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#### Introduction

The Alecto WS3000 is a non-expensive wheather station, with outdoor temperature, humidity, windspeed (windgust) and rainmeter. Indoor it has temperature, humidity and pressure sensor. The outdoor unit also contains a DCF receiver, which gets the time from an atomic clock, transmitted by longwave radio transmitter in Frankfurt (Germany).

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DCF77

The WS3000 is also sold under different names, like WH1070, WH1080.

There are several versions, having different communication protocols. The older versions works with OOK signals (On-Off-Keying), the newer ones uses FSK (Frequency Shift Keying).

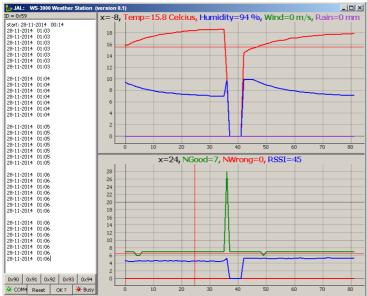
This document describes the receiving and decoding of an outdoor WS3000 (with FSK) with an SI4432 transceiver, and a PIC coded in JAL.

For optimal reception you should use an antenna of 17.2 cm (= 1/4 wavelength).

#### Desktop program

In the top graph the sensor data is shown. Around the whole hour, there's a dip in all the sensor data, because data is not send in that period.

In the bottom graph the RF-signal strength and the number of received lines per package is shown. When the signal strength is good, you'll almost sees 7 good lines per package (sometimes 6, because sometimes the JAL program misses one of the lines. The large peek in the number of good lines is caused by a battery exchange, in which case the transmitter sends a whole lot of lines.



#### Package transmission

Each 48 seconds a package is send by the transmitter, containing the sensor data.

Around the whole hour, xx:58 .. xx:05 there's nothing transmitted (probably to get a clean DCF receiver timing).

A few minutes after an whole hour, not the sensor data is send but a number of packages containg the actual time is sent. In the paragraph "Desktop Program" a complete set of time packages is shown.

Each package contains 7 repetitions of the sensor data (or time data).

Between each repetition there's a space of 7 bits no RF signal.

The 7 repetitions are often identical, but if a sensor value changes within the transmit window, the values will instantanously change, like in the example below.

```
•537 1 package of sensor data

•538 52 40 D0 45 00 00 03 OC BB

•539 52 40 D0 45 00 00 03 OC BB

•540 52 40 D0 45 00 00 03 OC BB

•541 52 40 D0 45 00 00 03 OC BB

•542 52 40 D0 45 00 00 03 OC BB

•543 52 40 D0 45 00 00 03 OC BB

•544 52 40 D1 44 00 00 03 OC 3F
```

Sensor data, one line from a package (including JAL sync bytes)

Byte	bits	Description
0xCC		JAL sync byte
0xBB		JAL sync byte
0xAA		JAL sync byte
0	7:4	Message Type: 5 = Sensor Data, 6 = Time Data
	3:0	MSB of ID
1	7:4	LSB of ID
	3	Sign of Temperature
	2:0	MSB of Temperature
2		LSB of Temperature
3		Humidity
4		Windspeed (*1.22 ??)
5		Wind gust ?
6		MSB of Rain (starts at 0x030C)
7		LSB of Rain (stepsize = 0.3 mm)
8		CRC
CRC		JAL CRC calculation
RSSI		Max RSSI
7 bits 0		7 bits space between messages

The JAL sycn bytes are added by JAL to serve as sync bytes to the desktop viewer. The ID is a random number of 8 bits, which will change after a battery exchange. Time data, one line from a package (including JAL sync bytes).

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0xBB		JAL sync byte
0xAA		JAL sync byte
0	7:4	Message Type: 5 = Sensor Data, 6 = Time Data
	3:0	?????
1		????
2	7:6	????
	5:0	Hour (BCD)
3		Minute (BCD)
4		Second (BCD)
5		Year (last 2 digits) ( BCD)
6	7:6	?????
	5:0	Month ( BCD)
7		Day (BCD)
8		CRC
CRC		JAL CRC calculation
RSSI		Max RSSI
7 bits 0		7 bits space between messages

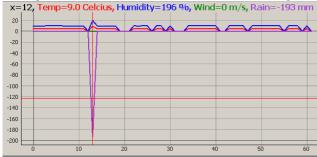
## WS3000 interface specifications

Carrier Frequency = 868.3 MHz Frequency deviation = 67 kHz

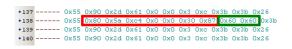
Bitrate = 17.24 kHz (or should it be 19.2 kHz???)

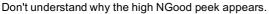
### Special problems

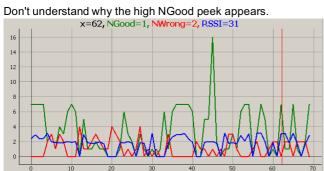
Although the CRC code is ok, sometimes still set of wrong values is received.



while the CRC code is ok (green block), the data is rubish



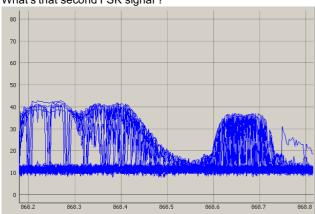




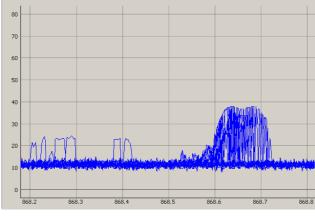
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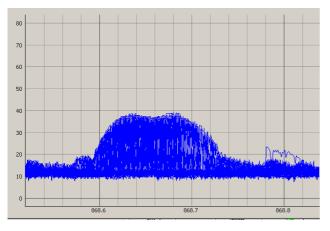
# Interesting

### What's that second FSK signal?



### to be sure





Start Frequency = 868.52 MHz

Center Frequency = 868.68 MHz

End Frequency = 868.84 MHz

DeltaTime = 196.95237624

DeltaTime = 0.46291128

DeltaTime = 0.44633212

DeltaTime = 0.45416548

DeltaTime = 411.16738552

DeltaTime = 0.44779528

DeltaTime = 0.43870576

DeltaTime = 0.46591592

DeltaTime = 427.07110588

DeltaTime = 0.476807759999

DeltaTime = 0.44462336

DeltaTime = 377.49958872

DeltaTime = 0.44943972

DeltaTime = 0.4635336

DeltaTime = 0.44938056

DeltaTime = 220.59665432

DeltaTime = 0.450216599999

DeltaTime = 0.456704480001

DeltaTime = 0.45530632

DeltaTime = 238.32654436

DeltaTime = 0.4627464

DeltaTime = 0.44753528

DeltaTime = 0.44767688

DeltaTime = 279.25219536

DeltaTime = 0.47346388

DeltaTime = 0.44916456

DeltaTime = 98.70207012

DeltaTime = 459.8221028

DeltaTime = 0.4489698

DeltaTime = 0.46272316

DeltaTime = 0.44689752

DeltaTime = 262.43175732

DeltaTime = 0.46423224

DeltaTime = 0.448893

DeltaTime = 0.46168792

DeltaTime = 82.7743566

DeltaTime = 0.44784464

DeltaTime = 0.459976960001

DeltaTime = 0.450116079999

DeltaTime = 196.4906952

DeltaTime = 0.44671384

DeltaTime = 0.465313879999

DeltaTime = 0.448005640001

DeltaTime = 140.08798076

DeltaTime = 0.44613304

DeltaTime = 0.46323304

DeltaTime = 0.44819164 DeltaTime = 151.01516484

DeltaTime = 0.4440772

DeltaTime = 0.45295044

DeltaTime = 0.46276

DeltaTime = 401.60525204

DeltaTime = 0.44971536

DeltaTime = 0.45154452

DeltaTime = 0.46013204

DeltaTime = 138.72836372

DeltaTime = 0.44447004

DeltaTime = 0.45569536

DeltaTime = 0.45373028

DeltaTime = 257.88360684

DeltaTime = 0.45756408

DeltaTime = 0.45242096

DeltaTime = 36.37693564

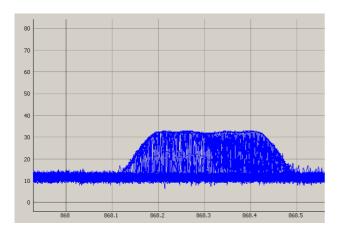
DeltaTime = 0.478957

DeltaTime = 0.434837559999

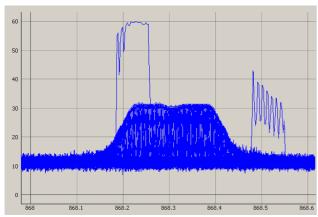
# **Frequency Deviation**

On the web they speak about a frequency deviation of 134 kHz. From the pictures below we concluse that probably the wrong definition of frequency deviation is used, so half of it (67 kHz) looks more realistic.

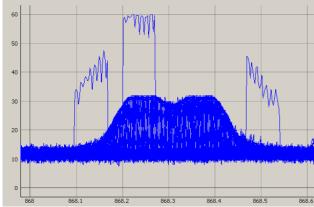
at 67 kHz: bandwidth is a little too high (and this picture is taken with the low Baudrate of 17.24 kHz)



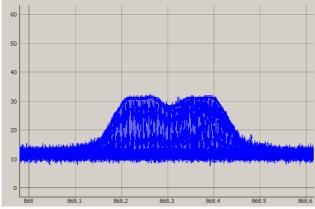
at 50 kHz: bandwith is a little too low



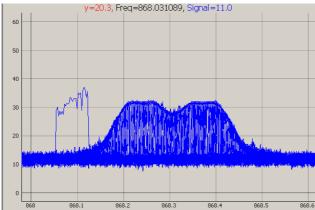
at 60 kHz: still a bit too low



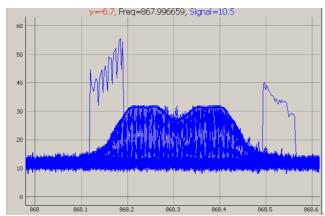
at 62 kHz:



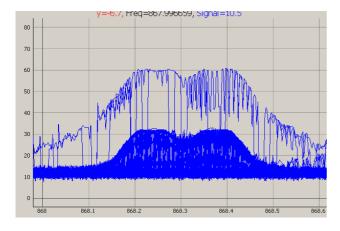
at 64 kHz:



at 67 kHz: this looks perfect now. The previous measurement at 17.24 kHz Bitrate is probally wrong. The central frequency of the WS3000 is about 15 to 20 kHz above the 868.3 kHz.



WS3000 + UHF-generator:



## **Baudrate**

For the greatest sensitivity it's necessary to know both the frequency-deviation and the Baudrate. As in the pictures below, we can see that with the values found on the internet (76 kHz and 17.24 kHz) the bandwidth from the UHF generator is larger than from the WS3000. Interesting to see that everyone is talking about 17.24 kHz and no one is talking how it's measured or derived. So I guess one guy measured it and everyone is copying that measurement. Also the suggested accuray of +/- 0.01 kHz is doubtfull, especially when you realize that it's a small burst with very low duty-cycle. Measurements were done with the following JAL program (GPIO2 was programmed for Rx clock output)

```
procedure SI4432_Baudrate_Loop (byte in Treshold) is
 var word N
 var byte RS232
 varbit Data_Old
 alias Data is GPIO2
 var byte ARR [200]
 var byte i
forever loop
  while SI4432_Read (0x26) < Treshold loop
  end loop
  serial_hw_write (0xEE)
  serial_hw_write (0xEE)
  serial_hw_write (SI4432_Read ( 0x26 ))
  for count(ARR) using i loop
   N = 0
   Data_Old = Data
   while Data == Data_Old loop
    N = N + 1
   end loop
   Arr[i] = N
  end loop
  for count(ARR) using i loop
   serial_hw_write (ARR[i])
  end loop
  while SI4432_Read (0x26) > Treshold loop
  end loop
 end loop
```

No absolute measurements were done, but the average half bit time was compared (always over 200 samples) between the WS3000 and the UHF-generator set at different Baudrates.

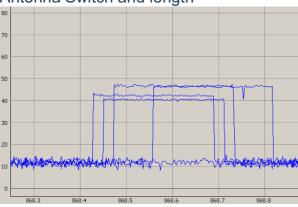
The average half bit time of the WS3000 was 6.17.

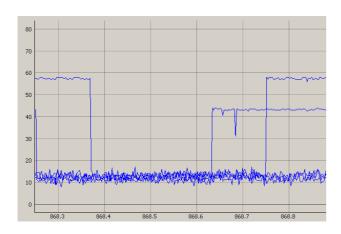
With the UHF-generator programmed at 17.24 kHz we measured a mean half-bit time of 5.7, so that's about 8% too low. With the standard Baudrate of 19.2 kHz, we measured 6.06, which is still 1.5 % too low, but much better than the 17.24 kHz, and more logical. In general an error of 2.5% timing error in serial communication is acceptable.

#### View with spectrum analyzer

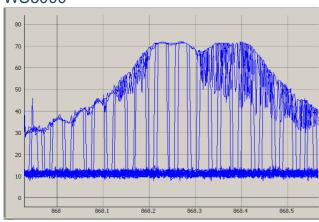
```
...plaatje
f-carrier = 434 MHz
probably FSK with f-deviation = 50 kHz
Repetion_Rate = 1.1 sec
Packet duration = 150 msec
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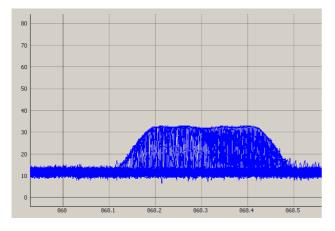
## Antenna Switch and length





## WS3000



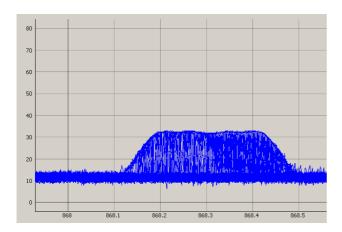


-- Modulation Type : FSK
-- Frequency Deviation : 76.0 [kHz]
-- Manchester : OFF
-- Carrier Frequency : 868.3 [MHz]
-- Data Rate : 17.24 [kb/s]

The UHF Generator is set at maximum output power, distance between transmitter and receiver is 20 cm, and still that low signal !!

But looking at the shape, it's somewhat too small.

The bandwidth looks a little bit too large.



### Frequency mismatch

```
AFC is enabled
+/-20 kHz
|00 00 00 D4 00 00 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00 00 00 D4 00 00 10 08 89 09 8A 0A 8B 0B 8C 0C 80 00 00 00 00 00
00 00 00 D4 00 00 20 22 24 26 28 2A 2C 2E 30 32 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00 00 00 D4 00 00 20 22 24 26 28 2A 2C 2B 30 34 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00 00 00 D4 00 00 08 08 89 09 85 05 45 85 C6 03 20 00 00 00 00 00 00
00 00 00 D4 00 00 08 08 89 09 8A 0A 8B 0B 8C 06 40 00 00 00 00 00 00
EE EE 21 20 52 A5 EE EE
EE EE 21 20 52 A6 EE EE
FF FF 21 20 D2 AA FF FF
D4 00 00 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 3F FF FF FF FF
EE EE 21 20 52 A5 EE EE
EE EE 21 20 52 A6 EE EE
EE EE 21 20 52 A5 EE EE
EE EE 21 20 52 A5 EE EE
EE EE 21 20 52 A6 EE EE
EE EE 21 20 52 A5 EE EE
FF FF 21 20 D2 A7 FF FF
EA 00 00 04 04 44 84 C2 82 A2 C2 F1 81 93 FF FF FF FF
+/-10 kHz, detection OK
EE EE 21 20 52 AC EE EE
FF FF 21 20 D2 AC FF FF
D4 00 00 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 3F FF FF FF FF
EE EE 21 20 52 AB EE EE
FF FF 21 20 D2 AC FF FF
D4 00 00 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 3F FF FF FF FF
```

#### AFC enabled / disabled

Disabling the AFC doesn't show any changes.

If AFC is enabled (default), registers 2B,73,74 should hold the frequency offset (after the sync word is detected) ???

after intializing these registers SI4432\_Write ( 0x2B, 0xFF )

## Minimal Preamble length

We need at least 3 nibbles to get a resonable error free detection.

#### Packet Hacker 2

Probably as done in Packet\_Hacker can be achieved with a normal read procedure, so we implemented the normal read procedure in Packet\_Hacker\_2. We made a comparison between those two procedures, by testing low preamble tresholds for both the procedures, on the left Packet\_Hacker\_2 and on the right Packet\_Hacker.

#### preamble length = 2

D4 00 00 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 D4 00 00 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 D4 00 00 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 D4 00 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 04 66 AA D7 AB 56 FA D9 94 A6 D7 6B 48 B9 6B AD 6B 72 8B D5 D6 77 7A 5B 99 6B AA AA AF BD AA F3 B5 B5 DA B7 55 A9 69 AB CA 4A A2 8C C2 54 AD 60 44 4A A0 C5 24 64 85 43 A8 14 95 88 B0 08 04 00 10 02 41 00 21 00 80 C1 02 02 40 28 81 00 09 00 90 4A 57 97 AF 67 2D 5B 97 68 73 5A BB 2B DD 5D 57 AB 6A BA F4 CA D4 00 00 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

```
EE EE 21 20 52 A9 EE EE
EE EE 21 20 52 A9 EE EE
FF FF 21 20 D2 AA FF FF
D4 00 00 20 22 24 26 28 14 58 5C 60 61 FF FF FF FF FF
EE EE 21 20 52 A9 EE EE
FF FF 21 20 D2 A9 FF FF
D4 00 00 08 08 89 09 8A 05 45 85 C6 06 4F FF FF FF FF
EE EE 21 20 52 A9 EE EE
EE EE 21 20 52 A9 EE EE
EE EE 21 20 52 A9 EE EE
EF FF FF 21 20 D2 A6 FF FF
D4 00 00 08 08 89 04 C5 05 45 85 E3 03 27 FF FF FF FF
```

preamble\_length = 3

```
EE EE 21 20 52 AC EE EE
FF FF 21 20 D2 AB FF FF
D4 00 00 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 3F FF FF FF FF
EE EE 21 20 52 AB EE EE
FF FF 21 20 D2 AB FF FF
D4 00 00 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 3F FF FF FF FF
EE EE 21 20 52 AC EE EE
FF FF 21 20 D2 AB FF FF
D4 00 00 10 02 24 26 28 2A 2C 2E 30 32 7F FF FF FF FF
preamble_length = 4
D4 00 00 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 D4 00 00 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 D4 00 00 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 D4 00 00 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
D4 00 00 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
D4 00 00 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 00 00 00 10 00 00 00
D4 00 00 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
D4 00 00 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 00 00 00 00 10 80 00
D4 00 00 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
D4 00 00 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
D4 00 00 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 00 00 00 00 00 D4 00 00 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
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RE RE 21 20 52 AA RE RE FF FF FF FF 21 20 D2 AB FF FF FF D4 00 00 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 00 00 3F 81 F8 EE RE 21 20 52 AB RE RE FF FF 21 20 D2 AB FF FF D4 00 00 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 3F FF FF FF FF FF FF 21 20 D2 AA FF FF FF 21 20 D2 AA FF FF D4 00 00 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 3F FF FF FF FF FF FF FF 21 20 D2 AA FF FF FF D4 00 00 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 3F FF FF FF FF FF D4 00 00 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 3F FF FF FF FF FF
```

### **Packet Hacker**

Because we don't know anything about the contents of the package, and hope it will at least contains a preamble and 1 sync byte (0x4D which is often the standard), we want to see if we can read it.

Because we want to use the Rx-FIFO, we mimick the behaviour of the packet handler, i.e.

- wait for valid preamble
- · wait for valid sync word
- read all data
- · reset the receiver if the RSSI becomes too low

```
-- test if RX FIFO not empty
if (R02 & 0x20) == 0 then
serial_hw_write (0xAA)
while (R02 & 0x20) == 0 loop
serial_hw_write (SI4432_Read (0x7F))
R02 = SI4432_Read (0x02)
end loop
serial_hw_write (R02)
serial_hw_write (R03)
serial_hw_write (R04)
serial_hw_write (SI4432_Read (0x31))
serial_hw_write (SI4432_Read (0x26))
end if
```

```
52 21
FF FF D2 21 FF FF
AA 9F 9F 9F 9F 9F D4 61 20 92 10 B;
AA 24 24 24 24 24 00 61 AO 92 10 B;
AA 39 39 39 39 39 00 61 AO 92 10 B.
AA 31 31 31 31 31 10 61 AO 92 10 B;
AA 44 44 44 44 11 61 AO 92 10 B.
AA 55 55 55 55 55 12 61 AO 92 10 B.
AA 28 28 28 28 28 13 61 AO 92 10 B.
AA AB AB AB AB AB 14 61 AO 92 10 B;
AA D3 D3 D3 D3 D3 15 61 A0 92 10 B.
AA 06 06 06 06 06 16 61 AO 92 10 B.
AA 01 01 01 01 01 17 61 A0 92 10 B.
AA C4 C4 C4 C4 C4 18 61 AO 92 10 B.
AA F3 F3 F3 F3 F3 19 61 A0 92 10 B
AA 4F 4F 4F 4F 4F 3F 61 AO 92 10 4:
AA 89 89 89 89 89 DF 61 AO 92 10 4:
AA 2D 2D 2D 2D 2D FF 61 AO 92 10 4.
AA AO AO AO AO FF 61 AO 92 10 4:
      -- testif RX FIFO not empty
      if (R03 & 0x10)!= 0 then
       serial_hw_write (0xAA)
       while (R02 \& 0x20) == 0 loop
        serial_hw_write(SI4432_Read(0x7F))
        R02 = SI4432_Read(0x02)
       end loop
       serial_hw_write (R02)
       serial_hw_write (R03)
       serial_hw_write ( R04 )
       serial_hw_write (SI4432_Read (0x31))
       serial_hw_write (SI4432_Read (0x26))
      end if
52 21
FF FF D2 21 FF FF
AA D4 00 00 10 11 12 21 30 92 10 B1
AA
                        21 30 92 10 B1
AA 13 14 15 16 17 18 21 30 92 10 B1
AA
                        21 30 92 10 B2
AA 19 3F FF FF FF FF 21 30 92 10 43
AA
                        21 30 92 10 40
AA EB FF FF FF FF FF 21 30 92 10 43
AA
                        21 30 92 10 42
      -- testif RX FIFO not empty
      if (( R03 & 0x10 ) != 0 ) & (( R02 & 0x20 ) == 0) then
       serial_hw_write (0xAA)
       while (R02 \& 0x20) == 0 loop
        serial_hw_write(SI4432_Read(0x7F))
        R02 = SI4432_Read(0x02)
       end loop
       serial_hw_write (R02)
       serial_hw_write ( R03 )
       serial_hw_write (R04)
       serial_hw_write (SI4432_Read (0x31))
       serial_hw_write (SI4432_Read (0x26))
      end if
52 21
FF FF D2 21 FF FF
AA D4 00 00 10 11 12 21 30 92 10 B1
AA 13 14 15 16 17 18 21 30 92 10 B1
AA 19 3F FF FF FF FF 21 30 82 10 43
AA EF FF FF FF FF 21 30 82 10 43
      -- test if RX FIFO not empty
      if (( R03 & 0x10 ) != 0 ) & (( R02 & 0x20 ) == 0) then
       ;serial_hw_write(0xAA)
       while ((R02 & 0x20) == 0) loop
        serial_hw_write(SI4432_Read(0x7F))
        R02 = SI4432_Read(0x02)
        RSSI = SI4432\_Read(0x26)
       end loop
       ;serial_hw_write ( R02 )
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```
;serial_hw_write(R03)
         ;serial_hw_write(R04)
         ;serial_hw_write(SI4432_Read(0x31))
         ;serial_hw_write ( SI4432_Read ( 0x26))
         if RSSI < 0x80 then
          SI4432_Write (0x07,0x03)
           SI4432_Write (0x08,0x03)
           SI4432_Write (0x08,0x00)
           delay_1ms(1) -- minimal 200 us
           SI4432_Write (0x07,0x07)
         end if
        end if
EE EE 21 20 52 AD EE EE
FF FF 21 20 D2 AD FF FF
D4 00 00 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 3F FF FF FF FF
EE EE 21 20 52 AD EE EE
FF FF 21 20 D2 AE FF FF
D4 00 00 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 3F FF FF FF
EE EE 21 20 52 AB EE EE
FF FF 21 20 D2 AB FF FF
D4 00 00 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 3F FF FF FF FF
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