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Abstract: [We propose our specially designed PHY and MAC for wireless body area network (BAN) to satisfy various requirements for both medical and non-medical applications, which is uniqueness of .IEEE802.15.6. In PHY, pulsed chirp UWB is proposed because of its total performance for WBAN. In particular, hybrid type of ARQ and FEC is proposed to satisfy both requirements of medical and non-medical applications in a sense of highly reliable and lower power consumption. In MAC, we propose a protocol for BAN considering effect to a human body, in particular, taking care of SAR (specific absorption ratio) of parts of BAN devices in and on a body. Although this proposal is not a full set of proposal corresponding to technical requirements for IEEE802.15.6, we hope this can contribute to improve system performance by harmonizing with others.]

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YNU's PHY and MAC Design for WBAN IEEE P802.15.6

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1. Aim and Motivation

- The aim of this presentation is not to provide a complete proposal for BAN standard but to introduce some technologies to enhance performance of a merged proposal.
- We propose our designed schemes for PHY and MAC of BAN so as to satisfy the different requirements for both medical and non medical use of BAN such as reliability and safety for medical use and efficiency for non-medical use, as follow,

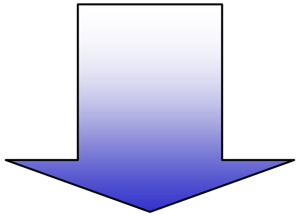
1. PHY
   1.1 Pulsed Chirp UWB using hopping
   1.2 Error controlling scheme using hybrid ARQ and FEC for medical and non medical uses, respectively
2. MAC
   2.1 Protocol considering SAR or thermal influence to a body by switching cluster

2. Physical Layer design:
Pulsed Chirp UWB with Hopping

2. Body Area Network: BAN

•Body Area Network

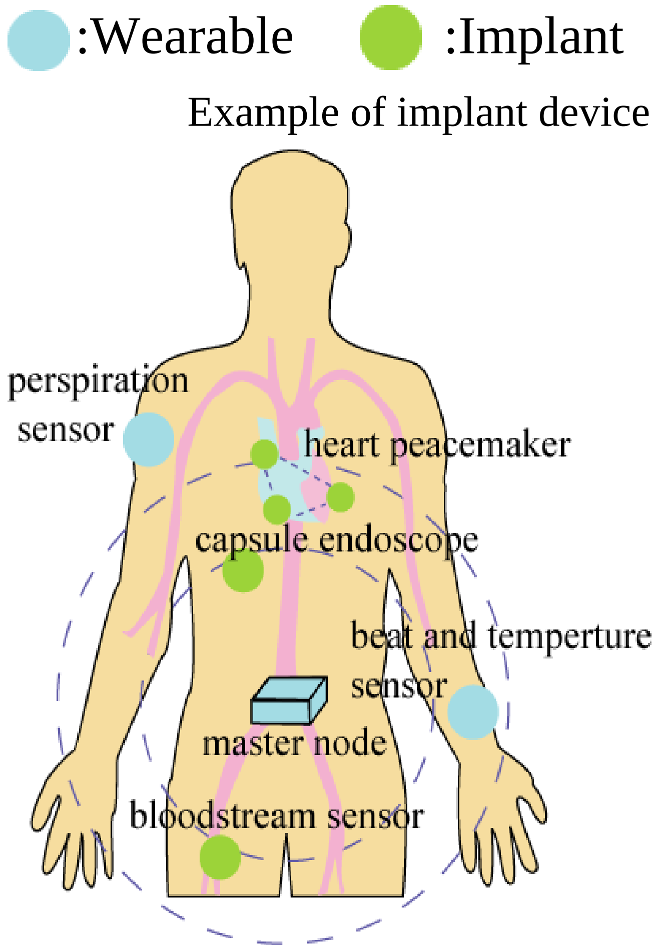
Networks composed of wireless communication inside and/or outside a human body



Implant WBAN

Wearable WBAN

1. Monitoring vital signs such as ECG, EEG etc and remotely controlling medical equipments such as pace-maker with ICD, capsule endoscope
2. Assisting disability such as eyeglasses with camera, etc.
3. Fitness and Entertainment with body area games and cell phones etc.



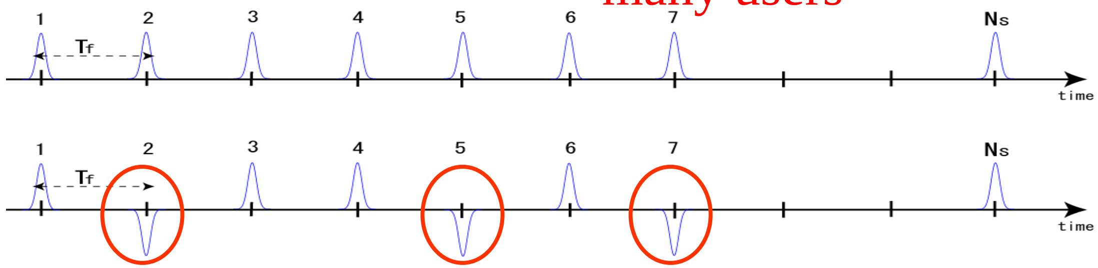
2.1 Direct Sequence UWB (DS-UWB) and Chirp on UWB (Co-UWB)

DS-UWB system

Characteristic

- advantage : transmitting signal for DS-UWB using spreading sequence
- down back : no tolerance to near-far problem due to no spreading gain

→ We can distinguish many users



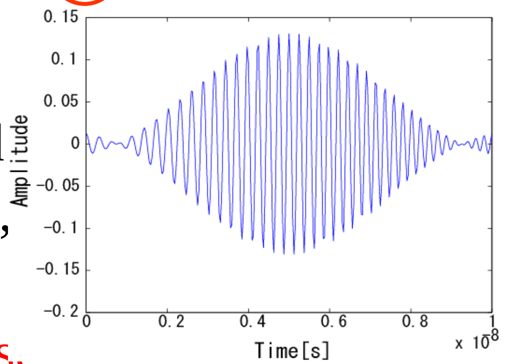
Chirp on UWB (Co-UWB) system

Characteristic

- advantage : Easily sweeping frequency among ultra wideband

→ Using different frequency band for multiple nodes, tolerance to near-far problem

- down back : it is difficult to distinguish different BANs in case using the same frequency band



low frequency high

2.1 Pulsed Chirp UWB system

Aim: Improve immunity against narrow band and multi-user interference with combined chirp-on-UWB and DS-UWB

Chirp-on-UWB system

Using different frequency band, it is good performance in case SIR is low (near-far problem)

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DS-UWB system

Using direct sequence, It is good performance in case SIR is high

Proposed system:

Pulsed Chirp UWB system; like IEEE802.15.4a with optional chirp pulse

This seems to be a merged proposal between NICT's Part 1&2* in a sense of "**Multi-Band Pulsed Chirp UWB with Frequency and Time Hopping**"

Each pulse uses different sub-band for tolerance against narrow band interference

Transmitting signal uses spreading sequence to distinguish multiple nodes in BANs

*: NICT's Part 1: Doc#IEEE802.25.09.0166-00-0006, NICT's Part 2: Doc#IEEE802.25.09.0163-00-0006,

2.1 Pulsed Chirp UWB system with single hopping for medical use

The system uses multiple sub-bands with OCC frequency hopping sequence to avoid both narrow band and multi-user interferences and DS with Gold sequence to indentify users.

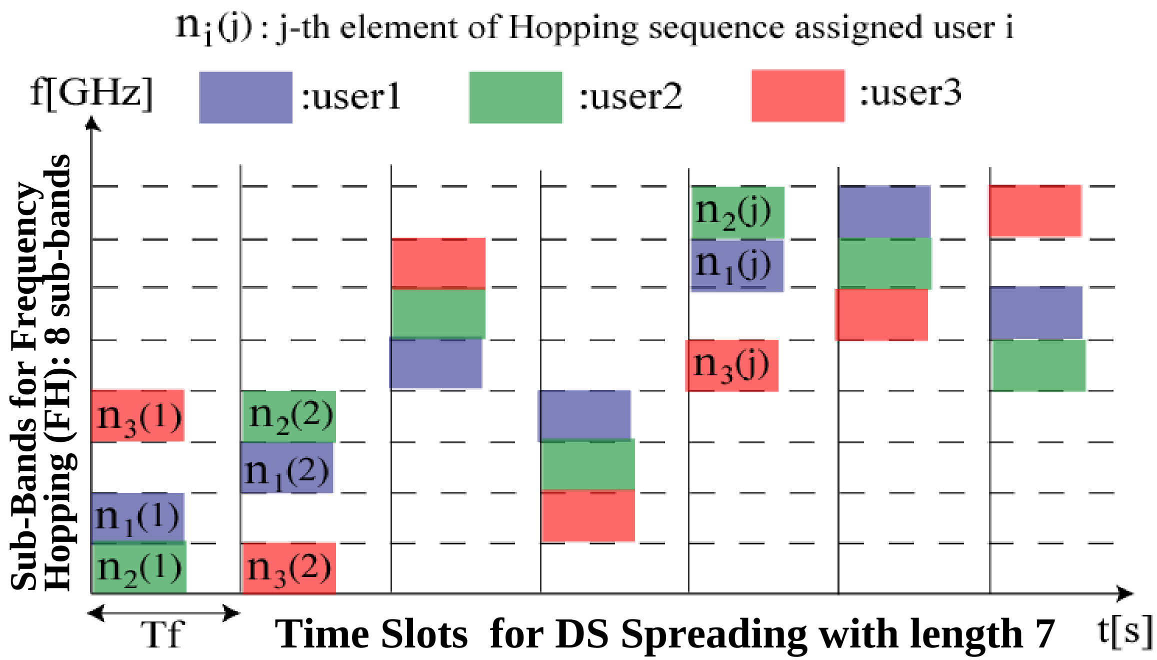
This system seems to be a merged proposal between NICT's Part 1&2 in a sense of "**Multi-Band Pulsed Chirp UWB with Frequency and Time Hopping**"

① Divide the bandwidth by applied length of sequence

② Define using frequency sub-band which adapts to each pulse by hopping sequence

③ Make direct sequence by using direct sequence with up and dowr chirp corresponding 0 and 1.

④ Data modulation is bi-phase



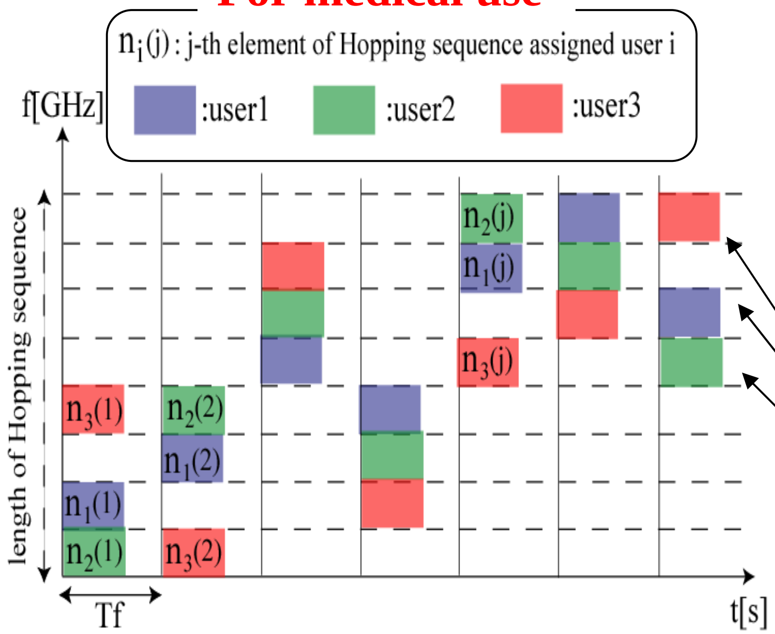
Time Slots for DS Spreading with length 7
In case of 3 users

2.1 Pulsed Chirp UWB system with parallel hopping for non-medical use

Medical use →Utilize hopping sequence for improvement of interference immunity

Non-medical use → Utilize hopping sequence for multi-level modulation for satisfying demand of higher data rate

For medical use



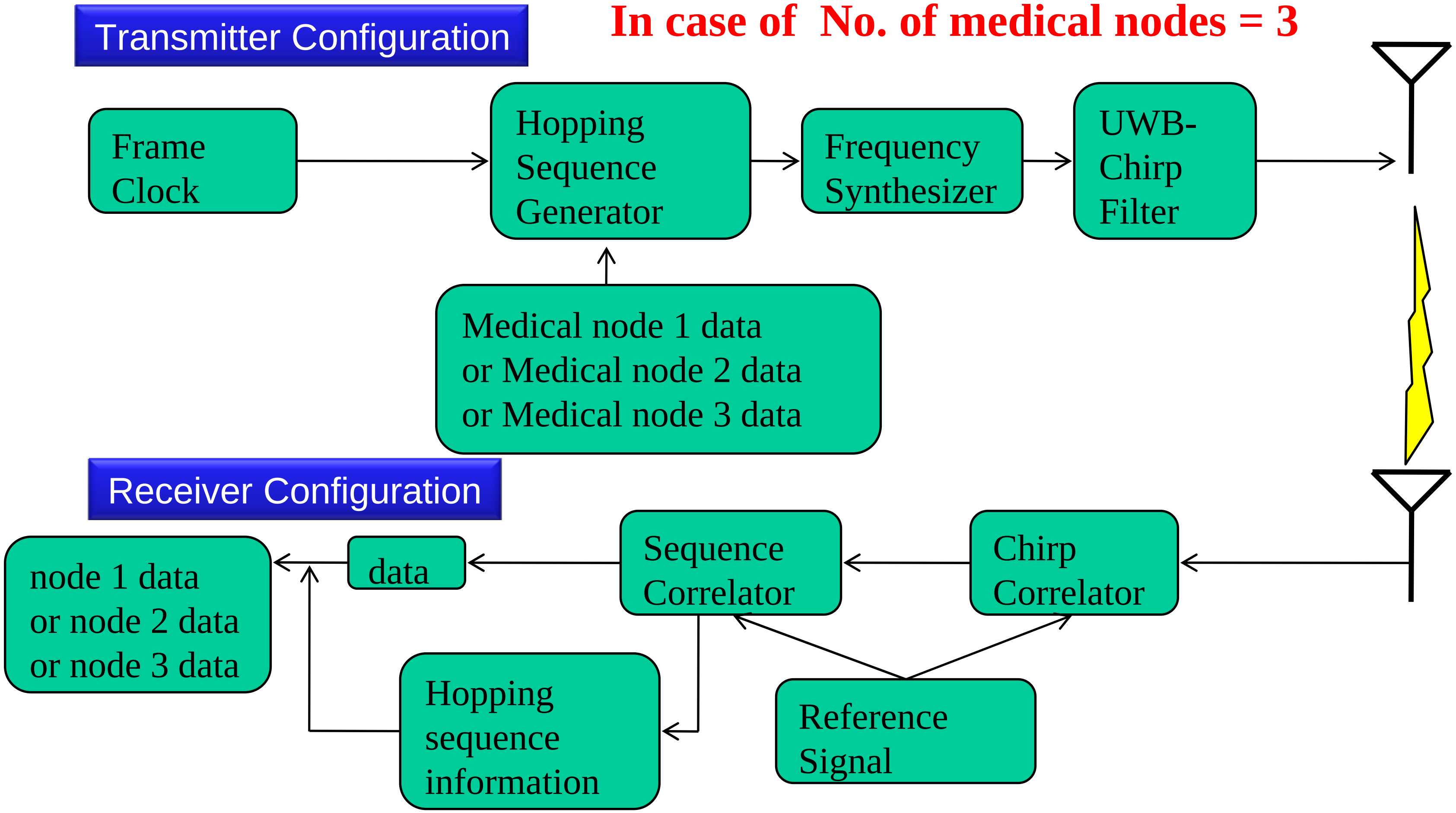
Tasks of Hopping sequence

- **For medical use: Use for identification of multiple BAN nodes**
- **For non Medical use: Use for higher data-rate transmission with multi-level modulation**

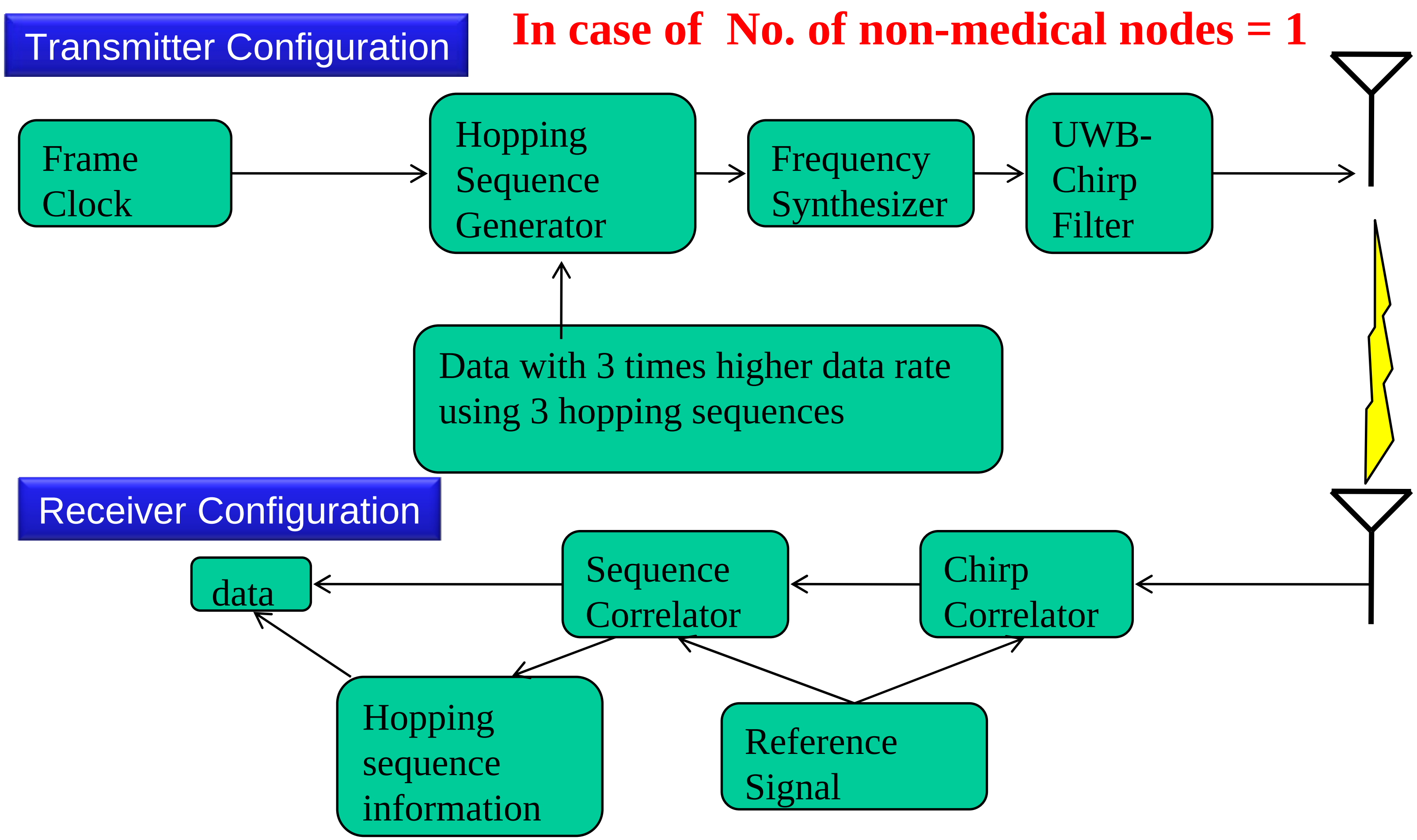
For non-medical use

A non-medical user employs 3 parallel sub-bands to transmit data with 3 times higher date rate

2.1 System configuration for medical use



2.1 System configuration for non-medical use



2.1 Wearable Wireless BAN channel model

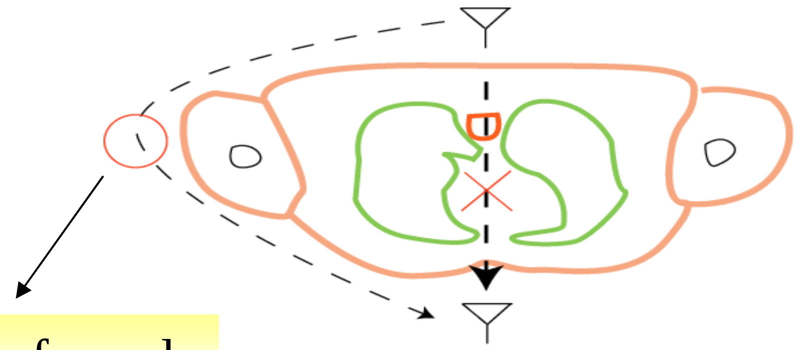
Using channel model of IEEE802.15.4a final report

Characteristic

- frequency is 3.2~4.8GHz

→ No energy penetrating through a body

Path loss model are defined according to distance around a body



Path loss formula

$$P_{dB} = \gamma(d - d_0) + P_{0,dB}$$

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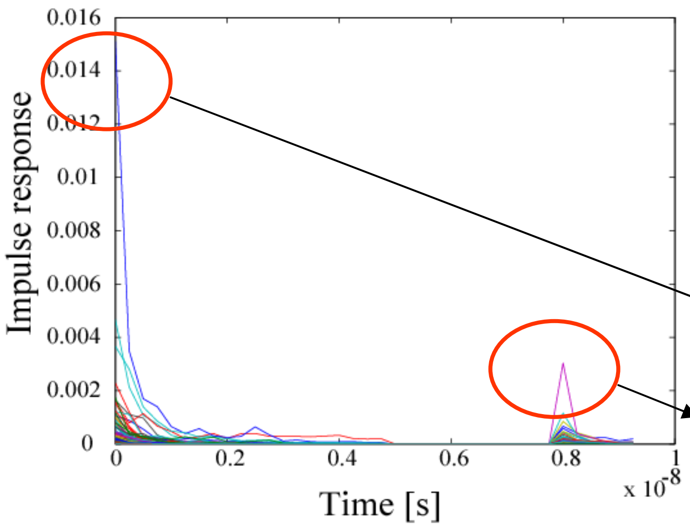
γ: units of dB/meter d_0:reference distance

$P_{0,dB}$:Power at the reference distance



Diffracting wave around the body

Ground reflection

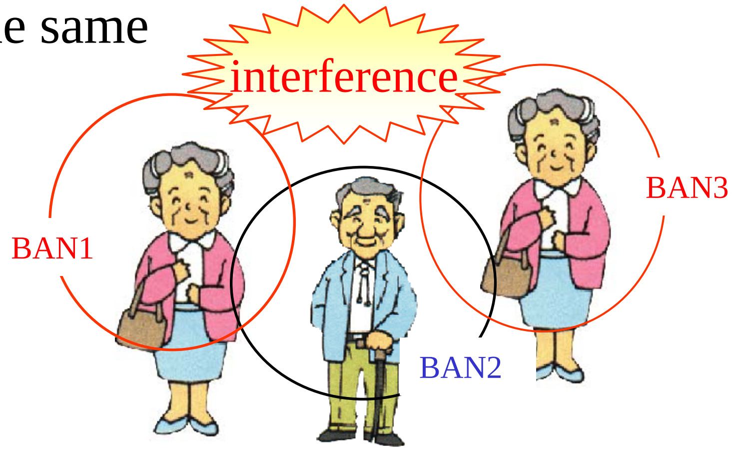
Depending on transmitter and receiver position, the power of reflection wave is higher

Ex) Impulse response which is receiver's position left arm

2.1 Simulation Model

- Simulation model
  - Multiple pico-nets (Multiple BANs) coexisting
  - Assuming multiple BANs are perfectly synchronized and channel propagation is known in ideal case
  - Undesired factor : multi-user interfering signals and AWGN

- Parameter of each system
  - Total frequency sub-bands used in all BANs is the same in each system
  - Bit rate and power consumption of 1bit is the same
  - Number of multiple nodes is the same



2. Performance Evaluation

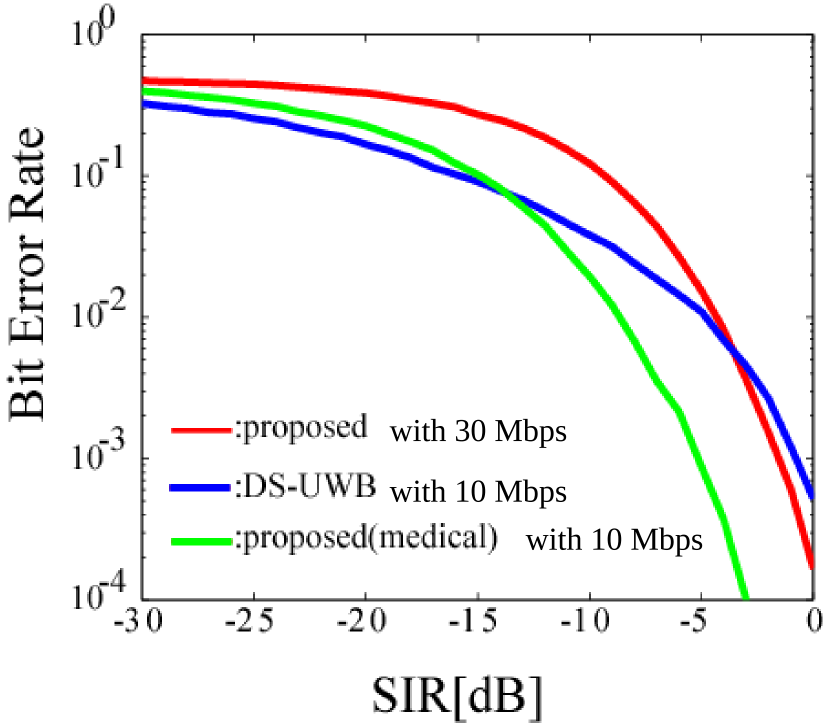
Simulation Parameters

Both medical and non-medical nodes and BANs are coexisting.

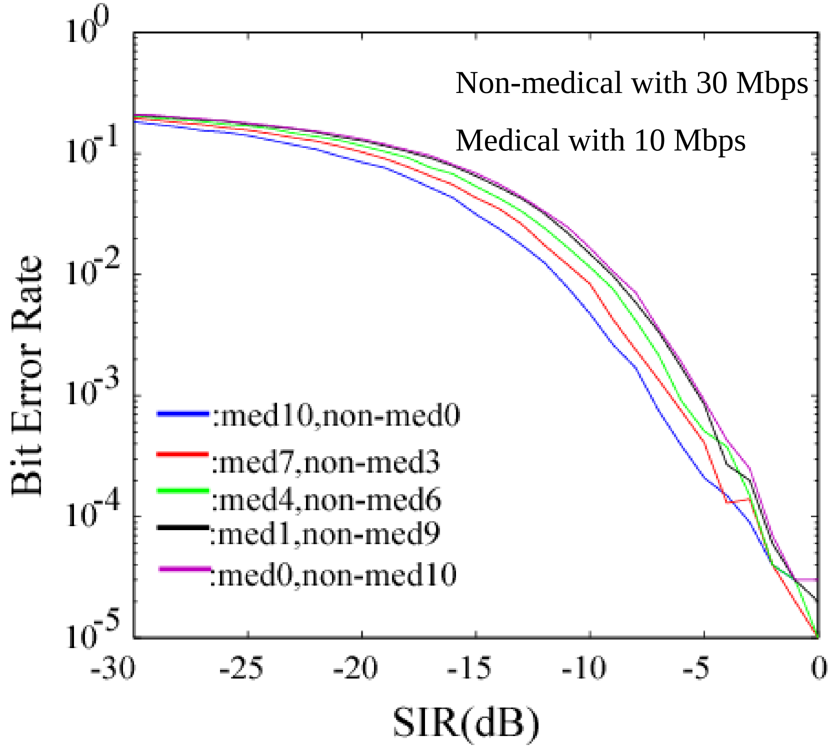
Pulse shape	**Root raised cosine roll-off pulse(roll-off rate 0.6)**
Bit rate	**Medical:10Mbps** **Non-medical:30Mbps**
Frequency Band	**3.2-4.8GHz**
Sampling interval	**0.03125[ns]**
Transmission device position	**Front of stomach**
Reception device position	**arm**
No of coexisting BAN nodes for medical and non-medical use	**10**

Type of UWB	Pulse Duration
DS-UWB using Gold sequence with length 7	0.75ns
Proposed Pulsed Chirp UWB with FH using OCC code with length 8	3.0ns

2.1 BER Performance Evaluation



Case of only medical and only non-medial use(3 times higher rate) with the number of coexisting nodes or BANs is 8



Case of co-existing medical and non medical nodes or BANs with total number 10

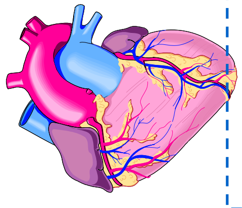
2.1 Conclusions for Pulsed Chirp UWB

- We proposed pulsed chirp UWB with single and parallel frequency hopping for medical and non-medical use, respectively.
- The proposed pulsed chirp UWB with hopping sequence performs stable high interference immunity in various environments of coexisting medical and non-medical nodes or BANs.
- The proposed UWB may be a merged proposal between NICT's Part 1&2 in a sense of "Multi-Band Pulsed Chirp UWB with Frequency and Time Hopping"

2.2 Error Controlling Scheme in Physical Layer Design:

Combination between Hybrid ARQ for Medical Use and FEC for Non-Medical Use

2.2 Demand of medical and non medical system



Medical

- Robust against interference
- High reliability and security

Non-medical

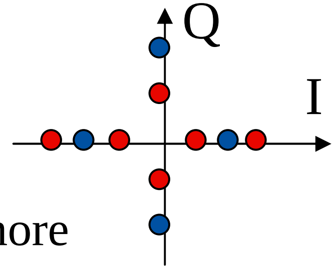
- Efficiency with High rate
- Continuous data streaming

Aim：Design an error-controlling scheme for BAN appropriate for both medical and non-medical uses

- **Coding for higher reliability**

→Degradation of throughput according to more redundancy for high error-correcting capability

- **Multi-level modulation for high speed**



Shorter Euclidian distance among signal points

→Increase of error rate according to higher efficiency

Solution：Choose decoding scheme between hybrid ARQ and simple FEC for medical and non-medical uses, respectively in reception while the same modulation and coding are used for both medical and non-medical uses in transmission

2.2 Several types of Error controlling method

FEC
(Forward Error Correction)
Error detection or error correction by adding redundant bit without retransmission

ARQ
(Automatic Repeat reQuest)
If packet error is detected, it is retransmitted.

FEC+ARQ is **Hybrid ARQ**

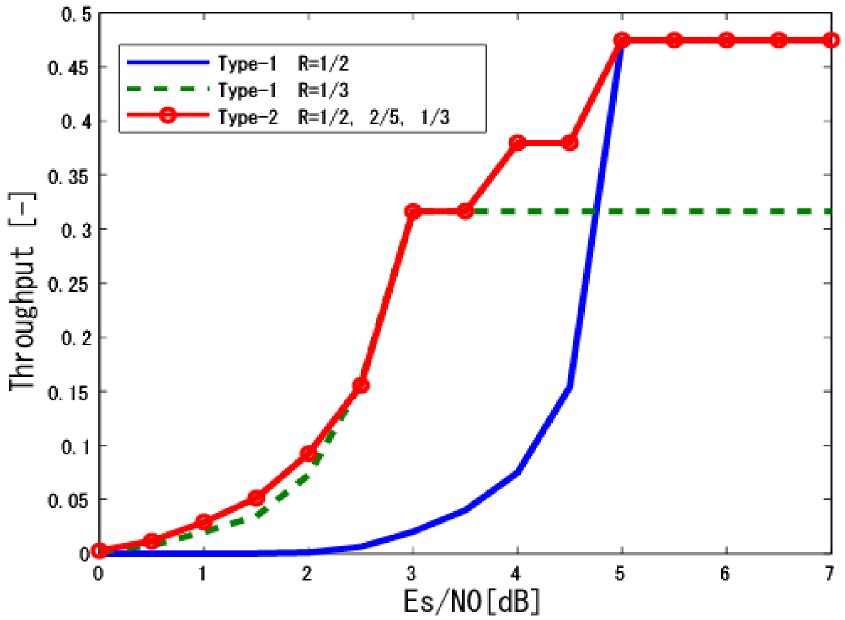
Error detection and correction is performed in decoding at reception and if the error is detected and cannot be corrected, retransmission is requested until correctly received.

- Type 1 of hybrid ARQ : Retransmit same data

  Example) Chase Combine method

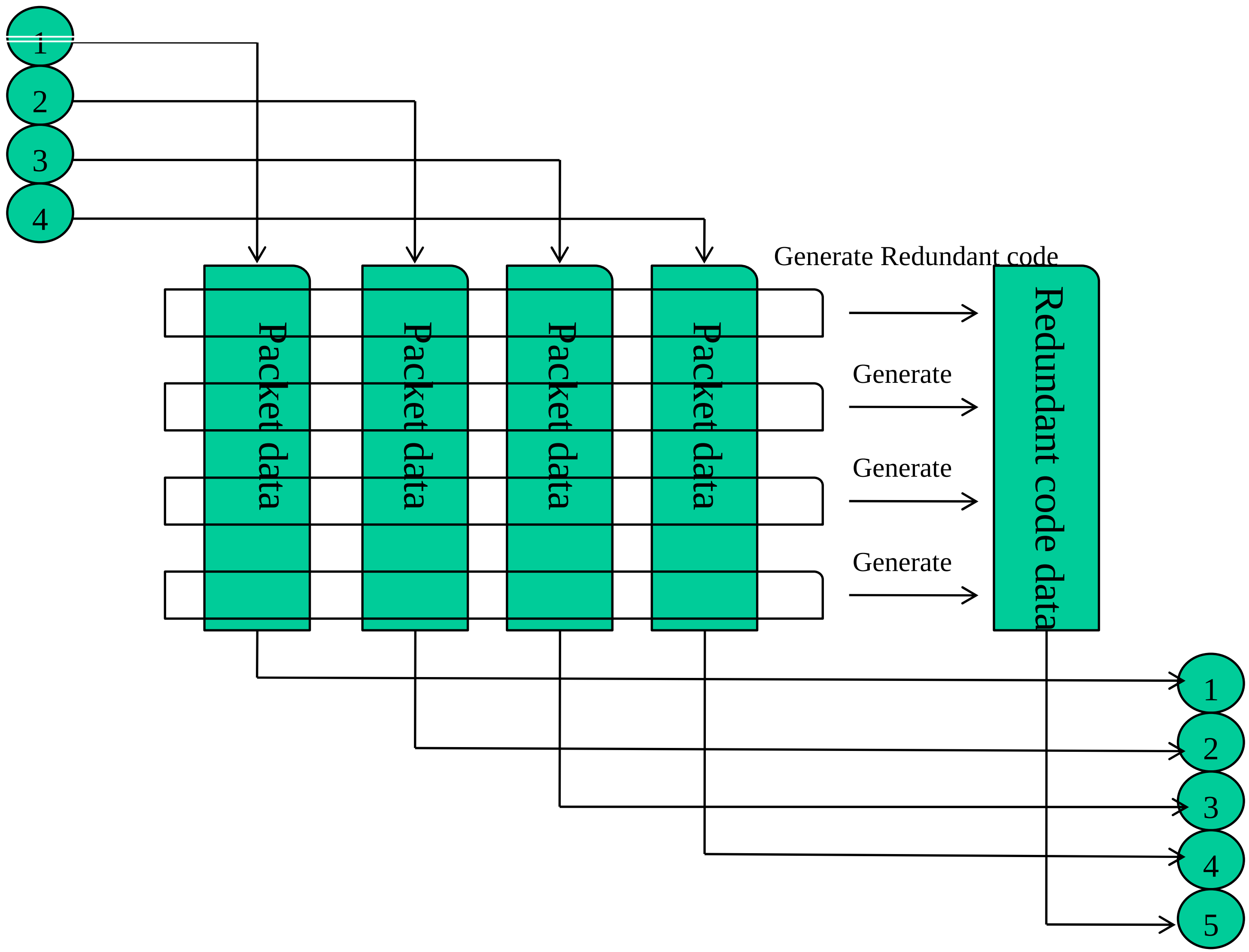
- Type 2 of hybrid ARQ : Retransmit other data

Incremental Redundancy method : Retransmit redundant bit



Modulation: BPSK
Channel: AWGN

2.2 Code Configuration (Interleaving)



2.2 Proposed combined hybrid ARQ and FCC for error-control satisfying different requirements for medical and non-medical applications

Choose decoding scheme either hybrid ARQ or simple FEC according to medical or non-medical use while transmitting signals are the same in transmission device

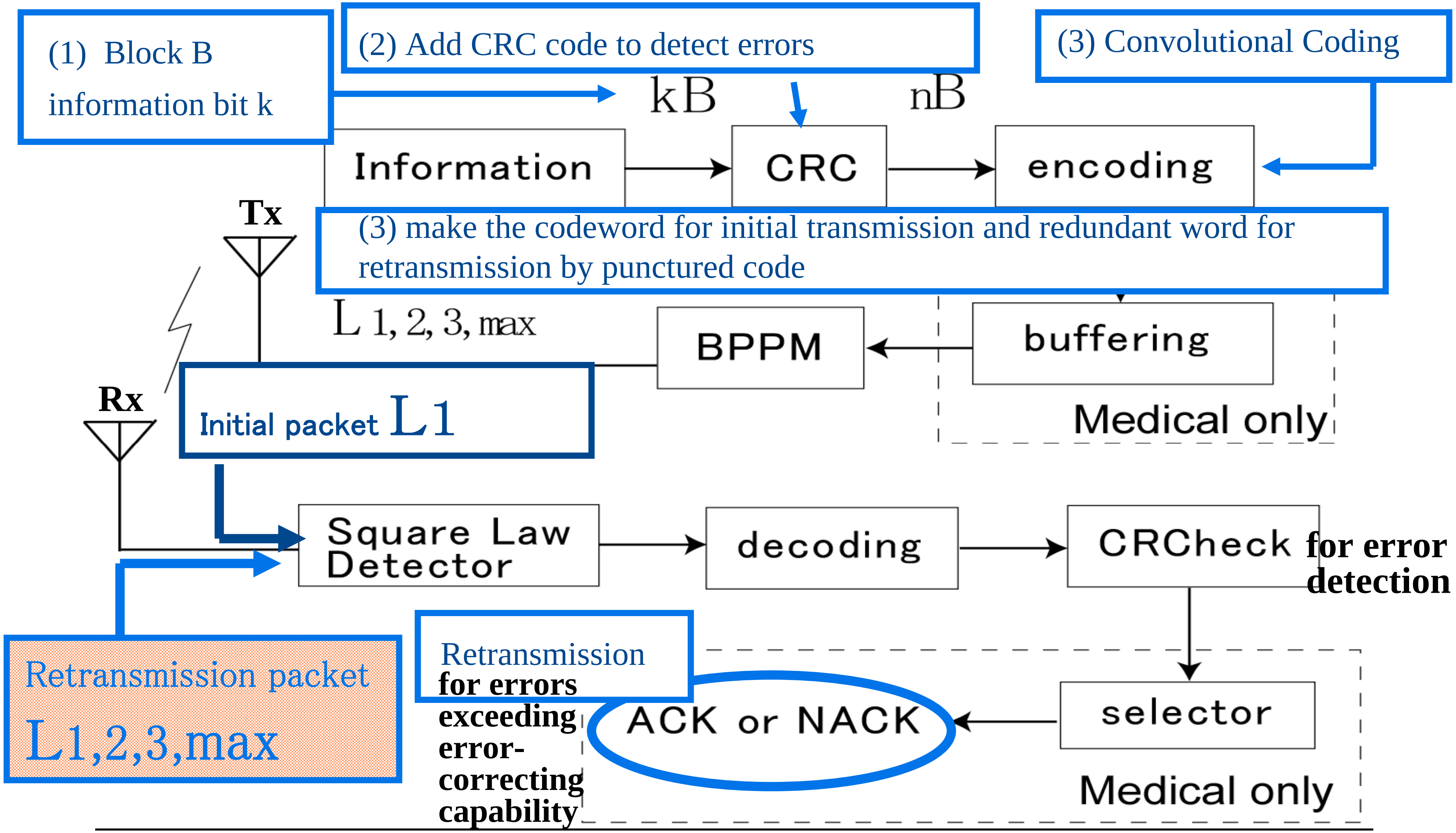
- Requirement for Medical use: Accept a certain level of delay for improvement of quality
- Requirement for Non-medical use : Decrease delay in moderate quality

Proposed method

For Medical use: Hybrid ARQ
For Non-medical use: FEC only

Use **Super orthogonal convolutional code** or **Concatenated code** according as a purpose

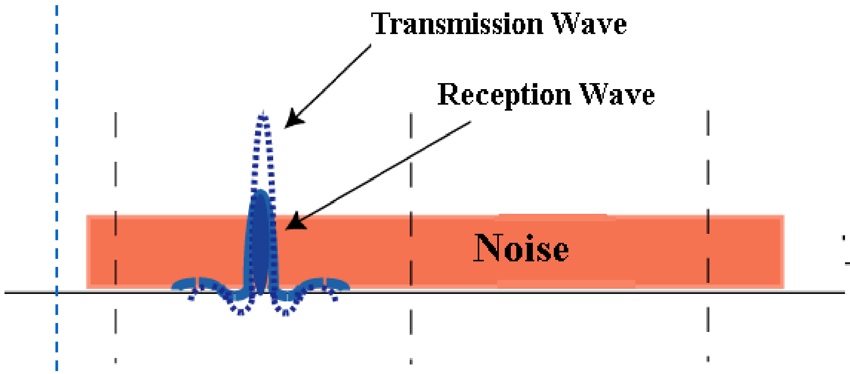
2.2 Flowchart of proposed error-controlling scheme



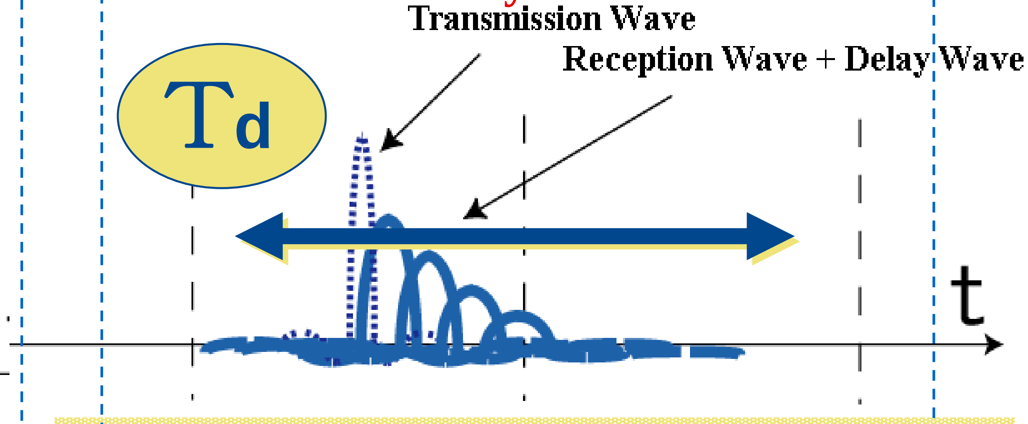
2.2 Reason for Retransmission

2-PPM (2-level Pulse position modulation)

Attenuation



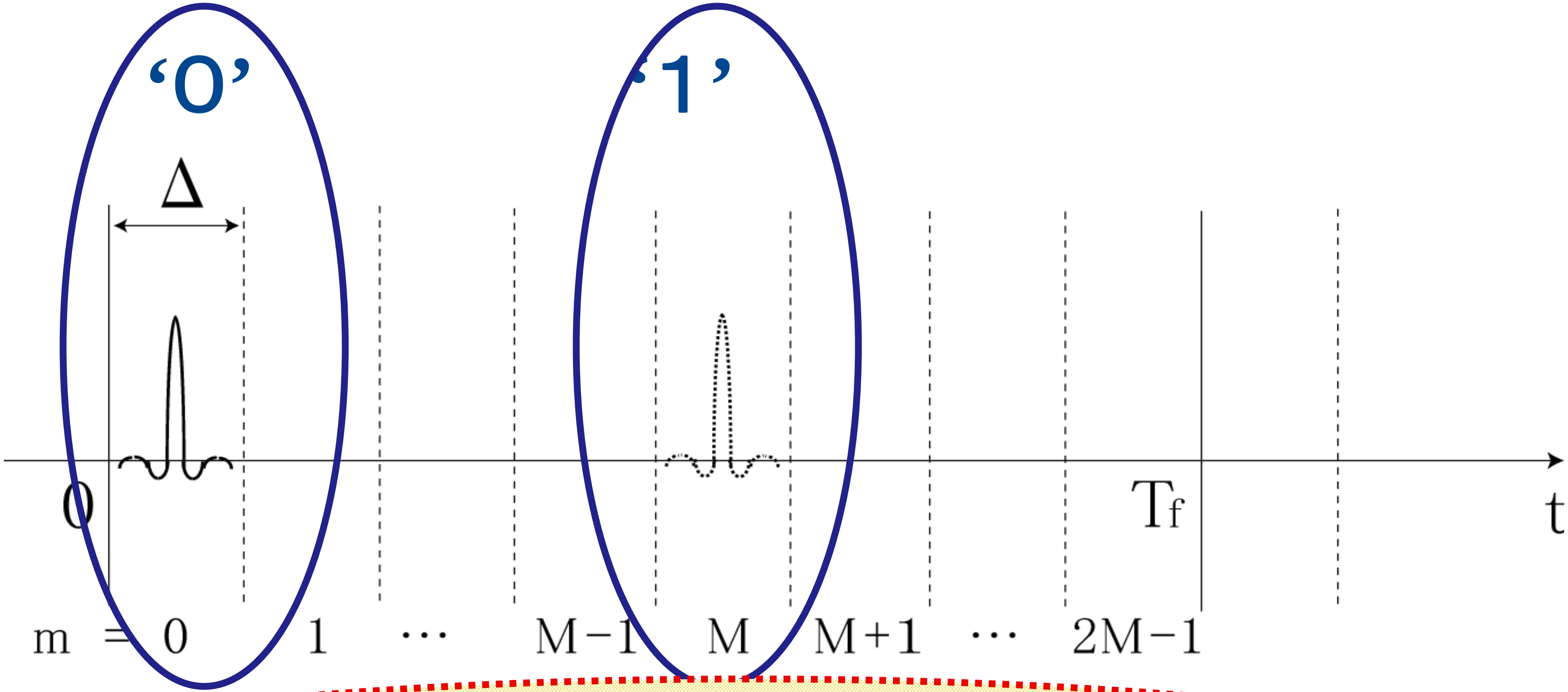
Distortion and delay



Error due to ISI (Inter symbol interference)

Avoid the interference by expanding time duration Td

2.2 Time Duration Td



Short duration Td : Increase errors due to ISI

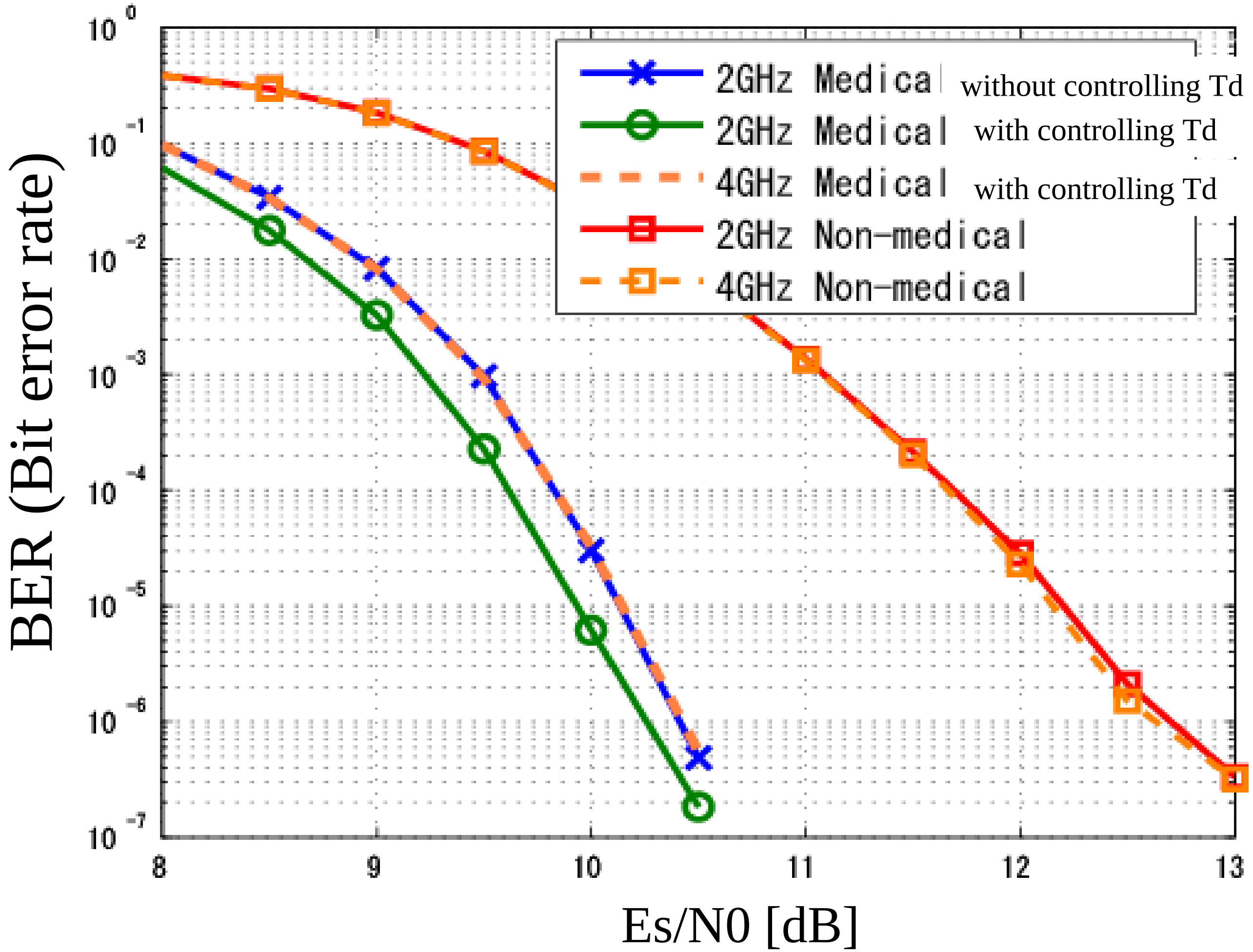
Long duration Td : Increase errors due to Noise

2.2 Performance Evaluation for Proposed Error-Controlling Scheme

simulation Parameters

Channel	Multipath model considering on body transmission
Modulation	2PPM, Squared detection (soft decision)
Code	Coding rate: 1/3 RCPC Code : CRC16
Block number length	300 bit , 10 block
Decode	Hard decision of Viterbi decoding
Limit of number of retransmission	4
UWB pulse	Gaussian mono-cycle pulse
Bandwidth	2GHz, 4GHz

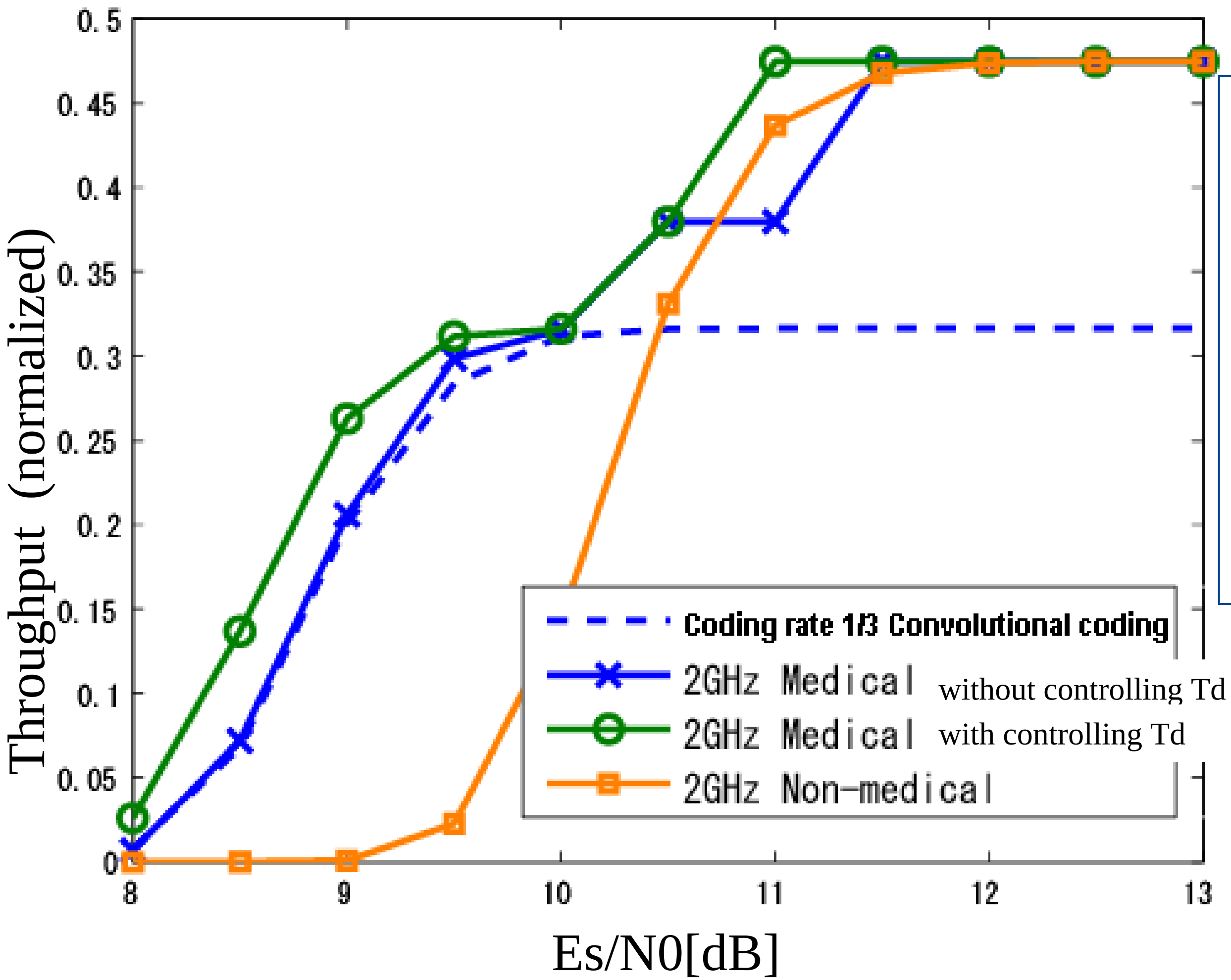
2.2 Evaluation of Bit Error Rate



Proposed method fulfills better BER about 0.5 dB than normal FEC or ARQ

- Considering attenuation, 2GHz fulfills better BER

2.2 Evaluation of Throughput



- Medical use : Max 1Mbps
- Non medical use：Max 10Mbps
- Proposed method improves 18-40% of throughput in case of coding rate 1/3

2.2 Conclusions of Error Controlling scheme for BAN

- We proposed the error controlling scheme to choose hybrid ARQ and FEC only corresponding to medical use and non-medical use, respectively while transmitted signals have the same channel coding for both medical and non-medical uses.
- The proposed scheme could satisfy the demand of both medical and non-medical simultaneously.
- For instance, the proposed scheme can improve bit error rate 0.5dB and throughput 18-40% compared with FEC (coding rate 1/3)
- We can choose a super orthogonal convolutional code with much lower code rate but much higher error-correcting capability as well as the same concatenated code between RS code and convolutional code as IEEE802.15.4a in option.

3. MAC Layer design:
Protocol considering SAR or thermal influence to a body by switching cluster

3. Background of MAC design

■ Integration of medical field and wireless communication technology

• Implementation of network on-body and in-body, in particular implant BAN inside a body

Ex) • Capsule Endoscope

• Cardiac pacemaker

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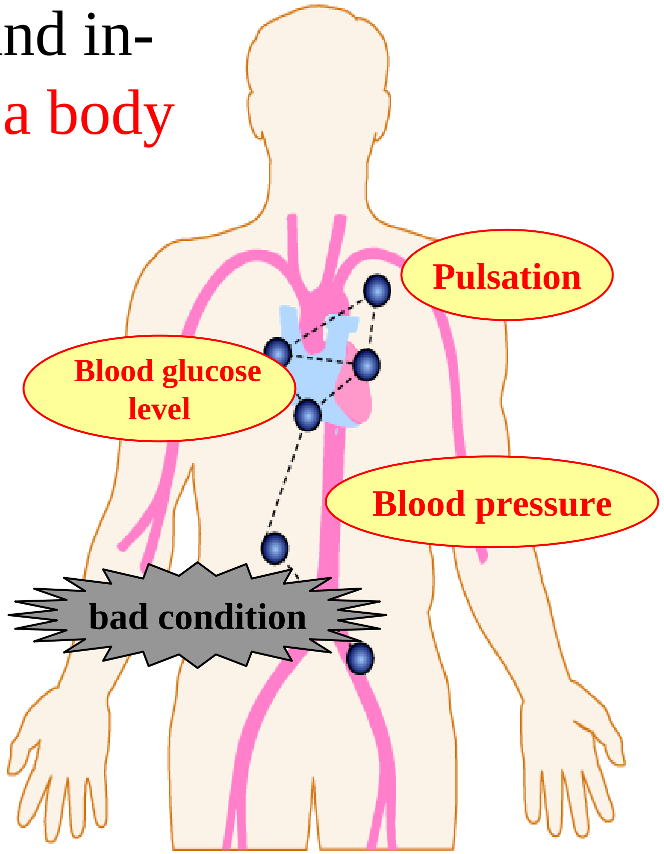
✓Smaller devices
✓Longer-lasting batteries

●Wireless communication devices (nodes) will be able to form a sensor network inside a human body.

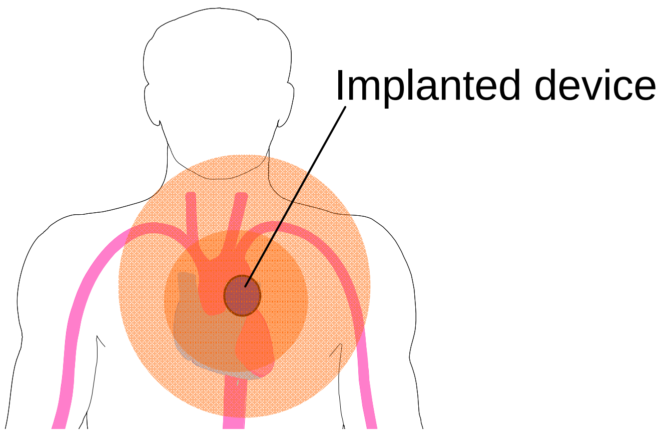


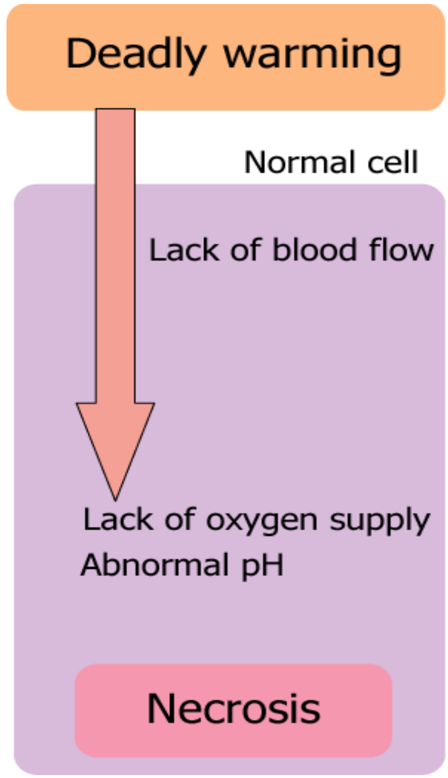
3. Motivation

Focus on thermal influence for a body due to implanted devices

- Problem of wireless communication inside a human body
  - Thermal Influence for a body by electromagnetic wave exposure and circuit heat in a sense of SAR factor

Radiation absorption → Increase of the cell's temperature





- **Objective**

Propose a MAC protocol minimizing thermal influence to a human body using a certain thermal propagation model of a body,

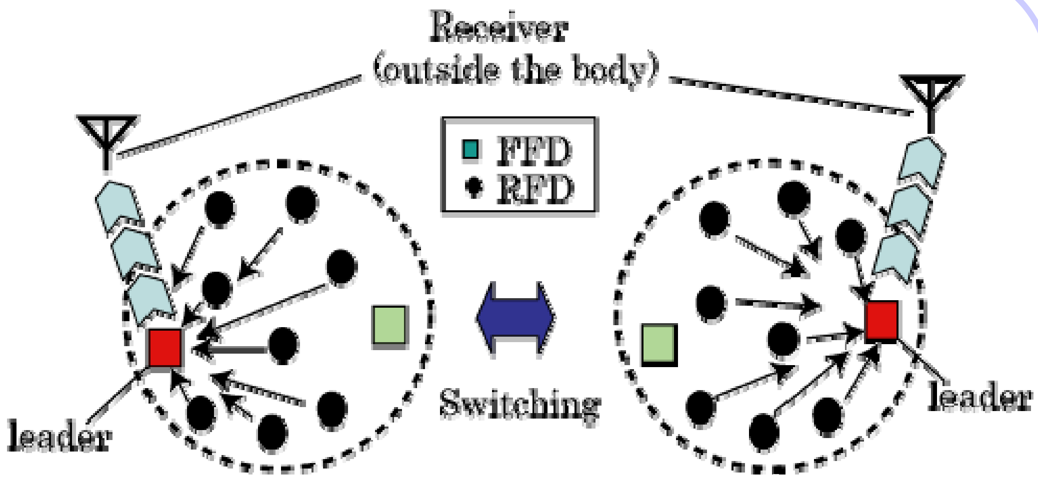
3. Network Structure of Implant BAN

Cluster-based communication protocol

- This protocol is more energy efficient than a tree-based protocol.
- Particular nodes (cluster leader) perform long range communication with a receiver outside a body.

Switching of cluster leader

- **In order to disperse the thermal influence to a body, we switch the access controlling task among multiple FFD (full function device) nodes that are cluster leaders so as to suppress increase of temperature of human tissues .**



System model

FFD: Full Function Device

RFD: Reduced Function Device

3. Thermal Propagation Modeling

1. Electromagnetic Wave Exposure

■SAR (Specific Absorption Rate) ··· the rate at which radiation energy absorbed by tissue per unit weight

$$SAR = \frac{\sigma}{\rho} E^2 [W/kg]$$

σ : electrical conductivity of the tissue [S/m]

ρ : density of tissue [kg/m^3]

E : RMS induced electric field [V/m]

Indicator of thermal influence by electromagnetic wave exposure

2. Circuit Heat

$$\Delta T = \frac{V \times A}{\rho \times C}$$

V : voltage of leader node [V]

A : current of leader node [A]

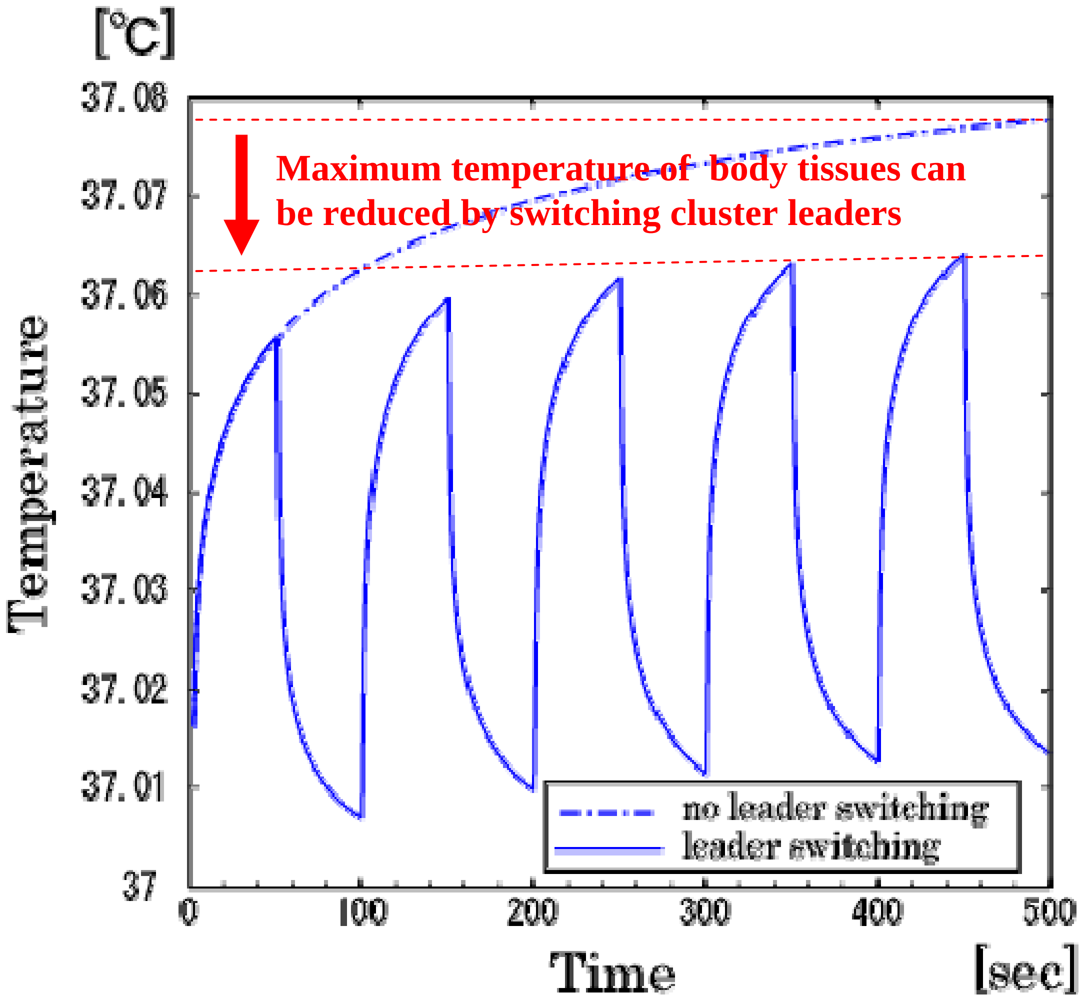
C : specific heat of tissue [J/kgK]

Biologic thermal transport equation

$$\rho c \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \kappa \nabla^2 T - \rho \rho_b c_b F(T - T_b) + \rho\, SAR + \frac{VA}{\rho c}$$

Parameters of blood

3. Temperature Characteristic



✓Surrounding medium of the leader is muscle.

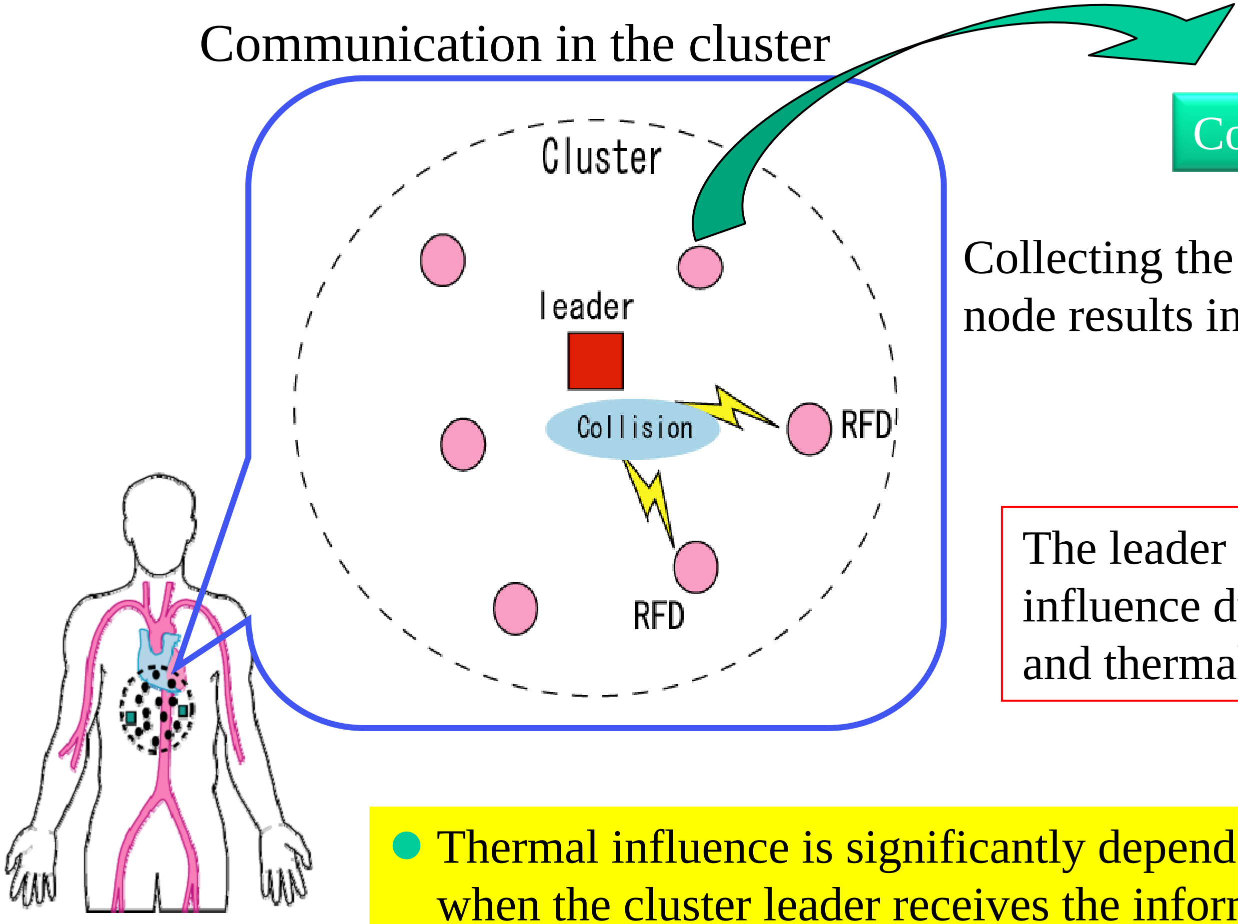
✓Consider the temperature in the leader position.

Temperature characteristic with or without switching cluster leaders controlling access

3. Aim of Proposed MAC protocol

- Problem of collecting the information

Communication in the cluster



Collision of packets

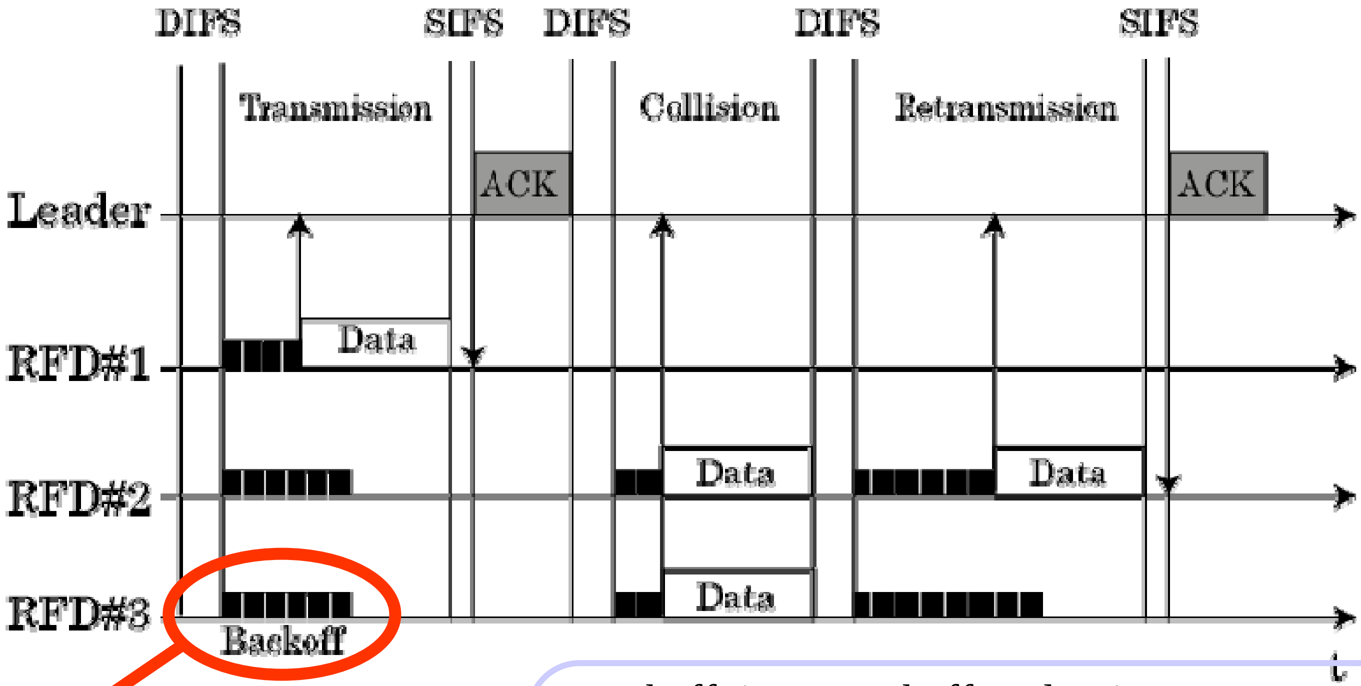
Collecting the information from each RFD node results in inefficiency.

The leader is affected by thermal influence during longer time and thermal influence increase.

- Thermal influence is significantly dependent on the processing time when the cluster leader receives the information from each RFD node.

3. Access Procedure of Proposed Protocol

- Fundamental access procedure



Backoff time

: a term of carrier sense

Backoff time : Backoff × slot time

Backoff : integral number randomly generated in the interval [0, CW]

CW: $(CW_{\min}+1)\cdot 2^{n}-1$

3. Adaptive Controlling Back-off Time Algorithm

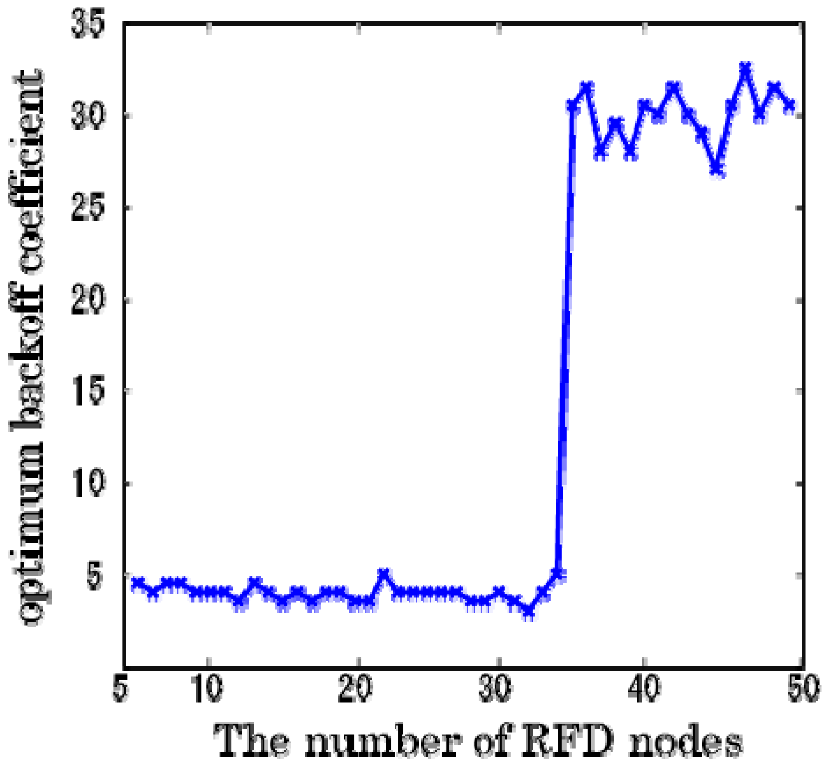
The proposed Algorithm

$$CW_{min} = \alpha \cdot M$$

Backoff Coefficient

Backoff Coefficient Table

α	M (The number of RFD node)
4.5	M＜35
30	M≧35

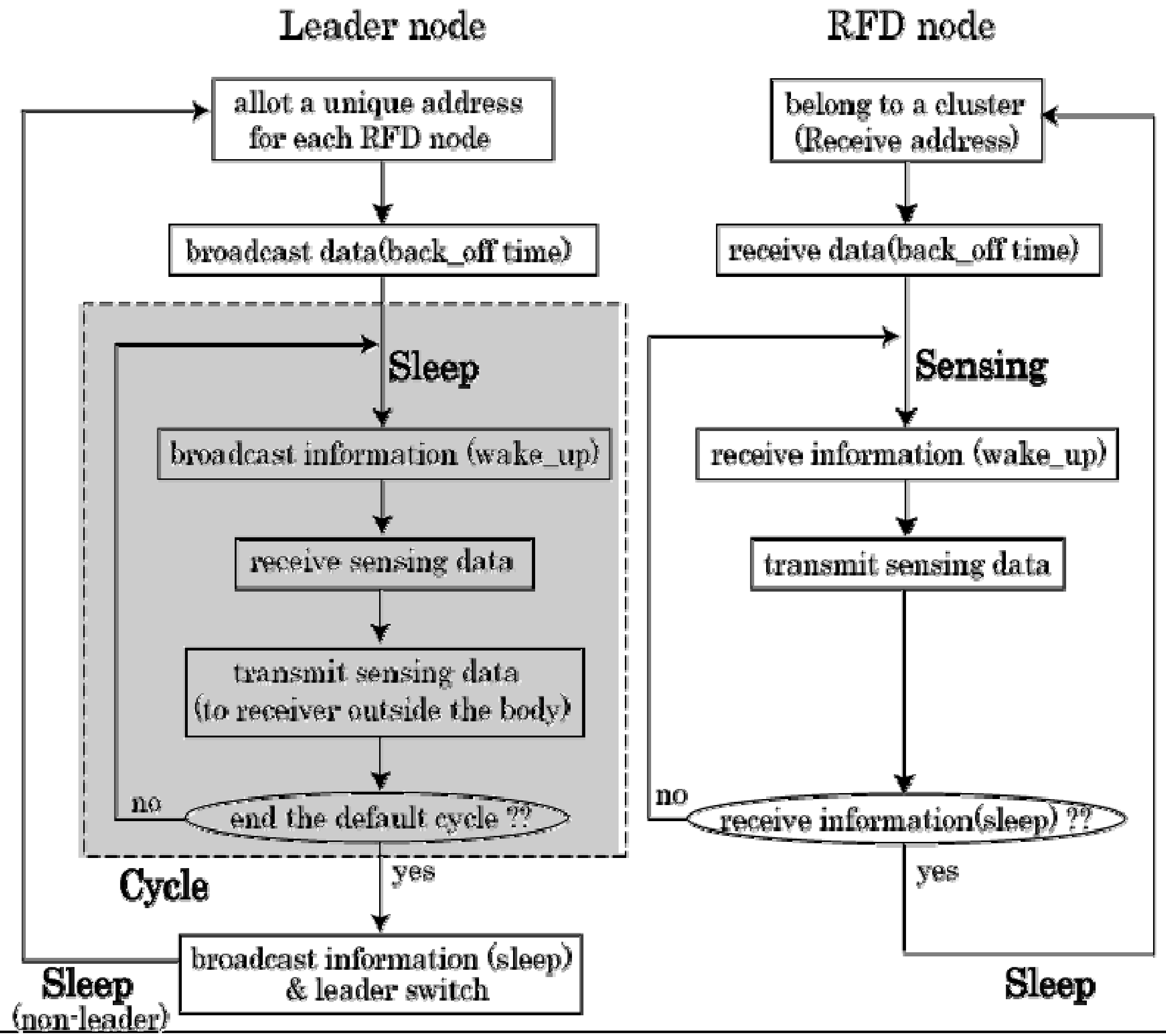


✓ **Objective of our algorithm**

Derive an appropriate range of backoff time corresponding to the number of RFD nodes to transmit data most efficiently under the restriction of max temperature of human tissues.

Optimum back-off coefficient α to minimize processing time according to the number of RFD nodes has been pre-calculated and saved.

3. Flowchart of Proposed Protocol



3. Performance Evaluation

Simulation parameters

Data-rate	250kbps
payload	500bits
DATA time	2480 μs
Slot time	144 μs
DIFS time	192 μs
SIFS time	400 μs
ACK time	352 μs
Switching interval	10cycles
Number of packets	50packets
RFD nodes	5～40

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■ Assumption

assume that range attenuation and packet error are ignored.

✓Number of packets

…Data size to transmit of each RFD node in a cycle

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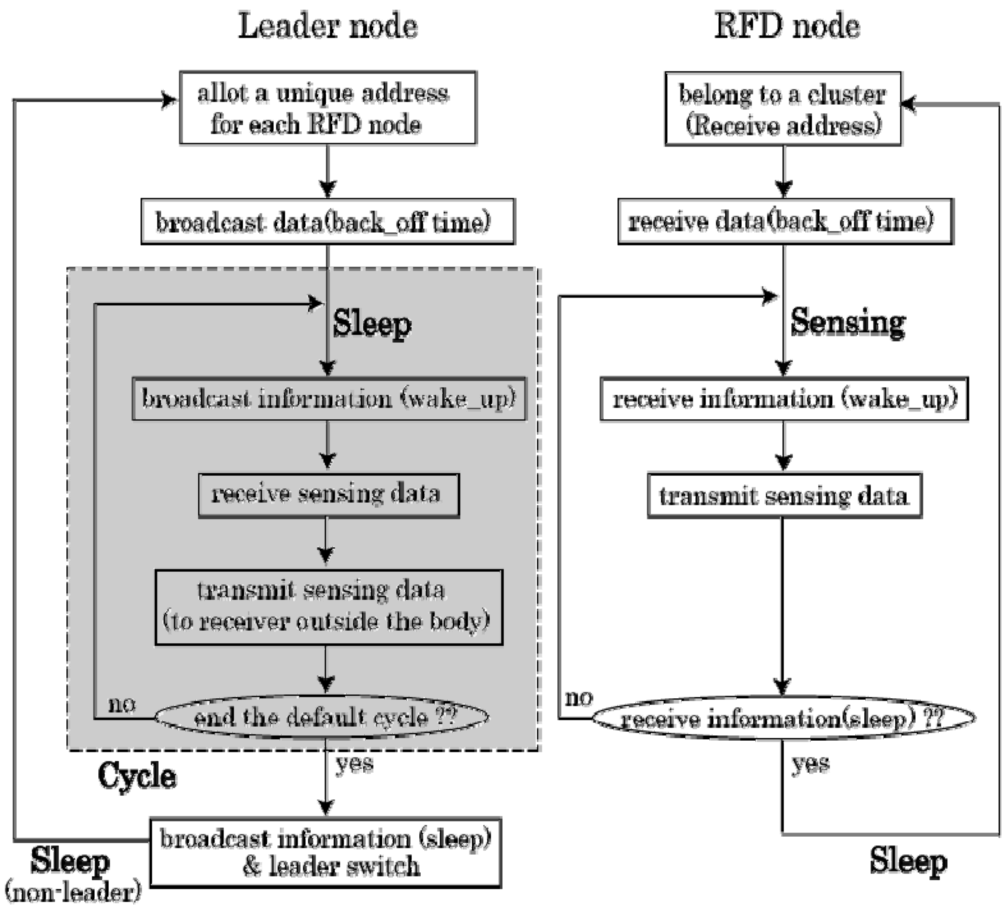

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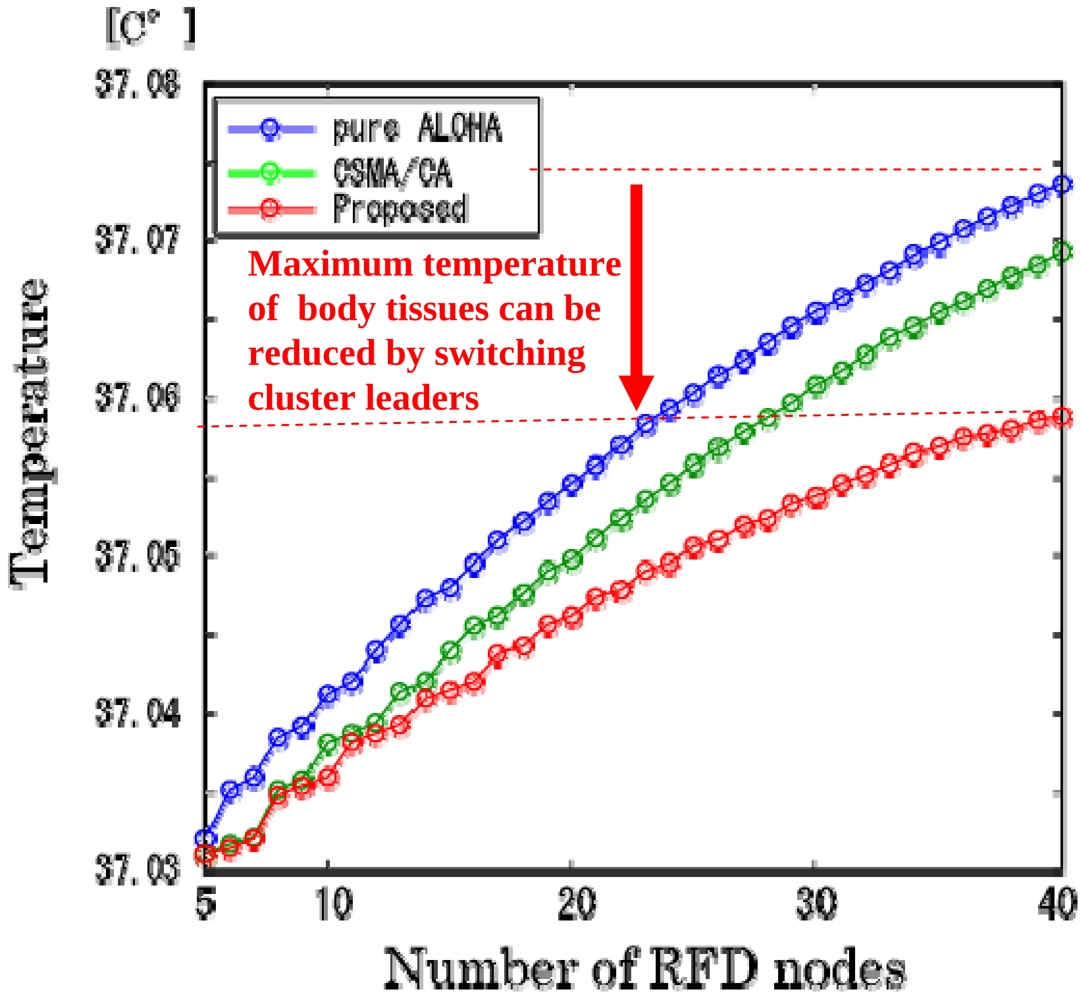
3. Thermal Influence Evaluation



- ✓The temperature of leader is saturated after a time caused by cooling effect of blood flow.
- ✓ Proposed protocol can control the thermal influence better than the existing protocols.

Characteristics of Rising Human Tissue Temperature of Different Protocols

3. Conclusions of MAC Protocol Considering Thermal Influence to a Body

- We have proposed a novel protocol to minimize thermal influence to a body by switching cluster leaders.

- This protocol may be applicable to any MAC protocol of BAN as a unique approach considering medical purpose of BAN in a sense of SAR.

4. Concluding Remarks

- We have proposed some useful technologies in PHY and MAC of BAN satisfying requirement of both medical and non-medical uses considering trade-off between reliability and efficiency.
- For PHY, a pulsed chirp UWB using hopping and combined hybrid ARQ and FEC for medical and non-medical uses have been proposed.
- For MAC, a control scheme of thermal influence by switching cluster leaders has been proposed.
- This presentation has not contained detail specification and performance analysis yet but introduced these key schemes to be applicable to a complete standard of BAN.

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