ZigBee/IEEE 802.15.4

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Motivation





The low rate WPANs(IEEE 802.15.4/LR-WPAN) is intended to serve a set of industrial, residential and medical applications with very low power consumption and cost requirement not considered by the other types of WPANs and with relaxed needs for data rate and QoS. The low data rate enables the LR-WPAN to consume very little power.

IEEE 802.15.4 & ZigBee In Context



ZigBee Alliance

- "the software"
- Network, Security & Application layers
- Brand management

IEEE 802.15.4

- "the hardware"
- Physical & Media Access
 Control layers

ZigBee Alliance





What is ZigBee

ZigBee is the entire protocol system for LR-WPAN

"ZigBee" originates from the zig-zag waggle dance honeybees use to share critical information, such as the location, distance, and direction of a newly discovered food source, with fellow hive members.



Application Sectors



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PHY Layer Key technologies

- The standard offers two PHY options for the frequency band. Both are based on direct sequence spread spectrum (DSSS).
- The data rate is 250kbps at 2.4GHz, 40kbps at 915MHz and 20kbps at 868MHz. The higher data rate at 2.4GHz is attributed to a higher-order modulation scheme(O-QPSK).

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Types of PAN

- Beacon Enabled PAN Slotted CSMA/CA
 Non-Beacon Enabled PAN
 - Un-slotted CSMA/CA

SuperFrame Structure

- A superframe is formed by the PAN coordinator to synchronize network reception and transmission.
- The whole frame consists of *active* and *inactive* period
- CAP: Contention Access Period
- CFP: Contention Free Period
- GTS: Guaranteed time slots



Communication Mechanisms-I device-coordinator



Communication to a coordinator in a beacon-enabled network



Communication to a coordinator in a nonbeacon-enabled network

Communication Mechanisms-II coordinator-device



Communication from a coordinator In a beacon-enabled network



Communication from a coordinator in a non beacon-enabled network

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- IEEE 802.15.4a specifies two additional PHYs using ultra-wideband (UWB) and chirp spread spectrum (CSS).
 - The UWB PHY is designated frequencies in three ranges: below 1 GHz, between 3 and 5 GHz, and between 6 and 10 GHz. (Time-Hopping Impulse Radio (TH-IR))
 - The CSS PHY is designated to the 2450 MHz ISM band.

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