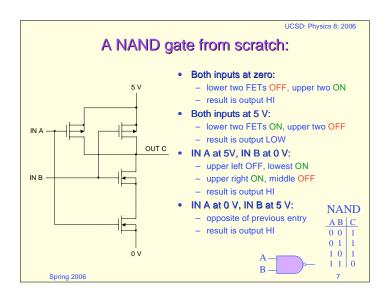


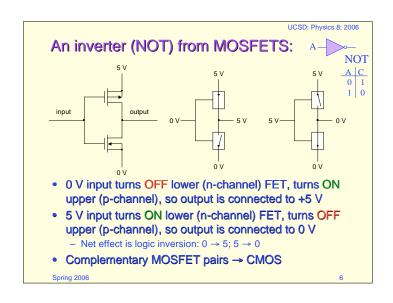
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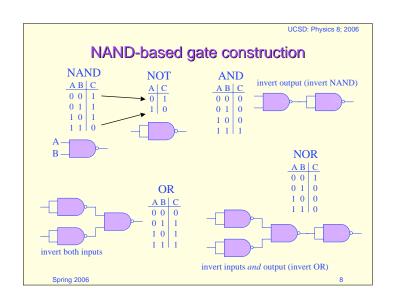
Logic Gates

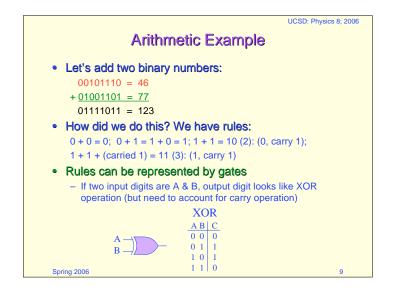
The logic operations are carried out electronically by gates, represented by the symbols just introduced
Gates are constructed out of transistors, typically 4–6 per gate
Transistors simply act like switches, controlling data flow
Gate response is typically ~1 nanosecond (1 billionth sec.)
Can theoretically build an entire computer using only NAND (or NOR) gates...
And then you can take over the world! (sinister laugh...)

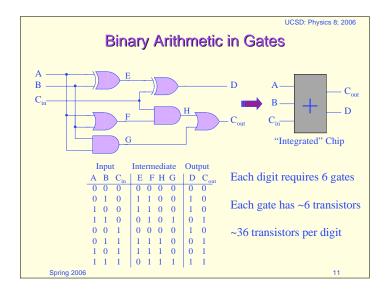
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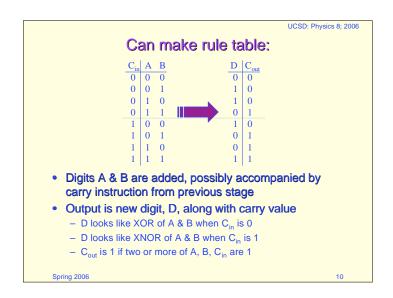


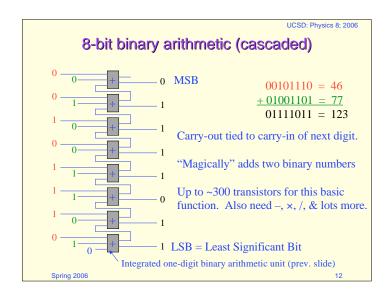












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Computer technology built up from pieces

- The foregoing example illustrates the way in which computer technology is built
 - start with little pieces (transistors acting as switches)
 - combine pieces into functional blocks (gates)
 - combine these blocks into higher-level function (e.g., addition)
 - combine these new blocks into cascade (e.g., 8-bit addition)
 - blocks get increasingly complex, more capable
- Nobody on earth understands Pentium chip inside-out
 - Grab previously developed blocks and run
 - Let a computer design the gate arrangements (eyes closed!)

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UCSD: Physics 8; 2006 **Example: Flip-Flop Memory** NAND flip-flop AB C ABCD 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 0 0 1 · This simple arrangement of two NAND gates retains a memory: Imagine A and B are in the high state (both 1) -C=0, D = 1 is valid, but so is C = 1, D = 0 - can set the state by dropping A or B low momentarily - when A and B are restored to high, the previous state is "remembered": e.g., B went low → D sticks on 1 Spring 2006 15

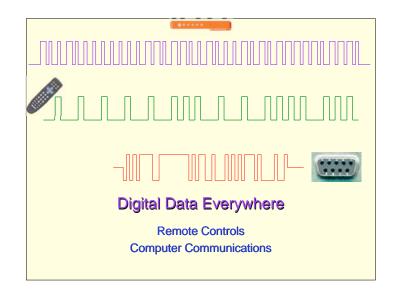
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Data Storage

- Within the computer, data is stored in volatile memory (RAM)
 - essentially charge held on a capacitor
 - also possible to rig two NAND gates to hold one bit
 - · called a flip-flop

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- volatile because it goes away when turned off
- Also store data permanently, usually on magnetic media (floppies, hard drives, tapes) or on optical discs (CD-ROMs, DVDs)
 - information encoded as polarization of magnetic domains
 - older technology used wire coils around ferrite cores (like transformer) to detect/generate magnetic fields



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Most of today's information is digital

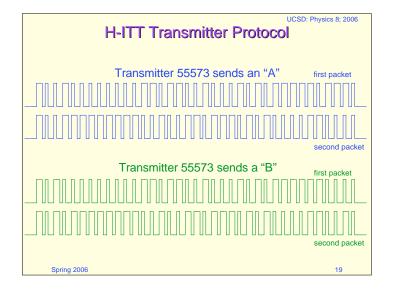
- · Most of today's information is digital
 - Computer communications
 - Cell phone signals
 - TV is moving this way
 - TV remote controls
 - Even our beloved in-class infrared transmitters
- Today, we'll look at a number examples
 - start with H-ITT transmitter
 - also check out TV remote (actually for stereo)
 - look at serial data communication

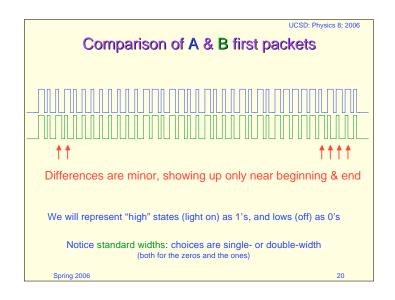
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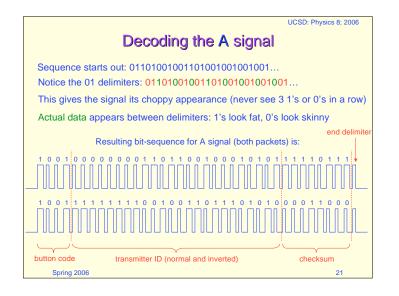
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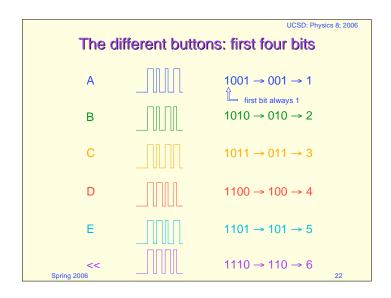
The H-ITT Transmitter Signal When you click your transmitter button: A-E: LED indicator comes on, and at same time, TWO bursts of infrared light come out: LED stays on even after transmission stops, until button is released * button: on release of button, LED flashes and two infrared bursts are sent 1st data packet 2nd data packet bursts last 53 milliseconds, are 9 ms apart, and have a bitperiod of about 0.5 ms (about 2000 bits per second) Let's look at it on scope...

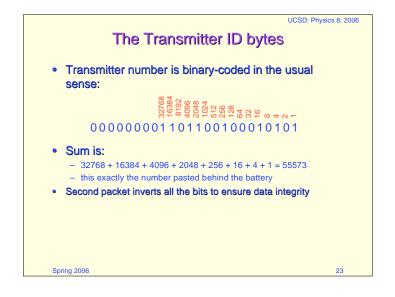
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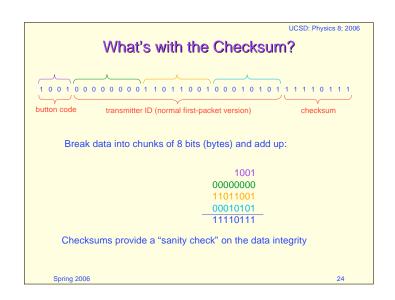


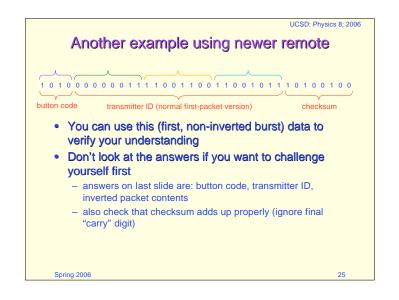


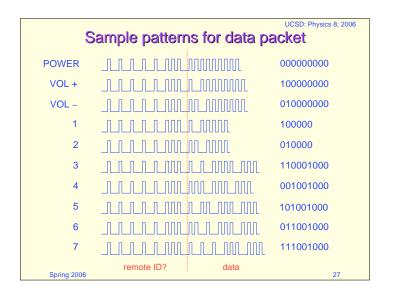


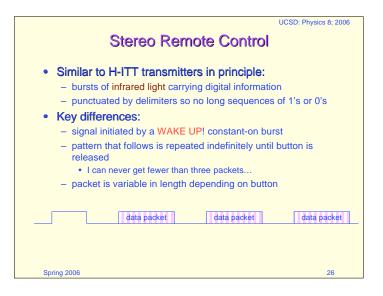




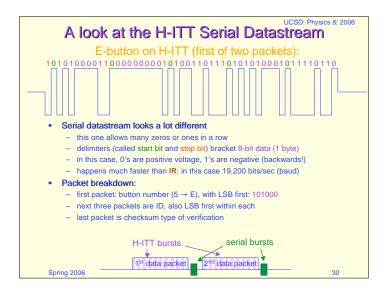








UCSD: Physics 8; 2006 Serial Communication: Getting the Data . Once the H-ITT receiver gets your IR signal, it must communicate this to the computer • It does this through the serial port - serial refers to the fact that data bits arrive in series (one at a time) - alternative is parallel (one wire for each bit), where typically 8 bits (a byte) · Most digital communications are of serial type - IR transmitters! (only one "channel" for light) - USB, Firewire - ethernet, modems - cell phones · Parallel sometimes used for printers, but most notably on computer motherboards - now 32-bit wide communications is the standard - parallel is faster, but more complicated to pull off: lots of wires Spring 2006 29



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Wrap-up: Digital Data Everywhere

- Our world now runs on information
 - and most of this is broken down to binary bit codes for transmission, manipulation, storage
- Digital advantage is noise immunity
 - very easy to tell a 1 from a 0, even in the presence of environmental noise

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Assignments

HW 4 due today
Check website for reading assignments
HW 5 TBA by end of today
Q/O #3 due tomorrow (5/12) by 6 PM