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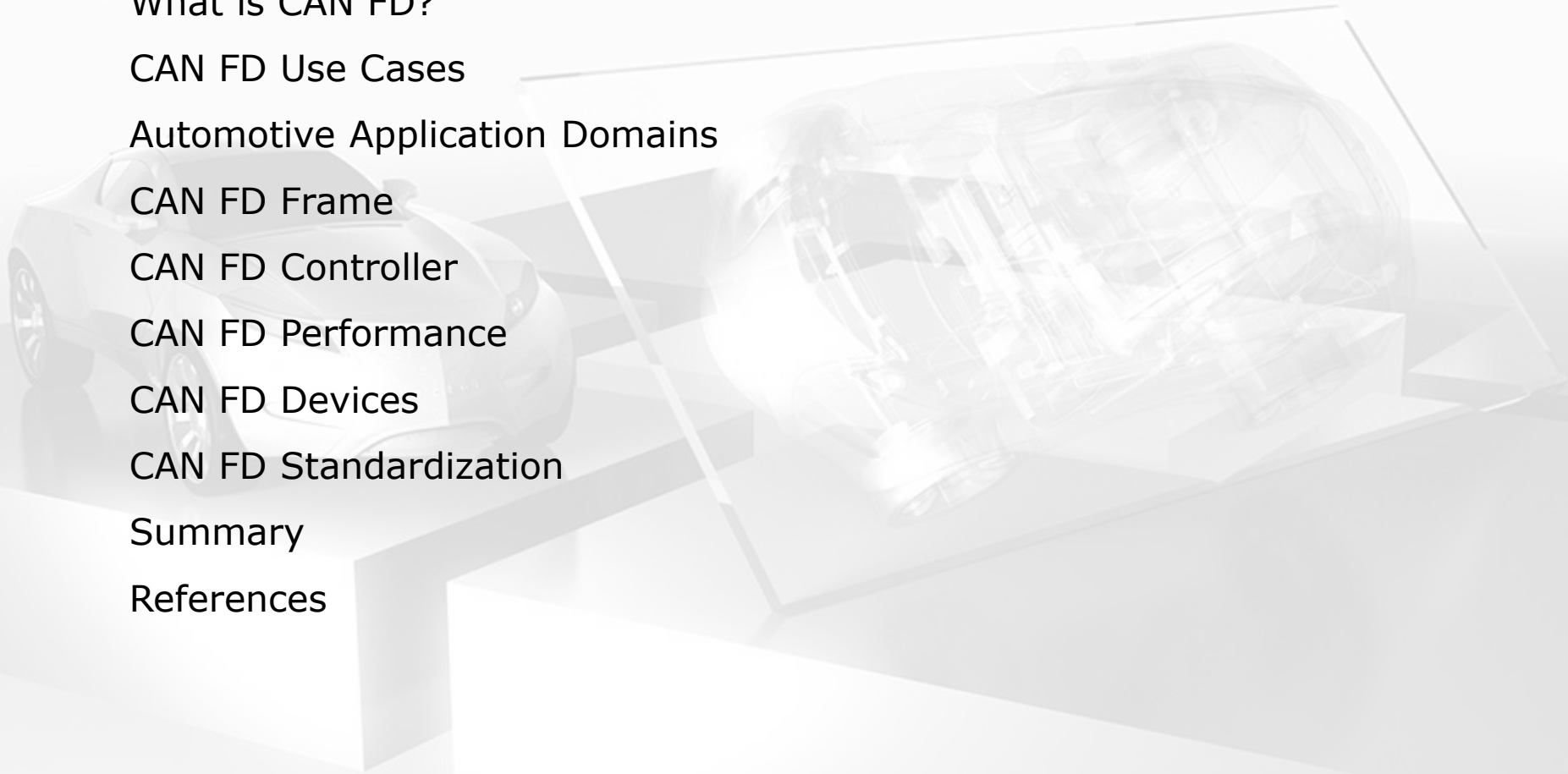
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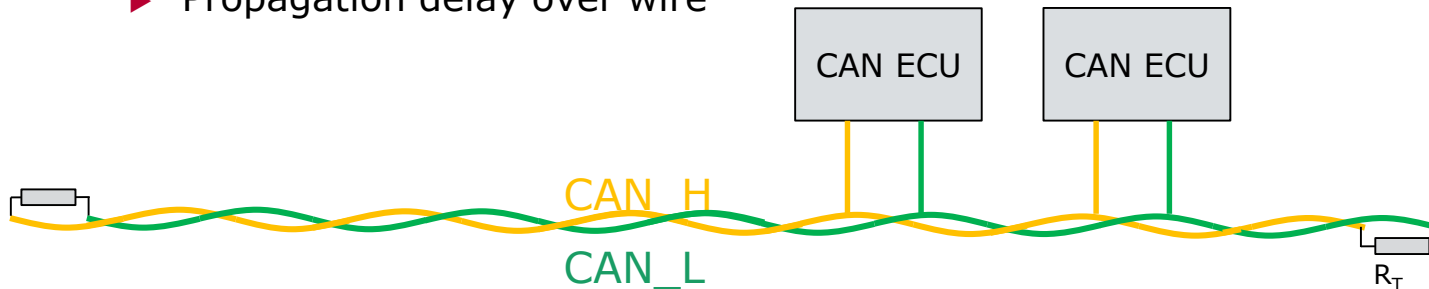
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Many CAN buses have reached 50 % ... 95 % network load level

1. Network speed limited to 1 Mbit/s (typical \leq 500 kbit/s)

- ▶ Limited by physical characteristics of in-vehicle wiring due to the In-Frame response mechanism:
 - ▶ ACK generation delay in CAN controller
 - ▶ Propagation delay through the transceiver
 - ▶ Propagation delay over wire



2. CAN messages contain \geq 50 % overhead

- ▶ Other protocols have less overhead
 - ▶ Ethernet UDP – \sim 1500 bytes/datagram, 64 bytes overhead (IPv4)
 - ▶ FlexRay – 254 bytes/frame, 8 bytes of overhead

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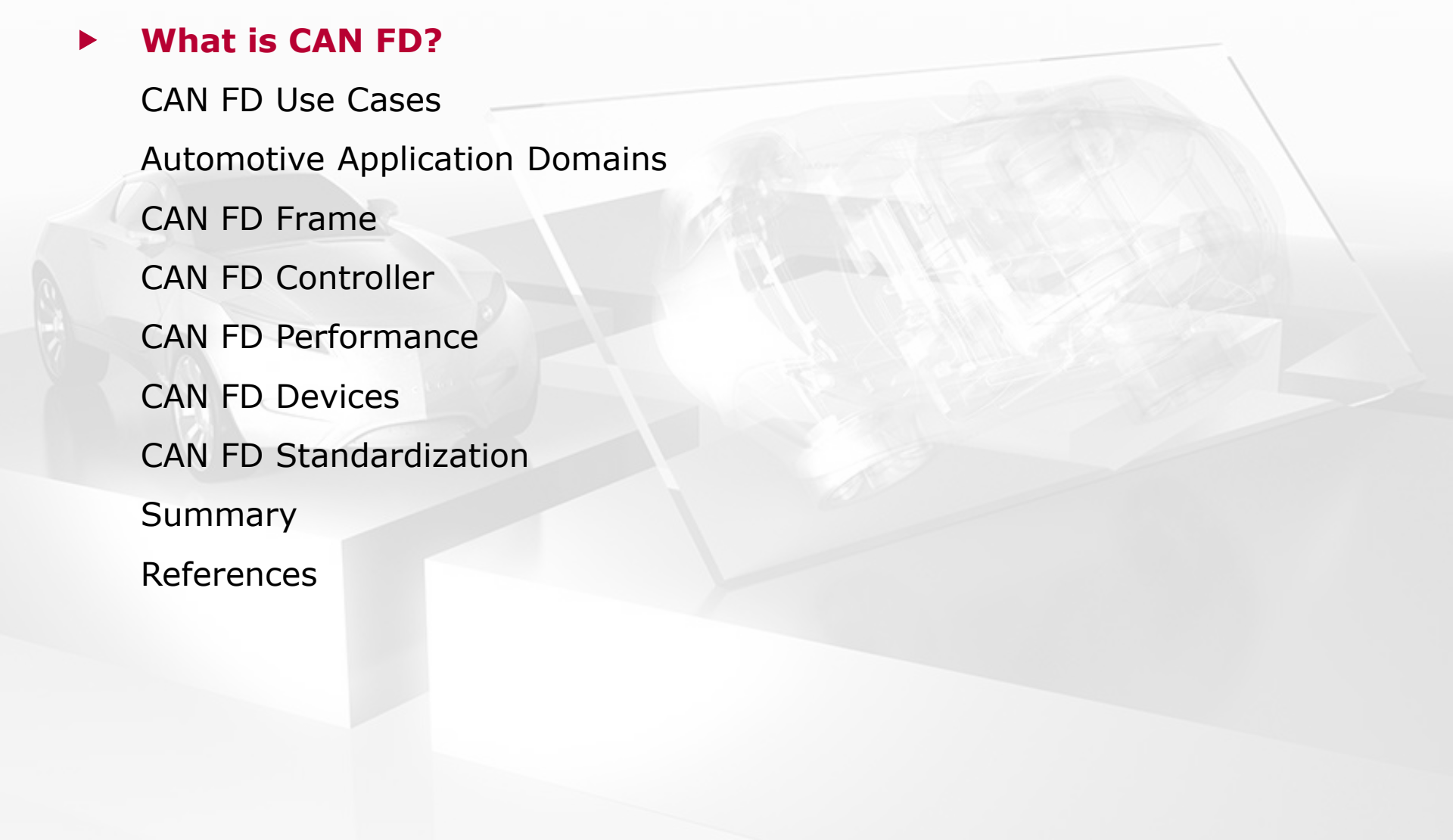
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- ▶ CAN FD is an improved CAN protocol (based on CAN 2.0)
- ▶ Two features added:
 - ▶ Changes limited to CAN controller hardware

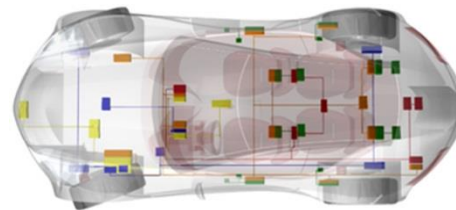
1. Support dual bit rates within a message

- ▶ Arbitration Phase: same bit rate as standard CAN
- ▶ Data Phase: bit rates up to 5 Mbit/s depending on the application
 - ➔ small software change needed (due to change of timing)

2. Support larger payload (data length)

- ▶ Up to 64 bytes/message
 - ➔ larger software change needed

- ▶ System cost similar to standard CAN
 - ▶ Controller, crystal, transceiver, node interconnection cost
 - ▶ Existing CAN transceivers usable up to 2-5 Mbit/s depending on the application
 - ▶ Well known technology: Event triggered system
- ▶ Smooth migration at reasonable cost possible
 - ▶ Classic CAN and CAN FD ECUs can be mixed under certain conditions



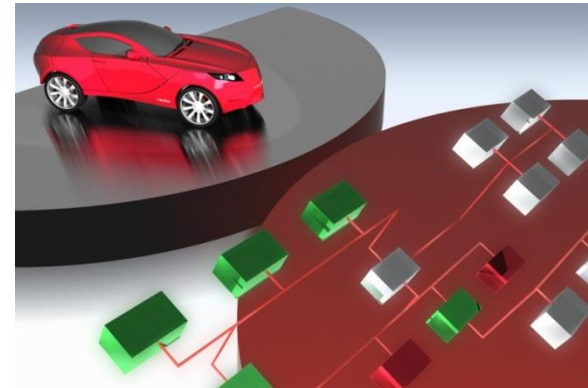
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Scenario 1

- ▶ Some nodes are not CAN FD capable:
 - ▶ Communicate only with classic CAN messages or switch off the not-capable nodes (e.g. during flashing)
 - > Partial network transceiver
 - > Sophisticated filter transceivers (e.g. NXP Shield Transceiver)

Scenario 2

- ▶ All nodes are CAN FD capable:
 - ▶ Classic and FD messages can be mixed



Combining CAN and CAN FD

		Receive	
		Classical	FD
Transmit	Classical	✓	✓
	FD	✗	✓

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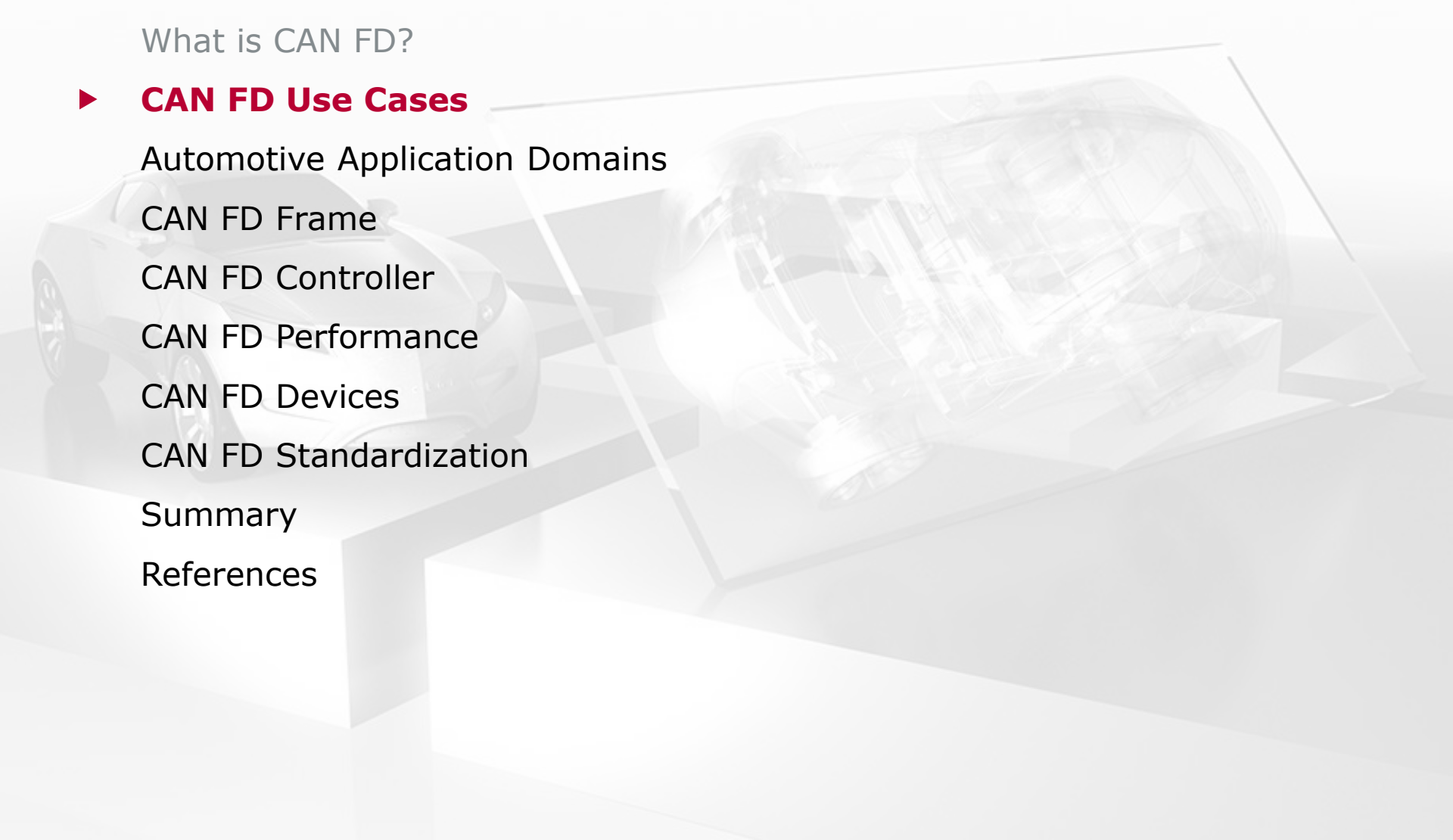
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- ▶ Faster software download
- ▶ Avoid split of data into several frames
- ▶ Decrease bus load of an existing bus
- ▶ Increase no. of ECUs on the bus
- ▶ Avoid split of networks
- ▶ Accelerate communication on long bus lines (truck/bus)



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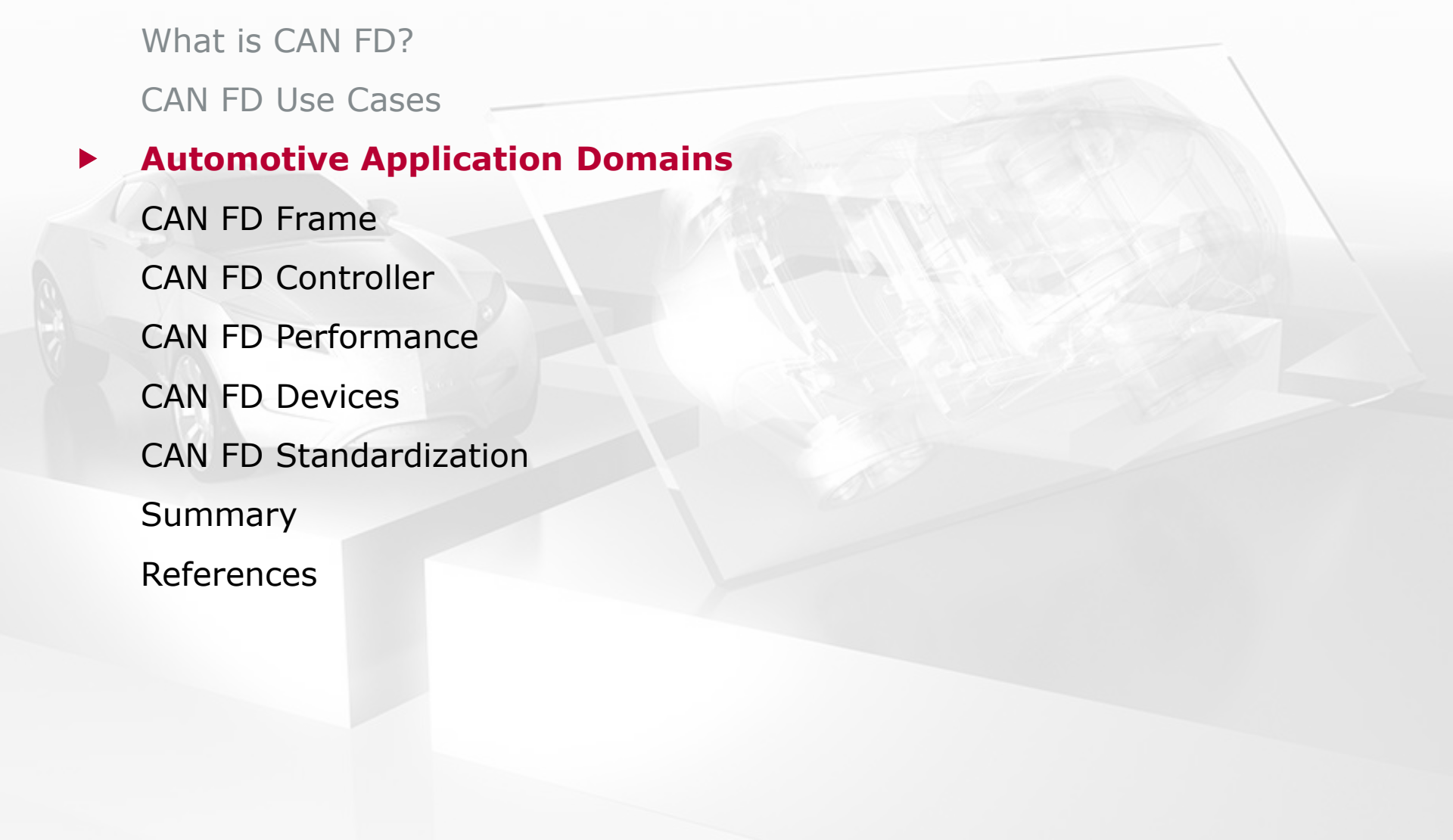
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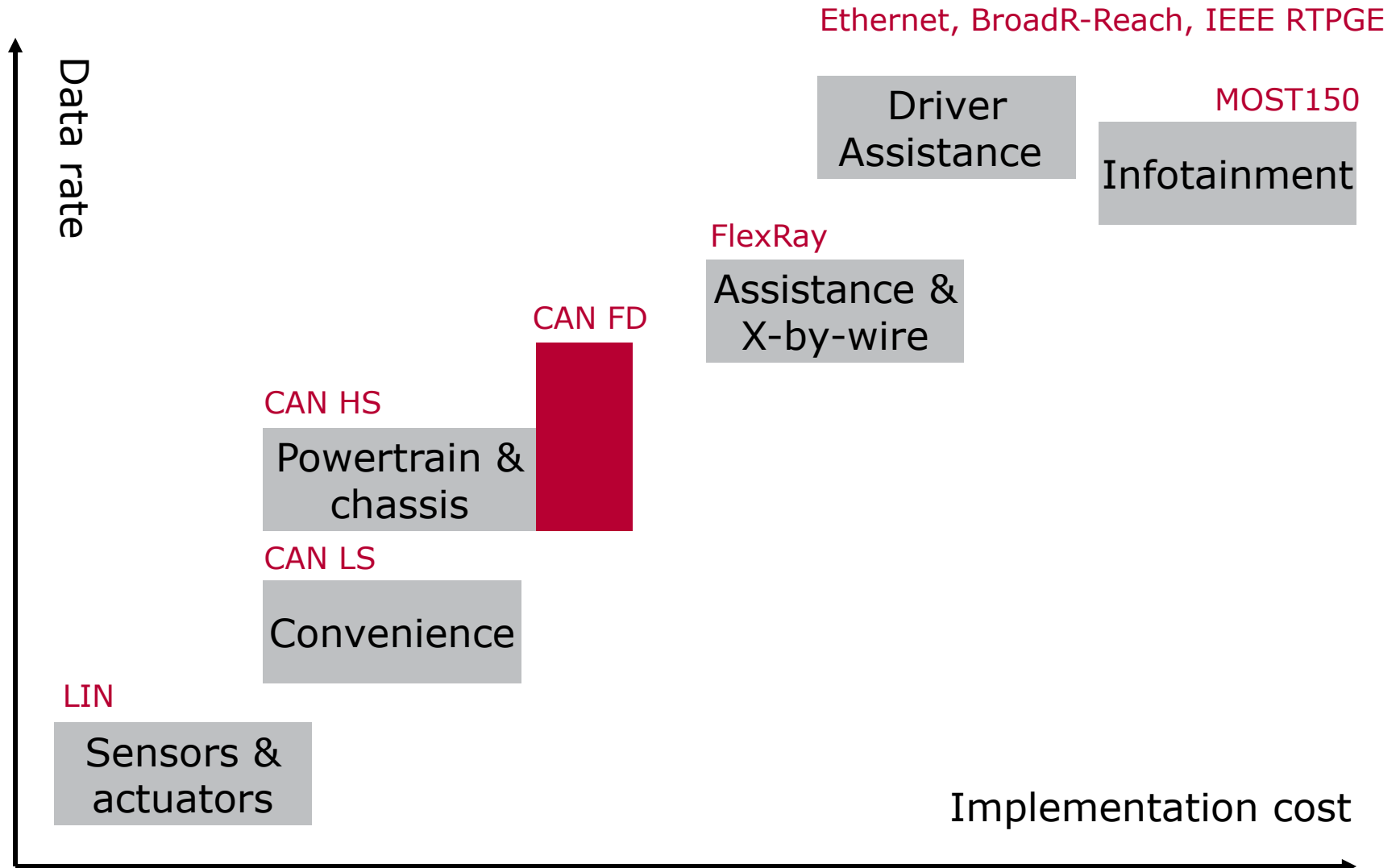
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Bandwidth and Cost



CAN FD vs. FlexRay

- ▶ CAN FD closes the gap between classic CAN (1 MBit/s) and FlexRay (10 MBit/s) but
 - ▶ Higher effort for FlexRay migration
 - ▶ FlexRay is less flexible but offers high predictability (bus load, ...)
 - ▶ FlexRay is not efficient for ECU flashing

CAN FD vs. Ethernet

- ▶ Ethernet provides the necessary bandwidth e.g. for Car2x, and camera applications
 - ▶ Higher effort for Ethernet migration
 - ▶ Ethernet (UDP) more efficient for streaming applications
 - ▶ Event triggered system vs. switched network



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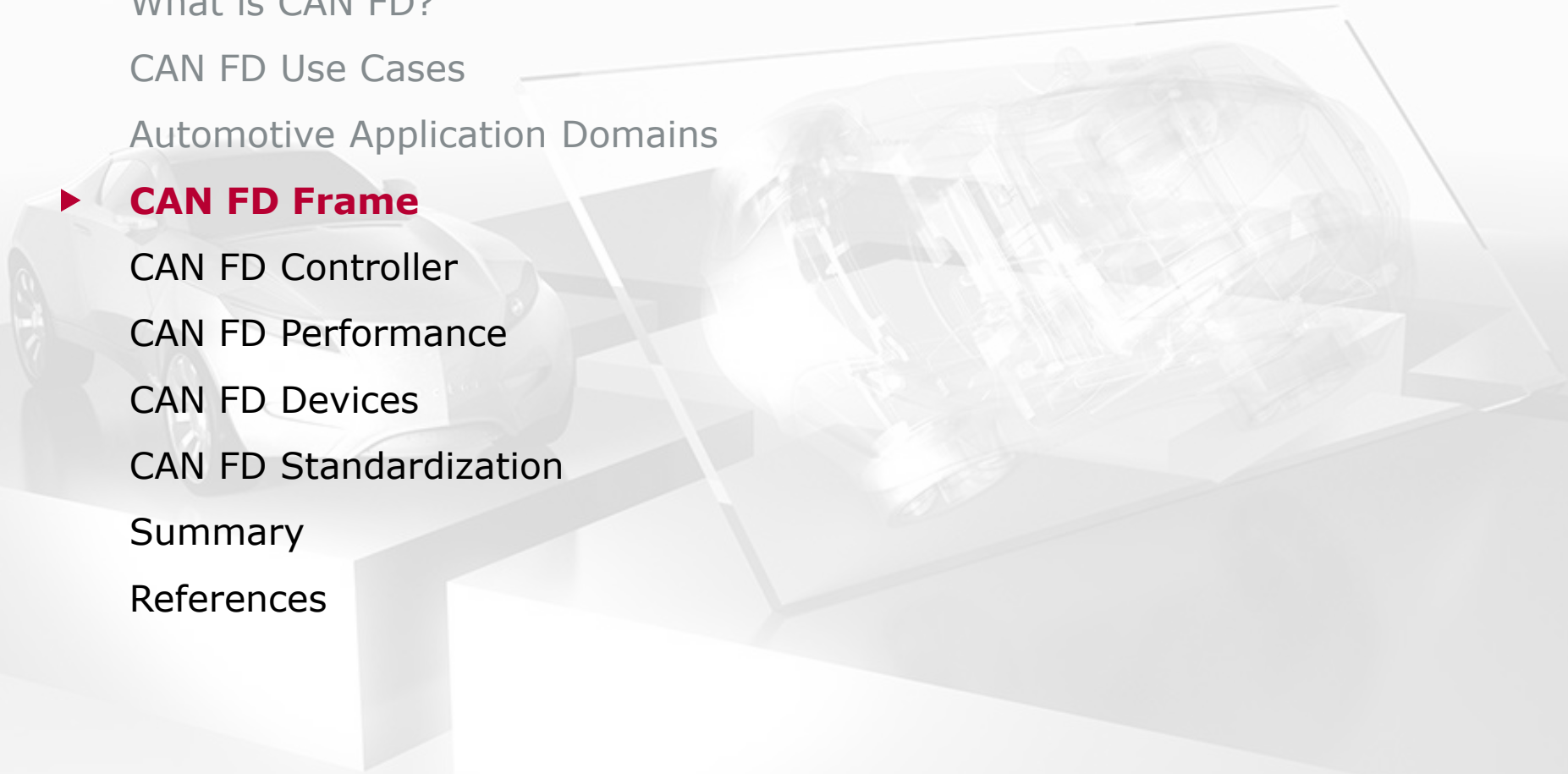
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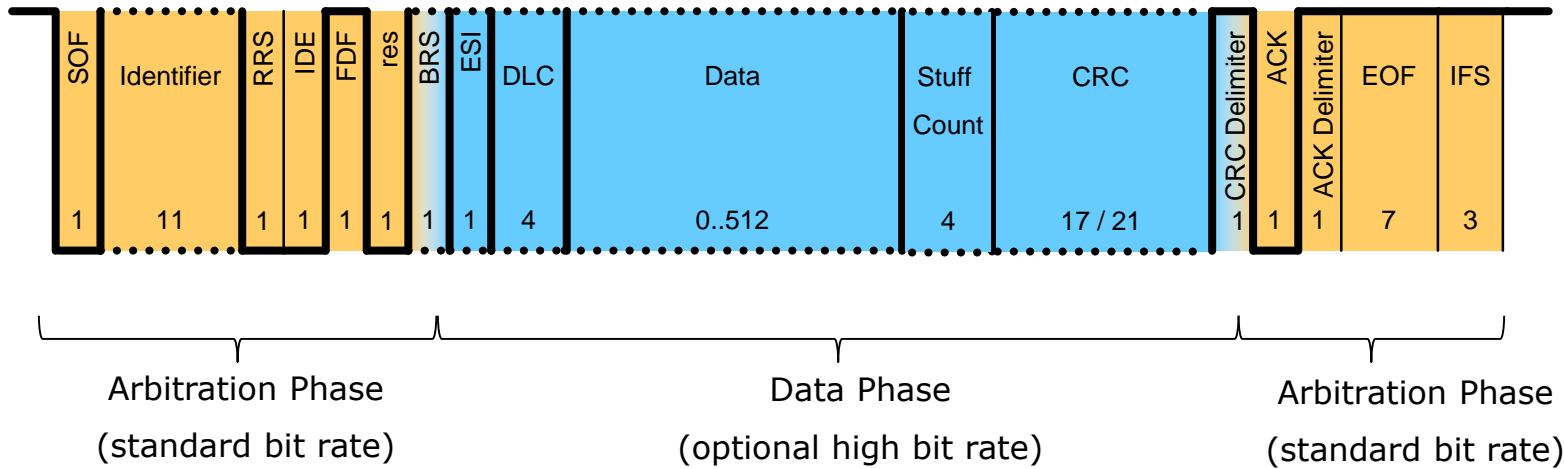
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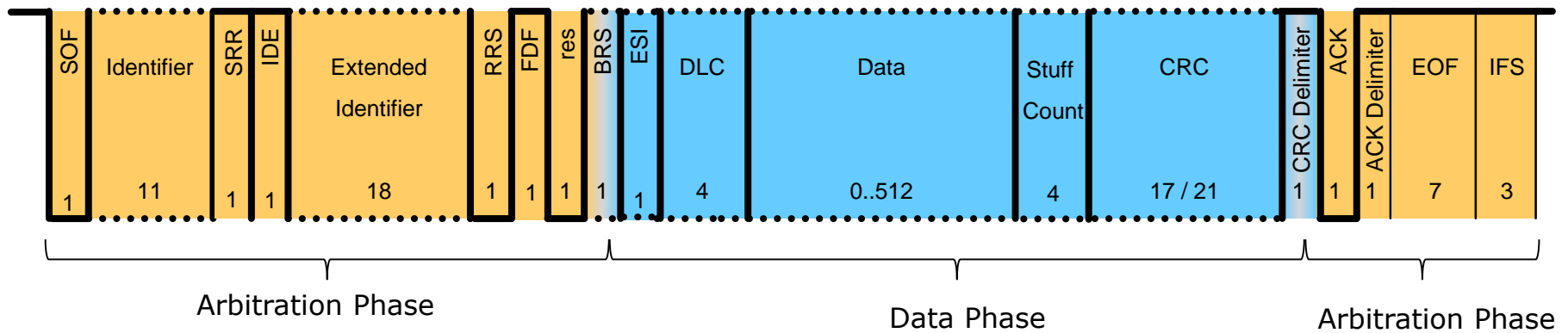


Arbitration Phase and Data Phase

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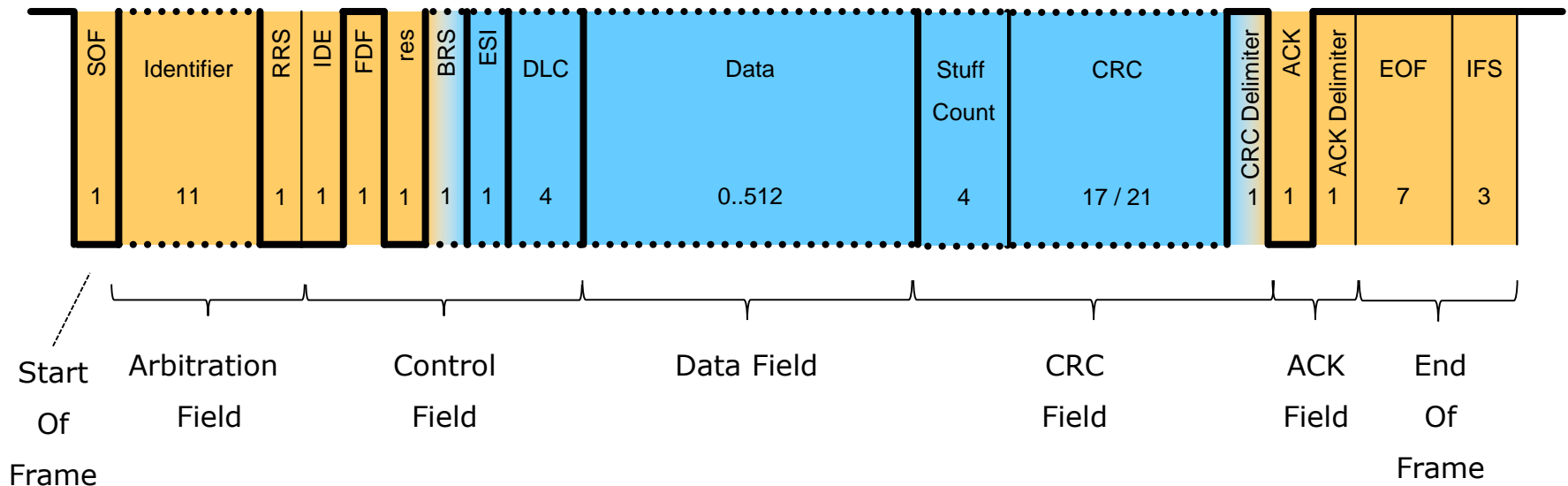
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CAN FD Frame Fields

- ... and seven different bit fields – *SOF, Arbitration, Control, Data, CRC (Stuff Count + CRC Sequence), ACK, EOF*

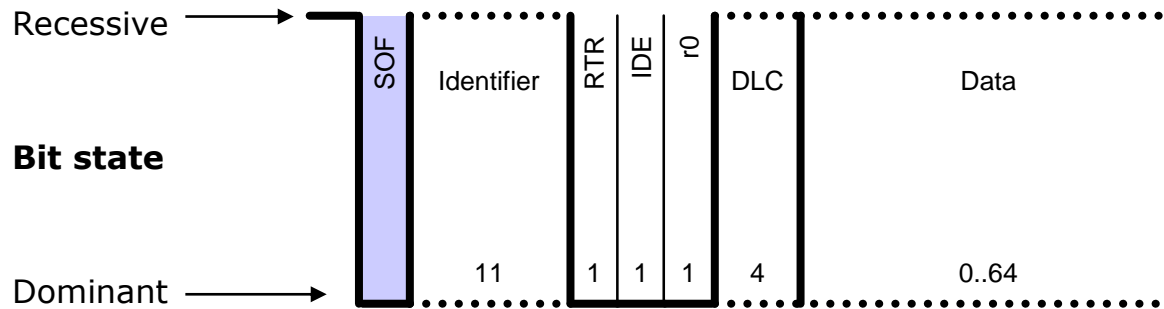
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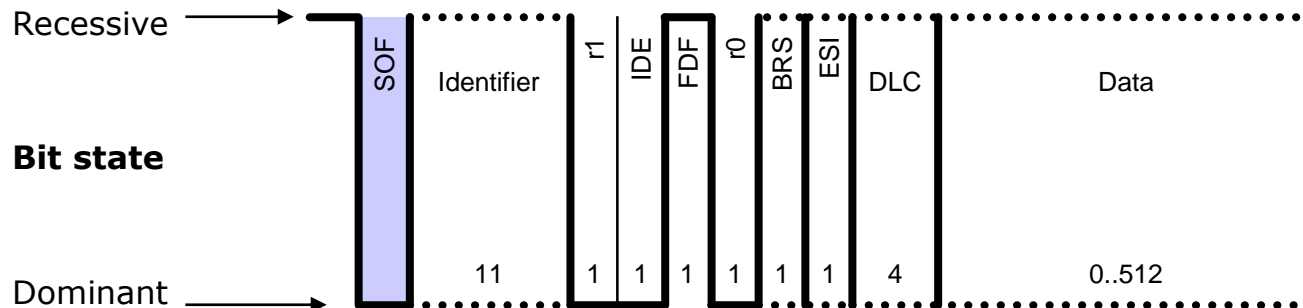
Start of Frame

- ▶ CAN and CAN FD use the same SOF – a single “dominant” bit

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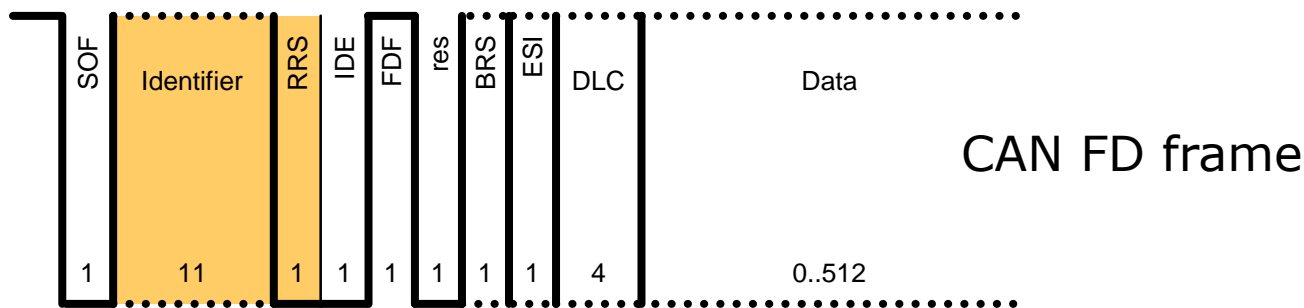
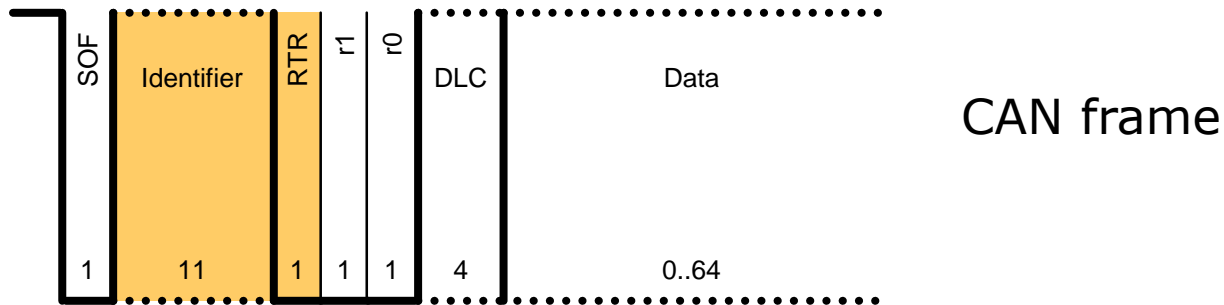


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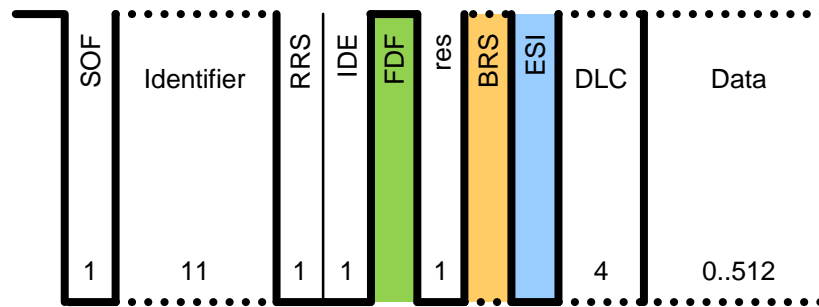
Arbitration Field

- ▶ Little difference between CAN and CAN FD arbitration fields
 - ▶ Both share the same addressing for Standard and Extended formats
 - ▶ CAN FD removes the RTR bit and maintains an always dominant RRS bit



Control Field

- ▶ CAN and CAN FD share the following bits:
 - ▶ IDE, res and the DLC bits



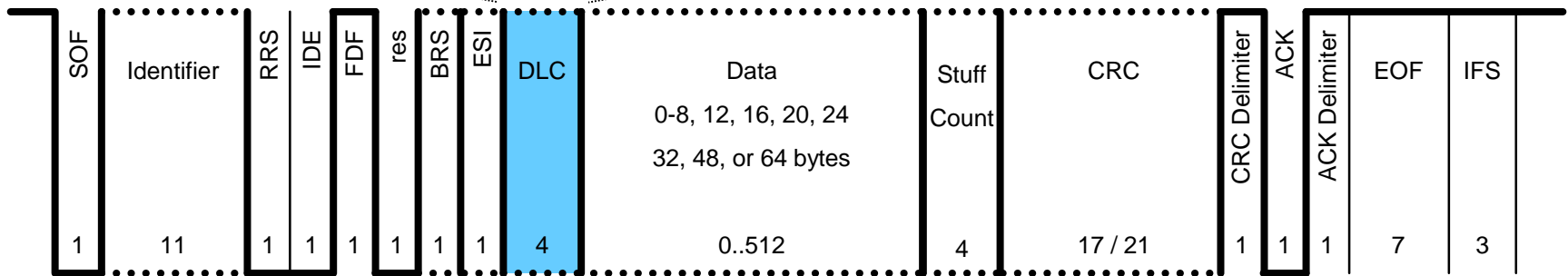
- ▶ CAN FD adds the following bits to the control field:

- ▶ FDF – FD Format
 - ▶ Determines if CAN (dominant) or CAN FD (recessive)
- ▶ BRS – Bit Rate Switch
 - ▶ Separates Arbitration Phase from Data Phase in CAN FD
 - ▶ Clock rate switches when BRS is recessive
- ▶ ESI – Error State Indicator (error active/passive)

Control Field: DLC

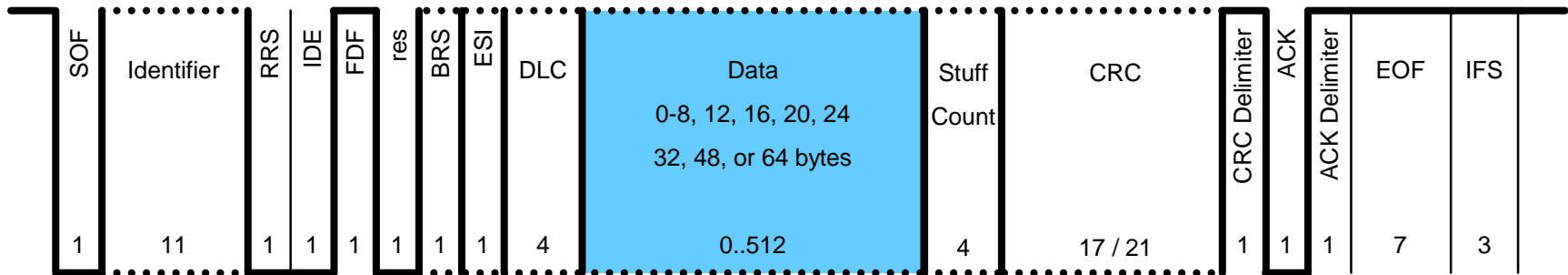
- ▶ Data Length Code (DLC)
 - ▶ 4 bits used for both formats
 - ▶ CAN FD compatible with CAN at data lengths ≤ 7
 - ▶ CAN ignores 3 lsb if DLC = 8, CAN FD does not
 - ▶ For lengths ≥ 8 , CAN FD uses the following DLCs:

1000 = 8	1100 = 24
1001 = 12	1101 = 32
1010 = 16	1110 = 48
1011 = 20	1111 = 64

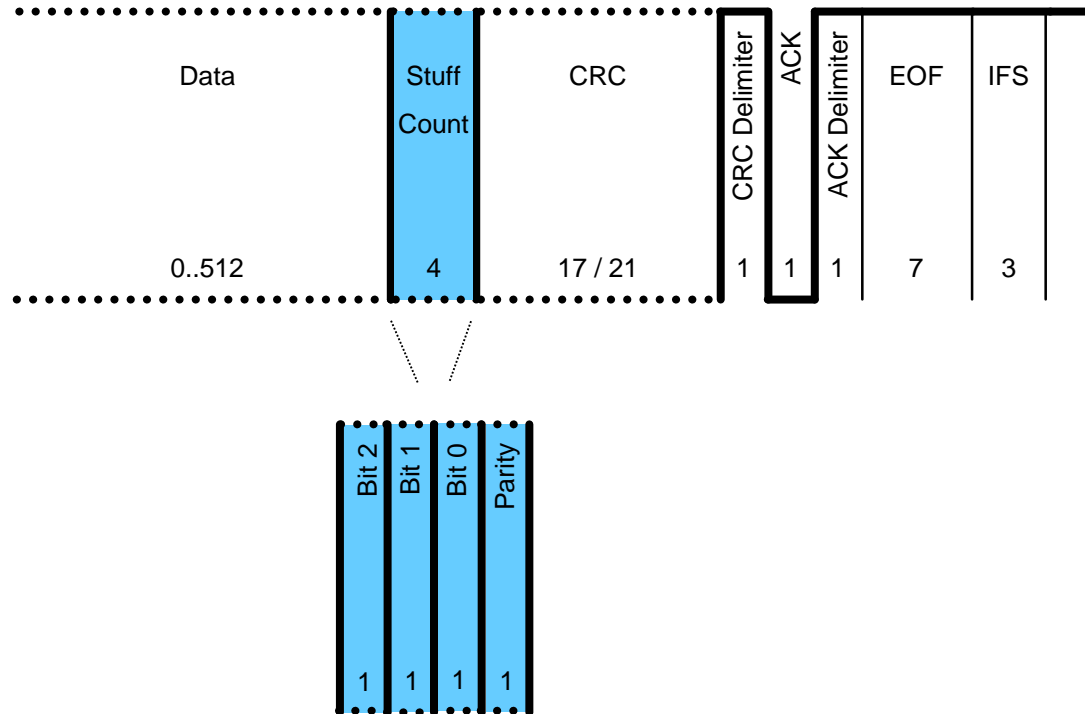


Data Field

- ▶ 0-8 bytes in CAN
- ▶ 0-8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 32, 48, or 64 bytes in CAN FD
 - ▶ Bytes are transferred msb first
- ▶ No data field if DLC = 0

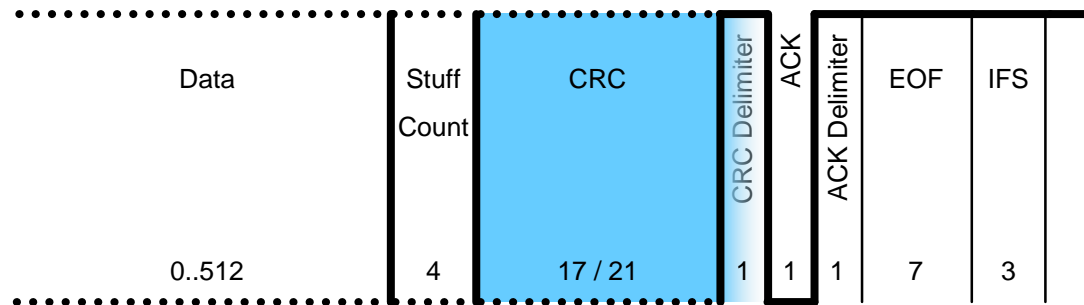


CRC Field: Stuff Count



- ▶ Preceding stuff bits are included in the CAN FD CRC calculation
 - ▶ CAN does not use stuff bits in the CRC calculation
- ▶ This makes it necessary to transmit the total number of bits.
 - ▶ Therefore the number of dynamic stuff bits is included into the frame format (stuff bit count modulo 8).
- ▶ Two safeguards for the Stuff Count are implemented:
 - ▶ 1. Adding a parity-bit (even parity)
 - ▶ 2. Gray-coding the stuff bit count (Bit0-2)

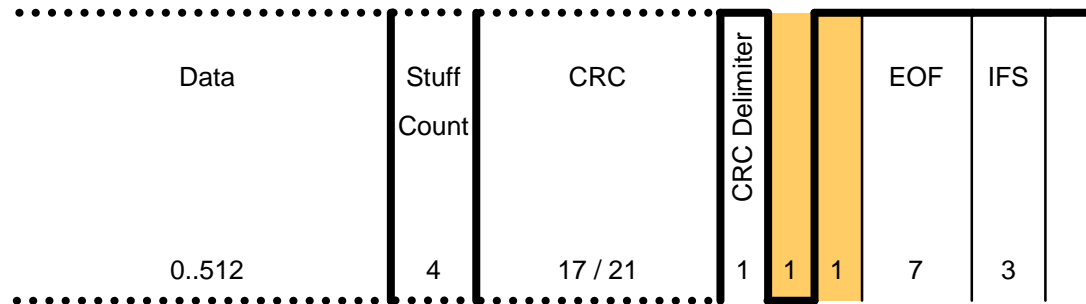
CRC Field: CRC Sequence



- ▶ Size of CRC differs based on CAN/CAN FD and length of DLC
 - ▶ 15 bits for CAN
 - ▶ 17 bits for CAN FD where data field \leq 16 bytes
 - ▶ 21 bits for CAN FD where data field $>$ 16 bytes

- ▶ CAN FD CRC delimiter is always transmitted as 1 bit, but due to phase shift between nodes a transmitter accepts up to 2 bit times
 - ▶ Data Phase of CAN FD frame ends with the sample point of the first bit of the CRC delimiter

ACK Field

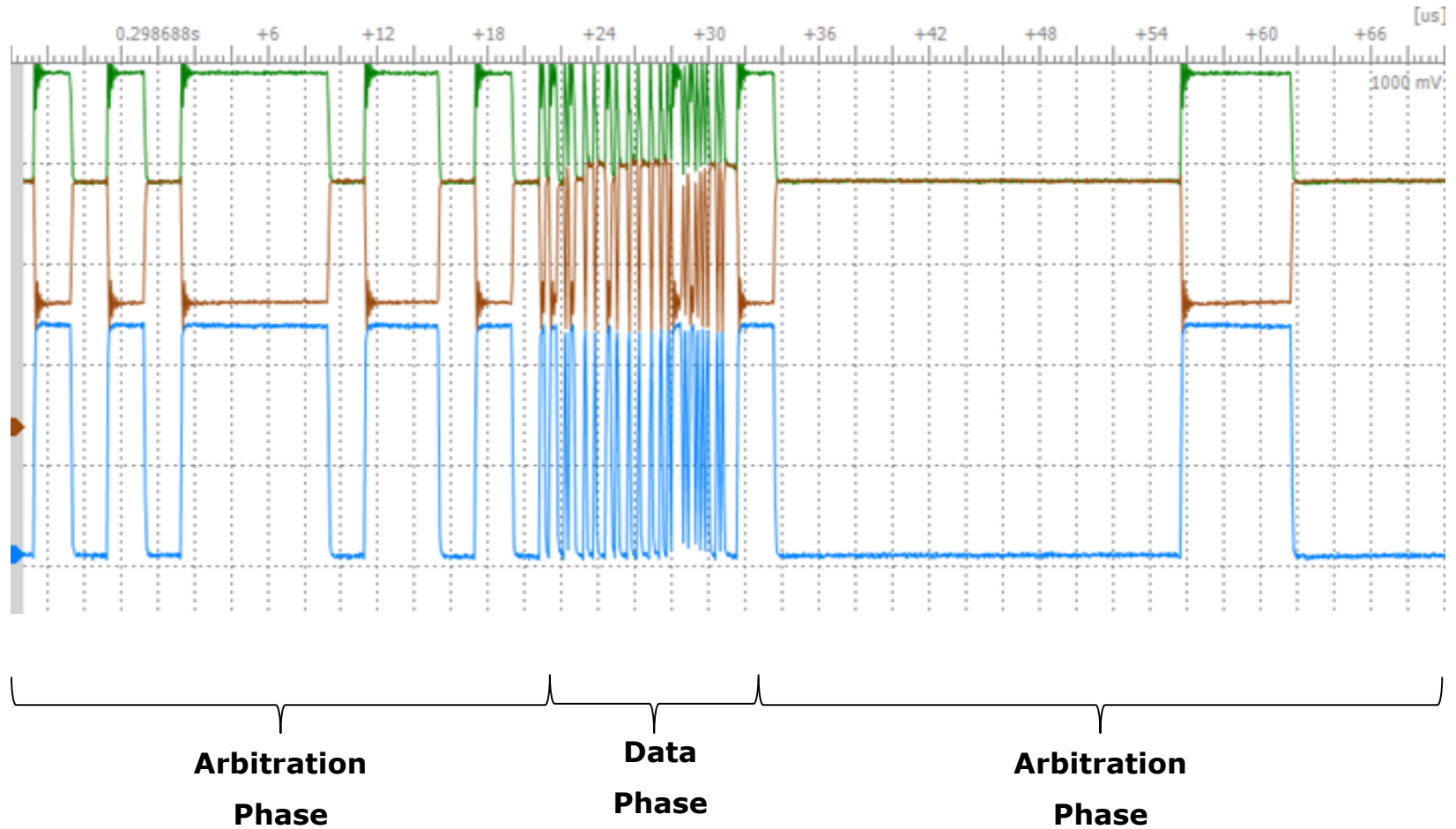


- ▶ ACK sent at the end of the CRC delimiter bit
- ▶ Slight difference in the format between CAN and CAN FD
 - ▶ CAN FD nodes recognize up to two bit times as a valid ACK
 - ▶ 1 extra bit time allowed to compensate for transceiver phase shift and bus propagation delay due to the switch from a high Data Phase clock to a low Arbitration Phase clock

End of Frame

- ▶ Frames are delimited by a group of 7 recessive bits

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- ▶ Controller allows for dynamic switching between CAN – CAN FD
- ▶ Four Frame Formats:
 - ▶ CAN base format – 11 bit identifier and fixed bit rate
 - ▶ CAN extended format – 29 bit identifier and fixed bit rate
 - ▶ CAN FD base format – 11 bit identifier and dual bit rate
 - ▶ CAN FD extended format – 29 bit identifier and dual bit rate
- ▶ Error Frame:
 - ▶ Identical to CAN error frame
 - ▶ Error frame is always sent with arbitration bit rate
 - ▶ Controller switches automatically to arbitration bit rate

- ▶ Remote Frame:
 - ▶ Remote frame in CAN base format
 - ▶ Remote frame in CAN extended format
 - ▶ Remote frames are **undefined** in CAN FD format
 - ▶ RTR bit removed from CAN FD bit-stream

- ▶ Overload Frame:
 - ▶ Identical to CAN overload frame
 - ▶ Overload frame is always send with arbitration bit rate

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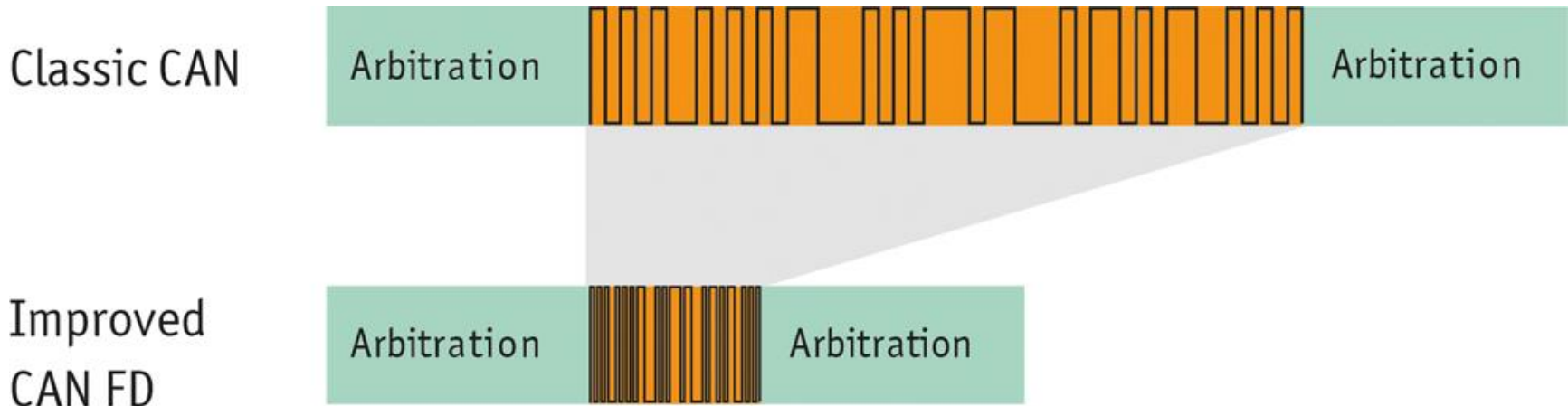
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- ▶ Basic calculation principles:
 - ▶ Stuff bits excluded
 - ▶ Max CAN frame with 111 bits
 - ▶ Max CAN FD frames with 120/572 bits

Frame Type	No. Data Bytes	Arb. Bit-Rate	Opt. Bit-Rate	Avg. Bit-Rate	Frame Duration
CAN	8	500 Kbit/s	-		222 us
CAN FD	8	500 Kbit/s	2 Mbit/s	1.16 Mbit/s	103.5 us
CAN FD	8	500 Kbit/s	5 Mbit/s	1.57 Mbit/s	76.2 us
CAN FD	64	500 Kbit/s	2 Mbit/s	1.74 Mbit/s	329.5 us
CAN FD	64	500 Kbit/s	5 Mbit/s	3.43 Mbit/s	166.6 us

- ▶ CAN FD average bit rate converges due to Arbitration Phase
- ▶ Arbitration phase becomes dominant at a certain baud rate for the Data Phase.
- ▶ This means that the overall frame length becomes not much smaller through a further increase of the Data Phase bit rate.



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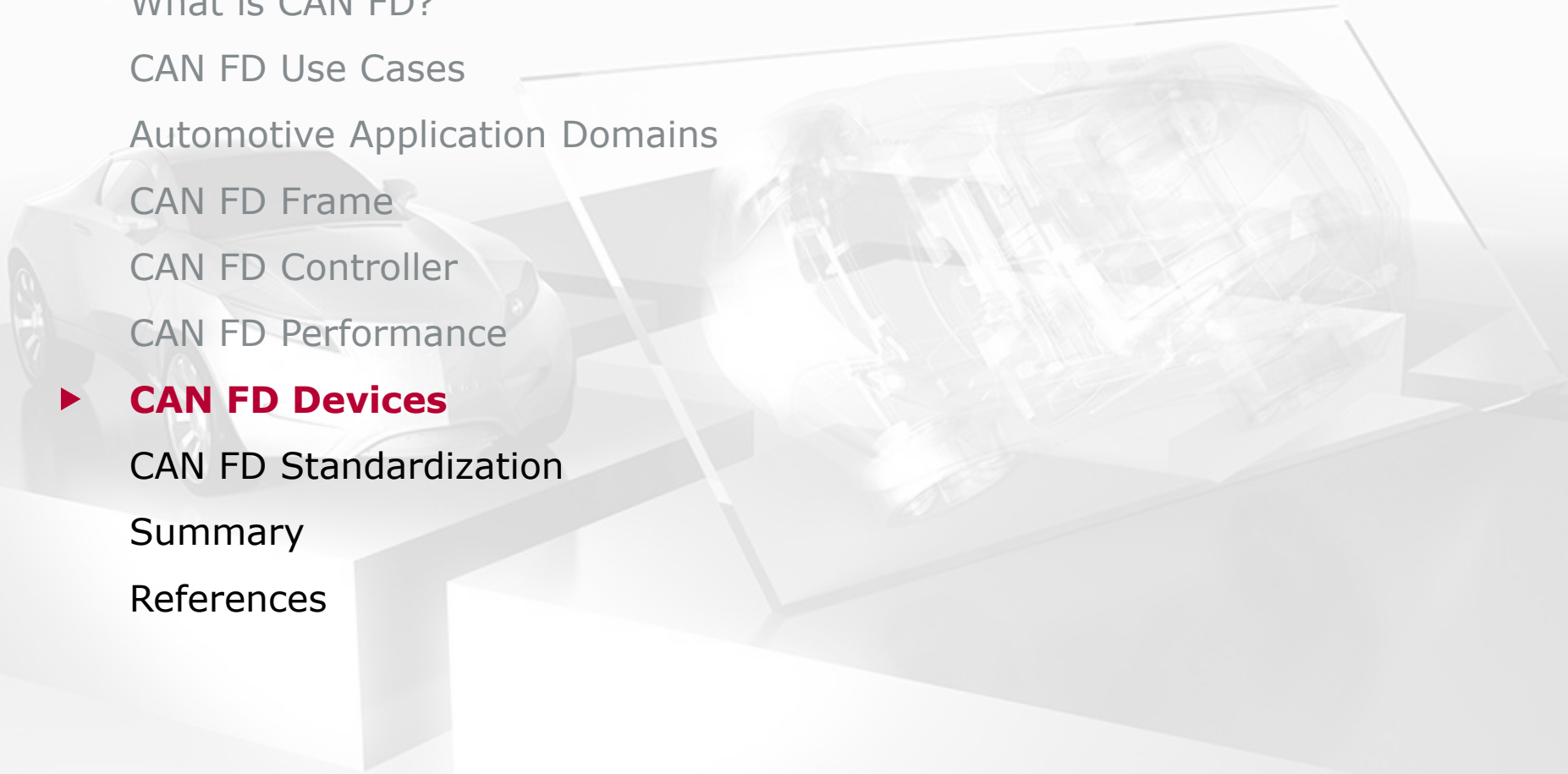
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CAN Controller

- ▶ MCUs with full CAN FD support available (ISO)
 - ▶ Freescale, ST, Renesas, Spansion, Infineon ...

CAN Transceiver

- ▶ Typical bit rates of automotive transceivers for CAN FD
 - ▶ Functional messages: 2 Mbit/s
 - ▶ Reprogramming: 5 Mbit/s
- ▶ Transceivers for CAN FD operation available from different manufacturers
 - ▶ Support of 2 Mbit/s within current emission limits

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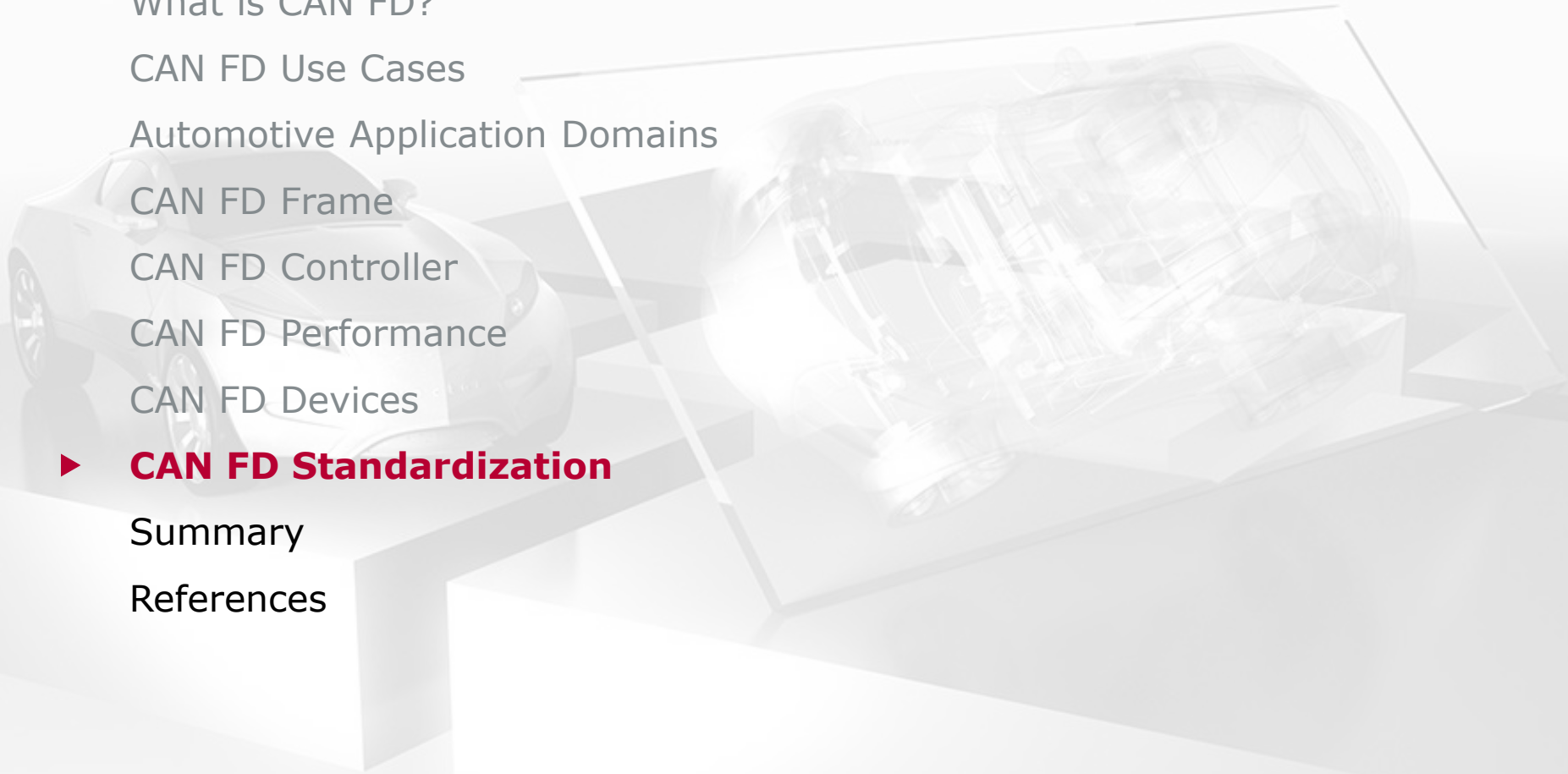
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CAN ISO 11898

- ▶ CAN FD as part of ISO 11898-1 (CAN Controller)
 - > International Standard (IS 2015)
- ▶ ISO 11898-2 (CAN Transceiver)
 - > International Standard (IS 2016)
 - > Substitutes the previous versions of part 2, part 5, and part 6.
 - > Specifies the transceiver characteristics for bit-rates up to 5 Mbit/s.

CAN ISO 16845

- ▶ Upgrade of CAN controller conformance test ISO 16845-1
 - > International Standard (IS 2016)
- ▶ Upgrade of CAN transceiver conformance test ISO 16845-2
 - > International Standard (IS 2018)

AUTOSAR

- ▶ CAN FD (8 byte) in Autosar 4.1.1
- ▶ CAN FD (64 byte) in Autosar 4.2.1

J1939

- ▶ CAN FD upgrade → ongoing



ISO 15765-2: ISO TP

- ▶ ISO transport protocol supports the CAN FD data link layer with data fields up to 64 byte
 - ▶ International Standard (IS 2016)

CANopen

- ▶ CiA SIG CANopen is updating the CiA 301 application layer to support the CAN FD data link layer



Changes in ISO 15765-2

- ▶ New Single Frame for payloads > 8 bytes

Type	Byte 1 Bits 7-4	Byte 1 Bits 0-3	Byte 2	Byte 3	Byte 4	Byte 5	Byte 6
Single Frame	0000 ₂	0000 ₂	Length SF				



Escape Sequence

- ▶ New First Frame for Message Length > 4095 byte

Type	Byte 1 Bits 7-4	Byte 1 Bits 0-3	Byte 2	Byte 3	Byte 4	Byte 5	Byte 6
First Frame	0001 ₂	0000 ₂	0000 0000 ₂	Message Length			



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Serial communication networks require increased bandwidth

- ▶ Due to high bus load levels
- ▶ For flashing applications

CAN FD can provide significantly increased bandwidth

- ▶ Due to increased data clock rates
- ▶ Due to larger data payloads

CAN FD is an improvement of well known CAN technology

- ▶ Event triggered system
- ▶ Unchanged arbitration and acknowledge mechanism

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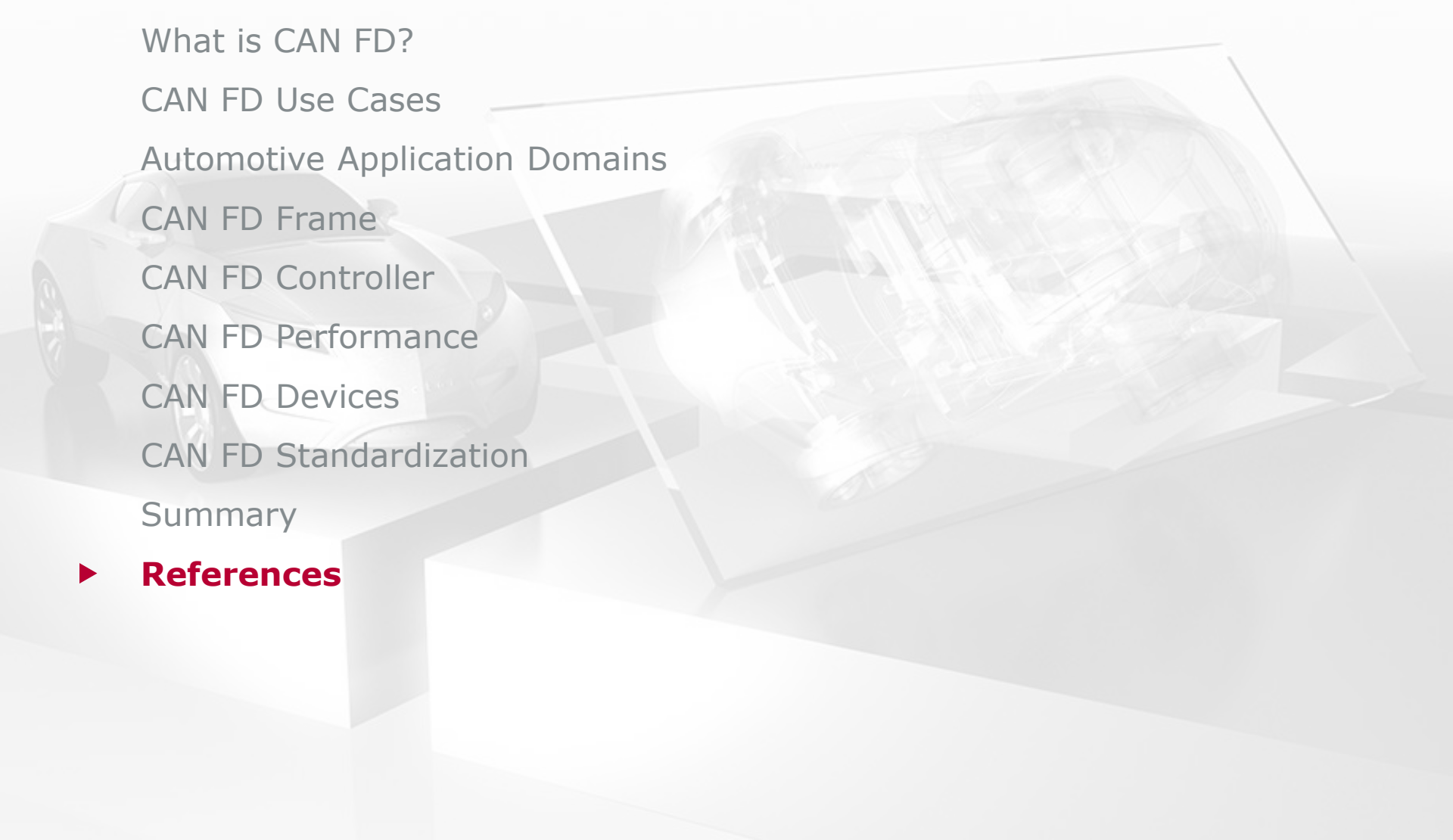
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