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Packet recovery in an advertisement system

Abstract

An advertisement system includes a tuner, an error detection and correction circuit, a decoder, and an output device. The tuner is operational to listen on a first channel of a plurality of channels for a first received packet during a current scan window. The error detection and correction circuit is operational to command the tuner to listen on a second channel of the plurality of channels within the current scan window for a second received packet in response to (i) an incomplete reception of the first received packet or (ii) the first received packet having uncorrectable errors, and correct the first received packet to create a first advertisement packet in response to the first received packet being received and correctable. The decoder is operational to decode the first advertisement packet to generate first advertisement information. The output device is operational to present the first advertisement information as first advertisement data.

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Background/Summary

INTRODUCTION

(1) The present disclosure relates to a system and a method for packet recovery in an advertisement receiver.

(2) Current Bluetooth Low Energy systems allow a single Bluetooth advertisement packet to be processed in a respective advertising interval. If a current packet is corrupted beyond recovery, the advertisement data carried in the packet is lost until repeated in a later advertising interval. Other advertisement packets available during the current advertising interval are ignored.

(3) Accordingly, those skilled in the art continue with research and development efforts in the field of packet recovery in an advertisement system where an advertisement packet is corrupted or missing during a current scan window.

SUMMARY

(4) An advertisement system is provided herein. The advertisement system includes a tuner, an error detection and correction circuit, a decoder, and an output device. The tuner is operational to listen on a first channel of a plurality of channels for a first received packet during a current scan window. The error detection and correction circuit is operational to command the tuner to listen on a second channel of the plurality of channels within the current scan window for a second received packet in response to an incomplete reception of the first received packet, command the tuner to listen on the second channel within the current scan window for the second received packet in response to the first received packet having uncorrectable errors, and correct the first received packet to create a first advertisement packet in response to the first received packet being received and correctable. The decoder is operational to decode the first advertisement packet to generate first advertisement information. The output device is operational to present the first advertisement information as first advertisement data.

(5) In one or more embodiments of the advertisement system, the error detection and correction circuit is further operational to command the tuner to listen on a third channel of the plurality of channels within the current scan window for a third received packet in response to an incomplete

reception of the second received packet, and command the tuner to listen on the third channel within the current scan window for the third received packet in response to the second received packet having uncorrectable errors.

(6) In one or more embodiments of the advertisement system, the error detection and correction circuit is further operational to correct the second received packet to create a second advertisement packet in response to the second received packet being received and correctable. The decoder is further operational to decode the second advertisement packet to generate second advertisement information. The output device is further operational to present the second advertisement information as second advertisement data.

(7) In one or more embodiments of the advertisement system, the error detection and correction circuit is further operational to correct the third received packet to create a third advertisement packet in response to the third received packet being received and correctable. The decoder is further operational to decode the third advertisement packet to generate third advertisement information. The output device is further operational to present the third advertisement information as third advertisement data.

(8) In one or more embodiments of the advertisement system, the tuner is further operational to listen to the first channel of the plurality of channels in a later scan window in response to the first received packet being unusable in the current scan window.

(9) In one or more embodiments of the advertisement system, the tuner is further operational to listen to the second channel of the plurality of channels in a next scan window in response to the first received packet being decoded during the current scan window.

(10) In one or more embodiments of the advertisement system, the tuner is further operational to listen to the second channel of the plurality of channels in a next scan window in response to the second received packet being decoded in the current scan window.

(11) In one or more embodiments of the advertisement system, in no greater than 500 microseconds after the tuner finishes reception of the first received packet the error detection and correction circuit determines that the first received packet is uncorrectable, the error detection and correction circuit commands the tuner to switch to the second channel, and the tuner switches to the second channel to listen for a start of the second received packet within the current scan window.

(12) In one or more embodiments of the advertisement system, the first received packet and the second received packet are Bluetooth Low Energy packets.

(13) In one or more embodiments, the advertisement system includes an antenna coupled to the tuner and operational to receive a plurality of received packets. The antenna, the tuner, the error detection and correction circuit, the decoder, and the output device form part of a vehicle.

(14) A method for packet recovery in an advertisement system is provided herein. The method includes listening with a tuner on a first channel of a plurality of channels for a first received packet during a current scan window, commanding the tuner to listen on a second channel of the plurality of channels within the current scan window for a second received packet in response to an incomplete reception of the first received packet, commanding the tuner to listen on the second channel within the current scan window for the second received packet in response to the first received packet having uncorrectable errors; correcting the first received packet to create a first advertisement packet in response to the first received packet being received and correctable, decoding the first advertisement packet to generate first advertisement information, and presenting the first advertisement information as first advertisement data.

(15) In one or more embodiments, the method includes commanding the tuner to listen on a third channel of the plurality of channels within the current scan window for a third received packet in response to an incomplete reception of the second received packet, and commanding the tuner to listen on the third channel within the current scan window for the third received packet in response to the second received packet having uncorrectable errors.

(16) In one or more embodiments, the method includes correcting the second received packet to

create a second advertisement packet in response to the second received packet being received and correctable, decoding the second advertisement packet to generate second advertisement information, and presenting the second advertisement information as second advertisement data.

(17) In one or more embodiments, the method includes correcting the third received packet to create a third advertisement packet in response to the third received packet being received and correctable, decoding the third advertisement packet to generate third advertisement information, and presenting the third advertisement information as third advertisement data.

(18) In one or more embodiments, the method includes listening to the first channel of the plurality of channels in a later scan window in response to the first received packet being unusable in the current scan window.

(19) In one or more embodiments, the method includes listening to the second channel of the plurality of channels in a next scan window in response to the first received packet being decoded during the current scan window.

(20) In one or more embodiments, the method includes listening to the second channel of the plurality of channels in a next scan window where the second received packet was decoded in the current scan window.

(21) In one or more embodiments of the method, in no greater than 500 microseconds after the tuner finishes reception of the first received packet the first received packet is determined to be uncorrectable, and the tuner switches to the second channel to listen for a start of the second received packet within the current scan window.

(22) In one or more embodiments of the method, the first received packet and the second received packet are Bluetooth Low Energy packets.

(23) A vehicle is provided herein. The vehicle includes an antenna, a tuner, an error detection and correction circuit, and a decoder. The antenna is operational to receive a plurality of received packets. The tuner is coupled to the antenna and operational to listen on a first channel of a plurality of channels for a first received packet during a current scan window. The error detection and correction circuit is operational to command the tuner to listen on a second channel of the plurality of channels within the current scan window for a second received packet in response to an incomplete reception of the first received packet, command the tuner to listen on the second channel within the current scan window for the second received packet in response to the first received packet having uncorrectable errors, and correct the first received packet to create a first advertisement packet in response to the first received packet being received and correctable. The decoder is operational to decode the first advertisement packet to generate first advertisement information.

(24) The above features and advantages and other features and advantages of the present disclosure are readily apparent from the following detailed description of the best modes for carrying out the disclosure when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings.

Description

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

- (1) FIG. 1 is a schematic plan diagram of a context of an environment around a vehicle in accordance with one or more exemplary embodiments.
- (2) FIG. 2 is a graph of a Bluetooth Low Energy spectrum in accordance with one or more exemplary embodiments.
- (3) FIG. 3 is a graph of a typical Bluetooth Low Energy broadcast and reception in accordance with one or more exemplary embodiments.
- (4) FIG. 4 is a graph of an erroneous Bluetooth Low Energy reception in accordance with one or more exemplary embodiments.

(5) FIG. 5 is a flow diagram of a method for packet recovery in accordance with one or more exemplary embodiments.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

(6) Embodiments of the disclosure provide a system and/or a method that is able to detect a corrupt advertisement packet and still receive advertisement data during a same advertising interval. An advertisement system within a vehicle has a Bluetooth Low Energy tuner generally operating in a scanning mode. The scanning mode listens sequentially to predetermined channels (e.g., channel 37, channel 38, and channel 39) for received packets that convey advertisement data. If an advertisement packet is received on a current channel during a current scan interval, and either there are no cyclic redundancy check (CRC) errors or the CRC errors are correctable, the packet may be decoded. The decoded advertisement data is subsequently presented to people inside the vehicle. The advertisement system may wait until a next scan interval to listen for a next advertisement packet, and channel changes are performed during the current scan interval.

(7) If the advertisement packet is not received during the current scan interval or the advertisement packet is received with sufficient errors that recovery is not possible (e.g., the advertisement packet is unusable), the advertisement packet data is lost. Therefore, the advertisement system quickly selects and changes to a new channel during the current scan interval and attempts to receive a next advertisement packet via the new channel. If there is another unrecoverable CRC error or no packet received for the next advertisement, the scanning device will select and change to yet another channel and scan to receive other advertisement.

(8) Referring to FIG. 1, a schematic plan diagram of an example context of an environment 70 around a vehicle 80 is shown in accordance with one or more exemplary embodiments. The environment 70 includes one or more advertisers 72 (one shown) and one or more the vehicles 80 (one shown). The vehicle 80 carries one or more occupants 90 and has a built-in advertisement system 100. The advertisement system 100 generally includes an antenna 102, a tuner 104, an error detection and correction circuit 106, a decoder 108, and an output device 110. The advertiser 72 broadcasts transmit packets to the vehicle 80 via wireless communications 74. The output device 110 may present advertisement data 112 to the occupant 90.

(9) The advertiser 72 implements a Bluetooth transmitter. The advertiser 72 is operational to transmit advertisement data in transmitted packets via one or more (e.g., 3) advertisement channels among multiple (e.g., 40) Bluetooth channels carried by the wireless communications 74. The wireless communications 74 may be compliant with the Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) wireless personal area network technology. For example, a first transmitted packet may convey first advertisement data in a first channel (e.g., channel 37) while the other two advertisement channels are silent. A second transmitted packet may convey second advertisement data in a second channel (e.g., channel 38) while the other two advertisement channels are silent. A third transmitted packet may convey third advertisement data in a third channel (e.g., channel 39) while the other two advertisement channels are silent. The transmitted packets may be sent sequentially in a single scan window. The scan window generally occurs in a single scan interval. The scan interval may be repeated over and over again. The advertisement data transmitted in a given scan interval may be repeated and/or changed in the various scan intervals.

(10) The vehicle 80 implements a gas-powered vehicle, an electric vehicle, a hybrid vehicle, or a plug-in hybrid vehicle. In various embodiments, the vehicle 80 may include, but is not limited to, a passenger vehicle, a truck, an autonomous vehicle, a gas-powered vehicle, an electric-powered vehicle, a hybrid vehicle, a motorcycle, a boat, and/or an aircraft. Other types of vehicles 80 may be implemented to meet the design criteria of a particular application. The vehicle 80 houses (or carries) the advertisement system 100 and components within the advertisement system 100.

(11) The advertisement system 100 implements an advertisement receiver and presentation system. The advertisement system 100 is operational to listen on a first channel of multiple channels of the wireless communications 74 for a first transmitted packet during a current scan window. The

advertisement system **100** may listen on a second channel within the current scan window for a second transmitted packet in response to an incomplete reception of the first transmitted packet and/or reception of a first transmitted/received packet having uncorrectable errors. The advertisement system **100** may correct the first received packet, where appropriate, to create a first advertisement packet in response to the first transmitted packet being received and correctable. Thereafter, the advertisement system **100** decodes the first advertisement packet to generate first advertisement data, buffer the first advertisement data, and subsequently present the advertisement data **112** to the occupant **90**.

(12) The antenna **102** implements a radio frequency antenna. The antenna **102** is coupled to the tuner **104**, and is operational to sense the packets transmitted by the advertiser **72** via the wireless communications **74**. The transmitted packets sensed by the antenna **102** may be presented as sensed advertisement packets **103** to the tuner **104**.

(13) The tuner **104** implements a Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) tuner. The tuner **104** is operational to listen to multiple channels in the wireless communications **74**, one channel at a time. The current channel being monitored may be controlled by the error detection and correction circuit **106**. The advertisement packets acquired by the tuner **104** may be presented as received advertisement packets **105** to the error detection and correction circuit **106**.

(14) The error detection and correction (EDC) circuit **106** implements a cyclic redundancy check (CRC) error detection and correction circuit. The EDC circuit **106** is operational to accept the received advertisement packets **105** from the tuner **104**, check the received advertisement packets **105** for errors, and attempt to correct one or more errors in the received advertisement packets **105** if found. Where a current received advertisement packet **105** is error free or has correctable errors, the EDC circuit **106** may command the tuner **104** to stay on the current channel for a remainder of the current scan interval. Thereafter, the tuner **104** may be commanded to switch to a next channel in the next scan interval. Where a current received advertisement packet **105** is missing or has uncorrectable errors, the EDC circuit **106** may command the tuner **104** to switch to a different channel during the current scan interval. Switching channels may continue until either a received advertisement packet **105** is successfully detected and/or corrected, or each available channel has been scanned. The EDC circuit **106** may present corrected advertisement packets **107** to the decoder **108**.

(15) The decoder **108** implements a block decoder. The decoder **108** is operational to decode the corrected advertisement packets **107** provided by the EDC circuit **106** to generate advertisement information **109**. The advertisement information **109** is presented to the output device **110**.

(16) The output device **110** implements a man machine interface device. The output device **110** is operational to buffer the advertisement information **109**, and present the advertisement information **109** as advertisement data **112** to the occupant **90** in a form that the occupant **90** understands. In various embodiments, the output device **110**/advertisement data **112** may implement a display/visual data, a speaker/audio data, a haptic device/touch data, or a combination thereof.

(17) Referring to FIG. 2, a graph of an example Bluetooth Low Energy spectrum **120** is shown in accordance with one or more exemplary embodiments. The spectrum **120** includes multiple (e.g., 40) channels **122** in a 2.4 gigahertz band **124**. The advertisement channels may be channels **37**, **38**, and **39**. The spectrum **120** for Bluetooth extends from 2402 megahertz (MHz) to 2480 MHz, with 1 MHz wide channels, separated by 2 MHz.

(18) The channels **37**, **38**, and **39** are used for transmitting the advertisement packets. The other channels may be used for other data, and in some cases, additional advertisement packets. During a scan interval, the advertiser **72** transmits the advertisement packets sequentially on the advertising channels, one channel at a time.

(19) While the advertiser **72** is in an advertising mode, advertising packets are sent periodically on each advertising channel. A time interval between the transmitted advertising packets has both a fixed scan interval and a random delay. The fixed interval ranges from approximately 20

milliseconds (ms) to approximately 10.24 seconds, in steps of 0.625 ms. The random delay may be a pseudo-random value from 0 ms to 10 ms. The randomness helps reduce a possibility of collisions between advertisements of different advertisers **72**. Where the fixed interval is short (e.g., 20 ms), a quiet period of approximately 500 microseconds or greater may exist between an end of one transmitted advertising packet and a start of a next advertising packet.

(20) Referring to FIG. 3, a graph of an example implementation of a typical Bluetooth Low Energy broadcast and reception **140** is shown in accordance with one or more exemplary embodiments. Time is illustrated advancing left to right. The advertiser **72** may broadcast advertisement packets in the advertisement channels **142a-142c** in a current (or first) advertisement interval (e.g., **144a**). The advertisement channels **142a-142c** may be used again in a next (or second) advertisement interval (e.g., **144b**). The advertisement channels **142a-142c** may be used again in a subsequent (or third) advertisement interval (e.g., **144c**), and so on.

(21) The advertisement system **100** normally listens to the broadcasts during a scan window **148a-148c** within each scan interval **146a-146c**. In a current (or first) scan interval/scan window (e.g., **146a/148a**), the advertisement system **100** listens on a current (or first) advertisement channel (e.g., **142a** or channel **37**). In a next (or second) scan interval/scan window (e.g., **146b/148b**), the advertisement system **100** listens on a next (or second) advertisement channel (e.g., **142b** or channel **38**). In a subsequent (or third) scan interval/scan window (e.g., **146c/148c**), the advertisement system **100** listens on a subsequent (or third) advertisement channel (e.g., **142c** or channel **39**). The cycle may repeat in later scan intervals/later scan windows where the advertisement system **100** listens again on the first advertisement channel **142a**, then the second advertisement channel **142b**, and then the third advertisement channel **142c**, and so on.

(22) Referring to FIG. 4, a graph of an example implementation of an erroneous Bluetooth Low Energy reception **160** is shown in accordance with one or more exemplary embodiments. Time is illustrated advancing left to right. The advertiser **72** may broadcast the advertisement packets in the advertisement channels **142a-142c** within advertisement intervals **144a-144d**.

(23) The advertisement system **100** may find a first received advertisement packet **162a** in the first advertisement channel **142a** during the first scan interval **146a**/first scan window **148a**. In the example, the first received advertisement packet **162a** has uncorrectable CRC errors. In response to detecting the uncorrectable CRC errors, the EDC circuit **106** instructs the tuner **104** to listen on the second advertisement channel **142b** during the first scan interval **146a** for a potentially later-broadcast second advertisement packet. In the example, a second received advertisement packet **162b** may be received without errors or with correctable errors. As such, the EDC circuit **106** may present the error-free second received advertisement packet **162b** to the decoder **108**. The decoder **108** decodes the second received advertisement packet **162b** to recover second advertisement information. The output device **110** subsequently presents the second advertisement information as second advertisement data to the occupant **90** while no other advertisements are active inside the vehicle **80**.

(24) In the second advertisement interval **144b**, the advertiser **72** may broadcast advertisement packets in the advertisement channels **142a-142c**. The advertisement system **100** may be listening to the second advertisement channel **142b** and thus receives the second advertisement packet again during the second scan interval **146b**/second scan interval **148b**. If the repeated second advertisement packet **162c** has uncorrectable CRC errors, the EDC circuit **106** instructs the tuner **104** to listen on the third advertisement channel **142c** during the second scan interval **146b** for the later-broadcast third advertisement packet. A third advertisement packet **162d** may be received with uncorrectable errors or simply not received. As such, no advertisement packets are obtained by the advertisement system **100** during the second scan interval **146b**.

(25) In the third advertisement interval **144c**, the advertisement system **100** may be listening to the third advertisement channel **142c** and thus receives the third advertisement packet during the third scan interval **146c**/third scan window **148c**. If the third received advertisement packet **162e** is error

free or has correctable CRC errors, the EDC circuit **106** error corrects the third received advertisement packet **162e**. The decoder **108** subsequently decodes the third received advertisement packet **162e** to recover the third advertisement information. At an appropriate time later, the output device **110** presents third advertisement data.

(26) In the fourth (later) advertisement interval **144d**, the advertisement system **100** may be listening again to the first advertisement channel **142a** for first advertisement packet during the fourth scan interval **146d**/fourth scan window **148d**. If the first advertisement packet **162f** is uncorrectable or not received, the EDC circuit **106** instructs the tuner **104** to listen to the second advertisement channel **142b** for the second advertisement packet. Where the second advertisement packet **162g** is also uncorrectable or not received, the EDC circuit **106** instructs the tuner **104** to listen to the third advertisement channel **142c** for the third advertisement packet. If the third advertisement packet **162h** is usable, the EDC circuit **106**, the decoder **108**, and the output device **110** extract the third advertisement data for presentation. A delay **164** between finishing one advertisement packet and the start of the next advertisement packet may be approximately 500 microsecond or more.

(27) Referring to FIG. 5, with references back to FIGS. 1 and 4, a flow diagram of an example method **180** for packet recovery is shown in accordance with one or more exemplary embodiments. The method (or process) **180** is implemented by the advertisement system **100**. The example is based on the broadcast of three advertising channels per advertising interval. The method **180** includes steps **182** to **234**, as illustrated. The sequence of steps is shown as a representative example. Other step orders may be implemented to meet the criteria of a particular application.

(28) In the step **182**, the advertisement system **100** may start a current scan window (e.g., the first scan window **148a**) in a current scan interval (e.g., the first scan interval **146a**). The EDC circuit **106** commands the tuner **104** in the step **184** to listen to a current advertisement channel (e.g., the first advertisement channel **142a**) among the multiple advertisement channels **142a-142c**. The tuner **104** listens on the current advertisement channel for a current received packet during the current scan window in the step **186**.

(29) A check is performed by the EDC circuit **106** in the step **188** to determine if the entire current received packet was received. If the current received packet was received (e.g., no errors detected or correctable errors detected), the current received packet is decoded by the EDC circuit **106** to generate current advertisement information in the step **190**. In the step **192**, the current advertisement information is added to a queue of advertisement information waiting to be presented. In the step **194**, the current advertisement information is presented by the output device **110** as current advertisement data to the occupant **90** once the current advertisement information reaches a top of the queue.

(30) The advertisement system **100** waits for a start of a next scan interval and the next scan window in the step **196**. When the current scan interval (e.g., **146a**) ends, the advertisement channel is advanced (e.g., from **142a** to **142b**) in the step **198**. The scan window is advanced (e.g., **148a** to **148b**) in the step **200**. Thereafter, the method **180** returns to the step **184** and commands the tuner **104** to listen to the new current advertisement channel (e.g., **142b**) in the next scan interval (e.g., **146b**)

(31) In situations where the current received packet is missing or contains uncorrectable errors, a check is performed in the step **202** for more advertisement channels still to be broadcast in the current scan window. If no more advertisement channels remain in the current scan window, the method **180** returns to step **196** and waits for the current scan interval to end. If more current advertisement channels are yet to be broadcast in the current scan window, the EDC circuit **106** may command the tuner **104** to listen on a next advertisement channel within the current scan window for a next received packet in the step **204**. In the step **206**, the tuner **104** listens on the next channel for the next received packet during the current scan window. Time between the step **188** concluding that the current advertisement packet was not properly received and the step **206** where

the tuner **104** starts listening for the next advertisement packet generally occurs within the approximately 500 microsecond delay **164**.

(32) A check is performed by the EDC circuit **106** in the step **208** to determine if the entire next received packet was received. If the next received packet was properly received (e.g., no errors detected or correctable errors detected), the next received packet is decoded by the EDC circuit **106** to generate next advertisement information in the step **210**. In the step **212**, the next advertisement information is added to the queue. In the step **214**, the next advertisement information is presented as next advertisement data by the output device **110** to the occupant **90** once the next advertisement information reaches a top of the queue. The method **180** may return to the step **196** and wait for a new scan interval to start.

(33) If the next received packet is missing or contains uncorrectable errors, a check is performed in the step **222** for more advertisement channels still to be broadcast in current scan window. If no more advertisement channels remain in the current scan window, the method **180** returns to step **196** and waits for the current scan interval to end. If more current advertisement channels are yet to be broadcast in the current scan window, the EDC circuit **106** may command the tuner **104** to listen on a subsequent advertisement channel within the current scan window for a subsequent received packet in response to an incomplete reception of the next received packet in the step **224**. In the step **226**, the tuner **104** listens on the subsequent channel for the subsequent received packet during the current scan window.

(34) A check is performed by the EDC circuit **106** in the step **228** to determine if the entire subsequent received packet was received. If the subsequent received packet was properly received (e.g., no errors detected or correctable errors detected), the subsequent received packet is decoded by the EDC circuit **106** to generate subsequent advertisement data in the step **230**. In the step **232**, the subsequent advertisement data is added to the queue of advertisement data waiting to be displayed. In the step **234**, the subsequent advertisement data is presented by the output device **110** to the occupant **90** upon reaching the top of the queue. The method **180** may return to the step **196** and wait for a new scan interval to start. While the method **180** is illustrated for the broadcast of three advertising channels **142a-142c** per advertising interval, fewer or more advertising channels may be accounted for by shrinking or expanding the method **180**.

(35) Embodiments of the disclosure provide Bluetooth Low Energy systems and/or methods that may detect CRC errors in one advertising channel and quickly tune to another advertising channel to recover an advertisement packet during a single advertising interval. Current Bluetooth Low Energy advertisements broadcast the three advertising channels in a sequence (e.g. channels **37**, **38**, and **39**) per advertising interval. If the advertising system that is scanning an advertising channel receives a CRC error due to corrupt bit errors, the packet may be discarded. In response to discarding the packet, a next advertising channel is selected by the scanning system.

(36) Embodiments of the system/method allow Bluetooth Low Energy packets to be recovered during the same advertising interval. Scanning multiple channels per advertising interval improves throughput of systems that implement Bluetooth Low Energy. Instead of waiting for the next advertising interval, that introduces a minimum of a 20 ms delay, the system/method allows the detection of bit errors and tries to capture the next packet being transmitted on the next channel.

(37) Embodiments of the disclosure generally provide an advertisement system. A tuner is operational to listen on a first of multiple channel for a first received packet during a current scan window. An error detection and correction circuit is operational to command the tuner to listen on a second channel of the plurality of channels within the current scan window for a second received packet in response to an incomplete reception of the first received packet, command the tuner to listen on the second channel within the current scan window for the second received packet in response to the first received packet having uncorrectable errors, and correct the first received packet to create a first advertisement packet in response to the first received packet being received and correctable. A decoder is operational to decode the first advertisement packet to generate first

advertisement data. An output device is operational to present the first advertisement data.

(38) Numerical values of parameters (e.g., of quantities or conditions) in this specification, including the appended claims, are to be understood as being modified in each instance by the term “about” whether or not “about” actually appears before the numerical value. “About” indicates that the stated numerical value allows some slight imprecision (with some approach to exactness in the value; about or reasonably close to the value; nearly). If the imprecision provided by “about” is not otherwise understood in the art with this ordinary meaning, then “about” as used herein indicates at least variations that may arise from ordinary methods of measuring and using such parameters. In addition, disclosure of ranges includes disclosure of values and further divided ranges within the entire range. Each value within a range and the endpoints of a range are hereby disclosed as a separate embodiment.

(39) While the best modes for carrying out the disclosure have been described in detail, those familiar with the art to which this disclosure relates will recognize various alternative designs and embodiments for practicing the disclosure within the scope of the appended claims.

Claims

1. An advertisement system comprising: a tuner operational to listen on a first channel of a plurality of channels for a first received packet during a current scan window; an error detection and correction circuit operational to: command the tuner to listen on a second channel of the plurality of channels within the current scan window for a second received packet in response to an incomplete reception of the first received packet; command the tuner to listen on the second channel within the current scan window for the second received packet in response to the first received packet having uncorrectable errors; and correct the first received packet to create a first advertisement packet in response to the first received packet being received and correctable; a decoder operational to decode the first advertisement packet to generate first advertisement information; and an output device operational to present the first advertisement information as first advertisement data.
2. The advertisement system according to claim 1, wherein the error detection and correction circuit is further operational to: command the tuner to listen on a third channel of the plurality of channels within the current scan window for a third received packet in response to an incomplete reception of the second received packet; and command the tuner to listen on the third channel within the current scan window for the third received packet in response to the second received packet having uncorrectable errors.
3. The advertisement system according to claim 2, wherein: the error detection and correction circuit is further operational to correct the second received packet to create a second advertisement packet in response to the second received packet being received and correctable; the decoder is further operational to decode the second advertisement packet to generate second advertisement information; and the output device is further operational to present the second advertisement information as second advertisement data.
4. The advertisement system according to claim 2, wherein: the error detection and correction circuit is further operational to correct the third received packet to create a third advertisement packet in response to the third received packet being received and correctable; the decoder is further operational to decode the third advertisement packet to generate third advertisement information; and the output device is further operational to present the third advertisement information as third advertisement data.
5. The advertisement system according to claim 1, wherein the tuner is further operational to: listen to the first channel of the plurality of channels in a later scan window in response to the first received packet being unusable in the current scan window.
6. The advertisement system according to claim 1, wherein the tuner is further operational to: listen to the second channel of the plurality of channels in a next scan window in response to the first

received packet being decoded during the current scan window.

7. The advertisement system according to claim 1, wherein the tuner is further operational to: listen to the second channel of the plurality of channels in a next scan window in response to the second received packet being decoded in the current scan window.

8. The advertisement system according to claim 1, wherein in no greater than 500 microseconds after the tuner finishes reception of the first received packet: the error detection and correction circuit determines that the first received packet is uncorrectable; the error detection and correction circuit commands the tuner to switch to the second channel; and the tuner switches to the second channel to listen for a start of the second received packet within the current scan window.

9. The advertisement system according to claim 1, wherein the first received packet and the second received packet are Bluetooth Low Energy packets.

10. The advertisement system according to claim 1, further comprising: an antenna coupled to the tuner and operational to receive a plurality of received packets, wherein the antenna, the tuner, the error detection and correction circuit, the decoder, and the output device form part of a vehicle.

11. A method for packet recovery in an advertisement system comprising: listening with a tuner on a first channel of a plurality of channels for a first received packet during a current scan window; commanding the tuner to listen on a second channel of the plurality of channels within the current scan window for a second received packet in response to an incomplete reception of the first received packet; commanding the tuner to listen on the second channel within the current scan window for the second received packet in response to the first received packet having uncorrectable errors; correcting the first received packet to create a first advertisement packet in response to the first received packet being received and correctable; decoding the first advertisement packet to generate first advertisement information; and presenting the first advertisement information as first advertisement data.

12. The method according to claim 11, further comprising: commanding the tuner to listen on a third channel of the plurality of channels within the current scan window for a third received packet in response to an incomplete reception of the second received packet; and commanding the tuner to listen on the third channel within the current scan window for the third received packet in response to the second received packet having uncorrectable errors.

13. The method according to claim 12, further comprising: correcting the second received packet to create a second advertisement packet in response to the second received packet being received and correctable; decoding the second advertisement packet to generate second advertisement information; and presenting the second advertisement information as second advertisement data.

14. The method according to claim 12, further comprising: correcting the third received packet to create a third advertisement packet in response to the third received packet being received and correctable; decoding the third advertisement packet to generate third advertisement information; and presenting the third advertisement information as third advertisement data.

15. The method according to claim 11, further comprising: listening to the first channel of the plurality of channels in a later scan window in response to the first received packet being unusable in the current scan window.

16. The method according to claim 11, further comprising: listening to the second channel of the plurality of channels in a next scan window in response to the first received packet being decoded during the current scan window.

17. The method according to claim 11 further comprising: listening to the second channel of the plurality of channels in a next scan window where the second received packet was decoded in the current scan window.

18. The method according to claim 11, wherein in no greater than 500 microseconds after the tuner finishes reception of the first received packet: the first received packet is determined to be uncorrectable; and the tuner switches to the second channel to listen for a start of the second received packet within the current scan window.

19. The method according to claim 11, wherein the first received packet and the second received packet are Bluetooth Low Energy packets.

20. A vehicle comprising: an antenna operational to receive a plurality of received packets; a tuner coupled to the antenna and operational to listen on a first channel of a plurality of channels for a first received packet during a current scan window; an error detection and correction circuit operational to: command the tuner to listen on a second channel of the plurality of channels within the current scan window for a second received packet in response to an incomplete reception of the first received packet; command the tuner to listen on the second channel within the current scan window for the second received packet in response to the first received packet having uncorrectable errors; and correct the first received packet to create a first advertisement packet in response to the first received packet being received and correctable; and a decoder operational to decode the first advertisement packet to generate first advertisement information.
