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Capitolo 1

Introduction

1.1 Structure and Content

• Module 1:

- 1. intra-vehicles communications: nodes, sensors, ECU
- 2. **signal busses**: CAN, LIN, FlexRay, MOST, Ethernet [T1/T1S]
- 3. car domain and OS

• Module 2:

- 1. *inter-vehicles communications*: V2V and V2X (car is a node)
- 2. wireless technologies: Bluetooth, LoRa, C-V2X, IEE 802.11p (bd)
- 3. application, messages, broadcast, GPS

Different **domain** or **application** needs different *communications protocols*, is important to understand how each nodes in domain communicate each other (inside the car).

1.2 Intra-Vehicles

From the 80's, where the car's control unit are isolated an there was a dedicated wires connect sensors and actuators with less electronic than now, until the reach the greatest goal of evolution in the automotive sector: autonomous drive. The complexity of the number of connection from each ECU's to the other, also the number of ECU's for each car, is growing. While the number of signal increase in a liner way, the connection between ECU's is growing with a quadratic complexity $O(n^2)$.

If we examine the evolutions of the ECUs number inside an "Audi A6" we can observe that in 1997 it has 5 ECUs and in the 2007 it has 50 ECUs, instead the "Tesla M3" in the 2017 has 70 ECUs. The quadratic increase of ECUs number, however has reach a cap for two main reason: the cost and the space inside the car. Traditionally one ECUs is responsible of one task, but nowadays it could be two type of trends:

- 1. distributed of function across ECUs
- 2. integration of multiple function in one ECU

1.3 Architectures



Figura 1.1: Domain Architecture

- 1. central domain controller (\mathbf{P}) or high performance computer
- 2. ability to handle more complex functions
- 3. cost optimization
- 4. cable harness is rigid and expensive



Figura 1.2: Zonal Architecture

- 1. local ethernet per zone (G)
- 2. ultra high-speed secured backbone between zone
- 3. centralized software
- 4. central computer storage

1.4 Basic Knowledge

1.4.1 Multiple Access Protocols

In the ISO/OSI stack the first layer is the *data link layer* and it is used, in a computer network, to transmit the data between two or more devices or nodes. The data link layer it is normally split in two different sub-layer:

- 1. data link control: is a reliable channel for transmitting data over a dedicated link using various techniques such as framing, error control and flow control of data packets in the computer network.
- 2. **multiple access protocol**: if the link doesn't connect only two nodes, but multiple nodes can access to the physical link is possible that two or more nodes start to communicate in the same time, and it could be possible to have collision and cross talk between two or more devices. In this case the *multiple access protocol* is required to reduce the collision and avoid cross talk between the channel.



In this course it could be useful to see in dept three type of *Multiple Access Protocols*: the first one is *Carrier Sense Multiple Access - Collision Detection*, next is the *Carrier Sense Multiple Access - Collision Avoidance* and the last one is

the *Time Division Multiple Access*. In the autonomotive domain indeed there is needs to have a bus topology network and it is important to avoid collision.

CSMA/CA - Carrier Sense Multiple Access - Collision Avoidance: the idea is that before transmitting, a node first listens the shared medium to determine if the channel is not used (idle), if not it could start to transmit, but the problem start when two nodes begins to write on the nodes together. The Collision Avoidance part get in the game when two or more device try to write in the channel simultaneously in this case if another nodes is sense the transmitting node wait for a period of time (usually random) before re-start the writing procedure.

CSMA/CD - Carrier Sense Multiple Access - Collision Detection: is use in early Ethernet technology for LAN. It use carrier-sense to detect if the media is idle and it is combined with collision-detection in which a transmission station sense collision by detecting transmissions from other stations while it is transmitting a frame.

- 1. is the frame ready for the transmission? if not, wait for the frame.
- 2. is medium idle? if not, wait until it becomes ready.
- 3. start transmission and monitor for collision during transmission.
- 4. did a collision occur? if yes, go to collision detecting procedure.
 - (a) continue the transmission (with **jam signal**) until minimum packet time is reached to ensure that all receiver detect the collision.
 - (b) increment re-transmission counter.
 - (c) was the maximum number of transmission (time out) attempts reached? if yes, abort transmission.
 - (d) restart from 1.
- 5. reset the transmission counter and complete frame transmission.

TDMA - Time Division Multiple Access: is a channel access method for share-medium networks. It allow several users to share the same frequency channel by dividing the signal into different time slot. The users transmit in rapid succession, one after the other, each using its own time slot. This type of access to the physical medium has higher syncronization overhead tha CSMA.

1.4.2 Bit Coding

The first thing is to introduce the *Electromagnetic Inferference - EMI* that is a disturbance generate by an external source that affects an electrical circuit by *electromagnetic induction*, *electromagnetic couplig* or from conduction. For reduce EMI there are three possible way: add shield to wires, used twisted pair wiring or use coding with few rising/falling signal edges. At this point we can introduce the two main coding techniques: *NRZ - Non Return to Zero* or *Manchester Coding* (original variant).



Figura 1.3: Non Return to Zeros

In the **Non Return to Zero** the digital ones is, usually, the positive voltage, while digital zeros are represented by other significat

condition, like negative voltage.

Figura 1.4: Manchester Coding

In the *Manchester Coding* (original variant) the digital ones is the rising edge of the signal, instead the digital zeros are represented by the falling edge of the signal.

In both case it must be identify the digital zeros or one on the rising edge of the clock, so the syncronization problem between the clock of the transmitting node and the receiving nodes it is foundamentals.

Capitolo 2

Intra-Vehicles

2.1 ISO/OSI Layers

In telecommunication the idea is to divide each steps into layers starting from the application layer to the fisical ones, every layers have different function and it needs different protocols. Each layer can interact with the one that is above or below it and the communication of two layers follow rigid and specifics rules. Nowadays the standard de iure is the ISO/OSI, instead the the de facto standard is the TCP/IP that relax the rigid guidelines. The ISO/OSI has seven layers (bottom to top):

- 1. **physical layer**: specifies the mechanical and electrical properties to transmit bit (in the "real" world) and to control time synchronization.
- 2. data link layer: checked the transmission of the frame, error checking, frame synchronization and flow control.
- 3. **network layer**: it is used for the transmission of the packets, it is also know as *IP Layer*, in is normally use in ethernet.
- 4. **transport layer**: reliable end to end transport segment, you can manage how the data have to flow. In 99.99 % of the car domain it doesn't need.
- 5. **session layer**: establish and tear down sessions.
- 6. **presentation layer**: define the syntax and the semantics of information.
- 7. application layer: uses data transmitted via physical medium.

In the first module we need only two layers: **physical layer** and **data link layer**. We have to study the behaviour of the communication protocols like CANBus, LIN, FlexRay, MOST and Ethernet in this two layers. Starting from the **transmission medium**, normally the hardware pieces that we use to interact with is:

- transceiver: is used to "convert" analog signal to bits (brain less).
- controller: control the communication (brain full).

Initially the idea is to focus a little more on CANBus, the *Physical Layer*: is compose by three component: Physical Signaling - PLS, Physical Medium Attachment - PMA and Media Dependant Interface - MDI.

- 1. **physical signaling**: the main purpose is to understand the bit encoding/decoding (if it is *NRZ* or *Manchester*) and to mantein the synchronization all over the network, every transceiver it must have a the same clock source. The synchronization is the most important things both for the bit encoding/decoding and for don't introduce delay in the communication.
- 2. **physical medium attachment**: driver/receiver characteristics based on the communication protocol.
- 3. **media dependant interface**: the connector for access to the physical medium.

Data Link Layer is compose by two component: Logical Link Control - LLC and Medium Access Control - MAC.

- 1. logical link control: from now on, we start to call frame the data that are send/receiver from the physical channel. It is used for acceptance filtering that permit to decide if a frame is important for the application above the controller and if not discard it. This component include also the overload notification and recovery management in the case there is an error on the communication they could ask to a re-transmit the data.
- medium access control: is purpose is error detection it could check the data encapsulation/decapsulation, frame coding and error detection/signaling/handling.

2.2 Network Topology - The Bus System



Figura 2.1: Line Topology Figura 2.2: Star Topology Figura 2.3: Ring Topology

In the **Line** topology also In the **Star** topology know like Bus topology each node is connected connected to a central by interface connectors to node called hub or switch. data to another, the data a single center cable. It is It has an higher cost and passes through each cheaper than the others and it has lower complexity but it is not very robust.

complexity than the bus topology, but it is much more robust (if the hubgoes down it is a *single* point of failure).

The **Ring** topology is a every peripheral nodes is daisy chain in a closed loop. When a node sends intermediate node on the ring until reach its destination (it use only one direction). It is not too munch expensive, but has higher complexity (if you want add a new node it could be troublesome).

In the autonomotive domain it is chosen the **Bus Topology**, why? The first thing is that in the automotive industry it is mandatory to maintain lower the cost. The busses are very cheap for the materials, the weight and the volume. In the bus topology it is possible to have higher modularity, you can plug \mathcal{E} play a node "when you want", in that way it is possible to have fully customizability inside the vehicles. The last things is that there is shorter development cycles. In the autonomotive field there is three main component:

1. **transceiver**: it is the physical layer definition and implement the first layer of the ISO/OSI stack.

- 2. **communication controller**: it is the communication protocol and implement the first and the second layers of the *ISO/OSI* stack.
- 3. **ECU**: also know like **electronic controller unit** and implement the last layer of the *ISO/OSI* stack, the **application** layer.

The idea is to made possible to abstract the application layer in order to, if you want, change the first two layers, for example from CANBus to FlexRay, but nothing change at the application layer.

2.3 Controller Area Network

The Controller Area Network also know as CAN is a vehicle bus standard to enable efficient communication. It is originally developed to reduce complexity and cost of electrical wiring. CANBus use an electrical medium over wires and a broadcast data transmission. CANBus use the CSMA/CR like multiple access protocol, it means carrier sense multiple access collision resolution protocol, that permit to CANBus to have arbitration on the channel access. In this way there is random access to the physical channel, but it is impossible that there is some collision on the communications.



Figura 2.4: CANBus Network Topology

The **CANBus** network is compose by two wires: **CAN High** and **CAN Low**. The data is transmit over the wire using the *potential difference* on each transceiver. Two twisted wires are use because it gives to the protocol **noise resistance** and **increase resiliency**, if one brakes, CAN Low *survives*. At the end of the wire in the bus topology there are place two impedance R_T of 120 Ω . Each CANBus node has three element:

- CAN Transceiver: is directly connected to the medium access by two pin (one on CANH and the other on CANL). It has the goal to translate the voltage level into bits (during the reception) and send it to the CAN Controller and translate bit into voltage level (during the transmission).
- CAN Controller: is connect to the *CAN Transceiver* by two pin (CANTX and CANRX) and is scope is to: message completion, control bus access, transmission and reception of the message, bit timing.
- Microcontroller: application software communicating with other ECUs via messages over the bus.

	CAN Message											
1 bit	29 bit	1 bit	6 bit	0-64 bit	16 bit	2 bit	7 bit					
SOF	CAN-ID	RTR	Control	Data	CRC	ACK	EOF					

- **SOF**: is the **start of frame** is always set to *dominant 0* to tell the other ECUs that a message is coming.
- CAN-ID: contains the message identifier lower value have higher priority.
- RTR: is the remote transmission request allow to ECUs to "request" message from other ECUs.
- Control: informs the length of the *Data* in bytes (0 to 8 bytes), two bits are reserved for future implementation.
- Data: contains the actual data values, which need to be "scaled" or converted to be readable an ready for analysis.
- CRC: is the cyclic rendundancy check is used to ensure data integrity.
- ACK: is the acknoledgement this slot indicates if the CRC is OK all the bits must be recessive (logical 1).
- **EOF**: is the **end of frame** marks the end of CAN message all the bits must be recessive (*logical 1*).

The CANBus use a message passing technologies, it means, when a message is sent through the wire by an ECUs all the CAN Transceiver reciver the message, but if a application layer of one of another ECUs doesn't need that message it could ignore or if it need it, it could accept that message, using the CAN-ID as identifier. In other word the CANBus use the **receiver-selective** form of addressing. In the CANBus

the bit logic is pretty simple, each ECUs reads the wire (through a buffer) and each ECUs can write on the line (through a transistor), in this way the **basic state** is **up** (+5V or logical ones) when one or more ECUs want to set signal low turn on transistor conductive (diode), this connect the bus to signal ground in this case the bus level is **low** (0V, or logical zeros) indipendently from other ECUs. The **0** is named **dominant level**. It could be see the CANBus wires as **logical AND** (if an ECUs write zeros the state is zeros).

The CANBus is an **event-driven** bus system, it means that there is no need to wait a scheduled time slot for sending data and there is the possibility of collision over the communication channel. If an ECU X registers an event e it is authorized to access the busses immediately and send data, but if another ECU Y is alredy transmitting data, then X waits. We want to calculate how long it takes a message to be sent, the first thing to do is to calculate the maximum bits number that is allow in a CAN Message: 130 bits. The CANBus can have lots of different bus speed $B \in \{5k \cdot \frac{bit}{s}, 125k \cdot \frac{bit}{s}, 250k \cdot \frac{bit}{s}, 500k \cdot \frac{bit}{s}, 800k \cdot \frac{bit}{s}, 1M \cdot \frac{bit}{s}\}$, let's consideration der the average $B = 500k \cdot \frac{bit}{s}$, the resulting time for sending a message is equal to $T_x(time) = \frac{M}{B} = \frac{130bit}{500k \cdot \frac{bit}{s}} = 0.25ms$, but what is happen if two ECUs start the communication on the same time? Let's consider the case where there are three ECUs X, Y, Z, X and Y are waiting Z because it is using the medium access, but probably they start to transmit in the same time when the busses is free, in this case we have a collision, the solution is how CANBus implement the CSMA-CR, carrier sense multiple access - collision resolution, the two ingredients are how we can see the CAN busses (like a logical AND) and the CAN-ID to the logic prioritizing.

- 1. ECU X want to send: it must check if the bus is free (carrier sense \mathbb{CR}).
- 2. if it is busy the ECU have to wait.
- 3. when the bus is free, it could happen that one or more ECUs are ready to transmit, and start the communication together (multiple access MA).
- 4. the last incredient is how to avoid the impending damage born from the collsion? $(collision\ resolution\ -\ CR) \rightarrow bitwise\ arbitration.$

All the **bitwise arbitration** is base on the first two field of the CANBus Message:

SOF (it is for everyone a **dominant bit**: θ) and **CAN-ID** (it could be 11 bits, in the standard CANBus and 29 bits for the extended ones). We know that in CANBus the ones with the lower ID has the greatest priority. Another basic know is that the CANBus network work like a wired-AND so if a nodes wrote on the bus a $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ the entire network has logically low value, also if someone else try to wrote a logically high value.

	ID 10	ID 9	ID 8	ID 7	ID 6	ID 5	ID 4	ID 3	ID 2	ID 1	ID 0
A	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
bus	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
В	1	1	0	1			node B				

wired-and bus logic									
sender a	sender b	bus level							
1	1	1							
1	0	0							
0	1	0							
0	0	0							

arbitration logic									
sender bus interpretation									
0	0	\mathbf{next}							
0	1	fault							
1	0	stop							
1	1	next							

value of the CANBus network is logically high, the bus work as wired-AND and the logic $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ si the **dominant** value, so if the sender a or arbitration with another sender and sender b send over the bus the $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ value, it win the arbitration with the

other sender.

We have three knowledge: the default We alredy know that CANBus is carrier sense if the sender sent over the network a logical 1 but read logical $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ knows that it losts the have to stops the transmission.

Priorities instead of Collision: the bus logic and arbitration logic not only prevent collision, it ensure a priority-controlled bus access: smaller ECUs ID, higher priority.

CANBus Message Integrity: the idea is to use the Data field to generate a CRC to permit the check on the integrity of the message, but wee need some basic knowledge before start: *polynomial division* and *XOR*.

Polynomial Reminder Theorem: given two polynomials M(x) (the dividend) and G(x) (the divisor), asserts the existence (and the uniqueness) of a quotient Q(x) and a remainder R(x) such that:

$$M(x) = Q(x) \cdot G(x) + R(x)$$

N.B. the degree of R(x) is strictly lower than the degree of G(x).

In the calculation of *CRC* depends on the arithmetic of modulo 2 polynomial. A modulo 2 polynomial is like:

$$a_n \cdot x^n + a_{n-1} \cdot x^{n-1} + \dots + a_2 \cdot x^2 + a_1 \cdot x + a_0$$

 $a = \{0, 1\} \quad \forall a \in \{a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n\}$

An example of the representation of a binary polynomial is like: $x^3 + x + 1 = 1011$. If exist an x with a certain exponent e like: x^e in the binary representation the position e is fill with a 1.

\oplus	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0

The XOR is a digital logic gate that gives a true (logical 1) when the input number is odd, otherwise is false (logical 0).

CRC Encoding:

- 1. we need to transmit a *n* bits **message** M(x): deg(M(x)) = n 1.
- 2. we have a m + 1 bits **generator** G(x): deg(G(x)) = m.
 - the **remainder** R(x) of the division $\frac{M(x)}{G(x)}$ will have strictly lower degree respect to G(x) and, in the worst case, the maximum value will be deg(R(x)) = m 1.

- R(x) can always expressed with m bits.
- 3. add m zeros at the end of M(x): this means to do the following $M(x) \cdot x^m$.
- 4. divide the **new message** $M(x) \cdot x^m$ with the **generator** G(x) to obtain the **reminder** of m bits called CRC.
- 5. the final message B(x) is equal to $M(x) \cdot x^m + CRC$: this means to add the CRC bits at the end of the message replacing the m zeros padded before.

Example:

$$M(x) = 1101011011$$
 $G(x) = 10011$ $(m = 4)$
 $M(x) \cdot x^m = 11010110110000$

The final message B(x) is equal to: $B(x) = \underbrace{1101011011}_{M(x)} \underbrace{10011}_{R(x)}$

CRC Decoding

- 1. the receiver **acquire** $B(x) = M(x) \cdot x^m + CRC$.
- 2. the receiver knows G(x).
- 3. the receiver divides the whole message by the generator: $B(x) = \frac{M_x \cdot x^m + CRC}{G(x)}$
- 4. if the receiver obtain **no reminder** the transmission was successfully (no errors detected).

CRC Error Resistance: consider an error E(x) occurs on the transmission channel and the receiver B(x) + E(x) instead of simply B(x), when the CRC logic can failed? The problem occure when E(x) is multiple of G(x) in this way $\frac{B(x)+E(x)}{G(x)}$ gives no reminder, so the receiver mark B(x) + E(x) as a correct message. To avoid this problem we need to choose in appropriate way the generator G(x), this is the reason why the G(x) it is standard in the CRC Encoding (by the protocol).

CRC Design Priciples: G(x) is extremely important in a way that E(x) cannot easily be multiple of G(x). For **detecting single bit of error**:

- $E(x) = x^i$ for error in i-th bit.
- if G(x) has more than 1 term it cannot divide x^i .

Mathematical theory help us to desing powerful G(x) with fancy characteristics, in CANBus the generator is: $G(x) = x^{15} + x^{14} + x^{10} + x^8 + x^7 + x^4 + x^3 + 1$. sender and receiver must to agree on the generator.

CANBus bit coding: we know that there are two main bit coding algorithm: Non return to Zero (is less noisy) and Manchester coding (carries the clock with him on every single bit). In CANBus is important the clock for the synchronization between nodes, so it could be thinks that Manchester coding is the best one to be used. The Manchester coding has a big problem: the clock drift problem. The clock drift problem is caused by natural variations of quartz (environment), for the correct working of CANBus the receiver must sample signal at the right time instant. Clock drift leads to de-synchronization of the clock that comport a bad interpretation of bit sequence. In order to avoid this type of problem, it is necessary to reduce the rising/falling edge of the signal, so it is advise the usage of NRZ.

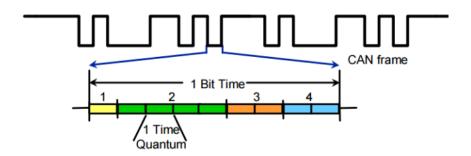
Problem

When using NRZ coding, sending many identical bits leaves no signal edges that could be used to compensate for the clock drift.

Solution

Insertion of extra bits after n consecutive identical bits $\to Bit \ Stuffing$. In CANBus n=5.

Time Quanta (TQ): is the smallest time slice it could be count.



It is normally divided into four kind of field: synchronization segment, propagation segment, phase buffer segment 1 and phase buffer segment 2. A bit it is compose from 8 to 25 time quanta and it is the smallest discrete timing resolution used by CANBus node. Each TQ is generated by programmable divide of the oscillator. Each segment is composed by an integer number of TQs and segments are non-overlapping. The bitrate is selected by programming the width of the TQ and the number of TQ in the various segments.

- synchronization segment: it is used to synchronization the various node, only the receiver nodes have to adjust their own clock during the receiver of the payload. The length of the segment is always 1.
- 2. **propagation segment**: if one node transmits to another faraway ones (geographically speaking) how we can synchronize the first TQ of the *synchronization segment*? The **propagation segment** allow the signal propagation across the network and through the nodes. This segment it could be compose from 1 TQ to 8 TQs and it is necessary to compensate for signal propagation delays on the bus line and through the electornic interface circuit of the bus nodes.
- 3. buffer segment one & buffer segment two: this two segment it could have a programmable length between 1 TQ and 8 TQs. Between this two segment there is the sample point. This point is used from the node to sample the information through the bus channel. This two segment are used to the resynchronization, in some circumstances we need to compensate the oscillator tolerances within the different CAN nodes.

Jump Width

The jump width is the amount of TQs that we can add (in the phase buffer segment one) or remove (in the phase buffer segment two) that permit to adjust the length during the re-synch.

Nowadays in many CANBus Modules the propagation time segment and phase buffer segment one are combined in a new segment named timing segment 1 (the phase buffer segment two is renamed in timing segment 2).

Dynamic Sample Position: programming the sample point position allow **flexibility**:

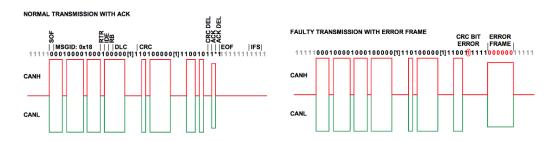
- 1. *early sample*: decrease the sensitivity to oscillator tolerances and permit to use lower cost oscillators.
- 2. *late sampling*: allow maximum signal propagation time (**reachability**), maximum bus length and poor bus topologies can be handled (more *time quanta* in the *propagation segment*).

CANBus Error: there are six possible different error:

- 1. **Bit-Error**: write logical 0 over the bus and sense a logical 1 (or viceversa). In general if a transmitting ECU detects an **opposite bit** level on the CANBus we have a **bit-error**.
 - ECU writes logical θ and reads logical θ very bad error.
 - ECU writes logical 1 and reads logical 0 → it is "possible" when there is
 the bitwise arbitration or it is expected that the bus state will change to
 dominant as other nodes acknoledge the message
- 2. **Stuff Error**: reminder on the *bit stuffing*: it needs one opposite bit stuffed each 5 consecutive bits, it is used only from the beginning of the frame to the CRC delimiter. From the ACK field to the end is used the **fixed-form bit fields**. Each node receiving a message that breaks the bit stuffing rules will transmit an **error frame**.
- 3. **Format Error**: if one of the *CRC delimiter field*, *ACK field* or *End Of Frame* have an divergent form, the receiving nodes perform a check to ensure these are

correct, if not send a error frame.

- 4. *CRC Error*: *CRC delimiter field* is the only weapon to ensure the integrity of the message, it depends on the polynomials division, if the *CRC checks* (the reminder of message plus CRC divided by the Generator) is not 0 it generates a **CRC Error**.
- 5. **General Error**: the seven **recessive** bits in the *EOF* are used to inform the CANBus nodes about a general error occurred during the transmission. If a receiver node found out an error, it writes six consecutive "**zeros**" forcing an error in the current frame that can be captured from everyone.



6. **ACK Error**: it happen when no one of the receiver nodes write on the busses an **dominant** bit in the ACK field of the transmitting frame.

CANBus ACK

The transmitting nodes, after the DATA and the CRC, write in the bus a *logical 1* (**recessive**) and it hopes, in the mean time, that **at least** one receiver write a *logical 1* (**dominant**) in the ACK bit, if not the transmitting node (reads on the bus *logical 1*) and will resend the message.

There is two bits for the *ACK field* to absorbe possible delay. We need to allocate space for "not perfect synchronized receiver" to push a **dominant** bit on the bus.

The ACK is triggered by another node so the voltage value could be slightly different. These technologies have some implication on the CANBus protocol, like:

• also the recevier node/s can (have to) transmit during specific frame slot (the *ACK field* or *EOF*).

- all the receiver must check the *CRC* very quickly in order to know if the message have pass the integrity checks.
- a CANBus network *must have at least two nodes to work*, because with only one node no one can acknoledge a message.

For the calculous of the time in the circuit (in the CANBus controller) it is normally used $time\ crystal$, the smallest ICs possible is the $8MHz\ time\ crystal$. If we consider each clock cycle for the smallest unit in CANBus ($time\ quanta$) for each bit we have at least $8\ TQs$ (up to $25\ TQs$).

If we minimize the size of the of a single bit we have to consider 8 TQs. $\frac{8MHz}{8TQs} = 1MHz$ we can obtain the maximum bitrate for the CANBus.

CANBus Recap:

- 1. **low cost**: the price is **always** a costraint, with it's two wires has a good price-performance tradeoff. This enables the use of CANBus outside the autonomotive domain.
- 2. *reliability*: CANBus has sophisticated error detection and handling mechanisms. If failed the integrity checks of the frame it could repeat the sending of the same data and every nodes are informed about the error. CANBus has high immunity to EMI.
- 3. *latency*: CANBus means real-time (soft) because there is low latency between transmission and request and actual start of transmission. CANBus has inherent arbitration on message priority due to the bitwise arbitration logic.
- 4. *flexibility & speed*: CANBus nodes are "plug & play" and there are not limited number of nodes into a network.
- 5. *multi master operation*: (ECU peers) each nodes is able to access to the bus, if there is a fulty nodes the bus communication is not disturbed and they switch-off from the communication.
- 6. **broadcast capabilities**: message can be sento to single/multiple nodes and every node simultaneously receive common data.
- 7. Standardize: ISO-DIS 11898 (high speed), ISO-DIS 115192-2 low speed.

2.4 Controller Area Network Flexible Data-Rate

The CAN-FD is the evolution of the CANBus. The mainly disadvantages of CANBus are: 1MHz in some circumstances are not enough and only 8 bytes of payload are often restrictive. To be compliant to standard CANBus the arbitration phase (before the data) and ACK phase (after the data) must be mantein to the same frequency. CAN-FD data frames can be transmitted with two different bit-rates, in the arbitration phase and in the ACK phase the bitrate depends on the network topology and it is limited to 1MHz, instead in the data phase the bitrate is limited by the transceiver characteristics:

- support a bitrate higher than 1MHz.
- support a payload larger than 8 bytes.

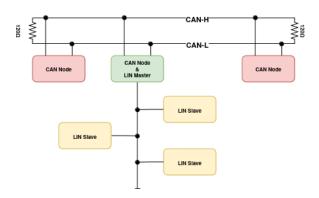
The increase of the frame speed is possible by shortening the bit time. We define the **Bit Rate Shift - BRS** is the bit in the control field used to inform **ALL** the nodes that sender will transmit faster in the data transmission phase and the **Extended Data Lenght - EDL**. The implication of this change are:

- larger payload: it needs more *CRC bits* to maintain the robustness of CANBus, to have more *CRC bits* it needs a larger generator.
- shorter bit-time: new bit-time logic in the state machine, a factor is introduce between the bit time during arbitration phase and the bit-time during the transmission. The tipical factor is $8 \to \text{considerering}$ the fastest rate of CANBus arbitration phase and the longer header and CRC, the final result is more or less 6MHz.

	Arbitration Cont					Data field	CRC field		A(End of frame						
I D L E	S O F	ID (11 bit)	r 1	I D E	EDL	r 0	BRS	E S I	DLC (4 bit)	DATA (0 to 64 byte)	15-, 17-, or 21-bit CRC	D	A C K	D	EOF (7 bit)	IFS (3 bit)	I D L E
	Arbitration phase Da						ata transmission p	hase		A		tration nase					

To summarize the **CAN-FD** could reach in the *data transmission phase* the speed transmission of 6MHz and the possibility of sending a payload large up to **64 bytes**

2.5 Local Interface Network



The *LIN* is a message oriented communication protocol that is design and developed to create something cheaper than low speed CANBus, this purpose it was reach partaway. Like the CANBus, LIN, works on the first two layers of the ISO/OSI stack (physical and data link layers), but it uses a **master-slave** concept. Using this architecture, the LIN busses, can have only a quartz on the master that manage the synchronization on all the LIN network, to achieve without waste space on the vehicle, the master of the LIN mesh is part of the CANBus network. This is the reason why the LIN is also know like a *sub bus* of CANBus (Fig. 2.5). As result on the communication we can say that LIN network is self-synchronize, but for this reason it needs to have lax timing constraints because only one node (the **master**) can schedule the order of the transmission. In addition to this, LIN busses, has other difference between CANBus:

- LIN is a **bidirectional one-wire line** and it can reach the frequency up to 20kHz (CANBus can reach 1MHz).
- The **voltage** for the analog transmission over the channel is 40V, instead the CANBus is only up to 5V.
- Bit Transmission is *UART* like:

bit transmission								
1 bit	8 bits	1 bit						
start bit	data bits	stop bit						

In LIN protocol there is a rudimental error detection on the frame, it is a sum of all the payload bytes modulo 256 (in this way it can be stored into a single byte), but also on the channel, if a sender while monitoring the bus, read an unexpected state abort the

communication without correction. The **schedule** of the network is hardcoded on the **master's firmware** (static), the scheduler determines which node have to transmit in that specific slice of time. This consent to have a channel that is **mostly deterministic**, permit to the slave to not know how it is schedule the transmission and allow to the master to *change the order of transmission runtime*.

LIN Message: is divide into two component: Message Header and Message Response. The first one is sent over the channel by the master node and is like a request for a specific slave, instead it is possible to see the second one like the slave response.

Mess	sage He	eader	Message Respon	se
Break	Sync	Identifier	Data	Checksum
14 bits	8 bits	8 bits	0 to 64 bits	8 bits

Description for each field:

- 1. **Break**: is composed by two kinds of fields: **13 low bits** (*dominant*) and **1 high bit** (*recessive*) that is used to delimiter of the field.
- 2. **Sync**: is used to *synchronize* the bit timing of the slave, it is always **0x55** (01010101) in this way follow the profile of the clock.
- 3. *ID*: is used to individuate the right slave, different from the CANBus, in this identifier there are parity bit, to have a check on the integrity of the ID, because in this case is very important for the correct master-slave communication (protected field). ID is divide in two segment:
 - from LIN 2.0 the first 2 MSB bits define the length of the payload that could be 2, 4 or 8 bytes, previous version of LIN used static 8 bytes data length.
 - **4**[**6**] **bits** for the "real" ID.
 - 2 parity bits:

$$p_0 = id_0 \oplus id_1 \oplus id_2 \oplus id_4$$
$$p_1 = id_1 \oplus id_3 \oplus id_4 \oplus id_5$$

4. **Data**: contain the payload, and it was send by the slave selected by the master with the length settled in the identifier.

5. *Checksum*: is this case, like said before, the checksum is the sum of all the payload bytes modulo 256, in that way it can be stored into a single byte.

	d_7	d_6	d_5	d_4	d_3	d_2	d_1	d_0
carry		1	1	1		1		
first byte	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
second byte	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1
third byte	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
forth byte	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
fifth byte	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
checksum	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1

LIN nodes are typically bundled in clusters each with a master that interfaces with the backbone CANBus. We have introduce the general message/frame format, but in LIN protocol there are six kinds of different messages (encoded in the ID field):

- 1. *Unconditional Frames*: is defined by the ID 0x00 0x3B and is the default type of frame, where the master send a header over the channel and the request slave reply.
- 2. **Event Trigger Frames**: is defined by the ID **0x00 0x3B**, the master polls multiple slaves, the slave who have updated data response, if there are collision, the communication end and the master switch to *unconditional frame*.
- 3. **Sporadic Frames** is defined by the ID 0x00 0x3B in this type of message the master acts like a slave and reply to his own requests.
- 4. **Diagnostic Frames** is defined by the ID 0x3C 0x3D with this frame the communication becomes request-response, the 0x3C is the ID where the master make the request, instead the 0x3D is the ID where the slave reply.
- 5. *User Defined Frames* is define by the ID 0x3E is a user-defined frame and it can contain any types of information.
- 6. Reserved Frames: ID 0x3F

There is a reason why the **data lenght** of CANBus and LIN are equal. Since LIN is also called CANBus sub system, for compatibility reason the payload is equal. Message of CANBus can be sent over LIN too and viceversa.

2.6 FlexRay

This communication protocol it is design with the purpose of be more reliable in therm of determinism than the CANBus. To achieve this goal is necessary to increase the price, the **FlexRay** is more expensive than CANBus. The CANBus is prone to failure, the reason behind this problem are the topology of the network: if the channel is broken a frame could not be delivery to every node on the bus and there are not rendundant link to avoid that.

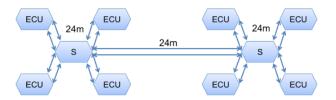
The CANBus frequency is up to 1MHz (6MHz is we consider CAN-FD), but it slowly regard the requirement of the modern vehicles (X-by-Wire) moreover in CANBus there isn't the assurance that each node have its own time slice where it can write over the busses, this is because in CANBus there is **not** a firmware that implement the **event scheduler**

X-by-Wire

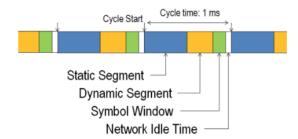
Drive/Brake/Steer can be bypassed as an **input device**, the reason behind that is that it must be possible to control the vehicle's actuation not only in manual but also in autonomous drive. This involves two main requirements: **error** tolerances and time-determinism requirements

Requirements:

• more resilient topology: the topology of FlexRay is a *star-type* with bus termination where the maximum distance between each line is up to 24 m. Each connection is compose by two lines for rendundancy purpose (boost error tolerance). The second line it could be used or for backup or it could use to increase the frequency speed of transmission. Each line can reach the speed of 10Mbps if we split the message between the two line we can obtain the increase of the velocity by a 2x factor. Like in CANBus the default value is set to logical 1 but the wire are unshielded twisted pair.



• **Determinism**: the busses operates using a **scheduler** that is replicated for each **time cycle** during the communication time. Each cycle is divided into four different kinds of *segment*:



- static segment: is preallocated into slices that permit to be more deterministic and allow time constraints addressing, for each nodes are allocated a fixed period (at least one) into this segment.
- dynamic segment: the idea is like CANBus, nodes can take control over the channel if the bus is available (not busy) can simulate an behaviour event triggered, normally used for event based data that does not require determinism.
- symbol windows: typically used for network maintenance and signaling for starting the network.
- network idle time: a know "quite" time used to maintain synchronization between node clocks.
- different message class: allow latency-constraints.
- other characteristics:
 - differential signaling on each pair of wires reduces the effects of external noise on the network without expensive shielding.
 - flexray busses require termination at the ends.
 - need synchronization clock in sender and receiver (and timestamp synchronization).

FlexRay - Access to the bus

The FlexRay uses the **TDMA** as methods for access to the physical medium, this allow to all nodes to be synchronize (using the same clock). In *TDMA* each nodes on the bus has its own turn (time slice of the cycle) where it can write on the channel. The *TDMA* permit **time consistency** that allow to the communication protocol **determinism**

(one of the constraints).

While for the CANBus each node has to know only the communication baudrate, in this case nodes on flexray must know the schedule of the transmission and all pieces of the network to communicate. For the autonomotive domain, there the majority of nodes are *embedded system* where there are a closed configuration and it is difficult to change firmware after the installation, this can be a problem for the scalarity of the system. After the installation it's difficult to add a nodes in the flexray network, but thanks to this there isn't the necessary for the nodes to use a discovery algorithm to understand how the network is composed.

For a **TDMA** network (such flexray) to work correctly, all node must be configured in a correct way:

- in the *embedded system* it is mandatory to have static configuration network.
- there is an increment of **relaibility**, but **not flexibility** this leads to configuration tradeoff:
 - data rate
 - deterministic volume
 - dynamic data volume
 - topology

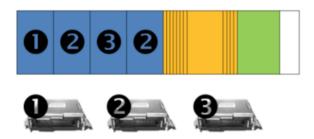


Figura 2.5: FlexRay Cycle

The **static segment** must be decided a **priori**, in this way it is possible to divide the segment in at least n slot, n as the number of the nodes on the network. In each slot a defined node can transmit data over the bus, while the other nodes have to wait their slot. In this way we know exactly when the nodes are going to transmit, this is the definition of **determinism**. The disadvantage of the TDMA is that, if the ECU number two doesn't have nothing to transmit we loose resource (time). If we are all

synchronize there is no way to collide.

The **dynamic segment** use a different protocol to access the medium, in this segmente there is the same as the CANBus, **CSMA-CR**. The segment is divide in mini-slot, each slot is assign to a specific ECU, for each slot the defined ECU sense from the bus if no one is broadcasting data, it can start to transmit, when it ends the time slice, the transmission interrupt, but the next node scheduled sensing the bus finds a busy state, so it doesn't start to sense. It could be possible for some ECU to lose each type of arbitration on the *dynamic segment*.

FlexRay: Frame

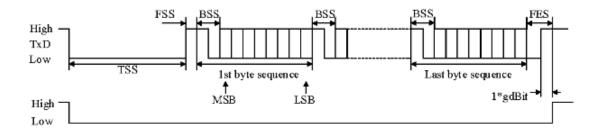


Figura 2.6: FlexRay Message Frame

FlexRay communicate using frames, each frame contains data as **bytes** $b_0...b_{m-1}$, and it is structure like:

- 1. Transmission Start Signal (TSS): logical value 0.
- 2. Frame Start Signal (FSS): logical value 1.
- 3. m bytes, composed each one of:
 - first bit is part of the start signal (BSS0).
 - second bit is part of the start signal (BSS1).
 - \bullet there are n bits for the data.
- 4. Frame End Signal (FES): logical value 0.
- 5. Transmission End Signal (TES): logical value 1.

The framing of data is usefull for the **determinism**. Bit stuffing is not used in this standard because given the number of bytes of a message you exactly know the amount of frame bits needed for the transmission.

FlexRay: Message Format

5 bits	11 bits	7 bits	11 bits	6 bits	n bits	24 bits
control	frame ID	lenght	header	eader cycle		CRC
bits			CRC	counter		

• Control Bits:

- 1. b_0 is reserved: always **zero**.
- 2. b_1 is used to distinguish static/dynamic slot message.
- 3. b_2 is *null frame* indicator, it is used to sign a frame without payload (also in static segment).
- 4. b_3 is *synch frame* indicator, it is used to sign a frame used for synchronizing clock, to be send to a few "reliable" ECUs.
- 5. b_4 is *startup frame* indicator, used for synchronization during bootstrap and it is send by cold start node.
- Frame ID: identify the message.
- *Lenght*: lenght of payload.
- Header CRC
- *Cycle Counter*: global counter of passed bus cycles (it is important to always know the time).
- Payload: it could be from 0 to 254 bytes.
- *CRC*: it is used to check the integrity of payload.

Time Synchronization

In flexray is important to have synchronize all the clock of each node inside the network, it is important to have synchronize bit clock and slot counter. In flexray we do not want to have a dedicated node for that goal, but something distributed. Normally there are three nodes named *cold start node*. This node has the goal of the *cold start procedure* that consist:

- 1. check if bus is *idle*, if not abort the trasmission.
- 2. **transmit wakeup** [**WUP**] pattern, if collision occure abort the transmission, if not this is the **leading cold start node**.
- 3. the leading cold start node send over the bus a Collision Avoidance Symbol

- (CAS). It need to start regular operation (cycle counter start at 0) and to set the BSS0 and BSS1.
- 4. after the **CAS** signal the other cold stard node wait **4 frames** before start the cycle counter (for the other cold node start from 4).
- 5. they start the regular operation (BSS0 and BSS1).
- 6. other **regular** ECUs wait other **2 frames** before starting regular operation.

leading	wup	wup	cas	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
cold	wup	abort						4	5	6	7	8	
cold	abort							4	5	6	7	8	
regular										6	7	8	
regular										6	7	8	

Comparison

bus	LIN	CANBus	FlexRay		
speed	40 kbit/s	1 Mbit/s	10 Mbit/s		
cost	\$	\$\$	\$\$\$		
wires 1		2	2 o 4		

If we consider the typical application:

- LIN: body electornics \rightarrow mirrors, power seats, accesories.
- CANBus: powertrain \rightarrow engine, transmission, ABS.
- **FlexRay**: High performance Powertrain Safety $(X-by-Wire) \rightarrow$ active suspension, adaptive cruise control, keep lane assist.

2.7 Ethernet

2.7.1 Access

Ethernet use the CSMA/CD:

- CS: carrier sense: if the bus is busy, do not transmit.
- MA: multiple access: once the transmission start, the collision could be happen.
- CD: collision detection: listen while communicate the information over the bus, if collision detected, jamming sequence.

The problem of this type of access protocol has a problem when two distant node (geographically speaking) try to transmit information in the same time, if the propagation of the frame over the channel it's not fast enough, the two different node does not see the collision and generate some noise. This case cannot happen into the autonomotive domain, it is necessary to fulfill a codition: the frame sent from a node have to reach all node before the end of the transmission.

The idea is to work on the **frame lenght** and the **bitrate**, ad example given the minimum frame lenght is possible to reach the maximum bitrate.

Hp

F is the minimum frame size, b is the maximum bitrate

c speed of light (considering a costant)

 $t = \frac{F}{B}$ is the transmission time

 $l = c \cdot t \ l$ is the distance covered by the transmission

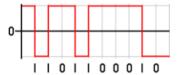
 $d_{max} = \frac{l}{2} d_{max}$ is the maximum length between the two terminal node.

Ethernet **topology** was born like bus, but nowadays it have changed into star topology; and it is configured using a switch (layer 2 TCP/IP) or router (layer 3 TCP/IP) with all node connected with this component.

Ethernet use a two different type of **bit coding**:

• Non Return to Zero Inverted - NRZI (used until the ethernet version of 10Mbps): the logical value is determine by the transition of the analog signal. If

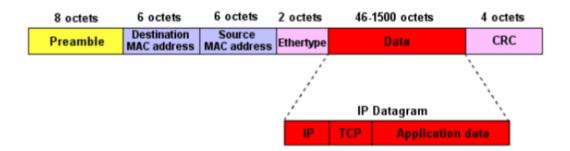
nothing change in the signal the logical value is $\mathbf{0}$, but during the falling edge it will be a logical $\mathbf{1}$.



• 4B5B (used in the ethernet version of 100Mbps): it maps 4 bits words in 5 bits group on the medium, using the NRZ (it prevents three equal consecutive bit).

Data (4B)	Data (4B) Codeword (5B)		Codeword (5B)		
0000	11110	1000	10010		
0001	01001	1001	10011		
0010	10100	1010	10110		
0011	10101	1011	10111		
0100	01010	1100	11010		
0101	01011	1101	11011		
0110	01110	1110	11100		
0111	01111	1111	11101		

2.7.2 Ethernet Frame



- *Preamble*: it is used for the synchronization of the receiver (it is 8 bytes that alternating a logical 1 and a logical 0).
- **Destination MAC Address**: is the destination address of the ethernet interface (MAC Medium Access Control).
- Source MAC Address: same as before, but for the source node.
- *Ethernet*: is used for indicating the type of data carried by the frame or the data lenght.

- *Data*: the data to be transmitted, for the incapsulating principles, inside it can be found the **iP Datagram**.
- *CRC*: is compose by 4 bytes of **checksum** that it is calculate on the entire frame (without the *preamble*). It is always calculated like the remainder of the polynomial division by a known generator (*Standardize CRC-32*):

$$x^{32} + x^{26} + x^{23} + x^{22} + x^{16} + x^{12} + x^{11} + x^{10} + x^8 + x^7 + x^5 + x^4 + x^2 + x + 1$$

2.7.3 Ethernet in the Autonomotive Domain

Previous Limitation

Ethernet is a 45 years old protocol, but why only now is started the interest by the autonomotive company in the ethernet protocol, and why it coul be used right now?

- 1. ethernet produce to much EMI/RFI, for the automotive domain.
- 2. ethernet could not guarantee latency down to the low microsecond range (not guarantee time constraints).
- 3. ethernet did not have a way to control bandwidth allocation to different stream so it could not be used to transmit shared data from multiple types of source.
- 4. ethernet did not have a way of synchronizing time between device and having multiple device sample data at the same time.

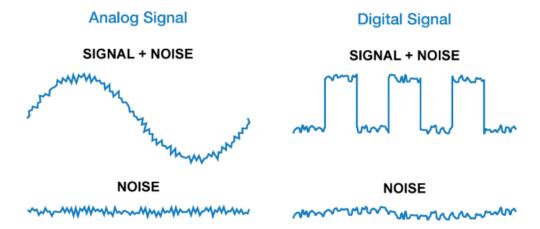
The big need for find something like ethernet for the autonomotive domain is the current research for the fully *autonomous driving* system for the autonomotive. For resolve these problem, it was born the *One-Pair EtherNet (OPEN) alliance*, that is a non-profit, special interest group (SIG) of mainly automotive industry and technology providers collaborating to encurage wide scale adoption of Ethernet-based communication.

Solution

- 1. change the waveform of the signal we can put into effect the reduction of the EMI/RFI. The 100Base-tx is the standard ethernet that has fast rise time and three clear level, instead; in the 100Base-t1 the autonomotive ethernet it is posssible to notice that there is slower rise time and the three level are not very clear. This reduce the pollution of the EMI/RFI.
- 2. to solve the problem to not guarantee time constraints, the *autonomotive* ethernet define a new type of frame: **Express Packet**. For these type of frame is possible to interrupt the transmission of existing packet, that can be reload when the express packet have finished its work. The express packet can "guarantee" latency in the single microsecond range.
- 3. to control bandwidth allocation to different streams it is create two different approachs:
 - *stream reservation*: simple reservation protocol to notify the various network elements in a path to reserve the resources necessary to support a particular stream.
 - queuing and forwarding for AV bridges: defines rules to ensure that an AV stream will pass through the network within the delay specified in the reservation.
- 4. for the synchronization purpose it is created a new standard *IEEE* 802.1AS (Timing and Synchronization for Time-Sensitive Application in Bridge Local Area Network), this standard introduce simpler/faster methods for choosing master clocks.
- (bonus) to reduce the wiring needed in a car, it is choose to use Power on Ethernet - PoE

2.8 EMI

ElectroMagnetic Interface is a disturbance generated by an external source that affects an electrical circuit by electromagnetic induction, electrostatic coupling or conduction.



An **analog** signal absorbs the noise that becomes part of the information itsef. The only possibility is *filtering* (Fourier Theory).

In **digital** signal if you are still able to distinguish well between **1** and **0** you are **errorless** and **noise immune**. If the noise "change" a bit there is an **error**.

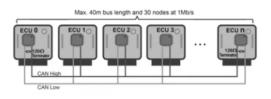
All intra- and inter-vehicle communications are digital, but there is an easy experiment to realize how much a car is "noise"

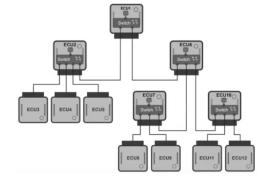
2.9 10BASE-T1S

First of all, it makes sense have a recap of why it is important ethernet for the intravehicle communication:

- provide more bandwidth than any other communication protocol (intra-vechicle). Up to 10Gbps.
- iP based. Allow easily integration of many tech.
- Alredy used into Infotainment Application.
- switch based flexibility.

The main problem of the introduction of ethernet in the autonomotive domain is the different topology used between ethernet and the alredy used technologies of the intravechiles communication.





- CANBus/FlexRay have bus topology.
- no intermediate device.
- low bandwidth.
- cheaper than 10Base-t1.
- physical layer is point to point (p2p).
- the network is iP based.
- large bandwidth.
- significantly more expensive.

Motivation & Goal of 10BASE-T1S

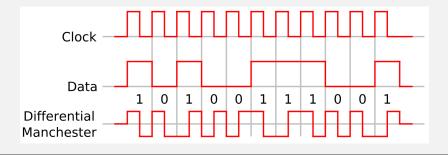
10BASE-T1S can provide an iP-based (ethernet) solution over the current topologies of automotive domain. It can allow transparent iP network with a simple design and deploy, without introduce the complexity of the gateway. Reduce the number of the wire of "normal" ethernet using the **PoE** technology (**Power over Ethernet**), but could introduce a little more complexity.

The 10BASE-T1S, also named Ethernet over twisted-pair is a technology that allow to have the physical layer similar to CANBus and FlexRay, because it uses a Single Twisted Pair (STP) copper cabling and introduce a new algorithm for network access: Physical Layer Collision Avoidance (PLCA) Method. This new algorithm allow the bus access to be deterministic (unlike the CANBus family), but reduce the number of node into a single channel and the length: maximum 8 nodes, for 25m of coverage. Increase the bitrate (not too much) up to 12.5Mbps and support PoE.

2.9.1 Bit Coding

Differential Manchester Encoding (DME) is a line code in digital frequency modulation in which data and clock signal are combined to form a single two-level self-synchronizing data stream. Each data bit is encoded by a presence or absense of signal level transition in the middle of the bit period, followed by the mandatory level transition at the beginning. Recap:

- there are at least one transition of each clock period, this permit the synchronization of the clock between nodes.
- values are encoded based on transition: if into the clock period there is another transition it will be encode **logical 0** else if there is not other transition is **logical 1**. This behaviour allow to have better EMI immunity.



The 10BASE-T1S use the 4B5B that maps groups of 4 bits of data onto groups of 5 bits for transmission. These 5-bit words are predetermined in a dictionary and they are chosen to ensure that there will be sufficient transictions in the line state to produce a **self-clocking singal** (this introduce a 20% of overhead on the data).

It can be noticed that not all the permutations of five bits are used. For the remaining codes, the **bit coding** is mapped into a **special function**. For this reason, the **4b5b** mapping is a non-surjective function:

1. 11111₍₂₎: **silence**

2. $11000_{(2)}$: sync/commit

3. $10001_{(2)}$: esderr

4. $01101_{(2)}$: **esd/hb**

5. $00111_{(2)}$: esdok/esbrs

6. $00100_{(2)}$: ssd

7. $01000_{(2)}$: beacon

8. $11001_{(2)}$: **esjab**

4B5Bs encoding

name	4 b	5 b	
0	0000	11110	
1	0001	01001	
2	0010	10100	
3	0011	10101	
4	0100	01010	
5	0101	01011	
6	0110	01110	
7	0111	01111	
8	1000	10010	
9	1001	10011	
A	1010	10110	
В	1011	10111	
C	1100	11010	
D	1101	11011	
E	1110	11100	
\mathbf{F}	1111	11101	

2.9.2 Medium Access

PHY-Level Collision Avoidance: in this type of scheme all nodes are assigned unique sequential numbers (IDs) in the range 1, 2, ..., N. The 0th ID corresponds to a special **master** node that during the idle interval transmits the synchronization beacon (a special **heartbeat** frame). After the beacon each nodes gets its transmission opportunity (TO). Each opportunity interval is very short (typically 20 bits), in that way the overhead for the silent nodes is low. If the PLCA circuit discovers that the

node's TO cannot be used (the other node with a lower ID have started its transmission and the channel is busy at the beginning of the TO for this node), it asserts the "local collision" input for the MAC thus delaying the transmission. The condition is cleared once the node gets its TO. A standard MAC reacts to the local collision with a **backoff**, however, since this is the first and only backoff for this frame, the backoff interval is equal to the smallest possible frame - and the backoff timer will definitely expire by the time the TO is granted, so there is no additional loss of performance.

Recap

- each node on the BUS has an ID.
- the **ID 0** is the **coordinator** (master).
- at the begin of each TX cycle, the *coordinator* node sends a **beacon** wich means "we are starting a new tx cycle".
- slave node (called **drop nodes**) are given a **transmit opportunity** (TO) in order of their assign IDs.
- like a round-robin scheduler without handshake, TO are counted by each node (it's a mix between flexray static and dynamic segment).

Example

Try to consider four nodes, in Fig 2.7 is possible to see the behaviour of a network where only the first and the third node have something to transmit, instead the other two keep quite.

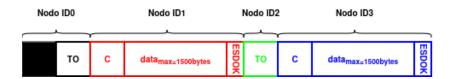


Figura 2.7: Communication between four nodes

When a node want to transmit send over the channel an **commit** message (*special function*) for indicates the start of data transmission and a **ESDOK** for notify other node that the transmission is finished, instead if the node does not have nothing to say, send over the bus an **transmit opportunity** that is long exactly 20bits.

Is possible for each node to activate the **burst mode** that allow to node to have more bandwidth and reduce latency (for audio/stream data).

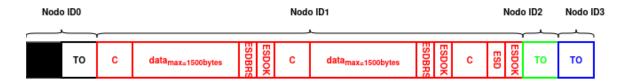


Figura 2.8: Communication with burst mode

In Fig. 2.8 is possible to see at the end of the transmission of node one the send of two package: **esd** and **esdok** that together they are named: **max_bc**. **max_bc** is a configurable parameter that allow nodes to transmit more than one packet per transmit opportunity. Value are from 0 to 255.

2.9.3 Worst Case Latency

- 1. **flexray**: worst case latency is "wait the next static slot" 1.5ms (an entire cycle).
- 2. **10base-t1s**: worst case latency means to have a 8 nodes (full net), that in one cycle each of them have something to transmit the maximum size of the data segment (1500 bytes) at 10Mbps without **burst mode**. 9ms

2.10 CAN-XL

Goal:

- match the **bandwidth** of 10BASE-T1S.
- priority based on the IDs.
- larger payload (up to 2048 bytes) and ethernet compatibility.

Capitolo 3

Inter-Vehicles

3.1 Global Positioning System

The *GPS* in origin named NAVigation Satellite Timing and Ranging Global Positioning System (NAVSTAR GPS) is one of the space-based global navigation satellite system (GNSS) that provides geolocation and time information anywhere on the Earth, using the signal of at least four satellite. The geolocation information gives an XYZ coordinates.

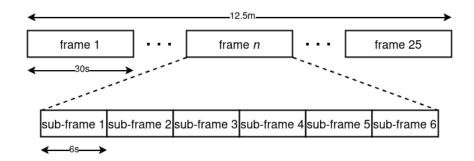
3.1.1 Actors

GPS is based on three elements: **space segment** (the satellite), **control segment** (ground station) and **user segment** (end-user equipments):

- 1. **space segment**: have the main goal to broadcast navigation message constantly.
- 2. **control segment**: ground antennas that *track*, *collect* and *correct* all the **sat orbits** (normally they are very precise and known a priory). They both recive/transmit data from/to satellites.
- 3. **user segment**: cheap devices used to collect GPS signal and know the position (it has the maximum error approximately of 1 meter).

3.1.2 NAV Msg

The information **broadcasted** by the satellite is called $Navigation\ Message\ (NAV)$. The nav msg is composed by:

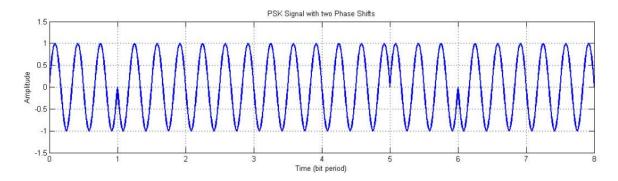


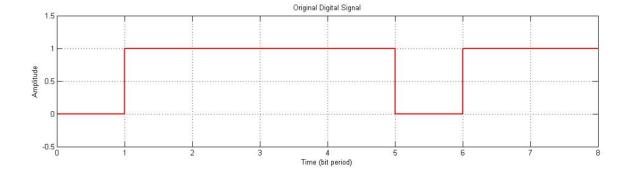
- 25 frames (or pages) that takes 12.5 minutes to be transmitted.
- each frame takes 30 seconds to be transmitted and it is formed by 6 sub-frame.
 - 1. the first sub-frame contains the **satellite clock information**.
 - 2. the second and the third give the information about the **satellite ephemeris** (**orbit**).
 - 3. the forth and thr fifth are different and are complete only receiving all the 25 frames of the NAV msg, they have the **Almanac & constellation status**.
- each sub-frame needs 6 seconds to be transmitted, and it is composed by 10 words.
- each word consist of **30 bits** and it takes 0.6 second to be transmitted.

3.1.3 Bit Coding

GPS use the **Bi-Phase Shift Key** (**BPSK**) modulation technique. In BPSK the carrier signal is modified by altering its phase by 180 degree, for each symbol. A phase shift of 180 degrees denotes a binary 0 while no phase shift represents a binary 1. The advantages to use this type of mudaltion technique is:

- 1. rendundancy
- 2. jamming resistance
- 3. measure & remove the ionospheric delay
- 4. requires a dual frequency receiver (with a single one it is possible to survive but less accuracy) one at 1575.42MHz and the other one at 1227.60MHz.





Working Principle 3.1.4

Let's distinguish the study of the working principle in two hypotheses: **theoretical**: receiver clock is perfectly synchronize with the satellite clock (absolute clock); and reality: receiver clock is cheap, non-atomic and not perfectly synchronize with the satellite clock.

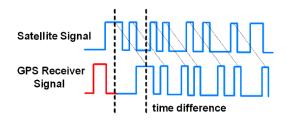


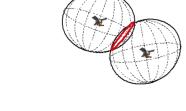
Figura 3.1: Satellite-Recevier clock synch

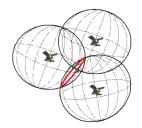
In the first hypothesis, we know: satellite position (written in the NAV), satellite **clock** (written in the NAV) and the **speed of light** c. So it is possible to obtain:

- 1. signal travel time: $\Delta t = clock_{recv} clock_{NAV}$
- 2. distance satellite-receiver: $d = c \cdot \Delta t$

The problem is, if there is at least 1ms of de-sync between the satellite and the receiver, then will have at least an error of 200 miles. Solution: *Trilateration*.







if it is knows **one** sat_i and the distance d_i we can be in any point of the spherical surface of

if the sat known are **two** adding the **third** sat, we sat_i and sat_j both the d_i , d_j we can be in any radius d_i centered in sat_i . point of the border given is on the Earth surface by the intersection of the (us) the other is in the two sphere's surface.

have **three** sphere, that position and the distance ends the intersection with two available points. One open space (discard).

In the **reality** the satellite and the receiver do not have the clock synchronize, so it is important to introduce a factor named *clock error* Δe :

$$d_i = \sqrt{(x_i - x_u)^2 + (y_i - y_u)^2 + (z_i - z_u)^2} + c \cdot \Delta e$$

where:

- x_i , y_i and z_i are the sat position, **know** (NAV).
- c is the speed of light, **know**.
- x_u , y_u and z_u are the position of the receiver, **unknown**.
- Δe is the clock error, **unknown**.

If we consider four satellites sat_i , sat_j , sat_k and sat_p we end with four equations and four unknown items: x_u , y_u , z_u and Δe .

$$\begin{cases} d_i = \sqrt{(x_i - x_u)^2 + (y_i - y_u)^2 + (z_i - z_u)^2} + c \cdot \Delta e \\ d_j = \sqrt{(x_j - x_u)^2 + (y_j - y_u)^2 + (z_j - z_u)^2} + c \cdot \Delta e \\ d_k = \sqrt{(x_k - x_u)^2 + (y_k - y_u)^2 + (z_k - z_u)^2} + c \cdot \Delta e \\ d_p = \sqrt{(x_p - x_u)^2 + (y_p - y_u)^2 + (z_p - z_u)^2} + c \cdot \Delta e \end{cases}$$

 Δe is equal for all satellite, because all of them are perfectly synchronize, so the *clock* error is the same for each tuples (sat, recv). If recv and sat are perfectly synchronize (time given), with just 3 sat is possible to calculate your position. If you know where you are (space given), with just one sat is possible to have the clock sync, but if you do not know both space and time you need at least four sat to solve the equation.

3.1.5 GPS limitation

- it require a lot of power to work properly.
- GPS signal do not pass solid structure.
- affected by large buildings, unreliable in dense urban area.
- GPS accuracy is function of the signal reception, larger the antenna, better the signal. miniaturization $\frac{1}{\alpha}$ accuracy

3.2 Bluetooth

Bluetooth is short-range wireless technology and it was introduce for the first time in 1994 to replace serial RS-232 wired cables. Typically used for point-to-point technologies. It has a coverage of 10m and creates a network named Personal Area Network (PAN), the frequency range is between 2.4GHz and 2.485GHz with few Mbps of bandwidth. It is standardize in the IEEE 802.15.1 like packet-base protocol.

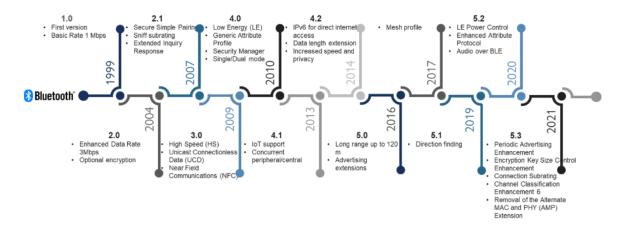


Figura 3.2: Bluetooth different version in the time

The bluetooth works at 2.4GHz, like WiFi and ZigBee. A bluetooth network is named **piconet** and use a master/slave communication type.

In a bluetooth network there is always a **master** and up to seven **slave**, each slave can be only connected to one master. The master coordinates communication throughout the *piconet* it can send data to every one slave connect and can request data to each slave. The slaves can only talk with the master not between them.

3.2.1 Address & Names

The identifier for each node into a piconet (both for slave and master) its a **unique** 48 bits address, commonly abbreviated BD_ADDR , usually is show as 12digit hexadecimal value, similar to the MAC address.

Name is pretty different, it is also possible to give to each slave an user-frendly name. It can be up to 248 bytes long and two device can share the same name.

3.2.2 Connection Process

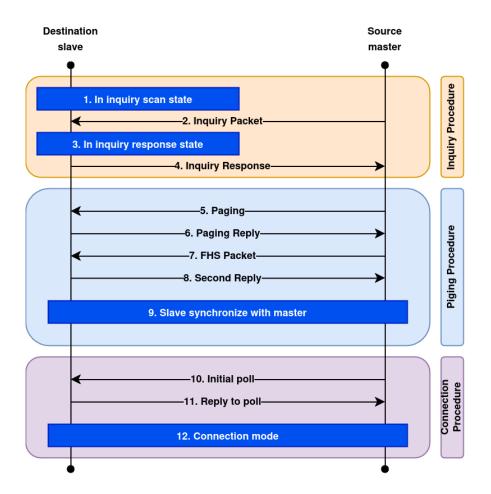


Figura 3.3: Connection Procedure in Bluetooth

Like show in Fig. 3.3:

- *Inquiry Procedure*: the goal of this part is to retrive the information of each nearby nodes. A node run an inqurip scan and any listening device for this type of request, replies with its address, name and other info.
- Paging Procedure: the purpose of this process is to create a connection between
 two bluetooth device. Each device must knows the address of the other. FHS:
 Frequency Hopping Sequence.
- Connection Procedure: after the paging process it is necessary to define the connection state.

3.2.3 Connection

A bluetooth connection can have four kinds of mode:

- 1. *active mode*: this is regular connected mode, where the device is actively transmitting or receiving data.
- 2. **sniff mode**: the device is active periodically for a certain amount of time (power-saving mode).
- 3. **hold mode**: is a temporary, power-saving mode where a device sleeps for a defined period (not necessarily periodic) and then returns back to active mode when the interval passed. The master can command a slave device to hold.
- 4. *park mode*: when the master command a slave to "park", that slave become inactive until the master tells it to wake up.

3.2.4 Pairing

Paired devices automatically establish a connection whenever there are close enough. No UI interaction are required.

When device pair up, they share their address, name and profiles. Usually all this information are stored in memory. They also share common **secret key**, which allow them to bond whenever they want.

Pairing usually requires an **authentication process** where a user must validate the connection between devices, it could be different depending on the domain, some device ask to **press a button** (headset) or other can ask to **insert a code** (PC or smartphone).

3.2.5 Power Class

The transmit power and therefore range, of a bluetooth module is defined by its **power** class. There are three defined class power:

Class number		$ \ \ \mathbf{Max} \mathbf{Output} \mathbf{Power}_{mW} $	Max Range
class 1	20	100	100m
class 2	4	2.5	10m
class 3	0	1	10cm

3.2.6 Profiles

While bluetooth **specification** define how the technology *works*, **profiles** define how it is *used*. Two bluetooth device are **compatible** if they **support the same profiles**.