Chapter 1
Computer Networks and the Internet

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Chapter 1: Introduction

Our goal:

- get context, overview, "feel" of networking
- more depth, detail *later* in course
- approach:
  - descriptive
  - use Internet as example

Overview:

- what's the Internet
- what's a protocol?
- network edge
- network core
- access net, physical media
- Internet/ISP structure
- performance: loss, delay
- protocol layers, service models
- history

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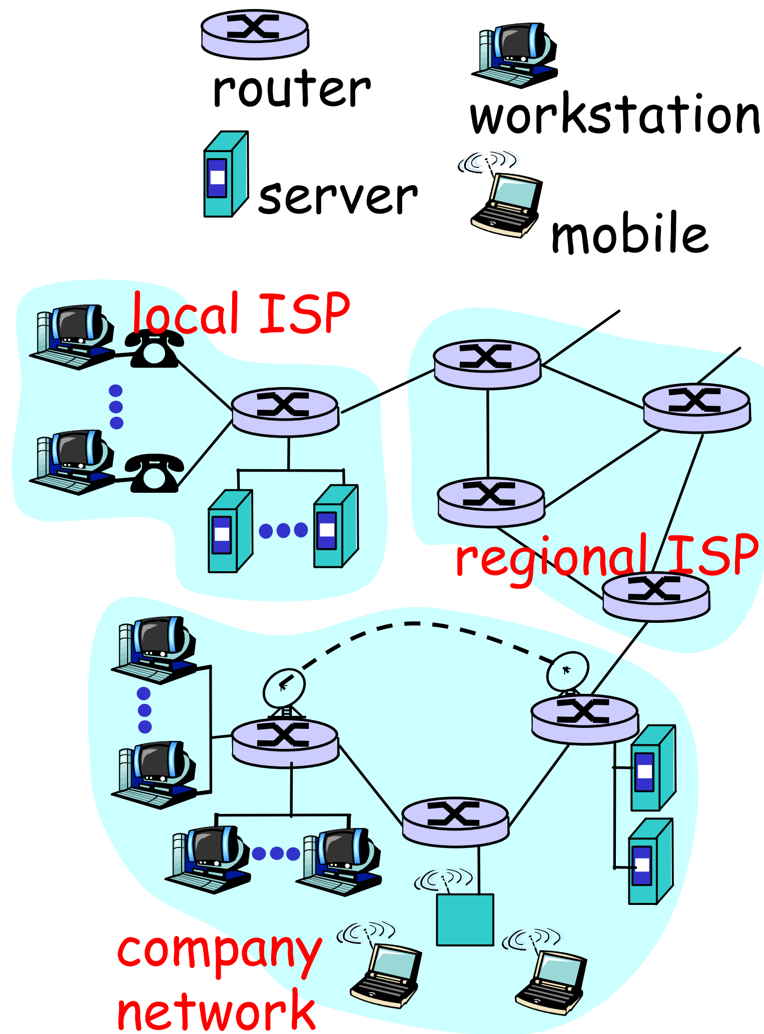
What's the Internet: "nuts and bolts" view

- millions of connected computing devices: *hosts, end-systems*
  - PCs workstations, servers
  - PDAs phones, toasters

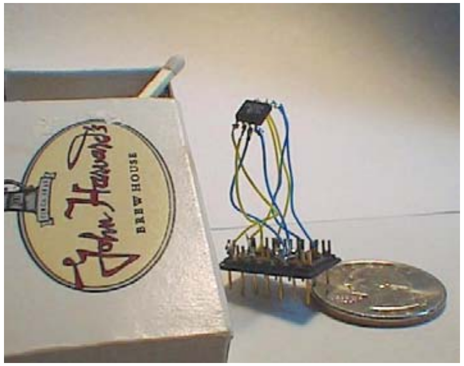
  running *network apps*
- *communication links*
  - fiber, copper, radio, satellite
  - transmission rate = ***bandwidth***
- *routers:* forward packets (chunks of data)



"Cool" internet appliances

IP picture frame
http://www.ceiva.com/

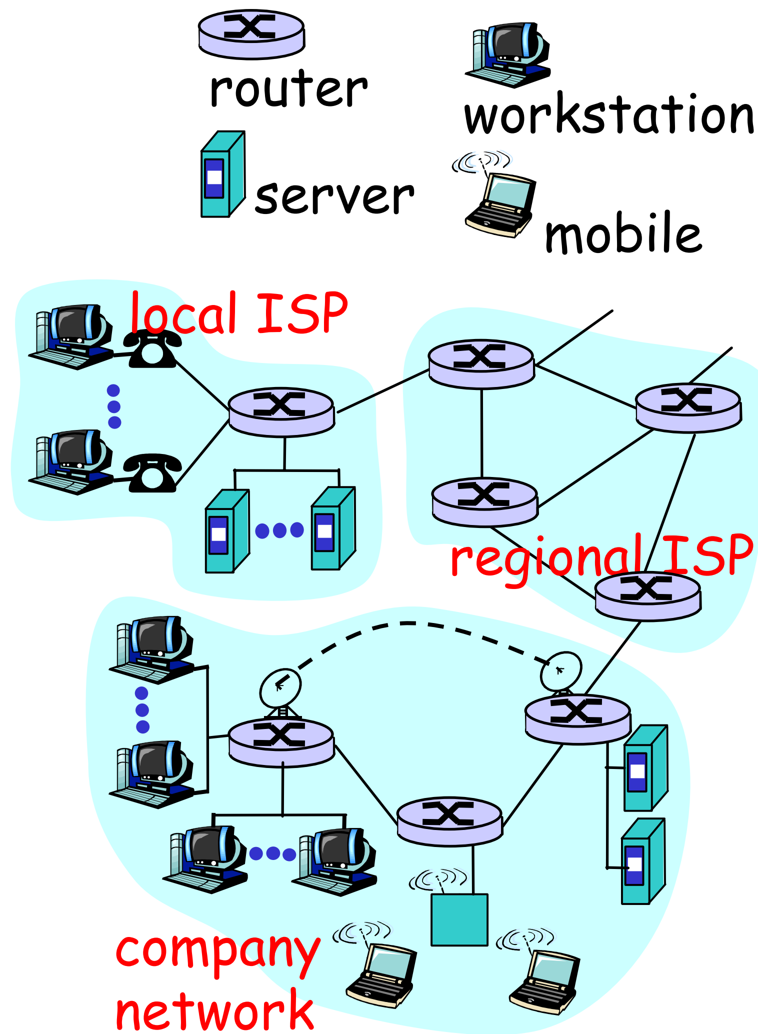
Web-enabled toaster+weather forecaster



World's smallest web server
http://www-ccs.cs.umass.edu/~shri/iPic.html

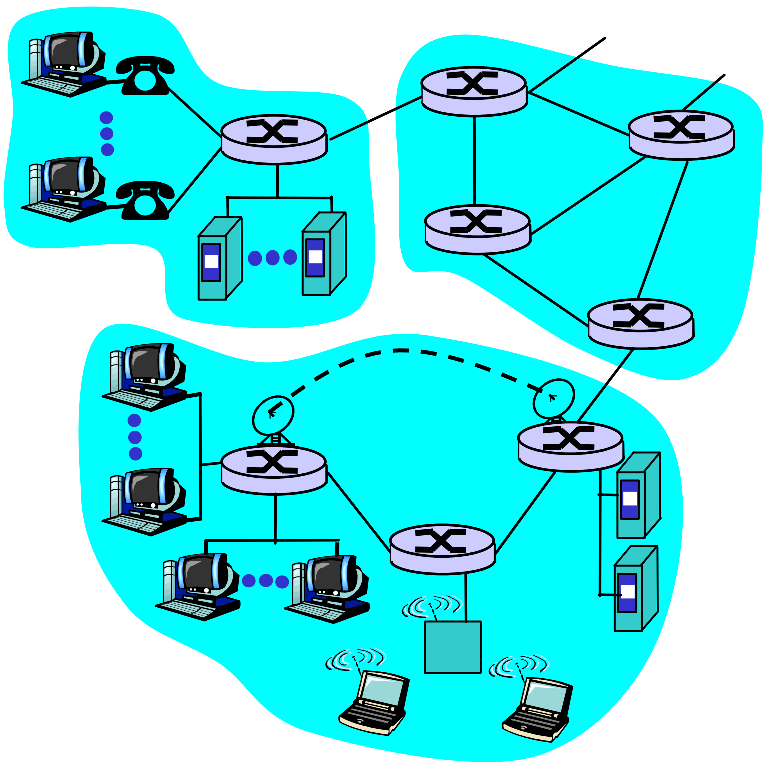
What's the Internet: "nuts and bolts" view

- *protocols* control sending, receiving of msgs
  - e.g., TCP, IP, HTTP, FTP, PPP
- *Internet:* "network of networks"
  - loosely hierarchical
  - public Internet versus private intranet
- Internet standards
  - RFC: Request for comments
  - IETF: Internet Engineering Task Force



What's the Internet: a service view

- communication *infrastructure* enables distributed applications:
  - Web, email, games, e-commerce, database., voting, file (MP3) sharing
- communication services provided to apps:
  - connectionless
  - Connection-oriented
- Currently, no gurantees about performance (Best Effort).



What's a protocol?

human protocols:

- "what's the time?"
- "I have a question"
- introductions

… specific msgs sent

… specific actions taken when msgs received, or other events

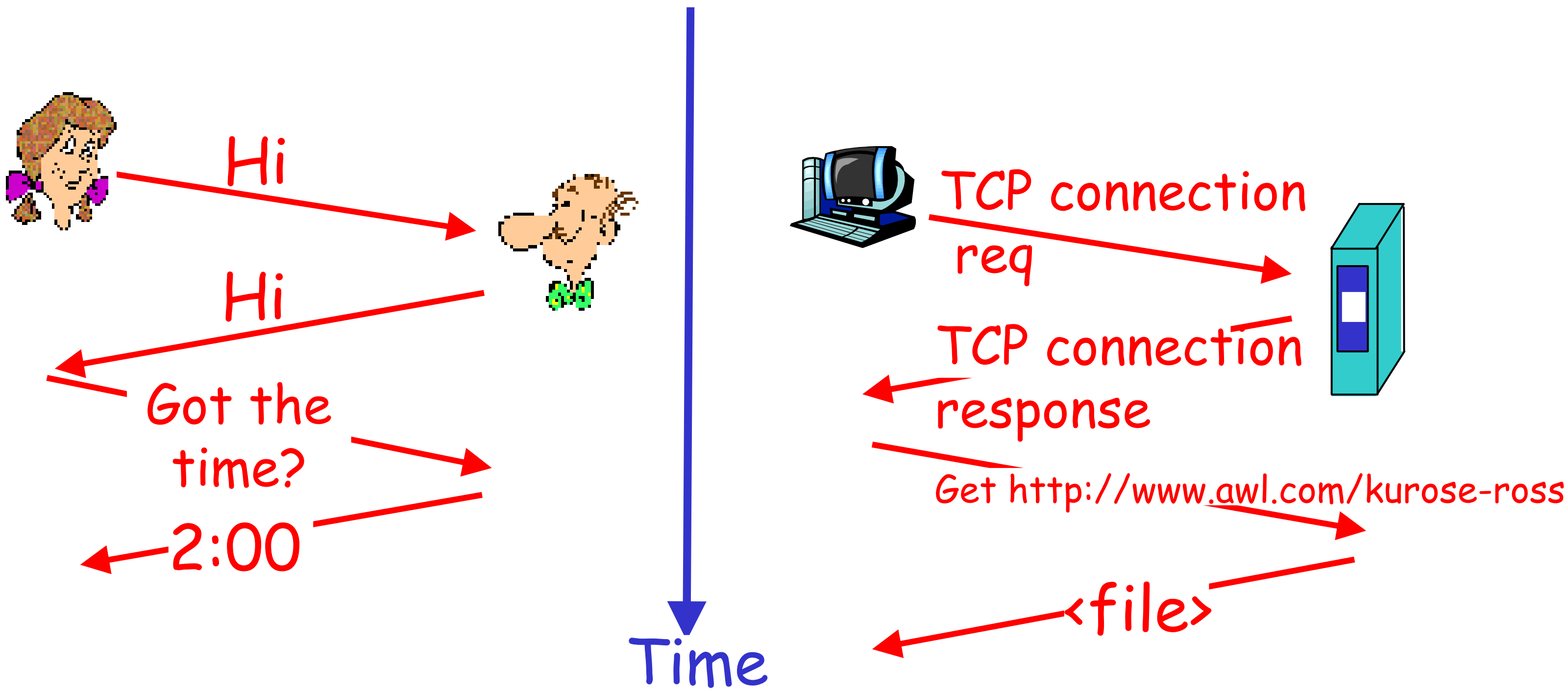
network protocols:

- machines rather than humans
- all communication activity in Internet governed by protocols

protocols define format, order of msgs sent and received among network entities, and actions taken on msg transmission, receipt

What's a protocol?

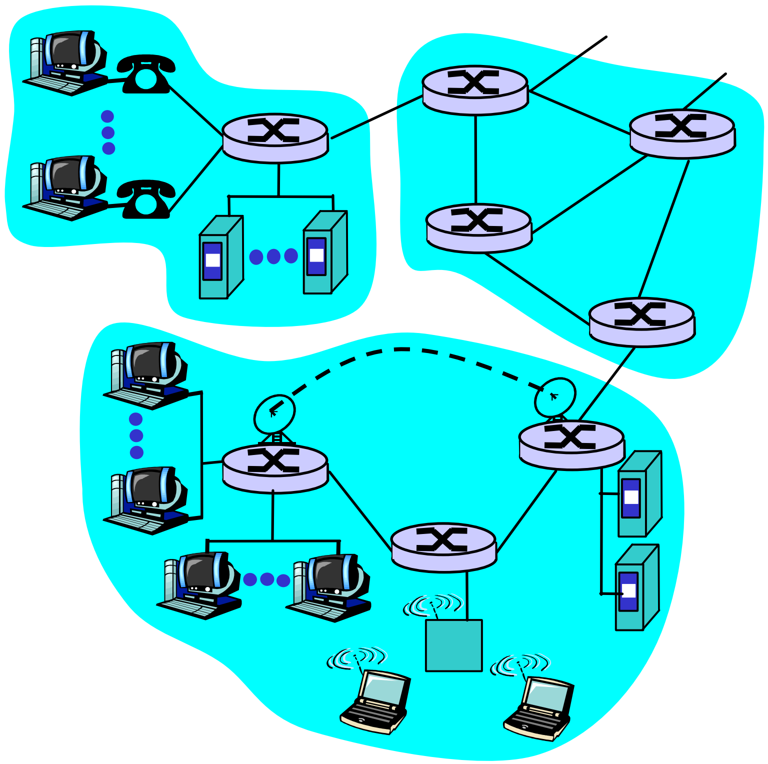
A human protocol and a computer network protocol:



All activity in the Internet that involves two or more communicating remote entities is governed by a protocol. (Routing protocols, Congestion Control protocols, media access protocols, etc.)

A closer look at network structure:

- network edge: applications and hosts
- network core:
  - routers
  - network of networks
- access networks, physical media: communication links



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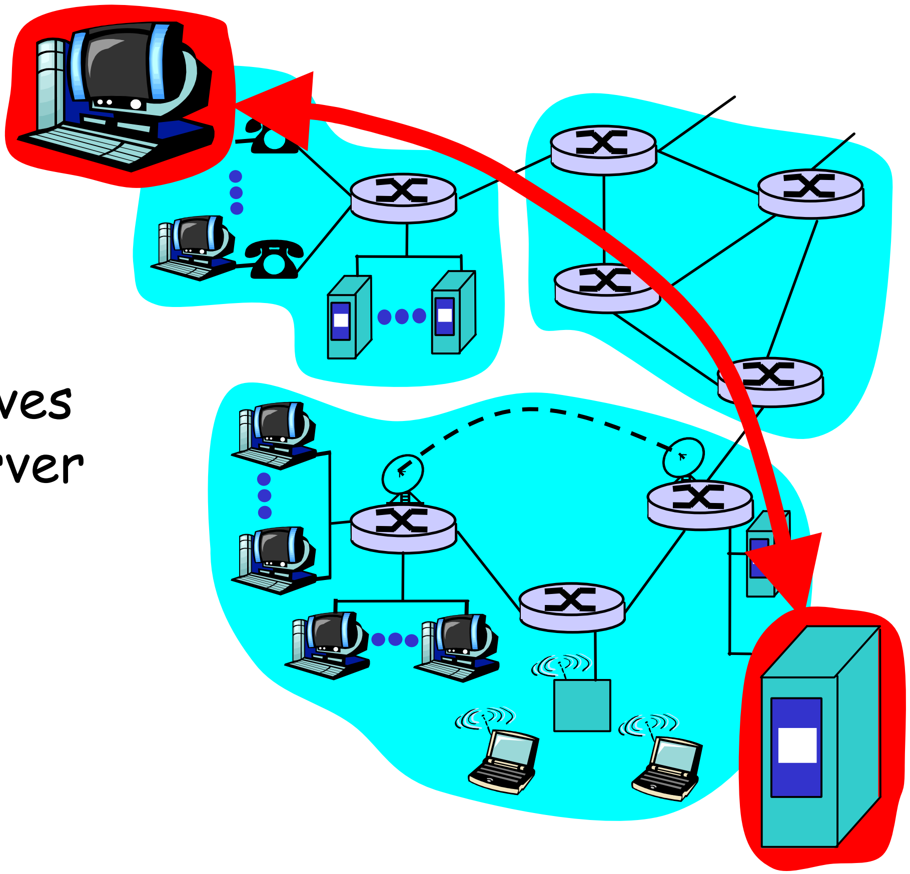
The network edge:

- end systems (hosts):
  - run application programs
  - e.g. Web, email
  - at "edge of network"
- client/server model
  - client host requests, receives service from always-on server
  - e.g. Web browser/server; email client/server
- peer-peer model:
  - minimal (or no) use of dedicated servers
  - e.g. Gnutella, KaZaA



Network edge: connection-oriented service

Goal: data transfer between end systems

- *handshaking:* setup (prepare for) data transfer ahead of time
  - Exchange control packets
  - *set up "state"* in two communicating hosts (e.g. Sequence number of next packet)
- TCP - Transmission Control Protocol
  - Internet's connection-oriented service

TCP service [RFC 793]

- *reliable, in-order* byte-stream data transfer
  - loss: acknowledgements, time-outs and, retransmissions
- *flow control:*
  - sender won't overwhelm receiver (receiver may be slower/busier than sender)
- *congestion control:*
  - senders "slow down sending rate" when network congested

Network edge: connectionless service

Goal: data transfer between end systems
- same as before!

- Connection-less:
  - No hand shaking.
- UDP - User Datagram Protocol [RFC 768]: Internet's connectionless service
  - unreliable data transfer
  - no flow control
  - no congestion control

App's using TCP:

- HTTP (Web), FTP (file transfer), Telnet (remote login), SMTP (email)

App's using UDP:

- streaming media, teleconferencing, DNS, Internet telephony

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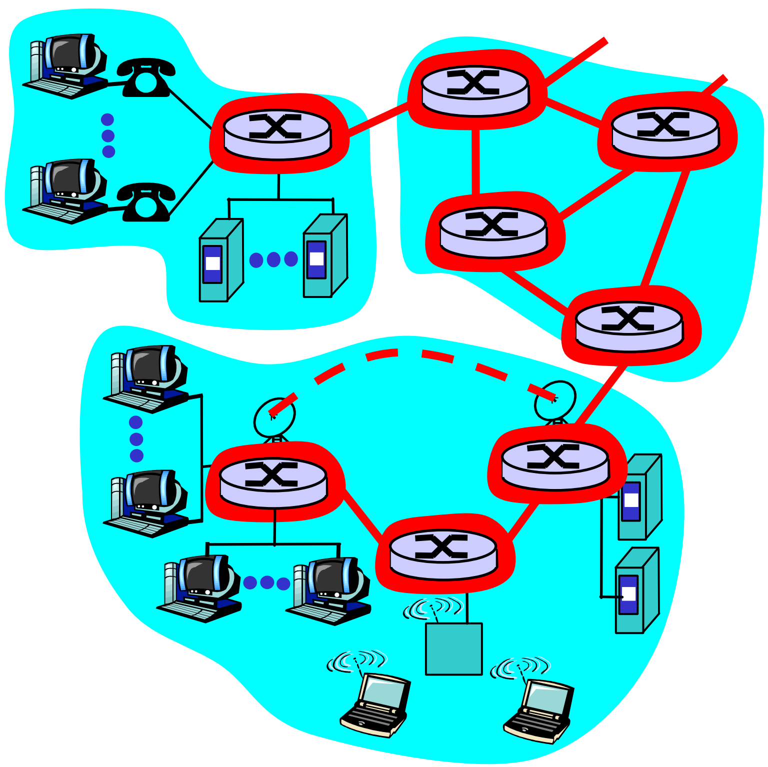
The Network Core

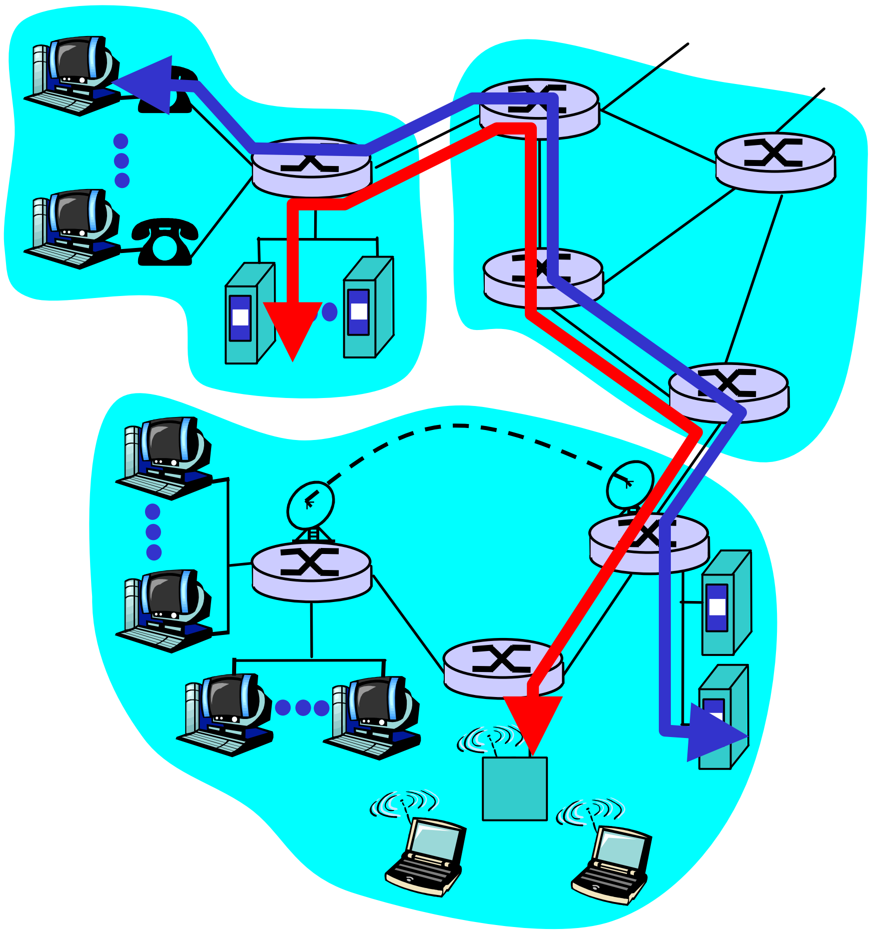
- mesh of interconnected routers
- *the* fundamental question: how is data transferred through net?
  - circuit switching: dedicated circuit per call: telephone net
  - packet-switching: data sent thru net in discrete "chunks"



Network Core: Circuit Switching

End-end resources reserved for "call"

- link bandwidth, switch capacity
- dedicated resources: no sharing
- circuit-like (guaranteed) performance
- call setup required



Network Core: Circuit Switching

network resources (e.g., bandwidth) divided into "pieces"

- pieces allocated to calls
- resource piece *idle* if not used by owning call *(no sharing)*

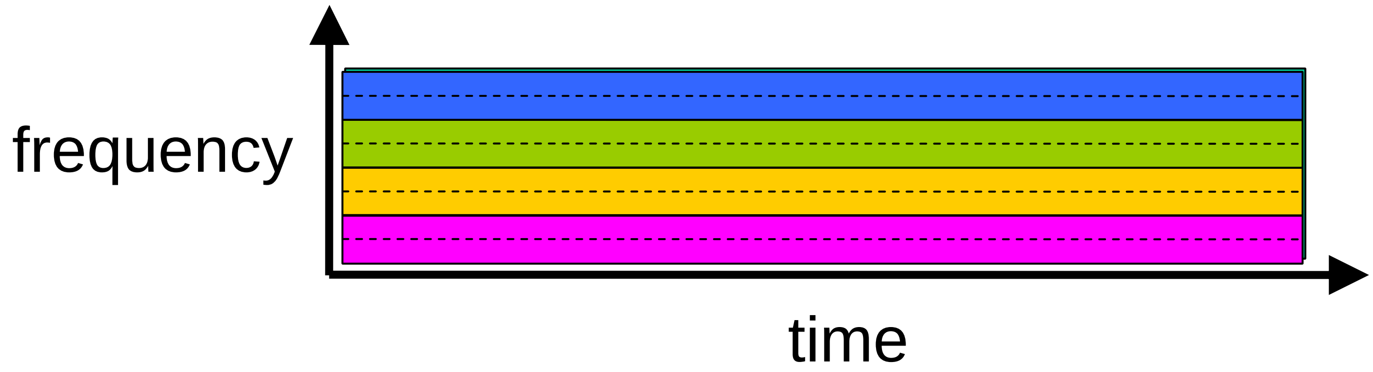
- dividing link bandwidth into "pieces"
  - frequency division
  - time division

Circuit Switching: TDMA and TDMA

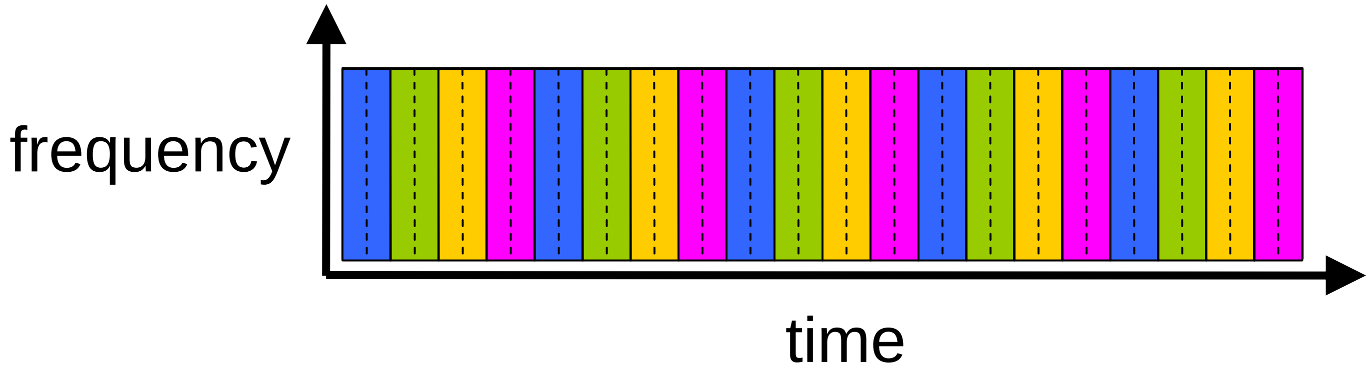
Example:

4 users

FDMA



TDMA



Network Core: Packet Switching

each end-end data stream divided into *packets*

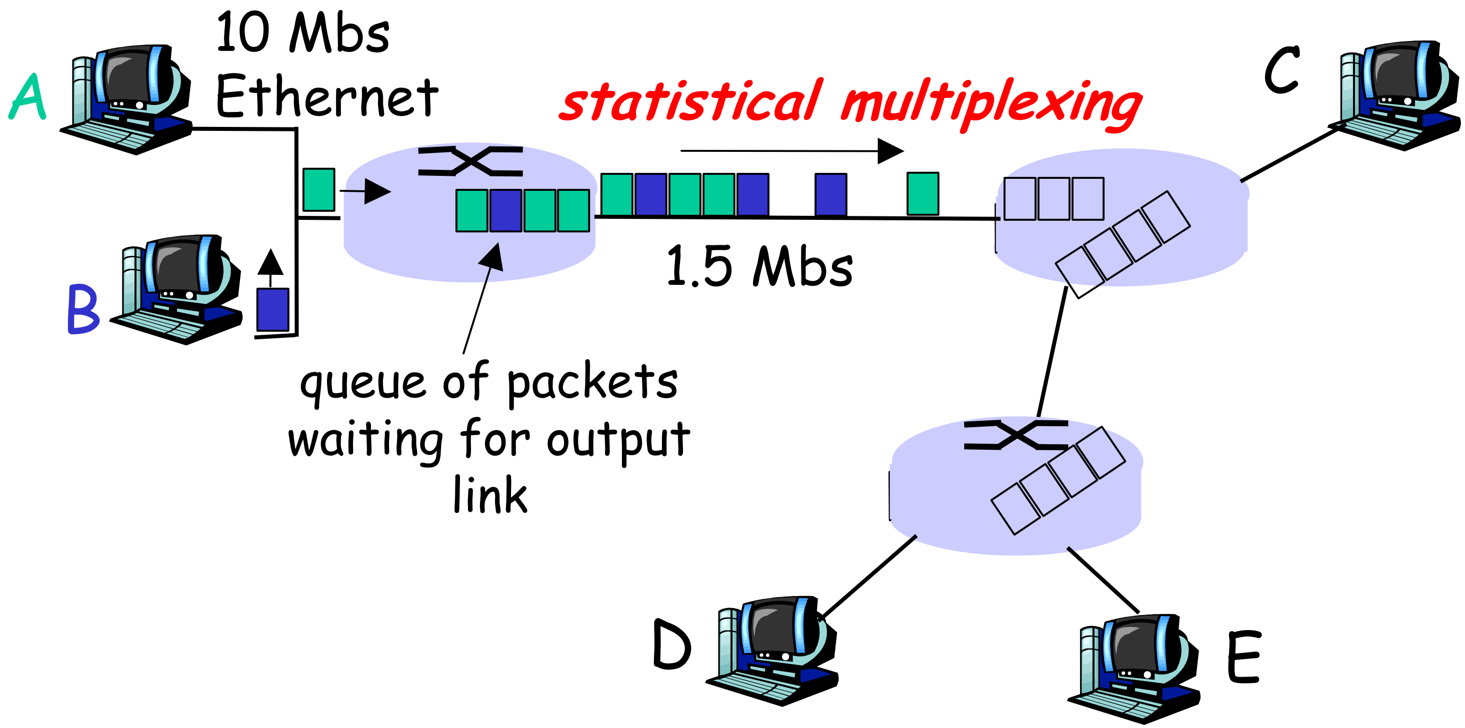
- Different users' packets *share* network resources
- each packet uses full link bandwidth
- resources used *as needed*

Bandwidth division into "pieces"
Dedicated allocation
Resource reservation

resource contention:

- aggregate resource demand can exceed amount available
- congestion: packets queue, wait for link use
- store and forward: packets move one hop at a time
  - transmit over link
  - wait turn at next link

Packet Switching: Statistical Multiplexing



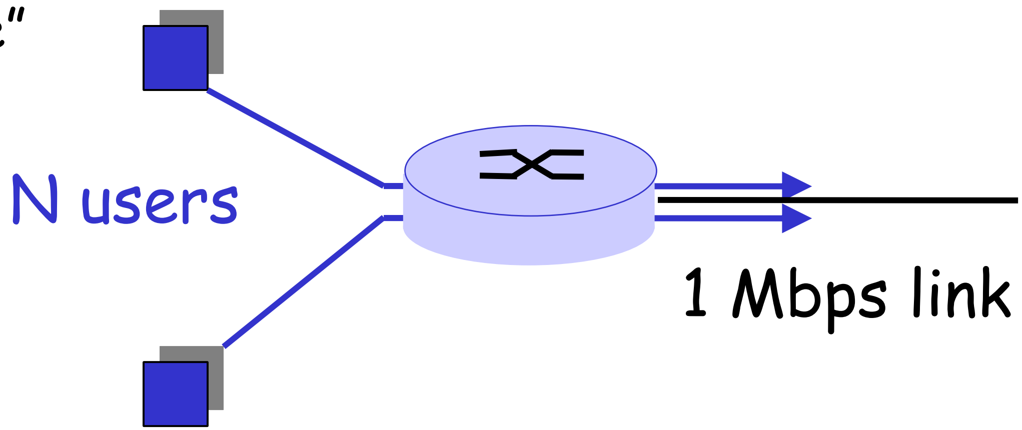
Sequence of A & B packets does not have fixed pattern ➔ ***statistical multiplexing***.

In TDM each host gets same slot in revolving TDM frame.

Packet switching versus circuit switching

Packet switching allows more users to use network!

- 1 Mbit link
- each user:
  - 100 kbps when "active"
  - active 10% of time
- circuit-switching:
  - 10 users
- packet switching:
  - with 35 users, probability > 10 active less than .0004

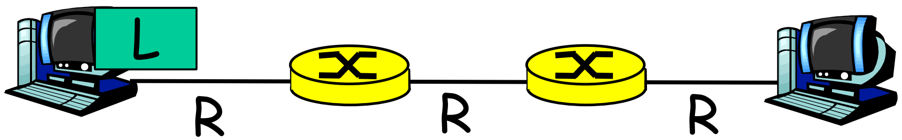


Packet switching versus circuit switching

Is packet switching a “slam dunk winner?”

- Great for bursty data
  - resource sharing
  - Simpler, may have no call setup
- Excessive congestion: packet delay and loss
  - protocols needed for reliable data transfer, congestion control
- Q: How to provide circuit-like behavior?
  - bandwidth guarantees needed for audio/video apps
  - still an unsolved problem (chapter 6)

Packet-switching: store-and-forward

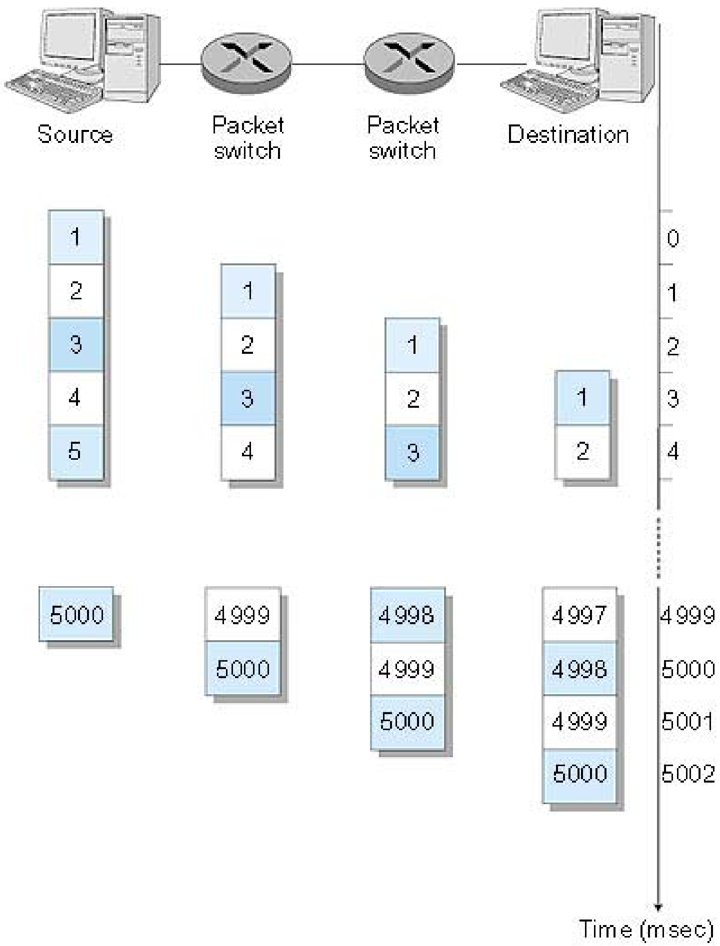


- Takes L/R seconds to transmit (push out) packet of L bits on to link or R bps
- Entire packet must arrive at router before it can be transmitted on next link: *store and forward*
- delay = 3L/R

Example:
- L = 7.5 Mbits
- R = 1.5 Mbps
- Transmission delay = 15 sec

Circuit Switching:
- L = 7.5 Mbits
- R = 1.5 Mbps
- Transmission delay = 5 sec

Packet Switching: Message Segmenting



Now break up the message into 5000 packets

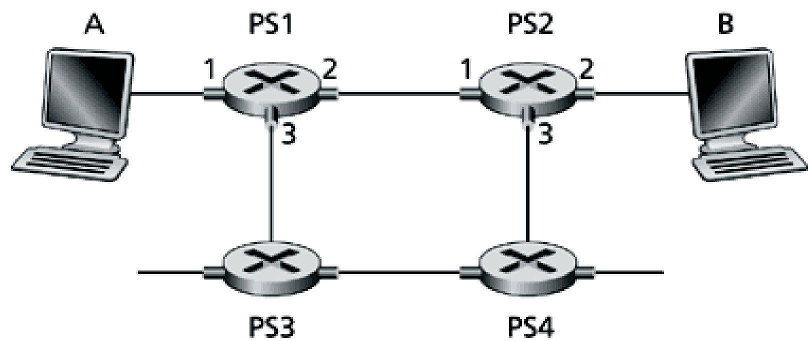
- Each packet 1,500 bits
- 1 msec to transmit packet on one link
- *pipelining:* each link works in parallel
- Delay reduced from 15 sec to 5.002 sec (as good as circuit switched)
- What did we achieve over circuit switching?
- Drawbacks (of packet vs. Message)

Packet-switched networks: forwarding

- *Goal:* move packets through routers from source to destination
  - we'll study several path selection (i.e. routing)algorithms (chapter 4)
- datagram network:
  - *destination address* in packet determines next hop
  - routes may change during session
  - analogy: driving, asking directions
- virtual circuit network:
  - each packet carries tag (virtual circuit ID), tag determines next hop
  - fixed path determined at *call setup time*, remains fixed thru call
  - *routers maintain per-call state*

Virtual Circuit Networks

- VC consists of:
  - A path
  - VC numbers (one for each link)
  - VC number translation tables
- "State" is maintained
- Why different numbers?
  - Length of label reduced
  - Easier to manage (number can be generated independently)



A VC network

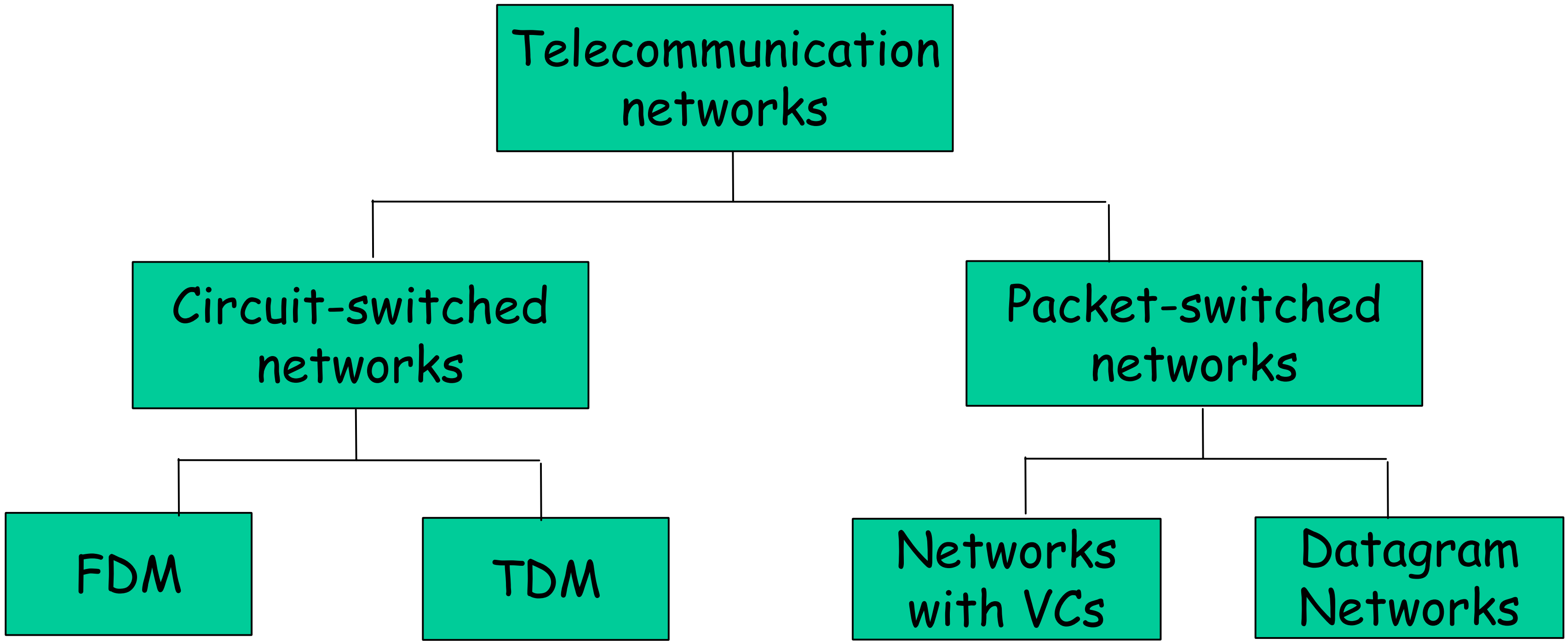
Incoming Interface	Incoming VC #	Outgoing Interface	Outgoing VC #
1	12	2	22
2	63	1	18
3	7	2	17
1	97	3	87
...	...	...	...

Table in PS1

Datagram Networks

- Like postal service
- Routing based on destination address
- No path set-up, no label
- Every router looks at destination address (or part of it), and the routing table
- No connection state – each packet is treated completely independently

Network Taxonomy



- Datagram network is *not* either connection-oriented or connectionless.
- Internet provides both connection-oriented (TCP) and connectionless services (UDP) to apps.

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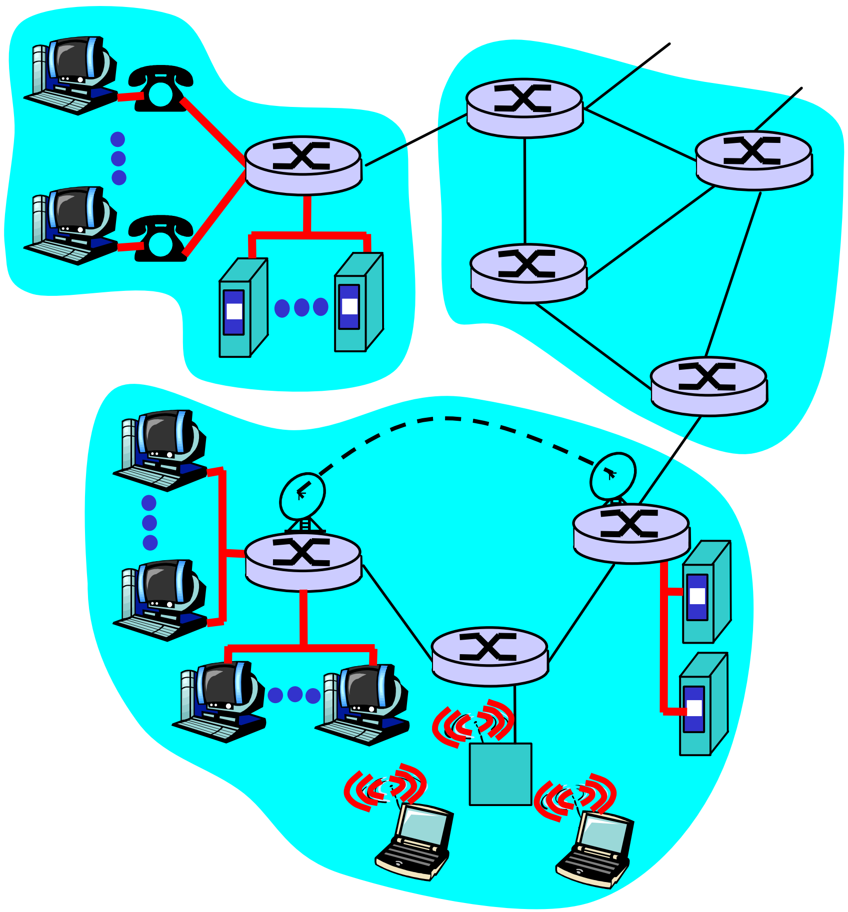
Access networks and physical media

Q: How to connect end systems to edge router?

- residential access nets
- institutional access networks (school, company)
- mobile access networks

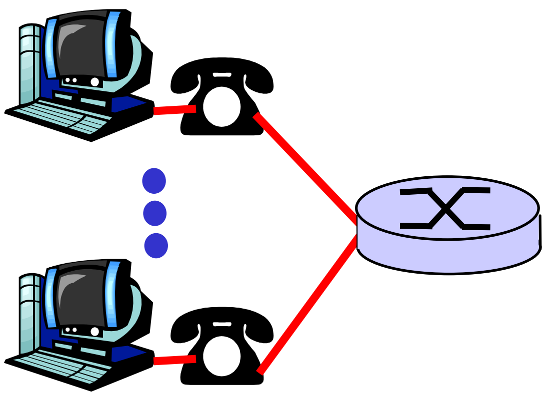
Keep in mind:

- bandwidth (bits per second) of access network?
- shared or dedicated?



Residential access: point to point access

- Dialup via modem
  - up to 56Kbps direct access to router (often less)
  - Can't surf and phone at same time: can't be "always on"



- ADSL: asymmetric digital subscriber line
  - up to 1 Mbps upstream (today typically < 256 kbps)
  - up to 8 Mbps downstream (today typically < 1 Mbps)
  - FDM: 50 kHz - 1 MHz for downstream

    4 kHz - 50 kHz for upstream

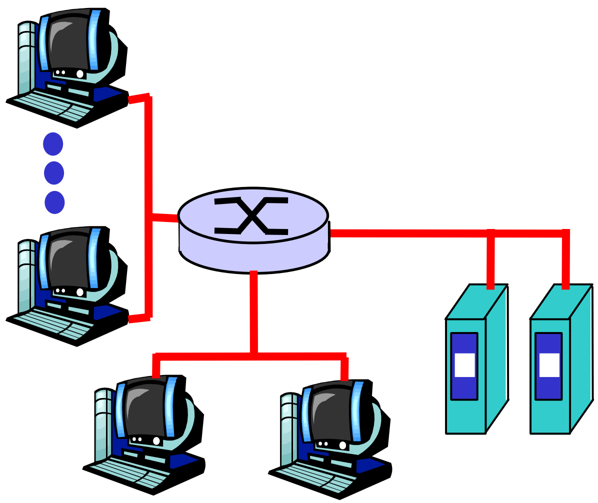
    0 kHz - 4 kHz for ordinary telephone

Residential access: cable modems

- HFC: hybrid fiber coax
  - asymmetric: up to 10Mbps upstream, 1 Mbps downstream
- network of cable and fiber attaches homes to ISP router
  - shared access to router among home
  - issues: congestion, dimensioning
- deployment: available via cable companies

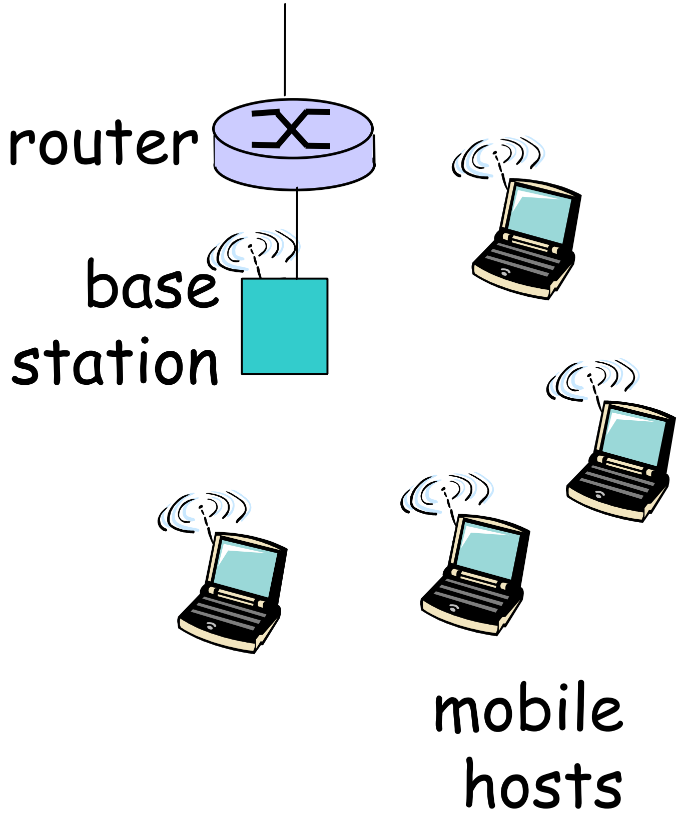
Company access: local area networks

- company/univ local area network (LAN) connects end system to edge router
- Ethernet:
  - shared or dedicated link connects end system and router
  - 10 Mbs, 100Mbps, Gigabit Ethernet
- deployment: institutions, home LANs happening now
- LANs: chapter 5



Wireless access networks

- shared *wireless* access network connects end system to router
  - via base station aka "access point"
- wireless LANs:
  - 802.11b (WiFi): 11 Mbps
- wider-area wireless access
  - provided by telco operator
  - 3G ~ 384 kbps
    - Will it happen??
  - WAP/GPRS in Europe



Physical Media

- Bit: propagates between transmitter/rcvr pairs
- physical link: what lies between transmitter & receiver
- guided media:
  - signals propagate in solid media: copper, fiber, coax
- unguided media:
  - signals propagate freely, e.g., radio

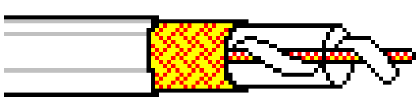
Twisted Pair (TP)

- two insulated copper wires
  - Category 3: traditional phone wires, 10 Mbps Ethernet
  - Category 5 TP: 100Mbps Ethernet

Physical Media: coax, fiber

Coaxial cable:

- two concentric copper conductors
- bidirectional
- baseband:
  - single channel on cable
  - legacy Ethernet
- broadband:
  - multiple channel on cable
  - HFC



Fiber optic cable:

- glass fiber carrying light pulses, each pulse a bit
- high-speed operation:
  - high-speed point-to-point transmission (e.g., 2.5 Gps)
- low error rate: repeaters spaced far apart ; immune to electromagnetic noise

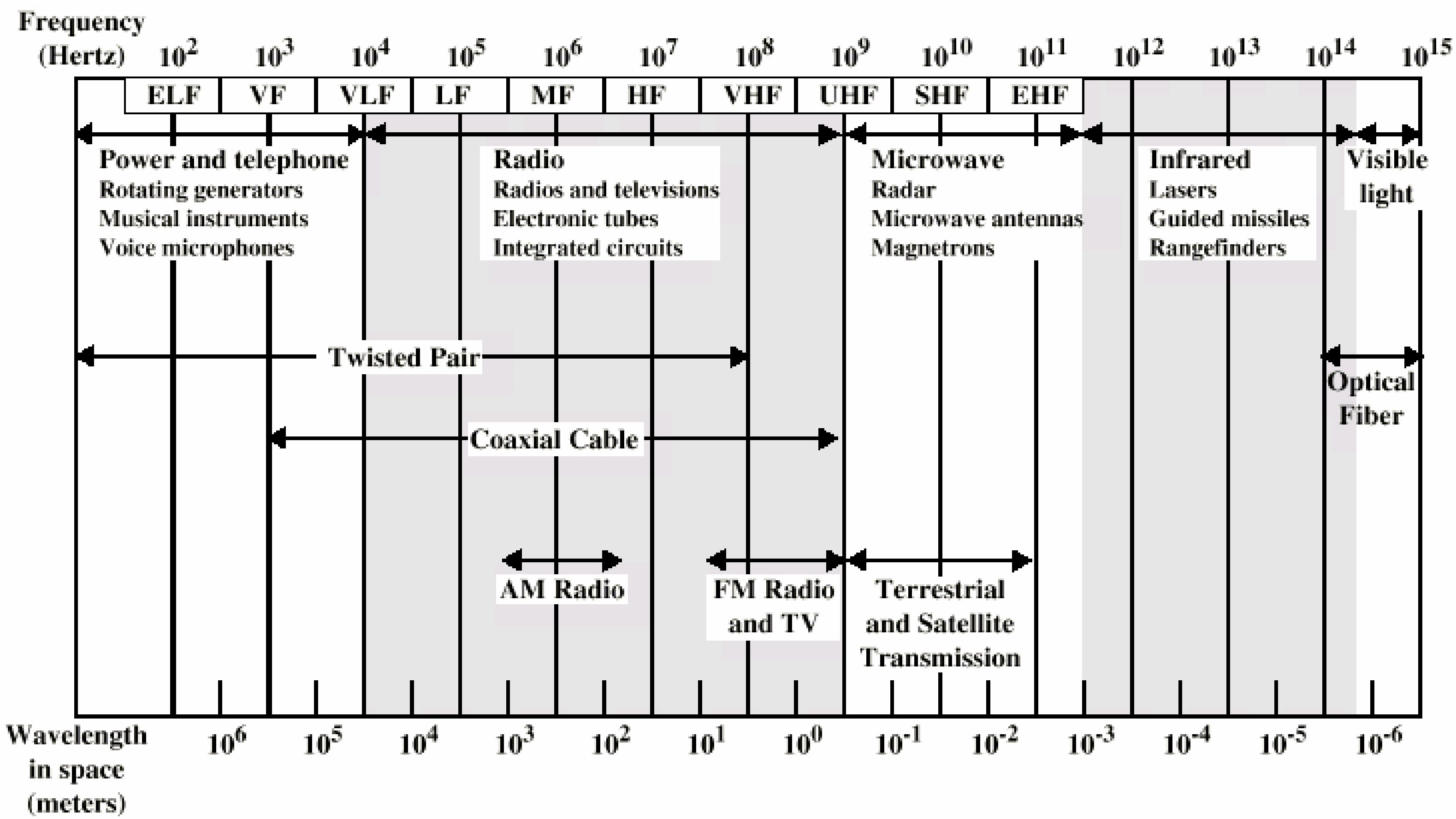
Physical media: radio

- signal carried in electromagnetic spectrum
- no physical "wire"
- bidirectional
- propagation environment effects:
  - reflection
  - obstruction by objects
  - interference

Radio link types:

- terrestrial microwave
  - e.g. up to 45 Mbps channels
- LAN (e.g., WaveLAN)
  - 2Mbps, 11Mbps
- wide-area (e.g., cellular)
  - e.g. 3G: hundreds of kbps
- satellite
  - up to 50Mbps channel
  - 270 msec end-end delay
  - geosynchronous versus low-altitude

Physical Media



ELF = Extremely low frequency
VF = Voice frequency
VLF = Very low frequency
LF = Low frequency

MF = Medium frequency
HF = High frequency
VHF = Very high frequency

UHF = Ultrahigh frequency
SHF = Superhigh frequency
EHF = Extremely high frequency

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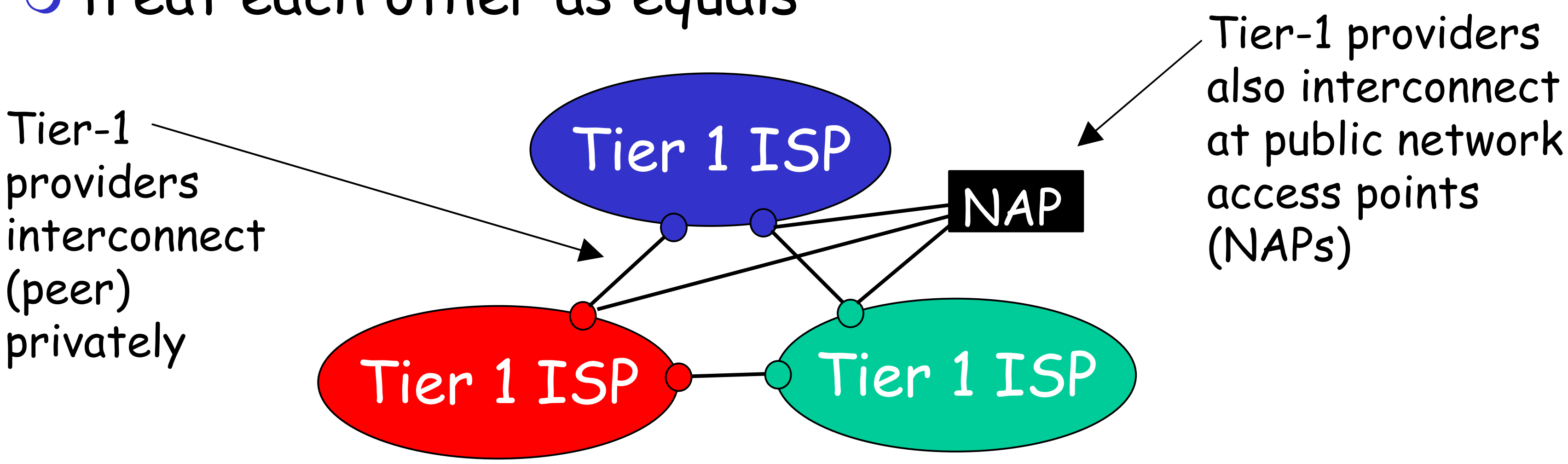
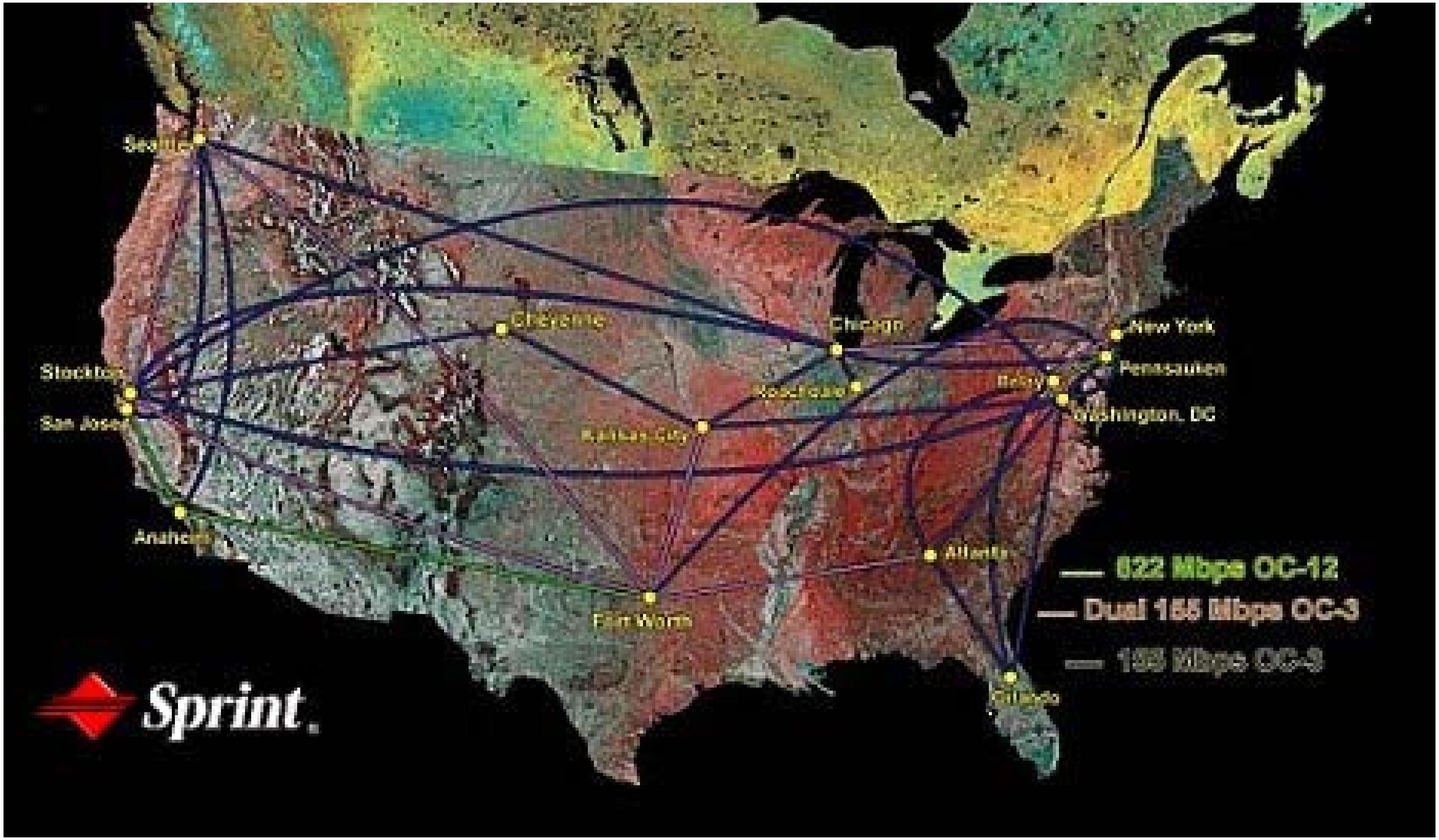
Internet structure: network of networks

- roughly hierarchical
- at center: "tier-1" ISPs (e.g., UUNet, BBN/Genuity, Sprint, AT&T, Tata Indicom, Reliance, VSNL), national/international coverage
  - treat each other as equals



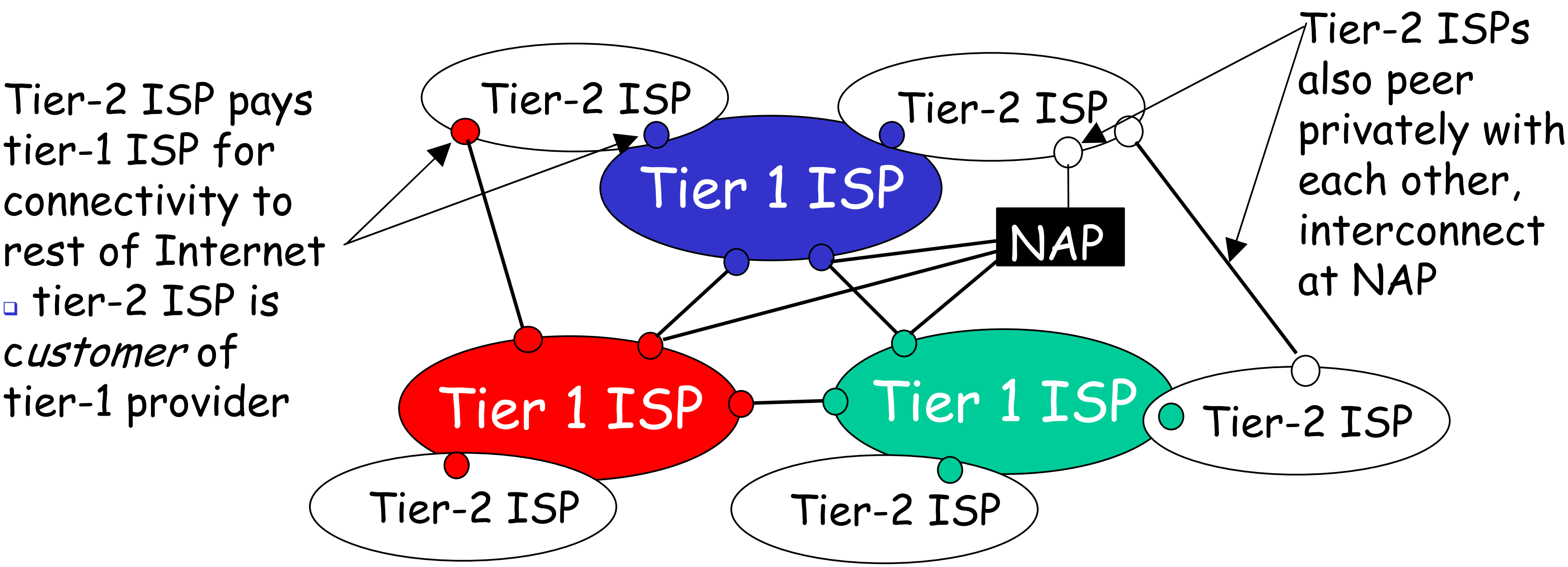
Tier-1 ISP: e.g., Sprint

Sprint US backbone network



Internet structure: network of networks

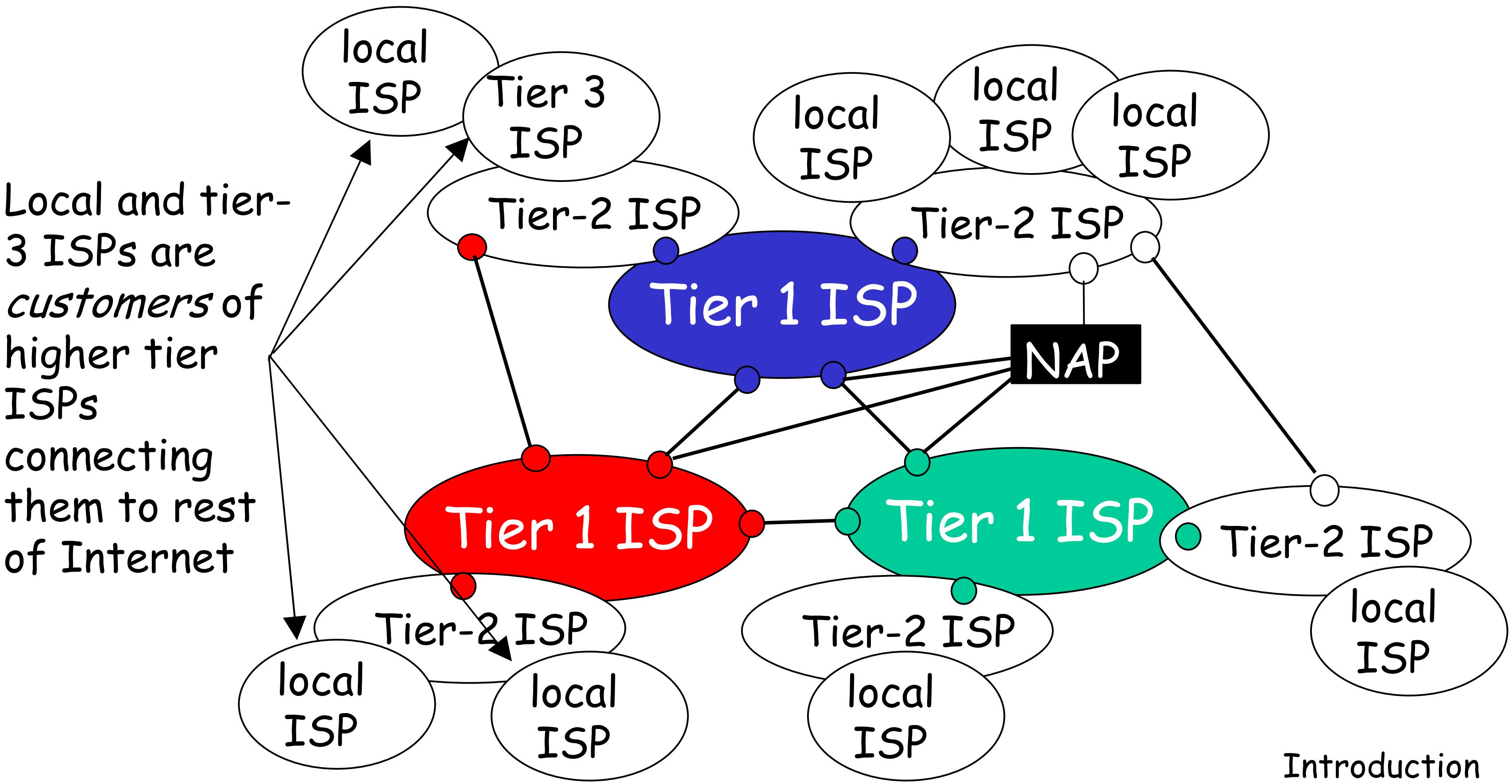
- "Tier-2" ISPs: smaller (often regional) ISPs
  - Connect to one or more tier-1 ISPs, possibly other tier-2 ISPs



Example of Tier 2 carrier in India – Satyam

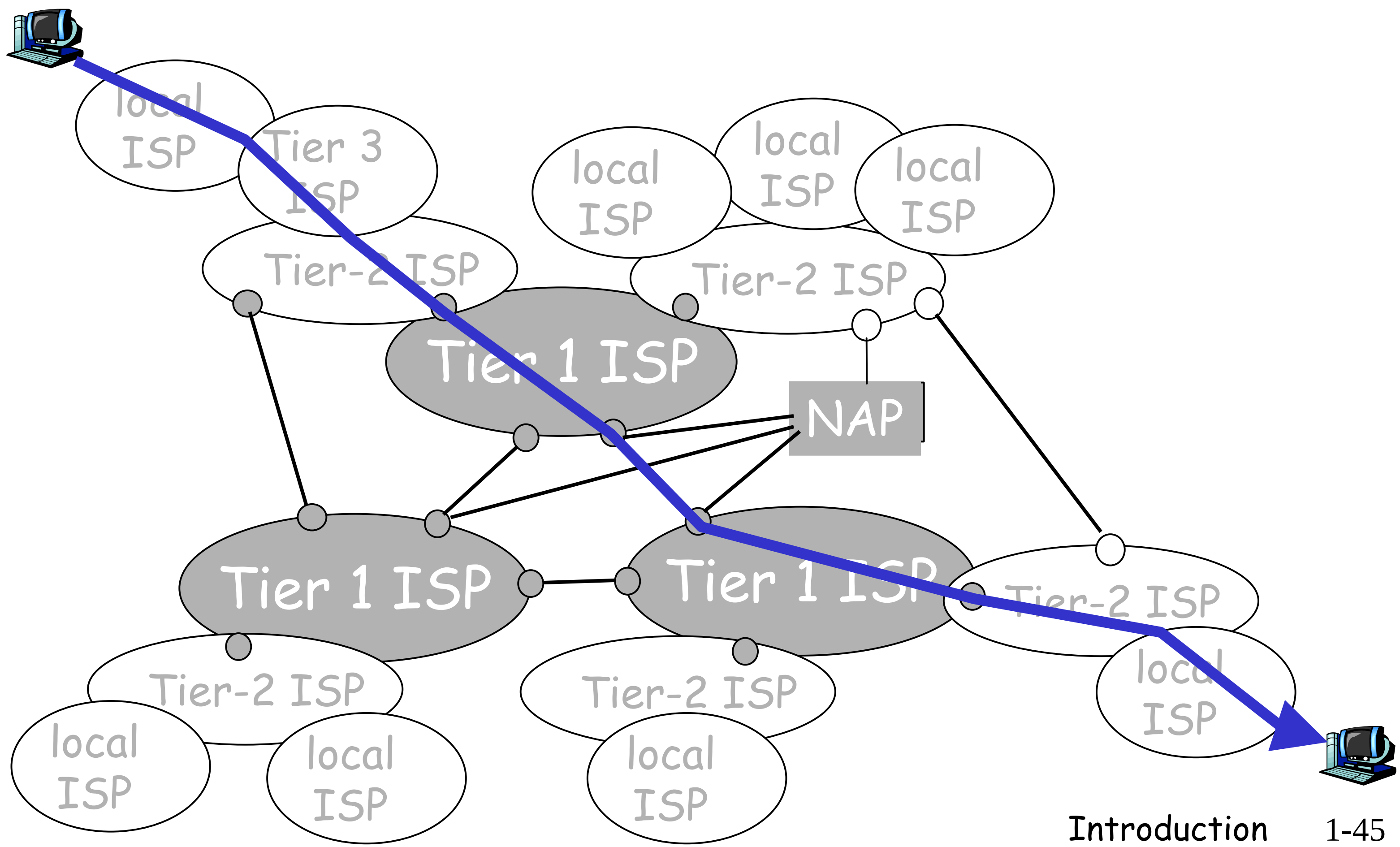
Internet structure: network of networks

- "Tier-3" ISPs and local ISPs
  - last hop ("access") network (closest to end systems)



Internet structure: network of networks

- a packet passes through many networks!



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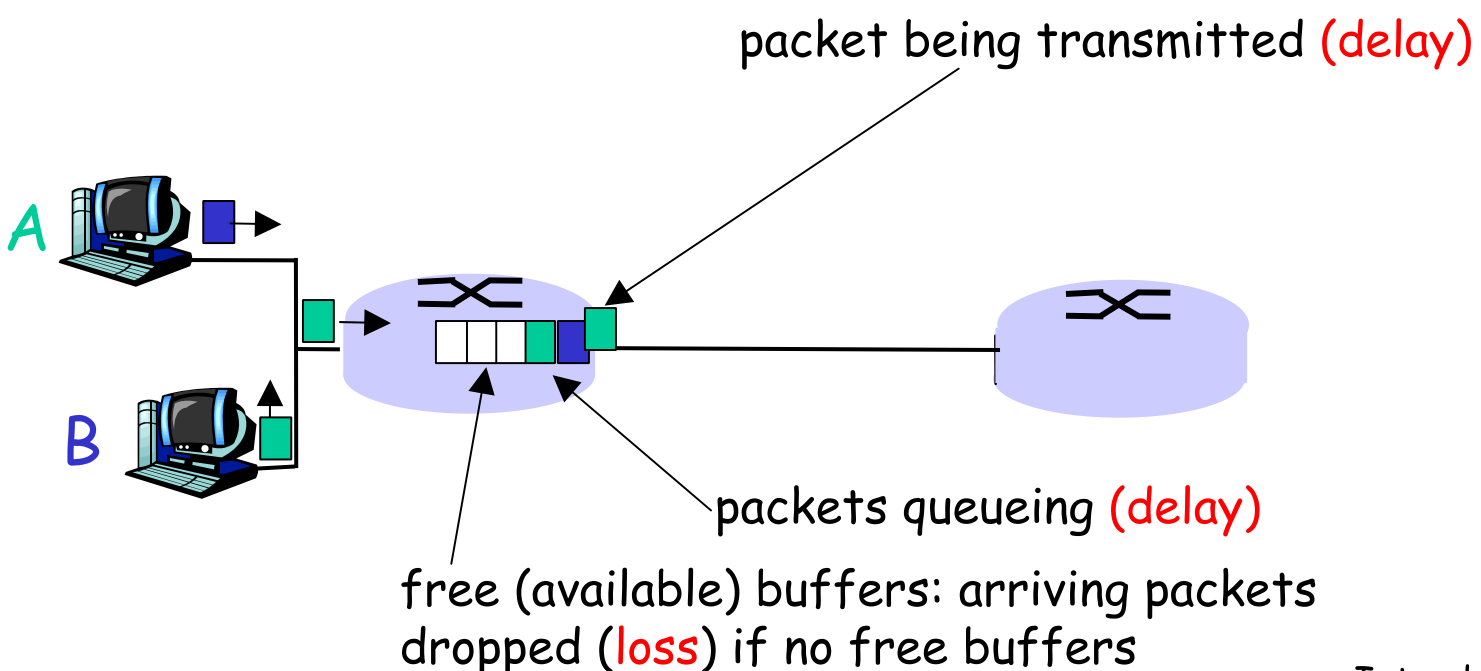
How do loss and delay occur?

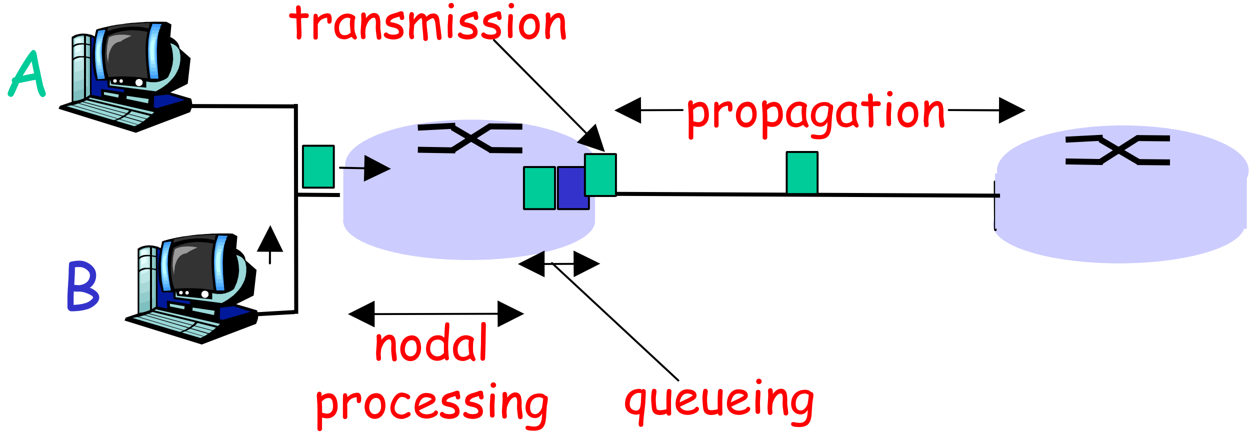
packets *queue* in router buffers

- When packet arrival rate to link exceeds output link capacity
- packets queue, wait for turn



Four sources of packet delay

- 1. nodal processing:
  - check bit errors
  - determine output link
- 2. queuing
  - time waiting at output link for transmission
  - depends on congestion level of router



Delay in packet-switched networks

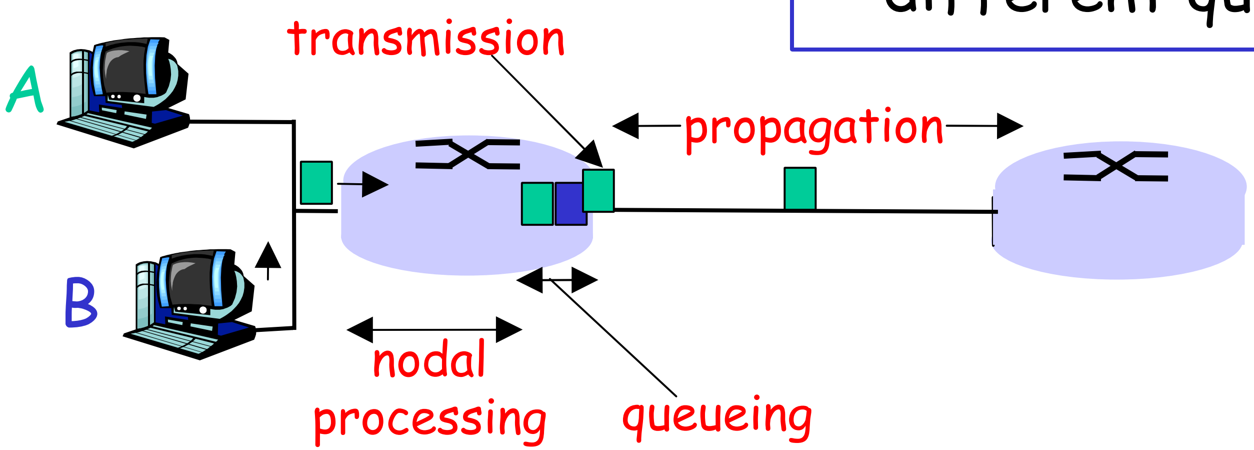
3. Transmission delay:

- R=link bandwidth (bps)
- L=packet length (bits)
- time to send bits into link = L/R

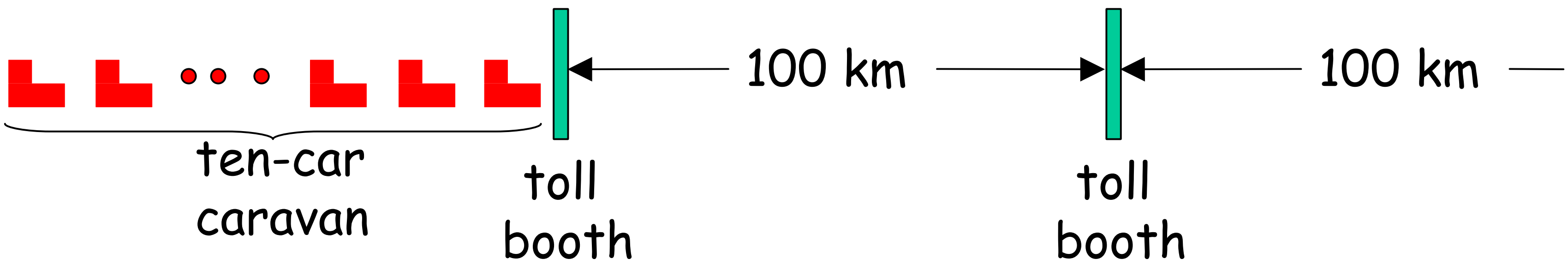
4. Propagation delay:

- d = length of physical link
- s = propagation speed in medium (~2×10^8 m/sec)
- propagation delay = d/s

Note: s and R are *very* different quantities!



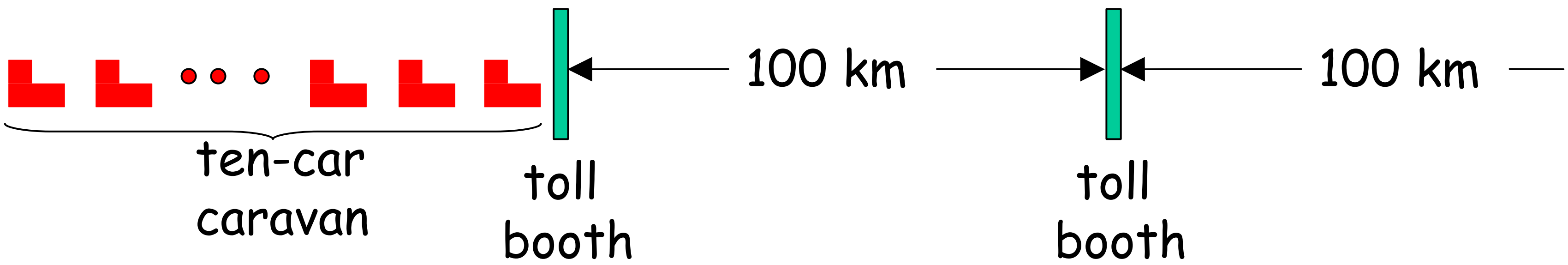
Caravan analogy



- Cars "propagate" at 100 km/hr
- Toll booth takes 12 sec to service a car (transmission time)
- car~bit; caravan ~ packet
- Q: How long until caravan is lined up before 2nd toll booth?

- Time to "push" entire caravan through toll booth onto highway = 12*10 = 120 sec
- Time for last car to propagate from 1st to 2nd toll both: 100km/(100km/hr)= 1 hr
- A: 62 minutes

Caravan analogy (more)



- Cars now "propagate" at 1000 km/hr
- Toll booth now takes 1 min to service a car
- Q: Will cars arrive to 2nd booth before all cars serviced at 1st booth?
- Yes! After 7 min, 1st car at 2nd booth and 3 cars still at 1st booth.
- 1st bit of packet can arrive at 2nd router before packet is fully transmitted at 1st router!
  - See Ethernet applet at AWL Web site

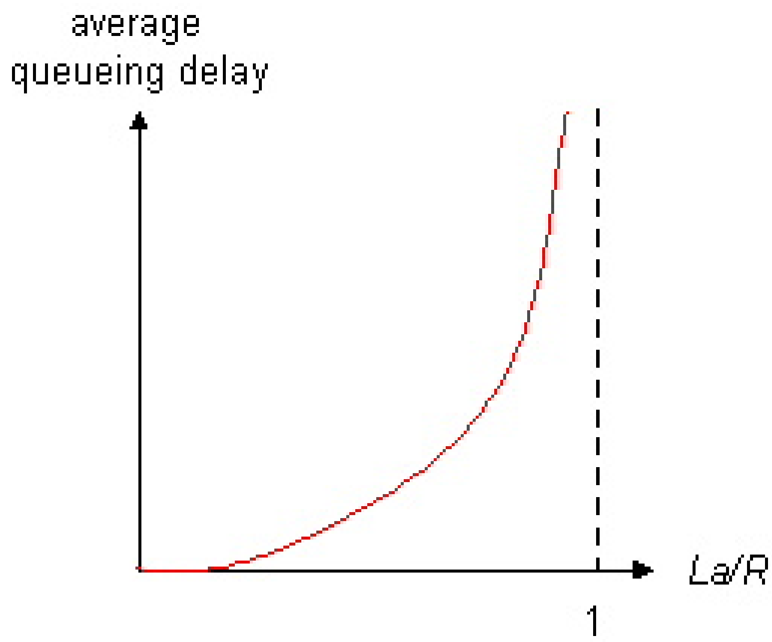
Nodal delay

- d_{proc} = processing delay
  - typically a few microsecs or less
- d_{queue} = queuing delay
  - depends on congestion
- d_{trans} = transmission delay
  - = L/R, significant for low-speed links
- d_{prop} = propagation delay
  - a few microsecs to hundreds of msecs

Queueing delay (revisited)

- R=link bandwidth (bps)
- L=packet length (bits)
- a=average packet arrival rate

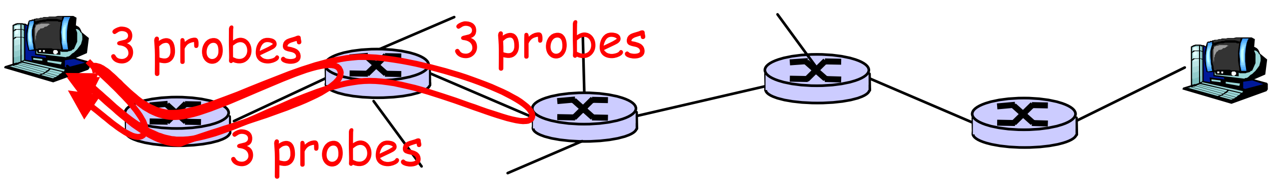
traffic intensity = La/R



- La/R ~ 0: average queueing delay small
- La/R -> 1: delays become large
- La/R > 1: more "work" arriving than can be serviced, average delay infinite!

"Real" Internet delays and routes

- What do "real" Internet delay & loss look like?
- **`Traceroute` program:** provides delay measurement from source to router along end-end Internet path towards destination. For all *i:*
  - sends three packets that will reach router *i* on path towards destination
  - router *i* will return packets to sender
  - sender times interval between transmission and reply.



"Real" Internet delays and routes

traceroute: gaia.cs.umass.edu to www.eurecom.fr

Three delay measurements from gaia.cs.umass.edu to cs-gw.cs.umass.edu

1 cs-gw (128.119.240.254) 1 ms 1 ms 2 ms
2 border1-rt-fa5-1-0.gw.umass.edu (128.119.3.145) 1 ms 1 ms 2 ms
3 cht-vbns.gw.umass.edu (128.119.3.130) 6 ms 5 ms 5 ms
4 jn1-at1-0-0-19.wor.vbns.net (204.147.132.129) 16 ms 11 ms 13 ms
5 jn1-so7-0-0-0.wae.vbns.net (204.147.136.136) 21 ms 18 ms 18 ms
6 abilene-vbns.abilene.ucaid.edu (198.32.11.9) 22 ms 18 ms 22 ms
7 nycm-wash.abilene.ucaid.edu (198.32.8.46) 22 ms 22 ms 22 ms
8 62.40.103.253 (62.40.103.253) 104 ms 109 ms 106 ms
9 de2-1.de1.de.geant.net (62.40.96.129) 109 ms 102 ms 104 ms
10 de.fr1.fr.geant.net (62.40.96.50) 113 ms 121 ms 114 ms
11 renater-gw.fr1.fr.geant.net (62.40.103.54) 112 ms 114 ms 112 ms
12 nio-n2.cssi.renater.fr (193.51.206.13) 111 ms 114 ms 116 ms
13 nice.cssi.renater.fr (195.220.98.102) 123 ms 125 ms 124 ms
14 r3t2-nice.cssi.renater.fr (195.220.98.110) 126 ms 126 ms 124 ms
15 eurecom-valbonne.r3t2.ft.net (193.48.50.54) 135 ms 128 ms 133 ms
16 194.214.211.25 (194.214.211.25) 126 ms 128 ms 126 ms
17 * * *
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19 fantasia.eurecom.fr (193.55.113.142) 132 ms 128 ms 136 ms

trans-oceanic link

* means no response (probe lost, router not replying)

Packet loss

- queue (aka buffer) preceding link in buffer has finite capacity
- when packet arrives to full queue, packet is dropped (aka lost)
- lost packet may be retransmitted by previous node, by source end system, or not retransmitted at all

Chapter 1: roadmap

Protocol "Layers"

Networks are complex!

- many "pieces":
  - hosts
  - routers
  - links of various media
  - applications
  - protocols
  - hardware, software

Question:

Is there any hope of *organizing* structure of network?

Or at least our discussion of networks?

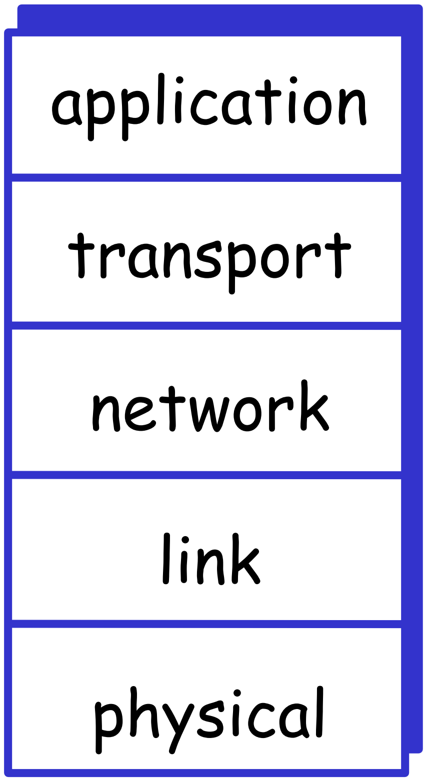
Why layering?

Dealing with complex systems:

- explicit structure allows identification, relationship of complex system's pieces
  - layered reference model for discussion
- modularization eases maintenance, updating of system
  - change of implementation of layer's service transparent to rest of system
- layering considered harmful?

Internet protocol stack

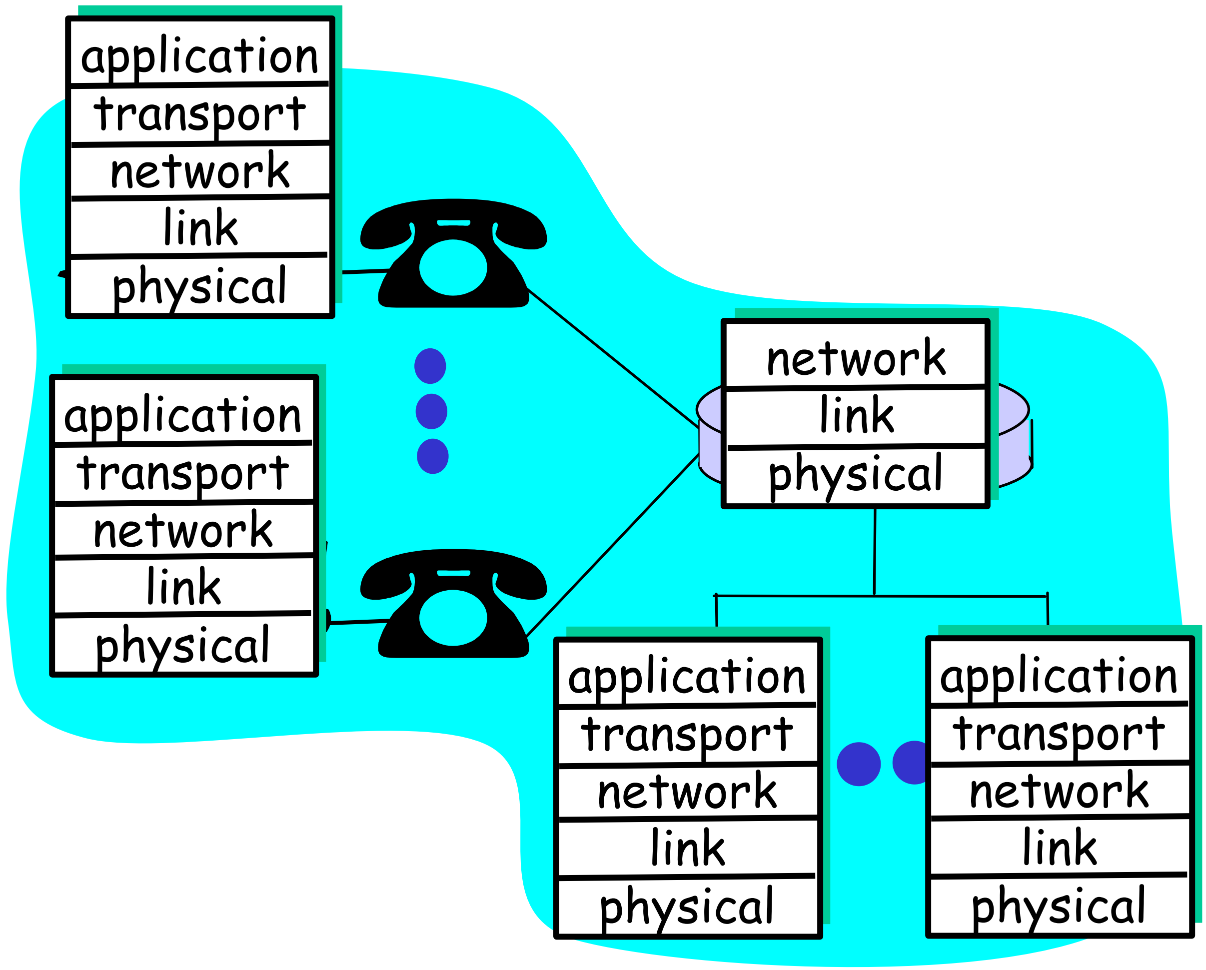
- application: supporting network applications
  - FTP, SMTP, STTP
- transport: host-host data transfer
  - TCP, UDP
- network: routing of datagrams from source to destination
  - IP, routing protocols
- link: data transfer between neighboring network elements
  - PPP, Ethernet
- physical: bits "on the wire"



Layering: logical communication

Each layer:

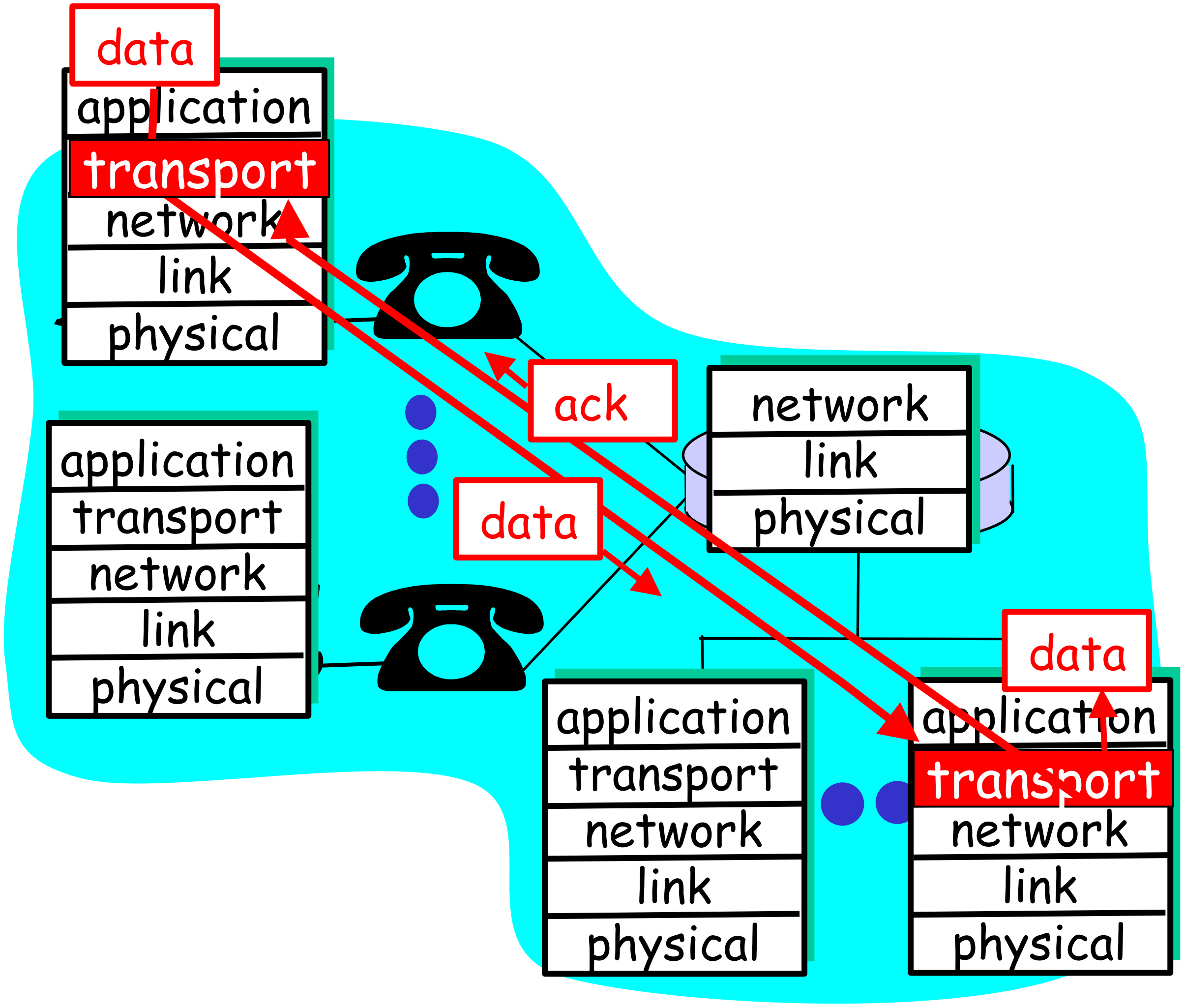
- distributed
- "entities" implement layer functions at each node
- entities perform actions, exchange messages with peers



Layering: *logical* communication

E.g.: transport

- take data from app
- add addressing, reliability check info to form "datagram"
- send datagram to peer
- wait for peer to ack receipt
- analogy: post office



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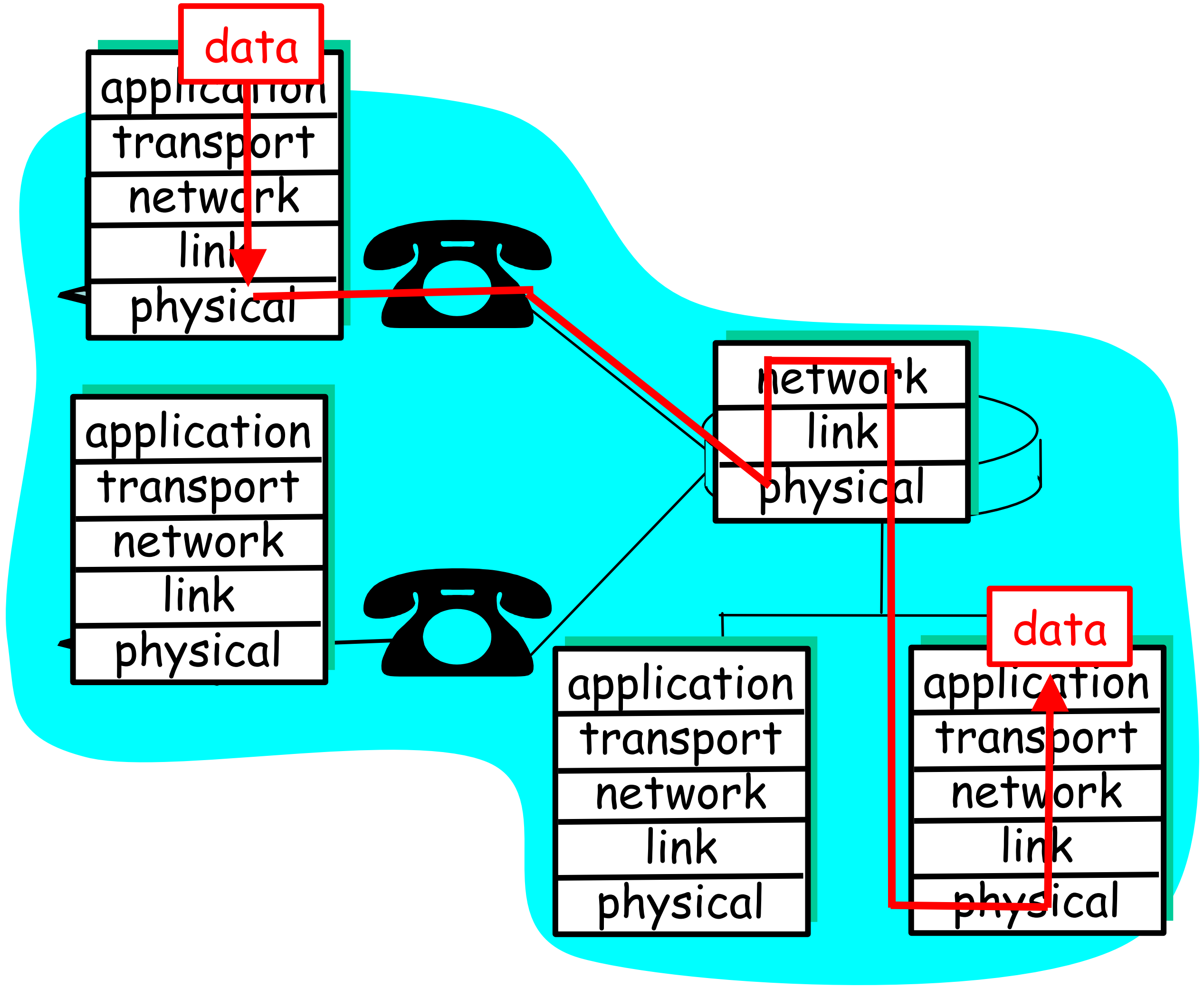

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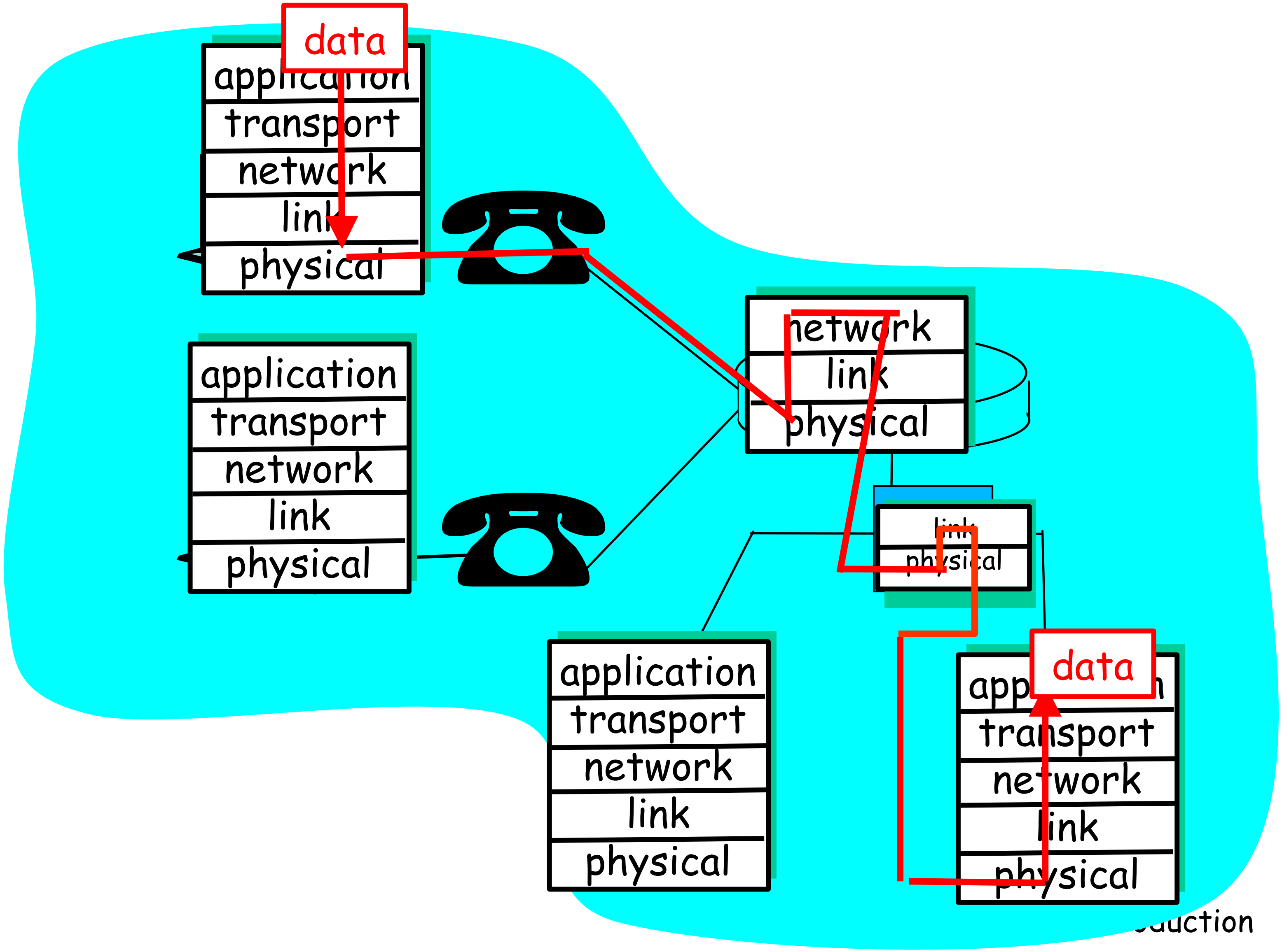
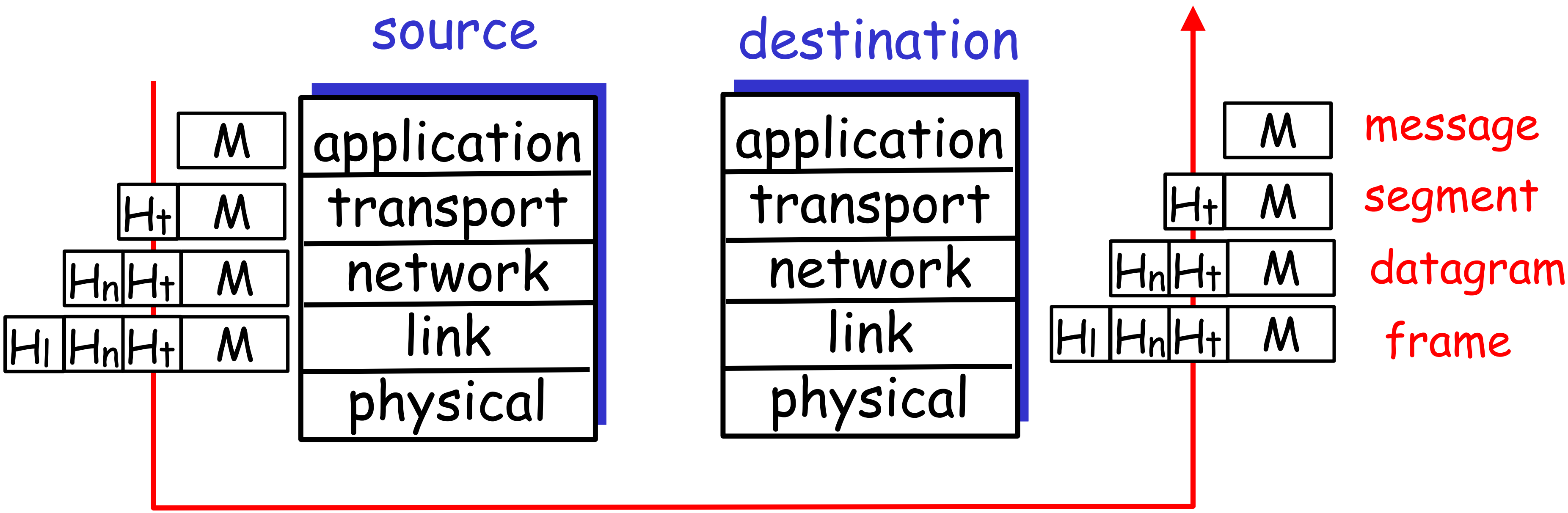


Protocol layering and data

Each layer takes data from above

- adds header information to create new data unit
- passes new data unit to layer below



Chapter 1: roadmap

1.1 What *is* the Internet?

1.2 Network edge

1.3 Network core

1.4 Network access and physical media

1.5 ISPs and Internet backbones

1.6 Delay & loss in packet-switched networks

1.7 Internet structure and ISPs

1.8 History

Internet History

1961-1972: Early packet-switching principles

- 1961: Kleinrock - queueing theory shows effectiveness of packet-switching
- 1964: Baran - packet-switching in military nets
- 1967: ARPAnet conceived by Advanced Research Projects Agency
- 1969: first ARPAnet node operational
- 1972:
  - ARPAnet demonstrated publicly
  - NCP (Network Control Protocol) first host-host protocol
  - first e-mail program
  - ARPAnet has 15 nodes

Internet History

1972-1980: Internetworking, new and proprietary nets

- 1970: ALOHAnet satellite network in Hawaii
- 1973: Metcalfe's PhD thesis proposes Ethernet
- 1974: Cerf and Kahn - architecture for interconnecting networks
- late70's: proprietary architectures: DECnet, SNA, XNA
- late 70's: switching fixed length packets (ATM precursor)
- 1979: ARPAnet has 200 nodes

Cerf and Kahn's internetworking principles:
- minimalism, autonomy - no internal changes required to interconnect networks
- best effort service model
- stateless routers
- decentralized control

define today's Internet architecture

Internet History

1980-1990: new protocols, a proliferation of networks

- 1983: deployment of TCP/IP
- 1982: SMTP e-mail protocol defined
- 1983: DNS defined for name-to-IP-address translation
- 1985: FTP protocol defined
- 1988: TCP congestion control
- new national networks: Csnet, BITnet, NSFnet, Minitel
- 100,000 hosts connected to confederation of networks

Internet History

1990, 2000's: commercialization, the Web, new apps

- Early 1990's: ARPAnet decommissioned
- 1991: NSF lifts restrictions on commercial use of NSFnet (decommissioned, 1995)
- early 1990s: Web
  - hypertext [Bush 1945, Nelson 1960's]
  - HTML, HTTP: Berners-Lee
  - 1994: Mosaic, later Netscape
  - late 1990's: commercialization of the Web

Late 1990's – 2000's:

- more killer apps: instant messaging, peer2peer file sharing (e.g., Napster)
- network security to forefront
- est. 50 million host, 100 million+ users
- backbone links running at Gbps

Introduction: Summary

Covered a "ton" of material!

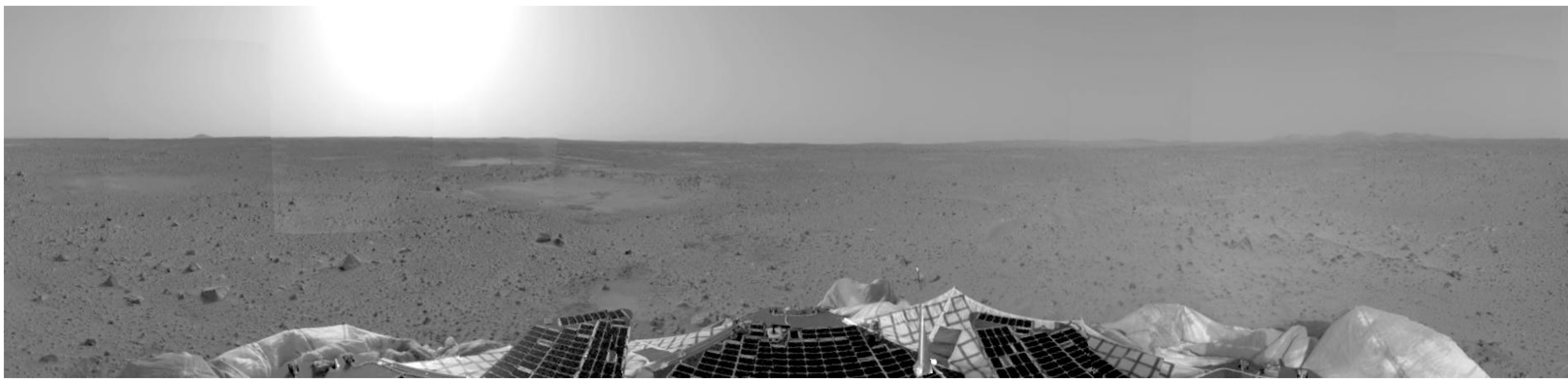
- Internet overview
- what's a protocol?
- network edge, core, access network
  - packet-switching versus circuit-switching
  - Virtual circuit vs datagram
- Internet/ISP structure
- performance: loss, delay
- layering and service models
- history

You now have:

- context, overview, "feel" of networking
- more depth, detail *to follow!*

Fun Examples

- Communications with Mars (Spirit)



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