

Measurement	from tables: $V_o = V * X_{\text{Y}} + (2 \text{ or } 3) * \text{resolution}$	Testing; Brinell Hardness: indenter Hardened steel ball non-ferrous: 500kgf, steels: 3000kgf	Ultrasonic: typ. freq: 0.1-15 MHz
$P_o = \frac{V_o}{V}$	Sensors: Resistive Sensors: $R = P \frac{L}{A}$, $GF = \frac{\Delta R/R}{E}$	ECL: Based on: Electromagnetic Induction max. depth: 6mm, why: Skin effect	max. freq.: 50 MHz can't be used with ferrous objects
$P_i = \frac{V_o}{V}$	Capacitive: $C = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r \frac{A}{d}$, application: distance (for distance < sensor's diameter), acceleration, & pressure sensor.	x-ray radiographic inspection, dark-area means: lower density, The film is called: Radiograph	can't be used with internal coated specimens
$U_C = \sqrt{P_V^2 + P_i^2}$	Capacitive pressure sensor: Uses a pressure sensitive diaphragm as one electrode, whereas the other electrode is fixed.	Why conductive liquid can't be measured with the capacitive system?	conductivity of the liquid, shorts circuit the capacitors.

LVDT: An electromechanical sensor used to measure linear displacement. **RVDT:** Same concept as LVDT except that it's rotary. **Main Adv:** LVDT & RVDT doesn't require an electrical contact between the moving part and the coil assembly, making these sensors very reliable.

Inductive proximity: An oscillator creates a magnetic field that radiates from the coil at the sensing face. When a ferrous target enters this magnetic field, small independent electrical currents called eddy currents are induced on the metal's surface. This changes the reluctance (natural frequency) of the magnetic circuit, which in turn reduces oscillation amplitude.

Piezoelectric sensor: Some substances generate an electrical charge and an associated potential difference when they are subjected to mechanical stress or strain. **Disadvantages:** Can't be used for purely static measurements, as a static force results in a fixed amount of charge.

Thermocouple: Consists of 2 different electrical conductors generating a temperature-dependant voltage in the microvolt range as a result of the thermoelectric effect (seebeck effect). Temp. range -200 to 2300 °C. **disadvantage:** bad accuracy.

Piezoelectric pressure sensor: Same as capacitive & resistive strain gauge sensors, except that this one can handle much higher pressure range.

Hall effect sensor: Hall effect is the production of a voltage difference (Hall voltage) across the sides of an electrical conductor as a result to an applied magnetic field perpendicular to the current. Compared to inductive sensors, hall sensor has one major advantage: In inductive sensors we need an alternating magnetic field, where in Hall sensor we can detect static magnetic as well as an electrical current.

Adv. when used as electronic switches: cheaper, more reliable, and can operate at much higher freq. than a mech. switch. **Photo Diode:** is a semiconductor converting light into

Photo Transistor: consists of a bipolar transistor encased in a transparent case. **Fiber Bragg Grating (FBG) Sensor:** can be used as an inline optical filter to block certain wavelengths (used for Wavelength Division Multiplexing), or as a wavelength-specific reflector sensitive to strain and temperature.

disadv: since FBG is sensitive strain & temp., we have to separate them for an accurate output.



Adv. of Wheatstone bridge:

$$GF \cdot E = \frac{V_{out}}{V_s} \quad \text{Strain} \rightarrow \frac{V_{out}}{V_s} = \frac{\Delta R}{R}$$

I) For a balanced bridge ($V_{out}=0$), a high amplification for the output voltage can be used to get a high resolution of the measurement.

II) A symmetrical bridge compensates thermal influences electrically.

III) A symmetrical bridge compensates unwanted mechanical strain orthogonally to the measuring direction electrically.

Sensitivity of Diff. strain Gage Bridges:

Full bridge (4 active strain gauges): $\frac{V_{out}}{V_s} = GF \cdot E$

Half bridge (2 active strain gauges): $\frac{V_{out}}{V_s} = \frac{1}{2} GF \cdot E - \frac{1}{2}$

Quarted bridge (1 active strain gauge): (but no temperature compensation)

Four-Terminal sensing (Kelvin connection): By the use of separate pairs of current-carrying and voltage-sensing cables, a voltage drop in combined lines because of the line resistance can be avoided. Kelvin Connections are typically used to measure the voltage drop at a current sensing (shunt) resistor. As shunt resistors are typically very small (mOhms), an accurate layout is necessary.

More Piezo electric sensors:

$$K = \epsilon_0 \cdot \epsilon_r \rightarrow \text{dielectric constant}$$

$$K = 8.854 \cdot 10^{-12} \text{ F/m}$$

Capacitive Proximity Sensor:

There are two electrodes (at diff. potentials) housed in the sensing head and positioned to operate like an open capacitor. A conductive or non-conductive target increases the capacitance of this capacitor. Layers of indium tin oxide (ITO) are separated by a small air gap and insulating spacer dots. A stylus or finger bends the flexible top cover, creating an electrical contact between the two conductive layers.

Wire resistive touch screen: uses four conductive bars, two on top side, & two on the bottom. At the touching point, the voltages between the pair of bars is equal (due to the short circuit between the two layers).

Surface Capacitive Touch: A glass substrate is covered with ITO coating and a small ac voltage is applied. When the finger touches the screen, a small charge is transferred to the finger.

This creates a voltage drop on that part of the screen, and the touch is detected.

Projective Capacitive Touch: A PCT/PCAP consists of a ITO matrix behind a thicker glass/acrylic cover. Capacitance coupling will occur between the finger and the electrodes. The capacitance coupling makes the electrostatic capacitance between the X & Y electrodes change.

	Resistive	Surface Capacitive	Projected Capacitive
Accuracy	High	Medium	High
Multi-touch	No	Yes	Yes
Durability	Low	Medium	High
Costs	Low	Medium	High
Usable with Gloves or Stylus	Yes	Yes (but only thin cotton gloves)	No

Actuators: Can be classified by their type of input energy, e.g. Electrically Powered Actuators:

Electro Magnetic actuator: A solenoid consists of a coil, a plunger and a spring in a common case. If current flows through the coil, the coil acts like an electro magnet, pulling the (steel) plunger. The spring is used for the return path. Solenoids are often used for simple linear actuators and for controlling valves.

Solenoid valves: are often used in automotive application for example, as fuel injectors or as intake and outtake valves of combustion chambers. The stator, a lorenz force is generated, turning the rotor.

DC Motor: Consists of an electromagnet as its stator and a coil as its rotor. Current flowing through the coil inside the magnetic field generates torque, turning the rotor. For continuous rotation, the direction of the current in the rotor (so called commutation) has to be changed periodically. Two types of DC motors: 1- Brushed, 2- Brushless

Brushed DC Motor: The brushes (often made of carbon) in a dc motor have two functions: 1- Carrying the current to the rotating part (rotor). 2- Switching the current flow with the commutator.

Disadvantages: 1) Losses due to brushes friction. 2) Brush material wears down due to friction, creating dust. 3) Resistance of the brushes causes a voltage drop, resulting in a power loss. simple low power applications

4) The repeated switching of current through the rotor coil causes sparks at the commutator contacts, causing electromagnetic noise (called brush fire). Still used for because of their low costs.

Brushless DC (BLDC): Consists of a permanent magnet rotor and an external, electronically commutated (EC) magnetic field (therefore also called EC motor). (input V, W)

As the rotor follows the magnetic field, the motor is a synchronous motor. Hall effect sensors (output signals a,b,c) are used to measure the angle of the rotor and control the commutation of the motor windings $\rightarrow V, W$

Advantages: No wear on brushes (like DC Motor) + Smaller Losses (higher efficiency) + high power density + good for high rpm (unlike servo or stepper). **Servomotors:** A rotary or linear actuator allowing the control of the angular or linear position as well as the velocity and acceleration is called a servomotor. The term is independent from the type of motor, but often electrodynamic or ac-motors are used. Servomotors require a controller, reading in the positioning information, processing it and controlling the output signals for the motor driver.

Piezo Electric actuator: The piezo electric effect can be reversed. A high electric fields results in tiny changes in the width of the crystals. As this width can be changed with better than $\sim 1\text{m}\text{m}$ precision, Piezo crystals are the most important tool for positioning objects with extreme accuracy. **Typical Piezo actuator needs a driving voltage of 150-200V dc.**

Piezoelectric speaker/Buzzer: Can be used in the range from 1 to 100 kHz and often used for signal generation in electronic devices. Ultrasonic piezo electric devices are also used for parking assistance. Due to the reversible piezo electric effect, the piezo membrane can be used as actuator and sensor. **Automotive Piezo Valves:** Actual common rail systems use piezo injectors as they offer fast switching times and a flexible adaptation of the injection pattern. In addition, they can handle high pressure inside the motor.

Magnetostrictive Actuators: During the process of magnetization, ferromagnetic materials change their shape or dimension. The reciprocal effect, the change of the magnetic susceptibility (response to an applied field) of a material when subjected to a mechanical stress, is called the **Villari effect**.

Examples: Magnetostrictive actuators are used as sound generators (sonars), valves, high force generators and low voltage actuators. **Magneto-geological:** A magneto-geological fluid consists of microscopic

magnetic particles ($0.1-10\text{ }\mu\text{m}$) in a carrier oil. Subjected to a magnetic field, the fluid increases its apparent viscosity up to the point of a viscoelastic solid. **Magneto-geological Dampers:** can be used in shock absorbers or dampers. The fluid viscosity can be continuously controlled with short response times by an applied magnetic field. Due to the costs of such dampers, they're only used in heavy industry or expensive cars.

Hydraulically Powered Actuators: Examples: valves, linear actuators

Hydraulic actuators: Pascals law.

Advantages of Hydraulics:

- High torque/mass ratio.

- Great flexibility of providing multiple actuators at diff. locations using same power source.

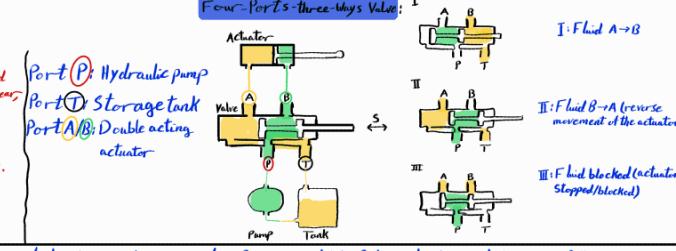
- Self-lubricant.

- No (high) voltages required.

- Efficient heat removal and reduced thermal problems.

- Stiff system.

disadvantages: - Not as linear (because of valve nonlinearities, fluid friction, compressibility, thermal effect, general nonlinear constitutive relations).
- Leakage can create problems.
- Typically noisier than electric motors.
- Synchronization of multiple actuators more difficult.
- Typically more expensive.
- Typically less portable.



Pneumatic Actuators: Operates similar to hydraulic systems, but with 2 basic differences:
1-Air is the working fluid.

Air is far more compressible than hydraulic oils, thus, compressibility has to be taken into account. 2-The outlet of the actuator and the inlet of the pump are open to the atmosphere.

Pneumatic VS Hydraulic System:

Advantages:

- Cheaper
- Less weight
- Fewer problems with leakage

Disadvantages:
- Only suitable for low & medium-duty tasks (Pressure 500MPa to 1 MPa)
- More nonlinear
- Less accurate

Thermal Expansion Actuator: Uses a medium which expands when heated often waxes are used (which expand when melted and contract when they solidify). Used in thermostatic or thermostatic valves.

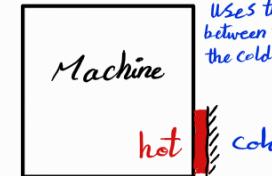
Electro-Chemically Powered Actuators: Working principle: Gas-prost extensible enclosure with two electrodes. If a DC voltage is applied, dependant on the polarity gas is generated or absorbed. For a higher actuator speed and for ce, multiple cells are stacked.

Energy Harvester:

Generating heat machine:

Thermoelectric generator (TEG, based on Seebeck effect)

Uses the heat difference between the hot machine and the cold environment.



Force calculations:

$$P_1 = P_2 \Rightarrow F_1 = \frac{F_2}{A_1} = \frac{F_2}{A_2}$$

$$V_1 = V_2$$

$$A_1 \cdot h_1 = A_2 \cdot h_2$$

$$F_1 = F_2 \cdot \frac{d_1^2}{d_2^2} \Rightarrow F_2 = F_1 \cdot \frac{d_2^2}{d_1^2}$$

$$h_1 = h_2 \cdot \frac{d_2^2}{d_1^2}$$

Why hydraulic actuators are used in excavator not electrodynamics?

High forces are needed but usually one for one actuator per time.

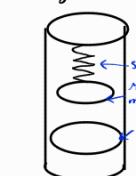
SO, one central hydraulic pump can be used to power different actuators.

What kind of actuator would you use for self-expanding stent without any external power supply?

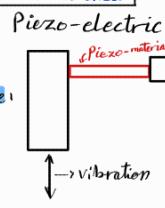
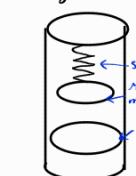
= Shape memory alloy actuator (thermally activated by the warm blood).

Explain the working principle of such a stent?

= The stents are crimped to the artery diameter at low temperatures. When they are inserted into the human body, the blood is heating them up and the stent gets its final (larger) diameter.



Electromagnetic



Vibrating machine

Networks

To avoid confusion: 1 Kibibyte (KiB) = 2^{10} bytes = 1024 bytes (sometimes also called "large Kilobyte" (KKB)) \Rightarrow 1024 KiB = mebibyte.

American Standard Code for Information Inter-change (ASCII): using 7 bits per character, whereas Extended ASCII uses 8 bits.

The non-printable characters from 0x00 to 0x20 and 0x7F are used as control characters. Therefore ASCII can be used not only to store data, but also to control data transmission.

For example:

- Start of Text (STX)
- End of Text (ETX)
- Acknowledge (ACK)
- Negative Acknowledge (NAK)

Data Transmission:

Serial: Data is transmitted over a single line, one bit at a time. Ex. of serial: USB, Ethernet, Serial ATA, CAN

Parallel: Several bits are sent as a whole on the bus. It has not only data lines, but control lines as well.

Ex. of parallel: PCI, compact Flash

Simplex: Information is transferred only in one direction (Unidirectional).

Ex.: Radio & TV GPS, Radio clock signal.

Logical Topology: describes the flow of data between the terminal devices.

Ring: Ring network: Two nodes are directly connected.

Information to be transmitted is forwarded until destination

An interruption of the ring causes network failure.

Mesh:

If nodes or connections fail, communication still possible via other routes. & High level of reliability.

High cabling effort,

& increased electric Power consumption.

Fourier Series: A square-wave signal (also binary signal) can be represented by a Fourier series as the sum of a set of oscillating functions.

Consists of a fundamental frequency & harmonics.

If you have a certain binary signal with a given max. frequency, the bandwidth of your transmission line must be at least 5 times higher than the base frequency of the transition.

Bandwidth: is the range of frequencies which can be transmitted via the medium without interference.

TCP/IP Reference Model (DoD): 1- End-to-End principle. 2 - Robustness Principle (you should be conservative in what you do).

Layer Name **Protocols (examples)**

Application Layer HTTP, FTP, SMTP, POP3, DNS, SSH, Telnet

Transport Layer TCP, UDP

Internet Layer IP (IPv4, IPv6), ICMP, IGRP, IPX

Link Layer Ethernet, Wi-Fi, ATM, FDDI, PPP, Token Ring

Physical Layer: Responsible for the transfer of ones & zeros. The physical connection & the conversion of the data into signals takes place.

Protocols of this layer define how many bits can be sent per second & whether the transmission can take place simultaneously in both directions.

Ethernet: The most widely used LAN technology. Standards differ in the data rate & the transmission medium. Versions of cables up to 10 Gbps.

Baseband transmission method (BASE): No carrier frequencies \rightarrow Transmitted directly.

Coaxial Cables:

Connected to GND

Carries the signal

Twisted Pair cables: Assures that the wires are on average the interfering source are affected equally. The noise produces a common mode signal which can be cancelled by the receiver by only regarding the differential signal level.

Fiber-Optics cables: typically from plastics or glass. Consists of light-transmitting core. Adv.: 1) You can transfer diff. (high)

Wave-length easily in it, therefore you get multiple channels. 2) They are immune to electromagnetic interference & radio freq. interference.

3- Low attenuation \rightarrow Long distance can be realized.

WLAN: Challenges: 1- Interference with other sources.

2- Multipath propagation. 3- Hidden Terminal. 4- Fading

\hookrightarrow need collision detection & avoidance to avoid it.

Bluetooth: Is a wireless network system for data transmission over short distances to replace short cables.

The freq. levels are changing up to 1600 times per second. Organized in so-called Piconet. A Piconet consists of max.

255 participants, of which a max. of 8 may be active. One active node is the master, and the remaining 7 active nodes are slaves.

Baseline Wander: We usually take the mean value between High & Low to know the threshold voltage. When

transmitting long sequences of zero- or one-bits, the average may shift so much that it becomes difficult to

detect a significant change of the signal. To prevent a shift of the average (Baseline Wander) when using a line code

With two signal levels, the usage of both signal levels must be evenly distributed.

Clock Recovery (synchronization): If the clocks of the sender and the receiver drift apart, the receiver

may become confused during a long sequence of logic zero- or one-bits.

NRZ-M: 1-bit = signal change \rightarrow 0-bit = no change.

NRZ-I: 0-bit = signal change \rightarrow 1-bit = no change.

MLT-3: 3 signal levels (+, 0, and -). Same as NRZ-M.

Manchester: Each data bit is encoded by a combination of high/low or low/high bit sequence. Because not more than two consecutive bits which have the same level, the clock synchronization is possible.

As the number of low and high values are the same, the code result is balanced for any input data and no baseline wander can occur.

\hookrightarrow It doubles the necessary data bandwidth. (means 50% efficiency)

Data Encoding: Why Self-synchronous?

* To avoid clock drift, and therefore to avoid a wrong bit sampling.

* For short packets and if the sampling point

is in the middle of a bit, a small clock drift

doesn't shift the sampling point that much,

and the bits are still correctly sampled.

One-bits: Followed by a zero-bit in the bitstream from the physical layer, the stuffed zero-bit is removed.

Byte (character) Stuffing: If STX (02) or ETX (03) occurs

in the payload (body), it must be escaped (hanted) by a stuffed DLE (10)

(Data Link Escape) in the Data link layer. If DLE appears in the payload,

it is also escaped by an additional stuffed DLE.

We add DLE (0x10) before the byte (character) we want to stuff!

WLAN uses CSMA/CA instead of CSMA/CD, because with WLAN it

is not possible to detect all collisions. Why not possible?

= Because of decreasing signal strengths, in some cases a node

intending to transmit a message and therefore sending the carrier, can not

receive messages from other nodes outside its reception range. So, a hidden station problem might occur.

For which conditions, we use CSMA/CA instead of CSMA/CD?

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What drawback of CSMA/CA compared to CSMA/CD?

= The exchange of the RTS & CTS messages adds additional payload to

the network and decreases the overall latency of a data transmission.

Example of useful error-correction usage? = Simplex communication apps.

With no possibility for re-transmission, data storing.

Unicode: To avoid problems caused by diff. character encoding.

Code length	Format	The 1st bit(s) indicates the length of the character encoding.
1 byte	7 bits	0x---
2 bytes	11 //	110x---
3 //	15 //	1110---
4 //	21 //	11110---
5 //	26 //	111110---
6 //	31 //	1111110---

UTF-16: * Variable-length encoding (16 or 32 bits)

* Optimized for commonly used characters from Basic Multilingual plane (BMP)

* Used mainly for internal representation of characters in frameworks like .NET, Java, or Tcl.

UTF-8: The most popular Unicode coding.

UTF-32: * Fixed-length encoding (32 bits)

* Used mainly in APIs.

Synchronous transmission: It always have a clock signal or a way to recover the transmission by the receiver.

Asynchronous: communication partners use independent clock sources. If data is transferred,

a start bit is set before the data. This signals the receiver that it should start its clock source.

Disadv: Because the clock can (slightly) differ, maximum size of the data that can be transmitted in one piece is limited. Examples: RS-232, RS-485

Ex. of serial: USB, Ethernet, Serial ATA, CAN

Ex. of parallel: PCI, compact Flash

Ex.: Walkie-Talkie.

Half-duplex: Transmission in both directions (bidirectional), but not simultaneously. Examples of half-duplex: Ethernet (via twisted pair cables), and Telephone.

Topologies of Computer networks: Determines how communication partners are connected / Physical topology: wirings.

Bus:

Bus Network: Connected via a shared transmission medium.

No active components between the nodes & the medium. \hookrightarrow If any node fails, the network doesn't fail.

But an interruption of the bus causes network failure.

Star: All nodes directly connected to a central hub. Good expandability & stability. If any node fails, neither affect other nodes, nor the network.

disadv: Considerable effort for cabling, and dependence on the central hub.

Cellular: Wireless networks use this topology. Failure of a node doesn't effect the functionality of the network. Limited range of the base stations, depending on their number & position.

Failure of Leaf node: has no big effect on network's functionality.

Expandability is excellent & long distances can be realized.

suited for search & sort algorithms.

If a node or even the root fails, the entire (sub-)tree behind can no longer be reached.

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Hybrid Reference Model:

TCP/IP Reference Model

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Application Layer

Transport Layer

Internet Layer

Link Layer

Physical Layer

Advantages of Layered Reference Models: Changes on one layer don't affect the other layers. Provided that the interfaces between the layers don't change. The diff. layers separate services, interfaces, and protocols. So they are more flexible and less complex than a network combining all characteristics and functionalities in one.

Bit stuffing: If HDLC (High-Data-Link-Layer) protocol of the receiver discovers a five consecutive

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CRC Calculation:

Example: $x^5 + x^2 + x + 1$

100110

XOR operation

100110

011100

100110

011110

100110

011011

100110

010001

100110

000100

100110

001110

100110

010110

011010

100110

010100

100110

000010

000010

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must be added to the right end of the data before sending it.

Network Layer: Called internet layer in TCP/IP reference model. Its task is to forward packets between logical networks over physical network segments. The network layer defines logical addresses (IP addresses). Gateways, or routers are used to forward packets on their way from the send to the destination.

Usually, the connectionless Internet Protocol (IP) is used. Advantages of IP: Low overhead, allow multicast and broadcast operations.

Disadvantages of IP: No acknowledgement from the receiver, that the packet has been received, risk of packet loss.

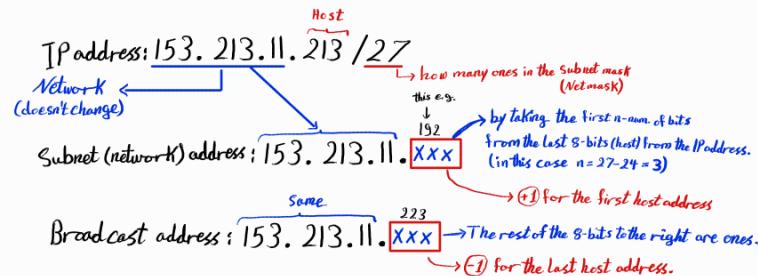
Why UDP is often used for video telephony? and TCP for Web server?

= UDP is connectionless. Its low overhead makes it ideal for time-sensitive applications like Video-telephony, where single erroneous messages are not critical.
(It is better to ignore a package if it didn't arrive.)

= TCP is connection-oriented. It guarantees the correct transport between a send and a receiver, like it is necessary for a website.

	Net work length (without prefix)	Host length (no. of devices)
Class A	7 bit ($\Rightarrow 128$ nets)	24 bit ($\Rightarrow 16\,777.214$)
Class B	14 bit ($\Rightarrow 16\,384$ nets)	16 bit ($\Rightarrow 65\,534$ hosts)
Class C	21 bit ($\Rightarrow 2.097.152$ nets)	8 bit ($\Rightarrow 254$ hosts)

Why since $2^8 = 256$?
2 address always reserved.
- broadcasting ID (set to 0)
- identifying the host ID



Differences between an IP address, a port, and a socket?

= IP addresses are used on the network layer by the internet protocol for addressing, whereas ports are used on the transport layer for addressing. A socket is a combination of an IP address and a port number.

193.99.144.85 : 8080
IP address Port
Socket

Application Layer: (highest layer): Contains all protocols that interact with the user application programs (e.g., browser or email client). The messages (e.g., HTML Pages or emails) are encoded according to the respective Application Layer Protocol.

CAN Bus: In the Controller Area Network (CAN) bus arbitration process, the node with lowest identifier will win the bus and be able to transmit the message. The lower the ID, the higher the priority of the message.

Why can't have 2 nodes with the same ID?

= If both nodes starts transmitting at the same time, the arbitration process will fail. In addition, If a message with acknowledgement does not work properly (as a dominant ACK will "over-write" a recessive NACK).

Bit Stuffing: CAN uses NRZ Coding with bit stuffing (after five equal bits, an inverse bit is added) to allow the synchronization of nodes without stable oscillators. (Start of frame bit is not counted from the five)

Transport layer: (End-to-End protocols)

- Connection-oriented communication.
(Receiver has to acknowledge)
- Reliability
- Flow control

{ Services

How to avoid Physical Layer collision?

= Only the bit with a Token can send data (all nodes are equal)