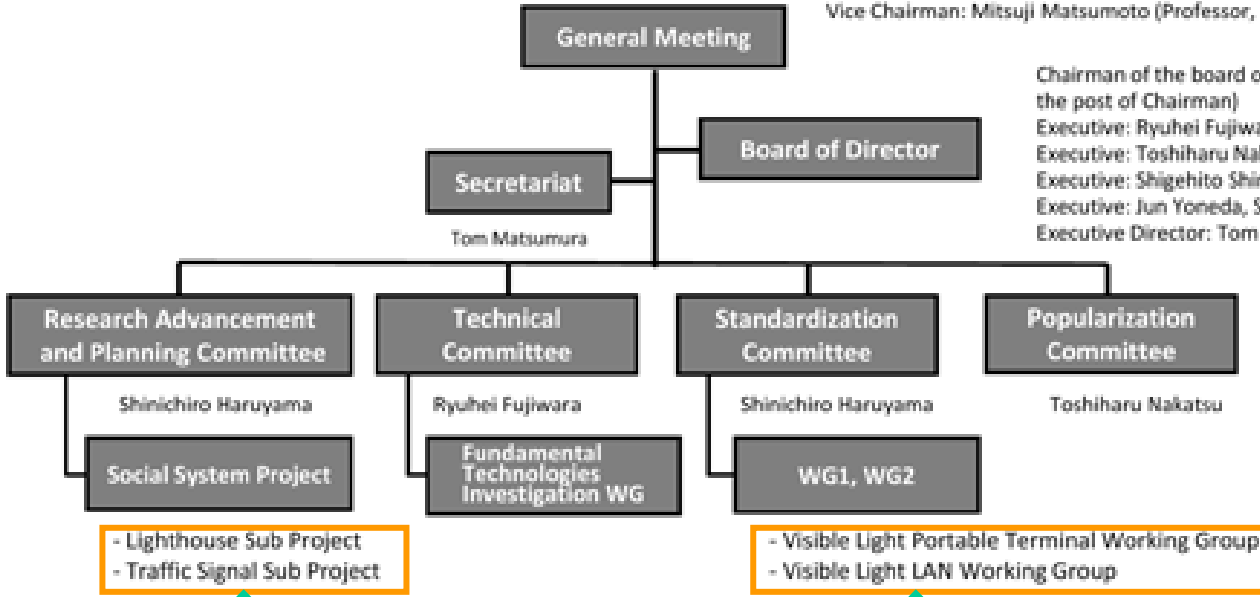
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VLCC organization and Channel models

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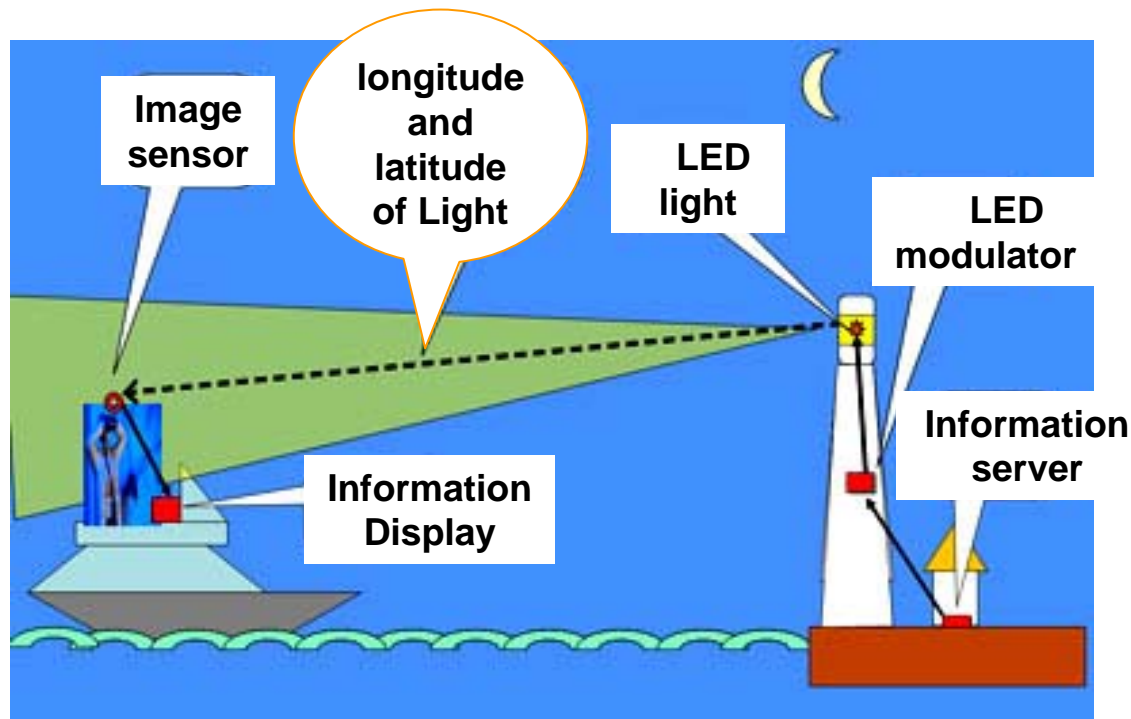
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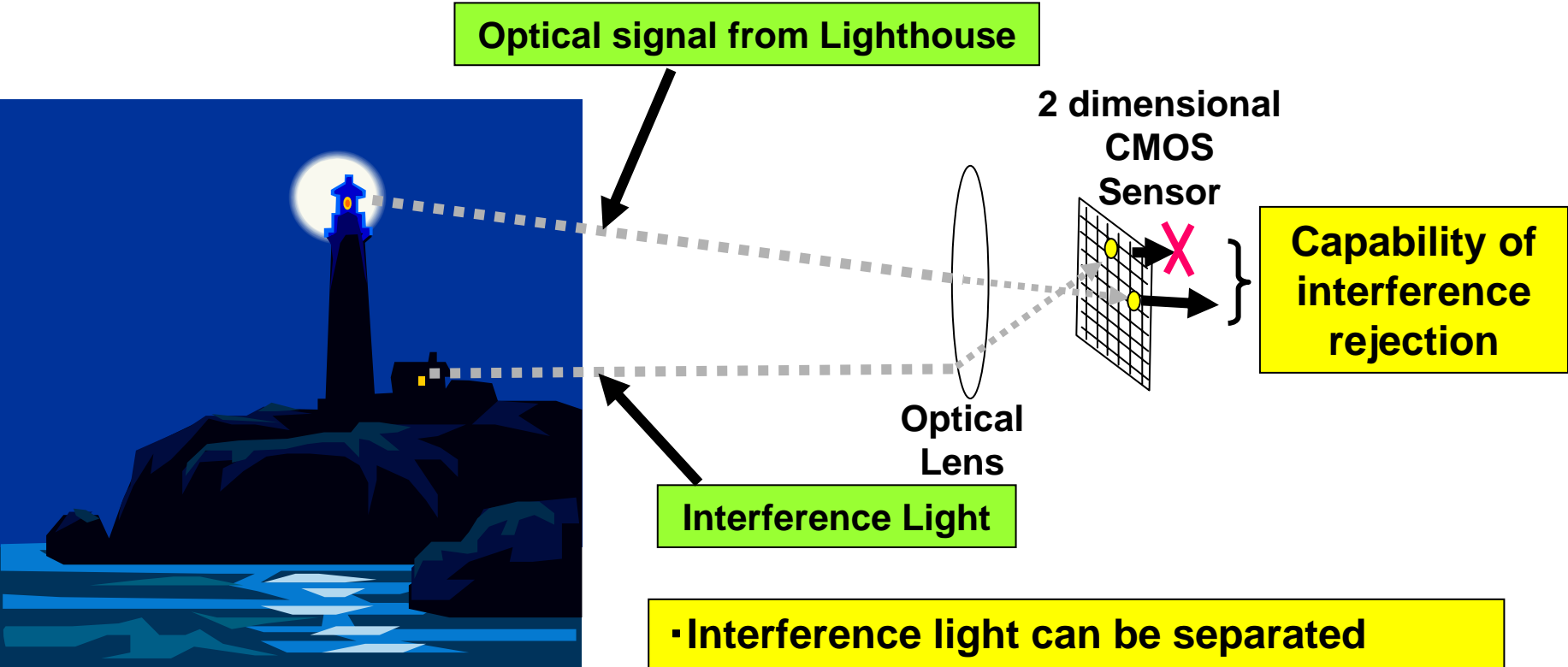
Channel models using PD/APD

Channel Models using Image Sensor:

(1) Lighthouse Sub Project –

The Lighthouse Sub Project is one of "the Social System Projects", and it studies the VLC long distance transmission, using image sensor.





- Interference light can be separated
- Background noise is less in night time
- Long distance transmission is available

Long distance transmission experiment



VLCC succeeded in the world record of long-distance telecom experiment by the visible light communication using image sensor communications technology

The transmission rate was at 1200bps for the communications distance of 1km and 2km, respectively.

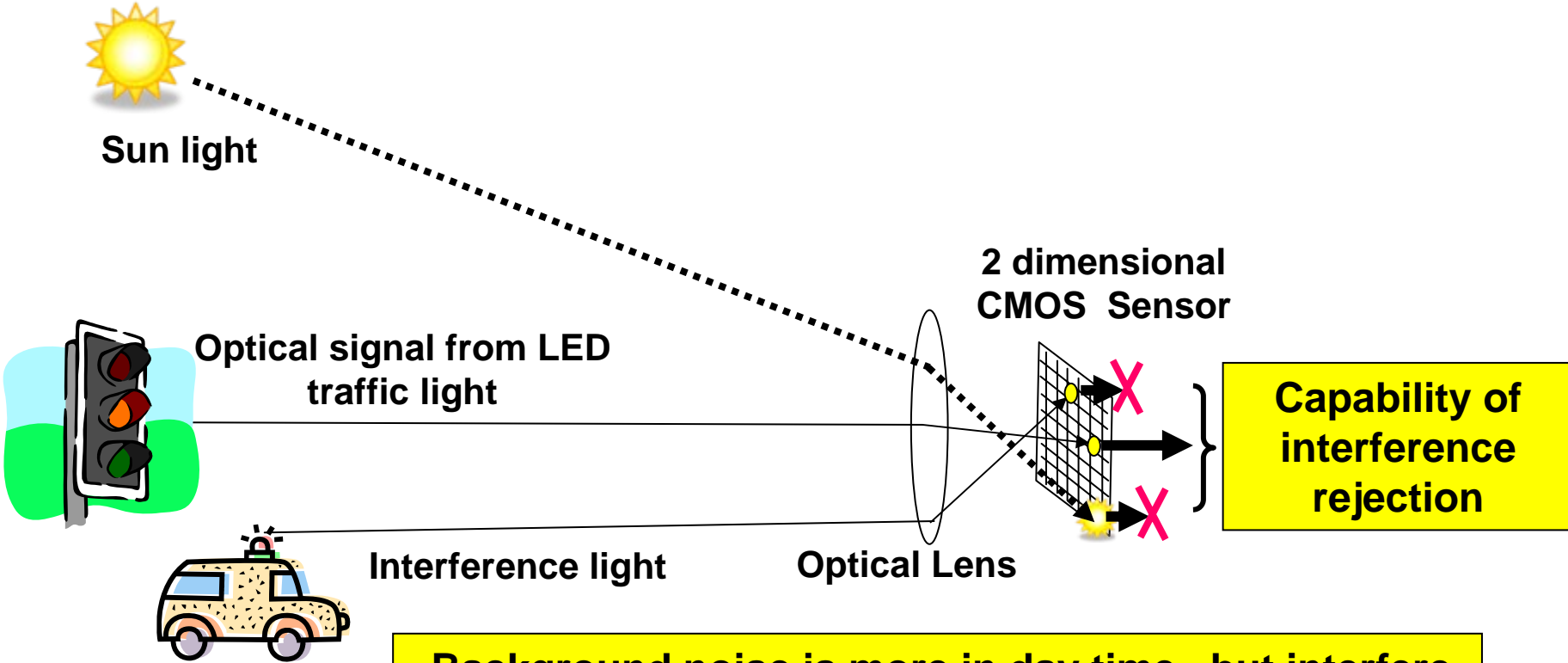
(2) Traffic Signal Sub Project -

Traffic Signal Sub Project is one of the Social System Projects, and it does verify a practical possibility of a visible light communication for the traffic signal, using image sensor.



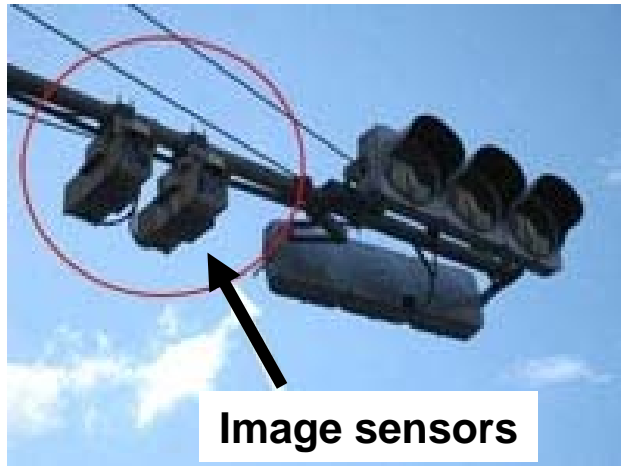
The Traffic Signal Sub Project started studies about the use of the visible light communication to control information transmission between traffic signals using image sensor receivers

It is pushed forward to experiment the transmission of "signals" including "control contents" and "sensor information", etc.



- Background noise is more in day time, but interference light can be separated, using image sensors.
- LED traffic light signal power is large enough for the middle (~400m) transmission

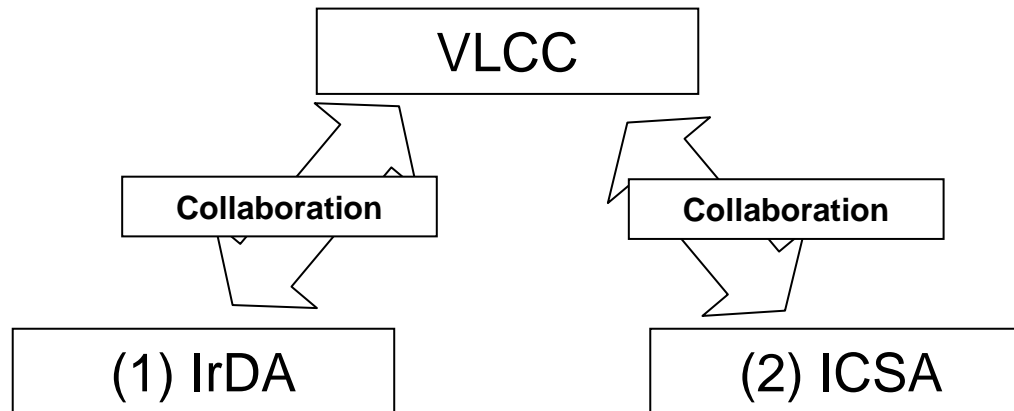
On going long-term experimental setup



From September, 2008, the Traffic Signal Sub Project started “environmental measurement experiment“ using real signals with several measurement machineries including “weather machine“ to measure the climate conditions such as wind, humidity, rain, fog, etc and “accelerometer” to measure the vibration of the signal occurred by the vehicle traffic, etc and “camera” to measure the influence of the weather conditions , etc.

Channel Model using PD/APD

In October, 2008, it was announced that VLCC had begun in cooperation with "Infrared Data Association (IrDA)" and "Infrared Communication Systems Association (ICSA)".



Joint development and cooperation With IrDA and ICSA

(1) Joint development and cooperation with IrDA (= IrDA extension)

- Public space Visible Light to mobile terminal
- Visible Light mobile terminal to mobile terminal

(2) Joint development and cooperation with ICSA (= ICSA extension)

- Visible Light Wireless LAN System for room

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

The Infrared Data Association (IrDA) and Visible Light Communications Consortium (VLCC) Announces Complimentary Research and Development Effort

Walnut Creek, CA., September 3, 2008 – The Infrared Data Association (IrDA) which establishes infrared standards that provide convenient wireless connectivity and the Visible Light Communications Consortium (VLCC) which is working on research, development, and the standardization of safe visible light communications (VLC) announce a cooperative agreement between the two organizations. This agreement recognizes the synergies between the organizations and the potential to cooperate in the promotion of optoelectronic technologies such as infrared and visible light communications.

This agreement allows both organizations to further research practical applications driving optoelectronic implementations in such devices as consumer mobile devices (cell phones, cameras), lighting apparatus, traffic signals, indicator lights, video displays, cars and toll booths. “We are very excited about the possibilities of this joint cooperation. With both technologies in the optoelectronic spectrum, we are looking forward to mutual development to complement each other and provide new applications to advance the industry” said Daphne Terrell, Executive Director, IrDA.

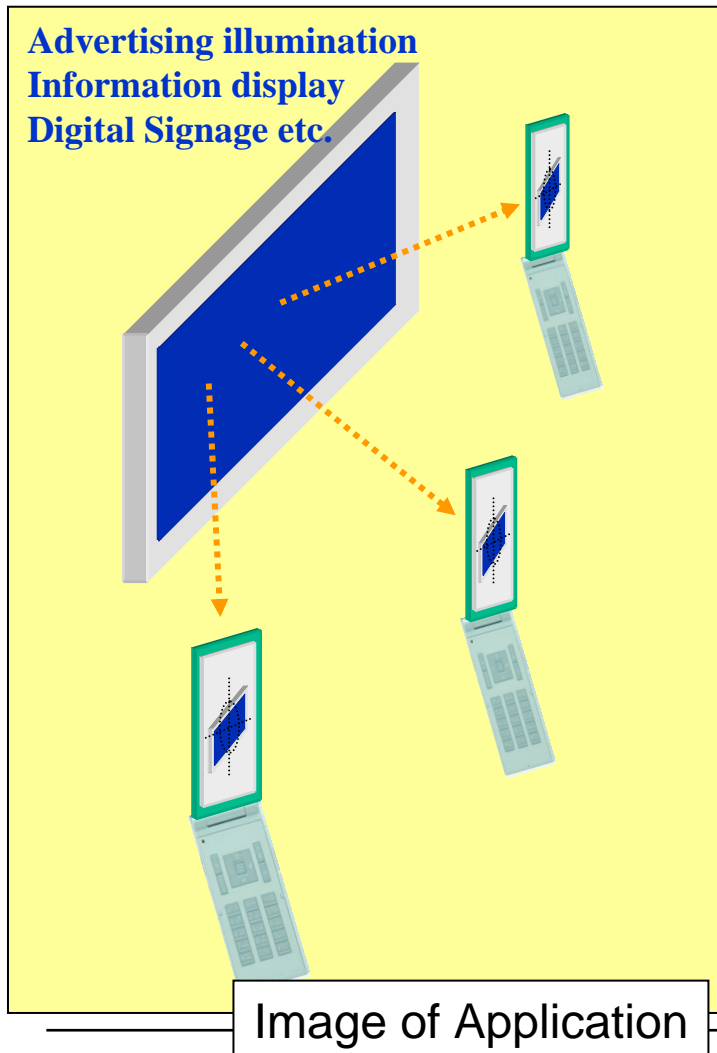
Chairman of VLCC, Professor Masao Nakagawa of Keio University, said, “By combining the widely used cellular phone IrDA technology and the new visible light communication technology, we expect a new standard of very user-friendly communication system”.

On Wednesday, October 21, 2008 IrDA will conduct an optoelectronic conference in Tokyo followed on the 22nd by its October General meeting. On Friday October 24, 2008 VLCC will be conducting their Fall General meeting in Tokyo.

Advantage of joint development and cooperation

- As IrDA has been already installed in many cellular phones , and Visible Light Communication can be used simply by changing a physical layer of IrDA.
 - VLCC is allowed to use the protocol stack and the patents of IrDA.
 - VLCC can use their accumulated knowhow and test site of IrDA freely for its interoperability test between the different kind equipments (Ex., Nokia, docomo, etc) .
 - It is quite easy for VLCC to interchange data between VLC and IrDA.
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(1)-1 High transmission rate (576Kbps~4Mbps) specification (IrDA)



Features

- Enable to obtain Information from the targeted/focused place.
- Enable to deliver information from one place to many people. (1 to N)
- Enable to deliver a large volume of contents.

Specification

Transmission rate	576kbps,1.152Mbps(MIR) to 4Mbps(FI R)
Contents	Data including Movies/Audio , etc (The streaming is also acceptable) .
Transmission distance	More than 3meters (Capture data from the target.)
Delivery form	Broadcasting type(1 to N)

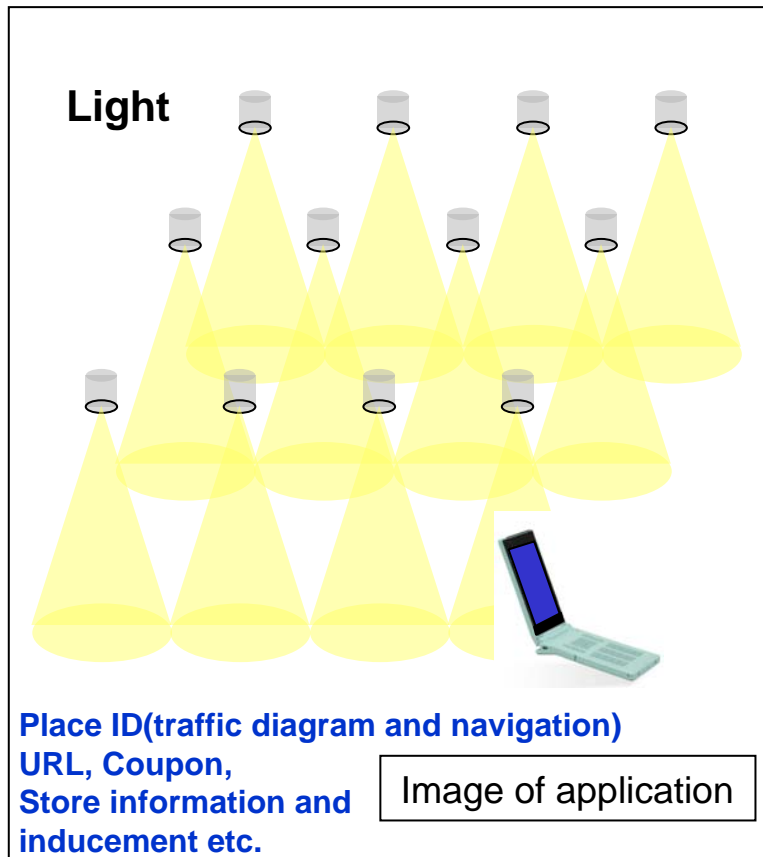
(1)-2 Low transmission rate (300bps~9.6kbps) specification (IrDA)

Features

- Enable to capture information/data anytime by cellular phone.
- Enable to provide place Information such as ID, URL, etc from the lighting.
- Enable to provide wider services through cellular phone networks.

Specification

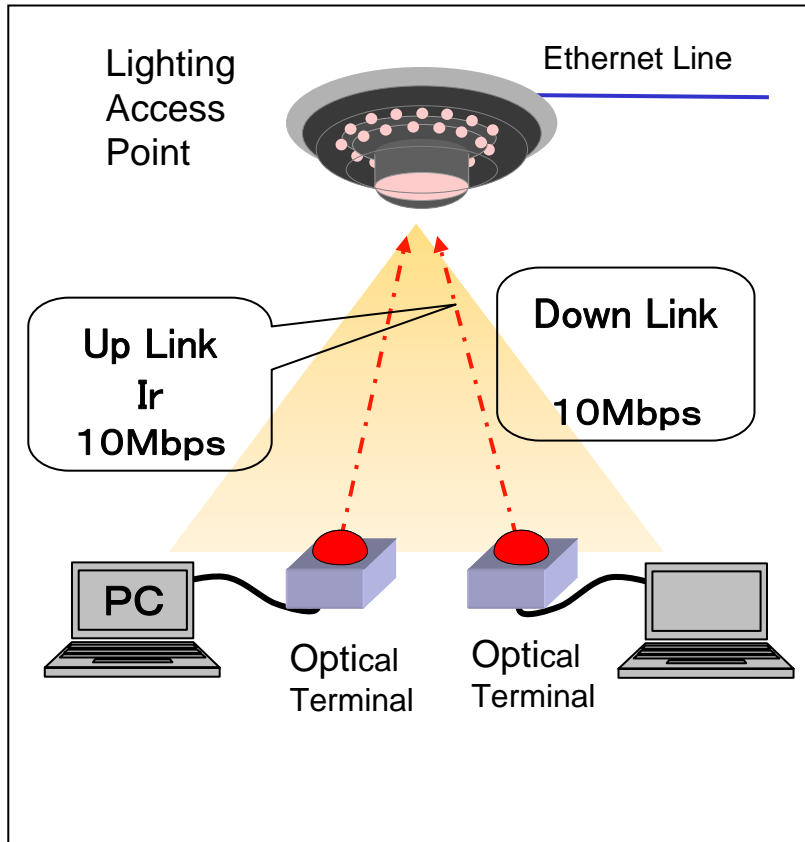
Transmission rate	300bps to 9.6 kbps (SIR)
Contents	Place ID, URL etc.
Transmission distance	Several meters (Enable to capture them by the reflection.)
Delivery form	Broadcasting type(1 to N)



(2) Indoor Wireless LAN System (ICSA)

Features

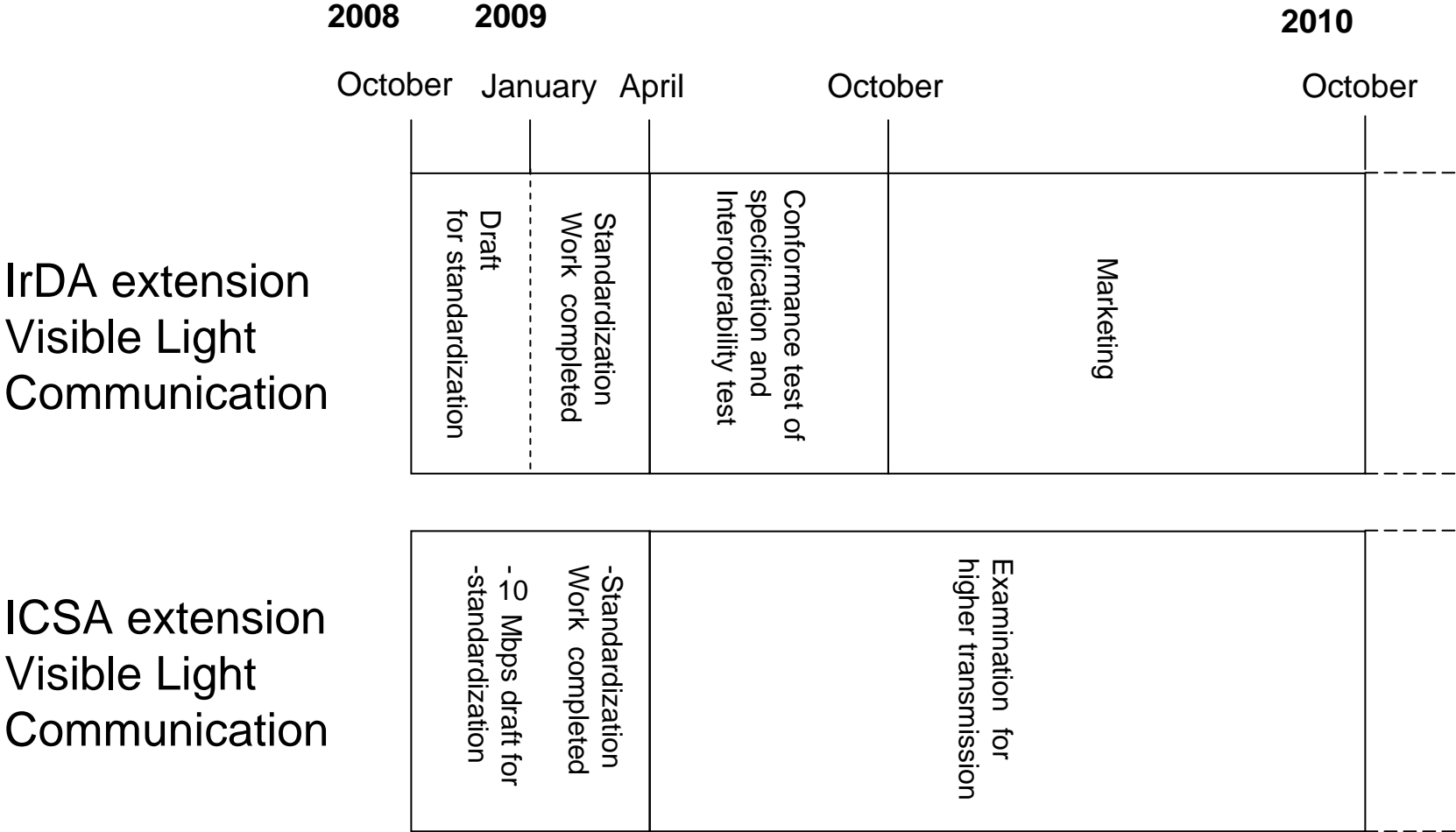
- 1 to N Wireless LAN through lighting access point
- Connect to Ethernet Line/PLC
- Based on ARIB STD-T50



Specification

Data transfer rate	10Mbps
Network	IEEE802.3 10BASE-T
Network Topology	1toN Half Duplex
Access Control	CSMA/CD

Road map of joint development and cooperation



Conclusion

- To expand and promote Visible Light Communication, VLCC does a lot of technological examination tests and standardization activities.
 - VLCC has been working on the standardization draft for IrDA extension specification (cellular Phone) and ICSEA extension specification (wireless LAN)
 - VLCC cooperates the standardization activities with TGvlc.
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