



FAIFA

*A first OpenSource PLC tool*

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# *FAIFA in Lao Langage*

- ໂຟຟ້າ = FAIFA
- ໂຟ : Fire
- ຟ້າ : Light
- FAIFA = Fai + Fa
- Laos = country between Thailand and Vietnam with large electrical resources but very low income per person

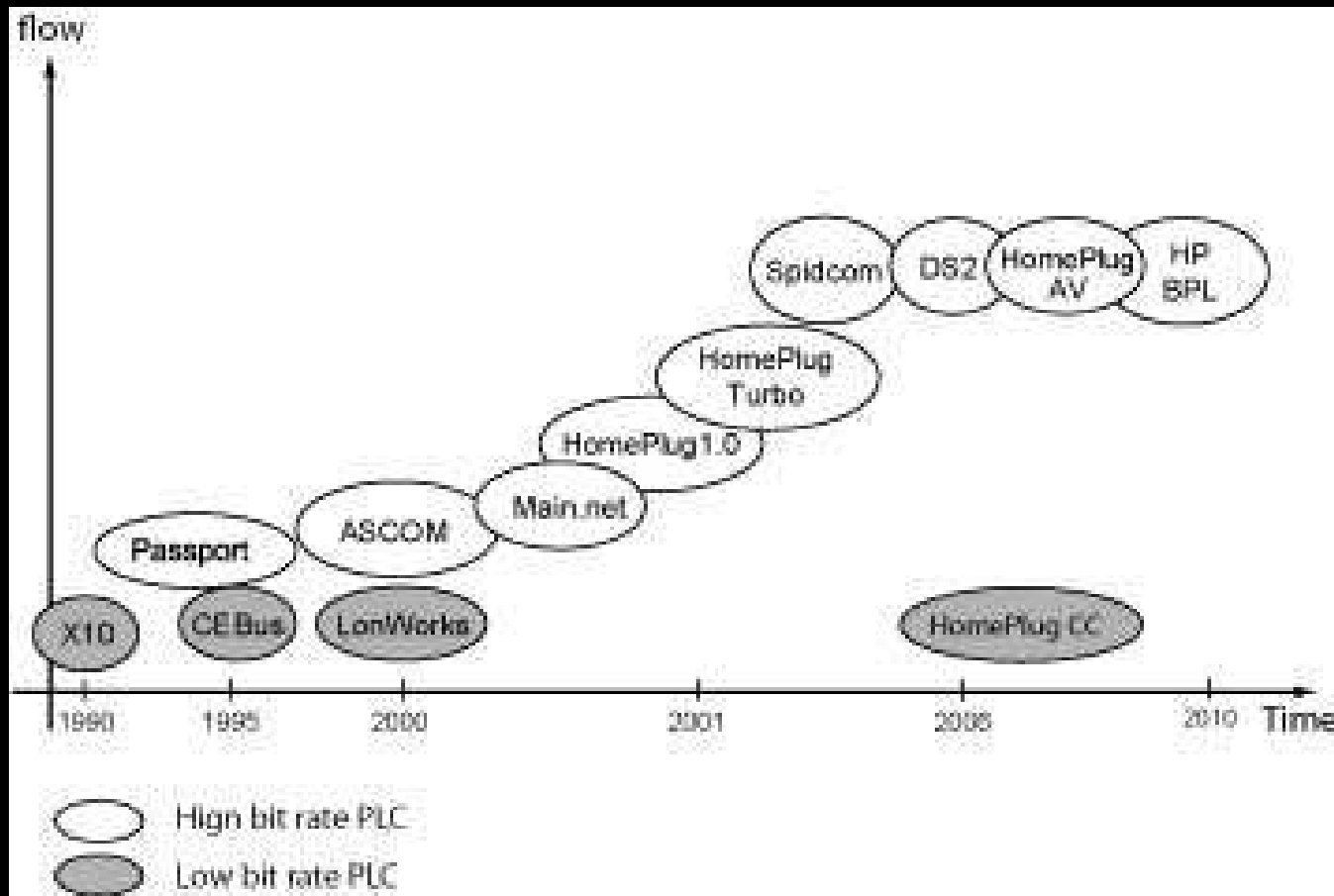
# *0x00 - Outline*

- *0x01 - PowerLineCommunications 101 class*
  - *Technology introduction*
  - *PHY/MAC layers in PLC*
  - *Security issues in PLC*
- *0x02 - Targeting HomePlug AV*
  - *H/W implementations*
  - *On-board designs*
  - *Potential exploits*
- *0x03 - Explaining the FAIFA tool*
  - *Existing open tool for PLC*
  - *Features / Tool design*
  - *Demo*
  - *Coming next*

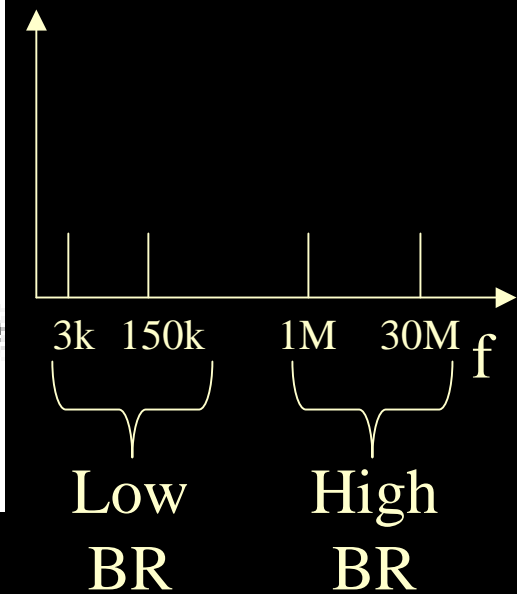
## *0x01 - PLC 101 crashclass*

- *PowerLineCommunications = usage of electrical cables for LAN (public or private electrical networks)*
- *Equivalent of an ETHERNET hub at layer1 and 2*

# *0x01 - PLC 101 History*

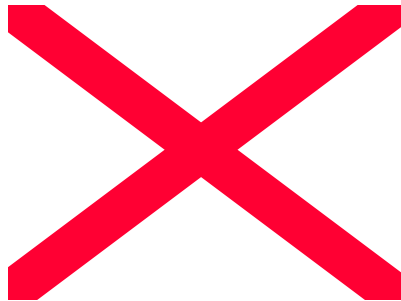


Upcoming  
IEEE 1901  
based on  
HomePlug AV

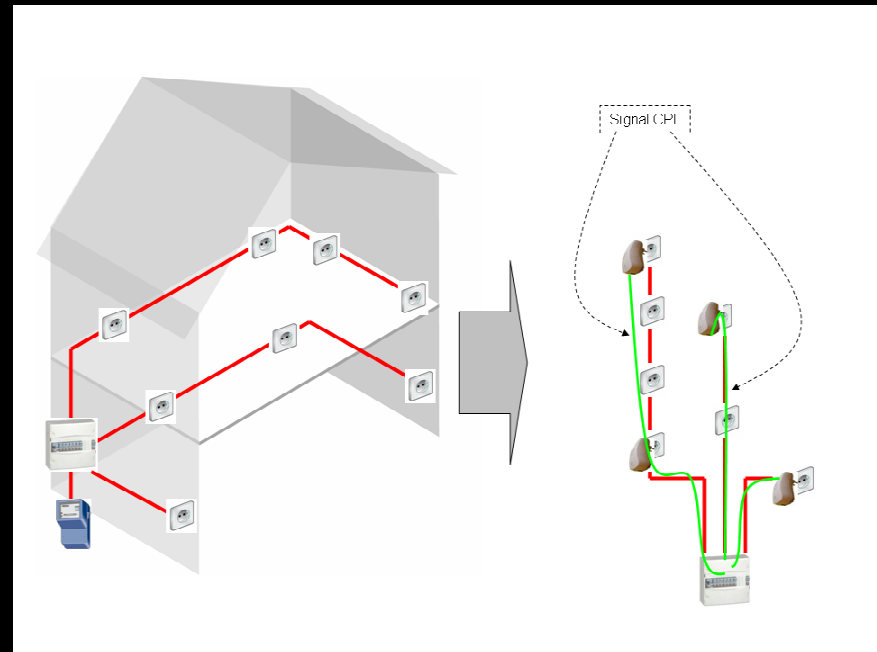


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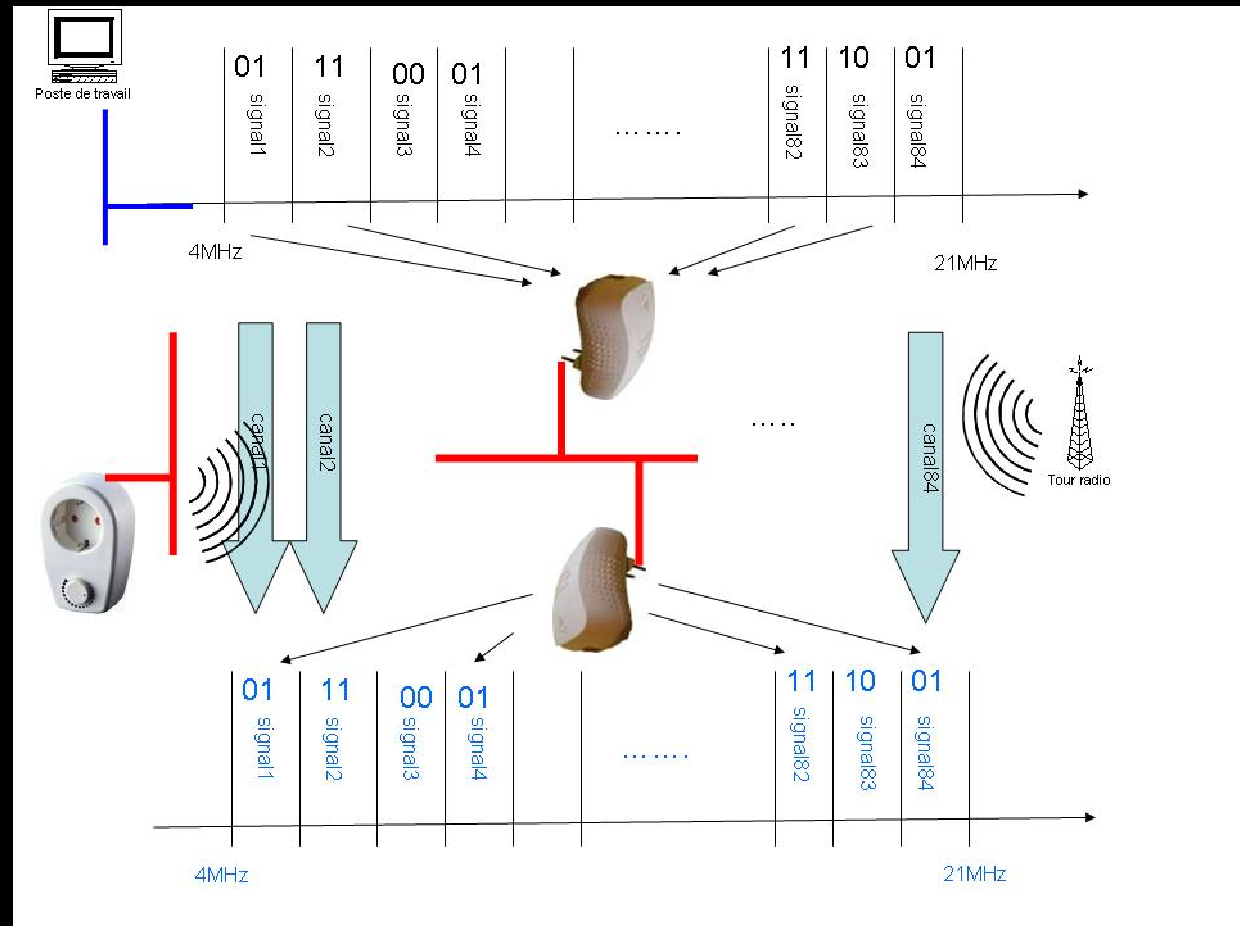
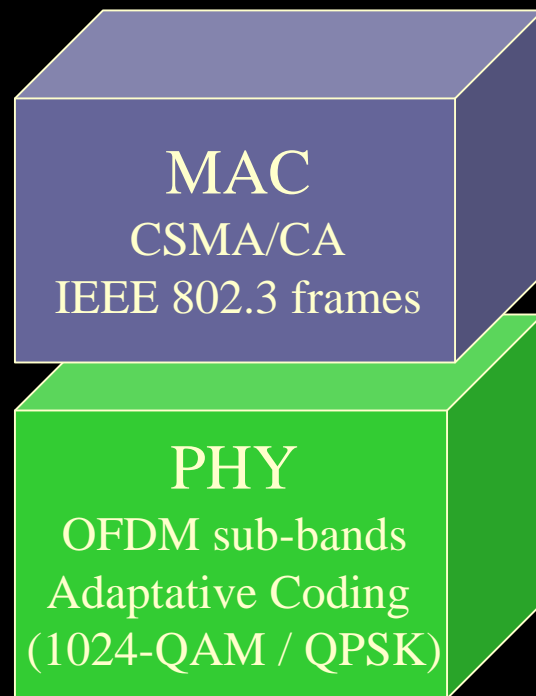
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Indoor



# *PHY/MAC layers in PLC (high BR)*

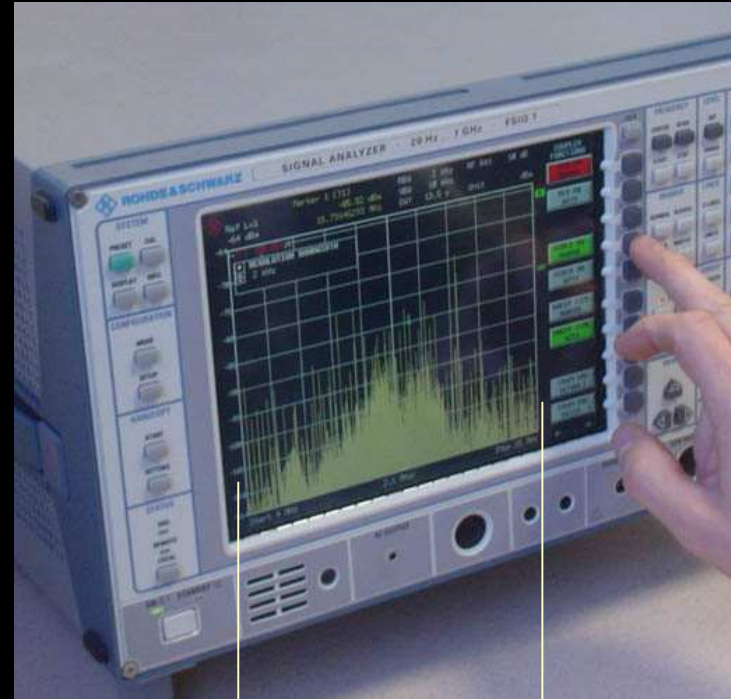
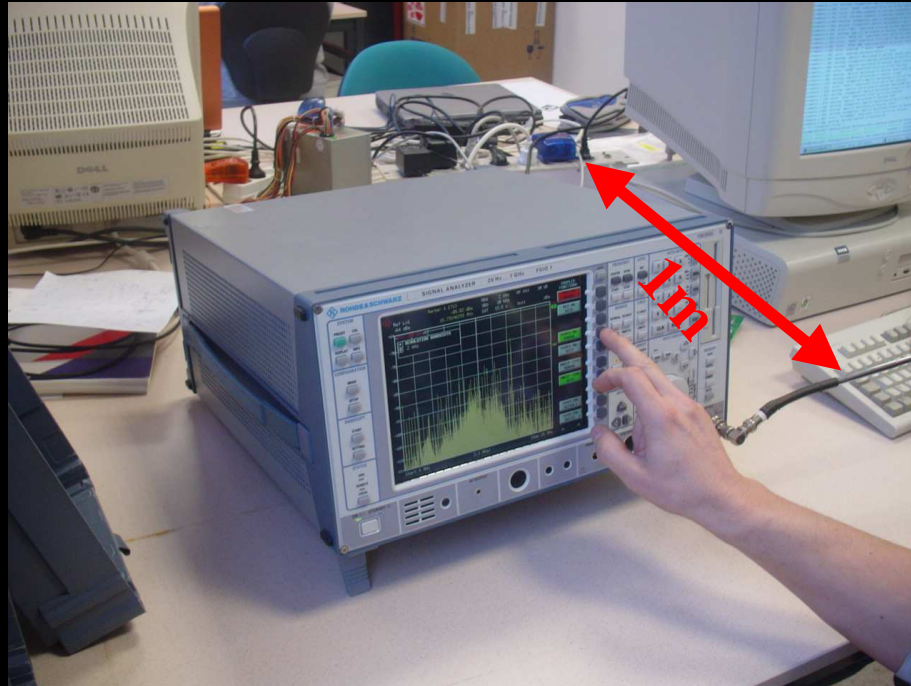


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# *Sniffing PLC communications*

Rohde & Schwarz Signal Analyzer FS10 - 20Hz – 7GHz



60kHz per division  
[-110,-95dBm]@1m  
Freq\_span = 656.25kHz

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1-30MHz  
OFDM modulation  
916 sub-bands





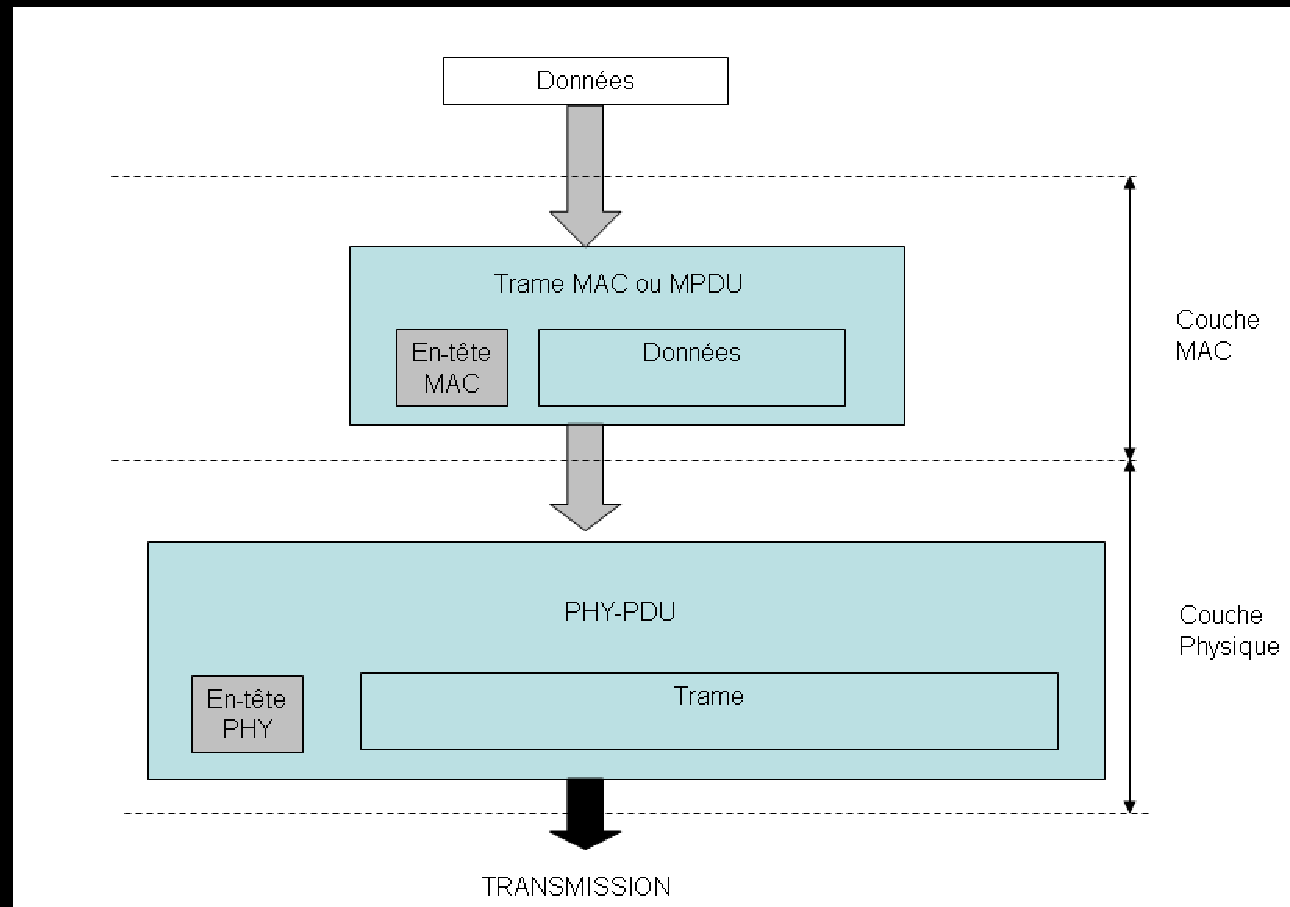
# *PLC Equipments*



- Ethernet bridges for PLC LAN
- PLC SetTopBoxes (DSL, WLAN, PLC...)
- PLC-MCU Gateways
- TV-Slingboxes
- IP-cams
- Y-Power adapters
- PLC ISP devices



# *PHY/MAC layers in PLC*



# *Security issues in PLC*

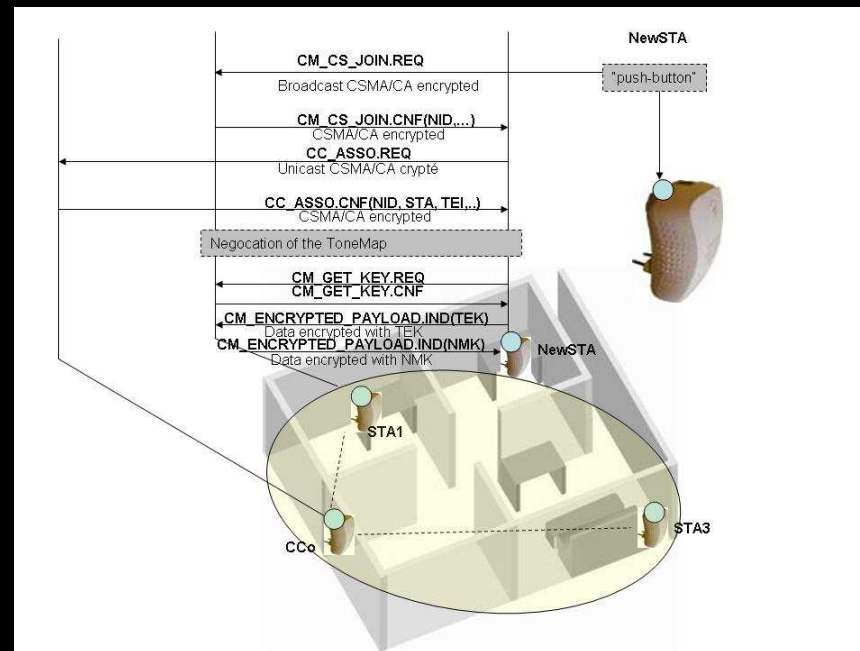
- Difficult access to the Medium
- Complete Hardware sniffing solution difficult to implement (Logic Analyzer + adaptive CAN + Demodulator + DataDumping + Decryption)
- Adaptative modulations between nodes based on the channel quality change ev. 5s

# *Security Issues in PLC*

- HomePlug 1.0 : Security at Layer2 by NEK (56-DES encryption)
- HomePlug AV : Security at Layer2 by NEK (AES-128 encryption) and COO / STA Architecture
- Encryption frames do not appear on the RJ45 interface if NEK wrong
- INT5500, INT6000 chip embedd the NEK fonctionnality allowing separation between electrical interface and RJ45 interface

# *Security Issues in PLC*

- HomePlug AV holds a « easy-connect » mode with a TEK (Temporary Encryption Key)

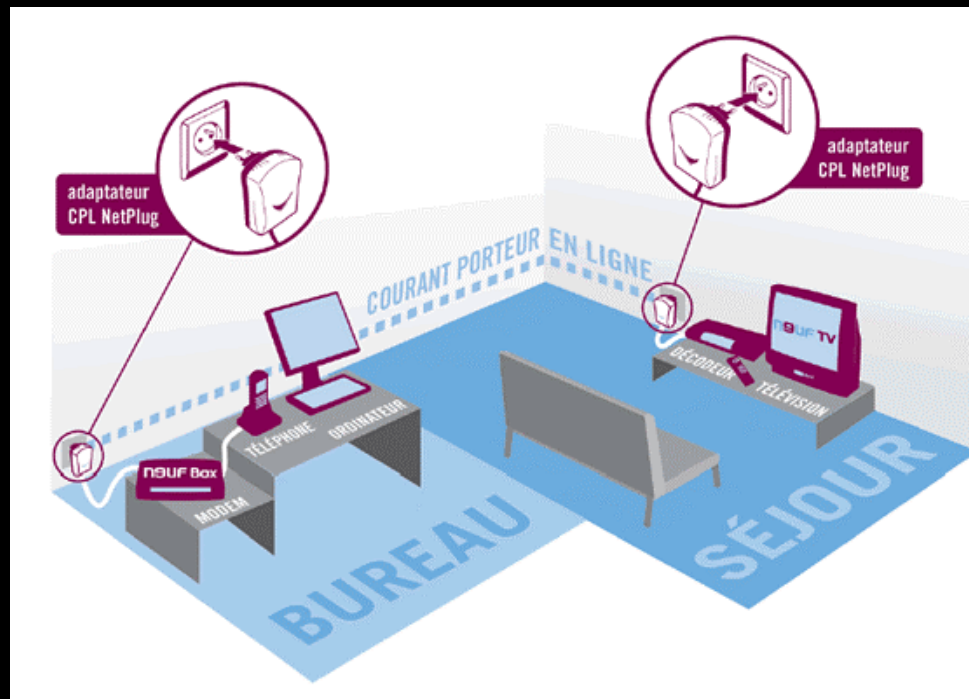


## *0x02 – Focus on HomePlug AV*

- HomePlug AV allows 200Mbits/s at the PHY Layer
- ETHERTYPE = 0x88e1
- 256 devices on a logical PLC networks
- COO / STA architecture
- FAIFA allows real-time monitoring of the PHY layer coding / modulation scheme
- CSMA / CA and TDMA (50/60Hz carrier-based) modes

# *ISP Applications*

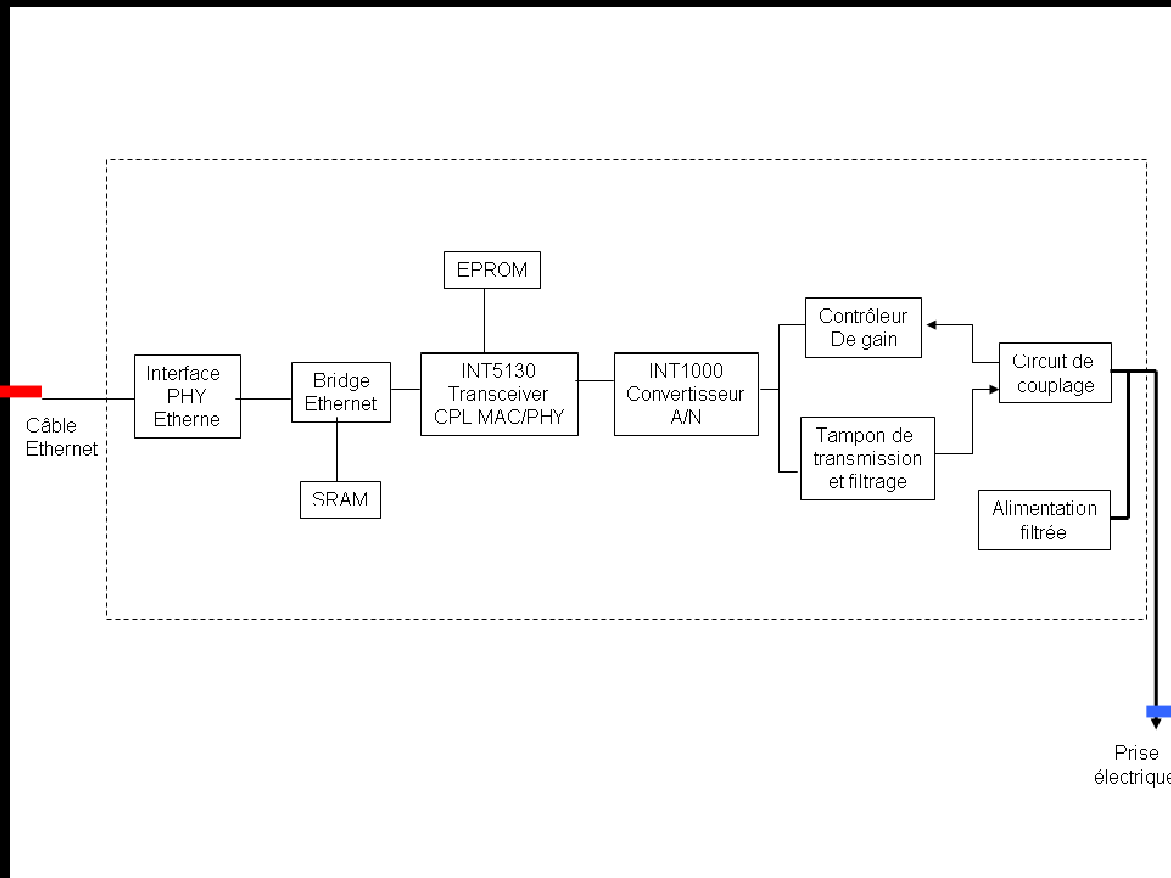
- 2-3 devices typical applications with one device connected to the DSL-box, one to the video decoder



# *H/W for PLC devices*

Ethernet  
LAN

Power  
LAN

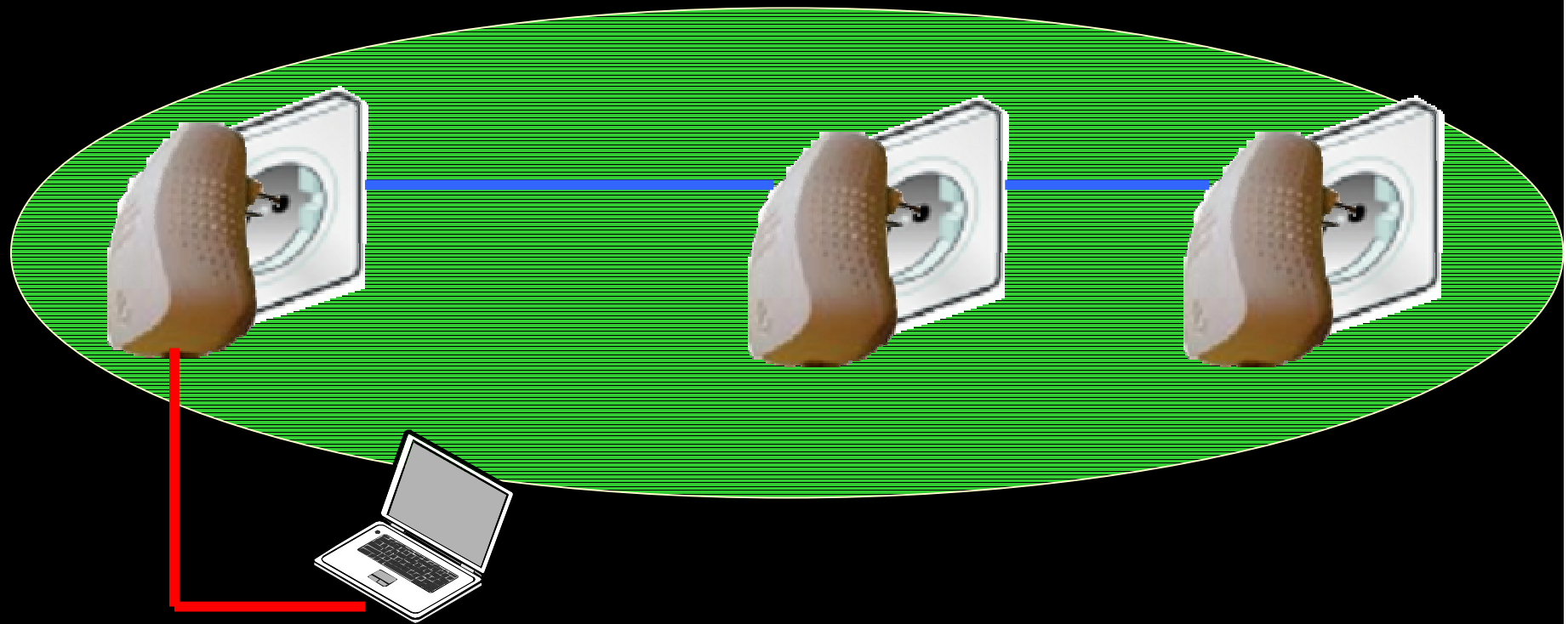


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# *HomePlug AV devices configuration*

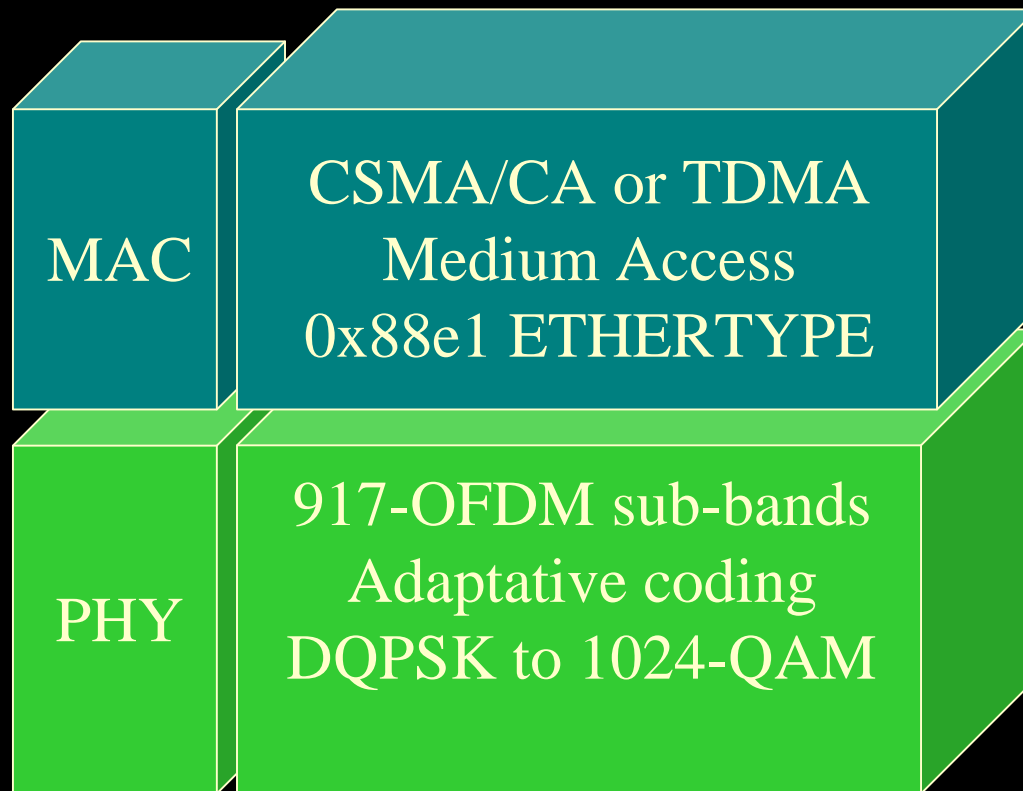


802.3 frames with ETHERTYPE = 0x88e1

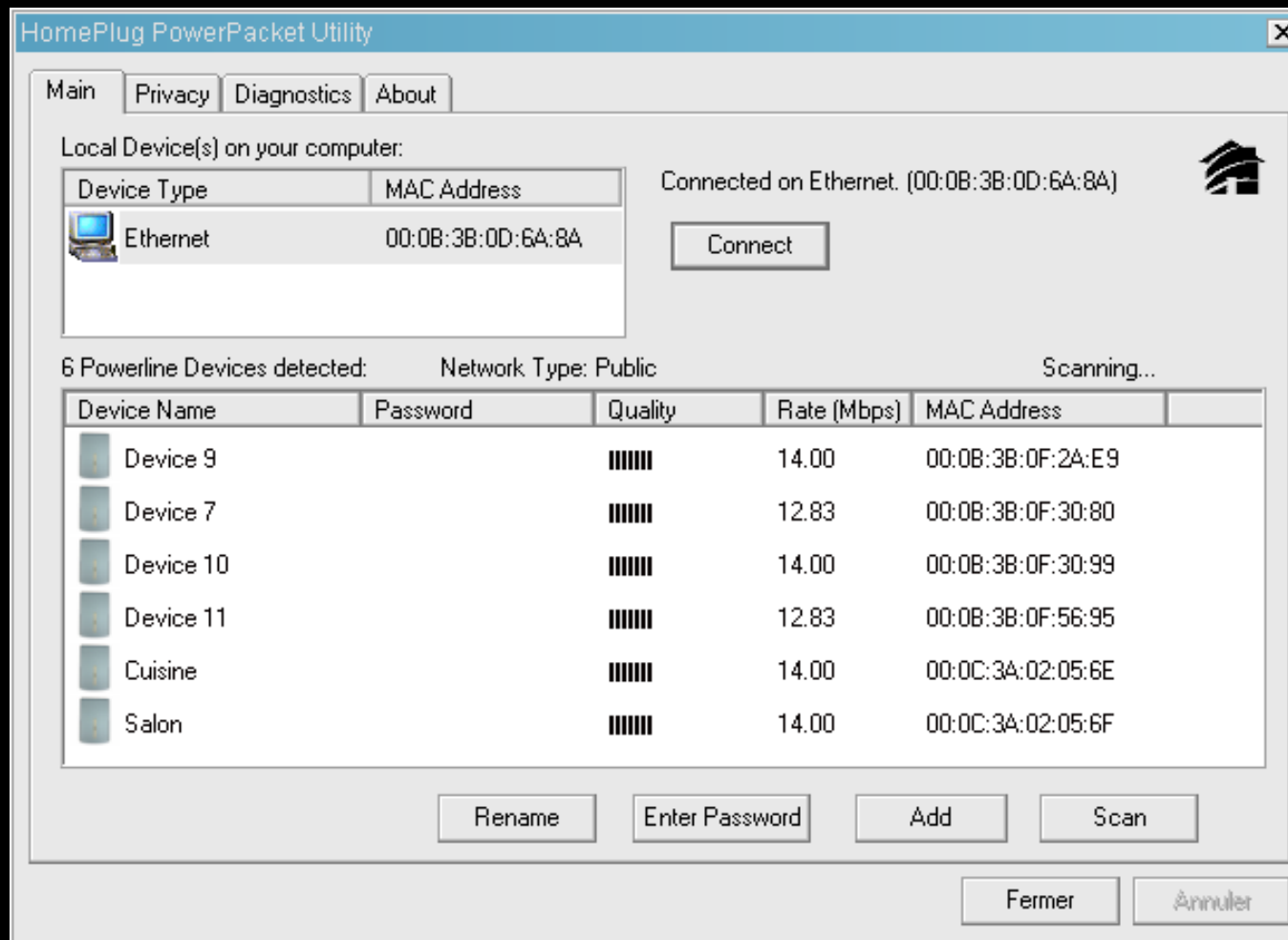
## *0x03 – The FAIFA Tool*

- Trac for development repository available at <https://dev.open-plc.org/>
- Different behaviour with the different INT6000 firmwares (INT6000-MAC-1.4, 3.0, 3.1)

# *HomePlug AV 101*



# *Existing tools for HomePlug AV configuration*



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# *Existing Open tools for HomePlug*

- Manuel Kasper's *plconfig* (raw sockets) for HomePlug 1.0 (<http://neon1.net/>)
- *Wireshark HomePlug 1.0* dissector
- Devolo *dLAN-linux-package-2.0* (libpcap 0.8.3)

**=>Needs for a fully integrated package-based PLC OpenSource tool**

# *FAIFA's features and design*

- To be embedded Linux tool with .deb, .rpm versions
- Scriptable for tcpdump, wireshark and others ...
- Configuration of a PLC networks with the different NEK (Network Encrytion Keys) – The « WPA key » of the PLC
- Complete monitoring of the MAC / PHY layers for advanced users
- Access to the NVRAM / SDRAM of the PLC chip
- Sniffer mode

# FAIFA in action

- Downloadable from <http://open-plc.org/>
- `#!/faifa -i eth0 -m`
  - type    description
  - -----
  - 0xA000 Get Device/SW Version Request
  - 0xA030 Get Link Statistics Request
  - 0xA038 Network Info Request (Vendor-Specific)
  - 0xA050 Set Encryption Key Request
  - 0xA054 Get Manufacturing String Request

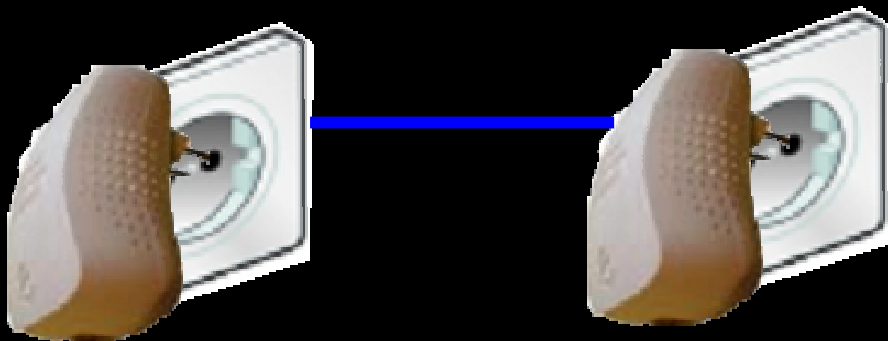
# FAIFA in action

- Play with the different MMTYPE in the 802.3 frames with ETHERTYPE = 0x88e1
- Examples :
  - 0xA000 : Get device / SW Version
  - 0xA030 : Get link statistics
  - 0xA070 : Tone Maps
  - 0xA034 : Sniffer Mode



# Demo with PLC devices

- Device detection (MMTYPE = 0xA000)
- Topology detection (MMTYPE = 0xA038)
- Link Statistics (MMTYPE = 0xA070)
- Sniffer Mode (MMTYPE = 0x?)



# FAIFA Contributions

- Looking for testers (latest releases on different HomePlug AV devices)
- Looking for developers : packaging, optimization, GUI implementations, wireshark dissector
- Prototyping a PLC stack on a FPGA with a HomePlug based PHY-chip

# FAIFA Questions

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