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- reconfirmed;
- withdrawn;
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

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INTRODUCTION

This technical specification describes a new physical layer variant with respect to the already defined modulation techniques FSK and S-FSK within the IEC 61334 series (IEC 61334-5-1 and IEC 61334-5-2¹⁾).

The SS-FFH profile outlined in this technical specification basically incorporates spread spectrum modulation techniques. It offers the main advantages of very high robustness and improved EMI characteristics without sharing classical spread spectrum drawbacks such as exaggerated bandwidth demand or impractical realization.

The profile specifies the physical layer including the transmission methods and the services provided by both the physical layer and medium access sublayer entities.

¹⁾ IEC 61334-5-1, *Distribution automation using distribution line carrier systems – Part 5-1: Lower layer profiles – The spread frequency shift keying (S-FSK) profile*

IEC 61334-5-2, *Distribution automation using distribution line carrier systems – Part 5-2: Lower layer profiles – Frequency shift keying (FSK) profile*

DISTRIBUTION AUTOMATION USING DISTRIBUTION LINE CARRIER SYSTEMS –

Part 5-5: Lower layer profiles – Spread spectrum-fast frequency hopping (SS-FFH) profile

1 Scope and object

This technical specification describes the requirements of the spread spectrum-fast frequency hopping (SS-FFH) approach for distribution line carrier communication systems. It incorporates the primitives provided by the physical and MAC layer entities as well as the modulation and transmission methods.

2 Normative references

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IEC 61000-3-8, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 3: Limits – Section 8: Signalling on low-voltage electrical installations – Emission levels, frequency bands and electromagnetic disturbance levels*

IEC 61334-4-1, *Distribution automation using distribution line carrier systems – Part 4: Data communication protocols – Section 1: Reference model of the communication system*

IEC 61334-4-32, *Distribution automation using distribution line carrier systems – Part 4: Data communication protocols – Section 32: Data link layer – Logical Link Control (UC)*

ITU-T Recommendation V.42, *Error-correcting procedures for DCEs using asynchronous-to-synchronous conversion*