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| Title | **LB207/D01 comment resolution -- Compact frame CRC and RPA Hash -- CIDs 474, 538, 1023, 1024, 1196, 1392** |
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| Abstract |  |
| Purpose | To propose resolution for MMS related comments for “P802.15.4ab™/D (pre-ballot) C Draft Standard for Low-Rate Wireless Networks”. |
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# CRC comments (follow up after Kobe)

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| Billy Verso | 1023 | 15 | 6.6.2 | 15 | This clause in the base standard describes reception steps and tells us to discard frames with bad CRC. Rather than having to amend and maintain this for every compact frame encoding that has MIC instead of CRC, (and complicating the MAC receive processing implementation in the process), suggest to add CRC as part of the compact frame definition in clause 7.3.7 and remove CRC from the Compact Frame Content field definitions of clause 10.38.10. | To simplify the low level MAC processing in everyone's implementation, make the CRC a common mandatory part of all Compact Frames. i.e. Add CRC are the end of the frame in Figure 1, and description text sub-clause in 7.3.7 |
| Billy Verso | 1024 | 17 | 7.3.7.1 | 4 | Other than the extended frame type which is assigned to TIA to define, Compact frames are the first frame type without a MFR specifying a CRC, (and I expect TIA actually specify a CRC are the end of their frames also). Not having a CRC complicates the first level of frame filtering since the individual specific decoding of Compact Frame ID and the Message Control internals of the frame have to be decoded before knowing whether there is a CRC or a MIC. | Add a FCS/CRC as is done for all other frame types, in the standard. Even secured frames with a MIC have CRC as first level of filtering.  |
| Billy Verso | 1196 | 78 | 10.38.91 | 10 | For ease of MAC layering implementation it would make sense for lower layer MAC to always of an FCS check and discard frames with bad FCS, i.e. require a good FCS before parsing the frame to do security processing if the frame needs is.  | Change Compact frame format to always have the CRC field. |

Discussion: Good comments, let's follow up on this during the Kobe meeting and work on a resolution proposal.

Proposed resolution: To be revised.

Disposition detail: after Kobe.

# RPA Hash comments (follow up after Kobe)

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| Alex Krebs | 1392 | 78 | 10.38.9.2.1 | 17 | This scheme does not protect the responder devices against active polling privacy attacks.  | Add an optional extension that assures non-replayable addresses when required by the responders. |
| Tero Kivinen | 474 | 78 | 10.38.9.2.1 | 18 | The current defined address generation method allows easy passive monitoring and tracking of all users, and trivial active tests that will allow attackers to keep track of specific users.  | Remove the currently defined completely broken private addressing scheme, and use the private addressing scheme defined in the 802.15.4ac. |
| Tero Kivinen | 538 | 92 | 10.38.9.4 | 5 | This means that RPA hash changes for every single advertising poll compact frames, thus quite often (for advertising poll compact frames to be useful, they needs to be transmitted at least several times per minute). If an passive attacker listens the advertising poll compact frames for few thousands of frames it can build database of known RPA hash and prand values that will allow it to keep track of sender.  | The current privacy protection provided by the RPA hash and prand method is completely inadequate. Replace the broken privacy methods with the methods defined in 4ac, or more accurately use the existing 802.15.4 frames to which 4ac will provide privacy. |

Discussion: Good comments, let's follow up on this during the Kobe meeting and work on a resolution proposal.

Proposed resolution: To be revised.

Disposition detail: after Kobe.