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Review Paper on Standard Ethernet

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Abstract: *Automation and other real-time applications that need systems with precise time synchronisation and high data throughput now depend on reliable connectivity. Recent developments have made Real-time Ethernet (RTE) protocols the industry standard for automation. For accurate motor control applications, EtherCAT is a real-time industrial field bus technology that offers exceptional performance at a reasonable price. Beckhoff Automation invented and first developed EtherCAT. The IEC has established the EtherCAT protocol as standard IEC61158. EtherCAT is capable of addressing the needs of numerous real-time applications as well as both hard and soft real-time systems in automation technology.*

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I. INTRODUCTION

EtherCAT's adoption rate is rising as a result of its fast data transfer speeds, superior performance, and affordable price. Using EtherCAT technology, it is possible to get around the constraints of conventional Ethernet [24]. The Ethernet packet is not received, understood, or copied as process data at every connection; rather, the data is processed as it is needed. This implies that the new EtherCAT packet should begin to transmit as soon as it can after the incoming data packet has been completely received. Each datagram in the frame that the EtherCAT master sends out comprises the process information specific to each slave.

The Ethernet family of networking technologies was initially created for the deployment of wired LAN networks. The first two tiers of the OSI reference model are covered by the networking technology known as Ethernet. Equipment that is affordable, simple to install, and to configure is what gives Ethernet its dominance. Since its launch approximately 40 years ago, Token Ring, FDDI, and Emulated LAN were among the (at the time) new and emerging technologies that were frequently cited as Ethernet's replacements.

II. IEEE 802.3 STANDARD ANDETHERNET EVOLUTION

Since its launch approximately 40 years ago, Token Ring, FDDI, and Emulated LAN were among the (at the time) new and emerging technologies that were frequently cited as Ethernet's replacements. Whatever the case, Ethernet has not only survived but has also undergone tremendous development and undergone a number of new implementations, making it the most extensively used wired networking technology at now.

All Ethernet upgrades had to maintain the CSMA/CD (Carrier Sense Multiple Access / Collision Detection)-based 802.3 media access controller (MACability)'s to handle 802.3 Ethernet frame format.

Since 1985, the IEEE 802.3 standard has included additional media possibilities, new operation speeds, and new functionalities. For instance:

- IEEE 802.3x specified full duplex operation and a flow control protocol, while
- IEEE 802.3u included 100 Mb/s operation, also known as Fast Ethernet.
- IEEE Std. 802.3ae added 10 Gbit/s operation (commonly known as 10 Gigabit Ethernet),
- IEEE 802.3ah specified access network Ethernet, and
- IEEE 802.3z added 1000 Mb/s operation (also known as Gigabit Ethernet) (also called Ethernet in the First Mile).

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The most recent IEEE 802.3 - 2012 revision, which was accepted by the IEEE Standards Association (IEEE-SA), consolidates numerous changes to the base standard that have been approved since IEEE 802.3's last comprehensive modification in 2008.

Since the publication of the IEEE 802.3-2008 standard, a number of other standards have been created and are currently maintained as independent publications. A few of the changes that have been introduced into IEEE 802.3-2012 are those related to addressing, energy efficiency, expansion to 40 Gbit/s and 100 Gbit/s speeds, 10 Gbit/s Ethernet Passive Optical Networks (EPONs), increased support for loss-sensitive applications, and time synchronisation.

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Computer networking originated from terminal-to-computer connection in telecommunications, where the goal was to link distant terminals to a main computing centre. Computers themselves were employed to provide communication as the requirement for computer-to-computer interaction developed [2, 4, 29].

III. 40 GIGABIT ETHERNET AND 100 GIGABIT ETHERNET

It was discovered that networks using link aggregation with 10 Gigabit Ethernet were unable to keep up with the growth in capacity for network aggregation applications. The Higher Speed Study Group (HSSG), established in 2006 by the IEEE 802.3 working group, discovered that the Ethernet ecosystem required a faster standard beyond 10 Gigabit Ethernet. According to HSSG, two new rates were required: 100 gigabits per second for network aggregation applications and 40 gigabits per second for server and computing applications.

On June 17, 2010, the IEEE Standards Association Standards Board accepted the IEEE 802.3ba 40 Gbit/s and 100 Gbit/s Ethernet update to the IEEE 802.3-2008 Ethernet standard.

In addition to creating physical layer standards for communication via backplanes, copper cabling, multimode fibre, and single-mode fibre, the IEEE 802.3ba standard offers a single architecture capable of supporting both 40 and 100 Gigabit Ethernet. The supporting technologies for 40 and 100 Gigabit Ethernet are briefly described in this chapter.

3.1 40 and 100 Gigabit Ethernet using IEEE 802.3ba

The following goals [2] served as the foundation for the development of the IEEE 802.3ba standard:

- Support the Ethernet MAC full duplex.
- Utilizing the IEEE 802.3 MAC, maintain the IEEE 802.3 Ethernet frame format.
- Maintain the IEEE 802.3 minimum and maximum frame sizes.
- Support a BER at the MAC/physical layer service (PLS) service interface that is better than or equal to 10–12.
- Give the Optical Transport Network the necessary support (OTN).
- Support a 40 Gb/s MAC data rate.
- Support a 100 Gb/s MAC data rate.

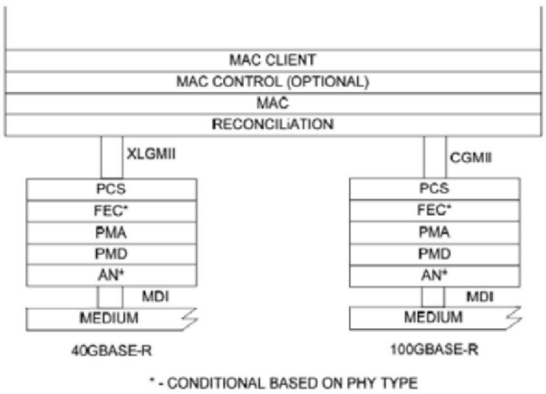

Figure 1. IEEE 802.3ba Architecture [3]

The IEEE 802.3ba-2010 amendment specifies a single architecture shown in Figure 1. It accommodates 40 Gigabit Ethernet and 100 Gigabit Ethernet and all of the physical layer specifications under development. The MAC layer, which corresponds to Layer 2 of the OSI model, is connected to the media (optical or copper) by an Ethernet PHY device, which corresponds to Layer 1 of the OSI model. The PHY device consists of [3]:

- Physical medium dependent (PMD) sublayer,
- Physical medium attachment (PMA) sublayer,
- Physical coding sublayer (PCS).

An auto-negotiation (AN) sublayer and a forward error correction (FEC) sublayer are also included in the copper cabling and backplane PHYs.

TABLE I. IEEE 802.3BA PHYSICAL LAYER SPECIFICATIONS [3]

	40 GE	*100 GE*
At least 1m backplane	40GBASE-KR4	
At least 7m copper cable	40GBASE-CR4	100GBASE-CR10
At least 100m OM3 MMF	40GBASE-SR4	100GBASE-SR10
At least 150m OM4 MMF	40GBASE-SR4	100GBASE-SR10
At least 10km SMF	40GBASE-LR4	100GBASE-LR10
At least 40km SMF		100GBASE-ER10

The PMA sublayer and the appropriate media independent interface (MII) for each rate are translated by the PCS sublayer. Data bits must be encoded into code groups for transmission via the PMA, and these code groups must then be decoded from the PMA by the PCS. The PCS makes advantage of the 10 Gigabit Ethernet's 64B/66B coding scheme.

3.2 Implementation

Vendors of networking equipment are depicted in Table II with some instances of how they have implemented the IEEE 802.3ba standard, mostly interface cards for core and data centre switches and routers [4–8].

IV. POWER OVER ETHERNET PLUS

4.1 IEEE 802.3af - Power over Ethernet (PoE)

The Power over Ethernet (PoE) standard, IEEE 802.3af, was introduced in 2003. By enabling the connection and powering of devices like IP phones utilising a common network infrastructure (mostly Ethernet switches), it helps boost the value of an Ethernet port.

Power sourcing equipment (PSE) are devices that give power, such as PoE switches, whereas powered devices (PD) are end devices that need power such as IP phones or WiFi access points.

The use of IP phones by enterprise clients that are constructing converged voice and data networks that run across a common IP network backbone, which results in cost savings, accounts for the majority of PD number growth.

4.2 IEEE 802.3at - Power over Ethernet (PoE) Plus

A growing number of powered devices needed more power than the 12.95 W limit outlined in IEEE 802.3af. Examples of these powered devices include IEEE .

The IEEE 802.3at standard, which was introduced in September 2009, is an incremental evolution of the IEEE 802.3afThe IEEE 802.3at standard, which was introduced in September 2009, is an incremental evolution of the IEEE 802.3af standard. The following are the primary features of IEEE 802.3at [10]:

According to the IEEE 802.3at standard, each device can receive up to 34.2 W of DC power (25.5 W of which are guaranteed to be present at the powered device).

- IEEE 802.3at only uses Category 5 (Cat 5) cabling; Cat 3 and Cat 5 are supported by IEEE 802.3af. Because additional power can be delivered over two 4-wire cables, PoE Plus requires Cat 5 (8-wire) instead of Cat 3 (4-wire).
- IEEE 802.3at complies with the restrictions and power safety requirements applicable to IEEE 802.3af.

- Equipment for power source using IEEE 802.3at and IEEE P802.3af is compatible.
- According to IEEE P802.3at, PDs should receive the most power possible within reasonable constraints.
- A powered device MIB for SNMP administration is defined by IEEE 802.3at.

TABLE II. IEEE 802.3BA VENDOR IMPLEMENTATIONS

Vendor	*Equipment*
Brocade	12-port 40GE linecard for VDX 8770 switch; 2-port 100GE module for MLX series switching routers
Cisco	2-port 100GE board and 6-port 40GE module for Nexus 7000 switch; Nexus 3064-X with 48 1/10GE ports and four 40G links; 40GE module for Catalyst 6500 switch
Extreme	4-port 100G and 12-port 40G modules for BlackDiamond X8 core switch
Huawei	40GE and 100GE linecards for CloudEngine 12800 series of core switches
Juniper	100GE interface card for T1600 Core Router

4.3 Implementation

As more suppliers figure out how to benefit from increased power transmitted over Ethernet and create and test new PDs that can benefit from the higher power, the migration to IEEE802.3at is slow but steady. The IEEE P802.3at standard makes it possible to integrate perimetersecurity services like video into an unified infrastructure.

A close caption television (CCTV) camera used for perimeter security, for instance, calls for multiple wiring and an analog-based receiver/recorder, like a VCR. In contrast, a pan-tilt-zoom security camera that is IEEE P802.3at compliant just needs one wire, an RJ-45, to power the device, transmit video, and record scenes. Enterprise customers benefit from cost reductions, a streamlined infrastructure, and increased security [10].

V. ENERGY EFFICIENT ETHERNET

The energy consumption of IT gadgets has come under more and more scrutiny. The initiatives to lower IT energy consumption were initially focused on the gadgets and PCs that used the most energy.

However, it has been found that networking equipment uses up to 10% of total IT energy, therefore it makes sense to think about how networking energy usage might be decreased without negatively compromising the essential functions that networking performs [12].

TABLE III. STANDARD PoE PARAMETERS AND COMPARISON

Value	*802.3af (802.3at Type 1)*	*802.3at Type 2*
Max power delivered by PSE	15.40 W	34.20 W
Power available at PD	12.95 W	25.50 W
Voltage range (at PSE)	44.0–57.0 V	50.0–57.0 V
Voltage range (at PD)	37.0–57.0 V	42.5–57.0 V
Maximum current	350 mA	600 mA
Supported cabling	Cat 3, Cat5	Cat5

- IEEE 802.3at abides to the power safety rules and limitations pertinent to IEEE 802.3af.

Most Ethernet networks wait between data packets and are largely inactive throughout this period, using almost constant amounts of power. Energy Efficient Ethernet (EEE) offers a standard and a technique for lowering this energy consumption without compromising the crucial job that these network interfaces provide. Before the standard was approved, some businesses introduced technologies under the moniker Green Ethernet to lower the amount of power needed for Ethernet.

5.1 IEEE P802.3az – Energy Efficient Ethernet

On September 30, 2010, the IEEE 802.3az standard was accepted. It is the first Ethernet standard in history to address proactive energy consumption reduction for networked devices, and it is made to give network administrators and users

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of networking services the means to do so for network-attached devices, network routers and switches, PCs, and printers.

The widely used "BASE-T" interfaces, which use twisted pair cable and include 10BASE-T, 100BASE-TX, 1000BASE-T, and 10GBASE-T, are covered by the IEEE 802.3az standard [12]. The vast majority of Ethernet deployments use these interface types, particularly at the network edge where the potential for energy savings is greatest. The Backplane Ethernet connections used in blade servers (as well as in proprietary systems) are also covered by the standard because the amount of modification needed for those interfaces was viewed as being minimal.

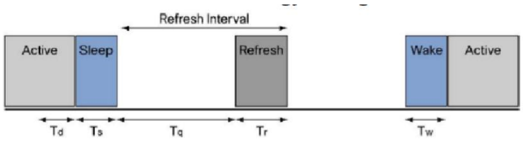

Figure 2. IEEE 802.3ba Architecture [13]

The core principle of EEE is that the communication link should only need to use energy when sending actual data. Since the 1990s, the majority of wireline communications protocols have used continuous transmission, using electricity whether or not data was being transferred. The justification for this was that the link needed to be kept with full bandwidth signalling to be available for data transmission at all times.

EEE employs a signalling system that enables a transmitter to notify that there is a data gap and that the link can be idle in order to conserve energy when there is one. The link needs to be resumed after a specified delay, and this is also communicated via the signalling protocol.

5.2 Implementation

Backwards compatibility received a lot of focus during the IEEE 802.3az standard development process. It can be implemented in networks where the majority of the hardware still utilises legacy interfaces, and it must also seamlessly serve the enormous variety of applications that are already in use on these networks. When connecting to older devices, IEEE 802.3az-compliant Ethernet interfaces may not conserve energy as long as the present functions are fully maintained. As the share of EEE equipment rises, this enables gradual network upgrades to benefit from EEE more and more. In order to maximise the depth of energy savings, the standard also incorporates a negotiating mechanism to take advantage of circumstances where some network applications may permit higher levels of traffic disturbance.

VI. CARRIER ETHERNET

Extensions of Ethernet to MAN and WAN networks are referred to as "Carrier Ethernet" in marketing, allowing telecommunications network companies to offer providing customers with Ethernet services and utilising Ethernet network technologies used by ISPs.

Metro and wide-area services have been delivered using a variety of technologies. E1 and E3 copper circuits, as well as optical circuits built on the SDH/SONET standard, are all examples of Layer 1 TDM technologies used to supply private line services. MAN/WAN services are delivered using Layer 2 technologies as Frame Relay, ATM, and PPP. Because the technology controls the bandwidth, these outdated technologies offer rigid bandwidth scalability. When a business or service provider needs to increase bandwidth, they can link together several circuits or upgrade their network and equipment to accommodate a new technology.

Carrier Ethernet offers flexible bandwidth scalability, which tackles the drawbacks of traditional WAN technology. Once an Ethernet service has been installed, more bandwidth up to the Ethernet port speed can be added easily through remote provisioning. Subscribers can use the same, well-known Ethernet technology with Carrier Ethernet for their LAN, MAN, and WAN connections. This lowers the cost of the equipment needed to connect to the service and makes training and using it easier.

6.1 Ethernet as MAN/WAN technology

Although Ethernet has a long history and has been the industry standard in LAN environments and enterprise networks, it has historically had a number of drawbacks when used in MAN/WAN applications. Due to its layer 2 MAC addressing scheme, transparent bridging, spanning tree protocol, and extension of the broadcast domain, Ethernet does

not scale well to MAN/WAN networks. Additionally, Ethernet hasn't had some of the reliability features required for applications used by service providers, such as mechanisms to separate the traffic of one customer from that of another, measure the effectiveness of a customer service instance, and quickly identify and fix failures in larger networks.
The industry has made a concentrated effort to overcome Ethernet's restrictions in the WAN and extend the affordability and simplicity of Ethernet to wide area networks.These services enable clients to evaluate service offerings and facilitate service level agreements by providing standard definitions of attributes including bandwidth, resilience, and service multiplexing (SLAs).

6.2 Remote Computer Networking

Computer networking originated from terminal-to-computer connection in telecommunications, where the goal was to link distant terminals to a main computing centre. Computers themselves were employed to provide communication as the requirement for computer-to-computer interaction developed [2, 4, 29]. The creation of the Arpa Computer Net increased both communication using computers as packet switches [15-21, 26] and communication among computers for resource sharing [I0, 32]
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Computer networks are expanding down hallways and between buildings to connect minicomputers in offices and laboratories, just as they have expanded across continents and seas to connect big computing facilities around the world [3, 12, 13, 14,].

6.3 Multiprocessing

IBM's Asp is a well-known example of how multiprocessing was first implemented by coupling an I/O controller to a powerful central computer [29]. Then, in order to increase the power available for applications that require computation,several central processors were linked to a single memory [33]. More unusual multiprocessor architectures, like Illiae IV, were introduced for a few of these applications [5].
For enhanced efficiency, dependability, and system adaptability, minicomputers have more recently been linked together in multiprocessor architectures [24, 36]. For reliability, there has been a tendency toward decentralisation; loosely connected multiprocessor systems rely more on thin wires for interprocess communication and less on shared central memory, with increasing component isolation [18, 26]. Multiprocessing is increasingly moving closer to a local type of distributed computing as a result of the continual thinning out of interprocessor communication for reliability and the development of distributable applications.

6.4 Local Computer Networking

Other local networks including Mitre's Mitrix, Bell Telephone Laboratory's Spider, and U.C. Irvine's Distributed Computing System (DCS) share many goals with Ethernet [12, 13, 14, 35]. The bit rates at which the four local networking methods' prototypes function range from one to three megabits per second. While DCS and Ethernet use distributed control, Mitrix and Spider require a central minicomputer for switching and bandwidth distribution. Spider and DCS use a ring communication line, Mitrix implements two one-way buses using commercial CATV technology, and our test Ethernet uses a branching two-way passive bus. The variations between these systems are brought about by variations in their intended uses, variations in the financial limitations that governed the trade-offs, and variations in researcher opinions.

6.5 System Summary

A technology for local communication between computing stations is called Ethernet. Our test Ethernet utilises . Coaxial wires have been tapped to transport variable-length digital .For instance, data packets between personal computers, printing facilities, and huge file storage devices, bigger central computers, magnetic tape backup systems, and longer-distance communication tools.

The branching Ether used for shared communication is passive. Through an interface cable, an Ethernet interface on a station connects bit-serially to a transceiver, which in turn taps into the flowing ether. An Ether packet is broadcast, heard by all stations, and copied from the Ether by destinations that choose it based on the packet's leading address bits. It is important to distinguish this type of packet switching from store-and-forward packet switching, in which routing is handled by intermediary processing components. An Ethernet can be expanded utilising packet repeaters for signal regeneration, packet filters for traffic localisation, and packet gateways for network address extension to accommodate the needs of growth.

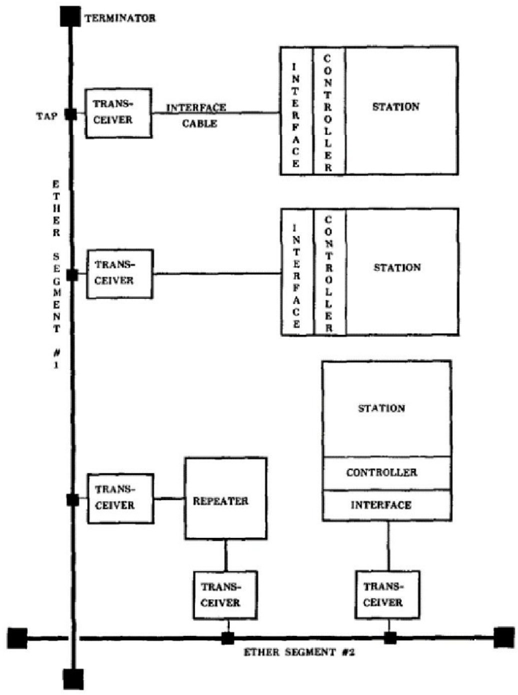
All stations share complete control, and statistical arbitration is used to synchronise packet transfers. A station's initial transmissions take precedence over any that may already be in motion. A transmission is stopped and rescheduled by its source station if interference with other packets is discovered after it has begun. A packet will run uninterruptedly to completion after a specific amount of time of interference-free transmission. To prevent recurrent collisions, Ethernet controllers in colliding stations establish random retransmission intervals for each other. When the network load changes, the mean of a packet's retransmission intervals is modified as a function of the collision history to maintain Ether utilisation close to its maximum level.

A packet may not reach its destination error-free even though it is transmitted without source-detected interference; as a result, packets are only delivered with a high probability. Stations must adhere to packet protocols that have been mutually agreed upon if they require a residual error rate that is less than that offered by the plain Ethernet packet transport method.

6.6 Design Principles

Our goal is to create a communication system that can expand easily to include multiple buildings filled with personal computers and the facilities required for their maintenance.

The communication system must be affordable, much like the computer stations that will be linked. To get rid of the dependability issues with an active central controller, avoid establishing a bottleneck in a system rich in parallelism, and lower the fixed expenses that make small systems unprofitable, we decide to spread control of the communications facility among the communicating computers.



The fundamental concept of packet collision and retransmission, introduced in the Aloha Network, served as the foundation for Ethernet design [1]. We anticipated that Ethernets would transport bursty traffic, similar to the Aloha Network, making traditional synchronous time-division multiplexing (STDM) ineffective [1, 2, 21, 26]. We hoped that the Aloha approach to distributed control of radio channel multiplexing might be used successfully with media appropriate for local computer communication since we saw potential in it.

6.7 Topology

We opt to accomplish dependability through simplicity since we cannot afford the redundant connections and dynamic routing of store-and-forward packet switching to provide reliable communication. We decide to make the shared communication facility passive such that the communications of just one station will typically be impacted by the failure of an active element. We choose a network architecture that has the ability for convenient incremental extension and reconfiguration with minimal service disruption based on the layout and changing needs of office and laboratory facilities.

The Ethernet has a tree-like architecture with no roots. It is shaped like a tree so that the Ether can branch at a building's corridor entrance while avoiding multipath interference. Between any source and destination, there can only be one path through the Ether; if there were more than one path, a message would interfere with itself, continually arriving at its intended destination after travelling by different paths of varying length. Because it can be expanded in any direction from any of its locations, the Ether is unrooted.Any station that wants to join an Ethernet connects to the ether at the closest practical location.

Ethernet is the twin of a star network, as seen by the interplay between connections and control. As in a star network, the Ethernet has central interconnection through the Ether and distributed control among its stations as opposed to distributed interconnection through numerous distinct links and central control in a switching node.

An Ethernet provides many-to-many communication with a single broadcast multi-access channel, in contrast to an Aloha Network, which is a star network with an outgoing broadcast channel and an incoming multi-access channel.

6.8 Control

It is not only feasible, but also likely, that two or more stations may attempt to broadcast a packet at roughly the same time due to how the Ether is shared. On the Ether, packets that cross paths with one another in time are called to collide; the interference makes them unrecognisable to a receiver. When a collision is detected, a station recovers by giving up and resending the packet after a dynamically selected random time period. Conflict resolution between divergent transmission requirements is distributed and statistical.

When the Ether is mainly unutilized, a station can send and receive packets at will, and everything works properly. The frequency of packet interference rises as more stations start transmitting. In order to maintain near-optimal sharing of the ether among competing station-station transmissions, Ethernet controllers in each station are designed to alter the mean retransmission interval in response to the frequency of collisions [20, 21].

To distribute the Ether fairly, the stations must work together to some extent. Certain stations may advantageously acquire transmission priority in demanding applications by breaking equity norms on a regular basis. By failing to adjust its retransmission interval in response to rising traffic or by sending particularly big packets, a station could hijack the Ether. Low-level software at each station now forbids both actions.

6.9 Addressing

Every packet has a source and a destination, which are both noted in the header of the packet. A packetsent overEther finally reaches every station. Any station has the ability to copy an Ether packet into its local memory, but often only an active destination station that matches the packet's address in the header will do so while the packet travels. By convention, a packet with a destination of zero is known as a broadcast packet. A packet with a destination of zero is a wildcard and matches all addresses.

6.10 Reliability

Ethernet is a probabilistic network. A packet's loss can be caused by other packet interference, Ether impulse noise, an inactive receiver at the packet's intended destination, or intentional discard. Protocols that use Ethernet must make the assumption that packets will only very likely be received correctly at their intended locations.

Although an Ethernet makes every attempt to transmit packets successfully, processes in the source and destination stations are responsible for taking the required safeguards to ensure reliable communication of the quality they themselves demand [18, 21]. We refrain from providing reliable delivery of any specific packet in order to achieve both efficient transmission and high reliability on average over a large number of packets [21] because to the expense and risks involved with offering "error-free" communication. We can adapt reliability to the application and place error recovery where it will be most helpful by removing the duty for reliable communication from the packet transport mechanism. As Ethernets are linked in a hierarchy of networks, where packets must travel further and faster, this regulation becomes increasingly crucial.

6.11 Mechanisms

A station uses a transceiver and a tap to connect to the ether. A tap is a device used to physically connect to the Ether while minimally altering its transmission properties. The transceiver's construction. It must be a paranoid exercise. There must be precautions measures taken to ensure that potential transceiver or station does not cause ether pollution. In particular, the transceiver should be powered down make it lose connection with the Ether.

Our experimental Ethernet offers five ways to lessen the likelihood and expense of losing a packet. These include (1) carrier detection, (2) interference detection, (4) truncated packet filtering, (5) collision consensus enforcement, and (6) packet error detection.

VII. CONCLUSION

We can draw the conclusion that placing a strong emphasis on distributed control was a wise choice based on our experience with an operational Ethernet. We have attained a very high level of reliability by limiting the number of passive and shared communication system components. Our experimental Ethernet's setup and upkeep have been more than satisfying. Broadcast packet switching's ability to connect stations in a variety of ways has sparked the growth of many multiprocessing and computer networking applications.

It is clear from the preceding survey that EtherCAT technology satisfies all requirements for industrial communication, including real-time capabilities, high communication speed, excellent synchronisation, brief cycle times, little jitter, and low cost. Real-time EtherCAT development lowers the cost of automation equipment, increases real-time response times, and complies with industrial automation trends. The best real-time Ethernet for factory automation, particularly for motion control, numerical control, and other real-time applications in the automation industry, is EtherCAT, the author's final conclusion. Since EtherCAT technology is the best Real time Ethernet for motor drive applications according to the aforementioned survey, developing EtherCAT connection between Beckhoff PLC and Hexmoto drives is one of the future tasks.

Our tests and a close study of the theoretical analysis demonstrate that Ethernet can deliver good performance for common applications even at high offered loads. Users must be aware of the fact that the performance of CSMA/CD is dependent on the size of the packet and the time it takes to identify a collision. Ring topologies may be the only viable option for networks with larger bit rates or longer lengths, however Ethernet experience shows that at 10 Mbits/s, across a kilometre or so of cable, CSMA/CD is quite effective.

Today, Ethernet unifies technology used in a variety of settings, including carrier networks, enterprise networks, and data centres.

Ethernet technologies are still developing. The most recent version of IEEE 802.3-2012, which included IEEE 802.3ba (40 Gbit/s and 100 Gbit/s Ethernet), IEEE 802.3at (Power over Ethernet Plus), IEEE 802.3az (Energy Efficient Ethernet), and other revisions and improvements, was adopted in September 2012.

Many of the Ethernet LAN technologies are used by carrier Ethernet, but for it to work as a service delivery technology for MANs and WANs, it needed to be further enhanced.

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