IEEE 802.4L

Through-the-Air Physical Media, Radio

Running Objectives and Directions Document

Seventh 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).

After each meeting a new document will be prepared to reflect the decisions made at the meeting.

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1. Scope

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

To provide LAN access to moving automatic machines and other stations for which wireless attachment is appropriate.	PAR	4L/87-014

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.

3. Directions

3.1 Design Principles

- 1.	Meet FCC rules - spreading, scrambling, power, etc.	Jul 89	4L/89-11
- 2.	Meet 802.4 requirements implicit in ISO DIS 8802-4 1-10	Jul 89	4L/89-11
- 3.	Economy	Jul 89	4L/89-11
- 4.	Permit adjacent 802.4L-conformant radio LANs	Jul 89	4L/89-11
- 5.	Provide for both single-channel (direct peer-to-peer) and dual-channel (head-ended) operation	Jul 89	4L/89-11
- 6.	Single-channel system size: The objective is to permit a system diameter of 300 m. The minimum acceptable system diameter is 100 m.	Jul 89	4L/89-11
- 7.	Modulation technique must support office, retail and industrial environments.	Jul 89	4L/89-11
- 8.	Want high data rate at required BER and outage.	Nov 89	4L/89-17
- 9.	Robust with respect to multipath	Nov 89	4L/89-17
- 10.	Want to accommodate relative motion between Transmitter and Receiver	Nov 89	4L/89-17
- 11.	For a given operating band (902-928 MHz, 2400-2483.5 MHz, 5725-5875 MHz), want the interoperability relationship of differing modems to form a direct inclusion relationship (full and not partial ordering).	Nov 89	4L/89-17

points of interoperability.

finish definition of the primary air interface before considering any other interfaces.

3.2 System plan

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/89-11
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, 902-928 MHz, 2400-2483.5 MHz, and 5725-5875 MHz.	Jul 88	
The 902-928 MHz band will be used in the first standard. ~~At least 2 channels will be accomocated in the band.~~	Jan 90	

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3.2 System plan (cont..d)

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To separate transmissions of stations of nearby networks.the preamble will contain a Network Identification.	May 89 May 89	

3.3 System Design Parameters

Subject	Base	Doc no
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~~ Jan 90	~~4L/89-11~~ 4L/90-01
7. Initial focus should be on 902-928 MHz band. [3]	Jul 89	4L/89-11
8. The design goal for the overhead of each Ph-PDU be 25 octets or less. This includes synchronization pattern, network id, CRC on the Ph-PDU content, and FEC flush. Note that the overhead can be different for the forward and reverse channel.	Mar 90	4L/90-5

3.4 Modulation

Subject	Base	Doc no
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

Subject	Base	Doc no
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 Distribution System

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 Bit Error Ratio (BER) at the MAC/PHY interface shall be 10^{-8} or less achievable in all but 10^{-3} or less of the area of spatial coverage of the system in a minimally-conformant system, and where additional antenna and receiver diversity can be used to reduce the area of outage as required.	Sep 89 Jan 90	4L/89-15 4L/90-01

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:

902-928 MHz	0 - 53.7 miles/h	Jan 89	
2400-2483.5 MHz	0 - 20.0 miles/h		
5725-5875 MHz	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 902-928 MHz	Jan 89	
	8 dB at 2400-2483.5 MHz	Jan 89	
	10 dB at 5725-5875 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

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

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

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footnote explaining what the terms "retail", "factory" and "office" represented.

environment	slope dB/octave	standard deviation dB	exp	RMS Delay spread (within 20 dB from max peak) ns	Coherence Time
open retail	10-13	4-7	3.3-4.2	80-140	
factory	5.4-8.4	5-10	1.8-2.4	100-140	
office	10-12	2-7	3.3-4.0	<50	

Table 1. Channel characteristics

Coherence time is defined as follows:

Given a time-variant (wide-sense stationary) channel impulse response of $c(\tau;t) = \alpha(\tau;t)\, e^{-j2pfc\tau}$, where τ is the delay and $\alpha(\tau;t)$ is the attenuation of the signal components at delay τ at time instant t.

Let $C(f;t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} c(\tau;t)\, e^{-\varphi 2\pi\phi\tau}\, dt$

be the Fourier transform of this impulse response.

$2\phi_c(f_1,f_2;\Delta t) = 1/2\, E\,[(C^*(f_1;t)\, C(f_2;t+\Delta t)] = \phi_c(\Delta f;\Delta t)$,

where E is expectation, is called the spaced-frequency spaced-time correlation function

If you hold Δf to 0 you have the spaced-time correlation function. The period of time over which the magnitude of this function is essentially non-zero is the coherence time of the channel.

1 the environment is not static and thus Doppler effects may occur even when the sending and receiving stations are not themselves moving (with respect to the earth, each other, the surrounding "building", etc.).

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Table prepared	Nov 89	4L/89-17
Table updated	Jan 90	

Noise: Jan 89

at 902-928 MHz	10 dB above thermal	
at 2400-2483.5 MHz	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

Table prepared Nov 89

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Device	Freq	Power		Bandwidth	Duty cycle
		EIRP	Receive level		
	MHz	W	dBm	kHz	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Pager	931.6125	340		15	5 sec/call 1 call/5 min
Radio Channel	904			30	continuous
Pager	930.0		- 50 indoor	15	5 se/call 1 call/min
Field disturbance sensors	902-928	0.075		<1	continuous
Part 15 devices	902-928 2400-2483.5 5725-5875	.00075			
Digital oscillators					
Digital devices					

Table 3. Characteristics of Constant Wave Interferers

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	Nov 89	4L/89-17
	Jan 90	4L/90-01

NOTES: * reference antenna : dipole for the appropriate band
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.

It appears that the magnetron has a negative resistance on turn-on and turn-off, and this causes relaxation oscillations at the beginning and end of each power cycle, which cause an apparent broadband emission. In reality, during the beginning and end of each power cycle, the magnetron produces a series of very short bursts of carrier (<< 300 ns each) with decaying power and a frequency which changes slightly during the burst, and with more substantial changes in frequency from one burst to the next.

In the middle of each power cycle the magnetron just stays on, with occasional instantaneous frequency changes due to shifts in mode-locking caused by the changing magnetron plate voltage and the motion of the stirrer in the oven cavity. (See addendum L1, and IEEE 802.4L-89/19 for time domain pictures of this phenomenon.) These instantaneous changes may be accompanied by additional bursts. (See IEEE 802.4L/90-8a figure 4-46.)

3.15 Antenna

Jan 89

3.16 Higher Layer concerns

Sep 89 — 4L/89-15

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.

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	May 14-18, 90	Atlanta, GA	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	Kauai, HI	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 corrolation.~~
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?
11 Data on coherence time is needed. Part of the data could be recovered from Oshawa measurements and from Rappaport's report. More measurements are to be made when the results prove some parameters have been missed.

7. Referenced papers.

The following papers are of interest to the taskgroup members:

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