

Traffic Light Controller

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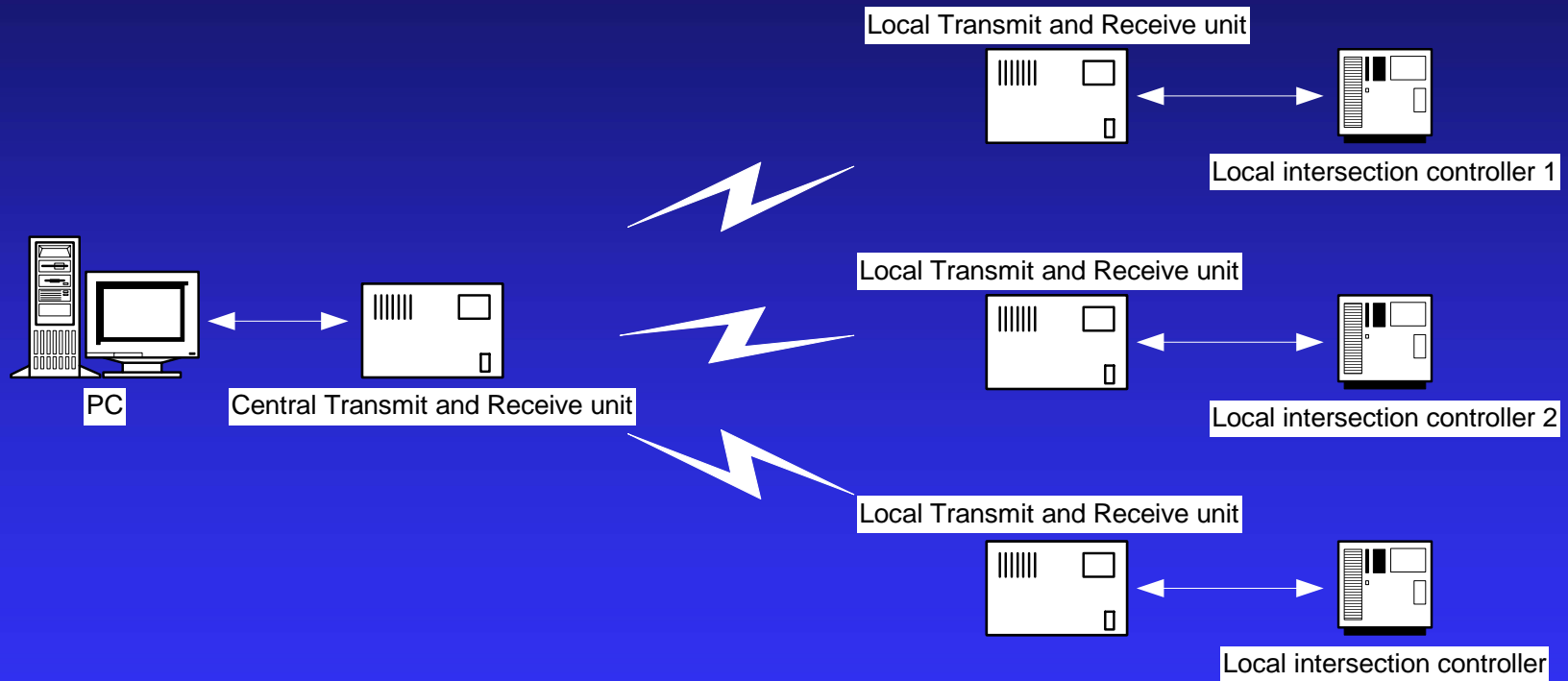
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Project Goals

- Design an independent traffic light controller.
- Implement network coordination
- Design of central controller

System Overview

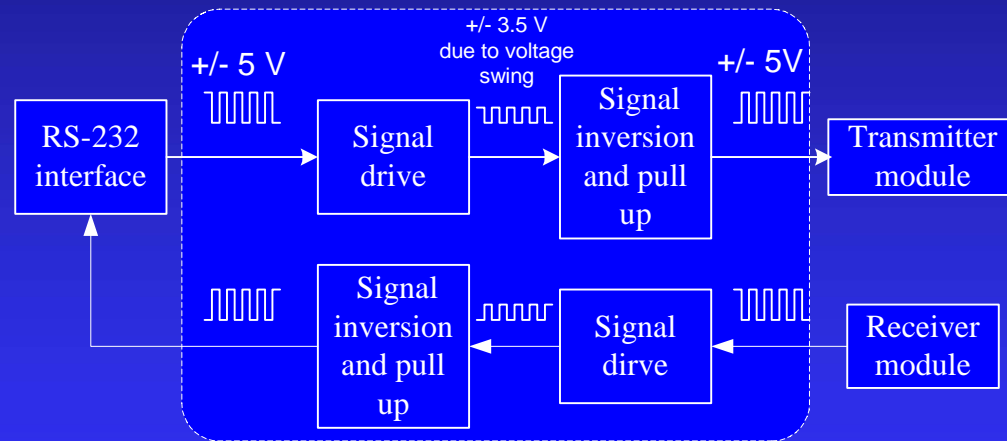


Traffic Control Schemes

- Pre-Timed
- Vehicle Actuated
- Coordinated Network

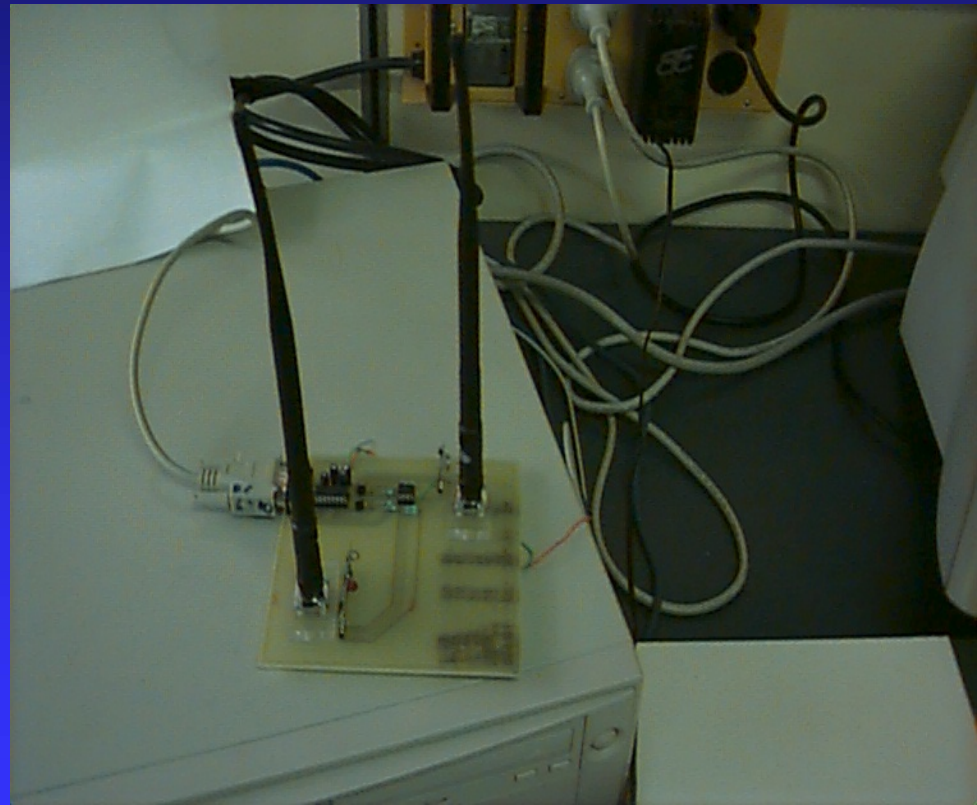
Serial Communication

■ MAX232 module



Central Transmit and Receive Unit

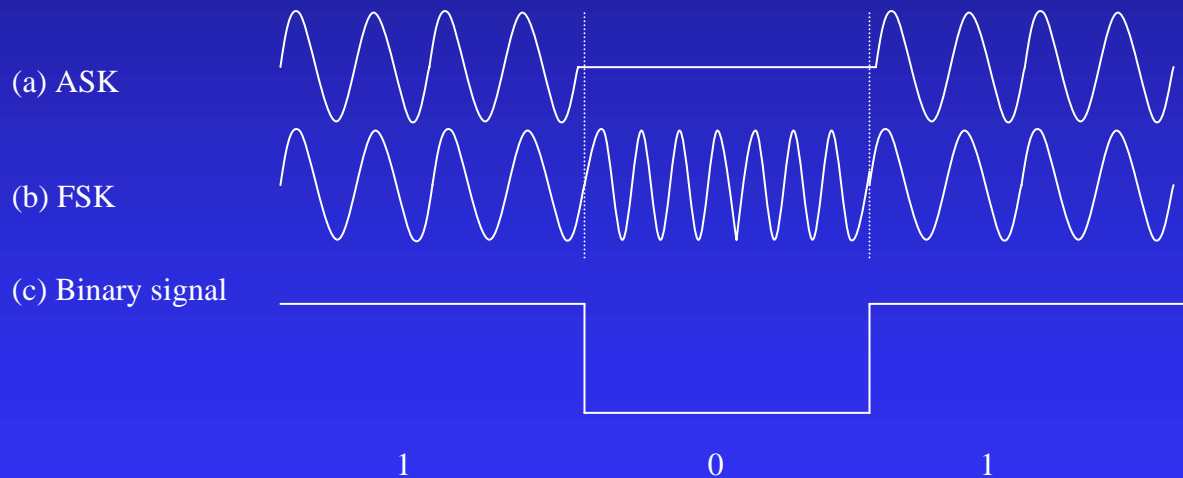
- Serial interface
- Communication devices.
(RF modules)



Communication Techniques

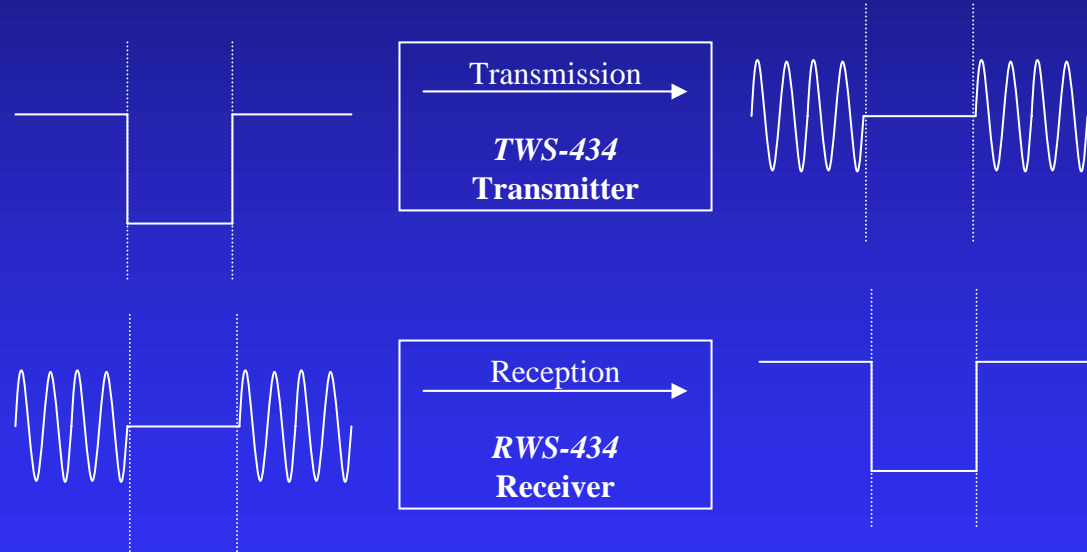
■ Amplitude Shift Keying

■ Frequency Shift Keying



ASK Scheme

■ TWS-343 and RWS-434



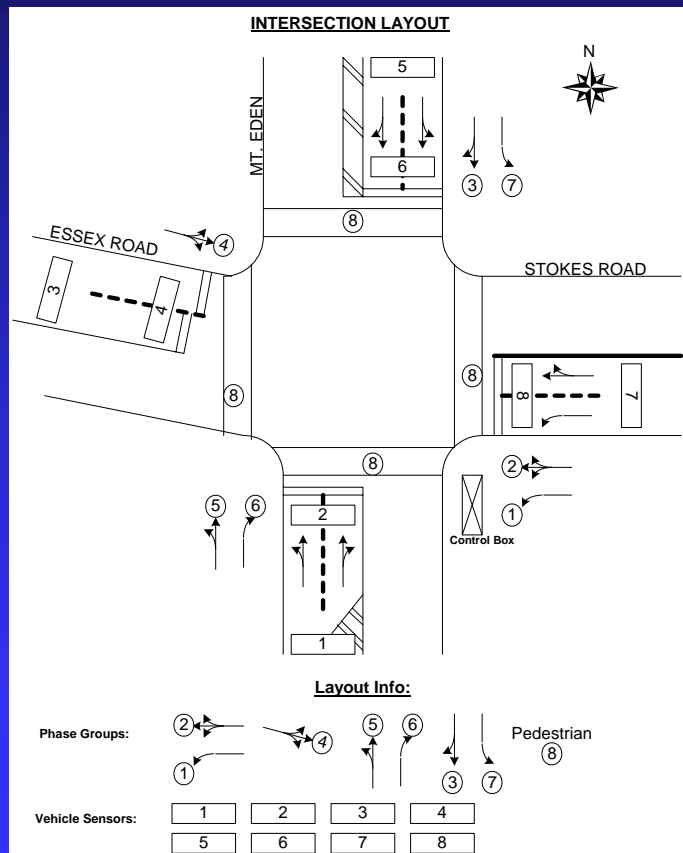
Micro-processor M16

- 87 I/O ports
- 5 UART channels for serial communication
- Technical support

Case Study



Phase Diagram



Phase Group	A	B	C	D
1	OFF	GAN	OFF	OFF
2	R	R	GAR	R
3	GAR	R	R	R
4	R	R	GAR	R
5	SGGA	SGAR	R	R
6	SOFF	GAR	R	R
7	SGAR	OFF	OFF	OFF
8	R/OFF	R/OFF	R/OFF	GR

A preceding S means some form of special control of signal group.

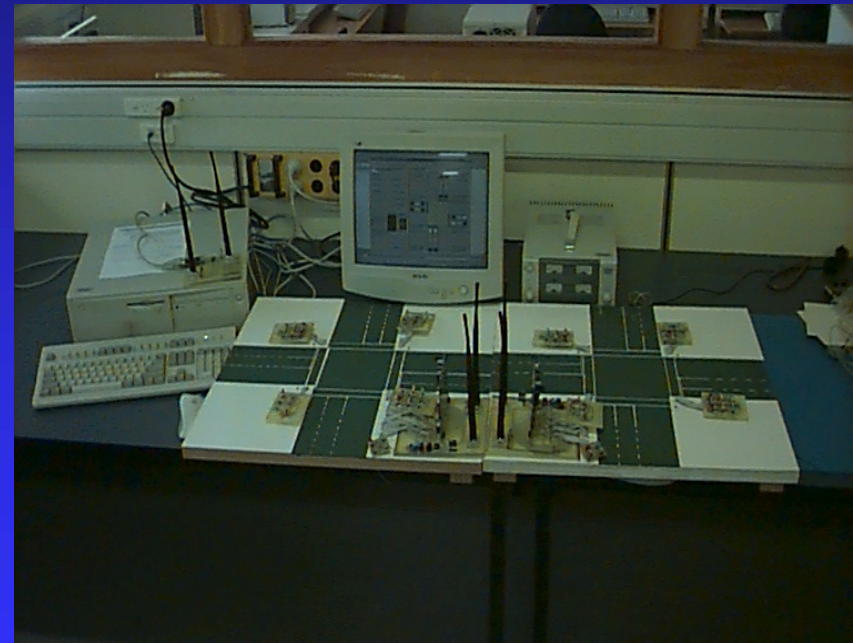
GAR – Green Amber Red
R – Red

GAN – Green Amber Off
R/OFF – Red or Off

Start Phase : A
Phase sequences: BACD

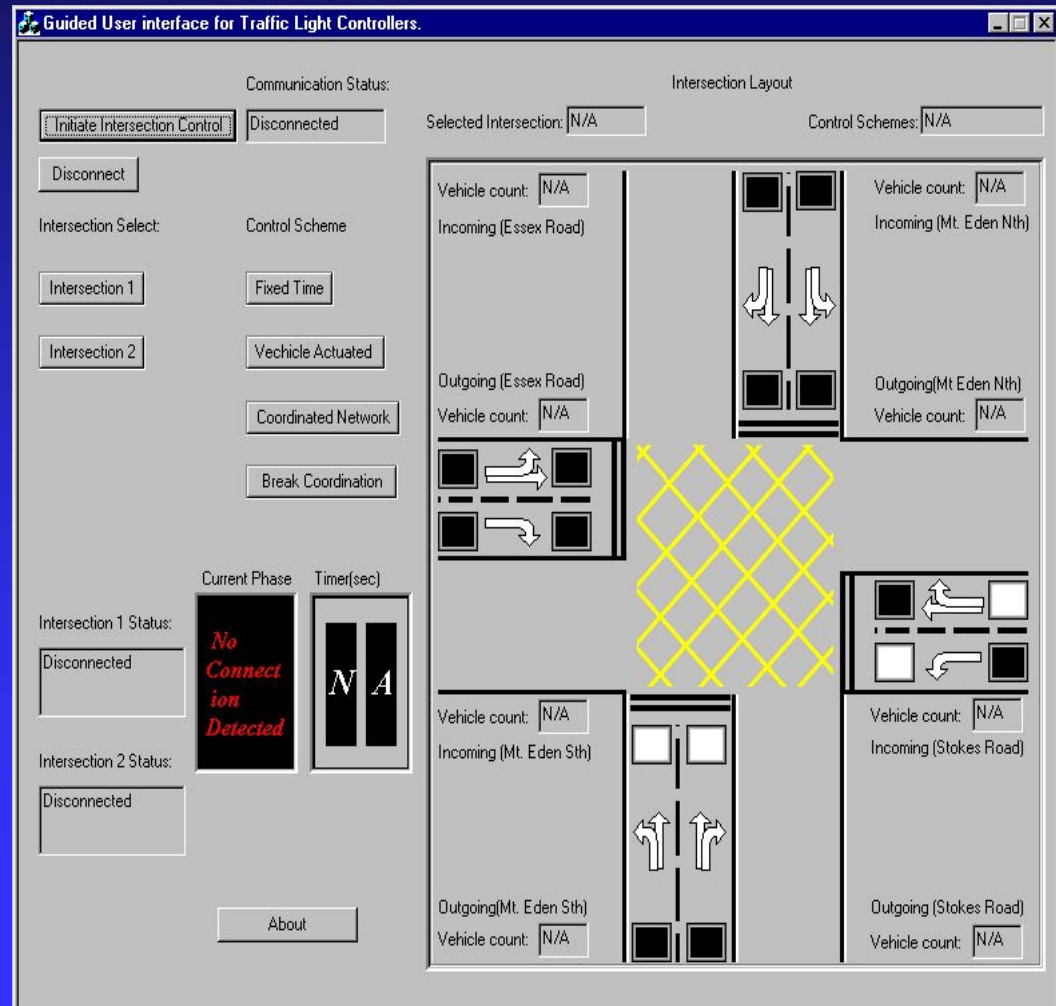
The Developed System

- Master controller
- Two local intersection controllers



Software Interface

- Traffic control schemes.
- Intersection feedbacks.



Communication Protocol Between GUI – Local Controllers

- Error control (maintain data integrity)
- Access control (eliminates data collision)

Protocol Basics

- Error Control : Checking digits on data packet.
 - ◆ Parity bit & block sum check : Can only detect single bit errors.
 - ◆ CRC : Cyclic Redundancy check, capable of detecting burst errors.

Protocol Basics (continue..)

- Access Control : Allocate link usage to the communicating parties.
 - ◆ Token access control : Circulate data transmission token to eliminate data collisions

Token passing: operation principles

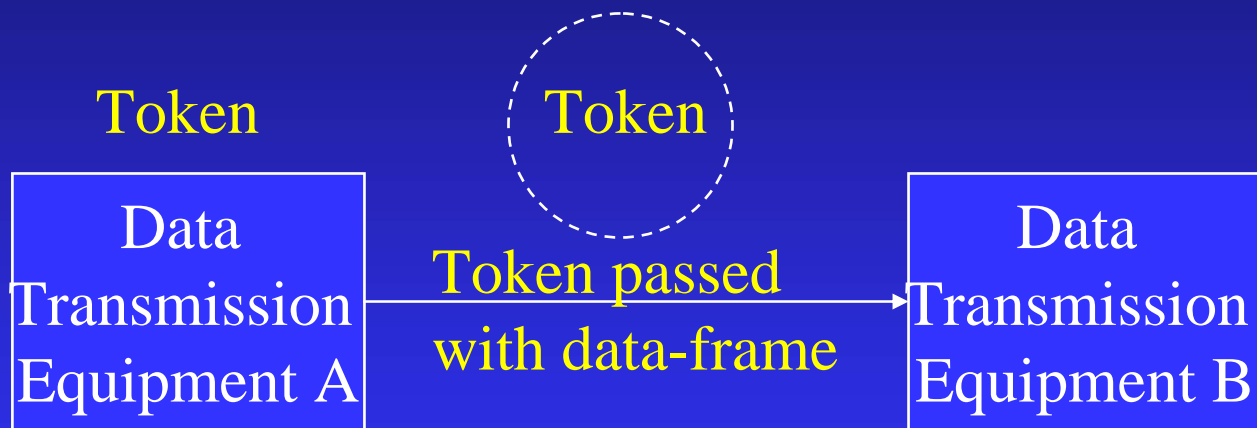
Token

Data
Transmission
Equipment A

Data
Transmission
Equipment B

DTE A wishes to send a data to the DTE B, it must first wait for the receipt of the control token.

Token passing: operation principles



On receipt of the token, DTE A initiated transmission of the frame and then passes the token to DTE B.

Token passing: operation principles

Token

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DTE B has the token and therefore able to reply to DTE A.

Token passing: operation principles



On receipt of the token, DTE B initiated transmission of the frame and then passes the token to DTE A.

Token passing: operation principles

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Equipment A

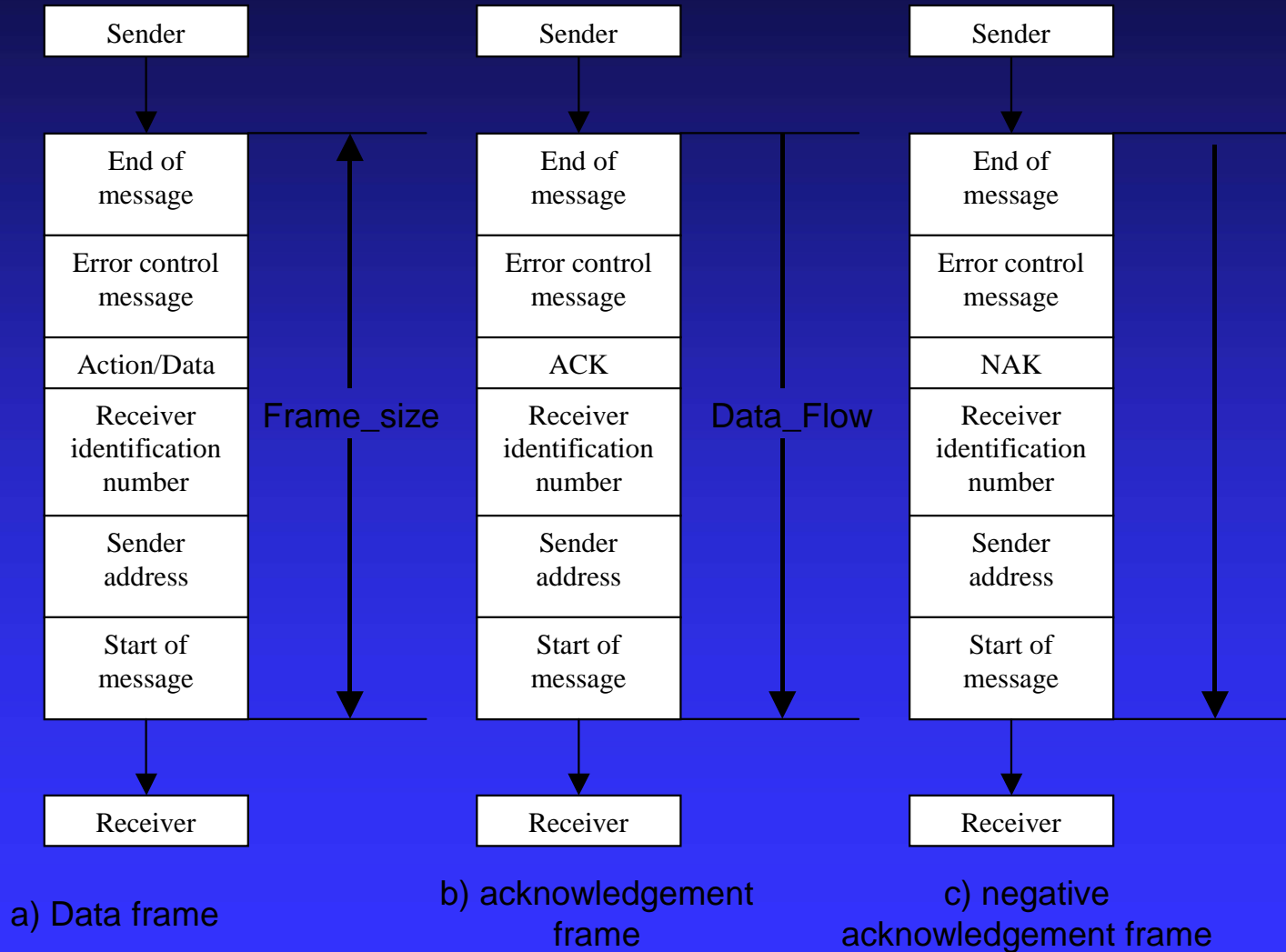
Data
Transmission
Equipment B

The process repeats itself whenever a data frame is successfully passed between the two communicating parties.

GUI-Local Controllers Protocol

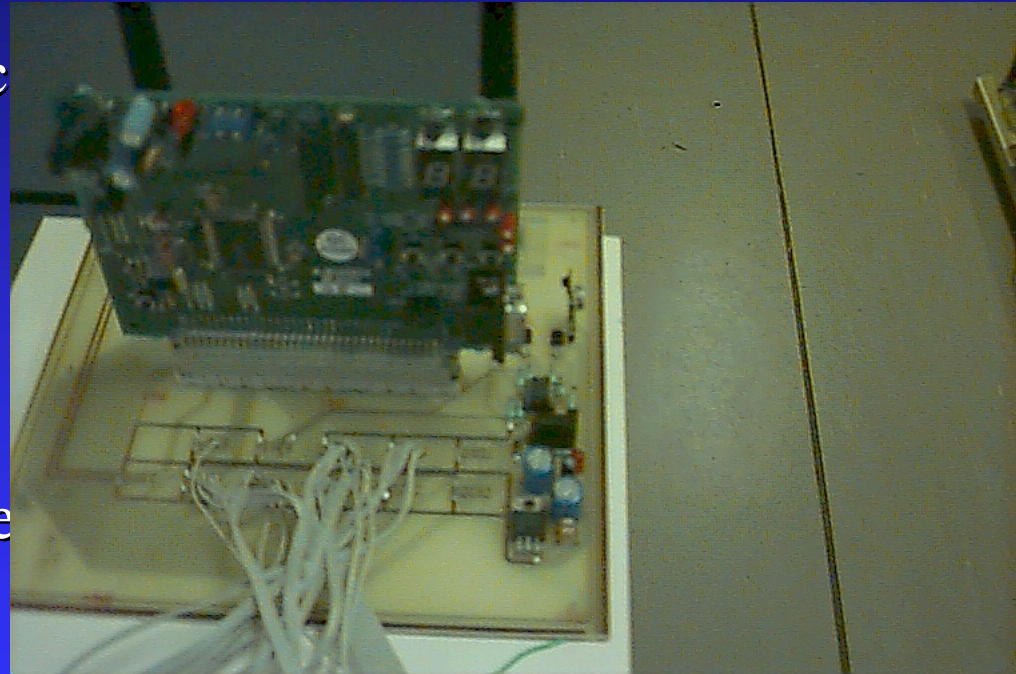
- Idle RQ (idle repeat request)
 - ◆ Wait for acknowledgements from last transmissions before sending another frame.
- Token access control
 - ◆ Enforce one party transmission rule.

Protocols Data Format



The Local Controller

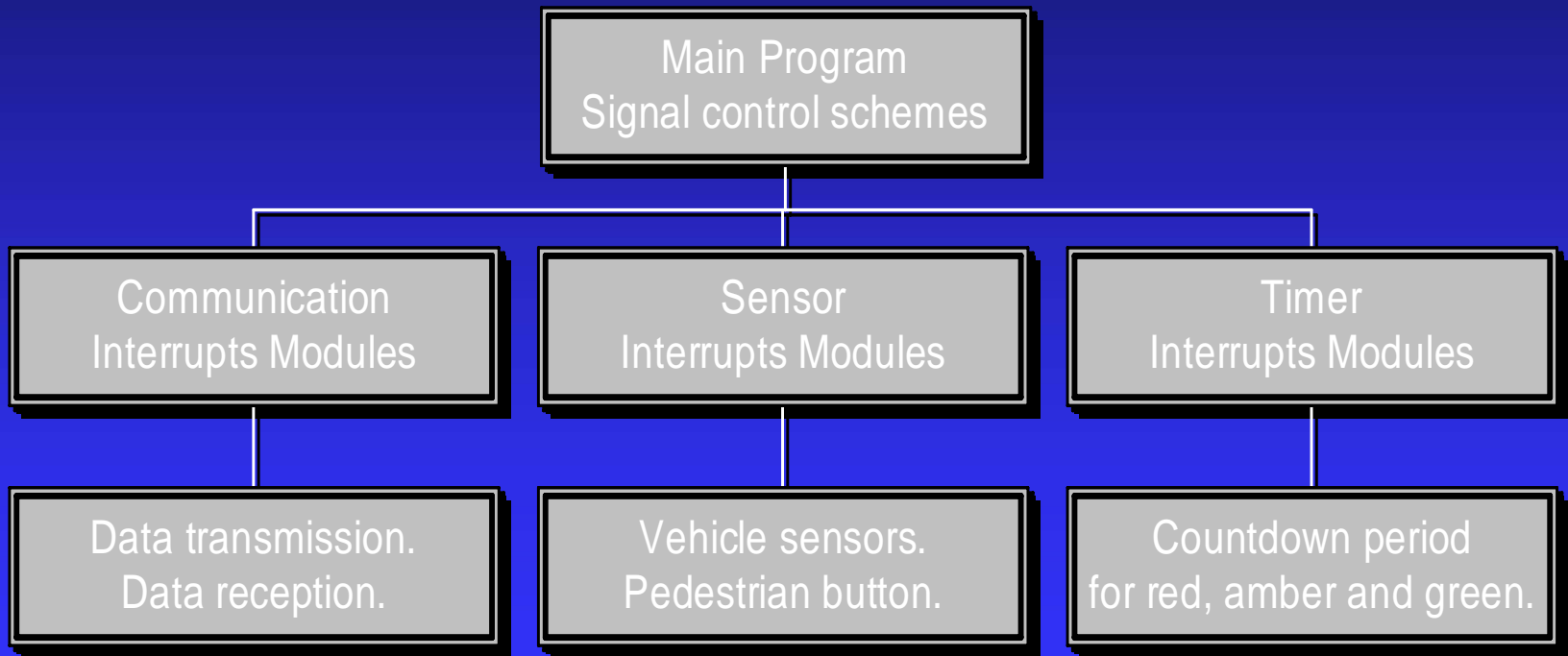
- Local transmit and receive unit,
- I/O ports and,
- MCU (micro-controller)



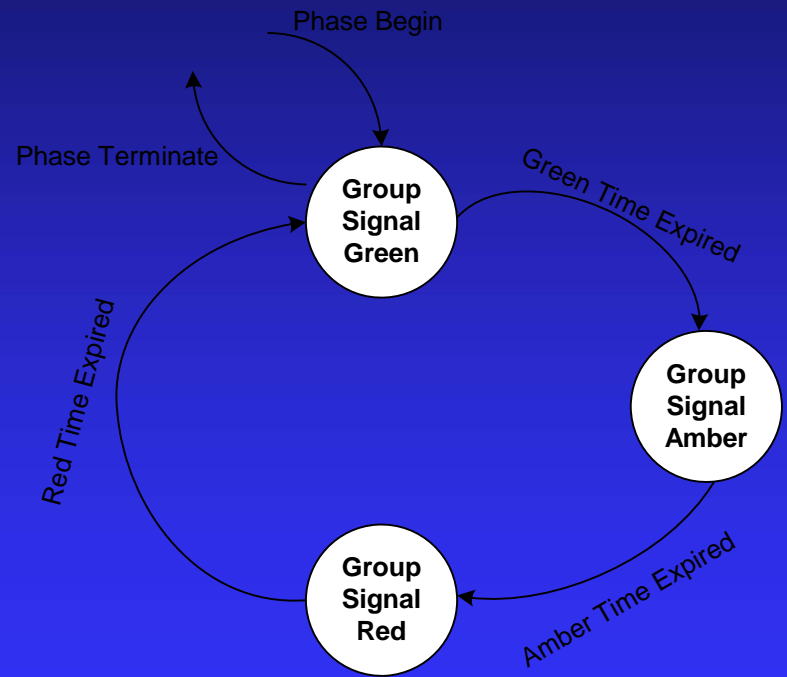
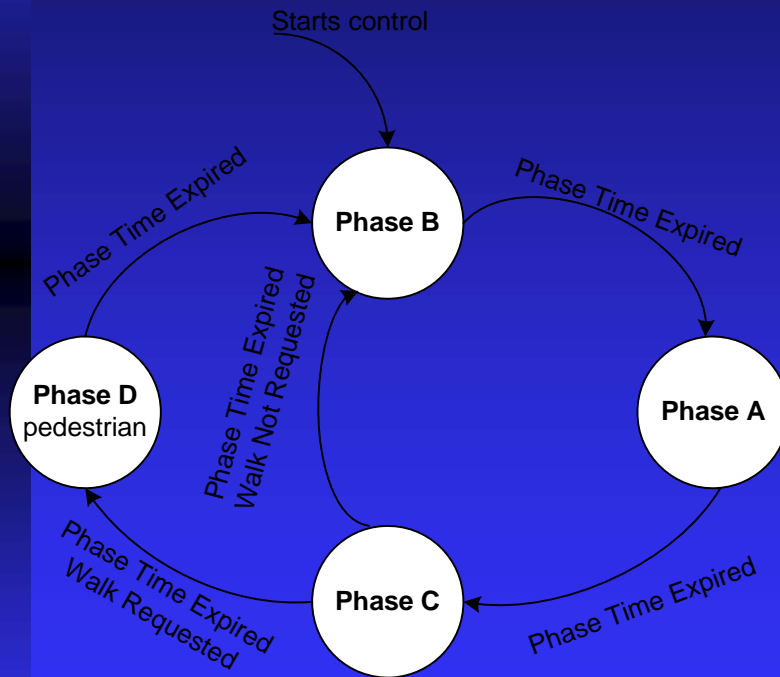
MCU software implementation

- Recognizing control commands.
- Manages control of traffic signal.
- Reporting intersection status.

Program Hierarchy



Signal Control Method



Testing of the system

- Communication range 45cm, with the miniature model intersection.
- Reliable data communication between the local controllers and the GUI master modules.

Limitations

- Operating range and, (1-3 meters with line of sight)
- Speed of the communication devices. (3000 bits per second or 300 bytes per seconds)

Future Improvements

- Network class protocols.
- Better data transmission devices.
- Sophisticated software interface for the local controllers.

Conclusions

- An independent Traffic light controller based on the case study.
- Final traffic control system is fully operational.
- Main project objectives are achieved.