Recommended SX1276 Settings for EU868 LoRaWAN Network Operation
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1 Introduction

This application note presents the recommended setup of the SX1276 radio transceiver operating in a LoRaWAN network.

2 Uplink Transmissions

2.1 LoRa Mode

Uplink transmissions can use the following LoRa settings:

1. LoRa modulation with 125 kHz bandwidth, SF7 to SF12.
2. LoRa modulation with 250 kHz bandwidth, SF7 only. Corresponding to the high speed channel

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<td>‘0111’ (SF7) = 6kbit/s</td>
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<td>‘1100’</td>
<td>‘1100’ (SF12) = 300 bit/s</td>
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<td>Set sync word for LoRaWAN networks</td>
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<td>(default is 0x12 for other networks)</td>
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All registers not explicitly mentioned can stay with their default value.
2.2 GFSK Mode

The LoRaWAN specification defines a high speed uplink channel using 50kbit/s GFSK modulation. The following radio settings should be used (all settings omitted should be left to their default value)

**General and Transmitter settings**
- Modulation = FSK
- Fdev = +/-25kHz (modulation index = 1)
- Bit rate setting = 50kbit/s
- Gaussian filter ON
- Filter setting : BT=0.5
- Output Power setting: hardware dependent
- PA selection: hardware dependent

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<td>FSK Modulation scheme</td>
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<td>Tx mode</td>
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<td>BitRate[15:8]</td>
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<td>BitRate set to 50kbps</td>
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<td>BitRate[7:0]</td>
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<td>RegFdevMsb (0x04)</td>
<td>Fdev[13:8]</td>
<td>0x01</td>
<td>Frequency deviation set to +/-25kHz</td>
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<tr>
<td>RegFdevLsb (0x05)</td>
<td>Fdev[7:0]</td>
<td>0x99</td>
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**Frame and Packet Handler settings**

- Packet Mode : this mode inserts a PHY header to support variable payload length
- Preamble Length = 5 bytes
- Sync Word= 3 bytes : 0xC194C1
- Variable Length frame format
- DC-free data encoding = Whitening
- CrcOn=1, CrcAutoclearOn=1

![Packet Handler Format](image)
### SX1276 Register (address) | Register bit field (bit #) | Values | Note
--- | --- | --- | ---
RegPreambleMsb (0x25) | PreambleSize[15:8] | 0x00 | 5 Bytes of preamble for each packet
RegPreambleLsb (0x26) | PreambleSize[7:0] | 0x05 | 5 Bytes of preamble for each packet
RegSyncConfig (0x27) | AutoRestartRxMode[7:6] | '00' | AutoRestart OFF
PreamblePolarity[5] | '0' | Preamble 0xAA
SyncOn[4] | '1' | Sync Address enable
SyncSize[2:0] | '002' | 3 Bytes of Sync Word
RegPacketConfig1 (0x30) | PacketFormat[7] | ‘1’ | Variable length packets
DcFree[6:5] | ‘10’ | Whitening encoding enable
CrcOn[4] | ‘1’ | Enable CRC calculation
CrcAutoClearOff[3] | ‘0’ | Clear FIFO when CRC check fails
AddressFiltering[2:1] | ‘0’ | No address filtering
CrcWhiteningType[0] | ‘0’ | CCITT CRC and Whitening implementation
RegSyncValue1 (0x28) | SyncValue[63:56] | 0xC1 | Sync Address is 0xC194C1
RegSyncValue2 (0x29) | SyncValue[55:48] | 0x94 | 3 Bytes of Sync Word
RegSyncValue2 (0x2A) | SyncValue[47:40] | 0xC1 | 3 Bytes of Sync Word

## 3 Downlink Reception Slots Following an Uplink

A LoRaWAN node opens two reception slots for potential downlink communications after each uplink transmissions. The delay between the end of a transmission (signaled by the TxDone IRQ) and the beginning of the reception slot is constant and defined extremely precisely to minimize the reception current overhead on the end-point side. Most of the time this reception slot will not be used by the gateways, id no frame will be received. Therefore, to minimize the current consumption the radio is programmed to listen to the channel for the minimum time required to detect with certainty the presence or absence of a preamble. In the absence of a preamble, the radio goes back to stand-by mode.
### 3.1 LORA Mode

#### 3.1.1 Register Settings

In LoRa mode this is achieved simply by using the Receive Single mode.

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<td></td>
<td>Receive Single mode</td>
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<td>LnaGain[7:5]</td>
<td>‘001’</td>
<td>LNA gain set to the maximum value</td>
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<td>LnaBoostHf[1:0]</td>
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<td>LNA Boost enable</td>
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<td>Bw[7:4]</td>
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<td>(only SF7 is supported with 250kHz BW) CRC enable</td>
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<td>SymbTimeout[1:0]</td>
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<tr>
<td>RegSymbTimeoutLsb (0x1F)</td>
<td>SymbTimeout[7:0]</td>
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<td>0x05 when Spreading Factor is &gt;= 10 0x08 when Spreading Factor is &lt;= 9</td>
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<td>Length of the receiver window in symbols. If no preamble is detected during this time , the receiver goes back to stand-by</td>
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<tr>
<td>RegModemConfig3 (0x26)</td>
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<td>'1'</td>
<td>LNA gain set by internal AGC loop</td>
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<td>RegMaxPayloadLength (0x23)</td>
<td>PayloadMaxLength[7:0]</td>
<td>0x40</td>
<td>Sets the maximum possible downlink payload size to 64 bytes. Packets with payload greater than this threshold will not be demodulated, receiver will immediately go back to “stand-by” low power mode</td>
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<tr>
<td>RegInvertIQ (0x33)</td>
<td>InvertIQ[6]</td>
<td>'1'</td>
<td>I and Q signals are inverted</td>
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3.1.2 RX Window Precise Timing

This paragraph explains the optimal RX start-up time and RX slot duration for the given timing precision reachable by the end-device.

The downlink preamble transmitted by the gateways contains 8 symbols. The receiver requires 5 symbols to detect the preamble and synchronize. Therefore there must be a 5 symbols overlap between the receive window and the transmitted preamble.

The gateway always initiates the transmission of the preamble 1 sec +/- 20uSec after the end of the uplink. Therefore the beginning of the downlink preamble can be considered as a perfectly precise reference for the rest of this calculation.

Notation:

- **BW**: Signal modulation bandwidth in Hz
- **SF**: LORA spreading factor: 7 to 12
- **Tsymb**: Duration of a LORA symbol = \( \frac{2^{SF}}{BW} \) sec
- **RXwindow**: Length of the receive window
- **RXoffset**: Offset in sec between the optimal receiver turn-on time and the actual start of the gateway transmission
- **RXerror**: Maximum timing error of the receiver. The receiver will turn-on in a \([-RXerror : +RXerror]\) sec interval around RXoffset
- **T_RX_early**: Earliest time at which the receiver can start and synchronize on the downlink preamble
- **T_RX_late**: Latest time at which the receiver can start and synchronize on the downlink preamble

Those variables are illustrated in the following diagram:
The following diagram illustrates the positioning of the earliest and latest possible receive windows to achieve 5 overlapping symbols with the downlink preamble:

Figure 2: Typical Rx Window Timing
From this diagram the following equation can be deduced:

- $T_{RX\_late} = 3 \times T_{sym}$
- $T_{RX\_early} = 5 \times T_{sym} - RXwindow$

Additionally the difference between $T_{RX\_late}$ and $T_{RX\_early}$ corresponds to the maximum timing error range of the receiver therefore:

- $T_{RX\_late} - T_{RX\_early} = 2 \times RXerror$

To allow this maximum timing error range the receiver should be programmed to ideally turn-on at the mid-point between $T_{RX\_late}$ and $T_{RX\_early}$, therefore:

- $RXoffset = (T_{RX\_late} + T_{RX\_early})/2$

So assuming the RXerror parameter is set (RXerror is a direct consequence of a given design, it depends on the oscillator precision, temperature drift, ...)

We can deduce:

- $RXwindow = 2 \times T_{sym} + 2 \times RXerror$
- $RXoffset = 4 \times T_{sym} - RXwindow/2$

Because the minimum RXwindow must be at least 5 symbols long, the system always tolerates at least an RXerror of at least $1.5 \times T_{sym}$
Numerical application:

**The sensor can achieve a +/- 1.5mSec timing drift after a 1sec sleep period and is using SF7/125kHz**

At SF7/125kHz $T_{symb} = 1\text{mSec}$

So we set $RX_{error} = 1.5\text{mSec}$

We deduce $RX_{window} = 2 \times T_{symb} + 2 \times RX_{error}$

$$= 2 \times 128 / 125e3 + 3e-3 = 5\text{mSec}$$

The $RX_{window}$ is expressed in symbol unit in the SX1276 transceiver, at SF7 a symbol is 1mSec long therefore the $RX_{window}$ corresponds to 5 symbols.

The sensor will programmed to start with $RX_{offset} = 4 \times T_{symb} - RX_{window}/2$

$$= 4e-3 – 2.5e-3 = 1.5e3.$$

Without timing error, the receiver should turn on exactly 1.5mSec after the beginning of the downlink preamble.

**The sensor can achieve a +/- 20mSec timing drift after a 1sec sleep period and is using SF7/125kHz**

$RX_{window} = 2 \times T_{symb} + 2 \times RX_{error} = 42\text{mSec}$, this is larger than 5 symbols, therefore we set $RX_{window}$ to the immediately greater or equal length which is an integer multiple of $T_{symb}$

- $RX_{window} = 42 \times T_{symb} = 42\text{mSec}$

Then:

- $RX_{offset} = 4 \times T_{symb} - RX_{window}/2 = -17\text{mSec}$

The receiver should be programmed to start 17mSec before the start of the downlink preamble

**The same sensor but now using SF10/125kHz instead of SF7**

At SF10/125kHz $T_{symb} = 8.2\text{mSec}$

$RX_{window} = 2 \times T_{symb} + 2 \times RX_{error} = 56.4\text{mSec}$, this is larger than 5 symbols, therefore we set $RX_{window}$ to the immediately greater or equal length which is an integer multiple of $T_{symb}$

- $RX_{window} = 7 \times T_{symb} = 57.4\text{mSec}$

Then:

- $RX_{offset} = 4 \times T_{symb} - RX_{window}/2 = 4.1\text{mSec}$

The receiver should be programmed to start 4.1mSec after the start of the downlink preamble
The following tables give a few numerical examples for various SF / BW/ timing error sets:

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<td>1.0</td>
<td>1.5</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>2.0</td>
<td>3.1</td>
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3.2 GFSK Mode

3.2.1 Register Settings

Receiver-specific settings

- RxBw=50kHz // single side Carson BW=50kHz
- AfcBw=83.3kHz // assuming +/-30ppm of LO misalignment at 869.525 MHz
- AgcAuto=On
- Preamble Detection On, over 2 Bytes, Number of samples in error = 10
- AfcAutoOn
- AfcAutoClearOn
- RxTrigger=Preamble
- LnaBoost=On

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<td>Corrects frequency offset</td>
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<td>Trigs on preamble only</td>
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<td>Receiver Bandwidth = 50kHz SSB</td>
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<td>RxBwMantAfc[4:3]</td>
<td>‘10’</td>
<td>Receiver Bandwidth = 83.3kHz SSB for AFC</td>
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<td>10 chip errors tolerated over detection</td>
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<td>Sync Address enable</td>
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<td>Fill FIFO when Sync Address is detected</td>
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<td>SyncSize[2:0]</td>
<td>‘002’</td>
<td>3 Bytes of Sync Word</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RegPacketConfig1 (0x30)</td>
<td>PacketFormat[7]</td>
<td>‘1’</td>
<td>Variable length packets</td>
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<td></td>
<td>DcFree[6:5]</td>
<td>‘10’</td>
<td>Whitening encoding enable</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>CrcOn[4]</td>
<td>‘1’</td>
<td>Enable CRC calculation</td>
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<td></td>
<td>CrcAutoClearOff[3]</td>
<td>‘1’</td>
<td>PayloadReady IRQ will always be generated at the end of the frame, CRC must be checked through dedicated flag</td>
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<td></td>
<td>AddressFiltering[2:1]</td>
<td>‘00’</td>
<td>No address filtering</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td>CrcWhiteningType[0]</td>
<td>‘0’</td>
<td>CCITT CRC and Whitening implementation</td>
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<tr>
<td>RegPacketConfig2 (0x31)</td>
<td>DataMode[6]</td>
<td>‘1’</td>
<td>Packet Mode</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RegSyncValue1 (0x28)</td>
<td>SyncValue[63:56]</td>
<td>0xC1</td>
<td>Sync Address is 0xC194C1</td>
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<td>RegSyncValue2 (0x29)</td>
<td>SyncValue[55:48]</td>
<td>0x94</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>RegSyncValue2 (0x2A)</td>
<td>SyncValue[47:40]</td>
<td>0xC1</td>
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Expected performance: @ BER=0.1% = -109dBm (confirmed with PER on a short packet)

Operation Flowchart for Receiver
The following flowchart shows how the receiver should be operated for each reception slot in GFSK mode.

![FSK Rx Operation Flowchart](image)

Figure 4: FSK Rx Operation Flowchart
*DownlinkPresent timeout*: timer started when the device is set to Rx mode. Sized to only leave the receiver open for a short amount of time when the downlink command is expected. It is meant to capture 5 bytes of Preamble + 3 Bytes of Sync Word + margin, so should be set to 1.3ms.

The “SyncAddress” interrupt can be mapped to the DIO2 line of the SX1276 or can alternatively be polled through the SPI interface.

The “PayloadReady” interrupt can be mapped to the DIO0 line of the SX1276, or polled through the SPI interface.

### 3.2.2 RX Window Precise Timing in GFSK Mode

We note FSKbitrate the bit rate of the GFSK modulation in bit per sec

The GFSK frame preamble is 8 bytes long (5 bytes preamble + 3 bytes sync word), therefore the RX window and the beginning of the TX preamble must overlap on $8/\text{FSKbitrate}$ sec

The LoRaWAN v3 only supports a single GFSK bit rate = 50kbits/sec

Therefore the overlap must be equal or greater than 1.3mSec

So using the same notation than in the LORA section we have:

- $T_{RX\_late} = 0$
- $T_{RX\_early} = 1.3\text{mSec} - RX\text{window}$

Similarly we can deduce that for 50kbit/sec GFSK the minimal RXwindow is:

- $RX\text{window} = 1.3\text{mSec} + 2 \times \text{RXerror}$

and

- $RX\text{offset} = - RX\text{window}/2$
4 Random Number Generation for Cryptography

The LoRaWAN MAC software layer requires the generation of truly random numbers for cryptography purposes. This can be achieved using the naturally random noise of the radio channel. The recommended way to generate a random binary number is the following:

Radio receiver settings:

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<th>SX1276 Register (address)</th>
<th>Register bit field (bit #)</th>
<th>Values</th>
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<td>RegOpMode (0x01)</td>
<td>LongRangeMode[7]</td>
<td>‘1’</td>
<td>LoRa mode enable</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Model[2:0]</td>
<td>‘011’</td>
<td>Receive Continuous mode</td>
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<tr>
<td>RegModemConfig1 (0x1D)</td>
<td>Bw[7:4]</td>
<td>‘0111’</td>
<td>‘0111’ for 125kHz modulation Bandwidth</td>
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<td></td>
<td>CodingRate[3:1]</td>
<td>‘001’</td>
<td>4/5 error coding rate</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Packets have up-front header</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>ImplicitHeaderModeOn[0]</td>
<td>‘0’</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RegModemConfig2 (0x1E)</td>
<td>SpreadingFactor[7:4]</td>
<td>‘0111’</td>
<td>‘0111’ (SF7) = 6kbit/s</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

To generate an N bit random number, perform N read operation of the register RegRssiWideband (address 0x2c) and use the LSB of the fetched value. The value from RegRssiWideband is derived from a wideband (4MHz) signal strength at the receiver input and the LSB of this value constantly and randomly changes.

The RegRssiValue register (at address 0x1b) should not be used for random number generation. It has been experimentally measured that if a constant CW input power is applied at the receiver input inside the current receiver channel the LSB of the RegRssiValue register may be constant or strongly biased.
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