

# Redes de Comunicação em Ambientes Industriais Aula 6

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# In the previous episode ...

- ✓ The physical layer:
  - ✓ Network topologies comparison:
    - ✓ Mesh, Tree, Ring and Bus
  - ✓ Physical medium
    - ✓ Copper, optical and wireless (IR & RF)
  - ✓ Effects of the propagation delay in a bus
  - ✓ Protocol efficiency in a bus
  - ✓ Collision detection techniques



# Data link layer

- ✓ Issues related with the data link layer:
  - ✓ **Addressing**
  - ✓ **Logical link control – LLC**
    - ✓ **Transmission error control**
  - ✓ **Medium access control – MAC**  
(for shared medium)

# Data link layer

## ✓ Addressing

identification of the parts involved in a network transaction

### ✓ Direct addressing

The sender and receiver(s) are explicitly identified in every transaction, using **physical** addresses (as in Ethernet)

### ✓ Indirect (source) addressing

The message **contents** are explicitly identified (e.g. temperature of sensor X). Receivers that need the message, retrieve it from the network (as in CAN and WorldFIP)

### ✓ Indirect (time-based) addressing

The message is identified by the time instant at which it is transmitted (as in TTP)

# Data link layer

- ✓ **Logical link control (LLC)**  
Deals with the information transfer at this level  
Typical services are:
  - ✓ **Send with immediate acknowledge**  
Sender waits for acknowledge from receiver.
  - ✓ **Request data on reply**
  - ✓ **Send without acknowledge**  
No synchronization between sender and receiver
  - ✓ **Connection-oriented services**  
A connection must be established between parts before any communication (HDLC style)
- ✓ These services **define** the respective **communication transactions**, e.g., single/multiple packet, type of packets

# Data link layer

- ✓ **Transmission error control**  
(particularly useful for wireless networks)
- ✓ Error detection and action upon it. Typical actions:
  - ✓ **Forward error correction (FEC)**
    - ✓ Error correcting codes (more related with the physical layer)
    - ✓ Or the receiver waits for the next periodic transmission
  - ✓ **Automatic Repeat reQuest (ARQ)**  
The receiver triggers a repeat request upon error
  - ✓ **Positive Acknowledge and Retry (PAR)**  
The sender resends if ACK is not received
  - ✓ From a **real-time** perspective, **ARQ** and **PAR** may induce **longer delivery delays** as well as extra **communication load**

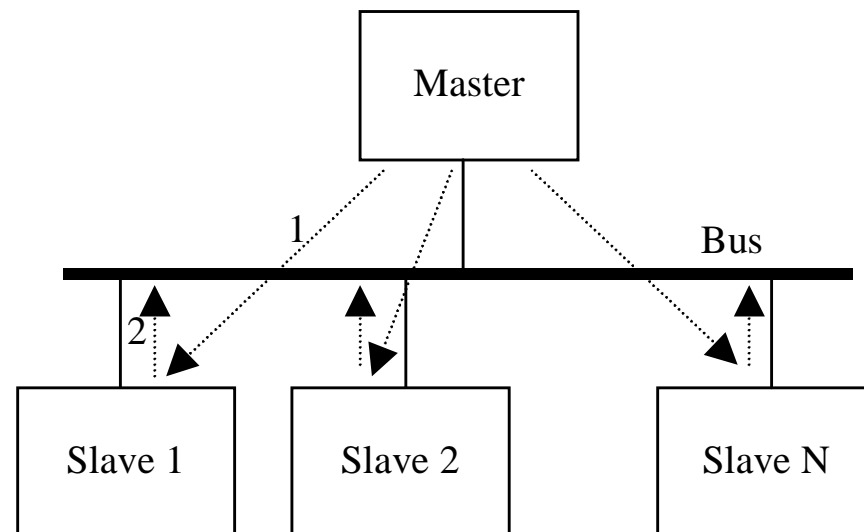
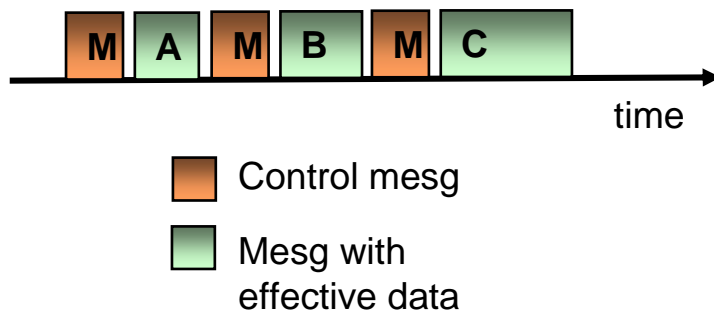


# Data link layer

- ✓ **Medium access control (MAC)**
  - ✓ Determines the order of network access by contending nodes and thus the network access delay
  - ✓ It is of paramount importance for the **real-time behavior of networks** that use a shared medium

# Data link layer

- ✓ Medium access control - **Master-slave**
  - ✓ Access granted by the Master
  - ✓ Nodes synchronized with the master
  - ✓ Requires one control message per data message



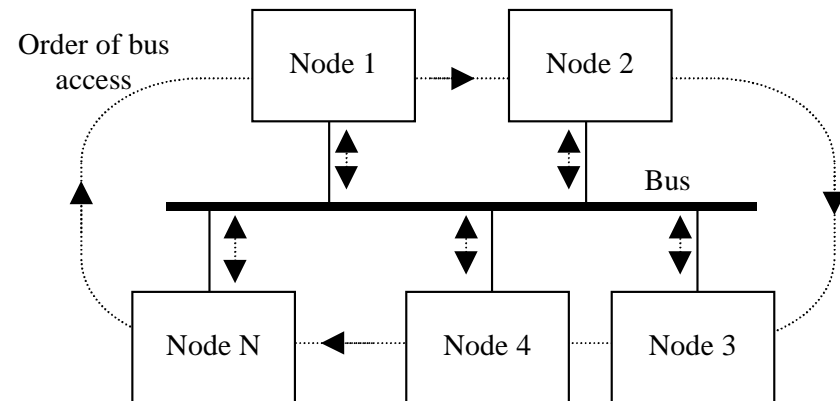
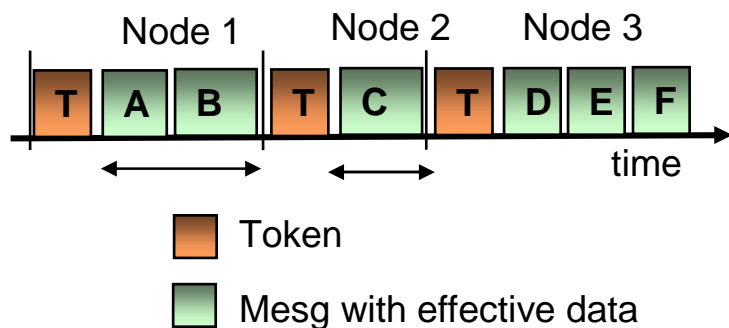


# Data link layer

- ✓ Medium access control - **Master-slave**
  - ✓ The **traffic scheduling** problem becomes **local to the master** → good flexibility wrt scheduling algorithms (on-line or off-line, any type of processor scheduling)
  - ✓ For high reliability the master must be **replicated**
  - ✓ Master messages are natural synchronization points → supports **precise tx triggering**
    - ✓ Att: reception instants may vary from node to node, depending on the distance to the master
  - ✓ Ex: WorldFIP, Ethernet Powerlink, Bluetooth within each piconet

# Data link layer

- ✓ Medium access control – **Token-passing**
  - ✓ Access granted by the possession of the token
  - ✓ Order of access enforced by token circulation
  - ✓ Asynchronous bus access (generally impossible to determine a priori the exact access instants)
  - ✓ Real-time operation requires bounded token holding time



# Data link layer

## ✓ Medium access control – **Token-passing**

### ✓ **TTRT** – **Target** Token Rotation Time

fundamental configuration parameter that determines the time the token should take, under heavy traffic, in one round

### ✓ **RTRT**- **Real** Token Rotation Time

time effectively taken by the token in the last round

### ✓ **THT** – Token **holding** time

### ✓ **ST** – Synchronous time

### ✓ High tx jitter

### ✓ Requires mechanisms to handle **token losses**

### ✓ Similar to **Round-Robin Scheduling**

### ✓ Ex: IEEE 802.4, FDDI, PROFIBUS

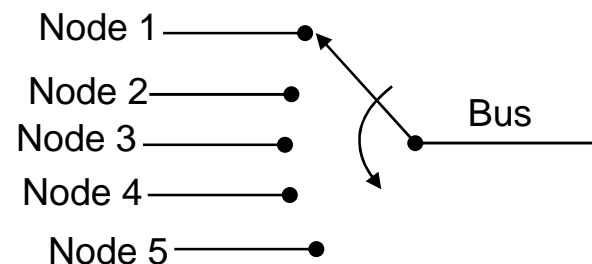
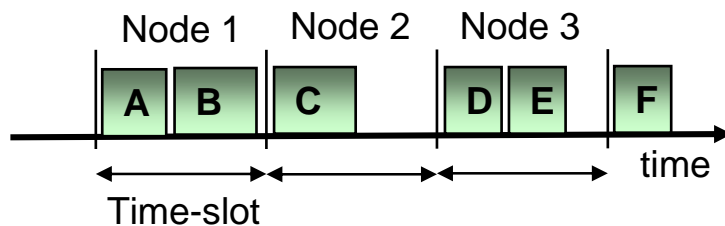
$$\Delta = TTRT - RTRT$$
$$THT = \begin{cases} \Delta, & \Delta > ST \\ ST, & \Delta \leq ST \end{cases}$$

# Data link layer

## ✓ Medium access control – **TDMA**

### Time-Division Multiple Access

- ✓ Access granted in dedicated time-slot
- ✓ Time-slots are pre-defined in a cyclic framework
- ✓ Tight synchronization with bus time  
(bus access instants are predetermined)
- ✓ Requires global (clock) synchronization



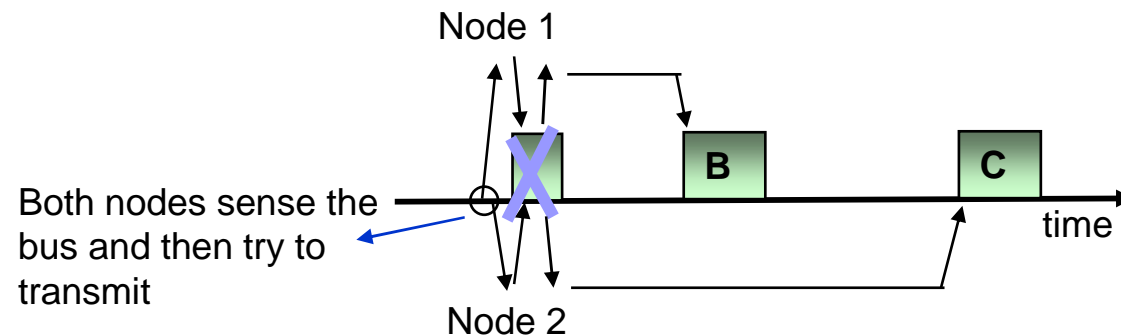
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- ✓ Medium access control – **TDMA**  
**Time-Division Multiple Access**
  - ✓ Addressing can be based on time → **High data efficiency**
  - ✓ Quality of synchronization bounds efficiency (length of **guarding windows** between slots)
  - ✓ Typically uses **static table-based scheduling**
  - ✓ Ex: TTP/C, FlexRay-sync, TT-CAN, PROFINET

# Data link layer

## ✓ Medium access control – **CSMA** **Carrier-Sense Multiple Access**

- ✓ Set of protocols based on sensing bus inactivity before transmitting (asynchronous bus access)
- ✓ There may be collisions
- ✓ Upon collision, nodes back off and retry later, according to some specific rule (this rule determines, to a large extent, the real-time features of the protocol)



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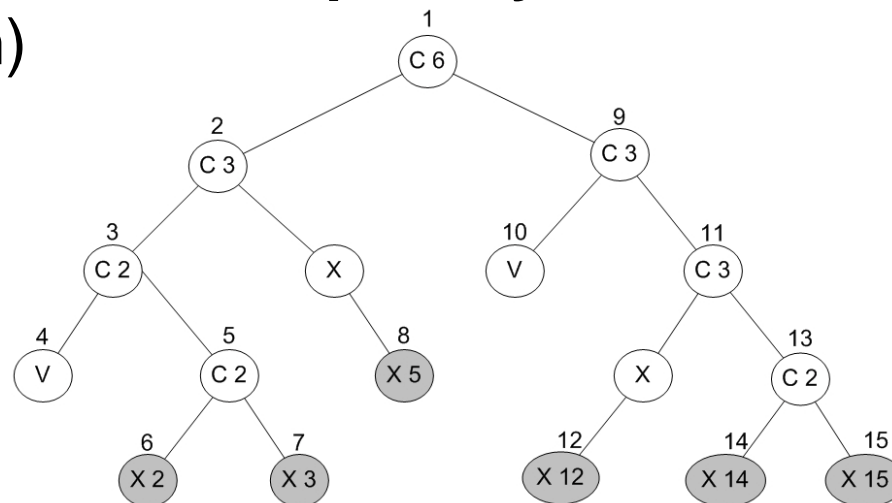
- ✓ Medium access control – **CSMA/CD**  
**Carrier-Sense Multiple Access with Collision Detection**
  - ✓ Used in shared Ethernet (hub-based)
  - ✓ Collisions are **destructive** and are detected within **collision windows** (*slots*)
  - ✓ Upon collision, the retry interval is **random** and the randomization window is doubled for each retry until 1024 slots (BEB - Binary Exponential Back-off)
  - ✓ Non-deterministic (particularly with chained collisions)

# Data link layer

✓ Medium access control – **CSMA/DCR**  
**Carrier-Sense Multiple Access with Deterministic Collision Resolution**

- ✓ Collisions are destructive
- ✓ **back off and retry based on priority**  
(binary tree search)

- ✓ Deterministic
- ✓ Ex. G. Le Lann's modified Ethernet  
(figure by Pedreiras)



Legend:

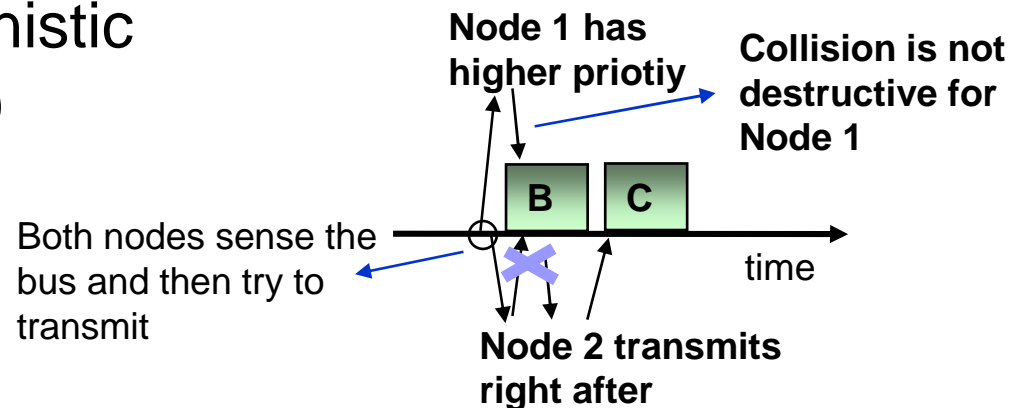


c : chronological order  
s : channel status  
C n - Collided slot (n collisions)  
V - Empty channel slot  
X - transmission ok



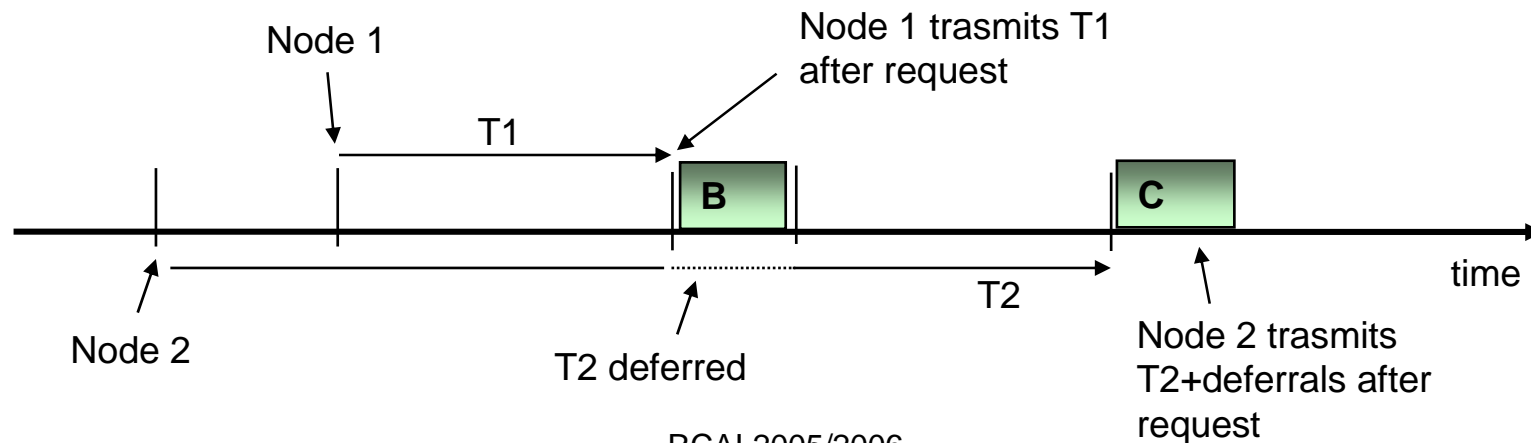
# Data link layer

- ✓ Medium access control – **CSMA/BA** (CA?)  
**Carrier-Sense Multiple Access with Bit-wise Arbitration**
  - ✓ **Bit-wise** arbitration with **non-destructive** collisions.
  - ✓ Upon collision, highest priority node is unaffected. Nodes with lower priorities retry right after.
  - ✓ Deterministic (e.g. CAN)



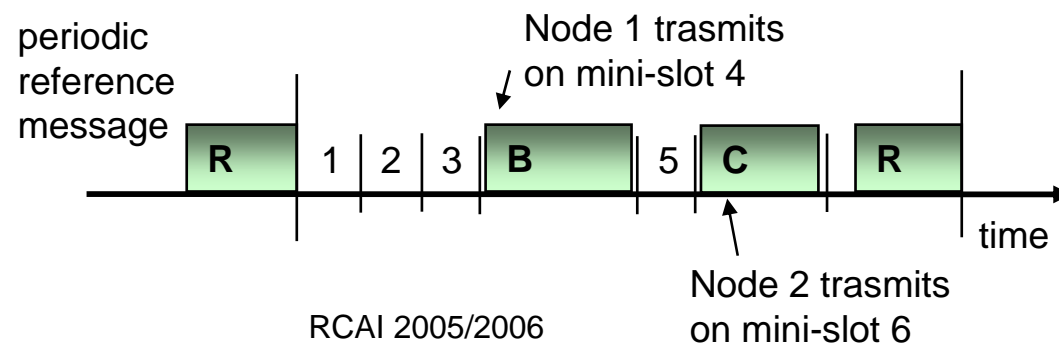
# Data link layer

- ✓ Medium access control – **CSMA/CA**  
**Carrier-Sense Multiple Access with Collision Avoidance (async)**
  - ✓ Access based on sensing bus inactivity during a synchronization interval plus a uniformly distributed random access interval with probability  $p$  (*p-persistent*)
  - ✓ Not collision-free (Ex: IEEE 802.11)



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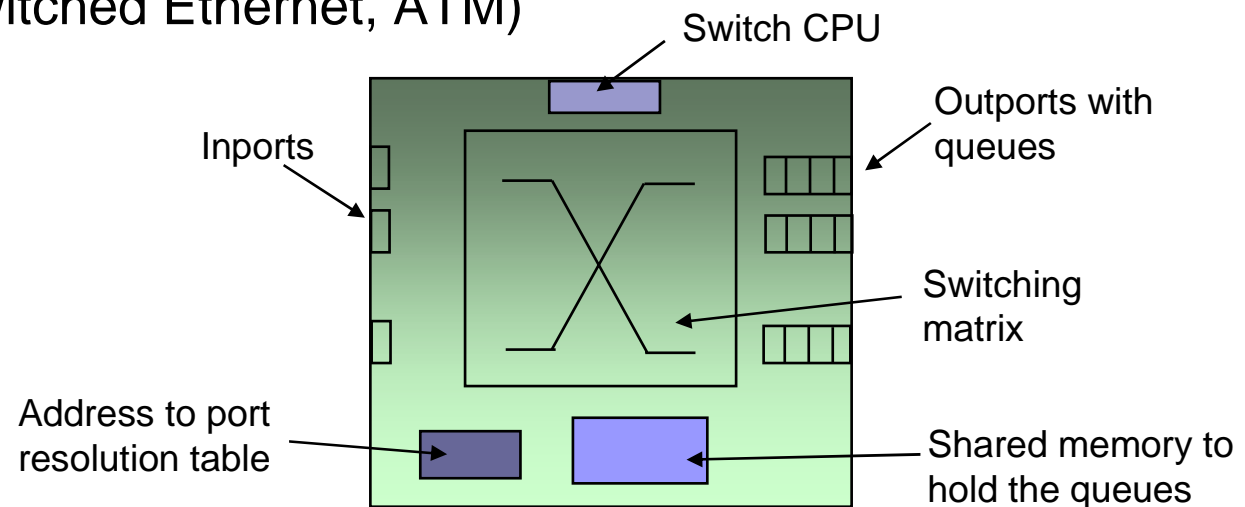
- ✓ Medium access control – **CSMA/CA**  
**Carrier-Sense Multiple Access with Collision Avoidance (with sync)**
  - ✓ Access based on sensing bus inactivity during a number of predefined time-slots (mini-slots) after reception of a synchronous reference message
  - ✓ Corresponding mini-slot determines priority
  - ✓ Collision-free and deterministic
  - ✓ (Ex: FlexRay-async (Byteflight), ARINC629-async)



# Data link layer

- ✓ Medium access control – **switched**  
**micro-segmented network with central switching hub**
  - ✓ Nodes send asynchronously messages to the switch using point-to-point links – **no collisions**
  - ✓ Contention at the network access is replaced by contention at the output ports

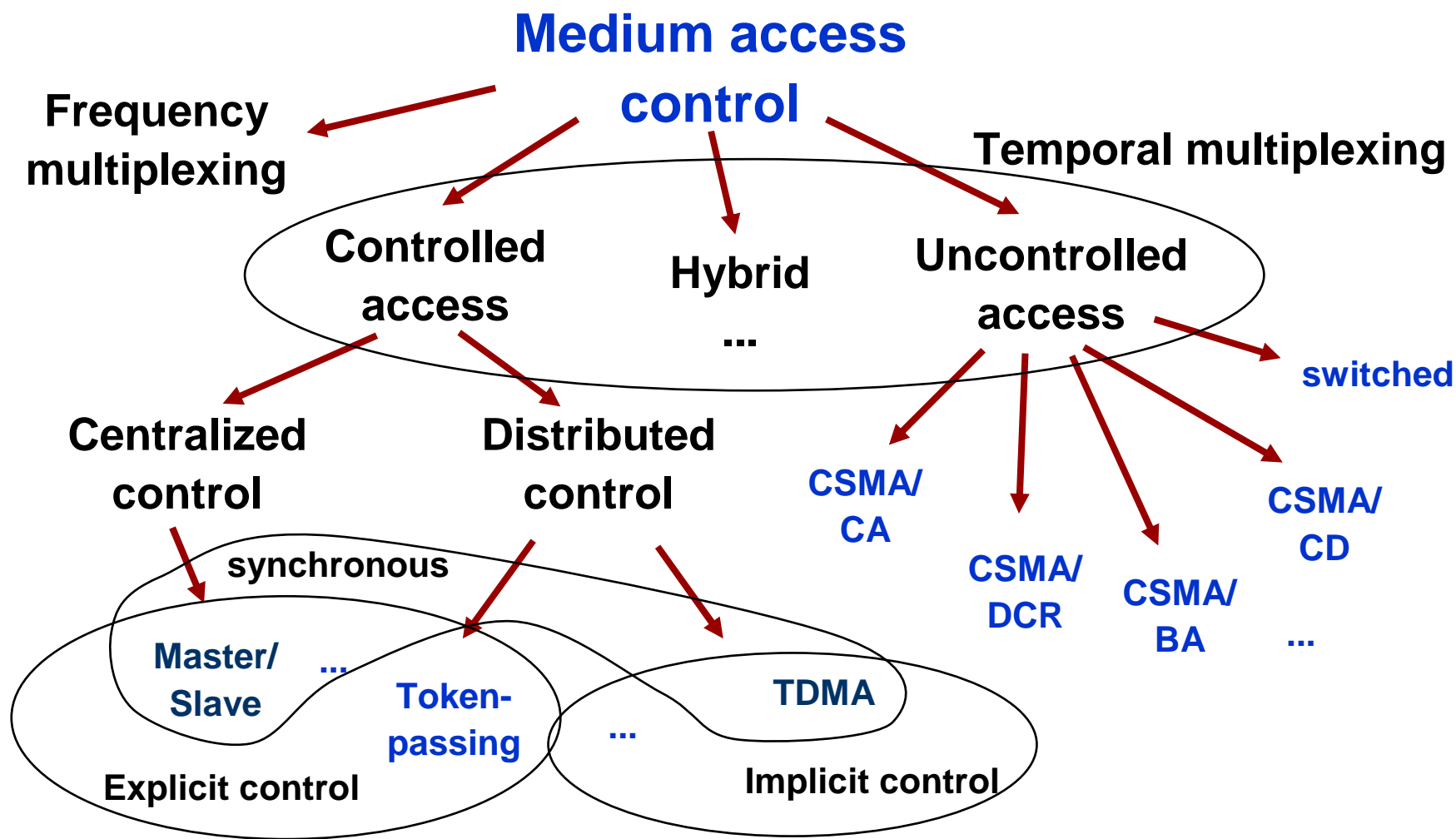
(e.g. Switched Ethernet, ATM)



# Data link layer

- ✓ Medium access control – **switched micro-segmented network with central switching hub**
  - ✓ The switch handles incoming messages, interprets the destination address and, if known, routes the message to the respective output (**forwarding**)
  - ✓ For multicasts, broadcasts or unknown addresses, the switch forwards to all outputs (**flooding**)
  - ✓ No collisions, concurrent messages for the same port are queued in memory and sent in sequence
  - ✓ **In principle, it is deterministic but**
    - ✓ Possible **priority inversions** in queues!
    - ✓ There may be **queue overflows**!

# Data link layer



# Summary:

- ✓ **Addressing:**
  - ✓ Direct and indirect (source, time-based)
- ✓ **Logical link control – LLC**
  - ✓ Services: send with(out) ack., request data, connection-oriented
  - ✓ Transmission error control : Forward Error Correction (FEC), Automatic Repeat reQuest (ARQ), Positive Acknowledge and Retry (PAR)
- ✓ **Medium access control – MAC (for shared medium)**
  - ✓ master/slave, token passing, TDMA, CSMA/CD, CSMA/BA(CA), micro-segmentation