# LONWORKS Applications in Rail Transportation

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## **Examples of firms using LONWORKS Technology**











Safetran



Harmon



**Translite** 

**GE Harris** 









## LONWORKS Applications in Rail Transportation

Transit and Freight

**Monitoring & Diagnostics Maintenance Consist Building: Automation Black Box Recorders/Dataloggers** Car Identification, Numbering & **Seat Reservation Displays** Orientation **Destination Displays EP Braking** Lighting **Auxiliary Power Engine Controls,** HVAC **Traction** Refrigeration Dispatch & **Public Address Emergency Communications with Doors Control Center** Signaling

**Wayside Systems** 

**GPS Location** 



**Amtrak** 

- Electronic brake control units by Knorr Brake
- 3 units per car
- Use FT-10 free topology channel
- Deployment of 270 units starts Aug '97



NJ Transit

- Comet IV project
- Door monitoring by Vapor
- Signage and public address control (annunciation trigger) by Pocatek
- 96 cars deployed since Oct '96



Knorr Brake watchdog monitor

- Uses FT-10 free topology twisted pair
- 10-15 cars now revenue service as part of rehabs
- Remaining cars to be retrofit
- Harmon AATC
  - CBTC (Communications Based Train Control)
- Possibly others





Various Installations by Translite

- Electronic and Roller Curtain signs
- PA and audio control
- LonWorks based signs deployed
  - AMTRAK 1992
  - Boston MBTA project complete
  - SF Muni Railway in 2nd phase
  - SEPTA 900 signs total, nearly completed
  - St. Louis
  - Salt Lake City
  - Dallas
  - Pittsburgh (demo)



NJ Metro North

#### Peerless Event Recorder

- Uses PLT-10 transceiver
- 5 nodes/2-car set
- 70 M2 cars, 2 M3 cars deployed starting early-'96
- Plans for M1 and M4 cars
- Total of 290 car sets to be deployed over coming 18 months

NY Port Authority Project

- Braking system similar to BART by Knorr Brake
- Jamaica to JFK w/Howard Beach
- Uses FT-10 free topology twisted pair channel
- Deployment in 26 cars TBD

Kuala Lumpur

- Bombardier monitoring system integration
  - 2 car vehicle; 14 nodes per network
  - 2 A/C units/car, 2 propulsion systems, one aux power system, 1 braking system, 1 HMU
- Thermo-King air-conditioning system
- Alstom propulsion system
- Rolls Royce auxiliary power
- Knorr Brake brakes
- Questor/Tangent health monitor
- 35 train sets 2 cars per set; all deployed
- System installed 9 months ago; no problems



Sydney Commuter Rail

- Door control, voice messaging, intercom, security help buttons
- 15 cars deployed July '96
- 1,800 cars to be deployed by Y2000 @500 cars/year

Romania

- I/O modules on cars by Faiveley
- 13 modules per train car
- 50 cars deployed

Deutsche Bundesbahn

- Lighting, heating and air conditioning control for energy savings
- Development completed in 1996
- Two trains equipped with pilot systems
- Deployment in 2,500 cars in 1997

Deutsche Bahn





Schweizer Mittelthurgau-Bahn

- Passenger information system developed by Netcon
- 30 cars to be equipped in 1997

## **LONWORKS in Freight Trains**

Canadian National Railroad

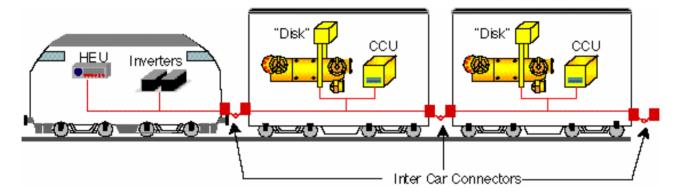
- Propulsion pack and braking control system
  - Real Time Solutions (STR) (Quebec City)
- Uses LonTalk over RF modem
- Deployed on three train sets





## **LONWORKS in Freight Applications**

AAR - ECP Brake



- Development sponsored by American Association of Railroads
- PLT-10A based power line signaling between locomotives and cars
- Reduces braking distance, improves performance and reliability
- Successful trials under way
- TSM (Rockwell)
  - 7 trains with LonWorks for ECP brake control; 120 cars per train
  - 2,000 cars equipped by June '97
- Pulse, NYAB

## **LONWORKS in Freight Trains**

NYAB's EP Brake

- LonWorks based electro-pneumatic braking
- Supports AAR requirements for upgrading existing rolling stock and all new rolling stock
- 110 car system in test / deployment
- Production Mar '97

## **LONWORKS in Freight Trains**

New York Air Brake

- Computer controlled braking by NYAB (CCB2)
- Integrated electronic airbrake
  - upgradeable to locotrol/distributed power
- Easily integrated with NYAB's LonWorks based ECP brake system
- Locomotive Systems Integration (LSI) compliant
  - Adaptable to non-LSI apps
- Developed with GE Harris
- Deployment began Oct '97



## Other Applications on Trains

- Signaling Safetran
  - Relay controllers in vital and non-vital systems
  - Deployed successfully
  - Gateway to Utilicom 902-928MHz RF radio
- Trip information datalogger (K7SC) Faiveley
  - Uses slim (8mm thick) memory card
  - Card logs all info to PC when trip completed
- Powerline (PLT-21) based communication in metro and national railway stations - Faiveley
  - Initial installations in progress in Paris Metro and Charles de Gaulle Etoille station



## **LONWORKS in Wayside Systems**

Platform Doors

- Faiveley
  - Installed in new metro line in Paris (Meteor)
- Monorail stations in Japan
  - FT-10 based design
  - Installation starting mid-1997

## Other Transportation Applications

Fault Tolerant Aircraft Control

- Raytheon engine, avionics, and cabin controls
- Fiber optical fiber based
- Triple Modular Redundant Architecture
  - Provides Fail Operational/Failsafe (not Fail Stop/Failsafe)



## Other Applications in Transportation

Transit Buses

#### PACE bus system, Chicago

- GPS, fare box, engine/transmission control, passenger counting system
- Uses FT-10 channel
- Being retrofitted to existing buses
  - 600 buses, mid-'96 to 2000

#### NJ Transit, Newark

Fare box, destination signs, other multiplex wiring

#### Marathon Coach

- High end RV motorcoach
- 33 LonWorks nodes for engine control & diagnostics, lighting, a/c, door control, generator control, kitchen control, video camera control, GPS
- Will deploy 60 buses in 1997
- Sparton Motors Fire trucks



#### **Power Line Communication Tests at NYCT**

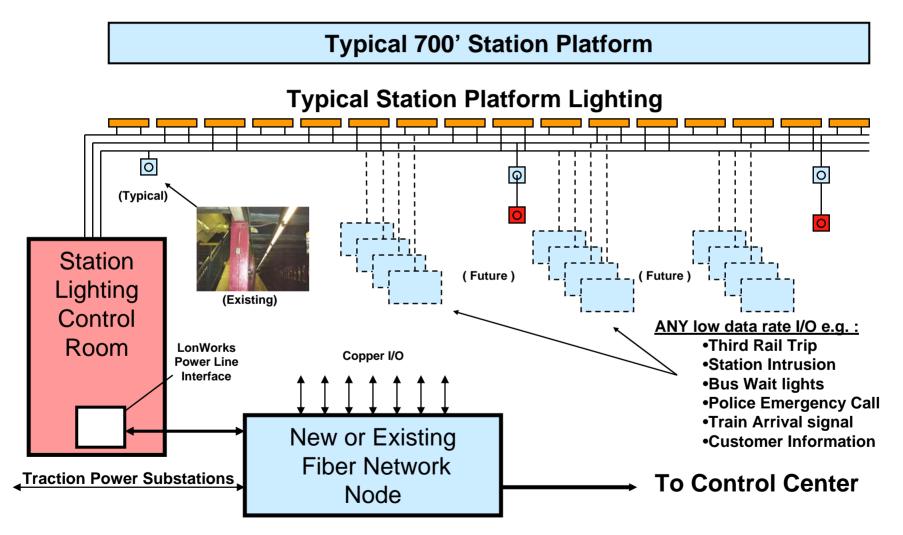


**Typical NYCT Station Lighting Interface** 

- Successful tests 1993
- Use existing station lighting wires
- Error-free communications over 700 feet
- Improves Station Appearance
- Cost effective
  - Compare: Conduit at \$50/foot
  - Allows additional functions not previously practical due to expense of running conduit

## **LONWORKS in Subway Stations**

Possible Future Systems using Station Lighting Control



#### Candidates for LonMark Standardization

"LONMARK Objects"



- Rail Transit Vehicles most likely candidates
  - IEEE 1474
    - Communications Based Train Control
  - IEEE 1482
    - Vehicle Health Monitoring / Data Loggers
  - IEEE 1475
    - Propulsion, Friction Brake and Master Control
  - IEEE 1476
    - Vehicle Auxiliary Power Systems
  - IEEE 1477
    - Vehicle Passenger Information Systems



- Rail Transit Vehicles additional candidates
  - HVAC (Existing LonMark standards)
  - Passenger Emergency Stop Request
  - Passenger Assistance/PA Interface
  - Car Lighting & Load Shed
  - Fare Collection (LRT & Bus Operations)
  - Driver/Conductor/Run # Card Swipe
  - Vehicle Door Monitoring and Control
  - GPS Location Interface
  - Digital Train & Analog Voice Radio Interface
  - Tachometer/odometer
  - Others?



- Railroad Locomotives and Cars
  - ECP Brakes
  - Locomotive Power Control
  - End of Train
  - Hot Bearing Detection
  - Refrigerator Car monitoring
  - GPS Location Interface
  - Tachometer/odometer
  - Others?

#### Transit Station

- Token Booth Silent Alarm
- Fare Collection Equipment
- Smoke, Fire, Intrusion Alarms
- Emergency Third Rail Trip
- Passenger Emergency Assistance
- Platform Intrusion
- Platform Doors
- Platform Under Car Deluge Monitoring & Control
- Platform Signs
- Vent Fan & Damper Control and Monitoring
- Video Camera control
- Bus Wait Light
- Tunnel Lighting Control and Monitoring
- Interlocking NV Control & Monitoring
- Others?

#### Wayside Applications

- Snow Melters
- Retarders
- Crossing Gate Interface to Traffic Controllers
- Crossing Gate Interface to Rail Vehicles
- Axle Counters
- Broken Rail Detectors
- Switch Machines
- Wayside Signals
- Traction Power Substation Monitoring
- Others?



#### **Questions and Discussion**

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