IEEE 802.4L

Through-the-Air Physical Media, Radio

Running Objectives and Directives Document

Fifth issue

This document provides a base for the discussions of the IEEE 802.4L Working Group.
Each decision will be marked in this document along with the reference to the motion on which the decision has been based (column Base) and with the reference of the document on which the present decision is based (Doc no).
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1. Scope

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To define an alternative Physical Layer for Through-the-air communication, which is part of a local area network using 802.4 media access techniques and which is primarily for mobile environments.	PAR	4L/87-014

2. Purpose

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To provide LAN access to moving automatic machines and other stations for which wireless attachment is appropriate. To add description of standards criteria for through-the-air transmission parameters to support Physical Layer Service. To prepare, if necessary, a petition to the FCC for rule making which authorizes use of radio spectrum for wireless LAN.	PAR	4L/87-014

3. Directions

3.1 Design Principles

- 1. Meet FCC rules - spreading, scrambling, power, etc.
- 2. Meet 802.4 requirements implicit in ISO DIS 8802-4 1-10
- 3. Economy
- 4. Permit adjacent 802.4L-conformant radio LANs
- 5. Provide for both single-channel (direct peer-to-peer) and dual-channel (head-ended) operation
- 6. Single-channel system size: The objective is to permit a system diameter of 300 m. The minimum acceptable system diameter is 100 m.
- 7. Modulation technique must support office, retail and industrial environments.

3.2 System plan

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The radio system plan for one community of users is proposed to be a single frequency bus mode with head end, but will accomodate single frequency station-to-station operation for small systems. The physical layer including the head end and radio system shall support the existing 802.4 MAC. (Among other things, this implies that when any station is transmitting, all stations must hear something.)	Jan 89 Jul 89	4L/89-02 4L/89-011
In the single frequency bus mode with head end normal token rotation shall be used, only for stations in the outskirt, immediate response mode will be considered. (see issue 5)	May 89 Jul 89	
Whatever plan is evolved, it shall be suitable for use under current FCC part 15 regulations, in particular the three bands, 0.912, 2.45, and 5.9 GHz.	Jul 88	
The 0.912 GHz band will be used in the first standard. At least 2 channels will be accomodated in the band	May 89 May 89	
To separate transmissions of stations of nearby networks.the preamble will contain a Network Identification.		

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3.3 System Design Parameters

Relation to the Objective List in [3.1]	Jul 89	4L/89-11
1. Use a 7-bit (length-127) scrambler if the adopted chip rate is < 127. [1] The preferred polynomial is $1 + X^{-4} + X^{-7}$.[1÷3]		
2. Choose a modulation technique that does not include an amplitude modulation component, for [3] and to lower technical risk.	Jul 89	4L/89-11
3. Permit differential demodulation for fast acquisition, to provide robustness for the time-varying (fading) radio channel, and to simplify the receiver [3]. The primary disadvantage of this approach is a 2.3 dB (theoretical) loss in S/N.	Jul 89	4L/89-11
4. Use some form of quaternary PSK as a reasonable means of decreasing signaling rate (for multipath) without excessively compromising S/N or [3,7].	Jul 89	4L/89-11
5. Spread the minimum amount practical [1,3]. The preferred spreading code is + › ++ › + + + › › › . This is a known Barker code, with bounded auto-correlation, bounded periodic auto-correlation, and bounded odd periodic auto-correlation, and good spectral properties.	Jul 89	4L/89-11
6. Filtering should consider adjacent-channel single-frequency (single-channel) and simultaneous dual-frequency (dual-channel) operation. [4,5]	Jul 89	4L/89-11
7. Initial focus should be on 900 MHz band. [3]	Jul 89	4L/89-11

3.4 Modulation

Differential Phase Modulation shall be used.	Nov 88/1	4L/88-02
Doc: IEEE p802.4L/89-16 is adopted as the basis for the description of the modulator.	Nov 89	4L/89-17
For the spreading sequence at least 10 and not more than 15 chips shall be used. This provides a processing gain of between 10 and 15 allowing frequency division multiplexing of co-located LANs	Nov 88/3	4L/88-02

3.5 Encoding

The goal is to encode the preamble and the frame delimiters without increassing the signal constellation.	Sep 89	4L/89-15
It is suggested to encode the MAC non-data symbol by a different chip sequence (e.g. Barker-11 backwards).	Sep 89	4L/89-15

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3.6 Data Rate		
The data rate for comparison purposes shall be 1 Mbit/s. We can only consider the IEEE data rates of 1 to 20 Mbit/s.	Jan 89	
3.7 Antenna		
The design model shall assume a 16 antenna array in a square grid. For purpose of analysis, it will be assumed that the antenna array is driven by one power splitter with equal length loss less cable from the splitter to each antenna.		
3.8 Performance definition		
The performance of the Token Bus standard will be expressed in the number of MAC Service Data Units with undetected errors per time unit, at 0 frame overhead.	May 89	
The performance requirement is: less then one MSDU with undetected errors per year at 200 bit data units.		
The frame loss rate shall be less then 1 per 10^{8} frames transmitted.		
3.9 Bit Error Ratio		
The raw Bit Error Ratio (BER) shall be 10^{-8} or less, achievable in all but 10^{-3} of the area of the spatial coverage of the system.	Sep 89	4L/89-15
3.10 Outage		
MAC protocol assumes the communication channel is always available. Since the radio medium is known to have an outage rate on the order of 10E-2, a method is required to reduce outage rate to less than 10E-5.	Jul 88	
3.11 Velocity ranges		
The following are the ranges for the velocity of the stations:	Jan 89	
0.912 GHz — 0 - 53.7 miles/h		
2.45 GHz — 0 - 20.0 miles/h		
5.9 GHz — 0 - 8.3 miles/h		
3.12 Transmission Power		
XMTR power output: 1 W max	Jan 89	
Station antenna gain: TBD	Jan 89	
Station antenna directivity: TBD	Jan 89	
Receiver noise figure: 6 dB at 900 MHz	Jan 89	
8 dB at 2400 MHz	Jan 89	
10 dB at 5900 MHz	Jan 89	
For a distributed antenna system, we assume that each transmitter should be measured separately (for complying with the regulation). The transmit carriers should not be phase locked but should be approximately the same frequency.	Nov 89	4L/89-15

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3.13 Error correction codes

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The goal is to avoid the use of Forward Error Correction code, if possible.		Sep 89	4L/89-15
Allowable overhead:	1.2x	Jan 89	
Type:	TBD	Jan 89	
Spectral efficiency:	TBD		

3.14 Propagation

		Base
Office/retail environment:	6 dB/octave under 10 meters	Jan 89

environment	slope dB/octave	standard deviation dB	exp from max peek)	Delay spread (within 20 dB ns
retail10-13	4-6	3-4	80	
factory5.5-7	8-10	1.8-3.3	100-110	
office7-8	3-7	3.3-3.7	<50	

Table 1. Channel characteristics

Noise:		Jan 89
at .9 GHz	10 dB above thermal	
at 2.5 GHz	thermal	Jan 89

Contributions on noise are requested in the following format:

Device	Band	distance from source	Power *) level	Number of hits per second Threshold			
				-10 dB	-20 dB	-30 dB	-40 dB
		m	dBm				

Table 2. Characteristics of impulsive noise generators

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Device	Band	Power		Bandwidth	Duty cycle
		distance	level		
		m	dBm		
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Table 3. Characteristics of Constant Wave Interferers

NOTES: * reference antenna : dipole for the appropriate band — Nov 89 — 4L/89-17
distance from source > 1 m
vary measurements over a sphere with at least 10 measurements

* for impulsive noise measurements: make the measurements in the time domain
* for CW measurements: include a graph of frequency versus time behavior for sweeping devices, e.g. microwave ovens.

3.15 Antenna

If the antenna is located 7 to 10 feet above ground it has 25 dB antenna gain over an antenna in a pocket. — Jan 89

3.16 Higher Layer concerns

When considering the use of the immediate response mode for stations in the outskirts of the coverage area, thus avoiding the higher probability of losing the Token, the implication is that a station can use only the responder services of LLC type 3. — Sep 89 — 4L/89-15

Use of LLC types 1 or 2, or the initiator services of LLC type 3, will cause the station to try to get and later pass the token.

4. Meeting Plan

Type	Dates	Place	Objective
Interim	Jan 15-20, 90	Parsippany, NJ	Next draft preparation
Plenary	Mar 12-16, 90	Irvine, CA	802.4 draft
Interim	May ..-.., 90	?	Prepare second 802.4 draft
Plenary	Jul 9-13, 90	Denver, CO	Second 802.4 draft
Interim	Sep ..-.., 90	?	Prepare 802.4 Voting draft
Plenary	Nov 12-16, 90	Maui, HI or Kauai, HI or La Jolla, CA or Victoria, BC, Canada	802.4 Ballot
Interim	Jan ..-.., 1990	?	prepare TCCC voting draft
Plenary	Mar 11-15, 1991	East coast	TCCC Ballot
Interim	May ..-.., 1991	?	Prepare Final draft
Plenary	Jul 8-12, 1991	West Coast	Final Draft
Plenary	Nov 11-15, 1991	Ft Lauderdale, FL	PM

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6. Issues

~~1 Is a Bit Error Ratio (BER) of 10** 8 detected and 10** 9 achievable with operation with a dual frequency head-end distribution system.~~

~~2 Is the BER described in issue 1 achievable for direct station-to-station operation and what is the condition to achieve this BER.~~

~~3 What Forward Error Correcting Code (FEC) is suited for channels with burst errors characteristics.~~

~~4 Considering the agreement that non-data will not be encoded as a PHY symbol: Find a method of start and end delimeter encoding, e.g. use a combination of an alternative constellation and correlation.~~

~~4a What is the characteristic of the impulse noise in the various media.~~

~~5 What are the implicatios on the LLC when the immediate response mode is required to communicate with stations in the outskirt?~~

~~6 How should a distributed antenna system be represented for ruling measurements.~~

7 What are the trade-offs in data rate vs noise immunity (long vs short codes) [refer to doc: IEEE p802.4L/89-17, pages 6-8]

8 What are the trade-offs of long codes vs short codes at higher frequencies (wider bands) and multiple channels (FDM vs CDM) [refer to doc: IEEE p802.4L/89-17, pages 6-8]

9 What are the noise characteristics for various devices [refer to tables 2 and 3 above]

10 Is table 1 above accurate?

7. Referenced papers.

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