L-MAG Electromagnetic Flowmeter Standard MODBUS Communication Protocol

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Catalogue

Remark: The routine of this protocol's application example only provide reference. Some parameters in the routine are different from the address definition of MODBUS register. Please subject to the address definition of MODBUS register.

1. Introduction

L-mag electromagnetic flowmeter has the standard MODBUS communication interface supporting baud rate 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200. Through MODBUS communication network, host can collect instantaneous flow, instantaneous velocity and accumulative flow.

L-mag electromagnetic flowmeter uses serial port parameters: 1 start bit, 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, none parity bit.

L-mag electromagnetic flowmeter MODBUS communication port uses electric isolation mode in physical structure. The isolation voltage is 1500V and it owns ESD protection. Thus it can overcome various interferences from industrial scene to ensure the reliability service of communication network.

2. L-mag network structure and wiring

L-mag electromagnetic flowmeter's standard MODBUS communication network is bus network. It can support 1-99 electromagnetic flowmeters to network organization. As the farthest electromagnetic flowmeter in the network, it usually needs a 120 Ω matched termination resistor to connect the two ports of communication wire in parallel. The standard communication connection media is shielded twisted pair.
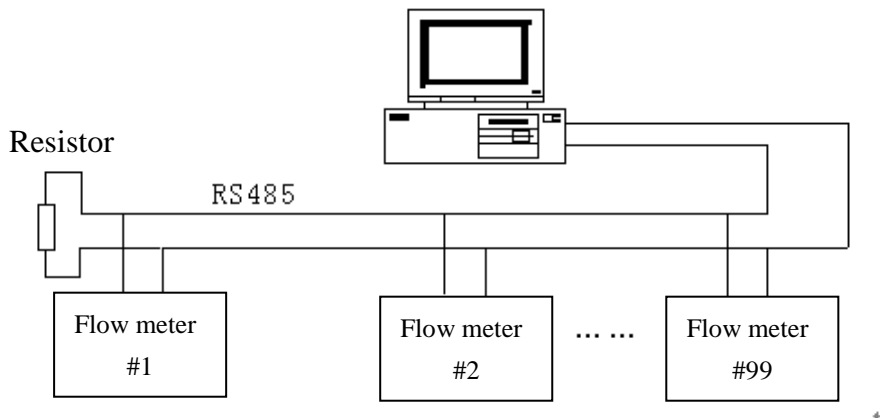

Figure-1 Electromagnetic flowmeter network structure

L-mag electromagnetic flowmeter communication wiring is shown in electromagnetic flowmeter in detail.

3. RTU frame format of modbus protocol

MODBUS protocol is a kind of master-slave communication. Every communication is started from master and slave responds master' order through passing back data.

L-mag electromagnetic flowmeter uses the MODBUS RTU frame format (hexadecimal format). Its frame format is shown in figure2.

1) Master order frame structure

Start	Device address	Function code	Register address	Register length	CRC	Stop
T1-T2-T3-T4	8Bits	8Bits	16Bits	16Bits	16Bits	T1-T2-T3-T4

Fiture-2 Master RTU message frame

2) Slave response frame structure

Start	Device address	Function code	Data	CRC	Stop
T1-T2-T3-T4	8Bits	8Bits	n 8Bits	16Bits	T1-T2-T3-T4

Figure-3 Slave RTU message frame

Remark:

- T1-T2-T3-T4 is start or stop frame. MODBUS protocol sets that every two frames must have 3.5 char delay at least. It is shown in figure-4.
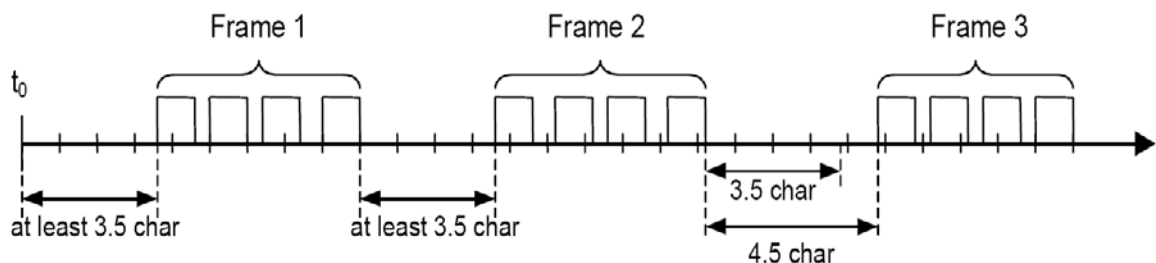

Figure-4 MODBUS frame interval

- Device address: It is electromagnetic flowmeter's communication address. It couldn't have two same address in a network.

- Function code: It is set by MODBUS protocol. L-mag electromagnetic flowmeter uses the function code 4 which realize the collecting function through reading input register.

- Register address and register number: The start address of register which restore data. Register number is the number that is used to store data.

- Slave response data: Byte number and N bytes data.

They are all shown in MODBUS protocol in detail.

4. Code definition of MODBUS protocol order

Table-1

Function code	name	function
01	Read coil status	reservation
02	Read input status	reservation
03	Read holding registers	reservation
04	Read input register	read Electromagnetic Flowmeter real-time information
05	Strong set single coil	reservation
06	Preset single register	reservation
07	read abnormal status	reservation
08	Loopback diagnostic check	reservation
09	Program（only used for 484）	reservation
10	Control exercise（only used for 484）	reservation
11	Read events count	reservation
12	Read communication events record	reservation
13	Program（184/384 484 584）	reservation
14	Inquire（184/384 484 584）	reservation
15	Strong multi-coil set	reservation

5. MODBUS register definition of electromagnetic flowmeter

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Table-2

Protocol Addresses （Decimal）	Protocol Addresses （HEX）	Data format	Resister definition
4112	0x1010	Float Inverse	Instantaneous flow float representation
4114	0x1012	Float Inverse	Instantaneous velocity float representation
4116	0x1014	Float Inverse	Float representation of the flow percentage (reservation for battery-powered
4118	0x1016	Float Inverse	Floating representation of fluid conductivity ratio
4120	0x1018	Long Inverse	Integer part of the cumulative positive value
4122	0x101A	Float Inverse	Decimal part of the cumulative positive value
4124	0x101C	Long Inverse	Integer part of the cumulative negative value
4126	0x101E	Float Inverse	Decimal part of the cumulative negative value
4128	0x1020	Unsigned short	Instantaneous flow unit (table-3)
4129	0x1021	Unsigned short	Cumulative total units (table-4 or table-5)
4130	0x1022	Unsigned short	Upper limit alarm
4131	0x1023	Unsigned short	Lower limit alarm
4132	0x1024	Unsigned short	Empty pipe alarm
4133	0x1025	Unsigned short	System alarm

2) PLC address set illustration

If there isn't function code setting options when we configure PLC, you should

add 3 in front of register address when you use function code 04. If PLC register address's basic address is from 1, you should add 1 to original address when configuring register address.

Example: L-mag electromagnetic flowmeter MODBUS register address is 4112(0x1010) and MODBUS function code is 4. So PLC register address is 34113.

The detailed configuration is seen in example chapter 2.

3) Address configuration illustration of KingView software

There isn't option of configuring function code. Different drivers have different configuration methods.

Take PLC- Modicon-MODBUS (RTU) driver for a example. You should add 8 in front of register address when using function code 04. KingView register address's basic address is 1, so the original address should be added 1 when configuring KingView register address.

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The detailed configuration is seen in example chapter 4.

4) Illustration of data's meaning

● Float format:

L-mag electromagnetic flowmeter MODBUS uses IEEE754 which is 32 bits float format. Its structure is shown as follows: (take Instantaneous flow for a example)

0X1010（34113）		0x1011（34114）	
BYTE1	BYTE2	BYTE3	BYTE4
S EEEEEE	E MMMMMMM	MMMMMMMM	MMMMMMMM

S- Mantissa symbol; 1=negative, 0=positive.

E- Exponent; expressed by the difference with decimal number 127.

M- Mantissa; low 23 bits and the decimal part.

When not all of the E is "0" and "1", the conversion formula between float and the decimal number is:

$$V = (-1)^S 2^{(E-127)}(1+M)$$

● Instantaneous flow unit

Code	Unit	Code	Unit	Code	Unit	Code	Unit
0	L/S	3	M3/S	6	T/S	9	GPS
1	L/M	4	M3/M	7	T/M	10	GPM
2	L/H	5	M3/H	8	T/H	11	GPH

● Cumulative flow unit

Table 4 (It is suit for B type and 511 type electromagnetic flowmeter converter)

Code	0	1	2	3
Cumulative unit	L	M3	T	USG

Table 5 (It is suit for C type electromagnetic flowmeter converter)

Code	0	1	2	3	4	5
Cumulative unit	L	L	L	M3	M3	M3
Code	6	7	8	9	10	11
Cumulative unit	T	T	T	USG	USG	USG

● Alarm

Upper limit alarm, lower limit alarm, empty pipe alarm, system alarm:

0 ------ No alarm;   1------ Alarm

6. Communication data analysis

Instantaneous flow, instantaneous velocity, flow percentage, fluid conductivity ratio, decimal part of the cumulative positive and negative value, format conversion of float, integer part of the cumulative positive and negative value, transmission of long.

1) **Read instantaneous flow**

Master sends command (hexadecimal number)

01	04	10	10	00	02	74	CE
Device address	Function code	Register high address	Register high address	Register high length	Register low length	CRC high	CRC low

Data that master receives

01	04	04	C4	1C	60	00	2F	72
Device address	Function code	Data length	4 bytes float (instantaneous flow)				CRC high	CRC low

Float: C4   1C   60   00

        1100 0100   0001 1100   0110 0000   0000 0000

        float byte 1   float byte 2   float byte 3   float byte 4

S=1: if mantissa symbol is 1, it is a negative.

E=10001000: Exponent is 136

M=001 1100   0110 0000   0000 0000,   The mantissa is :

$$V = (-1)^1 2^{(136-127)}(1 + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{32} + \frac{1}{512} + \frac{1}{1024})$$

$$= -625.5$$

2) Read instantaneous velocity

Master sends command (hexadecimal number)

01	04	10	12	00	02	D5	0E
Device address	Function code	Register high address	Register high address	Register high length	Register low length	CRC high	CRC low

Data that master receives

01	04	04	C1	B0	80	00	A6	5F
Device address	Function code	Data length	4 bytes float (instantaneous velocity)				CRC high	CRC low

Float: C1   B0   80   00

        1100 0001   1011 0000   1111 1000   0000 0000

S=1

E= 10000011

M= 011 0000 1111 1000 0000 0000

$$V = (-1)^1 2^{(131-127)}(1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{256})$$

$$= -22.0625$$

3) Read cumulative flow

To express the 9 bits cumulative value of electromagnetic flowmeter totally, integer part and decimal part of cumulative flow are expressed respectively. The integer part uses long variable and the decimal uses float variable.

Cumulative flow is 1578m^3

Master sends command to collect the integer value of cumulative flow

01	04	10	18	00	02	F5	0C
Device address	Function code	Register high address	Register high address	Register high length	Register low length	CRC high	CRC low

Data that master receives

01	04	04	00	00	70	71	1E	60
Device address	Function code	Data length	4 bytes float (integer value of cumulative flow)				CRC high	CRC low

Integer value of cumulative flow is 28785

Master sends command to collect the decimal value of cumulative flow

01	04	10	1A	00	02	54	CC
Device address	Function code	Register high address	Register high address	Register high length	Register low length	CRC high	CRC low

Data that master receives

01	04	04	3F	00	00	00	3B	90
Device address	Function code	Data length	4 bytes float (decimal value of cumulative flow)				CRC high	CRC low

Float: 3F   00   00   00

0011 1111   0000 0000   0000 0000   0000 0000

S=0

E= 0111111   126

M= 000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000

$$V = (-1)^1 2^{(126-127)} = 0.5$$

4) Read instantaneous flow unit

Master sends 8 bytes command to read instantaneous flow unit

01	04	10	20	00	01	34	C0
Device address	Function code	Register high address	Register high address	Register high length	Register low length	CRC high	CRC low

7 bytes data that master receives from slave

01	04	02	00	05	79	33
Device address	Function code	Data length	2 bytes integer (instantaneous flow unit)		CRC high	CRC low

Flow unit is M^3/H from table-3.

5) Read the unit of the total amount of flow

Master sends 8 bytes command to read instantaneous flow unit

01	04	10	21	00	01	65	00
Device address	Function code	Register high address	Register high address	Register high length	Register low length	CRC high	CRC low

7 bytes data that master receives from slave

01	04	02	00	01	78	F0
Device address	Function code	Data length	2 bytes integer (cumulative flow unit)		CRC high	CRC low

Flow unit of B type and 511 type is M^3 from table-4.

Flow unit of C type is L from table-5.

6) Read alarm status

Master sends 8 bytes command to read instantaneous flow unit

01	04	10	24	00	01	75	01
Device address	Function code	Register high address	Register high address	Register high length	Register low length	CRC high	CRC low

7 bytes data that master receives from slave

01	04	02	00	01	78	F0
Device address	Function code	Data length	2 bytes integer (alarm)		CRC high	CRC low

Empty pipe is in alarm status if status is 1.

Other alarm status is the same and so on.