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Message from Editor

Dear authors, reviewers and readers of ECTI E-Magazine,

The past three months have seen some important academic activities and events. On June 26-29, 2018 the 10th ECTI-CARD conference held in Phitsanulok, Thailand was successfully complete. The conference theme is "Applications of technology to serve Thailand 4.0 policy". There are a total of 212 papers from 58 universities, government organization and private companies accepted for oral and poster presentations. This conference symbolizes a great academic collaboration of Thai academia and industries, serving as a strong and solid platform for sharing not only advanced research innovation but also creating beautiful and new friendships. The ECTI association is so proud to see the conference steadily growing and prosperous every year since its establishment in 2008. This year in particular ECTI association wishes to express our wholehearted gratitude towards the Phitsanulok university for their excellent work and congratulates them for their great success in organizing this conference. In addition, there are several workshops and mini conferences taking place locally on interesting topics, including Future of HDD Technology, Magnetic Damping Spintronics for Memory, and HAMR, Smart Wind and Solar for Power System Stabilizing Control, Hierarchically Decentralized Control Synthesis by Aggregation towards Smart Cities, 9th Instrumentation, Control, and Automation Senior Project Conference (ICA SP-CON 2018) and Thailand-Japan Microwave (TJMW 2018).

We are delighted to introduce an article entitled "A recent survey on anti-collision protocols in RFID systems" written by a group of researchers from five different countries, namely Thailand, Malaysia, Pakistan, Taiwan and Australia. This article describes the history as well as ongoing research of anti-collision protocols both aloha-based and tree-based focusing on RFID tag identification. We recommend this article for new researchers who wish to start his/her research in this field and get into the key concept quickly.

ECTI association will organize three major conferences this year, namely ITC-CSCC 2018 (Bangkok) in July 4-7, 2018, the ECTI-CON 2018 (Chiangrai) in July 18-21, 2018, ISCIT 2018 (Bangkok) in September 26-29, 2018. Members are encouraged to participate in these conferences to share experiences among regional and global leading researchers, while meeting new friends and setting up collaboration among universities and institutions. Accepted papers in conferences with exceptionally high quality can be extended for publication in two prestigious journals of ECTI, namely the ECTI Transactions on Computer and Information Technology (ECTI-CIT) and the ECTI Transactions on Electrical Engineering, Electronics, and Communications (EEC).

Finally, we are very excited and pleased to announce a new opportunity in our ECTI E-Magazine for international students, researchers and engineers to write one-page articles on interesting technology or findings in their own languages together with the corresponding English translation. The objective is to encourage international experts to express their interesting work for their own countries as well as to international community. This new section is referred to as "Unravelling Technologies in the Digital World".



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A SURVEY ON RECENT ANTI-COLLISION PROTOCOLS IN REFID SYSTEMS

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ABSTRACT

Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology is a very promising object or animal tracking technology which has already been used or proposed in various applications, such as health care, asset control, inventory management, logistics, conveyances, roll cages, retail apparel and footwear. One important and critical issue of RFID systems is the tag collision problem, which arises when multiple tags transmit reply signals to a reader at the same time, in response to the reader's probe signal. In this article, we carried out an extensive review on the existing anti-collision algorithms, including ALOHA-based, tree-based and query tree-based algorithms, that can be used to resolve the tag collision problem.

Keywords: Anti-collision, reader, tag, RFID, algorithm, tree, ALOHA

I.INTRODUCTION

RFID is a mechanism of identifying an object automatically with the aid of appropriate communicational devices and protocols. As shown in Figure 1, an RFID system consists of a reader and several tags. The reader or the transceiver is an electronic device which uses radio waves to communicate with the tags and transfer data between the software application and tags to track the asset in its interrogation zone. There are three categories of RFID tags: passive, active and semi-active. Active tags are self-powered using its internal batteries and they use the battery power to broadcast the radio waves to the reader. The semi-active tags are powered by its own battery power but rely on the power supply from the reader to broadcast the radio waves. The passive tags fully rely on the reader to be powered up by reader's radio frequency (RF) signal. The passive tags are less expensive as compared to the active and

semi-active tags due to the less complexity in the hardware structure [1, 2].

In earlier days, Barcode reading was a prominent technique used for inventory management. However, it has some limitations. For example, barcode readers work for short ranges and only one object can be scanned at a time in the identification process. These limitations make the process slow. As shown in Figure 2, collision is an issue occurred during RFID tag identification process. In the RFID reader and tags communication mode, firstly, the reader broadcasts a probe to the tags in its vicinity zone and the tags which can receive the probe will transmit a reply signal to the reader. When the reader receives bulk of replies from the tags simultaneously, the reader fails to identify the tags. This failure increases the delay of tag identification in RFID systems and it wastes the system resources and energies. To mitigate such a problem, a number of Medium Access Control (MAC) layer protocols have been introduced in literature to serve as anti-collision protocols in RFID systems [2].



Figure 1: Components in a Basic RFID system.



II ANTI-COLLISION PROTOCOLS

As outlined earlier, the simultaneous replies from several tags to the same reader generate collisions and this leads to unwanted delay in tag identification process. In order to resolve such a collision, some anti-collision protocols are devised. These protocols can be broadly classified into ALOHA-based and treebased protocols. The classification structure of anticollision protocols is given in Figure 3. The ALOHAbased protocols can be further divided in to slotted ALOHA, frame slotted ALOHA (FSA) and dynamic FSA (DFSA) [3-5]. The tree-based algorithms, on the other hand, can be further divided into query tree, tree splitting, binary search and bitwise arbitration.

A. ALOHA based protocols

In 1970, N. Abramson [6] proposed a novel medium access control protocol known as ALOHA or pure ALOHA. In pure ALOHA when a user has a packet ready to transmit, it sends the packet out. If the packet is successfully transmitted, a positive acknowled-



gement (ACK) is received; otherwise, a negative acknowledgement (NACK) is received. Then those users who received the NACK must wait for a random backoff time before transmitting their packets. In 1975, L. G. Roberts [7] did a simple modification to pure ALOHA, where a synchronous data transmission happens in a specific time period, called a slot and the retransmission occurs after a random number of slots. This is known as slotted ALOHA.

With respect to RFID systems, in pure ALOHA and slotted ALOHA, a tag which has a higher response rate will collide with other tag responses frequently when accessing the shared channel (or slot). Therefore, the frame-based slotted ALOHA concept is introduced to have only one response from each tag in a reader's range in a given frame, where the frame is a collection of slots. In frame slotted ALOHA (FSA) the frame size is set to a fixed number of slots; when the frame size is not fixed and changes dynamically it is known as dynamic frame slotted ALOHA (DFSA). DFSA operates in multiple rounds and in each round the frame size is dynamically changed based on previously used frame feedback, tag number and so on. Therefore, DFSA requires some sort of tag estimation techniques to decide the next frame size. In Figures 4(a) and 4(b), an execution examples of FSA and DFSA algorithms are given to illustrate the process of FSA and DFSA algorithms respectively.

In 1983, F.C. Schoute presented the DFSA algorithm [8] by estimating previous frame tag count as $S+2.39\cdot C$, where S and C indicate the number of success and collision slots happened in the frame respectively.

Success slot means that only one tag is contained in a slot, while collision indicates that several competing tags are involved in a slot. In [9], H. Vogt introduces an estimation mechanism based on the minimum mean square error or the minimum distance between the mean of success, idle and collision in a frame and the actual read results. Being idle means that the slot doesn't contain any tags.

Recently, the Q protocol is adopted in RFID standard such as ISO/IEC 18000-6 type C and Electronic Product Code (EPC) global Class 1 Generation 2 [10] and it is a variation of DFSA. In the Q protocol, the reader initially broadcasts the slot counter Q, which indicates the frame size of 2^{Q} . Depending upon the ternary feedback of being idle,



success or collision from a slot, the Q value is changed by a constant value c where c is $0.1 \le c \le 0.5$. For an idle feedback the Q value decreases and for a collision the Q value increases by the C value. For a success, the Q does not change. When the frame size is larger than the number of tags, the probability of experiencing more number of idle slots increases; when the frame size is less than the number of tags, probability of occurrence of collision increases. Therefore, using this algorithm, an adjusted frame size closer to the number of tags than the original frame size can be achieved without using any estimation method. This algorithm can achieve an efficiency of 34% in tag identification and Figure 5 shows the flow of the Q algorithm.

B Tree-based protocols

Tree-based algorithms can be classified into query tree, tree splitting, binary search and bitwise arbitration. The tree splitting category is initially



Figure 5: Execution flow of Q algorithm.

introduced in 1979 by J.I. Captanakis [11, 12] as a multiple access protocol in wireless communication systems. The introduction to binary tree has been discussed in [12], in which the collided tags are grouped into two subgroups along the tree structure, until the leaf nodes in the tree structure contains only one tag or none. Binary Tree Algorithm (BTA) also known as fair tree is used in ISO/IEC 18000-6 Type B, EPCGlobal Class 0 and EPCGlobal Class 1 as the anticollision protocols in RFID tag identification with a system efficiency of 34.6%. In BTA, each tag maintains a counter to track the group and the counter value is set to 0 initially. When the tags receive the query command from the reader, the tags with the counter value equal to 0 send their IDs to the reader. Based on the tags response, collision happens when the reader receives more than one ID. Then the tags in this colliding group generate a binary number 0 or 1 and add it to their counter. Then, all the other unidentified tags increase the counter by one. For no tag response which indicates idleness, all the unidentified tags increase the counter by one and for one tag responses all the unidentified tags decrease the counter by one. Figure 6 shows an example of tag identification using BTA where six users (A, B, C, D, E, F) are initially collided in the initial slot and required fourteen slots to resolve this collision and identify the tags.

In [13], the authors presented a Q-ary tree algorithm with the consideration of binary and ternary feedbacks in binary and ternary tree concepts. In 1981, an algorithm called Modified tree algorithm (MTA) [14] is introduced which gives a 37.5% system efficiency by skipping the definite collision slots in basic binary tree algorithm. As aforementioned, in BTA, the collided slots are further split into two subgroups. If the first subgroup is idle, it is certain that the second subgroup is a collision. Therefore, a slot wastage can be reduced by just splitting the second subgroup into two subgroups and pretending that the collision has occurred. Based on the example given in Figure 7, slots 7 and 12 are followed by idle slots in slots 6 and 11. Therefore, all the collided users in slots 7 and 12 can be split into two subgroups without reading slots 7 and 12. Furthermore, in [14], it is given that a 38.1% system efficiency can be achieved by splitting the right subgroup of the binary tree structure with a bias probability of 0.582 in MTA. In addition, [12] initiated the optimum dynamic binary tree algorithm, where the tree structure follows binary tree concept except the top level where the frame size is set in relation to the number of tags. As shown in Figure 8, the first frame size of ODT is based on the number of tags. The collided slots in this frame are resolved using binary tree concept. In [15] it is proven that the optimal average efficiency of the ODT algorithm is around 42.9% under infinite tag population. Therefore, the ODT algorithm gives a higher efficiency compared to the basic tree algorithms such as binary tree and ternary tree algorithms. Figure 8 shows the execution processes of the ODT algorithm for six competing tags (A, B, C, D, E, F) with an initial frame size of six.

In [15], the authors introduced an improvement to the basic binary splitting tree known as adaptive binary splitting tree, which can improve the tag identification efficiency. The adaptive tree concept is given in [16] that decides the next sub group size of current collided slot upon the number of collided tags of the current collided slot. Therefore, the adaptive tree performs well with some accurate tag estimation techniques and can achieve the optimal efficiency around 43.4% with an accurate tag estimation. The process of adaptive tree is given in Figure 9 for six tags (A, B, C, D, E, F).

This adaptive tree structure has been adopted in [17] along with the Vogt's estimation to guess the number of collided tags and decide the next subgroup size of the splitting tree. This is called the Tree Slotted ALOHA (TSA) algorithm which can achieve a stable throughput around 38% due to the error in tag estimation.

In Query Tree (QT) protocols, the tags are divided into two subgroups based on their tag IDs as given in [18]. At the beginning of the tag identification process, the reader queries a prefix (which is a basically a bit string) to collect the information of the tags in its interrogation area. The tags that have the matching prefixes in their IDs reply to the reader. When the reader receives more than one reply, it queries for one more bit longer prefix than the current prefix. However, according to [19], it is difficult to implement the query tree mechanism in the EPC Global standard. In [20], an improved guery tree protocol was introduced, known as bit collision detection-based QT (BQT) to detect the collision in each bit. The authors in [21] proposed a QT based protocol called Adaptive Query Tree (AQT), where the reader additionally maintains a candidate queue (CQ) other than the main queue (Q) in conventional QT protocol.

In Binary Search (BS) algorithms, initially, a reader transmits a serial number to the tags. Then those tags that have the tag IDs equal or lower than the serial number send a reply to the reader. Next, the reader applies the bit-by-bit Manchester coding for the reply and when a collision is experienced, the reader splits the tags into subgroups based on the collided bit [22].

C. Hybrid protocols

There are many hybrid algorithms introduced in the literature where the advantages of tree, and ALOHA algorithm are combined to create an efficient protocol in anti-collision paradigm. In [23], an algorithm which follows the binary tree splitting based tag estimation method with the tree slotted ALOHA (TSA) algorithm is presented which can achieve 41.5% system efficiency. Initially, the protocol splits tags into two subgroups by following BT until the leftmost leaf node of the tree contains no tags or a single tag. Then, all the right nodes are executed using TSA by applying TSA to each group separately. This method enhances the TSA performance due to the initial elegant binary tree splitting tag estimation method. The process of BSTSA is given in Figure 10.



Figure 9: An execution example of adaptive tree algorithm



The performance of BSTSA [23] was significantly enhanced by using the splitting binary tree slotted ALOHA (splitting BTSA) as described in [24]. As shown in Figure 11, this follows the same binary tree splitting tag estimation method used in BSTSA with a different tag identification approach. In this protocol, the authors have noticed that each node at a given level of the tree contains approximately half of the tags at its parent node. Therefore, when the splitting step is finished, the right nodes of the tree structure execute the ODT algorithm (called as BTSA in [24]) with initial frame size equal to the number of collided tags in the left-hand side. Using this approach, a system efficiency of 42.5% can be achieved for any number of tags.

An optimal binary tracking tree (OBTT) is introduced in [25], where the bit estimation is used to estimate the number of tags in the system. Further, it introduced the optimal partitioning with frame slotted ALOHA concept and the collided tags are further identified using binary tree techniques.

Recently, [26] introduces an early frame breaking policy in DFSA to identify a suitable frame size to currently remaining tags in the system. After identifying the best frame size, the collided tags are sub-grouped and identified using DFSA. In [27], a binary splitting based idle slot skipping mechanism is introduced by initiating a binary value of *Q*. In [28], dynamic sub-frame-based maximum a posterior probability method (DS-MAP) is introduced to estimate the backlog in a sub frame to decide the next frame sizes to use in DFSA. A collision-tolerant dynamic-framed slotted ALOHA (CE-DFSA) algorithm is presented in [29], which attempts to identify multiple tags in a slot to reduce the total identification time in the process of tag identification.





III. CONCLUTION

In this paper, a number of anti-collision protocols, especially those that are recently proposed, are presented to resolve the tag collision problem in RFID. The execution procedures of each algorithm are explained in detail along with the achievable system efficiency. It is clear that the recently proposed anticollision algorithms are tree-based and make good use of tag estimate to achieve high efficiency in tag identifications. This article will be beneficial for those who wish to conduct further research in this area to make RFID tag identification process smoother and efficient.

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UNRAVELLING TECHNOLOGIES IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

How mobile radio signals at 2300 MHz may interfere with WiFi 2400 MHz?

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Last week on June 26, the Bangkok Mass Transit System (BTS) in Bangkok suffered from signaling malfunction causing passengers to stay onboard for several hours and very long queues in the train stations. The loss of communication signaling is believed to be caused by radio frequency interference between the 2300MHz spectrum band used by TOT and the 2400MHz band used by BTS. Due to several tens of MHz separation between the two frequency bands, most communication engineers would question how such interferences can take place. There is however a theoretical explanation how they may interfere.

Suppose that BTS uses WiFi channel 11 at the RF frequency of 2462 MHz, while TOT transmits signals at the frequency of 2380 MHz, i.e., a large frequency separation of 82 MHz. If BTS receivers are heterodyne typed and select IF (intermediate frequency) at 41 MHz, the local oscillator needs to set at 2421 MHz to mix with the received RF signal, i.e., 2462-2421 = 41 MHz. As the signal frequency of 2380 MHz used by TOT is the image frequency of 2462 MHz, both signal frequencies will be translated to the same frequency of 41 MHz by



the down-conversion mixer. Typically, the receiver would include a decent pre-filter to remove the image frequency prior to the down-conversion process. What happens to the BTS case is rather unusual and unfortunate. First base stations usually transmit signals at high power for good SNR and large coverage. Second, the base station's antennas are beaming radio signals along streets which is in line with the BTS track and approximately at the same height. As a result, despite the existence of pre-filter the image frequency of TOT signals could appear significant compared to the BTS signals at the BTS receiver, hence causing serious interference.



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คลื่นมือถือ 2300 MHz ไปรบกวนคลื่น WiFi 2400 MHz ได้อย่างไร?

สุวิทย์ นาคพีระยุทธ

เมื่อวันที่ 26 มิถุนายนของสัปดาห์ที่แล้ว ระบบขนส่งมวลชน กรุงเทพ (บีทีเอส) ในกรุงเทพมหานครได้รับผลกระทบจากระบบ อาณัติสัญญาณขัดข้อง ทำให้ผู้โดยสารติดค้างอยู่ใขบวนรถนานหลาย ชั่วโมง และ มีผู้คนรอคอยอยู่ในสถานีจำนวนมาก เชื่อว่าการเสียหาย ของสัญญาณสื่อสารเกิดขึ้นจากการรบกวนกันระหว่างย่านความถึ่ 2300 MHz ของทีโอที และย่านความถึ่ 2400 MHz ของบีทีเอส วิศวกรสื่อสารส่วนใหญ่คงสงสัยว่าการรบกวนกันระหว่างสัญญาณจะ เกิดขึ้นได้อย่างไรในเมื่อแถบความถี่ทั้งสองมีระยะห่างกันหลายสิบเม กะเฮิร์ตช บทความนี้นำเสนอการอธิบายในเชิงทฤษฎีว่าด้วยปัจจัย และมูลเหตุของปัญหาการรบกวนกันที่เกิดขึ้น

สมมติให้บีทีเอสใช้ช่องสัญญาณไว่ไฟหมายเลข 11 ณ ความถี่ 2462 MHz ขณะที่ทีโอทีส่งสัญญาณระบบโทรศัพท์เซลลูลารที่ ความถี่ 2380 MHz กล่าวคือ สัญญาณทั้งสองมีระยะความถี่ห่างกัน 82 MHz ถ้าเครื่องรับสัญญาณของบีทีเอสเป็นแบบเฮ็ตเทอโรไดน์และ เลือกความถี่ไอเอฟอยู่ที่ 41 MHz เครื่องกำเนิดสัญญาณความถี่โลคอ ลต้องสร้างคลื่นความ 2421MHz มาผสมกับความถี่คลื่นวิทยุที่รับได้ จากสายอากาศ กล่าวคือ 2464-2421=41 MHz ในกรณีนี้ สัญญาณ ความถี่ 2380 MHz ของทีโอทีจึงปรากฏเป็นความถี่อิมเมจของ คลื่นสัญญาณ 2464MHz ดังนั้น เมื่อใช้มิกเซอร์ลดความถี่ที่เครื่องรับ สัญญาณทั้งคู่จะถูกแปลงไปที่คลื่นความถี่เดียวกันคือ 41 MHz



โดยทั่วไป เครื่องรับจะมีการติดตั้งวงจรกรองไว้ก่อนหน้ากระบวนการ ลดความถี่เพื่อกำจัดความถี่อิมเมจทิ้งไป แต่กระนั้น เหตุการณ์ที่เกิด ขึ้นกับบีทีเอสเป็นเรื่องไม่ปกตินักและจัดได้ว่าโชคไม่ดี ประการแรก สถานีฐานของทีโอทีมักจะส่งสัญญาณด้วยกำลังสูงเพื่อให้ได้สัญญาณ ที่มีคุณภาพและครอบคลุมพื้นที่กว้าง ประการที่สองสายอากาศส่ง ของสถานีฐานบีมคลื่นวิทยุไปในแนวถนนซึ่งเป็นแนวเดียวกับรางของ รถไฟฟ้าบีทีเอสและมีระดับความสูงใกล้เคียงกัน ผลที่เกิดขึ้นคือแม้ ระบบจะมีการใช้วงจรกรองแล้วก็ตามสัญญาณความถี่อิมเมจของทีโอ ทีจะยังมีขนาดใหญ่เมื่อเทียบกับสัญญาณของบีทีเอส ส่งผลให้เกิดการ รบกวนระหว่างกัน



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Date: Apr. 30, 2018 Venue: King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang Academic Group: Communications Speaker: Prof. Dr. Randall Victora, University of Minnesota, USA



Electrical Engineering Symposium and Workshop

Date: May 11-12, 2018
Venue: Mae Fah Luang University
Academic Group: Electrical
Keynote Speech: "Smart Wind and Solar for Power System Stabilizing Control" Prof. Dr. Issarachai Ngamroo, KMITL
Workshop1: "Matlab/Simulink Modeling for a Back-to-back Converter with PMSG Drive" Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yuttana Kumsuwan, CMU
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Lab Meeting: Oral Presentation meeting with "Power & Energy System Laboratory" and "Power Electronics Applications" Master/Ph.D. students and Professors



9th Instrumentation, Control, and Automation Senior Project Conference (ICA SP-CON 2018)

Date: May 2, 2018 Venue: King Mongkut's University of Technology North Bangkok Academic Group: Control

The aims of ICA SP-CON 2018 are to bring together 4th year students to present their senior projects or cooperative/work-integrated learning projects and to provide a chance for exchange on teaching approaches among faculty members from different universities. ICA SP-CON 2018 accepts both senior projects and COOP/WIL projects for interactive poster presentation.



Summary of Participants

Affiliation	Groups	Students	Faculty	Staff	Total from affiliation
KMUTNB	6	60	10	6	76
KMUTT	6	46	2	1	49
KMITL	13	55	10		65
CU	4	5	1		6
KU	4	11	2		13
SIIT	2	6			6
KMUTNB - Rayong	3	8	2		10
Total for all affiliations	38	191	27	7	225

Hierarchically Decentralized Control Synthesis by Aggregation towards Smart Cities

Date: May 22, 2018 Venue: Chulalongkorn University Academic Group: Electromagnetics Speaker: Prof. Dr. Shinji Hara, Chuo University, Japan



Thailand-Japan Microwave (TJMW 2018)

Date: Jun. 27-29, 2018 Venue: King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang Academic Group: Control



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- 4. Communication Systems
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A proposal for a special session can be submitted to the special session chair before the deadlines. The session topic can be varied upon one's interest but still relate to the role of Electrical / Electronic Engineering, Computer, Telecommunication, Computer and IT.

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The 2018 International Symposium on Antennas and Propagation (ISAP 2018) will be held during October 23~26, 2018 at Paradise Hotel Busan, Busan, Korea. ISAP 2018 offers excellent opportunities for exchanging technical information and developing friendships with worldwide participants involved in research, development and manufacturing in the field of electromagnetics, antennas and propagation. We hope you will come and enjoy the Symposium in Busan, the top convention hosting city in Asia and also the international prestige tourism city.

ISAP 2018 will be held at the Paradise Hotel Busan which is located in Busan's Haeundae Beach, where the sky and ocean meet. As the first grade hotel with luxurious facilities, Paradise Hotel Busan offers balconies in the sea view rooms with a clear view of the Haeundae beach.

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- B10. Other Propagation Topics

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